

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

7 July 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 102)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack ZWOLFAXING A/D Installation (48° 06'N, 16° 28'E) and VOSENDORF OIL REFINERY (48° 08'N, 16° 18'E); time at KP 0852B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack MARKERSDORF A/D (48° 12'N, 15° 30'E); time at KP 0907B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack FLORISDORF OIL REFINERY and Adjacent M/Y (48° 16'N, 16° 24'E); time at KP 0826B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack MUNCHENDORF A/D (48° 02'N, 16° 24'E); time at KP 0846B. Azon Force stand down.

(2) Escort: Fighters will provide individual Wg penetration, target and withdrawal cover beginning in the vicinity of MARIBOR. Fighters will also conduct a freelance offensive sweep of the target area arriving in target area as lead Wg reaches IP and sweep in ahead of bombers. Twin engine fighters will be the objective of fighter sweep.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack VIENNA KORNEUBURG OIL REFINERY and STORAGE (48° 21'N, 16° 20'E) on 8 July 1944. This is Plan "A".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: PETFURDO OIL REFINERY (47° 11'N, 18° 08'E). Axis of attack: 90° TC. Rally: Right to KP. Bombing Altitude: 451st BG - 20,000 ft; 461st BG - 21,000; 484th BG - 22,000. Area to be bombed: All Gps center of impact - I-10/11. Target Chart 12-33-NA. Target Elevation: 420 ft.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: SISAK CAPRAG OIL REFINERY (45° 28'N, 16° 22'E). Axis of attack: 280° TC. Rally: Left to KP. Bombing Altitude: 451st BG - 17,000 ft; 461st BG - 18,000; 484th BG - 19,000. Area to be bombed: All Gps center at O-6. Target Chart 8-37-NA. Target Elevation: 325 ft.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 451st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0726B until 0746B. 461st BG and 484th BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. Lead Gp will enter rectangle at BOVINO and depart from BOVINO via CASALNUOVO. 451st BG will be at 6,000 ft; 461st - 7,000 ft; 484th - 8,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See Para. 1. B. (2). To be furnished later.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Close column of Wgs: 55th Wg lead - 49th - 304th - 5th - 47th.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to Key Point to Turn Point #1 to Turn Point #2 to Turn Point #3 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: VIS ISLAND (43° 04' N, 16° 12' E). Base altitude 12,000 ft at 0905B.

TURN POINT #1: OBREZ (45° 24' N, 16° 14' E).

TURN POINT #2: WARTBERG (47° 32' N, 15° 30' E).

TURN POINT #3: BOHEINKIRCHEN (48° 12' N, 15° 46' E).

INITIAL POINT: TULLN (48° 20' N, 16° 03' E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 87° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional on Target Chart 14-45-NA.

IINTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: 451 - I/J-12/13; 461 - I/J-11/12; 484 - H-11/12.

TARGET TIME: 1040B.

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

(461st BG - 23,000 ft).

(484th BG - 24,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: 550 ft.

RALLY: Slight right around heavy flak defenses passing east of Lake NEUSIEDLER.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Turn Point #1 to KP to Base.

3. x. (1) All Gps will load 500# GO, with .1 nose fuse and mixed .01 and .025 tail fuse.

(2) All Pathfinder A/C stand down.

(3) Gps will be at bombing altitudes before TP #3.

(4) Gps will be in close left echelon at TP #3.

(5) NOTE: Normal rotation on Wg lead will be resumed as of this mission.

(6) Gps will adhere strictly to assigned altitudes on bombing run.

(7) Combat Wg commander will use VHF Channel "B" to aid Gps in effecting a good Wg rendezvous.

(8) Lead attack units of Gps load three (3) cartons Window.

Dispensing will begin two (2) minutes before IP and continue at the rate of four units every twenty seconds until clear of flak.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.

(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Retain 4") (47th Wg, "Retain 5"), (304th Wg, "Retain 3"), (55th Wg, "Retain 1"), (451st BG, "Retain 21"), (461st BG, "Retain 22"), (484th BG, "Retain 23").

(3) Fighter Call Signs: (Escort will use "Boulder" with suffix numbers in order of interception.)

(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Realty"), (47th Wg, "Prism"), (304th Wg, "Dollar"), (55th Wg, "Wolf"), 49th Wg, "Debtor").

(5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".

(6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

b. (1) Combat Wg Commander: Colonel Eaton.

(2) Deputy Combat Wg Commander: Major Lawton.

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