

HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

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TO:

From: 416th Bombardment Group (L), APO 143, U.S. Army.

Ref: Cprep A No. 90 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 29 June 1944
Mission or Operation No. 87 97th CW Field Order 105-401

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Railroad - St. Hilaire to Vitre
Place of take-off AAF Station 170
Place of landing AAF Station 170. 2 A-20G's landed at Bomor.
Take-off time 1727 Landing time 2134
Time over target 1935 - 1942 Bombing Altitude 3000 feet.
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather 8/10 to 10/10 cumulus at 4000 feet. Visibility 10 miles.
Results Good, Excellent, Gross, Poor, Excellent, Unknown.
Enemy opposition Moderate light accurate flak 5 miles SE of St. Lo on course in and out.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 30 A-20G
6 A-20J
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
28 A-20G Railroad - St. Hilaire to Vitre
6 A-20J Railroad - St. Hilaire to Vitre
3. Abortive due to:
 - (1) Weather: None
 - (2) Personnel: 2 A-20G. Selector switches in wrong position.
 - (3) Mechanical: None
 - (4) Other: None
4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None
5. Destroyed - before reaching target None
giving cause where known
6. Destroyed - over or after leaving 1 A-20G seen to crash NE of St. Lo
target giving cause where known Ship was hit by anti-aircraft fire.
7. Damaged (give category & cause) 3 A-20G category A - flak
1 A-20G category B - flak
1 A-20G category E - flak - crash landed.
8. Sorties 30 A-20G
6 A-20J

3135
864
3489

D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset) A-20G 116:15
A-20J 23:15

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None

E. Ammunition by calibers:

A-20G 94,500 x 50 cal.
a. Total carried into air A-20J 12,600 x 50 cal.
b. Expended on operations A-20G 720 x 50 cal. (testing)
c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c A-20J 144 x 50 cal. (testing)
A-20G 3125 x 50 cal.

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air: A-20G 80 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T
A-20J 16 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T
A-20G 40 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/40 T
A-20J 8 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/40 T

b. Expended on operations:
(List targets separately) A-20G 111 x 500 lb GP
A-20J 24 x 500 lb GP

c. Jettisoned A-20G 4 x 500 lb GP

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c None

e. Total Returned A-20G 1 x 500 lb GP. Arming wire caught in
arming wire retainer holding breaker points apart, causing
an opening in circuit to release solenoid.

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

A-20G 4 x 500 lb GP. Selector switches in wrong position.

Type of Casualty	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	R.Gun	E.Gun	T.Gun
Killed in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in Action	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Seriously Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slightly Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

H. Enemy aircraft by type or description (tentative claims):

a. Destroyed None

b. Prob. Destroyed None

c. Damaged None

Add to Oprep A No. 83, part 7, 1 A-20G category E - flak - crash landed.

For the Commanding Officer:

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