

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

16 October 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 212)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy BLECHHAMMER SOUTH OIL REFINERY (50° 17'N, 18° 15'E); KP time 0959A. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy VIENNA SAURWERKE (48° 11'N, 16° 26'E); KP time 1042A. Four Gps, B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy VIENNA SOUTH ORDNANCE DEPOT (48° 11'N, 16° 24'E); KP time 1022A. Four Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy VIENNA SOUTH M/Y (48° 10'N, 16° 23'E); KP time 1102A.

(2) Escort: 15th Ftr Cmd will provide close escort for 47th, 49th, 55th and 304th Wgs, and penetration, target and withdrawal cover for 5th Wg.

2. Maximum effort B-24s (28 A/C per Gp) each 451st BG, 461st BG, and 484th BG will attack VOSENDORF OIL REFINERY (48° 08'N, 16° 18'E) on 17 October 1944. This is Plan "Able".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 1001A until 1025A. 451st BG and 461st BG will follow sop to rendezvous with lead Gp. Lead Gp will enter rectangle at CANDELA, go around 1 ½ times, depart from BOVINO via CASALNUOVO. Rendezvous altitudes: 8,000, 9,000, and 10,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be furnished later.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

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

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

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

KEY POINT: VRGADA (43° 51'N, 15° 31'E). Base Alt: 16,000 ft at 1122A.

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

TURN POINT #2: DURDEVAC (46° 03'N, 17° 03'E).

TURN POINT #3: GALAMBOK (46° 32'N, 17° 08'E).

TURN POINT #4: WEIZ (47° 13'N, 15° 37'E).

TURN POINT #5: TURNITZ (47° 56'N, 15° 30'E).

TURN POINT #6: CSORNA (47° 37'N, 17° 14'E).

INITIAL POINT: MICHELBAACH (48° 06'N, 15° 46'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 87°.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: All Gps Target #1 on Briefing Chart 14-46-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1300A.

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

TARGET ELEVATION: 685 ft).

RALLY: Sharp left with evasive action, then right and around BRATISLAVA flak.

ROUTE BACK: Target, around BRATISLAVA to TP #6 to TP #3, then reciprocal of Route Out.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: PFF on VIENNA SOUTHEAST INDUSTRIAL SECTION. Area to be bombed: MPI T/U-11 on target chart 14-23-NA.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ MAIN M/Y (47° 05'N, 15° 24'E). IP: LANDSBERG (46° 49'N, 15° 12'E). Axis of attack: 28°. Rally: Left off target. Bombing altitude: (484th BG - 22,000), (451st BG - 23,000), (461st BG - 24,000). Area to be bombed: (484th BG - North half of Target #1 on Briefing Chart 14-41-NA), (451st BG and 461st BG - South half of Briefing Chart 14-41-NA). Target elevation: 1180 ft.

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ PUNTIGAN AERO ENGINEERING WORKS (47° 02'N, 15° 26'E). IP: LANDSBERG (46° 19'N, 15° 12'E). Axis of attack: 34°. Rally: Left off target. Bombing altitude: (484th BG - 22,000), (451st BG - 23,000), (461st BG - 24,000). Area to be bombed: Center of Impact, All Gps N-2/3 on target chart 14-41-NA. Target elevation: 1180 ft.

FOURTH ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ ORDNANCE DEPOT (47° 03'N, 15° 24'E). IP: LANDSBERG (46° 19'N, 15° 12'E). Axis of attack: 29°. Rally: Left off target. Bombing altitude: (451st BG - 22,000), (484th BG - 23,000), (461st BG - 24,000). Area to be bombed: All Gps Center of Impact F/G-7 on target chart 14-41-NA. Target elevation: 1180 ft.

FIFTH ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ NEUDROF A/C ENGINE FACTORY (47° 01'N, 15° 28'E). IP: LANDSBERG (46° 19'N, 15° 12'E). Axis of attack: 42°. Rally: Sharp right off target. Bombing altitude: (451st BG - 22,000), (484th BG - 23,000), (461st BG - 24,000). Area to be bombed: All Gps Target #1 on Briefing Chart 14-16-NA. Target elevation: 1120 ft.

SIXTH ALTERNATE TARGET: MARIBOR R/R BRIDGE (46° 33'N, 15° 39'E) and SOUTH M/Y (46° 31'N, 15° 40'E). IP: VITANJE (46° 23'N, 15° 22'E). Axis of attack: Bridge - 56°; M/Y - 60°. Rally: Left off target. Bombing altitude: (451st BG - 22,000), (484th BG - 23,000), (461st BG - 24,000). Area to be bombed: (484th BG - R/R BRIDGE between K & K/L-25), (451st and 461st Gps - Entire SOUTH M/Y. on target chart 8-107-NA. Target elevation: 883 ft.

SEVENTH ALTERNATE TARGET: KLAGENFURT A/C ENGINE FACTORY (46° 37'N, 14° 18'E). IP: None. Axis of attack: 60° staying clear of flak at VILLACH and JESNICE. Rally: Right off target. Bombing altitude: (451st BG - 22,000), (484th BG - 23,000), (461st BG - 24,000). Area to be bombed: All Gps Target #1A on Briefing Chart 14-4-NA. Target elevation: 1475 ft.

EIGHTH ALTERNATE TARGET: VILLACH M/Y (46° 38'N, 13° 51'E). IP: TARVISIO (46° 30'N, 13° 25'E). Axis of attack: 59°. Rally: Left off target. Bombing altitude: (451st BG - 22,000), (484th BG - 23,000), (461st BG - 24,000). Area to be bombed: (484th BG -

Target #1A on Briefing Chart 14-44-NA. Target elevation:  
1192 ft.

3. x. (1) All Gps load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail.  
(2) Gps will be at bombing altitude at TP #5 and go into left Echelon at TP #5.  
(3) Maximum PFF A/C will lead all units. Employment SOP.
4. No Change.
5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.  
(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Pumpup"), (47th Wg, "Pusscat 2"), (451st BG, "Pusscat 42"), (461st BG, "Pusscat 43"), (484th BG, "Pusscat 41"), (55th Wg, "Pusscat 1"), (304th Wg, "Pusscat 3").  
(3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort for 47th, 49th, 55th and 304th Wgs will use "Tankstop" with numbered suffizes in order of contact with bomber formation. Escort for 5th Wg will use "Roosevelt" with numbered suffixes. WX Recon A/C: (Route out: "Playfair 1"), (Route back: "Playfair 2").  
(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Poorbred"), (47th Wg, "California"), (49th Wg, "Bootlegger"), (55th Wg, "Darkhorse"), (304th Wg, "Skipper"), (15<sup>th</sup> Ftr Cmd, "Frontier").  
(5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".  
(6) Visual Signals: SOP.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

(7) All units so equipped will employ carpet. Lead attack unit of 451st BG and 461st BG load four (4) 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. All A/C 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.

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