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28 May 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
41ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

4-2-1

AFD 140, U.S. Army,
28 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Mission Report--Aircraft.

TO : Commanding General, 12 Bomber Command, APO 140, U.S. Army.
(Attn: Maintenance Branch)

PART I

- (1) 27 May 1944--1208--Amiens BY
- (2) 39 (41 alerted)
- (3) 0

PART II

None

PART III (1)

None

PART III (2)

None

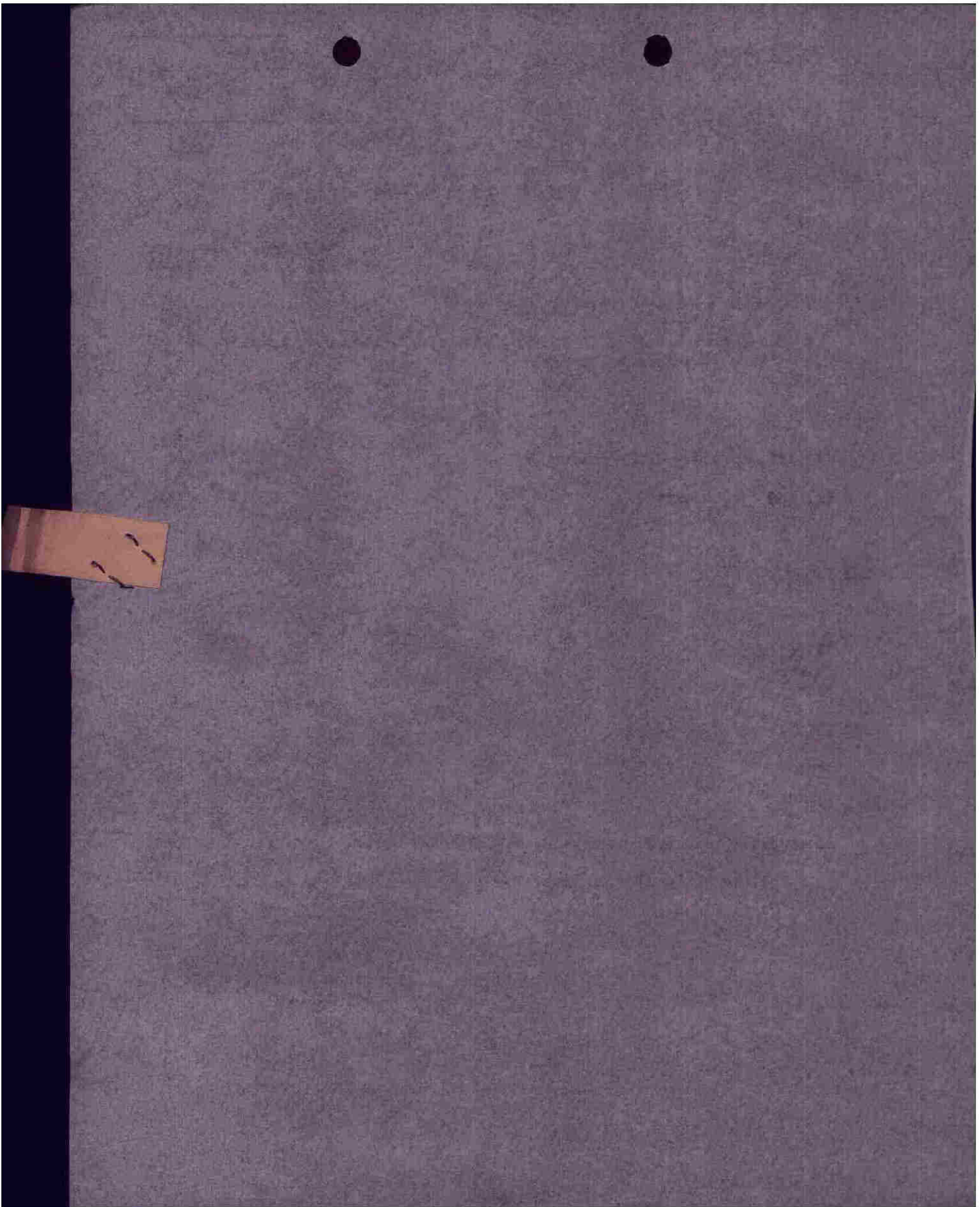
PART III (3)

41 aircraft returned, no attack, navigational error.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHERER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

