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The recapture of Neuhäusel by Imperial forces in 1685

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Pianta della Fortezza di Nayahysel. Spiegatione dell'Assedio di Nayhaysel seguito l'Anno M.DC.LXXXV.

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A plan of Neuhäusel (at the time in the kingdom of Hungary, now Nové Zámky in Slovakia, also known in Turkish as Érsekújvár or Uyvar and shown on many maps as Novum Castrum), showing the fortess surrounded by the troops of the Holy Roman Empire. Built 1573-81, its star-shape made it one of the most modern in Europe, but this didn't stop it falling to the Ottomans in 1663. On July 7th 1685, during the Great Turkish War (1683-99), Imperial troops led by Aeneas de Caprara laid siege to the fortress, storming it on August 17th. Attempts by the Ottomans to surrender were ignored and the entire garrison was slaughtered, a massacre acknowledged by the heads on spikes illustrated in the title cartouche. From Chiarello's 'Historia degl' avvenimenti dell' armi imperiali contro a' ribelli, et Ottomani'.

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