

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

1 July 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 112)

1. a. See Intelligence Annex.

b. (1) Normal effort of 4 groups of B-24s of 304th Wing attack BUDAPEST SHELL Oil Refinery and MANNFRIED WEISS M/Ys at 1000B. Key Point Time: 0813B. Alternate Target: Same as 5th Wing.

(2) Normal effort of 3 groups of B-24s of 49th Wing attack BUDAPEST RAKOS Locomotive Depot at 1024B. Key Point Time: 0833B. Alternate Target: Same as 5th Wing.

(3) Normal effort of 4 groups of B-24s of 47th Wing Frag BUDAPEST VECES A/D at 1029B. Key Point Time: 0843B. Alternate Target: Same as 5th Wing.

(4) Normal effort of 6 groups of B-17s of 5th Wing attack AIMASFUZITO O/R and Storages at 1056B. Key Point Time: 0847B. Alternate Target: BROD, SUBOTICA, NOVI SAD, SZEGED M/Ys.

(5) 6 AZON A/C of 5th Wing attack SZOLNOK RR Bridge.

(6) Normal effort of 4 groups of fighters of 306th Wing provide penetration target and withdrawal cover for bombers attacking BUDAPEST. 1 group Fighters free lance in target area.

2. Normal effort of 4 groups of B-24s of 55th Wing attack BUDAPEST RAKOS M/Y at 1014B, 2 July 1944. This is Plan BAKER.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: SUBOTICA M/Y.

LAST RESORT TARGET: BROD M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 464th and 465th line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 5,000 and 6,000 feet respectively. 460th on course over ANDRIA at 0719B.

460th and 485th line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 7,000 and 8,000 feet respectively. 460th on course over ALTAMURA at 0726B.

Wing rendezvous: 464th and 465th over SPINAZZOLA on course at assigned altitudes at 0734B. 460th and 485th approach from the SW falling in behind 464th and 465th at assigned altitudes at 0736B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Close right echelon of Wings, 304th, 55th, (464th, 465th, 460th, 485th), 49th, 47th, 5th.

ROUTE OUT: Base to Key Point STON (4250 N - 1742 E) to PODGRAB (4347 N - 1842 E) to CZZEGLED (4710 N - 1948 E) to NAGYKATA (4725 N - 1945 E) to IP to Target. Key Point Time: 0823B at 12,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: AZOD (4739 N - 1929 E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 248 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1014B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 464th - 23,800 feet, 465th - 22,800 feet, 460th - 23,500 feet, 485th - 22,500 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: 375 feet.

RALLY: Right to PILISSZENTKERESZT (4742 N - 1841 E).

ROUTE BACK: PILISSZENTKERESZT TO SZEKSZARD (4621 N - 1841 E) to PODGRAB to KP to Base.

3. X. (1) Bomb load for all groups - 10 - 500# GP Bombs fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and no-delay tail.

(2) All groups use MPI as shown on inclosed photos.

(3) Intervalometer settings: All groups 125'.

(4) Groups must maintain close right echelon on route out and close column of groups over the target for maximum protection against enemy fighters and bombing accuracy.

(5) 460th Group must maintain close formation with 465th Group and 485th must close with 460th for maximum protection of 460th Group flying two 12 ship attack units.

(6) Landing strip on VIS to be used in cases of extreme emergency only.

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 (BUTLER 5), 47th Wing (BUTLER 4), 49th Wing (BUTLER 3), 55th Wing (BUTLER 2), (464th - BUTLER 41, 465th - BUTLEY 42, 460th - BUTLEY 43, 485th - BUTLER 44), 304th Wing (BUTLER 1).

d. Fighter Call Sign for all Wings except 5th (CLEARSOUP) with no 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 in order of contact with formation. 5th Wing (RINGWAY).

e. Recall signs: 5th Wing (FEATHER), 47th Wing (REALTY), 49th Wing (LAWYER), 55th Wing (PRISM), 304th Wing (DEER), 306th Wing (LOCKJAW).

x. (1) Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped.

(2) Alternate attack units will load 3 cartons chaff dispensing 2 minutes before IP and continue until clear of flak area, dispensing rate 4 units every 20 seconds.

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