

23 July 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 119)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".
 - b. (1) Bombers: Four Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy MANFRED WIEISS ARMAMENT WORKS (47° 27'N, 19° 04'E); time at KP 0904B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy MANFRED WIEISS ARMAMENT WORKS; time at KP 0922B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy MANFRED WIEISS ARMAMENT WORKS. 55th Wg stand down.
 - (2) Escort: Fighters will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for bombers and will provide window dispensing effort to precede first bomb group to target.
2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG and 484th BG will attack MANFRED WIEISS ARMAMENT WORKS (47° 27'N, 19° 04'E) on 27 July 1944. The 461st BG will attack PEC (42° 46'N, 20° 19'E), all planning optional. This is Plan "B".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Primary by Pathfinder.

LAST RESORT TARGET: BROD M/Y (45° 08'N, 18° 01'E) Axis of attack: 155° TC. Rally: Right. IP: GRABARJE (45° 22'N, 17° 52'E). Bombing altitude: 451 - 20,000; 484th - 21,000. Area to be bombed: 451 - South half of Tgt #2 on Briefing Chart 8-36-NA. 484th - North half of Tgt #2 on Briefing Chart 8-36-NA. Briefing Chart 8-36-NA. Target elevation: 300 ft.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 451st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0650B until 0710B. 484th BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 451st BG will enter and depart from rendezvous rectangle from BOVINO. Rendezvous altitudes: 451 - 8,000; 484 - 9,000.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See para. 1. B. (2). SOP

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

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

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 451st BG lead - 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: SCEDRO ISLE (43° 05'N, 16° 42'E) Base altitude 14,000 ft at 0802B.

TURN POINT #1: LIVNO (43° 50'N, 17° 00'E).

TURN POINT #2: TAPOLCZA (46° 53'N, 17° 28'E).

TURN POINT #3: MOR (47° 23'N, 18° 12'E).

INITIAL POINT: BICSKE (47° 29'N, 18° 38'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 100° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional on Target Chart 12-3-NA.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: 451 - South half of Tgt #1 on Briefing Chart 12-3-NA.

484 - North half of Tgt #1 on Briefing Chart 12-3-NA.

TARGET TIME: 0950B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 451 - 23,000. 484th - 24,000.

TARGET ELEVATION: 354 ft.

RALLY: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Key Point to Base.

3. x. (1) PF AC will lead 451st BG and 484th BG. Employment SOP.
- (2) Lead attack units will load three (3) cartons Window, dispensing to begin two (2) minutes before IP at rate of six (6) units per 20 seconds until clear of flak.
- (3) All Gps will load 1000# GP bombs with .1 nose and .025 tail fusing.
- (4) On both primary and last resort targets, if desired, the Gp CO may assign separate centers of Impact for each attack unit.

4. No Change.

5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Rubbish 1"), (47th Wg, "Rubbish 2"), (304th Wg, "Rubbish 4"), (451st BG, "Rubbish 31"), (461st BG, "Rubbish 33"), (484th BG, "Rubbish 32").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: "Reckless with numbered suffixes in order of contact with bomber formation.
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Deer"), (47th Wg, "Grease"), (304th Wg, "Thrill"), (306th Wg, "Orange"), 451 and 484th, "Debtor 1"), (461st BG, "Debtor 2")
- (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
- (6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Major Younkin.
- (2) Deputy Combat Wing Commander: Major Bowen.

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