

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

12 October 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 207)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy FLORISDORF OIL REFINERY (48° 16'N, 16° 23'E); time at KP 0928A. Four Gps, B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy ROLLING STOCK IN BANHIDA M/Y (47° 35'N, 18° 22'E); time at KP 0958A. Four Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy ROLLING STOCK IN SZEKESFEHERVAR M/Y (47° 11'N, 18° 25'E); time at KP 0948A. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy COASTAL GUN DEFENSES IN ATHENS AREA (37° 58'N, 23° 45'E) on Red Force. 5th Wg, 55th Wg, and 304th Wg are attacking BLECHHAMMER SOUTH OIL REFINERY (50° 17'N, 18° 15'E).

(2) Escort: One (1) Gp of fighters will provide target cover for Blue Force. Remainder are escorting Red Force.

2. Maximum effort B-24s, (42 A/C per Gp) each 451st BG, 461st BG, and 484th BG will attack OSTERREICHISCHE MOTOR WORKS AND M/Y (48° 16'N, 16° 23'E) on 13 October 1944. This is Plan "Able" Blue Force.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 451st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0819A until 0839A. 461st BG and 484th BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 451st BG will enter and depart from BOVINO. Rendezvous altitudes: 7,000, 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 at order: 5th Wg lead - 49th Wg - 304th Wg and 55th Wg.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 451st BG lead - 461st BG - 484th 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 TP #7 to IP to Target.

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

TURN POINT #1: BOSAN PETRIVAC (44° 33'N, 16° 22'E).

TURN POINT #2: CSURGO (46° 16'N, 17° 06'E).

TURN POINT #3: BALATON BOLGAR (46° 47'N, 17° 40'E).

TURN POINT #4: GUTA (47° 55'N, 18° 00'E).

TURN POINT #5: HODONIN (48° 50'N, 17° 08'E).

TURN POINT #6: MUSCHAU (48° 54'N, 16° 37'E).

TURN POINT #7: JOSLOWITZ (48° 45'N, 16° 13'E).

INITIAL POINT: HOLLABRUNN (48° 33'N, 16° 04'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 143°.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: (451st -Target #3, Center of Impact V-15), (461<sup>st</sup> - Center of Impact T-16/17), (484<sup>th</sup> - Center of Impact T/U-17). All on target chart 14-22-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1146A. TARGET ELEVATION: 550 ft).

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

RALLY: Left then right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #2 then reciprocal of router out.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ M/Y (47° 05'N, 15° 24'E). IP: EAST END OF LAKE (46° 58'N, 15° 02'E). Axis of attack: 67°. Rally: Left off target. Bombing altitude: (451st BG - 22,000), (461st BG - 23,000), (484th BG - 24,000). Area to be bombed: Center of Impact (451st - F-19), (461<sup>st</sup> - F-18), (484<sup>th</sup> - H-14/15). All on target chart 14-41-NA. Target elevation: 1180 ft.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: MARIBOR M/Y (46° 32'N, 15° 39'E). IP: RIBNICA (46° 32'N, 15° 26'E). Axis of attack: 92°. Rally: Left off target. Bombing altitude: (451st BG - 22,000), (461st BG - 23,000), (484th BG - 24,000). Area to be bombed: Center of Impact (451st - K-16), (461<sup>st</sup> - K-15), (484<sup>th</sup> - K/L-14). All on target chart 8-107-NA. Target elevation: 883 ft.

3. x. (1) All Gps load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail.
- (2) Gps will be at bombing altitude at TP #6 and go into left Echelon at TP #7.
- (3) PFF A/C will lead all units, employment SOP.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Largecup 1"), (451st BG, "Largecup 21"), (461st BG, "Largecup 22"), (484th BG, "Largecup 23"), (55th Wg, "Largecup 4"), (304th Wg, "Largecup 3").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: "Cartload" with numbered suffixes in order of contact with bomber formation. WX Recon A/C: (Route out: "Retain 3"), (Route back: "Retain 4").
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Flatbush"), (49th Wg, "Skipper"), (55th Wg, "Dogface"), (304th Wg, "Poker"), (15<sup>th</sup> Ftr Cmd, "Moonglow").
- (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 unit 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. 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: Major Walkie.
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