MAY 27 1944
#5



MISSION NO. 57

LOADING LIST

27 MAY 1944

BOX 1
FLIGHT 1

1. A/C # 450 "S"
MAJOR M.W. CAMPBELL ✓
LT. W.H. PALIN ✓
S/S A.E. BERGERON
S/S H.E. KELTON

4. A/C # 0206 "F"
LT. P.F.E. MACMANUS ✓
S/S R.W. RICE
SGT. C.E. YOUNG

2. A/C # 0125 "M"
LT. A.E. OSBORNE ✓
LT. W. FORMA ✓
S/S E.E. KELLY
S/S W.H. COE

5. A/C # 189 "P"
LT. E.J. RENTH ✓
S/S O.D. LANAVE
S/S F.M. CITY

3. A/C # 717 "N"
LT. W.C. SIGGS ✓
S/S R.W. NICKS
S/S N. RADLICH

6. A/C # 181 "A"
LT. W.H. LAND ✓
S/S S.F. ALDEN
S/S R.L. BALLINGER

FLIGHT 1T

1. A/C # 0210 "Q"
LT. R.F. SHAEFER ✓
S/S H. PERKINS
SGT. S.P. NEWELL

4. A/C # 0226 "E"
LT. G.F. BARTMUS ✓
S/S J.R. ORR
S/S F.L. FLACKS

2. A/C # 9194 "C"
LT. L.G. PEEDE ✓
SGT. R.F. CHUSTZ
S/S C.L. HIBBS

5. A/C # 907 "O"
LT. A.P. NIKAS ✓
SGT. G.W. SCOTT
SGT. H.W. SMITH

3. A/C # 701 "H"
LT. E.B. DOWNING ✓
S/S E.S. DICKENSON
SGT. K.E. HORNBECK

6. A/C # 745 "I"
LT. R.D. LESHER ✓
S/S H.R. HEDRICK
S/S A.J. ANTANAITIS

FLIGHT 111

1. A/C # 951 "P-1"
LT. F.W. DEMAND ✓
S/S C.W. MIDDLETON
SGT. R.J. TROYER

4. A/C # 714 "N-1"
LT. J.D. ADAMS ✓
SGT. A.J. ZEIKUS
S/S P.L. CLEARMAN

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

5. A/C # 925 "G"
LT. J.H. MILLER ✓
SGT. R.G. SCHROM
SGT. J. GALENDER

3. A/C # 363 "L"
LT. R.D. PERKINS ✓
S/S V.N. SHERRY
S/S R.H. LINNEMAN

6. A/C # 393 "K"
LT. R.C. MOREHOUSE ✓
SGT. L.A. ZYGIEL
SGT. A.J. BURGESS

SPARE

A/C # 983 "J"
LT. H.E. HEWES ✓
S/S J.F. KASPER
S/S H.E. BOYER

MISSION NO. 57

LOADING LIST
BOX 11
FLIGHT 1

27 MAY 1944

1. 442 D
CAPT R A CLARK ✓
LT C W JONES ✓
SGT H C RODGER
SGT J E VAN DUYN

4. 0148 H
LT E E DEMUN ✓
S/S M ROSENSTEIN
S/S H O CARNEY

2. 645 R
LT L A MARZOLF ✓
LT R J BASNETT ✓
S/S H E WELLEN
S/S L G KUTZER

5. 376 O
LT N V SHAINBERG ✓
S/S G L COFFEY
S/S G F COPE

3. 900 Q
LT R L BEHLMER ✓
T/S W J KELLY
S/S W G FERGUSON

6. 840 V
LT J H SMITH ✓
S/S VAFIADIS
S/S R C HOFFMAN

FLIGHT 11

1. 455 T
CAPT C R JACKSON ✓
LT AA MALTBY ✓
S/S MC CLEARY
S/S DINAPOLI

4. 0211 O-1
LT W J GREENE ✓
S/S J A OCHABA
S/S W F GOLBERT

2. 227 F
MAJ W J MENG ✓
S/S R F STOBERT
S/S F P GLYNN

5. 207 B
LT J C SEWELL ✓
SGT S R ZAKLIKIEWICZ
SGT J L JOHNSON

3. 689 I
LT P G ATKINSON ✓
SGT J O SWAFFORD
S/S P F GLYNN

6. 380 N
LT R H SMITH ✓
S/S STOCKHAM, A.A.
~~SGT~~ MAHONEY, R.J.

FLIGHT 111

1. 200 A
LT R S HUDISILL ✓
S/S R K RILEY
S/S A J BONAMO

4. 224 E
LT H A MONROE ✓
S/S W L KIDD
S/S S RISK

2. 750 M
LT W B OSTRANDER ✓
S/S J E WILSON
S/S I BINNEY

5. 217 D
LT D T SOMMERS ✓
S/S E L GRIFFIN
S/S C W MAZIASZ

3. 892 L
CAPT Z R MOORE ✓
S/S O D EVANS
S/S T A PALMER

6. 209 K
LT R B HALL ✓
SGT D S BLACKFORD
S/S R F EUTSLER

SPARE

961 E-1
LT M S STREET ✓
S/S E T EPPS
S/S C A PRINDLE

MISSION NO. 57

LOADING LIST
BOX 111
FLIGHT 1

27 MAY 1944

1. A/C # 452 "T"
CAPTAIN G.M. MCNULTY ✓
LT. F.H. BURSIEL ✓
S/S H.E. WHITE
S/S R.F. ADDLEMAN

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

3. A/C # 0194 "A"
LT. S.B. RITCHIE ✓
S/S E.A. ANDERSON
S/S A.W. NEWKIRK

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : 1X BOMBER COMMAND
97TH COMBAT WING

416 BG M _____ E

CONFIDENTIAL IN THE CLEAR

"J" FORM OPERATIONAL

F-1

27 MAY 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR HAROLD A RADETSKY

A.

B. 1310

C. HASTINGS

D. BOX 1 , R/T KITNOSE ONE

669 5 S N F P A

668 7 M Q C H E O I

671 6 P-1 D L N-1 G K

669 1 SPARE J

GROUP LEADER 669 9

DEPUTY 668 M

BOX 11 R/T KITNOSE TWO

669 3 D Q H O V

671 1 R

670 12 T F N O-1 B I A M L E D K

669 1 SPARE E-1

SECOND BOX LEADER 669 D

DEPUTY 671 R

XXXXXX333X BOX 111 R/T KITNOSE THREE

XXXXXX333X 670 1 T

G. 671 1 B

H. 668 1 A

LEADER 670 T

E. 12000
F. LE TREPONT
G. 1326
H. 46
J. LE TREPONT
K. HASTINGS
L. 1428
M. 1. E.T.D. 1224 E.T.A. 1446
2. 4 X 500 GP
3. 4 HOUR S
4. BOX 1 . . . 4902 E/C/14
BOX 11 . . 4902 E/C/14
5. NONE

MACE COBOMGR 416

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

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

Opus

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

APC 140
27 May 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: 2/10 to 5/10 cumulus at 3,000 feet.
Visibility 5 miles.

ROUTE OUT: 2/10 to 5/10 cumulus at 3,000 feet over
England becoming nil over channel and
continent. Visibility 6 to 8 miles.

TARGET: 1/10 medium cloud at 7,000 feet. Visibility
15 miles.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out except base layer to
3,000 feet over south England restricting
visibility to 3 to 5 miles.

BASE ON RETURN: 7/10 cirrostratus above 20,000 feet.
Visibility 7 miles.

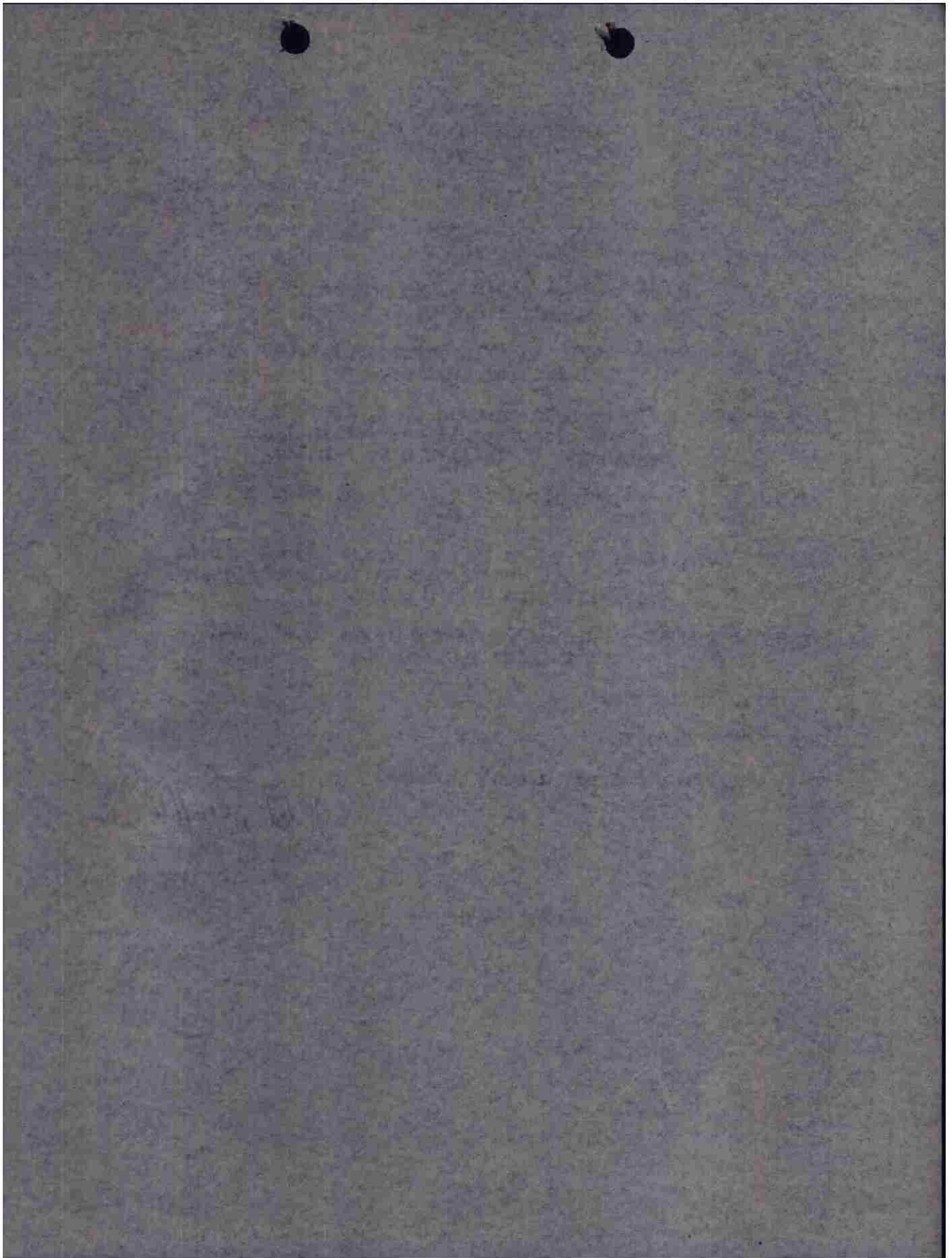
WINDS: As forecast.

