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MISSION NO. 394 — 31 December 1944

TARGET: Bressanone RR Bridge (Isarco/Albes) — REF: MIC 4-15
Alternates: Loop in Brenner Pass Line 4657N 1126E. — TC 4-95-NA (FORTEZZA)-REVERSE SIDE
Vicenza M/Y — TC 4-91-NA
Treviso M/Y — 4-215-NA

98th & 449th hit Bressanone Bridge, 450th hits loopat 4657N 1126E on Brenner Pass Line.

OTHER WINGS:
5th Wing : 6 Gps Verona/Porto Nuova M/Y and Verona/Porto Vescova M/Y.
49th Wing : 3 Gps Linz Goods Depot at 1205 hours.
55th Wing : 4 Gps Linz Main Station at 1145 hours.
304th Wing : 4 Gps Linz North Main M/Y at 1155 hours.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The 47th Wing again hits the Brenner Pass line in an effort to continue to deny the use of this vital communications line to the enemy. The Bressanone Bridge is severely damaged and this attack is designed to hinder repair work and possibly put the bridge beyond repair.

NO. OF PLANES: 22 BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb. MDX SQDN FORMATION: 1st Box - 514 515
2nd Box - 513 fills
WING FORMATION: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th 3rd Box - 512 in

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4532N 1243E to Dobbiaco (4643N 1214E) to the IP - Drudico (4647N 1157E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 213° BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000' TURN OFF TGT: Left

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to 4532N 1244E to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration, target and withdrawal cover.

*FLAK: 22 guns at the target. Moderate, accurate flak encountered 29 Dec.
Alternates: Brenner Pass loop - four RR flak cars, 8 guns at Vipiteno, 12 guns on hilltop at 4655N 1126E. Moderate to intense, accurate on 29 Dec.
~~Primary~~: Vicenza - 24 guns. Nil to scant reported on 18 Nov.
Treviso - none. Nil flak reported 10 Oct.

FIGHTERS: Approximately 60 fighters based in northern Italy, mainly Fascist Me109s. 10 to 15 have been observed in past three attacks but there were no attacks.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Smoke screen observations and encounters will be published in "Intops" in the future, along with flak. Since the main source of this information is from the narrative crew reports, it is important that all information regarding smoke screens be carefully noted and reported at interrogations. Information should include location, density, area covered in respect to target or cities, etc.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0715 |
| Trucks | 0800 |
| Take Off | 0900 |
| On course | 0943 |
| Target | 1121 |

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* FLAK AT TARGET: In addition to the 22 guns mentioned, there are 6 guns at LAION, 8 miles to the south. ~~Six~~ Of the 120 guns at Bolzano, a possible 22 may be within range on the withdrawal, if the briefed route is not strictly adhered to.

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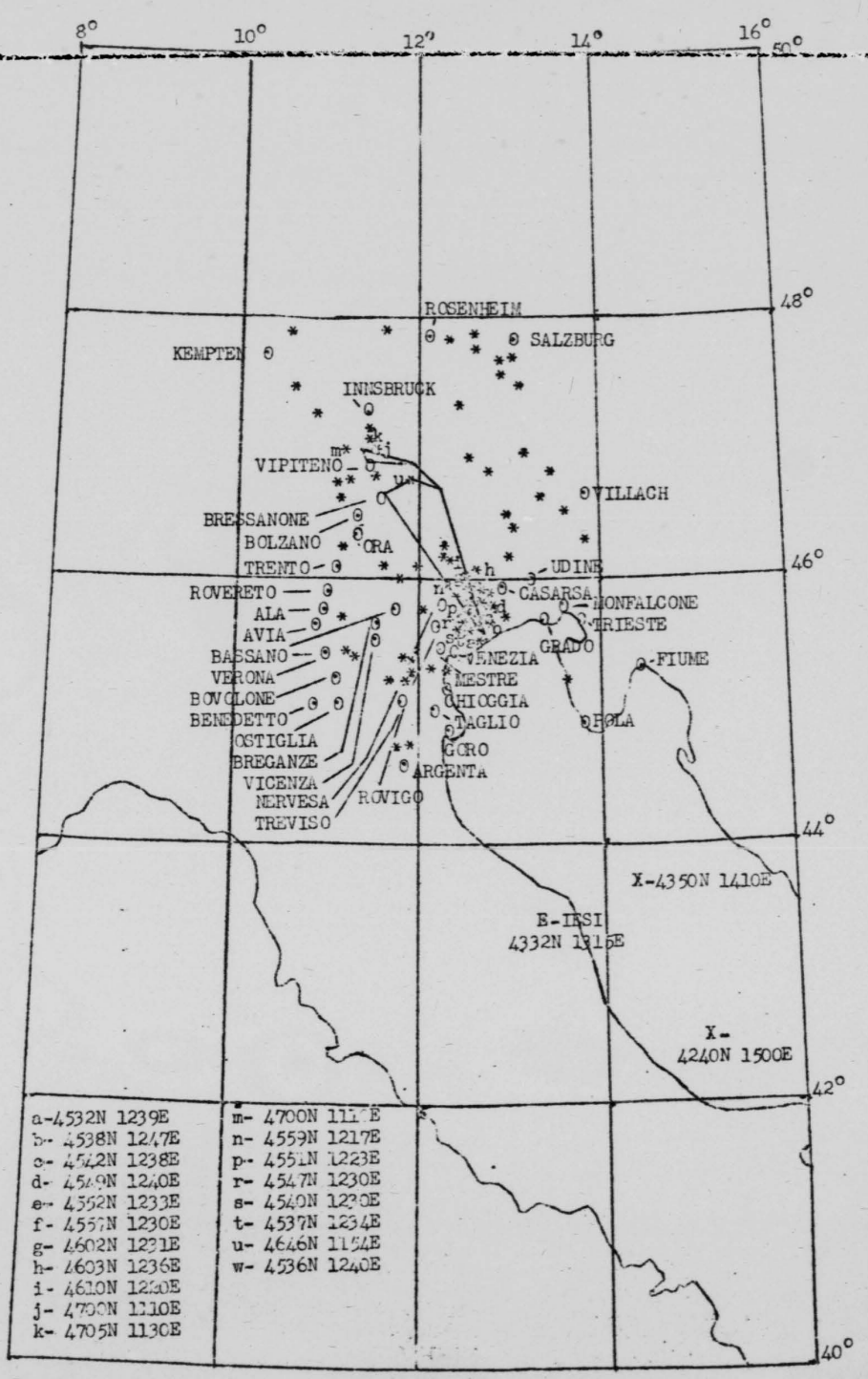
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 166

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 31 DEC. 1944

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* - Location at which crews have reported experiencing or seeing flak, but for which no photo reconnaissance confirmation has been received.

X - Location of Air-Sea Rescue Launches.

E - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO. 400 29 December 1944

TARGET: Bressanone RR Bridge (Isarco/Albes RR Br.) REF: MBC 4-15
MP 4-15
Alternates: Ora RR Bridge MBC & MP 4-23
Menzocorona RR Bridge MBC & MP 4-25
Avisio Viaduct TC 4-138-NA

98th Group attack Vipiteno RR Bridge. 449th and 450th Groups attack loop in Brenner line at 4658N 1125E.

Weather Alternates: Castelfranco Veneto Loco Repair Depot TC 4-128-NA
Udine Loco Repair Depot TC 4-137-NA

OTHER WINGS: Target Time
5th: Innsbruck Main and West M/Ys
49th: Passau M/Y
55th: Verona/Porto Vuevo and Porto Vescova M/Ys
304th: Muhldorf M/Y and Landshut M/Y

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The 47th Wing will attack the Brenner Pass Line for the fourth consecutive day, the 376th attacking the same target for the third consecutive day. The Brenner Route is the most important supply line to the enemy forces in Northern Italy. Putting this line out of commission for a short period will be severely felt by the enemy.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb. RDX (.1 & non-delay) SQDN FORMATION: A 513, B 514, C 515, D 512

WING FORMATION: 98th, 376th, 449th, 450th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4532N 1244E to Farra (4607N 1227E) to Moena (4622N 1139E) to IP.

I.P.: 4634N 1132E. AXIS OF ATTACK: 34°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 22,000'.

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: target to Farra then reciprocal of route out to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 50-P-51 TARGET AREA PICKUP 1215
Fighters to provide target cover for 47th Wing.

FLAK: 22 guns at target. Moderate, accurate flak reported on 27 December, scant, accurate to inaccurate reported 28 December.

FIGHTERS: Approximately 60 fighters reported in northern Italy, mainly Italian Fascist Me 109s. 10 to 15 enemy fighters have been observed airborne in this area during the last two days, although no attacks were made on this Group.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0715 |
| Trucks | 0800 |
| Take off | 0900 |
| On course | 0953 |
| Target | 1220 |

ITALIAN BOMBLINE CHANGE 0745 hrs 28 Dec 44) M6353 - 525530 - thence Reno River to 487526 - thence Senio River to 3133 - 294330 - thence railroad to 266290 - 2429 - 1523 - 0925 - 0234 - L8834 - 8329 - 7429 - 4015 - 4010 - 2004 - P9801 - U9096

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MISSION NO. 398 27 DECEMBER 1944.

TARGET: Bressanone RR Bridge (Isarco/Albes RR Br.) RP: MPI 4-15
ALTERNATES: Klagenfurt M/Y 44-4-MA
Villach M/Y 44-44-MA

| OTHER GROUPS | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 98th | Vipiteno RR Bridge (4653N-1126E) | 1121 |
| 450 & 449 | Brenner Rail Line at (4653N-1125E) | 1105 & 1115 |

| OTHER WINGS | TARGET |
|---|---|
| 5th | B-17's of six groups will attack the following oil targets in the Vienna area: Lobau Oil Refy; Schwechat Oil Refy; Florisdorf Oil Refy; Kagran Oil Refy; Vosendorf Oil Refy; Korneuburg Oil Refy. |
| 49th | Pinsano RR Bridge |
| 55th | Maribor M/Y |
| 304th | Graz Main & Bruck M/Y's |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The Fifteenth Air Force, employing maximum effort, will attack communications and oil targets in Austria, Northern Italy and Yugoslavia. The 5th Wing has been assigned six Vienna oil targets with a monthly gasoline output estimated to be 4,900 tons at present.
The 55th & 304th Wings are assigned the Maribor, Graz and Bruck M/Y's which show great activity and heavy loading of military supplies.
The targets of 47th Wing are selected in an effort to inflict multiple interdiction on this important route, thru which the great bulk of the supplies used by the enemy in Italy are funneled.

NO. OF PLANES: 22 BOMB LOAD: 1000 # RDX SQ FORM: A Box 512 B Box 515 C Box 513

# WING FORMATION: 49th, 450th, 376th, 98th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to (4532N-1244E) to Parra (4607N-1221E) to Roana (4622N-1139E) to I.P., at (4634N-1132E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 34 degrees BOMBING ALTITUDE: 22,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.
ROUTE BACK: Target to Parra (4607N-1221E) then reciprocal of ROUTE OUT.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fiter Command will provide escort for all wings on penetration, target and withdrawal.
Droopsnoots will attack Latisana RR Bridge.
Fiters will strafe traffic on rail line running west from Vienna to Lopz (4818N-1418E).

FLAK AT TARGET: 22 heavy guns. The defenses will be entered about 4 miles from the target. The target itself is covered by 10 guns. The other 12 guns would be in range approximately 1 mile north of the target, so the right rally should be commenced without delay.
FLAK AT ALTERNATES: Klagenfurt: Photo cover to 11 Dec. shows no heavy guns.
Villach: 6 heavy guns.

FIGHTERS: There are approximately 60 enemy fiters in N. Italy, mainly Italian Fascist Air Force Me. 109's.

TIME SUMMARY:

| | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0615 |
| Trucks | 0700 |
| Take off | 0800 |
| On course | 0856 |
| Target | 1118 |

POSSIBLY MEET FIGHTERS — ALERT
SAFE AREA — 70% PARTISANS.
LEAVE ALL PERSONAL EFFECTS.

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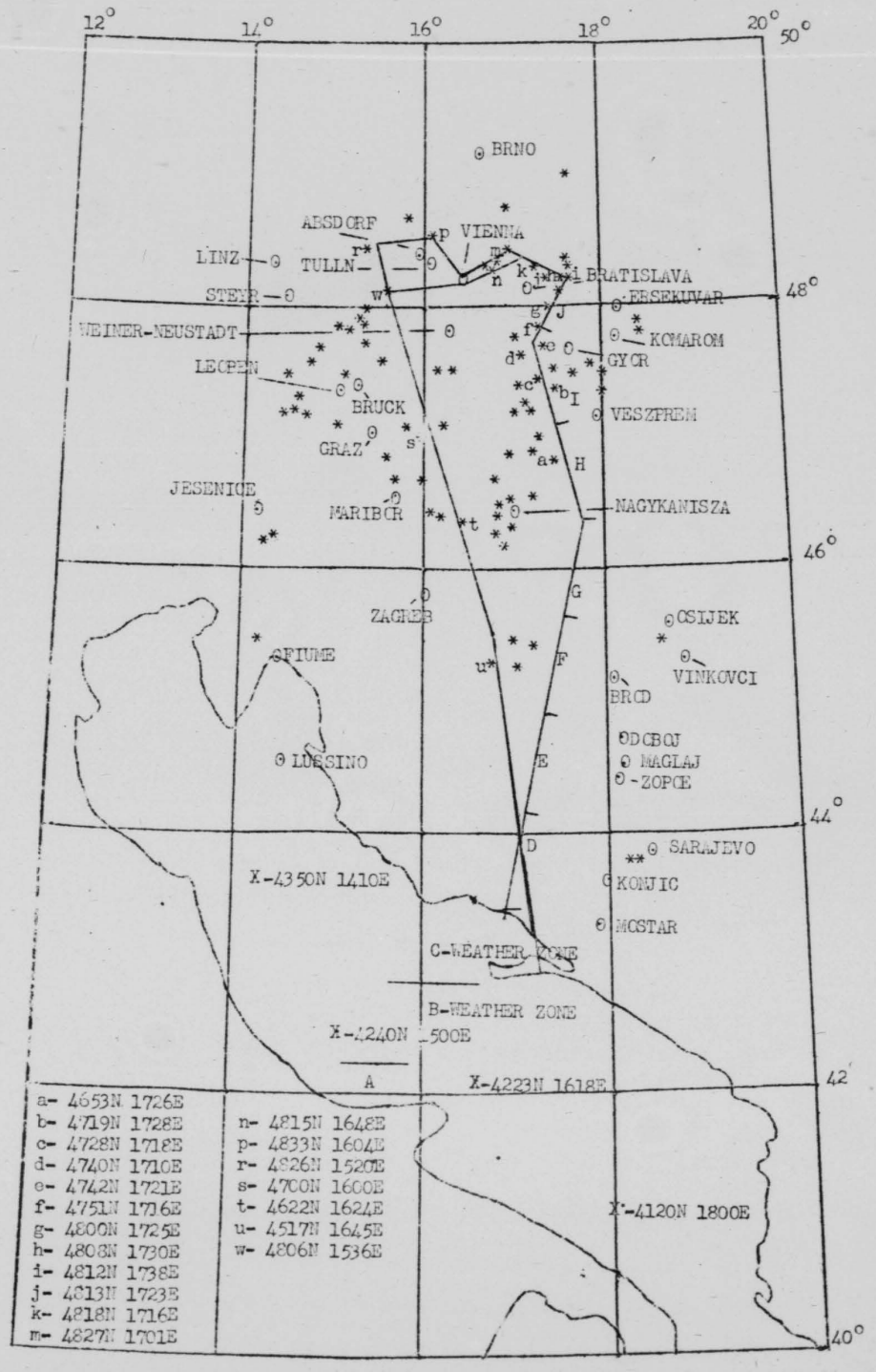
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 178

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 14 JAN. 1945

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Symbols used:

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X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

F - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO. 397. 26 December 1944.

TARGET: Avisio Viaduct REF: TC 4-138-NA
Alternate: Any vulnerable point on the Brenner MBC 4-44
Rail Line. MP 4-44

449th and 450th Groups attack Adige/Ora RR Bridge at 1125

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Blechhammer South Oil Refinery | 1220 |
| 5th: | Odertal Oil Refinery | 1220 |
| 49th: | Oswiecim Oil Refinery | 1236 |
| 55th: | Blechhammer South Oil Refinery | 1236 |
| 55th: | Odertal Oil Refinery | 1236 |
| 304th: | Oswiecim Oil Refinery | 1210 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Continuance of our attacks on the enemy communications systems leading from Italy.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This target was last attacked by the 47th Wing on 12 Nov. The structure was not damaged and post raid recon photos show the viaduct open for single line traffic.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb. RDX (.1 N & .025 TD) SQDN FORMATION: A 515, B 512, C 513, D 514

GROUP LEADING: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4532N 1244E to Farra (4607N 1222E) to IP.

I.P.: Predazzo (4618N 1136E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 243°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,000'.

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp left.

ROUTE BACK: target to Enego (4556N 1143E) to Farra (4607N 1222E) to 4532N 1244E to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 47th Wing to be provided target cover.

FLAK: 40 heavy guns surrounding Trento, 5 miles south of target. 47th Wing reported intense, accurate heavy flak at this target on 12 Nov. The known defenses will be entered about 5 miles from the viaduct and the target area itself is covered by 36 of the reported guns. Mobile flak may also be encountered.

FIGHTERS: Negligible opposition is expected, except for a few Italian Me 109s executing harassing attacks in the north Adriatic. There are reported to be 7 fighters based at Vicenza and approximately 40 in the Udine area.

| TIME SUMMARY: | Briefing | 0615 |
|---|---|---|
| | Trucks | 0700 |
| | Take off | 0800 |
| | On course | 0851 |
| | Target | 1125 |

1120 HOURS - 66 P-38's - in target area.

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MISSION No. 396

25 December 1944

TARGET: HALL Main M/Y
Alternates: Ora RR Bridge
Avisio Viaduct
Bolzano M/Y

REF: Photos 3012, 5007
MP 4 - 23
TC 4-138-NA
4-132-NA

OTHER WINGS:
49th Wing : Brux Synthetic Oil Refinery at 1151 hours.
55th Wing : " " " " 1141
304th Wing : " " " " 1159
5th Wing : " " " " 1125

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The Air Force is attacking the high priority targets in oil and communications in Southern Germany.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The Hall M/Y is being used as a by-pass to the southern end of the Innsbruck M/Y, the traffic them going down the Brenner Pass Line.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500lb. (.1 & .01) SQDN FORM: 1st Box -, 514th 3rd - 512th
2nd - 513th 4th - 515th

WING FORMATION: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4532N 1244E to Neukirchen (4715N 1218E) to the IP - Strass (4724N 1150E).

AXIS OF ATTACK : 245° BOMB ALT,: 25.500' TURN OFF TGT: Right - N of IP to

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Neukirchen to 4532N 1244E to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration, target and withdrawal cover

FLAK: At target: Formation will enter defended area approximately 3 miles from the target. Target area will be covered by 49 of the Innsbruck guns.

Alternates: Bolzano - Ora : Photo cover 10 Dec shows 120 guns in this area, of which 23 are at ORA.
Avisio : 40 gunsat Trento ( On 12 Nov. 47 Wing reported IAH here)

FIGHTERS: Negligible or nil opposition is expected.

TIME SUMMARY:
Briefing : 0600
Trucks : 0645
Take Off 0745
On course: 0853
Target : 1125

ERRATA: Escort will be provided only for the wings of the Air Force attacking Brux. There will be no escort for the 47th Wing. Without escort the small number of enemy fighters airborne in the Munich area and capable of reaching the target area plus the enemy aircraft based North of the Adriatic can be a serious threat to the formation.

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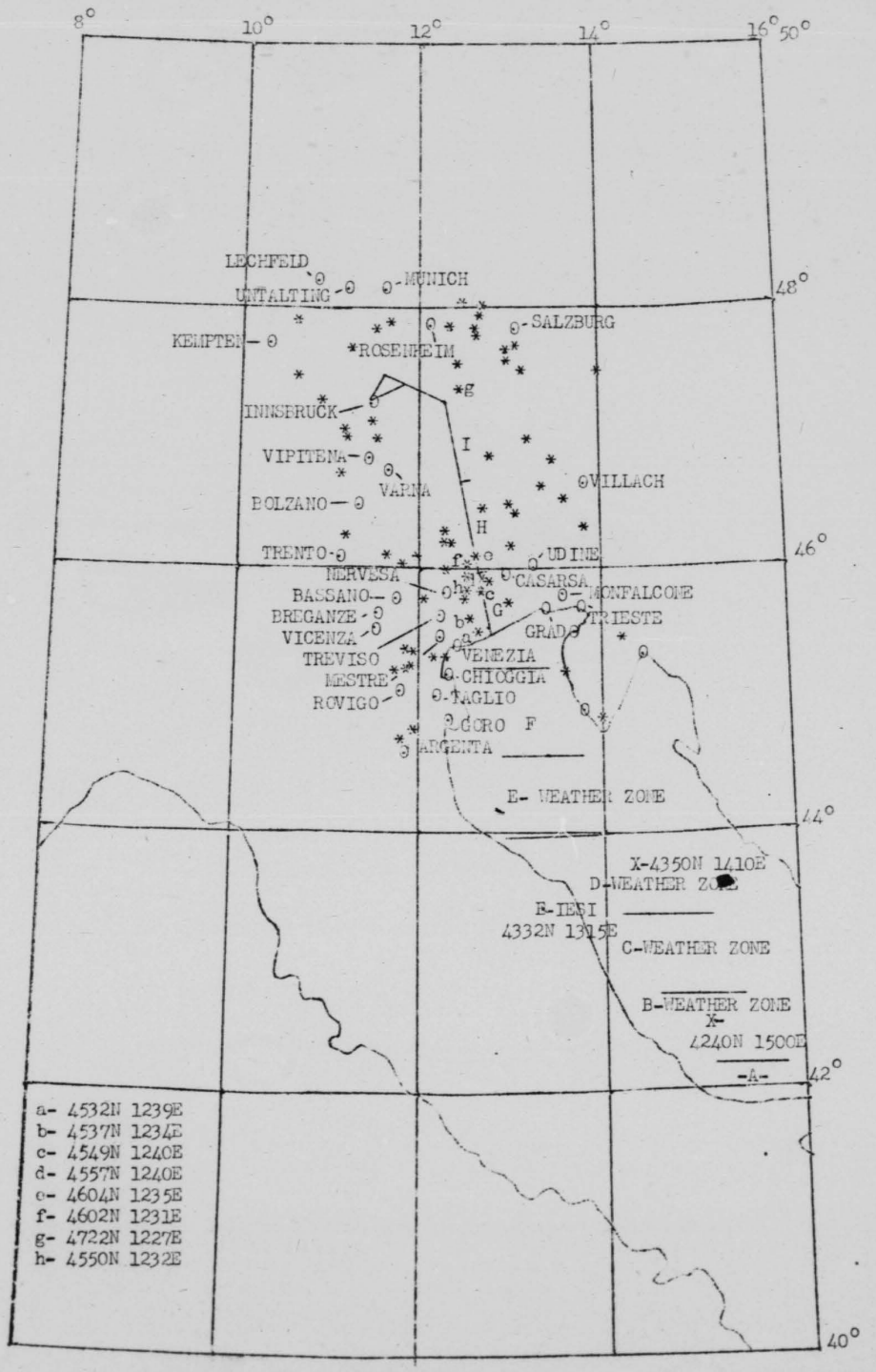
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 161

PLAN "A" AND "B" MISSION OF 25 DEC. 1944

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X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

E - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO. 396 24 December 1944

TARGET: Linz Main M/Y
Amstettin M/Y
Graz M/Y
Maribor M/Y

REF: 44-50-NA
MHC 44-75
44-44-NA
8-107-NA

| OTHER WINGS | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Brux Synthetic Oil Refinery | |
| 49th | Lechfeld A/D | 1210 |
| 55th | " | 1220 |
| 304th | " | 1200 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The Fifteenth Air Force will attack communications, counter-air and oil targets in Germany and Austria. The 5th Wing's target is Brux Oil Refy, hit hard recently, but still having some vital installations remaining intact. 49th, 55th and 304th Wings are attacking Lechfeld A/D, top priority counter-air target, known to be a training and operational base and depot for jet-propelled A/C. Photo recce shows 43 jet-bugs and 200 more are reported concealed in woods near the field.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Linz M/Y is the largest M/Y on the Munich-Vienna line and lies at the junction of lines running into Czechoslobakia, Italy & Yugoslavia. Photo cover shows extensive activity, the yards at present holding 1800 units of rolling stock.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: M-17 Incendiary Clusters Sq. FORM: A 514 C 512
B 513 D 515

WING FORMATION: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th.

ROUTE OUT: Base to [redacted] Radovici (4224N-1840E) to Cruj Pt. (4242N-1745E) to Bruckl (4646N-1432E) to Rottenmann (4732N-1422E) to Kogelsbach (4751N-1455E) to [redacted] Euratsfeld (4806N-1455E) to I.P. - Semen (4813N-1448E) to tgt.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 285 degrees. BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp right, then left around Linz flak.

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Zweitl (4828N-1417E) to Walzenkirchen (4819ND1351E) to Bruckl (4646N-1432E) to S. Pietro (4541N-1412E) to Sansego (4430N-1419E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fiter Command will provide escort for 47 Wing and other wings and will strafe Lechfeld A/D following bombing attack.

FLAK AT TARGET: 232 heavy guns in the Linz-Steyr area, 154 of which are at Linz. The defenses will be entered about 14 miles from the target. From there to about 10 miles from the target, 10 guns will be inrange. There are two batteries 3 miles S.E. of Enns, and can barely reach the briefed axis of attack. At 9 miles from the target, the numbe r of guns in range of the formation starts to build up. At 5 miles from the tgt., approx. 70 guns will be in range, and the tgt. itself is covered by all 154 guns. Evasive action should be employed as soon as bombs are dropped if flak is to be minimized. Care should be taken to avoid duplication of course and altitude in order to divide the fire of the available guns, and to render predicted concentrations ineffective.
AT ALTERNATES: Graz - 20 guns. Maribor - 29 guns. Amstetten - none reported.

FIGHTERS: There are slightly more than 300 enemy fighters in the Vienna area. It is estimated that 100 fighters may be available if the enemy elects to defend this target. Approximately 60 fighters are based in N.E. Italy which may engage the formation in harassing attacks, and pay particular attention to stragglers.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0700 |
| Trucks | 0745 |
| Take off | 0845 |
| On course | 1048 |
| Target | 1301 |

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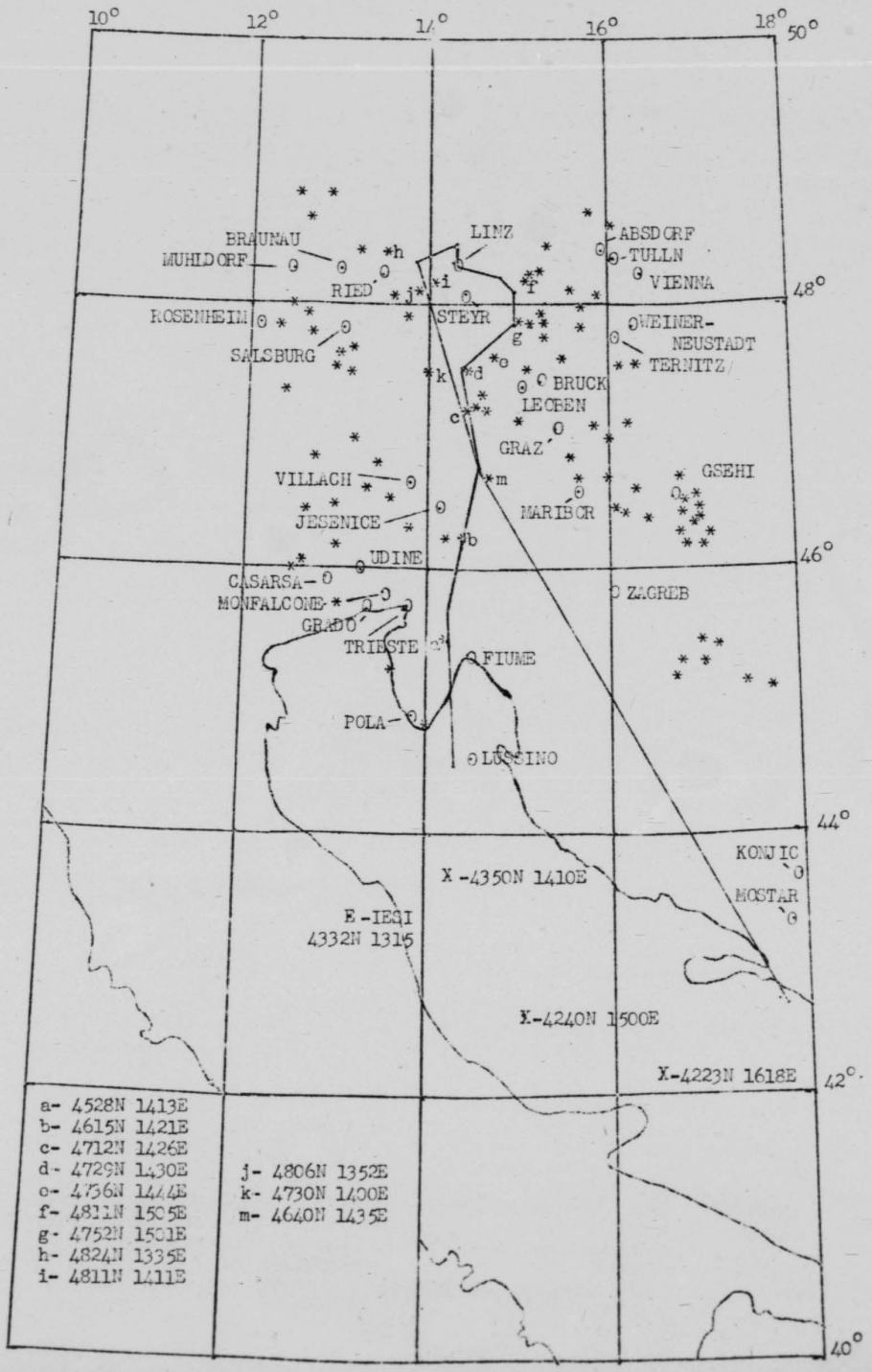
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 160

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 24 DEC. 1944

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E - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO. 396 23 December 1944

TARGET: Graz Main M/Y REF: TC 14-41-NA
MP 14-57

Alternates: Maribor Main M/Y TC 8-107-4A
Klagenfurt M/Y TC 14-4-NA
Villach M/Y TC 14-44-NA

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time Optional |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Brux Oil Refinery | 1225 to 1245 |
| 49th: | Verona Locomotive Repair depot | 1205 to 1224 |
| 55th: | Verona Arsenal | 1145 to 1204 |
| 304th: | Verona/Parona RR bridge | |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The whole of the Air Force is again attacking communications targets, with the exception of the 5th Wing which is attacking Brux, the most important oil target within our range.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Graz is located on the main railroad line runnint southeast from Vienna into Northern Italy, Yugoslavia and the lower Danube Basin. It is a vital route in the German evacuation plan from the Balkans and is also extremely important to the forces in Italy.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: M-17 incendiaries, fused to break at 5,000' SQDN FORM: A 514, B 513, C 512, D 515

GROUP LEADING: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th.

ROUTE OUT: Base to Radovici (4224N 1840E) to Gruj (4242N 1745E) to Varazdin (4618N 1620E) to Szent-Gothard (4657N 1616E) to IP.

I.P.: Furstenfeld (4703N 1604E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 273°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Slight right.

ROUTE BACK: target to Geistnal (4710N 1510E) to Karlovac (4529N 1533E) to Vis to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Escort to be provided on penetration, over the target and on withdrawal.

FLAK: 20 guns reported at target. The briefed axis will avoid 6 of these guns. Alternates: Maribor 29 guns; Klagenfurt - none reported; Villach 6 guns.

FIGHTERS: A few fighters may be expected to intercept the formation in the target area but no organized opposition is expected. However approximately 48 enemy fighters are reported based in the Udine area.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|---|
| Briefing | ~~0745~~ | 0730 |
| Trucks | ~~0830~~ | 0815 |
| Take off | ~~0930~~ | 0915 |
| Depart Gruj at | 1103 | |
| Target | 1248 | |

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MISSION NO. 39 Plan "A" 2 December 1944

TARGET: Linz Freight Yards REF: 14-50A-NA
Alternates: Graz M/Y 14-41-NA
Maribor M/Y 8-107-NA

OTHER WINGS:
5th Wing : 6 Gps BRUX Synthetic Oil Plant at 1150.
49th Wing : 3 Gps " " " " at 1216.
55th Wing : 4 Gps " " " " at 1206.
304th Wing : 4 Gps " " " " at 1224.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The Air Force is again attacking vital oil and communications targets in Germany. All other Wings will hit the Brux Synthetic oil Plant, while the 47th attacks the Linz Main Station M/Y and freight yards.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The large yards at Linz deal with traffic on the main Munich-Vienna line at a point where branch lines run north to Czechoslavakia and south to Italy and Yugoslavia. They are an extremely vital point in the communications system of southern Germany. Though attacked five times in December already, all bombing was by PFF and no damage reports are available.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. (.1 nose - .01 and non tail delay)

SQDN FORMATION: 1st Box - 514th; 2nd - 513th; 3rd - 512th; 4th - 515th

WING FORMATION: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Sansego (4430N 1419E) to S. Pietro (4543N 1412E) to Brückl (4646N 1432E) to Rottenmann (4732N 1422E) to Kogelsbach (4751N 1455E) to Buratsfeld (4806N 1455E) to the I.P. - Saxen (4813N 1448E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 285° BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500' TURN OFF TGT: Sharp Right.

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Swettl (4828N 1417E) to Waizenkirchen (4819N 1351E) to Brückl then reciprocal of route out to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover.

FLAK: At target: Photo cover of 11 Dec. shows 154 heavy guns at Linz. Defenses will be entered 14 miles from the target, when 10 guns (from Enns) will be in range. This gradually builds up to 5 miles from the target when 70 guns are in range. The target itself is covered by all 154 guns.
Alternate: Graz - 20 guns. (SAH flak on 19 Dec - PFF conditions)
Maribor - 29 guns. (SIH flak on 19 Dec - PFF conditions)

FIGHTERS: From the 47th Wing Intelligence Annex : "There are indications that the bulk of the central and north central German fighters have moved to the western front and slight opposition is expected. However, enemy capability to move in strong forces for the defense of these targets still exist. On the route out, 10 to 15 SE fighters may be airborne south of the Danube and although Me262s have not attacked bombers, up to 5 Me262s from the Munich area may attempt interception. A few Italian Fascist Air Force fighters may be airborne against stragglers on return." No additional information is available at present.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0600 |
| Trucks | 0645 |
| Take Off | 0715 |
| On course | 0841 |
| Take Off | 1153 |

36 P38's at 4732 N 1422 E

Italian Bombline Change as 1620 hours; Same to 4953 thence Senio River to 3133 - 2933 then RR to 2729 then as before.

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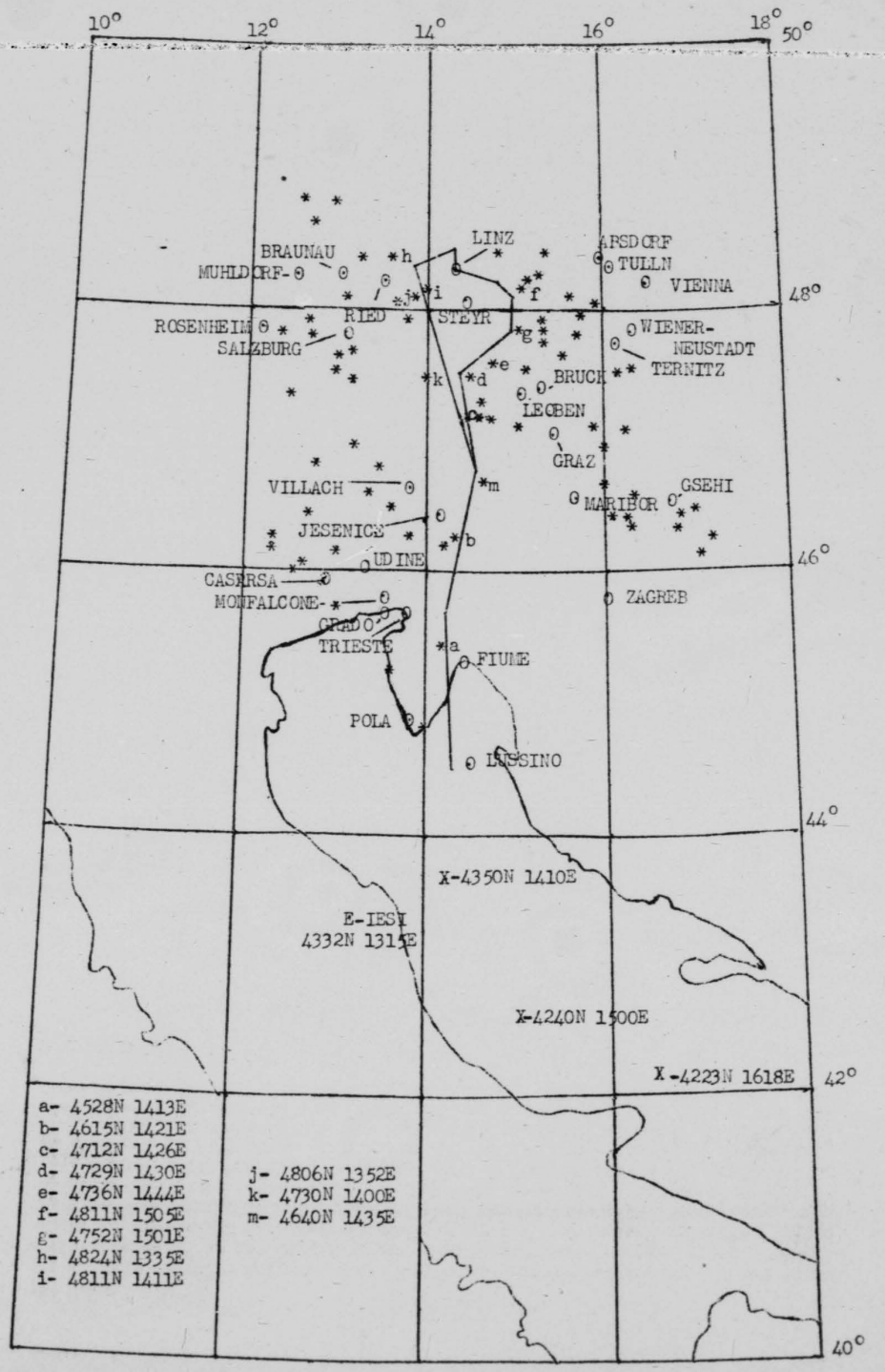
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 157

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 22 DEC. 1944

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Symbols used:

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X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

E - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO. 399 No ALTINATES December 1944

TARGET: Bressanone RR Bridge (Isarco/Albes RR Br.) REF: MBC 4-15
Alternates: Any vulnerable point in the Brenner Pass Line

OTHER GROUPS: 98th - Brenner RR Line at 4704N 1130E, at 1200 hours.
449th & 450th - " " " " 4658N 1125E at 1130 and 1140 hours.

OTHER WINGS:

5th Wing : 6 Gps Regensburg Oil Storage and Goods Depot at 1200.
49th Wing : 3 Gps Venzone RR Bridge.
55th Wing : 2 Gps Kralupy Oil Refinery - 2 Gps Roudnice Oil Tankage and Sidings.
304th Wing : 2 Gps Kolin Oil Refinery - 2 Gps Pardubice Oil Refinery.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Air Force again attacking oil and communications targets. 47th Wing will attack the Brenner Pass line for the third consecutive day, as it is highly important that this line be thoroughly blocked, for it serves as the most important supply route for German forces in Italy. Preliminary reports indicate that the 47th successfully bombed three points along the Brenner line on 27 Dec. and the operation planned for the 28th will reinforce this destruction.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 1000lb. RDX NOSE .1 TAIL = NON-DELAY SQ. FORM: 1st Box - 512 3rd Box - 514
2nd Box - 515 4th Box - 513

WING FORMATION: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4532N 1244E to Farra (4607N 1221E) to the IP at Predazzo ( 4618N 1137E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 10-15° (optional, depending on what point target is sighted)

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Farra to 4532N 1244E to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No escort scheduled.

FLAK: 22 guns at the target. Mission of 27 Dec. reported moderate, accurate flak.

FIGHTERS: Approximately 60 fighters in No. Italy, mainly Italian Fascist Me109s.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0630 |
| Trucks | 0715 |
| Take Off | 0815 |
| On course | 0915 |
| Target | 1143 |

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MISSION NO. 396 PLAN ABLE 21 December 1944

TARGET: Rosenheim Main M/Y
ALTERNATES: Salzburg M/Y
Innsbruck M/Y
Villach M/Y

REF: 13-112-NA
13-13-NA
14-13-NA
14-44-NA

OTHER WINGS: All wings expect 47 Wing - Stand Down.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Continuing the attacks on the vital communications targets in Germany, ~~[illegible]~~ The main route from Southern Germany to the Brenner Pass passes thru the town of Rosenheim and the main line from Salzburg and Vienna meets it here. In view of the strategic location of this target, the enemy makes every effort to keep traffic moving by effective repairs after each attack.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX SQ FORM: A Box 513 C Box 515
B Box 514 D Box 512

WING FORMATION: 98th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Coast at 4533N-1244E to Schwaz (4722N-1143E) to Bichl (4744N-1124E) to I.P.
I.P. - Holzkirchen (4753N-1142E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 92 degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,500' TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to coast at 4533N-1244E to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for Wing.

FLAK: At target - 8 guns. Defenses will be entered about 3 miles from the target, which is covered by all 8 guns. These are northeast of the target, so a right rally will provide the shortest way out of flak.
ALTERNATES: Salzburg - 54 guns. Innsbruck - 52 guns. Villach - 6 guns.

FIGHTERS: Against ~~[illegible]~~ the formation, only sporadic enemy opposition is expected in the target area, including a few Me 262's. There is also a possibility of harassing attacks from a few Italian fighters in the North Adriatic area.

NOTE: Spittal (4647N-1330E) contains American civilian internee camp Ilag 18 and prisoners of war of various nations. Under no circumstances will bombs be dropped on Spittal as a target of opportunity.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0615 |
| Trucks | 0700 |
| Take off | 0800 |
| On course | 0856 |
| Target | 1200 |

ADD - FIGHTER ESCORT - The formation will be met by P-51's at 1142 hours at 4722N- 1143E.

ADD - FIGHTERS - In the Munich area, photo recce shows 122 SEF, 55 TEF and 46 Me 262. In the Udine area there are 47 enemy fighters.

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ROUTE FLAK CHART
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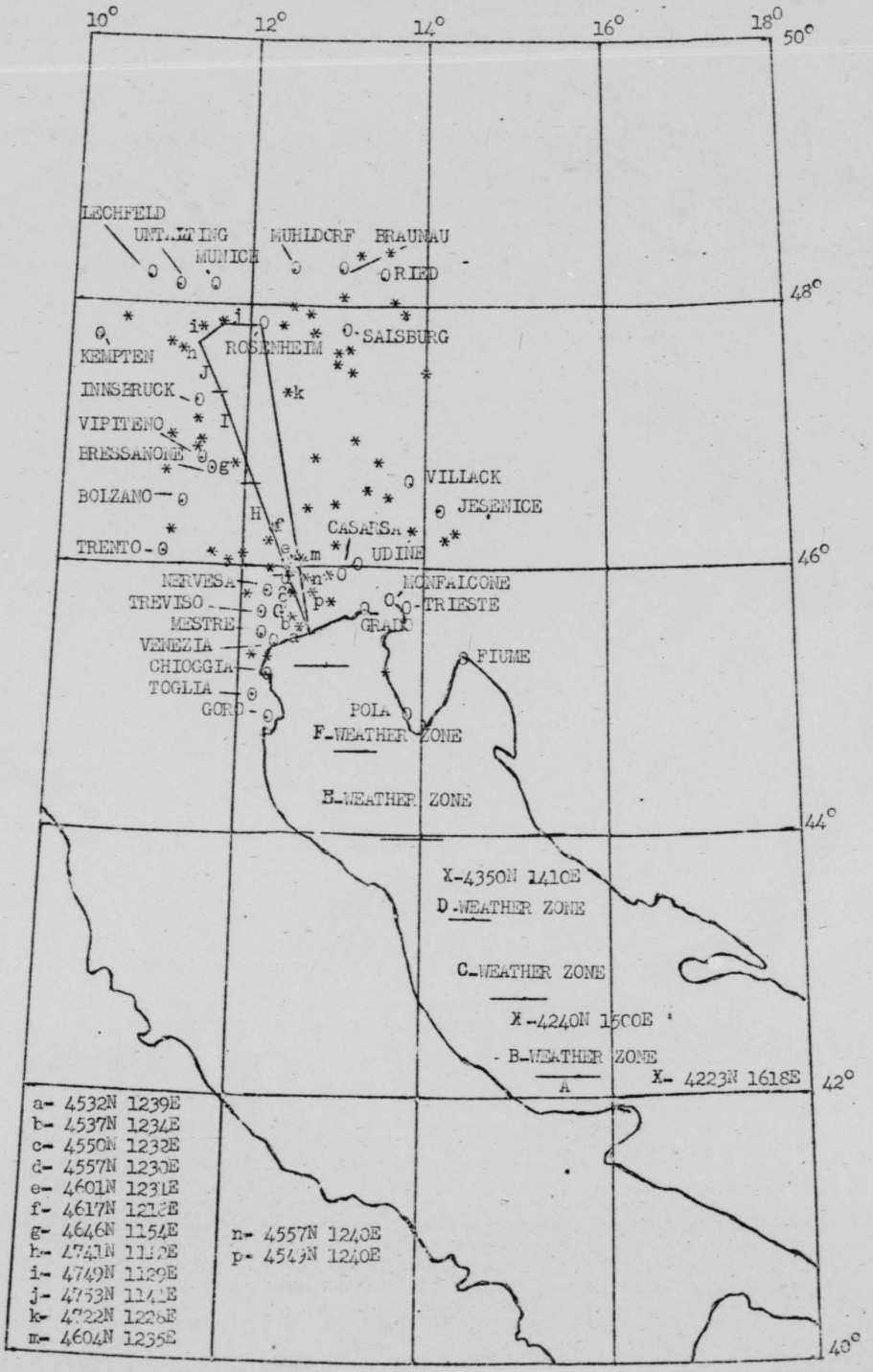


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Symbols used:

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* - Location at which crews have reported experiencing or seeing flak, but for which no photo reconnaissance confirmation has been received.

X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

E - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO. 395 20 December 1944

TARGET: Freilassing ~~Locomotive Depot~~ M/Y. REF: MBC 13-160
MP 13-160
TC 13-13-NA
TC 13-112-NA
TC 14-13-NA

Alternates: Salzburg Main M/Y
Rosenheim Main M/Y
Innsbruck Main M/Y

NOTE: If Freilassing cannot be bombed visually, the first alternate will be bombed by PFF.

OTHER WINGS: Target Time
5th: Brux Synthetic Oil Plant 1140
49th: Brux Synthetic Oil Plant 1217
55th: Brux Synthetic Oil Plant 1207
304th: Brux Synthetic Oil Plant 1157
449th Group to attack Freilassing Locomotive Depot.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: While the rest of the Air Force attacks oil targets, this Wing will continue its communications targets in Austria. The destruction of any one target will cause the enemy to have to reroute much rail traffic.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The target is located on the double track electrified line between Salzburg and Rosenheim and is the junction point of the double-track steam line from Muhldorf and the by-pass line around Salzburg.

NO. OF PLANES: 24 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX (.1N .01TD) SQDN FORMATION: A 513
(1 bomb per A/C - long delay fuse) B 514
C 515
GROUP LEADING: 98th, 376th, 450th, 449th. D 512

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Zara (4407N 1514E) to V. Lasee (4550N 1438E) to Mittersill (4717N 1226E) to Kufstein (4735N 1211E) to IP.

I.P.: Chieming (4754N 1232E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 99°

BOMBING ALTITUDE
BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp left.

ROUTE BACK: target to Lake (4756N 1312E) to 4637N 1419E to Zara (4407N 1514E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Escort to be provided on penetration, over target and on withdrawal. (Time and place to be called as soon as available.

FLAK: 54 guns defending the target area. The defenses will be entered about 5 miles from the Freilassing M/Y. This target is probably covered by all 54 of the guns, but 23 can barely reach it. There is an 11 gun cluster 6 miles SE of the target, and a 12 gun cluster 5 miles E and 1 mile N of the target.

FIGHTERS: It is estimated that only small harassing attacks from a few SE fighters will be made against this Wing, with the possibility that up to 5 Me 262s may attempt to establish contact. However, fighters are reported based as follows: Udine area 48; Munich area approximately 130-150.

TIME SUMMARY:
0635 Briefing
0720 Trucks
0820 Take off
0906 On course
1157 Target

36 - P-38's on 4717N - 1226E on 1139 hours

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MISSION NO. 394 Plan "A" December 1944

TARGET: Rosenheim West M/Y REF: TC 13-112-NA
Alternates: Salzburg M/Y 13-13-NA
Villach M/Y 14-44-NA
Innsbruck M/Y 14-13-NA

OTHER WINGS:
5th Wing : 6 Gps Blechhammer Oil Refinery at 1155.
49th Wing : 3 Gps " " " at 1145.
55th Wing : 4 Gps " " " at 1135.
304th Wing : 4 Gps Odertal Oil Refinery at 1130.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Continuing the attacks on the vital communications targets in Germany, while the other wings attack the high priority oil targets. The main route from Southern Germany to the Brenner Pass passes through the town of Rosenheim and the main line from Salzburg and Vienna meets it here. In view of the strategic location of this target, the enemy makes every effort to keep traffic moving by effective repairs after each attack. (Yard last attacked by 47th Wing on 15 Dec. with good results.

NO. OF PLANES: 21 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. SQDN FORMATION: 1st Box - 512th
2nd Box - 515th 513th fills in.
3rd Box - 514th

WING FORMATION: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Coast at 4533N 1244E to Schwaz (4722N 1143E) to Bichl (4744N 1124E) to I.P. at Holzkirchen (4753N 1142E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 92° BOMBING ALTITUDE: 21,000' TURN OFF TGT: Right

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Coast at 4533N 1244E to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for the Wing.

FLAK: At target: 8 guns. Defenses will be entered about three miles from the target, which is covered by all eight guns. The guns are northeast of the target, so a right rally will be the shortest way out of range. (On 15 Dec, 47th Wing reported NIL flak here.)
Alternates: Salzburg - 54 guns (15 Dec, A/C reported scant, inaccurate here.)
Villach - 6 guns
Innsbruck - 52 guns

FIGHTERS: Against this Wing, only sporadic enemy opposition is expected in the target area, including a few Me262s. There is also a possibility of harassing attacks from a few Italian fighters in the North Adriatic area.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS : SPITTAL (4647N 1330E) contains American civilian internee camp ILAG 18 and prisoners of war of various nations. Under no circumstances will bombs be dropped on Spittal as a target of opportunity.

(Bomb Fusings: .1 nose and .01 tail delay, with one bomb per A/C fused long delay)

TIME SUMMARY:

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| | Briefing | 0600 |
| | Trucks | 0645 |
| | Take Off | 0745 |
| On course | ~~Rendezvous~~ | 0831 |
| | Target | 1130 |

30 P-38's will pick up formation at 4722N - 1143E.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 154

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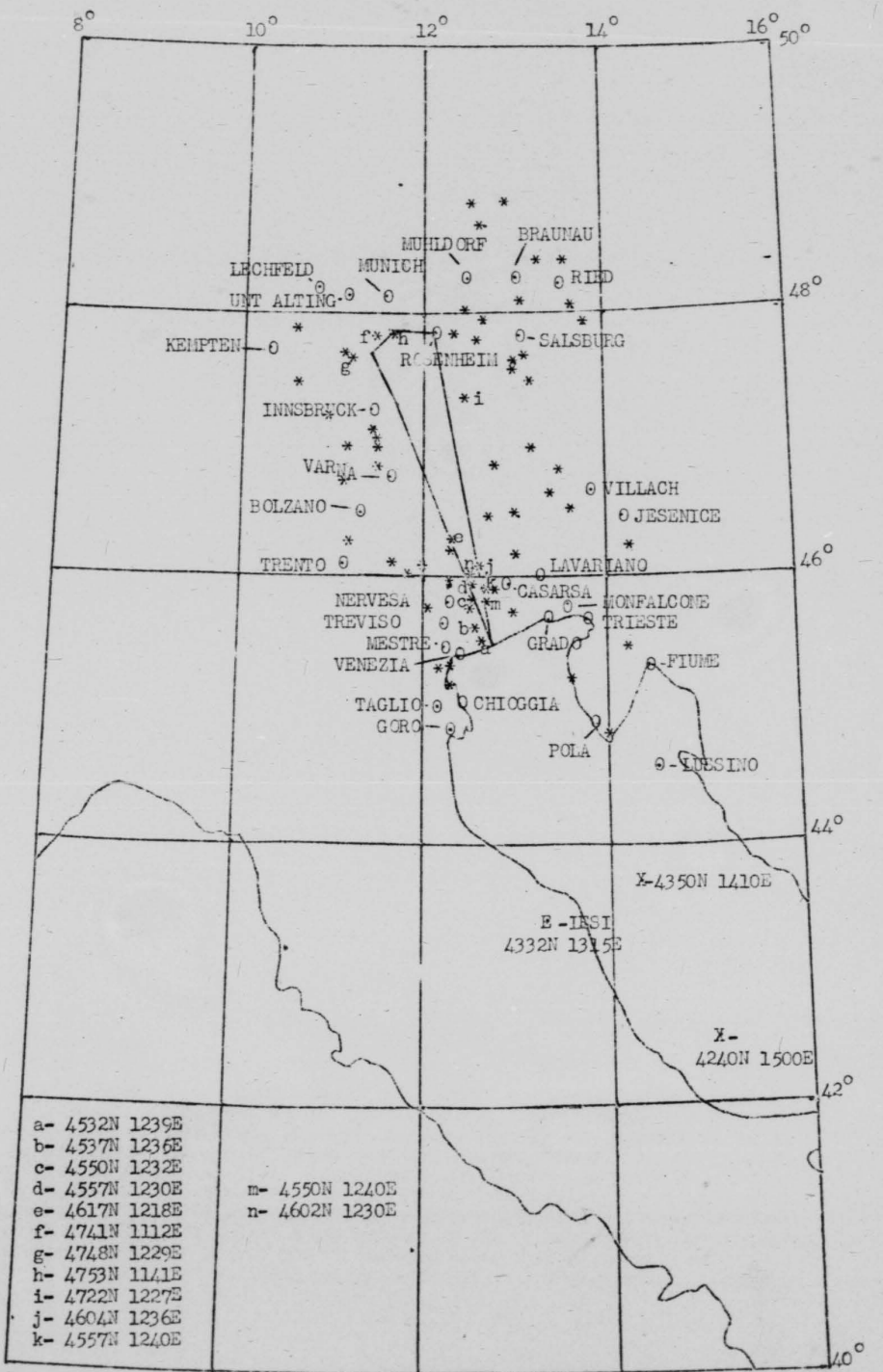


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X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

E - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO. 393

TARGET: Vienna/Florisdorf Oil Refinery REF: 14-22-NA
ALTERNATES: Sopron West M/Y 12-32-NA
Graz Main M/Y 14-41-NA
Maribor Main M/Y 8-107-NA

OTHER GROUPS: All Groups of this Wing attack Florisdorf at 1135 hours.
5th Wing : Odertal Oil Refinery 1115
49th Wing : Hlechammer North (2 Gps) and South (2Gps) Oil Refs at 1135
55th Wing : " " " " " " " 1125
304th Wing : Oswiecim Oil Refy " optional

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION : This is continuation of Air Force's campaign against German oil production, started last April. Photo Interpretation indicates severe damage has been inflicted on enemy oil installations; information from ground sources is putting ∮ increasing emphasis on evidence that the shortage of fuel and lubricants is becoming more and more critical.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Prior to the start of the 15th Air Force offensive against German oil production, the Florisdorf refinery had a 100,000 tons refining capacity per year, and had storage facilities for 15,000 tons. It was the largest crude oil distillation plant in Austria, and the twelfth largest Axis oil refinery outside Rumania. Loss of the Rumanian facilities has increased the ipmortance of this plant.

NO. OF PLANES: 27 BOMB LOAD: 500 # RDX SQDN FORM. A Box 514 C Box 512
B Box 513 D Box 515

WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Split (4330N-1628E) to Varazdin (4618N-1620E) to Murzzuschlagi (4737N-1540E) to I.P.
I.P. Laaben (4807N-1553E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 67 degrees.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000' TURN OFF TARGET: left.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Wetzeleinsdorf (4828N-1623E) to Guntersdorf (4838N-1603E) to Gfohl (4832N-1529E) to Murzzuschlagi then reciprocal of route out.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighter command will provide penetration, target and withdrawal escort for 47th Wing.

FLAK: At Target: 336 heavy guns in Vienna area. These defenses will be entered 13 miles from the target and 8 miles from the aiming point a total of 40 guns may be brought to bear on the formation. This builds up to 65 guns 3½ miles from the target and approx. 100 guns are in range for a distance of ½ mile short of the target, 30% of which will be extended to their maximum range.
At Alternates: Sopron - All heavy guns reported removed from this target;
Graz - Phot recce shows 20 guns, all located south of the M/Y.
Maribor - 23 heavy guns reported.

FIGHTERS: Latest photo recce shows 250 fighters in the Vienna area. In yesterday's operations against Hlechhammer, a possible total of 100 plus Me 109's & FW 190's were encountered in the area between Brno & Hlechhammer. It is considered probable that the majority of these fighters were marshalled from the Vienna area.

NOTE: All gunners should be briefed to be especially alert for enemy fighters since yesterday's activities may indicate committment of the Vienna forces for the first time this winter.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0630 |
| Trucks | 0715 |
| Take off | 0815 |
| On course | 0857 |
| Target | 1135 |

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MISSION NO. 392 17 December 1944

TARGET: Salzburg M/Y
ALTERNATES: Villach M/Y
Rosenheim M/Y
Innsbruck M/Y

REF: TC 13-13-NA
TC 14-44-NA
TC 13-112-NA
TC 14-13-NA

BAP: T-8/27
H-13
J/K-13/14
K-10/11

| OTHER WINGS | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Blechhammer Oil Rfy | 1200 |
| 49th | Odertal Oil Refy | 1219 |
| 55th | Blechhammer Oil Refy | 1221 |
| 304th | Odertal Oil Refy | 1234 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Continued destruction and interdiction of all German communication facilitities which are now so important for them both on the Hungarian and Italian fronts.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Target is located on main Vienna/Linz/Rosenheim/Munich line as well as connecting southward to Brenner Pass. Target contains engine roundhouses, repair shops, and goods sidings of considerable importance.

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500lb. RDX SQDN FORMATION: A - 515
B - 512
C - 513
D - 514

47th Wing - 98th, 376th
450th and 449th attack Wels Main M/Y at 1200 hrs.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Sansego (4430N 1419E) to Millstatter (4647N 1336E) to Mittersill (4717N 1226E) to Kufstein (4735N 1229E) to I.P.

I.P.: Ubersee (4748N 1229E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 90°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp right

ROUTE BACK: Target to Millstatter (4647N 1336E) then reciprocal of route out.

FIGHTER ESCORT: On penetration, over target and on withdrawal.

FLAK:
At target; Photo cover to 8 Dec 44 shows 54 heavy guns at Salzburg. The defenses will be entered 10 miles from the M/Y. Five miles from the target 36 guns will be in range of the formation and all 54 will cover the area within 3½ miles of the M/Y on the indicated axis of approach. A right rally on an axis of approx. 162° offers the best route out of the flak area.
Villach-6 guns, Rosenheim-8 guns, Innsbruck-52 guns.

FIGHTERS: In the target area, the principle air opposition will likely come from 10 to 15 ME-262's and a few s/e fighters. The scale of expected opposition can be considered neglible.

COMMENTS: The importance of un-interupted rail traffic to the German fronts in Italy and Hungary make the presence of mobile flak extremely likely at any of the more important centers in the rail network. Crews should be requested to pin-point all batteries observed.
It shall be stressed to all gunners to man their positions at all times and also the direct orders of Colonel Graff that ball turrets shall be down at all times over enemy territory.

ESCAPE: (For your information even though it may not apply in full to this operation)

a. The area of Partisan activity in Central Slovakia is still approx. the same Hill area previously mentioned.
b. Roumanian Air Staff has advised that the Roumanian Army Command on the Hungarian front has organized a system for picking up Allied airmen.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0645 |
| Trucks | 0730 |
| Take Off | 0830 |
| On Course | 0905 |
| Target | 1215 |

FIGHTER ESCORT- 3 HRS AND 3 MINUTES AFTER TAKE-OFF
AT 4647 N-1336E FORMATION WILL MEET P-38'S

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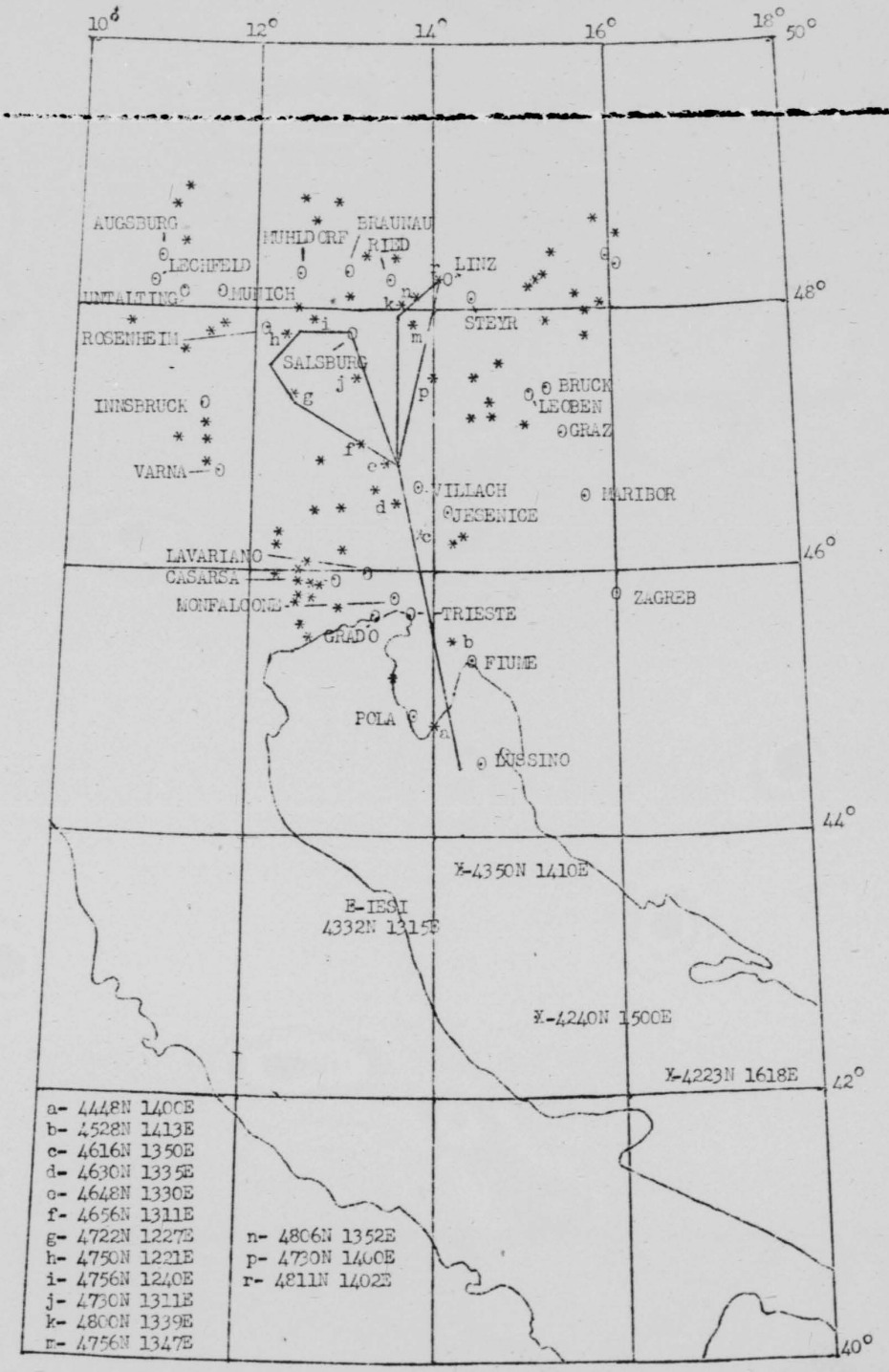
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 152

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 17 DEC. 1944

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Symbols used:

O - Known defended area. Photo reconnaissance has confirmed the location of anti-aircraft guns of heavy caliber.

* - Location at which crews have reported experiencing or seeing flak, but for which no photo reconnaissance confirmation has been received.

X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

E - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO. 391 16 December 1944

TARGET: Hall (E of Innsbruck) M/Y REF: Photos to be given at Group briefing.

ALTERNATES: Verona South Rail Bridge TC 4-210-NA.
Any visual targets on Brenner Pass route from Innsbruck to Verona.

98th, 450th and 449th Groups to attack Innsbruck Main M/Y.

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Brux Synthetic Oil Plant | 1205 |
| 49th: | Brux Synthetic Oil Plant | 1237 |
| 55th: | Brux Synthetic Oil Plant | 1245 |
| 304th: | Brux Synthetic Oil Plant | 1227 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Main body of the Air Force hitting the top priority oil target. This Wing to continue the destruction of the enemy's rail equipment and disrupt their hard pressed communications lines.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Hall M/Y is on a by-pass to the Innsbruck Main M/Y (recently constructed). Recent photo cover showed this M/Y very active with 230 units.

NO. OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX, mixed fusing (.1 nose & .01-non delay tail) SQDN FORM: A 514, B 513, C 512, D 515

GROUP LEADING: 98th, 450th, 449th, 376th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Sansego (4430N 1419E) to Millstatter Lake (4647N 1336E) to IP.

I.P.: Rattenberg (4726N 1153E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 238°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 22,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Left.

ROUTE BACK: target to Millstatter (4647N 1336E) then reciprocal of route out.

FIGHTER ESCORT: None.

FLAK: This target is located in the Innsbruck flak zone. Only the 11 guns located NE of Innsbruck are within range of Hall and a sharp left rally will avoid fire from the remainder of the Innsbruck batteries.
Alternates: Verona - 151 guns; (Brenner Pass Line) Bressanone - 22 guns, Bolzano and Ora - 122 guns; (S of Trento) Rovereto 16, Ala 16, Ossenigo 6.

FIGHTERS: Photo recce reports enemy fighters based as follows: Vicenza 6; Udine area 48; Munich area 133. The following estimate is extracted from Hq 47th Wing Annex: Up to 5 Me 262s may attempt to establish contact in the Innsbruck area. Probably not more than 10 to 15 Italian fighters may be present in the North Adriatic area for the customary harassing attacks.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0630 |
| Trucks | 0710 |
| Take off | 0810 |
| On course | 0910 |
| Target | 1218 |

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MISSION NO. 390 15 December 1944

TARGET: Innsbruck Main M/Y
ALTERNATES: Villach M/Y
Klagenfurt M/Y
OTHER GROUPS: 449th & 450th - Salzburg Main M/Y

REF: TC 44-13-NA
TC 44-44-NA
TC 44-4-NA

| OTHER WINGS | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Brux Synthetic Oil Refinery | 1150 |
| 49th | " " " " | 1217 |
| 55th | " " " " | 1225 |
| 304th | " " " " | 1207 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The Air Force is employing maximum effort in this attack against communications and oil targets in Germany. Recent information gives evidence of the movement of petroleum supplies over the routes from the Vienna area to Western Germany.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Located on the two main lines from Vienna to Western Germany. Also junction point of secondary lines carrying East-West traffic. Reports indicate that the enemy is experiencing considerable difficulty in repairing electrical lines, taking from two to three days.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 # RDX (.1N-.01TD) SQ. FORM. A 512 C 514
B 515 D 513

WING FORMATION: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Sansego (4430N-1419E) to Millstatter Lake (4647N-1337E) to I.P. I.P. - Rattenberg (4727N-1153E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 242 degrees BOMBING ALTITUDE: 22,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp left
ROUTE BACK: Target to Millstatter Lake then reciprocal of ROUTE OUT.

FIGHTER ESCORT: None. (Planned PFF Mission)

FLAK: 63 heavy guns at target. (~~The defenses will be entered about 8 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the target, approx. 50 guns will be in range of the formation. The target area itself is covered by all 63 guns. The right rally~~) The defenses will be entered about 8 miles from the target. When the formation approaches to within 4 miles of the target, 36 guns are in range, and at 3 miles from the target all 63 guns are in range. The bulk of the defenses are south and west of the town so the left rally should be sharp.
FIGHTERS: An estimated ten to 15 Me 262s may be airborne in the Munich-Linz area and as far south as Innsbruck. Except for jet-propelled Me 262s, very few SEF are likely to be airborne. However, fighters are reported as follows: Vicenza 6; Udine 48; Munich 131.

TIME SUMMARY:

| | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0630 |
| Trucks | 0715 |
| Take off | 0815 |
| On course | 0859 |
| Target | 1155 |

PLAN BAKER - Same as PLAN ABLE except for the following:
ALTERNATES: - Any visual target on the Brenner Route from Innsbruck to Verona.
OTHER GROUPS- 449th & 450th Groups attack Rosenheim Main M/Y at 1220 hours.

| OTHER WINGS | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Linz M/Y | 1145 |
| 49th | Linz M/Y | 1210 |
| 55th | Salzburg M/Y | 1125 |
| 304th | Linz M/Y | 1200 |

FIGHTER ESCORT: To provide close escort reduced effort for 47th & 55th Wings.
FLAK AT POSSIBLE TARGETS: Bressanone 22 guns; Bolzano-Ora 122 guns; Roverto 16; Ossenigo 6; Verona 151; Mezzocorona - none; Fortezza - scant;
TIME SUMMARY:

| | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0645 |
| Trucks | 0730 |
| Take off | 0830 |
| On course | 0914 |
| Target | 1210 |

PLAN CHARLIE - Identical with PLAN BAKER except all times will be 11 minutes earlier

PLAN DOG - STAND DOWN.

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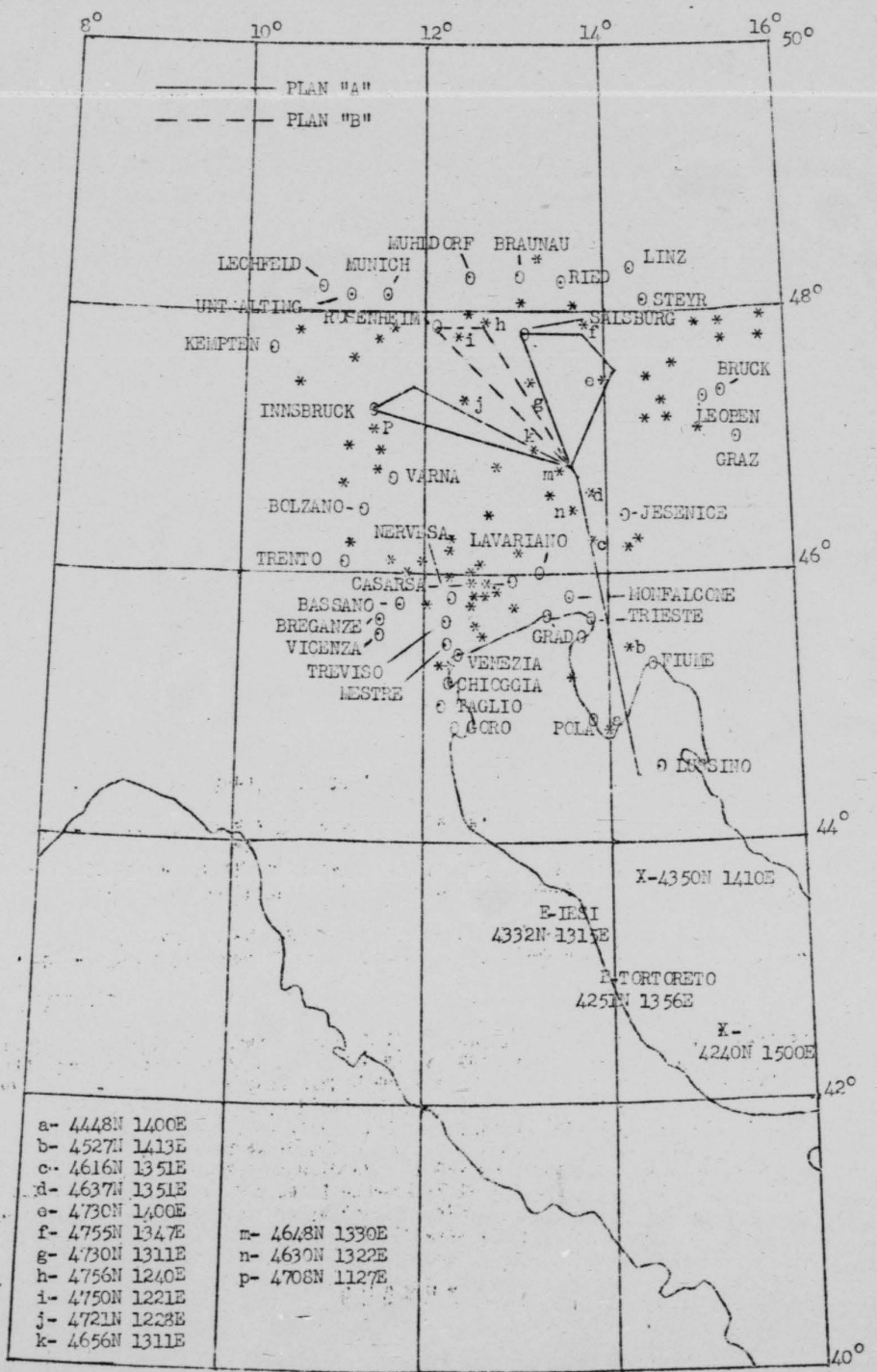
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 150

PLAN "A" AND "B" MISSION OF 15 DEC. 1944

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Symbols used:

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X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

E - Emergency landing fields.

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OTHER GROUPS: [illegible] and 49th – Salzburg Main M/Y

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Brux Synthetic Oil Refinery | 1220 |
| 49th: | Brux Synthetic Oil Refinery | 1245 |
| 55th: | Brux Synthetic Oil Refinery | 1253 |
| 304th: | Brux Synthetic Oil Refinery | 1235 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The Air Force is employing maximum effort in this attack against communications and oil targets in Germany. Recent information gives evidence of the movement of petroleum supplies over the routes from the Vienna area to Western Germany.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Located on the two main lines from Vienna to Western Germany. Also junction point of secondary lines carrying East-West traffic. Reports indicate that the enemy is experiencing considerable difficulty in repairing electrical lines, taking from two to three days.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX (.1N & .01T) BOX FORMATION: A 512, B 515, C 514, D 513

GROUP LEADING: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Ancona to 4532N 1244E to Ferra (4607N 1222E) to Norgl (4728N 1204E) to Kochel (4739N 1122E) to Reutte (4730N 1043E) to IP.

I.P.: Haiming (4715N 1056E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 88°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 22,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp right.

ROUTE BACK: target to Ferra (4607N 1222E) then reciprocal of route out to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: None. (Planned PFF Mission)

FLAK: 63 heavy guns at target. The defenses will be entered about 8 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the target, approx. 50 guns will be in range of the formation. The target area itself is covered by all 63 guns. The right rally will most quickly remove the formation from the 16 guns cluster two miles northeast of the target. Alternates: Villach – none reported; Klagenfurt – none reported.

FIGHTERS: An estimated ten to fifteen Me 262s may be airborne in the Munich-Linz area and as far south as Innsbruck. Except for jet-propelled Me 262s, very few SEF are likely to be airborne. However, fighters are reported based as follows: Vicenza 6; Udine area 18; Munich area 131.

| TIME SUMMARY: | Briefing | 0615 |
|---|---|---|
| | Trucks | 0700 |
| | Take off | 0800 |
| | On course | 0856 |
| | Target | 1235 |

PLAN "B"

Same as Plan A except for the following.

Alternates: Any visual target on the Brenner Route from Innsbruck to Verona.
OTHER GROUPS: 449th and 450th Groups attack Rosenheim Main M/Y at 1220 hours.

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Linz Main M/Y | 1200 |
| 49th: | Linz Main M/Y | 1225 |
| 55th: | Salzburg Main M/Y and Amstetten M/Y | |
| 304th: | Linz Freight Yards | 1215 |

FIGHTER ESCORT: To provide close escort reduced effort for all groups of the 47th and 55th Wings.

FLAK AT POSSIBLE ALTERNATES: Bressanone 22 guns; Bolzano-Ora 122 guns; (S. of Trento) Rovereto 16; Ala 16; Cessenigo 6; Verona 151; Mezzocorona none. [illegible]

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13 December 1944

Mission No 390

Same as for 13 December 1944 with following changes in time summary:

| | Plan "Able" | Plan "Baker" |
|---|---|---|
| Briefing | 0615 | 0615 |
| Trucks | 0700 | 0700 |
| Take Off | 0800 | 0800 |
| On Course | 0900 | 0904 |
| Target | 1245 | 1250 |

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MISSION NO 388 11 DECEMBER 1944

TARGET : Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery TC 14-39-NA BAP: K-12/13
ALTERNATES : Wiener-Neustadt M/Y TC 14-31-NA
Villach M/Y TC 14-45-NA
Bruck M/Y ) TC 14-41-NA
Kapfenburg Tank Works )

OTHER WINGS:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5th Wing - | Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery | 120 | 1145 hrs. |
| 49th Wing - | Vienna/Matzliendorf Goods Station | | 1218 " |
| 55th Wing - | Vienna/South Ordnance Depot | | 1226 " |
| 304th Wing - | Vienna/South Goods Depot | | 1208 2 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Oil targets retain their position as highest priority and their destruction will have greatest effect in curtailing duration of war.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This plant selected because of its importance as a distillation and avation gas blending plant with estimated potential capacity of 10,000 tons presently producing approximately 2000 tons monthly.

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX SQDN FORMATION: A - 513
B - 514
C - 515
D - 512

47th Wing Formation: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Vis (4303N 1611E) to Paljevina (4550N 1649E) to Fishback (4727N 1539E) to Luns (4752N 1501E) to I.P.

I.P.: Wieselburg (4808N 1508E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 69°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Rally left then right around north of Vienna flak.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Cifer (4818N 1730E) to Hedervar (4750N 1728E) to M. Bukovec (4617N 1644E) to Vis (4303N 1611E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: On penetration, over target and on withdrawel.

FLAK: At target - 81 guns
Alternates: Wiener-Neustadt 29
Bruck )
Kapfenburg) 29
Villach - none

FIGHTERS: Enemy capabilities are estimated at from 50 to 60 sorties in the Vienna area.

COMMENTS: Warn gunners about growth of enemy air force which at present is at its highest level. Possibility of quick movement from one area to another is easily accomplished wherefore it becomes absolutly essential that gunners remain constantly alert and man their guns positions at all times during the mission.

TIME SUMMARY:

| | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0610 |
| Trucks | 0655 |
| Take Off | 0750 |
| On Course | 0852 |
| Target | 1202 |
| ETR | 1530 (?) |

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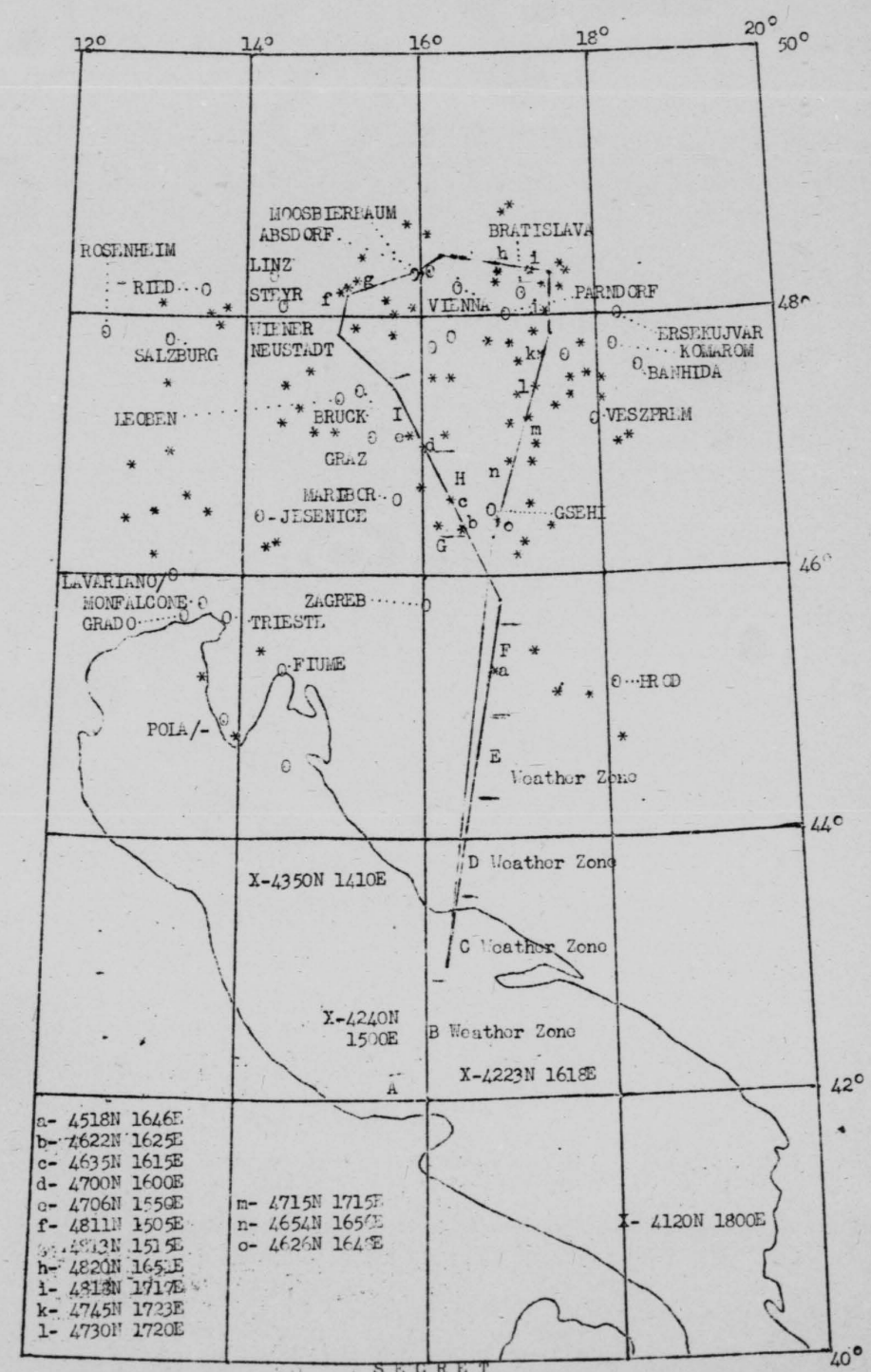
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 146

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 11 DEC. 1944

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Most recent bombing safety line to be observed by combat aircraft is from Olomouc (4935N 1715E) to Eckartsau (4809N 1648E) to Yugoslavian border (4652N 1608E) then west along Austria-Yugoslav border and Austria-Italian border tp Swiss border (4652N 1028E).

No bombing or strafing of targets of opportunity will be executed east and south of this line. No bombs will be jettisoned in this area. This is consolidation and clarification of preceding signals donating bomb safety lines.

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Please change gunners briefing sheet to read as follows:

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|---|---|---|---|
| TARGET: | Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery | TC 14-39-NA | BAP: K-12/13 |
| ALTERNATES: | Wiener-Neustadt M/Y | TC 14-31-NA | |
| | Villach M/Y | TC 14-44-NA | |
| | Bruck M/Y<br>Kapfenburg Tank Works | ) 14-51-NA<br>) | (both are on same target chart) |
| | Graz M/Y | TC 14-41-NA | |

Enclosed Graz Target Chart should be put in the lead bombardiers folder.

Fighter rendezvous will at 1118 hrs when 65 P-51's will intercept 47th Wing formation.

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PLAN "A"

MISSION NO. 388 10 December 1944

TARGET: Bologna Ammo and Gas Dump (4 miles ESE of Bologna) All material to be distributed at Group Briefing.
No alternates.

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Brux Synthetic Oil Plant | 1220 |
| 49th: | Brux Synthetic Oil Plant | 1245 |
| 55th: | Brux Synthetic Oil Plant | 1235 |
| 304th: | Brux Synthetic Oil Plant | 1253 |

Other Groups in this Wing to attack targets in the Bologna area.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This mission is in direct support of our ground forces.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Gasoline and ammunition supplies of the enemy on the front lines are very limited. The destruction of every dump will be felt.

NO. OF PLANES: 30 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX (.1N, .01 & .025T) SQDN FORM: A 513, B 514, C 515, D 512

GROUP LEADING: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Gorgona (4326N 0954E) to Moneglia (4415N 0929E) to Berceto (4431N 0959E) to IP.

I.P. Modena (4439N 1054E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 117°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp right.

ROUTE BACK: target to Moneglia (4415N 0929E) then reciprocal of route out.

FIGHTER ESCORT: None, unless otherwise notified.

FLAK: 54 guns at Bologna. The defenses will be entered about 10 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the target approx. 18 guns can reach the formation. The target area itself is covered by all 54 guns. 88mm guns employed with German field armies may also be used against our A/C

FIGHTERS: Nil opposition is expected; however, enemy fighters are reported based as follows: Vicenza 6, Verona 17

| TIME SUMMARY: | Briefing | 0500 |
|---|---|---|
| | Trucks | 0545 |
| | Take off | 0645 |
| | On course | 0747 |
| | Target | 1115 |

PLAN "B" (Plan "A" to be used unless otherwise notified)

Same except as follows:

| OTHER WINGS | Target |
|---|---|
| 5th: | Brux Synthetic Oil Plant. |
| 49th: | Verona Locomotive Works |
| 55th: | Bologna area (5th Army support) |
| 304th: | Verona/Parona RR Bridge |

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MISSION NO. 388 — 9 DECEMBER 1944.

TARGET: Linz Industrial Area
ALTERNATES: Salzburg M/Y
Wels Main & East M/Y's
Steyr-Daimler-Puch Works
Villach M/Y

REF: 77/77/44/1 44-50-HA
13-13-HA
44-43-HA
44-102A-HA
44-44-HA

| OTHER WINGS: | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Brux Synthetic Oil Refinery | 1220 |
| 49th | Linz Industrial Area | 1235 |
| 55th | Brux Synthetic Oil Refinery | 1235 |
| 304th (Red Force) | Brux Synthetic Oil Refinery | [illegible] |
| 304th (Blue Force) | Linz Industrial Area | 1243 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Air Force will employ maximum effort and attack oil (Brux Synthetic Oil Ref'y) and industrial (Linz Industrial Area) targets in Germany & Austria.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Linz is an important rail & industrial center. Its Main M/Y is the largest on the main Munich-Vienna rail line. Close to the Main M/Y lie the more important plants that comprise the Linz industrial area. To the east of the M/Y lies the Hermann Goering A.G. Iron and Steel Works; north of the steel works is the Stickstaffwerke Ostmark A.G. Chemical Plant, with the ordnance depot further on north. The Linz Benzol Plant is located in the northwestern part of the steel works. Germany's efforts to fight a three-front war would be seriously impaired by the destruction or damage of these plants as her war economy is stretched to the breaking point and no manufactured article may be considered surplus.

NO. OF PLANES - 32 BOMB LOAD: 500# RDX (.1N-.01TD) SQ. FORM.: A 513 C 515 B 514 D 512

WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to (4532N-1244E) to Ubersee (47N 4749N-1229E) to Wurmannsquick (4821N-1248E) to I.P
I.P.: Taufkirchen (4825N-1332E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 103 degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Left then right to Grein.

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Grein (4813N-1451E) to 77 Vodizze (4529N-1103E) to Sansego (4430N-1419E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighter command will provide general target area cover for formations attacking Linz.

FLAK AT TARGET: Photo cover shows 154 guns at Linz with 78 more at Steyr and Enns. The defenses will be entered about 10 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the target, approximately 60 guns will be in range of the formation, building up to about 150 over the target area. The rally heading should be not less than 90 degrees to minimize the time in range of a 20 guns cluster N.E. of the target, and not greater than 120 degrees to 77 avoid the guns south of Enns.
FLAK AT ALTERNATES: Wels - none reported. Salzburg - 47 guns. Steyr - 78 guns. Villach - no heavy guns reported.

FIGHTERS: The enemy is capable of putting up 50 to 60 SEF in the Linz area. Me 262's may attempt interception east of Munich.
Enroute: 48 E/A are based just north and west of the Udine area. A few Italian fighter may attempt to harass our stragglers in the North Adriatic area.

NOTE: Gunners will be briefed on the possibility of encountering jet-propelled enemy fighters with emphasis on the Me 262.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | ~~0615~~ 0600 |
| Trucks | ~~0700~~ 0645 |
| Take off | 0800 |
| On course | 0830 |
| Target | 1225 |

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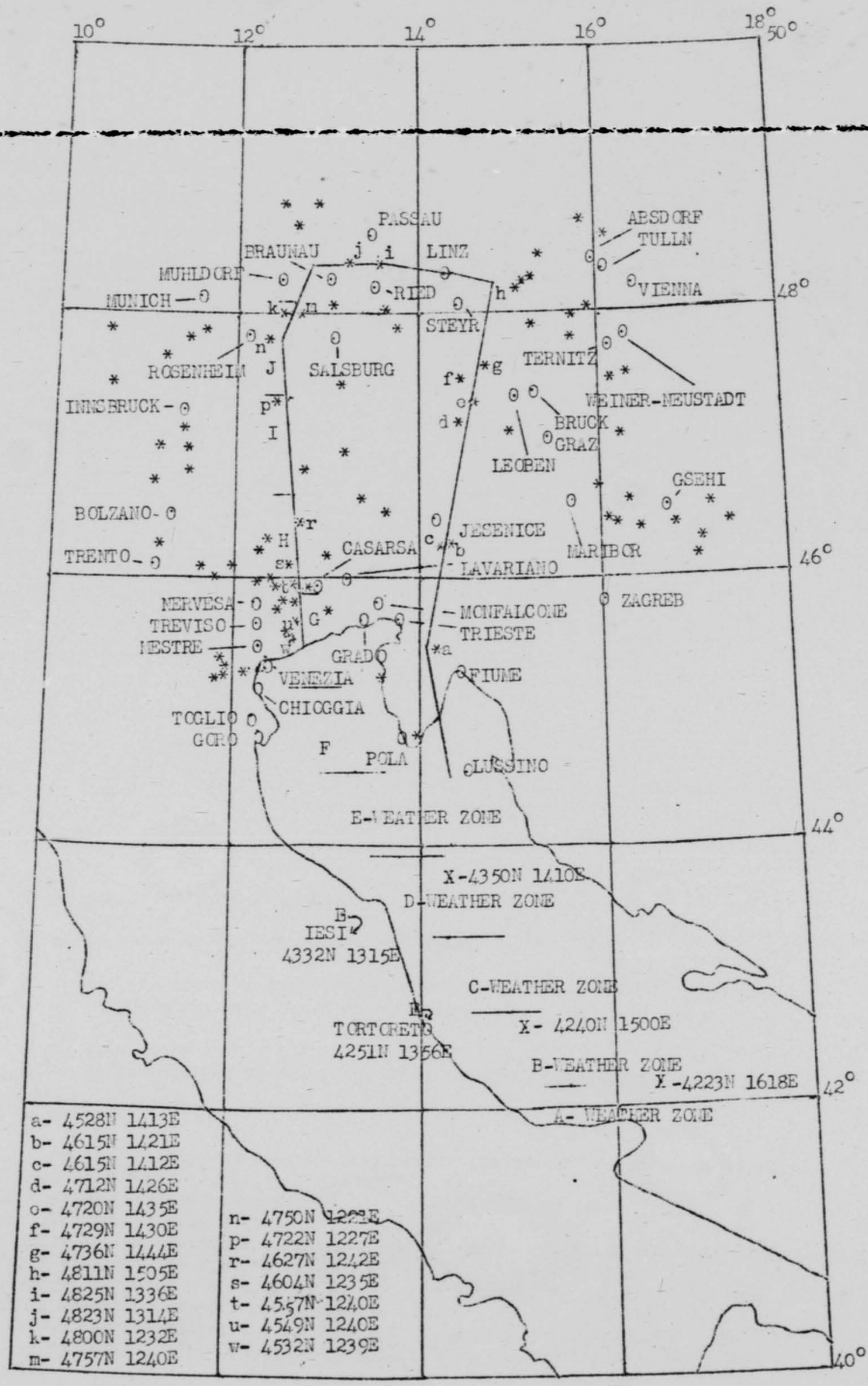
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 144

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 9 DEC. 1944

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MISSION NO. 386 7 December 1944.

TARGET: Innsbruck Main M/Y REF: TC 14-13-NA BAP: See Folder
Alternates: None. MBC 14-1339
MP 14-39

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Brux Synthetic Oil Refinery | 1235 |
| 49th: | Munich West M/Y at | 1310 |
| 55th: | Munich West M/Y | 1320 |
| 304th: | Munich West M/Y | 1300 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The Air Force is continuing their assault on enemy communications system. Since the TAF has taken over the responsibility of maintaining interdiction along the Brenner Route, it is left for this Air Force to harrass the enemy along their remaining escape routes from the South Balkans.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Innsbruck, just north of the Austro-Italian bordge, is on the most important supply route from Germany to Italy.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX, .1 N & .01 tail SQANN FORMATION: A 513
B 514
C 515
D 512

GROUP LEADING: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4532N 1243E to Farra (4607N 1228E) to Bressanone (4643N 1139E) to Tosens (4701N 1037E) to IP.

I.P.: Imst (4715N 1044E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 87°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: target to Montereale (4610N 1240E) to Caorle (4536N 1253E) to 4340N 1340E to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No fighter escort.

FLAK: 63 heavy guns at target. The defenses will be entered about 8 miles from the target. At 6 miles from the target, 47 guns will be in range. As this attack is being made almost directly with a strong wing, the increased speed will reduce the time in flak.

FIGHTERS: No enemy fighter opposition is expected at Innsbruck; however, enemy fighters are reported based as follows: Munich area 132; Udine 39; Aviano 9; Vicenza 6.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0615 |
| Trucks | 0700 |
| Take off | 0800 |
| On course | 0851 |
| Target | 1224 |

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MISSION NO. 385 Plan "A" 6 December 1944

TARGET: Szombathely M/Y REF: TC 12-10-NA
Alternates: Graz Main M/Y 14-41-NA
Maribor M/Y 8-107-NA
Zagreb M/Y 8- 4 -NA

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The B-24s and fighters will be operating in direct support of one of the critical battles of the war. Ludendorf once said after 1918 that the decisive campaign of the next war would be fought at Lake Balaton. This fight is now in progress, with the 3rd Ukrainian Army breaking out past Kaposvar on a wide front which threatens to cut off Budapest from the south and west, with a strong blow aimed at Vienna and the German home defense line, and at the same time tends to cut off the substantial number of enemy troops struggling to get out of Yugoslavia via Brod and Zagreb. Importance of these operations to the success of the Russian effort to break through into German home territory cannot be overemphasized. The war is in a most critical phase and opportunities for decisive blows by air power must be exploited to the limit.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Szombathely is the junction of seven rail lines, of which five can be considered of major importance. These are the lines from Sopron, Gyor, Papa, Kormend and Nagykaniza. In view of the Russian pressure, this M/Y is extremely active and of great importance to the enemy.

OTHER WINGS:
5th Wing : 6 Gps - BRUX Synthetic Oil Refinery at alternate time.
49th Wing : 3 Gps - Maribor Main and South M/Y at 1230 to 1305 hours.
55th Wing : 2 Gps - Bratislava/Rangier M/Y at 1045 to 1120 hours.
2 Gps - Hegyeshalom M/Y at 1045 to 1120 hours.
304th Wing : 4 Gps - Graz Main and North M/Y at 1155 to 1230 hours.

NO. OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500lb. SQDN FORMATION: 1st - 515thm 3rd - 513 5th - 512,1
2nd - 512th 4th - 514 6th - 513,1

WING FORMATION: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Lagosta (4246N 1655E) to Karlovac (4529N 1533E) to Sv. Osbolt (4635N 1523E) to the I.P. - Furstenfeld (4703N 1606E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 64° BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,000' TURN OFF TGT.: Right

ROUTE BACK : Tgt. to Keszthely (4645N 1715E) to Lagosta to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters will provide general target area cover for the 47th, 49th, 55th and 304th Wings. Will strafe MT and RR traffic between Szombathely and Vienna, and between Hegyeshalom and Vienna. 36 P-38's IN TARGET AREA

FLAK: At target: No guns (photo cover 1 Nov.) On the night of 22/23 Nov., RAF Group reported scant, inaccurate heavy flak here.

Alternates: ~~Maribor~~ Graz - 20; Maribor - 27; Zagreb - 26.

FIGHTERS: Possible interception by 50 to 60 fighters can be expected, if this force is not otherwise committed in support of the German Ground Forces.

ESCAPE: For Western Hungary, there are three alternatives, depending on location: 1. Lie low in country districts and await the Russians. 2 - Make for the Russian lines south of Lake Balaton. 3 - For Partisan assistance make for Maribor area, particularly hills on the east side.

COMMENTS: All Units will use extreme caution in target identification because of the proximity of the Russian lines. Briefing of crews should stress that these attacks will probably be their last opportunity to strike directly at German troops in this area.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0615 On course 0909
Trucks 0700 Target 1143
Take Off 0800

YUGOSLAV Front-Line as of 1200 Hours 5 December: KARLOBAG (WP84) - GOSPIC (WP15) - OBS GRAHOVO (WP91) - RIPAC (WP57) - SUHACA (RK90) - KOSTAJNICA (SF03) - KRUPA (XL56) - BIHAC (SQ00) - KRUSCICA (XM01) - KRESEVO (XR18) - DUGE (XQ97) - LADINA (XQ93) - [illegible] (XR11) - ODZAKI (XR14) - JABLANICA (XR77) - PLJEVLJA (WH26) - HIOCA (WH51) - [illegible] (WQ61) - TUZLA (XQ95) - HUNGARIAN BORDER AT TORJUNCI (SG79) - BANC (SA61).

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
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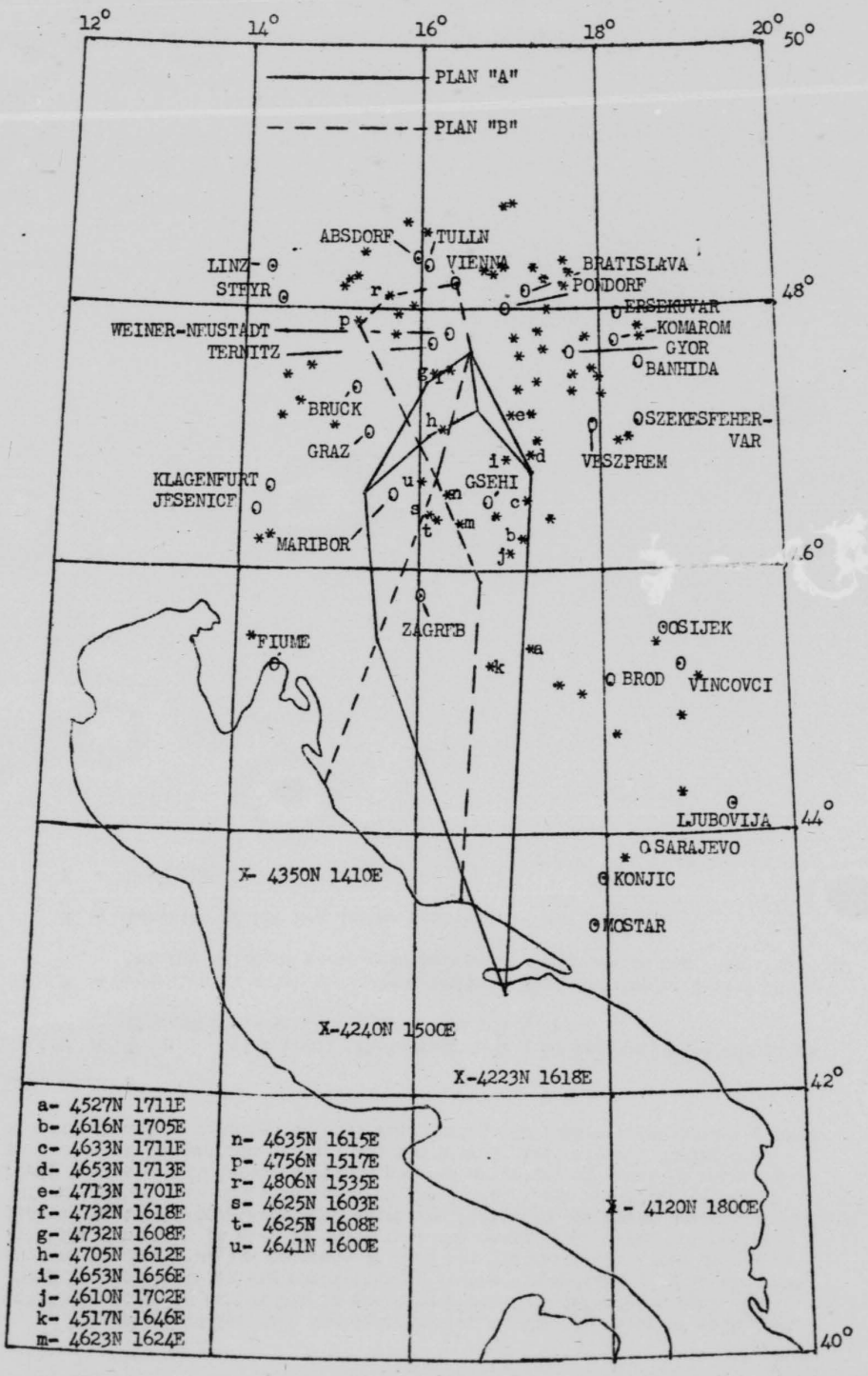
PLAN "A" AND "B" MISSION OF 6 DEC. 1944

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MISSION NO. 385 3 December 1944.

TARGET: Brod RR Bridge. REF: TC 8-36-HA BAP: See folder.
No alternates.

OTHER WINGS:

| | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Vienna Southeast Goods Sidings | 1115 |
| 49th: | Ali Pasan Most M/Y | 1000 |
| 55th: | Brod South M/Y | 1050 |
| 304th: | Visegrad Road Bridge | 1045 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Recent information indicates that a large part of the German forces retreating from the South Balkans are still on the Prijepolje-Sarajevo road. This Air Force has therefore been assigned the task of delaying these troops by cutting their main lines of communication.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The Brod-Sarajevo railroad has to date been the main line for transporting supplies to the hard pressed enemy troops. One of the main items being transported on this line is gasoline. Recent reports indicate that the damage to rail facilities and shortage of fuel are causing the enemy a great deal of trouble in their retreat.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb. RDX (Inst. nose and non-delay tail)

GROUP LEADING: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th. SQDN FORMATION: A 515, B 512, C 513, D 514

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Scedro (4305N 1643E) to Jajce (4421N 1716E) to IP.

I.P.: Prnjavar (4452N 1741E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 41°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp right.

ROUTE BACK: target to Loviste (4301N 1702E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Cover to be provided. (Rendezvous time and place to be called when available.

FLAK: Photo cover reveals 42 guns at target. The defenses will be entered about 8 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the target, 12 guns will be in range. All 42 guns can cover the target area itself. There are two 12 gun batteries north of the target, while to the south there are three 4 gun batteries and one of 6 guns. It should be remembered that in any areas of troop concentration flak may be expected that has not been previously reported, hence stress pinpointing.

FIGHTERS: It is believed that enemy opposition is unlikely while our fighters are present, but there is the possibility of up to 10 Me 109s being airborne to attack our bombers.

TIME SUMMARY:

| | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0600 |
| Trucks | 0645 |
| Take off | 0735 |
| On course | 0850 |
| Target | 1030 |

45- P-51's Tq. Cover from 1000 hrs to 1135 hrs.

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MISSION NO. 383 Plan "A" & "B" 2 Dec er 1944

TARGET: Strasshof M/Y (only by visual means) REF: MP 14-70
Alternate: Florisdorf Oil Refinery by PFF TC 14-22-NA (Vienna North)

| OTHER WINGS: | Plan "A" | Plan "B" |
|---|---|---|
| 5th Wing : | 6 Gps - Blechhammer Oil Ref - 1230 | 6 Gps - Vienna Goods Siding - 1130 |
| 49th Wing : | 3 Gps - " " " - 1230 | 3 Gps - Rolling Stock at Strasshof- 1218 |
| 55th Wing : | 4 Gps - " " " - 1238 | 4 Gps - Vienna NE Station - 1221 |
| 304th Wing : | 4 Gps - Odertal Oil Refinery- 1220 | 4 Gps - Vienna N Station - 1203 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Under Plan "A", the other Wings of the Air Force will hit the vital oil targets at Blechhammer and Odertal. With the synthetic plants xx in the Ruhr area out or reduced to negligible production, the importance of the central and eastern German plants is again emphasized. Under Plan "B", the other four Wings will join the 47th in an all out attack on the Vienna transportation and supply system which directly serves the two main South Russian Fronts.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The important Strasshof M/Y is located 14 miles N.W. of Vienna. This active sorting and assembling point showed the presence of 2250 mixed units on 27 November photo coverage. The yard is also important in the communications system because most of the cars loaded or to be unloaded in the freight yards of north Vienna are here sorted and assembled into or broken down from train lengths.

NO. OF PLANES: 34 BOMB LOAD: 500lb. (screamers) Sqdn FORMATION: 1st - 514 4th - 515
2nd - 513 5th - 512
3rd - 512

WING FORMATION: 98, 376, 449, 450

ROUTE OUT: Plan "A" - San Vito to Split (4331N 1627E) to M. Bukovec (4617N 1644E) to Felbar (4757N 1728E) to Sobotiste (4844N 1724E) to Hodonin (4851N 1708E) to the I.P.
Plan "B" - San Vito to Split to Crkvena (4556N 1640E) to Murzsteg (4741N 1529E) to Neupolla (4839N 1527E) to Znaim (4852N 1603E) to the I.P.

I.P. - (Both Plans) - Poysdorf (4840N 1638E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 180°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500' TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp Left then Right around Bratislava.

ROUTE BACK: Both Plans: Tgt. to Felbar (4757N 1728E) then reciprocal of Plan "A" route out.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Plan "A" - no specific escort for 47 Wing. Fighters will strafe locomotives and motor transports on rail and road line East and North xf from Strasshof to Lundenberg.
Plan "B" - fighters will provide target and withdrawal cover for Air Force formations. Will strafe M/T and locomtives on road and rail lines east of Vienna.

FLAK: At target: No guns (photo cover 21 Oct.) - No experience reported.
Alternate: 306 heavy guns at Vienna. (MIH to MAH experienced on 18 Nov.

FIGHTERS: Enemy capable of approximately 50 S/E fighter sorties in the Balaton-Vienna area. These fighters likely to be committed in support of ground forces in Budapest area and probable encounters considered negligible or nil. —— Possibility of 15 Me109s in Northern Yugoslavia area. ( Fighters in Vienna area - 224; Lake Balaton area - 75-90.)

COMMENTS: Tgt. lies NE of Vienna defense. 6 batteries can reach to within 1-2 miles of the target, if they are "high performance guns, they may be able to reach the target. This type is much less often encountered and for this reason, if flak is encountered, it would be important to know whether it originates from Vienna, showing them to be "high performance" or from Strasshof, from batteries that have not been located.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing - 0615 Trucks - 0700 Take Off - 0800 On course - 0900 Tgt. - 1228

RUSSIAN LINE: 4618N 1853E to 4606N 1810E to 4602N 1810E to 4545N 1853E. (change)

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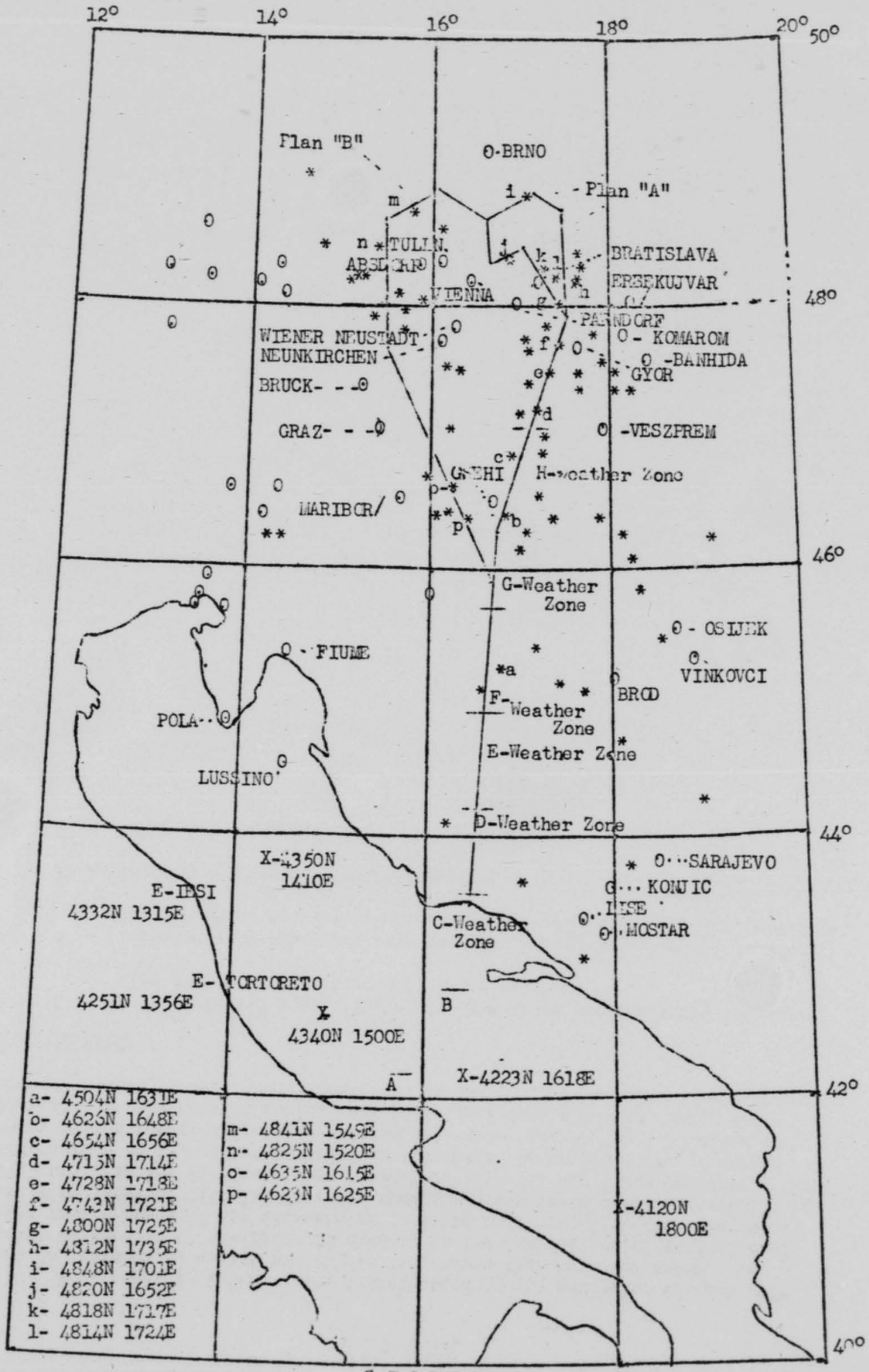
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 138

PLANS "A" AND "B" MISSION OF 2 DEC. 1944

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X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

E - Emergency landing fields.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
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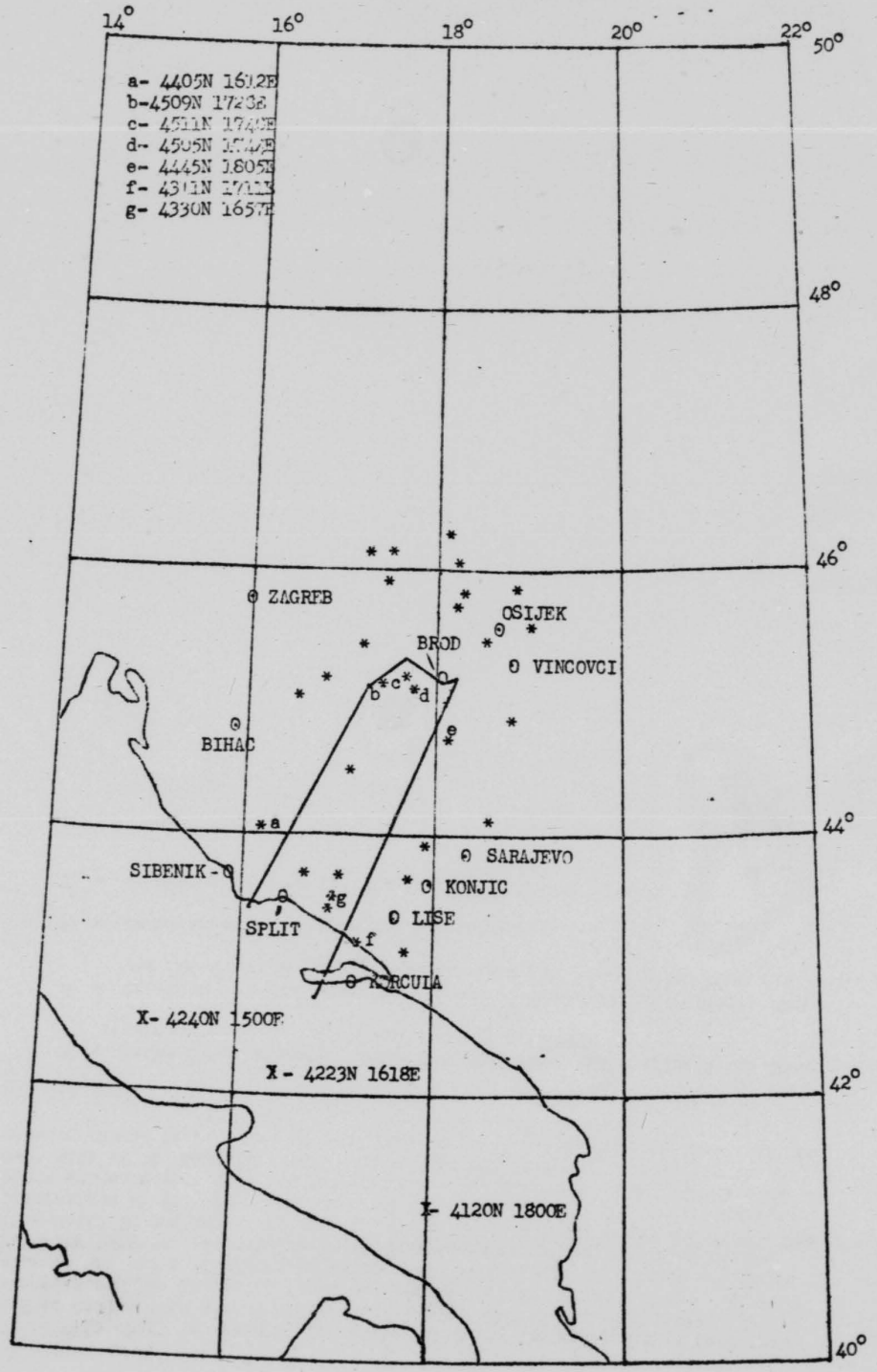
ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 132

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 23 NOV. 1944

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MISSION NO. 382 DATE 27 NOVEMBER 1944.

TARGET: Innsbruck Main M/Y REF: 14-13- HA
ALTERNATES: Innsbruck Main M/Y by FFF
Verona/Verona RR Bridge. 4-195-HA

| OTHER WINGS | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Brux Synthetic Oil Refinery | 1200 |
| 49th | " " " " | 1226 |
| 55th | " " " " | 1216 |
| 304th | " " " " | 1234 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This plan calls for attacks on oil targets in Germany and Czechoslovakia, targets in Austria. The entire Air Force except the 47th Wing, has as its objective the Brux Synthetic Oil Refinery. This target now has top priority as it is producing 25,000 tons of gasoline per month, five-sevenths of the total production within range of this Air Force.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The objective is destruction of both facilities and rolling stock in the M/Y and cutting of the RR bridge (target of the 98th & 449th) to interdict the heavy traffic ~~###~~ moving south into Italy and east toward Northern Yugoslavia.

NO. OF PLANES: 32 BOMB LOAD: (SEE BELOW) ~~###/####/###~~ SQ. FORM. A 514 B 513 C 512 D 515 E 512

WING FORMATION: 98th, 376th, 450th, 449th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Anvena (4338N-1330E) to (4532N-1243E) to Chiusa (4638N-1134E) to Prutz (4704N-1040E) to I.P.

I.P. Haiming (4716N-1053E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 89 degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,500' TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Target to Longarone (4616N-1219E) to (4532N-1243E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighter Command will provide penetration, target and withdrawal escort for units attacking Brux, and will conduct a general sweep in the Udine area. There is no specific escort for the 47th Wing.

FLAK AT TARGET: 53 heavy guns are reported at Innsbruck. The defenses will be entered about 8 miles from the target. At the bomb release line 49 guns will be in range. A sharp right rally, started as soon as bombs are dropped, should carry the formation thru the dead zone of at least one battery eliminating the fire of 4 to 12 guns.
ALTERNATE: 160 heavy guns are reported at Verona.

ENEMY FIGHTERS: No fighters are reporte in the target area. There are 25 at Verona. Approximately 50 enemy fighters are based in the Udine area, and these may attempt interception on withdrawal.

TIME SUMMARY:

| | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0545 |
| Trucks | 0625 |
| Take off | 0725 |
| On course | 0808 |
| Target | 1130 |

NOTE: All navigators will be furnished with a copy of the new form used for reporting flak.

BOMB LOAD: 500 # RDX (.1N - .01TD) with 2 bombs per A/C fused long delay from 6 to 72 hours. One propaganda bomb per six A/C.

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ROUTE FLAK CHART
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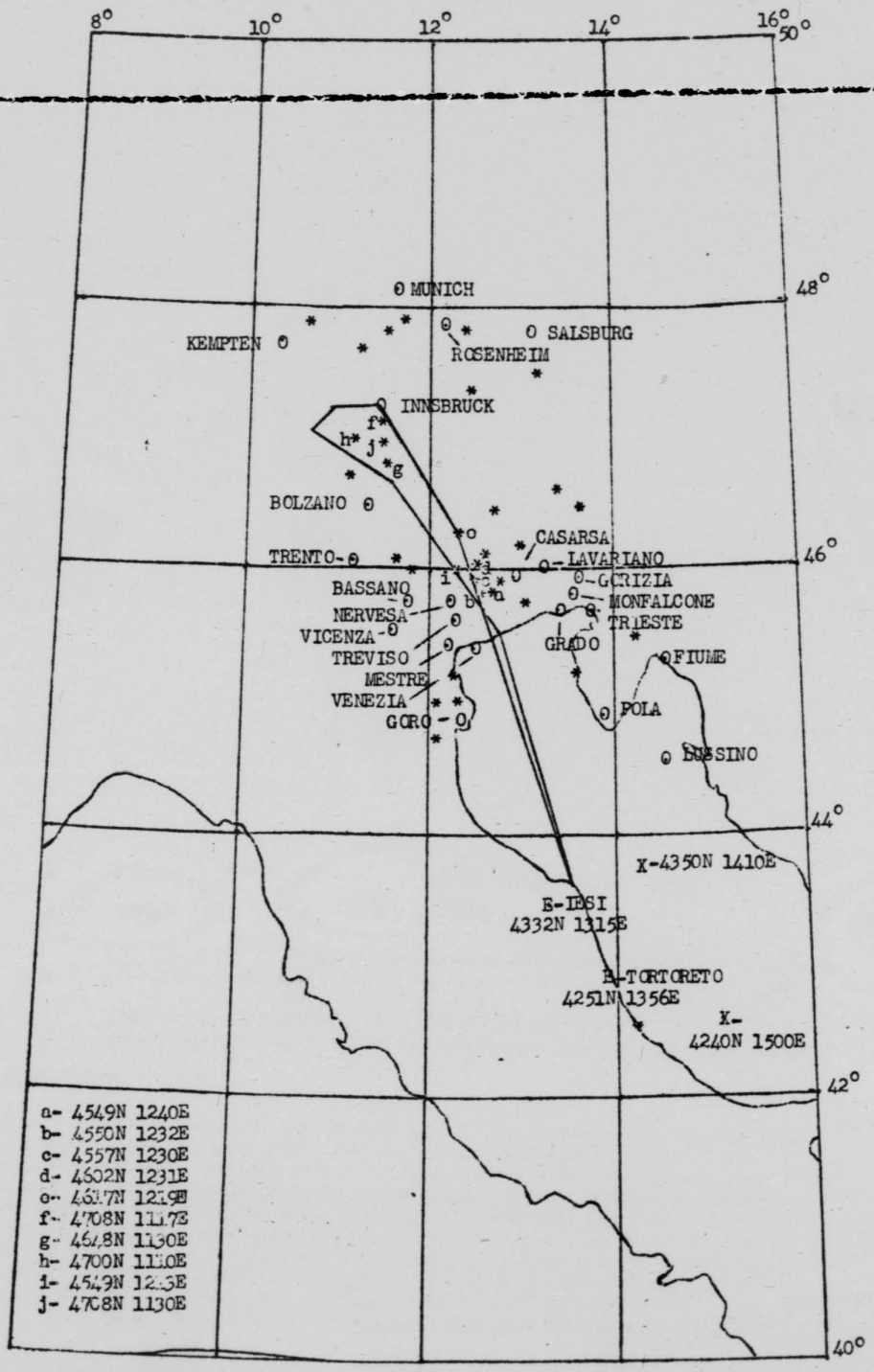


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MISSION NO. 382 "PLAN "A" 28 /ember 1944

TARGET: Linz Benzol Oil Refinery (850') REF: 14-50-NA
Alternate: Graz Main M/Y (1180') 14-41-NA

OTHER WINGS:
5th Wing : 6 Gps - Brux Oil Refinery at 1200 hours.
49th Wing : 3 " " " " 1226
55th Wing : 4 " " " " 1216
304th Wing : 4 " " " " 1234

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The 15th Air Force, employing maximum effort, will attack oil targets in Germany and Austria - still the top priority.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Linz Oil Refinery is part of the large "Hermann Goering" Works. The target, now estimated to be producing 1,100 tons of high grade fuel monthly, is located near the important Linz rail center on the main Munich-Vienna line. The refinery located in close proximity to the many other important installations, provides a rich target for PFF bombing in case weather prevents visual bombing.

NO. OF PLANES: 32 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. SQDN FORMATION: 1st Box - 514 4th - 515
2nd - 513 5th - 512
3rd - 512

WING FORMATION: 98th, 376th, 450th, 449th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Vrgada (4352N 1530E) to St. Andra (4646N 1449E) to Attersee (4755N 1332E) to the I.P. - Grieskirchen (4814N 1350E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 80° BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500' TURN OFF TGT: Sharp Left

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Aschach (4823N 1401E) to Attersee then reciprocal of route out to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No escort for 47th Wing. Asmall force will patrol in the Udine area. (Type unknown - if info is received, it will be phoned to Squadrons in code.)

FLAK: At target: The defenses will be entered about 12 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the target, anout 100 guns will be in range. The target itself is covered by approximately 150 guns.

COMMENTS: New Flak forms are to be included in the bombardier folders. Attention must be called to these and the flash reports with instructions that they be given to the Navigator.

TIME SUMMARY:

| | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0615 |
| Trucks | 0700 |
| Take Off | 0800 |
| On course | 0900 |
| Target | 1155 |

FIGHTERS: 40 in the immediate target area, with approx. 20 more within interception range. Attention should be directed to possibility of encountering Me262s in this area. On the route ~~back~~, there is a possibility of 30-40 Italian Fascist fighters sniping at stragglers in the northern Italy-north Adriatic area. (On Nov. 16, these Fascist fighters attacked stragglers, but were engaged by the escort which claimed 9-2-2.)

ESCAPE: In addition to usual escape procedure, use information in Weekly Escape Intelligence Bulletin No. 4

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
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ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 136

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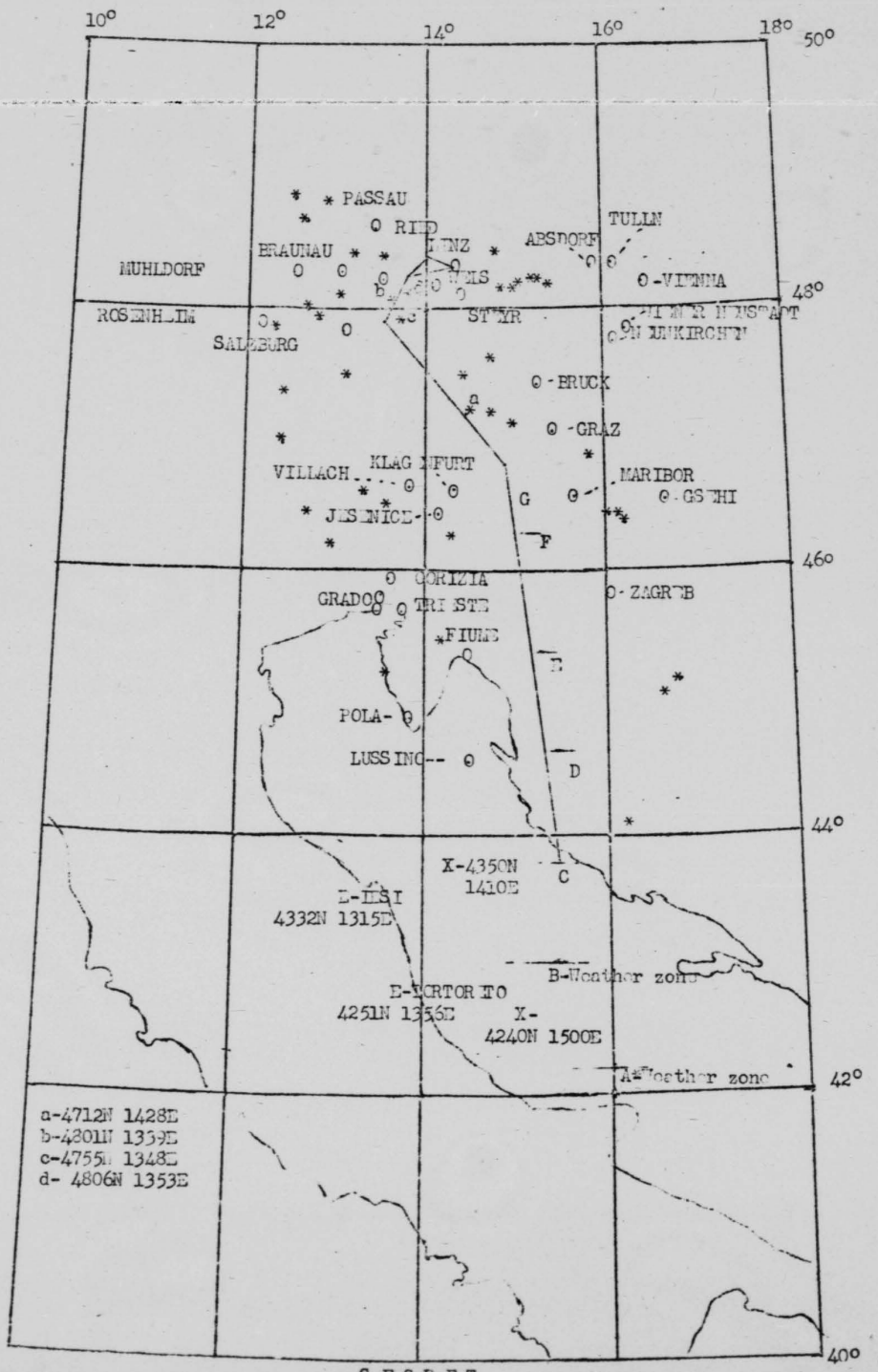


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MISSION NO. 379 PLANS ABLE & BAKER 20 November 1944.

TARGET: Zenica RR Bridge REF: Photo 3052, Sheet 61 - 1:100,000 Yugo.
ALTERNATES: Doboj RR Br.
Sarajevo West M/Y 8-18-NA

| OTHER WINGS | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| | PLAN ABLE | |
| 5th | Blechhammer South Oil Refy | 1200 |
| 49th | Blechhammer South Oil Refy | 1225 |
| 55th | Blechhammer South Oil Refy | 1215 |
| 304th | Blechhammer South Oil Refy | 1235 |

98th Gp - Zenica RR Br. 449th Gp - Sarajevo West M/Y 450th Gp - Doboj RR Br.

| | PLAN BAKER | |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Blechhammer South Oil Refy | optional |
| 49th | Vienna Southeast Goods Depot | 1130 |
| 55th | Vienna South Station | 1120 |
| 304th | Vienna Southeast Goods Depot | 1130 |
| 47th | Same as PLAN ABLE. | |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: PLAN ABLE - Blechhammer South Oil Refy continues to be the major petroleum target in the operating area of this Air Force. Four wings are being dispatched to destroy it under this plan.
Destruction of the Sarajevo West M/Y and the Zenica and Doboj RR Bridges would put a multiple block on the principal remaining route for German withdrawal from the South Balkans. Not much rolling stock is expected to be found at Sarajevo, but facilities for the repair of cratered lines are considered extremely poor in that area.
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: PLAN BAKER - Attack on communication and oil targets in Germany, Austria and Yugoslavia is provided in this operation.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The target is a 410-foot steel bridge, on the main Zagreb-Sarajevo rail line. The destruction of this bridge would seriously impede the German evacuation from the Balkans, as the avenues of escape, never very many, become fewer and fewer.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb. RDX SQ. FORM: A Box 515 C Box 513
B Box 512 D Box 514

GROUP WING FORMATION: 98th, 450th, 449th, 376th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Cavtat (4235N-1813E) to I.P. to Target.
I.P. - Doborinje (4404N-1808E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 316 degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 19,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Left.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Povlja (4320N-1650E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: PLAN ABLE - Escort for force attacking Blechhammer, none for 47 Wing.
PLAN BAKER: All wings but 47 get escort. Fighters will strafe M/T and rail traffic east of Vienna. 8-36's stand by for bombing a target in Yugoslavia.

FLAK: ZENICA - No photo recce flak reports available. No experience reported.
SARAJEVO - 15 heavy guns.
DOBOJ - Photo cover shows only light guns at Doboj.

FIGHTERS: The only possibility of an attack comes from the few fighter-bombers that the enemy is now using against the Russians. These fighters have never yet been committed to an attack against heavy bomber formations so the possibility is remote.
NOTE: Brief gunners on the possibility of [redacted] Partisans flying captured German A/C. These A/C will carry Russian and Bulgarian markings. Russian fighters may also be encountered.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0715
Trucks 0800
Take off 0900
On course 1017
Target 1140

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MISSION NO. 380 21 November 1944

TARGET: Troop Concentrations in : X Prijepolje - 1st Unit (512th, 515th)
Novi Pazar - 2nd Unit (513th, 514th)

Alternates: None.

OTHER EFFORTS: 450th Bomb Group attacks DOBOJ RR Bridge at 1325.
449th " " " Sarajevo West M/Y at 1310.
98th " " " Sjenica RR Bridge at 1323.

49th Wing - 3 Gps attack motor transport and troop columns between Sarajevo and Novi Pazar.

15th Fighter Command attack and immobilize the motor transport and troop columns on roads from Novi Pazar xxxx to Sarajevo to create targets for the heavy bombers of the 49th Wing and will continue the attack after the 49th Wing has completed its bombing.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The objective of the entire operation is to cause maximum interference with and destruction of personnel, equipment and supplies of Army Group E. This enemy force, beleived to consist of six divisions totalling 90,000 men, is reported strung out along the road from Novi Pazar to Sarajevo.

NO. OF PLANES : 24 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. SQDN FORMATION: 1st Box - 512 3rd - 514
2nd Box - 515 4th - 513

WING FORMATION: 450,98,376,449.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to I.P. - Kisilici (4300N 1945E) to tgts.

AXIS OF ATTACK: Prijepolje - 350°
Novi Pazar - 76° BOMBING ALTITUDE: 20,000'

TURN OFF TGT: Prijepolje - Left.
Novi Pazar - Right. ROUTE BACK: Tgts to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: None.

FLAK: Prijepolje - SIH reported on 8 Nov.
Novi Pazar - MAH reported on 15 Nov.

FIGHTERS: No enemy fighter opposition is anticipated. However, stress Russian A/C recognition.

SPECIAL ESCAPE INSTRUCTIONS: Crews should be briefed to head west toward the coast if forced down over Yugoslavia or Albania. Extreme caution must be exercised in crossing the Sarajevo-Brod road. Both Sarajevo and Brod must be avoided.

For your information the following Russian front line change as of 23 Nov. follows: EMOD (4756N 2049E) to MAKLAR (4748N 2025E) to GYONGYOS (4747N 1955E) to CZANY (4739N 1950E) to ZSAMBOK (4734N 1936E) to ULLO (4724N 1921E).

NOTE: Due to the moving troops and the fluid condition of flak areas, it is very important toget observations and correct coordinates of any flak seen or encountered.

| TIME SUMMARY: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Briefing | 0845 |
| | Trucks | 0930 |
| | Take Off | 1030 |
| | On course | 1202 |
| | Target | 1302 |

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
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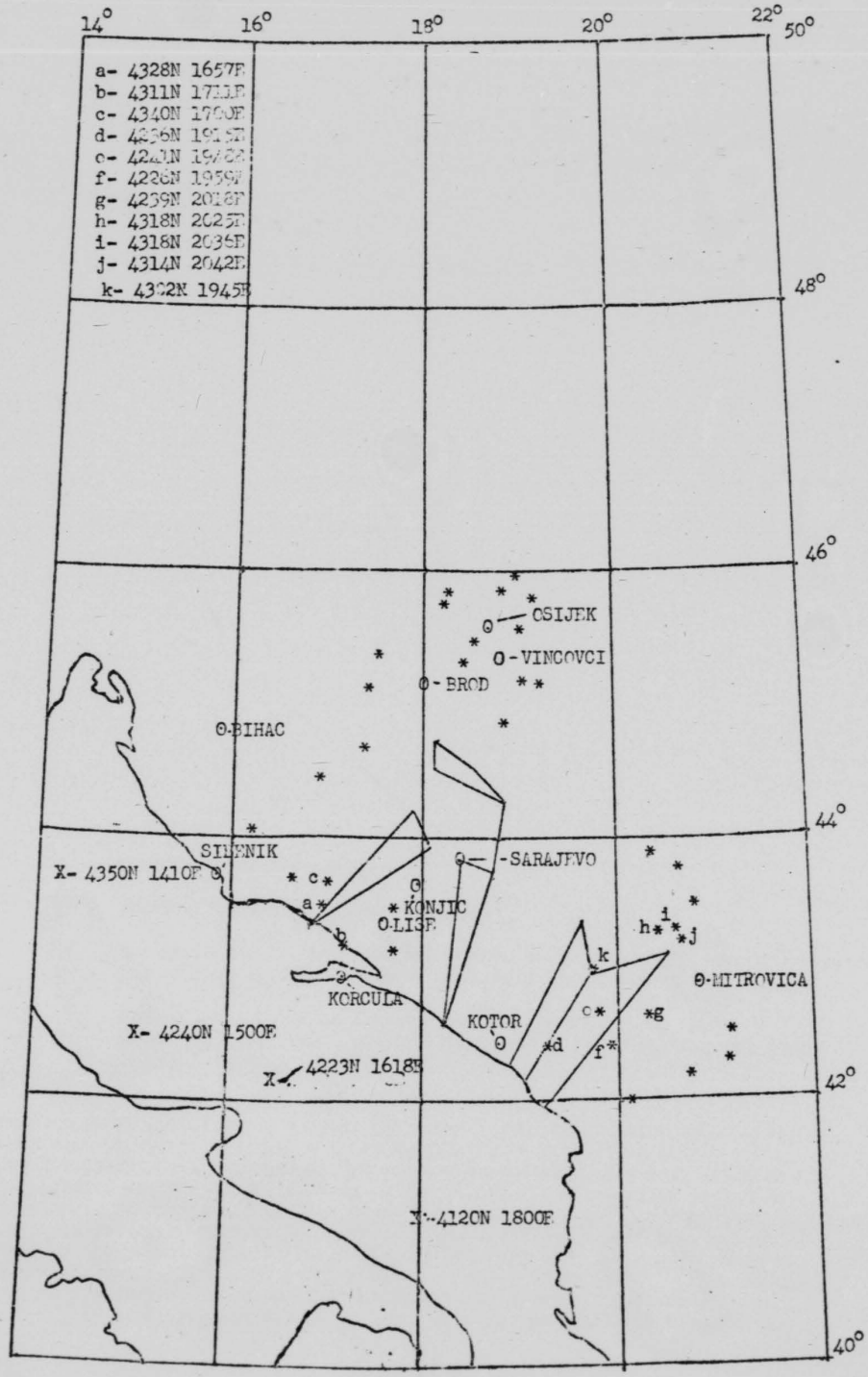


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MISSION NO. 380 22 November 1944

TARGET: Verona Locomotive Repair Shops REF: TC 4-210-NA
(See Bombardiers Folder for aiming point)
ALTERNATE: Ferrara RR Bridge TC 4-78-NA
MP 4-33

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Munich East M/Y and West M/Y | 1258 |
| 49th: | Munich East and West M/Ys | 1240 |
| 55th: | Munich East and West M/Ys | 1248 |
| 304th: | Munich East and West M/Ys | 1230 |

98th and 450th Groups attack Ferrara RR Bridge.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Continuance of the Air Force attacks on the enemy's vital railroad facilities. At present, oil targets are first priority and major rail centers ~~xxx~~ second. Enemy is depending more and more every day on rail facilities to get supplies to her hard pressed forces in Northern Italy and the Balkans.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: 47th Wing targets are being attacked at the request of the Tactical Air Force. Verona is the terminus of the vital Brenner line from Germany astride the main East-West line across Northern Italy. Photo cover of 12 November shows 40 locomotives visible in the locomotive depot.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX .1 nose & .01 & .025 tail SQDN FORMATION: A 512, B 515, C 514, D 513

GROUP LEADING: 376th, 449th, 98th, 450th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Ancona to 4457N 1230E to IP.

I.P.: Samconifacio (4524N 1116E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 280°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp right.

ROUTE BACK: target to Tregnago (4532N 1110E) to 4457N 1230E to Ancona to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No escort assigned to this formation. Fighters will conduct a fighter sweep in the Udine area and bomb Osoppo M/T concentration.

FLAK: Verona - 160 heavy guns. The defenses will be entered approx. 10 miles from the target. About 46 guns will be in range when the formation is 5 miles from the target, and this builds up to about 106 over the target.
Alternates: Ferrara100 guns.

FIGHTERS: A few Italian Fascist fighters may be airborne in North Italy but no serious opposition is anticipated.

| TIME SUMMARY: | | | | |
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| | Briefing | ~~0715~~ | 0700 | 650 |
| | Trucks | ~~0800~~ | 0745 | 0735 |
| | Take off | ~~0900~~ | 0845 | 0835 |
| | On course | ~~1008~~ | 0945 | 0945 |
| | Target | 1245 | — | 1245 |

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MISSION NO. 381 — 23 November 1944
TARGET: Brod/Sava RR Bridge — REF; 8-36-MA
ALTERNATES: Zenica RR Bridge
Doboj RR Bridge
Rogatica Troop concentrations

| OTHER WINGS | TARGET |
|---|---|
| 5th | Gyor, Czelldomolk and Hegyeshalom M/Y's |
| 49th | M/T along road from Novi Pazar to Sarajevo |
| 55th | Galanta and Ersekujvar M/Y's |
| 304th | Komarom and Komarno M/Y's |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This plan calls for attacks against communications targets in Yugoslavia and Hungary. The enemy is using all available railroad facilities to rush in personnel and supplies necessary for the continued defense of Budapest. The destruction of the Hungarian targets will cause blocks on three rail lines and will destroy much needed supplies and personnel. The Yugoslavian attacks are designed to delay and destroy the enemy army moving North.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The destruction of the rail and road bridges at Brod, will not only cut off the flow of gasoline being shipped by rail to Sarajevo, but will also deny the use of this same rail line for the prospective retreat from Sarajevo North. Since the enemy is already hampered by a shortage of motor fuel, successful attacks on the assigned targets will impose still greater difficulties on the heavily over loaded ~~G~~ German communications system.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb RDX SQDN FORM. A 513 C 515 B 514 D 512

WING FORMATION: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Drvenik (4327N-1606E) to Bos Gradiska (4508N-1716E) to I.P. I.P. Slav Pozega (4520N-1741E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 128 degrees BOMBING ALTITUDE: 21,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp ~~right~~ LEFT then ~~left~~ RIGHT.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Porto Lago (4246N-1648E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No fighter escort for 47 Wing. Fighter Command will provide cover for Hungarian targets, droop snoot bomb Doboj Rd and RR Brs, strafe M/T from Novi Pazar to Sarajevo.

FLAK: At Target; Photo cover shows 20 heavy guns at Brod. The defenses will be entered approximately 7 miles from the target. At 3 miles from the target, all 20 guns will be in range. As most of the guns are South of the target, a sharp left rally will carry the formation most quickly out of range.
AT ALTERNATES: Doboj - None reported. Zenica - No report available. Rogatica - No report available.

FIGHTERS: No fighter opposition is expected either at target or enroute.

COMMENTS: Because of the fluid situation in Yugoslavia and the movement of German forces, flak may be encountered at any point along the lines of communications. Special attention will be paid to the pinpointing of flak positions.

TIME SUMMARY: ~~S/////~~

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| Briefing | 0530 |
| Trucks | 0615 |
| Take off | 0715 |
| On course | 0815 |
| Target | 1022 |

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MISSION # 377 PLAN "A" 18 Novemb 1944

TARGET: Parked A/C on AVIANO A/D REF: Photos will be provided at briefing.
Alternates: None.

OTHER WINGS:
5th Wing : Stand Down.
49th Wing : Villafranca A/D at 1100.
55th Wing : Udine A/D at 1100.
304th Wing : Vicenza A/D at 1100.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Recent increase in the size and aggressiveness of Italian fighters in the northern Adriatic sector is considered sufficient to warrant a counter air measure that will eliminate this hazard to our air formations and to Allied ground forces.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Latest cover (16 November) shows 25 SEF.

NO. OF PLANES: 27 BOMB LOAD: Frags SQDN FORMATION: 1st Box - 513 3rd - 515
2nd Box - 514 4th - 512

WING FORMATION: 449, 376, 98, 450.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4400N 1330E to I.P. - 4538N 1306E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 318° BOMBING ALTITUDE: 22,500

TURN AND ROUTE BACK: Rally Right to Tolmezzo (4624N 1301E) to Baccia (4609N 1346E) to 4400N 1420E to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Will provide top target cover for all Wings and will conduct medium altitude sweep to hold enemy fighters on the ground at Udine, Aviano & Villafranca A/D's.

FLAK: No heavy guns as of 11 November. On 11 Nov. 49th Wing reported NIL flak.

FIGHTERS: It is estimated that there will be negligible or nil opposition against operations in North Italy under the proposed plan., although there are a total of 66 fighters in the Udine area.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0515 |
| Trucks | 0600 |
| Take Off | 0700 |
| On course | 0819 |
| Target | 1100 |

NOTE: In the event that further information as to the fighters comes in, the same code as used on last night's Briefing Sheet (16 Nov.) will be used.

For Squadron Briefing, use TC 4-84-NA
Pin-point: Dispersal area at C-D-E/21-22

55-P-51 MED. ALT. SWPS- OVER TOR AREA 1030 T.11 Bombers GET LEAVE

52-P-38- Cover-For Bombers T.11

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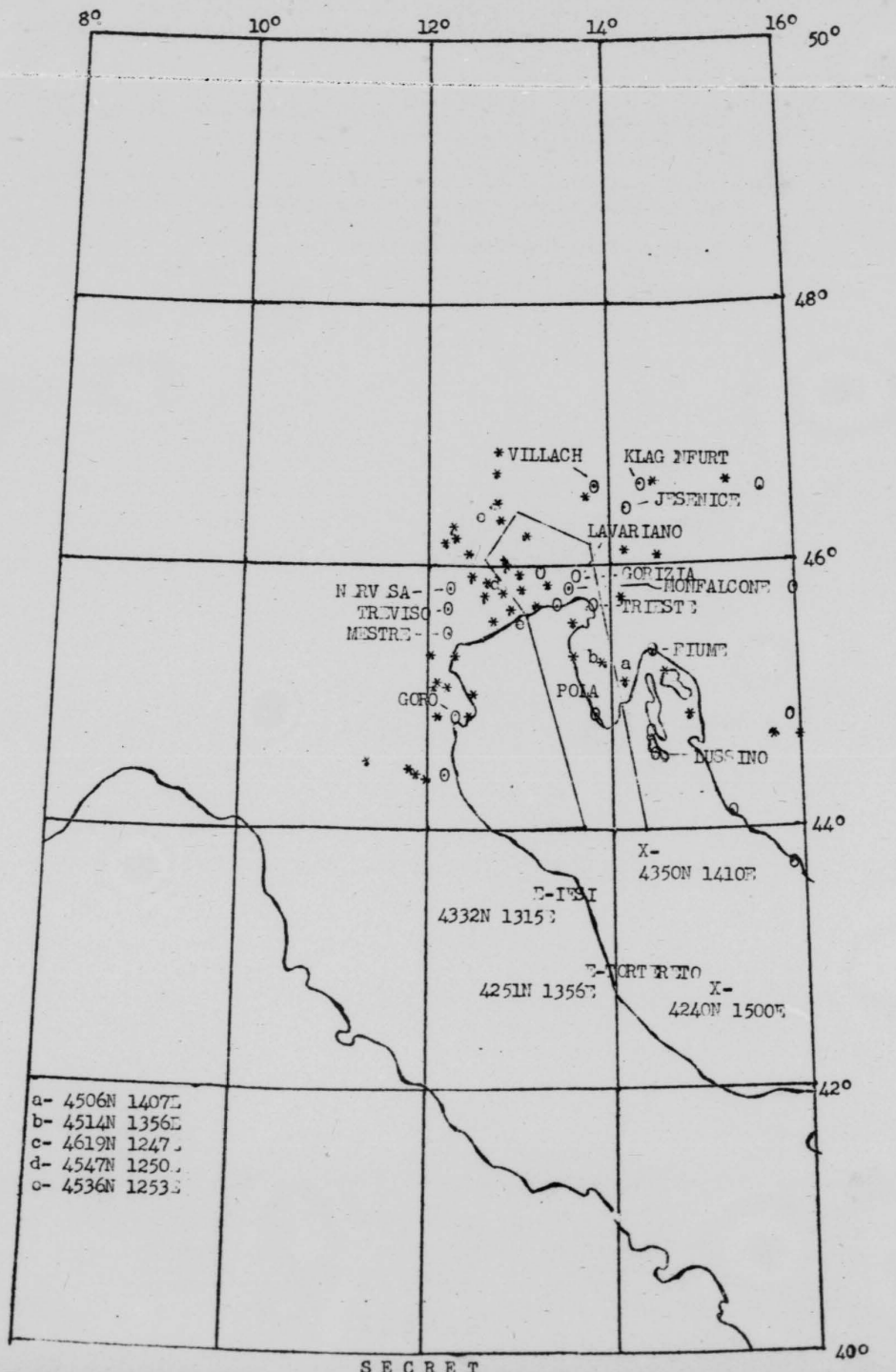
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 125

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 18 NOV. 1944

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Symbols used:

O - Known defended area. Photo reconnaissance has confirmed the location of an A-aircraft guns of heavy caliber.

* - Location at which crews have reported experiencing or seeing flak, but for which no photo reconnaissance confirmation has been received.

X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

E - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO. 278 Pl "A" 19 November 1944.

TARGET: Vienna/Schwechat Oil Refinery REF: TC 14-20-NA (SE Vienna) BAP: See target folder
ALTERNATES: Q/or M/Y TC 12-8-NA

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | (Red Force) Vienna/Winterhafen | (Blue Force) Ferrara RR Bridge |
| 49th: | Vienna/Vosendorf Oil Refinery | 1200 |
| 55th: | Linz Benzol Plant & Horsching A/D | 1200 |
| 304th: | (Red Force) Vienna/Lobau Oil Storage | (Blue Force) Verona Locomotive Repair Depot. |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Attack on the Vienna oil installations is a continuation of the effort which already has reduced German oil production to only a small fraction of what it was last April.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Produces 50,000 tons of oil per annum plus storage capacity of 28,000 tons. With the loss of Ploesti as a source of oil and successful attacks on the large synthetic oil plants in Germany, the enemy is being forced to rely more and more on small refineries such as this one.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX .1 N, .01 & .025 T SQDN FORMATION: A 514, B 513, C 512, D 515

GROUP LEADING: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Vis (4303N 1612E) to M. Bukovec (4617N 1644E) to Czelldomolk (4715N 1709E) to Szentmihalufa (4801N 1735E) to Cifer (4819N 1730E) to IP

I.P.: Hochstetno (4820N 1654E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 231°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp left

ROUTE BACK: target to Mosonszentjanos (4747N 1708E) to Czelldomolk then reciprocal of route out to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: to be called as soon as available.

FLAK: Photo cover shows 314 heavy guns. The defenses will be entered about 12 miles from the target. When the formation is 5 miles from the target, there will be about 95 guns in range. This number increases to approximately 110 guns as the target is reached. The guns of the flak fortress ~~mentioned in the Annex to the Order for 17 Nov~~ will be able to reach the formation about 4 miles before it reaches the target, and can follow to about 2 miles SE of the target. A heading near 145° will carry the formation most quickly out of flak. Q/or - 12 guns. 5IH flak reported on 21 October.

FIGHTERS: Enemy capabilities for the defense of Vienna still are estimated at 60-75 SEF, depending, in part, on committments against the Russians south of Budapest, and on the weather. Because of the American fighter operation included in this plan, it is estimated the majority of the enemy fighters will not be able to oppose the bomber formation. Probably enemy fighter reaction at Vienna, therefore, will be negligible or nil, and at Linz probably nil.

ESCAPE: Refer to 15th Air Force Escape Bulletin No. 4.

| TIME SUMMARY: | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0615 |
| Trucks | 0700 |
| Take off | 0800 |
| On course | 0854 |
| Target | 1215 |

located at (T.C. 14-13-NA) T/17

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HEADQUARTERS
376th Bombardment Group (H)
Office of Group S-2

17 November 1944.

TO: All S-2 Personnel.

SOP ON FIGHTER ESCORT INFORMATION

Fighter escort type - plane - time of rendezvous - will be given by Blue Network if received before briefing. It is important that all S-2 clerks know how to decipher information on briefing sheet. First four letters will correspond to North coordinates, second four letters will correspond to East coordinates, third four letters will indicate time.

Since it is obvious that 4 will be the first number, the letter X will be the first letter given. Another letter will also be used for four as indicated on the briefing sheet. For example :-

BLUE X-A-B-C C-E-E-D J-I-D-J
reads
P-38 4431 North 1552 East 0920 hours

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MISSION NO. 376 Blue Force - Plan ABLE 17 November 1944

TARGET: Vienna/Florisdorf Oil Refinery REF. 14-22-NA BAr:
ALTERNATES: Kapfenburg Tank Works 14-51-NA (Bruck M/Y)
Graz Main M/Y 14-41-NA
Maribor South M/Y 8-107-NA

| OTHER WINGS | RED FORCE TARGETS | TIME | BLUE FORCE TARGETS | TIME |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5th | Brux Synthetic Oil Refy | 1200 | None | |
| 49th | Blechhammer South Oil | 1220 | Vienna/Florisdorf Oil Refy | 1118 |
| 55th | Blechhammer South Oil | 1202 | Vienna/Florisdorf Oil Refy | 1110 |
| 304th | Blechhammer South Oil | 1220 | Vienna/Florisdorf Oil Refy | 1126 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This plan calls for two task forces of the 15th Air Force to attack high priority oil targets in Germany and Austria. The weather forecast is the most favorable in some time, and an all-out effort is planned to destroy the above refineries which have a total monthly gasoline production of 40,700 tons.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The Vienna/Florisdorf Oil Refy has at present, a production of 6,000 tons of oil and approximately 500 tons of gasoline per month. Situated in the heavily industrialized Florisdorf area, spillage from the concentration of effort will also undoubtedly cause damage of high value in the surrounding area.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX SQ. FORM: A Box 512 C Box 514
B Box 515 D Box 513

WING FORMATION: 98th, 376th, 450th, 449th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Urgada (4351N-1531E) to Tols (4713N-1435E) to Neukirchen (4841N-1533E) to I.P. to target.

I.P. - Auggenthal (4842N-1604E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 153 degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 26,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp left.
ROUTE BACK: Target to Trnava (4822N-1735E) to Czelldomolk (4716N-1709E) to Orahovo (4512N-1702E) to Vis (4303N-1612E) to Base.

**FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighter Command will provide penetration, escort and target cover for Blue Force going to Vienna (SEE BELOW) *****

FLAK AT TARGET: The defenses will be entered about 9 miles from the target. 5 miles farther in about 60 guns will be in range, building up to just over 100 for about a mile just before the target, and dropping to 96 guns over the target. An attack heading of less than 130 deg. should be taken to avoid the Tulln-Moosbierbaum defenses and the heading away from the target should be kept under 58 deg. to avoid an additional 24 guns.
FLAK AT ALTERNATES: Kapfenburg - 29(19 just to the West at Leoben) Graz - 46. Maribor 26

FIGHTERS: Vienna area enemy capabilities are probably 60-75 fighters.
FIGHTERS ENROUTE: Graz - 5; Zeltweg - 12; Zagreb - 22.

NOTE: Attention is called to the flak situation in Yugoslavia. With troop movements continuall evident throughout the German controlled areas, heavier concentrations of flak than those known from photography must be anticipated at any time at Zagreb, Brod, Sarajevo and any other centers of population. Every effort should be made to report in detail flak experienced, including estimated number of guns firing and areas of concentration.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0500
Trucks 0545
Take off 0645
On course 0734
Target 1100

**FIGHTER ESCORT: BLUE — P-38 RED — P-51
Code - XXXXXXXXX

| X | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 0 |

SEE NOTE ON FIGHTER ESCORT

Meet fighters - P-38's at 4713N-1435E at 1015 hrs

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PLAN CHARLIE 16 NOVEMBER 44

TARGET: Sjenica troop concentrations, Yugoslavia (target material to be distributed at Group) (43.7N-20.0E)

No alternates.

Other Wings;
5th Wing-Novi Pazar troop concentrations
55th Wing- Prijepolje " "
304th Wing- Visegrad " "
49th Wing- stand down

Importance of Mission - The Fifthteenth Air Force is hitting at key positions along the main avenue of retreat from the southeast of Sarejevo by 100,000 Axis troops. Included in this force are six of what have been considered crack German divisions. Succesfull attacks will greatly aid the Russians, Yugoslav Partisans and Bulgarians in their drive against the Germans.

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX SQDN FORMATION; A 515
B 512
C 513
D 514

47th Wing formation; 449th, 450th, 376th , 98th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Mikulici (4228N 1826E) to I.P.

I.P. : Draskovini (4310N 1938E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 67 degrees

RALLY: right

ROUTE BACK: Target to Togilova (4307N 2015E) to base

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters will strave in target areas.

FLAK: On 8 Nov 44 the 47th Wing experience slight to medium, inaccurate heavy flak.

FIGHTERS: No fighters are reported in the target areas.

TIME SUMMARY: Groups will be ready to take off on one hours notice any time after 0800 hours 16 Nov 44.

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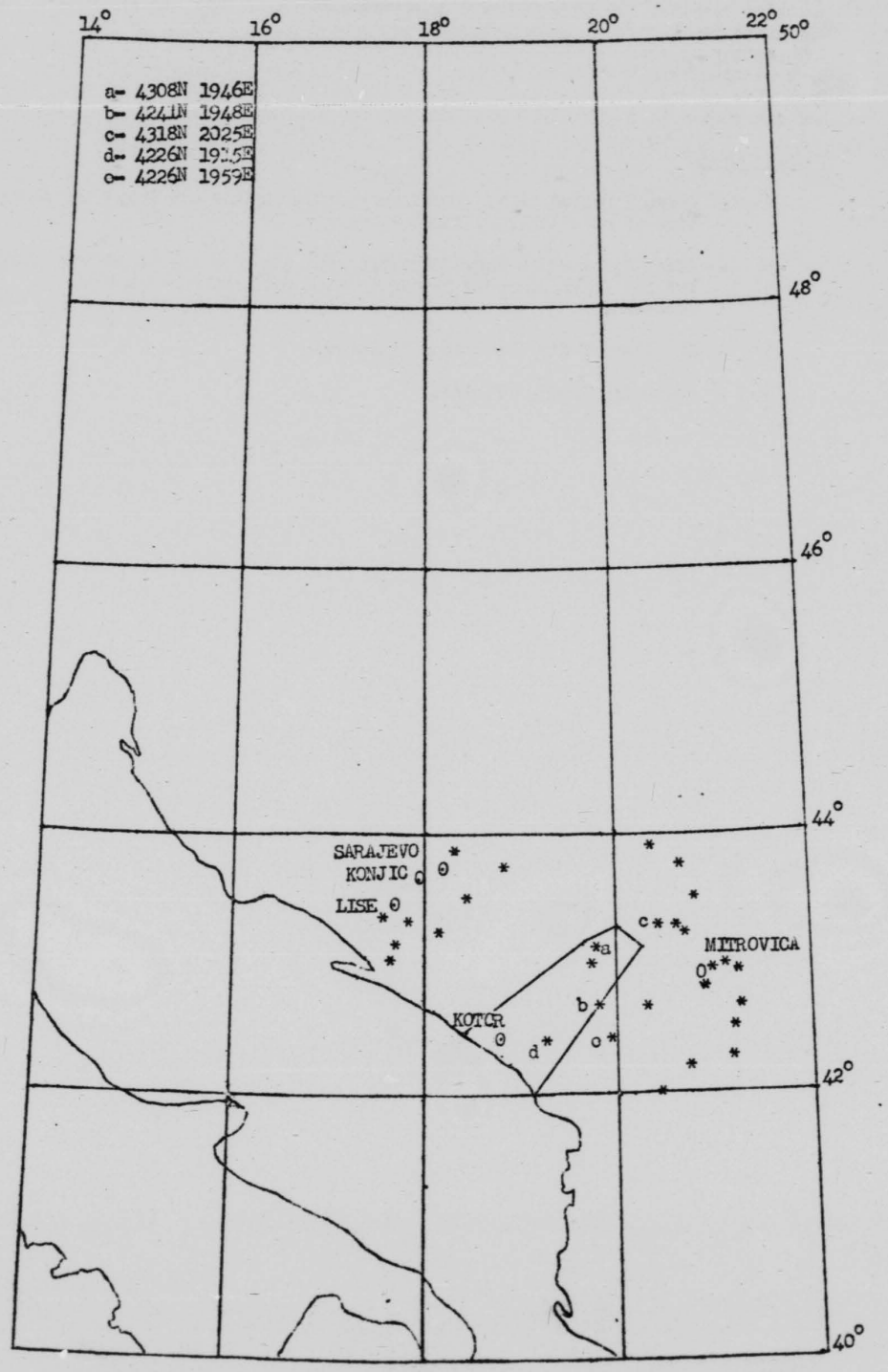
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 123

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 16 NOV. 1944
"BLUE FORCE"- PLAN "C"

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X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

F - Emergency landing fields.

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PLAYABLE RED FORCE

MISSION NO 265 16 NOVEMBER 1944

TARGET: Munich West M/Y Ref: TC 13-5-NA BAP: I/H-21
ALTERNATES: Innsbruck M/Y TC 14-14-NA
Rosenheim M/Y TC 13-112-NA
Salzburg M/Y TC 13-13-NA

OTHER WINGS:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5th Wing | Munich West M/Y | 1130 hrs |
| 49th Wing | " | 1205 " |
| 55th Wing | " | 1213 " |
| 304th Wing | " | 1145 " |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Recent attacks have inflicted very little damage on these yards, which are now considered one of the highest priority rail targets in our territory. With about five miles of target area, destruction of this bottleneck can create difficult problems for the German armed forces.

