8 June 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 69)

- 1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".
 - b. (1) Bombers: Two Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will frag two dispersal areas on OBERPFAFFENHOFEN A/D; time at KP 0633B; target time 1005B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy OBERPFAFFENHOFEN A/D Installations; time at KP 0647B; target time 1010B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy ALLACH Motor Works Machine Shops; time at KP 0717B; target time 1015B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy MUNICH BAYERISCHE MotorenwerkBuildings and MUNICH HILBERTSHOFEN Ordnance Depot; time at KP 0707B; target time 1005B.
 - (2) Escort: Fighters will provide one Gp for penetration route cover. Fighters will provide maximum target cover and withdrawal cover.
- 2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will destroy MUNICH NEUAUBING DORNIER WERKE Buildings numbered 2, 3, and 6 in aiming point report item D41 in target area number 1 on briefing chart 13-38-NA on 9 June 1944. This is Plan "A".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: MUNICH WEST M/Y by Pathfinder. SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: PORTO MARGHERA Oil Storage Depots.

LAST RESORT TARGET: Any active M/Y in Eastern PO VALLEY.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0617B until 0637B. 484th BG and 451st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 461st BG - 5,000 ft; 484th BG - 6,000 ft; 451st BG - 7,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See Para. 1. B. (2). To be furnished later by telephone.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Two parallel columns of Wgs. Left column will be $304 \, \text{th}$ Wg first - 55th Wg second. Right column 5th Wg lead - $47 \, \text{th}$ wg second - 49th Wg third. Specified timing is such that the right column will be sufficiently ahead of left column to accomplish simultaneous target times for both columns.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to KP to TP #1 to TP #2 to TP #3 to TP #4 to TP #5 IP to Target.

KEY POINT: VIESTE (41 deg 53 min N, 16 deg 11 min E) Altitude 5,000 ft at 0657B. Altitude at North Adriatic 18,000 ft.

TURN POINT #1: (45 deg 30 min N, 13 deg 00 min E).

TURN POINT #2: TRAUNSTEIN (47 deg 53 min N, 12 deg 38 min E).

TURN POINT #3: VIEHBACH (48 deg 38 min N, 12 deg 23 min E).

TURN POINT #4: BEIGENBURG (48 deg 46 min N, 11 deg 51 min E).

TURN POINT #5: SCHROBENHAUSEN (48 deg 28 min N, 11 deg 08 min E).

TURN POINT #6: LIENZ (46 deg 50 min N, 12 deg 46 min E).

TURN POINT #7: (45 deg 30 min N, 12 deg 50 min E).

INITIAL POINT: AICHACH (48 deg 28 min N, 11 deg 08 min E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: Primary: 147 degrees TC. 1st Alternate: 147 degrees TC. 2nd Alternate: 180 degrees TC.

AIMING POINT: Primary: Optional on Target Chart 13-38-NA; 1st Alternate, From J-11 to H-28 on Target Chart 13-5-NA; 2nd Alternate, Optional on Target Chart 4-120B-NA; Targets 461st BG #34, 484th BG #32, 451st BG #13 on Briefing Chart 4-120B-NA.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

TARGET TIME: 1020B.

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

(484th BG - 23,000 ft).

(451st BG - 24,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: Primary: 1754 ft; 1st Alternate: 1775 ft; Second Alternate: 19 ft.

RALLY: Right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Rally Point (WORGL 47 deg 29 min N, 12 deg 04 min E) to TP #6 to TP #7 to Base.

- 3. a. Pathfinder A/C leading each Wg will land at the $451^{\rm st}$ BG on returning from mission.
 - x. (1) All A/C will load three (3) cartons Window, dispensing to begin two (2) minutes before IP and continue until clear of flak. Dispensing rate will be six (6) units every 20 seconds.
 - (2) Pathfinder A/C will lead all Gps.
 - (3) Success of this plan is largely dependent on exact coordination of timing between Wgs. Wgs must adhere exactly to time schedule until reaching the head of the Adriatic and must have their relative positions positively established at that time. If this is accomplished, any subsequent variation from time schedule will be negligible and will effect all units equally. The use of Parallel columns makes it imperative that all units adhere exactly to proper course passing over all specified turn points. Cutting short on corners cannot be tolerated by any unit. Leader must maintain visual contact with unit ahead of him in his column. Specified Initial Point and Axis of Attack must be used. It must be impressed on all leaders that failure to obey all instructions implicitly will substantially increase battle loss of all units in the Air Force. All Gp and Wg leaders must be thoroughly familiar with the route, timing, and plan of attack of every unit of the Air Force on this mission so that air decisions will be intelligently forwarded.
 - (4) 461st BG and 484th BG will load 500# GP fused with .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail fuse. 451st BG will load M47 incindiaries clusters.
 - (5) Gps will go into right echelon 5 minutes before IP.
 - (6) The route of the left column will be: base to KP (TREMITI ISLAND 42 deg 08 min N, 15 deg 30 min E) to TP #1 (45 deg 30 min N, 12 deg 50 min E) to TP #2 (UBERSEE 47 deg 49 min N, 12 deg 29

min E) to TP #3 (LANDSHUT 48 deg 32 min N, 12 deg 10 min E) to TP #4 (MAINBURG 48 deg 39 min N, 11 deg 47 min E) to IP (ILLMUNSTER 48 deg 29 min N, 11 deg 30 min E) to Target, Rally left. Route Back - Target to Rally Point (KUFSTEIN 47 deg 36 min N, 12 deg 11 min E). Rest of rt back - same as 49th Wg.

(7) At the IP, Gp leader will decide whether run is to be made visually or by Pathfinder means. The method decided upon will be used. No change will be made on the bombing run from one method to the other. Do not return bombs to Base.

4. No Change.

- 5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
 - (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Bartend 1"), (47th Wg, "Bartend 2"), (304th Wg, "Roastlamb 1"), (55th Wg, "Roastlamb 2"), (451st BG, "Bartend 33"), (461st BG, "Bartend 31"), (484th BG, "Bartend 32").
 - (3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort will use "Exceed" with numbered suffixes in order of contact.
 - (4) RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: (5th Wg, "Polite"), 47th Wg, "Remedy"), (304th Wg, "Crank"), (55th Wg, "Bargain"), 49th Wg, "Rusty"), (306th Wg, "Dainty").
 - (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
 - (6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Lt. Col. Hawes.

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