

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

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 169)

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 169)

This is Plan A

Maps : GSGS No: 4072 EUROPE Air (VENEZIA) 1:500,000
GSGS No: 4072 EUROPE Air (BOLZANO) 1:500,00
GSGS No: 4164 ITALY (FERRARA) J .: 100,000 Sheet 10
GSGS No. 4164 ITALY (VERONA) 1:100,000 Sheet 49

Target Charts: No: 4-210-NA (VERONA)
No: 4-220-NA (TRENTO)
No. 4-219-NA (RRONZOLO)

Report No: DB 77 (BRONZOLO; TRENTO, AVISIO) dated 14 lay 44 w/photos
Report No. DB 196 (AVISIO), dated 28 Aug 44 w/photos
Report No. DB 90 (AVISIO), dated 26 May 44 w/photos

1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK

(1) PRONZOLO South M/Y and ADIGE/ORA RR Bridge are in the extreme outer range of BOLZANO flak defenses. Reference is made to "E" Map dated 7 July 44, amended by written report E/2423 dated 29 Aug 44. Area on coast at 45321N-1244E should be avoided.

(2) TRENTO M/Y and AVISIO VIADUCT - Reference is made to "E" Map 1933, dated 7 July 44, amended by written report E/2421 dated 29 Aug 44. No flak was encountered at AVISIO Viaduct when last attacked on 23 Aug 44. However target is within range of 18 Heavy Guns of TRENTO defenses. IAH flak is to be expected at TRENTO M/Y. If these alternate targets are attacked, flak area at VICENZA and TREVISO should be avoided.

(3) VERONA - According to "E" Map 2405 dated 26 Aug 44, IAH flak will be encountered. Avoid flak at VICENZI on route out. No flak was encountered at PESCHIERA when last attacked 23 Aug 44.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT - Enemy can put up approximately 30 to 35 German and Italian single engine fighters within target areas included in this plan. Due to Tactical Air Force efforts, consider probable opposition nil.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGETS - Operations are designed to reinforce the railroad interdiction of Northern ITALY. The BRENNTR route through BRONZOLO; which has been carrying the majority of the

military rail traffic into ITALY, was cut at the AVISIO Viaduct on the latest photographic cover of 28 August.

In the past BROMZOLO and TRENTO marshalling yards have been the initial and terminal points for motor transport bypass traffic when the AVISIO Viaduct has been closed. Attacks on these targets are intended to destroy supplies present and to destroy facilities for loading and unloading trains and motor transport, Complete destruction of the ADIGE/ORA Railroad Bridge is necessary to prolong the interdiction and increase the difficulty of bypassing cuts by employment of motor transport. The interdiction of the TARVISIO, PIEDICOLLE and POSTUMI routes at the PIAVE River line and the attacks designed to increase the difficulty of bypassing these rail breaks, increases the importance of the attack on the BRENNER route. This plan takes into account enemy shortages of gasoline and motor transport.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a. Coordination of attack is as follows:

- (1) 5th Wing attacks submarines in GENOA Harbor.
- (2) 47th Wing attacks AVISIO Viaduct and TRENTO North M/Y.
- (3) 49th Wing stand by.
- (4) 304th Wing attacks TIGLIAMENTO/CASARSA RR Bridge and LATISANA RR Bridge.
- (5) 306th Fighter Wing attacks BONZOLO North M/Y by high level bombing.

b. 306th Fighter Wing will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for the 5th, 47th, 55th and 304th Wings.

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