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX SQDN FORMATION: A 515
B 512
C 513
D 514

GROUP LEADING: 450th leads 449th, 376th, 98th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Ancona (4337N 1330E) to Caorle (4536N 1253E) to S. Giorgio (4602N 1252E) to Masseria (4656N 1116E) to I.P.

I.P.: Unt (4737N 1101E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 31°

ROUTE BACK: Target to Ubersee (4749N 1229E) to S. Giorgio then reciprocal of route out.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Escort to be provided on penetration, over target and on withdrawel.

FLAK: At Target; 284 heavy guns.
Alternates; Innsbruck - 53, Rosenhein - 6, Salzburg - 37

FIGHTERS: Enemy capabilities in the Nurnburg area are considered to be substantially reduced and in view of the prospective weather conditions, neglible or nil opposition against our formations is considered likely.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0600 |
| Trucks | 0645 |
| Take off | 0745 |
| On Course | 0842 |
| Target | 1155 |

FLAK DEFENSES AT TARGET: The defenses will be entered about ten miles from the target. When the formation is 6 miles from the target, about 40 guns will be in range. This number will build up to about 75 over the target. A rally heading of about 120° will carry the formation most rapidly out of the flak area. All guns should be out of range approximately 12 miles past the target. Care should be taken to avoid the defenses at Rosenheim.

~~FLAK BAKER~~

~~449th & 450th attack troop concentrations at Ejanica, Yugoslavia at 376th & 98th stand down~~

SAFE AREAS
South + S.W. Bolzano and Yugoslavia
NORTH OF UDINE

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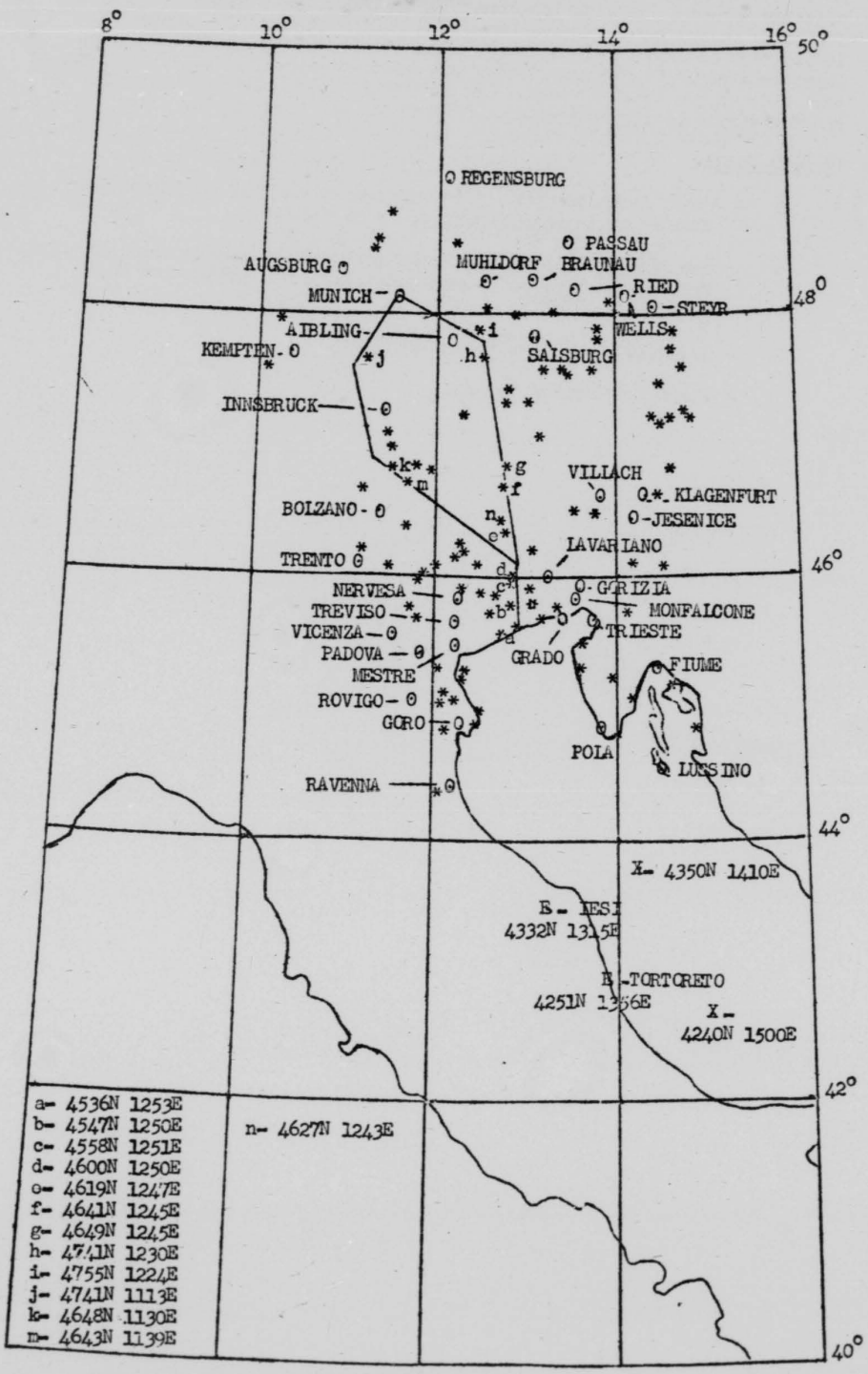
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 121

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 16 NOV. 1944
"RED FORCE"

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Symbols used:

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X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

F - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO. 372 15 November 1944

PLAN "A"

TARGET: Munich West M/Y
Alternates: Innsbruck M/Y
Rosenheim M/Y
Kufstein M/Y

Ref: TC 13-5-NA BAP: I/H-21
TC 14-13-NA
TC 13-112-NA.
TC 13-111-NA.

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Munich West M/Y | 1200 |
| 40th: | Munich West M/Y | 1235 |
| 55th: | Munich West M/Y | 1245 |
| 304th: | Munich West M/Y | 1215 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Recent attacks have inflicted very little damage on these yards, which are now considered one of the highest priority rail targets in our territory. With about 5 miles of target area, destruction of this bottleneck can create difficult problems for the Germans.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET:

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX (1.1.01) SQDN FORMATION: A 514
B 513
C 515
D 512

GROUP LEADING: 450th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Caorle (4536N 1253E) to S. Giorgio (4602N 1252E) to Masseria (4656N 1116E) to IP.

I.P.: Unt. Ammergau (4737N 1101E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 31°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,500'

RALLY: Right.

ROUTE BACK: target to Ubersee (4749N 1229E) to S. Giorgio then reciprocal of route out to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Escort to be provided on penetration, target and withdrawal.

FLAK: At target: 284 heavy guns
Alternates: Innsbruck - 53 ; Rosenheim - 6 ; Kufstein - no reports available

FIGHTERS: Enemy s/e fighter capabilities in the Nuremberg area are considered to be substantially reduced and in view of the prospective weather conditions, negligible or nil opposition against our formations is considered likely.

| TIME SUMMARY: | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0615 |
| Trucks | 0700 |
| Take off | 0800 |
| On course | 0902 |
| Target | 1225 |

FLAK DEFENSES AT TARGET: The defenses will be entered about 10 miles from the target. When the formation is 6 miles from the target, about 40 guns will be in range. This number will build up to about 75 over the target. A rally heading of about 120° will carry the formation most rapidly out of the densest flak area. All guns should be out of range approximately 12 miles past the target. Care should be taken to avoid the defense at Rosenheim.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
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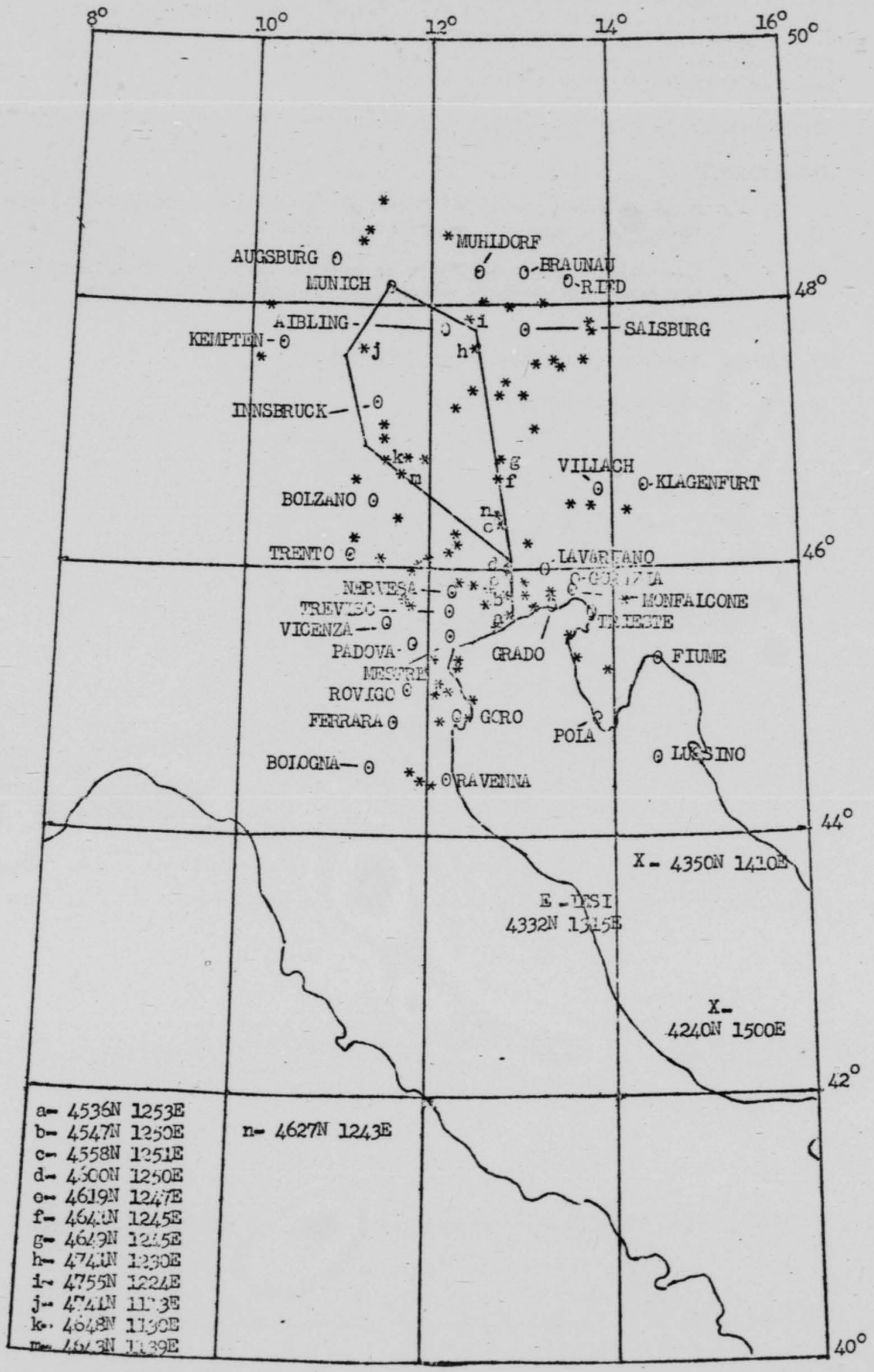


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* - Location at which crews have reported experiencing or seeing flak, but for which no photo reconnaissance confirmation has been received.

X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

E - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO. 372 DATE 13 November 1944

TARGET: Vienna Locomotivfabriks
ALTERN: Kapfenburg 14-22-NA
Graz Main M/Y 14-51-NA
Maribor South M/Y 14-41-NA
8-107-NA

| OTHER WINGS: | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Blechhammer South Oil Refinery | Optional |
| 49th | Vienna/Osterreichische Automobile Works | 1232 |
| 55th | Vienna/Florisdorf Oil Refinery | 1222 |
| 304th | Vienna/Florisdorf M/Y | 1240 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Industrial and oil targets in Germany and Austria will be attacked by the Fifteenth Air Force under this plan. The Blechhammer South Oil Refy., being attacked by the 5th Wing, is the number one priority target in the entire European theatre. The targets of all other wings lie within a highly industrialized 5,000 foot circle in the Vienna suburb of Florisdorf. Recent reports from ground sources confirm the military importance of these targets.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The Vienna Locomotive Works is part of the firm of Henschel & Son, Germany's leading locomotive manufacturers. The destruction of this plant will be a serious blow to Germany's badly overworked and under equipped rail transport system.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX SQDN.FORM. A Box 514 B Box 513 C Box 515 D Box 512

WING FORMATION: 450th, 449th, 376th, 98th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Vis (4303N-1612E) to Ora Hovo (4512N-1702E) to Csorna (4737N-1714E) to Trnava (4822N-1735E) to I.P.

I.P. - Hasprunka (4832N-1708E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 241 degrees.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Kallendorf (4847N-1604E) to Horn (4840N-1540E) to Mariazell (4747N-1519E) to Bjelovar (4554N-1651E) to Vis to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighter Command will provide close escort on penetration, withdrawal and over the target.

FLAK AT TARGET: The defenses will be entered about 7 miles from the target; 5 miles from the target 60 guns will be in range, building up to 100 guns at the target. A heading of greater than 245 degrees will bring the formation in range of an additional 18 guns. On rally, a heading less than 310 degrees would cross the Tulln defenses.
FLAK AT ALTERNATES: Kapfenburg 29 guns with 19 more just to the West at Leoben. Graz - 46 guns. Maribor - 26 guns.

FIGHTERS: At the target it is estimated that the enemy can put up from 60 to 75 fighters. Graz - 5. Zeltweg - 12. Lake Balaton Area - 76.

ESCAPE INFORMATION: A. Areas North of Zagreb are dangerous.
B. Present information shows that areas West and South of Bihac are safe. Coastal areas are also a good choice.
C. Avoid the towns of Bihac and Knin.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0700
Trucks 0745
Take off 0845
On course 0946
Target 1250

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MISSION NO. 372 14 November 1944

TARGET: Vienna South East Goods Depot 14-23-NA
Alternates: Kapfenburg 14-51-NA
Graz Main M/Y 14-41-NA
Maribor South M/Y 8-107-NA

OTHER WINGS:

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|---|---|---|
| 5th Wing : | Vienna Floridsdorf Oil Refinery | 1145 hours. |
| 49th Wing : | Vienna South East Goods Depot | 1205 |
| 55th Wing : | Vienna " " " " | 1155 |
| 304th Wing : | Vienna Florisdorf M/Y | 1200 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: 47th, 49th and 55th Wings will attack the South East Depot. The aiming points in Vienna have been changed due to fact that higher priority is now being given to communications targets than to A.F.V. and Ordnance targets.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Photo cover of 6 Nov. shows 800 goods wagons and approximately 50 flat cars, probably loaded with A.F.V., present.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. SQDN FORMATION: 1st Box - 514 3rd - 515
2nd Box - 513 4th - 512

WING FORMATION: 450th, 449th, 376th, 98th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Kaprije (4342N 1543E) to Otoka (4458N 1611E) to Sredisce (4634N 1617E) to I.P. - Tip of Lake Neusiedler (4740N 1643E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 335° BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,500'

TURN OFF AND ROUTE BACK: Sharp left to Joachimsberg (4752N 1519E) to Sredisce - then reciprocal of route out to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort on penetration, target and withdrawal.

FLAK: At target: Defenses will be entered about 15 miles from tgt. When formation is 10 miles from tgt, approximately 70 guns will be in range. This number builds up to about 80 over tgt. Formation should be out of range about 11 miles beyond tgt.
Alternates: Kapfenburg - 29 guns; Graz - 46 guns; Maribor - 26 guns.

FIGHTERS: Enemy capabilities in tgt. area - 60-75 sorties.
Graz - 5; Zeltweg - 12; Lake Balaton area - 76.

ESCAPE INFORMATION: A. Areas North of Zagreb are dangerous.
B. Present information shows that area West and South of Bihac are safe. Coastal areas are also good choice.
C. Avoid towns of Bihac and Knin.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0630 |
| Trucks | 0715 |
| Take Off | 0815 |
| On course | 0921 |
| Target | 1145 |

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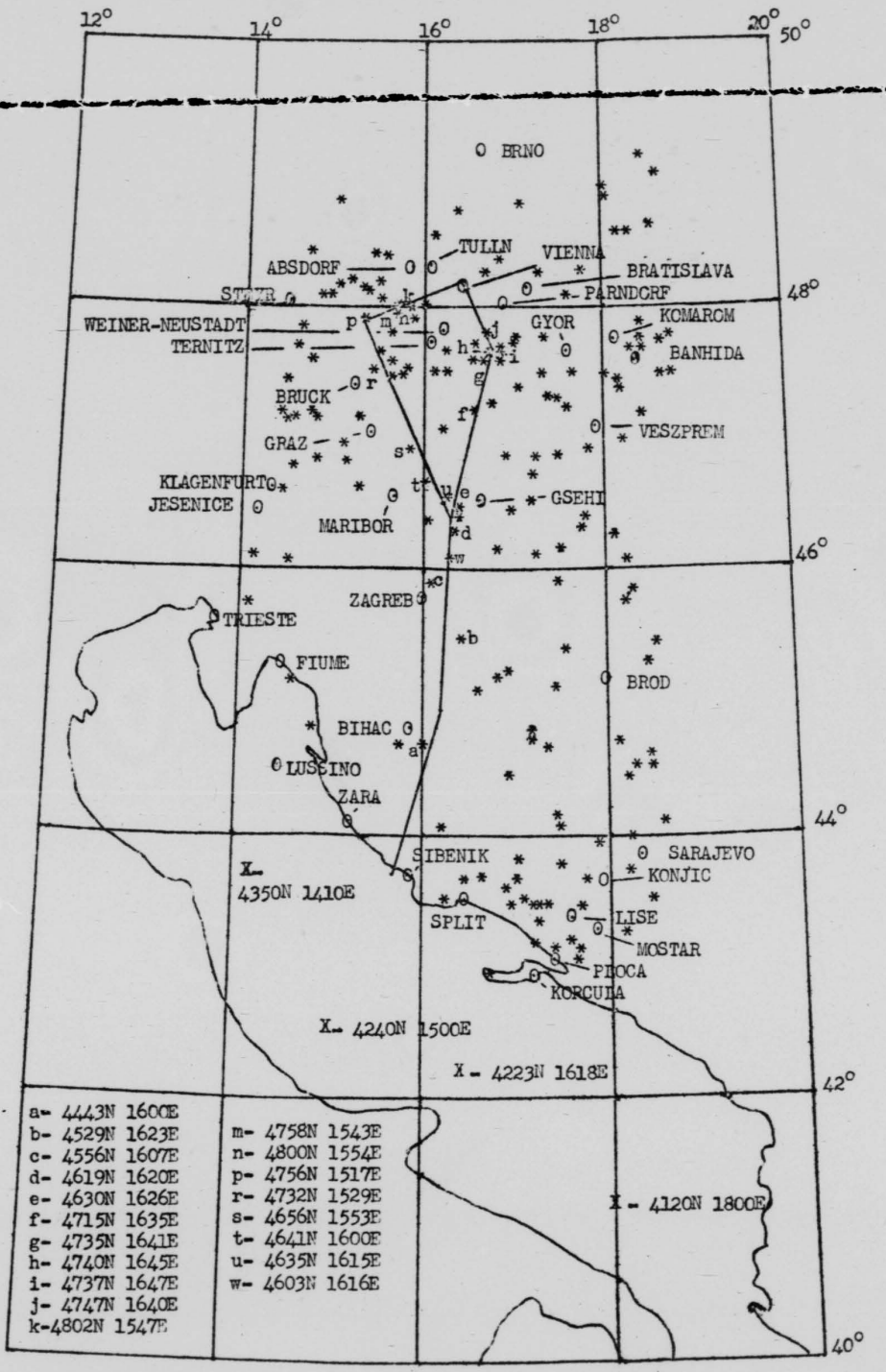
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 118

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 14 NOV. 1944

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PLAN "BE"

MISSION NO 369 — 12 NOVEMBER 1944

TARGET: Adigi/Mezzocorona RR Bridge (4611N 1107E) MBC 4-25 BAF; Center of Br
Alternates: Casarsa RR Bridge MP 4-38
Latisana RR Bridge TC 4-110-NA
Pinsano South RR Bridge MP 4-37

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Blechhammer South Oil Refinery | 1230 hrs. |
| 49th: | " | 1250 " |
| 55th: | " | 1258 " |
| 304th: | " | 1308 " |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Furthering the destruction of enemy supply lines in Northern Italy while at the same time the other Wings of the Air Force attack Blechhammer South Oil Refinery, one of the largest producers yet in operation.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Damage to, or destruction will mean temporary delay in movement of supplies to German army in Italy. Destruction of Several bridges make repairs more difficult and would involve a greater length of time and therefore cut down supplies to the enemy forces in Italy.

NO OF PLANES: 31 BOMB LOAD: 1000 .1N .01 TD SQ. FORMATION: A - 513
B - 514
C - 515
D - (512
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47th Wing Formation: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Vis (4308N 1611E) to 4450N 1320E to S. Giorgi (4539N 1247E) to Pordenone (4557N 1239E) to Longarone (4616N 1218E) to I.P.

I.P.: Predaz (4618N 1136E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 253°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 22,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Right then Left around South of Trento Flak

Route Back: Target toMori (4552N 1059E) to 4607N 1220E to Pordenone (4557N 1239E) to S. Giorgi (4539N 1237E) to 4350N 1340E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: None

FLAK: At target - None reported
At alternates - None reported

FIGHTERS: Trento 2, Udine area 52, Treviso 3, Vicenza 5, Verona 13. MAYBE

ESCAPE: Refer to Escape Intelligence Bulletin No 3, dated 8 Nov 44.

| Time Summary: | |
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| Briefing | 0645 |
| Trucks | 0715 |
| Take Off | 0815 |
| On Course | 0915 |
| Target | 1220 |

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PLAN "BAKER"
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Same as Plan "Able" except for follwong time changes;

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| Briefing | 0600 |
| Trucks | 0635 |
| Take Off | 0735 |
| On Course | 0835 |
| Target | 1147 |

OTHER WING EFFORTS:
Same as Red Force operation of November 11th.

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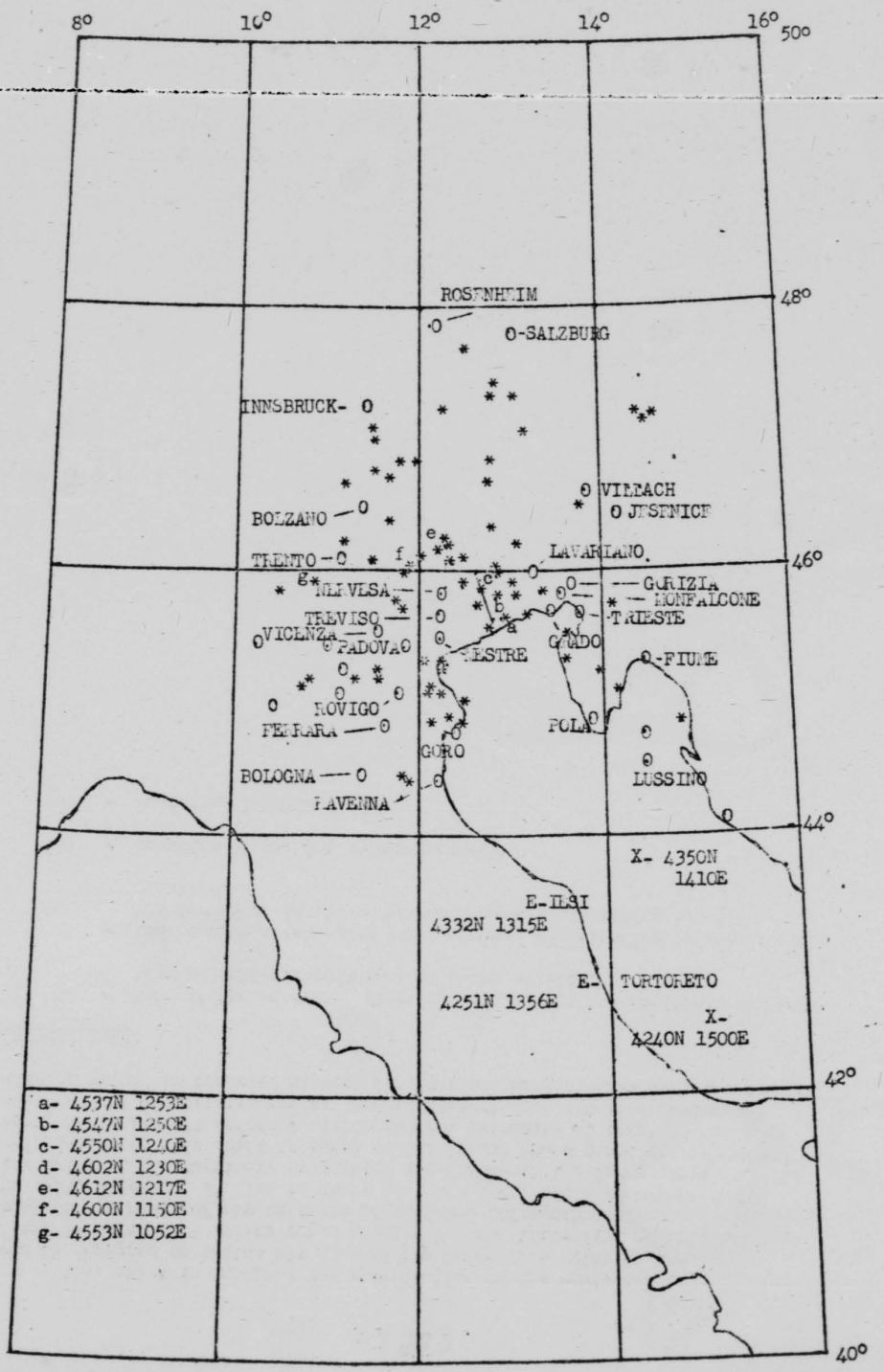
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 115

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 11 NOV. 1944

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Symbols used:

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* - Location at which crews have reported experiencing or seeing flak, but for which no photo reconnaissance confirmation has been received.

X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

F - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO. 268 10 Novembx 1944

TARGET: Innsbruck M/Y (1910') REF: 14-13-NA BAP: K/10-11
Alternates: 1 - Brenner Pass RR line south from Innsbruck to 4635N 4-80-NA
2 - Casarsa RR Bridge (165') 4-110-NA
3 - Latisana RR Bridge ( 21') MP 4-37
4 - Pinzano RR Bridge (617')

OTHER WINGS:
5th Wing : Regensburg M/Y at 1315.
49th Wing : Linz Benzol Plant at 1218.
55th Wing : Regensburg/Winterhafen Oil Storage at 1301.
304th Wing : Linz Benzol Plant at 1208.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: 15th Air Force Plan calls for attacks on high priority oil and communications targets in Southern Germany.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Innsbruck Main M/Y lies on most important supply route from Germany to Italy. Late photo cover shows this yard to be heavily loaded. Destruction of the contents and facilities of this yard will not only deprive the enemy of large quantities of military supplies but will also reduce the line capacity of the installations.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. SQDN FORMATION: 1st Box - 512 3rd - 514
2nd Box - 515 4th - 513

GROUP LEADING: 450th. 376th leads 2nd wave - ready with 98th over San Pan.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Ancona to Montereale (4609N 1240E) to Mittersill (4717N 1229E) to I.P. at Rattenberg (4727N 1153E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 241° BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,000'

TURN OFF & ROUTE BACK: Sharp left to Montereale to Ancona to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort on penetration, target and withdrawal.

FLAK: At target: 53 guns (M to I - A - H experienced on 26 Oct.)
Alternates: Brenner Pass - Railway flak may be encountered. Avoid Bolzano
Casarsa - none reported.
Latisana - none reported.
Pinzano - none reported.

FIGHTERS: Target - none. Southern Munich area - approx. 150.
Udine area - 52.

COMMENTS: Brief on possible escape to Switzerland.

Carpet and Window to be employed as usual.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0530 |
| Trucks | 0610 |
| Take Off | 0710 |
| On course | 0806 |
| Target | 1140 |

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 114

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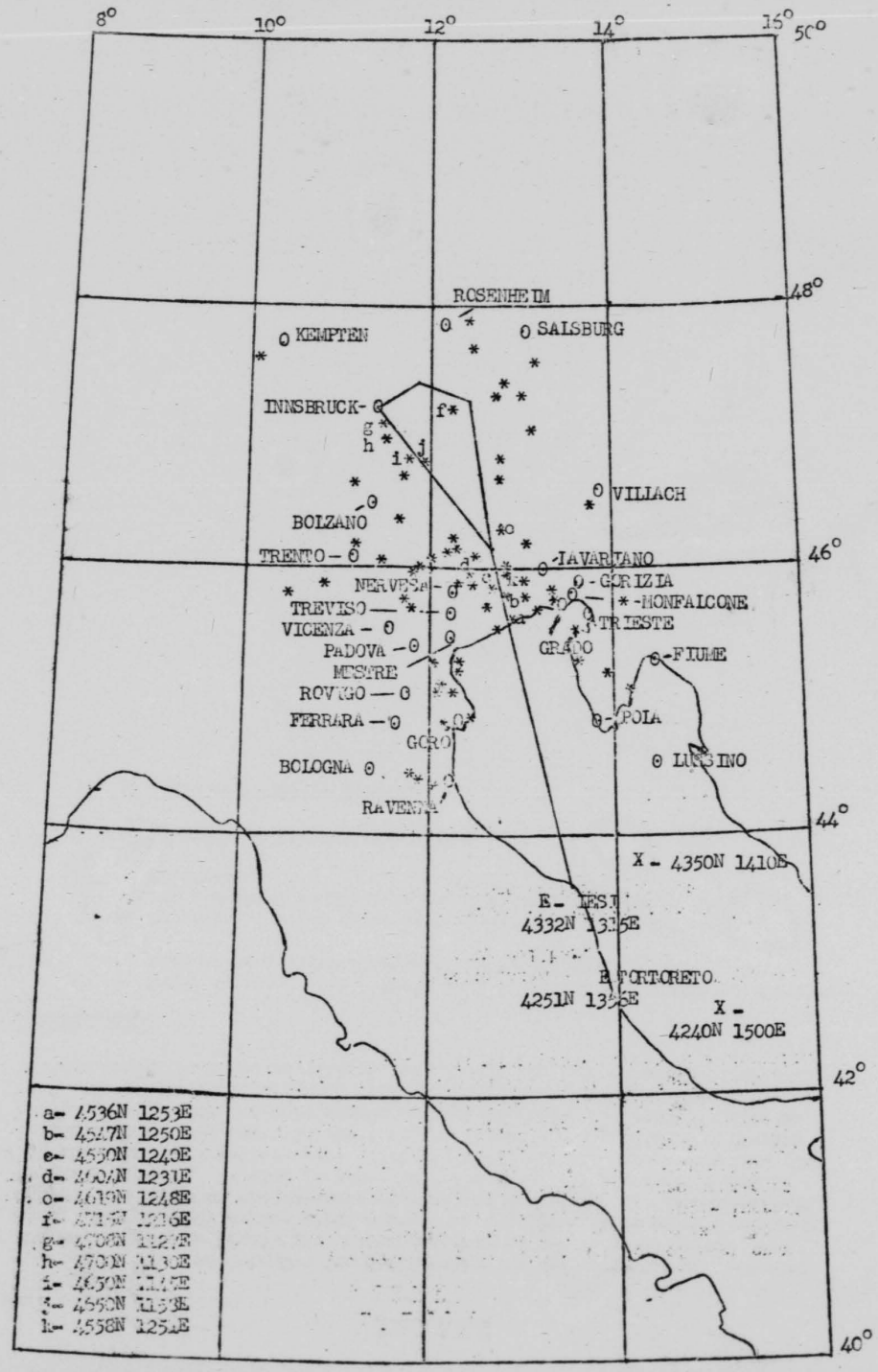


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...ON NO. 368 DATE: 11 Novembe. 1944

TARGET: Adige/Mezzocorona RR Bridge (4611N 1107E) REF: MBC 4-25 MF 4-38 TC 4-140-NA. MF A-37 BAP: Center of bri... ge.
Alternates: Casarsa RR Bridge
Latisana RR Bridge
Pinzano South RR Bridge

| OTHER WINGS: | Target (Blue Force) | Target (Red Force) |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | No blue force | Brux Oil Refinery |
| 49th: | Isarco/Albes RR Bridge | Linz Benzol Plant |
| 55th: | Avisio Viaduct | Linz Goods Depot |
| 304th: | Ora & Mezzocorona RR Bridges | Linz M/Y. |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Furthering the destruction of enemy supply lines in Northern Italy while at the same time Red Force attacks enemy's ever dwindling supplies of oil. Large force is believed to be the only sure way of destroying small railway bridges.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Damage to or destruction of this bridge will mean temporary traffic delay. Destruction of several bridges make it all the harder to repair central bridges and delays transportation longer.

NO. OF PLANES: 42 BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb. SQDN FORMATION: A 512, B 515, C 513, D 514, E 513, F 512

GROUP LEADING: 449th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4410N 1400E to 4510N 1320E to S. Giorgio (4539N 1247E) to Pordenone (4557N 1239E) to Longarone (4616N 1218E) to IP

I.P.: Predoz (4618N 1136E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 253°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 22,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Right then left around Trento flak.

ROUTE BACK: target to Mori (4552N 1059E) to 4607N 1220E to Pordenone to S. Giorgio to 4500N 1250E to 4350N 1340E to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: None.

FLAK: At target: None reported. Casarsa - none reported; Latisana - none reported; Pinzano - no reports available.

FIGHTERS: Target - Trento 2; Udine area 52; Treviso 3; Vicenza 5; Verona 13;

ESCAPE: Refer to Escape Intelligence Bulletin No. 3, dated 8 Nov 44.

| TIME SUMMARY: | |
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| Briefing | 0445 |
| Trucks | 0530 |
| Take off | 0630 |
| On course | 0733 |
| Target | 1102 |

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MISSION NO 259 28 OCTOBER 1944

ET: Munich West M/Y 13-101-NA BAP: 0-5/6
ONDARY: Munich by PFF
LTERNATES: Innsbruck ~~xxx~~ Hall Ordnance Depot 13-111-NA
Kufstein M/Y 11-13-NA

OTHER WINGS:

5th Wing - Brux Synthetic Oil Refinery at 1155 hrs.
304th Wing - Pilsen Skoda Armament Works at 1220 hrs.
49th Wing - Regensburg/Winterhafen Oil Storage at 1220 hrs.
55th Wing - Pilsen Skoda Armament Works at 1210 hrs.

47TH WING FORMATION: 450th, 376th, 449th, 98th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: 15th Air Force is attacking four targets of the highest priority. Two Wings are attacking Oil ~~facilities~~ targets, the Regensburg Oil storage being the most important German oil transshipping facilities on the Danube while the Brux Oil plant still rates high to the enemy as it is one of the few remaining plants in operation. The Skoda Wks are one of the largest armament producers.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The Munich West M/Y carries a large percentage of military traffic and both the destruction of rolling stock and transshipment facilities will give the enemy a telling blow as it hampers his supply lines to both the Westerrn and Eastern fronts.

NO OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: (500 RDX .1N .01 & .025T
(M-17 Incendiary Clusters

SQUADRON FORMATION:

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| A Box | 515 | D Box | 513 |
| B Box | 512 | E Box | 512 |
| C Box | 514 | F Box | 515 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Caorle (4536N 1253E) to Montereale (4610N 1240E) to Wind-Matrei (4700N 1232E) to I.P.

I.P.: DUMMHAUSEN (4714N 1119E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 21°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp right

ROUTE BACK: Target to Wind-Matrei (4700N 1232E) then reciprocal of route out

FIGHTER ESCORT: No escort

FLAK: Munich 24 guns, Innsbruck 55, Kufstein - no reports available

FIGHTERS: 394 in Munich area, None reported at alternates.
Enroute - 81 in the Udine area.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0545 |
| Trucks | 0630 |
| Take Off | 0730 |
| On Course | 0834 |
| Target | 1155 |

Note: Illustration of Swiss Service A/C marking (Weekly Intelligence Summary No 10) shall be displayed and gunners shall be briefed on it

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
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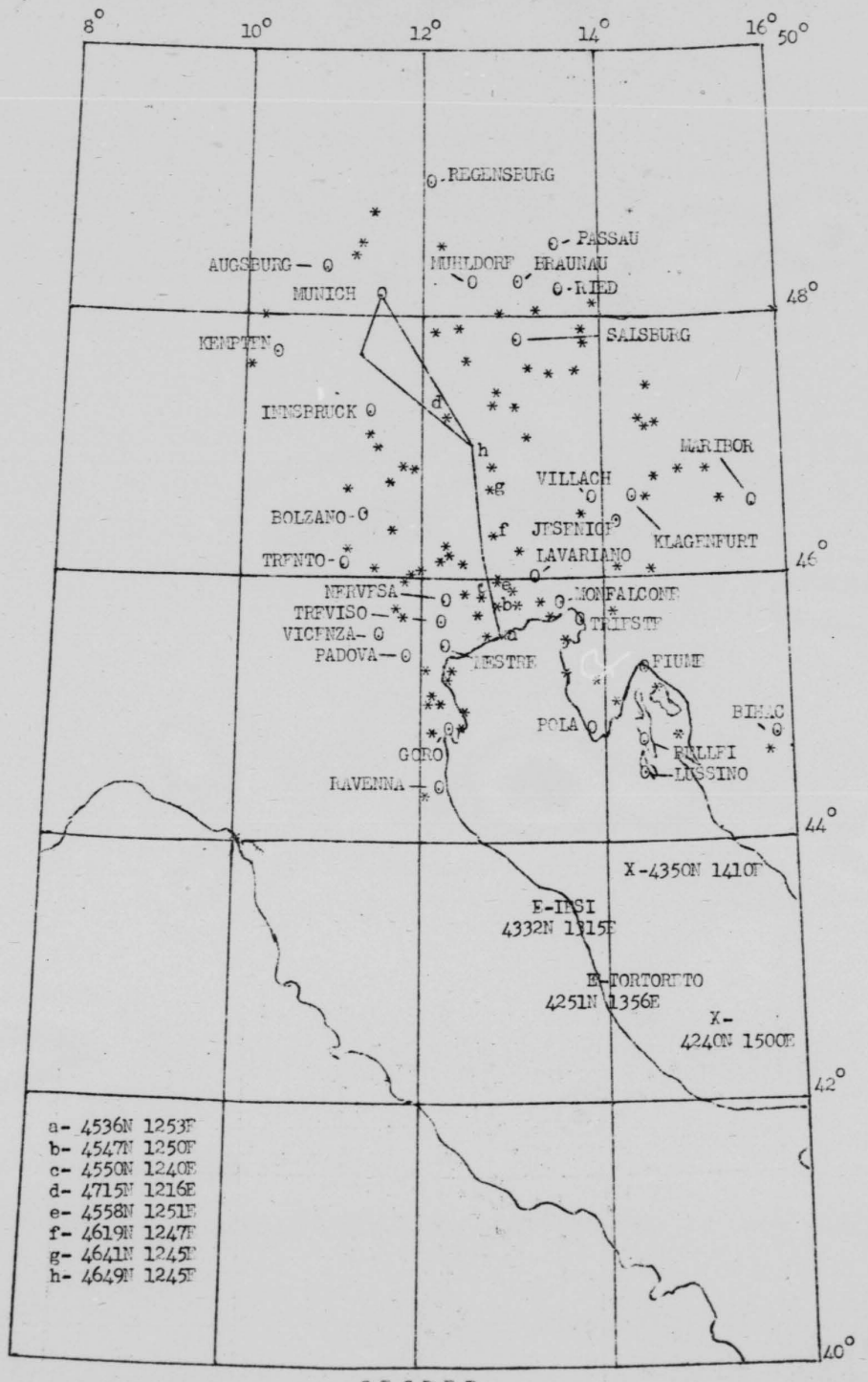
PLAN "A" MISSION OF 28 OCT. 1944

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X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

E - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO. 259 — 29 October 1944.

| | | REFERENCE |
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| TARGET: | Munich West M/Y | 13-5-NA |
| ALTERNATES: | Innsbruck/Hall Ordnance Depot | MP 14-49 |
| | Kufstein M/Y | 13-111-NA |

OTHER WINGS: 5th Wing - Munich West M/Y Goods Sidings at 1212 hours.
304th Wing - Munich West M/Y Loco Shops at 1222 hours.
49th Wing - Regensburg/Winterhafen Oil Storage at 1200 hours.
55th Wing - Augsburg M.A.N. Works at 1219 hours.
WING FORMATION: 450th - 376th - 449th - 98th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The 47th, 5th and 304th Wings are attacking the Munich West M/Y which, because of its size and importance warrants this concentration of effort. The entire M/Y complex will be covered. The Regensburg/Winterhafen oil storage fiacilities, being attacked by the 49th Wing, represent the most important German transshipping facilities on the Danube River. The 55th Wing is attacking the Augsburg M.A.N. works. This plant is recovering from the attack of last summer and is regaining its high priority status as operations get under way.

IMPORTA NCE OF TARGET: The 47th Wing 's target, the Munich West M/Y, is a bottleneck in important military traffic. Ground sources indicate there is a high percentage of military traffic in the yards and goods sidings. Since considerable transshipment takes place in this yard is is essential to destroy not only military equipment, but railroad operating facilities such as switches, signal towers and loading ramps as well. Roumanian experience has proved that concentrated attacks on marshalling yards reduce line capacity for a considerable period of time.

NO. OF PLANES. ~~36~~ 59 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX (.1N - .01 & .025 TD)
M-17 Incendiary Clusters.

SQUADRON FORMATION: A Box 515 C Box 514 E Box 512
B Box 512 D Box 513 F Box 515

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to (4536N-1253E) to (4610N-1240E) to (4700N-1232E) to I.P.

I.P. - DURRNHAUSEN (4744N-1119E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 21 degrees.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500' TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to (4700N-1232E) then reciprocal of ROUTE OUT.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close fighter escort will be provided. (Twin Engine)

FLAK: Flak defenses will be entered about 11 miles from the target. After 5 miles 64 guns will be in range building up to 96 guns at the target and should be out of flak about 11 miles from target.
FLAK AT ALTERNATES: Innsbruck - 55 guns. Kufstein - no reports available.

FIGHTERS: 394 reported in Munich area; none reported at alternates.
ENROUTE: - 81 in Udine area.

ESCAPE: Brief on escape into Switzerland South of Lake Constance reminding gunners of cautions suggested by Major Maskolyne who lectured yesterday.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0630 |
| Trucks | 0710 |
| Take off | 0810 |
| On course | 0856 |
| Target | 1212 |

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MISSION NO. 349 30 October 1944

TARGET: Steyr/Walzlager Works REF: 4-102A-NA
Alternates: 1 - Kapfenburg M/Y 14-51-NA (Bruck)
2 - Graz Ordnance Depot 14-41-NA
Last Resort - German Troop Concentrations in Mitrovica (4254N 2053E)

| OTHER WINGS: | Red Force | Blue Force |
|---|---|---|
| 5th Wing : | 6 Groups - Hrux Oil Ref. at 1130. | None |
| 49th Wing : | 3 Gps - Kralupy Oil Ref. at 1143 | 3 Gps - Linz/H. Goering Works at 1157 |
| 55th Wing : | 4 Gps - Prague C.K.D.Plant at 1130 | 4 Gps - Linz " " at 1205 |
| 304th Wing : | 4 Gps - Klosterle & Purstein Ball Bearing Works at 1145 | 4 Gps - Linz Ordnance Depot at 1149 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Air Force, employing two task forces, sending an all-out attack against oil and A.F.V. targets in Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The Steyr/Walzlagerwerk were originally concerned with the assembly and manufacture of ball bearings. So great is the strain on the German Armored Force Vehicle production, however, that this plant has been converted to the assembly of tanks and possibly other A.F.V. - Photo cover of 5 Sept. showed many tanks around buildings.

NO. OF PLANES: 42 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. SQDN FORMATION: 1st Box - 512 4th - 513
2nd Box - 515 5th - 512
3rd Box - 514 6th - 514

GROUP LEADING: 98th. - 376th leads 2nd wave.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Sansego(4431N 1419E) to 4507N 1417E to Millstatter Lake (4647N 1337E to I.P. - Windischgarsten (4743N 1420E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 15° BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,000' TURN OFF TGT: Right

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Pols (4713N 1435E) to Vinjerac (4416N 1528E) to 4342N 1531E to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No escort for 47th Wing

FLAK: At target - 87 guns.
Alternates: Kapfenburg - 31 guns; Graz - 40 guns; Mitrovica - no reports available (SIH experienced on 8 Sept.)

FIGHTERS: Target area - 74; Graz-Klagenfurt area - 12; Udine area - 81.

COMMENTS: In the event of recall, the 47th Wing will proceed to attack Mitrovica. No bombs will be dropped or jettisoned at any other points in Yugoslavia or Albania.

| TIME SUMMARY: | |
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| Briefing | 0600 |
| Trucks | 0645 |
| Take Off | 0745 |
| On course | 0842 |
| Target | 1130 |

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MISSION NO. 360 PLAN ABLE DATE 1 NOVEMBER 1944

TARGET: Vienna South Goods Sidings Ref: 14-23-NA
ALTERNATES: Graz M/Y 14-41-NA
Graz/Wetzeldorf Ordnance Depot 14-41-NA
Kapfenberg Tank Factory 14-51-NA (Bruck)

| OTHER WINGS: | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Vienna South Ordnance Depot | 1230 |
| 49th | Vienna South Ordnance Depot | 1256 |
| 55th | Vienna/Saurerwerke | 1304 |
| 304th | Vienna/Schonbrun Ordnance Depot | 1314 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Vienna has a high value in the present German war effort because of its armament and ordnance works, repair facilities for A/C & M/T, and many factories engaged in the production of general military supplies. Thru Vienna's marshalling yards passes practically all rail traffic between Hungary and Germany, supplies and reinforcements for the Italian front and much of the materials and A/C parts moving to and from the Vienna A/C complex.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The latest cover available (7 Oct.) shows the Vienna South M/Y to be very active. On that date the yards contained approximately 700 goods wagons.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX SQDN FORM. A Box 512 C Box 514
B Box 515 D Box 513

WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 450th, 449th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4400N-1350E to Udic (4438N-1415E) to Ljutomer (4631N-1611E) to Langenwang (4733N-1536E) to I.P.

I.P. - Hohenberg (4755N-1537E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 65° BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Left, then right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Modra (4820N-1719E) to Fel Bar (4757N-1728E) to Czolldomolk (4716N-1709E) to Ljutomer (4631N-1611E) then reciprocal of ROUTE OUT.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighter Command will provide chaff dispensing A/C for lead of 47th & 5th Wings, and escort for all wings on penetration, withdrawal and over target.

FLAK AT TARGET: 327 guns. The defenses will be entered about 9 miles from the target. 6 miles later there will be about 50 guns in range, building up to about 75 guns over the target. If the heading is less than 55 degrees or greater than 65 degrees, an additional 12 or 14 guns can reach the formation. If the heading from the target exceeds 60 degrees, a group of 24 guns to the south will be in range. The formation should be clear of flak approximately 14 miles past the target.

FLAK AT ALTERNATES: Graz - M/Y 46 guns. Kapfenburg - 31 guns with 21 more just to the West at Leoben.

FIGHTERS: The enemy is capable of putting up approximately 125 sorties in the Vienna area.
Graz area - 11. Budapest area - 73. Lake Balaton area - 76.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0700
Trucks 0745
Take off 0845
On course 0936
Target 1246

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MISSION NO. 360 2 November 1944

TGET: Vienna Florisdorf Oil Refinery REF: 14-22-NA
Alternates: Kapfenburg Steel Works 14-15-NA
Graz M/Y 14-41-NA
Gyor M/Y 12-8A-NA

OTHER WINGS: 5th, 49th, 55th and 304th Wings all attacking Blechhammer South Oil Refinery at 1200-1234 hours.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Air Force again attacks top priority oil targets. Critical oil position of the enemy puts even the smaller refineries at the top of priority list.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Florisdorf was the largest crude oil installation plant in Austria and even though severely damaged by 15th Air Force attacks in July and Oct., current production is estimated at 6000 tons.

NO. OF PLANES: 40 BOMB LOAD: 500lb. SQDN FORMATION: 1st Box - 512 3rd - 514 5th -515
2nd - 515 4th - 513 6th 6512

GROUP LEADING: 376th - rendy with 98th over base at 0924.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Stafilic (4333N 1621E) to Budimlic Japra (4453N 1627E) to Durdevac (4603N 1704E) to Czelldomolk ( 4716N 1709E) to Joka ( 4808N 1730E) to Lundenberg (4846N 1653E) to Leipertitz (4853N 1623E) to the I.P. - Guntersdorf (4839N1603E

AXIS OF ATTACK: 148° BOMBING ALT: 23,500' TURN OFF TGT: Sharp Left

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. Gajary (4828N 1655E) to Joka then reciprocal of route out to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort.

FLAK: AT TARGET: Defenses will be entered about 9 miles from tgt. Five miles farther along there will be about 60 guns in range. This builds up to just over 100 for about a mile just before the target is reached and drops to 96 guns that cover the target itself.
Alternates: Kapfenburg - 31 guns; Graz - 46 guns; Gyor - 12 guns.

FIGHTERS: Enemy is capable of approx. 125 sorties in the Vienna area.
Graz area - 11; Lake Balaton area - 76.

COMMENTS: Carpet and window will be employed as usual.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0645 |
| Trucks | 0730 |
| Take Off | 0830 |
| On course | 0924 |
| Target | 1238 |

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 102

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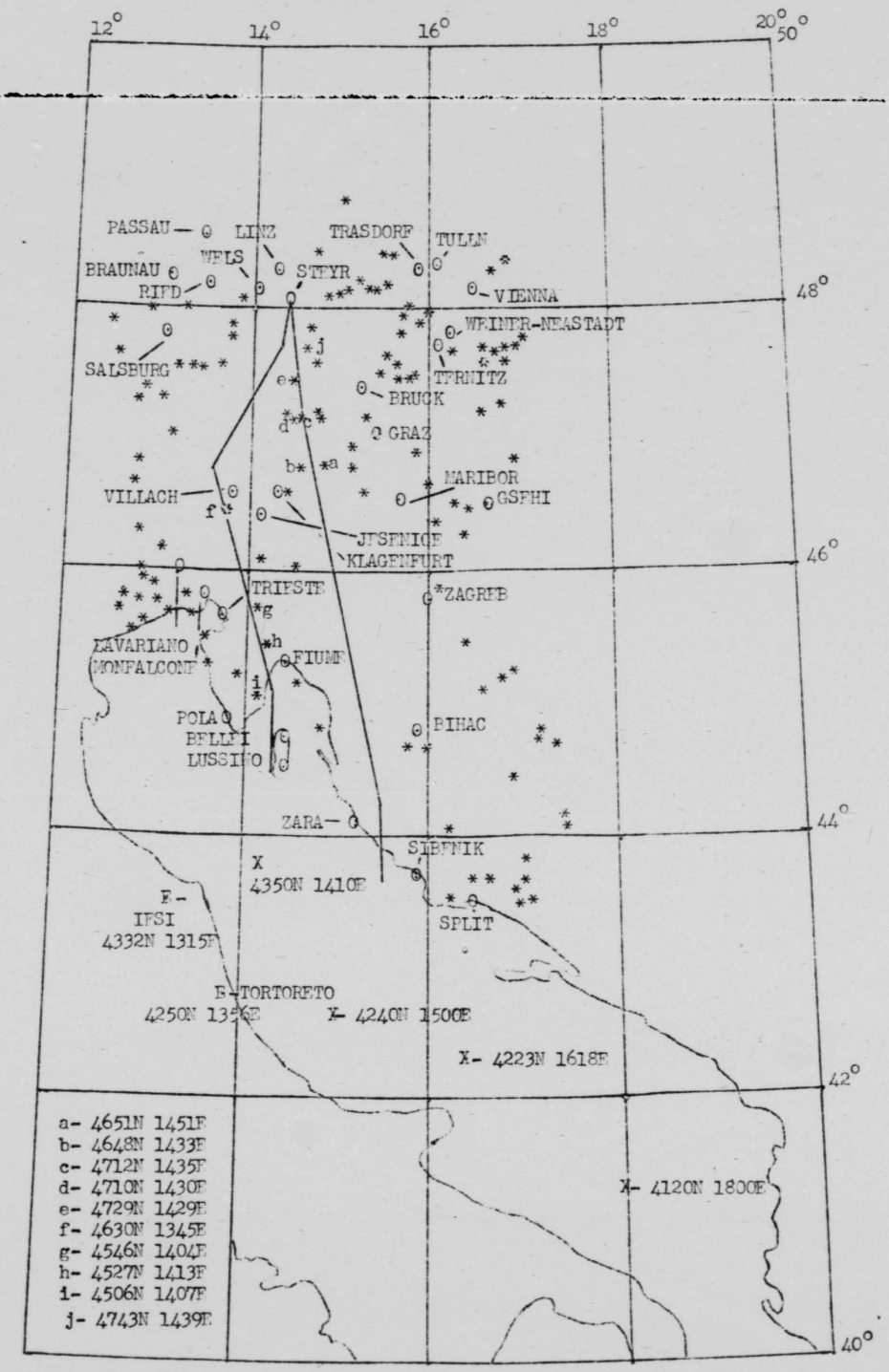


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X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

F - Emergency landing fields.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 104

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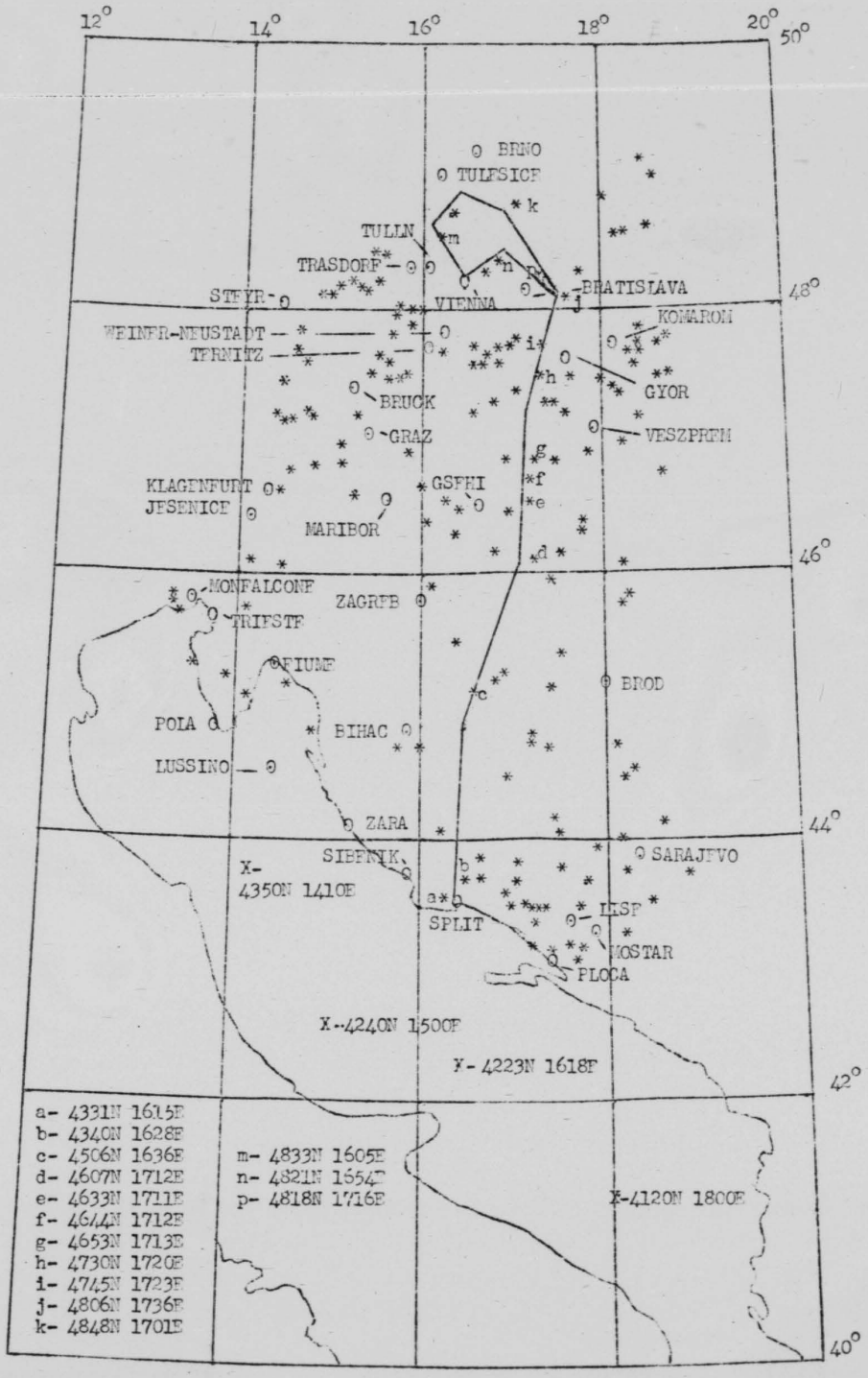


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MISSION NO 361 — 4 November 1944

TARGET: Munich West M/Y — TC 13-5-NA — MAP: LJ-15
ALTERNATES: Erding A/D Installations — TC 13-37-NA
Rosenheim M/Y — TC 13-112-NA

OTHER WINGS:
5th Wing - Regensburg/Winterhafen Oil Storage at 1200 hrs.
49th Wing - Augsburg M/Y at 1217 hrs.
55th Wing - Linz Benzol Plant at 1157 hrs.
304th Wing - Linz Main M/Y at 1207 hrs

47TH WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 450th, 449th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Fifteenth Air Force is concentrating its attack on communication lines which according to a new directive has been assigned a higher priority. 47th Wing has been assigned the Munich M/Y 49th and 304th Wing will attack the Augsburg and Linz M/Y's, all of which are located on the Munich-Linz- Vienna-Budapest M/R Line which is the most important line of communication on the whole southeastern front. The Oil targets being hit by 5th and 55th Wings are the only oil targets suitable for PFF bombing.
INFO
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The Munich West M/Y carries a large percentage of military traffic and both the destruction of rolling stock and transshipment facilities will seriously hamper the enemy operations on all fronts.

NO OF PLANES: 40 — BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. fused .1 N .01 T and 2 bomb s per a/c with 6 to 36 hr fuses. 3 bombs will carry M-17 incendiaries

SQUADRON FORMATION:

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| A Box 512 | D Box 513 |
| B Box 515 | E Box 515 |
| C Box 514 | F Box 512 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Ancona (4337N 1331E) to 4420N 1240E to Monterealo (4610N 1240E) to Schwaz (4732N 1142E) to Wallgam (4731N 1117E) to I.P.

I.P. Uffing (4713N 1109E) — AXIS OF ATTACK: 30°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Target to Eberberg (4805N 1158E) to Monterealo ( 4610N 1240E) to reciprocal of route out.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide close escort and 3 A/C will dispense window ahead of lead group of 47th Wing.

FLAK: Munich 274 guns. The defenses will be entered about 10 miles from the target. Four miles later, there will be approx. 48 guns within range. This number builds up to about 85 guns covering the target. Some of these are so far north that they can barely reach the target, so if turn onto rally heading is started as soon as bombs are dropped, and the target is not crossed , some of these guns may be avoided. The attack heading should not exceed 30° or an extra 30 guns may be encountered.
Erding: No reports available.
Rosenheim: No reports available. On 20/10/44 55th Wing experienced no flak.

FIGHTERS: Munich area 365.
Alternates-none reported
Enroute; Udine area 61

COMMENTS: All a/c will carry window

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0600 |
| Trucks | 0700 |
| Take Off | |
| On Course | 0802 |
| Target | 1142 |

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 106

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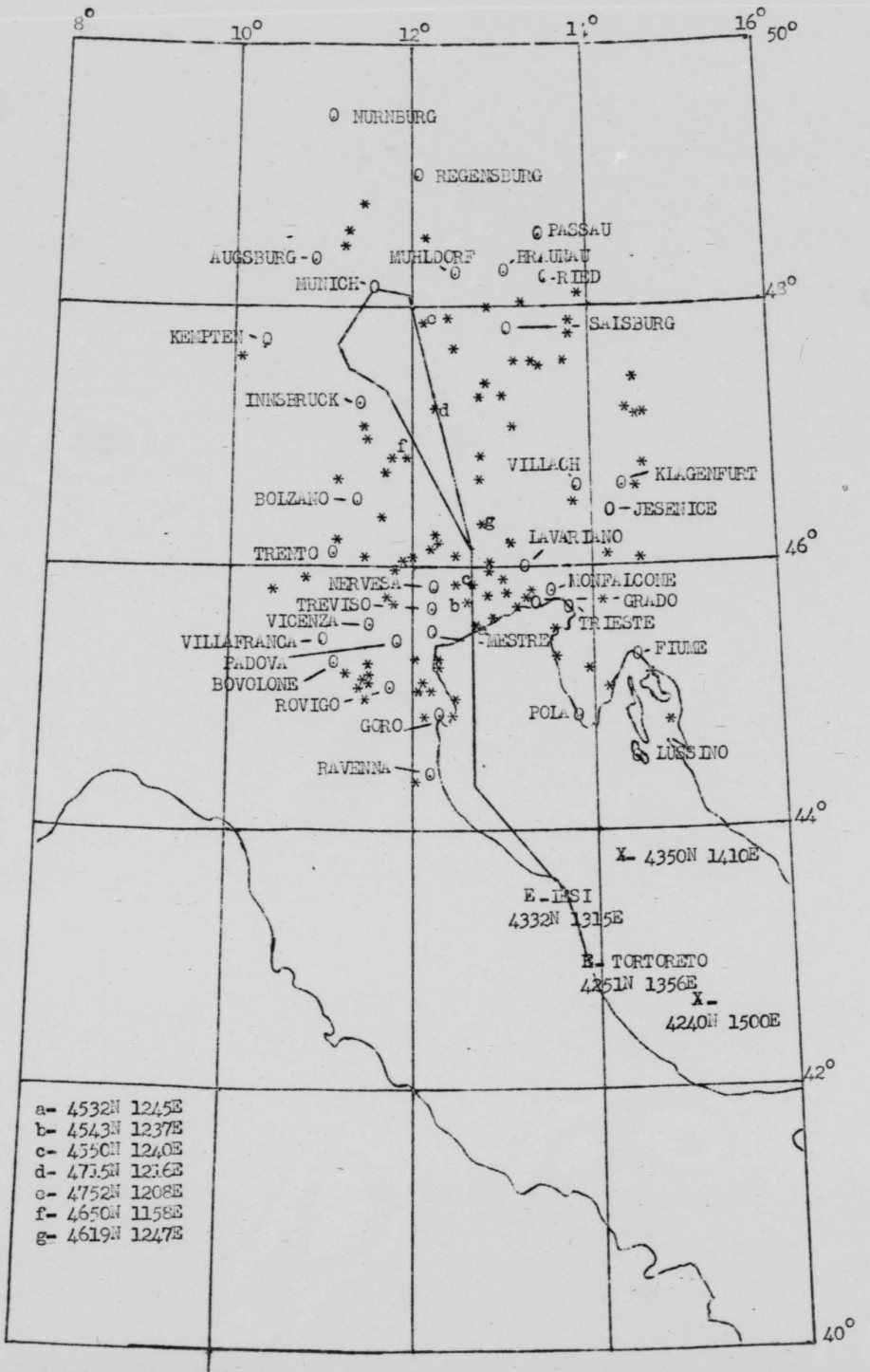


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MISSION NO 362 5 NOVEMBER 1944

TARGET: Vienna Floridsdorf Oil Refinery TC 14-22-NA
ALTERNATES: Kapfenburg Tank Works TC 14-51-NA (Druck M/Y)
Graz Wetzeldorf Ordnance Depot 14-41-NA
Graz Main M/Y TC 14-41-NA
Maribor South M/Y TC 8-107-NA

OTHER WINGS:

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| 5th Wing | Vienna | Floridsdorf | Oil | Refinery | 1144 hrs. |
| 49th Wing | " | " | " | " | 1220 hrs. |
| 55th Wing | " | " | " | " | 1210 hrs. |
| 304th Wing | " | " | " | " | 1230 hrs. |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Under this plan the entire Air Force will attack the Vienna/Floridsdorf Oil Refinery. This plant is now a top priority target. Even though severely damaged by attacks in July and October, production is still at 6000 tons per month. Situated in the heavily industrialized Floridsdorf area, spillage from the concentration of effort will also undoubtedly cause damage of high value in the surrounding area.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: (500 lb. RDX (M-17 Incend. SQDN FORM. A - 513 C - 515 B - 514 D - 512

WING FORMATION: 450th, 98th, 449th, 376th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Vis (4303N-1611E) to Bjelovar (4554N-1651E) to Anger (4717N-1541E) to Spits (4822N-1523E) to Horn (4840N-1540E) to I.P.

I.P. - Auggenthal (4842N-1604E) AXIS OF ATTACK - 154 degrees.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Left, then right.

ROUTE BACK. Target to Szeno (4613N-1723E) to Czelldomolk (4716N-1709E) to Csurgo (4616N-1706E) to Bjelovar (4554N-1651E) to Vis to Base.

*FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighter Command will provide close escort and target cover for all Wings.
*(see note)

FLAK AT TARGET: The defenses will be entered about 9 miles from the target. For about 4 miles about 48 guns can reach the formation. The number builds up to 104 guns just before the target. The total begins to drop before the target is reached. If a heading not greater than 70 degrees is taken on rally, an additional 24 guns may be avoided and time in flak reduced.
FLAK AT ALTERNATES: Kapfenburg - 29 guns. Graz - 46 guns. Maribor - 26 guns.

FIGHTERS AT TARGET: It is estimated that the enemy is capable of 125 sorties in the Vienna area.
ENROUTE: Zagreb - 22. Graz - 5. Gyor-Lake Balaton area - 76.

*NOTE. 48 P-38's will rendezvous with 47th Wing at 1132 hours to provide target cover. 48 P-51's will rendezvous with 47th Wing at 1107 hours at 4657N-1558E to provide escort on penetration.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0530 |
| Trucks | 0615 |
| Take off | 0715 |
| On course | 0828 |
| Target | 1200 |

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MISSION NO. 265 "B" FORCE November 1944

TARGET: Ali Pasin Most M/Y at Sarajevo. REF: 8-18-NA BAP: F-3
Alternates: None

OTHER WINGS: 49th (3 Ops) will attack power stations in Bolzano area.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Reports indicate that the Germans, retreating northward from Albania, Southern Yugoslavia and Greece are heading towards Sarajevo with the probable intention of entraining at this town.

NO. OF PLANES: 12 BOMB LOad: 500 lb. SQDN FORMATION: 1st Box - 513 & 514
2nd Box - 512 & 515

GROUP LEADING: 449th - 376th leads second wave - rendy with 98th over San Vito

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Rijeka (4222N 1902E) to Pijevlja (4322N 1922E) to the I.P. at Gorazde (4340N 1858E) to tgt.

AXIS OOF ATTACK: 295° BOMBING ALTITUDE: 21,000'

TURN OFF AND ROUTE BACK: Left direct to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration and tgt. cover.

FLAK: At target: 15 guns

FIGHTERS: No encounters expected.

COMMENTS: Carpet and window to be employed as usual

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | ~~0730~~ 0745 |
| Trucks | 0815 |
| Take Off | 0915 |
| On course | 1042 |
| Target | 1200 |

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 110

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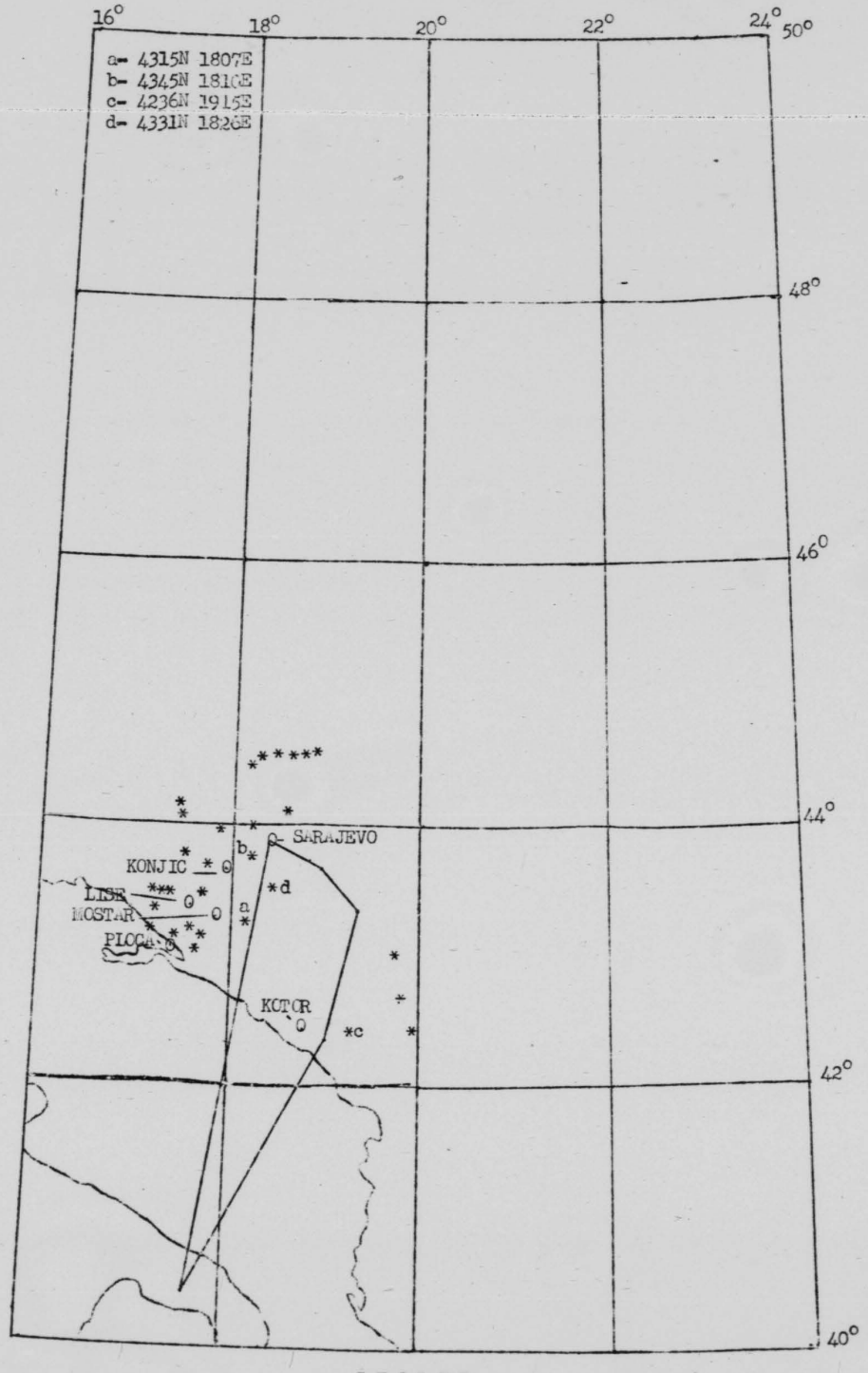


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ISSION NO. 264 "A" FORCE November 1944

TARGET: Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery (by PFF) REF: 14-39-NA
Alternates: 1 - Kapfenberg Steel Works 14-51-NA
2 - Graz M/Y 14-41-NA

OTHER WINGS:
5th Wing : 6 Gps - Blechhammer South Oil Refinery.xx
49th Wing : 3 Gps - Vienna/Vosendorf Oil Refinery at 1135
55th Wing : 4 Gps - Vienna South Ordnance Depot at 1115.
304th Wing : 4 Gps - Vienna South Ordnance Depot at 1125.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Air Force again attacking oil installations and industrial targets in the Blechhammer and Vienna areas - still the top priority targets.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Important producer of aviation gasoline. According to recent ground reports from Roumania and France, additional equipment has been transferred to this plant recently, indicating its importance.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. SQDN FORMATION: 1st Box - 514 3rd Box - 512
2nd Box - 513 4th Box - 515

GROUP LEADING: 98th - 376th assembles and rendezvous with 98th over Isle of Vis at 0946.

ROUTE OUT: Base to Assembly Point (Vis) to Kaprije (4341N 1543E) to Pols (4713N 1435E) to Kl-Reifling (4749N 1438E) to I.P. at Marbach (4813N 1509E) to tgt.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 78° BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,000'

TURN OFF AND ROUTE BACK: Sharp left then right to Mistelbach (4834N 1634E) to Szenc (4813N 1723E) to Czelldomolk (4716N 1709E) to D. Dubrava (4619N 1649E) to Vis to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close Escort

FLAK: At target: 81 guns.
Alternates: Kapfenburg - 29 guns
Graz - 46 guns

FIGHTERS: Enemy is capable of an estimated 125 sorties in the Vienna area.
Lake Balaton area - 76.

COMMENTS: Carpet and window to be employed as usual.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | ~~0545~~ | 0600 |
| Trucks | ~~0630~~ | 0645 |
| Take Off | ~~0730~~ | 0750 |
| On course (from Vis) | 0946 | |
| Target | 1144 | |

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
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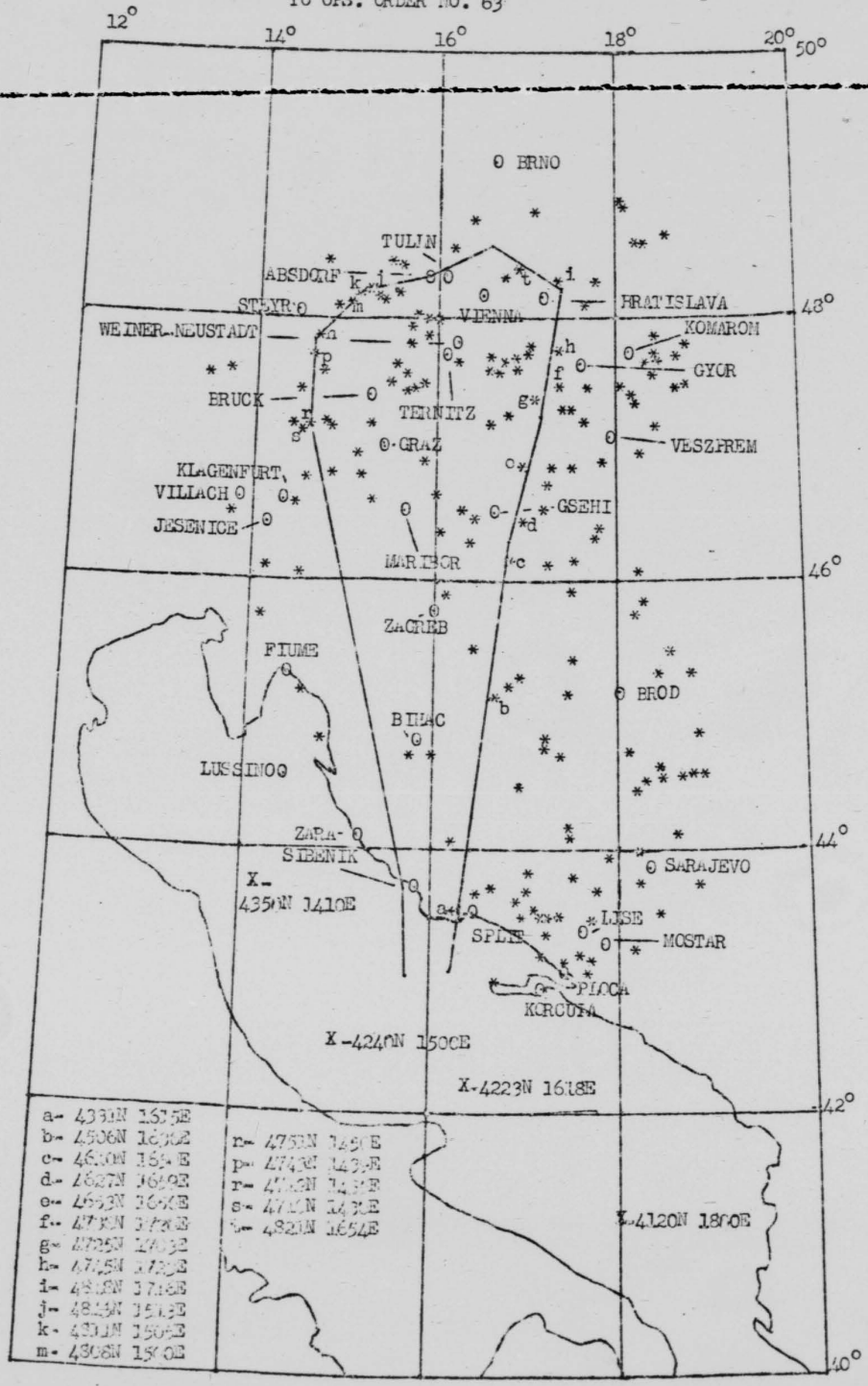
PLAN "A" AND "B" MISSION OF 6 NOV. 1944
TO OPS. ORDER NO. 63

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SION NO. 366 7 November 1944.

..GET: Brenner Pass Line (4636N 1132E)
Alternates: Pinzano RR Bridge REF: MBC 4-37
Casarsa RR Bridge
Latisana RR Bridge TC 4-140-NA.

OTHER WINGS: Not known.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Wing again attacks the most vital line of communications in Northern Italy in an attempt to prevent passage of supplies and equipment to hard pressed German troops in Northern Italy and Yugoslavia.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: We are striking by individual boxes at several vulnerable places along the Brenner Pass Route in order to delay repairs which till now have been quickly accomplished.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. GP & RDX SQDN FORMATION: A 514
B 513
C 512
D 515

GROUP LEADING: 449th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Caorle (4536N 1252E) to Sacile (4557N 1230E) to Moena (4622N 1140E) to Orteisi (4634N 1141E) to Dobbirco (4644N 1214E) to Erlsbach (4655N 1215E) to IP.

I.P.: Campotures (4655N 1157E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 221°.

TURN OFF TARGET: Left to Moena

ROUTE BACK: Reciprocal of route out.

FIGHTER ESCORT: None.

FLAK: At target: Possible mobile flak guns which patrol the Brenner Line may be encountered. Bolzano 108 guns.
Alternates: No reports available.

FIGHTERS: Udine area 61; Treviso 3; Verona 10.

ESCAPE: See weekly escape summary.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0530 |
| Trucks | 0615 |
| Take off | 0715 |
| On course | 0812 |
| Target | 1142 |

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MISSION NO 267 8 NOVEMBER 1944

TARGETS: 515 & 512 attack Prijepolja Troop Concentrations at 0900 hrs. (4323N 1939E)
513 & 514 attack Sjenica troop Concentrations at 0900 hrs (4317N 2000E)

ALTERNATES: For both units - Novi Pazar troop concentrations (4309N 2031E)
Mitrovica troop concentrations (4253N 2052E)

OTHER WINGS: Stand down

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: To prevent the evacuation of German troops from the Balkans

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Targets are on main escape routes for German troops fleeing Greece and southern Yugoslavia.

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500GP .1N .01TD

GROUP LEADING 47th WING: 376th followed by 98th, 449th and 450th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Point Mikulici (4228N 1825E) to I.P.

I.P.: Prijevlja (4321N 1921E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 80° 515th & 512th
114° 513th & 514th

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 20,000' or under high clouds.

TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Optional to base to avoid incoming wave

FIGHTER ESCORT: Area cover will be provided

FLAK: At targets; none reported
Alternates: Novi Pazdi - none reported
Mitrovica - Heavy Flak reported 5 Nov 44 being scant, inaccurate.

COMMENTS: Gunners will be briefed on identification of Russian A/C as illustrated in News Recognition Bulletin. It should also be brought to their attention that enemy aircraft having been captured by partisans may be used in the target areas.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0500 |
| Trucks | 0530 |
| Take off | 0630 |
| On Course | 0714 |
| Target | 0900 |

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12 Sept 1944 MISSION # 337

TARGET: Allach BMW Engine Works

REFERENCE: 13-103A-MA

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The 15th Air Force plan of attack is to hit the three highest priority "counter airforce" targets -- the largest ?? remaining A/C engine works, the largest factory now producing jet-propelled Me 262's, and the most active jet-propelled A/C A/D, Lechfeld.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
5th Wing attacks Lechfeld A/D (48111N-1052E) at 1313 hours.
304th Wing attacks Lechfeld A/D at 1303 hours.
55th Wing attacks jet-propelled A/C Factory at Wasserburg (48044N-1214E) at 1245 hours.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The Allach Works, which have recently been expanded, are engaged in manufacturing BMW 801 engines for FW 190's & Do 217's. The present estimated production is nearly 500 engines per month - more than enough to supply present FW 190 production. Damage in all recent attacks has been minor.

No. of PLANES: 28
BOMB LOAD: 1000#
SQDN FORMATION: A Box 515 C Box 513
B Box 512 D Box 514

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 45324N-1213E to Lozzo Cai (46294N-1222E) to Chiem Lake (47494N-1222E) to Landshut (48324N-1209E) to Ingolstadt (48464N-1125E) to I.P.
I.P. - Rubbach (48294N-11114E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 115 degrees.
BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500'
TARGET PINPOINT: I/J-12/13/14
TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp left, then right.

FLAK: There are 287 guns in the Munich area. This Group's course will bring it in range of approximately one third of these guns.
FLAK AT ALTERNATES: Innsbruck 56 guns. Rosenheim - no report availabel. Worgl no report available. Avisio - 36 guns South of Avisio, at Trento.

FIGHTERS: Target area - 300. If Available A/C are committed for interception, at least 150 E/A can be expected. Enroute; Regensburg area 83; Udine area 76; Bolzano 16; Trento 5.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 16,7'

GROUP LEADING: 450th
OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, E/A tactics and markings. Jet-propelled A/C, tactics and number of A/C.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters will provide close escort and top offensive cover for all wings.

WINDOW: Window will be dispensed from 3 minutes before I.P. till clear of flak, at the rate of 4 units per 20 seconds.

TIME SUMMARY:
Briefing 0600
Trucks 0645
Take off 0745
On course 0856
Target 1230

NOTE: Of planes in target area, 43 are Me. 262 & 3 Me 163. Gunners will be briefed on these jet-propelled A/C.

| ALTERNATES: | TARGET CHART | ALTITUDE |
|---|---|---|
| Innsbruck M/Y | 11-43-MA | 1910' |
| Rosenheim M/Y | 13-112-MA | 1469' |
| Worgl M/Y | | 1656' |
| Avisio Viaduct | 4-138-MA | 672' |

NOTE: We will have twin engine & single engine fighters as escort. T/E will pick up formation first & escort to limit of endurance then S/E will provide target cover & withdrawl

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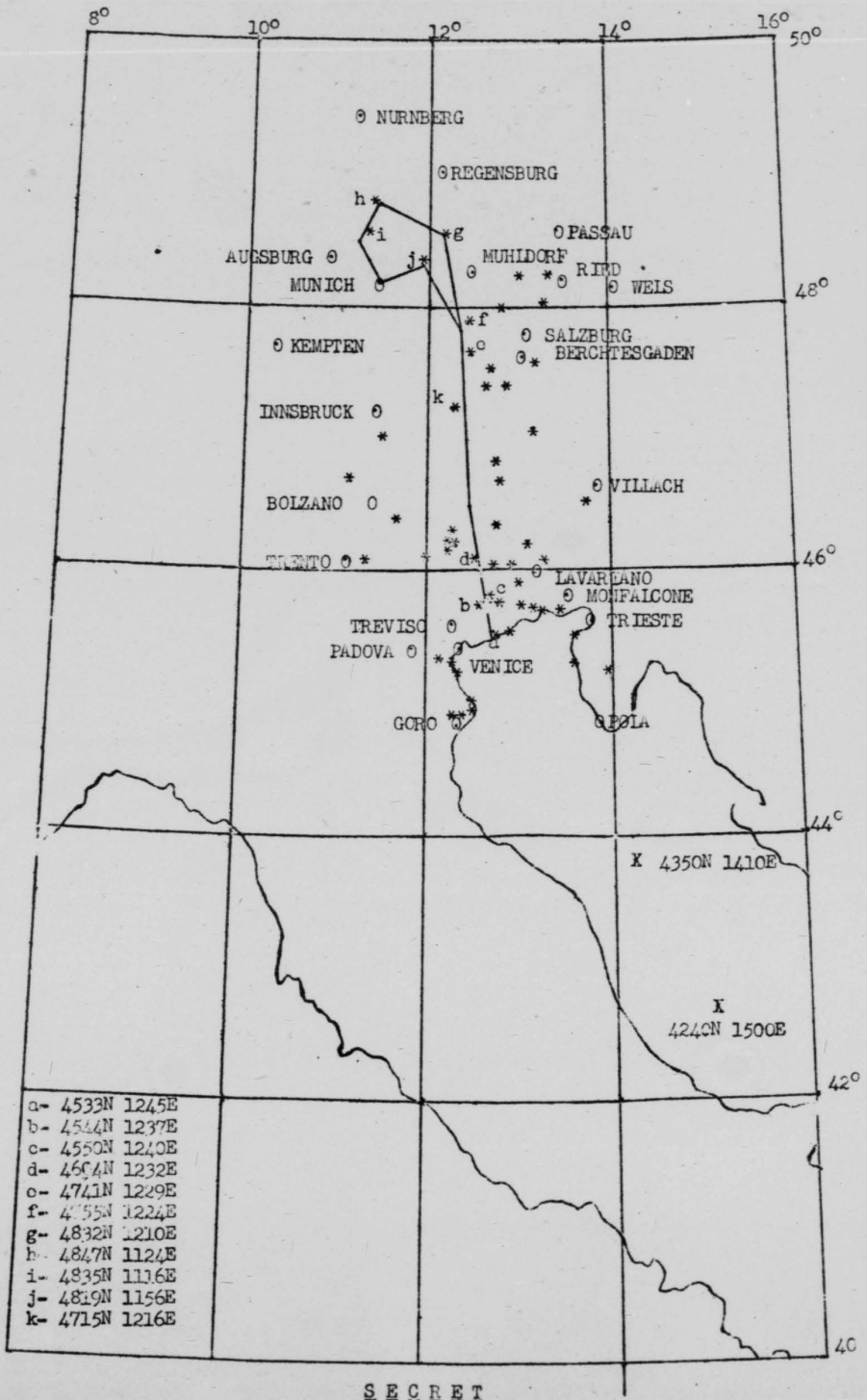
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 59

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 12 SEPT. 1944

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MISSION NO 337 11 SEPTEMBER 1944

TARGET: Budapest (South) Railroad Bridge TC 12-100-NA Elev. 373'

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Captured prisoners of war recently interrogated have revealed that strong fortifications and even armored vehicles and tanks had to be abandoned for lack of both fuel and ordnance supplies and equipment. 15th AF (See Importance of Mission) effort plans to strike at both critical points.
NO OF PLANES: 28

BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb RDX

SQUADRON FORMATION:

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| A Box 515 | C Box 513 |
| B Box 512 | D Box 514 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4305N 1641E to 4432N 1647E to 4526N 1712E to 4648N 1857E to 4730N 1957E to 4748N 1957E to 4820N 1940E to I.P.

INITIAL POINT: Nyerges Ujealu (4746N 1833E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 119°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500'

TARGET PINPOINT: M L - 12/15 (TC12-100-NA)

TURN OFF TARGET: Left then right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to 4718N 1932E to reciprocal of route out.

FLAK: Budapest area 138 heavy guns. None reported at alternates. For flak enroute see attached Route Flak Chart NO 58.

FIGHTERS: Budapest/Lake Balaton area 124. None reported at alternates. Enroute-Mostar 4, Belgrade area 19.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, enemy tactics, etc.

COORDINATED AND OTHER EFFORTS:
5th Wing attacks Blechhammer Synthetic Oil Refinery (5018N 1815E) at 1119 hours.
304th Wing attacks Budapest North & South RR Bridges at 1210 hours.
55th Wing " " " " " " " 1210 hours.

47th WING
450th leads 376th on attack of Budapest South RR Bridge at 1120 hours.
98th leads 449th on attack of Szob RR Bridge (4750N 1851E) at 1109 hours.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Wing effort is planned to preclude the flow of ordnance supplies from the Vienna area to the Eastern Fronts by cutting transportation lines West to East.

FIGHTER ESCORT: P-38 escort will be provided for 47th Wing.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dropped per S.O.P. Bombing by boxes on four aiming points. Gunners shall be warned that other Groups experienced attacks from below through undercast. These weather conditions may prevail today.
TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0515 |
| Trucks | 0550 |
| Take Off | 0650 |
| On Course | 0801 |
| Target | 1120 |

SECONDARY: Budapest by PFF
LAST RESORT: Baja RR Bridge TC 12-27-NA Elev. 291'
Titel RR Bridge (Tgt information to be supplied by Group S-2)
Elev. 242'

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
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ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 58

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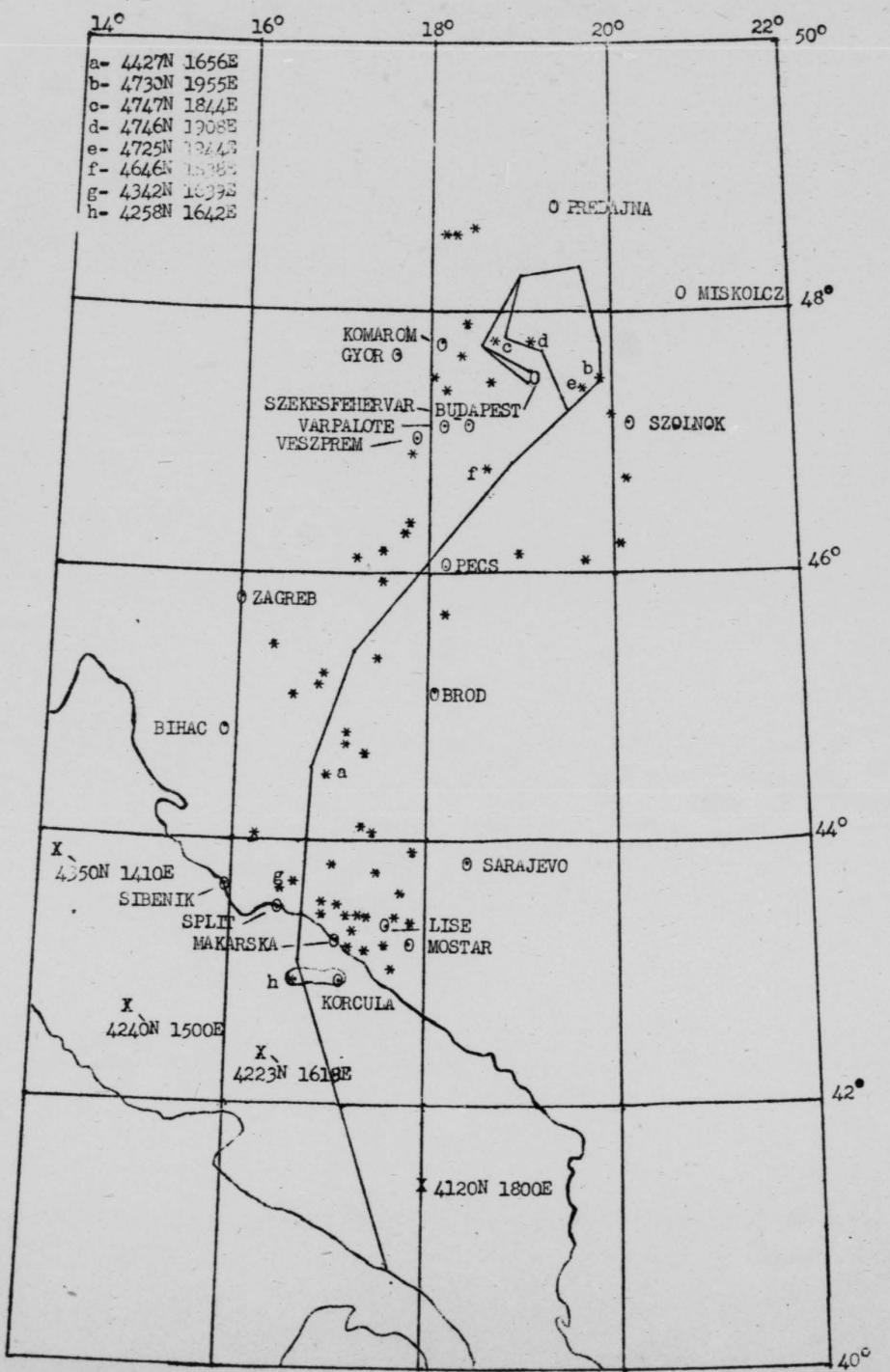


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10 September 1944

TARGET: Vienna South Ordnance Depot REFERENCE: TC 14-23A-NA
Alternate: Vienna by PFF
Kapfenburg Armament and Tank Components Fcty TC 14-51-NA (Bruck)
Maribor M/Y and RR shops TC 8-107-NA
Villach M/Y TC 14-44-NA.
Trieste Port Installations TC 4-116-NA.

NO. OF PLANES: 28.
BOMB LOAD: 500 # RDX
SQDN FORMATION: "A" Box 514 "B" Box 513
"C" Box 512 "D" Box 515

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Zapuntel (4415N 1449E) to Vrbobsko (4522N 1505E) to Toplice (4608N 1500E) to St. Georgen (4712N 1444E) to IP.

I.P.: Kl. Zell (4758N 1543E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 64°
BOMBING ALT: 25,500'
TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: target to Moson (4751N 1717E) to Đurđevac (4603N 1703E) to Pakrac (4526N 1712E) to Kljuc (4432N 1647E) to Scedro Isle (4305N 1641E) to base.

FLAK: At target 258 guns. Route: Zara, Lussino, Klagenfurt, Maribor, Graz, Judenburg, Hainfeld, Kaumberg, Wiener Neustadt, Bratislava, Gyor, Tapolcza, Lispe, Nagykenizsa, Orahovljani, Livno, Omis and Split.

FIGHTERS: Target area 227. Route: Zagreb 13, Ljubljana 11, Zeltweg 20, Graz area 15, Szombathely 17, Gyor 38, Budapest area 124, Papa 3, Tapolcza 9, Kaposvar 13, Mostar 4, Udine area 76.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes very important. Stress accuracy and completeness of observations and necessity for their reporting them carefully to Navigator at once. Note especially any strange B 17s or B 24s.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: Forts attack Lobau and Schwechat oil refineries at 1030. 55th Wing attack Sauerwerke Engine Works at 0918. 304th Wing attack Horshing A/D at 1000 hours.

GROUP LEADING: 450th - 376th second.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters provide close escort for 47th Wing.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed 3 mins. before IP until clear of flak.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This plant is one of 7 main ordnance depots and one of 3 main combat tank repair plants.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Destruction of this objective will curtail already depleted ammo supplies and ordnance equipment and the enemy will be deprived of essential tank repair facilities.

TARGET PINPOINT: T-10/11

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0445 |
| Trucks | ~~0530~~ |
| Take off | 0630 |
| On course | 0747 |
| Target | 1050 |

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8 SEPTEMBER 1944 MISSION # 335

TARGET: Nis North M/Y

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Nis M/Y's constitute one of the most important rail junctions in German held Balkans. They are on the main line of the Orient Express and lines from Belgrade, Sofia, Skoplje and Zajear converge here. 335 units of rolling stock were here 1 Sept. and the Yards were operational.

BOMB LOAD: 500# (.1N - .01 &n/d tail fusing)
SQDN FORMATION: A Box 513 C Box 515
B Box 514 D Box 512

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Kolaj (4153N-1929E) to D'Ljupcà (4248N-2109E) to I .P.
I.P. Leskovac (4300N-2157E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 350 degrees.

Bombing Alt. "A" 21,000' "C" 20,750'
"B" 21,250' "D" 20,500'

TARGET PINPOINT: J/20 to L/17 (8-102-NA)

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Malce (4322N-2203E) to Leskovac (4300N-2517E) - then reciprocal of route out.

FLAK: At Target - 12 guns. (On 1 & 2 Sept., moderate & scant, inaccurate flak was encountered on attacks on Nis). Enroute; Scutari, Alessio, Prizren, Mirosevce, Pasunja.
On 31 Aug. this Group experienced no flak at Cuprija, the Alt. Target.

FIGHTERS: At target 14. Enroute: Skoplje 3; Krusevac 6; Kraljevo 3; Sofia area 48.
No fighters at Alternate Target.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, M/T, M/Y, troop concentrations.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 610'

REFERENCE: 8-102-NA

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
5th Wing attacks Brod R.R. Bridge, M/Y, and Sarajevo M/Y at 10000hours.
304th Wing attacks Sava R.R.Bridge at 1000.
306th Fighter Wing strafes Ilandza A/D and Ecka A/D.
449th & 450th Groups attack Nis West M/Y at 1000 hours.

GROUP LEADING: 376th.

IMPORTANCE OF ~~T/A~~ MISSION: Lacking operational weather to the North, continued direct support of the advancing Russian armies remains top priority targets.

FIGHTER ESCORT: P-38's provide escort for the 47th Wing.

OTHER COMMENTS: Lead attack units load 2 cartons window per A/C and dispense in accordance with SOP from 2 minutes before I.P. till clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0530 |
| Trucks | 0615 |
| Take off | 0715 |
| On course | 0837 |
| Target | 1000 |

ALTERNATE TARGET: Cuprija Road Bridge.
REFERENCE: 8-49-NA
I.P. Stalac (4314N-2125E)
ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 383'

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ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 56

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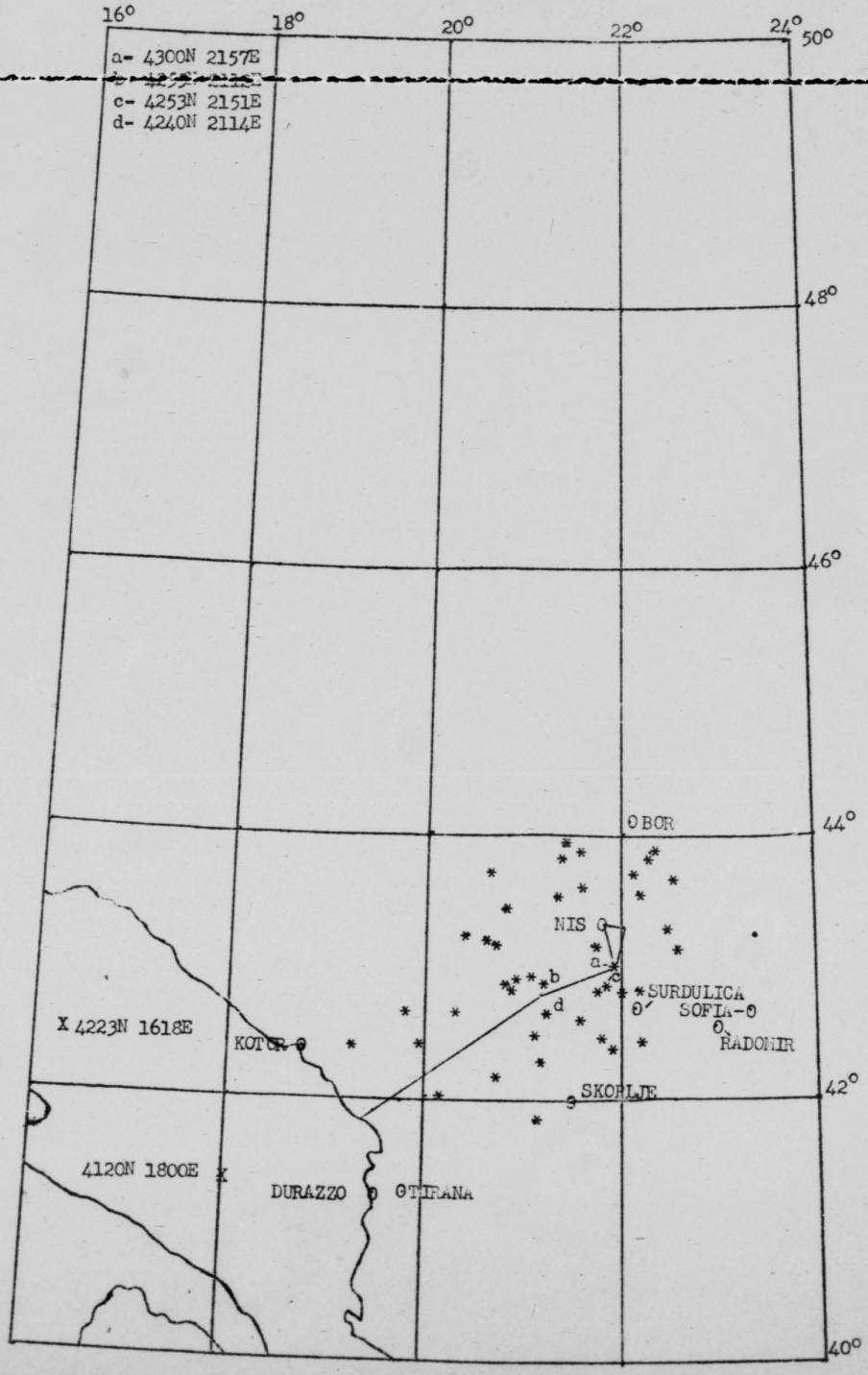


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6 September 1944 .ssion No. 334.

TARGET: Tank and Troop Concentrations, eskovac (4300N 2158E)

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Town is reported to contain around 20,000 Axis troops as well as equipment.

NO. OF PLANES: 28

BOMB LOAD: 1000# RDX

SQDN FORMATION: A Box 512
B Box 515
C Box 513
D Box 514

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Kolaj (4153N 1929E) to Bistrica (4301N 2053E) to IP.

I.P.: Prokuplje (4314N 2136E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 133°

BOMBING ALT: 23,500'

TARGET PINPOINT: See photo.

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: target to Ljupce (4248N 2109E) to Kolaj (4153N 1929E) to base.

FLAK: None reported at target. Scutari, Pec, Prijen, Lipljan, Urosevac, Vranje, Miroseveo, Nis and Babici.

FIGHTERS: None at target. Nis 14, Skoplje 3, Krusevac 6, Kraljevo 3.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, troop movements very important.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 740'

Alternate: Cuprija Road Bridge, L-17/18 (TC 8-49-NA. 383'

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: 5th Wing attack Oradea M/Ys at 1100 hours. 304th Wing attack Novi Sad M/Y at 1100 hours. 49th Wing attack Subotica M/Y at 1100 hours. 55th Wing attack Mijiregyhasa at 1100 hours.

GROUP LEADING: 98th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Maximum destruction of military supplies and personnal which the enemy is attempting to withdraw from the lower Balkans.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters provide escort for all wings.

OTHER COMMENTS: Note: Escape material on Albania - Bulletin #35 as well as general safe area information.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0745 |
| Trucks | 0830 |
| Take off | 0930 |
| On course | 1037 |
| Target | 1200 |

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5 September 44 — Mission # 333

TARGET: Ferrara RR Bridge

IPORTANCE OF TARGET: Vital link in rail communications to the German troops on the Italian front, particularly on the crumbling Adriatic sector.

NO. OF PLANES: 28
BOMB LOAD: 2000 lb.
SQDN FORMATION: "A" Box - 515th
"B" Box - 512th
"C" Box - 513th
"D" Box - 514th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4350N 1350E to 4500N 1235E to I.P.

I.P.: Corbola (4501N 1205E)

AXIS OF ATTACK : 250°
BOMBING ALT: 23,500'

TARGET PINPOINT: Center of Bridge

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp Left

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Porto Garibaldi (4444N 1214E) to 4350N 1350E to base.

FLAK: Tgt.- 14 pos., 70 guns. On the 26th and 28th August, intense, accurate flak was encountered.
Route: At coast, at Rosolina & Adria.

FIGHTERS: Tgt: None; Area - 16; Vicenza - 30; Villafranca - 30; Ghedi - 25; Udine area - 94.

REFERENCE: TC 4-78-NA
Minimum Photochart - MP 4-33

COORDINATED EFFORTS:
Forts attack in Budapest area.
49 Wing attacks Sava RR Bridge
55 Wing attacks Szob RR Bridge
304 Wing attacks Szolnok RR Bridge

GROUP LEADING: 450th - 376th last in Wing formation - on course to San Vito at 7000' at 0746.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Though recces show one span of the bridge sagging and the north end unserviceable, attack will insure permanent unserviceability and hamper repair work.

FIGHTER ESCORT: P-38s will provide close escort for 47th Wing.

OTHER COMMENTS: Advance Allied forces are at Rimini - bombs not to be dropped except in Adriatic.

OBSERVATIONS & PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, M/Y E/A tactics, troop movements.

Alt. of TARGET: 30'

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0445 |
| Trucks | 0530 |
| Take Off | 0630 |
| On course | 0746 |
| Target | 1000 |

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
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ROUTE FLAK CHART
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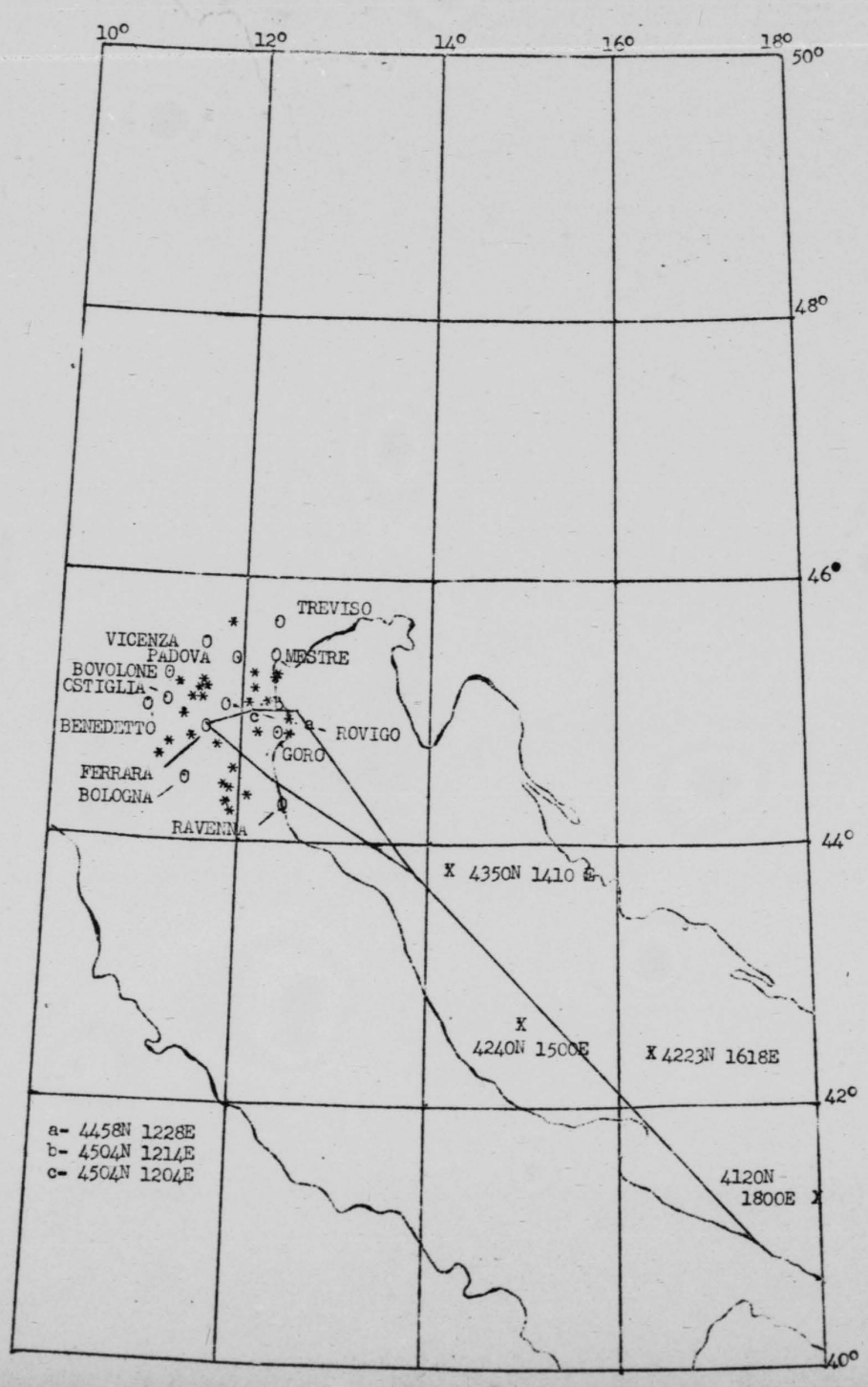


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MISSION NO. 331

2 September 1944

TARGET: Kraljevo RR Bridge.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The target is on the Skoplje-Lapovo line, which serves as an alternate route to the main "Orient Express" line between Belgrade-Nis-Skoplje.

NO. OF PLANES: 28.

BOMB LOAD: 2,000# .1 nose no TD.

BOMB FORMATION: A Box 513
B Box 514
C Box 515
D Box 512

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Lake Scutari (4210N 1920E) to Mataruga (4342N 2036E) to 4350N 2015E to IP.

I.P.: Cacak (4355N 2021E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 120°

BOMBING ALT: 18,000'

TARGET PINPOINT: Center of bridge at 16-17/H-G

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: target to Bela Polje (4314N 2057E) to Lake Scutari to base.

FLAK: None encountered at target on 1 Sept 44.
Route: Scutari, Cacak, Pec, Bar.

FIGHTERS: None at target. Nis 8, Skoplje 2.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes very important. Communications activities.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 606'

There is no alternate target.

REFERENCE: TC 8-2-NA.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: 450th and 449th Groups attack Kraljevo M/Y at 1005 and 1035 hours. 98th Group attack Kraljevo Bridge at 1030 hours. 304th Wing attack Nis M/Y at 0930 hours to 1000 hours. 49th Wing attack Mitrovica RR Bridge at 1000 hours. 55th Wing attack Supova RR Bridge and Nis M/Y at 1000 to 1030 hours.

GROUP LEADING: 376th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This effort is in close coordination with the Balkan Air Force and the Partisans who, on 1 Sept, started a week of intense counter communication activity. Reports of Russian movements toward Turnu Magurelle with the objective of isolating Bulgaria and joining up with the Partisans, indicates that even temporary blockage of the withdrawal may permit the surrounding and the destruction of the South Balkan Garrisons estimated at 75,000 to 100,000 troops, plus the liquidation of additional divisions in Yugoslavia.

FIGHTER ESCORT: None for this Wing. Fighters bomb Cuprija Rd. Bridge and strafe roads and railroads from Nis to Cuprija and as far north as Belgrade.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0545 |
| Trucks | 0615 |
| Take off | 0715 |
| On course | 0828 |
| Target | 1000 |

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4 September 1944 MISSION # 332

TARGET: Avisio R.R.Bridge

REFERENCE: 4-138-NA

IMPORRANCE OF TARGET: This bridge was damaged by attacks of 26 & 27 August. This attack is intended to completely destroy the bridge which is now being rapidly repaired.

NO. OF PLANES: 28
BOMB LOAD: 1000# GP (.1N-.01T)
SQDN FORMATION: A Box 514 C Box 512
B Box 513 D Box 515

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4350N-1350E to Caorle (4536N-1253E) to Sedico (4608N-1206E) to I.P. I.P. - Castella di Feimme (4617N-1126E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 238 degrees.

BOMBING ALT. A Box 21,000 C Box 19,750
B Box 21,250 D Box 19,500

TARGET PINPOINT: Center of bridge.

ROUTE BACK: Right, then left around Trento to Sedico (4608N-1206E) then reciprocal of Route out to Base.

FLAK: 36 heavy guns in area just South of target. On 27 Aug., this Group experienced MAH flak at this target. At alternate; no flak reports available. Flak enroute: Venice, Mestre, Villorba, Bolzano.

FIGHTERS: At target 2. Enroute - Bolazno 16, Udine area, 94, Verona area, 60, Ferrarra area 21. ~~It is estimated that the enemy can put up 90/95 fighters.~~

GOORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
5th Wing attacks 7 subs in Genoa Harbor at 1300 hours.
304 Wing attacks Tagliamento/Casarsa and Latisana R.R.Bridges.
55th Wing attacks Bronzolo (South) M/Y and Adige/Ora R.R.Bridges.
449 & 450 Groups attack Trento M/Y at 1300 hrs
306th Wing (Fighter) will bomb Bronzolo (North) M/Y at 1200 hours.

GROUP LEADING: 98th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The plan calls for complete destruction of the Avisio Viaduct and the terminal points for M/T bypass traffic when the viaduct is closed.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters provide penetration, target and withdrawal escort for all Wings.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed from 3 minutes before I.P. till clear of flak at rate of 4 units per 20 seconds.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0730 |
| Trucks | 0815 |
| Take off | 0915 |
| On course | 1000 |
| Target | 1300 |

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, M/Y & M/T activity, shipping in the Adriatic.
ALTITUDE OF TARGET 650'

NOTE: 50 P-51's will intercept this ~~####~~ Wing at 4450N-1320E at 1212 hours to provide escort.

ALTERNATE TARGET: Peschiera Del Garda R.R. Br.
I.P North tip of Lake Garda (4554N-1052E)
Alt. 223'.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
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ROUTE FLAK CHART
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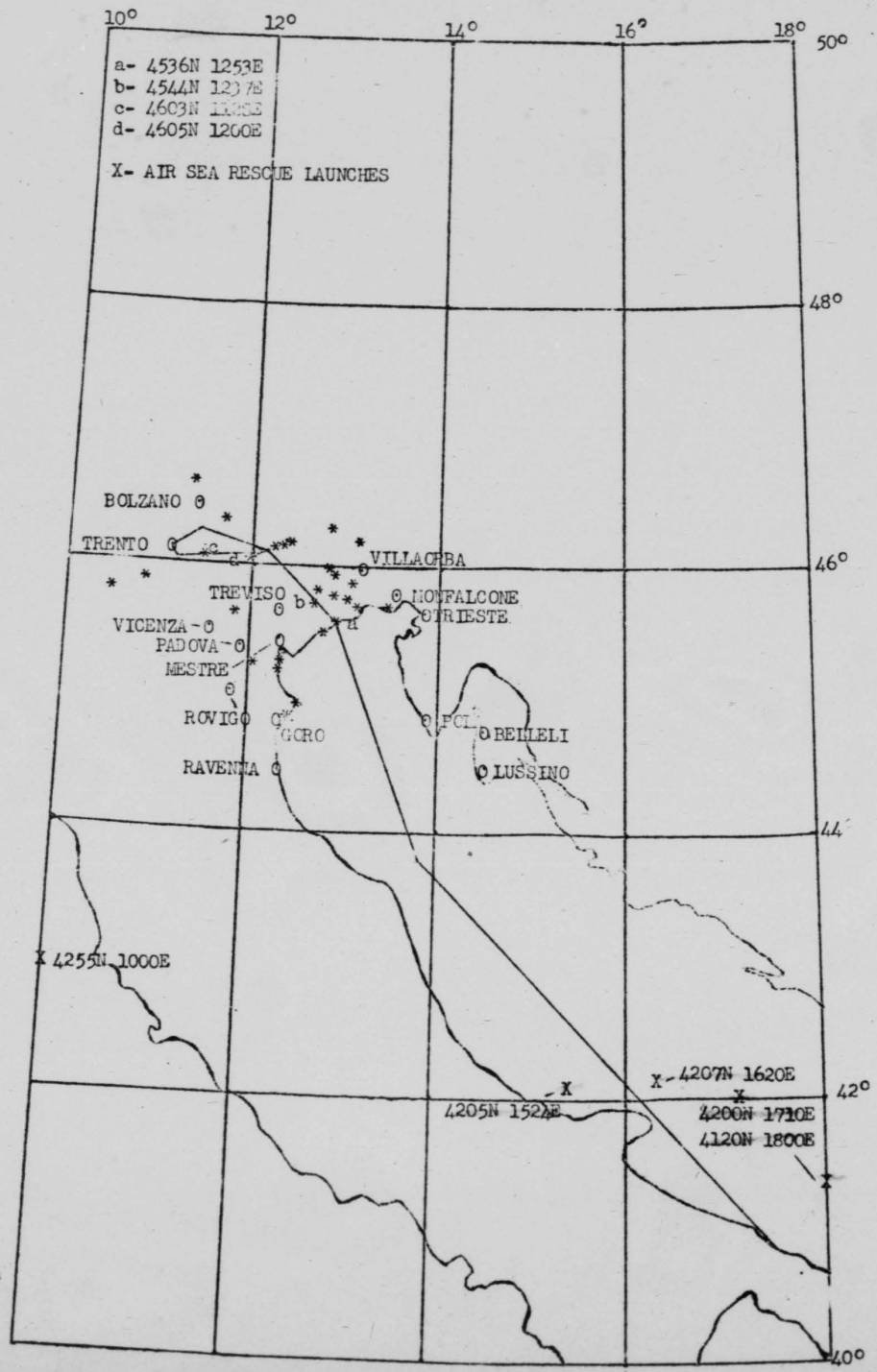


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1 September MISSION # 330

TARGET: Kraljevo R.R. Bridge;

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This bridge is on the Skoplje-~~Y~~ Lapovo line, an alternate to the Belgrade-Nis-Skoplje line.

NO. OF PLANES: 28
BOMB LOAD: 2000 lb GP
SQDN FMTION: A Box 512
B Box 515
C Box 514
D Box 513
ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4258N-2028E to 4311N-2057E to I.P.
I.P.- Trestenik (4337N-2101E)
AXIS OF ATTADK: 301 degrees
BOMBING ALT: A Box 17,000 C Box 16,750
B Box 17,250 D Box 16,500

TARGET PINPOINT: H-16/17 (8-2-NA)
TURN OFF TARGET: Left.
ROUTE BACK: Target to Base.

FLAK: At target: No photo recce availabel. No flak experienced by P-38's on bombing mission of 30 Aug. Enroute: Scutari, Pec, Raske, Majlic. At alternate: 20 guns.

FIGHTERS: None at Target. Nis 8 (Probably 30 more fi ghters at Nis in Process of being withdrawn from ~~Western~~ EASTERN Front.)
~~Y~~ Skoplje 2.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, M/T, M/Y.
ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 606'

ALTERNATE: Skoplje M/Y I.P. Kacanak (4211N-2115E)
Target Chart: 8-104-NA ALTITUDE: 800'

REFERENCE: TC 8-2-NA

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
5th Wing attacks Nis A/D & Mezgroja Br. at 1000 hours.
304th Wing attacks Debreczen M/Y.
49th Wing attacks Ferrara RR Br. at 1000 hrs.
55th Wing attacks Szolnok RR Br. at 1100 hrs.
98th & 449th Groups attack Mitrovica RR Br. at 1015 hours.

GROUP LEADING: 376th leads 450th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Primary objective is the blocking of two general movements of enemy troops & equipment, first, from the east Balkans westward & northward thru the Hungarian plains, and second, from the south Balkans northward towards Belgrade.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighter escort will be provided for all wings but 47th.
Fighters will strafe A/C on Debrezcen A/D.

NOTE: On escape briefing, remind gunners that the general target area is chetnik territory — stress the importance of asking only for American or British missions.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0545 |
| Trucks | 0630 |
| Take off | 0730 |
| On course | 0851 |
| Target | 1015 |

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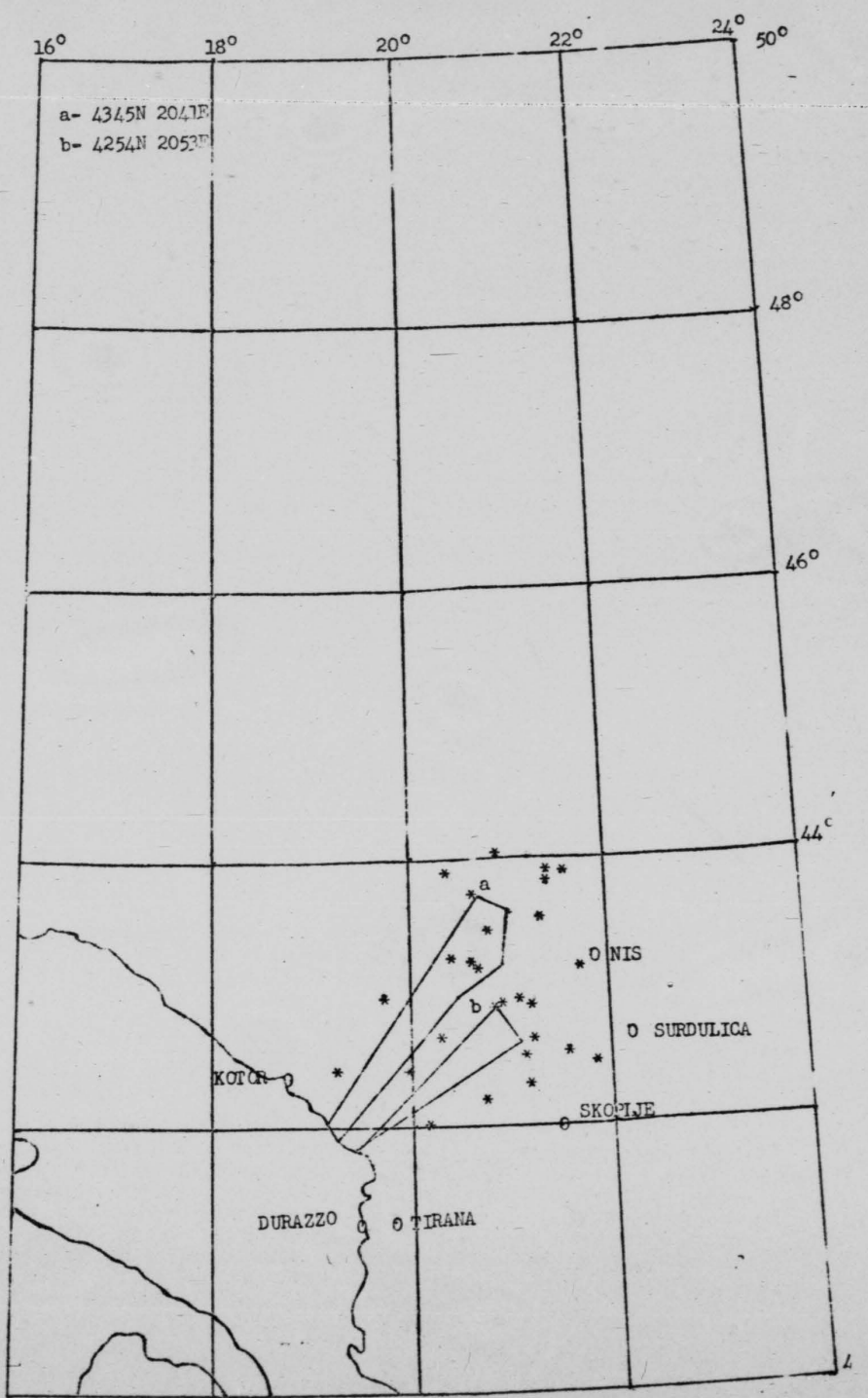
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 51

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 1 SEPT. 1944

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PLAN ABLE

V NO. 356 DATE: 16 October 1944

TARGET: St.Valentin Tank Works (Steyr) REF: 4h-15-NA
ALTERNATES: Primary by PFF
Graz-Neudorf A/C Fcty 4h-16-NA
Graz M/Y 4h-4l-NA
Maribor M/Y 8-107-NA

| OTHER WINGS: | TARGET | ~~TOT~~ | Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5th Wing | Brux Synthetic Oil Refy | | |
| 49th Wing | Hermann Goering Benzole Plant (Linz) | (one Gp) | 1107 |
| | Linz Ordnance Depot | (two Gps) | 1107 |
| 55th Wing | St. Valentin Tank Works | | 1127 |
| 304th Wing | Steyr/Daimler Puch Assembly Plant | (two Gps) | 1107 |
| | Steyr/Walzlagerwerke aero-engine Wks | (two Gps) | 1107 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Over-all plan for Air Force includes the destruction of oil targets and those plants producing armored vehicles and tanks as well as component plants supplying material for the use of factories that produce armored vehicles.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Target is No. 1 priority of the factories producing armored vehicles. Attack of August 20/21 inflicted only superficial damage and plant is still extremely active. Tanks are being produced there and are shipped directly to the fighting fronts. Photos on 23 Sept. showed 100 tanks there.

| | | 1st Unit | 2nd Unit |
|---|---|---|---|
| NO. OF PLANES: 40 | BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX | SQ.FORM. A Box | 512 | 514 |
| | | B Box | 515 | 514 |
| | | C Box | 513 | 513 |

GROUP LEADING: 49th leads Wing. 376th leads 98th in second Wave.

ROUTE:OUT: San Vito to Sansego (4430N-1418E) to Moschiena (4513N-1416E) to Tarvisio 4630N-1335E) to Radenthein (4648N-1342E) to Mariazell (4747N-1519E) to Frankenfels (4759N-1519E) to I.P.
I.P. - Ybbs (4811N-1505E) AXIS OF ATTACK: ~~111/111111~~ 267 degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp left.
ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Radenthein (4648N-1342E), then reciprocal of Route Out to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 15th Fighter command will provide penetration, escort and target cover for the Wing.

FLAK: 87 heavy guns in the target area. The defenses will be entered between 6 & 7 miles from the target. For about 3 miles, 16 guns will be in range; from there to the target a total of 28 guns can reach the course. Another 6 guns can reach the target. About a mile NW of the target 11 more guns could be encountered. Minimum flak will be encountered in the sector from 45 degrees above to 45 degrees below a line East from the target.
FLAK AT ALTERNATES: Graz - 46 guns. Maribor - 36 guns. Klagenfurt - 6 guns.

FIGHTERS: It is estimated that the enemy is capable of 50 fighter sorties in the Vienna area and 100 in the Munich-Nurnburg area.
Enroute: Zeltweg - 5; Udine area - 68.

GEE NOTE: There is a strong possibility of encountering jet-propelled Me 163's and Me. 262's in the target area. Gunners will be briefed on recognition points.

WINDOW: Windowwill be dispensed at the rate of 4 units per 20 seconds from 3 minutes before I.P. till clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0500 |
| Trucks | 0545 |
| Take off | 0645 |
| On course | 0754 |
| Target | 1117 |

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W NO. 356

17 October 1944

T: Vienna Sauerwerke (Motor Works) DEF: 14-20-NA
Alternates: PFF on SE Industrial Center of Vienna 14-23-NA
[redacted] [redacted]
Graz Main M/Y 14-11-NA
Graz Neudorf Eng. Factory 14-16-NA
Maribor RR Bridge or M/Y 8-107-NA

OTHER WINGS:
5th Wing: Blechhammer South Oil Refinery at 1200.
49th Wing: Vosendorf Oil Refinery at 1300.
55th Wing: Vienna South Ordnance Depot at 1200.
304th Wing: Vienna South M/Y at 1240

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The proximity of the fighting fronts and prolonged activity and losses of enemy Armoured Force vehicles have increased the importance of AFV repair and manufacturing facilities in the Vienna area.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Sauerwerke is the top M/T priority target within our range. Produces armored cars, tanks, M/T and Diesel engines and employs over 4000 men. Latest photo recce showed a heavy concentration of heavy M/T and other vehicles.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. SQDN FORMATION: A - 513 C - 515
B - 514 D - 512

GROUP LEADING: 450th - 376th rendy with 450th over Manduria at 9000'.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Vrgada (4351N 1531E) to Bosan Petrovac (4434N 1622E) to Durdevac (4603N 1703E) to Galambok (4632N 1708E) to Weiz (4713N 1537E) to Turnitz (4756N 1530E) to the I.P. - Michel Bach (4806N 1546E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 81° BOMB ALT: 25,500' TURN OFF TGT: Left - then use evasive action - then around Bratislava flak.

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to north & east of around Bratislava to Csorna (4737N 1715E) to Galambok - then reciprocal route to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close Escort for Wing.

FLAK: At target: Enter flak area 13 miles from target; 8 miles from target - 50 guns; target - 110 guns; 7 miles past target - 75 guns; 12 miles past tgt. - out of flak area.
Alternates: Klagenfurt - 6 guns; Graz - 40 guns; Villach - 10 guns; Maribor - 49 guns

FIGHTERS: Target area - 303; Zombathely - 14; Graz-Klagenfurt area - 12; Lake [redacted] Balaton- Kaposvar area - 50.

COMMENTS: 1. SPECIAL BRIEFING MATERIAL: Stress Top Secret nature of this information: a. Recent changes in the Axis military and political situation make it more plausible for airmen to obtain aid north of the Alps. In following basic evasion tactics, airmen in this area should contact older Germans for aid. A very strong underground and Partisan movement in Slovakia and Allied missions are operating in area around Banska Bystrica (4845N 1910E).

2. Make special mention of necessity for reporting all observations to navigators and then making sure that the navigator in turn reports to the interrogator. Also indoctrinate gunners with need for reporting any aircraft which leaves formation. Today we still have little information regarding two missing planes.

3. Window to be dispensed as usual.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing - 0615 On course - 0916
Trucks - 0700 Target - 1220
Take Off - 0800

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MISSION NO 358 19 OCTOBER 1944

TARGET: Augsburg M.A.N. Diesel Engine Works Ref; TC 13-1-NA BAP; K 24/25
SECONDARY: Augsburg by PFF
ALTERNATES: Bad Aibling TC 13-26-NA
SALZBURG M/Y TC 13-13-NA
INNSBRUCK M/Y TC 14-13-NA

OTHER WINGS: 5th Wing
4 Groups B-17's will attack Regensburg Oil storage
2 Groups B-17's will attack Regensburg A/C Plant
Other Wings stand down.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: To prevent replacements of the hundreds of fighting vehicles lost by the enemy during the past few months.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Plant is believed to have resumed operations in the production of armored fighting vehicles and is a high priority. Plant is the largest diesel engine factory in Germany and produces engines for armored vehicles, trucks and heavy tanks.

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX .1N .01TD Sqdn Formation
A - 514
B - 513
C - 512
D - 515

47th WING FORMATION: 98th, 449th, 450th, 376th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Ancona (4337N 1331E) to coast at 4509N 1219E to Montebello (4527N 1123E) to Arco (4555N 1053E) to Imst (4715N 1044E) to Baben hausen (4808N 1015E) to I.P.

I.P. Thannhausen (4817N 1028E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 70°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Left using evasive action changing altitude and course.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Freising (4824N 1144E) to Edling (4803N 1210E) to Pordenone (4557N 1240E) to Ancona to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Will provide strong close escort on penetration, target and on withdrawel.

FLAK: Augsburg 96 heavy guns
Alternates; Bad Aibling - no reports available.
Salzburg - 37 guns
Innsbruck - 53 guns.

FIGHTERS: 445 fighters in the Augsburg/Munich area. The enemy is capable of drawing 80 to 90 SE fighters from the Nurenburg area and a possible 75 S/E fighters from the Frankfurt area.

COMMENTS: Although it is not certain if assistance will be offered to Allied airmen recent changes in the Axis military and political situation make it more plausible for airmen to obtain assistance north of the Alps. In following basic evasion tactics, airmen in this area should contact older Germans for aid.
A very strong underground and Partisan movement is functioning in SLOVAKIA and Allied missions are operating in the area BANSKA BYSTRICA (4845N 1910E).
Crews shall be briefed on escape procedure into Switzerland and into France.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0545 |
| Trucks | 0630 |
| Take Off | 0730 |
| On Course | 0835 |
| Target | 1225 |

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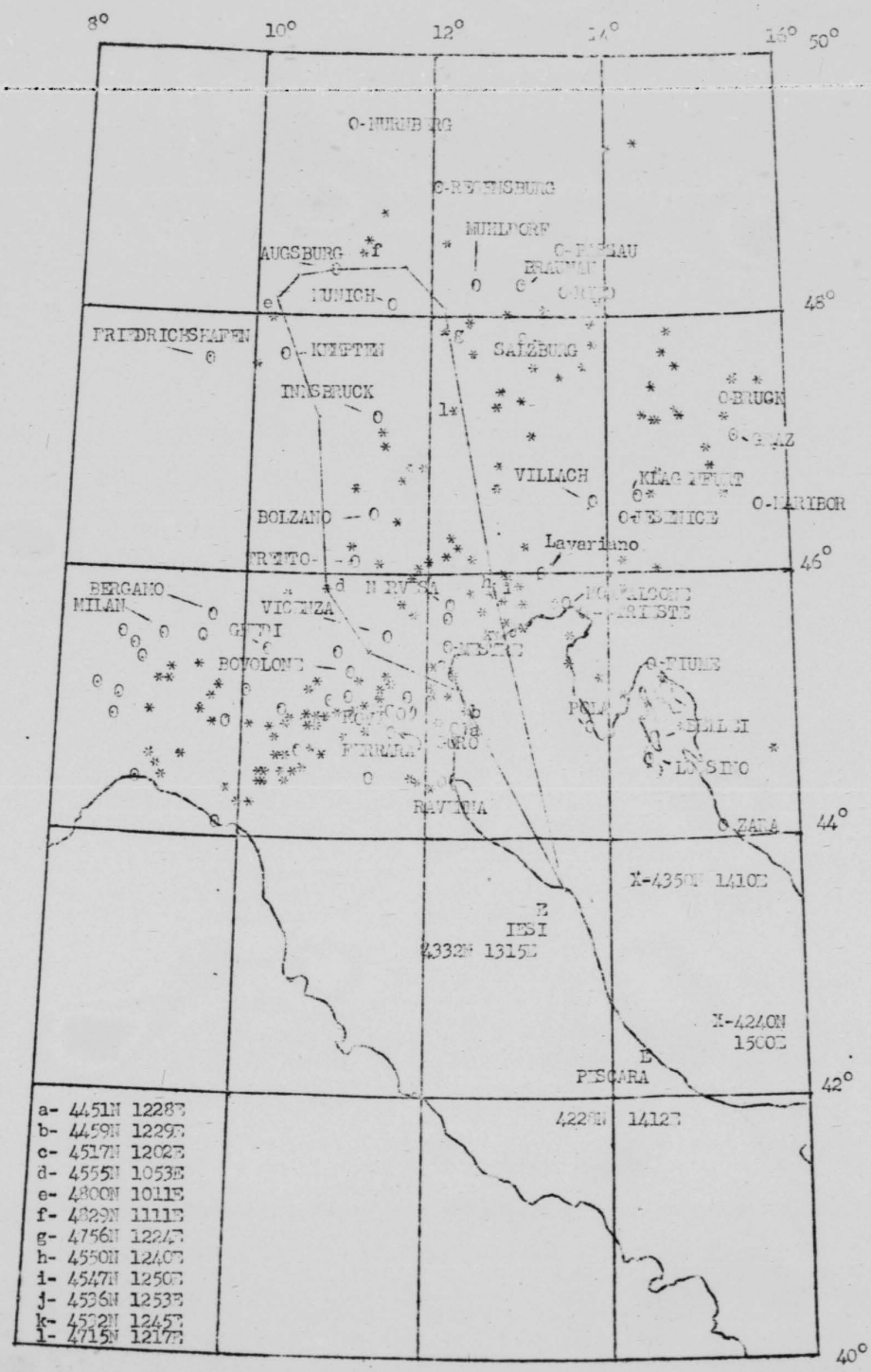
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 93

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 19 OCT. 1944

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X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

E - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO. 358 20 October 1944

TARGET: Brenner Pass Rail Line (at 4636N 1132E) REF: Sheet # 3 (of 3) Brenner Pass Photo Mosaic.

Alternates: Any point along Brenner Pass Line.

OTHER WINGS:
5th Wing: 4 Groups - Brux Oil Refinery; 2 Groups - Regensburg Oil Storage.
49th Wing: Milan/Alea Romeo Works, Milan/Isotta Fraschini Works and Milan Breda Works.
55th Wing: Munich/Erding A/D at 1142.
304th Wing: Munich/Reim A/D at 1150.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Wing again attacks the most vital line of communications in northern Italy in an attempt to prevent the passage of men, supplies and equipment to the hard-pressed German troops in the Po Valley.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: We are striking by individual Boxes at several vulnerable places along the Brenner route in order to delay repairs which till now have been quickly accomplished.

NO. OF PLANES: 34 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. SQDN FORMATION: 1st Box - 514 4th - 512
2nd - 513 5th - 515
3rd - 512

GROUP LEADING: 449th --- 376 last in Wing - rendy with 450th over San Vito.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Caorle (4536N 1252E) to Sacile (4557N 1230E) to Moena (4622N 1140E) to Arteisi (4634N 1141E) to Dobbiaco (4644N 1214E) to Erlsbach (4655N 1215E) to I.P.: Campo Tures (4655N 1151E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 221° BOMBING ALTITUDE: 21,000'

TURN OFF TGT: Left to Moena ROUTE BACK: Reciprocal of route out to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: None

FLAK: Possible mobile flak guns which patrol the Brenner Line may be encountered.
Bolzano - 89 guns. Trento - 30 guns.

FIGHTERS: Udine area - 74; Vicenza - 7; Trento - 2.

COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed as usual.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0445 |
| Trucks | 0530 |
| Take Off | 0630 |
| On course | 0745 |
| Target | 1102 |

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MISSION 358 DATE 21 October 1944

TARGET: SATORALJAUJHELY Marshalling Yard

| OTHER WINGS: | TARGET |
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| 5th | STAND DOWN |
| 49th | Kosice M/Y & rolling stock |
| 55th | Csap M/Y & rolling stock - Csap R.R. Bridge |
| 304th | Szombathely M/Y & rolling stock - Gyor M/Y & rolling stock. |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Four wings of the Air Force will attack M/Y's in Hungary in direct support of the Russian armies. Success of these attacks will hinder German troop movements and disrupt the enemy supply system by the blocking of M/Y's and the destruction of bridges and rolling stock.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This Group's target, while not a large M/Y, is important both tactically and strategically because of it's position, 50 miles North of Debreczen, where a major battle is now underway. Thru it passes the only double track R.R. line in Eastern Hungary, the main route between Budapest and Southern Poland. As of 13 Oct., the M/Y contained 600 wagons and 8 locomotives.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX SQDN FORM: A Box 514
B Box 513
GROUP LEADING: 449th C Box 512
D Box 515

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to (4212N-1856E) to (4351N-2002E) to (4449N-2120E) to (4702N-2110E) to I.P.
I.P. - Tisza-Lucz (4803N-2103E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 48 degrees.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 21,500'
TURN OFF TARGET: Right - passing East of Debreczen (4732N-2138E)
ROUTE BACK: Target to (4705N-2156E) to 4449N-2120E to reciprocal of Route Out.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 15th Fighter Command will provide penetration, target and withdrawal escort, and will strafe lines of communications from 4813N-2043E to 4816N-1950E and from 4813N-1937E to 4804N-1818E.

FLAK: Target: No reports availabel. There are undoubtedly 88 mm guns with the German field forces in the front lines which can be used against A/C. Evasive action should be employed near the German lines.

FIGHTERS: Target - None. Hajdu-Bosoremy - 15; Nyiregyhaza - 2.

NOTE: RECOGNITION OF RUSSIAN FIGHTER TYPE AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE STRESSED BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE ENCOUNTERS.
As of 19 Oct. the Russian front line ran roughly fron Signolto Baia Mare to Simian to Debreczen to Abau Szalok to Szolnok to Keskemet to Subotica to Belgrade. Due to the fluidity of the situation, an allowance of about 30 miles should be made in either direction from this line.
NO BOMBS WILL BE DROPPED BEHIND RUSSIAN LINES.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0500 |
| Trucks | 0545 |
| Take off | 0645 |
| On course | 0754 |
| Target | 1100 |

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MISSION NO 358 PA OCTOBER 1944

TARGET: Brenner Pass RR Line (4636N 1132E)
ALTERNATES: Latisana RR Bridge TC 4-144-NA
Casarsa RR Bridge
Pinzano RR Bridge MBC 4-37 - Photo 5020
LAST RESORT: Any point on Brenner Line

OTHER WINGS:
49th, 55th and 304th Wings will send a Red Force of 24 a/c per group to German targets and a Blue Force of 18 a/c per group to Northern Italy.
Blue Force;
304th Wing will attack Ossopo M/T Park
49th Wing will attack Milan/Breda Locomotive Works
55th Wing will attack Verona Arsenal
Red Force:
304th Wing will attack Regensburg/Wintehafen Oil Storage
49th Wing will attack Munich/Allach B.M.W. Works
55th Wing will attack Augsburg/M.A.N. Maschinenfabrik

5th Wing - 6 groups will attack Pilsen/Skoda Works

47th Wing - attacks Brenner Pass RR Line with 449th leading followed by 98th, 450th, 376th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Wing again attacks the most vital line of communications in Northern Italy in an attempt to prevent passage of supplies and equipment to hard pressed German troops in the Po Valley. The rest of the Air Force will attack communication targets in Northern Italy and Armament Works in Germany.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: We are striking xx by individual boxes at several vulnerable places along the Brenner Pass route in order to delay repairs which till now have been quickly accomplished.

NO OF PLANES; 35 BOMB LOAD: 500#RDX SQUADRON FORMATION:
1 Box 514
2 Box 513
3 Box 512
4 Box 515
5 Box 512,
514,

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Caorle (4536N 1252E) to Sacile (4557N 1230E) to Moena (4622N 1140E) to Orteisi (4634N 1141E) to Dobbiaco (4644N 1214E) to Erlsbach (4655N 1215E) to I.P.
I.P.: Campotures (4655N 1157E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 221°

TURN OFF TARGET: Left to Moena

ROUTE BACK: Reciprocal of route out.

FIGHTER ESCORT: None

FLAK: Possible mobile Flak guns which patrol Brenner Line may be encountered.
Bolzano 89 guns, Trento 30 guns.
Alternates -- No flak reports xxx available.

FIGHTERS: Udine area 74, Vicenza 7, Trento 2.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0645 |
| Trucks | 0730 |
| Take Off | 0830 |
| On Course | 0950 |
| Target | 1304 |

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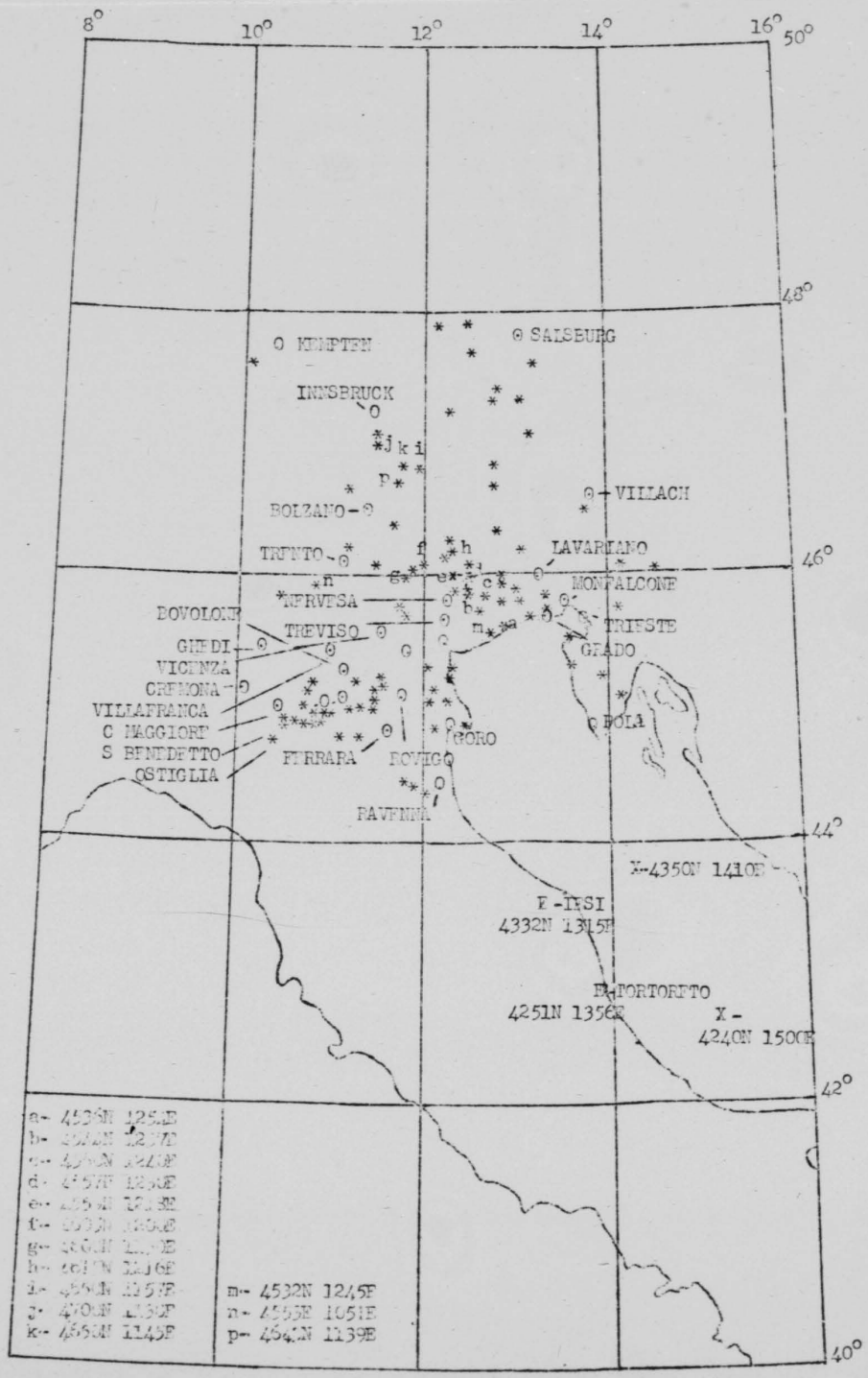
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 98

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 23 OCT. 1944

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MISSION NO. 359 27 October 1944

TARGET: Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery REF: TC 14-39-NA
Alternates: 1 - PFF on SE Industrial Section of Vienna
2 - Szombathely M/Y - TC 12-10-NA

OTHER WINGS:
5th Wing : Vienna South Ordnance Depot at 1209.
49th Wing : Vienna Vosendorf Oil Refinery at 1140.
55th Wing : Vienna Osterreichische/Sauerwerke at 1200.
304th Wing : Vienna South Goods Siding at 1150.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Plan sends every group in the Fifteenth Air Force to attack oil, industrial and communications targets in Vienna. All targets are of vital importance to the Germans at this time in view of the military situation in southeastern Europe.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Target beleived to be major producer of aviation gasoline. Importance is confirmed both by recent transfer of additional equipment to this plant and by ground reports from Roumania and France.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD : 500lb. SQDN FORMATION: 1st Box - 515 3rd - 513
2nd Box - 512 4th - 514

GROUP LRADING : 450th - 376th second, rendy with 450 over Manduria.

ROUTE OUT: Base to Ragusa(4231N 1823E) to Praca (4346N 1845E) to Sokol (4445N 1821E) to Dakovo (4518N 1825E) to Varazdin (4618N 1620E) to Langenwang (4734N 1537E) to the I.P. - Kaumberg (4802N 1554E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 001° BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500' TURN OFF: Left then right.

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Mistel Bach (4834N 1633E) to Rarbok (4828N 1711E) to Joka (4808N 1730E) to Czelldomolk (4716N 1709E) to Dakovo then reciprocal to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort on penetration, target and withdrawal.

FLAK: At target; 89 guns (Vienna total - 409 guns)
Alternate: Szombathely - none reported (304th Wing experienced no flak 21 Oct.)

FIGHTERS: Vienna area - 280; Szombathely - 30; Gyor - 15; Lake Balaton area - 47.

COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed as usual.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0645 |
| Trucks | 0730 |
| Take Off | 0830 |
| On course | 0935 |
| Target | 1209 |

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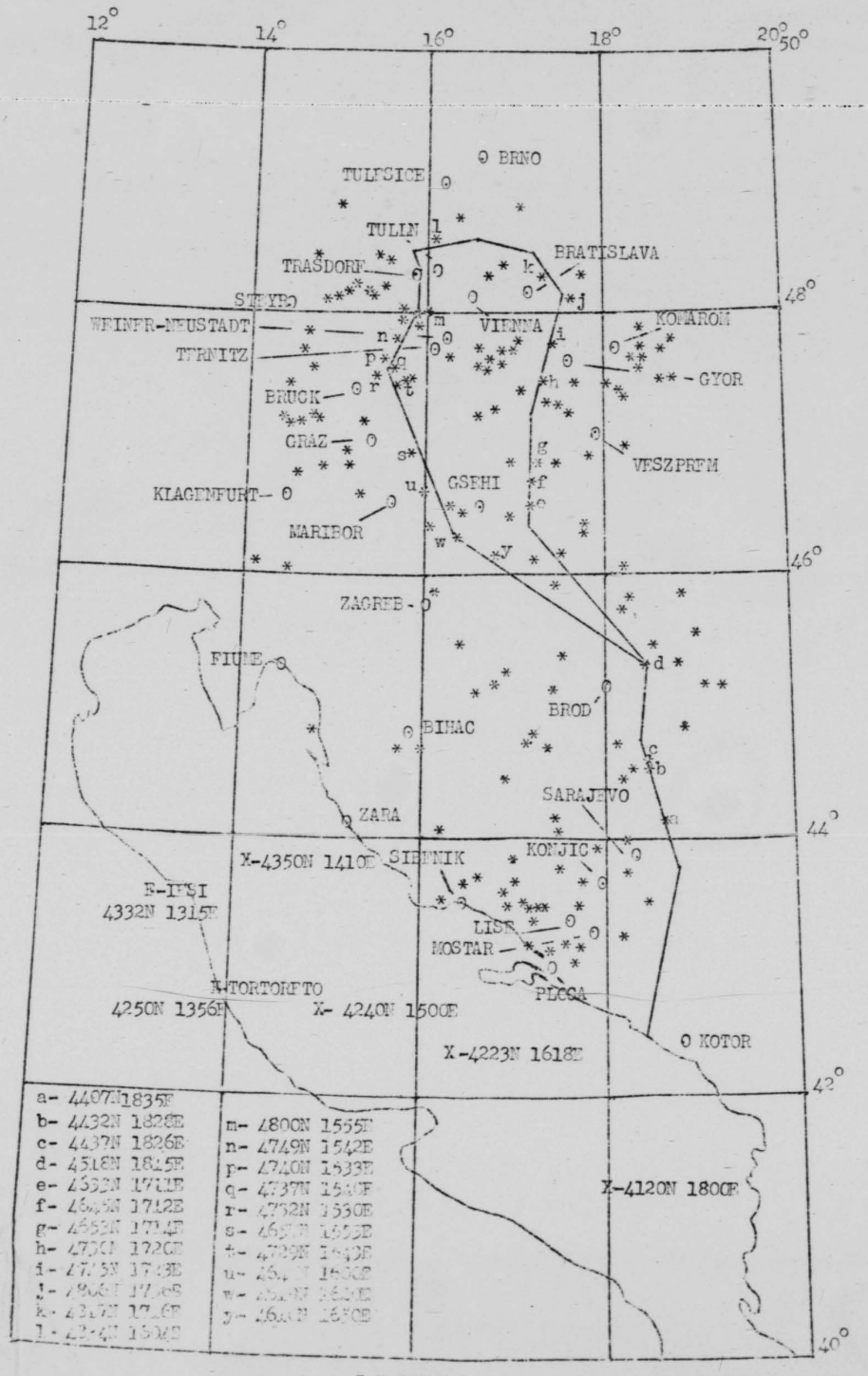
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 99

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 27 OCT. 1944

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PLAN ABLE — BLUE FORCE ONE

MISSION NO. 350 DATE 8 OCTOBER 1944

TARGET: FLORISDORF OIL REFINERY REF: 14-22-NA
ALTERNATES: Primary Target on PFF
Maribor Engine Factory 8-107-NA
Graz Neudorf Engine Factory 14-16-NA
Graz Main M/Y 14-41-NA

| OTHER WINGS: | TARGET | time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Vienna Ord. Dep | 1110 |
| 49th | Vosendorf Oil | 1126 |
| 55th | Vien/Saurerwerke | 1118 |
| 304th | Vienna/ Osterreichische Motor Work | 1210 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Under this plan the Air Force will employ maximum effort to attack oil and industrial targets in SE Germany and Austria. Successful attacks on today's mission is expected to put out of production 51,000 tons of the estimated total of 128,000 tons of gasoline produced monthly by the enemy.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This Group's target, the Florisdorf Oil Refinery, is estimated to have a capacity of 6,000 tons per month.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX SQDN FORM. A - 515
B - 512
C - 513
D - 514

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Tijesno (4348N-1539E) to 4539N-1519E to 4623N-1627E to 4732N-1530E to 4813N-1509E to 4839N-1528E to 4846N-1558E to I.P.

I.P. Stronsdorf (4839N-1618E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 169 degrees.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,500' TURN OFF TARGET: Left, then right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to 4807N-1651E to 4527N-1711E to 4303N-1643E to BASE.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighter command will provide target cover for the Blue Bombforce.

FLAK: At Target; There are 327 heavy guns at Vienna. The planned axis of attack of this Group will be within range of between 70 and 80 guns with the heaviest concentration of fire at the bomb release point.
FLAK: At Alternates: Maribor - 36 guns; Graz - 50 guns;

FIGHTERS: At Target. Enemy capabilities are approximately 100 sorties.
Enroute: Szombathely - 28; Zagreb - 14; Lake Balaton area - 123; Gyor Area - 15; Linz- Steyr area - 68.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0615 |
| Trucks | 0700 |
| Take off | 0800 |
| On course | 0856 |
| Target | 1202 |

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PLAN ABLE — BLUE FORCE TWO

MISSION NO. 351 DATE. 8 OCTOBER 1944

TARGET: Vienna/Kagran Oil Refy. REF. 14-10-HA
ALTERNATES: Primary by PFF
Maribor Engine Factory 8-107-HA
Graz Neudorf Engine Factory 14-16-HA
Graz Main M/Y 14-11-HA

| OTHER WINGS | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 5th Wing | Vienna South Ordnance Dep. | 1110 |
| 49th Wing | Vosendorf Oil Refinery | 1126 |
| 55th Wing | Vienna/Saurarwerke | 1118 |
| 304th Wing | Vienna/Osterreichische | 1210 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Under this plan the Air Force will employ maximum effort to attack oil and industrial targets in SE Germany Austria. Successful attacks on today's mission ~~if~~ are expected to put out of production 51,000 tons of the estimated total of 126,000 tons of gasoline produced monthly by the enemy.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This Group's target, the Kagran Oil Refinery, is estimated to produce 4,000 tons of gasoline per month.

NO. OF PLANES: 20 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX SQDN FORM A 513
B 514
C 512

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4348N-1539E to 4539N-1519E to 4623N-1627E to 4732N-1530E to 4813N-1509E to 4839N-1528E to 4846N-1558E to I.P.

I.P. - Stronsdorf (4839N-1618E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 164 degrees.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,500' TURN OFF TARGET: Left, then right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to 4807N-1651E to 4527N-1711E to 4303N-1643E to BASE.

Fighter Escort: Fighter command will provide target cover for the Blue Bombforce.

FLAK: At Target: The planned axis of attack will bring the formation within range of between 70 and 80 guns with the heaviest concentration of fire at the bomb release point. The left turn will start diminishing the concentration.
FLAK: At Alternates: Maribor - 36 guns; Graz - 50 guns.

FIGHTERS: At Target. Enemy capabilities are approximately 100 sorties.
ENROUTE: Szombathely - 28; Zagreb - 14; Lake Balaton area - 123; Gyor area - 15; Linz - Steyr area - 68.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0545 |
| Trucks | 0615 |
| Take off | 0715 |
| On course | 0845 |
| Target | 1154 |

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MISSION NO. 350 DATE: 10 October 1944

TARGET: Padua SW M/Y Ref. TC 4-67 NA
Vicenza M/Y Tc 4-19 NA

OTHER WINGS: Air Force attacks PO Valley Targets at 30 minute intervals. Two wings precede 47th. 98th hits Vicenza. 450th hits Padua E. M/Y

Importance of Mission: Interdiction of rail traffic along PO Valley line and Brenner Pass line to aid front line troops above Rimini.

Importance of target: M/Y controls traffic coming from Udine area and the Balkans to strongpoint of Bologna.

No. of planes 28 Bomb. Load 500# RDX .1 .01 & .025 A 515
B 512
C 513
D 514

Group leading wing 98th.
Route out:
San Vito to 4302 1515 to 4516 1218 to IP Pellestrino 4517 1218 to tgt

Axis of attack 294 degrees

Bombing altitude 22,500

Route back: rally sharp left to reciprocal of route out.

FIGHTER ESCORT - None.

FLAK AT TGT: Latest recce shows all heavy flak removed from tgt. At alt: Vicenza - Photo recce shows single 6 gun batt. on 28 Aug.

Fighters: None based at tgt. At Treviso, 3. At Verona, 1. Latest reconnaissance indicates that all small craft suitable for fighters have been moved from the Northern Italy battle zone into central Germany.

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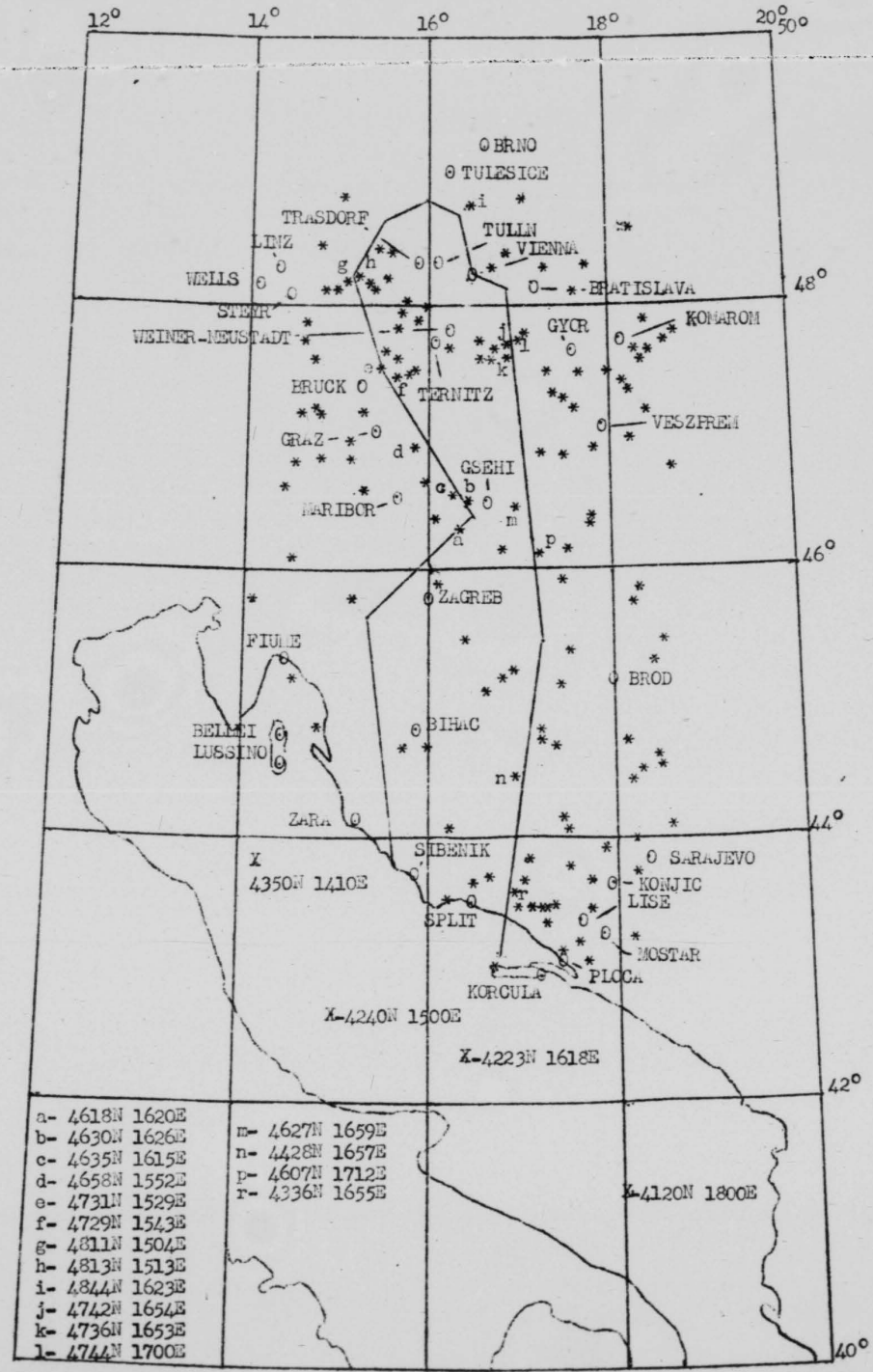
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 81

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 8 OCT. 1944

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MISSION FOR 11 OCTOBER 1944.

