

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

2 July 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 96)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Two Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack ARAD CAR REPAIR FACILITIES (46° 12'N, 21° 20'E); time at KP 1010B. Two Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy PIATRA BRIDGE (44° 23'N, 24° 22'E); time at KP 1017B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack GIURGIU OIL STORAGE (43° 54'N, 25° 58'E); time at KP 1006B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack BELGRADE SHELL OIL DEPOT and TIMYSOARA M/Y (45° 45'N, 21° 13'E); time at KP 1000B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack TITAN OIL REFINERY and TITAN MALAXA STEEL WORKS (44° 26'N, 26° 12'E); time at KP 1000B. Azon Force, 5th Wg, will attack SZEGED BRIDGE (48° 15'N, 20° 09'E); time at KP 1010B.

(2) Escort: Two Gps fighters will provide escort for AZON Force. Two Gps free lance over BUCHAREST. Remaining Gps will provide penetration, target, and withdrawal cover for 5th Wg. Fighters will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for bombers attacking BUCHAREST and GIURGIU Targets.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack BUCHAREST MOGASAIA OIL STORAGE DEPOT (44° 30'N, 26° 04'E) on 3 July 1944. This is Plan "B".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: IRON GATES (44° 43'N, 22° 28'E). Axis of attack: 180° TC. Rally: Straight ahead. Bombing Altitude: 461 - 20,000; 451 - 21,000, 484 - 22,000. Area to be bombed: 461 - AA/Z; 451 - S/T-24/25; 484 - Q-26/27. Target Chart 8-46-NA. Target Elevation: 164 ft.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: NIS M/Y (43° 20'N, 21° 52'E); Axis of attack: 140° TC. Rally: Right. Bombing Altitude: 461 - 20,000; 451 - 21,000, 484 - 22,000. Area to be bombed: 461 - E-16; 451 - 484 - E-18. on Target Chart 8-102-NA. Target Elevation: 610 ft.

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: CUPRIJA RR BRIDGE (43° 55'N, 21° 22'E). Axis of Attack: 320° TC. Rally: Left. Bombing Altitude: 461 - 18,000; 451 - 19,000, 484 - 20,000. Area to be bombed: All Gps D-11. Target Chart 8-49-NA. Target Elevation: 385 ft.

FOURTH ALTERNATE TARGET: LAPOVO M/Y (44° 10'N, 21° 05'E). Axis of Attack: 320° TC. Rally: Left. Bombing Altitude: 461 - 18,000; 451 - 19,000, 484 - 20,000. Area to be bombed: All Gps K-14/13. Target Chart 8-42-NA. Target Elevation: 485 ft.

FIFTH ALTERNATE TARGET: KRALJEVO M/Y (43° 44'N, 20° 43'E). Axis of Attack: 30° TC. Rally: Left. Bombing Altitude: 461 - 18,000; 451 - 19,000, 484 - 20,000. Area to be bombed: 461 - From G-2 to

G-4/5; 451 From G-4 to F/G-6/7; 484 - D/E-16/17. Target Chart 8-2-NA. Target Elevation: 665 ft.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0850B until 0910B. 451st BG and 484th BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. Lead Gp will enter rectangle at CANDELA and depart from CANDELA going out between the 304th and the 55th Wg areas. Rendezvous altitudes: 461 - 7,000; 451 - 8,000; 484 - 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: Three columns of Wgs: Left column: 55th Wg lead - 5th Wg (2 Gps) - Azon Force. Middle Column: 304th Wg lead - 49th Wg - 5th Wg (2 Gps). Right Column: 47th Wg.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 461st BG lead - 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: RAGUSA (42° 31' N, 18° 23' E). Base altitude 12,000 ft at 1010B.

TURN POINT #1: KRAGUJEVAC (44° 00' N, 20° 55' E).

TURN POINT #2: HINAVA (44° 33' N, 22° 47' E).

TURN POINT #3: LEORDENT (44° 48' N, 25° 08' E).

INITIAL POINT: COJASCA (44° 44' N, 25° 51' E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 145° TC.

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

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: All Gps S/T-17/18.

TARGET TIME: 1206B.

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

(451st BG - 23,000 ft).

(484th BG - 24,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: 290 ft.

RALLY: Left then right.

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

3. x. (1) All Pathfinders stand down for maximum training.
 - (2) Three Gps load 500# GP fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and non-delay tail.
 - (3) Gps will go into left echelon at Turn Point #3.
 - (4) Lead attack units of Gps load two cartons Window. Dispensing will begin two minutes before IP and continue at the rate of four units every 20 seconds until clear of flak.
 - (5) Gps will be at bombing altitudes at TP #3 to facilitate determining exact drift.
 - (6) Gps will adhere strictly to assigned altitudes on bomb run.
4. No Change.
5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
 - (2) Bomber Call Signs: (47th Wg, "Moses"), (304th Wg, "Reckless 1"), (55th Wg, "Freezol 1"), (451st BG, "Reckless 22"), (461st BG, "Reckless 21"), (484th BG, "Reckless 23"), Azon Force, "Frontroom"), (5th Wg Gps attacking ARAD CAR FACILITIES, "Freezol 2"),

- (3) Fighter Call Signs: Azon escort will use "Cartload". Escort 304th, 49th, 2 Gp 5th will use "Surething" with suffixed numbers for Gp identification. Escort 55th and 2 Gp 5th attacking ARAD will use "Shapely".
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Yodal"), (47th Wg, "Hound"), (304th Wg, "Lockjaw"), (55th Wg, "Shanty"), 49th Wg, "Whistle"), (306th Wg, "Sailor").
- (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
- (6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

- b. (1) Combat Wg Commander: Lt. Col. Hawes.
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