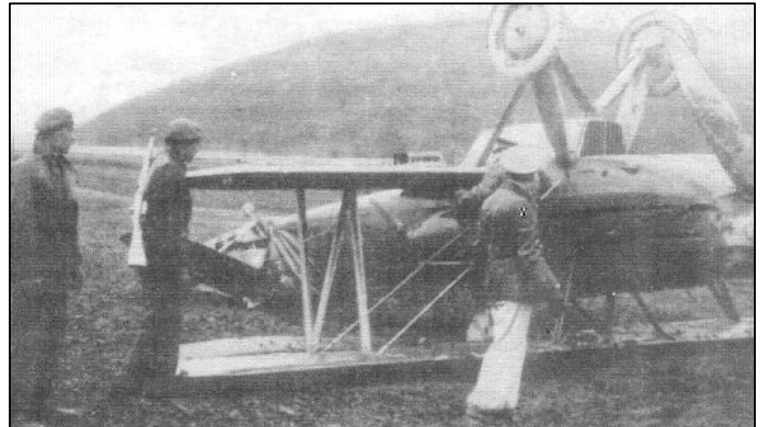


Background

Eastern border of Slovak State, March 24, 1939

Slovakia achieved its autonomy within Czechoslovakia after the Munich Agreement (and lost its southern territories to Hungary). Independent Slovak State, the client state of Nazi Germany was then created on March 14th, 1939. Once ready to oppose the Nazis Czech-made biplane fighters Avia B-534 and mostly reconnaissance planes Letov Š-328 were now to be used against Poland and later on against Russia. But the first combat challenge came from another Hitler's ally - Hungary. The "Little War" began with a Hungarian attack on March 23rd. On the second day of the war at 12:25 Hungarian Fiat CR.32 fighters based in Uzhhorod (today's Ukraine, part of Czechoslovakia before 1938) were about to fly an escort mission. The mission changed because of the Slovak air counterattack. Slovak targeted troops marching on Michalovce. Letov Š-328 planes from Spišská Nová Ves were sent to this reconnaissance and bombing mission with the escort of Avia B-534 fighters.

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Order of Battle

Raiders – Slovak (set-up first)

Elements of 3rd Air Regiment



Š-328 – Bombing mission
Set-up in F3, use B-534 counter and Š-328 Šmolík ADC (download at <http://www.airbattle.co.uk/>)



B-534 – Close escort mission
Set-up in C0, treat as an ex-escort [9.2.3] and form up with bombers

Max Losses Flights 3
Alert No flights start alerted
Quality Veteran 0; Green 2; Experte 0

Map Edges *Left* - Slovak *Right* - Hungarian

Doctrine Both sides use rigid doctrine

GCI Control None

Radio Nets *Alan* - Slovak flights

Bela - Hungarian squadron

Sun Position Above

Clouds Wispy in H4-K4, P4-Q4 and T4-U4

Surface Units Troops in U0

Defenders – Hungarian



1/1 "Ijász" squadron of the Hungarian Air Force



Fiat CR.32 – Intercept Mission
Set-up in W2

Max Losses Squadrons 9
Alert All flights start alerted
Quality Veteran 0; Green 0; Experte 0

Victory Conditions

At the game end total each side's Victory Points (VP). Subtract the Hungarian VP from the Slovak VP to see who wins:

-1 or less	Hungarian Victory
0	Draw
+1 or more	Slovak Victory

Aftermath

Slovaks were taken completely by surprise. All three Avia B-534 fighters were shot down without inflicting any losses on Hungarians. One Letov Š-328 was shot down too. The rest two bombed their targets near Sobrance but only one managed to return to base. Another had to land due to mechanical failure.

The war ended by a treaty signed on April the 4th in Budapest with Slovakia ceding to Hungary a strip of eastern territory (returned in 1945).

Note: All Slovak B-534 pilots managed to survive their crash landings. The scenario photo shows a different B-534 plane shot down earlier that day.