

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

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 221)
TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 221)

This is Plan Able

Maps: (1) Red Force.

GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (MUNCHEN) 1:500,000
GSCS No. 4072 PUROPE Air (BOLZANO) 1:500,000
GSOS No. 3922 EUROPE Air (MUNICH) 1:250,000
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Target Chart No. 13-1-NA (AUGSBURG etc)

No. 13-112-MA (ROSENHEIM)

No. 14-13-NA (INNSBRUCK)

Briefing Chart No. BC 13-50 (AUGSBURG etc)

Approach Chart and Target Photochart No. AC, TP 13-50 (AUGSBURG etc)

Target Photochart Oblique Mo. TPO 13-50 (AUGSBURG etc)

Target Area Oblique No. TAO 13-50 (AUGSBURG AC)

Target No. 3(e)46(=A) PERSPECTIVE (July 1943) AUGSBURG (GERMANY)

Pathfinder Chart No. 7, AUGSBURG, GERMANY, 1:180,000

Minimum Briefing Chart No. MBC 13-35 (AUGSBURG)

Minimum Photochart No. MP 13-35 (AUGSBURG)

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Illustration No. 3(c)29/7, 9, 11 (AUGSBURG)

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(Note: Assigned target is shown on all target items cited above, but
is not the indicated target on all of them)

(2) Blue Force.

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Target and Briefing Chart Mo. 4-210-NA (VERONA etc)

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1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK

(1) AUGSBURG: Refer to "E" Map No. 2667, dated 3 October 1944. Formation will be within range of 96 heavy guns for approximately 4 minutes.

(2) ROSENHEIM: No flak was encountered at ROSENHEIM when attacked 20 October 1944. Flak has been reported at this target.

(3) INNSBRUCK: See Intelligence Annex No. 218, 17 October 1944.

(4) VERONA: Refer to "E" Map No. 2660, dated 1 October 1944, as amended by "E" Reports No. 2691, dated 4 October 1944, No. 2805, dated 12 October 1944, and No. 2869, dated 16 October 1944. Formation will be in flak defenses for approximately 4 minutes.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

(1) AUGSBURG area (Red Force): Enemy is capable of putting up 75-100 SEF from NURENBURG area, and can also commit an additional force of the same strength from FRANKFURT. These e/a are capable of intercepting Fifteenth Air Force formations in the ROSENBURG, AUGSBURG, or MUNICH areas, and can attack force attacking the Skoda Works at PILSEN. Enemy decision to attack will be influenced by his local weather and airfield conditions. The strategic plan involves the objective of confusing the enemy controller by delaying the commitment of 5th Wing by feint towards BRUX; This is expected to result in delay of enemy's decision with reference to all Wings attacking in GERNAWY and CZECHOSLOVAKIA. The enemy capability will not be underestimated by reason of nil e/a opposition on recent attacks. The ability of the enemy to transfer his fighters over greater distances to intercept strategic bomber formations has been demonstrated on frequent occasions. Jet propelled a/c may be encountered in AUGSBURG-MUNICH arca.

(2) VERONA (Blue Force): Nil or negligible e/a opposition is expected.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGETS

(1) AUGSDURG: The Maschimenfabrik AUGSBURG-NURENBURG AG (M.A.N.) is the largest diesel engine factory in "RYANY. It produced one half of the engines used in submarines and large ships. The factory complex is situated on the North side of AUGSBURG, just South of the confluence of the WERTICH and LECM rivers at 482ON-1050E. The buildings, occupying about 3,500 square feet area, lie within a roughly Y-shaped area whose base is approximately 2000' long and 1000' wide and whose arms arc each about 1000' square. The currant importance of the target inheres in the result that following the destruction of the branch plant in NURENBERG this factory is of vital importance to the enemy. At present the plant is used chiefly to produce diesel engines for tanks and other motor vehicles. With the

enemy's transportation material severely strained the destruction of this target would place the enemy's production of AFV below replacement needs.

(2) ROSENHEIM, INNSBRUCK: See Intelligence Annex No. 218, 17 October 1944.

(3) VERONA ARSENAL: This is an important heavy gun and anti-tank gun repair depot. Its relatively close proximity to ITALY battle line makes it the more important as a target. The Arsenal is situated within a loop of the ADIGE RIVER and consists of 18 buildings, some of which are of considerable size and area, ranging from 135' to 430' long. The general area is roughly rectangular and measures approximately 600' X 1200'. At time of latest reconnaissance, the Arsenal was active.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a. Coordination of attack

(1) Red Force:

(a) 5th Wing: 6 Groups attack the SKODA Munitions and Armament Works at PILSEN, in CZCHOSLOVAKIA. This is the largest and most important munitions factory in AXIS EUROPE.

(b) 47th Wing: 4 Groups interdict the BRENNER Route Railroad. with the BRENNER route open except where bypass is washed out, its interdiction will have serious effect on enemy's operations in ITALY.

(c) 49th Wing: 3 Groups attack MUNICH Allach BMW. This objective, like that of the 55th Bomb Wing, is an important production plant for AFV components.

(d) 304th Wing: 4 Groups attack REGENSBURG/WINTERHAFEN Oil Storage. Destruction of this O/S installation is designed to reduce to barest minimum the fuel and lubricating supplies yet remaining to the enemy.

(e) XV Fighter Command will provide close escort for 5th Wing on penetration, withdrawal, and over target; will provide close escort for 49th, 55th, and 304th Wings on penetration, at target, and on withdrawal; will provide chaff dispensing a/c to precede 49th Wing and then cover 49th Wing at target.

(2) Blue Force:

(a) 49th Wing: 3 Groups attack MUNICH Allach BMW. See Paragraph 2, a, (1), (c) above.

(b) 304th Wing: 4 Groups attack OSSOPO M/T Park.
This target, like that of the 55th Bomb Wing, has special significance
in support of and in connection with current ground operations.

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