

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

16 September 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 179)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

6 Groups of 5th Wing destroy ROLLING STOCK in BUDAPEST RAKOS M/Y between 1000A and 1030A. Alternate Targets: SCONOGRAD RR BRIDGE and BELGRADE SAVA RR BRIDGE.

4 Groups of 304th Wing destroy ROLLING STOCK in KOVANYA and RAKOS M/Ys between 1035A and 1105A. Alternate Targets: BAJA and NOVI SAD RR BRIDGES.

4 Groups of 47th Wing destroy ROLLING STOCK in FARENCEVAROS M/Y between 1110A and 1140A. -Alternate Targets: VINCOVICI M/Y, DSIJEC M/Y and RR BRIDGE.

49th Wing conduct Supply Mission.

2 B-17s of 5th Wing conduct Evacuation Mission.

Fighters of 15th P.F.C. provide escort and target cover for 5th, 47th, 55th and 304th Wings. Escort 2 B-17s on Special Mission.

2.

Normal effort of 4 Groups of the 55th Wing attack Oil Targets in BUDAPEST at 1200A, 17 September 1944. This is Plan ABLE.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: SUBOTICA M/Y.

LAST RESORT TARGET: NOVI SAD M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 464 and 465 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 5,000 and 6,000 feet. 464 over ANDRIA at 0906A.

460 and 485 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 7,000 and 8,000 feet. 460th over ALTAMURA at 0912A.

Wing Rendezvous: 464th lead over SPINAZZOLA on course at 0921A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Loose column of Wings: 5th, 304th, 47th, 55th (464, 465, 460 and 485).

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to Key Point GROHOTE (4324N - 1618E) to BOSAN PETROVAC (4433N - 1621E) to SUHOPOLJE (4548N - 1730E) to DOMBOVAR (4622N - 1809E) to IP to Target. Start climb to Bombing Altitude at Key Point. Key Point Time: 1020A at 12,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: IVANCSA (4709N - 1849E) .

AXIS OF ATTACK: ~~210~~ degrees. 310

TARGET TIME: 1200A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 464 - 22,800 feet, 465 - 23,400 feet, 460 - 24,000 feet, 485 - 23,200 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: 354 feet.

RALLY: Sharp LEFT to ZSAMBER (4733N - 1843E).

ROUTE BACK: Sweeping LEFT turn from Rally Point to DCMBOVAR, then reverse Route Out.

3.

a.

464 and 465 Groups destroy SHELL O/R using MPI as shown on attached target chart.

b.

460 and 485 Groups destroy MAGYAR O/R using MPI as shown on attached target chart.

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All Groups load 10 - 500# RDX bombs fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

Wing will fly close RIGHT echelon on route out and on return. Groups will form in column at IP for the Bombing Run.

Special flight of 2 B-17s will fly parallel to main formation. Units are instructed that they are friendly and should not be fired on.

PFF load for Navigation.

FIRST ALTERNATE: SUBOTICA M/Y.

Initial Point: JANKOVACZ (4618N - 1919E).

Axis of Attack: 127 degrees.

Rally: RIGHT to PACIR (4554N - 1927E).

Route Back: PACIR to SCKOLAC (4356N - 1848E), to bases.

Method of Attack: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer Settings: All Groups 25 feet.

LAST RESORT: NOVI SAD M/Y.

Initial Point: SILBAS(4520N - 1918E).
Axis of Attack: 120 degrees.
Rally: RIGHT to RUMA (4501N - 1950E)
Route Back: RUMA to SOKOLAC (4356N - 1848E) to Bases.
Method of Attack: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart.
Intervalometer Settings: All Groups 25 feet.

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 - BELLBUOY, 47th Wing - PUMPUP, 55th Wing - SHOCKPROOF (464 - SHOCKPROOF Leader, 465 - SHOCKPROOF - 2, 460 - SHOCKPROOF 3, 485 - SHOCKPROOF 4) 304th Wing - GOWAY.

d.
Fighter Call Sign For: 5th Wing - PIXIE, 47th Wing - BARTEND, 55th Wing - ROCKLESS, 304th Wing - BOOKCLUB.

e.
Recall Signs: 5th Wing - PANHANDLE, 47th Wing - PICKPOCKET, 49th Wing - SCARFACE, 55th Wing - PINGPONG, 304th Wing - MOONGLOW, 15th PFC - ASHTRAY.

x.
Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped.
Employ Chaff in accordance with Signals Procedures 32-2.
Radio Discipline must be enforced,
Standard Bumps Away signals must be observed.

By order of Colonel ACHECON:

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Acting A-3.

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