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19 MAY 1944

GROUP OPERATIONS - MISSION REPORT -

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

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

SUBJECT: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Reports.

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

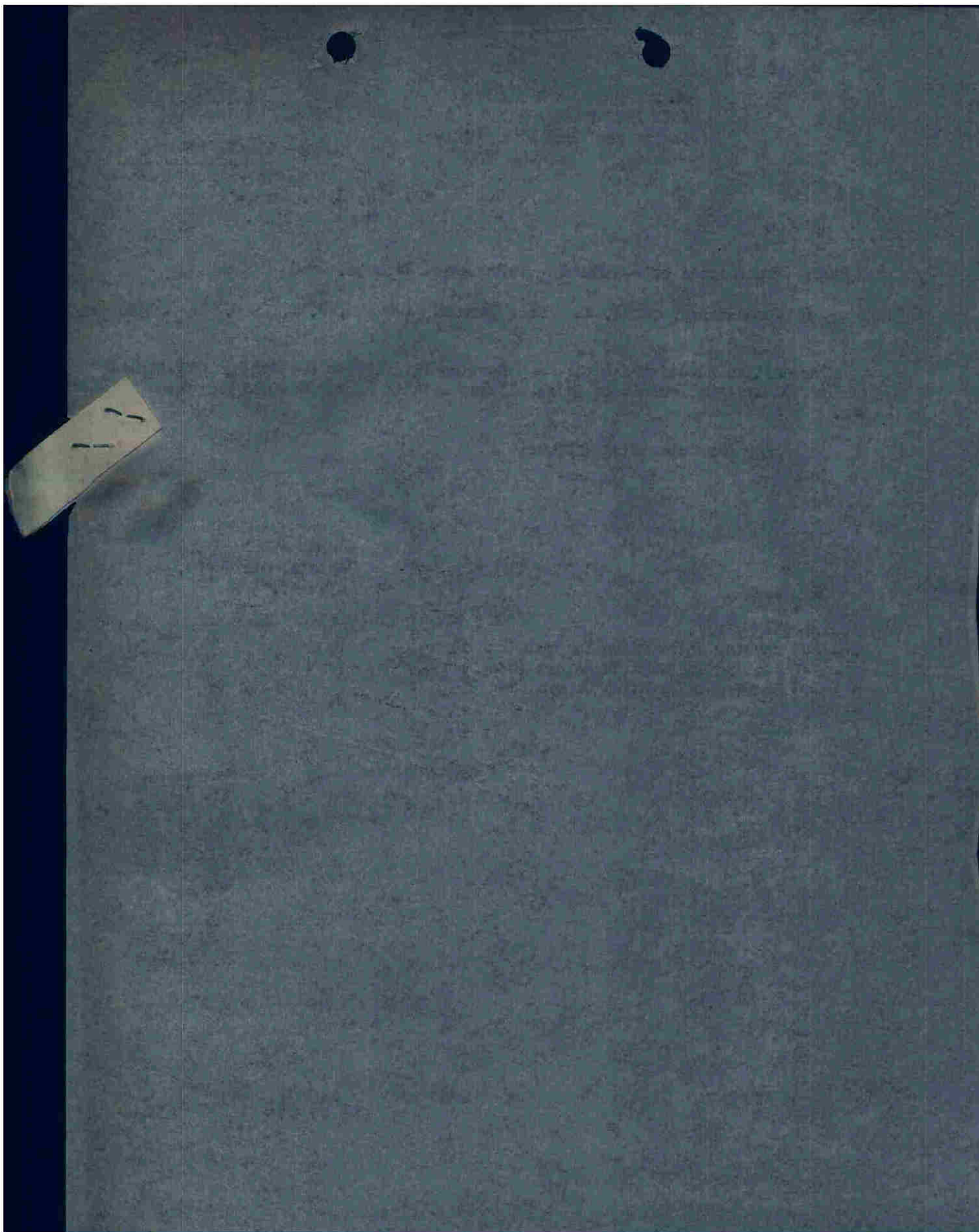
Transmitted herewith are the A-3 Bombing Information Reports on operational mission 28 May 1944, submitted in compliance with IX Bomber Command Memorandum 55-2.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHEMELIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 333

BOX I GROUP 426 DATE 28 May 44 TARGET ATTACKED Enemy/1st. Division Naval HQ Station

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.
2. Bombing approach: 300° Eng.
3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X
4. 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: Pre-set with corrections for synchronization. ISI used as AF. No trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: 1st. Powell
6. Name of lead pilot: Major King.
7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 150 Altitude 3,000
9. Length of bomb run: 15 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N/10 T1/40
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 15

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, IP or AF? 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: Operational wind seemed to be off slightly.
- (f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: None
- (g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES _____ NO _____

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

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(Over)



1. 0 to 10 min. *
 2. Room.
 3. 5 boxes of 10 slips each.
 4. Room.
 5. Room.
 6. Room.
 7. Room.
 8. Room.
 9. Room.
 10. Room.

* Recordings of words from 1. to 10.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 333

BOX II GROUP 416 DATE 23 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Target Area

- 1. Method of Sighting: Direct synchronous.
- 2. Bombing approach: 105°
- 3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO
- 4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES NO

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used.
Plane in very slight bank to right at point of release.

- 5. Name of lead bombardier: 1st Lt. Luby.
- 6. Name of lead pilot: Captain Jackson.
- 7. Intervalometer setting: None
- 8. Indicated Air Speed: 250 Ground Speed: 250 Altitude: 11,400
- 9. Length of bomb run: 4 Sec: 300
- 10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: X 1b FUSED N T
- 11. Total Bombs Dropped:

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, IP 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 on 12 (b)
- (f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES NO

Results claimed: GOOD FAIR POOR BAD MISS

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- 1. 0 20 to 2100.
- 2. 1000.
- 3. 1000 - 10 000.
- 4. 1000 - 1000.
- 5. 1000 - 1000.
- 6. 1000 - 1000.
- 7. 1000 - 1000.
- 8. 1000 - 1000.
- 9. 1000 - 1000.
- 10. 1000 - 1000.

A. Description of work from 1.0. to 1000.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 396

BOX 222 GROUP 436 DATE 28 May 41 TARGET ATTACKED Brunen/St. Michael Naval Air Station

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.
2. Bombing approach: 385° mag.
3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X
4. 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: Pre-set with corrections for wind-drift, SPI used as AP. No trail subtracted. Bombardier took most of time on run in attempt to level bubbles.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Arrington.
6. Name of lead pilot: Capt. Dunn
7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 205 Ground Speed: 255 Altitude: 12,500
9. Length of bomb run: 45 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10 1/40
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 35

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 X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.
 - (b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, 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: Bubbles not leveled.
 - (f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: Failed to level bubbles.
 - (g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

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

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- 1. 0 to 10 miles.
 - 2. None.
 - 3. 10 to 20 miles.
 - 4. Very little.
 - 5. Considered target by 1/2, could not find or hit target.
 - 6. Estimated not located.
 - 7. Not seen.
 - 8. None.
4. Description of route from 1. to 2. target.

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

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 28 May 1944
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AFG 140, U. S. ARMY,
 28 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Mission Report--Aircraft.

