

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

29 June 1944
1830B

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 109)

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 109)

This is Plan A.

Maps: GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (PRAHA) 1:500000.

GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (TATRY) 1:500000.

GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (WIEN) 1:500000.

Target Charts: No. 13-108A-NA (BLECHHAMMER, South).

No. 15-15-NA (MORAVSKA OSTRAVA/VITKOVICE; for PRIVOZ
Oil Refinery.

No. 13-17-NA (BOHUMIN).

Illustration No. 1 (a) (iii) 43/1, 4, 5.

Photograph No. 5018, 5019, 60 PR 324/15 Apr 44.

H(I) Reports No: 185, 232, 258 (BLECHHAMMER).

H(I) Reports No. 189 (PRIVOZ) w/photo, No. 243 (PRIVOZ) w/photo.

1. ENEMY SITUATION.

a. FLAK.

(1) BLECHHAMMER South - No change. See Intelligence
Annex No. 107, 26 June 1944.

(2) PRIVOZ Oil Refinery - No change. See Intelligence
Annex No. 107, 26 June 1944.

(3) BOHUMIN Oil Refinery - No. change. See
Intelligence Annex No. 107, 26 June 1944.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

Intelligence Annex Fifteenth Air Force advises as follows: Enemy can put up in VIENNA-BUDAPEST area at this time scale of effort of probably 100 SEF and 100 TEF. Heretofore enemy has not established effective contact until the area of LAKE BALATON has been reached, but on operations of 26 June, principal effort was from PAPA to and through target area. In North VIENNA-BUDAPEST area to and through target area enemy can put up 30-40 TEF in addition to those which will probably follow from VIENNA, plus 60-75 SEF from BRESLAU area. It is probable that there will be second sorties from part of VIENNA force on return. There is also the possibility of fighters based in North ADRIATIC area moving East. It must be borne in mind that this estimate does not take into consideration operations by

Eighth Air Force and/or Eighth Task Force in MUNICH-LEIPZIG area; if these operations are carried out they should subtract 50 SEF and from 50 to 60 TEF from forces operating against our formations.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGET. See Intelligence Annex No. 107, 26 June 1944.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION.

a. Coordination of this attack is as follows:

(1) 5th Wing, 6 Groups, attacks BLECHHAMMER North Oil Refinery.

(2) 47th Wing, 4 Groups, frags ZAGREB A/D.

(3) 49th Wing, 3 Groups, attacks BLECHHAMMER South Oil Refinery.

(4) 304th Wing, 4 Groups, attacks ODERTAL Oil Plant.

b. 306th Fighter Wing, 7 Groups, provides maximum escort for BLECHHAMMER Task Force.

c. Night Bombers on night 29-30 June will posthole MARKERSDORF and FEUERSBRUNN A/Ds. These are bases for e/a operating in VIENNA area.

d. Crews should be specially briefed on enemy tactics of sending SEF ahead to force escort to drop tanks and then to follow with TEF when bombers are left without escort.

e. It is directed that Escape Intelligence Officers brief on Escape, covering all areas on route.

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