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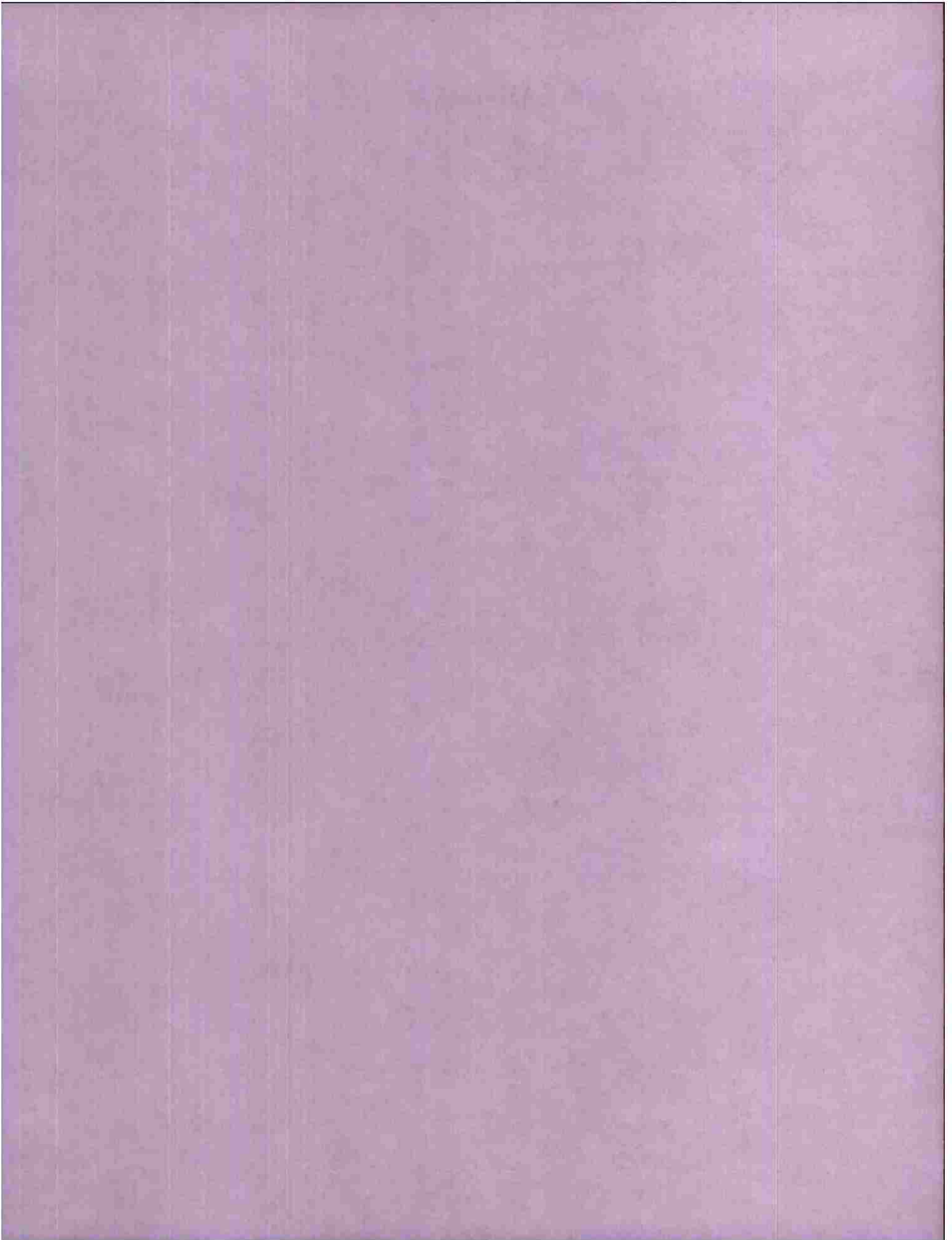
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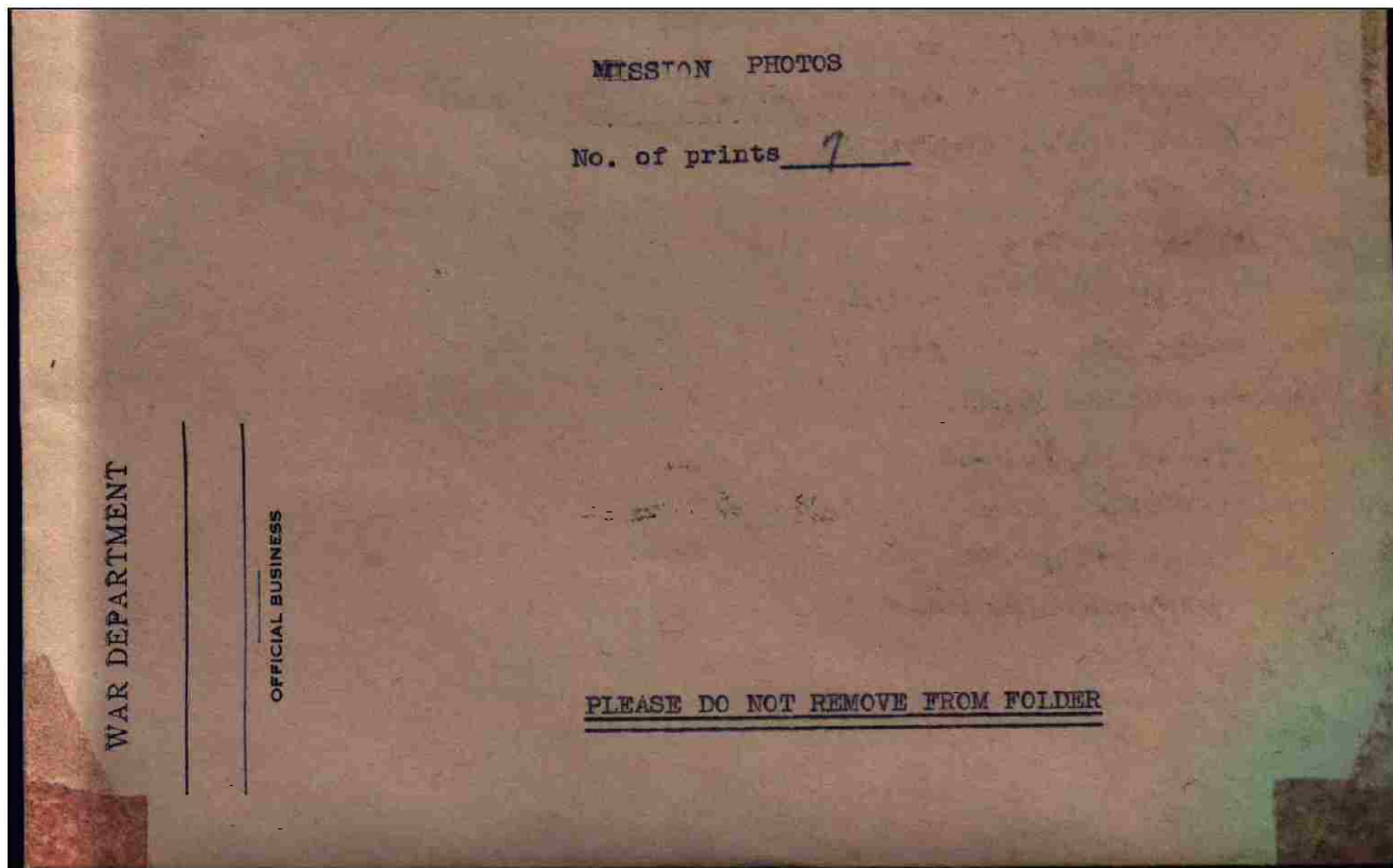
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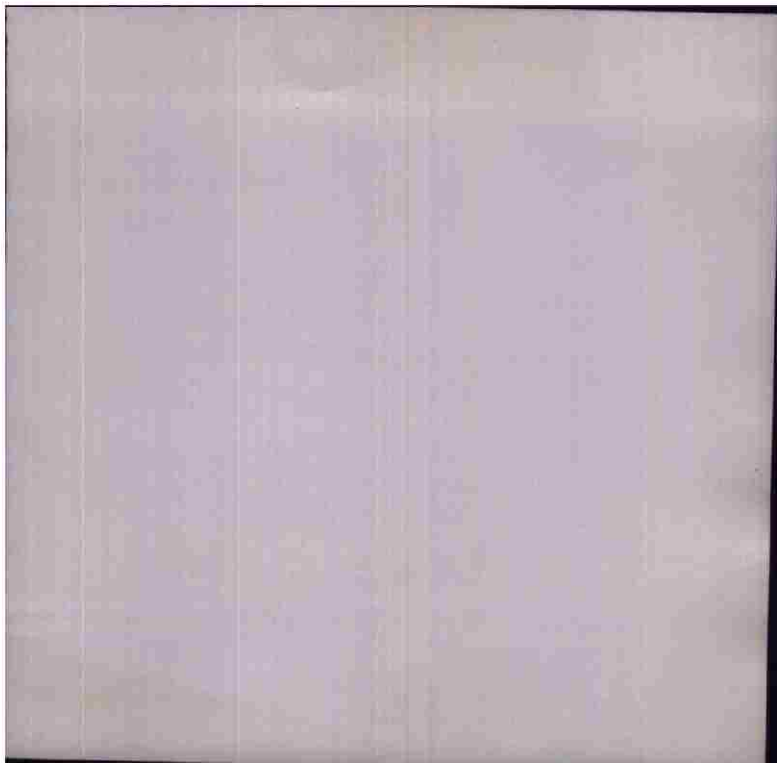
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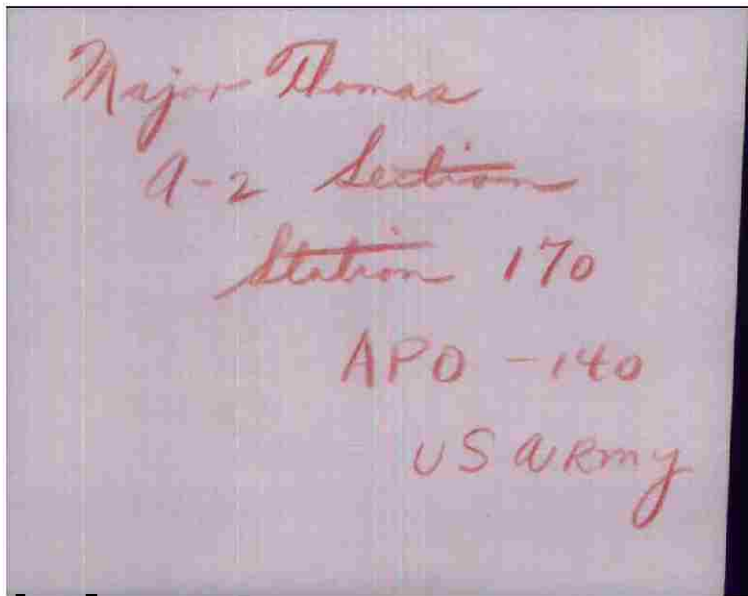
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A-2 Section
Station 170
APO - 140
US Army