TIME OVER TARGET: 1345

Weather did not affect bombing.

Robert D. Griffith
ROBERT D. GRIFFITH
2nd Lt. Air Corps.

1 Incl.
2 Route Forecast Forms



WEATHERS FIELD		GROUP (C)		TAKEOFF		1900	
416TH BOMB		GROUP (C)		RETURN		2140	
OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST				DATE 27 MAY 1944			
				PERIOD 1700-2200			
				HQ SOS USAFP 9-43190M/15227			
A BASE TO TARGET		B TARGET		C TARGET TO BASE		D	
1 WEATHER		SCATTERED CLOUDS		SCATTERED CLOUDS		SCATTERED CLOUDS	
2		NIL LOW CLOUD MEDIUM CLOUD 3/10 TO 5/10 CIRRUS ABOVE 20,000 FT		NIL LOW OR MED CLOUD 3/10 TO 5/10 CIRRUS 20,000 FT LIGHT HAZE TO 20,000 FT		SAME AS ROUTE OUT	
CLOUDS							
3		FREEZING LEVEL: 14,000 FT ICING: NIL		SAME		SAME	
4		6 TO 8 MILES		10 TO 15 MILES		3 TO 6 MILES	
HEIGHT		DIRECTION VELOCITY		DIRECTION VELOCITY		DIRECTION VELOCITY	
SURFACE		S TO SE 8 TO 12					
5000 FT		245 20					
10,000 FT		235 25					
14,000 FT		230 28					
15,000 FT		225 30					
FT							
FT							
BASE ALTITUDE SETTING 30.38		TARGET SURFACE TEMP. +19°C		TARGET MEAN TEMP. +9°C			
		TEMP AT 12000 FT. -3°C		TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) -360			

AIRCRAFT REPORT

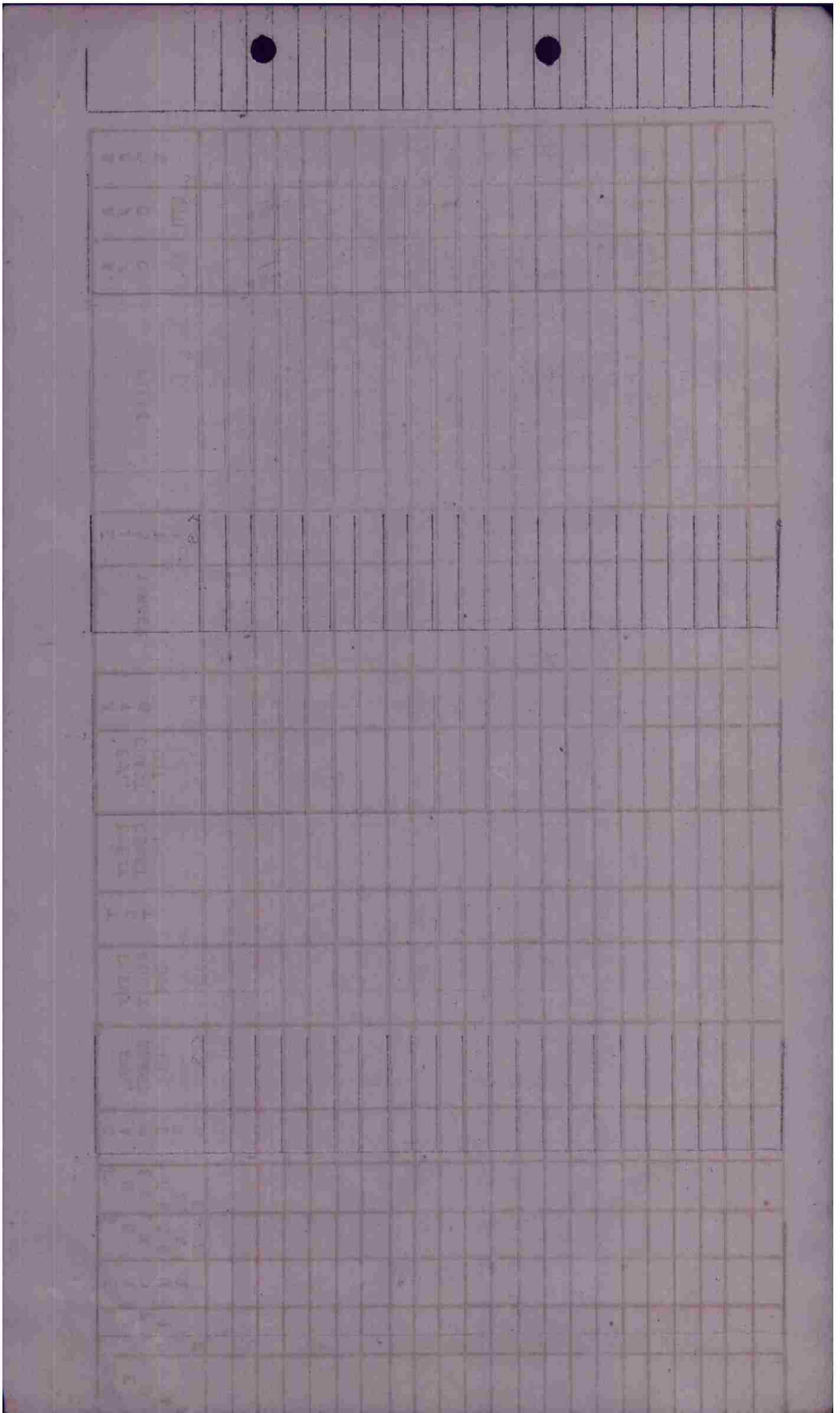
TIME		BASE TO COAST		OVER CHANNEL OR SEA		OVER CONTINENT & TARGET	
POSITION							
ALTITUDE							
CLOUD BELOW AIRCRAFT	AMOUNTS AND TYPE						
	HEIGHT OF BASE AND TOP						
CLOUD ABOVE AIRCRAFT	AMOUNTS AND TYPE						
	HEIGHT OF BASE AND TOP						
VISIBILITY							
TEMPERATURE							
WINDS							
REMARKS: AS WEATHER ENCOUNTERED, FRONTAL POSITIONS, ETC.		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 — 	
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!							

