

HEADQUARTERS 55TH BOMB WING (H)
APO 520 US ARMY

8 August 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

:
NUMBER 147)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

5 Groups of 5th Wing attack GYOR Car and Machinery Works and A/C assembly plant at 1100B. Key Point Time: 0925B. ALTERNATE TARGET: BROD South M/Y and O/R.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack BUDAPEST/VECSES A/D Installations at 1111B. Key Point Time: 0933B. ALTERNATE TARGET: NOVI-SAD A/D Installations & M/Y.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack ALMAS/FUZITO O/R at 1100B. Key Point Time: 0936B. ALTERNATE TARGET: Same as 5th Wing.

Groups of 304th Wing STAND DOWN.

306th Wing provide: escort for each wing, top offensive cover for 5th and 49th Wings, target cover for 5th Wing.

2.

Normal effort of 3 Groups of 55th Wing attack BUDAPEST/TOKOL A/D Installations at 1100B, 9 August 1944. - This is Plan ABLE.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: NOVI SAD A/D Installations & M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 465 and 464 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 7000 and 8000 feet. 464 falling in behind 465 in 465 area prior to rendezvous. 465 over ANDRIA at 0821B.

485th rendezvous in normal area at 9000 feet approaching ALTAMURA from SANTERAMO IN COLLE and over ALTAMURA at 0827B.

Wing Rendezvous: 465th lead over SPINAZZOLA on course at 0836B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Triple parallel column of Wings: Left column 5th Wing, Middle column 49th Wing, Right column 55th Wing, 47th Wing.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to Keypoint SIPAN ISLAND (4243N 1753E) to DRINJACA (4417N 1909E) to SUBOTICA (4606N 1940E) to IP to target.

Last Point to start climb to Bombing Altitude: TRNAVICA (4321N1825E).
Keypoint Time: 0928B at 14,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: ORKENY (4707N 1926E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 306 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1100B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465 - 21,000', 464 - 21,800 feet, 485 - 22,600'.

TARGET ELEVATION: 360 feet.

RALLY: LEFT to DUNNADONY (4707N 1851E).

ROUTE BACK: DUNNADONY to CZECH (4646N 1838E) to MODRICA (4456N 1818E)- to BRAC ISLAND (4320N 1650E) to Bases.

3.

a. 460th Group STAND DOWN.

x. 464, 465, and 485th groups load 10-500# GP bombs fused .1 nose and .01 tail.

Intervalometer settings: 464, 465, 485 - 25 feet.

Use NPI as shown on inclosed chart.

Wing will fly close right echelon on route and close column over the target. Wing formation must be maintained on and after Rally.

PFF lead for navigation.

Close timing is called for as all targets of the Air Force are to be hit as close to the same time as possible.

First Alternate: NOVI SAD A/D Installations and M/Y.

Initial Point: CURUG (4528N 2004E)

Axis of Attack: 222 degrees.

Rally: LEFT to SREM MITROVICA (4458N 1937E).

Route Back: SREM MITROVICA to DRINJACA, then reverse route out.

Method of attack: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 464, 465, 485 Groups - 40 feet.

4.

No Change.

5.

a.

Command Radio: Assigned Group Frequency for communication within the Group. VHF Wing Channel "B" for Group to Group within the Wing.

b. VHF Channel "A" for Bombers to Fighters and Wing to Wing.

c.

Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing - SADLER, 47th Wing - ROOSEVELT, 49th Wing - AIRSLUG, 55th Wing - FRONTROOM (465 - FRONTROOM Leader, 464 - FRONTROOM 2, 485 - FRONTROOM 3.)

d.

Fighter Call Sign For: 5th Wing - THICKRUG, 47th Wing - CLEARGUM, 49th Wing - SOMEGIRL, 55th Wing - FALSETEETH.

Recall Signs: 5th Wing - WOLF, 47th Wing - HURRICANE, 49th Wing - THRILL, 55th Wing - TAVERN, 306th Wing - PROUDFOOT.

x.

Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Load 2 cartons Window in lead attack units dispensing 4 units every 20 seconds from 2 minutes before IP until clear of Flak.

Groups will check in at Wing Rendezvous with Wing VHF ground station, callsign UPHILL, on VHF Channel B, using following Callsigns: 464 - WINDBLO, 465 - REWARD, 485 - THORAX.

Radio discipline must be enforced.

Standard bombs away signals will be observed.

By order of Colonel ACHESON:

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