

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

21 July 1944
2130B

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 133)

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 133)

Maps: GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (BRASOV) 1:500,000
Zone map of PLOESTI
GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (SHAODRA) 1:500,000
Target Chart No. 11-100B (PLOESTI North)
Briefing Chart No. 11-100B
Target Chart No. 11-32-NA.
Target Chart No. 8-2-NA.
Pathfinder Chart No. 22 (PLOESTI, ROUMANIA, 1:250,000)
Pathfinder Chart No. 6 (PLOESTI, ROUMANIA, 1:80,000)
Target Photochart No. TP 11-1, (PLOESTI, ROUMANIA) 1:63,500
Illustration No. 101/16,17, No. 104/5-12
Photograph No. 5020, 60PR/82/00 Sqdn/ 24 Oct 43
Interpretation Report No. DB 114, No. D153 (w. photos)
Target Information Sheet No. BR4, 5 January 1944.

1. ENEMY SITUATION.

a. Flak

(1) The site of ROMANO AMERICANO O/R in PLOESTI will bring bombers within Intense flak which will probably be accurate. However, axis and rally ordered secures minimum time of exposure and minimum number of heavy guns to which formations will be vulnerable. E Section Mep No. 1877, issued 3 July 1944, shows pinpoint positions of batteries.

(2) PIATRA RR Bridge: on 3 July 1944 there was no flak at this 1st Alternate Target. The 4 heavy guns at SLETINA, immediately North of AT, must be avoided.

(3) KRALJEVO RR Bridge: No flak reported at this last Resort Target.

b. Crews should be briefed on dummy layout of PLOESTI (see Target Information Sheet BR4).

c. Smoke screen will probably be employed.

d. ENEMY AIRCRAFT: See Intelligence Annex No. 125, 14 July 1944. Enemy aircraft opposition at Alternate and Last Resort targets will probably be negligible or nil.

e. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGET. The significance of this Primary Target is sufficiently indicated by the fact that all Wings of the Fifteenth Air Force are attacking it on this mission. AMERICANO ROMANO must be taken out; this will remove from enemy his greatest remaining single source of crude oil and lubricants.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION.

a. Coordination of attack: All Wings of the Fifteenth Air Force are attacking ROMANO AMERICANO.

b. The 306th Fighter Wing will furnish penetration, target and withdrawal cover.

c. Essential Elements of Information: as cited in Intelligence Annex No. 125, 14 July 1944. Particular reference should be given to strength of e/a opposition, in order to determine enemy capability in target area.

d. Intelligence Officers will insure that Navigators and Bombardiers are furnished with all target materials and information, for study previous to briefing as well as in Target Folders to be taken in air.

e. Escape Intelligence: is cited in Intelligence Annex No. 125, 14 July 1944.

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