Aviation No. 57.

Box 1.

27 MAY 1944.

S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A NCE	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U L L O L O B	E N D U R	L A T I T U D E	R E M A R K S
B	S	450	CAMPBELL		ALIENS MY	1803	13,000	12,000		12,000	9,000	HC	735	4	1452	
H	M	0125	OSBORNE			03									1452	
B	N	717	SIGGS			03									52	
B	F	0206	MACMANUS			03						C			53	
B	P	189	RENTH			04						C			55	
B	A	181	LAND			04									54	
A	Q	0210	SHAFFER			04						C			1560	
A	C	9194	PEEDE			04									01	
A	H	701	DOWNING			05						C			01	
A	E	0226	BARTMUS			05									09	
A	O	907	NIKAS			05									1454	
A	I	945	HESHER			05									1504	
D	P	951	DEMAND			06									1456	
D	D	219	ANDREWS			06									1458	
D	L	363	PERKINS			06						C			59	
D	N	714	ADAMS			06									58	
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D	K	393	MOREHOUSE			07									59	
B	J	983	HEWES			07									55	

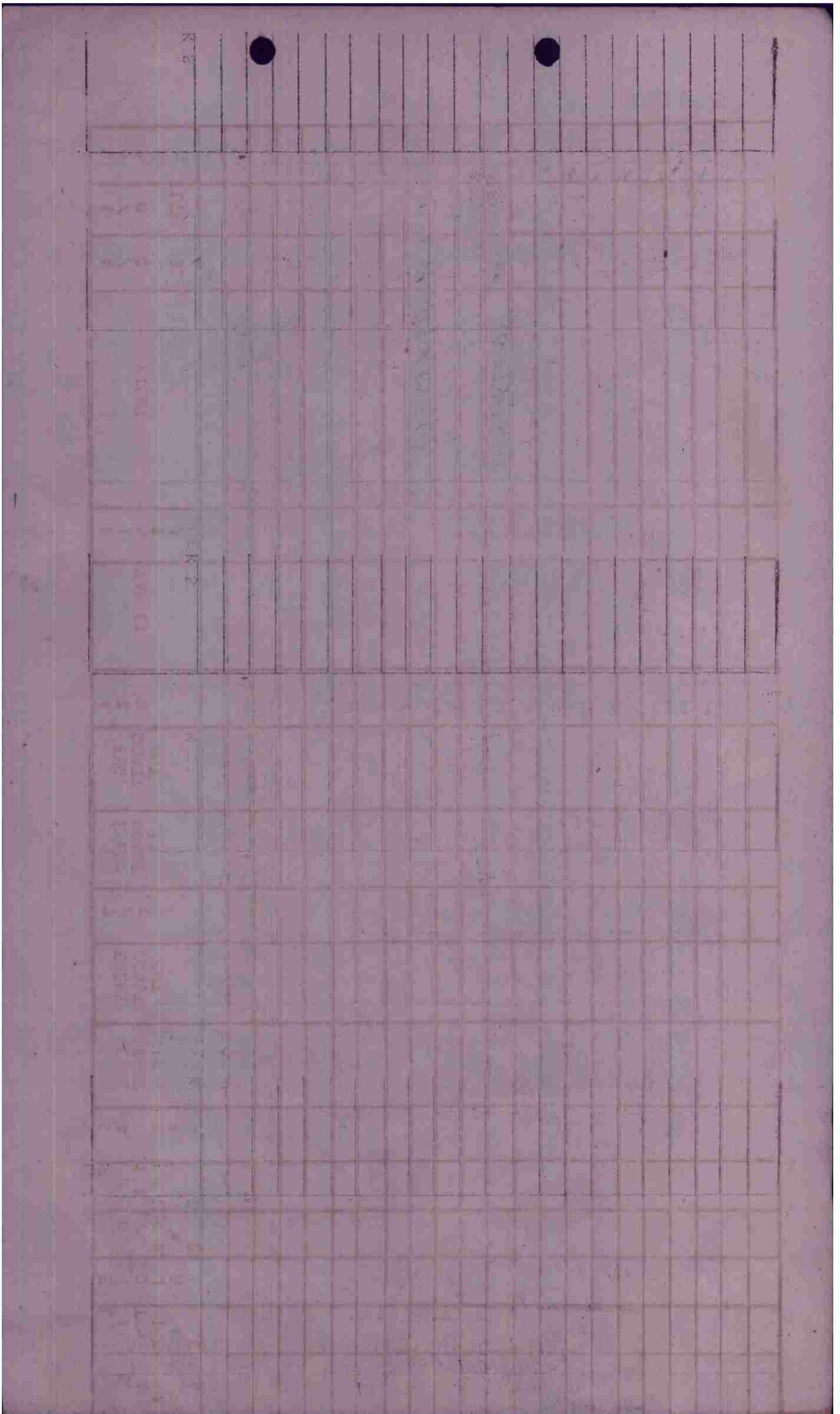


MISSION NO. 57.

Box 2.

27 MAY 1944

S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U L L O L A M O B D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D E	R E M A R K S
B	D	442	CLARK	-	Amiens	1206	12,000	12,000		12,000	12,000	Hc	725	4	1505	
D	R	645	MARZOLF			09									06	
B	Q	900	BEHLMER			09									05	
B	H	0148	DE MUN			09									1456	
B	O	376	SHAINBERG			10									1506	
B	V	840	SMITH			10									07	
C	T	455	JACKSON			10									11	
C	F	227	MENG			11									12	
C	1	689	ATKINSON			11									12	
C	O-1	0211	GREENE			11									17	
C	B	207	SEWELL			11									14	
C	N	1380	SMITH, R.H.			12									14	
C	A	200	KUDISLIL			12									08	
C	M	750	OSTRANDER			12									09	
C	L	892	MOORE			12									09	
C	E	224	MONROE			13									10	
C	D	217	SOMMERS			13									11	
C	K	209	HAHL			13									10	
B	E-1	961	STREET.			14									08	
C	Q	452	MCNEULTY			14									02 Windy	
D	B	937	DURANTE			14									03 Windy	
A	A	0194	RITCHIE			14									03 Windy	



OICOG OIYAA OIHAK OIGOF V OILAI OILAI 01/27 OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 27/0900B M-144-E
 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
 A P O 140
 27 MAY 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 53-331

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) NINTH FIGHTER COMMAND WILL FURNISH P-47 ESCORT FOR THIS WING.

2. THIS WING IS ATTACKING A MARSHALLING YARD IN FRANCE.

ZERO HOUR: 27/1300B

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

(3) WITH 416TH BOMB GROUP AT SHEERNESS, AT 10,000 FT. AT ZERO HOUR MINUS (1) ONE MIN.

(6) BOMB 11,500 FT. CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,500 FT.

(9) ILL. 4902 E/5 REF. 114063

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

(3) WITH P-47 FIGHTERS, AT HASTINGS AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES

(4) BASE TO HASTINGS TO TREPORT TO 49 DEG. 39 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 44 MIN. EAST TO I P TO TARGET.

