

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

27 June 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 89)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack Bucharest PRAHOVA and TITAN OIL REFINERIES (44° 28'N, 26° 03'E); time at KP 0757B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack and frag KARLOVO A/D (45° 37'N, 24° 53'E); time at KP 0800B. 5th and 47th Wgs stand down.

(2) Fighters will furnish penetration escort for bomber formation through NIS area. Fighters will furnish target cover and withdrawal cover for 304th Wing through SOFIA area. Fighters will furnish penetration, close target cover and withdrawal cover. 55th Wg and 49th Wg: additional information to be telephoned later.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack CHITILA M/Y (44° 29'N, 26° 01'E) at BUCHAREST on 28 June 1944. This is Plan "A".

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

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: CRAIOVA M/Y (44° 19'N, 23° 49'E); Axis of attack: 340° TC. Rally left off target. Bombing altitude: 461st BG - 17,000; 484th GP - 18,000; 451st Gp - 19,000. Area to be bombed: M/Y at O/N-13 on target chart 11-13-NA. Target Elevation: 395 ft.

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: NIS M/Y (43° 19'N, 21° 54'E). Axis of Attack: 150° TC. Rally right off target. Bombing Altitude: 461st Gp - 20,000 ft; 484th Gp - 21,000 ft; 451st Gp - 22,000 ft. Area to be bombed: M/Y at K/L-7 on target chart 8-102-NA. Target Elevation: 610 ft plus or minus 25 ft.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0700B until 0720B. 484th BG and 451st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 461st BG will enter rendezvous rectangle at CANDELA and depart at 0720B going between 304th and 5th Wgs assembly areas.

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

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Parallel columns of Wings: Right column: 304th Wing.
Left column: 55th Wg and 49th 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: MAJKOVO (42° 46' N, 17° 55' E) at 12,000 ft at 0807B.

TURN POINT #1: CICEVAC (43° 43' N, 21° 28' E).

TURN POINT #2: TSIBR (43° 49' N, 23° 29' E).

TURN POINT #3: GAESTI (44° 44' N, 25° 18' E).
INITIAL POINT: COJASCA (44° 44' N, 25° 51' E).
AXIS OF ATTACK: 158° TC.
AIMING POINT: Optional.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.
AREA TO BE BOMBED: CHITILA STATION SIDINGS as marked by arrow annotated
photo prints.
TARGET TIME: 1010B.
BOMBING ALTITUDE: (461st BG - 22,000 ft).
(484th BG - 23,000 ft).
(451st BG - 24,000 ft).
TARGET ELEVATION: 310 plus or minus 30 ft.
RALLY: Right off target.
ROUTE BACK: Target to Turn Point #2 to Turn Point #1 to Key Point to Base.

3. x. (1) Three Gps load 500# GP fused .1 sec nose and mixed .025 and non-delay tail.
(2) Pathfinder A/C will be used in the Gp lead and deputy lead positions of the 461st BG and in the lead position of each attack unit of the 484th and 451st BGs. All Pathfinders will be landed at CASTELLUCCIO on return from mission.
(3) Lead attack units of Gps will load two (2) cartons Window. Dispensing will begin two (2) minutes before IP and continue at the rate of four (4) units every 20 seconds until clear of flak.
(4) Gps will go into LEFT echelon at TP #3.
(5) Warn crews not to fire on friendly fighters when they are providing close escort. Gps are cautioned to maintain close Wg formation to help overcome flak and enemy fighter opposition. All crews will be cautioned to stay with formation if at all possible. On last VIENNA mission, several bombers which straggled were promptly attacked and shot down by shadowing enemy A/C.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
(2) Bomber Call Signs: (304th Wg, "Playfair"), (55th Wg, "Scanty One"), (451st BG, "Scanty 23"), (461st BG, "Scanty 21"), (484th BG, "Scanty 22").
(3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort for 55th and 49th Wgs, "Exceed"; 304th Wg Escort, "Firtree"; Penetration escort for all bombers, "Retain".
(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (304th Wg, "Diamond"), (55th Wg, "Crime"), 49th Wg, "Painter"), (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: Col Glantzberg.
(2) Deputy Wg Commander: Lt Col Applegate.

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