SAME AS PLAN "A", BLUE FORCE ONE AND BLUE FORCE TWO, 8 October 1944, EXCEPT FOR CHANGE IN TIME SUMMARY

| | | |
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| BLUE FORCE ONE | Briefing | 0530 |
| | Trucks | 0615 |
| | Take off | 0715 |
| | On course | 0825 |
| | Target | 1150 |
| BLUE FORCE TWO | Briefing | 0500 |
| | Trucks | 0530 |
| | Take off | 0700 |
| | On course | 0820 |
| | Target | 1142 |

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MISSION NO. 258 DATE: 8 October 1944

TARGET: Nyiregyhaza M/Y REF: 12-28-NA BAP: 0/9-10
Alternates: Miskolc M/Y 12-23-NA
Hatvan M/Y 12-22-NA.

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 49th: | Hatvan M/Ys | 1000 |
| 55th: | Miskolc M/Ys | 1030 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: All the Air Force to further the disorganization of the already disrupted German supply system to the Russian front.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Only about 32 miles from Russian front line and on the main line of retreat.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX SQDN FORMATION: A 514
B 513
C 512
D 515

GROUP LEADING: 376th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Ragusa (4231N 1822E) to Palanka (4515N 1924E) to Fulopszalles (4649N 1914E) to Ozegledbercsel (4713N 1940E) to IP.

I.P.: Hajdu-Nanas (4751N 2125E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 61°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 19,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Left.

ROUTE BACK: target to Polgar (4753N 2107E) to Monor (4721N 1927E) to Fulopszallas (4649N 1914E) to Palanka (4515N 1924E) to Ragusa to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters rendezvous at Fulopszallas (4649N 1914E) and provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover.

FLAK: At target: On 6 Sept 55th Wing reported no flak at the target. Miskolc 11 guns. Hatvan - no report.

FIGHTERS: Target 2. Hajdu-Boojermeny 15, Budapest area 100, Kaposvar 5, Pecs 7, Zagreb area 19.

| TIME SUMMARY: | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0530 |
| Trucks | 0615 |
| Take off | 0715 |
| On course | 0821 |
| Target | 1100 |

NEW CREW - Bill Holden

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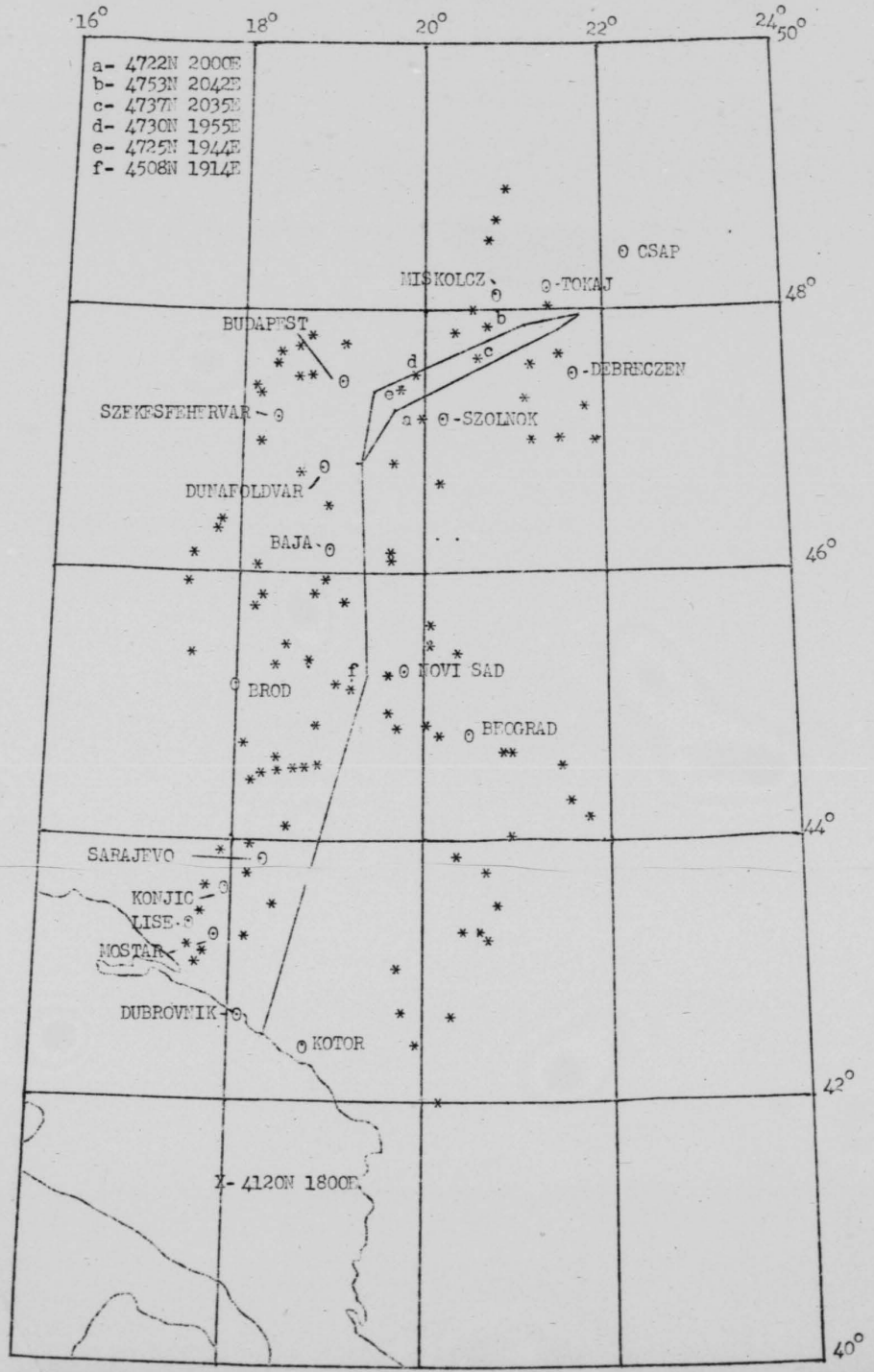
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 92

PLAN "C" MISSION OF 18 OCT. 1944

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MISSION NO. 352 DATE: 12 OCTOBER 1944

TARGET: Stores Depot - Bologna REF: 4-118A-NA BAP - N-14/15

| OTHER WINGS: | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Bivouac area in Bologna Area. | 1245 |
| 49th | Barracks, stores depot & vehicle workshops in Bologna area. | 1345-1415 |
| 55th | Stores depot & ammo dump in Bologna Area | 1245-1315 |
| 304th | Stores depot & munitions factory in Bologna | 1415-1445 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: An all-out effort aimed at tactical targets in the Bologna area which are of vital importance in direct support of the ground forces. These targets consist of military barracks, stores dumps and depots, workshops and troop concentrations.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Bologna is the enemy's main forward supply center. Destruction of supplies and M/T repair facilities at this point will aid 5th and 8th Armies, now converging on the city from the South and South East.

NO OF PLANES: 42 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. Gp

| SQDN FORM: | 1st Unit | 2nd Unit |
|---|---|---|
| A Box | 513 | 512 |
| B Box | 514 | 515 |
| C Box | 515 | 514 |

GROUP LEADING: 450th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Gorgona (4326N-0954E) to Sestri (4417N-0923E) to Fonatenellate (4454N-1010E) to I.P.
I.P. - Garpi (4447N-1053E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 132 degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Right, then left.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Imola (4421N-1142E) to Commacchio (4442N-1211E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 15th Fighter command provides 8 A/C to drop chaff for lead of each bomber wing and then provide target cover.

FLAK AT TARGET: There are 74 heavy guns in the Bologna Area. The briefed route will bring this Group within range of 52 of these guns.

FIGHTERS: There are approximately 10 Enemy fighters in the Po Valley within interception range of the target but these are so widely scattered that no fighter opposition is expected.

COMMENTS: EVERY PRECAUTION MUST BE TAKEN NOT TO BOMB FRIENDLY FORCES.

ESCAPE: Brief on standard procedure for passing through frontlines.

POW SECURITY: Stress secrecy of prospective targets briefed but never reached. One word spoken before an interrogator may mean lives of many fliers ✗ on future missions.

WINDOW: Window will be dispensed at the rate of 4 units per 20 seconds from 3 minutes before the IP till clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0600 |
| Trucks | 0645 |
| Take off | 0745 |
| On course | 0855 |
| Target | 1215 |

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Mission # [illegible] 13 October 1944

TARGET: Banhida North M/Y REF: To be provided ELEV: 560'
Alternates: ~~Primary by VHF~~
Nagykanizsa M/Y TC 8-21-NA 548'
Osijek M/Y TC 12-30-NA

OTHER WINGS:
4th: Vienna/Florisdorf Oil Refinery at 1136.
/th: M/Y and Motor Works in N.E. Vienna at 1146.
5th: Banhida East M/Y at 1134.
4th: Szekesfehervar M/Y at 1123.
98th and 449th Groups attack Vienna North M/Y at 1156.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Air Force will obviously make every effort to exploit weather conditions in area of above targets. Plan calls for destruction of both 1st priority tactical and startegic targets by the employment of two forces.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Important link in Hungarian communications system, especially because of the confused transport system and the attacks made on other Hungarian yards. Photo recce of 7 October showed more than 300 mixed goods units present.

NO. OF PLANES: 47 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. SQDN FORMATION: 1st Box: 514 5th: 512
2nd : 513 6th: 515 & 514
3rd : 512 7th: 513 & 514
4th : 515

GROUP LEADING: 98th. 376th leads 450th - rendy San Vito.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4348N 1539E to 4433N 1622E to 4616N 1706E to 4716N 1709E to IP.

I.P.: Mezoors (4735N 1753E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 88° BOMB ALTITUDE: 21,000'

TURN OFF TGT: Right. ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to 4327N 1609E to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Two Groups will provide target cover.

FLAK: At target: None reported (1/2/44)
Alternates: No reports available on either alternate.

FIGHTERS: Budapest area - 59; LakeBalaton-Szekesfehervar area - 89; Kaposvar - 25.

COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed at rate of 4 units every 20 seconds from 3 min. before I.P. till clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0600 |
| Trucks | 0645 |
| Take Off | 0745 |
| On course | 0854 |
| Target | 1144 |

NOTE: all gunners look at Bombardier's folder after they get to ships and see the aiming point.

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PLAN "A"

MISSION NO. 355 DATE: 14 October 1944.

TARGET: Maribor RR Bridge REF: TC 8-107-NA BAP: Center of bridge.
Alternates: Klagenfurt A/C Factory TC 14-4-NA.
Kranj A/C Factory TC 8-17-NA.

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Hlechhammer North | 1152 |
| 49th: | Odertal | 1225 |
| 55th: | Hlechhammer South | 1203 |
| 304th: | Odertal | 1215 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This Wing to provide screening effect for the main bomber force which follows. The main bomber force is continuing their attacks against the enemy's oil supply in the Hlechhammer area. Enemy's refined products have risen during October from 23% of pre-raid total to 40% of pre-raid total.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The Group and Wing targets are to be destroyed in furtherance of the plan to block the German retreat from Yugoslavia. The Maribor rail facilities form a junction of the lines running from Ljubljana, Zagreb and Varazdin to Graz andk Klagenfurt and other points in Austria and Germany.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 2000 lb. RDX SQDN FORMATION: A 515
B 512
C 513
D 514

GROUP LEADING: 49th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Tijesno (4348N 1539E) to Bosan Petrovac (4433N 1622E) to Csurgo (4616N 1706E) to Zalaapati (4644N 1707E) to IP.

I.P.: Radkersburg (4642N 1559E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 236°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Right until clear of flak then left.

ROUTE BACK: target to Sv. Ozdolt (4636N 1522E) to Soline (4408N 1453E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No fighter escort for this Wing.

FLAK: At target: 49 guns
Alternates: Klagenfurt 6 guns; Kranj - no report.

FIGHTERS: None in immediate target vicinity. Graz area 11; Udine area 68.

| TIME SUMMARY: | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0515 |
| Trucks | 0600 |
| Take off | 0700 |
| On course | 0757 |
| Target | 1042 |

PLAN "B"

Everything same as Plan "A" except as follows:

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Osterreichische Sauerwerke (Vienna) | 1100 |
| 49th: | Vosendorf | 1130 |
| 55th: | Vienna South Ordnance Depot | 1110 |
| 304th: | Vienna South M/Y | 1120 |

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PLAN "B"

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| TIME SUMMARY: | Briefing | 0445 |
| | Trucks | 0515 |
| | Take off | 0615 |
| | On course | 0729 |
| | Target | 1000 |

ESCAPE: Gunners will be briefed on general information concerning Yugoslavian situation is improving very rapidly all over Yugoslavia but the "safe areas" shown on the last safe area map are still the main centers of pro-Allied forces and therefore the "safest".

Navigators will be briefed at Group on the location of a 6000 foot emergency landing field which is half-way between Knin (4352N 1611E) and Glamoc (4353N 1651E)

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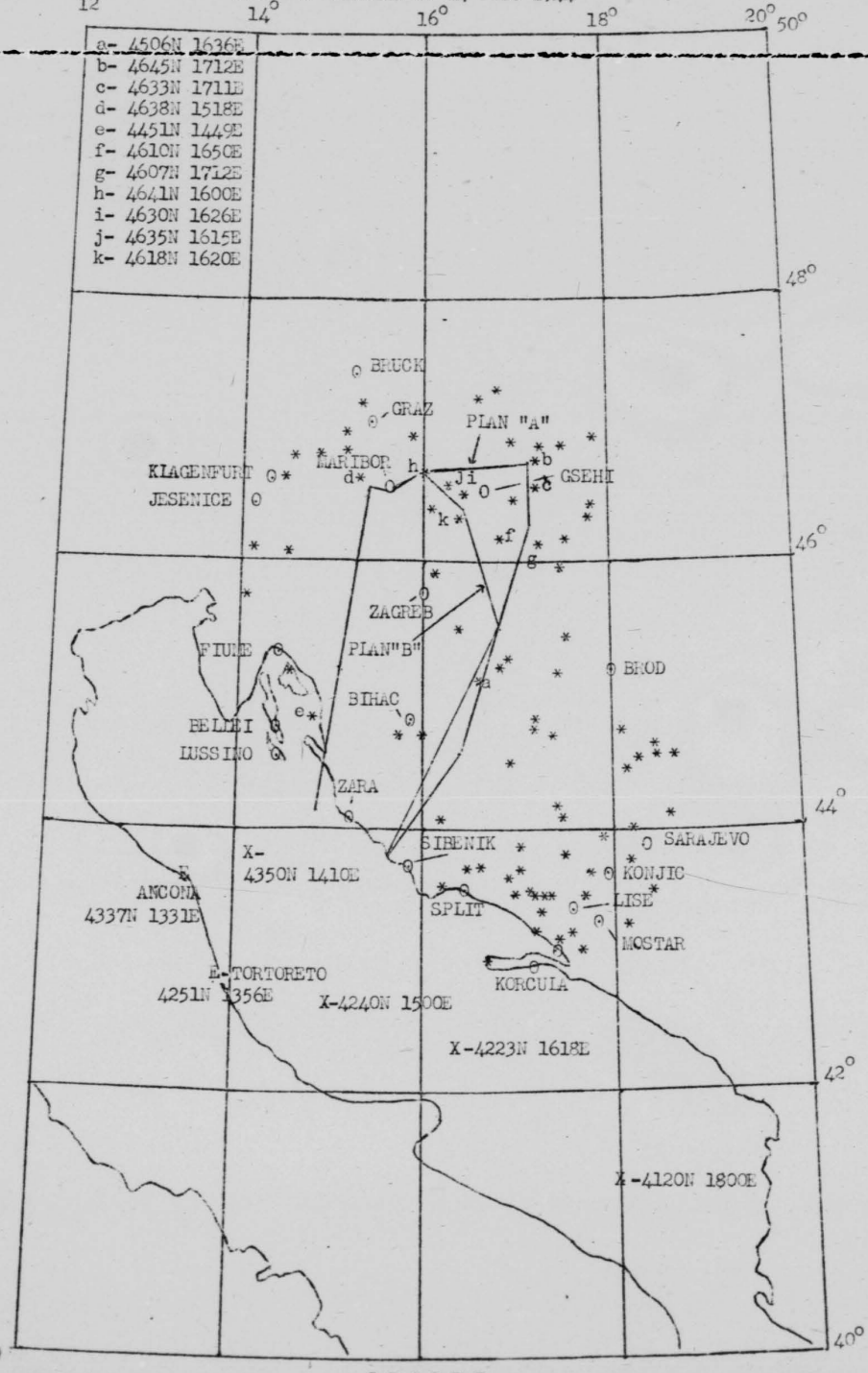
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 88

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 14 OCT. 1944
PLAN "B" MISSION OF 14 OCT. 1944

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MISSION NO. 329 --- 30 AUGUST 1944

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|---|---|---|---|
| TARGET: Cuprija RR Bridge | TC 8-48-HA | Klov. | 383' |
| SECONDARY: Nis M/Y | TC 8-102-HA | " | 600' |
| Lapova M/Y | TC 8-42-HA | " | 485' |

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Bridge is ~~[illegible]~~ on the only railroad line from the North (Vienna & Budapest) to Nis and the south and east Athens & Istanbul.

NO OF PLANES: 28

SQUADRON FORMATION:

| | A Sect | B Sect |
|---|---|---|
| | 512 | 514 |
| | 515 | 513 |

BOMB LOAD: 2000 lb. GP

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4231N 1823E to 4353N 1951E to I.P.

INITIAL POINT: Lapova (4411N 2105E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 146 degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 18,000

TARGET PINPOINT: Center of bridge at 11-0 (TC 8-49-HA)

TURN OFF TARGET: Left

ROUTE BACK: Rally left to Lapova to reciprocal of route out.

FLAK: Scant, accurate heavy flak was experienced at Cuprija on 2 ~~July~~ 4th. ~~Thursday~~ Nis 29 guns, Lapova none. Enroute; Heavy flak at 4356N 2123E, 4351N 2022E

FIGHTERS: Target none, Nis 7, Lapova none. Enroute - none

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, M/E, M/V's, Tactics.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
5th Wing attacks Novi Sad M/Y and RR bridge at 1000 hrs.
55th Wing attacks Ferrara RR Bridge at 1000 hrs.
49th Wing stands down
301th Wing stands down

47th WING:
376th leads 98th over target at 1000 hrs.
449th attacks same target at 1020 hrs.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION:
Plan is to cut all rail communications to hinder withdrawal of Axis garrisons in South Balkans.

FIGHTER ESCORT:
Target cover will be provided.

OTHER COMMENTS:
No other targets will be bombed.

Briefing 0515
Trucks 0600
Take Off 0700
On Course 0806
Target 1000

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
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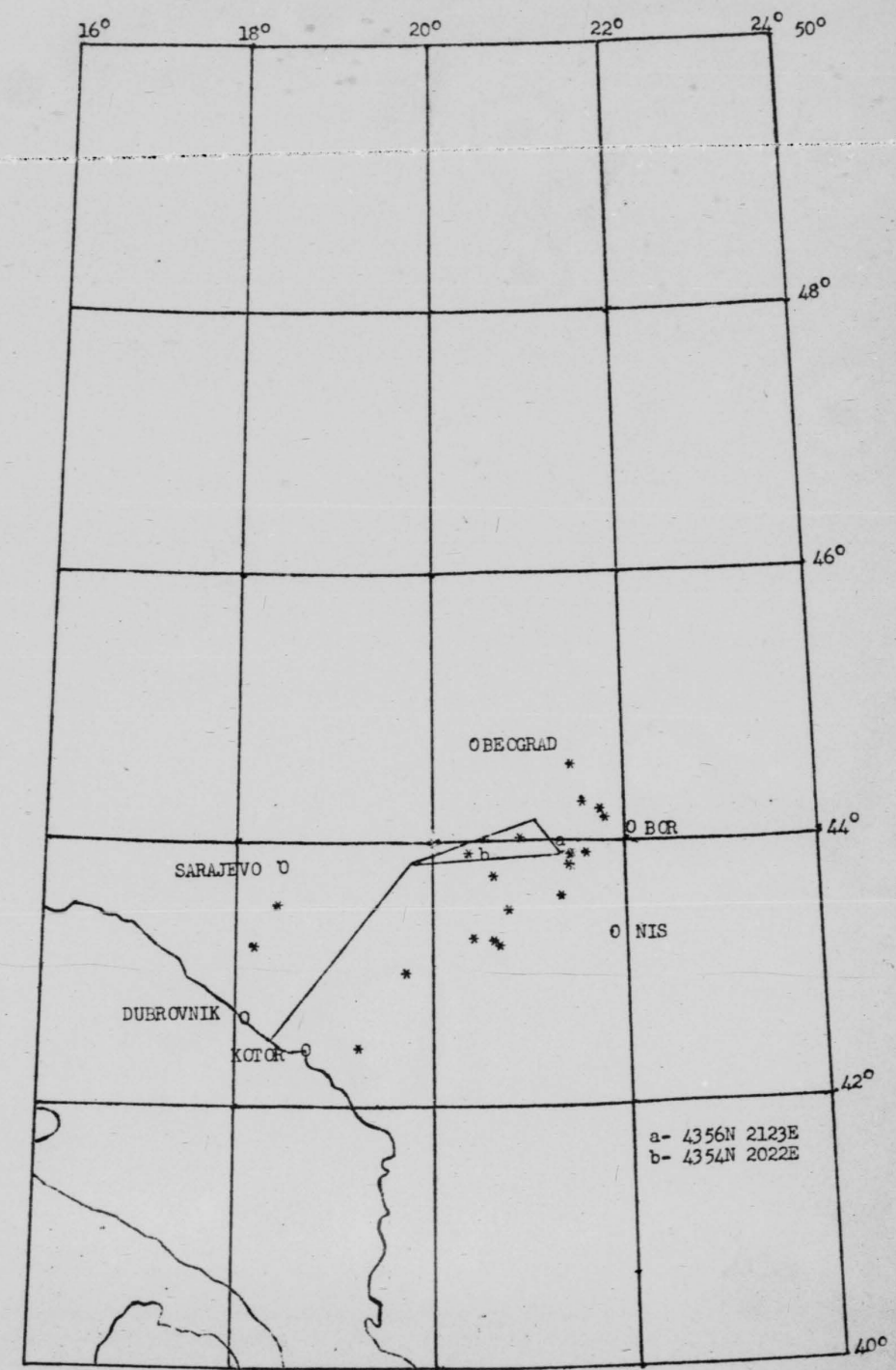


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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 63

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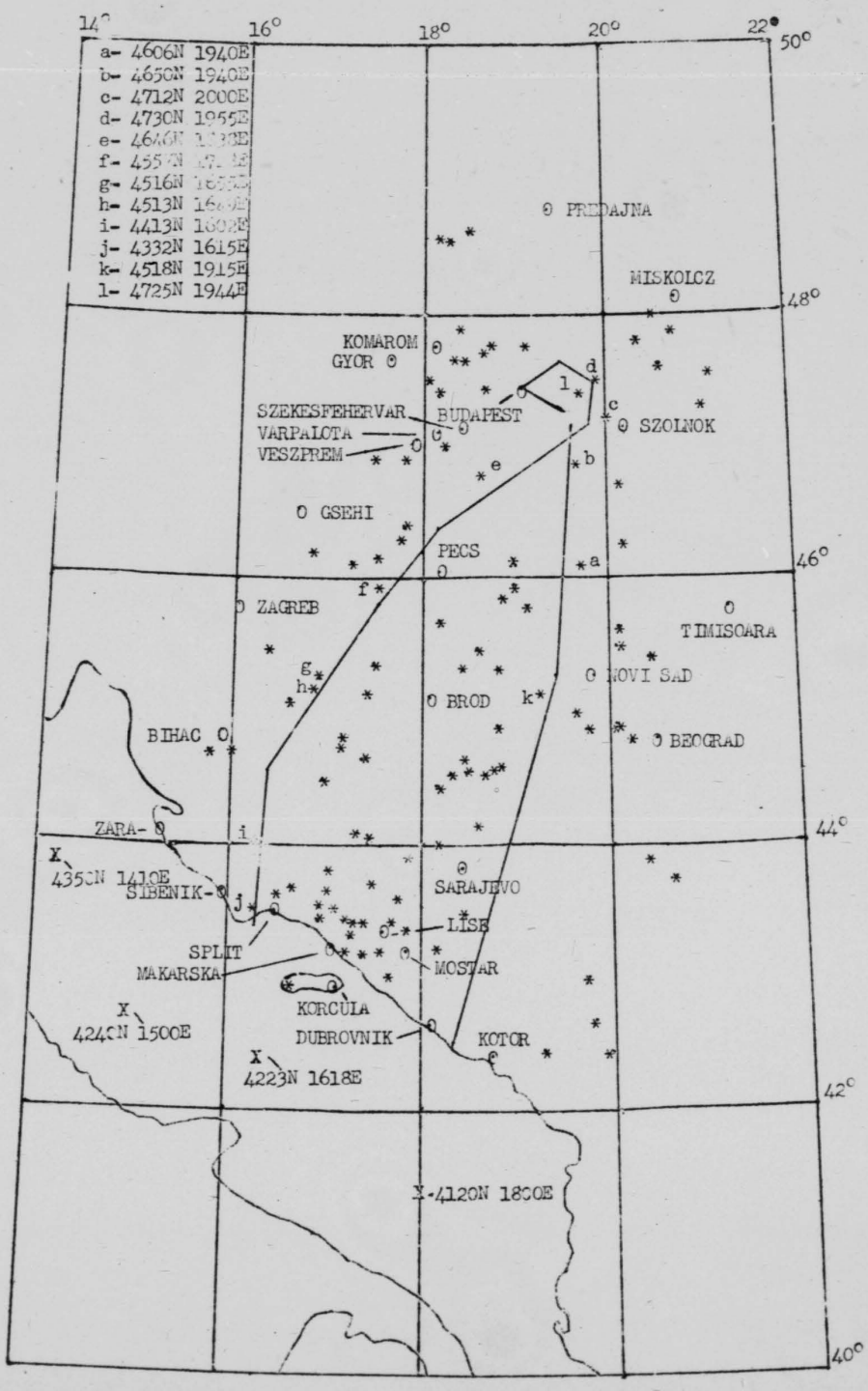


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MISSION # 341 18 September

TARGET: Budapest North RR Br. TARGET CHART : 12-100-NA ELEVATION: 373'
PINPOINT: Center of Bridge.
ALTERNATE: Vincovici M/Y TARGET CHART: 8-30-NA ELEVATION: 295'
PINPOINT: J-K/8 to 13
I.P. OF ALTERNATE: Osijek AXIS OF ATTACK FOR ALTERNATE: 164 degrees.
OTHER WINGS: 5th Wing will attack Sava and Novi Sad RR bridges and Subotica M/Y 1100 hrs.
304th Wing will attack Budapest North and South RR Bridges and Budapest Shell Oil Refinery at 1130 hours.
55th Wing will attack same targets as the 47th Wing at 1100 hours.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: 15 Air Force plan calls for destruction of principal bridges at Budapest and Szob, of vital importance in transporting material to Southeastern fronts. Among important items being transferred along these routes at present is ordnance material from Vienna area due to the acute shortages on this particular front.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Only two RR Bridges cross the Danube at Budapest. When superficially damaged by previous bombing, repairs on this bridge were rushed to completion, clearly showing the need for its use.
NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 2000 lb.
SQUADRON FORMATION: A Box 515 C Box 513 GROUP LEADING: 449th
B Box 512 D Box 514
ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Ragusa (4232N-1822E) to Palanka (4515N-1921E) to [redacted]. Irsa (4715N-1938E) to Hatvan (4740N-1941E) to Balassagyarmat (4806N-1918E) to Hont. Tesary (4813N-1855E) to I.P.
I.P. - Nyerges Ujfalu (4746N-1833E) AXISOF ATTACK: 119 degrees.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500'
TURN OFF TARGET: Left, then right.

ROUTE BACK: To Irsa (4715N-1938E) to reciprocal of route out.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters will provide close escort and top target cover for all Wings except the 5th.

FLAK AT TARGETS: Budapest - 146 guns (Route is in range of approximately one-third of these). Alternate - Vincovici - None reported.
FLAK ENROUTE Ragusa, Bijeljina, Sid, Novi Sad.

FIGHTERS: Budapest-Lake Balaton Area - 151. Enroute: Szolnok 47, Gyor, 27, Belgrade-Novi Sad Area 14.

OTHER COMMENTS: A and B boxes load [redacted] window. To be dispensed from 3 minutes before I.P. till clear of flak at the rate of 3 or 6 (depending on type) units per 20 seconds.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0430 |
| Trucks | 0515 |
| Take off | 0615 |
| On course | 0730 |
| Target time | 1030 |

Type of fighter escort will be given over phone if received by this office before briefing ——-
BOYS - P-38's
GIRLS - P-51's

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
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ROUTE FLAK CHART
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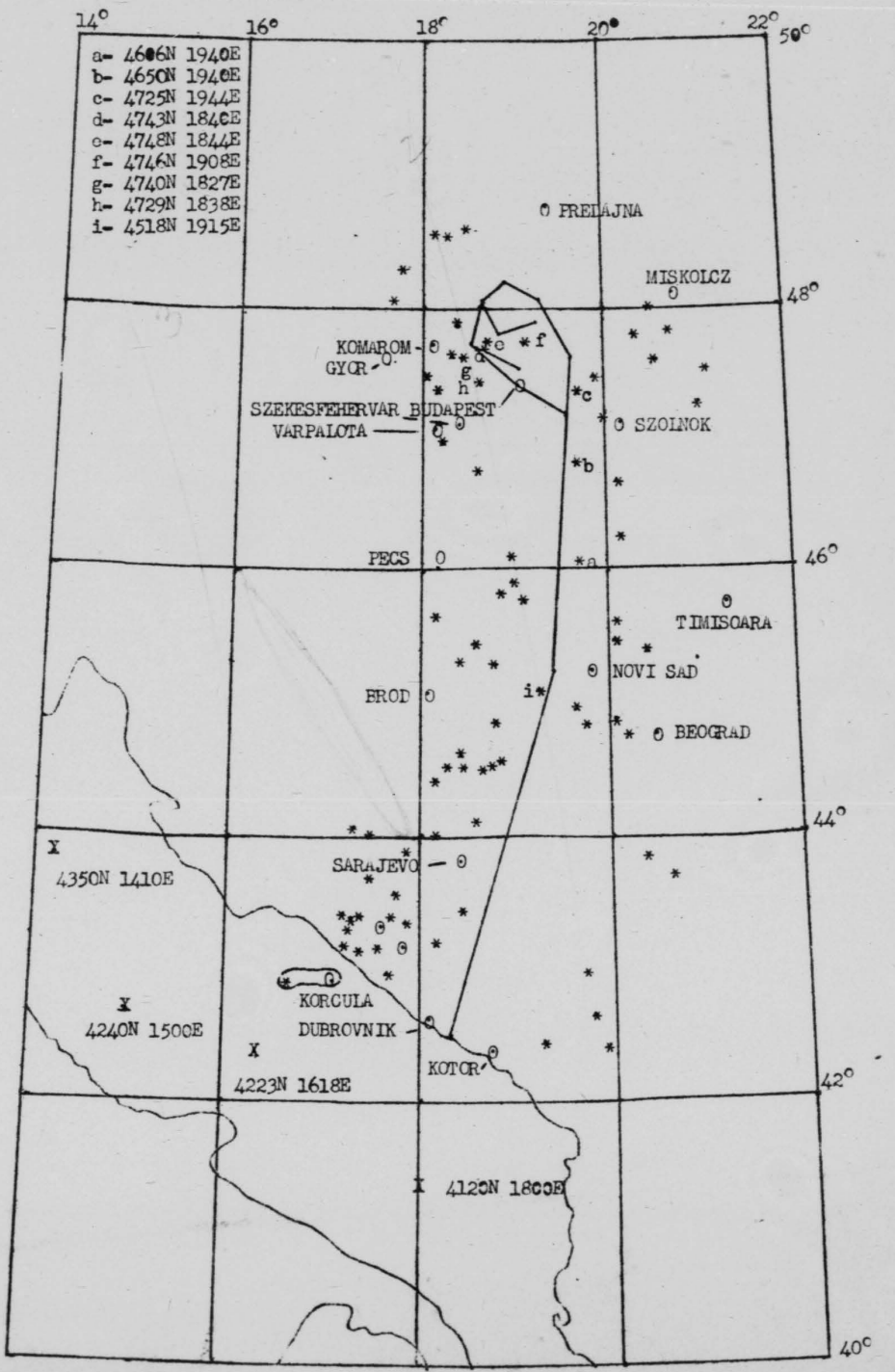


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19 Sept. 1944 — Mission # 34

TARGET: Mitrovica RR Bridge REFERENCE: TC 8-19-NA (Zvecan) Elev: 1610'
Secondary: Sabac RR & Road Bridge ** Minimum Photochart 8-9 Elev: 279'

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Important link on secondary rail line south of Belgrade.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Rapid repairs to this bridge and Kraljevo Bridge indicate the importance of this line for the withdrawal of enemy troops from Greece and Albania.

OTHER EFFORTS: 449th & 450th attack Kraljevo Bridge
98th & 376th attack Mitrovica Bridge
5th Wing and 55th Wing attack Blechammer Oil Refineries at 1030-1040.
304th Wing attacks Odertal Oil Refinery at 1050.
49th Wing flt supply missions to Lyon.

GROUP LEADING: 449th. No rendy - 376th last in Wing formation, depart San Vito at 0858 at 11,000'.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 2000 lb. SQDN FORMATION: A Box - 512 C Box 514
B Box - 515 D Box 513

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Draskovina (4310N 1938E) to the I.P. - D. Krnjin (4308N 2048E)

AXIS OF ATTACK : 164° BOMBING ALTITUDE: 1st Unit - 19,500'; 2nd Unit - 20,000'

TARGET PINPOINT: Center of Bridge

TURN OFF TGT.: Right. ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Base.

* FLAK: Tgt. - no reports available. Route: Raska, Pec, Scutari.

FIGHTERS: Total of 9 fighters in range of target.

ESCORT: None.

OBSERVATIONS & PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, Troop movements.

TIME SUMMARY:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Briefing | ~~0600~~ | 0545 |
| Trucks | ~~0630~~ | 0615 |
| Take Off | ~~0730~~ | 0715 |
| On course | 0852 | |
| Target | 1022 | |

*NOTE: Flak at target: On 26 August 47th Wing encountered scant to moderate, accurate and inaccurate heavy flak. On 2 September 49th Wing experienced scant, inaccurate heavy flak

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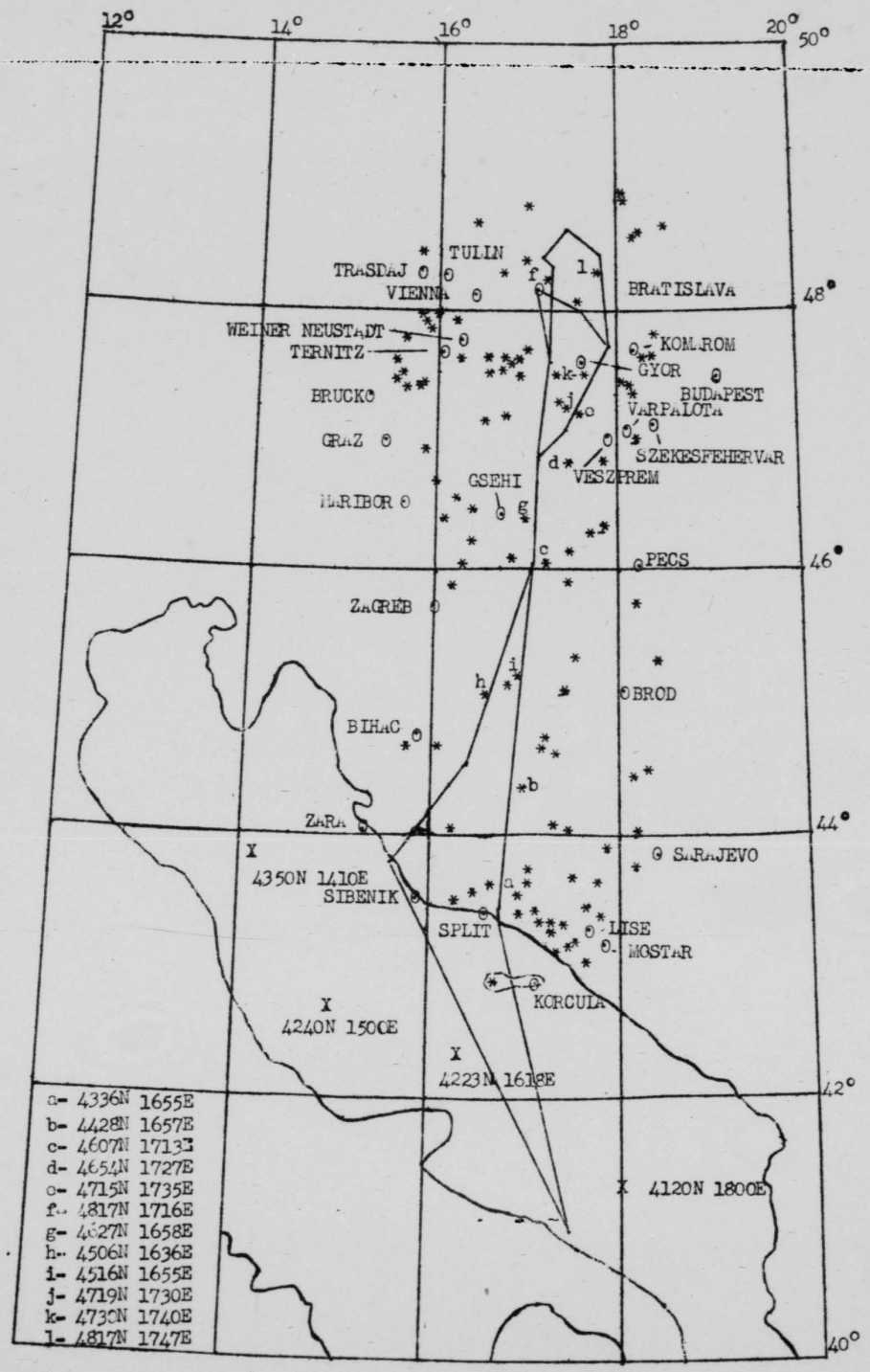
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 67

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 20 SEPT. 1944

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MISSION NO. 343 DATE: 20 September 1944 PLAN "C"

TARGET: Salamis Harbor (Submarines) No target material in squadrons. To be given out at Group briefing.
Alternates: None.

OTHER WINGS: Target Time
304th: Athens/Kalamaki A/D 1130 hours
449th and 450th Groups attack Athens/Kalamaki A/D.
306th Wing provide fighter umbrella over Kalamaki A/D to prevent enemy A/C from being airborne.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Attack submarines in Athens area. Mission of 15 September hit many naval vessels but left 2 submarines undamaged.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Destruction of undersea CRAFT, submarine base and naval installations in Salamis Harbor.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX SQDN FORMATION: A 513
B 514
C 515
D 512

GROUP LEADING: 449th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Killini (3756N 2108E) to Efira (3726N 2300E) to IP.

I.P.: Akhero (3733N 2328E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 7°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 21,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Left.

ROUTE BACK: target to Efira (3726N 2300E) to Killini (3756N 2108E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide target cover. Same code to be used as plan "A" for rendezvous, with exception of place.

COMMENTS: Bomb strikes and observations of enemy ground situation very important. Note particularly bivouac areas, convoys, shipping. Window to be used in accordance with SP 32-2.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0600 |
| Trucks | 0700 |
| Take off | 0800 |
| On course | 0913 |
| Target | 1100 |

FLAK: At target: 38 guns along Salamis Straits.

FIGHTERS: Athens area 35. Skoplje 2, Lignavergie 3, Berat 9.

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SION NO. 343 DATE: 20 September 1944 PLAN "A"

RGET: Bratislave Oil Storage & Dist. Plant REF: TC 15-2-NA BAP: L-11/12
.ternates: Zagreb M/Y TC 8-4-NA.

OTHER WINGS: TARGET
5th: Budapest North and South and Szob RR Bridges.
49th: Supply mission to France.
55th: Hatvan M/Y (4740N 1940E)
304th: Malacky A/D and Gyor M/Y.
449th and 450th Groups attack Malacky A/D (4824N 1708E)

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Continued attacks on German oil and gasoline production further depleting their already inadequate supplies.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This Apollo Refinery was one of 10 largest Axis refineries situated outside of Roumania and contains 20% of total Czechoslovakian capacity. Knocked out on 16 June 1944, damage has been repaired and over 800 tons of gasoline per month is being produced.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX SQDN FORMATION: A 513
B 514
GROUP LEADING: 449th C 515
D 512

ROUTE OUT: (1) San Vito to (2) Murter (4349N 1536E) to (3) Bosan Petrovac (4433N 1622E) to (4) Durdevac (4602N 1703E) to (5) Gyulevesz (4652N 1707E) to (6) Devecser (4706N 1725E) to (7) 4744N 1755E) to IP.

I.P.: Duna Szerdahely (4759N 1737E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 295°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 21,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Left.

ROUTE BACK: target to Csorna (4738N 1715E) to Pucisca (4322N 1644E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide strong close escort for 47th Wing.

FLAK: ~~Th~~ target: 14 guns.
Alternate: 33 guns

FIGHTERS: At target area 58, Gyor-Budapest area 166, Szombathely 25, Kaposvar 13, Vienna area 149, Zagreb area 13.

COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed in accordance with SP 32-2. Bomb strikes and observations on enemy ground activity very important.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0600 |
| Trucks | 0630 |
| Take off | 0730 |
| On course | 0852 |
| Target | 1150 |

Fighter code: Escort will be indicated over telephone as follows:

Blues - P 51s
Greys - P 38s
Reds - P 47s
Place will be indicated by number of turn-point.

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MISSION NO 344 21 September 1944

TARGET: Novi Sad RR Bridge TC 8-30-NA Elev. 246'

SECONDARY: Sava (Belgrade) RR Bridge TC 8-3-NA " 242'

OTHER WINGS:

5th Wing attacks Blechhammer Synthetic Oil Plant at 1100 hrs.
55th Wing " " " " " " 1110 hrs.
304th Wing " Odertal Oil Refinery at 1120 hrs.
49th Wing conducts supply operation to France.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Three Wings of the Air Force strike at the highest priority stategic targets left to the 15th Air Force. The target has been severely damaged but is capable of resuming production in the near future. The 47th Wing attacks communications lines leading to the Southern Front.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Group target is one of the remaining bridge crossing the Danube that are serviceable at the present time. The 98th and 449th hit Baja, so one bridge Dunafakdvar above Belgrade will remain in service if today's attacks are succesful. B-17's attacked Novi Sad 18 september 1944 but damaged only approaches which were repaired at once.

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 2000# SQDN FORM: A 514 C 512
B 513 D 515

GROUP LEADING: 450th leads 376th on Novi Sad.
98th leads 449th on Baja RR Bridge.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to ~~[illegible]~~ Ragusa (4253N 1828E, to Ilincy ( 4507N 1906E) to I.P.

I.P.: Palanka (4514N 1924E) Axis of attack; 90°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 20,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Target to Mrcenovac (4445N 1949E) to Ragusa (4253N 1828E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No escort.

FLAK: Novi Sad 12 guns, Belgrade area 55 guns. None reported enroute.

FIGHTERS: Novi Sad 2, Belgrade area 15, Zagreb area 12.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0600 |
| Tracks | 0645 |
| Take Off | 0745 |
| On Course | 0920 |
| Target | 1108 |

PLAN BAKER
Target for 47th Wing remains the same as in Plan Able.
5th Wing attacks Debrechen and Bekescsaba M/Y's.
304th Wing attacks Tisa and Kis-Kore RR Bridges.
55th Wing attacks the same targets as 5th Wing.
49th Wing conducts supply operations to France.
1 Group of fighters will attack Osijec M/Y by high level bombing.
Fighter escort to be provided to 5th, 55th and 304th Wings.

NOTE - It will be S.O.P for lead ships to carry smoke flares which will be dropped with bombs indicating to bombardiers "bombs away". This shall be brought to the attention of gunners as amny were unduly alarmed when this happened yesterday over the target.

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22 September 1944 MISSION 345

TARGET: Larissa West M/Y REFERENCE: Photos to be distributed. Elevation: 245'

OTHER WINGS: 5th Wing attacks Munich/Allach BMW Works at 1231 hours.
304th Wing attacks parked A/C & installations at Munich/Reim A/D 1200 hours.
49th Wing will execute a supply mission to France.
55th Wing attacks Munich/Oberweisenfeld BMW Works at 1222 hours.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The Larissa M/Y's are the largest and most important marshalling areas between Athens and Salonika on the only rail line from Athens out of the Balkans. On the last photo recce there were 600 cars in the yards.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX S.ADN FORMATION A Box 514 C Box 512
B Box 513 D Box 515

GROUP LEADING: 98th leads 376th and Wing.

ROUTE OUT: Base to Vunoj (4008N-1942E) to 4009N-2223E to I.P.

I.P. Iraklion (4000N-2237E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 201 degrees BOMBING ALTITUDE: 21,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Vunoj to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No fighter escort for 47th Wing.

FLAK: There is no recent flak cover on Larissa. Last cover showed 4 positions, 20 guns. On 15 September, 449 Group reported no flak & 450 Group reported slight, inaccurate, heavy flak at Larissa. At Salonika 55 heavy guns, of which 26 will be in range of this Group. For flak enroute see flak chart.

FIGHTERS: Larissa 4; Salonika 8. Enroute: Athens 3.

COMMENTS: Caution must be used not to bomb the town of Salonika.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0630 |
| Trucks | 0715 |
| Take off | 0815 |
| On course | 0954 |
| Target | 1110 |

ALTERNATE: Salonika West M/Y REFERENCE: [illegible] ELEVATION: 100'

I.P. SKALANLEVTHEROKHORION (4027N-2236E).

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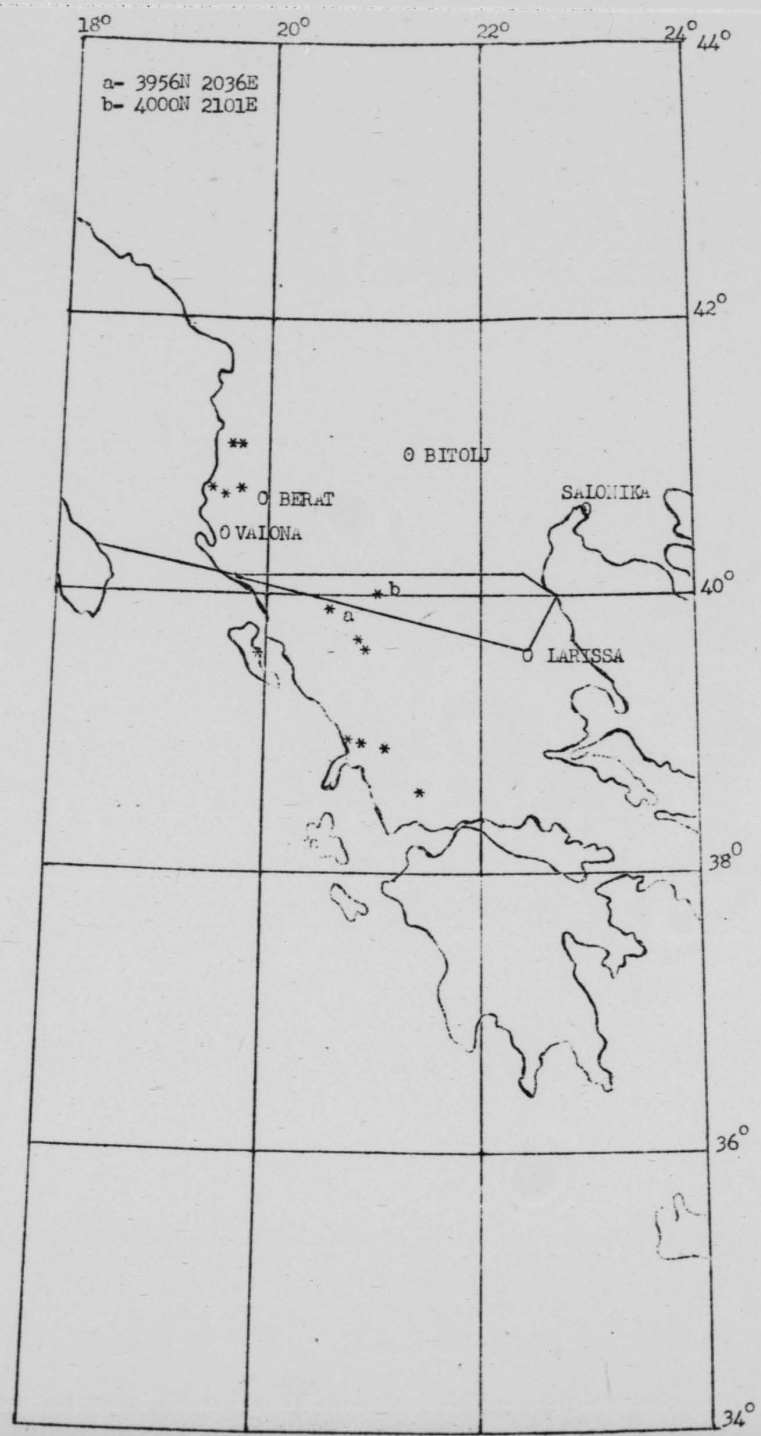
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 70

PLAN "B" MISSION OF 22 SEPT. 1944

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MISSION NO. 346 PLAN "A" DATE : 23 Sept. 44

TARGET: AVISIO Viaduct REF: TC 4-138-NA ALT: 650'

SECONDARY: 1st- Verona M/Y - I.P. Riva (4554N 1051E) - TC 4-210-NA (215')

LAST RESORT: 2nd- Vicenza M/Y - I.P. Rovereto (4554N 1103E) - TC 4-94-NA (120')

OTHER WINGS:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5TH WING | ATTACKS BRUX/BERGIUS Oil Plant | AT | 1200 | HRS. (5033N 1336E) |
| 55TH | - Casarsa, Latisana, Pinzano RR Bridges | | 1100 | |
| 49TH | flies supply mission in France | | | |
| 304TH | - Vernone Viaduct (4618N 1307E) and | | 1130 | |
| | Salcano RR Bridge (4559N 1339E) | | | |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Weather has permitted enemy to repair all main rail lines in North Italy. It is essential that these lines be cut now to enable the tactical and ground forces to reap the complete victory the present situation indicates.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Foremost tactical commitment is to interdict the Brenner rail lines. Destruction of our target, Ora and Mezzocorona RR Bridges will accomplish this.

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 2000 lb. SQDN FORM: A 515 B 512 C 513 D 514

GROUP LEADING 98th — 376 rendy with 450 over San Pan

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Caorle (4536N 1253E) to Fiero del Prin (4611N 1119E) to IP.

I.P. Castello di Fiemme (4617N 1125E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 238°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 21,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Right - then left south of Trento

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Arco (4555N 1053E) to Vittorio (4559N 1218E) to Caorle to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No escort.

FLAK: At primary target - 36 guns. - On 13 Sept, this Group experienced moderate to intense, accurate flak.
at Alternates Verona - 15 pos.-62 guns; Vicenza - 6 guns.
Enroute- See flak chart

| | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0515 |
| Trucks | 0600 |
| Take Off | 0700 |
| On Course | 0814 |
| Target | 1042 |

FIGHTERS: AT TARGET Trento - 5; Bolzano - 16; Verona - 21; Udine area - 73.
Enroute- P-38 / P-51

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AM NO. 347 DATE: 24 September 1944.

JET: Athens/Kalamaki A/D REF: TC 9-1-NA BAP: 9-11/L-M-N
Alternates: None.

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Stand down | |
| 49th: | Athens/Eleusis A/D | 1300 hours |
| 304th: | Athens/Tatoi A/D | 1200 hours |
| 55th: | Salonika M/Y and Scaramanga Harbor | 1245 hours |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Continuation of the offensive against airfields in the Athens area to disrupt the evacuation of German troops by air.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Photo coverage shows that all of the Athens airdromes are being used as main bases for transport aircraft.

75 transports in Athens area
34 on Kalamaki active - 15 inactive

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 100 lb. GP clustered SQDN FORMATION: A 512
B 515
C 514
D 513

GROUP LEADING: 98th.

ROUTE OUT: Lecce to Killini (3757N 2108E) to Astros (3725N 2246E) to IP.

I.P.: Aytheodhorai (3736N 2324E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 43°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 21,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: target to 3752N 2403E) to IP to reciprocal of route out.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighter cover to be provided for all Wings. Fighters to conduct sweep from Salonika to Athens, arriving at Salonika 5 minutes previous to the bomber attack.
FLAK: At target: Within range of a possible 15 heavy guns.

FIGHTERS: Target area 6. Berat 9.

COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed in accordance with SP 32-2

| TIME SUMMARY: | Briefing | 0745 |
|---|---|---|
| | Trucks | 0830 |
| | Take off | 0930 |
| | On course | 1047 |
| | Target | 1245 |

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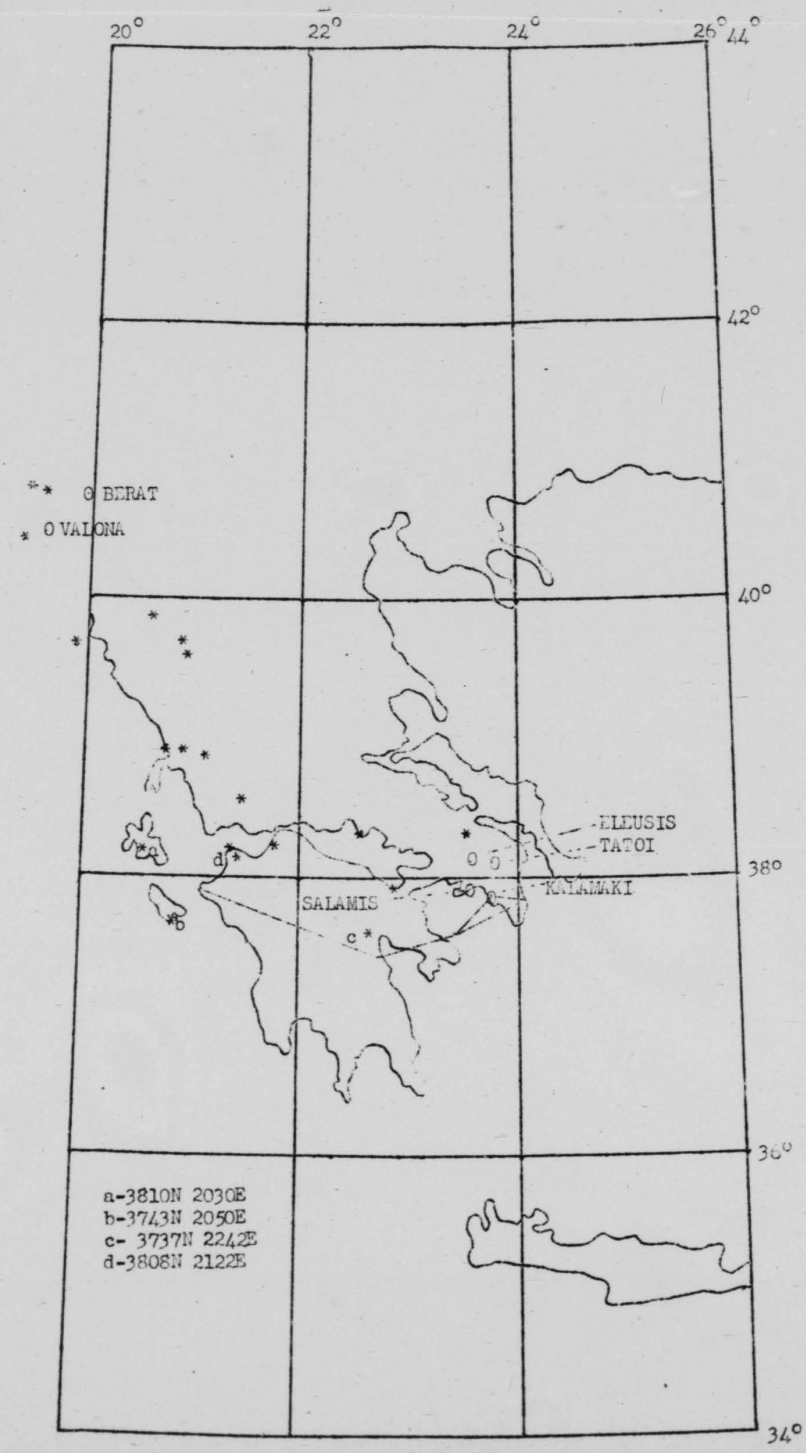
HEADQUARTERS 15TH WING
APO 520

FLAK ROUTE CHART
NO. 72

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 24 SEPT. 1944




a-3810N 2030E
b-3743N 2050E
c- 3737N 2242E
d-3808N 2122E

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"B" MISSION

MISSION NO. 349 DATE 28 September 1944.

TARGET: Avisio Viaduct REF: TO 1-130-WA BAP: Center of bridge.
Alternates: None.

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Latisana RR Bridge, Casarsa and Pinzano RR Bridges. | |
| 49th: | Venzone Viaduct. | |
| 55th: | Salcano and Borovnica RR Bridges. | |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The enemy has been quickly repairing damaged rail lines. It is essential that these lines be cut now to enable the tactical and ground forces to reap the complete victory the present situation indicates.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Foremost tactical commitment is to interdict the Brenner rail lines. Destruction of our target, Ora and Mezzocorona RR Bridges will accomplish this.

NO. OF PLANES: 21 BOMB LOAD: 2000 lb. SQDN FORMATION: A 514
B 515
C 512
D 513

GROUP LEADING: 98th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4500N 1300E to Caorle (4536N 1253E) to Vittorio (4559N 1218E) to Fiero Del Trim (4611N 1119E) to IP.

I.P.: Castello di Fiemme (4617N 1125E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 238°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 21,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Right, then left south of Trento.

ROUTE BACK: target to Arco (4555N 1053E) to Vittorio (4559N 1218E) to Caorle (4536N 1253E) to 4500N 1300E to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No escort.

FLAK: At target: 30 guns at [redacted]. Moderate to intense, accurate heavy flak was experienced by this Wing on 13 Sept 44.

FIGHTERS: Target - none. Udine area 70, Vicenza 20.

COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed in accordance with SP 32-2

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0730 |
| Trucks | 0815 |
| Take off | 0915 |
| On course | 1027 |
| Target | 1330 |

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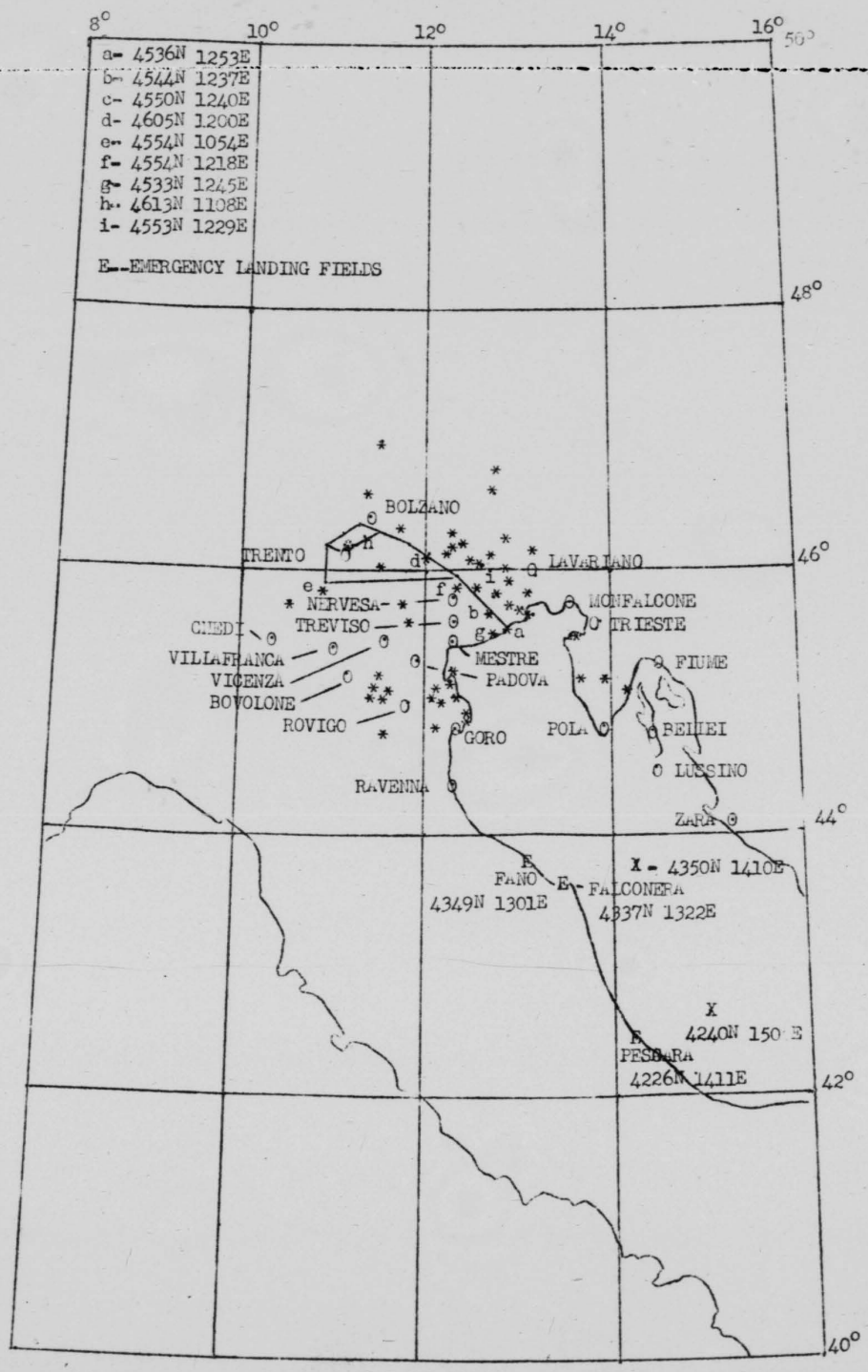
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 73-B

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 28 SEPT. 1944 - FORCE "B"

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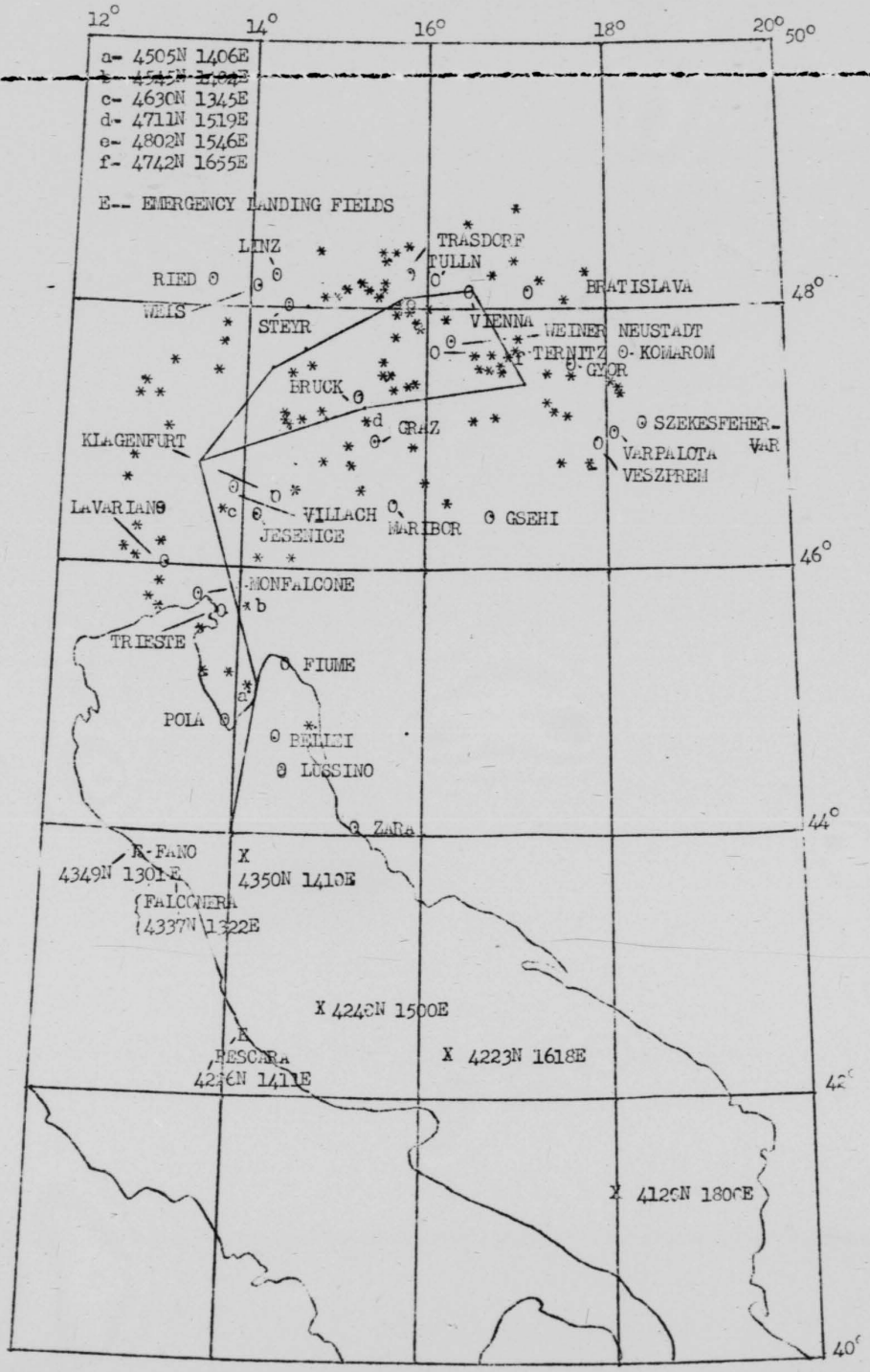
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 73-A

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 28 SEPT. 1944 - FORCE "A"

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"A" MISSION

MISSION NO. 348 DATE: 28 September 1944

TARGET: Vienna/Winterhaven Oil Storage REF: TC 14-55-NA BAP: J-K/13-14
Alternates: Vienna South Ordnance Plant by PFF TC 14-23-NA
Avisio Viaduct TC 4-138-NA
~~Adige/Mezzocorona RR Bridge (4611N 1107E)~~ None
~~Adige/Ora RR Bridge (4622N 1118E)~~ None

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Vienna/Lobau Oil Storage | 1100 |
| 49th: | Vosendorf Oil Refinery | 1140 |
| 55th: | Vienna South Ordnance Depot | 1130 |
| 304th: | Vienna/Winterhaven | 1120 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Maximum effort by two task forces. Plan "A" attack the enemy's vital oil, industrial and communications targets in the Vienna area. Other force attacks his communications in North Italy.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This target is particularly important because it has a storage capacity of 145,000 ~~gallons~~ tons and serves as northern terminus for a substantial portion of the Danube River oil traffic.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX . Sqdn Formation: A 513
B 514
GROUP LANDING: 450th C 515
D 512

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4500N 1400E to Fiamona (4500N 1411E) to Spittal (4648N 1329E) to Liezen (4731N 1414E) to I.P.

I.P.: Michelback (4806N 1545E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 81°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: target to 4728N 1706E to 4717N 1519E to 4648N 1329E then reciprocal of route out.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover.

FLAK: 355 guns at Vienna. ~~Course of~~, the formation will be within range of approx. 100 of these guns.

FIGHTERS: Target - Vienna area 200. Szombathely 21, Zeltweg 15, Graz 6, Zagreb 13, Udine area 70.

COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed in accordance with SP 32-2.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0615 |
| Trucks | 0730 |
| Take off | 0830 |
| On course | 0940 |
| Target | 1310 |

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MISSIONS FOR 29 SEPTEMBER 1944
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MISSION NO 348 - Vienna - Same as sheduled for 28 September 1944

Briefing time will be 0700 hours. All other times remain same.

MISSION NO 349 - Avisio Viaduct - Same as sheduled for 28 September 1944.

NEW TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0830 |
| Trucks | 0915 |
| Take Off | 1000 |
| On course | 1116 |
| Target | 1413 |

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MISSION # 348 Plan ABLE - Force [redacted] able 30 September 1944

TARGET: Vienna/Winterhaven Oil Storage REF.: TC 14-55-NA

ALTERNATE: Primary on / PFF

| OTHER WINGS | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 5th Wing | Vienna/Loban Oil Storage | 1300 |
| 304th Wing | Vienna/Winterhaven Oil Depot | 1320 |
| 49th Wing | Vosendorf Oil Refinery | 1320 |
| 55th Wing | Vienna South Ordnance Depot | 1300 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Maximum effort by two task forces. Force A attacks the enemy's vital oil, industrial and communications targets in the Vienna area. Other forces attacks industrial targets in / Steyr.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This target is particularly important because it has a storage capacity of 145,000 tons and serves as northern terminus for a substantial portion of the Danube River oil traffic.

NO. OF PLANES. 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX SQDN FORM. A 513 C 515 B 514 D 512

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4259N-1601E to 4404N-1500E to 4539N-1519E to 4602N-1555E to 4622N-1649E to 4757N-1728E to 4813N-1724E to I.P.
I.P. ZOHOR (4819N-1659E) BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,000'
AXIS OF ATTACK: 248
TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp Left.
ROUTE BACK: Rally o 4751N-1717E to 4622N-1649E to reciprocal of Route Out.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters will provide close escort on penetration, target and withdrawal cover for each wing.

FLAK AT TARGET: 355 guns at Vienna. The Vienna defenses will be entered about 8 miles from the target. For about 4 miles, 36 guns will be in range, for next 4 miles 114 guns will be in range. Away from the target, 94 guns cover the first 2 miles, 72 guns the next 2 miles and 32 guns the last 4 miles.

FIGHTERS: Vienna area : Approximately 70 sorties may be expected. Enroute: Gyor - 21, Lake Balaton area - 134, Szombathely - 21.

COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed at the rate of 4 units per 20 seconds from 3 minutes before I.P. till clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0745 |
| Trucks | 0830 |
| Take off | 0930 |
| On course | 1034 |
| Target | 1335 |

NOTE Bomb strike camera operators will be briefed on every mission to photograph M/Y's, ports and smoke screens whenever the opportunity presents itself.

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MISSION #349 Plan ABLE - Force BAKER 30 September 1944

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| TARGET: | Steyr-Daimler-Puch Engine Works | REF.: 14-102A-NA | ELEV.: | 995' |
| ALTERNATES: | Wels M/Y | REF.: 14-61-NA | ELEV.: | 1020' |
| | VILLACH M/Y | REF.: 14-44-NA | ELEV.: | 1720' |
| | Trieste Port | REF.: 4-116-NA | ELEV.: | Sea Level |

| OTHER WINGS: | TARGET | time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th Wing | St. Valentin Tank Works | 1207 |
| 304th Wing | St. Valentin Tank Works | 1348 |
| 49th Wing | Steyr-Daimler-Puch Wngine Works | 1356 |
| 55th Wing | Steyr-Walzlager Works | 1340 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This plan is designed to fully exploint favorable winter weather by calling for attacks by Air Force on oil and industrial targets in Vienna and industrial targets in ~~1~~ Steyr to be carried out by two ~~AF~~ task forces.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The target is the largest engineering works in Austria and is now producing A/C engines and parts in large quantities, gun carriages and small arms.
NO OF PLANES. 21 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb RDX SQDN FORM. A 513 C 515 B 514 D 512

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4259N-1601E to 4404N-1500E to 4539N-1519E to 4602N-1555E to 4642N-1609E to 4732N-1530E to I.P. to target.
I.P. - Kematen (4802N-1446E)

BOMBING ALTITUDE ~~25,000'~~ 24,500'
AXIS OF ATTACK 271
TURN OFF TARGET: Left.
ROUTE BACK: TGT to 4648N-1329E to 4553N-1400E to 4508N-1411E to 4420N-1410E to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters will provide route and target cover for the bomber formatins.

FLAK AT TARGET: There are 46 heavy guns at Steyr & 30 just to the North at St.Valentin.
FLAK AT ALTERNATES: Wels - 24 guns; Villach - 6 guns; Trieste - 25 guns.

FIGHTERS: There are 102 ~~AF~~ fighters reported in the Steyr area. Enroute: Graz 6, Zeltweg 15, Udine area 70.

COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed at the rate of 4 units per 20 seconds from3 minutes before the I.P. till clear of flak.

| TIME SUMMARY | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Briefing | 0830 |
| | Trucks | ~~0830~~ 0915 |
| | Take off | 1015 |
| | On course | 1112 |
| | Target | 1400 |

NOTE: Bomb strike camera operators will be briefed on every mission to photograph M/Y's, ports and smoke screens whenever the opportunity presents itself.

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"RED" FORCE — Plan "A" — Mission # 349 — 5 October 1944

TARGET: Vienna/ Winterhaven Oil Storage REF: TC 14-55-NA ELEV: 575'
SECONDARY: Primary on PFF

OTHER WINGS:

| | |
|---|---|
| 5th Wing | Vienna/Lobau Oil Refinery at 1130. |
| 304th Wing | Vienna/Winterhaven Oil Depot at 1130. |
| 49th Wing | Vosendorf Oil Refinery at 1150. |
| 55th Wing | Vienna South Ordnance Depot at 1130. |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Maximum effort by two task forces. RED force attacks the enemy's vital oil, industrial and communications targets in the Vienna area. BLUE force attacks industrial targets in Steyr (or M/Y in Hungary).
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This target is particularly important because it has a storage capacity of 145,000 tons and serves as northern terminus for a substantial portion of the Danube River oil traffic.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX SQDN FORM. A 514 C 512 B 513 D 515

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4259N-1601E to 4404N-1500E to 4539N-1519E to 4602N-1555E to 4622N-1649E to 4757N-1728E to 4813N-1724E to I.P.
I.P. — Zeher (4819N-1659E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 248 degrees BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp left.
ROUTE BACK: Target to 4744N-1723E to 4622N-1649E to reciprocal of ROUTE OUT.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters will provide close escort on penetration, target and withdrawal cover for each wing.

FLAK AT TARGET: 355 guns at Vienna. The Vienna defenses will be entered about 8 miles from the target. For about 4 miles, 36 guns will be in range, for the next 4 miles 114 guns will be in range. Away from the target, 94 guns cover the first 2 miles, 72 guns the next 2 miles and 32 guns the last 4 miles.

FIGHTERS: Vienna area: Approximately 70 sorties may be expected. Enroute: Gyor - 21, Lake Balaton area - 134, Szombathely - 21.

COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed at the rate of 4 units per 20 seconds from 3 minutes before I.P. till clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

| | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0545 |
| Trucks | 0630 |
| Take Off | 0730 |
| On course | 0843 |
| Target | 1150 |

NOTE: Bomb strike camera operators will photograph M/Y's, ports and smoke screens whenever the opportunity presents itself.

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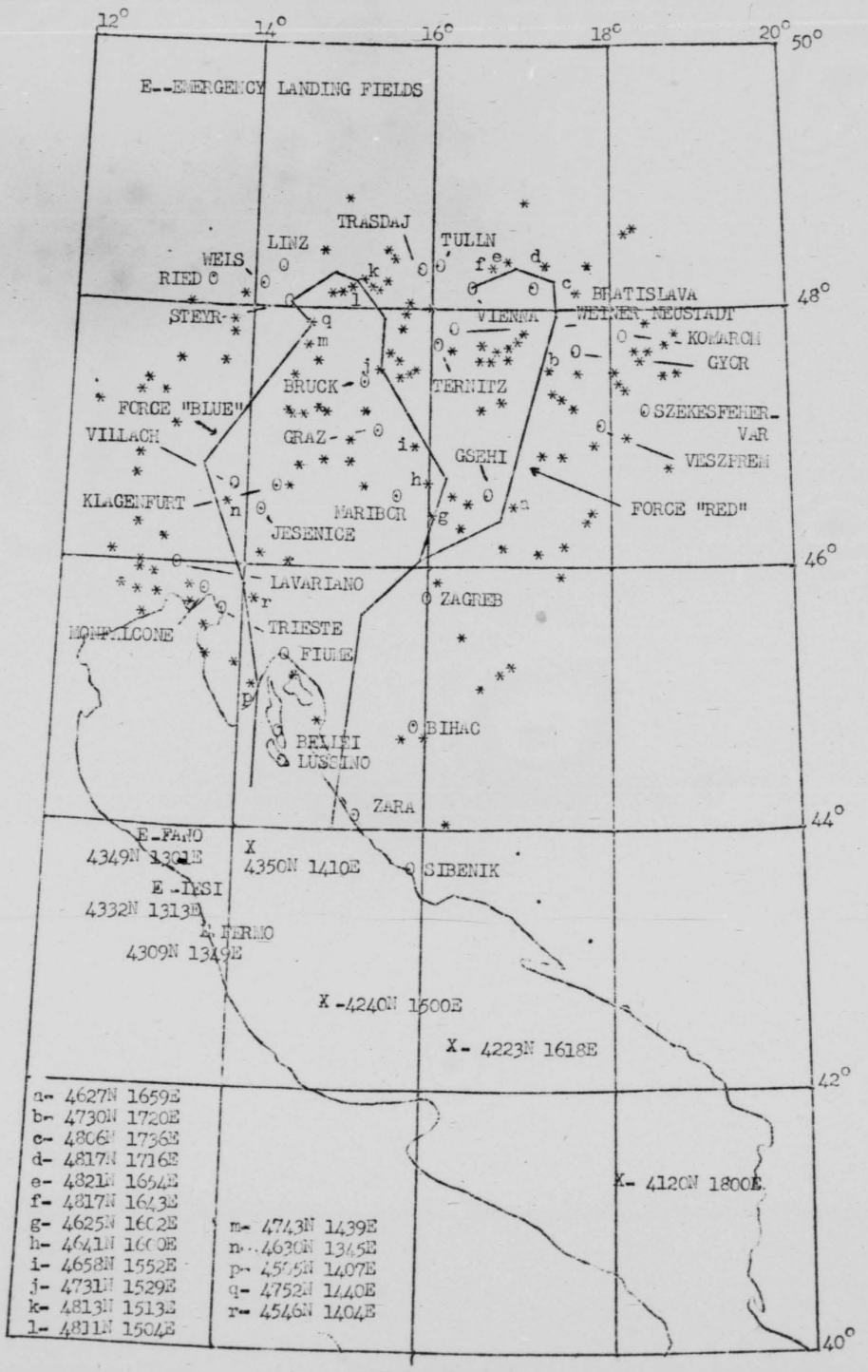
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 77

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 5 OCT. 1944

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Symbols used:

0 - Known defended area. Photo reconnaissance has confirmed the location of anti-aircraft guns of heavy caliber.

* - Location at which crews have reported experiencing or seeing flak, but for which no photo reconnaissance confirmation has been received.

X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

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MISSION # 348 FORCE B R 4 OCTOBER 1944
TARGET: Brenner Pass Rail Line ~~///~~:TGT. CO-ORD. 4630N-1130E
ALTERNATES: Any of bridges assigned to other groups of the Air Force, with the following exceptions: Avisio Viaduct, Ora R.R. Bridge, Bolzano.

| OTHER WINGS: | (FORCE ABLE) | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5th Wing | | Munich Main M/Y | 1230 |
| 49th Wing | | " " " | 1200 |
| 55th Wing | | " " " | 1210 |
| 304th Wing | | " " " | 1220 |
| 5th Wing ~~///~~ | (FORCE BAKER) | Casarsa, Pinzano, Latisana RR Brs | |
| 49th Wing | | " " " " | |
| 55th Wing | | Avisio Viaduct, Ora, Mezzocorona RR Brs | |
| 304th Wing | | " " " " " " | |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This mission is designed to obtain maximum interdiction along a 56 mile stretch of the Brenner Pass Line, and instead of being assigned individual targets, each group is given an area to bomb.

NO. OF PLANES: 45 BOMB LOAD: 500 & 2000 lb. SQDN FORM:

| 1st Sect. | | 2nd Sect. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| A | 513 | A | 514 |
| B | 514 | B | 512 |
| C | 515 | C | 515 |
| D | 512 | | |

GROUP LEADING: 450th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Bisevo (4259N-1600E) to 4400N-1340E to 4520N-1300E to Sacile (4557N-1230E) to Dobbiaco (4644N-1212E) to I.P.
I.P. GAIS (4650N-1157E) BOMBING ALTITUDE: 22,000' AXIS OF ATTACK: 228°

ROUTE BACK: Rally left to Sacile (4557N-1230E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: All Fighter Escort will be given "A" Force. None for this Wing.

FLAK: At Target: Possible mobile flak guns which patrol Brenner Pass Line may be stationed at, or near the target. At Bolzano, 92 guns cover an area around Bolzano with a 9 mile radius, believed to be outside ~~///~~ range of our course.

FIGHTERS: At target: None. Udine area 66; Trento 2.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing; | 0415 |
| Trucks | 0500 |
| Take off | 0600 |
| On course | 0730 |
| Target | ~~//~~ 1020 |

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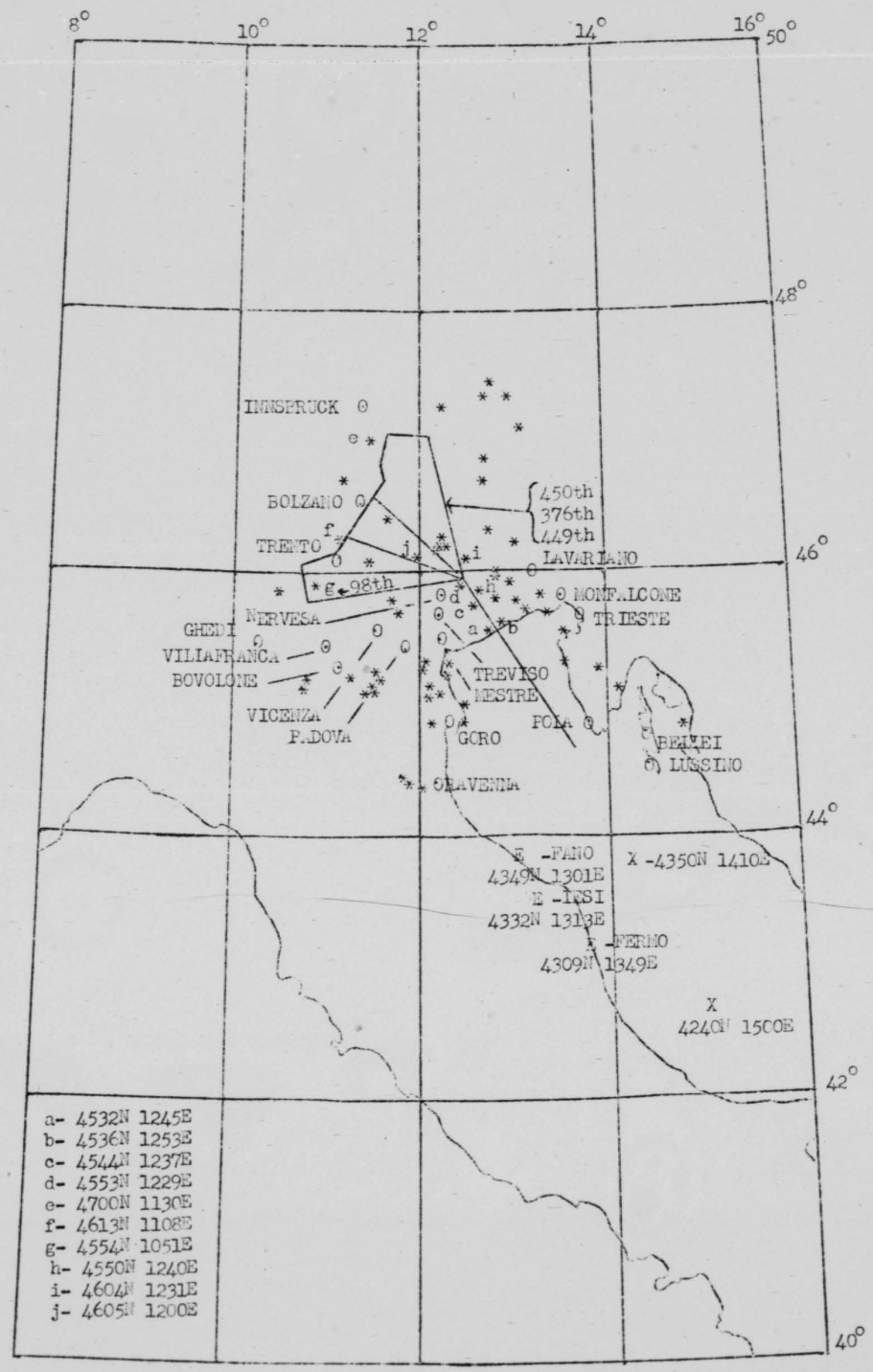
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 76

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 4 OCT. 1944

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Symbols used:

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* - Location at which crews have reported experiencing or seeing flak, but for which no photo reconnaissance confirmation has been received.

X - Location of Air Sea Rescue launches.

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"BLUE" FORCE — Plan  Mission # 350  5 October 1944

TARGET: KOMAROM M/Y (Hungary)  REF: TC 12-12-NA  ELEV: 400'
ALTERNATES: Szekesfehervar M/Y  12-11-NA  370'
Pecs M/Y  12-29-NA  525'
Nagykanizsa M/Y  12-30-NA  548'

OTHER WINGS:
5th Wing  Ersekujvar M/Y at 1206.
304th Wing  Gyor A/D at 1227.
49th Wing  Komarom M/Y at 1229.
55th Wing  Ersekujvar M/Y at 1216.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Plan is to attack rail communications lines servicing Hungarian front, while "Red" Force attacks Vienna oil and industrial targets.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Target is on Vienna-Budapest RR line. Photo recce on 20 September showed 1480 mixed units and 7 locomotives in yard.

NO. OF PLANES: 18  BOMB LOAD: 500 lb.  SQDN FORMATION: A - 512
B - 515  514 fills in.
C - 513

GROUP LEADING: 450th. 376th rendy with 450th over Manduria at 8000' at 0926.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4259N 1600E to 4404N 1500E to 4539N 1519E to 4602N 1555E to 4622N 1650E to 4744N 1723E to the I.P. - Megyer (4752N 1746E)

AXIS OF ATTACK : 114°  BOMBING ALTITUDE: 21,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp Right.  ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to 4736N 1753E to 4527N 1712E to 4305N 1643E to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters cover on route and at target.

FLAK: At target: None Reported (On 18 Sept. MASAF reported slight, accurate heavy.)
Alternates: Szekesfehervar - 3 guns.
Pecs - none reported. (
Nagykanizsa - On 26 June, intense, accurate heavy flak reported.

FIGHTERS: Target - 14 possible sorties in target area . Budapest area - 69. Lake Balaton- Szekesfehervar area - 134. Zagreb area - 30.

COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed at the rate of 4 units every 20 seconds from 3 minutes before I.P. till clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

| | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0630 |
| Trucks | 0715 |
| Take Off | 0815 |
| On course | 0926 |
| Target | 1221 |

NOTE: Camera operators will be briefed to photograph all M/Y's, ports and smoke screens whenever opportune.

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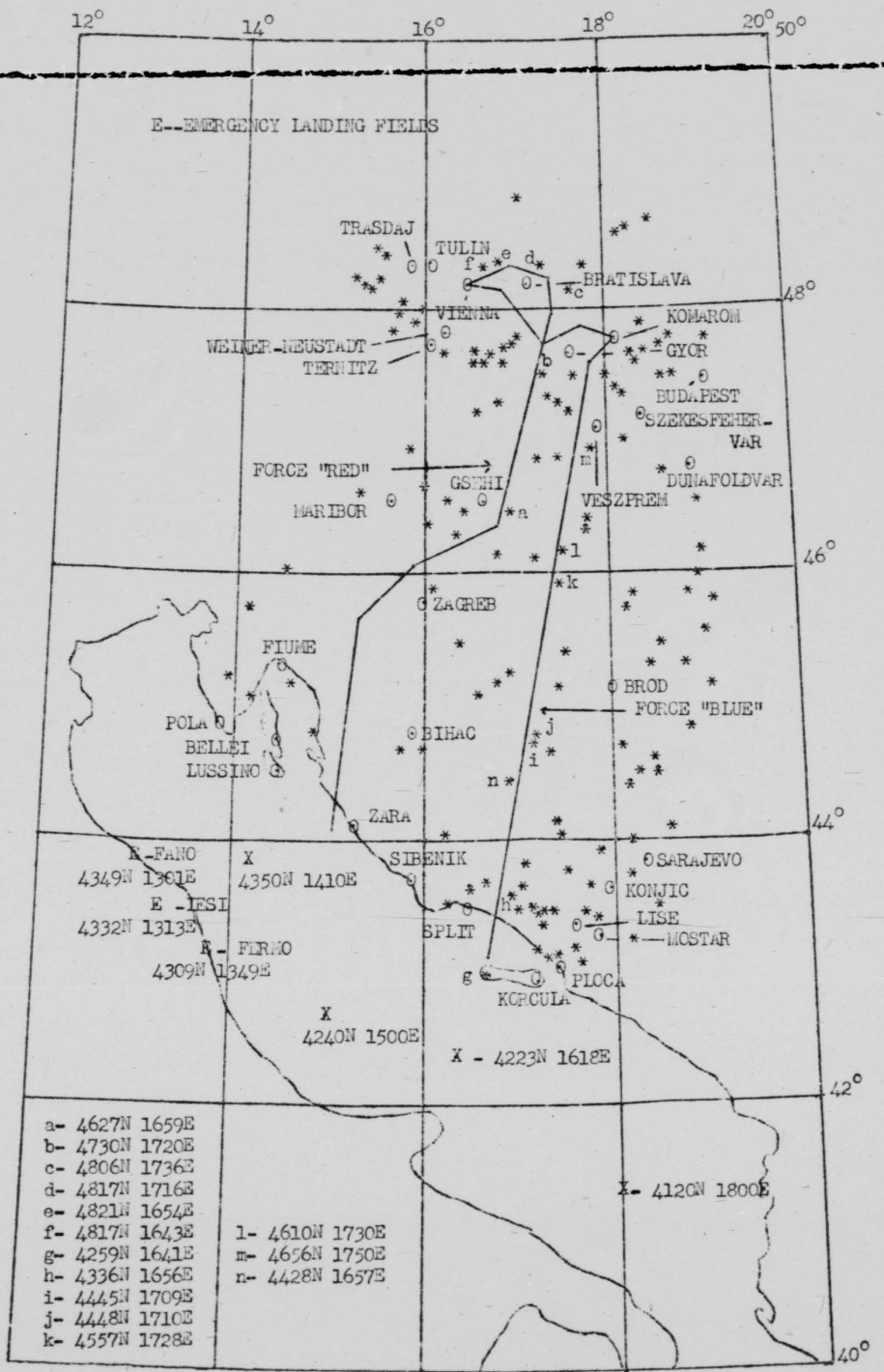
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 78

PLAN "B" MISSION OF 5 OCT. 1944



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Symbols used:

O - Known defended area. Photo reconnaissance has confirmed the location of anti-aircraft guns of heavy caliber.

* - Location at which crews have reported experiencing or seeing flak, but for which no photo reconnaissance confirmation has been received.

X - Location of Air Sea Rescue launches.

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MISSION FOR 6 OCTOBER 1944

Everything the same as in "Red Force", Plan "A", for 5 October 1944, except the following time summary:

| | |
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| Briefing | 0715 |
| Trucks | 0800 |
| Take off | 0900 |
| On course | 1016 |
| Target | 1320 |

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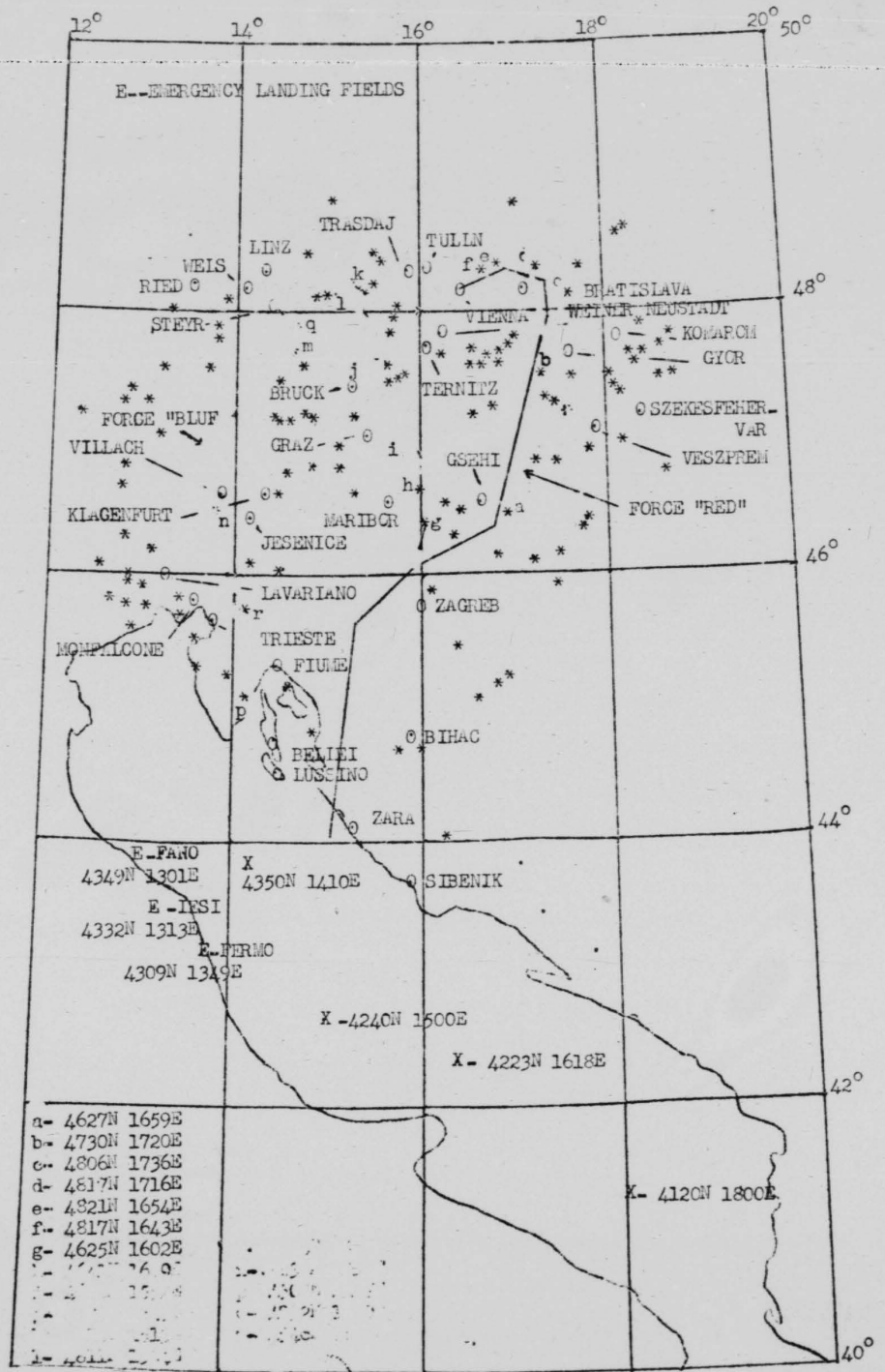
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 77

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 6 OCT. 1944

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Symbols used:

O - Known defended area. Photo reconnaissance has confirmed the location of anti-aircraft guns of heavy caliber.

* - Location at which crews have reported experiencing or seeing flak, but for which no photo reconnaissance confirmation has been received.

X - Location of Air-Sea Rescue Launches.

E - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO 349 7 OCTOBER 1944

BLUE FORCE

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TARGET: | Komaron M/Y | TC 12-12-NA | Elev. 400' |
| ALTERNATES: | Szekesfehervar M/Y | TC 12-11-NA | 370' |
| | Pecs M/Y | TC 12-29-NA | 525' |
| | Nagykanizsa M/Y | TC 12-30-NA | 548' |

OTHER WINGS:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5th Wing | Ersekunvar M/Y | 1409 hrs. |
| 304th Wing | Gyor A/D | 1349 hrs. |
| 49th Wing | Komaron M/Y | 1344 hrs. |
| 55th Wing | Ersekujvar M/Y | 1353 hrs. |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Plan is to attack rail communication lines servicing Hungarian front, while "Red" Force attacks Vienna oil and industrial targets.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Target is on Vienna-Budapest RR line. Destruction will disrupt enemy lines of communications to the Russian Front.

NO OF PLANES: 42 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb RDX

GROUP LEADING: 449th

SQUADRON FORMATION:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Box | 514 | 4 | Box | 515 |
| 2 | " | 513 | 5 | " | 512 |
| 3 | " | 512 | 6 | " | 515 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Vrgada (4351N 1531E) to Budimlic Japra (4453N 1626E) to Kozarac (4458N 1651E) to Buc (4528N 1723E) to Koteriba (4622N 1649E) to Lebery (4744N 1723E) to I.P.

INITIAL POINT: Megyer (4752N 1746E)

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 21,500'

AXIS OF ATTACK: 114°

TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Target to Mezoors (4736N 1753E) to Kozarac (4458N 1651E) to Scedro Island to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Route and target cover.

FLAK: At target; 6 guns reported. On 18 Sept 44 15th Air Force reported Slight, accurate heavy.

Alternates: Szekesfehervar - 3 guns
Pecs - none reported
Nagykanizsa - On 26 June 44, intense, accurate heavy flak reported

FIGHTERS: Target - 14 possible sorties in target area. Budapest area 60. Lake Balaton/Szekesfehervar area 134, Zagreb area 30.

COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed at the rate of 4 units every 20 seconds from 3 minutes before I.P. and until clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

| | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0745 |
| Trucks | 0830 |
| Take Off | 0930 |
| On Course | 1102 |
| Target | 1336 |

The 15th Air Force is also sending out another force know as the "Red" force which will attack the following targets:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5th Wing | Vienna/Lobau Oil Refinery | 1336 hrs. |
| 304th Wing | Vienna/Winterhafen Oil Depot | 1326 hrs. |
| 49th Wing | " | 1310 hrs. |
| 55th Wing | " | 1316 hrs. |
| 47th Wing - 98th BG | Vienna/Nova Schwechat oil Refinery | 1300 hrs. |
| - 450th BG | Vienna Winterhafen Oil Storage | 1300 hrs. |

NOTE: Gunners must insist on periodic location checks with navigaters. Stress oerientation enroute.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
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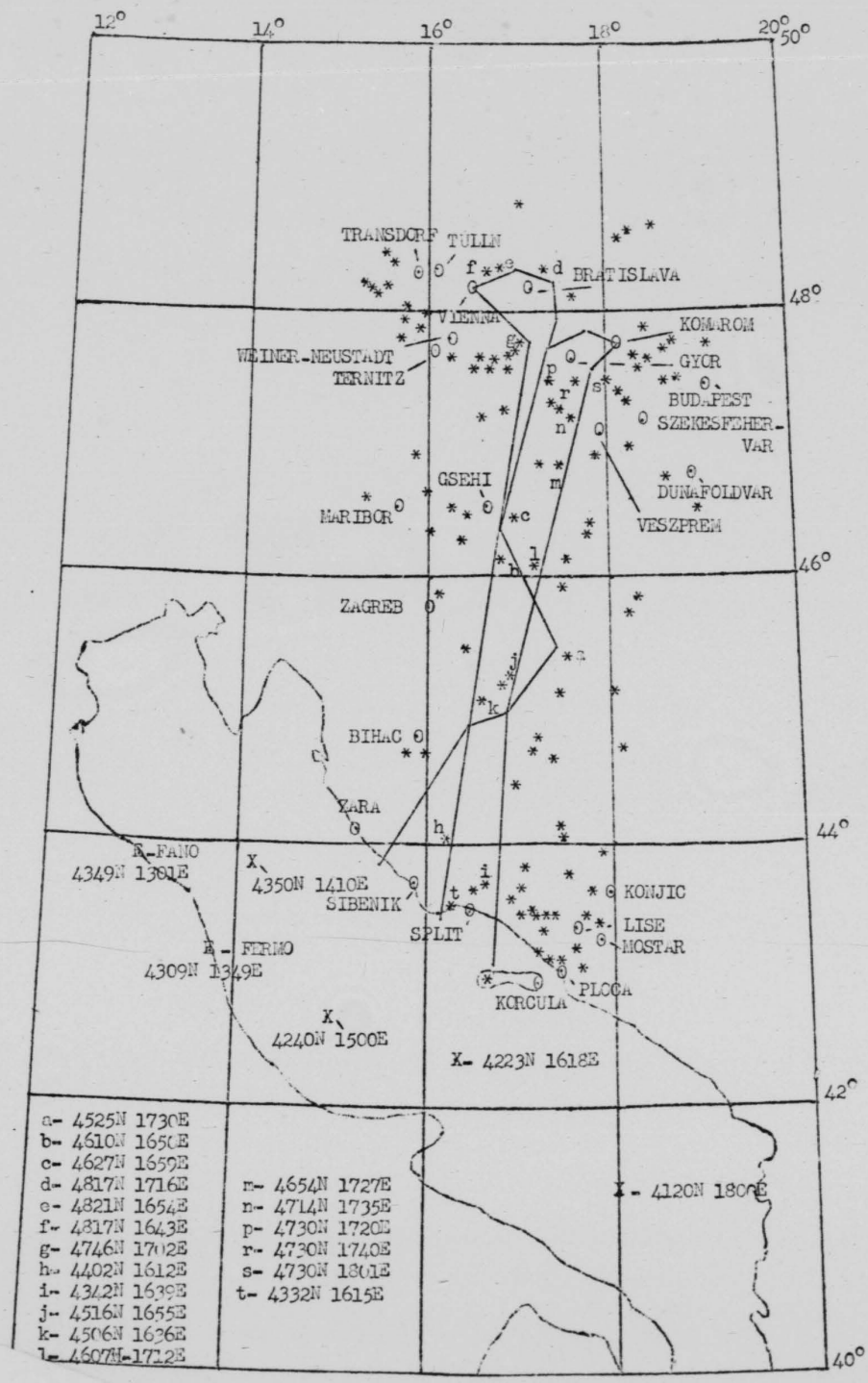
PLAN "B" MISSION OF 7 OCT. 1944

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Symbols used:

0 - Known defended area. Photo reconnaissance has confirmed the location of anti-aircraft guns of heavy caliber.

* - Location at which crews have reported experiencing or seeing flak, but for which no photo reconnaissance confirmation has been received.

X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

E - Emergency landing fields.

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TARGET: Avisio Viaduct
Alternates: Pinzano RR Bridge (4613N 1302E)
Latisana RR Bridge
Casarsa RR bypass

Ref: TC 4 8-NA BAP: Center of bridge.
TC 4-140-NA
TC 4-80-NA

OTHER WINGS: Target
5th: Blechhammer North Oil Refinery (5018N 1815E)
49th: Supply operation to southern France.
55th: Oswoicem Oil Refinery (5002N 1916E)
304th: Odertal Oil Refinery (5025N 1808E)

449th Group - Mezzocorona Bridge
450th Group - Ora RR Bridge.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Cutting Brenner line, most important German supply route to northern Italy, will prevent passage of essential equipment and men to hard pressed German line.
delay repairs, since central break cannot be fixed until bridges on either side are repaired.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Our target was the only break in the Brenner Pass line and recce of Sept 9th shows repairs have put a single track in service over the viaduct. Destruction of this and of other bridges attacked by the Wing will

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 1000# GP SQDN FORMATION: A 512
B 515
C 514
D 513

GROUP LEADING: 98th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4532N 1243E to Fiero Del Prim (4611N 1149E) to IP.

I.P.: Castello di Fiemme (4617N 1125E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 238°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 21,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Right then left to miss flak at Trento.

ROUTE BACK: target to Conegliano (4554N 1218E) to 4532N 1243E to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No fighter escort for this wing.

FLAK: At target:
Trento - ~~24 guns~~ Quinis area - 36 guns
Alternates: Pinzano - no report.
Latisana - no report.
Casarsa - None.

FIGHTERS: Target area 5. Route: Udine area 76; Bolzano 16; Vicenza 32; Villafranca 10; Ghedi 14; Bologna 8.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0630 |
| Trucks | 0700 |
| Take off | 0800 |
| On course | 0915 |
| Target | 1200 |

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MISSION # 339 15 September 1944

TARGET: Athens/Eleusis A/D REFERENCE: 9-2-NA ELEVATION: 55'
I/P PINPOINT: F-0/8 to 14
ALTERNATE: Salonika R.R. Siding REFERENCE: 9-4-NA ELEVATION: 100'

OTHER WINGS: 5th Wing - Athens/Kalamaki A/D & Salamis Sub Base at 1000 hours.
304th Wing - Athens/Tatoi A/D at 1015 hours.
49th Wing - B-24's will carry supplies to Lyon.
55th Wing - Subotica & Lapovo M/Y's at 1000 hours.
449th & 450th Groups attack Larissa M/Y

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Air Force operations provides for continuation of attacks against Balkan communications which are being used by the withdrawing enemy. The main weight of these attacks are directly at facilities in Greece - principally A/D's which are now carrying very heavy Ju.52 traffic due to disruption of rail communications out of Greece.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Eleusis A/D is the largest and most active A/D in the Athens area. Partial photo cover on 12 Sept. shows 29 A/C visible, 22 of which are Ju.52's.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: Frags SQUADRON FORMATION: A Box-513 C Box-515
B Box-514 D Box-512

GROUP LEADING: 376th leads 98th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4003N-1948E I/P to I.P.
I.P. Ritsona (3825N-2331E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 176 degrees. BOMBING ALTITUDE: 21,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to 4003N-1948E to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 50 P-51's will provide target cover over Athens A/D's from 1008 to 1045 to hold E/A on ground. Fighters will conduct a sweep at medium altitude from Salonika A/D's to Athens A/D's. Time over Salonika - 0920 hours.

FLAK: At Target - 11 guns. There are 23 heavy guns just South of the Target at Piraeus. Flak enroute at Yanina, Katsika, Tanagra. At Salonika, the alternate, there are 55 heavy guns.

FIGHTERS: In Athens area - 6. Enroute, there are 6 at Larissa, 6 at Salonika.

COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed at the rate of 4 units per 20 seconds from 2 minutes before I.P. till clear of flak. No bombs to be dropped except on designated target.

NOTE: Most gunners have not been given complete briefing on escape ~~#####~~ situation in Greece. Particular attention will be paid to covering specific information available on Greece.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0500 |
| Trucks | 0545 |
| Take off | 0645 |
| On course | 0846 |
| Target | 1030 |

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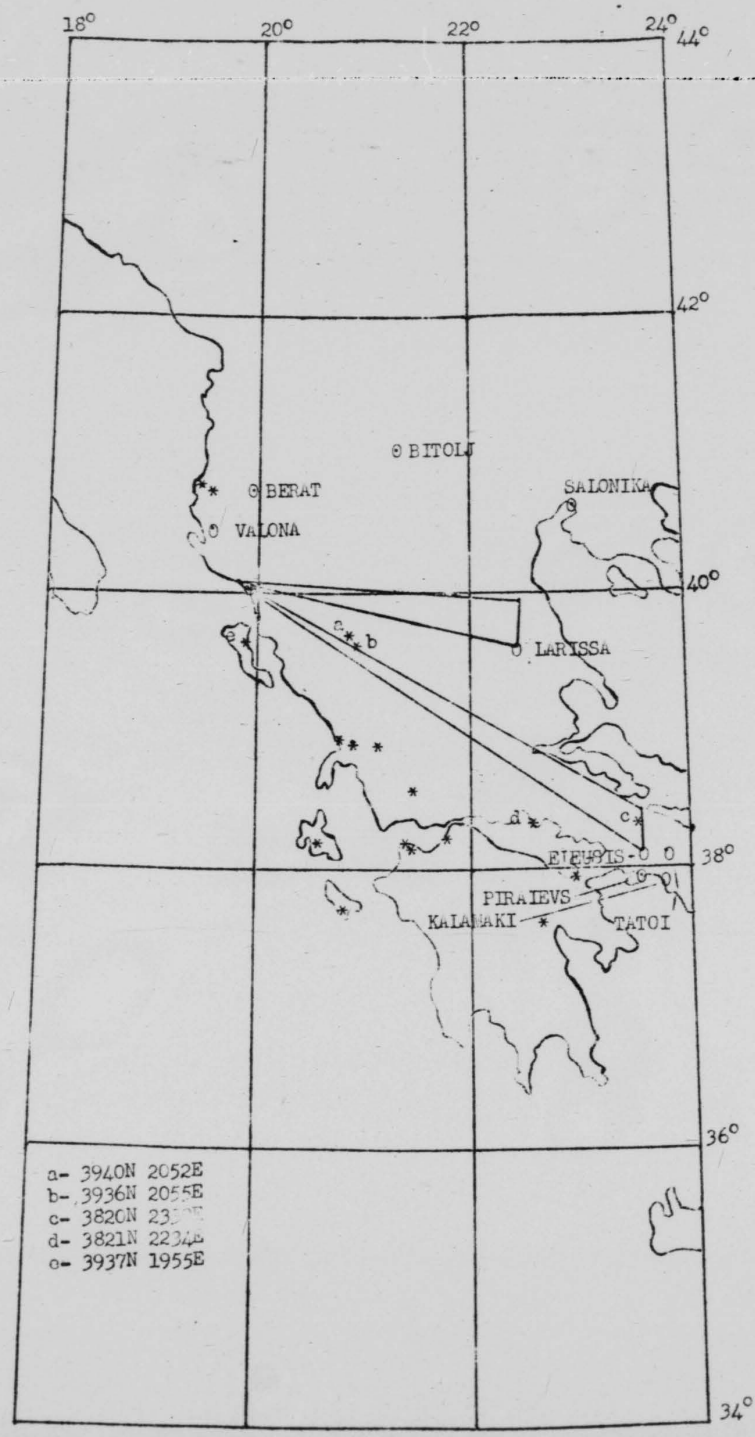
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

FLAK ROUTE CHART
NO. 62

PLAN "B" MISSION OF 15 SEPT. 1944

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X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

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MISSION NO. 338 — 13 SEPTEMBER 1944

TARGET: St Valentine Tank Works — REF: TC 14-15-NA — ELEV. 895'
SECONDARY: Linz by PFF
LAST RESORTS: Maribor (South) M/Y — TC 8-107-NA — 885'
Graz South and North M/Y — TC 14-41-NA — 1120'

OTHER WINGS:
5th Wing - Steyr Daimler Puch Tank Works 1018 hrs.
[illegible] hrs.
55th Wing - Ball Bearing Plant at Letten ( 4 mi. W of Steyr) 2 Ops. 1015 hrs
" - Bohler Werke Fcty at Waidhofen at 1034 hrs.
49th Wing - Executes supply operation.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Recent conversion of factories in the Steyr area to special motor vehicle and tank manufacture makes Steyr a centre of production for these war materials in addition to its importance as a producer of ball bearings. 15th Air Force ~~[illegible]~~ plans calls for destruction of two tank factories and two ball bearing works.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The St Valentine tank works manufatures heavy and medium tanks which are immediatly shipped direct to all fronts. Attacked on Aug 20/21, the factory shows only slight evidence of ~~[illegible]~~ DAMAGE and subsequent photo cover indicates works are extremely active.

NO OF PLANES: 28 — BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX — 340N FORMATION

| A Sect | B Sect |
|---|---|
| 513 | 515 |
| 514 | 516 |

GROUP LEADING: 450th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4323N 1619E to 4419N 1551E to 4457N 1541E to 4532N 1535E to 4639N 1610E to 4703N 1605E to 4741N 1529E to 4757N 1529E to 4811N 1512E to I.P.

INITIAL POINT: Waldhausen (4816N 1457E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 248°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,500'

TARGET PINPOINT: J-13 (TC 14-15-NA)

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp left

ROUTE BACK: Target to 4736N 1430E to 4554N 1535E then reciprocal of route out.

FLAK: At target 100 guns. Formation will ~~[illegible]~~ be within range of 49 of these. Maribor 49, Graz 43. Flak enroute - see Route Flak Chart.

FIGHTERS: IN Target area 102, Munich area 284, Vienna area 288.
Enroute - Udine area 76, Graz/Klagenfurt 54.

COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed according to S.O.P.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0430 |
| Trucks | 0515 |
| Take Off | 0615 |
| On Course | 0713 |
| Target | 1030 |

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P51 — 40's - 0940

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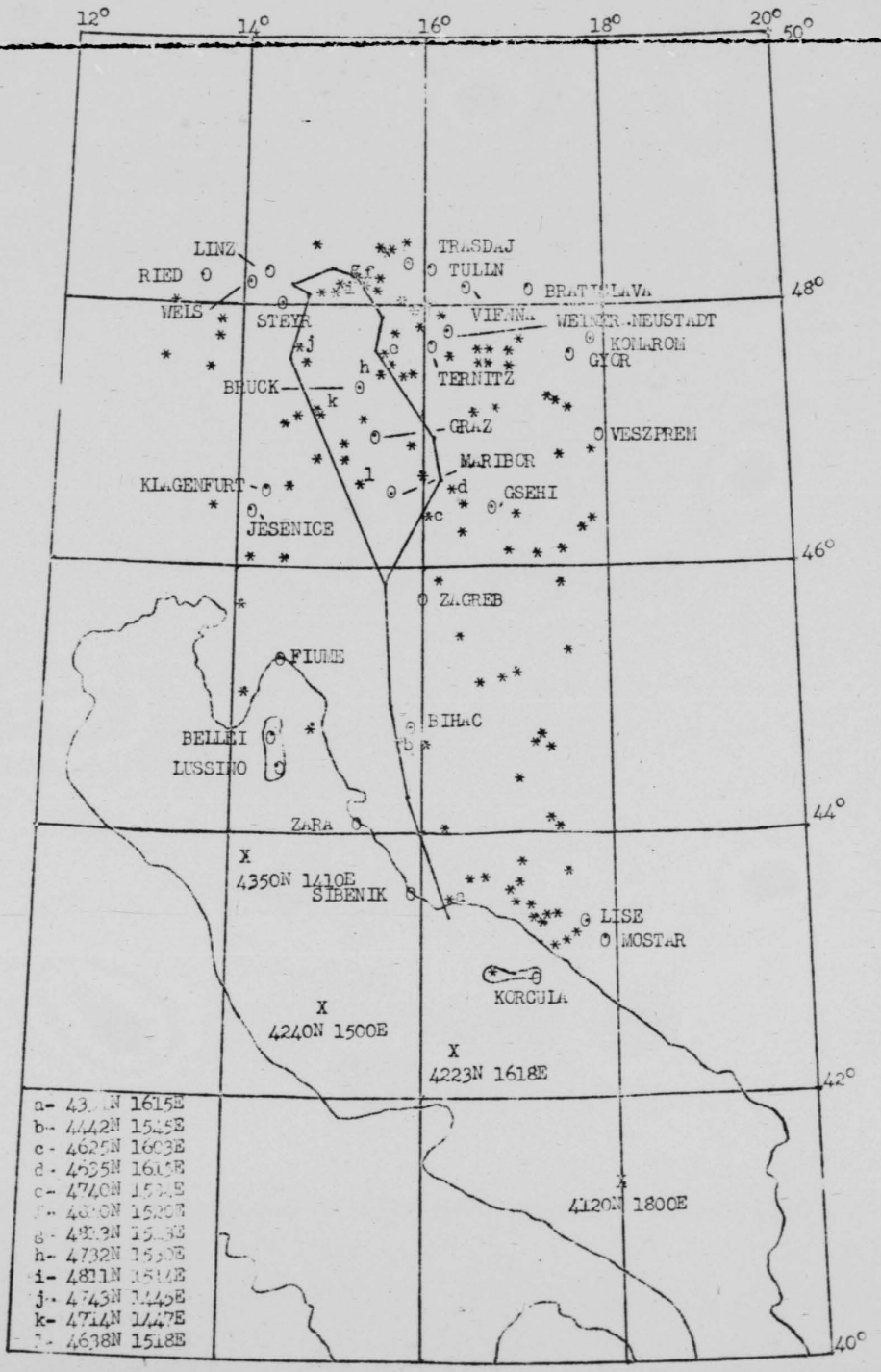
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 61

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 14 SEPT. 1944

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MISSION NO. 310 .GE 7 SEPTEMBER 1944

TARGET: Budapest / Ferencvaros M/Y TC 12-3-NA Elev. 354'
Pinpoint; O-23 (TC-12-3-NA)
SECONDARY: Osijek M/Y TC 8-31-NA 300'
Vincovivici M/Y TC 8-38-NA 295'

OTHER WINGS:
Budapest
5th Wing attacks Rakos M/Y at 1015 hrs.
49th Wing Supply Operations to France.
55th Wing Koolaj Oil Refinery at 1230 hrs.
304th Wing Kobanya M/Y and Rakos Station at 1045 hrs.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This operation is in support of Russian and Roumanian Forces.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Destruction of rolling stock consisting of much military traffic now concentrated in this Marshalling Yard.

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb. RDX SQUADRON FORMATION
A Box 514 C Box 512
B Box 513 D Box 515

GROUP LEADING: 450th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4324N 1618E to 4433N 1621E to 4558N 1730E to 4622N 1809E to 4711N 1948E to 4739N 1955E to I.F.
INITIAL POINT: Aszod (4739N 1929E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 235 degrees BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp left.

ROUTE BACK: Target to 4715N 1936E to 4515N 1924E to 4232N 1823E to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Escort and target cover for 47th Wing.

FLAK AT TARGET: Budapest 146 guns, Osijek none reported, Vincovivice none reported.

FLAK ENROUTE: See Route Flak Chart.

FIGHTERS: Budapest/Lake Balaton area 136, none reported at alternates. Enroute; Zagreb 13, Belgrade area 15, Kaposvar 13, Szolnok area 47.

NOTES: Special fight of 2 B-17's will fly parallel to main formation. Gunners will be briefed not to fire on these.

TIME SUMMARY:
Briefing 0515
Trucks 0600
Take Off 0700
On Course 0826
Target 1125

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29 August 1944

TARGET: Borovnica RR Bridge
Alt: Trieste Port Installations
Vicenza M/Y
Treviso (Northeast) M/Y

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Target is a 3-tier masonary bridge, 1900 feet long and 300 feet high, on the main line from Venice to Zagreb and south, and north to Germany via Graz.

NO. OF PLANES: 28

BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb.

SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | | B Sec | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt | 515 | 1 Flt | 513 |
| 2 Flt | 512 | 2 Flt | 514 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4450N 1310E to the IP.

I.P.: S. Pietro D. Carso (4542N 1412E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 279

BOMBING ALT: A Box 16,000'
B Box 16,250'
C Box 15,750'
D Box 15,500'

TARGET AIMPOINT: Center of bridge, 0-19

TURN OFF TARGET: Left.

ROUTE BACK: target to reciprocal of route out.

FLAK: No recce of the target. On 27 Aug 4th 49th Wing did not encounter any flak. Route: Fiume, Drovigne, Pola, Lussinpiccolo, Alt. targets: Trieste 21 guns, Vicenza, none report, Treivso, none reported

FIGHTERS: None at target. Ljubljana 26, Udine area 91.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes important. M/Y activity.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 950'
Trieste Sea level
Vicenza 120'
Treviso 50'

REFERENCE: TC 8-106-NA
TC 4-~~12~~ 114-NA
TC 4-94-NA
TC 4-215-NA

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: 450th and 449th Groups attack Ferrara RR Bridge at 0936 hours. 98th Group attack Salcano RR Bridge at 1000 hours.
B 17s of six groups (5th Wing) will attack Moravska Ostrava Main M/Y at 1102 hours.
B 24s of four groups (304th Wing) will attack Moravska Ostrava Tank Works at 1122 hours.
B 24s of two groups (49th Wing) will attack Szeged M/Y.
B 24s of one group (49th Wing) will attack Szeged RR Bridge.
B 24s of four groups (55th Wing) will attack Moravska Ostrava South M/Y at 1112 hours.

GROUP LEADING: 98th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Principal effort of the 15th AF is directed at Moravska Ostrava consisting of: a. 2 small oil refineries b. 2 large active M/Ys and c. the largest steel works in Europe now producing tank hulls and turrets. The primary assignment in N. Italy is to cut the two remaining Alpine rail lines both of which are assigned to the 47th Wing.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters will attack the Latisana RR Bridge and conduct fighter sweep over entire Udine and target area for 47th Wing.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed 2 mins. before IP until clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0415 |
| Trucks | 0500 |
| Take off | 0600 |
| On course | 0713 |
| Target | 0941 |

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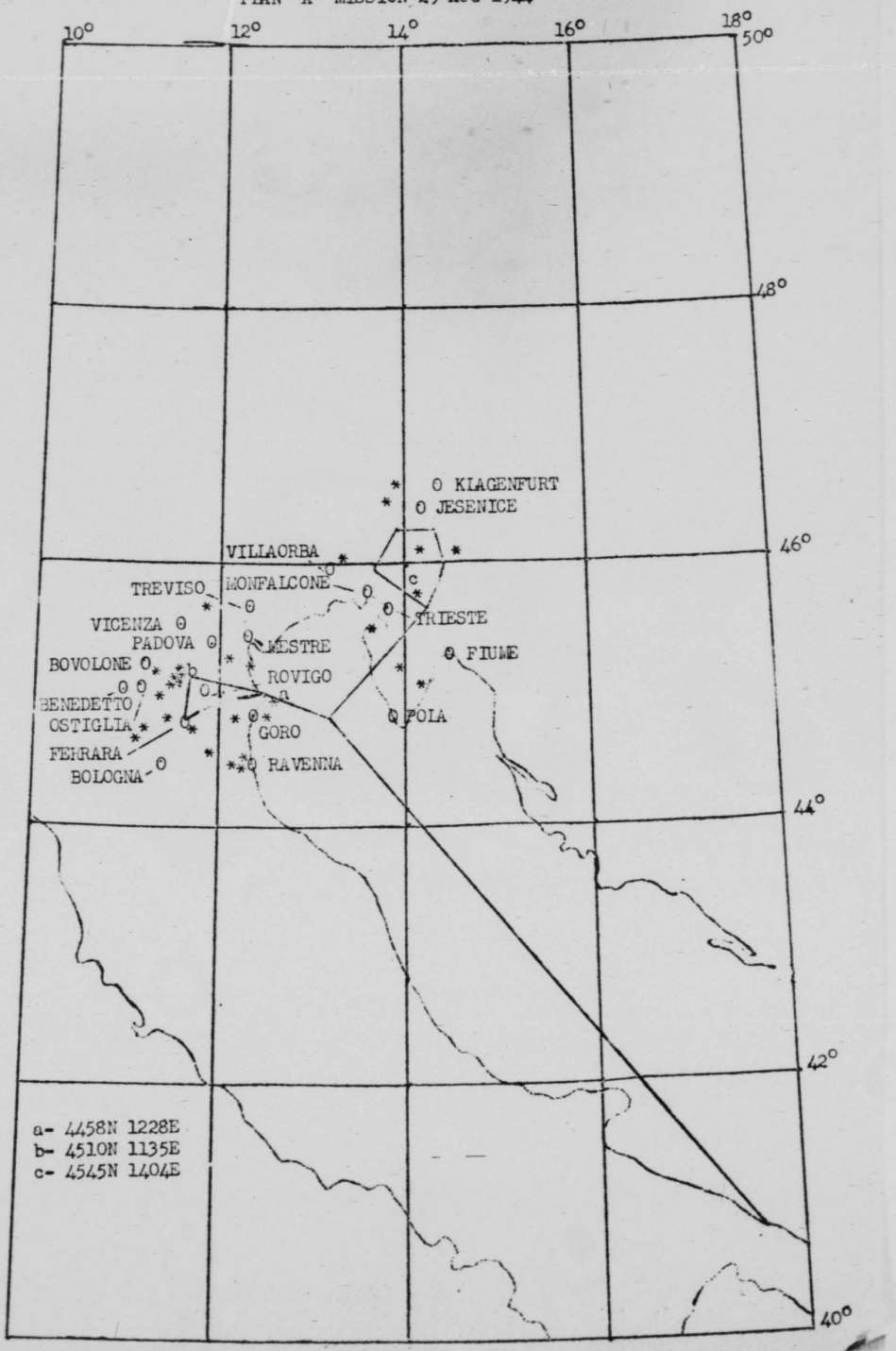
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 49

PLAN "A" MISSION 29 AUG 1944

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20 August 44 — Mission # 327

TARGET: Miskolc M/Y, Hungary REFERENCE: TC 12-23-NA ELEV: 410'

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Vital junction point on main line Budapest-Lemberg (Lwow). Only rail route to Russian front south and west of Lwow.
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Destruction of rolling stock and disruption of flow of traffic through M/Y will assist Russians and place additional burden on over-worked German lines of communications.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: Forts attack Moosbierbaum Oil Targets ) Target
49 Wing attacks Szolnok/Sajol RR Bridges ) time
55 Wing attacks Szony Oil Refinery ) optional
304 Wing attacks Avisio Viaduct )

GROUP LEADING: 449th leads Wing. 376th leads second Wave - rendy with 98th over Base at 7000' at 0803.
NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. SQDN FORMATION: 1st Unit - 514th & 513th
2nd Unit - 512th & 515th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Ragusa to Palanka (4515N 1923E) to Oroshaza (4634N 2040E) to the I.P. - Lake at 4748N 2103E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 329° BOMBING ALT: 1st Unit - 21,000' ; 2nd Unit - 21,500'

TARGET PINPOINT: M-23 (TC 12-23-NA)

TURN OFF TGT: Right. ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Takta Harkany (4807N 2108E) to Palanka to Ragusa to Base.

FLAK: Tgt: 3 pos. - 13 guns. (Night of 22/23 Aug Wellingtons experienced SIH flak).
Szeged - none; Subotica - none reported.
Route: Ragusa, Bijeljina, Tuzla, Novi Sad, Szolnok.

FIGHTERS: Tgt - 3; Hajdu-Boszormeny area (50 mi. SE of tgt.) - 49; Szolnok - 32;
Novi Sad - 6. Budapest fighters in range of route - 83.

ESCORT: Fighters will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover.

OBS. & PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, M/Y, M/T, E/A tactics.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed 4 units per 20 seconds from 3 minutes before IP till clear of flak.

ALTERNATES: 1st - Szeged M/Y - TC 12-19-NA. Elev: 270'. I.P.: Mindszent (4632N 2012E)
2nd - Subotica M/Y - TC 8-40-NA. Elev: 380'. I.P.: Lake at 4620N 2005E.

| TIME SUMMARY: | | |
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| | Briefing | 0515 |
| | Trucks | 0550 |
| | Take Off | 0650 |
| | On Course | 0803 |
| | Target | 1053 |

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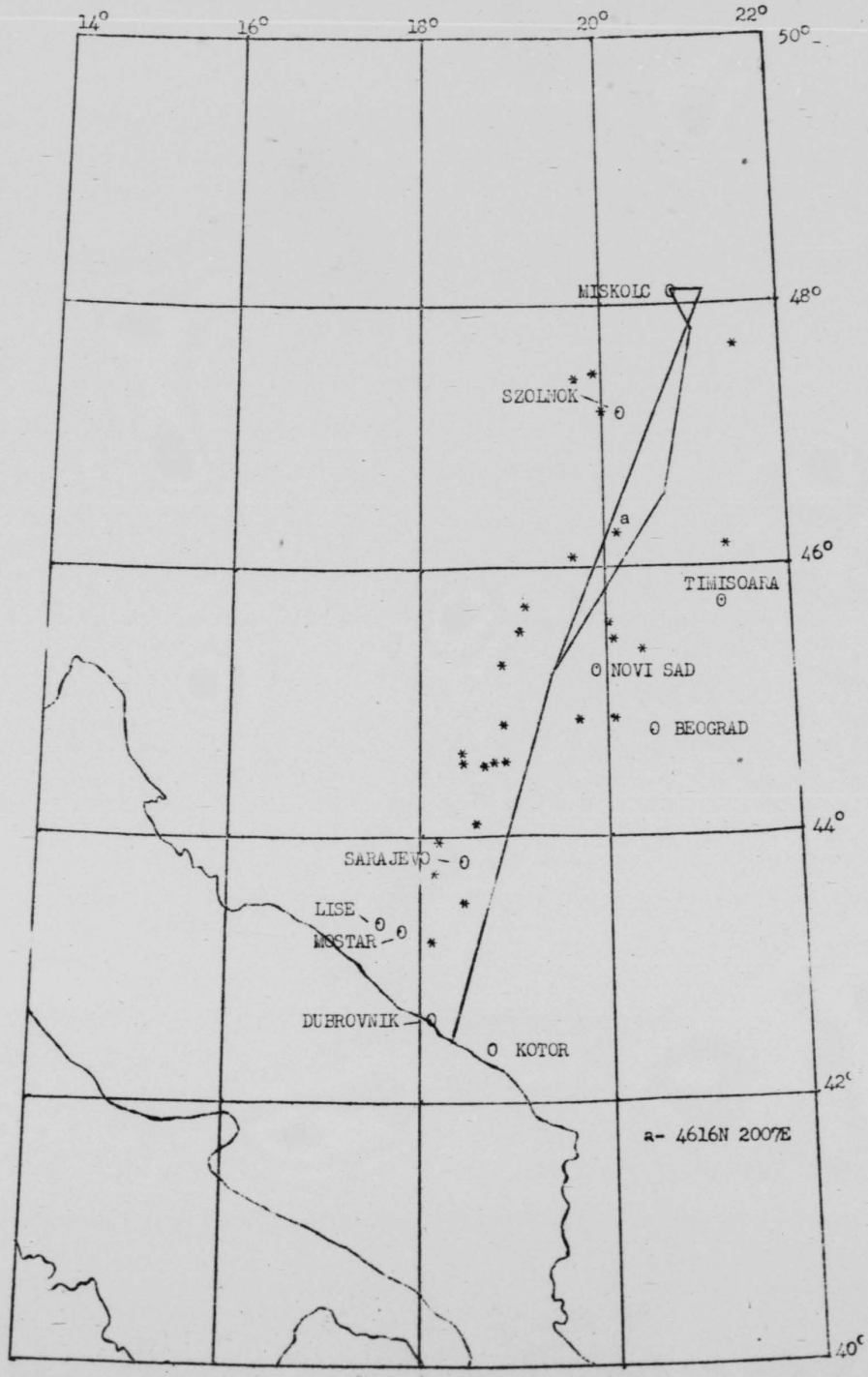
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 48

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 28 AUG 1944

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27 August 1944 MISSION # 325

TARGET: Avisio Viaduct
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: With isolation of Italian front from the West imminent, the routes from the North [redacted] are becoming doubly important. Avisio Viaduct is on the main Brenner Pass line to Austria and Germany.

NO. OF PLANES: 28
BOMB LOAD: 500# (.1N-.01TD)
SQDN FORMATION: A Box 513
B Box 514
C Box 515
D Box 512
ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4440N-1320E to Conegliano (4554N-1218E) to Fiera d Prim (4611N-1149E) to I.P.
I.P. Castello d Fiemme (4616N-1126E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 238 degrees.
BOMBING ALT: A Box 22,500'
B Box 22,750'
C Box 22,250'
D Box 22,000'
TARGET PINPOINT: E-F/12 (to 4-138-NA)

TURN OFF TARGET: Left.
ROUTE BACK: Target to 4611N-1149E to 4554N-1218E to 4440N-1320E to Base.

FLAK: Photo recce of 6 July shows 30 heavy guns just South of the Target. On 3 August, this Group experienced moderate to intense, accurate, heavy flak at Avisio. Enroute: Venice, Mestre, Villorba, Mel, Bolzano.

FIGHTERS: At Target - none. Enroute: Bocl3ano - 16, Udine area - 105, Verona-Vicenza area - 39, Ferrara-Bologna area - 36.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, E/A tactics and markings, M/Y & M/T activity.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 672'

REFERENCE: 4-138-NA
COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
5th Wing attacks Blechammer(North) Synthetic Oil Plant.
55th Wing attacks Blechhammer (South Synthetic Oil Plant.
304th Wing attacks Blechhammer(South) Synthetic Oil Plant.
49th Wing attacks Venzono & Borovnica Bridges.
449th & 450th Groups attack Ferrara Railroad Bridge.
GROUP LEADING: 98th
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Air FORCE is dividing its effort - 3 wings to destroy Blechhammer Synthetic Oil Plants - and [redacted] two wings to the interdiction of military traffic from Italy Northwest to Germany.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed from 2 minutes before I.P. till clear of lak, at the rate of 4 units per 20 seconds.

TIME SUMMARY.

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| Briefing | 0445 |
| Trucks | 0515 |
| Take off | 0615 |
| On course | 0722 |
| Target | 0956 |

NOTE: Gunners will be briefed on most recent Escape Information on North Italy.

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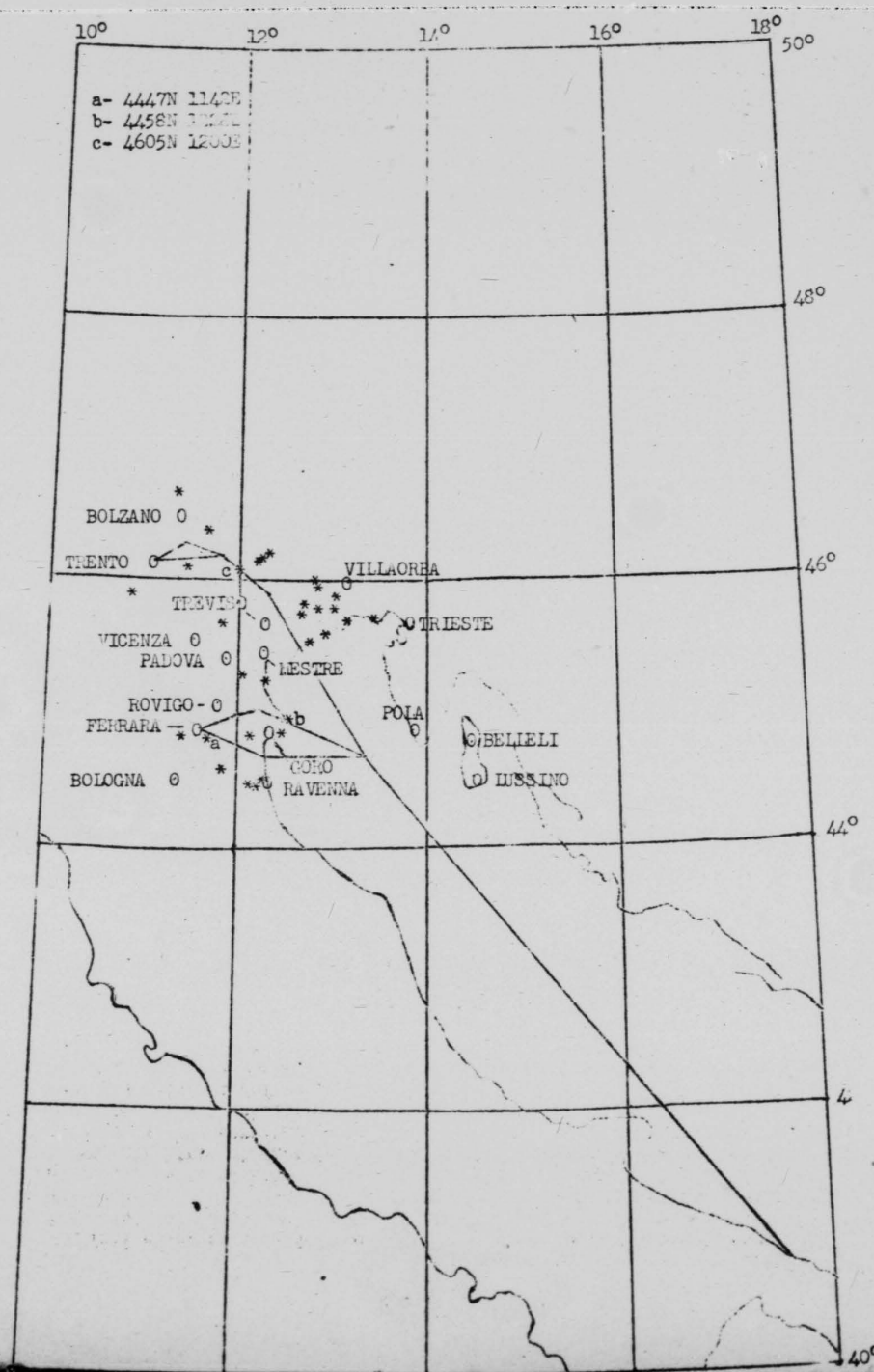
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 47

PLAN "B" MISSION OF 27 AUG 1944

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MISSION NO 325 26 AUGUST 19[illegible]

TARGET: Bucharest/Otopeni A/D TC 11-46-HA Elev. 340'
Alternate; Giurgiu Ferry Terminal TC 10-6-HA " 65'
Last Resort; Nis M/Y TC 8-102-HA " 630'

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: One of two airdromes in Bucharest area believed to be in German hands.

NO OF PLANES: 28
BOMB LOAD: [illegible]
SQUADRON FORMATION:

| A Sect | B Sect |
|---|---|
| 512 | 514 |
| 515 | 513 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4231N 1823E to 4314N 2219E to 4407N 2459E to 4408N 2628E to 4418N 2649E to 4437N 2647E to I.P.
INITIAL POINT: Urziceni (4443N 2638E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 249 degrees
BOMBING ALTITUDES: A Sect 22,000
B Sect 22,500

TARGET PINPOINT: M/16 (TC 11-46-HA)

TURN OFF TARGET: Slight right then left.

ROUTE BACK: Target to 4407N 2459E then reciprocal of route out.

FLAK: Latest recce shows 122 heavy guns in the Bucharest area of which 30 will be withingrange. Giurgiu 23 guns, Nis 29.

FIGHTERS: Latest recce shows 88 fighters in the Bucharest area. Enroute - Nis 15, Craiova 10, Rosorii de Vede.23.

THE PRESENT SITUATION MAY EFFECT AVAILABILITY OF A/D'S AND A/C. Actual encounters may be negligible. Unconfirmed radio reports state that the town of Bucharest is in partisan hands and it is not known if A/A defenses have been neutralized.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb Strikes must be taken.

COORDINATED OR OTHER ATTACKS:
5th Wing will attack R/R viaducts at Avisc, Vensone, Berevnica.
55th Wing will attack Ferrara MR Br.
[illegible]
304th Wing will attack Bucharest/ Banease A/D at 1035 hrs.
49th Wing will attack Bucharest/ Otopeni A/D at 1050 hrs.

47th Wing
450th & 449th will attack Giurgiu Ferries.
376th leads 98th over target.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Success of mission will have immediate effect on confused situation in Roumania. Rapid Russian advances may well determine Bulgarian and Hungarian governments to quit support of Germany.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 52 P-51's will escort 376th and 98th on penetration over target and on withdrawal. Rendezvous at Rosorii de Vede. 52 P-51's will conduct fighter sweep in the Bucharest area.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dropped from 2 minutes before I.P. and until clear of flak at rate of 4 units every 20 seconds.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0430 |
| Trucks | 0515 |
| Take Off | 0615 |
| On Course | 0723 |
| Target | 1100 |

SPECIAL BRIEFING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. NO UNASSIGNED TARGETS IN YUGOSLAVIA, BULGARIA OR ROUMANIA WILL BE BOMBED. NO BOMBS TO BE JETTISONED IN THESE COUNTRIES. NO BOMBING BY FFF.
2. GUNNERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON IDENTIFICATION AND MARKINGS OF ROUMANIAN AIRCRAFT.
3. ( For markings see Weekly Intelligence Summary No. 90 - 7 August 19[illegible])
4. GUNNERS WILL BE WARNED OFF B-17'S OR B-24's WHICH MAY TRY TO ATTACH THEMSELVES TO THE FORMATION AND WHICH MAY BE FLOWN BY AXIS CREWS FOR PURPOSES OF CLOSING IN AND SHOOTING AT OUR PLANES.

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2[illegible]ugust 44 - Mission # 323

TARGET: Szeged RR Bridge. REFERENCE: TC 12-19-NA Elev: 270'

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Bridge is vital point in ~~xxx~~ NE-SW route - only lateral route in Hungary that does not pass through Budapest. Vital to German communication, espcially since start of new Russian drive.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Disrupt communications. Also, we act as diversion for other Wings hitting important Oil targets, A/D's.

COORDINATED EFFORTS: Forts attack Pardubice A/D ) 5000N 1513E
55 Wing attacks Pardubice Oil Refinery. )
304 Wing attacks Kolin Oil Refinery (5003N 1513E)
49 Wing attacks Ferrara RR Bridge
47 Wing makes diversionary attacks for first three:
376 & 449 attack Szeged; 98 & 450 attack Vinkovisi M/Y

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 1000lb. SQDN FORMATION: 1st Unit - 515th & 512th
2nd Unit - 513th & 514th

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GROUP LEADING: 376th leads Wing - rendy with 449th over San Vito at 6000' at 0718.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Scedro Island (4305N 1642E) to Bohonye (4624N 1723E) to Merrye (4631N 1750E) to Kecsel (4632N 1915E) to I.P. & Kis-Kun-Halas (4629N 1944E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 131° BOMBING ALTITUDE: 1st Unit - 19,000'
2nd Unit - 19,500'

TARGET PINPOINT: Center of Bridge

TURN OFF TGT: Right. ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Bijeljina (4446N 1913E) to Ragusa to Base.

FLAK: Target - none reported. Route: Omis, Rogoznica, Arzano, Livno, Ovahovljani, Banja Luka, Kaposvar, Novi Sad, Bijeljina, Ragusa.

FIGHTERS: Target - 1; Budapest area - 195; Szolnok - 32;
Route: Mostar - 4; Zagreb area - 17; Kaposvar - 17; Novi Sad - 6;
Sarajevo - 1.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No escort - diversionary attack.

OBSERVATIONS & PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, M/Y, M/T activity, E/A tactics.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0415 |
| Trucks | 0500 |
| Take Off | 0600 |
| On course | 0712 |
| Target | 1015 |

STRESS IMPORTANCE OF PROCURING GOOD BOMB-STRIKE PHOTOS. LAST THREE MISSIONS HAVE PRODUCED VERY INADEQUATE COVERAGE. CARE MUST BE TAKEN TO START CAMERAS PROPERLY AND AT RIGHT TIME. IF BRITISH CAMERAS ARE AVAILABLE, THEY ARE TO BE USED!

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23 AUGUST 1944 MISSION # 322

TARGET: Vosendorf Oil Refinery
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This refinery, with an annual capacity of 40,000 tons, is refining Vienna Basin crude oil, and although seriously damaged by 8 July attack, is now being extensively repaired and probably back in operation.

NO. OF PLANES: 28
BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX (.1N - .025 t/d)
SQDN FORMATION:

| | 1st Unit | 2nd Unit |
|---|---|---|
| A Flt | 514 | 512 |
| B Flt | 13 & 14 | 12 & 15 |
| C Flt | 13 & 14 | 12 & 15 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4410N-1410E to Galiola Island (4444N-1411E) to Ormoz (4625N-1609E) to Furstenfeld (4703N-1604E) to Prein (4741N-1546E) to I.P.
I.P.: Pernitz (4754N-1558E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 50 degrees.
BOMBING ALTITUDE: Maximum.
TARGET PINPOINT: 11-M on TC 14-46-NA
TURN OFF TARGET: RIGHT.
ROUTE BACK: Target to Lake Neusiedler (4740N-1645E) to Pakrac (4526N-1712E) to Scedro Island (4305N-1642E) to Base.

FLAK: There are 331 heavy guns at Vienna. The axis chosen for this attack will bring this Group within range of less guns than were encountered in attacking Lobau yesterday. At Alternates: Graz - 51 guns, Maribor - 35, Kranj,- none reported. Enroute, flak at Zagreb, Musko Sredisce, Dobri, all along R.R. running Southwest out of Vienna to Zeltweg, Kaumberg, Rust, Sopron, Szombathely, Nagykanizsa.

FIGHTERS: Vienna area - 314, Graz/Klagenfurt - 76, Maribor - none. Enroute: Zagreb-17, Lake Balaton to Budapest - 189, Gyor-Szombathely area - 63

REFERENCE: 14-46-NA

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
5th Wing attacks Wiener Neudorf Engine Factory at 1245.
49 Wing attacks Markersdorf A/D at 1200
55 Wing " " " " at 1210
304 Wing attacks Ferrara Rwy. Bridge.

Wing FORMATION: 450th, 376th, 449th in that order.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION. Destruction of 47th Wing's target will clean up the Vienna area oil-producing facilities, while three other wings are striking counter air force targets, Wiener Neudorf A/C Fcty, which is still active and Markersdorf A/D.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters will provide top offensive cover and close escort on penetration, target and withdrawal.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed at rate of 4 units per 20 seconds from 3 minutes before IP till clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0645 |
| Trucks | 0720 |
| Take off | 0820 |
| On course | 0935 |
| Target | 1255 |

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, M/y, E/A, tactics and markings.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 490'

NOTE: All gunners will be briefed on safe areas and escape procedure from areas crossed by course.

ALTERNATES ---
Industrial Area of Vienna by PFF

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Graz Neudorf A/C Fcty | TC 14-16-NA | Altitude 1120' |
| Maribor A/C Engine Works | TC 8-107-NA | Altitude 850' |
| Kranj A/C Components Factory | TC 8-17-NA | Altitude 1250' |

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Brief gunners to watch for contrails from jet-propelled A/C.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
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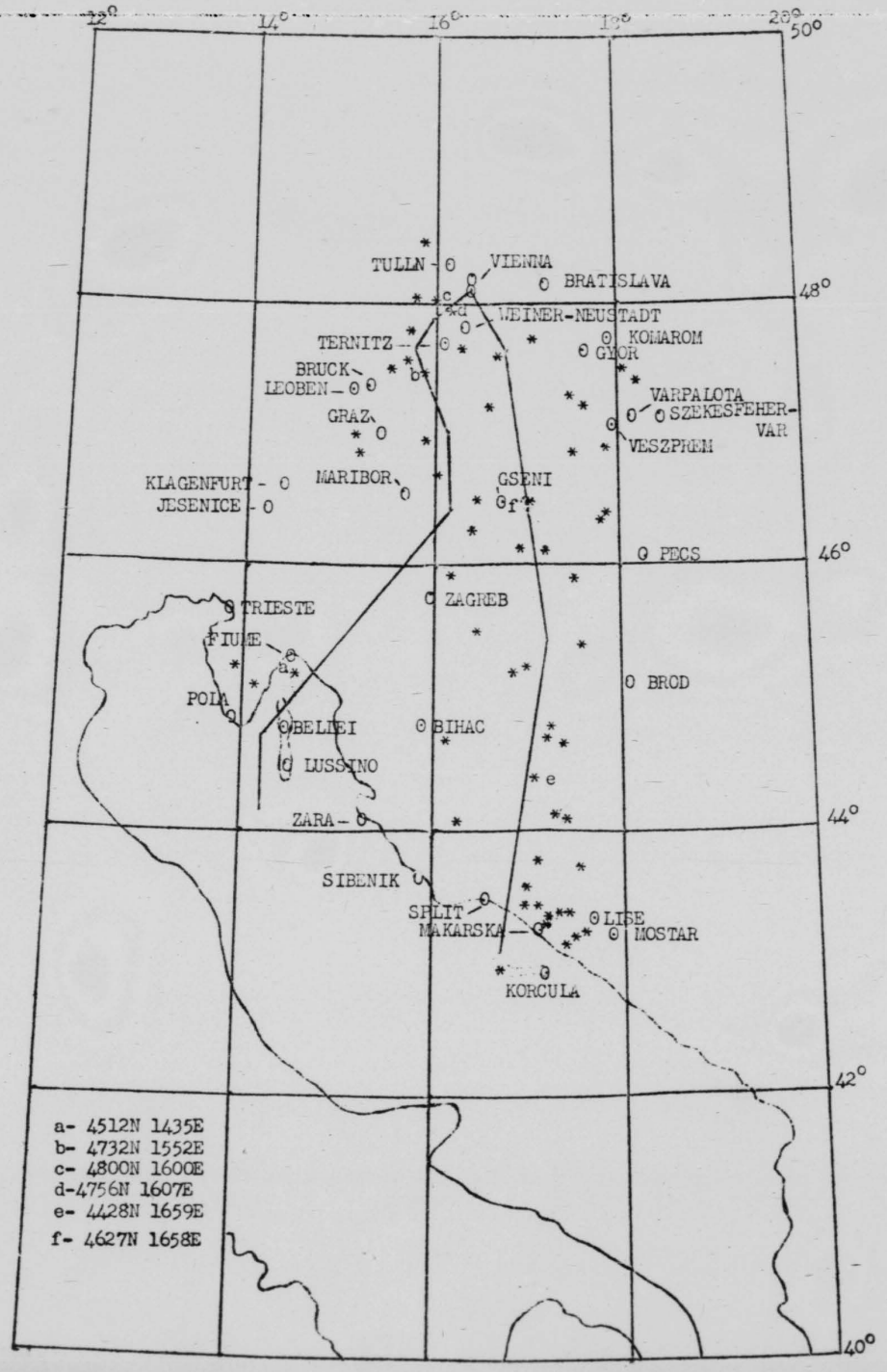
ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 44

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 23 AUG 1944

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Symbols used:

0 - Known defended area. Photo reconnaissance has confirmed the location of anti-aircraft guns of heavy caliber.

* - Location at which crews have reported experiencing or seeing flak, but for which no photo reconnaissance confirmation has been received.

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MISSION NO 321 FOR 22 AUGUST 1944

TARGET: LOBAU UNDERGROUND OIL STORAGE TC 14-20-NA) 1/500,000 Vienna
TC 14-30-NA)

Secondary; Vienna by PFF
Alternates: Graz Neudorf A/C Factory TC 14-16-NA Elev. 1120'
Maribor A/C Factory TC 8-107-NA " 885'
Kranj A/C Components Factory TC 8-17-NA " 1250'

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Large underground gasoline stores feeding pipelines in southeastern Europe.
NO OF PLANES: 29
BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb. GP
SQUADRON FORMATION

| A Sect | b Sect |
|---|---|
| 513 | 515 |
| 514 | 512 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4305N 1642E to 4641N 1722E to 4737N 1714E to 4757N 1728E to 4817N 1716E to Initial Point.
INITIAL POINT: Hochstetno (4820N 1654E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 242 degrees
BOMBING ALTITUDE: Maximum

TARGET PINPOINT: Section between T/V-14 and ~~XXXXX~~ V/W-12 (TC 14-20-NA)

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp left.

ROUTE BACK: Target to 4742N 1654E to 4557N 1714E to 4305N 1642E to base.

FLAK: At primary target Vienna 331 heavy guns. At alternates: Graz 51 guns, Maribor 35, Kranj none reported.
Enroute - Heavy flak at Omis, Split, Omshovaljava, Tapolcsa, Gyor, Kaposvar, Bratislava.

FIGHTERS: Vienna area 314, Graz / Klagenfurt area 76, Maribor none.
Enroute - Zagreb area 15, Kopasvar 17, Balaton Lake to Budapest area 195.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes must be taken, M/K's, P/T, E/A tactics.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 505'

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
5th Wing attacks Oderthal Synthetic Oil Refinery (5025N 1808E) at 1008 hrs.
304th Wing attacks Blechhammer South Oil Refinery (5025N 1814E) at 1110 hrs.
55th Wing attacks Korneuberg Oil Refinery (Vienna area) at 0950 hrs.
49th Wing attacks same target as 47th Wing at 1008 hrs.

47TH WING: 1st wave - 450th leads 449th
2nd wave - 98th leads 376th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Continued attacks on existing oil production centers and policing of centers heretofore damaged.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighter escort to be provided on penetration, over the target and on withdrawal.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed at the rate of 4 units every 20 seconds from 3 minutes before the I.P. and until clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0400 |
| Trucks | 0445 |
| Take Off | 0545 |
| On Course | 0705 |
| Target | 0958 |

SPECIAL NOTE TO SQUADRON S-2 OFFICERS: All bombadiers folders made up at Group S-2 must be returned to that office directly after the return of the mission.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
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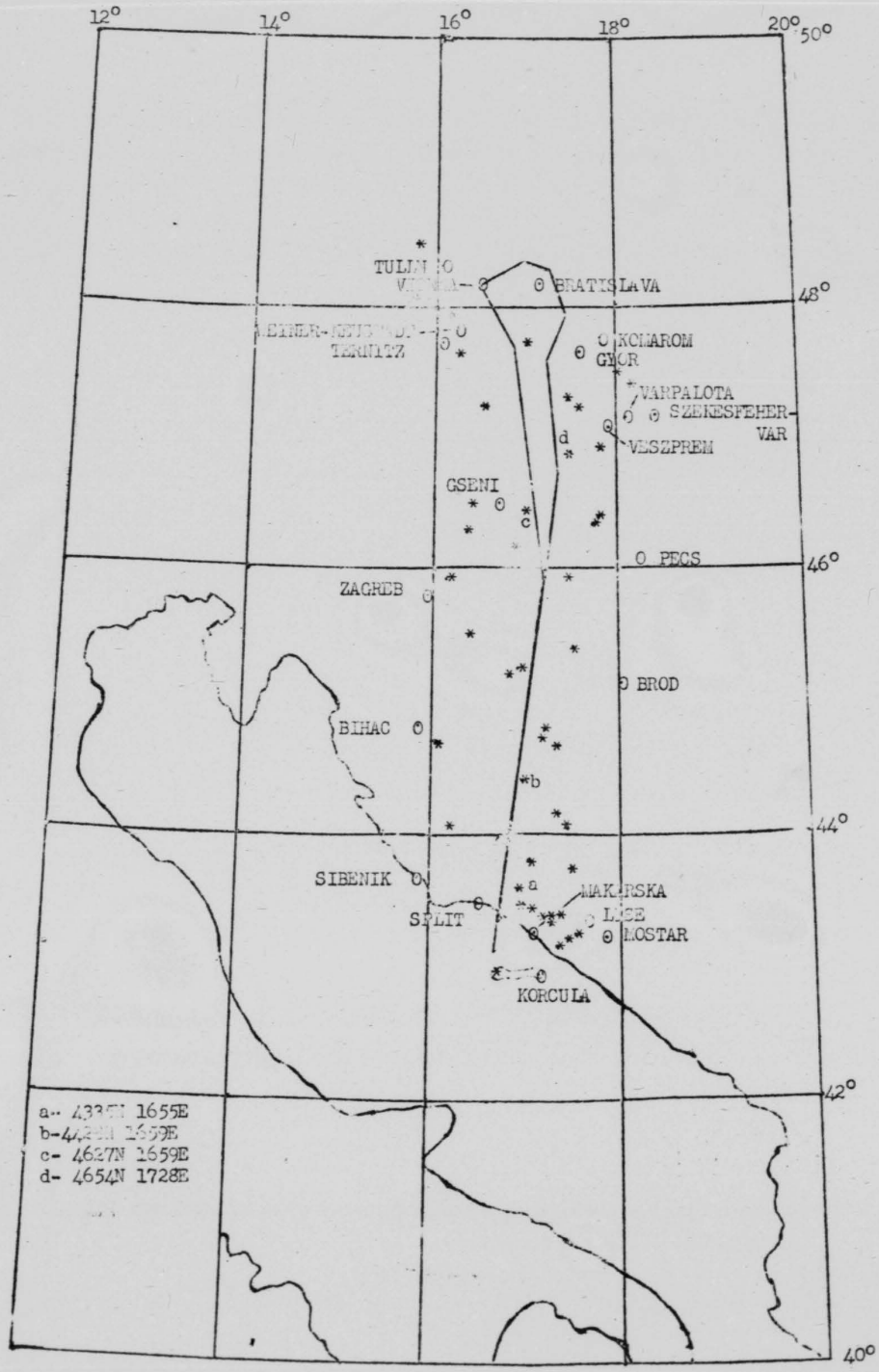
ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 43

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 22 AUG 1944

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) August 44 - Mission 320

AT: Szolnok M/Y REFERENCE: TC 12-25-NA Alt: 295'
ORTANCE OF TARGET: Most important M/Y in Hungary outside of Budapest.
RDINATED EFFORTS: B-17s attack Oswiecim Oil Refinery (5002N 1915E) at 1100.
55 Wing attack Czechowice Oil Refinery (4955N 1900E).
304 Wing attack Dubova Oil Refinery (4848N 1925E).
49 Wing attack Szolnok/Rakoczifalva A/D at 0942.
(47th and 49th conduct diversionary attacks)

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: M/Y on 15 August contained 1560 pieces of rolling stock, including many tank cars. Mining of Danube has put additional burden on transportation facilities, particularly on cars used to haul petroleum products.
NO. OF PLANES: 28; BOMB LOAD: 500lb. SQDN FORMATION: 1st Unit - 512th & 515th
2nd Unit - 514th & 513th
GROUP LEADING: 449th leads Wing. 376 rendy with 98th over base at 8000' at 0654.
ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Vrbovska (4312N 1641E) to Dombovar (4623N 1808E) to Monor (4721N 1926E) to I.P. - Tapio-Szele (4720N 1952E).
AXIS OF ATTACK: 128°; BOMBING ALT: 1st Unit - 21,000'; 2nd Unit - 21,500'.
TARGET PINPOINT: N/O-11/12 (TC 12-25-NA); TURN OFF TGT: Right.
ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Lake Ludas (4605N 1950E) to Ragusa (4231N 1821E) to Base.

FLAK: Tgt. - 6 guns; Szajol - same; Szeged - none reported; Novi Sad - 18 guns.
Route: 4300N 1708E, Rogoznica, Omis, Arzano, Livno, D. Vakuf, Orahovljani, ~~Doboj~~, Podbrde, Banja Luka, Orljavoc, Kaposvar, Budapest, Bijeljina, Ragusa.

FIGHTERS: Tgt. - 32; Budapest area - 189; Gyor - 30; Papa - 6;
Route: Mostar - 9; Sarajevo - 2; Kaposvar - 17; Szeged - 1;
Petrovgrad - 5; Novi Sad - 6; Belgrade area - 62.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No escort as 47th Wing raid is diversionary.

OBSERVATIONS & PHOTOS: Shipping in Adriatic, M/Y enroute, motor transport, A/D's.

ALTERNATES: 1 - Szajol M/Y - TC 12-26-NA (Pinpoint: GH-13) Alt: 295'
2 - Szeged M/Y - TC 12-19-NA (Pinpoint: D-12) Alt: 270'
(I.P. - Szentes (4640N 2016E)
3 - Novi Sad M/Y - TC 8-6-NA ~~(Pinpoint:~~ Alt: 265'
(I.P. - Palanka (4516N 1924E)

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0400 |
| Trucks | 0440 |
| Take Off | 0540 |
| On course | 0654 |
| Target | 0952 |

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18 AUGUST 1944

TARGET: ~~xix~~ Astra Romano Refinery, Ploesti. REF: (TC 11-100B-NA 1/500,000
(TC 11-101B-NA Brasov

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This Group is to hit any one of the four major oil refineries at Ploesti - Astra Romana, Unirea Speranza/Standard, Dacia Romano which can be hit from the I.P. by this Group.

NO OF PLANES: 28

BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. GP

SQUADRON FORMATION

| A SECTION | B SECTION |
|---|---|
| 512 | 514 |
| 515 | 512 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4156N 1912E to 4259N 2217E to 4355N 2304E to 4428N 2340E to 4440N 2417E to 4446N 2529E to I.P.

INITIAL POINT: Balenii (4449N 2538E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 70 degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 26,000' if possible

TARGET PINPOINT: To be decided by Wing Air Commander 30 minutes before I.P.

TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Target to 4443N 2604E to 4325N 2312E to reciprocal of route out.

FLAK: Ploesti/Campina area 239 heavy guns.

ENROUTE: Bar, Scutari, Pec, Lipljan, Nis, Surdulica, Vidin, Craiova, Slatina, ~~Craiova~~, Otoni, Bucharest, Rosorii de Vede.

FIGHTERS: Ploesti/Bucharest/Brasov area 101. Enroute- Nis 38, Craiova 5, Rosorii de Vede 30, Sofia area 48.

PHOTOS: Bomb strikes must be taken.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 456'

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
5th, 55th, 304th Wings attack oil targets in the Ploesti area.
304th Wing will attack Alibunar A/D (NW of Belgrade) at 0910 hrs.

