

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

1 December 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 272)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy BLECHHAMMER NORTH OIL REFINERY (50-21N, 18-17E); time at KP 0920A; Altitude at KP 18,000 ft; Target time 1230A. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg will destroy ROLLING STOCK in STRASHOF M/Y (48-19N, 16-39E); time at KP 1018A. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy BLECHHAMMER SOUTH OIL REFINERY; time at KP 1004A; Altitude at KP 16,000 ft.; Target time 1238A. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy ODERTAL OIL REFINERY (50-25N, 18-08E); time at KP 0945A. Altitude at KP 16,000 ft., Target time 1220A.

(2) Escort: 15th Ftr Cmd will provide general route, target and withdrawal cover for Air Force column attacking BLECHHAMMER and ODERTAL. 15th Ftr Cmd will also strafe LOCOMOTIVES and MT on rail and road line East and North from STRASHOF to LUNDENBURG.

2. Maximum effort B-24s (36 A/C plus spares per Gp) each 451st BG, 461st BG, 484th BG will attack BLECHHAMMER SOUTH OIL REFINERY (50-18N, 18-15E) on 2 December 1944. This is Plan "Able".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 451st BG and 461st BG will line rendezvous behind 484th BG when 484th BG flies over BOVINO on a TC of 332° at 0901A enroute to KP by way of CASALNUOVO. Rendezvous altitudes 8,000, 9,000, and 10,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be furnished later.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Close column of Wgs in order 5th- 304th- 49th- 55th- and 47th Wgs.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 484th BG lead, 451st BG and 461st BG.

ROUTE OUT: Base to KP to TP #1 to TP #2 to TP #3 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: SPLIT (43-31N, 16-27E) Base Alt: 16,000 ft. at 0956A.

TURN POINT #1: M. BUKOVEC (46-17N, 16-44E).

TURN POINT #2: FELBAR (47-57N, 17-28E).

TURN POINT #3: PREROV (49-27N, 17-27E).

TURN POINT #4: SKOCZOW (49-48N, 18-48E).

TURN POINT #5: ZILINA (49-13N, 18-44E).

INITIAL POINT: TROPLOWITZ (50-09N, 17-38E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 68°.

AIMING POINT and INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: All Gps MPI O-11/12 on Briefing Chart 13-108A-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1230A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 484th BG-23,000 ft; 451st BG- 24,000 ft; 461st BG- 25,000 ft.

TARGET ELEVATION: 606 ft.

RALLY: Sharp right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #4 to TP #5 to TP #2 to TP #1 to KP to Bases.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: OSWIECIM SYNTHETIC OIL REFINERY (50-02N, 19-17E) IP: ZORY (50-03N, 18-42E). Axis of attack 92°. Rally right off target. Bombing altitude: (484th- 23,000 ft), (451st- 24,000 ft), (461st- 25,000 ft). Area to be bombed: MPI: 484th- M-14; 451st- J-14; 461st- J-12 on target chart 16-3-NA. Target elevation: 755 ft.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: TRZEBINJA OIL REFINERY (50-10N, 19-27E) IP: KALWARJA (49-52N, 18-42E). Axis of attack 334°. Rally right off target. Bombing altitude: (484th- 23,000 ft), (451st- 24,000 ft), (461st- 25,000 ft). Area to be bombed: All Gps MPI at K-11 on target chart 16-6-NA. Target elevation: 984 ft.

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: BOHUMIN OIL REFINERY (49-54N, 18-21E) IP: SKOCZOW (49-48N, 18-47E). Axis of attack 290°. Rally right then left staying clear of flak at KRANOWITZ and TROPPAU. Bombing altitude: (484th- 23,000 ft), (451st- 24,000 ft), (461st- 25,000 ft). Area to be bombed: All Gps Target #1 on Briefing Chart 15-17-NA. Target elevation: ??? ft.

