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

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APO 140, U. S. Army,
12 May 1944.

Subject: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Reports.

To : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APO 140, U. S.
Army.

Transmitted herewith are the A-3 Bombing Information Reports
on operational mission 12 May 1944, submitted in compliance with IX
Bomber Command Memorandum 55-2.

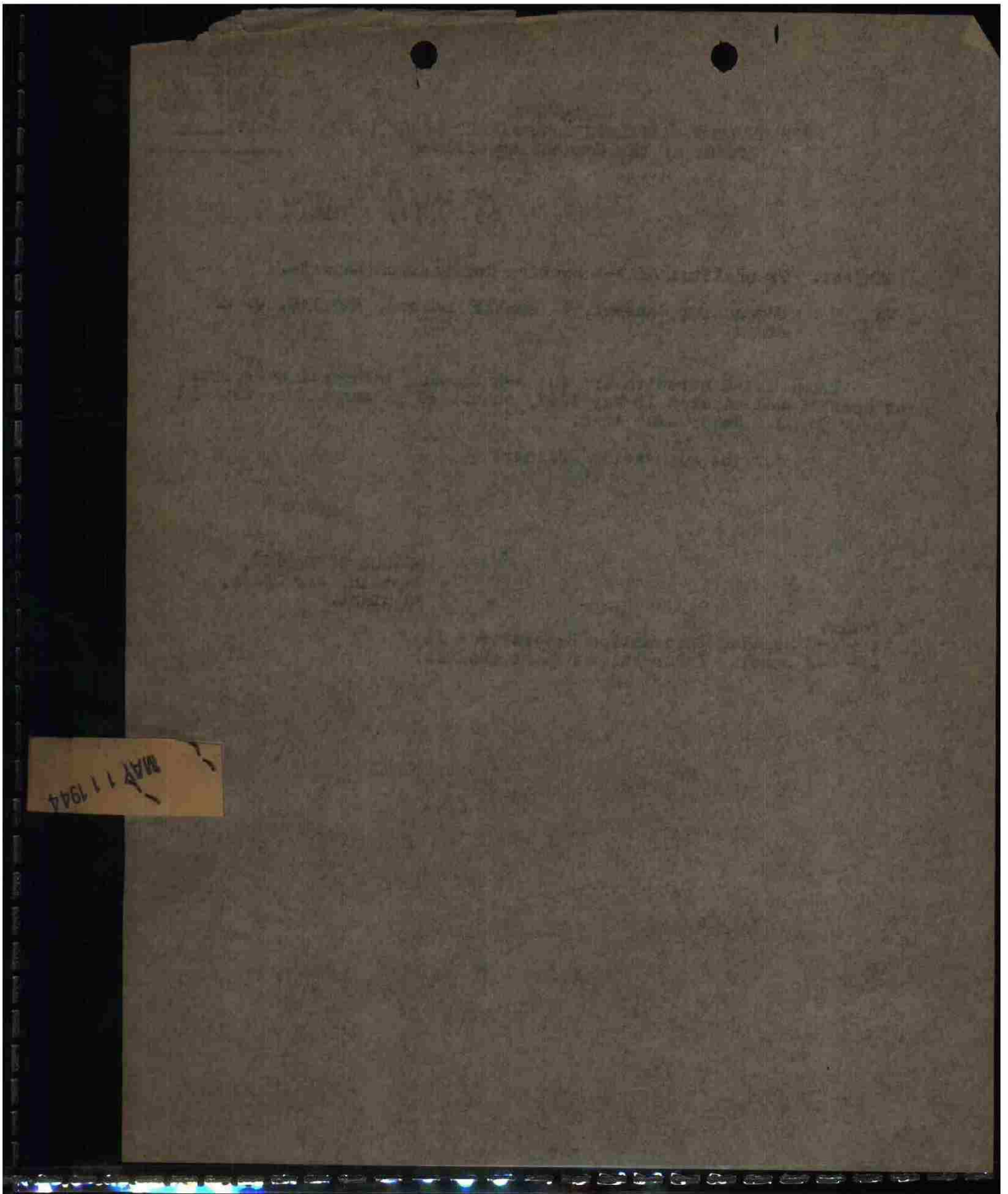
For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

2 Incls:

- 1 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Box I)
- 2 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Box II)

#44
MAY 11 1944
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BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 310

ANNEX "A"

BOX 1 GROUP 416 DATE 11 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Aircraft N/Y1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set syn.2. Bombing approach: 190 Mag.3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO _____

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs; and specify exact aiming point actually used: Aiming point was center of N/X - NFI used as Ar. 10 mile trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Powell6. Name of lead pilot: Major Bane7. Intervalometer setting: None Ground Speed: 221 Altitude: 11,5008. Indicated Air Speed: 206 Sec: _____9. Length of bomb run: 60 X 500 lb FUSED _____ N Inst. 1/10010. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 411. Total Bombs Dropped: 66

12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attached or bombing. YES X NO _____. If "YES" state conditions and effect. Have made recognition difficult.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attached, II or AP? YES _____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES _____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent Flak affected bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

Results claimed: GOOD X FAIR _____ POOR _____ BAD MISS _____

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(Over)

1. 2 1/2 miles.
2. None
3. 2 boxes to ship each box.
4. With canvas netting from I.P.
5. Reported "wired" from I.P. to Bureau.
6. None suggested identification of target.
7. None
8. None

4. Description of route from I.P. to target:

Area. No enemy aircraft encountered. Altitude landed at 2100'.
 direction of target. No anti-aircraft fire was encountered over target.
 east of target. To this morning's activity a damage and 1 ship resulting
 accurate map continuing from a wire northeast of target to target north-
 of target area. Anti-aircraft fire was moderate to intense
 there when I was up in which case. Host aircraft made a suggestion
 40 hours with four results. Altitude was 2 to 3 miles down and
 target area with four results. Host aircraft made a suggestion
 1200. The over target for box 1, 2000, and for box 2, 2000. Target -
 formation consisted of two boxes, 10 ships each box. One of the two

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 330BOX 11 GROUP 418 DATE 11 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Aircraft 8/11. Method of Sighting: Pre-set syn.2. Bombing approach: 10° Hdg.3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO _____

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs; and specify exact aiming point actually used: RFI used as AP. Aiming point was center of target. 10 mile trail constructed.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Jones.6. Name of lead pilot: Captain Clark7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 230 Altitude: 10,5009. Length of bomb run: 25 Sec: _____10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED _____ N Inst 1/10011. Total Bombs Dropped: 76

12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attached or bombing. YES X NO _____. If "YES" state conditions and effect. None affected recognition of target.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attached, IP or AP? YES _____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES _____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent Flak affected bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: couldn't see aiming point because of smoke from bombs of box 1. Made last minute correction and dropped after indices crossed.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

Results claimed: GOOD _____ FAIR _____ POOR X BAD MISS _____

(Over)

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4. Description of force from L.A. to Forest:
1. 2 1/2 miles
2. None
3. 2 boxes in with each box.
4. With similar action from L.A.
5. Followed from 1 kilometer until beginning of bomb run.
6. None affected identification of target.
7. None
8. None

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BY AUTH CO, STA 170
12 MAY 1944
INITIALS

HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBING GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

R-S-1

APD 140, U.S. Army,
12 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Mission Report--Aircraft.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APD 140, U.S. Army.

