

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

13 June 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 74)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy BUDAPEST SHELL KOOLAZ and FANTO OIL PLANTS (47° 30'N, 19° 09'E); time at KP 0905B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack SISAK CAPRAG SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT; time at KP 0935B. Three Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy PETFURDO OIL PLANT (47° 12'N, 18° 08'E); time at KP 0925B.

(2) Escort: Five Gps fighters will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for 5th Wg, 49th Wg, and 55th Wg. One Gp fighters will dive bomb and strafe DECSKEMET A/D.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will destroy SZONY OIL PLANT on 14 June 1944. This is Plan "B".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: OSIJEK OIL REFINERY (45° 32' N, 18° 43' E).

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: CAPRAG SHELL OIL REFINERY (45° 28' N, 16° 24' E).

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: SPLIT HARBOR INSTALLATIONS and CEMENT FACTORY (45° 32' N, 16° 28' E).

LAST RESORT TARGET: ZAGREB, BROD and SARAJEVO M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 451st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0805B until 0825B. 461st BG and 484th BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 451st BG will enter rectangle at BOVINO and will leave from BOVINO departing West of 5th Wg area.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See Para. 1. B. (2). Details to be telephoned later.

WING FORMATION: Column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Columns of Wgs. 5th Wg lead - 49th Wg - 55th Wg - 47th Wg.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to Key Point to Turn Point #1 to Turn Point #2 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: CASSOIL ISLAND (42° 45' N, 16° 43' E) Base altitude 10,000 ft at 0915B.

TURN POINT #1: BANJA LUKE (44° 46' N, 17° 11' E).

TURN POINT #2: VESZPREM (47° 07' N, 17° 54' E).

TURN POINT #3: LAKE VELENCEI (47° 12' N, 18° 35' E).

TURN POINT #4: MOHACS (46° 00' N, 18° 41' E).

INITIAL POINT: MEZOORS (47° 34' N, 17° 53' E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: Primary: 52 deg TC; 1st Alternate: 90 deg TC; 2nd Alternate: 180 deg TC. 3rd Alternate: 180 deg TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: Primary: Tgt. Centered at H/I-16/17 (Pump House and Boiler House) on Target Chart 12-35-NA. 1st Alternate: Target Area #1 in Briefing Chart 8-39-NA. 2nd Alternate: Optional. No Target Chart available. Target located on Bank of RIVER KRUPA 2 miles SSE of SISAK. 3rd Alternate: 451st - Harbor centered at I/J-14/15; 461st Cement Fcty centered at N/O-14; 484th Cement Fcty centered at M/N-20.

TARGET TIME: 1108B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: Primary, 1st and 2nd Alternates:

(451st BG - 20,000 ft).

(461st BG - 21,000 ft).

(484th BG - 22,000 ft).

3rd Alternate and Last Resort Targets:

(451st BG - 22,000 ft).

(461st BG - 23,000 ft).

(484th BG - 24,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: Primary: 350 ft. 1st Alternate: 308 ft. 2nd Alternate: 325 ft. 3rd Alternate: 50 ft.

RALLY: Right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Turn Point #3 to Turn Point #4 to Turn Point #1 to Key Point to Base.

3. a. 451st BG will Load 500#GP with .1 sec nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail fusing.
 - b. 461st BG and 484th BG will load 250# GP clustered with .1 sec nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail fusing.
 - x. (1) Each Gp will be led by one Pathfinder A/C.
 - (2) No other targets (other than those mentioned as alternates) in YUGOSLAVIA will be bombed.
 - (3) Lead attack units will load three (3) cartons Window. Dispensing will begin three (3) minutes before IP and continue until clear of flak. Dispensing rate 6 units every 20 seconds.
 - (4) One Pathfinder A/C will be used by the 451st BG.
 - (5) Gps will go into left echelon at TP #2.
 - (6) Pathfinder A/C will land at 451st BG on return from mission.
4. No Change.
5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
 - (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Moses 1"), (47th BG, "Moses 4"), (55th Wg, "Moses 3"), (451st BG, "Moses 21"), (461st BG, "Moses 22"), (484th BG, "Moses 23").
 - (3) Fighter Call Signs: Seedcake with suffix numbers in order of contact with bombers.
 - (4) RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: (5th Wg, "Failure"), (47th Wg, "Fuel"), (55th Wg, "Holdtight"), 49th Wg, "Hotseat"), (306th Wg, "Lovebird").
 - (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
 - (6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Col. Eaton.

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