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

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CG, Sta. 170  
12 May 1944  
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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 11 May 1944, submitted in compliance with IX Bom-  
ber Command Memorandum 55-2.

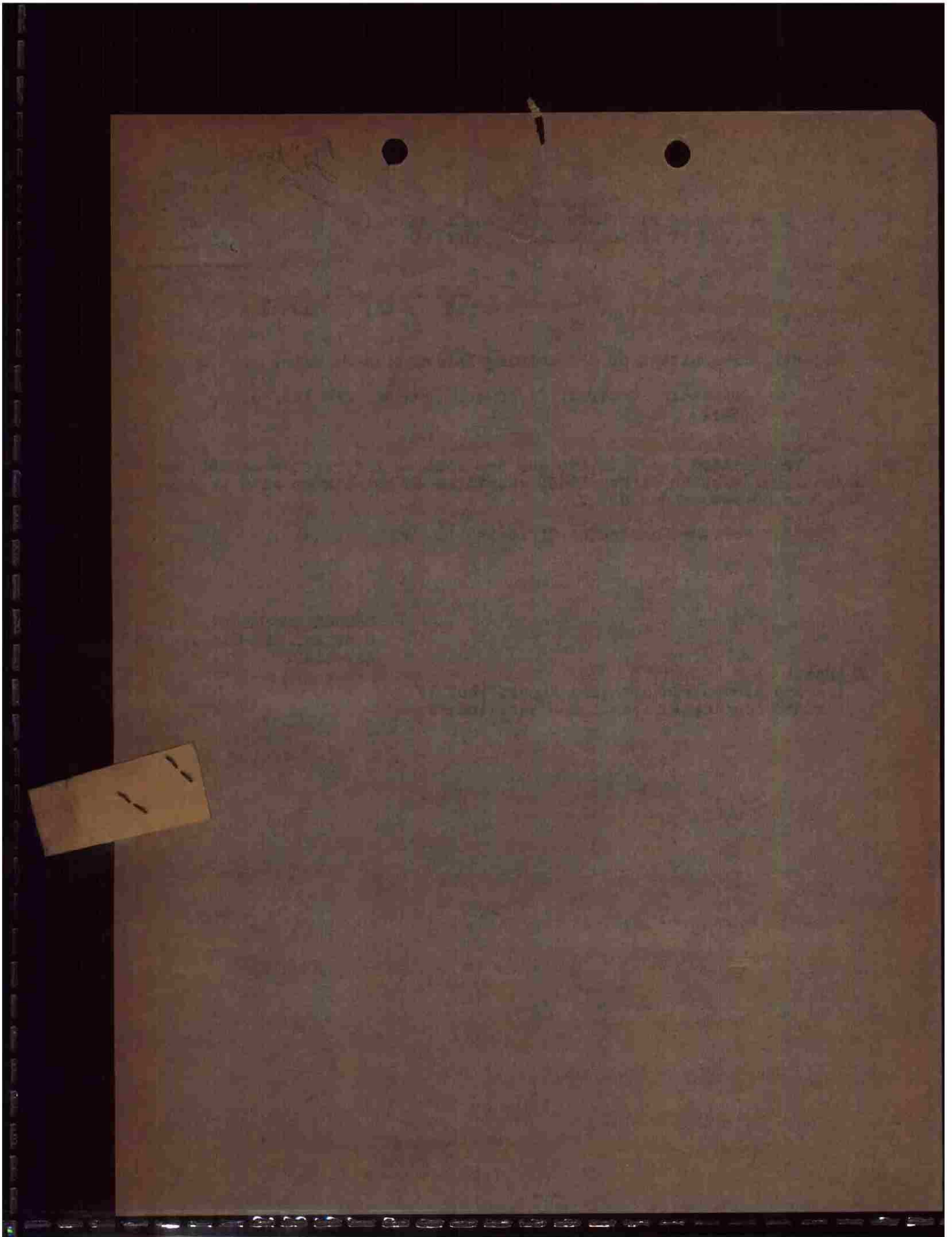
For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

2 Incls:

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

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## BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 311

ANNEX "A"

BOX I GROUP 415 DATE 12 May 44 TARGET ATTACKED Manchey Station A/F1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set syn.2. Bombing approach: 230° 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: WFI used as AP. No trail subtracted. Sighted on AP-counted 2 and released.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Forman (Deputy Leader)6. Name of lead pilot: Lt. Osborne (Deputy Leader)7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 250 Ground Speed: 244 Altitude: 12,0009. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec: \_\_\_\_\_10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED \_\_\_\_\_ N Inst 1/10011. Total Bombs Dropped: 80

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_. If "YES" state conditions and effect. Heavy haze obscured target area.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IV 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 \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR \_\_\_\_\_ POOR X BAD MISS \_\_\_\_\_

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2. no stopper  
3. 2 boxes to ship each.  
4. with  
5. need magnets having unit magnet placed in through hole.  
6. Robert Taylor took over when Taylor's hands failed to drop  
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BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 311

ANNEX "A"

BOX IX GROUP 415 DATE 12 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Heavy bomb run A/B1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set syn.2. Bombing approach: 330° 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: WPI used as AP. No trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Arrington6. Name of lead pilot: Captain Dunn7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 205 Ground Speed: 244 Altitude: 11,5009. Length of bomb run: 15 Sec: \_\_\_\_\_10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED \_\_\_\_\_ N Inst 1/10011. Total Bombs Dropped: 68

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_. If "YES" state conditions and effect. Heavy haze obscured target area.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or APC 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: Too short a bomb run.

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: Heavy haze obstructed sight which resulted in short bomb run.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

Results claimed: GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR \_\_\_\_\_ POOR X BAD MISS \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Description of route from I.P. to target:
1. 2 miles.
  2. No clouds.
  3. 2 boxes in ship's hold.
  4. With
  5. Used magnetic heading until target showed up through haze.
  6. For short a run due to weather conditions.
  7. Poor.
  8. None.

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BY AUTHORITY, STA 170  
12 May 1944  
INITIAL:

HEADQUARTERS  
410TH COMMUNICATIONS GROUP (L)  
Office of the Commanding Officer

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

SUBJECT: Mission Report--Aircraft.

TO : Commanding General, II Bomber Command, AFS 140, U.S. Army.

PART I.

(1) 12 May 1944--1027--Cauchy-Breton-Airfield.

(2) 85 (85 alerted)

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PART II.

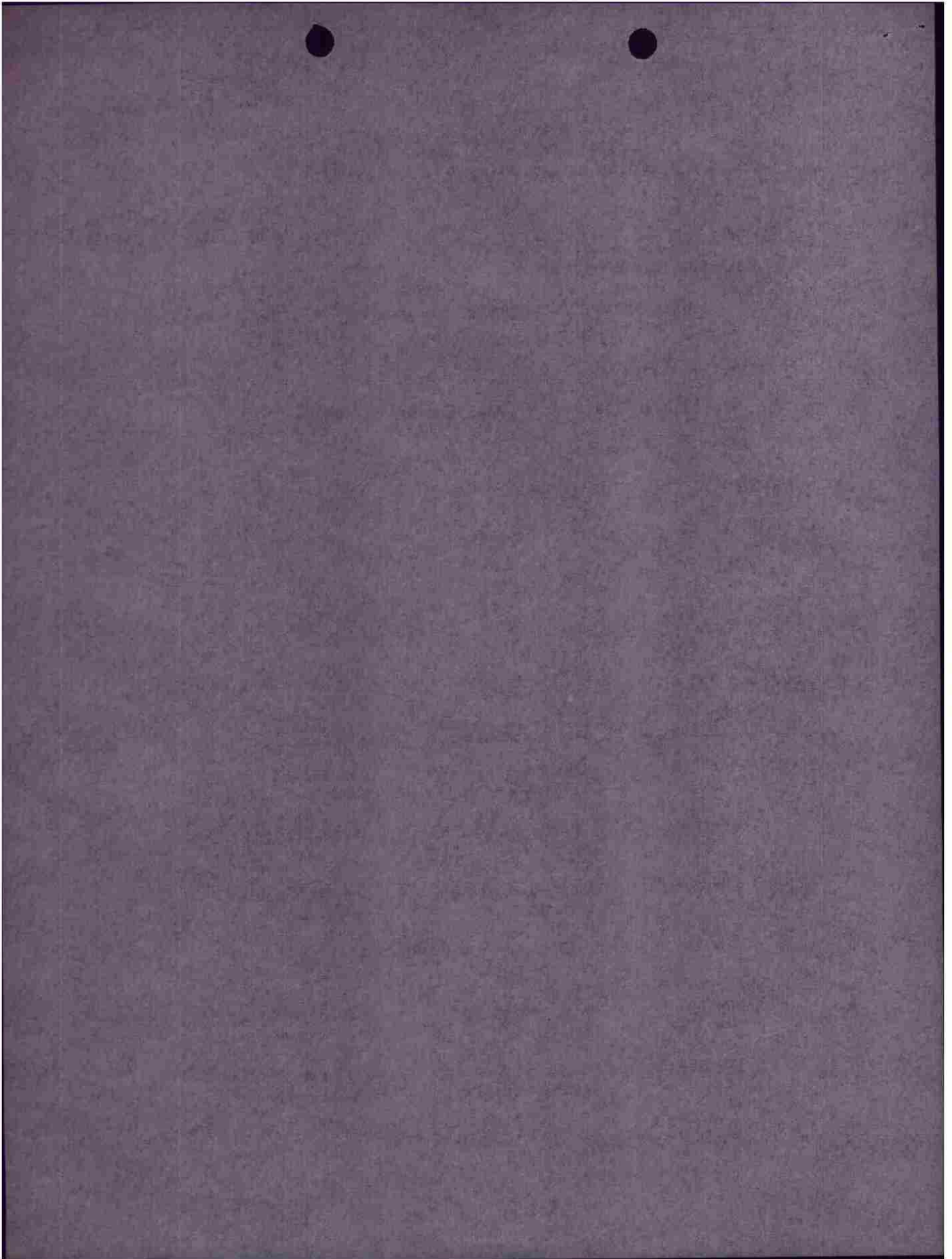
None

PART III (1)