PART I.

- (1) 11 May 1944--1807--Aerschot N.Y.
- (2) 35 (33 alerted)
- (3) 37

PART II.

None

PART III (1)

None

PART III (2)

<u>AAP SERIAL NO</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>SORTIE</u>
45-3393	All bombs dropped prematurely.	Defective release relay.	Yes
45-3390	Radio out.	SCR 522 checked. O.K.	No

PART III (3)

None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

MISSION NO. 44

LOADING LIST

11 MAY 1944

BOX 1

FLIGHT 1

1. 439 "J"
MAJ W J MENG ✓
LT. V H POWELL ✓
S/S R F STOBERT
S/S MAYHEW

2. 455 "T"
CAPT G M MCNULTY ✓
LT F H BURSIEL ✓
S/S H E WHITE
S/S R F ADDLEMAN

3. 701 "H"
COL H L MACE ✓
SGT A T ZIEKUS
S/S P L CLEARMAN

125 "M"
1. CAPT H F CONANT ✓
LT R T MCBRIEN ✓
S/S J E MC CREERY
S/S J R ORR

2. 840 "V"
LT R D POINDEXTER ✓
S/S D H SIMPSON
T/S L E ROBBINS

3. 684 "K"
LT M E KLEOPFEL ✓
S/S L R SHAW
S/S R BANKSTON

1. 227 "D-1" ✓
LT G EBENSTEIN ✓
S/S E A DAMICO
S/S H PERKINS

2. 216 "E" ✓
LT R G MEREDITH ✓
S/S E E MOLVER
S/S C M GRAY

3. 379 "G-1" ✓
LT G F BARTMUS
S/S A J ANTANAITIS
S/S H R HEDRICK

4. 696 "G"
LT J C CRUSPINO ✓
S/S T I WALSH
S/S R E CONOPASK

5. 387 "H-1" ✓
LT N G BROWN ✓
S/S R EUTSLER
S/S S RISKO

6. 386 "W" ✓
LT W B OSTRANDER
S/S J E WILSON
SGT I BINNEY

4. 360 "S"
LT R K CRUZE ✓
S/S G F LOVE
S/S F L ADAIR

5. 362 "L"
LT W E DOWNING ✓
S/S E E KELLY
S/S W H COE

6. 195 "D"
LT B H BRADFORD ✓
S/S R W McDONALD
S/S A A HILL

4. 182 "B" ✓
LT R V MIRACLE ✓
S/S B C SIEG
S/S J C BURKHALTER

5. 963 "N" ✓
LT S B RITCHIE ✓
S/S A W NEWKIRK
S/S E A ANDERSON

6. 689 "I"
LT L G PEEDE ✓
S/S C L HIBBS
S/S L M DAUGHERTY

FLIGHT 11

FLIGHT 111

SPARE

165 "H" ✓
LT R J ROONEY
S/S H M MCCLEARY
S/S S F DINAPOLI

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LOADING LIST
BOX 11
FLIGHT 1

1. 135 "T"
CAPT R A CLARK ✓
LT C W JONES ✓
S/S A E BERGERSON
S/S H E KELTON

2. 450 "S"
LT H L SOMMERS ✓
LT R J MCQUADE ✓
S/S O D LANAVE
S/S G I FLEISCHMANN

3. 673 "I"
LT P DONTAS ✓
S/S A L NIELSON
SGT WOLBER

1. 640 "Z" ✓
CAPT M J HUFF ✓
LT KUPITS ✓
S/S J B THOMPSON
S/S H L HATCH

2. 390 "G"
LT A W GILSON
S/S C J COFFEY
S/S G I COFFEY

3. 181 "A"
LT W H LAND
S/S S F ALDEN
S/S R L BALLINGER

FLIGHT 11

12 129 "I-1"
LT L A MARZOLF ✓
LT R J BASNETT ✓
S/S H E WELLIN
S/S L G KUTZER

2. 937 "B"
LT A R DURANTE ✓
S/S H T BEST
S/S I R DEQUISTI

3. 219 "D"
LT M ZUBON ✓
T/S J R L TANNER
S/S W C RUSSEL

SPARE
220 "E"
LT H P COLE
S/S B G FANDRE
S/S F R CHVATAL

4. 717 "N"
LT T BOUKAMP ✓
S/S R J COLOSIMO
S/S J S WING

5. 983 "J"
LT W C SIGGS ✓
SGT R W NICKS
S/S N RADLICH

6. 900 "Q"
LT R L BEHLMER ✓
T/S W E KELLY
S/S W G FERGUSON

4. 376 "O"
LT R L MORTON ✓
S/S G F COPE
S/S F N Citty

5. 679 "R"
LT E E DEMUN ✓
S/S M ROSENSTEIN
S/S H O CARNEY

6. 743 "W"
MAJOR H A RADETSKY ✓
S/S J D GOSSETT
S/S F P GLYNN

4. 393 "K"
LT ~~XXXX~~ FOSTER M HIXON ✓
S/S H A FOSTER
S/S E W RUST

5. 214 "C"
LT R V WHEELER ✓
S/S E CORRIN
S/S J S BROWER

6. 221 "F"
LT H D ANDREWS ✓
S/S G M COOK
S/S E R WERLEY

J. FURNES

K. NORTH FORELAND

L. 2025

M. 1. E.T.D. 1827 E.T.A. 2041

2. 4 x 500 g.p.

3. 4 HOURS

4. BOX I ZB925

BOX II ZB925

5. NONE

NACE COBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

JOHN M. BONURA,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ops Stat Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
416th BOMB GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE WEATHER OFFICER

APC
11 May 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

TO : Staff Weather Officer, Headquarters IX
Bomber Command, APC 140, U.S. Army.

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 4 miles. Overcast of
cirrus above 20000 feet.

ROUTE OUT: No low clouds along route. Visibility
3-4 miles over England lowering to 1 mile
at the Thames and improving to 3-5 miles
over the channel and Belgium. 3-4/10
cirrus over southern England with patches
over the continent.

TARGET: Visibility 3-5 miles down sun and less than
one mile up sun. No low clouds with patches
of cirrus above 20000 feet.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out with visibility
less than 1 mile at the Thames (ground
could not be seen) and 3-5 miles over
rest of England.

BASE ON RETURN: 3-4/10 cirrus above 20000 feet. No
low clouds. Visibility 3 miles.

WINDS: Reported as stronger than forecast, but no
established methods of checking were used.

TIME OVER TARGET: 20:02

EFFECT OF WEATHER ON BOMBING: Poor visibility made
target hard to pick up and a very short bomb run was
necessary.

Walter D. Castle
Walter D. Castle
1st Lt. Air Corps
Staff Weather Officer

1 Incl.

2 Route Forecast Forms

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WEATHERSFIELD
416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TAKE-OFF: 1807

RETURN: 2100

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE: 11 MAY 1944
PERIOD: 1700-2100

A. BASE TO TARGET

B. TARGET

C. TARGET TO BASE

1. WEATHER

Haze

Haze

Haze

2. CLOUDS

3/10 Cirrus above
18000 feet. Patchy
medium at 12000 in
base area. Nil low
clouds.3/10 Cirrus
above 18000
feet.Similar to route
out.

3. ICING

Nil
Freezing level 10000
feet.

