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HEADQUARTERS
116TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

By authority
CO, Sta. 173
6 August 1944
Init. _____

AFG 140, U. S. Army.
6 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Combat Mission.

TO : Commanding Officer, 97th Combat Wing (L), AFG 140, U. S. Army.

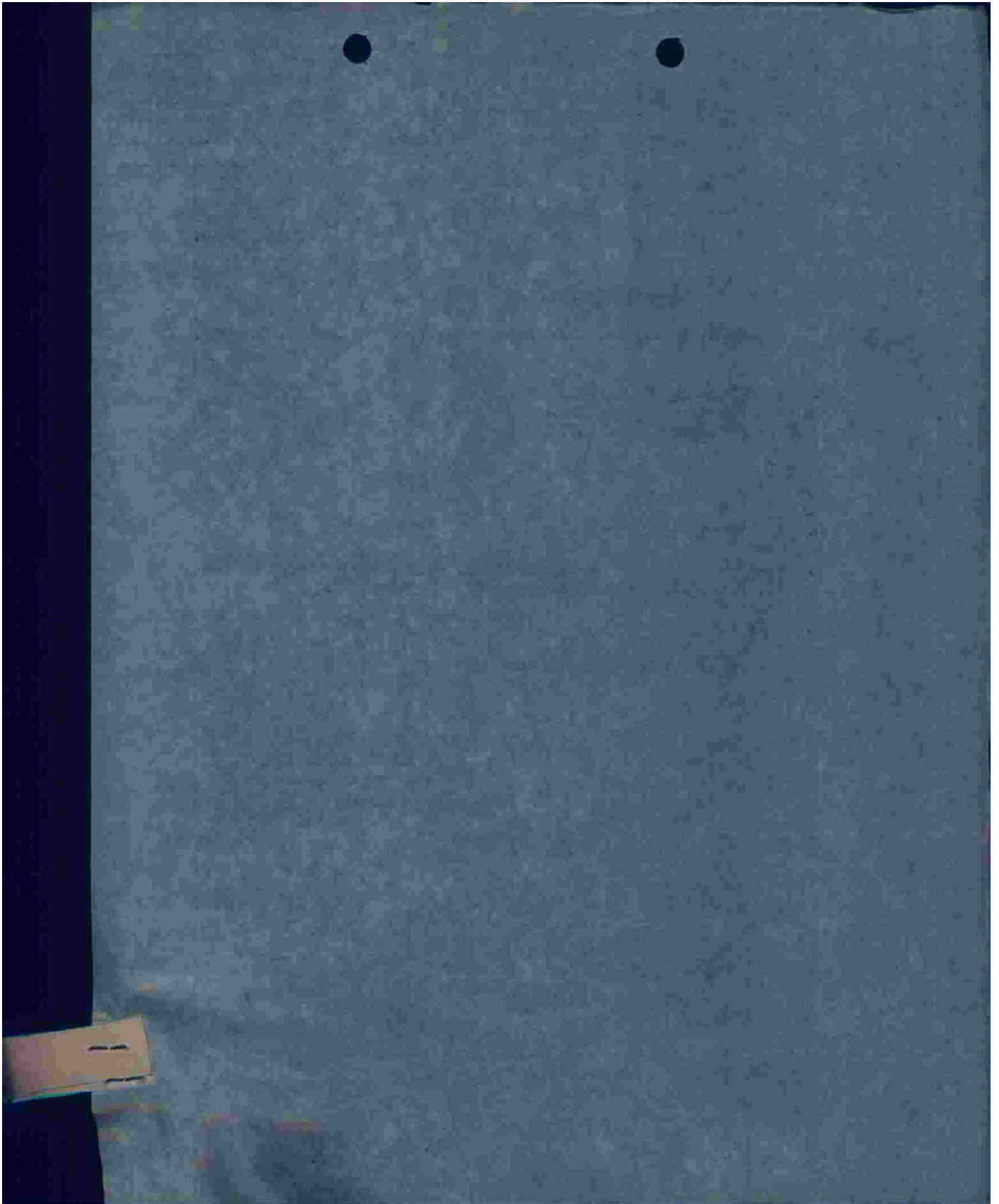
116th Bombardment Group (L)
113th Mission, 5 August 1944.
77th ON FO number 161 - 467.

- 1. 36
- 2. 36
- 3. 25
- 4. 1
- 5. None
- 6. 49-9380 Returned early. Wire shorting against 500
Lt. T. R. Sparing dynamotor unit. Repaired OK.
- 7. None
- 8. None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

AUG 5 1944
#113



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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 467BOX X Flight 1 GROUP 416 DATE 5 August 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Merigny Campagna
W/T1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 145°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire ~~(bomb)~~ (flight) 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. Aimed at briefed A.P. in W/T.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. P.O. Royalty6. Name of lead Pilot: Major D.L. Willetts7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 249 Altitude: 12,0009. Length of bomb run: 60 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/100 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 32

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 did flak affect 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: EXCEL X GOOD _____ FWER _____ POOR _____ GROSS _____

* - 4 A/C bomb load 6 x 500 lb. G.P.

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(over)

Formation consisted of two boxes, 18 ships each bombing in flights of 6. Time of take off was 1205. Time over target 1205. Target - Marigny Compiègne M/Y. A total of 180 bombs were dropped with the following results: box I, flight 1 excellent, box I, flight 2 excellent, box I, flight 3 good, box II, flight 1 excellent, box II, flight 2 excellent, box II, flight 3 good. Weather over target and elsewhere - 2 to 3/10 clouds tops 10,000 ft, visibility 10 miles. Weak inaccurate HFF experienced at Abencourt, no ships being damaged. No enemy a/c encountered. Planes landed at 1332.

Description of route from I.P. to target

1. 10 miles.
2. 2 to 3/10 clouds tops 10,000 ft.
3. 2 boxes, 18 ships each bombing in flights of 6.
4. Very mild from I.P.
5. Tom and M/Y stood out well.
6. None.
7. Excellent, excellent, good, excellent, excellent, good.
8. None.

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 467BOX 1 Flight 2 GROUP 416 DATE 5 August 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Marigny Campagne
M/Y1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 135°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES ___ NO X4. Did entire ~~(bomb)~~ (flight) 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. Aimed at briefed A.P. in M/Y.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. A.H. Malby6. Name of lead Pilot: Captain C.R. Jackson7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 245 Altitude: 12,2009. Length of bomb run: 45 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/100 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 28

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

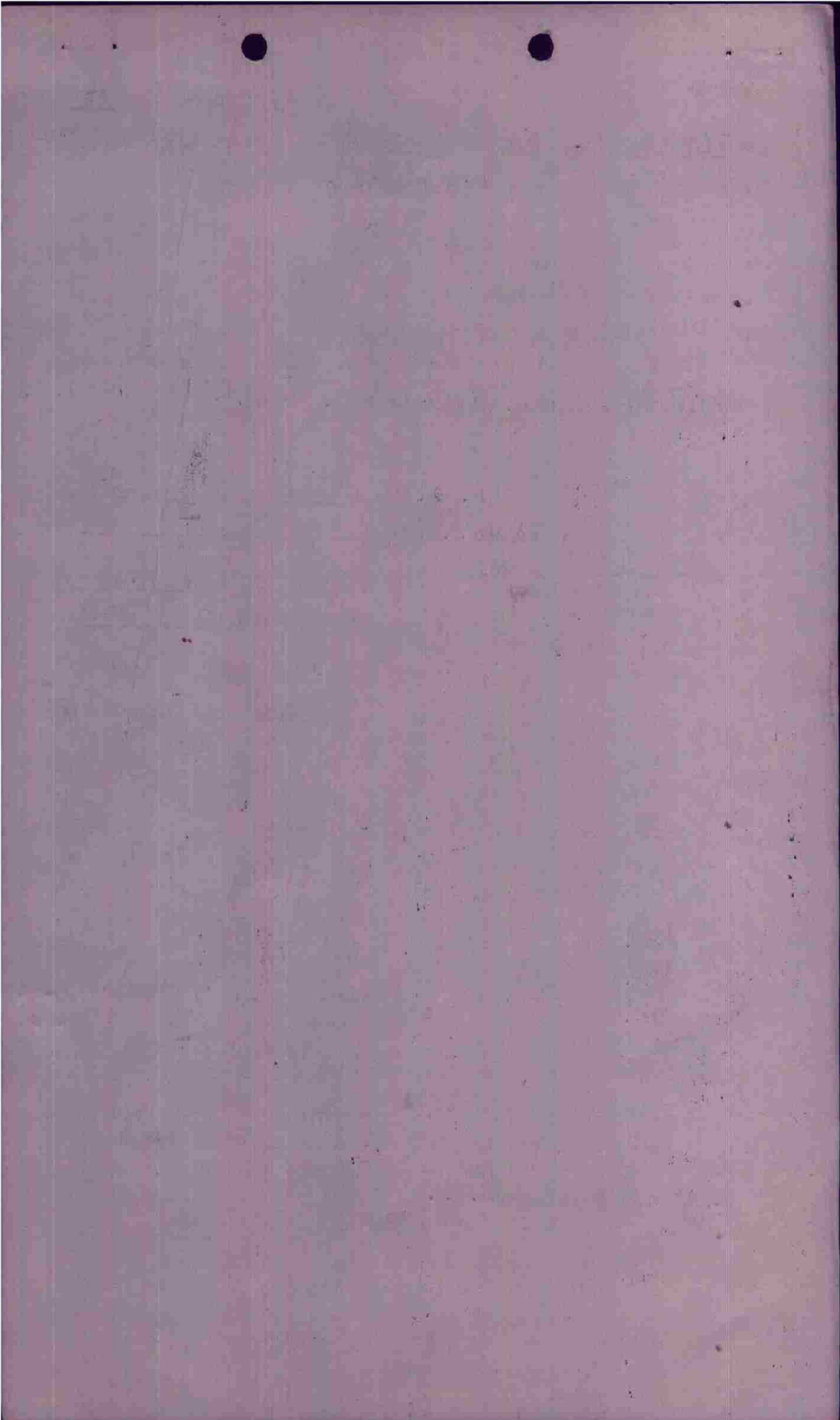
(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES ___ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES ___ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES ___ NO X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent did flak affect 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: EXCEL X GOOD ___ FAIR ___ POOR ___ GROSS ___

* - 2 A/C bomb load 6 x 500 lb. G.P.

