

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

13 June 1944
2045B

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 92)

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 92)

This is Plan B.

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

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

Target Chart: (PETFURDO) No. 12-33-NA.

H(I) Report. No 163 (with annotated photograph of PETFURDO),

1. ENEMY SITUATION.

a. FLAK

(1) No information of flak defense of PETFURDO oil plant is available. On missions in the LAKE BALATON area flak has been encountered.

(2) CAPRAG synthetic oil plant in SISAK - No flak defense (first alternate target).

(3) ZAGREB M/Y (second alternate target) when last attacked 24 May 1944 showed SIH flak.

(4) BROD M/Y (last resort target) showed SIH flak on 13 April 1944.

(5) SARAJEVO M/Y (last resort target): No flak information available.

(6) SPLIT harbor installations (last resort target) when attacked 3 June 1944 was defended by moderate but very accurate flak.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Fifteenth Air Force Intelligence Annex advises that enemy fighter strength in this target area has been substantially reduced. Suggest probable scale of effort in defense of these targets possibly 30-40 SEF and 10-15 TEF, and consider opposition from fighters based in VIENNA area not probable.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGET.

(1) With probable damage to all major oil refineries in PLOESTI, priority targets in enemy oil system are (1) the three

major synthetic plants in Southeast GERMANY and (2) the refineries in the VIENNA-BUDAPEST area.

(2) Plan B includes remaining active refineries in BUDAPEST area with aggregate capacity estimated about 400-500,000 tons per year.

(3) Eighth Air Force operations planned for 13 June are against nine oil plants in GERMANY.

(4) Successful completion of attacks by Eighth and Fifteenth Air Forces should cause acute oil shortage to enemy within three months.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION.

a. Coordination of this attack is as follows:

(1) 5th Wing: 4 Groups destroy BUDAPEST KOOLAZ oil plant. 2 Groups destroy BUDAPEST FANTO oil plant.

(2) 47th Wing: 4 Groups destroy SISAK Caprag synthetic oil plant.

(3) 49th Wing: 3 Groups destroy SZONY oil plant.

b. The 306th Fighter Wing, 5 Groups, will provide escort. 1 Group will dive bomb and strafe KECSKENET A/D.

c. Eighth Air Force operations planned for 13 June 1944 are attacks on nine oil plants in GERMANY.

d. It is directed that Escape Intelligence Officer brief on Escape.

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