

HEADQUARTERS 49TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)
APO 520 U S ARMY

16 November 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 255)

1. a. See latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy BRUX SYNTHETIC OIL REFINERY (50-34N, 13-36E); target time 1200A. Four Gps B-24s 55th Wg will destroy BLECHHAMMER SOUTH OIL REFINERY; time at KP 0938A. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy BLECHHAMMER SOUTH OIL REFINERY; time at KP 0956A. 47th Wg will employ no Red Force.

(2) Escort: 15th Ftr Cmd will provide strong close escort for 5th Wg, and target and withdrawal cover for Red Force going to BLECHHAMMER.

2. Normal effort, B-24s (28 A/C per Gp) each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack BLECHHAMMER SOUTH OIL REFINERY (50-19N, 18-15E) on 17 November 1944. This is Plan Able, RedForce.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG and 451st BG will be in rendezvous behind the 461st BG when the 461st BG flies over BOVINO on a TC of 332° at 0848A. Rendezvous Altitudes 7,000, 8,000, and 9,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be furnished later.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Two columns of Wgs Left column: 5th Wg. Right column: close column of Wgs in order, 47th Blue Force, 55th Red Force, 49th Red Force, and 304th Red Force.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 461st BG lead- 484th BG and 451st BG.

ROUTE OUT: Base to KP to TP #1 to TP #2 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: VRGADA (43-51N, 15-31E) Base altitude 15,000 ft at 0922A.

TURN POINT #1: POLS (47-13N, 14-35E).

TURN POINT #2: NEUKIRECHEN (48-41N, 15-33E).

TURN POINT #3: SKOCZOW (49-48N, 18-48E).

TURN POINT #4: ZILINA (49-13N, 18-45E).

TURN POINT #5: FEL BAR (47-57N, 17-28E).

TURN POINT #6: CZELLDOWOLK (47-16N, 17-09E).

TURN POINT #7: ORAHOVO (45-12N, 17-02E).

TURN POINT #8: VIS (43-03N, 16-12E).

INITIAL POINT: ZUCKMANTEL (50-16N, 17-23E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 86°.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: All Gps MPI, N-11/12 on Target Chart 13-108A-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1212A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (461st- 24,000), (484th- 25,000), (451st- 26,000).

TARGET ELEVATION: 606 ft.

RALLY: Sharp right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #3 to TP #4 to TP #5 to TP #6 to TP #7 to TP #8 to Base.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: PRIVOZ MOROVSKA OSTRAVA OIL REFINERY (49-51N, 18-16E). IP: MELTSCH (49-51N, 17-46E). Axis of attack: 91°. Rally: Sharp left off target. Bombing altitude: 22,000, 23,000, 24,000 ft. Area to be bombed: All Gps Target #1 on target chart 15-15-NA. Target elevation: 711 ft.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: DEUTCH WAGRAM/STRASHOFF M/Y (48-19N, 16-38E). IP: MARCHEGG (48-17N, 16-54E). Axis of attack: 281°. Rally very sharp right off target. Bombing altitude: 22,000, 23,000, 24,000 ft. Area to be bombed: (461st- M/N-17), (484th- N-19), (451st- O-21) on target chart 14-12-NA. Target elevation: 535 ft.

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: GYOR M/Y (47-41N, 17-39E). IP: MOSONSZENTPETER (47-47N, 17-09). Axis of attack: 107°. Rally RIGHT off target. Bombing altitude: 22,000, 23,000, 24,000 ft. Area to be bombed: (461st- M-12/13), (484th- M-11), (451st- H-15) on target chart 12-8-NA. Target elevation: 377 ft.

FOURTH ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ MAIN M/Y (47-05N, 15-24E). IP: KOFLACH (47-03N, 15-05E). Axis of attack: 88°. Rally left then right off target. Bombing altitude: 22,000, 23,000, 24,000 ft. Area to be bombed: (461st- F-19), (484th- F-18), (451st- H-15) on target chart 14-41-NA. Target elevation: 1180 ft.

3. x. (1) All Gps load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail with 2 bombs per A/C fused for long delays of 6 to 72 hours. One out of every 6 A/C will load one propaganda bomb to be loaded at top station so as to be last bomb dropped.
 - (2) Gps will be at bombing altitude and go into left echelon five (5) minutes before IP.
 - (3) Adequate PFF A/C will lead for navigation and bombing in Red Force, and remaining PFF will lead for navigation and bombing in Blue Force.
 - (4) Combat Wh Commander will fly as close as possible to the Wg ahead of the 49th in order to minimize flak losses at the target.
 - (5) No spares will be employed for Red Force. All A/C in excess of 28 will be used for Blue Force.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
 - (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Airlug"), (451st BG, "Frontroom 3"), (461st BG, "Frontroom 1"), (484th BG, "Frontroom 2"), (55th Wg, "Thickrug"), (304th Wg, "Largecup").
 - (3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort will use "Shockproof" with numbered suffixes in order of contact with bomber formation. WX Recon A/C: (Route Out, "Goway"). (No WX Recon for Route Back).
 - (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Bighouse"), (49th Wg, "Scarface"), (55th Wg, "Sailfish"), (304th Wg, "Moonglow"), (15th Ftr Cmd, "Rotation").
 - (5) Bomber-Fighter and WX Recon VHF Channel: "A".
 - (6) Visual Signals: SOP.

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(7) All units so equipped will employ carpet. All A/C of 451st BG and 461st BG load four (4) cartons Window (CHA-3). Dispensing will begin three (3) minutes before IP and continue at the rate of six (6) bundles every twenty (20) seconds until clear of flak. All A/C of 484th BG load two (2) carton Window (CHA-3-(3)). Dispensing will begin three (3) minutes before IP and continue at the rate of three (3) bundles every twenty (20) seconds until clear of flak.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Lt. Col. Lawhon.
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