Same

Same

4. VISIBILITY

5-6 miles

7 miles down
sun, 0 miles
up sun.

3 miles

HEIGHT

DIRECTION

VELOCITY

DIRECTION

VELOCITY

SURFACE
5000 ft.
10000 ft.
12000 ft.
15000 ft.250
260
320
320
32010
15
20
22
25300
330
360
360
36010
15
20
22
25

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 30.21

TARGET SURFACE TEMP.
TEMP. AT 12000 FT. 6°C17°C TARGET MEAN TEMP. 7°C
TARGET SURFACE (PRESS-ALT) 205

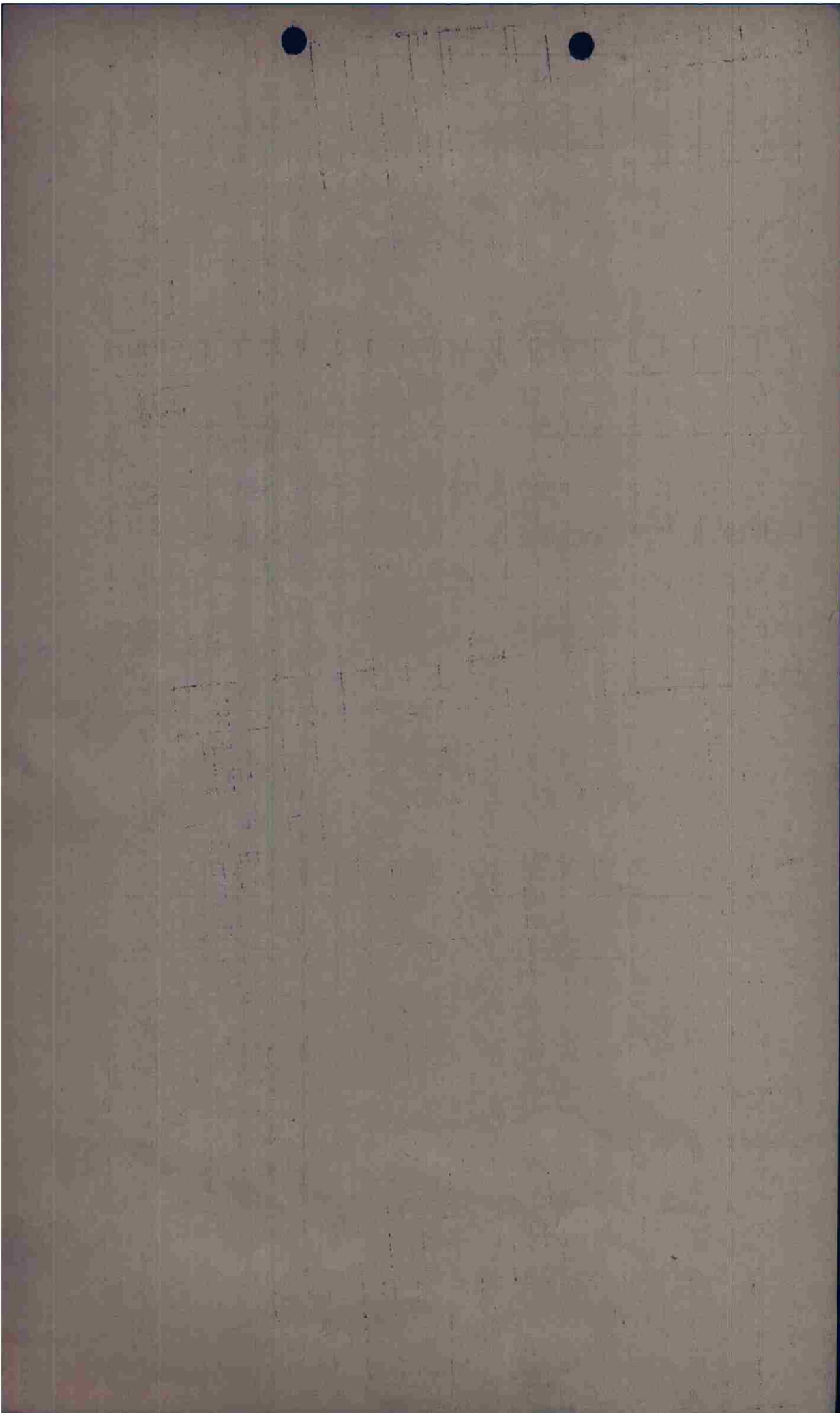
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J 439	E	Henry		11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	HC	725	4x600 6.P.	4+	2041	
T 455	e	Mr. Kelly		11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	C					
H 701	A	More		11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500						
G 696	e	Quipino		11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500						
H-1 387	e	Shore		11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500						
H-1 386	e	Antenna		11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500						
M 125	A	Conant		11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500						
V 840	B	Partridge		11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500						
K 684	A	Keupfel		11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500						
S 360	A	Camp		11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500						
L 362	A	Blowing		11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500						
E 195	A	Brundage		11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500						
D-1 227	e	Chretien		11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500						
E 216	A	Thudick		11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500						
6-1 379	A	Portman		11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500						
B 182	A	Thudick		11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500						
N 963	A	Portman		11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500						
I 689	e	Portman		11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500						
H-2 165	D	Portman		11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500						

