

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

24 July 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 116)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".
 - b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy HERMANN GOERING TANK WORKS (48° 17' N, 14° 19' E); time at KP 0950B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy HERMANN GOERING TANK WORKS; time at KP 0946B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy HERMANN GOERING TANK WORKS; time at KP 0936B. 47th Wg Stand Down.
 - (2) Escort: Fighters will provide escort for bombers.
2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack HERMANN GOERING TANK WORKS on 25 July 1944. This is Plan "B".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Primary by Pathfinder.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: Any M/Y in Southern Germany.

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: VILLACH M/Y (46° 36' N, 13° 50' E). Axis of Attack: 132° TC. Initial Point: SPITTAT (46° 48' N, 13° 30' E). Rally: Right. Bombing Altitude - (484th BG - 20,000 ft), (461st BG - 21,000 ft), (451st BG - 22,000 ft). Area to be bombed: Target #1 on Briefing Chart 14-44-NA. Target elevation: 1690 ft.

FOURTH ALTERNATE TARGET: KLAGENFURT A/C Factory (46° 37' N, 14° 18' E). Axis of Attack: 190° TC. Initial Point: FRIESACH (46° 57' N, 14° 24' E). Rally: Left. Bombing Altitude - (484th BG - 20,000 ft), (461st BG - 21,000 ft), (451st BG - 22,000 ft). Area to be bombed: Target #1A on Briefing Chart 14-4-NA. Target elevation: 1475 ft. Intervalometer Setting: Optional.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0750B until 0814B. 461st BG and 451st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 484th BG will enter rendezvous at CANDELA, go around 1 ½ times and depart from BOVINO, going out via CASALNUOVO. Rendezvous Altitudes: (484th BG - 7,000), (461st BG - 8,000), 451st BG - 9,000).

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

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

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

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

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

KEY POINT: SILBA (44° 22' N, 14° 41' E) Base altitude 20,000 ft at 0926B.

TURN POINT #1: BUKOVAC (46° 23' N, 15° 58' E).

TURN POINT #2: FELDBACH (46° 57' N, 15° 52' E).

TURN POINT #3: MELK (48° 13' N, 15° 20' E).
INITIAL POINT: UNT. WIESZENBACH (48° 26' N, 14° 47' E).
AXIS OF ATTACK: 25° TC.
AIMING POINT: Optional.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.
AREA TO BE BOMBED: Center of Impact at P/O-8/9 on Target Chart 14-50-NA.
TARGET TIME: 1100B.
BOMBING ALTITUDE: (484th BG - 22,000 ft), (461st BG - 23,000 ft), (451st
BG - 24,000 ft).
TARGET ELEVATION: 849 ft.
RALLY: Left to KREMSMUNSTER (48° 03' N, 14° 07' E).
ROUTE BACK: Direct to Bases.

3. a. 484th BG will employ three (3) PF A/C in Gp lead and deputy lead and leading second attack unit.
 - x. (1) All Gps will load 1000# GP with .1 nose and .025 tail fuses.
 - (2) 451st BG and 461st BG use two (2) PF A/C in lead of each attack unit.
 - (3) Gps will go into right echelon at Turn Point #3.
 - (4) Gps will be at bombing altitude before Turn Point #3.
 - (5) Lead attack units will load four (4) cartons Window, dispensing to begin two (2) minutes before IP at the rate of six (6) units every twenty (20) seconds until clear of flak.
 - (6) Fighters will dispense Window ahead of bombers in target area.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Betty 4"), (304th BG, "Betty 2"), (55th Wg, "Betty 3"), (451st BG, "Betty 13"), (461st BG, "Betty 12"), (484th BG, "Betty 11").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort will use "Scanty" with numbered suffixes in order of contact.
- (4) RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: (5th Wg, "Proudfoot"), (304th Wg, "Realty"), (55th Wg, "Hound"), 49th Wg, "Diamond"), (306th Wg, "Leroy").
- (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 DuFour.
- (2) Deputy Combat Wing Commander: Capt. Riddle.

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