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

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GC, Sta. 170  
9 August 1944  
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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 FO 167-476

- 1. 38
- 2. 36
- 3. 30
- 4. 2 (figures)
- 5. 0
- 6. 43-9450

Bombs released prematurely. Helms relay making premature contact due to vibration and wires in pilots bomb panel resting against points.

Capt. M. J. Huff

Dropped on leader (43-9450)

43-9481  
Lt. W. E. Land

Dropped on leader (43-9450)

43-9587  
Lt. R. L. Behner

Dropped on leader (43-9450)

43-9701  
Lt. J. H. McLaughlin

Dropped on leader (43-9450)

43-9473  
Lt. R. B. Robertson

Dropped on leader (43-9450)

43-9379  
Lt. B. E. Elliott

7. 43-9450 Released prematurely - same as above.

- 43-9481
- 43-9587
- 43-9701
- 43-9473
- 43-9379

43-9380  
Lt. B. H. Grunig

1 bomb released in channel on return trip. Cause undetermined.

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Report of Combat Mission (Continued)

43-9985

Lt. A. R. Dumante

1 bomb rack failed to release. Bomb released after return from mission. Circuits checked and found to function properly.

8. None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHEMELIN,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 476BOX Flight 1 GROUP 416 DATE 8 August 1944 TARGET ATTACHED Radar Installation7/9/44  
Ref. 900797999

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.R. Hand
6. Name of lead Pilot: Major R.F. Price
7. Intervalometer setting: None.
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 252 Altitude: 12,000
9. Length of bomb run: 60 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/20 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 \_\_\_

S E C R E T

Formation consisted of 2 boxes, 18 ships each, bombing in flights of a . . .  
 Time of take-off was 1740. Time over target 1940. Target - Bois Du Fi.  
 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  
 fair. No low clouds over target - 7/10 over continent west of Benfont, and  
 onto Brest. Anti-aircraft fire was moderate inaccurate BFF. No enemy A/C  
 encountered. Flares landed at 2155.

Description of route for IP 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 IP
5. Open roads 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

476

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO.

BOX Flight 2 GROUP 416 DATE 8 August 1944

TARGET ATTACHED 7/9/44  
*Under investigation*  
*Ref. 30077777*

1. Method of Sighting: Pro-net with corrections.

2. Bombing approach: 70°

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES  NO

4. Did entire (box) (flight) 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.

Pro-net with corrections. Aimed at the town in open woods area.

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

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

7. Intervalometer setting: None 200 200 12,700

8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 200 Altitude: 12,700

9. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec: 4 500 1/10 1/200

10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/G: 24 x 500 lb. FUSED N 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 . 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:  
Could not locate A.G. until after bombing.

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES  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.

