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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX) TO FIELD ORDER 23)

Primary: Amstetten Main M/Y, Germany. Alternates: Bruck M/Y, Austria. Worgl M/Y, Austria. Udine M/Y, Italy.

TARGET I.

- A. Primary: Amstetten is located at 48°07' N, 14°54' E, twenty (20) miles Southeast of Linz. These M/Y's resemble link sausage with an overpass near the middle. They run East and West and are approximately 1 3/4 miles long. There is a large Engine Shed in the Western half of the target area. The Eastern half has twenty (20) tracks which are believed to be full. The enemy uses these yards to route troops and material to the East and also for retreating back to Linz and Munich. Knocking out these yards will aid the Russians in their drive to Vienna.
 - Alternates: The alternates today are all communication targets. The destruction of these targets will have the same affect as the primary.

II. ENEMY DEFENCES

A. Primary: 1. Flak: Reports indicate no flak at target. On route to target flak is to be avoided at: Fiume (8H), 19 miles West; Steyr (6OH), 7 miles West. On route back to base, flak will he encountered at: Bruck Area (37H), 7 miles West; Graz (24H), 8 miles West; Maribor Area (33H), 8 miles East; Zagreb (84H), 19 miles East. 2. Fighters: The enemy can put up 50/60 aircraft against our formations in this area.

III. ALLIED OPERATIONS

- A. Air: The Fifteenth Fighter Command will provide close escort for all Wings on penetration, target and withdrawal.
- B. Land: Negative. C. Naval: Negative.

ESCAPE PROCEDURE IV.

Information given in latest Weekly Escape Bulletin #16, dated 16 February 1945.

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