

HEADQUARTERS 55TH BOMBARDMENT WING (HV)
APO 520 US /ARMY

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO, 141.

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 141.

This Plan B

Maps: GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (BUDAPEST Sectional) 1:500000

Target Charts: No: 12-16-NA (BUDAPEST/TOKOL A/D and A/C Factory)

No. 12-34-NA (MECSKEMET)

No. 8-40-NA (SUROTICA)

Interpretation Report No. D 144, 15 Apr 44

H(I) Report No. 120, 20 Feb 44

BUDAPEST Mosaic 40-105-2, 40-104-1, 40-106-1

MAPRW "C" Section No. 30-466, 3 Apr 44

1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK

(1) BUDAPEST - Reference to "E" Map, 23 May 44. Flak encountered on last attack on 27 July 44 in BUDAPEST area was M to IAH. Although the target is not located in the most heavily defended section of BUDAPEST, IAH flak is to be expected.

(2) KECSKEMET - No flak map or written report available. Last attack on 14 June 44, by fighters only encountered slight light flak.

(3) SUBOTICA - No report available on this target, although it is possible that the enemy may have moved flak here to protect communications lines.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

(1) All enemy airdromes around VESPREM in the Lake BALATON area should be avoided. Fifteenth Air Force Annex estimates that the total enemy air effort against this plan will be approximately 125 to 135 fighters with a few twin engine fighters. Opposition is likely to develop in Lake BALITON area with encounters on in to the target. On return, with planned route to the East, enemy interception is not too likely.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGET

(1) BUDAPEST/DUNA A/C Factory - The purpose of the Air Force attacks of this plan is directed against counter-air and oil targets in HUNGARY. The Duna Factory was successfully attacked on 13

Apr 44 by this Wing. This attack will serve as a policing mission as well as to destroy new construction. Intelligence reveals that the undamaged portions are now producing component parts for final assembly at the TOKOL 4/D. At one time the plant was capable of producing 60 to 80 a/c per month. At the present time it is indicated that production is at a smaller scale than before previous attack, but the current production makes this ME-410 factory an important target which must be destroyed.

(2) KECSKEMET A/D - Area of this field is approximately 2300 yd by 2000 yd with adequate runway. First two full covers showed this A/D to be used principally by transport a/c but in light of present activity makes a good base for fighter interceptors. Successful attack will eliminate another base of air defenses from the use of the enemy.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a. This is a coordinated attack against counter air and oil targets in HUNGARY.

5th Bombardment Wing (5 Groups) attacks BUDAPEST/TOKOL A/D Installations.

47th Bombardment Wing (3 Groups) attacks LISPE/BUDAFUSZTA O/R.

49th Bombardment Wing (3 Groups) attacks BUDAPEST Duna A/C Factory.

304th Bombardment Wing stands down.

b. The 306th Fighter Wing will provide penetration escort, target cover, and withdrawal support for bomber formation.

c. Briefing Officers will brief escape methods as outlined in Escape Bulletin No. 38, 21 July 44.

d. PHOTO INTELLIGENCE

a. One camera, aircraft, Type K-22 with a six inch cone will be turned on at the IP and be allowed to continue operation until 30 miles past the target, Intervalometer setting will be sufficient to give at least 30% and not over 60% overlap.

b. One print of each negative required to give overlap will be forwarded to this headquarters with the strike photographs,

c. Negatives will be forwarded with the bomb strike negatives to Fifteenth Air Force.

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