(6) BOMB AT 12,00 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FT.

(9) ILL 4902E/5 REF. 18 A/C 120064

REF. 18 A/C 104065

(10) 4 X 500 LB G.P. FUSED INST. NOSE 1/10 TAIL

(11) 49 DEG. 55 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG. 33 MIN. EAST

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

(3) WITH 409TH BOMB GROUP AT SHEERNESS AT 10,000 FEET, AT ZERO HOUR MINUS ONE MINUTE

(6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET

(9) ILL. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 40902 E/5 REF. 114063

X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE

(5) TARGET 4902 E/C/14

(6) AIRCRAFT REQUIRED 2 BOXES 18 A/C EACH GROUP

(7) ROUTE BACK TARGET TURN LEFT TO 49 DEGREES 58 MIN NORTH 02 DEGREES 22 MIN EAST TO R.P.

TO 49 DEGREES 46 MIN NORTH 02 DEGREES 28 MIN EAST TO 49 DEGREE 39 MIN NORTH 01 DEGREES 43 MIN EAST TO LE TREPORT TO HASTINGS TO BASE

(8) I.P. 49 DEGREES 44 MIN NORTH 02 DEGREES 07 MIN EAST

(9) AXIS OF ATTACK GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST

(10) RALLY POINT 49 DEGREES 55 MIN NORTH 02 DEGREES 33 MIN EAST

(11) THE 416TH AND 410TH WILL COORDINATE THEIR TAKE OFF TIME SO THE 410TH TAKES OFF 15 MINUTES AHEAD OF 410TH

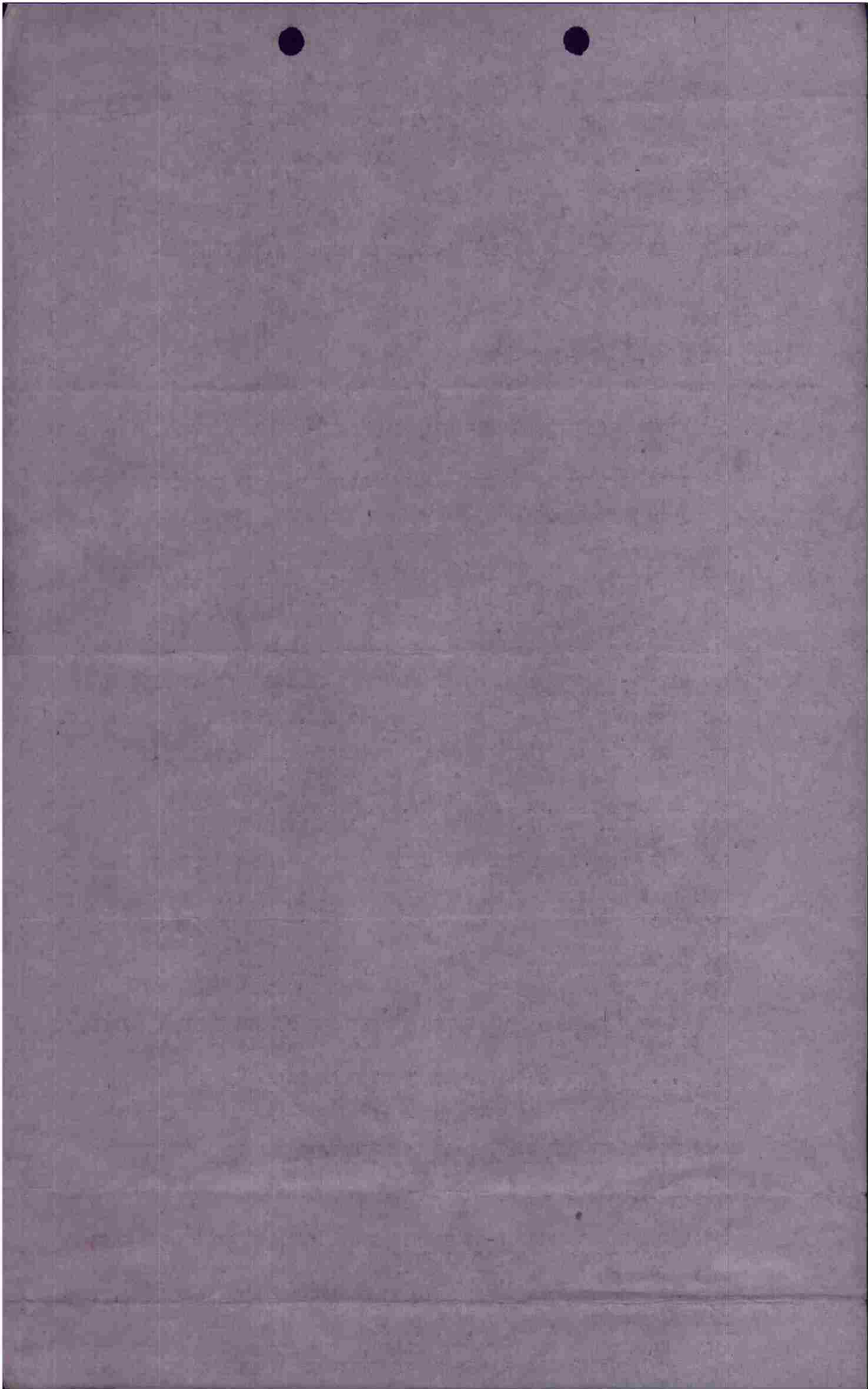
PARA 3 A AND 3 C

(11) RENDEZVOUS WITH P-47 FIGHTERS AT HASTINGS AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MINUTES

(12) ROUTE OUT BASE TO SHEERNESS TO HASTINGS TO LE TREPORT TO 49 DEGREES 39 MIN NORTH TO 01 DEGREES 44 MIN EAST TO I.P. TO TARGET

(13) BOMB LOAD 4 X 500 LB. G.P. 1/10 NOSE 1/100 TAIL

(14) THE 409TH BOMB GROUP WILL LEAD. THE 409TH BOMB GROUP WILL LEAVE SHEERNESS ON COURSE TO HASTINGS AT ZERO HOUR MINUS ONE MINUTE



4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

(2) TID WAY
(3) ANKLE
(9) 32/32
(10) 132/132

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:

(2) WIDE WATER
(3) UMBRIDGE
(9) 34/34
(10) 134/134

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

(2) KIT NOSE
(3) ANKLE
(9) 32/32
(10) 132/132

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(2) W. MALLING D/D
(3) NORMAL
(10) B T A V / B T A V
(11) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL "C"
WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA.

COCBTWIG 97

BT 27/0900B

BBBBBBBBBB

AR AR

JMB / RRR

OILAI / OICOG R.....27/0947B

HAS KKKK

OILAI / OIHAK R.....27/0947B

EB KKK

OILAI / OIGOF R.....

