

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

30 May 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 61)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Two Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack XENIA OIL REFINERY; time at KP 0807B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack ROMANO AMERICANO OIL REFINERY; time at KP 0733B. Three Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack DACIA ROMANO and BEDEVENTA OIL REFINERIES; time at KP 0753B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack UNCOA SPERANZA OIL REFINERIES; time at KP 0743B. All targets are in PLOESTI area.

(2) Escort: Five Gps will furnish penetration, target and withdrawal cover.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 461st BG, 484th BG, and 451st BG, will attack CONCORDIA VEGA OIL REFINERIES on 31 May 1944. This is Plan "A".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: City of PLOESTI by Pathfinder or ETA.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: TURNU SEVERIN M/Y.

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: NIS M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0640B to 0701B. 484th BG and 451st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp (See note *).

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

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

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

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

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

KEY POINT: (42 deg 28 min N, 18 deg 25 min E) Base altitude 12,000 ft at 0803B.

TURN POINT #1: (42 deg 42 min N, 18 deg 38 min E).

TURN POINT #2: PENCENISCA (44 deg 52 min N, 22 deg 23 min E).

TURN POINT #3: PESTEANA (44 deg 51 min N, 23 deg 18 min E).

TURN POINT #4: SINAIIA (45 deg 22 min N, 25 deg 32 min E).

TURN POINT #5: (44 deg 36 min N, 25 deg 40 min E).

TURN POINT #6: (44 deg 28 min N, 21 deg 43 min E).

INITIAL POINT: HOMORACIUL (45 deg 16 min N, 26 deg 01 min E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: Primary - 180 deg TC; 1st Alternate - Optional. 2nd Alternate: 180 deg TC. 3rd Alternate - 180 deg TC.

AIMING POINT: Primary: Optional on Target Chart 11-100B-NA. 1st Alternate - No Target Chart. 2nd Alternate - L/K-12/13-9/10 on Target

Chart 11-19-NA. 3rd Alternate - E-19-15/16 on Target Chart
8-102-NA.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

TARGET TIME: 1030B.

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

TARGET ELEVATION: Primary - 561 ft; 1st Alternate - 550 ft. 2nd Alternate
- 160 ft. 3rd Alternate - 610 ft.

RALLY: Right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Rally right to Turn Point #5 to Turn Point #6 to Key Point to
Base.

3. a. Each Gp will use one (1) Pathfinder as the lead plane.
b. Three Gps load 500# GP with .1 sec nose fuse and .025 tail fuse.
x. All A/C will load three (3) cartons of Window. Dispensing will
begin three (3) minutes before IP and continue until clear of flak.
Six (6) units will be dispensed each twenty (20) seconds.
4. No Change.
5. a. (1) Command Radio: 4085 Kcs.
(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Greenherd 5"), (47th Wg,
"Greenherd 1"), (304th Wg, "Greenherd 2"), (55th Wg,
"Greenherd 3"), (451st BG, "Greenherd 43"), (461st BG,
"Greenherd 41"), (484th BG, "Greenherd 42").
(3) Fighter Call Signs: Will use "Mayflower" with suffix numbers
in order of contact with bomber formation.
(4) RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: (5th Wg, "Remedy"), (47th Wg,
"Polite"), (304th Wg, "Messy"), (55th Wg, "Pepper"), (49th Wg,
"Paper"), 306th Wg, "Mincemeat").
(5) VHF Channel: "A".
(6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Lt. Col. Hawes.

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*NOTE:

461st BG will make one (1) complete turn around rendezvous rectangle and depart between 304th and 55th Wg areas.