None

PART III (2)

| <u>AIR SERIAL NO</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u>                     | <u>CAUSE</u>                  | <u>STATUS</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 43-0200              | Electrical system checked and found OK | Electrical trouble            | No            |
| 43-0221              | Lower checked and found OK             | Failed to go into high blower | No            |
| 43-0330              | Short in release circuit               | One bomb failed to release    | Yes           |
| 43-0500              | Bomb circuit checked and found OK      |                               | Yes           |
| 43-0505              | Wing braces too tight                  | One bomb failed to release    | Yes           |
| 43-0506              | Bomb salvo relay points sticking       | One bomb dropped prematurely  | Yes           |



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FORM 111 (3)

None

For the Commanding Officer:

ROBERT W. HENNING, Jr.,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

MISSION 45

LOADING LIST  
BOX 1  
FLIGHT 1

12 MAY 1944

1. A/C 125 "M"  
MAJOR R. F. PRICE ✓  
LT. A. R. HAND ✓  
S/S D. R. SIMPSON  
T/S L. E. ROBBINS

4. A/C 195 "D"  
LT. J. F. MEAGHER ✓  
S/S E. A. DAMICO  
S/S E. S. DICKENSON

2. A/C 444 "J"  
LT. A. E. OSBORNE ✓  
LT. W. FORMA ✓  
S/S W. H. COE  
S/S E. E. KELLY

5. A/C 684 "K"  
LT. M. E. KLEOPFEL ✓  
S/S L. R. SHAW  
S/S R. BANKSTON

3. A/C 216 "E"  
LT. S. B. RITCHIE ✓  
S/S E. A. ANDERSON  
S/S A. W. NEWKIRK

6. A/C 379 "G"  
LT. L. G. PEEDE ✓  
S/S C. L. HIBBS  
S/S L. M. DAUGHERTY

FLIGHT 11

1. A/C 455 "T"  
CAPT. C. R. JACKSON ✓  
LT. G. M. MALTBY ✓  
S/S F. D. ALLRED  
S/S D. W. STEPHENS

4. A/C 209 "K-1"  
LT. W. B. OSTRANDER ✓  
S/S J. E. WILSON  
S/S I. BINNEY

2. A/C 200 "A"  
LT. L. R. *Pete* ✓  
S/S R. E. *no* ✓  
S/S S. NIS *no*

5. A/C 387 "H"  
LT. C. L. MCGLOHN ✓  
S/S J. W. MORAN  
S/S P. B. DRISKILL

3. A/C 696 "G-1"  
LT. D. F. SHEA ✓  
S/S R. E. LEE  
SGT F. G. FALK

6. A/C 217 "D-1"  
LT. COL. T. R. FORD ✓  
S/S O. D. EVANS  
SGT T. A. RALMER

FLIGHT 111

1. A/C 439 "J-1"  
CAPT. G. M. MCNULTY ✓  
LT. F. H. BURSIEL  
S/S R. F. ADDELMAN  
S/S H. E. WHITE

4. A/C 386 "W"  
LT. F. J. HARROLD ✓  
S/S E. L. GRIFFIN  
S/S C. W. MAZIASZ

2. A/C 380 "N"  
LT. E. L. JOHNSON ✓  
S/S W. J. DONAHUE  
S/S MR BRAYN

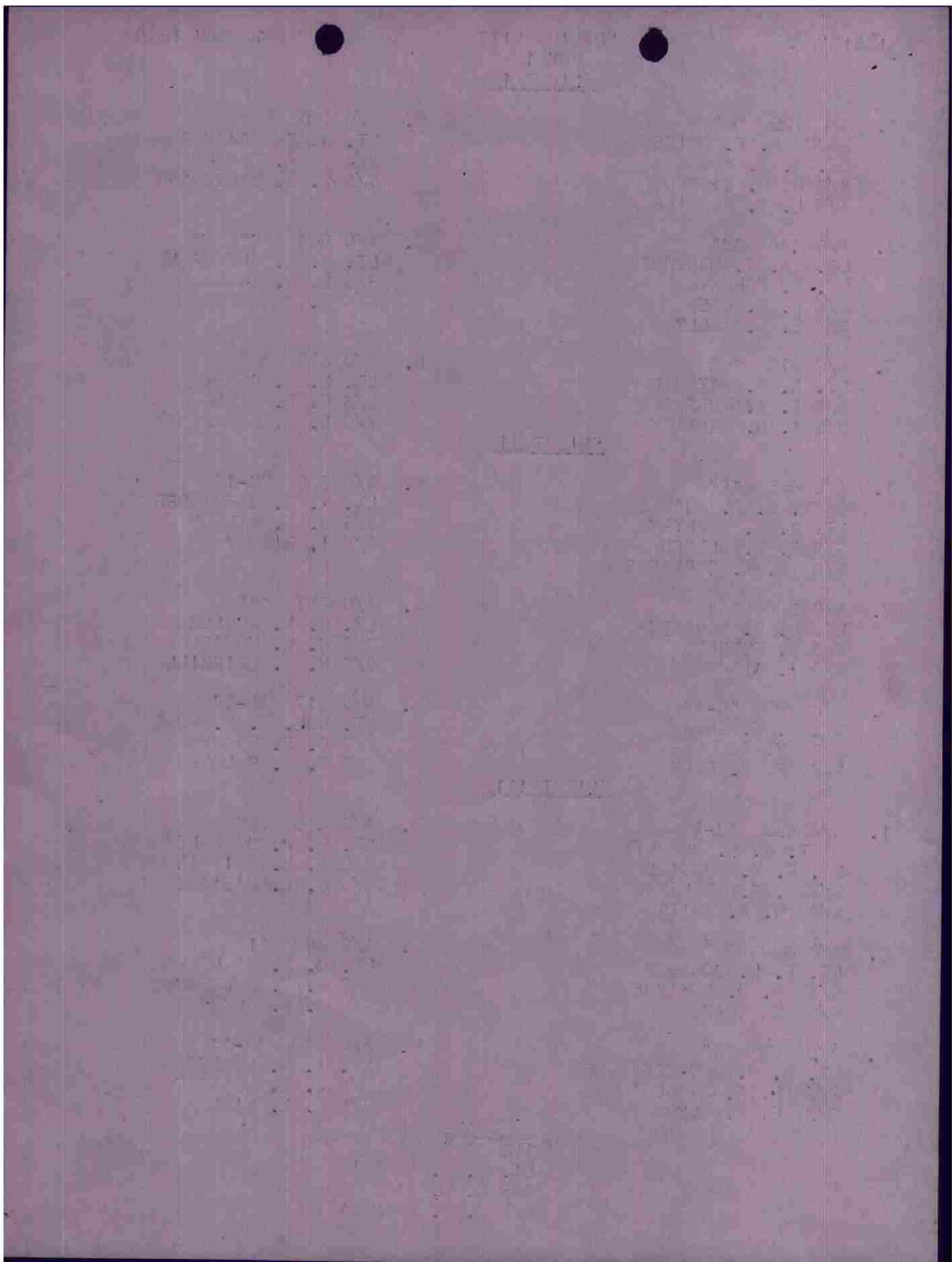
5. A/C 689 "I"  
LT. J. P. HILLERMAN ✓  
SGT J. O. SWAFFORD  
S/S P. F. GLYNN

