

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

9 May 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 40)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack WEINER NEUSTADT A/C Factory WERK No. 1 and WERK No. 2; time at KP 0909B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack WEINER NEUSTADT A/C Factory WERK No. 1 and WERK No. 2; time at KP 0930B. Three Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack WEINER NEUSTADT A/C Factory WERK No. 2; time at KP 1020B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack WEINER NEUSTADT A/C Factory WERK No. 1 and assembly hangar; time at KP 0930B. Azon Force will destroy VAR RIVER Rail Bridge; One Gp B-24s, 55th Wg, (485th BG) will attack KNIN RR Center.

(2) Escort: Three Gps Fighters will give penetration cover, target cover and withdrawal cover for first wave of bombers attacking WEINER NEUSTADT. Two Gps Fighters will provide target cover and withdrawal cover to second wave of bombers attacking WEINER NEUSTADT. Target cover will rendezvous with bombers before reaching IP.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 461st BG, 451st BG, and 484th BG will Frag WEINER NEUSTADT NORD A/D on 10 May 1944. This is Plan "A".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Same as primary on ETA.

LAST RESORT TARGET: ZAGREB and GRAZ THALERHOF A/Ds.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 451st BG will line rendezvous with 461st BG when the 461st BG flies over ROCCHETTA SCALO on a TC of 332 degrees at 0858B. 484th BG will line rendezvous behind 451st BG over BOVINO when the 461st BG and 451st BG fly over on a TC of 332 degrees at 0908B. The 49th Wg will continue out Western boundary to Turn Point #1. Rendezvous altitudes SOP 49th Wg.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See Para. 1. b. (2). Details to be telephoned later.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Two columns of Wgs. First column 5th Wg lead - 304th Wg, second. Second column 49th Wg lead - 55th Wg second - 47th Wg third.

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

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

KEY POINT: SOLINT (44 deg 08 min N, 14 deg 53 min E) Base altitude 13,000 ft at 1010B.

TURN POINT #1: (43 deg 30 min N, 14 deg 50 min E).

TURN POINT #2: KESZTHELY (46 deg 46 min N, 17 deg 14 min E).
TURN POINT #3: CZELLDOMOLK (47 deg 16 min N, 17 deg 09 min E).
INITIAL POINT: SAINT NARGARETHEN (44 deg 48 min N, 16 deg 37 min E).
AXIS OF ATTACK: Primary 277 degrees TC. ZAGREB: 180 deg TC. GRAZ
THALERHOF: 180 deg TC.
AIMING POINT: Primary: 461st BG K/L-13/14; 451st BG N/O-14/15; 484th BG N-
16/17 on Target Chart 14-31-NA. ZAGREB: T-23 on Target
Chart 8-4-NA for all Gps. GRAZ THALERHOF: 461st BG H-18;
451st BG F/G-17/18; 484th BG D/E-17/18 on Target Chart 14-
8-NA.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Primary: 451st BG 225 ft; 461st BG and 484th BG
200 ft. ZAGREB and GRAZ THALERHOF 200 ft. all Gps.
TARGET TIME: 1155B.
BOMBING ALTITUDE: (461st BG - 20,000 ft)
(451st BG - 21,000 ft)
(484th BG - 22,000 ft).
TARGET ELEVATION: Primary 961 ft. ZAGREB 400 ft. GRAZ THALERHOF 200 ft.
all Gps.
RALLY: Left off Target. All units make sufficient turn to avoid Flak at
NEUNKIRCHEN.
ROUTE BACK: Target to Key Point to Base.

3. x. (1) All aircraft will load four (4) cartons Window and saturate the Target area. Dispensing to begin four (4) minutes before IP and continue until clear of flak. Dispensing rate will be increased to twelve (12) Window units each thirty seconds while in actual flak area..
 - (2) Three Gps load Fragmentation Bombs.
 - (3) 49th Wg Frag Formation "B".
4. No Change.
5. a. (1) Command Radio: 4085 kcs.
 - (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Frontroom 1"), (47th Wg, "Frontroom 5"), (304th Wg, "Frontroom 2"), (55th Wg, "Frontroom 4"), (451st BG, "Frontroom 32"), (461st BG, "Frontroom 31"), (484th BG, "Frontroom 33"), Azon Force Bombers, "Pumpup").
 - (3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort "Shapely 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5" in order of making contact with bombers. Azon escort: "Cartload".
 - (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Kind"), 47th Wg, "Polite"), (304th Wg, "Keeper"), (55th Wg, "Flower"), (49th Wg, "Hotseat"), (306th Wg, "Mudpie").
 - (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. Hawes.

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX "A"
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PLAN: WIENER NEUSTADT is the most important target in Europe and the first priority objective in our area. Plan ABLE contemplates the destruction of all remaining buildings at WIENER NEUSTADT which are still capable of producing A/C - and the destruction of more than 80 A/C on the airfield. Any spillage from planned axis of attacks should result in damage to buildings already hit.

DEFENSES: Flak remains at a total of 91 heavy guns but there is probably some change in the disposition of them around the target area.

The axis of attack and the rally off the target are planned with consideration of the flak, fighters and successful operations.

On the LAKE BALATON route to the target, fighter opposition is not anticipated but interception by 40-50 fighters, mostly ME-109s, is possible.

In the target area the enemy's reaction may total 75-80 S/E and 40-50 T/E fighters. The overall fighter effort may reach 115-130 S/E plus 40-50 T/E fighters.

T. C. No. 14-31-NA Marked for Wiener Neustadt

T. C. No. 14-8A-NA Marked for Graz

T. C. No. 8-4-NA Marked for Zagreb

Overlay for Wiener Neustadt Mosaic #30-512

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