

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

4 September 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 170)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

Night Bombers attack RAVENNA M/Y night of Sept. 4/5.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack BUDAPEST NORTH and SOUTH RR BRIDGES. Key Point Time: 0842B. Central Point Time: 1009B. Alternate Targets: Same as 55th Wing.

3 Groups of 304th Wing attack SZOLNOK RR BRIDGE. Key Point (GRUJ) Time: 0842B. Alternate Targets: SUBOTICA and SEREJEVO M/Ys.

4 Groups of 47th Wing destroy ROLLING STOCK in OADEA MAIN and SOUTH M/Ys. Key Point (RAGUSA) Time: 0842B. Alternate Targets: NOVI SAD and SEREJEVO M/Ys.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack SAVUMTR BRIDGE. Key Point (RAGUSA) Time: 0852B. Alternate Targets: CUPRIJA RR BRIDGE.

Fighters of 15th Prov. Fighter Command provide strong escort for 5th and 55th Wings, with offensive top cover. Close escort for 47th and 304th Wings. Chaff dispensing force for 5th Wing.

This is Plan Able and Baker for all above units with the exception of the 49th Wing. If Plan BAKER is executed, the 49th Wing will attack FERRARA RR BRIDGE at 1000B.

2.

Normal effort of 3 Groups of the 55th Wing attack and destroy SZOB RR BRIDGE (4748N 1852E) at 1045B, 5 September 1944. This is Plan ABLE and BAKER.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: SUBOTICA M/Y.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: NOVI-SAD M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 464 rendezvous in normal area at 8,000 feet over ANDRIA at 0750B.

460 and 485 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 9,000 and 10,000 feet. 460 approaching ALTAMURA from TORITTO. 485th approaching ALTAMUNA from SANTERAMO IN COLLE. 460th over ALTAMURA at 0751B.

Wing Rendezvous: 464th lead over SPINAZZOLA on course at 0801B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 3 Columns of Wings: WEST column 5th and 55th Wings, CENTER column 304th Wing, EAST column 47th and 49th Wings.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to Koy Point SCEDRO ISLZ (4305N - 1644E) to OMAIRAK (4453N - 1653E) to Control Point VAROSLOD (4709N - 1739E) to IP to Target. Start climb to Bombing Altitude at 0930B. Key Point Time: 0856B at 12,000 feet. Control Point Time: 1019B.

INITLL POINT: TOVAROS (4740N - 1820E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 66 degrees.

Target TIME: 1045B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 464 - 15,500 feet, 460 - 16,400 feet, 485 - 17,400 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: 361 feet. RALLY: RIGHT to SZEDENEELY (4751N - 1907E).

ROUTE BACK: SZENDEHELY to HATVAN (4740N 1940E) to PALANKA (4515N - 1924E) to DRINJACA (4418N - 1909E) to GRUJ Point (4241N - 1745E) to Bases.

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465th Group STAND DOWN. 464, 460 and 485 Groups load 5 - 1000# RDX bombs fused .1 nose and non delay tail. Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet. Use MPI as shown on attached target chart. Wing will fly close column route, over the target and on route back. To insure accurate identification of the Target before it becomes badly smoke obscured, close formation of Groups on the Bomb Run is essential. PFF load for navigational aid. Avoid BUDAPEST Flak on Rally.

First alternate: SUBOTICA M/Y.

I.P. BACS-ALMAS (4608N - 1920E).

Axis of Attack: 95 degrees.

Rally: RIGHT to CANTIVAR (4556N - 1946E).

Route Back: CANTIVAR to DRINJACA (4418N - 1909E) then same as for primary.

Method of attack: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart. Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

Last Resort: NOVI SAD M/Y.

I.P. GAJDOBRA (4522N - 1927E).

Axis of Attack: 110 degrees.

Rally: RIGHT to RUMA (4501N - 1950E).

Route Back: RUMA to DRINJACA. (4418N - 1909E), then same as for primary.

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

Intervalometer Settings: 25 foot.

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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 - BREWER 1, 47th Wing - RUBBISH, 55th Wing - BREWER 2 (464 - BREWER 2 Leader, 460 - BREWER 22, 485 - BREWER 23), 304th Wing: ROASTLAMB.

d.

Fighter Call Sign For: 47th Wing - FREEZOL, 304th Wing BUTLER. For 5th and 55th Wings ENCORE with suffixed numbers in order of contact.

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Recall Signs: 5th Wing - ROTATION, 47th Wing - SKIPPER, 49th Wing - DUCKSOUP, 55th Wing - POKBR, 304th Wing - CARSON, 15th FC - BLACKJACK.

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Standard Bombs Away signals will be observed. Radio discipline must be enforced.

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DISTRIBUTION:

1 cy on CO, A-2, A-3, PI 55BW.

5 cys 460 and 465 Gps 55BW.

3 cys 464 and 485 Gns 55BW.

1 cy CG 15th Prov Ftr Com.

1 cy CG XV AF.