47th Wing;
1st wave - 450th leads 449th
2nd wave - 98th leads 376th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION:
The main weight of the 15th Air Force is again being directed at the seven refineries at Ploesti, now the top ranking oil target in Europe. One Wing is being diverted to Alibunar A/D in Yugoslavia.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort on penetration, over target and on withdrawel.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed at the rate of 4 units every 20 seconds from 2 minutes before the I.P. and until clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0415 |
| Trucks | 0500 |
| TAKE Off | 0600 |
| ON Course | 0724 |
| Target | 0951 |

LAST RESORT TARGET:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Kraljevo Bridge | TC 8-2-NA | 400' elev. |
| Iron Gates Canal | TC 8-46-NA | 164' " |
| Nis M/Y | TC 8-102-NA | 600' |

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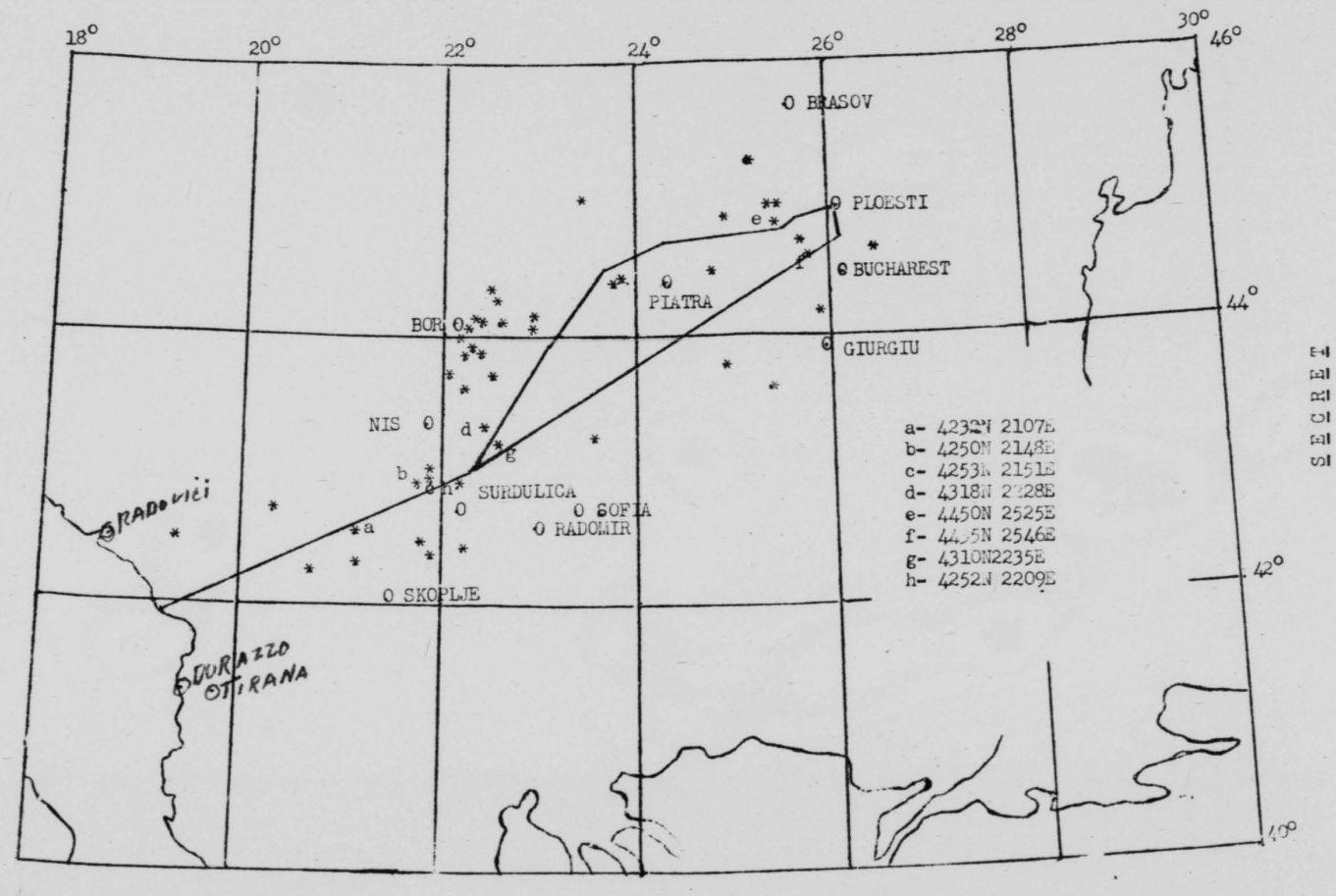


HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

FIAK ROUTE CHART
NO. 41

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 18 AUGUST 1944

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17 August 1944.

TARGET: Ploesti (One of the five, to be decided by the Wing Air Commander 30 minutes prior to target)
(1) Astra Romana - IP (4435N 2542E), axis 33°, rally right.
(2) Unirea Speranza - IP (4435N 2542E), axis 33°, rally right.
(3) Xenia - IP (4435N 2542E), axis 27°, rally left.
(4) Dacia - IP (4517N 2601E), axis 170°, rally left.
(5) Romana Americana - IP (4517N 2601E), axis 170°, rally left.
Reference TC 11-100B-NA and TC 11-101B-NA.

Last resort targets:
Cuprija Bridge -
Kraljevo Bridge - TC 8-2-NA.
Iron Gate Canal RR Installations - TC 8-16-NA.
Lapova M/Y - TC 8-42-NA.
Nis M/Y - TC 8-102-NA.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: With war on many fronts, immobilization of mechanized equipment will hasten German defeat.
NO. OF PLANES: 28
BOMB LOAD: 500# RDX
Sqdn Formation: A Sec B Sec
1 Flt 515 1 Flt 513
Mixed Mixed
ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Ragusa (4231N 1823E) to Unice (4352N 1950E) to Orsova (4442N 2223E) to Rasmicul Valcea (4506N 2422E) to IP.
ROUTE BACK: target to Ferdinand (4325N 2312E) to Svode (4259N 2217E) to Uleinj (4157N 1912E) to base.

FLAK: Ploesti area 239 guns. Ragusa, Dragujevac, Valevo, Belgrade, Sasa, Turnul Severin, Pitesti, Bucharest, Barla, Rosiorii de Vede, Skrobnica, Cenakovo, Nis, Babici, Lipljan, Uroseva, Prijpon, Scutari, Bar.

FIGHTERS: Ploesti area 14, Bacau area 62, Bucharest area 79, Kraljevo 3, Turnul Severin 1, Belgrade area 52, Sibiu 12, Medias 4, Rosiorii de Vede 30, Nis 38, Sofia area 48.
OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strike photos very important. Communications activity.
COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: Forts attack Nis M/D. 49th Wing attack Ploesti oil targets. 304th Wing attack oil targets in Ploesti area.

GROUP LEADING: 450th. 376th last group in Wing formation.
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Ploesti area reduced from production of 170,000 tons of gas to 18,000 tons per month which is still 1/10 of German requirements.
FIGHTER ESCORT: One group of P 51s rendezvous with 47th Wing at 4452N 2333E at 0919. One group of P 51s rendezvous with 47th Wing at Rasmicul Valcea at 0930.
OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed 2 mins. before IP until clear of flak.
TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0400
Trucks 0445
Take off 0545
On course 0659
Target 0950 approx.

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BOMBLINE FOR SOUTHERN FRANCE AS OF 16 AUGUST 1520 HOURS.
SUGAR 3062, UNCLE 6054 THENCE ALONG RAILWAY TO UNCLE 3946, 3542, 3137, 2535, 2028, 0818, ZEBRA 0894.

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14 August 1944

TARGET: Gun Positions in the Genoa Area
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Coastal Defenses
NO OF PLANES: 28
BOMB LOAD: 1000# GP
SQDN FORMATION

| A SHOT | B SHOT |
|---|---|
| 513 | 515 |
| 514 | 512 |

ROUTE OUT: Base to Grottaglie to 42.48N 1010E to I.P.
I.P. 44.00N 08.40E
AXIS OF ATTACK:
~~342~~ degrees 330
~~348~~ degrees 338
BOMBING ALTITUDE: 21,500'
TARGET PINPOINT:
Grid Coordinates
0 - 564390
0 - 609424
TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp left
ROUTE BACK: Target to 4256N 1032E to base.
FLAK: In general target area there are 35 heavy guns located at Savona and Varazza. None enroute.
FIGHTERS: None in immediate target vicinity. Turin area 45, Milan area 55.
OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb Strikes.
ALTITUDE OF TARGET: Sea level

1/250,000 Genoa
ITALY 1/100,000 Sheets 82, 92, 93

COORDINATED OR OTHER ATTACKS:
5th Wing, 55th Wing, 49th Wing and 304th Wing will attack gun positions on coast of Southern France.

47th Wing:
1st wave 450th leads 98th
2nd wave 376th leads 449th
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION:
Further activity to keep enemy on edge by attacking in various localities and threathening invasion.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 35 P-38's will conduct strafing mission and medium altitude x sweep in Genoa area at 1010 hours.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be carried in lead ship of lead attack unit to be dispensed at rate of 4 units every 20 seconds from 2 minutes before I.P. and until clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY
Briefing 0530
Trucks 0615
Take Off 0715
On course 0820
Target 1100

NOTE

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TARGETS ARE LOCATED IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF SAVONA, ITALY (44.17N 0830E approx. pos.)

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13 August 1944 Mission No. 316

TARGET: Gun positions in Toulon area.
REFERENCE: France 1:100,000 Sheet 15R, St. Tropez-Toulon
Hyeres - TC 6-1-NA (back)
NO. OF PLANES: 28.
BOMB LOAD: 500# RDX
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Coastal defenses.
SQDN FORMATION: A Sec B Sec
1 Flt 512 1 Flt 514
2 Flt 515 2 Flt 513
ROUTE OUT: Base to Lido (41444N ~~1262~~ 1216E) to Rosso (4214N 0832E) to IP.
I.P.: 4247N 0640E.
BOMBING ALTITUDE: A Sec 20,000'
B Sec 20,500'
ROUTE BACK: Rally and reciprocal of route out.
FLAK: Porquerolles Island 4 guns, Giens 8 guns, Hyeres Island 4 guns, Hyers 24 guns, Toulon 82 guns, but briefed route will be well out of range of these guns.
FIGHTERS: Cnefs 3, Marseilles area 10.
OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes very necessary.
COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: 49th Wing attack gun positions in St. Raphael area at 1300. 55th Wing attack gun positions in Sete area at 1300. 304th Wing attack bridges on Rhone River at 1300 hours.

GROUP LEADING: 450th.
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Softening up process on coastal guns.
FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters provide target cover for bombers and dive bomb Valence/La Tresoreaie A/D.
OTHER GROUPS: All 47th Wing hits same targets. 450th at 1300, 98th at 1310, 376th at 1320, 449th at 1330.
OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed 2 mins. before IP until clear of flak.
TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0700
Trucks 0800
Take off 0900
On course 1015
Target 1320
ALL CONVOYS TO BE AVOIDED.
SHIPPING NOT TO BE REPORTED.
BOMBS TO BE JETTISONED IN WATER IF UNABLE TO BOMB ASSIGNED TARGET.
512th - target BZ.123888, axis 305°, rally left, altitude 100'
513th - target BZ.396918, axis 337°, rally right, altitude ~~100~~ 325'
514th - target BZ.185869, axis 307°, rally left, altitude ~~100~~ 370'
515th - target BZ.170854, axis 304°, rally left, altitude ~~154~~ 461'

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PLAN BAKER 11 AUGUST 1944

TARGET: Gun positions in Marseilles area.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Knock out coastal defenses.

NO. OF PLANES: 25
BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. (.1N-.025TD)

| SQDN FORMATION | 1st Unit | 2nd Unit |
|---|---|---|
| A Flt | 515 | 513 |
| B Flt | 515 & 512 | 513 & 514 |
| C Flt | 515 & 512 | 513 & 514 |

ROUTE OUT: Grottaglie to 4101N-1356E to C. Rosso (4214N-0832E) to 4240N-0550E to I.P. 4254N-0542E.

AXIS OF ATTACK; 1st Unit 140°
2nd Unit 220°

BOMBING ALT: 1st Unit - 22,000'
2nd Unit - 22,500'

TARGET PINPOINT: Reference: Sheet 14-R, 1:100,000 France.
1st Unit - Y-798969
2nd Unit - Y-836989

TURN OFF TARGET: Left

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to 4240N-0500E to 4214N 0832E to 4100N-1356E to Base.

FLAK: There are 82 heavy guns at Toulon, just to the East of the Target.

FIGHTERS: Cuers-Pierrefeu - 3; Marseilles area - 19.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: Sea level.

REFERENCE: 1:250,000, K31/3, Marseilles.
1:100,000 France - Sheet 14-R - Marseilles.
Photos: #4141, #5028, #3082, #5009.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
5th Wing attacks gun positions in the Genoa area from 1100 to 1110 hours.
304th Wing attacks gun positions in the Marseilles area from 1110 to 1120 hours.
49th Wing attacks gun positions in the Genoa area from 1030 to 1050 hours.
55th Wing attacks gun positions in the Sete area from 1100 to 1110 hours.

GROUP LEADING: 98th leads Wing. 376th leads 449th in 2nd Wave.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Air Force attacking several coastal defenses. Part of war of nerves to keep Jerry on edge and to hold troops in this area - away from Normandy front.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters will provide target cover. Other fighters will strafe radar stations at Sete, Marseille and Genoa areas.

OTHER COMMENTS: Each A/C will load 2 cartons of window to be dispensed from I.P. till clear of flak, at 4 units per 20 seconds.
Avoid breaches of air discipline regarding any possible convoys observed enroute.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0515 | -530 |
| Trucks | 0600 | -610 |
| Take off | 0655 | -710 |
| On Course | 0807 | -718 |
| Target | 1145 | |

NOTE: NO report should be made of convoys observed en route.
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SSION NO. 314 - 10 AUGUST 1944

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TARGET: Unirea Sperantza & Standard Petrol Block Refineries TC 11-101B-NA
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET:
Photo reconnaisance shows that target is active on a reduced scale.

NO OF PLANES: 28
BOMB LOAD: 500# RDX
SQUADRON FORMATION

| A SECTION | B SECTION |
|---|---|
| 514 | 512 |
| 513 | 515 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4243N 1752E to 4351N 1951E to 4442N 2224E to 4440N 2417E to I.P.
I.P. Colacul (4441N 2545E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 38 degrees
BOMBING ALTITUDE:
A Section 22,500
B Section 23,000
TARGET PINPOINT: S 20/21 (TC 11-101B-NA)
TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp Right
ROUTE BACK: Target to 4325N 2343E to 4155N 1912E to base.
FLAK: In Ploesti/Campina area there are 239 heavy guns. The formation will be in range of approximately one half of this number. On 31 July 1944 the 15th AF encountered Intense, accurate heavy flak at the target.
Enroute - Dubrovnik, Kragujevac, Turnul-Severin, Bucharest, Rosiorii de Vede, SURDULICA, Lipljan, Prizren, Scutari.
FIGHTERS: Ploesti/Bucharest/Brasov area 82, Enroute - Mostar 6, Belgrade area 74, Rosiorii de Vede 30, Craiova 6, Sofia 48.
OBSERVATION AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, M/T, A/D's, E/A tactics.
ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 525'

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
5ht Wing Attack Ploesti Romana/American/ at 1000 hrs.
49th Wing attack Xenia Refinery at 1013hrs.
55th Wing attacks Astra-Romana/at 1055 hrs.
304th Wing attacks Campina Steaua Romana/ Refinery.

47TH WING:
450th leads 98th and 376th.
IMPORTANCEOF MISSION:
Oil Refineries both crude and synthetic are top priority targets of Eight and Fifteenth Air Forces.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Escort on penetration, over target and on withdrawal.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed from 2 minutes before I.P. and until clear of flak at the rate of 6 units every 20 seconds.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0500 |
| Trucks | 0545 |
| Take Off | 0645 |
| On Course | 0805 |
| Target | 1045 |
| E.T.R. | 1350 |

Alternates: Giurgiu Oil Storage TC 10-6-NA Alt 65'
Iron Gates Canal TC 8-46-NA Alt 264'

No bombs to be dropped on Rushuk, Bulgaria or anywhere in Yugoslavia.

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9 August 1944

TARGET: Budapest/Vecses A/D.
Secondary: Novi Sad A/D.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Repair and refitting installations capable of being used for final assembly work.

NO. OF PLANES: 28.

BOMB LOAD: 500#

SQDN FORMATION: A Sec — 1 Flt 513 Mixed
B Sec — 1 Flt 515 Mixed.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Sipan Is. (42h3N 1753E) to Drinjaca (hh17N 1909E) to Subatico (h606N 1940E) to Abony (h711N 2000E) to IP.

I.P.: Nagykata (h725N 1945E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 273°

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 22,500'
B Sec 23,000'

TARGET PINPOINT: J-K/7.

TURN OFF TARGET: Left, then right.

ROUTE BACK: target to Gnecze (h6h6N 1838E) to Modrica (hh58N 1818E) to Brac Is. (h320N 1650E) to base.

FLAK: Budapest area 130 guns. Ragusa, Bijeljino, Dolj, Vukovar, Omis, Nagoznica, Arzano, Livno, Szolnok, Szekesfehervar, Pecs, Brod, Makarska, Split. Novi Sad 4 posit (12 guns)

FIGHTERS: Budapest area 40. Mostar 6, Sarajevo 3, Belgrade area 54, Beka 11, Novi Sad 5, Szolnok 33, Szekesfehervar area 70, Kaposvar 17, Zagreb area 27.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, E/A tactics and markings, M/Y activity.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 450'
Sec. 265'

REFERENCE: TC 12-13-NA
TC 8-30-NA.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: Forts attack Gyor car and machinery works and A/C assembly plant at 1100. 49th Wing attack Almas/Fuzito Oil Refy. at 1100. 55th Wing attack Budapest/Tokol A/D at 1100. (all in Budapest/Gyor area.)

GROUP LEADING: 376th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Continued destruction of aircraft works and oil product centers.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide escort for each bomber wing.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed 2 mins. before IP until clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0545 |
| Trucks | 0630 |
| Take off | 0730 |
| On course | 0839 |
| Target | 1111 |

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August 44 - Mission # 306

TARGET: Dubova Oil Ref. (Czechoslavakia) REFERENCE: TC 15-19-NA

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Target consists of a refinery with an annual capacity of 60,000 to 90,000 tons, together with a tank farm for storage of both the crude oil and the finished products.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Critical phase of the attack on oil targets is developing very rapidly. the destruction of all targets detailed in Plan "A" for today will clean up the high priority targets in the area and deprive the German Army of approx. 300,000 tons annum refining capacity now sorely needed on all fronts.

COORDINATED EFFORTS: B-17s attack Odertal Oil Refinery at 1030.
49 Wing attacks Czechowice/Dziedzece Refinery at 1033.
55 Wing attacks Oswiecim Oil Refinery at 1042.
304 Wing attacks Bohumin and Moravska Ostrava Oil Refineries at 1029.

GROUP LEADING: 376th Leads Wing - rendy with 98th over base at 7000' at 0721.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500lb.

SQDN FORMATION: 1st Unit: 513th & 514th. 2nd Unit: 515th & 512th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Sipan Isle (4243N 1753E) to Podgrab (4348N 1842E) to Subotica (4605N 1940E) to Abony (4711N 2000E) to Feled (4819N 2004E) to I.P.

I.P.: Tisovec (4842N 1957E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 290°. BOMBING ALT: 1st Unit - 21,000; 2nd Unit - 20,500'.

TARGET PINPOINT: 8/15-16 (TC 15-19-NA) . TURN OFF TARGET: left.

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Feled to Karczag (4719N 2055E) to Base.

FLAK: Tgt. - no reports available but importance of target would probably justify moderate flak defenses. Alternates: Miscolz - 13 guns; Szolnok - 6 guns; Skajol (in Szolnok flak area). Route: Dubrovnik, Sarajevo, Bijeljina, Brko, Szolnok, Szeged, Novi Sad, Ragusa.

FIGHTERS: Tgt. area - There are no E/A based in the immediate target area but the possibility exists that up to 60 E/A from the Budapest-Vienna area may be encountered in the area. It is beleived that the main brunt of the fighter interception will be borne by the 5th and 304th Wings whose route will carry them between Budapest and Vienna, while the 49th, 55th and 47th Wings will swing east of Budapest and outside of the fighter strength.
Route: Budapest area - 135 (sorties from these may be supplemented by approx. 75 from the Vienna area); Szolnok - 33; Szeged- 1; Petrovgrad - 15; Novi Sad - 5; Belgrade area - 56; Sarajevo - 3.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No escort for 47th Wing. Fighters will provide cover for Air Force formation.

ALTERNATES: 1st - Miskolcz M/Y (TC 12-23-NA); 2nd - Szolnok M/Y (TC 12-25-NA)
3rd - Szajol (TC 12-26-NA). (All in Hungary).

TIME SUMMARY:

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| BRIEFING - | 0430 |
| Trucks | 0515 |
| Take Off | 0615 |
| On course | 0721 |
| Target | 1026 |

NOTE: All crews to be briefed on latest ~~Enem~~ Escape Report on Slovakia. Also review on Yugoslavia.

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6 August 1944 Mission No. 305

TARGET: Toulon Harbor
Alternate: Var R. Bridge.

REFERENCE: TC 6-101A-NA
Var - TC 6-77-NA.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Main German naval and submarine bases in Mediterranean.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: Forts attack Portes Les Valences M/Y, Le Pouzin Oil Storage and Le Pouzin RR Bridge at 1100. 49th Wing attack Miramas M/Y at 1230. 55th Wing attack Arles RR Bridge, Tarascon RR Bridge, Avignon West RR Bridge and Le Pontet Oil Storage at 1200. 304th Wing attack Lyon Perriot Oil Storage, Lyon Vaise Oil Storge, Givors RR Bridge and St. Rambert RR Bridge at 1130.

NO. OF PLANES: 40.

BOMB LOAD: 500# RDX

S-ADN FORMATION: A Sec B Sec C Sec
1 Flt 512 1 Flt 514 1 Flt 515
513th fill in.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Anzio (4127N 1237E) to Palazzo Point (4222N 0832E) to 4245N 0525E to IP.

GROUP LEADING: 1st 450th, 98th, 376th, and 449th.

I.P.: 4300N 0530E.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Latest reconnaissance (2 August) shows 8 submarines in harbor.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 67°

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 22,500'
B Sec 22,000'
C Sec 23,000'

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters provide window dispensing A/C ahead of 47th Wing.

TARGET PINPOINT: U-11

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed 2 minutes before IP until clear of flak.

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0615 |
| Trucks | 0700 |
| Take off | 0800 |
| On course | 0917 |
| Target | 1300 |

ROUTE BACK: target to 4250N 0600E to reciprocal of route out.

FLAK: Target 82 guns. La Ciotat, Hyeres, Giens, Porquerolles Island.

FIGHTERS: Toulon 6, Marseilles area 12.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes very important. Communications activity.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: Sea level.
Var Sea level.

Persistant reports are reaching this Headquarters pertaining to returning bomber crews dropping window from French to Corsican coast. This practice is causing great difficulty to our radar stations intercepting enemy reconnaissance planes now very active in this area. Window will not be jettisoned under any circumstances. Crews will be briefed accordingly.

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ugust 44 - Mission # 305

TARGET: Ploesti - Astra Romana Ref.

IMPORTANCE OF TGT.: Prior to attacks, this refinery was most important in Roumania, with an annual capacity of 1,750,00 tons. Still producing 350,000 tons. Attacks of 28 & 31 July did not result in any substantial damage.
NO. OF PLANES: 28
BOMB LOAD: 500lb.
SQDN FOTHATION: 1st Unit - 512th - 515th.
2nd Unit - 514th - 513th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Ragusa (4231N 1822E) to Raska (4318N 2038E) to Glogavac (4403N 2119E) to D. Milanovac (4429N 2207E) to Berbanesti (4411N 2459E) to I.P.

I.P.: Costesti-Deal (4442N 2529E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 62°
BOMBING ALT: 1st Unit - 24,000'
2nd Unit - 23,500'

TGT. PINPOINT: 0-18 (TC 11-101B-NA)
TURN OFF TGT: Right

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. Fundelea (4428N 2631E) to Hotarele (4411N 2622E) to Caracal (4407N 2421E) to Pukovac ( 4310N 2151E) to Tropoje (4222N 2011E) to Petrovac (4212N 1856E) to Base.

FLAK: Tgt. - 48 pos. - 239 guns.
Route: Ragusa, Dusanovac, Cuprija, Rekovac, Scutari, Nis, Pec, Prizren, Turnul Severin, Craiova, Piatra, Bucharest.

FIGHTERS: Tgt. - 2; Area NE of tgt - 73; Bucharest area - 55. Route: Kraljevo - 2; Krusevac - 5; Nis - 13; Belgrade area - 56; Craiova - 6; Risiorii di Vede - 30; Brasov - 8; Focsani - 33.

ALT. OF TARGET: 500[illegible]

Additional Flak [illegible] (enroute) :
Raska, Krago[illegible]ica, -
Risiorii di V[illegible]ovo.

REFERENCE: TC 11-101B-NA

COORDINATED ATTACKS:
B-17s attack Standard Oil Ref. at 1100.
304 Wing attack Astra Romana Ref. at 1130.
49 Wing attack Xenia Refinery at 1130.

GROUP LEADING: 450th leads Wing. 376th rendy with 450th over base at 8000' at 0831.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Three refineries selected are highest priority targets in current "OIL" attacks. Total production of three is 800,000 tons annually.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters will provide penetration, target and withdrawal coven Plus top offensive cover for Air Force over target area.

OBSERVATIONS & PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, Oil storage, E/A tactics.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed 1 min. before I.P. till clear of flak. - Will also be dispensed by fighters ahead of bombers.

RUSH will not be bombed.

Bombs will not be dropped in Yugoslavia except at briefed points.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0530 |
| Trucks | 0615 |
| Take Off | 0715 |
| On course | 0831 |
| Target | 1110 |

ALTERNATES:
1st - Giurgiu Oil Storage - TC 10-6-NA (65')
2nd - Nis A/Y - TC 8-102-NA (600')
3rd - Lapovo A/Y - TC 8-42-NA (485')
4th - Cuprija RR Bridge (4357N 2123E) - no target material.
5th - Kraljevo RR Bridge (TC 8-2-NA)

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3 August 1944

TARGET: Avisio RR Bridge.
Secondary: Any M/Y, Bridge or section of track along Brenner Pass line.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Vulnerable section on main route from Germany to Italy through Brenner Pass. Stop communications.

NO. OF PLANES: 28

BOMB LOAD: 1000#

SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | B Sec |
|---|---|
| 1 Flt 515 | 1 Flt 513 |
| Mixed | Mixed |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4340N 1350E to Conegliano (4554N 1218E) to IP.

I.P.: Fiera D. Pirm (4611N 1150E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 265°

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 21,000'
B Sec 20,500'

TARGET PINPOINT: Center of bridge.

TURN OFF TARGET: Right then left around flak at Trento.

ROUTE BACK: target to 4554N 1218E then reciprocal of foute out.

FLAK: None at target. Villaorba, Portogruaro, Mel, Bolzano, Trento, Venice and Mestre.

FIGHTERS: Target none. Udine area 86. Vicenza 9, Verona area 18.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, communications activity. E/A tactics and markings.

REFERENCE: TC 4-138-NA.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: Forts attack Ober Raderach Chemical Works at 1130 ( 49th Wing attack Ober Raderach Chemical Works at 1100. 55th Wing attack Friedrickshafen Manzell A/C Works at 1120. 304th Wing attack Lowenthal A/C Fcty. at 1110. (all in Friedrickshafen area.)

GROUP LEADING: 376th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: In addition to our principal purpose we are acting as diversion in hope of distracting the enemy from our other objectives, namely destruction of chemical plants and A/C works.

FIGHTER ESCORT: One group of P 38s provide penetration, individual wing target cover, and withdrawal cover for bombers. Remainder of force of fighter wings provide high offensive cover for bombers.

OTHER GROUPS: 449th - Avisio. 98th - San Michele RR Bridge. 450th - Ora RR Bridge.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed 2 mins. before IP until clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0415 |
| Trucks | 0500 |
| Take off | 0600 |
| On course | 0704 |
| Target | 1008 |

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PLAN AHEAD 1 AUGUST 1944 MISSION # 304

TARGET: Ploesti Standard & Unirea Sperantsa Oil Refys - REFERENCE: 11-101B-MA

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Standard Refy had a capacity of 440,000 tons per year prior to attacks which practically destroyed tanks and boiler house. Refinery is still active.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: 6 groups of B-17's of the 5th Wing will attack Ploesti Astra Romano Oil Refinery at 1010 hours.

GROUP LEADING: 450th.

NO. OF PLANES: 40
BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. (.11-# .025 & n/d T)

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Destruction of Astra Romano, Standard and Unirea Sperantsa Oil Refineries which have been restroed to 55,000 ton annual capacity.

SQDN FORMATION

| | 1st Unit | 2nd Unit | 3rd Unit |
|---|---|---|---|
| A Flt | 515 | 512 | 515 |
| B Flt | 515 | 513 | 514 |
| C Flt | 515 | 513 | 512&514 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Ragusa (4231N-1822E) to Raska (4318N-2037E) to Glogovac (4403N-2118E) to Milanovac (4426N-2206E) to I.P.
I.P. Cotesti-Deal (4442N-2529E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 62 degrees.
BOMBING ALT. 1st Unit 22,500'
2nd Unit 23,000'
3rd Unit 22,000'
TARGET PINPOINT: S-20,21 on Target Chart 11-101B-MA.

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Fundelea (4428N-2631E) to Hotarele (4411N-2622E) to Caracal (4407N-2421E) to Pulsovac (4310N-2152E) to Tropoje (4225N-2011E) to Petrovac ~~44/1944~~ (4213N-1857E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 2 Groups of fighters provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for wing, and will also dispense window in advance of bombers. 2 other Groups of fighters will provide high cover for the 47 Wing and 2 Groups for the 5th Wing. Fighters will rendezvous with bombers at 30 minutes prior to I.P.

OTHER COMMENTS: A/C of lead attack unit will load 4 cartons each of window to be dispensed from 2 minutes before ~~I~~ I.P. till clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| briefing | 0430 |
| Trucks | 0510 |
| Take off | 0610 |
| On course | 0730 |
| Target | 1000 |

FLAK: At Target - 48 positions, 239 guns: Enroute: Turnul Severin, Craiova, Piatra, Dusanovac, Cuprija, Rekovac, Scutari, Rosiorii di Vede, Nis, Pec, Irimren.

FIGHTERS: At target 1, in general target area 61. Enroute: Kraljevo, ~~77~~ 2; Nis, 13; Belgrade area, 47; Craiova, 6; Rosiorii di Vede, 28; Bucharest 53; Brasov, 8; Focsani 13.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Target approach photos will be taken, observe bomb strikes, oil storage, E/A tactics and colors, etc.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 500 '

| ALTERNATES: | TARGET CHART | ALTITUDE |
|---|---|---|
| GIRGIU OIL STORAGE | 10-6-MA | 65' |
| NIS M/Y | 8-102-MA | 600' |
| LAPOVA M/Y | 8-42-MA | 485' |

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31 JULY 1944

TARGET: Targoviste Oil Storage TC 11-59-NA 1/500,000 Brasov
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Targoviste constitutes a minor nucleus of storage and processing in the oil area West of Ploesti. Target for this Group is a small processing plant (consisting of 3 large and 8 small buildings) and storage facilities (15 tanks) located one half mile SW of Targoviste.

NO OF PLANES: 28
BOMB LOAD: 500# RDX
SQUADRON FORMATION

| A SECT | B SECT |
|---|---|
| 514 | 512 |
| 513 | 515 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4231N 1822E to 4335N 2120E to 4400N 2252E to 4433N 2331E to I.P.
INITIAL POINT: Popii (4506N 2501E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 119 degrees true
BOMBING ALTITUDE: A Sect 21500' B Sect 22000'
TARGET PINPOINT: K 7/8 (TC 11-59-NA)
TURN OFF TARGET: Right
ROUTE BACK: Target to 4408N 2412E to 4335N 2120E to reciprocal of route out.
FLAK: No photo recce reports available. The 449th Group experienced intense, accurate heavy flak at the target. Enroute - Dubrovnik, Podgorica, Nis, Bor area, Vidin, Craiova, Pitesti, Ploesti and Bucharest.
FIGHTERS: None reported at target. Enroute - Nis 17, Craiova/Rosorii de Vede area 56, Brasov/Ploesti/Bucharest area 86.
OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, M/T, A/D's, E/A tactics.
ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 920'
CO-ORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
98th B Gp attacks Doicesti/Creditul Minier Oil Refinery
450th B Gp attacks Targoviste Oil Storage
449th stands down.
5th Wing (B-17's) attack Ploesti Xenia Oil refinery at 1100 hrs.
49th Wing (B-24's) attack Bucharest Prahova Oil Refinery at 1125 hrs.
304th Wing (B-24's) attack Bucharest Mogasia Oil Storage at 1115 hrs.
GROUP LEADING: 98th followed by 376th and 450th.
FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters will provide escort on penetration, over target and on withdrawal.
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Recent photo recce indicates that the main refineries(Astra Romano, Romano Americana, Standard Group) are inactive, thus placing Xenia Refinery (20,000 tons annual capacity) in first priority in the Ploesti area. Plan "A" provides for an attack on the Xenia Refinery and on other minor plants in the Roumania area, to the end that all substantial refinery capacity in Roumania shall be liquidated.
OTHER COMMENTS: Bombing will be done by 6 or 4 ship flights if the tactical situation permits — to be decided by the Group Commander before I.P.

TIME SUMMARY

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| Briefing | 0530 |
| Trucks | 0615 |
| Take Off | 0715 |
| On Course | 0837 |
| Target | 1104 |

64 P-51's of the 322 Fighter Group will intercept 47th formation at Filiasi at 1039 hours and will provide escort on penetration, target area and withdrawal.

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30 July 1944

Mission No. 302

PLAN "A"

TARGET: Lispe/Budafapuszta Oil Refinery (4630N 1642E)

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Important source of butane, used to mix with low-octane fuel.

NO. OF PLANES: 28

BOMB LOAD: 500# RDX

ORDER FORMATION: A Sec 1 Flt 513 Mixed
B Sec 1 Flt 515 Mixed.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4305N 1642E to 4350N 1700E to 4625N 1723E to 4645N 1733E to IP

I.P.: Keszthely (4646N 1715E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 235°

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 19,000'
10,500'

TARGET AIMPOINT: Gasoline plant.

TURN OFF TARGET: Left.

ROUTE BACK: target to 4305N 1642E to base.

FLAK: Target area 2 guns. Brod 26 guns, Sarajevo 13 guns. Omis, Mogornica, Mrzano, Orahovljani, Banja Luka, Dobri, Nagykanizsa, Tapolcza, Kaposvar, Bos Novi, Mremnica, Knin.

FIGHTERS: Banja Luka 2, Bihac 1, Zagreb area 16, Kaposvar 24, Tapolcza 21, Szombathely area 18, Maribor 2, Zara 17, Papa 2.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, M/I activity, E/A tactics and markings.

ALTERNATES: Brod South M/Y - TC 8-103-NA 300'
Sarajevo M/Y - TC 8-18-NA 1650'

REFERENCE: Yugoslavia 1:100,000 sheets 7 and 8.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: Forts attack Blechhammer South Refy at 1100 hours. 49th Wing attack Blechhammer South Refy at 1120 hours. 55th Wing attack Blechhammer Refy at 1110 hours.

GROUP LEADING: 376th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Diversionary feint toward Lake Balaton.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No fighter escort. Maximum escort being provided for bombers attacking in Blechhammer area.

OTHER GROUPS: 376th - 98th - 449th. 450th standing down.

OTHER COMBINES: No window.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0600 |
| Trucks | 0645 |
| Take off | 0845 |
| On course | 0857 |
| Target | 0930 |

PLAN "B"

Everything same except time summary and coordinated efforts.

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| Briefing | 0500 |
| Trucks | 0545 |
| Take off | 0645 |
| On course | 0747 |
| Target | 1020 |

Forts attack Budapest/Tokol A/D installations and buildings at 1120 hours. 49th Wing attack Budapest/Duna A/C Factory at 1100 hours. 55th Wing attack Budapest/Duna A/C Factory at 1110 hours.
Fighters provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for bombers attacking Budapest area.

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27 July 1944

TARGET: Manfred Weiss - Budapest
Last Resort - Brod M/Y

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Manfred Weiss forms the largest industrial complex in Hungary. It deals with the manufacture of arms, ammunition, aircraft engines, machine tools and other products.

NO. OF PLANES: 28

BOMB LOAD: 500 lb.

SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | B Sec |
|---|---|
| 1 Flt 512 | 1 Flt 514 |
| 515 fill in | 515 fill in |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4305N 1642E to 4350N 1700E to 4653N 1728E to 4723N 1812E to IP.

I.P.: Bicske (4729N 1838E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 102°

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 22,000'
B Sec 21,500'

TARGET PINPOINT: D-13

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: target to 4513N 1825E to 4350N 1700E to 4305N 1642E to base.

FLAK: Budapest 130 guns. Brod 26 guns.
Route: Omis, Mogoznica, Arzano, Ricice, Imotski, Slivno, D. Vakuf, Banja Luka, Orljavac, Kaposvar, Nagykanisza, Tapolcza, Varpolota, Bicske, Dolj, Brcko.

FIGHTERS: Budapest area 117. Mostar 2, Banja Luka 2, Zagreb 16, Kaposvar 24, Tapolcza 21, Papa 2, Szombathely area 48, Szolnok 33, Erschufvar 16.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, E/A markings and tactics.

REFERENCE: TC 12-3-MA
TC 8-103-MA.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
Forts attack Manfred Weiss at 0930
49th Wing attack Manfred Weiss at 0950.
304th Wing attack Manfred Weiss at 1000.

GROUP LEADING: 450th - 449th.
376th - 98th.

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FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover and also provide chaff dispensing A/C to preceed first bomber groups into target.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed 2 mins. before IP until clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0400 |
| Trucks | 0435 |
| Take off | 0535 |
| On course | 0646 |
| Target | 0940 |

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MISSION NO 299

24 July 1944

TARGET: Genoa Harbor installations TC 4-213-NA 1/500,000 Turin 44/6

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Main port for coastwise traffic from Southern France to Italian Front.

NO OF PLANES: 28
BOMB LOAD: 500#
SQUADRON FORMATION:

| A SECTION | B SECTION |
|---|---|
| 514 | 512 |
| 513 | 513 |

ROUTE OUT: San Pan to 4128N 1238E to 4223N 1055E to 4303N 0950E to I.P.
I.P. Point of land at 4418N 0913E
AXIS OF ATTACK: 295 degrees
BOMBING ALTITUDE: A Sect 22500' B Sect 23000'
TARGET PINPOINT: Docks at E-13 (TC 4-213-NA)
TURN OFF TA GET: left
ROUTE BACK: Tgt to reciprocal of route out.
FLAK: Estimated 36 guns - increase from 22 believed due to fear of invasion
FIGHTERS: Milan area 100, Turin area 32, none reported in immediate target area
OBSERVATIONS AND BOMB STRIKES: BOMB STRIKES AND NAVAL ACTIVITY.
ALTITUDE OF TARGET: Sea level
CO-ORDINATED OR OTHER ATTACKS:
B-17's (5th Wing) Orbasanno Ball Bearing Works at 1200 hrs.
B-24's (49th Wing) Troop concentrations in Yugoslavia
B-24's (304th Wing) Chanoines A/D (4336N 0444E)
B-24's (55th Wing) Valence La Tresorerie A/D (4455N 0458E)
47th WING - 98th leads 376th
449th and 450th stand down
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Plan involves direct support to Yugoslav ground troops to ball bearing and tank repair shops and Southern France.
FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration, target and withdrawel cover.
OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dropped from I.P. and until clear of flak.

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| Briefing | 0545 |
| Trucks | 0630 |
| TAKE Off | 0730 |
| On Course | 0825 |
| Target | 1150 |

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B O M B  L I N E

1345 hours 20 July 1944

S 3758, 3049, 3034, R 8034, 8040, 5040, 4050, Q 9750, thence along Arno River to 9555, 7155, 4465, 2965, 0055

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20 July 1944

PLAN "ABLE"
TARGET: Lowenthal A/D Installations.- TC 13-40-NA.
Alternates: Maybach Engine Factory by PFF.
Main M/Y of any German city visually.
Innsbruck by PFF - TC 14-13-NA.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Important plant in Dornier system engaged in assembly of Dornier A/C and pilotless A/C.
NO. OF PLANES: 24
BOMB LOAD: 500#
SQDN FORMATION: A Sec B Sec
1 Flt 512 1 Flt 514
515 & 512 515 & 514
ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4400N 1350E to 4541N 1222E to 4636N 1132E to 4715N 1044E to IP.
I.P.: Bregenz (4730N 0945E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 317°
BOMBING ALT: A Sec 22,000'
B Sec 22,500'
TARGET PINPOINT: L-20/21
TURN OFF TARGET: Right.
ROUTE BACK: target to 4636N 1132E to 4541N 1222E to base.
FLAK: 14 positions with 74 guns at target. Route: Venice, Mestre, Treviso, Villaorba, Mel, Bolzano, Sargazzone, Innsbruck.
FIGHTERS: Munich-Augsburg area 325; Udine area 99; Vicenza 33; Verona 15; On 18 July 44 about 225 SE and TE E/A attacked bombers from IP to Memmingen and 30 between Udine and Treviso on penetration.
OBSERVATIONS AND NOTES: Bomb strikes, military installations and activity, E/A tactics, colorings.
ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 1350'
COORDINATED ON OTHER OPERATIONS: 5th Wing Memmingen A/D installations at 1116 hours. 304th Wing Maybach Factory at 1110 hours. 55th Wing Zeppelin Works at 1100 hours.
GROUP LEADING: 450th.
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Counter air force effort to destroy Dornier plants and factories working on jet-propelled and pilotless A/C.
FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover.
OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed 2 minutes before IP until clear of flak.
See Intops for 18 July 1944 for E/A tactics.
No bombs to be released over Switzerland.
TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0500 |
| Trucks | 0545 |
| Take off | 0645 |
| On course | 0744 |
| Target | 1120 |

PLAN BAKER
TARGET: Maybach A/C factory by PFF - TC 13-30-NA.
The Maybach Motorenbau is one of the two foremost tank engine and gear box factories in all Germany andproduces an estimated 60% of German tank engines.
ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4410N 1400E to 4541N 1239E to 4654N 1126E to 4724N 1053E to IP.

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MISSION # 299 22 July 1944 PLAN BAKER

TARGET: Ploesti Romana Americana Oil Refy. REFERENCE: 11-100B-NA
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This refinery has an estimated daily production of 3,835 tons. It is the larger of the two remaining Ploesti oil refineries.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
5th Wing attacks Romana Americana 110(
49th Wing " " " 1130
55th Wing " " " 1145
304th Wing " " " 1200
GROUP LEADING: 450th leads Wing.

NO. OF PLANES: 40
BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. (.1N-.025TD)
SQDN FORMATION:

| | 1st Unit | 2nd Unit | 3rd Unit |
|---|---|---|---|
| A Flt | 514 | 512 | 513 |
| B Flt | 514&15 | 512& 15 | 513&15 |
| C Flt | 514&15 | 512&15 | 513&15 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Entire Air Force is concentrating on Romana Americana Oil Refinery. Enemy oil shortage is acute due to action on three fronts and the success of this mission would practically fin- ish Germany's supply of natural oil.

ROUTE OUT: Base to Ulcini (4156N-1912E) to Caracal (4408N-2421E) to Comana (4411N-2608E) to Vasilati (4418N-2627E) to I.P.: Catrunesti (4424N-2634E)

FIGHTER ESCORT: Two groups of fighters will strafe Lilistea & Buzau. These fields, located in the ff Focsani-Buzau area, contain 109 fighters The remainder of the fighter wing will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 331 degrees.
BOMBING ALT: 1st Unit 23,500'
2nd Unit 24,000'
3rd Unit 23,000'
TARGET PINPOINT: F,G/27 (11-100B-NA)
TURN OFF TARGET: Right
ROUTE BACK: Target to Sinaia (4521N-2532E) to Kragujevac (4401N-2055E) to Ragusa (4231N-1823E) to Base.

OTHER COMMENTS: Each A/C in 1st Unit will carry 3 cartons of window to be dispensed at 4 units per 20 seconds from 2 minutes before IP till clear of flak.

FLAK: At Target: There are 52 Positions with 241 guns in the Ploesti-Campina area, but this Group's course will be in range of ff a maximum of 22 positions with 96 guns. Enroute: Bar, Scutari, Prizren, Nis, Vidin, Rosiorii de Vede, Bucharest, Campina, Turnul Severin, Kragujevac, Ragusa, Kotor, Dubrovnik.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0530 |
| Trucks | 0630 |
| Take off | 0730 |
| On course | 0834 |
| Target | 1115 |

FIGHTERS: At Target 10. Estimated Maximum enemy fighter ~~strength~~ sorties in Target area - 110-125. This figure ff maytake a sharp drop, depending on the success of the fighter sweep. Enroute: Nis,1; Cralova, 10; Rosiorii de Vede, 35; Bucharest area, 53; Turnu Severin, 1; total Ploesti-Focsani-Bucharest area -223
OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, A/A tactics and markings.

ALTERNATES:

| | Altitude | Target Chart |
|---|---|---|
| Piatra Bridge | 452' | 11-33-NA |
| Iron Gates Canal RR Installations | 164' | 8-46-NA |
| Kraljevo Bridge | 400' | 8-2-NA |
| ff Nis M/Y | 600'- | 8-102-NA |

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MISSI NO 298 21 JULY 1944

TARGET: Horshing A/D Installations TC 14-42-NA 1/500,000 Munich 48/10
SECONDARY: Linz/Goerig Steel Works 14-50-NA
Klagenfurt A/C Factory 14-4-NA
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Main base for repair and maintenance in the Linz area
NO OF PLANES: 40
BOMB LOAD: 500# TDX
SQAUDRON FORMATION:
A Sect 513
B Sect 515
C Sect 512
514th fills in.
ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4431N 1418E to 4507N 1418E to 4507N 1417E to 4648N 1335E to 4752N 1321E to 4819N 1321E to I.P.
INITIAL POINT: Waldkirchen (4827N 1349E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 131 degrees
BOMBIN ALTITUDE: A Sect 23500' B Sect 24000' C Sect 23000'
TARGET PINPOINT: J 9/10 (TC 14-42-NA)
TURN OFF TARGET: Right
ROUTE BACK: Target to 4709N 1424E to 4329N 1540E to base.
FLAK: 135 guns in 25 positions in area extending from Wels to Linz.
Enroute- Pola, Fiume, Ljubljana, Jesenica, Klagenfurt, Salzburg, Thalgau, Passau, Linz, Wels, St Valentine, Steyr, Zeltweg, Volkermarkt, Zara.
FIGHTERS: As of 7/7/44 there were 51 a/c present of which 9 were SEF. In the general target area there are reported to be approximately 50 SEF. Enroute - Zagreb area 35, Udine area 110, Graz/Klagenfurt area 48, Salzburg/Munich area 401.
OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, A/D's, M/T, E/A tactics, etc.
CO-ORDINATED AND OTHER EFFORTS: B-17's of the 5th wing will attack the Brux/Synthetic Oil Refinery (5033N 1336E) at 1200 hours.
B-24's of the 49th Wing will attack the Brux/Synthetic Oil Refinery 1210 hrs.
B-24's of the 304th Wing will attack the Klosterle xxx Ball Berains Works (5023N 1312E) and the Prustien Ball Bearing Works (5022N 1308E) at 1220 hrs.
47th Wing 1st wave 450th leads 449th
2nd wave 98th leads 376th
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Other Wings intent on disrupting synthetic oil production which is essential to German war effort in general. We continue out activity against the Luftwaffe.
FIGHTER ESCORT: 1 Group of fighters will escort 47th Wing on xxxxx penetration and over the target. 1 Group of fighters will cover withdrawel.
OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed at the rate of 6 units every 20 seconds from two minutes before the I.P. and until clear of flak.

ALTITUDE OF TARGETS:
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|---|---|
| Horshing | 970' |
| Linz | 849' |
| Klagenfurt | 1450' |

TIME SUMMARY:
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| Briefing | 0515 |
| Trucks | 0600 |
| Take Off | 0705 |
| On Course | 0814 |
| Target | 1150 |

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ROUTE BACK: target to 4654N 1126E to 4541N 1239E to base.

All other is the same as Plan Able. except all wings attack same targets at times listed in "A"

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PLAN ABLE 18 JULY MISSION # 296

TARGET: Friedrichshafen/Lowenthal/ A/D Installations
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This plant is engaged in the manufacture of jet-propelled and pilotless a/c and fuel for jet-propelled A/C.
NO OF A/C; 28.
BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. (.1N-nondelay T)

| SQDN FORMATION: | 1st Unit | 2nd Unit |
|---|---|---|
| A Flt | 515 | 513 |
| B Flt | 514& 515 | 512 & 513 |
| C Flt | 514& 515 | 512 & 513 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to (~~[illegible]~~) 4400N-1400E to 4724N-1054E to I.P. - Bregenz (4730N-0945E)

AXIS OF ATTACK 317 degrees
BOMBING ALT: 1st Unit 23,500'
2nd Unit 24,000'
TARGET PINPOINT: L-20/21
TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to 4643N-1140E to 4400N-1400E to Base.

FLAK: At Target, 74 guns. Enroute Mestre, Venice, Treviso, Pramaggiore Villaorba, Lavariano, Udine, Bolzano, Innsbruck.

FIGHTERS: Possible 200 sorties in target area. Enroute: Udine area, 70; Bolzano, 7.

OBSERVATIONS & PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, E/A tactics, markings.

ALTERNATES:
MANZELL A/C Fcty by PFF
Innsbruck M/Y
Bolzano M/Y

REFERENCE: 13-40-NA; Konstanz, 1:250,000
COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
4 Gps B-17's attack Friedrichshafen/ Memmingen A/C Installations at 1030.
2 Gps B-17's attack A/C atFried./Memminger
304 Wg. attacks Friedrichshafen/~~[illegible]~~ Maybach Engine Co. at 1100 hours.
49 Wing attacks Friedrichshafen/Manzell A/C Components Fcty at 1050 hours.
55 Wing attacks Friedrichshafen/Ober-Raderach Synthetic Fuel Fcty at 1040 hrs.

GROUP LEADING: 450th leads Wing. 98th leads 376th over Target.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The over-all plan provides for the destruction of A/C installations used for major repair and probable assembly, and plants producing Dornier components, fuel for jet-propelled A/C, components for pilotless A/C and tank engines.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 7 Groups of fighters will provide penetration, target and withdrawal escort for the Air Force.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed from 2 minutes before I.P till clear of flak at the rate of 6 units per 20 sec.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0445 |
| Trucks | 0530 |
| Take off | 0630 |
| On course | 0738 |
| Target | 1110 |

E.T.R. 1420

| TARGET CHART | ALTITUDES |
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| 13-40-NA | 1320' |
| 14-13-NA | 1910' |
| 4-132-NA | 860' |

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15 JULY 1944 --- MISSION #295

TARGET: Ploesti/Romano Americano
Oil Refinery
Secondary: Ploesti by any method

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Largest and most important refinery in the Ploesti area.

NO. OF PLANES: 40
BOMB LOAD: 500lb.
SQDN FORMATION: 1st Unit - 514th
2nd Unit - 512th
3rd Unit - 513th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Ragusa(42-31N 18-23E) to Aleksinac(43-33N 21-42E) to Orechovo(43-44N 23-56E) to Rosiori di Vede(44-07N 25-00E) to Mihaibravul (44-09N 26-03E) to Progresul(44-22N 26-28E) to I.P.

I.P.: Catrunesti (44-34N 26-23E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 332°
BOMBING ALT: 1st Unit - 23,500
2nd Unit - 24,000
3rd Unit - 23,000

TARGET PINPOINT: F/3-27(TC 11-100B)
TURN OFF TARGET: Right then left around Campina.

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Slanic(45-15N 25-56E) to Tesila(45-18N 25-43E) to Dragasani(44-40N 24-17E) to Aleksinac to Ragusa to base.

FLAK: Target - 206 guns. Route: Ragusa, Nis, Bor, Zajecar, Turnul Magurele, Giurgiu, Bucharest, Campina, Pitesti, Ramnicul, Craiova, Rgotina, Vidin.

FIGHTERS: Target area; Ploesti - 41; Bucharest - 59; Area NE of tgt - 74; Brasov - 14; Rosiorii di Vede - 35. Route: Mostar - 2; Sarajevo - 5; Kraljevo - 2; Nis - 9; Craiova - 3; Sofia area - 28; Sibiu - 12.

REFERENCE: TC 11-100B-NA
Bucharest R 43/44

COORDINATED EFFORTS: 15th AF hits Ploesti:
5 Wing attacks Romano Americano Oil Ref at 1000.
47 Wing attacks Romano Americano Oil Ref at 1015
304 Wing attacks Dazic Romano Ref & Teleajan Pumping Stat. at 1030
55 Wing attacks Unirea Sporanza Oil Ref at 1045
49 Wing attacks Creditul Minier Oil Ref at 1100

450th leads Wing. 98th leads 376 in second wave - rendy over base at 7000' at 0720.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Successful bombing by the Air Force will knock out over ½ of refining capacity within our range and would eliminate Ploesti as a target for several months.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 7 Groups will provide penetration, target and withdrawal escort.

OBSERVATIONS & PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, M/T, M/Y, Enemy tactics.

ALT. OF TARGET: 500'

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed from I.P. till clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0430 |
| Trucks | 0515 |
| Take Off | 0615 |
| On course | 0720 |
| Target | 1015 |

NOTE: Include attached escape info in your usual escape summary at briefing.

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MISSION # 294 14 July 1944 PLAN CHARLIE

TARGET: Budapest/Ferencvaros M/Y
IMPORTANCE OF TArget; M/Y is used for Military traffic, very active with 2,600 wagons in latest recon photos.
NO OF PLANES: 28
BOMB LOAD: 1000lb (.1N-M/D &.025TD)
SQDN FORMATION:

| | 1st Unit | 2nd Unit |
|---|---|---|
| A Flt | 513 | 515 |
| B Flt | 512&513 | 514&515 |
| C Flt | 512& 513 | 514&515 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Scedro Isla (4305N-1643E) at 12,000' at 0820 to Banja Luka (4442N-1713E) to Tapolcza (4635N-1727E) to Varoslod (4709N-1739E) to I.P. -- Bicske (4729N-1838E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 95 degrees.
BOMBING ALTITUDE: 1st Sect. 23,500
2nd Sect. 24,000
TARGET PINPOINT: Center of M/Y at 22-P on TC 12-3-NA.
TURN OFF TARGET: Right 1930E
ROUTE BACK: Target to (4719N-~~1923~~E) ~~XXXXXX~~.to Palanka (4515N-1923E) to Base.

FLAK: Target 30 positions, 130 guns. Zagreb,36guns; Brod, 28 guns; Belgrade, 60 guns. Enroute; Makarska, Arzano; Biecs; Imotski; Banja Luka; Orljuvo; Kaposvar; Tapolcza; Verszprem; Kecskemet; Novi Sad; Nagykanisza.

FIGHTERS: Estimated sorties Budapest Area - 150; Zagreb-10/15; Gyor/Papa 6; Szombathely/Szekesferhervar-72; Graz/Klagenfurt-28; Kaposvar/Vesprem - 35.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, /A tactics, coloring, etc.

REFERENCE: 12-3-NA
COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
5 Wg attacks Budapest Shell, Budapest Fanto and Hungarian Petrol Oil Refy's at 1000 hours.
304 Wg. attacks Trieste & Fiume OilStge.
49 Wg. attacks Petfurdo Oil Refy.
55th Wg. attacks Porto Marghera OilStge.

GROUP LEADING: 450th
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Main effort directed against Oil Storage in N.Adriatic and Budapest, latter having 50,000 tons, and on active military M/Y at Budapest.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Five Gps fighters provide penetration, target, and withdrawal escort for all wings going to Budapest.

OTHER COMMENTS: A/C of 1st Attack Unit load 3 cartons window each, dispense 4 units per 20 seconds from 2 minutes before I.P. till clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0415 |
| Trucks | 0500 |
| Take off | 0600 |
| On course | 0706 |
| Target | 1010 |

ALTERNATES:
(3)Zagreb M/Y-Alt. 450'-TC 8-4-NA
(4)Brod M/Y " 300'-TC 8-103-NA
(5)Belgrade M/Y" 242'-TC 8-3-NA
1st Alternate - Primary on PFF
2nd Alternate;- Manfred Weiss M/Y -PFF

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 375'
NOTE: TARGET CHARTS AND TARGET PICTURES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT BRIEFING AND THE PINPOINT ORIENTED AND EXPLAINED BY SQUADRON S-2. GUNNERS WILL BE REMINDED OF ESCAPE PROCEDURE.

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ADDITIONAL ESCAPE INFORMATION FOR PLOESTI-BUCHAREST AREA :

"FRENCH COLONY IN ROUMANIA AND FRENCH INSTITUTE OF BUCHAREST BOTH LOCATED AT CALCULATI, TWELVE MILES NORTH OF BUCHAREST ACCORDING TO FREE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE IN TURKEY. ESCAPED PRISONERS OF WAR AND ABOUT ONE HUNDRED FRENCH MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE IN CALCULATI TOGETHER WITH MAVROCORDAT (BELIEVED TO MEAN PARTISAN) PROPERTY. THIS INFORMATION FORWARDED BECAUSE SNAGOR EX IS LOCATED SIX MILES NORTH OF CALCULATI. SNAGOR CONTAINS SEVERAL ROUMANIAN AND GERMAN OFFICES AND INSTALLATIONS SO IS CONSIDERED A SUITABLE TARGET. ON FUTURE MISSIONS INTO THE BUCHAREST AREA CARE MUST BE TAKEN NOT TO BOMB CALCULATI."

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MISSION NO 293
13 July 1944

TARGET: Brescia M/Y TC 4-104-NA Ill 3(d)2/1,2,3, 1/250,000 Verona
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Brescia is main junction on the double line East and West across N Italy and the single line from Parma to Fidenza. Recce of 6 July 44 showed 890 cars in the yards.
NO OF PLANES 28
BOMB LOAD 500#
SQUADRON FORMATION

| A Sect | B Sect |
|---|---|
| 512 | 514 |
| 515 | 515 |
| | 515 |

ROUTE OUT
San Vito to 4420N 1340E to 4451N 1218E to 4546N 1049E to I,P.
I.P. Lake D'Idro (4548N 1031E)
AXIS OF ATTACK 219 degrees
BOMBING ALTITUDE
A Sect 21500
B Sect 22000
TARGET PINPOINT
F-9 (TC 4-104-NA)
TURN OFF TARGET Right
Route Back Target to Lake Iseo (4543N 1006E) to reciprocal of route out.

FLAK: No reported at target. Enroute-Ravenna, Ferarra, Padua, Vicenza, Bovolone, Verona, Ghedi.
FIGHTERS: None at target; Enroute-Ferarra 12, Udine area 88, Verona 24, Milan 9
OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, M/Y, E/A tactics, etc.

Target altitude 470'

ALTERNATES: Verona M/Y 4-210-NA
Mantua M/Y 4-68-NA
Mestre M/Y 4-120A-NA

CO-ORDINATED OR OTHER ATTACKS:
5th Wing attacks Casarsa, Latisano and Ponzana Bridges.
55th Wing attacks Porto Marghero Oil Storage.
304th Wing attacks Trieste and Fiume Oil Storage and Refineries.

ESCORT: To be provided on penetration over target and on withdrawel.

98th leads 376th 1st wave
450th leads 449th 2nd wave

IMPORTANCEOF MISSION:
Interdiction of flow of military supplies and re-enforcements throughout N Italy and in conjunction with that to destroy the remaining oil storage in N Italy.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed.

TIME SUMMARY

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| BRIEFING | 0500 |
| TRUCKS | 0540 |
| TAKE OFF | 0640 |
| ON COURSE | 0742 |
| TARGET | 1100 |

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12 July 1944

TARGET: Var R RR Bridge.
REFERENCE: TC 6-77-NA, 1:100,000 Series Nice-Cannes #16A
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Important bridge on only E-W line from S. France to N. Italy. Destroyed 6 June, now rebuilt.
NO. OF PLANES: 26.
BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb.
SQDN FORMATION: A Sec B Sec
1 Flt 515 1 Flt 513
2 & 3 Flt 514 fill in (same for B Sec.)
ROUTE OUT: Base to A14AN 1217A to 4235N 0843E to IP.
I.P.: 4320N 0730E.
AXIS OF ATTACK: 327°
BOMBING ALT: A Sec 21,500'
B Sec 21,000'
TARGET PINPOINT: Center of railway bridge.
TURN OFF TARGET: Left.
ROUTE BACK: target to 4235N 0843E to base.
FLAK: June 15th recce reports 3 positions with 17 guns at target and a total of 27 guns in Nice area (including those at target). Near: Imperia, Nice/Californie, Antibes, Lerins Is., Cannes, Hyers.
FIGHTERS: None at target. Villanova 1A, Mondovi 1, Grande Bastide 1.
OBSERVATIONS AND NOTES: Bomb strikes, M/Y activity, S/A tactics and markings.
ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 50'
COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: 49th Wing attack Nimes M/Y at 1100 hours. 55th Wing attack Nimes M/Y at 1110 hours. 304th Wing attack Miramas M/Y (just NW of Marseille).
GROUP LEADING: 449th and 376th - 1st wave. 450th and 98th - 2nd wave.
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Attacks on communications in S. France to stop flow of supplies to enemy troops in N. Italy.
FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide adequate penetration, target and withdrawal cover for each group.
OTHER GROUPS: 450th and 98th attack Theoule-Sur-Mer RR Viaduct (just west of Cannes)
OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed 2 mins. before IP until clear of flak. Var RR Bridge about 1500' long.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0415 |
| Trucks | 0500 |
| Take off | 0600 |
| On course | 0701 |
| Target | 1038 |
| RTR | 1345 |

SECONDARY: Ventimiglia Roya R RR Br. - TC 4-103A-NA - sea level
Ventimiglia Nervia R RR Br. "

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9 July 1944
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TARGET: Ploesti / Concordia Vega Oil Refinery TC 11-100B-NA Bucharest R 43/44

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Enemy petrol production now only one half of his needs. This refinery and Xenia (5th Wing target) produce 1/3 of present production.

NO OF PLANES: 28
BOMB LOAD: 500#
SQUADRON FORMATION:

| A SECT | B SECT |
|---|---|
| 514 | 513 |
| 514 | 513 |
| 515 | 513 |

512th fills in.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4250N 1742E to 4458N 2221E to 4533N 2519E to 4528N 2556E to I.P.

I.P. Maneciul (4519N 2559E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 176°

BOMBING ALTITUDE:
A SECT: 23,500
B SECT: 24,000

TARGET PINPOINT: L-10 (TC 11-101B-NA)

TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Target to 4433N 2247E to 4250N 1742E to base.

FLAK: 206 guns at target. Enroute - Bar, Podgorica, Kotor, Ragusa, Dubrovnik, Sarajevo, Kragejuvac, Belgrade, Caprija, Zagubica, Plavna, Negotin, Bor, Turnu-Severin, Craiova, Slatina, Pitesti, Campina, Bucharest.

FIGHTERS: 77 in target area. Enroute - Podgorica 2, Belgrade area 47, Craiova 3, Rosiorii de Vede 35, Bucharest 49

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, M/Y, M/T, Enemy tactics, etc.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 500'

CO-ORDINATED OR OTHER ATTACKS:
6 Groups b-17's (5th Wing) will attack Ploesti / Xenia Oil Refinery at 1000 hours.

47th WING FORMATION:
1st Wave 450th leads 376th
2nd Wave 449th leads 98th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION:
Concentrated drive to knock out Oil Refineries since Synthetic Oil Installations have recently been hit.

FIGHTER ESCORT:
7 Groups of fighters will provide escort on penetration, over target and on withdrawel.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed at the rate of 4 units every 20 seconds starting at the I.P. and until clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0400 |
| Trucks | 0445 |
| Take Off | 0545 |
| On Course | 0657 |
| Target | 1015 |

SECONDARY: Concordia Vega or Ploesti on ETA

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7 July 1944

TARGET: Markersdorf A/D.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Important A/D in Vienna area having 122 A/C on 26 June 44, including 72 small A/C.

NO. OF PLANES: 30

BOMB LOAD: 500 lb.

SQDN FORMATION:

| | A Sec | B Sec |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt | 513 | 1 Flt 515 |
| 2 Flt | Mixed | 2 Flt Mixed |
| 3 Flt | Mixed | 3 Flt Mixed |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4304N 1612E to 4624N 1614E to 4732N 1530E to IP.

I.P.: Hainfeld (4803N 1547E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 311°.

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 22,000'
B Sec 22,500'

TARGET PINPOINT: 5 hangars on W and SW side of field.

TURN OFF TARGET: Left.

ROUTE BACK: target to (4624N 1614E) to 4304N 1612E to base.

FLAK: No recent recce - defended by unknown number of guns. Route: Graz - 27 guns, Vienna, Gizdavac, Knin, Arzano, Ricice, Orahovljant, D. Vakuf, Banjaluka, Orljavac, Kaposvar, North edge of Lake Balaton, Imotski, Slivno, Ljubuski, Pascina, Gradac, Postrana, Breznica, Split, Sibenik, Makarska, Bihac, Zagreb, Maribor, Dobri, Nagykanizsa, Breznica, Leoben, Bruck, Lebnitz, St. Michael, Knapfenberg, Kapellen, Ternitz, Neunkirchen, Kaumberg.

FIGHTERS: 125 SE and 100 TE possible at target. - Vienna area 400+
20/25 Zagreb area. Mostar 2, Sarajevo 5, Banjaluka 1, Bihac 1, Maribor-Graz area 18, Szombathely 42, Zeltweg 3.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, oil storage, E/A tactics.

Alternates: Graz A/C Factory - TC 14-16-NA
Graz A/D Installations - TC 14-8A-NA.

REFERENCE: TC 14-26-NA.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
5th Wing (4 Ops) attack Zwolfaxing A/D at 1057.
B 17s (2 Ops) attack Nosendorf Ref. at 1057.
304th Wing attack Munchendorf A/D at 1044 hours.
49th Wing attack Kornenburg Oil Ref. at 1040 hours.
55th Wing attack Floridsdorf Oil Ref. at 1030 hours.

GROUP LEADING: 376th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: AF effort against GAF and oil in Vienna area with effort to destroy E/A on ground by our fighters.

FIGHTER ESCORT: One group for each wing. Maribor - 2 groups free lance. In target area making sweep as lead wing hits IP.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window - two mins. before IP till clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 515 |
| Trucks | 600 |
| Take off | 655 |
| On course | 0754 |
| Target | 1105 |

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7 July 1944 - Plan "A"

TARGET: Zagreb M/Y

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The Zagreb M/Y's are important center points for the communications network north to Vienna, west to NE Italy, and south and east to the Balkans. Recce of July 1 showed 525 wagons in yards.

NO. OF PLANES: 28
BOMB LOAD: 500lb. (.1 - .01,.025)
SQDN FORMATION: 1st Unit - 512th & 515th
2nd Unit - 514th & 513th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Cazza Island (42-46N 16-31E) to Sinj (43-42N 16-39E) to Balaton-Boglar (46-47N 17-40E) to I.P.

I.P.: Kraljevec (46-07N 16-12E)
AXIS OF ATTACK : 199°
BOMBING ALT: 1st Unit - 23,500
2nd Unit - 24,000

TARGET PINPOINT: T-23 (TC 8-4-NA)

TURN OFF TARGET: Left
ROUTE BACK : Tgt. to 45-40N 16-12E to base.

FLAK: Target - 9 pos. 36 guns; Brod - 5 pos. 20 guns. Route - Split, Omis, Rogoznica, Banjaluka, Bos Novi, Kaposvar, Dobri, Nagykanizsa, Nakarska.

FIGHTERS: Target - 51; Tapolcza-Veszprem-Szekesferhevar area - 60; Maribor-Graz area - 20; Ljubljana - 5; Mostar - 2; Banjaluka - 1; Saravejo - 5.

REFERENCE: TC 8-4-NA

OTHER EFFORTS: B-17s, 49th Wing, 55th Wing attack Blechhammer Oil Plants at 1030-1050 hours.
304 Wing attacks Odertal Refinery at 1100.
47th Wing: 450, 376 & 449 attack Zagreb M/Y - 98th attacks Zagreb A/D.

GROUP LEADING: 450th leads Wing. 376th rendy with 450th over base at 0606 at 6000'.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: 15th AF is continuing its counter-oil assault with the main attack being against the Blechhammer and Odertal Synthetic Oil Plants, with the 47th Wing making a diversionary attack on Zagreb M/Y & A/D.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No escort for 47th Wing. 306th Wing will provide cover for Ops attacking Oil Refineries.

OBSERVATIONS & PHOTOS : Activity in M/Y, M/T concentrations, E/A tactics.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed 2 min. before I.P. till clear of flak.

ALT. OF TARGET: 400'

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0315 |
| Trucks | 0400 |
| Take Off | 0500 |
| On course | 0606 |
| Target | 0907 |

SECONDARY: Brod M/Y (TC 8-103-NA)
I.P. Pozega (45-20N 17-41E)
Axis: 127°

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PLAN AHEAD 6 July 1944 MISSION NO. 288

TARGET: Casarsa Railway Bridge
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Bridge on main line Trieste-Verona, carrying supplies to Italian Front and equipment and troops from Balkans to Western Front.

NO. OF PLANES: 28
BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb (.11 - nondelay Tail)
SQDN FORMATION:

| | 1st Unit | 2nd Unit |
|---|---|---|
| A Flt | 515 | 513 |
| B Flt | 514 | 512 |
| C Flt | 512 | 514 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to keypoint (4305N-1528E) at 12,000' at 0851 to (4500N-1320E) to I.P. - 4537N-1315E
AXIS OF ATTACK: 325 degrees.
BOMBING ALTITUDES: 1st Unit 21,000'
2nd Unit 21,500'

TARGET PINPOINT: R-10 On TC 4-80-HA

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp left.

ROUTE BACK: Target to 4500N-1320E to Base.

FLAK: Photo recce reports no heavy flak at Targets, however, on 19 May P-38's flying escort, reported moderate, accurate, heavy flak. Flak positions 3-5 miles North & South of Bridge. Flak at Pola, Lavariano, Villacrba, Aviano. At alternate (Vicenza) 22 heavy guns are reported.

FIGHTERS: None at Target. 111 in Udine-Treviso area. In area Ferrid-Ferrara-Reggio Emilia 78 fighters from whom interception might possibly be expected.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, M/T and M/Y activity. E/A markings and tactics.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 165 feet

REFERENCES: 4-80-HA; Area Flak Trace; 1:250,000 Venice. Alternate - 4-9A-HA.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
Two gps of 5th Wg attack Verona M/Y.
Two gps of 5th Wg attack Bergamo Steel Works.
Two gps of 5th Wg attack Avisio Viaduct.
304 Wg attacks Trieste North Refinery.
49 Wg attacks Aviano Oil & Gasoline Storage.
55 Wg attacks Porto Marghera Oil Storage.
98th & 449th Gps attack Latisana Railway Bridge at 1006 hours.

GROUP LEADING: 376 leads Wing, followed by 450th, 98th and 449th in that order.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Plan provides for the destruction of two thirds of Italy's Oil Targets and the interdiction of the two main rail lines from the NW, necessitating greater reliance by the enemy on M/T, thereby consuming fuel reserves. The destruction of these bridges would also retard traffic from the Balkans to France via Italy.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters furnish penetration, target and withdrawal cover. Fighters will go on the offensive if contact is made with E/A.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0445 |
| Trucks | 0530 |
| Take off | 0630 |
| On course | 0728 |
| Target | 1009 |

ALTERNATE: Vicenza M/Y
TARGET CHART: 4-9A-HA
ALTITUDE: 118 feet.

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## MISSION NO 287

5 July 1944

Target: Toulon Submarine Base TC 6-10lA-NA Map 1/500,000 Marseille
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Sub pens are principle base used for attacking Mediterranean convoys.
NO OF PLANES: 28
BOMB LOAD: 500 lb.
SQUADRON FORMATION

| A SECT | B SECT |
|---|---|
| 514 | 512 |
| 513 | 513 |
| | 515 |

ROUTE OUT: [illegible] Vito to 4222N 0832E to 4245N 0530E to I.P.

I.P. 4300N 0530E

AXIS OF ATTACK: 68°

BOMBING ALTITUDE:
A SECTION: 23500
B SECTION: 24000

TARGET PINPOINT: U/V 11 (TC 6-10lA-NA)

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp right

ROUTE BACK: Target to 4255N 0600E to 4222N 0832E to base

FLAK: Target area 78 guns. Nearby areas Marseilles 59 guns, Frejus 19 guns, St Rapheal 19 guns.

FIGHTERS: Enemy fighter opposition estimated at 38 aircraft.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: E/A tactics, bomb strikes, etc.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: Sea Level.

CO-ORDINATED EFFORTS:
5th Wing (B-17's) Montpellier M/Y and Bedarieux Area.
304th Wing (B-24's) 3 Gps Riversaltes M/Y
" (B-24's) 1 Gp Estagel Bridge
49th Wing (B-24's) 3 Gps Beziere M/Y
55th Wing (B-24's) 3 Gps Narbonne M/Y and Oil Storage.

GROUP LEADING: 450th leads 376th - 1st Wave
449th leads 98th - 2nd Wave

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Destroy subs and installations to impede attacks on our convoys. Other Wings to disrupt communications and prevent 2 German Divisions from reaching the Western Front.

FIGHTER ESCORT: On penetration, target, withdrawel and general top cover.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed 2 minutes before I.P. ~~xxxxx~~ and until clear of flak.

NOTE: Effort co-ordinated with 8th Air Force Task Force attacking Carcassone M/Y and Bridges.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0600 |
| Trucks | 0645 |
| Take Off | 0745 |
| On Course | 0849 |
| Target | 1255 |
| ETR | 1543 |

LATEST AVAILABLE ESCAPE INTELLIGENCE, SOUTHERN FRANCE.

AVOID COASTAL ~~xxxxx~~ AREAS. AVOID MAIN HIGHWAYS AND RAILROADS ESPECIALLY RHONE VALLEY CONTACT FARM HOUSES RURAL COMMUNITIES AND ASK TO BE PUT IN TOUCH WITH LEADERS OF LOCAL RESISTANCE GROUPS.
THE FOLLOWING CO-ORDINATES SURROUND FLUID RURAL SAFE AREA: 4352N 0522E to 4618N 0524E to 4404N 0646E to 4617N 0638E.
(THIS AREA WILL BE POSTED FOR BRIEFING OF GUNNERS)

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4 July 44

TARGET: Pitesti RR Bridge.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Important bridge on RR transporting oil west from Roumania.

NO. OF PLANES: 30

BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb.

SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | B Sec |
|---|---|
| 1 Flt 513 | 1 Flt 515 |
| 2 Flt 513 & 514 | 2 Flt 515 & 512 |
| 3 Flt 513 & 514 | 3 Flt 515 & 512 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4205N 1905E to 4352N 1951E to 4512N 2323E to IP.

I.P.: 4507N 2422E

AXIS OF ATTACK: 124°

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 18,000'
B Sec 18,500'

TARGET PINPOINT: Bridge 18-Q/H (south half)

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: target to 4352N 1951E to 4205N 1905E to base.

FLAK: Target - no report, 23 June 44 IAR. Route - Bar, Durazzo, Sarajevo, Belgrade, Nis, Bor, Kragujevac, Klatina, Craiova, Turnul Severin.

FIGHTERS: Podgorica 2, Belgrade area ~~47~~, possible 47 Nis 7, Kraljevo 1, Brasov 20, Ploesti 41, Bucharest 75, Sofia area 47.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, any oil storage or building activity, M/Vs having over 500 cars, E/A tactics etc., also dope on any of our A/C going down or in trouble.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 920'

Alternates:

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|---|---|
| Iron Gate Installations | 8-16-HA |
| Cuprija RR Bridge | 8-19-HA — Sqs do not have. |
| Kraljevo RR Bridge | 8-2-HA |

REFERENCE: TC 11-11-HA

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
5th Wing - Brasov/Photogen Oil Ref. 1030
304th Wing - Brod Oil Ref. and M/Y.
49th Wing - Oradea Loco. Depot - 1030
55th Wing - Oradea M/Y - 1040

GROUP LEADING: 376th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: A continuation of attacks on oil storage and transportation facilities carrying oil west and supplies east to German armies.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration escort from Nis.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will not be used. On bomb run 2 July 44, 49th Group reports smoke clouds laid in front of formation by E/A, making one section drop down.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0500 |
| Trucks | 0545 |
| Take off | 0645 |
| On course | 0748 |
| Target | 1025 |

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3 y 1944 ---- Mission # 285

TARGET: Giurgiu Oil Ref. & Storage Depot
Alt: See below.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Despite previous bombings, target area still highly important oil depot, refinery and trans-shipment point.

NO. OF PLANES: 30
BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. (.1 - .01, .025)
SQDN FORMATION:
1ST Unit - 512th & 515th
2nd Unit - 514th & 515th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 42-05N 19-05E to Paracin (43-52N 21-25E) to Cetate (44-06N 23-04E) to I.P.

I.P.: Draganesti (44-07N 25-36E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 130°
BOMBING ALT.: 1st Unit - 20,500
2nd Unit - 20,000

TGT. PINPOINT: R-21 (TC 10-6-NA)

TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Paracin (43-52N 21-25E) to Bar (42-05N 19-05E) to base.

FLAK: Target - 3 Pos. - 16 guns.
Route - Bar, Podgorica, Shkodra, Pec, Bor, Risiorédi di Vede, Craiova, Slatina, Turnul Magurele.
Iron Gate - no reports available (Turnul Severin - flak reported). Kraljevo - none. Nis - 8 guns.

FIGHTERS: Target - none. Bucharest area - 75. Risiorédi di Vede - 35; Sofia area - 46; Karlovo area - 33; Nis - 7; Podgorica - 2.

REFERENCE: TC 10-6-NA (Ruse &Giurgiu)
1: 250,000 - Bucuresti Sheet # 43/44.

COORDINATED EFFORTS:
2 Gps of B-17s attack Arad Car Repair Fac.
2 " " " " Piatra Bridge
2 " " " " Szeged Bridge
47 " " B-24s " Titan Oil Ref & Steel Works and Moga Soaia Oil Storage in the Bucharest area at 1200.
3 Gps of B-24s attack Timisoara M/Y.
1 Gp of B-24s attack Belgrade Oil Depot

GROUP LEADING : 450th leads Wing. - 376 Wendy with 98th over base at 6000' at 0920.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: German oil supplies are definitely in serious condition. Reports yesterday from Normandy beachhead confirm use of very poor grade of gasoline in front areas.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 3 Gps provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover.
2 Gps will "free lance" in Ploesti-Bucharest area.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Troop movements, concentrations, M/Y activity, a irdromes and M/T.

Alt. of TARGET: 65'

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed 2 min. before I.P. till clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0630 |
| Trucks | 0715 |
| Take Off | 0815 |
| On course | 0920 |
| Target | 1154 |
| ETR | 1445 |

ALTERNATES: 1st - Iron Gates Canal & RR Installations - TC 8-46-NA - 164'
2nd - Kraljevo Bridge - TC 8-2-NA - 400'
3rd - Nis M/Y - TC 8-102-NA - 600'

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PLAN BAKER 2 July 1944 MISSION # 284

TARGET: Budapest/Vecses A/D

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Large A/D used by Me. 410's. XX Used als o for final assembly, modification and repai r w ork.

NO. OF PLANES. 40
BOMB LOA D: Fra gs.
SQDN FORMATION;

| | 1st Unit | 2nd Unit | 3rd Unit |
|---|---|---|---|
| A Flt | 515 | 513 | 514 |
| B Flt | 515 | 513 | 514 |
| C Flt | 512 | 512 | 512 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to4250N-1742E to 4347N-1842E to 4710N-1948E to I.P, I.P. 4725N-1945E

AXIS OF ATTACK: 273 degrees.
BOMBING ALTITUDE:
1st Uni t 23,500'
2nd Uni t 24,000'
3rd Unit 23,000'
TARGET P INPOINT: Area K to H-7,8,9; target chart 12-13-NA.

TURN OFF TARGET: Left.
ROUTE B A CK: Target to 4621N-1841E to 4347N-1842E to 4250N-1742E to Base.

FLAK: 26 guns at Tar get, 130 guns in general Budapest area. Brod, 20 guns. No vi Sad, 15 guns. Enroute: Zagreb, Ragusa, Mostar , Imotski, Banjaluka, Pecs, Kaposvar, Nagykanisza, Dobri , Maribor, Bihac, Siben ik, Spli t, Vranjica, Rogoznica, Omis,

REFERENCE: 12-13-NA;
COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: B-17's attack Almasfuzito Oil Refy at 1056 hrs.
304th Wing - Budapest/Shell Refy at 1000 hrs.
49th Wing - Budapest Locomoti ve Wks - 1024 hrs.
55th Wing - Budapest M/Y at 1014 hrs.

GROUP LEADING: 450th - 376th second.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: A concerted attack on oil and M/Y targets and A/D's in Budapest area, now important distribution center in South Russia line.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 1 Group cover over Target. 1 Group to provide Target, withdrawal and penetration escort.
NOTE: Expect Mustangs of the eighth air force to operate in Target area. These A/C will have black & whi te stripes on wi ng XXXXX tips & follo wing fuselage letteri ng : WD, QP, VF, F. Three squadron s have red noses and one blue noses. These A/C wi ll be fr ee lancing over Target Are a. Brief crews to expect them.
OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed by lead 18 A/C fro m 2 minutes before IP till clear of flak.
TIME SUMMARY:

| | |
|---|---|
| Briefing: XXXX | 0500 |
| Trucks | 0545 |
| Take off | 0645 |
| On course | 0746 |
| Target | 1029 |

FIGHTERS: EStimated sorties in target area - 50/60 SEF & 25/35 TEF. Enrout e: Zagreb area, 56; Graz-Klagenfurt area, 28; Szombathely/Szekesferhervar area, 72; Udine area 90.

OBSERVATION S AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, E/A tactics, coloring, markings, etc.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 450'

ALTERNATES: ~~Kra d M/Y~~
~~Subo tic a M/Y~~
~~No vi Sad M/Y~~
~~Vinkovci M/Y~~
~~Szeged Bridge and M/Y~~
~~Vukovar Docks and Sidings.~~
~~Novi Sad A/D~~

Zagreb A/D-TC 8-4-NA
I.P. - Konjscina (4603N-1611E)

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MISSION NO 284
1 July 1944

TARGET: Allach Motor Works, Munich

SECONDARY: Center of Munich by PFF
LAST RESORT: Any city in Germany

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Primary producer of B.M.W. 801 engines (300 per month) used in FW 190's Do 217's.
NO OF PLANES: 40
BOMB LOAD: 1000#
SQUADRON FORMATION:
1st Sect 515
2nd Sect 513
3rd Sect 514
512 fills in diamonds

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4440N 1300E to 4752N 1239E to 4800N 1232E to I.P. I.P. Erding(4819N 1156E)
AXIS OF ATTACK 252°
BOMBING ALTITUDE
1st Sect 23,500
2nd Sect 24,000
3rd Sect 23,000
TARGET PINPOINT: I-J 13-14
TURN OFF TARGET: Right then left to avoid Munich defenses.

ROUTE BACK: Target to 4721N 1142E to 4440N 1300E to base.

FLAK: Munich area 222 guns 41 positions. Enroute - Lavariano, Villaorba, Aviano, Genona, Lienz, Berchtesgaden, Muhldorf, Ingolstadt, Augsburg, Innsbruck. ZELL AM ZEE

FIGHTERS: Target area 259, Udine area 97, Graz/Klagenfurt area 42, Salzburg/Linz area 83.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, E/A tactics, length of time in flak, etc.

TC 13-103A-MA 1/250,000 Munich, Flak trace

CO-ORDINATED ATTACKS: RIEM
B-17's attack Munich/[redacted] A/D at 1230 hours
49th Wing attack Munich/Neuhiberg A/D at 1240 hours.
55th Wing attack Hilbertshafen Ordnance Depot at 1303 hours.
304th Wing attack Erding at 1304 hours.

GROUP LEADING: 450th
1st Wave 450th - 376th
2nd Wave 449th - 98th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION:
The destruction of G.A.F. production in S. Germany by hitting engine plants and airfields.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Escort on penetration, over target and on withdrawal.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dropped 3 minutes before I.P. and until clear of flak.

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TIDE SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| BRIEFING | 0615 |
| TRUCKS | 0700 |
| TAKE OFF | 0800 |
| ON COURSE | 0927 |
| TARGET | 1254 |
| E.T.A. | 1625 |

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30 June 1944

TARGET: Zagreb A/D.
Alternate: None.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Important fighter base in Yugoslavia, and A/C Factory. Our operation is diversion to main effort.

NO. OF PLANES: 40

BOMB LOAD: Frags.

SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | B Sec | C Sec |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt 514 | 1 Flt 512 | 1 Flt 513 |
| 2 Flt 515 | 2 Flt 515 | 2 Flt 515 |
| 3 Flt 514 | 3 Flt 512 | 3 Flt 513 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4251N 1742E to 4315N 1806E to 4400N 1800E to 4438N 1827E to 4621N 1748E to 4625N 1553E to IP.

I.P.: 4608N 1537E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 146°

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 23,000'
B Sec 23,500'
C Sec 22,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: target to 4327N 1609E to base.

FLAK: Zagreb - 36 guns. Mostar, Ragusa, Sarajevo, Brod, Pecs, Kaposvar, Maribor, Dobri, Guterfolde, Nagykanizsa, Karlovac, Bihac, Sibenik, Skradin, Zlarin, Split.

FIGHTERS: Zagreb area 56. Graz-Klagenfurt area 84.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, E/A tactics, coloring etc.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 400'

REFERENCE: TC 8-4-NA, flak chart.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: 5th Wing attacks Blechhammer Oil Ref. at 1030 hours, 49th Wing at 1020 hours, 55th Wing at 1010 hours. 304th Wing attacks Odertal at 1030 hours.
(BLECHHAMMER - 5018N 1816E)

GROUP LEADING: 450th then 376th.
98th leads 2nd Wave.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Main effort is to destroy Synthetic Oil Plant at Blechhammer, producing 750,000 tons of aviation and motor fuel per annum.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No escort.

OTHER COMMENTS: If unable to bomb target, bring bombs back.
Window - 3 units every 30 seconds from 2 mins. before keypoint (4622N 1748E) until clear of flak - remaining cartons at rate of 4 units every 20 seconds - 2 minutes before IP until clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0345 |
| Trucks | 0430 |
| Take off | 0530 |
| On course | 0627 |
| Target | 0915 |

TARGET PINPOINT: Southwest dispersal.
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MISSION NO ~~25~~ 282
27 June 1944

TARGET: Budapest Vecses A/D TC 12-13-HA

Budapest 1/500,000

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET:
Very active A/D with large no of A/C.
Installations indicate A/C factory.

NO OF PLANES: 40
BOMB LOAD: 250#GP
SQUADRON FORMATION:
1st Unit 513
2nd Unit 515
3rd Unit 512
514th fills in diamonds.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4216N 1756E to 4438N 1827E to 4710N 1950E to I.P.

I.P. Nagykata (4725N 1945E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 274 degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 1st Sect 23,500
2nd Sect 24,000
3rd Sect 23,000

TURN OFF TARGET: Left

ROUTE BACK: Target to 4654N 1942E and reciprocal route back.

FLAK: BUDAPEST AREA 130 GUNS. ENROUTE heavy A/A at Zagreb, Ragusa, Mostar, Imotski, Banjaluka, Arod, Pecs, Kaposvar, Nagykanissa, Dobri, Maribor, Bihac, Sibenik, Split, Vranjica, Rogoznica, Omis, Bos Novi.

FIGHTERS: At target 24 ME 110/410, 14 small. Total of 89 in the Budapest area. Enroute - Ljubljana 1, Zagreb area 56, Graz/Klagenfurt area 28, Szombathely/Szekesfehervar area 72, Udine area 90.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 447

ALTERNATE BROD M/Y Tc 8-103-HA

CO-ORDINATED EFFORTS:
5th Wing will attack Budapest area directly after 47th Wing.
All other groups will stand down.

GROUP LEADING: 450th
1st Wave 450th & 449th
2nd Wave 98th & 376th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: To destroy installations believed to be producing components for ME 410.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Escort to be provided on penetration, over target and on withdrawal.

OTHER COMMENTS: WINDOW WILL BE DISPENSED.

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| Trucks | ? |
| Take Off | 0640 |
| On Course | 0739 |
| Target | 1000 |
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MISSION NO 282
27 June 1944

TARGET: Zagreb M/Y No Target Chart* Use Photo 5002 and Yugoslav 1/100,000 Sheet 28 & 29
Fiume 1/500,000
SECONDARY: Sarajevo M/Y TC 8-18-NA
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Assembly point for heavy equipment for enemy divisions.
NO OF PLANES: 40
BOMB LOAD: 250#GP
SQUADRON FORM.
1st Sect 513
2nd Sect 515
3rd Sect 512
514th fills in diamonds.
ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 42-46N 17-56E to 44-40N 18-20E to 4650N 1710E to 4625N 1552E to 4613N 1523E to I.P.
I.P. Krisko (4557N 1529E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 112°
BOMBING ALTITUDE:
1st Sect 22,5000
2nd Sect 23,000
3rd Sect 22,000
TARGET PINPOINT: Westernmost M/Y.
TURN OFF TARGET: Right
ROUTE BACK: Target to 4324N 1613E to base.
FLAK: Zagreb 36 guns, Sarajevo 13 guns. Enroute - heavy flak at Ragusa, Mostar, Imotski, Banjaluka, Brod, Pecs, Kaposvar, Nagykanizsa, Dobri, Maribor, Bihacm Sibenik, Split, Vranjica, Rogoznica, Omis, Bos Novi.
FIGHTERS: Target area 56, Ljubljana 1, Graz/Klagenfurt area 28, Szombathely/ Szekesferhervar area 72, Budapest area 89, Udine area 90.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, M/Y's, M/T.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
Entire 15th Air Force will attack the Blechhammer Synthetic Oil Plant (50-18N 18-15E).

GROUP LEADING: 450th leads Wing.
1st Wave 450th & 449th
2nd Wave 98th & 376th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION:
Recce of 23 June 44 shows M/Y contain 2030 cars. Most important M/Y between Belgrade and N. Italy.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No escort.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dropped 2 minutes before I.P. at rate of 4 units every 20 seconds until clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0330 |
| Trucks | 0415 |
| Take Off | 0515 |
| On Course | 0622 |
| Target | 0930 |

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26 June 1944 ---- Mission # 281

TARGET: Schwechat A/C Fcty.
1st Alt: Center of Vienna by PFF.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Plant is active in production of He219 TEF and jet-propelled He280.

NO. OF PLANES: 40
BOMB LOAD: 500lb. incendiary clusters
SQDN FORMATION: 1st Unit - 512th
2nd Unit - 514th
3rd Unit - 515th
512th fills in on diamonds.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Andrija Island (43-02N 15-45E) to Varansko Lake (43-56N 15-32E) to Keszethely (46-46N 17-14E) to Papa (47-20N 17-28E) to Cseklesz (48-12N 17-18E) to I.P.

I.P.: Stupava (48-17N 17-02E)
AXIS OF ATTACK : 244°
BOMBING ALT.: 1st Unit - 21,500
2nd Unit - 22,000
3rd Unit - 21,000

TARGET PINPOINT: Entire Building Area.
TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp Left.

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Nagykanizsa (46-28N 16-59E) to Lake Varansko to Andrija Island to base.

FLAK: Target - 106 guns. Vienna area - 240 guns. Zagreb - 36 guns; Graz - 27 guns. Route: Flak at Stankovci (Lake Varansko), Benkovac, Bihac, Bos Novi, Zagreb, Nagykanizsa, Dobri, Gyor, Bratislava, Szombathely.

FIGHTERS: Estimated reaction - 115/125 E/A. Vienna area - 243; Gyor - 14; Papa - 12; Szombathely - 26; Tapolcza - 7; Zagreb area - 56.

REFERENCE: Tc 14-25-NA, 1:250,000 Vienna 102/ M. 33/12.

COORDINATED EFFORTS:
B-17s attack Vienna/Winterhafen Oil Stor., Vienna/Schwechat and Vienna/Lobau at 1002 hours.
304 Wing attack Moosbierbaum Ref. at 0930.
49 Wing attack Korneuburg Refinery at 0933.
55 Wing attack Vienna/Florisdorf Refinery at 0943.

GROUP LEADING: 450th. -- 376th rendy with 449th at San Vito at 0640.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: To destroy A/C production and fuel supplies located in Vienna area where special fuel is made for jet-propelled A/C.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 6 Gps will provide penetration target and withdrawal cover for Air Force. 1 Gp of P-47s will provide general cover from Lake Varansko at 0808 to Lake Balaton. 1 Gp of P-38s will rendy at Keszthely at 0910 and provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, E/A tactics, time and place of contact and when last seen.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed 2 min. before I.P. till clear of flak.

ALT. OF TARGET: 500'

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| | Trucks | 0430 |
| | Take Off | 0530 |
| | On course | 0634 |
| | Target | 0950 |

2nd Alt: Graz/Thalerhof A/D - TC 14-8A-NA
3rd Alt: Zagreb M/Y - TC 8-4-NA.

NOTE: Squadron S-2's will be sure that all navigators are provided with the appropriate photos of flak maps. These are to be picked up after each mission.

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PLAN AELE 25 June 1944 MISSION NO. 280

TARGET: TOULON SUBMARINE PENS
IMPORTA NCE OF TA RGET: Latest reconnaissance shows 7 submarines in Harbor.

NO. OF PLANES: 40
BOMB LOAD: 500lb. (.1N-.01TD)
SQDN FORMATION: 1st Unit 2nd Unit 3rd Unit
515 513 514
512 fills in diamonds.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4136N-1230E to key point Palazzo (4222N-0832E) at 17,000' at 0856 hrs., to 4240N-0530E to 4255N-0528E to I.P.: 4301N-0536E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 76 degrees.
BOMBING ALT. 1st Unit 23,000'
2nd Unit 23,500'
3rd Unit 22,500'
TARGET PINPOINT: T/A-12 on TC 6-101A-NA

TURN OFF TARGET: Right
ROUTE BACK: Target to 4250N-0600E to Palazzo to Base.

FLAK: At Target; 16 positions, 67 guns. In target area, flak at Hyeres, Porquerolles Island, Hyeres Islands.
For Alternates: A/A at Var, Nice, Antibes, Cannes.

FIGHTERS: None at Target. In target area; 18. In Avignon area - 55.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Shipping activity in Toulon Harbor.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: Sea Level.

REFERENCE: Target Chart 6-101A-NA

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
57th Wing attacks Sete M/Y & Oil Installations at 1000 hours.
49th Wing attacks La Pontet & East Avignon M/Y at 0946 hours.
304th Wing attacks West Avignon M/Y and Arles R.R. Bridge at 0956 hours.
55th Wing attacks Sete & Balaruc Oil Refineries at 1010 hours.
GROUP LEADING: 450th leads 47th Wing. 449th & 450th in second Wave.
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Enemy submarines still operating successfully in Mediterranean.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 6 Groups fighters provide general penetration, target and withdrawal cover for Air Force, beginning 35 miles from coast on penetration.

OTHER COMMENTS: Primary will probably be obscured by smoke.
NO BOMBS TO BE JETTISONED OVER FRENCH TERRITORY.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0330 |
| Trucks | 0410 |
| Take off | 0510 |
| On course | 0610 |
| Target | 0955 |
| ETR | 1230 |

ALTERNATES: Var River Bridge - TC 6-77-NA (There aren't enough 6-77's to go around, so fill in with ~~XXaXXX~~ Nice/Californie - 6-2-NA.) Altitude-Sea Level.

Theoule R.R. Bridge * TC Cannes/Mandelieu 6-9-NA (Pinpoint is Target 2B - not grid coordinate 2-B) Altitude - Sea Level.

NOTE: Photos of flak maps willbe given to all navigators at briefing. These will be picked up by Squadron S-2's at interrogation and retained until the next mission.

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MISSION NO 279
23 June 1944

TARGET: Americano Romano Oil Refinery, Ploesti TC 11-100B-NA
ALTERNATE: [redacted] Bucharest 1/250,000 R 43/44
The same by PFF
Ploesti by PFF

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: To destroy the largest intact refinery in Axis territory.

NO. OF PLANES: 40
BOMB LOAD: 500lb. [redacted]
SQDN FORMATION: 1st Unit 514th
2nd Unit 512th
3rd Unit 513th
515th fills in diamonds
ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 40-55N 19-26E to 41-22N 21-32E to 44-04N 26-37E to 44-29N 26-31E to I.P.
I.P. Lake Snagov (44-42N 26-08E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 353°
BOMBING ALTITUDE: 1st Sect 24,000
2nd Sect 24,500
3rd Sect 23,500
TARGET PINPOINT: Center of plant
TURN OFF TARGET: Rally right
ROUTE BACK: Target to 44-29N 26-31E to 44-04N 26-37E to 41-22N 21-32E to 40-55N 19-26E to base
FLAK: Target - 49 positions 207 guns, Enroute - Durazzo, Tirane, Beret, Skolpje, Radomir, Pernik, Sofia, Turnul Magurele, Rosiori di Vede, Giurgiu, Bucharest,
FIGHTERS: At target 47, Enroute Beret 7, Scutari 2, Podgorica 2, Nis 11, Craiova 5, Rosiori di Vede 33, Bucharest area 107, Zilistea-Focsany area (NE of target) 139, Total of 280 fighters in target vicinity.

1 P-51 and 1 P-38 will accompany formation to Albanian Coast.

CO-ORDINATED EFFORTS:
2 Groups B-17's will attack Piatra RR Bridge
4 Groups B-24's will attack Craiova RR Repair Depot at 0930 hours.

GROUP LEADING: 450th

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The only important oil refinery still in operation at Ploesti.

Fighter Escort: 4 Groups of fighters will provide penetration, target and withdrawel cover. I Group fighters will strafe shipping on Danube in Iron Gates area.
OTHER GROUPS:
1st Wave - 450th & 376th
2nd Wave - 98th & 449th

OTHER COMMENTS: No bombs to be dropped in Yugoslavia except when briefed.

Observations and Photos: M/Y's, A/D's, and M/T. New construction. E/A tactics.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0345 |
| Trucks | 0430 |
| Take Off | 0530 |
| On Course | 0659 |
| Target | 0930 |

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23 June 1944 —— Mission # 278

TARGET: Ploesti Romano Americano Oil Ref.
Alt : Center of Ploesti by PFF

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The only important oil refinery still in operation at Ploesti

NO. OF PLANES: 40
BOMB LOAD: 500lb. clusters of incendiaries
SQDN FORMATION: 1st Unit - 513th
2nd Unit - 515th
3rd Unit - 512th
514th Fills in on diamonds.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Petrovac (4213N 1857E) to Koplik (4213N 1928E) to Babajloc (4228N 2022E) to Rasovo (4343N 2314E) to Budesti(4414N 2627E) to Fundulea (4428N 2631E) to I.P.

I.P. : Lake Snagov (4442N 2608E)
AXIS OF ATTACK : 353°
BOMBING ALT: 1st Unit - 22,000
2nd Unit - 22,500
3rd Unit - 21,500

TARGET PINPOINT: F/O-26/27 (TC 11-100B-NA)
TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp Right

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Saimiri (4512N 2613E) to 4520N 2540E to Caracal (4408N 2421E) to Rasovo to Koplik to Base.

FLAK: Target - 49 positions, 207 guns. Enroute - Bar, Scutari, Podgorica, Pec, Nis, Vranje, Surdulica, Craiova, Rosiori di Vede, Bucharest, Turnul Margurele, Slatina. (About one half of guns at tgt. will be out of range of briefed axis of attack.)

FIGHTERS: At target - 47; Enroute - Scutari 2; Podgorica - 2; Nis - 11; Craiova - 5; Rosiordi di Vede - 33; Bucharest area - 107; Zilistea- Focsany area ( NE of target) - 139. Total of 280 fighters in target vicinity.

REFERENCE: 11-100B-NA; Bucharest 1:250,000
R 43/44

COORDINATED EFFORTS:
5th Wing (40ps) attacks Ploesti Romano Americano Oil Ref at 1010.
5th Wing (20ps) attacks Ploesti Dacia Romano Oil Ref. at 1010.
304 Wing attacks Bucharest/Chitila M/Y at1000.
49 " " Giurgiu Oil Install at 0940
55 " " " " " at 0950

GROUP LEADING: 450th leads Wing. - 376 rendy with 98th over base at 3000' at 0713.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: To destroy the largest intact refinery in Axis territory. A continuance of the "oil" program.

FIGHTER ESCORT: One Group will provide penetration cover. 4 Groups will provide target and withdrawal cover.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: M/Y's, A/D's and M/T. New construction. E/A tactics.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 495'

OTHER COMMENTS: Under no conditions will Ruse (Ruschuk) be bombed. Ruse is in Bulgaria, directly across Danube from Giurgiu. No bombs to be dropped in Yugoslavia except as briefed.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0430 |
| Trucks | 0515 |
| Take Off | 0615 |
| On course | 0715 |
| Target | 1000 |
| ETR | 1315 |

ALTERNATES:
2nd - Lapovo M/Y - TC 8-42-NA 485'
3rd - Kraljevo M/Y - TC 8-2-NA 400'

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MISSION # 277 — 22 JUNE 1944 — PLAN B

TARGET: Casarsa R.R. Bridge

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Important br idge to East-West traffi c acro ss Tagli a-mento River on line to Udine, Balkans and Austria from Po Valley.

NO. OF PLANES: 42
BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb (.1N - Man-delay T)
SQDN. FORMATION:
1st Uni t 2nd Unit 3rd Uni t
512 514 515
513th fills i n on diamonds.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4300N-1500E to 4400N-1400E to 4520N-1300E to I.P.: Caorle (4537N-1255E)

AXIS OF A TTACK: 359 degrees.
BOMBING ALT: 1st Unit 20,000'
2nd Unit 20,500'
3rd Unit 19,500'
TARGET P INPOINT: Center of RR bridge (K-10)

TURN OFF TARGET: Left.
ROUTE BACK: Target to 4520N-1300E to Base.

FLAK: No reconnaissance. On 19th May/44, escort for B-17's reported modera te, accur-ate, heavy flak at Target. Udine area, 40 guns, Avi ano, 30; flak at Mestre, Venice, Trieste, Po la, Mo nfalcone.

FIGHTERS: In Udine area - 90. Estimated sorties are 35/45.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, M/Y and RR activity, E/A tactics, col-o ring, types, etc.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 165'

ALTERNATES:
Monfalcone Shipyards - Target chart 4-34-NA - Altitude - Sea Level.
Pola H ar bor (Sub pens) " " 4-51-NA - Altitude - Sea Level.

REFERENCE: 4-60-NA; Flak Concentration Chart; 1:250,000, Venice - 4.33/7

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: (SEE BOTTOM OF PAGE )

GROUP LEADING: 450th.

IMPORTA NCE OF MISSION: With German Armies in retreat in Ital y, plan is to cut com-munications with Austria and Balkans, hit at oil supplies and sub bases i n Adriatic.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration, targe t and withdrawal cover to be provided.

OTHER GROUPS: Rendy with 449th at San Vito at 5,000' at 0844

OTHER COMMENTS: Window by Alternate Attack Un its from I.P. till clear of Flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0545 |
| Trucks | 0630 |
| Take off | 0730 |
| On cour se | 0830 |
| Target | 1100 |

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
B-17's attack Parma, Modena, Fornovo di Taro M/Y.
49th Wing attacks Trieste Oil Storage.
55th Wing attacks Bologna, Castel Maggiore M/Y
304th Wing attacks M/T depot NE of Chivasso and Fiat Mirafiori Motor Works.
450th and 98th attack Udine M/Y.
449th attacks Latisana RR Bridge.
One Grou p fighters strafes Ai rasca A/D.

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MISSION NO 277

21 June 44

PRIMARY TARGET: Vienna by PFF MAP REFERENCE: 1/500,000 Vienna
ALTERNATE: Vienna on ETA
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Second largest city in Greater Germany. Center of city as yet not bombed.
NO OF PLANES: 45
BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb.
SQDN FORM:
1st Unit 512
2nd Unit 514
3rd Unit 515
513 fills in diamond positions.
ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4327N 1605E to 4800N 1651E to 4815N 1655E to I.P.
I.P. 4820N 1645E
AXIS OF ATTACK: 246°
BOMBING ALTITUDE:
1st Unit 22,500
2nd Unit 23,000
3rd Unit 22,000
TARGET PINPOINT: Center of Vienna
TURN OFF TARGET: left
ROUTE BACK: Target to 4740N 1645E, reciprocal of route out.
FLAK: 346 heavy guns in the Vienna area. Heavy flak at Split, Vranjica, Sibenik, Bihac, Karlovac, Bos Novi, Zagreb, Maribor, Graz, Bobri, Szombathely, Gyor, Nagykanizsa, Sopron.
FIGHTERS: Target area 233, Zagreb area 39, Graz/Klagenfurt area 32, Szombathely/Szekesferhervar/ Gyor area 86, Budapest area 88.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: E/A tactics, M/T, troop concentrations, A/A positions.
ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 650'

CO-ORDINATED EFFORTS:
6 Groups 5th Wing attack Breslau on PFF
4 Groups B-24's 304th Wing attack Breslau on PFF
3 Groups B-24's 49th Wing attack Breslau on PFF
4 Groups B-24's 55th Wing attack Breslau on PFF

GROUP LEADING: 450th leads 47th Wing. 376th leads 449th in 2nd wave.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: To destroy civilian morale and persuade Austrians to get out of war.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 1 Group of fighters will provide withdrawal cover to 47th Wing. Other Groups of fighters will provide penetration and target cover to Air Force.

COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed. Carpet will be used by lead group.

TIME SUMMARY:
Briefing 0500
Trucks 0545
Take Off 0650
On Course 0751
Target 1040
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MISSION NO 277

21 June 44

PRIMARY TARGET: Vienna by PFF  MAP REFERENCE: 1/500,000 Vienna
ALTERNATE: Vienna on ETA
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Second largest city in Greater Germany. Center of city as yet not bombed.
NO OF PLANES: 45
BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb.
SQDN FORM:
1st Unit 512
2nd Unit 514
3rd Unit 515
513 fills in diamond positions.
ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4327N 1605E to 4800N 1651E to 4815N 1655E to I.P.
I.P. 4820N 1605E
AXIS OF ATTACK: 246°
BOMBING ALTITUDE:
1st Unit 22,500
2nd Unit 23,000
3rd Unit 22,000
TARGET PINPOINT: Center of Vienna
TURN OFF TARGET: left
ROUTE BACK: Target to 4740N 1645E, reciprocal of route out.
FLAK: 346 heavy guns in the Vienna area. Heavy flak at Split, Vranjica, Sibenik, Bihac, Karlovac, Bos Novi, Zagreb, Maribor, Graz, Bobri, Szombathely, Gyor, Nagykanisza, Sopron.
FIGHTERS: Target area 233, Zagreb area 39, Graz/Klagenfurt area 32, Szombathely/Szekesferhervar/Gyor area 86, Budapest area 88.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: E/A tactics, M/T, troop concentrations, A/A positions.
ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 650'

CO-ORDINATED EFFORTS:
6 Groups 5th Wing attack Breslau on PFF
4 Groups B-24's 304th Wing attack Breslau on PFF
3 Groups B-24's 49th Wing attack Breslau on PFF
4 Groups B-24's 55th Wing attack Breslau on PFF

GROUP LEADING: 450th leads 47th Wing. 376th leads 449th in 2nd wave.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: To destroy civilian morale and persuade Austrians to get out of war.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 1 Group of fighters will provide withdrawal cover to 47th Wing. ~~xxxxx~~ Other Groups of fighters will provide penetration and target cover to Air Force.

COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed. Carpet will be used by lead group.

TIME SUMMARY:
~~Trucks~~
Briefing 0500
Trucks 0545
Take Off 0650
On Course 0751
Target 1040
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SQUADRONS WILL FURNISH ALL NAVIGATERS WITH WITH FLAK CONCENTRATION MAPS (ADRIATIC SHEET)

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19 June, 1944 Mission No. 277

TARGET: Var-River RR Bridge.
ALT: ~~Ventimiglia RR Bridge.~~ None

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: One of the bridges on only E-W line from Southern France to N. Italy. Destroyed 6 June 44-now rebuilt.

NO OF PLANES 40

BOMB LOAD: 1,000 lb (.1 & .01)

SQDN FORMATION:
1st Unit 512th
2nd Unit 514th
3rd Unit 515th
513th fills in diamonds.

ROUTE OUT: Base to San Vito to Lido (4444'N 1216'E) to Aciolo (4242'N 0902'E) to Diano Marina (4355'N 0805'E) to Limone (4412'N 0734'E) to IP.

I.P: River Junct. (4356'N 0711'E)

AXIS OF ATTACK 176°

Bombing Alt: 1st Unit 20,000
2nd " 20,500
3rd " 19,500

TGT PINPOINT: Center of RR Bridge. (E-11)

TURN OFF TARGET: ~~Right~~ Left

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Alciolo (4242'N 0903'E) to Base.

FLAK: Target- 20 guns, 449th Grp on 26 May reported flak as moderate to intense accurate. Nice 26 guns, Route- Imperia. Ventimiglia-no report available.

FIGHTERS: None at target; Villanova-11 Toulon area 8; turin area 135.

REFERENCE: TC 6-77-NA, ~~1-100,000 NA~~
1-100,000 Nice-Cannes (sheet #160)

COORDINATED EFFORTS:
98th & 450th - Ventimiglia M/Y - 1045
5th Wng (6 Grps) -Site M/Y - 1030
5th Wng (6 Azon A/C) Arma-Riva Bridge.
304 Wng - Avignon West M/Y & 2 RR Brdges-1030
49 Wng (1 Grp) Le Pontet Telephone Exchange (Avignon) - 1030
49 Wng (2 Grps) Avignon East M/Y - 1030
55 Wng - Balaruc Oil Refinery - 1040
(SW Montpellier)

GH LEAD: 376th - wing leaders; ready over base at 6,000' at 0654.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Attacks on Oil storage at Balaruc, Communications at Avignon, two RR bridges and Var River bridge. Also telephone exchange at Le Pontet.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 306th Wng to provide adequate penteration, target and withdrawal cover. ~~Penetration~~ penetration cover will begin 30 miles from French coast- escort provided by one Group of P-38's.

Window will be dropped one minute prior to IP until clear of flak.

NOTE: If unable to bomb visually, bombs should be brought back to Base, if possible.

513 will use TC 6-2 NA
TC 6-77 will be returned to Group after mission

- - - - - 49th Wing, 7 June, reports Moderate & very accurate, at target (Var RR Bridge)

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19 June 1944 - Mission # 277

TARGET: Var RR Bridge.
Alt: Ventimiglia RR Bridge

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: One of bridges on E-W line from Southern France to N. Italy. Destroyed 6 June 44 - now rebuilt.

NO. OF PLANES: 40
BOMB LOAD: 1000lb. (.1 - .01)
SQDN FORMATION: 1st Unit - 512th
2nd Unit - 514th
3rd Unit - 515th
513th fills in on diamonds.

ROUTE OUT: Base to San Vito to Lido (41-44N 12-16E) to Alciolo (42-42N 0903E) to Diano Marina (43-55N 0805E) to Limone (44-12N 07-34E) to I.P.

I.P. : River Junction (43-56N 07-11E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 176°
BOMBING ALT: 1st Unit - 20,000
2nd Unit - 20,500
3rd Unit - 19,500

TGT. PINPOINT: Center of RR Bridge (E-11)
TURN OFF TARGET: Left

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Alciolo(42-42N 09-03E) to Base

FLAK: Target - 20 guns; Nice - 26 guns
Route - Imperia.
Ventimiglia - no reports available.

FIGHTERS: None at target; Villanova - 11 (Hallian). Toulon area - 8; Turin area - 135.

REFERENCE: TC 6-77-NA, 4-103A-NA.
1:100,000 Nice-Cannes (Sheet #164)

COORDINATED EFFORTS:
5th Wing will attack Sete M/Y at 1030
304 " " " Avignon M/Y at 1040
49 " " " Le Pontet and Avignon M/Y at 1030.
55 " " " Sete Oil Ref. at 1040.

GROUP LEADING: 376th leads 449th - ready over base at 6000' at 0650. (98th & 450th stand down).

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Attacks on Oil Storage at Sete, Communications at Avignon, two bridges and Var River Bridge. Also telephone exchange at Le Pontet.

FIGHTER ESCORT: None for this Wing. Other Wings each escorted by one group.

OBSERVATIONS & PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, E/A tactics.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 50'

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0400 |
| Trucks | 0445 |
| Take Off | 0545 |
| On course | 0651 |
| Target | 1040 |

NOTE: TC 6-77-NA must be returned to Group S-2 immediately after mission.

(513th will use TC 6-2-NA instead of 6-77-NA)

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19 June, 1944 Mission No. 277

TARGET: Var-River RR Bridge.
ALT: ~~Ventimiglia RR Bridge.~~ None

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: One of the bridges on only E-W line from Southern France to N. Italy. Destroyed 6 June 44-now rebuilt.

NO OF PLANES 40

BOMB LOAD: 1,000 lb (.1 & .01)

SQDN FORMATION:
1st Unit 512th
2nd Unit 514th
3rd Unit 513th
513th fills in diamonds.

ROUTE OUT: Base to San Vito to Lido (4444'N 1210'E) to Acicolo (4202'N 0903'E) to Piano Marina (4355'N 0805'E) to Limone (4412'N 0734'E) to IP.

I.P: River Junct. (4356'N 0711'E)

AXIS OF ATTACK 176°

Bombing Alt: 1st Unit 20,000
2nd " 20,500
3rd " 19,500

TRGT AIMING PT: Center of RR Bridge. (B-11)

TURN OFF TARGET: ~~Right~~ Left

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Acicolo (4202'N 0903'E) to Base.

FLAK: Target- 20 guns, 449th Grp on 26 May reported flak as moderate to intense accurate. Nice 26 guns, Route- Imperia. Ventimiglia-no report available.

FIGHTERS: None at target; Villanova-11 Toulon area 6; Turin area 135.

REFERENCE: TC 6-77-NA, ~~1-103A-NA~~
1-100,000 Nice-Cannes (sheet #160)

COORDINATED EFFORTS:
98th & 450th - Ventimiglia M/Y - 1045
5th Wng (3 Grps) - Gate M/Y - 1030
5th Wng (6 Azon A/C) Arma-Riva Bridge.
304 Wng - Avignon West M/Y & 2 RR Bridges-1030
49 Wng (1 Grp) Le Pontet Telephone Exchange (Avignon) - 1030
49 Wng (2 Grps) Avignon East M/Y - 1030
55 Wng - Balaruc Oil Refinery - 1040
(St Monpellier)

ORD LOAD: 376th - wing leaders; rendy over base at 6,000' at 0654.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Attacks on Oil storage at Balaruc, Communications at Avignon, two RR bridges and Var River bridge. Also telephone exchange at Le Pontet.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 308th Wng to provide adequeate penteration, target and withdrawal cover. ~~Withdrawal~~ penetration cover will begin 30 miles from French coast- escort provided by one Group of P-38's.

Window will be dropped one minute prior to IP until clear of flak.

NOTE: If unable to bomb visually, bombs should be brought back to Base, if possible.

513 will use TC 6-2-NA
TC 6-77-NA will be returned to Grp after mission.

- - - - - 49th Wing, 7 June, reports Moderate & very accurate, at target (Var RR Bridge)

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19 June 1944 - Mission # 277

TARGET: Var RR Bridge.
Alt: Ventimiglia RR Bridge

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: One of bridges on E-W line from Southern France to N. Italy. Destroyed 6 June 44 - now rebuilt.

NO. OF PLANES: 40
BOMB LOAD: 1000lb. (.1 - .01)
SQDN FORMATION: 1st Unit - 512th
2nd Unit - 514th
3rd Unit - 515th
513th fills in on diamonds.

ROUTE OUT: Base to San Vito to Lido (41-44N 12-16E) to Alciolo (42-42N 0903E) to Diano Marina (43-55N 0805E) to Limone (44-12N 07-34E) to I.P.

I.P. : River Junction (43-56N 07-11E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 176°
BOMBING ALT: 1st Unit - 20,000
2nd Unit - 20,500
3rd Unit - 19,500

TGT. PINPOINT: Center of RR Bridge (E-11)
TURN OFF TARGET: Left

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Alciolo(42-42N 09-03E) to Base

FLAK: Target - 20 guns; Nice - 26 guns
Route - Imperia.
Ventimiglia - no reports available.

FIGHTERS: None at target; Villanova - 11 (Hahlian). Toulon area - 8; Turin area - 135.

REFERENCE: TC 6-77-NA, 4-103A-NA.
1:100,000 Nice-Cannes (Sheet #16Q)

COORDINATED EFFORTS:
5th Wing will attack Sete M/Y at 1030
304 " " " Avignon M/Y at 1040
49 " " " Le Pontet and Avignon M/Y at 1030.
55 " " " Sete Oil Ref. at 1040.

GROUP LEADING: 376th leads 449th - rendy over base at 6000' at 0650. (98th & 450Th stand down).

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Attacks on Oil Storage at Sete, Communications at Avignon, two bridges and Var River Bridge. Also telephone exchange at Le Pontet.

FIGHTER ESCORT: None for this Wing. Other Wings each escorted by one group.

OBSERVATIONS & PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, E/A tactics.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 50'

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0400 |
| Trucks | 0445 |
| Take Off | 0545 |
| On course | 0651 |
| Target | 1040 |

NOTE: TC 6-77-NA must be returned to Group S-2 immediately after mission.

(513th will use TC 6-2-NA instead of 6-77-NA)

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MISSION # 277 18 June 1944

TARGET: Ploesti Romano Americana Oil Refy. REFERENCE: 11-100B-HA; Bucharest 1:250,000 R-43/44

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The only important oil refinery still in operation at Ploesti.

NO. OF PLANES. 40
BOMB LOAD: 250 lb. (.11-.01 & .025TD)
SQUADRON FORMATION:

| | 1st Unit | 2nd Unit | 3rd Unit |
|---|---|---|---|
| A Flt | 512 & 13 | 514 & 13 | 515 & 13 |
| B Flt | 512 & 13 | 514 & 13 | 515 & 13 |
| C Flt | 512 & 13 | 514 & 13 | 515 & 13 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Petrovac (4212N-1856E) to Koplik (4213N-1928E) to Babagloc (4229N-2021E) to Capracal (4207N-2121E) to Budesti (4144N-2627E) to Fundulea (4426N-2631E) to I.P.
I.P. Lake Snagov (4442N-2608E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 353 degrees.

BOMBING ALT: 1st Unit - 23,500'
2nd Unit - 24,000'
3rd Unit - 23,000'

TARGET AIMPOINT: F/C-27 on 11-100B-HA.

TURN OFF TARGET: Right (90degrees)

ROUTE BACK: Target to Purepu (4456N-2625E) to Lake Snagov to Koplik to Base.

FLAK: At target: 49 positions, 207 guns. Enroute: Bar, Scutari, Podgorica, Pec, Nis, Vranje, [redacted] Surdulica, Craiova, Rosiori de Vede, Bucharest. (About one half of guns at Target will be out of range of briefed axis of attack.)

FIGHTERS: At Target: 41. Enroute: Scutari 2; Podgorica 2; Nis 11; Craiova 5; Rosiorii de Vede 33; Bucharest area 117; Dugau-Misi 1 area 162. (a total of 320 fighters in general Target area).

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
5th Wing attacks Zilistea A/D at 1022 hrs.
49th Wing attacks Giurgiu Oil Installations 0932.
55th Wing attacks Giurgiu Oil Installations 0922.
304th Wing attacks Zilistea A/D at 1000 hrs.

GROUP LEADING: 460th leads Wing.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: To destroy the largest intact refinary in Axis territory. A continuation of the "oil" program.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters of the 306th Wing will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover.

OTHER COMMENTS: Under no conditions will Ruse be bombed. Ruse (Ruschuk) is in Bulgaria, directly across the Danube from Giurgiu. No bombs to be dropped in Yugoslavia.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0430 |
| Trucks | 0515 |
| Take off | 0615 |
| On course | 0715 |
| Target | 1002 |

ALTERNATES: Primary Target by PFF.
Last Resort Target; Lepovo (Yugoslavia) M/Y
Target chart # 8-42-HA

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: M/Y's, A/D's and M/T. New construction. E/A tactics and markings.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 495'.

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17 JUNE 1944

TARGET: Arad M/Y, Roumania TC 11-20-NA, Budapest 1/500,000, Flak Concentration Map (Adriatic Sheet)

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Important junction in lines from Buapest to Russo-German front. 900 cars reported here on 11 June 44.

NO. OF PLANES: 40
BOMB LOAD: 500#
SQDN FORMATION:

| | 1st Sect. | 2nd Sect. | 3rd Sect. |
|---|---|---|---|
| A Ft | 512 | 514&513 | 515 |
| B Flt | 513 | 514 | 513 |
| C Flt | 513 | 513 | 515 |

ROUTE OUT: Base to San Vito to 4243N 1752E to 4423N 1907E to 4503N 2005E to I.P.
I.P. Madlac (4611N 2045E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 87°
BOMBING ALT: 1st Sect 20,500
2nd Sect 21,000
3rd Sect 20,000
TARGET PINPOINT: M-14 (TC 11-20-NA)
TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp right
ROUTE BACK: Reciprocal of route out to 4503N 2005E to 4243N 1752E to base.

FLAK: None reported at target as of 13/4/44. Heavy A/A at Dubrovnik, Belgrade, Novi Sad, Timisoara, Bor.

FIGHTERS: At target 9, 47 in the Belgrade area 47, Snolzok 33, Budapest area 90.

CO-ORDINATED ATTACKS:
49th Wing will attack ORADEA M/Y
55th Wing will attack TIMISOARA M/Y
2 Gps 304th Wing attack Sznolzok M/Y
2 Gps 304th Wing attack Szajol M/Y
2 Gps 55th Wing attack Subotica M/Y
FIGHTERS: O.
Fighters escort 304th Wing and strafe and bomb Kecksemet, Novi Sad and Debreckzen A/D's.

GROUP LEADING: 449th
449th - 376th 1st wave
450th - 98th 2nd wave

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: To cripple RR facilities on German supply lines to the Russian front. These targets constitute bottlenecks in this line. Also movement of crude oil to western refineries since the virtual liquadation of Roumanian ~~xix~~ capacity.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No escort.

RENDEZVOUS: With 449th over base at 0803 hours at 6000'.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bombstrikes, M/Y's, military movements, etc.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 375'

ALTERNATES: SZEGED M/Y
~~xxxxxxxx~~
BELGRADE M/Y
~~xxxxxxxxxx~~

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0515 |
| Trucks | 0600 |
| Take Off | 0700 |
| On course | 0803 |
| Target | 1027 |

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16 June 1944

TARGET: Bratislava Apollo Oil Refinery
Alt: Vienna by PFF
Zagreb M/Y - TC 8-4-HA.
Brod M/Y - TC 8-103-HA.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Oil refinery located on the Danube and using Ploesti crude oil brought by barges.

NO. OF PLANES: 42.

BOMB LOAD: 500# (mixed fusing)

SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | B Sec | C Sec |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt 515 | 1 Flt 513 | 1 Flt 514 |
| 2 Flt 512 | 2 Flt 512 | 2 Flt 512 |
| 3 Flt 515 | 3 Flt 513 | 3 Flt 514 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to keypoint, Cazmiok Is. (42h5N 16h3E) to TP Csallokozarnyos (47h6N 1738E) to IP

I.P.: Nagymagyar (48o7N 1725E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 276° true.

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 20,500'
B Sec 21,000'
C Sec 20,000'

TARGET PINPOINT: L/11-12

TURN OFF TARGET: Left.

ROUTE BACK: target to Gyelldenolk (47l6N 1709E) to keypoint to base.

FLAK: Target 3 positions 14 guns. Vienna 270 guns in positions. Split, Omis, Rogoznica, Makarska, Bos Novi, Banja Luka, Nagykanizsa, Kaposvar, Gyor, Komarom.

FIGHTERS: Target 1. Bihac 1, Zagreb area 26, Kaposvar 3, Tapolsca 7, Szombathely 30, Papa 5, Budapest area 85, Falubattyan 11, Seregelyes 16, Gyor 2, Vienna area 315.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, E/A markings and tactics, M/T and M/Y activity, A/A positions.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 537'.

REFERENCE: TC 15-2-HA.
L.33/3 Sopron 1:250,000 series.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: B 17s attack Kagran Oil Co. at 1045 hours (Vienna area). 55th Wing attack Lobau Oil Plant at 1025 hours (Vienna area) 304th Wing attack Nova Schwechat Oil Co. at 1035 hours (Vienna area)

GROUP LEADING: 376th leads Wing.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Continuation of destruction of synthetic oil plants and refineries. Missions of 14 June very successful at all targets.

FIGHTER ESCORT: LIGHTNINGS ready on a line with bombers between Lake Balaton and Gyor for penetration, target cover and withdrawal. P 47s provide cover from IP. P 51s execute maximum counter airforce effort over target area intercepting bomber formation in vicinity of Gyor.

OTHER GROUPS: All Groups this Wing attacking same target.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed in accordance with SOP.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0415 |
| Trucks | 0500 |
| Take off | 0600 |
| On course | 0659 |
| Target | 1000 |
| ETR | 1240 |

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PLA N BAKER 14 JUNE 1944 MISSION # 275

TARGET: SISAK/CAPRAG Shell Oil Refinery.
IMPORTANCE OF TA RGET: Oil refinery with capacity of 120,000 tons annually.

NO. OF PLANES: 40
BOMB LOAD: 250 (.1N-.01 & .025TD)
SQUADRON FORMATION:

| | 1st Uni t | 2nd Unit | 3rd Unit |
|---|---|---|---|
| A Flt | 514 | 512 | 513 |
| B Flt | 514 & 515 | 512 & 515 | 513 & 515 |
| C Flt | 514 & 515 | 512 & 515 | 513 & 515 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Cazziol Island (4245N-1643E) to Banja Luka (4446N-1715E) to (4510N-1720E) to Pakrac (4527N-1812E) to I.P. (4532N-1657E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 264 degrees.
BOMBING ALTITUDE: 1st Unit 20,000'
2nd Unit 20,500'
3rd Unit 19,500'
TARGET PINPOINT: 6-0 on TC 8-37-NA
TURN OFF TARGET: Left.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Lake Hli dinje (4337N-1730E) to Cazziol Island to Base.

FLAK: At Target-no report available. At alternates - Split 4 positions, 14 guns; Brod 3 positions, 12 guns; Sarajevo 13 guns. Enroute : Makarska, Imo tski, Mostar.

FIGHTERS: Target-none. Zagreb area, 19; Bihac, 1; Banja Luka, 2; Mostar, 2;

OBSERVATIONS AND PH OTOS: M/Y's, Troop concentrations, M/T, new construction

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 325'

NOTE: Issue Fla k Map (photo) to all Navigators.

REFERENCE: 8-37-NA
COORDINA TED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
4 Ops B-17's attack Budapest Shell Koolaz Oil Plant at 1100 hours.
2 Ops B-17's attack Budapest Fanto Oil Plant at 1100 hours.
49th Wing attacks Szony Oil Plant.
55th Wing attacks Petfurdo Oil Plant.
449th and 450th Groups attack Osijek Oil Plant at 1046 hours.

GROUP LEA DING: 98th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Continuation of attacks on refineries, oil storage and oil installations.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Nil. One group fighters wi ll strafe and dive-bomb Kecskemet A/D
OTHER GROUPS: 5 Gro ups of fighters will provide penetrati o n, target and withdrawal cover for 5th, 49th and 55th wings.

OTHER COMMENTS: Size of plant - Approximately 1500 feet long, 300 feet wide.

TIME SUMMARY: ETR 1240

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| Briefing | 0545 |
| Trucks | 0630 |
| Take off | 0730 |
| On course | 0836 |
| Target | 1043 |

ALTERNATES:
Split Harbor & Cement Fcty

| | Alt. Sea Level | |
|---|---|---|
| BROD M/Y | 300' | 8-18-NA |
| Sarajevo M/Y | 1885' | 8-103-NA |
| | | 8-14-NA |

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MISSION NO 274 -- 13 JUNE 1944

TARGET: B.M.W. Plant, Allach (Munich Area) TC 13-103-NA, 1/250,000 Munich, Flak concentration map.
ALTERNATE: Munich by PFF or any city in Germany. 4-214-NA
LAST RESORT: Treviso M/Y
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Primary producer of BMW 801 engine (300 per month) used in FW 190's, D0 217's.

NO OF PLANES: 40
BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb. G (.1 and .01 &.025)

SQDN FORMATION:

| A SECT | B SECT | C Sect |
|---|---|---|
| 1st Fl 513 | 1st Fl (515 (514 | 1st Fl (512 (514 |
| 2nd Fl (513 (514 | 2nd Fl 515 | 2nd Fl 512 |
| 3rd Fl (513 (514 | 3rd Fl 515 | 3rd Fl 512 514 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Tremiti (42-03N 15-30E) at 5000' to 45-26N 12-53E to lake (47-53N 12-28E) to 48-32N 12-09E to 48-34N 11-44E to I.P.

I.P. Ilmunster (48-29N 11-30E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 186°
BOMBING ALTITUDE: A SECT 23,500'
B SECT 24,000'
C SECT 23,000'

TARGET PINPOINT: Center of large building at I-11 (westernmost large workshop)

TURN OFF TARGET: Left sharp

ROUTE BACK: Target to 47-29N 12-04E to 46-50N 12-46E to 45-36N 12-53E to Tremite Island to base.

FLAK: At target and over Munich 27 positions with 113 heavy guns. Heavy A/A at Lavariano, Villaorba, Lienz, Berchtesgaden, Mühldorf, Ingolstadt, Augsburg, ~~Innsbruck~~ Innsbruck, Treviso 18 guns.

FIGHTERS: Target area (including Munich, Augsburg) 317, Udine area 61, Graz/Klagenfurt area 52, Salzburg 3, Regensburg to Plattling area 95. On 10 June 44, 35/45 SE attacked in Udine area, 70/75 from Salzburg to Munich, 15/20 below Venice.
OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, E/A tactics, color, points of contact, length of time in flak.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 1640'

CO-ORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
B-17's attack Oberpfaffen hofen A/D at 1000 hours.
49th Wing attack Neuaubing A/C at 1010 hours.
55th Wing attack Milbertshofen Ord, Depot at 1025 hours.
304th Wing attack BMW Works, Munich at 1015 hours.

GROUP LEADING: 450th rendezvous over base with 376th at 3000'

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The destruction of GAF production in S Germany by hitting engine plants, ME 410 & DO 217 plants. Also destroying Ordnance Dept at Milbertshofen.

ESCORT: P-51's and P-38's - two Groups on penetration and five Groups over target and on withdrawel.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dropped 3 minutes before I.P. and until clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| BRIEFING | 0400 |
| TRUCKS | 0445 |
| TAKE OFF | 0545 |
| ON COURSE | 0646 |
| TARGET | 1035 |

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11 June 1944 - Mission # 273

TARGET: Constanta - Oil Storage & Install.
Secondary: Bucharest by PFF.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: One of the two most important oil storage facilities in Roumania outside Ploesti.

NO. OF PLANES: 40
BOMB LOAD : 250lb.(.01-.025)
SQDN FORMATION:
1st Unit - 512th
2nd Unit - 514th
3rd Unit - 515th
513th fills in on diamond positions.

ROUTE OUT: Base to 4200N 2300E to Razgrad (4332N 2631E) to I.P.

I.P. : Medgidia (4415N 2816E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 101°

BOMBING ALT: 1st Unit - 22,000
2nd Unit - 22,500
3rd Unit - 21,500

TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to 4200N 2300E to Base.

FLAK: Target - 9 pos., 40 guns.
Bucharest - 30 pos. 118 guns. Route - Saseno Is., Mifol, Valona, Berat, Skoplje, Kazinik, Cernavoda, Shumen.

FIGHTERS: Target - 17; Bucharest area - 111; Karlovo - 47; Sofia area - 40; Berat - 2.

REFERENCE: Photo #1027 ( will be given out at Group Briefing)
1:500,000 - Varna 42/26

COORDINATED EFFORTS:
47th Wing attacks Constanta at 0930.
B-17s attack Galatz A/D at 0930
B-17s attack Smederovo M/Y at 0930.
304th Wing attacks Giurgu M/Y at 0855.
49th Wing attacks Giurgu M/Y at 0905.
55th Wing attacks Smederevo Refinery.

GROUP LEADING : 450th leads Wing - rendy with 376th over San Pan at 6000' at 0650.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: To destroy stored petroleum and storage facilities.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: M/Y, M/T, troop concentrations, E/A tactics.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: Sea Level

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed from I.P. till clear of flak.

Bombs not to be dropped in Yugoslavia.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0400 |
| Trucks | 0445 |
| Take Off | 0545 |
| On course | 0650 |
| Target | 0930 |

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BOMB LINE - 1615 Hours 10 June 1944:

E - 6344
A - 3862
4554
6054
6745
8720
B - 0011
G - 2090
4390
465850
9285
H- 0091
G- 0009 Road to
0618 Road to
1019

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11 June 1944 - Mission # 276

TARGET: ARAD M/Y (Roumania)
Alternates: See below.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Important Junction in lines from Budapest to Russo-German front. 900 cars reported here 11/6/44.

NO. OF PLANES: 40
BOMB LOAD : 250lb. clusters (.1-.01,025)
SQDN FORMATION:
1st Unit - 515th
2nd Unit - 513th
3rd Unit - 514th
512th fills in on diamonds.

ROUTE OUT: Base to San Vito to Sipan Is. (4243N 1752E) at 10,000' to 4423N 1907E to 4503N 2005E to I.P.
I.P.: Periam (4603N 2053E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 67°
BOMBING ALT: 1st Unit - 20,000'
2nd Unit - 20,500'
3rd Unit - 19,500'

TARGET PINPOINT: M-14 (Center of Yards)

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp Right

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to 4503N 2005E to 44-23N 19-07E to base.

FLAK: Target - None as of 13/4/44. Belgrade - 44 guns, Novi Sad - 18 guns. Kraljevo, Lapovo, Orsova - no reports available. Route - Dubrovnik, Sarajevo, Timisoara.

FIGHTERS: Target - 9; Karlovac - 19; Basaid - 12; Novi Sad - 5; Belgrade - 5; Podgorica - 2; Scutari - 4; Mostar - 2; Possible 30/40 NE & TE in Budapest - Szolnok area.

REFERENCE: TC 11-20-NA

COORDINATED EFFORTS:
5th Wing attacks Szolnok M/Y at 1000.
304 Wing " Szeged M/Y.
55 Wing " Timisoara M/Y.
6 Groups of fighters attack 7 A/D's low level in S. France in Marseilles - Toulon area ( in aid of French invasion)

GROUP LEADING : 449th leads Wing - rendy with 376th over San Pan at 6000' at 0742.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: To cripple Ry. facilities on German supply lines to Russian Front. Also the movement of crude oil to western refineries since the virtual liquidation of Roumanian capacity.

FIGHTER ESCORT: One Group of fighters will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for 5th Wing.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, M/Y activity.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 375'

OTHER COMMENTS: First 3 Groups will fire red flares at I.P.
Window will not be used.

| TIME SUMMARY: | | |
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| | Briefing | 0500 |
| | Trucks | 0545 |
| | Take Off | 0645 |
| | On course | 0743 |
| | Target | 1000 |

ALTERNATES:
1 - Belgrade - TC 8 - 3 - NA
2 - Novi Sad - TC 8 - 6 - NA
3 - Kraljevo - TC 8 - 2 - NA

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PLAN "B" 10 JUNE 1944 MISSION NO. 272

TARGET: Trieste Oil Refineries.
ALT: Any other active M/Y in E. PO-VALLEY except Florence.

IMPORTANCE OF THE TARGET: Sixth largest Axis Refinery outside Roumania with capacity of 350,000 tons per year.

NO OF PLANES: 40

BOMB LOAD: 500 lbs, .1 & .01 - .025TD

SQDN FORMATION:

| 1st Unit | 2d Unit | 3rd Unit |
|---|---|---|
| 515th | 514th | 513th |

515th fills in diamond position.

ROUTE OUT: Base to Keypoint Vieste (4135'N 1611'E) to TP (4450'N 1300'E) to TP (4520'N 1300'E) to IP to Trgt.

I.P: Grado (4540'N 1323'E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 103° true

BOMBING ALT: 1st Sec 20,500
2nd Sec. 21,000
3rd Sec. 20,000

TARGET PINPOINT: Q-2

TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Target to 4230'N 1550'E to Base.

FLAK: At Trieste - 1 position, 4 guns
Pola.

FIGHTERS: In the Udine area 136.

SECONDARY: Rimini M/Y's, T/C 4-113-NA

REFERENCES: TC 4-116-NA, 1:250,000 Venice, and Flak Map Picture.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
B-17's attack Mestre M/Y at 0930 hours
49th Wng attacks Porto Marghere Oil Storage at 0940 hours.
55th Wng. attacks Trieste M/Y at 0930 hours
304th Wng. attacks Ferrara A/D w/Frags.
2 Grps fighters attack Americano Romano Refinery at Ploesti.

GROUP LEADING: 376th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Effort directed toward destruction of Oil Refineries and Oil Storage, which is critical item in Axis supply. Also a fighter base & M/Y's.

FIGHTER ESCORT: P-38's intercept Wng at 4347'N 1410'E at 15,000 ft at 0840 hrs.

OTHER GROUPS: Rendy 98th at 3,000 ft at 0705 over base.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, Naval and shipping activity.

ALT OF TARGET: 100 ft.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0415 |
| Trucks | 0500 |
| Takeoff | 0600 |
| On Course | 0706 |
| Target | 0940 |

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9 June 1944 - Mission # 271

TARGET: Oberpfaffenhoffen A/D
Secondary: Munich by PFF.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Vital link in Aircraft Assembly Complex in Munich Area.

NO. OF PLANES: 40
BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. (.1-.01, .1-.025)
SQDN. FORMATION:

| 1st Unit | 2nd Unit | 3rd Unit |
|---|---|---|
| 514 | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | 512 | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | 513 |

515 fills Diamond in each Unit.

ROUTE OUT: Base to San Vito to Vieste (4153N 1611E) to 4530N 1300E to Traunstein (4753N 1238E) to Viehbach ( 4838N 1223E) to Siegenburg (4846N 1151E) to Schrobenhausen (4834N 1116E) to I.P.

I.P. : Aichach (4828N 1108E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 164°

BOMBING ALT: 1st Unit - 24,000
2nd Unit - 24,500
3rd Unit - 23,500

TGT PINPOINT: Hangar at M-M-12-13
(TC 13-2A-MA)

TURN OFF Target: Right

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Worgl (4728N 1201E) to Cordignano (5456N 1225E) to Base.

FLAK: Target - 8 pos. 38 guns. Munich - 27 pos. 131 guns.
Route: Sedeliano, Lavariano, Aviano, Berchtesgaden, Salzburg, Muhldorf

FIGHTERS: Target Area - 388; Regensburg area - 95; Nurnberg area - 81; Wels - Pa area - 105; NE Italy - 136.

REFERENCE: TC 13-2A-MA, 4-12B-MA
1:250,000 - L.32/5 (Innsbruck)
M.32/12 (Munich)

COORDINATED EFFORTS :
47 Wing attack Oberpfaffenhoffen at 1010.
B-17s attack Oberpfaffenhoffen at 1005.
49 Wing attack Neusulding Works at 1020.
55 Wing attack Allach Motorenwerke at 1005.
304 Wing attack BMW Foty in Munich at 1005.

GROUP LEADING WING : 450th
450th and 376th rendy over San Pan at 3000' at 0558.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: To eliminate assembly facilities of Do-217 out-put. Me410s are also fitted here with BMW engines.

OTHER COMMENTS : Window will be dispensed from 2 min. before I.P. till clear of flak.

OBSERVATIONS & PHOTOS : A/D activity and installations, shipping in Adriatic, M/Y and M/T activity, E/A tactics.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 1900'

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing: | 0315 |
| Trucks: | 0400 |
| Take Off: | 0500 |
| On course: | 0559 |
| Target: | 1010 |

1st Alternate: Porto Marghera Oil Storage
2nd Alternate: Any active M/T in eastern Po Valley.

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MISSION # 270 6 JUNE 1944

TARGET: PLOESTI (AIRFIELDS/REFINERIES)
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: GREAT ACTIVE DEFENSE IN PLOESTI AREA, WITH 900,000 BBLS OF FUEL. REFINERY ATTACKS HAVE REDUCED OUTPUT OF REFINERIES 90%.

NO. OF PLANES: 40
BOMB LOAD: 500 LB

TARGET ELEVATION: 450ft

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: 8 Air Force has destroyed all but 2 synthetic oil plants. Destruction of balance of Ploesti will cut former production by 95% creating critical situation in Axis oil supplies.

DISPOSITION
"A" UNIT "B" UNIT "C" UNIT
513 515 512

ROUTE OUT:-
AC. VITO TO [illegible] TO [illegible]
13-52N 19DE TO 44-52N 22DE TO 44-51N 23DE
TO 45-52N 25DE TO [illegible].

I.P.: 44-50N 26DE
ANGLE OF ATTACK: 170°
DRIFT: [illegible]

BOMBING ALTITUDE: A UNIT 21,000'
B UNIT 21,500'
C UNIT 23,500'

TARGET APPROACH: [illegible] - MAINTAIN HEAD OF [illegible].

ROUTE BACK: TURN TO 44-30N 25DE TO 44-52N 22DE, ROUTE HOME TO BASE.

FLAK: AT TARGET 18 POSITIONS 207 GUNS.
[illegible] TO CONTINUE.
[illegible] 0/5/10, ORIENT 40 OR 0/5/10, [illegible] 40 GUNS, BUCHAREST AND RAILS.

FIGHTERS: Ploesti - 53; Mizil-Ziliteanna area - 115; Ploesti oil area - 99; Focsani-32; Pontoni de Vede - 32; Alo - 27; (Concentration - Nos 20 Me 109's; Bucharest area 70)

OBSERVATIONS AND WEATHER: Bomb strikes, A/A bursts, colored, military traffic.

RESULTS OF TARGET: [illegible]

PLAN OF ATTACK
1:250,000-[illegible]-B-13/14; 52ZA-B-15
TO 11-100[illegible] 1/50,000 WINDOW
[illegible] 900,000 [illegible] 90%.

FIGHTER ESCORT: One Gp provides penetration cover; two Gps provide Target cover.

OTHER GROUPS: 450th & 376th have first half, 98th & 449th have last half of Target.

OTHER ORDERS: Window to be dispensed from 3 minutes before IP till clear of flak. (NOTE: Flak area is extensive. 4 cartons of Window will be provided).

TIME SUMMARY:
Refuelling 0330
Trucks 0415
Take off 0515
On course 0611
Target 0900

OBSERVATIONS OF OTHER SERVICES:
B-17's (Task Force) attack Ruma - 1000 hrs
304th Bdg attacks Arad/v - 0920 hrs.
49th Bdg attacks Ploesti/Xenia Refinery at 0949 hrs.
55th Bdg attacks Ploesti/Ruma - 0930 hrs.

REMARKS: Target by PFF.
Inbound A/T - 11-11-4A
Or about A/T - 11-13-4A
From Octo Installations - [illegible]-2,100,000
(photograph) sheet # 73
Belg rate down A/T 6 hr 8 hr - 8-3-30

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SPECIAL BRIEFING NOTE

1. The Wing Commander requests that attention of all crews be directed to the fact that Groups of this Wing have been selected to hit the one remaining i mpor tant oi l target in PLOESTI.

2. As has been cited earlier in this A nnex, capacity of the PLOESTI re-fi neries has been reduced approximately 90% in the series of attacks by the 15th Ai r Force which commenced on 5 April and continued through 31 May. The refinging capacity of 9,225,000 tons which existed on 5 April is now between 900,000 and 1,500,000 tons.

3. The Romana Americana Refinery had an active capacity of 1,100,000 tons on 5 April, and it is still relatively undamaged, its capacity being cur-rently estimated at 900,000 tons — almost the entire remaining productive capacity at PLOESTI.

4. A good bombing effort on 6 June could practically end oil produc-tion at PLOESTI and thus strike a serious blow at the entire German war machine.

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MISSION # 269 PLAN "B" 5 June 1944

TARGET: Castel Maggiore M/Y
ALTERNATE: Any active M/Y or RR Br in Po Valley except Florence.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Target is located on main Bologna-Ferrara line. Its present importance lies in the fact that it is believed to be used as a holding point for military supplies flowing through Bologna.

NO. OF PLANES: ~~XX~~ 40
BOMB LOAD: 500 GP (.1N - .01 & .025TD)
SQDN FORMATION-1st Unit 2nd Unit 3rd Unit

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| A Flt | Mixed | 514 | Mixed |
| B Flt | 512 | 514 | 513 |
| C Flt | 512 | 514 | 513 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to keypoint (4340N-1350E) to (4410N-1310E) to (4415N-1230E) to Modigliano (4409N-1148E) to I.P.
I.P. - Castel del Rio (4413N-1130E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 345 degrees
BOMBING ALT: 1st Unit 21,500'
2nd Unit 22,000'
3rd Unit 21,000'
TARGET PINPOINT: Marked on photo 3023.
TURN OFF TARGET: Left.
ROUTE BACK: Target to (4440N-1230E) to Base.

REFERENCE: Photo 3023, Bologna 1:250,000

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
5th Wing attacks Pioppi RR Br & Vado Viaduct.
49th Wing attacks Borgo Val di Taro, Marradi and Rimini RR Br.
55th Wing attacks Ferrara, Forli and Faenza M/Y's

GROUP LEADING: 450th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: In furtherance of plan to destroy enemy lines of supply by disrupting rail traffic.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration, Target and withdrawal cover will be provided.

OTHER GROUPS: 98th & 449th attack Bologna M/Y.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed in accordance with SOP, from 5 minutes before I.P. until clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0745 |
| Trucks | 0830 |
| Take off | 0930 |
| On course | 1036 |
| Target | 1300 |

Flak: Scant, inaccurate, heavy flak experienced at Target by this Group on 2 May and by another Gro up on 13 May. (See bottom of page) BOLOGNA - 31 GUNS
FIGHTERS: At Target, 15; Forli Ronco, 10; Ferrara Area, 78; Reggio Emilia, 40.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, Rail & Highway activity; troop M/T & goods wagon concentrations, E/A tactics and markings.
ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 94½ feet.

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PLAN ~~BAKER~~ ABLE

Plan Baker is the same as Plan Able with the following exceptions:

ALTERNATE TARGET: Rimini RR Br

TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ALTITUDE OF TARGET, SEA LEVEL

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
Forts attack Antheor Viaduct & Var River Br.
49th Wing attacks Gad RR Br, Bussoleno RR Br., and Orelle RR. Br.
55th Wing attacks Avignon/Pujaut A/D and Les Chanoines A/D

FIGHTER ESCORT: One Group of P-38's escorts 47th Wing, providing penetration, Target and withdrawal cover.
2 Groups of fighters strafe Bologna, Ferrara, Poggio Renatico and Reggio Emilia A/D's.

FLAK ENROUTE: Vado, Forli, Cesenatico, Ancona, Fano, Pesaro, Rimini, Ravenna Ferrara and Bologna.

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4 June 1944

TARGET: Genoa M/Y
Alt: Any M/Y in N Italy except Leghorn
Any harbor on West coast.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Terminus for traffic passing over Marseilles - Riviera line, and Mt. Cenis line.

NO. OF PLANES: 40

BOMB LOAD: 100 lb clusters (.1 and .025)

SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | B Sec | C Sec |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt 515 | 1 Flt 513 | 1 Flt 512 |
| 2 Flt 514 | 2 Flt 514 | 2 Flt 514 |
| 3 Flt 515 | 3 Flt 513 | 3 Flt 512 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to keypoint (4113N 1305E) to 4235N 1005E to 4257N 0925E to TP (4408N 0754E) to TP (4439N 0813E) to IP to target.

I.P.: Nalare (4438N 0836E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 130° true.

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 21,500'
B Sec 22,000'
C Sec 21,000'

TARGET PINPOINT: 1st Sec K-7, 2nd Section N-8 - M/Y TC 4-216-NA.

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: target to 4257N 0925E then reciprocal of route out to base.

FLAK: Target - 4 positions 16 guns.
Route: Imperia, Savona, Carcare, Spezia, Elba, Leghorn (28 May 44 - MAH)

FIGHTERS: Piacenza 14, Castel San Giovanni 38 (mostly Italian), Levaldega 10, Turin area 60,. Possible interception by 40-50 G-55s and Mc 205s.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, military traffic, shipping.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 75'

REFERENCE: TC 4-216-NA.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
B 17s - 1 Gp Antheor Viaduct 1000 hrs.
B 17s - 1 Gp Var River Bridge 1000 hrs.
304th Wing Alessandria M/Y.
B 24s - 1 Gp Gad RR Bridge 1030 hrs.
B 24s - 1 Gp Bussoleno RR Bridge 1030 hrs.
B 24s - 1 Gp Orelle RR Bridge 1030 hrs.
55th Wing Turin M/Y.

GROUP LEADING: 450th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Isolate Italian ~~from Genoa~~ RR systems by breaking Mt. Cenis and Riviera routes and hitting loaded yards from Turin to Genoa.

FIGHTER ESCORT: One Group on penetration, target cover and withdrawal.

OTHER GROUPS: 98th and 449th to Novi Ligure M/Y - 1202 hours.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dropped 3 minutes before IP until clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0530 |
| Trucks | 0615 |
| Take off | 0730 |
| On course | 0829 |
| Target | 1202 |

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3 June 44

TARGET: Giurgiu Oil Storage Facilities.
Alt: Kraljevo M/Y, Nis (N and S) M/Ys.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: It is the most important oil transhipment port in Roumania. Oil transported by barges. On 30 May there were 67 barges and 5 tugs in area.

NO. OF PLANES: 40

BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. .1 and .025.

SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | B Sec | C Sec |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt 515 | 1 Flt 512 | 1 Flt 513 |
| 2 Flt 514 | 2 Flt 514 | 2 Flt 514 |
| 3 Flt 515 | 3 Flt 512 | 3 Flt 513 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to keypoint (4152N 1941E) to IP (4335N 2120E) to IP (4341N 2408E) to IP (4347N 2430E) to IP (4407N 2500E) to IP to target.

I.P.: Draganesti (4407N 2536E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 127° true.

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 20,500'
B Sec 21,000'
C Sec 20,000'

TARGET PINPOINT: Oil storage (R-17/18)

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: target to 4335N 2120E to keypoint (4152N 1941E) to base.

FLAK: At target 6 guns; Route: 4444N 1935E, 4449N 1933E, Durazzo, Nis, Scutari, Bar, Bor, Pec, Prezi an, Kotor, Cruda, Rosiarii de Vede.

FIGHTERS: No fighters in immediate target area. Bucharest area 123. Podgorica 2, Krusevac 7, Nis 16, Sofia 67, Rosiarii de Vede 39, Turnul Severin 48.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: M/Y activity, M/T installations.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 65'
Nis - 600'
Kraljevo - 350'

REFERENCE: TC 10-6-NA.
1:500,000 Sofia.
Kraljevo 8-2-NA, Nis 8-102-NA.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
5th Wing attacks Iron Gate Rail and Canal facilities at 1000. 304th Wing attack Brod M/Y at 1000 hours. 49th Wing attack Giurgiu Oil facilities at 1010 hours. 55th Wing attack Craiova M/Ys at 1040.

GROUP LEADING: 450th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Attacks on Ploesti gives this target a very high priority. Oil is conducted by pipeline from Ploesti and also by RR via Bucharest.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 4 Groups will provide close escort on penetration, target cover, and withdrawal.

OTHER GROUPS: 449th and 98th.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dropped 3 minutes before IP and until clear of flak.

Ruschuk will not be bombed.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0430 0445 |
| Trucks | 0515 |
| Take off | 0615 |
| On course | 0719 |
| Over target | 1000 |

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PLAN "A" MI ION NO. 267 1 Jun 1944

TARGET: Simeria M/Y, Roumania.
SECONDARY: Iron Gates Canal & Engine Sheds; 7 miles NW of Turnul Severin.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: On 30 May M/Y contained 1,950 mixed wagons and 72 locomotives. Important link in Budapes-Arad-Bucharest line.

NO. OF PLANES: 30

SQDN FORMATION:
"A" "B" "C"

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4228'N 1825'E to 4713'N 2132'E to 4714'N 2202'E to I.P

I.P: Dobra, (4655'N 2235'E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 101°

BOMBING ALT: "A" 21,500
22,000

TARGET POINT: Center of Yards at 9-G.

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to 4228'N 1825'E

FLAK: At target no reports available; OUT AND BACK: Dubrovnik; Ursda; Kotor; Cattaro; Belgrade; Novi Sad; Recita; Turnul Severin; Bor; Nis; Podgaurica; Bar;

FIGHTERS: At target: None; Podgaurica 2; Kraljeva 5; Basnid 12; Arad 10; Kolgsvar 18; Alba Jubia 3; Turnul Severin 40; Nis Nis 16; Maximum reaction to be 20-25 Me 109's on operation - 20-25 Me 109's on withdrawal.

REFERENCES: TC 11-26-NA
1:500,000 Brasov.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
4 Grps 17's attack Debreczen at 0936 hrs
2 Grps 17's " Oradea M/Y at 0936 hrs
304 Wng attacks Miskolc M/Y at 0918 hrs
49 Wng " Szolnok M/Y " 0841 hrs
55 Wng " Clnj M/Y at 0920 hrs.

GROUP LEADING: 450th

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET MISSION: Effort directed against main rail lines leading to Brasov and S. Russian fronts over which supplies are moved. Simultaneous destruction of all yards will destroy 6,500 wagons and 154 loco's and break German sup ly lines.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 2 Grps of Fighters will provide cover at target and withdrawal, rendy near Saland.

OTHER GROUPS: 1st Wave 450th & 370th
2nd Wave 449th & 98th

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dropped, 3 m ins before I.P until clear of Flak. Note proximately of route to Russian Front.

ALT OF TARGET: 698'

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, Military installations and M/Y traffic.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0330 |
| Trucks | 0415 |
| Take off | 0515 |
| On Course | 0625 |
| Target | 0925 |

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MISSION # 266 31 MAY 1944

TARGET: Ploesti - Romano Americano Oil Refinery.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Plant has an estimated maximum daily production of 3,835 tons, most important now in ~~[illegible]~~ operation in entire Ploesti area.

NO. OF PLANES: 30
BOMB LOAD: 500 (.1-.025)
SQDN FORMATION: 1st Unit 2nd Unit
A Flt 513 514
B Flt 515 512
C Flt mixed mixed

ROUTE OUT: Base to San Vito to 4228N-1825E to 4208N-1838E to Pecenisa (4452N-2223E) to Persteana (4451N-2318E) to Sinaia (4522N-2532E) to I.P.
I.P.: Homoracium (4516N-2601E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 171 degrees.
BOMBING ALTITUDE: 1st Unit 22,000'
2nd Unit 22,500'
TARGET PINPOINT: C-F/20(1-100B-NA)

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp left.
ROUTE BACK: Target to 4436N-2540E to 4428N-2143E to keypoint (4228N-1825E) to Base.

FLAK: Target area - 49 positions; Enroute - Belgrade, Turnul Severin, Brasov, Campina, Bor, Nis, Dubrovnik, Cattaro, Kotor, Ragusabruda A/D (4232N-1823E) and at 4224N-1832E.
ALTERNATE: Turnul Severin, 4 guns; Nis - 23 guns.

FIGHTERS: Target - 41; Buzau-Mizil area - 143; Bucharest area - 123; Brasov - 32; Focsani - 87; Rosiorti di Vede - 39; Craiova - 3; Belgrade area - 46; Turnul Severin - 46; Nis - 16.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, E/A tactics and colorings.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 495'.

REFERENCES: 11-100B-NA; 11-19NA; 8-102-NA.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
47th Wing attacks Ploesti/Romano Americano Oil Refinery at 1000 hours.
2 Ops of B-17's attack Ploesti/Xenia Oil Refinery at 1040 hours.
4 Ops of 304th Wing attack Ploesti/Unirea Sperantza Oil Refinery at 1010 hours.
3 Ops 49th Wing attack Ploesti/Concordia Vega Oil Refinery at 1030 hours.
55th Wing (2 Ops) attack Ploesti/Dacia Romano Oil Refinery at 1020 hours.
55th Wing (2 Ops ) attack Ploesti/Modeventa Oil Refinery at 1020 hours.

GROUP LEADING: 450th & 376th lead Air Force.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: German oil production has become top-priority Target for both 15th & 8th Air Forces. 8th AF has already destroyed all but two of the major synthetic oil plants in its area and Ploesti is now the chief production point. Successful attack on Ploesti will reduce German oil production ~~[illegible]~~ 75% of former production.

FIGHTER ESCORT: One Group of ~~[illegible]~~ P-38's will rendy with Wing formation at 4330N-2000E at 0807 hours and provide penetration cover. One Group of P-51's will rendy with wing formation at 4510N-2040E at 0933 hours and provide Target area and withdrawal cover.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed 3 minutes before I.P. till clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0400 |
| Trucks | 0445 |
| Take off | 0515 |
| On course | 0644 |
| Target | 1000 |

1st Alternate - Ploesti by PFF.
2nd Alternate - Turnul Severin P/I; alt. 160'
3rd Alternate - Nis A/Y; altitude 600'.

NOTE: TARGET CHARTS AND TARGET PICTURES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT BRIEFING AND THE "PINPOINT" ORIENTED AND EXPLAINED BY SQUADRON S-2. GUNNERS WILL BE INSTRUCTED IN ESCAPE PROCEDURE.

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MISSION # 264 30 MAY 1944

TARGET: Pottendorf A/C Factory
ALTERNATES: Graz/~~Thalerdorf A/D~~ THALERHOF A/D
Zagreb A/D.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Former spinning mill now important part of Me. complex. Engaged in manufacturing A/C components.

NO. OF PLANES: 30
BOMB LOAD: 500 (.1-.025)
SQDN FORMATION: 1st Unit 2nd Unit

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| A Flt | 512 | A Flt | 514 |
| B Flt | 515 | B Flt | 513 |
| C Flt | Mixed | C Flt | Mixed |

ROUTE OUT: Base to San Vito to Biograd (4356N-1527E) to Ostarise (4514N-1517E) to Litiga (4603N-1450E) to Zeltweg (4712N-1445E) to Guszwerk (4745N-1519E) to I.P. I.P. - Altenmarkt (4802N-1559E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 112 degrees
BOMBING ALTITUDE: 1st Unit - 20,500'
2nd Unit - 21,000'
TARGET PINPOINT: J-12 on 14-29-NA

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.
ROUTE BACK: Target to Szombathely (4714N-1637E) to Vrbeovec (4553N-1625E) to Drvenik (4327N-1609E) to Base.

FLAK: No heavy A/A reported at Target. At Graz - 30 guns; Zagreb - 36 guns. Enroute: Split, Zara, Sibenik, Bihac, Fiume, Karlovac, Maribor, Ljubljana, Neunkirchen, Sopron, Vienna.

FIGHTERS: Vienna area - 316; Graz-Klagenfurt area - 67; Szombathely - 11; Gyor - 11; Papa - 7; Tapolcza - 8; Zagreb area - 67; Ljubljana - 4; NE Italy - 50.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, E/A tactics, coloring.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 710'
GRAZ : 1046'
ZAGREB: 450'

REFERENCE: Photo # 4068, 14-38-NA; 14-8A-NA; 8-4-NA.
Graz, Sopron - 1:250,000

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
449th & 450th Groups attack Ebreichsdorf A/C Fcty at 1030 hours.
304th Wing (4 Gps) attacks Wels A/C fcty 1048 hrs
49th Wing (3 Gps) attacks Wels A/C Fcty 1038 hrs.
55th Wing (2 Gps) attacks Neudorf A/C Fcty 1040
55th Wing (2 Gps) attacks Neunkirchen A/C Fcty at 1040 hours.
2 Gps of B-17's attack Zagreb M/Y.

GROUP LEADING: 376th leads Fifteenth Air Force.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Successful operations of Fifteenth Air Force on 29 May make possible the virtual liquidation of the Wiener-Neustadt Complex by the destruction of the dispersed component plants scheduled for attack on 30 May.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 5 Gps provide penetration cover (strafe Zagreb on return). Fighters provide Target cover and withdrawal cover.

OTHER GROUPS: 376th rendy with 98th over Base (376th - 3,000')(98th - 4,000') depart 0717 hours

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dispensed 3 min. before I.P. until clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0430 |
| Trucks | 0515 |
| Take off | 0615 |
| On course | 0717 |
| Target | 1030 |

NOTE: TARGET CHARTS AND TARGET PICTURES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT BRIEFING AND THE "PINPOINT" ORIENTED AND EXPLAINED BY SQUADRON S-2. GUNNERS WILL BE REMINDED OF ESCAPE PROCEDURE.

