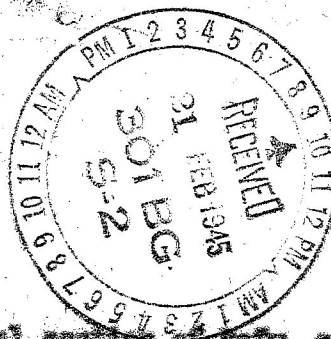


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FINAL STRIKE ASSESSMENT



GROUPS: 2nd and 99th B.G.'s
 TARGET: Vienna/Lobau S/R, Austria (Primary)
 OPERATION: 20 Feb 1945 at 1302 to 1310 hrs.
 STRIKE ASSESSMENT:
2nd B.G.

1. Heavy concentration of strikes cover central section of Refy, causing heavy damage. 1 large storage tank destroyed by direct hit. Sidings at NE end of Refy hit with one major and 1 minor fire among rolling stock. There is one explosion and fire in center of Refy which is possibly caused by a broken pipe line. At least two fires are visible in area of stabilizing plant. There is a large explosion and fire visible among rolling stock on W sidings.

99th B.G.

1. Majority of bombs visible are in open area on E side of target. Good concentration of strikes cover Sidings at W side of Refy, with an explosion and fire among rolling stock. Good concentration fall into smoke near large storage tanks at NE end of area with one tank destroyed by a direct hit. Smoke makes further assessment to installations impossible.

GROUPS: 163rd and 97th B.G.'s
 TARGET: Vienna/Schwechat S/R, Austria (Primary)
 OPERATION: 20 Feb 45 at 1304 to 1306 hrs.

163rd B.G.

1. First bombs fall in open area 3/5 mile E of target. Moderate concentration of strikes are visible in built up area 4/5 mile SE of target. Poor photos prevent any assessment. Remainder of bombs fall along NE corner of target with no damage visible to major oil installations.

97th B.G.

1. Bombs fall adjacent to NE corner of Refy Area. Scattered strikes are visible across NE and W sections of Refy area with at least one burst in Boiler House area. Quality of photos prevents further assessment.

GROUPS: 301st, 97th and 483rd B.G.'s
 TARGET: Vienna/Floridsdorf N/T, Austria (P.F.J. Primary) (Undercast prevents assessment)
 OPERATION: 20 Feb 1945 at 1300 to 1311 hrs.

301st B.G.

1. Bombs away with later photos showing areas in vicinity of target but no bursts.

97th B.G.

1. ~~Undercast~~ Bursts visible thru clouds adjacent to N/T probably on Rzgry. Wks.

483rd B.G.

1. Burst visible thru clouds are probably located just to E of N/T.

GROUPS: 2nd B.G.
 TARGET: Rappenburg Steel Wks, Aust. (Target of Opportunity)
 OPERATION: 20 Feb 1945 at 1326 hrs.

2nd B.G.

1. Strike pattern covers partially open area in NE section of the area. Hits are visible in Boiler House area. Quality of photos prevents further assessment.