

U. S. Army

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 112)
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 TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 112)

This is Plan B.

MAPS: GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (BUDAPEST)
Target Chart No. 12-1-NA (BUDAPEST)
Photograph: sent with Operations Order.

1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK

(1) BUDSPEST Rakos M/Y lies within range of a sufficient number of hg batteries to subject formation to M-I flak. When last attacked, 26 June 1944, flak varied from SIH to IAH. Pinpoints of batteries are shown on E Section Map No. 1519, 30 May 1944.

(2) BROS: See E Section Map No. 1469, 23 May 1944. 1 x 4 hg battery added makes total of 4 x 4 heavy batteries. S-M flak, probably accurate is to be expected. When last attacked, 27 June 1944, S-MIH was encountered.

(3) NOVI SAD: According to latest information NOVI SAD is defended by 3 x 6 heavy gun batteries. Scant heavy flak is probably at this target.

(4) SUBOTICA: E Report No. 1324, 24 April, indicated no heavy flak.

(5) VINCOVICI: As of 2 June 1944, there was no heavy flak at this target.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Intelligence Annex Fifteenth Air Force estimates little if any opposition on approach to target, and 50-60 SEF and 25-30 TEF at target. On return negligible or nil opposition was expected. When attacked 26 June 1944, 60-70 e/a were encountered, with attacks of varying degrees of aggressiveness.

C. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGET. BUDAPEST Rakos M/Y is the principal classification yard for military traffic originating West of BUDAPEST with locomotive sidings and roundhouses also of great importance. On 26 June there were 2500 wagons in the yard, and there had been a 70% turnover since 10 June 1944.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION.

a. Coordination of this attack is as follows:

b. 306th Wing provides escort for bombers.

c. Briefing will include Essential Elements of Information, and crews are directed to observe and report oil storage facilities, depots, and dumps. Photographs of these will be taken if possible, and prints specifically labeled and forwarded to Fifteenth Air Force. Marshalling Yard observations need not be reported where content is under 500 wagons. E/A markings and tactics will be observed and reported in detail.

By order of Colonel ACHESON:

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DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 CY EA cg, a-2 Duty O, Fifteenth AF.
- 1 cy CG, 306th Fighter Wing.
- 1 cy ea CO, A-2, A-3, PI, 55th Bomb Wing.
- 2 cys ea Gp, 55th Bomb Wing.