

49TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)

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OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 8)

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

b. (1) Bombers: 5th Wing B-17s attack BRASOV A/D and A/C factory and TURNUL SEVERIN M/Ys and Repair; time at KP 0956B. 47th Wg B-24s attack BRASOV M/Y and Repair Facilities; time at KP 0930B. 304th Wg B-24s are attacking BRASOV M/Y; time at KP 0943B.

(2) One Gp. Fighters will line rendezvous near KP with bombers attaching BRASOV and provide route cover on penetration. One Gp. Fighters will provide cover over BRASOV Target area from 1100B to Prudent Limit of Endurance. Two Gps. Fighters will provide withdrawal cover from maximum range.

2. Maximum effort B-24s each 451st BG and 461st BG Frag A/C dispersed on BRASOV A/D on 16 April 1944. This is Plan "A".

ALTERNATE TARGET: M/Y and A/D at TURNUL SEVERIN; installations at BELGRADE ZEMUN A/D; IKARUS and ROGOZARSKI A/C plane at BELGRADE.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will assemble over MELFI; 451st BG over own Base. 451st BG will make line rendezvous with 461st when 461st flies over CASTELLUCIA at 0818B altitude 5000 feet on TC of 51 degrees.

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

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: 120 feet.

WING FORMATION: Close Column of Groups; see Annex "B" on Group formation.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Close left echelon of Wings- 47th, 304th, 49th, 5th.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 461st Lead- 451st.

ROUTE OUT: Base to KP to Turn Point One to Turn Point Two to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: UZICE (43 deg 52 min N, 19 deg 51 min E) at 0951B altitude 12,000 ft. going out.

TURN POINT ONE: BAZIAS (44 deg 49 min N, 21 deg 24 min E).

TURN POINT TWO: SERES (44 deg 57 min, 23 deg 34 min E).

INITIAL POINT: SERCAIA (45 deg 50 min N, 25 deg 09 min E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 115 degrees True.

AIMING POINT: See Paragraph 3.a and 3.b.

TARGET TIME: 1120B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (461st BG - 22,500 ft).
(451st BG - 21,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: 1,700 ft.

RALLY: Right off Target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Turn Point ONE to KP to Bases.

3. a. 461st BG will frag dispersed A/C in front of A/C factory and hangar on south side of BRASOV A/D.
 - b. 451st BG will frag A/C dispersed in front of hangar on north side of BRASOV A/D.
 - x. (1) Gp lead attack units load three cartons window. Dispensing begins 3 minutes before IP and continues until 3 minutes after bombs away.
 - (2) Load fragmentation bombs.
4. No Change.
5. a. (1) Command Radio: 6440 Kc.- (2) Bomber Call Signs: 461st BG, "Headtop 31"), (451st BG, "Headtop 32"), (5th Wg, "Headtop 4"), (47th Wing, "Headtop 1"), (304th Wing, "Headtop 2").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: (Penetration, "Cartload 1"), (Target Cover, "Cartload 2"); Withdrawal Escort, "Cartload 3" and "Cartload 4" in order of interception).
- (4) VHF Channel B.
- (5) Visual Signals - 461st BG leader will fire Red Red flares at 20 second intervals during Wing rendezvous. 451st BG leader will fire two Red Red flares when 461st BG is recognized. Combat Wing leader will fire two Red Red flares at beginning of climb.

Aldis Lamp: Color: Red. (451st, letter "U"), (461st, letter "V"). To be used by any and all bomber crews during rendezvous.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Designated by 461st Gp. Commander.

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