

HEADQUARTERS 55TH BOMB BOMBRDMENT WING (Hv)
APO 520 US Army

2 June 1944

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 114)

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO.114)

This is Plan B.

Maps: GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (BEOGRAD) 1:500,000.

Target Charts No. 8-3-NA. (BELGRADE)

No. 11-18-NA (TIMISOARA)

Briefing Charts: No. 11-18-NA. (TIMISOARA)

Photographs: Mosaic No. 30-461 (BELGRADE)

No. 4006 155G/463/3PG/24 May 1944 (BELGRADE)

No. 4059 60PR/485/60 Sqdn/ 10 June 1944 (TIMISOARA)

No. 4110 P376.683 Sqdn/ 17 June 1944 (TIMISOARA)

HI/FS No. 1 (BELGRADE) Report

D.B. Report No. 114, 17 June 1944 (TIMISOARA)

H(C) Report No. 331 (TIMISOARA)

1. ENEMY SITUATION.

a. Flak.

(1) BELGRADE flak defense of 60 heavy guns (2X8, 2X6, 8X4 batteries) is shown on E Section Map No. 1782, 20 June 1944. 1X4 unoccupied battery and 3X4 under construction are also shown. M-1 flak is within enemy capability. When last attacked on 6 June 1944 (target: was M/Y) MAH was encountered.

(2) No report on flak defense of TIMISOARA is available. When last attacked, on night 16/17 June 1944, SIH was encountered.

(3) BROD, NOVI SAD, SUBOTICA - flak, no change. See Intelligence Annex No. 112, 1 July 1944.

(4) SISAK (Caprag): only light guns reported. When last attacked, on 14 June 1944, no flak was encountered.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

Intelligence Annex Fifteenth Air Force estimates negligible or nil fighter opposition at BELGRADE and TIMISOARA. When last attacked, night of 16/17 June, no e/a were seen at TIMISOARA, but a/c attacking this target saw 4 unidentified e/a at BELGRADE. When last attacked, on 6 June, there was no. e/a seen at BELGRADE

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGET.

(1) BELGRADE Shell has 9000 tons tankage capacity for gas, diesel oil, gasoline, and kerosene. It is reported to be an important distribution center for the GERMAN Army in YUGOSLAVIA and GREECE. It has facilities for canning petroleum products.

(2) (2) TIMISOARA M/Y is one of the largest and most important rail centers in RUMANIA, second in importance only to BUCHAREST and PLOESTI. This M/Y is on main line carrying supplies to RUSSIAN front. The repair facilities at this M/Y were badly damaged by attack night 16/17 June 1944. Reconnaissance on 26 June showed 1543 wagons in yard, with complete turnover since 10 June 44.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION.

a. Coordination of this attack is as follows:

(1) 5th Wing: 2 Groups attack ARAD car repair facilities.

2 Groups attack PIATRA bridge

2 Groups stand down

(2) 47th Wing, 4 Groups, attacks GIURGIU oil storage

(3) 49th Wing, 3 Groups, attacks MOGOSOLI/. oil storage depot

(4) 304th Wing, 1 Group, attacks TITAN oil refinery at BUCHAREST, 3 Groups attack TITAN MALAXA steel works at BUCHAREST.

b. 306th Fighter Wing, 2 Groups engage in free lancing in the PLOESTI-BUCHAREST area, 3 Groups provide cover for 47,49, and 304th Wings on last part of penetration, target cover, and withdrawal, 2 Groups provide general cover for 5th and 55th Wings.

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