

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

1 June 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

:
NUMBER 80)

1. a. See Intelligence Annex.

b. (1) Normal effort of 3 Groups of B-2As of 49th Wing attack
SZOINOK M/Y at 0841B. Key Point Time: 0651B. Alternate Target:
Same as 304th Wing.

(2) Normal effort of 4 Groups of B-24s of 304th Wing attack
MISKOLC M/Y at 0918B. Key Point Time: 0701B. Alternate Target:
SZEGED or NOVI SAD M/Ys.

(3) Normal effort of 4 Groups of B-24s of 47th Wing attack
SIMERIA M/Y at 0926B. Key Point Time: 0651B. Alternate Targets:
Same as 55th Wing.

(4) Normal effort of 6 Groups of B-17s of 5th Wing attack
DEBRECZEN RR Works and M/Y and ORADEA M/Y at 0936B. Key Point
Time: 0721B. Alternate Target: TIMOSOARA or NOVI SAD M/Ys.

(5) Normal effort of 6 Groups of Fighters of 306th Wing provide
cover for Air Force formations.

2. Normal effort of 4 Groups of 55th Wing attack CLUJ M/Y at 0928B on
2 June 1944. This is Plan Able.

ALTERNATE TARGET: Iron gates, canal and engine sheds 7 miles NW of
TURNUL SEVERIN on South bank of river.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Wing Rendezvous - 465th and 464th over
SPINAZZOLA on course to MOLFETTA at assigned
altitude at 0612B. 485th and 460th fall in
immediately behind 464th,

465th and 464th line rendezvous from ANDRIA to
CANOSA at 4000' and 5000' respectively. 465th on
course over ANDRIA at 0557B. 464th fall in
immediately behind 465th.

485th and 460th line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to
GRAVINA at 6000' and 7000' respectively. 485th on
course over ALTAMURA at 0601B at 4000'. 460th fall
in immediately behind 485th.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 2 Groups cover 47th and 55th Wings from vicinity of SALARD over Target and on withdrawal.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Three columns of Wings: Left column 49th Wing, 304th Wing; Middle column 5th Wing; Right column 47th Wing, 55th Wing. (465th, 464th, 485th, 460th in left echelon).

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to MOLFETTA to Key Point (42 deg 28 min N 18 deg 25 min E) to BERETTYO UJFAH (47 deg 13 min N 21 deg 32 min E) to SALARD (47 deg 14 min N 22 deg 02 min E) to IP to Target CLUJ N/Y. Key Point - 10,000' at 0701B.

INITIAL POINT: CUZAPLAC (46deg 58 min N 23 deg 11 min E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 125 deg.

TARGET TIME: 0928B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465th - 22000'; 464th - 21000'; 485th - 21500'; 460th - 20500'.

TARGET ELEVATION: 1200'.

RALLY: Slight right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to BLAJ (46 deg 12 min N 23 deg 56 min E) to Key Point To Bases.

3. x. 465th, 464th, 485th, 460th attack CLUJ M/Y using aiming points as shown on inclosed charts. Bomb load: 8 - 500# GP, .1 nose mixed .01 and .025 tail fuses. Intervalometer setting: 465th - 100'. Other Groups - 135'. Load 3 cartons chaff per S.O.P. dispensing from 3 minutes before IP until clear of flak. All units must strictly adhere to time schedule and routing.
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 sign: 5th Wing -(4 Gps) - RIPPLE with suffixes; 5th Wing -(2 Gps attacking ORADE)- ROOSEVELT. 47th Wing - DAYLONG; 49th Wing - SEEDCAKE; 55th Wing - SHORTBREAD; 304th Wing - ROASTLAMB.
d. Fighter call signs: For 5th Wing - BURGLAR. (For 2 Gps 5th Wing attacking ORADE: MILTON); For 47th Wing -

KIDDIES; For 49th Wing - PULPWOOD; For 55th Wing - SHOCKPROOF; For 304th Wing - FRONTROOM.

e. Recall signs: 5th Wing - LOVEBIRD; 47th Wing MINCEMEAT; 49th Wing - MUDPIE; 55th Wing - RUSTY; 304th Wing - HOLDTIGHT; 306th Wing - FOOTBALL.

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