

HEADQUARTERS 55TH BOMBARDMENT WING (Hv)  
APO 520 US ARMY

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 179  
TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 179 )

This is Plan Able

Maps: GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (BUDAPEST Sectional) 1:500,000  
GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (REOGRAD Sectional) 1:500,000  
Target Charts: No. 12-3-NA (BUDAPEST/South)  
No. 8-6-NA (NOVI SAD)  
No. 3-40-NA (SUBOTICA)  
Report DB No. 128, dated 3 July 44 (BUDAPEST/Csepel)  
HI Report No. 168 - SHELL WOOLAJ Oil Refinery  
Illustrations: No. S.247/4 (BUDAPEST)  
No. S.230/4 (BUDAPEST)  
Pathfinder Charts No. 2 and 21 (BUDAPEST) 1:250,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK

(1) BUDAPEST - Reference is made to "E" Map No. 2404, dated 26 Aug 44, and as amended by written report E/2452, dated 3 Sept 44. Last attack in the BUDAPEST area drew M/IAH flak.

(2) SUBOTICA - No flak reported at this target.

(3) NOVI SAD - Refer to "E" Map No. 2230, dated 9 Aug 44, as amended by written report E/2445, dated 1 Sept 44. When last attacked on 6 Sept, M/IAH was encountered.

(4) On approach to YUGO coast, avoid SPLIT.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

The enemy is capable of causing 15-20 SEF (HUNGARIAN fighters) to be airborne against formations attacking the BUDAPEST area. Fifteenth Air Force suggests the force will not be aggressive, and that encounters may be negligible or nil.

C. SIGNIFICENCE OF TARGET

(1) BUDAPEST is one of the key industrial and communication centers in SE EUROPE. The SHELL Oil Refinery is the largest and most important oil refinery in Hungary, and the fifth largest of the AXIS besides formerly controlled PLOESTI.

The loss of the RUMANIAN refineries increases the importance of this target. The refinery is capable of producing 175,000 tons per annum. The storage facilities are 40,000 tons. The plant covers an area approximately 1300' x 750', or 22 acres. Reports indicate a small amount of disruptive camouflage on the storage tanks.

The MAGMAR Oil Refinery (Hungarian Petroleum Company) (4728N-1906E) in the past has been mainly producing lubricating oils and low grade fuel oils. Production capacity is 80,000 tons per year. Storage facilities are small. Latest reports indicate the refinery is in partial operation and producing 500 tons of gasoline per month. Although one of the smaller refineries nevertheless due to inadequate sources of fuel available to the AXIS, this target assumes priority.

(2) Air attack on communication targets in Northern YUGOSLAVIA, is in support of the RUSSIAN and RUMANIAN forces. Both SUBOTICA M/Y and NOVI SAD M/Y are on the direct communications route between BUDAPEST and BEOGRAD.

As of 3 September 1944, 1200 wagons were present in the North yard. The last attack on MOVI SAD M/Y, although causing considerable damage, did not cut the through line to SUDOTICA.

## 2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a. This is an attack against oil and communications targets in the BUDAPEST area.

(1) 5th Bombardment Wing (6 Groups) destroys rolling stock in RAMOS M/Y. 2 B-17 a/c will carry out an evacuation mission.

(2) 47th Bombardment Wing (4 Grou) destroys rolling stock in FARENVAROS M/Y.

(3) 304th Bombardment Wing (2 Groups each) destroys rolling stock in KORANVA M/Y and RAMOS Station M/Y.

b. The XV Fighter Command will provide escort and target cover for bomber formations.

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