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

PART I

- (1) 28 May 1944--1100--Dragon/14, Mihel Naval REF Station.
- (2) 12
- (3) 12

PART II

None

PART III (1)

None

PART III (2)

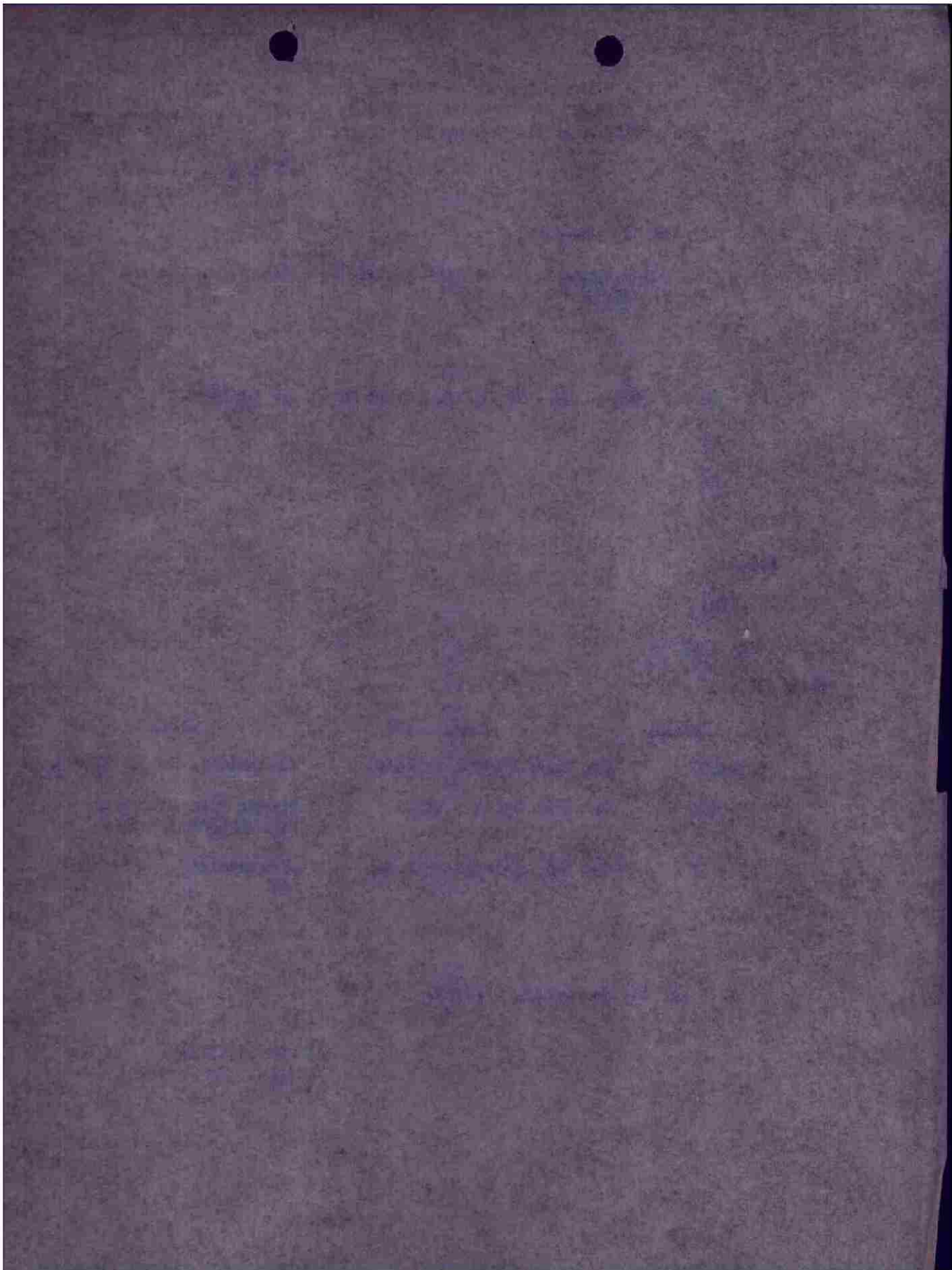
<u>AIR SERIAL NO</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>
13-9107	One bomb delayed release.	Electrical, undetermined.
13-9624	One bomb brought back.	Arming wire held release breaker points open.
13-9109	One bomb delayed release.	Undetermined.

PART III (3)

None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE GENTHORN,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.



MISSION NO. 59

LOADING LIST

28 MAY 1944

BOX I

FLIGHT I

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. 439 J
Major W.J. Meng ✓
Lt. V.H. Powell ✓
S/S R.F. Stobert
S/S F.P. Glynn | 4. 207 B
Lt. R.J. Rooney ✓
S/S H.M. McCleary
S/S S.F. DiNapoli |
| 2. 452 Q
Capt. G.M. McNulty ✓
Lt. F.H. Bursiel ✓
S/S H.E. White
S/S R.F. Addleman | 5. 224 E
Lt. L.R. McBride ✓
Sgt W.J. Daniels
Sgt L. Burger |
| 3. 217 D
Lt. T.J. Leonard ✓
S/S O.D. Evans
S/S T.A. Palmer | 6. 892 L
Capt. Z.R. Moore ✓
S/S E.L. Griffin
Sgt C.W. Masiasz |

FLIGHT II

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. 840 V
Lt. P.F.E. MacMaus ✓
S/S M. Rosenstein
S/S H.O. Carney | 3. 673 I
Lt. J.F. Smith ✓
Sgt C. Vafiadis
Sgt R.G. Hoffman |
| 2. 181 A
Lt. W.H. Land ✓
S/S S.F. Alden
S/S R.L. Ballinger | 4. 689 I-1
Lt. E.J. Renth ✓
S/S O.D. LaNave
S/S F.M. Citty |

FLIGHT III

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. 165 H
Lt. R.J. Morton ✓
Sgt H.C. Rogers
Sgt J.E. VanDuyne | 3. 951 F
Lt. R.L. Behlmer ✓
T/S W.J. Kelly
S/S W.G. Ferguson |
| 2. 221 F
Lt. N.V. Shainberg ✓
S/S R.G. Halloway
Sgt F.E. Melchior | 4. 219 D-1
Lt. H.D. Andrews ✓
S/S G.M. Cook
S/S E.R. Werley |

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MISSION NO. 59

LOADING LIST -
BOX II
FLIGHT -I

28 MAY 1944

1. 455 T
Capt. C.R. Jackson ✓
Lt. A.H. Maltby ✓
S/S R.K. Riley
S/S A.J. Bonamo

4. 750 M-1
Lt. W.B. Ostrander ✓
S/S J.E. Wilson
S/S I. Binney

2. 125 M
Capt. H.F. Conant ✓
Lt. R.T. McBrien ✓
S/S J.E. McCreery
S/S H.J. Sylva

5. 380 N
Lt. E.L. Johnson ✓
Sgt J.O. Swafford
S/S M.R. Brayn

3. 157 P
Lt. R.D. Hall ✓
S/S D.S. Blackford
S/S R. Eutsler

6. 680 R
Lt. H.A. Monroe ✓
S/S W.L. Kidd
S/S S. Risko

FLIGHT II

1. 189 P-1
Lt. W.A. Peck ✓
S/S A.E. Bergeron
S/S H.E. Kelton

3. 148 H
Lt. A.J. Vleghels ✓
Sgt C.E. Rice
Sgt R.W. Young

2. 743 W
Lt. W.C. Siggs ✓
S/S R.W. Nicks
S/S N. Radlich

4. 961 E
Lt. M.S. Street ✓
S/S E.T. Epps
S/S C.A. Prindle

FLIGHT III

1. 226 E-1
Lt. R.V. Miracle ✓
S/S B.C. Sieg
S/S J.C. Burkhalter

3. 210 Q
Lt. A.P. Nickas ✓
Sgt H.W. Smith
Sgt G.W. Scott

2. 0194 A
Lt. W.E. Downing ✓
S/S S.S. Dickenson
Sgt K.E. Hornbeck

4. 907 O
Lt. R.D. Leshar ✓
S/S H.R. Hedrick
S/S A.J. Antanaitis

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LOADING LIST

28 MAY 1944

BOX III

FLIGHT I

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. 914 X
Capt. L.F. Dunn ✓
Lt. H.T. Arrington ✓
S/S H.A. Marion
S/S V.P. Adams | 4. 164 I
Lt. S.M. Hixon ✓
T/S F.H. Larronde
S/S H.A. Lempka |
| 2. 645 R
Lt. L.A. Marzolf ✓
Lt. R.J. Basnett ✓
S/S H.E. Wellin
S/S L.G. Kutzer | 5. 363 L
Lt. R.W. York ✓
S/S H.J. Wilds
Sgt L.A. Ashton |
| 3. 711 M
Lt. R.A. Wipperman ✓
S/S H.S. Ahrens
Sgt L.C. Mazza | 6. 220 E
Lt. E.T. Platter ✓
S/S K.L. Johnson
S/S J.L. Czech |

FLIGHT II

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. 214 G
Lt. R.V. Wheeler ✓
S/S E. Corrin
S/S J.S. Brower | 3. 937 B
Lt. F.W. Henderson ✓
Sgt R.M. Griswold
Sgt P.E. Coulombe |
| 2. 701 H
Lt. Col. T.R. Ford ✓
S/S H.T. Best
S/S I.R. DeGuisti | 4. 493 V
Lt. J.D. Adams ✓
S/S P.L. Clearman
Sgt A.J. Zeikus |

FLIGHT III

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. 360 S
Lt. G.F. Bartmus ✓
S/S J.R. Orr
S/S F.L. Flacks | 3. 211 O
Lt. G.C. Mish ✓
S/S C.J. Clark
Sgt R.F. Chustz |
| 2. 963 N
Lt. L.G. Peede ✓
S/S C.L. Hibbs
Sgt F.G. Fields | 4. 684 K
Lt. E.B. Kreh ✓
Sgt E. Shelton
S/S D.R. Schenck |

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

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28 May 1944

Prepared by MAJOR HAROLD A. RADETSKY

A.