Aerschel M/24



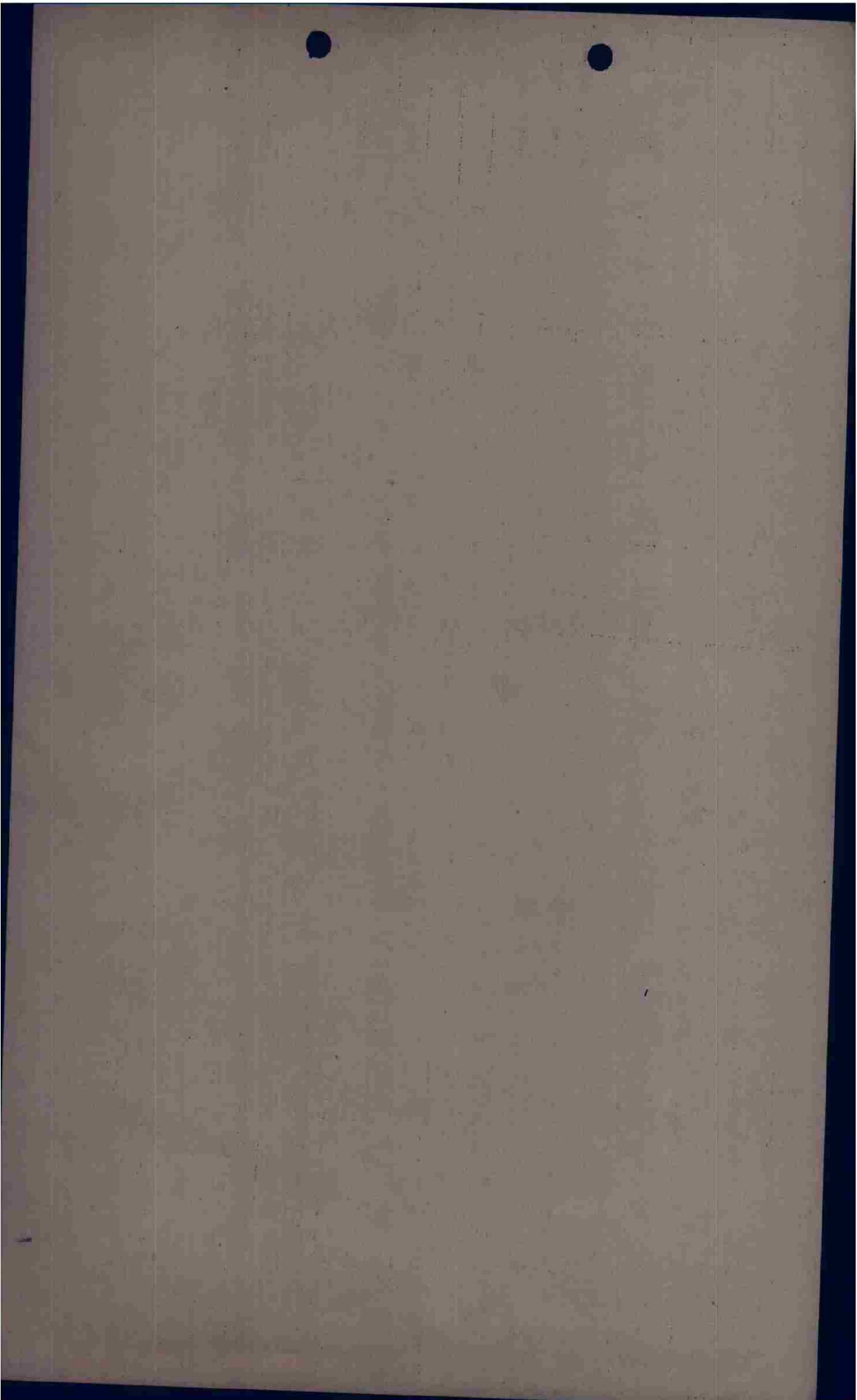
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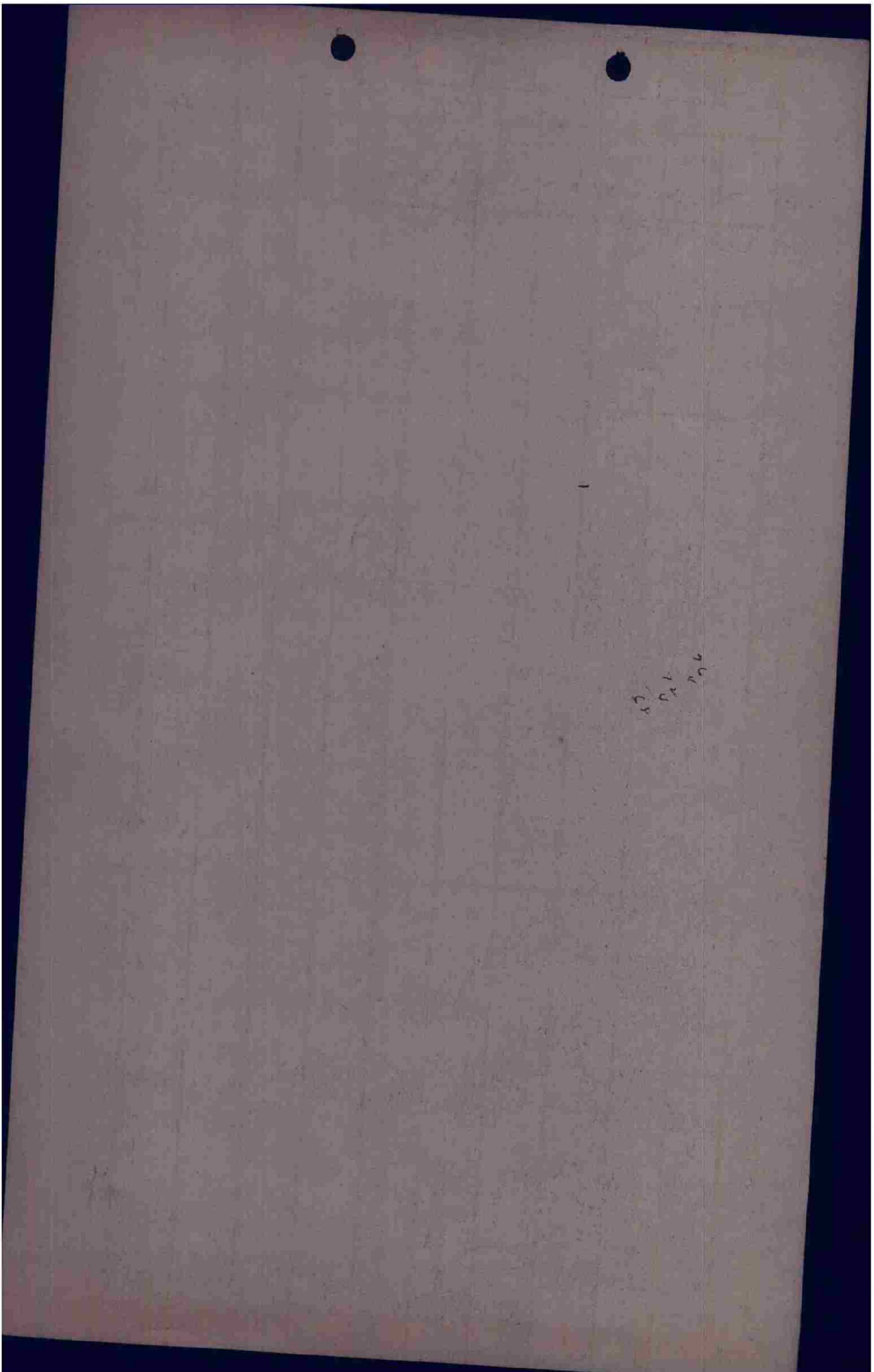
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T	135	B	Clark			11,500	11,500	1947	11500	11,500	HC	725	4x500 G.P.	4+	2041	
S	450	B	Henneman			NORTH FORELAND 1910	FURNES 1922		FURNES 2010	NORTH FORELAND 2025						
I	673	B	Bouton								C					
N	717	B	Bouskamp													
J	483	B	Luigs													
Q	900	B	Belman													
Z	640	A	Thuff								HC					
G	390	B	Hulbin								HC					
A	181	B	Land													
O	376	B	Worton													
R	679	B	Alman								HC					
M	743	B	Kedzie													
I-1	199	O	Morgan													
B	937	O	Alman													
D	219	O	Spilman													
E	220	O	Hulbin													
C	214	D	Worton													
F	221	O	Alman								C					
K	393	D	Ellis													

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William A. McDonald
Capt. H. C.
Commander Officer



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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 11/1325B

M-57-E

TO COMBOMCOM IX
409TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: MAJOR CLARENCE S. TOWLES JR.

97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING
WFO 140
11 MAY 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 37-310

WAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) 96TH AND 99TH WING ARE ATTACKING 2643 WITH FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS
AT NORTH FORELAND AT 1900.
NINTH FIGHTER COMMAND THUNDERBOLTS WILL FURNISH ESCORT FOR
ALL GROUPS OF THIS WING.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A MARSHALLING YARD IN BELGIUM.