3. A/C 360 "S"  
LT. R. O. GRUETZEMACHER ✓  
S/S R. F. STOBERT  
S/S F. P. GLYNN

6. A/C 963 "N-1"  
LT. A. W. NORDSTROM ✓  
S/S J. D. GOSSETT  
S/S R. L. MILLER

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

Mission 45  
12 May 1944  
Box 1



MISSION NO. 45

LOADING LIST

12 MAY 1944

BOX II

FLIGHT I

1. A/C 129 "I" ✓  
CAPT L. F. DUNN ✓  
LT. H. T. ARRINGTON ✓  
S/S H. A. FOSTER  
S/S E. W. RUST

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

2. A/C 450 "S" ✓  
LT. L. A. MARZOLF ✓  
LT. R. J. BASNETT ✓  
S/S H. E. WELLIN  
S/S L. G. KUTZER

5. A/C 937 "B" ✓  
LT. A. R. DURANTE ✓  
S/S H. T. BEST  
S/S I. R. DEGUISTI

3. A/C 951 "P" ✓  
LT. J. D. ADAMS ✓  
S/S P. L. GLEARMAN  
SGT A. J. ZEIKUS

6. A/C 165 "H" ✓  
LT. M. ZUBON ✓  
T/S J. R. L. TANNER  
S/S W. C. RUSSELL

FLIGHT II

1. A/C 225 "G" ✓  
LT. E. T. PLATTER ✓  
S/S K. L. JOHNSON  
S/S J. L. CZECH

4. A/C 393 "K" ✓  
LT. H. P. COLE ✓  
S/S F. R. CHVATAL  
S/S B. G. FANDRE

2. A/C 219 "D" ✓  
LT. H. D. ANDREWS ✓  
S/S G. M. COOK  
S/S E. R. WERLEY

5. A/C 221 "F" ✓  
LT. S. M. L. *Ret's Early*  
T/S F. M. L. *no source*  
S/S H. A. L. *no source*

3. A/C 220 "E" ✓  
LT. R. D. PERKINS ✓  
S/S V. N. SHERRY  
S/S R. H. LINNEMAN

6. A/C 493 "V" ✓  
LT. R. H. SMITH ✓  
SGT R. J. TROYER  
S/S V. P. ADAMS

FLIGHT III

1. A/C 135 "T" ✓  
LT. H. L. SOMMERS ✓  
LT. R. J. MCQUADE ✓  
S/S R. W. NICKS  
S/S G. L. COFFEY

4. A/C 743 "W" ✓  
LT. W. A. PECK ✓  
S/S A. E. BERGERON  
S/S H. E. KELTON

2. A/C 717 "N" ✓  
LT. P. MACMANUS ✓  
S/S J. R. THOMPSON  
S/S H. L. HATCH

5. A/C 983 "J" ✓  
XXXXXXLT. J. S. CONNOR ✓  
S/S R. J. COLOSIMO  
S/S J. S. WING

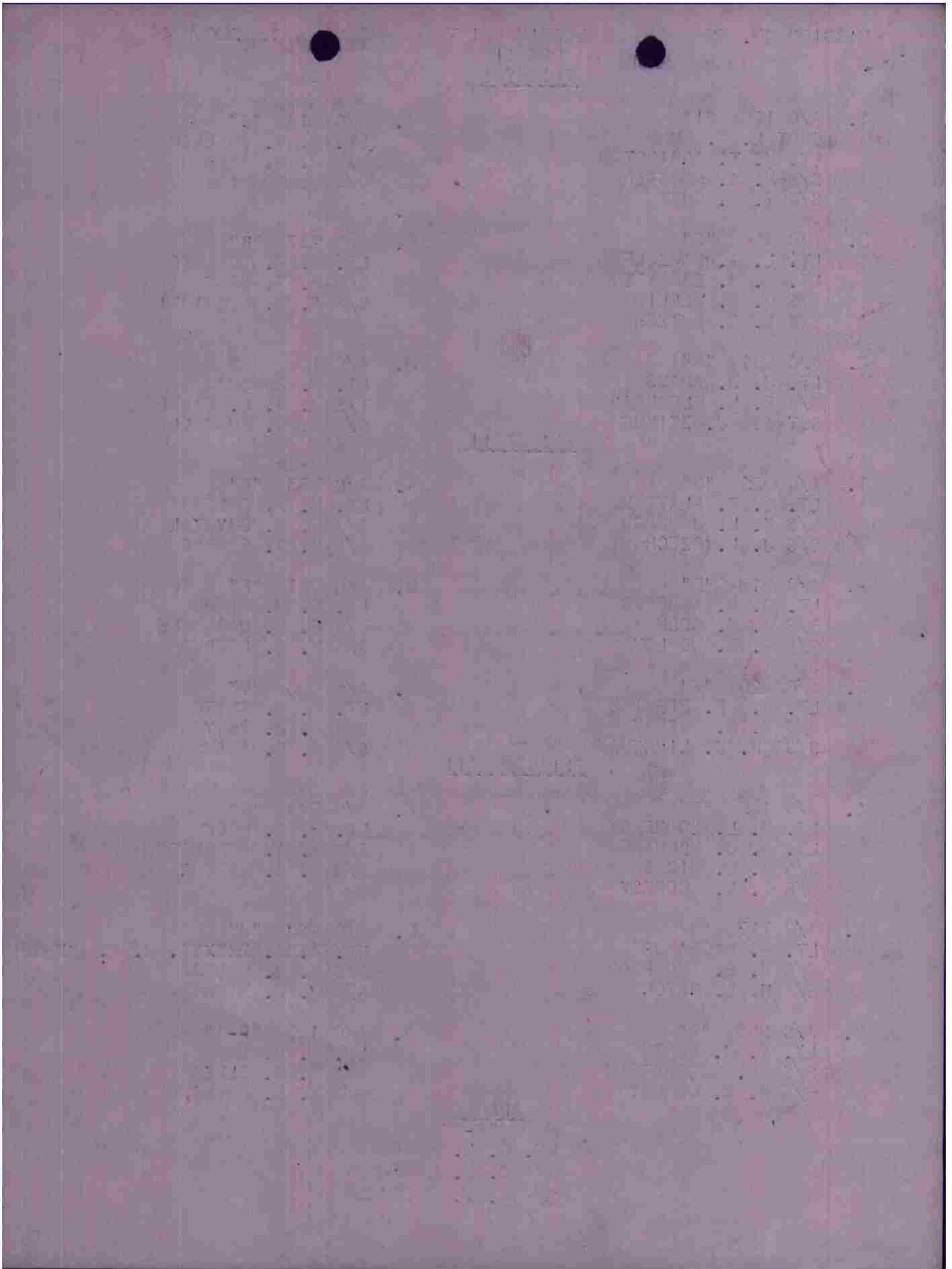
3. A/C 900 "Q" ✓  
LT. E. J. RENTH ✓  
S/S M. ROSENSTEIN  
S/S H. O. CARNEY

6. A/C 189 "P-1" ✓  
LT. W. H. LAND ✓  
S/S S. F. ALDEN  
S/S R. L. BALLINGER

SPARE

840 "V-1" ✓  
LT. R. L. MORTON ✓  
S/S O. D. LANAVE  
S/S E. M. GITTY

*Mission #45  
12 May 44  
Box II*



FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

OPTIONAL PRIORITY

TO : 1X BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

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CLEARANCE F-1

12 MAY 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR HAROLD A. RADETSKY

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B. 1120

C. NORTH FORELAND

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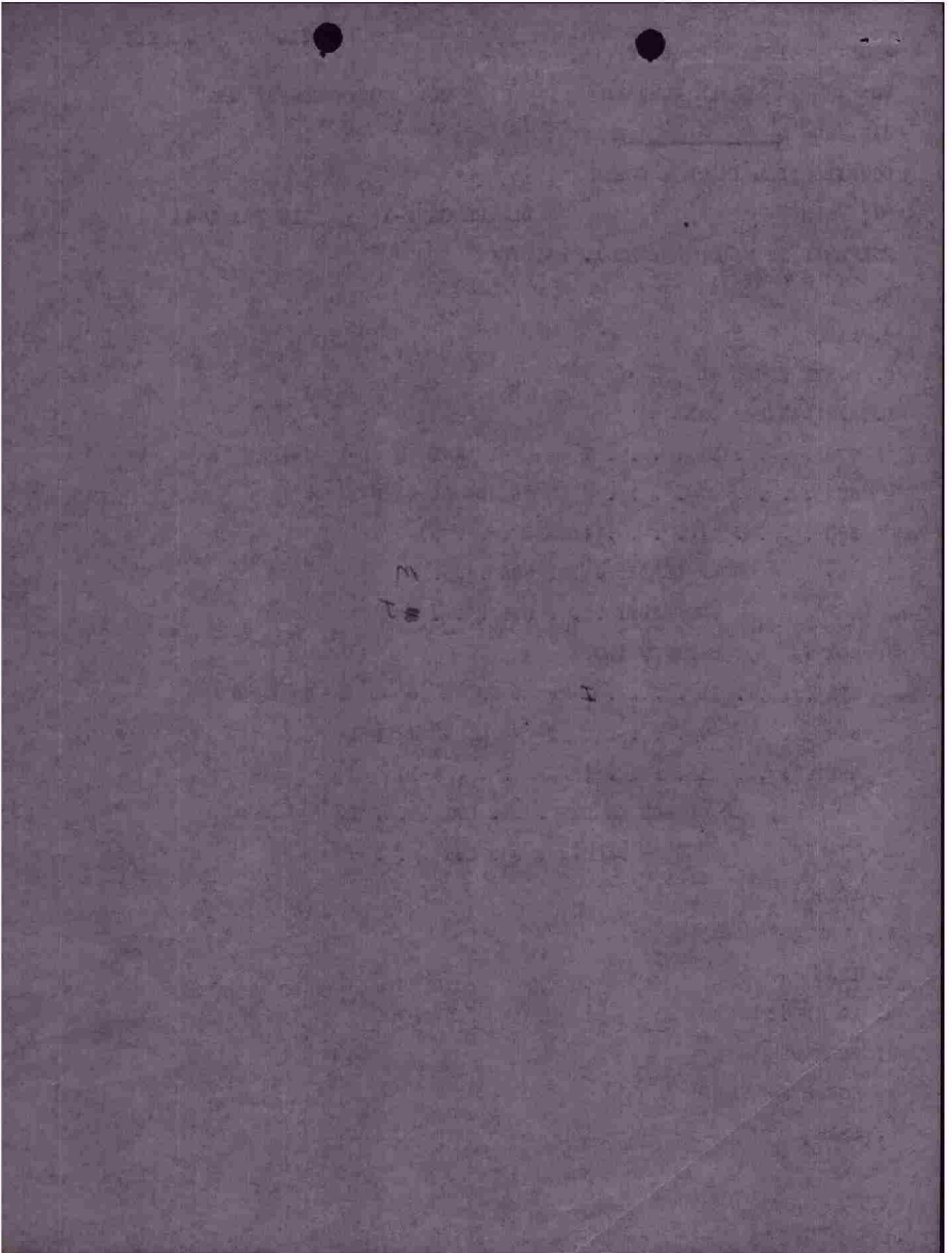
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K. NORTH FORELAND

