

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

5 September 1944
1700B

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 171)

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 171)

This is Plan B.

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

Target Charts: No. 12-22-"A (NYIREYHAZA M/Y)

No. 12-24-NA (DEBRECZEN etc)

No. 12-25-NA (SZOLNOK etc)

Photograph of SZOLNOK RR Bridge distributed 31 Aug 44

H(C) Report No. 393, 28 May 44, on Photograph

DB Report. No..99 with photo #3088,,3098,.3 June 44

1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK

(1) NVIREGYHAZA: No flak report of Primary Target is available, and it is to be concluded that there is no flak at target.

(2) DEBRECZEN: Written report No. E 1630, 6 June 44 states that there were no AA defenses of target visible.

(3) SZOLNOK: 6 Heavy Guns were cited in written report No. E 237x 24 Aug 44. SIH flak has been encountered on recent attacks of this Last Resort Target.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT: Maximum enemy capability at Primary, Alternate, or Last Resort Targets is 15-20 SEF. Opposition to be expected is negligible or nil.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGETS: The interdiction of enemy lines of supply and transport in BALKANS is still a major objective, and BUDAPEST area is currently the most important focal point. Results already secured have slowed withdrawal of enemy forces East and South of BUDAPEST, but a large scale movement is being attempted. The tactical objective of attack by this Wing is to destroy as much rolling stock as possible, to create a temporary block, and to hinder enemy operations both by blocking movement of troops and supplies and by denying use of material en route and means of shipping to secure supplies required.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a. Coordination of attack:

(1) 5th Wing attacks rolling stock in ORADEA Main and South M/Ys.

(2) 47th Wing attacks troop concentration and tanks in town of LESCOVAC.

(3) 49th Wing attacks rolling stock in SUBOTICA M/Y.

(4) 304th Wing attacks rolling stock in NOVI SAD M/Y.

b. The XV Fighter Command will provide adequate cover for all units, with particular attention to 55th Bombardment Wing.

By order of Colonel ACHESON:

DONALD W. RIDDLE,
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A-2.

DISTRIRUTION:

1 cy ca CG, A-2 Duty O, Fifteenth AF
1 cy CG, 306th Fighter Wing
1 cy ea CO, A-2, A-3, PI, 55th Bomb Wing
3 cys ea 464, 485 Gps; 55th Bomb Wing
4 cys ea 460, 465 Gps, 55th Bomb Wing