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 167BOX I Flight 3 GROUP 416 DATE 5 August 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Marigny Comisoigne
N/T1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 165°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES ___ NO X4. Did entire ~~(group)~~ (flight) 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. Aimed at briefed A.P. in N/T.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. R.H. Joost6. Name of lead Pilot: Lt. R.S. Russell7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 245 Altitude: 11,0009. Length of bomb run: 45 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSEL 1/10 N 1/100 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 20

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

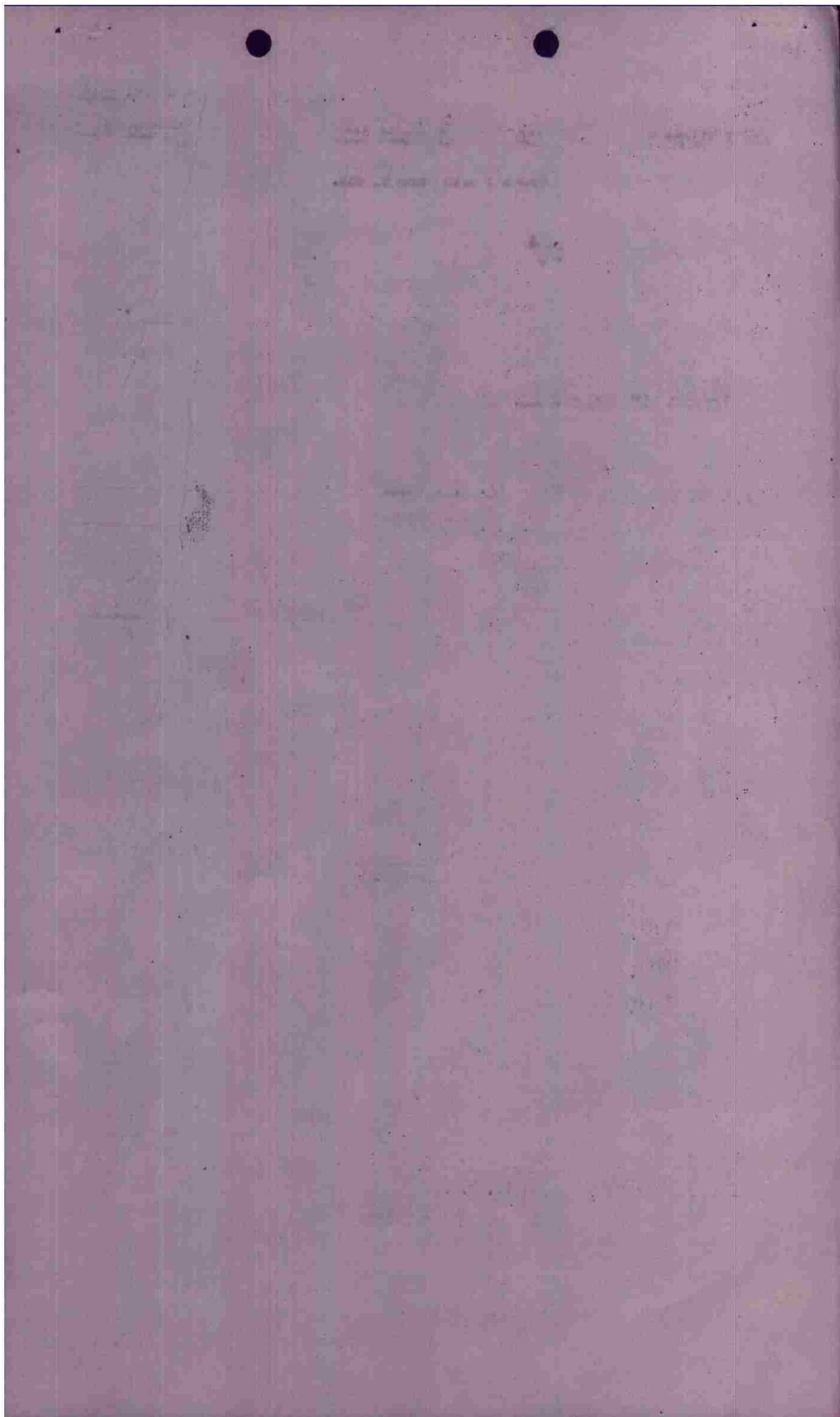
(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES ___ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES ___ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES ___ NO X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent did flak affect 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: EXCEL ___ GOOD X FAIR ___ POOR ___ GROSS ___

* - 4 A/C bomb load 6 x 500 lb. G.P.

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 467BOX II Flight 1 GROUP 416 DATE 5 August 1944 TARGET ATTACKER Enemy Comptone
N/X1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 150°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO X NO4. Did entire ~~(bomb)~~ (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO NO

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

Pre-set with corrections. Aimed at briefed A.P. in N/X.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. J. Dupite6. Name of lead Pilot: Captain E.J. Huff7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 240 Altitude: 11,5009. Length of bomb run: 60 Sec:* 10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/100 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 34

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 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 X NO. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES NO X NO. If answer is "YES", state to what extent did Flak affect 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:

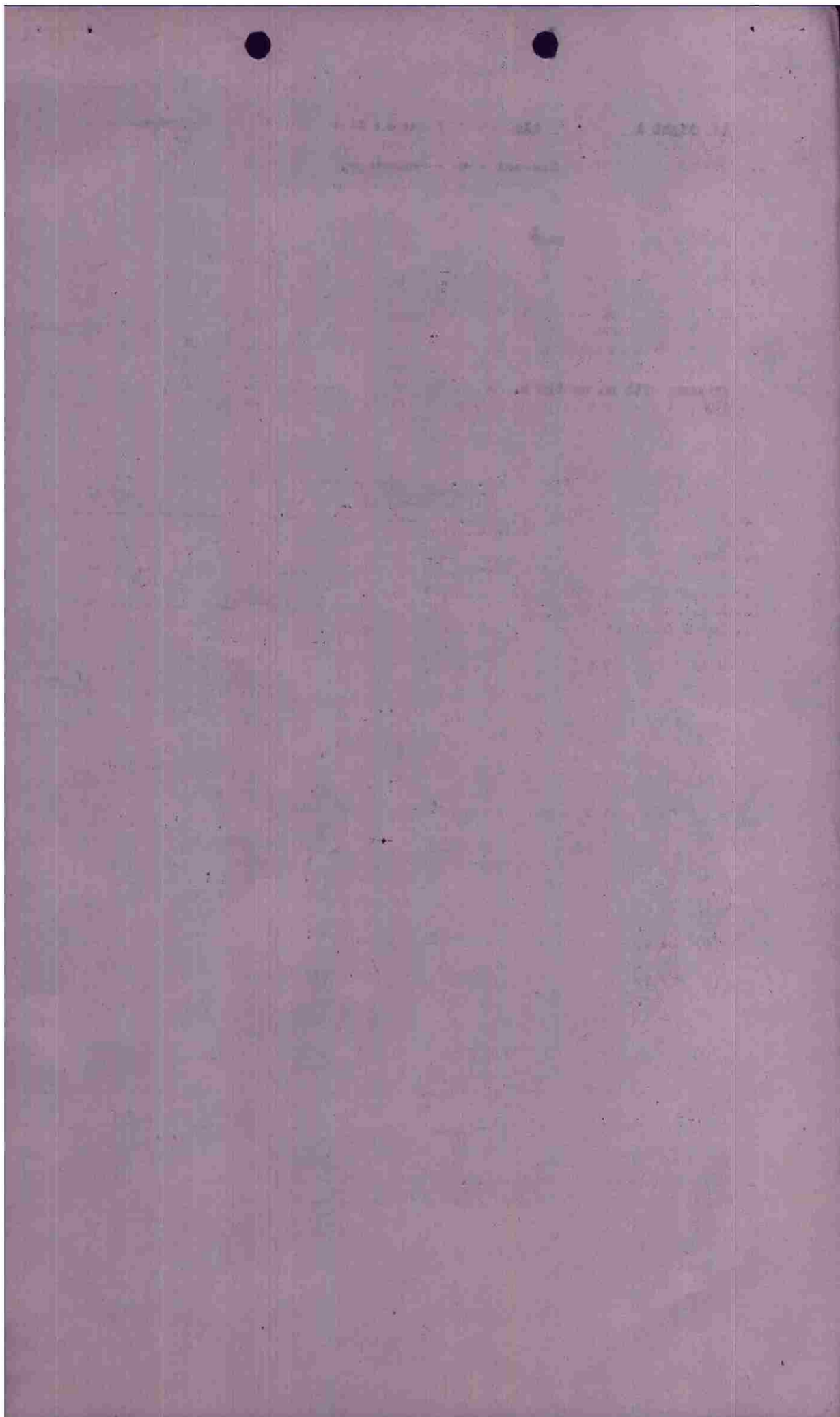
None.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO NOResults claimed: EXCEL X GOOD NO FAIR NO POOR NO GROSS NO

* - 5 A/C bomb load 6 x 500 lb. G.P.

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 167BOX II Flight 2 GROUP A16 DATE 5 August 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Marigny Campagne
M/Y1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 155°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES ___ NO X4. Did entire (~~base~~) (flight) 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. Aimed at briefed A.P. in M/Y.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. J. Lindenfort6. Name of lead Pilot: Major J.G. Napier7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 242 Altitude: 11,7009. Length of bomb run: 40 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/100 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 20

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

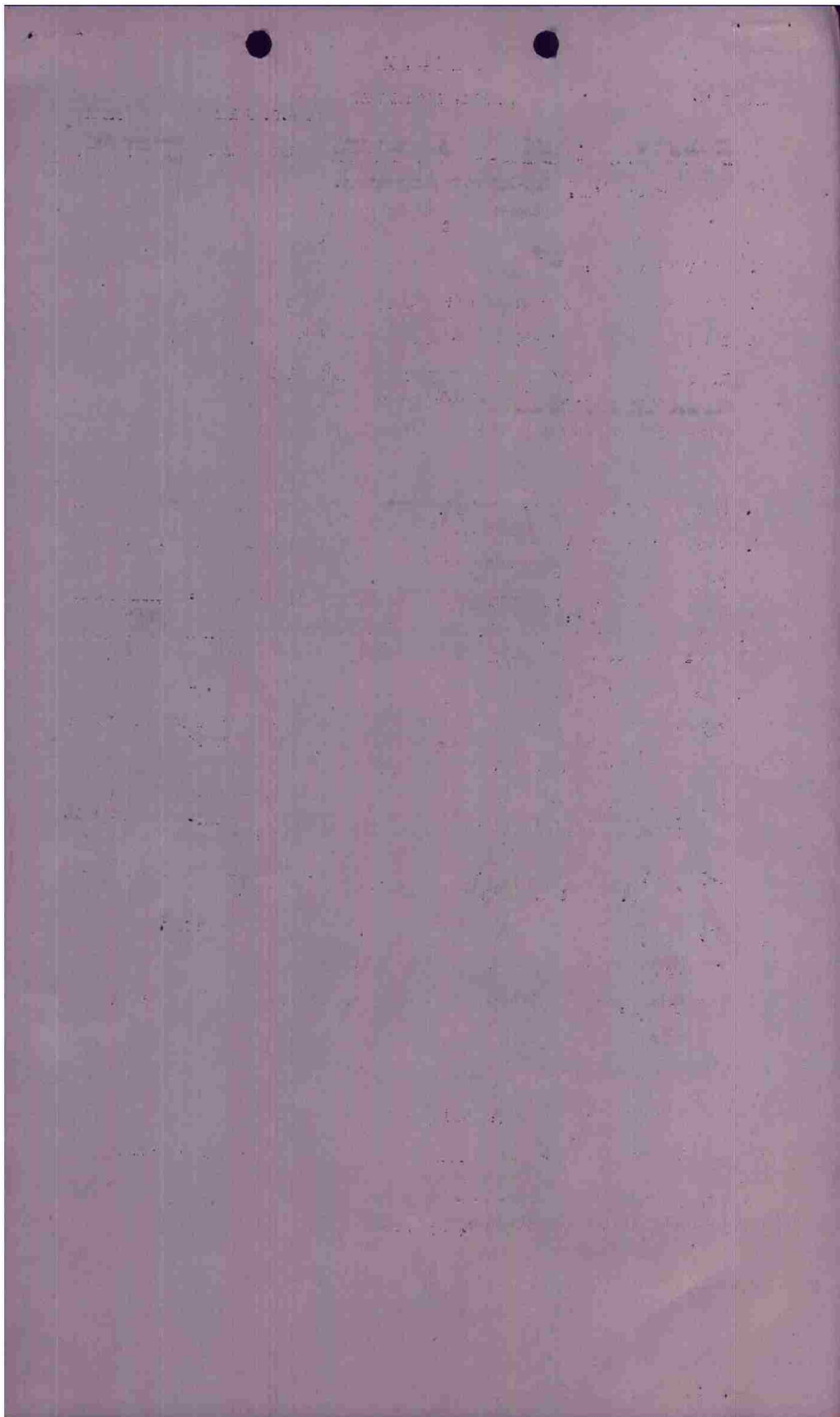
(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES ___ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES ___ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES ___ NO X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent did flak affect 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: EXCEL X GOOD ___ FAIR ___ POOR ___ GROSS ___

* - 2 A/C bomb load 6 x 500 lb. G.P.

