

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

30 July 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 123)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack PLOESTI XENIA OIL REFINERIES (44° 57'N, 26° 01'E); time at KP 0908B. Three Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack TARGOVISTE TANK FARM and DOICESTI/CREDITUL MINIER OIL REFINERY (44° 55'N, 16° 03'E); time at KP 0923B. Three Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack BUCHAREST MOGOSAIA OIL STORAGE (44° 29'N, 26° 04'E); time at KP 0933B. 55th Wg stand down.

(2) Escort: Maximum fighters will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for bomber formation and chaff dispensing units for PLOESTI bomber formation.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG and 484th BG will attack BUCHAREST PRAHOVA OIL REFINERY (44° 28'N, 26° 03'E) on 31 July 1944. This is Plan "A".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG will fly over CANDELA at 0855B enroute to KP. 461st BG and 451st will line rendezvous behind 484th BG near CANDELA. The Wg will depart between 304th Wg and 55th Wg areas. Rendezvous altitudes: 484 - 8,000; 461 - 9,000; 451 - 10,000.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: SOP

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

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

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 484th BG - 461st BG - 451st 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: RAGUSA (42° 31'N, 18° 22'E) Base altitude 16,000 ft. at 0943B.

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

TURN POINT #2: VIDIN (44° 00'N, 22° 52'E).

TURN POINT #3: ROSIORII DE VEDE (44° 07'N, 24° 59'E).

INITIAL POINT: CARTOJANI (44° 27'N, 25° 30'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 85° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional on Target Chart 11-10A-NA.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: Target #1 on B.C. 11-10A-NA. Center of impact j/k-14.

TARGET TIME: 1125B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 484 - 22,000; 461 - 23,000; 451 - 24,000.

TARGET ELEVATION: 290 ft.

RALLY: Left.

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

3. x. (1) Pathfinder A/C will lead the 484th BG and will be used for navigational aid only.
- (2) Three Gps will load 500# RDX bombs with .1 nose and .025 tail fusing.
- (3) Lead attack units of each Gp will load three (3) cartons of Windows. Dispensing rate will be six units every twenty seconds. Dispensing to begin three minutes before IP and continue until clear of flak.
- (4) Gps will go into close left echelon at Turn Point #3.
- (5) Gps will be at bombing altitude midway between TP #2 and TP #3.
- (6) Leaders will climb at 150 ft/minute.

4. No Change.

5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Kiddies"), (47th Wg, "Frontroom"), (304th Wg, "Roastlamb 1"), (451st BG, "Roastlamb 23"), (461st BG, "Roastlamb 22"), (484th BG, "Roastlamb 21").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort for 5th Wg, "Platoon". Escort for 47th Wg, "Airslug". Escort for 49th Wg and 304th Wg, "Saxhorn".
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Prism"), (47th Wg, "Orange"), (304th Wg, "Robbin"), (49th Wg, "Temple"), (306th Wg, "Dollar").
- (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
- (6) Visual Signals: SOP.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Lt. Col. Nusch.
- (2) Deputy Combat Wing Commander: Major Milan.

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