

# THE PAUL STREET BOYS THE BATTLE PLAN



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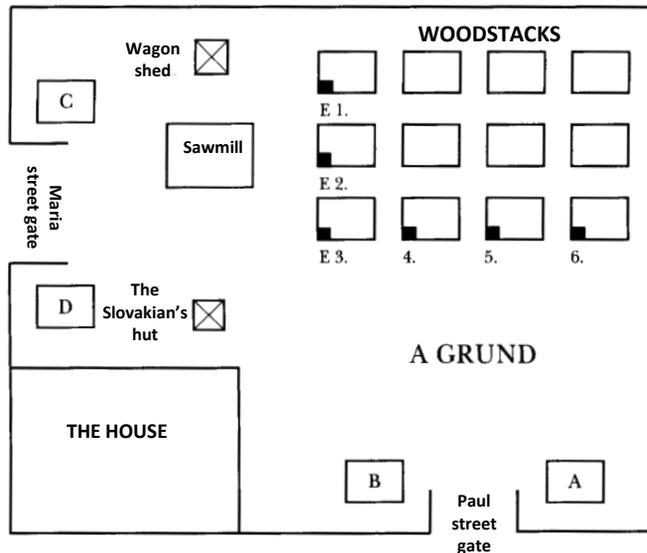


## The battle plan

Take notes of the important informations from the text!

Your notes might be Mindmap, Table Drawing, etc.

„And now” said Boka, „Private Nemeček will hand me our war plans.” Obediently, Nemeček reached into his pocket and drew forth a sheet of paper. This was the plan concocted by Boka right after lunch. It was a war map drafted as shown. Nemeček spread it on a stone slab and all the boys squatted around it. Everyone was anxious to know to what position he had been assigned, what role was in store for him.



Boka launched into an explanation of the war plan:  
 „Pay close attention. Keep your eyes on the sketch. It is the map of our domain. According to the reports of our spies, the enemy intends to attack on two sides: the Paul Street side and the Maria Street side. Now, let's be systematic. This square here, with the letters A and B, represents the two divisions detailed to defend the gate. Division A consists of three men under Weisz's command. Division B also has three men, headed by Leszik. The gate on Maria Street will be defended by two more divisions. Richter will have charge of Division C, while Kolnay will lead Division D.”  
 Here a voice interrupted: „Why not me?”  
 „Who was that?” demanded Boka sternly.  
 Barabás admitted it was him.  
 „You again! If I hear another word out of you, have you court-martialled! Sit down.”

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Barabás merely muttered something, and sat down. Boka continued his explanation:

„These black dots here, marked with a letter F and numbers, represent our fortresses. We will provide these with sand, so two or three men will suffice for each. Fighting with sand is easy. Besides, the fortresses are so close to one another that if one comes under siege, another can bombard the attackers as well. Fortresses 1, 2 and 3 will defend the ground from the Maria Street side, while fortresses 4, 5 and 6 will provide support for Divisions A and B with sand balls. Whom will man which fortress I'll only tell you later. Am I clear?”

„Yes, sir!” was the unanimous answer.

The boys now sat around the wonderful war map with eyes wide open and mouths agape. Some even produced their notebooks, diligently writing down the instructions of their president-commander.

„Now” said Boka, „this was your arrangement. Now comes the actual war plan. Pay close attention, everybody! When the sentry posted on the top of the parapet gives report of the Redshirts' approach, Divisions A and B will open the gate.”

„Open it?”

„Yes, you'll open it. We won't hide from them because we want to give them battle. Let them get in first, then we'll drive them out.

So, as I say, you'll open the gate and let their troops enter. As soon as their last m steps in, you'll attack them. At the same time, fortresses 4, 5 and 6 will begin to bombard them. This is the duty of one troop – the Paul Street army. You'll make every effort to drive them out, if you fail in that, you will at least prevent them from breaking through the line formed by fortresses 3, 4, 5 and 6 and from remaining on the ground.

The other army, the one on Maria Street, has a much harder task ahead. You, Richter and Kolnay, pay close attention. Divisions C and D will send a patrol into Maria Street. When the other army of redshirts emerges in that region, your divisions must line up ready for battle. After the redshirts have come through the big gate, both divisions will pretend to beat a hasty retreat. Here, look at the map... do you see my point? Division C, that's yours, Richter, will run into the wagon shed...” Boka pointed with his finger: „;Right here. Understand?”

„Yes, sir.”

„On the other hand, Division D, that's Kolnay's, will run into Janó's hut. Now watch carefully, for what follows is very important. And keep a sharp eye on the map. The Redshirts will naturally run around both sides of the steam-saw. But behind the saw they'll come face to face with fortresses 1, 2 and 3. These will start bombardment at once.

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The two divisions will emerge, one from the wagon shed, the other from the Slovakian's hut, and attack the enemy in the back. If you fight bravely, the enemy will be forced into a tight corner and will have to surrender. If they do not, you'll drive them into the shack and bolt the door on them. After that's done, Division C will emerge beside the shack and Division D - by marching around the woodpiles - beside fortress 6, and the two together will hasten to the aid of Divisions A and B. The troops of fortresses 1 and 2 will, at the same time, enter fortresses 4 and 5 in order to make the bombardment all the more intense. After that, Divisions A, B, C and D will form one solid line of attack that must force the enemy toward the Paul Street gate. Meanwhile all the fortresses will be bombarding the enemy over our heads. I am sure they won't be able to withstand our concerted attack. And so we'll be bound to drive them out through the Paul Street gate! Is that clear?"

A spontaneous outburst of enthusiasm was the response. The boys jubilantly waved their neckscarves and tossed their hats in the air. Nemeček removed from around his neck the big knitted scarf and, in a catarrhal voice, joined in the cheering:

„Hurrah foh de president!”

„Hurrah!” cried the others in chorus.

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