

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

25 June 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 87)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Three Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy LOBAU OIL REFINERY (48° 11'N, 16° 31'E), one Gp 5th Wg, will destroy WINTERHAFEN OIL STORAGE (48° 10'N, 16° 09'E) , two Gp 5th Wg, will destroy SCHWECHAT OIL REFINERY (48° 11'N, 16° 26'E); time at KP 0815B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy SCHWECHAT AIRCRAFT FACTORY (48° 08'N, 16° 33'E); time at KP 0808B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy FLORISDORFER OIL REFINERY and M/Y OIL SIDINGS (48° 16'N, 16° 24'E); time at KP 0758B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy MOOSBIERBAUM OIL REFINERY (48° 20'N, 15° 56'E); time at KP 0738B.

(2) Escort: One Gp fighters will provide route cover for Bomber formation on penetration. Other fighters will provide penetration cover from vicinity of LAKE BALATON, target and withdrawal cover for individual bomber wings.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack VIENNA KORNEUBURG OIL REFINERIES and OIL STORAGE (48° 21'N, 16° 20'E) on 26 June 1944. This is Plan "A".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Center of CITY of VIENNA by Pathfinder.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ THALERHOF A/D INSTALLATIONS. Axis of Attack: 110° TC. Aiming Point: Optional on Target Chart 14-8A-NA. Bombing Altitude: 484 - 21,000 ft; 451 - 22,000 ft; 461 - 23,000 ft. Target Elevation: 1295 ft. Rally: right. Area to be Bombed: K-12.

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: ZAGREB M/Y. Axis of Attack: 135° TC. Aiming Point: Optional on Target Chart 8-4-NA. Area to be bombed: O-10/11. Bombing Altitude: 484 - 21,000 ft; 451 - 22,000 ft; 461 - 23,000 ft. Target Elevation: 400 ft. Rally: Right using evasive action.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0625B until 0645B. 451st BG and 461st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 484th BG will enter rendezvous rectangle at CANDELA, Wg will depart from BOVINO going out west boundary to CASTELNUOVO, then on course to Key Point. Rendezvous altitudes 484-5,000 ft.; 451 - 6,000 ft.; 461 - 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: Right column of Wgs: 304th Wg lead - 49th Wg - 55th Wg - 47th Wg - 5th Wg.
ORDER OF FLIGHT: 484th BG lead - 451st BG - 461st 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: North tip of VARANSKO LAKE (43° 56' N, 15° 32' E) Base altitude 12,000 ft at 0748B.
TURN POINT #1: KESZTHELY (46° 46' N, 17° 14' E).
TURN POINT #2: PAPA (47° 20' N, 17° 28' E).
TURN POINT #3: OSAKLESZ (48° 12' N, 17° 18' E).
TURN POINT #4: SISAK (45° 29' N, 16° 22' E).
RALLY: MURZZUSCHLAG (47° 37' N, 15° 40' E).
INITIAL POINT: CANSERNDORF (48° 21' N, 16° 42' E).
AXIS OF ATTACK: 270° TC.
AIMING POINT: Optional on Target Chart 14-45-NA.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.
AREA TO BE BOMBED: 484th - Target centered at H-11/12; 451 - at I/J-11/12; 461 - I/J-12/13. Targets are No. 1 on Briefing Chart 14-15-NA
TARGET TIME: 0933B.
BOMBING ALTITUDE: (484th BG - 21,000 ft).
(451st BG - 22,000 ft).
(461st BG - 23,000 ft).
TARGET ELEVATION: 550 ft.
RALLY: Rally slightly left going around main flak defense.
ROUTE BACK: Target to rally point to Turn Point #4 to Key Point to Base.

3. x. (1) Four (4) Cartons Window will be loaded in planes of Gp lead attack units. Dispensing will begin two (2) minutes before IP at the rate of six (6) units every twenty seconds and continue until clear of flak.

(2) Lead and deputy lead positions of 484th will each use Pathfinder A/C. Pathfinder A/C will lead each attack unit of 451st and 461st BGs.

(3) Gps will go into right echelon five (5) minutes before IP.

(4) 3 Gps load 500# GP. .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail.

4. No Change.

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

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

(3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort will use "Pusscat".

(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Comic"), (47th Wg, "Deer"), (304th Wg, "Orange"), (55th Wg, "Snob"), (49th Wg, "Sailor"), (306th Wg, "Temple").

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

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

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

- b. (1) Combat Wg Commander: Col. Keese.
- (2) Deputy Wg Commander: Major Milan.

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