

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

17 September 1944  
1700B

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 180 )  
TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 180 )

This is Plan Able.

Maps: GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE AIR (BUDAPEST Sectional) 1:500,000  
GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE AIR (BEOGRAD Sectional) 1:500,000  
Target Charts: No. 12-100-NA (BUDAPEST North)  
No. 12-31-NA (BUDAPEST South)  
No. 12-27-N (BAJA RR and Road Bridge)  
No. 8-21-IW. (OSIJEK)  
Pathfinder Cherts Nos. 2 and 2A (BUDAPEST) 1:250,000

1. ENEWY SITUATION

a. FLAX

(1) BUDAPEST - SZOB and BAJA - See Intelligence Annex  
No. 173, dated 10 September 1944.

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

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT - As a result of Fifteenth Air Force and  
Russian Air Force attacks it is likely that the German Air Force has  
been requested to reinforce the fighter defenses of the BUDAPEST area.  
Fifteenth Air Force suggests the improbability of this move. Suggests  
an opposition of 15-20 SEF with possibility of encounters negligible.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGET - The bridges in the BUDAPEST  
area are vital links in rail traffic from the BALKANS to Central  
EUROPE. This importance has increased considerably with present  
location and activities of ground forces. Successful attacks by the  
Air Force under this plan will sever the main route from BEOGRAD to  
BUDAPEST as well as destroy rolling stock.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a. This is an attack against communications and oil targets  
in HUNGARY and YUGOSLAVIA.

(1) 5th Wing (2 Groups each) attacks  
SAVA RR Bridge  
NOVI SAD RR Bridge  
SUBOTICA Main M/Y

(2) 47th Wing - same as 55th Bomb Wing.

(3) 304th Wing -

- 1 Group attacks BUDAPEST North RR Bridge
- 1 Group attacks BUDAPEST South RR Bridge
- 2 Groups attack SHELL Oil Refinery

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

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