B. 1150

C. NORTH FORELAND

D. BOX I R/T FEETACHE ONE

670 7 J Q D B E L I-1

669 3 V A I

671 4 H F P D-1

GROUP LEADER . . . 670 . . . J

Deputy . . . 670 . . . Q

BOX II R/T FEETACHE TWO

670 5 T P M-1 N R

668 5 M E-1 A Q O

669 4 P-1 W H E

SECOND BOX LEADER . . . 670 . . . T

DEPUTY . . . 668 . . . M

BOX III R/T FEETACHE THREE

671 9 X R M I L E C B V

668 5 H B N K

670 1 O

THIRD BOX LEADER . . . 671 . . . X

DEPUTY . . . 671 . . . R

E. 12,000

F. FURNESS

G. 1204

H. 19 MINUTES

J. FURNESS

K. NORTH FORELAND

L. 1234 1/2

M. 1. E.T.D. . . 1125 E. T. A. . . 1248

2. 4 x 500 G.P.

3. 4 HOURS

4. BOX I . . . 5103 E/K/4

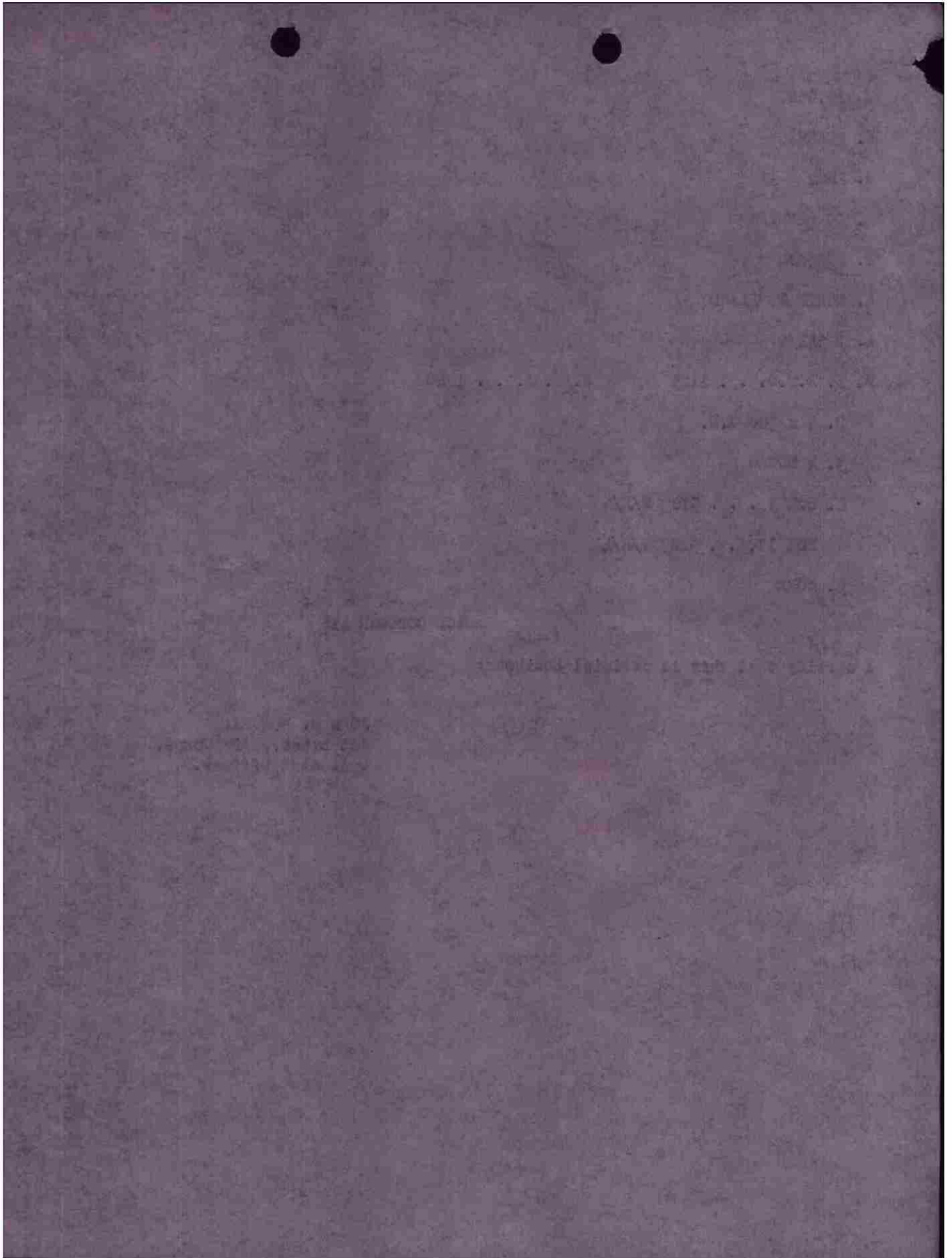
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5. NONE

MACE COBOMER 416

I certify that this is official business:

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



Jones

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

APC 140
28 May 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 4 miles. 5/10 to 4/10 cirrus
above 20,000 feet.

ROUTE OUT: Small patches of cirrus along route. No low
clouds. Visibility 4 to 5 miles over England
except 1 to 2 miles in London area and
improving to 8 to 10 miles over channel and
continent. Base to 5,000 ft. over England
except 8,000 to 9,000 ft in London Area.

TARGET: Scattered cirrus above 20,000 ft. Visibility
8 to 10 miles down sun and 4 to 5 miles up sun.

ROUTE BACK: Same as route out.

BASE ON RETURN: Visibility 2 to 3 miles in haze. 5/10 small
cumulus at 5,500 feet.

