

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

5 September 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 171)

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a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

Night Bombers attack FERRARA M/Y night of 5/6 September.

3 Groups of 49th Wing destroy SAVUMTR BRIDGE. Key Point (RAGUSA)
Time: 0852B. ALTERNATE TARGETS: CUPRIJA RR BRIDGE.

5 Groups of 5th Wing destroy Polling Stock in ORADEA MAIN AND
SOUTH M/Ys at 1100B. ALTERNATE TARGETS: NOVI SAD AND SARAJEVO
M/Ys.

4 Groups of 47th Wing destroy Tank and Troop Concentrations in
Town of LESKOVAC (4300N - 2158E) at 1200B. ALTERNATE TARGETS:
CUPRIJA ROAD BRIDGE.

4 Groups of 304th Wing destroy Rolling Stock in NOVI-SAD M/Y at
1100B. ALTERNATE TARGETS: SARAJEVO M/Y.

Fighters of 15th F.C. provide adequate escort for all Wings with
particular attention to 55th Wing.

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Normal effort of 4 Groups of the 55th Wing destroy Rolling Stock
in NYIREGYHAZA M/Y at 1100B, 6 September 1944.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: DEBRECZEN M/Y.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: SZOLNOK RR BRIDGE.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 465th and 464th line
rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 6000 and 7000 feet. 464th
falling in behind 465th in 465th area prior to rendezvous. 465th
over ANDRIA at 0759B.

485th and 460th line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 8000
and 9000 feet. 485th approaching ALTAMURA from SANTERAMO IN
COLLE. 460th approaching ALTAMURA from TORITTO. 485th over
ALTAMURA at 0801B.

WING RENDEZVOUS: 465th lead over SPINAZZOLA on course at 0810B."

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

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

ROUTE OUT: SPINIZZOLA to Control Point VRBOVSKA (4312N - 1640E) to OSIJEK (4533N - 1841E) to FUZES ABONY (4745N - 2025E) to IP to Target. Start climb to Bombing Altitude - OSIJEK. Key Point Time: 0903B at 12000'.

INITIAL POINT: TISZULOK (4802N - 2122E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 106 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1100B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465th - 15,000', 464th - 15,800', 485th - 16,400', 460th - 15,500'.

TARGET ELEVATION: 380'.

RALLY: Right to VALEA lui MIHAI (4732N - 2208E).

ROUTE BACK: VALEA lui MIHAI to OSIJEK then reciprocal of Route Out.

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All Groups load 10 - 500# RDX Bombs fused .1 nose and .025 tail.

Intervalometer setting 25'. Use MPI as shown on attached target chart.

Wing will fly close right echelon on Route Out and Back and close column over the target.

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FIRST ALTERMTE: DEBRECZEN M/Y.

IP: VALEA LUI MIHAI (4732N - 2208E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 270 degrees.

RALLY: Right to BALMAZ-UJVAROS (4737N - 2121E).

ROUTE BACK: BALMAS-UJVAROS to OSIJEK (4534N - 1837E) then reverse route out.

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

Intervalometer settings: All Groups 25 feet.

SECOND ALTERNATE: SZOLNOK RR PRIDGE.

IP: KENDERES (4715N - 2041E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 255 degrees.

RALLY: Left to TISZA-FOLDUAR (4659N - 2014E).

ROUTE BACK: TISZA-FOLDUAR to OSIJEK (4534N - 1837E) then reverse route out.

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

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: All Groups 25 foot.

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No Change.

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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 - FIRTREE, 47th Wing - SEEDCAKE, 49th Wing - SHAPELY, 55th Wing - CANTAB (465 - CANTIB LEADER, 464 - CANTAB 2, 485 - CANTAB 3, 460 - CANTAB 4), 304th Wing - BOOKCLUB.

d.
Fighter Call Sign For: 5th Wing - MOSES; 47th Wing - GREENHERD, 49th Wing - CHANNEL, 55th Wing - COALMAN, 304th Wing SAXHORN.

e.
Recall Signs: 5th Wing - QUAKER, 47th Wing - ABBOTT, 49th Wing - DOGFACE, 55th Wing - TRUNPET, 304th Wing - PANHANDLE, 15 FC - BARFLY.

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. No Window will be employed.

Standard bombs away signals will be observed.

Radio discipline must be enforced.

By order of Colonel ACHESON:

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DISTRIRUTION:

1 cy on CO, A-2, A-3, PI 55BW.
5 cys 460 and 455 Gps 55BW.
3 cys 464 and 435 Gps 55BW.
1 cw CG 15th Prov Ftr Com.
1 cy CG XV AF.