Appendix

Pictures of the Kassa Bombing

The following pages show photographs related to the Kassa raid of June 26, 1941. The first two pictures were taken at the airfield of the Hungarian military aviation school at Kassa on the 25th of June. They show a German warplane and its crew that made an unscheduled landing at the airfield. The two Hungarian air force officers seen in one of these pictures are Ádám Krúdy and Eugene Chirke. When unknown aircraft approached Kassa at about the same time the following day, some of the people at the airfield presumed that they were coming in for an unscheduled landing.

The following pages contain photographs that had been delivered by Hungarian authorities to Major R.C. Partridge, the American Military attaché to Hungary, during July, 1941. They illustrate a small part of the damage that had been inflicted on Kassa during the raid of the 26th of June, as well as close-ups of parts of an exploded bomb with Russian markings. From U.S. military intelligence records we know that some pictures, showing general damage in Kassa after the raid, were given to the American military attaché at the time of his visit to Kassa on the 1st of July, while pictures of close-ups of bomb fragments were sent to him by the head of the Hungarian information service at the end of the month. In forwarding the latter pictures to Washington, Partridge remarked that their "value rests entirely on the good faith of the Hungarian Government." (Major R.C. Partridge to Washington, supplement to Report no. 1344, 31 July 1941. New Military Records, Department of War, National Archives of the United States.)

The first two pictures are courtesy of Mr. Eugene Chirke of Montreal. The rest of the photographs were requested from the National Archives of the United States in 1972. They were declassified in 1973 and delivered to us subsequently.