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 167BOX ST Flight 3 GROUP 116 DATE 5 August 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Marigny Compiègne
N/Y

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.
2. Bombing approach: 150°
3. Was mercury erection system used? YES ___ NO X
4. Did entire (~~box~~) (flight) 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. Aimed at briefed A.P. in N/Y.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. W. Fosse
6. Name of lead Pilot: Lt. A.E. Osborne
7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 210 Altitude: 11,300
9. Length of bomb run: 10 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/100 T
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 30

12. Full statement of all factors effecting 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, ID 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 did flak affect 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.

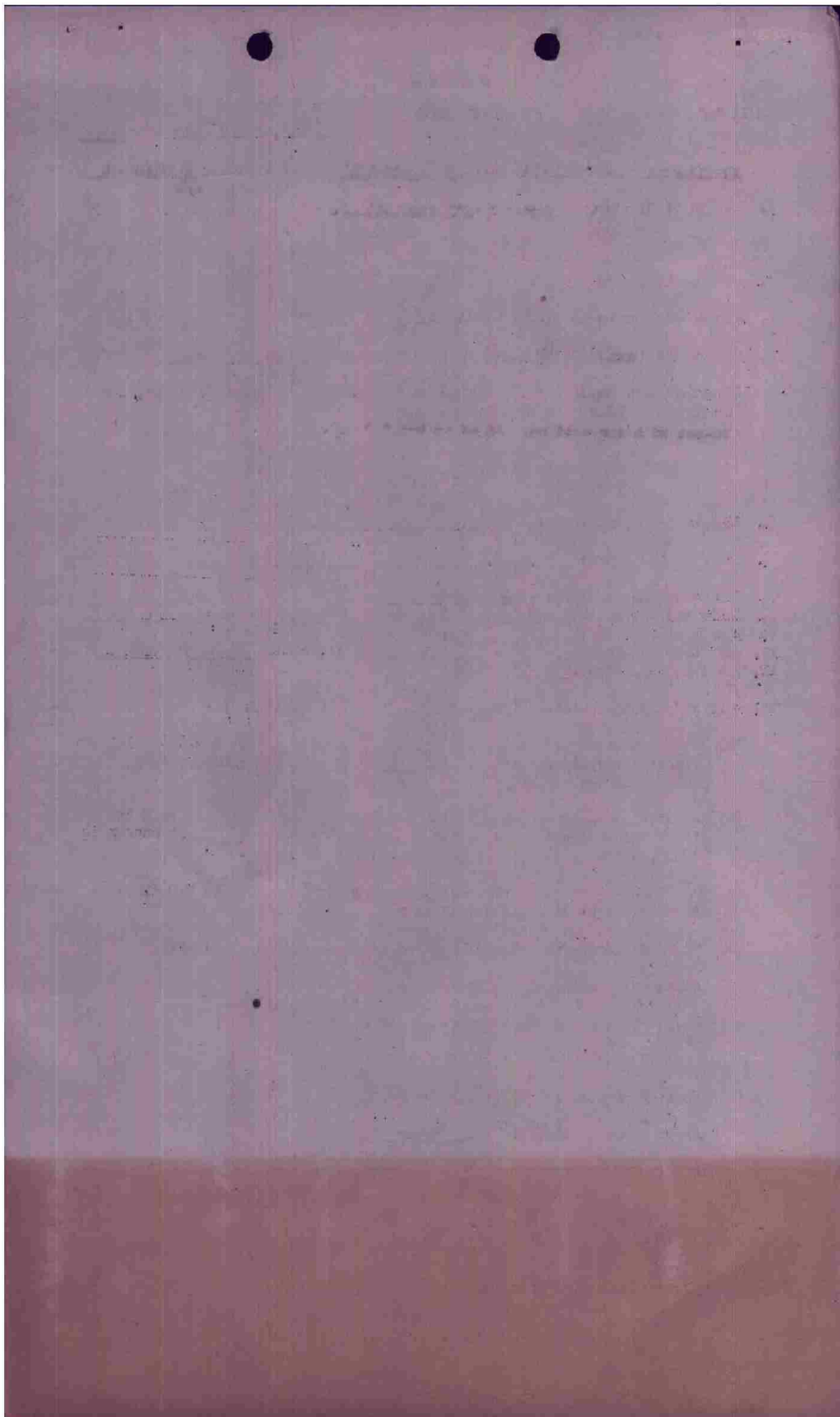
(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO ___

Results claimed: EXCEL ___ GOOD X FAIR ___ POOR ___ GROSS ___

* - 3 A/C bomb load 6 x 500 lb. G.P.

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LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

5 AUGUST 1944

1. 914 X
Major D.L. Willetts ✓
Lt. P.G. Royalty ✓
T/S F.H. Larronde ✓
S/S R.A. Lempka ✓

4. 925 G
Lt. H.F. Fair ✓
S/S H.A. Marion ✓
S/S V.P. Adams ✓

2. 956 Z
Lt. J.J. Lackovich ✓
Sgt T. Connery ✓
Sgt R.M. Barry ✓

5. 493 V
Lt. W.A. Merchants ✓
S/S G.J. [unclear] ✓
S/S K.R. Brown ✓

3. 220 E
Lt. F.W. Henderson ✓
S/S R.M. Griswold ✓
S/S P.E. Coulombe ✓

6. 961 P
Lt. A.E. Herman ✓
S/S A.D. Garrett ✓
S/S J.O. Young ✓

FLIGHT II

1. 439 J
Capt. G.R. Jackson ✓
Lt. A.H. Maltby ✓
S/S R.F. Stobert ✓
S/S F.P. Glynn ✓

4. 209 K
Lt. F.J. Harrold ✓
S/S E.L. Griffin ✓
S/S C.W. Maziasz ✓

2. 227 F
Lt. C.L. McGlohn ✓
S/S J.W. Moran ✓
S/S P.B. Driskill ✓

5. 211 O
Lt. P.P. Barausky ✓
Sgt M. Hall ✓
Sgt B.R. Wilson ✓

3. 892 L
Lt. L.R. McBride ✓
S/S J. McKee ✓
S/S R. Eutsler ✓

6. 200 A
F/O R.T. Byrne ✓
Sgt W.D. Cummings ✓
S/S S.F. DiNapoli ✓

FLIGHT III

1. 467 W
Capt. R.S. Rudisill ✓
Lt. R.E. Joost ✓
S/S R.K. Riley ✓
S/S A.J. Bonamo ✓

4. 674 R
Lt. D.F. Shea ✓
S/S R.E. Lee ✓
S/S F.G. Falk ✓

2. 217 D
Lt. F.J. Leonard ✓
S/S O.D. [unclear] ✓
S/S D.A. Sampson ✓

5. 978 S
Lt. N.G. Brown ✓
S/S H.E. White ✓
S/S R.F. Addleman ✓

3. 759 G-1
Lt. A.W. Nordstrom ✓
S/S W.J. Donahue ✓
S/S M.R. Brayn ✓

6. 380 N
Lt. J.R. Sparling ✓
Sgt C.L. Shaw ✓
Sgt L.A. [unclear] ✓

SPARE

395 K-1
Lt. T.J. Murray ✓
S/S D.H. DeBower ✓
S/S R.J. Jones ✓

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MISSION NO. 119

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

5 August 1944

1. 135 T ✓
Capt M J Huff ✓
Lt J Kupits ✓ *w/ke*
Sgt R A Clark ✓
Sgt F P Basford ✓

4. 1961 P ✓
Lt J E Blomgren ✓ *w/ke*
Sgt M Bockach ✓
Sgt L M Fleming ✓

2. 943 F ✓
Lt T Boukamp ✓ *w/ke*
S/S J S Wing ✓
S/S R L Ballinger ✓

5. 743 W ✓
Lt W F Tripp ✓
S/S J O Scott ✓
S/S D F Mallory ✓

3. 900 Q ✓
Lt R L Behlmer ✓ *w/ke*
S/S W G Ferguson ✓
T/S W J Kelly ✓

6. 929 C ✓
Lt R E Robertson ✓ *w/ke*
Sgt J E Hay ✓
Sgt J A Buskirk ✓

FLIGHT II

1. 442 D ✓
Major J C Napier ✓
Lt J Madenfort ✓
Pvt R W Perkins ✓
S/S R R Lowe ✓

4. 202 E ✓
Lt P F E MacManus ✓
S/S J L Rogers ✓
S/S G I Fleischman ✓

2. 147 K ✓
Lt J S Connor ✓ *w/ke*
S/S J E Van Duyn ✓
S/S H C Rodgers ✓

5. 181 A ✓
Lt J F Allen ✓
Sgt L R Getgen ✓
Sgt C W Veazey ✓

3. 9961 E ✓
Lt M S Street ✓ *w/ke*
S/S C A Prindle ✓
S/S E T Epps ✓

6. 9717 N ✓
Lt E P Hall ✓ *w/ke*
Sgt R W Carstens ✓
Sgt R P Sharp ✓

FLIGHT III

1. 640 Z ✓
Lt A E Osborne ✓
Lt W Forma ✓
S/S E E Kelly ✓
S/S K G Lagerma ✓

4. 379 G ✓
Lt R G Meredith ✓
S/S A A Hill ✓
S/S R W Mac Donald ✓

2. 150 N-1 ✓
Lt C J Andersen ✓ *w/ke*
Sgt T G Buge ✓
Sgt E L Schafer ✓

5. 819 K-1 ✓
Lt J P Kenny ✓ *w/ke*
Sgt J K Spadoni ✓
Sgt F Noteriani ✓

3. 9195 D-1 ✓
Lt R R Svenson ✓ *w/ke*
S/S P G Fild ✓
S/S G H Pfen ning ✓

6. 770 I ✓
Lt J H Montrose ✓ *w/ke*
Sgt R S Gandy ✓
Sgt J W Felkel ✓

SPARE

935 F-1 ✓
Lt T D McCready ✓ *w/ke*
Sgt W F Fuehrer ✓
Sgt A F Galloway ✓

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| 1. Lt. J. B. ... | 1. Lt. J. B. ... | 1. Lt. J. B. ... |
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO: IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

416 BG A _____ E

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CLEARANCE F-1

5 AUGUST 1944

PREPARED BY LT M A PAPE

A.

