

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

27 October 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 224)

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 1021A. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy MUNICH WEST M/Y AND GOODS DEPOT (48-09N, 11-27E); time at KP 1102A. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy PILSEN/SKODA ARMAMENT WORKS (49-45N, 13-21E); time at KP 1032A. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy PILSEN/SKODA ARMAMENT WORKS (49-45N, 13-21E); time at KP 1042A.

(2) Escort: 15th Ftr. Cmd. Will provide close escort for 5th, 49th, 55th, and 304th Wgs on penetration, over target and on withdrawal.

2. Maximum effort (36 A/C per Gp) B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack REGENSBURG WINTERHAVEN OIL STORAGE (49-01N, 12-08E) on 28 October 1944. This is Plan "A".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0842A until 0905A. 451st BG and 461st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. Lead BG will enter rectangle at CANDELA, go around rectangle 1½ times and leave at BOVINO enroute to KP via CASALNUOVO. Rendezvous altitudes: 5,000, 6,000 and 7,000 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, 304th Wg, 49th Wg, 47th Wg.

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

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

KEY POINT: CAORLE (45-36N, 12-53E) Base alt: 18,000 ft at 1052A.

TURN POINT #1: MONTEREALE (46-10N, 12-40E).

TURN POINT #2: UBERSEE (47-49N, 12-29E).

TURN POINT #3: ZWIESEL (49-01N, 13-13E).

TURN POINT #4: OSVRACIN (49-31N, 13-02E).

TURN POINT #5: ROSENHEIM (47-52N, 12-08E).

TURN POINT #6: WIND-MATREI (47-00N, 12-32E).

INITIAL POINT: OBR-VIECHTACH (49-28N, 12-25E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 202° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: MPI 484th BG- Tgt #15. 451st BG- Tgt #14. 461st BG- Tgt #1,2,3 on Illustration No. 6(C)(I)16/6.

TARGET TIME: 1220A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (484th BG- 24,000 ft.), (451st BG- 25,000 ft.), (461st BG- 26,000 ft.)

TARGET ELEVATION: 1069 ft.

RALLY: Left off target.

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to TP #5 to TP #6 to TP #1 to KP to Base.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Primary by PFF.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: ERDING STORES PARK (48-21N, 11-56e) Axis of attack: 187° TC. IP: UNT. NEUHAUSEN (48-36N, 12-00E). Bombing altitude: (484th BG-22,000 ft.), 451st BG- 23,000 ft.), (461st BG- 24,000 ft.). Center of Impact: All Gps- S-10/11 on Target Chart 13-37-NA. Target elevation: 1492 ft. RALLY: Sharp Left off target.

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: FRIELASSING ORD. DEPOT (47-51N, 12-58E). Axis of attack: 48° TC. Rally: left then right. IP: ST. JOHANN (47-32N, 12-26E). Bombing altitude: (484th BG- 22,000 ft), (451st BG- 23,000 ft), (461st BG- 24,000 ft). Area to be bombed: All Gps: Ord. Depot on No. MP 14-10. Target elevation: 1387 ft.

FOURTH ALTERNATE TARGET: Rosenheim M/Y (47-52N, 12-07e) Axis of attack: 188° TC. RALLY: Slight left. IP: HAGG(48-10N, 12-11E). Bombing altitude: (484th BG- 22,000 ft), (451st BG- 23,000 ft), (461st BG- 24,000 ft). Area to be bombed: M/Y between I/J-15/16 and L/K-12/13 on Target Chart 13-112-NA. Target elevation: 1469 ft.

FIFTH ALTERNATE TARGET: INNSBRUCK/HALL ORD. DEPOT (47-16N, 11-29E). Axis of attack: 188° TC. Rally: Left. IP: LENGGRIES (47-42N, 11-34E). Bombing altitude: (484th BG- 22,000 ft), (451st BG- 23,000 ft), (461st BG- 24,000 ft). Area to be bombed: Depot on annotated photos. Target elevation: 1880 ft.

SIXTH ALTERNATE TARGET: KUFSTEIN M/Y (47-35N, 12-10E). Axis of attack: 211° TC. IP: SOUTHWEST TIP OF LAKE CHIEM (47-50N, 12-22E). Rally: Left. Bombing altitude: (484th BG- 22,000 ft), (451st BG- 23,000 ft), (461st BG- 24,000 ft). Area to be bombed: All Gps Tgt #1 on BRCH 13-111-NA. Target elevation: 1640 ft.

NOTE: Alternate targets #2,3,4,5, and 6 will be bombed by visual means only.

3. x. (1) All Gps load $\frac{1}{2}$ 500# RDX bombs fused .1 nose and .01 and .025 tail. $\frac{1}{2}$ M-17 Incendiary Clusters
 - (2) Gps will be at bombing altitude at TP #4 and go into right echelon at TP #4.
 - (3) PFF A/C will lead all units.
 - (4) 484th BG will send out weather A/C to check weather in Wing rendezvous area and report this weather to Wing A-3 Duty Officer $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before take off time.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) VHF Channel Radio employment will be as follows:
 - a. Interplane within the Gp, VHF Channel "B".

b. Inter-Group VHF Channel "C".

This will be considered SOP beginning 28 October 1944.

- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Reckless 1"), (47th Wg, "Reckless 5"), (451st BG, "Reckless 42"), (461st BG, "Reckless 43"), (484th BG, "Reckless 41"), (55th Wg, "Reckless 1"), (304th Wg, "Reckless 3").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: Fighters will use "Pusscat" with numbered suffixes in order of contact with bombers. WX Recon A/C Route Out: "Freezol 1", Route Back: "Freezol 2".
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "California"), 47th Wg, "Convertible"), (49th Wg, "Pickpocket"), (55th Wg, "Barfly"), (304th Wg, "Pingpong"), 15th Ftr Cmd, "Trumpet").
- (5) Bomber-Fighter WX Recon VHF Channel: "A".
- (6) Visual Signals: SOP.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

(7) All units so equipped will employ carpet. All A/C of 484th BG load two (2) cartons Window (CHA-3(3)). Dispensing will begin 3 minutes before IP and continue at the rate of three (3) bundles every 20 seconds until clear of flak. All A/C of 451st and 461st BGs load 4 carton Window (CHA-3). Dispensing will begin 3 minutes before IP and continue at the rate of 6 bundles every 20 seconds until clear of flak.

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