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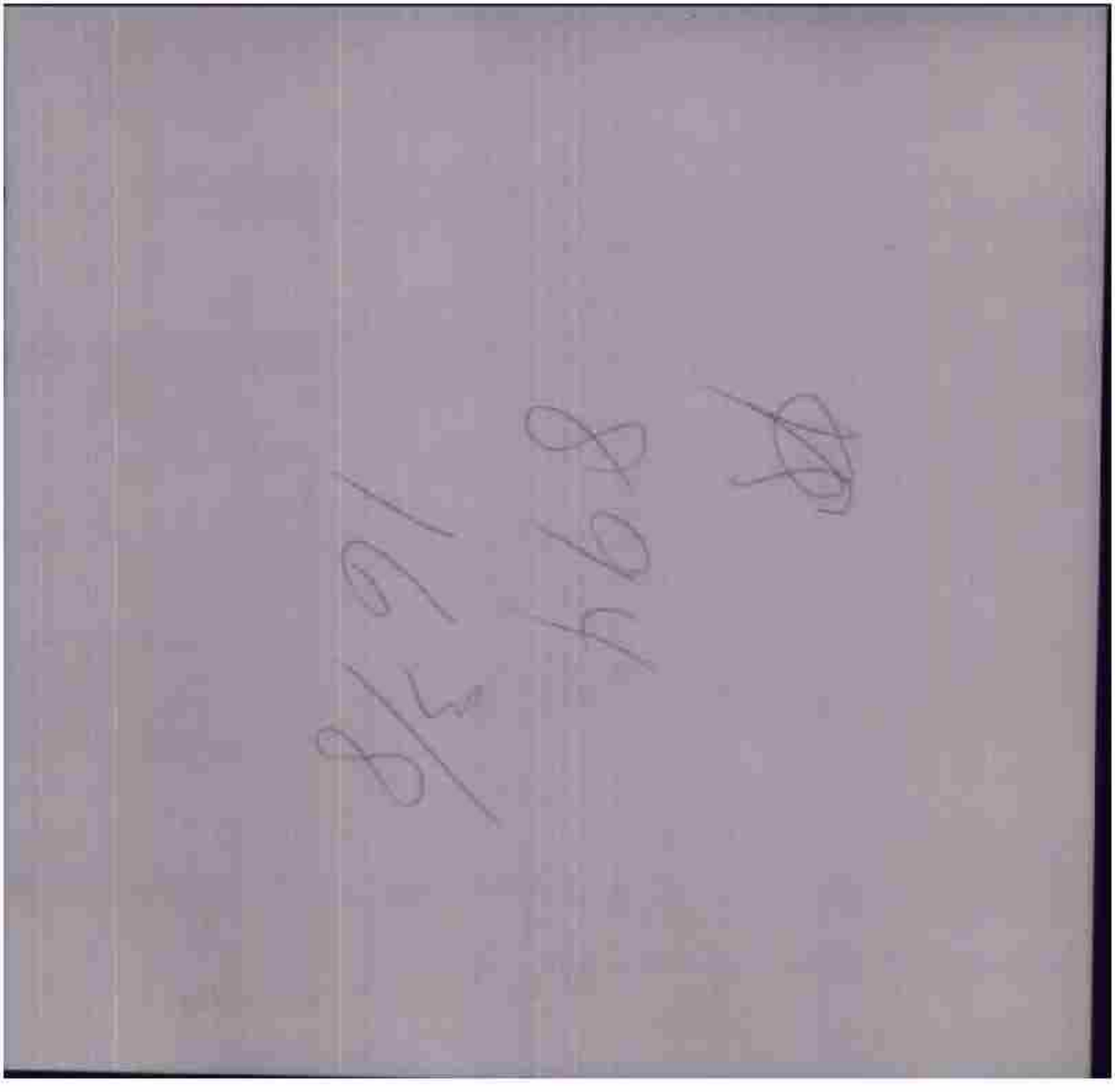

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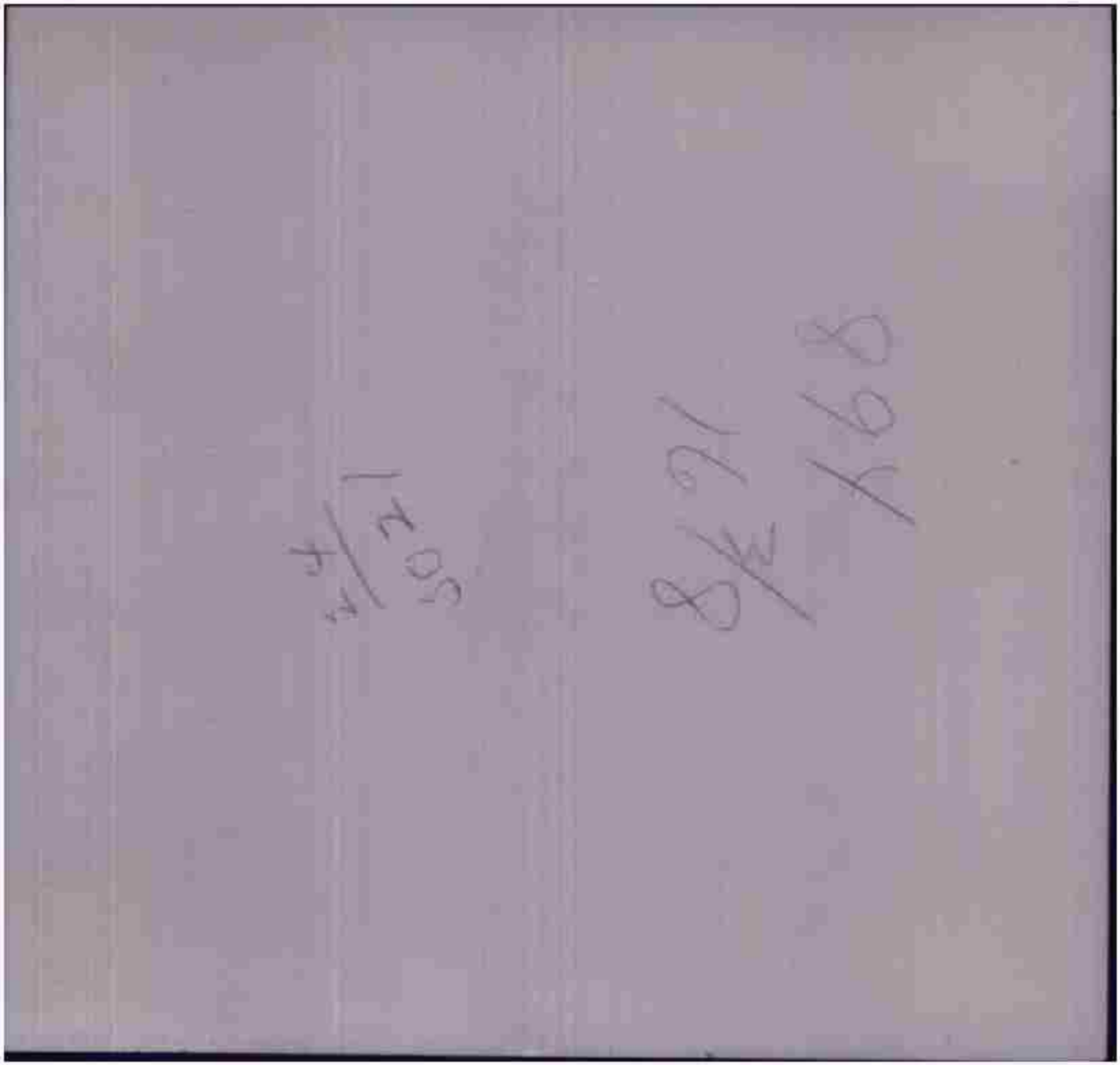

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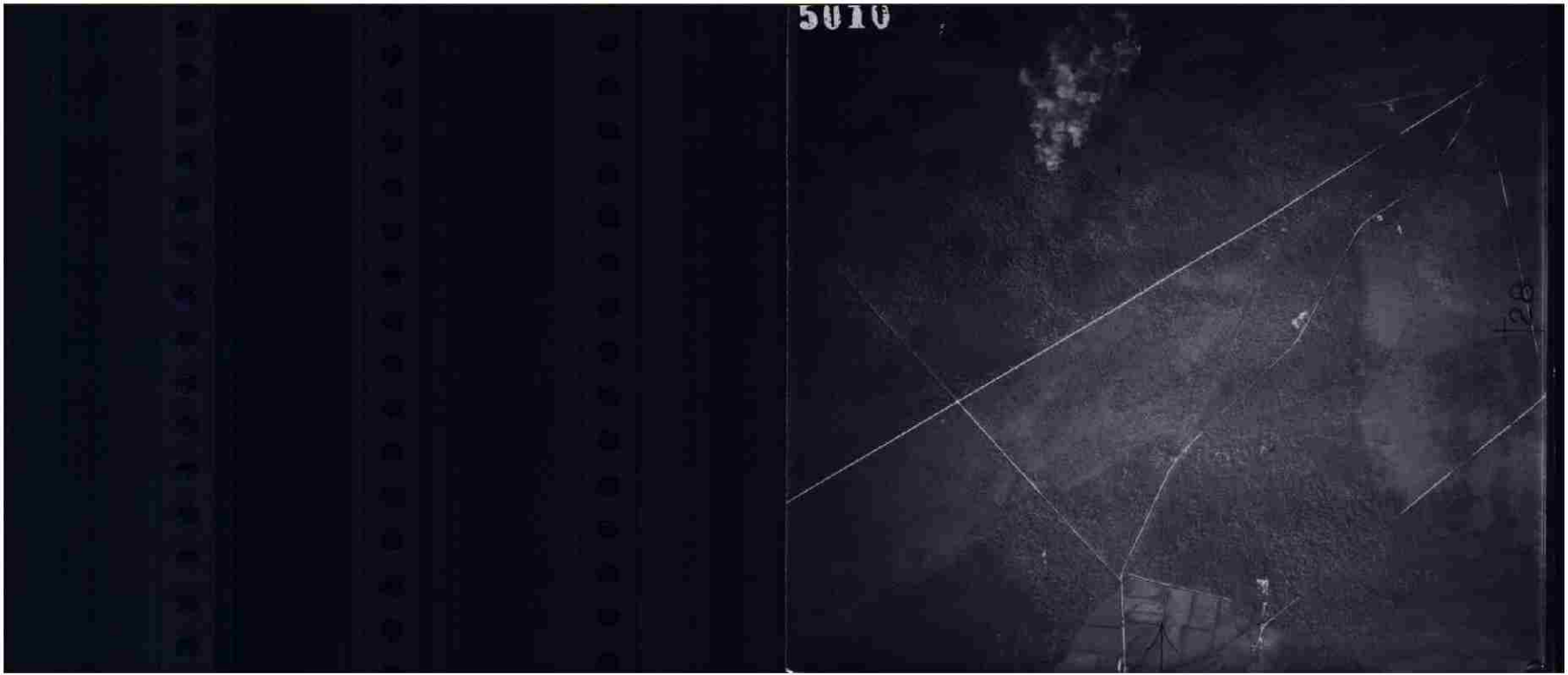

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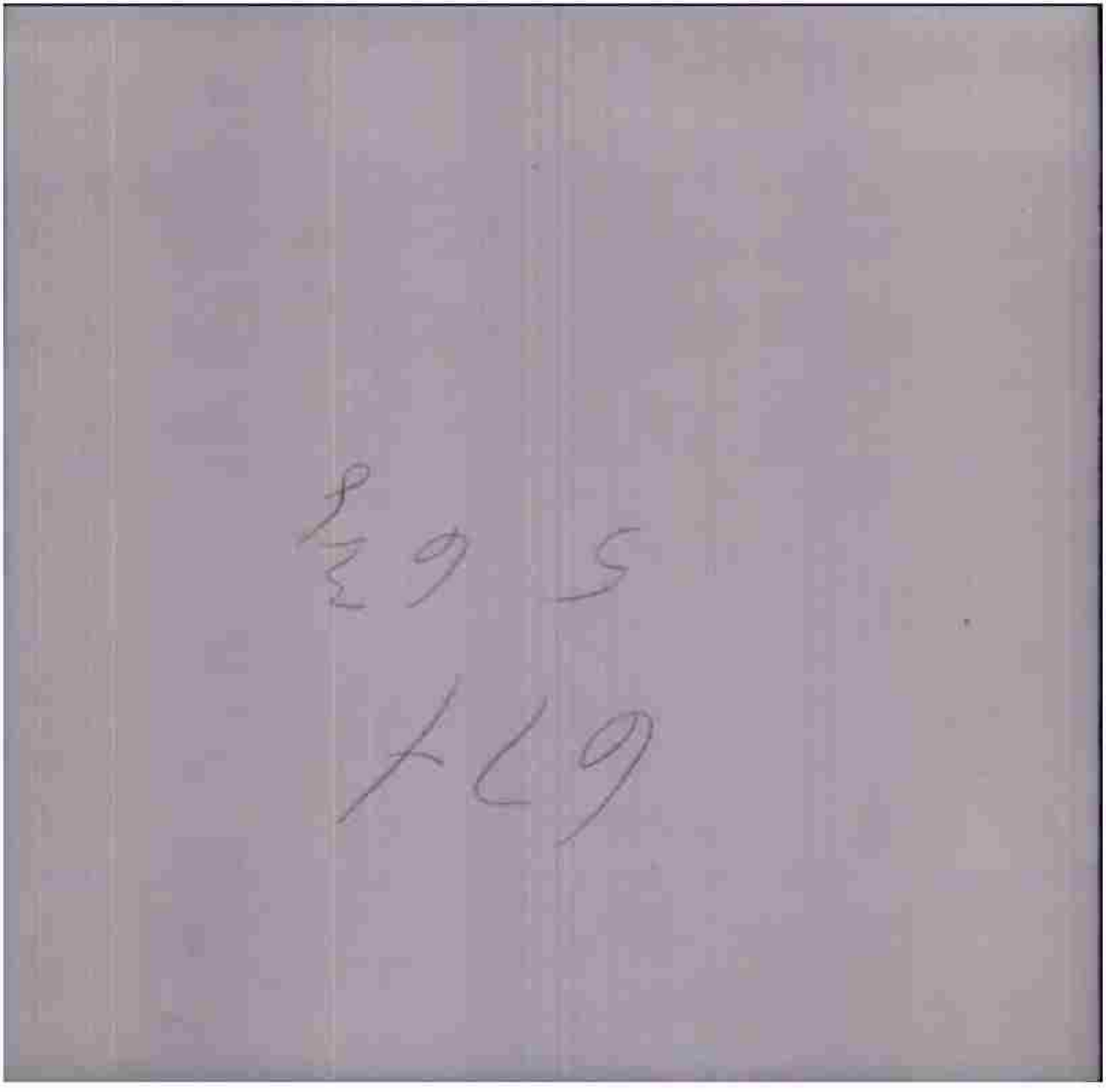

