

HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

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APO 140, U. S. Army,
23 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A, USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U. S. Army. (Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit)

1. Submitted herewith Oprep A No. 23 for 24 hours ending sunset 23 April 1944, mission number 25.

A. Formation consisted of two boxes, 19 ships each box. Time of take off 1813. Time over target for box I, 1920. Target - Lingham (Special Military Construction Works). Box I at 12,000 feet dropped a total of 71 bombs in the target area with good results. Box II did not bomb. As first box adjusted course for bomb run, second box swung wide. When course was adjusted, second box was left of target. Haze and low sun angle made recognition of target in short time remaining difficult. Visibility was 10 miles with .4 to .6 cirrus at 20,000 feet. Anti-aircraft was weak and inaccurate HFF and LFF continuing from turn off target for two miles. Seventeen ships received category A damage. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 2027.

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- B. (i) 34 A-20G's and 4 A-20J's.
(ii) 17 A-20G's and 1 A-20J'.
(iii) 17 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's. As first box adjusted course for bomb run, second box swung wide. When course was adjusted, second box was left of target. No bombs dropped.
1 A-20J due to rack malfunction.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 16 A-20G's and 1 A-20J.
(viii) 34 A-20G's and 4 A-20J's.

- C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

- D. (i) Nil
(ii) A-20G's 82:00
A-20J's 12:00

- E. (i) A-20G's 107,100 x 50 cal.
A-20J's 8,000 x 50 cal.
(ii) A-20G's 815 x 50 cal. (testing)
A-20J's 76 x 50 cal. (testing)
(iii) Nil

- F. (i) A-20G's 136 x 500 lb GP delay 1/10 N 1/40 T
 A-20J's 16 x 500 lb GP delay 1/10 N 1/40 T
 (ii) A-20G's 67 x 500 lb GP
 A-20J's 4 x 500 lb GP
 (iii) Nil
 (iv) Nil
 1 x 500 lb GP fell out 6 miles short of target.
 80 x 500 lb GP returned to base.

G. Nil

- H. (i) Nil
 (ii) Nil
 (iii) Nil

For the Commanding Officer:

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