

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

16 October 1944
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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 217)
TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 217)

This is Plan Able

Maps:

See Intelligence Annex No. 188, 27 September 1944, with the following changes:

- (1) For VIENNA S O/D - No change.
- (2) Delete reference to VENEZIA, FIUNE, GORIZIA, BOROVNICA, SALCANO.
- (3) Add: GSGS No. 4072, EUROPE Air (GRAZ) 1:500,000
Target Charts No. 14-41-NA (GRAZ Main M/Y)
No. 8-107-MA (MARIBOR, etc)

1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK

- (1) VIENNA: No change. IAH is to be expected.
- (2) GRAZ: No change. See Intelligence Annex No. 203, 8 October 1944.
- (3) MARIBOR: No change. See Intelligence Annex No. 203, 8 October 1944.
- (4) En Route: Flak defense at BRATISLAVA requires strict adherence to route ordered.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT: Enemy is capable of interception by 50 SEF in VIENNA area.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGETS

(1) VIENNA S O/D: See Intelligence Annex No. 188, 27 September 1944. Armored vehicles produced at VIENNA S O/D are being shipped direct to fighting fronts. At time of latest reconnaissance 100 AFV were seen ready for shipment. This is a lucrative target.

(2) Alternate Targets: These targets have prime value at this time, when it is of special importance to disrupt enemy communications in and to the BALKANS and ITALY.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a. Coordination of attack

- (1) 5th Wing, 6 Groups, attacks BLECHHAMMER S O/R.
- (2) 47th Wing, 4 Groups; attacks VIENNA SAURERWERKE.
- (3) 49th Wing, 3 Groups, attacks VOSENDORF O/R.
- (4) 304th Wing, 4 Groups, attacks VIENNA S M/Y.

b. XV Fighter Command provides penetration, target and withdrawal escort for 5th Wing, and close escort for 47th, 49th, 55th and 304th Wings.

c. Escape: On operations in GERANY the changed political and war situation now make it more plausible to expect aid. In following basic evasion tactics an attempt to contact the older German for aid is advised. There is now a very strong underground and partisan movement in SLOVAKIA, and Allied missions are operating in that area around BANSKA BYSTRICA (4845N-1910E). In YUGOSLAVIA the largest safe area known at present that can be pinpointed is slightly South and West of SISAK (4529N-1622E).

d. Prisoner of War Camp information: There is a POW camp slightly East of REGENSBURG (4858N-1244B).

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