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FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
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By authority
CO, Sta. 170
26 Apr 1944
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APO 140, U. S. Army,
25 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. 25 for 24 hours ending sunset 25 April 1944, mission number 27.

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A. Formation consisted of 2 boxes, 18 ships in box I and 19 ships in box II. Take off time was 0905. Time over target 1011. Target - Bois D'Enfer (Special Military Construction Works). Box I, at 11,500 feet dropped a total of 71 bombs in the target area with good results. Because of low clouds and shadows obscuring target area and preventing recognition the second box did not attack. Visibility was unlimited with .4 to .5 low clouds with tops to 6000 feet. Anti-aircraft fire was moderate and accurate HFF from target to 1 1/2 miles southeast of target, 3 ships receiving category AC damage and 11 receiving category A damage. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1135.

- B. (i) 32 A-20G's and 5 A-20J's.
(ii) 15 A-20G's and 3 A-20J's.
(iii) 17 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's due to weather.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 A-20J category A
10 A-20G category A
1 A-20J category AC
2 A-20G category AC
(viii) 32 A-20G's and 5 A-20J's.

- C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

- D. (i) A-20G's 86:20. A-20J's 12:30.
(ii) Nil

- E. (i) A-20G's 100,800 x 50 cal.
A-20J's 10,000 x 50 cal.
(ii) A-20G's 768 x 50 cal. (testing)
A-20J's 120 x 50 cal. (testing)

- F. (i) A-20G's 128 x 500 lb GP delay 1/10 N 1/40 T
A-20J's 20 x 500 lb GP delay 1/10 N 1/40 T



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- (ii) A-20G's 59 x 500 lb GP
A-20J's 12 x 500 lb GP
- (iii) Nil
- (iv) Nil
76 x 500 lb GP returned to base.
1 x 500 lb GP fell out in target area.

G. Nil

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

For the Commanding Officer:

John M. Bonura, 1st Lt. A.C.
for. GEORGE SCHENKELIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
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