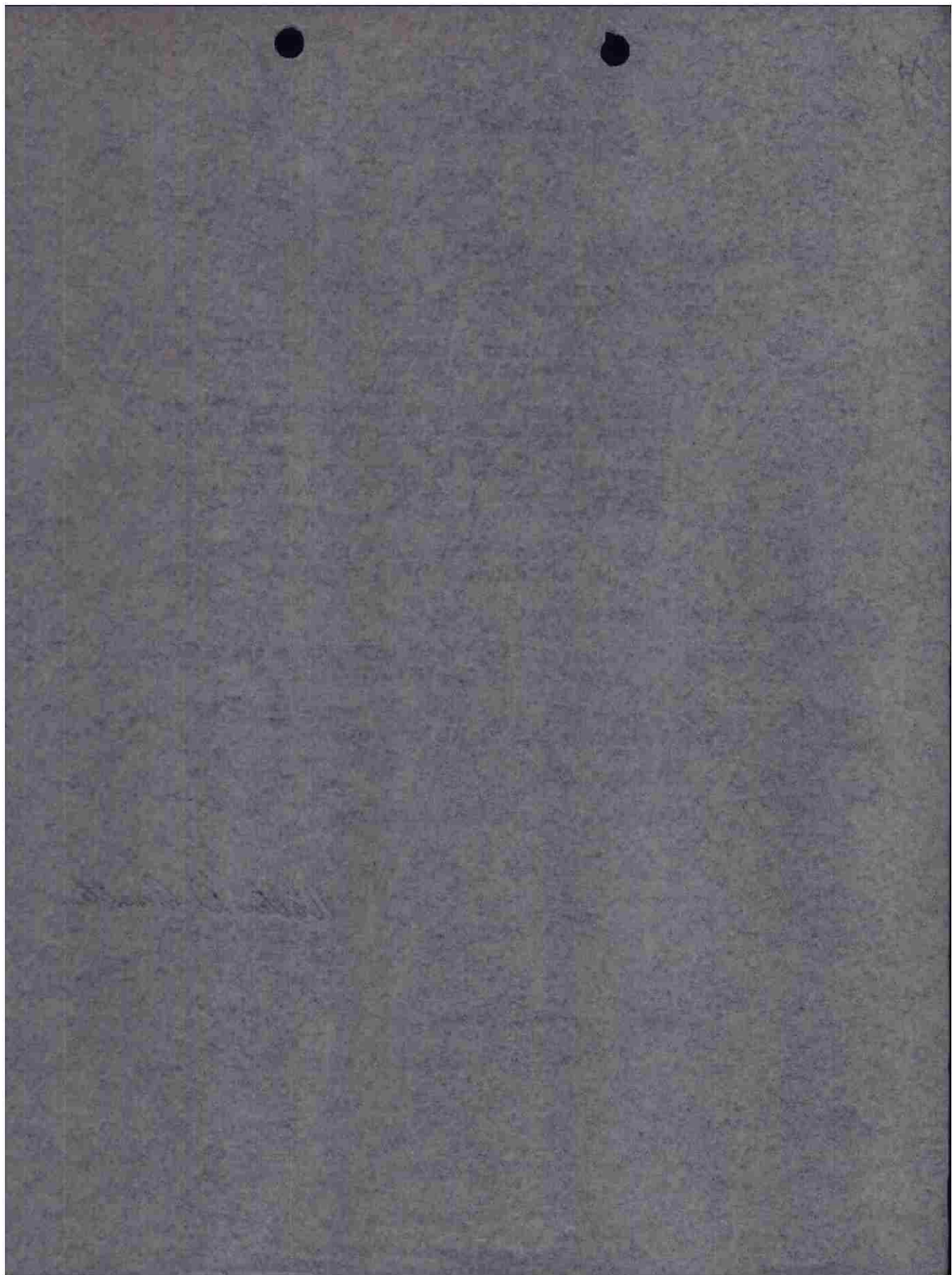
WINDS: Winds over target reported as being wrong by
one bombardier and right by another.

TIME OVER TARGET: 1218

Weather did not effect bombing.

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

1 Incl.
3 Route Forecast Forms.



WEATHERS FIELD
414th Bomb Group (B)

TAKED OFF - 1100
RETURN - 1300

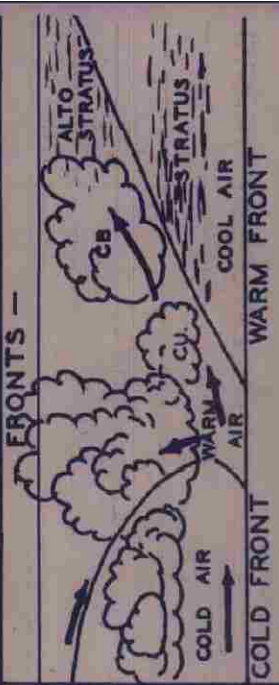
OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 28 MAY 1944
PERIOD 0900 - 1300
Rq SOS USAFPP 9-43/90M/15227

	A BASE TO TARGET	B TARGET	C TARGET TO BASE	D
WEATHER	1 SCATTERED CLOUDS + HAZE	SCATTERED CLOUDS + HAZE	SCATTERED CLOUDS + HAZE	
CLOUDS	2 NIL MEDIUM CLOUDS 3/10 HIGH CLOUD ABOVE 20,000 FT INCREASING 1/10 TO 6/10 OVER CONTINENT NIL 3/10 FATM STRATOCUMULUS BASE 6,000 FT TO 8,000 FT MODERATE HAZE OVER ENGLAND TO 10,000 FT BEGINNING LIGHT OVER THE CONTINENT	1/10 TO 6/10 HIGH CLOUD ABOVE 20,000 FT NIL MEDIUM AND NIL LOW CLOUD	SAME AS ROUTE OUT EXCEPT HIGH CLOUD INCREASING TO 4/10 TO 6/10	
ICING	3 FREEZING LEVEL: 12,000 FT ICING: NIL	SAME	SAME	
VELOCITY	4 1,000 TO 3,000 YDS INCREASING TO 3 TO 5 MILES OVER CHANNEL AND 5 MILES PLUS OVER CONTINENT.	5 MILES PLUS	2 TO 4 MILES	
HEIGHT SURFACE	SE			
5,000 FT	170	18		
10,000 FT	170	18		
14,000 FT	180	22		
15,000 FT	190	24		
FT				
FT				

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 30.40
TARGET SURFACE TEMP +17°C TARGET MEAN TEMP +8.5°C
TEMP AT 10,000 FT. 0°C TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) -471

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		 <p style="text-align: center;">FRONTS --</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COLD AIR → ← WARM AIR COOL AIR WARM FRONT</p>	
<p>LOW CLOUDS = ST-STRATUS SC-STRATOCUMULUS</p> <p>MIDDLE CLOUDS = AS-ALTOSTRATUS AC-ALTOCUMULUS</p> <p>HIGH CLOUDS = CI-CIRRUS CS-CIRROSTRATUS</p> <p>CLOUDS OF VERTICAL EXTENT = CU-CUMULUS CB-CUMULONIMBUS</p>			

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 B L O B	B O M B	E N D U R	L A T I T U D E	R E M A R K S
C	T	455	Hackson	349	London Natal RAF Station	11 06	19,000 North Auckland 1150	19,000 Furmes 1904	11 18	11,000 Furmes 1229	8,000 North Auckland 1454	HC	775	4 x 500 G.P.	4+	1319	
A	M	145	Comant		Bruges /	11 06										1315	
C	P	154	Hall		St. Mihiel	11 06										1316	
C	M-1	750	Ostrander			11 06										1309	
C	N	380	Johnson			11 07										1310	
C	R	680	Monroe			11 07										1309	
B	P-1	189	Pechy			11 07										1317	
B	W	743	Siggs			11 07										1321	
B	H	148	Vieghels			11 08										1318	
B	E	961	Streek			11 08										1319	
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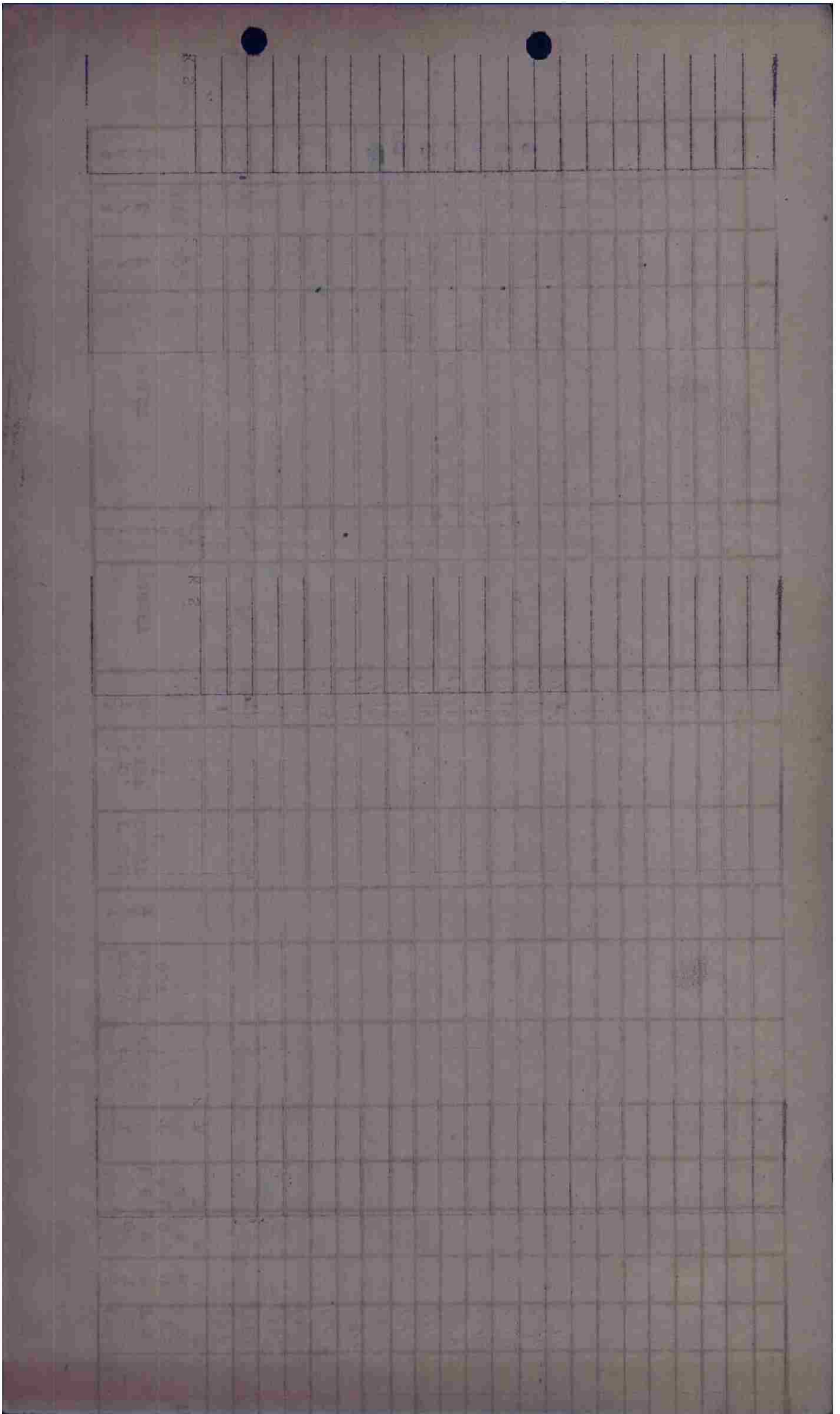
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C	J	H39	Memg	347	Chapman Naval Radio Station	1100	19000 North Foreland 1150	19000 Furnes 1204	1918	11000 Furnes 1223	8,000 North Foreland 1234	Hc	725	4x500 G.R.	4+	1255	
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Box III

