

FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE · 12 APRIL 1944 – 26 APRIL 1945



483RD BOMB GROUP MISSIONS

All 215 missions the group flew from Foggia, drawn from the field to the target, one line for each: colour and pattern give the kind of target, width the number of missions. Its two citations and its milestones are drawn in red.

215 missions, 220 target visits, 82 targets. 153 went north up the Adriatic to the Reich and northern Italy, 44 east over the Balkans to Hungary and Romania, 18 west to Liguria and France, 4 to the front south of Rome and one to Greece. Oil took 70 of the 220, rail 93; Vienna alone drew 26.

ITS FOUR SQUADRONS



815th



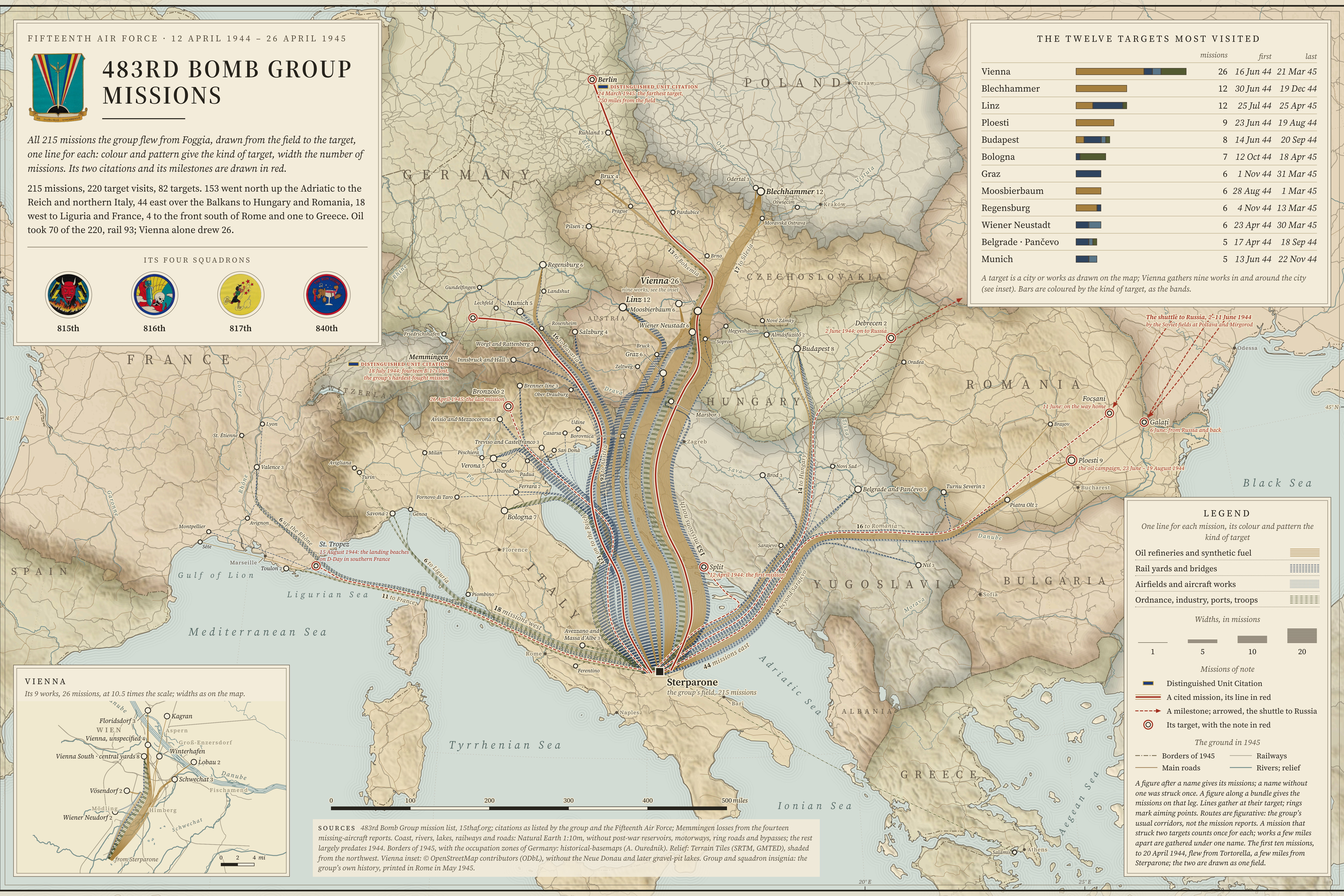
816th



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840th



THE TWELVE TARGETS MOST VISITED

		missions	first	last
Vienna		26	16 Jun 44	21 Mar 45
Blechhammer		12	30 Jun 44	19 Dec 44
Linz		12	25 Jul 44	25 Apr 45
Ploesti		9	23 Jun 44	19 Aug 44
Budapest		8	14 Jun 44	20 Sep 44
Bologna		7	12 Oct 44	18 Apr 45
Graz		6	1 Nov 44	31 Mar 45
Moosbierbaum		6	28 Aug 44	1 Mar 45
Regensburg		6	4 Nov 44	13 Mar 45
Wiener Neustadt		6	23 Apr 44	30 Mar 45
Belgrade · Pančevo		5	17 Apr 44	18 Sep 44
Munich		5	13 Jun 44	22 Nov 44

A target is a city or works as drawn on the map; Vienna gathers nine works in and around the city (see inset). Bars are coloured by the kind of target, as the bands.

LEGEND

One line for each mission, its colour and pattern the kind of target

- Oil refineries and synthetic fuel
- Rail yards and bridges
- Airfields and aircraft works
- Ordnance, industry, ports, troops

Widths, in missions



Missions of note

- Distinguished Unit Citation
- A cited mission, its line in red
- A milestone; arrowed, the shuttle to Russia
- Its target, with the note in red

The ground in 1945

- Borders of 1945
- Main roads
- Railways
- Rivers; relief

A figure after a name gives its missions; a name without one was struck once. A figure along a bundle gives the missions on that leg. Lines gather at their target; rings mark aiming points. Routes are figurative: the group's usual corridors, not the mission reports. A mission that struck two targets counts once for each; works a few miles apart are gathered under one name. The first ten missions, to 20 April 1944, flew from Tortorella, a few miles from Sterparone; the two are drawn as one field.

VIENNA

Its 9 works, 26 missions, at 10.5 times the scale; widths as on the map.



SOURCES 483rd Bomb Group mission list, 15thaf.org; citations as listed by the group and the Fifteenth Air Force; Memmingen losses from the fourteen missing-aircraft reports. Coast, rivers, lakes, railways and roads: Natural Earth 1:10m, without post-war reservoirs, motorways, ring roads and bypasses; the rest largely predates 1944. Borders of 1945, with the occupation zones of Germany: historical-basemaps (A. Ourednik). Relief: Terrain Tiles (SRTM, GMTED), shaded from the northwest. Vienna inset: © OpenStreetMap contributors (ODbL), without the Neue Donau and later gravel-pit lakes. Group and squadron insignia: the group's own history, printed in Rome in May 1945.