

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

6 July 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 118)

1. a. See Intelligence Annex.

b. (1) 6 Groups of 5th Wing attack BLECHHANNER SOUTH
SYNTHETIC Oil Plant at 1030B. Key Point Time: 0735B.
Alternate Target: PRIVOZ O/R. Last Resort: VIENNA
SCHWECHAT O/R, VIENNA Center M/Y by PF.

(2) 3 Groups of 49th Wing attack BLECHHAMMER NORTH
SYNTHETIC Oil Plant at 1040B. Key Point Time: 0754B.
Alternate Target: PRIVOZ O/R. Last Resort: VIEIMA
WINTERHAFEN Oil Storage, VIENNA Center M/Y, by PF.

(3) 4 Groups of 304th Wing attack ODERTAL SYNTHETIC
Oil and Coking Plant at 1100B. Key Point Time: 0814B.
Alternate Target: BOHUMMIN O/R. Last Resort: LOBAU
O/R, VIENNA Center by PF.

(4) 4 Groups of 47th Wing attack ZAGREB N/Y and Frag
ZAGREB A/D. Key Point Time at LAKE BALATON: 0838B.

(5) Maximum effort of 7 Groups of Fighters of 306th
Wing provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover
for bomber formation.

2. Normal effort of 4 Groups of B-24's of the 55th Wing
destroy BLECHHAMMER NORTH SYNTHETIC Oil Plant at 1050B, 7 July 1944.
This is Plan ABLE.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: BOHUMMIN O/R.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: VIENNA WINTERHAFEN Oil
Storage.

LAST RESORT TARGET: VIENNA Center M/Y by PF.

BOMBER RINDEZVOUS: 460 and 485 line rendezvous from
ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 5,000 and
6,000 feet respectively. 460 on
course over ALTAMURA at 0708B.

464 and 465 line rendezvous from
ANDRIA to CANOSA at 7,000 and

8,000 feet respectively. 464 on
course over ANDRIA at 0705B.

Wing Rendezvous: 460 and 485 over SPINAZZOLA on course
at assigned altitudes at 0720B. 464
and 465 approach from the SW falling
in behind 460 and 485 at assigned
altitudes at 0722B.

FIGHTER BCMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

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

ROUTE OUT: SPIMAZZOLA to Key Point CAZZIOL ISLAND
(4245N 1643E) to CSALLOKOZARANYOS (4746N
1758E) to STERNBERG (4944N 1718E) to
NEUSTADT (5019N 1734E) to IP to Target.

Wing must reach 16,000 feet at LAKE
BALATON. Last point to start climb to LAKE
BALATON (4440N 1710E). Key Point Time:
0804B at 10,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: OBER GLOGAU (5021N 1751E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 90 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1050B.

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

TARGET ELEVATION: 693 feet.

RALLY: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Rally to ZEBRZYDOWICE (4953N 1837E) to
CSALLOKOZARANYOS then reciprocal to Base.

3. a. 465 Group load 10 M-17 incendiaries. Intervalometer Setting: 100 feet.

x. (1) 460, 485, 464 Groups load 10 500 GP fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail.

(2) 460, 485, 464 Intervalometer Settings: 75 feet.

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

(4) P/F A/C will lead all Groups. Bombardiers will decide at IP whether or not PF is to be used so operators will be prepared.

(5) Wing formation must be close LEFT echelon enroute and close column of Groups over the Target for maximum protection against Fighters and for bombing accuracy.

(6) Every precaution must be taken to minimize fuel consumption. Tanks will be topped off after preflight and ground running time will be kept at a minimum. Use auto lean whenever possible. Lead Groups will not exceed 150 MPH indicated after rally. Keep Ball Turrets up unless needed until LAKE BALATON Area is reached.

(7) First Alternate Target: BOHUMMIN O/R.

Initial Point: RATIBOR (5005N 1813E).

Axis of Attack: 156 degrees.

Target Elevation: 662 feet.

Intervalometer Settings: 460, 485, 464 - 75 foot, 465 - 30'.

Rally: LEFT

Route Back: Rally to ZEBRZYDOWICA. Then same as Primary.

(8) Second Alternate Target: VIENNA WINTERHAFIN Oil Storage.

Initial Point: GANSERNDORF (4821N 1643E).

Axis of Attack: 225 degrees.

Target Elevation: 575 feet.

Intervalometer Settings: All Groups 30 feet.

Rally: LEFT to GOLS (4754N 1655E) .

Route Back: GOLS to Key Point to Base.

(9) Last Resort Target: VIENNA Center of M/Y.

Initial Point: GANSERNDORF (4821N 1643E).

Target Elevation: 550 feet.
Intervalometer Settings: All Groups 100 feet.
Rally: RIGHT to BOHEINKIRCHEN (4812N 1545E).
Route Back: BOHEINKIRCHEN to Key Point to Base
avoiding ZAGREB.

(10) Wing must fly e close column of Groups through
and NORTH of LAKE ENLATON Area in order to avoid Flak
Defended Areas.

4. No Change.

5. a. Command Radio: Assigned Greup Frequency for
communication within Group. VHF Wing Channel "B" for Group

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

c. Bomber Call Signs: 5th Wing - FLYWHEEL 1, 49th Wing -
FLYWHEEL 2, 55th Wing - FLY.HEEL 3
(460 - FLY'HEEL 31, 485 - FLYWHEEL
32, 464 - FLY HEEL 33, 465 - FLY
HEEL 34), 304th Wing - FLYWHEEL 4.

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

e. Recall Signs: 5th Wing - PEANUT, 47th Wing - YODEL,
49th Wing - PROUDFOOT, 55th Wing -
HOUND, 304th Wing - PORTRAIT, 306th Wing
- LOCKJAW.

x. (1) Carpet will be employed by units so equipped.

(2) Load 2 Cartons window in alternate attack units
dispensing 4 units every 20 seconds from 2 minutes
before the IP until clear of Flak.

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