

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

19 September 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 182)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

Night Bombers attack SZEKESFEHERVAR M/Y 19/20 September 1944.

2 Groups of 47th Wing frag A/C on MALACKY A/D (4824N - 1708E) and 2 Groups attack BRATISLAVA Oil Installations. Alternate Targets: SZOMBATHELY and VESPREM A/Ds, ZAGREB M/Y.

4 Groups of 304th Wing frag A/C on MALACKY A/D and destroy Rolling Stock in GYOR M/Y. Alternate Targets: Same as 47th Wing.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack BUDAPEST N & S and SZOB RR BRIDGES. Alternate Targets: CSONGRAD RR BRIDGE VINKIVICI And PECS M/Ys.

49th Wing conduct Supply Mission to FRANCE.

Fighters of 15th PFC provide close escort for 47, 304, 5, and 55th Wings.

2.

Normal effort of 4 Groups of 55th Wing destroy Rolling Stock in HATVAN M/Ys at 1200A, 20 September 1944. This is Plan ABLE.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: CZEGLÉD M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 465 assemble in North N quadrant of SPINAZZOIA range using left hand traffic at 6,000 feet. 464 assemble in West "A" quadrant at 7,000 feet using Left hand traffic. 460 assemble in East "A" quadrant at 8,000 feet using Left hand traffic. 485 assemble in South "N" quadrant at 9,000 feet using Left hand traffic. (If assigned altitudes cannot be used, 465 and 460 assemble 1,000 feet above overcast 464 and 485 2,000 feet above.

Wing Rendezvous: At 0830A all Groups start left hand turn around cone of silence. 465 lead Wing on course from SPINAZZOLA cone to BISCEGLIE at 0840A. Wing Rendezvous should be complete before reaching 4200N - 1620E. Radio and Aldis Lamp may be used among Group Leaders to facilitate join up.

Special Instructions: More join ups of this kind will be used as weather becomes worse. All Lead Navigators must familiarize themselves with range location and ground check points for visual reference. SPINAZZOIA range is located at 40-55-30N, 16-15-32E. Call Sign: ZO Freq. 240 kcs. Seam Legs: 55-145-235-325.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Left Column: 47, 304, and 5th Wings, Right - 55th (465, 464, 460 and 485).

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZCLA Beam to BISCEGLIE to 4200N - 1620E to Key Point 4330N - 1600E to KLJUC 4432N - 1648E to PAKRAC 4527N - 1712E to DOMBOVAR 4623N - 1808E to CZEGLIED 4710N - 1948E to EGER 4754N - 2022E to IP to Target. Key Point: 14,000 feet at 0942A.

INITIAL POINT: KIS TEREENYE (4801N - 1951E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 198 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1200A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465 - 12,000 feet, 464 - 13,000 feet, 460 - 12,500 feet, 485 - 13,500 feet or below the overcast.

TARGET ELEVATION: 400 feet.

RALLY: LEFT to NHEYKATA (4725N - 1945E) .

ROUTE BACK: NHEYKATA to DOMBOVAR and reverse of Route Out.

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Lead attack wave of each Group load 10 - 500# RDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail. Second attack Wave of each Group load 10 - M-17 Incendiaries. All Groups use MPI as shown on inclosed Target Charts. Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet all Groups. Fly close column during Flight. Leader will not lose altitude in Rally but will maintain 150 to 155 MPH until Wing is reformed.

FIRST LATERNATE: CZEGLIED M/Y.

Initial Point: JASZ-BERENY 4730N - 1954E.

Axis of Attack: 193 degrees. Altitude same as primary.

Rally: RIGHT to LAKE NADAS (4652N - 1919E).

Route Back: LAKE NADAS to DONBOVAR and reverse of route out.

Method of Attack: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet all Groups.

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No Change.

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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 - SCANTY, 47th Wing - KIDDIES, 55th Wing - BETTY (465 - Betty Leader, 464 - BETTY 2, 460 - BETTY 3, 485 - BETTY 4), 304th Wing - LACEWORK.
- d.  
Fighter Call Sign For: 5th Wing - EXCEED, 47th Wing - BOULDER, 55th Wing - KEYWORD, 304th Wing - TANKSTOP.
- e.  
Recall Signs: 5th Wing - ROTATION, 47th Wing - SKIPPER, 49th Wing - DUCKSOUP, 55th Wing - BLACKJACK, 304th Wing - POKER, 15th PFC - CARSON.
- x.  
Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Chaff will be employed in accordance with Signals Procedure 32-2. Standard Bombs Away signals will be observed. Radio discipline must be enforced.

By command of Brigadier General ACHESCN:

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DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 cy CG, A-2, A-3, PI 55BW.
- 4 cys 460 & 465 Gps 55BW.
- 3 cys 464 & 485 Gps 55BW.
- 1 cy CG 15th PFC.
- 1 cy CG XV