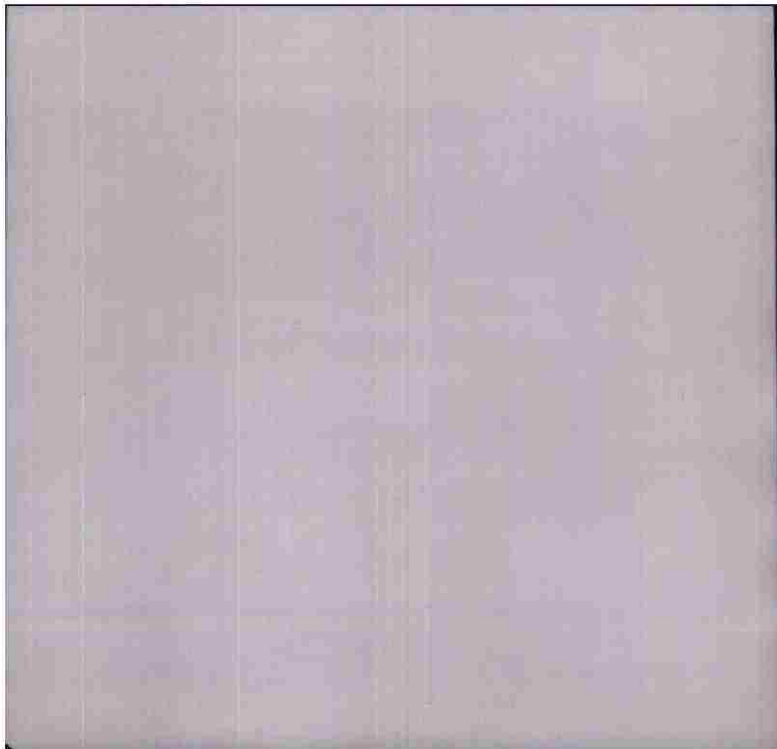
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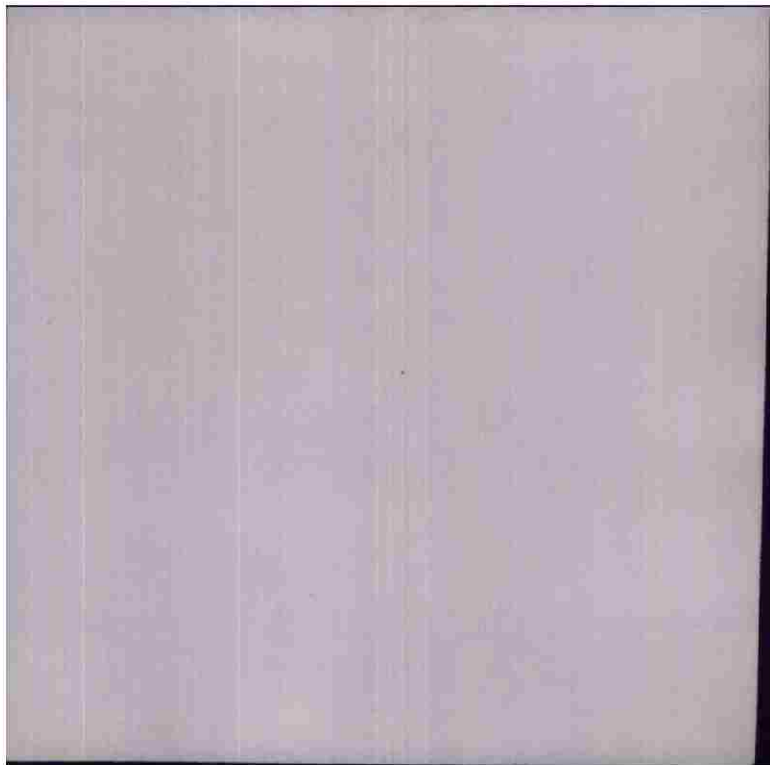
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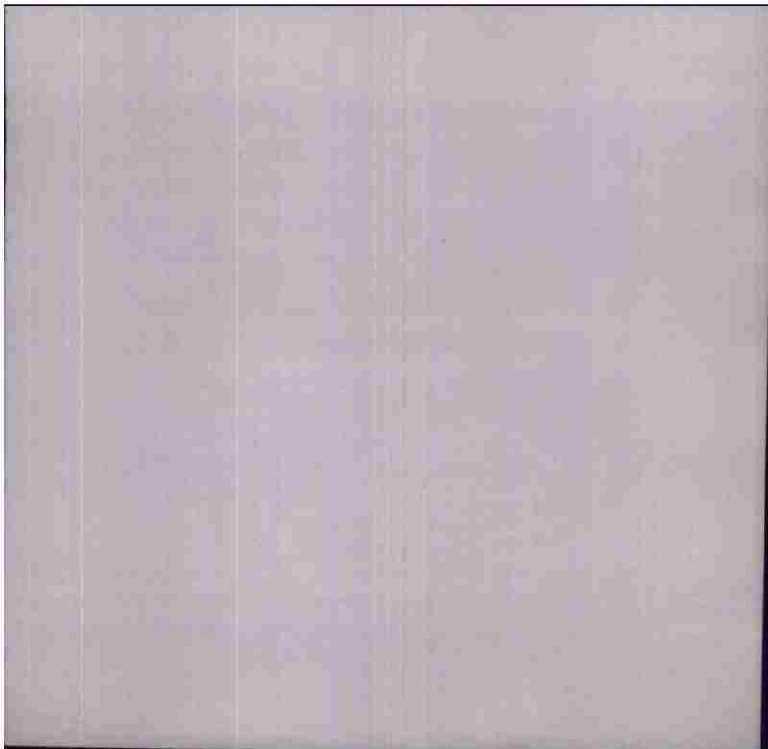
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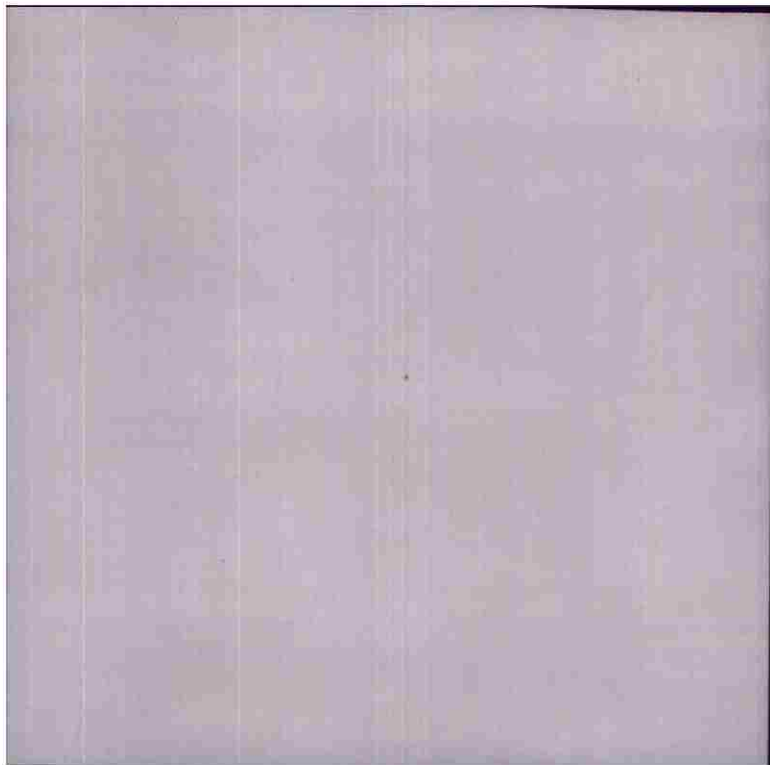
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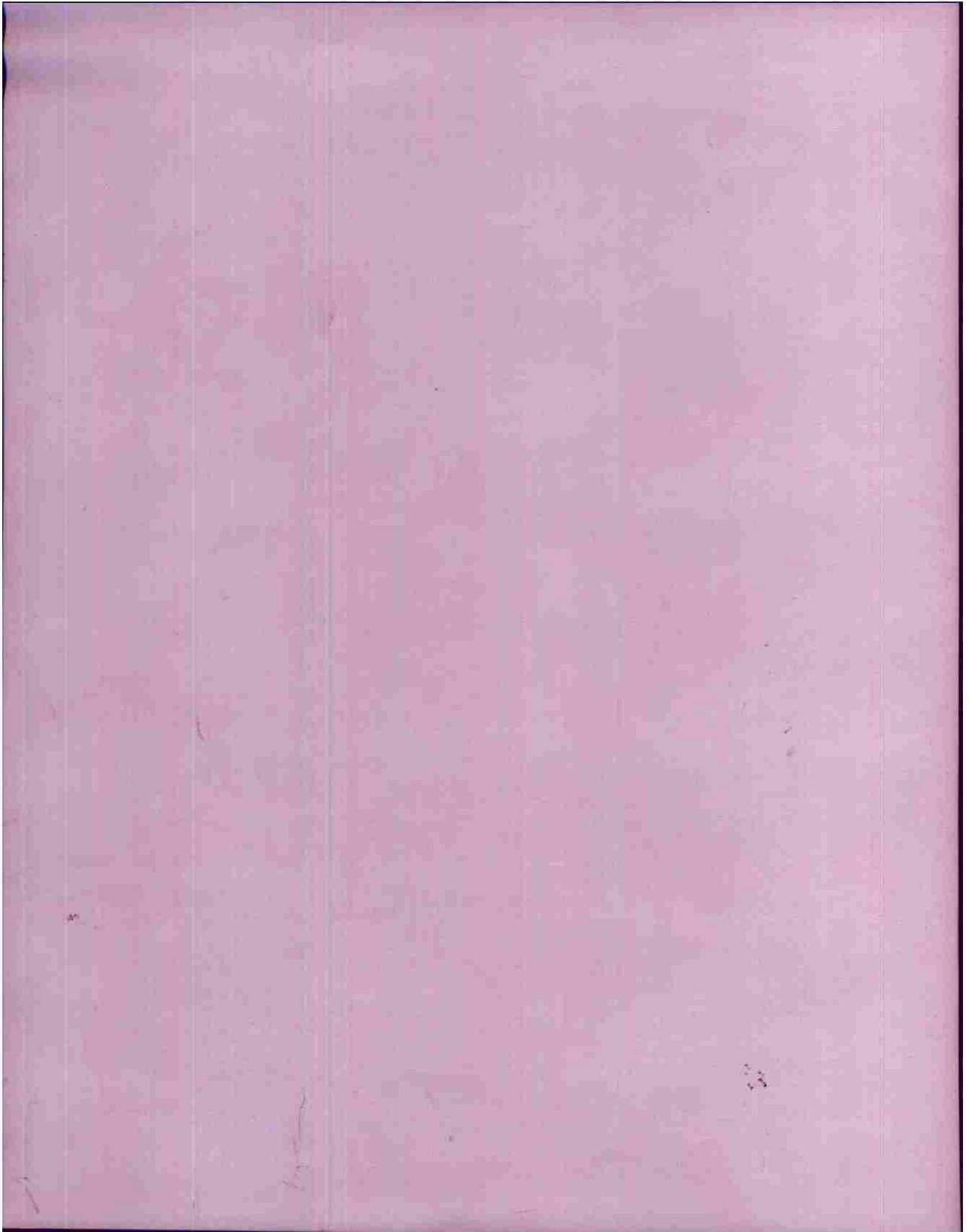
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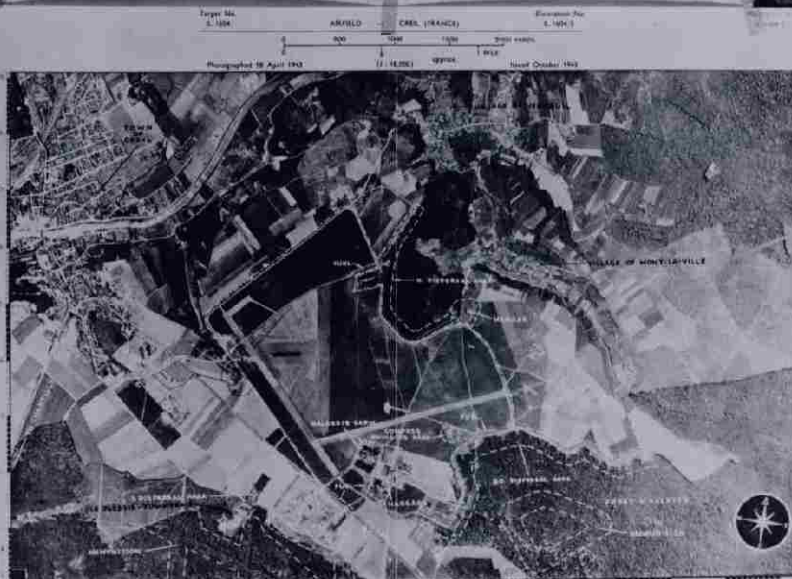


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2. RESULTS OF POLYMERIZATION

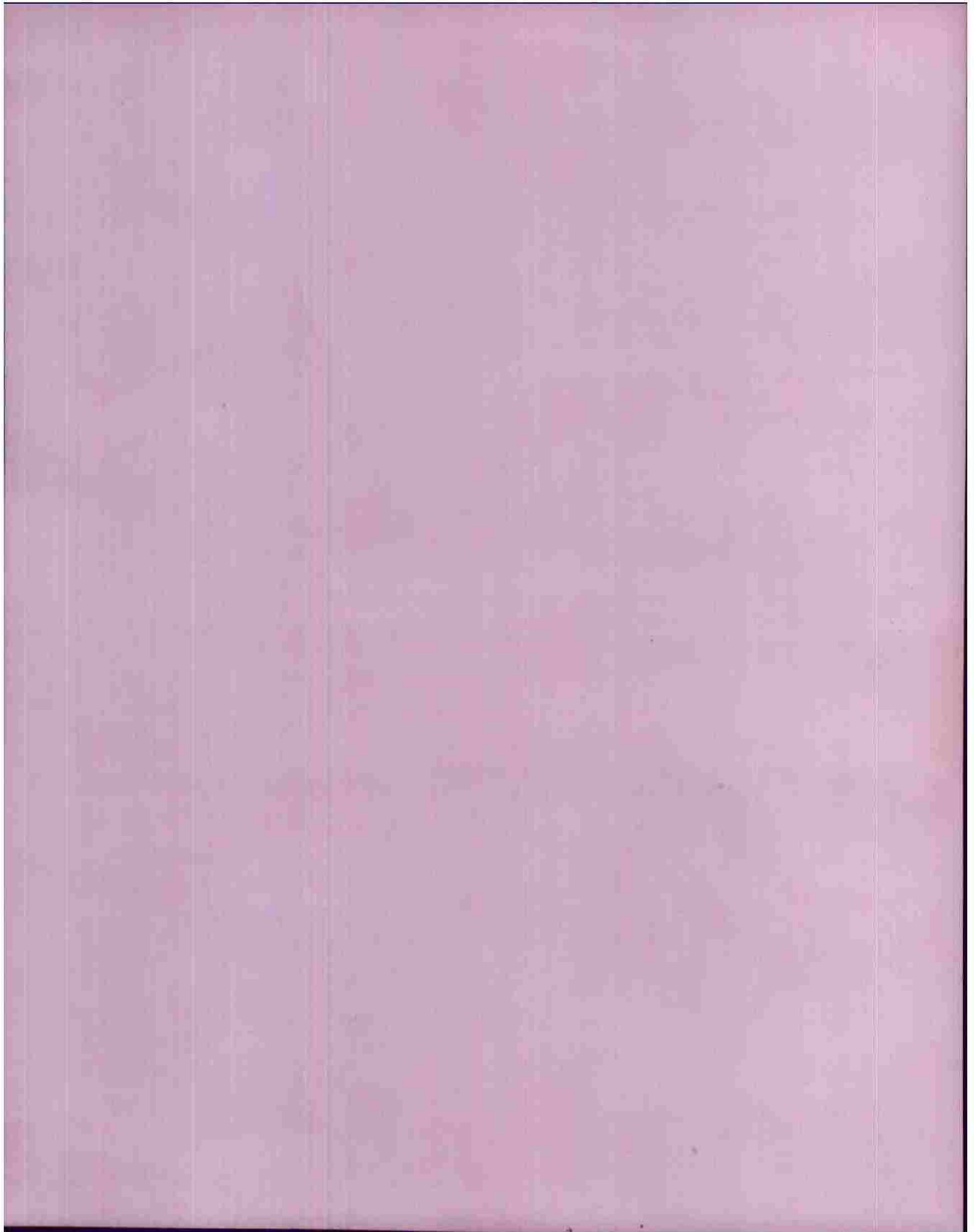
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BOX II - Did not bomb.



416th Bomb Group 'L'









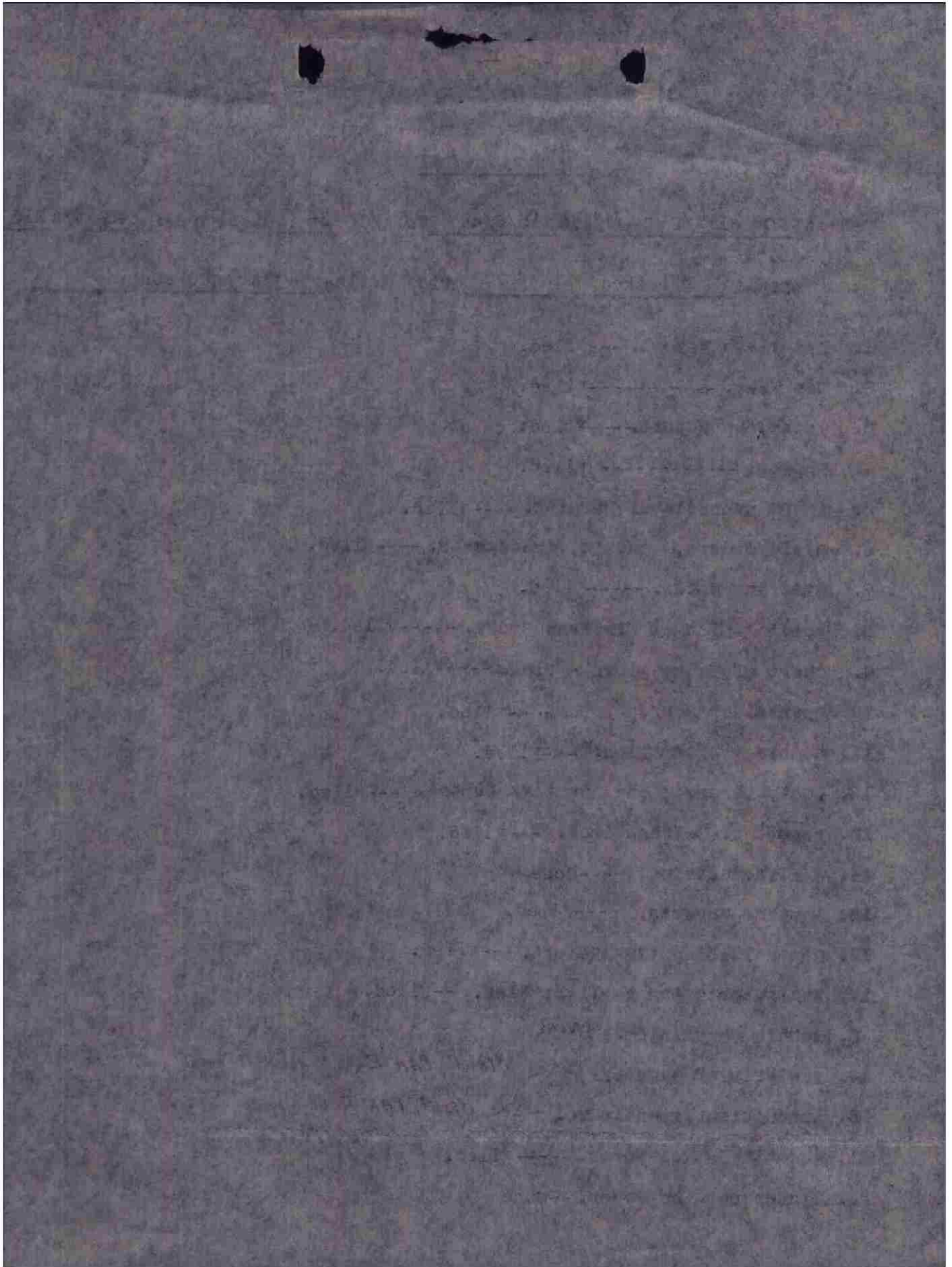
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GENERAL INDEX

Target Z 354
Grief A/D Date 15/5/44 No. A/C 36 Mission No 48 W/O 315

Status Attacked Brief officer Lt. Anderson

1. Ops Flash Report. ---Filed.
2. Hot News. -----Filed.
3. Telephone Report. ---Filed.
4. Photos. ----- Filed.
5. IX BC Synopsis of Mission. ----Filed.
6. Field Orders, Annex's, Amendments. ----Filed.
7. Briefing Notes. -----Filed.
8. Loading List of Airplane Crews. -----Filed.
9. Chart of Route Flown - Flak. ----Filed.
10. Operations' Oprep Report. --Filed.
11. Bombing Information; ---Filed.
12. Lost, Damaged, and Abortive Report. ---Filed.
13. Report of Malfunctions. ---Filed.
14. E/A Encountered. ----None
15. Weather Reports. ----Filed.
16. Communication "YS" Report. ---Filed.
17. Navigator's Log & Flight Plan. --Filed.
18. Battle Casualties. -None
19. Analysis of Gunnery. -See OPREP, PAR E
20. Ammunition Expenditure. -See OPFI, PAR I
21. Recapitulation Forms. -----Filed.
22. Interrogation Forms. --None



MISSION SUMMARIES

Target:	CRIEL A/D
F/O :	#315
Date :	15 May 44
Results	Box I - Excellent
	Box II- No Attack

416 BG: 37 a/c were dispatched, 19 dropping 74 x 500 GP on the primary target.

18 a/c failed to attack, one because of mechanical failure and 17 because of weather. No breaks in clouds could be found when this box went over target.

