

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

12 June 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 72)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy OBERPFAFFENHOFEN A/D Installations and Dispersal Area; time at KP 0659B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy ALLACH Main Works; time at KP 0749B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy NILBERTSRUFEN Ordnance Depot; time at KP 0739B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy BAYERISCHE MOTORENWERKE; time at KP 0729B.

(2) Escort: Fighters will provide two Gps for penetration cover, and five Gps for target cover and withdrawal.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will destroy NEUAUBING A/C Factory on 13 June 1944. This is Plan "A".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: City of MUNICH by Pathfinder.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: City of INNSBRUCK, Any City in Germany.

LAST RESORT TARGET: PORTO MARGHERA OIL STORAGE.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0635B until 0655B. 484th BG and 451st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp.

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

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Right echelon of Wgs: 5th Wg leading - 49th Wg - 304th Wg - 55th Wg - 47th Wg.

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

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

KEY POINT: TREMITI ISLAND (42 deg 08 min N, 15 deg 30 min E) Base altitude 15,000 ft at 0719B.

TURN POINT #1: CAORLE (45 deg 36 min N, 12 deg 53 min E).

TURN POINT #2: CHIEM LAKE (47 deg 53 min N, 12 deg 28 min E).

TURN POINT #3: LANDSHUT (48 deg 32 min N, 12 deg 09 min E).

TURN POINT #4: FAHLENBACH (48 deg 38 min N, 11 deg 35 min E).

TURN POINT #5: AMPEZZO (46 deg 25 min N, 12 deg 48 min E).

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

AXIS OF ATTACK: Primary: 148 degrees TC; 1st Alternate: 177 deg TC; 2nd Alternate: 110 deg TC; Last Resort Target: 120 deg TC.

AIMING POINT: Primary: Optional on Target Chart 13-38-NA, target area - Northern half of Area One on Briefing Chart 13-38-NA. 1st Alternate: Optional. 2nd Alternate Target: Optional. Last Resort Target: Optional on Target Chart 4-120B-NA, target area - 461st BG - #34; 484th BG - #32; 451st BG - #13 on Briefing Chart 4-120B-NA.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: Northern half of area #1 on Briefing Chart 13-38-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1010B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (461st BG - 23,000 ft).
(484th BG - 24,000 ft).
(451st BG - 25,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: Primary: 1754 ft. 1st Alternate: 1750 ft. 2nd Alternate:
2200 ft. Last Resort Target: 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 #5 to TP #1 to Base.

3. x. (1) 461st BG and 484th BG will load 500# GP with .1 sec nose and
mixed .01 and .025 tail fusings. 451st BG will load M-47 incendiaries
clustered.

(2) One Pathfinder A/C will lead each Gp.

(3) Each Pathfinder A/C will be landed at the 451st BG on
completion of mission.

(4) Utmost effort will be made to bomb MUNICH visually or by
Pathfinder. Targets of opportunity will be any city in GERMANY.

(5) Lead attack units will load four (4) cartons of Window,
dispensing will begin three (3) minutes before IP at the rate of
six units every twenty (20) seconds and continue until clear of
flak.

(6) On approach to MUNICH area, the leader of the 5th Wg will make
the decision whether bombing will be by visual or by Pathfinder
method. If Pathfinder method is to be employed, 5th and 49th Wgs
will use route and IP as designated for remaining Wgs. 5th Wg
leader will radio decision to the 49th Wg leader before reaching
LANDSHUT. The 49th Wg will follow route and IP as chosen by the
5th Wg leader.

(7) The route for the 55th Wg, 304th Wg, and 47th Wg will be from
LANDSHUT to (48 deg 34 min N, 11 deg 44 min E) to IP (ILLMUNSTER
48 deg 29 min N, 11 deg 30 min E) to target. These Gps rally left,
then right.

(8) Gps will go into right echelon at TP #4.

4. No Change.

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

(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Boulder 1"), (47th BG, "Boulder
5"), (304th Wg, "Boulder 3"), (55th Wg, "Boulder 4"), (451st
BG, "Boulder 23"), (461st BG, "Boulder 21"), (484th BG,
"Boulder 22").

(3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort will be "Pixie" with suffix number
in order of interception with formation.

(4) RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: (5th Wg, "Remedy"), (47th Wg,
"Riot"), (304th Wg, "Class"), (55th Wg, "Catwalk"), 49th Wg,
"Afford"), (306th Wg, "Dandy").

(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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