ZERO HOUR: 11/1900B

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

- (2) 2 BOXES 16 A/C
- (3) WITH P-47'S FIGHTERS AT NORTH FORELAND AT 12,000 FEET AT
ZERO HOUR PLUS 25 MINUTES.
- (4) BASE TO NORTH FORELAND TO FURNES TO 50 DEG 41 MIN. NORTH
04 DEG. 33 MIN. EAST TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (6) BOMB: 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET.
- (9) ILL. NEGATIVE 3100 REF. 023065.
- (10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 NOSE 1/100 TAIL.

3. B.

- (3) WITH 416TH BOMB GROUP AT SHEARNESS AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO
HOUR PLUS 3 MINUTES.
- (6) BOMB: 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT AT 12,000 FEET.
- (9) ILL. NEGATIVE 3100 REF. 023065.
- (10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 NOSE 1/100 TAIL.

3. C.

- (3) WITH 416TH BOMB GROUP AT SHEARNESS AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO
HOUR PLUS 3 MINUTES.
- (6) BOMB: 11,500 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT AT 11,500 FEET.
- (9) ILL. NEG. 3100 REF. 023057.
- (10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED INSTANTANEOUS NOSE 1/100 TAIL.

X.

- (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE
- (5) TARGET: ZB 925.
- (6) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO DEYNZE TO FURNES
TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.
- (7) INITIAL POINT: 50 DEG. 52 MIN. NORTH 04 DEG. 47 MIN. EAST.
- (8) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTH TO NORTH.
- (9) RALLY POINT: 51 DEG. 03 MIN. NORTH 04 DEG. 30 MIN. EAST.
- PAR. 3B AND 3C
- (10) RENDEZVOUS WITH FIGHTERS AT NORTH FORELAND AT 12,000 FEET
AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MINUTES.
- (11) AIRCRAFT REQUIRED: TWO BOXES OF 16 EACH GROUP.
- (12) THE 416TH BOMB GROUP WILL LEAD. THE 416TH BOMB GROUP WILL
LEAVE SHEARNESS ON COURSE TO NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO HOUR
PLUS 3 MINUTES.
- (13) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO SHEARNESS TO NORTH FORELAND TO FURNES
TO 50 DEG. 41 MIN. NORTH TO 04 DEG. 33 MIN.
EAST TO I. P. TO TARGET.

4.

NO CHANGE.

5.

COMMUNICATIONS (TO FOLLOW)

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BT 11/1325B

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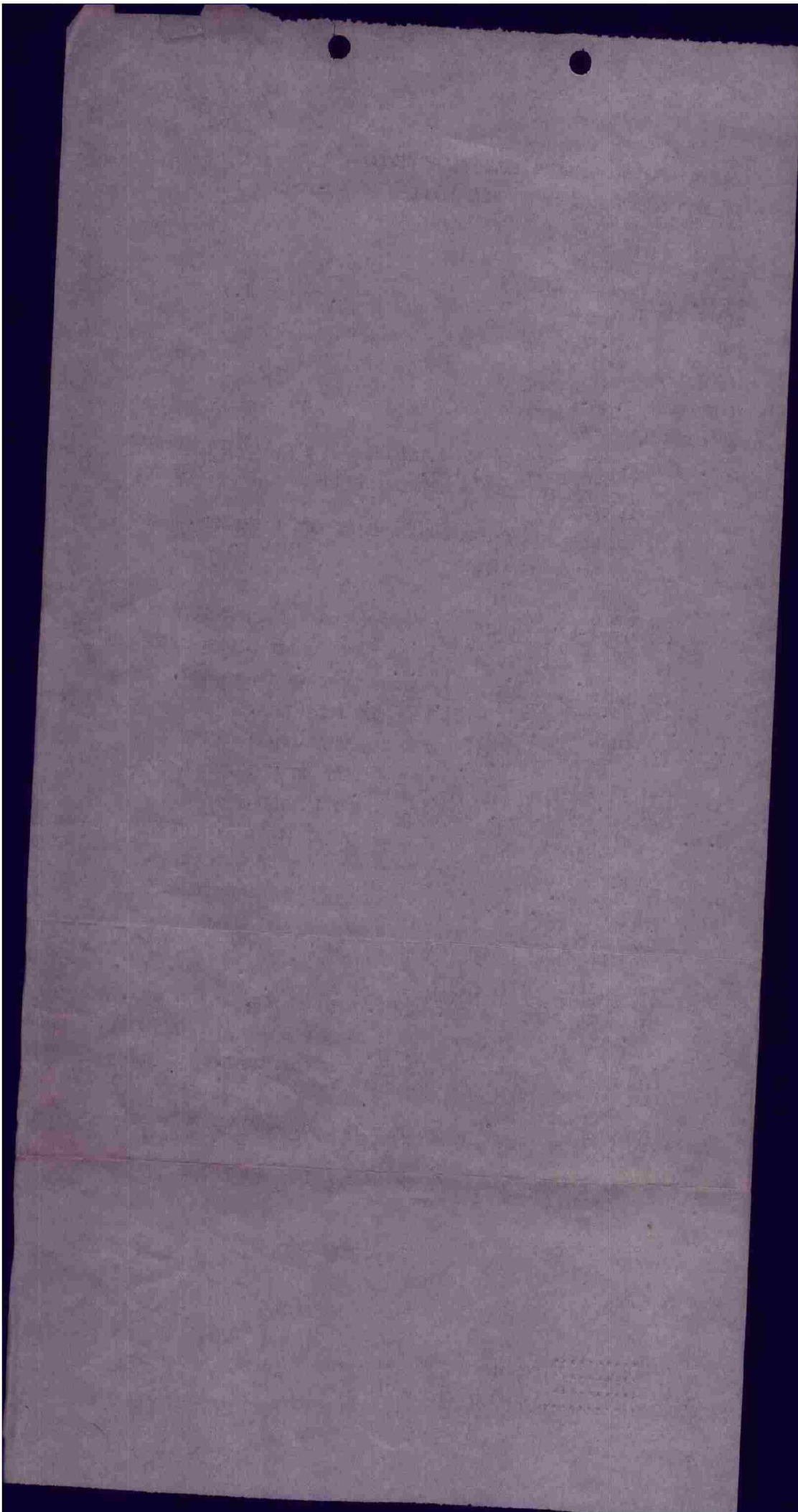
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 11/1430B
TO COMBOMCOM IX
409TH BOMB GROUP
410TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: MAJOR CLARENCE S. TOWLES JR.

97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING
APO 140
11 MAY 1944

ANNEX NO. I TO FIELD ORDER NO. 37-310

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

(2) GREATTUB
(3) ANKLE
(9) 81/81
(10) 181/181

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:

(2) SOUNDWAVE
(3) TOWNER
(9) 80/80
(10) 180/180

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

(2) ARMPIT
(3) TOWNER
(9) 80/80
(10) 180/180

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(2) W. MALLING D/D
EARLES COLNE C/C

(10) T B V A/T B V A

(11) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL
"C" WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA.

