
Official Communication of Major-General Yerastov, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Southern Army Group, to the Chief of Staff, Károly Csémi, on the Instruction of the UAF Headquarters to Execute a Command War Game, 13 April 1965

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To Comrade Major-General Károly CSÉMI,
Chief of General Staff of the Hungarian People's Army,
Deputy Minister

Comrade Major-General,

According to the organizational order from the General Headquarters of the Unified Armed Forces, a two-stage front war game for commanders and staff command will be conducted in the Southern Army Group between June 21 and 25, 1965 under the command of Colonel General K.I. Provalov, commander of the Southern Army Group, with the participation of the 5th Hungarian Army Headquarters.

The front commander is Lieutenant General S. A. Andruchenko, first deputy to the commander of the Southern Army Group.

Southern Army Group Headquarters—Southwestern Front Headquarters.

5th Hungarian Army Headquarters—25th Hungarian Army Headquarters.

The commanders and staff of the Carpathian military district, the 28th corps, and the higher units of the Southern Army Group participate in the roles of respective commanders and staff.

The numbering of the higher units and units of all service sections of the Southern Army Group and the Hungarian People's Army is 20 higher than the realistic battle numbering.

For the duration of the game, the Southern Army Group Headquarters, the staff of the higher units of the 28th corps and the Southern Army Group will be stationed on the territory of the Mátyásföld barracks.

The strength and location of the 5th Hungarian army headquarters—according to your decision.

Occupation of the starting position for the game and issue of the operational task—June 6, 14.00.

I have entrusted the 8th department of the Army Group Staff to arrange for secrecy in the command of troops, during the war game.

Supply of the 5th Hungarian Army headquarters with maps is being secured by the head of cartography service of the Southern Army Group Staff, based on the request by the Army staff.

The exercise board will consist of generals and officers of the Southern Army Group and the Hungarian People's Army Staff.

We plan to have the main training materials required to conduct the game ready by May 10, 1965.

The readiness deadline for the whole material of the game will be June 10, 1965.

We plan to brief the arbitrators between June 18 and 19, 1965.

With respect the above-written, we request you:

1. To give orders to the commander of the 5th Hungarian Army to prepare for the game.
2. To appoint, as you see fit, the assistant director of the exercises, the chief arbitrator of the Army headquarters, and the arbitration staff of the main divisions and service sections.
3. To appoint a group of officers to the exercise board, and dispatch them to the Southern Army Group Staff by 9.00 on April 26, for the purpose of developing the material of the war game.

For the officers of the Hungarian People's Army who are assigned functions during the game, on the staff of the exercise board or in operational groups functioning alongside the front divisions and group directorates, we will provide places of work and rest and free meals three times a day in the Voyentorg [Military Trade Organization] canteen.

April 13, 1965

Yours sincerely:

Major General Yerastov

Deputy Chief of Staff of the Southern Army Group

Commander of the exercise