No losses, casualties or battle damage. Bombing was by eighteens.

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BOX II- NO ATTACK.

OICOG OILAI V OIYA A YAA 7/15 OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 15/1310B
 TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2
 HQ 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2
 CONFIDENTIAL BT

M-448-D

OPFLASH NO. 43 FOR 15 MAY 1944

- M 448 D
- A. (I) S 1604 CRIEL AIRFIELD
 (II) S 1604
- B. (I) 416TH BG
 (II) 37 A-20'S
 (III) 19 A/C ON PRIMARY
 (IV) 18 A/C FAILED TO BOMB: 1 A/C KKKKKX RETURNED EARLY. RADIO HATCH BLEW OFF ON T/O. 16 A/C SECOND BOX DID NOT BOMB BECAUSE LEADER DID NOT DROP FOR REASON STATED IN PARAGRAPH E.
- C. (I) 0727
 (II) 0918
 (III) 1121
- D. (I) NIL
 (II) 0-0-0
 (III) 0-0-0
- E. BOX I: EXCELLENT KKKKKKKKKKKKKX CONCENTRATION ON TARGET. PROBABLE HITS ON A.P. WITH GOOD PATTERN ON BRIEFED MPI.
 KKKKKX
 BOX II: NO ATTACK. CLOUDS OBSCURED VIEW OF TARGET ON BOMB RUN. FLEW OVER BREAK IN CLOUDS OVER TARGET TOO LATE TO MAKE CORRECTION FOR DROPPING ON TARGET.
 KKKKX POOR INTERPHONE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PILOT AND B/W PREVENTED PROPER PDI CORRECTION.
- F. (I) (A) NIL
 (B) NIL
 (II) (A) NIL
 (B) WEAK INACCURATE HFF BETWEEN LOUVRES AND DAMMARTIN.
- G. BALLOONS ATXXX ANTICIPATED AT LEMESNIL WERE NOT OBSERVED.
 1 A/C OF 410TH BG WITH ENGINE SMOKING ON BOMB RUN.
 DINGHY SURROUNDED BY DYEMARKER OBSERVED FROM 10,000 FEET AT 1001 HOURS AT APPROXIMATELY 50 DEGREES 15' N 00 KKKKKX DEGREES K 12' E. (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS HOT NEWS.)
 20 CAR TRAIN MOVING INTO PARIS ON RR FROM NANTEIL.
 NORTH HALF OF M/Y AT CRIEL HEAVILY DAMAGED. NO EVIDENCE OF REPAIR ACTIVITY.
- XX M/Y AT BEUAMONT-SUR-OISE 3/4 FILLED WITH KKKKKX GOODS WAGONS. NO ACTIVITY AT CRIEL A/D. 1 DUMMY A/C SEEN IN SW CORNER OF LANDING AREA.
- H. KKKK (I) VISIBILITY 10 MILES PLUS. .7 TO .8 LOW CLOUDS WITH TOPS TO 9,000 FEET. BREAK IN CLOUDS DIRECTLY OVER KKKK TARGET.
 (II) VISIBILITY 10 MILES PLUS. .8 TO .9 LOW CLOUDS WITH TOPS TO 9,000 FEET.
- I. ON PRIMARY 74 X 500 GP.
 JETTISONED 2 X 500 GP. IN CHANNEL.
 RETURNED 72 X 500 GP.
- J. 12,000 FEET

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KTA15/1310B

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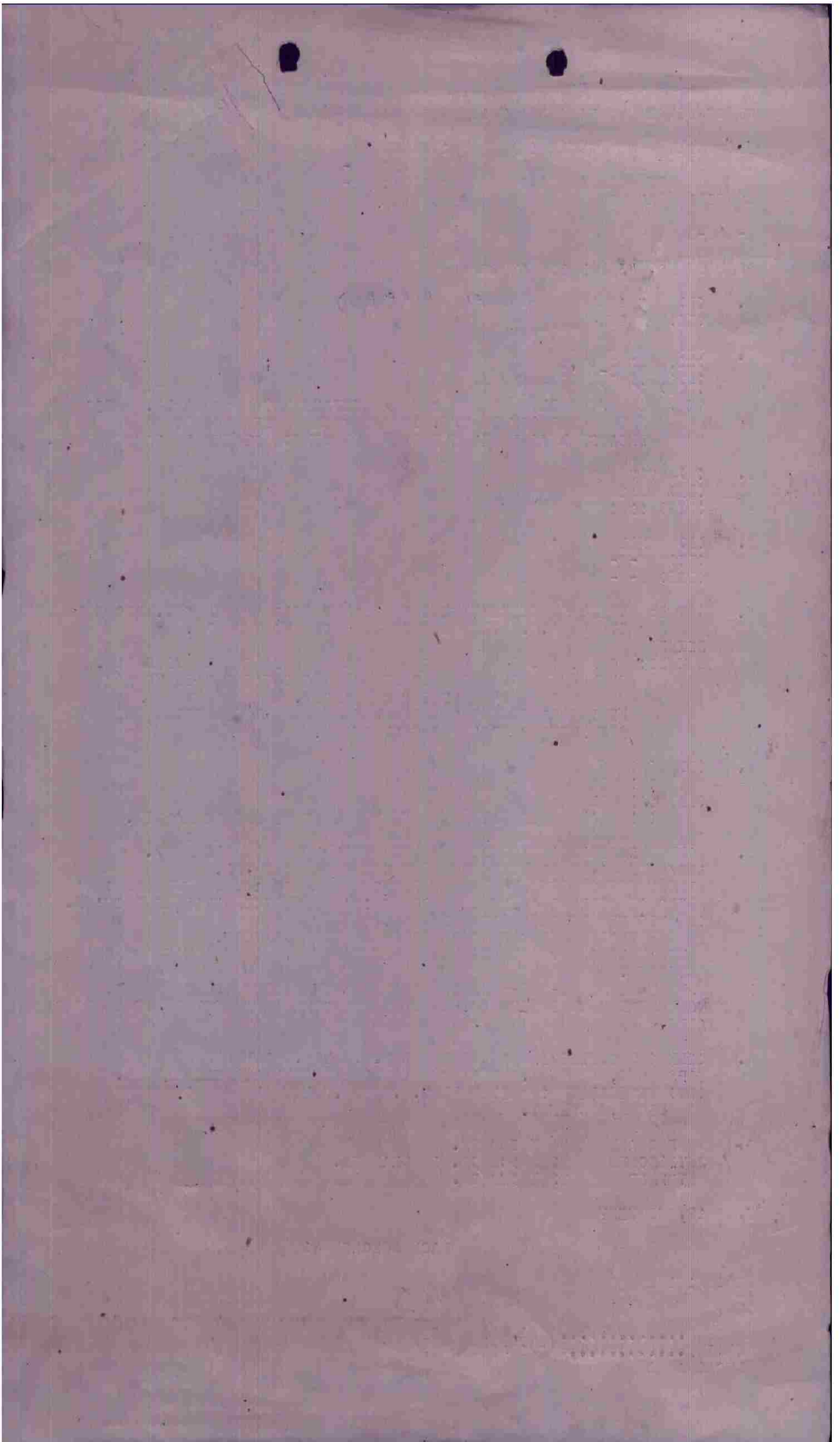
GP AR

OICOG R.....15/1345B

DEF AR

OILAI R.....15/1345B

LEG AR ARM



HOT NEWS REPORT

1. Friendly A/C Down or in Distress at Sea () Check
 Friendly A/C Down or in Distress over Enemy Territory () Which
 Dinghies, Life Rafts, Parachutes of Persons in Distress ()

Time Seen 1001 Place, Location or Coordinates _____

Altitude of Reporting A/C 10,000'

Type of Observed A/C _____ Any Identifying Data, e.g., Al-
 titude & Heading of A/C in Distress _____

Dinghy - & Pyre marker
 Other Information 13 minutes from Eng coast bet
Hit and Beachy (over)

2. ENEMY SHIPPING, NAVAL UNITS OR CONVOYS AT SEA:

Number and Type of Ships _____

Course of Ships _____ Time Seen _____

Place _____ Altitude of Reporting A/C _____

Other Information _____

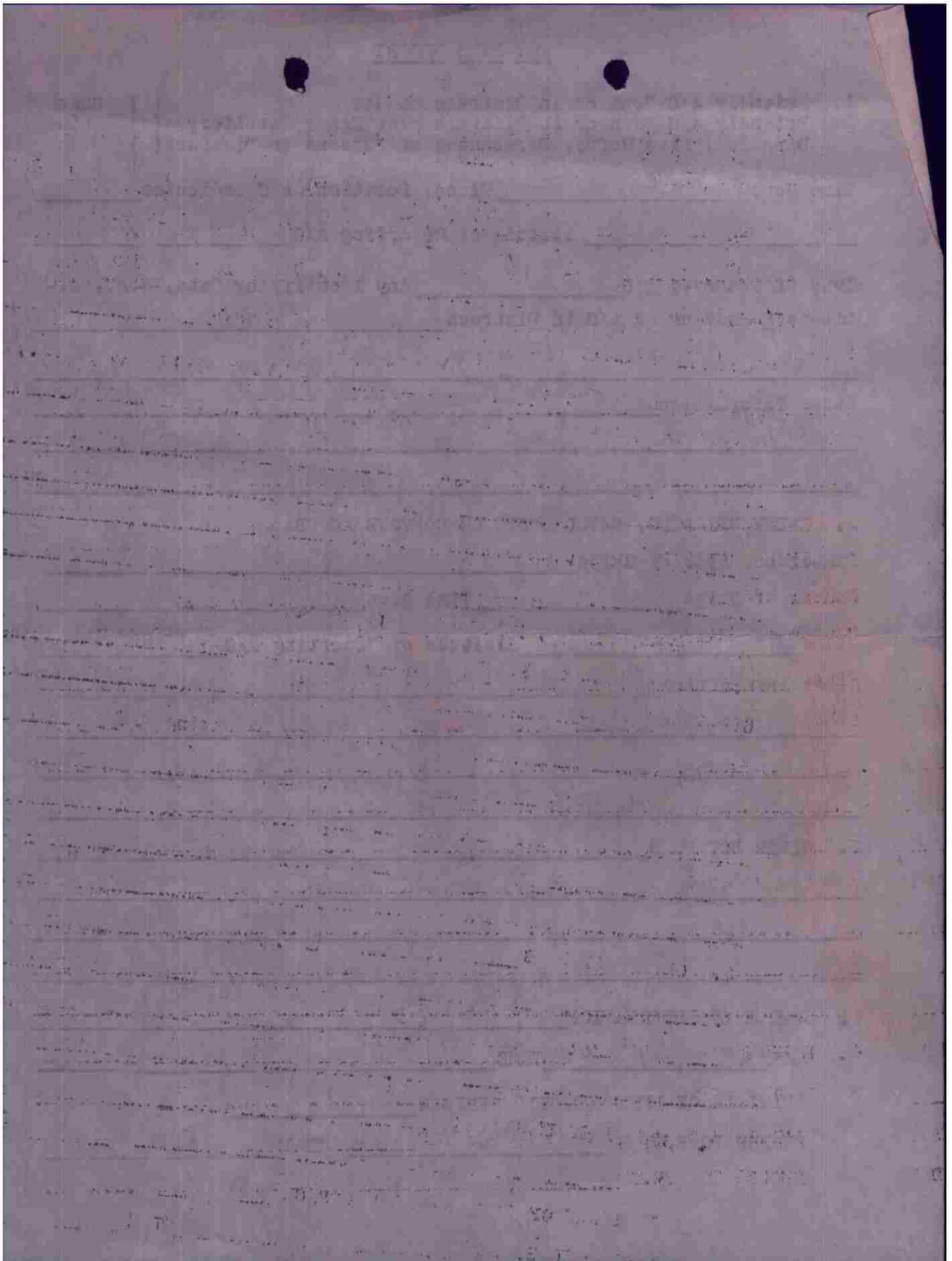
3. OTHER HOT NEWS _____

4. SOURCE OF INFORMATION Sgt Hill

DATE May 15 TIME 1130

INITIALS OF INTERROGATING OFFICER SAR

PHONED TO B.C. BY SAR TIME 1130



IC B.C. S-2 Form No. 106-B

Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed.

OTHER UNITS:	TARGET	LA BC	WING	97th
		DATE	15 May 1944	
		ATTACKING UNIT	Box I & II	416th GROUP
		FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION		CREIL A/D
				TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED CREIL A/D PRIMARY
BEAUVAIS-TILLE A/D SECONDARY
 CASUAL

M.P.I. Small hanger near southeast dispersal area.
 A.P. Same as M. P. I.

B. TARGET ATTACKED CREIL A/D MILES FROM THE PRIMARY
 DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY

C. COORDINATES (IF non-descript PINPOINT) ON 1:50,000 MAP NO.

D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 37 A-20 NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 19

E. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 18's IN FOLLOWING ORDER I-II

F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED 74 x 500 GP FUSING 1/10 nose 1/100 tail
 FUSING

G. HEADING OF A/C WHERE BOMBS DROPPED 340 degrees

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED 0921

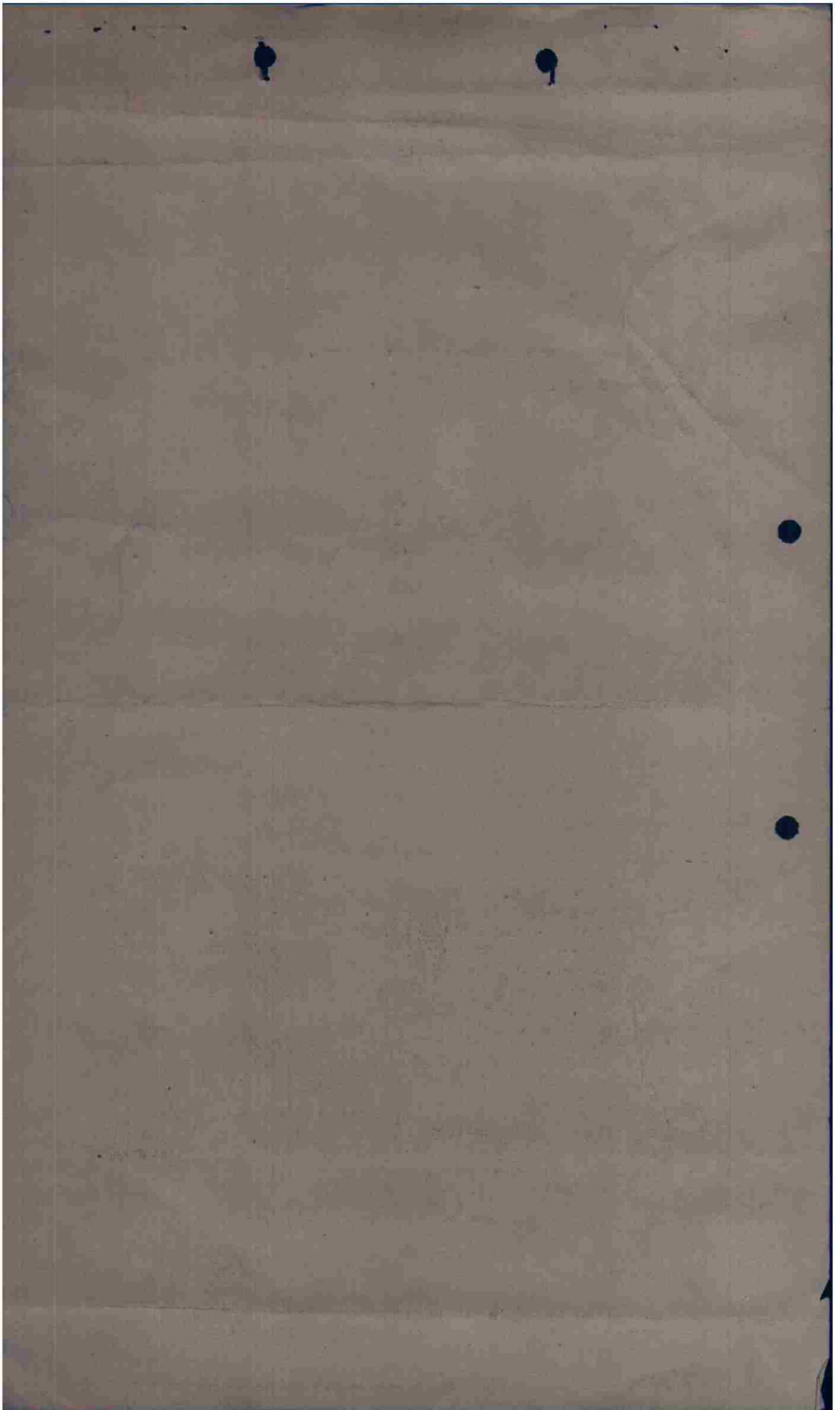
J. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING

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BOX II. Did not bomb.