COCBTWIG 97

BT 11/1430B

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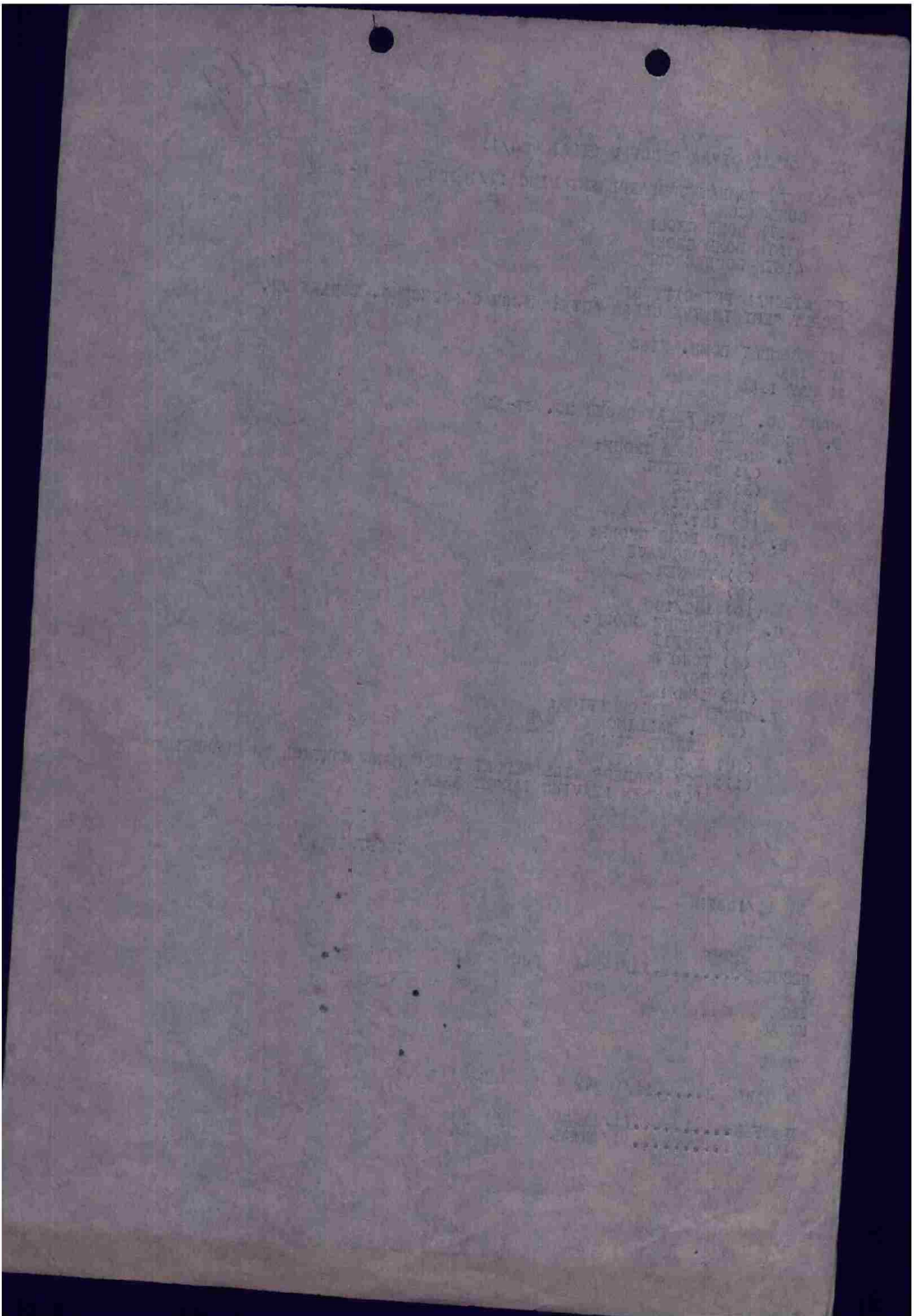
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OIGOF R.....11/1454B SHH K

OIYAA R.....11/1454B CW KK



450

OICOG OIHAK OIYAA OIGOF V OILAI 05/11 OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 11/1445B

M-59-EE

TO COMBOMCOM IX

409TH BOMB GROUP

410TH BOMB GROUP

416TH BOMB GROUP

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: MAJOR CLARENCE S. TOWLES JR.

97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING

APO 140

11 MAY 1944

ANNEX NO. II TO F.O. NO. 37-310

2. SECONDARY TARGET FOR ALL GROUPS OF THIS WING:

Z 835 ILL. S-5785/2

REF. 075113

COCBTWIG 97

BT 11/1445B

AS

AR

SS

OICOG R.....111500

WB AR

OIHAK R.....11/1500B

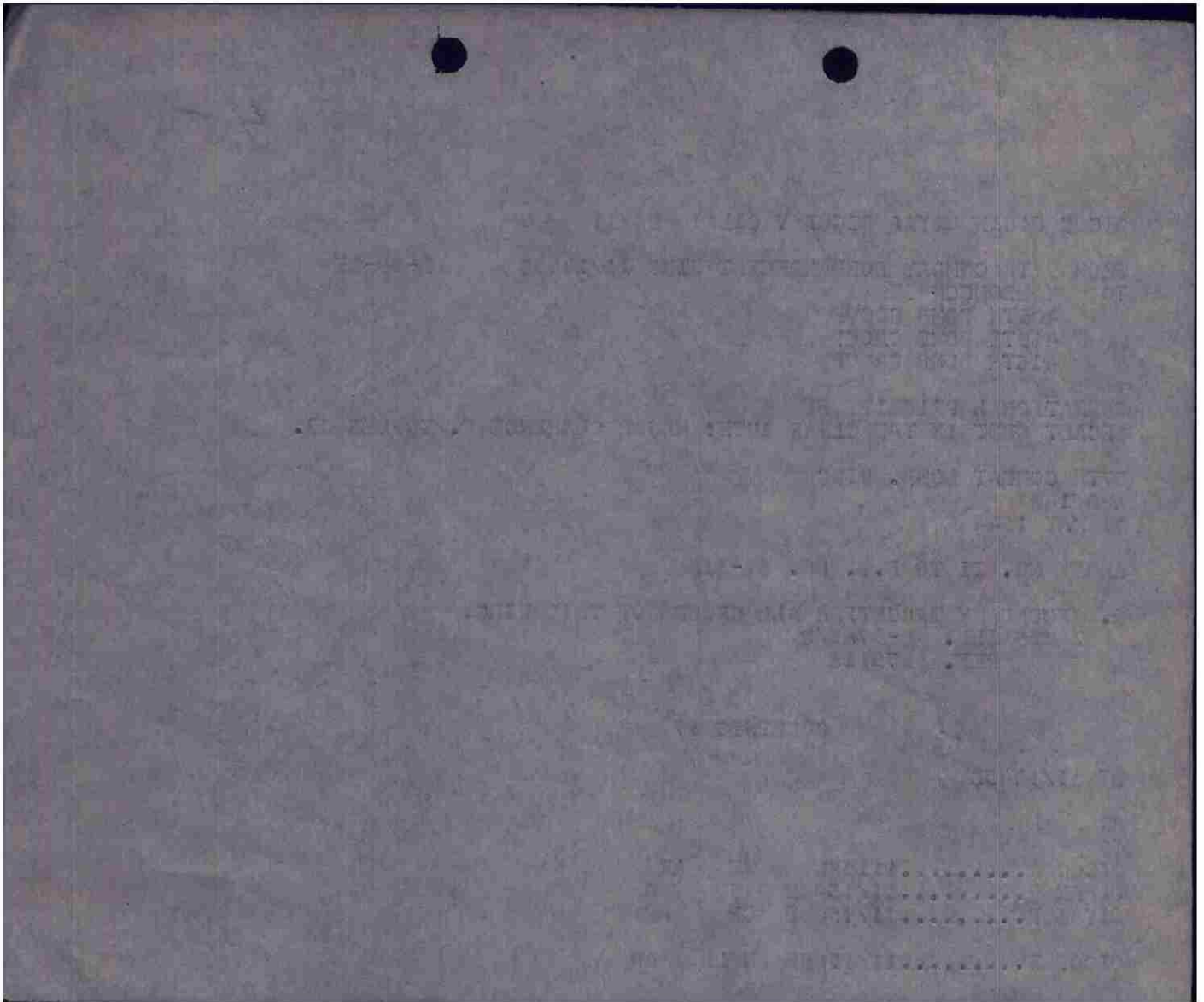
JH A

OIYAA R.....11/1500B

CW AR

OIGOK R.....11/1500B

N LB AR



LAI V YAA YAA 24/11 R

FROM COBOMGR 416 11/2225B
TO COBOMCOBATWG 97 ATT: SIG. O
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M-389-J

