

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

21 July 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 114)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".
 - b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy ROMANA AMERICANA OIL REFINERY (44° 57'N, 26° 05'E); time at KP 0855B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy ROMANA AMERICANA OIL REFINERY; time at KP 0915B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy ROMANA AMERICANA OIL REFINERY; time at KP 0945B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy ROMANA AMERICANA OIL REFINERY; time at KP 1000B.
 - (2) Escort: Maximum effort two Gps will strafe A/C on ZILISTA and BUZALL A/Ds. Maximum effort five Gps will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for bombers.
2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack ROMANA AMERICANA OIL REFINERY (44° 57'N, 26° 05'E) on 22 July 1944. This is Plan "B".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: PIATRA BRIDGE (44° 24'N, 24° 22'E). Axis of Attack: 130° TC. Rally: Right. Bombing Altitude: (461st BG - 18,000 ft); (451st BG - 19,000 ft); (484th BG - 20,000 ft). Area to be Bombed: Center of Impact on Center Bridge. Target Chart: 11-32-NA. Target Elevation: 344 ft

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: IRON GATES CANAL R.R. INSTALLATIONS (44° 44'N, 29° 28'E). Axis of Attack: 340° TC. Rally: Left. Bombing Altitude: (461st BG - 18,000 ft); (451st BG - 19,000 ft); (484th BG - 20,000 ft). Area to be Bombed: Center at AA-19 on briefing chart 8-46-NA. Target Elevation: 164 ft. IP: RADUSAVAC (44° 16'N, 22° 41'E).

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: NIS M/Y (43° 18'N, 21° 54'E). Axis of Attack: 147° TC. Rally: Left off target. Bombing Altitudes: (461st BG - 20,000 ft); (451st BG - 21,000 ft); (484th BG - 22,000 ft). Area to be Bombed: Target #2 on Briefing chart 8-102-NA. Target Elevation: 610 ft. IP: ALEZSINAO (43° 33'N, 21° 23'E).

FOURTH ALTERNATE TARGET: CUPRIJA BRIDGE (43° 54'N, 21° 21'E). Axis of Attack: 328° TC. Rally: Left. Bombing Altitudes: (461st BG - 18,000 ft); (451st BG - 19,000 ft); (484th BG - 20,000 ft). Area to be Bombed: All Gps center D-11 on target chart 4-49-NA. Target Elevation: 383 ft.

LAST RESORT TARGET: KRALJEVO BRIDGE (43° 44'N, 20° 43'E).

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will fly over CANDELA at 0835B. 451st BG and 484th BG will line rendezvous with lead Gp. The Wg will depart between 304th Wg and 55th Wg areas avoiding

BARLETTA. Rendezvous altitudes will be 7,000, 8,000 and 9,000 ft.

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

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

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

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 461st BG - 451st 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: ULCINJ (41° 56' N, 19° 12' E). Base altitude 16,000 ft at 0930B.

TURN POINT #1: CARACAL (44° 08' N, 24° 21' E).

TURN POINT #2: COMNA (44° 11' N, 26° 08' E).

TURN POINT #3: VASILATI (44° 18' N, 26° 27' E).

TURN POINT #4: SINAIJA (45° 21' N, 25° 32' E).

TURN POINT #5: KRACUJZVAL (44° 01' N, 20° 55' E).

TURN POINT #6: RAGUSA (42° 31' N, 18° 23' E).

INITIAL POINT: CATAUNESTI (44° 34' N, 26° 24' E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 330° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional on target chart 11-100B-NA.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: Center at L-9/10.

TARGET TIME: 1130B.

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

(451st BG - 23,000 ft).

(484th BG - 24,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: 495 ft.

RALLY: Right until clear of flak, then left to Turn Point #4.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Turn Point #4 to Turn Point #5 to Turn Point #6 to Base.

3. a. (1) 461st BG will use three PF A/C as Gp lead and deputy lead of first attack unit and lead of second attack unit.
 - (2) Should only one attack unit be employed, two (2) PF A/C will use at lead and deputy lead.
- x. (1) Three Gps will load 1,000# GP with .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail fuse.
 - (2) Lead attack units will load three cartons window dispensing to begin two minutes before IP, dispensing rate four units every twenty seconds.
 - (3) Gps will go into right echelon at Turn Point #3.
 - (4) Gps will be at bombing altitude before Turn Point #3, and will adhere strictly to their assigned altitudes on bomb run.
 - (5) 451st BG and 484th BG will use two PF A/C as the lead of each attack unit. Should one attack unit be employed PF will be used in lead and deputy lead.
 - (6) Bombing will be visual only in absence of smoke or clouds. Synchronous PF bombing will be employed if smoke or cloud is encountered. PF Operators will conduct synchronous bombing procedure in all cases. In the event of PF equipment failure, off-set bombing using grid system will be employed.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, , "Tankstop 1") (47th Wg, "Tankstop 2"), (304th Wg, "Tankstop 5"), (55th Wg, "Tankstop 4"), (451st BG, "Tankstop 32"), (461st BG, "Tankstop 31"), (484th BG, "Tankstop 33").
(3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort will use "Foothold" with suffix numbers in order of contact with bombers.
(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Banker"), (47th Wg, "Peanut"), (304th Wg, "Crime"), (55th Wg, "Yodel"), 49th Wg, "Painter"), (306th Wg, "Proudfoot").
(5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
(6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Col. Glantzberg.
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