

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

2 July 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 114)

1. a. See Intelligence Annex.

b. (1) Normal effort of 4 Groups of B-24s of 304th Wing attack TITAN Oil Refinery and TITAN "ALAXA Steel Works at 1200B. Key Point Time: 1000B. Alternate Targets: IRONGATES, KTALJTNO Bridge and M/Y. Last Resort: LAPOVO N/Y.

(2) Reduced effort of 4 Groups of B-24s of 47th Wing attack GIURGIU Oil Storage Depot at 1154B. Key Point Time: 1006B. Alternate Target: Same as 304th Wine.

(3) Normal effort of 3 Groups of B-24s of 49th Wing attack BUCHAREST MOGA SARIA Oil Storage Depot at 1206B. Key Point Time: 1010B. Alternate Target: Same as 304th.

(4) Normal effort of AZON FOPCE of 5th Wing attack SZEGED Bridge. Key Point Time: 1010B. Alternate Target: None.

(5) Normal effort of 2 Groups of B-17s of 5th Wing attack ARAD Car Repair Facilities . - Key Point Time: '1010B. Normal effort of 2 Groups of B-17s of 5th Wing attack PIATRA Bridge. Key Point Time: 1017B. Alternate Targets: BROD O/R, SUBOTICA and NOVI SAD M/Y and SISAK CAPRAG O/R.

(6) Normal effort of 8th Air Force Task Force attack ARAD N/Y. Key Point Time: 1030B. Alternate Target: BROD O/R and N/Y, MOWI SAD N/Y.

(7) Normal effort of 2 Groups of Fighters of 306th Wing free lance in PLOESTI - BUCHAREST Area. 3 Groups cover for 47, 49 and 304 Wing. 2 Groups cover for AZON Force, and provide cover for 5th and 55th Wings.

2. Normal effort of 4 Groups of B-24s of the 55th Wing attack Oil and Rail targets in the BELGRADE area 3 July 1944, This is Plan Baker.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARCET: For 460, 485 and 465 Groups - SUBOTICA
M/Y

For 464 Group - NOVI SAD N/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 465 and 464 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 7000 and 8000 ft respectively. 465 on course over ANDRIA at 0852B.

460 and 485 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 5000 and 6000 ft respectively. 460 on course over AITAMUPA at 0856B.

Wing rendezvous: 460 and 485 over SPINAZZOLA on course at assigned altitudes at 0906B. 465 and 464 approach from the SW falling in behind 460 and 485 at assigned altitudes at 0908B.

FIGHTER ROMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLICHT: 3 columns of Wings: Left column - 55th (460, 485, 465, 464), 2 Groups 5th Wing - AZON FORCE. This column will split at STOLAC. Middle column - 304th, 49th. Right column - 47th.

ROUTE OUT: All Groups - SPINAZZOLA to Key Point STON (4251N 1742E) to STOLAC (4305N 1758E). 464 Group - STOLAC to IP to Target. 460, 485, 465 Groups - STOLAC to KUPINOVO (4442N 2003E) to PETROVGRAD (4523N 2023B) to IP to Target. Key Point Time: 1000B at 12000'.

INITIAL POINT: 460, 485, 465 Groups: CIMLVAZ (4434N 2100E) 464 Group: KUPINOVO (4442N 2003E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 460, 485, 465, 38 deg. 464 - 70 deg.

TARGET TIME: 460, 485, 465 - 1121B. 464 - 1058B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 460 - 22000'; 485 - 21000'; 465 - 21800'; 464 - 23000'.

TARGET ELEVATION: TIMISOARA - 282'; BELGRADE 242'.

RALLY: For all Groups - Right.

ROUTE BACK: 460, 485, 465 - Rally to OTVESTI (4538N 2126E) to GROCKA (4440N 2044E) to Key Point To Base. 464 Group - Rally to Key Point to Base.

3. x. (1) 460, 485, 465 Groups attack TI'ISOARA M/Y at 1121B.

(2) 464 Group attack REIGRADE Shell Oil Depot at 1058B.

(3) All Groups use MPI as shown on attached target chart.

(4) Bomb load: 460, 464, 465 Groups - 10 500# GP fused .1 nose. Tail fusing for 460 and 465 Groups mixed .01 and .01 and .025

Tail fusing for 464 Groups mixed .01 and .025 485 Group load 10 M-17 incendiaries.

(5) Intervalometer settings: 460 and 465 - 60'; 485 - 30'. 464 - 25'.

(6) PF - Stand Down.

(7) First alternate: For 460, 485 and 465 Groups - SUBOTICA N/Y. I.P.: ST KANGIZA (4604N 2003E). Axis of attack: 282 deg. Rally: Left. Route back: Rally to PODGRAB (4347N 1843E) to Key Point to Base. Avoid SAREJEVO and MOSTAR. Method of attack: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart. Intervalometer settings: 460 - 50'; 485 - 35'; 465 - 25'.

(8) First alternate: For 464 Group NOVI SAD. I.P. N SLANKAMENT (4509N 2015E). Axis of attack: 290deg. Target Elevation - 260'. Rally: Left. Route back: to PODGRAB (4347N 1843E) to Key Point to Base. Avoid SAREJEVO and MOSTAR. Intervalometer settings: 50'.

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: 47th Wing: MOSES; 5th Wing: 2 Groups attacking PIATRA - RECKLESS3; 2 Groups attacking ARAD - FREEZOL 2; 49th Wing - RECKLESS 2; 55th Wing - FREEZOL 1 (460 - FREEZOL 11; 485 - FREEZOL 12; 465 - FREEZOL 13; 464 - FREEZOL 14); 304th Wing - RECKLESS 1; AZON - FRONTROOM.

d. Fighter Call Signs For: 47th Wing - LARGE CUP, AZON - CARTLOAD. Escort in BELGRADE Area - SHAPELY. Escort in BUCHAREST Area - SURETHING - 1, 2, 3.

e. Recall signs: 5th Wing - YODEL, 47th Wing - HOUND; 49th Wing - WHISTLE, 55th Wing - SHxxTY, 304th Wing - LOCKJAW, 306th Wing - SAILOR.

x. 464 Group load 2 cartons window in alternate attack units every 20 seconds from 2 minutes before the IP until clear of flak.

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