

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

24 November 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 267)

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

b. (1) 36 B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy LINZ BENZOL OIL REFINERY (48-17N, 14-20E); target time 0415A. 15 B-24s, 47th Wg will destroy MUNICH WEST M/Y; target time 0512A. 23 B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy MUNICH WEST M/Y; target time 0453A to 0502A. 15 B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy MUNICH WEST M/Y; target time 0427A.

(2) Escort: 15th Ftr Cmd will stand down.

2. Four (4) PFF A/C each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack, by individual A/C, MUNICH WEST M/Y (48-09N, 11-30E) on the night of 24/25 November 1944. This is Plan Able.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: CASALNUOVO will be the Departure Point. 1st A/C 484th BG will leave Departure Point at 0134A. 1st A/C 451st BG will leave Departure Point at 0135A. 1st A/C 461st BG will leave Departure Point at 0139A. Departure Point altitude 8,000 feet.

WING FORMATION: None.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Two loose columns of Wgs (Individual A/C). Left column: 304th- 49th- 55th- and 47th Wgs. Right column: 5th Wg.

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

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

KEY POINT: TORRE (45-42N, 12-42E) Minimum altitude: 20,000 ft.

TURN POINT #1: OBER. MIEMING (47-18N, 10-59E).

TURN POINT #2: WORGL (47-29N, 12-04E).

TURN POINT #3: CAORLE (45-36N, 12-53E).

INITIAL POINT: LAUTERBACK (47-43N, 10-53E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 44° TC.

AIMING POINT and INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: All A/C MPI H/I-18 on Target Chart 13-5-NA.

TARGET TIME: 484th BG 1st A/C: 0437A; 451st BG 1st A/C: 0438A; 461st BG 1st A/C: 0442A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 484th BG 27,000 ft and above. 451st BG 25,000 to 27,000 ft. 461st BG 24,500 ft and below.

TARGET ELEVATION: 1725 ft.

RALLY: Right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #2 to TP #3 to Bases.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: INNSBRUCK MAIN M/Y (47-16N, 11-24E). IP: FUSZEN (47-34N, 10-42E). Axis of attack 122°. Rally left off target. Bombing altitude: Optional. Area to be bombed: All

A/C MPI 5-5 on MBC 14-39. Target Chart 14-13-NA. Target elevation: 1885 ft.

3. x. (1) All Gps load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail with two (2) bombs per A/C fused for long delays of 6 to 24 hours. 1 A/C each 461st and 484th BGs will load one (1) leaflet bomb.
- (2) Gps will be at bombing altitude at TP #1.
- (3) PFF A/C will bomb individually. These A/C will be modified for night operations. These A/C will be painted grey and have flame dampener and deicer boots installed.
- (4) All crews will be instructed to turn back if weather conditions do not provide sufficient protective cloud cover.
- (5) Accurate route timing is essential for the success of this mission.
- (6) In the event any A/C encounters any enemy fighters immediate warning will be radioed to the following A/C employing A/C formation Call sign and Codeword "QUAKER" on VHF Channel "A". Approximate position and number of A/C encountered will be given.
- (7) Each A/C will radio a "Bombs Away" Flash.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Goway"), (47th Wg, "Schoolroom"), (451st BG, "Channel 2"), (461st BG, "Channel 3"), (484th BG, "Channel 1"), (55th WG, "Roastlamb"), (304th Wg, "Scentspray").
- (3) Enemy A/C Warning Codeword: "QUAKER".
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Carson"), (47th Wg, "Poker"), (49th Wg, "Ducksoup"), (55th Wg, "Panhandle"), (304th Wg, "Dogface").
- (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 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 (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.

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