

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

27 August 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 147)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy Moosbierbaum OIL REFINERY (48° 20'N, 15° 55'E); Control Point time 1025B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy MISKOLC M/Y (48° 06'N, 20° 49'E); KP time 0853B. Four Gps, B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy SZONY OIL REFINERY (47° 44'N, 18° 12'E); CP time 1025B. Four Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy AVISO VIADUCT (46° 08'N, 11° 07'E) and ORA RR BRIDGE (46° 21'N, 11° 18'E); KP time 1000B.

(2) Escort: Fighters will provide penetration cover for 47th and 49th Wgs. No target or withdrawal cover for 49th Wg.

2. Normal effort B-24s 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack SZOLNOK/SZAJOL RR BRIDGE (47° 11'N, 20° 15'E) on 28 August 1944. This is Plan "A".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0741B until 0801B. 484th BG and 451st BG and will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 461st BG will enter and leave rectangle at CANDELA going out between the 304th Wg and 55th Wg areas. Rendezvous altitudes: 5,000; 6,000; 7,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See Para. 1. B. (2). To be furnished later.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: None; 47th Wg lead - 49th Wg second.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to KP to TP #1 to Control Point to IP to TARGET.

KEY POINT: RAGUSA (42° 31'N, 18° 23'E). Base altitude 12,000 ft. at 0903B.

TURN POINT #1: PALANKA (45° 15'N, 19° 23'E).

CONTROL POINT: OROSHAZA (46° 32'N, 20° 40'E).

INITIAL POINT: SZARVAS (46° 52'N, 20° 33'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 327° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: All Gps Center at J-4 on Target Chart 12-26-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1048B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 461st BG - 20,000; 484 - 21,000; 451 - 22,000.

TARGET ELEVATION: 295 ft.

RALLY: Right out of flak then left.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #1 to KP to Base.

FIRST ALTERNATE: SZEGED M/Y and RR BRIDGE (46° 15'N, 20° 09'E). Axis of attack: 153° TC. Rally: Right. IP: KISTELEK (46° 28'N, 19° 59'E). Bombing altitude: 18,000; 19,000; 20,000 ft. Area to be bombed: 461 and 484 - Center Imp. D/E-11/12. 451 - Tgt

#1 (RR Br) on B.C. 12-19-NA. Target Chart: 12-19-NA. Target elevation: 270 ft.

SECOND ALTERNATE: SUBOTICA M/Y (46° 07'N, 19° 41'E). Axis of attack: 245° TC. Rally: Left. IP: SZEGED (46° 15'N, 20° 09'E). Bombing altitude: 18,000; 19,000; 20,000 ft. Area to be bombed: 461 - Cent Imp. I-13/14; 484 - Cent Imp J/K-12/13; 451 - Cent Imp L-12. Target Chart: 8-40-NA. Target elevation: 380 ft.

3. x. (1) Three Gps will load 1000# GP fused .1 sec nose and non delay tail.
  - (2) PF A/C will be used for navigation purposes only.
  - (3) Gps will attempt to keep their formations less than 1000 ft from top to bottom. All Gps are attacking the same target and will be in exact trail. A larger interval between Gps on bomb run is recommended.
  - (4) Gps will use whatever means necessary to bomb the target with a narrow front. The target is 600 ft long.
  - (5) Gps will go into right echelon at Control Point and will be at bombing altitude two (2) minutes before reaching Control Point.
4. No Change.
5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
  - (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Pulpwood"), (47th Wg, "Reckless 1"), (304th Wg, "Tankstop"), (55th Wg, "Cleargum"), (451st BG, "Reckless 23"), (461st BG, "Reckless 21"), (484th BG, "Reckless 22").
  - (3) Fighter Call Signs: 47th Wg and 49th Wg escort will be "Falseteeth".
  - (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Sailfish"), (47th Wg, "Frontier"), (304th Wg, "Convertible"), (55th Wg, "California"), (49th Wg, "Purebred"), (306th Wg, "Bootlegger").
  - (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
  - (6) Visual Signals: SOP.

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- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Col. Glantzberg.
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