28 May 1944

## OPERATIONS ORDER)

## NUMBER 59)

- 1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".
  - b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack WOLLERSDORF A/D; time at KP 0805B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack WOLLERSDORF A/D; time at KP 0823B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack ATZGERSDORF A/C Factory; time at KP 0843B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack BIHAC, KRUPA, NOVI and PREJEDOR in the morning; time at KP 0853B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack KNIN, BANJA LUCA, LIVNO and MRKONJIC in the afternoon.
    - (2) Escort: Fighters will provide penetration, route, target and withdrawal. Each Wg will have its own escorting fighter Gp.
- 2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG, and 484th BG, will attack WEINER NEUSTADT WERKE ONE on 29 May 1944. This is Plan "A".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Center of VIENNA by Pathfinder.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ-THALERHOF A/D and Installations.

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: ZAGREB A/D and M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See attached OPERATIONS ANNEX. The  $451^{\rm st}$  BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0701B to 0723B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See Para. 1. B. (2). Details will be furnished later by telephone.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

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

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to Key Point to Turn Point #1 to Turn Point #2 to Turn Point #3 to Turn Point #4 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: BIOGRAD (43 deg 56 min N, 15 deg 27 min E) Base altitude 12,000 ft at 0833B.

TURN POINT #1: OSTARIJE (45 deg 14 min N, 15 deg 17 min E).

TURN POINT #2: LITIJE (46 deg 03 min N, 14 deg 50 min E).

TURN POINT #3: ZELTWEG (47 deg 11 min N, 14 deg 45 min E).

TURN POINT #4: FRANKENFELS (47 deg 59 min N, 15 deg 20 min E).

TURN POINT #5: VRBOVEC (45 deg 53 min N, 16 deg 25 min E).

TURN POINT #6: DRVENIX (43 deg 27 min N, 16 deg 09 min E).

INITIAL POINT: ALTERNMARKT (48 deg 02 min N, 15 deg 55 min E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: Primary - 134 deg TC; 1st Alternate - None. 2nd Alternate: 180 deg TC. 3rd Alternate - 180 deg TC.

AIMING POINT: Primary: Optional on Target Chart 14-31-NA. 1st Alternate - no Target Chart. 2nd Alternate - Optional on Target Chart

14-8A-NA. 3rd Alternate - 451st BG - A/D Installations, 461st BG and 484th BG M/Y on Target Chart 8-4-NA.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

TARGET TIME: 1020B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (451st BG - 20,000 ft).

(461st BG - 21,000 ft).

(484th BG - 22,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: Primary - 961 ft; 1st Alternate - 595 ft. 2nd Alternate - 1100 ft. 3rd Alternate - 400 ft.

RALLY: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Rally Point FURSTENFELD (47 deg 03 min N, 16 deg 05 min E) Turn Point #5 to Turn Point #6 to Bases.

- 3. a.  $451^{\rm st}$  BG will use Pathfinder A/C in lead and deputy positions.
  - b.  $484^{\text{th}}$  BG will use Pathfinder A/C in lead position.
  - c. 461st BG will not use Pathfinder a/c.
  - x. (1) Three Gps will load 500# GP with .1 sec nose and .01 tail fuse.
    - (2) Accurate route timing is essential.
    - (3)  $\underline{\text{All}}$  A/C will load four (4) cartons of Window. Dispensing will begin three (3) minutes before IP and continue until clear of flak.
- 4. No Change.
- 5. a. (1) Command Radio: 4085 Kcs.
  - (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Trueman"), (47th Wg, "Pumpup"),
    (304th Wg, "Sandsail"), (55th Wg, "Headtop"), (451st BG,
    "Frontroom 1"), (461st BG, "Frontroom 2"), (484th BG,
    "Frontroom 3").
  - (3) Fighter Call Signs: 5th Wg escort, "Pixie". 47th Wg escort, "Airslug". 49th BG escort, "Cartload". 55th Wg escort, "Butler". 304th Wg escort, "Retail".
  - (4) RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: (5th Wg, "Mincemeat"), (47th Wg, "Mudpie"), (304th Wg, "Pepper"), (55th Wg, "Other"), (49th Wg, "Obtain"), 306th Wg, "Catwalk").
  - (5) VHF Channel: "A".
  - (6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Capt. Younkin.

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