

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

21 November 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 264)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy MUNICH EAST and WEST M/Y, time at KP 1108A. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg will destroy FERRARA R/R BRIDGE (44-54N, 11-37E) and VERONA LOCO REPAIR SHOPS (45-26N, 10-59E); target time approximately 1200a. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy MUNICH EAST and WEST M/Y; time at KP 1058A. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy MUNICH EAST and WEST M/Y; time at KP 1040A.

(2) Escort: 15th Ftr Cmd will provide target cover for Air Force Formation attacking MUNICH, and will conduct a fighter sweep in the PO VALLEY to cover the withdrawal of the Air Force Formation from MUNICH. 15th Ftr Cmd will provide Chaff dispensing A/C for lead of 304th Wg on each axis of attack.

2. Maximum effort B-24s (36 A/C per Gp) each 451st BG, 461st BG, 484th BG will attack MUNICH EAST and WEST M/Y (48-09N, 11-30E) on 22 November 1944. This is Plan Able.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG and 484th BG will line rendezvous behind the 451st BG when the 451st BG flies over BOVINO at 0845A on a TC of 332°. Rendezvous altitudes 5,000, 6,000, and 7,000 feet.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be furnished later.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

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

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to TP #1 to KP to TP #2 to TP #3 to IP then split into two columns: 451st and 461st BGs from TP #3 to TP #4 to IP to Target; 484th BG from TP #3 to TP #5 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: IESOLO (45-32N, 12-39E) Base Alt: 20,000 ft at 1050A.

TURN POINT #1: (43-40N, 13-40E).

TURN POINT #2: REISCHACH (48-18N, 12-43E).

TURN POINT #3: GEISELHORING (48-50N, 12-22E).

TURN POINT #4: RIEDENBURG (48-58N, 11-41E).

TURN POINT #5: KELHEIM (48-56N, 11-52E).

TURN POINT #6: KUNDL (47-28N, 11-59E).

INITIAL POINT: 451st and 461st BGs: NEUBERG (48-44N, 11-11E); 484th BG- VOHBERG (48-46N, 11-38E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 451st BG and 461st BG- 160° TC. 484th BG- 180°.

AIMING POINT and INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

TARGET TIME: 1240A.

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

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

TARGET ELEVATION: 1725 ft.

RALLY: 451st and 461st BGs- Right. 484th BG- Left.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #6 to KP to Bases.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: ROSENHEIM M/Y (47-52N, 12-07E) Axis of attack 166°. Rally: Left. IP: HOEHLINDEN (48-09N, 12-00E) Bombing altitude: (451- 23,000 ft), (461- 24,000 ft), (484- 25,000 ft). MPI: 451st BG- J-15; 461st BG- J-14; 484th BG- K-13. Target Chart: 13-112-NA. Target elevation: 1469 ft.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: KUFSTEIN M/Y (47-35N, 12-10E) Axis of attack 133° TC. Rally: Slight Right. IP: HOLZKIRCHEN (47-53N, 11-42E) Bombing altitude: 23,000, 24,000, 25,000 ft. Area to be bombed: All Gps Target No. 1 on BRCH 13-111-NA. Target elevation: 1640 ft.

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: SALZBURG M/Y (47-49N, 13-03E) Axis of attack 141° TC. Rally: Left. IP: TITTMONING (48-04N, 12-46E) Bombing altitude: 23,000, 24,000, 25,000 ft. MPI: 451st- T-23; 461st- S/T-19; 484th- R-19. Target Chart: 13-13-NA. Target elevation: 1415 ft.

FOURTH ALTERNATE TARGET: INNSBRUCK M/Y (47-16N, 11-24E) Axis of attack 138° TC. IP: PARTENKIRCHEN (47-29N, 11-06E) Rally: Left. Bombing altitude: 23,000, 24,000, 25,000 ft. Area to be bombed: 451st and 461st BGs- Target #1; 484th BG- Target #1A on Briefing Chart 14-13-NA. Target elevation: 1885 ft.

3. x. (1) All Gps load 500# GP fused .1 nose and .01 tail.
- (2) Gps will be at bombing altitude and go into a "Vee" of Gps at TP #3 with the 484th BG on the left side.
- (3) Maximum PFF A/C will lead all units. Employment SOP. This is a planned PFF mission
- (4) The Wg will divide into two attack waves with the 451st and 461st BGs attacking the West M/Y and the 484th BG attacking the East M/Y. The route assigned after the split are designed to bring the two attack waves over the targets simultaneously and thus reduce the effectiveness of the flak defenses.
- (5) After bombs away, the combat wing commander will contact the group leader of the 484th BG and will attempt to reform the Wg for the flight back to the bases.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Mayhill"), (47th Wg, "Pumpup"), (451st BG, "Burglar 1"), (461st BG, "Burglar 2"), (484th BG, "Burglar 3"), (55th WG, "Fruittart"), (304th Wg, "Bartend").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: Target cover will use "Scanty". WX Recon A/C: (Route Out, "Pulpwood 1") (Route Back, "Pulpwood 2").
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Skipper"), (47th Wg, "Carson"), (49th Wg, "Quaker"), (55th Wg, "Trumpet"), (304th Wg, "Pingpong"), (15th Ftr Cmd, "Flatbush").
- (5) Bomber-Fighter and WX Recon VHF Channel: "A".
- (6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

(7) All units so equipped will employ carpet. All A/C of 451st BG and 461st BG load four (4) cartons Windows (CHA-3). Dispensing will begin three (3) minutes before IP and continue at the rate of six 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: Colonel Knapp.
- (2) Deputy Combat Wing Commander: Major Moran.

NOTE: AREA TO BE BOMBED: (451st BG and 461st BG- M/Y from I/J-10/11 to G/H-29 on TGTCH 13-5-NA. 484th BG- Target #1 on TGTCH 13-45-NA.

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