

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

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 186)

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 186)

This is Plan Able.

Maps: GSCS No. 4072 EUROPE AIR (VENEZIA SECTIONAL) 1:500,000

Target Chart: No. 4-140-NA (LATISANA)

No. 4-80-NA (TAGLIANENTO)

No. 4-189-NA (PIAVE/SAN DONA)

No. 4-200-WA (PONTS DI PIAVE)

MP Mo. 4-39 (LATISANA)

MBC No. 4-39 (LIPISANA)

MP No. 4-37 (PINZANO)

MBC No. 4-37 (PINZANO)

MBC No. 4-38 CASARSA)

Photograph: 15SG/712/13 Sept. 44, Print No. 3019, 3021 (LATISANA)

15SG/552/3PG/6 July '44, Print No. 5020 (PINZANO)

D.D. Report No. 151; 20 July '44, Print No. 3106 (TAGLIAMENTO)

D.D. Report No. 132, 7 July 144, Print No. 3052 (TAGLIAMENTO)

1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK:

(1) LATISANA - Last attacked 4 Sept '44. No flak encountered.

(2) PINZANO - No attack has been made on this target by heavy bombers since 13 July, when no flak was encountered. No flak positions reported since then.

(3) CASARSA - Last attacked 4 September '44. No flak encountered.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

(1) FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE estimates no air opposition to these attacks in northern Italy.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGET:

(1) Weather conditions of the past weeks have permitted the Axis to repair all main rail lines in NORTHERN ITALY. To afford complete victory in ITALY, these lines must be cut. The Air Force attacks under this plan are centered on the PRENNER PASS route

via AVISIO; and by cutting the NE lines running through the UDINE section into CENTRAL EUROPE. Since LATISANA and CASARSA are on two main NE routes from MESTRE, successful attacks will cut both routes. In addition destruction of the PINZANO bridge will eliminate an alternate route leading N from CASARSA.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION:

a. This is an attack against oil targets in GERMANY and communications targets in NORTHERN ITALY.

(1) 5th Bombardment Wing (6 Groups) destroy BRUX oil plant.

(2) 47th Bombardment Wing:

2 Groups attack AVISIO viaduct

1 Group attack ADIGE/ORA RR bridge

1 Group attack ADIGE/MEZZICORNA RR Bridge

304th Bombardment Wing (2 Groups each)

MANEOL viaduct (4620-1309)

SMCAMO RR bridge

b. FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE has directed compliance with 8th Army request that no strafing or bombing will be done in area of CASENATICO (4412-1224).

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