Clayton W. Zesiger
 CLAYTON W. ZESIGER
 CAPTAIN AIR CORPS
 PHOTO INTELLIGENCE OFFICER



OICOG OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI 04/15 OP

FROM 97TH BOMB COMBAT WING 15/0120B M-81-E
TO COMBOMCOM IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416



OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
16 MAY 1944

ANNEX NR 1 TO F.O. 41-315

X. PAR 3B AND 3C

(12) ROUTE OUT: BASRXXXXXX BASE TO SHEERNESS, ETC.

(13) THE 416TH GP AND 410 TH GP WILL CORXXX COORDINATE TAKE OFF TIME SO THAT THE 416 GP TAKES OFF 10 MINUTES AHEAD OF THE 410TH GP.

COCBTWIG 97

BT 15/0120B

RL AR K
OICOG R.....
C 5TH LINE 15 MAY 1944

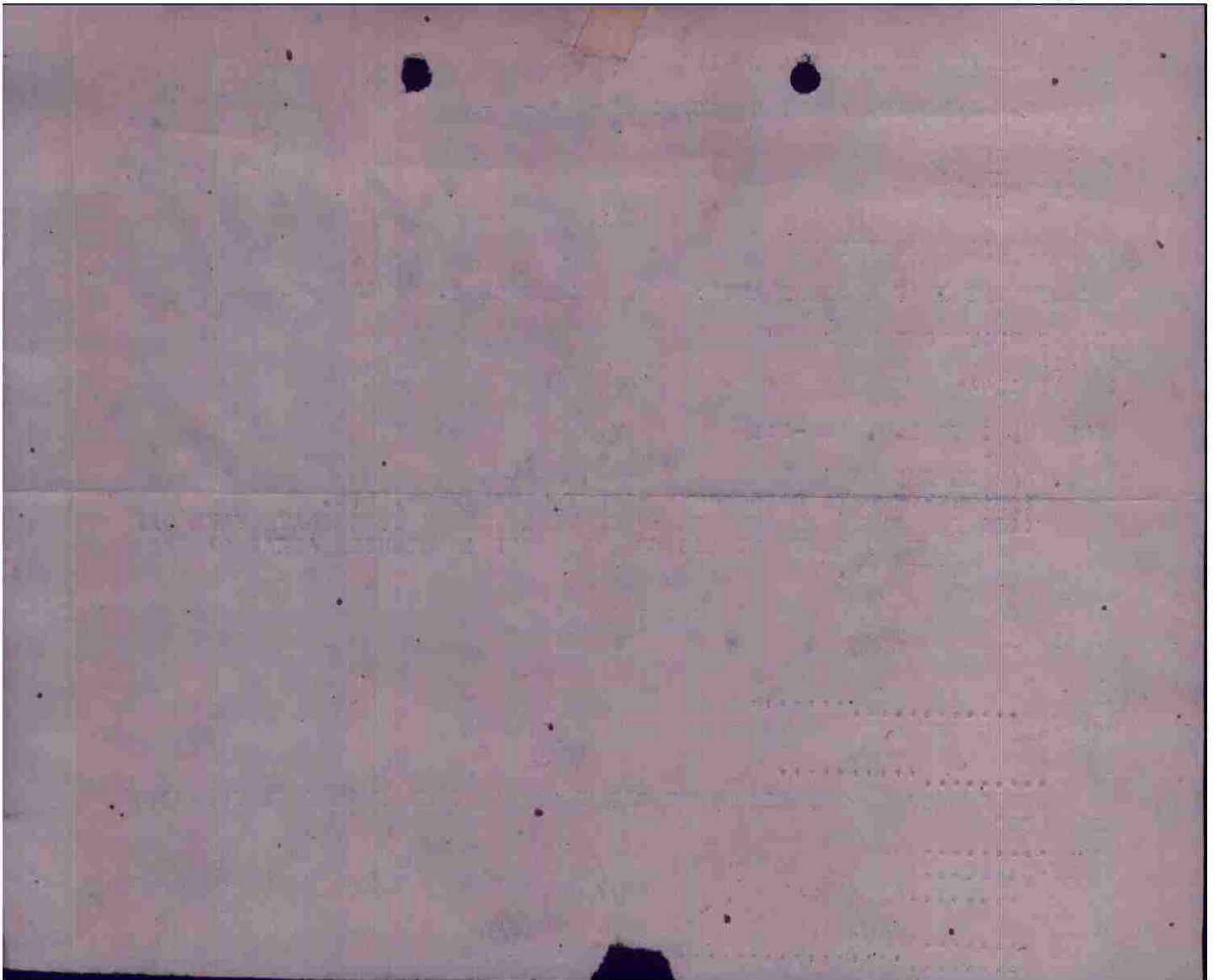
COG R.....

OICOG SWBD SAY DID U NOT GET THAT SIG I JUST SENT KK THIS IS LAI
6JS TIC

YAA R.....
OIGOF R.....15/0124B SK AR
OIYAA R.....15/0124B RSS AR AR

OIHAK R.....15/0125B MC KKK
OICOG R..... OICOG SWBD

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OICOG OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI 02/15 OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 15/0054B M-79-D
 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416



OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 15 MAY 1944

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO F.O. 41-315

ATTN. S-2

- A. TARGET
 AIRFIELD IS IN VERYGOOD CONDITION, AND HAS ASSUMED GREATER IMPORTANCE AS OTHER FIELDS HAVE BEEN KNOCKED OUT.
- B. THE SITUATION
 GROUPS HAVE LATEST INFORMATION ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT SHIPPING WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE GROUPS BY TELEPHONE.
- C. OBSERVATIONS REQUESTED
 RECENT REPORTS STATE THAT THERE ARE OBSERVATION BALLOONS AT LE MESNIL. REQUEST INFORMATION WHETHER OR NOT THERE ARE ANY BALLOONS IN THIS LOCALITY, IF SO - HOW MANY, AND AT WHAT HEIGHT. REQUEST CREWS OBSERVE TO WHAT EXTENT M/Y HAVE BEEN DAMAGED AT CRIEL.

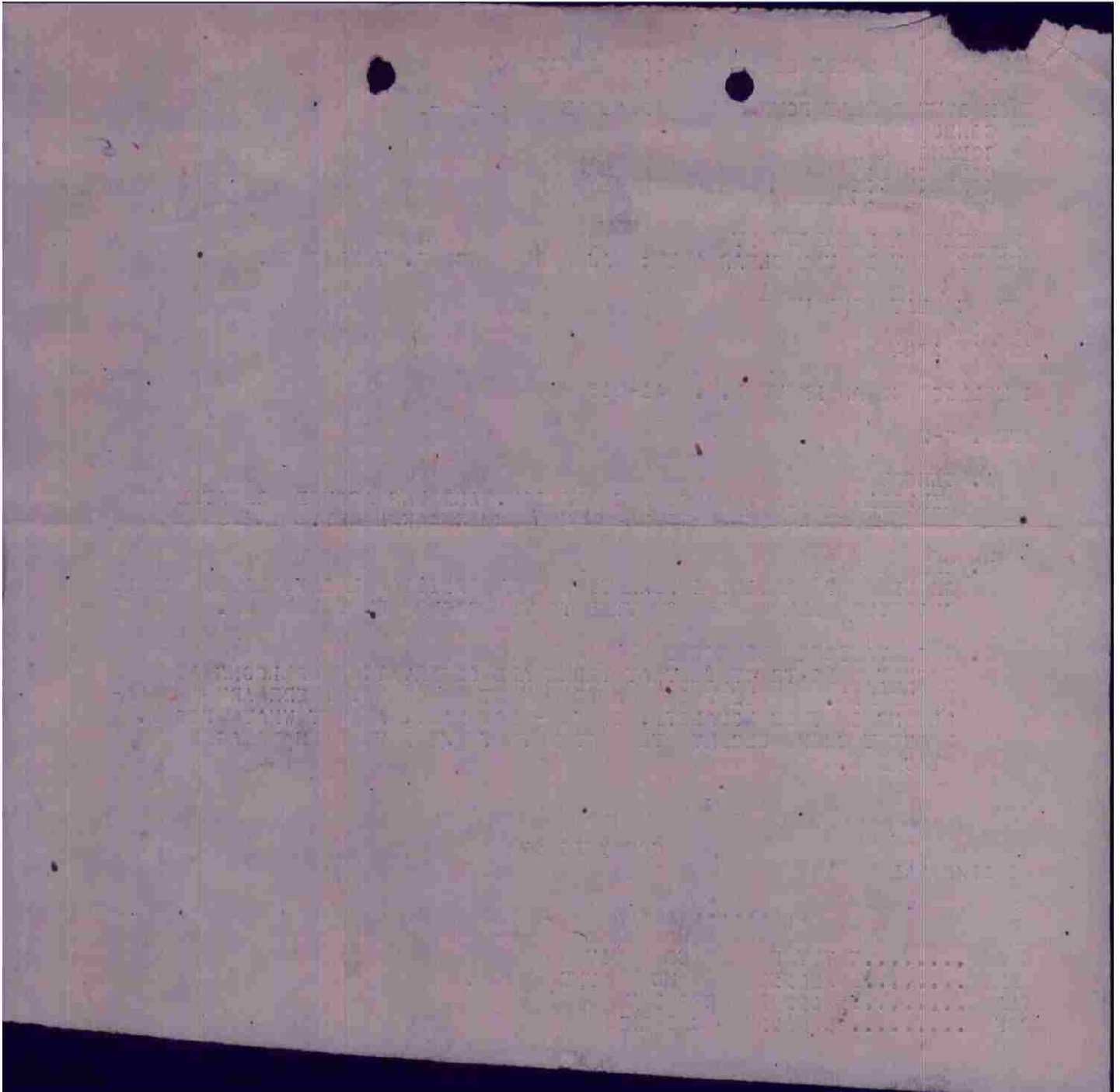
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BT 15/0054B

AS
 RL
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 HAK R.....15/0055B MC KKK
 YAA R.....15/0055B RSS KKK
 GOF R.....15/0055X CRB KKKK

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DICOG OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI 1/14 "OP"
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 14/2130B M-78-E
 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 P O 140
 14 MAY 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 41-315

APS NORMAL

- B. (2) THE VIII AAF IS ATTACKING MILITARY OBJECTIVES IN FRANCE.
 THE 98TH WING IS ATTACKING Z-830, Z-460
 THE 99TH WING IS ATTACKING Z-338 AND Z-460
 THE RAF II GROUP WILL FURNISH SPITFIRE ESCORT FOR ALL
 GROUPS OF THIS WING.
- THIS WING WILL ATTACK AN AIRDROME IN FRANCE.

ZERO HOUR 15/0830B

A. 409TH BOMB. GROUP

- (3) WITH SPITFIRES ESCORT AT BEACHYHEAD AT 12,000 FEET
 AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MINUTES.
- (4) BASE TO BEACHYHEAD TO ETRETAT TO 49 DEGREES 15 MINUTES
 NORTH 01 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (6) BOMB 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 10,000 FEET.
- (9) ILL. 1604/5 REF. 18 A/C 068020
 REF. 18 A/C 083048

B. 410TH BOMB. GROUP

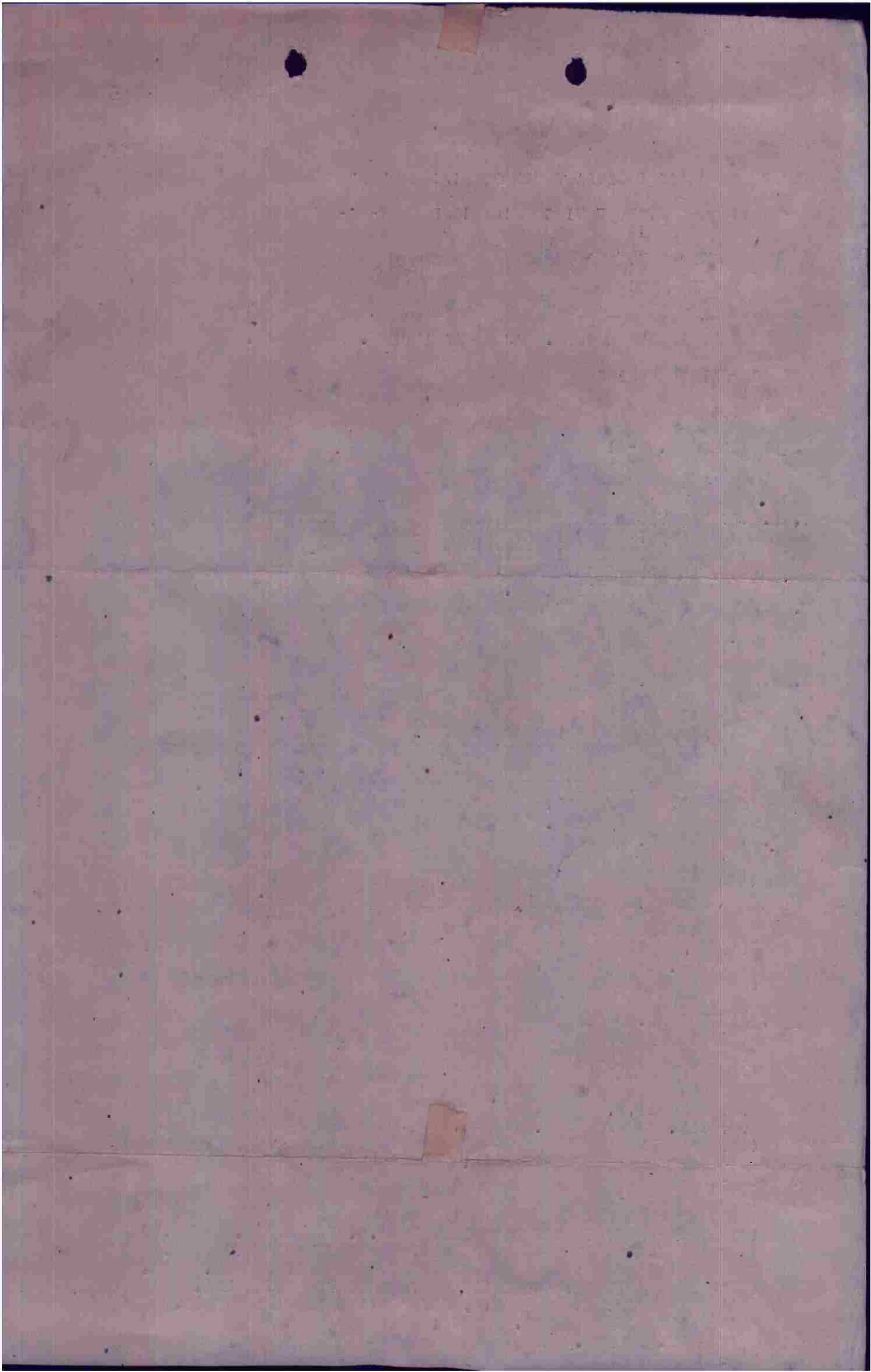
- (3) WITH 416TH GROUP AT SHEERNESS AT 10NPPP FEET AT ZERO
 HOUR MINUS 12 MINUTESM THE 416 TH GROUP WILL LEAD
 THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAVE SHEERNESS ON COURSE TO BEACHYHEAD
 AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 12 MINUTES.
- (6) BOMB 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT AT 10,000 FEET.
- (9) ILL. 1604/5 REF. 068020
- (12) RENDEZVOUS WITH SPITFIRES ESCORT AT 12,000 FEET AT
 BEACHYHEAD AT ZERO HOURS.