S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A	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 A D	B O M B A D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D E	R E M A R K S
D	X	9914	Dunn	3450 NCE	3450 NCE	11 02	19,000 North Coastland 1150	19,000 Kurnes 1204	1218	11,000 Kurnes 1203	8,000 North Coastland 1234	H C	H 945	H 1500 G F	H +	1305	
D	R	684	Marzolf	3450 NCE	3450 NCE	11 12										1304	
D	M	711	Wipdeckmann	3450 NCE	3450 NCE	11 12										1305	
D	H	164	Hixoh	3450 NCE	3450 NCE	11 12										1305	
D	L	362	Yox	3450 NCE	3450 NCE	11 13										1307	
D	E	220	Platko	3450 NCE	3450 NCE	11 13										1307	
D	C	214	Wheeler	3450 NCE	3450 NCE	11 13										1312	
D	H	701	Ford	3450 NCE	3450 NCE	11 13										1313	
D	B	937	Hendersom	3450 NCE	3450 NCE	11 14										1313	
D	V	H92	Adams	3450 NCE	3450 NCE	11 14										1314	
D	S	860	Bartmus	3450 NCE	3450 NCE	11 14										1310	
D	N	962	Peede	3450 NCE	3450 NCE	11 14										1312	
D	O	911	Mish	3450 NCE	3450 NCE	11 15										1311	
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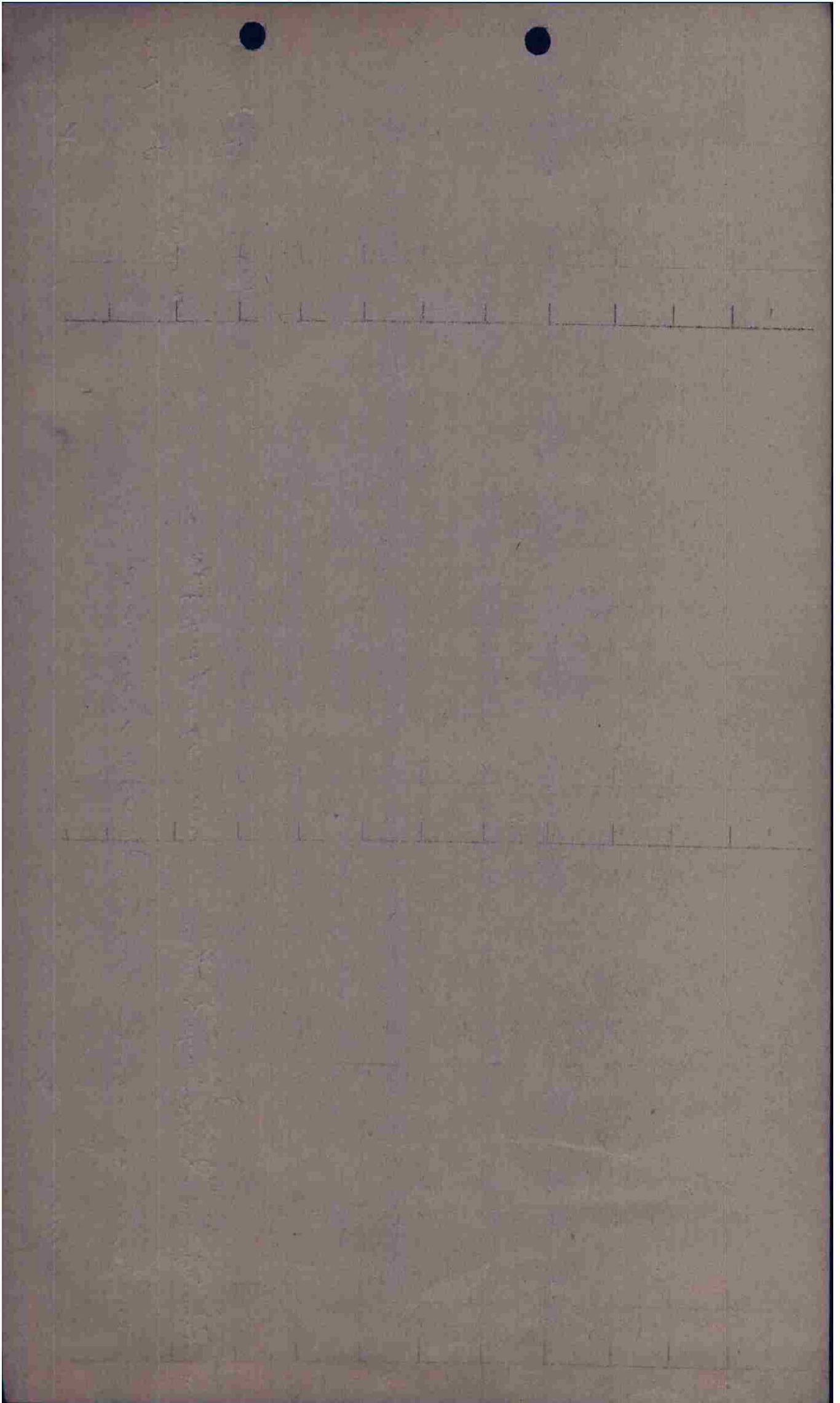


SHIP NO.	SQUADRON	PILOT and/or BOMBARDIER	DUTIES	FUNCTIONS	DUTIES OF FUNCTIONS
207	C	ROONEY		one Bomber in formation	Eastern Route in RS. 2nd Station.
684	H	KREH		Right front pulled & released	Carried wire bundles against formation with retained bombing - fuselage painted to blend.

Explosion #1

28 May 1944

*William G. McDonald
Capt. H.C.
Command Officer*



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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 28/0100B M-151-E
 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 409TH BOMB GROUP
 410TH BOMB GROUP
 416TH BOMB GROUP

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING
 APO 140
 28 MAY 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 55-333

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) VIII AF IS ATTACKING TARGETS IN GERMANY LEAVING ENGLAND AT 1100 HOURS.
 2ND TACTICAL AIR FORCE IS ATTACKING TARGETS IN FRANCE.

