

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

29 June 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 90)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack BLECHHAMMER NORTH SYNTHETIC REFINERY (50° 28'N, 18° 18'E); time at KP 0742B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will frag ZAGREB A/D (45° 48'N, 16° 02'E). Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack BLECHHAMMER SOUTH SYNTHETIC OIL REFINERY (50° 18'N, 18° 15'E); time at KP 0802B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack ODERTAL OIL PLANT (50° 25'N, 18° 08'E); time at KP 0822B. Azon Force stand down.

(2) Escort: Fighters will provide penetration target and withdrawal cover for main bomber force.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack BLECHHAMMER SOUTH SYNTHETIC OIL REFINERY (50° 18'N, 18° 15'E) on 30 June 1944. This is Plan "A".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Primary target by Pathfinder.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: BOHUMNAN OIL REFINERY (49° 54'N, 18° 22'E); Axis of attack: 90° TC. Rally: Left off target. Bombing altitude: 451st Gp - 21,000; 461st BG - 22,000; 484th GP - 23,000. Area to be bombed: J/K-13 on target chart 15-17-NA. Target Elevation: 662 ft. Intervalometer setting: Optional.

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: PRIVOZ OIL REFINERY (49° 51'N, 18° 16'E). Axis of Attack: 110° TC. Rally: Left off target. Bombing Altitude: 451st Gp - 21,000; 461st BG - 22,000; 484th GP - 23,000. Area to be bombed: P-18/19 on target chart 15-15-NA. Target Elevation: 711 ft. Intervalometer setting: Optional.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will line rendezvous behind 451st BG over BOVINO on a TC of 331° at 0730B. 484th BG line rendezvous behind 451st BG and 461st BG over CASALNUOVO on a TC of 45° at 0739B. 451st BG will be at 5,000 ft, 461st BG. 461st BG will be at 6,000 ft and 484th BG will be at 7,000 ft.

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

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Close left echelon of Wgs: 5th Wg lead; 55th Wg; 49th Wg; 304th Wg.

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

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

KEY POINT: CAZZIOL ISLAND (42° 45' N, 16° 43' E). Base altitude 10,000 ft at 0812B.

TURN POINT #1: CSALLOKOZARANYOS (47° 46' N, 17° 58' E).

TURN POINT #2: STERNBERG (49° 44' N, 17° 18' E).

TURN POINT #3: NEUSTADT (50° 19' N, 17° 34' E).
TURN POINT #4: ZEDRZYDOWICA (49° 53' N, 18° 37' E).
INITIAL POINT: OBER GLOGAU (50° 21' N, 17° 51' E).
AXIS OF ATTACK: 104° TC.
AIMING POINT: Optional.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.
AREA TO BE BOMBED: Rectangle enclosed by P-11, O-9, L-10/11, H-13 on
target chart 13-108A-NA.
TARGET TIME: 1050B.
BOMBING ALTITUDE: (451st BG - 22,000 ft).
(461st BG - 23,000 ft).
(484th BG - 24,000 ft).
TARGET ELEVATION: 606.
RALLY: Right off target.
ROUTE BACK: Target to Turn Point #4 to Turn Point #1 to Key Point to
Bases.

3. x. (1) 451st BG will use Pathfinder A/C in the Gp lead and Deputy lead positions. 461st and 484th BGs will use Pathfinder A/C in the lead position of each attack unit. All Pathfinders will be landed at CASTELLUCCIO on return from mission.
 - (2) 451st and 461st BGs load 500# GP fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail. 484th BG load M-17 incendiaries.
 - (3) Lead attack units of Gps load two cartons window. Dispensing will begin two minutes before IP and continue at the rate of four units every 20 seconds until clear of flak.
 - (4) Gps will go into left echelon at Turn Point #3.
 - (5) Close formation and accurate route timing is imperative for maximum efficiency of fighter cover.
 - (6) Do not bomb POLAND indiscriminately.
 - (7) A diversionary effort by the 8th Air Force has been requested.
 - (8) Gps will adhere strictly to assigned bombing altitudes on bomb run but may cruise 500 ft. above bombing altitude.
 - (9) The physical features on the ground in the target area make this an ideal target for PF bombing. Pf operators will be thoroughly briefed on all terrain features which can be used as PF check points. If visual bombing of the target is impossible, it is believed that the target can successfully be hit by PF method.
 - (10) Combat Wg Commander will contact other Gp Commanders on "B" Channel during rendezvous period in order to aid line rendezvous. B-25 with Call sign "Network" will be in rendezvous area.
4. No Change.
5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
 - (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Daylong 1"0), (304th Wg, "Daylong 4"), (55th Wg, "Daylong 2"), (451st BG, "Daylong 31"), (461st BG, "Daylong 32"), (484th BG, "Daylong 33").
 - (3) Fighter Call Signs: (Escort for main bomber formation "IMPISH" with suffixed numbers).

- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Lockjaw"), (47th Wg, "Grease"), (304th Wg, "Robbin"), (55th Wg, "Comic"), 49th Wg, "Debter"), (306th Wg, "Planter").
- (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. Eaton.
- (2) Deputy Wg Commander: Maj. Davis.

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