C. 416TH BOMB. GROUP

- (3) WITH 410TH GROUP AT SHEERNESS AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR
 MINUS 12 MINUTESM THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAD. THE 416TH
 GROUP WILL LEAVE SHEERNESS ON COURSE TO BEACHYHEAD AT ZERO
 HOUR MINUS 12 MINUTES.
- (6) BOMB 11,500 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT AT 10,000 FEET
- (9) ILL. 1604/5 REF. 066021
- (12) RENDEZVOUS WITH SPITFIRE ESCORT AT 11,500 FEET AT
 BEACHYHEAD AT ZERO HOUR.

- (1)-(4) NO CHANGES
- (5) TARGET: Z-354 SECONDARY Z-154
- (6) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES 18 A/C EACH GROUP
- (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO 49 DEG. 15 MIN. NORTH
 01 DEG. 00 MIN EAST TO ETRETAT TO BEACHY HEAD TO BASE.
- (8) INITIAL POINT: 49DEG 06 MIN NORTH 02 DEG. 03 MIN. EAST.
- (9) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTH EAST TO NORTHWEST.
- (10) BOMB LOAD: 4X500 LB G.P. FUSED 1/10 NOSE 1/100 TAIL.
- (11) RALLY POINT 49DEG. 20 MIN. NORTH
 02 DEG. 19 MIN. EAST

PAR. 3B AND 3C



49DEG. 15 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 00 MIN. EAST TO I.P. TO
TARGET

XX13XXX X5XXM13

(13) THE 416TH AND 410TH WILL COORDINATE TAKE OFF TIMES SO THAT
THE 416TH BOMB GROUP TAKES OFF TWENTY MINUTES AHEAD OF THE
410TH BOMB GROUP.

~~222~~ NO CHANGE

I. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH BOMB. GROUP

(2) LADYMAN

(9) 2/2

(10) 102/102

B. 410TH BOMB. GROUP

(2) FEETACHE

(9) 1/1

(10) 101/101

C. 416TH BOMB. GROUP

(2) KEEPSTONE

(9) 1/1

(10) 101/101

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(2) WEST MALLING D/D.

(10) VTBA/VTBA

(11) HOMING FACILITIES TO BRIGHTON AREA AVAILABLE ON COMMAND
CONTROL CHANNEL C/C, C/S PARADE

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

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T 14/2330B

S FK

C. 1.B. (2) LINE 2 THE 98TH WING IS ATTACKING Z-830 Z-140
AND Z-460

3. B. (3) WITH 416TH GROUP AT SHEERNESS AT 10,000 FEET

3. X. (8) INITIAL POINT 49DEGREES 06 MINUTES NORTH 02 DEGREES
43 MINUTES EAST

3. X. (13) THE 416TH AND 410TH

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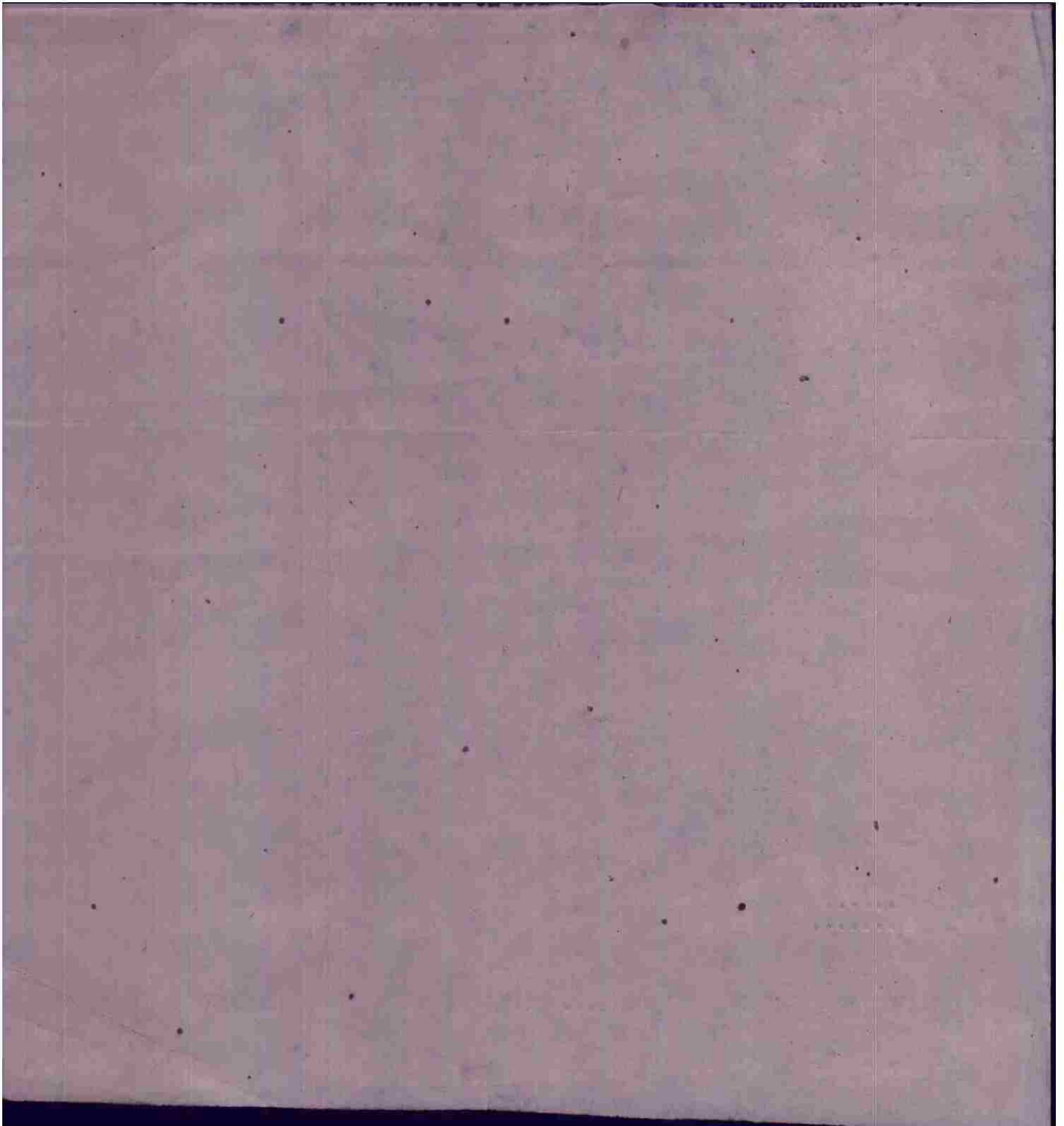
IGOF R.....14/2354B SK AR

IYAA R.....14/2355B WJF AR

1534 AFTER FIG KKK AFTER 3.X. (13) WHAT IS THAT NO CHANGE
KKK

DO YOU MEAN THAT THAT IS A NO CHANGE YES PS PLS
OROOO AND R FOR IT T B FOR R

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BRIEFING NOTES416TH BOMB GP (L)F.O. 315TARGET: Criel A/D BRIEFING: 0600 HRS DATE: 15/5/44 OFFICER: H.W.A.

1. TARGET INFO: Target 30 mi. NE of Paris & 2 mi ESE of Criel. Bounded by Halette Forest on S & E, Criel through which the river Oise runs on W and small village on NE. Runways are concrete, 1800 to 1900 yds long and form wide V. AP is in hangar at S edge of runway. Ammunition dump in forest SE of A/F, dispersal area, hangar and workshops on N edge of A/F. Has been occupied by LRB. Possibly 15 A/C on field at present.

2. FLAK: AT LANDFALL: Nil.

ROUTE IN: XHI at Albean, and Andelys

TARGET: XHI

ROUTE OUT: XHI at Albean.

MOBILE UNITS:

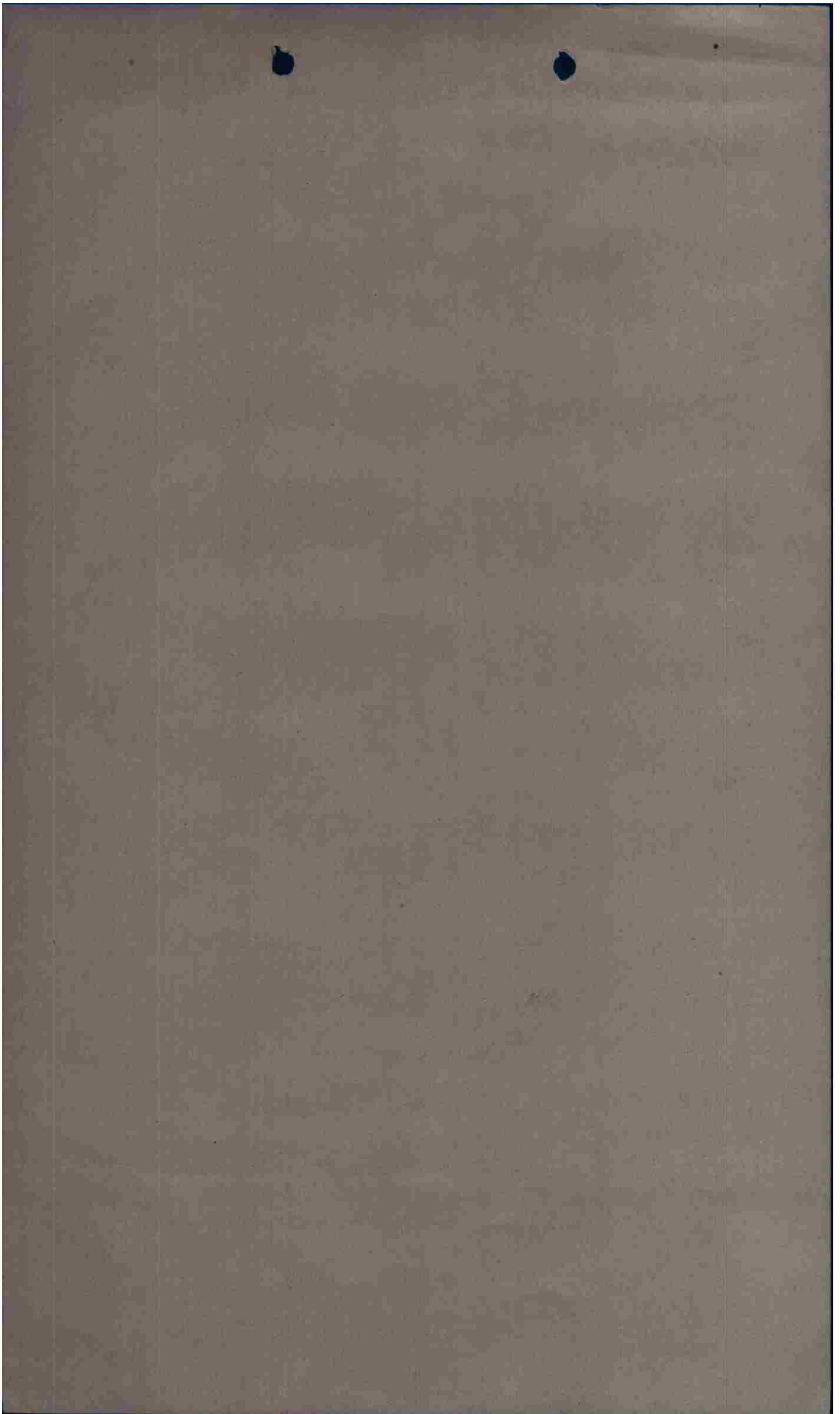
3. FIGHTERS: 55 SE fighters from area W of Paris.
55 TE fighters from Paris area.
30 FB in Roye area.

4. LANDFALL TIDES:

5. DUM IES, DECOYS, CAMOUFLAGE, ETC: Dummy airfield 7½ miles SW of Criel A/F.

6. GROUND SITUATION & BOMB LINE: Nil.

7. MISC: Calls from wing.
Negative report on shipping.
Intelligence Annex - wing.
Observe height & number of balloons at Les Mesnil.
observe extent of damage to Criel M/Y by previous bombing.



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BOMBING INFORMATION

IN FIELD ORDER NO. 315DATE: 15 May 44

X

GR. 415DATE: 15 May 44

TARGET (ATTACHED)

Grill 415-101. Method of Sighting: pre-set synchronous.2. Bombing sequence: 3000' lag.3. Was mercury reaction system used? YES X4. Did entire crew drop on lead bombardier? YES X

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs; and specify exact aiming point actually used: Pre-set with corrections for synchronized bombing. RFI used as AP. No trail subtracted. Run made through intervening clouds.

5. Name of lead crew member: Lt. Powell6. Name of lead pilot: Major Heng7. Intercometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 215 Ground Speed: 215 Altitude: 11,0009. Length of bomb run: 45 Sec: 50010. Bomb Load and Position per A/C: 4 X 500 IN FUSEL N 1/2 W 1/211. Total Bombs Dropped: 24

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing? YES NO If "YES" state conditions and effect.

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

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES NO 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) Weather, i.e. personal errors or other factors affecting bombing: None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at: Grill Target; YES X NO NO

Results of Aimed: GOOD FAIR POOR BAD MISS

NOTE: No attack by second box.

