

15 October 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER )  
:  
NUMBER 211 )

1. a. See latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".  
b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy BRUX SYNTHETIC OIL REFINERY (50-34N, 13-36E); time at KP 1013A. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy ST. VALENTIN TANK WORKS (48-09N, 14-30E); time at KP 0947A. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy ST. VALENTIN TANK WORKS (48-09N, 14-30E); time at KP 0957A. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy STEYER DIAMLER PUCH PLANT AND STEYER/WALZLAGERWERK AERO ENGINEERING WORKS (48-03N, 14-26E); time at KP 0937A.  
(2) Escort: 15th Ftr Cmd will provide penetration and target cover for 47th, 49th, 55th and 304th Wgs; and penetration, target and withdrawal cover for 5th Wg.
2. Maximum effort B-24s (36 A/C per Gp) each 451st BG, 461st BG, 484th BG will attack HERMAN GOERING BENZOLE PLANT BUILDINGS (48-17N, 14-20E) on 16 October 1944. This is Plan "Able".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 451st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0749A until 0809A. 461st BG and 484th BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 451st BG will enter and depart rectangle at BOVINO. Rendezvous altitudes: 5,000, 6,000 and 7,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be furnished later.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Parallel column of Wgs. Left column: 5th Wg- 49th Wg. Right column: 304th Wg- 47th 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 IP to Target.

Key POINT: CAORLE (45-36N, 12-53E). Base Alt: 18,000 at 1003A.

TURN POINT #1: PORDENONE (45-57N, 12-40E).

TURN POINT #2: SEEWALCHEN (45-57N, 13-35E).

TURN POINT #3: ZELL (48-19N, 13-39E).

TURN POINT #4: LAIMBACH (48-19N, 15-08E).

TURN POINT #5: FREILAND (47-59N, 15-35E).

TURN POINT #6: MARIAZELL (47-47N, 15-19E).

TURN POINT #7: RADENTHEIN (46-48N, 13-42E).

TURN POINT #8: TARVISIO (46-30N, 13-35E).

TURN POINT #9: SANSEGO (44-30N, 14-18E).

TURN POINT #10: WALDKIRCHEN (48-27N, 14-49E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 114° TC

AIMING POINT: Optional

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: (451st BG- Bldgs #4 and 5, Area #1 on Briefing Chart B.C. 14-7 or Center of Impact at M-12/13 on target chart 14-50 NA. (461st BG and 484th BG- Area #4 on Briefing Chart B.C. 14-7 or Center of Impact I/J-20/21 on target chart 14-50-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1107A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (451<sup>st</sup> BG- 23,000), (461<sup>st</sup> BG- 24,000), (484<sup>th</sup> BG- 25,000).

TARGET ELEVATION: 849 ft.

RALLY: Sharp left until clear of flak.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #4 to TP #5 to TP #6 to TP #7 to TP #8 to TP #9 to TP #10 to Bases.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Primary by PFF.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ M/Y (47-05N, 15-24E). IP: KOFLACH (47-04N, 15-05E). Axis of attack: 86°. 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 BG- F-19), 461st BG- F-18), 484th BG- H14/15 on target chart 14-41-NA. Target elevation: 1180 ft.

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ PUNTIGAN A/C ENG> FACTORY (47-02N, 15-26E). IP: KOFLACH (47-04N, 15-05E). Axis of attack: 94°. Rally left off target. Bombing altitude: (451st BG-22,000), (461st BG-23,000), 484th BG-24,000). Area to be bombed: All Gps Center of Impact N-2/3 on target chart 14-41-NA. Target elevation: 1180 ft.

FOURTH ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ NEUDORF A/C ENG. FACTORY (47-01N, 15-28E). IP: KOFLACH (47-04N, 15-05E). Axis of attack: 99°. Rally right off target. Bombing altitude: (451st BG-22,000), (461st BG-23,000), 484th BG-24,000). Area to be bombed: All Gps target #1 on Briefing Chart 14-16-NA. Target elevation: 1120 ft.

FIFTH ALTERNATE TARGET: MARIBOR M/Y (46-32N, 15-39E). IP: None. Axis of attach: West to East avoiding flak at MARENBURG. Rally left off target. Bombing altitude: (451st BG-22,000), (461st BG-23,000), 484th BG-24,000). Area to be bombed: All Gps entire M/Y on target chart 8-107-NA. Target elevation: 883 ft.

SIXTH ALTERNATE TARGET: MARIBOR A/C ENG. FACTORY (46-32N, 15-40E). IP: None. Axis of attach: West to East avoiding flak at MARENBURG. 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 M-13/14 on target chart 8-107-NA. Target elevation: 883 ft.

SEVENTH ALTERNATE TARGET: KLAGENFURT A/C ENG. FACTORY (46-37N, 14-18E). IP: STEINDORF (46-42N, 14-00E). Axis of attack: 111°. Rally right off target. Bombing altitude: (451st BG-22,000), (461st BG-23,000), 484th BG-24,000). Area to be bombed: All Gps Target #1A on Briefing Chart 14-4-NA. Target elevation: 1475 ft.

3. x. (1) All Gps load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and mix .01 and .025 tail.  
(2) Gps will be at bombing altitude at TP #2 and go into left echelon at TP #2.  
(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, "Bookclub 1"), (47th Wg, "Mixtub 2"), (451st BG, "Bookclub 21"), (461st BG, "Bookclub 22"), (484th BG, "Bookclub 23"), 55th Wg, "Mixtub 3"), (304th Wg, "Mixtub 1").  
(3) Fighter Call Signs: "Scanty" with numbered suffizes in order of contact with Bombers. WX Recon: (Route Out, "Pulpwood 1"), (Route Back, "Pulpwood 2").  
(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Panhandle"), 47th Wg, "Pickpocket"), (49th Wg, "Barfly"), (55th Wg, "Scarface"), (304th Wg, "Pingpong"), 15th Ftr Cmd, "Moonglow").  
(5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".  
(6) Visual Signals: SOP

Aldis Lamp: SOP.