

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

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 206)

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 206)

This is Plan George

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

Target Charts: No 4-189-NA (PIAVE/SAN DONA RR Bridge)

No 4-197-NA (PIAVE/SUSEGAMA RR Bridge)

MBC No. 4-40 (PIAVE SUSEGAMA)

MP No. 4-40 (PIAVE SUSEGAMA)

Photographs: 15SB171-3PG-25 Aug 43-Print No. 5815 (SAN DONA)

15SB183-3PG-1 Aug 43-Print No. 5821 (SUSEGAMA)

1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK

(1) SUSEGAMA - There are 12 Heavy Guns at target.

Although no flak was encountered on the attack of 23 Sept, flak can be expected.

(2) SAN DONA - No flak reported. The attack of 23 Sept encountered no flak.

(3) Avoid gun defenses at MESTRE and VENICE.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT - The enemy is capable of a reduced air opposition from a few ITALIAN fighter aircraft. The last attack in Northern ITALY have encountered no e/a. No opposition is expected.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGTT - Weather conditions have permitted only 2 attacks on North ITALY routes of supplies during the past 2 weeks. To maintain active defense of the ITALIAN line, the AXIS must protect and keep open the BRENNER PASS and the UDINE KIWIENFURT routes. The last attack on the SUSESAMA RR Bridge was not successful. Destruction of the SUSESAMA RR Bridge will cut the main MESTRE-UDINE line, Latest Photo Interpretation Report, dated 30 September showed both the rail and road bridges at SAN DONA di PIAVE impassable. Two entire spans of the rail bridge had collapsed. It is supposed that the enemy has made repairs during the period of inactivity of bomber attacks. Destruction of SAN DONA will sever an alternate route from MESTRE through LATICIANA to UDINE.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a. The Fifteenth Air Force attacks communications targets in Northern ITALY.

b. No fighter escort is provided.

c. Crews will be briefed to report observations of road or rail traffic when the amount would indicate unusual activity.

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