B. 1114

C. DUNGENESS

D. BOX I R/T GASFIRE ONE

671 6 X Z E G V P

670 12. J F L K O A W D G-1 R S N

671 1 SPARE . . K-1

GROUP LEADER . . 671 . . X

DEPUTY . . 671 . . Z

BOX II R/T GASFIRE TWO

669 12. T F Q P W C D K E B A N

668 6 Z N-1 D-1 G K-1 I

668 1 SPARE . . F-1

SECOND BOX LEADER . . 669 . . T

DEPUTY . . 669 . . F

E. 12,000

F. AULT

G. 1130

H. 58 MINUTES

J. AULT

K. DUNGENESS

L. 1244

M. 1. T.O. 1005 E.T.D. 1054 E.T.A. 1304

2. 19 A/C 6X 500 G.P. (INCLUDES 1 SPARE)

19 A/C 4X 500 G.P. (INCLUDES 1 SPARE)

3. 4 HOURS

4. 4902E/C/40

5. NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

JOHN M. BONURA,
1st Lieut., Air Corps.

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

APG
5 August 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: 5-6/10 stratus at 700 feet and tops
1000-1500 feet. Visibility 5 miles.

ROUTE OUT: Southeast of London the stratus increased
to 10/10 with tops estimated to 2000 feet.
Stratus broke over mid-channel to 5-6/10
becoming 2-3/10 patchy stratocumulus over
France with tops estimated 5000 feet.
Visibility 10 miles over France.

TARGET: 2-3/10 stratocumulus with tops estimated 5000
feet. Visibility 10 miles plus.

ROUTE BACK: Channel clear. 5-5/10 small cumulus over
southern England becoming 4-6/10 in base
area with tops 4-5000 feet and bases
3000-4000 feet. Visibility 10 miles.

BASE ON RETURN: 5-6/10 cumulus at 3500 feet. Visibility
10 miles.

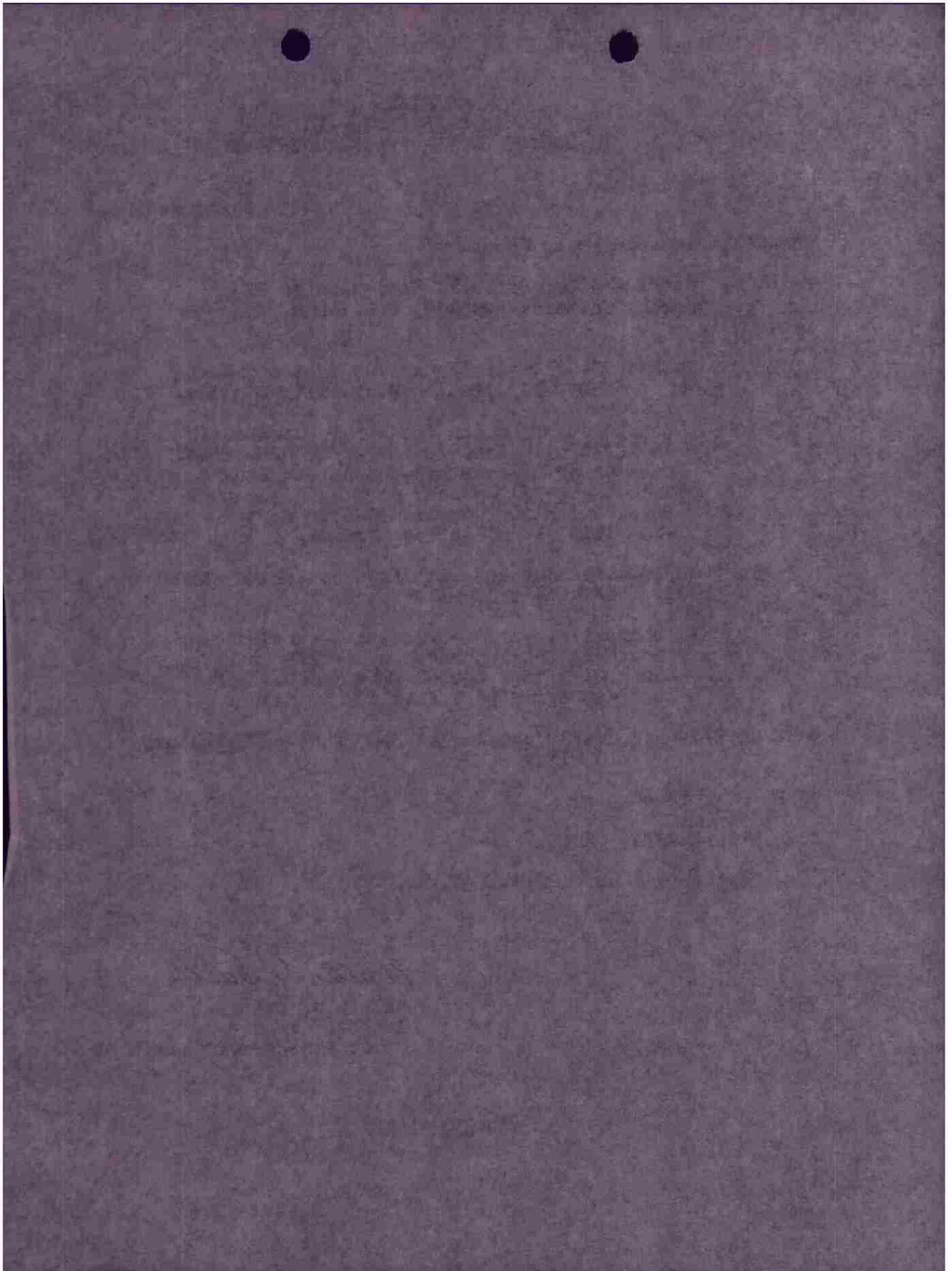
WINDS: As forecast.

TIME OVER TARGET: 1208

Weather did not affect bombing.

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

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

FROM: COBOMGR 416

TO : COCBTWIG 97 ATT: SIG O

A - YS - 113

B - 5 AUGUST 1944

C - 36 A/C

D - 669 - D - INTERPHONE OUT, REPAIRED AND CHECKED OKAY.
669 - T - CHANNEL C RECEIVER WEAK, RETUNED AND CHECKED OKAY.
670 - W - TURRET INTERPHONE OUT, REPAIRED JACKBOX AND CHECKED
OKAY.

E - LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON USED, ONE QDM FROM BOATDECK.

F - NONE.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

OFFICIAL:

JACK B. COONEY,
CAPT, AIR CORPS,
SIG O.

POST MISSION REPORT

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MISSION NO. 113
Date 5 August 1944

1. Number of men Wounded (Medics - 16) None

2. Bombing Malfunctions (Armament - 92) None

3. Camera Malfunctions (Photo Lab - 84) None

4. Number of A/C Operational: Bomb Group 57 Service Group 5

5. Percent of Battle Damage (Intelligence - 68 OR 17) None

6. Planes failing to become airborne or returning early.

493- Merchant - Not Airborne - Pilot did not show up.
317- Leonard - Not Airborne. Engine smoke
380- Spooling - Left early - Spooled in radio section.

7. Planes lost or landing away from base - reason.

None

8. No. planes Operational called to 97th Wing Lt. Painter

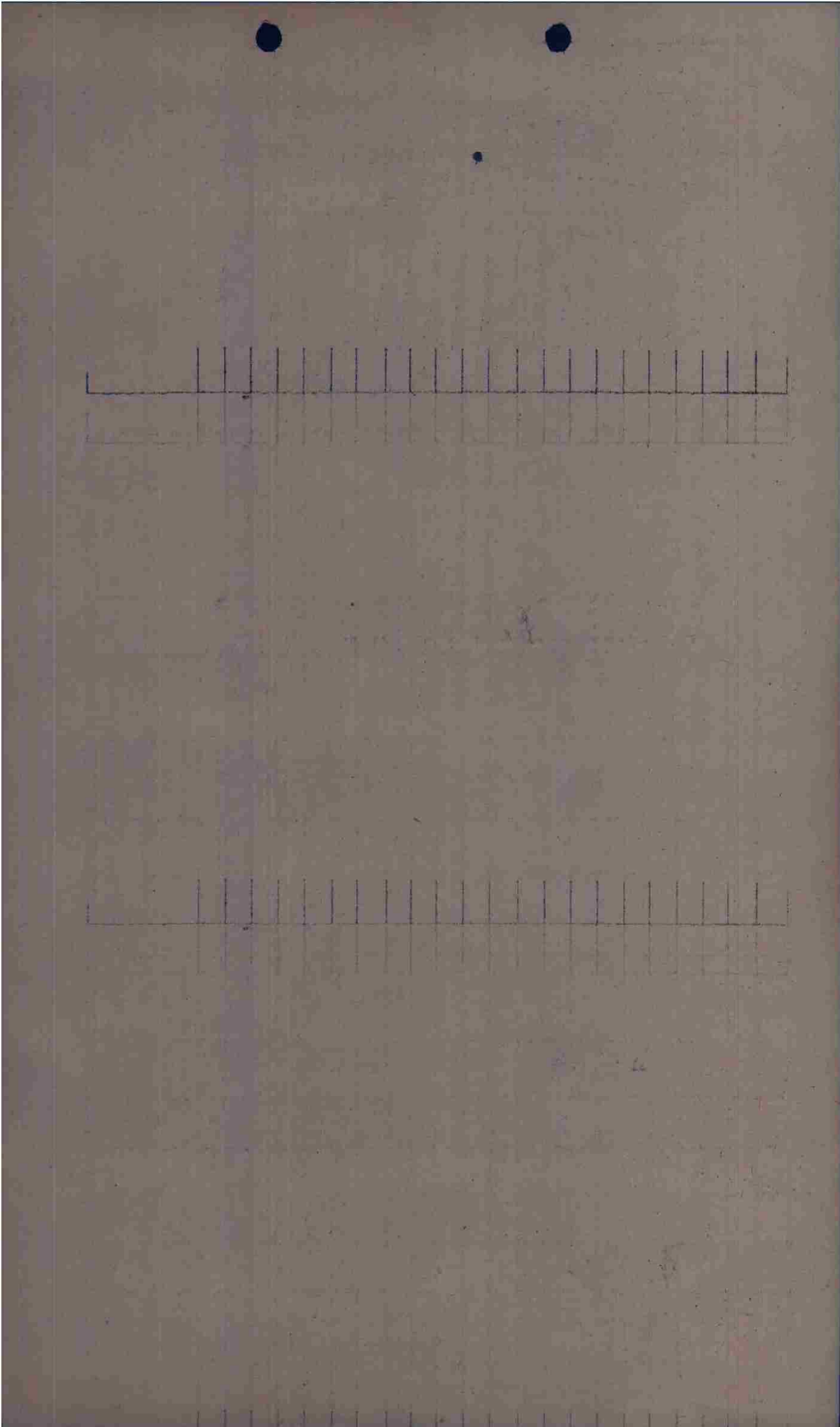
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Box 1.

