

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

7 December 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 281)

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

b. (1) Bombers: 18 PFF B-17s, 5th Wg, 12 PFF B-24s, 47th Wg, 8 PFF B-24s, 55th Wg and 8 PFF B-24s, 304th Wg will destroy MOOSBIERBAUM OIL REFINERY. Target time: 5th Wg- 0445A to 0455A; 47th Wg- 0529A to 0536A; 55th Wg- 0500A to 0505A; 304th Wg- 0519A to 0524A. Routes out, Route back, IPs, rallies and alternate targets the same for all Wgs as for 49th Wg.

(2) Escort: 15th Ftr Cmd will stand down.

2. Reduced effort B-24s, 2 PFF A/C each 451st BG, 461st BG, 484th BG will destroy MOOSEBIERBAUM OIL REFINERY (48-19N, 15-55E) by individual A/C on 8 December 1944. This is Plan "Able".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: None. Departure Point for all A/C will be WEST TIP OF LAKE LESINA. 2 A/C of 484th BG will leave departure point between 0253A and 0255A. 2 A/C of 451st BG will leave departure point between 0255A and 0256A. 2 A/C of 461st BG will leave departure point between 0256A and 0257A. Departure point altitude 8,000 ft.

WING FORMATION: Individual A/C.

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

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to TP #1 to TP #2 to TP #3 to TP #4 to IP to Target.

TURN POINT #1: (44-00N, 14-20E).

TURN POINT #2: VODIZZE (45-30N, 14-03E).

TURN POINT #3: VILLACH (46-37N, 13-51E).

TURN POINT #4: ARZBERG (47-59N, 14-28E). TP#5: MOOS (47-40N, 14-56E).

INITIAL POINT: WIESELBURG (48-08N, 15-08E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 70°.

AIMING POINT and INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: ALL A/C MPI K-12/13 on target chart 14-39-NA.

TARGET TIME: 2 A/C of 484th BG- 0510A to 0512A. 2 A/C of 451st BG- 0512A to 0513A. 2 A/C of 461st BG- 0513A to 0514A. All A/C to bomb between 0510A and 0514A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 2 A/C of 484th BG- 27,000 and 26,500 ft. 2 A/C of 451st BG- 26,000 and 25,500 ft. 2 A/C of 461st BG- 25,000 and 24,500 ft.

TARGET ELEVATION: 600 ft.

RALLY: Sharp right off target.

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

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: WIENER NEUSTADT M/Y (47-49N, 16-14E). IP: None.

Axis of attack: West to East. Rally right off target.

Bombing altitude: Same as primary. MPI: All A/C L-5 on target chart 14-2-NA. Target elevation: 892 ft.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ M/Y (47-05N, 15-24E). IP: KNITTLEFELD (47-13N, 14-50E). Axis of attack: 108°. Rally left off target. Bombing altitude: Optional below 24,000 ft. MPI: All A/C Target #1 on target chart 14-41-NA. Target elevation: 1180 ft.

3. x. (1) All Gps load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail.
  - (2) A/C will be at bombing altitude at TP #4.
  - (3) Recommend a very sharp rally off primary target to avoid VIENNA flak.
  - (4) In event enemy A/C are encountered, immediate warning will be radioed to following A/C employing A/C formation Call Sign and Codeword "DOGFACE" on VHF Channel "Able". Approximate position and number of enemy A/C encountered will be given.
  - (5) Only PFF A/C modified for night operations will be employed.
  - (6) All crews will be instructed to turn back if weather conditions do not provide sufficient cloud cover.
  - (7) Each A/C will transmit a Radio "Bombs Away" flash report.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
  - (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Saxhorn"), (47th Wg, "Bellbuoy"), (451st BG, "Playfair 2"), (461st BG, "Playfair 3"), (484th BG, "Playfair 1"), (55th WG, "Crawford"), (304th Wg, "Roastlamb").
  - (3) Fighter Call Signs: No escort.
  - (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Ducksoup"), (47th Wg, "Poker"), (49th Wg, "Trumpet"), (55th Wg, "Barfly"), (304th Wg, "Tearoom").
  - (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
  - (6) Visual Signals: SOP.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

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

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