

HEADQUARTERS 55TH BOMBARDMENT WING (Hv)  
APO 520 U. S. Army

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1830A

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 184)

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This is Plan R

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

GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (BEOGRAD) 1:500,000

GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (Fiume) 1:500,000

Target Charts: No. 12-24-NA (DEBRECZEN)

No. 12-42-NA (BEDESCSABA)

No. 3-6-NA (NOVI SAD)

No. 3-36-NA (BROD)

Report No. H (c) 393, 28 May 1944 (DEBRECZEN)

DB 170, 7 August 1944, with Photo No. 3122 (BROD)

E 853, 1096, Photograph # 5002, 153G/419/3PG/5 May 44 (NOVI SAD)

1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK

(1) DEBRECZEN: Pinpoint positions of 37 heavy guns (3 x 6, 3 x 5, 1 x 4) may be seen on E Map No. 2556, 16 Sept 44. When last attacked 1 September 44, S-MAH flak was encountered but heavy guns have been added since that date. M - I flak is to be expected, probably accurate.

(2) BEDESCSABA: No report is available. It is to be concluded that no flak is present.

(3) BROD: Pinpoint positions of 31 heavy guns (1 x 8, 5 x 4, 1 x 3) may be seen on Map No. 2010, 15 July 44 as amended by E Report No. 2393, 26 Aug. 44. Main defenses are located NW and SW of city. S - M flak is to be expected. When last attacked, 8 Sept. 44, S - MIH was encountered.

(4) NOVI SAD: Pinpoint positions of 12 heavy guns (2 x 6) may be seen on E Map No. 2230, 9 Aug. 44, as amended by E Report No. 2445, 1 Sept. 44. S - M flak: is maximum capability of flak defense, and when last attacked, 8 Sept. 44, S - MAH was encountered.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT: Intelligence Annex Fifteenth Air Force estimates nil or negligible e/a opposition against these targets.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGETS:

(1) Marshalling Yards at DEBRECZEN and BEDESCSABA are active and rail lines from these points to BUDAPEST are loaded with traffic en route to eastern front. On 18 Sept 44 there were 645 wagons in DEBRECZEN M/Y, and on 17 Sept 44 M/Y at BEDESCSABA contained 580 wagons, 16 locomotives, 20 coaches.

(2) NOVI SAD and BROD M/Ys are of special tactical importance in relation to the pincer movement in which enemy is being cut off from retreat from Southern BALKANS by operations of YUGOSLAV Partisans and RUSSIAN-RUMANIAN forces. NOVI SAD on 18 Sept 44 held 500 wagons plus 190 on sidings. BROD on 17 Sept 44 held 210 wagons in Main M/Y, 60 wagons on sidings, and 130 wagons in South M/Y. Observations reported on Mission 20 Sept 44 indicate all M/Ys full and much movement of traffic. Figures cited from latest reconnaissance (17, 18 Sept 44) are conservative.

## 2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

### a. Coordination of attack:

(1) 5th Wing: 4 Groups attack rolling stock in DEBRECZEN M/Y, 2 Groups attack rolling stock in BEDESCSABA M/Y.

(2) 47th Wing: 2 Groups attack NOVI SAD RR Bridge, 2 Groups attack BAJA RR Bridge.

(3) 304th Wing: 2 Groups attack TISA FURED RR Bridge, 2 Groups attack MISTORE RR Bridge.

(4) XV Fighter Command: 1 Group attacks OSIJEC M/Y by high level bombing, 6 Groups provide strong close escort to 5th, 55th, and 304th Wings.

b. 49th Wing executes supply mission to LYONS, FRANCE.

c. Crews will be briefed that proximity of Primary Targets to area of operations of RUSSIAN and RUMANIAN forces may incur sighting of friendly a/c, requiring accurate recognition.

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