

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

20 November 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 263)

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

b. (1) Bombers: 5th Wg, 55th Wg, and 304th Wg will stand down. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg will destroy DOBOJ R/R BRIDGE (44-08N, 18-07E), ZENICA R/R BRIDGE (44-12N, 17-55E), SARAJEVO WEST M/Y (43-52N, 18-25E) AND Troop Concentration in NOVI PAZAR (43-08N, 20-31E) and POLJE (43-23N, 19-39E); target time 1300A to 1330A.

(2) Escort: None. See paragraph 3 x. (3).

2. Reduced effort B-24s (12 A/C per Gp) each 451st BG, 461st BG, 484th BG will attack targets of opportunity and troop concentration on the road between SARAJEVO (43-52N, 18-25E) and NOVI PAZAR (43-08N, 20-31E) on 21 November 1944. This is Plan Able.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: None.

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

WING FORMATION: None.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: None.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to TP #1 to Control Point to target.

CONTROL POINT: CAVTAT (42-34N, 18-13E) Altitude: Maximum altitude under cirrus clouds. Time: 451st BG- 1100A; 461st BG 1130A; 484th BG- 1200A.

TURN POINT #1: CANOSA (41-13N, 16-04E).

INITIAL POINT: Optional.

AXIS OF ATTACK: Optional.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional (Minimum 175 ft).

AREA TO BE BOMBED: See special instructions.

TARGET TIME: Optional.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: Maximum altitude below cirrus.

RALLY: Optional.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Base.

LAST RESORT TARGET: TROOP CONCENTRATIONS IN PRIJEPOLJE (43-23N, 19-39E)
IP: CEROVCI (43-23N, 19-08E). Axis of attack 90°. Rally: left. Bombing altitude: Optional. Area to be bombed: See annotated photos. Target Chart none. Target elevation: 1443 ft.

3. x. (1) All Gps load Fragmentation clusters.

(2) PFF A/C will stand down.

(3) Air Force fighters are attacking troop columns on the road between SARAJEVO and NOVI PAZAR with the intentions of

immobilizing them and thus creating a target for heavy bombers. The three (3) bomber attack units will arrive at the Control Point at maximum altitude under the cirrus at the assigned time for each particular Gp. At this point the fighter leader will contact the bomber leader and inform him of any concentrated target. If no target is available or contact is not made, the bombers will make one run the length of the road from NOVI PAZAR to SARAJEVO and attack targets of opportunity. Boxes will bomb in a six ship front with second elements uncovered. The Gp leaders will use their own discretion as to whether boxes should uncover or not.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
(2) Bomber Call Signs: (47th Wg, "Mayflower"), (451st BG, "Pusscat 1"), (461st BG, "Pusscat 2"), (484th BG, "Pusscat 3").
(3) Fighter Call Signs: Retain.
(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (47th Wg, "Blackjack"), (49th Wg, "Dogface"), (15th Ftr Cmd "Barfly").
(5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
(6) Visual Signals: SOP.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

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