

23 July 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 1)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Four Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack TURIN ORBASSANO BALL BEARING FACTORY (45° 01'N, 07° 32'E) and TURIN TANK REPAIR WORKS (45° 04'N, 07° 41'E). Three Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack A/C dispersed around VALENCE/LA TREDORERIE L/G (44° 55'N, 04° 58'E). Two Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack A/C dispersed around LES CHANOINES (43° 36'N, 04° 44'E).

(2) Escort: Fighters will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for 5th, 55th, and 304th Wgs. Fighters will provide adequate cover for the 49th Wg, in the target area and will then strafe roads in the same area.

2. Four Squadrons B-24s, 461st BG will attack TROOP CONCENTRATIONS at SJENICA (43° 17'N, 20° 00'E); PLJEVJA (43° 21'N, 19° 21'E); PRIJEPOLJE (43° 23'N, 19° 39'E); ANDRIJEVICA (42° 44'N, 19° 47'E). 451st and 484th BG stand down on 24 July 1944. This is Plan "A".

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Details furnished later.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Individual Wings.

GROUP FORMATION: Four Flights: A Box, 764th, B Box, 765th, C Box, 766th, D Box 767th.

ROUTE OUT: Base to Assembly Area to Kolaj to Tropoji -

764th Tropoji to KILINA, to (IP) NOVIPASKAR to Target. Rally to CAVTAT to Base.

765th TROPOJI to (IP) METANAC to Target - Rally to CAVTAT to Base.

766th TROPOJI to (IP) DRASKOVINA to Target - Rally to CAVTAT to Base.

767th TROPOJI to (IP) NEDZINAT to Target - Rally to CAVTAT to Base.

KOLAJ: 41° 53'N, 19° 29'E

CAVTAT: 42° 35'N, 18° 13'E

TROPOJI: 42° 23'N, 20° 13'E

METANAC: 43° 08'N, 19° 47'E

KILINA: 42° 32'N, 20° 35'E

DRASKOVINA: 43° 10'N, 19° 38'E

NOVIPASEAR: 43° 08'N, 20° 31'E

NEDZINAT: 42° 42'N, 20° 06'E

INITIAL POINT: Given above.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 764th 290° TC, 765th 341° TC, 766th 314° TC, 767th 280° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional on all Targets.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional on all Targets.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: See annotated photos.

TARGET TIME: 764th 1100B, 765th 1058B, 766th 1101B, 767th 1046B.

RECOMMENDED BOMBING ALTITUDES: 764th 15000 above target, other Squads at 12000 Above Target.

TARGET ELEVATION: SJENICA 3300 ft; PRIJEPOLJE 1600 ft; PLEJEVA 2500 ft;
ANDRIJEVICA 2500 ft.

RALLY: Optional.

ROUTE BACK: Given above.

3. a. (1) 461st BG will load 1000# GP with .1 nose and .025 tail fusing.
 - (2) PF A/C will stand down.
 - (3) If Primary cannot be bombed, bombs will be returned to base.
 - (4) No window will be employed.
 - (5) Weather as estimated 3/10 scattered at 11,000 - 12,000 ft. in the target area.
 - (6) Box leaders will use utmost determination in hitting their respective targets.

4. No Change.

5. (1) 461st Command Radio: 4085 Ko.
 - (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, , "Clear Soup"), (304th Wg, "Butler"), (55th Wg, "Key Word"), (461st BG, "Head Top").
 - (3) Fighter Call Signs: 5th Wg escort, "Retain", 49th Wg escort "Pixie, 55th Wg Escort "School Friend, 304th Wg "Cartload".
 - (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Ocean"), (304th Wg, "Tavern"), (55th Wg, "Shampoo"), 49th Wg, "Mortar"), (306th Wg, "Dollar").
 - (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
 - (6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Major Goree.
 - (2) Deputy Combat Wing Commander: Capt. Donovan.

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