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

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

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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 38 for 24 hours ending sunset 8 May 1944.
Mission Number 39.

IX Bomber Command Field Order Number 302. *18925 Code name*

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A. Formation consisted of 2 boxes, 19 ships each box. Take off time was 0904. Target - Aerschot. Bombing was impossible due to low clouds obscuring target area. Anti-aircraft fire was weak, inaccurate HFF in the Lourain area and moderate, inaccurate HFF in the Malines area, 3 ships receiving category A damage. No anti-aircraft was experienced over target area. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1128.

- B. (i) 33 A-20G's and 5 A-20J's.
- (ii) None
- (iii) 32 A-20G's and 5 A-20J's due to weather - 8 to 10/10 low clouds with tops to 7000 feet.
1 A-20G - mechanical - left throttle sticking.
- (iv) None
- (v) None
- (vi) None
- (vii) 3 A-20G's category A
- (viii) 32 A-20G's and 5 A-20J's.

- C. (i) None
- (ii) None

- D. (i) A-20G's 103:35
A-20J's 17:40
- (ii) None

- E. (i) A-20G's 103,950 x 50 cal.
A-20J's 10,000 x 50 cal.
- (ii) A-20G's 768 x 50 cal. (testing)
A-20J's 96 x 50 cal. (testing)
- (iii) None

- 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) None
- (iii) None
- (iv) None

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G. None.

H. (1) None
(11) None
(111) None

For the Commanding Officer:

John M. Bonura, 1st Lt. a.c.
for GEORGE SCHENKEIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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