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

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

John

Subject: Oprep A, USAAF Form 34A.

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

Oprep A Number 40a for 24 hours ending sunset 11 May 44.
Mission Number 44.
IX Bomber Command Field Order Number 310.

- A. Formation consisted of two boxes, 19 ships each box. Take off time was 1807. Time over target for box 1, 2002, and for box 2, 2006. Target - Aerschot M/Y. Box 1, at 11,500 feet, dropped a total of 68 bombs in the target area with good results. Box 2, at 10,500 feet, dropped a total of 76 bombs with poor results. Visibility was 3 to 5 miles down sun and less than 1 mile up sun in thick haze. Poor visibility made recognition of target very difficult. Anti-aircraft fire was moderate to intense accurate HFF continuing from 4 miles northeast of Wavre to 3 miles northeast of Louvain, 13 ships receiving category A damage and 1 ship receiving category AC damage. No anti-aircraft fire was experienced over target area. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 2136.
- B. (i) 31 A-20G's and 7 A-20J's.
(ii) 29 A-20G's and 7 A-20J's.
(iii) 1 A-20G returned early because VHF was out. Radio thoroughly checked upon return and from all indications no malfunction exists.
1 A-20G released bombs prematurely. One side of release relay closed under vibration, causing premature release.
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) 12 A-20G's category A - flak
1 A-20J category A - flak
1 A-20G category AC - flak
(viii) 30 A-20G's and 7 A-20J's
- C. (i) None
(ii) None
- D. (i) A-20G's 103:10
A-20J's 23:00
(ii) None



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- E. (i) A-20G's 97,650 x 50 cal.
A-20J's 14,000 x 50 cal.
(ii) A-20G's 720 x 50 cal. (testing)
A-20J's 168 x 50 cal. (testing)
(iii) None
- F. (i) A-20G's 124 x 500 lb GP Inst N 1/100 T
A-20J's 28 x 500 lb GP Inst N 1/100 T
(ii) A-20G's 116 x 500 lb GP
A-20J's 28 x 500 lb GP
(iii) None
(iv) None
A-20G 4 x 500 lb GP returned to base.
A-20G 4 x 500 lb GP prematurely released. *JETT*
- G. None
- H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

For the Commanding Officer:

John M. Bonura, 1st Lt. 4c
for GEORGE SCHENKEIN,
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Adjutant.

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