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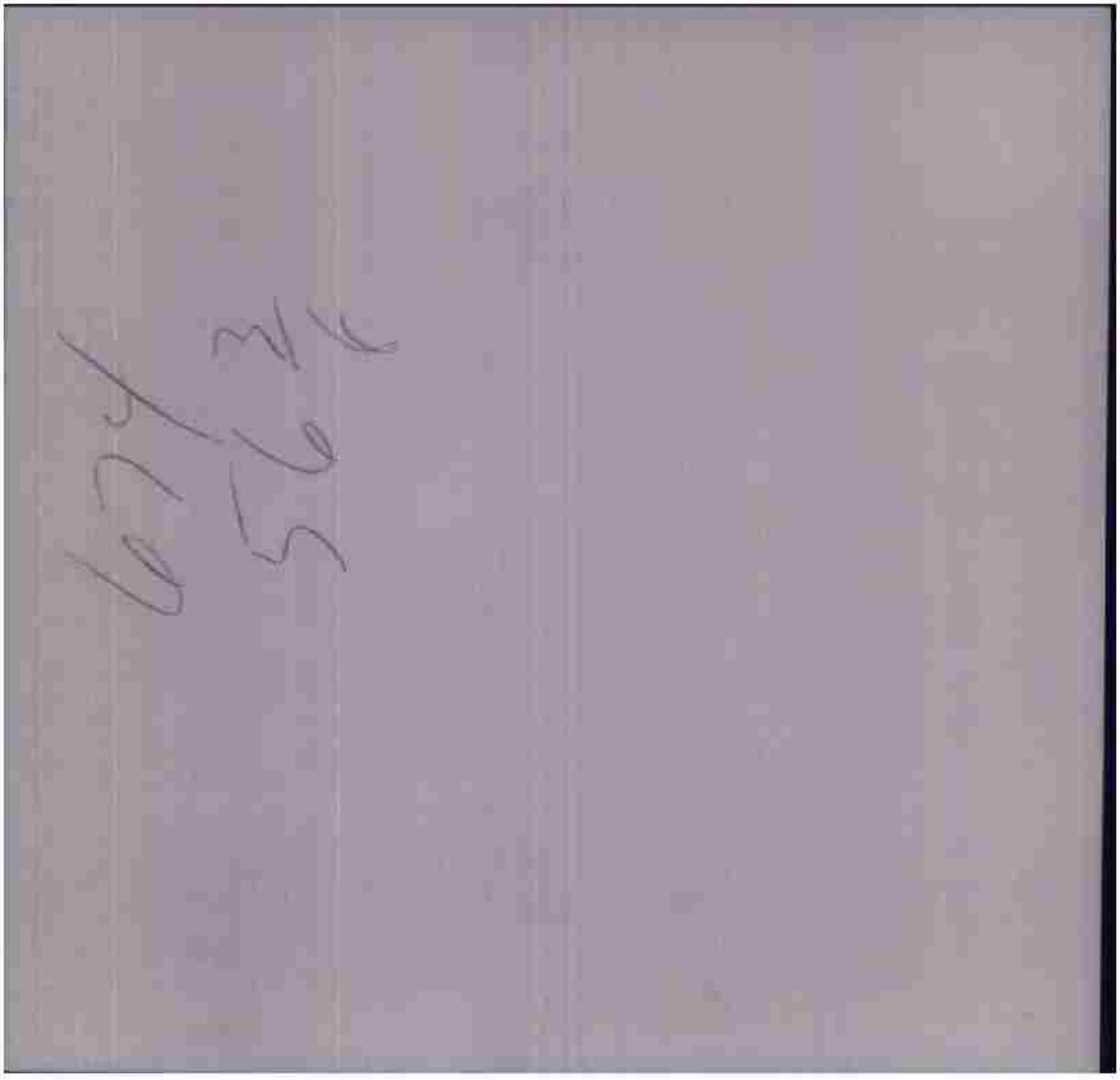

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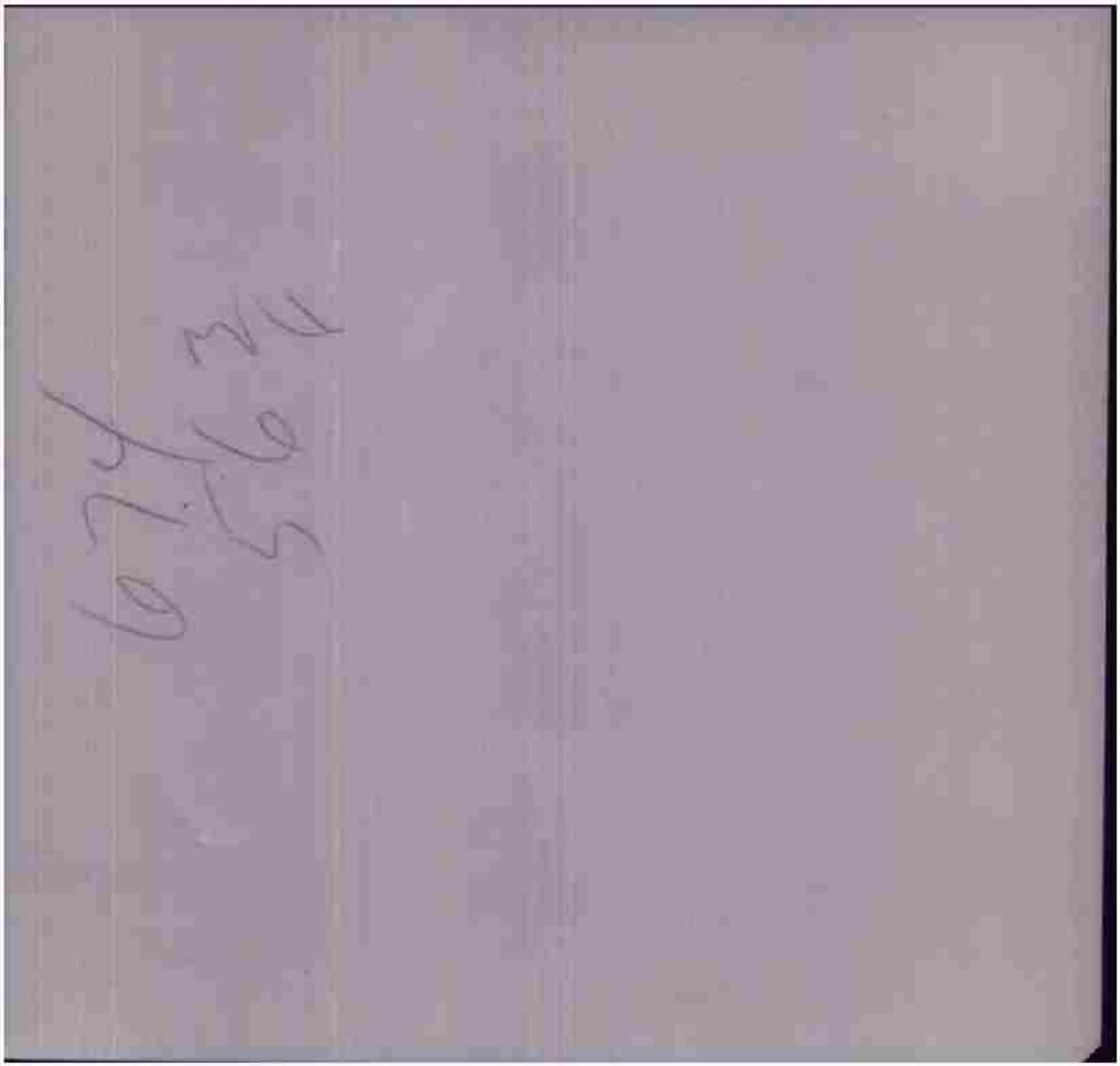

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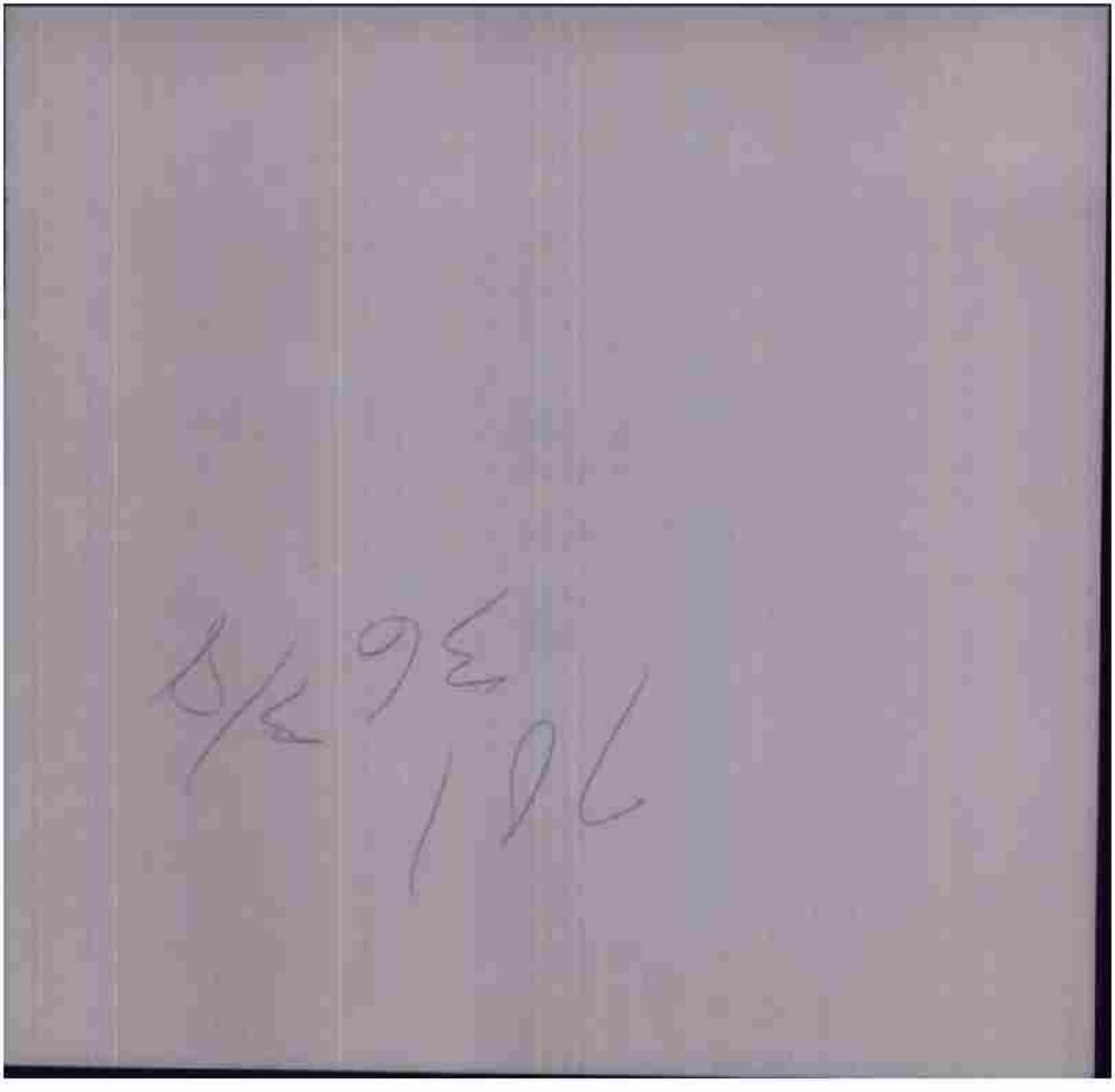

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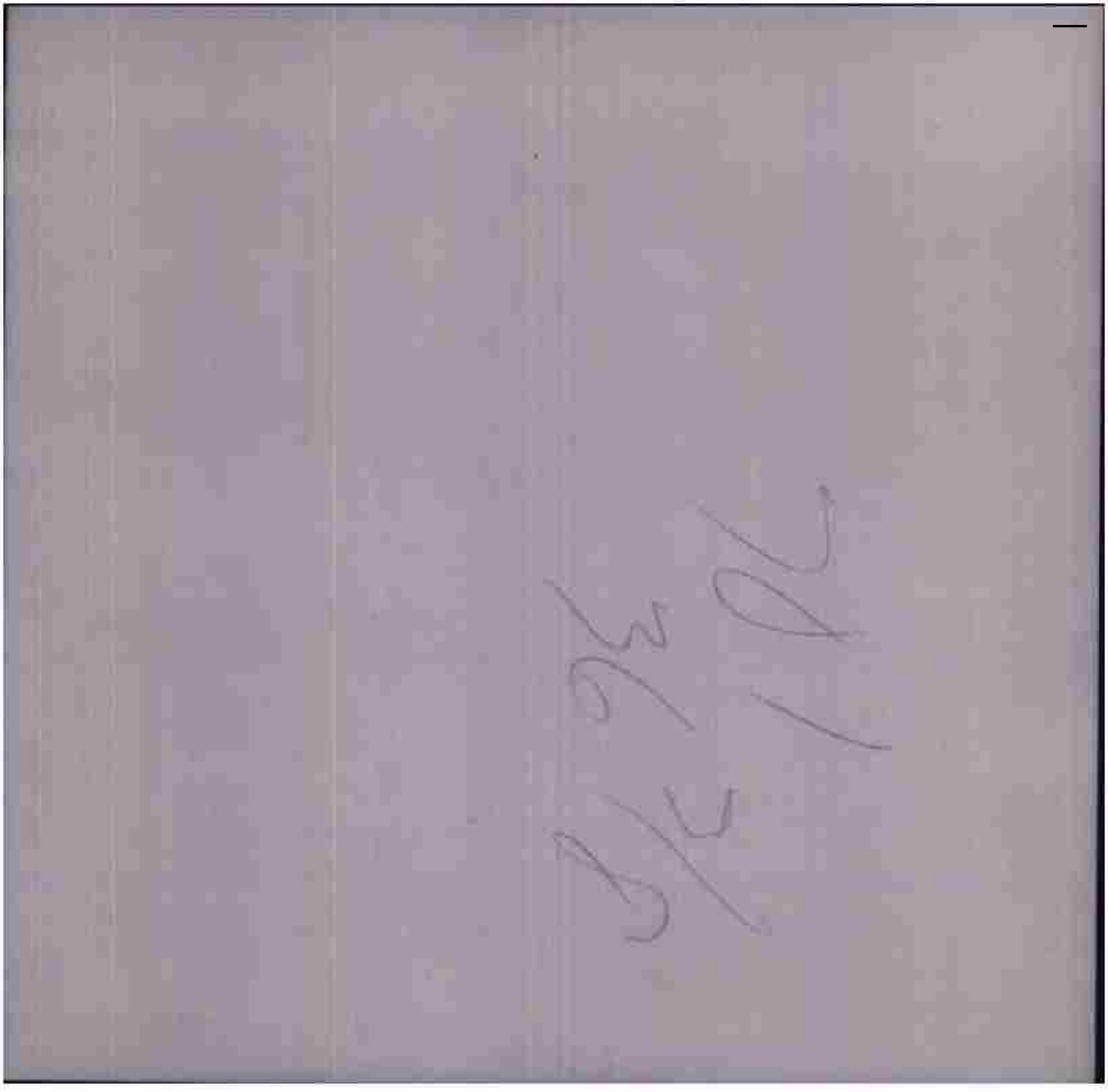

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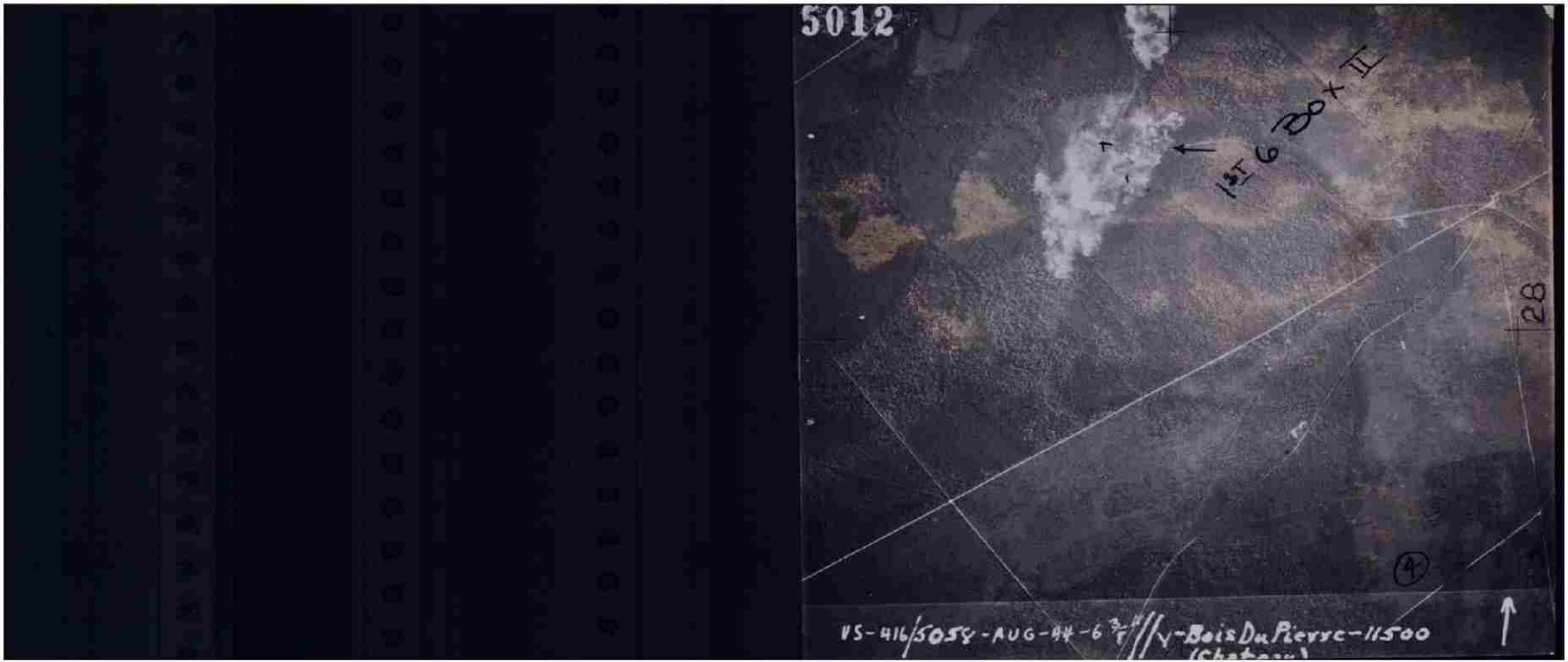

