

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

22 April 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 13)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps, 5th Wg, will attack Weiner Neustadt Works #1 and #2; time at KP 1221B. Four Gps 47th Wg, will attack SHWECHAT A/C Factory; time at KP 1253B. Four Gps 304th Wg, will attack installations at BAD VOISLAU A/D; time at KP 1245B. (460th BG) 55th Wg, will join 49th Wg Bombers to form Composite Wg to attack A/C dispersed on BAD VOISLAU A/D; time at KP 1235B.

(2) Escort: To be furnished later.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG and 461st BG will frag A/C dispersed along North side of BAD VOISLAU A/D on 23 April 1944. This is Plan "A".

ALTERNATE TARGET: Bomb Industrial center of Vienna on ETA, Target Elevation 520 ft. LAST RESORT TARGET: GRAZ/THALERHOF A/D (46 deg 59 min N, 15 deg 26 min E), Target Elevation 1100 ft.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 451st BG will line rendezvous with 461st over TORRETTO at 1127B at 5,000 ft on MC of 133 degrees. 49th Wg will line rendezvous with 460th BG over Spinazzola at 1137B at 5,000 ft. on a MC of 3 degrees.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be furnished later.

WING FORMATION: Column of Gps stepped down. Attack formation will be SOP Frag Formation "B".

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Right echelon of Wgs: 5th Wg lead- Composite Wg- 304th Wg- 47th Wg.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 460th BG lead- 461st BG- 451st BG.

ROUTE OUT: Base to SPINAZZOLA to Key Point to Turn Point #1 to Turn Point #2 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: MATINA (43 deg 31 min N, 16 deg 07 min E) Base altitude 14,000 ft at 1235B.

TURN POINT #1: KESZTHELY (46 deg 47 min N, 17 deg 14 min E).

TURN POINT #2: PAPA (47 deg 20 min N, 17 deg 28 min E).

TURN POINT #3: KOPRIVNICA (46 deg 10 min N, 16 deg 50 min E).

INITIAL POINT: DONNERKIRCHEN (47 deg 54 min N, 16 deg 38 min E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 283 degrees.

AIMING POINT: See Paragraph 3. a.

TARGET TIME: 1410B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (451st BG - 21,500 ft).
(461st BG - 22,500 ft).
(460th BG - 23,500 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: Primary 770 ft.

RALLY: Left off Target to Rally Point GROSZ PETERSDORF (47 deg 14 min N,
16 deg 19 min E).

ROUTE BACK: Target to Rally Point to Turn Point #3 to Key Point to Base.

3. a. Both Gps 49th Wg will attack in order of flight A/C dispersed on BAD VOslau A/D at 10/11, R/S on Target Chart 14-28-NA.
 - x. (1) WOLLERSDORF A/D and Installations are not a target.
 - (2) All ships in lead attack units of Gps will load four (4) cartons of Window. Three (3) cartons will be dispensed in Target Area beginning three minutes before IP and continuing until 5 minutes after bombs away. One (1) carton is to be used if flak should be encountered to and from Target. Dispensing will begin when Flak bursts are seen.
 - (3) Gp Commanders will assure that radio operators are standing on ground station frequency. On recall Gp Leaders will break radio silence, notify formation of recall, and Gp will return home intact.
 - (4) Two Gps will load Fragmentation bombs.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: 6440 Kc.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: to be furnished.
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: To be furnished.
- (4) VHF Channel: To be furnished.
- (5) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg. Red-Red flare will be used. Red-Red flare for abandoning Primary and on starting run on alternate.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: As designated by 55th Wg.

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX "A" TO
OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 13 (a/o 14,15)
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PLAN: Combined operations of all Wings for PLAN ABLE contemplates the complete destruction of the A/Ds and aircraft factories at BAD VOSLAU, WIENER NEUSTADT and SCHWECHAT - leaving only damaged BRASOV on the primary list. The previous damage to BRASOV (and to OBERPFAFFENHOFEN by the 8th A. F.), increases the importance of our targets.

At BAD VOSLAU A/D, the target for the 49th WING, there is concentrated along the northern side of the field a large number of ME 109s all ready for service. The factory area at BAD VOSLAU A/D is being attacked by the 304th WING.

DEFENSES: No appreciable change from recent reports. Shadowing aircraft may locate our formations 44° 30' to 45° 00' N. Possibly 50 ME 109s from the NORTH ADRIATIC fields may or may not establish contact in the area east of ZABREB. Estimate 40 to 50 ME 109s from the GRAZ fields likely to intercept our approaches to I. P. or may withdraw to target area. Total opposition in the target area may be 50 to 60 S/E fighters and 40 to 50 twin engine fighter sorties.

PLAN BAKER is same general plan as our OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 11 and INTELLIGENCE ANNEX "A", dated 19 April 1944. (Attacking the primary M/Ys of northern ITALY) with the following changes:

Information received since the previous plan has led to the dropping of MESTRE, OPACINA and CASTELMAGGIORIE as targets and replacing them with VERONA east yard, PIACENZA and PARMA.

The 49th WING target remains the same, the FERRARA M/Y with an alternate of any M/Y in northern Italy except FLORENCE and RIMINI.

DEFENSES: (Plan Baker) - Flak and fighters no change from previous annex. The bulk of the enemy fighters will be met by units attacking the northeastern yards with but little opposition to attacks around BOLOGNA (our target area), and the yards west of VERONA.

- T. C. #14-28-NA - Marked for Plan Able or Plan Charlie.
- T. C. #14-8A-NA - 1st Alternate
- T. C. #14-22-NA - 2nd Alternate
- T. C. # 4-78-NA - Marked for Plan Baker

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