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

APO 140, U. S. Army,
10 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A. USAAF Form 34A.

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

Oprep A Number 39a for 24 hours ending sunset 9 May 1944.
Mission Number 42.
IX Bomber Command Field Order Number 305.

A. Formation consisted of 3 boxes, 14 ships each box. Time of take off was 1809. Time over target 1917. Target Bois D'Enfer (Noball). Box 1, at 12,000 feet, dropped a total of 56 bombs in the target area with good results. Box 2, at 11,500 feet, dropped a total of 50 bombs with poor results. Box 3, due to haze preventing recognition of target, did not bomb. Haze obscured entire target area. Anti-aircraft fire was weak and fairly accurate HFF on turn off target, 7 ships receiving category A damage. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 2025.

B. (i) 36 A-20G's and 6 A-20J's.
(ii) 23 A-20G's and 4 A-20J's
(iii) 12 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's due to weather - haze up to 10,000 feet prevented recognition of target.
1 A-20G - no bombs dropped - short in bomb bay door indicator light, causing circuit breaker to trip.
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) 6 A-20G's category A
1 A-20J category A
(viii) 36 A-20G's and 6 A-20J's

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) A-20G's 85:50
A-20J's 14:05
(ii) None

E. (i) A-20G's 113,400 x 50 cal.
A-20J's 12,000 x 50 cal.
(ii) A-20G's 864 x 50 cal. (testing)
A-20J's 144 x 50 cal. (testing)
(iii) None

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F. (i) A-20G's 144 x 500 lb GP delay 1/10 N 1/40 T 168 loaded
A-20J's 24 x 500 lb GP delay 1/10 N 1/40 T

(ii) ~~A-20G's [illegible] x 500 lb GP~~ 1060 - TARGET
~~A-20J's [illegible] 500 lb GP~~

(iii) None

(iv) None
~~A-20G's 53 x 500 lb GP returned to base.~~ 1 JETT
A-20G 1 x 500 lb GP fell out in channel. 61 Returned
A-20J's 8 x 500 lb GP returned to base.

G. None

H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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