

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

17 September 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 180)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack SAVA AND NOVI SAD RR BRIDGES, SUBOTICA MAIN M/Y at 1100A. ALTERATE TARGETS: SUBOTICA NORTH M/Y, NOVI SAD MAIN M/Y, TITELAR RR BRIDGE.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack BUDAPEST NORTH AND SOUTH RR BRIDGES, SZOB RR DRIDGE at 1030A. ALTERWTE TARGETS: VINCOVIC M/Ys.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack BUDAPEST NORTH AND SOUTH RR BRIDGES, SHELL OIL REFINERY at 1130A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: CSONGRAD RR BRIDGE, CZEGLLED M/Y.

49th Wing continue supply route to FRANCE.

15th PFC escort 47th, 55th, 304th Wings.

2.

Normal effort of 4 Groups of 55th Wing attack Rail Targets in the BUDAPEST Area at 1055h and 1105A, 18 September 1944. This is Plan Able.

ALTERNATE TARGETS: BAJA RR BRIDGE, CSIJEK RR BRIDGE AND M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 464th and 465th line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 5,000 and 6,000 feet. 464th over ANDRIA at 0716A.

485th and 460th line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 8,000 and 9,000 feet. 485th over ALTAMURA at 0722A.

Wing Rendezvous: 464th lead over SPINAZZOLA on course at 0731A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

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

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to KP GROHOTE (4324N - 1618E) to VOSAN PETROVAC (4433N - 1621E) to DOMBOVAR (4622N - 1809E) to CZEGLLED (4710N - 1949E) to JASZ BERENY (4730N - 1955E) to GYONGYOS (4747N - 1956E) to LOSONC (4820N - 1940E) to IEVA (4814N - 1636E). 464th and 465th: LEVA to IP to Target. 485th and 460th: LEVA to NAGYSAILLO (4806N - 1832E) to IP to Target. ~~Last point be~~ Start climb to Bombing Altitude - 0943A. Key Point Time: 0827A at 12,000 feet.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 464th - 18,000 feet, 465th - 18800 feet, 485th - 22,000 feet, 460th - 22,800 feet.

ROUTE BACK: Wing rally point SZEGLLED and reverso of route out.

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464th and 465th attack SZOB RR BRIDGE at 1055A. IP - NAGYSALLO (4806N - 1832E). Axis - 140 degrees. Target elevation 370 feet. Rally: Left to HATVAN (4740N - 1941E) to Wing rally point SZEGLLED.

b.

485th attack BUDAPEST NORTH RR BRIDGE at 1102A. IP - DUROG (4743N - 1844E). Axis - 133 degrees. Target Elevation: 360 feet. Rally: Left to xxAMBOK (4734N - 1937E) to SZEGLLED.

c.

460th attack BUDAPEST SOUTH RR BRIDGE at 1103A. IP - DUROG (4743N - 1844E). Axis - 138 degrees. Target Elevation - 360 feet. Rally: Left to KOKA (4729N - 1925E) to SZEGLLED.

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Bomb Load - 1000# RDX fused .1 nose and non-delay tail. 2000# RDX, same fuses, will be used if 1000# RDX unavailable.

Intervalometer settings: 1000# RDX - 50 feet.

2000# RDX - 100 feet.

All Groups use MPI as shown on attached target charts.

485th and 460th fall in behind 464th end 465th as soon as possible after rally. 464th leader maintain 150 MPH and constant altitude until Wing is reformed.

FIRST ALTERNATE: BAJA RR BRIDGE.

IP: CSASZARTCLTES (4626N - 1911E)

AXIS CF ATTACK: 218 degrees.

RALLY: Left to DAVOD (4559N - 1855E)

ROUTE BACK: DAVOD to PAKRAC (4527N - 1712E) then reverse route out.

METHOD OF ATTACK: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart.

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: Same as for Primary.

LAST RESORT: CSIJEK RR BRIDGE AND M/Y.

IP: DELI MANASTIR (4556N - 1837E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 163 degrees.

RALLY: Right to SEMELJCI (4522N - 1833E) .

ROUTE BACK: SEMELJC to DOBOJ (4445N - 1805E) to STIKOVO (4355N - 1620E) then reverse route out.

METHOD OF ATTACK: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart.

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 460th and 485th - Same as for Primary.

464th and 465th - A/C with 1000# bombs 75 feet.

A/C with 2000# bombs 150 feet.

4.

No Change.

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a.

Command Radio: Assigned Group Frequency for communication within the Group. VHF Wing Channel "B" for Group to Group within the Wing.

b.

VHF Chennel "A" for Bombers to Fighters and Wing to Wing.

c.

Bomber Call Sign: 47th Wing - PUSSCAT 1, 55th Wing - PUSSCAT 2, (464th - PUSSCAT LEADER, 465th - FUSSCAT22, 485th - PUSSCAT23, 460th - PUS3CAT24), 304th Wing - PUSSCAT 3.

d.

Fighter Call Signs: CANTAB 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 in order of interception.

e.

Recall Signs: 5th Wing-SAILFISH, 47th Wing-FRONTIER, 49th Wing-POORBRED, 55th Wing-RUMRUNNER, 304th Wing-CALIFORNIA, 15 PFC-TEAROOM.

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped.

Chaff will be employed in accordance to SP 32-2.

Radio discipline must be enforced.

Standard Bombs Away signals will be observed.

By order of Colonel ACHESON:

DALE S. SEEDS,
Major, Air Corps
A-3.

DISTRIBUTION:

1 cy CO 55BW
3 cys A-2, A-3 55BW
4 cys 460th, 465th BG'S
3 cys 464th, 485th BG'S
1 cy CG PFC.
2 cys CG XV AF.