

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

29 June 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 109)

1. a. See Intelligence Annex.

b. (1) Normal effort of 6 Groups of B-17s of 5th Wing attack
BLECHAMMER North O/R at 1030B. Key Point Time: 0742B.
Alternate Target: Same as 55th Wing.

(2) Normal effort of 3 Groups of B-24s of 49th Wing attack
BLECHAMMER South O/R at 1050B. Key Point Time: 0812B.
Alternate Target: Same as 55th Wing.

(3) Normal effort of 4 Groups of B-24s of 304th Wing
attack ODELTAL Oil Plant at 1100B. Key Point Time: 0822B.
Alternate Target: Same as 55th Wing.

(4) Normal effort of 4 Groups of B-24s of 47th Wing Frag
ZAGREB A/D. Key Point Time: 0835B.

(5) Maximum effort of 7 Groups of Fighters of 306th Wing
provide maximum escort for Bombers attacking BLECHAMMER.

2. Normal effort of 4 Groups of B-24s of the 55th Wing attack
BLECHAMMER South Oil Refinery at 1040B, 30 June 1944. This is
Plan Able.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Primary target by P/F

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: BOHEMAN Oil Refineries.

LAST RESORT TARGET: PRIVOZ O/R

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 460 and 485 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA
to GRAVIN at 4000 and 5000 ft respectively
460 on course over ALTAMURA at 0711B.

464 and 465 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to
CANOSA at 6000 and 7000 ft respectively 464 on
course over ANDRIA at 0708B.

Wing rendezvous: 460 and 485 over SPINAZZOLA
on course at assigned altitudes at 0723B. 464
and 465 approach from the SW falling in
behind 460 and 485 at assigned altitudes at
0725B.

FIGHTER BOMBER PENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Close left echelon of Wings: 5th, 55th (460-485-464-465), 49th, 304th.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to Key Point CAZZIOL ISLAND (4245N 1643E) to CSALLOKOZARANYOS (4746N 1758E) to STERNBERG (4944N 1718E) to NEUSTADT (5019N 1734E) to IP to Target. Last point to start climb to bombing altitude: LAKE BALATON area. Key Point Time: 0802B at 10000'.

INITIAL POINT: OBER GLOGAU (5021N 1751E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 100°

TARGET TIME: 1040B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 460-24000'; 485 - 23000'; 464 - 23800'; 465 - 22800'.

TARGET ELEVATION: 606 feet.

RALLY: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Rally to ZEBRZYDOWICA (4953N 1837E) to CSALLOKOZARANYOS (4746N 1758E) to Key Point to Base.

3. x. (1) Bomb load for all Groups: 10 - 500# GP Bombs, fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail. Intervalometer settings: 460, 485, 465 - 25'; 464 - 30'.

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

(3) P/F a/c will lead all Groups, Bombardiers will decide at IP if P/F is to be used or not so operators will be prepared.

(4) Alternate attack units load 2 cartons Chaff dispensing 4 units every 20 seconds from 2 minutes before IP until clear of flak.

(5) Keep ground running time to a minimum. Top off tanks after pre-flight. Use auto-lean whenever possible. Do not lower turrets until reaching vicinity of LAKE BALATON unless needed. Ball turrets up in LAKE BALATON area on route back if gas is low.

(6) Wing formation must be close left echelon enroute and close column of Groups over the Target for maximum protection against fighters and for bombing accuracy. Reduce time for Group join up to a minimum.

(7) Do not bomb indiscriminately in POLAND.

(8) In operations of 26 June in VIENNA area, there were evidences of violations of radio security, and importance of radio silence in these penetrations deep into enemy territory is again emphasized.

(9) Crews should be especially briefed on enemy tactics of sending SE fighters ahead to force escort to drop tanks then follow with TE fighters when bombers are left without escort.

(10) Diversionary effort by 8th AAF has been requested.

(11) Brief crews on landing fields in TERMOLI area.

(12) Second alternate: BOHEMMAN O/R.
IP - RATIPOR (5005N 1813E); Axis of attack - 156°.;
Target Elevation: 662'; Intervalometer setting: All Groups - 100'; Rally: Left; Route back: Rally to ZEBRZYDOWICA (4953N 1837E) to CSALLOKOAZARANYOS (4746N 1758E) to Key Point to Base.

(13) Last Resort Target: PRIVOZ O/R; IP, Route Pack, Method of attack - Same as for BOHEMMAN O/R; Axis of Attack - 175°; Target Elevation - 711'; Intervalometer Settings: All Gps 75'; Rally - Sharp left to ZEBRZYDOWICA (4953N 1837E).

4. No Change.

5. a. Command Radio: 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 DAYLONG 1, 49th Wing DAYLONG 3, 55th Wing DYLONG 2 (460 - DAYTONG 21, 485 - DAYTONG 22, 464 - DAYLONG 23, 465 - DAYLONG 24); 304th Wing DAYLONG 4.

d. Fighter Call Sign: IMPISH 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 in order of contact with Bomber formation.

e. Recall signs: 5th Wing LOCKJAW, 47th Wing. GREASE, 49th Wing DEPTOR, 55th Wing COMIC, 304th Wing ROBIN, 306th Wing PLANTER.

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

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DISTRIRUTION:

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