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1. Activities in other areas.
 2. To be able to see.
 3. Two copies, to be 1, to be 2.
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MISSION NO. 48

LOADING LIST
BOX 1
FLIGHT 1

15 MAY 1964

1. 455 "T"
MAJ W J MORG
LT V H POWELL
S/S R F STONEPT
S/S F P OLYNN

2. 914 "X"
CAPT C R JACKSON
LT A H MALTEY
S/S R R RILEY
S/S A J BONAMO

3. 892 "I"
LT R C GRUETZMACHER
S/S T I WALSH
SGT W J DANIELS

1. 200 "A"
LT L J STRACUSA
S/S J N HUME
S/S F L BROWN

2. 227 "F-1"
LT L E HILL
S/S C H YOST
S/S R W BURCH

3. 380 "N"
LT R D LESTER
S/S A J ANTANAITIS
S/S H R HEDRICK

1. 696 "G"
CAPT H F CONANT
S/S J E McPHERY
S/S H J SYLVA

2. 978 "S"
LT R C MEREDITH
S/S V E MOLVER
S/S C H GRAY

3. 209 "K-1"
LT R D FOINDEXTER
S/S D H SIMPSON
T/S L C ROBBINS

4. 221 "Y"
LT R V WHEELER
S/S J S BROWER
S/S E CORBIN

5. 309 "K"
LT R E GREENLEY
S/S H C WOODEN
S/S J J KEMPTA

6. 165 "H"
LT J D ADAMS
S/S P L CLEAVELAND
SGT A J ZEPHUS

4. 182 "B"
LT R V MIRACLE
S/S B C SILE
S/S J C BURNHALTER

5. 195 "D"
LT B H BRADFORD
S/S R W MAC DONALD
S/S A A HILL

6. 176 "X-1"
LT E B KREH
S/S D R SCHENCK
SGT E SHELTON

FLIGHT 111

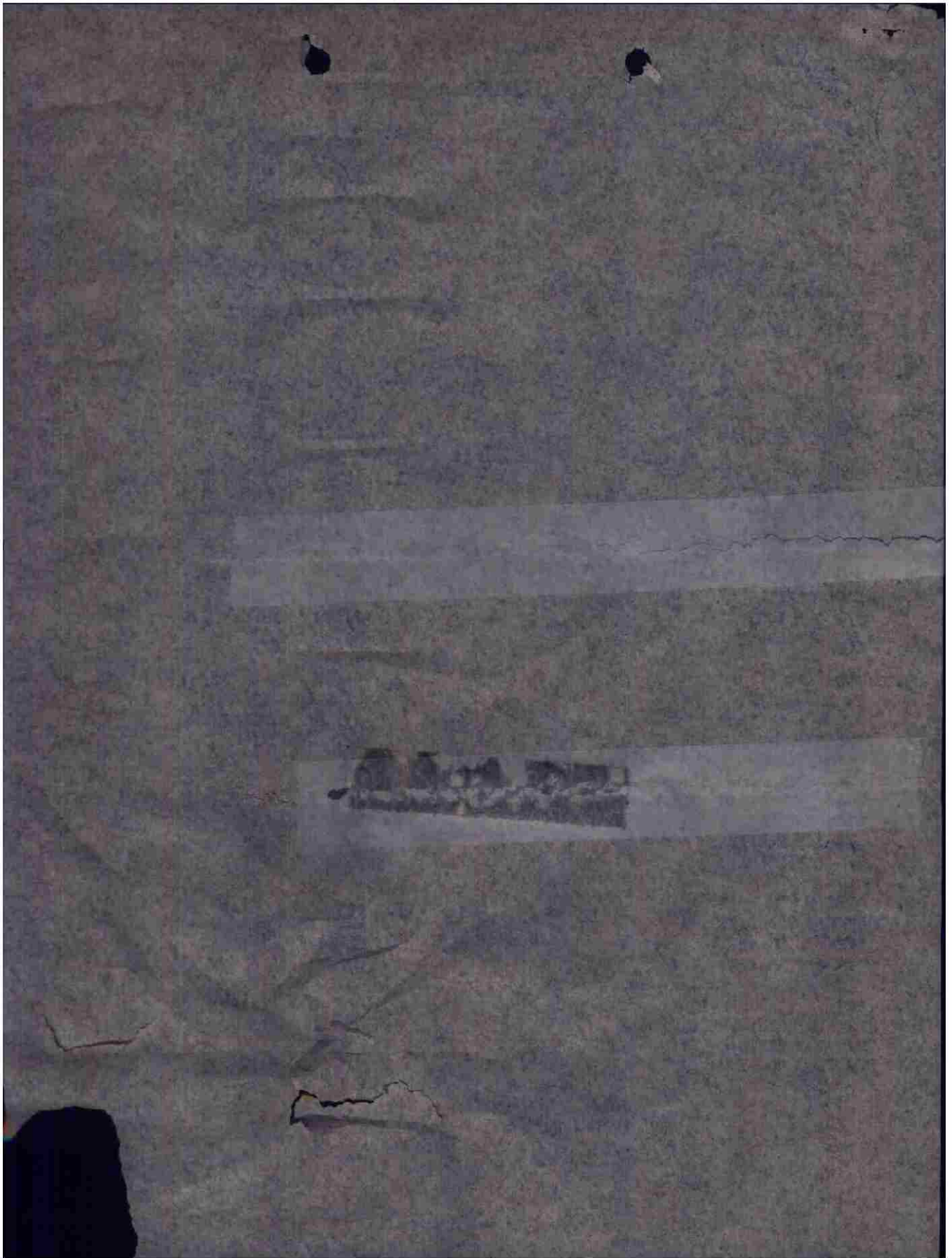
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LT G F BASTRUS
S/S F L FLACKS
S/S J H ORR

5. 025 "F-2"
LT W E DOWLING
SGT E E KIRCHBECK
S/S E A ANDERSON

6. 203 "R"
LT R K CRUZE
S/S G F LOVE
S/S F L ADAM

SPARE

701 "K-1"
LT W J GREENE
S/S J A OCHADA
SGT W F COLBERT



MISSION NO. 48

LOADING LIST
BOX 11
FLIGHT 1

15 MAY 1944

1. 125 "M"
CAPT D A HULSE
LT N CONTE
S/S F D ALLRED
MR HUTTON

2. 135 "M"
CAPT G W MCNUITY
LT F H BUNSIEL
S/S H E WHITE
S/S R F ADOLLMAN

3. 225 "G"
LT G L MC GLOTH
S/S J W MORAN
SGT D E DUPES

4. 051 P
LT F W DEMAND
S/S G W MIDDLETON
SGT R J TROYER

5. 103 V
LT R W YORK
SGT L A ASHBY
SGT R M GRISWOLD

6. 037 B
LT A R DURANTE
S/S H T BIST
S/S I B DEGIUSTI

FLIGHT 11

1. 900 "C"
LT R J MORTON
SGT H C RODGERS
SGT J E VAN DYKE

2. 390 G-1
LT P F L MAC HANUS
S/S J I MOORE
S/S S I FLAISHMAN

3. 840 V-1
LT ~~BARBER~~ A W GULLICH
S/S ~~BARBER~~ G L COFFEY
S/S G F COPE

4. 276 O
LT ~~A. PACE~~
S/S ~~A. BERGERSON~~
S/S ~~H. KELTON~~

5. 180 P-1
LT E E DUNN
S/S M ROSENSTEIN
S/S H O GAINNEY

6. 670 B
LT F DONTAS
S/S A L NIELSON
S/S W L FIELDS

FLIGHT 111

1. 444 "J"
LT H L COMBES
LT R J MC QUADE
S/S W J KELLY
S/S W G FERGUSON

2. 983 J-2
LT E J BERTH
S/S C D LANAVE
S/S F M CITY

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

4. 742 W
LT W C SIGGS
SGT R W NICHES
S/S R RADLICH

5. 211 C
LT N V SHAINBERG
S/S C A FRIDDLE
S/S E T BOTS

6. 680 C-1
LT H E HAYES
S/S ~~E. B. BRYER~~
S/S ~~H. BRYER~~

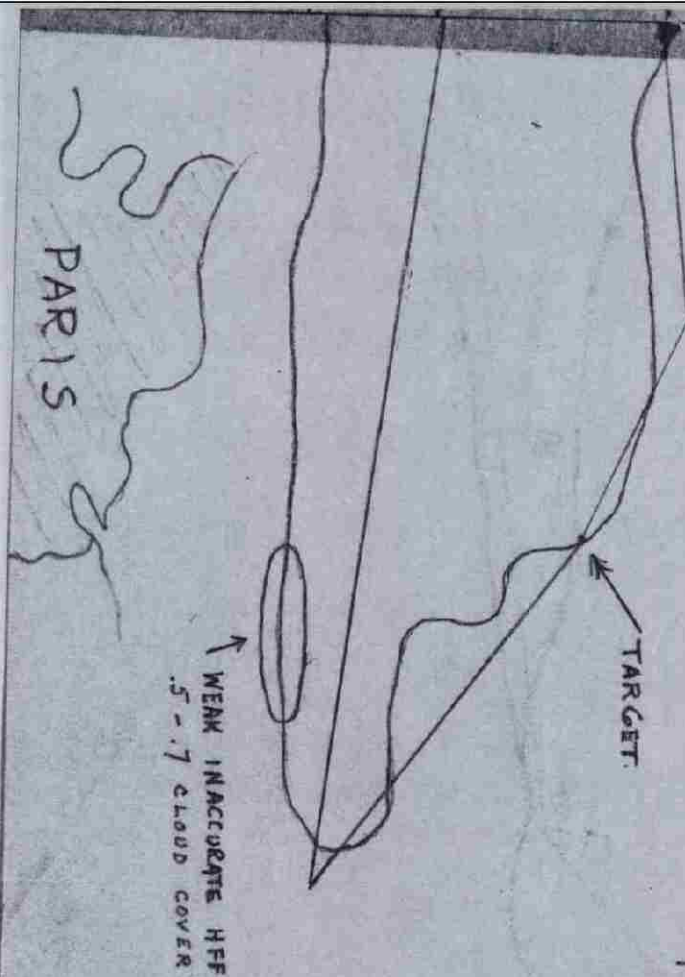
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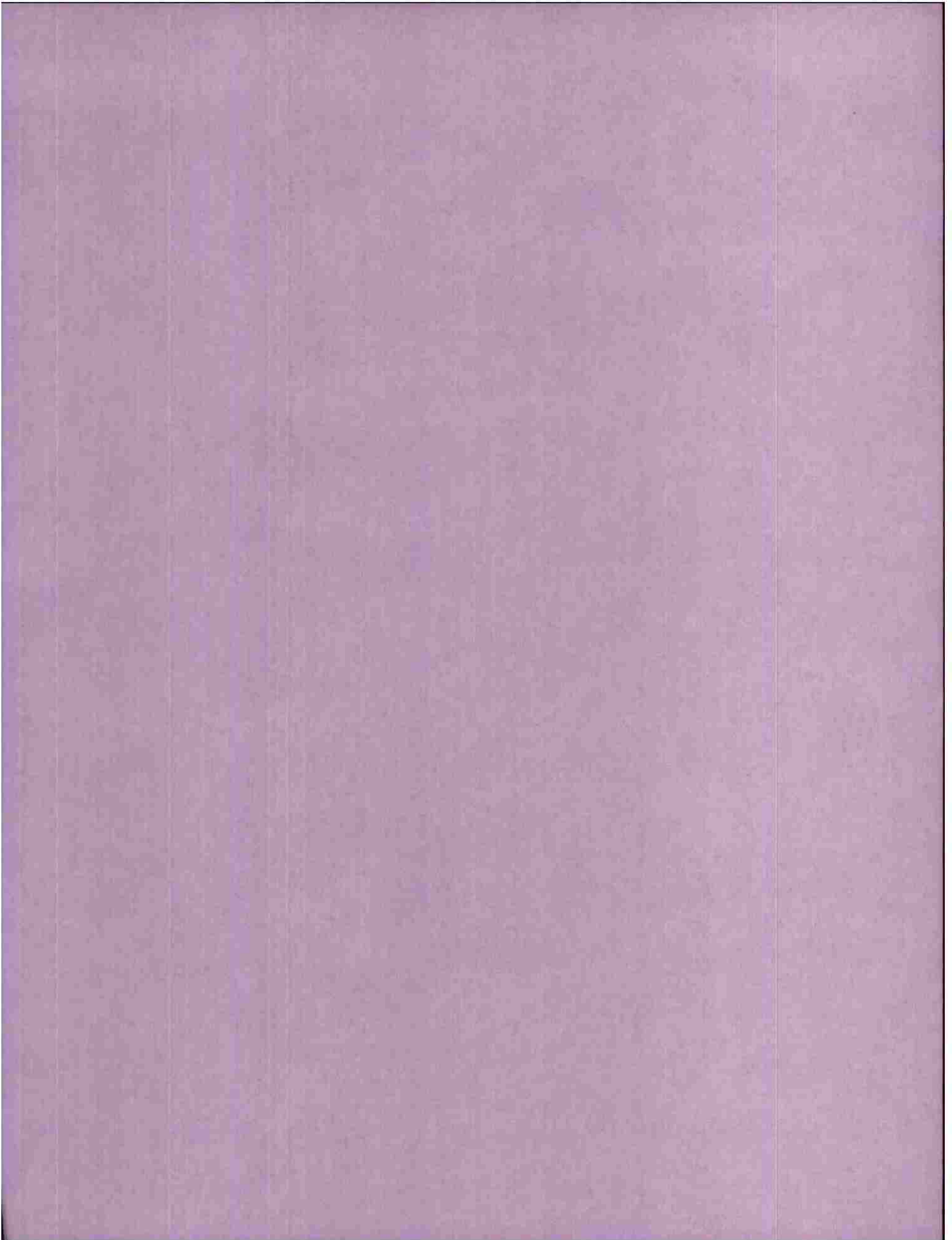
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S/S C J HART
S/S K F BROWN

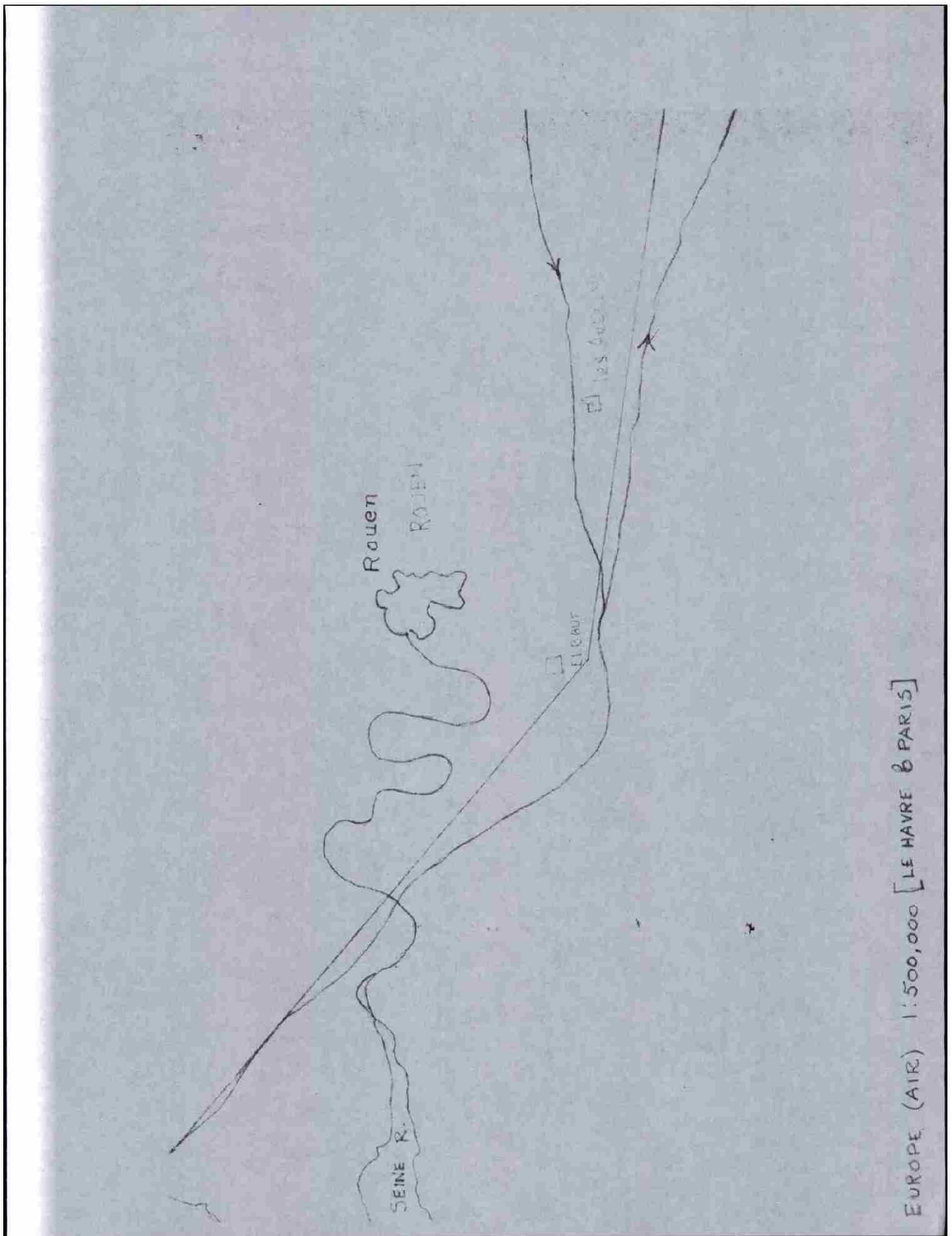
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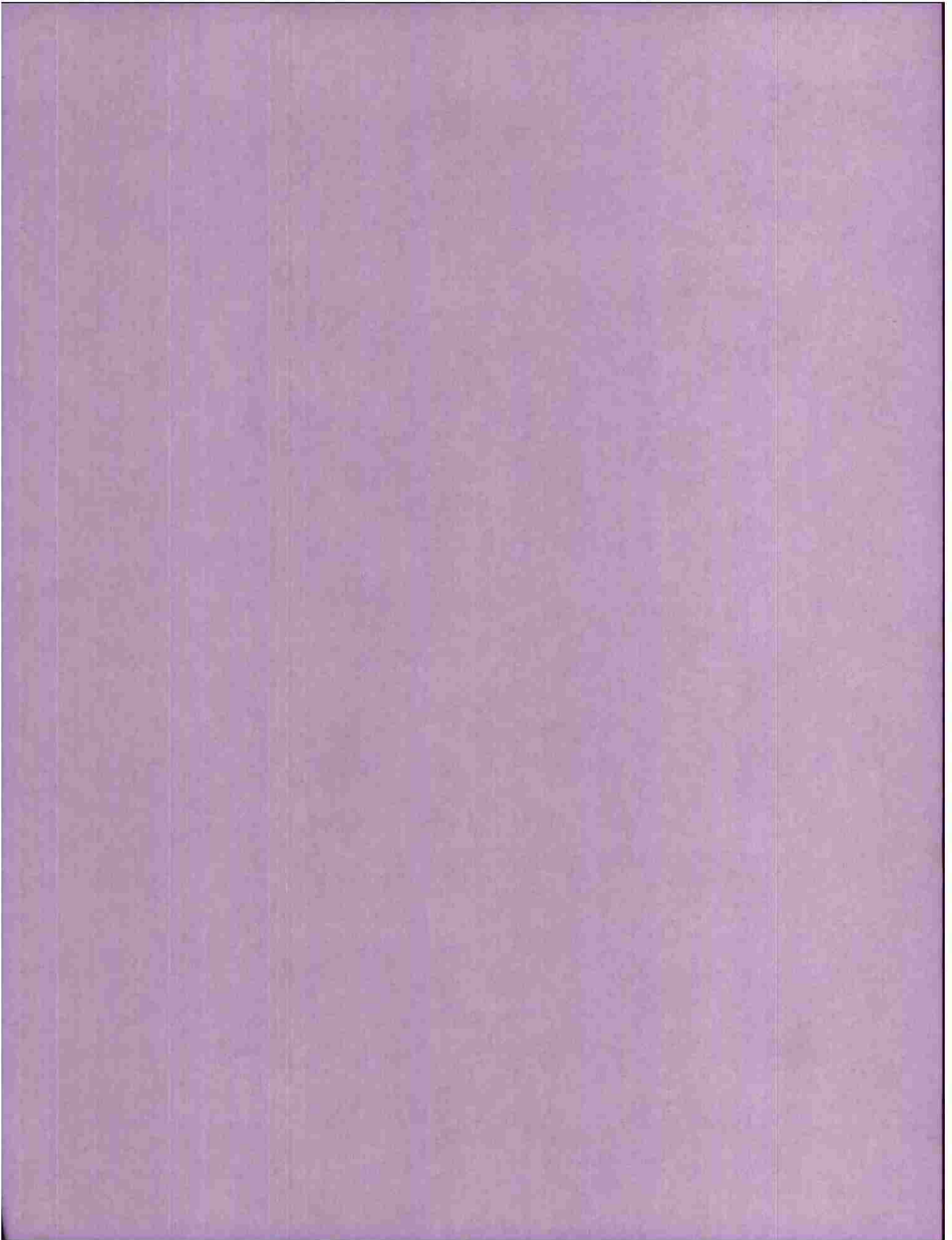
416 TH Bomber(L)	
15 MAY 44	F.O. 41-315
TARGET :	CAEIL A/D
TIME :	
HEIGHT :	11500/12000
WINDOW :	No
DAMAGE :	NONE (2 18-SHIP BOXES)
PHENOMENA:	NONE