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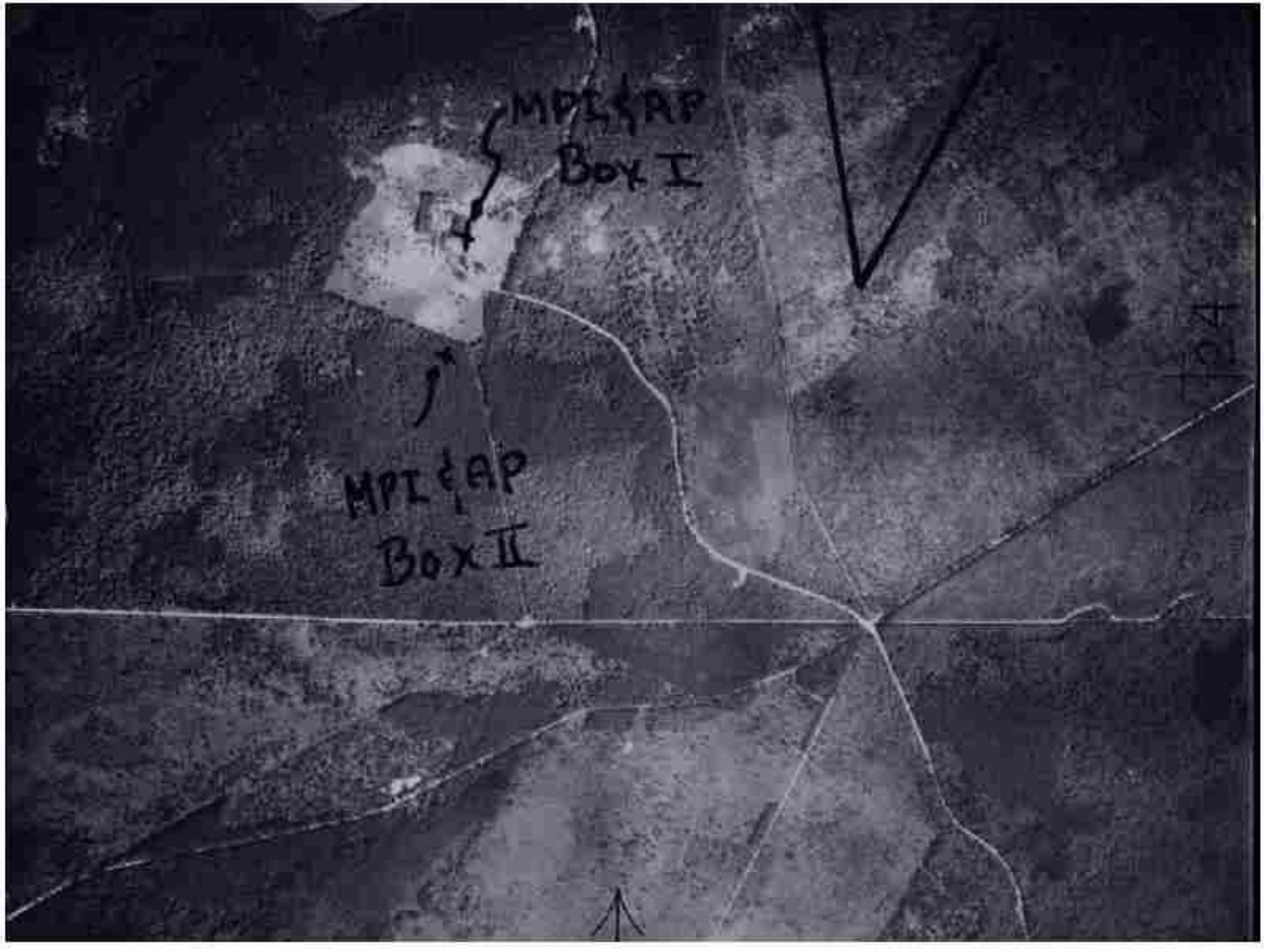

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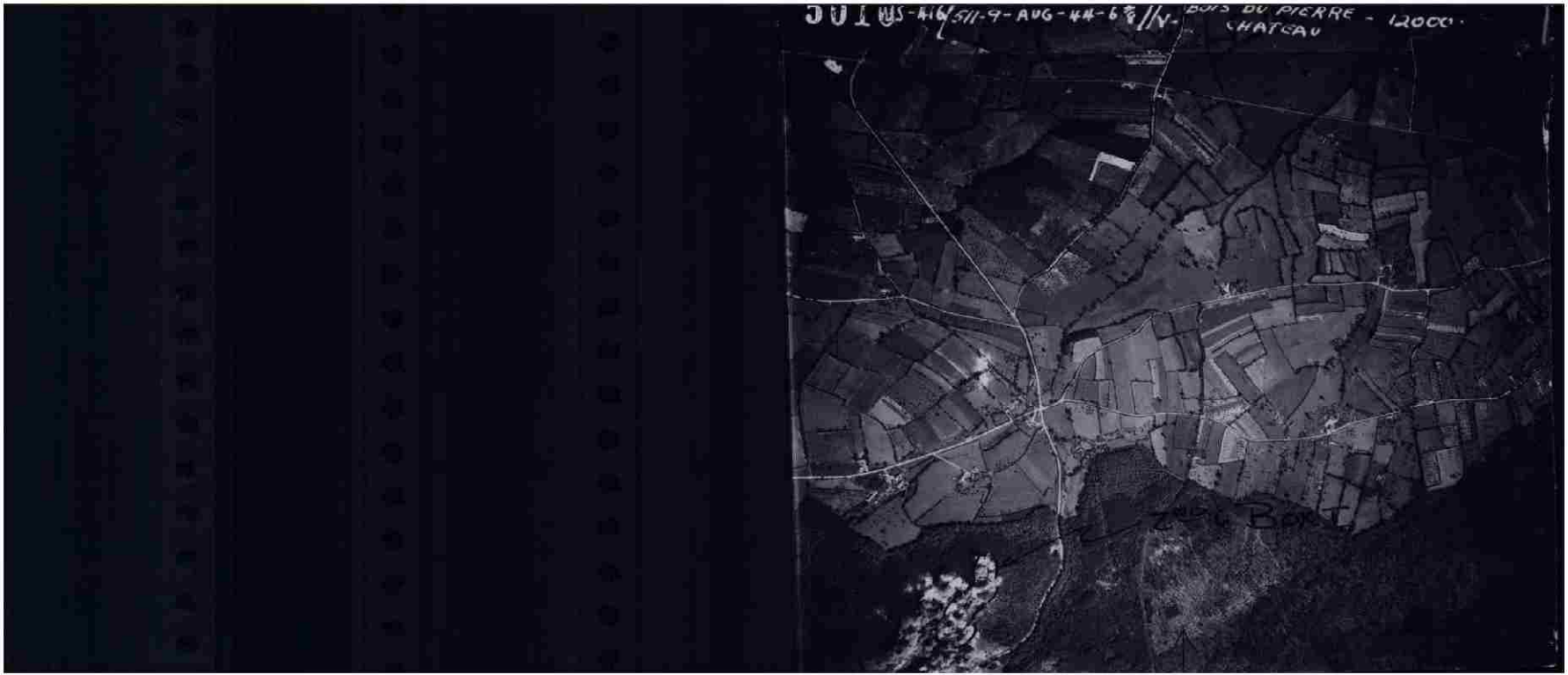

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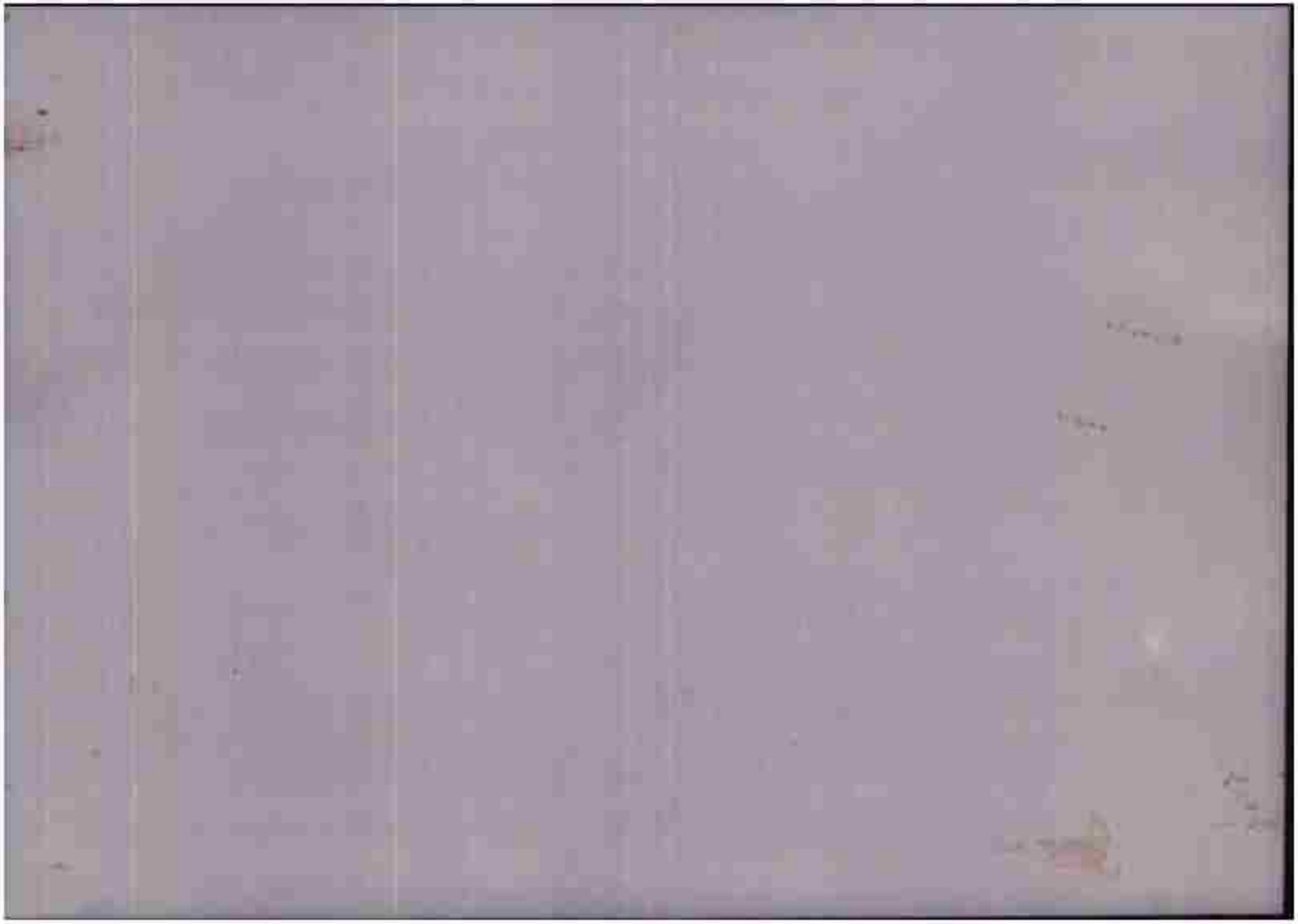

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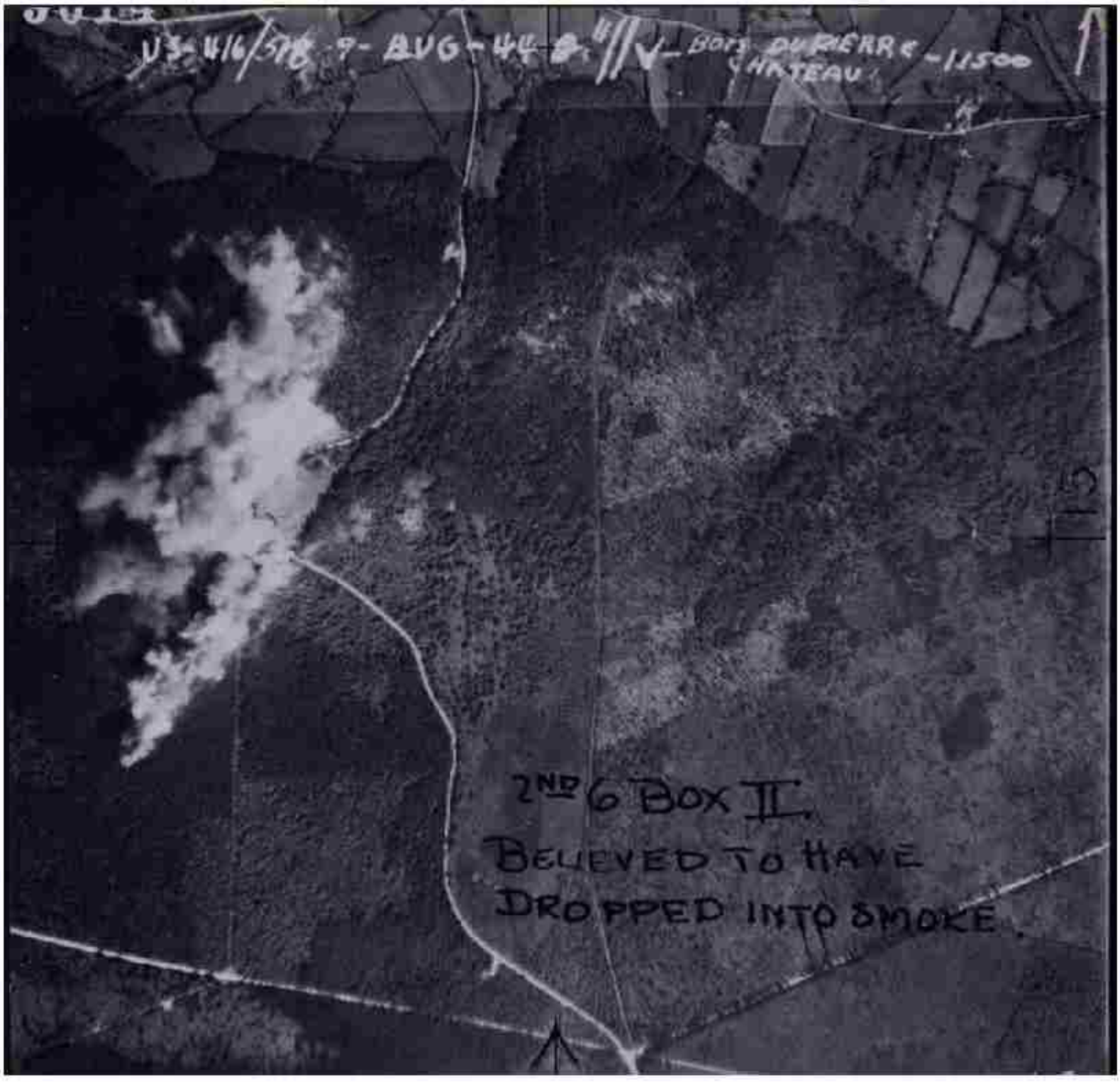

