

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

29 October 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 227)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg (Max Effort), will destroy STEYR/DAMLER PUSCH WORKS (48-03N, 14-26E) and STEYR/WALZLAGER WERKE (48-03N, 14-26E); time at KP 1025A. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy HERMANN GOERING TANK WORKS (48-17N, 14-20E); time at KP 1051A. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy LINZ ORDNANCE DEPOT (48-18N, 14-19E); time at KP 1035A. 5th Wg, will not employ a Blue Force.

(2) Escort: None.

2. Reduced effort (18 A/C per Gp) B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack HERMANN GOERING BENZOL PLANT (48-17N, 14-20E) on 30 October 1944. This is Plan "Able, Blue Force".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0913A until 0936A. 484th BG and 451st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 461st BG will enter rectangle at CANDELA, go around rectangle 1½ times and depart from BOVINO via CASALNUOVO. Rendezvous altitudes: 10,000, 11,000 and 12,000 ft.

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

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Close column of Wgs in order: 47th Wg, 304th Wg, 49th Wg, 55th 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: SANSEGO (44-31N, 14-19E) Base alt: 18,000 ft at 1043A.

TURN POINT #1: COAST (45-07N, 14-17E).

TURN POINT #2: MILLSTATTER LAKE (46-47N, 13-37E).

TURN POINT #3: SEEWALCHEN (47-57N, 13-35E).

TURN POINT #4: SAXEN (48-13N, 14-48E).

TURN POINT #5: POLS (47-13N, 14-35E).

TURN POINT #6: VINJERAC (44-16N, 15-28E).

TURN POINT #7: (43-42N, 15-31E).

INITIAL POINT: WAIZENKIRCHEN (48-20N, 13-51E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 98° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: All Gps Buildings 4 and 5, Target #1 on BC 14-7.

TARGET TIME: 1157A.

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

TARGET ELEVATION: 849 ft.

RALLY: Left then right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to TP #4 to TP #5 to TP #6 to TP #7 to KP to Bases.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Primary by PFF.

LAST RESORT TARGET: PODGORICA TROOP CONCENTRATIONS (42-26N, 19-17e) IP:  
PETROVAC (42-13N, 18-57E). Axis of attack: 46° TC. RALLY:  
Slight right off target. Bombing altitude: (461<sup>st</sup> BG- 20,000  
ft.), (484<sup>th</sup> BG-21,000 ft.), 451<sup>st</sup> BG- 22,000 ft.). Area to  
be bombed: MPI H-17/18 for all Gps on Briefing Chart 8-11-  
NA. Target elevation: 173 ft.

3. x. (1) All Gps load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail.
- (2) Gps will be at bombing altitude at TP #3 and go into left echelon at TP #3.
- (3) PFF A/C will lead all units if sufficient are available after supplying the needs of Red Force.
- (4) In event A/C are not available to fulfill required effort on both Red and Blue Forces, Red Force will be given priority and Blue Force will employ less than required 18 A/C effort.
- (5) In event of recall, Gps will attack Last Resort Target.
- (6) The turn at the IP is almost a 90° turn. The combat Wg Commander will round out the turn at the IP in order to keep the formation together.
- (7) No bombs will be dropped or jettisoned at any other point in YUGOSLAVIA or ALBANIA.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (47th Wg, "Kiddies 1"), (451st BG, "Kiddies 33"), (461st BG, "Kiddies 31"), (484th BG, "Kiddies 32"), (55th Wg, "Kiddies 4"), (304th Wg, "Kiddies 2").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: None. WX Recon A/C Route Out: "Flywheel 1", Route Back: "Flywheel2".
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: 47th Wg, "Rumrunner"), (49th Wg, "Manhattan"), (55th Wg, "Sweatshirt"), (304th Wg, "Darkhorse").
- (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 461st BG and 451st BG load four (4) cartons Window (CHA-3). Dispensing will begin 3 minutes before IP and continue at the rate of six (6) bundles every 20 seconds until clear of flak. All A/C of 484th BG load two (2) carton Window (CHA-3(3)). Dispensing will begin three (3) minutes before IP and continue at the rate of three (3) bundles every 20 seconds until clear of flak.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Major Donovan.
- (2) Deputy Combat Wing Commander: Major Ryder.

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