

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

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1830A

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 233)

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 233)

This is plan Able.

Maps: GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (MUNCHEN Sectional) 1:500,000

Target Chart No. 13-5-NA (Munich)

Illustration No. 6 (a) (vi) 58/4, and No. 6 (d) (vi) 58/8 (MUNICH)

Target Photochart No. TP 13-4 and 13-3 (MUNICH/ALLACH)

Pathfinder Material: Charts No. 5, 5A, with H2X supplement to chart 5A.

Miniature size charts No. RPC 8-A, RPV 8-B, RPC 8-8, RPC 8-D, RPC 8-E,
RPC 8-F, and RPC 8-G.

1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK

The M/Y at Munich lies in the center of the gun defenses of MUNICH now totaling 238 guns. On 28th and 29th of October, formation encountered very intense accurate flak. Estimate duration of flak for bombers is expected to be approximately 7½ minutes.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

This plan involves a new type of bombardment tactics. Therefore Fifteenth Air Force advises that the plan is based on the absence of any fighter opposition. Although after a series of this type of operations, the enemy may put up some fighters for intersection. Under this plan no air opposition is expected.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGET

The Fifteenth Air Force attack under this plan are not only aimed at communication and industrial targets in GERMANY but have the important objective of effecting the morale of the German nation. Due to adverse weather conditions the enemy is having opportunities to repair and produce; it is very important that sustained attacks be maintained to effectively reduce production capacities and cause unrest among the populace. The M/Y at MUNICH has strategic value to the enemy due to the location of necessary industries within the area as well as being a focal point of distribution of supplies to all fronts.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a. This is a coordinated attack against communication, oil, and industrial targets in GERMANY.

5th Bombardment Wing (36 a/c) attacks FLORISDORF O/R

O/R
47th Bombardment Wing (12 a/c) attacks MOOSBIERBAUM

Plant
49th Bombardment Wing (12 a/c) attacks LINZ Benzol

Plant
304th Bombardment Wing (12 a/c) attacks LINZ Benzol

b. No fighter escort is provided.

c. Gunners will be briefed to obtain bombs away photographs regardless of visibility conditions. Fifteenth Air Force desires these photos for use in determining weather conditions at the target in addition to their normal uses. The camera hatch will be left in place to protect the camera from moisture until target area is reached, and then the cover will be removed and the camera prepared for use.

d. Escape Intelligence - see Fifteenth Air Force Escape Bulletins Nos. 1 and 2.

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