

FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE · 12 APRIL 1944 – 26 APRIL 1945



483RD BOMB GROUP MISSIONS

The courses the group flew from Foggia to its targets and home, as rebuilt from the papers of 1944: a line out and a fainter line home for each mission whose course is known, its colour the kind of target. Its two citations and its milestones are drawn in red.

215 missions, 220 target visits, 82 targets. 117 of the missions have a known course: 16 typed in the group's own loss reports, 12 in its sister groups', 50 briefed for a wing flying in the same column, 26 pieced together from timed positions and 13 drawn after another day's course to the same target. Oil took 70 of the 220, rail 93; Vienna alone drew 26.

ITS FOUR SQUADRONS



815th



816th



817th

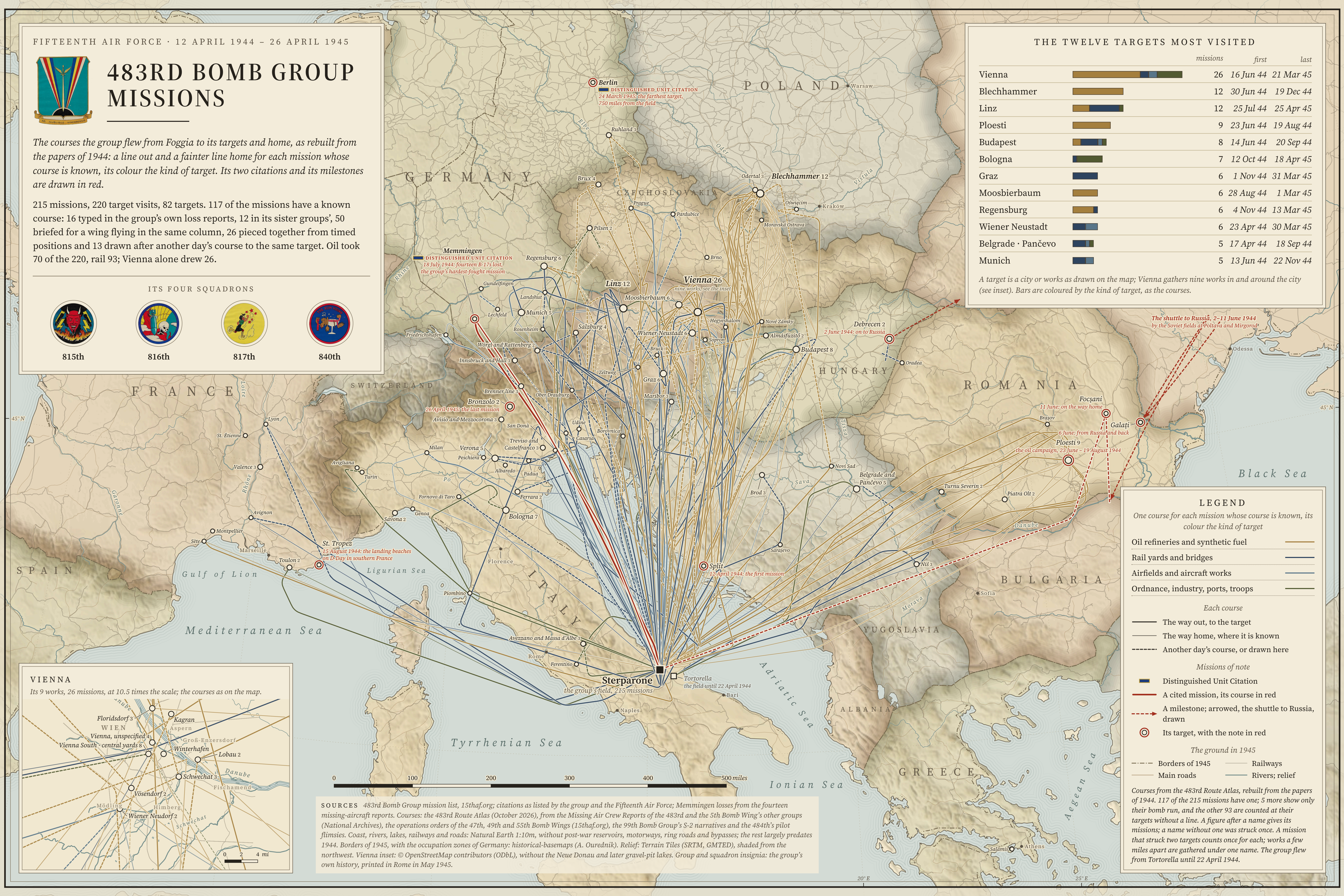


840th

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 courses.



VIENNA

Its 9 works, 26 missions, at 10.5 times the scale; the courses 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. Courses: the 483rd Route Atlas (October 2026), from the Missing Air Crew Reports of the 483rd and the 5th Bomb Wing's other groups (National Archives), the operations orders of the 47th, 49th and 55th Bomb Wings (15thaf.org), the 99th Bomb Group's S-2 narratives and the 484th's pilot flimsies. 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.

LEGEND

One course for each mission whose course is known, its colour the kind of target

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

Each course

- The way out, to the target
- The way home, where it is known
- Another day's course, or drawn here

Missions of note

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

The ground in 1945

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

Courses from the 483rd Route Atlas, rebuilt from the papers of 1944. 117 of the 215 missions have one; 5 more show only their bomb run, and the other 93 are counted at their targets without a line. A figure after a name gives its missions; a name without one was struck once. A mission that struck two targets counts once for each; works a few miles apart are gathered under one name. The group flew from Tortorella until 22 April 1944.