

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

SECRET  
By authority  
CO, Sta. 170  
3 May 1944  
Init. *JMB*

APC 140, U. S. Army,  
3 May 1944.

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SUBJECT: Oprep A, USAAF Form 34A.

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

Oprep A No. 32 for 24 hours ending sunset 2 May 1944. ✓  
Mission Number 36.  
IX Bomber Command Field Order No. 295.

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- A. Formation consisted of two boxes, 19 ships each box. Take off time was 1448. Target - Blanc Misseron. Time over target 1614 on first run and 1637 on second run. Box I, at 11,500 feet, dropped a total of 76 bombs in the target area with very good results. Box II, on second run at 10,500 feet, using wrong aiming point dropped a total of 72 bombs on Valenciennes M/Y, with a good concentration of hits in this area. Visibility was 8 to 10 miles with 6 to 8/10 cirrus at 20,000 feet. Anti-aircraft fire was weak and inaccurate HFF, 1 ship receiving category A damage. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1803.
- B. (i) 33 A-20G's and 5 A-20J's. ✓  
(ii) 17 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's (15 A-20G's and 3 A-20J's attacked Valenciennes M/Y)  
(iii) 1 A-20G Personnel - failed to release bombs - number 1 switch in incorrect position. ~~XXXX~~  
(iv) Nil  
(v) Nil  
(vi) Nil  
(vii) 1 A-20G category A ✓  
(viii) 33 A-20G's and 5 A-20J's ✓
- C. (i) Nil  
(ii) Nil
- D. (i) A-20G's 107:35 ✓  
A-20J's 16:20 ✓  
(ii) Nil
- E. (i) A-20G's 103,950 x 50 cal. ✓  
A-20J's 10,000 x 50 cal.  
(ii) A-20G's 792 x 50 cal. (testing) ✓  
A-20J's 120 x 50 cal. (testing) ✓  
(iii) Nil
- F. (i) A-20G's 132 x 500 lb GP delay 1/10 N 1/100 T  
A-20J's 20 x 500 lb GP delay 1/10 N 1/100 T



- (ii) A-20G's 128 x 500 lb GP
- A-20J's 20 x 500 lb GP
- (iii) Nil
- (iv) Nil
- A-20G 4 x 500 lb GP returned to base. ✓

G. Nil

- H. (i) Nil
- (ii) Nil
- (iii) Nil

For the Commanding Officer:

*John M. Bonura, 1st Lt. A.C.*  
for  
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Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

