

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

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 185)

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 185)

This is Plan Baker.

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GSGS No. 3982 EUROPE AIR (MUNICH) 1:250,000
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Pathfinder Chart No. 5 MUNICH, GERMANY, 1:250,000
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Target No. 3(f) 21/PERSPECTIVE (July 1943) MUNICH, GERMANY
Target and Briefing Chart No. 13-50-NA. (MUNICH EMW, etc.)
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1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK: E Section Map No. 2555, 16 September 1944, shows flak defenses of MUNICH. While IAH flak is to be expected, the intensity will be less than that at other MUNICH targets, as OBERWIESENFELD is so located as to be out of most heavily defended areas. Chaff dispensing a/c which will precede Wing formation should reduce accuracy.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

(1) To defend targets in MUNICH area, enemy must transfer fighters from Central GERMANY. He is able to do this, transferring fighters over large areas without refueling. Enemy capability of defenses remains impressive.

(2) Enemy's decision to commit fighters by transfer depends (a) upon controller's decision and (b) this decision is

dependent upon whether Eighth Air Force operates in Central or Southern GERMANY.

(3) If transfers are made, enemy can dispatch 60-75 - 75-100 SEF.

(4) Since enemy cannot put up fighters from bases in MUNICH area, opposition to this operation may be nil or negligible.

(5) Crews should be briefed to be alert for maximum capability, and to expect attacks through protecting cloud cover, especially if a Group is separated from formation.

c. SIGNIFICENCE OF TARGET: MUNICH/OBERWIESEFELD HMW is an important producer of engines for FW-190 a/c, and is believed to be producing components for jet-propelled a/c. This factory has assumed high priority target value.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a. Coordination of attack:

(1) 5th Wing, 6 Groups, attacks MUNICH Allach BMW.

(2) 47th Wing, 4 Groups, attacks rolling stock in LARISSA West M/Y.

(3) 304th Wing, 2 Groups, attacks parked a/c on MUNICH/REIN A/D with frags; 2 Groups attack MUNICH/REIN A/D Installations.

b. XV Fighter Command provides close escort for 5th, 55th, and 304th Wings, and provides chaff dispensing a/c for lead of 55th Wing. (No escort for 47th Wing.)

c. 49th Wing executes supply mission to LYONS, FRANCE.

d. Essential Elements of Information: Crews will be briefed to observe and report all data of enemy aircraft, with exact detail, including detail of time and place observed.

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c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGET: The OBERWISSENFELD Motor Werke lies immediately East of the OBERWISSENFELD A/D, The buildings are laid out in a rough rectangle approximately 1,500' N-S, by 1,000' E-W. The buildings assigned as target for this Wing are as follows (reference Illustration No. 5 (f) 21/10):

- Number 19 - Machine shops (aero engine assembly) 710'x190'
- Number 12 - Machine shops (final assembly) 385'x190'
- Number 11 - Constructional and drawing offices, 540'x175'
- Number 6 - Machine shops, 780'x210'
- Number 4 - Test beds, 365'x210'
- Number 5 - Machine shops, 245'x210'

All of these buildings are conventional steel frame brick types.

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