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Subject: Oprep A, USAAF Form 34A.

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

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Oprep A Number 55 for 24 hours ending sunset 25 May 1944.  
Mission Number 55.  
IX Bomber Command Field Order Number 329.

A. Formation consisted of two boxes, 18 ships box 1 and 19 ships box 2. Time of take off was 1103. Time over target 1228 on second bomb run. Target - Monchy Breton Airfield. System pre-arranged by lead pilot and bombardier-navigator was for pilot also to push toggle upon release by bombardier-navigator. This resulted in premature release by pilot under mistaken impression that bombardier-navigator had bombed. A total of 71 bombs were dropped in open fields and across highway 4 to 5 miles east of target. Box 2, at 10,500 feet, dropped a total of 72 bombs in the target area with excellent results. Clouds obscured target and made two bomb runs necessary. Visibility was 4 to 6 miles. Anti-aircraft was moderate accurate HFF around target area, 5 aircraft receiving category A damage. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1348.

- B. (i) 31 A-20G's and 6 A-20J's  
(ii) 16 A-20G's and 3 A-20J's. *OTHER*  
(iii) 15 A-20G's and 3 A-20J's in box 1 released bombs prematurely.  
(iv) None  
(v) None  
(vi) None  
(vii) 5 A-20G's category A - flak  
(viii) 31 A-20G's and 6 A-20J's.

- C. (i) None  
(ii) None

- D. (i) A-20G's 90:00  
A-20J's 17:10  
(ii) None

- E. (i) A-20G's 97,650 x 50 cal.  
A-20J's 12,000 x 50 cal.  
(ii) A-20G's 744 x 50 cal. (testing)  
A-20J's 144 x 50 cal. (testing)



(iii) None

- F. (i) A-20G's 124 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T  
A-20J's 24 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T  
(ii) A-20G's 120 x 500 lb GP  
A-20J's 23 x 500 lb GP  
(iii) A-20G's 4 x 500 lb GP  
(iv) None  
A-20J 1 x 500 lb GP returned to base - sway braces  
too tight.

G. None

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

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