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| D | X | 914 | Willetts | 496 | | 1005 | Bungay | Guth | 1207 | Guth | Bungay | Hc | 725 | 6x60 | 4 | 1318 | |
| D | Z | 952 | Facekouch | | | 1085 | 12080 | 12000 | | 12000 | 9060 | | | | | 1319 | |
| D | E | 220 | Henderson | | | 1005 | 1114 | 1130 | | 1228 | 1244 | Q | | | | 1319 | |
| D | G | 925 | Paris | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1319 | |
| D | V | 493 | Merchant | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1320 | |
| D | P | 951 | Herman | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1323 | |
| D | J | 439 | Jackson | | | | | | | | | Hc | | | | 1323 | |
| C | F | 227 | McClellan | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1324 | |
| C | L | 892 | McClellan | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1324 | |
| C | K | 209 | Starnes | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1324 | |
| C | O | 211 | Baranovskiy | | | | | | | | | Q | | | | 1324 | |
| C | A | 202 | Byrne | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1324 | |
| C | W | 467 | Richard | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1324 | |
| C | D | 217 | Leonard | | | | | | | | | Q | | | | 1324 | |
| C | G-1 | 959 | Wardlaw | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1324 | |
| C | R | 674 | Shea | | | | | | | | | Q | | | | 1324 | |
| C | S | 978 | Brown | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1324 | |
| C | N | 380 | Shankling | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1324 | |
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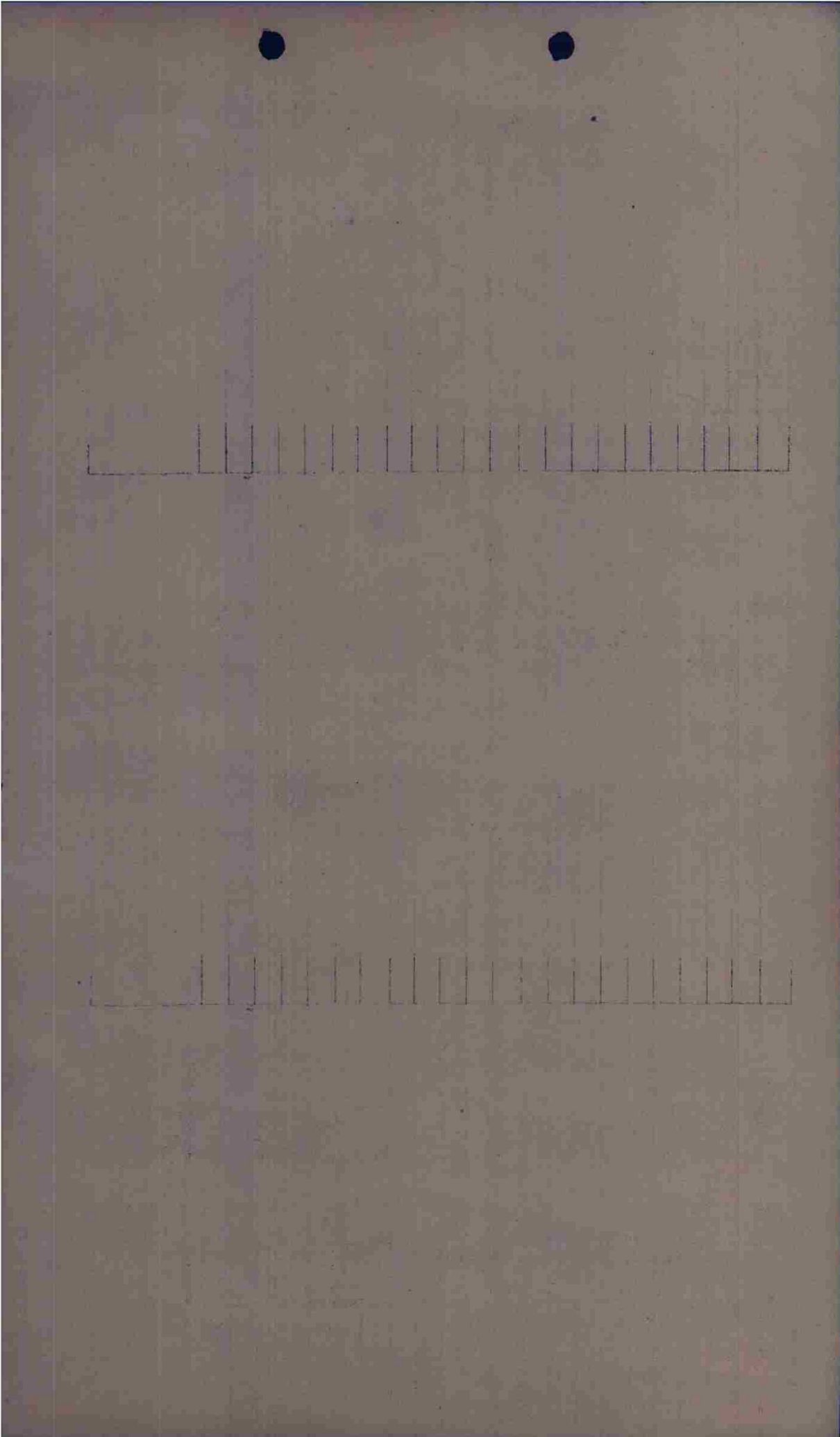


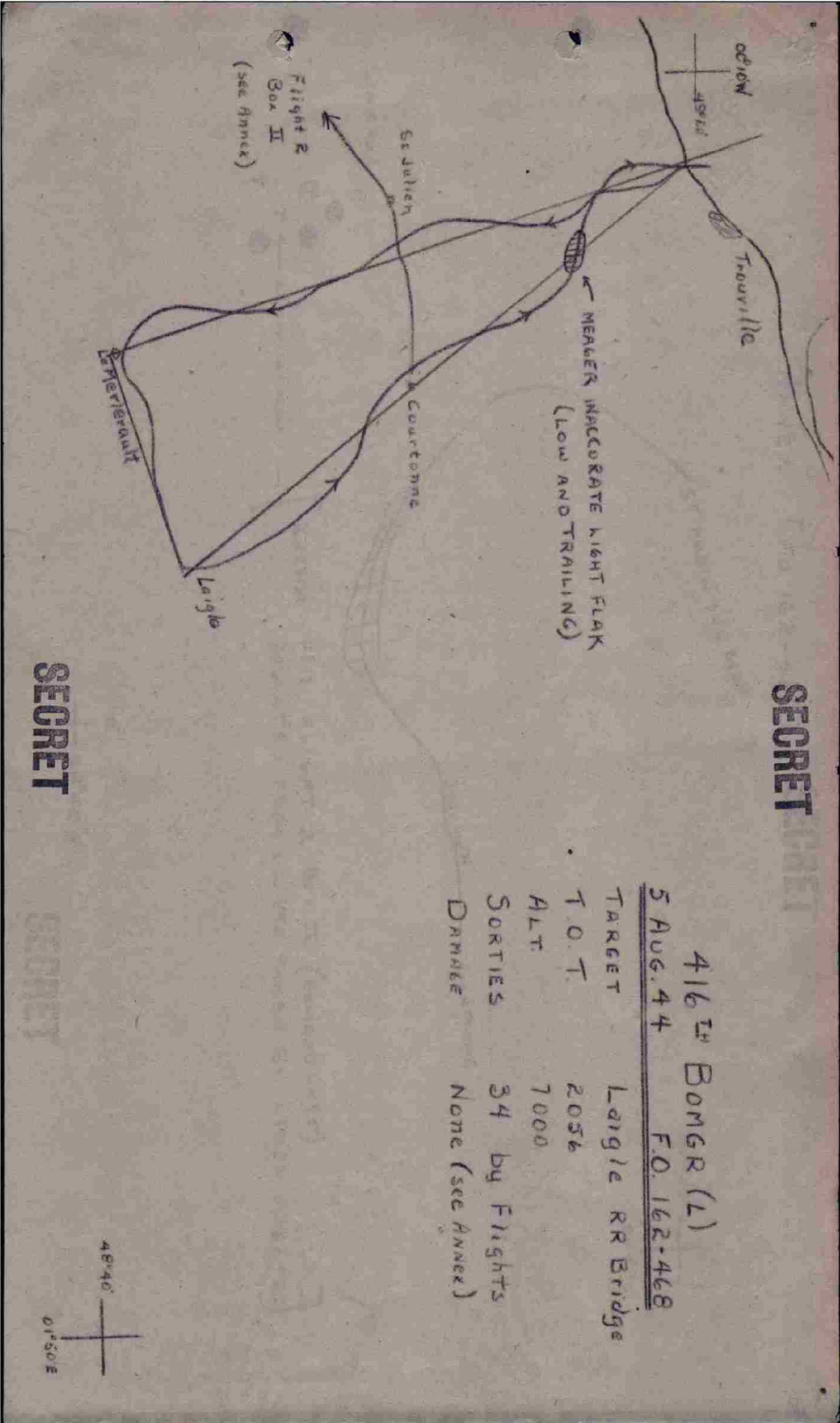
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Box 11

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| Squadron | A/C LTR | A/C NO. | PILOT | DISPATCH | TARGET | ATO | ENG. COAST OUT | ENEMY COAST IN | TOT | ENEMY COAST OUT | ENG. COAST IN | CAMERA | FUEL LOAD | BOMB LOAD | ENDUR | LANDING | REMARKS |
|----------|---------|---------|--------------|----------|--------|------|----------------|----------------|-----|-----------------|---------------|--------|-----------|-----------|-------|---------|---------|
| B | T | 135 | Stuff | | | 1010 | | | | | | | | | | 1325 | |
| B | F | 943 | Boukamp | | | 1010 | | | | | | Q | | | | 1325 | |
| B | G | 900 | Rehmer | | | 1010 | | | | | | Q | | | | 1326 | |
| B | P | 1961 | Blomgren | | | 1010 | | | | | | Q | | | | 1320 | |
| B | W | 743 | Trigg | | | 1011 | | | | | | | | | | 1326 | |
| B | C | 929 | Robinson | | | 1011 | | | | | | | | | | 1327 | |
| B | D | 442 | Wagner | | | 1011 | | | | | | | | | | 1328 | |
| B | K | 147 | Copner | | | 1012 | | | | | | | | | | 1328 | |
| B | E | 9961 | Sheel | | | 1012 | | | | | | Q | | | | 1329 | |
| B | B | 802 | Grace Thomas | | | 1012 | | | | | | | | | | 1329 | |
| B | A | 181 | Allen | | | 1013 | | | | | | | | | | 1329 | |
| B | N | 9717 | Spall, E.P. | | | 1013 | | | | | | Q | | | | 1320 | |
| B | Z | 690 | DelBorne | | | 1013 | | | | | | | | | | 1331 | |
| A | N-1 | 150 | Anderson | | | 1014 | | | | | | | | | | 1331 | |
| A | D-1 | 9195 | Anderson | | | 1014 | | | | | | Q | | | | 1332 | |
| A | G | 379 | Meredith | | | 1014 | | | | | | | | | | 1332 | |
| A | K-1 | 819 | Henry | | | 1015 | | | | | | Q | | | | 1332 | |
| A | I | 790 | Montebor | | | 1015 | | | | | | | | | | 1332 | |
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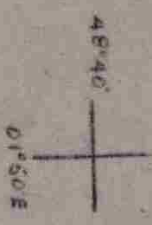