EUROPE (AIR) 1:500,000 [LE HAVRE & PARIS]



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

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30, MAY 1944
15 May 1944
SIV.

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

Subject: Oprep A, USAAF Form 34A.

To: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 590, U. S. Army. Attention 25th Statistical Control Unit.

Oprep A Number 46 for 24 hours ending sunset 15 May 1944.
Mission Number 48.
IX Bomber Command Field Order Number 510.

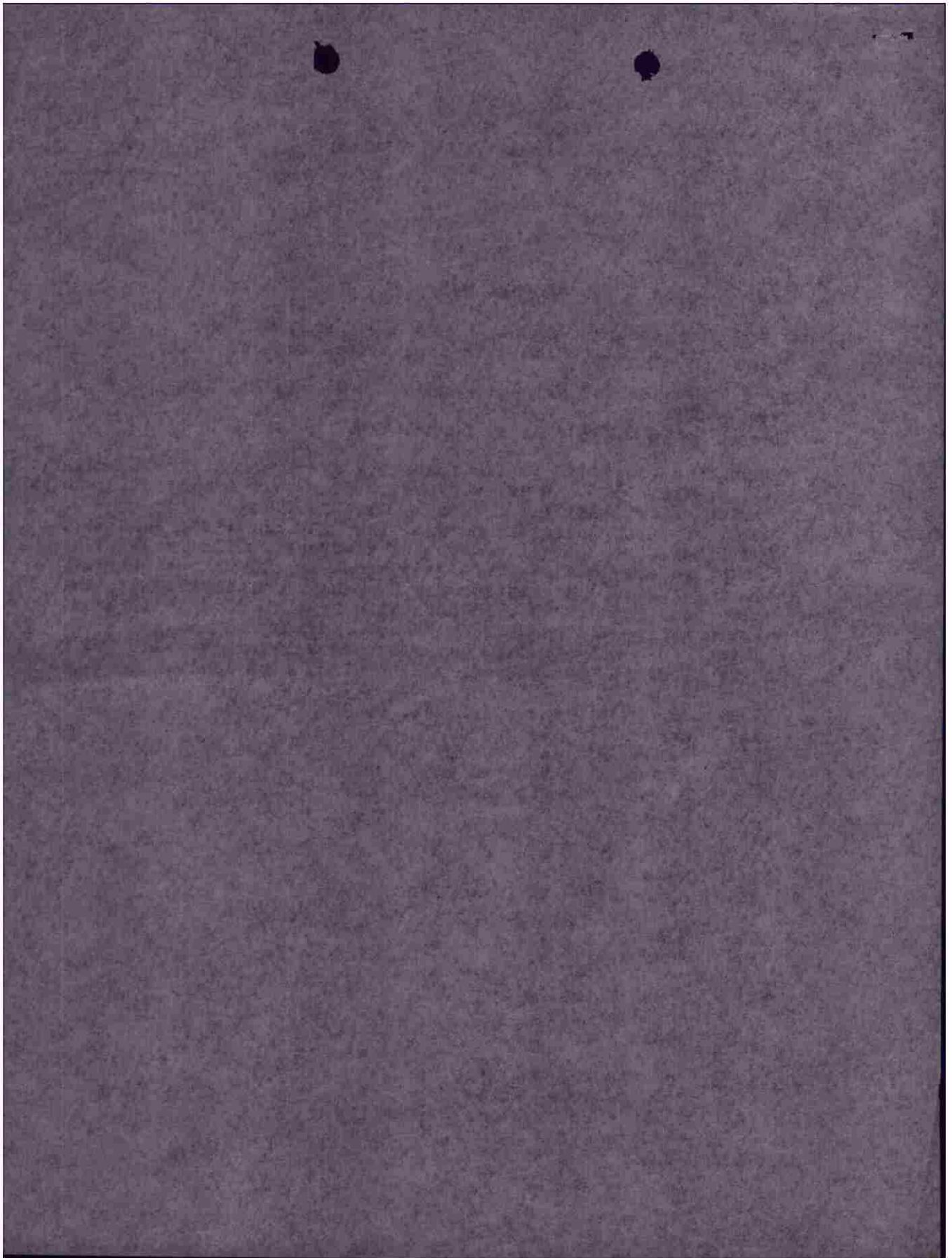
A. Formation consisted of two boxes, 12 ships box 1 and 12 ships box 2. Time of take off was 0727. Time over target 0918. Target - Creil Airfield. Box 1, at 11,500 feet, dropped a total of 74 bombs in the target area with excellent results. Box 2 failed to attack because of clouds obscuring view of target on bomb run and flew over break in clouds over target too late to make correction for dropping. Visibility was 10 miles plus with .7 to .8 clouds with tops to 8000 feet. Anti-aircraft fire was inaccurate NW of lauvres, no damage received. No anti-aircraft experienced over target area. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1141.

- B. (i) 32 A-200's and 8 A-20J's.
(ii) 17 A-200's and 8 A-20J's.
(iii) 14 A-200's and 8 A-20J's due to weather - .7 to .8 clouds with tops to 8000 feet.
1 A-200 - radio hatch blew off.
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) 31 A-200's and 8 A-20J's.

- C. (i) None
(ii) None

- D. (i) A-200's 124:18
A-20J's 15:20
(ii) None

- E. (i) A-200's 100,000 x 50 cal.
A-20J's 10,000 x 50 cal.
(ii) A-200's 750 x 50 cal. (testing)
A-20J's 100 x 50 cal. (testing)
(iii) None



Opreg 7, UNREP Form 348.

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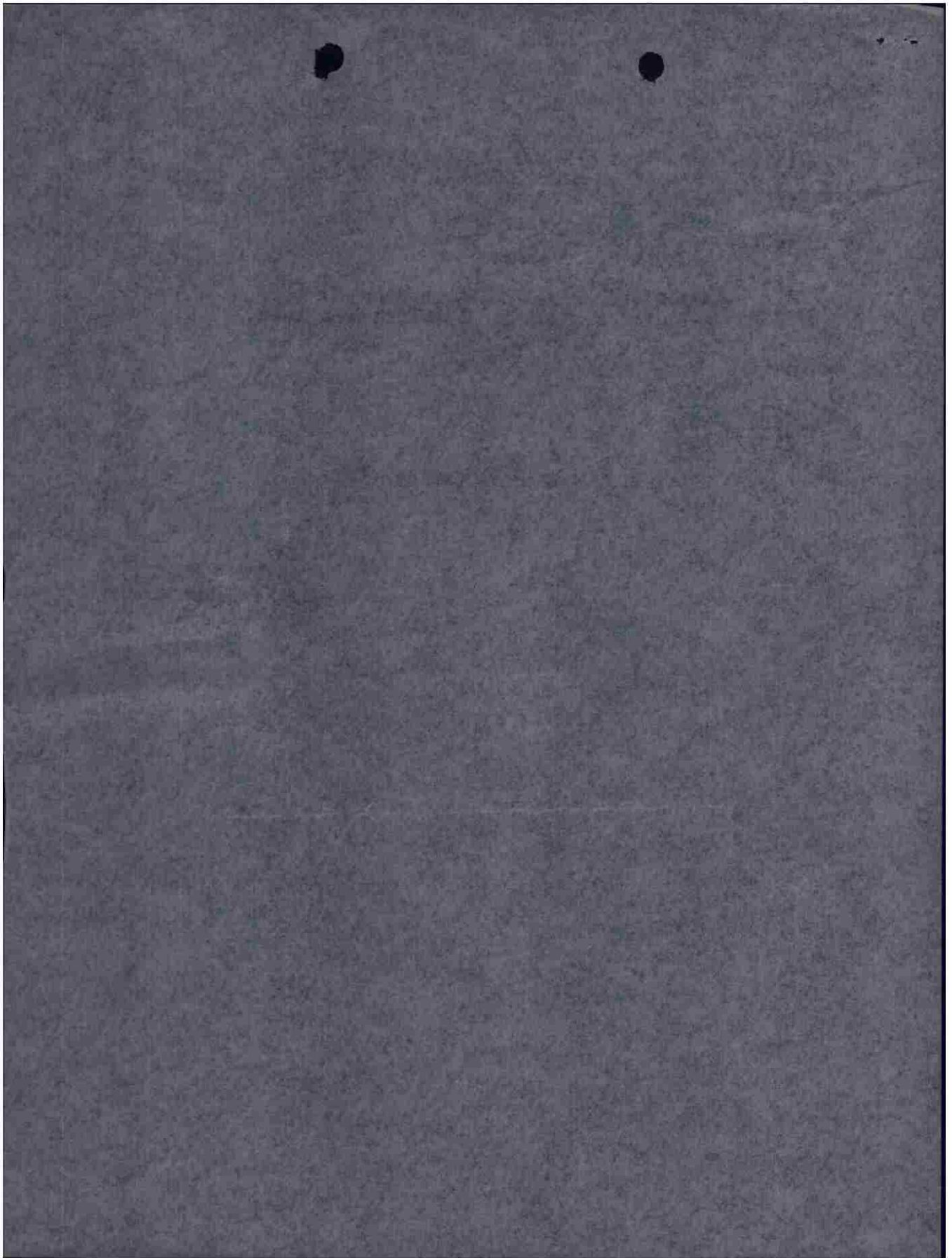
- F. (i) A-200's 128 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T
 A-200's 20 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T
 (ii) A-200's 88 x 500 lb GP
 A-200's 8 x 500 lb GP
 (iii) A-200 1 x 500 lb GP
 A-200 1 x 500 lb GP
 (iv) None
 A-200's 60 x 500 lb GP returned to base.
 A-200's 12 x 500 lb GP returned to base.

G. None

- H. (i) None
 (ii) None
 (iii) None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE A. CHENKIN,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.



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BY AUTH CO, STA 170
18 May 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

AFG 140, U. S. Army,
18 May 1944.

Subject: Mission Report--Aircraft.

To : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, AFG 140, U. S. Army.
(416th Bombardment Group)



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None

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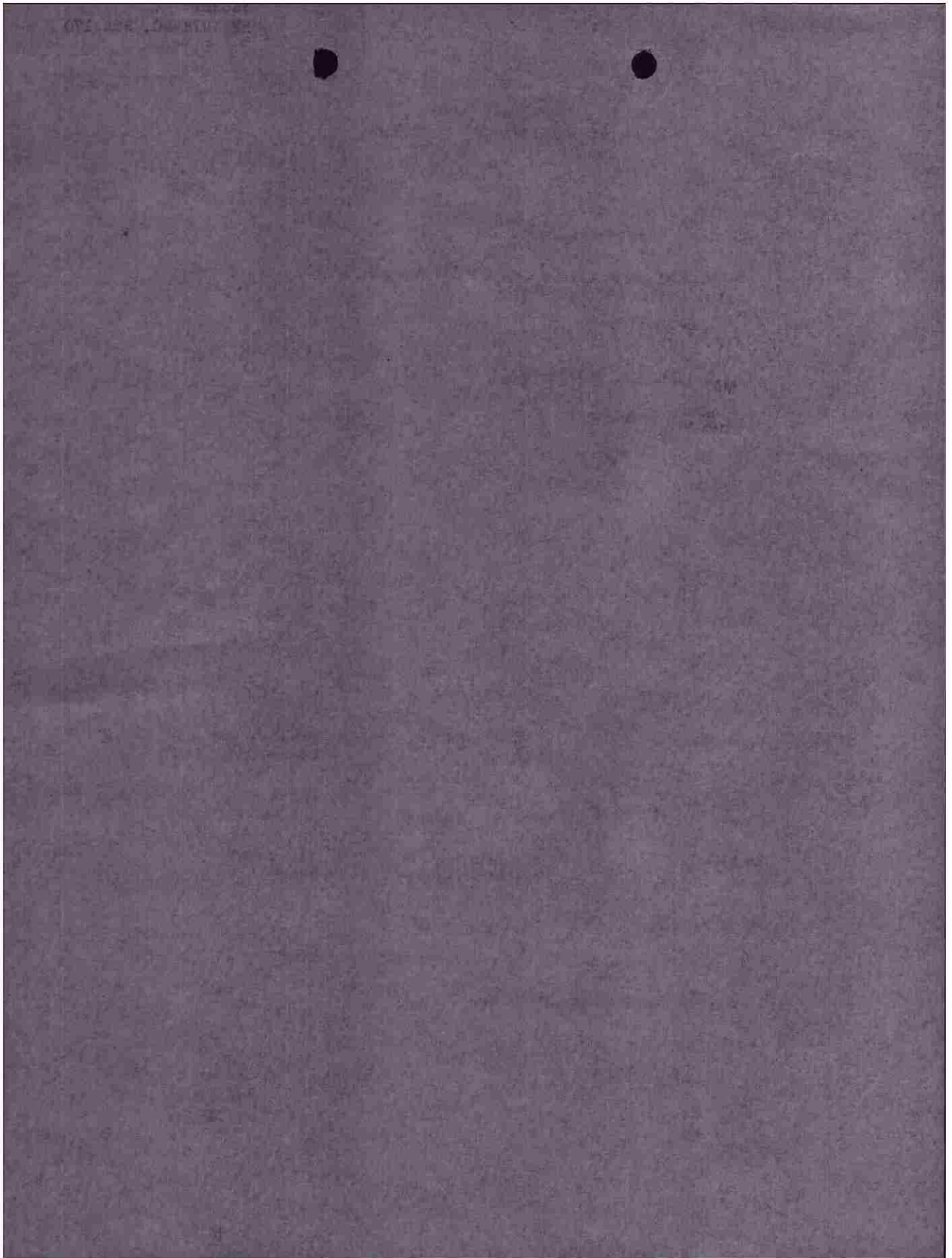
<u>AFG SERIAL NO</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
43-3576	Radio hatch blew off	Radio hatch blew off	No
43-4185	One bomb delayed release	Flight away brakes	Yes
43-4456	One bomb delayed release	Flight away brakes	Yes

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12 aircraft failed to bomb because of cloud coverage.

