

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

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 149)

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 149)

Maps: GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (MARSEILLES) 1:500000
GSGS No. 3982 EUROPE Air (CARCASSONE) 1:250000
GSGS No. 4249 FRANCE (1:100000) MONTPELLIER
GSGS No. 4249 FRANCE (1:100000) NARBONNE

Target Chart No: 6-111-NA (SETE) (For general area and IP)
No. 6-116-NA (NARBONNE) (For general area and IP)

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No. 3088; 23SF/574/5PG/6-16-44
No. 4106; 23SF/585/5PG/24 June 44
No. 5037, 33S/67/5PG/24 July 44
No. 5035; 33S/67/5PG/24 July 44
No. 4111; 23SF/585/5PG/24 June 44
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1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK

(1) Targets indicate enemy capability of self-defense.
Targets are so distributed that Scant Heavy Flak will be the probable maximum volume, with Moderate a possibility.

(2) Latest information indicates 2 X 4 Heavy Guns (coastal) at SETE and 2 X 4 AAA unoccupied. The nearby defenses of MONTPELLIER are much more formidable (1 X 4, 1 x 6, 1 x 17); while targets at SETE are not within range of MONTPELLIER defenses, a/c must adhere to course and axis ordered to avoid them.

(3) From SETE a belt, more or less continuous and overlapping, includes BALARUC arca (11.H.G.) BEZIERES-AGDE (12 H.G.) SERIGNAN (4.H.G.), NARBONNE (3 H.G.) and LEUCATE (4 H.G.).

(4) On rallies left and right, as the case may be, care must be taken to avoid flak concentrations at AGDE and MONTPELLIER.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Intelligence Annex Fifteenth Air Force advises that enemy is at present capable of putting up no more than 10 ME-109 and FW-190 a/c at any one time and place in Southern FRANCE. The enemy is, however, capable of putting up several sorties by the same a/c. It is estimated that e/a opposition to any of our forces will be on a very reduced scale. It is possible that a few fighters in Northern ITALY, mostly Italian Republican (Fascist) Air Force, whose effectiveness even if airborne will be negligible, may intercept.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a. Coordination of attack:

(1) 5th Wing, 5 Groups, attacks gun positions in the GENOA area.

(2) 47th Wing, 4 Groups, attacks gun positions in the MARSEILLES area.

(3) 49th Wing, 3 Groups, attacks gun positions in the GENOA area,

(4) 304th Wing, 4 Groups, attacks gun positions in the MARSEILLES area.

b. The 306th Fighter Wing will provide light cover for Bomber formations, and will strafe radar stations in GENOA, SETE, and MARSEILLES areas.

c. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION: Data of enemy aircraft will be fully noted and reported.

d. Escape Intelligence briefing will stress necessity of avoiding urban areas, since these targets are in areas controlled by GERMANS, with the FRENCH resistance movement practically non-existant.

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