

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

6 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 BUCHAREST M/Y; time at KP 0906B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack BUCHAREST M/Y; time at KP 0940B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack BUCHAREST M/Y; time at KP 0920B. One Gp B-17s, 483rd BG, 5th Wg will attack BELGRADE PANCEVO RR Bridge; time at KP 0953B. Two Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack BUCHAREST Railway Repair Shops; time at KP 0930B.
 - (2) Escort: One Gp Fighters will give close escort for 483rd BG. Four Gps Fighters will give general cover to the Air Force Formation on penetration, maximum cover over target and withdrawal.
2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG, 484th BG will attack BUCHAREST M/Y on 7 May 1944. This is Plan "A".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Bomb Industrial Center of BUCHAREST on ETA.

LAST RESORT TARGET: Three M/Ys of CRAIDA and NIS.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG will line rendezvous with 451st BG over BOVINO when 451st BG flies over on a TC of 68 degrees at 0856B. 461st BG will line rendezvous behind 484th BG over CASTELLUCIO at 0859B. 451st BG and 484th BG will be flying on a TC of 68 degrees. Altitude: 451st BG 5,000 ft; 484th BG 6,000 ft; 461st BG 7,000 ft.

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

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Left echelon of Wgs, 5th Wg lead- 47th Wg- 55th Wg- 304th Wg- 49th Wg.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to KP to TP #1 to TP #2 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: BUDVA (42 deg 17 min N, 18 deg 51 min E) Base altitude 14,000 ft at 0950B.

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

TURN POINT #2: PEVENISCA (44 deg 52 min N, 22 deg 24 min E).

TURN POINT #3: 44 deg 40 min N, 23 deg 03 min E.

INITIAL POINT: LUNGUIETUL (44 deg 37 min N, 25 deg 40 min E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: Primary 117 degrees TC. Last Resort Target: NIS-180 deg TC.

AIMING POINT: Primary S/T-1 on Target Chart 11-10-NA. Last Resort Target: NIS, F-17 on Target Chart 8-102-NA.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: 451st BG-150 ft; 484th BG- 100 ft. 461st BG- 90 ft.
BOMBING ALTITUDE: 451st BG - 20,000 ft; 484th BG - 21,000 ft; 461st BG - 22,000 ft).
TARGET ELEVATION: Primary 300 ft. CRAIDVA-approx. 210 ft. NIS-610 ft.
RALLY: Right off Target turning inside RUSCHUCK and GIURGIU.
ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #3 to TP #1 to KP to Base.
TARGET TIME: 1140B.

3. x. (1) Lead attack units of Gps will load four (4) cartons window. Dispensing will begin three (3) minutes before IP and continue until clear of flak.
 - (2) Three Gps load 500# GO .1 sec nose with mixed .01 sec and .025 sec tail fusings.
 - (3) RUSCHUK will not be bombed.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: 4085 kcs.
 - (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Searchlight 1"), (47th Wg, "Searchlight 2"), (304th Wg, "Searchlight 4"), (55th Wg, "Searchlight 3"), (451st BG, "Searchlight 51", (461st BG, "Searchlight 53", (484th BG, "Searchlight 52"), 483rd BG, "Largecup").
 - (3) Fighter Call Signs: (Penetration Cover, "Betty 1"), (Target Cover, "Betty 2 and Betty 3"), (Withdrawal Cover, "Betty 4"), (483rd BG escort will be "Radcliff").
 - (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Rusty"), 47th Wg, "Football"), (304th Wg, "Dandy"), (55th Wg, "Paper"), (49th Wg, "Nessy"), (306th Wg, "Loose Lip").
 - (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: Captain YOUNKIN.

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