

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

5 July 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 99)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack VERONA MAIN M/Y (45° 27'N, 11° 00'E), BERGAMO STEEL WORKS (45° 37'N, 09° 40'E) and AVISO VIADUCT (46° 10'N, 11° 08'E); time at KP 0846B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack TAGLIAMENTO CARSARSA RR BRIDGE (45° 52'N, 13° 50'E) and LATISANO RR BRIDGE (45° 45'N, 12° 59'E); time at KP 0851B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack PORTO MARGHERA OIL STORAGE (45° 27'N, 12° 25'E); time at KP 0911B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack TRIESTE NORTH REFINERY (45° 40'N, 13° 48'E); time at KP 0901B.

(2) Escort: Fighters will provide penetration, target, and withdrawal cover for each Wg. Penetration cover will begin approximately 50 miles after KP.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack AVIANO OIL AND GASOLINE STORAGE (46° 01'N, 12° 38'E) on 6 July 1944. This is Plan "A".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: VICENZA M/Y (45° 32'N, 11° 32'E). Axis of attack: 135° TC. Rally: Left then right avoiding flak at PADUA. Bombing Altitude: 484 - 20,000; 451 - 21,000; 461 - 22,000. Area to be bombed: Center at L-7. Target Chart 4-94-NA. Target Elevation: 118 ft.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0755B until 0810B. 451st BG and 461st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. Lead Gp will enter rectangle at CANDELA, go around rectangle 1½ times and depart from BOVINO vis CASALNUOVO. Rendezvous altitudes: 484th BG will be at 7,000 ft; 451st - 8,000 ft; 461st - 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: Two columns of Wgs: Left column: 5th Wg. Right Column: 49th Wg lead - 47th Wg - 304th Wg - 55th Wg.

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

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

TURN POINT #1: (45° 00' N, 13° 20' E).

TURN POINT #2: LATISANO (45° 46' N, 12° 59' E).

INITIAL POINT: SAN VITO AL TAG (45° 54' N, 12° 52' E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 484th and 451st - 297° TC. 461st - 300°.

AIMING POINT: Optional on target chart 4-84-NA.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: 484th and 451st: Area enclosed by O/P-6, Q-6, P-3/4.

461st BG: Center of impact at M/N-14.

TARGET TIME: 1027B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (484th BG - 21,000 ft).
(451st BG - 22,000 ft).
(461st BG - 23,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: 484th BG and 451st BG - 145 ft. 461st BG - 250 ft.

RALLY: Left off target.

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

KEY POINT: (43° 05' N, 15° 28' E). Base altitude 12,000 ft at 0841B.

3. x. (1) 461st BG load 500# GP fused .1 nose and .025 tail. 451st and 484th load 500# GP fused .1 nose and .01 tail.
- (2) All Pathfinder A/C stand down for maximum training.
- (3) Gps will go into right echelon at TP #2.
- (4) Lead attack units of Gps will load two (2) cartons Window. Dispensing will begin two (2) minutes before IP and continue at the rate of four (4) units every 20 seconds until clear of flak.
- (5) Wgs will lose altitude immediately after bombing so as not to interfere with other units on bombing runs.
- (6) Gps will be at bombing altitude before crossing coast on way in to target.
- (7) Do not jettison bombs over land.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, , "Bellbouy") (47th Wg, "Trueman"), (304th Wg, "Rubbish"), (55th Wg, "Exceed"), (451st BG, "Pumpup 2"), (461st BG, "Pumpup 3"), (484th BG, "Pumpup 1").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: (5th Wg escort "Scanty"), (47th Wg escort "Playfair"), (55th Wg escort "Radcliff"), (304th Wg escort "Saxhorn"), (49th Wg escort "Thickrug").
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Thrill"), (47th Wg, "Snob"), (304th Wg, "Robbin"), (55th Wg, "Planter"), (49th Wg, "Dollar"), (306th Wg, "Peanut").
- (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. Keese.

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