

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

18 November 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 259)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, Red Force will destroy VIENNA/WINTERHAFEN OIL STORAGE (48-11N, 16-29E); time at KP 0950A. Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, Blue Force will destroy FERRARA RR BRIDGE (44-54N, 11-37E); Target time optional. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg will destroy VIENNA/SCHWECHAT OIL RFY (48-10N, 16-29E); TIME AT KP 1006a. Two Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy LINZ BENZOL PLANT (48-17N, 14-20E); target time 1200A. Two Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will frag A/C on HORSCHING A/D (48-14N, 14-11E); target time optional. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, Red Force, will destroy VIENNA/LOBAU OIL STORAGE (48-12N, 16-31E); time at KP 1016A. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, Blue Force, will destroy VERONA LOCO REPAIR DEPOT (45-26N, 11-00E); target time optional.

(2) Escort: 15th Ftr. Cmd. will provide target area cover for 5th, 47th, 49th and 304th Wgs over VIENNA; target cover for 55th Wg over LINZ; strafe parked A/C on SEREGELYSIS and VESPREM NORTH A/Ds and MT and RAIL TRAFFIC on the main roads and railroads from BUDAPEST to VIENNA.

2. Normal effort B-24s (28 A/C per Gp) each 451st BG, 461st BG, 484th BG will attack VIENNA/VOSENDORF OIL REFINERY (48-07N, 16-19E) on 19 November 1944. This is Plan "A".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0858A until 0921A. 451st BG and 461st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. Lead Gp will enter rectangle at CANDELA, go around rectangle 1½ times and depart from BOVINO enroute to KP via CASALNUOVO. Rendezvous altitudes 8,000, 9,000, and 10,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See Para. 1. b. (2) To be furnished later.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Two columns of Wgs. Left column: 49th Wg. Right column: Close column of Wgs in order 5th- 47th- 304th. In addition 55th Wg will follow optional route to LINZ.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to KP to TP #1 to TP #2 to TP #3 to IP to target.

KEY POINT: PRIMOSTEN (43-36N, 15-56E) Base altitude 18,000 ft at 0944A.

TURN POINT #1: VRES DIN (46-19N, 16-20E).

TURN POINT #2: LANGENWANG (47-33N, 15-37E).

TURN POINT #3: TURNITZ (47-56N, 15-30E).

INITIAL POINT: LAABEN (48-07N, 15-53E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 87° TC.

AIMING POINT and INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: All Gps MPI M-11 on Target chart 14-46-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1200A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 484-24,000. 451-25,000. 461-26,000.

TARGET ELEVATION: 685 ft.

RALLY: Sharp right off target on a heading of 150° until clear of flak.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #1 to KP to Bases.

FIRST ALTERNATE: SOPRON EASY M/Y (47-40N, 16-36E) Axis of attack 286°.

Rally: Sharp left. IP: KAPUVAR (47-35N, 17-01E) Bombing altitude: 23,000, 24,000, 25,000 ft. Area to be bombed: All Gps Tgt#1 on BRCH 12-32-NA. Target Chart: 12-32-NA. Target elevation: 695 ft.

3. x. (1) All Gps load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail.

(2) Gps will be at bombing altitude and go into left echelon at TP#3.

(3) PFF A/C will lead all units. Employment SOP.

(4) Accurate timing at the target is necessary to insure the success of simultaneous attacks of 5th and 49th Wgs. Any minor route changes necessary to make good the target time will be made North of 46-00N latitude.

(5) 5th Red Force, 47th Red Force is HOCHSTETNO (48-20N, 16-54E) and all three of these Wgs will use a sharp left rally. Target time for 5th Wg Red Force is 1200A.

(6) There will be no WX recon preceding the formation.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.

(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Somegirl 1"), (47th Wg, "Somegirl 2"), (451st BG, "Seedcake 2"), (461st BG, "Seedcake 3"), (484th BG, "Seedcake 1"), (55th WG, "Admin"), (304th Wg, "Somegirl 3").

(3) Fighter Call Signs: (Escort will use "Roosevelt" with numbered suffixes in order of contact with bomber formation.)

(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Abbott"), (47th Wg, "Bootlogger"), (49th Wg, "Manhattan"), (55th Wg, "Sweatshirt"), (304th Wg, "Baseball"), (15th Ftr. Cmd. "Darkhorse").

(5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".

(6) Visual Signals: SOP.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

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

b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Major Derby.

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