98TH WING IS ATTACKING BRIDGE TARGET IN BELGIUM LEAVING NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO HOUR. ZERO HOUR PLUS 20, PLUS 40 AND PLUS 60 MINUTES WITH THUNDERBOLT ESCORT.

99TH WING IS ATTACKING BRIDGE TARGETS NEAR PARIS LEAVING BRIGHTON AT ZERO HOUR. ZERO HOUR PLUS 20, PLUS 60 AND PLUS 80 MINUTES WITH SPITFIRE AND THUNDERBOLT ESCORT.

R A F II GROUP WILL FURNISH SPITFIRE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN BELGIUM.

ZERO HOUR: 28/1030B

3. A. 409TH GROUP:
 (2) THREE BOXES OF 14
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 100 MINS. AT 12,000 FEET.

(9) ILL. 5103 E/80 REF. 077011.
 (10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED INST. NOSE AND 1/10 SECOND TAIL.

- B. 410TH GROUP:
 (2) TWO BOXES OF 18
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 120 MINS. AT 12,000 FEET.

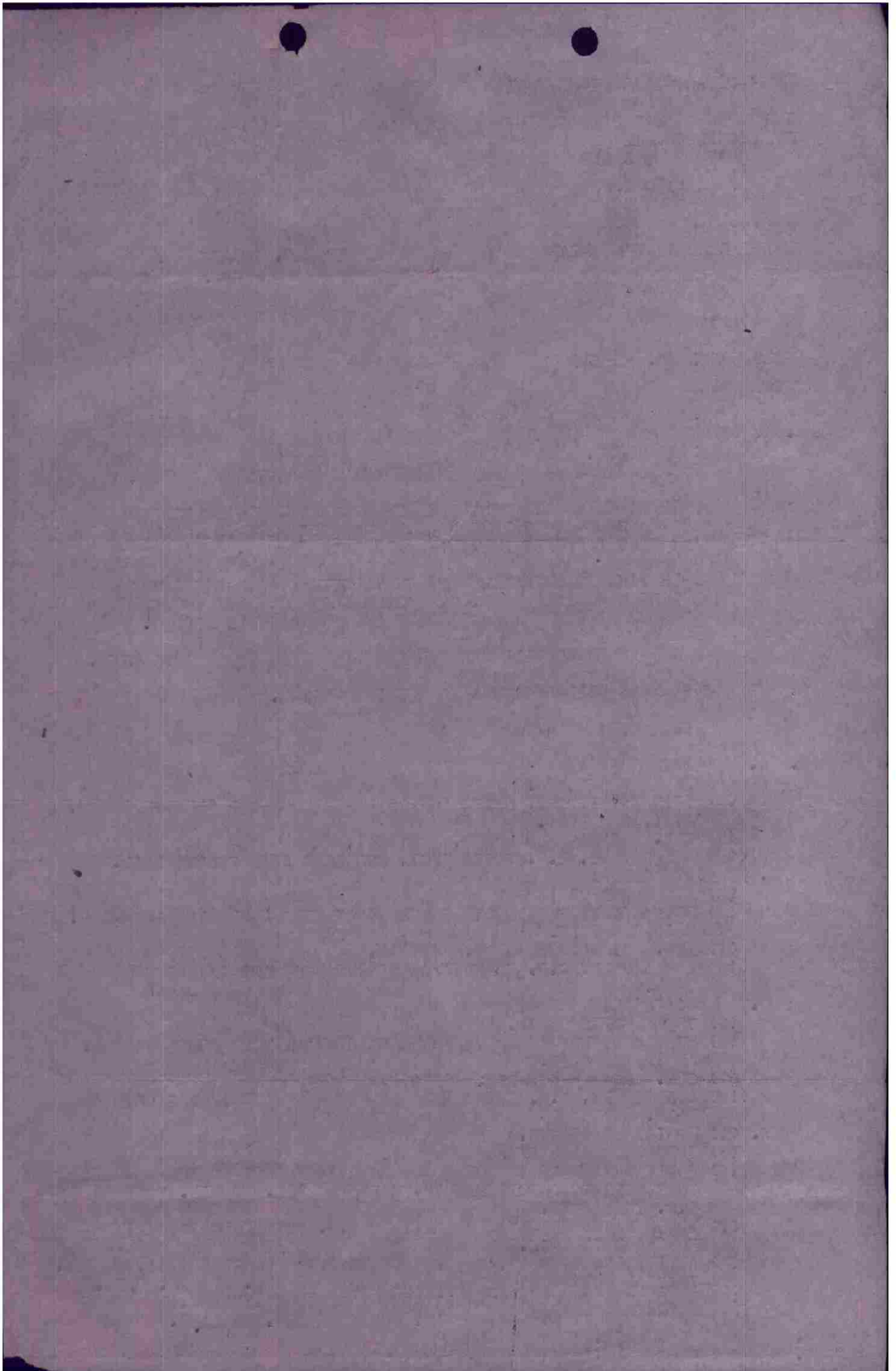
(9) ILL. 5103 E/80 REF. 077014.
 (10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE AND 1/40 SECOND TAIL.

- C. 416TH GROUP:
 (2) THREE BOXES OF 14.
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 80 MINS. AT 12,000 FEET.

(9) ILL. 5103 E/80 REF. 077014.
 (10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE AND 1/40 SECOND TAIL.

- X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE.
 (5) TARGET: 5103 E/K/4
 (6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO NORTH FORELAND TO FURNES TO NORTH FORELAND TO FURNES TO 50 DEG 55 MIN. NORTH 03 DEG. 20 MIN. EAST TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO FURNES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.
 (8) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,000 FEET.
 (9) INITIAL POINT: 51 DEG 05 MIN. NORTH 03 DEG. 27 MIN. EAST.
 (10) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST.
 (11) RALLY POINT: 51 DEG 05 MIN. NORTH 03 DEG. 00 EAST.

4. NO CHANGE.
 5. COMMUNICATIONS:



A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) LADYMAN
- (9) 28/28
- (10) 28/28

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) DASHDOWN
- (9) 54/54
- (10) 54/54

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) FEETACHE
- (9) 3/3
- (10) 3/3

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- (2) WEST MALLING D/D
BRIGHTON AREA, C/C, C/S PARADE
- (3) NO CHANGE
- (10) VATB/VATB
- (11) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL "C"
WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA.

