

HEADQUARTERS 49TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)
APO 520 US ARMY

4 May 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)
:
NUMBER 35)

1.a. See latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "B".

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack BUDAPEST RAKOST M/Y and West Station; time at KP 0825B. Two Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack BUDAPEST MANFRIED WEISS Sidings; time at KP 859B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack BUDAPEST FERENCVAROS M/Ys; time at KP 0849B. One Gp B-24s, 55th Wg, forming Composite Wg with two Gps 49th Wg, will attack KOBANYA M/Y; time at KP 0839B. Two Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, and one Gp 49th Wg, will attack PODGORICA.

(2) Escort: Five Gps fighters will furnish penetration, target cover and withdrawal escort for Wgs going to BUDAPEST. Type of fighters will be given later by telephone.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG and 461st BG will destroy RAKOS station on 5 May 1944. This is Plan "B".

ALTERNATE TARGET: 1st Alternate: Primary target to be bombed on ETA.
BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will line rendezvous behind 451st BG over MELFI at 0737B on a TC of 165 degrees. 460th BG will line rendezvous with 49th Wg Formation when 49th Wg bombers fly over SPINAZZOLA on a TC of 358 degrees at 0745B. 49th Wg Gps hold initial rendezvous altitudes until SPINAZZOLA is passed.
FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be telephoned later.
WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped down.
AIR FORCE FORMATION: Column of Wgs: 5th Wg lead - Composite - 304th - and 47th Wgs.
ORDER OF FLIGHT: 451st BG lead - 461st BG - 460th BG.
ROUTE OUT: MELFI to SPINAZZOLA to key point to Turn Point #1 to Turn Point #2 to TP to Target.
KEY POINT: (42 deg 59 min N, 16 deg 01 min E) at 10,000 ft at 0839B.
TURN POINT #1: KERESZHIR (46 deg 42 min N, 17 deg 22 min E)
TURN POINT #2: KISBER (47 deg 30 min N, 18 deg 01 deg E)
TURN POINT #3: ERDUT (45 deg 31 min N, 19 deg 04 min E)
TURN POINT #4: RAGUSA (42 deg 31 min N, 18 deg 22 min E)
INITIAL POINT: DOROC (47 deg 43 min N, 18 deg 44 min E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 116 degrees.
AIMING POINT: I/J-16 on Target Chart 12-1-NA.
TARGET TIME: 1040B.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING: 451st BG - 200 ft. 461st BG - 225ft.
BOMBING ALTITUDE: (451st BG - 22,000 ft)
(461st BG - 21,000 ft)
(460th BG - 20,000 ft)
TARGET ELEVATION: 430 ft.
RALLY: Left then right with an "S" turn.
ROUTE BACK: Target to Turn Point #3 to Turn Point #4 to Base.

3.X. (1) Gp lead attack units load four (4) cartons Window. Dispensing begins four (4) minutes before IP and continues until clear of flak.

(2) Two Gps load 500# GP with .1 sec nose fuse and mixed .01 and .025 tail fuse.

4. No change.

5.a. (1) Command radio: 4085 Kcs.

(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "kiddies 1"), (47th Wg, "Kiddies 5"), (304th Wg, "Kiddies 4"), (460th BG, "Kiddies 3"), 451st BG, "kiddies 21"), (461st BG, "Kiddies 22").

(3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort will use "Boulder 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5".

(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Lovebird"), (47th Wg, "Market"), 460th BG, "Football"), 304th Wg, "Obtain"), (49th Wg, 451st BG and 461st BG, "Crank1" - 484th BG, "Crank 2").

(5) VHF Channel: "B".

(6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg. Red-red flare will be used.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg. 460th BG Amber letter "G".

b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Capt. Younkin.

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX "A" FOR

PLAN BAKER

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PLAN: All the principal M/Ys in BUDAPEST and the clearing stations for military supplies are involved in simultaneous attacks. BUDAPEST is the primary bottleneck for practically all supplies for the south RUSSIAN front. Our particular target, the M/Y at RAKOS station clears all traffic on the main line out to BRASOV.

There is a total of more than four thousand (4,000) cars in all the BUDAPEST yards.

DEFENSES: The current flak chart shows about 110 heavy guns in the BUDAPEST area. There are an estimated 80-90 S/E and 20-30 twin engine fighters as opposition in the target area. Of this number 50-60 S/E and 10-15 twin engine sorties represent reinforcements from bases in AUSTRIA. To and from the target practically no opposition is anticipated.

T. C. No. 12-1-NA - Marked for Plan BAKER.
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