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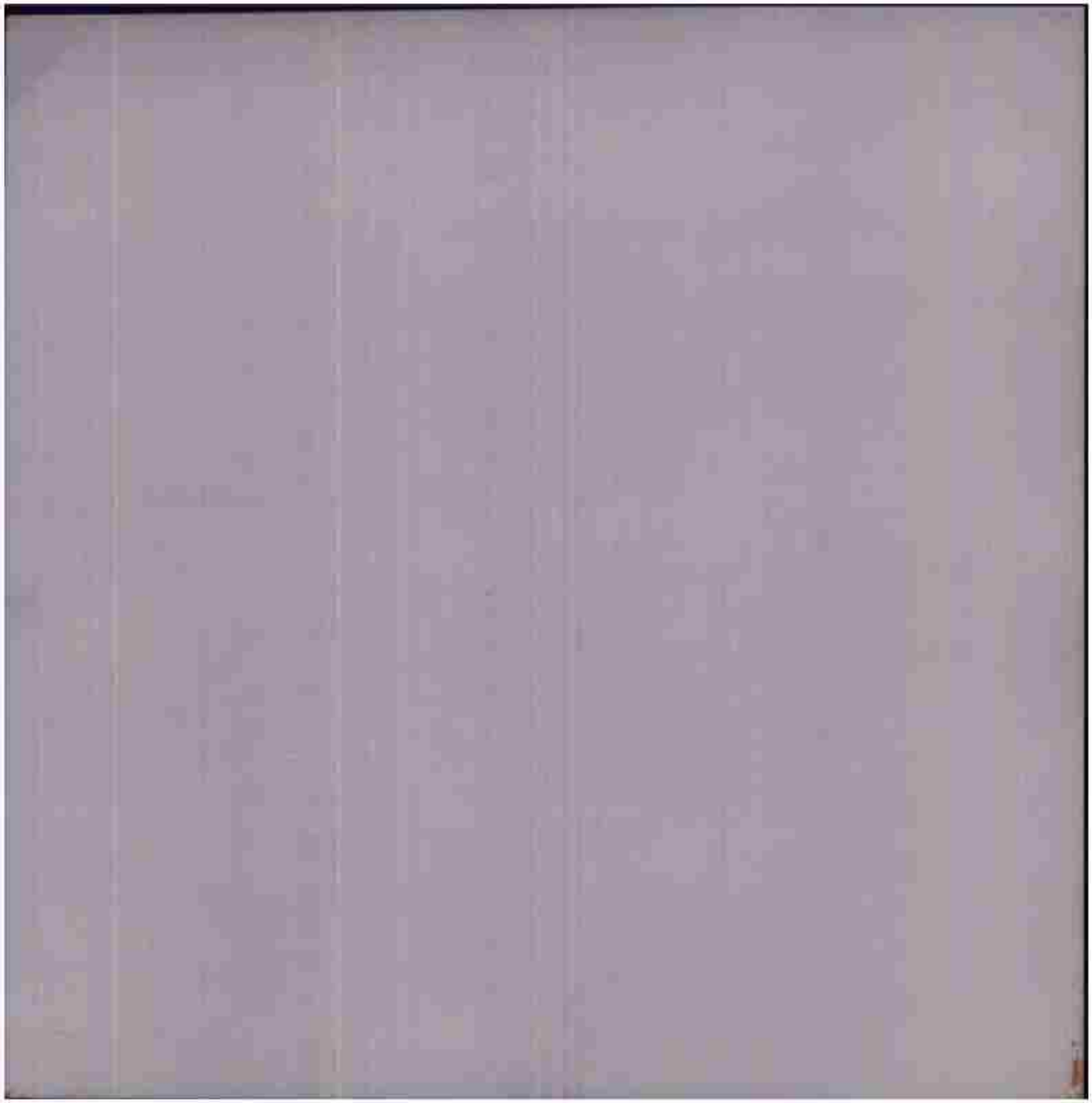

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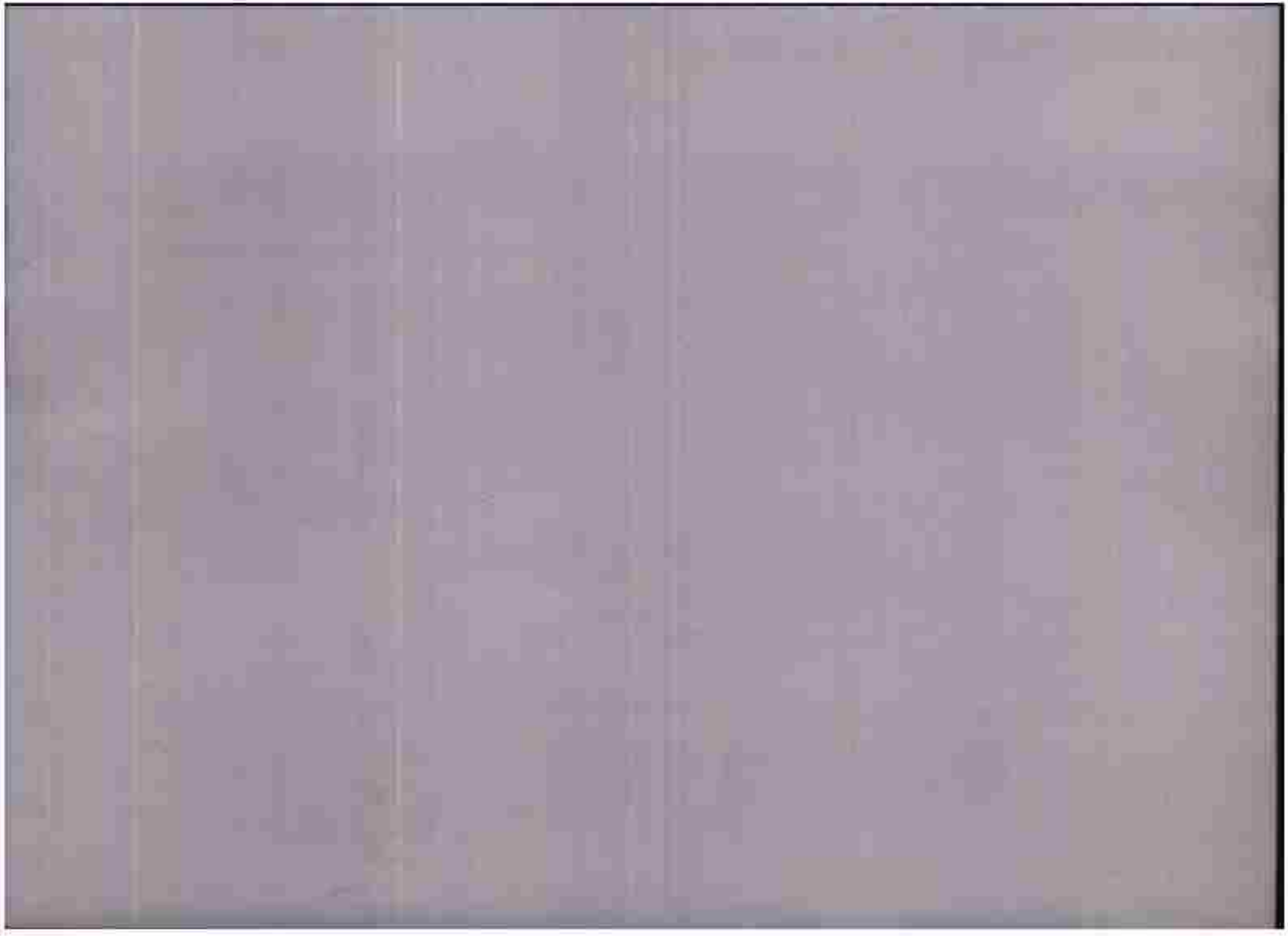

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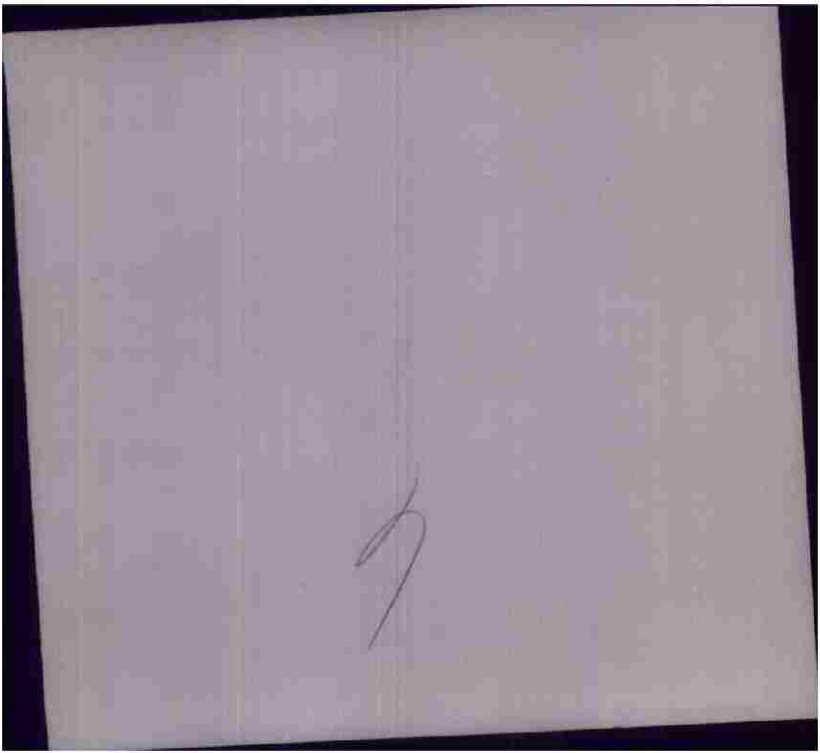

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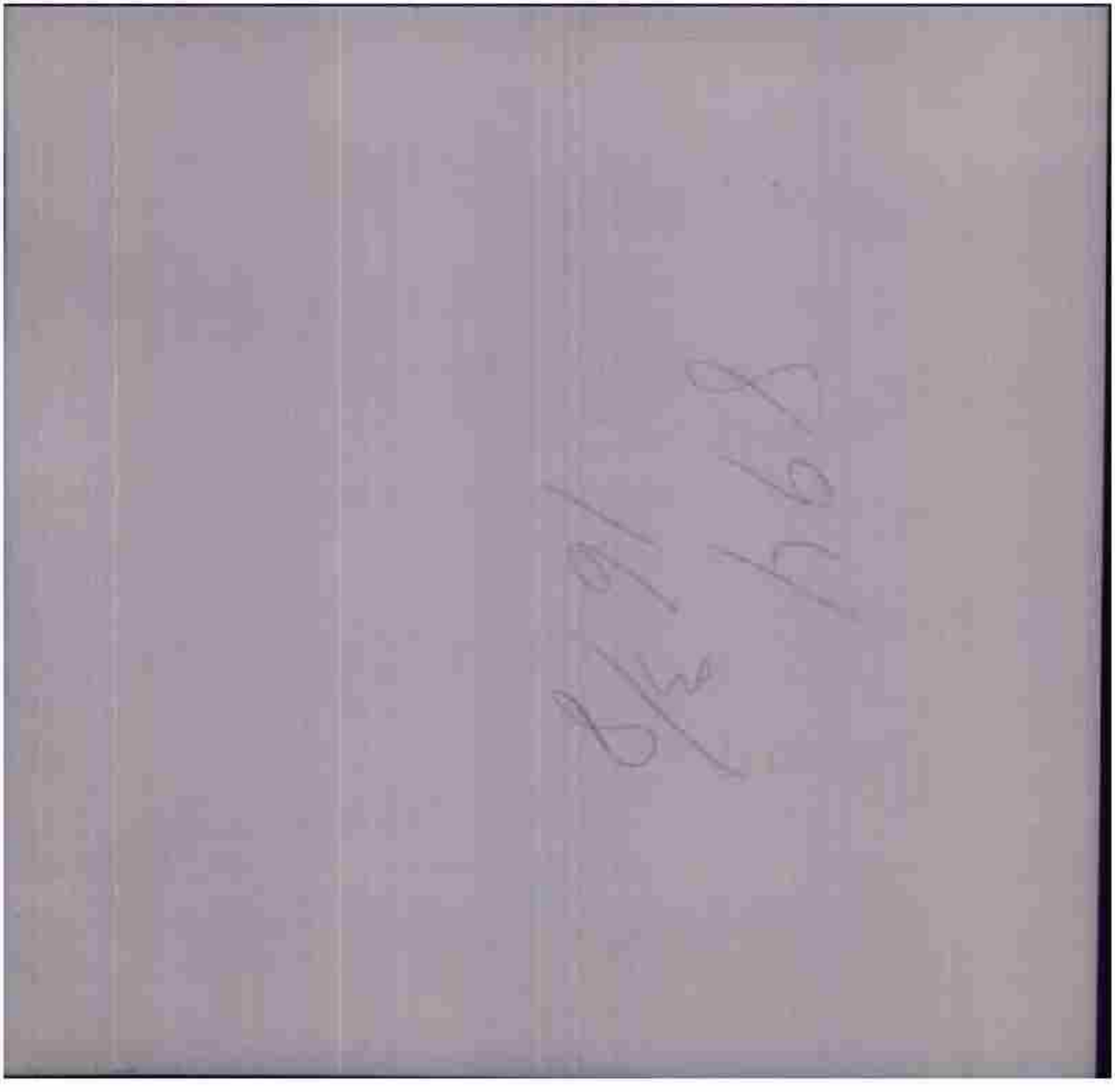

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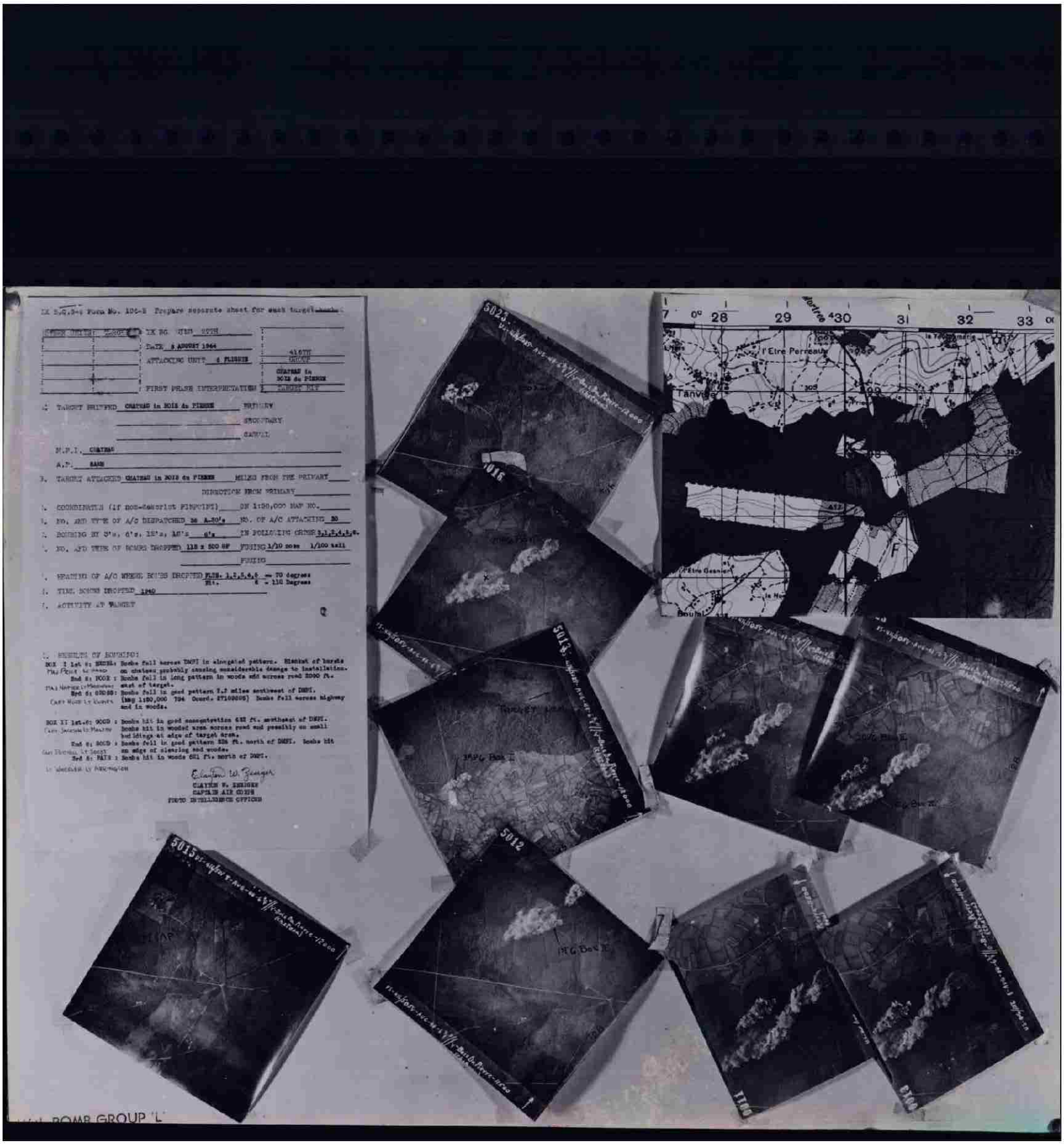

