

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

13 June 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER :
92)

1. a. See Intelligence Annex.
 - b. (1) Normal effort of 6 groups of B-17s of 5th Wing attack BUDAPEST SHELL KOOLAZ and FANTO Oil Plants at 1100B. Key Point Time: 0905B. Alternate Target: Same as 55th Wing.
 - (2) Normal effort of 3 groups of B-24s of 49th Wing attack SZONY Oil Plant. Key Point Time: 0915B. Alternate Target: Same as 55th Wing.
 - (3) Normal effort of 4 groups of B-24s of 47th Wing attack OSIJEK and SISAK CAPRAG Synthetic Oil Plant. Key Point Time: 0935B. Alternate Target: Same as 55th Wing.
 - (4) Normal effort of 5 groups of Fighters of 306th Wing provide cover for Air Force formations. 1 group fighters dive bomb and strafe KECSKEMET A/D with 1000 lb. bombs.
2. Normal effort of 4 groups of 55th Wing attack PETFURDO Oil Plant at 1103B, 15 June 19/4. This is Plan BAKER.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: CAPRAG SHELL Oil Refinery.
SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: BROD MARSHALLING YARDS.
LAST RESORT TARGET: SPLIT HARBOR INSTALLATIONS AND CEMENT FACTORY.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous - 465th and 464th line rendezvous between ANDRIA and CANOSA at 5,000 and 6,000 feet respectively. 465th over ANDRIA on course at 0829B. 485th and 460th line rendezvous between ALTAMURA and GRAVINA at 7,000 feet and 8,000 feet respectively. 485th over ALTAMURA on course at 0831B.
Wing rendezvous: 465th and 464th over SPINAZZOLA on course at assigned altitudes at 0840B. 485th and 460th fall in behind 465th and 464th at SPINAZZOLA, arriving from the south at 0840B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Column of Wings - 5th, 49th, 55th (465th, 464th, 485th, 460th Groups), 47th Wings.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to BARLETTA to Key Point CAZZIOL (4245 N - 1643 E) to BANJALVKA (4446 N - 1711 E) to IP to target. Time at Key Point - 0925B, Altitude - 10,000 feet. Point of climb to altitude - Key Point.

INITIAL POINT: NASYVAZSONY (4659 N - 1742 E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 57 deg.

TARGET TIME: 1103B

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465th - 20,000', 464th - 19,000' 485th - 18,000', 460th - 19,500'

TARGET ELEVATION: 420 feet.

RALLY: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to BANJALUKA to Key Point to base.

3. a. 465th Group load 8 - 500# GP, .1" nose and mixed .01" and .025" tail fuses.

Intervalometer setting: 100 feet.

- x. (1) 464th, 085th, 460th Groups load 16 clustered 250# GP, .1" nose and mixed .01" and .025" tail fuses.

(2) Intervalometer setting - 30 feet for 464th, 485th, 460th Groups.

(3) All groups use MPI shown on inclosed target chart.

(4) 465th and 485th groups will use PF A/C, bombardiers deciding at primary IP whether PF will be used or not so that operators will be prepared.

(5) No other targets in YUGOSLAVIA than those specified will be bombed.

(6) Window will be used only on targets at BUDAPEST.

(7) 1st Alternate Target - CAPRAG SHELL OIL REFINERY

IP - SLATINA (4529 N - 1601 E)
Axis of Attack - 91 deg.
Rally - Right.

(8) 2nd Alternate Target - BROD M/Y.

IP - CAGLIN (4521 N - 1759 E) .
Axis of Attack - 175 deg.
Rally - Right.

(9) Last Resort Target - SPLIT HARBOR INSTALLATIONS AND CEMENT
(M/N 19/20 on Target Chart 8-14-NA. FACTORY

IP - SINJ
Axis of Attack - 217 deg.
Rally - Right.

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 (MOSES 1), 47th Wing (NOSES 4),
49th Wing (MOSES 2), 55th Wing (MOSES 3) (465th - HOSES
31, 766th = NOSES 32, 485th - HOSES 33, 460th - IOSES
34).

d. Fighter call signs: SEEDCAKE - in order of interception 1,
2, 3, 4, 5.

g. Recall signs: 5th Wing (FAILURE), 47th Wing (FUEL), 49th
Wing (HOTSEAT), 55th Wing (HOLDTIGHT), 304th Wing
(KIND), 306th Wing (LOVIBIRD).

x. Carpet will be used by all units so equipped.

By order of Colonel ACHESON:

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DISTRIBUTION:

1 cy CO, A-3, A-2, PI 55BW
2 cys ea Gp 55BW.
1 cy CG 306th Fighter Wg.
1 cy CG XV AF.