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29 May 1944

TARGET: Wiener Neustadt/Wollersdorf A/D
ALTERNATES: Vienna on P.F.F.
Graz A/D
Zagreb A/D

NO. OF PLANES: 40
BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. (.1M-.01TD)
SQDN FORMATION: 1st Attack Unit - 515
2nd Attack Unit - 513
3rd Attack Unit - 511& 512

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Rio Grad (4356N-1527E) to 4511N-1517E to 4603N-1450E to 4711N-1445E to 4759N-1520E to I.P. -Altenmarkt(4802N-1559E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 140 degrees.
BOMBING ALT: 1st Unit - 20,500'
2nd Unit - 21,000'
3rd Unit - 19,000'
TARGET PINPOINT: Buildings-16,17-F.
TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Target to 4730N-1605E to 4553N-1625E to 4327N-1609E to Base.

FLAK: At Target - 113 guns, 20 pos.
Alternates: Graz - 30 guns; Zagreb - 36 guns. Enroute: Split, Zara, Sibenik, Bihac, Fiume, Karlovac, Maribor, Ljubljana, Neuenkirchen, Sopron, Vienna.

FIGHTERS: At Target- 49. In entire Vienna area - 316; Graz-Klagenfurt area - 67; Szombathely - 11; Gyor - 11; Papa - 7; Tapolcza - 8; Zagreb area - 67; Ljubljana - 4; NE Italy - 50.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, E/A tactics, coloring, disposition of E/A.

14-8A-NA GRAZ

REFERENCE: 14-35-NA; 14-8-NA; 8-4-NA; Sopron 1:250,000

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
5th Wing attacks Wollersdorf at 1000 hours.
49th Wing attacks Wiener Neustadt Mk.1 at 1020 hours.
55th Wing attacks Atzgersdorf A/C Fety at 1030 hours.
304th Wing (double mission) attacking in morning - Bihac, Bos Novi, PALEDON; in afternoon - Knin, Banja, LIVNO, Mikonjic.

GROUP LEADING: 376th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Destroy A/C factories in Vienna area, also parked A/C and A/D installations. Also support Partisans in Yugoslavia who are hard pressed being attacked in Bosnia from all sides by paratroops, 3 divisions of ground forces and A/C.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 2 Gps escort Air Force to Graz. 3 Gps escort Wings over Target and withdrawal, all strafing on return.

OTHER GROUPS: Remy with 98th over Base at 3,000' at 0650 hours.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dropped 3 minutes before I.P. until clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY

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| Briefing | 0415 |
| Trucks | 0500 |
| Take off | 0550 |
| On course | 0650 |
| Target | 1010 |

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 892'

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27 May 1944

TARGET: Marseille M/Y
Alt: Antheor Viaduct, Var River Bridges.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The most important locomotive depot and locomotive repair works servicing the Riviera coast line into Italy. Facilities have estimated capacity of 135 locomotives. On May 10 recce showed 45 locomotives present, also 110 passenger coaches and 75 goods wagons.

NO. OF PLANES: 36

BOMB LOAD: 500# mixed fusing.

SQDN FORMATION:

| | A FH. | B FH. | C FH. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Sec | ~~1-Flt~~ 514 | ~~1-Flt~~ 513 | |
| 2 Sec | ~~2-Flt~~ 512 | ~~2-Flt~~ 513 | |
| 3 Sec | ~~3-Flt~~ 515 | ~~3-Flt~~ 513 | |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to TP (4110N 1300E) to keypoint St. Aygulf (4323N 0642E) to TP (4340N 0600E) to IP

I.P.: Jaques (4338N 0538E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 210°.

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 20,000'
B Sec 20,500'

TARGET PINPOINT: 11-12/U-V-W

TURN OFF TARGET: Left.

ROUTE BACK: target to TP (4300N 0530E) to 4110N 1300E to base.

FLAK: Target area 61 guns. Route: Antheor, Viaduct, Var River Bridges, Nice, Lerins, Island, Agay, Frejus, Issambres Pt., Hyeres Is., Porquerolles, Hyeres, Toulon, Martiques, Port du Bouc.

FIGHTERS: Target 24. Cuers 7, Salon 1, Avignon 17, Nimes 22, Caritat 18.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, M/Y activity, shipping activity, E/A tactics and markings.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 200'

REFERENCE: TC 6-100A-NA
Antheor 6-131-NA.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: 449th and 450th to St. Charles M/Y at 1045. 376th and 98th to La Blancarde M/Y - 1045. 4 Groups of 5th Wing to Avignon M/Y. 4 Groups of 304th Wing to Montpellier A/D. 3 Groups of 49th Wing to Salon A/D. 4 Groups of 55th Wing to Nimes M/Y.

GROUP LEADING: 376th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: 15 AF is sending 20 heavy Groups to continue the destruction of all communications centers and A/Ds in southern France, completely isolating Italy and S. France from traffic in either directio

FIGHTER ESCORT: P 51s provide penetration, target, and withdrawal cover.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dropped in accordance with SOP.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0400 |
| Trucks | 0445 |
| Take off | 0545 |
| On course | 0648 |
| Target | 1045 |

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26 May 1944

TARGET: Nice/St. Rach M/Y
Alt: Antheor Viaduct, Var River Bridges

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Most important M/Y between Toulon and Genoa.

NO. OF PLANES: 30.

BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. .1N No T/D.

SQN FORMATION:

| A Sec | B Sec |
|---|---|
| 1 Flt 513 | 1 Flt 515 |
| 2 Flt 514 | 2 Flt 512 |
| 3 Flt 514 | 2 Flt 512 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Capri to Palmarola (4056N 1252E) to Revellata (4235N 0843E) to keypoint (4345N 0810E) to Tenda (4406N 0735E) to I.P.

I.P.: Lantosque (4358N 0719E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 193°

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 19,000'
B Sec 19,500'

TARGET PINPOINT: Southwest half of M/Y and RR bridge over Paitton River (M-14)

TURN OFF TARGET: Left.

ROUTE BACK: target to Revellata to Palmarola (4056N 1252E) to Capri to base.

FLAK: Target - no heavy guns in town of Nice, 15 guns located south, east and west of Var River Bridge. Antheor - 20 guns. Antibes, St. Raphaele, Frejus, Hyers Islands, IMPERIA

FIGHTERS: Target - none. Cuers 7, Villanova 14, Mondovi 1, Rome-Florence area 70.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, M/Y activity, E/A markings and tactics, shipping activity.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 100'
Antheor Sea level.

REFERENCES: TC 6-102A-NA, Antheor - 6-131-NA. ~~1:50,000 Sheet 29S NE.~~

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: 449th Group attack Var River Bridges at 1027. 6 Groups B 17s attack St. Etienne M/Y. 2 Groups B 24s (304th Wing) attack Grenoble M/Y. 2 Groups B 24s (304th Wing) attack Chambery M/Y. 3 Groups B 24s (49th Wing) attack Lyon/Vaise M/Y. 1 Groups B 24s (55th Wing) attack Lyon/La Mouche M/Y.

GROUP LEADING: 376th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Destruction of rolling stock and locomotive repair facilities, and blocking of alternate rail route Nice to Turin.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters provide close escort, target cover, and withdrawal cover.

OTHER GROUPS: 376th and 98th - 1st Wave. 450th and 449th - 2nd Wave.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed in accordance with SOP.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0400 |
| Trucks | 0445 |
| Take off | 0545 |
| On course | 0644 |
| Target | 1027 |

BOMBS WILL NOT BE DROPPED IN FRANCE IF TARGET IS OBSCURED.

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25 May 44

TARGET: Monfalcone Ship Yards.
ALT: Treviso, Padua, Ferrara, Rimini or any RR yards except Florence or Venice.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The enemy has been employing these shipyards to produce small naval cargo craft. Concentration of shipping reported.

NO. OF PLANES: 30.

BOMB LOAD: 500# Mixed fusing.

SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | B Sec |
|---|---|
| 1 Flt 512 | 1 Flt 514 |
| 2 Flt 515 | 2 Flt 513 |
| 3 Flt 515 | 3 Flt 513 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to keypoint (4340N 1400E) to TP (4530N 1306E) to IP.

I.P.: 4542N 1306E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 73°.

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 20,000'
B Sec 20,500'

TARGET PINPOINT: F/G-18/19

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: target to TP (4510N 1318E) to keypoint to base.

FLAK: Target - no heavy A/A (25/4/44). Treviso - 6 guns. Padua 54 guns, Ferrara 24 guns, Rimini 4 guns. Pola, Carnizza, Fiume, Trieste, ~~Udine~~

FIGHTERS: ~~Udine~~ Target - 1. Merna (directly north of target - 15. Udine area 34. Ljubljana 5.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Shipping Activities, bomb strikes.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: Sea Level.

REFERENCE: TC 4-34-NA
Alt: (same order) 4-215-NA, 4-67-NA, 4-78-NA, 4-113-NA.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: 450th and 449th Groups attack Porto Marghera Oil Storage at 0937 hours. Forts attack Avisio Viaduct, Brenner Pass, Trento, Ora and Pinzano. 49th Wing attack Castel Maggiore, San Ruffillo, and Borgo Panigale M/Ys, 55th Wing attack Bologna. 304th Wing attack Piacenza.

GROUP LEADING: 376th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Destroy F-Boats already constructed and under construction, also extensive facilities for building small craft. Cause landslides on Brenner Pass, hit aircraft concentration on Piacenza A/D.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters provide penetration and withdrawal cover for all Wings. Fighters dive bomb Latisana Bridge and conduct sweep on RR between Gorizia, Treviso, and Ferrara.

OTHER GROUPS: 376th and 98th - 1st Wave. 450th and 449th - 2nd Wave. 2nd Wave leave 1st Wave at keypoint.

OTHER COMMENTS: Windows to be used in accordance with SOP.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0415 |
| Trucks | 0500 |
| Take Off | 0600 |
| On course | 0704 |
| Target | 0935 |

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24 May 1944

TARGET: Wiener Neustadt Wollersdorf A/D
Alternates: Wiener Neustadt by PFF.
Last Resort: Zagreb A/D and installations, Mihac troop concentrations.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Wollersdorf A/D is one of the most important fighter bases in the Vienna-Wiener Neustadt area. The extensive installations there are the most important repair facilities in the area. There were 98 E/A on the A/D.

NO. OF PLANES: 40.

BOMB LOAD: 500# (.1 - .01)

SQDN FORMATION:

| 1 Sec | 2 Sec | 3 Sec |
|---|---|---|
| A Flt 515 | A Flt 513 | A Flt 512 |
| B Flt 514 | B Flt 514 | B Flt 514 |
| C Flt 515 | C Flt 513 | C Flt 512 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4310N 1440E to 4514N 1517E to 4603N 1450E to 4711N 1445E to 4759N 1520E to IP.

I.P.: Altenmarkt (4802N 1559E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 141°

BOMBING ALT: 1 Sec 20,500'
2 Sec 21,000'
3 Sec 20,000'

TARGET PINPOINT: Hangers and Installations, H-I/19-20

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: target to 4703N 1605E to 4553N 1625E to 4327N 1609E to base.

FLAK: Target - 103 guns. Route: Split, Sibenik, Zara, Mihac, Zagreb, Fiume, Karlovac, Ljubljana, Maribor, Graz, Neunkirchen, Sopron, Vienna.

FIGHTERS: Target - 36. Zagreb area 42; Ljubljana 5; NE Italy 50; Graz-Klagenfurt area 105; Szombathely 11; Vienna area 276.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: E/A tactics, bomb strikes, no. of E/A on A/Ds, military installations, etc.,

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 892'

REFERENCE: TC 14-35-NA, 8-4-NA, Mihac - Photo 5005.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: 4 Groups of 47th Wing Wollersdorf at 1040. 4 Groups of 5th Wing Atzgersdorf at 1110. 3 Groups of 49th Wing Wollersdorf at 1100. 4 Groups of 55th Wing Wollersdorf at 1100. 4 Groups of 304th Wing Munchendorf at 1030.

GROUP LEADING: 376th and 98th - 1st Wave. 450th and 449th - 2nd Wave.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The AF is returning to Wiener Neustadt to complete the destruction of the existing facilities and to disrupt and destroy the extensive new factories being constructed.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Escort on penetration, over target and on withdrawal.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dropped 3 mins. before IP until clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0400 |
| Trucks | 0445 |
| Take off | 0550 |
| On course | 0657 |
| Target | 1040 |

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PLAN "C" DATE 23 May 1944 MISSION # 259

TARGET: Frascati troopconcentrations REFERENCE: TC 3-189-HA; Rome - 1:250,000

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Successful air attacks will go far toward accelerating defeat of the enemy.

NO. OF PLANES: 42

BOMB LOAD: 1,000lb. (.1N-.01TD)

SQUADRON FORMATION:

| | C Flt | A Flt | B Flt |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Unit | 514 | 511 | 515 |
| 2nd Unit | 512 | 512 | 513 |
| 3rd Unit | 515 | 515 | 514 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Capri to Ponza Island (4055N-1257E) at 20000' at 1005 to 4125N-1215E to I.P. I.P. - 4150N-1220E

AXIS OF ATTACK: 63 degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 1st Unit 20,500
2nd Unit 21,000
3rd Unit 20,000

TARGET PINPOINT: Photo #3094

TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP Montelanelo (4136N-1303E) to TP Tropsala (4113N-1302E) to Capri to Base.

FLAK: At Target: 8 heavy guns. Magliana; Cimpino; Albano; Lanuale; Entire overland route studded with mobile flak;

FIGHTERS: None at Target. Rome area - 62 Enemy is capable of 40 sorties in general target area. (Me 109's & FW 190's)

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, flak positions, troop concentrations, M/T movements and concentrations.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 1,000'

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
449th & 450th Gps attack Grottaferrata at 1030 hrs.
5th Wing (B-17s) attack Ferentino town at 1030 hrs.
304th Wing attacks Marino & Nemi areas at 1000 hrs.
49th Wing attacks Subiaco at 1000 hrs.
55th Wing attacks Valmontone area at 1000 hrs.

GROUP LEADING : 376th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Relieve pressure on front lines/ troops. Reduce morale.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters provide close penetration escort, general target cover and withdrawal escort.

OTHERCOMMENTS: Window to be dispensed according to SOP 3 minutes before I.P. till clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0545 |
| Trucks | 0630 |
| Take off | 0725 |
| On course | 0827 |
| Target | 1030 |

NOTE: CASTEL GANDOLFO AND AREA SOUTH OF LAKE ALBANO NOT TO BE BOMBED.

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22 M 1944 ...SSION # 258

TARGET: Porto Marghera
ALTERNATES: Ancona, Forli, Vicenza M/Ys
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The oil storage facilities at Target contain necessary reserves for enemy.
NO. OF ELA MES. 40
BOMB LOAD: 500lb. (.1N-.01 & .025TD)
SQDN FORMATION.

| | 1st Unit | 2nd Unit | 3rd Unit |
|---|---|---|---|
| A Flt | 513 | 515 | 514 |
| B Flt | 512 | 512 | 512 |
| C Flt | 513 | 515 | 514 |

ROUTE OUT: San vito to keypoint (4340N-1400E) at 1150 at 17,000' to Adria (4503N-1203E) to I.P.
I.P.: Piove di Sacco - (4518N-1202E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 45 degrees.
BOMBING ALT: 1st Unit - 20,000'
2nd Unit - 20,500'
3rd Unit - 19,500'
TARGET PINPOINT: Oil storage at E,F,G-22,23 on Tgt.Chart 4-120B-NA.

TURN OFF TARGET: Right to NE of Venice.
ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Turnpoint (4533N-1235E) to keypoint to Base.

FLAK: At Tgt - 1 4-gun position. At Venice,5 miles from Tgt, 2 positions - 7 guns. On 19 May, B-17's encountered Slight,Inaccurate,Heavy flak. At Forli - no report. Ancona - 16 guns,; Vicenza - 16 guns; Enroute, at Rimini, Cesenatico, Ravenna, Ferrara, Padua.

FIGHTERS: There are no E/A reported in the immediate Target area. On 19 May, B-17's encountered No E/A, at Target.
Enemy sortie capabilities in Po Valley - 30 Me 109's & Ma 202's. Udine area - 50; Bologna - Ferrara - 40.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, Shipping activity.
ALTITUDE OF TA RGET: Sea level.

REFERENCE: 4-120B-NA; Venice 1:250,000 L.33/7
3-162-NA; [redacted]; 4-2-NA : 4-19-44
COORDINATED OTHER EFFERTS:
449th & 450th Ops attack Latisana RR Bridge.
Forts attack Reggio M/Y & Spezia Oil Storage, Dry Docks & M/Y.
55th Wing attacks Rimini Bridge, Ferrara & Faenza M/Y.
304th Wing attacks Castel Maggiore, Castel Franci del Emilia & Borgo Panigali M/Y.
49th Wing attacks Marina de Carrara.

GROUP LEADING: 449th leads Wing.
376th leads 98th over Target.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: A continuance of operations designed to disrupt the flow of supplies to the enemy's hard pressed sector SE of Rome; heavier reliance being placed now on M/T, making oil storage vital.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters will provide close escort for all wings on penetration, over Target and on withdrawaal.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed in accordance with SOP, from 3 minutes before I.P. until clear of Flak.
No blind Bombing.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0715 |
| Trucks | 0800 |
| Take off | 0900 |
| On course | 1015 |
| Target | 1237 |

4th Alternate target: Any active M/Y in North Italy with the exception of Florence.

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19 May 1944

TARGET: Spezia Harbor.
Alternate: Any active M/Y in Po Valley.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Spezia is one of the main points of embarkation for supplies being sent south to German forces - 25% of which are now being moved by sea and a large part of which is sent from Spezia to San Stefano, etc.

NO. OF PLANES: 36

BOMB LOAD: 500# (mixed fuses)

SQDN FORMATION:

| 1 Sec | 2 Sec | 3 Sec |
|---|---|---|
| A Flt 512 | A Flt 514 | A Flt 513 |
| B Flt 515 | B Flt 515 | B Flt 515 |
| C Flt 512 | C Flt 514 | C Flt 513 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Isernia (4136N 1411E) to Venafro (4129N 1402E) to Mondragone (4107N 1354E) to Ponza Island (4054N 1258E) to Monte Cristo (4220N 1019E) to keypoint Capraia (4302N 0919E) to turnpoint (4350N 0925E) to IP.

I.P.: 4400N 0930E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 67°.

BOMBING ALT: 1 Sec 20,000'
2 Sec 20,500'
3 Sec 19,500'

TARGET PINPOINT: I-J/15-16, Commertial Port.

TURN OFF TARGET: Left.

ROUTE BACK: target to Levanto (4410N 0937E) to reciprocal to Ponza to Capri to base.

FLAK: La Spezia - 72 guns; Sarzana - 8 guns.
Route: Civitavecchia, Piombino, Elba, Orbetello, Leghorn, Pisa, Marina de Pisa, Lucca.

FIGHTERS: Target area none. Route: Piacenza 41; Reggio Emilia 24; Bologna 29; Rome area 76.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, shipping (in harbor and direction moving), E/A tactics, markings, M/T movement.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: Sea level.

REFERENCE: TC 4-100A-NA
1:250,000 Genoa L/32/11

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
4 Groups of 47th Wing attack Spezia harbor at 1005. 6 Groups of 5th Wing attack Latisana RR Bridge, Casarsa-Tagliamento RR Bridge, Rimini and Porto Marghera.
4 Groups of 304th Wing attack Genoa at 1000 hours. 3 Groups of 49th Wing attack Rocco Viaduct.

GROUP LEADING: 449th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Objective of days mission is of utmost importance to the present offensive on 5th Army front - plan is to block all remaining east and west coast lines (the central lines being blocked) and in addition to strike at the source of supplies being carried by boat.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide close cover for all 15th Air Force.

OTHER GROUPS: 449th and 450th - 1st Wave. 376th and 98th - 2nd Wave.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be used in accordance with SOP.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | ~~0315~~ 0400 |
| Trucks | ~~0430~~ 0445 |
| Take off | ~~0530~~ 0545 |
| On course | 0639 |
| Target | 1005 |

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PLAN "ABLE" 18 MAY 1944

MISSION NO 256

TARGET- Unirea Sperantza Oil Refinery Ploesti TC 11-101B-NA Brazi 1/500,000

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET- Main concentration of oil refineries and production capacity supplying German armed forces on the Russian front.

NO OF PLANES 42

BOMB LOAD 500# GP

SQDN FORMATION

| | A SECT | B SECT | C SECT |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1Flt | 515 | 513 | 512 |
| 2Flt | 514 | 514 | 514 |
| 3Flt | 515 | 515 | 515 |

ROUTE OUT San Vito to Mikulici (4228N 1825E) to 4242N 1838E to Pecenisce (4452N 2223E) to Sinaia (4522N 2532E) to I.P.

I.P. Homoraciul (4516N 2601E)

AXIS OF ATTACK 172°

BOMBING ALTITUDE A SECT 20500
B SECT 21000
C SECT 20000

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TARGET PINPOINT S 20/21 (TC11-101B-NA)

RALLY Left

ROUTE BACK Target to Lunguletul (4436N 2540E) to Orekhova (4345N 2356E) to Pirut (4310N 2235E) to Kolaj (4153N 1929E) to base.

FLAK Ploesti 156 heavy guns. Heavy flak at Kotor, Bar, Dubrovnik, Podgorica, Nis, Belgrade, Bor, Turnu Severin, Bucharest, Campino.

FIGHTERS Ploesti none, 164 Bucharest area, Mizil 29, Mostar 8, Podgorica 2, Nish 30, Belgrade area 13, Turnu Severin 60, Craiova 4, Pitesti 2, Rosiorii de Vede 13.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS Bomb strikes, Airfields, M/Y's and military installations.

Altitude of Target 500'

ALTERNATES Ploesti by Pathfinder

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|---|---|---|
| Belgrade Sava M/Y | 8-3-NA | 242' |
| Belgrade Zemun A/D | " | " |
| TURNU SEVERIN M/Y | 11-19-NA | 160' |
| CRAIOVA M/Y | 11-13-NA | 395' |
| NISH M/Y | 8-102-NA | 600' |

CO-ORDINATED EFFORTS

5th Wing will attack Ploesti 1130
5th Wing will attack Belgrade splitted
47th Wing will attack Ploesti 1140
55th Wing will attack Ploesti 1130
304th Wing will attack Ploesti 1120

GROUP LEADING

1st wave 449th & 450th
2nd wave 376th & 98th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION

German armed forces are very short on oil and production capacity is strained. Destruction of oil refineries deals a heavy blow to the enemy.

ESCORT

FIGHTER ESCORT WILL BE PROVIDED ON PENETRATION, OVER TARGET AND ON WITHDRAWEL.

OTHER COMMENTS

Window to be dropped as usual.

TIME SUMMARY

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|---|---|
| BRIEFING | 0530 |
| TRUCKS | 0615 |
| TAKE OFF | 0715 |
| ON COURSE | 0815 |
| TARGET | 1110 |

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PLAN "D"

17 May 1944

TARGET: Porto San Stephano

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Harbor being used by small craft in supply line along W coast of Italy.

NO. OF PLANES: 42.

BOMB LOAD: 500 lb.

SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | B Sec | C Sec |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt 514 | 1 Flt 512 | 1 Flt 515 |
| 2 Flt 513 | 2 Flt 513 | 2 Flt 513 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to [illegible] Capri to 4057N 1252E (15,000' to 4200N 1050E to 4215N 1040E to IP.

I.P.: North tip Giglio Island )4223N 1053E)

A XIS OF ATTACK: 73°.

BOMBING ALT:

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|---|---|
| A Sec | 20,000' |
| B Sec | 20,500' |
| C Sec | 19,500' |

TARGET PINPOINT (P-10) center of small boat wharves.

TURN OFF TARGET: Left.

ROUTE BACK: target to 4220N 1330E to 4200N 1050E to Capri to base.

FLAK: 6 guns - San Stephano, 16 - Orbetello

FIGHTERS: 35 sorties in Rome-Florence are top possibility. No E/A on mission 12 May 44.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Shipping and M/T activity, E/A tactics.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: Sea level.

REFERENCE: TC 4-218-NA

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: 49th Wing attacks Orbetello Mole 1308 hours. 55th Wing attacks Piombino Roads and M/Ys at 1400 hours.

GROUP LEADING: 449th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Block all harbor facilities on W coast stopping traffic to front.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Escort to be provided and Ghedi and Villafranca A/Ds to be straffed.

OTHER GROUPS: 376th leads 98th.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window - 3 minutes before IP till clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0815 |
| Trucks | 0900 |
| Take off | 1000 |
| On course | 1108 |
| Target | 1348 |

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**PLAN "B"** 17 May 1944

**TARGET:** Vicenza M/Y in Po Valley
**Alternate:** Any M/Y except ~~Florence or~~ Venice.

**IMPORTANCE OF TARGET:** One of focal points on Brenner Pass Route to front. 850 wagons in yards.

**NO. OF PLANES:** 42

**BOMB LOAD:** 500 lb (.10 - .01 and .10 - .025)

**SQDN FORMATION:**

| A Sec | B Sec | C Sec |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt ~~514~~ 575 | 1 Flt ~~512~~ 573 | 1 Flt ~~515~~ 572 |
| 2 Flt ~~513~~ 574 | 2 Flt ~~513~~ 574 | 2 Flt ~~513~~ 574 |

**ROUTE OUT:** San Vito to 4350N 1420E (6,000') to 4536N 1253E (20,000') to 4549N 1215E to IP.

**I.P.** Castelfranco (4540N 1155E)

**AXIS OF ATTACK:** 245°

**BOMBING ALT:**
A Sec 20,000'
B Sec 20,500'
C Sec 19,500'

**TARGET PINPOINT:** Center of yards at L-7.

**TURN OFF TARGET:** Left.

**ROUTE BACK:** target to 4515N 1140E to 4500N 1300E to base.

**FLAK:** Vicenza - 3 positions 18 guns (SIH 14 May)
**Route:** Venice, Mestre, Treviso, Padua, Villaorba, Pola.

**FIGHTERS:** Vicenza 4; Udine area 75; Ferrara-Bologna area 38; Reggio 25; Verona 1.

**OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS:** RR and motor activity. E/A tactics, coloring etc.

**ALTITUDE OF TARGET** 118°.

**REFERENCE:** TC 4-94-NA.
1:250,000 & 32/9
**COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:**
B 17s attack Aviso and Venzone RR viaduct in N Italy at 1000 hours, ~~Salcona and Brownica rail bridge at 1300 hours. 49th Wing - Porto Marghera Oil Storage (optional time). 55th Wing - Mestre (optional time).~~ 304th Wing ~~Bergamo~~ Rimini Bologna ~~A/D at 1400 hours. Fighters straff Ghedi, Villafranca and Bergamo A/Ds.~~
49th & 55th Wings attack bridges in N Italy & Yugoslavia
**GROUP LEADING:** 449th.

**IMPORTANCE OF MISSION:** Block of all lines from ME ~~xxxx~~ and E to front, hit fighter base, and destroy oil facilities keeping up blitz on German supply lines.

**FIGHTER ESCORT:** Penetration, target cover, and withdrawal cover to be provided.

**OTHER GROUPS:** 376th leads 98th.

**OTHER COMMENTS:** Window - 3 minutes before IP till clear of flak.

**TIME SUMMARY:**

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|---|---|
| Briefing | ~~0715~~ 0530 |
| Trucks | ~~0800~~ 0615 |
| Take off | ~~0900~~ 0715 |
| On course | ~~0950~~ 0824 |
| Target | ~~1250~~ 1103 |

**NO SHIPPING AT SEA TO BE ATTACKED.**

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PLAN "B" 17 May 1944

TARGET: Ribac, Yugoslavia (44[illegible]N 1553E)

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: German troop concentration.

NO. OF PLANES: 42

BOMB LOAD: 500 lb.

SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | B Sec | C Sec |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt 514 | 1 Flt 512 | 1 Flt 515 |
| 2 Flt 513 | 2 Flt 513 | 2 Flt 513 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to keypoint (44[illegible]N 14[illegible]E) at 20,000' to Jablanac (44[illegible]N 14[illegible]E) to IP.

I.P.: Vrhovine (44[illegible]N 1525E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 95°

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 20,000'
B Sec 20,500'
C Sec 19,500'

TARGET PINPOINT: Center of town.

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: target to 4330N 1530E to base.

FLAK: At target 8 heavy guns. Route: Zara.

FIGHTERS: Possible 10 sorties from Zagreb area.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: RR and motor activity. E/A tactics, coloring etc.

REFERENCE: No target material.

GROUP LEADING: 376th.

REMARKS:

OTHER GROUPS: 98th.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will not be used.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0615 |
| Trucks | 0700 |
| Take off | 0755 |
| On course | 0855 |
| TArget | 1100 |

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PLAN C 14 MAY 1944 MISSION 254

TARGET: Vicenza M/Y
ALTERNATE: Any active M/Y in Po Valley.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Main junction on the double track steam operated Milan-Verona-Venice-Trieste line. There is a large amount of rolling stock in the yards due to a backing up from the Rimini area.

NO. OF PLANES: 41
BOMB LOAD: 500#(.1N & .01T or .025)
SQDN FORMATION:

| | 1st Unit | 2nd Unit | 3rd Unit |
|---|---|---|---|
| A Flt | 513 | 515 | 514 |
| B Flt | 512 | 512 | 512 |
| C Flt | 513 | 515 | 514 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to turnpoint (4440N-1340E) at 16,000' to keypoint (4520N-1320E) at 18,000' at 1125 to-
IP: Monselice (4515N-1145E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 334 degrees.
BOMBING ALT.: 1st Unit 20,500'
2nd Unit 21,000'
3rd Unit 20,000'
TARGET POINT: Center of M/Y at L/7-8 on TC 4-94-NA.

TURN OFF TARGET: Rally left.
ROUTE BACK.: Target to Boschi (4514N-1124E) to turnpoint (4500N-1300E) to Base.

FLAK: At target; (30 Apr/44) 18 guns.
Enroute: Pola, Venice, Mestre, Padua.

FIGHTERS: At target: 4; Piacenza area - 90; Reggio Emilia - 43; Ferrara - 28/; Udine area - 44.
Probable interception by 9G-100 for entire Air Force.
On 12 May/44, AF put up 1,155 A/C over Italy and encountered only 15E/A.
On 13 May, 47 Wing did not encounter any.

REFERENCE: TC 4-94-NA; 1:250,000 - L32/9

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
4 Gps 47 Wing to Vicenza M/Y at 1155 hours.
3 Gps 5th Wing to Piacenza A/D at 1313 hours.
3 Gps 5th Wing to Ferrara M/Y at 1313 hours.
3 Gps 49 Wing to Padua S. M/Y at 1210 hours.
2 Gps 55 Wing to Treviso M/Y at 1220 hours.
2 Gps 55 Wing to Mestre M/Y at 1220 hours.
2 Gps 304 Wing to Reggio Emilia A/D at 1303 hours.
2 Gps 304 Wing to Piacenza A/D at 1303 hours.
1 Gp of P-38's will precede bombers up Adriatic to strafe Villaorba and Aviano A/D's.

GROUP LEADING: 376th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Photo recce shows backing up of traffic North of the Pisa-Rimini lines, chiefly in the NE areas. The Air Force objective is to destroy the rolling stock now backed up as well as disrupt further traffic to the battle area. 7 Groups are bombing the last remaining large concentrations of enemy fighters.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighter escort on penetration over target and on withdrawal.

OTHER COMMENTS; Window will be used according to Standard Operating Procedure — starting 3½ minutes before IP.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0600 |
| Trucks | 0645 |
| Take off | 0745 |
| On course | 0843 |
| Target | 1155 |

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Special emphasis on properly identifying target for both observations and photos. Two squadrons yesterday got good photos with the small cameras and saved the day.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 118'

NOTE: TARGET CHARTS AND TARGET PICTURES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT BRIEFING AND THE "PINPOINT" ORIENTED AND EXPLAINED BY SQUADRON S-2. GUNNERS WILL BE REMINDED OF ESCAPE PROCEDURES.

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PLAN A 13 MAY 1944 MISSION # 253

TARGET: FIDENZA M/Y
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Target is located on Piacenza-Rimini railway, a vital supply line line to the front.

NO. OF PLANES: 42
BOMB LOAD: 500# (.1N-.01TD)&(.1N-.025I)
SQDN FORMATION:

| | 1st Unit | 2nd Unit | 3rd Unit |
|---|---|---|---|
| A Flt | 512 | 514 | 513 |
| B Flt | 515 | 515 | 515 |
| C Flt | 512 | 514 | 513 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Misaccia(4401N-1522E) to Isarnia (4435N-4414E) @ at 12,000' to turnpoint Venafro (4429N-1403E) to turnpoint Marzano (4419N-1402E) to turnpoint Mondragone(4407N-1354E) to key point Ventotene (4048N-1326E) at 1250 hrs to Pianosa to Capraia (4303N-0950E) to turnpoint Chiavari (4419N-0920E) to I.P.
I.P.: Ferriere (4438N-0929E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 62 degrees.
BOMBING ALTITUDE: 1st unit - 19,000'
2nd unit - 19,500'
3rd unit - 18,500'
TARGET PINPOINT- J-10

TURN OFF TA RGET: Right
ROUTE BACK: Chiavari (4419N-0920E) to Capraia to Pianosa to Ventotene to Capri to Base.

FLAK: At target - no report available.
En route: La Spezia, Genoa, Piacenza, Piombino.

FIGHTERS: Rome-Florence area - 47.
Piacenza - 60; Reggio Emilia - 42.
None in target area.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, M/I activity, M/T concentrations, troop movements and concentrations, M/A tactics and markings.

ALTITUDE OF TA RGET - 250'

ALTERNATE TARGET: Any active M/Y in Po Valley.

REFERENCE: 4-199-HA - GENOA 1:250,000
COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: *
5th Wing attacks Bolzano RR Bridge.
49th Wing attacks Cesena & Faenza M/Y's
55th Wing attacks Parma & Modena M/Y's
304th Wing attacks Bologna Main, Castel Maggiore, Borgo Panigale, & San Ruffil M/Y's.
449th & 450th Gps attack Piacenza M/Y.
GROUP LEADING: 449th leads wing.
376th leads 98th over target.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Continuance of yesterday's plan to disrupt enemy supply lines with attacks concentrated in Po Valley & key spots in the Brenner line.

FIGHTER ESCORT: One group P-51's provides Penetration, target and withdrawal cover for 47 Wing. Fighters will provide general penetration & withdrawal cover in Po Valley area.

OTHER COMMENTS: Florence must not be bombed.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0815 |
| Trucks | 0900 |
| Take off | 1000 |
| On course | 1058 |
| Target | 1140 |

* 5th Wing also attacks Verona Yard
Brenner M/Y & Trento M/Y

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PLAN "B" 12 May 1944

TARGET: Spezia Harbor.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Principal port of embarkation for supplies to Central Italy and battle fronts.

NO. OF PLANES: 42

BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. (.1 and .025)

SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | B Sec | C Sec |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt 512 | 1 Flt 514 | 1 Flt 513 |
| 2 Flt 515 | 2 Flt 515 | 2 Flt 515 |
| 3 Flt 512 | 3 Flt 514 | 3 Flt 513 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4101N 1522E to Isernia to Venafro to 4119N 1402E to 4107N ~~1353E~~ 1354E to 4106N 1300E to 4140N 1200E to 4220N 1019E to 4250N 0940E to 4346N 0853E to I.P.

I.P.: 4410N 0925E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 103°.

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 20,000'
B Sec 20,500'
C Sec 19,500'

TARGET PINPOINT: 16, 17-H, I, J.

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: target to 4326N 0954E to 4250N 0940E to 4220N 1019E to 4140N 1200E to Ponza to Capri to base.

FLAK: La Spezia 72 guns 10 positions. Route: Battle area, Civitavecchia, Orbetello, Porto Ferraro, Leghorn, Pisa, Lucca, Via Reggio, Sarsana, Genoa.

FIGHTERS: At target - none. South Italy 34, Reggio Emilia 42, Piacenza 60, Castel San Giovanni 4.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Scale of Air defensive effort, transportation situation, shipping situation.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: Sea level.

REFERENCE: TC 4-100A-NA.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: 2 Groups 17s attack German Headquarters. 1 Group 17s attack Genoa. 1 Group 17s attack Recco Viaduct. 49th Wing attack Bologna M/Y. 55th Wing attack Modena, Faenza, Forli, Fano. 304th Wing attack Borgo Valdi Taro, Reno Vergato, Vado, Borgo San Loreno.

GROUP LEADING: 376th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Coordinated effort to disrupt and break German supply lines to the front. Also effort to break stalemate on main front and beachhead.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No escort. A sweep will be made of Po Valley and cover for bomb ers there.

OTHER GROUPS: 450th - Piombino Harbor and 449th San Stephano.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window - 2 minutes before I.P. and until clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 1145 |
| Trucks | 1210 |
| Take off | 1310 |
| On course | 1605 |
| Target | 1733 |

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PLAN "B" 12 May 1944

TARGET: Spezia Harbor.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Principal port of embarkation for supplies to Central Italy and battle fronts.

NO. OF PLANES: 42

BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. (.1 and .025)

SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | B Sec | C Sec |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt 512 | 1 Flt 514 | 1 Flt 513 |
| 2 Flt 515 | 2 Flt 515 | 2 Flt 515 |
| 3 Flt 512 | 3 Flt 514 | 3 Flt 513 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4101N 1522E to Isernia to Venafro to 4119N 1402E to 4107N 1353E 1354E to 4106N 1300E to 4140N 1200E to 4220N 1019E to 4250N 0940E to 4346N 0853E to I.P.

I.P.: 4410N 0925E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 103°.

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 20,000'
B Sec 20,500'
C Sec 19,500'

TARGET PINPOINT: 16, 17-E, I, J.

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: target to 4326N 0954E to 4250N 0940E to 4220N 1019E to 4140N 1200E to Ponza to Capri to base.

FLAK: La Spezia 72 guns 10 positions. Route: Battle area, Civitavecchia, Orbetello, Porto Ferraro, Leghorn, Pisa, Lucca, Via Reggio, Sarsana, Genoa.

FIGHTERS: At target - none, South Italy 34, Reggio Emilia 42, Piacenza 60, Castel San Giovanni 4.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Scale of Air defensive effort, transportation situation, shipping situation.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: Sea level.

REFERENCE: TC 4-100A-NA.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: 2 Group: 17s attack German Headquarters. 1 Group 17s attack Genoa. 1 Group 17s attack Recco Viaduct. 49th Wing attack Bologna M/Y. 55th Wing attack Modena, Faenza, Forli, Fano. 304th Wing attack Borgo Valdi Taro, Reno Vergato, Vado , Borgo San Lorenzo.

GROUP LEADING: 376th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Coordinated effort to disrupt and break German supply lines to the front. Also effort to break stalemate on main front and beachhead.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No escort. A sweep will be made of Po Valley and cover for bomb ers there.

OTHER GROUPS: 450th - Piombino Harbor and 449th San Stephano.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window - 2 minutes before I.P. and until clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 1145 |
| Trucks | 1210 |
| Take off | 1310 |
| On course | 1405 |
| Target | 1733 |

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ALTERNATES

Via Reggio M/Y and Bridge.

Pi Pisa M/Y.

Lucca M/Y.

Piombino Harbor.

Portoferrajo Harbor.

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PLAN A 11 MAY 1944 MISS[illegible] # 252

Piombino
TARGET: ~~[illegible]~~
HARBOR Facilities.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Used as base for small craft bringing supplies to front in Italy.

NO. OF PLANES: 42

BOMB LOAD: 500# - .1N-.025TD

SQDN FORMATION:

| | 1st Unit | 2nd Unit | 3rd Unit |
|---|---|---|---|
| A Flt | 515 | 513 | 512 |
| B Flt | 514 | 514 | 514 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to turnpoint, Biaccia(~~[illegible]~~-4101N-1522E) to keypoint, Isernia (4135N-1414E) at 12,000' at 0710 to turnpoint, Venafro (4129N-1403E) to Marzano (4119N-1402E) to Mondracone (4107N-1354E) to turnpoint (4106N-1300E) to turnpoint (4140N-1200E) to Monte Cristo (4220N-1019E); Waves split - 449th and 450th to IP (4227N-1022E) to target. 98th & 376th to IP (4250N-0940E) to target.

IP: 4250N-0940E

AXIS OF ATTACK: 103 degrees.
BOMBING ALTITUDE: 1st Unit 19,500'
2nd Unit 20,000'
3rd Unit 19,000'
TARGET PINPOINT: 21-L,M,N,O (Docks)

TURN OFF TARGET: Right
ROUTE BACK: Target to 4230N-1040E to turnpoint to Ponza Island to Capri to Base.

FLAK: 4 pos-20 heavy guns at target. 23 Apr/44 - B-17's reported scant, inaccurate flak.

FIGHTERS: Rome-Florence area - 42.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, E/A tactics, etc., military installations. Do not report friendly activities.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: Sea level.

REFERENCE: 3-124-NA

COORDINATED OR OTHER ATTACKS:
B-17's - 2 Gps attack German Hq.
B-17's - 1 Gp attacks Genoa.
B-17's - 1 Gp Attacks Piacenza.
304th Wing attacks Leghorn, Spezia, Fidenza.
49th Wing attacks Bologna.
55th Wing attacks Parma, Reggio Emilia, Ferrara.

GROUP LEADING: 98th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Co-ordinated effort of all air forces to break stalemate in Italy by hitting German Railway and small craft supply lines.

FIGHTER ESCORT: No Escort. Tactical Air Force will be out in force just East of target. Fighter sweeps also in North Italy.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window dispensed 3 minutes before IP until clear of flak.

OTHER GROUPS: 449th & 450th Gps attack San Stefano.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|---|
| Briefing | 2100 | (11 May) |
| Trucks | 0355 | (12 May) |
| Take off | 0455 | |
| On Course | 0555 | |
| Target | 0902 | |

NOTE: Secondary target - Any active M/Y in Northern Italy.

Security - Radio Silence
Observations

{Bombardiers / Navigators} to pick up and fill out interrogation form -
Reason?
Complete carefully
Come to S-2 at once
Take target chart
Security

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~~[illegible]~~ 9 May 1944

TARGET: Wiener Neustadt A/C Fcty.
ALT: Zagreb A/D; Graz Thalerhof A/D.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Produces 4% of total ME 109 output. Believed that plant is being rebuilt.

NO. OF PLANES: 42

BOMB LOAD: 500# RDX .1 N .01 TD.

SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | B Sec | C Sec |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt 515 | 1 Flt 513 | 1 Flt 512 |
| 2 Flt 514 | 2 Flt 514 | 2 Flt 514 |
| 3 Flt 515 | 3 Flt 513 | 3 Flt 512 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4330N 1450E to 4408N 1453E to 4646N 1714E to 4716N 1709E to IP

I.P.: ~~Donnerskirchen (4754N 1639E)~~ St Margarethen (4748-1637)

AXIS OF ATTACK: ~~263°~~ 280°

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 21,500'
B Sec 22,000'
C Sec 21,000'

TARGET PINPOINT: Assembly hangar northwest corner of Wiener Neustadt Nord A/D.

TURN OFF TARGET: Left.

ROUTE BACK: target to 4408N ~~xx~~ 1453E to base.

FLAK: Target 18 positions 91 guns. Route: Zagreb, Graz, Zara, Bihac, Karlovac, Nagykanizoa, Sopron, ~~Vienna~~ Vienna; flak. Neunkirchen, Bruck, Maribor, Fiume.

FIGHTERS: Target 83. Zagreb area 40, Tapocza 22, Szombathely 11, Papa 9, Gyor 7, Graz area 40, Vienna area 289.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: E/A tactics, bomb strikes, no. of E/A on A/Ds, directon of attacks etc.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 870'
Zagreb 380'
Graz 1096'

REFERENCE: TC 14-31-NA, 8-4-NA, 14-8A-NA, 1:250,000 Sopron L 33/3

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
3 Groups B 17s attack Wiener Neustadt Werk No. 1 at 1500 hours.
3 Groups B 17s attack Wiener Neustadt Werk No. 2 at 1500 hours.
2 Groups B 24s attack Wiener Neustadt Werk No. 1 at 1515 hours.
2 Groups B 24s attack Wiener Neustadt Werk No. 2 at 1515 hours.
3 Groups B 24s attack Wiener Neustadt Nord A/D at 1555 hours.
3 Groups B 24s attack Wiener Neustadt Werk No. 2 at 1205 hours.

GROUP LEADING: 98th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Destruction of target will reduce ME 109 PRODUCTION to 75 per month, for less ~~xxx~~ than replacement requirements.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 3 Groups will provide escort on penetration over target and on withdrawal to first wave. 2 Groups same to second wave.

OTHER GROUPS: 376th 2nd group in ~~xxxxx~~ 1st Wave. 2nd Wave - 449th and 450th.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dropped 3 minutes before IP until clear of flak.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|---|
| Briefing | 0930 | 0600 |
| Trucks | 1015 | 0645 |
| Take off | 1215 | 0745 |
| On course | 1312 | 0842 |
| Target | 1615 | 1215 |

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10 May 1944

Same as plan for 9 May 1944 with the following exceptions.

INITIAL POINT: Saint Margarethen (4748N 1637E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 280°.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: Target time for all Groups 4 hours earlier.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0600 |
| Trucks | 0650 |
| Take off | 0750 |
| On course | 0842 |
| Target | 1215 |

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8 May 1944

TARGET: Concordia Vega Oil Ref - Ploesti.
Alt: Craiova M/Y, Turmul Severin M/Y.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Third la rgest refinery with capacity of 1,300,000 tons annually and storage of 147,000 tons.

NO. OF PLANES: 40.

BOMB LOAD: 500 lb.

SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | B Sec | C Sec |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt 515 | 1 Flt 513 | 1 Flt 512 |
| 2 Flt 514 | 2 Flt 514 | 2 Flt 514 |

ROUTE OUT: See Below [redacted], 2, [redacted]

I.P. P - Targoviste (4457N 2528E)
[redacted]

AXIS OF ATTACK: P - 88°; [redacted]

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 21,500'
B Sec 22,000'
C Sec 21,000'

TARGET PINPOINT: L-9 (TC 11-100B-NA)

TURN OFF TARGET: P - left
[redacted]

ROUTE BACK: Reciprocal.

FLAK: Target I.A.H. - 5 May 44. Craiova and Turmul Severin - no flak 6 May 44. Route: Kotor, Bar, Podgorica, Scutari, Durazzo, Tirana, Skoplje, Vranje, Surdulica, Nish, Sofia area, Bucharest area, Campina.
(Target)

FIGHTERS: Interception possible Nis-Sofia areas, also Kraljevo area. 58 in target area. Bucharest area 151. Route: Mostar 4, Sarajevo 1, Podgorica 2, Nish 23, Sofia area 42, Karlova 38, Din Mitropolija 4, Craiova 14, Rosiorii de Vede 13, Pitesti 2.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strike (tell camera men photo coverage recently is excellent. Keep it up). E/A tactics etc., enemy convoys, flak on RRs, barge traffic on Danube.

REFERENCE: TC 11-100B-NA, 11-19-NA.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: 5 Groups B 17s attack Romana Americana oil refinery at 1100 hours. 3 Groups B 24s attack Xenia oil refinery at 1120 hours. 4 Groups B 24s attack Dacia Romana and Redercutsu oil refinery at 1110 hours.

GROUP LEADING: 98th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Present capacity reduced 75%. Plan contemplates wiping out whole Ploesti lay out denying oil to Russo front requiring long hauls over RRs of synthetic fuel, placing extra burden on transport.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 4 Groups fighters provide penetration, target, and withdrawal cover.

OTHER GROUPS: Rendezvous 98th at base at 8,000' at 0848 hours.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window - ± 3 minutes before I.P. and until out of flak. Air Force Formation: Column of Wings - 5th, 304th, 49th, 47th.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | ~~0600~~ 0630 |
| Trucks | ~~0645~~ 0715 |
| Take off | ~~0745~~ 0815 |
| On course | ~~0848~~ 0915 |
| Target | 1130 |

2 ROUTE OUT: San Vito at 0921 hours to 4153N 1929E to 4300N 2157E to 4407N 2303E to I.P.

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PLAN "A" 6 MAY, 1944

MISSION NO. 250.

TARGET: Bucharest M/Y.
ALT: Industrial center of city by PFF.
LAST RESORT: Craiova M/Y (4420'N 2350'E) ALT 310'
Nis M/Y (43 20'N 2153'E) ALT: 610 ft

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The t arget of this Group is the central and most important of the 4 M/Y's in Bucharest.

NO OF PLANES: 39

BOMB LOAD: M-17 Incend. Fusing for 6,000'

SQDN FORMATION:

| 1 Sec. | 2 Sec. | 3 Sec. |
|---|---|---|
| 514 | 512 | 515 |
| 513 | 513 | 513 |
| 514 | 512 | 515 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Keypoint, Budva, (4217'N 1851'E) at 14,000 ft at 0920 to Turnpoint (4240'N 1910'E) to turnpoint Pevenesca (4451'N 2224'E) to I.P. to Target.

I.P: Lunguletul (4437'N 2540'E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 112° True

BOMBING ALT: 1st Sec: 22,000
2nd Sec. 22,500
3rd Sec. 21,500

TARGET PIN POINT: M/Y at H/16 - 17, TC 11-10 NA

TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Target to turnpoint (4404'N 2303'E) to Turnpoint (4240'N 1910'E) to Keypoint to Base.

FLAK: Bucharest Area: 30 positions with 118 guns; Nis 19 Heavy guns; Craiova No Reports available; along route: Kotor, Bor, Podgorica, Bar, Ploesti and Campina.

FIGHTERS: Target Area: 124 ; enroute: Turnul Severin 62, Craiova 8, Rosecrti de Vede 13, Ploesti area 85, Buzau 46.

REFERENCE: Bucharest Prahova Ref. TC 11-10NA
ALT: Nis, TC 8-102NA

COORDINATED OR OTHER ATTACKS:
5 Grps of 5th Wing attack Bucharest, 1100
3 Grps of 49 " " 1140
4 Grps of 304 " " 1130
2 Grps of 55 " " 1120
483rd Grp (B-17's) will attack Belgrade Pancevo Rail bridge.

GROUP LEADING: 450th

IMPORTANCE OF XXXXX MISSION:
18 Groups are striking at the Bucharest M/Y's, which since the heavy bombing of Ploesti and Brasov in the past few days has now become the most important Rail center in the Eastern Balkans and Russian front area.

FIGHTER ESCORT:
1 Grp provide Penetration cover
2 Grps " target "
1 Grp " withdrawal "

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed 3 minutes before I.P. until clear of Flak.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: We are still not getting full credit for our bombing because of lack of photo cover.

ALT. OF TARGET: 310 ft.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| BRIEFING | 0545 |
| TRUCKS | 0630 |
| TAKE OFF | 0735 |
| ON COURSE | 0839 |
| TARGET | 1110 |

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DATE: 5 May 1944, MISSION NO. 249.

TARGET: Brasov M/Y

M/Y on main Budapest-Bucharest line. Heavily used by Germans, particulary at present time.

NO. OF PLANES. 40

BOMB LOAD: 500 lbs, .01 T.P. 10 N

SQDN FORMATION:
A. 513 B. 515 C. 514
512 512 512

ROUTE OUT: Base to San Vito to Radovici (42 26'N 18 41'E) to 42 50'N 19 10'E to Hinova (44 32'N 22 48'E) to I.P.

I.P: Waida Rece 45 45'N 24 57'E

AXIS OF ATTACK ~~117°~~ 99°

BOMBING ALT: 20,000 - ~~20,500, 19,500~~

TARGET PINPOINT: L-~~4~~ 12, 13, (TC 11-4A)

TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Target to Bucar ( 45 24'N 25 10'E) to Hinava (44 32'N 22 48'E) to 42 50'N 19 10'E to Radovici to Base.

FLAK: At Target 4 positions 23 Guns; Enroute at Kotor (and coastal areas) Bar, Podgorica Bor. Pitesti None reported Turnua Severin None reported, Nis 6 guns.

FIGHTERS: Brasov: 80, Bucharest - Ploesti area 252; Medias 3; Vinerea 12, Craiova-18, Turnul Severin-62, Belgrade Area 8; Nis 2. Risiorti di Vede - 35.

REFERENCES: 1:500,000 - 44/22
TC 11A NA

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COORDINATED OR OTHER ATTACKS: 4 Grps 47th Wing attack Brasov M/Y. @ 1141
3 Grps B-17's attack Brasov A/D Botry @ 1151; 2 Grps B-17's attack Brasov A/D @ 1151; 49th Wing attack Pitestf M/Y @ 1128; 55th Wing attack Craiova M/Y @ 1110¢ 304th Wing attack Campino M/Y, Oil Ref. at 1130.

GROUP LEADING: 376 leads Wing; rendy with 98th over base at 6,000 ft at 0855

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Destruction of rolling stock and M/Y installations would seriously disrupt German laterial communications behind Russian lines.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 1 Grp provides cover on penetration. 1 Grp provides cover over the traget; 1 Grp provides cover on withdrawal.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dropped 3 minutes before I.P. until clear of Flak.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: E/A Tactics and coloring; M/T; shipping; M/Y activity.

ALT OF TARGET: 2,060 ft.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0615 |
| Trucks | 0700 |
| Take Off | 0755 |
| On Course | 0855 |
| Target | 1141 |

SECONDARY TARGETS:
Industrial area Brasov
LAST RESORT:
Pitesti, TC 11-11
Craiova - - - Photo # 5002
Turnul Severin TC 11-19
Nis 8-102

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PLAN "A" 2 May 44

TARGET: Ploesti North M/Y
Alternate: Ploesti Vega Refinery PFF

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Main RRs pass through M/Y to front. North Sta. Yd. controls by-pass line around North edge of city.

NO. OF PLANES: 38.

BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb. .1 nose .01 TD.

SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | B Sec | C Sec |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt 512 | 1 Flt 515 | 1 Flt 513 |
| 2 Flt 514 | 2 Flt 515 | 2 Flt 514 |
| 3 Flt 513 | 3 Flt 515 | 3 Flt 513 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Budua (4217N 1851E) to Mihailovac (4423N 2230E) to I.P.

I.P. Lunguletul (4437N 2540E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 35°.

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 21,500'
B Sec 22,000'
C Sec 21,000'

TARGET P.I.P. POINT: I, J-9, 10 TC 11-100B-NA.

TURN OFF TARGET: Left.

ROUTE BACK: Reciprocal of route out.

FLAK: 38 positions 156 guns in Ploesti area. Route: Bar, Kotor, Podgorica, Ragusa, Nis, Bor, Bucharest, Gampino.

FIGHTERS: 29 at Ploesti, 176 in the Bucharest and adjacent areas. Route: Podgorica 2; Nis 2; Belgrade 8; Turmul Severin 62; Cariova 18; Rosiorii de Vede 35.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, E/A tactics etc., military installations, and A/Ds convoys, M/Ys.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 525'

REFERENCE: TC 11-100B-NA.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: 5th Wing 5 Groups Ploesti Main M/Y at 1245. 49th Wing 3 Groups Parma M/Y at 1245. 55th Wing 2 Groups Parma M/Y at 1230. 304th Wing 4 Groups Ploesti M/Y at 1230.

GROUP LEADING: 98th leads 376th. 449th and 450th stand down.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: All Russo-German front line traffic must pass through Ploesti. Estimated damage to oil production is 5,000,000 tons leaving 3,000,000 tons produced in Vega and Romana Americana Refineries. Tank cars for Russian front xxxxx delivery will be destroyed.

FIGHTER ESCORT: One Group will make line rendezvous with bombers attacking Ploesti and provide penetration escort to limit. One Group will sweep target area at Ploesti at 1220 hours and cover withdrawal of 304th Wing to limit. One Group will provide cover at target area at Ploesti from 1235 hours to 1250 hours and cover withdrawal of 47th and 5th Wings. One Group will provide withdrawal escort for Wings attacking Ploesti from maximum limit of range.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window to be dropped in accordance with SOP - 3 min. before I.P. AND TILL CLEAR OF FLAK.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0630 |
| Trucks | 0715 |
| Take off | 0815 |
| Onn course | 0920 |
| Target | 1240 |

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PLAN "B" 2 May 44

TARGET: Castel Maggiori M/Y (3½ mi. N of Bologna)
Alternate: Any M/Y in N Italy except Florence or Rimini.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: M/Y used as a holding point for military supplies flowing through Bologna.

NO. OF PLANES: 38

BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb.

SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | B Sec | C Sec |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt 512 | 1 Flt 515 | 1 Flt 513 |
| 2 Flt 514 | 2 Flt 515 | 2 Flt 514 |
| 3 Flt 513 | 3 Flt 515 | 3 Flt 513 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4350N 1400E at 15,000' to 4433N 1210E to I.P.

I.P. Molinello (4438N 1140E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 257°.

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 21,500'
B Sec 22,000'
C Sec 21,000'

TARGET PINPOINT: North end of M/Ys.

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to 4440N 1115E to 4443N 1125E to 4433N 1210E and reciprocal of route out.

FLAK: 30/4/44 - slight, inaccurate heavy at target. Bologna - 35 heavies. Route: Modena, Ferrara, Ravenna, Marina di Ravenna, Forli, Cesenatico, Rimini.

FIGHTERS: Bologna 2; Reggio Emilia 55; Poggio 10; Ferrara 5; Ronco 2; Estimated 30 Me 109s could be dispatched from Lavariano, 15 Me 110s from Ferrara and Poggio and 30 Me 205s from Reggio Emilia.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, military installations and traffic, E/A tactics.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 94½ feet.

REFERENCE: TC 4-213-NA (Bologna)

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: 1 Gp B 17s attack Bolzano at 1200 hours. 1 Gp B 17s attack Bronzolo M/Y at 1200 hours. 2 Gps B 17s attack Avisio Viaduct at 1200 hours. 2 Gps B 17s attack Trento M/Y at 1200 hours. 3 Gps B 24s attack Verona M/Y. 1 Gp B 24s attack Ostiglia RR Bridge. 5 Gps B 24s attack Parma M/Y between 1230 and 1240 hours. 306th Wing (fighters) 2 Gps provide maximum close support on penetration and withdrawal for 5th Wing (B 17s). 1 Group close support for Verona and Ostiglia. 1 Group close escort for 47th Wing. 1 Group escort to Parma.

GROUP LEADING: 98th leads 376th. 449th and 450th stand down.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Effort to knock out Brenner Pass traffic through attacks on critical points and M/Ys containing lots of traffic, military.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 1 Group P 38s to provide close escort on penetration and target and withdrawal cover.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window - 3 min. before I.P. till clear of flak - remaining to be used if flak encountered en route.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0600 |
| Trucks | 0645 |
| Take off | 0745 |
| On course | 0849 |
| Target | 1137 |

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MISSION NO 248
1 MAY 1944

TARGET: GRAZ/THALERHOF A/D — TC 11-8A-NA
ALT: LJUBLJANA M/Y — TC 8-100-NA
NOVO MESTO M/Y — TARGET INFORMATION WILL BE HANDED OUT AT GROUP BRIEFING IN THE MORNING.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET:
A/D IS THE MOST IMPORTANT FIGHTER BASE SOUTH OF VIENNA. INSTALLATIONS ON FIELD CAPABLE OF MODIFICATION AND REPAIR WORK FROM THE WIENER-NUESTADT AND THE BAD VOSLAU PLANTS. THERE ARE 85 PLANES ON THE FIELD.

BOMB LOAD: 500 (RDX) .1N .01TD

SQ FORMATION:

| 1st Sect. | | 2nd Sect. | | 3rd Sect. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A Flt | 512 | A Flt | 514 | A Flt | 513 |
| B Flt | 515 | B Flt | 515 | B Flt | 515 |
| C Flt | 512 | C Flt | 514 | C Flt | 513 |

ROUTE OUT: SAN VITO TO DREVNIK (43-27N 16-09E) TO IVANIC GRAD (45-43N 16-23E) TO I.P.

I.P.: ST STEFAN (46-54N 15-42E)

BOMBING ALT: 1st Sect 20,000
2nd Sect 20,500
3rd Sect 21,000

AXIS OF ATTACK: 246°

TARGET PIN POINT: THREE LARGE HANGERS IN THE WOODS 4, 5 & 6 ON ILL. # H(I)125

TURN OFF TARGET: RALLY LEFT

ROUTE BACK: TARGET TO 45-00N 14-40E TO 44-00N 14-40E TO BASE.

FLAK: 43 GUNS IN THE GRAZ AREA. 29 OF [redacted] WHICH ARE SOUTH OF THE CITY. HEAVY FLAK AT SIBENIK, SPLIT, OMIS, BIHAC, ZAGREB, MARIBOR, LJUBLJANA, FIUME AND ZARA.

FIGHTERS: GRAZ AREA 35, KLAGENFURT AREA 86, ZAGREB AREA 40, BANJALUKA 5, SPOCKING 5, SZOMBATHELY 11 AND 119 IN THE UDINE AREA.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: BOMB STRIKE PHOTOS STILL NEED TO BE IMPROVED. ALSO WANT SPECIAL ATTENTION TO ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE TO SEE IF THERE ARE INDICATIONS OF THE USE OF ROCKET GUNS.

NOTE: TARGET CHARTS AND TARGET PICTURES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT BRIEFING AND THE PINPOINT ORIENTED AND EXPLAINED BY SQDN S-2. GUNNERS WILL BE REMINDED OF ESCAPE PROCEDURE.

CO-ORDINATED AND OTHER EFFORTS:
47TH WING (449, 98 & 376) TO GRAZ AT 1110
5TH WING, 3 GPS TO TRIESTE M/Y, 1 GP TO MONFALCONE, AZON UNIT RIMINI/ANCONA RR LINES AT 1030 HRS.
49TH WING, 3 GPS TO KLAGENFURT AT 1115 HRS.
55TH WING, 2 GPS TO ZAGREB A/D AT 1054 HRS.
304TH WING, 3 GPS TO GRAZ/THALERHOF A/D AT 1100 HRS.

GROUP LEADING WING: 449TH

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: THE PLAN FOR THE AIR FORCE IS A COUNTER AIR AND COMMUNICATION ATTACK WITH THE ATTACK ON GRAZ/THALERHOF A/D BEING THE MOST IMPORTANT TARGET. THE PURPOSE OF THE ATTACK IS TO DESTROY THIS MAIN LINK IN THE DEFENSE RING AROUND SOUTHERN GERMANY AND EASTERN AUSTRIA.

FIGHTER ESCORT: ONE GROUP OF P-38'S WILL ESCORT 47TH WING ENTIRE ROUTE. 4 OTHER FIGHTER GROUPS WILL ESCORT OTHER BOMBER FORMATIONS.

OTHER COMMENTS: WINDOW WILL BE DROPPED ACCORDING TO SOP BEGINNING 3 MINUTES BEFORE I.P. UNTIL 3 MINUTES AFTER BOMBS AWAY.

TIME SUMMARY:
BRIEFING 0615
TRUCKS 0600
TAKEOFF 0700
ON COURSE 0808
TARGET 1110

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 1000'

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30 April 1944

TARGET: Alessandria M/Y, Alt. Novi Ligure M/Y.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Traffic shifted to west Italy M/Ys with east Po Valley lines cut. Main M/Y on route south from west Po Valley. Junction of Mt. Cenis and Simplon routes from Genoa.

NOL OF PLANES: 37.

BOMB LOAD: 500 lb.

SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | B Sec | C Sec |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt 515 | 1 Flt 514 | 1 Flt 514 |
| 2 Flt 512 | 2 Flt 512 | 2 Flt 512 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4410N 1320E to Ravenna (4425N 1212E) to 4516N 1005E to 4520N 0906E to I.P.
I.P.: Mortara (4515N 0843E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 196°.
BOMBING ALT: A Sec 21,500'
B Sec 22,000'

TARGET P.I.P.OINT: Center of yards - E-8.

TURN OFF TARGET: Left.

ROUTE BACK: Target to 4318N 1343E to base.

FLAK: 8 guns 2 positions at target. Route: Marina de Ravenna, Ravenna, Ferrara, Bologna, Ghedi, Milan, Piacenza, Reggio Emilia, Modenna, Ancona, Fabriano, Pedaso.

FIGHTERS: None at target. Route: Ferrara 18; Poggio 10; Forli 6; Bologna 2; Reggio Emilia 55; Piacenza 12; Milan area 34; Turin area 82.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, E/A tactics etc., truck convoys, military activity.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 315'.

REFERENCE: TC 4-127-NA, 4-33-NA.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
5th Wing - Milan Macchi Fcty 1148 hrs (1)
2 Groups
Varese A/C Fcty 1200 hrs (3)
2 Groups
Reggio Emilia - optional
49th Wing Alessandria M/Y 1228 hrs (5)
3 Groups.
55th Wing Castel Maggiori M/Y 1255 hrs (4)
2 Groups.
304th Wing Milan/Lambrate M/Y 1156 hrs (2)
4 Groups.

GROUP LEADING: 450th.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Twofold plan to knock out A/C factories and air pack and railroad lines from west Po and Genoa to beachhead ~~front~~ and front.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration cover, general target cover, and withdrawal cover to limit of range.

OTHER GROUPS: 98th rendezvous San Pancrazio at 0900 hours at 6,000' - 376th is last Group in Wing.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window 5 minutes before I.P. until 4 minutes after bombs away.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0615 |
| Trucks | 0700 |
| Take off | 0800 |
| On course | 0900 |
| Target | 1218 |

NOTE: TARGET CHARTS AND TARGET PICTURES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT BRIEFING AND THE "P.I.P.OINT" ORIENTED AND EXPLAINED BY SQUADRON S-2. GUNNERS WILL BE REMINDED OF ESCAPE PROCEDURES.

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Date: 28 April 1944

PLAN "D"

TARGET: A - Porto San Stefano
B - Orbetello
C - Piombino

REFERENCE: A & B - TC 3 - 169 - NA
1:100,000 Series, Sheet 135
C - TC 3 - 124 - NA

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Ry. attacks have caused the Germans to rely on small craft for supplies. 25% of beachhead supplies come from Genoa to targets by small craft.

COORDINATED EFFORTS:
4 Gps 5th Wing attack Piombino at 1100.
3 Gps 49th " " Orbetello at 1110
1 Gp 55th " " San Stefano at 1100.
4 Gps 304th " " " at 1140

NO. OF PLANES: 41

Group LEADING: 449th Leads Wing.

BOMB LOAD: 500lb. .1 - .025

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Because of Beachhead pressure whole Air Force is going after port facilities for small craft.

SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | B Sec | C Sec |
|---|---|---|
| 513 | 515 | 512 |
| 513 | 514 | 514 |

Route

FIGHTER ESCORT: ~~Rome~~ and target cover to be provided.

ROUTE OUT: Base to San Vito to 43-20N 15-50E to Keypoint 43-30N 15-20E to I.P.

OTHER COMMENTS: 2 cartons of "Window" will be dropped from I.P. over target. Remaining cartons to be used if Flak is encountered enroute.

DO NOT BOMB FLORENCE.

I.P.: A&B - Manciano (42-35N 11-31E)
C - Monte Pescali 42-53N 11-04E

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes. Military installations and activity; E/A tactics etc.

AXIS OF ATTACK: A - 247° C - 280°
B - 232°

ALT OF TARGET: Sea Level.

BOMBING ALT: 21,000 - 21,500 - 20,500

SECONDARY: Small/ shipping in Leghorn Harbor.

TARGET PINPOINT: A - Harbor Install.
B - ~~E-F~~-16-17 (TC 3-169-NA)
C - J-K-20-21 (TC 3-124-NA)

TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Castiglioncello (43-24N 10-25E) to Senigallia (43-43N 13-22E) to Base.

FLAK: San Stefano - 6 guns; Orbetello - 22 guns; Piombino - 20 guns.
Heavy A/A is reported at Perugia, Orvieto, Talamone, Leghorn, Arezzo, Ancona, Rimini

FIGHTERS: Rome-Florence area - 50 to 75 sorties probable. Perugia - 8, Canino fields - 50, Viterbo A/D's - 31.

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MISSION #246

Date: 28 April 1944

PLAN "Baker"

TARGET: Toulon
Alternates: Var River Bridges
Antheor Viaduct
RR Bridges Ventimiglia

REFERENCES: TC 6 - 101A - NA
TC 6 - 2 - NA
TC 6 - 131 - NA
TC 4 - 103 - NA

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: 6 U-Boats in the harbor; considerable activity in construction of F-Boats.

NO. OF PLANES: 36

BOMB LOAD: 1,000 lbs, .1 & .01

SQDN FORMATION:

| "A" | "B" | "C" |
|---|---|---|
| 1st Sec 574 | 1st Sec 572 | 576 |
| 2nd Sec 573 | 2nd Sec 575 | 577 |
| 3rd Sec | 3rd Sec | |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Ponza Island (4055'N 1258'E) to Keypoint (4152'N 0836'N) at 15,000 ft at 1102 Baker to turnpoint (4220'N 0610'E) to I.P. to target.

I. P: 4250'N 0545'E

AXIS OF ATTACK: 30° true

BOMBING ALT:
1st Sec 20,000 2nd Sec 20,500
3rd Sec. 19,500

TARGET PINPOINT: Arsenal at U-14

TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Target to Ponza Island to Base.

FLAK: At the target: 63 guns, Heavy A/A at Hyeres. Var River Bridge: None reported. Antheor Viaduct: 11 guns. Vintimiglia: None reported.

FIGHTERS: 76 fighte s reported in area W and Nw of target. Possible 35 to 40 sorties.

COORDINATED OR OTHER ATTACKS: 5th Wing attack Toulon at 1130; Composite Wing attack Toulon at 1148; 304th Wing attack Toulon at 1209.

GROUP LEADING: 376th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: To inflict severe damage on U-Boats & facilities and on small craft construction thereby further reducing the enemy's resistance.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 3 Grps of P-38's and 1 Grp P-51's

OTHER GROUPS: 376th & 98th; 450th & 449th

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed according S.O.P., Two minutes before I.P. contin ue until clear of Flak.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Military installations; E/A tactics, colors, etc; activity in harbors.

ALT. OF TARGET: Sea Level.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0545 |
| Trucks | 0630 |
| Take off | 0725 |
| On course | 0825 |
| Over target | 1157 |

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ION FOR 27 APRIL, 1944

PLAN ABLE WILL APPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

ROUTE OUT:

San Vito to turn point (4310'N 1440'E) to turn point (4350'N 1440'E) to Keypoint Keszthely (4646'N 1715'E) at 1139 Baker ay 20,000 ft to Gzelldomolk (4715'N 1709'E) to IP to target.

ROUTE BACK:

Target to turn point (4714'N 1619'E) to Vis Island (4303'N 1610'E) to base.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| BRIEFING | 0615 |
| TRUCKS | 0700 |
| TAKE OFF | 0800 |
| ON COURSE | 0904 |
| TARGET | 1210 |

ALTERNATE WEATHER ROUTE:

Rendy 449 & 450 Manduria at 6,000 ft at 0844 on course to San Vito.
376 & 98 rendy at San Pan at 6,000 ft at 0845 on course to San Vito.
Wing rendy line is Manduria to San Vito, time at San Vito is 0850 Baker.
ROUTE OUT:

San Vito to turnpoint 4430'N 1320'E to turnpoint 4514'N 1335'E to Keypoint 4646'N 1715'E to turnpoint 4716'N 1709'E to IP to target.
ROUTE BACK:

Target to turnpoint 4714'N 1619'E to Vir Island 4418'N 1504'E to Base.

ALL TARGET TIMES AND IP WILL BE THE SAME AS IN PLAN ABLE.

BRIEFING TIME 0600

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PLA N BAKER
DATE 25 April

M ION NO. 244

TARGET: Varese Macchi A/C Factory
1st Alt: Milan/Bresso A/D
2nd Alt: Piacenza M/Y
3rd Alt: Parma M/Y
IMPORTANCE OF TA RGET; Factory is engaged in the production of Ma 205 SEF at the rate of 30-35 per month, which is not less than 30% of the present total Italian SEF production.

NO OF PLANES: 30
BOMB LOAD: 500lb. (.10N-.01TD)
SQDN FORMATION:

| | A Sec | B Sec |
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| 1 Flt | 512 | 514 |
| 2 Flt | 515 | 513 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4320N-1420E to Porto di Potenza (4322N-1341E) to Pontremoli (4425N-0953E) to Vencelli (4520N-0825E) to I.P. to target.
I.P. - Gattinara (4537N-0822E)
AXIS OF ATTA CK: 58 degrees
BOMBING ALTITUDE: 1 Sec: 23,500'
2 Sec: 24,000'
TARGET P INPOINT: Center of factory area at M/14-13/14 (TC 4-20-NA)

TURN OFF TA RGET: Sharp right.
ROUTE BA CK. Target to Voghera (4500N 0900E) to Pontremoli (4423N-0953E) to reciprocal route to Base.

FLAK: None reported at target (RAF on nights of 1-2 Apr and 11-12 Apr, reported no flak encountered.) Enroute: Pedosa, Ancona, Fabriano , Fano, Rimini, Arezzo, Bibbiena, Florence, Prato, Pistoia, Lucca, La Spezia, Bologna, Modena, Piacenza, Alessandria, Cameri, Milan.
FIGHTERS: Milan area, 48; Turin area, 113; Piacenza, 30; Parma, 1; Reggio Emilia, 25; Ferrara, 18; Forli/Ronco, 4; Perugia, 8.
Fighter reaction in this section of Italy has been relatively small, probably due to the fact that a large percentage of the A/C present are Italian, some of which are inactive.

REFERENCE: 4-198-NA; 1:250,000 Milan
4-20-NA
4-130-NA
4-123-NA

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
4 Groups of 47th Wing attack Varese at 1245 hrs.
6 Groups of 5th Wing attack Wiener Neustadt Werke #1 & #2 at 1210 hours.
49th & 55th Wings attack Wiener Neustadt A/D at 1200 hours.
4 Groups of 304th Wing attack Turin A/C Factory at 1250 hours.
GROUP LEADING 98th
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The Air Force is again continuing it's counter aircraft factory policy. Though Varese & Turin do not rank with the Wiener Neustadt complex, they are important cogs in the enemy network of factories and our policy of destroying them all [redacted] requires their destruction.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 1 Group of fighters will provide cover to 47th Wing and one Group will cover 304th Wing.

OTHER GROUPS: All other fighters will cover bombers going to Wiener Neustadt.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dropped beginning three minutes before I.P. and continuing until clear of flak. (Any window which is not used will be returned to Base.)

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0645 |
| Trucks | 0730 |
| Take o ff | 0836 |
| On course | 0928 |
| Target | 1245 |

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: It is especially important to determine if possible what direction and from what field such fighters as are encountered come from.

A LTITUDE OF TARGET 1350'

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DATE: 25 April 1944 PLAN "A"

TARGET: Wiener-Neustadt A/D
Secondary: Graz A/D

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: 150 Me109's on Wiener-Neustadt and Munchendorf A/D's. Strenuous repair efforts at Wiener-Neustadt revealed by photo recce yesterday, indicate complete destruction is required to prevent early resumption of production activity.

NO. OF PLANES: 38

BOMB LOAD: 20lb. Fragmentation

SQDN FORMATION: A SEC 573 574 B SEC 573 574 C SEC 572 574

ROUTE OUT: Base to San Vito to 43-10N 14-30E to 43-40N 14-30E to Vir Island (44-18N 15-05E) at 12000' to Keszthely (46-46N 17-15E) to Czelldomolk (47-15N 17-09E) to I.P.

I.P.: Sopron (47-42N 16-35E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 304°

BOMBING ALT: 22,000 - 22,500 - 21,500

TGT PINPOINT: NW Quarter of A/D
H-L-J-16-17 on TC 14-31-NA

TURN OFF TARGET: Left

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to 46-25N 16-00E to Vir Island to Base.

FLAK: Target Area - 18 pos.- 91 guns. On 23April flak was reported as intense, accurate, heavy. Vienna area - 272 guns. En route - Heavy guns at Zara, Bihac, Karlovac, Zagreb, Nagykanizsa, Sopron, Terniz, Neuenkirchen, Szombathely, Maribor. At Graz - 7 pos. - 34 guns.

FIGHTERS: Vienna area - 396 fighters. Graz-Klagenfurt area - 107; Brod - 4; Gyor - 15; Papa - 8; Topolcza - 22; Szombathely - 24; Zagreb area - 25. Estimated sorties: Target - 125, Graz area - 50, Zagreb area - 15.

REFERENCE: TC 14 - 31 - NA
Secondary: 14 - 8A - NA

COORDINATED EFFORTS:
4 Ops 47th Wing attack WienerNeustadt A/D at 1040 hours. 1210
6 Ops 5th Wing attack Wiener-Neustadt Factory at 1050 hours. 1210
4 Ops 304th Wing attack Munchendorf A/D at 1000 hours. 1130
Composite Wing attack Wollersdorf A/D at 1030 hours. 1300
484th Group attack Drnis M/Y at 1000 hrs.

GROUP LEADING: 449th leads Wing.
376th leads 2nd wave, rendy with 98th over base at 6000' at 0732 hours.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Destruction of GAF has proceeded to point where destruction of existing A/C has first priority. Majority of fighters reported in Vienna area are non-operational, and will be on ground during attack, being just off production line.

FIGHTER ESCORT: One Gp on penetration will rendy at 45-00N 15-40E at 0920. One Gp provide close escort for 47th Wing from Lake Balaton to I.P., over target and on withdrawal. 3 other Gps will cover other formations over target.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, E/A on A/D, E/A tactics, troop concentrations. When and where cover met and left formation.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed 4 min. before I.P. till clear of flak.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 870'

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | : 0445 |
| Trucks | : 0530 |
| Take Off | : 0630 |
| On course | : 0732 |
| Target | : 1040 |

NOTE: TARGET CHARTS AND PICTURES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT BRIEFING AND THE "PINPOINT" ORIENTED AND EXPLAINED BY SQUADRON S-2. GUNNERS WILL BE REMINDED OF ESCAPE PROCEDURE.

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PLAN ABLE
DATE 24 April 1944

TARGET: Ploesti M/Y
1st Alt: Indastrial Section Ploesti, PFF
2nd Alt: His North M/Y & Turnul Severin M/Y, & Barge shops.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Main Rys. pass thru Target to front. Highest priority now given Russian ground support. M/Y's now congested with refugees moving West and oil and supplies.
NO. OF PLANES: 41
BOMB LOAD: 500lb. GP, .1N-.025TD
SQDN FORMATION:

| | A Sec | B Sec | C Sec |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt | 515 | 513 | 514 |
| 2 Flt | 512 | 512 | 512 |
| 3 Flt | 515 | 513 | 512 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to keypoint, Budua (4217N-1851E) at 1205 at 12,000' to Corcnini (4442N-2141E) to Mozaceni (4434N-2510E) to I.P.
I.P. Susani (4446N-2548E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 41 degrees
BOMBING ALT: A Sec 24,000'
B Sec 24500 '
C Sec 23,500'
TARGET P INPOINT: [redacted] C-21(Center of M/Y)
TURN OFF TARGET: Left
ROUTE BACK: Target to Wing rally line Vaico (4503N-2553E) to Ocnita (4500N 2533E) to rally point 5 miles North of Pitesti (4452N-2452E) to keypoint to Base.

FLAK: Ploesti area -157 guns, 38 positions. His - 9 guns, 2 positions; Heavy A/A at Dubrovnik, Ragusa, Kotor-Tivat area; Bor, Podgorica, Scutari, Pec, Bucharest, Bar, Campina.

FIGHTER: Belgrade area - 13; Turnul Severin - 54; Craiova - 8; Bucharest - 161; Ploesti area - 58; Rosiorti deVede - 35.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, E/A tactics, direction of attacks, coloring, where first seen and where left.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET. 525'

REFERENCE: 11-101B-NA, 8-102-NA, T/10

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
450th & 449th Gps attack Ploesti East M/Y 1410
98th & 376th attack Ploesti S & N M/Y 1410 hrs
5th Wing attacks Ploesti So. M/Y 1400 hrs.
Composite Wing attacks Buchgrest M/Y 1423 hrs.
304th Wing attacks Bucharest M/Y at 1423 hrs.

GROUP LEADING: 450th leads Wing.
98th leads 376th over Target.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: 50% of rail capacity in Roumania now used by Germans. All rail lines to front pass through targets and disruption would disorganize military supplies. Also, political crisis would be aggravated.

FIGHTER ESCORT: One Gp fighters will rendy with Air Force at 4352N-2038E at 1044 hrs & provide cover enroute. P-51B's provide Target cover from 1200 to 1220 & on withdrawal. 2 Gps will provide general Air Force cover in Target area.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed from 4 minutes before the I.P. & [redacted] continue until clear of flak.
No bombs to be dropped East of line from Constanta, to Bucharest, to Ploesti, to Budapest.
Brief gunners on possibility of meeting Russian A/C, i.e. Mig-3, Yak-1, Lagg-3, Stormovik.(See magazine 'Flight' Feb 24 issue)

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0630 |
| Trucks | 0715 |
| Take-off | 0815 |
| On course | 0919 |
| Target | 1210 |

NOTE: Dummy oil field 11 miles S.S.W. of Ploesti.
NOTE: Advance times in paragraph COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS two hours.

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PLAN "C" 23 APRIL 1944

TARGET: SCHWECHAT "HEINKEL" A/C ASSEMBLY PLANT, AUSTRIA.

ALT: INDUSTRIAL CENTER OF VIENNA OR PFF

LAST RESORT: GRAZ THALERHOF A/D

IMPORTANCE: THIS PLANT PRODUCES THE NEW HE 219 TEF (ABOUT TEN PER MONTH) AND SINCE THE SUCCESSFUL RAIDS ON THE MAIN HEINKEL PLANT AT ROSTOV IS THE MAIN CENTER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HE 280 JET PROPELLED FIGHTER.

NO OF PLANES: 41
BOMB LOAD: 500 LB. (RDX) .1 N .025 TD

SQ FORMATION:

| 1 SECT. | 2 SECT. | 3 SECT. |
|---|---|---|
| A FLT. 514 | A FLT. 512 | A FLT. 513 |
| B FLT. 515 | B FLT. 515 | B FLT. 515 |
| C FLT. 514 | C FLT. 512 | C FLT. 513 |

ROUTE OUT: SAN VITO DI NORMANDY TO 43-40N 14-30E 20 44-10N 14-30E TO 46-47N 17-11E TO 47-20N 17-28E TO I.P.

I.P. PETRONELL (48-07N 16-52E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 273°
BOMBING ALTITUDE: 1 SECT 22,000'
2 SECT 22,500'
3 SECT 21,500

TARGET PINPOINT: LARGEST ASSEMBLY BUILDING AT K-15 ON TC 44-25-NA

TURN OFF TARGET: RALLY LEFT

ROUTE BACK: TARGET TO 47-15N to 46-10N 16-50E TO 43-31N 16-08E TO BASE

FLAK: SCHWECHAT-FLUGHAFEND MARKT AREA 70 GUNS. (5TH WING ON 11 APRIL REPORTS VARY FROM INTENSE MS. ACCURATE TO MODERATE INACCURATE) IN THE ENTIRE SECTOR VIENNA AREA 50 POSITIONS 272 GUNS. HEAVY FLAK FIRE VIENNA REPORTED AT ZARA, BIHAC, KARLOVAC, ZAGREB, REPORTED AT KAGUHANIZA, BRATISLAVA, GYOR, WIENER-NUESTADT, 4 SQFRON, 5Q RON, SZOMBATHELY, SISSEK, SPLIT, ZLARIN IS, 4 SQFRON, OMIS, ROGOZNICA.

FIGHTERS: 348 FIGHTERS IN THE VIENNA-WIENER/NURSTADT AREA WITH PROBABLE MAXIMUM EFFORT OF 170 SORTIES. AGAINST OUR ENTIRE FORCE. 122 FIGHTERS IN THE GRAZ-SZOMBATHELY-TOPOLCZA A/D'S WITH POSSIBLE HELP FROM THE 28 FIGHTERS AT GYOR AND PAPA. EX 35 FIGHTERS AT ZAGREB WITH POSSIBLE HELP FROM A LIMITED NUMBER OF ITALY FIGHTER FORCE BASED IN THE UDINE AREA.

TARGET REFERENCE: TC 44-25-NA
HLL 3(e)107A
1/250,000
VIENNA N33/12
SQFRON L33/3

GRAZ TC 44-8A-NA

CO-ORDINATED ATTACKS:
4 GPS 47th WING TO SCHWECHAT
6 GPS 5TH WING TO WIENER-NUESTADT AT 1100 HRS
2 GPS 49TH WING TO BAD VOSLAU AT 1120 HRS
1 GP OF 55TH WING TO WIENER-NEUSTADT AT 1120
4 GPS 304TH WING TO BAD VOSLAU A/D AT 1110

GROUP LEADING: 376TH

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION:
PLANS TO DESTROY ALL OF THE REMAINING PRIMARY TARGETS IN THE A/C FACTORY CATEGORY PLUS MORE THAN 100 ME 109'S ALREADY BUILD BUT SITTING ON THE WIENER-NUESTADT AND BAD VOSLAU A/D'S

FIGHTER ESCORT: FIVE GROUPS OF FIGHTERS WILL PROVIDE GENERAL SUPPORT TO AIR FORCE ON PENETRATION, OVER TARGET AND ON WITHDRAWEL.

COMMENTS: WINDOWS WILL BE DROPPED BEGINNING 3 MINUTES BEFORE I.P. AND CONTINUSING UNTIL CLEAR OF FLAK.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| BRIEFING | 0845 |
| TRUCKS | 0930 0900 |
| TAKE OFF | 1030 1000 |
| TARGET | 1130 1400 |

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PLAN "C" 23 APRIL 1944

TARGET: SCHWECHAT "HEINKEL" A/C ASSEMBLY PLANT, AUSTRIA.

ALT: INDUSTRIAL CENTER OF VIENNA OR PFF LAST

RESORT: GRAZ THALERHOF A/D

IMPORTANCE: THIS PLANT PRODUCES THE NEW HE 219 TEF (ABOUT TEN PER MONTH) AND SINCE THE SUCCESSFUL RAIDS ON THE MAIN HEINKEL PLANT AT ROSTOV IS THE MAIN CENTER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HE 280 JET PROPELLED FIGHTER.

NO OF PLANES: 41
BOMB LOAD: 500 LB. (RDX) 1 N .025 TD

SQ FORMATION:

| 1 SECT. | 2 SECT. | 3 SECT. |
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| A FLT. 514 | A FLT. 512 | A FLT. 513 |
| B FLT. 515 | B FLT. 515 | B FLT. 515 |
| C FLT. 514 | C FLT. 512 | C FLT. 513 |

ROUTE OUT: SAN VITO DI NORMANDY TO 43-40N 11-30E TO 44-10N 11-30E TO 46-47N 17-11E TO 47-20N 17-28E TO I.P.

I.P. PETRONELL (48-07N 16-52E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 273°
BOMBING ALTITUDE: 1 SECT 22,000'
2 SECT 22,500'
3 SECT 21,500

TARGET PINPOINT: LARGEST ASSEMBLY BUILDING AT K-15 ON TC 11-25-NA

TURN OFF TARGET: RALLY LEFT

ROUTE BACK: TARGET TO 47-15N to 46-10N 16-50E TO 43-31N 16-08E TO BASE.

FLAK: SCHWECHAT-FISCHAMEND MARKT AREA 70 GUNS. (5TH WING ON APRIL 11 REPORTS VARY FROM INTENSE ACCURATE TO MODERATE INACCURATE) IN THE ENTIRE VIENNA AREA 50 POSITIONS 272 GUNS. HEAVY FLAK REPORTED AT IMOTSKI, MOSTAR, BROD, KAPSOVAR, NAGYKANIZSA, SOPRON, SZOMBATHELY, BRATISLAVA, WIENER-NEUSTADT.

FIGHTERS: 348 FIGHTERS IN THE VIENNA-WIENER/NEUSTADT AREA WITH PROBABLE MAXIMUM EFFORT OF 170 SORTIES. AGAINST OUR ENTIRE FORCE. 122 FIGHTERS IN THE GRAZ-SZOMBATHELY-TOPOLCZA A/D'S WITH POSSIBLE HELP FROM THE 28 FIGHTERS AT GYOR AND PAPA. 35 FIGHTERS AT ZAGREB WITH POSSIBLE HELP FROM A LIMITED NUMBER OF ITALY FIGHTER FORCE BASED IN THE UDINE AREA.

TARGET REFERENCE: TC 11-25-NA
ELL 3(e)107A
1/250,000
VIENNA A33/12
SOPRON L33/3
GRAZ TC 11-8A-NA

CO-ORDINATED ATTACKS:
4 GPS 47th WING TO SCHWECHAT
6 GPS 5TH WING TO WIENER-NEUSTADT AT 1100 HRS
2 GPS 49TH WING TO BAD VOSLAU AT 1120 HRS
1 GP OF 55TH WING TO WIENER-NEUSTADT AT 1120
4 GPS 304TH WING TO BAD VOSLAU A/D AT 1110

GROUP LEADING: 376TH

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: PLANS TO DESTROY ALL OF THE REMAINING PRIMARY TARGETS IN THE A/C FACTORY CATEGORY PLUS MORE THAN 100 ME 109'S ALREADY BUILD BUT SITTING ON THE WIENER-NEUSTADT AND BAD VOSLAU A/D'S

FIGHTER ESCORT: FIVE GROUPS OF FIGHTERS WILL PROVIDE GENERAL SUPPORT TO AIR FORCE ON PENETRATION, OVER TARGET AND ON WITHDRAWAL.

COMMENTS: WINDOWS WILL BE DROPPED BEGINNING 3 MINUTES BEFORE I.P. AND CONTINUOUSLY UNTIL CLEAR OF FLAK.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| BRIEFING | 0845 | |
| TRUCKS | 0930 | 0900 |
| TAKE OFF | 1030 | 1000 |
| TARGET | 1130 | 1100 |

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21 April 1944

TARGET: Ploesti M/Y, North.
Secondary: Ploesti Main M/Y on PFF.
Last Resort: Turnul Severin M/Y and shipbuilding installations.
REFERENCE: TC 11-100B-NA, Ill. S.104/5.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: 376th target is a control point in the Ploesti M/Y - one of the most important M/Ys in Roumania at this time.
NO. OF PLANES: 2 ~~35~~ 31
BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. (.1 N - .025 TD)
SQDN FORMATION:

| 1st Sec | 2nd Sec | 3rd Sec |
|---|---|---|
| A Flt 514 | A Flt 512 | A Flt 513 |
| B Flt 514 | B Flt 515 | B Flt 515 |
| C Flt 515 | C Flt 512 | C Flt 513 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to keypoint Budva (4217N 1851E) to Bazias (4449N 2120E) to turn point Costensti (4440N 2452E) to I.P.
I.P. Suseni (4446N 2547E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 38°
BOMBING ALT: 1 Sec 22,000'
2 Sec 22,500'
3 Sec 21,500'
TARGET PINPOINT: Center of North M/Y at L-J/10 (TC 11-100B-NA).
TURN OFF TARGET: Left.
ROUTE BACK: target to rally point Radujevac(4417N 2241E) to keypoint to base.
FLAK: 26 heavy positions (144 guns) in Ploesti area. Route: Kotor, Bar, Podgorica, Nis, Bor.
FIGHTERS: Target area 58; Bucharest area 161 and 72 at Brasov. Route: Podgorica 2; Nis 2; Craiova 8; Rosiorii de Vede 35 and Turnul Severin 54. Possible interception by 57 E/A based at Sofia.
OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Special attention to E/A markings, color and armament (rockets, 20 mm or ~~#~~) 76 Also accurate pinpointing of own sections bomb strikes.
ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 561'
COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: 376th and 98th attack Ploesti N M/Y at 1210. 449th and 450th attack Ploesti E M/Y at 1210. 5th Wing (4 Groups) attack Ploesti Main M/Y at 1200. 304th Wing attack Bucharest M/Y at 1220. 49th and 55th Wings attack Bucharest M/Y at 1230. 483 Group will attack Belgrade Ikarus A/C factory.
GROUP LEADING: 376th.
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This mission is in direct support of the Russian Army. Military requirements in the present campaign necessitate use of 50% of the total maximum capacity of the Eastern Railways in Roumania - a large part of which is controlled through the Ploesti M/Y. Also 75% of Roumania oil is produced or processed in Ploesti and moved by rail through these yards.
FIGHTER ESCORT: 1 Group rendezvous on course at 4350N 2020E. 1 Group P 51s over target. 2 Groups on withdrawal.
OTHER COMMENTS: Drop window 3 minutes before I.P. until 5 minutes after bombs away.

Special briefing will be given cameramen on orientation and identification of target.

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20 April 44

TARGET: Mestre M/Y.
Secondary: Any active M/Y except Rimini or Florence.
REFERENCE: TC 4-120B-NA.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Important M/Y in E-W. supply line and N-S Brenner pass line to Italian front.
NO. OF PLANES: 2 36
BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. (.1 and .025)
SQDN FORMATION: A Sec B Sec
1 Flt 512 1 Flt 514
2 Flt 515 2 Flt 513
ROUTE OUT: Base to keypoint (4400N 1400E) to I.P. to target.
I.P. Piove (4517N 1202E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 37°
BOMBING ALT: A Sec 21,500'
B Sec 22,000'
TARGET PINPOINT: Building M-7 (TC 4-120B-NA)
TURN OFF TARGET: Right.
ROUTE BACK: target to 4500N 1300E to base.
FLAK: At target 3 positions 12 guns. Onm route: Venice, Padua, Vicenza, and Treviso.
FIGHTERS: Venice 1, Vicenza 2, Ferrara area 17, Udine area 173.
OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: M/Y activity, M/T traffic, M/A tactics.
ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 15'
COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: 449th and 450th attack Treviso M/Y at 1225 hours. 2 Groups 17s each attack Castel Franca M/Y, Vicenza M/Y, Padua M/Y at 1235 hours. 49th Wing attack Ferrara M/Y at 1245 hours. 55th Wing attack Castel Maggiano M/Y at 1245 hours. 3 Groups 24s attack Trieste M/Y at 1215 hours. 1 Group 24s attack Monfalcone shipyards at 1215 hours.
GROUP LEADING: 449th leads Wing out, 376th back. 376th leads 98yh on Mestre, other Groups bombing Treviso M/Y.
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Effort of 15 AF to paralize all supply lines in North Italy and destroy heavily overstacked M/Ys. Also to prevent repair to damage done. Reports indicate bombing has already forced use of steam for electric locomotives and reduce lines from double to single track.
FIGHTER ESCORT: 1 Group fighters to make line rendezvous with 47th Wing before keypoint. 4 Groups of fighters escorting other Wings.
OTHER COMMENTS: Windows to be used from 3 minutes before I.P. to 3 minutes after bombs away.
TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0700 |
| Trucks | 0745 |
| Take off | 0845 |
| Onm course | 0945 |
| Target | 1216 |

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DATE 16 APRIL 1944 MISSION # 240
PLAN "A"

TARGET: Sofia M/Y
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Capitol of Bulgaria and RR center of country. M/Y, now being repaired from recent attacks, comprises important link in Balkan communications.

NO. OF PLANES: 30
BOMB LOAD: 100 lb. .1N-.01TD

SQDN FORMATION: 513 leads Group. Two 12-ship sec. with 5 spares

ROUTE OUT: Base to San Vito to keypoint, Scutari Lake (4216N-1910E) at 12,000' to turnpoint, Leskovac (4258N-2157E) to I.P.
I.P.: Ponor (4254N-2309E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 150 degrees.

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 21,000
B Sec 21,500

TARGET PINPOINT: M-N/13-14 on target chart 10-3A-NA PENNA Point

TURN OFF TARGET: Right
ROUTE BACK: Tgt to 4200N-2230E to Base.

FLAK: At Target-8positons, 46 guns. At Nis-none. Enroute-Bor, Podgorica, Scutari, Durrazo, Tirana, Near tgt., heavy A/A at Boujourishte, &Pernik. Vladaya.

FIGHTERS: In Sofia area - 35, Nis - 2, Skoplje - 1 , Karlovo-38.

REFERENCE: TC 10-3A-NA

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
47th Wing attacks Sofia M/Y 1200 hrs.
304th Wing attacks Sofia M/Y 1210 hrs.
5th Wing attacks Belgrade M/Y 1200 hrs.
3 Gps B-24's attack Belgrade/Zemun A/D at 1210 hrs.

GROUP LEADING: 376th. 376th & 98th, first wave, rendy over Base at 8,000' at 1018 hrs.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: In line with policy of attacking importanct Balkan communication centers in conjunction with Russian advance. Also important in increasing dissatisfaction among Balkan satellites.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Maximum P-51's will intercept at keypoint at 1102 hrs and provide close escort over target.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be used from 3 minutes before I.P. to 3 minute s after bombs away.
Unassigned targets in Yugoslavia will not be bombed.
Gunners should be briefed to stay at their stations until over friendly territory.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0730 |
| Trucks | 0815 |
| Take off | 0915 |
| On course | 1018 |
| Target | 1200 |

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb-strikes, E/A tactics, activity in M/Y, troop concentrations.

SECONDARY TARGET: Nis M/Y
Target Chart 8-102-NA
I.P. Knjazevak (4334N-2216E)
AXIS OF ATTACK 232 degrees.

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PLAN "A"
16 April 1944

TARGET: Brasov M/Y
ALT # 1 Turnul Severin M/Y
ALT # 2 Belgrade Zemun A/D
ALT# 3 Belgrade A/C plants.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: M/Y on main Budapest-Bucharest line. Heavily used by Germans, particularly at present time.
NO. OF PLANES: 37
BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. .1 - .025
SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | | B Sec | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt | 515 | 1 Flt | 513 |
| 2 Flt | 512 | 2 Flt | 514 |

ROUTE OUT: SAN Vito to keypoint, Uzice (4352N 1951E) at 12,000' at 0930 to Bazias (4449N-2128E) to Seres (4557N-2334E) to I.P. to tgt.
I.P. - Sarcaia (4550N-2509E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 117 degrees.
BOMBING ALT: A Sec 23,000'
B Sec 23,500'
TARGET PINPOINT: 12-13/L-M (TC 11-4A-NA)
TURN OFF TARGET: Right.
ROUTE BACK: Target to turnpoint Bazias (4449N 2128E) to Keypoint Uzice to Base.

FLAK: A t Target: 4 positions, 23 guns.
Enroute, heavy flak at Kotor, Podgorica, Pk Bor and Belgrade.
At alternates: Turnul Severin - none reported.
Belgrade: 8 positions, 34 guns.

FIGHTERS: Brasov - 72; Bucharest-Ploesti area 281; Medias - 3; Craiova - 15; Turnul Severin - 1; Belgrade area - 20.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Troop and transport movements, new constructions, M/Y activity, fighter tactics and markings.

ALTITUDES:
Target - 2066 feet
1st Alt- 255 feet
2nd Alt- 250 feet
3rd Alt- 250 feet

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Brasov 1:500,000 44/22
REFERENCES: 11-4A-NA; Illus. 8.124/1
Middle East map T/10
8-3-NA
8-3-HA
COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
Max. B-24s of 47th Wing attack Brasov M/Y
304th Wing attacks Brasov M/Y at 1110.
Two Ops B-24's attack Brasov A/D 1120.
5th Wing B-17's, attacks Brasov hangars at 1125 hours.
One Op B-24's attacks Turnul Severin 1115.
GROUP LEADING. 98th leads 47th Wing & 376th Op in first wave. Rendezvous over Base at 6,000' at 0758 hours.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Destruction of rolling stock and M/Y installations would seriously disrupt German lateral communications behind Russian line.

FIGHTER ESCORT; 1 OP P-38's, rendy near keypoint, provides penetration cover.
1 Op P-38's provides cover over Target area from 1100 to prudent limit of endurance/
2 Ops P-38's provide withdrawal cover from limit of endurance.

OTHER COMMENTS: P-51's may be additional escort around Turnul Severin.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0515 |
| Trucks | 0600 |
| Take off | 0700 |
| On course | 0758 |
| Target | 1100 |

NOTE: Stress similiarity of P-51 and Me 109E

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DATE 15 April 1944

MISSION # 238

PLAN "A" SAME A S PLA N "A" FOR 14 APRIL 1944: except all times except Target time are 10 minutes earlier.

XI PLAN "B"

TARGET: Schwechat [redacted] "Heinkel" A/C Assembly Plant.

ALTERNATE: Industrial Center of SE Vienna by pathfinder.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Plant produces the new He 219 TEF (about 10 per month) and since the destruction of the Rostov Heinkel Fcty, is the main center for development of the He 280 jet propelled fighter.

No. OF PLANES: 36
BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. - .1-.01
SQDN FORMATION:

| A SEC | | B SEC | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt | 514 | 1 Flt | 512 |
| 2 Flt | 513 | 2 Flt | 515 |

ROUTE OUT: Base to Mljet Island (4247N 1719E) to 4325N-1727E to keypoint D. Vakuf (4408N-1724E) at 16,000' to Kesthely (4647N-1715E) to turnpoint Gattendorf (4802N-1659E) to I.P.
I.P. - Rohrau (4804N-1652E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 284 degrees.
BOMBING ALT: A Sec 21,500'
B Sec 22,000'
TARGET PINPOINT: Largest Assembly building. K/L-15/16 (TC 14-25-NA)

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp left.
ROUTE BACK: Target to Groszpetersdorf (4715N-1619E) to keypoint to Base.
(All units stay east of Wiener Neustadt on withdrawal.)

FLAK: At Target - 90 guns, 16 positions.
Vienna Area - 272 guns, 50 positions.
Enroute - heavy A/A at Imotski, Mostar, Brod, Kaposvar, Nagykanizsa, Sopron, Szombathely, Bratislava, Wiener Neustadt.

FIGHTERS: Vienna Area - 373; Gyor - 45; Szombathely - 20; Papa - 8; Brod - 4; Budapest area - 185; Zagreb area - 50; Banjaluka - 23; Mostar - 8.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: We need many more bomb strike photos. Also take one or two obliques on leaving the target to show general appearance after the job. Every picture taken is used by Air Force although we do not print them all here.

REFERENCES: TC 14-25-NA; 1:250,000, Vienna M33/12 Sopron L33/3

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
B-24's of 47th Wing will attack Schwechat A/D 1135
6 Gps B-17's attack Wiener Neustadt - 1100 hours
4 Gps 304 Wing attack Bad Voslau - 1124 hrs.
3 Gps B-24's attack Wollersdorf at 1110 hrs.

GROUP LEADING: 449th leads Wing. 376th leads 2nd wave, rendy with 98th over Base, 6,000', 0831.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This is to be the greatest air attack ever directed at the highly important air center at Vienna. 17 groups of heavy bombers are to strike at the Schwechat, Bad Voslau and Wiener Neustadt A/C plants and at the 200 A/c on the A/D at the latter.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 1 Gp - rendy at 4520N1720E at 1000 hrs, cover to limit. 1 Gp - rendy at I.P. provides cover over Target and on withdrawal.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed 3 minutes before I.P. to 3 min. after bombs away.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0545 |
| Trucks | 0630 |
| Take off | 0730 |
| On course | 0831 |
| Target | 1135 |

ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE GIVEN SPECIAL BRIEFING ON THE IDENTIFICATION AND APPEARANCE OF THE TARGET.

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DATE 14 April 1944

PLAN "A"
MISSION #238

TARGET: Bucharest M/Y
ALTERNATE: Industrial Center of Bucharest by pathfinder.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: M/Y shown to have been rapidly repaired and to have 2500 wagons. Main junction for Russo-Roumanian front line traffic.

NO. OF PLANES: 27
BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. - .1N - .025TD

SQDN FORMATION:

| | A Sec | | B Sec |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt | 514 | 1 Flt | 512 |
| 2 Flt | 513 | 2 Flt | 515 |

ROUTE OUT: Base to San Vito to Sipan Island (4245N-1755E) at 10,000' to turn point (4435N-2245E) at 20,000' to Key point - Serbanesti (4442N-2500E) to IP.

I.P.: Draistea (4440N-2534E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 124 degrees
BOMBING ALTITUDE: A Sec 21,500'
B Sec 22,000'

TARGET PINPOINT: I-J/14-15 (11-10-NA)
TURN OFF TARGET: RIGHT

ROUTE BACK: TARGET TO Slatina (4426N-2422E) to turnpoint (4435N-2245E) to Sipan to Base.

FLAK: 23 positions, 90 guns at Target. Enroute - Heavy flak at Kotor, Podgorica, Bor, Ploesti. Nis-no guns reported. Heavy, moderate A/A reported 5/4/44.

FIGHTERS: Bucharest - 215; Sofia area-35; Ploesti area - 58; Shijac - 2; Craiova - 15; Rosiesti di Vede - 35.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, activity in M/Y's or R/T, A/A tactics, color, when and where seen.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 310'

NOTE: TARGET CHARTS AND TARGET PICTURES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT BRIEFING AND THE "PINPOINT" ORIENTED AND EXPLAINED BY SQUADRONS "S-2". GUNNERS WILL BE REBRIEFED OF ESCAPE PROCEDURE.

REFERENCE: 11-10-NA;

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
4 Groups - 47th Wing - Attack Bucharest 1210 hrs
304th Wing Attacks Bucharest M/Y at 1200 hrs.
3 Groups - 55 & 45 Wings - Bucharest M/Y 1220 hrs
49th Wing attacks Bucharest M/Y at 1230 hrs.
6 Groups B-17's attack Ploesti M/Y at 1220 hrs.

GROUP LEADING: 449th leads 47th Wing. 376th leads 2nd Wave, Rendezvous with 98th over San Pancrazio at 0921 hrs at 6,000 feet.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Russian advance has put pressure on German supply lines through Roumania. Effort directed toward breaking up resistance to defense of Roumania.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 1 Group of P-38's rendezvous at 4340N-2020E at 1050, will provide cover to limit. 1 Gp of P-38's will provide cover over Target. 2 Gps of P-38's will provide cover on with drawal from as near Target as possible.

OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dispensed from 3 minutes before I.P. till 3 minutes after bombs away. Ruschuk not to be bombed, nor any Balkan target not assigned.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0630 |
| Trucks | 0715 |
| Take off | 0815 |
| On course | 0921 |
| Target | 1210 |

LAST RESORT TARGET: Nis M/Y
I.P. - Knjazevak (4534N-2216E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 232 degrees
TARGET CHART: 8-102-NA

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13 April 1944

TARGET: Budapest/Vecses A/D
REFERENCE: TC 12-13-HA, 1:500,000 MS 16/18.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Very active A/D with large number of planes. Installations indicate use as A/C factory.
NO. OF PLANES: 30
BOMB LOAD: 100# clustered .1 and .01.
SQDN FORMATION: A Sec B Sec
1st Flt 513 1st Flt 515
2nd Flt 514 2nd Flt 512
3rd Flt Mixed 3 rd Flt Mixed.
ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4243N 1745E to 4315N 1805E to keypoint (Doboj 4945N 1805E) to I.P.
I.P. Kunsgentmiklos (4702N 1907E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 14° true.
BOMBING ALT: A Sec 23,500'
B Sec 24,000'
TARGET PINPOINT: A/D installations at eastern end.
TURN OFF TARGET: Right.
ROUTE BACK: target to rally point (4625N 1928E) to base.
FLAK: At target - 66 heavy guns/ Route: Mostar, Sarajevo, Brod, Pecs, Novi Sad, Kotor.
FIGHTERS: Target area - 185. Route: Mostar - 8, Banja Luka - 23, Falubattyan - 3, Kecskemet - 20, Szolnok - 5, Belgrade - 20, Brod - 4, Zagreb 50
OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: New constructions, M/T and M/V enroute.
ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 447'
COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: Forts attack Gyor ME Factory and A/D at 1200, one Group attack Brod M/Y. 304th Wing attack Budapest/Tokol at 1252. 49th Wing attack Duna Repologepgyer and 55th Wing attack Duna Repologepgyer at 1302.
GROUP LEADING: 1 450th. adjacent to Tokol
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: to destroy buildings which are adapted to and probably are producing components of ME 410s.
FIGHTER ESCORT: One Group P 38s provide cover to target and on withdrawal, rendezvous at 4700N at 1237 hours.
OTHER GROUPS: 450th and 449th - 1st Wave: 98th and 376th - 2nd Wave.
OTHER COMMENTS: Rendezvous with 98th Group over San Pancrazio and depart at 0954.
TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0715 |
| Trucks | 0800 |
| Take off | 0855 |
| On course | 0954 |
| Target | 1245 |

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MISSION NO 236 12 APRIL 1944

PLAN "A" SAME AS FOR 11 APRIL WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:
P-51's of 31st Fighter Group will provide high cover if possible.
B-17's of 483rd Group will attack Portland Cement Factory at Split.
TIME SUMMARY WILL BE ADVANCED ONE HOUR

PLAN "B" SAME AS FOR 11 APRIL WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:
Time Summary will be advanced one hour.
B-17's of 483 Group will attack Castel Maggiore M/Y.

PLAN "C" STAND DOWN.

THE FOLLOWING REVISED FORMATION WILL APPLY TO BOTH PLAN "A" AND PLAN "B".

| | 1st Sect | 2nd Sect | 3rd Sect |
|---|---|---|---|
| A Flt | 512 | 514 | 515 |
| B Flt | 512 | 514 | 515 |
| C Flt | 513 | 513 | 513 |

TOTAL:36 planes

SQUADRONS WILL HAVE A PICTURE OR PICTURES OF P-51 (MUSTANG) POSTED AT TIME OF BRIEFING.

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PLF "A" * * 11 APRIL 1944

TARGET: Wiener-Neustadt A/C Fcty.
ALT: Industrial Center of Wiener-Neustadt by Pathfinder.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Produces 25 ME 109's per month or 4% of total output. Being rebuilt, activity reported indicating expansion. Down from peak production of 540 A/C per month as results of attacks of August, October & November.

NO. OF PLANES: 30

BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. (.1 - .01)

SQDN FORMATION:

| | A Sect | B Sect |
|---|---|---|
| 1st Flt | 512 | 514 |
| 2nd Flt | 515 | 513 |
| 3rd Flt | mixed | mixed |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Vakuf (44-08N 17-25E) at 16,000' to W end of Lake Balaton to I.P.

I.P. : Sopron (47-42N 16-35E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 303°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: A Sect 22,000'
B Sect 22,500'

PINPOINT: Flight Hanger at H-17 (TC 14-31-NA)

TURN OFF TARGET: Left

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Crosspetersdorf (47-14N 16-19E) to Vakuf to base.

FLAK: 83 guns in target area. Enroute there are heavy guns reported at Mostar, Brod, Kaposvar, Nagykanizsa, Szombathely, Sopron, Neuenkirchen, Termitz and 224 heavy guns reported N of the target in the Vienna area.

FIGHTERS: VIENNA AREA - 300 SE & TE. Banjaluka 23, Brod 4, Gyor 45, Zagreb area 50, Graz/Klagenfurt area 111, Szombathely 20.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 870'

TC REFERENCE: 14-31-NA

CO-ORDINATED EFFORTS:
4 Ops 47th W Attack Wiener-Neustadt 1100
5 Ops B17's Attack Fishamend Markt 1313
4 Ops B-24's attack Bad Voslau Assembly Plant and A/D at 1301
3 Ops B-24's attack Zagreb M/Y 1255

GROUP LEADING WING: 376th
1st Wave 376th - 98th
2nd Wave 450th - 449

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Destruction of targets will reduce ME 109 production to 75 per month which is far below replacement requirements. Attacks of 20-25 February hit 67% of SEF and 87½% of the TEF production. Steyr and Budapest put out by 15th AAF. G.A.F. fighter force without production would be finished in 2 months.

FIGHTER ESCORT: P-38 from 45-20N 17-20E at 1035 hrs to limit of endura. P-47's from I.P. over target and on route back.

COMMENTS:
[redacted] Window to be thrown out from 3 minutes before I.P. to 3 minutes after bombs away.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|---|
| BRIEFING | 0715 | 0615 |
| TRUCKS | 0800 | 0700 |
| TAKE OFF | 0900 | 0800 |
| ON COURSE | 0955 | 0855 |
| TARGET | 1300 | 1200 |

[redacted]
Rendezvous with 98th over San Pan at 3000' at 0955 hrs.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS:
E/A tactics, bomb strikes, No of E/A on A/D's, directions of attacks, etc.

NOTE: TARGET CHARTS AND TARGET PICTURES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT BRIEFING AND THE "PINPOINT" ORIENTATED AND EXPLAINED BY SQUADRON S-2. GUNNERS WILL BE REMINDED OF ESCAPE PROCEDURE.

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LAN "B" 11 April 1944

**TARGET:** Mestre M/Y
**Secondary:** ANy M/Y in northern Italy except Rimini and Florence.
REFERENCE: TC 4-120A-NA.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This M/Y is important junction on east-west traffic in northeast Italy. Damaged but being repaired.
NO. OF PLANES: 30
BOMB LOAD: 500# .1 and .01 TD.
SQDN FORMATION:

| | A Sec | B Sec |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt | 512 | 514 |
| 2 Flt | 515 | 513 |
| 3 Flt | Mixed | Mixed. |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito di Normanni to 4130N 1710E to 4300N 1500E to keypoint (4420N 1310E) to Adria (4504N 1203E) to IP.
I.P. Piove (4517N 1202E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 37° true.
BOMBING ALT: A Sec 21,000'
B Sec 21,500'
TARGET PINPOINT: Eastern half of M/Y.
TURN OFF TARGET: Right.
ROUTE BACK: target to 4530N 1242E to keypoint to base.
FLAK: Target 28 guns (7 April S.I.H.)
FIGHTERS: In area in northeast Italy maximum sorties are 125-150. On 7/4/44 - 50-60 E/A attacked - Me 109s, FW 190s, Mc 202s, Re 2001s and Re 2005s.
OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Stock in M/Ys, M/T, and shipping. E/A tactics.
ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 15'.
COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: Forts attack Vicenza M/Y, Costel Franca M/Y, Padua M/Y. 49th Wing attack Bologna M/Y. 55th Wing attack Ferrara M/Y (all about the time 450th attacks Treviso.)
GROUP LEADING: ~~4~~ 450th.
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: All traffic from Po Valley south reported out. Necessary to cut all traffic from southeast Germany to Italy, and east-west traffic in Po Valley.
FIGHTER ESCORT: One Group fighters provide penetration and target cover for this Wing. Fighters will rendezvous with bombers near keypoint.
OTHER GROUPS: 450th and 98th - 1st Wave. 376th and 449th - 2nd Wave.
OTHER COMMENTS: Neither Rimini nor Florence are to be bombed.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0830 | 0730 |
| Trucks | 0915 | 0815 |
| Take off | 1020 | 0920 |
| On course | 1117 | 1017 |
| Target | 1420 | 1320 |

NOTE: TARGET CHARTS AND TARGET PICTURES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT BRIEFING AND AND "PINPOINT" ORIENTED AND EXPLAINED BY SQUADRON S-2. GUNNERS WILL BE REMINDED OF ESCAPE PROCEDURE.

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[illegible], 17th [illegible] MISSION NO. 236.

TARGET: Vecses A/D Installations & A/C at Budapest.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Installation are arranged for final assembly work. Many Me 410's have been photographed on this field. Loss of this plant will result in loss of more than 2/3rds of GAF Me 410 & Me 210's.
NO OF PLANES: 30
BOMB LOAD: 500lb .1 & .01
SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | B Sec |
|---|---|
| 512 | 514 |
| 515 | 513 |
| Mix | Mix |

ROUTE OUT: Base to Keypoint Tuzla (4432'N, 1840'E) at 16,000 ft at 1010 Baker to Turnpoint Kiskunfelegyhaza (4643'N 1950'E) to I.P. to Target.
I.P. Nagykata (4720'N 1944'E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 269°
BOMBING ALT: A SEC 22,000
B SEC 22,500
TGT PIN POINT: Large hangar type building at LJ 7.
TURN OFF TARGET: Left
ROUTE BACK: Target to Keypoint to Base.
FLAK: 12 to 18 guns in target area; 66 guns, 19 positions in Budapest area; Heavy A/A at Szekafehervar; Kapos; Feco; Brod; Novi Sad; Sarajevo; Ston; Kotor; Podgorica; Bar; Omis; Split; and Sibenik.
FIGHTERS: Budapest area: 213; Gyor 53; Zagreb 50; Beograd;19; Brod 4; Mostar 8.
OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: E/A tactics, markings etc; M/T, shipping, M/T activity.
ALT OF TRGT: 450'

REFERENCE: TC 12-13 NA
COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: B-17's of 5th Wingattack Szegelsentmiklos. 304th Wing: Budapest Tokol A/D; 49th Wing: Brod South M/Y, 55th Wing: Brod South M/Y ) Main M/Y's.
GROUP LEADING: 376 will lead four (4) groups of 47th Wing.
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This complex (Budapest Duna) is the most important objective of the entire twin-engine fighter system.
FIGHTER ESCORT: 2 Grps P-38's at I.P over target and return. Largest group will meet formation at 4452'N 1850'E.
OTHER GROUPS: 98, 449, and 450th.
OTHER COMMENTS: Window will be dropped four mins before I.P. and continue for 3 mins after Bombs Away.
TIME SUMMARY:

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| BRIEFING | 0730 |
| Trucks | 0815 |
| T ke off | 0915 |
| On course | 1012 |
| Target | 1120 |

SECONDARY: City of Budapest ledd by FFF.
NOTE: TARGET CHARTS AND PICTURES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT BRIEFING AND THE PIN POINT ORIENTED AND EXPLAINED BY SQDN S-2. GUNNERS WILL BE BRIEFED REMINDED OF ESCAPE PROCEDURES.

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PLAN "A" - 8 April 1944

Same as Plan "A" of 7 April 44 with following changes:

Alternate: Wiener-Neustadt City by Pathfinder bombing.

Group Leading 47th Wing: 376th.

| TIME SUMMARY: | | | |
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| | Briefing | : 0730 | Ready with P-38's : 1205 |
| | Trucks | : 0815 | |
| | Take off | : 0915 | |
| | On course | : 1015 | |
| | Target | : 1300 | |

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DATE 5 April 1944 MISSION NO. 234

TARGET: PLOESTI M/Y
ALTERNATE: #1 - Ploesti M/Y on ETA
#2 - Turnul Severin M/Y

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Target is second largest rail center in Roumania, through which passes many troops and supplies to the Russian Southern front. Ploesti is the center of Europe's largest oil fields, and contains many refineries and oil storage facilities.

NO. OF PLANES - 35

BOMB LOAD - 100 lb. incendiaries.

SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | | B Sec | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt | 514 | 1 Flt | 512 |
| 2 Flt | 513 | 2 Flt | 515 |
| 3 Flt | Mixed | 3 Flt | Mixed |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito di Normanni to Keypoint of Lake Scutari (4215N 1915E) to turn point (4423N 2345E) to

I.P.: Ocnita (4500N 2533E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 102 degrees

BOMBING ALT: ~~XXXXX~~ 23,500'

TARGET PINPOINT: Choke point at junction of 3 rail lines (K/L-19 on target chart).

TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to turn point, Vidin (4400N 2253E) to key point to Base.

FLAK: At target, 144 guns as of 11 Jan/44. Heavy A/A reported at Kotor, Podgorica, Durazzo, Tirana, Bor, Sofia,.

FIGHTERS: At target - 26. 194 may be drawn from immediate area of Bucharest & Mizil. His area - 34; Tekish - 2; Mosiori de Vede - 35.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: M/Y's, troop movements, fighter tactics.

ALT OF TARGET: 525'
ALT OF ALTERNATE: 255'
AXIS OF ATTACK ON ALTERNATE: 280 degrees.

REFERENCES: TC 11-101B-NA; Map T/10;
Bucharest 1:500,000
BRASOV 1:500,000

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
5th Wing will attack Ploesti M/Y - 1440 hrs.
304th Wing attacks " " - 1430 hrs.
98th & 450th - 1st Wave - Ploesti M/Y-1440
451st - 2nd Wave - " " "
449th & 376th - 3rd Wave - " " "

GROUP LEADING - 98th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION. This mission, following those on Budapest and Bucharest, is a continuance of the destruction of enemy communication and supply lines to the Russo-Rumanian front.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 2 Groups, from Mitrovica, at 1316, to prudent limit of endurance.
2 Groups, from Craiova (4420N 2348E), at 1510, to Base, on withdrawal.

OTHER GROUPS: Rendezvous with 449th over San Pancrazio at 6,000' at 1204 hours. Rendezvous with Wing on line Manduria-San Vito di Normanni at 6,000' or 1,000' above cloud layer.

OTHER COMMENTS: Crews are to be commended on number of excellent observations. Continue the good work.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0915 |
| Trucks | 1000 |
| Take off | 1100 |
| On course | 1204 |
| Target | 1440 |

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DATE 3 April 1944 MISSION # 233

TARGET: Bucharest M/Y
1st Alt: Bucharest M/Y on ENA
2nd Alt; Turnul-Severin M/Y & A/C Fcty.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Most important junction on German supply route to Russian(Roumanian) Front

NO. OF PLANES: 36

BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. (.1N & .025 TD)

BOMB FORMATION:

| A Sec | | B Sec |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt | 513 | 1 Flt 515 |
| 2 Flt | 514 | 2 Flt 512 |
| 3 Flt | Mixed | 3 Flt Mixed |

ROUTE OUT: North end of Lake Scutari to 44.03N 2302E to Valeni (44.05N 24.47E) to

I.P. 44.37N 2531E

AXIS OF ATTACK: 115 degrees

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 22,000'
B Sec 22,500'

TARGET TIME POINT: 10½ - D (TO 1B-10-HA)

TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Target to 44.03N 2302E to Lake Scutari to Base.

FLAK; 23 positions - 90 guns at target. Turnul-Severin, no report. Heavy A/A at Bar, Podgorica, Bor, Ploesti.

FIGHTERS: At target - 157. Ploesti area - 55. Mix - 33; Rosiorii di Vede - 35. Quality of Roumanian Air Force unknown. IAR-80 (SE monoplane)

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, A/A tactics, A/C's,troop, rail & M/T movement.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 310'

REFERENCES: 11-10-HA, Map T/10(Turnul-Severin) Bucharest 1:500,000

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
5th Wing - Bucharest M/Y at 1220 hours
304th Wing - Bucharest M/Y at 1210 hours

GROUP LEADING: 376th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: With Budapest M/Y out, Bucharest M/Y is terminus of main supply lines from Germany,through which most troops and supplies pass to East. This is a ground-air support operation of the Russian invasion of Roumania.

FIGHTER ESCORT:
2 Gps P-38's, rendezvous Petrovica, to prudent limit.
1 Gp P-38's & 1 Gp P-47's, rendezvous at 1250 hours at 15,000' ft. or 1,000' above overcast between Harsoni and Bailesti.

OTHER GROUPS: Rendezvous with 44.9th over San Pancrazio at 6,000' at 0928 hours.

OTHER COMMENTS:
Ruschuk (43.50N 25.56E) under no circumstances to be bombed.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0630 |
| Trucks | 0715 |
| Take off | 0815 |
| On course | 0928 |
| Target | 1200 |

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PLAN "A" 3 APRIL 1944

TARGET: Budapest Main M/Y

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Largest M/Y in HUNGARY. Vital to enemy communications to Eastern Front.

NO. OF PLANES: 36

BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. ,1 N - .025 TD

A/C FORMATION: A Sec B Sec
1 Flt 512 1 Flt 511
2 Flt 513 2 Flt 513
3 Flt Mixed 3 Flt Mixed

ROUTE OUT: San Vito di Normanni to Initial point at Tuzla (44.32N 18.20E) to turning point (45.50N 18.50E) to Gyongyser (45.32N 19.07E) to I.P. (Time at Waypoint-0925)

I.P. Koner (47.22N 19.27E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 300 degrees

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 21,500'
B Sec 22,000'

TARGET IDENTIFICATION: South half of M/Y

ROUTE BACK: Target to rally point at Foka (46.37N 18.52E) to 45.50N 18.50E to Tuzla (44.32N 18.20E) to Base.

FLAK: 60 guns and 19 positions at target - 1/2/4b.
Heavy A/A at Szekesfehervar, Papavar, Tecso, Arpi, Kovi and Szerdevy, Oton, Kator, Pelgerlos, Bar, Orbs, Kilit, and Siberik

FIGHTERS: Budapest Area - 223; Gyor area - 54; Zagreb area - 30; Beograd - 12; Arad - 4; Kostar - 7.

OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS: M/Y activity, new construction, troop concentrations, R/A tactics and markings.

ATTITUDE OF FLIGHT 375 feet.

ALTERNATE TARGETS:
1. Budapest M/Y - Pathfinder tactics
2. Arad M/Y Altitude of tgt. 400' Target chart B-20J-HA
3. Kostar M/Y " " " 170' " " B-7-HA
4. Beograd M/Y " " " 840' " " B-5-HA

RENDEZVOUS: 10-[illegible]

COORDINATED [illegible] back Budapest/Tatoi A/C left 1030 Hrs. 468 BG
Arad M/Y. 304 WING ATTACKED NORTH WEST
Budapest M/Y 1045 hrs. 49 WINGS ATTACK
Main and Docks at 1010 hrs.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0500 |
| Trucks | 0545 |
| Take off | 0645 |
| On course | 0752 |
| Target | 1035 |

CROSS LANDING: 450th

OBJECTIVES OF MISSION: To disrupt communications Main line to Normandia & South Russian Line.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 1-38's North of Tuzla.
1-47's between Zara and Gyoer to target.
1-38's on withdrawal

OFFICE GROUPS: 450th & 98th - 1st Wave
451st - 2nd Wave
376th & 459th - 3rd Wave
(376th leads 3rd Wave)

OTHER COMMENTS: Hungarian Air Force reported to be using Dewoitine 520's

TIME OFF TARGET: Left

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MISSION 2 APRIL 1944. MISSION NO. 231

TARGET: DAIMLER-PUCH PLANT, STEYR, AUSTRIA REFERENCE: 1h-102A-NA; 1h-8-NA; 8-160-NA
1st ALTERNATE: Graz A/D; 2nd ALTERNATE: Ljubljana M/Y

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Manufactures fuselages, undercarriages, cylinder heads and other Ae. Eq. components.

NO. OF PLANES: 40

BOMB LOAD: 100 lb. incendiaries.

MAIN FORMATION:

| A Sec | | B Sec |
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| 1 Flt | 515 | 1 Flt 513 |
| 2 Flt | 512 | 2 Flt 514 |
| 3 Flt - Mixed | | 3 Flt Mixed |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Island (46-02N 15-45E) to Rieflam (47-36N 14-45E) to I.P.: 47-52N 14-38E

AXIS OF ATTACK: 325° degrees

BOMBING ALT: A Sec: 23,000'
B Sec: 23,500'

TARGET AIMPOINT: Daimler-Puch Plant

TURN OFF TARGET: Left

ROUTE BACK: Target to M Volkermarkt (46-40N 14-38E) to Base.

FLAK: 12 positions - 61 guns at target. Graz - 36 guns. Ljubljana - none (11/2/44) Heavy Flak at Linz area, Gris, Split, Sibinik, Zara, Zagreb, Maribor, Villach, Stocking, Zeltweg, Leoben, Bruck, Klaus and Wels.

FIGHTERS: Graz - 70, Zagreb area - 36, Klagenfurt - 10, Udine area - 160, Vienna area - 280. Estimated total - 175-200 SEF, and 60-70 TEF.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes, E/A tactics, coloring, etc., A/D activity, military installations.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET 994'

NOTE: CLOCKS MOVE FORWARD ONE (1) HOUR AT MIDNIGHT.

COORDINATED OR OTHER RP OUTS:
B-17's attack Waffenwerke (Steyr) 1130 Hrs.
463 (B-17) Wing attacks Krod at 1150 hrs.
304th Wing attacks Daimler-Puch Plant 1140 hrs.
454st Group attacks Mihac at 1045 hrs.
460th Group attacks Krod M/Y at 1030 hrs.

GROUP HEADING: 44th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: One of remaining important centers of fighter production and also ball bearings. One of largest engineering plants in Austria, employing 30,000 people

FIGHTER ESCORT: P-38's from 44-40N (line intercept) to prudent limit; P-47's from East of Klagenfurt to prudent limit. P-38's on withdrawal from prudent limit of endurance.

OTHER GROUPS:
1st wave - 449th & 451st (Waffenwerke)
2nd wave - 98th "
3rd wave - 450th & 376th.
Rendezvous with 450th at San Pancrazio at 3000' at 0809 hours.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0515 |
| Trucks | 0600 |
| Take off | 0700 |
| On Course | 0809 |
| Target | 1150 |

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DATE 28 March 1944
PLAN "A"

Same as PLAN "A" for 26 March 1944 (OBJ: FLUGZEUGMOTORENFABRIK NATZLADBERGER PLANT) with exception that FERRARA M/Y is sole alternate target in lieu of alternates designated in said PLAN "A" XXXX and with further exception that primary target time is 1120 hours.

CHANGED TIME SUMMARY

TIME SUMMARY:
Briefing 0430
Trucks 0520
Take off 0620
On course 0720
Target 1120

For instruction on alternate target(FERRARA M/Y) see PLAN "B" alternate.

PLAN "B"

TARGET: MESTRE M/Y
Alternate: Ferrara M/Y

REFERENCE: TC 4-120-NA
TC 4-78-NA

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Our target is reported to have approximately 1300 cars present.

NO. OF PLANES: 40

BOMB LOAD: 500lb - .1N-.01TD

SQDN FORMATION:

| | A Sec | B Sec |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt | 512 | 514 |
| 2 Flt | 515 | 513 |
| 3 Flt | Mixed | Mixed |

ROUTE OUT: Base to Ostunto (44-05N 14-40E) to 44-57N 12-20E to Cavarzere (45-08N 12-05E) to I.P.

I.P. Piove (45-17N 12-03E)
(for alt.) Rovigo (45-05N 11-47E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 33 degrees
(for alt.) 210 degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: A Sec 22,000'
B Sec 22,500'

TARGET WINDOW: Choke point at 4-7 (TC 4-120-NA)
(for alt.) SW 1/3 of yards at 1/3-4-5 (TC 4-78-NA)

TURN OFF TARGET: Right (foralt.) Left

ROUTE BACK: Sharp righ (inside Venice) to 45-17N 12-22E to Base.

FLAK: Target, Mestre - 5 positions (20 guns). Venice - 17 guns.
(alt. Target, Ferrara - 20 guns).

FIGHTERS: There are approximately 162 fighter aircraft in NE Italy area. Recent increase in the reaction from this area would indicate that interception can be expected from 75-85 mixed type fighters.

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: In addition to bomb strike photos, and observations, get photos or observations on shipping present in Venice harbors.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: Sea level.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS:
47th Wing - attack Mestre M/Y
1st wave - 450th & 98th
2nd wave - 376th
3rd wave - 449th & 451st
304th Wing - Attack Verona M/Y - 1200 hrs
Forts - attack Verona M/Y at 1150 hours with P-47 escort.

GROUP LOADING: 450th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The Mestre M/Y has recently become very active with traffic both to the Italian fronts and across N. Italy to the Balkans. Five Groups are to block this yard and destroy the large number of cars present.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 2 Sqs P-38's
Rendezvous 44-05N 14-40E
Time & Place 1117

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0715 0645 |
| Trucks | 0800 |
| Take off | 0900 |
| On course | 0957 |
| Target | 1210 |

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PLAN "B"

DATE 26 March 1944

TARGET: WIENER NEUSTADT A/C Fcty REFERENCE: 14-2-NA; 8-100-NA; 14-4-NA; 14-8-NA. (no ✗✗ chart on NOVOMESTO.
Alternates: Ljubljana, Novomesto, ~~XXXX~~ Klagenfurt, Graz.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Part of No.109 complex- destroyed by us on 2 Nov.43, but being rebuilt.

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: 47th Wing attack Wiener Neustadt A/C fcty at 1210 hours. 1st Wave - 450th & 98th. 2nd Wave - 376th & 451st. 3rd Wave - 449th & 451st. 304th Wing attack Bad Voslau A/C Fcty 1215. Forts attack Fischamend A/C Fcty at 1220.

NO. OF PLANES: 39

BOMB LOAD: 500lb. .1N - .01T

SQDN FORMATION: ✗ A Sec B Sec
1 Flt 512 ✗✗✗ 1✗ Flt 514
2 Flt 515 2✗ Flt 513
3 Flt Mixed 3 Flt Mixed

GROUP LEADING: 450th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Counter G.A.F. effort against A/C factories in Vienna area.

ROUTE OUT: Base to San Vito D'Normanni to Lagosta (42-45N 16-50E) to West end of Lake Balaton (46-45N 17-15E) to Sarvar (47-15N 16-55E) to I.P.

FIGHTER ESCORT: P-47's will escort from as far South as possible to limit. 1 Gp P-38's intercept each Wing just prior to Target, provide close escort on withdrawal.

I.P. Neusideler Lake(47-45N 16-42E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 293 degrees.

OTHER GROUPS: Rendy with ½ of 451st over Base at 0902. Rendy with Wing at San Vito D'Normanni.

BOMBING ALT: A Sec 22,000'
B Sec 22,500'

OTHER COMMENTS: Radio discipline - be sure that set isn't on command.

TARGET PINPOINT: Werk #1.
O-P/14-15 on TC 14-2-NA

TURN OFF TARGET: Left to West of Wiener Neustadt.

ROUTE BACK: Target to West of Wiener Neustadt to Groszpetersdorf (47-15N 16-20E) to Base.

FLAK: Target - 83 guns (18/3): Ljubljana - None (12 guns at A/D) Graz - 34 guns (29/2): Klagenfurt - 22 guns (1/3): Novomesto - None reported. Enroute - on coast at Split and Omis.

FIGHTERS: Target - 85 (15/3): Vienna Area + 188 ( Klagenfurt - 2 (23/3) Graz - 70 (24/3): Bad Voslau - 32 (15/3): Gyor - 53. Enroute: Zagreb - 18: NE Italy - 110.

OBSERVATIONS: & Photos: Bomb Strikes. E/A tactics, where encountered, direction of approach, color, etc.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 900'

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0615 |
| Trucks | 0700 |
| Take off | 0800 |
| On course | 0902 |
| Target | 1210 |

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PLAN "A" 24 March 1944

TARGET: Bucharest M/Y.
Secondary: City of Bucharest.
REFERENCE: TC 11-10-NA.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Politically importnat now. Largest M/Y in Roumania and vital to Ploesti oil fields.
NO. OF PLANES: 39
BOMB LOAD: 500# .1 and .025.
SQDN FORMATION:

| | A Sec | B Sec |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Flt | 515 | 1 Flt 513 |
| 2 Flt | 512 | 2 Flt 514 |
| 3 Flt | Mixed | 3 Flt Mixed. |

ROUTE OUT: Monopoli to Lake Scutari to Kragujevac (4401N 20554) to Turnul Severin (4438N 2238E) to I.P.
I.P. Cojasca (4444N 25502)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 150° true.
BOMBING ALT: A Sec 22,000'
B Sec 22,500'
TARGET PINPOINT: Choke point M/Y.
TURN OFF TARGET: Right.
ROUTE BACK: to Turnul Severid to Reciprocal of route out.
FLAK: At target 85 heavy guns.
FIGHTERS: An estimated total of 225 enemy fighters are likely to establish contact. Of these, possibly 30 to 40 will be twin-engined fighters, principally Me 110s. Initial contact by possibly 30 to 40 Me 109s probably in area between NIS and BELGRADE. Consider scale of effort of Bulgarian Air Force to be possibly 60 to 70 Me 109s and 20 to 25 Dewoitines 520s, although route north of SOFIA may enable the formations to evade some of this force. In Roumania probably opposition from 50 to 60 Me 109s, 20 to 30 IAR-80s of Roumanian Air Force plus about 30 Me 110s. There is a possibility of second sorties from Me 109s in NIS-BELGRADE Area on return route.
OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Strike photos important. Also close observations of enemy E/A, M/Y troop and M/V movements.
ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 290'
COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: 47th Wing - all Groups same target.
5th Wing - all Groups will attack oil refinery (adjacent) at 1300.
304th Wing - all Groups will attack Bucharest industrial area at 1310.
GROUP LEADING: 451st.
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Roumania "undecided" on war. This mission an initial persuader.
FIGHTER ESCORT: P 38 on route out - 12,000' - 1105 hours - Lake Scutari.
P 47s on route back at Turnul Severid at 18,000' at 1400 hours.
OTHER COMMANDS: No bombs to be dropped on Hungary or on Russians, Bulgaria.
TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0715 |
| Trucks | 0800 |
| Take off | 0900 |
| On course | 1000 |
| Target | 1320 |

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PLAN "A" 23 March 1944

TARGET: Steyr Walzeagenwerke Plant.
Alternate: Padua M/Y, Ferrara M/Y, Rimini M/Y,
REFERENCE: TC 14-102-NA, Alternates: 4-67-NA, 4-10-NA, 4-113-NA.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Plant produces upward of 150 Daimler-Benz aero engines a month.
NO. OF PLANES: 40
BOMB LOAD: Incendiaries.
ORDN FORMATION: A Sec B Sec
1 Flt 515 1 Flt 513
2 Flt 512 2 Flt 514
3 Flt Mixed 3 Flt Mixed.
ROUTE OUT: Monopoli to Bos Novi (4503N 1622E) to I.P. to target.
I. P. South tip of Lake Traun (4748N 1347E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 68° true.
BOMBING ALT: A Sec 21,500'
B Sec 22,000'
TARGET RINPOINT: Center of Buildings at M, N-16, 17 - TC 14-102A-NA.
TURN OFF TARGET: Right.
ROUTE BACK: Target to Rab Island (4445N 1445E) to 4330N 1450E to base.
FLAK: Steyr 12 pos. 60 guns. Route out: Omis, Zagreb, Klagenfurt, Zara. Alternates: Padua slight inaccurate 11/3/44. Ferrara 2 pos. 8 guns. Rimini no reported flak.
FIGHTERS: 135 now reported in northeast Italian A/Ds. Klagenfurt 27. Graz 30, Vienna area 250, Zagreb 19, Wels 15.
OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS: Bomb strikes. E/A tactics, color, place & time of encounter and when leaving formation.
ALTITUDE OF TARGET: 994'
COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS: 5th Wing (B 17s) attack same target at 1000 hours. 304th Wing (B 24s) attack A/C factory Steyr at 1010 hours. 55th Wing attacks Dihac M/Y.
GROUP LEADING: 451st.
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Destruction of Steyr complex would put out largest engineering wrks in Austria and most important production center for A/C engines, ME 109 fuselages and component prts.
FIGHTER ESCORT: 1 P 38 Group east of Fiume to prudent endurance. 1 P 47 Group east of Klagefurt to prudent endurance. 2 Groups P 38s at prudent limit endurance covering return.
OTHER GROUPS: All Groups 47th Wing with 376th next to last.
OTHER COMMENTS: Rendezvous with 449th Group over San Pancrazio at 0630 hours at 3,000' joining other Groups along Manduria-Monopoli rendezvous line.
TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0345 |
| Trucks | 0430 |
| Take off | 0530 |
| On course | 0630 |
| Target | 1020 |

Partisans control islands of Vis, Zirge along coast to Silba.

NOTE: TARGET CHARTS AND TARGET PICTURES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT BRIEFING AND THE "PINPOINT" ORIENTED AND EXPLAINED BY SQUADRON S-2. GUNNERS WILL BE REMINDED OF ESCAPE PROCEDURE.

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DATE 19 March 1944

PLAN "A"

TARGET * STEYRWAFFEN FLUGMOTOREN-FABRIK WALZLAGERWERKE
ALTERNATES - GRAZ OR ~~////~~ KLAGENFURT A/D's

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET - The Walzlagerwerke is producing upwards of 150 Daimler-Benz aero-engines a month.

NO. OF PLANES 35

BOMB LOAD - 500 (.10N - .01TD)

SQDN FORMATION:

| A Sec | | B Sec | |
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| 1 Flt | 5L4 | 1 Flt | 512 |
| 2 Flt | 513 | 2 Flt | 515 |
| 3 Flt | Mixed | 3 Flt | Mixed |

ROUTE OUT - San Vito D'Normanni to Bos Novi (45-03N 16-22E) to Attar Lake (47-58N 13-35E) to I.P.

I.P. - Wels (48-10N 14-01E)

AXIS OF ATTACK - 115 degrees.

BOMBING ALTITUDE - A Sec: 21,000'
B Sec: 21,500'

TARGET PINPOINT - Center of target.

TURN OFF TARGET - Right.

ROUTE BACK - Trieben (47-29N 14-29E) to Aurisinia (45-45N 13-40E) to 45-00N 13-20E to Vieste to Base.

FLAK - at target: 12 positions with XX 61 guns.
Heavy A/A enroute at Split, Omik, Zara, Klaus, Klagenfurt, Volkermark, Monfalcone.

FIGHTERS - Target area : 18 SEF reported on A/D's in area; also possible interceptions from portions of 275 A/A in Vienna area. Enroute: Zagreb area - 30; Graz - 80; Klagenfurt - 27; Karnburg - 27; NE Italy - total of 179.

REFERENCE - 1L-102A-NA; Graz - L33/2-1:250,000
Photo 20-042
Graz/Thalerdorf A/D 1L-8-NA
Klagenfurt A/D 1L-4-NA

COORDINATED OR OTHER EFFORTS - 376, 98, 450, 451, (in that order) hitting target at 1L20.
Maximum effort of B-17's of 5th Wing hitting same target at 1L00.
Maximum effort of B-24's of 304th Wing hitting Steyr-Daimler-Puch works at 1L10. 449 hitting Zagreb A/D at 1200.
GROUP LEADING 376th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: These[3] wings of bombers are being dispatched to destroy the Steyr complex. This complex is the largets engineering works in Austria, and one of the most important in Axis territory. The combine produces A/C engines, Me 109 fuselages and other component parts.

FIGHTER ESCORT - 1 Gp P-38's, rendezvous East of Fiume at 12h5 hours, 18,000', will provide cover to limit of endurance. 1 Gp P-47's, rendezvous East of Klagenfurt at 1330 hours, 20,000', will provide cover to limit of endurance. 2 Gp's P-38's, rendezvous on return at prudent limit, will provide cover on return.

RENDEZVOUS WITH OTHER GROUPS - Rendezvous with 451st over base at 3,000' at 1050 hours.
Rendezvous with Wing on line San Pancrazio -San Vito.

OTHER COMMENTS - B-24 mission of 22Feb reported encountering 60 SEF & 40 TEF before reaching target. B-17 mission of 23 Feb reported encountering 50-60 SEF & 40 TEF, first seen NW of Fiume and first attacked near Klagenfurt. On both missions attacks continued until approach of escort after target.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0800 |
| Trucks | 0845 |
| Take off | 0945 |
| On course | 1050 |
| Target | 1L20 |

OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOS - Especially important to have a photo of target before our first bomb hits to show what the B-17's did before us — then a good coverage of all our hits to show who will get the credit for destroying the target, B24 or B-17.

ALTITUDE OF TARGET - 1,000'

NOTE: TARGET CHARTS AND TARGET PICTURES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT BRIEFING AND THE PINPOINT ORIENTED AND EXPLAINED BY SQUADRON S-2. GUNNERS WILL BE REMINDED OF ESCAPE PROCEDURE.

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DATE 19 March 1944 PLAN "B"

TARGET - BUDAPEST/TOKOL (Same as PLAN "A" for 18 March 1944, with following changes).

PINPOINT - Assembly shops. BOMB LOAD - 500 Lb. .10N .01TD

ROUTE BACK - Rally left to Air Force rally point at Dumafolovar(4647N 1855E) to Tugla to 4232N 1813E to Base

TIME SUMMARY - Briefing - 0530
Trucks - 0615
Take Off - 0715
On Course- 0820
Target - 1110

BOMBING ALTITUDE - 20,500ft

SQDN FORMATION - Same as PLAN "A" of this date (19 Mar 44)

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PLAN "A"

21-2-44

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| 13/1/NA, 14-13-NA, 4-132 NA 4-67 NA. | 0630 |
| AUGSBURG ME ASSEMBLY PLANT.<br>ALT: M/Y'S AT INSBRUCK, BOLZANO, PADUA. | 0715 |
| 36 | 0810 |
| 370 | 0925 |
| SAME AS PLAN B | 1325 |

Base to Manduira to Vieste (41°51'N 16°12'E) 44°12'N-15°32'E to 48°22'N 12°06'E to E

Augsburg, 63 guns, Munich, 2x 200 guns, Insbruck, 54 guns, Bolzano 58 heavy guns.

In Munich Stuttgart are enemy capability of 100 to 180 Sorties + 100 from Frankfort areas. E/A will be split by diversions, B-17's operating from England.

SCHROBENHAUSEN, (48° 34'N-11° 18'E

Plant at N, 0-1,2,3-T.C 13-1 NA

Parent factory of ME system, location of development, research labs. Also produce ME 410's, 40 per month. Plant is camouflaged.

22,000'

Rally left to 48°00'N-11°05'E to 47°00'N-11°10'E to 45°35'N-12°50'E to Lake Varno to base.

Military installations, Flak, E/A tatics, coloring etc.

Bomb Strike, Augsburg Area.

Withdrawal escort of Max. P-38's from 46°30'N-11°40'E at 1400 at 18,000'.

Rendezvous - Bombers. 1. Manduria 6,000' at 0930
2. Grumo Apprula 6,000' at 0953
3. Vieste 6,000' at 1018

B-17's attacking Regensburg at same time; withdrawal support by P-47's

304th Wing attacks Graz, Knalenfurt.

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.TE: 25 Feb 44 — BRIEFING TIME: 0630

MAP REF. TC 13-3-NA, Ill. 3(e)53/5 — TRUCKS: 0715

TARGET: Regensburg Prufening A/C Fcty. 2 Photos — TAKE OFF: 0830

NO. OF PLANES: 18 & 2 spares. — RENDEZVOUS WITH 450th NOCI 6,000' - 0925

GROUP LEADING: 450th. — ON COURSE: 0910

SQDN. FORMATION: [illegible] — OVER TARGET: 1310

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FLAK: Below.

ROUTE OUT: Bitonto (41-06N 16-42E) to 43-30N 16-17E to Chiem Lake (48-43N 12-02E) to I.P. to target. — FIGHTERS: Below.

OBSERVATION: Note time, coordinate of all important military observations.

PHOTOS to be taken.

I.P.: Oberlindhart (48-45N 12-14E)

TARGET PP: Northern half of factory area.

ALTITUDE: of target 1100', to Volkemarkt & to

ROUTE BACK. Rally left, / same route as on way out.

BOMBING ALT. 23,000'.

Axis of attack - 339°.

3 Groups P-38's will escort on route back with rendezvous at Volkemarkt (45-40N 14-37E) at 19,000'.

5th Wing - B 17's with P-47 escort on route back will attack same target.
Short range B 17's will attack Klagenfurt A/C factory.
304th Wing - B 24's will attack Graz/Thalerhof A/D.
Wellingtons will attack Steyr A/C factory night of Feb 25/26.
Co-ordinated attacks with 8th Air Force.

ALTERNATES:
1:250,000 Passau M 33/10

| | |
|---|---|
| Regensburg M/Y | |
| Augsburg A/C plant | TC 13-1-NA, 1 Photo. |
| Innsbruck M/Y | TC 14-13-NA |
| Bolzano M/Y | TC 4-132-NA. |
| Trento M/Y | TC 4-141-NA. |
| Verona M/Y | TC 4-109-NA. |
| Padua M/Y | TC 4-67-NA. |
| ANY M/Y IN AUSTRIA. | |

FLAK: Intense, accurate heavy - B-17 - 22 Feb 44 at Regensburg Prufening. Flak chart shows 40 to 60 guns in area. Latest flak reports show - Split 4; Sibenik 8; Salzburg 18; Fiume 26; Augsburg 86; Munich 153; Innsbruck 54; Bolzano 58. Flak reported at Zara, Ljubljana, Straubing. None reported at Trento, Verona and Padua.

FIGHTERS: Enemy capability in target area estimated at 100 to 150 A/C. In the whole south Germany area sorties are estimated at 175 to 200. In the Zagrab area 15 - 20. Klagenfurt - Graz 30 - 40. Aviano and Udine - 40 - 50.

TARGET IMPORTANCE: ME A/C assembly plant one of two most important producers of fighters in Europe. With Regensburg Obertraubling included ½ of ME 109 production.

Regensburg M/Y at limit of navigation of large river steamers - important transhipping point and intersection of traffic from north going to Italian front and western Germany to eastern Europe.

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MISSION NO 216 "A" PLAN

DATE 23 February 1944

MAP REF TC 14-102-NA

TARGET Steyr Aero Engine Works

NO. OF PLANES 36

GROUP LEADING 451st

SQDN .FORMATION 1st Wave 512 - 515
2nd Wave 513 - 514

ROUTE OUT Rendezvous to 45-20N 14-40E to 47-43N 13-30E to Lambach (48-07N 13-53E)

I.P. Wels 48-10N 13-00E

TARGET PT Center of Works

ALT OF TARGET 1000'

ROUTE BACK Target to 47-12N 14-35E to 46-05N 15-00E to Vieste to Base

BOMBING ALTITUDE
1st Wave 21,000
2nd Wave 21,000

BRIEFING TIME

TRUCKS

TAKE OFF -

ON COURSE

OVER TARGET

FLAK None over target Heavy A/A reported at Sibenik, Zara, Fiume, Ljubljana, Klagenfurt, & Linz.

FIGHTERS None reported at target. 3 SEF Ljubljana, 14 SEF Klagenfurt, Karnburg 27, Zeltweg 7, Saltzburg 3, Graz 26, Zagreb 30.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET Engine output believed to be 150 per moth, probably of Daimler-Benz design.

OBSERVATION Keep up the good work

PHOTO To be taken

RENDEZVOUS 451st and 18 of 376th at FASANO at 6000'
98th and 449th at GIFONI at 6000'
450th and 376th at MESAGNA at 6000'

BOMB LOAD 500 lb. .1 Nose .025 TD

P-38 escort on route back from 47-12N 14-35E at 18,000'

Max B-17's will attack Steyr A/C assembly plant escorted by P-47's on route back

ALTERNATES

| | | ALTITUDE |
|---|---|---|
| KLAGENFURT A/C FACTORY | 14-4-NA | 1500' |
| TRIESTE OIL REFINERY | 4-116-NA | Sea Level |
| FIUME OIL REFINERY | 4-125-NA | " |
| SIBENIK SHIPPING AND HARBOR INSTALLATIONS | 3/39(1) | " |

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DATE: 22/2/44

MAP REF. See Below

TARGET ME 109 Plant at Regensburg/Obertraubling.

NO. OF PLANES 36

GROUP LEADING 376th

SQDN FORMATION: Sect A 1st 515
2nd 513
3rd Mixed
Sect B 1st 512
2nd 514
3rd Mixed

ROUTE OUT: Bitonto (41-06N 16-42E) to Yugoslav coast at 43-30N 16-17E to Volhemas (46-40N 14-37E) to Weichshoffen (48-43N 12-26E) to I.P.

I.P. Weichshoffen (48-43N 12-26E)

TARGET PP ME 109 Plant.

ROUTE BACK Right turn - reciprocal of route out.

BOMBING ALT. ~~Accord~~
1st Wave - 22,000 and 24,000'

BRIEFING TIME 0600

TRUCKS 0700

TAKE OFF 0755

ON COURSE 0905

~~RENDEZVOUS~~
FESONA 0920

OVER TARGET 1300

FLAK See Below

FIGHTERS See Below

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET See Below

OBSERVATION Note time, coordinates og all important military observatinns

PHOTO With extreme importance of target - pictures essential.

Axis 330°

| | | Map Ref. | Altitude |
|---|---|---|---|
| Regensburg/Obertraubling | | TC 13-3-NA | 1100' |
| | | Ill. 3(B)109/5 | |
| Alt #1 | Me Poty Augsburg | TC 13-1-NA | 1635 |
| Alt #2 | Innsbruck M/Y | TC 14-13-NA | 1935 |
| Alt #3 | Bolzano M/Y | TC 4-132-NA | 860 |
| Alt #4 | Trento M/Y | TC 4-141-NA | 640 |
| Alt #5 | Verona M/Y | TC 4-109-NA | 240 |
| Alt #6 | Padua M/Y | TC 4-67-NA | 42 |

47th Wing together - 1st Wave 376th and 18 of 450th.
2nd " 451st and 18 of 450th.
3rd " 449th and 98th.

~~Diversionary 304th Wing - Port and Harbor at Zara.~~
~~5th Wing and 304th Wing - Port and Harbor at Sibenik~~

Escort on return - 3 groups of P-47's. Rendezvous at Volkeniar (46-40N 14-37E) at 19,000' at 1400 hours.

MAPS 1:250,000 Passau M-33/10 (For each No. 1 and 2 ship of each 6 ship flight get them first.)
1:500,000 of target area to those not having 1:250,000.
1:1,000,000 or 1:500,000 according oto individual preference for route.

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FLAK: Route in – Split 49 guns
Sibenik 89 guns.
Salzburg 129 guns.
Regensburg 7 – 10 guns.

| FIGHTERS: Route in | | Fighters | Sortie Estimate |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Zagreb Area | 35 | 15 – 20 |
| | Klagenfurt Graz Area | 74 | 30– 40 |
| | Salzburg Area | 8 | |
| | Munich Area | | 160 – 180 |
| | Aviano – Udine | 99 plus | 40 – 50 |

TARGET IMPORTANCE: Allied Air Forces have now entered decisive phase of the war in an all out effort to completely obliterate the Luftwaffe (1) through destruction of A/C factories and (2) through destruction of E/A both in air and on ground. The two Regensberg targets hit today account for 1/3 of the total GAF production of Germany.

90 acre group of buildings consist chiefly of hangars.

DIVERSION

2 Groups head toward Vienna then attack Brod – to ward off Vienna area fighters.

Other groups go to Graz A/D and Klagenfurt A/D to flush fighters of Austria and NE Italy.

5th Wing of B-17's goes to Regensburg Fuefering.

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PAGE MISSION NO. 210

DATE 9b 44 BRIEFING TIME 0615

MAP REF. TC 13-3-MA TRUCKS 0700

TARGET Regensburg/Ober Traubling A/C Factory TAKE OFF 0750

ON COURSE 0905

NO. OF PLANES 36 Rendezvous Lecce 0912 - 5,000'

OVER TARGET 1315

GROUP LEADING 376th FLAK Split 16; Ljubljana 12;

SQDN. FORMATION 512th - A - 1st, 513th - A - 2nd, 515th - B - 1st, 514th - B - 2nd, 512, 515 - C - 1st, 513, 514 - C - 2nd. Zagreb 16; Salzburg 78; Graz 16

FIGHTERS See over.

ROUTE OUT Base to Lecce to Ostuni-to to Bitonto/(43-30N 16-17E) to Volkermarkt (46-40N 14-37E) to Weichseren (48-43N 12-26E) to I.P.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET Highest priority. One third enemy fighter production - Simultaneous destruction A & B targets will cost enemy 2,000 ME 109's

I. P. Geiselhoring (48-50N 12-23E)

TARGET PP Second large building from south on east side of installation

ALTITUDE of target - 1100'

OBSERVATION Shipping in Adriatic, M/T, RR traffic, A/D's, construction.

ROUTE BACK Rally right inside Straubing - Lienz - Gaoris (46-36N 12-54E) to Base.

PHOTO To be taken.

BOMBING ALT: 1ST FLT. 27000'
2ND FLT
3RD FLT
4TH FLT

Axis of attack - 318° true.

Bomb load - 500 lb. .1 nose .01 TD New fusing to get under roof & then explode.

SECONDARY TARGET
Rosenheim M/Y
Salzburg M/Y } any target of opportunity
Villach M/Y

OTHER UNITS
B-17's attack Regensburg/Prufening at 1315, P-47's cover B-17 withdrawal.
451st Group attack Pontassieve M/Y at 1200.
98th - 36 ships
449th - 36 ships Regensburg/Obertraubling
450th - 36 ships

ESCORT
3 Groups P-38's rendezvous at Lienz (46-50N 12-46E) at 19,000' at 1352.

B17's from England
Frankfurt -
Stuttgardt -

492 B17-
192 B24's

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ROUTE OUT
FIGHTERS

Zagreb - 30
Kalgenfurt - 14
Graz - 26
Zeltweg - 7
Voitsberg - 27

Munich Area - 247

Augsburg Area - 166

Vienna Area - 136

ROUTE BACK

Northern Italy - 124

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

A. What is the strength and disposition of German fighter defenses in S. Germany? As evidenced by:
   1. Number attacking and place of attacks.
   2. Evidence of long range fighters, belly tanks, etc.
   3. Proportion of single and twin engine fighters.

B. What are the enemy's tactics? As evidenced by:
   1. Rocket mortars, aerial bombing, or other unusual defense.
   2. Coordination of rocket and single engine attacks.
   3. Coordination of simultaneous on consecutive attacks.

C. What are ground defenses? Particularly:
   1. Coordination of air and ground defense.
   2. Unusual types of flak.

D. Was diversion successful in preventing effective opposition en route?

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[illegible]SSION NO. 450 15 April 1945

TARGET: German Troop Concentrations in Bologna area [illegible]A-20
No Alternates.

OTHER WINGS:

| | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Same Target | 1300-1330 |
| 49th: | | 1418-1430 |
| 55th: | | 1402-1418 |
| 304th: | | 1330-1346 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: In conjunction with 8th Armys attack, 5th Army will launch an attack commencing 14 April with the [illegible] Bologna. This Air Force [illegible] a enemy installations. The Air Force attack will greatly facilitate the advance of our forces and enhance the success of this all out attack on one of the enemys few remaining strong positions in the European theater.

Target includes a command post, guns, and billets. It is north of a highway bridge and remnants of a destroyed rail bridge across the Savonna River.

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NO. OF PLANES: 40 BOMB LOAD: 250 KOX clustered .1nose and .01 tail
GROUP FORMATION: 1st: 513th, 2nd: 514th, 3rd: 515th, and 4th: 512th.

WING FORMATION: 98th; 376th; 449th; 450th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Giglo (4222N 1054E) to Piombino (4256N 1032E) to Volterra (4324N 1052E) to IP to target.

I.P.: Vernio (4403N 1109E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 21°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 21,500 feet THRN OFF TARGET: Left

ROUTE BACK: Tgt/to Castelfranco (4436N 1103E) to Montestino (4425N 1047E) to Borgo (4359N 1032E) to Gorgona (4326N 0954E) to Montecristo (4220N 1019E) to base

FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration, target and withdrawal

FLAK: Target: 51 guns in Bologna area but 20 guns on the west edge of Bologna are almost out of range. Targets are 8½ mi inside defended area so if very sharp left rally is started immediately after release of bombs, penetration and time in flak will be kept to a minimum. Artillery will engage flak guns during bombing.

FIGHTERS: Negligible opposition is expected. Most likely attack would be an unescorted formations. Maximum scale of effort is 50-60 SEF but it is estimated that no more than 20-25 A/C would be committed even if enemy chose to oppose.

COMMENTS: Attention is called to POW camps 214 & 231 at Mirandola (4452N 1103E)
Preserve target material for possible future use.
Italian bombline change as of 1345 14 April: B-607670 - 3267 - 3259 - 2759 - 220569 - 1849 - 180429 - Sillaro River at 178413 - thence river to 160399 - 1734 - 0135 - [illegible]-985350 - 975340 - 8834 - 8329 - 6029 - 3410 - 1610 - 1307 - F-8516 - 8302.
Russian front line changes as of 13 April: In Slovakia line passes: west of Bela (4914-1857), 1 mi SE of Varin, SE of Turo Tridvory, east of Rajec, 1 mi east of Fackov. East of March River line passes: 2 mi south of Velka (4854-1732), 3 mi north of Vrbovce, 1 mi NE of Skalica. West of March River line passes: March at point west of Sv Jany, SE of Eisterdorf, along RR to east of Gr. Scheinbarth, north of Bockflusz, south of Eisesbrunn, 3 mi west of Raasdorf, south of Kagran, Danube SE of Kagran.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0830 |
| Trucks | 0910 |
| Take Off | 1010 |
| On course | 1101 |
| Target | 1346 |

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AG S E C R E T

BLUE FORCE
MISSION NO. 450 3 April 1945
TARGET: Casarsa Rail Diversion RR Bridge
Alternates: Neversa RR Diversion 4548N 1216E
[redacted]

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Neversa RR Bridge Diversion | 1200-1230 |
| 49th: | Neversa RR Bridge Diversion | 1300-1315 |
| 55th: | Casarsa RR Bridge Diversion | 1325-1345 |
| 304th: | Ghedi Ammo Factory and Stores | |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: All wings will attack rail diversion bridges and ammunitions targets in North Italy. See Plan for 12 April 1945

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Repairs have progressed to the point where the line can be reactivitated in a short time. See plan for 12 April 1945
Rail bridge and the diversion still closed. Repair activity was evident.