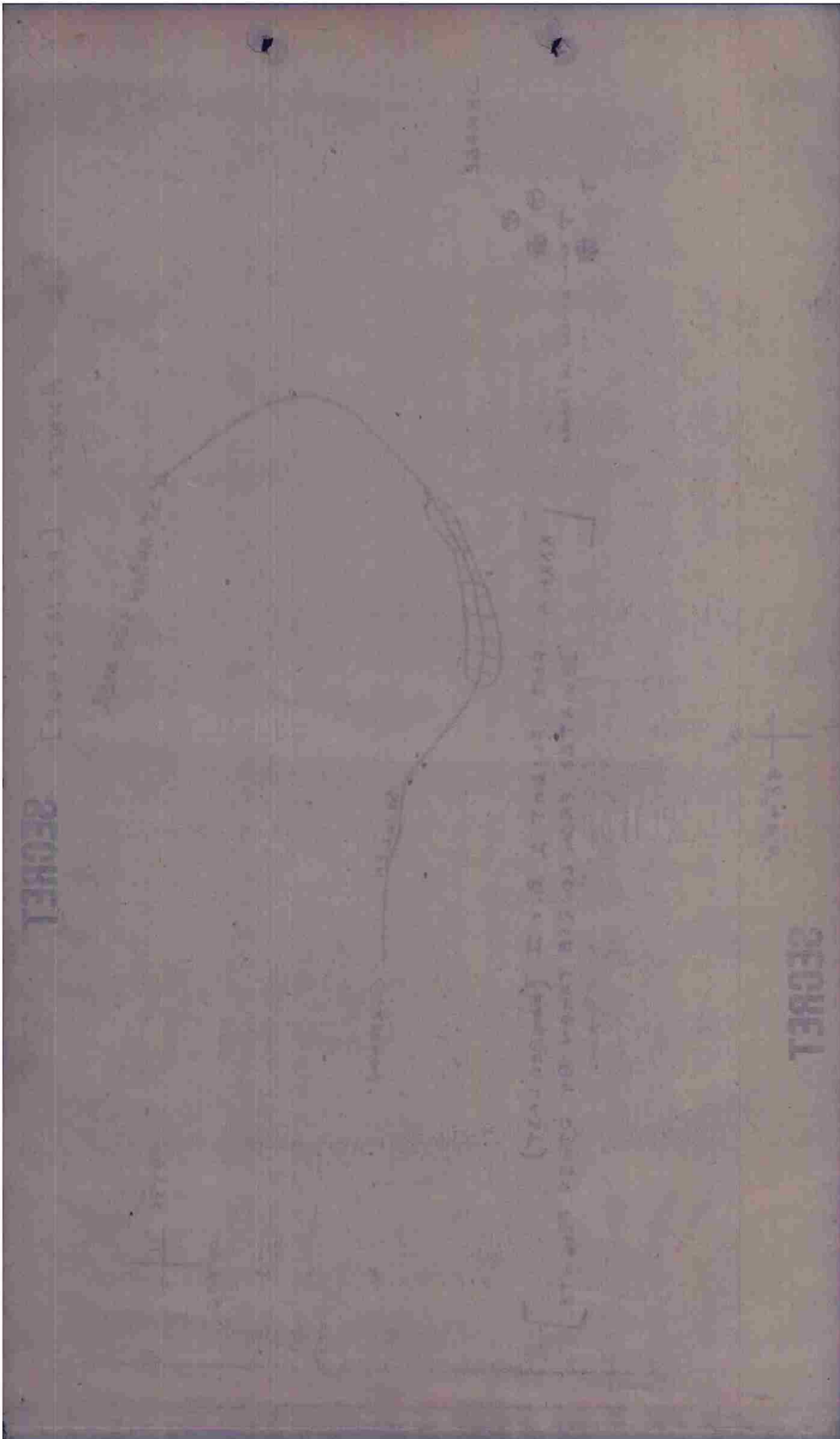


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416TH BOMGR (L)
5 AUG. 44 F.O. 162-468
 TARGET Laigle RR Bridge
 T.O.T. 2056
 ALT. 7000
 SORTIES 34 by flights
 DAMAGE None (see Annex)





ALL GROUPS COME IN PLS HAK COME IN WITH KKK
 HAK HERE KKKKK WUB YA YAA COME IN W COH B GOF ERECK KKK
 YAA GIVE KKYAA WILL YOU PLS COME IN

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 05/0615B A-26-E
 TO COMBONCOM IX
 409TH BOMB GROUP.
 410TH BOMB GROUP.
 416TH BOMB GROUP.

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O 140
 5 AUGUST 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 161-467

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) NINTH T.A.C. WILL FURNISH ESCORT FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE.

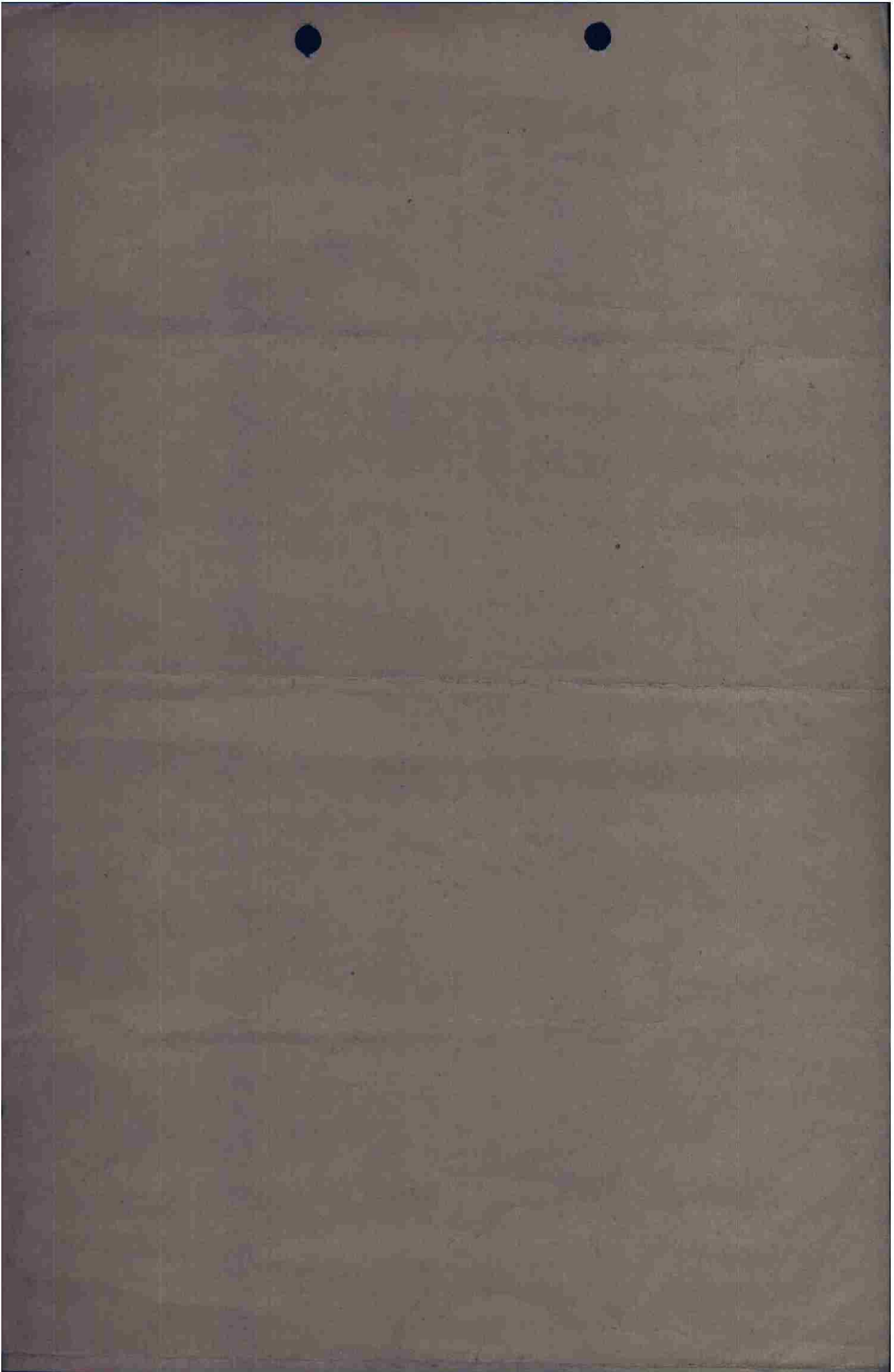
ZERO HOUR: 05/1130B

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) 4800/B/17
 ALT. 4800/C/4
- (2) TWO BOXES OF 18 BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4919N 0000 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MINUTES.
- (4) BASE TOHCRCDENMZHFROO SELSEY BILL TO 4919N 0000 TO 4822N 0045E TO 4818N 0114E TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO 4919N 0000 AND RETRACE ROUTE.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. CROSS FRENCH COAST OUT AT BOMBING ALTITUDE.
- (7) 4827N 0110E
- (8) GENERALLY SE TO NW
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 4500/14. ONE (1) FLIGHT EACH REF. POINT
 030034 - 034034 - 038034 - 042035 - 047035 - 051035
 ALT. M.P.I. ILL. 4800/17/C, REF. 109024 (RAIL JUNCTION)
- (10) 4 Y 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) 4836N 0041E
- (12) NO ADDITIONAL ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE BOMBED THIS MISSION.

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) 4902E/B/22 AND 4901E/B/23
- (2) TWO BOXES OF 18 BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 5007N 0127E AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MINUTES.
- (4) BASE TO DUNGENESS TO 5007N 0127E TO 4932N 0150E TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO 4932N 0150E AND RETRACE ROUTE.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET, OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 10,000 FEET. CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT AT BOMBING ALTITUDE.
- (7) 4916N 0129E
- (8) GENERALLY E TO W
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 4901E/44/B; THREE FLIGHTS ON REF. 030077 (CENTER OF BRIDGE)
 M.P.I. ILL. 4901E/44/C; THREE FLIGHTS ON REF. 035065



ON REF. 033065. FUSED WITH INST. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL
ON REF. 030077.

- (11) 4928N 0124E
- (12) GROUP IS AUTHORIZED TO SELECT SUITABLE ALTERNATE TARGETS. IF ALTERNATE TARGETS ARE SELECTED, M.P.I.'S FOR THEM WILL ALSO BE SELECTED.

TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO 4939N 0143E TO 5007N 0127E AND RETRACE ROUTE.

- (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD COVER DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT AT BOMBING ALTITUDE.
- (7) 4915N 0306E
- (8) GENERALLY SE TO NW
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 4902E/34/6 ONE (1) FLIGHT EACH REF. POINT 001049 007051 011054 017058 021061 026065
- (10) 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/100 SEC TAIL.
- (11) 4932N 0220E
- (12) GROUP IS AUTHORIZED TO SELECT SUITABLE ALTERNATE TARGETS IF ALTERNATE TARGETS ARE SELECTED M.P.I.'S FOR THEM WILL ALSO BE SELECTED.

- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE
- (5) THE TAKE OFF TIMES OF THE 410TH BOMB GROUP AND 416TH BOMB GROUP WILL BE SO ARRANGED THAT THERE WILL BE AT LEAST 10 MINUTES DIFFERENCE.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. 400TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (2) QUICKWAY
 - (3) HEADUP

- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (3) POKER

- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (2) GASFIRE
 - (3) JUDITH

X. GENERAL INFORMATION.

- (3) 4A, 10B, 6C, 7D, 8E, 5F, 11G, 13H, 16I
- (10) BAVT/BAVT

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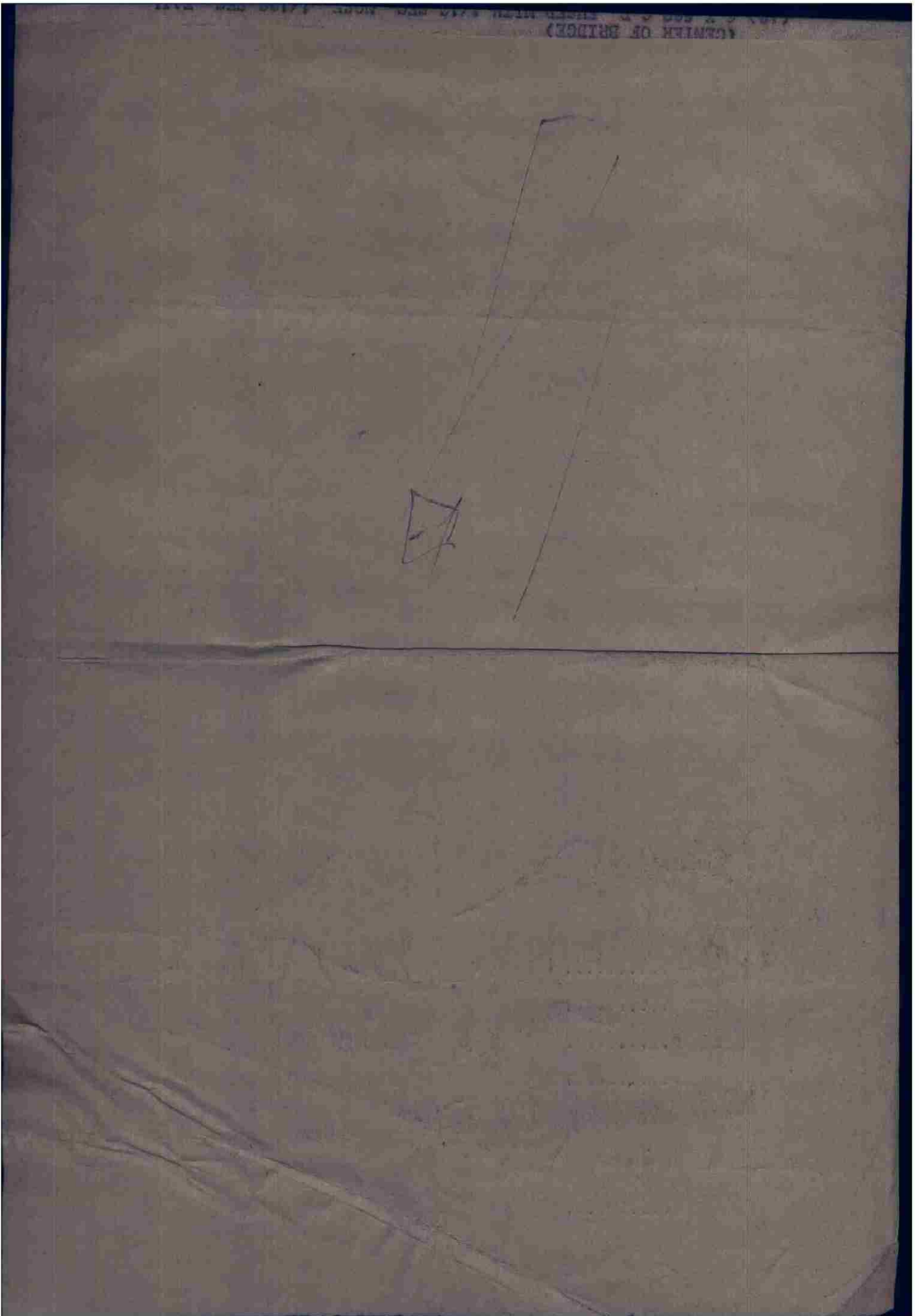
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ALL STATIONS HOLD FOR K WITH R

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 OIYAA K WITH R
 OIYAA / OILAI R.....
 OIGOK K WITH R
 OIGOF / OILAI R.....05/0700B JRS AR
 OICOG K WITH R
 OICOG / OILAI R.....*17 05/0658B DEG AR

OK AR TO ALL STATIONS BUT YAA OTI.

OIYAA / OILAI R.....05/0700B OIYAA K WITH R
 RSS AR
 OK THANKS AR FOR NOW
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 05/0730B A-27-E
TO COMBOMCOM NINE
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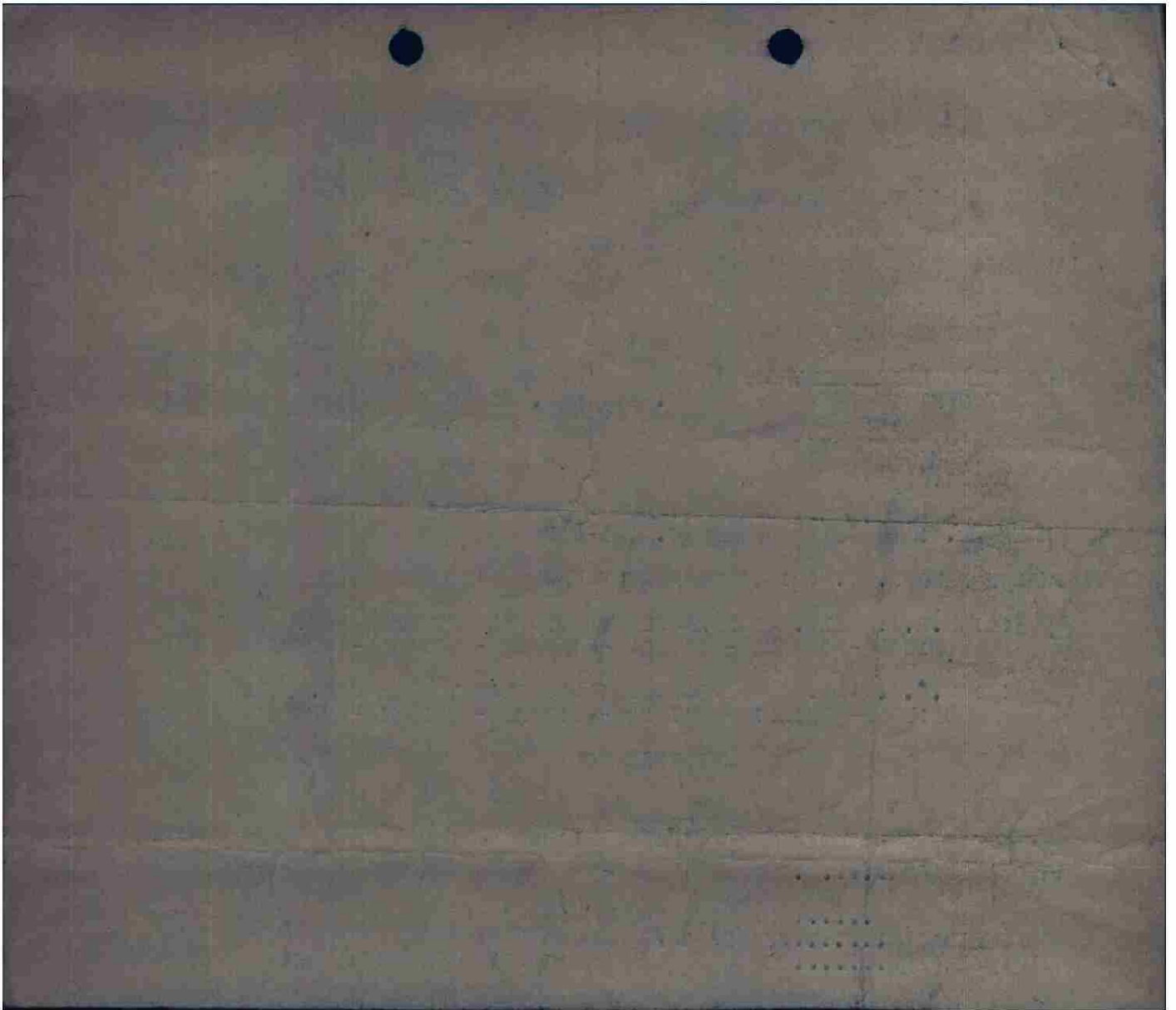
- (C) M.P.I. ILL. 4902E/54/B ONE (1) FLIGHT EACH REF. POINT
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- RPT
- (C) M.P.I. ILL. 4902E/54/B ONE (1) FLIGHT EACH REF. POINT
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 01YAA 01LAI R 05/0745B JF AR



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TO 409TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.
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ADVANCE INFORMATION COPY OF PARR. 9, OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) QUICKWAY

(3) HEADUP

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) CARFAX

(3) POKER

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) CASFIRE

(3) JUDITH

X. GENERAL INFORMATION.

(3) 4A, 10E, 6C, 7D, 6E, 5F, 11G 13H, 16I

(10) BAUT/BAVT

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CC: B. 416TH

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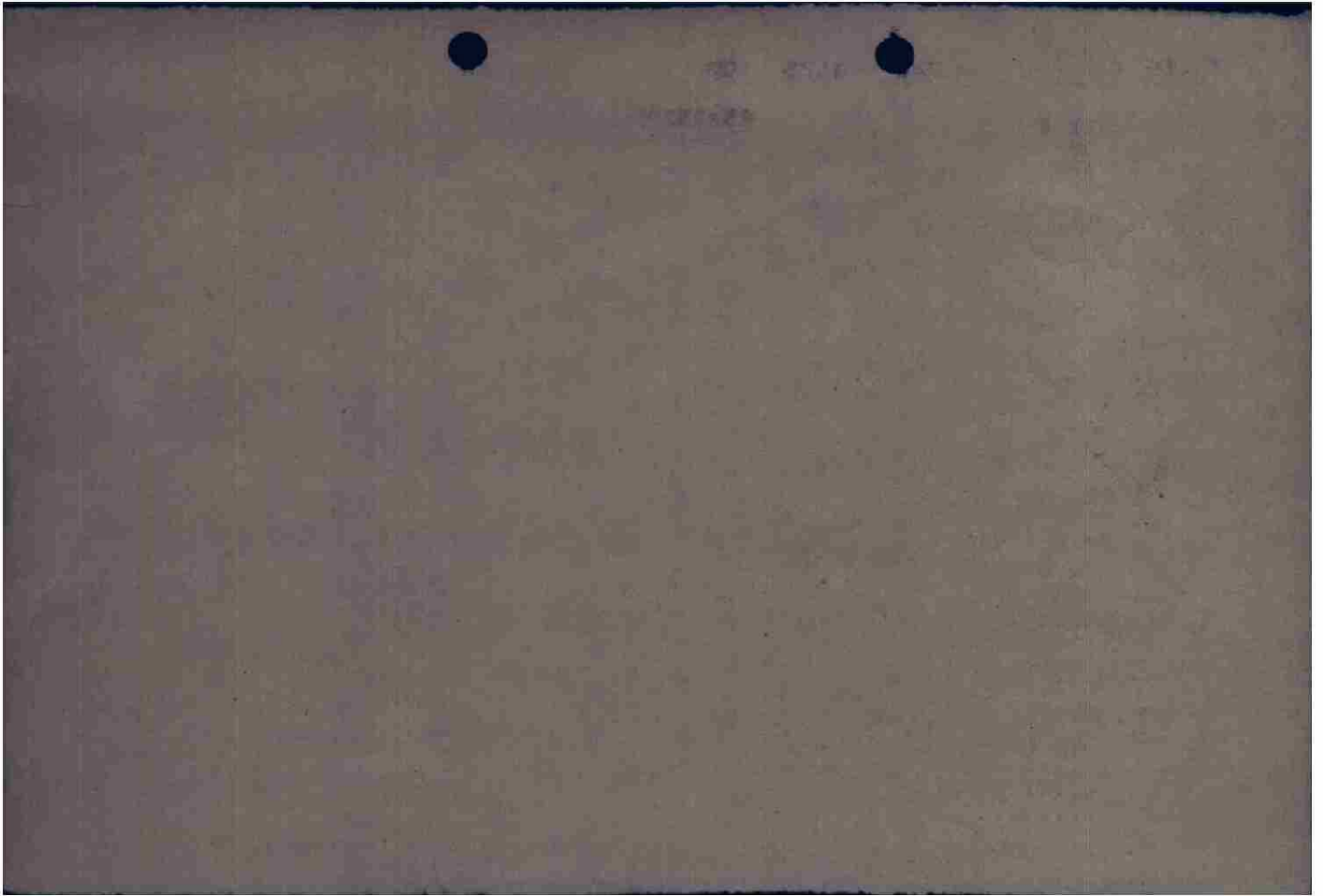
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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 05/1930B
 TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2
 HQ 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

