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FINAL STRIKE ASSESSMENT

GROUPS: 2nd, 97th, 99th, 301st and 463rd B.G.'s.
TARGET: Worgl W/Y, Austria (#2 Alternate)
OPERATION: 23 Feb 1945 at 1238 to 1309 hrs.
STRIKE ASSESSMENT:

ALL GROUPS:

After the first group bombed the target the entire area was smoke covered but each following group dropped their bombs into the smoke. Only a very few bursts are visible around the edge of the smoked area. Credit for the utter destruction of this target goes to the groups as a whole and not to any specific group.

1. The entire yard visible is covered by heavy concentrations of sticks.
2. All thru tracks have been blocked or cut by numerous hits and in many places.
3. 60% of all rolling stock has been destroyed or damaged.
4. The covered roundhouse has been completely destroyed. The open roundhouse was smoke covered but has most probably been damaged.
5. A small building adjacent to the roundhouse has been demolished.
6. Two warehouse buildings on the East edge of the yards have been completely destroyed.
7. Three fires are visible burning among the rolling stock.

GROUPS: 463rd B.G.
TARGET: Bruck W/Y, Austria (#1 Alternate)
OPERATION: 23 Feb 1945 at 1243 to 1255 hrs.
STRIKE ASSESSMENT:

463rd B.G.

1. Three boxes dropped into lightly built up area to the west of the W/Y with no apparent military damage.
2. One box unable to find target due to cloud cover dropped on D.T. RR to Leoben. One of the tracks was probably cut by a direct hit. The other track was possibly damaged by very near miss.

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