NO. OF PLANES: 18 plus spares BOMB LOAD: 500 RDX(.1 nose & .01 tail)
CRAP FORMATION: 1st: 512, 2nd: 515, 3rd: 514, and 4th: 513.
WING FORMATION: 98th, 376th, 449th and 450th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Montecristo (4220N 1018E) to Sestri (4417N 0923E) to S. Police [redacted] (4451N 1109E) to Schio (4543N 1121E) to Muda (4615N 1207E) to IP to tgt.

I.P.: Barcis (4612N 1233E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 136° TURN OFF TARGET: Right

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 21,500 feet

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Pramaggiore (4548N 1244E) to Caorle (4538N 1252E) to 4350N 1350E to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Reduced escort on penetration and target cover.

FLAK: Target: 12 guns at Casarsa. Sharp right rally will minimize target defenses.
Neversa: 18 guns here. Sharp left rally is suggested.

COMMENTS: See Plan for Red Force.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0620 |
| Trucks | 0650 |
| Take Off | 0750 |
| On course | 0828 |
| Target | 1240 |

NOTE: ESCAPE PURSES WILL FIRST BE ISSUED TO CREWS [redacted] FLYING BLUE FORCE MISSION. BALANCE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO CREWS FLYING RED FORCE MISSION.

FIGHTER INFORMATION: Red Force:30 P-38s at target 1346 hours
Blue Force:30 P-38s at Sestri 1131 hours

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MISSION NO. 450 PLANES 12 April 1945
TARGET: Casarsa Diverson RR Bridge MBC 4-38
Alternates: Fortezza M/Y MBC 4-65 MPI: F.7-5.9
Brennero M/Y MBC 4-69 E.0-4.8
Bressanone M/Y MBC 4-61 D.5-5.1

OTHER WINGS: Target Time
5th: 4 Ops Padua No RR Bridge 1200-1300; 2 Ops Venice/Malcontenta 1200-1300
49th: St Veit East RR Bridge 1130-1535
55th: Ponte di Piave RR Bridge 1200-1245
304th: Mestre RR Bridge 1345-1430

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Plan directs attacks against RR Bridges and military depots in North Italy and Rail Bridges in Austria on lines entering NE Italy. Following initial attacks on rail bridges, the original bridges were by passed with diversions on grades throughout the river beds and short bridge sections across river channels. Thus the army is able to expedite replacement of damage. Recent photos show intensified effort to reactivate rail lines in NE Italy.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET:
As of 9 April, the rail bridge and the diversion still closed. Repair activity was evident. Objective of attack is destruction of the bridge sections as indicated. Bridge is on line between Treviso and Udine.
NO. OF PLANES: 32 BOMB LOAD: 500 MIX (.1 nose and .01 tail)(2 bombs per A/C long delay)
GROUP FORMATION: 1st: 512; 2nd: 515; 3rd: 514; and 4th: 513.

WING FORMATION: 98th, 376th, 450th, and 449th.

ROUTE OUT: Assembly Point to Vir (4410N 1506E) to V. Lasco (4553N 1439E) to west tip of Miessan Lake (4643N 1317E) to S. Stefano (4638N 1233E) to IP to tgt.

I.P.: Barcis (4612N 1233E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 136°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 22,500 feet TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Assano-Decino (4553N 1243E) to Caorle (4536N 1253E) to 4350N 1350E to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration, target and withdrawal.

FLAK: Target: 12 guns at tgt area. Enter defenses 6 mi from tgt. At 4 mi from tgt, they will be in range of all 12 guns. Hard rally will minimize time in flak.
Fortezza: 68 guns at Bressanone and 32 at Campo, Vipitano, and Brennero along Brenner line to north. Very sharp left rally will minimize exposure to guns at Bressanone.
Brennero: 4 guns here. Rally should be greater than 130° to avoid defenses at Campo and Bressanone.
FIGHTERS: Enemy is capable of 40-50 SEF sorties but Mil reaction is expected.

COMMENTS: Russian front line changes as of 10 April: in Slovakia line passes: North of Slov Pravna (4855-1845) , 2 mi south of Vricko, south of Cicmany, south of Valaska Bela, south of Trencin Teplice, north of Trenc Turna, south of Kochanovce, south of Dol Srnie, 3 mi SE of Velka, SE of Brtovce , 2 mi north of Sobotiste, south of Radosovce, 2 mi north of Ubely, west of March River line passes: east of Schonfeld, 3 mi SE of Leopoldsdorf, 4 mi SE of Gr. Enzersdorf, Danube 1 mi west of Fischamend Markt. No information available on rest of line.

Italian bombline change as of 1530 hours, 11 April: M-607670 - 4467 - 410622 - thence E 41 easting to canal at 4151 - 403501 - 388505 - 3547 - 3247 - 285430 - 2436 - 240327 - 217290 - 137290 - 0925 - 0135 - L-985350 - 975340 - 8834 - 8329 - 7429 - 6627 - 5827 - 3410 - 1810 - 1707 - P-0707 - U-0799

TIME SUMMARY:

| | Local | Remote |
|---|---|---|
| Briefing | 0725 | 0730 |
| Trucks | 0755 | 0800 |
| Take Off | 0855 | 0900 |
| On course | 0934 | 1044 |
| Target | 1250 | 1250 |

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PLAN "ABLE"

MISSION NO 449 — 11 APRIL 1945

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|---|---|---|---|
| TARGET: | Campodazzo RR Bridge | MBC 4-58 | C.5-3.5 |
| ALTERNATES: | Padua North RR Bridge | TC 4-67-NA | Center of bridge |
| | Campodazzo RR Bridge(North) | MBC 4-58 | Center of bridge |
| | Ossoppo MT Repair Shop | Target material will be distributed at Group briefing. | |

OTHER WINGS:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5th; | 2 Gps Padua North RR Bridge | optional |
| 49th; | Ora M/Y | 1210-1225 hrs. |
| 55th; | Campo Di Trens RR Bridge | 1155-1215 " |
| 304th; | Ponte Gardeno RR Bridge | 1130-1150 " |
| 15th Fighter Command; | 1 Group to dive bomb Rosenheim RR Bridge. | |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: the 15th AF will employ normal effort and attack vital communications targets on the Brenner and RR Bridge at Padua. The objective of the attack is to interdict vital escape routes at vulnerable and widespread points. The attacks are aimed as an important follow up in the program of close co-operation with ground forces. Successful execution of this plan will block two lines that are essential for the enemy's withdrawel and would be a partial isolation of the battlefield.

NO OF PLANES: 32 BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb RDX 304th FORMATION: 514, 513, 515

47TH WING FORMATION: 449, 450, 376, 98

ROUTE OUT: Assembly point to 4440N 1330E to Caorle (4536N 1253E) to Sacile (4557N 1230E) to Feltre (4602N 1155E) to I.P.

I.P. Tesero (4617N 1131E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 357°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Target to Sedico (4607N 1206E) to Caorle (4536N 1253E) to 4440N 1330E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: On penetration, over target and on withdrawel.

FLAK: at target - 121 guns in Bolzano area although 30 actually cover the target. Close adherance to the briefed axis should keep formation east of the Bolzano flak defended areas until approx. four miles from the target. A sharp right rally is recommended. A rally of greater than 90° should keep the formation out of range of an additional 9 guns north of the target;
Padua - 18 guns.
Osoppo - no heavy flak, although care should be taken to avoid defenses of Udine consisting of 24 guns.

FIGHTERS: The enemy is still capable of 4-/50 SEF sorties in North Italy but negligible to nil opposition is anticipated. Attacks by small formations against stragglers could be executed.

TIME SUMMARY:

| | | |
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| Briefing | 0645 | |
| Trucks | 0715 | |
| Take Off | 0815 | |
| On course | 0911 | 1023 if remote |
| Target | 1200 | |

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MISSION NO. 448 [ PLAN ABLE 9 APR 1945

For No's:

TARGET: Defense position in forward enemy area. ~~[illegible]~~ REF: Attached. 4 & 7

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|---|---|---|---|
| OTHER WINGS: | 5th | German Troop Concentrations | 1100-1127 |
| | 49th | | 1227-1230 |
| | 55th | | 1201-1217 |
| | 304th | | 1127-1145 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: So long as the enemy has Northern Italy as a source of supply and can maintain a large army there he can seriously hamper the Allied effort toward a complete victory. The 15th AF will again be concentrated in close cooperation with the Eighth Army on the second day of its spring offensive in Northern Italy. Strong enemy defenses, including heavy, medium, and anti-tank guns, machine gun nests and infantry defense systems are located in the target area. These attacks will precede the resumption of the advance, and facilitate the forcing of the enemy's defenses and the securing of bridgeheads over the SANTERNO River.

NO OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: Cluster Frags Sdqn From: 515 513 512 514

WING LEAD: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to RP 4340-1350 to IP to Tgt.

I.P.: Cesenatico 4414-1224 BOMB ALT: 20,000 AXIS OF ATTACK: 302 Dgs True

TURN OFF TARGET: Left

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to RP S. Pietro 4352-1159 to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort, P. T. W. 40-P-51s - 1055 until 1200.
40-P51s 1130 until last ship is over target

FLAK: Information 5 April shows 113 heavy guns on the INDIA sheet. Of these, however only about 25 cover the target area. On 9 April 47th Wing reported flak in this area ranging from scant/moderate and inaccurate for some units to scant and accurate for others. A sharp left rally should be started immediately after release of bombs

FIGHTERS: The enemy has a maximum capability of 40 to 50 SEF in this area, but no opposition is anticipated with so many friendly fighters in the area.

COMMENTS: If weather permits all groups will take 12" oblique photos.
ITALAIAN BOMBLINE CHANGES AS OF 1205 hrs 9 APRIL: M-607670 - 4467-440472 - thence SENIO RIVER to 3133-294330 thence railroad to 266290 - 2429-1524-0925-0135-L985350 -075340-8834-8329-7429-6927-5827-3410-1810-1707-07504[illegible]-P9104-U8799.

NOTE : STRESS OPERATIONAL SECURITY. IMPRESS ALL CREWS WITH THE NEED FOR ABSOLUTE SECRECY. ANY BREACH OF SECURITY MAY RESULT IN GREAT LOSS OF GROUND PERSONNEL. THIS NEED FOR ABSOLUTE SECURITY CANNOT BE OVERSTRESSED.

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| TIME SUMMARY: | Briefing | 0645 |
| | Trucks | 0730 |
| | Take off | 0830 |
| | On course | 0949 |
| | Target | 1145 |

THE BACK OF TC #4-69-NA "LUGO" MAY BE USED IN FOLDERS OTHER THAN LEAD NO'S 4 & 7

COORDINATES OF TARGET: 4426-1152.

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MISSION NO. 447 THI 9 April 1945

TARGET: Defense position in forward enemy area

LUGO TC 4-69-NA
5138514 14.5-ML
5128515 13.6-KJ

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | German Troop Concentrations | 1350-1420 |
| 49th: | | 1508-1520 |
| 55th: | | 1452-1508 |
| 304th: | | 1420-1436 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Close support of 8th Army at the start of its spring offensive. Targets are troop concentrations, gun positions and defense installations in forward enemy area. So long as the enemy has Northern Italy as a source of supply and can maintain a sizeable army there he can seriously hamper Allied efforts toward a complete and rapid victory. Ti is essential that the German armies in Northern Italy be destroyed before they can be redisposed and thatthe enemy be denied the use of the industrial and agricultural resources of Northern Italy. There are at least 23 enemy divisions in Italy. Because of enemy's shortage of supplies, it is not believed thatthe Germans can fight a protracted battle.

NO. OF PLANES: 40 BOMB LOAD: 20 A/C clustered frags; 20 A/C 100 CP (.1 nose and .01 tl)

GROUP FORMATION: 1st: 515; 2nd: 512; 3rd: 513 ; 4th: 514 .

WING FORMATION: 450th, 449th, 98th and 376th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4340N 1350E to Cesentico, Ip, to tgt

I.P.: Cesenatico (4412N 1224E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 302°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 22,000 feet TURN OFF TARGET: Left

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to S. Piero (4352N 1159E) to base

FIGHTER ESCORT: Target cover will be provided by 36 P 51s in target area.

FLAK: 40 guns cover tgt area. Tgt lies 2-4 miles inside defended area. Very sharp rally immediately after release of bombs will aid formation to barely skirt field of batteries. Friendly field artillery will engage as many flak guns as possible during attack.

FIGHTERS: Maximum capability is 40-50 SEF but no oppostion is expected in light of the fact that so many friendly fighters will be in the area.

COMMENTS: Every effort must be made to insure success of this operation.
47th Wing P-38 will be with the wing formation. Identification features are: red prop spinners, yellow band around tail booms, color of A/C dark camouflage green.
Russian front line changes as of 7 April: in Slovakia line passes: west of Usoly, west of Erdutka, west of Zazriva, east of Parnica, 2 mi west of Ruzomberok, north of Mitra River. Russians have occupied Zrbany. Starting north of Luka on Vah River line passes: 2 mi north of Dobra Voda, north of Jablonica, i mi north of Borsky Sv Mikulas, north os Sastin. March River east of Rabensburg, aong March River to Danube, aong Danube to point NE of Schwechat, NW of Schwechat, 3 mi north of Himberg, SE boundary of Vienna, west of Brunn, s uth of Modling, 2 mi west of Sulz, 1 mi east, 1 mi north and 2 mi west of Breitenfurth. No information available on changes between Breitenfurth and Murskasobota north of Mura River. Starting 2 mi south of Murskasobota line passes: directly south to Mura River, along Mura River to point 2 mi NW of Mursko Sredince, NE of Strukovce, east of Cakovce, Drava River north of Varazdin.

NOTE STRESS OPERATIONAL SECURITY. IMPRESS ALL CREWS WITH THE NEED FOR ABSOLUTE SECRECY. ANY BREACH OF SECURITY MAY RESULT IN THE GREAT LOSS OF GROUND PERSONNEL. THIS NEED FOR ABSOLUTE SECURITY CANNOT BE OVERSTRESSED.

| TIME SUMMARY: | | |
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| | Briefing | 0930 |
| | Trucks | 1025 |
| | Take Off | 1125 |
| | On course | 1248 |
| | Target | 1436 |

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MISSION NO 446 Th PLAN ABLE April 1945

TARGET: Vipiteno RR Bridge TC 4-233-NA MPI 7.9.6.8
ALTNS Campodazzo M/Y MSC 4-58 MPI B.1-4.6
Bressanone M/Y MSC 4-61 MPI D.4-4.3
Bolzano M/Y TC 4-132-NA MPI 4.4-1.9

OTHER WINGS:
5th BRESSANONE RR BRIDGE at 1250, to 1305
49th ORA M/Y at 1140 to 1155
55th FONTEZZA M/Y at 1225 to 1245
304th CAMPO DI TRENS RR BRIDGE at 1205 to 1225

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The Brenner line is open as far south as St. Michele (10 miles North of Trento) and the scale of repair effort indicates that the enemy plans to open up this rail line.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Repeat attacks on main bridges are necessary to assure destruction of these primary targets and to inflict great enough damage to render the line unserviceable for a prolonged period.

30-P-512 @ 1130 @ 3rd VERT

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD 1000# RDX .1 N SQDN FRMN: 513-514-515-512

WING LEAD: 98th, 376th, 450th, & 449th

ROUTE OUT: Assemblt Point to KP ZARA 4406-1513 to TP ST. VERT 4646-1421 to TP KITZ-BUHEL 4726-1224 to IP to TGT.

I.P: SCHWAZ 4721-1142 BOMB ALT: 25,000 AXIS OF ATTACK: 202 Dgs True

TURN OF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to RP OBR-GURGL 4652-1101 to TP PONTE DI LEGNO 4616-1030 to TP SARANICOI 4540-0958 to TP PISTOIA 4356-1055 to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort P. T. W.

FLAK: VIPITENO: Photo cover to 20 March shows 100 heavy guns along the Brenner line from BRESSANONE to BRENNERO. Of these, 8 at VIPITENO and 20 at CAMPO provide a total of 28 heavy guns covering the target. On 28 Feb. the 55th Wng reported scant to moderate accurate heavy flak at VIPITENO. The rally heading should be ~~between 80° & 105°~~ to avoid exposure to additional gun batteries, espectally the four 12 gun batteries north of BRESSANONE.

CAMPODAZZO: Photo cover to 24 March shows 124 heavy guns in the BOLZANO area. Of these 30 actually cover the target. No target experience flak reports available. A sharp left rally is recommended. The heading should not be greater than 180° and the rally should be started as soon as bombs are released.

BRESSANONE: Photo cover to 20 March shows 70 heavy guns actually covering BRESSANONE. On 28 Feb. the 49th Wng reported scant, inaccurate, heavy flak at BRESSANONE. A rally heading not greater than 160° is recommended.

BOLZANO:

FIGHTERS: Maximum enemy fighter capability in north Italy is 40 to 50 SEF. There is little likelihood of interception on the route to the target, but 20 to 30 fighters may attempt to pick up stragglers on the return route.

COMMENTS: If weather permits all groups will take 12" oblique photos.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0535 |
| Trucks | 0605 |
| Take Off | 0705 |
| On Course | 0805 |
| Target | 1145 |

RUSSIAN BOMB LINE: See attached Sheet.

30-P-512 at 1100 hrs at 3rd vert

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RUSSIAN BOMB LINE CHANGES AS OF 6 APRIL:

Starting at 4941-19119; 1911 line passes: west of NOVAI, 3 miles west of HRUSTIN, west of DOL, Kubin, 2 miles west of RUZOMBEROK, 2 miles NW of OSADA, 4 miles north of HARMONEC, 2 miles north of HOR STUBNA, 2 miles south of DUBOVO, south of NEM, PRAVNO, VRBANY, north of DOL. VESTENICE, 3 miles north of BANOVCE, south of ZLATNIKY, north of LUKA, north of TRSBATICE, 1 mile north of DEMTICE, 1 mile south of SANDORF, north of LAKSARSKA, north and west of SVJANY, river MARCH east of ZISTERDORF, along MARCH to DANUBE along DANUBE to point north of SCHWARDORFF, north of ZWOLFAXING, south of LIESING, north and 2 miles west of ERSITENFURTH, 2 miles SW of BERNDORF, 2 miles east of WALDEGG. From WALDEGG to REICHNITZ situation unknown. South of REICHNITZ to DRAVA no significant changes.

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MISSION NO. 445. PLAN "A" 7 April 5.

TARGET: Campo di Trens RR Bridge (4653N 1126E) REF: Photos to be given out at Group Briefing.

| Alternates: | | REF: | MPI: |
|---|---|---|---|
| Avisio Viaduct | | MP & MBC 4-44 | A.4-5.0 |
| Fortezza M/Y | | MP & MBC 4-65 | C.5-5.9 |
| Campodazzo M/Y | | MP & MBC 4-58 | E.1-4.8 |

OTHER WINGS: Target Time
5th: Vipiteno, Campo di Trens and Bressanone RR Bridges, and A/A at Bressanone.
49th: Vipiteno, Campo di Trens and Bressanone RR Bridges.
55th: Campodazzo, Campo di Trens and Bressanone RR Bridges.
304th: Bressanone and Campodazzo RR Bridges, and flak positions at Bressanone.

98th attack Vipiteno RR Bridge, 449th attack Campo di Trens RR Bridge and 450th attack Vipiteno RR Bridge.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Target is located on the important Brenner Route. Total strength of Fifteenth Air Force being employed to destroy various bridges along this route. The Brenner line is being effectively used for rail traffic north of Bolzano to Innsbruck and repairs have reactivated the south part of the Verona-Bolzano section.
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION:

BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb. RDX (.1N non-delay tail) NO. A/C 32 SQDN FORM: A 515
B 512
WING FORM: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th. C 513
D 514

ROUTE OUT: Remote assembly over Tisteno (4256N 1638E) to Ledenice (4508N 1451E) to Mosslbacher (4642N 1327E) to Kochel (4739N 1122E) to 4737N 1047E to IP.

I.P.: Haiming (4716N 1054E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 133°

BOMBING ALT: 23,500' RALLY: left to rally point 4700N 1150E.

ROUTE BACK: rally point to Caorle (4536N 1253E) to 4410N 1320E to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide cover on PTW.

FLAK: Photo cover shows 100 heavy guns along the Brenner Line from Bressanone to Brennero. Of these, 8 at Vipiteno and 20 at Campo provide a total of 28 heavy guns covering the two targets for this Wing. Units bombing at Campo will be within range of 8 guns at 10 miles from the target, and in range of 28 when 6 miles from the bridge. The rally heading should be between 40° and 90°. All 28 guns cannot fire at both groups at once; either some of them will fire at each group or all will fire at one group.
Alternates: Avisio - 74 guns at Trento; MIH flak reported on 26 Dec, rally sharp left. Fortezza - covered by 46 guns; SIH flak reported on 28 Feb, rally sharp left.
All crews should be encouraged to report observations of effects of bombing flak positions. The immediate effects on flak fire and the duration of the results are items of special interest about which the maximum amount of information is desired.
No attempt was made to post on the route flak map all the visual reports in the region at the head of the Adriatic, as flak was reported at practically every small town in the area bounded by Grisolera, Casarsa and Nervesa. It is considered that this is mostly railway and other mobile flak, and that AA fire may be expected at any center of population or along RR's in this vicinity.

FIGHTERS: Maximum enemy fighter capability in north Italy is 40 to 50 SEF. There is little likelihood of interception on the route to the target, but 20 to 30 fighters may attempt to pick up stragglers on the return route. In south Germany maximum fighter capability is 30 Me262s. For those formations in the area of deepest penetration there is some possibility of up to 10 Me262s and slight possibility of up to 20 Me262s being airborne against our aircraft.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0840 |
| Trucks | 0915 |
| Take off | 1015 |
| On course | 1049 |
| Target | 1435 |

ITALIAN BOMBLINE: AS OF 2115 hours 5 April: M-607670 - 4976 - SENIO River at 439470 - thence SENIO River to 3133 - 2943 30 - thence railroad to 266290 - 2429 - 1524 - 0925 - 0135 - L-985350 - 975340 - 8834 - 8329 - 7429 - 6927 - 5827 - 3410 - 1810 - 1707 - 0503 - P-9403 - U-897 7.

20 P-51's 4739N-1122E at 1415 hours

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RUSSIAN FRONT LINE CHANGES AS OF 5 APRIL: 4935-1932, SW to POLHORA to MUTNE, west of HRUSTIN, east of PODZAMOK, west of SIELNICA, north of hill 1563, 3 miles north of MAGURKA, OSADA, NIZ REVUCA, west of STARE HORY, 1 miles SE of HARMANEC, north of RASPOCNO, 3 miles SE of NEM PRAVNO, 1 mile east of PRIEVIDZA, 3 miles SE of NOVAKY, south of ZEM KOSTOLONY, 1 mile south of DOL VESTENICE, 1 mile NW of RYBANY, south of SISOV, north of PRASICE, north of PIESTANY, north of DEMICE, 1 mile north of HADAS, south of PLAVECKY, 1 mile north of RARBOK, north and west of NOVY DVUR, 1 mile east of ZOHOR, 1 mile east of DVINSKA NOVA VES, DANUBE 4 miles NE of HAINBURG, along DANUBE to point north of HOFLEIN, 2 miles west of BRUCK, 2 miles north of MANNERSDORF, NE of EBERGASSING, north of HIMBERG, SE of LAXENBURG, 2 miles north and 2 miles west of BADEN, west of ENZERSFELD, 2 miles east of WALDEGG, west of WEIKERSDORF.

No information available on line between GLOGNITZ and SZENTGOTTHARD. West and south of SZENTGOTTHARD line passes: 1 mile east and 1 mile south of KIRCHERSDORF, 3 miles SE of FEHRING, 3 miles east of BAD GLEICHENBURG, 2 miles West of SV. JURIJ, SE of GANKOVA, 2 miles SW of MURSKASOBOTA, 2 miles SW of D. LENDAVA, 1 mile NE of PODTUREN, west of HODOSAN, 3 miles south of PRELOG.

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**S E C R E T**

MISSION NO. 443 — April 1945

Verona/

TARGET: Porto Nuova M/Y — Annotated photos — MPI:

| Alternates: | | | |
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| | Brescia Station Yard | TC 4-104-NA | 21.2-B.0 |
| | Milan/Faulk Iron Steel Works | TC 4-20-NA | 17.8-F.5 |
| | Milan/Lambrate M/Y | TC 4-209-NA | 17.5-Q.2 |

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Rattenburg RR Bridge | 1200-1300 |
| 49th: | 2 Gps Innsbruck Main M/Y 1449-1500; 1 Gp Innsbruck West M/Y 1449-1500 | |
| 55th: | 2 Gps Hall Main M/Y 1320-1400; 2 Gps Hall West M/Y 1320-1400 | |
| 304th: | 2 Gps Innsbruck Main M/Yat 1434-1449; 2 Gps Innsbruck West M/Y 1434-1449 | |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Attacks against communications targets in southern Austria and northern Italy. Attacks are designed to block and seal off the Brenner Route and the Brenner gateway located at Innsbruck. With the Tarvisio route suffering from multiple cuts effected by the TAF, it is appreciated that the great majority of all rail traffic now entering Italy is via the Brenner with transhipment to raods where multiple rail interdiction makes such measures necessary.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Target was last attacked on the night of 11/12 March with good results reported. Recent photos show that clearance of damaged stock was progressing at an increasing rate. The yard was 10% serviceable byt the enemy has adopted the policy of dispersing trains on main lines or sidings away from M/Ys.

NO. OF PLANES: 32 BOMB LOAD: 100 GP clustered (.1 nose and .025 tail)

GROUP FORMATION: 1st: 512th; 2nd: 515th; 3rd: 514th, 4th: 513th .

WING FORMATION: 449th, 450th, 376th, and 98th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Prato (4353N 1106E) to Caorso (4503N 0952E) to Manerbio (4522N 1009E) to IP to tgt.

I.P.: Lonato (4528N 1030E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 95° BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000 ft

TURN OFF TARGET: Right FIGHTER ESCORT: Target cover

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Bergantino (4504N 1115E) to Modena (4439N 1056E) to Prato to base

FLAK: Target: 126 guns in Verona area. Defenses will be entered about 8 mi from tgt. At 5 mi from yards, formation will be in range of approx 42 guns. This builds up to 106 over tgt. Right rally will minimize time in flak. This may avoid fire of18 guns 4 mi west of tgt. Rally should not exceed 165° because of guns at San Benedetto.
Brescia: 4 guns here. Very sharp right rally recommended.
Milan: 18 guns here. Right rally after bombs away will minimize exposure to flak.

COMMENTS: Attention is called to POW comps 222, 222A, and 229.
Russian front line changes as of 4 April: in Slovakia line passes: 3 mi NW of Kremnica, NW of Janova Lehota, 3 mi north of Prochot, 4 mi NE of Oslany, along Nitra River to Cjynorany. North of Trnava line passes: 2 mi north of Trakovice, north of Spacince, north of Dol. Cresany. South of Bratislava line passes: 2 mi north of Kittsee, 3 mi SE of Petronell, 3 mi NW of Parndorf. West of Neusiedler Lake line passes: 2 mi south of Breitenbrunn, 2 mi SW of Mannersdorf, west of Ebergassing, 2 mi south of Himbert, north of Munchendorf, 2 mi east of Baden, 3 mi east of Voslau, west of Sollenau, Wollersdorf, 4 mi west of Fischau, west of Weikersdorf, Neunkirchen, Gloggnitz. No information available on line between Gloggnitz and Szentgotthard. South of Szentgotthard line passes: 2 mi west of Alsoszolnok, 2 mi west of Kodos, SW of Dobrovnik, south of Lenti, 1 mi west of Paka, 1 mi SW of Banckszentgyorgy, 1 mi west of Kotoriba, west of Dubravna, north of Legard, along Drava River

| TIME SUMMARY: | PLAN ABLE | PLAN DOG |
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| Briefing | 0800 | 1020 |
| Trucks | 0835 | 1055 |
| Take Off | 0935 | 1155 |
| On course | 1013 if local; 1129 if remote | local 1236; remote 1351 |
| Target | 1330 | 1552 |

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MISSION NO. 143 "ABLE" 4 APRIL 1943

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| TARGET: Ingolstadt Main M/Y | TCS 13-187 | MPI: | 4.0-4.0 |
| Alternates; Rosenheim Main M/Y | TC 13-112-HA | | 13.5-4.2 |
| Garmisch-Partenkirchen | MBC 13-214 | | 5.3-5.0 |
| Lienz M/Y | MBC 14-97 | | 4.7-5.1 |

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Leipheim A/D | 1235 |
| 49th | Ingolstadt M/Y | 1207 |
| 55th | Passau Main & West M/Y | 1200 |
| 20th | [illegible] | 1150 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Target is on the main MUNICH-NUREMBERG line. Lines from here radiate to WURZBURG, MUNICH, AUGSBURG, and DONAUWORTH. The target includes a large modern traffic and repair center.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This plan is designed to destroy or delay the movement of troops and equipment from central and western Germany to the Bavarian Alps.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500lb RDX .1ns .01tl SQN FORM A 15
B 12
C 13
D 14

WING FORMATION: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th.

ROUTE OUT: Assmy. Pt. to IP (4410N-1320E) to Gaorle (4536N-1253E) to Prata (4552N-1236E) to Ebersberg (4805N-1159E) to IP to Tgt.

I.P.: Au (4833N-1144E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 313°

BOMB ALTITUDE: 20,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Rally right

ROUTE BACK: Rally point Neuhausen (4837N-1200E) to Prata (4552N-1236E) to Gaorle (4536N-1253E) to IP (4410N-132E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: P T W

FLAK: Photo cover to 22 March shows no heavy guns here. No flak experience available. Alternates-ROSENHEIM-cover to 19 March shows no heavy guns in this area. On 23 Feb nil flak reported. GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN-no photo report available
LIENZ M/Y-no guns reported.

COMMENTS: All crews should be encouraged to report observations of effects of bombing flak positions. The immediate effects on flak fire and the duration of the results are items of special interest about the maxium of information is desired.

FIGHTERS: In N. Italy the enemy is capable of putting up from 30 to 40 SEF. NIL opposition is expected. In SE Austria NIL opposiiton is anticipated. In S. Germany the enemy has the capability of putting up a max. of 30 Me 262's from N. of the Alps to the target areas. However, nil opposition is expected. The usual attacks upon stragglers may be expected.

ITALIAN BOMB LINE: M607670-4967-Reno River at 490526-487526-thence Senio R. to 3133-294330-thence railroad to 266290-2429-1524-0925-0135-1985350-0834-0329-7429-6927-5827-3410-1810-1707-U8898.

RUSSIAN FRONT LINE CHANGE: Starting at Kremnica on Garam R. line passes: SE of Janova Lehota, S of Oslany, along Nitra R to S of Chynorany, 2 miles N of Bojna, 2 miles SE of Radosina, SE of Trakovice, 3 miles N of Trnava, 1 mile N and 2 miles W of Casta, 3 miles W of Pezinok, through Bratislava, west of Kittsee, Gattendorf, N and 3 miles W of Parndorf, E of Neusiedler Lake, Neusiedler Lake 4 miles NE of Rust, SW of Donnerskirched, 2 miles SE of Ebrichsdorf, 1 mile NW of eberfurt, east of W Neustadt, south of Neunkirchen, no information available on line changes between Neunkirchen and Drava River.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0550
Trucks 0620
Take off 0720
On course 0804
Target 1215

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MISSION NO. 443 "CHARLIE" 5 APRIL 1945

TARGET: Dravograd RR Bridge MBC 8-13 MPI Tgt "A" on MBC 8-13
Alternates: Celje RR Bridge MBC 8-19 0.9-3.7

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Udine A/D | 1200 |
| 49th | Brescia West M/Y | 1300 to 1340 |
| 55th | Ora M/Y & Verona/Parona RR Br. | 1230 to 1315 |
| 304th | " " " | 1430 to 1515 |

INTERDICTION OF TARGET: Photo of 1 April showed 1,100 vehicles on the roads and over 1,000 units of rolling stock on the line between NAGYKANIZA and ORMOZ. All movement was west. Also troop movement westward on the main ZAGREB-ZIDANI MOST line was reported These escape and supply lines routes can be effectively blocked by the destruction of the Dravograd, Tarnach- Stein and Radovljica Bridges.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The blocks effected on the main GRAZ-MARIBOR line at LEIBNITZ (SULM) RR Bridge and WILDON on 2 April further emphasizes the importance of rail lines MARIBOR-KLA GENFURT, MARIBOR-DRAVOGRAD-ZELTWEG, and LUBJANA-KRAIJ-KLAGENFURT.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb MDX .lns .01tl SQDN FORM A 15
B 12
C 13
D 14

WING FORMATION: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to TP (4410N-1320E) to Casrle (4536N-1253E) to Prata (4550N-1236E) to Dellach (4645N-1308E) to IP to Tgt.
I.P.: St. Vert (4605N-1422E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 112° BOMB ALTITUDE: 19,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Rally point Recica (4619N-1455E) to Soline (4408N-1453E) to Base

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide cover for 47th Wing.

FLAK: Photo cover to 22 March showed no heavy flak. Mobile flak may be expected at any center of population or along lines of communication in the present fluid situation. GELJE-Photo cover to 21 March shows 24 guns. On 12 March nil flak reported On 4 March scant, inaccurate was reported. Sharp right rally recommended.

FIGHTERS: Refer to plan "A"

| TIME SUMMARY: | (CHARLIE) | (BAKER) |
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| Briefing | 0700 | 0610 |
| Trucks | 0725 | 0640 |
| Take off | 0825 | 0740 |
| On course | 0902 | 0824 |
| Target | 1245 | 1235 |

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MISSION NO. 443 .H1 PAIN ABLE April 1945

TARGET: Dravograd RR Bridge MBC 8-13 MPI Tgt "A" on MBC 8-13
ALTNS : Villach S. M/Y MBC 14-40 MPI 2.4-4.0
Celje RR Bridge MBC 8-19 MPI C.9-3.7

OTHER WINGS: 5th Leipheim A/D at 1230 hrs
49th Vipiteno & Fortezza M/Y at 1350 "
55th Bressanone RR Bridge at 1230 to 1245 hrs
304th Same as 55th Wing

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Photos on 1 April showed 1,100 vehicles on the roads and over 1,000 units of rolling stock on the line between NAGYKANIZA and ORMOZ. All movement was west. Also troop movement westward on the main ZAGREB-ZIDANI MOST line was reported. Theses e scape and supply lines routes can be effectively blocked by the destruction of the DRAVOGRAD, TARNACH-STEIN and RADOVLJICA Bridges.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The blocks effected on the main GRAZ-MARIBOR line at LEIBNITZ (SULM) RR Bridge and WILDON on 2 April further emphasizes the importances of rail lines MARIBOR-KLAGENFURT, MARIBOR-DRAVOGRAD-ZELTWEG, and LUBLJANA-KRANJ-KLAGENFURT.

NO. OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: 1,000# RDX .1 SQD FRMN: 515 513
512 514

WING FORMATION: 450, 449, 98, 376

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to TP 4410-1320 to TP Caorle 4536-1253 to TP Prata 4554-1236 to TP Dellach 4645-1304 to IP to Target.

I.P: St. Vert AXIS OF ATTACK: 112 Dgs True BOMB ALT: 19,500#

TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to RP Recica 4619-1455 to TP Soline 4408-1453 to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Top cover for 47th Wing. 40-P-38s on 1200 hrs.

FLAK: Photo cover to 22 March shows onlt light and medium guns at DRAVOGRAD, no heav ies. Mobile flak may be expected at any center of population or along lines of communication in the present fluid situation.

VILLACH: Photo cover to 19 March shows 12 heavy guns at Villach. On 31 March 55th Wing reported nil to moderate, accurate, heavy flak at this target. A rally to to the south is recommended.

CELJE: Photo cover to 21 March shows 24 heavy guns at Celje. On 12 March one a/c of the 55 th Wing reported nil flak at this target. On 4 March 14 a/c of the 49th Wing reported flak here as scant and inaccurate. A sharp right rally is recommended.

FIGHTERS: No enemy opposition is expected in SE AUSTRIA. There is the possibility of 20, SEF operating from the UDINE area but this is considered unlikely. In N. Italy maximum capability is 40 SEF but there is only a slight possibilty of 20 SEF operating against stragglers. In S. Germany maximum capability of 20 to 30 Me 262 and 30 to 40 conventional SEF is estimated.

COMMENTS: Italian bombline changes as of o30630 hours April: M-613667-line of CANALE VALETTA to 565652-4962-thence to Reno river at 490526-487526-thence to Senio river to 3133-294330-railroad to 266290-2429-1524-0925-0135-1985350-975340-8834-8329-7429-6927-5827-3410-1810-1707-U-8898#

RUSSIAN FRONT LINE CHANGES: SEE ATTACHED SHEET.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing: 0700
Trucks 0725
Take Off 0825 0 0845
On Course 0932
Target 1245

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MISSION NO. 442 PLAN "ABLE" 2 April 1945

TARGET: Sulm River Bridge HQ Report 720
Alternates: Zeltweg M/Y MBC 14-12 MPI: 7.0-7.0
Villach North M/Y MBC 14-40 5.1-7.8
Lienz M/Y MBC 14-97 4.8-5.1

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Graz M/Y | 1330 |
| 49th: | St Polten M/Y | 1300 |
| 55th: | Graz M/Y | 1345 |
| 304th: | Krems M/Y | |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The attacks in the Vienna area are designed to destroy equipment and dislocate traffic moving supplies to the battle front east of Vienna. Attacks on the Maribor-Graz-Bruck line are designed to delay or destroy rail traffic moving troops from northern Yugoslavia to reinforce German Forces defending the Vienna gap.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Destruction of this target will greatly interfere or block troop movements over this route. The bridge supports the main double track Maribor-Graz line where it crosses the Sulm River.

NO. OF PLANES: 32 BOMB LOAD: 1000 lbRDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail
GROUP FORMATION: 1st: 514; 2nd: 513; 3rd: 512; 4th: 515.

WING FORMATION: 98th, 376th, 450th and 449th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Prijedor (4450N 1643E to I.P. to tgt

I.P.: Ducecovci (4636N 1606E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 294°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 18,000 feet TURN OFF TARGET: Left

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Lese (4634N 1453E) to Gorica (4503N 1525E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration, target, and withdrawal

FLAK: Target: No photo recce reports or tgt experience flak reports available.
Zeltweg: Photo cover of 22 Feb shows no heavy guns here.
Villach: As of 19 March, 19 guns here. Rally to south recommended.

FIGHTERS: Target: Enemy fighter capabilities remain SD SEP but it is unlikely that he will elect to oppose formation. In area west of Vienna, we may encounter up to 30 fighters tactically engaged on the Russian front.

COMMENTS: Russian front line changes as of 31 March: In Czechoslovakia and Hungary: Between Garam and Drava rivers lines passes: Garam River 2 mi south of Bzenica, south of Skycov, Nyitra River 1 mi north of Kovarce, along Nyitra River NW of Cabaj Capor, SE of Mocenok, 2 mi east of Vagsellye, 1 mi west of Zsigard, east of Outa, along Vah River to point 5 mi NW of Komarom, Danube River 2 mi SE of Csollo-Komaromyos, along Danube to point 2 mi NW of Hedve, 3 mi north and 1 mi west of Dunaszeg, along M.Duna River to point 4 mi NW of Gyor, 3 mi south of Ottveny, 1 mi south of Lebeny, 3 mi north and 2 mi west of Bo Sarkany, 4 mi NW ofCsorna, north of Osli, 3 mi NW of Kapuvar, 3 mi west of Mihalyi, 2 mi SE ofIvan, southof Nemesvis, 1 mi seast, north and 1 mi west of Hitterpullendorf, 2 mi west of Kosseg, 3 mi west of Herceny, 1 mi NW of Harai, 1 mi NW of Sorokujfalu, 2 mi west of Vasvar, 2 mi east of Nadasd, east of Zalaszentgyorgy, 2 mi south of Zalagerszeg, north of Szt. Peterur, Lake Balaton south of Kesszthely, Lake Balaton 1 mi west Keresztur, 3 mi west of Vors, 2 mi SW of Kethely, Marcali, SW of Nemesvid, 1 mi west of Pelsoseged, west of Somogyszoe, 2 mi NW of Tarany, Drava River 1 mi north of Bolavar.

A. All crews will be issued American armbands; Russian recognition signals will be put on colors of the day.
B. All crews will be briefed on probable Russian fighter aircraft in the target areas. Positive identification will be made of strange A/C to prevent firing on Russian A/C.
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TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0915
Trucks 0940
Take Off 1040
On Course 1126 if local, 1225 if remote.
Target 1400

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

All crew members will be briefed to comply with Soviet directives while in Soviet controlled territory. Crews will be directed to take aboard no individuals unless authorized by Soviet officials. Recent incident occurred in which an American pilot transported a Polish National as a stowaway from field near Warsaw to a Russian field. Pilot intended to return Pole to United Kingdom as part of crew, failed to notify Soviets, allowed Pole to wear American flying clothing and created impression that Pole was part of crew by submitting name of Jack Smith. Alias Smith was discovered and apprehended by Soviets and aircraft was refused clearance. Incident is believed factor in rather strained relations at this time. Charges are being preferred against pilot. Incidents of this type must be avoided to obtain orderly evacuation of crews and aircraft without interruption.

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MISSION NO. 441. PLAN "A" 1 Apr. 1945

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| Target: St. Polten M/Y | REF: | MP & MBC 14-128 | MPI: | 4.0-8.7 |
| Alternates: Krems M/Y | | MP & MBC 14-89 | | 6.2-7.5 |
| Selzthal M/Y | | MP & MBC 14-78 | | 4.2-4.3 |
| Villach North M/Y | | MP & MBC 14-40 | | 5.2-7.8 |

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Bruck M/Y & A/A positions near Bruck | Optional |
| 49th: | Bruck A.D. Mur M/Y | |
| 55th: | Bruck A.D. Mur M/Y | |
| 304th: | Krisgiach RR Bridge and A/A positions on north coast of Adriatic. | |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Under this plan all wings will attack communications targets in direct and close cooperation with the Russian ground forces threatening the Vienna area and the area to the south. Object of attack is to cause temporary interdiction and maximum disruption and dislocation of traffic to create delays and disorganization to enemy forces withdrawing inside Austria.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: St. Polten M/Y received only light damage from the 20 March attack and remains one of the two useable marshalling points on the Linz-Vienna line. This yard is active at the present time and photo cover of 21 March showed 350 units present.

NO. A/C: 32 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX (.1 & .01) SQDN FORM: A 513
B 514
WING FORM: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th. C 515
D 512

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Vrgada (4351N 1531E) to Lese (4633N 1455E) to St. Stefan (4635N 1543E) to IP.

I.P.: Gloggnitz (4741N 1557E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 338°

BOMBING ALT: 20,000' RALLY: Left

ROUTE BACK: target to rally point Wieselburg (4808N 1508E) to Grafenstein (4636N 1427E) to Zman (4358N 1507E) to base.

ESCORT: Fighters to provide close escort on PTW.
40-P-51s at 4633N-1455E at 1245 hours
FLAK: No guns reported at St. Poletn and on 23 March the 47th Wing reported nil flak at this target.
Alternates: Krems - none reported.
Selzthal - no reports available.

FIGHTERS: 40 to 50 SEF are available to oppose our formations. No opposition is considered likely, however, although groups of up to 5 fighters on training flights may be encountered.

COMMENTS: Escape: Refer to weekly escape bulletins. Attention is called to POW camps 15, 22, and 185.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: A. All crews will be briefed to expect to see Russian fighters operating in the vicinity of Vienna. Any aircraft flying in this area will be particularly cautious not to fire upon Russian A/C. Briefing instructions for missions which are dispatched to the Vienna area should review Russian aircraft recognition.

B. No targets east of longitude 16 degrees east will be attacked.

C. RUSSIAN FRONT LINE CHANGES AS OF 30 MARCH: In Czechoslovakia and Hungary line passes: Hill 1648 located NW of BREZNO, 2 miles north of KORYTNICA, 3 miles SE OF STARE HORY, 3 miles east of HOR TUCEK, 2 miles east of KREMNICA, GARAN river 1 mile NW of BREZNICA, west of BREZNICA, along GARAM river to point 1 mile north of ZARNOVICA, 1 mile west of ZARNOVICA, 1 mile west of BANA, north of OBYCE, 2 miles east of PRESERANY, 2 miles SE of NITRA, east of CABAJ CABOR, 2 miles west of URMIN, 1 mile NW of TARDOSKEDU, east of TOTMEGYER, 1 mile north, 1 mile east and south of ERSEKUJVAR, along NITRA river to point 2 miles north of KOMAROM, DANUBE 2 miles west of KOMAROM, long DANUBE and M. DUNA rivers to point 5 miles west of GONYU, 3 miles north and 5 miles west of GYOR, north of ENESE, 2 miles SE of BO SARKANY, 1 mile NW of CSORNA, 2 miles north and 1 mile west of KAPUVAR, along REPCE river to point 3 miles ~~NNW~~ NW of URAIUJFAAF, 1 mile south of CSEPREG, north, west and south of KOSZEG, along river to HERENY, west and south of SZOMBATHELY, north of VASSZECSENY, 3 miles west of SOTONY, 1 mile SE OF RUM, 1 mile NE of FELSOOSZKO, 1 mile SE of ZALASZENTGROT, 1 mile south of GYULEVESZ, 2 miles NW of KESZTHELY, to Lake BALATON 4 miles east of Kesthely.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing - 0830; Trucks - 0900; Take off - 1000 ; On course - 1045; Target - 1400.

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MISSION NO. 441. PLAN "B" 1 April 1945

TARGET: Linz North Main M/Y REF: TCS 14-104 MPI: 9.8-J
Alternates: Selzthal M/Y MP & MBC 14-78 4.2-4.3
Villach North M/Y MP & MBC 14-40 5.2-7.8
Attnang-Puchoim M/Y MP & MBC 14-128 E.1-6.0

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Linz Main Station | 1200 |
| 49th: | Linz Benzol Plant | 1245 |
| 55th: | Linz South M/Y | 1215 |
| 304th: | Linz freight yard | 1235 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This plan calls for a reattack of the Linz Main Station area and the Benzol Plant.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: In view of the active front to the east and south of Vienna the communications bottleneck at Linz is augmentated in importance. Heavy movement of supplies through Linz to replace wastage on the Hungarian Front warrants a repeat attack to destroy car content and sucessful disruption of supply movement, as well as remaining marshalling capacity. 450 units in North Yard.

NO. A/C: 32 BOMB LOAD: 500lb. RUK (.1 & .01) SQN FORM: A 513
B 514
C 515
D 512

WING FORM: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th.

ROUTE OUT: Remote assembly over Tisteno to 4410N 1320E to Caorle (4536N 1253E) to Prata (4554N 1236E) to Seebruck (4757N 1229E) to Eggenfelden (4824N 1246E) to IP.

I.P.: Enzenkirchen (4823N 1339E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 104°

BOMBING ALT: 24,000' RALLY: Left then right around Steyr.

ROUTE BACK: target to rally point Monichdorf (4823N 1448E) to Pols (4713N 1435E) to Gorica (4403N 1525E) to base.

ESCORT: Fighters to provide close escort on PIM.

30-P-51s at 4730N-1130E at 1140 hours.

FLAK: Photo cover shows 159 guns at Linz with 77 at Enns and Steyr to the south and east. The defenses will be entered about nine miles from the target. At five miles from the yards, the formation will be within range of approx. 90 guns. This number builds up to about 150 as the target is approached. The rally heading should be less than 85° to keep the bombers clear of the guns around Enns.
Alternates: Selzthal - no reports available.
Villach - photo cover shows 12 guns. A rally to the south is recommended.

FIGHTERS: 40 to 50 SEF available to oppose our formations. No oppositions is considered likely, however, although groups of up to 5 fighters on training flights may be encountered.

COMMENTS: See Plan "A".

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0615 |
| Trucks | 0645 |
| Take off | 0745 |
| On course | 0925 |
| Target | 1225 |

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MISSION NO. 440 S "BAKER" 31 MARCH 1945

TARGET: Linz North Main M/Y
ALTERNATES: St Polten M/Y
St Michael M/Y
Attnang-Pucheim M/Y

REF: TCS 14-104
MBC 14-28
MBC 14-90
MBC 14-128

MPI: J-10.3
~~4.4-8.2~~
4.6-5.5
~~E.1-6.0~~
E.6-7.0

OTHER WINGS:

| | Targets | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Linz Main Station | 1145 |
| 49th | Linz Benzol Plant | 1220 |
| 55th | Linz South M/Y | 1230 |
| 304th | Linz Freight Yard | 1230 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Linz is the physical bottleneck in the rail system from Southeastern Germany east to Vienna and Hungary. Heavy movement of supplies through Linz to replace wastage on the Hungarian front increases the importance of this traffic center. The objectives of the attack are to block lines to through traffic and destroy or tie up equipment in transit.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Photo cover of 25 March shows: Goods Depot-100 units, Loco Depot-55 locos & 34 units, North Yard-450 units, Southeast Sidings-500 units. Photo cover of 22 March show northbound sidings 80% serviceable with 300 units. Much repair work in evidence in northbound reception sidings which are 60% serviceable. Little progress has been made with repair work in remainder of the ya rds. Much damageed stock still litters the tracks and bulk of the stock is immobilized.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500lb RDX .1ns .01tl SQDN FORM A 14
B 13
C 12
D 15

47th Wing Formation: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th

ROUTE OUT: Assy Pt Cazza Island to(4410N-1320E) to Caorle (4536N-1253E) to Prata (4554N-1236E) to Seebruck (4757N-1229E) to Eggenfelden (4824N-1246E) to IP to Tgt.

I.P.: Kn.enkirchen (4823N-1339E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 104°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,500' TURN OFF Target: Rally left then right around Steyr.

ROUTE BACK: Rally point Monichdorf (4823N-1448E) to Pols (4713N-1435E) to Gorica (4403N-1525E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: P T W 25 P-51'S AT 4730N-1230E AT 1135 HOURS.

FLAK: Photo cover to 20 March shows 159 guns at Linz with 77 at Enns and Steyr. On 2nd March flak was experienced from moderate , inaccurate to intense and accurate. Defenses will be entered about 9 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the yards, the formations will be within range of approx 90 guns. This number builds up to about 150 as the target is approached. The rally heading should be less than 85° to keep the bombers clear of the guns around Enns.
Alternates: St Polten-no guns, cover 4 Jan. Attacked 23 March, nil flak reported. St Michael-10 guns at Leoben. Right rally greater than 170° to clear Graz. There are also 27 guns at Bruck
Attnang-Puchiem-no photo cover-no experience

FIGHTERS: Opposition by Vienna fighter is improbable. There is the possibility of harassing attacks by a few enemy fighter/trainers including 2 or 3 Me262's.

RUSSIAN FRONT LINE CHANGE AS OF 29 MARCH: In Czech. Russians have occupied Osada (north of Banska Bystrica). In Hungary, west of Garam River, line passes: Garam River N of Sv. Benadik, N of Zlate Noravce. 3 miles N and 1 mile W of Kolenanu, S of Lapas, E of Branc, along Nyitra River S to Ersekujvar, NE of Perbeta, 2 miles SW of Kurt, W of Batorkesz, to Danube R. N of Sutto, 2 miles W of Menfo, 2 m miles N of Moriczhida, 2 miles NE of Rabapordany, 3 miles E, 1 mile N and 1 mile W Csorna, 1 Mile E of szany, along Raba R. to 1 mile N of Sarvar, W and S of Sarvar, 1 mile SW of Kald, W of Hosszuperesztog, 3 miles NW of Mihalyfa, N, 1 mile W and 1 mile S of Zalassentgrot, NE of Zalassanto, E of Balatonederics, to Lake Balaton.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0605
Trucks 0635
Take off 0735
On course 0820
Target 1210

RUSSIAN RECOG. SIGNALS: Basic-dip left wing 3 to 5 times, secondary-rock wings. Night basic-alterna ting short and long flashing of nav. light, secondary-green flare. Signals change 0020 Z hours.

(From Sutto to Lake Balaton line passes: Danube R. W to 1 mile of Byor)

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
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ROUTE FLAK CHART
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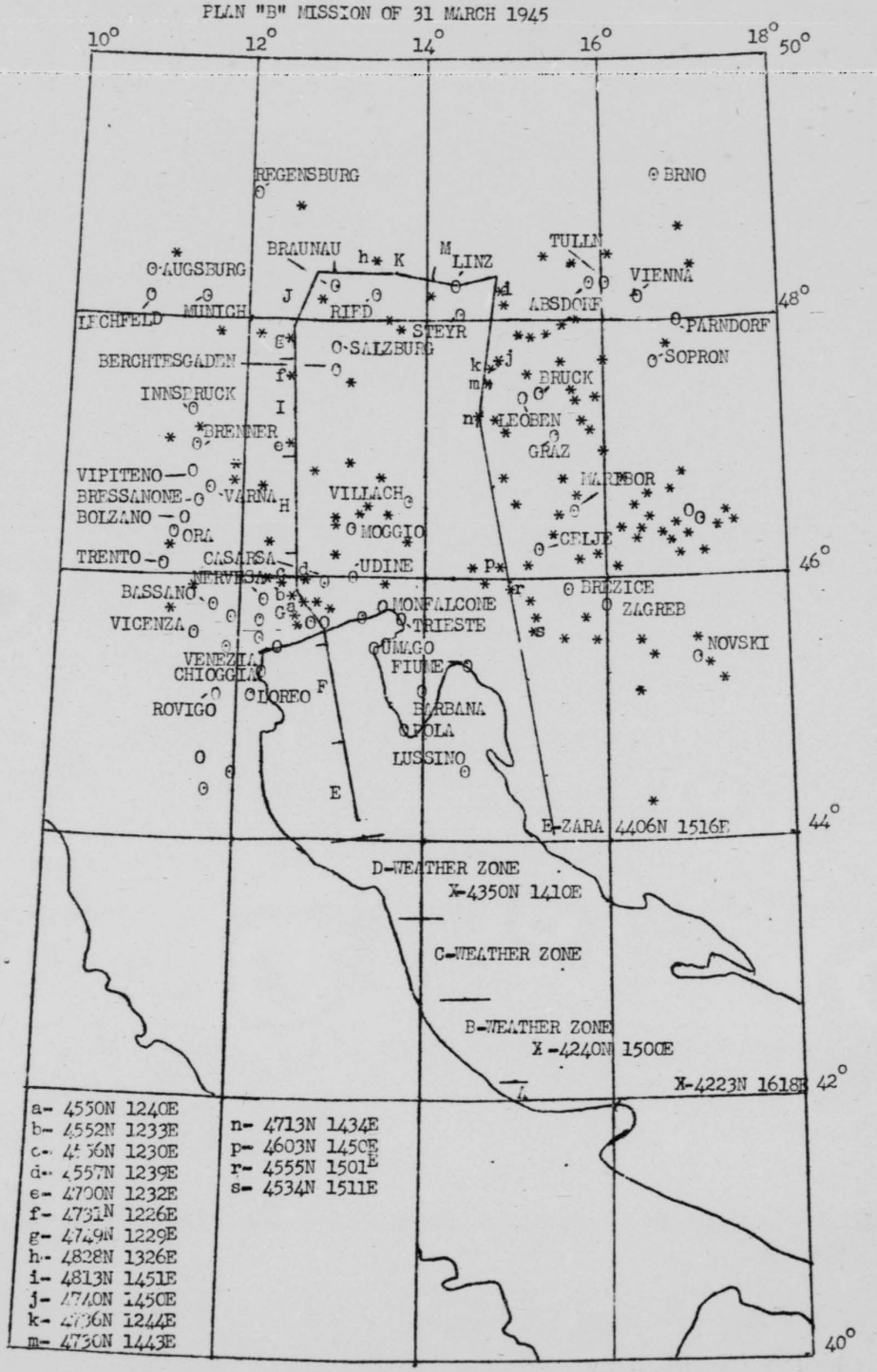
PLAN "B" MISSION OF 31 MARCH 1945

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MISSION NO 439 29 MARCH 1945

TARGET: Vienna North Station Choke Point TCS 14-109 BAP: G.6-5.7
ALTERNATES: Wiener-Neustadt Station Yard TCS 14-119 M.2-8.1
Krottendorf Engine Works MDC 14-165 D.5-3.8
Graz Main M/Y TC 14-41A-NA F.6-18.7

OTHER WINGS:

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| 5th: | Vienna Northwest Station and Goods Depot | 1245 hrs. |
| 49th: | Vienna North Station Goods Depot | 1300 " |
| 55th: | R.R. cars in Vienna North Station Goods Depot | 1330 " |
| 304th: | " | 1320 " |

15th Fighter Command: 2 groups will dive bomb Ibbs RR Bridge and strafe rail traffic along suitable portions of the Vienna-Linz lines.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The proximity of Vienna Communications to the active front in Hungary increased the supply demands as well as the importance of this supply point. The use of these yards for military purposes is born out out by the increased loading and traffic activity of which a considerable quantity can be identified as oil and heavy equipment in transit.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The Vienna North Station and freight yard was formerly the main passenger station for the city and loading area for the north industrial section. Directives were issued in January cancelling civilian trains and recent recce substantiates this conversion to military traffic. Cover on 23 March showed 1275 units present. Objectives of this attack are as follows:

47th Wing: Wrecking of switches and cars on sidings at North Choke Point.
49th " : Destruction of warehouses and car content on adjacent sidings.
55th & 304th : Destruction of car content and loading facilities.
5th " : Will attack the Northwest station and freight yard with the objective of destroying the car content and loading facilities. This yard has recently showed an increased loading and activity and cover of 23 March showed 725 units present.

NO OF PLANES: 32 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb RDX SQDN FORM: 514th, 513th, 512th, 515th

47TH WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th

ROUTE OUT: Assembly point to Soline (4409N 1453E) to Pols (4713N 1434E) to I.P.

I.P.: Michelbach (4806N 1546E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 75 degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,500' TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Target to Berndorf (4757N 1606E) to Feldbach (4658N 1553E) to Lese (4633N 1455E) to Gorica (44-3N 1526E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort on penetration, over target and on withdrawal.
30-P-51 - at 4713N - 1343E - at 1240 hrs

FLAK: At target - 327 heavy guns. The defenses will be entered about 13 miles from the target. At 7 miles from the station, the formation will be within range of approx. 45 heavy guns. This number builds up to about 85 as the target is approached. To leave the target through the least dense flak area, the bombersshould take a heading greater than 180 degrees. The right rally should be started as soon as as possible after bomb release to avoid unnecessary time in flak.
Alternates - Krottendorf: 27 guns at Bruck and 10 at Leoben. Aleft rally with heading of less than 180 degrees to minimize flak.
Wiener Neustadt: No heavy flak.
Graz: 19 heavy guns.

FIGHTERS: Enemy fighter capabilities remain unchanged with the possibility of opposition by 40 to 50 SEF. However, past experience indicates that the fighters will not choose to offer opposition.

RUSSIAN FRONT LINE CHANGE AS OF 27 MARCH: In hungary south of Danube, line passes 4 miles north of Varsany, 1 mile north and 1 mile west of Lovaszpatona, 4 miles northwest of Ugod, north and west of Papa, 1 mile west of Noszlop, 2 miles west and 1 mile south of Devecser, Lake Balaton 1 mile southwest of Drvenyes.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0745 | |
| Trucks | 0815 | |
| Take Off | 0915 | |
| On Course | 1004 | (1100 remote rendezvous) |
| Target | 1310 | |

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MISSION NO. 439 "PLAN "ABLE" 26 March 1945.

TARGET: PARKED A/C OF MARKERSDORF A/D. REF: MPI:

ALTERNATES: UDINE A/D REF: TC 4-14-NA MPI:
AVIANO A/D REF: TC 4-84-NA MPI:

| OTHER WINGS: | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | WOLLERSDORF A/D | 1115-1215 |
| 49th | YBBS RR BRIDGE | 1130-1200 |
| 55th | ST. POLTEN MAIN M/Y | 1400-1500 |
| 304th | [illegible] | [illegible] |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The Air Force, employing normal effort, will attack communications and counter-air targets. Concentrations of A/C west and south of Vienna together with main RR targets located on lines radiating from the Austrian capital are included under this plan.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The 47th Wing will frag parked A/C on MARKERSDORFA/D. For the past month photos of this A/D have shown consistently large numbers of SEF present. They are probably engaged in training. On 22 March 66 SEF were present.

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: Clus Frags SQDN FORM: 514 513 512 515 [illegible]

WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th.

ROUTE OUT: Assy points to Zman (4358-1508) to Lese 4633-1455) to [illegible] Feldbach (4658-1553) to IP to target

I.P. GLOGGNITZ (4740-1557) AXIS OF ATTACK 330 dgs RALLY POINT: Lunz (4752-1501)

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 18,000 feet. TURN OFF TARGET: Rally left
ROUTE BACK: Target to rally point to lunz 4752-1501 to Pols 4713-1434 to S. Pietro 4541-1412 to 4450-1320 to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: P. T. W. CODE: Col. #3 [illegible] L T B A P C D P P S D Q D T

FLAK: Photo cover to 15 March shows no heavy guns at this A/D. In view of the fliud situation, railway flak may be moved in. Some of the MOOSBIERBAUM guns can reach west to within about 13 miles of the A/D
UDINE: 24 guns - Rally heading of 180 degrees is recommended.
AVIANO: No heavy guns - 160 degree heading.

FIGHTERS: There is the possibility of opposition by 40 to 50 SEF, but past experience indicates the fighters will not choose to offer opposition.

COMMENTS: RUSSIAN FRONT LINE CHANGES: SE of BRESLAU 5030-1717, SW to 5017-1720, to GREISAU, to NEUSTADT. 5016N-1742E (HOTSEMPLOTZ), SE to 5012-1748, to BAUERNITZ, to 5007-1816. In Czechoslovakia as of 26 Mar: Russians advanced to line - 3 miles N of PREDAJNA, 1 mile NW of PODKONICE, 2 miles N of BANSKA BYSTRICA, 3 miles W of BADIN, [illegible]: 2 miles NW of BUCA, 1 mile N of HRONBREZNICA. 3 small Russian bridgeheads have been established over the GARAM River between HRON BREZNICA (4834-1901) and RYBNIK (4817-1834). Southwards the lines passes through TEKOV, W of NAGYKAINA, 2 miles NE of NAGYALLO, thence to CSATTA and KOMID GYARMAT and the confluence of the GARAM river with the DANUBE. In Hungary as of 26 Mar: between KISBER and BALATON line passes - 2 miles NW of KISBER, 1 mile S of TELEKI, 4 miles W of BAKONYSZOMBATHELY, 1 mile N of VARSANY, 2 miles N and 1 mile W of PARATESZER, 1 mile NW of KOPPANY, 4 miles SE of PAPA, 1 mile SW of BOKONY JAKO, 1 mile E of POLANY, E of AJKA, 1 mile XX SW of CSINGERTHAL, 1 mile SW of TOTVAZSONG. Lake BALATON 2 miles SW of BALFURERFURDO.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing: 0730
Trucks : 0800
Take off: 0900
On course: 0954
Target : 1230

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MISSION NO. 439. PLAN "A" 27 March 1945.

TARGET: VIENNA SOUTHEAST COMMUNICATIONS CENTER REF: TCS 14-108 MPI: 11.5-J
Alternates: Wiener Neustadt Station Yard TCS 14-119 L.6-6.6
Krottendorf Engine Works MBC 14-165 C.9-4.7
Graz Main M/Y TC 14-41A-NA F.4-19.8

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This is a planned PFF mission and the Vienna industrial area makes a choice PFF target. This is a continuation of the Air Force's effort against the enemy's communications systems which ~~xxx~~ have been severely damaged at various points by previous bombings.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Vienna SE M/Y and Freight Yards were restored to 80/90% serviceability prior to the 21 March attack which inflicted light to moderate damage. On 23 March 450 active units were present in these yards. Objective of the attack is destruction of car content and blocking of through lines.

NO. A/C: 21 BOMB LOAD: 250 lb. GP (.1N .01TD) SQDN FORM: A 514
B 513
C 512

WING FORM: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Zman (4358N 1508E to Pols (4713N 1435E) to Lunz (4752N 1501E) to IP.

I.P.: Wilhelmsburg (4805N 1536E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 82°

BOMBING ALT: 23,500' RALLY: right to rally point Wiener Neustadt

ROUTE BACK: target to rally point to Feldbach (4658N 1553E) to Lese (4633N 1455E) to Zman (4358N 1508E) to base.

ESCORT: Fighters provide close escort on PTW.

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Vienna SE Communications Center | 1200 |
| 49th: | Vienna SE Communications Center | 1235 |
| 55th: | Vienna/SE Communications Center | ~~1215~~ 1245 |
| 304th: | Vienna SE Communications Center | 1215 |

FLAK: Photo cover shows 324 guns at Vienna. The defenses will be entered about 9 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the yards, the bombers will be within range of approximately 40 heavy guns. This number builds up to about 60 as the target is approached.
Alternates: Wiener Neustadt - none reported; Krottendorf - 27 at Bruck with 10 at Leoben; Graz - 19 guns.

FIGHTERS: There is the possibility of opposition by 40 to 50 SEF, but past experience indicates the fighters will not choose to offer opposition.

COMMENTS: See Plan "B".

| TIME SUMMARY: | Briefing | 0725 |
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| | Trucks | 0755 |
| | Take off | 0855 |
| | On course | 0938 |
| | Target | 1225 |

36-P-51's at 4713N-1501E at 1158 hrs.

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MISSION NO. 439. PLAN "B" 27 March 1945

TARGET: Wiener Neustadt M/Y
Alternates: Krottendorf Engine Works
Graz Main M/Y

REF: TCS 14-119 MPI: L.6-6.6
MBC 14-165 C.9-4.7
TC 14-41A-NA F.4-19.8

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
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| 5th: | Wiener Neustadt M/Y | 1200-1245 |
| 49th: | Wiener Neustadt M/Y | 1400-1420 |
| ~~55th:~~ | ~~Wiener Neustadt M/Y~~ | ~~1425-1455~~ |
| 304th: | Wiener Neustadt M/Y | 1250-1320 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This is another of the all-out efforts against the enemy's vital communications systems. The yards at Wiener Neustadt have sustained damage from various attacks but effective damage has not been inflicted. Approximately 35% of the stock is damaged or destroyed with the remaining units immobilized. On 21 March there were 300 units in the Station Yard and 500 to 600 on the Main Sorting Sidings.

NO. A/C: 21 BOMB LOAD: 250 lb. GP (.1N .01TD) SQDN FORM: A 514
B 513
C 512

WING FORM: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Zman (4358N 1508E) to Lese (4633N 1455E) to Feldbach (4658N 1553E) to IP.

I.P.: Stadt Schlaining (4720N 1616E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 357°

BOMBING ALT: 20,000' RALLY: left to rally point Puchberg (4747N 1555E)

ROUTE BACK: target to rally point to Gusswek (4744N 1519E) to Pols (4713N 1435E) to Zman (4358N 1508E) to base.

ESCORT: Fighters to provide close escort on PTW.

FLAK: Photo cover shows no heavy ~~xxxx~~ guns at Wiener Neustadt and on 20 March 12 A/C of the 5th Wing reported nil flak at this target.
Alternates: Krottendorf 4 27 guns at Bruck with 10 at Leoben; Graz - 19 guns.

FIGHTERS: There is the possibility of opposition by 40 to 50 SEF, but past experience indicates the fighters will not choose to offer opposition.

COMMENTS: POW Camps. In connection with alternate targets, attention is invited to Camps #72, 185 and 188.

RUSSIAN FRONT LINE CHANGES AS OF 25 MARCH; In Czechoslovakia Russians advanced to line north of PREDAJAN, west of PODKONICE, west of SLOVLUPCA, south of BANSKA BYSTRICA, 3 miles west of BADIN; in Hungary north of Lake BALATON line passes 2 miles SE of BAKONYSZOMBATHELY, 2 miles south of VARSANY, 4 miles NE of KOPPANY, 2 miles NE of BORZAVAR, 2 miles east of ZIRC, SE of LOKUT, 3 miles east of SZENGAL, 3 miles NW of TOTVAZSONG, Lake BALATON 3 miles NW of BATFUEDFURDO.

| TIME SUMMARY: | | |
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| | Briefing | ~~xxxx~~ 0830 |
| | Trucks | ~~xxxx~~ 0900 |
| | Take off | ~~xxxx~~ 1000 |
| | On course | ~~xxxx~~ 1047 |
| | Target | 1325 |

36-51's at 4658N-1553E at 1307 hrs.

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MISSION NO. 438 "ABLE" 26 MARCH 1945

TARGET: Bruck ~~and~~ AD Lietha East & West M/Y REF: MBC 14-92 MPI: Photos
ALTERNATES: St. Michael West Sidings MBC 14-90 4.6-5.4
Villach North M/Y MBC 14-40 5.2-7.8
Graz Koflacher Fr. Yd. TC 14-41A-NA H.8-12.5

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Wiener Neustadt M/Y | 1030 to 1145 |
| 49th | Straszhof West M/Y | 1200 to 13 00 |
| 55th | Bratislava/Rangier M/Y | 1300 to 1400 |
| 304th | Szombathely M/Y | 1200 to 1300 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: These yards have shown increased loadings as a result of bomb damage to Hegyshalom and increasing supplies demanded by the nearby front. It is considered that successful attacks on supply centers immediately behind this active front will have decided effects in cooperating with the Russian armies.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: On 16 March the West yard was heavily loaded with 590 units, there were 270 units in the East yard.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 plus spares BOMB LOAD: 100's clust. .1ns- 025tl SQDN FORM A 12 B 15 C 14 D 13

WING FORM: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th.

ROUTE OUT: Remote assy pt Tisteno (4256N-1638E) to Zara (4406N-1515E) to Dolsko (4605N-1440E) to Twimberg (4655N-1450E) to Frohnleiten (4717N-1519E) to IP to Tgt.

I.P.: Wiener Neustadt (4749N-1615E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 61° BOMB ALT: 21,500'

TURN OF TARGET: Right to rally point Frauenkirchen (4750N-1656E)

ROUTE BACK: Rally pt to Kapuvar (4735N-1701E) to Frohneiten (4717N-1519E) to Twimberg (4655N-1450) to Dolsko (4605N-1440E) to Zara (4406N-1515E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: P T W.

FLAK: Photo cover of 16 March shows 9 guns at Parndorf and 42 at Bratislava. On 15 March, 304th Wing esperienced no flak at this target. The target is covered by 5 guns from Parndorf. Two miles east of the target, the formations could be reached by the other four as well. to avoid this, the right rally should be started before the target is reached. Attention is invited to the defenses at Sopron. A rally heading greater than 180° would expose the formation to the fire of those guns, if too long continued.
Alternates: St. Michael-10 guns at Leoben located 4 miles NE of tgt. 27 at Br uck to E. Tgt is defended by 6 of Leoben huns. Rally right.
Villach-12 guns, moderate accurate, left rally.
Graz-25 guns

FIGHTERS: Negligible or nil opposition is expected. 40 to 50 SEF will be available, if enemy elects to defend the tgts.

COMMENTS: Russian front lile changes as of 24 March: In Hungary, west of Budapest line passes Danube norht of Tokod, 2 miles NW of Tokod, 3 miles S of Nyergesujfahi, Danube W of Sutto, along Danube to Dunaalmas, 1 mile NW of Mocsa, SE of Nagyigmand, 1 mile E of Tarkany, W of Kisber, 2 miles SE of Bakonyskombathely, 4 miles E of Varsany, 2 miles E of Zirc, 1 mile W of Hajmasker, NW tip of Lake Balaton.

RUSSIAN RECOGNITION SIGNALS TO BE GIVEN

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0730
Trucks 0800
Take off 0900
On course 0958
Target 1245

MESSAGE TO BE READ AT BRIEFING: Your Wing Commander is happy to forward the following personal message from General TWINING-wish to commend all personnel of your commands on the excellent attacks aga inst Neuburg airdrome on 24 March. Photo Interpretation shows total 22 Jet Fighter aircraft destroyed and 3 probably damaged. These attacks deprived the enemy of 20 % of his current operational Jet Fighter aircraft.

2 Miles E of BAKONYSZENTIRKIRALY, 2 Miles E and 1 Mile S. of DUDAR

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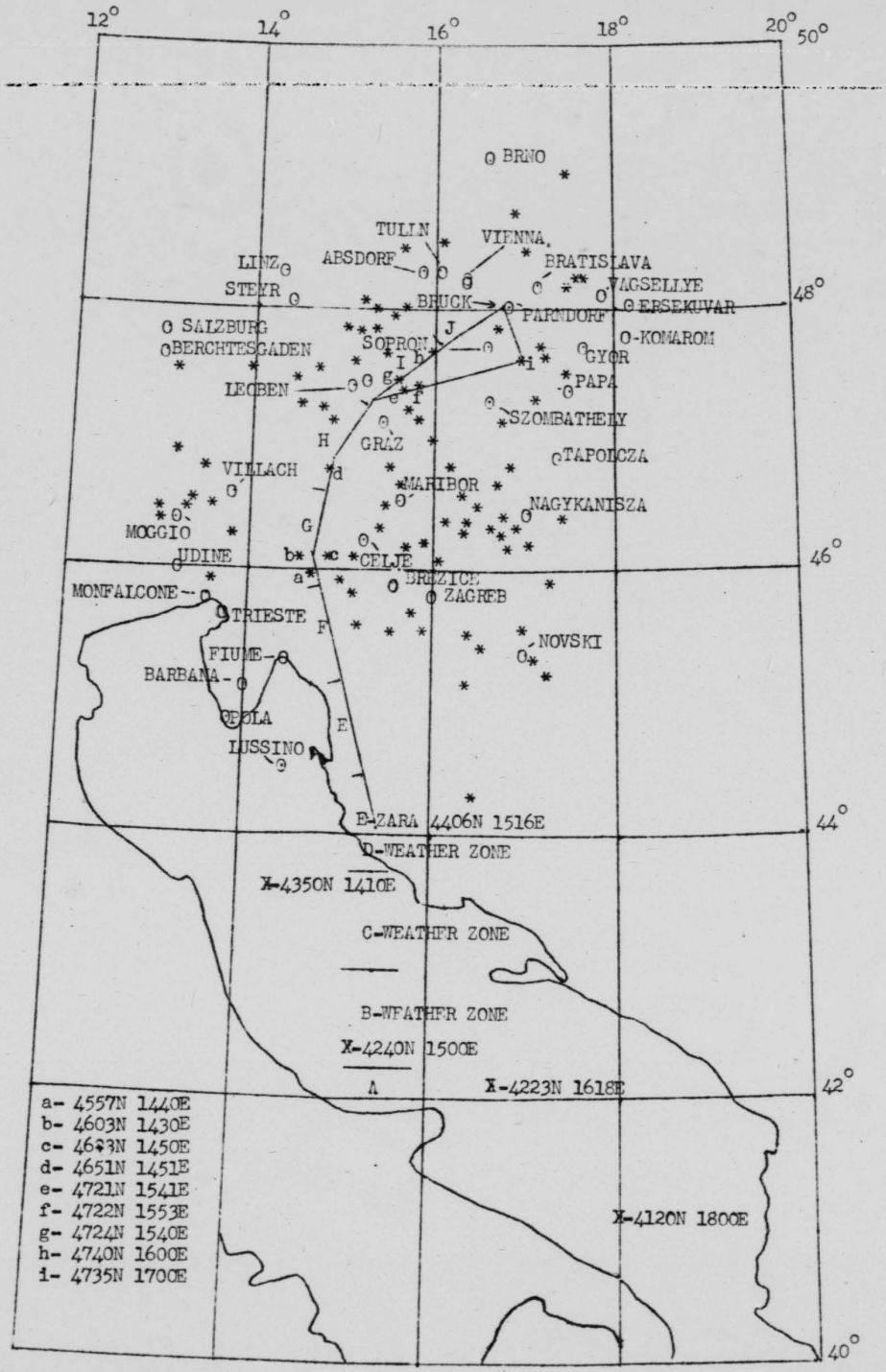
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 272

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 26 MARCH 1945

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MISSION NO: 436 24 March 1945 PLAN "ABLE"

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| TARGET: | Cheb/Oberschon A/D | REF: | MBC & MP 15-75 | MBC MMC CP MP MPI Sub-Assem. Chop 15-75 |
| ALTS: | Passau M/Y | | MBC 13-129 | MPI 8.1-8. |
| | Plattling M/Y | | MBC 13-208 | MPI D.4-5.6 |
| | Selzthal M/Y | | MBC 14-78 | MPI 5.2-4.4 |

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| OTHERWINGS: | 5th Prague/Kvely A/D | at 1228 |
| | 49th Prague/Kbely A/D | at 1212 |
| | 55th Prague/Letnany A/D | at 1202 |
| | 304th Prague/Ruzyne A/D | at 1145 to 1200 |

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This factory airdrome, formerly engaged in the assembly and repair of Heinkel a/c, has been recently converted to Me 262 acticities. On cover of 23 March, 12 Me 262's were identified, concentrated on hard stands near the installations. It is highly important to destroy the recently repaired or assembled a/c as well as the installations.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This plan calls for the employment of maximum effort of the wings of the 15th AF in attacks against counter air targets in the PRAGUE area. These attacks supplement similar operations of the 8th AF against airdromes behind the Western Front.

NO OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500# RDX .1 & .01 SQDN FRMN: 515th 513th 512th 514th

WING FORMATION: 98th, 376th, 450th, and 449th.

ROUTE OUT: Assemblt point to CP LAMBACH 4806-1353 to IP to Target.

IP: PFRAUBERG, 4941-1241 BOMB. ALT: 21,000 AXIS OF ATTACK: 335 Dgs true

TURN OFF TARGET: Left to RP TERSCHENREUTH 4952-1220

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to RP to LAMBACH 4806-1353 to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort P. T. W.

FLAK: TARGET: Photo cover to 20 March show no heavy guns at this target. No target experience flak reports are available.

PASSAU M/Y: Photo cover to 26 Dec. show no heavy guns at PASSAU/ on 19 Mar. 8 B-17's reported nil flak at this target.

PLATTLING M/Y: Photo cover to 16 Jan shows no heavy guns here. On 22 Feb. the 304th reported nil flak at this target.

SELZTHAL M/Y: No reports available.

FIGHTERS: Probable ~~xxxxx~~ negligible or nil opposition is anticipated. On the approaches to and in the 47th's target it is considered that 20 to 25 Me 262's may be airborne from NW of NUREMBURG, but the planned sweep will reduce the likelihood of interception by these jets. SEF effort will probabkt not exceed 50 to 75 sorties. Vienna area fighters are considered to be capable of route interception with 30 - 40 Me 109's and a few Fw 190's but such action is considered remote.

COMMENTS: If weather permits all groups will take Oblique photos from the Ip to Tgt.

RUSSIAN FRONT LINE CHANGES: south of Oppeln: 5042-1720, SW to Seiffersdrof, SE to 5030-1717, east to 5029-1729, SE to Steinau, south to Neustdat, SE to Hotzenplotz, to 5007-1816, east to Tybnik. In Hungary as of 23 Mar: west of Budapest line passes: River Danube north of Tokod, north of Bajna, 2 miles NE of Tardos, west of Sutto, along Danube to point north of Naszaly, 1 mile NE of Mocsa, 2 miles east of Nagyigmand, west of Kisber, west of ACS Teszer, 3 miles west of Bakonycsernye, 1 mile SW of Varpalota, 1 mile SW of Osi, 3 miles SW of Szekesfehervar, 1 mile east and 1 mile south of Tac, 1 mile north of Polgardi, south of Balatonfokajar, to northeastern tip of Lake Balton:

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| TIME SUMMARY: | Briefing | 0600 | Take Off | 0720 |
| | Trucks | 0630 | Target | 1130 |

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MISSION NO. 436 PLAN "ABLE" 24 March 1945.

TARGET: AIRCRAFT ON NEUBURG A/D. MAP: Annotated Photos MPI: BOS-13-204

ALTERNATES: ERDING A/D TCS 13-190 H.4-10-7
UDINE A/D TC 4-24-HA J.5-10.2

| OTHER WINGS: | | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5th | Passau M/Y | | 1200-1230 |
| 55th | Neubury A/D | | 1210 |
| 49th | Budejovice M/Y | | 1131 |
| 304th | Munich/Riem A/D | | |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Although jet aircraft have not as yet been a serious threat to our formations, recent intelligence shows an increasing number of airdromes are being used & intensive training activities are in progress. Numerous sightings and encounters with ME 262's have occurred in the past few months.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The 21 March attack was a great success against installations but only 6 ME 262's were destroyed and 11 damaged. 30 to 36 active ME 262's remain and destruction of these A/C will help retard the increasing jet fighter opposition to our formations. An attack now takes advantage of immobility and confusion resulting from the previous attack.

NO OF PLANES: 36 plus spares BOMB LOAD: Frags Clustered STRIN Form: 514
513
512
515

WING FORMATION: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th.

ROUTE OUT: Remote assy PT Gazza (4246-1631) to Vrulje 4319-1519 to St Vert 4046-1421 to Zell Am See 4720-1248 to Kraiburg 4811-1226 to IP to tgt. IP MAINBURG

I.P. AU 4833-1143 AXIS OF ATTACK: 294 dgs true BOMB ALTITUDE: 20,000 feet

TURN OFF TARGET: Left rally RALLY POINT: Hohenmart 4837-1123

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to rally point to Kraiburg 4811-1226 to Zell Am See 4720-1248 to St Vert 4046-1421 to Vrulje 4319-1519 to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: P T W. - 25-P38s - 4720N-1248E - 1118 hrs.

FLAK: Photo cover to 13 March shows only light guns. On 21 March attack nil flak was reported.
Udine: 24 guns- Heading between 170 and 180 is recommended
Erding: Photo cover of 13 March shows no heavy guns.

FIGHTERS: It is considered that 6 to 8 ME 262's and 15 to 20 SEF may be airborne from training units in the Munich area. These SEF trainers have not operated against our formation but remain a threat. The enemy is capable of bringing in an additional 20 to 25 ME 262s from bases NW of Nuremburg and supplementing these jets with 40 to 50 first line SEF. Consider in such event the jets are more likely to establishcontact with this Wing in reduced numbers.

COMMENTS: Russian front line changes as of 22 Mar: In Czech line passes: 6 mi N and 8 miles NW of Brno Brezno, 2 mi SE of Predajna, SE of Jubiotova, 2 mi SE of Hor, Micino, Hor, Micino, 1 mi NW of Badin, 4 mi W of Majniky, Duca. In Hungary, W of Puripest, line passes: River Danube, 3 mi NW of Biske, 1 mi NE of F. Galla, 2 mi NE of Tovaros, N of Nassaly, 2 mi NW of Nassaly, 1 mi N of Mocsa, E of Nagyigmand, W of Kisber, E of

FLAK SUMMARY: Briefing 0630
Trucks 0700
Take off 0000
On course 0938
Target 1200

COMMENTS CONT'D: ACS Teszer, E of Bakonycsernye, 1 mi W of Varpalota, W & S of Berhida N and E of Szekesfehervar, E of Sergelyes, ADA, Kaloz, 3 mi W of Surbogard, 1 mi S of DEG SW of Enying, NE tip of Lake Balaton.
No. 2: Read to gunners Par. 1, Intops Summary # 609, tactis by ME 262's. on Page 2

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FROM: RUSH 231956A NR 1181

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 98TH BOMB GROUP
COMMANDING OFFICER, 376TH BOMB GROUP
COMMANDING OFFICER, 44TH BOMB GROUP
COMMANDING OFFICER, 450TH BOMB GROUP
ATTEN S-2

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MISSION NO. 435. PLAN "A" 23 March 1945.

TARGET: St. Valentine M/Y REF: TC 14-15-NA BAP: O-24/25
MP 14-27
Alternates: Graz/Koflacher Freight Yard TC 14-41A-NA H.6-11/12
Leoben M/Y MBC 14-88 7.4-5.8
St. Michel M/Y MBC 14-90 4.6-5.5

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Ruhland and Kralupy Oil Refineries | 1220 |
| 49th: | Kagran Oil Refinery (Vienna) | 1202 |
| 55th: | Gmund M/Y | 1157 |
| 304th: | St. Valentin Tank Works | Red Force 1227-1232; Blue 1242-1247 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This is a continuation of the program to destroy military goods wherever found.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Damage at Vienna, Linz, Wels, Amstetten, Muhldorf and Landshut has resulted in buildup of remaining yards on the main Munich-Vienna line, particularly at St. Valentin and Freilassing. Photo cover revealed the following number of units in St. Valentin M/Y: 21 March - 490 (partial cover); 16 March - 700.

NO. A/C: 36 BOMB LOAD: 100 lb. GP (.1N .025TD) SQDN FORM: A 513
B 514
C 515
D 512
WING FORM: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th.

ROUTE OUT: Remote assembly over Tisteno (4256N 1638E) to Vrgada (4351N 1531E) to Vrbovsko (4523N 1505E) to Drvograd (4635N 1501E to Feldbach (4658N 1553E) to Gloggnitz (4740N 1556E) to Waidhofen (4849N 1518E) to Gratzen (4848N 1447E) to IP.

I.P.: Sundl (4834N 1439E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 192°

BOMBING ALT: 24,000' RALLY: Left to rally point Kematen (4803N 1445E)

ROUTE BACK: rally point Kematen to Judenburg (4710N 1440E) to Vrgada (4351N 1531E) to base;

ESCORT: Fighters to provide route and target cover for 47th Wing.
20 - P-38s at 4658N - 1553E at 1132 hours.
FLAK: Photo cover shows 104 guns at Linz and 77 more at Enns and Steyr. On 20 March 9 A/C of the 47th Wing reported moderate to intense, accurate, heavy flak at this target. The defenses will be entered about 7 miles from the target. An attack heading less than 190° would expose the formation to the fire of the guns at Linz. At 5 miles from the target the formation will be within range of 10 guns. This number builds up to about 32 as the target is approached.
Alternates: Graz - 25 guns; Leoben - 10 guns with 27 more at Bruck.

FIGHTERS: Negligible or nil enemy fighter opposition is expected. It is recognized that 40 to 50 Me 109s and FW 190s are available for strategic defense from bases in the Vienna area. On the basis of recent experience they probably will not be employed for organized opposition to our formations if accompanied by escort. These fighters are more likely to oppose formations attacking eastern targets. Attention is called to the 4 to 6 Me 262 trainers from the Munich area which may be airborne. They have been identified as far east as the Linz area.

| TIME SUMMARY: | Briefing | 0630 |
|---|---|---|
| | Trucks | 0700 |
| | Take off | 0800 |
| | On course | 0846 |
| | Target | 1232 |

RUSSIAN FRONT LINE CHANGES IN HUNGARY AS OF 21 MARCH: West of BUDAPEST line passes: DUNAALMAS on DANUBE, southeast of MOSCA, northwest of NAGYIGMAND, east of KISBER, 3 miles east of BAKONYSCERNYE, 3 miles east of VARPALOTA. The location of the line from VARPALOTA to Lake VALENCE, and from Lake VALENCE to Lake BALATON is unknown. Information on enemy pocket south of DANUBE River east of DOROG is lacking.

PLAN "B"

Plan "B" is the same as Plan "A" except as follows:

5th Wing: Passau M/Y and Plattling M/Y at 1135 hours
49th Wing: Budejovice M/Y 1145 hours

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MISSION NO 434 22 MARCH 1945

TARGET: Vienna Ordnance Depot TCS 14-108 BAP: 0-11.5
Alternates: St Polten M/Y MBC 14-28 4.5-8.2
Graz/Koflacher M/Y TC ~~14-41A-NA~~ 14-41A-NA H.6-11/12

OTHER WINGS:

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|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Ruhland Oil Refinery | 1230 hrs. |
| 49th: | Kagran Oil Refinery | 1210 " |
| 55th: | Heiligenstadt M/Y | 1230 " |
| 304th: | Kralupy Oil Refinery | 1224 " |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The target for this wing is the ordnance depot which is serving as a goods depot for the central yards of the Southeast communications comples. All wings of the Air Force attacked this target by PFF on 8 Feb 45. The damage on this and previous attacks has been largely repaired and moderate activity has been resumed. On 20 March 45, photos showed that there were 450 units present in the southeast goods depot and also several military trains were identified in the area.

NO OF PLANES: 40 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX SQDN FORM.: 513th, 514, 515th, 512th.

47TH WING FORMTION: 98th, 376th, 450th, 449th.

ROUTE OUT: Assembly point to Vrgada (4351N 1531E) to Judenburg (4710N 1440E) to Scheibbs (4800N 1510E) to I.P.

I.P.: Grafendorf (4809N 1532E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 85°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Target to Prein (4741N 1516E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Target cover will be provided.

FLAK: At target - 324 heavy guns in the Vienna area. As the formation approaches the dropping point they will be exposed to 52 guns. As the formation continues towards the target the concentration builds up and if course is continued the formation could be exposed to a total of 182 guns therefore, the sharpest possible right rally should be started immediatly after release of bombs.
Alternates - St Polten - no heavy flak.
Graz - 25 heavy guns.

FIGHTERS: Neglible or nil fighter opposition is expected in view of consistent experience in this area. Nevertheless, it is considered that 40 to 50 ME 109's and a few FW 190's can be called upon for the defenses of the Vienna targets if the enemy elects to oppose our formation in force.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0630 | |
| Trucks | 0705 | |
| Take Off | 0805 | |
| On course | 0843 | 0947 if remote rendezvous |
| Target | 1212 | |

ABle - 36 P-38 at 4710N 1440E @ 1132 hrs.

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PLAN BAKER

MISSION NO 434 22 MARCH 1945

The same as Plan "Able" except for the following changes:

OTHER WINGS:

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| 5th: | Vienna SE Goods Depot | 1207-1307 hrs. |
| 49th: | Kagran Oil Refinery | 1320-1350 " |
| 55th: | Heiligenstadt M/Y | 1430-1510 " |
| 304th: | Vienna/Stadlau M/Y | 1145-1225 " |

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0750 |
| Trucks | 0825 |
| Take Off | 0925 |
| On course | 1004 |
| Target | 1332 |

Russian front line change as of 20 March: Approximate line west of Budapest as follows: East of Estergom, southeast of Dorog, Northwest of Many, East of F. Galla, east and north of Tavaros, Kocs, north and west of Kisberg, northeast of Mor, to the north tip of Lake Valence.

Baker 36 P-38 at 47110N 1405E at 1226 hrs.

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MISSION NO. 433 T "APLS" 21 MARCH 1945

TARGET: Neuburg A/D
Landau A/D
ALTERNATES: Udine A/D
Erding A/D
OTHER WINGS:
5th
49th
55th
304th

REF: BCS 13-204
MBC 13-93
TC 4-14-NA
MBC 13-31

Target
Munich/Riem A/D
" "
Neuburg A/D
"

MPI: Smoothx cover area
4.5-4.0
cover area
4.8-3.6
Time
Red 1154-1224 Blue 1309-1339
1420-1450
1145
Red 1250-1305 Blue 1405-1420

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Although jet aircraft have not as yet been a serious threat to our formations, recent intelligence shows as increasing number of adromes are being used & intensive training activities are in progress. Numerious sightings and encounters with Me262's have occurred in the past few months

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: These attacks are intended to retard the present planned of espansion of tra ining as insurance against a future threat to our formations. This target is the most active jet training A/D in our range. 57 Me262's, over 1/3 of total Me262's in our operating range, are at this field. In view of the large expanse of the dispersal areas and the importance of destroying aircraft & installations, reattack is warranted. (the 8th attacked on 19 Mar, results unknown)

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: Frags clustered SQDN FORM: A 15
B 12
C 13
D 14

WING FORM. 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th. BOMB. ALTITUDE: 23,000'

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to (4520N-1240E) to S. Dona (4538N-1233E) to Pordenone (4557N-1240E) to Chiem Lake (4750N-1222E) to IP to Tgt.

I.P.: Wolnzach (4636N-1138E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 291°

RALLY: Right to Giesenfeld (4842N- 1137E).

ROUTE BACK: Giesenfeld to Bruckberg (4832N-1200E) to Traunstein (4753N-1238E) to Zell Am See (4718N-1248E) to Brod (4828N-1152E) to Gorica N4403N-1525E) to Base.

ESCORT: Close escort P T W 4428-1457

FLAK: Cover of 13 March shows only light guns. Scant accurate flak reported

Udine-24 guns. Scant, moderate, accurate reported. Rally between 180 & 190 degrees.
Erding-no heavy guns as reported on cover of 13 March
Landau -no heavy guns as reported on cover of 4 Jan.

FIGHTERS: The probable scale of effort from training units in the general Munich area is 4 to 6 Me262 with the possibility of harassing attacks by 15 to 20 SEF, although this latter force apparently have not been airborne during recent missions. the enemy is capable of opposing our formations with 10 to 15 Me262 from bases N.W. of Nuremburg. These aircraft are more likely to attack the forces going to Neuburg. 40 to 50 additional fighters may be brought in to oppose our formations. Attention is invited to the Italian Facist AF as a threat to stragglers.

COMMENTS: Russian recognition signals-xxxx da time primary-rock wings from 3 to 5 times, secondary-dip left wing 3 to 5 times. Night time primary- sequence of long and short flashings of navigational lights, secondary- red flare.
In future Russian recognition signals yellow flares may be substituted when white flares are not available.

| TIME SUMMARY | | local | remote |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Briefing | 0540 | 0540 |
| | Trucks | 0620 | 0615 |
| | Take off | 0720 | 0715 |
| | On course | 0757 | - |
| | Target time | 1155 | 1155 |

50-P51s on 4720N-1425E at 1114 hrs.

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MISSION NO. 433 "BAKER" 21 MARCH 1945

TARGET: Udine A/D REF: Photos. MPI: cover area

ALTERNATES: None

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Kagran & Vosendorf Oil Ref. | 1230 to 1315 |
| 49th | Korneuburg Oil Ref | 1355 to 1425 |
| 55th | Udine A/D | 1300 to 1315 |
| 304th | Kagran & Vosendorf Oil Ref | 1320 to 1350 |

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This A/D has the largest concentration of SEF in N. Italy . It is be lieved that an operational group of the Italian Fascist Air Force is based there. Destruction of aircraft & facilities would greatly reduce the potential threat from north Italian based aircraft.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: Frags clustered SQDN FORM: A 15 B 12 C 13 D 14

WING FORM.: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th. BOMB. ALTITUDE: 25,000'

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Solin (4408N-1453E) to Ledenice (4508N-1451E) to Sirnitz (4649N-1403E) to Lienz (4650N-1245E) to IP to Tgt.

I.P.: Tramonti (4619N-1248E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 136°

RALLY: Right to (4538N-1306E)

ROUTE BACK: Rally point coast to 4500N-1320E) to Base.

ESCORT: Close escort P T W

FLAK: Defenses will be entered about 6 miles from A/D which is covered by 24 guns.

FIGHTERS: A few Italian Fascist Me109's may be airborne to attack stragglers. However, nil opposition is expected.

COMMENTS: See plan "A"
No unassigned targets within limited one specified in 47th Wing message FSNE #80 will be attacked. Assigned targets will be attacked only after positive identification. No bombs will be jettisoned over Yugoslavia.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0540
Target time 1315

(other information will be given at Group briefing.)

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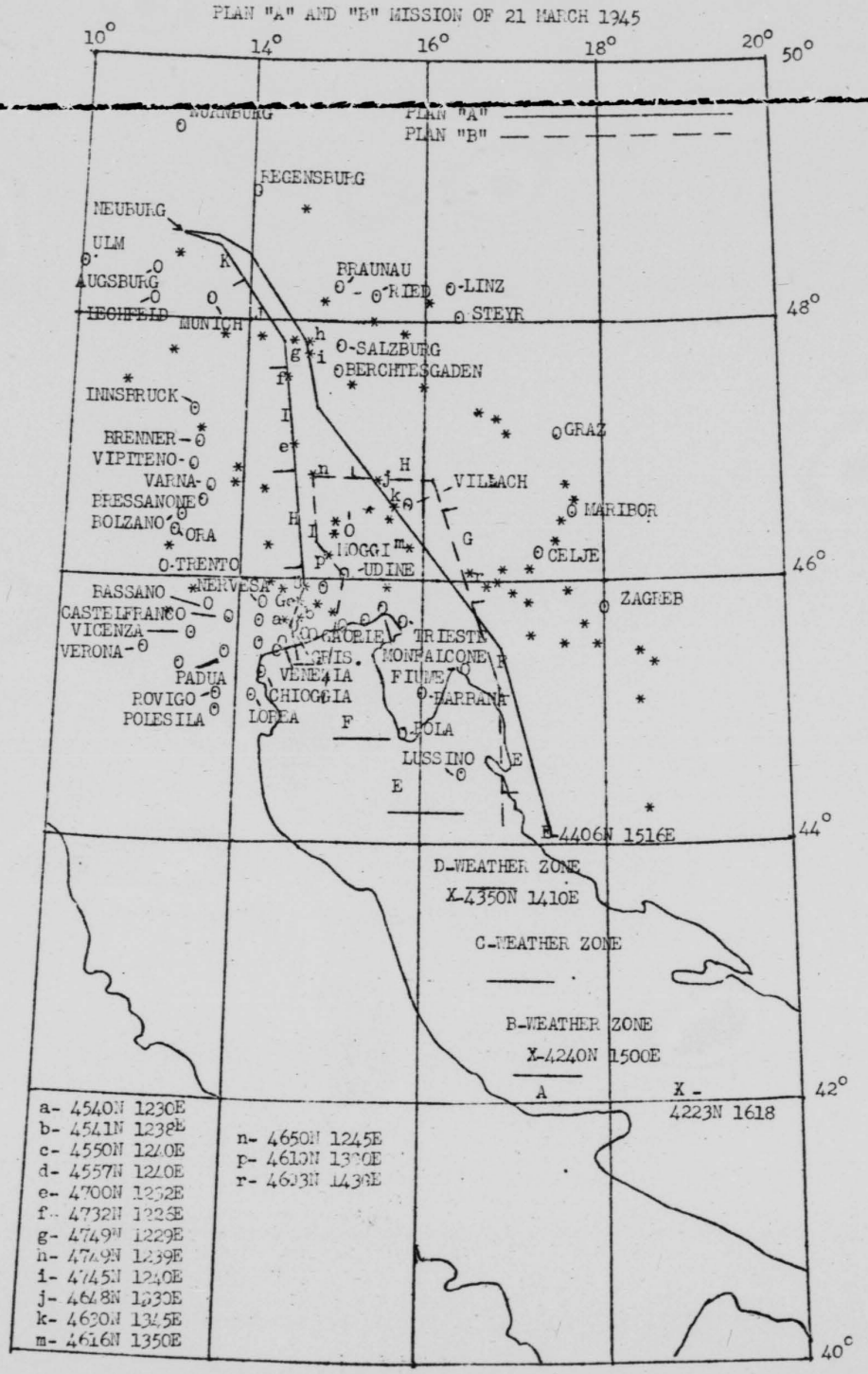
ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 267

PLAN "A" AND "B" MISSION OF 21 MARCH 1945

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This chart is intented for distribution to the navigator of each crew and is designed to assist him in avoiding known flak defended areas. The enery is capable of making rapid changes in the disposition of anti-aircraft guns on the basis of his estimate of what the Fifteenth Air Force considers priority targets. It is also known that the enemy has a number of mobile flak units in the territory over which the Fifteenth Air Force operates. The information on this chart is based on the latest known positions of German heavy anti-aircraft defences within an area extending at least 35 miles on each side of the briefed route. Any additional data obtained during the evening should be reported without fail during the post-mission interrogation.

Symbols used:

C - Known flak defended area. Photo reconnaissance has confirmed the location of anti-aircraft guns of heavy caliber.

* - Location at which crews have reported experiencing or seeing flak, but for which no photo reconnaissance confirmation has been received.

X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

E - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO. 432 Plan Charlie 20 March 1945

Target: St. Valentine Tank Works TC 14-14-NA MPI Ctr. Bldg. #14 on NOMDC 14-27

| Alternates: | | | MPI |
|---|---|---|---|
| Amstettin M/Y | TC | 14-15 | 3.5 5.9 |
| St. Polten M/Y | MBC " | 14-75 | 4-8.4 |
| Graz RR Tgts. | TC 14-41A | | 11.8 12.5 |

Importance of mission and target: See tgt. on plan B for 16 March.

Bomb. Load 4 X 1000 GP per ship .1 & .01 No. of planes 36 plus spares

Group formation 512th, 515th. 514th. 513th.

Wing. Formation 449.450.376.98

Route out: San Vito to Zirje 4339-1540 to Judenburg (4710-1440) to Opponitz (4753-1450) to Tgt.

Ip Opponitz Axis of attack: 320 degrees Bomb. Altitude 23500

Route back: Tgt. to Saxen (4813-1418) to Merzuschleg (4736-1540) to Blagaj (4503-1628) to base.

Fighter Escort: Tgt. Pen & Withdrawal.

Flak: At the tgt the guns number 28. The defenses will be entered approximately 7 miles from the target. The rally should be a prompt and sharp right to avoid the city of Linz and its defenses which reach toward the target.
Amstettin - No flak shown on photo cover - No experience available.
St. Polten - No material available.
Graz- 25 guns - rally to avoid the Thalerof A/D. Rally is right.

Enemy fighters: No opposition is expected in large numbers due to the fact that no attacks have been experienced in this sector on escorted formations. However the enemy is still capable of putting 40+Me 109's and FW 190's in the air around the target area.

Comments: See plane Baker. Graz is the PFF tgt. though instructions are to bomb primary by PFF if it shows a return.

Time Summary: Briefing - optional for squadrons.
Trucks - 0945
Take Off -1045
On Course 1126
Target 1440

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MISSION NO. 432 PLAN "BAKER" 20 March 1945

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|---|---|---|---|
| TARGET: | Bratislava Rangier M/Y | TC 15-1-NA | MPI: M.5-14.4 |
| Alternates: | Szombathely North M/Y | TC 12-10-NA | N.6 -10.5 |
| | Pragersko M/Y | MBC 8-22 | B.9-5.2 |
| | Graz Koflacher Fght Yds | TC 14-41A-Na | H.8-12.5 |

OTHER WINGS:

| | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | 2 Gps: Korneuberg Oil Ref; 2 Gps: Vosendorf Oil Ref; 2 Gps: Kagan Oil | 1345-1430 |
| 49th: | Gyor West and East Sidings and Main M/Y | 1240-1310 |
| 55th: | Gyor West, East andStation sidings and Main Sta | 1315-1345 |
| 304th: | Kraljupe Oil Ref | Red force: 1230; Blue: 1330 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The Air Force will strike at communications targets in an effort to further throttle supplies destined for the German southeast front. Oil targets will also be attacked. As a result of successful attacks only five oil producers within range are currently active.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Bratislava is the largest CzechoSlovakian port on the Danube as well as being a rail center and industrial town of some importance. The road and RR bridge at the tgt provide an important and vulberable north-south link. In addition important routes connect with Prague, Brono, Komnarno, and Upper Silesia. On 16 March, 460 Units present. The yard appeared to be fully serviceable.

NO. OF PLANES: 36 (plus spares) BOMB LOAD: 100 GP (.1 ns & .025 tl)

GROUP FORMATION: 1st: 512, 2nd: 515, 3rd: 514, 4th: 513.

WING FORMATION: 449th, 450th, 376th and 98th.

ROUTE OUT: Assembly point to Zirje (4339N 1540E) to Judenburg (4710N 1440E) to Horn (4840N 1540E) to IP to tgt.

I.P.: Zistersdorf (4833N 1646E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 142° BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,500 feet

TURN OFF TARGET: Left to Joka(4708N 1731E)

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Joka to Paka (4636N 1639E) to Split (4331N 1628E) to base

FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration, target, withdrawal

FLAK: Target: 39 guns here and 9 at Parndorf. Defenses will be entered about 4 mi from tgt which is covered by 26 guns. Left rally will keep formation out of range of remaining 13.
Szombathely: 18 guns here. To minimize flak, left rally immediately after bombs away.
Pragersko: no guns here, 26 at Maribor to north. Maribor guns can reach within 2 mi of tgt

FIGHTERS: In view of past experience in this tgt area, negligible opposition to escorted formations is expected. If enemy elects to defend, the probable scale of effort will be 40-50 Me 109 and FW 190 sorties.

COMMENTS: Attention directed to POW Camps #135 and 136.
Reference to page 2 of Escape Intelligence Bulletin #19: Revise instruction for emergency landing at Sanski Most. To make wheels down repeat down landing.
Russian front line change as of 18 March in CzechoSlovakia: Line passes two miles north of Zvolen (4835-1918) to Buca, to south of Hron Breznica, to north of Garam River at point one mile east of Hron. Sv Kriz, to two miles south of Hron Sv Kriz, along Garam River to Danube.

| TIME SUMMARY: | | |
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| | Briefing | 0620 |
| | Trucks | 0650 |
| | Take Off | 0750 |
| | On course | 0831 |
| | Target | 1220 |

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MISSION NO 431 "ABLE" 1[illegible]arch 1945

TARGET: Komarom M/Y REF: MBC 12-20 MPI 5.5-3.2 & 6.8-2.9

ALTN'S: Pragersko M/Y MBC 8-22 B.8-5.2
Graz/Koflacher F/Y TC 14-41A H.6-11/12
Dobova M/Y Center of Yard

OTHER WINGS:

| | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Korneuburg O/R | 1230-1245 |
| 49th | Gyor West & East Sid. M/Y | 1340-1400 |
| 55th | Gyor East & West Main M/Y | 1310-1335 |
| 304th | Gyor East, West Main M/Y | 1405-1430 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This plan calls for attacks on M/Y's located on supply lines feeding the German Southeast front. Damage to rail lines in this forward military area will have a direct effect on the enemy's replacemnt of troops and equipment for this active front.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This target was last attacked on 14 March with good results but repairs are anticipated. About 250 undamaged units were blocked by the attack. The double trackVienna Budapest route through Gyor passes through this M/Y.This is a continuation of the 15th AF effort to aid the Russian forces on the Hungarian front.

NO OF PLANES: 36 (4 spares) BOMB LOAD: 100# GP .1 & .01 SQD FRMN: 512 514
515 513

WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, & 450th. BOMB. ALT: 21,000

ROUTE OUT: Remote assy at Durbovnik 4238-1806 to Split 4331-1628 to Paka 4637-1639 to Bezenye 4758-1712 to IP to Tgt.

I.P: Nadszeg 4801-1749 AXIS OF ATTACK: 140 Dgs true

RALLY: Right to RP Kisber 4730 1802

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to rally point to Paka 4637-1639 to Split 4331-1628 to base.

ESCORT: Close escort P T W 50 P-51'S AT PAKA AT 1138 HOURS

FLAK: KOMAROM late photo cover shows 28 guns. On 14 March 5th Wing reported moderate to intense, accurate, heavy flak at this target. The right rally should be started soon enough that the formations do not pass east of the M/Y to keep them out of the range of 7guns 6 miles east and 2 miles south of the target.
PRAGERSKO: Photo cover to 28 Feb show no heavy guns at Pragersko and 26 at Maribor to the north. On 16 Mar 9 a/c of the 55th Wng reported Nil flak at target.
GRAZ: Photo cover to 12 Mar show 25 heavy guns at Graz. On 16 Mar 9 a/c of the 55th Wng reported moderate, accurate flak at Graz; on the same day 11 a/c of the 304th Wng found it scant and inaccurate.
To keep the formation out of range of the battery at the THALERHOF A/D, a sharp right rally should be started as soon as bombs are released.

FIGHTERS: In view of the consistent past experience in this target area negligible opposition is expected. The probable scale of effort could be 40 to 50 Me 109's & Fw 190's.

COMMENTS: No bombs jettisoned over Yugoslavia. If weather permits 376th & 98th will take 12" oblique photos from IP to target. No unassigned targets within the limited zone specified will be attacked; assigned targets will be attacked only after positive identification.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| BRIEFING: | 0630 |
| TRUCKS | 0720 |
| TAKE OFF | 0820 |
| TARGET | 1230 |

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MISSION NO 431 P[illegible] "BAKER" 18 M[illegible] 1945

TARGET: Landshut M/Y REF: MBC 13-153 MPI 6.4-5.7 & 5.4-5.3
AIMS: Passau M/Y MBC 13-129 4.2-7.7
Plattling M/Y MBC 13-208 [illegible]
Freissing M/Y MBC 13-218 6.8-4.6

OTHER WINGS: 5th Landshut M/Y 1408-1450
49th Muhldorf M/Y 1255-1315
55th Muhldorf M/Y 1220-1250
304th Muhldorf M/Y 1145-1215

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: As the main sortings yards in SE Germany have had their capacities reduced by bombing there has been an increase in loading and turnover at these yards. Supplementary marshalling for Linz, Munich, and Regensburg is being accomplished at these points.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: These facilities, medium to large size sortings yards capable of marshalling 1000/1500 cars per day are on the well developed rail net bounded by triangle Regensburg-Linz-Munich. Objective of the attacks are to destroy car content and reduce marshalling capacity.

Photo cover of 16 Mar show 839 cars and 13 locos in the yards.

NO OF PLANES: 36 (4 spares) BOMBLOAD: 100# GP .1 & .01 SQDN FMN: 512 514 515 513

WING FORMATION: 376 - 98 - 449 - 450.

ROUTE OUT: Base to CP Vrulje 4349 1519 to Vrbovsko 4522 1505 to St. Vert 4647 1421 to Zell Am See 4720 1248 to IP to Target.

I.P: Haag 4610 1211 AXIS OF ATTACK 355 Degs True BOMB ALT: 17,000

TURN OFF TARGET: Right to RP Zell 4819 1339

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Zell 4819 1339 to Lambach 4806 1353 to Ruden 4639 1446 to Vrulje 4349 1519 to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort P. T. W. 50 P-38'S AT ZELL AM SEE AT ~~1253~~ 1253 HOURS

FLAK: LANDSHUT: Photo cover to 12 Jan show no heavy guns at this target. On 22 Feb. six B-17's and on 13 March 1 B-17 reported Mil flak at Landshut.

PASSAU: Photo cover to 26 Dec. show no heavy guns here. On 29 Dec the 49th Wing reported moderate to intense, accurate heavy flak at Passau. On 25 Feb the 52nd FG reported smoke screens of undetermined density over Passau.

PLATTLING: Photo cover to 16 Jan show no heavy guns here. On 22 Feb. the 304th Wing reported Mil flak at this target.

FIGHTERS: Negligible opposition is expected but it should be recognized that attacks by 10/15 SEF from training units and 2 - 4 Me 262's are possible in the target area. 10/15 Me 262's may be airborne from bases west of Nurenburg, but possibility of contact by these jet propelled a/c is remote. The possibility of a few Italian Fascist Me 109's is always a threat to stragglers in Northern Italy.

COMMENTS: Attention is directed to POW Camps 60 - 61 - 135 - and 136.
If weather permits the 376th and 98th will take 12" oblique photos of the area from IP to target.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0700 |
| Trucks | 0755 |
| Take off | 0855 |
| Target | 1329 |

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MISSION NO 431 PLAN "A" 18 March 1945.

TARGET: KOMAROM M/Y REF: MBC 12-20 MPI: N.6-10.5

| ALTERNATES: | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Szombathely M/Y | TC | 12-10-NA | N.6-10.5 |
| Varazdin M/Y & RR Bridge | MBC | 8-21 | 3.2-[illegible].2 |
| Zagreb Extreme W. M/Y | TCS | 8-15 | B-11 |

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th. | Gyor M/Y | 1400-1430 |
| ~~Gyor~~ 49th | Gyor Station Sidings | 1330-1345 |
| 55th | Nove Zamky | 1245-1305 |
| 304th | Gyor Station | 1200-1220 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This plan calls for attacks on M/Y's located on supply lines feeding the German Southeast Front. Damage to rail lines in this forward military area will have a direct effect on the enemy's replacement of troops and equipment for this active front.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This target was last attacked on 14 March with good results but repairs are anticipated. About 250 undamaged units were blocked by the attack. The double track Vienna Budapest route through Gyor passes through this M/Y. The main yard and adjoining west sidings are approximately 7,500 feet long and although quite narrow for most of its length the yard has a width of more than 500' near it's center. This is a continuation of the 15th Air Forces effort to aid the Russian forces on the Hungarian front.

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 100lb clus .1 ns .025 tail Sqdn Form: 512
515
514
513

WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th. BOMB ALT: 23,000'

ROUTE OUT: Remote assy at Durbovnik (4238N 1806E) to Split (4331-1628) to Paka (4637-1639) to Hegyeshalom (4755-1710) to IP to Tgt.

I.P. SZERDAHELY (4800-1737) AXIS OF ATTACK: 125 dgs true. RALLY: Right

RALLY POINT: Kisber (4730-1802)

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to rally point to Paka (4637-1639) to Split (4331-1628) to base.

ESCORT: PTW

FLAK: KOMAROM: Late photo cover shows 21 guns. The field of fire of the guns whose location is known will be entered about 7 miles from the target which is covered by 14 of the 21 guns whose pinpoints have been furnished. The right rally should be started soon enough that the formations do not pass east of the M/Y to keep them out of range of 7 guns which lie about 6 miles E. and 2 miles S. of the target.
SZOMBATHELY: 18 guns Sharp left rally
VARAZDIN: Nil

ENEMY FIGHTERS: In view of increased activity by small enemy formations in the Vienna area during recent AF penetrations it is considered that fighters based in and around Vienna are approaching a state of operational readiness. Though enemy capabilities to oppose our formations remain at 40/50 SEF, the likelihood of their reacting is slightly increased. Once again, however, attacks will presumably be executed with small formations against unesqorted groups. Encounters with both single engine and twin engine fighters engaged in tactical patrols are likely to occur close to the Russian line.

| TIME SUMMARY: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Briefing | 0610 |
| | Trucks | 0650 |
| | Take off | 0750 |
| | On course | 0842 |
| | Target | 1200 |

40-P38s at 4637N-1639E at 1119 hrs

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MISSION NO 431 PLAN "BAKER" 18 March 194.

TARGET: GRAZ KOFLACHER FREIGHT YARD REF: 44-41A-NA MPI: H.8-12.2

ALTERNATES: Same as Plan "ABLE"

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Pragersko M/Y | 1330-1400 |
| 49th | Linz Station | 1340 |
| 55th | Linz S. Station | 1350 |
| 304th | Linz Benzol Plant | 1330 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This plan directs attacks against communications targets in selected areas in Yugo and Austria.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This target is located on the main R/R line running southeast from Vienna into N. Italy, Yugo and the lower Danube basin. It is a vital link in the German evacuation plan from the Balkans and, through connections at Maribor, constitutes an important line of lateral communications behind the E. Front.

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: Same as "A" SQDN FORM: Same as "ABLE"

WING FORMATION: Same as "ABLE" ANGLE OF ATTACK: 105 degs true

ROUTE OUT: Assy pts to Dolsko (4606-1440) to St. Vert (4616-1421) to St. Lorengen (4709-1425) to IP to tgt.

I.P. ZELENOG (4711-1445) RALLY ~~POINT~~: Right RALLY POINT: Dolsko (4606-1440)

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,000'

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to IP to Zara (4404-1528) to base.

ESCORT: PTN

FLAK: Graz: 25 guns. The defenses will be entered about 6 miles from the target, which is covered by 18 of the 25 guns. Continuing on the attack heading over the target would expose the formation to the fire of the 7 guns at Thalerhof A/D, this may be avoided by starting a sharp right rally as soon as bombs away.

FIGHTERS: Same as plan "A"

| TIME SUMMARY: | Local | Remote |
|---|---|---|
| Briefing | 0900 | 0900 |
| Trucks | 0940 | 0935 |
| Take off | 1040 | 1035 |
| In course | 1126 | |
| Target | 1430 | |

40-P51s at 4606N-1440E at 1350 hrs

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PLAN ABLE

MISSION NO 431 — 17 MARCH 1945

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|---|---|---|---|
| TARGET: Varazdin RR Bridge | | MBC 8-21 | F.4-7.2 |
| ALTERNATES: | Graz S. Freight Yds. | TC 14-41-NA | H.5-14.5 |
| | Pragersko M/Y | MBC 8-22 | Centre of M/Y |
| | Zagreb Extreme West M/Y | TCS 8-15 | B-11 |

OTHER WINGS:

5th : Gyor Main M/Y, E. Sidings and Station Sidings — 1400/1430 hrs.
49th : Bratislava/Rangier M/Y — 1330/1345 "
55th : B " , North TownM/Y, South Town M/Y and Galanta M/Y. — 1245/1305
304th : Bratislava?Rangier M/Y, North Town M/Y, South Town M/Y — 1200/1220 "

15th Fighter Command: 2 Groups will dive bomb Ptuj RR Bridge at 1200/1230 hrs. S.O.P. strafing will be along rail lines between Bruck, Graz, Maribor and Wiener-Neustadt.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The attack is aimed to capitalize on recent succesful attacks in this area. The enemy has been succesful in moving sufficient troops and supplies to this frontto launch a concerted counter attack which is believed to be an attempt to secure Vienna and its approaches. The object of this and recent attacks is to destroy equipment and supplies sorely needed by the enemy to maintain his offensive.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The 47th Wing is assigned the Varazdin RR Briege on the Zagreb-Szombathely rail line which is now used for troop movements from Zagreb north to Hungary. The traffic on this alternate line has increased since successful bombing of points on the Zagreb-Maribor-Graz line.

NO OF PLANES: 32 BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb. GP SQDN FORM.: 1 - 512 3 - 514 2 - 515 4 - 513

47TH WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th.

ROUTE OUT: Assembly point to Vrbovsko (4532N 1505E) to Bostanj (4601N 1517E) to I.P.

I.P.: Ptuj (4625N 1552E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 107°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 19,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Target to Sv. Petar Orehovec (4605N 1628E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort on penetration, over target and on withdrawel.

FLAK: Varazdin - No flak. On 16 Mar 45, 47th Wing reported no flak at this target.
Graz - 25 heavy guns. A right rally is recommended.
Pragersko - No flak reported. The Maribor guns can reach within 2 miles of target.

FIGHTERS: Same as on Plan "CHARLIE"

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|---|
| Briefing | 0700 | |
| Trucks | 0735 | |
| Take Off | 0835 | |
| On Course | 0926 | (remote rendy 1016) |
| Target | 1200 | |

ITALIAN BOMB LINE AS OF 0600 HRS 16 MARCH 1945: Mouth of Reno River at M 6361, thence Reno River to 6156, 4956, 490526, thence Senio River to 3133, 294330, thence railroad to 266290, 2429, 1524, 0925, 0135, L 985350, 975340, 8834, 8329, 7429, 6927, 3410, 1810, 1707, U 8898.

RUSSIAN FRONT LINE CHANGE AS OF 15 MARCH IN CZECKOSLOVAKIA: line passes: 3 miles NW of Ocova, north and west of Zvolen, 3 miles north of Ban, Bela, River Garam 2 miles south of Bzenica, along Garam River to Danube.

46 - P-51s on 4601N - 1517E on 1210 hrs.

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PLAN CHARLIE

MISSION NO 431 17 MARCH 1945

TARGET: Vienna Southeast Communications area BGS 14-108 BAP: N.2-11.8
ALTERNATES: Graz South Freight Yards TC 14-41-NA H.5-14.5
Bruck Ad Mur M/Y TCS 14-122 J.2-9.8
Szombathely M/Y TC 12-10-NA N.6-10.5

OTHER WINGS:
5th: Vienna S.E. Communications area 1415 hrs.
49th : " 1440 "
55th : " 1430 "
304th : " 1500 "
15th Fighter Command: 2 Groups will dive bomb Ptuj RR Bridge.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION:
These communications targets were heavily damaged in the attacks 13 to 20 February and the yards have not been reactivated. Repairs, although slow, have been noted and further damage will sustain the unserviceability of this rail center.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET:
The main goods yards has a holding capacity of 4,224 wagons. It has 48 dead end sidings 1,500 feet long which serve the transshipment area west of the locomotive depot. The large transhipment sheds are side loading.

NO OF PLANES: 32 BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb. GP SQDN FORM.: 1— 512 3 - 514
2 - 515 4 - 513

47TH WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th.

ROUTE OUT: Assembly point to Split (4332N 1629E) to Slav Pozega (4520N 1741E) to I.P.

I.P.: Pamhagen (4742N 1655E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 324°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,500' TURN OFF TARGET: Left

ROUTE BACK: Target to Gloggnitz (4740N 1556E) to Sisak (4530N 1623E) to Sibenik to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort on penetration, over target and on withdrawel.

FLAK: Target - 328 heavy guns. The defenses will be entered about 16 miles from the target. At 10 miles from the yards, the formation will be within range of approx. 90 guns. This number drops to 60 by the time the formations are 3 miles from the target; then builds up to about 70 guns over the M/Y's. For this reason the rally should be started as soon as possible after bombs away. A rally heading near 240° is recommended. One greater than 250° might carry the bombers through the defenses at Moosbierbaum.
Graz - 25 heavy guns, a right rally is recommended.
Bruck - 27 heavy guns with 10 more at Leoben, about 9 miles to the west. A rally to the south is recommended.

FIGHTERS: In view of increased activity by small enemy formations in the Vienna area during several recent Air Force penetrations it is considered that fighters based in and around Vienna are approaching a state of operational readiness. Though enemt capabilities to oppose our formations remain at 40/50 SEF, the likelihood of their reacting is slightly increased.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0900 | |
| Trucks | 0940 | |
| Take Off | 1040 | |
| On Course | 1138 | (remote rendy 1220) |
| Target | 1450 | |

40 - P-51s at 14 hrs.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
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ROUTE FLAK CHART
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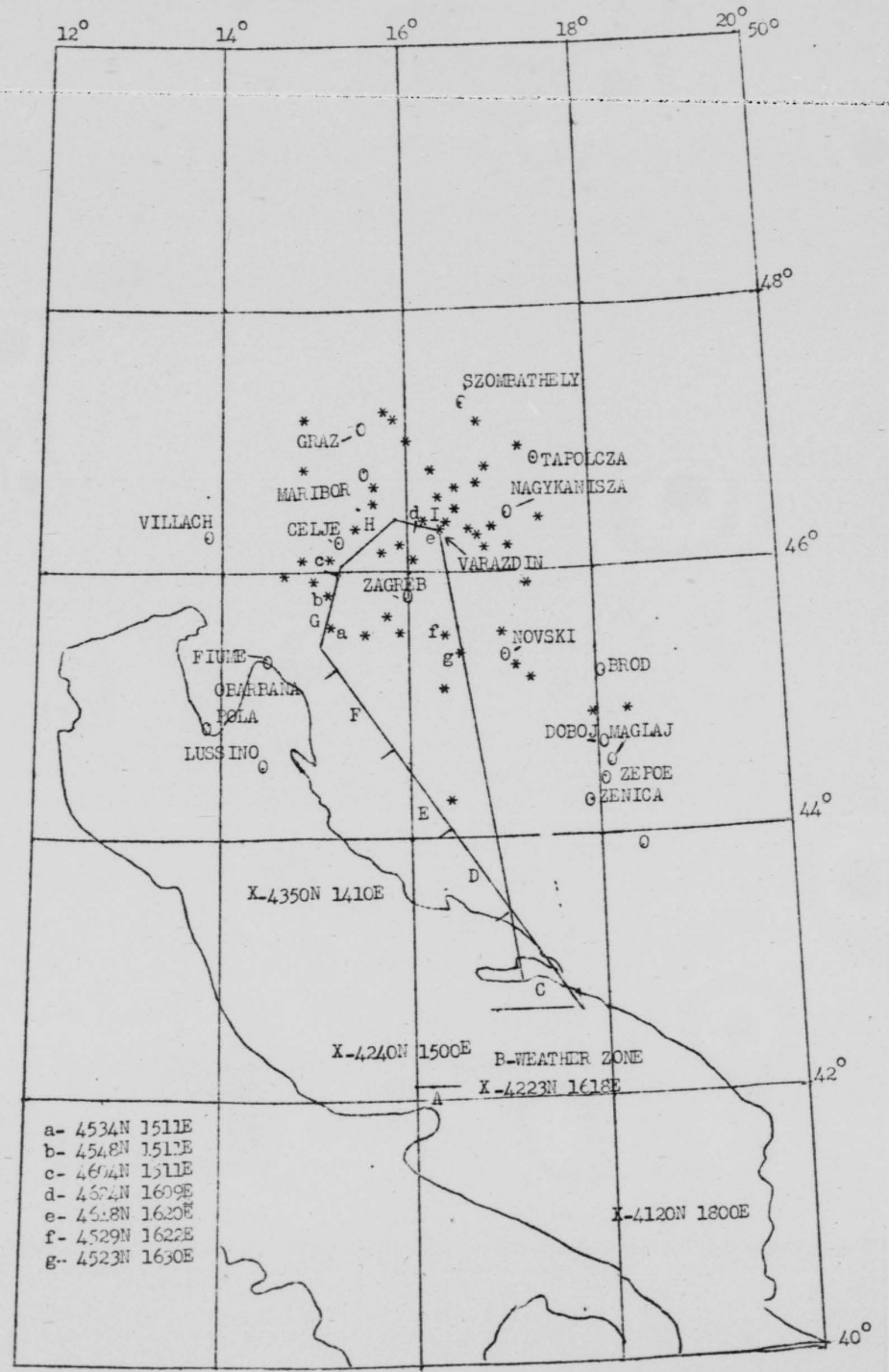
PLAN "A" MISSION OF 17 MARCH 1945

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
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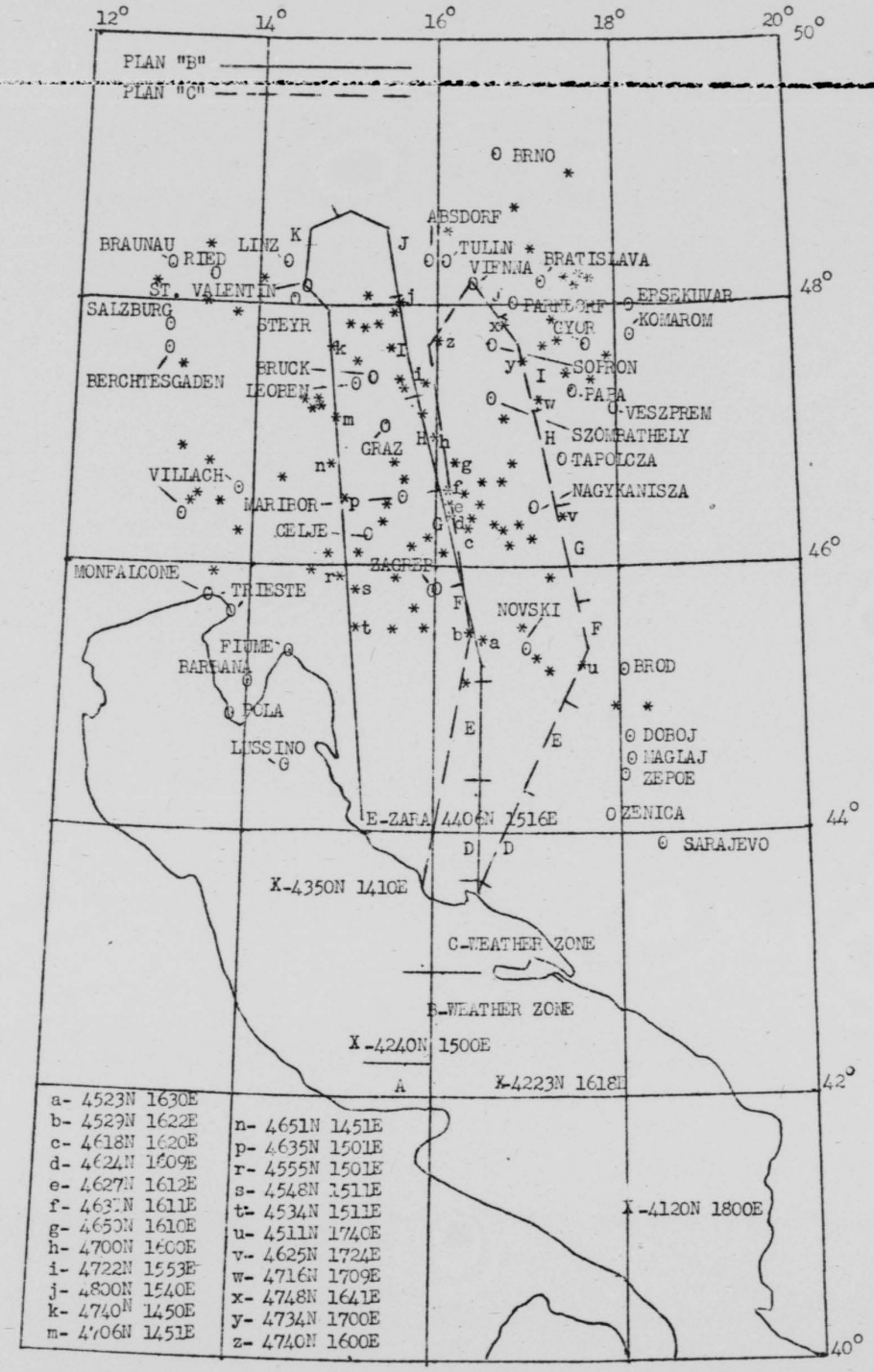
PLAN "B" AND "C" MISSION OF 17 MARCH 1945

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MISSION NO. 430 'HI SECRET PLAN BAKER 6 March 1945

TARGET: St Valentine Tank Works MBC 14-27 Bldg # 4,5,6,7,8,9,14, and 15.
Alternates: Bruck M/Y TCS 14-122 MPI: .2-.8
Anstettin M/Y MBC 14-75 3.5-5.9
Muhldorf M/Y MBC 13-157 7-6.2

OTHER WINGS:

| | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Linz Main Sta and Sta M/Y | 1400-1430 |
| 49th: | St Valentin Tank Works | 1445-1500 |
| 55th: 20ps: | Linz Bengel Plant; 2 Ops: Hermann Goering Steel Works | 1305-1325 |
| 304th: | Linz South and North Main M/Y | 1330-1350 |

[redacted] It is the highest priority tank target in our operational area and second in all Europe. The final machining and assembling of Panther tanks is carried on at this works. Objective of this attack is to destroy the gantry cranes and other heavy equipment used for the assembling of components. The machine and assembly shops are primary objectives.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Since attack on 16 Oct 1944, extensive repairs have been made to all major buildings including machine shops and 2 large assembly shops. Slight M/T activity was noted outside the main assembly shop. Photo recce of 13 March shows 23 probable loaded flats on the sidings. There was considerable internal activity with personnel and vehicles in motion. Large quantities of stores were dispersed throughout the factory area.

NO. OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500 GP (.1 ms and .01 tl) GP FUZE: 1st: 514
WING FORMATION: 450th, 449th, 98th and 376th. 2nd: 513
3rd: 512
4th: 515

ROUTE OUT: Assembly Point to Zara (4407N 1515E) to Cabar (4536N1439E) to Liezen (4734N 1414E) to Engelhartszell (4830N 1344E) to Horitz (4847N 1410E) to IP to tgt

I.P.: Zettwing (4837N 1433E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 285° 185° TURN OFF TARGET: Left

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500 feet

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Waidhofen (4758N 1448E) to Zara ( to base

FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration, target and withdrawal

FLAK: Target: 170 guns at Linz and 77 at Enns and Steyr. Enter defenses 8 mi from tgt. Heading ofless than 185 deg would expose formation to guns at Linz. At 5 mi from tgt, formation will be in range of 14 guns. This builds up to 32 as tgt is approached. Left rally after bombs away will help to avoid range of guns at Steyr. Rally of 120° best.
Bruck: 27 guns here and 10 at Leoben, about 9 mi. to west. South rally recommended.
Anstetten: no guns here

FIGHTERS: Target: Nil enemy fighter opposition is expected but appreciate capability of interception of 20-30 SEF in general tgt area.

COMMENTS: See ~~Back~~ Plan Able

TIMS SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0630 |
| Trucks | 0705 |
| Take Off | 0805 |
| On course | 1004 |
| Target | 1235 |

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MISSION NO. 430 PLAN ABLE 16 March 1945

TARGET: Wiener Neustadt M/Y BCS 14-119 MPI: M.2-8.4
Alternates: Sopron M/Y TC 12-32-NA H.3-16.4
Szombathely M/Y TC 12-10-NA M.6-13.8
Varazdin M/Y MBC 8-21 Ctr of M/Y

OTHER WINGS: Target Time
5th: 3 Gps: Schwechat Oil Ref; 3 Gps: Florisdorf Oil Ref 1320-1350
49th: Moosbierbaum Oil Ref 1430-1500
55th: 2Gps: Korneuburg Oil Ref; 2 Gps: Kagran Oil Ref 1145-1225
304th: 3 Gps: Bratislava/Rangier M/Y; 1 Gps: Solanta M/Y [illegible]

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This yard has shown marked activity and consistant heavy loading over the past month. It is an important sorting center for traffic moving to the southeast front through Sopron and Szombathely, as well as traffic to Villach and Graz. There are indications that supplementary marshalling work is being accomplished there since damage to Vienna Southeast yards.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This yard has been repaired and cleared after the attack on 4 March. Sufficient damage is not expected from PFF attack on 14 March. Objective of attack ~~[illegible]~~ is to destroy car content and reduce marshalling capacity.
Aso of 13 March: 500 mixed units on sortings sidings, 280 in loco depot, 155 in station sidings and 90 in reception sidings.

NO. OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500 GP (.1 ns & .01 tl) GP FORM: 1st: 514
WING FORMATION: 450th, 449th, 98th and 376th. 2nd: 513
3rd: 512
INITIAL POINT: St. Martin (4734N 1626E) AXIS OF ATTACK: ~~[illegible]~~ 334° 4th: 515

BOMBING ALTITUDE: ~~[illegible]~~ 24,000 feet TURN OFF TARGET: Left to Waidhofen

ROUTE OUT: Assembly Point to Sibenik (4344N 1554E) to Sisak (4530N 1623E) to Obrez (4624N 1614E) to IP to tgt

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Gloggnitz (4740N 1556E) to Sisak (4530N 1623E) to Sibenik (4344N 1554E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration, target and withdrawal

FLAK: Target: Photo cover shows no guns here. Heading of less than 320° would wxpose to fire at Sporon.
Sopron: 14 guns here
Szombathely: 18 guns here. Right rally recommended.

FIGHTERS: Target: Nil opposition expected on penetration. Possibility of 30-40 SEF in target area andfor a short distance on withdrawal. Enemy would presumably operate with sm all formations against stragglers and unescorted groups.

COMMENTS: Attention is called to camps # 124, 125, 173, and 22. Unconfirmed report states that # 20 has been evacuated. Numbers 149, 150, 151 are no longer used.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0700
Trucks 0730
Take Off 0830
On course 1019
Target 1215

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MISSION NO. 429 PAULE 15 MARCH 1945

TARGET: Schwechat Oil Ref REF: TC 1A-20- NA MPI: T.502.9

ALTERNATES: W. Neustadt M/Y TCS 1A-119 K.A-5.7
Pragerske M/Y MBC 8-22 Center M/Y

OTHER WINGS:

| | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Ruhland Oil Ref | 1300 |
| 49th | Schwechat Oil Ref | 1130 |
| 55th | Floridsdorf and Moosbierbaum Oil Refs | 1230 |
| 304th | " " " | 1130 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Present German production is estimated at 50,000 tons per month against minimum militart requirements for full scale operations of army and air forces of 200,000 tons. The approach of good weather and prospect of Allied offensive operations on all major fronts create a particularly critical period. It is believed that if gas. production can be kept below 50,000 tons, the German army will be immobilized.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The recent 8th and RAF successful attacks against oil production has eliminated all major oil pr oducers with the exception of Ruhland, Schwechat, and Moosbierbaum oil Refs. Schwechat was last attacked 20 Feb. It is now producing 1500 tons of gas per month

NO. OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb RDX .1 ns .025 tl SQDN FORM A 13
B 14
C 15
D 12

WING FORMATION: 98th, 376th, 450th, 449th

ROUTE OUT: Assembly pt. to Bos Novi (4503N-1622E) to Somogyszob (4618N-1718E) to Czellbomolk (4716N-1709E) to IP to Tgt.

I.P.: Panhagen (4742N-1655E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 328°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500' TURN OFF TARGET: Left to Friedberg (4726-1602)

ROUTE BACK: Friedberg (4726N-1602E) to Feldback (4658N-1553E to Point Sisak (4529N-1622E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escor t on penetration, over target and withdrawal.

FLAK: Photo cover shows 326 guns in the Vienna area. Moderate, accurate flak experienced. The defenses will be entered about ten miles from the refinery. At seven miles from the target, the formations will be within range of approx. 50 guns. This number buildup to about 120 guns that cover the refinery. If, however, a very sharp left rally is started as soon as bombs are dropped, this maximum number of guns will not be encountered.
W. Neustadt no guns 4 March nil flak reported by 304th WG
PRAGERSKO- possible 4 guns on poor prints.

ENEMY FIGHTERS: No change in the enemy fighter appreciation for the force attacking the Vienna area, namely 40 to 50 SEF.

COMMENTS: American ara band will be issued.

TIME SUMMARY:

| | Local | Remote |
|---|---|---|
| Briefing | 0750 | 0750 |
| Trucks | 0830 | 0820 |
| Take off | 0930 | 0920 |
| On course | 1028 | - |
| Target | 1330 | 1330 |

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
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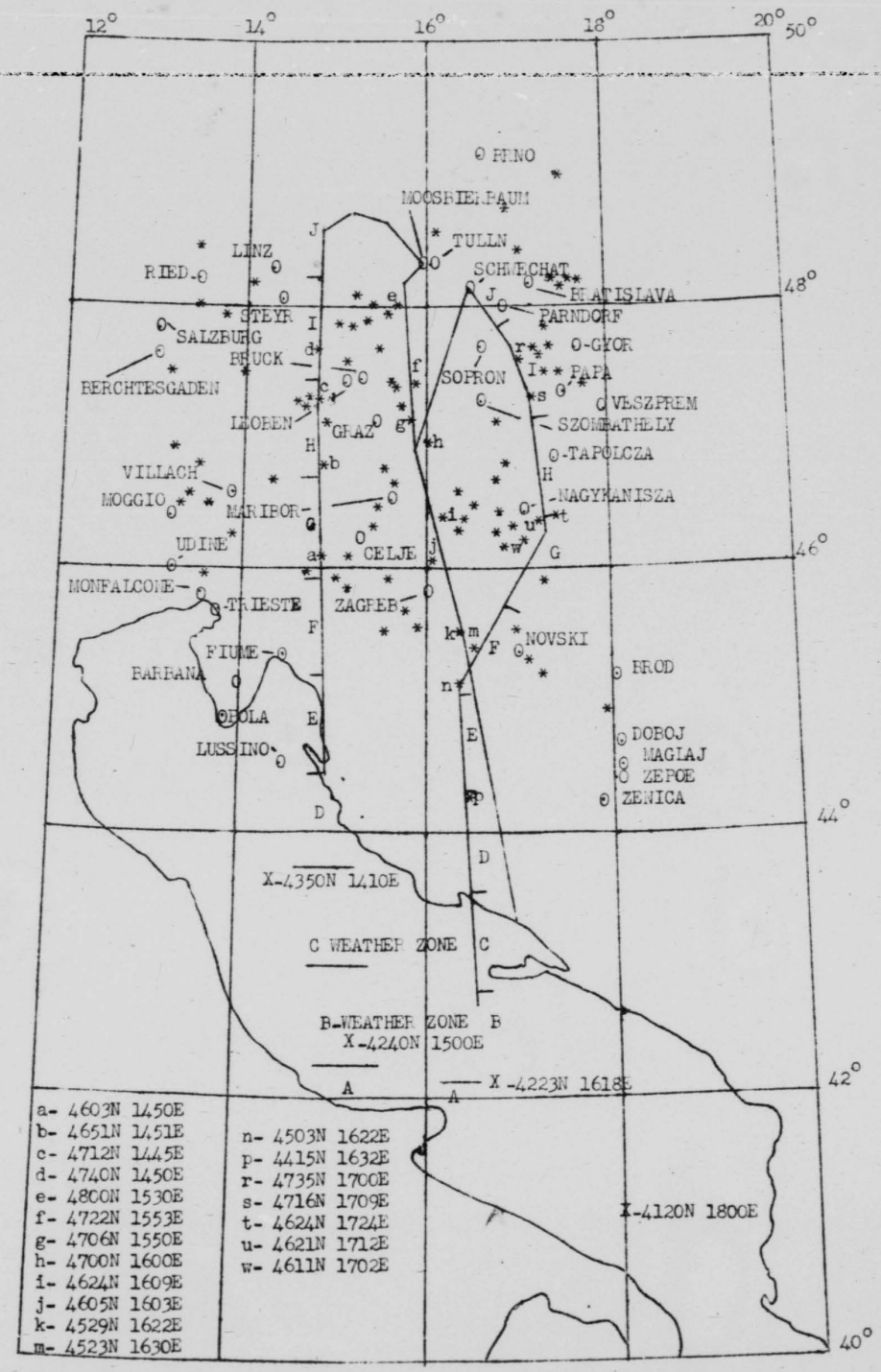
PLAN "A" MISSION OF 15 MARCH 1945

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MISSION NO. 428 Plan "ABLE" 14 March 45.

TARGET: VARAZDIN RR BRIDGE REF: Annotated Photo MPI:

ALTERNATES: PRAGERSKO M/Y
ZAGREB West M/Y & Ext W. M/Y

Photos Sent 7/3/45
TCS 8-15

Center of M/Y
E.6-10.8

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Szony Oil Ref, Almasfuzito, Komarom M/Y | 1400-1430 |
| 49th | Bruck M/Y | 1215-1245 |
| 55th | Nove Zamky M/Y | 1300-1340 |
| 304th | Bruck M/Y | 1130-1210 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The 15th Air Force will employ maximum effort in attacks on communications and oil targets in Yugo, Hungary and Austria. The attacks are designed to further disorganize the lines of evacuation and supply for the south-eastern front.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The bridge carries the Zagreb-Szombathhel rail line across the Drava river. This rail line has been associated with troop movements out of Yugo in various recent ground reports and phot cover shows increased activity. This line has been used following the frequent bombing of the Zagreb-Maribor-Bruck line.

NO OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: 5 1000 GP .1 ns non del tail SQUAD FORM: 512
515
514
513

WING FORMATION: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th.

ROUTE OUT: Assy Pt 4256-1638 to Bostanj (4601-1517) to IP to Tgt.

I.P. Ptuj (4626-1553) AXIS OF ATTACK: 107 dgs true BOMB ALTITUDE: 20,000

TURN OFF TARGET: Rally right to RP Sv Petar Orehovec (4606-1627)

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to base. FIGHTER ESCORT: PTW

FLAK: Photo cover shows only light flak at primary. Scant, moderate accurate flak has been reported.
PRAGERSKO: No guns.
ZAGREB: 115 guns. Moderate, ~~to~~ accurate flak has been reported.

FIGHTERS: In view of increased activity by small enemy formations in the Vienna area during several recent missions it is considered that fighters based in and around Vienna are approaching a state of operational readiness. Though enemy capabilities to oppose our formations remains at 40/50 SEF, the likelihood of their reacting is slightly increased. Once again, however, attacks will presemably be executed with small formations against unescorted groups. Encounters with both SE and twin engine fighters engaged in tactical patrols are likely to occur close to the Russian lines.

COMMENTS: 1. No bombs will be jettisoned over Yugo. 2. Aircraft leaving his formation to make an emerg landing in Russian territory will signify his intention to the group leader by use of the assigned code word.

ITALIAN BOMB LINE CHANGES: Mouth of RENO river at M-6361 to 6156 - 4956-490526 - 487526, thence SENIO river to 3133 - 294330, thence to RR to 266290 - 2429-1524-0925-0234-L-8834-8329-7429-6927-5827-3410-1810-1707-U-8898.

TIME SUMMARY;

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|---|---|
| Briefing: | 0730 |
| Trucks | 0800 |
| Take off | 0900 |
| On course | 0946 |
| Target | 1220 |

36-P-51s at 4601N - 1517E - at 1141 hrs.

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MISSION NO. 428 PA PLAN "BAKER" 1 rch 1945.

TARGET: LINZ STATION M/Y REF: TCS 14-104 MPI: E.2-11.1
E.5-11.8
PFFMPI: F.14
J.69.6
H. 7-5.6
C.4-5.5

ALTERNATES: BRUCK M/Y TCS14-122
LANDSHUT M/Y MBC 13-153
PLATTLING M/Y MBC 13-208

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Linz Main Station | 1426 |
| 49th | Linz Benzol Plant, Linz S. Main M/Y | 1350 |
| 55th | Linz Main M/Y | 1410 |
| 304th | Linz S. Main Station and M/Y | 1340 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Only light damage was inflicted by the PFF attack of 2 Mar/ Although repairs to the heavily damaged yards, as a result of the 26 Feb attack, were progressing slow, a large part of the main yard has been reactivated ay 8 Mar. On that day cover showed 1,500 active units in the yards.

IMPORTANCE OF THE TARGET: The target is a bottleneck in the vital line between Munich and Vienna. Branch lines run from this target N into Czechoslovikia and S. to Italy. Recent photo cover shows 1,500 active units in the yards.

NO OF PLANES 28 BOMB LOAD: 4 1000 lb. .1 ns & .01 tail. SQDN Form: 512
515
514
513

WING FORMATION: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th.

ROUTE OUT: Assy Pt to Zman (4359-1508) to St Johann (4732-1227) to Plattling (4847-1252) to Bohn Rohren (4852-1347) to IP to Tgt.

I.P. Schwarzbach (4845-1407) AXIS OF ATTACK: 163 dgs true BOMB ALT. 24,000

TURN OFF TARGET: Rally left to Monichdorf (4822-1448)

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to RP to Zara 4407-1515 to base. FIGHTER ESCORT: PTW

FLAK: Photo cover of 8 Mar shows 169 guns at Linz. The defenses will be entered about 13 miles from the target. At 8 miles from the M/Y the formations will be within range of about 40 guns. This number builds up to about 150 guns as the target is reached. A prompt rally is recommended.
BRUCK: 27 guns. Rally: South
LANDSHUT: No guns.

ENEMY FIGHTERS: See plan "A"

COMMENTS: See Plan "A"

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0730 |
| Trucks | 0825 |
| Take off | 0925 |
| On course | 1109 |
| Target | 1400 |

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PLAN "ABLE"

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MISSION NO 427 — 13 MARCH 1945

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|---|---|---|---|
| TARGET: Landshut M/Y | REF: MBC 13-153 | BAP: 6.4-5.7 & 5.4-53 |
| ALTERNATES: Plattling M/Y | MBC 13-208 | D.2-5.5 |
| Passau M/Y | MBC 13-129 | 7.0-7.9 |
| Freising M/Y | MBC 13-218 | C.8-4.6 |

OTHER WINGS:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5th : Landshut M/Y | 1346/1426 hrs. |
| 49th : Muhldorf M/Y | 1240/1300 " |
| 55th : " | 1205/1235 " |
| 304th : " | 1130/1200 " |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The objectives of these attacks are to destroy car content and reduce marshalling capacity. As a result of frequent bombing of main communication points these alternate traffic handling points have assumed greater importance. Destruction of these targets will exploit previous damage and further disorganize the transportation system moving supplies to both Italian and Southeastern Fronts.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The 47th and 5th Wings are assigned the Landshut M/Y which is located on the main electrified line from Regensburg to Munich at the junction with two single track lines leading east to Muhldorf and Plattling. It is a traffic sorting center and a point of changeover from electric to steam traction. Photos on 2 March show between 1100 and 1200 units present.

NO OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. GP SQDN FORMATION: 1 - 515 3 -513 2 - 512 4 -514

47TH WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th.

ROUTE OUT: Base to assembly point to Zman (4358N 1507E) to Cabar (4536N 1439E) to Zell Am Zee (4720N 1248E) to I.P.

I.P.: Haag (4810N 1211E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 355 degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 17,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Target to Scharding (4828N 1326E) to Lambach (4806N 1353E) to Mestre (4548N 1510E) to Cazza (4246N 1631E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort on penetration, over target and on withdrawel.

FLAK: At target - No heavy flak reported.
Alternates - No heavy flak reported except at Passau where the 304th Wing on 29 Dec 44 reported moderate to intense, accurate heavy flak.

ENEMY FIGHTERS: It is estimated that the enemy can oppose our forces with 30 to 40 SEF and 10 to 12 ME262's. Bomber formation will be shadowed and if enemy elects to react, the attacks will be directed against unescorted formations and stragglers. It is noteworthy that 8th Air Force bombers were aggressively attacked by 6 ME 262's in the Ingolstadt area on 1 March 45.

COMMENTS: The effect of Allied bombings on railway installations: "The railroad workers many of them impressed against their will to repair bomb damage, may become and increased problem to the Reichsban authorities; the flak now concentrated so heavily over primary target areas may have to be dispersed to protect the connecting links; and the repair organization, finding their facilities saturated, may find it necessary to expand - with the entailed further drain on manpower and materiel - or give up all but a few routes.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0700 |
| Trucks | 0740 |
| Take Off | 0840 |
| On course | 0937 |
| Target | 1307 |

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PAC Plan "BAKER"

MISSION NO 427 — 13 MARCH 1945

TARGET: Regensburg Main M/Y — REF: TCS 13-199 — BAP: K.9-9.6 & K.1-9.6
Alternates; Muhldorf M/Y — MBC 13-157 — 7.0-6.2
Passau M/Y — MBC 13-129 — 7.0-7.9
Rosenheim M/Y — TC 13-112-NA — J.5-14.8

OTHER WINGS:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Regensburg Main M/Y | | 1343 hrs. |
| 49th: | " | " | 1320 " |
| 55th: | " | Southeast M/Y | 1310 " |
| 304th: | " | Main M/Y | 1300 " |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION:
This important rail center has not been succesfully damaged. The Air Force is employing a maximum effort on this mission in order to destroy this vital link in German communications.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET:
Photo recce of 28 Feb 44 shows at least 2285 units in the M/Y's. The rail facilities, being very extensive are extremely important to the German war effort as they serve both the Italian and Eastern fronts. Material destined for the Western Front coming from the Vienna and Munich area have to pass through these M/Y's.

NO OF PLANES: 28 — BOMB LOAD: 500 GP — SQDN FORMATION: 1 - 515, 2 - 512, 3 - 513, 4 - 514

47TH WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th.

ROUTE OUT: Assembly point to Zman (4358N 1507E) to Cabar (4536N 1439E) [redacted] to Zell Am Zee (4720N 1248E) to I.P.

I.P.: Landshut (4832N 1210E) — AXIS OF ATTACK: 356 degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,500' — TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Target to Scharding (4828N 1326E) to Lambach (4806N 1353E) to Mestro (4548N 1510E) to Cazza (4246N 1631E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Escort on penetration, over target and on withdrawel.

FLAK: At target - 45 heavy guns - The defenses will be entered about 8 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the M/Y's, the formation will be within range of approximately 30 heavy guns. The target area is covered by all 45 guns. To minimize exposure to the fire of batteries lying north and west of the M/Y's, the right rally should be started immediatly after bomb release and should be as sharp as possible.
Alternates: Muhldorf - no heavy flak.
Passau - On 29 Dec 44, 304th Wing reported moderate to intense, accurate heavy flak.

ENEMY FIGHTERS: It is estimated that the enemy can oppose our forces with 30 to 40 SEF and 10 to 12 ME262's. Bomber formation will be shadowed and if enemy elects to react, the attacks will be directed against unescorted formations and stragglers. It is noteworthy that 8th Air Force were aggressively attacked by 6 ME262's in the Ingolstadt area on 1 March 45.

COMMENTS:
SAME AS ON PLAN "ABLE"

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0715 |
| Trucks | 0755 |
| Take Off | 0855 |
| On course | 0942 |
| Target | 1330 |

50 P-51's at 4721N-1248E at 1239 hours.

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MISSION NO. 426 PLAN "A" 12 March 194.

TARGET: Nove Zamky M/Y 4759N-1810E REF: MP & MBC 12-16 MPI: 4.3-5.5

Alternates: Wiener Neustadt M/Y TCS 14-119 H.8-4.4

Kapfenburg Bohler Steel Wks TCS 14-122 (Bruck) J.8-15.4

Selzthal M/Y MP & MBC 14-78 5.5-5.2

OTHER WINGS:

| | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Szony, Almasfuzito Oil Refineries and Komorom M/Y | 1245-1310 |
| 49th: | Szony, Almasfuzito Oil Refineries and Komarom M/Y | 1410-1430 |
| 55th: | Nove Zamky M/Y | 1350-1410 |
| 304th: | Szony, Almasfuzito Oil Refineries xxx | 1350-1410 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Entire Air Force is committed against the enemy's vital communications and oil targets. All damage to the enemy's rolling stock and marshalling facilities is immediately felt at the various active fronts due to previous bombings and disruption along this section of the railways.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Photo recce of 22 February showed this yard very active and loaded with approximately 500 units. Nove Zamky is located on the main rail line supplying German Forces in the area immediately north of the Danube.

NO. A/C: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX (.1N .01TD) SQDN FORM: A 515, B 512, C 513, D 514

WING FORM: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th.

ROUTE OUT: Remote assembly over Tisteno (4256N 1638E) to Zara (4407N 1515E) to Weng (4736N 1430E) to Maissau (4834N 1550E) to Mistelbach (4834N 1633E) to IP.

I.P.: Hlohovec (4826N 1748E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 151°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,500' RALLY: Left to Muzsla (4748N 1836E)

ROUTE BACK: target to Muzsla to Domsod (4705N 1900E) to Davor (4507N 1731E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide PTW cover.

FLAK: Photo cover shows 4 heavy guns at Nove Zamky. The known defenses will be entered about 6 miles from the target. In view, however, of the proximity of the front lines, it is very possible that the defenses have been strengthened since the latest flak report.
Alternates: Wiener Neustadt - none reported; Kapfenburg - 27 guns at Bruck and 10 at Leoben.

FIGHTERS: The enemy fighter capabilities xxx in this area are approximately 40 to 50 SEF. Expect sightings of enemy tactical patrols with the possibility of attacks being executed against stragglers and small unescorted formations north of Lake Balaton either on penetration or withdrawal.

COMMENTS: Issue American armbands and Russian Recognition Signals.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0630 |
| Trucks | 0715 |
| Take Off | 0815 |
| Target | 1325 |

Russian front line changes as of 9 March: 5352-1438, SW to KOPITZ, SE to STEPENITZ. 5323-1442, SW to 5318-1438, S to LEIBENOW. In Czechoslovakia as of 10 March: North to OCOVA, 6 Kms SE of ZVOLEN, 2 Kms N of hill 908, N of BANBELA, 4 Kms SW to SKLEND, to ZARNOVICA.

36-P-51s at 4736N-1430E at 1200 hrs.

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MISSION NO. 426. PLAN "B" 12 March 1945.

TARGET: Maribor Loco Depot REF: TCS 8-14 MPI: 19.8-D.7
Alternates: Graz M/Y TC 14-41A-NA F.3-19/20
Celje M/Y TC 8-32-NA I.2-10.7
Zagreb M/Y TCS 8-15 F-10.8

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time. |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Bruck M/Y | 1240-1400 |
| 49th: | Bruck M/Y | 1415-1500 |
| 55th: | Maribor Loco Depot and Wagon Repair Shops | 1400-1500 |
| 304th: | Pragerske M/Y | 1130-1210 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: These attacks are designed to further dislocate traffic on the main Vienna-Graz-Zagreb line.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: In spite of heavy damage shown on photographs of 10 March, in the loco and wagon repair yard at Maribor, it still retains substantial target value. Fifty locos remain in the area, of which approx. 25 are undamaged. A considerable amount of rolling stock remains blocked but undamaged andthe loco roundhouses have received only light damage in all past attacks.

NO. A/C: Two 18 A/C Forces BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX (.1N .01TD) SQDN FORM: A 515, B 512, A 513, B 514

WING FORM: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Cazza (4245N 1631E) to Bos Novi (4502N 1622E) to Zalaszentgyorgy (4652N 1641E) to Gussing (4704N 1619E) to IP.

I.P.: Feldbach (4658N 1552E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 204°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: First Force 22,500', second Force 23,500'

RALLY: right to rally point Polzela (4616N 1503E)

ROUTE BACK: target to rally point to island (4342N 1530E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide PTW cover.

FLAK: 26 guns at Maribor. The defenses will be entered about 7 miles from the target. At 3 miles from the target the formation will be within range of all 26 guns.
Alternates: Graz - 25 guns; Celje - light and medium guns only;

FIGHTERS: Approximately same opposition as for Plan "A" of this date.

COMMENTS: POW camp #132 is known to be in the Maribor area but its exact pinpoint location is uncertain. One report puts the camp one and a half (1½) miles west of the loco depot. Crews should be briefed on this probable location, and requested to report the pinpoints of any possible POW camp they observe in this area.

| TIME SUMMARY: | Briefing | 0740 |
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| | Trucks | 0825 |
| | Take off | 0925 |
| | On course | 1020 |
| | Target | 1315 and 1320 |

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MISSION NO. 426 PLAN XE "C" 12 March 1945

TARGET: Vienna/Floridsdorf Refinery
Alternates: Wiener Neustadt M/Y
Bruck M/Y
Pragersko M/Y

REF: TCS 14-109 MPI: K.6-12.5
TCS 14-119 H.8-4.4
TCS 14-122 J.2-9.8
Material to be distributed at Group.

OTHER WINGS: Target Time
5th: Floridsdorf Refinery 1300
49th: " " 1405
55th: " " 1350
304th: " " 1335

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This refinery is believed, [redacted] to be active although there has been a considerable decrease in tank cars on the refinery sidings. The current monthly gasoline output is estimated to be 800 tons.

NO. A/C: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX (.1N .01 & .025TD) SQDN FORM: 515
512
513
514

WING FORM: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th.

ROUTE OUT: Remote assembly over Tisteno (4256N 1638E) to Zara (4407N 1515E) to Weng (4736N 1430E) to Zwettl (4836N 1510E) to Znaim (4852N 1602E) to IP.

I.P.: Hoflein (4845N 1622E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 177°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500' RALLY: right to rally point Hainfeld (4803N 1547E)

ROUTE BACK: target to rally point to Weng (4736N 1430E) to Zara to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide PTW cover.

FLAK: 326 guns in Vienna area. The defenses will be entered about 9 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the refinery the formation will be in range of approx. 60 heavy guns. As the target is approached this number builds up to about 135.
Alternates: Wiener Neustadt - none reported; Bruck 27 guns with 10 at Leoben.

FIGHTERS: The enemy is capable of putting up approximately 40-50 SEF in the Vienna area.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0650 |
| Trucks | 0735 |
| Take off | 0835 |
| Target | 1320 |

50-P-51's at 4736N - 1430E at 1226 hrs.

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MISSION NO. 426 DATE: 1 March 1945

TARGET: Muhldorf M/Y MBC 13-157 MPI: 5.5-6.2 and 7.1-6.1
PFF ALTERNATE: Rosenheim M/Y
ALTERNATES: Landshut M/Y MBC 13-153 MPI: 7-5.7
Rosenheim M/Y TC 13-112-NA J/K-13
Innsbruck M/Y TCS 14-112 C.5-5.7

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Landshut M/Y | 1412-1442 |
| 49th: | Muhldorf M/Y | 1255-1315 |
| 55th: | Muhldorf M/Y | 1215-1235 |
| 304th: | Landshut M/Y | 1340-1400 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The targets for the Air Force have assumed additional importance due to the restriction of sorting capacity in yards further south toward Italy and east toward the Hungarian front.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: On 25 Feb, photo cover showed 710 units in the main yard and 150 units in the west yard. The objective of this attack is maximum destruction of rolling stock content.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 17,000 feet

NO. OF PLANES: 18 BOMB LOAD: 500 RDX .1 ns & .01 tl GP FORM: 1st: 515
2nd: 512
WING FORMATION: 450th, 449th, 98th, and 376th. 3rd: 513
(4256N 1631E)
ROUTE OUT: Tisteno Pt to Molat (4413N 1453E) to Delnice (4524N 1448E) to Zell Am See (4719N 1247 E) to IP to tgt.

I.P.: Seebruck (4756N 1229E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 5°

TURN OFF TARGET: Left to Soyer (4807N 1212E)

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Soyer (4807N 1212E) to Worgl (4229N 1203E) to Pasiano (4551N 1238E) to Coast (4538N 1306E) to 4340N 1340E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration, target, withdrawal
40-P-38's on 4719N-1247E-on 1211 hours.
FLAK: Target: Photo cover shows no heavy guns at target.
Landshut: No guns here Innsbruck: 59 guns
Rosenheim: No guns here
FIGHTERS: Target: Negligible air enemy opposition is expected, but the capability remains of interception by 30-40 SEF and 8-10 Me 262s from the general area of Munich.

