

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

10 October 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 197)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries and Annexes.

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy VIENNA SOUTH ORDNANCE PLANT (48° 11'N, 16° 24'E); KP time 0922A. Four Gps (18 A/C Ea) B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy VIENNA/KAGRAN OIL REFINERY (48° 15'N, 16° 28'E); KP time 0946A and four Gps (24 AC Ea) B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy VIENNA/FLORISDORF OIL REFINERY (48° 16'N, 16° 25'E); KP time 0954A. Four Gps, B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy OSTERREICHISCHE/SAURER WERKE (48° 11'N, 16° 26'E); KP time 0930A. Four Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy VIENNA/OSTERREICHISCHE MOTOR WORKS (48° 11'N, 16° 26'E); KP time 1008A.

(2) Escort: 15th Ftr Cmd will provide three (3) Gps maximum A/C on general cover for Blue Bomb Force.

2. Reduced (18 A/C per Gp) effort B-24s, each 451st BG, 461st BG, and 484th BG will attack VOSENDORF OIL REFINERY (48° 08'N, 16° 18'E) on 11 October 1944. This is Plan "Able" Blue Force.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 451st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0821A until 0841A. 484th BG and 461st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. Lead Gp will enter and depart rectangle at BOVINO and depart from area via CASALNUOVO. Rendezvous altitudes: 7,000, 8,000, 9,000 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 - 5th Wg - 55th Wg - 49th Wg - 47th Wg. Blue Force 2: 47th Wg; Blue Force 1: 304th Wg.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to KP to TP #1 to TP #2 to TP #3 to TP #4 to IP to target.

KEY POINT: TIJESNO (43° 48'N, 15° 39'E). Base altitude: 16,000 ft at 0938A.

TURN POINT #1: METLIKA (45° 39'N, 15° 19'E).

TURN POINT #2: CAKOVEC (46° 23'N, 16° 27'E).

TURN POINT #3: WARTBERG (47° 32'N, 15° 30'E).

TURN POINT #4: TURNITZ (47° 55'N, 15° 30'E).

TURN POINT #5: ILLMITZ (47° 46'N, 16° 48'E).

INITIAL POINT: MICHELBAACH (48° 06'N, 12° 46'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 87° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: Tgt #1 on BRCH 14-46-NA, TGTCH 14-46-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1114A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: For all targets: (451st BG - 22,000), (484th BG - 23,000), (461st BG - 24,000).

TARGET ELEVATION: 685 ft.

RALLY: Right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #5 to TP #2 to TP #1 to KP to Bases.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ NEUDROF ENG. FACTORY (47° 01'N, 15° 28'E)  
Axis of Attack: 42° TC. Rally: Sharp right. IP: LANDSBERG (46° 49'N, 15° 12'E). Area to be bombed: Tgt #1 on BRCH 14-16-NA, on TGTCH 14-16-NA. Target elevation: 1120 ft.  
Intervolmeter setting: Optional.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ MAIN M/Y (47° 05'N, 15° 24'E). Axis of Attack: 28° TC. Rally: Slight left then right. IP: LANDSBERG (46° 49'N, 15° 12'E). Center of Impact: 451<sup>st</sup> and 484<sup>th</sup> BGs - F-18/19; 461<sup>st</sup> BG - H-14/15, both on Target Chart 14-41-NA. Target elevation: 1180 ft.

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: MARIBOR ENG. FACTORY (46° 31'N, 15° 40'E). Axis of Attack: 70° TC. Rally: Left. IP: PERGER (46° 27'N, 15° 12'E). Center of Impact: All Gps N-13/14 on Target Chart 8-107-NA. Target elevation: 883 ft. Intervolmeter setting: Optional.

FOURTH ALTERNATE TARGET: KLAGENFURT A/C FACTORY (46° 37'N, 14° 18'E) Axis of Attack: 221° TC. Rally: Left. IP: EBERSTEIN (46° 48'N, 14° 33'E). Area to be bombed: All Gps on Tgt #1A on BRCH 14-4-NA, on Target Chart 14-4-NA. Target elevation: 1475 ft. Intervolmeter setting: Optional.

FIFTH ALTERNATE TARGET: KRANJ A/C FACTORY (46° 14'N, 14° 21'E). Rally: Straight ahead. IP: SITTERSDORF (46° 32'N, 14° 37'E). Axis of Attack: 212° TC. Area to be bombed: (451st BG - Tgt #1A), (484th and 461st BGs - Tgt #1), all on BRCH 8-17-NA. Target Chart: 8-17-NA. Target elevation: 1250 ft.

3. x. (1) All Gps load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail.
- (2) Gps will be at bombing altitude five (5) minutes before TP #3 and go into left echelon at TP #3.
- (3) PFF A/C will lead for navigational purposes only.
- (4) In bombs away reports, Gps will specify whether it is Red or Blue Force reporting.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Retain 1"), (47th Wg, Force 2, "Retain 4"), (47th Wg, Force 1, "Retain 5"), (451st BG, "Retain 31"), (461st BG, "Retain 33"), (484th BG, "Retain 32"), (55th Wg, "Retain 2"), (304th Wg, "Retain 6").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort will use "Pusscat" with numbered suffizes in order of contact with bomber formation. WX Recon A/C: (Route out: "Crawford 3"), (Route back: "Crawford 4").
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Frontier"), (47th Wg, "Rumrunner"), (49th Wg, "Tearoom"), (55th Wg, "Baseball"), (304th Wg, "Rotation"), (15<sup>th</sup> Ftr Cmd, "Quaker").
- (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".

(6) Visual Signals: SOP.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

(7) All units so equipped will employ carpet. All A/C of 451st BG and lead attack unit of 461st BG load four (4) cartons Window (CHA-3). Dispensing will begin three (3) minutes before IP and continue at the rate of six bundles every twenty (20) seconds until clear of flak. Lead attack unit of 484th 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 Hoppock
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