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

APO 140, U. S. Army,
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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. 263.

Mission Number 13.

Oprep A No. 7 for 24 hours ending sunset 11 April 1944.

A. Take off time 0913. Formation consisted of two boxes, 19 ships in first box and 18 ships in second box, and a window flight comprised of 3 ships, a total of 40 ships dispatched. Targets, box I - Bonniers and box II - Beauvoir, both being Noball targets. Time over target 1049 (both targets). No. I box, at 12,000 feet dropped a total of 63 bombs with good results and No. II box at 11,500 feet dropped a total of 63 bombs with fair results. Two aircraft returned early because of mechanical trouble and 1 ship returned early because of misunderstanding. Window flight carried no bombs. Moderate accurate HFF continuing from beginning of bomb run to turns off targets, damaging 17 ships in category A and 2 ships in category AC. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1248.

- B. (i) 37 A-20G's and 3 A-20J's.
(ii) 32 A-20G's and 3 A-20J's.
(iii) 3 A-20G's mechanical trouble
2 A-20G's other reasons
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 A-20G's category AC (flak)
16 A-20G's and 1 A-20J category A (flak)
(viii) 37 A-20G's and 3 A-20J's.

- C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

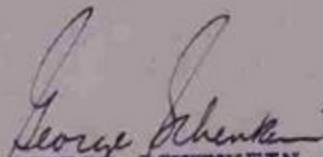
- D. (i) A-20G's 116:15
A-20J's 9:50
(ii) Nil

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- E. (i) A-20G's 116, 550 x 50 cal.
A-20J's 6000 x 50 cal.
(ii) A-20G's 830 x 50 cal. (testing)
A-20J's 68 x 50 cal. (testing)
(iii) Nil
- F. (i) A-20G's 136 x 500 lb. GP delay 1/10 N 1/40 T
A-20J's 12 x 500 lb. GP delay 1/10 N 1/40 T
(ii) A-20G's 55 x 500 lb. GP (target, Bonniers)
A-20J's 8 x 500 lb. GP (target, Bonniers)
A-20G's 59 x 500 lb. GP (target, Beauvoir)
A-20J 4 x 500 lb. GP (target, Beauvoir)
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
4 x 500 lb. GP fell out when bomb bay doors opened.
18 x 500 lb. GP returned to base.
- G. Nil
- H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Commanding Officer:


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