

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

4 July 1944

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 116)

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 116)

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

GSGS No. 4040B FRANCE 1:50000 Enlargement, TOULON SW 1st edition,
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Target Chart No. 6-101A-NA (TOULON).

1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK. TOULON area is defended by 3 X 2, 11 X 4, 3 X 6, and 1 X 8 batteries of Heavy Guns, pinpointed on E Section Map No. 1337 and with corrections to 19 June 1944. This map shows several additional batteries unoccupied. Railway and barge flak have probably been brought in. Intense flak is within enemy capability in the general area, with the degree of intensity depending upon the specific area attacked. When last attacked, on 25 May 1944, flak opposition was nil.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT Intelligence Annex Fifteenth Air Force advises that probably not more than 35 SEF will be airborne against all formations, these e/a operating in several small detachments. Main enemy opposition will probably be in the MONTPELLIER area,

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a, Coordination of this attack is as follows:

- (1) 5th Wing: 4 Groups attack MONTPELLIER M/Y.
 - 1 Groups attacks MONTPELLIER bridge.
 - 1 Group attacks HEREPIAN Bridge.

(2) 47th Wing stands down.

(3) 47th Wing, 3 Groups attack TOULON Harbor.

(4) 304th Wing: 3 Groups attack RIVESALTES M/Y.

1 Group attacks ESTAGEL Bridge.

(5) EIGHTH AIR FORCE Task Force attacks CARCASSONE M/Y and Bridge.

b. Fighter Escort.

- (1) 306th Fighter Wing will provide penetration, target, and withdrawal cover for all Wings.

(2) EIGHTH AIR FORCE Group Four will also operate, in conjunction with the 306th Fighter Wing.

3. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION, Crews will be briefed to observe evidence of presence or activity of enemy troops, content of M/Ys, and activity in harbors (particularly any evidence of demolition or blocking of entrance by sinking hulks).

4. Intelligence Officers will brief on markings of EIGHTH AIR FORCE Group Four fighters.

5. Intelligence Officers will refer to teletype message containing latest Escape Intelligence Information, transmitted from this headquarters evening of 4 July, and will brief in accordance thereto.

By order of Colonel ACHESON:

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