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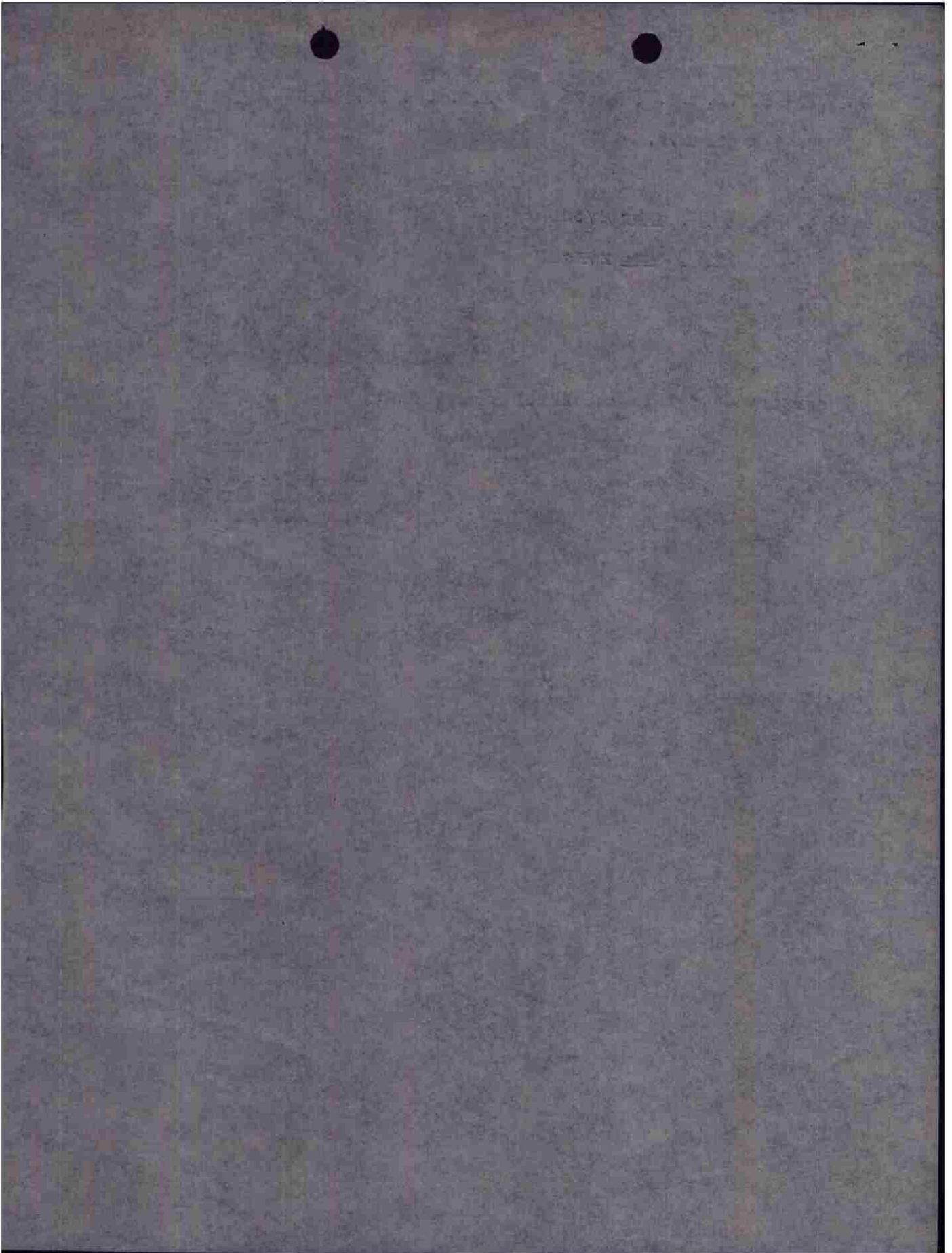


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5. NONE

WAGE COBOMGR 415

I certify that this is official business:

ROBERT A. CLARK,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Duty Officer.



*One*

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

APC 140  
12 May 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Clear. Visibility 3 miles.

ROUTE OUT: Clear. Visibility 2-4 miles over England  
improving to 3-5 miles over channel and  
continent.

TARGET: Clear. Visibility 4-5 miles down sun and less  
than 1 mile up sun.

ROUTE BACK: Clear. Visibility improved to 6 miles  
at the French coast and 3-5 miles over  
England.

BASE ON RETURN: Visibility 3 miles. Patches of  
cirrus at 30000 feet.

WINDS: As forecast.

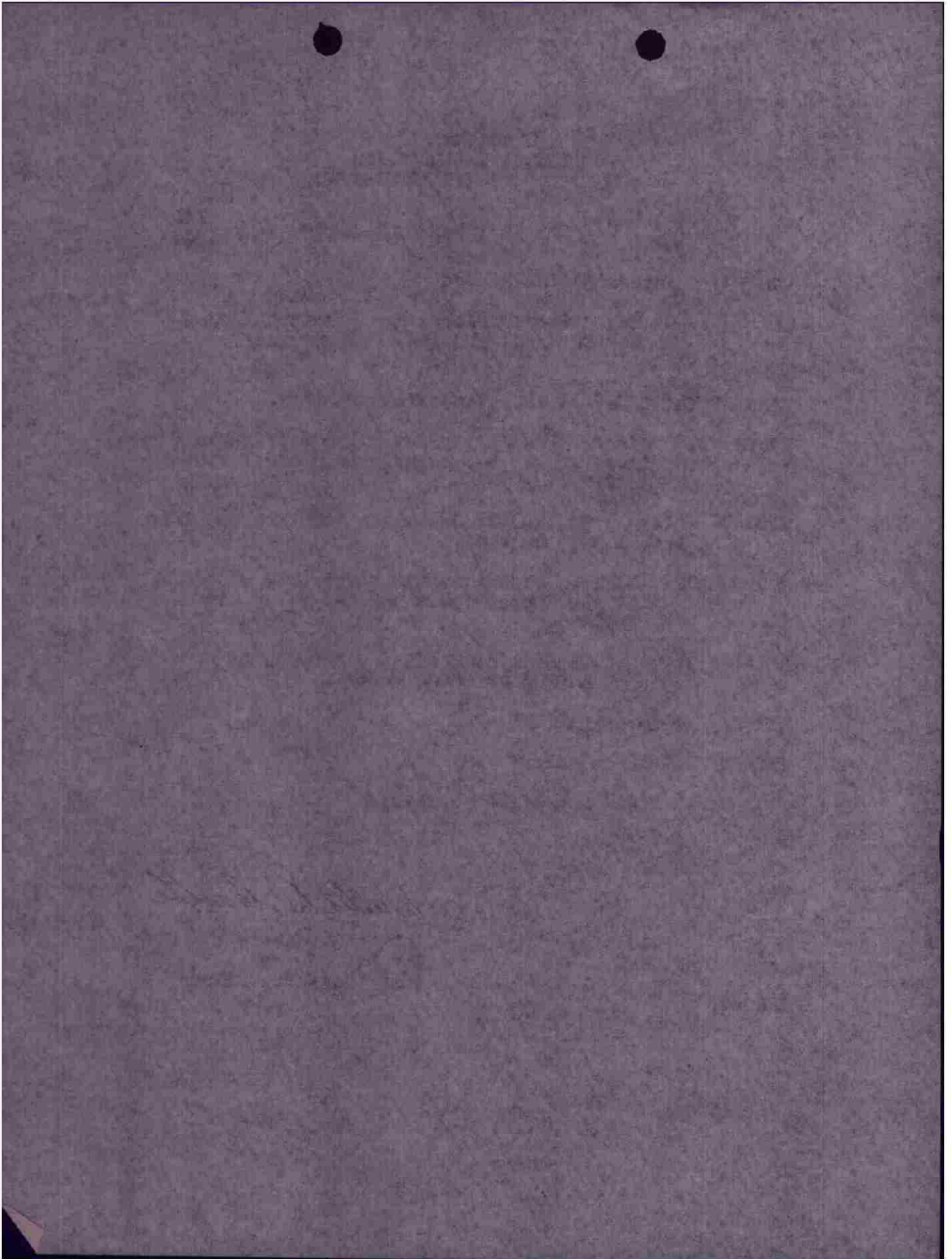
TIME OVER TARGET: 11:57

Weather did not effect bombing.

