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FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOWBARDMENT GROUP (L)
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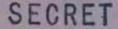
To : Commanding General, IX Air Force, APO 696, U. S. Army.
Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.

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, 2008. Target Aerschot M/Y. Box 1, at 11,500 feet, dropped a total of 58 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 2130.
- 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
  - (vii) 12 A-200's category A flak 1 A-20J category A - flak 1 A-20G category AC - 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
  - (11) None





- (i)
- A-20G's 97,650 x 50 cal. A-20J's 14,000 x 50 cal. A-20G's 720 x 50 cal. (testing) A-20J's 168 x 50 cal. (testing) (ii)
  - (iii) None
- A-20G's 124 x 500 lb GP Inst N 1/100 T (1) F. A-20J's 28 x 500 lb GP Inst N 1/100 T
  - (11) A-20G's 116 x 500 1b GP A-20J's 28 x 500 lb GP
  - None (111)
  - (1v) None A-20G 4 x 500 lb GP returned to base. A-200 4 x 500 lb OF prematurely released. JETT
- None
- (i) None (11)None (iii) None

For the Commanding Officer:

Jonura 1 st Lt. 40 Captain, Air Corps, Adjutant.

