

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

4 September 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 153)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy BUDAPEST NORTH R/R BRIDGE (47° 34'N, 19° 04'E) and BUDAPEST SOUTH R/R BRIDGE (47° 28'N, 19° 04'E); KP time 0842B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy ROLLING STOCK IN ORADEA M/Y (47° 05'N, 21° 55'E); KP time 0842B. Three Gps, B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy SZOB R/R BRIDGE (47° 48'N, 18° 54'E); KP time 0856B. Three Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy SZOLNOK R/R BRIDGE (47° 12'N, 20° 12'E); KP time 0842B.

(2) Escort: None for 49th Wg.

2. Normal effort B-24s 451st BG and 461st BG will attack SAVA EAST R/R BRIDGE (44° 48'N, 20° 27'E) on 5 September 1944. This is Plan "A".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 451st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0726B until 0751B. 461st BG and 484th BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. Lead Gp will enter rectangle at BOVINO, go around rectangle 1½ times, and depart from CANDELA going between 304th and 55th Wgs areas. Rendezvous altitudes: 7,000; 8,000; 9,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: None.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Three columns of Wgs: 5th and 55th Wgs in West column, 304th Wg in Center column and 47th and 49th Wgs in the East column.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 451st BG; 461st BG; 484th BG.

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

KEY POINT: RAGUSA (42° 31'N, 18° 23'E) Base altitude: 16,000 ft at 0852B.

TURN POINT #1: TEGARE (44° 09'N, 19° 29'E).

TURN POINT #2: SABAC (44° 46'N, 19° 42'E).

INITIAL POINT: KARLOVCIC (44° 49'N, 20° 04'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 95° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: Center of Impact H-16 on Briefing Chart 8-3-NA.

TARGET TIME: 954B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (451st BG - 22,000 ft); (461st BG - 23,000 ft); (484th BG - 24,000ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: 250 ft.

RALLY: Right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target, rally, direct to Bases.

ALTERNATE TARGET: CUPRIJA R/R BRIDGE (43° 54'N, 21° 21'E). Axis of attack: 286° TC. IP: LUKOVO (43° 48'N, 21° 51'E). Rally left.

Bombing altitude: (451st BG - 17,000 ft); (461st BG - 18,000 ft); (484th BG - 19,000ft). Area to be bombed: Center of Impact D-11 on target chart 8-49-NA. Target elevation: 383 ft.

3. x. (1) Three Gps load 1000# RDX with .1 nose fuse and non delay tail fuse.
 - (2) PFF will lead if desired for navigational purposes only.
 - (3) 5th and 55th Wgs KP: SCEDRO ISLE (43° 05'N, 16° 44'E). 47th Wg KP: Same as 49th Wg. 304th Wg KP: GRUJ PT (42° 41'N, 17° 45'E).
 - (4) Lead attack units load 3 cartons Window. Dispensing will begin 2 minutes before IP and continue at the rate of six units every 20 seconds until clear of flak.
 - (5) Gps will be at bombing altitude at TP #1 and will go into left echelon at TP #2.
4. No Change.
5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
 - (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Brewer 1"), (47th Wg, "Rubbish"), (304th Wg, "Roastlamb"), (55th Wg, "Brewer 2"), (451st BG, "Fathead 1"), (461st BG, "Fathead 2"), (484th BG, "Fathead 3").
 - (3) Fighter Call Signs: None for the 49th Wg.
 - (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Rotation"), (47th Wg, "Skipper"), (304th Wg, "Carson"), (55th Wg, "Poker"), (49th Wg, "Ducksoup"), (15th Provisional Fighter Command, "Blackjack").
 - (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
 - (6) Visual Signals: SOP.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

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

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