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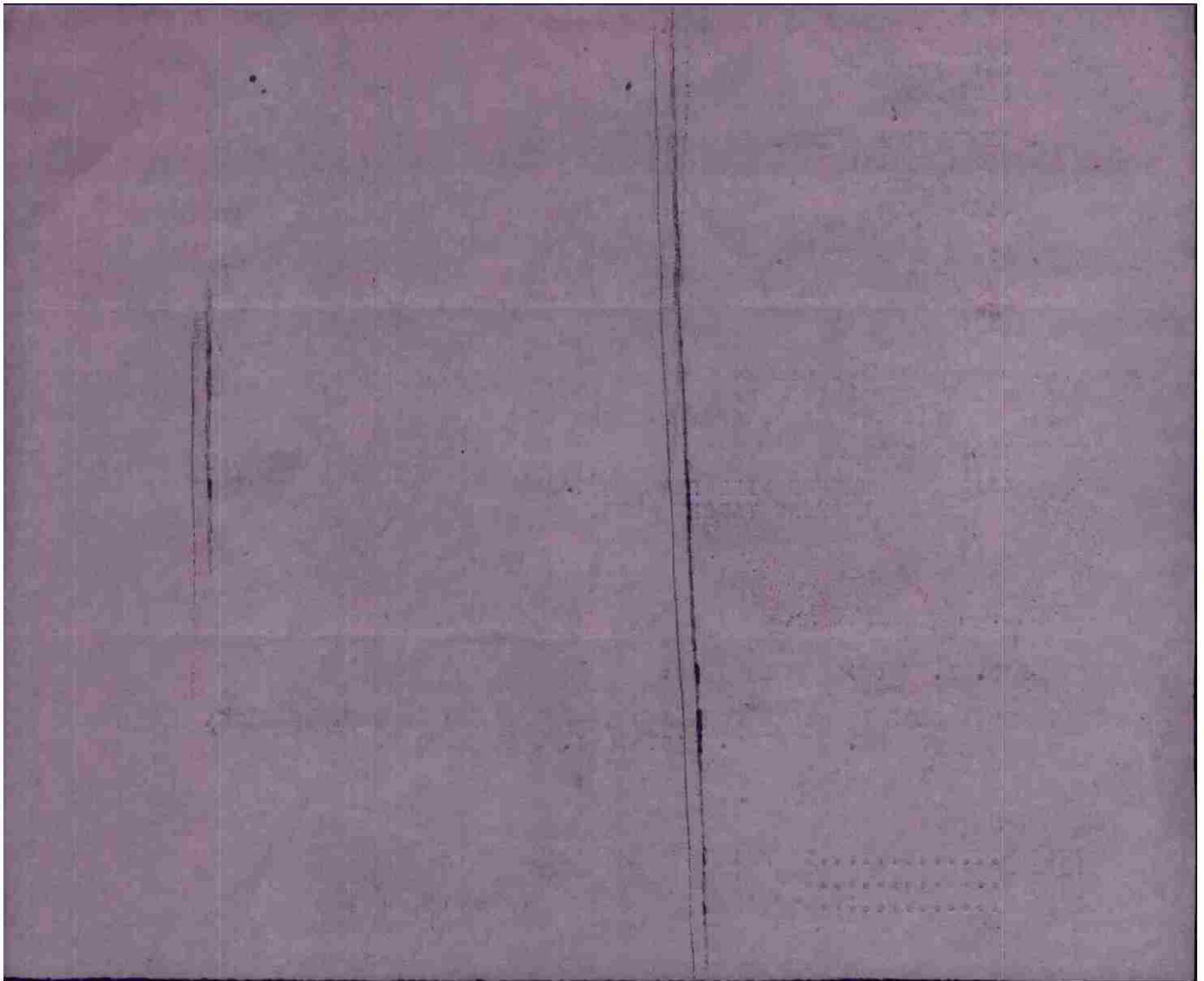
CC: PAR. 3. X (6) SHOULD READ:

ROUTE OUT: BASE TO NORTH FORELAND TO FURNES TO 50 DEG. 55 MINS. NORTH
03 DEG. 20 MINS. EAST TO I.P. TO TARGET.

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OIGOF R.....28/ 0130B	WCS	AR
OIYAA R.....28/0130B	JMD	BBBBBBBB

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FROM 416TH BOMB GP (L) 281510B

TO IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2
97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

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M677D OPSFLASH NO 54 FOR 28 MAY 44

- A. (I) BRUGES/ST MICHIEL NAVAL R.D.F. HQ.
(II) BRUGES/ST MICHIEL NAVAL R.D.F. HQ.
- B. (I) 416TH BG
(II) 42 A-20'S
(III) NONE
(IV) 42 A-20'S
- C. (I) 1100
(II) 1218
(III) 1321
- D. (I) NONE
(II) 0-0-0
(III) 0-0-0
- E. 1ST BOX GOOD (BASED ON OBSERVATIONS)
2ND BOX FAIR (BASED ON OBSERVATIONS)
3RD BOX FAIR (" " ")
- F. (I) (A) NIL
(B) NIL
(II) (A) NIL
(B) NIL
- G. AT 1222, FROM 12,000 FEET, ONE LONG TRAIN OF ABOUT 60 CARS SEEN ON OSLEND-THONRONT RAILROAD, ABOUT MIDWAY BETWEEN THESE TWO POINTS HEADED TOWARDS THONRONT. AELTRE-BRUGES HIGHWAY IS BEING SXXX WIDENED AND SEVERAL BRIDGES ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED OVER WATERY PLACES. HIGHWAY FRM AELTRE IS BEING EXTENDED TO GHENT-CLEARING AND LEFELING PROCESS IS ALMOST COMPLETED, THOUGH NEW SECTION OF ROAD IS NOT LAID AS YET.
AT 1205, FROM 12,000 FEET, 4 LONG BARGES WERE OBSERVED BEING TOWED WEST NEAR FURNES.
AT 1218, FROM 12,000 FEET, SIX BARGES WERE SEEN MOORED IN THE BRUGES CANAL AT THE EASTERN SECTION OF THE CITY OF BRUGES.
AT 1215, FROM 12,000 FEET, 14 BARGES WERE OBSERVED AS STATIONARY IN THE BRUGES CANAL, NORTH OF AELTRE.
FLOODED AREA NEAR OSTEND HAS INCREASED IN SIZE AND DEPTH.
AT 1204, FROM 12,000 FEET, 4 TR TRAINS, OF ABOUT 40 TO 50 FREIGHT CARS EACH, WERE SEEN STANDING STILL, IN THE VICINITY OF DIXMUDE. NO LOCOMOTIVES ATTACHED.
AT 1201, FROM 12,000 FEET, AT 51 DEG 06' N- 02 DEG 20' E. A DINGHY WAS OBSERVED ; PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS HOT NEWS. A SUBMERGED MINEFIELD 50-100 FEET OFF BELGIAN COAST WAS OBSERVED AT 51 DEG 07' N - 02 DEG 32' E. SEEN FROM 12,000 FEET.
- H. (I) 8-10 MILES VISIBILITY, NO CLOUDS
(II) SAME
- I. 166 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
1 X 500 GP FELL IN CHANNEL
1 X 500 GP RETURNED
- J. 1ST BOX 12,000
2ND BOX 12,500
3RD BOX 11,500

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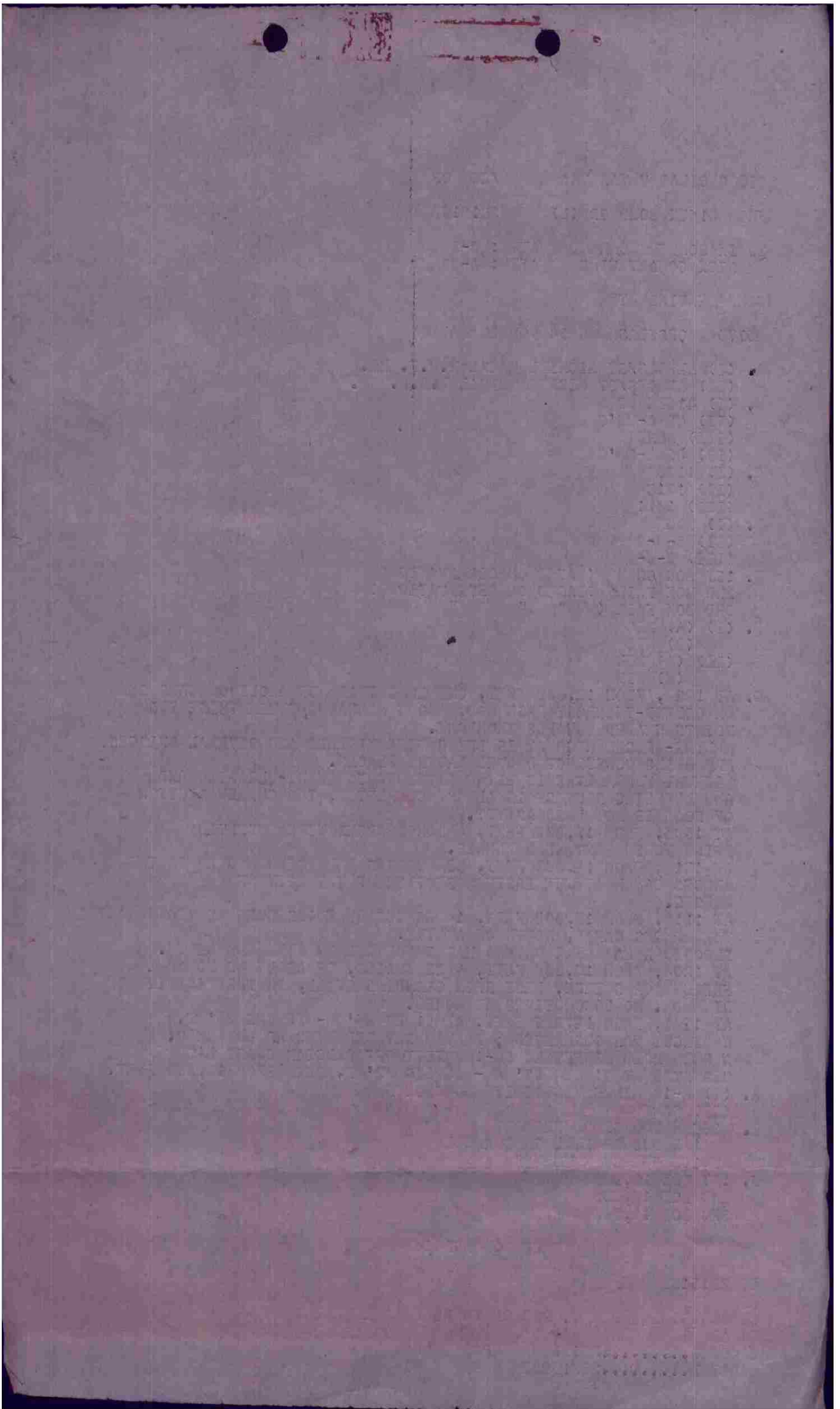
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CC 7TH LINE UNDER G. 2ND GR TO READ AS LEVELING

