

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

15 November 1944
1900A

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 251)

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 251)

This is Plen Able

Red Force: Refer to Intelligence Annex No. 249, 14 November 1944.
Blue Force: Maps: GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (SHKODRA) 1:500,000 Other
maps and photographs dispatched with Operations Order.

1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK: No flak report on PRIJEPOLJE, but SIH was encountered at that point when attacked on 8 November 1944. Such anti-aircraft artillery as is present is presumably dual purpose guns transported by road during the retreat of the enemy from Southern YUGOSLAVIA. It is unlikely that flak of greater intensity than Moderate is to be expected on this mission.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT: No e/a opposition is expected on this mission.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGET: PRIJEPOLJE is on the line of retreat of the enemy from GREECE and YUGOSLAVIA. Those involved in the current situation include 100,000 troops, of which the most important element is six (6) of the highest grade GERMAN fighting divisions. Three aiming points specified for Bombardment Wings are chosen on the basis of current information furnished by ground forces. The general retreat of the enemy in YUGOSLAVIA offers a rare opportunity for the Strategic Air Force to aid the YUGOSLAV Partisans, the RUSSIANS, and the BULGARIANS to destroy the enemy while he is at a disadvantage. It will be of the highest significance to destroy him and thus prevent his withdrawal for the defense of GERMANY. He offers a target of the highest degree of profitability while he is being forced to expose himself by moving and is without adequate transport and supply facilities.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a. Red Force (all Bombardment Wings, 21 Bombardment Groups) attacks MUNICH West M/Y.

b. Coordination of Blue Force attack:

- (1) 5th Wing attacks NOVI PAZAR (28 a/c)
- (2) 47th Wing attacks SJENICA (28 a/c)

(3) 304th Wing attacks VISEGRAD (28 a/c)

(4) XV Fighter Command (Provisional) will strafe Motor Transport on roads from SARAJEVO to VISEGRAD to PRIJEPOLJE to SJENICA to NOVI PAZAR.

c. Operations Order prescribes that, due to fluidity and uncertainty of the tactical situation in target area, target identification must be certain. To comply with this order Intelligence Officers will make a thorough study of target, will brief with particular care on target recognition and identification, and will make all materials and information available to Navigators and Bombardiers as called upon by them. Refer to Teletype FFW D 457, and comply therewith.

d. Escape Intelligence: Current Escape Bulletins.

By command of Brigadier General ACHESON:

DONALD W. RIDDLE,
Major, AC,
A-2.

DISTRIBUTION:

1 cy ea CG, A-2 Duty 0, Fifteenth Air Force
1 cy CG, XV Fighter Command
1 cy ea CG, A-2, A- 3, PI, 55th Bomb Wing
3 cys ea 464, 485 Gps, 55th Bomb Wing
4 cys ea 460, 465 Gps, 55th Bomb Wing