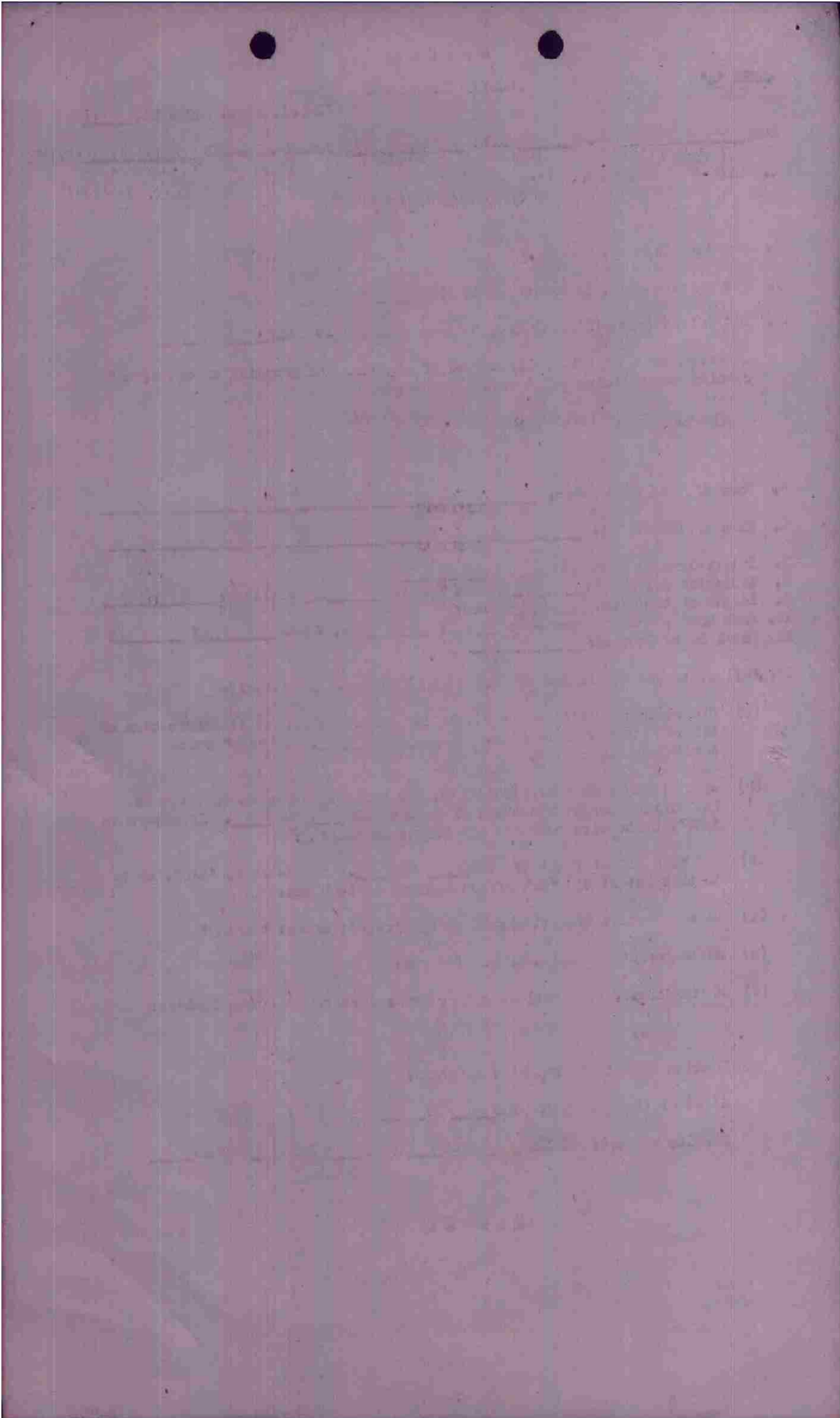
(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:  
None.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES  NO

Results claimed: EXCEL  GOOD  FAIR  POOR  GROSS

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 176BOX IX Flight 1 GROUP 416 DATE 8 August 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Radar Installation7/8/4  
Ref. 3007979991. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 75°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. Used briefed A.P.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. A.H. Holby6. Name of lead Pilot: Captain C.H. Jackson7. Intervalometer setting: None.8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 250 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: 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.

