

HEADQUARTERS
FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE

FIELD ORDER - OPERATION REUNION I

SECRET
15 AF
30 AUG 44
FO 62 AAA
MAPS: NORMAL
TWINING

111 OMTD

222 AF will conduct evacuation mission designated Operation REUNION.

333 AAA 5 WG 38 B-17 AC.

- (1) 38 B-17 AC will land at Bucharest/Popesti Adrm, load Allied air crew personnel in each of 36 AC and 10 men in each of 2 litter-bearing AC, and evacuate them to Bari arpt.

36 AC will have special bomb bay racks to accomodate personnel. 2 AC will be equipped for litter cases.

Each AC will carry a crew of six consisting of pilot, copilot, navigator, engineer--top turret gunner, radio operator gunner, and tail gunner.

Each AC will carry a full load of fuel and reduced load of ammunition.

- (2) AC will be divided into 5 waves of 12 AC each, and a fourth wave of 2 litter bearing AC. Waves will be dispatched at one hour intervals.

Keypt Time: First Wave: 0800 B.
Second Wave: 0900 B.
Third Wave: 1000 B.
Fourth Wave: 1100 B.

First wave will land at Popesti Adrm approximately 1000 B.

Subsequent waves land at one hour intervals.

Rtout: Base to Keypt Kolaj (4153, 1930) to tnpt Lipljan (4232, 2108) to tnpt Prcenjeve (4307, 2156) to tnpt Zimnicea (4340, 2522) to Popesti Adrm.

Rtbk: Reciprocal of rtout.

Keypt Altd: 10,000 ft.

Flight altd will be at medium altd, AC remaining beneath cloud base if possible.

333 BBB 306 WG

- (1) Provide adequate cover for B-17 AC during landing and take off from Popesti Adrm.
- (2) Provide adequate cover for B-17 AC during landing and take off from Popesti adrm.
- (3) Fighter esc will tak and dest any enemy fighters appearing in tgt area. No AC other than fighters will be atkd. Roumanian transport AC may be seen but will not be atkd. No strafing will be done by escorting fighters.
- (4) Employ adequate force to strafe parked AC on adrm located at approximately (4648, 2443) near town of Reghin. See annotated photos.

Tgt Time: 1000 B.

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When each wave of B-17 AC is about 30 miles from Bucharest on Penet one flight of escorting fighters will leave formation to precede bombers over adrm. Actions which would be construed as hostile must be avoided. These fighters will observe flare signals from the ground, designed to inform them of the friendly or enemy status of the field. A double yellow star will indicate a friendly situation with the bombers clear to land. A double red star will indicate situation unsafe for landing of Allied aircraft. Fighters will return to bombers to relay this signal as follows:

Series of small dives and zooms will mean OK to land.
Rocking of wings followed by sharp breakaway will mean return to base.

If no flare signal is observed fired from the ground, fighters will signal bombers to return to base.

B-17 will circle adrm to the left with wheels down to land, while fighters provide adrm cover.

Loading and take off will be accomplished as quickly as possible.

444 OMTD

555 AAA

- (1) VHF Call signs:

Bombers, First Wave:	VEALPIE	ESC:	GASSTOVE
Second Wave:	BREAKFAST	ESC:	HIGHGANG
Third Wave:	HOMEMADE	ESC:	SULPHUR
Fourth Wave:	REWARD	ESC:	SQUANDER

Bomber fighter communication on Channel AAA.
Bomber bomber communication on Chan BBB.

- (2) Recall identification code words:
Bombers: DUCKSOUP.
Fighters: Esc: BARFLY.

(3) W/T air ground communication 6015 KC

Bomber call signs: First Wave 05A
Second Wave 37A
Third Wave 28F
Fourth Wave 85J

Ground Station call sign: 82H (to be operated by
Hq 15 AF Bari).

SD-0220 Authenticator and CD-0251 Middle East (Rekoh)
will be employed.

(4) All radio communication will be held at a minimum.

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FIELD ORDER - OPERATION REUNION II

SECRET
15 AF
31 AUG 44
FO 64 AAA
MAPS: NORMAL
TWINING

111 OMTD

222 AF will conduct evacuation mission designated Operation REUNION TWO.

333 AAA 5 Wg 16 B-17 AC.

- (1) 16 B-17 AC will land at Bucharest/Popesti Adrm, load 20 Allied air crew personnel in each of 15 AC, and 10 men in one litter-bearing AC, and evacuate them to Bari arpt.

15 B-17 AC will have special bomb bay racks to accommodate personnel. One AC will be equipped for litter cases.

Each AC will carry a crew of 6 consisting of Pilot, Copilot, Engineer-Top Turret Gunner, Radio Operator Gunner, and Tail Gunner.

Each AC will carry a full load of fuel and reduced load of ammunition.

16 B-17 AC will fly in one wave.

Keypt Time: 0930 B.

Rtout: Base to keypt Kolaj (4153, 1930) to tnpt Lipljan (4232, 2108) to tnpt Pecenjeve (4307, 2156) to tnpt Zimnicea (4340, 2522) to Popesti Adrm.

