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FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
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APO 140, U. S. Army,
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Subject: Oprep A, USAAF Form 34A.

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

Oprep A Number 54a for 24 hours ending sunset 24 May 1944.
Mission Number 54.
IX Bomber Command Field Order Number 328.

- A. Formation consisted of 3 boxes, 14 ships in first 2 boxes and 11 ships in box 3, preceded by 3 ships dispersing window only. Take off time was 1728. Time over target 1848. Target - Abbeville Drucat Airdrome. Box 1, at 12,000 feet, dropped a total of 50 bombs in the target area with excellent results. Box 2, at 11,000 feet, dropped a total of 56 bombs in the target area with poor results. Box 3, at 12,500 feet, dropped a total of 39 bombs in the target area with excellent results. Visibility was 6 to 8 miles. No anti-aircraft fire experienced. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1959.
- B. (i) 35 A-20G's and 7 A-20J's.
(ii) 33 A-20G's and 7 A-20J's (1 A-20J and 2 A-20G's dispersing window only)
(iii) 1 A-20G failed to release bombs - release relay burned out.
1 A-20G failed to release bombs - switches in wrong position.
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) 35 A-20G's and 7 A-20J's.
- C. (i) None
(ii) None
- D. (i) A-20G's 86:40
A-20J's 16:15
(ii) None
- E. (i) A-20G's 110,250 x 50 cal.
A-20J's 14,000 x 50 cal.
(ii) A-20G's 840 x 50 cal. (testing)
A-20J's 168 x 50 cal. (testing)
(iii) None



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- F. (i) A-20G's 132 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T
A-20J's 24 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T
A-20G's 20 boxes window
A-20J 10 boxes window
(ii) A-20G's 121 x 500 lb GP
A-20J's 24 x 500 lb GP
A-20G's 20 boxes window
A-20J 10 boxes window
(iii) None
(iv) None
A-20G 4 x 500 lb GP returned to base - switches in wrong position.
A-20G 4 x 500 lb GP returned to base - release relay burned out.
A-20G 1 x 500 lb GP returned to base - release solenoid burned out.
A-20G 1 x 500 lb GP returned to base - short in release circuit.
A-20G 1 x 500 lb GP returned to base - binding in rack.

G. None

- H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

For the Commanding Officer:

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