

HEADQUARTERS 49TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)  
APO 520 US ARMY

5 May 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER )  
:  
NUMBER 37 )

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

b. (1) Bombers: Five Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack BRASOV A/C Factory and A/D; time at KP 0953B. 483rd BG B-17s, 5<sup>th</sup> Wg, will attack TURNUL SEVERIN M/Ys. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack BRASOV M/Ys; time at KP 0942B. Three Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack CRAIOVA M/Ys; time at KP 1002B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack CAMPINO M/Ys and Bridge, and oil Refinery; time at KP 0942B.

(2) Escort: Will be furnished later by telephone.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack PITESTI M/Ys on 6 May 1944. This is plan "A".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: TURNUL SEVERIN M/Ys.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: NIS M/Ys.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUZ: 461st BG will line rendezvous with 484th BG over ROCCHETTA SAN ANTONIO when 484th BG flies over on a TC of 19 degrees at 0852B. 451st BG will line rendezvous behind 461st BG over CASTELLUCIO at 0857B. 484th BG and 461st BG will be flying a TC 68 degrees. Altitude 484th BG - 5,000 ft, 461st BG - 6,000 ft, 451st BG - 7,000 ft.

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

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Two parallel column of Wgs. In the left column - 47th Wg lead - 5th Wg second. In the right column - 304th Wg lead - 49th Wg second - 55th Wg third.

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

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

KEY POINT: BUDVA (42 deg 27 min N, 18 deg 53 min E) Base altitude 11,000 ft at 0952B.

TURN POINT #1: (42 deg 40 min N, 19 deg 10 min E)

TURN POINT #2: RADUJEVAC: (44 deg 16 min N, 22 deg 41 min E)

INITIAL POINT: RAMNICUL VALCEA (45 deg 06 min N, 24 deg 22 min E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: Primary - 123 degrees TC. 1<sup>st</sup> Alt. - 180 TC. 2<sup>nd</sup> Alt - 180 TC.

AIMING POINT: Primary - 0-3/4 on Target Chart 11-11-NA. 1st Alt - L-10/11 on Target Chart 11-19-NA. 2nd Alt. - F-17 on Target Chart 8-102-NA.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Primary - 484th BG - 350 ft, 461st BG - 325 ft, 451st BG - 300 ft. 1st and 2nd Alt. - 484th 60 ft, 461st - 55 ft, 451st - 50 ft.

TARGET TIME: 1128B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (484th BG - 20,000 ft)

(461st BG - 21,000 ft)

(451st BG - 22,000 ft)

TARGET ELEVATION: Primary - 950 ft. 1st Alt - 160 ft. 2nd Alt. - 610 ft.

RALLY: Right off target.

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

3.x. (1) Lead attack units of Gps will load three (3) cartons Window. Dispensing will begin two (2) minutes before IP and will continue until clear of flak.

(2) Three Gps load 500# GP with .1 sec nose and .01 tail fuse.

(3) Caution all crews in briefing to be sure they are not on VHF when they think they are on interphone.

(4) Correct timing is imperative for all units.

(5) Wg will climb at 160 MPH, rate of climb 200 ft per minute. For cruising the lead Gp (low) will fly an I.A.S. of 165 MPH. For decent the lead Gp will fly an I.A.S. of 170 MPH. Rate of decent 500 ft per minute. On route back remain at 15,000 ft until YUGOSLAVIA coast has been crossed.

4. No change.

5.a. (1) Command radio: 4085 Kcs.

(2) Bomber call signs: (5th Wg, "Encore 2"), (47th Wg, "Encore 1"), (304th Wg, "Pumpup 1"), (55th Wg, "Pumpup 3"), (451st BG, "Pumpup 22"), (461st BG, "Pumpup 23"), (484th BG, "Pumpup 21"), (483rd BG, "Encore 3")

(3) Fighter call signs: (5th Wg and 47th Wg target cover "Shapely"), (49th Wg, 55th Wg and 304th Wg target cover "Keyword 1" and "Keyword 2"), (Penetration cover "Bellbuoy 1"), (Withdrawal cover "Bellbuoy 2")

(4) Recall Identification Codword: (5th Wg, "Kind"), (47th Wg, "Mudpie"), (304th Wg, "Afford"), (55th Wg, "History"), (49th Wg, "Fuel"), (306th Wg, "Riot")

(5) VHF Channel: "B".

(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: Lt. Col. Keese.

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX "A"  
FOR  
OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 36, 5 May 1944

PLAN: Plan ABLE continues the attack against the rail communications to the south RUSSIAN front.

The 49th WING target is the PITESTI M/Y. There yards are the nearest main control point west of BUCHAREST. The recent damage to the BUCHAREST yards should cause a back up of cars and supplies at our target.

The same condition could be applied to both alternate targets.

DEFENSES: There is no flak indicated at PITESTI. The flak at NIS and TURNU SEVERIN has no indicated change from the current flak charts.

Fighter defenses of the PITESTI area could be drawn from PLOESTI-BUCHAREST a possible total of 50-60 ME 109s and 15-20 twin engine fighters. On the route an interception from the NIS BELGRADE area is possible - an estimated 25-30 ME 109s.

The fighter defense for the alternate targets is again the 25-30 ME 109s based at NIS and BELGRADE.

T. C. No. 11-11-NA - Marked for Primary Target.

T. C. No. 11-19-NA - For Turnu Severin.

T. C. No. 8-102-NA - For Nis.

Special Note: As of now, 5 May 1944, the indicated crash landing strips on the Safe Area Map, dated 16 April 1944, should be disregarded.

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