

HEADQUARTERS 49TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)  
APO 520 U S ARMY

19 August 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 140)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".

b. (1) Bombers: Five Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack OSWIECIM OIL REFINERY (50° 03'N, 19° 12'E); time at KP 0813B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack SZOLNOK M/Y (47° 11'N, 20° 09'E); time at KP 0800B. Three Gps, B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack CZECHOWICE OIL REFINERY (49° 55'N, 19° 01'E); time at KP 0830B. Three Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack DUBOVA OIL REFINERY (48° 48'N, 19° 25'E); time at KP 0840B.

(2) Escort: Fighters will escort for 5th Wg, 55th Wg, and 304th Wg. No escort for 47th Wg and 49th Wg.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will frag SZOLNOK/RAKOCZIFALVA AIRDROME (47° 08'N, 20° 14'E) on 20 August 1944. This is Plan "A".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0631B until 0656B. 484th BG and 451st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. Lead Gp will depart vis CASALNUOVO. Rendezvous altitudes 7,000, 8,000, 9,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See Para, 1. B. (2) None.

WING FORMATION: Column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Close column of Wgs. 5th Wg lead - 55th Wg - 304th Wg. A diversionary effort, 49th Wg lead - 47th Wg second, will proceed main bomber formation by approximately 30 minutes.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 461st BG lead - 484th BG - 451st BG.

ROUTE OUT: Base to KP to Control Point to Turn Point #1 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: VRBOVSKA (43° 12'N, 16° 42'E).

CONTROL POINT: BOMBOVAR (46° 23'N, 18° 08'E).

TURN POINT #1: MONOR (47° 21'N, 19° 26'E).

INITIAL POINT: TAPTO-SZELE (47° 20'N, 19° 52'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 130° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: 225°.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: 461 - Southernmost dispersal area. 484 - Middle dispersal area. 451 - Dispersal area just south of airfield and southern part on field itself. Target Chart: Photo.

TARGET TIME: 0942B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 461 - 18,000; 484 - 19,000; 451 - 20,000.

TARGET ELEVATION: 300 ft.

RALLY: Right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to KP to Bases.

ALTERNATE TARGETS: None.

3. x. (1) Pathfinder A/C will lead for navigational purposes only.
- (2) Three Gps will load frags clustered.
- (3) Gps will go into left echelon 5 minutes before TP #1 and be at bombing altitude 5 minutes before TP #1.
- (4) The Eighth Air Force has been requested to operate in central GERMANY with a target time 30 minutes ahead of 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force.
- (5) On route back avoid flak at BROD (West of course) and slight flak along coast of YUGOSLAVIA.
- (6) Gps will use 49th Wg frag formation "A" and attack unit will uncover if necessary to cover assigned area.
- (7) If primary cannot be bombed, bombs will be returned to base.

4. No Change.

5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Airslug 1"), (47th Wg, "Butler 2"), (304th Wg, "Airslug 3"), (55th Wg, "Airslug 2"), (451st BG, "Butler 13"), (461st BG, "Butler 11"), (484th BG, "Butler 12").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: (5, 55th, and 304th Wgs escort use "Freezol").
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Ashtray"), (47th Wg, "Pooltable"), (304th Wg, "Sailfish"), (55th Wg, "Bighouse"), (49th Wg, "Catwalk"), (306th Wg, "Inkwell").
- (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
- (6) Visual Signals: SOP.

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- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Lt. Col. Knapp.
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