I / OIYAA R..... 27/0947B

WN KKK

A

F L

I

O

SOME OF THE MSG APPEARS TO BE GARBLED
TO WHAT D
TIC GOF TIC

COULD U RESENT TO ME TOTO

RPT 4 X (11)

KKK DO U MEAN PARA 5 X PAL OR 3 X

SORRY E 3 X

HLD READ AS FOLLOWS

(11) THE 416TH AND 410TH WILL COORDINATE THEIR TAKE OFF TIME SO
THE 410TH TAKES OFF 15 MINUTES AHEAD OF 416TH

CC : TO ALL STATIONS

MAKE PARA 3 X (11) READ AS FOLLOWS PLS

(11) THE 416TH AND 410TH WILL COORDINATE THEIR TAKE OFF TIME SO THE
416TH TAKES OFF 15 MINUTES AHEAD OF 410TH

OK DID ALL GET THAT PLS

THI IS YAA F B

ST

OICOG OIYAA OIHAK OIGOF V OILAI LAI 3/27 "OP"
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 27/1025B M-146 E
 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 409TH BOMB GROUP
 416TH BOMB GROUP
 410TH BOMB GROUP

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 27 MAY 44

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 53-331

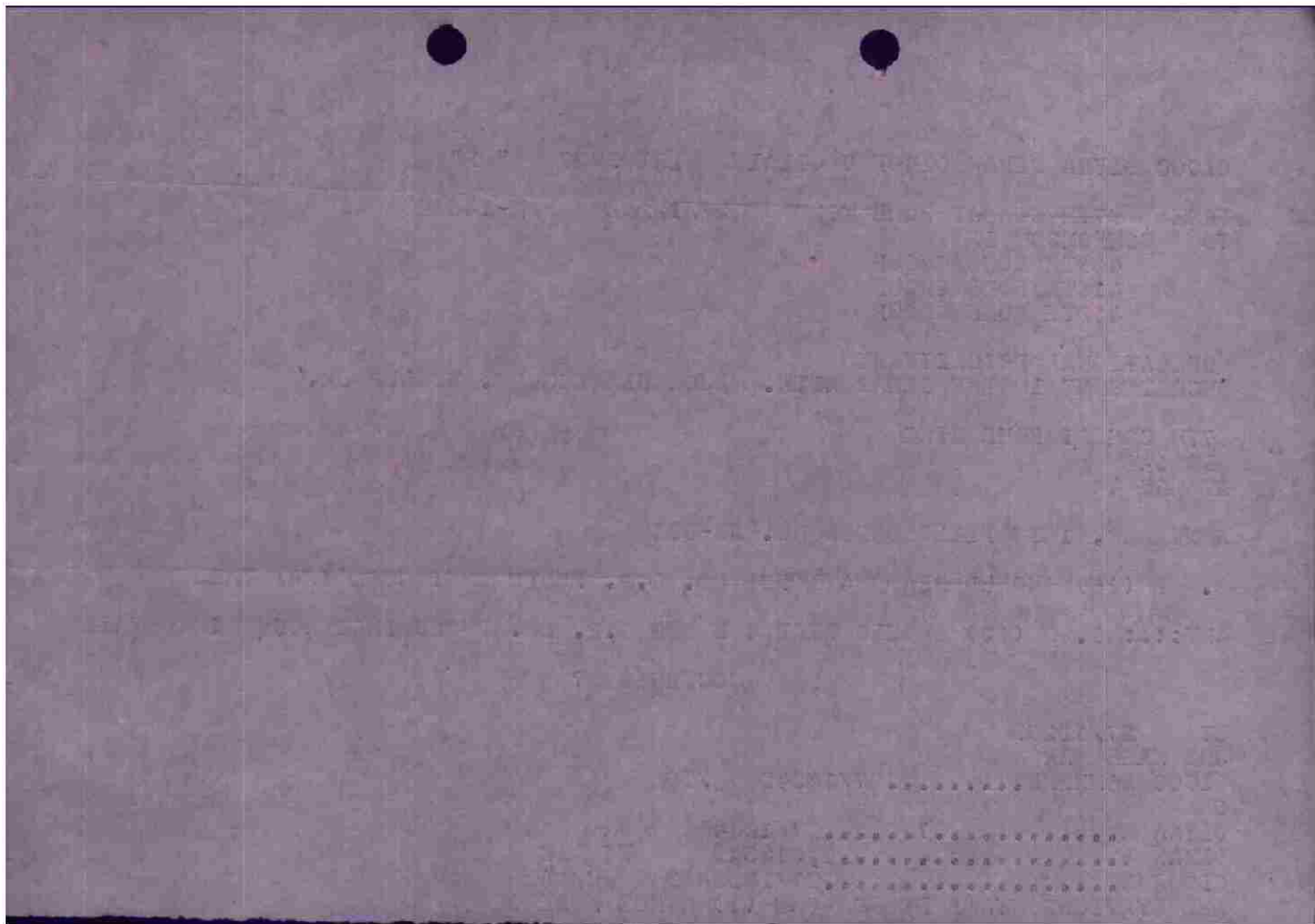
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RPT:::: 3. B (10) SHOULD READ 4 X 500 G.P. LB. FUSED INST NOSE 1/40 TAIL

COCTBWIG 97

BT 27/1025B
 JMB /RRR AR
 OICOG RAMMMMM.....27/1034B FIG AR
 O
 OIYAA R.....7.....27/1034B WN AR
 OIHAK 4.....27/1034B WS AR
 OIGOF R.....27/10304 B WCS AR
 ALL STATIONS STAND BY FOR ONE (1) N MOE MORE OK

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OICOG OIYAA OIHAK OIGOF V OILAI - LAI 4/27 OP
FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 27/1040B M-147-E

TO COMBOMCOM IX
409TH BOMB GROUP
410TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
SECET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH. MAJOR CLARECE S. TOWLES JR.

