

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

1 May 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 28)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".
 - b. (1) Bombers: Five Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack PLOESTI M/Y. Two Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack PLOESTI M/Y. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack PLOESTI M/Y. Two Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack Western half of PARMA M/Y; time at KP 1021B.
2. Normal effort B-24s each 461st BG, 484th BG, and 451st BG and will attack Eastern half of PARMA M/Y on 2 May 1944. This is Plan "A".

ALTERNATE TARGET: Any active M/Y in North Italy except FLORENCE and RIMINI.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Gps will assemble over assembly areas. 461st BG at 5,000 ft, 484th BG at 6,000 ft, 451st BG at 7,000 ft. The 461st BG leading will pass over MELFI, BOVINO and from the west boundary on a TC of 260 degrees to Key Point. 484th BG will line rendezvous with 461st BG over ROCCHETTA SCALO at 0948B. 451st BG will line rendezvous behind the 484th BG over BOVINO at 0952B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See Para. 1. B. (2).

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Gps to Parma, wings in close column (55th Wg lead- 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 IP to Target.

KEY POINT: PONZA ISLAND (40 deg 55 min N, 12 deg 58 min E) Base altitude 12,000 ft at 1031B.

TURN POINT #1: (42 deg 40 min N, 09 deg 40 min E).

TURN POINT #2: MONEGLIA (44 deg 14 min N, 09 deg 29 min E).

INITIAL POINT: LANCHIRANCO (44 deg 37 min N, 10 deg 17 min E).

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: 461st BG-30 ft; 484th BG- 35 ft. 451st BG- 30 ft.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 194 degrees TC.

AIMING POINT: Three Gps: H/I-10 on Target Chart 4-123-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1240B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (461st BG - 20,000 ft).
(484th BG - 21,000 ft).
(451st BG - 22,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: 170 ft.

RALLY: Left off Target.

ROUTE BACK: Reciprocal of route out.

3. x. (1) Load 500# GP, .1 sec nose and .025 tail fuse.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: 6440 Kc.

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

(3) Fighter Call Signs: (5th Wg, 47th Wg, 304th WG escort "Reckless 1, 2, 3, and 4"), (49th Wg and 55th Wg escort "Tankstop").

(4) VHF Channel "B".

(5) RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: (5th Wg, "History"), 47th Wg, "Flower"), (49th Wg, "Paper"), (55th Wg, "Bargain"), (304th Wg, "Fuel"), (306th Wg, "Hotseat").

(6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg. Red-Red flare will be used. Red-Red flare for abandoning Primary and on starting run on alternate.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Col. Glantzberg.

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX "A"
TO
OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 28 (a/o 29), 1 May 1944

PLAN: The primary target - the PARMA M/Y - is a key point in the main rail line from northern ITALY. This line is obviously important to the enemy for supplying the ITALIAN front. The effect of our continued attacks on these lines is cumulative and a successful operation at PARMA will be felt acutely. These yards are active with a proportion probably including supplies destined for transshipment to small boats at SPEXIA.

The ALTERNATE TARGET is any active M/Y in this area except FLORENCE or RIMINI.

DEFENSES: The most recent flak reports show no flak at PARMA. Fighter interception is estimated at 30-35 single engine planes mostly MAACHI 205s.

T. C. No. 4 -123-NA - Marked for primary target.

Photo Coverage - For primary target.

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