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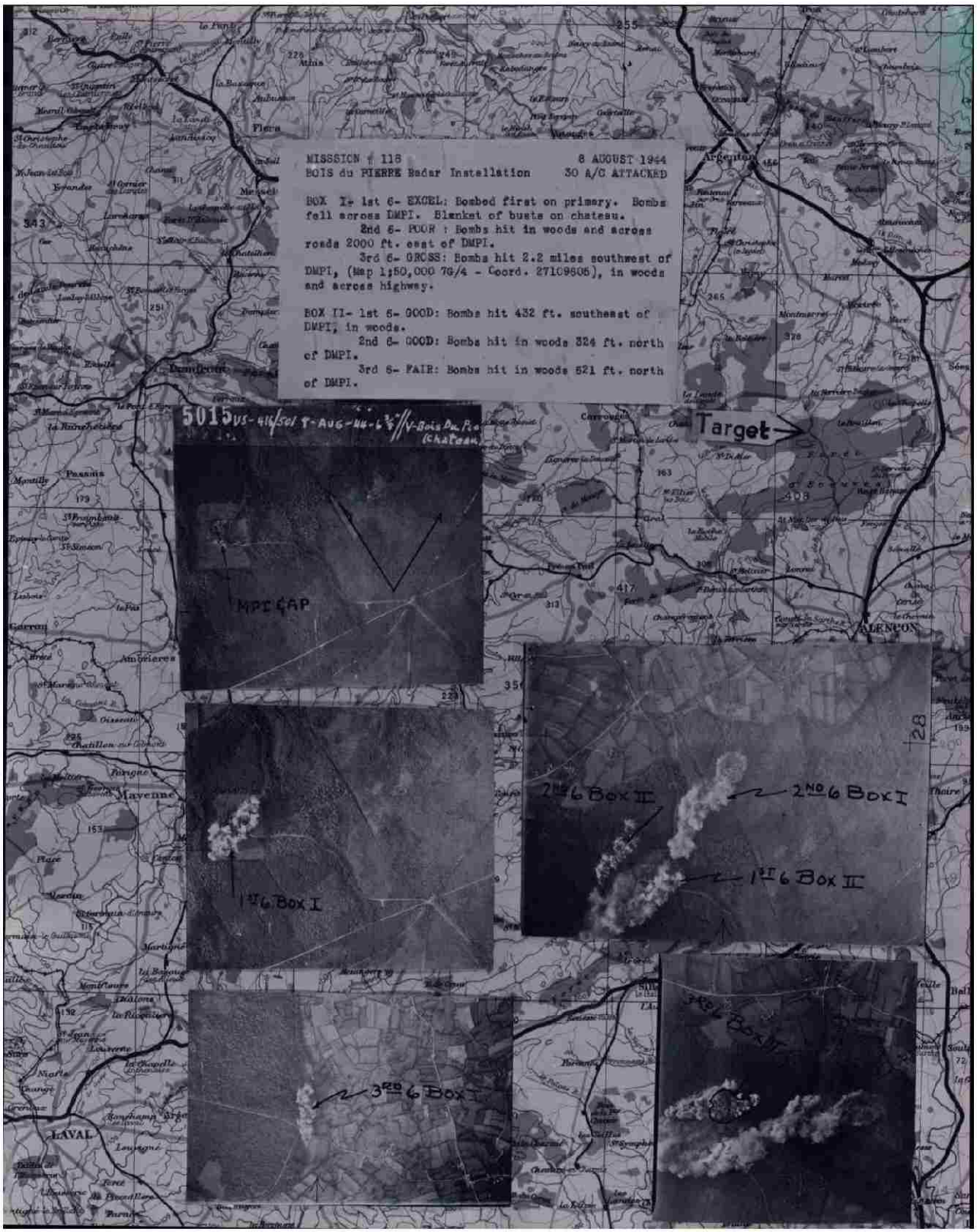

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(F) COVER: TARGET COVERED BY PRINTS OF GOOD QUALITY.
(G) RESULTS OF BOMBING: FROM SIX FLIGHTS, ONE PATTERN EXTENDED ACROSS DESIRED MPI WITH NEAR HITS ON THE CHATEAU; FOUR EXTENDED THROUGH WOODED AREA SURROUNDING THE TARGET AND ACROSS ROADS LEADING FROM CHATEAU. ONE PATTERN CROSSED ROAD AT 269959.

(H) ACTIVITY:
(I) ANNOTATED PRINT: 5016 SORTIE: US 416/5058
NOTE: RECTANGLE ENCLOSES BOMB PATTERN AREA.
DISTRIBUTION: S/A
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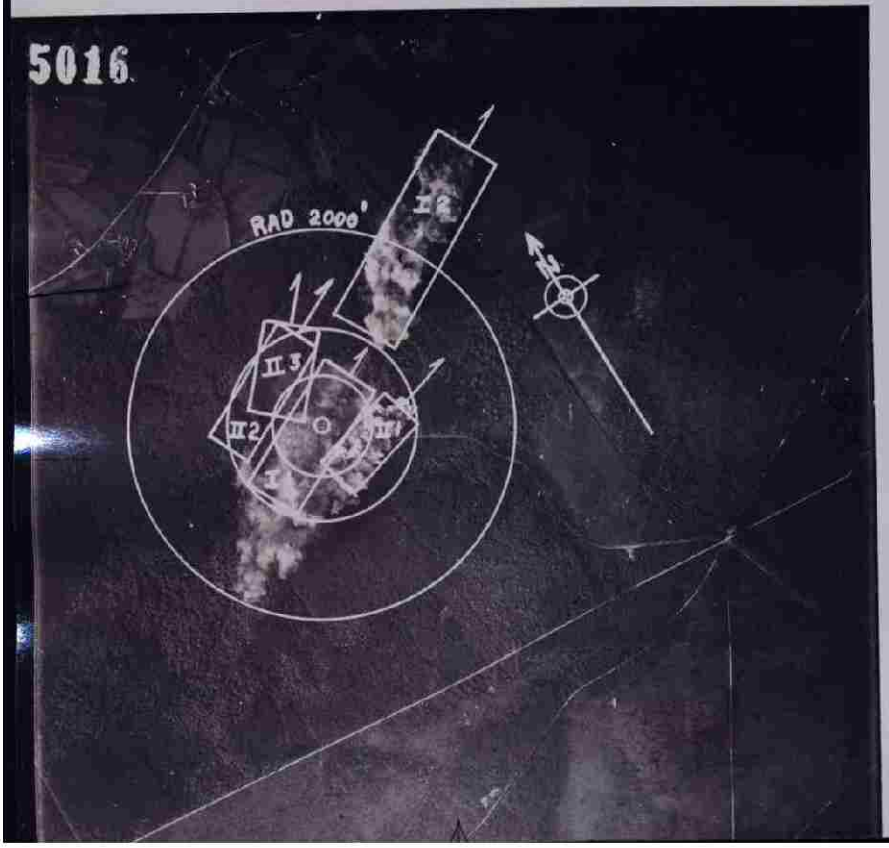
20th P.I.D.
AT HQ. IX B.C.



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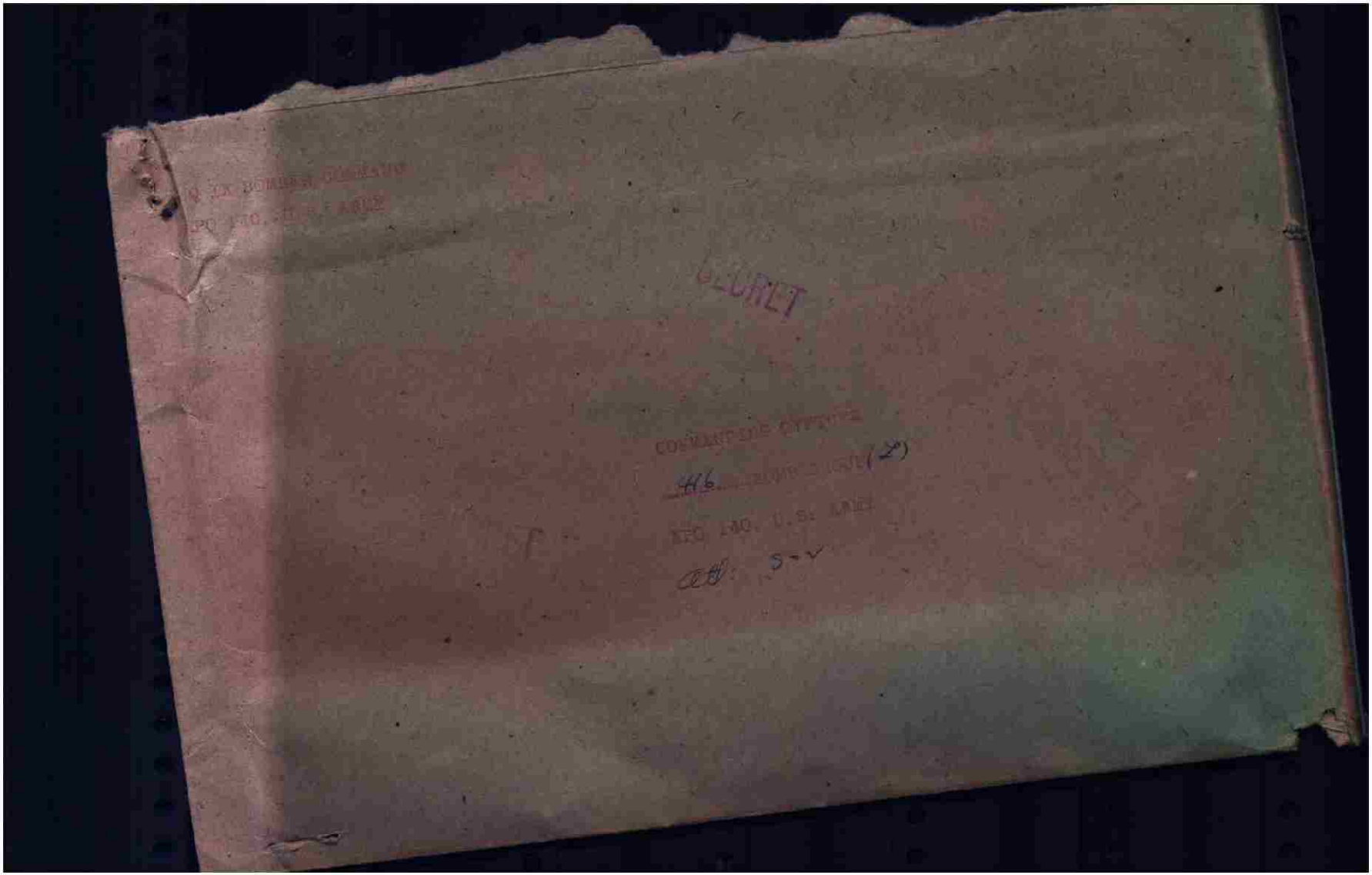

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Target Bois de Pierre Chateau Date 8-8-44 No A/C 36 Mission No. 118 F/O 476

Status Attacked Briefing Officer _____

1. IXBCnSynopsis of Mission.------None
2. Opflash Report.------Filed.
3. Telephone Report.-----None available.
4. Photos.-----Filed.
5. Field Orders, Annex's, Amendments. ------Filed.
6. Briefing Notes.------None available.
7. Loading List of Airplane Crews. -----Filed.
8. Chart of Route Flown - Flak.-----Filed.
9. Operations Oprep Report.-----Filed.
10. Bombing Information.-----Filed.
11. E/A Encountered.-----None
12. Weather Reports.-----Filed.
13. Communications YS Report.----None required.
14. Navigator's Log and Flight Plan.------Filed.
15. Battle Casualties. -------None
16. Analysis of Gunnery.-----See Oprep Report, Par. E.
17. Ammunition Expenditure.----See OpsFl Report, Par. I.
18. Recapitulations Forms.-----Filed.

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By authority
CO, Sta.170
9 August 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

APO 140, U. S. Army.
9 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Combat Mission.

TO : Commanding Officer, 97th Combat Wing, APO 140, U. S. Army.

416th Bombardment Group (L)
118th Combat Mission, 8 August 1944.
97th CW SO 167-476

1. 38
2. 36
3. 30
4. 2 (spares)
5. 6
6. 43-9450 Capt. M. J. Huff — Bombs released prematurely. Release relay making premature contact due to vibration and wires in pilots bomb panel resting against points.

43-9181 Lt. W. H. Land — Dropped on leader (43-9450)

43-9387 Lt. R. L. Behlmer — Dropped on leader (43-9450)

43-9701 Lt. J. E. Blomgren — Dropped on leader (43-9450)

43-9493 Lt. R. D. Robertson — Dropped on leader (43-9450)

43-9379 Lt. D. W. Elliott — Dropped on leader (43-9450)

7. 43-9450 Released prematurely - same as above.
43-9181
43-9387
43-9701
43-9493
43-9379

43-9386 Lt. D. H. Grunig — 1 bomb released in channel on return trip. Cause undetermined.

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Report of Combat Mission (Continued)

A3-9325 Lt. A. R. Dumnate	1 bomb rack failed to release. Bomb released after return from mission. Circuits checked and found to function properly.

6. None.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHERGEIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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YAA V COG XQG31/8 (REPETITION AS REQUESTED)

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FROM REAR HQ NO 83 GROUP RAF 0721000B
TO 416TH BOMBER GROUP WEATHERSFIELD.
QQX BT

P1/297 7/8/44 126 WING SIGNAL T393 6/8/44
REPEATED FOR INFORMATION.
HUVOC 39641 668 SQDN 416 BOMBER GROUP WEATHERSFIELD
C7 LANDING STRIP B18 GRISTOT FRANCE 6/8/44 DAY
(D) PILOT LIEUT OSBORNE. R.E. 0-684403 UNINJUIRED NAVIGATOR
LIEUT FORMAN W/O 749633 UNINJURED GUNNER STAFF KELLY., E.E.
38271192 UNINJURED GUNNGER STAFF SERGEANT SERGEANT - LAGERMAN
K.G. 36807325 UNINJURED
(E) AL CREW MEMBERS RETURNING TO BASE
(F) NORMAL OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT
(G) ENEMY ACTION HIT BY FLAK
(H) STARBOARD ENGINE U/S
STBD U/C COLLAPSED ASSUMED CAT B
(J) 419 R.S. UM
(K) KINNOT
(L) N/A
MESSAGE ENDS
BT 0721000B

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 08/2330B
TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND
HQ 97TH COMBAT WING
ATTN: A-2

416BG A-224-D
SECRET QQX BT

OPFLASH NO. 119 FOR 8AUGUST 1944
A. (1) RADAR INSTALLATION-7/G/4-REF. 30079799
(2) RADAR INSTALLATION-7/G/4-REF. 30079799
B. (1) 416TH BG
(2) 36 A-20'S INCLUDING 7 A-20J'S AND 29 A-20G'S.
(3) EP ON PRIMARY (BOMBS FELL OUT OF LEAD A/C OF ONE FLIGHT, PREMATURELY ON BOMB RUN, OTHER A/C IN FLIGHT RELEASED ON ITS BOMBS)
C. (1) 1740
/2XXX(2) 1940
(3) 2155
D. NIL MISSING
NIL DESTROYED
4 DAMAGED CAT. "A"
0-0-0
0-0-0
E. GOOD CONCENTRATION IN TARGET AREA.
F. (1) (A) NIL (SEE OBSERVATIONS-PARAGRAPH6)
(B) NIL
(2) (A) MODERATE INACCURATE HEAVY FLAK BETWEEN COORDINATES Z-0585 TO Y-8578
G. DINGHY AT 50 DEG 33' N - 00 DEG 52' W FROM 8,000 FT. (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS HOT NEWS.)
3 VEHICLES HEADED SOUTHWEST NEAR Z-0384.
ONE S/E ENEMY AC SEEN SHOT DOWN BY P-38'S AT Z-8082.
ENGINE OF ONE P-38 SMOKING AND MAY HAVE GONE DOWN AT THIS POINT.
15-CAR TRAIN AT Z-0788, HEADED WEST FROM 12,000 FT. AT 1936 HOURS.
H. (1) NIL LOW CLOUD OVER TARGET. 7/10 TH OVER CONTINENT WEST OF DOMFRONT AND ONTO BREST PENINSULA, TOPS TO 13,000 FT. BASE AT 6,000 FT.
I. 118 X 500 ON PRIMARY
1 X 500 JETTISONED
1 X 500 RETURNED
24 X 500 FELL OUT PREMATURELY ON BOMB RUN-REASON AS YET UNDETERMINED.
J. 12,500-11,500 FT.

