

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

27 June 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

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NUMBER 108)

1. a. See Intelligence Annex.
- b. (1) Normal effort of 4 Groups of B-24s of 304th Wing attack and Prag KARLOVO A/D. Key Point Time: 0800B.  
(2) Normal effort of 3 Groups of B-24s of 49th Wing attack CHITILA M/Y at BUCHAREST at 1010B. Key Point Time: 0807B. Alternate Target: Center of City of BUCHAREST by PF. Last resort: CRAIOVA and NIS M/Ys.  
(3) Normal effort of Fighters of 306th Wing provide cover for Bomber Formations.

2. Normal effort of 4 Groups of 55th Wing attack BUCHAREST PRAHOVA and TITAN Oil Refineries at 1000B, 28 June 1944. This is Plan ABLE.

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

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: CRAIOVA M/Y.

LAST RESORT TARGET: NIS M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 465 and 464 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 4,000 and 5,000 feet respectively. 465 on course over ANDRIA at 0654B.

485 and 460 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 6,000 and 7,000 feet respectively. 485 on course over ALTANURA at 0700B.

Wing Rendezvous: 465 and 464 over SPINAZZOLA on course at assigned altitudes at 0709B. 485 and 460 approach from the SE falling in behind 465 and 464 at assigned altitudes at 0711B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Cover from SOFIA - NIS Area, through Target, and withdrawal cover to same area.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Parallel columns: 304th Wing - RIGHT. 55th Wing (465, 464, 485, 460) and 49th Wing on LEFT.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to Key Point MAJKOVI (4246N - 1755E) to CICEVAC (4343N - 2128E) to TSIBR (4349N - 2329E) to GAESTI (4444N - 2518E) to IP to Targets.

Last point to start climb to Bombing Altitude - 4330N - 2040E).

Key Point Time: 12,000 feet at 0757B.

INITIAL POINT: COJASCA (4444N - 2551E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 150 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1000B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465 - 24,000 feet; 464 - 23,000 feet, 485 - 23,800 feet, 460 - 22,800 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: PRAHOVA - 290 feet. TITAN - 300 feet.

RALLY: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Rally to TSIBR and reciprocal of route out.

3. x. (1) 465 and 464 attack PRAHOVA Refinery and Storages with 40 clustered 100# GP fused .1 nose and mixed .025 and non-delay tail. Intervalometer Settings: 465 - 35 feet, 464 - 25 feet.

(2) 485 and 460 attack TITAN Oil Refinery and Storage with 10 500# GP fused same as 100# GP. Intervalometer Setting: 75 feet.

(3) All Groups use MPI as shown on inclosed charts.

(4) Brief crews so that all Flak Areas are known in the event of early returns or landings at VIS.

(5) Particular attention should be paid to Partisan Areas along route.

(6) Maintain very close left echelon of Groups en route and close columns over the Target.

(7) All Groups will use PF a/c for Navigational Aids. PF will be used for bombing if City of BUCHAREST is attacked.

(8) Load 2 cartons of Chaff in Alternate Attack Units dispensing 4 units every twenty seconds from 2 minutes before IP until clear of Flak.

(9) Friendly escort will be close. Warn crews that identification must be made carefully.

(10) 465 will maintain 150 MPH after rally until Wing Formation is complete.

(11) Second Alternate: CRAIOVA M/Ys.

Initial Point: MARSANI (4402N - 2402E).

Axis of Attack: 336 degrees.

Rally: Left.

Route Back: Rally to CICEVAC to Key Point to Bases.

Method of Attack: Right echelon of Groups using MPI as shown on inclosed charts.

Intervalometer Settings: 465 - 35 feet, 464 - 35 feet, 485 - 100 feet, 460 - 100 feet.

(12) Third Alternate: NIS M/Y.

Initial Point: KMJAZEVAC (4334N - 2216E).

Axis of Attack: 228 degrees.

Rally: Right.

Route Back: Rally to Key Point to Base.

Method of Attack: Left echelon of Groups using MPI indicated charts.

Intervalometer Settings: 465 - 35 feet, 464 - 35 feet, 435 - 100 feet, 460 - 100 feet.

4. No Change.

5. a. Command Radio: Assigned Group Frequency for communication within the Group. VHF 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: 49th Wing - SCANTY 2, 55th Wing - SCANTY 1, (465 - SCANTY 11, 464 - SCANTY 12, 485 - SCANTY 13, 460 - SCANTY 14), 304th Wing - PLAYFAIR.

- d. Fighter Call Sign For: Penetration - RETAIN, EXCEED for 55th and 49th Wings. FIRTREE for 304th Wing.
- e. Recall Signs: 49th Wing - PAINTER, 55th Wing - CRIME, 304th Wing - DIAMOND, 306th Wing - LEROY

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