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

APO 140, U. S. Army, 13 April 1944.

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

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

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. 264 (Mission No. 14) Initial report for 24 hours ending sunset 12 April 1944.

- Formation consisted of 2 boxes 19 ships in box I and 18 ships in box II. Take off time was 1343. Target Vacquer-lette. (Special Military Construction Works). Time over target 1448-1459 (two bomb runs). 17 ships in second box failed to bomb because of clouds between formation and target on bomb runs. A total of 73 bombs were dropped on target with results unobserved due to clouds, 7/10 to 8/10 cumulus with tops to 8000 feet. No enemy aircraft encountered and anti-aircraft was weak and inaccurate. Planes landed at 1618.
- (1) 34 A-20G's and 3 A-20J's. (11) 18 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's. В.
 - (111) 16 A-20G's and 1 A-20J due to weather.
 - (1v) N11 Nil (V) (vi) Nil (vii) Nil

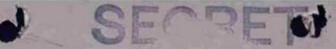
(viii)34 A-20G's and 3 A-20J's

- (1) N11 (11) Nil
- (1) A-20G's 42:04 A-20J's 04:48

(ii) Nil

(1) 50,100 X 50 cal. (11) 888 X 50 cal. (111) Nil

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- (1) 148 X 500 lb. GP Delay 1/10 N 1/40 T. (11) 73 X 500 lb. GP on primary. (111) 2 X 500 lb. GP

 - (iv) Nil 3 X 500 lb. GP lost in channel when bomb bay doors were checked.
- G. N11
- (1) Nil H. (11) N11 (111) N11

For the Commanding Officer:

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