

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

2 September 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 152)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy BELGRADE PANCEVO RR BRIDGE (44° 49'N, 20° 29'E), BELGRADE SAVA RR BRIDGE (44° 47'N, 20° 26'E) and BELGRADE SAVA ROAD BRIDGE (44° 48'N, 20° 26'E). Four Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy SZEGED RR BRIDGE (46° 15'N, 20° 09'E) and SZOLNOK RR BRIDGE (47° 11'N, 20° 13'E). Fighters will dive bomb SMEDEREVO FERRYS (44° 42'N, 20° 57'E). 47th 55th Wgs "Stand Down".

(2) Escort: Fighters will provide escort for 55th and 304th Wgs and will strafe ROAD and RAILROAD ROUTES from SKOPLJE to NIS to BELGRADE.

2. Normal effort B-24s 451st BG and 461st BG will attack SMEDEREVO FERRY SLIPS (44° 42'N, 20° 57'E) on 3 September 1944. This is Plan "A".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 451st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0847B until 0907B. 461st BG and 484th BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 451st BG will enter the rectangle at BOVINO going out between 5th Wgs and 304th Wgs areas. Rendezvous altitudes: 5,000 ft, 6,000ft, 7,000 ft.

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

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: None for 49th Wg.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to KP to TP #1 to TP #2 to IP to target.

KEY POINT: SIPAN ISLAND (42° 43'N, 17° 52'E) Base altitude: 12,000 ft at 1001B.

TURN POINT #1: KRAGUJEVAC (44° 01'N, 20° 55'E).

TURN POINT #2: ZELENIKE (44° 35'N, 21° 34'E).

INITIAL POINT: N.E. Tip of Island (44° 48'N, 21° 18'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 451 - 245°, 461 & 484 - 250° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: Cent impact - 451 - J-10; 461 - Between R and R/s-17/18; 484 - U-16. Target Chart 8-41-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1115B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 451 - 17,000; 461 - 18,000; 484 - 19,000.

TARGET ELEVATION: 246 ft.

RALLY: Left.

ROUTE BACK: Target to KP to Base.

ALTERNATE TARGET: None.

3. x. (1) Three Gps will load 500# RDX with .1 nose fuse and .01 tail.

- (2) PFF will lead for navigational purposes only if desired.
- (3) Gps will go into right echelon at TP #2 and will be at bombing altitude 5 minutes before TP #2.

4. No Change.

- 5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Betty"), (304th Wg, "Retain"), (451st BG, "Meathead 1"), (461st BG, "Meathead 2"), (484th BG, "Meathead 3").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: 5th Wg escort will use "Flywheel". 304th Wg escort will use "Headtop".
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "California"), (304th Wg, "Tearoom"), (49th Wg, "Convertible"), (306th Wg, "Bootlegger").
- (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
- (6) Visual Signals: SOP.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Major Younkin.
- (2) Deputy Combat Wing Commander: Major Walkie.

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