

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

19 October 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 215)

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) and REGENSBURG OIL STORAGE (49-01N, 12 02E). Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will interdict the BRENNER ROUTE COMMUNICATIONS. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy MUNICH/ERDING AIRDROME INSTALLATIONS AND STORAGE AREAS (49-19N, 11-57E). Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy PARKED A/C AND INSTALLATIONS ON MUNICH/REIN AIRDROME (48-08N, 11-42E).

(2) Escort: None.

2. Maximum effort B-24s (36 A/C per Gp) each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack MILAN INDUSTRIAL TARGETS (45-28N, 09-09E) on 20 October 1944. This is Plan "Able".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0707A until 0730A. 484th BG and 451st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 461st BG will enter rectangle at CANDELA and depart from BOVINO. Rendezvous altitudes: 7,000, 8,000 and 9,000 ft..

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See Para. 1. b. (2).

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: None for 49th Wg.

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

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

KEY POINT: GORGONA (43-27N, 09-54E) Base alt: 18,000 ft at 0930.

TURN POINT #1: VILLA NOVA(44-33N, 08-09E).

TURN POINT #2: BIELLA (45-33N, 08-03E).

TURN POINT #3: OKEGNA (45-52N, 08-23E).

TURN POINT #4: LODI (45-19N, 09-30E).

TURN POINT #5: SESTRI (44-17N, 09-23E).

INITIAL POINT: VARESE (45-49N, 08-50E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 461st BG and 484th BG - 146°. 451st BG - 138°.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: (461st BG - MILAN ISOTTA FRASCHINI WORKS (45-28N, 09-09E), Target #2 on Briefing Chart 4-171A-NA.). (484th BG - MILAN ALFA ROMEO WORKS (45-29N, 0909-E), 1st unit Southern Half of Target #1, 2nd unit, Northern Half of Target #1 on Briefing Chart 4-171A-NA.). (451st BG - MILAN BREDA WORKS (45-32N, 09-12E). 1st attack unit - H/I-10. 2nd attack unit - J/K-11 on Target Chart 4-20-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1100A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (461st BG - 20,000 ft), (484th BG - 21,000 ft), 451st BG - 22,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: 461st BG and 484th BG - 400 ft. 451st BG - 440 ft..

RALLY: All Gps slight right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #4 to TP #5 to KP to Base.

ALTERNATE TARGETS: None.

3. x. (1) All Gps load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail.
- (2) Gps will be at bombing altitude five (5) minutes before TP #2 and go into left echelon five (5) minutes before TP #2.
- (3) PFF A/C will lead for navigation only.
- (4) All Gps will exercise extreme care in following prescribed route exactly in order to avoid known flak along the route.
- (5) Route Out for remainder of Air Force will be by way of the East Coast of Italy.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, (REGENSBURG), "Betty"), (5th Wg, (BRUX), "Tankstop"), (451st BG, "Mudpie 3"), (461st BG, "Mudpie 1"), (484th BG, "Mudpie 2"), (55th Wg, "Foothold"), (304th Wg, "Keyword").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: Nopne for 49th Wg. WX Recon A/C: None for 49th Wg.
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Quaker"), 47th Wg, "Trumpet"), (49th Wg, "Dogface"), (55th Wg, "Panhandle"), (304th Wg, "Pickpocket"), 15th Ftr Cmd, "Barfly").
- (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 461st BG and lead attack units of 451st BG load two (2) cartons Window (CHA-3). Dispensing will begin at the 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 one (1) carton Window (CHA-3(3)). Dispensing will begin at the IP and continue at the rate of three (3) bundles every twenty (20) seconds until clear of flak.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Major Hoerman.
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