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OILAI R.....28/1525B FK AR



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 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 28/0140B M-151-E
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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APC 140
 28 MAY 1944

(1217)

INTELLIGNECE ANNEX TO F.O. 55-333
 ATTENTION: S-2

A. THE TARGET:

RATHER THAN BEING USED AS OUTLINED IN DOSSIER, AS A NAVAL W/T STATION, THIS TARGET IS IN FACT A GERMAN NAVAL R.D.F. HQ OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE. HEADQUARTERS ARE IN AN OLD CHATEAU AND ADJACENT BARRACKS HOUSE MANY TECHNICALLY TRAINED IRREPLACEABLE PERSONNEL. FIVE MINUTES AFTER THE FIRST GROUP BOMBS, R.A.F. TYPHOONS WILL STRAFF PERSONNEL. IN ADDITION TO DOSSIER USE PHOTO NEGATIVES 3131 AND 4009. IF COPY OF 3131 HAS ARROW INDICATING NORTH, IT IS WRONG AND SHOULD BE REORIENTATED. DOSSIER PHOTOGRAPH IS PARTLY OVERLAPPED BY ILLUSTRATION /81. THE LATTER CONTAINS GOOD CHECK POINTS AND CAN BE JOINED TO TARGET PHOTOGRAPH CHARTS AND PICTURES APPLICABLE TO ZB870 COVER SAME TERRITORY.

B. THE SITUATION:

GROUPS HAVE THE LATEST INFORMATION.

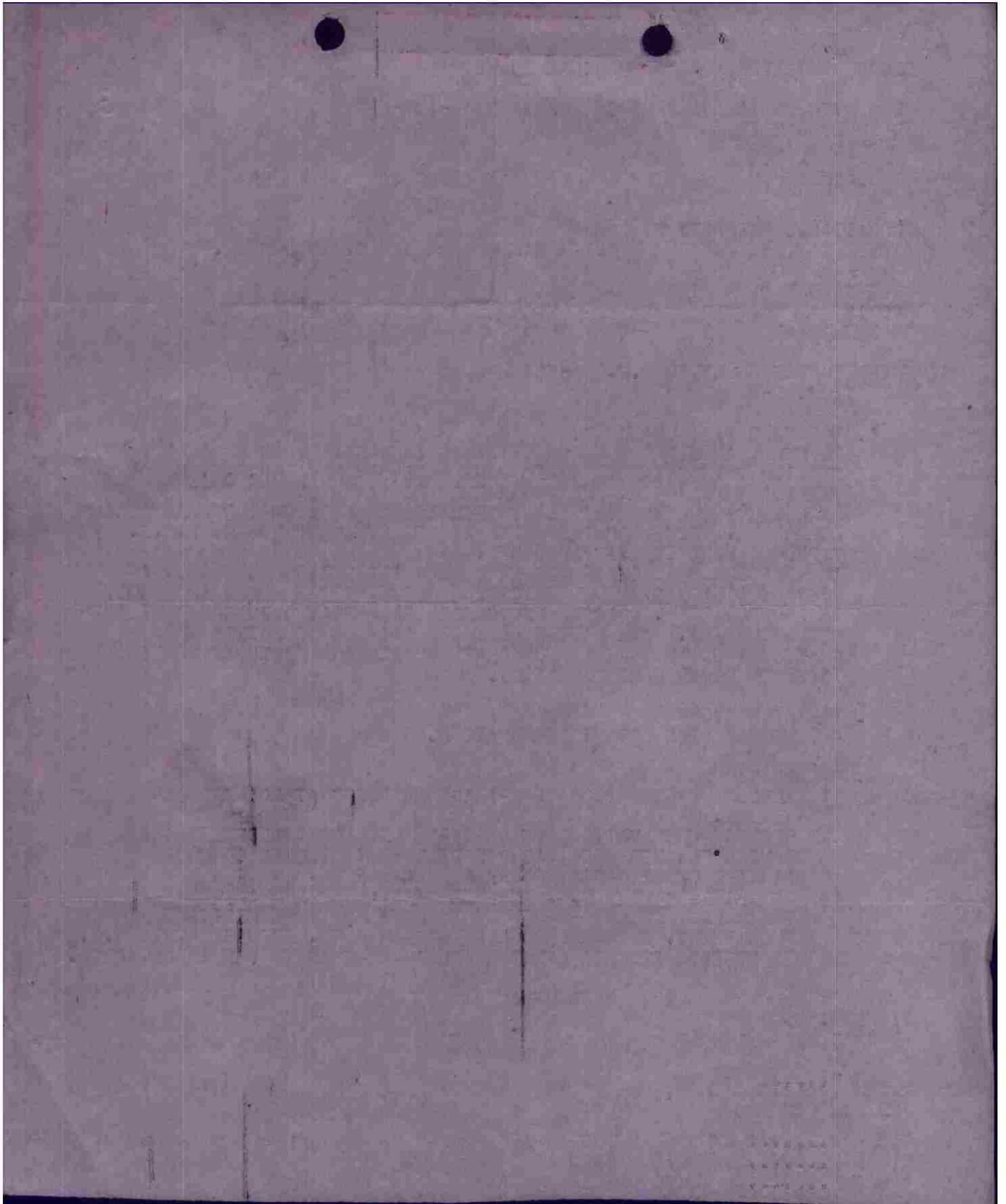
C. OBSERVATIONS:

- (1) REQUEST OBSERVATION OF BARRAGE BALLOONS AT ROULERS AND AELTRE.
- (2) REQUEST OBSERVATIONS OF ACTIVITY AT SECOND DEFENSE LINE BEHIND FLOODED AREA, AS REPORTED BY IX Bomber Command "INTELLIGENCE OPERATION REPORT 16 MAY 44.
- (3) 30TH APRIL 409TH B.G. REPORTED "AT 2002 FROM 12,000 FEET SOUTH EAST OF BRUGES SAW WHAT APPEARED TO BE MILITARY ENCAMPMENT. HUTS LOOKED LIKE NISSEN HUTS. REQUEST 409TH B.G. TO OBSERVE IF THIS MILITARY ENCAMPMENT IS IN THE TARGET AREA.

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TO: COMBAT WING 97 ATT:COM 0

FROM: COBOMGR 416

A - W5 - 56

B - 28 MAY 1944

C - 42 A/C

D - 668 - E - VHF WEAK, RETUNED.
670 - P - VHF INOPERATIVE, SET EXCHANGED.

E - ONE A/C USED SPLASHER NO. 7. THREE A/C USED LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON.

F - BOX LEADERS REPORTED TO PARADE AFTER COMPLETING MISSION.

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CAPT, AIR CORPS,
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