

HEADQUARTERS 55TH BONARDHENT WING (Hv)
APO 520 US ARMY

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INTELLIGENCE AHNEX NO 137)

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 137)

This is Plan A

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

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

Target Charts: No. 14-5A-NA (ZWOLFAXING)

No. 12-5-NA (SZOMBATHELY)

D.B. Report No. 140, dated 14 July 1944

P.I.R. Report No. 2235, dated 5 June 1944 (VIENNA)

Annotated Photograph on Primary Target accompanies Operations Order

1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK

(1) ZWOLFAXING - "E" Map No. 1792 with corrections up to 21 July 1944, show pinpoints of target defenses of this target. Routing of formations has been planned so as to avoid as much of the flak as possible. Flak to be encountered will be IAH.

(2) SZOMBATHELY - "E" Map No. 1139, dated 9 April 1944 is the latest information available, and this map shows no flak at alternate target.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

Total enemy air opposition against this Air Force attack may be 175-200 sorties as estimated by Fifteenth Air Force. Enroute to target it is not likely that any opposition will be encountered. In all probabilities, enemy aircraft will be alerted as our bombers pass the ZAGREB area, and will be airborne in target area, so as to oppose bombers when well within the approach of the target. In the area of the target, the enemy is capable of 100 SEF and 75 TEF. These fighters will consist mostly of ME-109s, some FW-190s, a few Regi 2001. Twin engine fighters will be ME-410s and ME-110s, with the possibility of some JU-88s. On return, it is possible that the enemy will attempt interception by 15-20 ME-109s in ZAGREB area.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGET

(1) The Fifteenth Air Force attack is a planned operation acting as a counter air attack against enemy aircraft production, repair facilities, and installations. ZWOLFAXING A/D (Alt.

580 ft plus or minus 15 ft) is located 3/4 miles SE of ZWOLFAXING and nine miles SE of VIENNA.

Assembly of ME-109s is accomplished at this airdrome. In addition to destroying installations, this attack will make possible destruction of the 40-50 aircraft dispersed over the airdrome.

(2) SZOLDATHELY - Air field is situated 25 miles from the Southern end of the NEUSIEDLER SEE. It is 4 miles North of the city of SZOMBATHELY, and lies between the rail line running NW and NE from the city. The A/D covers an area at least 140 X 600 yd. The field was formerly a Hungarian Air Force Station. At present time, the Axis needs all available airdromes to defend vital targets in HUNGARY as well as approaches to the VIENNA area and industries further South.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a. This is a coordinated attack as follows:

5th Bombardment Wing (6 Groups) attacks WIENER NEUDORF A/C Engine Factory.

47th Bombardment Wing (4 Groups) attacks MARKERSDORF A/D Installations.

49th Bombardment Wing (3 Groups) attack BERAT KUCOVE OIL DISTILLATIONS AND BARRACKS AREA.

b. The 306th Fighter Wing will provide penetration escort, target cover, and withdrawal support for individual Wings with special consideration for the 5th and 55th Bombardment Wings.

c. For Escape Intelligence briefing, see Intelligence Annex No. 135, dated 24 July 1944.

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