

HEADQUARTERS 55TH BOMBARDMENT WING (Hv)  
APO 520 U. S. Army

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 80 )  
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 TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 80)

Maps: GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (CLUJ Sectional) 1:500,000.  
GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (BRASOV Sectional) 1:500,000.  
Target Charts: No. 11-22-NA (CLUJ)  
No. 11-19-NA (TURNU SEVERIN)

1. ENEMY SITUATION.

a. FLAK.

(1) CLUJ - There is no flak at the Primary Target, according to reports from Fifteenth Air Force. No flak should be encountered unless rail flak is used.

(2) Alternate Target - Latest report states no flak at the Alternate Target, IRONGATES CANAL. However, just west of that location there are 8 Heavy Guns.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

(1) CLUJ - The enemy has no fighters in the target area proper. The enemy may offer some interception enroute to target or on return. These aircraft will probably be from the BELGRADE section. The total appreciated effort of the enemy in air opposition is expected to be from 25 to 30 fighters, mostly ME-109s. On the basis of the planned route, if the Alternate Target is attacked the same enemy air opposition may be expected. Fifteenth Air Force Annex, dated 1 June, states that there will probably be no encounters with enemy fighter aircraft.

### C. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TARGET.

(1) CLUJ - This target is within approximately one hundred miles of the RUSSIAN front. The marshalling yards here are on one of the two main supply routes from BUDAPEST to BRASOV. It acts as a central point of distribution for supplies throughout RUMANIA. The yards contain sixteen tracks and facilities for handling extensive storage of cars. Photo Reconnaissance on 25 May indicates that approximately 500 wagons were present in the yards. Since the enemy has been repulsed in a counterattack in the JASSY area and in addition is expecting a new attack by the RUSSIAN forces, a successful attack against this target will support the Allied operations on this front and will create a critical communications problem for the enemy.

(2) Alternate Target - The IRON GATES CANAL is situated approximately seven miles NW of TURNU SEVERIN along the DANUBE RIVER. The DANUBE is an important inland route for traffic moving raw materials to Central EUROPE, as well as for moving supplies to the East. In addition, the DANUBE facilitates North and South traffic through RUMANIA and YUGOSLAVIA. With the present communications problem of the enemy any additional destruction of route will add to the supply difficulties of the Axis.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION.

a. This is a coordinated attack as follows:

(1) 5th Bombardment Wing: 4 Groups attack DEBRECZEN M/Y and Repair Works; 2 Groups attack ORADEA M/Y.

(2) 47th Bombardment Wing (4 Groups) attacks SIMERIA M/Y.

(3) 49th Bombardment Wing (3 Groups) attacks SZOLNOK M/Y.

(4) 304th Bombardment Wing (4 Groups) attacks MISKOLC M/Y.

b. The 306th Fighter Wing will provide one Group of fighters for target cover and withdrawal support.

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