

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

31 August 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 150)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Five Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will frag A/C on NIS AIRDROME (43° 20'N, 21° 53'E) and attack MEZGRAJA BRIDGE (43° 24'N, 21° 48'E); target time 1000B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack KRAIJEVO R.R. BRIDGE (43° 46'N, 20° 47'E) and MITROVICA R.R. BRIDGE (42° 54'N, 19° 53'E); target time 1015B. Four Gps, B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack SZOLNOK R.R. BRIDGE (47° 11'N, 20° 13'E) and SZAJOL M/Y (47° 11'N, 20° 18'E); target time 1100B. Four Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack DEBRECZEN M/Y (47° 31'N, 21° 37'E); target time 1100B.

(2) Escort: Fighters will straf A/C on DEBRECZEN AIRDROME and provide close escort for 5th, 49th, 55th, and 304th Wgs.

2. Normal effort B-24s 451st BG and 461st BG will attack FERRARA R.R. BRIDGE (44° 53'N, 11° 38'E) on 1 September 1944. This is Plan "A".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0700B until 0725B. 451st BG and 461st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. Lead Gp will enter rectangle at CANDELA, make 1 ½ turns around rectangle, and depart from BOVINO. Rendezvous altitudes: 5,000; 6,000; 7,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be furnished later.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: None for 49th Wg.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to Key Point to Turn Point #1 to Turn Point #2 to Turn Point #3 to IP to target.

KEY POINT: LIDO (41° 44'N, 12° 17'E) Base altitude: 12,000 ft at 0820B.

TURN POINT #1: CAPRAIA (43° 02'N, 09° 49'E).

TURN POINT #2: LEVANTO (44° 10'N, 09° 37'E).

TURN POINT #3: SOLIERA (44° 45'N, 10° 55'E).

TURN POINT #4: (44° 00'N, 13° 20'E).

INITIAL POINT: CENTA (44° 45'N, 11° 18'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 55° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: Target #1 on Briefing Chart 4-78-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1000B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (484th BG - 22,000); (451st BG - 23,000; (461st BG - 24,000).

TARGET ELEVATION: 28 ft.

RALLY: Left off target then right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #4 to Bases.

ALTERNATE TARGET: None.

3. a. 461st BG load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and non delay tail
- x. (1) 484th BG and 451st BG load 1000# RDX with .1 nose and non delay tail.
- (2) PFF A/C may be used if desired for navigational purposes only.
- (3) Gps will be at bombing altitude before TP #3 and will go into right echelon at TP #3.
- (4) All A/C of 484th BG and lead attack units of 451st and 461st BGs load 3 cartons Window. Dispensing will begin 2 minutes before IP and continue at the rate of 6 units every 20 seconds until clear of flak.

4. No Change.

5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Trueman"), (304th Wg, "Goway"), (55th Wg, "Cartload"), (451st BG, "Burglar 2"), (461st BG, "Burglar 3"), (484th BG, "Burglar 1").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: (5th Wg escort, "Platoon"); (49th Wg escort, "Reckless"); (55th Wg escort, "Tankstop"); (304th Wg escort, "Mixtub").
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Scarface"), (47th Wg, "Moonglow"), (304th Wg, "Catwalk"), (55th Wg, "Pooltable"), (49th Wg, "Ashtray"), (306th Wg, "Ping Pong").
- (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
- (6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Major Dufour.
- (2) Deputy Combat Wing Commander: Major Milan.

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