

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

3 October 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 175)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".
  - b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, four Gps, B-24s, 55th Wg, and four Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg will attack MUNICH WEST M/Y; KP time: 5th Wg, 1134A, 55th Wg, 1114A, 304th Wg, 1124A.
    - (2) Escort: Will provide close escort on penetration, over target and on withdrawal. Top cover over target will also be provided.
2. Reduced (24 A/C per Gp) effort B-24s each 451st BG and 461st BG will MUNICH WEST M/Y (48° 09'N, 11° 30'E) on 4 October 1944. This is Plan Able, Force Able.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will line rendezvous behind 451st BG when 451st BG flies over BOVINO on a TC of 332° at 0853A. Rendezvous altitudes - 5,000 ft and 6,000 ft.

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

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Close column of Wgs - 49<sup>th</sup> Wg lead - 55th Wg - 304th Wg - 5th Wg.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to TP #1 to TP #2 to KP to TP #3 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: CAORLE (45° 36'N, 12° 53'E). Base altitude 20,000 ft. at 1114A.

TURN POINT #1: BISEVO (42° 59'N, 16° 00'E).

TURN POINT #2: (44° 40'N, 13° 40'E).

TURN POINT #3: PORDENONE (45° 57'N, 12° 39'E).

TURN POINT #4: IDRIA (46° 00'N, 14° 02'E).

TURN POINT #5: (44° 30'N, 14° 10'E).

INITIAL POINT: PENZBERG (47° 46'N, 11° 23'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 12° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: 451st BG - Between H/I-22/23 and H-28. 461st BG - Between J-12 and I-18. All on Target Chart 13-5-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1200A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (451st BG - 23,000 ft). (461st BG - 24,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: 1725 ft.

RALLY: Right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to RP UBERSEE (47° 49'N, 12° 29'E) to TP #4 to TP #5 to Base.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: TRIESTE HARBOR INSTALLATIONS (45° 40'N, 13° 45'E). Axis of Attack: 175° TC. Rally: Left. Initial Point: MONTESPINO (45° 53'N, 13° 44'E). Bombing Altitude: (451st BG - 23,000 ft). (461st BG - 24,000 ft). Area to be bombed:

Center of Impact - 451st BG - I/J-16/17; 461st BG - I-17/18  
on Target Chart 4-116-NA. Target elevation: Sea level.  
Intervalometer setting: Optional.

3. x. (1) All Gps load 500# RDX fused .1 sec nose and .01 tail.  
(2) Gps will be at bombing altitude 5 minutes before IP.  
(3) PFF A/C will lead all units. If available, 4 PF A/C will be used by each Gp.  
(4) Bombing will be done by synchronous PF method on primary.  
(5) WX Recon to precede force on penetration and withdrawal.  
Employment SOP.
4. No Change.
5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.  
(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Retain 4"), (451st BG, "Retain 11"), (461st BG, "Retain 12"), (55th Wg, "Retain 2"), (304th Wg, "Retain 3").  
(3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort will use Bookclub with Nbrd. Suffizes in order of contact with bombers. WX Recon A/C (Route out: "Daylong 1") (Route Back: "Daylong 2").  
(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Baseball"), (49th Wg, "Bootlegger"), (55th Wg, "Manhattan"), (304th Wg, "Convertible"), (15th Ftr Cmd, "Tearoom").  
(5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".  
(6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.  
  
Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.  
  
(7) All units so equipped will employ carpet. All A/C of 451st BG and lead attack units of 461st BG load two (2) cartons Window (CHA-3-3). Dispensing will begin three (3) minutes before IP and continue at the rate of three (3) bundles every twenty (20) seconds until clear of flak.
- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Lt Col Applegate.  
(2) Deputy Combat Wing Commander: Lt Col Hoppock.

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