

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

18 July 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 129)

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a. See Intelligence Annex.

b. 4 Groups of 47th Wing destroy BROD SOUTH M/Y. Key Point Time: 0754B.

4 Groups of 304th Wing destroy BLECHHAMMER SOUTH SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT at 1130B. Key Point Time: 0824B. Alternate Target: PRIVOZ O/R, BOHUMIN O/R, OLOMOUC A/D, BRNO/LISEN A/C Factory and A/D, SZOMBATHEY A/C Factory.

3 Groups of 49th Wing destroy BLECHHAMMER SOUTH SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT at 1140B. Key Point Time: 0834B. Alternate Target: Same as 304th Wing.

6 Groups of 5th Wing destroy BLECHHAMMER NORTH SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT at 1200B. Key Point Time: 0842B. Alternate Target: Same as 304th Wing.

7 Groups Fighters of 306th Wing provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover.

2 4 Groups 55th Wing destroy BLECHHAMMER SOUTH SYNTHETIC OIL PIANT at 1150B, 19 July 1944. This is Plan APLE.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: BOHUNIN O/S.

SECOND ALTEPNATE TARGET: PRIVOZ O/R.

LAST RESORT TARGET: CYOR A/D Installation.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 460 and 485 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 7,000 and 8,000 feet. 460 approaching AITWURA from TORITTO, 485 approaching ALTAMURA from SANTERANO IN COILE. 460th over ALTAMURA at ~~6940B~~. 0753B

Group Rendezvous: 464 and 465 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 9,000 and 10,000 feet. 465 falling in behind 464 in 464 area prior to rendezvous. 464 over ANDRIA at ~~0934B~~. 0751B

Wing rendezvous: 460th lead over SPINAZZOIA on course at ~~0751B~~. 0804B

FIGHTER BOYBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Column of Wings: 304th, 49th, 55th (460, 485, 464, 465), 5th Wings.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to TRPANJ (4300N - 1717E) to TP BREOLJE (4513N - 1825E) to TP - LAKE VELENCEI (4713N - 1837E) to TP-PISZKE (4746N - 1829E) to TP-VRUTKY (4908N - 1854E) to IP to Target. 0857 Key Point Time? 0844B at 15,000 feet. Last point to start climb, to Bombing Altitude (4730N - 1833E).

INITIAL POINT: PARTOWICE (4958N - 1843E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 320 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1150P.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 460 - 24,000 feet, 485 - 23,000 feet, 464 - 22,000 feet, 465 - 23,200 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: 606 feet.

RALLY; LEFT to TPOPPAU (4957N - 1754E).

ROUTE BACK: Rally to PISZKE then Reverse Route Out.

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1. Bomb Load: 464, 465, 485 load 10 - 500# GP fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail. 460 load 5 - 1000# GP fused .1 nose and .01 and .025 tail. Intervalometer Settings: 460 - 100 feet, 485, 464, 465 - 50 feet.
2. PFF lead all units.
3. Use MPI as shown on attached target charts.
4. Groups will maintain close RIGHT echelon enroute and close column of Groups over the target to assure maximum Fighter protection and Bombing Accuracy.
5. Lead ship will maintain 150 MPH after Rally until Wing is formed. 150 MPH should be maintained on the return route.
6. Every precaution must be taken to minimize fuel consumption. Tanks will be topped off after preflight. Ground running time will be kept at a minimum. Co-Pilots will see that auto-lean will be used whenever possible. Keep Rall Turrets up unless needed until area of LAKE BALATON is reached.
7. Bombing will be by visual in absence of smoke or cloud, Only synchronous. PFF Bombing will be employed if smoke or cloud is encountered. PFF Operators will conduct synchronous

bombing procedure in all cases. In case of PFF failure, offset bombing using Grid will be employed.

8. First Alternate: BOHUNIN Oil Storage.
Initial Point: RATIBOR (5006N - 1813E).
Axis of Attack: 156 degrees.
Rally: LEFT.
Route Back: Rally to SKOCZON (4948N - 1848E) to VRUTKY. The reverse of Route Out.
Method of Attack: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart.
Intervalometer Settings: 460 - 100 feet, 464, 465, 485, 75 feet.
9. Second Alternate: PRIVOZ Oil Refinery.
Initial Point: RATIBOR (5006N - 1813E).
Axis of Attack: 178 degrees.
Rally: LEFT to SKOCZOV (4948N - 1848E).
Route Back: SKOCZOV to VRUTKY Then reverse Route Out.
Method of Attack: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart.
Intervalometer Settings: 460 - 100 feet, 464, 465, 485 - 50 feet.
10. Last Alternate: GYOR, A/D Installations.
Initial Point: GUTA (4755N - 1800E).
Axis of Attack: 222 degrees.
Rally: LEFT to PAPA.
Route Back: PAPA to Key Point to Base.
Method of Attack column of Groups.
Intervalometer Settings: 460 - 150 feet, 465, 464, 435 - 100 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 - FREEZOL 4; 49th Wing - FREEZOL 2, 55th Wing - FREFZOL 3 (460 - FREEZOL 31, 485 - FREFZOL 32, 464 - FREEZOL 33, 465 - FREFZOL 34), 304th - FREEZOL 1.

d. Fighter Call Sign For: Escort use PULPWOOD 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 in order of contact.

- e. Recall Signs: 5th Wing - PORTPAIT, 47th Wing - SNOB, 49th - DOLLAR, 55th Wing - CRIME, 304th Wing - FEATHER, 306th Wing - LEROY.
- x. Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Load 3 cartons of Chaff in each lead attack unit dispensing 6 units every 20 seconds until clear of Flak Area. Radio discipline must be enforced.

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