

HEADQUARTERS 55TH BOMBARDMENT WING (Hv)
APO 520 US ARMY

1 August 1944

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 142)

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 142)

Maps: GSGS No. 4072; EUROPE Air (TORINO) 1:500,000

GSGS No. 3982; EUROPE Air (GENOA) 1:250,000

GSGS No. 4164, ITALY 1:100,000 (GENOA)

Target Charts: No. 4-101B-NA, GENOA, ITALY

No. 4-213-NA; GENOA, ITALY

Briefing Chart No: 4-213-NA; GENOA, ITALY

Photographs No. 30,119 GENOA, Sortie 15SG/185/29 Dec 43

No. 4051,57,59,61,63, P151/683 Sqdn/26 Mar 44

PIR Report No. 1857

Report No. E/1857 (with flak map), 7 Mar 44

No. E/2148, 30 July 44

1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK - GENOA, according to report of 30 July 1944, is defended by a total of 32 Heavy Guns. E Section Map No. 1875, 7 Mar 44, pinpoints positions of 22 Heavy Guns, 1X6 has been added at 944484, and 1X4 has been added at 944490. 22X4 unoccupied batteries are shown on this map; there is no evidence that any has been occupied. 32 Heavy Guns are capable of Intense flak; however, this volume will not be formidable, and Moderate is probable.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT - Negligible or nil e/a opposition is expected.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGET - Loading facilities at GENOA harbor are believed to be used for shipping traffic between ITALY and Southern FRANCE, made necessary by cutting of rail lines. Destruction of target will further reduce the enemy's capability of moving supplies to battle line.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a. Coordination of attack against oil storage, rail communications, and harbor installations is as follows:

(1) 5th Wing: 1 Group attacks LE POUZIN O/S, 4 Groups attack PORTES LES VALENCES M/Y.

(2) 49th Wing: 1 Group attacks LE PONTET O/S, 2 Groups attack bridges in the AVIGNON area.

(3) 47th and 304th Wings stand down.

b. 306th Fighter Wing will provide escort for all Bombardment Groups.

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