

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

14 July 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 106)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack ROMANO AMERICANO OIL REFINERIES (45° 56'N, 26° 04'E); time at KP 0749B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack ROMANO AMERICANO OIL REFINERIES; time at KP 0811B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack UNIERA SPERANTZA OIL REFINERY (45° 56'N, 26° 03'E); time at KP 0841B. Four Gps B-24s, 306th Wg, will attack DACIA ROMANO OIL REFINERY (44° 56'N, 26° 03'E) and TELEAJEA PUMP STATION (44° 55'N, 26° 03'E); time at KP 0826B. Azon Force stand down.

(2) Escort: 306th Wg fighters will provide escort as outlined in special briefing of 4 July 1944.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack CREDITUL MINIER OIL REFINERY on 15 July 1944. This is Plan "A".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0735B until 0755B. 451st BG and 484th BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. Lead Gp will enter the rectangle at CANDELA and leave rectangle at CANDELA going between 304th Wg and 55th Wg assembly areas. on course by way of CASALNUOVO. Rendezvous altitudes: SOP.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be furnished later.

WING FORMATION: Close staggered column of Gps stepped up.

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

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to Key Point to Turn Point #1 to Turn Point #2 to Turn Point #3 to Turn Point #4 to Turn Point #5 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: RAGUSA (42° 31' N, 18° 23' E) at 14,000 ft. at 0856B.

TURN POINT #1: ALEKSINAO (43° 33' N, 21° 43' E).

TURN POINT #2: OREKHOVO (43° 44' N, 23° 56' E).

TURN POINT #3: ROSIORID De VEDE (44° 07' N, 25° 00' E).

TURN POINT #4: MIRAI BRAVUL (44° 09' N, 26° 03' E).

TURN POINT #5: PROGRESUL (44° 22' N, 26° 28' E).

TURN POINT #6: DRAGASANI (44° 40' N, 24° 17' E).

INITIAL POINT: CATRUNESTI (44° 34' N, 26° 23' E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 321° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: Center of Impact L-2/3 on briefing chart 11-101B-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1100B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (461st BG - 22,000 ft).

(451st BG - 23,000 ft).

(484th BG - 24,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: 462 ft.

RALLY: Sharp left out of flak.

ROUTE BACK: Rally to Turn Point #6 to Turn Point #1 to Key Point to Base.

3. a. (1) 451st BG and 461st BG will load 500# GP bombs with .1 second nose and missed .01 and .025 second tail fusing.
 1. (1) 484th BG will load clustered 100# GP bombs with .1 second nose and mixed .01 and .025 second tail fusing.
 - x. (1) Bombing will be visual only in absence of smoke or clouds. Synchronous bombing will be employed if smoke or clouds are encountered. PF Operators will conduct synchronous bombing procedure in all cases. In case of PF equipment failure off set bombing using grid will be employed (See Annex "B").
 - (2) Wg will fly close formation. Cruising speed to IP for lead Gp will be 165 MPH indicated. Gps will be at bombing altitude at TP #3 in order that correct winds may be computed; bombing altitude will be held strictly between IP and Target. After passing IP speed of lead Gp will be set at 160 MPH indicated for bomb run.
 - (3) Smoke grenades will be used in lead and deputy lead A/C of each attack unit.
 - (4) Lead attack units of Gps load three (3) cartons Window. Dispensing will begin 2 minutes before IP and continue at the rate of four (4) units every 20 seconds until clear of flak.
 - (5) All available PF A/C will be used. If 4 PF A/C are operational, each Gp will use the PF A/C as lead and deputy lead of each attack unit. If 3 PF A/C are operational, each Gp will use the PF A/C as lead and deputy lead of the lead attack unit and lead of the second attack unit. If 2 PF A/C are operational, the lead Gp will use them in the lead and deputy lead positions of the lead attack unit. Succeeding Gps will use them as the leads in each attack unit. Should PF equipment of all but one A/C go out, the one remaining PF A/C will assume the Gp lead.
4. No Change.
5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
 - (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, , "Flywheel 1") (47th Wg, "Flywheel 2"), (304th Wg, "Flywheel 3"), (55th Wg, "Flywheel 4"), (451st BG, "Flywheel 52"), (461st BG, "Flywheel 51"), (484th BG, "Flywheel 53").
 - (3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort use "Exceed" with numbered suffixes in order of contact with bomber formation.
 - (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Planter"), (47th Wg, "Robbin"), (304th Wg, "Orange"), (55th Wg, "Comic"), 49th Wg, "Wolf"), (306th Wg, "Yodel").
 - (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
 - (6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Colonel LEE.
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