

10 June 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 71)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".
 - b. (1) Bombers: Two Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy SWEDEREVO RR Repair Shops and M/Y; time at KP 0751B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy CONSTANTA Oil Storage and Installations; time at KP 0930B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy GIURGIU Loading Quays and Ferry Landing; time at KP 0716B. Four Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack GALATZ A/D Installations.
 - (2) Escort: One Gp fighters will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for bombers attacking SWEDEREVO. Fighters will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for bombers attacking GIURGIU and CONSTANTA. One Gp Fighters will provide withdrawal cover thru Bucharest area for task force attacking GALATZ.
2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack GIURGIU Oil Storage Installations on 11 June 1944. This is Plan "A".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Center of BUCHAREST by Pathfinder.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0600B until 0622B. 451st BG and 461st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 484th BG will enter rectangle at CANDELA and will leave rectangle at CANDELA, going out between boundaries of 55th Wg and 304th Wg areas.

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: Three separate columns: Left column: 5th Wg lead - 55th Wg. Center column: 304th Wg lead - 49th Wg. Right column: 47th Wg.

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

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

KEY POINT: KOLAJ (41 deg 53 min N, 19 deg 29 min E) Base altitude 12,000 ft at 0726B.

TURN POINT #1: PRIZREN (42 deg 13 min N, 20 deg 45 min E).

TURN POINT #2: ROSIORII DE VEDE (44 deg 08 min N, 24 deg 59 min E).

INITIAL POINT: DRAGANESTI (44 deg 07 min N, 25 deg 36 min E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: Primary: 125 degrees TC; 1st Alternate: At discretion of Combat Wing Commander.

AIMING POINT: Primary: optional. 1st Alternate: optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: Primary: (484th BG - Eastern half of 3B), (451st BG - 3D), (461st BG - 3C). All on Target Chart 10-6-NA.

TARGET TIME: 0905B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: Primary: (484th BG - 20,000 ft).
(451st BG - 21,000 ft).
(461st BG - 22,000 ft).
1st Alternate: (484th BG - 22,000 ft).
(451st BG - 23,000 ft).
(461st BG - 24,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: Primary: 65±25 ft. 1st Alternate Bucharest by Pathfinder:
300 ft.

RALLY: Right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to KP to Base.

3. x. (1) Leading attack units will load two (2) cartons Window, dispensing to begin at IP and continuing until clear of flak. Dispensing will be at the rate of six (6) units every twenty second.
- (2) Pathfinder A/C will lead each Gp. PF A/C will be landed at the 451st BG on end of mission.
- (3) SOFIA will not be attacked as an alternate target.
- (4) Three Gps will load 250# clusters with .1 sec nose and mixed .01 and .025 sec tail fusions.
- (5) Gps will go into left echelon at TP #2.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Pixie 1"), (47th BG, "Headtop"), (304th Wg, "Retain 1"), (55th Wg, "Pixie 2"), (451st BG, "Retain 22"), (461st BG, "Retain 23"), (484th BG, "Retain 21").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort, 5th Wg and 55th Wg will use "Betty". Escort 304th Wg and 49th Wg will use "Flywheel". Escort 47th Wg will use "Scanty". Escort, Task Force will use "Milton 1 and 2".
- (4) RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: (5th Wg, "Landed"), (47th Wg, "Market"), (304th Wg, "Paper"), (55th Wg, "Obtain"), 49th Wg, "Mincemeat"), (306th Wg, "Pepper").
- (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. Keese.

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