

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

5 June 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 67)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Two Gps and AZON A/C, B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy LOCOMOTIVE SHEDS at IRON GATE CANAL; time at KP 0729B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy ROMANO AMERICANO OIL REFINERY; time at KP 0659B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy DACIA ROMANO OIL REFINERY; time at KP 0709B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy BRASOV M/Y; time at KP 0705B. Four Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, from Eastern Base Command Bases will attack targets at BUZAU, Rumania.

(2) Escort: One Gp will provide penetration cover. One Gp will provide target cover and withdrawal cover for 304th Wg. Two Gps will provide target cover and withdrawal cover for Wgs over PLOESTO. One Gp will provide penetration and target cover for 5th Wg bombers attacking BUZAU. One Gp will provide withdrawal cover for this task force thru PLOESTI area to maximum limit of endurance.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will destroy XENIA OIL RERFINERY on 6 June 1944. This is Plan "C".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Same as Primary by Pathfinder.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: PITESTI M/Y.

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAIOVA M/Y.

FOURTH ALTERNATE TARGET: IRON GATES CANAL INSTALLATIONS.

LAST ALTERNATE TARGET: BELGRADE SAVE M/Y and RR Bridge.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 451st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0604B until 0624B. 461st BG and 484th BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See Para. 1. B. (2). Details to be telephone later.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Parallel columns of Wgs. Right Column: 47th Wg lead - 55th Wg - 49th Wg - 5th Wg. Left Column: 304th Wg.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 451st BG lead - 461st BG - 484th 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: MIKULICI (42 deg 28 min N, 18 deg 25 min E) Base altitude 10,000 ft at 0719B.

TURN POINT #1: OSJECENICA (42 deg 42 min N, 18 deg 38 min E).

TURN POINT #2: PECENISCA (44 deg 52 min N, 22 deg 25 min E).

TURN POINT #3: PESTEANAJIU (44 deg 51 min N, 23 deg 18 min E).

TURN POINT #4: SINAI A (45 deg 22 min N, 25 deg 32 min E).

INITIAL POINT: HOMORACIUL (45 deg 16 min N, 26 deg 01 min E).
AXIS OF ATTACK: Primary: 180 deg TC; 2nd Alternate: 180 deg TC; 3rd
Alternate: 360 deg TC. 4th Alternate: 360 deg TC. LRT: 220
deg TC.
AIMING POINT: Primary: Optional on Target Chart 11-100B-NA. 2nd Alternate:
Optional on Target Chart 11-11-NA. 3rd Alternate: Optional
on Target Chart 11-13-NA. 4th Alternate: Photo. LRT:
Optional on Target Chart 8-3-NA.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional on Primary and alternates.
TARGET TIME: 0940B.
AREA TO BE BOMBED: PITESTI: O-3/4 to 6-L. The 451st BG will bomb NW third
of M/Y. The 461st BG will bomb middle third. The 484th BG
will bomb SE third of M/Y. BELGRADE SAVE M/Y and RR Bridge:
451st BG will bomb RR Bridge centered at H-16. 461st BG
will bomb M/Y from H/I-19 to F/G-17/18. 484th BG will bomb
M/Y from K/L-20 to I/J-19/20. All other targets same area
for all Gps.
BOMBING ALTITUDE: (451st BG - 23,000 ft).
(461st BG - 24,000 ft).
(484th BG - 25,000 ft).
TARGET ELEVATION: Primary: 565 ft. 2nd Alternate: 950 ft. 3rd Alternate:
395 ft. 4th Alternate: 164 ft. LRT: 242 ft.
RALLY: Right off target.
ROUTE BACK: Target via Rally Point LUNGULETUL (44 deg 36 min N, 25 deg 40
min E) to TP #2 to TP #1 to Key Point to Base.

3. a. Each Gp will land their Pathfinder A/C at the 451st BG after
completing mission.
 - x. (1) Three Gps load 500# GP with .1 sec nose and mixed ,01 and .025
tail fusing.
 - (2) Lead attack units of each Gp will load four(4) cartons Window.
Dispensing will begin three (3) minutes before IP and continue at
the rate of six (6) units every 20 seconds until clear of flak.
 - (3) Pathfinder A/C will lead each Gp.
 - (4) Bombs will not be dropped by Pathfinder or ETA methods.
 - (5) Gps will go into left echelon at TP #4.
4. No Change.
5. a. (1) Command Radio: 4085 Kcs.
 - (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg attacking GATES, "Pixie"), (5th Wg
attacking BUZAU, "Ripple"), (47th Wg, "Pixie 1"), (304th Wg,
"Falseteeth"), (55th Wg, "Pixie 3"), (451st BG, "Pixie 21"),
(461st BG, "Pixie 22"), (484th BG, "Pixie 23").
 - (3) Fighter Call Signs: Penetration cover will use, "Retain". Task
force fighters with 5th Wg at BUZAU will use "Milton 1"; their
withdrawal cover will use "Milton 2. Escort for 47th, 55th,
and 49th Wgs will use "Playfair 1" and "Playfair 2". Escort,
304th Wg, will use "?????".
 - (4) RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: 49th Wg, "Dandy").
 - (5) VHF Channel: "A".
 - (6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Major Younkin.

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