COMMENTS: Russian front line change as of 8 March: 5404N 1901E (Marienburg), west to Mielenz, to Subkowy, NW to 5405N 1828E, to 5410-1820, west to 5410-1803, SW to Lipusz, NW to Butow, to Altkolziglow, NE to 5417-1718, NW to Rathsdmnitz, west to 5422-1655, south to line at 5418-1657. 5340-1437 (Stepenitz), south to 5334-1437, SE toLubein, 5325-1448, SW to 5323-1442, south to Wartenburg, SW to Liebenow.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0700 |
| Trucks | 0720 |
| Take Off | 0820 |
| On course | 1004 |
| Target | 1250 |

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MISSION NO. 426 PLAN "ABLE" 2 MARCH 1945

TARGET: Nove Zamky M/Y REF: MBC 12-18 MPI: 4.2-5.7 & 5.1-4.9

ALTERNATES: Wiener Neustadt M/Y TCS 14-119 H.8-4.4
Bruck M/Y TCS 14-122 J.2-9.8
Pragersko M/Y Photo Center M/Y

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Szony Oil Ref. & Almasfuzito Oil Ref | 1353 & 1430 |
| 49th | " " " " | 1236 & 1251 |
| 55th | Nove Zamky M/Y | 1215 & 1235 |
| 304th | Szony Oil Ref. & Almasfuzito Oil Ref | 1318 & 1338 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Target is located on the main rail line supplying German forces in the area immediately north of the Danube. This target is in the forward ~~xx~~ military area about 20 to 25 miles from the front line.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The car content indicates that a railhead is located at this point. There was a loading of 500 units on 22 Feb.

NO. A/C : 36 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb .1 ns .01 tl RDX fs SQDN FORM: A 15, B 12, C 13, D 14

WING FORMATION: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th ALTITUDE: 24500'

ROUTE OUT: Remote assembly Dubrovnik (4237N-1806E) to Hvar (4311N-1627E) to Ludberg (4615N-1636E) to Nagymagyaj (4607N-1725E) to Nadas (4832N-1728E) to Trebatice (4836N-1745E) to IP.

I.P.: Asakert (4825N-1759E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 164° RALLY: Left to 4748-1836

ROUTE BACK: Muzsla (4748N-1836E) to Domsods (4705N-1900E) to Sdavor (4507N-1731E) To B.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Pentration, target, withdrawal.

FLAK: Photo cover of 16 Nov shows 4 guns. Intense, accurate experienced on 7 Oct. Attention is invited to the 21 guns at Komatom, 15 miles south of the target. The known defenses will be entered about 6 miles from the target. Due to the importance of tgt. and its proximity to the front lines, it is probably that the defenses have been built up considerabely, since our last photo cover.
Alternates: W. Neustaft- no guns. Left rally
Bruck- 27 guns with 10 more 9 miles W. at Leoben. Slight rally to left.

FIGHTERS: 40 to 50 SEF may be expected. Enemy tactical patrols may be expected with attacts on stragglers and small unescorted formations.

COMMENTS: Russian front line changes as of 7 March: 5352-1859, NW to 5354-1848, to Raikowy, W. to Starogard, to Polaszke, to Sommin, NW to Gr. Tuchen to 5418-1657, W. to Maichow, to line. 5357-1446, NW to 5358-1444, SW to Wollin, SE to 5345-1444, SW. to Stepenitz, SE to Gollinow, to 5322-1457, south to Werben. In Czech. as of ' March: East of Garam River line passes Norhh of Dobra Niva, south of Ban Bela, norht of Ban. Stiavnica.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing: | 0700 |
| Trucks | 0725 |
| Take off | 0825 |
| On course | 0930 |
| Target | 1311 |

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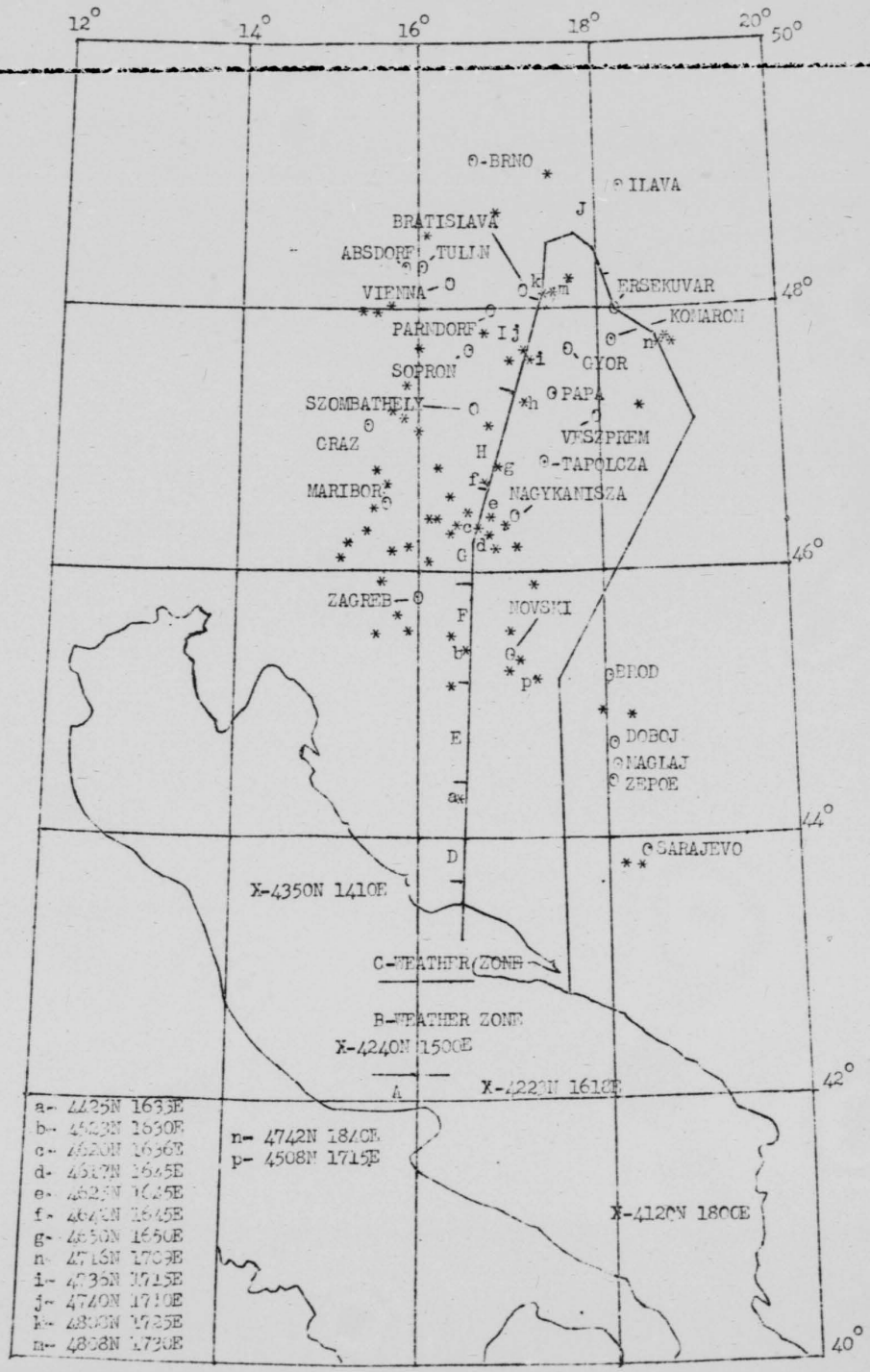
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 253

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 10 MARCH 1945

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MISSION NO. 425 PLAN "ABLE" 9 March 1945.

TARGET: MARIBOR LOCO DEPOT REF: TCS 8-14 MPI: ~~E-14.7~~ E.2-14.6 ~~F.2-14.1~~

ALTERNATES: KAPFENBURG/GEBRUDER Boiler Wks TCS 14-122 K.6-15
MARIBOR Triangular Junction TCS 8-14 J.7-13.3
CELJE M/Y TC 8-32-NA H.5-10.6

OTHER WINGS:

| | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Bruck M/Y | 1230-1400 |
| 49th | Bruck M/Y | 1400-1500 |
| 95th | Maribor Loco Depot | 1220-1320 |
| 304th | Pragersko M/Y | 1115-1215 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Widespread damage already has been inflicted on most M/Y's in this area, and successful attacks on the remaining servicable facilities in this area will virtually deny the Germans marshalling facilities and repair facilities in this area.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This target in the main heavy repair depot for the enemy in Southeastern Austria. Late photo cover reveals the presence of 85 loco's and a considerable number of wagons present on approached to the depot. Yard is very active.

NO. A/C 36 (2 forces) BOMB LOAD: 500 lb GP (.1 ns & .01 tail) SQDN Form: 514 513 512 515

WING FORM: 98th, 376th, 450th, 449th.

ROUTE OUT: Assy point to Vrgada (4351-1531) to Toplice (4608-1500) to Volkermarkt (4640-1438) to Twimberg (4655-1451) to IP.

I.P. Stainz (4654-1516) AXIS OF ATTACK: 143 dgs true

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000 (1st Force) 25,000 (2nd) RALLY: Left to Ivanjci 4636-1558

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to Prijedor (4458-1643) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration, target, withdrawal

FLAK: 26 guns in this area. The defenses will be entered about 5 miles from the target and at about 3 miles from the target our formation will be in range of all 26 guns. A sharp and prompt left rally will bring our bombers out of range in the shortest time and through the least dense flak area. Consideration should be given to the possibility that light and medium guns may be emplaced upon hilltops. Elevations in excess of 4,500' exist in this vicinity. Stress observation for flak positions

KAPFENBURG: 27 guns

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FIGHTERS: Negligible to nil aerial opposition is anticipated, but it should be noted that the enemy is capable of using the VIENNA fighter force, particularly against the wings attacking Bruck. Encounters also are possible with airborne enemy tactical aircraft.

COMMENTS: 1. Note special instructions given 8 Mar in which the words "Ya, Americanski" are mentioned. Recommend that the word "Ya" be ommited in view of it's similarity to the German word "Yes". The word "Ya" merely means "I" and is not necessary to a complete understanding. Merely say "Americanski".

Combat personnel of the 515th Sq who have in their Escape Purses a Russian phrase guide should be especially warned against the use of this word in any of the phrases.

2. POW camp # 132 is known to be in the area but its exact location ~~xx~~ is uncertain. One report puts the camp 1½ miles west of the loco shed. Crews should be briefed on this location, and requested to report pinpoints of any possible POW camp they observe in this area.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing: 0635
Trucks : 0715
Take Off: 0945
On course: 1019
Target : 1335-1340

36-P-38s at 4601N-1500E at 1252 hrs

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MISSION NO. 425. PLAN "BAKER" 9 March 1945.

TARGET: LINZ SOUTH MAIN M/Y REF: TCS 14-104 MPI: PFF H.8-10.2
Vis J.55-7.6

ALTERNATES: MUHLDORF M/Y MBC 13-157 7-6.2
PASSAU M/Y MBC 13-129 6.6-7.8
SELZTHAL M/Y MBC 14-78 5.5-5.2

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | LINZ MAIN STATION | |
| 49th | LINZ SOUTH MAIN | |
| 55th | LINZ NO. MAIN SO. MAIN M/Y | |
| 304th | LINZ SOUTH MAIN AND ST. | |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The Air Force will employ maximum effort. No reece photos of these targets have been obtained since the last attack. Bomb strike photos of last attack were largly obscured but tended to indicate that the bombing xx was scattered with damage to communications objectives probably light. Extensive transhipment and repair facilities remain, with heavy concentrations present on latest photo.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This target is a bottleneck in the vital rail line between Munich and Vienna. Traffic from this yard travels into Italy, Yugo and eastern points.

NO. A/C 36 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb GP .1 ns .01 tail SQN FORM: 514
513
WING FORM: 98th, 376th, 450th, 449th. 512
BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,000 515

ROUTE OUT: Assy Pts to 4340-1410 to IP 4538-1306 to Pasiano (4551-1238) to Eggenfelden (4824-1246) to Moldau (4858-1346) to IP

I.P. Horitz (4847-1410) AXIS OF ATTACK: 169 dgs true RALLY: Right to Grieskirchen (4814-1350)

ROUTE BACK: Rally Pt to Wolfsburg (4651-1450) to Veliiz (4403-1506) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration, target, withdrawal.

FLAK: 165 guns. The defenses will be entered about 10 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the target the bombers will be within range of approx. 60 guns. This number builds up to about 140 over the target. However, many of these may be avoided by starting a sharp right rally as soon as bombs are dropped. The number of guns in range increase as the formation moves south, so the sooner the rally is started the fewer will be the guns that can reach the bombers.
MUHLDORF: Nil
PASSAU : Nil

FIGHTERS: Negligible to nil opposition is expected but 15 to 20 SEF and possibly 6 to 8 Me-262's may be airborne to shadow our formations and attack stragglers.

COMMENTS: 1. See ~~xxx~~ Plan "A"
2. Stress particularly Bull 18 & 18A (Also Bull. 6 for uniforms)

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing: 0635
Trucks : 0715
Take Off: 0810 - 0815
On course: 0856 - 1021
Target : 1345

36-P-512 at 4752N-1244E - at 1253 hrs.

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MISSION NO. 424 PLAN "ABLE" 7 Mar 1945

TARGET: RR Cars in Komaron M/Y. REF: MBC 12-20 MPI: 5.5-3.3 & 6.4-3.1
ALTNS: Maribor Loco Depot TC 8-14 MPI: E-14.6
Bruck M/Y TC 14-122 J.2-9.8
Villach M/Y TC 14-44 K-18.5

OTHER WINGS: 5th Hegyeshalom M/Y at 1350 to 1430
49th " " " at 1200 to 1230
55th Nove Zamky M/Y at 1255 to 1315
304th " " " at 1215 to 1255

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Communications targets in the forward area s on this front have not been subjected to bombing recently and a high percentage of military traffic has been identified in these yards. Destruction of military equipment en route to the front and disorgananization of rail supply will give effective support to the Russian Ground Froces.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The objective of the attack is to destroy the car content and reduce marshalling capacity by blocking and cratering the sidings. Loadingis as follows:
Komarom M/Y 550 units on 25 February.

NO OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500# GP .1 & .01 SQDN FROM: 513 515
514 512

WING FORMATION: 449th, 450th, 376th, and 98th

ROUTE OUT: Hendy Point to KP Drvenik (4327-1605) to Zalaegerszeg (4651-1651) to Nagymagyar (4807-1725) to IP to Target.

I.P: Vagsellye (4809-1725) AXIS OF ATTACK: 156 Dgs True BOMB. ALT: 1st 22,000 & 2nd 23,000

TURN OF TARGET: Left

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Pilis Casaba 4738-1850 to TP Paks 4638-1851 to TP Kajuc 4432-1647 to Base,

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort on P. T. W.
TARGET:
FLAK: Photo cover of 25 Debember shows 21 heavy guns. On 7 Oct. 47th & 49th Wings reported scant, inaccurate to accurate, heavy flak at this target. A sharp left rally will minimize exposure to flak.
MARIBOR: Photo cover 28 Feb. show 26 heavy guns in this area. On 1 March ~~xxxxxxx~~ bombers of several wings reported moderate, accurate, heavy flak here. A prompt right rally is recommended.
BRUCK: Photo cover 17 Dec. show 27 heavy guns here with 10 more at Leoben, at 9 miles to the west. On 23 Feb. the 463rd & 485th Grps reported moderate/inaccurate to moderate/accurate flak here. A rally south is recommended.
VILLACH: Photo cover shows 18 guns in the area

FIGHTERS: 40 to 50 first line Me 109 & Fw 190's from the Vienna area are available for the defense of the targets, but the planned route will decrease the likelihood of interception and opposition may be negligible.

COMMENTS: Because of proximity to the Russian front bombing will be visual only.
RUSSIAN FRONT LINE CHANGES: 5348-1857, NW to Gruew to Bobowo, SW to Lubichowo, west to 5353-1807, N NW to 5356-1857, to Borzyszkowy, west to 5403-1710. 5415-1620, NW to 5417-1616, east to coast. 5347-1523, SW to Naugard, south to 5330-1507, SW to Stargard, to Werben. Czechoslovakian line: east of Garam river line passess: North of Plesovce, Bon Stiavanica, north of Piarg, 1 mile south of Zarnovica, along Garam river to Danube.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0645
Trucks 0725
Take Off 0825
Target 1245

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FOLLOWING IS A SIGNAL REPRODUCED AS RECEIVED:

Prisoners overrun on eastern front give following information, Most escapes take place while prisoners a re being moved to new location. In some cases guards are being replaced by old ~~combat soldiers~~ non-combat soldiers. Dogs are not being used at Oflag 64 or Stalag 3C and giard duty while on march is not strictly performed. Prisoners allowed to elongate column and increase number on sick report without question. Overnight billets are not carefully ~~searched~~ when prisoners reformed for new day's march. In above two camps prisoners are being treated well by German authorities and guards were friendly. When Americans approach Russian units they should raise arms and call "Mi rpt mi Amerecanski rpt Amerecanski" (plural) or "Ya Amerecanski rpt ya Amercanski" (singular). Soviets are satisfied with identification tags and demonstration of English speech for identification and are extremely friendly and helpful.

Comment: Oflag 64 is at 5300-21"N 17 43 28"E.
Stalag 3C is at 52 37'N 14 38'e.

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MISSION NO: 424 [illegible] PLAN "BAKER" [illegible]arch 1945

TARGET: Verona/Porto Nuova M/Y REF: TC 4-210 MPI 10.5-K.2
ALTNS: Vicenza M/Y TC 4-19 0/A-2/3
Padua M/Y TC 4-67 4-12/13
Mestre M/Y TC 4-120B N/C-6

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| OTHER WINGS: | 5th | Linz North M/Y | at 1305 |
| | 49th | Linz Benzol | at 1315 |
| | 55th | Linz North and South M/Y | at 1325 |
| | 304th | Linz South Main M/Y | at 1335 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Moderate repairs have been effected on the Verona/Porto Nuova M/Y since the raid of 27/28 Feb. This yard still shows much military activity and cover of 6 March revealed 390 active units present, also 34 locos were present. The Verona/Parona rr bridge has been repaired since the attack of 28 Feb. and one track is now open.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: At the loco depot activity indicates that heavy repair equip - ment is still being used in spite of the damage to the roof.

NO OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500# GP .1 & .01 SQD PRIN: 513 515
514 512

WING FORMATION: 449th, 450th, 376th, and 98th

ROUTE OUT: Rendy Point to 4430-1340 to Coast 4538-1306 to Sedico 4607-1206 to IP to Target.

I.P: Schio 4543-1121 AXIS OF ATTACK: 222 Dgs T BOMB ALT: 24,000

TURN OFF TARGET: Slight left using evasive action.

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Curtatone 4509-1042 to Prato 4353-1107 to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort on P. T. W.

FLAK: VERONA: Photo cover 28 Feb. shows 130 heavy guns in the area. Of these 18 do not cover the targets or briefed course, (north along the Brenner line)
On 28 Feb. 5th Wing reported flak moderate/inaccurate to moderate to intense and accurate. On the night of 2/3 Mar. the 205th RAF Grp reported scant and inaccurate. A rally heading of 210° should bring the formation out through the least dense flak area.

VICENZA AND PADUA: Photo cover 28 Feb. shows 24 heavy guns at Vicenza and 18 at Padua. On 28 Feb. bomber of the 460th reported nil flak at Padua; on 28 Feb. the 55th and 304th Wings reported scant, inaccurate to accurate heavy flak at Vicenza M/Y's. For Vicenza a south rally is recommended; for Padua the rally heading should be greater than 220° to bring the formation around the Rovigo defenses.

FIGHTERS: The Italian AF is capable of 35 to 40 Me 109 sorties. They have shown no evidence to engage heavy bomber formations; they constitute a threat to stragglers only.

COMMENTS: No unassigned targets in Northern Italy will be bombed;

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing: | 0730 |
| Trucks | 0820 |
| Take Off | 0920 |
| Target Time | 1330 |

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MISSION NO 4 24 TH 7 MARCH 1945

TARGET: Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery REF: BCS 14-114 BAP: K.2-12.5
ALTERNATES: Kapfenburg/Gebruder Bohler Steel Wks. BCS 14-122 J.8-15.4
Pragersko (4623N 1540E) Photos to be distributed at Group briefing.
Celje TC 8-32-NA H.2-10.8

OTHER WINGS:

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| 5th: | Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery | 1303 hrs. |
| 49th: | " | 1235 " |
| 55th: | " | 1225 " |
| 304th: | " | 1215 " |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The entire 15th Air Forcehas again been committed to strike at this important and vital enemy oil target. The importance of knocking out completely this target is greater than at any time during the war. This situation has been brought about by the critical position of the enemies fuel position, attacks againstrail and communications facilities have forced them to use more and more motor transport. It is now in the crisis stage due to necessity of mobility on all fronts.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET:
Moosbierbaum was last attacked on 1 March. All petroleum processing equipment is now believed damaged and unserviceable, except the new distillation unit and all of the equipment is being quickly repaired. The estimated current monthly gasoline output is 1,100 tons.

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lbs. SQUADRON FORMATION: 1 Sect - 513
2 " - 514
3 " - 515
4 " - 512

47TH WING FORMATION: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to SV. Andrija (4301N 1545E) to Muta (4637N 1510E) to Feldbach (4658N 1553E) to I.P.

I.P.: Kaunberg (4802N 1554E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 02°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Left

ROUTE BACK: Target to Wilhelmsburg (4806N 1535E) to Judensburg (4710N 1439E) to Vrbovska (4532N 1504E) to Sv. Andrija (4301N 1545E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: On penetration, over target and on withdrawel.
50 P-51'S AT 4758N-1553E AT 1209 HOURS
FLAK: At target-90 heavy guns in the area - The defenses will be entered about 8 miles from the refinery. At 5 miles from the target, the formation will be within range of approx. 34 guns. At 3 miles from the target, this number will have increased to about 50; the target area is covered by all 90 guns. Two clusters, of 12 and 16 guns, lie so far north that they can just reach south to cover the target area; the fire of these gunsmay be escaped by starting a sharp rally soon enough to keep the bombers from proceeding as far north as the refinery.
ALTERNATES: Kapfenburg - 27 guns at Bruck and Kapfenburg - 10 more at Leoben - rally should be 340°
Pragersko - no heavy flak reported.

FIGHTERS: Enemy capabilities are estimated at from 40 to 50 SEF sorties in the target area. The weather will be a heavy factor in the enemy's decision whether or not to oppose strategic bomber operations.

COMMENTS: Effective March 1, 2 P-80 aircraft, painted silver grey, will be operating over Italy. All briefing instructions for air crews for the next ten briefings will include this information with the directions that no hostile acts will be committed against these aircraft.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0700 |
| Trucks | 0725 |
| Take Off | 0820 |
| On Course | 0913 |
| Target | 1245 |

Depending on weather conditions, the Wing may ~~xxx~~ assemble at Tisteno (4256N 1638E) instead of over the field.

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ITALIAN BOMB LINE CHANGE: 6 MARCH 1945

Mouth of Reni River at M6361 - thence Reno River to 6156, 4956, 490526, 487526, thence Senio River to 3133, 294330, thence railroad to 266290, 2429, 1524, 0925, 0234, L8834, 8329, 7429, 6927, 5827, 5725, 5020, 4010, 1810, 1707, U8898.

RUSSIAN FRONT LINE CHANGE: 5 MARCH 1945

5353N 1722E, NW to 5403N 1710E to Pritzig, to Krangen, west to 5414N 1616E, west by SW along coastline to 5414N 1545E, south to Dagow, to Gr, Jestin, to Petershagen, S$_W$ to Regenwalde, SE to Schonwalde, to [illegible] 5322N 1507E, SW to Werben, to Sabow, west to Liebenow, SE to Bahn, south to 5253N 1439E. In Czeckoslovakia as of 5 March 1945: east of Garan River line passes: north and west of Plesovce, 2 miles north of Krupina, north of Sv. Antol, one mile south of Piarg, Garan River 3 miles SW of Zarnovoca, along Garan River to Danube.

COMMENT

WARN ALL GUNNERS THAT ENEMY JET AIRCRAFT ATTACKED 8TH AIR FORCE , IN FORCE FOR THE FIRST TIME ON 3 MARCH 1945. BRIEF ON ME-262 AND ME-163.

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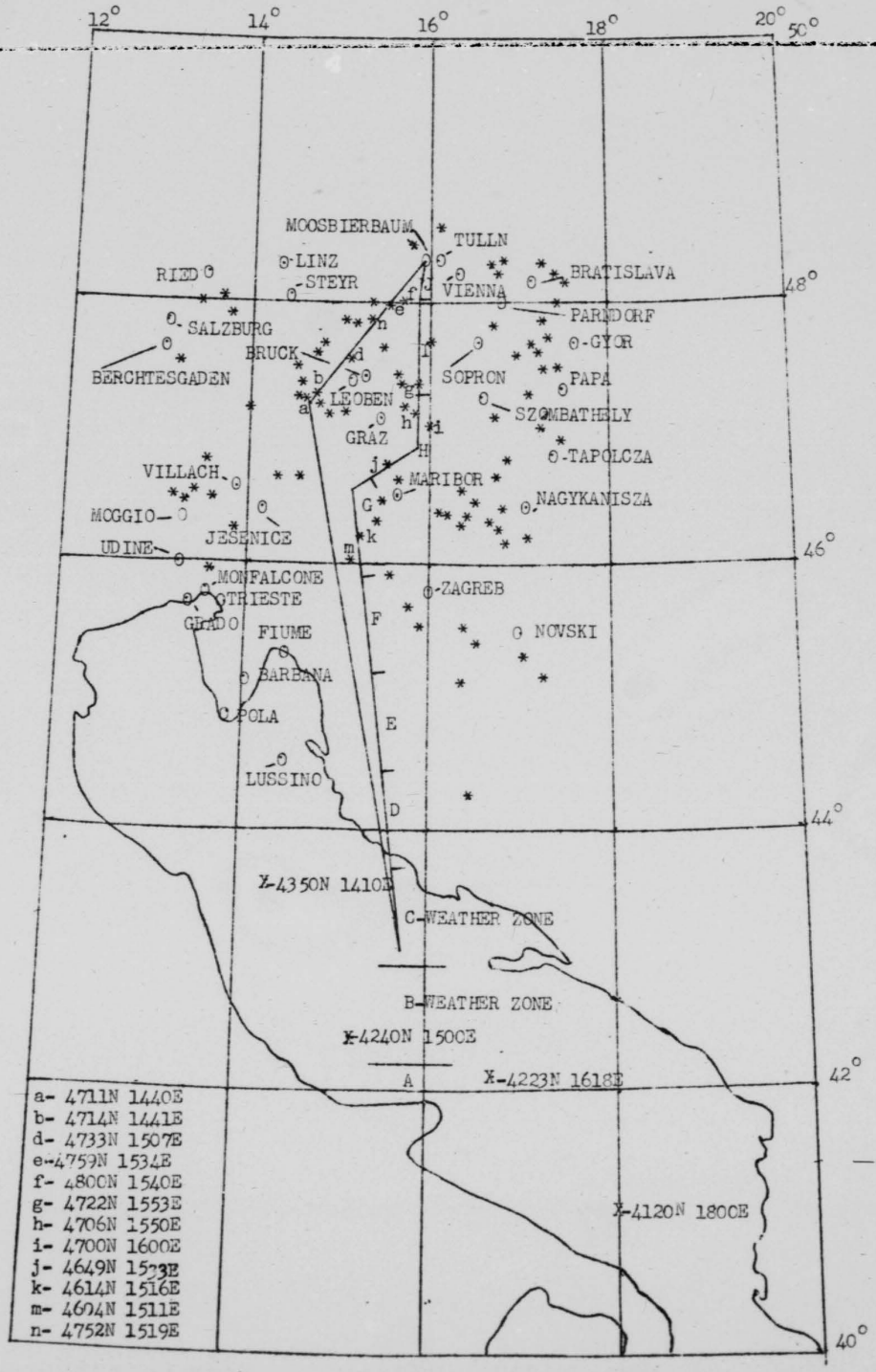
PLAN "A" MISSION OF 7 MARCH 1945

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MISSION NO. 424. PLAN "A" 6 March 1945.

TARGET: Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery REF: TCS 14-114 MPI: 13.1/K.1
Alternates: [redacted] Maribor Loco Depot [redacted] TCS 8-14 same as "A"
[redacted] Kapfenburg/Gebruder Bohler [redacted] BC 14-16
[redacted] Graz M/Y [redacted] TC 14-41A-NA H-13/14

OTHER WINGS: Target Time
5th: Schwechat and Florisdorf Oil Refineries 1315
49th: Schwechat and Florisdorf Oil Refineries 1400
55th: Schwechat and Florisdorf Oil Refineries 1340
304th: Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery 1417

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Again the entire Fifteenth Air Force has been committed against the enemy's vital oil facilities. The importance of knocking out the few remaining oil refineries under German control is now greater than at any time during the war. This situation has been brought about by the critical position of the enemy's fuel position. It is now in crisis stage due to necessity of mobility on all fronts.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Moosbierbaum was last attacked on 1 March. All petroleum processing equipment is now believed damaged and unserviceable except the new distillation unit. The estimated current monthly gasoline output is 1,100 tons.

NO. A/C: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX (.1N mixed (.01/.025)TD SQDN FORM: A 513
B 514
C 515
D 512

WING FORM: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th.

ROUTE OUT: Remote assembly at Tisteno (4256N 1638E) to 4342N 1530E to Judenburg (4710N 1439E) to Gmund (4846N 1459E) to Zlabing (4900N 1521E) to IP.

I.P.: Weitersfeld (4847N 1549E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 171°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 14,000' RALLY: Right to rally point Freiland (4758N 1533E)

ROUTE BACK: rally point to Judenburg (4710N 1439E) to 4342N 1530E to base.

✱ FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide target cover for all wings.

FLAK: 90 heavy guns in the Moosbierbaum area. The defenses will be entered about 10 miles from the target. At 4 miles from the refinery, the formation will be within range of approximately 20 heavy guns. This builds up to the whole 90 as the target is approached.

FIGHTERS: The enemy capabilities in the Vienna area are still 40 to 50 MEF.

COMMENTS: 1. Effective 1 March, 2 P 80 aircraft, painted silver gray, will be operating over Italy. All briefing instructions for air crews for the next ten briefings will include this information with the direction that no hostile acts will be committed against these aircraft.

2. Information has been received that German civilian hospitals will be marked with a red square on a white circle for protection against attacks by land or air. All crews will be instructed to accord with same protection to this distinctive sign as is accorded to the Red Cross emblem.

3. Italian bombline change as of 5 March 0800 hours: North of RENO River to M-6361 - thence RENO River to 6156 - 4956 - 490526 - thence SENIO River to 3133 - 294330 - thence railroad to 266290 - 2429 - 1524 - 0925 - 0234 - L-8834 - 8329 - 7429 - 6726 - 5827 - 5725 - 5020 - 4010 - 1810 - 1707 - U-8898.

4. Russian front: In Czechoslovakia: as of 4 March: North of DEVICIE line passes east of PLESOVCE, two miles NW of SENOHRAD, north of KRUPINA, east and north of PRENCOV. No information is available regarding other sectors.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0740 |
| Trucks | 0820 |
| Take off | 0920 |
| Depart | 0928 |
| Target | 1432 |

✱ 40 P-51's 4710N-1439E at 1331 hrs.

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MISSION NO. 424. PLAN "B" 6 March 1945.

TARGET: Maribor Wagon Repair Shops REF: TCS 8-14 MPI: 14-15/E-F
Alternates: [illegible] Zeltweg M/Y [illegible] MP & MBC 14-12 6-6-8
[illegible] Selzthal [illegible] MP & MBC 14-78 5-4-8
[illegible] Graz M/Y [illegible] TC 14-41A-NA 4-13/14

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Bruck M/Y | 1230-1345 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 55th: | Maribor Loco Depot and Wagon Repair Shops | 1340-1430 |
| 304th: | Pragersko M/Y | 1200-1250 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Widespread damage already has been inflicted on most M/Ys in this area, and successful attacks on the three remaining serviceable facilities will virtually deny the Germans marshalling capacity through this rail network.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This target is the main heavy repair depot for the enemy in Southeastern Austria. Later photo cover reveals the presence of 85 locomotives and a considerable number of wagons present on approaches to the depot. Yard is very active.

NO. A/C: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. GP (.1N mixed (.01/.025TD) SQDN FORM: A 513
B 514
WING FORM: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th. C 515
D 512

ROUTE OUT: Remote assembly at Tisteno (4256N 1638E) to Bos Novi (4503N 1622E) to Zalaszentgyorgy (4652N 1642E) to Gussing (4704N 1619E) to IP.

I.P.: Feldbach (4658N 1553E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 204°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000' RALLY: Right to Polzela (4616N 1503E)

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to 4342N 1530E to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide route and target cover for all wings on penetration, target and withdrawal.

FLAK: 26 guns in target area. The defenses will be entered about 7 miles from the target. At 4 miles from the target the formations will be in range of approx. 16 heavy guns. Another 8 can reach the bombers at 3 miles from the target.

FIGHTERS: Negligible to nil aerial opposition is anticipated, but it should be noted that the enemy is capable of using the Vienna fighter force, particularly against the wings attacking Bruck.

COMMENTS: 1. See plan "A".
2. POW Camp #132 is known to be in the Maribor area but its exact pinpoint location is uncertain. One report puts the camp one and a half miles west of the locomotive depot. Crews should be briefed on this probable location, and requested to report the pinpoints of any possible POW camp they observe in this area.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0720 |
| Trucks | 0800 |
| Take off | 0900 |
| Depart | 0905 |
| Target | 1310-1315 |

40 P-38's 4503N-1622E at 1143 hrs.

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MISSION NO. 422 PLAN "BAKER" 4 MARCH 1945

TARGET: Hegyeshalom M/Y REF: Photos 3059, 5015, MPI: W. End M/Y

Alternates: Zagreb E M/Y TCS 8-15 T.7-12
St. Viet M/Y & Station MBC 14-81 9-3.5
Villach M/Y's MBC 14-40 2.3-3.5

OTHER WINGS:

| | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Sopron M/Y & Bruck M/Y | |
| 15th | [illegible] M/Y | |
| 55th | Szombathely South M/Y | |
| 304th | Wiener Neustadt Main M/Y & Station | |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The Air Force will employ a maxium effort to attack communications in Hungary ~~all oil refineries in Austria~~. The attack against communications is designed to take advantage of the disruption of enemy rail lines in the Vienna Linz area and on the main line south of Maribor. In these areas the enemy capacity for sorting and handling traffic has been seriously curtailed but several large yards are available further east and are being attacked under this plan. Photo has identified heavy military traffic at the selected targets

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Latest photo cover shows 580 units in yards. Because of the proximity of the target to the Russian lines, bombing will be visual only and targets will be attacked only after positive identification beyond all shadow of doubt. This M/Y lies about 15 miles south of Bratislava on the main line, double track, running from Vienna through to Gyor to Komarom. The yard covers an area of about 4,500' by 675'.

NO. OF PLANES: 36 (two forces-18 each) BOMB LOAD: 500 lb RDX .1 ns &.01 tl.

WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th SQDN FORM A 514
B 513
C 512
D 515

ROUTE OUT: Virovitica (4550N-1722E) to Bohonye (4624N-1723E) to Zalaistvano (4655N-1659E) to IP To TGT.

I.P.: Csorna (4737N-1715E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 349°

ALTITUDE: 18,000' RALLY: ~~Right~~ LEFT rally to Kapuvar (4736N-01701E)

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to Zalaistvano 4635N-1659E to Prelog 4621N-1637E to Cazza 4 2h6N-1631E to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: PTW

FLAK: No photo recce flak reports available. On 6 Dec nil flak was reported.
~~Bodonhalom Csongrad Szolnok Komarom~~
Alternates: Zagreb-106 guns in area. Moderate to intense, accurate reported. Left rally Villach-18 guns
St. Viet-no H. guns. 4 guns, medium

FIGHTERS: In the Vienna-Balaton area the enemy is capable of opposing our formations with 40 to 50 SEF and 8 to 10 TEF. If the enemy elects to oppose, his interception will be directed against unescorted groups and stragglers and will be covered by shadowing aircraft. There also remains the possibility of unplanned interception by small scattered formations on tactical patrol in the Gyor-Balaton area. Russian Air craft may be in area, so make positive identification before firing.
COMMENTS: Russian recognition signals to be issued, also Russian armbands.

Russian front lind as of 28 Feb: 5348-1743, NW to Swornigacie, west to 5353-1707, NW to Gr. Karzenburg, to Goldbeck, south to Wurchow, SE to 5346-1642, SW to Neustettin, SE to Lottin, to Ratzebuhr.

Refer to weekly escape bulletin, especially bulletin 17 & 17A. Also stress idenfication and general location of Cossack and Ustachi troops.

TIME SUMMARY: Breafing 0800
Trucks 0830
Take off 0935
On course 1020
Target 1350 and 1355

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MISSION NO 422. PLAN "A" 3 March 1945.

TARGET: Hegyeshalom M/Y REF: Photos 3059, 5015 AIMPT: W. end of M/Y
TC K2-8A-NA

Alternates: Wiener Neustadt M/Y CS 14-119 K-5.5
Graz/Koflacher M/Y TC 14-414-NA H/L-12
Ljubljana M/Y TC 82-100-NA O-20

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Komarom, Szonyeg, Kolnaujvar | 1255-1330 |
| 49th | Komarom | 1402-1432 |
| 55thr | Nove Zamky M/Y | 1228-1300 |
| 304th | Same as 5th Wing | 1326-1406 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The Air Force will employ a maximin effort to attack communications in Hungary and oil refineries in Austria. The attack against communications is designed to take advantage of the disruption of enemy rail lines in the Vienna Line area and on the main line south of Maribor. In these areas the enemy capacity for sorting and handling traffic has been seriously curtailed but several large yards are available further east and are being attacked under this plan. Photo has identified heavy military traffic at the selected targetsL Kroekujvar - 500 units Komaron - 560 units; Bratislavia - Rangier - 800 units.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Latest photo cover shows 520 units in yards. Because of the proximity of the target to the Russian lines, bombing will be visual only and targets will be attacked only after positive identification beyond all shadow of doubt. This M/Y lies about 15 miles south of Bratislava on the main line, double track, running from Vienna through to Gyor to Komarom. The yard covers an area of about 4,500' by 675'.

NO OF PLANES: 36 (two forces - 18 ea.) Bomb Load: 10 MBX .1 ns and .01 tail

WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th SQ FORM: See plan "B"

ROUTE OUT: Remote assy to Cazza (4246-1631) to Slav-Posega (4520-1741) to Szalldomolk (4716-1709) to IP to tgt.

I.P. Csorna (4737-1715) AXIS OF ATTACK: 348 dgs true Bomb Alt: 1st-18,000, 2nd force - 19,000

RALLY HEADING AND RALLY POINT: Left to rally point Kapuvar (4736-1701)

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to IP to Prelog (4621-1637) to Cazza (4246-1631) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: PTN

FLAK: No photo recce flak reports available. On 6 Dec Mil flak was reported. Wiener Neustadt - No heavy guns remaining, with 18 guns at Sopron, 19 mi. S.W. Graz - 26 guns - rally sharp right

RUSSIAN RECOGNITION SIGNALS: 3 March: Basic, dip left wing 3 to 5 times; secondary, rock wings 3 to 5 times; night basic, short flashing of navigational lights, secondary, green flare.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0630 |
| Trucks | 0715 |
| Take Off | 0810 |
| On course | 0910 |
| Target | 1300 |

COMMENTS: American Flag arms bands will be issued.

ENEMY FIGHTERS: In the Vienna-Balaton area the enemy is capable of opposing our formations with 40 to 50 SEF and 8 to 10 TEF. If the enemy elects to oppose, his interception will presumable be directed against unescorted groups and stragglers and will be controlled by shadowing aircraft. There also remains the possibility of unplanned interception by small scattered formations on tactical patrol in the Gyor-Balaton area.

TIMES FOR SECOND FORCE WILL BE FIVE MINUTES LATER EXCEPT FOR BRIEFING

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MISSION NO. 422 GL PLAN "B" 3 Mar 1945.

TARGET: Cars in Landshut M/Y REF: MBC 13-153 MPI: 5.4, 5.2, 6.4, 5.7

Alternates: Muhldorf M/Y MBC 13-157 7.5-6.1
Salzburg M/Y TGS 14-111 P.8-10
Kufstein MBC 13-12 6.1-5

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Regensburg Freight Yards | |
| 4th | Wels M/Y | |
| 55th | Passau M/Y | |
| 304th | Plattling M/Y | |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Recent successful operations against rail facilities at Munich Innsbruck, Salzburg have pushed large scale sorting and marshalling of traffic into centers to the north and west. Targets today have been selected for weather conditions. They provide ample marshalling, repair and transhipment facilities for traffic moving southeast to the Hungarian or Yugo front or south into Italy.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Recent recce photos show 820 wagons in yard. This target in located approx 35 miles N.E of Munich and the double track line to Regensburg. It is also the sight of a small ordnance depot. Yards are about 6,000' x 800'

NO OF PLANES: 36 ships in two forces of 18 each Bomb Load: 10 RDX .lns .01 tail

WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th. Sq Form: 514 1st force
513 " "
512 2nd
515 "

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 1st - 15,500 2nd - 17,000

ROUTE OUT: Remote assy Tisteno (4256-1638) to Cazza (4246-1631)qto TP (4430-1340) to 5438-1306 to Sacile (4556-1230) to IP to tgt.

INITIAL POINT: Muhldorf (4815-1231) AXIS OF ATTACK: 318 dgs true

RALLY HEADING AND RALLY POINT: Left to Berglern (4824-1155)

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to rally point to Sacile (4556-1230) to 4350-1340 to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: PFW

FLAK: Recent photo cover shows no heavy guns. Nil flak has been reported.
Muhldorf: No guns
Salzburg - 34 guns - rally between 120 and 140 dgs is recommended

FIGHTERS: If the enemy elects to oppose our formations in this area 30 to 40 SEF operating as a unit may be anticipated. There also exists the possibility of harrassing attacks by 10 to 12 Me-262's operating singly or in formations of 2 to 4 A/C

COMMENTS: Russian front line change - 5348-1743 NW to Swornigacie, west to 5353-1707 NW to CR Karzenburg to Goldbrick south to Wurchow, SE to 5346-1642, SW to Neustettin, SE to Lottin, to Ratzebuhr.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0630 |
| Trucks | 0715 |
| Take off | 0810 |
| On course | 0910 |
| Target | 1300 |

TIMES FOR SECOND FORCE ARE FIVE MINUTES LATER EXCEPT FOR BRIEFING.

50 - P38's at 4917N - 1230E
at 1228 hours.

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MISSION NO. 422 S PLAN "A" 1 March 1945

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TARGET: | Wels M/Y | REF: | MBC 14-99 | MPI | F.0-6.1 |
| ALTNS: | Graz S. M. M.Y | | TC 14-41A | MPI | Q/4/5 |
| | ~~Maribor Wagon & Loco Shops~~ | | TC 8-14 | MPI | D.5-14/7 |
| | Bresica M.Y | | TC 4-104 | MPI | D-18/19 |

OTHER WINGS: 5th Gmund M/Y
49th Wels M/Y at 1225 to 1255
55th Amstetten M/Y at 1405 to 1455
304th Amstetten M/Y at 1325 to 1405

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This M/Y is capable of taking over some of the traffic marshalling on this importl line which cannot be accomodated at Linz because of the attack of 25 February. A considerable number of oil cars have been noted in consistently heavy loading at this yard. The Wels facilities have not been damaged successfully on previous bombings and this attack is intended to destroy the locomotive roundhouse, car content, and reduce marshalling facilities by cratering and blocking sidings.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The main yard was last attacked by 32 a/c of the 49th Wing on 17 February by PFF but reconnaissance of 25 Feb. show all lines opens and serviceable. There was evidence of fresh repair work in the M/Y by the passenger station. Recce also disclosed ~~xxxxx~~ almost 1,000 units, including 920 wagons, 12 loaded flats, 17 empty flats, 11 coaches, and 25 locos.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500# RDX .1 & /01 SQDN FRMN: 512 514
515 513

WING FORMATION 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th

ROUTE OUT: Randy to TP Ancona 4338-1330 to TP 4440-1320 to CP 4541-1412 to TP Graffenstein 4636-1428 to IP to Target.

I.P: Klaus, 4750-1410 AXIS OF ATTACK 350 Dgs True BOMB. ALT: 16,000

TURN OFF TAGRET: Left to RP Vocklabruck.

ROUTE BACK: Target to RP 4801-1338 to Graffenstein 4636-1428 to S. Pietro 4541-1412 to TP 4440-1320 to Ancona to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort P. T. W.

FLAK: WELS : Photo cover to 16 Feb. shows no heavy guns at Wels, but 161 in the Linz area to the east. On 17 Feb. 49th Wing reported nil flak at this target. Attention is invited to the guns at Styer which make it very desirable that the formation should not deviate east of ~~xxx~~ 14° 10'E after passing the IP.
GRAZ : Photo cover to 17 Feb. shows 26 heavy guns in this area, on 24 Feb. 5th Wing reported scant to moderate, accurate, heavy flak at this target. A very sharp rally right immediately after bomb release is recommended.
MARIBOR : Photo cover to 20 Feb. shows 33 heavy guns in this area, on 19 Feb. five bombers reported scant, ~~xxxxxxx~~ inaccurate, heavy flak at Maribor. A sharp rally left is recommended.

FIGHTERS: The enemy is capable of opposing the bomber formation with some 40/50 SEF, but it is estimated that if interception is attempted, attacks will be directed as far as possible against stragglers or small unescorted units.

COMMENTS: Attention is invited to P. O. W. Camps #'s 127, 22, and 84.
RUSSIAN FRONT LINE CHANGES: (27 Feb) 5344-1735 NW. to Pollnitz, west to 5346-1709, NW to Baldenburg, to 5359-1638, west to Goldbeck, SE to 5357-1634 to 5354-1644, south to Stepen, to Kudde, to Lottin, to Ratzebuhr. In Czechoslovakia lines passes SE of Ocova (4837-1917) west of Vel Slatina, east of Plescovce, 3 miles SE of Device. In Hungary as of 28 Feb: no significant changes.

Briefing 0700
Trucks 0740
Take Off 0840
Target ~~1245~~ 1320

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MISSION NO. 400 PLAN "ABLE" 1 MARCH 1945

TARGET: Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery REF: TC 14-39-NA BAP: K-12/13
ALTERNATES: Pola Navy Yard 4-51-NA M/N-5/6
Graz M/Y 14-41A-NA H-11/12

| OTHER WINGS: | TARGET | | TIME |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5th | Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery | | 1230 |
| 49th | " | " | 1305 |
| 55th | " | " | 1255 |
| 304th | " | " | 1315 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: With nine of the nineteen enemy oil refineries within the 15th Air Force operating area having been at least temporarily suspended from the target list due to the Russian drive, the remaining oil installations assume added importance. At present, the Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery together with the Vienna refineries represent the most important active or near active plants in operating range. Our most recent information confirms the complete destruction is the most vital present job of this Air Force.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This plant has an estimated refinery capacity of all oil products of 40,000 tons, which would represent 15,000 tons of gasoline per month. The new French equipment responsible for this potential capacity has not, to date appeared active on photo cover, but appears to be fully installed. The old distillation equipment which is thought to be producing aromatics for the blending of aviation gasoline, is repaired and active again. It is clear that the enemy has a surplus of aircraft. Aviation fuel is the only limiting factor and this tgt is the greatest source of this vital necessity.

NO OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. GP SQDN. FORMATION: A 512 B 515 C 514 D 513

ROUTE OUT: Split (4331N-1628E) to Kutina(4529N- 1647E) to Somogyszob (4618N-1719E) to Csorna (4737N-1714E) to Cifer (4819N-1730E to IP to Target.

I.P.: Gnadendorf (4837N-1623E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 227 degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Rally slight left

ROUTE BACK: Target to Langenwang (4733N-1536E) to Varazdin (4619N-1620E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide close escort on penetration, over target and on withdrawel.

FLAK: Photo. cover to 4 Jan. shows this target area to be defended by ~~[illegible]~~ 90 heavy guns. On 31 Jan attack flak was experienced from MAH to S/MIN and some nil. The defenses will be entered approx 11 miles from target. At 7 miles from tgt the form. will be in range of approx 49 guns. the ref. is covered by all 90 guns. Two clusters of batteries are north of the target and can just reach that far south-If a prompt left rally is accomplished as soon as bombs are dropped, the fire of some guns may be almost or perhaps entirely avoided. Evasive action is recommended to reduce the effectiveness of the two clusters of batteries lying south and southeast of the target.

Pola-38 heavy guns
Graz-18 heavy guns. SAH reported 12 Jan.

FIGHTERS: There is a possibilitresof 40 to 50 Me 109's in the Vienna area.

COMMENTS: American arm bands to be issued. Russian recognition signals to be put on colors of day.

~~[illegible]~~

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0600
Trucks 0700
Take Off 0800
Target 1245

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MISSION NO. 400 GE PLAN "CHARLIE" 1 MARCH 1945

TARGET: Linz Main Station M/Y
ALTERNATES: Pola Navy Yard
Graz M/Y

BGS 14-104 MPI: F/S-11/4
TC 4-5INA M/M-5/6
TC 14-41A-NA H-11/12

| OTHER WINGS: | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Linz S. Main M/Y | 1230 |
| 49th | " " | 1305 |
| 55th | Linz Benzol Plant | 1255 |
| 304th | Linz Main Station M/Y | 1315 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The present areas of employment of Axis forces in Italy, Yugoslavia, ans Hungary are served by well developed rail systems, which are nevertheless vulnerable to air attack due to natural barriers which must be crossed, and the presence of a few large centers around which the system was developed and which therefore act as bottlenecks to the free flow of traffic. West of Vienna, the nodal point of rail traffic is LINZ, situated on the main double track line between MUNICH AND VIENNA at the point where the main lines from northwestern Germany join the Austrian rain system.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Reports from inside Germany and ~~x~~ prisoner of war interrogations give evidence of difficulties resulting from bombed rail centers. Re-routing of trains and short time hold-overs are frequently reported and the number of express and passanger train cancellations has steadily increased. LINZ is a rich communications target with extensive facilities and a loading of over 3300 units of rolling stock in evidence of 30 Jan. photo recce.

NO. OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb GP SQDN. FORM: A 512
B 515
C 514
D 513

WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th.

ROUTE OUT: (4440N-1330E) to (4538N-1259E) to Sacile (4557N-1230E) to Obing (4800N-1224E) to Eggenfelden (4824N-1246E) to IP.

I.P.: Engelhartszell (4831N-1344E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 120°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Left then right around Steyr.

ROUTE BACK: Kreuzen (4816N-1448E) to Obr. Zeiring (4715N-1429E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide close escort on penetration target and on withdrawal.

FLAK: Photo cover to 20 Jan shows 162 heavy guns at Linz with 86 more at STEYR And south of ENNS. On 20 Jan intense, accurate, heavy was encountered. The defenses will be entered about 9 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the target the formation will be in r nge of approx. 60 heavy guns. This number builds up to about 140 as the target area is aproached. The rally heading should be between 70° and 90° to minimize flak. One less than 70° would bring the bombers in range of an additional 22 guns, and one greater than 90° would carry them through the defenses south of ENNS.
Pola- 28 heavy guns
Graz- 18 heavy guns

FIGHTERS: IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE ENEMY is capable of 40 to 50 sorties in the target area.

COMMENTS: American arm bands to be issued. Russian recognition signals to be pur on colors of day.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing ~~0440~~ 0540
Trucks ~~0740~~ 0640
Take Off ~~0833~~ 0748
Target 1245

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MISSION NO. 422 PLAN "B" 1 March, 1945.

TARGET: Padua M/Y MAP: TC 4-67 MPI F.8-12.8 & R.8-12.8
AIMING: Mestre Main M/Y TC 4-120B MPI H/0-6
Treviso M/Y TC 4-215 MPI I-10

OTHER MINGS: 5th Linz M/Y at 1330
49th Linz Hemmel Plant at 1355
55th Linz Nort and South Main M/Y at 1345.
304th Linz North and South Main M/Y at 1405

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Ground Intelligence states that the target of the 47th Wing is being used at night for the entraining of troops leaving Italy. Accelerated repair efforts at this yard as well as at the bridges on the Padua-Treviso line plus night photography confrim this report.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Most of the sidings have been cleared away since the last attack and day to day cover shows an active turnover of stock. Photo cover of 28 Feb. showed 400 units here. The yard was last attacked on 21 Feb. but as indicated in the recce repairs have been rushed. On 24 Feb. recce showed one through line had already been made serviceable.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500RDX .1 & .01 SQDN FINS: 512 514
515 513

WING FORMATION: 450th, 449th, 98th, and 376th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to TP Pistoia 4356-1055 to TP Modena 4438-1054 to IP to Target.

I.P: Cologna 4519-1123 AXIS OF ATTACK: 73 Dgs true BOMB ALT: 23,000

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp right to MP 4514-1140

route back; Target to MP 4514-1140 to TP Modena 4438-1054 to TP Pistoia 4356-1055 to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort P. T. O.

FLAK: PADUA photo cover to 17 Feb. shows 18 heavy guns; on 24 Feb. 450th reported nil flak at this target.
Mestre photo cover to 11 Feb. shows 24 heavy guns, with 10 at Venice and 18 at Treviso. On 10 Oct. the 5th Wing reported moderate to intense, accurate, heavy flak at Mestre. A rally heading between 50° and 75° is recommended.
Treviso: Photo cover to 13 Feb. shows 18 heavy guns at target. On 15 Jan. 23 a/c reported scant to moderate accurate, heavy flak here. A rally heading between 50 and 75° is recommended.

FIGHTERS: Nil or negligible opposition anticipated.

COMMENTS: For Russian line refer to plan "A".

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0700 |
| Trucks | 0740 |
| Take Off | 0840 |
| Target | 1245 |

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W NO 421 — 1 MARCH 1945

ET: Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery — REF: TCS14-114- — MPI: K.4-12.4
LTERNATES: Wiener Neustadt M/Y — TCS14-119 — L.8-6.8
Graz South East M/Y — TC 14-41A-NA — Q-4/5
Vicenza M/Y — TC 4-9b-NA — M-7/8

OTHER WINGS:

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| 5th ; | Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery | 1115 - 1215 hrs. |
| 49th ; | " | 1335 - 1405 hrs. |
| 55th ; | " | 1405 - 1455 hrs. |
| 304th ; | " | 1255 - 1335 hrs. |

Droopsnoots will conduct high altitude attack on Moosbierbaum in 2 waves at 0900 & 1000 hr
IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Entire rescources of 15th AF, including the droopsnoo bombers will be employed on this plan with the sole objective of destroying Moosbierbaum Refinery.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Since enemy oil facilities are still considered the most important targets for Allied bombers, MOOSBIERBAUM is therefore the most important single target in the operating area of the 15th AF. It is within the capabilities of the five bomber wings participating in this attack to knock out this plant for a matter of months, even assuming that it cannot be completely destroyed. Aiming points have been selected to place the greatest concentration on the vital installations of the plant. The target was last attacked by the 47th and 49th Wings and droopsnoot bombers on 14 Feb., the weight of the attack falling across the S. E. area of the oil works. No fresh damage to the distillation plants was noted. Photo recce on the 20th of February disclosed no activity at the plant but on the 25th there was evidence that the new distillation plants were operating or were being tested. It is expected that the new units will be in operation within a few days producing more than 4000 tons of gasoline per month.
NO OF PLANES: 30 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX

SQUADRON FORMATION: 1st Force 515th 512th — 2nd Force 513th 514th

WING FORMATION: 98th, 376th, 450th, 449th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Cazza (4246N 1631E) to Kostajnica (4514N 1633E) to Vrbanovec 4616N 1631E) to Joka (4809N 1730E) to Sastin (4839N 1709E) to I.P.

I.P.: Gnadendorf (4837N 1623E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 227 degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 1st Force 24,500' 2nd Force 25,500' TURN OFF TARGET: Left

ROUTE BACK: Target to Cloggnitz (4740N 1556E) to Vrbanovec (4616N 1631E) to Kostajnic (4514N 1633E) to Cazza (4246N 1631E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighter escort on peneteration, over target and on withdrawal.
41 P-51's COORDINATES UNKNOWN AT 1121 HOURS
FLAK:AT TARGET: The defenses will be entered about 9 miles from the target, Until they are 6 miles from the refinery, the bombers will be within range of 12 heavy guns. From that point on, the number builds up until all 90 of the guns cover the refinery area. One 12 gun cluster lies so far west that it can barely reach the target area. These guns may be avoided by starting the south rally before passing over the target. Another 12 guns are situated 5 miles SW of the target, and a prompt rally will keep the formation almost or entirely out of the field of fire.
ALTERNATES: Wiener-Neustadt - no guns -
Graz - 26 guns - sharp right rally.
Vicenza - 24 guns.
FIGHTERS: The total enemy capabilities at any one time are estimated at 40-50 SEF along wit the possibilities of 8-10 TEF.

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COMMENTS: [redacted]
Smoke screen defenses have been given much consideration in planning this attack, since recent indications are the enemy has increased this passive defense measure. Smoke, however, can be exhausted by spreading attacks over the longest period possible.

TIME SUMMARY:
Briefing 0645
Trucks 0715
Take Off 0815 - 0820
On Course 0848 - 0853
Target 1225 - 1230

HUNGARIAN FRONT LINE: As of 27 Feb 45. Kazarovce to Nemce passes: Kazarovce on River Daram, directly east to point 2 miles south of Pukanec, 1 mile southeast of Pukanec, 3 miles east of Batovce, 5 miles west of Ladzany, northwest to Hont Tesary, 1 mile east of Ladzany, to Nemce.

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MISSION NO. 420. PLAN "A" RED FORCE 28 February 1945.

TARGET: Isarco/Albes RR Bridge. REF: MBC 4-15 MP 4-15 MPI: Center of Br.

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| Alternates: | Vicenza M/Y | TC 4-94-NA | L-7/8 |
| | Mestre Dock Sidings | TC 4-120B-NA | J-14/15 |
| | Padua NE M/Y | TC 4-67-NA | P-12/13 |

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Verona/Parona RR Bridge | 1130-1320 |
| 49th: | Bolzano M/Y, Ora M/Y, and Brennero M/Y | 1300-1320 |
| 55th: | Ora M/Y, Fortezza M/Y, Brennero M/Y and Vipiteno M/Y | 1425-1445 |
| 304th: | Isarco/Albes RR Bridge | 1025-1149 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: NATAF maintained successful interdiction of the Brenner Line from 3 to 25 February by continuous attacks, but the enemy has rebuilt the damaged bridges using 50 foot spans. The bridges to be bombed under this plan have longer spans and cannot be easily repaired.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Engineers estimate that destruction of the Parona and Isarco/Albes Bridges - this latter being the target of this Group - will block all traffic for at least one week.

NO. A/C: 18 BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb. RDX (non delay) SQDN FORM: A 514 B 513

WING FORM: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4430N 1340E to 4538N 1306E to ~~S. Martino (4616N 1149E)~~ IP.

I.P.: S. Martino (4616N 1149E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 348°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

RALLY: Right to rally point S. Candido (4644N 1217E)

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to Wieszen Lake (4642N 1323E) to Caisole (4507N 1422E) to 4350N 1350E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide target cover.

FLAK: 24 guns at Bressanone and 12 at Laion. The defenses will be entered about 8 miles from the target, which is covered by 38 guns.
Alternates: Vicenza - 24 guns; Mestre - 24 guns (10 at Venice and 18 at Treviso)
FIGHTERS: Negligible to nil enemy air opposition is anticipated in Northern Italy, but the Italian Fascist Air Force is capable of putting approximately 20 SEF up if they elect to attack stragglers or small formations.

COMMENTS: See comments for plan Baker.

| TIME SUMMARY: | | |
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| | Briefing | 0815 |
| | Trucks | 0850 |
| | Take off | 0950 |
| | On course | 1047 |
| | Target | 1333 |

BLUE FORCE

This force flies an identical plan to Red Force except for trailing 15 minutes.

24-P-51s in Udine area.
1300 hrs to 1515 hrs. or 24,000 feet

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MISSION NO. 420. PLAN "B" 28 February 1945.

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| TARGET: Regensburg M/Y | | REF: | BCS 13-199 | MPI: H.3/9.4 |
| Alternates: Landshut M/Y | | | MBC 13-153 | 6.5-5.6 |
| Passau M/Y | | | MBC 13-129 | 4.2-7.7 |
| Saalfelden M/Y | | | MBC 14-131 | E.3-4.8 |

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Regensburg M/Y | 1330 |
| 49th: | Regensburg M/Y | 1255 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 304th: | Regensburg M/Y | 1305 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The Regensburg marshalling facilities are located on the main line between Linz and Nurnberg and it is estimated much additional traffic from Central Germany to Austria will be routed through them as a result of recent attacks on M/Ys in Southern Germany and Austria. Object of attack is to prevent marshalling by damaging and blocking sidings and to destroy supplies and cars.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Photo recce of 17 Feb disclosed a heavy loading of 1700 units at the goods depot, including 70 loaded flats and 45 oil tank wagons; 250 units and 30 locomotives at the main station and locomotive depot.

NO. A/C 36 BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb. RDX (.1N .01T) SQDN FORM: A 514
B 513
C 512
D 515

WING FORM: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4430N 1340E to 4538N 1306E to Pasiano (4551N 1238E) to Wasserburg (4803N 1214E) to Freising (4824N 1144E) to IP.

I.P.: Geisenfeld (4841N 1137E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 41°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

RALLY: Right to rally point Obr Lindhart (4846N 1213E)

ROUTE BACK: target to rally point to Neumarkt (4821N 1231E) to Prien (4751N 1220E) to Pasiano (4551N 1238E) to 4538N 1306E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide close escort on PTW.

FLAK: 45 guns at Regensburg. The defenses will be entered about 7 miles from the target. At 4 miles from the target the formation will be within range of approximately 21 guns. The target itself is covered by all of the 45 guns.
Alternates: Landshut - none reported; Passau - none reported.by photo recce although on 29 December the 49th Wing reported moderate to intense, accurate heavy flak.

FIGHTERS: The enemy is capable of opposing the American bomber formations with 40-50 SEF in the Regensburg area but in the light of recent experience in southern Germany negligible or nil aerial opposition is anticipated.

COMMENTS: All air crew members should be briefed not to bail out in Yugoslavia north of the line Ljubljana-Toplice-Zagreb. The previous warning not to attempt a crash landing between the Sava and Drava Rivers still applies.

| TIME SUMMARY: | |
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| Briefing | 0645 |
| Trucks | 0735 |
| Take off | 0835 |
| On course | 0925 |
| Target | 1315 |

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MISSION NO. 419 PLAN ABLE February 1945

TARGET: ~~Most~~ Trisanna RR Bridge (4707N 1029E) MBC 14-145
Alternates: ~~Landeck MY (3)~~ ~~MBC 14-103~~ ~~[illegible]~~
Jenbeck MY (4) MBC 14-4 4.2-5.2
Garmisch Partenkirchen M/Y (5) MBC 13-214 D.7-4.2
1st: Inn/Rattenberg RR Bridge MBC 14-145 MPI: ; 2nd: Innsbruck/Seefeld MBC 14-100

OTHER WINGS:

| | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Same targets as 47th Wing | |
| 49th: | " " " " | |
| 55th: | " " " " | |
| 304th: | " " " " | |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Operation is against three key bridges in Southern Germany. There are 3 rail lines entering Innsbruck: the main electrified line from Munich via Rosenheim; the single track electrified line from Munich; and the single track electrified line from Friedrichshafen. An undefended railway bridge on each of these lines has been selected for attack. If all 3 bridges are destroyed the Brenner line will be sealed off and east-west traffic over lines described will be blocked.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET:
The Friedrichshafen-Innsbruck line is of high capacity and has not been subjected to previous attack. Much traffic has been routed over this line and 4 divisions are now reported using this route moving west and east.

NO. OF PLANES: 27 BOMB LOAD: 1000 RTK .1 ns and .01 ID

GROUP FORMATION: 1st: 513, 2nd: 514, 3rd: 515, 4th: 512

WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th
Remote rendez - S. Vito Chietano (4217N 1427E)

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Pistoia (4356N 1055E) to Correggio (4446E 1047E) to Lonate (4527N 1030E) to Ossanna (4619N 1043E) to Mountain Peak (4703N 1108E) to Haining (4716N 1053E) to tgt

I.P.: Haining (4716N 1053E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 242°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 14,500 TURN OFF TARGET: Right to Jachenau (4735N 1126E)

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Jachenau (4735N 1126E) to Coast 4538N 1306E) to 4330N 1340E to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Target area and withdrawal cover in Udine area

FLAK: Target: No flak reports available
Rattenberg: No flak reports available
Seefeld/Innsbruck: 59 guns at Innsbruck. By remaining west of target, fire of these guns may be almost of entirely avoided.
Landeck and Jenbach - No flak reports available.

FIGHTERS: Tgt Negligible or nil opposition is anticipated although in view of the unusual nature of the operations there is a possiblility of an attempt at interception over the tgt areas of 5-10 SEF and 2-3 Me 262s from Munich area. Any operations of Italian Fascist Air Force will probably be limited to a few Me 109 sorties against stragglers although may be sighted.

Hungarian line change:
COMMENTS: In region northof Danube, line passes along Garam River from Kazarovce (north of Leva), to Nswtergom on Danube.
Positive identification of bridges will be made before bombing.
There will be no violation of Swiss neutrality. Bombs will be returned to base rather than take any risks of bombing Swiss territory.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0630
Trucks 0720
Take Off 0820 if remote rendez 0825
On course 0903 1026 Target time 1312

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MISSION NO. 419 PLAN BAKER 27 Feb 1945

TARGET: Dest Salzburg M/Y TCS14-111 MPI: 5.3-11.3
Alternates: Kufstein M/Y MBC 13-12 5.9-4.7
Lienz M/Y MBC 14-97 5.8-5.6

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Augsburg M/Y | 1315 |
| 40th: | | 1340 |
| 55th: | | 1350 |
| 304th: | | 1330 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Rapid change in car loadings indicates a high volume of traffic. Objective of the attack is interdication as well as destruction of trains.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Recent reports from inside Germany indicate also that movement of various German governmental agencies to Salzburg already is underway. Tgt was last attacked 25 Feb. Damage report showed all lines in forward sidings cut or blocked as well as onesor two in the sortings sidings but all damage is temporary in character.

NO. OF PLANES: 27 BOMB LOAD: 1000 RDX .1 ns and .01 TD

GROUP FORMATION: 1st: 513, 2nd: 514, 3rd: 515, 4th: 512.

WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th.
Remote rendezvous Tisteno Point (4526N 1638E)
ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4430N 1340E to Coast (4538N 1306E) to Sacile (4557N 1230E) to Schliersee (4744N 1152E) to Wasserburg (4504N 1213E) to IP to tgt

I.P.: Tittmoning (4804N 1246E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 143°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Left to lake (4743N 1328E)

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to 4743N 1328E to Sacile (4557N 1230E) to Coast (4358N 1306E) to 4340N 1340E to base

FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration, target, withdrawal

FLAK: Target: 40 guns at Salzburg with 9 at Berchtesgaden to the south. Defenses will be entered 7 mi from tgt. At 3 mi from tgt, formation will be in range of 40 guns. Rally heading of 110-120 deg will bring formation most quickly out of flak.
Kufstein- No flak reports available.
Lienz - No AA defenses in this area according to photo cover

FIGHTERS: Target: Negligible opposition expected. Possibility of harrassing attack by 15-20 SEF trainers and few Me 262 from Munich area if favorable opportunity presents itself. Enemy can move in effective fighters although such action is unlikely. If it does, enemy effort is likely to be an additional 40-50 SEF. Over northern Italy, fighter estimation is the same as indicated in Plan A

| TIME SUMMARY: | Briefing | 0720 | | |
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| | Trucks | 0755 | | |
| | Take Off | 0855 | | |
| | On course | 0938 | Target | 1336 |



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MISSION NO. 419 PLAN "ABLE" 26 FEBRUARY 1945

TARGET: Hagyeshalom M/Y RF: Photos MPI:

Alternates: Bruck M/Y TCS 14-122 J.6-9.2
Maribor North M/Y TCS 8-14 L.3-17.1
Padua M/Y TC 4-67-NA Q/B-12/13

OTHER WINGS:

| | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Bratislava Main & Rangier M/Ys | 1258 |
| 49th | Nove Zamky M/Y | 1245 |
| 55th | Bratislava Main & Rangier M/Ys | 1220 |
| 304th | Hatvan M/Y | 1253 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The target is one from which the Germans are using to supply their present counter-offensive in Hungary. Recent photo cover shows a marked increase in activity and the number of cars which are know to include A.F.V. & M/T.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Attacked on 6 Dec., but has since been repaired. Photo cover shows 660 units including many loade flats.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb MIX .1 ns & .01 tl

WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th. SQDN FORM: A 13
B 14
C 15
D 12

ROUTE OUT: Randy point to Bos Novi (4503N-1622E) to Paka (4636N-1639E) to IP to tgt.

I.P.: Csorna (4737N-1715E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 349°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 21,000' RALLY: Left rally to Ferto Szt Miklos (4736N-1652E

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to Gereze (4712N-1701E) to Paka (4636N-1639E) to Bos Novi (4503N-1622E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide close escort on penetration and withdrawal.

FLAK: No photo recce flak reports. On 6 Dec, nil flak reported
Alternates: Bruck-27 guns. Rally to the south.
Maribor-32 guns. Make a sharp left rally.

FIGHTERS: The enemy is capable of putting up from 40 to 50 Me 109's & FW 190's. Attention is called to the fact that on 21 Feb. fighters were airborne in the Vienna area. Although no interception was reported, it is known that the enemy has orders to attack stragglers in any area where our escort in not present.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0645
Trucks 0730
Take off 0830
On course 0920
Target 1230

COMMENTS: No alternate targets within 100 miles of the Russian line, except those assigned will be bombed.

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MISSION NO. 419 PLAN "CHARLIE" 25 FEBRUARY 1945

TARGET: Orta M/Y RUF: MRC 4-23 MPI: 6.3-6.1 & 6.5-6.8

Alternates: Padua M/Y TC 4-67-NA Q/B-12/13
Brescia M/Y TC 4-104-NA C/D-20

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
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| 5th | Verona-Porto Nuova Depot | 1300 to 1335 |
| 49th | San Ambrogio M/Y | 1320 to 1340 |
| 55th | Trento North & South M/Ys | |
| 304th | Bolzano M/Y | |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Photo cover of 23 Feb showed 1770 units of rolling stock along the Brenner Line between San Ambrogio and Bolzano. A great manyof these units are loaded with tanks and heavy equipment. Flag wagons were attached to the trains and it seems reasonable to believe that this is a troop movement out of Italy. The Brenner is blocked at the Aviso Viaduct and activity at Trento and Verona indicate trans shipment around the block.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The targets selected are those yards showing the greatest concentration of trains. Photo cover shows 334 units in this area.

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb RDX .1 ns & .01 tl.

WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th. SQDN FORM. A 13
B 14
C 15
D 12

ROUTE OUT: Pestoia (4356N-1055E) to Soncino (4524N-0952E) to Vezza D'o (4615-1022) to IP

I.P.: Castelbetto (4637N-1054E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 136°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000' RALLY: Rally right to Pisogne (4548N-1007E)

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to Songino (4524N-0951E) to Pistoia (4356N-1055E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide close escort on penetration & withdrawal.

FLAK: Photo cover 21 Feb showed 32 guns with 72 at Bolzano 10 miles to the north. Moderate, inaccurate to accurate reported. The field of fire will be entered about 5 miles from the target. An attack heading greater than 145° would carry the bombers through the Bolzano defenses. A sharp right rally should be started as soon as possible. Alternates: Padua-18 guns. On 24 Feb 460th Op reported nil. a rally greater than 220° is recommended to avoid the Rovigo defenses.
Brescia-4 guns. Rally to the South.

FIGHTERS: The Italian Air Force is capable of 35 Me 109's. Principle threat to stragglers.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0740
Trucks 0850
Take off 0940
On course 1003
Target 1345

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MISSION NO. 419 HI. PLAN "DOG" 26 FEBRUARY 19

TARGET: Doboj R.R. Bridge
1st. Alt. Zagreb W & E M/Y
Caprag O/R
Brod S & N. M/Y

REF: HC 2-14
~~TC/8-4-XX~~ BCS 8-15 T.4-12
~~TC/8-37-XX~~ MBC 8-3 6-5.3

OTHER WINGS

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| 5th | Brod N & S M/Y at 1400 hrs. |
| 49th | Caprag O/R & Zagreb O/R at 1430 hrs. |
| 55th | Brod RR & Hwy Bridges at 1430 hrs. |
| 304th | Zagreb E & W M/Y at 1400 hrs. |

Importance of Mission: Under this plan, Air Force will attack all oil and rail targets in Yugoslavia.

Importance of Tgt. The tgt. is the RR Bridge which crosses the Bosna River about two miles south of the dity. One of the last links in the German evacuation and supply system in Yugoslavia. Yugoslavs are known to have more than fifteen divisions in Yugo and mos are concentrated in this corridor.

No. of planes. 28 Bomb. Load 500 RDX .1.ol

Wing Formation. 376.98.449.450 Sq. Form. 13,14.15.12

Route out: San Vito to Tisteno Pt. 4256 1638 to lake 4456 1646 to IP to tgt.

IP Kobas 4506 1744 for 98 and 376. 449 & 450 use Orljavac for attack on Brod O/R.

Axis: 145 deg. Alt. 21000 Rally heading: Left

Route Back: Tgt. to Teslic 4436 1751 to Sumartin 4319 1653 to base/

Fighter Escort: Provide target cover in the Brod area and Doboj area.

Flak: Doboj - 10,Zagreb 96, Caprag - No reports, Brod, 66

Fighters: 10 to 15 Me 109's in Zagreb area may shadow our formations to attack stragglers. Generally though, they have been used in a tactical capacity on the front.

Comments: See other plans for comments & Russian Front Line.

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| Briefing. | 0940 |
| Trucks | 1040 |
| T/O | 1140 |
| On Course | 1247 |
| Tgt. | 1500 |

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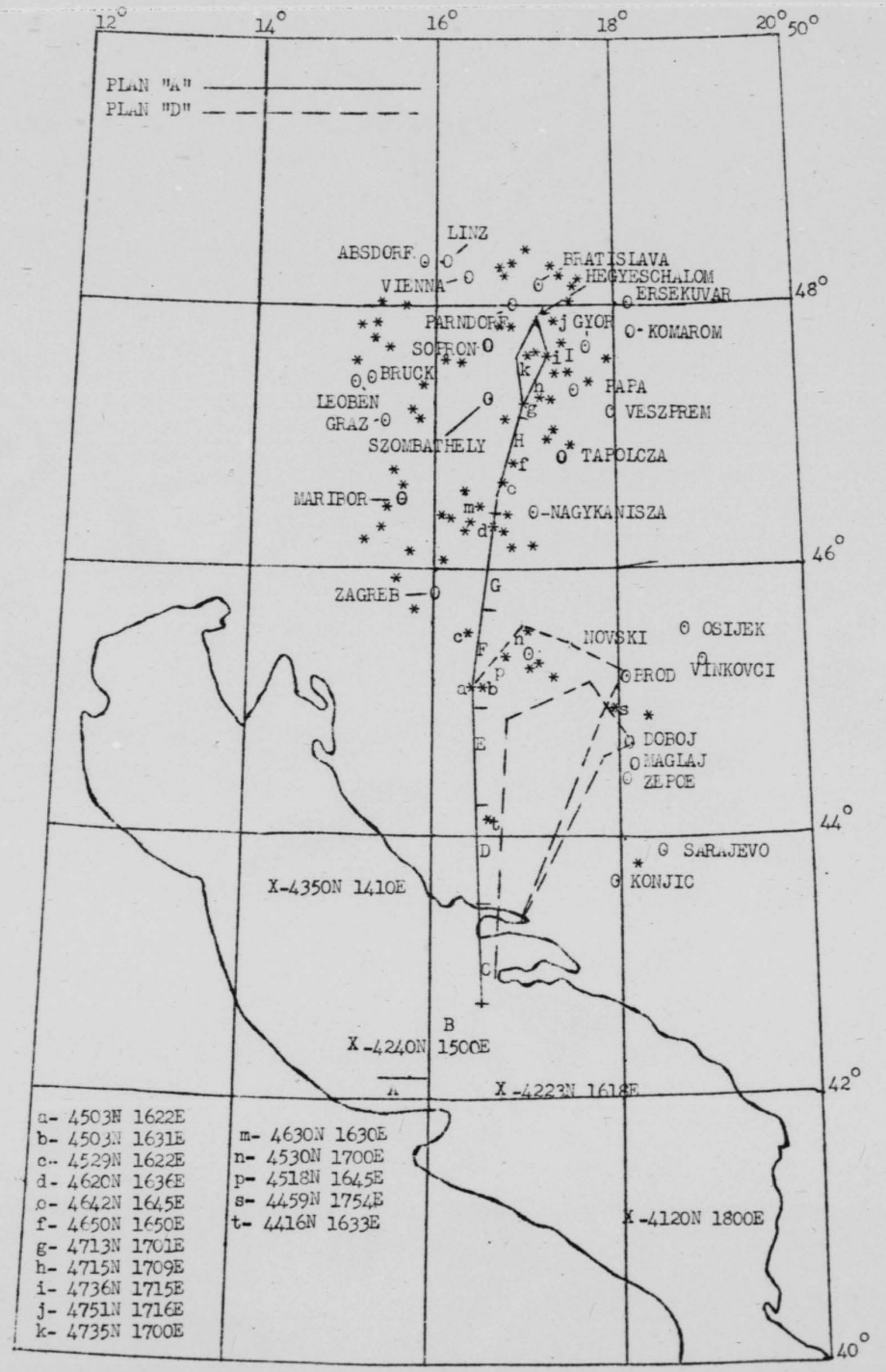
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 238

PLAN "A" AND "D" MISSION OF 26 FEB. 1945



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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
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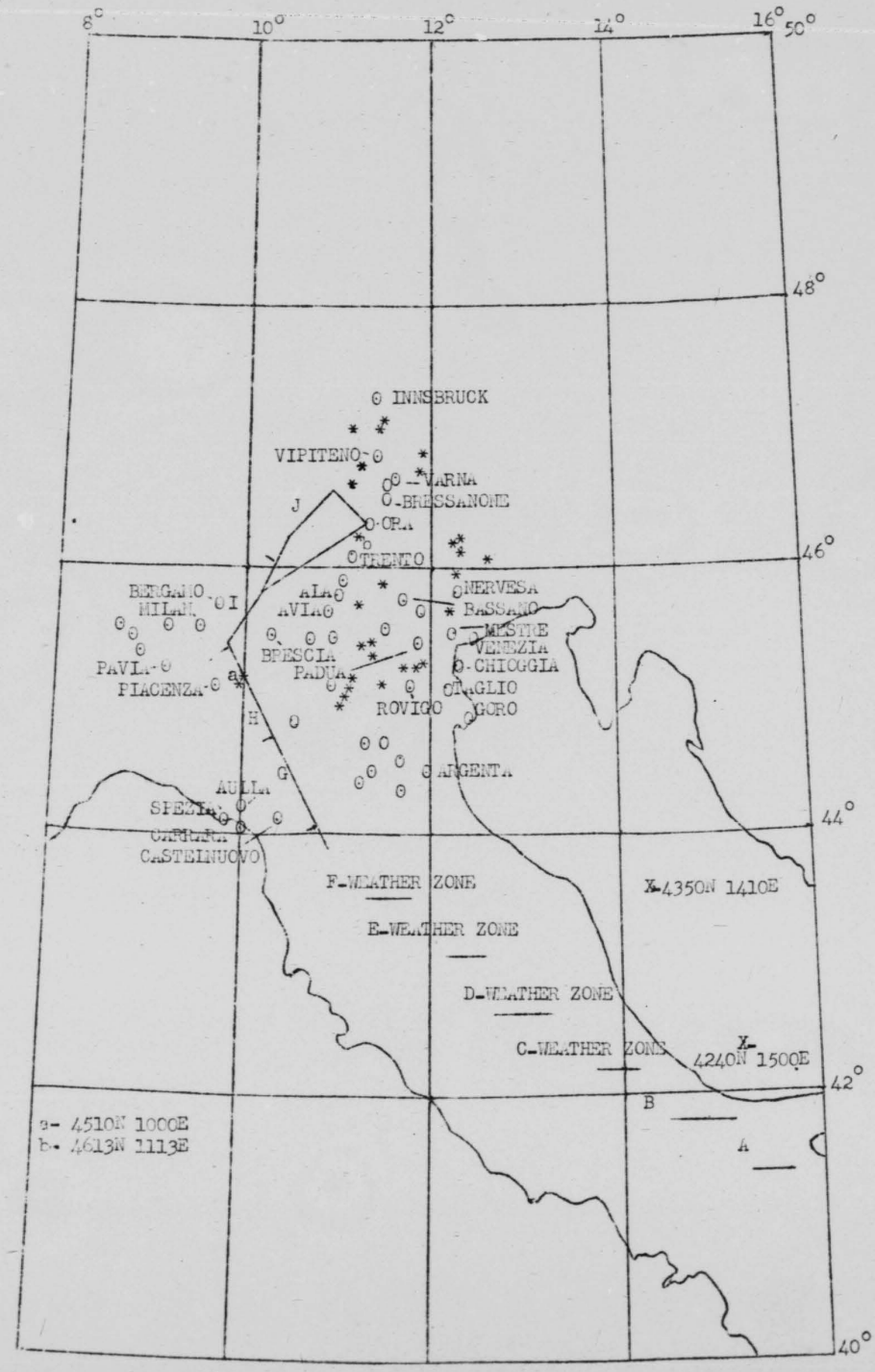
PLAN "C" MISSION OF 26 FEB. 1945

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MISSION NO. 418 PLAN "ABLE" 25 February 1945.

TARGET: Linz South Main M/Y RDF: 1/4-10/4 MPI: J.6-6.9 & J.7-7.5
PFF MPI: G.7-12.3
MBC 1/-29 Supplement F.4-6.2
MBC 1/-131 E.3-9.8
TC 1-120A-HA O-7/8

ALTERNATES: Wels M/Y
Saalfelden M/Y
Mestre Main M/Y

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Linz S. Main M/Y also N. Main M/Y | 1245 |
| 49th | " " | 1300 |
| 55th | Linz Benzol Plant | 1300 |
| 304th | Linz South Main also N. Main M/Y | 1330 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Despite recent heavy attacks against communications facilities in Linz the Main M/Y - target of the 47th wing - showed 2,000 units present on 16 Feb. Only light damage was inflicted in the attacks of 17 & 18 Feb.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Linz, because of a multiplicity of strategic objectives, is high on the list of priority targets in S. Germany and Austria. The M/Y is a bottleneck in the vital rail line between Munich and Vienna. These yards deal with traffic on the main Vienna and Munich line at a point where branch lines run N. into Czechoslovakia and S. to Italy and Yugo.

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb Gen Pur .1 ns and .01 tail

WING FORMATION: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th. SQ FORM: 513
514
515
512

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to IP 4430-1340 to CP 4538-1306 to Sacile 4557-1230 to Wasserburg 4803-1213 to Eggenfelden 4824-1146 to IP to Tgt.

I.P. Engelhartszell 4830-1343 AXIS OF ATTACK: 120 degs true

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500 RALLY: Rally left around Steyer, to rally point.

RALLY POINT: Moenichdorf - 4822-1448

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to rally point to Judenburg 4710-1440 to Zara 4406-1516 to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort PTW

FLAK: Recent photo cover shows 161 guns at Linz. The defenses will be entered about 9 miles or 2 minutes from the target. At 7 miles from the target, the formation will be within range of approx. 24 heavy guns. This number builds up to 90 at 5 miles from the target and 146 over the M/Y itself.

Wels:
Saalfelden - No phot recce flak reports or experience available.
Mestre - 24 guns

ENEMY FIGHTERS: Possible harassing attacks by a few EAF from training units.

COMMENTS: See comments on plan baker

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0630
Trucks 0710
Take Off 0810
Oncourse 0901
Target 1310

50 P-51s at 1213 Steyr

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MISSION NO. 418 PLAN "BAKER" 25 February 1945.

TARGET: Verona Loco Depot REF: 4-210-NA MPI: J/K - 5/6

ALTERNATES: Padua M/Y 4-67-NA MPI: P-12/13
Mestre M/Y 4-120B-NA 0-7/8

OTHER WINGS: ~~All other wings will stand down.~~ See below same as 47th

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Recent photo cover has shown a large turnover from day to day among the active rolling stock dispersed on cleared sidings and on through lines of the Porto Nuova M/Y. M/T activity along the sidings has also been evident. These two factors indicate that much use is being made of this yard at night and ground reports state that a division, bound for the Eastern front, entrained here. Photo cover of 23 Feb showed 240 active units present. Reconnaissance to assess the damage of the attack of 23 Feb is not yet available.but bomb strike photos indicate a small number of hits in the station area only.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Photos of 23 Feb showed 30 locos on the approaches to the depot, many of which were not hit. This attack will insure the destruction of the repair depot. This depot and M/Y is used for the entraining of troops for the eastern front as well as storage and re-routing of supplies to Italy. It is one of the main yards on the Brenner pass line.

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb Gen Pur .1 ns and .01 tail

WING FORMATION: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th. Sq Formation: 513
514
515
512

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Pistoia 4356-1055 to IP to target.

I.P. Rodigo 4512-1038 AXIS OF ATTACK: 47 dgs true

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500 RALLY: Rally right of rally point Cerea 4512-1113

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to rally point to Pavullo 4420-1050 to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort PTW.

FLAK: Photo cover to 17 Feb shows 138 guns in the Verona area. The field of fire of an 18 guns cluster will be entered about 8 miles from the target. At 4 miles from the target the number of guns in range begins to build up from 18 to about 80 at 2 miles from the target. A sharp right rally as soon as bombs away will minimize the number of guns encountered.

Padua - 18 guns
Mestre - 24 guns

ENEMY FIGHTERS: The Italian Fascist Air Force is capable of 35 ME 109 sorties at this time. Attacks will probably be made against stragglers only.

COMMENTS: SPECIAL BRIEFING INSTRUCTIONS. It is the policyof this command to attack only strategic targets of military value to the enemy. All attacks in or near cities and other populated centers are directed at specific and carefully selected industrial or military or transportation targets directly related to the enemy's war effort. This Air Force does not repeat not undertake "morale" bombing or attacks against population centers or evacuation movements. This policy will be clearly stated at each briefing. Recent press releases have given inaccurate statements on strategic bombing policy and it is essential that correct policy be clearly understood by all personnel of this command at each briefing, however, all air crew personnel will be directed not to discuss bombing policy if taken prisoner or after landing in friendly territory.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0700
Trucks 0735
Take off 0835
On course 0938
Target 1245

40 - P-51s or 4356N - 1055E
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Mission No: 417 Plan "Able" 24 Feb. 1945

TARGET: Komarom M/Y
ALT'S: Galanta M/Y
Maribor M/Y
Zagreb West M/Y

Ref: TC 12-12NA MPI M-16, 17, 18
MBC 12-19 MPI 5.4-5
TC 8-14 MPI L.5-17.4
TC 8-15 MPI E.10.95

OTHER WGS: TARGET
5th Bratislava/Rangier M/Y
49th Gyor Main M/Y
55th Bratislava/Rangier M/Y
304th Nove Zamky/ M/Y

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This attack is inyended to disrupt communications and destroy military supplies and equipment which the Germans are moving into and unloading at M/Y's in close proximity to the fighting front. Rail centers between Bratislava and the area of German counter-offensive in Hungary contain considerable concentration of armored vehicles on flat cars. Todays target: 400-500 cars.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The double track Vienna-Budapest route through Gyor passes through this M/Y. Entire effort of the Fifteenth Air Force will be concentrated in this operation on close cooperation with the Russian ground operations east of Vienna.

NO. OF PLANES 27 BOMB LOAD 500lb RDX .1 & .01 SQDN FRM: 512th 514th 515th 513th

WING FORMATION: 98th, 376th, 450th & 449th

ROUTE OUT: Base to assembly point to IP Zara (4407-1515) to TP Judenburg (4710-1439) to TP Horn (4840-1540) to TP Modra (4820-1718) to IP to [redacted] Target.

I.P.: Vasarut, 4759'N 1744'E AXIS OF ATTACK: 132 Dgs true

BOMBING ALT: 25,500 RALLY: Left to Domos 4746 1855

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to TP Paks 4638-1851 to TP Davor 4507-1731 to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort PTW. One group attack, by dive-bombing, Amsteeten M/Y, then strafe RR traffic east from target to Vienna.
FLAK: Photo cover of 25 Dec. shows 21 heavy guns. Proximity of Russian lines makes it possible that this has been increased in view of employment of 88-mm guns as field artillery. It is recommended evasive action be taken after release of bombs.

GALANTA: No photo recce flak reports available.
MARIBOR: 36 heavy guns, reported scant, inaccurate heavy flak. Sharp right rally recommended, rally heading should be greater than 210°

FIGHTERS: Negligible or nil fighter opposition is anticipated. The enemy is capable of 40 to 50 Me 109's and Fw 190 sorties.

COMMENTS: Because of proximity of target to Russian front lines bombing will be visual only and targets will be attacked only after postive identification beyond all shadow of doubt. No alternate targets within 100 miles of the Russian lines will be bombed except those assigned, No PFF withing 100 miles of lines except Graz North M/Y and Wiener Neustadt.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0620 |
| Trucks | 0710 |
| Take Off | 0810 |
| Target | 1249 |

Russian front line change as of 21 Feb: southeast of Guben 5157-1506 (Bobersberg), southwest to Pforten, southeast to 5138-1457, south to Priebus, to Rothenburg, south - east of Waldau, to 5109-1526.

P.O.W. Camp #135 is located near south end of RR bridge a mile and a half west ofthe M/Y. Attention also should be paid to Camp #152. Disregard camps number 149, 150, & 151 in Bratislava area, they have been closed.

FLAK AT ZAGREB: Photo cover 5 Feb show 90 heavy guns in area, left rally is recommended

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MISSION NO: 417 24 Feb 1945 PLAN BAKER

TARGET: Verona Loco Repair Depot REF: TC 4-210 MPI J/K 5/6
ALTN'S: Udine M/Y TC 4-137 I/J-10/11
Padua M/Y TC 4-67 O/R-12/13
Mestre M/Y TC 4-120A N/O-6

OTHER WINGS: Target
5th Communications at Verona
49th Targets on Brenner line
55th " " " "
304th " " " "

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: A limited area of Porto Nuovo has been cleared for the passage of through traffic and for the dispersal of train lengths in the sidings. This target and others on the line have been used to entrain troops.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This loco depot has been previously damaged in other attacks continues to be repaired and used by the enemy.30 to 40 locos have been present on recent photo cover.

NO OF PLANES: 27 BOMB LOAD:' 500 lb RDX .1 & .01 Sqdn Form: 512
515
514
WING FORMATION: 98th, 376th, 450th, 449th 513

ROUTE OUT: Base to assembly point to IP Sansego 4431-1418 to CP Stra-Fuzine 4617-1354 to TP Sedico 4607-1206 to IP to Target.

I.P. Schio 4543-1121 AXIS OF ATTACK: 223 Dgs true

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500 RALLY: Slight left, evasive action to Rally Point Curatone 4509-1042.

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to TP Prato 4353-1107 to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escortXXXX PTW

FLAK: Recent photo cover shows 152 heavy guns in the Verona area. The defenses will be entered about 9 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the M/Y the formation will be in range of about 66 guns. As the target is approached this number builds up to about 100. A rally heading between 180 dgs and 240 dgs would minimize the flak.

FIGHTERS: The enemy fighter capability in N. Italy is estimated at 2- to 30 SEP. NIL opposition is expected.

COMMENTS: Attention is again directed to security regulations that prohibit the discussion of this plan or any proposed operation in the event of cancellation.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0810
Trucks 0850
Take Off 0950
Target 1352

FLAK AT ALTERNATES:
Udine - 24 guns - scant, accurate
Padua - 24 guns
Mestre - 30 guns

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MISSION NO: 417 TH. 24 Feb. 1945 PLAN CHARLIE"

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| TARGET: | Vienna South Ord. Depot. | Ref: | TC 14-108 | MPI M.8-13.3 |
| ALT'S: | Graz North M/Y | | TC 14-41A | MPI H/I-12 |
| | Weiner Neustaadt M/Y | | TC 14-119 | MPI H08-V09 |
| | Bruck M/Y | | TC 14-122 | MPI J.6-9.2 |

OTHER WINGS: TARGETS
5th SAME AS 47th Wing
49th " " " "
55th " " " "
304th " " " "

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Included in the attacks will be the freight and M/Y's at the SE Goods Depot and Matzleinsdrof. A large proportion of the loading facilities are still undamaged. Wheel train lengths of supplies and equipment are tied up by cratered lines. Most sections of the South Ord, Depot have sustained moderate to heavy damage but store houses and maintenance shops remain undamaged.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This operation will send all bomber wings of the 15th Air Force on a planned PFF mission against communications and industrial targets in the Vienna South Ord, Depot area. Anticipated activity on the Hungarian front gives added importance to this communications center.

NO. OF PLANES 28 BOMB LOAD: 500lb RDX .1 & .01 SQD FMN: 512th 514th 515th 513th

WING FORMATION: 98th, 376th, 450th, and 449th

ROUTE OUT: Base to assemblt point to IP Zara 4407-1515 to TP Judenburg 4710-1439 to TP Moos 4741-1456 to IP to Target.

I.P: Michelbach 4806-1545. AXIS OF ATTACK 80 Dgs true

BOMBING ALT: 25,500. RALLY: Right to Illmitz 4746-1648

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to TP Seled 4728-1706 to TP Bos Krupa 4453-1609 to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Provide close escort for all wings on P.T.W.

FLAK: Photo cover to 14 Feb. shows 331 heavy guns in the Vienna area, (see Flak Map 4E-451. On 19 Feb all Wings reported flak at Vienna as moderate/inaccurate to intense/accurate. Sharp right rally will keep formation out of range of 30 to 40 guns which can just reach south and west to the M/Y area. Attention is invited to the 18 guns at Sopron.

FIGHTERS: Refer to Plan "A"

COMMENTS: Refer to Plan "A".

FLAK AT ALT'S:

Graz, photo cover to 17 Feb. shows 24 heavy guns in area, 17 Feb. 47th Wing reorted scant/inaccurate to intense/accurate flak here. Sharp right rally will minimize exposure to flak.

Wiener Neustadt photo cover 16 Feb shows no heavy guns remaining here; 18 at Sopron 19 miles SE. 21 Feb. 6 a/c of the 459th reported the heavy flak as scant and inaccurate.

Bruck: Photo cover 17 Dec. shows 27 heavy guns here with 10 more at Leoben; On 19 Feb. 28 bombers reported flak at this target as scant and inaccurate. Sharp left rally is recommended.

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MISSION NO. 415. PLAN "B" 23 February 1945.

TARGET: Verona/Porto Nuova Trackage REF: TC 4-210-NA MPI: J/L-9/10
Alternates: Udine M/Y TC 4-137-NA L-9
Padua Northeast M/Y TC 4-67-NA P-12/13
Mestre Main M/Y TC 4-120A-NA O-7/8

OTHER WINGS: Target Time
5th: Amstetten Main M/Y and Station M/Y
49th: Amstetten Main M/Y and Station M/Y
55th: Wels M/Y and Loco Depot.
304th: Gmund West M/Y

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: A limited area of Porto Nuova M/Y has been cleared for the passage of through traffic and for the dispersal of train lengths in the sidings. Ground reports indicate that several thousand German troops have been moved into the Verona area for transfer to other fronts.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Verona is the terminus of the vital Brenner Pass Line from Germany astride the main east-west line across northern Italy.

NO. OF PLANES: 26 BOMB LOAD: 250 lb. GP (.1N .025TD) SQDN FORM: A 515
B 512
C 513
D 514

WING FORM: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th.

ROUTE OUT: Base to remote assembly points Korcula (4259N 1637E) to 4430N 1340E to 4538N 1306E to Sedico (4607N 1206E) to IP.

I.P.: Schid (4543N 1121E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 223°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000' RALLY: Slight left using evasive action to rally point Curtatone (4509N 1042E)

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to Prato (4353N 1107E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort on PTW

Flak: 152 heavy guns in the Verona-Peschiera area. The defenses will be entered about 9 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the M/Y, the formation will be in range of approx. 66 heavy guns. As the target is approached this number builds up to about 100.
Alternates: Udine 24 guns; Padua 24 guns.

FIGHTERS: The enemy fighter capability in North Italy is estimated at 20 to 30 SEF. Nil opposition is expected.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0715 |
| Trucks | 0800 |
| Take off | 0900 |
| On course | 1032 |
| Target | 1230 |

RUSSIAN FRONT LINE CHANGE AS OF 20 FEB: North of TORUN: 5338N 1843E (NOME), northeast to 5343-1847, southwest to 5342-1841, northwest to OSIEK, to OSIECZNO, southwest to RACIAZ. North of BRESNO: 4915-1943, southwest to LIPTON SV. MIKULAS, west to 4903-1930, east to 4901-1939, southeast to MATUZINA.

Fighter Escort - 40 P-51's will meet the formation at 4500N-1325E at 1143 hours.

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MISSION NO. 415 PLAN CHARLIE 22 Feb 1945

TARGET: Verona Loco' P, air Depot TC 4-210-NA MAI: J/K-5/6
Secondary: Udine M/Y TC 4-137-NA
Padua M & M/Y TC 4-67-NA

OTHER WINGS:

| | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Verona/Porto Nuova Main M/Y | |
| 49th: | Bolazano M/Y | |
| 55th: | Fortezza M/Y | |
| 304th: | Vicitano M/Y 2 Grps and Ora M/Y 2 Grps. | |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: A limted area of Porto Nuova M/Y has been cleared for the passage of the only traffic and for the dispersal of train lengths in the sidings. Ground reports indicate that several thousand German troops have been moved into the Verona area for transfer to other fronts.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Verona is the terminus of the vital Brenner line from Germany astride the main east-west line across northen Italy

NO. OF PLANES: 26 Bomb Load: 500 RDX .T & .01 Grp Frmn: A-512 B-515 C-514 D-513

Group Leading: 376; Wg Frmn: 376, 98th - 449 450th

Route Out: San Vito to TP San Bego (4431-1418) to CP Stara Fuzina (4617 - 1354) at 23,000 ft at 1340 A to TP Arsie (4559-1145) to IP to Target.

I.P.: Schio (4543-1120) Axis of Attack: 223 Degrees True

Bombing Alt: 24,000 Turn off Target: Slight left, evasive action.

Route Back: Rally Point Curtatone (4509-1042) to TP Prato (4335-1107) to Base

Fighter Escort: Close escort on PTW.

Flak: Verona-Vescchiera area 152 heavy guns as of 14 Feb. Night of 12/13 Feb. reported scant to moderate, inaccurate heavy.

Time Summary:

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| Briefing | 0510 |
| Trucks | 0750 |
| Take Off | 0955 |
| On Course | 1042 |
| Target | 1425 |

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MISSION NO. 414 PLAN CHARLIE 21 February 1945.

TARGET: Matzleinsdorf M/Y (Vienna) REF: BCS 14-108 MPI: ~~F.7-11.2~~ F.8-11.8

Alternates: Bruck M/Y TCS 14-122 J.2-9.8
Maribor N. M/Y TCS 8-14 L.5-17.4
Trieste Commercial Port TC 4-116-NA I-18

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Vienna Central Yards | 1300 |
| 49th | Vienna South Station | ~~1345~~ |
| 55th | Vienna/Matzleinsdorf M/Y | 1345 |
| 304th | Vienna Central Yards | 1345 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: To affect disorganization of the enemy's ground defense which has been evidenced by results of recent attacks; and future attacks will hamper any repair effort and will add to the general confusion. A series of temporary blocks have interrupted the flow of vital military traffic throughout the past week when the collapse of Budapest is believed to have made a redistribution of enemy forces imperative. Damage to trackage has made much of the M/Y areas inoperative requiring this function to be completed outside the city.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: There were 435 wagons present at the last bombing. This M/Y is one of the main sorting centers for goods in transit to Italy. It contains transhipment sheds, goods depot and sidings. It occupies an area approx 4,000' by 900'

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb RDX .1 ns and .01 tail

WING FORMATION: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th. Sqdn Form: A 514
B 513
C 512
D 515

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Zara (4407N 1515E to Judenburg (4710N 1439E) to Moos (4741N ~~1456~~ 1456E to IP to Tgt.

I.P. Michelback (4806N 1545E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 80 dgs

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500 TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp right rally

RALLY POINT: Pernitz (4754N 1557E)

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to Vrbovec (4553N 1626E) to Zara 4407N 1515E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort on penetration and withdrawal.

FLAK: The defenses will be entered about 11 miles from the target. At seven miles from the M/Y, the formation will be within range of approx 40 heavy guns. As the target is approached, this number builds up to about 100.

FIGHTER OPPOSITION: From 40 to 50 SEF are available for the defense of this target.

ALTERNATES: Bruck - 27 guns
Maribor - 36 guns
Trieste

COMMENTS: Russian arm bands will be issued. Hungarian Front line changes: west of GRAN River line passes north of BENY, 4 miles north of SZOGYEN, 2 miles N. of MUZSLA, N. & W. BATONKESZ, river N. of SUTTO.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0705 |
| Trucks | 0750 |
| Take Off | 0850 |
| On course | 0951 |
| Target | 1325 |

50 P-51's at 4710N-1439E at 1252

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MISSION NO. 444 P. PLAN ABLE 20 JANUARY 1945

TARGET: Vipiteno M/Y REF: TC 4-233-NA MPI: [illegible]J.8-10.0

Alternates: Pola TC [illegible]4-51-NA F-12
Fiume Shipyard TC 4-29-NA J/K-3/4
Trieste Shipyard TC 4-116-NA J-10/11

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Lobau and Schwechat Ml Ref | |
| 49th | Bolzano M/Y | |
| 55th | Fortezza M/Y & Ora M/Y | |
| 304th | Porto Nuova M/Y | |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The bombing of this rail facility is intended to give maximum assistance to the MATAF campaign to maintain interdiction on the Brenner supply route. Even temporary cuts will delay traffic movement and put an additional strain on already overworked repair facilities and crews.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Latest cover, 17 Feb., shows 350 cars

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb MDX .1 ns & .01 tail

WING FORMATION: 98th, 376th, 450th, 449th. BOMB RUN: A 513
B 514
C 515
D 512

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Sansego (4431N-1418E) to Starn Pusina (4617N-1352E) to Zellsee(4719N-1248E) to IP to Tgt.

I.P.: Mayrhofen (4710N-1151E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 229°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp left to rally point Campo Tures (4656N-1158E)

ROUTE BACK: Rally point, Campotures (4655N-1157E) to Sacile (4556N-1230E) to (4538N-1305E) to(4350N-1340E) to Base.

ESCORT: Fighters to provide close escort on penetration and withdrawal.

FLAK: Photo cover to 15 Jan shows 8 guns at Vipiteno. Another 8 at Campo, four miles to the southwest, and none at Brunnero. Intense, accurate flak in reported on 16 Feb. The defenses will be entered about 6 miles from the target which is covered by 16 guns. A very sharp left rally should be started as soon as bombs are dropped, in order to avoid the field fire of the 24 guns north of Bressanone. A heading from the target less than 100° will permit this. Attention is invited to recent movements of guns positions and general strengthening of defenses in northern Italy which increases the importance of adhering to briefed courses.
Alternates: Pola-34 guns, scant to moderate, accurate, reported.
Fiume-8 guns, scant to moderate, inaccurate reported.
Trieste- 32 guns

FIGHTERS: Any aerial opposition encountered probably will be limited to attacks on stragglers by Me109's of the Italian Fascist Air Force.

Comments: Stress Special Escape Bulletin No. 16A attached to Weekly Escape Bulletin-No16

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0730
Trucks 0810
Take off 0910
On course 1011
Target 1331

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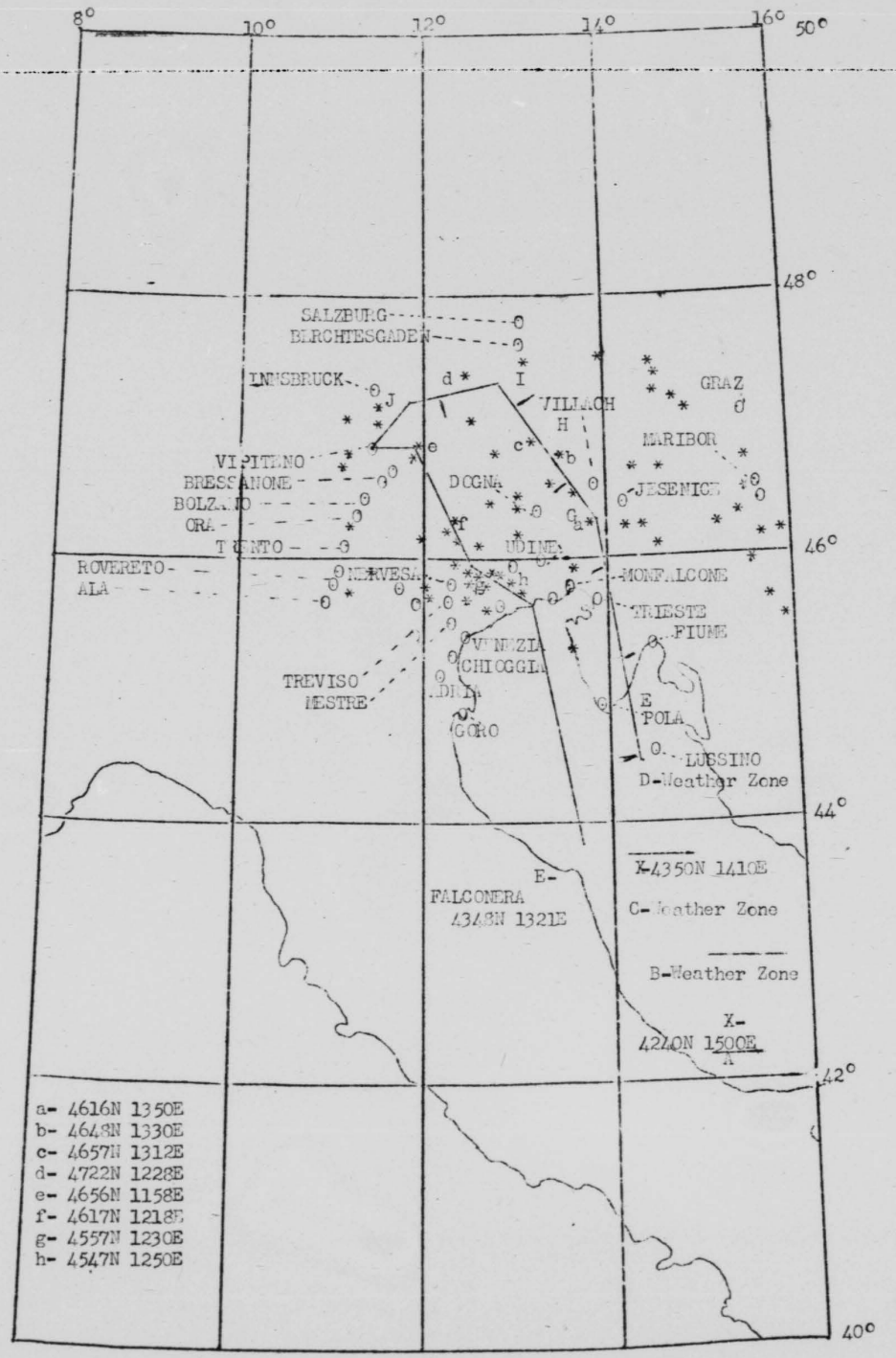
ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 231

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 20 FEB. 1945

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This chart is intented for distribution to the navigator of each crew and is designed to assist him in avoiding known flak defended areas. The enemy is capable of making rapid changes in the disposition of anti-aircraft guns on the basis of his estimate of what the Fifteenth Air Force considers priority targets. It is also known that the enemy has a number of mobile flak units in the territory over which the Fifteenth Air Force operates. The information on this chart is based on the latest known positions of German heavy anti-aircraft defences within an area extending at least 25 miles on each side of the briefed route. Any additional data obtained during the mission should be reported without fail during the post-mission interrogation.

Symbols used:

O - Known flak defended area. Photo reconnaissance has confirmed the location of anti-aircraft guns of heavy caliber.

* - Location at which crews have reported experiencing or seeing flak, but for which no photo reconnaissance confirmation has been received.

X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

E - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO. 412 PLAN "A" 19 February 1945.

TARGET: Vienna/Penzinger Goods Station REF: TCS 14-23NA MPI: see below *
Alternates: Maribor Main Goods Depot (#2) BCS 8-14 15-16/B-6
Graz Southeast M/Y (#1) TC 14-41A-NA ~~Rad~~ L.5-17.4
Fiume Shipyard (#3) TC 4-29-NA P-6
J/K-3/4

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Vienna Central Yards | 1230 |
| 49th: | Vienna South Station | 1205 |
| 55th: | Vienna/Matziensdorf Main Goods Depot | 1205 |
| 304th: | Vienna Central Yards & Shops | 1155 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This target area is the focal point of railroad and autobahn rt traffic. Attacks against this high priority target during recent weeks, the present time and in the near future is in direct cooperation with the Russian Ground Forces. Vienna undoubtedly is used as an assembly area for troops and military supplies whose importance increases daily due to the proximity of the Russian front.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This goods station has received little damage in recent attacks. Large concentrations of goods and wagons have resulted from damage to the Vienna Southeast traffic center. This yard controls traffic west to Salzburg and Linz and is the largest transit sidings in West Vienna.

NO. A/C 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb RDX .1 ns & .01 tail SQDN FORM: A 512
B 515
C 514
D 513

WING FORM: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Pelagosa (4224N 1615E) to Sv. Andrija (4301N 1545E) to Goli Island (4451N 1450E) to Judenburg (4710N 1440E) to Moos (4741N 1456E) to IP.

I.P.: Michelbach (4806N 1545E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 75°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp right.

ROUTE BACK: Rally point Gloggnitz (4740N 1555E) to Vrbovec (4553N 1625E) to Novigrad (4411N 1532E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort on penetration, tgt and withdrawal

FLAK: 331 guns in the Vienna area. The defenses will be entered about 8 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the target, the formation will be within range of approx. 38 guns. As the goods station is approached, this number builds up to about 80. It is pointed out that all heavy guns have been removed from Neinner Neustadt.
Alternates:
Graz - 18 guns
Maribor - 36 guns

FIGHTERS: On the basis of recent missions in the Vienna area, it is considered that the enemy air opposition will be negligible or nil. Appreciate, however, that 40 to 50 SEF are available for the defense of this target.

COMMENTS: Russian arm bands will be issued. Russian recognition signals to be issued.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing: | 0630 |
| Trucks : | 0715 |
| Take off: | 0815 |
| On course: | 0942 |
| Target: | 1215 |

Russian Front Line Change: 5207-1444 (Rampitz) southeast to Bobersberg, southeast to Gussen. 5103-1646, southeast to Tinz, to 5100-1703, south to Line.

* MPI just off target chart. Photo to go with TC will be issued at Group Briefing

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MISSION NO. 412. PAC PALN BAKER 19 February 1945

TARGET: Porto Nuova M/Y & Trackage in Front of Loco Depot REF: TGT CH 4-210-NA MPI: K-9

Alternates:

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|---|---|---|---|
| Pola | TC 1b-51-NA | MPI: | M-13 |
| Fiume Shipyard | TC 4-29-NA | | J/K-3/4 |
| Trieste Shipyard | TC 4-116-NA | | K-10/11 |

OTHER WINGS:

| | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | | |
| 49th: | Porto Nuova M/Y & Porto Vescova M/Y | 1440 to 1510 |
| 55th: | Bologna M/Y | ~~1320 to 1340~~ |
| 304th: | Porto Nuova M/Y, Porto Vescova M/Y | 1320 to 1340 |
| | " " " " | 1300 to 1320 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Successful attack on these North Italy communication facilities will seriously hamper distribution of supplies and equipment to German forces opposing the American Fifth and British Eighth Armies

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: ~~Xxxx~~ Photo recce shows 1,120 cars in the yard. This M/Y is a junction point on the south end of the Brenner Pass line.

NO OF A/C 28 BOMB LOAD: ~~XXXXXXXX~~: SQDN FOR: A 512
B 515
C 514
D 513

500 lb MDX .1 ns & .01 tail

WING FORM: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Pelagosa (4224N 1606E) to SV Andrija (4301N 1545E) to T.P. (4430N 1400E) to Coast (4538N 1306E) to Sedic (4607N 1206E) to I.P.

I.P. Schio (4543N 1121E)

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000 AXIS OF ATTACK: 222°

TURN OFF TARGET: Rally Left.

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to T.P. Polesello (4458N 1145E) to T.P.(4416N 1215E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide target and withdrawal cover

FLAK: Recce shows 146 guns in target area. The defenses will be entered about 9 miles from the target, at 5 miles from the M/Y, the formation will be in range of approx. 56 heavy guns. As the target is approached, this number builds up to about 90.

FIGHTERS: Any aerialoppposition encountered probably will be limited to attacks on stragglers by Me-109's of the Italian Fascist Air Force.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing: | 0840 |
| Trucks : | 0935 |
| Take Off: | 1035 |
| On course: | 1214 |
| Target : | 1415 |

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MISSION NO. 442 "LAY BAKER" 28 February 1945.

TARGET: Wels Main Marsh Yard. RP: MBC 14-99 MPI: F.C-6.2
Salzburg Marsh Yard PFF Alt. TC 13-13 MPI: C/R-18/19

Alternates: Salzburg M/Y TC 13-13 T/C-22/23
Maribor Main Goods Depot & Station BCS 8-14 L.5-17.4
Trieste Shipyard TC 4-116-NA K-10/11

OTHER WINGS:

| | Target | |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Linz Main M/Y and Benzol Plant | 1200 |
| 49th | St Valentin Tank Works | 1218 |
| 55th | Linz Main M/Y and Main Sta M/Y | 1213 |
| 304th | Amstettin Main M/Y and Sta sidings | 1236 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The Air Force is attacking industrial and communications targets in Austria. This plan is designed to take advantage of blocked yards, traffic disorganisation and general disruption of repair efforts in progress. These targets are of such importance that they merit re-attack.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Wels is on the main route from southern and western Germany to Vienna, Hungary and the Balkans. The main M/Y covers an area approx. 4,000 feet by 600 feet.

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb MDF, .1 ns & .01 tail

WING FORMATION: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th Sqdn Formation: A 512
B 515
C 514
D 513

ROUTE OUT: Pelagosa (4224N 1615E) to Sv Andrija ~~xx xxx~~(4301N 1545E) to Kirje (4340N 1540E) to Pack (4659N 1459E) to IP

I.P. Klaus (4750N 1410E)

TURN OFF TARGET: Rally sharp left to rally point Bad Aussee (4736N 1346E)

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to Ruden (4639N 1446E) to 4330N 1440E to base.

ESCORT: Fighters to provide close escort on penetration tgt. and withdrawal.

FLAK: As of 30 Jan, there are 157 guns in Linz-Steyr area but none at Wels. Formation will not encounter any known defenses. An attack heading of less than 335° would expose the formation to the fire of batteries at Steyr. The guns at the Horsching A/D can reach southwest to within 3 mi of the target so rallies hould be left.
Salzburg- 52 guns here and 9 at Berchtesgaden about 10 mi to south.
Maribor- 32 guns here. Sharp right rally will minimize exposure.

~~Alternates: Salzburg M/Y~~
~~Maribor Main Goods Depot & Station. Art Rally~~

FIGHTERS: Enemy opposition is not expected except possibly against stragglers. The 40-50 s/e and 10-15 t/e fighters from Vienna area may be airborne to oppose formation.

COMMENTS: Operational security and warning against loose talk reminding all crew members that cancelled targets must not be discussed.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0600 |
| Trucks | 0650 |
| Take Off | 0750 |
| In course | 0930 |
| Target | 1142 |

Russian front line changes as of 15 Feb: west of Sagan: 5123-1525 to 5131-1512 to 5138-1505 to 5145-1456 (incomplete)

50 - P512 at 4659N - 1459E at 1114 hrs

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MISSION NO. 411 D PLAN ABLE 17 February 1945

TARGET: St Valentin Tank Works RP: TC 14-15-NA MPI: See Photo
Alternates: Graz South East M/Y TC 14-41-NA P/3-5
Maribor Main Goods Depot & Stat. DGS 8-14 L/5-17.4
Fiume Shipyard TC 4-29-NA J/4-3/4

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Linz Main Station M/Y, Main M/Y & Benzol Plant | 1200 |
| 49th | Wels Main M/Y & Loco Depot | 1156 |
| 55th | Linz Main Station M/Y, & Linz Main M/Y | 1234 |
| 304th | Anstettin Main M/y and Station Sidings | 1235 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This plant~~xxxx~~ was hit on 16 October when considerable damage [illegible] to be fully operable producing an estimated 200 to 300 tanks per month. Tiger tanks have been identified on photos and the works are also believed to be producing some medium tanks.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Second only to the oil targets are the AFV works and all Ord. plants of Germany. Increased use of tanks on the Eastern Front is currently causing german panzer units to pay even heavier toll at the expense of their already overtaxed A/V productions.

NO OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb ~~GP~~ .1 ns & .01 tl.

GROUP FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th. SQDN FORM. A 515
B 512
C 513
D 514

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Pelagosa (4224N-1615E) to SW Andrija (4301N-1715E) to Zirje (4300N-1540E) to Pack (4659N-1459E to Glogonitz (4714N-1556E to Weissenkirchen 4824N-1528E) to IP to Tgt.

I.P.: Pertenschlag (4826N-1459E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 228°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Left rally, point Waidhofen 4757-1446

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to Brovigne(4458N-1408E to (4300N-1400E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Target and withdrawal cover.

FLAK: Photo to 30 Jan. shows 157 guns in area. On 16 Oct, scant to intense, accurate, reported. The defences will be entered about 8 miles from the target. At 6 miles from the plant, the formation will be in range of approx 16 guns. At 3 miles from the tgt., 10 more guns become effective, another 6 gun battery can just barely reach north to the target. These latter guns may be avoided by a sharp left rally immediately after bomb re lease. There is a 12 gun cluster at Steyr that would be able to reach the formation on a rally heading greater than 140°. One nearer 120° would be better from a flak standpoi
Alternates: Graz-18 guns. , moderate inaccurate reported. Left rally
Maribor-32 guns. moderate accurate reported. Left rally
Fiume- 8 guns

FIGHTERS: The enemy is capable of dispatching 40 to 50 SEF from the Vienna area.

COMMENTS: Russian fron line changes as of 16 Feb: Northeast of Schniedemuhl: 5334-1752 to 5301737 to 5333-1732. East of Sagan: 5151-1544 to 5145-1534 to 1535-1530 to 5127-1524. West of Breslau: 5118-1536 to 5117-1552 to 5057-1620 to 5056-1623 to 5103-1639. Hungarian and Czech. front : No change.

Russian arms band to be issued.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0620
Trucks 0715
Takeoff 0815
On course 0910
Target 1223

51 P-51's at 1148 hours

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MISSION NO. 411 PLAN BAKER 17 FEBRUARY 1945

TARGET: Korneuberg Oil Refinery REF: TC & BC 14-45-NA MP: 14-19 & IIIs 1(a) (44)37/1 & /2

Alternates: Graz South East M/Y TGTCH 14-41-NAP9 5 9/9-12/13
Maribor Main Goods Depot & Station BCS 8-14 L5/ 17/4
Fiume Shipyard TGTCH 4-29-NA J/K-3/4

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Lobau Oil Ref & Schwechat Oil Ref | 1245 |
| 49th | " " " " & Vosendorf Oil Ref | 1310 |
| 55th | " " " " | 1300 |
| 3/4wg | Floridsdorf Oil Ref. | 1320 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: To date, the attacks in February have probably caused temporary stoppage of oil production even though severe damage was not inflicted. This is partly due to test shut-downs or light damage. These attacks have, then, accomplished their mission of stopping oil production. The apparent disadvantage of this method however, is that it precludes attacks on other priority targets which could be carried out if long term and severe damage were inflicted. These are small targets and difficult to identify, but they must be severely damaged before attacks can be suspended.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Last attacked on 7 Feb but photo cover on 8 Feb showed that no new damage had been inflicted. There has been a complete turnover of tank cars on rail sidings in the vicinity with 215 cars present.

NO OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb RDX ,1 ns & mixed .01 & .025 Tail

WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th. SQDN FORMATION: A 515
B 512
C 513
D 514

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Pelagosa ~~xx~~(42.4N-1615E) to Sv Andrija (4301N-1545E) to Sibenik (4343N-1553E) to Judenburg (4710N- 1440E) to Zwettl (4836N-1510E) to Sigmundsherberg (4842N-1515E) To IP.

I.P.: Guntersdorf (4839N-1603E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 150°

TURN OF TARGET: Rally sharp left to rally point Cifer (4819N-1730E) BOMB ALT 24000'

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to Dobri (4631N-1633E) to Drvenik (4326N-1605E) to Base.

ESCORT: Fighters to provide close escort on penetration tgt. and withdrawal.

FLAK: Photo cover to 4 Feb shows 335 guns in Vienna Area. On 15 Feb moderate to intense, inaccurate reported. Defenses will be entered 4 miles from target. At 1 mile from the ref. they would be in range of approx 32 guns; over the target, the number would be about 62. For this reason, a left rally, as sharp as possible, should be started as soon as bombs are dropped. Any penetration into the defended area beyond the RRL will ~~xxxx~~ greatly increase the amount of flak to which the formation will be exposed. On the rally consideration should be given the defenses at Bratislava.
Alternates: Graz-18 guns. moderate inaccurate~~xx~~ reported. Left rally.
Maribor- 32 guns. Moderate accurate reported. Left rally.

FIGHTERS: There are strong indications that the aircraft seen on 13 and 14 Feb. were not airborne against our formations. Nevertheless, the enemy capabilities remain the same with 40 to 50 ~~xx~~ available in the area for the defense if the enemy elects to fight.

COMMENTS: Russian arm band will be issued.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0730
Trucks 0815
Take off 0915
On course 1009
Target 1330

51 P-51's at 4743N-1550E
at 1202 hours

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MISSION NO. 412 TH PLAN CHARLIE 18 bruary 1945.

TARGET: Fortezza Marsh Yard REF: TC 4-95-NA MPI I-5

Alternates: Pola Shipyard TC 4-51-NA
Fiume Shipyard TC 4-20-NA
Trieste Shipyard TC 4-116-NA

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Vipiteno M/Y & Brennero M/Y | |
| 49th | Bolzano M/Y | |
| 55th | Pola Naval Base | |
| 304th | Ora M/Y | |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The attack against the M/Y is designed to give maximum assistance to the current effort of the Tactical Air Force to interdict the BRENNER rail lines into North Italy. Car loadings in the M/Y being attacked are not heavy, but the principal object of the operation is to interdict the line at several places and put additional strain on repair facilities.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Rail facilities here consist of three tracks into the station and two leaving it, plus 3 loop sidings. The station is east of the tracks and south of the station is a goods depot with 7 dead end sidings. West of the main line is a loco shed, 230' by 33' in size, with 2 loop sidings and a 50' turntable. Photo cover of 14 Feb showed 100 mixed wagons, 10 coaches and 2 elec locomotives.

NO OF PLANES: 28 Bomb Load: 500 lb RDX .1 ns & mixed .01 & .025 tail

WING FORMATION: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th. Sq Formation: A 512
B 515
C 514
D 513

ROUTE OUT: Pelagosa (4224N 1615E) to Sv Andrija (4301N 1545E) to Pesaro (4355N 1255E) to Prato (4353N 1106E) to Cremona (4508N 1001E) to Garnico (4540N 0958E) to IP.

I.P. Norter (4636N 1050E)

TURN OFF TARGET: Rally right to rally point Allegne (4625N 1201E)

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to Sacile (4557N 1230E) to Coast (4538N 1306E to (4350N 1340E) to base.

ESCORT: Fighters to provide close escort on penetration tgt. and withdrawal

FLAK: Formation will come within range of the two 12-gun batteries at about 4 miles from the target. Formation may avoid the 10 guns south of BRESSANONE by delaying the right rally until they are 6 or 7 miles past their target. On 7 Nov flak was reported to be scant, inaccurate, heavy.

FIGHTERS: No air opposition is anticipated but the Italian SEF force is capable of 25 sorties against stragglers or small unescorted bomber units in the N Italy and N Adriatic areas.

COMMENTS: Operational security and warning all crews that loose talk and dx cancelled targets must not be discussed.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0750 |
| Trucks | 0835 |
| Take Off | 0935 |
| On course | 1114 |
| Target | 1352 |

50-P51s 1339 hrs.

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MISSION NO. 412 S. ILAN ABLE 8 FEBRUARY 1945

TARGET: Kracon Oil Refinery R&F: TC 14-40NA MPI: O/P-12/13
Kagran TC 14-22-NA MPI FFF R/S-16

Alternates: Graz South East M/Y TC 14-41-NA MPI P-6
Maribor Main Goods Depot & Stat. SCS C-14 L.5-1
Fiume Shipyard TC 4-29-NA J/K-3/

OTHER WINGS:

| | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5TH | Vienna/Lobau Oil Ref & Vienna/Schwechat Oil Ref | 1250 |
| 304TH | Florisdorf Oil Ref | 1320 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: To date, the attacks in February have probably caused temporary stoppage of oil production even though severe damage was not inflicted. This is partly due to test shut-downs or light damage. These attacks have, then, accomplished their mission of stopping oil production. The apparent disadvantage of this method however, is that it precludes attacks on other priority targets which could be carried out if long term and severe damage was inflicted. These are small targets and difficult to identify, but they must be severely damaged before attacks can be suspended.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Pre-war capacity was about 60,000 tons per year and a storage capacity of 20,000 tons.

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb RDX, .1 ns & mixed .01 & .025 tail

WING FORMATION: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th. SQDN FORMATION: A 512
B 515
C 514
D 513

ROUTE OUT: Pelagosa (4204N 1615E) to SV Andrija (4301N 1545E) to Sibenik (4343N 1513E) to Judenburg (4710N 1440E) to Zwettl (4836N 1510E) to Langau (4850N 1542E) to IP.

I.P.: Stronsdorf (4839N 1619E) Axis of Attack: 163°

TURN OFF TARGET: Rally sharp left to rally point Cifer (4819N 1730E)

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to Dobri (4631N 1633E) to Drvenik (4326N 1605E) to base.

ESCORT: Fighters to provide close escort on penetration tgt and withdrawa

FLAK: Formation will enter the defenses about 11miles from the target. At 5 mile from the refinery, the formation will be in range of about 64 heavy guns. This number builds up to approx 120 as the target is approached. The rally should be started as soon as possible. To clear the BRATISLAVA defenses, the rally heading should be less than 850.
Alternates: Graz - 18 guns. Moderate inaccurate reported. Left rally
Maribor - 32 guns. Moderate accurate reported. Left rally.

FIGHTERS: There are strong indications that the aircraft seen on 13 & 14 Feb were not airborne against our formations. Nevertheless, the enemy capabilities remain the same with 40 to 50 GAF available in the area for the defense if the enemy elects to fight.
COMMENTS: Russian arm bands will be issued. Operational security and warning against loose talk and that cancelled targets must not be discussed.
TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0600 |
| Trucks | 0800 |
| Take off | 0905 |
| On course | 1046 |
| Target | 1330 |

50-B51-a 4743N 1450E at 1247 hrs

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MISSION NO. 410. 16 February 1945.

TARGET: Leipheim A/D Installations REF: TCS 13-189 MPI: G-8
Alternates: Bolzano M/Y TC 4-132-NA I/J-4
Vipiteno M/Y TC 4-233-NA J-10/11

| OTHER WINGS: Target | Time |
|---|---|
| 5th: Lechfeld A/D Installations | 1330 |
| 49th: Neuburg A/D Installations | 1330 |
| 55th: Regensburg/Obertraubling A/D | 1350 |
| 304th: Regensburg/Obertraubling A/D | 1340 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This is an excellent opportunity for visual bombing in this area and a chance to strike an effective initial blow upon the enemy jet assembly and training program. This plan includes not only maximum effort but also strafing to attain a great deal of initial tactical surprise. If the attack is successful, it is estimated the enemy program will be disrupted for a period of four to six months. The targets under this plan are the most important jet fields in our area. The enemy is engaged in urgent preparations, both to regain air supremacy over Germany in order to protect his war production and to build up a striking force.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Although these installations appear to be in a derelict condition as a result of highly successful attacks in April and July 1944, this A.D is known to be doing final assembly of Me 262s on a consistently increasing scale. Photo cover of 14 Feb showed 22 A/C present in addition to wings and fuselage sections and it is also believed that some training activity is carried on there.

BOMB LOAD: 250 lb. RDX (.1N .025TD) NO A/C: 36 SQDN FORM: A 515
B 512
C 513
D 514

WING FORM: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th.

ROUTE OUT: Remote assembly at Pelagosa (4223N 1615E) to Sv. Andrija (4301N 1545E) to 4538N 1306E to Sacile (4557N 1230E) to Seespitz (4726N 1144E) to IP.

I.P.: Pfaffenhausen (4807N 1028E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 335°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500' RALLY: Right to rally point Nordendorf (4836N 1050E)

ROUTE BACK: rally point to Moosburg (4828N 1157E) to Sacile (4557N 1230E) to 4538N 1306E to 4350N 1340E to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide close escort on penetration, target and withdrawal.

FLAK: Photo cover shows no heavy guns at Leipheim although there are 22 at Ulm which lies about 12 miles to the west and 2 to the south. The guns at Ulm can reach east to within four miles of the Leipheim A/D. The possibility exists that defenses may have been installed since the last photo cover (21 Jan)
Alternates: Bolzano - 108 guns; Vipiteno - 8.

FIGHTERS: Possibility of harassing attacks by 15 to 20 SE fighters from Munich area and also a few Me 262s may be airborne but it is considered that the primary concern of these Me 262s is our recce A/C and their escort. The capability of the enemy to move in an effective fighter force must also be recognized and it is suggested that in such event, opposition is more likely to develop against the formations attacking northern targets with the probable scale of effort an additional 40 to 50 SE fighters.

COMMENTS: Special emphasis will be placed on the briefing of all crews, giving the significance of why we are making these attacks. Lead crews are being employed that can best accomplish this mission. "With the prospect of good visual bombing we must not, we can not fail".

| TIME SUMMARY: | | |
|---|---|---|
| Briefing | ~~0715~~ | 0615 |
| Trucks | ~~0800~~ | 0700 |
| Take off | ~~0900~~ | 0800 |
| On course | ~~1051~~ | 0951 |
| Target | ~~1330~~ | 1230 |

RUSSIAN FRONT LINE CHANGES AS OF 13 FEB: northeast of SCHNIEDEMUHL 5329-1806 to 5334-1749 to 5333-1732 to 5334-1721. West and southwest of GLOGAU: 5146-1548 to 5144-1548 to 5138-1550 to 5132-1547 to 5127-1524 to 5123-1525 to 5119-1530 to 5117-1530. Hungarian front line changes as of 0800 hours 14 Feb: in the region of BRESNO line passes: 3 miles north and 5 miles west of MYTO, east HRONEC, 1 mile east of hill 1255, hill 1459, west DETVA, northwest of TURIEPOLE. BUDAPEST is completely occupied.

50-P-51's at 4726N-1144E at 1158 hours

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PLAN ABLE

MISSION NO. 409 — 15 February 1945

TARGET: Vienna/Matzleinsdorf M/Y — BGS 14-108 — MPI: H.2-11.2
Alternates: Bruck M/Y — TC 14-51-NA — L-11
Graz Main M/Y — TC 14-41A-NA — F-18/19

| | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| OTHER WINGS: | | |
| 5th: | 3 Ops Vienna SE Goods Yd, 3 Ops Vienna S Sta Fgt Yd | Red-1215, Blue 1315 |
| 49th: | Penzinger M/Y | Red-1235, Blue 1335 |
| 55th: | 3 Op Wiener Neustadt Sorting Siding, 1 Op Main Sta | Red-1240, Blue 1340 |
| 304th: | 2 Ops Kornburg Oil Ref, 2 Ops Floridsdorf M/Y | Red-1215, Blue 1315 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: To exploit the disorganization of communications resulting from highly successful attack on 13 Feb and to take advantage of anticipated visual day. Plan lends direct support to the Russians since fall of Budapest will necessitate re-employment of troops defending Vienna. It links up with 8th Air Force planned attacks of 14 Feb on Dresden and Chemnitz in support of Russian Drive.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION:TARGET: On 13 Feb attack, 20 hits in the center of the yard rendered 70% of the trackage unserviceable. It is anticipated that repairs are now actively in progress to clear traffic dispatched to east and south

NO. OF PLANES: Red-16; Blue-16 BOMB LOAD: 500 RDX .1 ns & .01 TL

GROUP FORMATION: Red: 1st box: 512, 2nd box: 515; Blue- 1st box: 513, 2nd box: 514

WING FORMATION: 98th, 376th, 450th, 449th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Pelagosa (4223N 1615E) to Sv. Andrija (4302N 1545E) to Sibenik (4343N 1553E) to Judenburg (4710N 1440E) to Mocs (4741N 1456E) to IP to tgt

I.P.: Wilhensberg (4806N 1536E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 80°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500' TURN OFF TARGET: Right to Illmitz (4746N 1648E)

ROUTE BACK: Illmitz (4746N 1648E) to Ivan (4727N 1652E) to Dravnik (4326N 1605E) to base

FIGHTER ESCORT: Target and withdrawal cover

FLAK: Target: Enter defenses 11 mi from tgt. Heading of greater than 90° on attack would expose formation to fire of additional 7 guns. At 5 mi from tgt, formation will be in range of 70 guns. This increases to 90 as tgt is approached. Prompt right rally after bombs away will probably avoid 18 guns just south of Aspern A/D which can just reach west to the tgt. Rally of greater than 140° should minimize the flak.
Bruck- 27 guns with 10 at Loeben about 9 mi to west
Graz- 18 guns here . Left rally will avoid 8 guns at Thalerof A/D

FIGHTERS: Enemy fighter capability remains 40-50 SEF for defense of Vienna. In view of recent missions, it is likely that any opposition will be confined to stragglers or unescorted formations.

COMMENTS: Russian front line change as of 12 Feb: North of Torun: 5326N 1841E to 5328-1825 to 5329-1807. Northwest of Schniedemuhl: 5322-1608 to 5321-1546. West of Leignitz: 5132-1548 to 5129-1536 to 5118-1532 to 5112-1528 to 5109-1527 to 5108-1532 to 5112-1552 to 5111-1613. Southwest of Krakow: 4959-1850 to 4958-1845 to 4955-1844 to 4951-1852 to 4941-1900 to 4941-1912.
Hungarian front line as of 1300, 13 Feb: In Czechoslivakia south of Bregno line passes east Bronec, hill 1297, 3 mi west Lon, west Hrtnova, 2 mi southwest Detva, east Turpiepole
American arm bands will be worn. Russian recognition signals put on colors of day.

| TIME SUMMARY: | Red Force | Blue Force |
|---|---|---|
| Briefing | 0700 | 0800 |
| Trucks | 0745 | 0845 |
| Take Off | 0845 | 0945 |
| On course | 0922 | 1022 |
| Target | 1247 | 1347 |

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MISSION NO. 409 S ] PLAN BAKER 15 Feb 1945
TARGET: Verona Porto Nuova M/Y BC 4-210-NA MPI: K-9/10
Alternates: Pola Targets TC 4-51-NA M-13
Fiume Ship Yards TC 4-29-NA J/K-3/4

OTHER WINGS: Target Time
5th: Red-Maribor RR and Graz SE M/Y 1155-1240, Blue Verona P N M/y 1300-1330
49th: Red - Fortezza M/Y Blue- Vipiteno M/Y
55th: Red- Graz Sta M/Y, 1240-1310; Blue Veron P N M/Y at 1420-1450
304th: Red- Graz Main M/Y 1320-1350, Blue Bolzano M/Y

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Under this plan the Fifteenth Air Force will attack communications targets in Northern Italy, Noryhern Yugoslavia and south-eastern Austria.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The Verona M/Ys carry all the traffic moving east from the Brenner Pass line and most of the traffic moving south to the battle-front. The main objective is to destroy trackage and to block traffic. The second objective is to destroy trains in the M/Ys. Photo recce as of 12 Feb shows 650 units in Porto Nuova M/Y

NO. OF PLANES: Red: 16, Blue: 16 BOMB LOAD: 500 RDX .1 ns and .01 Tl
GROUP FORMATION: Red: 1st box: 512, 2nd box: 515; Blue: 1st box: 513,
2nd box: 514

WING FORMATION: 98th, 376th, 450th, 449th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Pelagosa (4223N 1615E) to Sv Andrinja (4302N 1545E) to Pesaro (4355N 1255E) to Prato (4353N 1106E) to IP to tgt

I.P.: Rodigo (4512N 1038E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 47°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500' TURN OFF TARGET: Right to Fiesso (4456N 1137E)

ROUTE BACK: Fiesso to Coast (4446N 1215E) to base

FIGHTER ESCORT: Target cover

FLAK: Target: Defenses will be entered 8 mi from tgt. At 4 mi from tgt, formation will be in range of 18 guns. At 3 mi from tgt, in range of 50 guns and from this point builds up to 102 guns. Sharp right rally will reduce no. of guns that can reach formation.
Pola: 34 guns here.
Fiume: 8 guns here.

FIGHTERS: Target: Enemy capabilities are possible opposition by up to 25 s/e Italian Air Force fighters. Such scale of effort or attacks are improbable and the principal threat is against stragglers.

TIME SUMMARY:

| | Red Force | Blue Force |
|---|---|---|
| Briefing | 0610 | 0610 |
| Trucks | 0710 | 0910 |
| Take Off | 0810 | 1010 |
| On course | 0857 | 1057 |
| Target | 1200 | 1400 |

30- P-51s at 4353N-1106E
at 1123 hours

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MISSIONS NO. 408 & 409 PLAN ABLE 14 Feb 1945.

TARGET: Moosbierbaum Oil Refy REF 14-114-NA BAP J/12
ALTERNATES Graz M/Y 14-41A-NA F-18/19
Maribor South M/Y 8-14-NA K-15/16

| OTHER WINGS: | TARGET | (RED) TIME | (BLUE) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5th | Vienna/Lobau (3Gps)Vienna/Schwechat(3Gps) | 1200 | 1300 |
| 49th | Moosbierbaum Oil Refy | 1240 | 1340 |
| 55th | Vienna/Lobau (2Gps)Vienna/Schwechat(2Gps) | 1212 | 1312 |
| 304th | Vienna/Floridsdor Oil Refy | 1200 | 1300 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION. Air Force will attack oil targets in the Vienna area. Weather prediction for visual attacks affords one of the few opportunities to effectively attack the Vienna refineries. Successful destruction of these targets would reduce the potential monthly gasoline production from 22,000 tons to an estimated 1,500 tons. The overall result would be to ~~a~~% eliminate the major oil refineries within our area.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET. Moosbierbaum, the second greatest potential producer in our area (15,000 tons of gasoline per month) is believed capable of resuming operations on 13 or 14 Feb.

NO. OF PLANES: Blue force 18 BOMB LOAD: 500# RDX (1N - .01 & .025TD)
Red force 18
SQUADRON FORMATION: Red Force 514 Blue Force 515
512 513
WING FORMATION: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Zara (4407N-1513E) to Hohentauern (4727N-1429E) to I.P. Mank (4807N-1520E) AXIS OF ATTACK; 60 deg.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Left to Gunthersdorf.

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Gunthersdorf (4839N-1602E) then right around Bratislava to Cifer (4819N-1729E) to Czelldomolk (4715N-1709E) to Sv. Petar (4604N-1626E) to Vis (4303N-1610E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighter command will provide escort on penetration, target and withdrawal for all wings of both forces. Droopsnoots will destroy Moosbierbaum Oil Refy in two attack waves at 0900 and 1030 hours.

FLAK AT TARGET: 90 heavy guns in the Moosbierbaum area. The defenses will be entered about 9 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the refinery, the formation will be in range of approx. half of the 90 guns which cover the target area itself. If a left rally is ~~a~~ started immediately after bombs are dropped and a heading less than 350 deg. is flown till the bombers are out of flak, the fire of two large gun clusters may be avoided. One of these, of 16 guns, lies about 4 miles east of the tgt; the other, of 12 guns, lies about 5 miles ~~a~~ northeast.
FLAK AT ALTERNATES: Graz 18 guns. Maribor 32 guns.

FIGHTERS: The enemy is capable of 40 to 50 SEF sorties for the defense of the Vienna area. In view of the unusual nature of this operation, fighter defenses may be alerted and a substantial additional fighter force brought in from Central Germany.

COMMENTS: 1. RUSSIAN FRONT LINE changes as of 11 Feb.: Northeast of Schniedemuhl: 5321-1634 to 5319-1627 to 5322-1608 to 5317-1555 to 5321-1546. Northwest of Breslau: 5143-1556 to 5131-1547 to 5123-1552 to 5117-1555 to 5111-1609 to 5110-~~1~~1624 to 5103-1639 to 5103-1646 to 5113-1652 to line at 5115-1651
2. Russian recognition signals will be distributed.
3. Armbands will be distributed.

| TIME SUMMARY: | Red Force | Blue Force |
|---|---|---|
| Briefing | 0700 | 0700 |
| Trucks | 0740 | 0840 |
| Take off | 0840 | 0940 |
| On course | 0916 | 1016 |
| Target | 1225 | 1325 |

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. No. 408 Plan Baker 14 February 1945

Target: Zagreb West M/Y
Alternates: Villach M/Y
Pfuze Ship Yard

S.177/5
14-10-MA BAP K-18
4-29-MA J/A 3/4

OTHER WINGS:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Maribor Main M/Y | 1320-1405 |
| 49th | Maribor Main M/Y & Railway Shops | 1220-1250 |
| 55th | Graz Station M/Y | 1140-1210 |
| 304th | Graz Main & SE M/Y's | 1310 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Air Force will attack communications tgts in the Balkans and Southeast Germany. These attacks are especially timely as the railway running between these three cities is the main line for retreat of the enemy forces in Yugo as well as the supply lines for the troops fighting rear-guard actions in the South.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: MARIBOR is known to be a military center of German & Croat activities including reorganization & re-equipping stations. This attack is designed as close cooperation to troops fighting on the Yugo. & S. Russian fronts by inflicting sufficient damage to deprive the enemy the use of these yards for a relatively long period of time.

NO. OF PLANES: 18 BOMB LOAD: 500# GP. FORMATION: 5th —
42d
47th
513th

GROUP LANDING: 449,450,376,98th in that order.

Route out: Via Vito to Pelagosa (4223N 1615E) to via (4419N 1501E) to IP to tgt.

IP: — Omalj (4537N 1528E) Axis of attack 62 degrees

Bombing Altitude: 21,000' Turn off tgt: Right to Kravarsko (4536N 1604E)

ROUTE BACK: Kravarsko to base direct.

ESCORT: Ftr. Command will: 1. Provide tgt. and withdrawal cover
2. Strafe rail traffic from Zagreb to Sarak at 1045 Hrs.

Flak: Primary: 12 Feb. 47th Wing reported 50mm to 88mm. No ships of the wing were lost or missing from this operation. Defenses will be entered 10 miles from tgt. At the 5 mi. point formation will be within range of approx 36 guns. This number builds up to 78 as the tgt. is approached. Some of the batteries lie so far east, however, that their fire may be avoided by a sharp right rally immediately after the release of the bombs.
Flak at Alternate Tgts.: Villach: 14 guns. Rally heading of 90 degrees will take formation o t of flak rapidly on downwind course.
Pfuze: 8 guns. A right rally is recommended.

FIGHTERS: Of approximately 15 to 20 operational fighters based in the Zagreb area, it is estimated that the fighter defenses have been committed to ground attack against the Russian lines. No coordinated opposition is expected.

COMMENTS: Late information received on tgts of this plan:
Zagreb: Good to excellent results scored on 13 Feb. Ground reports of 13 February indicate heavy traffic flooding over all connecting lines.
Flak was reported M/IAH

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0700
Trucks 0745
T/O 0840
On course 0950
Target 1150

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MISSION NO. 406 13 February 1945

PLAN "A"

Same as plan "A" for 9 February 1945 with the following changes:

Target: Vienna Southeast Goods Depot REF: TCS 14-108 MPI N/3-12

Alternates: Graz M/Y TC 14-41A-NA F-18-/19
Bruck M/Y TC 14-51-NA L-11
Fiume Shipyard TC 4-29-NA J/K-3/4

OTHER WINGS: Time

5th 1200
49th 1225
55th 1235
304th 1215

NO. OF PLANES: 18

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Pelagosa (4225N 1614E) to Vir (44[illegible]9N 1501E) to Traglwang (4729N 1436E) to IP.

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to Ivan (4727N 1654E to Drevnik (4326N 1605E) to base.

FLAK: Graz- 18 heavy guns Scant. moderate, inaccurate. Left rally
Bruck- 27 heavy guns Moderate, accurate. Slight turn to left
Fiume- 6 heavy guns Prompt right rally

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0655
Trucks 0740
Takeoff 0840
On course 0917
Target 1245

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ESSIGN NO. 406 12 February 1945

PLAN "A"

Same as plan "A" for 11 February with the following changes:

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4430N 1340E to 4538N 1306E to Sacile (4557N 1230E) to IP.

I.P.: (4800N 1053E)

ROUTE BACK: Rally point ~~xxxxxxx~~ Krouth (4738N 1145E) to Sacile (4557N 1230E) to 4538N 1306E to 4350N 1540E to base.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0620 |
| Trucks | 0655 |
| Take off | 0800 |
| On course | 0926 |
| Target | 1315 |

50 P51's at 1244 hrs.

PLAN "B"

Same as plan "A" for 9 February with the following changes:

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Vir (4419N 1501E) to Treglwang (4729N 1436E) to IP.

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to Ivan (4727N 1654E) to Drevnik (4326N 1605E) to base.

OTHER WINGS:

| | Time |
|---|---|
| 5th: | 1300 |
| 49th: | 1325 |
| 55th: | 1335 |
| 304th: | 1315 |

TIME SUMMARY:

| | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0730 |
| Trucks | 0815 |
| Take off | 0915 |
| On course | 1023 |
| Target | 1345 |

50 P-51's at 1323 hrs.

PLAN "C"

Same as Plan "A" for 10 February with the following changes:

Alternates: Pola Navy Yard
Trieste Shipyards

REF: TC 4-51-NA M I M-13
TC 4-116-NA K-10/11

OTHER WINGS:

| | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Verona/Porto Nuova and Verona Loco Depot | 1405-1445 |
| 49th: | Verona Loco Depot and Main Station | 1316-1336 |
| 55th: | Verona Main Station and Loco Depot | 1337-1404 |
| 304th: | Verona/Porto Vescovo | 1220-1247 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Pesaro (4355N 1255E) to Prato (4353N 1106E) to IP.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0620 |
| Trucks | 0730 |
| Take off | 0830 |
| On course | 0938 |
| Target | 1248 |

50 P-38's at 1213 hrs.

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MISSION NO. 406 (IS) 11 February 1945

TARGET: Munich North Goods Yard BGS 13-185 MPI:Vis Q-5.8,PFF: S.6-5
Alternates; Rosenheim M/Y TC 14-112-NA MPI: J/K-13
Salzburg M/Y TC 14-111 MPI: P.5-11

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | 3 Gps Munich Main Sta 1250 hrs; 3 Gps Munich So Goods Depot | at 1250 hrs |
| 49th: | West half of Munich Main M/Y | 1315 |
| 55th: | Munich west M/Y | 1325 |
| 304th: | East half Munich Main M/Y | 1305 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This yard has high capacity for carrying traffic from central and western Germany. From this rail center lines radiate south to Innsbruck and into Italy, and east to Rosenheim and on to Linz and Vienna. Due to its location in the transportation system a large amount of sorting and redistribution of cars is necessary and extensive facilities have been developed for these operations.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The North Goods Depot lies on the north edge of the yard and occupies a space approx 3200 feet by 1000 feet. This M/Y is one of the most important rail centers in southern Germany/ This target is a part of the Main West M/Y.

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 RDX (.1 ns & .01 tl) GROUP FORMATION: 1st box: 514
2nd box: 513
3rd box: 515
4th box: 512

WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Pelagosa (4225N 1614E) to 4430N 1340E to Coast (4538N 1306E) to Scile (4557N 1230E) to Jenbach (4724N 1146E) to Trauchgau (4739N 1050E) to IP to tgt

I.P.: 4800N 1053E AXIS OF ATTACK: 69°

TURN OFF TARGET: Right to Kreuth (4736N 1145E) BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

ROUTE BACK: Kreuth (4738N 1145E) to Sacile (4557N 1230E) to coast (4538N 1306E) to 4350N 1340E to base.

Escort - Close escort on penetration target, and withdrawal.

Flak: Defenses will be entered 15 miles from the target. At 7 miles from tgt. form. will be in range of approx. 60 guns. This number builds up to 160 as the target is approached. However, a prompt rally to the right will keep the formation out of range of 20 to 40 of these guns, as they lie well north and east of tgt.
Rosenheim: no guns reported
Salzburg: 52 guns here. Left rally will carry formation away from the target through least dense flak

FIGHTERS: Target: No organized enemy opposition is expected. Possibility of harrassing attacks by 10-15 SEF. An effective fighter force can be brought into area for defense but in view of weather and shallowness of penetration, possibility is considered remote Few ME 262 may be airborne but attacks upon formation are not consedered likely. Altho Italian AF attacked TAF on 6 Feb, operation against high altitude bombers will probably be confined to stragglers.

COMMENTS: Enemy has captured crash strip at 4537N 1735E given in Weekly Escape Bull # 15. Remove from list of crash landing fields.

| TIME SUMMARY: | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0730 |
| Trucks | 0815 |
| Take Off | 0915 |
| On course | 1010 |
| Target Time | 1335 |

50 P-51's will pick up formation at 4819 N - 1339E at 1305 hours.

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PLAN BAKER FOR 1 FEBRUARY 1945

TARGET: Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery.

This plan is the same as Plan Able, this date, except that a different route and axis of attack make the following changes:

| OTHER WINGS: | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Moosbierbaum Oil Refy | 1209 |
| 10th | [illegible] | 1242 |
| 55th | " " " | 1232 |
| 304th | " " " | 1252 |

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Split (4331N-1628E) to Rutina (4529N-1647E) to Cakovec (4628N-1626E) to Murzzuschzug (4736N-1540E) to I.P.

I.P. - Pernitz (4755N-1557E)

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp left AXIS OF ATTACK: 357 degrees

ROUTE BAK: Target to Langenwang (4733N-1536E) to Varazdin (4619N-1620E) to Base.

FLAK AT TARGET: Under this plan, the flak zone will be entered 8 miles from the target at which time 34 guns come into range. At approximately 3 miles from the target the number will have built up to 64 guns. The refinery area is covered by all 90 guns but two clusters of batteries are north of the target and can just reach that far south, so, if a prompt left rally is accomplished as soon as bombs are dropped, the fire of some of these guns may be almost or perhaps entirely avoided. Evasive action is recommended to reduce the effectiveness of the batteries located west of the target.

| TIME SUMMARY: | | |
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| | Briefing | 0600 |
| | Trucks | 0700 |
| | Take off | 0800 |
| | Oncourse | 0903 |
| | Target | 1222 |

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PLAN DOG

MISSION NO. 406 10 February 1945.

TARGET: Vosendorf Oil Refy. REF: 14-36-NA MPI: M-11
ALTERNATES: Graz M/Y 14-114-NA F-18/19
Bruck M/Y 14-52-NA L-13

OTHER WINGS: TARGET TIME
/1st/ All wings - same as Plan Able.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This plan is the same as plan Able for all wings except the 47th.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Vosendorf Oil Refy is active and producing an/ estimated 400 tons of gasoline monthly.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500# RDX (.1 - .01 & .025) SQ. FORM. A 513 C 515
B 514 D 512

WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Vrgada (4351N-1531E) to Bosterj (4600N-1517E) to Ljutomer (4631N-1611E) to Neuberg (4708N-1534E) to I.P.

I.P. - Michelbach (4806N-1543E) ANGLE OF ATTACK: 81 degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Right to Illmitz

ROUTE BACK: Target to Illmitz (4746N-1648E) to Ivan (4727N-1652E) to Drvenik (4320N-1605E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort on penetration, target and withdrawal.

FLAK AT TARGET: 335 heavy guns in the Vienna area. The formation will enter the defenses about 7 miles from the target. At 3 miles from the target the formations will be in range of approx. 30 heavy guns. This number builds up to about 80 as the target is approached. The rally should be to the right. A rally heading from the / target between 115 and 125 degrees is recommended.

FLAK AT ALTERNATES: Graz - 18 guns. Bruck - 27 guns, with 10 more at Leoben, about 9 miles to the west.

FIGHTERS: 40 to / 50 MEF are capable of making contact with our formations.

NOTE: 1. Russian recognition signals will be given. (As changed on 7 Feb.)
2. Armbands will be issued.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | Approximately 0645 |
| Trucks | |
| Take off | |
| On course | 0925 |
| Target | 1245 |

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MISSION NO. 406

10 February 1945.

TARGET: Verona/Porto Nuovo M/Y
ALTERNATES: Trieste Shipyard
Trento M/Y

REF: b-210-NA
b-116-NA
b-220-NA

MPI: K-9/10
K-1/11
J/K-14/15

| OTHER WINGS: | TARGET | | TIME |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5th | Vienna/Schwechat(3 Gps) | Vienna/Winterhafen(3 Gps) | 1230 |
| 49th | Floridsdorf Oil Refinery | | 1240 |
| 55th | Korneuburg Oil Refy (2 Gps) | Kagran Marshalling Yards (2 Gps) | 1250 |
| 304th | Floridsdorf Oil Refy | | 1230 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The Fifteenth Air Force will attack oil and communications targets in Austria & Northern Italy. The Austrian oil targets under attack are estimated to have a total gasoline production of well over 3,500 tons per month.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Verona M/Y's carry all the traffic moving east from the Brenner line and most of the traffic moving south to the battlefront. The main objective is to destroy trackage and to block traffic. The secondary objective is to destroy trains in the M/Y. Photo cover on 7 Feb. showed 700 units of rolling stock in the M/Y.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500# RDX (.1N-.01 & .025T) SQ. FORM: A 513 C 515
B 514 D 512

WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th.
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ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Pesaro (4355N-1255E) to Prato (4353N-1106E) to Reggio (4443N-1039E) to I.P.
I.P. - Rodigo (4512N-1038E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 46 degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Right to Fiesso

ROUTE BACK: Target to Fiesso (4458N-1137E) to coast at (4436N-1215E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort will be provided on penetration, target and withdrawal.

FLAK AT TARGET: 156 heavy guns in the Verona/ area. The defenses will be entered about 8 miles from the target. At 4 miles from the target the formation will be in range of 22 heavy guns. At 3 miles from the target this number will have jumped to approx. 50 guns; and from this point the number builds up to approx. 106. A sharp right rally, started as soon as possible after release of bombs, will reduce materially the number of guns that can reach the bombers. The formation will encounter the 106 guns only if it flies clear to the target.
FLAK AT ALTERNATES: Trieste - 32 guns. Trento - 32 guns.

FIGHTERS: The Italian Fascist Air Force can oppose the Air Force formations with up to 25 SEF sorties but such scale of effort or attacks are improbable and the principal threat is against stragglers.

RUSSIAN FRONT LINE: 7 Feb. South of Breslau: 5102N-1716E to 5057N-1711E to 5054N-1713 E to 5052N-1701E to 5049N-1703E to 5049N-1711E to 5045N-1720E.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing) APPROX. 0645
Trucks ) THESE TIMES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TILL ABOUT AN HOUR BEFORE
Take off) BRIEFING. WHEN THIS OFFICE RECEIVES THEM, THEY'LL BE PHONED TO SQUADRONS.
On course 0935
Target 1248

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MISSION NO. 405 "S" PLAN "A" 9 FEBRUARY 1945

TARGET: VIENNA Southeast Goods Depot REF: TC 14-23-NA MPI: Q/R-11

Alternates: Graz M/Y TC 14-41A NA F-18/19
Trieste M/Y TC 4-116-NA K-10/11

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Times |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Vienna South Ordnance | 1230 |
| 49th | " Central Repair Shops | 1305 |
| 55th | " South Goods Yard | 1255 |
| 304th | " Matzleinsdorf M/Y | 1315 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This plan is to further cripple this large traffic center at a time when the pressure is being augmented on both the enemy's east and west fronts. Besides the destruction of rolling stock, facilities and goods in transit, successful attacks on vital communications centers hinder the enemy's attempt to quickly transfer troops and equipment.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Light car loadings as shown by recent recce photos in the VIENNA S.E. communications area, does not detract from the importance of these targets. These extensive facilities are a vital link in the enemy's supply system and the absence of heavy concentrations of rolling stock indicate that a dispersal policy has been adopted to save vital supplies from sestrucyion by bombardment.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb RDX (.1 & .01) SQDN FORM: A 513
B 514
C 512
D 515

WING FORM: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Pelagosa (4425N-1614E) to Vir (4419N-1501E) to Novo Mesto (4549N-1510E) to Ljutomer (4631N-1611E) to Langenwang (4731N-1536E) to IP.

I.P. Michelback (4807N-1545E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 80°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Rally right to rally point Illmitz (4746N- 1648E)

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to Janosnaza (4708N-1710E) to Dobrinj (4508N-1436E) to Base.

FIGHTER: ESCORT: Fighters to provide penetration target and withdrawal cover.

Flak: Photo cover to 4 Feb. shows 335 guns in the Vienna area. On 15 Jan, moderate/inaccurate to intense/accurate flak was reported. The defenses will be entered 11 miles from the target. An attack heading greater than 90° would expose the formation to the fire of an additional 7 gun battery. At 5 miles from the target, the bombers will be in range of approx. 70 guns. This umber increases to about 90 as the target is approached. An 18 gun cluster just south of the ASPERN A/D can just reach west to the target area and may be avoided by rallying promptly to the right after bombs are dropped. A rally heading greater than 140° should minimize the flak.

FIGHTERS: The same 40 to 50 fighters (SEF) are capable of making an attack with weather and other factors that will influence the enemy's decision.

COMMENTS: Russian arm bands to be issued.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0650 |
| Trucks | 0740 |
| Take off | 0840 |
| On course | 0920 |
| Target | 1245 |

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MISSION NO. 405 PLAN "B" 9 FEBRUARY 1945

TARGET: Munich North Goods Depot REF: BCS 13-185 MPI: Q/2-5/8

Alternates: Salzberg M/Y TCS 14-111 P/5-11
Trento M/Y TC 4-220-NA J/K-14/15

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Munich Main Station | 1300 |
| 49th | " " M/Y | 1335 |
| 55th | " Storage Sidings | 1325 |
| 304th | " Main M/Y | 1345 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Munich Communications were last attacked 7/8 January by the RAF Latest photo cover on 5 Feb shows loading ~~311~~ units including 30 loaded flats in North Goods Depot, 142 on sidings just south of the Goods Depot. These extensive facilities make a good PFF target with chance to strike an effective blow upon the enemy's communications at a time when pressure is being increased on both his fronts.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This target is a part of the Main W. M/Y and lies in the W. part of the city. This M/Y complex is one of the most important rail centers in southern Germany. The yard is important because of the extent to which its transhipment facilities are being ~~xxxxx~~ used to serve the supply requirements to all fronts. The North Goods Depot lies on the north edge of this area and occupies a space approx. 3200 feet by 1000 feet. Extensive receptive sidings lie just to the S. of the Goods D.

NO OF PLANES: 28 Bomb Load: 500 lb RDX SQDN FORM: A 513
B 514
C 512
D 515

WING FORM: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th.

ROUT OUT: San Vito to Pelagosa (4225N- 1614E) to (4430N-1340E) to (4530N-1306E) to Sacile (4557N-1230E) to Jenbach (4724N-1146E) to Trauchgau (4739N-1050E) to IP.

I.P.: (4800N-1053E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 69°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Rally right to rally point, Gmund (4745N-1144E)

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to Sacile (4557N-1230E) to (4538N-1259E) to (4350N-1340E) to B.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide ~~close~~ escort on penetration, target and withdrawal.

