

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

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1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK

(1) NIS - "E" Report No. 2055, sortie 15 July 1944 cancels all previous reports on this location. The 1X4 Heavy Gun battery pinpointed at 180429 is the only Heavy battery not covered by this sortie. When last attacked on 17 Aug 44, SIH to MAH was encountered.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT - Fifteenth Air Force Annex states that fighter interception is unlikely. If the coordination of the fighter sweep prior to bomber attack succeeds, the enemy will be unable to get aircraft airborne. Should the enemy be able to attempt interception, estimate 12 to 15 sorties by ME-109s against attacking Wing.

SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGET - Recent attacks on the enemy's air drome installations have also been attacks on dispersed aircraft which were capable of interception of bombers, particularly when attacking targets in RUMANIA. The attack on 17 August evidently inflicted some damage on the airdrome as well as damaged dispersed air craft. Coverage of 18 AUG 44 showed 37 active a/c present. Destruction of them will further reduce air strength of the enemy in the BALKANS as well as limit the airdrome facilities available to the AXIS.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a. This is a counter air force attack.

(1) 304th Bombardment Wing (4 Groups) frags dispersed a/c on HAJDU/BOSZORMENY A/D (4740N 2130E).

b. The 306th Fighter Wing will make medium altitude sweep of target area and provide withdrawal escort for this Wing.

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