BT 08/2330B
RSS AS
CC IN PART B. (3) 30 ON PRIMARY RPT 30

OICOG R.....08/2349B ME AR
OILAI R.....08/123 08/2349B FK AR
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IX B.C.S-2 Form No. [redacted]-B Prepare separate shee[redacted] for each target bombed

OTHER UNITS: TARGET	IX BC WING 97TH.	
	DATE 8 AUGUST 1944	416TH GROUP
	ATTACKING UNIT 6 FLIGHTS	CHATEAU in BOIS du PIERRE
	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED CHATEAU in BOIS du PIERRE PRIMARY

SECONDARY

CASUAL

M.P.I. CHATEAU in BOIS du PIERRE

A.P. Same

B. TARGET ATTACKED CHATEAU 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 36 A-20's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 30

E. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 6's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 3,1,2,4,5,6

F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED 118 x 500 GP FUSING 1/10 nose 1/100 tail

FUSING

G. HEADING OF A/C WHERE BOMBS DROPPED FLIGHTS 1,2,3,4,5 - 70 deg
FLIGHT 6 - 110 deg

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED 1940

J. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

BOX I 1st 6 : EXCEL : Bombs fell across DMPI in elongated pattern. Blanket of bursts on chateau probably causing considerable damage to installation.

2nd 6 : POOR : Bombs fell in long pattern in woods and across road 2000 ft. east of target.

3rd 6 : GROSS : Bombs fell in good pattern 2.2 miles southwest of DMPI. (Map (1:50,000 7G4. Coord. 27109605) Bombs fell across highway and in woods.

BOX II 1st 6 : GOOD : Bombs hit in good concentration 432 ft. southeast of DMPI. Bombs hit in wooded area across road and possibly on small buildings at edge of target area.

2nd 6 : GOOD : Bombs fell in good pattern 524 ft. north of DMPI. Bombs hit on edge of clearing and woods.

3rd 6 : FAIR : Bombs hit in woods 621 ft. north of DMPI.

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

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416TH GROUP BOMBARDIER'S GROSS ERROR REPORT

MISSION TO : CHATEAU IN BOIS DU PIERRE

DATE : 8 AUGUST 1944

BOMBING BY : FLIGHTS OF SIX

BOX I 1STSIX: EXCEL.

2ND SIX: POOR : DID NOT LOCATE TARGET UNTIL LATE. SHORT RUN. BUBBLES NOT LEVEL AND NOT COMPLETELY SYNCHRONIZED AT RELEASE.

3RD SIX: GROSS : PREMATURE RELEASE DUE TO MECHANICAL FAILURE.

BOX II 1ST SIX: GOOD

2ND SIX: GOOD

3RD SIX: FAIR : DID NOT LOCATE TARGET UNTIL LATE. SHORT RUN. BUBBLES NOT LEVEL AT RELEASE.

WILLIAM M. LYTLE,
1ST LT., AIR CORPS,
GROUP BOMBARDIER.

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IX B.C. S-2 Form No. 10[illegible]

PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

CAMERAS INSTALLED	12		%	GROUP 416TH
CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHIC	11		100 %	WING 97TH CBW
CAMERA FAILURES	0		0	8-August, 1944
PERSONNEL FAILURES	0		0 %	
OTHERS	1			

894 480
181 701 9961 1961

TARGET BOIS DU PIERRE (CHATEAU)
ALT. 12,000 f
TRUE AIR SPEED 200 mp
GROUND SPEED 252 mp

759 211
925 214 058 674 750

TARGET BOIS DU PIERRE (CHATEAU)
ALT. f
TRUE AIR SPEED mp
GROUND SPEED mp

TARGET
ALT. f
TRUE AIR SPEED mp
GROUND SPEED mp

BOX NO.	A/C NO.	CAM. TYPE	F.L.	INT.	PRINTED SORTIES	UNPRINT. SORTIES	EXPLANATION
1	894	K-24	6 3/8	2	501		
1	480	K-24	6 3/8	2		506	
1	181	K-20	6 3/8			155	
1	701	K-24	6 3/8	2	502		
1	9961	K-24	6 3/8	2		507	
1	1961	K-20	6 3/8			158	
2	759	K-24	7	2		503	
2	211	K-24	7	2			A/C aborted
2	925	K-24	8	2		504	
2	2144	K-20	6 3/8		156		
2	058	K-20	6 3/8			157	
2	674	K-24	6 3/8	2	505		
2	750	K-24	7	2		508	

REMARKS: Poor bomb build-up due to evasive action.

F. J. Lachs 1st Lt. A.C.
Photographic Officer

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41STH GROUP BOMBARDIER'S BOMBS ERROR REPORT

MISSION TO : BOIS DU PIERRE CHATEAU

DATE : 9 AUGUST 1944

BOMBING BY : FLIGHTS OF SIX

BOX I 1ST SIX: FAIR : DRIFT NOT COMPLETELY KILLED. NOT SYNCHRONIZED AT RELEASE.

2ND SIX: FAIR : BUBBLES NOT LEVEL AT RELEASE. NOT COMPLETELY SYNCHRONIZED.

3RD SIX: EXCEL.

BOX II 1ST SIX: GROSS : BOMBARDIER FAILED TO TURN ON TELESCOPE MOTOR.

2ND SIX: UNKNOWN: BOMBS FELL INTO SMOKE OF PREVIOUS BOMBING. VISUAL ESTIMATES RATE BOMBS AS EXCELLENT.

3RD SIX: EXCEL.

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1ST LT., AIR CORPS,
GROUP BOMBARDIER.

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IX B.C.S-2 Form No. 106 Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

OTHER UNITS:	TARGET	
		IX BC WING 97TH
		DATE 9 August 1944
		ATTACKING UNIT 6 Flights
		FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION

416TH GROUP

BOIS du PIERRE CHATEAU

TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED BOIS du PIERRE CHATEAU PRIMARY

SECONDARY

CASUAL

M.P.I. Box I - Point on east side of chateau
Box II - Point on edge of clearing 900 ft. south of edge of chateau.

A.P. Same as M.P.I.

B. TARGET ATTACKED BOIS du PIERRE 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 36 A-20's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 34

E. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 6's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 1,3,2,4,5,6

F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED 134 x 500 GP FUSING 1/10 nose, 1/100 tail.

FUSING

G. HEADING OF A/C WHERE BOMBS DROPPED 30 deg M.

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED 1212

I. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

J. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

BOX I - 1st 6 - FAIR : Bombs fell in good pattern on edge of clearing approximately 970 ft. northwest of DMPI.

2nd 6 - FAIR : Bombs fell in long pattern in clearing and running up into woods, approximately 800 ft. north of D.M.P.I.

3rd 6 - EXCEL: Bombs fell in good pattern approximately 425 ft. northeast of DMPI on edge of chateau. Possible hits or near misses on chateau.

BOX II - 1st 6 - GOOD: Bombs fell in long pattern in woods approximately 3,000 ft. southwest of DMPI.

2nd 6 - UNKNOWN: Bombs fell into smoke from preceeding flight. Visual observations indicate bombs fell across DMPI.

3rd 6 - EXCEL: Bombs fell in long pattern approximately 175 ft. southeast of DMPI. Edge of bursts fell across DMPI.

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GROUP 416TH

WING 97TH CW

DATE 9, Aug. 1944

914
719
211 058
9961 1961

TARGET Bois Du Pierre (Chateau)

ALT. 12000 f

TRUE AIR SPEED 200 mp

GROUND SPEED 240 mp

711
365
150 819
764 480

TARGET Bois Du Pierre (Chateau)

ALT. 11500 f

TRUE AIR SPEED 200 mp

GROUND SPEED 240 mp

TARGET

ALT. f

TRUE AIR SPEED mp

GROUND SPEED mp

BOX NO.	A/C NO.	CAM. TYPE	F.L.	INT.	PRINTED SORTIES	UNPRINT. SORTIES	EXPLANATION
1	914	K-20	6 5/8		159		
1	719	K-24	"	2	509		
1	211	K-24	"	"		510	
1	058	K-24	"	"	511		
1	9961	K-24	"	"		512	
1	1961	F-24	5	"		513	
2	711	K-24	6 5/8	"	514		
2	365	K-24	"	"		515	
2	150	K-24	"	"	517		
2	819	K-24	7	"		516	
2	764	K-24	"	"			A/C landed away from field.
2	480	K-24	8	"	518		

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OICOG OIHAK OIYAA OIGO[illegible]V OILAI OILAI 08/08 [illegible]

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 08/1915B A-31-E
TO COMBOMCOM IX
409TH BOMB GROUP.
410TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.

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SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: LT COL MC AFEE

97TR COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
8 AUGUST 1944

ANNEX NO. 1 TO F.O. NO. 167-476

CHANGE PARA. 3. B. (9) AND 3. C. (9) TO READ:

3. B. (9) M.P.I. REF. GRID. COORD. Z-30059791

3. C. (9) M.P.I. REF. GRID. COORD. Z-30079799

---COCBTWIG 97---

BT 08/1915B
FK AR
OICOG K WITH R
OICGO / OILAI R.....08/1925B HAS AR
OIHAK KK WITH R
OIHAK / OILAI R.....SS08/1925B JGN AR KK
OIYAA K WITH R
OIYAA / OILAI R.....08/1925B RSS AR KK
OIGOF K WITH R
OIGOF / OILAI R...../ 08/1925B CEN AR

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 08/1730B A-47-E
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410TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.

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

FIELD ORDER NO. 167-476

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) NINTH T.A.C. WILL PROVIDE FIGHTER ESCORT FOR THIS WING.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE.

ZERO HOURC 08/1900B

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
(1) 4803W/J/10
(2) TWO BOXES OF 18 BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
(3) ALLIED AREA COVER.
(4) BASE TO MAIDENHEAD TO ST. CATHERINES POINT TO 4944N 0156W TO 4900N 0240W TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(5) TARGET TO R.P. TO SELSEY BILL TO MAIDENHEAD TO BASE.
(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) 4842N 0219W
(8) GENERALLY W TO E.
(9) M.P.I. TWO (2) FLIGHTS ON REF. S-769136; THREE (3) FLIGHTS ON REF. S-783135; ONE (1) FLIGHT ON REF. S-780123
(10) 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED INST. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
(11) 4942N 0117W
(12) TIME OVER TARGET WILL BE ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MINUTES. NO BOMBING WILL BE DONE AFTER ZERO HOUR PLUS 120 MINUTES.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP
(1) MAP 4250/7G/4 REF. 30059791
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4942N 0117W AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MINUTES.
(9) M.P.I. REF. Z-30079799

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
(1) MAP 4250/7G/4 REF. 30079799
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4942N 0117W AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR.
(9) M.P.I. REF. Z-30059791

X. (1) TO (3) NO CHANGE.
(4) FORD AND ODIHAM
PARAGRAPHS 3B AND 3C ONLY
(5) A/C REQUIRED 2 BOXES OF 18 BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6
(6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO SELSEY BILL TO 4942N 0117W TO 4832N 0145W TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE.
(8) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW BASE OF CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 6,000 FEET. CROSS FRENCH COAST OUT AT 10,000 FEET

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(9) I.P. 4825N 0021W
(10) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SW TO NE.
(11) 4 X 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 TAIL.
(12) R.P. 4825N 0021W
(13) NO ALTERATE TARGETS WILLBE BOMBED ON THIS MISSION.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
(2) MONSTER

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
(2) COURAGE
(3) POKER

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
(2) REDBROWN
(3) JUDITH

X. GENERAL INFORMATION.
(10) BAVT/BAVT
(11) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL 'C' WHEN CLEARING TARGET AREA.

---COCBTWIG 97---

DT 08/1730B
RRR/FK/AR
ALL STATIONS HOLD FOR K WITH R

OIHAK K WITH R
OIHAK / OILAI R.....08/1825B JGN AR.
OIYAA K WITH R
OIYAA / OILAI R.....08/1815B RSS AR
OIGOF K WITH R
OIGOF / OILAI R.....08/1815B MC AR

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T 7422, 8127, 7932, 8239, 8438
8742, 8745, 8847, 8948, 8949
9149, 9449, 9655, 0055, 0157
0259, 0359, 0659, 0859, 0960, 1060
1260, 1461, 1663, 1865, 1769, 1774
1770, 1479.

05, 0200

2030

T 7305, rd to Rentfrent, ~~near~~ highway
to Y 9695, 9580, rd to old line Y 9377

Radar Equip
GSGB 4250 7G-4
Z 30079799
MPI
AP
~~Radio 150 yds.~~

Base to Maid-Head. Sel - 49°42'N 01°07'W
48°32'N 01°45'W - 48°25' 00°21'W (IP)
Target left

Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O TOT L/D	15 min.

A/C		Fail to Bomb	ATI			Bomb Disp					A/C Dam						E/A			Pers.		
Ass	No.	Reason	P	S	O	P	S	J	F	R	M	D	A	AC	B	E	D	P	D	K	W	M

MISSION NO. 118 AUGUST 1944

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

1. 444 J
MAJOR R.F. PRICE
LT A.R. HAND
S/SGT. F. NAIFEH
SGT. W.E. LEMONDS

2. 907 O
LT R.R. SVENSON
SGT. P.G. FILD
SGT. G.H. PFENNING

3. 894 R
LT J.P. KENNY
SGT. J.K. SPADONI
SGT. F. NOTERIANI

4. 480 B
CAPTAIN. R.B. PRENTISS
S/SGT. H.J. SYLVA
S/SGT. J.E. MCCREERY

5. 176 T
LT J.H. MONTROSE
SGT. R.S. GANDY
SGT. J.W. FELKEL

6. 150 N
LT L.E. CANNON
SGT. J.W. ROBINSON
SGT. E.P. BRZEZINSKI

FLIGHT II

1. 469 J-1
MAJOR J.G. NAPIER
LT F. MADENFORT
S/SGT. R.R. LOWE
PVT. H.W. PERKINS

2. 900 Q
LT J.S. CONNOR
S/SGT. H.C. RODGERS
S/SGT. J.E. VANDUYNE

3. 9961 P
LT J.F. SMITH
S/SGT. C. VAFIADIS
S/SGT. R.C. HOFFMAN

4. 1961 E
LT W.J. GREENE
S/SGT. H.W. CHANEY
SGT. G.E. REITER

5. 840 V
LT E.P. HALL
SGT. R.P. SHARP
SGT. R.W. CARSTENS

6. 764 X
LT J.E. ALLEN
SGT. L.R. GETGEN
SGT. C.W. VEAZEY

FLIGHT III

1. 450 S
CAPT. M J. HUFF
LT J. KUPITS
SGT. R.A. CLARK
S GT. F.P. BASFORD

2. 181 A
LT W.H. LAND
S/SGT. S.F. ALDEN
S/SGT. R.L. BALLINGER

3. 387 H
LT R.L. BEHLMER
T/Sgt. W.J. KELLY
S/SGT. W.G. FERGUSON

4. 701 H-1
LT J.E. BLOMGREN
SGT. M. BOOKACH
SGT. L.R. FLEMING

5. 493 V-1
LT R.B. ROBERTSON
SGT. A. J. BURLAND
SGT. K. HEATH

6. 379 G
LT D.W. ELLIOTT
SGT. J.J. MCGUIRE
SGT. J. MANI

SPARE
819 K
LT. T. CLAUSEN
SGT. C. FETKO
SGT. D.M. BROWN

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LOADING LIST
BOX NO. II
FLIGHT I