Keypt Altd: 10,000 ft.

Flight altd will be at medium altd; AC remaining beneath cloud base if possible.

333 BBB 306 Wg

- (1) Provide adequate cover on Penet and WDR for bombform.
- (2) Provide adequate cover for B-17 AC during landing and take-off from Popesti Adrm.
- (3) Fighter esc will atk and dest any enemy fighters appearing in tgt area. No AC other than fighters will be atkd. Roumanian transport AC may be seen but will not be atkd.

No rpt No strafing will be conducted by escorting fighters.

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- (1) B-17 AC will circle adrm to the left with wheels down to land while fighters provide adrm cover. Actions which would be construed as hostile must be avoided.

Loading and take-off of B-17 AC will be accomplished as quickly as possible.

444 OMTD

555 AAA

- (1) VHF Call Signs

Bombers: VEALPIE Esc: GASSTOVE
Bomber Fighter Communication on Chan AAA
Bomber Bomber Communications on Chan BBB.

- (2) Recall Identification Code Word

Bombers: DUCKSOUP
Fighters: BARFLY

- (3) W/T Air Ground Communication on 6530 KC.

Bomber call sign 05A.
Ground station call sign 82H (to be operated by HQ 15 AF at Bari).
SD-0220 authenticator and CD-0251 Middle East (Rekoh) will be employed.
MS/OK will be transmitted after leaving Popesti Adrm.

- (4) All radio communication will be held to a minimum.

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FIELD ORDER - OPERATION REUNION III

15 AF
2 SEPT 44
FO 68 AAA
MAPS: NORMAL
TWINING

111 OMTD.

222 AF will conduct Operation REUNION THREE. One C-47 AC and 3 B-17 AC will be dispatched to Bucharest/Popesti Adrm and return on 3 Sept 44.

333 AAA

(1) 1 C-47 will proceed with esc to Popesti Adrm from Amendola. Cargo: 1 B-17 wing panel and repair crew. Gas for round trip will be carried. Keypt Time: 0927B. Keypt Altd: 10,000 Ft. Control Pt Time: 1018B. Flight will be conducted at medium altd. Rt out: Base to Keypt Kolau (4153, 1930) to tnpt Lipljan (4232, 2108) to control pt Pecenjeve (4307, 2156) to tnpt Zimnicea (4340, 2522) to Popesti Adrm. Rtbk: Will be flown in formation with flight of 3 B-17 AC. Rtout must be adhered to closely in order to avoid flak positions. Imperative that keypt time and altd be followed as scheduled to effect fighter rendezvous.

333 BBB 5 WG 3 B-17 AC.

(1) 3 B-17 AC equipped with special bombbay racks will proceed with esc to Popesti Adrm to evacuate air crew personnel. Each B-17 AC will carry crew of 6 composed of Pilot, Co-pilot, Navigator, Engineer-Top Turret Gunner, Radio Operator and Tail Gunner.

Each AC will carry full load of fuel and reduced load of ammunition.

Keypt Time: 0934B.
Control Pt Time: 1018B.
Time of arrival at Popesti Adrm: 1130B.
Rtout same as specified for C-47 AC on Par 333 AAA.
Rtbk: Reciprocal of Rtout.
Keypt Altd: 10,000 ft.
Flight will be conducted at medium altd.

333 CCC 306 WG

- (1) Provide close esc on Penet, for C-47 AC.
- (2) Provide close esc on Penet for 3 B-17 AC.

(3) Provide adrm cover during take off and close esc on WDR for formation of 3 B-17 and 1 C-47 AC. These fighter AC will land at Popesti Adrm at 1300B to wait until formation is ready to return.

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Timing of rtout is designed to have B-17 formation with esc and C-47 AC with esc pass control pt South of Niz at same time. This will provide mutual support in case of atk by enemy AC.

* B-17 and C-47 AC will approach Popesti Adrm from south with wheels down and will circle adrm to the left.

* Flare signals will be fired from the ground at the Adrm. Two yellow stars will indicate field still in friendly hands, and AC clear to land. Two red stars will indicate status of field unsafe and AC should return to base.

* Penet esc will return to base after B-17 AC and C-47 AC have landed at Popesti.

* Penet esc will contact BIGFENCE as early as possible on return route to advise them of safe arrival of B-17 AC and C-47 at Popesti Adrm.

* WDR esc will arrive at Popesti at 1300B and land.

* B-17 AC and C-47 will take off with esc when ready and will return to base.

444 OMTD

555 AAA

(1) VHF Call Signs

On Penet:

C-47 AC BELLBOY 2 Esc PUMPUP 2
B-17 AC RINGWAY Esc DAYLONG

On WDR:

B-17 and C-47 AC RINGWAY Esc DAYLONG
Chan "A"

(2) Recall codewords

B-17 MARSHLAND
C-47 FLATBUSH
Fighters SNAKEBITE

(3) W/T 6035 KC