

HEADQUARTERS 55TH BOMBARDMENT WING (Hv)
APO 520, US Army

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 280)

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 280!

This is Plan Able.

Maps: GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE AIR (WIEN, GRAZ) 1:500,000.

GSGS No. 3982 EUROPE AIR (VIENNA, SOPRON, GRAZ) 1:250,000.

Target and/or Briefing Charts: No. 14-23-NA (VIENNA Southeast)

No. 14-31-NA (WIENER NEUSTADT)

No. 14-41-NA (GRAZ)

Target Photocharts, Approach Charts, Target Area Obliques:

No. TP-14-1 (ZWOLFAXING) (Shows PT)

No. TP-14-2 (FLORISDORF) (Shows PT)

No. AC, TP-14-3 (WIENER NEUSTADT)

No. TPO, TA0-14-15 (GRAZ)

Minimum Briefing Charts: No. MBC 14-69 (VIENNA South Ord Depot)

No. MP 14-69 (VIENNA South Ord Depot)

Pathfinder Charts: RPC 1, 1-A, 1-B, 1-C, 1-D, 1-D Supplement No. 1,

No. 1-E, No. 1-E Supplement No. 1, No. 1-F, No. 1-G,

VIENNA, AUSTRIA Approach from E. (VIENNA)

Pathfinder Charts: RPC 14, 14-A, 14-B, 14-C, 14-G, 14-H (Note RPC Nos.

1-E, 1-E Supplement No. 1, and 14-A will not be taken

in air on mission) (GRAZ)

Illustrations:

No. 1(9)(i)148/7 (VIENNA) No. 6(d)(vi)118/6 (VIENNA)

No. 3(d)69/2 (VIENNA) No. 6(d)(vi)121/1,2,3,4

No. 6(d)(vi)97/4 (VIENNA) (WIENER NEUSTADT)

No. 6(d)(vi)117/1 (VIENNA) No. 3(f)47/1,2,3 (GRAZ)

No. 4(a)13/1 (GRAZ)

Target P.I.R.: TR 83, 88 (VIENNA South Ord Depot)

TR 34 (GRAZ) with photograph which shows PT

1. This plan calls for an attack on the oil, industrial and communications targets in the VIENNA area. This area is the supply and communications center for the entire Southeastern Front. The objective of the attack is to destroy the ordnance supplies in storage and the facilities for storage by visual means, if possible. If visual bombing is not possible, the objective will be to destroy industrial and communications facilities. The Southeast VIENNA area, with its heavy industries, Ordnance Depot and Goods Depot, lends it self particularly well to this type of attack.

2. ENEMY SITUATION.

a. FLAK.

(1) VIENNA: Refer to Maps 4E153 and 154 (30 Nov 44) as amended by Reports 4E171 and 172 (2 Dec 44). Intense accurate flak may be expected. The expected time in flak will be 7 minutes. The sharp left rally, as ordered, avoids the heavier clusters to the Northeast of the target.

(2) WIENER NEUSTADT: Refer to Maps E2704 and 2705 (5 Oct 44) as amended by Report 4E78 (13 Nov 44) and Map E2469 (6 Sept 44). Scant to moderate flak may be expected for 2½ to 3 minutes. Strict adherence to route as ordered will avoid the defenses of NEUNKIRCHEN.

(3) GRAZ: Refer to Map 4E158 (30 Nov 44). Scant to moderate flak may be expected. Expected time in flak will be 3 minutes. On 6 and 7 Dec, moderate inaccurate to accurate flak was encountered.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT: Enemy capabilities remain at 50-60 SEF in the VIENNA area. Possible scale of effort against our formations depends upon whether or not these aircraft are otherwise committed.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGETS.

(1) VIENNA South Ordnance Depot: See par 1.c. (1) and (2), Intelligence Annex No. 239, 5 Nov 44.

(2) WIENER NEUSTADT: See par 2.c. (2), Intelligence Annex No. 275, 7 Dec 44.

(3) GRAZ: See par 1.c.(2), Intelligence Annex No. 248, 13 Nov 44.

3. FRIENDLY SITUATION.

a. Fifteenth Air Force will attack oil, industrial and communications targets in the VIENNA area. Coordination is as follows:

(1) 5th Wing (6 Groups) attacks MOOSBIERBAUM O/R.

(2) 47th wing (4 Groups) attacks MOOSBIERBAUM O/R.

(3) 49th Wing (3 Groups) attacks VIENNA MATZLEINSDORF Station.

(4) 304th Wing (4 Groups) attacks VIENNA Southeast Goods Yards.

b. Fifteenth Fighter Command (Prov) will provide chaff dispensing aircraft for lead of 5th and 304th Wings and escort for all Wings on PTW.

c. Escape: Current bulletins.

d. POW Camp No. 72 is located at GRAZ (4705N-1526E).

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