

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

22 June 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER :
104)

1. a. See Intelligence Annex.

b. (1) Normal effort of 4 groups of B-24s of 47th Wing attack ROMANA AMERICANA Oil Refinery using PF a/c at 1000B. Key Point Time: 0757B.

(2) Normal effort of 4 groups of B-17s of 5th Wing attack ROMANA AMERICANA Oil Refinery using PF a/c 1010B. Key Point Time: 0800B.

(3) Normal effort of 2 groups of B-17s of 5th Wing attack DACIA ROANA Oil Refinery using PF a/c at 1010B. Key Point Time: 0800B.

(4) Normal effort of 3 groups of B-24s of 49th Wing attack GIURGIU Oil Installations and Storage at 0940B. Key Point Time: 0802B.

(5) Normal effort of 4 groups of B-24s of 304th Wing attack BUCHAREST CHITILA Station Yards at 1000B. Key Point Time: 0812B.

(6) Normal effort of Fighters of 306th Wing provide cover for all Bombers.

2. Normal effort of 4 groups of 55th Wing attack GIURGIU Oil Installations and Storages at 0950B, 23 June 1944. This is Plan BAKER.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Center of BUCHAREST using PF a/c.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: NIS M/Y.

LAST RESORT TARGET: KRALJEVO M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 464th and 465th line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 7,000 and 8,000 feet respectively. 464th on course over ANDRIA at 0700B.

460th and 485th line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 5,000 and 6,000 feet respectively. 460th on course over ALTAMURA at 0702B.

Wing rendezvous: 460th and 485th over SPINAZZOLA on course at assigned altitudes at 0713B. 464th and 465th approach from the SW falling in behind 460th and 485th at assigned altitudes at 0715B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: One group provide penetration cover for Bomber columns. One group target and withdrawal cover for 49th and 55th Wings.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 2 columns of Wings: Left column - 47th, 5th, 304th. Right column - 49th, 55th (460th, 485th, 464th, 465th).

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to MOLFETTA to Key Point KOLAJ (4153 N - 1929 E) to PRIZREN (4212 N - 1945 E) to FERDINAND (4325 N - 2313 E) to DEBOVO (4335 N - 2453 E) to IP to Target.
Key Point: 12,000 feet at 0812B.

INITIAL POINT: ATARNATI (4354 N - 2527 E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 91 degrees for 460th, 485th, 464th. 81 degrees for 465th.

TARGET TIME: 0950B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 460th - 22,800 feet, 485th - 21,800 feet, 464th - 22,500 feet, 465th - 21,500 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: 282 feet plus or minus 10 feet.

RALLY: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Rally to FERDINAND and reciprocal to bases.

3. x. (1) Bomb Load: 460th and 485th load 4 - 1000# GP fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail. 464th and 465th load 16 - clustered 100# incendiaries. All groups use MPI as indicated in inclosed target charts.
Intervalometer Setting: 460th - 75 feet, 485th - 100 feet, 464th - 50 feet, 465th - 75 feet.

(2) Alternate attack units load 3 cartons Chaff dispensing 6 units every 20 seconds from 2 minutes before IP until clear of Flak.

(3) All groups use PF A/C for navigational aid. If primary is attacked PF will not be used for bombing. Decision will be made at primary IP whether target can be bombed.

(4) 465th groups will swing south of IP so as to make bomb run straight up north bank of river with axis of attack of 81 degrees. Spacing must be made so that 465th will not overrun rest of Wing formation. Use MPIs as indicated. Close radio cooperation among groups must be maintained in the event that Wing leader makes decision to bomb alternates.

(5) Wing will maintain close left echelon on route and close column of groups over the target for maximum protection and bombing accuracy.

(6) 1st Alternate: Center of BUCHAREST using PF a/c for bombing.
IP: MIHAI-BRAVUL (4408 N - 2603 E).
Axis of Attack: 5 degrees.
Rally: Sharp right as soon as bombs are away.
Route Back: Rally to DEBOVO (4334 N - 2453 E) to FERDINAND to bases,
Intervalometer settings: 460th and 485th - 200 feet,
464th and 465th - 150 feet.

(7) 2nd Alternate: NIS M/Y.
IP: KNJAZEVA (4334 N - 2215 E).
Axis of Attack: 228 degrees.
Rally: Right. Target elevation - 610 feet.
Route Back: Rally to bases avoiding SCUTARI.
Method of Attack: Column of groups using MPI shown on inclosed charts.
Intervalometer settings: 460th and 485th - 75 feet,
464th and 465th - 30 feet.

(8) Last Resort Target: KRALJEVO M/Y.
IP: RATKOVIC (4355 N - 2103 E).
Axis of Attack: 236 degrees.
Rally: Right.
Route Back: Rally to Key Point to base avoiding SCUTARI.
Method of Attack: Close left echelon using MPI as shown on inclosed charts,
Intervalometer settings: 460th and 485th - 75 feet,
464th and 465th - 50 feet.

(9) Flak areas on route: GATNJE (4218 N - 2110 E)
LIPLJAN (4235 N - 2105 E),
SURDILICA (4241 N .. 2210 E),
PANGALESTI. (4410 N -. 2550 E).

(10) Do not bomb RUSHUCK.

(11) Brief crews on emergency landing fields on heel of boot.

4. No change.

5. a. 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 (PLATOON 2), 47th Wing (PLATOON 1), 49th Wing (CLEARSOUP 1), 55th Wing (CLEARSOUP 2), (460th (CLEARSOUP 21), 485th (CLEARSOUP 22), 464th (CLEARSOUP 23), 465th (CLEARSOUP 24), 304th Wing (MOSES).

d. Fighter Call Sign For: 5th Wing (FLYWHEEL), 47th Wing (FLYWHEEL), 49th Wing (PIXIE), 55th Wing (PIXIE), 304th Wing (CARTLOAD). Penetration cover use (SCHOOLFRIEND).

e. Recall Signs: 5th Wing (PROUDFOOT), 47th Wing (HOUND), 49th Wing (DOLLAR), 55th Wing (FEATHER), 304th Wing (REALTY), 306th Wing (LEROY).

x. Carpet will be used by units equipped.

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2 cys ea GP 55BW.
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