A - YS - 42

B - 11 MAY 1944 (1807 - 2041)

C - 668(11) H M K S L D E G-1 B N Z
669(12) V T S I N J Q G A O R W
670(7) J T G H-1 W D-1 I
671(8) H-2 I-1 B D K C F E
TOTAL - 38

D - 670 - F - TURRET INTERPHONE OUT.
669 - S - TUNNEL INTERPHONE OUT.
668 - G - INTERPHONE SYSTEM WENT OUT AFTER LEAVING TARGET.

E - NONE

F - NOT APPLICABLE

G - NOT APPLICABLE

H - NOT APPLICABLE

I - NONE

J - 670 - J - USED FOR LANDING INSTRUCTIONS AND FLIGHT INSTRUCTIONS.

K - NONE

L - 670 - J - REPORTED TO BOMCOM AFTER LEAVING TARGET.

M - NONE

N - NOT APPLICABLE

D - RADIO PERFORMANCE SATISFACTORY. PERSISTANT NOISE ON CHANNEL A.

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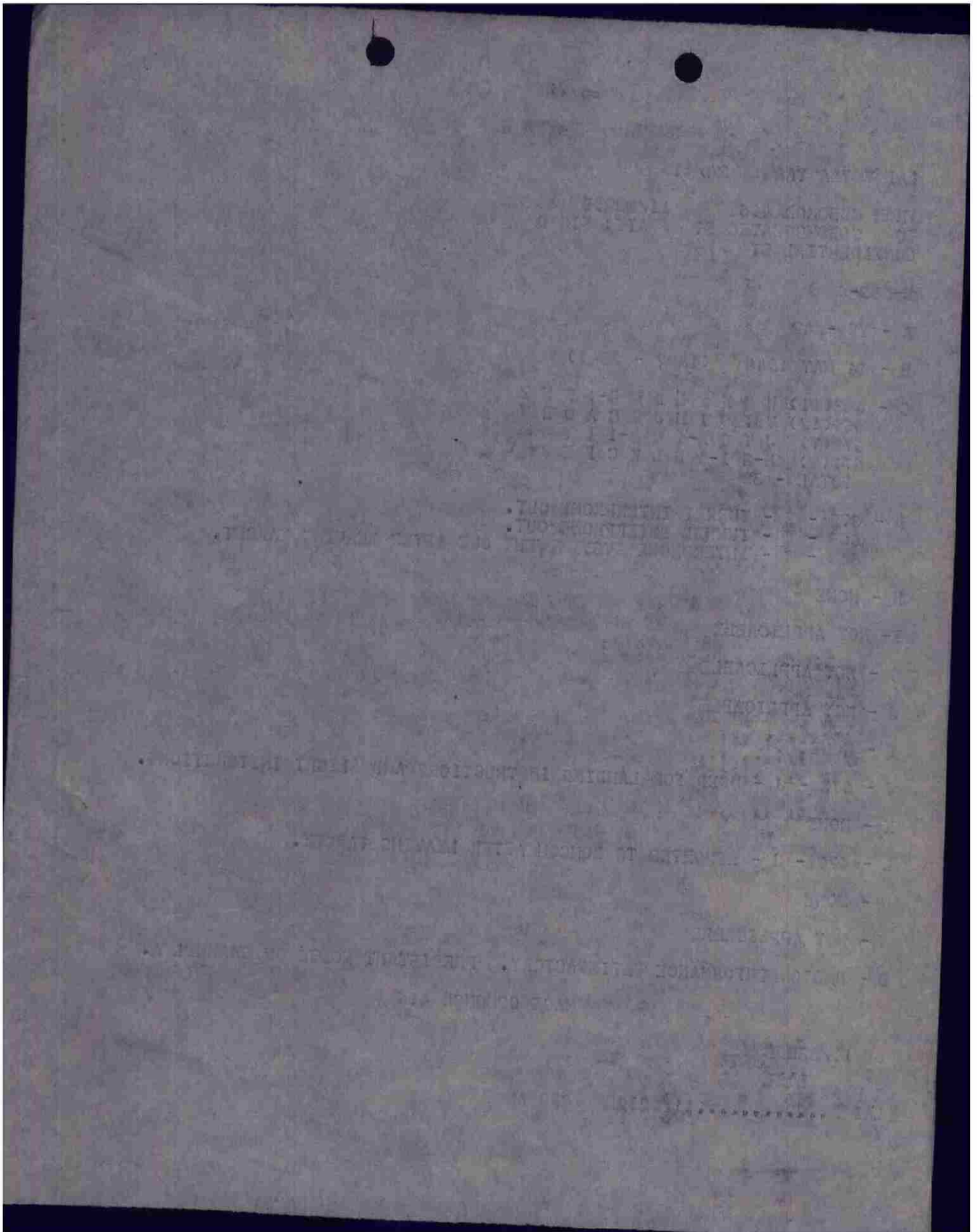
BT 11/2225B

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3 P AR

LAI R.....11/2230B RRR AR V

V



OICOG LAI V YAA YAA 26/11 OP
 FROM 416TH BG
 TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATT: A-2
 HQ 97TH COMBAT WING
 CONFIDENTIAL BT
 M-391-D
 OPFLASH NO. 39 FOR 11 MAY 9144.

