

HEADQUARTERS 55TH BOLBARDMENT WING (Hv)
APO 520, US Army

11 July 1944

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 122)

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 122)

This is Plan A.

Maps: GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (MARSEILLE Sectional) 1:500000.

Target Charts: 6-121-NA (NIMES).

6-43-NA (TARASCON).

6-57-NA (AVIGNON).

DB Report No. 93, dated 29 May 1944 (NIMES).

Photographs: No. 4001, 2, 3, 682Sq-DR 4 - 15 May 1944.

1. ENEMY SITUATION,

a. FLAK

(1) NIMES - This target was last attacked on 27 May and no flak was encountered, however latest reports indicate that flak can be expected to be from S to MAH. The axis of attack is planned to evade flak areas at AVIGNON and TARASCON, if Primary Target is attacked.

(2) Flak at alternate targets will vary in intensity at AVIGNON. The enemy is capable of S to MAH, and some intensity of flak may be encountered at TARASCON.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

(1) The enemy has training units stationed in Southern FRANCE, which are capable of affording limited air opposition, Fifteenth Air Force Annex dated 11 July, estimates that the enemy is capable of putting up 25 to 30 sorties against attacking forces.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGETS

(1) NILES, AVIGNON and TARASCON are communications targets in Southern FRANCE: The attacks of this Air Force are planned to accomplish two purposes, first, to isolate the RHONE VALLEY from Northern ITALY, causing further drain on the enemy's gasoline supplies; in addition, it is reported that the Axis intends to move

garrisons from the PYRANEES sector. Cutting of rail routes will restrict such movement of enemy troops.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a. This is coordinated attack against communications targets in Southern FRANCE:

(1) 47th Bombardment Wing (4 Groups) attacks THEOULE Viaduct

and VAR Bridge.

(2) 49th Bombardment wing (3 Groups) attacks NIMES M/Y.

(3) 304th Bombardment Wing (4 Groups) attacks MIRAMAS M/Y.

b. The 306th Fighter Wing will provide reduced effort of cover for bomber formations.

c. Intelligence Officers will insure that adequate briefing re escape is made, based upon teletype, this Headquarters, dated 4 July, Number FFW D 61.

By order of Colonel ACHESON:

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