For the Commanding Officer:

LEONARD B. MULLIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.



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HEADQUARTERS
41ST BOMB GROUP (L)
OP-10 OF THE WEATHER OFFICER

APG 140
15 May 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

TO : Staff Weather Officer, Headquarters IX
Bombardment Command, APG 140, U.S. Army.

BASE AT TAKE OFF: Visibility 6 miles, 4/10 Stratocumulus
at 4000 feet.

ROUTE OUT: Visibility 10 miles, except London area 4 to 5
miles. 3 to 4/10 low clouds over England. Base
4000 feet, tops 5000 feet. 4 to 5/10 over channel
with 3 to 9/10 over France with tops to 9000 feet.

TARGET: 7 to 8/10 with tops to 9000 feet. Large break
directly over target. Visibility 10 miles plus.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out except clouds over England
7 to 8/10 tops 7000 feet base 4000 feet.

BASE ON RETURN: Visibility 7 miles 8 to 9/10 Stratocumulus
and Cumulus at 3500 feet.

WINDS: As forecast.

TIME OVER TARGET: 0923

First box unaffected by weather, but low clouds obscured
aiming point of second box.

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

- 1 Incl.
- 2 Route Forecast Forms

WEATHERS FIELD 416TH BOMB GROUP (A) <i>Dist</i>		TAKE OFF RETURN		0730 1047		DATE <u>16 MAY 1944</u> PERIOD <u>0700 - 1100</u> Hq SOS USAPP 9-43790M/1922	
OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST							
A BASE TO TARGET		B TARGET		C TARGET TO BASE		D	
1	WEATHER	PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY			
2	CLOUDS	NIL MEDIUM OR HIGH CLOUDS 2-4/10 LOW CLOUDS BASE 2000 TOP 4-5000 4-6/10 OVER CHANNEL 6-8/10 AT FRENCH COAST BREAKING INLAND TO 4-6/10 OVER CONTINENT	NIL HIGH OR MEDIUM CLOUDS 2-4/10 LOW CLOUDS BASE 2500 - 3000 TOPS 5-6,000 FEET	SAME AS BASE TO TARGET EXCEPT 6-7/10 CUMULUS OVER ENGLAND ON RETURN			
3	ICING	MODERATE IN CLOUDS ABOVE 3,000 FEET	MODERATE IN CLOUDS ABOVE 3,000 FEET	MODERATE IN CLOUDS ABOVE 3,000 FEET			
4	VISIBILITY	5 - 10 MILES	8 - 12 MILES	6 - 10 MILES			
	HEIGHT						
	SURFACE	040	10				
	5,000 FT	020	15				
	10,000 FT	010	22				
	12,000 FT	060	25				
	15,000 FT	030	30				
	FT						
	FT						
BASE ALTIMETER SETTING <u>30.40</u>		TARGET SURFACE TEMP <u>+9°C</u> TEMP. AT <u>12,000 FT. -16°C</u>		TARGET MEAN TEMP <u>-5°C</u> TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) <u>-116</u> SE CONDARY <u>-38</u>			

AIRCRAFT REPORT				
		BASE TO COAST	OVER CHANNEL OR SEA	OVER CONTINENT & TARGET
TIME				
POSITION				
ALTITUDE				
CLOUD BELOW AIRCRAFT	AMOUNTS AND TYPE			
	HEIGHT OF BASE AND TOP			
CLOUD ABOVE AIRCRAFT	AMOUNTS AND TYPE			
	HEIGHT OF BASE AND TOP			
VISIBILITY				
TEMPERATURE				
WINDS				
REMARKS: AS WEATHER ENCOUNTERED, FRONTAL POSITIONS, ETC.				
NOTE: AT LEAST ONE COMPLETE OBSERVATION SHOULD BE ENTERED IN EACH COLUMN. THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS CARD HELPED YOU - WON'T YOU GIVE THE NEXT FELLOW A BREAK!				
CLOUD TYPES AND ABBREVIATIONS				
LOW CLOUDS = ST-STRATUS SC-STRATOCUMULUS MIDDLE CLOUDS = AS-ALTOSTRATUS AC-ALTOCUMULUS HIGH CLOUDS = CI-CIRRUS CS-CIRROSTRATUS CLOUDS OF VERTICAL EXTENT = CU-CUMULUS CB-CUMULONIMBUS				
FRONTS -				
				

LAI V YAA YAA 9/15 R

FROM COBOMGR 416 15/1350 B
TO COBOMCOBATWG 97 ATT: SIG O
CONFIDENTIAL BT

M-450-J

A - VS - 46

B - 15 MAY 1944 (0750-1026)

C - 668(9) B D XZ X-1 H-1 F-2 R H-1 M J
669(11) T Q C-1 V -1 O P-1 R J A U C
670(8) T L A F-1 M S K-1 G
671(10) F K H X G P B V C-1 D
TOTAL - 38

D - 671 - H - TUNNEL INTERPHONE OUT.

E - NONE

F - NOT APPLICABLE

G - NOT APPLICABLE

H - NOT APPLICABLE

I - NONE

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

K - NONE

L - 670 - H J - REPORTED TO COMCOM AFTER LEAVING TARGET AREA.
668 - M - REPORTED TO 670 - J - THAT SECOND BOX DIDN'T BOMB.

M - NONE

N - NOT APPLICABLE.

O - EXCELLENT RADIO PERFORMANCE.

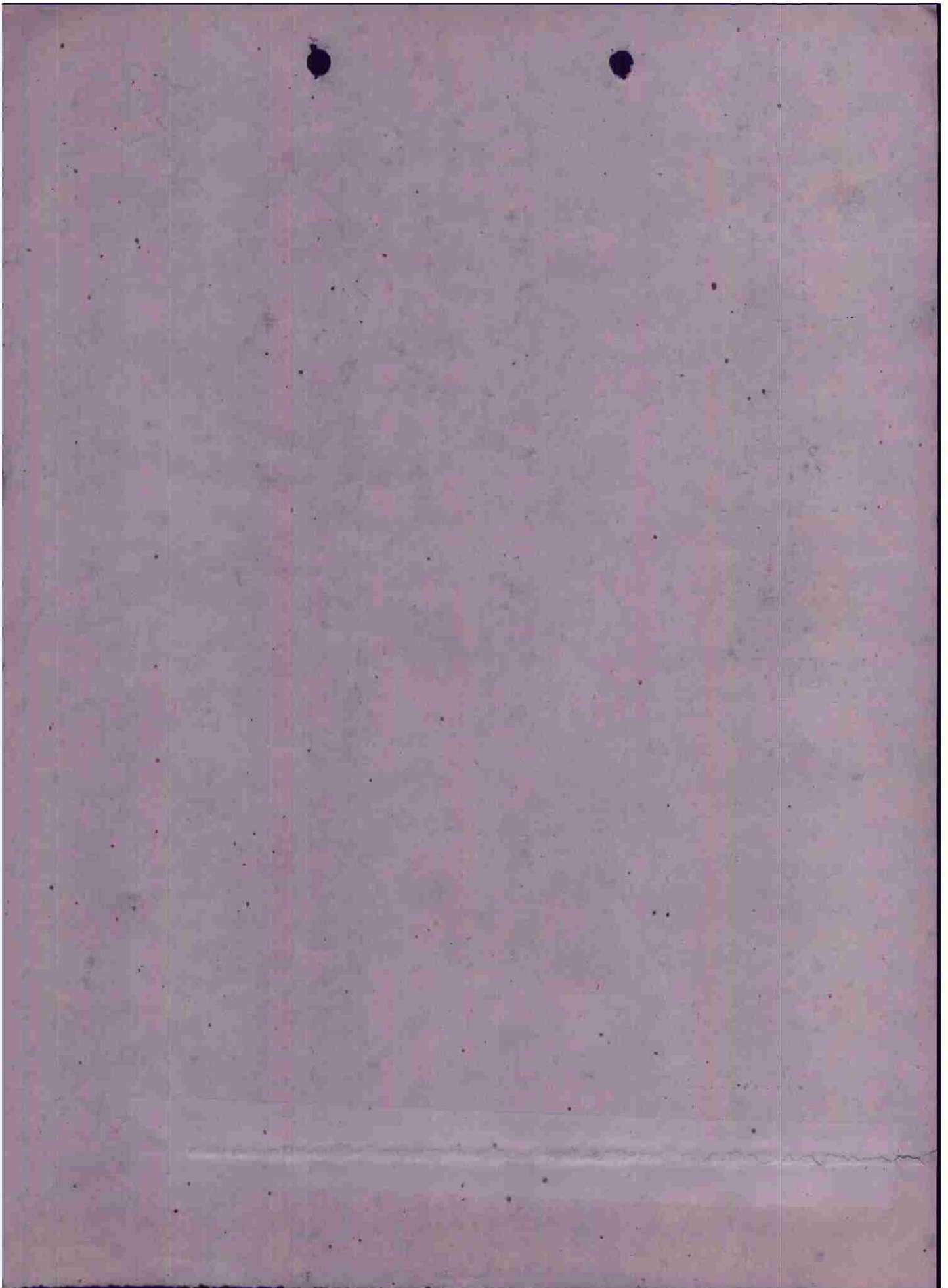
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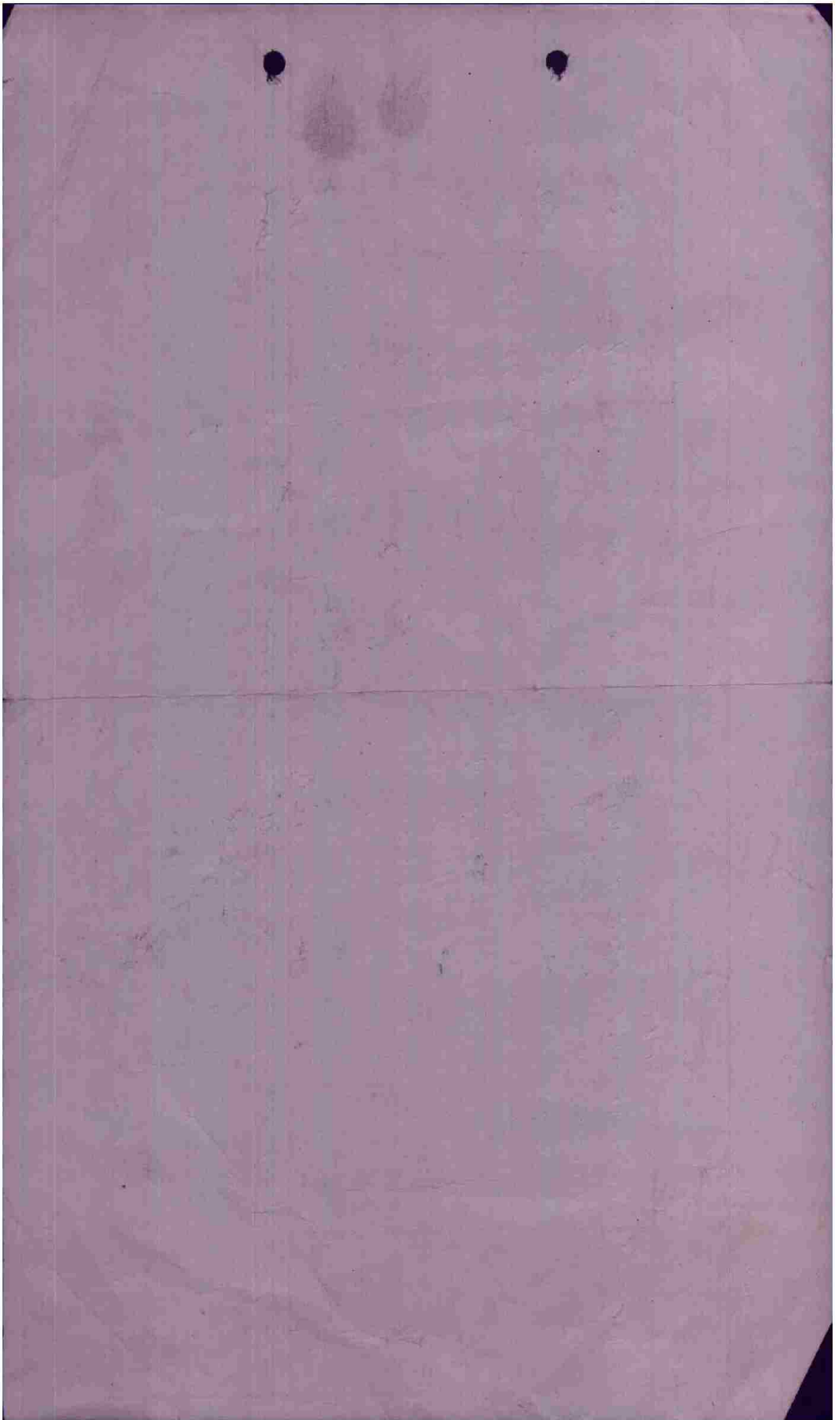
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PLANES 0632

CHALLENGE
REPLY
COLORS
VHF CHANNEL
PORTER C/S
FIGHTER C/S
PORTER TO PORTER TRAC.

FLIGHT RECORD



Box #	ORFI	DATE	F.O.#	TARGET ASSG'd	TARGET ATT	Box LEADER	H/U-WT #/2	TOT	LAST DOWN	IS MIK	ORFI	# of #/2
I	43	15/5/44			HIT OF ATT	Major Mang.				BC 1105	1310	19
										CW 1110		
A/C	REASON	Failing To Bomb	ATTN'D	A/C STATUS + DAMAGE	E/A	PERS CHS	Bomb Disposition					
INT #			P S O	P S O	P S O	P S O	P S O					
✓ 455			✓									
✓ 892			✓									
✓ 914			✓									
✓ 221			✓									
✓ 165			✓									
✓ 395			✓									
✓ 200			✓									
✓ 227			✓									
✓ 380			✓									
✓ 182			✓									
✓ 195			✓									
✓ 176			✓									
✓ 696			✓									
✓ 928			✓									
✓ 209			✓									
✓ 903			✓									
✓ 935			✓									
✓ 203			✓									
✓ 701			✓									
✓ 500			✓									
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Box #	ORFI	DATE	F.O.#	TARGET ASSY'd	TARGET #TH	Box LEADER	1/10-1ST H/c	TOT	LAST DOWN	15-Min STS
II	73	15/5/44			AIT OF ATT	Cont Hulse				St Maynard
A/C	FAILING TO BOMB	REASON	ATTN'd	A/C STATUS + DAMAGE	E/A	PERS CAS	Bomb Disposition			
125			P S O	W D S A B E	P D K W M		P S O J R F			
135										
205										
951										
493										
937										
900										
390										
840										
376										
184										
679										
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743										
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687										
219										
Spore										

Hulse
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McGloth
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Demand
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