*Walter D. Castle*

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

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2 Route Forecast Forms

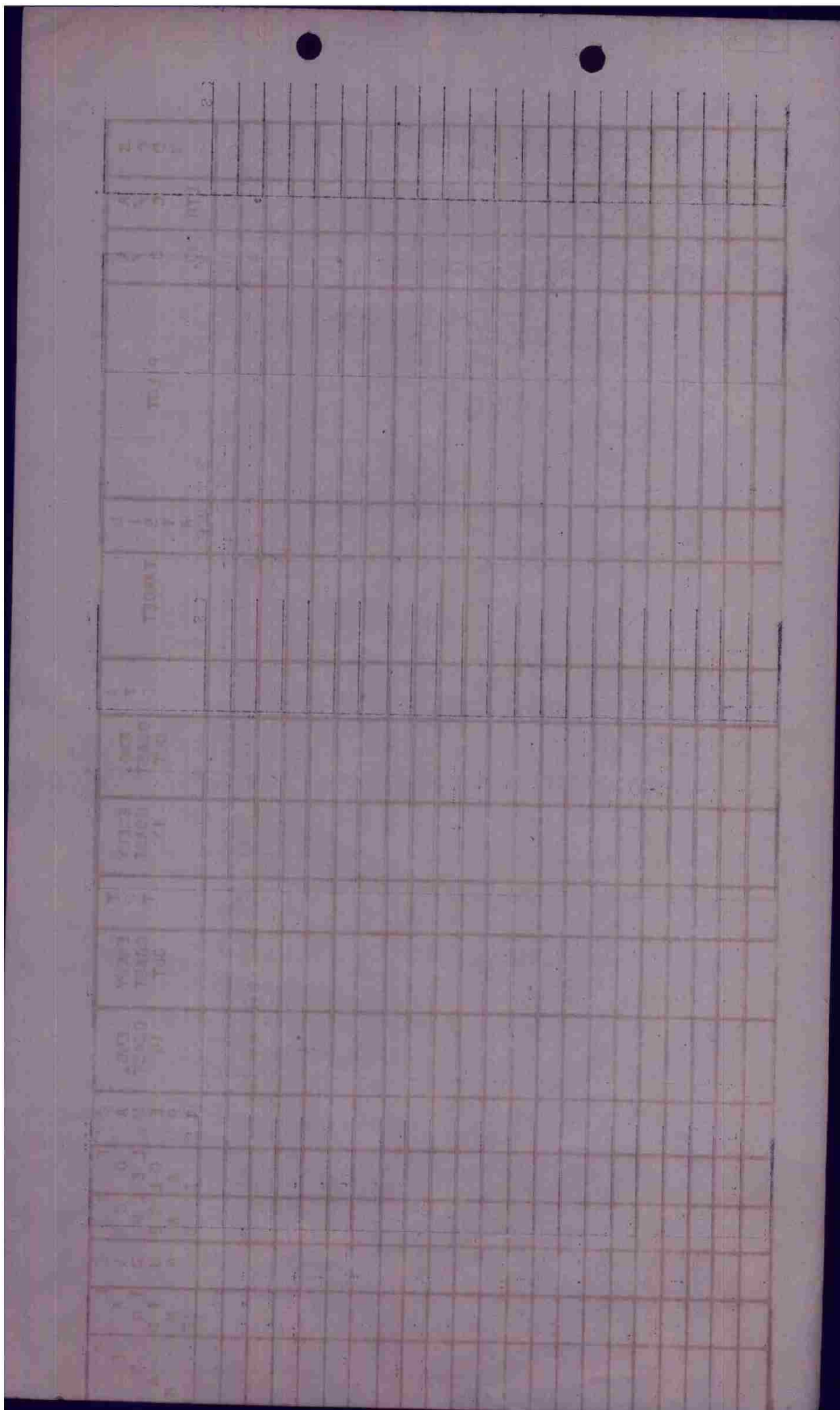


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| D1               | I                  | 139                | Sumner   | 410                          | MON CHY | 1031        | 11000                | 12000                | 1150        | 10000                 | 9000                | HC                         | 725                                  | 4500                       | 4                     | 135L                                 |                            |
| B1               | S                  | 450                | Thompson |                              | BOETON  | 1031        | 1120                 | 1135                 |             | 1204                  | 1216                |                            |                                      |                            |                       | 1257                                 |                            |
| D1               | P                  | 951                | Adams    |                              |         | 1032        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |                            |                                      |                            |                       | 1259                                 |                            |
| D1               | C                  | 814                | Wheeler  |                              |         | 1032        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |                            |                                      |                            |                       | 1300                                 |                            |
| D1               | B                  | 937                | Sumner   |                              |         | 1032        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |                            |                                      |                            |                       | 1300                                 |                            |
| D1               | H                  | 165                | Hubert   |                              |         | 1032        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |                            |                                      |                            |                       | 1304                                 |                            |
| D1               | G                  | 825                | Platan   |                              |         | 1033        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |                            |                                      |                            |                       | 1305                                 |                            |
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| D1               | F                  | 821                | Johnson  |                              |         | 1034        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |                            |                                      |                            |                       | 1306                                 |                            |
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| B1               | T                  | 135                | Demers   |                              |         | 1034        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |                            |                                      |                            |                       | 1243                                 |                            |
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| B1               | J                  | 983                | Carroll  |                              |         | 1036        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |                            |                                      |                            |                       | 1303                                 |                            |
| B1               | P.1                | 189                | Grant    |                              |         | 1036        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |                            |                                      |                            |                       | 1303                                 |                            |
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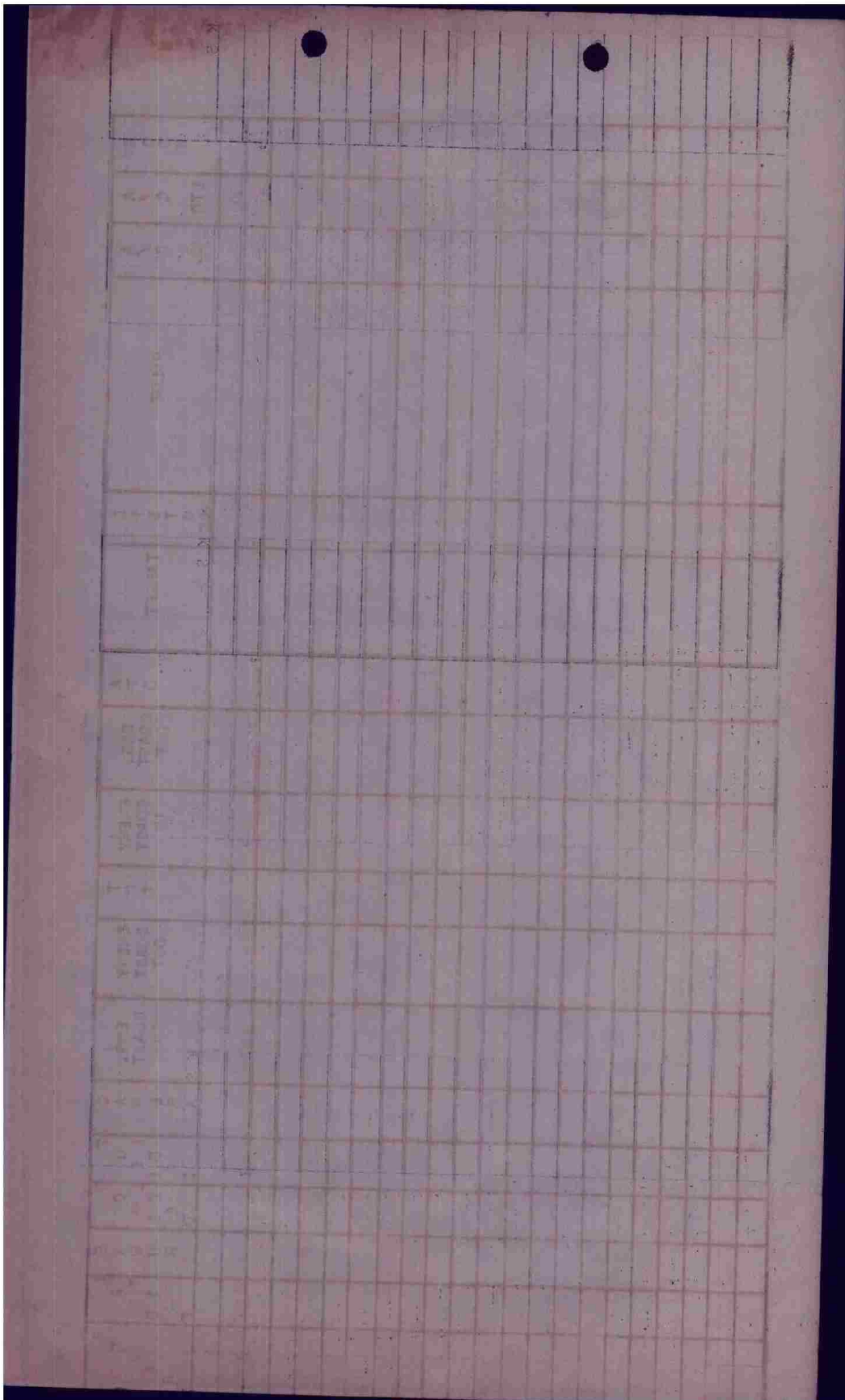


