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416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
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APO 140, U. S. Army,
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SUBJECT: Oprep A, USAAF Form 34A.

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

Oprep A Number 57a for 24 hours ending sunset 27 May 1944.

Mission Number 58.

IX Bomber Command Field Order Number 332.

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- A. Formation consisted of two boxes, 19 ships each box, with the last 3 ships in each flight and 3 ships preceding formation dispensing window. Time of take off was 1853. Time over target 2036. Target - Amiens M/Y. Box 1, at 11,300 feet, dropped a total of 75 bombs, the majority of which were released prematurely on bomb run when a direct flak hit caused release of bombs of one ship with the result that 2 flights released under mistaken impression box leader had dropped. Box 2, at 11,000 feet, dropped a total of 75 bombs in the target area with fair results. Visibility was 8 to 10 miles with no low or medium clouds. Anti-aircraft fire was intense heavy accurate flak from 6 miles southwest of target to 2 miles north of target continuing throughout, resulting in losses and damages in box 1 only. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 2228.
- B. (i) 36 A-20G's and 5 A-20J's
(ii) 36 A-20G's and 5 A-20J's
(iii) None
(iv) 1 A-20G - flak - dropped out of formation over target.
(v) None
(vi) 2 A-20G's - flak
(vii) 1 A-20J category B - flak
1 A-20J category AC - flak
13 A-20G's category A - flak
1 A-20G category E - flak - crash landed.
(viii) 36 A-20G's and 5 A-20J's
- C. (i) None
(ii) None
- D. (i) A-20G's 108:25
A-20J's 13:05
(ii) None
- E. (i) A-20G's 113,400 x 50 cal.
A-20J's 10,500 x 50 cal.
(ii) A-20G's 864 x 50 cal. (testing)
A-20J's 120 x 50 cal. (testing)
(iii) A-20G's 9375 x 50 cal.
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SCU
- 9375
120
864
10359

F. (i) A-20G's ¹³⁷ 140 x 500 lb G.P. Inst N 1/40 T
 A-20J's ¹³⁷ 140 x 500 lb G.P. Inst N 1/40 T
 A-20G's 200 boxes window
 A-20J's 10 boxes window

(ii) A-20G's ¹³⁰ 138 x 500 lb G.P.
 A-20J's ¹³⁰ 20 x 500 lb G.P.
 A-20G's 200 boxes window
 A-20J's 10 boxes window

(iii) None

(iv) None
 A-20G 1 x 500 lb GP returned to base - ca use undetermined
 A-20G 1 x 500 lb GP returned to base - short circuit in release system.

G. 3 Pilots, 3 Armorer Gunners, 5 AM Gunners missing
 1 Pilot seriously wounded

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

For the Commanding Officer:

George Schenk
 GEORGE SCHENKIN,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

41 (3 windows)

9/39.50
 12/158
 38
 36

4 37
 1150
 12/30

