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

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By authority  
CO, Sta. 170  
27 April 1944.  
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APO 140, U. S. Army,  
27 April 1944.

Subject: Oprep A, USAAF Form 34A.

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

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Oprep A Number 27b for 24 hours ending sunset 27 April 1944.  
Mission number 31.  
IX Bomber Command Field Order No. 288.

A. Formation consisted of 2 boxes, 19 ships box I, and 17 ships box II. Take off time was 1640. Time over target 1816. Target - Arras (Marshalling Yards). Box I, at 11,500 feet dropped a total of 98 bombs in the target with Very Good results. Box II, at 10,000 feet dropped a total of 83 bombs with Poor results. Anti-aircraft fire was weak and inaccurate for box I, and weak, accurate for box II, 3 ships being damaged in category A. Visibility was 10 to 15 miles with no low clouds. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1941.

- B(i) 32 A-20G's and 4 A-20J's.
- (ii) 30 A-20G's and 4 A-20J's.
- (iii) 1 A-20G due to mechanical trouble.
- 1 A-20G due to mechanical malfunction of bomb release mechanism.
- (iv) Nil
- (v) Nil
- (vi) Nil
- (vii) 2 A-20G's and 1 A-20J category A.
- (viii) 31 A-20G's and 4 A-20J's.

98  
83  
181

- C. (i) Nil
- (ii) Nil

- D. (i) A-20G's 89:40
- A-20J's 14:35
- (ii) Nil

- E. (i) A-20G's 107,100 x 50 cal.
- A-20J's 8,000 x 50 cal.
- (ii) A-20G's 815 x 50 cal. (testing)
- A-20J's 95 x 50 cal. (testing)
- (iii) Nil

- F. (i) A-20G's 192 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T.
- A-20J's 24 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T.



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- (ii) A-20G's 158 x 500 lb GP
- A-20J's 23 x 500 lb GP
- (iii) A-20G 4 x 500 lb GP
- (iv) Nil
- 27 x 500 lb GP returned to base.
- 3 x 500 lb GP fell over England.
- 1 x 500 lb GP delayed release.
- ~~4 x 500 lb GP jettisoned.~~

G. Nil

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

For the Commanding Officer:

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

*216 x 500*  
*181 x 500*  
~~*181 x 500*~~  
*27 x 500*

*Loaded on Target*  
*JETT*  
*Returned*

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*27*  


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*208*

*339*  
*22*  


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