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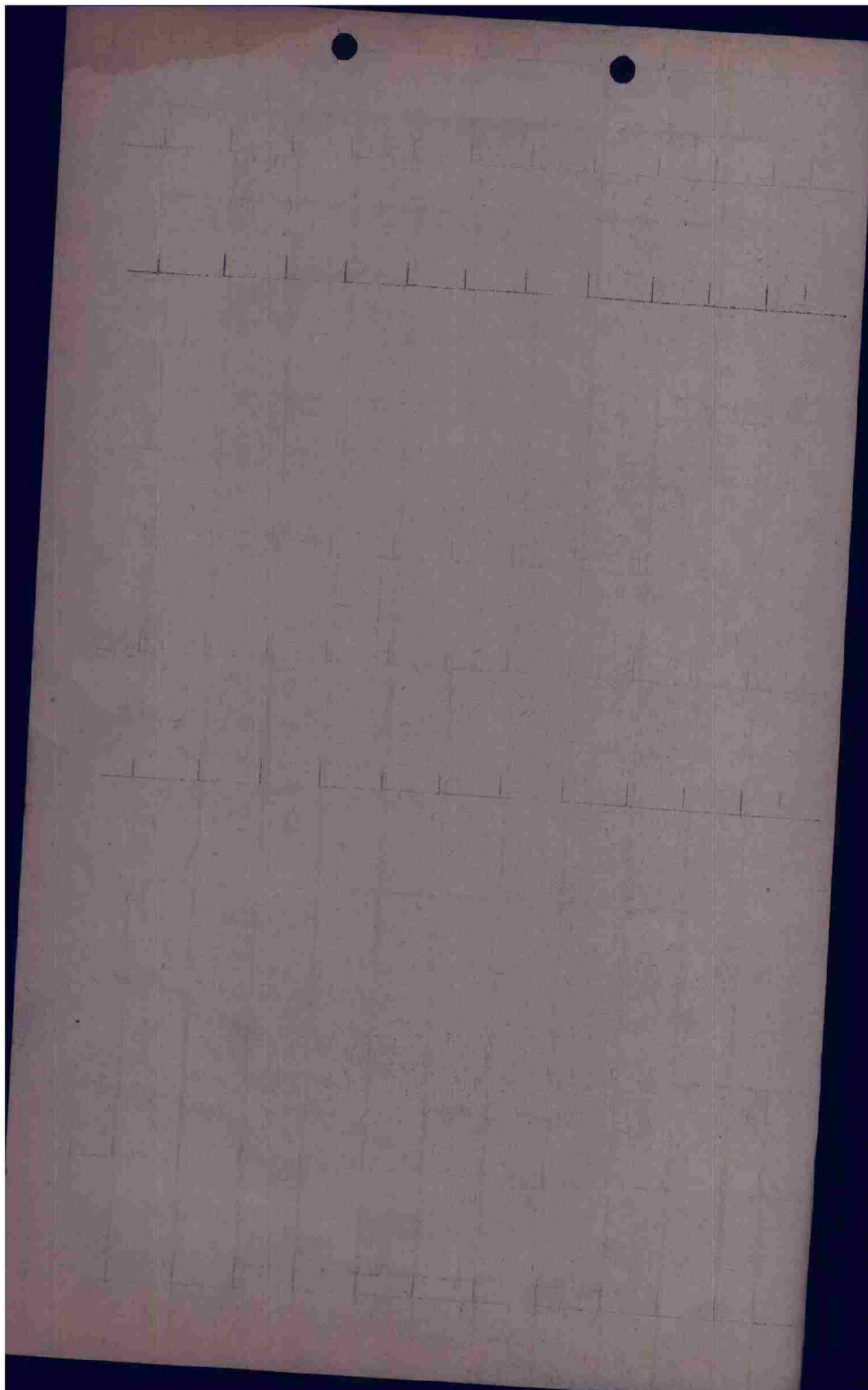
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|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|---------|-------|----------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|
| A       | M         | 125       | Pine        | 410             | MONCHY  | 1027  | 11000          | 12000          | 1150  | 10000           | 9000           | A           | 725             | 4500        | 4         | 1244            |               |
| A       | J         | 444       | Obanone     |                 | BRETTON | 1027  | NORTH FORELAND | FURNES         | 1150  | FURNES          | NORTH FORELAND | H.C.        | 725             |             |           | 1245            |               |
| A       | E         | 216       | Ritchie     |                 | H/F     | 1027  |                |                |       |                 |                |             |                 |             |           | 1245            |               |
| A       | D         | 195       | Meagher     |                 |         | 1027  |                |                |       |                 |                |             |                 |             |           | 1246            |               |
| A       | K         | 684       | Keogh       |                 |         | 1028  |                |                |       |                 |                |             |                 |             |           | 1246            |               |
| A       | G         | 379       | Puede       |                 |         | 1028  |                |                |       |                 |                |             |                 |             |           | 1249            |               |
| A       | T         | 455       | Jackman     |                 |         | 1028  |                |                |       |                 |                |             |                 |             |           | 1147            | Start early   |
| A       | A         | 200       | M. S. Bude  |                 |         | 1028  |                |                |       |                 |                |             |                 |             |           | 1249            |               |
| A       | G-1       | 696       | Shua        |                 |         | 1029  |                |                |       |                 |                |             |                 |             |           | 1250            |               |
| A       | K-1       | 209       | Ostrander   |                 |         | 1029  |                |                |       |                 |                |             |                 |             |           | 1251            |               |
| A       | H         | 387       | M. S. Blahn |                 |         | 1029  |                |                |       |                 |                |             |                 |             |           | 1254            |               |
| A       | D-1       | 217       | Frank       |                 |         | 1030  |                |                |       |                 |                |             |                 |             |           | 1256            |               |
| A       | J-1       | 439       | M. S. Gully |                 |         | 1030  |                |                |       |                 |                |             |                 |             |           | 1255            |               |
| A       | N         | 380       | Johnson     |                 |         | 1030  |                |                |       |                 |                |             |                 |             |           | 1258            |               |
| A       | S         | 360       | Wentworth   |                 |         | 1030  |                |                |       |                 |                |             |                 |             |           | 1259            |               |
| A       | W         | 386       | Harwood     |                 |         | 1031  |                |                |       |                 |                |             |                 |             |           | 1258            |               |
| A       | E         | 689       | Williamson  |                 |         | 1031  |                |                |       |                 |                |             |                 |             |           | 1251            |               |
| A       | N-1       | 963       | Manderson   |                 |         | 1031  |                |                |       |                 |                |             |                 |             |           |                 |               |
| A       | B         | 182       | Munich      |                 |         | 1036  |                |                |       |                 |                |             |                 |             |           |                 |               |



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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 12/0230B M-63-E  
 TO IX Bomber Command  
 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  
 12 MAY 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 38-311

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) THE 8TH AIR FORCE IS ATTACKING MILITARY TARGETS IN GERMANY. TH 98TH AND 99TH WINGS ARE ATTACKING MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN FRANCE. THE NINTH FIGHTER COMMAND WILL FURNISH P-47 ESCORT FOR ALL GROUPS OF THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK AIRDROMES IN FRANCE.