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OPFLASH

- A. (1) MARIGNY-COMPIEGNE M/Y
 (2) MARIGNY-COMPIEGNE M/Y
- B. (1) 416TH BG
 (2) 36 A-20B
 (3) 1 A/C RETURNED BECAUSE OF RADIO TROUBLE
 (4) 35 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET
- C. (1) 1005
 (2) 1205
 (3) 1332
- D. (1) 0-0-0
 (2) 0-0-0
 (3) 0-0-0
- E. GOOD TO EXCELLENT RESULTS FOR ALL SIX FLIGHTS
- F. (1) (A) NIL
 (B) NIL
 (2) (A) NIL
 (B) NE WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY FLAK AT ABENCOURT (M-7039)
- G. YELLOW DIMHY AT M-5187 FROM 12000 FEET AT 1229 HOURS (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS HOT NEWS)
 THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITY IN RAIL CENTERS ALONG COURSE WAS OBSERVED FROM 11,000 TO 12,000 FEET:
 FORMERIE (M6334) AT 1140 HRS-50 CARS
 VILLERS-COTTERETS (S6364) AT 1201 HRS,
 LONG PASSENGER-BAGGAGE TRAIN HEADED NORTHWEST.
 SOISSONS (S6198) AT 1159 HRS. 50 TO 75 CARS (10 COVERED BY TARPULIN)
 BLERANCOURT (M7012) AT 1154 HRS. 50 CARS.
 ABENCOURT (M7039) AT 1220 HRS. 50 CARS
 AUMALE (M7047) 31 CARS ON SIDINGS.
 OTHER TRAFFIC OBSERVED; (ALL FROM 11,000 TO 12,000 FEET)
 SIX (6) TRUCKS HEADED SOUTH IN CONVOY AT 1221 HRS. AT M7047.
 TWELVE (12) BARGES IN RIVER AT 1133 NEAR BLANGY M6366
 TWO AIRFIELDS, BOTH WELL CAMOUFLAGED AND EACH CAPABLE OF HANDLING AT LEAST LIGHT BOMBERS AT N-3120 AND S-6978. THE FIELD AT N-3120 IS SINGLE STRIP RUNNING NORTH EAST-SOUTH WEST.
- H. (1) TWO TO THREE-TENTHS CLOUD WITH TOPS TO 10,000 THROUGHOUT COURSE OVER CONTINENT. VISIBILITY 10 MILES.
 (2)
- I. 192 X 500 ON PRIMARY
 4 X 500 RETURNED IN PLANE THAT CAME BACK EARLY.
- J. 12,000 FEET

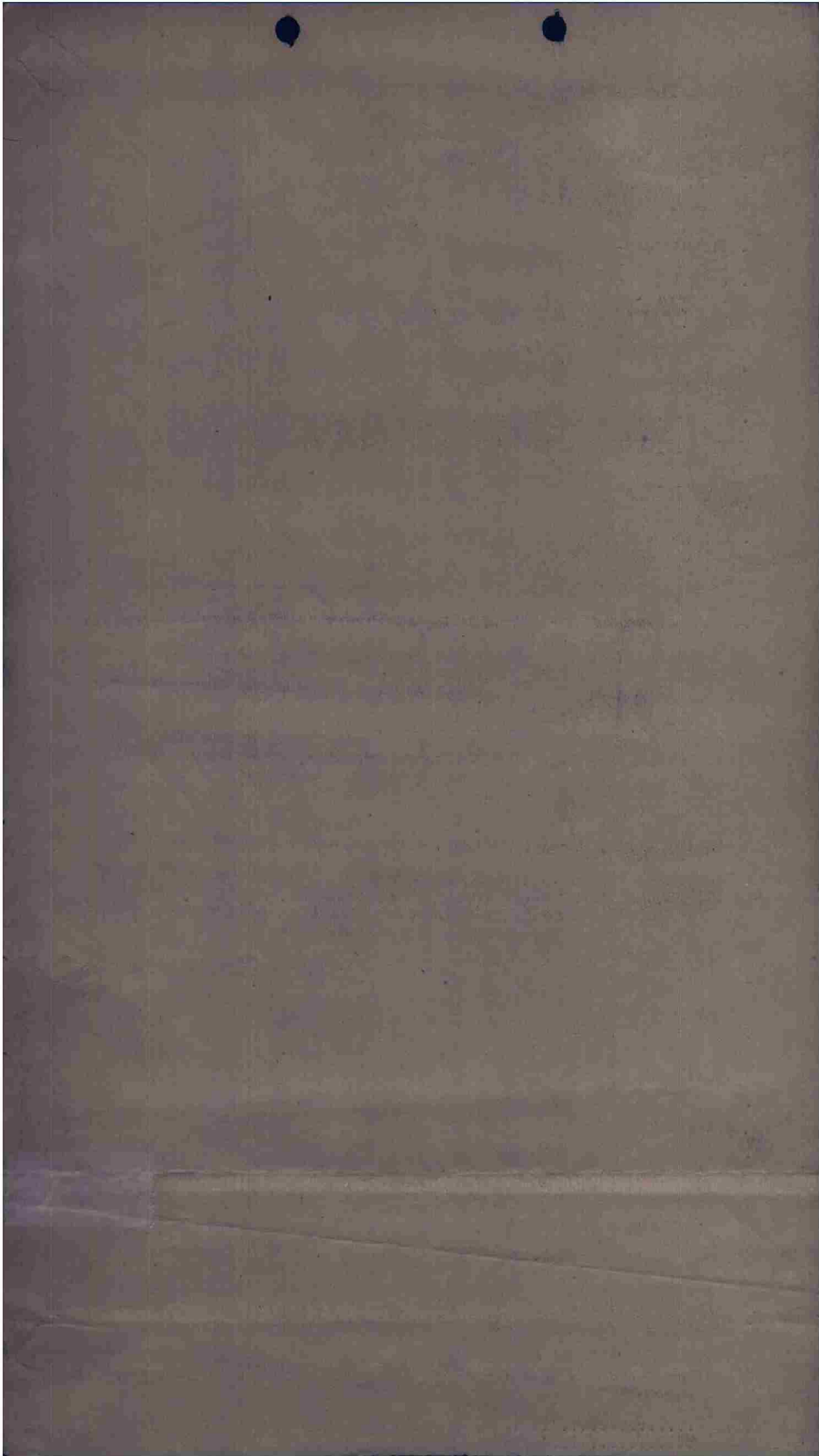
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 TWELVE(12) BARGES IN RE RIVER AT 1133 NEAR BLANGY (M6266)
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FROM 416TH BOMB GP (L) 05/1732B

TO HQS IX BOMBER COMMAND
HQS IX AIR FORCE

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FIRST PHASE REPORT S/A PHOTOS 5/8/44

A. MARIGNY-COMPIEGNE M/Y

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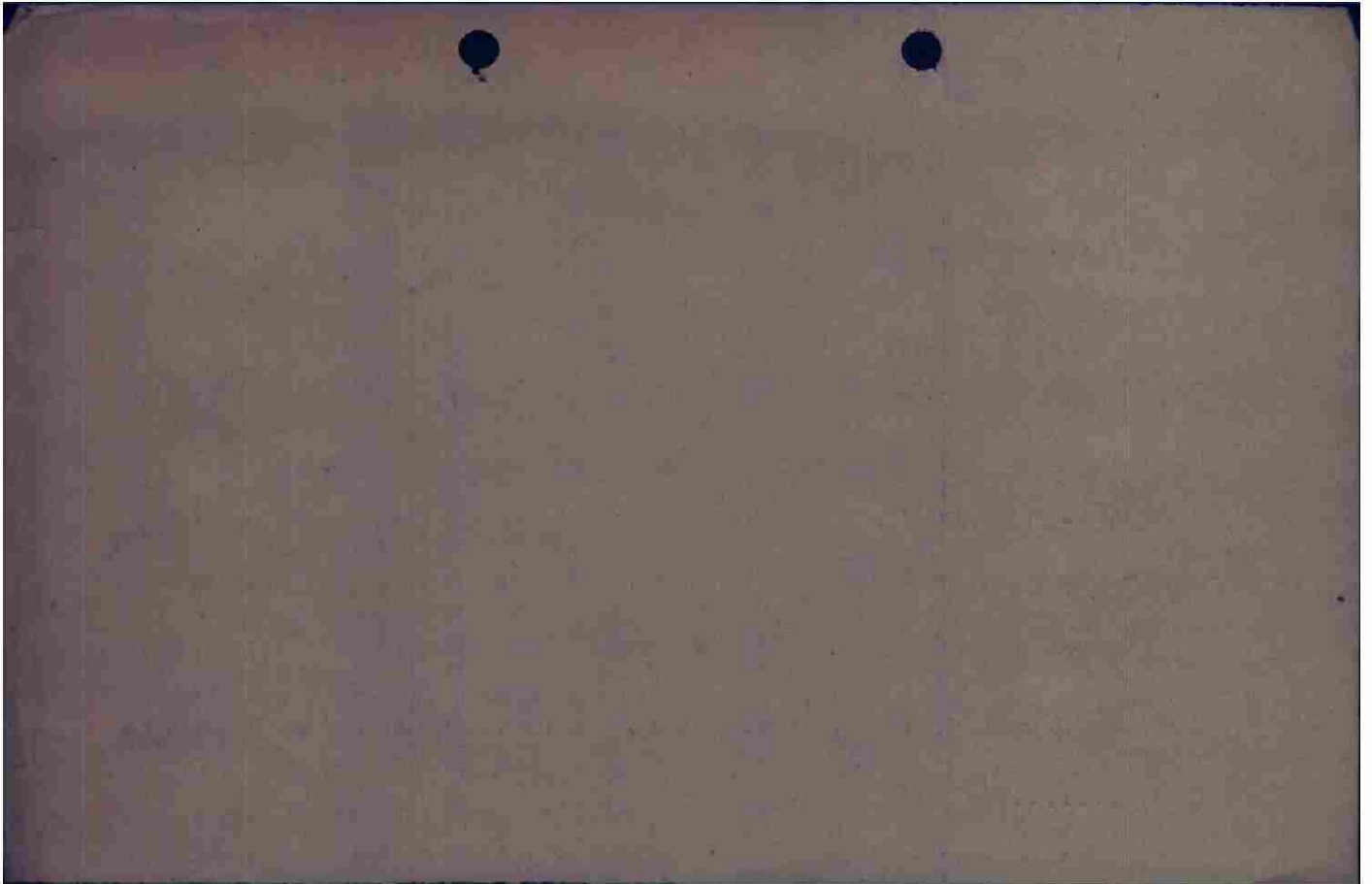
K. BOMBS HIT ACROSS MARSHALLING YARD PROBABLY CUTTING TRACKS IN
5 DIFFERENT PLACES AND DESTROYING NUMBER OF GOODS WAGONS.
CHOKE POINTS AT BOTH ENDS OF YARDS BLANKETED BY BURSTS

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