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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX)

TO : PRIMARY: Lobau O/R, Vienna, Austria
 FIELD ORDER 20) ALTERNATES: Wiener Neustadt M/Y, Austria
 Bruck M/Y, Austria
 Graz Main & Southeast M/Y, Austria.

I. TARGET

- A. Primary: To date attacks in February have probably caused temporary stoppage of oil production even though severe damage was not inflicted. This is partly due to crash shutdowns or light damage. These attacks have then probably accomplished the mission of stopping oil production but apparent disadvantage of this method is that it eliminates attacks on other priority targets which could be realized if long term and severe damage is inflicted. These are small targets and difficult to identify, but must be severely damaged before attacks can be suspended. Our target was last attacked 14 February. Cover of same date shows damage to labor camp but distillation unit is not visibly damaged. M/T activity and sidings heavily loaded with tank cars.
- B. Alternates: All alternates for today are communications targets and if destroyed will cause the German armies in the field to be without their much needed supplies.

II. ENEMY DEFENCES

A. Primary:

1. Flak: There are 333 heavy guns at the target area. On route to the target flak can be expected as follows: Novska, 18H; Zagreb, 84H; Nagykaniza, 33H; Tapolca, 16H; Szombathely, 20H; Papa, 16H; Gyor, 61H; Bratislava, 45H. Route back to base: Sopron, 18H; Szombathely, 20H; Maribor, 33H.
2. Fighters: The enemy continues to have 40/50 aircraft available to defend this area if he so elects.

III. ALLIED OPERATIONS

- A. Air: The 15th Fighter Command will provide close escort for all Wings on penetration, target and withdrawal, and will dispense chaff in lead of 5 and 304th Wings.
- B. Land: Negative.
- C. Naval: Negative.

IV. ESCAPE PROCEDURE

Refer to Weekly Escape Bulletin #16 dated 16 February 1945.

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