

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

1 September 1944  
1610B

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 168 )  
TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 168 )

This is Plan A

Maps: GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (SHKODRA Sectional) 1:500,000  
Target Charts No. 8-102-NA (NIS)  
No. 8-33-NA (TESICA/MORAVA)  
Photos will be delivered later by special courier

1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK

(1) NIS - "E" Report No. 2345, dated 21 Aug 44, shows 20 Heavy guns at NIS. Attack on 17 Aug drew SIH and MAH. The last attack on NIS, which was on the A/D, encountered S to MIH.

(2) Crews will be briefed on all reported flak enroute as plotted on unit flak maps.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

(1) It is possible that 20 to 25 ME-109s may be available from the NIS area. Fifteenth Air Force Annex states that if attacks occur it is likely that they will be in small numbers rather than a mass attack. Total opposition is likely to be of negligible proportion.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGET - The plan of Air Force attacks is to harass the enemy lines of communications and to make withdrawals from the front more difficult. As bridges are attacked, rolling stock in marshalling yards will also be attacked. This effort is in close coordination with the Balkan Air Force and Partisans. Temporary blockage of escape and supply routes may permit destruction of the South Balkan garrisons estimated at 75,000 to 100,000 troops, as well as liquidation of divisions in YUGOSLAVIA. Coverage of 28 August 1944 showed. 835 wagons in NIS M/Y.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a. Coordination of attack:

(1) 47th Wing, 4 Groups, attacks KRALJEVO RR Bridge and KRALJEVO M/Y.

(2) 49th Wing, 3 Groups, attacks MITROVICA RR Bridge.

(3) 304th Wing, 4 Groups, attacks NIS M/Y.

b. 306th Fighter Wing will provide close escort and target cover for 55th and 304th Wings. Fighters will dive bomb CUPRIJA Road Bridge and strafe roads and railroads from NIS to CUPRIJA and as far North as BELGRADE.

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