

HEADQUARTERS 55TH BOMBARDMENT WING (Hv)  
APO 520 U. S. Army

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1730B

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 134)

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 134)

Maps: GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (LYON Sectional) 1:500,000  
Target Chart: No. 6-64-NA (VALENCE/LA TRESORERIE L/G)  
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1. ENEMY SITUATION.

a. FLAK

(1) The LA TRESORERIE L/G is on the edge of the flak defenses of VALENCE. Present information shows six heavy guns defending VALENCE. Flak defenses on this basis are not strong and flak to be encountered may possibly be SAH.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

(1) Fifteenth Air Force Intelligence Annex dated 23 July 1944 estimates that the total fighter appreciation of the enemy against this Wing and the 304th Bombardment Wing will be from 20 - 25 SEF.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGET. This airfield acts as a bomber base and dispersal area for bombers which have been operating against the resistance movement in SOUTHERN FRANCE. Destruction of aircraft on ground and dispersal area of LA TRESORERIE is a high priority commitment. The progress of resistance movement depends upon successful execution of planned attacks on SOUTHERN FRANCE.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION.

a. 5th Bombardment Wing (2 groups) destroy ORPASSANO Ball Bears Wks. 49th Bombardment Wing (4 squadrons) attack troop concentrations at PLJEVLJA, PRIJEPOLJE, SJENICA, and ANDRIJEVICA. 304th Bombardment Wing (2 groups) frays LES CHANOINES A/D.

b. The 306th Fighter Wing will provide adequate escort for bomber formations.

c. Escape Intelligence Officer will brief all crews on current intelligence information of SOUTHERN FRANCE as provided in Fifteenth Air Force Escape Bulletin No. 36 dated 13 July 1944.

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