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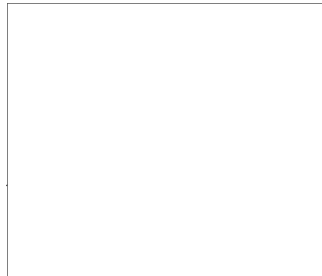
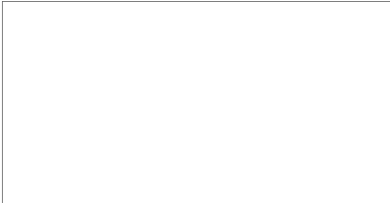
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1. A seaplane base of the Rumanian Army is located at the head of the Mamaia Peninsula, north of the port of Constanța and near Mamaia. It can easily be identified by the numerous breakwaters. The buildings are between the shore and the railway line running from Constanța through Madis /sin/ and Mamaia to Lacul Tasaul.
2. Between the railway and the highway to Sibioara an underground ammunition magazine has been built. It is in a forest and is well hidden from observation from the air or the ground.
3. The base has direct rail connections. A branch line has been built from the Constanța-Since railway line, and a large loading ramp has been built. This branch is used only to serve the seaplane base.
4. A number of new breakwaters have been constructed, so that the base now can accommodate 25 to 27 large seaplanes at a time. There are four floating buoys equipped with powerful reflectors with red lights. The lighting equipment is controlled from land.
5. Opposite the breakwaters is a fuel depot which occupied an area of 80 by 110 meters and is surrounded by a barbed wire fence. There are four tanks, of 60 tons capacity each. The branch rail line runs to this depot. There are no motor pumps; the fuel is pumped with hand pumps.
6. The buildings at the base consist of a two-story barracks, 85 by 100 meters, L-shaped; a hangar on the 25X1R, 45 by 100 meters; an underground gasoline storage, 10 by 30 meters. There is also a target range with movable targets for ground troops and seaplanes. The hangar has an antenna on the roof and is lighted. There is no radar station. The radio and DF stations are in barracks.
7. A marine reconnaissance unit of about 160 men is stationed at the base. The men are all trained pilots who have had a course of training at the base. The training course is a year and a half. Besides flying practice, the pilots practice firing at ground targets. Air formations from Constanța also come for practice at the target range. No activity by Soviet fliers has been observed. There are 15 one and two-engined seaplanes at the base, all with Rumanian insignia.

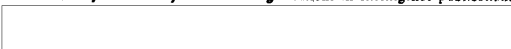


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