

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

21 June 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 84)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack PARMA M/Y (44° 48'N, 10° 20'E), MODENA M/Y (44° 39'N, 10° 56'E) and FORNOVO di TARO M/Y (44° 42'N, 10° 06'E); time at KP 1100B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack TAGLIAMENTO CASARSA RR BRIDGE (45° 58'N, 12° 54'E), LATISANA RR BRIDGE (45° 47'N, 12° 59'E) and UDINE M/Y and LOCOMOTIVE SHOPS (46° 04'N, 13° 14'E); time at KP 0954B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack BOLOGNA M/Y (44° 30'N, 11° 20'E) and CASTEL MAGGIORE M/Y (44° 32'N, 11° 18'E); time at KP 1024B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack REPAIR DEPOT NORTHWEST of CHIVASSO (45° 13'N, 07° 54'E) and TURIN FIAT MIRAFIORI MOTOR WORKS (45° 04'N, 07° 40'E).

(2) Escort: Fighters provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for all Wgs.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack TRIESTE OIL STORAGE on 22 June 1944. This is Plan "B".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: MONFALCONE SHIPYARDS (45° 47' N, 13° 33' E).

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: CAPRAG SHELL OIL REFINERY (44° 51' N, 13° 50' E).

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0903B until 0923B. 451st BG and 461st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. Wg will leave BOVINO at 0923B and continue to KP via CASALNUOVO. 484th BG will be at 7,000 ft; 451st BG 8,000 ft; 461st BG 9,000 ft.

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

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Three columns of Wgs. Left column: 304th Wg up West coast of Italy. Center Column: 55th Wg lead - 5th Wg. Right column: 47th Wg lead - 49th Wg.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to Key Point to Turn Point #1 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: (43° 00' N, 15° 00' E) Base altitude 12,000 ft at 1004B.

TURN POINT #1: (45° 00' N, 13° 20' E).

INITIAL POINT: POINT SALVORE (45° 30' N, 13° 30' E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: Primary: 60° TC; 1st Alternate: 60° TC; 2nd Alternate: 90° TC.

AIMING POINT: Primary: Optional on Target Chart 4-116-NA. 1st Alternate: 4-3-NA. 2nd Alternate: 4-51-NA.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: Primary: 484th - East half of Tgt #5. 451st and 461st - Tgt #6. 1st Alt: Tgt centered at H/I-18/19. 2nd Alt: 484th - Centered between K/L and L and between 7/8 and 8. 451st and 461st - South Dry Dock centered at L/M and between 8/9 and 9.

TARGET TIME: 1110B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: Primary and 1st Alt:
(484th BG - 20,000 ft).
(451st BG - 21,000 ft).
(461st BG - 22,000 ft).
2nd Alt:
(484th BG - 21,000 ft).
(451st BG - 22,000 ft).
(461st BG - 23,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: Primary: Sea level. 1st Alternate: 50 ft. 2nd Alternate: Sea level.

RALLY: Right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Turn Point #1 to Key Point to Bases.

3. a. (1) 484th BG will use one Pathfinder in the lead position for navigation purposes only. All other PF stand down.
(2) Pathfinder will be landed at CASTELLUCCIO on return from mission.
- x. (1) Three Gps load 250# GP clustered with .1 nose fuse and mixed .01 and .025 tail fuse.
(2) Lead attack units of Gps will load two (2) cartons Window. Dispensing will begin four (4) minutes before target and continue at the rate of six (6) units every 20 seconds until clear of flak on 2nd Alternate only. No Window will be employed on Primary and 1st Alternate targets.
(3) No bombs will be dropped South of PISA-RIMINI LINES. FLORENCE will not be bombed.
(4) Bombing will be done by visual means only. If bombing cannot be done by visual means bombs will be returned to bases.
(5) Gps will go into left echelon at TP #1.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Reckless 1"), (47th BG, "Bartend"), (304th Wg, "Pusscat 2"), (55th Wg, "Reckless 2"), (451st BG, "Pusscat 12"), (461st BG, "Pusscat 13"), (484th BG, "Pusscat 11").
(3) Fighter Call Signs: (5th Wg escort: "Sadler 1"), (49th Wg escort, "Exceed 1"), 55th Wg, "Sadler 2"), (304th Wg, "Exceed 2").
(4) RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: (5th Wg, "Lockjaw"), (47th Wg, "Shanty"), (304th Wg, "Tavern"), (55th Wg, "Wolf"), 49th Wg, "Shampoo"), (306th Wg, "Hurricane").
(5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
(6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

- b. (1) Combat Wg Commander: Lt. Col. Busch.
- (2) Deputy Combat Wg Commander: Capt. Gorton.

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