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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 67 for 24 hours ending sunset 6 June 1944.
Mission Number 67.
IX Bomber Command Field Order Number 349.

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A. Formation consisted of 3 boxes, 19 ships each box. Time of take-off was 1203. Time over target - 1339-1340. Target - Argenton. Box 1, at 3000 feet, mistook Ecouche for primary target and bombed road and railroad junction there, dropping a total of 91 bombs with a good concentration of hits in this area. Box 2, at 2500 feet, also attacked Ecouche, dropping a total of 86 bombs with a good concentration of hits in this area. Box 3, at 2700 feet, attacked primary target, dropping a total of 92 bombs in the target area with good results. Visibility was 8 miles with 7/10 cumulus at 3000 feet. No anti-aircraft fire experienced. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1532.

- B. (i) 48 A-20G's and 9 A-20J's
- (ii) 47 A-20G's and 9 A-20J's
- (iii) 1 A-20G returned early - nose wheel would not retract after take-off.
- (iv) None
- (v) None
- (vi) None
- (vii) None
- (viii) 47 A-20G's and 9 A-20J's

- C. (i) None
- (ii) None

- D. (i) A-20G's 153:40
A-20J's 26:45
- (ii) None

- E. (i) A-20G's 151,200 x 50 cal.
A-20J's 18,900 x 50 cal.
- (ii) A-20G's 1152 x 50 cal. (testing)
A-20J's 216 x 50 cal. (testing)
A-20G's 300 x 50 cal. (strafing)
- (iii) None



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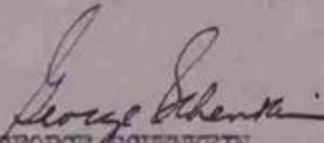
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- F. (i) A-20G's 238 x 500 lb GF 1/10 N 1/40 T (23 A-20G's bomb load 6x500 lb GF)
A-20J's 40 x 500 lb GF 1/10 N 1/40 T (2 A-20J's bomb load 6x500 lb GF)
- (ii) A-20G's 230 x 500 lb GF
A-20J's 39 x 500 lb GF
- (iii) A-20G 2 x 500 lb GF
- (iv) None
A-20J 1 x 500 lb GF returned to base - arming wire loop caught in arming wire retainer causing an opening in release circuit.
A-20G 6 x 500 lb GF returned to base - ship returned early - nose wheel would not retract after take-off.
- G. None
- H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

For the Commanding Officer:


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