

49TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)

APO 520
14 April 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 6)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries.

b. (1) Bombers: Fifth Wing B-17s will attack PLOESTI SOUTH MARSHALLING YARDS: time at Keypoint 1217. 483rd BG (5th Wing) B-17s are attacking NIS MARSHALLING YARDS. 304th Wing B-24s are attacking BUCHAREST MARSHALLING YARDS; time at Keypoint 1147B. 47th Wing B-24s attack BUCHAREST MARSHALLING YARDS; time at Keypoint 1157B. 55th Wing and 49th Wing (Forming Composite Wing) B-24s are attacking BUCHAREST MARSHALLING YARDS; time at Keypoint 1207B.

(2) Escort: One Group Fighters will line rendezvous with bomber near point 43 deg 40 min N, 20 deg 20 min E at 1050B and give route cover on penetration; one group P-38s will provide cover for B-24s over BUCHAREST Target area - fighters to arrive at target at 1200B; Two groups fighters will provide route cover on withdrawal.

2. Normal Effort plus spares B-24s. 451st BG and 461st BG (See Para 3 a) will attack and destroy that portion of BUCHAREST MARSHALLING YARDS as shown from P6 to R4 on Target Chart 11-10-NA on 15 April 1944. This is Plan "A".

ALTERNATE TARGET: Industrial Center of BUCHAREST to be bombed on ETA. Last resort target is NIS MARSHALLING YARDS.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 451st BG will fly over TORRETTO at 0922B at 5,000 feet on TC of 128 degrees; 461st BG will make line rendezvous. 49th Wing will proceed to SPINAZZOLA to arrive at 0930B at 5,000 feet on a True Course of 37 degrees.

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

WING FORMATION: Close formation in Column of Groups.

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

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to SIPAN ISLAND. (1st Turn Point) to 2nd Turn Point to Key Point to INITIAL POINT to Target.

KEY POINT: SERBANESTI (44 deg 42 min N, 25 deg 00 min E).

FIRST TURN POINT ON ROUTE OUT: SIPAN ISLAND. (42 deg 45 min N, 17 deg 55 min E) at 13,000 ft at 1020B.

SECOND TURN POINT ON ROUTE OUT: 44 deg 35 min, 22 deg 45 min E.

RETURN TURNB POINT: 44 deg 35 min N, 22 deg 45 min E.

INITIAL POINT: ZADARICIU (44 deg 28 min N, 25 deg 35 min E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 90 degrees.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

TARGET TIME: 1220B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 451st BG - 23,000 ft.
461st BG - 21,500 ft.
460th BG - 20,000 ft.

TARGET ELEVATION: 320 feet.

RALLY: Right off Target to Rally Point SLATINA (44 deg 26 min N, 24 deg 23 min E).

ROUTE BACK: Target to Rally Point to Return Turn Point to SIPAN ISLAND to BASE.

3. a. 461st BG will fly five boxes; in the event so many planes turn back as to weaken fifth box, the 461st BG formation will reform four boxes plus spares and the surplus planes will return to home base.

- x. (1) Each Aircraft of Group lead attack units will load 3 cartons Window. Dispensing will begin 3 minutes before Initial Point and continue until 3 minutes after bombs away or until clear of flak.
- (2) Bomb load will be 500# GPs with .1 nose and .025 tail fusing.
- (3) All times will be strictly adhered to.
- (4) SOP on descending from target to minimum altitude.
- (5) Do not bomb RUSCHIM (43 deg 50 min N, 25 deg 55 min E).
- (6) Caution crews against bombing BALKIN towns other than those assigned as targets - because of possible presence of Partisans.

4. No Change.

- 5. a. (1) Command Radio: 6440 Kc.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (451st BG, Burglar 31), 461st BG, Burglar 32), (460th BG, Burglar 4), (5th Wing, Burglar 5), (47th Wing, Burglar 2), (304th Wing, Burglar 1).
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: Penetration, Greenherd One; Target Cover, Greenherd Two; Withdrawal Escort, Greenherd Three and Four in order of interception. Bomber to bomber and fighter to Bomber Call signs are same.
- (4) VHF Channel B.
- (5) Visual Signals - Flares: Red-Yellow flares will be fired by lead plane of 451st BG during rendezvous with 460th BG and at time climb is begun. Aldis Lamp: Color: Red (451st letter "U"), 461st BG letter "V" and (460th BG, AMBER, letter "G").

b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Col. Eaton.

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