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14 June 1944.

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SUBJECT: Oprep A, USAAF Form 34A.

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

Oprep A Number 73 for 24 hours ending sunset 12 June 1944.
Mission Number 73.
IX Bomber Command Field Order Number 366.

A. Formation consisted of 3 boxes, 12 ships each box. Ships took off from home base at 1843. Time over target - 2018. Target Epernon R/R Embankment. Box 1, at 12,000 feet, dropped a total of 37 bombs, pattern extending north of briefed MPI. Box 2, at 11,500 feet, dropped a total of 62 bombs, pattern short of briefed MPI. Box 3, at 12,500 feet, dropped a total of 55 bombs in the target area with excellent results. Visibility was 20 miles down sun and 10 to 15 miles up sun with 5/10 to 6/10 cirrus estimated at 18,000 feet. No anti-aircraft fire experienced. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at home base at 2204.

- B. (i) 32 A-20G's and 6 A-20J's
- (ii) 27 A-20G's and 6 A-20J's
- (iii) 1 A-20G (spare) returned early as briefed. *WIND*
- 1 A-20G failed to release bombs - cause undetermined. *OTRE*
- 1 A-20G no bombs released - no attempt made when lead ship in flight failed to release. *OTRE*
- 1 A-20G no bombs released - no attempt made when lead ship in flight failed to release. *OTRE*
- 1 A-20G returned early - hydraulic system out. *MECH*
- (iv) None
- (v) None
- (vi) None
- (vii) None
- (viii) 30 A-20G's and 6 A-20J's.

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

- D. (i) A-20G's 103:55
- A-20J's 16:35

- (ii) None

- E. (i) A-20G's 100,800 x 50 Cal. (Loaded at home base)



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A-20J's 12,600 x 50 Cal. (Loaded at home base)

(11) A-20G's 748 x 50 Cal. (Testing)
A-20J's 165 x 50 Cal. (Testing)

(111) None

F. (1) A-20G's 158 x 500 lb G.P.'s 1/10 Nose 1/40 Tail (15 A-20G's bomb load 6 x 500 lb G.P.'s - Loaded at home base)
A-20J's 28 x 500 lb G.P.'s 1/10 Nose 1/40 Tail (2 A-20J's bomb load 6 x 500 lb G.P.'s - Loaded at home base)

(11) A-20G's 126 x 500 lb G.P.
A-20J's 28 x 500 lb G.P.

(111) None

(iv) None

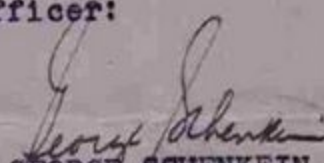
A-20G 1 x 500 lb G.P. fell out in channel - sway braces too tight.
A-20G 6 x 500 lb G.P. returned to base - cause undetermined.
A-20G 6 x 500 lb G.P. returned to base - no attempt made when flight leader failed to release.
A-20G 6 x 500 lb G.P. returned to base - no attempt made when flight leader failed to release.
A-20G 4 x 500 lb G.P. returned to base - bombay doors were not open - wing racks released normally.
A-20G 1 x 500 lb G.P. returned to base - Arming wire binding against arming wire retainer to cause breaker points to open and release solenoid.
A-20G 4 x 500 lb G.P. returned to base - spare ship returned early as briefed.
A-20G 4 x 500 lb G.P. returned to base - ship returned early because of hydraulic trouble.

G. None

H. (1) None
(11) None

(111) None

For the Commanding Officer:


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