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FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
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APC 140, U. S. Army,
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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 42 for 24 hours ending sunset 12 May 1944.
Mission Number 45.
IX Bomber Command Field Order Number 311.

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- A. Formation consisted of two boxes, 19 ships each box. Time of take off was 1027. Time over target 1158. Target - Monchy Breton Airfield. Box 1, at 12,000 feet, dropped a total of 38 bombs with poor results. Box 2, at 11,500 feet, dropped a total of 66 bombs with poor results. Visibility down sun was 4 to 5 miles and up sun less than 1 mile - no clouds. Anti-aircraft fire was weak inaccurate HFF in St. Pol and Lens area, no damage being received. No anti-aircraft fire was experienced over target area. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1307.
- B. (i) 31 A-20G's and 7 A-20J's.
(ii) 20 A-20G's and 6 A-20J's.
(iii) 1 A-20J personnel failure - release trigger slipped from locked position.
3 A-20G's - no attempt made when leader failed to release.
1 A-20G bombs prematurely released - bomb salvo relay points touching.
1 A-20G returned early - electrical trouble - cause undetermined.
1 A20G returned early - engine failed to go into high blower - cause undetermined.
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) 29 A-20G's and 7 A-20J's.
- C. (i) None
(ii) None
- D. (i) A-20G's 83:35
A-20J's 21:50
(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 744 x 50 cal. (testing)
A-20J's 168 x 50 cal. (testing)
(iii) None *g/v*
- F. (i) A-20G's 124 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T
A-20J's 28 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T
(ii) A-20G's 80 x 500 lb GP
A-20J's 24 x 500 lb GP
(iii) None
(iv) None
A-20G's 40 x 500 lb GP returned to base.
A-20G 4 x 500 lb GP released prematurely.
A-20J 4 x 500 lb GP returned to base.
- G. None
- H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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