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
17 MAY 44

ANNEX NO.2 TO FIELD ORDE NO. 53-331

3 C (9) SHOULD NOW READ ILL. 4902 E/5
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REF. 18 A/C 104065

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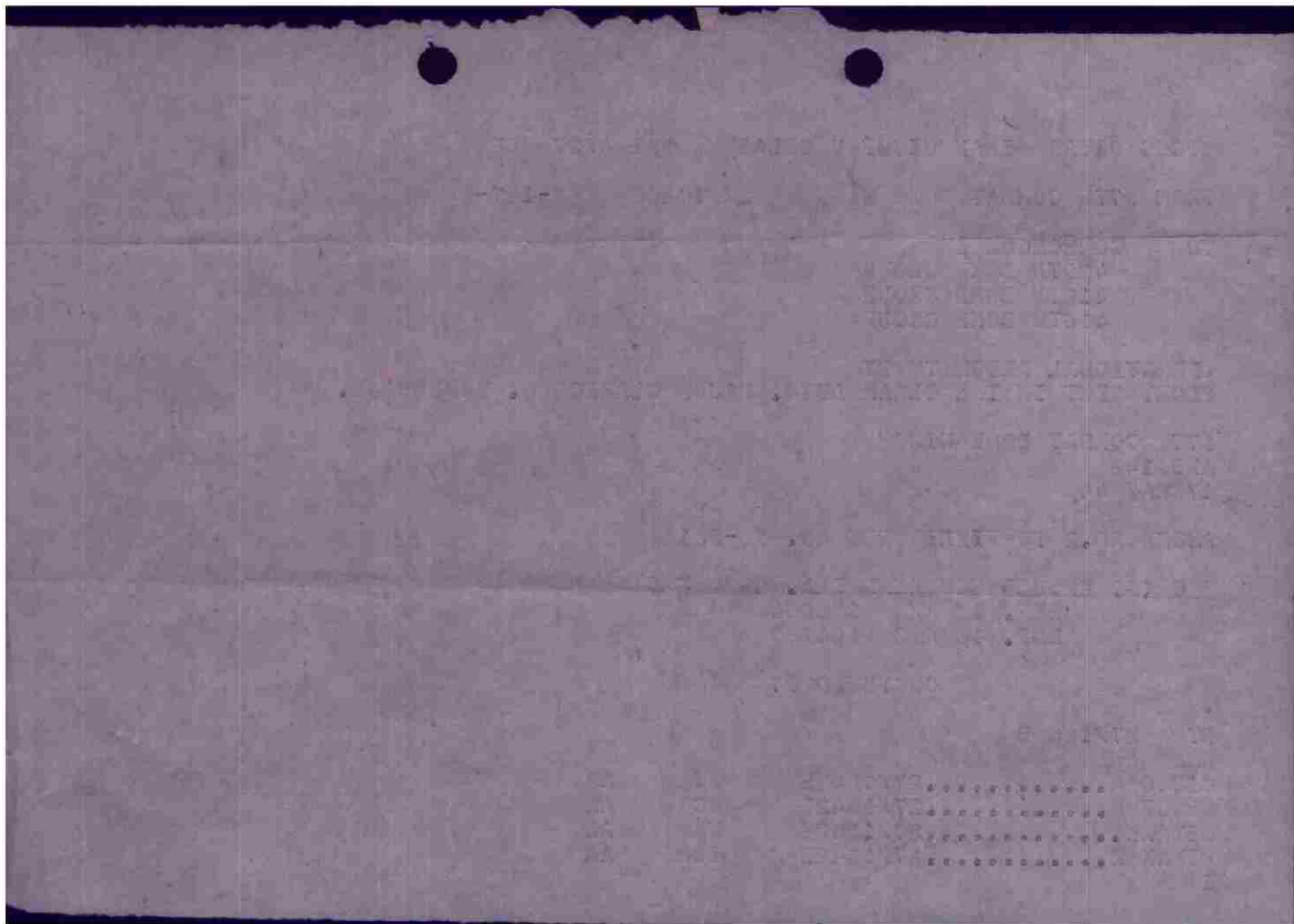
BT 27/1040B

RRR AR

OICOG R.....	27/1042B	HW	AR
OIGOF R.....	27/1042B	WCS	AR
OIYAAR.....	27/1042B	WN	AR
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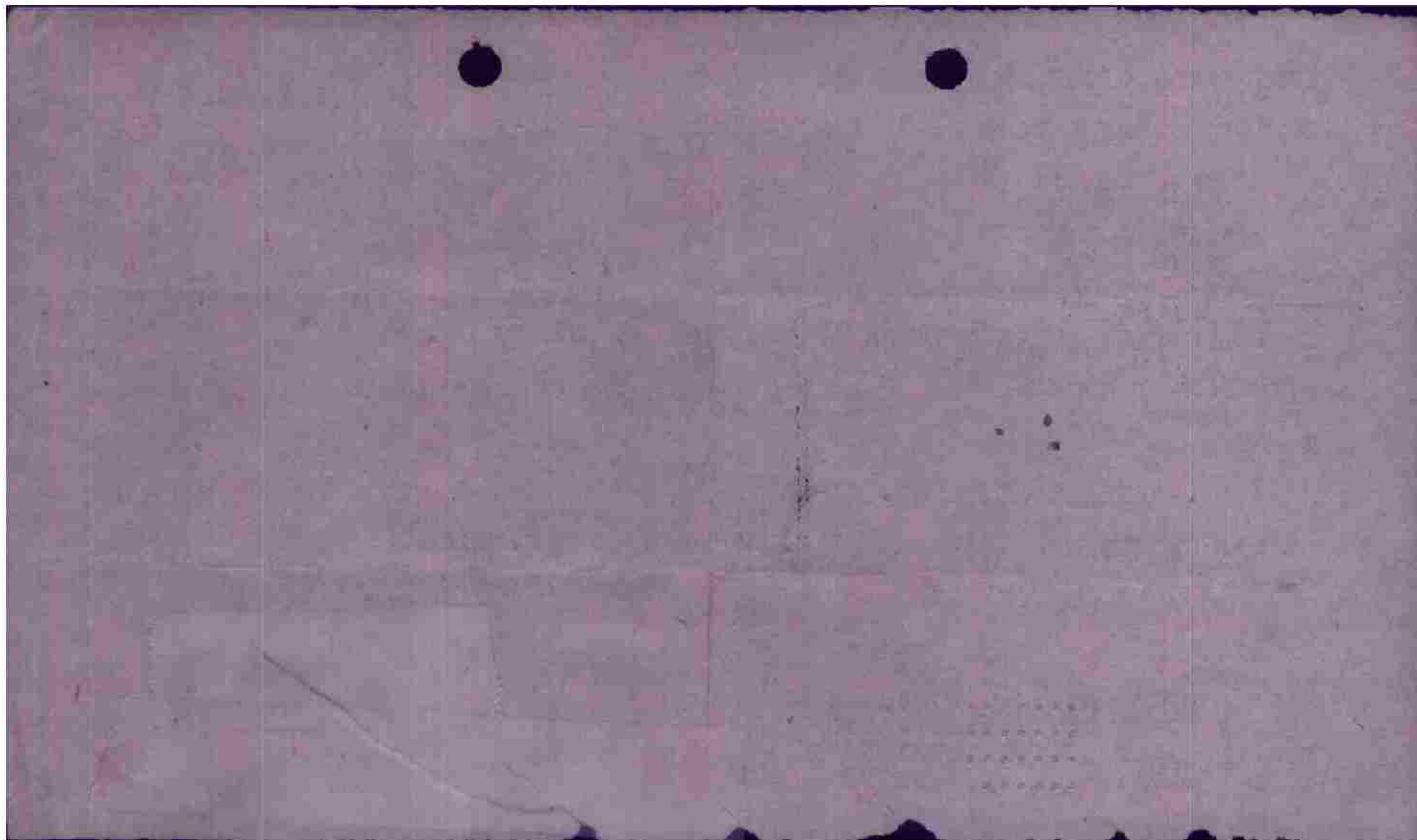
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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO FIELD ORDER NO.53-331

A. TARGET: THIS M/Y IS ON MAIN LINES WHICH CONVERGE FROM LILLE, VALENCIENNES AND THE PAS DE CALAIS AREA IT IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT CONTROL AND DISTRIBUTING POINT FOR TRAFFIC HEADED SOUTH TO PARIS, TO ROUEN, ETC. TARGET LIES WITHIN THE LIMES OF THE CITY AND IMMEDIATELY TO THE EAST OF THE CONGESTED AREA. THE SOMME RIVER, FLOWING FROM EAST TO WEST IS ABOUT 500 YARDS, TO THE NORTH OF THE M/Y WHICH PARALLELS THE RIVER. WHILE ILL. 4902 E/5, ONLY, SHOULD BE USED FOR REFERENCE POINTS, AN EXCELLENT VIEW SURROUNDING TERRITORY WILL BE FOUND IN ILL. S 1696/3 OF TARGET FOLDER Z446 OTHER DATA IN THIS TARGET FOLDER SHOULD NOT BE USED, BEING A DIFFERENT TARGET. ELEVATION OF TARGET IS 30 METERS (ABOUT 100 FEET).

