

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

20 September 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 184)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

4 Groups of 5th Wing destroy Rolling Stock in DEBRECEN M/Y. 2 Groups destroy Rolling Stock in BEKESKABA M/Y. C.P. Time (SUBOTICA): 1012A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: NOVI SAD Main M/Y and BROD M/Y.

4 Groups of 304th Wing destroy TISA FURED RR Eridge and KISKORE RR Bridge. CP (SUBOTICA) Time: 1115A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: SZOLNOK and CSONGRAD RR Bridges.

4 Groups of 47th Wing destroy BAJA and NOVI SAD Bridges at 1115A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: SAVA RR Bridge and VINKOVICI West M/Y.

49th Wing conduct supply mission to LYON.

1 Group of 15th Fighter Command destroy OSIJEK M/Y by high level bombing. at 1130A. ALTERNATE TARGET: PECS M/Y.

6 Groups Fighters of 15th Fighter Command provide strong close escort for 5th, 55th, and 304th Wings.

2.

Normal effort of 4 Groups of the 55th Wing attack communications targets in HUNGARY, 21 September 1944. This is Plan Baker.

BOMBER RENDEZVUS: Group Rendezvous:

460 assemble Group at 5000 ft or 1000 ft above overcast in South N quadrant.

485 assemble Group at 6000 ft. or 1500 ft. above overcast in East A quadrant.

464 assemble Group at 7000 ft. or 2000 ft. above overcast in North N quadrant.

465 assemble Group at 5000 ft. or 2500 ft. above overcast in West A quadrant.

All Groups assemble making left hand turns close to the cone in assigned Quadrants.

Wing Rendezvous:

At 0833A All Groups start a right turn. 460 pass over SPINAZZOLA cone at 155 MPH on course to BISCEGLIE at 0843A. Each successive Group will

follow the Group to its right. 460 will maintain 155 MPH until Wing formation is complete. Groups following will cut North of BISCEGLIE if necessary to affect proper join up. Group leaders may use Aldis Lamp signals and VHF to facilitate rendezvous. 460 Group will fire four GG flares at 30 " intervals when passing over the cone on course.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Column of Wings - 5th, 55th (460 - 485 - 464 - 465), 304th.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA RANGE to MAGHERITA to SLANO (4248N 1754E) to DRINJACA (4418N 1909E) to Control Point SUBOTICA. 464 and 465 to IP to Target. 460 and 485 to SZARVAS (4652N 2032E) to CRADNA (4703N 2155E) to MARGHITA (4725N 2220E) to IP to Target. Start climb to bombing altitude: 1018A. Control Point Time: 1042A at 16000 feet.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 460 - 21500; 485 - 22300; 464 - 16000; 465 - 16800.

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a.

460 and 485 Groups destroy Rolling Stock in DEBRECEN M/Y at 1138A. IP: VALEA LUI MIHAI (4731N 2209E). Axis of attack - 269 degrees. Target Elevation: 394 feet. Rally: Right to HAJDU BOSZORMENY, (4740N 2130E). Route Back: Rally Point to AROKOTO (4743N 2059E) to SZARVAS, then reverse route out.

ALTERNATE: BROD M/Ys. IP: CAGLIN (4621N 1759E).

Axis of attack: 176 degrees. Rally: Right to DETLAK (4457N 1749E). Route Back: DETLAK to BERKOVICI (4306N 1810E), then reverse route out. Method of Attack: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart. Intervalometer Settings: All Groups 25 feet.

b.

464 and 465 Groups destroy Rolling Stock in BEKESCABA M/Y at 1108A. IP: SZARVAS (4625N 2032E). Axis of Attack - 119 degrees. Target Elevation: 295'. Rally: Right to KETEGYHAZA (4632N 2111E) Route Back: Rally point to PAIANKA (4514N 1924E) then reverse route out.

ALTERNATE: NOVI SAD N/Y. IP: NADALJ (4531N 1956E).

Axis of attack - 200 degrees. Rally: Right to CALMA (4505N 1931E). ROUTE BACK: CALMA to BRINJAC then reverse route out. Method of Attack - Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart. Intervalometer Settings: All Groups 25 feet.

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All Groups: Load 10 - 500 # RDX bombs fused .1 nose and .025 tail Use MPI as shown on attached target chart. Wing will fly close right echelon until SZARVAS if reached. Groups will

fly column over the target and right echelon in return.
One PF will load each Group for Navigation aid.

4.
No Change.

5.
a.
Command Radio: Assigned Group Frequency for communication within the Group. VHF ling 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 - RECKLESS; 55th Wing - ENCORE (460 - ENCORE Leader; 485 - ENCORE 2; 464 - ENCORE 3; 465 - ENCORE 4); 304th Wing - TROCKRUG.

d.
Fighter Call Sign For; 5th Wing - GOWAY; 55th Wing - PULPWOOD; 304th Wing: SURETHING.

e.
Recall Signs: 5th Wing - QUAKER; 47th Wing - TRUMPET; 49th Wing - ABBOT; 55th Wing - DOGFACE; 304th Wing - PANHANDLE; 15th FC - SCARFACE.

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped.

Chaff will be employed on flak defended targets in accordance with Signals Procedure 32-2.

Rodio discipline must be enforced.

Standard Bombs Away signals will be observed.

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DISTRIBUTION:

1 cy CG 55th BW.
3 cys A-2, A-3 55BW.
4 cys 460, 465 Gps 55BW.
3 cys 464, 485 Gps 55BW.
1 cy CG 15th FC
1 cy XV AF.