

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

19 November 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 261)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy BLECHHAMMER SOUTH OIL RFY; KP time 0918A. Four 47th Wg, will destroy SARAJEVO WEST M/Y (43-51N, 18-22E), ZENICA RR BRIDGE (44-12N, 17-55E) and DOBOJ RR BRIDGE (44-08N, 18-08E); Four Gps B-24s each 55th Wg and 304th Wgs will destroy BLECHHAMMER SOUTH OIL RFY; KP times 55th Wg-0933A. 304th Wg-0953A.

(2) Escort: 15th Ftr. Cmd. will provide escort and target cover for bomber formation attacking BLECHHAMMER.

2. Normal effort, B-24s (28 A/C per Gp) each 451st BG, 461st BG, 484th BG will destroy BLECHHAMMER SOUTH OIL REFINERY (50-18N, 16-15E) on 20 November 1944. This is Plan "A".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG and 451st BG will line rendezvous behind 461st BG when the 461st BG flies over BOVINO on a TC of 332° at 0853A. Rendezvous Altitudes 6,000, 7,000, and 8,000 ft.

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

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Close column of Wgs in order 5th-55th-49th-304th.

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

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

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

TURN POINT #1: M. BUKOVEC (46-17N, 16-44E).

TURN POINT #2: TRNAVA (48-22N, 17-35E).

TURN POINT #3: MARH. SCHONBERG (49-58N, 16-59E).

TURN POINT #4: SKOCZOW (49-49N, 18-49E).

TURN POINT #5: ZILINA (49-14N, 18-44E).

TURN POINT #6: JOKA (48-09N, 17-30E).

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

AXIS OF ATTACK: 86°.

AIMING POINT AND INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

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

TARGET TIME: 1225A.

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

TARGET ELEVATION: 606 ft.

RALLY: Right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #4 to TP #5 to TP #6 to TP #1 to KP to Base.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: PRIVOZ OIL REFINERY (49-51N, 18-16E). IP:

WIGSTADTL (49-47N, 17-45E). Rally left off target. Bombing altitude: 23,000, 24,000, and 25,000 ft. Area to be bombed:

All Gps Target #1 on target chart 15-15-NA. Target elevation: 711 ft. Axis of attack: 79°.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: MORAVSNA OSTRAVA M/Y (49-51N, 18-16E). IP: WIGSTADTL (49-47N, 17-45E). Axis of attack: 79°. Rally left off target. Bombing altitude: 23,000, 24,000, 25,000 ft. Area to be bombed: 461st and 484th BGs- R/S-20, 451st BG- O-16/17 on target chart 15-15-NA. Target elevation: 711 ft.

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: ZILINA M/Y (49-14N, 18-44E). IP: VSETIN (49-20N, 18-00E). Axis of attack: 102°. Rally right off target. Bombing altitude: 22,000, 23,000, 24,000 ft. Area to be bombed: MPI 461st and 484th- 7¾ Horizontal, 3 Vertical; 451st- 7 1/3 Horizontal, 6½ Vertical on MBC 15-43. Target elevation: 1128 ft.

FOURTH ALTERNATE TARGET: BRNO M/Y (49-17N, 16-37E). IP: TREBIC (49-13N, 15-53E). Axis of attack: 93°. Rally right off target. Bombing altitude: 20,000, 21,000, 22,000 ft. Area to be bombed: 461st- Target #5; 484th and 451st- Target #3 on BC 15-7. Target elevation: 672 ft.

FIFTH ALTERNATE TARGET: LUNDENBURG M/Y (49-46N, 16-54E). IP: MY JAVA (48-45N, 17-34E). Axis of attack: 271°. Rally slight right off target. Bombing altitude: 20,000, 21,000, 22,000 ft. Area to be bombed: All Gps MPI 4 Horizontal and 3¾ Vertical on MBC 15-33. Target elevation: 521 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.
- (2) Gps will be at bombing altitude and go into left Echelon five (5) minutes before IP.
- (3) PFF A/C will lead all units. Employment SOP. This is a planned PFF mission
- (4) Combat Wing Commander will fly as close behind 55th Wg as possible in order to reduce flak losses at target.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Cleargum"), (451st BG, "Senile 3"), (461st BG, "Senile 1"), (484th BG, "Senile 2"), (55th Wg, "Foothold"), (304th Wg, "Tankstop").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort will use "Schoolroom" with numbered suffixes in order of contact with bomber formation. WX Recon A/C: (Route Out, "Pixie 1"), (Route Back, "Pixie 2")
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Baseball"), (47th Wg, "Darkhorse"), (49th Wg, "Marshland"), (55th Wg, "Flatbush"), (304th Wg, "Snakebite"), (15th Ftr Cmd, "Rotation").
- (5) Bomber-Fighter and WX Recon VHF Channel: "A".
- (6) Visual Signals: SOP.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

(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.
- (2) Deputy Combat Wing Commander: Capt. Mixon.

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