

HEADQUARTERS 55TH BOMBARDMENT WING (Hv)
APO 520
U. S. Army

22 August 1944
1700B

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 159)
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TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 159)

Maps: GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (VIENNA) 1:500,000

GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (GRAZ) 1:500,000

GSGS No. 3982 EUROPE Air (VIENNA) 1:250,000

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Target Chart No. 14-26-NA (MARKERSDORF etc.)

Briefing Chart No. 14-26-NA (MARKERSDORF etc.)

Pathfinder Chart No. 1, VIENNA, AUSTRIA, 1:250,000

Pathfinder Chart No. 1 A, VIENNA, AUSTRIA, 1:250,000

Target Chart No. 14-16-NA (GRAZ FLUGZUGMOTREK WERKE)

No. 8-107-NA MARIBOR area etc.)

Photograph No. 5009, 15 SG/393/3 PG/ 23 April 1944.

1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK

(1) E Section Map No. 1996, issued 13 July 1944, emended by written E Report No. 2163, 31 July indicates MARKERSDORF defended by automatic weapons (light flak) only.

(2) VIENNA Industrial area by PFF ;: Intense flak accuracy depending upon cloud conditions and efficiency of chaff dispensed.

(3) GRAZ: No change- Sec Int. Annex No. 158, 21 Aug. 44.

(4) MARIBOR: No change- Sec Int. Annex No. 158, 21 August 1944.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

(1) Enemy capability in VIENNA area is now 60-70 fighters, including few TEF, plus 35-40 SEF from MUNICH area.

(2) The fact that there were no encounters with e/a on Mission 22 August is not to be taken as indicating negative or negligible enemy capability. There is evidence that more e/a were airborne than were observed. Formations proceeding GYOR-VIENNA area - northward were attacked 22 August 1944.

(3) It is possible that jet propelled e/a may operate against formations attacking in VIENNA area.

(4) Crews, especially gunners, will be briefed to be on alert for e/a attacks on single Wings or Groups, especially if separated from formations, as well as stragglers; such attacks are the more probable if cloud conditions furnish cover for e/a.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGET: It is known that installations at MARKERSDORF are being used for assembly of ME-109 a/c. Late reconnaissance shows many fuselages visible. The four (4) undamaged hangers are capable of production on a considerable scale. This target has high priority in counter-air effort.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a. Coordination of attack

(1) 5th Wing, 6 Groups, attacks WIENER NEUDORF A/C engine factory.

(2) 47th Wing, 3 Groups, attacks VOSENDORF O/R

(3) 49th Wing, 3 Groups, frags MARKERSDORF A/D

(4) 304th Wing, 3 Groups, attacks FERRARA RR Bridge

b. The 306th Fighter Wing, 7 Groups, will furnish escort for Bomber formations, unless part of its force is employed on special escort missions, in which case less than 7 Groups will escort bombers. Adequate fighter support will be provided.

By order of Colonel ACHESON.

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