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HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

APO 140, U. S. Army,
13 May 1944.

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Subject: Oprep A, USAAF Form 34A.

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 896, U. S. Army.
Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.

Oprep A Number 42a for 24 hours ending sunset 12 May 1944.
Mission Number 46.
IX Bomber Command Field Order Number 312.

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A. Formation consisted of two boxes, 18 ships each box, preceded by 3 ships carrying window only. Six flights bombed in trail with the last three ships of the first five flights and three ships preceding formation dispensing window. Time of take off was 1812. Time over target was 1919 - 1923. Target - Beauvoir. Flight 1 of box 1, at 12,000 feet, dropped a total of 20 bombs with excellent results. Flight 2 of box 1, at 12,200 feet, dropped a total of 24 bombs with excellent results. Flight 3 of box 1, at 11,600 feet, dropped a total of 20 bombs with poor results. Flight 1 of box 2, at 11,500 feet, dropped a total of 20 bombs with poor results. Flight 2 of box 2, at 12,000 feet, dropped a total of 24 bombs with excellent results. Flight 3 of box 2, at 11,300 feet, dropped a total of 20 bombs with poor results. Visibility was 3 to 5 miles down sun and 1 mile up sun. Anti-aircraft fire was intense accurate HFF from Auxi Le Chateau to target, 4 ships receiving category AC damage, 20 ships receiving category A damage and 1 ship receiving a direct hit and crashing 1 mile west of target. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 2108.

- B. (i) 31 A-20G's and 8 A-20J's.
- (ii) 28 A-20G's and 7 A-20J's
- (iii) 1 A-20G returned early - fuel pressure trouble.
1 A-20G failed to release bombs - bomb bay doors would not open - cause undetermined.
1 A-20G failed to release bombs - bomb master switch not turned on.
- (iv) None
- (v) 1 A-20J lost on bomb run - flak - received direct hit.
- (vi) None
- (vii) 17 A-20G's category A - flak
3 A-20J's category A - flak
4 A-20G's category AC - flak
- (viii) 30 A-20G's and 8 A-20J's

C. (i) None



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(ii) None

D. (i) A-200's 77:00
A-200's 18:00

(ii) None

E. (i) A-200's 97,650 x 50 cal.
A-200's 15,600 x 50 cal.

(ii) A-200's 198 x 50 cal. (Testing)
A-200's 744 x 50 cal. (Testing)

(iii) A-200 1975 x 50 cal.

F. (i) A-200's 118 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/40 T
A-200's 38 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/40 T

(ii) A-200's 180 boxes window

(iii) A-200's 160 x 500 lb GP

(iv) A-200's 28 x 500 lb GP

(v) A-200's 180 boxes window

(vi) None

(vii) A-200 4 x 500 lb GP

(viii) A-200 4 x 500 lb GP returned to base - bomb master switch not turned on.

(ix) A-200 4 x 500 lb GP returned to base - bomb bay doors would not open - cause undetermined.

(x) A-200 4 x 500 lb GP returned to base - fuel pressure trouble - s/c returned early.

G. 1 Pilot, 1 Bombardier Navigator, 1 Armorer Gunner and 1 Airplane Mechanic Gunner missing.

H. (i) None

(ii) None

(iii) None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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