13 July 1944

## OPERATIONS ORDER)

## NUMBER 105)

- 1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".
  - b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack OIL REFINERIES in BUDAPEST AREA; time at KP 0804B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack BUDAPEST M/Y; time at KP 0820B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack OIL STORAGE at PORTO MARGHERA; time at KP 0900B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack OIL STORAGE at TRIESTE; time at KP 0910B.
    - (2) Escort: Fighters will provide penetration, target, and withdrawal cover for all Wgs. Fighters will conduct freelance sweep of BUDAPEST area sweeping just ahead of bombers.
- 2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack PETFURDO OIL REFINERY (47 $^{\circ}$  11'N, 18 $^{\circ}$  08'E) on 14 July 1944. This is Plan "C".
- FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: BROD SOUTH M/Y (45° 09'N, 18° 01'E). Axis of attack: 130° TC. Rally: Right. Centers of Impact: 451 H-9/10; 461 H/I-11; 484 j-12/13. Target Chart 8-36-NA. Target Elevation: 300 ft.
- SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: ZAGREB MAIN M/Y (45° 47'N, 15° 57'E). Axis of attack: 155° TC. Rally: Right. Bombing Altitude: 484 20,000; 451 21,000; 461 22,000. Area to be bombed: Center of impact at 0-11. Target Chart 8-4-NA. Target Elevation: 400 ft.
- BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 451st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0716B until 0736B. 461st BG and 484th BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 451st BG will enter and leave the rendezvous rectangle at BOVINO and go on course by way of CASALNUOVO. Rendezvous altitudes: SOP.
- FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See Para. 1. B. (2). Additional information to be furnished later.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Two columns of Wgs: Right column: 5th Wg lead - 47th Wg - 49th Wg. Left Column: 55th Wg lead - 304th Wg.

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 #4 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: SCEDRO ISLE (43° 05' N, 16° 42' E). Base altitude 12,000 ft at 0830B.

TURN POINT #1: BANJA LUKA (44° 46′ N, 17° 12′ E).

TURN POINT #2: TAPOLCZA (46° 53′ N, 17° 27′ E).

TURN POINT #3: RR Junction at  $(47^{\circ} 02' \text{ N, } 17^{\circ} 12' \text{ E})$ .

TURN POINT #4: BOBA (47° 11' N, 17° 12' E). INITIAL POINT: PAPA (47° 20' N, 17° 28' E). AXIS OF ATTACK: 110°TC. AIMING POINT: Optional on target chart 12-33-NA. INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional. AREA TO BE BOMBED: Center of impact at J-10/11. TARGET TIME: 1015B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: All Targets -

(451 - 20,000 ft).

(461 - 21,000 ft).

(484 - 22,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: 420 ft. RALLY: Right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Rally to TP #1 to Key Point to Base.

- $3. \times . (1)$  Three Gps load 1000# GP fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail.
  - (2) Window will not be employed.
  - (3) All Pathfinder A/C stand down.
  - (4) Gps will be at bombing altitude at TP #2 and in close left echelon at TP #3.
- 4. No Change.
- 5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
  - (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, , "Rubbish 1") (47th Wg, "Rubbish 2"), (304th Wg, "Retain"), (55th Wg, "Mayflower"), (451st BG, "Rubbish 31"), (461st BG, "Rubbish 32"), (484th BG, "Rubbish
  - (3) Fighter Call Signs: (Escort 5th Wg, 47th Wg and 49th Wg will use "Betty" with suffixed numbers in order of contact with formation.) (55th Wg, "Lacework"), (304th Wg escort "Keyword").
  - (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Comic"), (47th Wg, "Feather"), (304th Wg, "Deer"), (55th Wg, "Robbin"), 49th Wg, "Peanut"), (306th Wg, "Hurricane").
  - (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 Wing Commander: Major Halton.

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