

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

6 October 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 182)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy VIENNA/LOBAU OIL REFINERY (48° 12'N, 16° 31'E); KP time 1202A. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy VIENNA/NOVA SCHWECHAT OIL REFINERY (48° 10'N, 16° 29'E) and WINTERHAFEN OIL DEPOT (48° 11'N, 16° 29'E); KP time 1126A. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy WINTERHAFEN OIL STORAGE; KP time 1142A. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy VIENNA/WINTERHAFEN OIL DEPOT; KP time 1152A.

(2) Escort: 15th Ftr Cmd will provide close escort on penetration, over target and withdrawal for all Wgs.

2. Reduced (24 A/C per Gp) effort B-24s each 451st BG and 461st BG will destroy VIENNA/WINTERHAFEN OIL STORAGE (48° 11'N, 16° 29'E) on 7 October 1944. This is Plan "B", Red Force.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will line rendezvous behind 451st BG when 451st BG flies over BOVINO on a TC of 332° at 1046A. Lead Gp will depart via CASALNUOVO. Rendezvous altitudes - 8,000, and 9,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be furnished later.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

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

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to KP to TP #1 to TP #2 to TP #3 to TP #4 to TP #5 to TP #6 to IP to Tgt.

KEY POINT: VRGADA (43° 51'N, 15° 31'E). Base altitude 16,000 ft. at 1136A.

TURN POINT #1: BUDIMLIC JAPRA (44° 53'N, 16° 26'E).

TURN POINT #2: KOZARAC (44° 58'N, 16° 51'E).

TURN POINT #3: BUG (45° 28'N, 17° 23'E).

TURN POINT #4: KOTORIBA (45° 22'N, 16° 49'E).

TURN POINT #5: FELBAR (47° 57'N, 17° 28'E).

TURN POINT #6: SZENG (48° 14'N, 17° 24'E).

INITIAL POINT: ZOHOR (48° 19'N, 16° 59'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 248° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: (451st BG - K/L-12/13), (461st BG - I/J-14/15) on target chart 14-55-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1310A.

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

TARGET ELEVATION: 675 ft.

RALLY: Left off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to MOSONSZENJANOS (47° 47'N, 17° 08'E) to TP #4 to TP #1 to KP to Bases.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Primary Target by PFF.

3. x. (1) All Gps load 500# RDX fused .1 sec nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail.

(2) Gps will be at bombing altitude five (5) minutes before TP #5 and go into right echelon at TP #5.

(3) PFF A/C will lead all units. Employment: SOP (Desired 4 A/C per Gp).

(4) No unassigned targets will be bombed in YUGOSLAVIA.

4. No Change.

5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.

(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Sandsail 5"), (47th Wg, "Sandsail 1"), (451st BG, "Sandsail 21"), (461st BG, "Sandsail 22"), (55th Wg, "Sandsail 3"), (304th Wg, "Sandsail 4").

(3) Fighter Call Signs: 49th Wg, escort will use "Airslug 2". WX Recon A/C will precede lead Wg on route out and route back. WX Recon A/C: (Route Out, "Ringway1"), (Route Back, "Ringway 2").

(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Ashtray"), (47th Wg, "Catwalk"), (49th Wg, "Bighouse"), (55th Wg, "Marshaland"), (304th Wg, "Flatbush"), (15th Ftr Cmd, "Poker").

(5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".

(6) Visual Signals: SOP.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

(7) All units so equipped will employ carpet. All A/C of 451st BG and lead attack units of 461st BG load three (3) cartons Window (CHA-3). Dispensing will begin three (3) minutes before IP and continue at the rate of six (6) bundles every twenty (20) seconds until clear of flak.

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

(2) Deputy Combat Wing Commander: Major Anderson.

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