

49TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)

APO 520
12 April 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 3)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries, and aiming report I.B. 91.

b. (1) Bombers: Fifth Wing B-17s will attack MESSERSCHMITT COMPONENTS FACTORY AT GYOR; and BROD MARSHALLING YARDS; time at keypoint 1045B. 47th Wing B-24s are attacking Installations and dispersed Aircraft at BUDAPEST/VECSSES AIRDROME; time at keypoint 1140B. 304 Wing B-24s attack buildings 12 and 14 and Dispersed Aircraft on BUDAPEST/TOCOL AIRDROME; time at keypoint 1150B. 55th Wing (One Group) B-24s are attacking Building No. 7 of DUMA REPULOGEPGYAR AIRCRAFT COMPONENTS PLANT; time at keypoint 1200B.

(2) Escort: 306th Wing is providing One Group of Fighters for penetration cover and Two Groups escort through Target Area and on withdrawal for B-17s. Escort for 49th, 55th and 304th will be one Group of P-38s which will make line rendezvous with B-24s near Initial Point and provide cover over Target Area and withdrawal to Prudent Limit of Endurance.

2. Normal Effort B-24s of the 451st BG and 461st BG will attack and destroy Building No. One, on Aiming Point Report I. D. 31, of DUNA REPULOGEPGYAR AIRCRAFT COMPONENTS PLANT adjoining BUDAPEST/TOCOL AIRDROME on 13 April 1944. This is Plan "A".

ALTERNATE TARGET: Industrial Center of BUDAPEST to be bombed by pathfinder Method on ETA.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st assemble over MELFI; 451st assemble over their home base. 461st will make a line rendezvous with 451st over TORRETTO at 1013B at 5,000 ft. 451st flying TC 128 degrees. 49th Wing B-24s will make a line rendezvous with 460th BG over SPINAZZOLA at 5,000 feet at 1018B - 460th Gp will be flying a TC of 21 degrees.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See Paragraph 1. b. (2).

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 460th Leading - 461st - 451st.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to KEYPOINT to TURNPOINT to INITIAL POINT to TARGET.

INITIAL POINT: 47 deg 02 min N, 18 deg 52 min E.

KEYPOINT: Dobj (44 deg 45 min N, 18 deg 05 min E) at 12,000 ft at 1200B.

TURNPOINT: Dombover (46 deg 22 min N, 18 deg 10 min E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 18 degrees True Course.

AIMING POINT: D-18 on Target Chart 12-2-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1302B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 460th BG - 23,000 ft.

461st BG - 21,500 ft.

451st BG - 20,000 ft.

TARGET ELEVATION: 660 feet.

RALLY: Right off Target.

ROUTE BACK: TARGET to RALLY POINT (46 deg 25 min N, 19 deg 28 min E) to
BASE.

3. a. 461st BG will load 500# RDX bombs with .1 nose and .01 tail fusing.
 - b. 451st BG will load 500# GP bombs with .1 nose and .01 tail fusing.
 - x. (1) Exact Route Time is imperative.
(2) First Attack Unit of each Group will disperse WINDOW (two cartons in each airplane of unit using Window) beginning two minutes before IP and continuing until two minutes after bombs away.
(3) COMPOSITE WING will make every effort to assure there are no bombs dropped short of Target.
(4) COMPOSITE WING will fly close formation and maintain position in Air Force formation.
4. Omitted.
5. a. (1) Command Radio: 6440 Kc.
(2) Fighter Bomber Call Signs: (461st BG, Foothold 31), (451st BG, Foothold 32), (460th BG, Foothold 4).
(3) Target Cover Fighters: Playfair.
(4) VHF Channel B for bombers and fighters.
(5) Visual Signals: 460th BG will fire RED flares every 20 seconds at rendezvous before climb. Aldis Lamp color for 460th Gp: AMBER, letter "G".
 - b. Combat Wing Commander: Designated by 55th Wing.

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