

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

10 June 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER :  
89)

1. a. See Intelligence Annex.

b. (1) Normal effort of 4 groups of B-24s of 304th Wing attack GIURGIU Landing Quays and Ferry Slips and Oil Storage Targets at 0855B. Key Point Time: 0716B. Alternate Target: Same as 49th Wing.

(2) Normal effort of 3 groups of B-24s of 49th Wing attack GIURGIU Oil Storage Installations at 0905B. Key Point Time: 0726B, Alternate Target: Center of BUCHAREST using PF A/C.

(3) Normal effort of 4 groups of B-24s of 47th Wing attack CRAIOVA M/Ys. Key Point Time: 0736B. Alternate Target: NIS M/Y.

(4) Normal effort of 2 groups of B-17s of 5th Wing attack SLEDEREVO. M/Y. Key Point Time: 0751B. Alternate Target: BELGRADE M/Y.

(5) Normal effort of 4 groups of Fighters of 306th Wing provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for all Wings.

2. Normal effort of 3 groups of 55th Wing attack SHEDEREVO Refinery and Train Ferry at 0905B, 11 June 1944.

ALTERNATE TARGET: BELGRADE M/Y to be bombed by visual means only.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 460th and 485th line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA 5,000 and 6,000 feet respectively. 460th on course at ALTAMURA 0707B. 465th assemble in assigned area. Wing rendezvous 460th and 485th on course over SPINAZZOLA at 0717B. 465th falling immediately behind at 7,000 feet.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 1 group provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for Units attacking SIEDEREVO.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 3 columns of Wings: Left column - 5th Wing, 55th Wing (460th, 485th, 465th Groups). Right column: 304th Wing, 49th Wing. Center column: 47th Wing.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to BISCEGLIE to Key Point RAGUSA (42 deg 31 min N - 18 deg 22 min E) to VALJEVO (44 deg 17 min N - 19 deg 53 min E) to IP to target. Keypoint: 12,000' at 0806B.

INITIAL POINT: POPOVIC (44 deg 34 min N - 20 deg 37 min E) for Alternate target (BAVANISTE) - (44 deg 49 min N - 20 deg 53 min E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 68 deg. (Alternate - 270 deg)

TARGET TIME: 0905B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 460th Group - 21,000 ft., 485th Group - 20,000 ft., 465th Group - 21,000 ft.

TARGET ELEVATION: 246 ft.

RALLY: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Key Point to Base.

3. x. (1) MPI for all groups as shown on inclosed charts.

(2) Bomb Load: 10 - 500# GP, .1" nose and mixed .01" and .025" tail fuses.

(3) Intervalometer setting: 460th Group - 25 feet, 485th and 465th Groups - 75 feet.

(4) Load two cartons of Window per SOP for use on Alternate Target of BELGRADE only. Dispensing to begin at IP and continue until clear of Flak. Dispensing rate of 6 units every twenty seconds will be used.

(5) Every effort will be made to establish Bomber column with 5th Wing at Key Point.

(6) Alternate will be bombed only if primary target is found obscured during bombing run.

4. No change.

5. a. Command radio; assigned Group Frequency for communication within the Group.

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

c. Bomber call signs: 5th Wing (PIXIE 1), 47th Wing (HEADTOP), 49th Wing (RETAIN 2), 55th Wing (PIXIE 2) (460th - PIXIE 21, 485th - PIXIE 22, 465th - PIXIE 23), 304th Wing (RETAIN 1)

d. Fighter call signs: Escort for 5th and 55th Wings (BETTY). Escort for 304th and 49th Wings (FLYWHEEL). Escort for 47th Wing (SCANTY).

e. Recall signs: 5th Wing (LANDED), 47th Wing (MARKET), 49th Wing (MINCEMEAT), 55th Wing (OBTAIN), 304th Wing (PAPER), 306th Wing (PEPPER)

x. Carpet will be employed by all units equipped.

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