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

Indefinite
APO 140, U. S. Army,
14 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Submission of Operational Report A, USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U. S. Army. (Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit)

1. The following operational report is submitted in compliance with instructions outlined in Appendix "G" Ninth Air Force Memorandum 55-8 dated 29 March, 1944:

Field Order No. 261.

Mission Number 10.

Oprep A No. 5 for 24 hours ending sunset 10 April 1944.

A. Formation consisted of 2 boxes with 19 ships in each box. Take off time was 0844. Target - Bois Des Huitrues. (Special Military Construction Works). Time over target was 0947. The first box, at 14,000 feet dropped a total of 70 bombs and the second box at 12,700 feet dropped a total of 50 bombs. Because of intervening clouds a wooded area was mistaken for the target and results of bombing were classified as a bad miss. Flak was moderate and accurate, 29 ships being damaged in category A, 4 in category AC, 2 in category E and 2 lost over enemy territory. A total of 31 ships attacked target. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1114.

- B. (i) 36 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's.
(ii) 29 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's.
(iii) 1 A-20G mechanical.
6 A-20G's. No attempt was made when lead ship failed to release bombs.
(iv) 2 A-20G's.
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 27 A-20G's category A
2 A-20J's category A
4 A-20G's category AC
2 A-20G's category E
(viii) 34 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's.
2 A-20G's missing.

- C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

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- D. (1) A-20G's 85:15
A-20J's 5:10
(ii) Nil
- E. (1) A-20G's 113,400 x 50 cal.
A-20J's 4,000 x 50 cal.
(ii) A-20G's 864 x 50 cal. (testing)
A-20J's 48 x 50 cal. (testing)
(iii) A-20G's 6252 x 50 cal.
- F. (1) A-20G's 144x500 lb. GP delay 1/10 N 1/40 T
A-20J's 8x500 lb. GP delay 1/10 N 1/40 T
(ii) A-20G's 113x500 lb. GP
A-20J's 7x500 lb. GP
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
32 x 500 lb. GP returned to base.
- G. 2 Pilots missing, 2 Airplane Mechanic Gunners missing,
2 Armorer Gunners missing, 1 Armorer Gunner slightly
wounded.
- H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Commanding Officer:

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