- A. (I) S5275
 (II) S5275
 B. (I) 416TH BG
 (II) 38 A-20'S
 (III) 1 A/C RETURNED EARLY DUE TO VHF MALFUNCTION.
 (IV) 37 ON PRIMARY
 C. (I) 1807
 (II) BOX I 2022 BOX II 2306
 (III) 2136
 D. (I) FIRST BOX: 6 FLAK DAMAGE . CATEGORY A
 1 FLAK DAMAGE . CATEGORY AC
 SECOND BOX: 7 FLAK DAMAGE . CATEGORY A
 (II) 0-0-0
 (III) 0-0-0
 E. RESULTS WERE NOT WELL OBSERVED DUE TO THICK HAZE. CREWS REPORT
 FIRST BOX RESULTS GOOD. SECOND BOX RESULTS FAIR. PHOTOS TAKEN.
 F. (I) (A) NIL
 (B) NIL
 (II) (A) NIL
 (B) MODERATE TO INTENSE ACCURATE HFF CONTINUING FROM
 4 MILES NORTHEAST OF WAVRE TO 3 MILES NORTHEAST
 OF LOUVAIN.
 G. BARGE TRAFFIC: WEST OF DIXMUDE; NEAR FURNES; 8 MILES ENE EAST
 NORTHEAST OF TERMONDE; NEAR AERSCHOT; GHENT.
 FLOODED AREAS: MORE HEAVILY FLOODED IN COXYDE - NIEUPOORT AREAS.
 AREA EAST OF AND NORTH OF DIXMUDE APPEARS TO BE DRYING.
 SHIPPING: MERCHANT VESSEL LEAVING DUNKERQUE HEADED NORTHEAST AT
 2026 HOURS. 2 SMALL BOATS MOORED AT GRAVELINES.
 M/Y: CAR ACTIVITY IN M/Y'S AT WAVRE, MALINES, LOUVAIN. RR TRAFFIC
 AT THOUROUT, DISMUDE, FURNES.
 TRUCKS: 50 NORTH OF GRAMMONT HEADED SOUTHWEST AT 1943.
 40-50 SOUTH OF WAVRE HEADED SOUTHWEST AT 1953.
 MISCELLANEOUS: 2 UNIDENTIFIED A/C BELOW FORMATION ON BOMB RUN.
 T/E SILVER WITH SQUARE HORIZONTAL STABILIZER SET
 FORWARD. DINGHY 5 MILES OFF FURNES AT 1930 HOURS NOT
 OBSERVED ON EXIT AT 2030. OBSTACLES ON BEACH BOTH
 SIDES OF FURNES.
 H. (I) POOR VISIBILITY MADE IT VERY DIFFICULT TO PICK UP TARGET
 AND NECESSITATED VERY SHORT BOMB RUN.
 (II) NO LOW CLOUDS. VISIBILITY 3 TO 5 MILES DOWN SUN IN THICK
 HAZE. LESS THAN 1 MILE UP SUN. PATCHY CIRUS ~~XXXX~~ ABOVE
 18,000 FEET.
 I. ON PRIMARY 140X 500 GP
 RETURNED 4 X 500 GP
 FELL OUT ON BOMB RUN 4 X 500 GP
 J. BOX I : 11,500 FEET
 BOX II: 10,500 FEET

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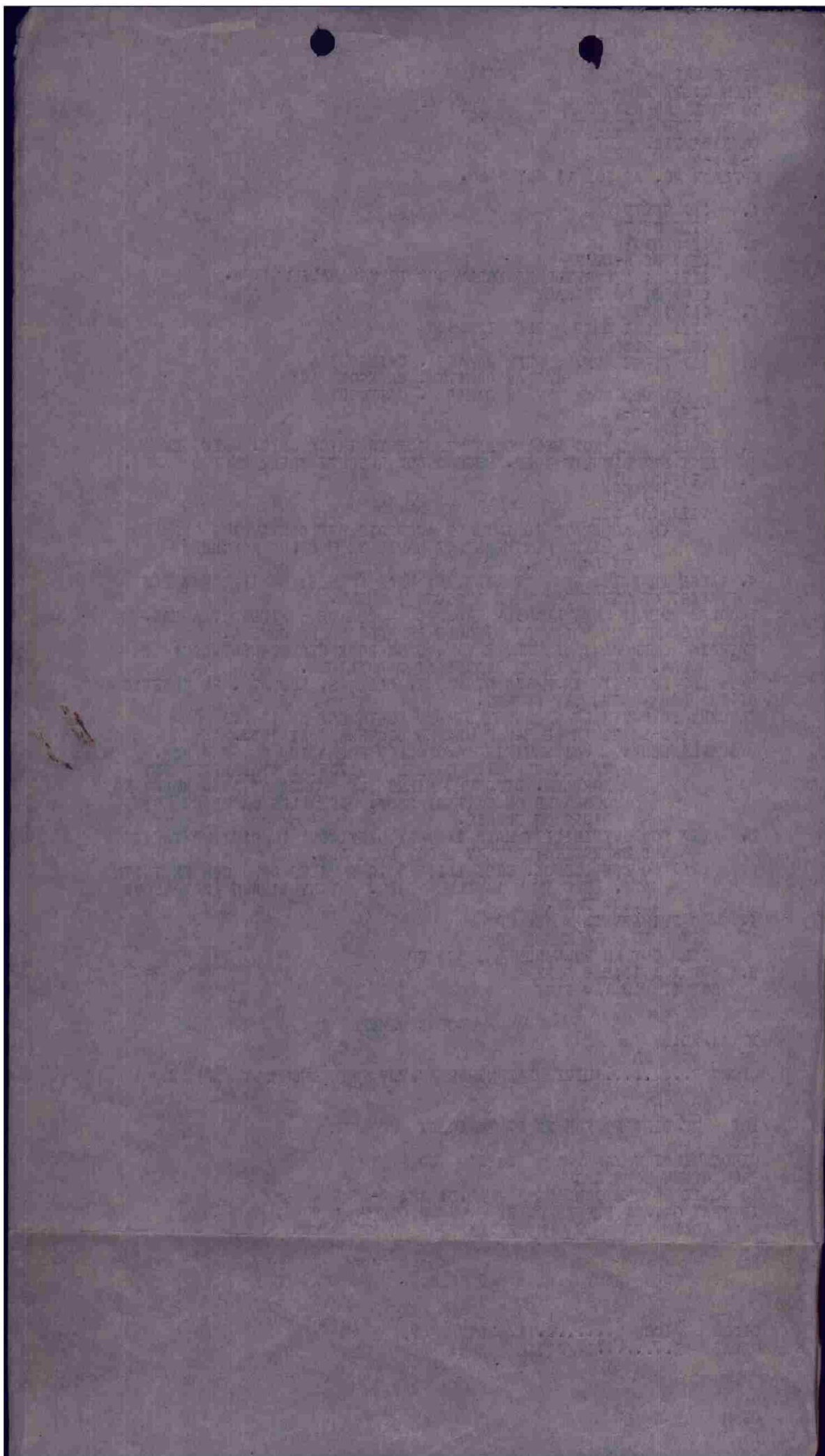
BT 11/2315B
 JF AS AR
 OICOG R.....)LIVI HEADPNGHAS FWRHWY 97TH BHCMMXWT HPLSML

CANT READ U
 IMI HEADING AS FAR WS 97 TH COMAT HQ PLS
 TIC
 OICOG OILAI V YAA YAA 26/11 OP
 FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP
 TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: ~~XX~~ A-2
 IS THAT OK??? YZPH H OH HX X H COH H H H
 COME AGAIN PS V MMMMMMQQXWZTOB HH FPG H HWR

L
 SORRI CANT READ U NOV KKK COME AGAIN

OICOB OICOG R.....11/2359B FIG AR
 OILAI R.....12/0001B RRR AR

OEMM



LAI V YAA YAA 25/11 R

FROM COBOMGR 416 11/2245B
TO COBOMCOBATWG 97 ATT SIG O
CONFIDENTIAL BT

-392-J

- YS - AMENDMENT TO YS NUMBER 42

- 669 - G - RETURNED EARLY FROM MISSION BECAUSE VHF WAS OUT.
RADIO WAS THOROUGHLY CHECKED UPON RETURN AND FROM
ALL INDICATIONS IS OK.

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T 11/2245B

S

P AR

AI R.....11/2245B RRR AR OCT

