

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

12 July 1944
2015B

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX No. 123)

TO OPERATIONS ORDER No.123)

This is Plan B.

Maps: GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (VENEZIA) 1:500,000.
Target Charts: 4-120B-NA (PORTO MAGHERA and MESTRE).
Photographs: No. 4013 15 SG/459/3 PG, 22 May 1944.
No. 4089 15 SG/511/3 PG, 14 June 1944.
DB Report No. 109, 12 June 1944; w/photo
No. 112, 15 June 1944, w/photo.

1. ENEMY SITUATION.

a. FLAK

(1) PORTO MARGHERA: No change. See Intelligence Annex No. 121, 10 July 1944.

(2) MESTRE: No change. See Intelligence Annex No. 121, 10 July 1944.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Intelligence Annex Fifteenth Air Force estimates enemy capable of 70-75 sorties against all formations attacking in North ADRIATIC area, but suggests reduced effort, since these e/a may be committed against Tactical Air Force and will be divided between formations attacking East and West ADRIATIC targets, with not more than 25-30 sorties against each.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGET. Changed aiming point is designed to hit refined stocks instead of crude. See Intelligence Annex No. 121, 10 July 1944, par. 1.c.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION.

a. Coordination of this attack is as follows:

(1) 5th wing, 4 Groups, attacks LATISANO, CASARSA, PENZANO Bridges and AVISIO Viaduct.

(2) 47th Wing, 4 Groups, attacks BRESCIA East and West M/Y's.

(3) 304th Wing, 4 Groups, attacks TRIESTE and FIUME O/R's.

b. The 306th Fighter Wing, 4 Groups, provides general cover for individual Bombardment Wings.

c. PHOTO INTELLIGENCE.

a. Maximum effort of all available K-3B, K-17, and K-22 type aircraft cameras will be married. At least six cameras will have twelve inch cones, one will have a six inch cone, and the remaining cameras will have twenty four inch cones. All cameras will be operated at a two second interval.

b. The Photographic Officer will brief all cameramen in conjunction with the briefing of the aerial gunners to insure successful operation of all cameras.

c. Sufficient negatives will be printed to insure maximum photographic coverage as the bomb pattern develops.

By order of Colonel ACHESON:

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