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FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP. (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

APC 140, U. S. Army,
21 May 1944.

Subject: Oprep A, USAAF Form 34A.

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APC 696, U. S. Army.
Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.

Oprep A Number 49 for 24 hours ending sunset 19 May 1944.
Mission Number 49.
IX Bomber Command Field Order Number 317.

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- A. Formation consisted of 2 boxes, 19 ships each box. Time of take off was 1838. Time over target for box 1, 2000 and for box 2, 2009. Target - Benerville Coastal Battery. Box 1 did not attack. Bomb release in lead ship shorted due to water in control box. On second run deputy leader's bombsight was out. Box 2, at 12000 feet, dropped a total of 66 bombs in the target area with fair results, pattern extending left of target. Visibility was 6 to 8 miles down sun and 2 to 3 miles up sun in haze. 1/10 thin clouds at 12,000 feet. Anti-aircraft fire was moderate, very inaccurate HFF from Le Havre, no damages received. No anti-aircraft experienced over target area. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 2132.
- B. (i) 33 A-20G's and 5 A-20J's.
(ii) 15 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's.
(iii) 17 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's - bomb release in lead ship shorted due to water in control box. On second run deputy leader's bombsight was out.
1 A-20G returned early to base - lost formation in weather.
1 A-20G failed to release bombs - selector switches in wrong position.
18 other (iv) None
(v) None
(vi) 1 A-20G - Pilot abandoned ship in mid-air - ship in uncontrollable spin - cause unknown. (Cate) *Crashed in England*
(vii) None
(viii) 32 A-20G's and 5 A-20J's.
- C. (i) None
(ii) None
- D. (i) A-20G's 87:40
A-20J's 12:55
(ii) None
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- E. (i) A-20G's 103,950 x 50 cal.
A-20J's 10,000 x 50 cal.
(ii) A-20G's 792 x 50 cal. (testing)
A-20J's 120 x 50 cal. (testing)
(iii) A-20G 3125 x 50 cal.
- F. (i) A-20G's 132 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T
A-20J's 20 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T
(ii) A-20G's 59 x 500 lb GP
A-20J's 7 x 500 lb GP
(iii) None
(iv) None
A-20G 4 x 500 lb GP returned to base - ship returned
early - lost formation in weather.
A-20G 1 x 500 lb GP returned to base - Mechanical bind-
ing of release mechanism.
A-20J 1 x 500 lb GP returned to base - cannon plug not
connected.
A-20G 4 x 500 lb GP returned to base - selector switches
in wrong position.
17 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's abortive returning 76 x 500 lb
GP's to base.
- G. 1 Pilot slightly injured.
1 Armorer Gunner killed.
1 Airplane Mechanic Gunner killed.
- H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

For the Commanding Officer:

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