B. THE SITUATION: GROUPS HAVE LATEST INFORMATION

C. OBSERVATIONS: (1) REPORTED TO BE ONE OR MORE BALLONS AT LE TREPORT, ALSO AT POIX, ELEVATIONS UNKNOWN.
(2) MILITARY CAMP WITH CONCRETE EMPLACEMENTS AT 49 DEG 51 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 37 MIN. EAST
(3) POSSIBLE COASTAL FLOODED AREAS.
(4) ROAD AND RAIL ACTIVITIES, ESPECIALLY IN M/Y

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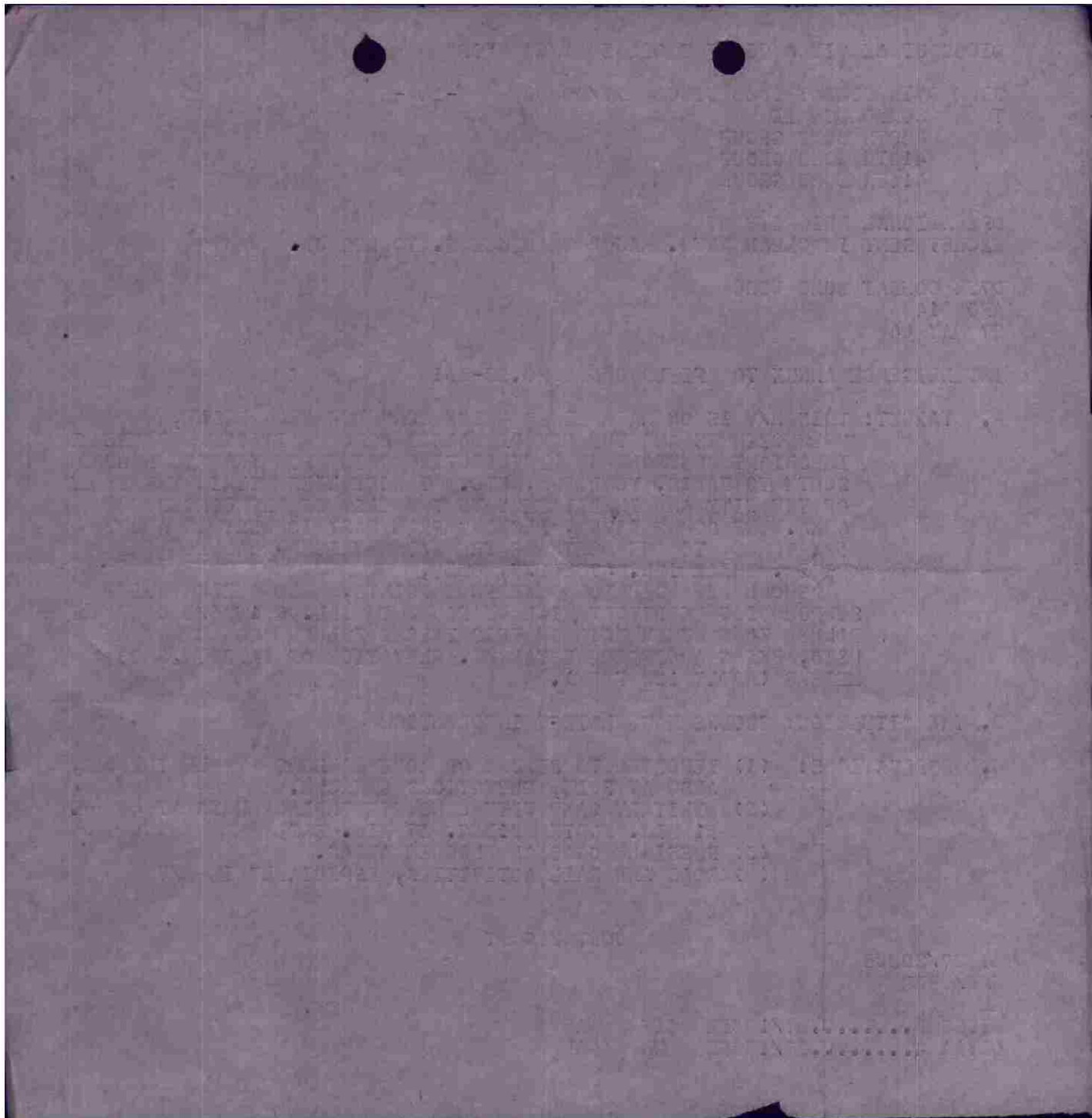
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FROM 416TH BOMB GP (L) 271640B

TO IX BOEBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2
97TH COMBATWING ATTN: A-2

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MS63D OPSFLASH NO 52 FOR 27 MAY 1944

- A. (I) AMIENS M/Y
(II) NO ATTACK
- B. (I) 416TH BG
(II) 41 A-20'S (INCLUDES 3 WINDOW A/C)
(III) NO ATTACK
(IV) NO ATTACK- NAVIGATIONAL ERROR
ABANDONED MISSION
- C. (I) 1203
(II) NO ATTACK
(III) 1517
- D. (I) 7 A/C CAT. A
3 A/C CAT AC
(II) 0-0-0
(III) NIL
- E. NO ATTACK
- F. (I) (A) NIL
(B) NIL
(II) (A) DID NOT REACH TARGET AREA.
(B) WEAK INACCURATE 2 MILES SW OF ST. SAENO
WEAK ACCURATE 4 MILES SE OF POIX
MODERATE INACCURAT 6 MILES SE OF NAUTCHATEL
MODERATE ACCURATE AT FORMEIRE
- G. AT 1350 HOURS , HELLO OBJECT SIGHTED IN POSITION
50 DEG 45' N 01 DEG 00' E (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS HOT NEWS)
ONE A-20 SEEN TO SPIN IN AND CRASH AT FORMERIE, NO PARACHUTES SEEN.
ONE B-26 SEEN ON GROUND APPARENT CRASH LANDING
FIVE MILES NORTH OF FRESNAY.
E B.B. ON GROUND AT ST. VICTOR .
CAMP CONSISTING OF ROUND TOP HUTS IN GROUPS OF 5 OR 6 10
GROUPS IN AREA AT POINT 5 MILES NW OF FORMERIE.
- H. (I) DID NOT REACH TARGET AREA.
(II) 1/10 SCATTERED CLOUDS, TOPS 7,000 FEET.
VISIBILITY OVER ENEMY TERRITORY 10-20 MILES.
- I. NO ATTACK
4 X 500 GP. JESTTISONED ON CHANNEL
148 X 500 GP . RETURNED
- J. NO ATTACK.

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CC UNDER G. WA 1530 HOURS YELLOW

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OICOG R.....

OILAI R.....271728B CES AR

OICOG R.....'271725B RPG AR

Neufchatel