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Tabular view of effective missions in February follows:

Serial Number (June)	Mission Number (Current)	Date	Target	Groups Participation			
1.	159	1 Feb 45	POLA, ITALY, Harbor (AT)	460			
			Vicinity of GRAZ, AUSTRIA			465	
2.	160	5 Feb 45	REGENSBURG, GERMANY, Winterhafen O/S	460	464	465	485
3.	161	7 Feb 45	VIENNA, FLORISDORF O/R		464	465	
			TRIESTE, ITALY, Harbor (TO)	460			
			POLA, ITALY, Harbor (AT)				485
4.	162	8 Feb 45	VIENNA South Goods Yard	460	464	465	485
5.	163	9 Feb 45	MOOSBIERBAUM, AUSTRIA, O/R*	460	464	465	485
6.	164	13 Feb 45	VIENNA South Goods Yard	460		465	485
			POLA, ITALY, Harbor (AT)		464		
7.	165	13 Feb 45	GRAZ, AUSTRIA, M/Y	460	464	465	485
8.	166	14 Feb 45	VIENNA Lobau O/R	460			485
			VIENNA Schwechat O/R		464		
			VILLACH, AUSTRIA, M/Y (TO)			465	
9.	167	15 Feb 45	WIENER NEUSTADT M/Y (Red Force)		464	465	485
			WIENER NEUSTADT M/Y (Blue Force)		464	465	485
10	168	16 Feb 45	REGENSBURG Obertraubling A/D	460	464	465	485
11.	169	17 Feb 45	POLA, ITALY, Harbor (AT)	460	464	465	485
12.	170	19 Feb 45	VIENNA Matzleinsdorf M/Y			465	
			GRAZ, AUSTRIA, S.E. M/Y (AT)	460	464		
			POLA, ITALY, Harbor and MARIBOR, YUGOSLAVIA, M/Y (ATs)				485
13.	171	20 Feb 45	TRIESTE, ITALY, Shipyards (AT)	460	464	465	485
14.	172	21 Feb 45	VIENNA, Matzleinsdorf M/Y	460	464	465	485

15.	173	22 Feb 45	MANIAGO, ITALY, RR Bridge (TO)	460	464	465	485
16.	174	23 Feb 45	KLAGENFURT, AUSTRIA, M/Y (TO)	460	464		
			VILLACH, AUSTRIA, M/Y (TO)			465	
			BRUCK, AUSTRIA, M/Y (AT)				485
17.	175	24 Feb 45	PADUA, ITALY, M/Y (TO)	460			
			UDINE, ITALY, M/Y (AT)		464		
18.	176	25 Feb 45	LINZ, AUSTRIA, O/D		464	465	
			LINZ, AUSTRIA, Benzol Plant				485
			SALZBURG, AUSTRIA, M/Y (AT)	460			
19.	177	27 Feb 45	AUGSBURG, GERMANY, M/Y	460	464	465	485
20.	178	28 Feb 45	FORTEZZA, ITALY, M/Y	460			
			VICENZA, ITALY, M/Y (AT)		464		
			COLLE ISARCO, ITALY, M/Y and LIENZ, AUSTRIA, M/Y (Ts of O)			465	
			ORA, ITALY, M/Y				485

* "Lone Wolf" aircraft sortie mission.

Abbreviations:
AT - Alternate Target
TO - Target of Opportunity
M/Y - Marshalling Yard
O/D - Ordnance Depot
O/R - Oil Refinery
O/S - Oil Storage
A/D - Airdrome

The 20 missions executed in February were mainly concentrated against GERMANY and AUSTRIA. There were 20 targets bombed in AUSTRIA, 3 in GERMANY, 14 in North ITALY, and 1 in YUGOSLAVIA. As to types of targets bombed, the heaviest concentration was of the communications type: 21 attacks were against marshalling yards, 7 were against harbors, and 1 was against a railroad bridge. Oil targets were attacked 6 times, an airdrome and an ordnance depot once each.

Operating frequently in weather that was far from favorable, the assigned primary target was reached and attacked by at least one of the Bombardment Groups dispatched on 19 of the 20 missions flown, and of this total on 8 missions all units attacked the primary target assigned. In the nature of the case the number of occasions of the bombing of assigned alternate targets was high; this occurred on 9 missions -- two of these alternate targets were bombed by all four Bombardment Groups. It is an interesting fact that despite unfavorable weather which caused this relatively frequent bombing of assigned alternates rather than primary targets there were only four occasions of the bombing of targets of opportunity.

One especially gratifying accomplishment of operations during the month of February was the notable up-swing of the curve of bomb tonnage dropped on targets. Previously the high point of effectiveness of units of this Wing was reached in August, 1944, when 5,135 tons were dropped. The curve dropped after that month of optimum weather conditions: 3,578 tons in September, 2,565 tons in October, 2,466 tons in November, 2,445 in December, and the low point (due to the fact that there were only 4 effective missions) of 526 tons in January, 1945. The falling curve stopped at that point, and reversed itself abruptly and radically -- 3,732 tons of bombs were dropped on targets in February, a tonnage greater than that of any month since the peak was reached in August, 1944.