

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

27 July 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 120)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".
  - b. (1) Bombers: Five Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack PLOESTI STANDARD OIL REFINERY and PLOESTI ASTRO ROMANO OIL REFINERY (44° 56'N, 26° 02'E); time at KP 0803B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack PLOESTI STANDARD and PLOESTI ASTRO ROMANO OIL REFINERY; time at KP 0800B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack PLOESTI STANDARD and PLOESTI ASTRO ROMANO OIL REFINERY. 47th Wg will stand down.
    - (2) Escort: Seven Gps fighters will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover. Fighters will also provide Window dispensing force for lead Gps of Lead Wg.
2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG and 484th BG will attack PLOESTI STANDARD OIL REFINERY and PLOESTI ASTRO ROMANO OIL REFINERY (44° 56'N, 26° 02'E) on 28 July 1944. The 461st BG will attack RAILHEAD and TOWN of FLORINA (40° 50'N, 21° 30'E) GREECE, all planning optional. This is Plan "A".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: None.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG will fly over CANDELA at 0710B. 451st BG will line rendezvous with 484th BG. The Wg will depart between 304th Wg and 55th Wg area avoiding BARLETTA. Rendezvous altitudes: 484th BG - 7,000; 451st BG - 8,000.

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

WING FORMATION: Close right echelon of Gps or parallel, with 451st BG on right.

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

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

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

KEY POINT: RAGUSA (42° 31'N, 18° 22'E) Base altitude 14,000 ft. at 0807B.

TURN POINT #1: KRUSEVAC (43° 35'N, 21° 20'E).

TURN POINT #2: CARACAL (44° 08'N, 24° 21'E).

TURN POINT #3: PRUNDUL (44° 05'N, 26° 14'E).

TURN POINT #4: HOTARELE (44° 11'N, 26° 21'E).

TURN POINT #5: DRAGASANI (44° 40'N, 24° 17'E).

INITIAL POINT: CATRUNESTI (44° 34'N, 26° 22'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 325° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional on Target Chart 11-101B-NA.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: 484th BG center of impact at O-18. 451st BG center of impact at 8-20/21.

TARGET TIME: 1016B.

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

TARGET ELEVATION: PLOESTI ASTRO ROMANO OIL REF: 502 ft. PLOESTI STANDARD  
OIL REF: 495 ft. FLORINA: 160 ft.

RALLY: Left off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Turn Point #5 to Turn Point #1 to Key Point to base.

3. a. (1) 461st BG will not employ Pathfinder.  
(2) Lead attack unit of 461st BG will load two (2) cartons window. Same dispensing procedure as that of main force.  
(3) 461st BG alternate target: BERAT OIL REFINERY (40° 47'N, 19° 53'E).
- x. (1) Pathfinder A/C will lead 484th BG and 451st BG. Employment SOP.  
(2) Lead attack units will load four (4) cartons Window, dispensing to begin at IP at the rate of six units each 20 seconds until clear of flak.  
(3) All Gps will load 1000# GO bombs with .1 nose and .025 tail fusing.  
(4) Synchronous bombing method will be used.  
(5) Gps will be flying parallel with 451st BG on right at TP #4.  
(6) Both Gps will attack targets simultaneously. Close Gp formation must be flown over targets since targets are very close together.  
(7) Gps will be at bombing altitudes at TP #3 and will adhere strictly to bombing altitudes on bomb run.  
(8) The Wg B-25 will meet the Wg Bomber formation near CANDELA and direct it to a position immediately behind the 55th Wg. 5th Wg bombers are scheduled to arrive at KP ahead of 49th Wg bombers but will slowly fall back to their position in the AF formation due to differential in speed.

4. No Change.

5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.  
(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Bellbouy 4"), (304th Wg, "Bellbouy 1"), (55th Wg, "Bellbouy 2"), (451st BG, "Bellbouy 32"), (461st BG, "Bellbouy 33"), (484th BG, "Bellbouy 31").  
(3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort will use "Encore" with numbered suffixes in order of contact with bomber formation.  
(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Deer"), (304th Wg, "Whistle"), (55th Wg, "Venison"), 451st and 484th BG, "Snob 1"), (461st BG, "Snob 2"), (306th Wg, "Hurricane").  
(5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".  
(6) Visual Signals: SOP.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Major Groton.  
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