

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

22 June 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 85)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack ROMANA AMERICANA (44° 56'N, 26° 06'E) and DOCIA ROMANA (44° 55'N, 26° 04'E) OIL REFINERIES; time at KP 0800B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack ROMANA AMERICANA OIL REFINERY (44° 56'N, 26° 06'E); time at KP 0757B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack GUIRGIU OIL INSTALLATIONS and STORAGE (43° 54'N, 25° 56'E); time at KP 0812B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack BUCHAREST CHITILA STATION YARDS (44° 29'N, 26° 01'E); time at KP 0812B. Azon Force stand down.

(2) Escort: Fighters provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for all Wgs. One Gp fighters will provide penetration cover for bomber columns. One Gp will provide target and withdrawal cover for 49th and 55th Wgs.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack GIURGIU OIL INSTALLATIONS and STORAGE (43° 54'N, 25° 56'E) on 23 June 1944. This is Plan "B".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Center of BUCHAREST by Pathfinder (44° 27' N, 26° 06' E).

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: NNIS M/Y (43° 19' N, 21° 54' E).

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: SKOPLJE M/Y (42° 00' N, 21° 27' E).

FOURTH ALTERNATE TARGET: KRALJEVO M/Y (43° 44' N, 20° 43' E)

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0640B until 0700B. 484th BG and 451st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 461st BG will enter and depart from rendezvous rectangle at CANDELA. The Wg will depart from CANDELA at 0700B going out between 304th Wg and 55th 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: Two columns of Wgs. Left column: 47th Wg lead - 5th Wg - 304th Wg. Right column: 49th Wg lead - 55th Wg.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to Key Point to Turn Point #1 to Turn Point #2 to Turn Point #3 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: KOLAJ (41° 53' N, 19° 29' E) Base altitude 12,000 ft at 0802B.

TURN POINT #1: PRIZREN (42° 12' N, 19° 45' E).

TURN POINT #2: FERDINAND (43° 25' N, 23° 13' E).

TURN POINT #3: DEBOVO (43° 35' N, 24° 53' E).

INITIAL POINT: ATARNATI (43° 54' N, 25° 27' E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: Primary: 90° TC; 1st Alt: 90° TC; 2nd Alt: 135° TC. 3rd Alt: 45° TC; 4th Alt: 225° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional: Primary: Target Chart 10-6-NA. 2nd Alt: 8-102-NA. 3rd Alt: 8-104-NA. 4th Alt: 8-2-NA.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: Primary: 461 - Tgt #3D; 484th -Tgt #3C. 451 - Tgt #3C on Briefing Chart 10-6-NA. 2nd Alt: #D on Briefing Chart 8-102-NA. 3rd Alt: TGT area: 461 - centered at N-10/11; 484th - centered at O-7; 451st - centered at O/P-5. 4th Alt: Tgt area centered at: 461 - Between G and G/H-2; 484 - F/G-5; 451 - F/G-5.

TARGET TIME: 0940B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: Primary, 2nd and 3rd Alt:
(461st BG - 20,000 ft).
(484th BG - 21,000 ft).
(451st BG - 22,000 ft).
1st Alt:
(461st BG - 22,000 ft).
(484th BG - 23,000 ft).
(451st BG - 24,000 ft).
4th Alt:
(461st BG - 17,000 ft).
(484th BG - 18,000 ft).
(451st BG - 19,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: Primary: 65 plus or minus 25 ft. 1st Alternate: 290 ft. 2nd Alternate: 610 plus or minus 25 ft. 3rd Alt: 800 ft. 4th Alt: 665 ft.

RALLY: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Turn Point #2 to Turn Point #1 to Key Point to Base.

3. a. (1) 461st BG and 484th BG will load 1000# GP fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail.
 - b. 451st BG will load M-17 incendiaries.
 - x. (1) Lead attack units of Gps will load three (3) cartons Window. Dispensing will begin two (2) minutes before IP and continue at the rate of six (6) units every 20 seconds until clear of flak.
 - (2) Gps will go into left echelon at TP #3.
 - (3) Do not bomb RUSCHUCK.
 - (4) Lead and deputy lead positions of all Gps will use Pathfinders. All Pathfinders will be landed at CASTELLUCCIO on return from mission.
4. No Change.
5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
 - (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Platoon 2"), (47th BG, "Platoon 1"), (304th Wg, "Moses"), (55th Wg, "Clearsoup 2"), (451st BG, "Clearsoup 13"), (461st BG, "Clearsoup 11"), (484th BG, "Clearsoup 12").
 - (3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort 5th Wg and 47th BG will use "Flywheel". Escort 49th Wg and 55th Wg will use "Pixie".

(304th Wg escort will use "Cartload". Penetration for all Wgs will be "Schoolfriend".

- (4) RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: (5th Wg, "Proudfoot"), (47th Wg, "Hound"), (304th Wg, "Realty"), (55th Wg, "Feather"), 49th Wg, "Dollar"), (306th Wg, "Leroy").
- (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. Hawes.
- (2) Deputy Combat Wg Commander: Major Goree.

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