

AMENDMENT TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 141, 29 JUL 44

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 485 and 460 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 11000 and 12000 feet. 485 approaching ALTALURA from SANTERANO IN COLLE. 460 approaching ALTALURA from TORITTO, 485 over ALTAMURA at 0840B.

464 and 465 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 11000 and 12000 feet. 465 falling in behind 464 in 464 area prior to rendezvous, 464 over ANDRIA at 0838B.

Wing Rendezvous: 485 lead over SPINAZZOLA on course at 0851.

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

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1.
  - a. See Intelligence Annex.
  - b. 5 Groups of 5th Wing attack BUDAPEST/TOKOL A/D Installations at 1120B. Key Point Time: 0936B. Alternate Target: BROD, SUBOTICA, & SARAJEVO M/Y & KECSKEMET A/D.

3 Groups of 47th Wing attack LISPE/BUDAFPUSZTA O/R (4630N 1642E). Key Point Time: 1000B. Alternate Target: BROD South M/Y & SARAJEVO M/Y.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack BUDAPEST/DUNA A/C Factory at 1100B. Key Point Time: 0923B. Alternate Targets: Same as 5th Wing.

304th Wing Stand Down.

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

2. 4 Groups of 55th Wing attack BUDAPEST/DUNA A/C Factory at 1110B on 30 July 1944. This is Plan Baker.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: KECSKEMET A/D Installations.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: SUBOTICA M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 485 and 460 line rendezvous from ALTANURA to GRAVINA at 6000 and 7000 feet. 485 approaching ALTAMURA from SANTERAMO IN COLLE. 460 approaching ALTAMURA from TORTTTO, 485 over ALTANURA at 0829B.

464 and 465 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 8000 and 9000 feet. 465 falling in behind 464 in 464 area prior to rendezvous. 464 over ANDRIA at 0827B.

Wing rendezvous: 485 lead over SPINAZZOLA on course at 0840B.

FIGHTER BOBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

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

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to Key Point SCEDRO ISLE (4305N 1642E) to LIVNO (4350N 1700E) to TAPOICZA (4653N 1728E) to VAROSTOD (4709N 1739E) to IP to Target. Last Point to start climb at Bombing Altitude: LIVNO (4350N 1700E). Key Point Time: 0933B at 12000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: ALCSUT (4726N 1837E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 110°.

TARGET TIME: 1110B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 485 - 24000, 460 - 23000, 464 - 23800, 465 - 22800.

TARGET ELEVATION: 360 feet.

RALLY: Right to CZECE (4646N 1838E).

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to VRPOLJE (4513N 1825E) to TRPANJ (4300N 1717E) to Bases.

3.

- x. Bomb Load: 460 - 485: 10 500# RDX fused .1 nose and .025 tail. 464 - 465: 10 500# RDX and complete loads with 500# GPs fusing, .1 nose and .025 tail.

Intervalometer Settings: All Groups 50 feet.

Use MPI as enclosed on attached target charts.

PFF stand down.

Avoid flak areas between VAROSTOD and ALCSUT and flak areas at MOSTAR, VRGORAC (4312N 1722E) and MAKARSKA (4318N 1702E).

Method of Attack: All Groups will fly close left echelon on Route Out and close column of Groups over Target.

Lead ship maintain 155 after rally until Wing is reformed. 155 will be maintained if any stragglers need protection.

First Alternate: KECSKEMET AIRDROME INSTALLATIONS.

I.P.: FELSODABAS (4712N 1919) Axis of attack: 135°.

Rally: Right to KECZEL (4632N 1915E).

Route Back: Rally Point to DATASZEK (4612N 1843E) to VRPCIJE to TRTANJ to Bases.

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

Intervalometer settings: All Groups - 50'.

SECOND ALTERNATE: SUBOTICA M/Y.

I.P.: KIS - KUN - NAJSA (4629N 1944E). Axis of attack: 185°.  
Rally: Right to ST SIVAC (4542N 1922E).  
Route Back: Rally Point to VRPOLJE to TRPANJ to Bases.  
Method of attack: Column of Groups - 485 and 460 - Center South half;  
464 and 465 Center North half.  
Intervalometer settings: 50 ft.

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 - FRUITTART 3; 47th Wing - BUTLER; 49th Wing - FRUITTART 1; 55th Wing - FRUITTART 2 (485 - FRUITTART 2 Leader, 460 FRUITTART 22, 464 - FRUITTART 23, 465 - FRUITTART 24).
  - d. Fighter Call Signs: RADCLIFF 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 in order of contact.
  - e. Recall Signs: 5th Wing - PROUDFOOT; 47th Wing - DIAMOND; 49th Wing - HOUND; 55th Wing - LEROY; 306th Wing - FEATHER.
  - x. Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Load 3 cartons Window in Aircraft of lead attack unit of each Group dispensing 6 units every 20 seconds from IP until clear of Flak.

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