1. 452 Q
CAPT C.R. JACKSON
LT A.H. MALTBY
SGT. D.E. BURNS
SGT. W.J. DANIEL

2. 217 D
LT T.J. LEONARD
S/SGT. O.D. EVANS
S/SGT. A.H. HINSON

3. 759 G
LT A.W. NORDSTROM
S/SGT. J.D. GOSSETT
S. SGT. R.L. MILLER

4 224 E
LT L.R. MACBRIDE
S/SGT. J. MCKEE
S/SGT. R. EUTSLER

5. 211 O
LT R.T. BYRNE
S/SGT. J.O. SWAFFORD
S/SGT. P.F. GLYNN

Returned early

6. 892 L
LT. R. O. GRUETZEMACHER
SGT. H.G. WIGGINS
SGT. A.A. CIANCIOSI

FLIGHT II

1. 439 J
CAPT. R.S. RUDISILL
LT R.H. JOOST
S/SGT. R.K. RILEY
S/SGT. A.J. BONAMO

2. 058 C
LT H. A.MONROE
LT R.L. KIRK
S/SGT. F.D. ALLRED
T/SGT. J.F. GOGGIN

3. [illegible]

3. 380 N
LT D.H. GRONIG
SGT. M.E. DIAS
SGT. H.J. NOWOSIELSKI

4. 674 R
LT J.P. HILLERMAN
SGT. E.F. PAULES
SGT. L. MARTINEZ

5. 750 M
LT J.C. SEWELL
S/SGT. D.A. SAMPSON
SGT J.A. HUMMER

6. 227 F
LT N.G. BROWN
S/SGT. H.E. WHITE
S/SGT R.F. ADELEMAN

FLIGHT III

1. 645 R-1
LT R.V. WHEELER
LT H.T. ARRINGTON
S/SGT. K.L. JOHNSON
S/SGT. J.L. CZECH

2. 393 K
LT R.D. PERKINS
S/SGT. V.N. SHERRY
S /SGT. R.H. LINNEMAN

3. 925 G-1
LT A .R. DURANTE
S/SGT. H.T. BEST
S/SGT. I.R. DEGIUSTI

4. 956 N-1
LT H.F. PAIR
S/SGT. H.A. MARION
S/SGT. V.P. ADAMS

5. 165 H
LT J.H. MILLER
S/SGT. R.G. SCHROM
S/SGT. J. GALENDER

6. 214 C-1
LT M. ZUBON
S/SGT. W.C. RUSSELL
T/SGT J.R.L. TANNER

SPARE
219 D
LT. H.D. ANDREWS
S/SGT. G.M. COOK
S/SGT E.R. WERLEY

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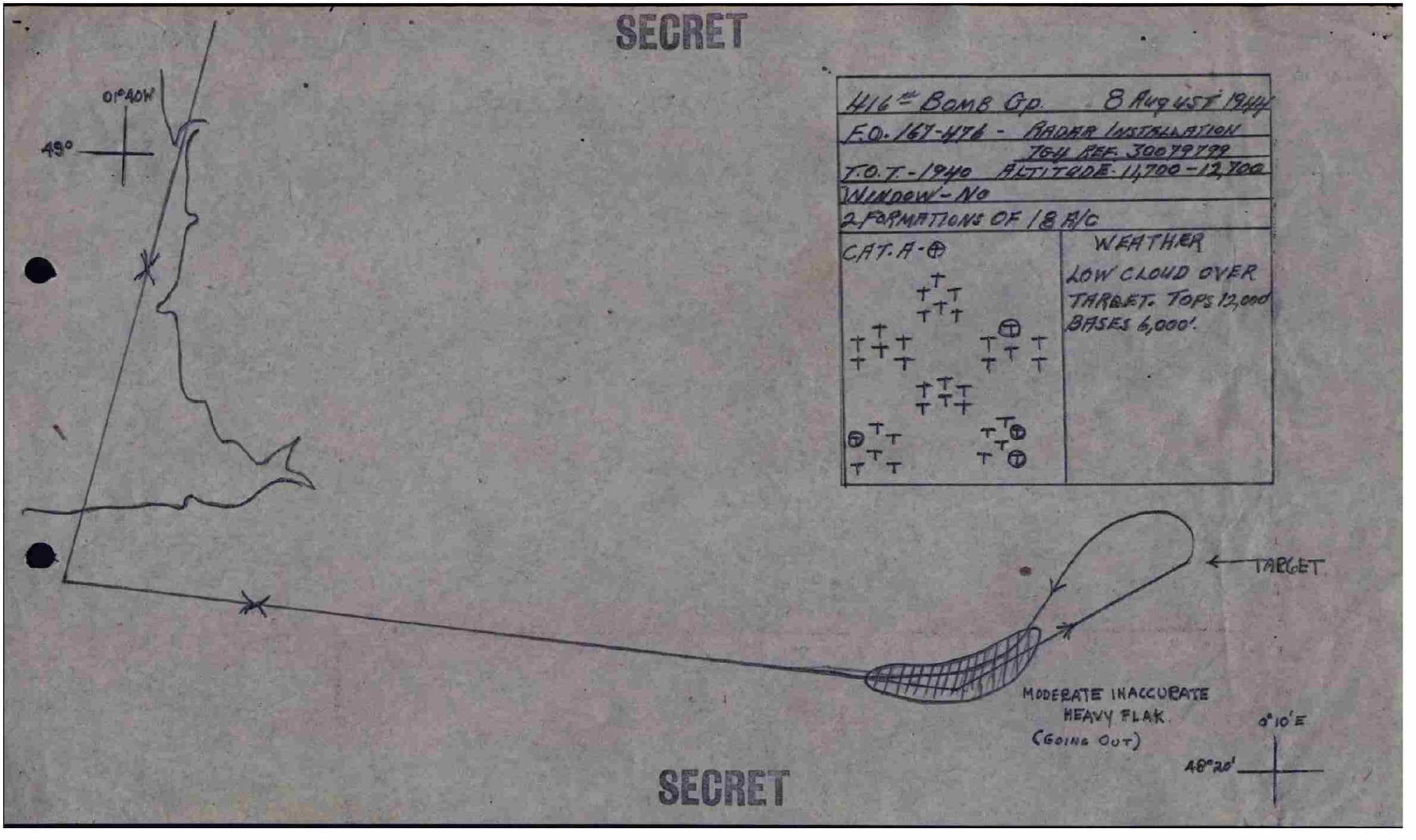

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H E A D Q U A R T E R S
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

TO:

From: 416th Bombardment Group (L), APO 140, U.S. Army.

Ref : Oprep A No. 130a for 24 hrs. ending midnight 8 August 1944
Mission or Operation No. 118 97th Gp SO 167-176

A. Short Narrative of Operation:
Target Bois Du Pierre Radar Installation.
Place of take-off AAF Station 179
Place of landing AAF Station 179
Take-off time 1740 Landing time 2155
Time over target 1940 Bombing Altitude 11500, 12,000 ft.
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather No low clouds over target - 7/10 over continent west of Dunfrum and onto
Results Due, poor, gross, good, good, fair. /Avent.
Enemy opposition Moderate inaccurate MPF between Coordinates 2-2585 to 2-2570.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 29 A-20G
7 A-20J

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
24 A-20G Bois Du Pierre Radar Installation.
6 A-20J Bois Du Pierre Radar Installation.

3. Abortive due to:
(1) Weather: None
(2) Personnel: None
(3) Mechanical: 5 A-20G and 1 A-20J - leader release d prematurely. Release relay making premature contact due to vibration and wires in pilots bomb panel resting against points.
(4) Other: None

4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None

5. Destroyed - before reaching target None
giving cause w here known

6. Destroyed - over or after leaving None
target giving cause w here known

7. Damaged (give category & cause) 4 A-20G category A - flak

8. Sorties 29 A-20G
7 A-20J

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D. Total operational flying hours
a. Day (Sunrise to sunset) A-20H 123:00
A-20J 29:00

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None

E. Ammunition by calibres: A-20H 94,350 x .50 cal.
a. Total carried into air A-20J 14,700 x .50 cal.
b. Expended on operations A-20H 700 x .50 cal. A-20J 100 x .50cal. (tentative)
c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c None

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:
a. Total carried into air: A-20H 116 x 500 lb GP 1/10 x 1/100 T
A-20J 18 x 500 lb GP 1/10 x 1/100 T

b. Expended on operations: A-20H 96 x 500 lb GP
(List targets separately) A-20J 18 x 500 lb GP

c. Jettisoned A-20H 1 x 500 lb GP
A-20H 20 x 500 lb GP released prematurely.
A-20J 4 x 500 lb GP released premature ly.

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c None

e. Total Returned A-20H 1x 500 lb GP

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

Type of Casualty	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	R.Gun	B.Gun	T.Gun
Killed in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seriously Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slightly Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

H. Enemy aircraft by type or description (tentative claims):-

a. Destroyed None

b. Prob. Des None

c. Damaged None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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ANNEX "A" BOMBING INFORMATION IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 475

BOX Flight 1 GROUP 416 DATE 8 August 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Rubber Installation 7/9/4 Ref. 30077999

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach: 65°

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 Chateau in open woods area as briefed.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. A.B. Hand

6. Name of lead Pilot: Major D.E. Price

7. Intervalometer setting: None.
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 250 Altitude: 20,000
9. Length of bomb run: 60 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/200 T
11. 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 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____

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Formation consisted of 2 boxes, 18 ships each, bombing in flights of six. Time of take-off was 1740. Time over target 1940. Target - Bois Du Pierre Radar Installation. A total of 118 bombs were dropped in the target area with the following results: box 1 flight 1 excellent, box 1 flight 2 poor, box 1 flight 3 gross, box 2 flight 1 good, box 2 flight 2 good, box 2 flight 3 fair. No low clouds over target - 7/10 over continent west of Dunfront, and onto Brest. Anti-aircraft fire was moderate inaccurate HEF. No enemy A/C encountered. Planes landed at 2155.

Description of route for 17 to target:

1. 6-8 miles down sun. 2-3 miles up sun.
2. No low clouds
3. 2 boxes 18 ships each bombing in flights of six.
4. Mild for 17
5. Open woods and Chateau by road used as check points.
6. None.
7. Excellent, poor, gross, good, good, fair.
8. None.

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ANNEX "A" BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 176

BOX Flight 2 GROUP 416 DATE 8 August 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Radar Installation 7/9/4 Ref. 3007/7/99

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach: 70°

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 Chateau in open woods area.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. J. Hadenfort

6. Name of lead Pilot: Major J.G. Nester

7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 230 Altitude: 12,700
9. Length of bomb run: 50 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/100 T
11. 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 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 X NO____. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:
Could not locate A.P. until late in the run.

(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____ FAIR____ POOR X GROSS____

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ANNEX "A" BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. [illegible]

BOX [illegible] GROUP [illegible] DATE [illegible] TARGET ATTACKED [illegible]

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach: 75°

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. Used briefed A.P.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. A.T. Melthy

6. Name of lead Pilot: Captain G.R. Jackson

7. Intervalometer setting: None.
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 250 Altitude: 11,500
9. Length of bomb run: 60 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/100 T
11. 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 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____

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ANNEX "A" BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 476

BOX IX Flight 2 GROUP 416 DATE 8 August 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Feder Installation 7/3/4 Ref. 330797999

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach: 70°

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. Used briefed A.P.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. E.H. Jonat

6. Name of lead Pilot: Captain R.A. Fudzsill

7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 250 Altitude: 11.700
9. Length of bomb run: 40 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/100 T
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 23

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect idertification 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 ____ FAIR X ____ POOR ____ GROSS ____

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ANNEX "A" BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. [illegible]

BOX [illegible] GROUP [illegible] DATE [illegible] TARGET ATTACKED [illegible]

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach: 110°

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. Used briefed AP.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: [illegible]

6. Name of lead Pilot: [illegible]

7. Intervalometer setting: [illegible]
8. Indicated Air Speed: [illegible] Ground Speed: [illegible] Altitude: [illegible]
9. Length of bomb run: [illegible] Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: [illegible] x [illegible] lb. FUSED [illegible] N [illegible] T
11. Total Bombs Dropped: [illegible]

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect idertification 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:

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(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____ FAIR X POOR____ GROSS____

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

APO 140
9 August 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 4 miles. 1/10 cumulus at 4000 feet.

ROUTE OUT: 5-6/10 cumulus to the west of course over England but very few scattered cumulus on course. Visibility 5 miles plus over England. Nil low clouds over the channel. 3-4/10 cumulus over France with tops to 4000 feet. Patchy 4-5/10 cirrus over France.

TARGET: 3-4/10 cumulus with tops to 4000. Visibility 8 miles.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out except 5-7/10 cumulus over England with bases 3000-3500 and tops 4-5000 feet. Visibility 10 miles over England.

BASE ON RETURN: Visibility 10 miles. 6/10 cumulus at 3500 feet. 5/10 altocumulus estimated at 10000 feet.

TIME OVER TARGET: 1612

WINDS: Winds over target were reported as being off by three bombadiers and as forecast by one bombadier.

Weather did not affect bombing.

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1st Lt. Air Corps
Staff Weather Officer

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PILOT Pain A/C# 95F BOX FLIGHT III POS 4

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET LNT 4 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E nil

FLAK: was heavy over line - in & out - mod - inaccurate -

E/A: 4 ME 109s & FW 190s - did not attack P-38's encountered -

OBSERVATIONS: 4 enemy trucks heading for bomb line -

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PILOT Grunig A/C# 380 BOX I FLIGHT II POS 3

CASUALTIES:

PT ST CT JET ANT A A-C E

BOMB DISPOSITION: 3 I Channel BATTLE DAMAGE: -Nil-

FLAK: 1940- Flack started over 1953- - XXX#I - XVVLI

E/A: ME 109 -4 or 5- did not attack formation fighter cover drove them away-

OBSERVATIONS: - Bombs ~~[illegible]~~ scattered all around target-

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PILOT Zubon [redacted] A/C# 214 BOX [redacted] FLIGHT III POS 6

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK: XXHA - Before and after Target

E/A: X One S/E A/C seen that Dive X at Ambrieres - P-38 engaging enemy also seen down

OBSERVATIONS:

A/C seen on ground start of I.P. Picture taken by Hand Camera - RR/4 at I.P. Train 10-15 cars moving West -

Flights bombed & returned over - Pictures taken of Bomb hits -

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PILOT Connor A/C# 900 BOX FLIGHT 2 POS 2

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET LET 4 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E -Nil-

FLAK: To I.P. and away from Target ~~XXHA~~ -

E/A: X -

OBSERVATIONS: -None-

Bombs landed good concentration - in target area-

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PILOT Kenny A/C# 894 BOX [illegible] FLIGHT 1 POS 3

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET MAT 4 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK: flak at I.P. moderate inaccurate

E/A:

OBSERVATIONS: vehicles in ~~[illegible]~~ & road around I.P.

Pictures of target

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PILOT Land [redacted] A/C# 181 BOX [redacted] FLIGHT 3 POS 2

CASUALTIES:

PT ST CT JET LET A A-C E

BOMB DISPOSITION: 4

BATTLE DAMAGE: Nil

FLAK: 4 min out from target - XXHA

Came from Panzer outfit mobile -

E/A: X

OBSERVATIONS: Premature release - not on target -
Clouds obscured observations.

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PILOT Brown A/C# 227 BOX I FLIGHT II POS 6

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET 4 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E Nil

FLAK: XXAI at I.P. just as turned on to target - and at some place on way out -

E/A: X

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs - Good concentration in target area - Traffic on highway between Pre'en P and Coetenne -

Saw P-38 - hit by flack - went down no chute - another P-38 - followed it down -

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PILOT Roberts[redacted] A/C# 493 BOX [redacted] FLIGHT 3 POS 5

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET LMT BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK: at IP weak - inaccurate

E/A:

OBSERVATIONS: around IP a aircraft crashed. Bombs in target area.

