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necessary to bomb by PFF methods. 48.25 tons of bombs were dropped with results unobserved.

Mission No 175, 14 March 1945, Weiner-Neustadt, Austria

34 of our aircraft were dispatched to bomb rolling stock in the Bruck M/Y's, but due to adverse weather conditions it became necessary to bomb an alternate target, Weiner-Neustadt M/Y's in Austria. On reaching the latter 10/10 cloud cover was encountered which made it necessary to employ PFF synchronous bombing methods. 82.5 tons of bomb were dropped. No results were observed and one of our aircraft is missing.

Mission No 176, 15 March 1945, Weiner-Neustadt M/Y's, Austria.

37 of our aircraft took off to bomb Schwechat Oil Refinery, but weather again forced the group to turn to an alternate, Weiner-Neustadt M/Y's in Austria. PFF methods were used extensively for navigation and not until a sudden break though the clouds identifying the IP, were instrument methods abandoned and the bombing done by visual methods. 72.5 tons of bombs were dropped. Excellent results were obtained and fires were burning fiercely when our aircraft left.

Mission No 177, 16 March 1945, Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery, Austria

35 of our aircraft took off to bomb the Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery in Austria. On this date Moosbierbaum was one of five remaining refineries producing in the Vienna area and our objective was to destroy the remaining producing facilities and hamper repairs of the others previously damaged. Flak encountered was intensely heavy and accurate, resulting in 11 minor 2 major damage to our ships, but all returned in spite of this 62.75 tons of bombs were dropped with good results.

Mission No 178, 19 March 1945, Muhldorf M/Y's, Germany

For the first time during the month weather enroute to the target and return was clear. 39 of our aircraft took off to bomb rolling stock in the Muhldorf M/Y's. Some difficulty was experienced on the bomb run due to smoke from fires and bombs of previous group but aiming points were picked up before bombs away. Good results were obtained and total of 74.9 tons of bombs were dropped. All aircraft returned safely.

Mission No 179, 20 March 1945, Wels East M/Y, Austria

40 of our aircraft took off to bomb rolling stock in the Wels east M/Y in Austria. Again enjoying clear weather enroute to the target and return no difficulty was experienced on the bomb run. 78.5 tons of bombs were dropped, with excellent results. The target was completely saturated, destroying the round house, trains of cars were left burning and many explosions were seen. All of our aircraft returned safely.

Mission No. 180, 21 March 1945, Villach, Bruck, Austria, and Pragersko, Yugoslavia

On this date the Bruck M/Y's in Austria had been originally briefed as the primary target, but due to adverse weather conditions encountered near and over the target it became necessary to break up the formation with the result; two boxes bombed the primary with excellent results, one box bombed Villach North M/Y's with good results, and the entire second attack unit bombed the Pragersko M/Y's leaving fires burning fiercely. A total of 38 aircraft were dispatched dropping 89.5 tons of bombs on the primary and two alternates,

Mission No. 181, 22 March 1945, Kagan Oil Refinery, Austria

29 of our aircraft were dispatched to bomb Kagan Oil Refinery, located just north of the city of Vienna. After our previous attack on Moosbierbaum, Kagan was one of the four remaining refineries to destroy. 62.25 tons of bombs were dropped with good results. Flak encountered over the target was, intense, accurate, and heavy with over three quarters of the formation receiving major or minor damage. One aircraft failed to return as a result of this.

Mission No. 182, 23 March 1945, Kagan Oil refinery, Austria

Despite the previous day's attack on Kagan, further accurate bombing was deemed necessary to accomplish the objective; the complete destruction of this refinery. A total of 34 aircraft were dispatched dropping 60.75 tons of bombs on the target area. One explosion was seen. Again as in the previous day's mission, flak encountered was intense, accurate, and heavy. As a result of this, every ship in the group received major or minor damage. Our losses were two aircraft.

Mission No. 183, 24 March 1945, Budjovice M/Y, Czechoslovakia

29 aircraft were dispatched to bomb the Budjovice M/Y's where supplies moving from Germany to Vienna had been accumulating as a result of the recent attacks on the main lines. 55 tons of bombs were dropped short, but walked into the yards completely destroyed the round house.

Mission No. 184, 25 March 1945, Prague Czechoslovakia

Our objective was the destruction of ME 262 jet propelled aircraft at Prague/Kbely Airdrome. 27 aircraft were dispatched and identification of the target was difficult due to the surrounding terrain, smoke and haze. But definite check points were identified before bombs away and 45 tons of frag clusters bombs were dropped in ten target areas with good results. No ships were lost.

Mission No. 185, 26 March 1945, Strazhof M/Y, Austria

28 aircraft were dispatched to bomb the Strazhof M/Y's. The attack was made by boxes, in trail, dropping 53 tons of bombs with good results. Flak damage was minor and all of our aircraft returned safely.

Mission No. 186, 30 March 1945, Graz M/Y's, Austria