

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

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 174)

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 174)

This is Plan Able

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

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

Target Charts: No: 13-25-NA (LEIPHEIM)

No. 4-210-NA (VERONA M/Y)

No. 4-138-NA (AVISIO VIADUCT)

Minimum Photochart No. 13-32 (LEIPHEIM)

Illustration No. 3/209/1 (LEIPHEIM)

pathfinder Charts No. 5 and No. 5A (MUNICH)

Photographs on Primary Target will accompany Operations Order

1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK

(1) Primary Target - No flak is reported at the A/C WASSERBURG Factory near LEIPHEIM.

(2) Enroute, BOLZANO, INNSBRUCK, LAKE WURM and LAKE AMMER must be avoided.

(3) AVISIO - Reference "E" Map No. 1933, dated 7 July 44 and written report No. E/2421, dated 29 Aug 44. Last attack of 4 Sept 44 drew S/MIH flak.

(4) VERONA - Reference is made to "E" Map No. 2405, dated 26 Aug 44 and written report No: E/2448, dated 2 Sept 44. After rally avoid PADUA and ROVIGO (4504M-1148E). Last attack of 13 July 44 drew MIH flak.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT - Fifteenth Air Force estimates enemy capabilities to be 60-75 ME-109s and FW-190s for MUNICH area targets. Interception South of MUNICH is not likely. There is a possibility of interception from fighters based in North ITALY. If the e/a in the MUNICH area establish contact, the pilots will be aggressive and experienced. There is also the possibility that the 5 ME-262s definitely known to be at LECHFELD may attack isolated a/c, even though to date the jet propelled a/c have not attacked bombers.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGETS

(1) WASSERBURG A/C factory, located South of GUNZBURG and East of LEIPHEIM is now known to be engaged in the manufacture of ME-262 a/c. Wings photographed outside the buildings are definitely identified as ME-262. The enemy is limited in the number of airfields which have adequate runways for jet propelled a/c.

Additional importance, based on this fact, is added to the WASSERBURG A/C Factory wing it is located near to the LECHFELD A/D which is a very active jet propelled This a/c factory is one of the three high priority counter air targets recently attacked by the Fifteenth Air Force.

(2) Since the new offensive in ITALY, the enemy must maintain supply routes. The North route through BOLOGNA, VERONA, and the AVISIO Viaduct constitutes the most important communications line. If either alternate, AVISIO Viaduct or VERONA M/Y is attacked, this route will temporarily be cut, sidetracking traffic onto lessor route already over burdened.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a. This is a coordinated Air Force attack on counter air targets in Central EUROPE.

(1) 5th Bombardment Wing (6 Groups) attacks LECHFELD A/D Installations.

(2) 47th Bombardment Wing (4 Groups) attacks ALLACH BMW Works.

(3) 304th Bombardment Wing (4 Groups) frags LECHFELD A/D.

b. The XV Fighter Command will provide close escort and top offensive cover for this Wing.

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