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SUBJECT: Oprep A, USAAF Form 34A.

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

Oprep & Number 68 for 24 hours ending sunset 7 June 1944. Mission Number 69. IX Bomber Commend Field Order Number 352.

A. Box 1. Formation consisted of 19 ships. Target - Lissay Bridge. Time of take - off was 0740. Time over target 0904. Lead Bombardier mistook Pontdela Roque for primary and at 2000 feet attacked this target dropping a total of 85 bombs in this area. Visibility was 6 to 8 miles with scattered patches of scud clouds at 2000 fe et. No anti-aircraft fire experienced. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1038. T. D

Box 2. Formation consisted of 19 ships. Target - Tilly Sur Sculle R/J. Time of take-off was 0746. Time over target 0909. At 2000 feet a total of 90 bombs were dropped in the target area with fair results. Visibility was 6 to 8 miles with an overcast of stratocumulus at 2100 feet. No anti-aircraft fire experienced. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1024.

B. (i) 16 A-20G's and 3 A-20J's (box 1) 17 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's (box 2)

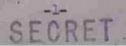
(ii) 15 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's (box 1) 16 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's (box 2)

- (iii) 1 A-20J (box 1) bombs failed to release no attempt made to release pilot thought ship was not in position for release.

 1 A-20G (box 1) bombs failed to release switches in wrong position.

 1 A-20G (box2) bombs failed to release no attempt made pilot thought that bombs would be in gross error.
- (iv) None
- (v) None
- (vi) None
- (vii) None
- (viii) 16 A-20G's and 3 A-20J's (box 1) 17 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's (box 2)
- C. (i) None (ii) None
- D. (i) A-20G's 98:20 A-20J's 14:40
 - (ii) None





- E. (i) A-20G's 50,400 x 50 cal. (box 1) A-20J's 6,300 x50 cal. (box 1) A-20G's 53.550 x 50 cal. (box 2) A-20J's 4,200 x 50 cal. (box 2)
 - (ii) A-20G's 384 x 50 cal. (testing) (box 1) A-20J's 75 x 50 cal. (testing) (box 1) A-20G's 396 x 50 cal. (testing) (box 2) A-20J's 53 x 50 cal. (te sting) (box 2)
 - (iii) None

F. (i) A-20G's 80 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T (Box 1) 8 G's bomb load 6x500 lb GP.

A-20J's 16 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T (Box 1) 2 J's bomb load 6x500 lb GP.

A-20G's 84 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/40 T (Box 2) 8 G's bomb load 6x500 lb GP.

A-20J's 12 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/40 T (Box 2) 2 J's bomb load 6x500 lb GP.

(ii) A-20G's 75 x 500 lb GP (box 1)
A-20J's 10 x 500 lb GP (box 1)
A-20G's 78 x 500 lb GP (box 2)
A-20J's 12 x 500 lb GP (box 2)

(iii) None 17 5

(iv) None
A-20J (box 1) 6 x 500 lb GP's returned to base - pilot thought ship
was not in position to arop.

A-20G (box 1) 4 x 500 1b GP's returned to base - switches in wrong position.

A-20G (box 1) 1 x 500 lb GP returned to base - Arming wire loop caught in arming wire retainer causing an open circuit to release solenoid. A-20G (box 2) 2 x 500 lb GP's returned to base - Pilot failed to toggle off all bombs.

A-20G (box 2) 4 x 500 lb GP's returned to base - no attempt made - pilot thought that bombs if released would be in gross error.

G. None

H. (i) None

(ii) None

(iii) None

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