

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

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1830A

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 182 )

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 182 )

This is Plan Able

Maps: GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (BUDAPEST Sectional) 1:500,000

Target Chart: No. 12-22-NA (HATVAN)

No. 12-36-NA (CZEGLED)

Photographs on Primary Target will be dispatched by courier.

H.C. No. 365, dated 20 Way 1944, Print No. 3028 (CZEGLED)

1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK

(1) HATVAN: No flak reported at the target.

(2) CZEGLED: The M/Y was attacked on 18 September, and no flak encountered.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. The Fifteenth Air Force has made three daylight attacks in the BUDAPEST area during the last two weeks. No enemy aircraft have been encountered although a comparatively small number have been observed. However the possibility still exists that the enemy may reinforce fighter defenses in HUNGARY. If a transfer should occur prior to attack 20 September, the force could probably consist of 35-40 SEF. Fifteenth Air Force suggests that encounters would more probably occur in the MALACKY - GYOR area rather than BUDAPEST. If the enemy does not change disposition of fighter defenses, Fifteenth Air Force suggests negligible encounters.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGET

(1) HATVAN M/Y is located approximately 25 miles NE of BUDAPEST. The last two attacks on communications in HUNGARY have been on M/Y and bridges controlling the North to South traffic. An attack on the HATVAN M/Y will destroy rolling stock and sever lines running from BUDAPEST to SLOVAKIA and to the AXIS-RUSSIAN front in EASTERN HUNGARY. Ground sources indicate all traffic in HUNGARY consists of military supplies and troops. Latest reports show 1500 cars present in the two yards at HATVAN.

(2) CZEGLED: The city is located 39 miles SE of BUDAPEST. The M/Y is double track connections with DEBRECEN to the NE; also connects with branch line to BEOGRAD. The yards consists of n

station, roundhouse, and 2 goods sidings. Successful attack on this target will increase the transportation burdens of the Axis in the BALKANS.

## 2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a. This is coordinated attack on communications, oil, and counter air targets in HUNGARY and SLOVAKIA.

5th Bombardment Wing ( 2 Groups each) attack SZOB RR Bridge, BUDAPEST N and S RR Bridges.

47th Bombardment Wing:

2 Groups frag MALACKY A/D (4824-1708)

2 Groups attack BRATISLAVA O/S and Distillation area.

304th Bombardment Wing (2 Groups each) frag MALACKY A/D and attack rolling stock at GYOR M/Y.

b. The XV Fighter Command will provide close escort for bomber formation.

c. All crews will be briefed to report observation of military movements in HUNGARY and YUGOSLAVIA.

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