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PILOT ANDREW[redacted] A/C# 219-D BOX [redacted] FLIGHT 1 POS 5

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET LNT 4 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E -Nil-

FLAK: Half way from I P to Target
White puffs with bright sparkle in flack. XXXHA

E/A: FW 190 - Shot ~~down~~ down by
P-38 - comming out from target - 3 o'clock level

OBSERVATIONS: 1925 10 Trucks headed West -

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PILOT Monroe A/C# 058 BOX [illegible] FLIGHT II POS 2

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK:

XXHA - Moderately accurate -

E/A: 3 FW190's seen at 3 o'clock level 2 min after target - 3 - Fighters followed P-38 and S/E A/C

OBSERVATIONS: One S/E A/C seen shot down one P-38 engine smoking -

Bombs - Good -

On flight over -

2044 Yellow object 15 mi off Sellibell 196° to coast -

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PILOT Durant A/C# 925 BOX [illegible] FLIGHT III POS 3

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT 3 ST GT JET 1 LMT BATTLE DAMAGE: A ✓ A-C E

FLAK: around weak to moderate increasing accurate, 3' after target

E/A: 1 unidentified aircraft seen to crash

OBSERVATIONS:

Pictures at target

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PILOT Sewell A/C# 750 BOX [redacted] FLIGHT II POS 5

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET 4 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E ✓

FLAK: at IP weak accurate

moderate -

E/A: a unidentified fighter crashed w of IP

OBSERVATIONS: bombs in target area.

Pictures in target area

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PILOT Svenson [redacted] A/C# 907 BOX [redacted] FLIGHT 1 POS 2

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT SE CE JET MET 4 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK: 1950 after bomb run. Moderate inaccurate

E/A:

OBSERVATIONS: 1930 a convoy of 20-30 trucks stuck in a long line leading S
lot of vehicles in area of bomb run.
1950 a plane crashed around I.P.

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PILOT Byrne A/C# 211 BOX 11 FLIGHT I POS 5

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK:

Returned to Field - Above Filled In

E/A:

OBSERVATIONS:

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PILOT McBri[illegible] A/C# 224 BOX [illegible] FLIGHT I POS 4

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET KIT BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK: XXHI Before opening B-Doors

E/A: X

OBSERVATIONS: One A/C seen to crash in flames on way out when Flak was fired. One P-38 engine smoking dived down same area.

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PILOT Cannon [redacted] A/C# 150 BOX [redacted] FLIGHT 1 POS 6

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT SE CT JET RMT ✓ BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK: NHI after Target -

E/A: X P-38's escort -

OBSERVATIONS:

1930 7 vehicles Heading West -
1935 Same Thing -
One A/C seen to crash in flames
at Flak area -

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PILOT Prentice A/C# 480 BOX [illegible] FLIGHT 1 POS 4

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK:

XXIIA – See Leader Stat –
XIII Same place

E/A: X

OBSERVATIONS:

P-38 Right engine smoking dived down after target –

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PILOT Price A/C# 444 BOX [redacted] FLIGHT 1 POS 1

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST OT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK:

XXIII – First Box –
Pré en P to Ambrières

E/A: X Fighters in area but none seen –

OBSERVATIONS:
1st Flight Bombs – Good –

~~One Miss Left~~

Convoy Merchant Vessels and escort – object hitting in water around ships – like shells hitting –

Pictures –

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PILOT Wheel[redacted] A/C# 645 BOX [redacted] FLIGHT III POS 1

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RAT 4 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E nil

FLAK: tem bt I.P. mod - acc to inaccu heavy & light - quite a few accs on tracks at first / where flak com from -

E/A: F.W. 190 - about same time as flak - P-38 ~~[illegible]~~ got one

OBSERVATIONS: One P-38 appeared hit badly - made for beach head

This flt - fair to good - very hazy - cumulus ~~[illegible]~~ until right on tit - made bomb run to show - had to do evasive action on bomb run as did not bomb on briefed heading - bombed on heading of about

Went in as briefed - came out south of course

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PILOT Hillerme[redacted] A/C# 624 BOX [redacted] FLIGHT II POS 4

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET MET 7 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E nil

FLAK: Bomb line - in & out - slf mod - accurate -

E/A: 2 - P-38's after them

OBSERVATIONS: One fighter A/C observed going down burning - Area bomb line on course out -

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PILOT Leonard A/C# 217 BOX [illegible] FLIGHT 1 POS 2

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET 4 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E nil

FLAK: Shooting at other flts - about Bamboline - Slight - inaccurate

E/A: 4 FW 190's stayed out of range - one knocked out P-38 -

OBSERVATIONS: one flt seemed side short - others hit in general area of tgt -

Mission too long

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PILOT Miller A/C# 165 BOX [illegible] FLIGHT III POS 5

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E nil

FLAK: near - hint line - increased - mod - slt

E/A: P-38 shot ME 109 down -
one P-38 lost engine - 3 or 4 minutes from ~~Cap~~ -

OBSERVATIONS:
one flt hit flak 5 miles from Cap -

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PILOT Behlmer A/C# 387 BOX [illegible] FLIGHT 3 POS 3

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST GT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E nil

FLAK: Near bomb line - mod - acc - bff

E/A: nil -

OBSERVATIONS: Didn't hit tgt — missed by a woods - 4 or 5 miles —

would like to go home —

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PILOT Perkins A/C# 393 BOX [illegible] FLIGHT III POS 2

CASUALTIES: Nil

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET LMT 4 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C B Nil

FLAK: at R.P. 8-XXH

E/A: 3 or 4 - guarding rear circle of 12-6 & off to left. - Me 109 -

OBSERVATIONS: bomb to left of Bldg.

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PILOT Nordstro[redacted] A/C# 759 BOX [redacted] FLIGHT F POS 3

CASUALTIES: nil

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST OT JET RET Z BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E nil

FLAK: at R.P. XXH1

E/A: X

OBSERVATIONS: to rt. of Wdg. tracers and P-38 - crashed to left of R.P. - 2 chutes.

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PILOT Greene A/C# 1961 BOX [illegible] FLIGHT 2 POS 4

CASUALTIES: nil

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT SC CT JET RET / BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E nil

FLAK: XXHA after target.

E/A: X

OBSERVATIONS: coming off coast

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PILOT J.E. Smith A/C# 9961 BOX [illegible] FLIGHT 2 POS 3

CASUALTIES: Nil

PT ST CT JET KET A A-C E

BOMB DISPOSITION: 7 BATTLE DAMAGE: Nil

FLAK: 2050 flak HA for 1 min

E/A: X

OBSERVATIONS: in square area approx 12,000

~~[illegible]~~

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PILOT Rudis[redacted] A/C# 439 BOX [redacted] FLIGHT II POS 1

CASUALTIES: nil

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST GT JET RET 4 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E nil

FLAK: XXHA going in going out -

E/A: Me 109 - at flak area - 5 - 300 lb. + knocked down 1 P-38 (9-6-3) area

OBSERVATIONS: 500 ft to left - 5 ft to land

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PILOT Allen [redacted] A/C# 768 BOX [redacted] FLIGHT 2 POS 6

CASUALTIES: nil

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET 4 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E nil

FLAK:

XXHI on 180° back to RP (IP) - we had come out of diving turn.

E/A: nil

OBSERVATIONS:

~~1908~~ 20 to 8 - 1 truck

15 to 8 2 trucks (1 silver color)

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PILOT Blomgren A/C# 701 BOX [illegible] FLIGHT 3 POS 4

CASUALTIES: nil

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT SC CT JET RET 4 — — — — BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E nil

FLAK: 4 bursts XHI on way in near IP
After bombs were away - it began after our 180° off target. About 4 minutes XHI - low.

E/A: 4 unidentified A/C at 9 o'clock while on bomb run - about 2500 yds from formation

OBSERVATIONS:

Clouds & mist

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PILOT Gruetzemacher A/C# 892 BOX [redacted] FLIGHT I POS 6

CASUALTIES: nil

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET ROT V BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E nil

FLAK: at 2048 hrs. XXHI
1919 - 12 vehicles
1925 - 25-30 vehicles

E/A: nil

OBSERVATIONS:
1919 - 12 vehicles Direction ?
1925 - 25-30 vehicles Direction ?
1950 Red light - then disappeared

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PILOT Montros A/C# 176 BOX [illegible] FLIGHT 1 POS 5

CASUALTIES: nil

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET MT 4 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E nil

FLAK: After turn off target. It began ~3 or 4 minutes after bombs away. XXHA

E/A: Heard somebody call bandits. Somebody said bandits on last flight.

OBSERVATIONS:

Haze.

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PILOT Hall A/C# 840 BOX 7 FLIGHT 2 POS 5

CASUALTIES: nil

BOMB DISPOSITION: PZ ST CT JET RNT BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E nil

FLAK: Approx 4-5 minutes after bombs away XX HI

E/A:

OBSERVATIONS: unidentified 1 A/C down in flames ~~about~~ way behind after we had passed through flak. It was in the flak area.

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PILOT Hu FE A/C# 450 BOX I FLIGHT 3 POS 1

CASUALTIES: (NUPITS) nil

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RNT ✓ BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E nil

FLAK:

XXHT LIGNERES la D.

E/A: nil

OBSERVATIONS: (Short at edge of target woods)

2 vehicles near JAVRON headed SW ~~K~~ Z0384
1 on same road head SW

~~TOT 2039½ H, 780~~ passed over target 2039½ alt. 11700

Premature - pull out. Did not press. Hit short.

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PILOT Jackson A/C# 452 BOX [redacted] FLIGHT I POS I

CASUALTIES: nil

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET 7 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E nil

FLAK: X - to YY H A good for alt. ex. Evasive action good.

E/A:

OBSERVATIONS: (Good - excell. results) 1. S/E in flames - unidentified - ~~after~~ P-38 with smoking engine following it down

No handcamera in ship

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PILOT Napier A/C# 469 BOX [redacted] FLIGHT 2 POS 1

CASUALTIES: nil

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RPT 4 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK: Between COUTERNE & JAVRON XXH1. mostly at second bx.

E/A: 1 unidentified fighter - dodging in & out of clouds. After flak area.

OBSERVATIONS: (over & slightly to left.)

Visibility poor.

1 unidentified A/C behind formation down in flames - way behind - but in flak area which we had already passed.

TOT 1942 - 12700 70° mag. IAS 200

IP - ?

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Plane = 17:10

PILOT Capt. Rudisill	START ENG 17:33	COAST OUT 18:40	COAST IN 20:42	ALTITUDE 11,700
NAVIGATOR 1st Lt. R.H. Joost	TAXI OUT 17:41	COAST IN 19:00	BASE 21:13	HEADING 73°
PLANE 468 "Z"	TAKE-OFF 17:47	I. P. 19:36½	REND. ALT.	AIR SPEED 200
MISSION	ON COURSE 18:01	TARGET 19:41½	LAND FALL ALT.	TIME 19:42
DATE	RENDEZVOUS 19:00	COAST OUT 20:24	TARGET ALT.	RESULTS Fair - 500 to 1 pt

POSITION FROM	POSITION TO	M. H.	ETA	ATA	TC	DR	TH	VAR	MH	ALT. / TEMP.	I.A.S. / T.A.S.	GS	TO DIST.	RUN TIME	ETA	REMARKS
Base	Maidenhead	251°	18:20	18:16	240	+1	241	+10	251	5000 / +10	190 / 207	200	62	18½		
Maidenhead	Selsy Bill	196½°	18:40	18:37	183	+3½	186½	+10	196½	10000 / +1	190 / 225	220	55	15		
Selsy Bill	Pt de Barfleur	208°	19:00	18:59	196	+2	198	+10	208	12,000 / -2	200 / 244	240	75	19		
Pt de Barfleur	48 32 N 01 45 W	207°	19:21	19:23	195	+2	197	+10	207	12000 / -2	200 / 242	240	84	21		
	Javron	108°	19:36½	19:36	097	+1	098	+10	108			252	64½	15½		
I.P.	Target	073°	19:41½	19:42	063	0	063	+10	073			252	20½	5		11,700
	48 25 00 21	254°	19:47	19:47	243	+1	244	+10	254			236	20½	5½		
	48° 32' 01° 45'	285°	20:03½	20:05	276	-1	275	+10	285			236	64½	16½		
	Pt de Barfleur	023	20:24	20:29	015	-2	013	+10	023			248	84	20½		
	Selsy Bill	025	20:42	20:49½	016	-1	015	+10	025	8000 / +4	220 / 250	254	75	18		
Selsy Bill	Maidenhead	011	20:56½	21:04	003	-2	001	+10	011	5000 / +10	210 / 228	230	55	14½		
Maidenhead	Base	069	21:13	12:28	060	-1	059	+10	069			236	62	16		

DIVERSION AIRDROMES

2000 FT.	TIME OFF	TARGET 19:42	LANDED
4000	COURSE (ON) 17:59½	COAST OUT 20:29	REND. ALT.
5000 260°-8 M.P.H	RENDEZVOUS 19:00	COAST IN 20:49½	LAND FALL ALT.
8000 250°-7 M.P.H	COAST OUT 18:37	BASE	TARGET ALT.
10000 260°-14	COAST IN 19:00		
12000 260-9	I.P. 19:21		

FLIGHT RECORD

CHALLENGE	
REPLY	
COLORS	
VHF CHANNEL	
BOMBER C/S	
FIGHTER C/S	
BOMBER TO BOMBER FREQ.	

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BOMBARDIER'S MISSION DATA

BOX____FLIGHT____INDICATED ALTITUDE_____BOMB LOAD_____TYPE_____

METRO DATA:

TEMPERATURES AT TARGET: GROUND_____ALOFT_____MEAN

WINDS ALOFT AT TARGET:_____MPH FROM_____DEGREES.

TARGET DATA:

	PRIMARY	SECONDARY
1. TARGET		
2. INITIAL POINT		
3. MAG. READING FROM I.P. TO TARGET		
4. DISTANCE FROM I.P. TO TARGET		
5. TIME FROM I.P. TO TARGET		

BOMBING DATA:

1. INTERVELOMETER SETTING		
2. PRESSURE ALTITUDE OF TARGET		
3. INDICATED BOMBING ALITTUDE		
4. TRUE ALTITUDE ABOVE TARGET		
5. INDICATED AIR SPEED		
6. TRUE AIR SPEED		
7. GROUND SPEED FOR BRIEFED HEADING		

SIGHT DATA:

1. DISC SPEED		
2. TRAIL		
3. DRIFT ON BRIEFED HEADING		
4. TANGENT OF DROPPING ANGLE		
5. ACTUAL TIME OF FALL		

Box #	Opsrl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O TOT L/D	15 min.
I		8 Aug. 44						

A/C		Fail to Bomb	ATT			Bomb Disp					A/C Dam						E/A			Pers.		
Pos	No.	Reason	P	S	O	P	S	J	F	R	M	D	A	AC	B	E	D	P	D	K	V	M
1	444					4																
2	907					4																
3	894					4																
4	480					4																
5	176					4																
6	150					4																
1	469					4							A									
2	900					4																
3	9961					4																
4	1961					4																
5	840					4																
6	764					4																
1	450					4																
2	181					4																
3	387					4																
4	701					4																
5	493					4																
6	379					4																

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444-J
~~JACKSON~~ PRICE
894-R 907-O
KENNY SVENSON
480-B
PRENTISS
150-N 176-T
CANNON MONTROSE

18 AT.

450-S
HUFF

469-J
NAPIER

387-H 181-A 9961-P 900-Q
BEHLMER LAND SMITH CONNOR

701-H
BLOMGREN

1961-E
GREENE

379-G 493-V 764-X 840-V
ELLIOTT ROBERTSON ALLEN HALL

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Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O TOT L/D	15 min.
II		8/8/44						

A/C		Fail to Bomb	ATT			Bomb Disp					A/C Dam						E/A			Pers.		
Pos	No.	Reason	P	S	O	P	S	J	F	R	M	D	A	AC	B	E	D	P	D	K	W	M
	452					4																
	217					4																
	759					4																
	224					4																
	211																					
	892					4																
	439					4																
	058					4							X									
	380					3	1															
	674					4																
	750					4							X									
	227					4																
	645					4																
	393					4																
	925					3			1				X									
	956					4																
	165					4																
	214					4																
	219					4																
						70	1		1				3									

452-G
Jackson

759-G
Nordstrom

217-D
Leonard

224-E
McBride

892-L
Gruetzemacher

211-O
Byrne

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ANDREWS

18AT

645-R-1
Wheeler

439-J
Rudisill

925-G-1
Durante

393-K
Perkins

380-N
Grunig

058-C
Monroe

956-N-1
Pair

674-R
Hillermon

214-C-1
Zubon

165-M
Miller

227-F
Brown

750-M
Semell

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