

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

9 June 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 70)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Two Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack MESTRE M/Y; time at KP 0745B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack TRIESTE OIL REFINERIES; time at KP 0754B. Three Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack TRIESTE M/Y; time at KP 0744B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will frag FERRARA A/D; time at KP 1030B.

(2) Escort: Two Gps fighters will attack PLOESTI AMERICANO OIL REFINERY. Close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal will be furnished 304th Wg. Close escort on penetration, over target and withdrawal will be provided to both bomber columns.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will destroy PORTO MARGHERA OIL STORAGE facilities on 10 June 1944. This is Plan "B".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: IMOLA M/Y. (Bombing Altitude 14,000, 15,000, 16,000 ft.)

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: FAENZA M/Y. (Bombing Altitude 14,000, 15,000, 16,000 ft.)

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

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 451st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0717B until 0737B. 461st BG and 484th BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 451st BG will start rectangle rendezvous at BOVINO and will depart from BOVINO. 451st will be at 5,000 ft; 461st BG will be at 6,000 ft; 484th BG will be at 7,000 ft.

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

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Two columns of Wgs. Left column: 5th Wg lead - 49th Wg. Right column: 55th Wg lead - 47th Wg. 304th Wg will fly separate optional route.

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 IP to Target.

KEY POINT: TREMITI ISLAND (42 deg 08 min N, 15 deg 29 min E) Base altitude 10,000 ft at 0801B.

TURN POINT #1: (43 deg 40 min N, 14 deg 00 min E).

TURN POINT #2: ADRIA (45 deg 03 min N, 12 deg 03 min E).

INITIAL POINT: PIOVE (45 deg 18 min N, 12 deg 02 min E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: Primary: 42 deg TC; 1st Alternate: 180 deg TC; 2nd Alternate: 180 deg TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional. Primary: Target Chart 4-120B-NA. 1st Alternate:  
Photograph. 2nd Alternate: 4-82-NA.  
INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.  
AREA TO BE BOMBED: Primary: On briefing chart 4-120B-NA. 451st and 461st  
BGs - Area #34. 484th BG - Area #32.  
TARGET TIME: 0940B.  
BOMBING ALTITUDE: (451st BG - 20,000 ft).  
(461st BG - 21,000 ft).  
(484th BG - 22,000 ft).  
TARGET ELEVATION: Primary: 19 ft. 1st Alternate: 150 ft. 2nd Alternate:  
110 ft.  
RALLY: Right off target.  
ROUTE BACK: Target direct to Bases.

3. x. (1) Three Gps load 500# GP fused .1 sec nose and mixed .01 and  
.025 sec tail.

(2) No Window will be employed.

(3) One Pathfinder A/C will be used by the 451st BG.

(4) Gps will go into left echelon at TP #2.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.

(2) Bomber Call Signs: (304th Wg, "Boulder 1"), (47th BG,  
"Crawford 2"), (304th BG, "Searchlight"), (55th Wg, "Crawford  
1"), (451st BG, "Boulder 21"), (461st BG, "Boulder 22"),  
(484th BG, "Boulder 23").

(3) Fighter Call Signs: 5th Wg and 49th Wg escort will use  
"Burglar". 55th and 47th Wgs escort will use "Radcliff").  
304th Wg escort will use "Daylong".

(4) RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: (5<sup>th</sup> Wg, "Flower"), (47<sup>th</sup> Wg,  
"Football"), (304<sup>th</sup> Wg, "Looselip"), (55<sup>th</sup> Wg, "Hotdog"), 49th  
Wg, "History"), (306<sup>th</sup> Wg, "Keeper").

(5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".

(6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Colonel Eaton.

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