

HEADQUARTERS 55TH BOMB WING (H)
APO 520 US ARMY

27 August 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 164)

1.
a.
See Intelligence Annex.

b.
4 Groups of 47th Wing attack MISKOLC M/Y. Key Point. (RAGUSA)
Time: 0835B. ALTERNATE TARGETS: SZEGED M/Y AND RR BRIDGE,
SUBOTICA M/Y.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack SZOLNOK/TISZA RR BRIDGE: Key Point
(RAGUSA) Time: 0903B. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 47th Wing.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack AVISIO VIADUCT AND ORA RR BRIDGE.
Key Point (4535N - 1253E) Time: 1000B. ALTERNATE TARGETS:
PESCHIERA DI GARDA RR BRIDGE, VERONA EAST M/Y.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack MOOSBIERBAUM OIL REFINERY. Control
Point (AURSKA-SOBOTA 4639N - 1610E) 1025B. ALTERNATE TARGETS:
GRAZ NEUDORF, GRAZ PUNTIGAN AND MARIBOR A/C ENGINE FACTORIES,
ZAGREB M/Ys.

Fighters of 306th Wing provide escort for bombers.

2.
Normal effort of 4 Groups of the 55th Wing attack and destroy
SZONY O/R at 1045B, 28 August 1944. This is Plan ABLE.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: SZEKESFEHERVAR A/D INSTALLATIONS AND M/Y.

LAST RESORT TARGET: ZAGREB M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 464th and 465th line
rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 5,000 and 6,000 feet. 465th
falling in behind 464th in 464th area prior to rendezvous. 464th
over ANDRIA at 0801B.

460th and 485th line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 7,000
and 8,000 feet. 460th approaching ALTAMURA from TORITTO. 485th
approaching ALTAMURA from SANTERANO IN COLLE. 460th over ALTAMURA
at 0803B.

Wing Rendezvous: 464th lead over SPINAZZOIA on course at 0812B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Individual Wings, 55th Wing (464th, 465th, 460th, 485th).

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to SCEDRO ISLAND (4305N - 1643E) to PIOTMACA (4558N - 1714E) to Control Point FONYOD (4644N - 1743E) to IP to Target - Altitude at SCEDRO ISLE 12,000 feet. Last Point to start climb to Bombing Altitude - SCEDRO ISLE. Control Point Time: 1025B at Bombing Altitude.

INITIAL POINT: Road junction at (4727N - 1749E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 44 Degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1045B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 464th - 20,000 feet, 465th - 20,800 feet, 460th - 21,600 feet, 485th - 22,400 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: 360 feet.

RALLY: Right to TARJAN (4737N - 1811E).

ROUTE BACK: TARJAN to KAPOLNAS-NYEK (4714N - 1840E) to PITONACA to SCEDRO ISLE to Base.

3:

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All Groups load 10 - 500# GP bombs fused .1 nose and .025 tail. Intervalometer settings: 50 feet.

Use MPI as shown on enclosed target chart.

Wing will fly close right echelon enroute and go into column prior to reaching control point. Fly close column over the target and on rally until KAPOLNAS-NYEK is reached at which time Wing will reform in right echelon.

PFF will fly lead and deputy lead in each group.

Known Flak areas must be avoided.

FIRST ALTERNATE: SZEKESFEHERVAR A/D AND M/Y.

IP: MOR (4723N - 18125).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 148 degrees.

RALLY: Right to KALOS (4658N - 1829E).

ROUTE BACK: KALOS to PITOMACA then reverse Route Out.

METHOD OF ATTACK: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart.

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 464th and 465th - 25 feet, 460th and 485th - 50 feet.

LAST RESOST: ZAGREB M/Y.

IP: ZABOK (4803N - 1554E)

TARGET ELEVATION 167 feet.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 167 degrees

RALLY: Left to KARLOVAC (4530N - 1554E)

ROUTE BACK: KARLOVAC to SVROK (4422N - 1533E) to (4300N - 1540E) to

(4200N - 1620E) to Base.

METHOD OF ATTACK: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart.

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 50 FEET.

4.

No Change.

5:

a.

Command Radio: Assigned Group Frequency for communication within the Group. VHF Wing Channel "B" for Group to Group within the Wing.

b.

VHF Channel "A" for Bombers to Fighters and Wing to Wing.

c.

Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing (PULPWOOD), 47th Wing (RECKLESS 1), 49th Wing (RECKLESS 2), 55th Wing (CLEARGUM) (464th - CLEARGUM LEADER, 465th - CLEARGUM 2, 460th - CLEARGUM 3, 485th - CLEARGUM 4), 304th Wing (TANKSTOP).

d.

Fighter Call Sign For: 5th Wing (BOULDER), 47th Wing (FALSETEETH), 49th Wing (FALSETEETH), 55th Wing (KIDDIES), 304th Wing (COATMAN)

Recall Signs: 5th Wing (SAILFISH); 47th Wing (FRONTIER), 49th Wing (POORBRED), 55th Wing (CALIFORNIA), 304th Wing (CONVERTIBLE), 306th Wing (BOOTLEGGER).

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. No Window will be employed. Radio discipline must be enforced. Standard bombs away signals will be observed.

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