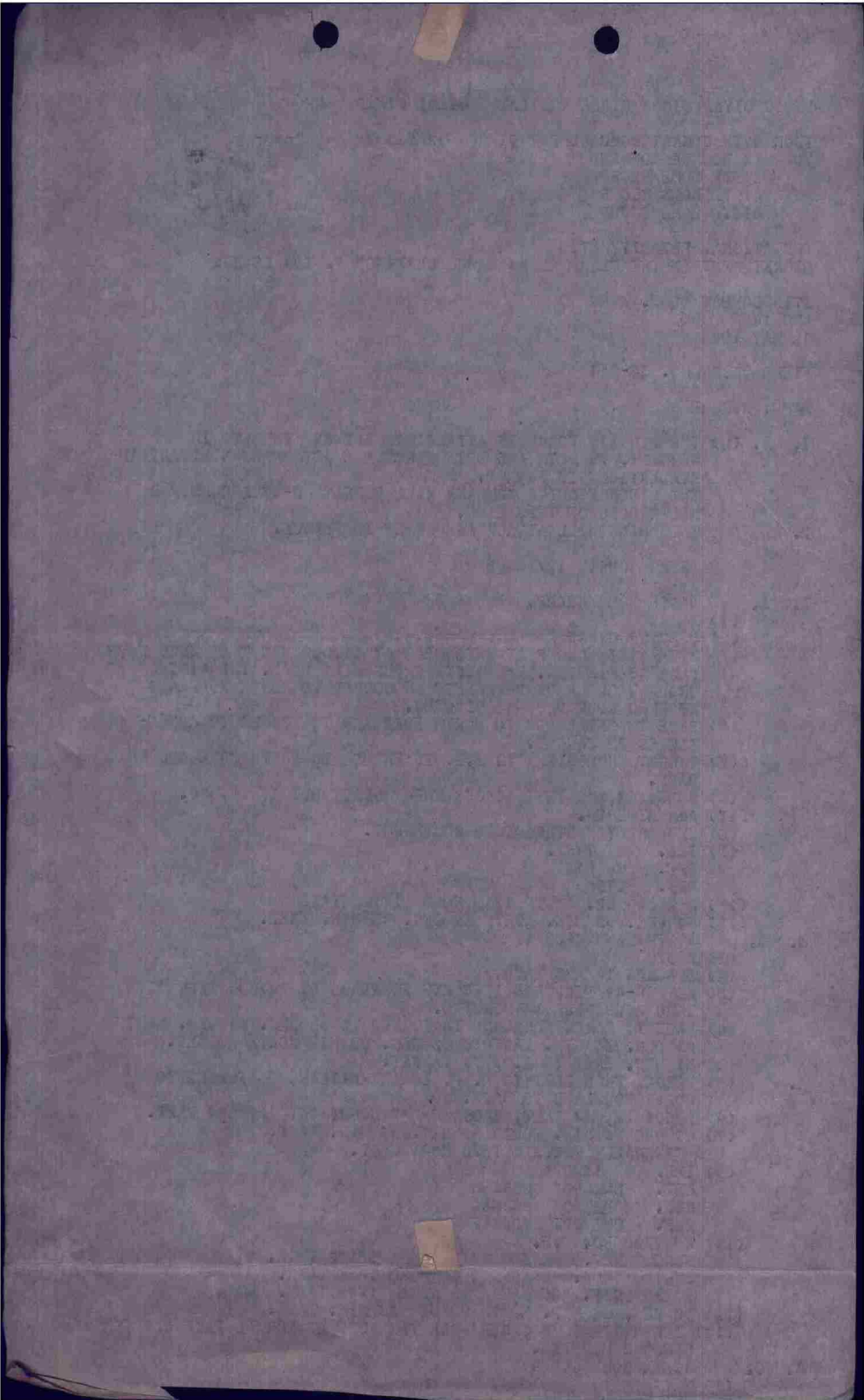
ZERO HOUR: 12/1030B

## 3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) Z 139
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C
- (3) WITH 416TH GROUP AT SHEERNESS AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 43 MINUTES. THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAD. THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAVE SHEERNESS ON COURSE TO NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 43 MINUTES.
- (4) BASE TO SHEERNESS TO NORTH FORELAND TO FURNES TO ARMENTIERES TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO FURNES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB: 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT AT 10,000.
- (7) ARMENTIERES.
- (8) GENERALLY NORTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST.
- (9) ILL. S 789/7  
 REF. 060013  
 REF. 075054
- (10) 4 X 500 LB. FUSED 1/10 NOSE 1/100 TAIL
- (11) 50 DEG. 52 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG. 43 MIN. EAST.

## 3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) Z 370
  - (2) 3 BOXES 14 A/C EACH.
  - (3) WITH P-47 FIGHTERS AT NORTH FORELAND AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 30 MINUTES.
  - (4) BASE TO NORTH FORELAND TO FURNES TO 50 DEG. 51 MIN. NORTH 03 DEG. 36 MIN. EAST TO 50 DEG. 22 MIN NORTH 03 DEG. 31 MIN. EAST TO I.P. TO TARGET.
  - (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R. P. TO ARMENTIERES TO FURNES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.
  - (6) BOMB: 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 10,000, FEET.
  - (7) 49 DEG 56 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG. 56 MIN. EAST.
  - (8) GENERALLY SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST.
  - (9) ILL. S 1620/4  
 REF. ONE BOX 088056  
 REF. ONE BOX 068069  
 REF. ONE BOX 056047
  - (10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P.  
 FUSE REF. 088056 1/10 NOSE 1/100 TAIL.  
 FUSE REF. 068069 1/10 NOSE 1/40 TAIL.  
 FUSE REF. 056047 1/10 NOSE 1/40 TAIL.
  - (11) 50 DEG. 18 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG 33 MIN. EAST.
  - (12) THE 410TH BOMB GROUP WILL TAKE OFF AT NORMAL TAKE OFF TIME MINUS 5 MINUTES.
3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:
- (1) Z 730



- (3) WITH 409TH GROUP AT SHEERNESS AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 43 MINUTES. THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAD. THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAVE SHEERNESS ON COURSE TO NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 43 MINUTES.
- (4) BASE TO SHEERNESS TO NORTH FORELAND TO FURNES TO ARMENTIERES TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO ARMENTIERES TO FURNES, TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB: 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 10,000 FEET.
- (7) 50 DEG. 32 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG. 52 MIN. EAST.
- (8) GENERALLY NORTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST.
- (9) ILL. S 5680/3 REF. 0330B9
- (10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 NOSE 1/100 TAIL.
- (11) 50 DEG. 24 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG. 52 MIN. EAST.
- X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE.  
PAR. 3A.
- (5) THE 409TH GROUP WILL LEAVE THE 416TH GROUP AT ARMENTIERES AND ATTACK THEIR ASSIGNED TARGET.  
PAR. 3A AND 3C
- (6) RENDEZVOUS: THE 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS WILL RENDEZVOUS WITH P-47 FIGHTERS AT NORTH FORELAND AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 50 MINUTES.
4. NO CHANGE.
5. E COMMUNICATIONS:  
A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:  
(2) FEET ACHE  
(3) UMBRIDGE  
X. (9) 2/2  
(10) 12/12  
B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.  
(2) RESPITE  
(3) TOWNER  
(9) 1/1  
XX (10) 11/11  
C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.  
(2) LADYMAN  
(3) UMBRIDGE  
(9) 2/2  
(10) 12/12  
X. GENERAL INFORMATION:  
(2) WEST MALLING D/D  
EARLES COLNE C/C  
(10) XXXXXX V T B A/V T B A  
(11) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL "C" WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA.

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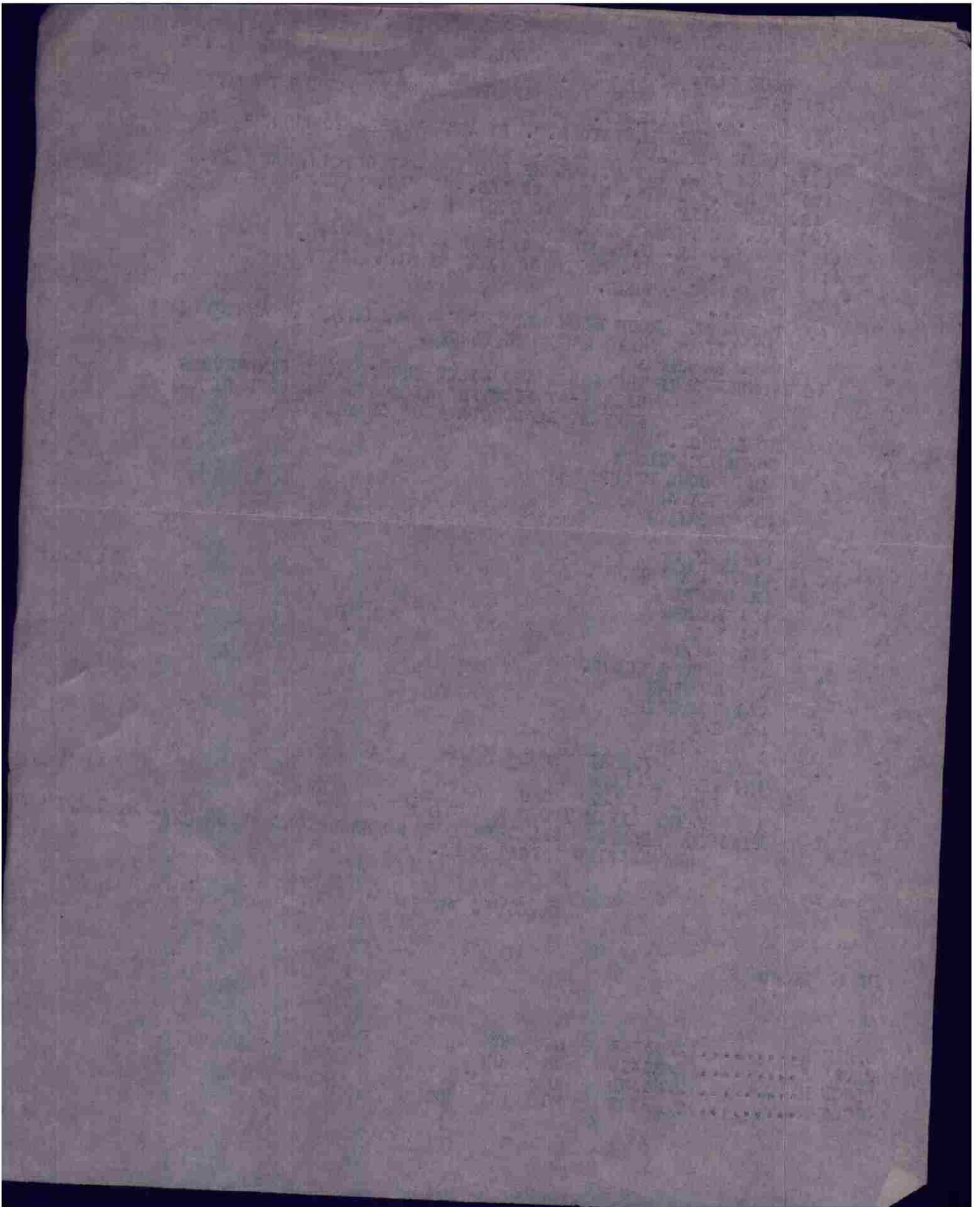
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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 12/1455B

TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND  
HQ 97TH COMBAT WING

ATT: A-2

CONFIDENTIAL BT  
M-398-D OPFLASH NO. 40 FOR 12 MAY 1944.

A. (I) S5680  
(II) S5680

B. (I) 416TH BG  
(II) 38 A-20'S  
(III) 12 A/C FAILED TO BOMB

REASONS:

2 A/C RETURNED EARLY DUE TO MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION  
1 A/C LEADER OF 1ST BOX, PERSONNEL FAILURE  
1 A/C BOMBS FELL OUT 8 MILES BEFORE REACHING TARGET  
MECH. MALFUNCTION  
8 A/C FAILED TO BOMB BECAUSE LEADER DID NOT DROP  
(IV) 26 A/C ON PRIMARY

C. (I) 1027  
(II) 1158  
(III) 1307

D. (I) NONE  
(II) NONE  
(III) NONE

E. 1ST BOX - FAIR, HIT OVER TARGET, FEW BURST IN AREA  
2 ND BOX - FAIR, PATTERN GENERALLY OVER

F. (I) (A) NIL

(II) (A) NIL

((B) WEAK AND INACCURATE HFF IN ST. POL AND LENS  
AREA

G. TWO DINGHY 12 MILES EAST OF NORTH ~~FOXXXX~~ FORELAND, AT  
1225 HRS. SEEN FROM 12,000 FT. (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS  
HOT NEWS)

ESTIMATE 400 CARS IN M/Y AT LENS.  
NO RAIL ACTIVITY NOTED

H. (I) NO CLOUDS - VIS DOWN SUN 4-5 MILES  
VIS UP SUN LESS THAN 1 MILE  
(II) NO CLOUDS - VIS 3-5 MILES THICK HAZE ~~INCY~~ INCREASING  
TO 6 MILES AT ENEMY/~~COXXKZ~~/COAST OUT.

I. BOMBS ON PRIMARY 97 X 500 GP  
BOMBS JETTISONED 4 X 500 GP  
BOMBS FELL OUT 4 X 500 GP  
BOMBS RETURNED 39 X 500 GP

J. BOX I: 12,000 FEET  
~~BOX/XX~~  
BOX II: 11,500 FEET

MACE COBOMGE 416

BT 12/1455B

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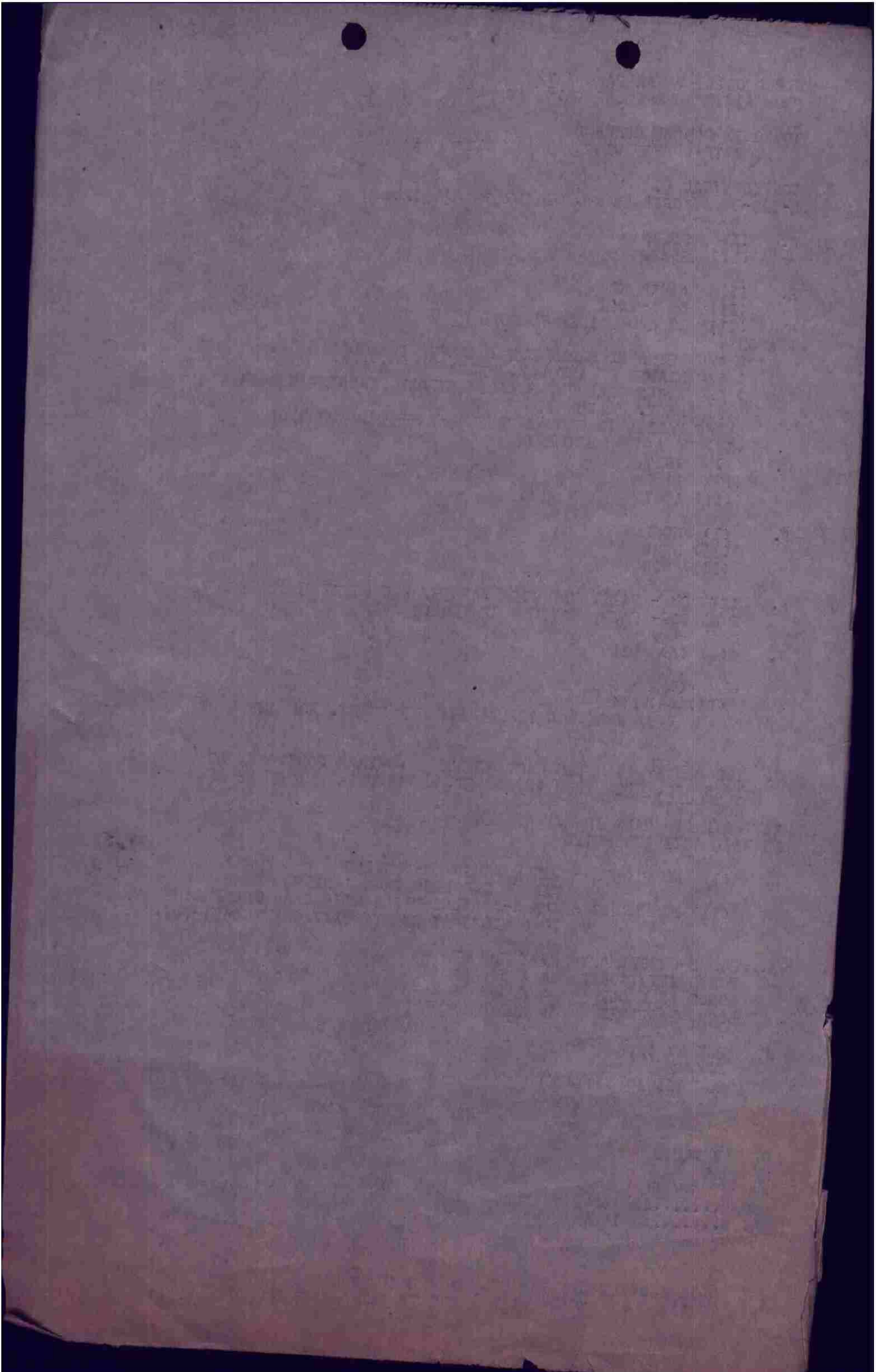
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LAI HAVE ANOTHER ONE FOR U CN U TAKE IT NOW ??? WH O IS THIS  
THIS IS YAA OK WILL R FOR TT TAT ONE FIRST KKK  
R B F R



OILAI V YAA YAA 6/12 P  
FROM COBOMGR 416 12/1443B

TO COBOMCOBATWG 97 ATT: SIG O  
CONFIDENTIAL BT  
M-397-J

A - YS - 43  
B - 12 MAY 9144 ( 1047-1229)  
C - 668 (9) B J M E D K G N-1 S  
669(8) S T N Q W J P-1 V-1  
670(10) A T G-1 K-1 H D-1 J-1 N W I  
671(11) I P C B H G D E K F V

TOTAL 38

D- 670 - G-1 - INTERPHONE TO TURRET OUT  
668 - N-1 - INTERPHONE FUSSY AT ALTITUDE

E - NONE

F - NOT APPLICABLE

G - NOT APPLICABLE

H - NOT APPLICABLE

I - NONE

J - 668 - M - FORMATION AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS  
671 - I - FORMATION AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS

K - NONE

L - 668 - M - REPORTED COMPLETION OF OPS TO PARADE

671 - I - REPORTED COMPLETION OF OPS TO PARADE

M - NONE

N - NOT APPLICABLE

O - GOOD RADIO PERFORMANCE. PRESENCE OF SWEEP ON CHANNEL A.

MACE COBOMGR 416

BT 12/1443B

JG AR

LAI R .....12/1525B RRR AR

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