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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 64 for 24 hours ending sunset 3 June 1944.

Mission Number 65.

IX Bomber Command Field Order Number 344.

A. Formation consisted of two boxes, 19 ships box 1 and 18 ships box 2, with the last 3 ships in each flight of box 1 and three ships preceding formation dispensing window. Time of take off was 1959. Time over target 2132. Target - Chartres Airdrome. Box 1, at 12,000 feet, dropped a total of 86 bombs in the target area with fair results. Box 2, at 11,450 feet, dropped a total of 76 bombs in the target area with good results. Visibility was 4 miles with no low clouds. Anti-aircraft fire was moderate inaccurate HFF from Pentgouin to Chartres and moderate accurate HFF from Cabourg to Lisieux, 21 ships receiving category A damage, 3 ships receiving category AC damage and 1 ship lost over target area. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 2347.

- B. (i) 35 A-20G's and 5 A-20J's.
(ii) 33 A-20G's and 5 A-20J's. (1 A-20J and 2 A-20G's dispensing window only)
(iii) 1 A-20G returned early - hydraulic failure caused by flak.
1 A-20G failed to release bombs - switches in wrong position.
(iv) 1 A-20G
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) 20 A-20G's category A - flak
1 A-20J category A - flak
3 A-20G's category AC - flak
(viii) 35 A-20G's and 5 A-20J's

- C. (i) None
(ii) None

- D. (i) A-20G's 83:05
A-20J's 12:20
(ii) A-20G's 40:50
A-20J's 5:10

- E. (i) A-20G's 110, 250 x 50 cal.
A-20J's 10,500 x 50 cal.



- (11) A-20G's 840 x 50 cal. (testing)
- A-20J's 120 x 50 cal. (testing)
- (111) A-20G 3125 x 50 cal.

- F. (1) A-20G's 156 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T (12 A-20G's bomb load 6 x 500 lb GP)
 A-20J's 16 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T
 A-20G's 110 boxes window
 A-20J 10 boxes window
- (11) A-20G's 146 x 500 lb GP
 A-20J's 16 x 500 lb GP
 A-20G's 110 boxes window
 A-20J 10 boxes window
- (111) A-20G 6 x 500 lb GP
- (iv) None
 A-20G 4 x 500 lb GP returned to base - switches in wrong position.

G. None.

- H. (1) None
 (11) None
 (111) None

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