

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

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1815B

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 170)

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 170)

This is Plan A.

Maps: GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (BUDAPEST) 1:500,000
GSGS No. 4459 HUNGARY 1:75,000 (VAC) Sheet 4962
GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (BEOGDAD) 1:500,000

Target Charts (None available for Primary Target) Target area appears
on TC No. 12-20-NA, ALMASEUZITO, and No. 12-13-N1, BUDAPEST)
No. 8-40-NA (SUROTICA)
No. 8-6-NA (NOWISAD)

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1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK

(1) No flak has been reported at SZOB (Primary Target).

(2) SUBOTICA (1st alternate Target): No flak reported.

(3) NOVI SAD (2nd Alternate Target): latest report indicates 1 x 6 and 1 x 2 batteries Heavy Guns occupied and 1 X 6 unoccupied Heavy battery. When last attacked, 1 Sept 44, by 304th Wing, no opposition was encountered. When NOVI SAD RR Bridge was attacked by 5th Wing on 30 Aug 44, SIH flak was encountered.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT - 35 ME-109 a/c may be airborne from VIENNA area plus 20-25 ME-109 a/c from BUDAPEST area. A few TEF may also intercept. This maximum capability is not likely to materialize; it is probable that no more than 25 SEF and a few TEF will be available for use against all formations.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGET - Effort of Fifteenth Air Force is directed at communications in BALKANS. Objective is to extend interdiction of enemy supply lines delivering material and moving troops in BALKANS. The BUDAPEST and SZOB RR bridges are vulnerable points on main lines from VIENNA and BUDAPEST. SZOB RR Bridge is 395' long and 23' wide, is constructed in steel truss type on masonry piers, and carries a double track railway.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a. Coordination of attack:

(1) 5th Wing, 6 Groups, attacks BUDAPEST North and South RR Bridges.

(2) 47th Wing, 4 Groups, attacks rolling stock in ORAREA M/Y.

(3) 49th Wing, 3 Groups, attacks SAVA East RR Bridge.

(4) 304th Wing, 3 Groups, attacks SZOLNOK RR Bridge.

b. The 15th Provisional Fighter Command will provide strong escort; with offensive top cover, for 5th and 55th Bombardment Wings, will provide light escort for 47th and 304th Wings, and will provide chaff dispensing a/c for 5th Wing.

By order of Colonel ACHESON:

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