FOURTH ALTERNATE TARGET: MORAVSKA OSTRAVA/VITKOVICE OIL REFINERY (49-49N, 18-14E) IP: WIGSTADTL (49-47N, 17-46E). Axis of attack 83°. Rally Sharp right off target. Bombing altitude: (484th- 23,000 ft), (451st- 24,000 ft), (461st- 25,000 ft). Area to be bombed: All Gps MPI at E/F-15/16 on target chart 15-15-NA. Target elevation: 711 ft.

FIFTH ALTERNATE TARGET: ALMASFIZITO OIL REFINERY (47-43N, 18-16E) IP: GUTA (47-55N, 18-00E). Axis of attack 135°. Rally sharp right off target. Bombing altitude: (484th- 23,000 ft), (451st- 24,000 ft), (461st- 25,000 ft). Area to be bombed: All Gps Target #1 on Briefing Chart 12-20-NA. Target elevation: 360 ft.

SIXTH ALTERNATE TARGET: SZONY OIL REFINERY (47-44N, 18-12E) IP: GUTA (47-55N, 18-00E). Axis of attack 142°. Rally sharp right off target. Bombing altitude: (484th- 23,000 ft), (451st- 24,000 ft), (461st- 25,000 ft). Area to be bombed: All Gps MPI I-16 on target chart 12-35-NA. Target elevation: 360 ft.

SEVENTH ALTERNATE TARGET: PETFURDO OIL REFINERY (47-11N, 18-08E) IP: KISBER (47-30N, 18-02E). Axis of attack 167°. Rally left off target. Bombing altitude: (484th- 23,000 ft), (451st- 24,000 ft), (461st- 25,000 ft). Area to be bombed: All Gps MPI J-10/11 on target chart 12-33-NA. Target elevation: 420 ft.

3. x. (1) All Gps load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail with two bombs per A/C fused for long delay from 6 hours to maximum available. 12 A/C per Gp will carry one (1) leaflet bomb each. Screamer attachments will be used on all bombs if available.

- (2) Gps will be at bombing altitude and go into a left Echelon five (5) minutes before IP.
- (3) Maximum PFF A/C will lead all units.
- (4) PFF Operators will take PRI photographs according to SOP.
- (5) 484th BG will dispatch one (1) A/C for Weather Recon Flight at such time to enable weather reports to reach this Headquarters thirty (30) minutes prior to take-off time. Only on aircraft unable to accomplish the combat mission will be used for this weather flight.
- (6) 5th Wg has the same target as the 49th Wg, but is approaching the target from IP CZIASNAU (50-45N, 18-37E) with bombing altitude of 26,000 ft. or above and rallying sharp left. 55th Wg is bombing the same target as the 49th Wg at 1238A and is using the same IP and Rally as the 49th Wg.
- (7) Preliminary WX Recon A/C will not fly North of 49°N Latitude.
- (8) Regular WX Recon A/C will precede Air Force formation on route out and route back to prudent limit of endurance.
- (9) No targets in CZECHOSLOVAKIA will be bombed by PFF except assigned alternates.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Playfair"), (47th Wg, "Platoon"), (451st BG, "Keyword 2"), (461st BG, "Keyword 3"), (484th BG, "Keyword 1"), (55th Wg, "Flywheel"), (304th Wg, "Radcliff").
 - (3) Fighter Call Signs: Fighters will use "Airslug" with numbered suffixes in order of contact with bombers. WX Recon A/C: (Route Out, "Moses 1") (Route Back, "Moses 2").
 - (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Ducksoup"), (47th Wg, "Blackjack"), (49th Wg, "Poker"), (55th Wg, "Trumpet"), (304th Wg, "Dogface"), (15th Ftr Cmd, "Convertible").
 - (5) Bomber-Fighter and WX Recon VHF Channel: "A".
 - (6) Visual Signals: SOP.

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- (7) All units so equipped will employ carpet. All A/C of 484th BG, 451st BG and 461st BG load two (2) cartons Windows (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.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Major DuFour.
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