

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

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 95)
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TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 95)

This is Plaan C.

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

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

Target Chart: No. 14-20-NA (VIENNA, SE, Briefing).

No. 8-4-NA (ZAGREB).

No. 8-103-NA (BROD).

H(I) Report No. 109, dated 11 January 1943 (LOB/U).

1. Enemy Situation:

a. Flak.

(1) LOBAU Oil Refinery - This target is situated Southeast of VIENNA on the North Side of the DANUBE River. total of 76 Heavy Guns are so situated as to defend the target area in general. Most of these guns are concentrated to the North and South of the target. Flak opposition may be expected to be IAH.

(2) VIENNA - This is the second most heavily defended city of the AXIS and flak defenses will be maximum.

(3) ZAGREB - The last attack on this target was on 24 May at which time MIH was encountered. The enemy is known to have increased flak defenses in YUGOSLAVIA and it is likely that ZAGREB defenses have been increased. Enemy will be capable of MIH flak.

(4) BROD - When last attacked on 13 April, SIH was encountered. Maximum flak defenses may range from SIH to SAH.

b. Enemy Aircraft.

(1) See Intelligence Annex No. 94, dated 15 June 1944.

(2) If either alternate is attacked it is unlikely that the enemy will attempt interception.

c. Significance of Target.

(1) LOBAU OIL REFINERY. This attack is another plan to add to the complete destruction of the oil refineries remaining to the

use of the Axis. Original Intelligence reports indicated that a very large refinery was under construction here, but later cover reveals this to be partially in error. In April the plant was still under construction and indications were that it would become either a small crude oil refinery or an oil blending plant. When the Axis had full use of major refineries, LOBAU was considered a secondary target, but since the successful recent attacks on major refineries, this target assumes prime importance as the enemy will be forced to make maximum use of production of all small plants to supply in part the deficit of the refineries already destroyed or inactive.

(2) Successful attack of either ZAGREB M/Y or BROD M/Y will add more strain to the enemy lines of communications in YUGOSLAVIA. Both M/Ys are important links in the routes running from HUNGARY and RUMANIA into the West BALKANS. This attack will be in support of Partisan operations.

2. Friendly Situation.

a. This is a coordinated attack against oil refineries.

(1) 5th Wing (3 Groups each) attack KAGRAM Vacuum Oil Refinery and FLORIDSDORF Oil Refinery.

(2) 47th Bombardment Wing (4 Groups) attack BRATISLAVA Oil Refinery.

(3) 304th Bombardment Wing (2 Groups each) attack Nova SCHWECHAT Oil Refinery and VIENNA Winter Hafen.

b. The 306th Fighter Wing will provide normal effort of penetration escort, target cover, and withdrawal support.

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