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

APC 140, U. S. Army,  
21 May 1944.

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Subject: Oprep A, USAAF Form 34A.

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

Oprep A Number 50 for 24 hours ending sunset 20 May 1944.

Mission Number 50.

IX Bomber Command Field Order Number 319.

A. Formation consisted of 2 boxes, 19 ships each box. Take off time was 1010. Time over target 1200. Target - Beauvais/Tille Airdrome. Box 1, at 11,500 feet, attacking wrong target dropped a total of 76 bombs on Montdidier Airdrome with poor results. Good concentration of bursts in fields and on roads 2000 feet southeast of southeast dispersal area. Box 2, at 11,000 feet, attacking wrong target dropped a total of 74 bombs on Montdidier Airdrome with excellent results. Bombs fell in good concentration on selected MPI. Hits were scored on 3 dispersal points. Visibility was 4 miles down sun and 1 mile up sun. Anti-aircraft fire was intense accurate HFF from Montdidier Airdrome and weak inaccurate HFF at Elbeuf, 22 ships receiving category A damage, 7 ships receiving category AC damage, 2 ships lost over enemy territory and 1 crash landing resulting in category E damage. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1357.

- B. (i) 32 A-20G's and 6 A-20J's.
- (ii) 32 A-20G's and 6 A-20J's (attacked Montdidier A/D)
- (iii) None
- (iv) None
- (v) None
- (vi) 2 A-20G's - flak.
- (vii) 19 A-20G's category A - flak  
3 A-20J's category A - flak  
5 A-20G's category AC - flak  
2 A-20J's category AC - flak  
1 A-20G category E - flak - crash landed.
- (viii) 32 A-20G's and 6 A-20J's.

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- C. (1) None
- (ii) None

- D. (1) A-20G's 104:55  
A-20J's 25:30
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- E. (1) A-20G's 100,800 x 50 cal.  
A-20J's 12,000 x 50 cal.
- (ii) A-20G's 768 x 50 cal. (testing)  
A-20J's 148 x 50 cal. (testing)
- (iii) A-20G's 6200 x 50 cal.
- F. (1) A-20G's 128 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T  
A-20J's 24 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T
- (ii) A-20G's 126 x 500 lb GP  
A-20J's 24 x 500 lb GP
- (iii) None
- (iv) None  
A-20J 1 x 500 lb GP returned to base - breaker points open in release circuit caused by arming wire binding against arming wire retainer.  
A-20G 1 x 500 lb GP returned to base - cause undetermined.
- G. 2 Pilots missing.  
2 Armorer Gunners missing.  
2 Airplane Mechanic Gunners missing.  
2 Pilots slightly wounded.  
1 Airplane Mechanic Gunner slightly wounded.  
1 Armorer Gunner slightly wounded.  
1 Armorer Gunner slightly injured.
- H. (i) None  
(ii) None  
(iii) None

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148  
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For the Commanding Officer:

*George Schenkein*  
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Adjutant.



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