FLAK: Photo cover to 18 Jan shows 254 guns in the Munich area. On 29 Oct, we encountered scant to intense, accurate flak. The defenses will be entered about 15 miles from the target-the formation will be in range of approx 60 heavy guns. This number builds up to about 160 as the target is approached. However, a prompt rally to the right will keep the formation out of range of 20 to 40 of these guns, as they lie well north and east of the target.

FIGHTERS: No organized enemy fighter opposition is expected. There is possibility of harassing attacks by 10 to 15 SEF.

COMMENTS: Russian Arm bands to be issued.

TIME SUMMARY:
Briefing 0800
Trucks 0845
Take off 0945
On course 1025
Target 1315

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ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 213

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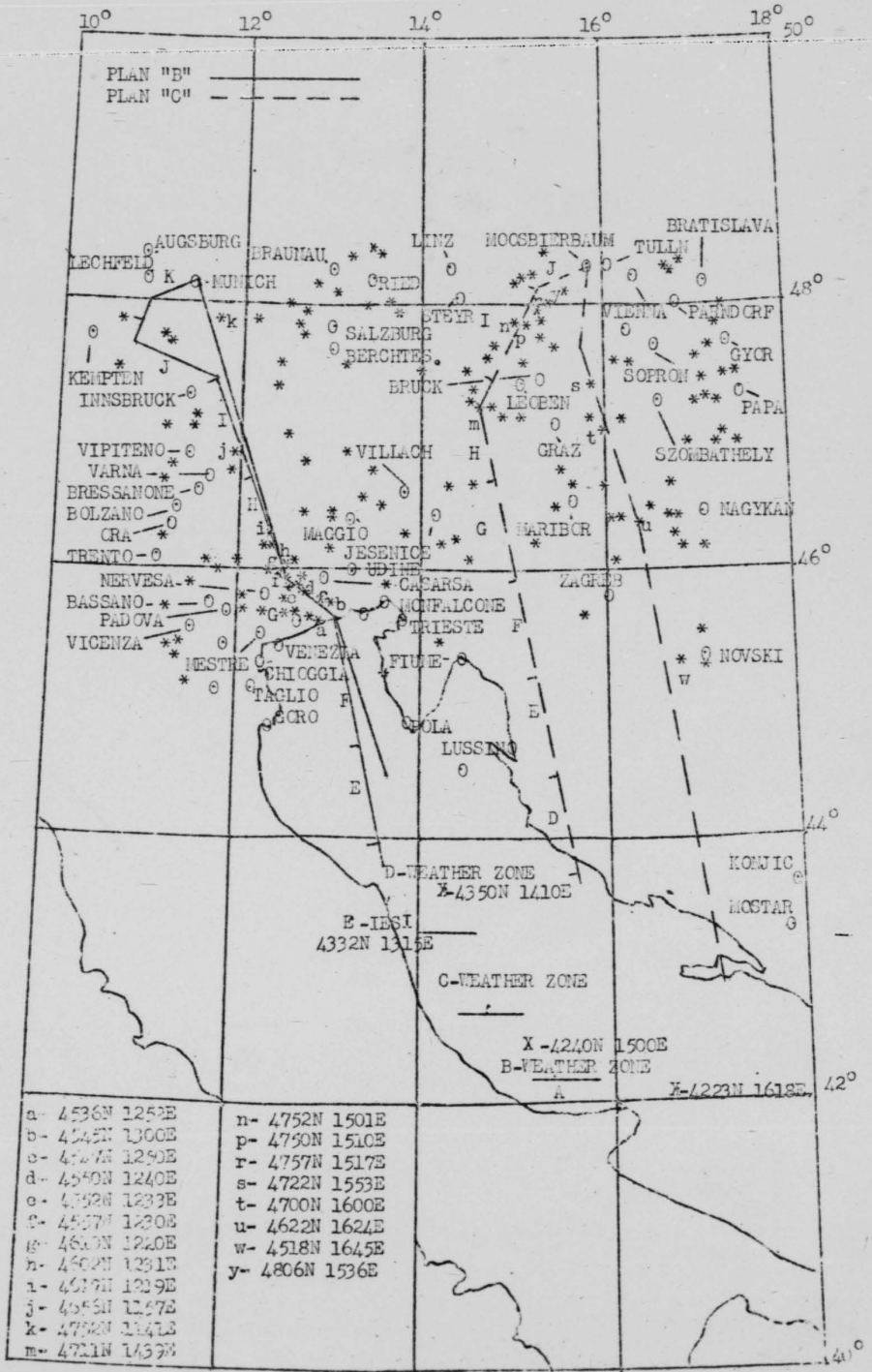


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Symbols used:

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* - Location at which crews have reported experiencing or seeing flak, but for which no photo reconnaissance confirmation has been received.

X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

F - Emergency landing fields.

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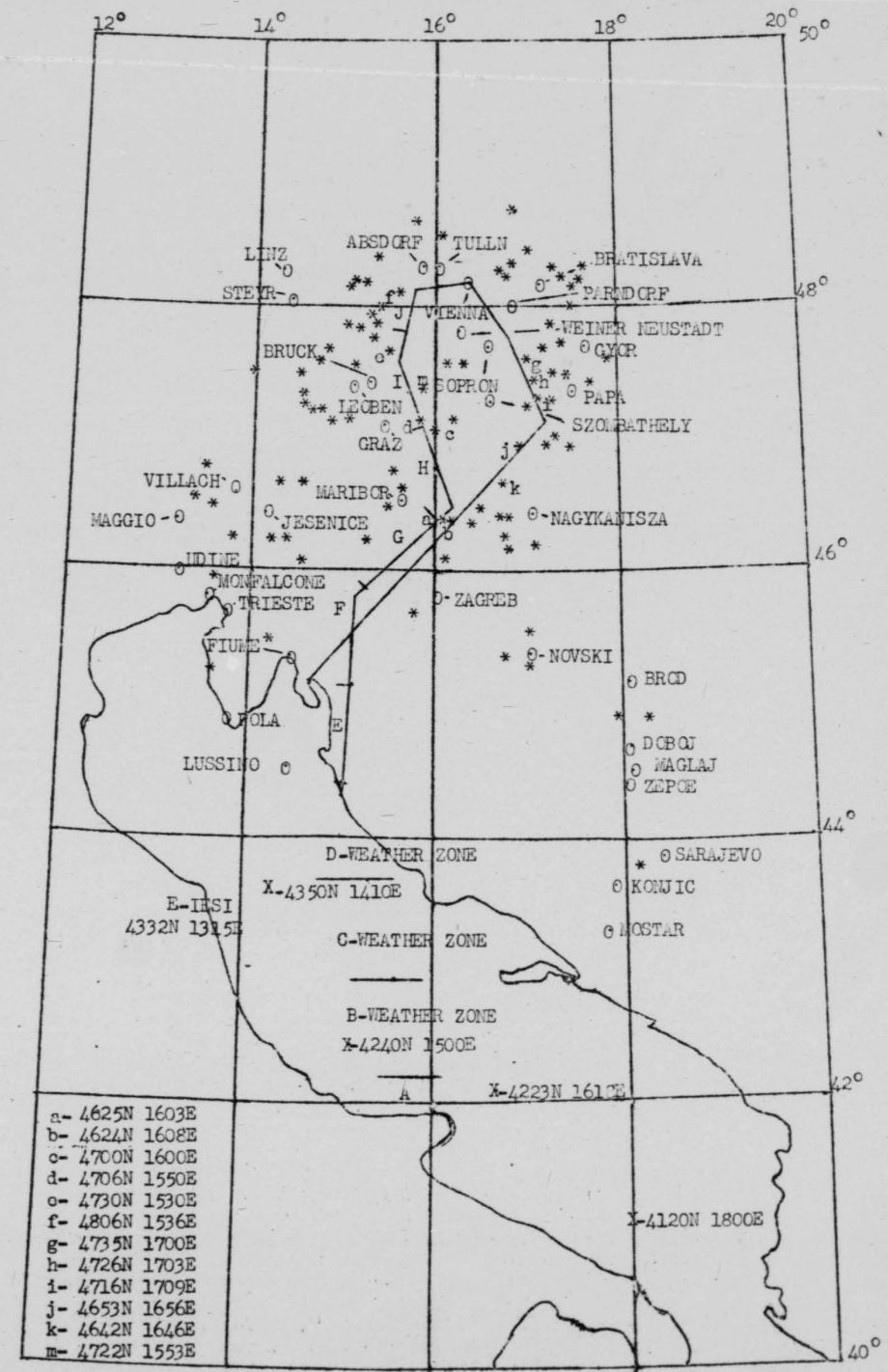
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 212

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 9 FEB. 1945

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E - Emergency landing fields.

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PLAN "A" MISSION NO. 404 8 February 1945

TARGET: Vienna Southeast Goods Depot REF: TCS 14-108 MPI M.3-13.2
Alternates: Graz M/Y TC 14-41-NA F-18/19
Pola TC 4-51-NA F-12

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Vienna S. Ordnance Depot & Southeast Goods Depot | 1220 |
| 49th: | Vienna/Central Repair Shops | 1255 |
| 55th: | Vienna/South Goods Yard | 1245 |
| 304th: | Vienna/Matzleinsdorf M/Y | 1305 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: A successful attack in this area offers an opportunity to destroy military supplies in storage or in transit and decrease the flow of supplies to the Hungarian front by damage to transshipment, repair facilities and trackage throughout the area. This is a planned PFF mission.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Recent photo cover shows a decrease in the amount of activity in this area but it is believed that all traffic is now of a military nature.

NO. A/C: 21 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX (.1N .01T) SQDN FORM: A 514
B 512
C 515

WING FORM: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th.

ROUTE OUT: Monopoli to Omis (4327N 1642E) to Rovisce (4557N 1644E) to Langenwang (4734N 1536E) to IP.

IP: Michelbach (4807N 1545E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 80°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500' TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: target to Illmitz (4746N 1648E) to Janosnaza (4708N 1710E) to Dobrinj (4508N 1436E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters provide close escort on penetration, target and withdrawal.

FLAK: 335 heavy guns in the Vienna area. On 15 Jan moderate/inaccurate to intense/accurate heavy flak was reported at the target. The defenses will be entered about 11 miles from the target. At five miles from the target, the bombers will be in range of approximately 70 heavy guns. This number increases to about 90 as the target is approached. An 18-gun cluster just south of the Aspern A/D can just reach west to the target area and may be avoided by rallying promptly to the right after bombs are dropped. Alternates: Graz - 18 guns; 34 guns at Pola.

FIGHTERS: 40 to 50 SE fighters are capable of making an attack but in view of forcast weather negligible opposition is expected.

COMMENTS: Give out American armbands and Russian Recognition Signals.

TIME SUMMARY: 0645 Briefing
0730 Trucks
0830 Take off
0931 On course
1235 Target.

RUSSIAN FRONT LINE CHANGE AS OF 5 Feb: 5247-1426 to 5244-1424 to 5237-1440 to 5230-1439 to 5227-1435 to 5215-1442 to 5212-1441 to 5207-1442 follow ODER RIVER to 5204-1506 follow ODER RIVER to line.

HUNGARIAN FRONT LINE CHANGE AS OF 0800 hours 6 Feb: south of Lake VALENCE line passes 1 mile NW of the southern tip of Lake VALENCE, west of SEREGELYES, west ABA, west SARKERESZTUR, west SZILAS BALHAS; location of line between SZILAS BALHAS and Lake Balaton unknown.

36 P-51's at 1156 hours at 4657N-1603E

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MISSION NO. 404. PLAN "B" 8 February 1945.

TARGET: Munich North Goods Depot
Alternates: Salzburg M/Y
Pola

REF: BCS 13-185
TCS 14-111
TC 4-51-NA

MPI: ~~F-2-5-8~~ 9
~~F-5-11~~
F-12

| OTHER WINGS: Target | Time |
|---|---|
| 5th: Munich/Main Station | 1310 |
| 49th: Munich Main M/Y | 1345 |
| 55th: Munich Storage Sidings | 1335 |
| 304th: Munich Main M/Y | 1355 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The whole of this Air Force is committed to disorganize the heavily increased traffic now believed flowing through Munich due to pressure of the Russian advance toward Berlin. This is a planned PFF mission. Munich makes a choice PFF target because of its extensive communications systems and also the intermingling industrial areas.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This M/Y is one of the most important rail centers in southern Germany. It has lately increased in importance because of the extent to which its transshipment facilities are being used to serve the supply requirements to all fronts.

NO. PLANES: ~~28~~ 21 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. RDX (.1 N & .01 T) SQDN FORM: A 514, B 512, C 515, D

WING FORM: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th.

ROUTE OUT: Remote assembly at Monopoli to 4430N 1340E to 4530N 1259E to Sacile (4557N 1230E) to Jenbach (4724N 1146E) to Trauchgau (4739N 1050E to IP.

IP: 4800N 1053E AXIS OF ATTACK: 69°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Right to rally point Gmuno (4745N 1144E)

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to Sacile (4557N 1230E) to 4538N 1259E to 4350N 1340E to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters provide close escort on penetration, target and withdrawal.

FLAK: Photo cover reveals the presence of 254 heavy guns in the Munich area. The defenses will be entered about 15 miles from the target. At seven miles from the target the formation will be in range of approximately 60 heavy guns. This number builds up to about 100 as the target is approached.
Alternates: Salzburg - 52 guns; Pola - 34 guns.

FIGHTERS: No organized enemy fighter opposition is expected to operations under this plan. A few Me 262s may be airborne but attacks upon the bomber formations are not considered likely. There is also a possibility of harassing attacks by 10 to 15 SE fighters from the target area. A few A/C of the Italian Fascist Air Force may be expected to be airborne in Northern Italy.

| TIME SUMMARY: | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0700 |
| Trucks | 0745 |
| Take off | 0845 |
| On course | 0944 |
| Target | 1325 |

PLAN "C" 3 ship PFF mission. All briefing will be held at Group Briefing Room.

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MISSION NO. 402 — 7 February 1945
TARGET: Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery — TGS 14-114 — MPI: 4.4-12.1
Alternates: [redacted]
Pola Military Stores Nr 3 — TC 4-51-NA — M-13
Fiume Quanaro Ship Yard — TC 4-29-NA — J/K-3/4

OTHER WINGS:
40th: Red and Blue forces - 2 Gps Vienna/Kornsburg Oil Ref 1255 and 1355 respectively
Red and Blue forces - 1 Gp Vienna/Florisdorf Oil Ref 1255 and 1355 respectively
55th: Red and Blue forces - 2 Gps Vienna/Florisdorf Oil Ref 1303 and 1403 respectively
Red and Blue forces - 2 Gps Vienna/Kagran Oil Ref 1303 and 1403 respectively
[redacted]
5th: Red - 3 Gps Vienna/Schwechat 1255; Red - 3 Gps Vienna Lobau Oil Ref 1255
Blue - 3 Gps Vienna/Schwechat Oil Ref 1355; 3 Gps Vienna/Lobau Oil Ref 1355

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Recent attacks have cut gasoline production of the enemy's major synthetic plants to a dangerously low level. 8th AF has laid on attacks today against 3 of 4 remaining active synthetic producers. These factors, plus the seemingly imminent capture of the Silesian plants by the Russians, leaves the Vienna complex and the Ruhland the most important targets in Europe.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Photo cover shows considerable damage to the chemical process buildings but the fuel distillation units remain undamaged. The potential monthly gasoline output is estimated at 15,000 tons. Last attacked 1 Feb.

NO. OF PLANES: Red-18, Blue-18 BOMB LOAD: 560 MDX (.1 ns & .01 & .025Tl)

SQ FORM: Red 1st box: 513, 2nd box: 514; Blue- 1st box: 515, 2nd box: 512

WING FORMATION: 98th, 376th, 450th, 449th

ROUTE OUT: S. Pan to Litija (4603N 1449E) to Judenburg (4710N 1440E) to Zweitl(4836N 1510E) to IP to tgt

I.P.: Gars (4835N 1540E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 149°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500' TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Ormoz (4625N 1608E) to 4410N 1340E to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Maximum target cover for both forces.

FLAK: 90 guns in area. Defenses will be entered approx 10 mi NW of tgt and no of guns in range will rise to 28 approx 8 mi from tgt and remain at that figure until formation is within 3½ mi of tgt. All 90 guns can be brought to bear over tgt. Right rally and withdrawal to south will be the quickest route out of flak. Care should be taken to keep west of the guns defending Vienna and Wiener Neustadt.
Pola: On 22 Jan, 34 guns here. Prompt right rally recommended
Fiume: On 15 Jan, 8 guns here. Prompt right rally. Caution not to run into defenses of Pola of Lussino.

FIGHTERS: Estimated 40-50 SEF can be called upon for defense of this area but the planned fighter sweep will probably reduce the likefihood of opposition.

COMMENTS: Previous signals from 5 Feb are invalid.
Russian recognition signals for 7 Feb are: basic: dip left wing 2 or 3 times; secondary, dip right wing 2 or 3 times; night basic, short flashing navigational lights; secondary; white flare.
Italina bombline as of 0610440 Hours February: N-638560- 490560- 490526- Thence Senio River to 3133- 294330- thence R/R to 266290- 2429- 1524- 0925- 0234- L-8834- 8329- 7429- 4615- 4010- 1810- 1707- U-8898.
Russian Front line changes: 5255N 1450E, 5248N 1428E, 5247N 1427E, 5238N 1442E, 5234N 1444E, 5230N 1450E, 5212N 1448E, 5211N 1451E, 5216N 1519E.
American armbands will be worn. Russian recognition signals to be put on colors of the day.

| TIME SUMMARY: | RED FORCE | BLUE FORCE |
|---|---|---|
| BRIEFING | 0600 | 0745 |
| TRUCKS | 0645 | 0830 |
| TAKE OFF | 0745 | 0930 |
| ON COURSE | 0837 | 1018 |
| TARGET | 1228 | 1409 |

24 P-51's at 4710N - 1440E at 1324 hrs.

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MISSION NO. 402 ABLE 6 February 1945.

TARGET: Moosbierbaum Oil Refy REF: 14-39-NA BAP: K-12/13
ALTERNATES: Graz M/Y 14-41A-NA F-18/19
Villach M/Y 14-44-NA B-12/13

OTHER WINGS: All groups of this Air Force attack Moosbierbaum at the following times: 5th Wing: 1313 hours. 49th Wing: 1240 hours. 55th Wing: 1230 hours. 304th Wing: 1250 hrs.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This plant is now considered the most important of active plants within the operational area of this Air Force and is one of the large refining capacity, constitutes the most important refinery in Europe.
~~Photo strike photos of the attack of 1 Feb. show fifty per cent of the total installations (both oil and non distillation and cracking units).~~
Photo cover of 2 Feb. shows considerable damage had been done to the buildings housing chemical equipment during the attack of 1 Feb. Relatively unimportant damage was done to distillation units.

NO. OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500# RDX (.11-.01&.025T) SQ. FORM: A 513 C 515
B 514 D 512

WING FORMATION: 98th, 3 76th, 450th, 449th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Zirje (4339N-1540E) to Judenburg (4710N-1440E) to I.P.

I.P. - Mank (4806N-1520E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 60 deg.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500' TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Ornoz (4625N-1608E) to 4410N-1340E to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort on penetration, target and withdrawal will be furnished.

FLAK AT TARGET: 90 heavy guns. The defenses will be entered about 9 miles from the target when 24 guns come into range at approx. the same time. At about 5 miles 46 guns will be within range. The target is covered by all 90 guns. A prompt right rally may avoid all the guns located to the north of the target. A heading of less than 180 deg. will take the formations into the Vienna-Wiener Neustadt flak zones.

FLAK AT ALTERNATES: Graz:18 guns. Villach: 6 guns.

FIGHTERS: It is considered that 40 to 50 SEF are still available for the defens of the target area. Unfavorable weather conditions greatly lessen the likelihood of fighter opposition in any great force.

COMMENTS: 1. Russian recognition signals will be distributed.
2. American flag armbands will be distributed.
3. Letter, Security, Fifteenth Air Force, 29 Jan 1945, will be complied with.
4. HUNGARIAN FRONTLINE as of 4 Feb: South of Lake Valence the line passes two miles southwest of the northeast tip of the lake, four miles south west of Ivancsa, west of Herczegefalva, north of Sarbogrod. Line between Sarbograd and Lake Bakaton is unknown.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0700 Take off 0850
Trucks 0750 On course 0937
Target 1300

MISSION NO. 402 BAKER:

This mission is the same as ABLE with the following exceptions:

NO. OF PLANES: 3 BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,000'

FIGHTER ESCORT: None.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0820
Trucks
Take off 0940
On course 1005
Target 1325

36 - P-51s on 4711N - 1440E on 1233 hours.

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MISSION NO. 402 CHARLIE/ 6 February 1945.

TARGET: Munich Main M/Y REF: 13-5-NA BAP 1/J-16
ALTERNATES: Villach M/Y 13-4b-NA H-12/13
Innsbruck/Hall MP 13-107 5.6-5.4

| OTHER WINGS: | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Munich Main M/Y | 1302 |
| 49th | Munich North Goods Depot | 1310 |
| 55th | Munich North Goods Depot | 1300 |
| 304th | Munich Main Station | 1320 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This attack is designed to disorganize heavily increased traffice now believed flowing into Munich due to pressure of the Russian advance toward Berlin.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This M/Y is one of the most important rail centers in Southern Germany. Its capacity of more than 3,000 wagons in 24 hours makes it a bottleneck at one of the focal points of the German rail system. It is particularly important at this time because of the extent to which its transshipment facilities are being used to serve the supply requirements of the Hungarian, Yugoslav and Italian fronts.

NO. OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500# RDX (.25-.01-.025T) SQ. FORM. A 513 C 515
B 514 D 512

WING FORMATION: 98th, 376th, 450th, 449th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4430N-1340E to 4538N-1259E to Sacile (4557N-1230E) to Jenbach (4724N-1146E) to Trauchgau (4738N-1050E) to I.P.

I.P. River at 4800N-1053E AXIS OF ATTACK: 69 degrees.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500' TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Sacile (4557N-1230E) to 4538N-1259E to 4350N-1340E to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort on penetration, target and withdrawal will be provided.

FLAK: 254 heavy guns at Munich. The formation will come within range of the first Munich flak defenses at approx. 11 miles from the target. 25 guns will be within range when the bombers are slightly less than 9 miles from the target. A total of more than 110 guns are in range directly over the target. A withdrawal heading of greater than 160 deg. is recommended in order to avoid gun batteries sited west of the target.

FLAK AT ALTERNATES: Villach - 6 guns. Innsbruck-Hall - No photographed flak at this target. On 25 Dec. 47 Wing bombers experienced MAH & S/MIH flak in that area.

FIGHTERS: There is the possibility of harrassing attacks by 15 to 20 GAF from the Munich area. A few Me 262's may be airborne.

COMMENTS: 1. Letter, Security, Fifteenth Air Force, 29 Jan 1945, will be complied with.

TIME SUMMARY:

| | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0700 |
| Trucks | 0745 |
| Take off | 0845 |
| On course | 0931 |
| Target | 1330 |

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16 - P51s at 1257 hours.

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MISSION NO. 401 PLAN" ABLE" 5 FEBRUARY 1945

TARGET: Salzburg Main Satation M/Y REF: TC 14-111 MPI: 9/5-1/5 K-45 center M/Y
ALTERNATES: ~~Rosenheim~~ West M/Y HALL M/Y TS 13-112NA MP 14-107

| OTHER WINGS: | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 49th | Regensburg Oil Storage | 1300 |
| 5th | " " " | 1313 |
| 55th | " " " | 1250 |
| 304th | " " " | 1240 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The traffic center at Salzburg is located on the main line between Munich and Linz and connects with lines which supply Italy. Photo cover shows this target to be repaired and active following the 20 January attack.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Photo recce shows that substantial damage was done on the attack of 20 January but the lines have since been repaired and are active with 503 units in the east yard and 203 in the west yard.

NO. OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb GP SQDN FORM: A 515 B 512 C 513 D 514

WING FORM: 449th, 450th, 98th, 376th,

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to (4538N-1259E) to Sacile (4557N-1230E) to Bad Aibling 4752N-1201E) to IP.

I.P.: Altenmark (4801-1232E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 118°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Slight left to rally point St. Wolfgang (4757N-1327E).

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to Spittal (4647N-1330E) to Fianona (4506N-1412E) (4350N-1400E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover.

FLAK: 52 heavy guns at Salzburg. The defenses will be entered about 7 miles from the target. At 4 miles from the target the formation will be in range of all 52 guns. Slight to moderate, accurate heavy flak was experienced at this targe t on 20 Jan.
ALTERNATES: Rosenheim-none reported; Worgl-no reports available. Hall-none at target but 72 guns at Innsbruck. Coming in range of 12 guns at release point-over target in range of 20 guns. Rally sharp left.

FIGHTERS: It is estimated that there is the possibility of harassing attacks by 10 to 15 trainers from the Munich area as well as attacks on stragglers in Northern Italy by a few Italian Air Force fighters. However, fighters have been reported based as follows: Linz 90, Pocking 12, Muhldorf 48, Zeltweg 13, Udine 28.

| TIME SUMMARY: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Briefing | 0640 |
| | Trucks | 0725 |
| | Take off | 0825 |
| | On course | 0932 |
| | Target | 1307 |

RUSSIAN FRONT: No change

36 P-51's at 4714N-1210E at 1241 hours

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MISSION NO. 401 .S PLAN " ABLE " 3 F uary 1945

TARGET: Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery BC 14-39-NA MPI: Vis- K-12/13, PFF: J-12/13
Alternates: Graz M/Y 14-41-NA MPI: F/18/19
Wiener-Neustadt M/Y MPI: H05.5-V06

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery | 1200 |
| 49th: | " | 1225 |
| 55th: | " | 1215 |
| 304 th: | " | 1235 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This plant is now considered the most important of active plants within the operational area of this Air Force and in view of its large cracking capacity constitutes the most important refinery in Europe.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Bomb strike photos of the attack of 1 February show hits on or near the primary objectives (both old and new distillation and cracking units). If photo recce confirms this damage it appears possible that the entire plant has been knocked out for at least a temporary period. ~~[illegible]~~

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500GP (.1 Ns & .01 & .025 Tl) GP Form: 1st box: 515
2nd box: 512
3rd box: 513
4th box: 514

WING FORMATION: 449th, 450th, 376th and 98th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4340N 1420E to Brovigne (4459N 1408E) to Judenburge (4710N 1440E) to IP to tgt.

I.P.: Mank (4806N 1520E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 60°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Left to Laimbach (4818N 1507E)

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Laimbach (4818N 1507E) to Judenburge (4710N 1440E) to reciprocal of route out.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration, target and withdrawal.

FLAK: Target: On 4 Jan, 90 guns in area. Defenses will be entered about 9 mi from tgt. At 5 mi from tgt, formation will be in range of approx 45 guns. Area is covered by all 90 guns, but 2 clusters of batteries are north of tgt and can just reach that far south, so with sharp left rally as soon as bombs are dropped, the fire of some guns may be almost or perhaps entirely avoided.
Graz: On 12 Jan, 18 guns in area, 8 of which are at Graz/Thalerhof. Left rally will keep formation out of range of 8 gun battery at the A/D.
Wiener Neustadt: On 4 Jan, 23 guns in area. Right rally with a heading from target of not less than 145° will minimize exposure to the fire of tgt defenses and keep formation clear of the Sopron defenses.

ENEMY FIGHTERS: It is estimated that the enemy can still call upon 40-50 Me 109s and FW 190s if election is made to defend the Vienna area.

| TIME SUMMARY: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Briefing | 0630 |
| | Trucks | 0715 |
| | Take Off | 0815 |
| | On course | 0934 |
| | Target | 1245 |

48-P51s at. 4710N-1440E
at 1220 hours

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MISSION NO. 401 PLAN "A" 4 February 1945.

TARGET: ~~[illegible]~~Salzburg M/Y REF: TC 13-13-NA MPI: ~~T/T 22/23~~ 19-R/S
MBC 13-71
MP 13-56

Alternates: Rosenheim West M/Y TC 13-112-NA J/K-4
~~Worgl M/Y~~ MBC 14-9 4.3 right 7-up
Hall

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Regensburg Oil Storage | 1312 |
| 49th: | Regensburg Oil Storage | 1300 |
| 55th: | Regensburg Oil Storage | 1250 |
| 304th: | Regensburg Oil Storage | 1240 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The traffic center at Salzburg is located on the main line between Munich and Linz and connects with lines which supply Italy. Photo cover shows this target to be repaired and active following the 20 January attack.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Photo recce shows that substantial damage was done on the attack of 20 January but the lines have since been repaired and are active with 503 units in the east yard and 203 in the west yard.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. GP (.1 & .01) SQDN FORM: A 515
B 512
WING FORM: 449th, 450th, 98th, 376th. C 513
D 514

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4430N 1340E to 4538N 1259E to Sacile (4557N 1230E) to Bad Aibling (4752N 1201E) to IP.

I.P.: Altenmarkt (4801N 1232E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 118°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Slight left to rally point St. Wolfgang (4744N 1327E)

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to Spittal (4647N 1330E) to Fianona (4506N 1412E) to 4350N 1400E to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover.

FLAK: 52 heavy guns at Salzburg. The defenses will be entered about 7 miles from the target. At 4 miles from the target the formation will be in range of all 52 guns. Slight to moderate, accurate heavy flak was experienced at this target on 20 Jan. Alternates: Rosenheim - none reported; ~~Worgl - no reports available.~~ Hall

FIGHTERS: It is estimated that there is the possibility of harassing attacks by 10 to 15 trainers from the Munich area as well as attacks on stragglers in Northern Italy by a few Italian Air Force fighters. However, fighters have been reported based as follows: Linz 90; Pocking 12; Muhldorf 48; Zeltweg 13; Udine 28.

| TIME SUMMARY: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Briefing | ~~0615~~ 0715 |
| | Trucks | ~~0700~~ 0800 |
| | Take off | ~~0800~~ 0900 |
| | On course | ~~0855~~ 0955 |
| | Target | 1308 |

Hall - no flak at Hall but 72 guns at Innsbruck - 12 will be just coming in range at release point and at point directly over target will be in range 20° sharp left rally.

RUSSIAN FRONT LINE: AS OF 2 FEB: 5330-1707 to 5332-1657 to 5334-1650 to 5328-1643 to 5324-1645 to ~~5320-1~~ 5317-1644 to 5310-1637 to 5304-1643. 5246-1506 to 5240-1501 to 5242-1506 to 5228-1513 to SCHONOW to 5219-1518 to 5216-1519 to 5214-1522 to 5206-1519 to 5204-1525. 5153-1604 to 5147-1612 to 5142-1614 to 5134-1638 to 5132-1635.

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PLAN "B"

Same as Plan "A" with the following changes.

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
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| 5th: | ~~[illegible]~~Regensburg Oil Storage | 1312 |
| 49th: | Salzburg M/Y | 1339 |
| 55th: | Salzburg M/Y | 1329 |
| 304th: | Salzburg M/Y | 1319 |

54 P-51'S AT 1240 HOURS

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MISSION NO. 402 2 FEBRUARY 19 45.

TARGET: Pola Harbor Installations BAP: 1 & 1A on Target chart 4-51-NA

OTHER WINGS:

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|---|---|---|
| 5th | Zagreb E. & W. M/Y's | 1200 |
| 49th | Fiume Oil Refy. | 1200 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Employing the normal effort of three wings, the Air Force will attack oil and communications targets in Italy & Yugoslavia. The 5th Wing's target is important bothas an evacuation point for troops from Southern Yugoslavia & as a M/S thru which passes men & materiel for the Eastern Front. The 49th Wing's target is a producer of high grade lubricants, butane & propane.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Stationed at this port are approx. 15 M.A.S. boats (similiar to our PT boats) which have been used offensively against Allied shipping and are capable of operations against shipping going to Yugo. Also selected for attack are naval dockyards & the naval arsenal with the objective of destroying workshops and material stored at both these sites.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500# (.1N-.01TD) Sq. Form: A 515 C 513
B 512 D 514

WING FORMATION: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4430N-1240E to 4450N-1250E to I.P.

I.P.: 4500N - 1320E AXIS OF ATTACK: 111 degrees.

BOMBING ALTITUDES: 22,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighter command will provide close escort for all Wings.

FLAK: 34 heavy guns at Pola. The defenses will be entered approximately 7½ miles from the target. At 4½ miles from the target the formation will be in range of all 34 guns. A prompt and sharp right rally will bring the formation out of range of the defenses in the shortest time possible.

FIGHTERS: No air opposition against our formation is considered likely.

COMMENTS: 1. No targets of opportunity will be bombed.
2. No bombs will be jettisoned over land.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0645 |
| Trucks | 0730 |
| Take off | 0830 |
| On course | 0937 |
| Target | 1200 |

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MISSION NO. 415 GE SECRET
PLAN BAKER

2 February 1945

TARGET: Neumarkt M/Y MBC 13-21½
Alternates: Any M/Y in Southern Germany

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Communications Targets | |
| 49th: | Communications Targets | |
| 55th: | Communications Targets | |
| 304th: | Communications Targets | |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Destruction of German communications system.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Interfere with German transportation system.

NO. OF PLANES: ~~29~~ 30 BOMB LOAD: 500 RDX (.1 ns & .01 tl) CP FORM: A 512 B 515 C 514 C 513

WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Coast (4538N 1306E) to Sacile (4557N 1230E) to S. Candido (4643N 1218E) to IP to tgt

I.P.: Obing (4800N 1224E) AXIS OF ATTACK 10°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 14,000 TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Zell Am See (4719N 1248E) to Idria (4600N 1402E) to 4310N 1420E to base

FIGHTER ESCORT: Cover in target area

FLAK: Target: No photo recce flak reports or experience reports available.

FIGHTERS: Target: No organiged opposition probable. A few ME 262s may be airborne and it is withintheir capabilities to attack stragglers or small unescorted formations.. In absence of concurrent Allied operations in adjacent areas, if the enemy chose to oppose this probable scale of effort would be 50-75 sorties by effective SEF.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | ~~0530~~ 0570 |
| Trucks | 0615 |
| Take Off | 0710 |
| On course | 0759 |
| Target | 1205 |

NOTE: ATTENTION IS AGAIN DIRECTED TO SECURITY REGULATIONS THAT PROHIBIT DISCUSSION OF THIS PLAN OR ANY PROPOSED OPERATION IN THE EVENT OF CANCELLATION.

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Russian recognition signals for 1 FEBRUARY only are as follows:

Basic, rock wings three to five times; secondary, fire red flare; night time basic, long flashing of navigational lights; secondary, green flare.

Russian front line change as of 29 January, Chelmo (5323-1825) NW to Bucowiec to Byslawek to Kamien south to Sepolno. 5300-1654 NW to Ujscie west to Schonlanke to Schloppe SW to Woldenberg SE to Driesen to Miedzychod SW to Betsche SE to Tirschtievel to Wolsztyn to Mochy to Ilgen east to 5147-1633. Schonwald (5016-1840) SE to Kobior South to Pszczyna SE to Kosy-wlk east to Andrycvow to Barwald. Sucha (4945-1935) SE to Sidzina south to Jablonka SE 4924-1947 NE to Nowy Targ SE to Zdiar SW to Strba.

Eastern Czechoslovakia as of 30 January: the line passes west of Strba (4904-2005) to NW of Pohorela to Helpa then NW of Polhora to west of Lom then SE of Podkriwan to Lest to south of Vitava and along the river from south of Nemce to south of Mont Tesary. Location of line south of Danube and west of Budapest unknown; however reports indicate presence of Germans southeast of Dorog and east of Tarjan, also along the canal running from Val southeast to the Danube.

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MISSION NO. 398 PLAN "B" 31 January 1945.

TARGET: Graz Koflacher Goods Yard REF: TC 14-41A-NA MPI: G/H-11/12
Alternates: Villach M/Y TC 14-44-NA K/L-18
Klagenfurt M/Y TC 14-4-NA J/K-5/6
POLO 1 mile 4-51 6-
OTHER WINGS: Target Time
5th: Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery 1325 & 1410
49th: Graz M/Y 1338
55th: Graz M/Y 1330
304th: Graz M/Y 1346

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IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This is a planned PFF mission. Latest complete photo cover on 20 January shows approximately 1,740 units in the various Graz marshalling yards making this a rich PFF target.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Graz is located on the only double-track rail line from the Linz-Vienna area to enemy forces in Yugoslavia. Photo cover refered to in the above paragraph revealed the presence of 163 units in the Koflacher Goods Depot.

NO. OF PLANES: 18 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. CP (.1 & mixed (.01-.025)TD) SQ FORM: A 514
B 513
C 512
D 515

WING
~~XXXXX~~ FORMATION: 450th, 98th, 376th, 449th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Gradac (4306N 1720E) to Somogyszob (4618N 1719E) to Vaswar (4703N 1648E) to IP.

I.P.: Pollau (4718N 1550E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 230°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Slight right.

ROUTE BACK: target to St. Leonhard (4657N 1448E) to Split (4332N 1628E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover.

FLAK: 18 guns in Graz area. The flak zone will be entered 5¼ miles from the target and only 10 guns can reach the formation along the planned axis of attack. The 8 guns (included in the 18) located at Thalerhof A/D cannot quite reach the target. Alternates: Villach 6 guns; Klagenfurt - none reported.

FIGHTERS: Nil fighter opposition is expected at Graz. However, the possibility of attack from Italian Fascist fighters in Northern Italy must be remembered.

| Time Summary: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Briefing | 0715 |
| | Trucks | 0800 |
| | Take off | 0900 |
| | On course | 1003 |
| | Target | 1322 |

RUSSIAN FRONT LINE AS OF 28 JAN: Central sector line runs from 5328N 1842E) to SZYNYCH to CHELMO to 5317N 1807E northwest to KORONOWO to SEPOLNA southwest to LOBZENICA to BIALOSLIWIE to CHODZIEZ to CZARNKOW to WRONKI south to PNIEWY southeast to OPALENICA south to BRODZISK to WIELICHOWA to southeast SMIGIEL south to LESZONO to GUHRAU to WINZIG. South Poland and Eastern Czechoslovakian sector; line passes west of SUCHA (4944N 1935E), west of RABKA, east of NOWY TARG, west of VELFRANKOVA, west of SPISBELA, west of POPRAD, east of HRONOVICA, to STEFANOUCE, south of MUNHUTA, north of MHRAN to TISOVEC.

PLAN "A" Identical with Plan "A" for 30 January 1945.

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MISSION NO. 398 PLAN "ABLE" 30 January 1945

TARGET: Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery TC 14-39-NA MPI: Vis K-12/13 PFFJ-12/13
Alternates: Graz M/Y TC 14-41A-NA MPI: F-18/19
Bruck M/Y TC 14-51-NA MPI: L-11
POLO 4-51

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery | Red Force 1255 | Blue Force 1355 |
| 49th: | | 1322 | 1422 |
| 55th: | | 1314 | 1414 |
| 304th: | | 1330 | 1430 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: With nine of the nineteen enemy oil refineries within the 15th Air Force operating area having been at least temporarily suspended from the target list due to the Russian drive, the remaining oil installations assume added importance. At present, the Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery together with the Vienna refineries represent the most important active plants near active plants in operating range.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This plant has an estimated refinery capacity of all oil products of 40,000 tons, which would represent 15,000 tons of gasoline per month. The new French equipment responsible for this potential capacity has not, to date appeared active on photo cover, but appears to be fully installed. The old distillation equipment which is thought to be producing aromatics for the blending of aviation gasoline, is repaired and active again.

NO. OF PLANES: Red force-18, Blue Force-18 BOMB LOAD: 500 GP (.1nose and .01 &.025tl)
GROUP FORMATION: 1st box: 514, 2nd box: 513, 3rd box: 512, 4th box: 515

WING FORMATION: 450th, 98th, 376th, 449th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Gradec (4306N 1720E) to Somogiszob (4618N 1719E) to Csorna (4737N 1714E) to Cifer (4619N 1730E) to IP to tgt

I.P.: Gnadendorf (4837N 1623E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 227°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Left

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Langenwang (4733N 1536E) to Varazdin (4619N 1620E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Route and tgt cover.

FLAK: At target: Defenses will be entered 11 mi from tgt. At 7 mi from tgt, formation will be in range of approx 49 guns. Refinery area is covered by all 90 guns but 2 clusters of batteries are north of tgt and can just reach that far south so, is prompt left rally is accomplished as soon as bombs are away, the fire of some guns may be almost or perhaps entirely avoided. Evasive action is recommended to reduce the effectiveness of the two clusters of batteries lying south and southeast of the target.
Graz: 18 guns, left rally recommended.
Bruck: 37 guns, rally between 120 and 180 degrees.

FIGHTERS: If the enemy elects to defend the target, 40 to 50 ME-109's and a few FW-190's can be called on from the Vienna area.

COMMENTS: American arm bands to be issued. Russian recognition signals to be put on colors of day.

| TIME SUMMARY: | Red Force | Blue Force |
|---|---|---|
| Briefing | 0615 | 0615 |
| Trucks | 0710 | 0710 |
| Take Off | 0810 | 0910 |
| On course | 0908 | 1008 |
| Target | 1306 | 1406 |

Russian front Poznan and Breslau areas of 27 January: 5313N 1823E Unislow west to Bydgoszcz (5258N 1704E) SW to Budzyn - Oborniki - Buk - SE to Steszew - Czempin - Srem - east to Nowe-Miasto south to Jarocin - Kozmin - SW to Kobylin-Rawicz NW to Bojanowo south to Herrnstadt - Winzig - Wohlau - SE to Dyernfurth NE to Trinitz.

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MISSION NO. 398 PLAN BAKER 30 January 1945

TARGET: Verona Arsenal BC 4-210-NA MPI: P/O-12
Alternates: Padua M/Y TC 4-67-NA MPI: ~~xxx~~ M-8
Vicenza Marsh and Loco Depot TC 4-94-NA MPI: ~~xxx~~ M-7

OTHER GROUPS: 450th: Porto Nuova M/Y
98th: Porto Vescova M/Y
449th: Verona Loco Depot

OTHER WINGS: Target Time
[illegible] Verona/Porto Vescova and Porto Nuova M/Y, Loco Dep & Arsenal Red-1244, Blue 1400
49th: Trento M/Y Red - Optional, Blue 66 min later
55th: Verona/Porto Vescova and Porot Nuova M/Y, Loco Depot Red-1323, Blue 1436
304th: Bolzano M/Y Red Optional, Blue 66 min later

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The entire Air Force effort is directed at communications targets in Northern Italy. The primary objective is the destruction of military supplies in M/Y; the secondary objective is to sustain interdiction of the Brenner Pline.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Verona, at the southern terminal of the main supply line from Germany to Italy, plays an important part in the enemy's transportation system. These M/Ys have been bombed repeatedly straining the repair facilities of the enemy in an effort to keep these vital transportation links clear.

NO. OF PLANES: Red-18, Blue-18 BOMB LOAD: 500 GP (.1 nose and .01 and .025 tail)

GROUP FORMATION: 1st box514, 2nd box: 513, 3rd box: 512, 4th box: 515

WING FORMATION: 450th, 98th, 376th, 449th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4440N 1330E to Coast 4538N 1259E to Sacile (4557N 1231E) to Feltre (4601N 1156E) to IP to tgt.

IP: Schio (4543N 1121E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 222°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Left

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Fiesso (4458N 1137E) to Coast 4447N 1216E to base

FIGHTER ESCORT: Tgt cover

FLAK: Target: Defenses will be entered approx 7 mi from tgt with about 12 guns in range. This rapidly builds up to 100 guns that can cover tgt area. Prompt and sharp left rally will quickly bring the formation out of range of about 20 guns and being down wind will also carry the formation out of the flak zone in the shortest time.
Padua: 29 gus here. ~~xxxxxxxx~~ The additional guns have been placed east and ne of city. Since 24 of 29 guns are east of tgt, right rally is suggested. Keep west of Rovigo and head generally southwest until the planned route from the primary tgt is reached.
Vicenza: 12 of 18 guns are east of tgt. Right rallyis suggested with a continuation on general a SSW heading to the corridor just north of Ferrara.

FIGHTERS: It is estimated that the Italian Fascist Air Force is capable of 25 fighter sorties in Northern Italy.

COMMENTS: 1. No unassigned targets in Italy will be bombed.
2. No targets in Italy will be bombed by PFF methods.
3. Long delay bombs and leaflets will not be dropped in Italy.

| TIME SUMMARY: | RED FORCE | BLUE FORCE |
|---|---|---|
| Briefing | 0700 | 0700 |
| Trucks | 0800 | 0840 |
| Take Off | 0840 | 0950 |
| On course | 0936 | 1049 |
| Target | 1305 | 1418 |

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MISSION NO. 398 PLAN "ABLE" 29 JANUARY 1945

TARGET: Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery REF: TC 14-39-NA BAP: K-12/13
ALTERNATES: Graz M/Y TC 14-41-NA H-14/15
Bruck M/Y TC 14-51-NA L-11

| OTHER WINGS: | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery | 1205 |
| 49th | " | 1235 |
| 55th | " | 1245 |
| 304th | " | 1255 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: With nine of the nineteen enemy oil refineries within the 15th Air Force operating area having been at least temporarily suspended from the target list due to the Russian drive, the remaining oil instillations assume added importance. At present, the Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery together with the Vienna refineries represent the most important active plants or near active plants in operating range.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This plant has an estimated refinery capacity of all oil products of 40,000 tons, which would represent 15,000 tons of gasoline per month. The new French equipment responsible for this potential capacity has not, to date appeared active on photo cover, but appears to be fully installed. The old distillation equipment which is thought to be producing aromatics for the blending of aviation gasoline, is repaired and active again.

NO. OF PLANES 36 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb GP SQDN FORMATION: 1 - 514
2 - 513
3 - 512
4 - 515

WING FORMATION: 450th, 98th, 376th, 449th

ROUTE OUT: Kolan (4430N-1459E) to St. Georgen (4712N- 1430E)

I.P.: Kirchberg (4802- 1526E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 48°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp Left

ROUTE BACK: Laimback (4819N-1508E) to Ardning (4736N- 1421E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide close escort on penetration CMA target and withdrawal.

FLAK: At Target: Photo cover to 4 Jan. shows this target area to be defended by 90 heavy guns. On 11 Dec. intense, accurate heavy flak reported. The defenses will be entered about 9 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the target, the formation will be in range of approx. 45 guns. The Refinery area is covered by all 90 guns, but two clusters of batteries are north of the target and can just reach that far south, so if a very sharp left rally is accomplished as soon as bombs are dropped, the fire of some guns may be almost or perhaps entirely avoided.
Alternates: Graz- 18 guns, left rally.
Bruck- 37 guns, rally between 120 and 180 degrees.

FIGHTERS: If the enemy elects to defend the target, 40 to 50 Me-109's and a few FW-190's can be called on from the VIENNA area.

COMMENTS: American arm bands to be issued. Russian recognition signals to be put on colors of day.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0610 |
| Trucks | 0700 |
| Take off | 0800 |
| Target | 1225 |

50 + P-51's at 1158 hours

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PLAN BAKER MISSION NO. 398 29 Jan 1945.

TARGET: Verona Arsenal
ALTERNATES: Padua M/Y
Vicenza M/Y & Loco Depot
OTHER GROUPS: 450th - Verona/Porto Vescova M/Y
98th - Verona/Porto Nuova M/Y
449th - Verona Loco Depot

REF: 4-210-NA BAP P/Q-12
4-67-NA 8-H
4-94-NA 8-K

| OTHER WINGS | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Verona/Porto Vescova & Porto Nuova M/Y's, Arsenal | Optional |
| 49th | Trento M North M/Y | " |
| 55th | Verona/Porto Vescova & Porto Nuova M/Y's, Arsenal | " |
| 304th | Bolsano M/Y | |

IMPORTANCE OF ~~XXXXXX~~ MISSION: The entire Air Force effort is directed at communications targets in Northern Italy. The primary objective is the destruction of military supplies in M/Y's; the secondary objective is to sustain interdiction on the Brenner Line.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Verona, at the Southern terminal of the main supply line from Germany to Italy, plays an important part in the enemy's transportation system. These M/Y's have been bombed repeatedly, straining the repair facilities of the enemy in an effort to keep these vital transportation links clear. The arsenal is engaged in repairing anti-tank & A/A guns.

NO. OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500# (.1N-.01 & .025T) SQ. FORM. A 514 C 512
B 513 D 515

WING FORMATION: 450th, 98th, 376th, 449th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Rimini (4404N-1234E) to (4345N-0930E) to Sestri (4416N-0923E) to IP

I.P. Castelgofredo (4518N-1029E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 69 degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Fiesso (4458N-1136E) to (4446N-1215E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighter Command will provide cover & withdrawal cover.

FLAK: 158 guns ~~XX~~ in Verona-Peschiera area. The defenses will be entered about 17 miles ~~XX~~ from the target. This axis carries the formation along the edge of the flak belt & at 7 miles from Verona the number of guns in range starts to build up from 24 to 100 that can cover the target area. An axis greater than 90 deg. would expose the bombers to the fire of 16 additional guns. The right rally will carry the formation down wind and out of the flak zone in the shortest period of time.
FLAK AT ALTERNATES. Padua - 6 guns. Vicenza - 18 guns.

FIGHTERS: It is estimated that the Italian Fascist Air Force is capable of 25 fighter sorties in Northern Italy.

COMMENTS: 1. No unassigned targets in Italy will be bombed.
2. No targets in Italy will be bombed by PFF methods.
3. Long delay bombs and leaflets will not be dropped in Italy.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0700 |
| Trucks | 0750 |
| Take off | 0850 |
| On course | 1001 |
| Target | 1410 |

50-P-47's at 1340 hours

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01 PLAN "ABLE"

MISSION NO 398 28 JANUARY 1945

TARGET: Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery REF: TC 14-39-NA BAP: K-12/13
ALTERNATES: Graz M/Y TC 14-41-NA H-14/15
Bruck M/Y TC 14-51-NA L-11

| OTHER WINGS: | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery | 1230 |
| 49th | " | 1225 |
| 55th | " | 1245 |
| 304th | " | 1315 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: With nine of the nineteen enemy oil refineries within the 15th Air Force operating area having been at least temporarily suspended from the target list due to the Russian drive, the remaining oil installations assume added importance. At present, the Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery together with the Vienna refineries represent the most important active or near active plants in operating range.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This plant has an estimated refinery capacity of all oil products of 40,000 tons, which would represent 15,000 tons of gasoline per month. The new French equipment responsible for this potantial capacity has not, to date appeared active on photo cover, but appears to be fully installed. The old distillation equipmentwhich is thought to be producing aromatics for the blending of aviation gasoline, is repaired and active again.

NO OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. GP SQDN FORMATION: 1 - 514
2 - 513
4 - 512
5 - 515

WING FORMATION: 450th, 98th, 376th. (449th stands down)

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Split (4331N 1637E) to G. Jelenska (4536N 1641E) to Cussing (4703N 1620E) to Cuswerk (4744N 1519E) to I.P.

I.P.: Mank (4807N 1520E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 62 degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp left

ROUTE BACK: Target to Waldhausen (4816N 1457E) to St Georgen (4712N 1430E) to Sibenik (4344N 1554E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort on penetration, over target and on withdrawel.

FLAK: At target - 90 guns - The defenses will be entered about 9 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the target, the formation will be in range of approx. 45 guns. The refinery area is covered by all 90 guns, but two clusters of batteries are north of the target and can ~~xx~~ just reach that far south, so if a very sharp left rally is accomplished as soon as bombs are away, the fire of some guns may be almost or perhaps entirely avoided.
Alternates - Graz - 18 guns, left rally
Bruck - 37 guns, rally between 120 and 180 degrees.

FIGHTERS: It is estimated that the enemy is capable of 40 to 50 sorties in the target area.

COMMENTS: American arm bands to be issued. Russian recognition signals to be put on colors of day.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0700 |
| Trucks | 0750 |
| Take Off | 0850 |
| On Course | 1006 |
| Target | 1305 |

FIGHTER ESCORT: 48 P-38's of 1st Fighter Grp will rendezvous with 47th Wing at Cussing (4703N 1620E) at 1231 hrs,

RUSSIAN FRONT LINE AS OF 25 JANUARY 1945. 5302-1742 west to Kcynia to Margonan south t to Murowana to Swarzede to Sroda to Jarocin. Czeckoslovakia as of 26 January: line passes one mile west of Kluknava (4856N 2058E) north of Krompachy, two miles northwest of Vondrisel, three miles southwest of Bobsina, northwest of Revuca, one milesoutheast of Tisdveg.

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MISSION NO. 398 PLAN "B" 28 January 1945

TARGET: Linz Main Station M/Y TC 14-50-NA E/F-14/15
TCS ~~14-10A~~ BAP: ~~B/41~~
TC 14-41 NA H-14/15
TC 13-13-NA R-18

ALTERNATES: Graz M/Y
Salzburg M/Y

| OTHER WINGS: | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Linz S. Main M/Y | 1230 |
| 47th: | Linz S. Main M/Y | 1245 |
| 55th: | Linz Benzel Plant & N Main M/Y | 1245 |
| 304th: | Linz Main Station Yard | 1315 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Linz is a very important communication center and has been attacked five times by the 15th Air Force during December and January. There is much rolling stock in the M/Y's and is considered a rich PFF target.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: At the time of the last attack on this M/Y (20 Jan 45), the North Yard was 60% loaded and the South Yard 80% loaded. The main portion of the bombs dropped on this mission fell in the north part of the target area.

NO. OF PLANES: 36 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb GP SQDN. FORM: A 514
B 513
C 512
D 515

WING FORMATION: 450, 98, 376. (449 stand down)

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to (4440N-1300E) to (4538N-1259E) to Sacile (4557N-1231E) to Ubersee (4749N-1229E) to Eggenfelden (4824N-1246E) to Target.

I.P.: Enzenkirchen (4824N-1339E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 103°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Rally Left then right around Steyr

ROUTE BACK: Target to Monichdorf (4822N-1447E) to Lasce (4550N-1438E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide close escorts on penetration CMA target and withdrawal.

FLAK AT TARGET: 162 guns at Linz with an additional 86 at Steyr and Enns. The defenses will be entered about 9 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the target the formation will be in range of approx. 60 heavy guns. This number builds up to about 140 as the target area is approached. The rally heading should be between 70° and 90° to minimize flak. One less than 70° would bring the bombers in range of an additional 22 guns, and one greater than 90° would carry them through the defenses south of Enns.
ALTERNATES: Graz-18 heavy guns in this area, of which 8 are located at the Graz/Thalerhof A/D. Left rally.
Salzburg- 52 guns. Continue down wind and some evasive action should be taken.

FIGHTERS: 40-50 SEF

COMMENTS: American arm bands to be issued.

Time summary: Briefing 0610
Trucks 0700
Take off 0800
Target 1305

48 P-38's AT 1228 HOURS AT MITTERSILLE (4718N-1214E)

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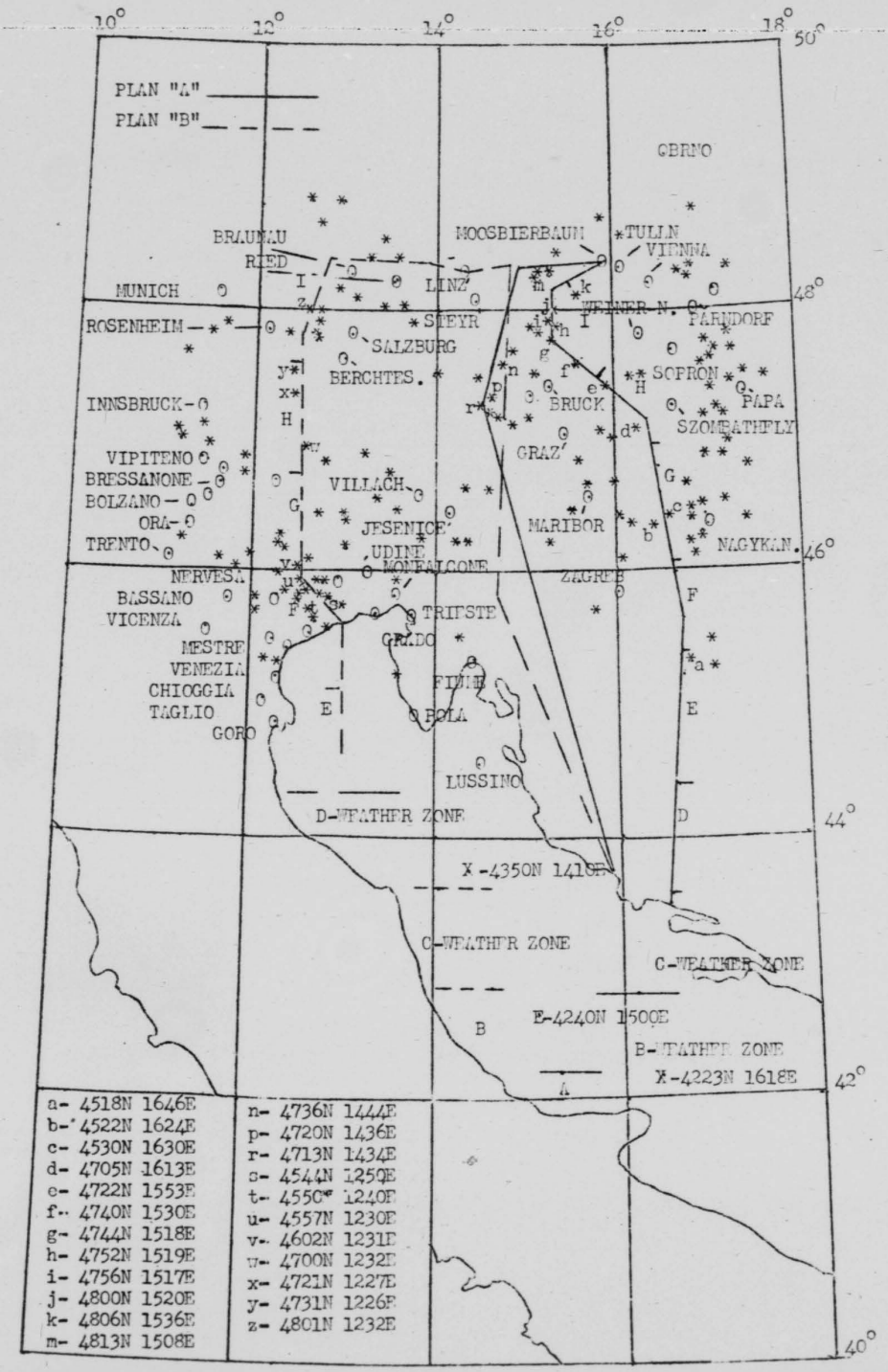
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 196

PLAN "A" AND "B" MISSION OF JAN. 28 1945

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Symbols used:

O - Known flak defended area. Photo reconnaissance has confirmed the location of anti-aircraft guns of heavy caliber.

* - Location at which crews have reported experiencing or seeing flak, but for which no photo reconnaissance confirmation has been received.

X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

F - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO. 398 PLAN "A" 27 January 1945.

TARGET: Linz Main Station M/Y TC 14-50-NA MPI: E/F-15
MP & MBC 14-67

Alternates: Rosenheim M/Y TC 13-112-NA J-14/15
Brescia M/Y TC 4-104-NA F/C-4/5
Padua M/Y TC 4-67-NA
Vicenza TC 4-94-NA

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 56th: | Linz South Main M/Y | 1230 |
| 49th: | Linz South Main M/Y | 1255 |
| 55th: | Linz Benzol Plant and North Main M/Y | 1245 |
| 304th: | Linz Main Station M/Y | 1315 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Linz is very important communications center and has been attacked five times by the 15th Air Force during December and January. There is much rolling stock in the M/Ys and is considered a rich PFF target.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: At the time of the last attack on this M/Y (20 Jan 45), the North Yard was 60% loaded and the South Yard 80% loaded. The main portion of the bombs dropped on this mission fell in the north part of the target area.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. GP (.1N .01TD) GROUP FORM: A 514
B 513
C 512
D 515

WING FORMATION: 550th, 98th, 376th, 449th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4410N 1310E to 4538N 1259E) to Sacile (4557N 1231E) to IP.

I.P.: Gospoltshofen (4809N 1344E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 69°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Slight left then right around Steyr.

ROUTE BACK: target to Monichdorf (4822N 1447E) to V. Lasce (4550N 1438E) to base.

~~XXXXX~~ FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover.

FLAK: 162 guns at Linz with an additional 86 at Steyr and Enns. The defenses will be entered about 10 miles from the target. A heading greater than 90° would expose the formation to the fire of an additional 22 guns. At five miles from the target, the bombers will be in range of approximately 90 guns. This number builds up to about 140 as the target is approached.

Rosenheim - none. Brescia 16 guns. Padua 6 guns. Vicinza 17 guns.

FIGHTERS: For the defense of Linz the enemy is still capable of putting up 40 to 50 GE fighters.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0700 |
| Trucks | 0745 |
| Take off | 0845 |
| On course | 0946 |
| Target | 1305 |

RUSSIAN FRONT LINE CHANGE AS OF 24 JAN: 5358N 2000E southwest to MOHRUNG to SAALFELD to RIESENBERG southeast to PREYSTAD to BYDGOSZCZ southwest to SZUBIN to ZNIN to JANOWIEC to KLECKO southeast to GNIEZNO. 5202N 1830E TURCK southwest to KALISZ south to GRABOW to 5133N 1715E MILITSCH northwest to RAWICZ south to TRACHENBERG southeast to TREBNITZ south to HUNDSFELD southeast to OHLAU. In HUNGARY the Germans reached the Danube east of Lake VALENCE and thrust toward BUDAPEST. Line location not reported.

Issue American armbands.

4/5 - P-51s on 12 42 hours.

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MISSION NO. 398 PLAN "B" 27 January 1945

TARGET: Verona ~~marshalling yard~~ Arsenal TC 4-210-NA MPI: P-9/12
Alternates: Brescia M/Y TC 4-104-NA F/8-4/5
Padua M/Y TC 4-67-NA
Vicenza M/Y TC 4-94-NA

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Verona/Porto Nuova M/Y | 1240-1255 |
| 49th: | " | 1330 |
| 55th: | " | 1110 |
| 304th: | | 1310 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: The M/Ys at Verona have been bombed repeatedly but due to their location and the extensive facilities developed for the distribution of traffic, the enemy has deemed it necessary to repair and use this communications center regardless of damage.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Ground sources report that this arsenal is engaged in ordnance work and specializing on the maintenance and repair of anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns. Spare parts for these weapons are also stored here.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. GP (.1 & .01) SQDN RUNS: A 514
B 513
C 512
D 515

WING FORMATION: 450th, 98th, 376th, 449th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4332N 1311E) to I.P. (4355N 0930E) to Sestri (4410N 0923E)

to I.P.

I.P.: Castel Goffredo (4518N 1029E) ANGLE OF ATTACK: 69°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Rally slight right

ROUTE BACK: Target to coast (4510N 1219E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide close escort on penetration, target and withdrawal cover.

FLAK: 150 guns in the Verona-Peschiera area. The defenses will be entered about 18 miles from the target. At seven miles from Verona the number of guns in range starts to build up from approximately 24 to 100 that cover the target area.

Brescia 16 guns Padua 8 guns

FIGHTERS: In northern Italy ~~the~~ Italian Fascist Air Force can now probably put up a maximum of 25 Me 109s. However, while scattered opposition against our stragglers is probable, any organized opposition against our formations is considered unlikely.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0730 |
| Trucks | 0815 |
| Take off | 0915 |
| On course | 1030 |
| Target | 1350 |

45-P-51s at 1323 hours.

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MISSION NO. 398 GE January 1945

TARGET: Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery BC 14-39-MA MPI: Visual K-12/13 PFF J-12/13 F-18/19 L-11

Alternates: Graz M/Y TC 14-41-NA MPI:
Bruck M/Y TC 14-51-NA
Maribor So M/Y & Wagon Rep Shops, TC8-107-NA, MPI
Gebruder Bohler Engineering Works, BC 14-16, MPI:
Tarvisio M/Y TC 4-143-MA, MPI:
Vicenza Loco Depot TC 4-94-NA MPI:

OTHER WINGS:

| | | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery | 1240 |
| 49th: | " " " | 1230 |
| 55th: | " " " | 1300 |
| 304th: | | |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: With nine of the nineteen enemy oil refineries within the 15th Air Force operating area having been at least temporarily suspended from the target list due to the Russian drive, the remaining oil installations assume added importance. At present, the Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery together with the Vienna refineries represent the most important active or near active plants in operating range.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This plant has an estimated refinery capacity of all oil products of 40,000 tons, which would represent 15,000 tons of gasoline per month. The new French equipment responsible for this potential capacity has not, to date, appeared active on photo cover, but appears to be fully installed. The old distillation equip. which is thought to be producing aromatics for the blending of aviation gasoline, is repaired and active.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 GP Fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025tl

WING FORMATION: 450th, 98th, 376th, 449th GROUP FORM: 1st box: 514,
2nd box: 513
3rd box: 512
4th box: 515

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Split (4331N 1627E) to G. Jelenska (4536N 1641E) to Gussing (4703N 1620E) to Guszwerk (4744N 1519E) to Mank, IP, (4807N 1520E) to tgt.
I.P.: Mank (4807N 1520E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 62°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp Left

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Waldhausen (4816N 1457E) to St. Georgen (4712N 1430E) to Sibenik (4344N 1554E) to base.
FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration, tgt, withdrawal. Chaff in lead of wing

FLAK: Photo cover, 4 Jan, 90 guns in area. On 11 Dec, IAH reported. Defenses will be entered 9 mi from tgt, At 5 mi from tgt, formation will be in range of 45 guns. Refinery is covered by 90 guns, but 2 clusters of batteries are north of tgt and can just reach that far south, Sharp left rally after bombs away will avoid fire of some guns partially or perhapsentirely.
Graz: On 12 Jan, 18 guns in area. Slight left rally will enable formation to avoid battery at the Thalerhof A/D, 5 mi to south, while retaining speed of tail wind.
Bruck M/Y: On 17 Dec, 27 guns here with 10 at Leoben to the west. Recommend rally of 120 to 180 degrees.

FIGHTERS: Possibly 40-50 SEF, depending on commitments, may oppose formation.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0715 |
| Trucks | 0800 |
| Take Off | 0855 |
| On course | 0958 |
| Target | 1250 |

40 P-38's at 12/14 hrs. at 4703N 1620E

NOTES: Russian front line as of 23 Jan: 5325N 2058E Willenberg north to Ortelsburg nw to Passenheim to Allenstein to Mohrungzuth w to Saalfeld to Freystad se to Bischofswerder sw to Kolale to Niezywieg to Mazowsze s to Brezno nw to Torun to Solec-Kujawski to Bydgoszcz s to Labiszyn to Gniezno se to Mielzyn to Slupca to Str-Miasto to Turek then south to Tokary to Blaszki sw to Brzvziny to Grabow to Ostrzeszow w to Neumittelwalde sw to Ohlau se to Brieg to Gr-Dobern to Oppeln to Strehlitz to Pieskretscham ne to Miasteczko then 5003N 1950E to Tyniec to Radziszow to Harbutowice sw to Sucra se to Jordanow e to Mszana to 4926N 2055E to 4922N 2047E then se to Moszyna.
Eastern Czechoslovakia the line runs west of Kluknava (4856N 2058E) west of Gelnika, north of Nizmedzev south of Smolnik north of Poloma then south of Slavosvce to Klenovec then Kokava then southeast of Malinec
Issue American armbands. Russian recognition signals to be put on colors of day.

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MISSION NO. 396 25 January 1945.

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| TARGET: Linz Main Station M/Y | | IP: 14-50-NA | BAP: 15-E |
| ALTERNATES: Graz M/Y | | 14-14A-NA | F-18/19 |
| Salzburg M/Y | | 13-13-NA | R-18/19 |
| Rosenheim M/Y | | 13-112-NA | |
| Villach M/Y | | 14-44-NA | |
| Tarvisio M/Y | | 4-143-NA | |
| Vicenza Loco Depot | | 4-94-NA | |

| OTHER WINGS | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Linz South Main M/Y | 1245 |
| 49th | Linz South Main M/Y | 1310 |
| 55th | Linz North Main M/Y | 1300 |
| 304th | Linz Main Station M/Y | 1330 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This plan calls for the entire Fifteenth Air force to attack Linz M/Y's. Recent photo cover has shown these yards very active and heavily loaded with over 2,000 units of rolling stock. The main point of impact has been selected in order to effect the greatest damage in the concentrated industrial section of the city. It is because of this concentrated industrial section that this target is especially profitable.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500# (.11-.025 & .1T) SQ. FORM: A 514 C 512 B 513 D 515

WING FORMATION: 450th, 98th, 376th, 449th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to (4350N-1410E) to Brovigne (4459N-1408E) to Zolla (4553N-1400E) to Spittal (4648N-1330E) to St. Wolfgang (4744N-1327E) to I.P.

I.P. - Gaspoltshofen (4809N-1344E) AXIS OF ATTACK 68 degrees.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Slight left, then right around Steyr.

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Kreuzen (4817N-1448E) to Trieben (4729N-1430E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighter Command will provide close escort for all wings on Penetration, target and withdrawal.

FLAK AT TARGET: There are 162 heavy guns at Linz with and additional 86 at Steyr & Enns. The defenses will be entered about 10 miles from the target. A heading greater than 90 degrees would expose the formation to the fire of an additional 22 guns. At five miles from the target, the bombers will be in range of approximately 90 guns. This number builds up to about 140 as the target is approached. A rally heading greater than 95 degrees would carry the formation through the Enns defenses.

FLAK AT ALTERNATES: Graz - 18 guns. Salzburg - 52 guns. Rosenheim - none reported. Villach - Latest photo cover shows all guns moved out of this target. Tarvisio - No report available. A/C over this target in December/44 reported scant, inaccurate flak. Vicenza - 12.

FIGHTERS: The enemy is capable of putting up 40 to 50 FW 190's & Me 109's. However, in view of the absence of recent encounters and prospective weather conditions, opposition at Linz is likely to be Nil or negligible at this time.

NOTE: Available armbands (American Flag) will be issued to crews. Russian recognition signals will be given with the colors of the day.

| TIME SUMMARY: | |
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| Briefing | 0715 |
| Trucks | 0800 |
| Take off | 0900 |
| On course | 1005 |
| Target | 1320 |

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24 JANUARY 1945

Zagreb East M/Y — REF: TC 8-4-NA — BAP: T-25
DATE: Brod M/Y — Tc 8-103-NA — F/C-5/6

| OTHER WINGS | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Maribor RR Facilities | Optional |
| 49th: | Zagreb East & West M/Y's | " |
| 55th: | Maribor RR Facilities | " |
| 304th: | " " | " |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Destroy communications and supplies now most vital to Germans in Yugoslavia.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Lines radiate from Zagreb to Trieste (N. Italy), Vienna, and Brod. Communications complex is extensive and capable of handling a large amount of traffic. Our target, east of station area, is a very active one and consists of 20 tracks which were loaded with 580 cars 2 days ago.

NO OF PLANES: 26 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb GP Sqdn Formation: 1 - 514
2 - 513
3 - 512
4 - 515

47TH WING FORMATION: 450th, 98th, 376th, 449th.
(98th & 449th attack Zagreb West M/Y)

ROUTE OUT: [illegible] Krupa (4453N 1633E) to I.P.
San Vito to Brinje (4500N 1509E) to I.P.
I.P.: Ozalz (4537N 1529E) ANGLE OF ATTACK: 60°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp right

ROUTE BACK: Target to Bos Krupa (4453N 1609E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Over target and fighter sweep in Zagreb area.

FLAK: At target - The formation attacking the East M/Y will be in range of the guns about 11 miles from the target. A sharp right rally started as soon as bombs away, will minimize the time in flak. The simultaneous attacks on the two targets should do much toward dividing the flak.
Alternate - Brod - 74 guns - a sharp right rally.

FIGHTERS: Mil nor negligible opposition is expected.

COMMENTS: Security [illegible] against loose talk if mission is cancelled.
Stress observations such as convoys, motor transport, etc.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0730 |
| Trucks | 0815 |
| Take Off | 0915 |
| On Course | 1016 |
| Target | 1235 |

NOTE: American arm bands will be issued. Russian recognition signals to be put on colors of day.

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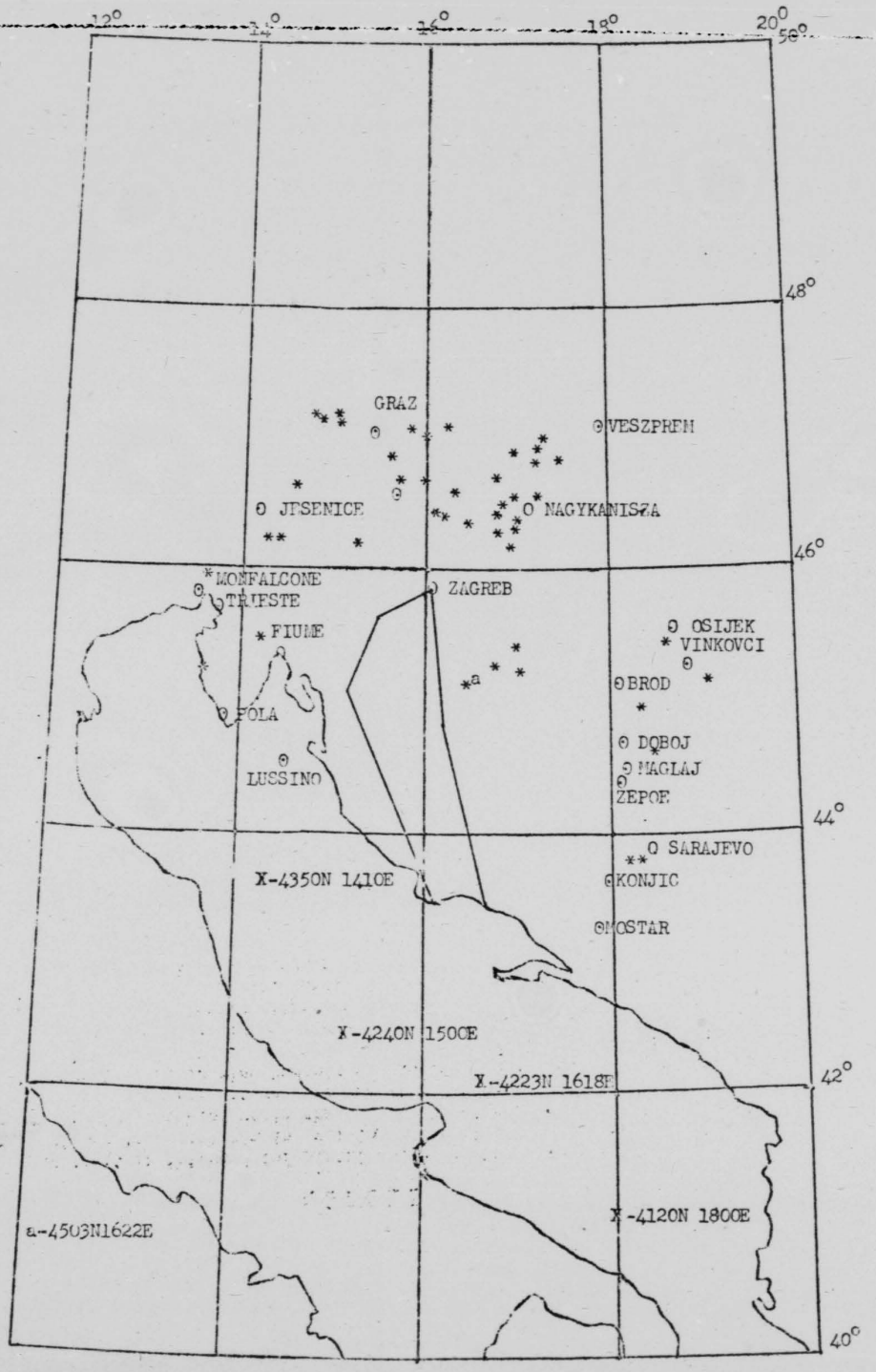
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 191

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 24 JAN. 1945

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X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

E - Emergency landing fields.

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ION NO 398

24 JANUARY 1945

TARGET: Verona/Porto Vescovo M/Y
Alternates: Vicenza M/Y
Treviso Loco Depot
Padua Loco Depot
Mestre Loco Depot

Ref: TC 4-109-NA
TC 4-94-NA
TC 4-215-NA
4-67-NA
4-120B-NA

BAP: M/7
M/7
I/10-11
L/14
N-0/7-8

OTHER WINGS:

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|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Porto Vescova M/Y | 1200-1236 hrs. |
| | Porto Nuova M/Y | 1200-1236 " |
| 49th: | Porto Nuova M/Y | 1320-1335 " |
| 55th: | Brescia M/Y | 1337-1352 " |
| 304th: | " | 1407-1422 " |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Destruction of RR facilities at this point would create great traffic and supply problem for German forces than anywhere else in Northern Italy at the present time.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Verona is terminus of Brenner Pass astride east/ west RR line across Northern Italy. This M/Y is most active recently showing approximately 500 cars. Locomotive and repair shops are adjacent to the yard on the north.

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. GP SQDN FORMATION: 1 - 514
2 - 513
3 - 512
4 - 515

47TH WING FORMATION: 450th, 98th, 376th, 449th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Iesi (43332N 1314E) to 4355N 0930E to Sestri (4416N 0923E) to I.P.

I.P.: Point Carpenedolo (4521N 1026E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 80°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Evasive action to rally point 4520N 1220E.

ROUTE BACK: Target to 4520N 1220E to 4340N 1340E to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: On penetration, over target and on withdrawal.

FLAK * Verona - The defenses of Peschiera will be entered about 20 miles from the target. At ten miles from Verona, the number of guns in range commences to build up from 24 to the 100 that cover the target. An axis ~~of~~ greater than 90° would expose the bombers to 16 additional guns. A slight right rally will carry the formation down wind out of the flak with maximum speed, and keep it away from the guns at Vicenza. Total at Verona 158 guns.
ALTERNATES: Vicenza - 18 guns - right rally
Treviso - none - right rally to avoid Nervesa.
Padua - none.
Mestre - 16 guns and 6 at Venice - left rally.

FIGHTERS: In Northern Italy the Italian Fascist Air Force is capable of 20 sorties.

COMMENTS: No unassigned targets in Italy to be bombed.
Security against loose talk if mission is cancelled.

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TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0615 |
| Trucks | 0700 |
| Take Off | 0800 |
| On course | 0906 |
| Target | 1305 |

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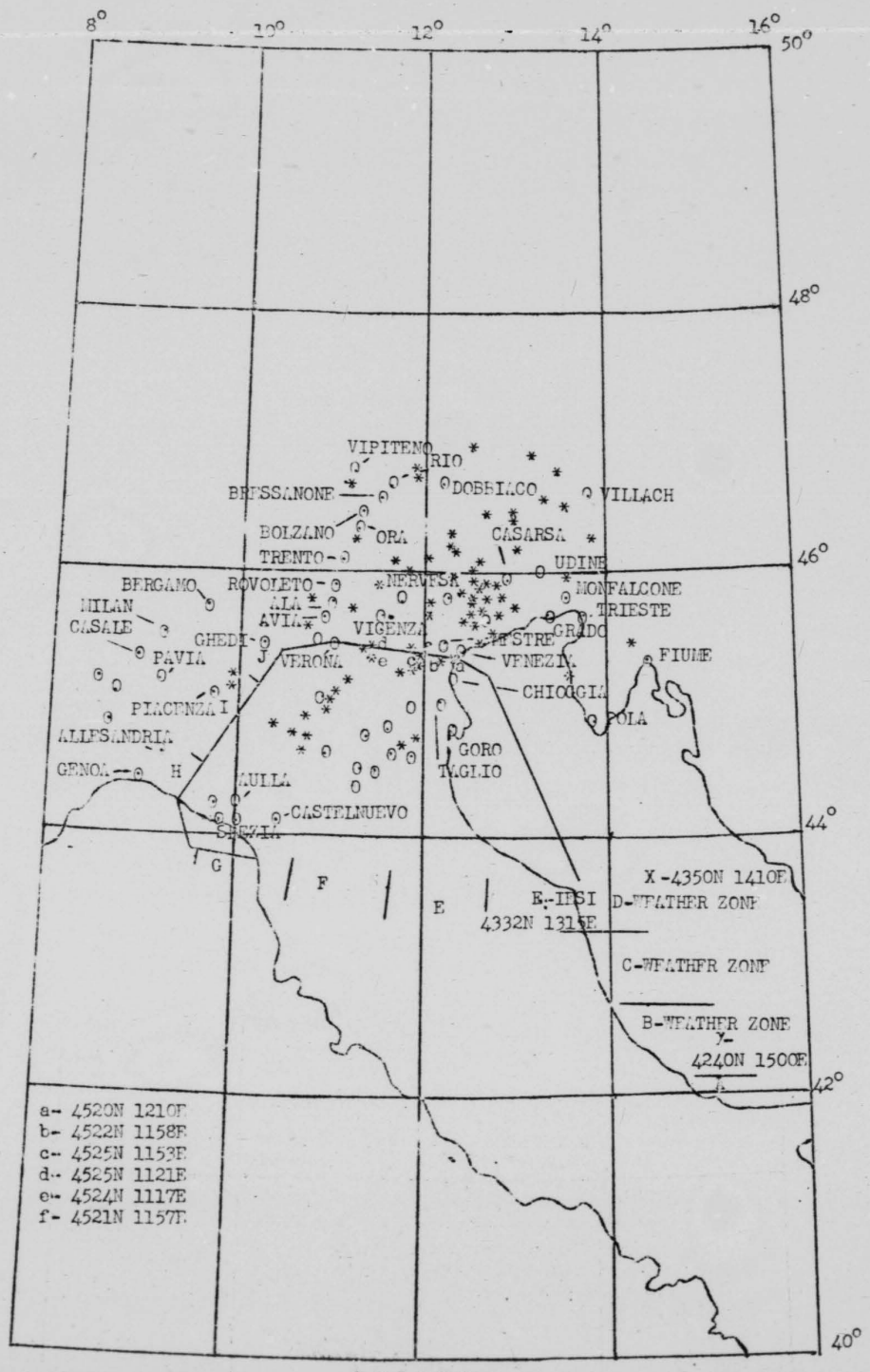
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 192

PLAN "B" MISSION OF 24 JAN. 1945

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X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

E - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO. 398. PLAN "A" 23 January 1945.

TARGET: Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery TC 14-39-NA NPI J-K/13
Alternates: Maribor South M/Y TC 8-107-NA K-15/16
Graz Main M/Y TC 14-41A-NA F/G-18/19
Bruck M/Y TC 14-51A-NA I-11

OTHER WINGS:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Vienna/Kagran & Floridsdorf Refineries | 1230 |
| 49th: | Korneuburg Oil Refinery | 1244 |
| 55th: | Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery | 1305 |
| 304th: | Vienna/Floridsdorf Oil Refinery | 1253 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Photo cover shows oil distillation unit active. The new refinery equipment is not yet active, although installations are almost completed. Earlier reports indicate that the new distillation unit has been constructed from dismantled French equipment.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Size and nature of the works, the marked activity which is apparent on reconnaissance photographs and the speed with which repairs have been made since the attack of 28 Aug indicates the high target value of this installation. Ground reports from Roumania and France tend to confirm estimates as to the importance of this target. Target was attacked 11 Dec but damage was slight. Photo cover on 16 Jan shows no new damage to the old works. Clearance and repair has shown progress. Refinery is active.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. GP (.1N Mixed tail (.01-.025)

WING FORMATION: 450th, 98th, 376th. GROUP FORMATION: A-514, B-513, C-512, D-515

ROUTE OUT: Monopoly to San Sego (4431N 1419E) to S. Pietro (4541N 1411E) to St. Vert (4646N 1421E) to Kl. Pertenschlag (4826N 1458E) to IP.

I.P.: Marbach (4832N 1521E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 121°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000 ' TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: target to Gloggnitz (4740N 1556E) to Varazdin (4619N 1620E) to Split (4331N 1629E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Close escort on penetration, target and withdrawal to be provided.

FLAK: 90 guns in Moosbierbaum area. The defenses will be entered about 8 miles from the target. At five miles from the target about half of the 90 guns can reach the formation, and all of them cover the target.
Alternates: Graz 16 guns; Maribor 29 guns; Bruck 37 guns.

FIGHTERS: The enemy scale of effort is still estimated at possibly 40 to 50 SEF, depending on whether or not other committments will allow defense against the operations included in this plan.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0640 |
| Trucks | 0725 |
| Take off | 0825 |
| On course | 0926 |
| Target | 1255 |

RUSSIAN FRONT LINE CHANGES AS OF 22 JAN: No information available of northern and central sectors. Hungarian sector: West of the GARAM River, the line passes southwest of BATONYSZ to the DANUBE River one mile east of SUTTO. Depth of German penetration between SZEKESFEHERVAR and Lake BALATON in the direction of the DANUBE is unknown.

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...al No. 398 PLAN "D" 23 January 1945

TARGET: Verona Porto Nuova M/Y TC 4-210-NA MPI K-10
Alternates: Udine Loco Depot TC 4-157-NA J-12/13
Treviso Loco Depot TC 4-215-NA I-10/11
Brescia Loco Depot TC 4-104-NA C-22
Bronzolo M/Y TC 4-219-NA L/M-10/11

OTHER WINGS:
5th: Verona/Porto Vescova & Porto Nuova M/Ys 1345-1415
...0th: Fortezza M/Y
55th: Vicenza Station M/Y 1245
304th: Verona/Porto Vescova & Porto Nuova M/Ys 1245-1300

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Air Force will destroy vital communications centers on the line running from Germany to Northern Italy. In all of these centers the congestion is exceptionally noticeable due to the attacks by strategic and tactical bombers on these centers and on others along the line. Double photo cover of 21 Jan shows intense activity in these yards. Last count shows 57 cars at Porto Nuova + 36 cars plus 19 Locos. at R. Vescova.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The enemy has concentrated a considerable amount of supplies at Verona, destined for the battle lines. Recent photo cover reveals that repairs of damage inflicted on 4 Jan were quickly effected. In addition to the increased activity, the target is a profitable one because of the 550 cars in the yards and 40 locomotives in the depot shown on photos of 10 Jan.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. GP (.1 N mixed (.01-.025) SQ FORM: A 514
B 513
C 512
D 515

WING FORM: 450th, 98th, 376th.

ROUTE OUT: Monopoly to Iese (4332N 1314E) to 4355N 0930E to Sestri (4416N 0923E) to IP.

I.P.: C... ndolo (4521N 1026E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 80° BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Evasive action to rally point.

ROUTE BACK: target to rally point (4520N 1220E) to 4510N 1240E to 4340N 1340E to base.

ESCORT: Fighters to provide escort.

FLAK: 158 guns in Verona area. Of these 24 are at Peshiera, west of Verona. The defenses at Peschiera will be entered about 20 miles from the target. At ten miles from Verona, the number of guns in range commences to build up from 24 to 100 that cover the target. An axis greater than 90° would expose the bombers to 16 additional guns.

FIGHTERS: There still remains the consideration that in Northern Italy 15 to 20 Italian Me 109s may be airborne against our formations.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0700
Trucks 0745
Take off 0845
On course 0950
Target 1315

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V NO. 398 PLAN " A " 22 January 1945

TARGET: Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery TC 14-39-NA
Alternates: Graz M/Y TC 14-41A-NA
Villach M/Y TC 14-44-NA
Udine Loco Depot TC 4-13?-NA
Vicenza Loco Depot TC 4-94-NA

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Vienna/Florisdorf Oil Refinery | 1200 |
| 49th: | Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery | 1230 |
| 55th: | 2 Ops-Vienna/Lobau Oil Ref, 2 Ops Vienna/Schwechat Oil Ref | 1200 |
| 304th: | 2 Ops Vienna/Lobau Oil Ref, 2 Ops Vienna/Schwechat Oil Ref | 1200 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Photo cover shows oil distillation unit active. The new refinery equipment is not yet active, although installations are almost completed. Earlier reports indicate that the new distillation unit has been constructed from dismantled French equipment.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Size and nature of the works, the marked activity which is apparent on reconnaisance photographs and the speed with which repairs have been made since the attack of 28 Aug indicates the high target value of this installation. Ground reports from Roumania and France tend to confirm estimates as to the importance of this target. Tgt was attacked 11 Dec but damage was slight. Photo cover on 4,16 Jan shows no new damage to the old works. Clearance and repair has shown progress. Refinery is active.
NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 GP fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail

WING FORMATION: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th FORMATION: 1st-514, 2nd-513, 3rd-512, 4th-515

ROUTE OUT: Base to Monopoli to 4310N 1420E to Unie (4438N 1415E) to Trata (4604N 1408E) to Volkermarkt (4640N 1438E) to Kallwang (4723N 1445E) to Pochlarn (4813N 1512E) to tgt

I.P.: Pochlarn (4813N 1512E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 77°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25, 500' TURN OFF TARGET: Left to Mistleback(4834N 1633E)
ROUTE BACK: Mistleback to Trnava (4823N 1735E) to Csorca (4736N 1714E) to Star Vas (4558N 1542E) to Kosljun (4424N 1505E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration, target, withdrawal

FLAK: Target: On 4 Jan, 90 guns in area. Enter defenses 8 mi from tgt. At 5 mi from tgt, formation will be in range of approx 30 guns and tgt is covered by all 90 guns. As minority of guns lie north of tgt, left rally will carry formation through a less dense flak area than right rally.
Graz: On 12 Jan, 18 guns here. On 8 Jan, Scant to mod, inacc, heavy flak reported. Left rally will expose formation to least number of guns.
Villach: On 11 Dec, 6 guns here. On 8 Jan, SAH reported.
Udine: On 26 Dec, 24 guns here. On 29 Dec MAH reported. Left rally recommended.
Vicenza: On 10 Jan, 18 guns here. On 4 Jan SIH reported. Right rally recommended.

FIGHTERS: Enemy scale of effort is still estimated at possibly 40 to 50 s/e fighters, depending on whether or not other committments will allow defense against the operations included in this plan.

COMMENTS: Fighter code will be same as of 20 January 1945. Issue American flag arm-bands. Russian recognition signals to be put on colors of day.
Russian front line change as of 19 January: 5303N 2053E Przasnysz, nw to Dzierzgowa, sw to 5307N 2032E, nw to Dzialdowo, south to Szrensk, to Radzanow , to Raciaz, se to Baboszewo, to Plonsk, south to Czerwinsk, west to 5224N 2000E, nw to 5228N 1952E, west to Gostynin, south to Kutno, sw to Lec„yca, se to Ozorkow, to Sciez, south to Lodz, se to Tuszyn, sw to Drugvice, to Belchatow, south to Kamiensk, west to Wielun, south to Zawiercie, se to Ogroczieniec, south to Olkusz, to Kr„eszowice, se to Krakow, ne to Czyzyny, to 5000N 2054E, sw to Wojnicz, to Olsyny, to Zakliczyn, west to Tynowa, to Rajbrot, sw to Limanowa, se to nw Sacz, to Plaszkow, to4934N 2105E.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing 0600
Trucks 0700
Take Off 0755
On course 0900
Target 1220

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sion No. 398 Plan "B" 22 January 1945

Target: Verona - Porto Nuova MY TC 4-210-NA

Alternates: Udine Loco Depot TC 4-137-NA
Bronzolo MY 4-219-NA
Brescia Loco Depot 4-104-NA
Treviso Loco Depot 4-215-NA

Air Force Effort:
47th Wing. 450-449 Verona Porto Vescova MY 1315
98 & 376 Verona [illegible] 1315
5th Wing. Same targets as 47th Wing. 1345 to 1415
49th Wing. Fortezza MY Optional
55th Wing. Vicenza Station MY 1230
304th Wing. Same targets as 47th Wing 1240-1255

Importance of mission: Air Force will destroy vital communications centers on the line running from Germany to Northern Italy. In all of these centers the activity is exceptionally noticeable due to the attacks by strategic and tactical bombers on these centers and on others along the line.

Importance of target: The enemy has concentrated a considerable amount of supplies at Verona, destined for the battle lines. Recent photo cover reveals that that repairs of damage inflicted on 4 January were quickly effected. In additioned to the increased activity, the target is a profitable one because of the 550 cars in the yards and 40 locomotives in the depot shown on photos of 18 January.

No. of planes -28 Bomb. Load 500 GP Sq. Form. 14
.1 N Mixed .01 &.025 T. 13
12
Wing Form: 450-449-98-376 15

Route out: Remote rendy at Monopoli to 4355-0930 to Castel S.G. 4503-0926 to Lake Iseo 4542-1005 to IP to tgt.

IP Vobarno 4539-1030 Axis - 125 deg.

Bomb. Alt. 25,500 Turn off tgt. slight left.

Route back: tgt to 4520-1220 to 4340-1340 to base.

Escort: Penetration, tgt. withdrawal (for filter code use 20 Jan. 45)

Flak: At tgt. - Reports of 4 Jan Mod to Int. Acc to Inacc. Defenses entered 16 miles from tgt. 16 guns can bear until ten miles from tgt. Then number of guns builds up to 100 at tgt.
Udine - 24 guns. Reports of 29 Dec. MAH
Bronzolo - From Bolzano to Ora there are 106 guns.
Brescia - 16 guns. No experience since July 44.
Treviso - 2 Jan photos show none. Reports of 15 Jan S/A AH

Enemy Air Opposition: Enemy is still capable of putting 15 to 20 Me 109's from NE Italy in defense of this sector.

Times: Briefing 0600
Trucks 0710
Take off 0810
On course from Monopoli at 0911
Tgt. time 1315.

Comments: Arm bands should be issued under Plan "A" only. Not recommended for plan "B". Since execution order may not arrive before briefing, arm bands should be issued.

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MISSION NO. 298 — 21 JANUARY 45.

TARGET: VIENNA MATZLEINSDORF STATION SIDINGS REF: 4-23-HA
ALTERNATES: ~~Graz M/Y~~ 4-414-HA
Klagenfurt M/Y 4-4-HA
Udine Loco Depot 4-137-HA
Vicenza Loco Depot 4-94

| OTHER WINGS | TARGET | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Vienna/Lobau (3 Groups) & Vienna/Schwechat (3 Groups) | 1145 |
| 49th | Vienna Railway Workshops | 1201 |
| 55th | Vienna Southeast Goods Depot | [illegible] |
| [illegible] | [illegible] Vienna/Matzleinsdorf Sta. Sidings (2 Grps) | 1220 |
| 304th | Vienna South and East Stations | 1220 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This is a planned PFF mission directed at Vienna communications & oil targets. The objective is twofold; to effect maximum interdiction of railroad traffic, and to destroy oil producing facilities at Lobau & Schwechat, the most important oil installations in the Vienna area.
IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Matzleinsdorf Station & sidings, this Wing's target, is at the apex of the main lines entering the city from the south. It is one of the main sorting centers for goods in transit to Italy. It contains transshipment sheds, goods depots, and sidings & occupies an area 4,000' by 900'.

NO. OF PLANES 27 BOMB LOAD: 500 # (.1N-.01T) SQ FORM. A 514 C 515
B 513 D 512

WING FORMATION: 450th, 449th, 98 th, 376th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Sansego (4431N-1418E) to Trata (4606N-1409E) to Volkermark (4640N-1438E) to Moos (4711N-1456E) to IP
IP - Michelbach (4807N-1546E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 80 degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500' TURN OFF TARGET: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Cesena (4737N-1712E) to Dobrovnik (4639N-1621E) to Crkvena (4556N-1640E) to (4330N-1627E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighter Command will provide close escort for all wings on Penetration, target and withdrawal. Droopsnoots will destroy Fiume Oil Refy at 1130 hours.

FLAK: There are 329 heavy guns in the Vienna area. The defenses will be entered approximately 11 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the target the formation will be in range of about 70 heavy guns. The target is covered by about 90 guns. Evasive should be taken. Planned rally is to the right.
AT ALTERNATES: Graz - 18 guns; Klagenfurt - no guns reported. Udine - 24 guns. Vicenza - 18 guns.

FIGHTERS: The enemy scale of effort is still possibly ~~[illegible]~~ 40 to 50 SEF.

COMMENTS: 1. Insert Russian recognition signals under colors of day on back of Flash Report form.
2. Issue all available armbands (American flags) to crews.
3. 15 AF policy to carry pistols into Russia. Explain that pistols can be retrieved by being checked out (subject to approval of Sq. CO)
4. Loose talk: Letter received this evening, to be distributed tomorrow re-emphasizes serious infractions of security, especially following cancelled missions. Anyone overhearing loose talk should for his own safety and the safety of others report it. Anyone found divulging operational matter, whether deliberately or inadvertantly, will be court-martialed.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0635 |
| Trucks | 0720 |
| Take off | 0820 |
| On course | 0909 |
| Target | 1230 |

NOTE: Fighter code covering 16 Jan. to 20 Jan will be considered ~~[illegible]~~ as in effect for this mission.

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Fighter Escort: P-51's at 47.13N-1447E at 1201 hours.

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MISSION NO 398 — 20 JANUARY 1945

TARGET: Verona/Parona RR Bridge — REF: TC 4-195-NA — BAP: 16/L
Alternates: Udine Locomotive Depot — TC 4-137-NA
Vicenza Locomotive Depot — TC 4-94-NA

OTHER WINGS:

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|---|---|---|
| 5th Wing | Regensburg Oil Storage Facilities | 1220 hrs. |
| 49th Wing | " | 1243 " |
| 55th Wing | " | 1255 " |
| 304th Wing | " | 1235 " |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Higher HQ has requested that 15th Air Force attack Verona/Parona RR Bridge and Regensburg Oil Depot. The latter due to information ~~xxxxxxxx~~ its oil is being moved to the Western Front.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Verona is the southern terminus of the vital Brenner Pass Line from Germany and is the most important ~~xxxxx~~center in the East/West line across Northern Italy.

NO OF PLANES: 28 — BOMB LOAD: 1000 lb GP — SQDN FORMATION: LST * 514, 2nd * 513, 3rd * 512, 4th * 515

47th Wing Formation: 450th, 449th, 98th, 376th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4430N 1340E to 4538N 1300E to Prata(4555N 1236E)to Sedica (4606N 1206E) to Borgo (4603N 1128E) to I.P.

I.P. Schio (4543N 1121E) — AXIS OF ATTACK: 221°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500'

~~XXXTXXXX~~ TURN OFF TARGET: left

ROUTE BACK: Target to 4520N 1220E to 4510N 1240E to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: None

FLAK: At target- 150 heavy guns. The defenses will be entered about 7 miles from the target. At 4 miles from the target, approx. 25 heavy guns will be in range of the formation. The heaviest part of the defenses is south of the target and may be avoided if a sufficient sharp rally is started as soon as bombs are away. In particular, a cluster of 18 guns, located 5 miles south of the target may be avoided entirely by a quick left rally, and the fields of fire of three batteries, of 6, 18, and 12 guns, situated south and east of Verona, may be skirted briefly if the formation remains north of the target. The farther south the bombers go, the greater will be the exposure to flak.

Alternates; Udine - 24, rally heading between 185° and 220°
Vicenza - 18, sharp left rally

FIGHTERS: Northern Italy has potential 15/20 Italian ME 109's which may be airborne for defensive operations.

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| Briefing | 0600 |
| Trucks | 0645 |
| Take Off | 0745 |
| On Course | 0845 |
| Target | 1125 |

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| 47th Wing | same as Able | | same as able | |
| 5th | same as Able | 1255 | Bolzano M/Y | 1255 |
| 49th | Linz M/Y | 1243 | Trento M/Y | 1210-1215 |
| 55th | " | 1255 | Verona/Porto Nuova M/Y | 1225-1245 |
| 304th | " | 1235 | Ora RR Bridge | 1135-1155 |

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PLAN "A" 19 January 1945

TARGET: Vienna Matzleinsdorf Goods Station — TC 14-23-NA, MP 14-60

Alternates:
- Graz M/Y — TC 14-41A-NA
- Villach M/Y — TC 14-44-NA
- Klagenfurt M/Y — TC 14-4-NA
- Udine Loco Depot — TC 4-137-NA
- Vicenza Loco Depot — TC 4-94-NA

OTHER WINGS:

| | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Vienna Southeast Goods Station | 1200 |
| 49th: | Vienna railway shops | 1225 |
| 55th: | Vienna Southeast Goods Station | 1245 |
| 304th: | Vienna South Station and Sidings | 1235 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Planned PFF mission. The primary objective is to damage and destroy communications facilities and disrupt rail traffic, secondary to damage industrial installations in the vicinity of the targets.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The Matzleinsdorf Station is one of the main goods sorting stations for goods in transit to Italy. Also at the apex of the main RR lines entering the city from the south.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. GP (.1 & .01) SQDN FORMATION: A 513, B 514, C 515, D 512

GROUP LEADING: 98th, 376th, 450th, 449th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to 4340N 1400E to 4457N 1409E to Maklo (4617N 1419E) to Feldkirchen (4643N 1406E) to Oberwolz (4712N 1418E) to IP.

I.P.: Michelbach (4806N 1516E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 80°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp Right.

ROUTE BACK: target to Csorna (4737N 1714E) to Dobrovnik (4639N 1621E) to Crkvena (4556N 1640E) to Split (4330N 1627E) to base.

FLAK: 329 heavy guns in Vienna area. The defenses will be entered approximately 11 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the target the formation will be in range of about 70 heavy guns. The target is covered by about 90 guns.
Graz - 16 guns; Villach - 6 guns; Klagenfurt - none reported; Udine 24 guns; Vicenza 24 guns.

FIGHTERS: The enemy scale of effort is still possibly 40 to 50 SEF, depending on whether or not other committments will allow defenses against the operations included in this plan.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0600 |
| Trucks | 0645 |
| Take off | 0745 |
| On course | 0855 |
| Target | 1215 |

NOTE: Give out American flag armbands.
Put Russian A/C recognition signals on color of day sheets.

40 - P38's at 4712N - 1418E at 1112 hrs.

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PLAN "B" 19 January 1945

TARGET: Brod South M/Y — TC 8-103-NA
Alternates: Maribor South M/Y — TC 8-107-NA
Marija Polju (Zalog M/Y) — To be issued at Group.
Celje M/Y — TC 8-32-NA

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Brod N & S M/Ys | 1200-1230 |
| 49th: | Brod Road & RR Bridges | 1130-1150 |
| 55th: | Zagreb E & W M/Ys | 1100-1120 |
| 304th: | Brod Road & RR Bridges | 1030-1050 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Air Force attacks are in cooperation with Allied Ground Forces.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Brod is located at a strategic point along the German evacuation route. Recent photo cover indicates much activity in both Brod M/Ys.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. GP (.1 & .01) SQDN FORMATION: A 513, B 514, C 515, D 512

GROUP LEADING: 98th, 376th, 450th, 449th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Split (4330N 1627E) to Bos Gradiska (4509N 1715E) to IP.

I.P.: Batrina (4512N 1739E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 96°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp right.

ROUTE BACK: target to Sokolac (4356N 1048E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: None.

FLAK: 74 heavy guns at Brod. The defenses will be entered about 6miles from the target, which is covered by all of the 74 guns. As the majority of these lie north of the target, a right rally will carry the formation through the least dense flak area and will bring it out of range of the guns in the shortest possible time.

FIGHTERS: Nil opposition is expected.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0615 |
| Trucks | 0700 |
| Take off | 0800 - 0900 |
| On course | 0917 - 1017 |
| Target | 1110 - 1210 |

NOTE: Give out American flak armbands.
Put Russian A/C recognition signals on color of day sheets.

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MISSION NO 397 16 JANUARY 1944

TARGET: Regensburg Winterhafen Oil Storage RED: TC 13-42-NA MP: 19/20-.
ALTERNATES: Fortezza M/Y TC 4-95-NA
Bolzano M/Y TC 4-132-NA

WEATHER ALTERNATE: Fiume Oil Refineries TC 4-29-NA

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| 47th Wing - | 98th & 376th | Regensburg Winnhafen Oil Storage | 1220 hrs. |
| | 450th | Regensburg Rhenania Oil Refinery | 1220 " |
| | 449th | Regensburg Danubia Oil Refinery | 1220 " |
| 5th Wing | | Brux Synthetic Oil Plant | optional |
| 49th " | | Regensburg Winterhafen Oil Storage | 1210 hrs. |
| 55th " | " | Rhenania & Danubia Oil Refinery | 1200 " |
| 304th " | " | " " " | 1150 " |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: In December succesful FFF and visual missions brought German oil and gasoline production to a new low by putting the larger and more important synthetic oil producers out of commission . Thus, oil storage gained higher priority while at the same time we police synthetic plants and refineries.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Winterhafen storage facilities have capacity of 25,000 tons. Its destruction will deny the enemy oil for the Western Front.

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 100 lb GP S-DN FORMATION: 1 - 513
2 - 514
3 - 515
4 - 512

47th Wing Formation; 98th, 376th, 450th, 449th

ROUTE OUT: Base to 4400N 1400E to 4538N 1300E to Prato (4555N 1236E) to Mittersill (4717N 1229E) to I.F.

I.F.: Rottenburg (4843N 1201E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 10°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500'

TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp right

ROUTE BACK: Target to Reischach (4818N 1243E) to Ubersee (4749N 1229E) to Zella (4553N 1400E) to 4250N 1430E to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: On penetration, over target and on withdrawel.

FLAK: At target; 42 guns. The defenses will be entered about 8 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the target the formation will be in range of approximately 30 guns. All 42 guns cover the target area. The rally should be started as soon as possible to minimize the flak.

Alternates; Fortezza - 34 guns
Bolzano - 106 "
Fiume - 14 "

FIGHTERS: On penetration to Regensburg, harrasing attacks by a few s/e fight rs with possibly a few jets are likely in be area east of Munich to the target area. In the target area, no formidable opposition is probable but there is the possibility of 40 to 50 s/e fighters being airborne from the Stuttgart area to attempt interception at Regensburg. The Italian ME 109's may again be active in the Udine area seeking out any stragglers which may withdraw along t is route.

COMMENTS: If pistols are carried, they should immediatly be discarded in event of a forced landing. anywhere except possibly Jugoslavia
Arm bands are not recommended.

TIME SUMMARY:

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| Briefing | 0545 |
| Trucks | 0630 |
| Take Off | 0730 |
| On Course | 0820 |
| Target | 1220 |

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NO. 180

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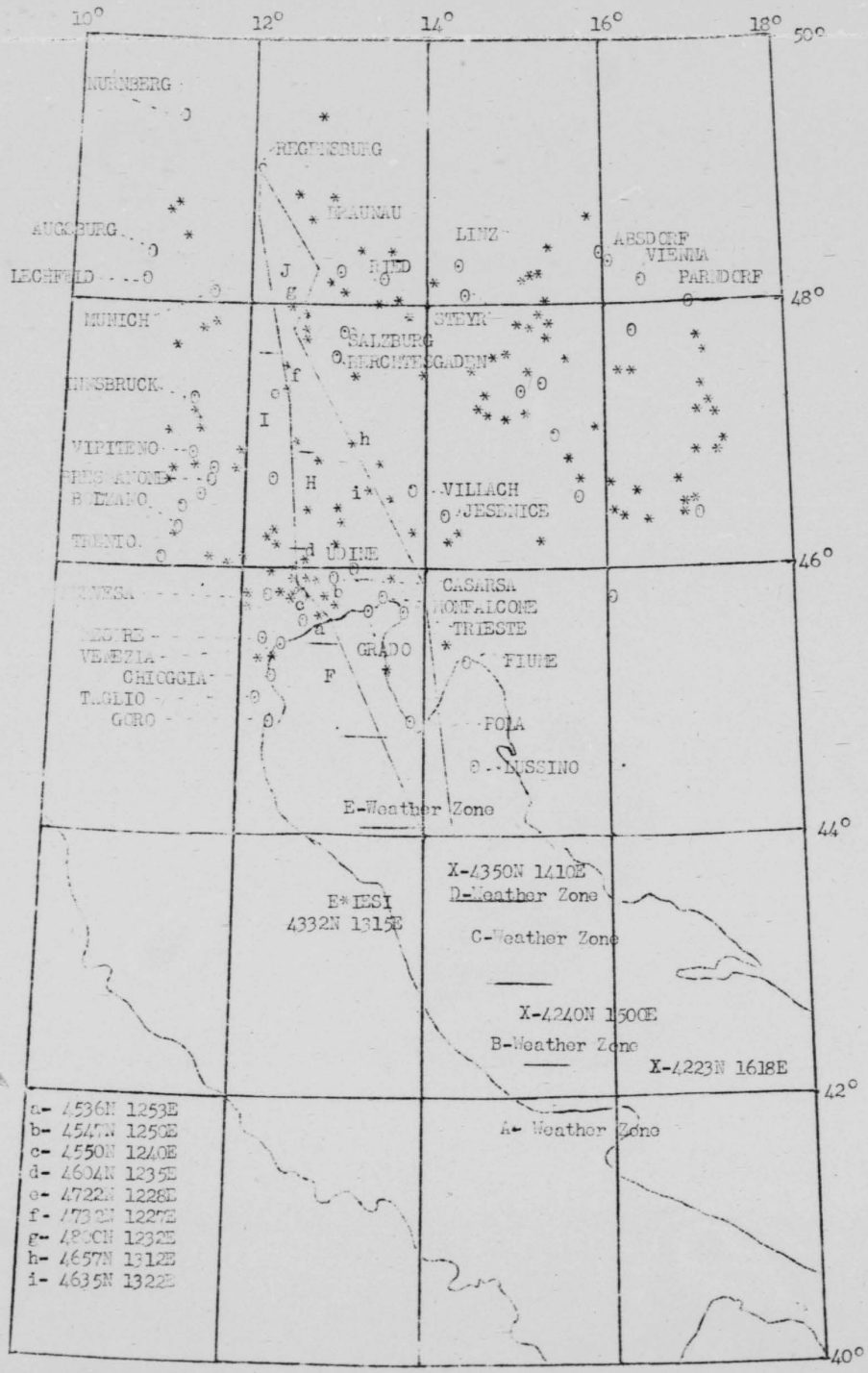


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This chart is intended for distribution to the navigator of each crew and is designed to assist him in avoiding known flak defended areas. The enemy is capable of making rapid changes in the disposition of anti-aircraft guns on the basis of his estimate of what the Fifteenth Air Force considers priority targets. It is also known that the enemy has a number of mobile flak units in the territory over which the Fifteenth Air Force operates. The information on this chart is based on the latest known positions of German heavy anti-aircraft defenses within an area extending at least 35 miles on each side of the briefed route. Any additional data obtained during the mission should be reported without fail during the post-mission interrogation.

Symbols used:

0 - Known flak defended area. Photo reconnaissance has confirmed the location of anti-aircraft guns of heavy caliber.

* - Location at which crews have reported experiencing or seeing flak, but for which no photo reconnaissance confirmation has been received.

X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

F - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO. 396 — 14 January 1945

TARGET: Vienna NE Railroad Targets (MPI S/15-16) — REF: 14-22-NA
Alternates: Bruck M/Y — 14-51-NA
Graz M/Y — 14-41-NA
Treviso Loco Repair Depot — 4-25-NA
Padua Loco Repair Depot — 4-67-NA
Mestre Loco Repair Depot — 4-120B-NA

47TH WING: 449th & 376th attack NE Railroad targets in Vienna
450th & 98th attack SE Railroad targets in Vienna

OTHER WINGS:
5th Wing : Same targets as 47th Wing at 1205.
49th Wing : " " " " " " 1240
55th Wing : " " " " " " 1220
304th Wing : " " " " " " 1230

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Planned PFF mission which directs all wings (normal effort) to attack the Vienna RR Installations. At the present time these targets are considered ~~xxxxx~~ number one priority communications targets due to the proximity to the Russian front. With two primary lines leading from SE Vienna to the front, and also, one primary line leading from NE Vienna through the Strasshof M/Y, the enemy is capable of feeding vast amounts of military supplies to his forces on the Russian front. (Ground sources reporting on the attack of 11 Dec includes a statement that large fires were still burning two days after the attack and a large number of delayed action bombs were preventing any clearance of ruins.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 lb. (.1-.01) SQDN FORMATION: 1st - 512 3rd - 514
2nd - 515 4th - 513
WING FORMATION: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Sumartin (4317N 1652E) to Kaposvar (4621N 1748E) to Sarkany (4742N 1715E) to Magyardioszeg (4812N 1738E) to I.P. ✱ Malacky (4826N 1701E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 247° BOMBING ALT: 24,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp right then left around Moosbierbaum.

ROUTE BACK: Tgt. to Hollabrunn (4834N 1604E) to Gfohl (4832N 1529E) to Wilhelmsburg (4806N 1536E) to Kutina (4529N 1647E) to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration, target and withdrawal cover.

FLAK: Target: 321guns. Defenses will be entered approx. 8 miles from tgt. At 5 miles from target, the formation will be within range of approx. 60 guns. This builds up to approx. 130 guns as the target is reached. (On 18 Dec. 47 Wing reported range from moderate and inaccurate to intense and accurate.)
Alternates: Bruck - 27 guns (10 at Leoben) On 27 Dec. 304 Wing reported MAH.
Graz - 16 guns. On 8 Jan, reported as S-MAH.
Treviso - no guns. On 10 Oct. 5th Wing reported nilflak.
Padua - no guns. On 4 Jan, nil flak reported.
Mestre - 10 guns (6 at Venice) On 10 Oct. M-IAH reported.

FIGHTERS: The enemy scale of effort will possibly be 40 to 50 SE fighters, depending on whether or not other committments will allow defense against these operations.

TIME SUMMARY:

| | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0715 |
| Trucks | 0835 |
| Take Off | 0915 |
| On course | 1013 |
| Target | 1250 |

NOTE: U.S. FLAG Arm-bands are to be issued. Russian recognition signals will be included on the Color-of-Day flimsy.

48 P-51's will met formation at 4647N-1737E at 1208 hrs.

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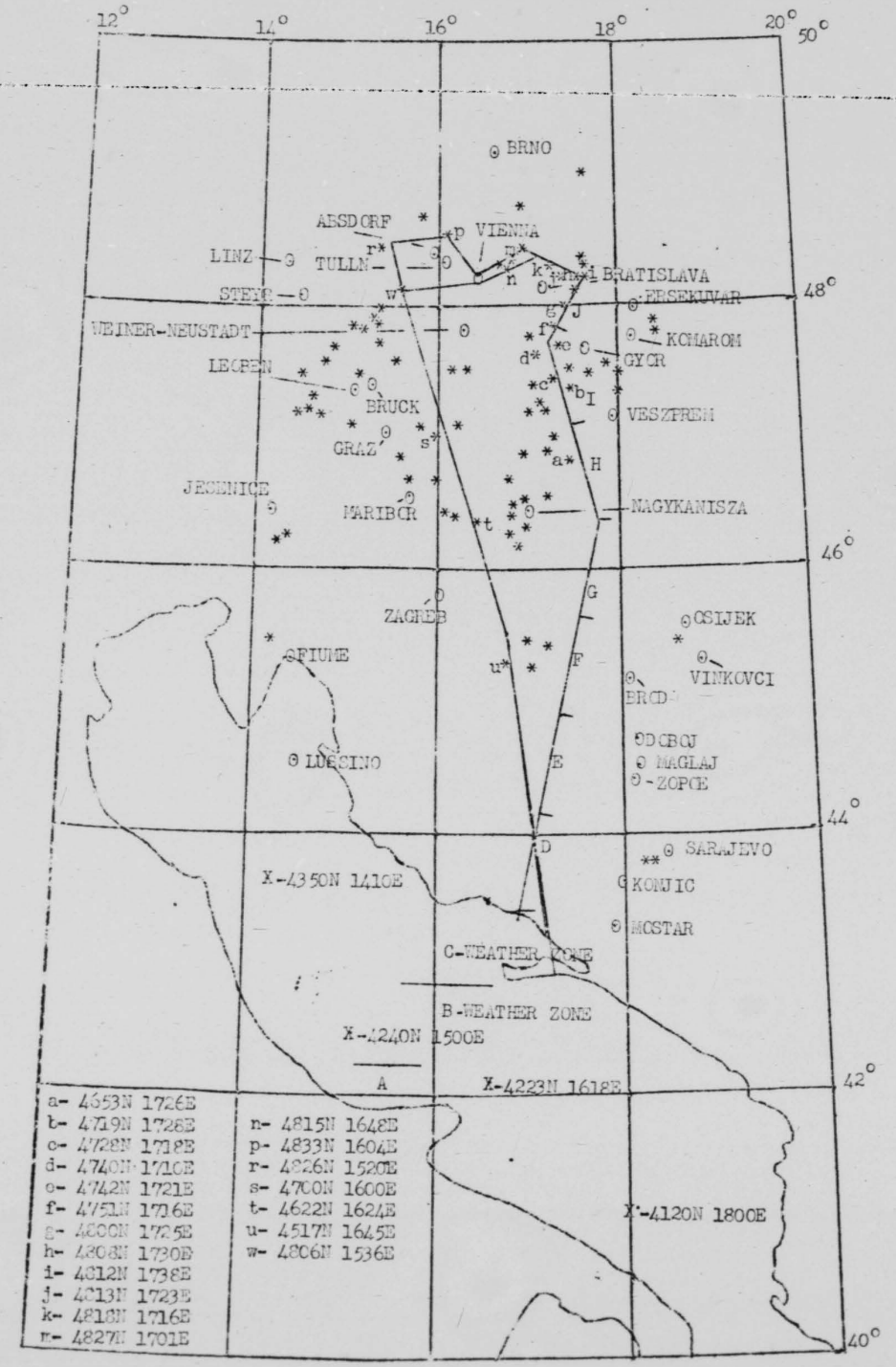
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 178

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 14 JAN. 1945

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Symbols used:

0 - Known flak defended area. Photo reconnaissance has confirmed the location of anti-aircraft guns of heavy caliber.

* - Location at which crews have reported experiencing or seeing flak, but for which no photo reconnaissance confirmation has been received.

X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

F - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO. 396 13 January 1945

TARGET: Verona-Parona RR Bridge TC 4-195-NA
Alternates: Padua Loco Rep Dep TC 4-67-NA
Mestre Loco Rep Dep TC 4-120B-NA

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | PLAN "A" | Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Linz Main Station | | 1130 |
| 49th: | Linz Main Station | | 1157 |
| 55th: | Linz Main Station | | 1147 |
| 304th: | Linz North Main Station | | 1205 |
| | PLAN " B" | | |
| 5th: | Verona/Porto Nuova M/Y, Verona Loco, Verona/Porto Nuova M/Y | | 1215-1230 |
| 49th: | Bolzano Main M/Y | | 1245-1255 |
| 55th: | Udine Loco Repair Depot | | 1240 |
| 304th: | 2 Gps Trento M/Y, 2 Gps Ora M/Y | | |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Disruption of traffic at one of most vital points along the Brenner Pass route.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Verona is terminus of the vital Brenner line from Germany astride E-W rail line across Italy. Bridge, located 3½ miles n/w of town appears to be most vulnerable point of Brenner system at this time. Bridge is 400' long, 25' wide and 40'-50' high of steel plate girder on concrete or masonry piers with 5 spans.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 1000 GP fused.1 and non delay tail SQ FORM: 1st box 512
2nd box 515
3rd box 514
4th box 513

WING FORMATION: 449th, 450th, 376th, and 98th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Caorle (4536N 1253E) to Aviano (4604N 1236E) to Strigno (4603N 1132E) to Schio (4543N 1121E) to tgt

I.P.: Schio (4543N 1121E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 229°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000° TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp left

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Turnpoint Coast (4520N 1220E) to 4510N 1240E) to base

FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration, target and withdrawal- chaff dispensing acrft in lead of 47th Wing

FLAK: On 4 Jan, 150 guns reported in Verona area; however at our target defenses will be entered 7 mi from ~~tgt~~ objective. at 4 mi from tgt, 25 guns will be in range of formation. Left rally after bombs away will avoid heaviest defenses ~~in~~ south of tgt. ~~and 15 guns 5 mi from tgt~~. On 29 Dec, mod- intense, accurate heavy flak was reported in area.
Padua- On 28 Dec, no guns reported here.
Mestre: On 2 Jan, 10 guns here and 6 more at Venice. On 10 Oct, mod-intense, accurate heavy flak reported. Left rally will carry formation north of guns at Venice & Chioggia

FIGHTERS: Approx 20 Italian ME 109's may be airborne for operations in N. Italy. Enemy can put up 40-50 SEF in Linz area. In view of past operations and weather, negligable opposition is expected.

| TIME SUMMARY: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Briefing | 0630 |
| | Trucks | 0715 |
| | Take Off | 0815 |
| | On course | 0916 |
| | Target | 1150 |

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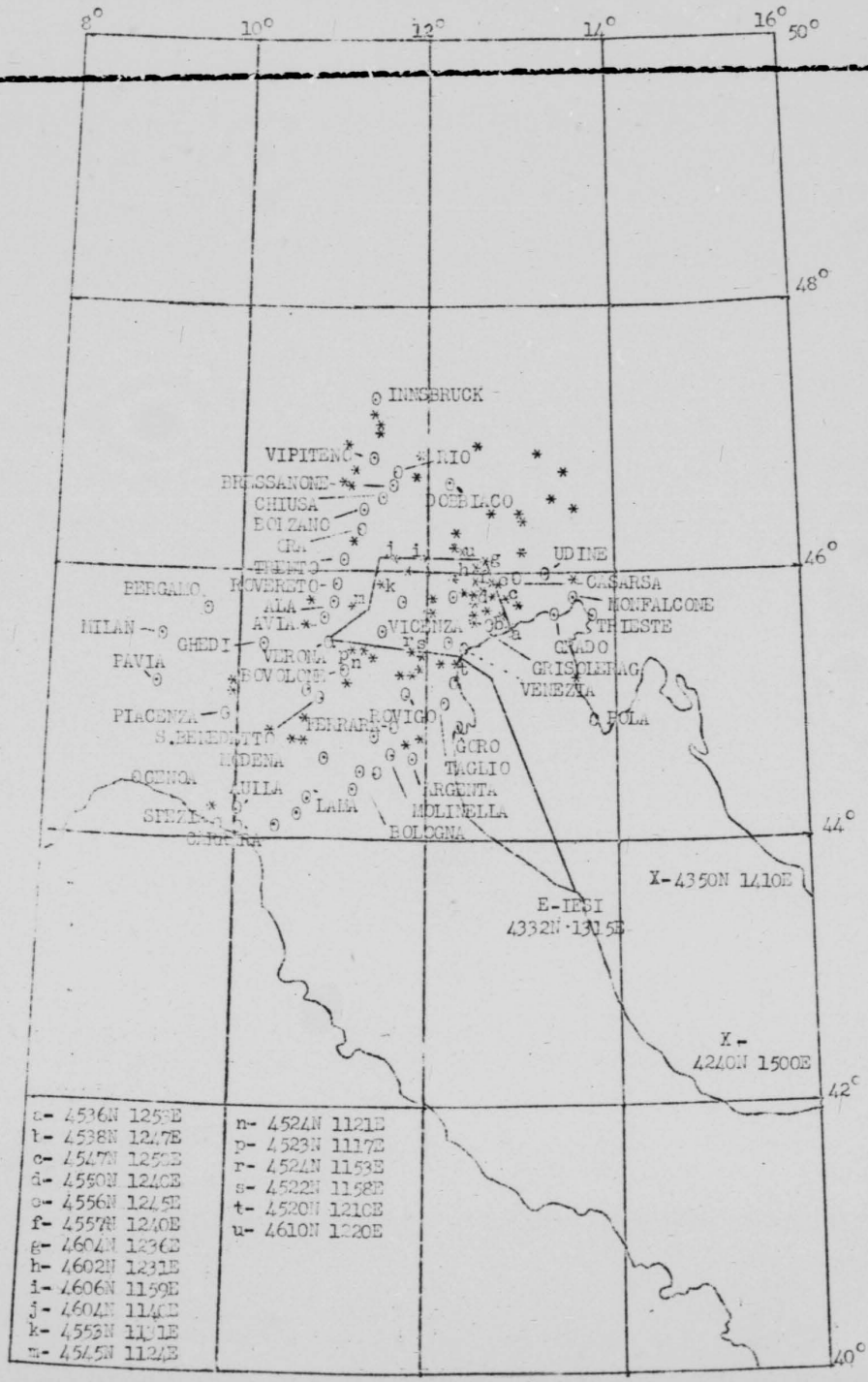
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE PLAN CHART
NO. 177

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 13 JAN. 1945

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Symbols used:

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* - Location at which crews have reported experiencing or seeing flak, but for which no photo reconnaissance confirmation has been received.

X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

E - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO 396 12 January 1945

TARGET: Salzburg Main Station M/Y REF: MSC 13-71, [illegible] 13-56, TC 13-13-[illegible] MPI 5/19

ALTERNATES: Rosenheim M/Y TC 13-112-NA
Innsbruck M/Y TC 14-13-NA
Villach M/Y TC 14-44-NA
Treviso Station M/Y TC 4-215-NA

WEATHER
ALTERNATE: Verona/Parona RR Bridge TC 4-195-NA

OTHER WINGS:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5th | Regensburg Oil Storage | 1145 hrs. |
| 49th | " | 1211 " |
| 55th | Regensburg Main M/Y | 1201 " |
| 304th | " | 1220 " |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Regensburg has gained in importance because its oil depots are known to be active in supplying motor and aviation fuel to the Western Front and to the German Air Force formations engaged in present battles

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Salzburg is an important railway communications center with fairly extensive facilities. It is on the main Vienna-Linz-Rosenheim-Munich line and has connectionsto the Brenner Pass and other routes into Italy so thus ~~xxxxxx~~ controls important by pass routes should the more direct lines be cut. Yard was last attacked on 8 Jan 45 and no damage reports are yet available. Previous damage has been repaired.

NO OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 250 lb. GP SQDN FORMATION: 1 box - 512
2 box - 515
3 box - 514
4 box - 513

47TH WING FORMATION: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Ancona (4337N 1332E) to Caorle (4536N 1253E) to Aviano (4604N 1236E) to I.P.

I.P. Hattau (4725N 1319E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 338°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Target to St Gilgen (4746N 1322E) to Albona (4505N 1408E) to 4240N 1420E to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighter sweep in the Udine area to cover withdrawal for Air Force formation. If force is available escort will be provided on penetration, over target and on withdrawal for 47th Wing.

FLAK: At target- The defenses will be entered about 8 miles from the target. At 2 miles from target, all 47 guns can reach formation. A sharp ~~xxxx~~ right rally, started at the earliest possible moment, will minimize exposure to the fire of the batteries southwest and northeast of the target.

ALTERNATES: Photo recce shows no heavy A/A at Rosenheim.
Innsbruck; 66 guns. Rally sharp right
Villach; 6 guns. Avoid defenses at Jesenice.
Treviso: No A/A. Right turn to avoid defenses at Nervesa.
Verona: 158 guns in the Verona area. Rally heading should be greater than 30° to avoid defenses on Brenner Pass line.

FIGHTERS: Target- Estimated only few a/e fighters and possibly few ME 262's will be airborne. Because of RAF raids, clamoring for more protection of Southern Germany may result in added fighter protection. In this event enemy could put up formidable forces in North for tactical transfer for defenses of targets under this plan particularly at Regensburg.

COMMENTS: Briefing will include insistent reminders to all personnel that in case missions are cancelled, details and objectives of proposed operations will not be discussed with others than those present and under no circumstances in messes, clubs, Red Cross installations, hospitals or civilian places.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0630 |
| Trucks | 0715 |
| Take off | 0815 |
| On Course | 0917 |
| Target | 1210 |

48 P-38's at 1147 hrs
4637N 1251E

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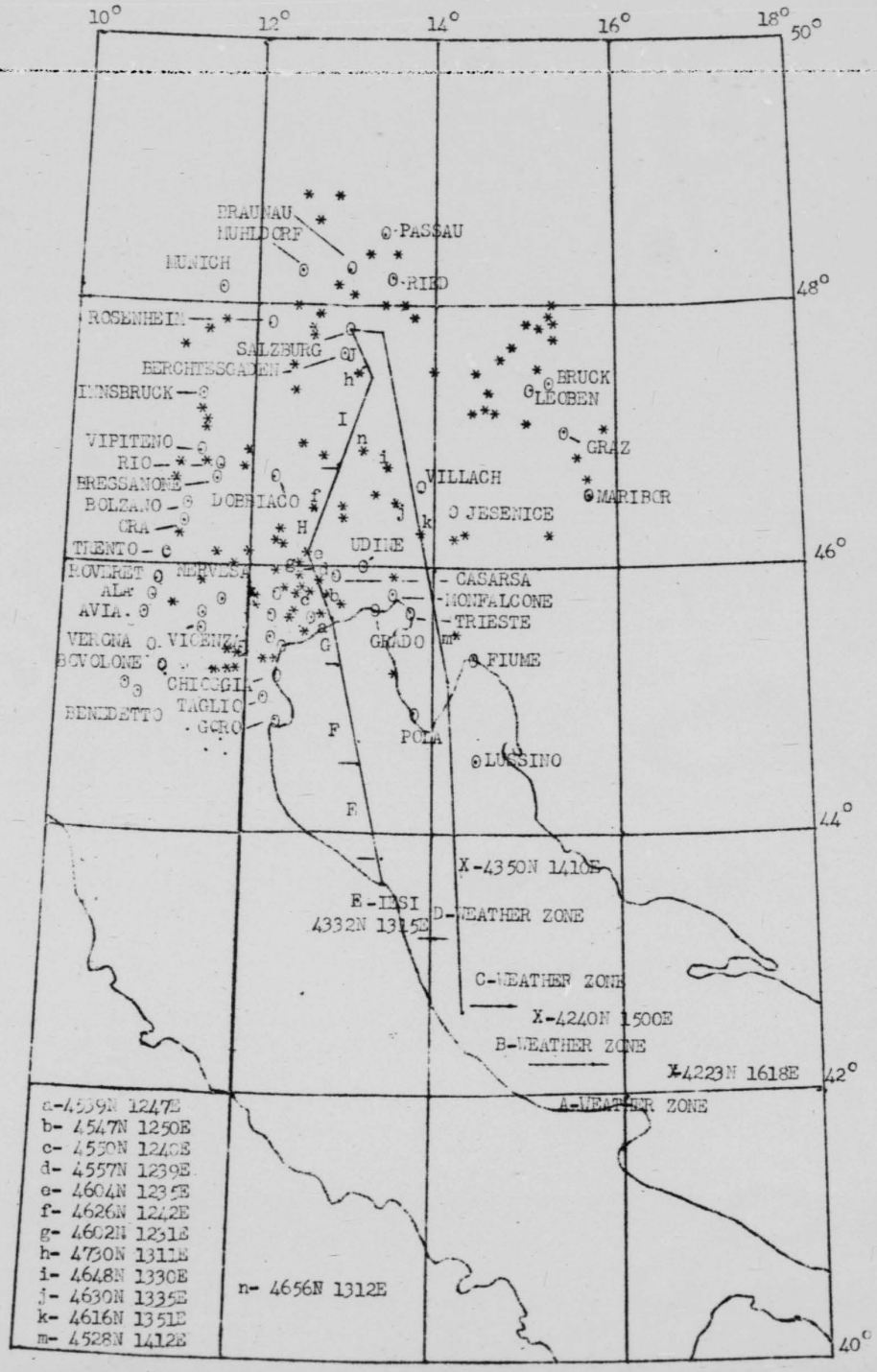
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 176

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 12 JAN. 1945

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X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

F - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO. 396 Date 10 January 1945

TARGET: Salzburg Main Station M/Y REF: NBC 13-71, NP 13-56, TC 13-13NA
Alternates: Rosenheim M/Y TC 13-112-NA
Villach M/Y TC 14-44-NA
[redacted] TC 4-215-NA
Padua Station M/Y TC 4-67-NA

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Regensburg Oil Storage | 1200 |
| 49th: | Regensburg Oil Storage | 1227 |
| 55th: | Regensburg Main M/Y | 1217 |
| 304th: | Regensburg Main M/Y | 1237 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: ~~Target~~ Regensburg has gained in importance because its oil depots are known to be active in supplying motor and aviation fuel to the Western Front and to the German Air Force formations engaged in present ~~xxxix~~ battle.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Salzburg is an important railway communications center with fairly extensive facilities. It is on main Vienna-Linz-Rosenheim-Munich line and has connections to the Brenner pass and other routes into Italy so thus controls important by pass routes should the more direct lines be cut. Yard was last attacked on 8 Jan and no damage reports are yet available. Previous damage has been repaired.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 SQDN FORM: 1st box 512
2nd box 515
3rd box 514
4th box 513

BOMB LOAD: 250's GP fused .1 nose and .025 tail

WING FORMATION: 449, 450, 376, 98

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Ancona (4337N 1332E) to Caorle (4536N 1253E) to Aviano (4604N 1236E) to S. Stefano (4633N 1233E) to Kuestein (4735N 1210E) to IP to tgt.

I.P. : Prien (4752N 1220E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 95° true

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,500' TURN OFF TARGET: Right

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Ratstatt (4723N 1328E) to Alsona (4506N 1408E) to (4240N 1420E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover.

FLAK: Target- On 17 Dec, 47 guns here. On 29 Dec and 1 Jan scant to moderate inaccurate flak reported. Enter defenses 8 mi from tgt. At 5 mi formation will be in range of 31 guns. Sharp right rally after bombs away will take formation ~~xxx~~ through 18 guns 3 mi n.e. of M/Y for short time only. Rally should be less than 160° to keep formation clear of guns at Berchtesgaden.
ROSENHEIM: No guns reported.
VILLACH: On 11 Dec, 6 guns here. Avoid Jesenice to southeast.
TREVISO: On 28 Dec, no guns here. Right rally will avoid guns at Mestre
PADUA: On 28 Dec, no guns here.

FIGHTERS: Tgt- Estimated only few S/E fighters and possibly few ME-262 will be airborne. Because of RAF raids, clamoring for more protection of Southern Germany may result in added fighter protection. In this event enemy could put up formidable forces in North for tactical trans - fer for defense of targets under this plan particularly at Regensburg.

TIME SUMMARY:

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|---|---|
| Briefing | 0545 |
| Trucks | 0630 |
| Take Off | 0730 |
| On course | 0833 |
| Target | 1135 |

COMMENTS: This is a planned POW mission with attacks directed at oil and communications of Germany.

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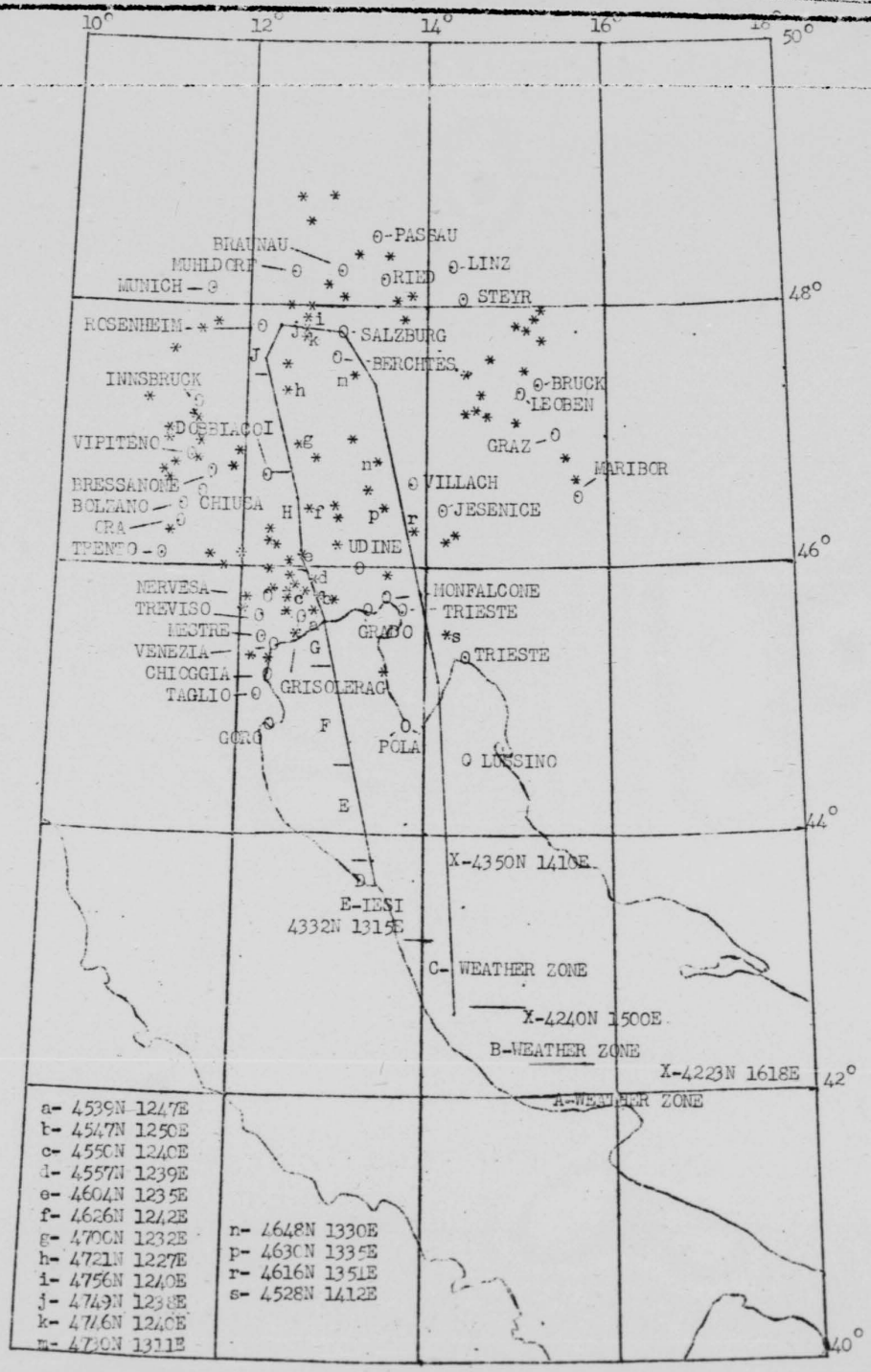
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 175

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 10 JAN. 1945

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X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

E - Emergency landing fields.

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MISSION NO. 396 DATE: 9 January 1945

TARGET: Vienna/Matgleinsdorf M/Y and Freight Yard REF: 14-23,NA
PFF on primary.

Alternates: 1. Bruck M/Y 14-51-NA
2. Graz M/Y 14-41A-NA
3. Treviso Station M/Y 4-215-NA
4. Padua Station M/Y 4/67-NA

OPERATIONS:
5th: 2 Ops- Vienna/Florisdorf Oil Ref-1145; 3 Ops Vienna SE Goods Depot- 1145
49th : 1 Op Florisdorf/Weiner Lokomotiv-Fabrikes-1223; 2 Ops Vienna S Ordnance Dep 1223
55th : 1 Op Florisdorf Oil Refinery 1213; 2 Ops Vienna SE Goods Depot- 1213
304th: 2 Ops Vienna/Florisdorf M/Y-1233; 2 Ops Vienna/Matgleinsdorf M/Y and Fght Yd 1233

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: This is a planned PFF mission which envisages attacks against Vienna M/S industrial areas by all 5 Wings. Successful attack would have immediate effect on Russian front and possible future effect on German withdrawal of men and supplies in Budapest area. 98th and 376th Ops will destroy wagons, goods sheds, and supplies which remain completely undamaged after recent attacks.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: Target is increasing in importance because of its forward position relative to Russian front and its function as a freight yard for the large industrial area and Ordnance depot.

NO. OF PLANES: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 GP fused .1 nose and .01 tail [illegible] FORM: 1st box 512
2nd box 515
3rd box 514
4th box 513

WING FORMATION: 449th, 450th, 376th, 98th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Sibenik (4344N 1554E) to Brizice (4554N 1536E) to Szentmihalyfa (4801N 1735E) to Modra (4820N 1719E) to IP to tgt.

I.P.: Mohor (4819N 1659E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 257°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 24,000'

TURN OFF TARGET: Slight right staying south of Moosbierbaum

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Kirchberg (4802N 1526E) to Murska (4639N 1610E) to Brizice (4554N 1536E) to ~~[illegible]~~ BRIZKE to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Penetration, over the target and on withdrawal. Dispense chaff.

FLAK: On 11 Dec, heavy flak reported to be intense and accurate. Enter defenses about 16 mi from target. At 7 mi from target, formation will be in range of 115 guns. Number drops to 85 as target is approached. Rally heading ~~xxxxx~~ from tgt slightly to the right will bring bombers out of flak area by shortest route.

Bruck: As of 17 Dec, 27 guns with 10 more at Loeben just to the west.
Graz: As of 25 Dec, 16 guns here.
Treviso: As of 28 Dec, no guns here.
Padua: As of 28 Dec, no guns here.

FIGHTERS: Enemy can put up 60-70 s/e fighters from Balaton-Vienna area. Indications are that part of enemy force may have been airborne against our recent operations even though not observed.

TIME SUMMARY: Briefing: 0630
Trucks: 0715
Take Off: 0815
On course: 0918
Target: 1203

50 P-51's rendy at 4715N 1652E at 1126 hrs providing close escort

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MISSION NO. 395 8 January 1945

TARGET: Linz North Main M/Y REF: TC 14-50-NA
Alternates: Graz Marsh Yard TC 14-41-NA
Klagenfurt M/Y TC 14-4-NA
Villach M/Y TC 14-44-NA
Treviso Station M/Y TC 4-215-NA
Padua Station M/Y TC 4-67-NA
All groups will attack this target at 1325 hours.

| OTHER WINGS: | Target | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 5th: | Linz South Main M/Y | 1305 |
| 40th: | Linz South Main M/Y | 1305 |
| 55th: | Linz South Main M/Y | 1255 |
| 304th: | Linz Goods Depot | 1315 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Linz is on the high priority of targets in Southern Germany. It is a bottleneck in vital rail line between Munich and Vienna. It is the home of Hermann Goering Steel Works, Ostmark Chemical Works, the Ebelsberg Ammunition Dump and Linz Ordnance Depot. Photo cover on 4 January shows total car content of 2060 units including 80 oil tank cars and approximately 30 locomotives with 65% of this content in main M/Y.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: As a communications line, Linz is the hub of supply and transfer lines radiating to Vienna, Regensburg, Munich (via Salzburg) and Northern Italy (via Salzburg, Innsbruck and the Brenner Pass,

NO. A/C: 28 BOMB LOAD: 500 RDX Fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 T/D
SQDN FORMATION: A 515
B 512
C 513
D 514

WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Caorle (4536N 1253E) to Aviano (4604N 1236E) to Reischach (4818N 1243E) to Birnbach (4820N 1306E) to I.P. to tgt.

I.P.: Zell (4819N 1339E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 95°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,500' TURN OFF TARGET: Left

ROUTE BACK: Tgt to Weitersfelden (4828N 1443E) to Zeltweg (4712N 1445E) to Zara (4607N 1515E) to base.

* FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide escort on penetration, over target and withdrawal for all wings.

FLAK: 194 guns at Linz with 86 more south of Enns and at Steyr. Defenses will be entered about 9 mi from the target. 5 mi from the tgt approx. 85 guns will be able to reach the formation and this number builds up to about 180 as the tgt is approached. A left rally will carry the formation out of flak by the shortest route. The heading from the target should be not greater than 90° to keep the bombers away from the guns south of Enns. A heading less than 65° would unnecessarily increase the time in flak. FLAK AT ALTERNATES: Graz: 16 guns. Klagenfurt: none reported. Villach: 6 guns Treviso: none reported. A left rally might carry formation in range of guns at Mestre. If turn is made, it may be made to right. Padua: None reported.

FIGHTERS: Enemy capable of putting up 60-70 fighters from Balaton-Vienna area. Negligable opposition is expected, though interception is possible by Munich based ME-262's.

TIME SUMMARY:

| | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0645 |
| Trucks | 0730 |
| Take Off | 0830 |
| On course | 0939 |
| Target | 1325 |

* 48 P 51's WILL MEET FORMATION AT 4717N-1239E AT 1245

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
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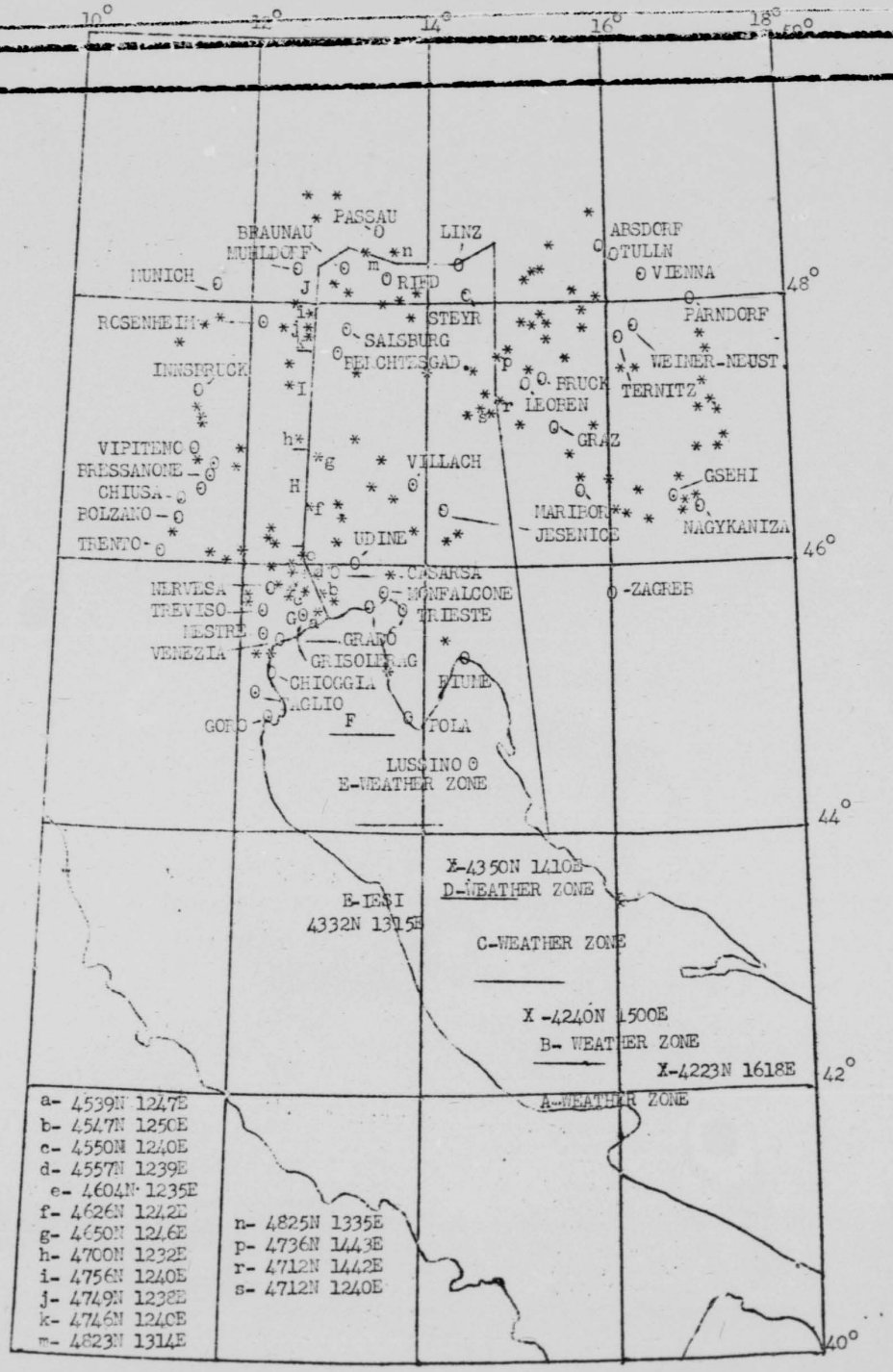
ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 173

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 8 JAN. 1945

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MISSION NO. 395 [redacted]

TARGET: Ali Pasan Most M/Y REF: Sarajevo - 8-18-NA

OTHER GROUPS: All Gps of 47th Wing attack Ali Pasan Most M/Y

| OTHER WINGS: | TARGET | [redacted] |
|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Brod North & South M/Y's | 1103 |
| 49th | Zagreb M/Y | 1050 |
| 55th | Zagreb M/Y | 1110 |
| 304th | Brod North & South M/Y's | 1045 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: All Wings of Air Force are are concentrating on German communications in Yugoslavia in support of Allied Forces attacking the withdrawing Germans. The object of the operation is to cause maximum interference with and destruction of personnel, equipment and supplies of Army Group E - the Balkan Army of occupation.

IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: This Wing's target is the entraining point for enemy forces moving north and is a focal point for the entire south central area of Yugoslavia.

NO. OF PLANES: 24 bomb load; 500# GP SQ. FORM: A 515 C 513
B 512 D 514

WING FORMATION: 376th, 98th, 449th, 450th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Gradac (4307N-1721E) to I.P.
I.P. - Road junction at 4342N-1744E AXIS OF ATTACK: 71 degrees.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,000' TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp left.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Visoko (4359N-1812E) to (4342N-1744E) to Gradac to Base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: FITER Command will provide tgt cover.
will strafe M/T and locomotives along roads and rail lines between Celje (4614N01515E) and Dravograd (4635N-1501E)
will droopsnoot bomb Doboj R/R Bridge.

FLAK AT TARGET: 62 heavy guns at target. The defenses will be entered about 9 miles from the target. At 5 miles from the target there will be approximately 54 heavy guns in range of the formation. A very sharp left rally, started immediately after bombs are released will minimize the flak and keep the formation out of range of the easternmost batteries.

FIGHTERS: No enemy air opposition is anticipated.

TIME SUMMARY:

| | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0615 |
| Trucks | 0700 |
| Take off | 0800 |
| On course | 0928 |
| Target | 1040 |

NOTE: Read all Escape Bulletins, paying particular attention to the following: Escape Bulletin # 6, para 4, Escape Bulletin # 9, para 7, Escape Bulletin # 10, paras. 2 & 4

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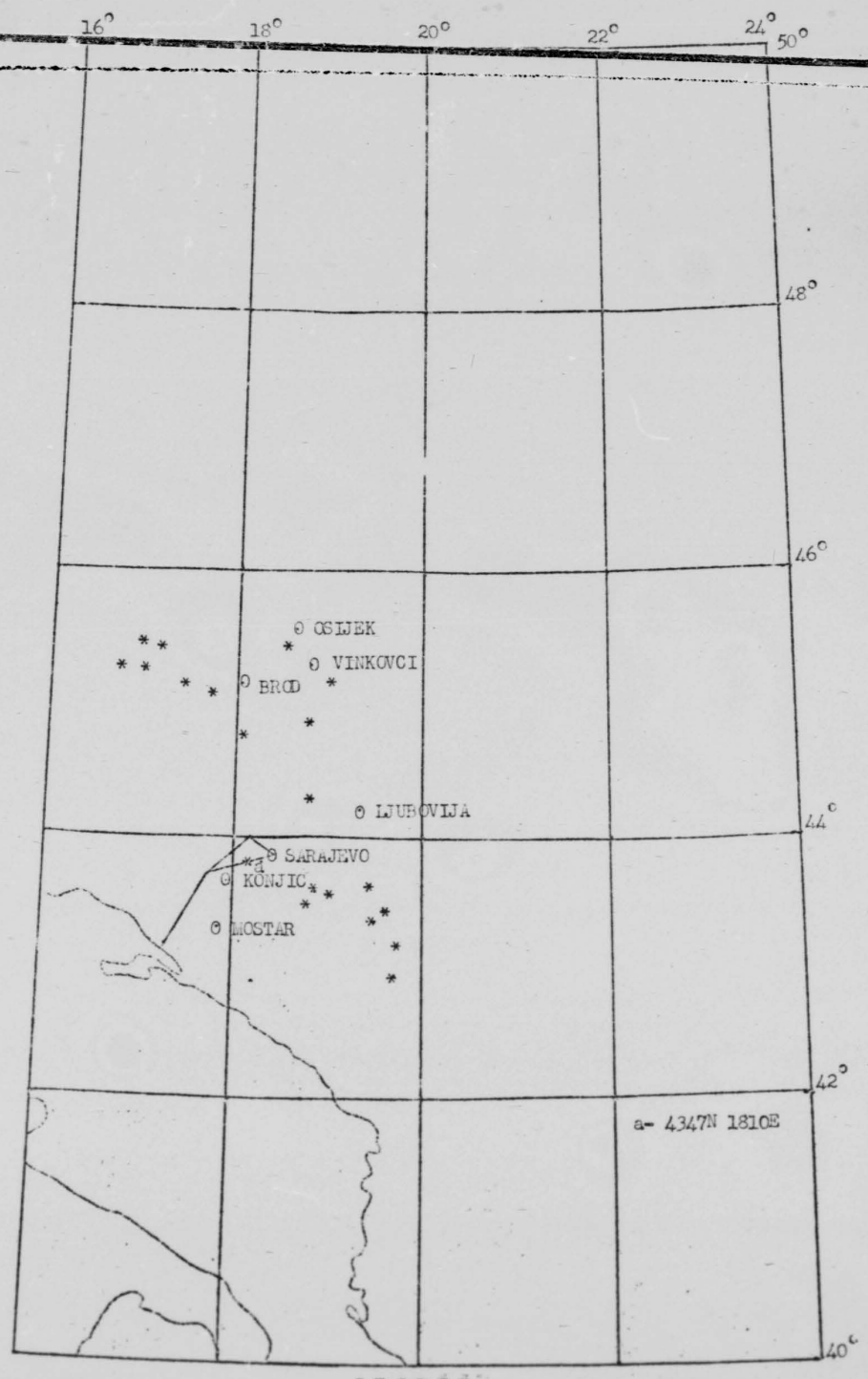
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 172

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 5 JAN. 1945

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X - Location of Air Sea Rescue Launches.

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MISSION NO. 394 PLAN "B" 4 January 1945

TARGET: Bronzolo South M/Y
Alternates: Mestre M/Y
Treviso M/Y

REF: TC 4-219-NA
TC 4-120B-NA
TC 4-215-NA

98th and 449th Groups attack Bronzolo North M/Y.

| | | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 49th: | Trento North M/Y and Trento Station Sidings | 1130 |
| 55th: | Bolzano M/Y | 1245 |
| 304th: | Verona/Porto Nuovo and Porto Vescova M/Ys | 1215 to 1235 |

IMPORTANCE OF MISSION: Recent bombings of the enemy's communications systems in Northern Italy have been very effective. The following information was received on 3 Jan 45 by Fifteenth Air Force. "Forty-three undamaged engines on sidings west-southwest of Verona/Porto Nuova Station. Cannot be shunted away owing to interruption on line. German RR control officers have offered rewards to workmen to accelerate repairs to track".

* IMPORTANCE OF TARGET: The target is situated on the main line through the Brenner.

NO. A/C: 28 BOMB LOAD: 25 lb. GP (.1 & .01) SQDN FORMATION: A 514
B 513
C 512
D 515

GROUP LEADING: 450th, 376th, 98th, 449th.

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Sansego (4431N 1419E) to Zolla (4553N 1400E) to Dogna (4627N 1319E) to IP.

I.P.: Predazzo (4617N 1136E) AXIS OF ATTACK: 296°

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 25,500' TURN OFF TARGET: Sharp left.

ROUTE BACK: target to Tione (4602N 1043E) to Desenzano (4528N 1031E) to Moneglia (4411N 0929E) to Gorgona (4326N 0954E) to base.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Fighters to provide penetration, target cover and withdrawal.

FLAK: 92 guns at Bolzano, north of this target and 22 guns at Ora, south of the target. The groups attacking the south M/Y will enter the defenses about 6 miles from the target which is covered by 22 heavy guns. Mestre 12 guns and 3 at Venice; Treviso - none reported.

FIGHTERS: In northern Italy the enemy is capable of putting up 15 to 20 Italian Me 109s. Fighters are reported based as follows: Vicenza 6; Villafranca 7; Aviano 27 and Udine N and S 16.

TIME SUMMARY:

| | |
|---|---|
| Briefing | 0615 |
| Trucks | 0700 |
| Take off | 0800 |
| On course | 0905 |
| Target | 1200 |

* Photo recce shows the presence of 340 wagons and 60 loaded flats in the North M/Y with 50 wagons and 2 locomotives in the South M/Y. Activity between the two M/Ys is also noted.

50 - P-51s at 4553N - 1400E
at 1117 hours.

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MISSION NO. 394. 1 January 1944

Everything the same as Plan "A" for 31 December except as follows:

ALTERNATES: Campodazzo RR Bridge (Photos to be distributed)
Loop in Brenner Pass rail line (4657N-1136E)
Vicenza M/Y (Same)
Treviso M/Y (Same)

ROUTE OUT: San Vito to Sv. Andrija (4301N 1546E) to Sansego (4431N 1419E) to Zolla (4553N 1400E) to Dogna (4627N 1319E) to Dobbiaco (4643N 1214E) to IP.

IP & ROUTE BACK: Same.

| TIME SUMMARY: | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Briefing | 0715 | 0730 |
| | Trucks | 0800 | 0815 |
| | Take off | 0900 | 0919 |
| | On course | 1010 | 1005 |
| | Target | 1311 | 1311 |

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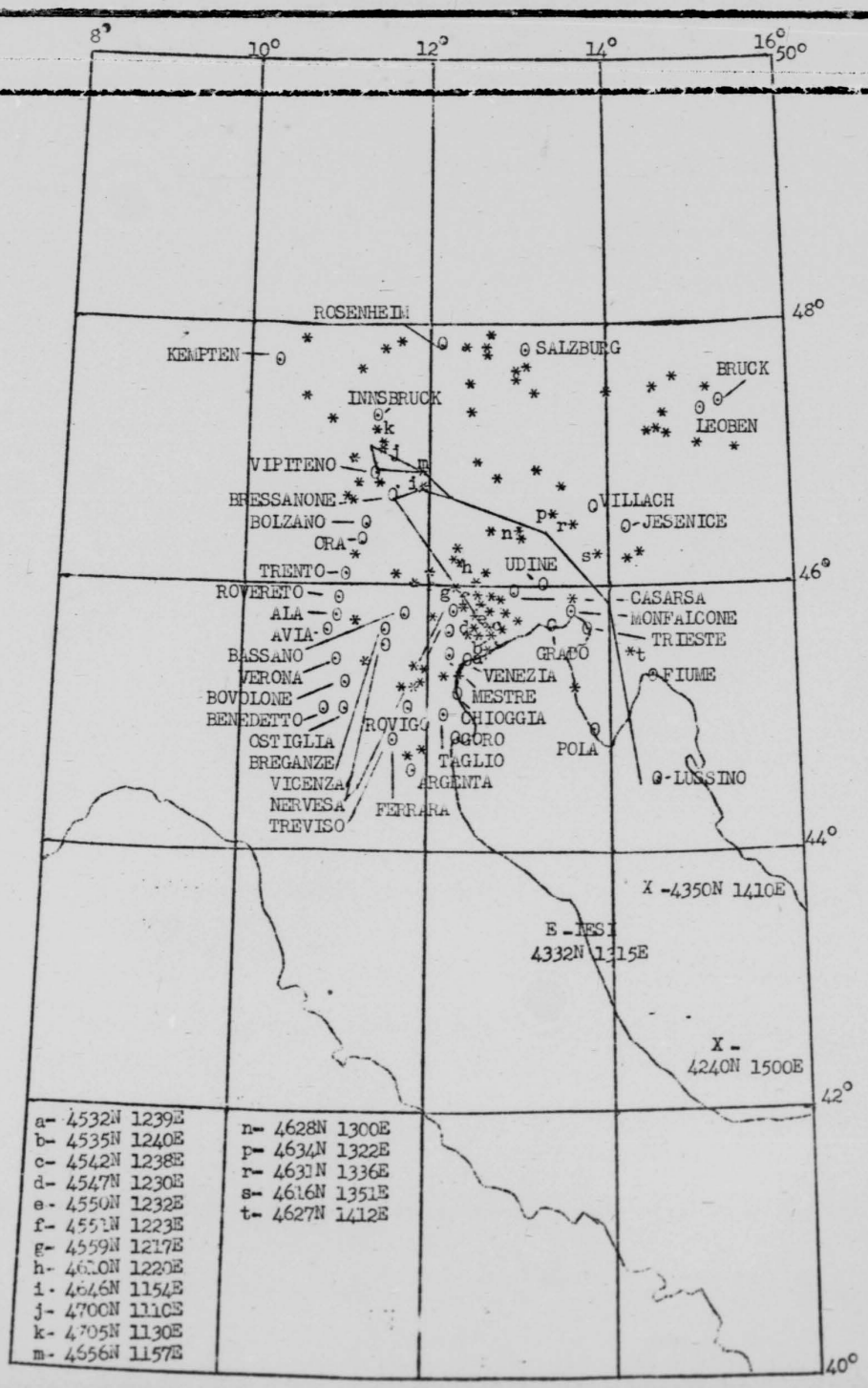
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

ROUTE FLAK CHART
NO. 167

PLAN "A" MISSION OF 1 JAN. 1945

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