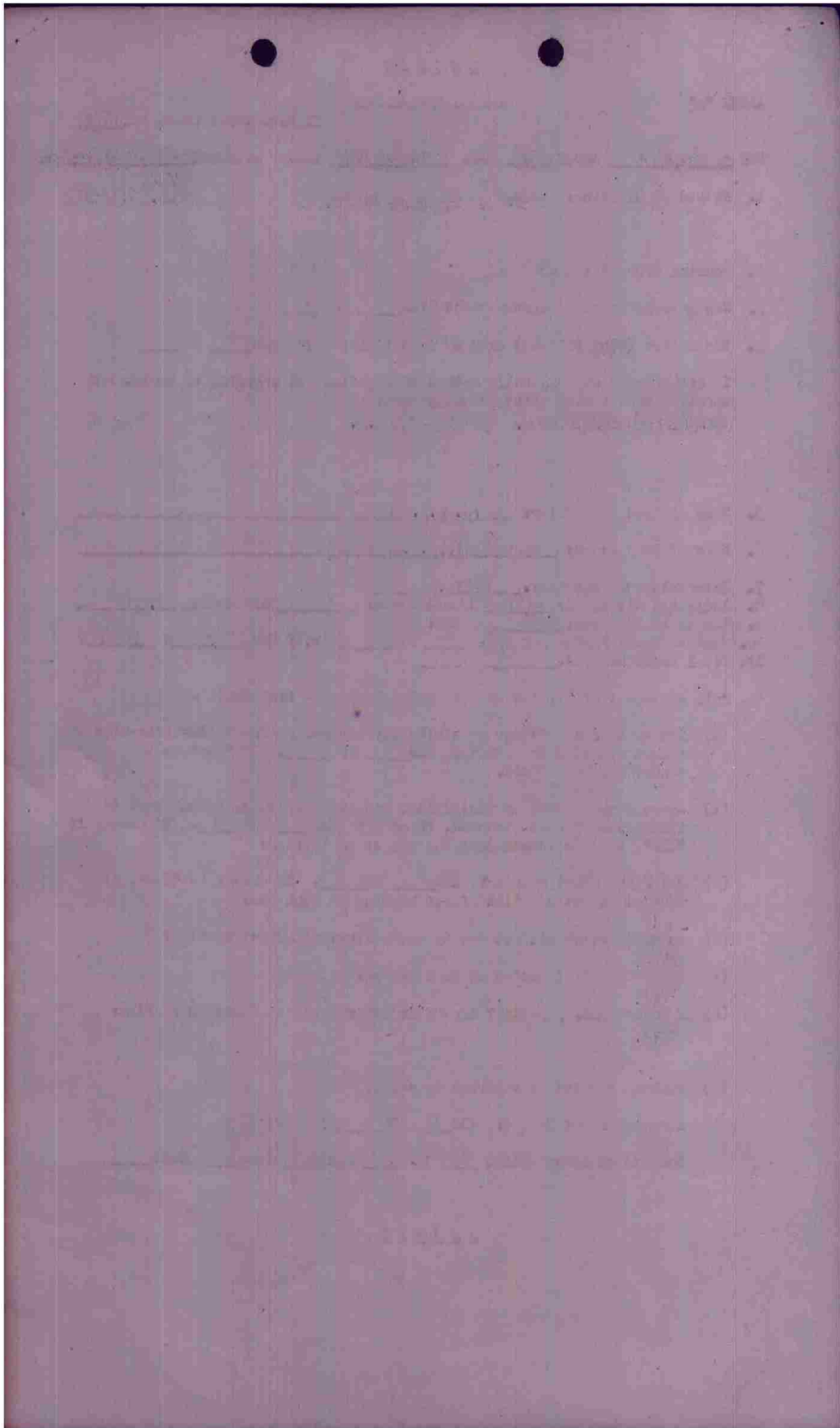
(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

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. 176BCX 11 Flight 2 GROUP 116 DATE 8 August 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Under Installation7/9/44  
Ref. 300797999

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.
2. Bombing approach: 70°
3. Was mercury erection system used? YES  NO
4. Did entire (~~box~~) (flight) 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:

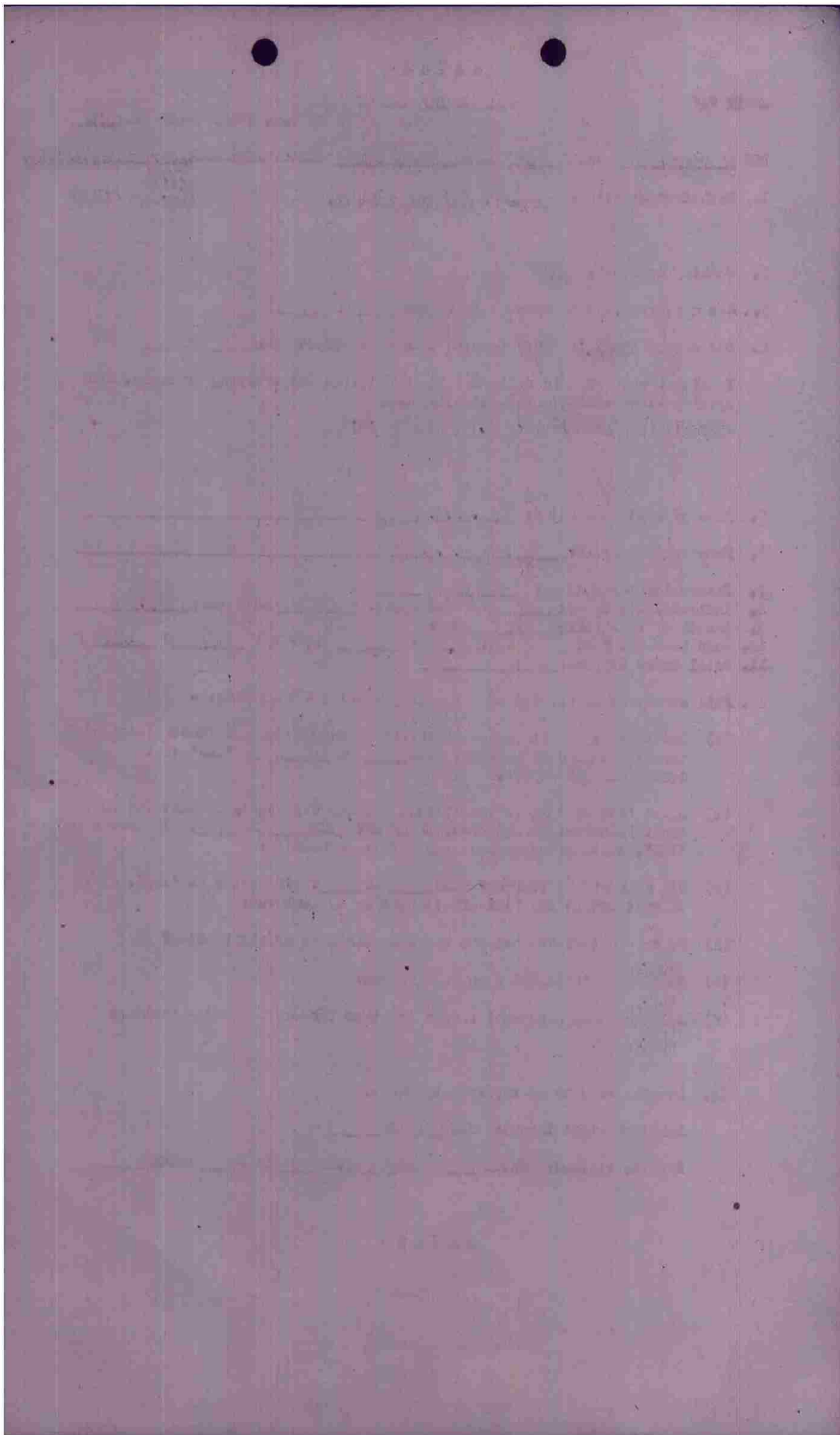
Pre-set with corrections. Used briefed A.P.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. R.H. Jorst
6. Name of lead Pilot: Captain R.S. Rutledge
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: A x 500 lb. FUSED 1/20 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 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 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  NO   
Results claimed: EXCEL  GOOD  FAIR  POOR  GROSS

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 476BOX 21 Flight 3 GROUP 416 DATE 8 August 1944 TARGET ATTACKED  radar installations7/0/4  
Ref. 3007979991. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 110°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES \_\_\_ NO X4. 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: Lt. H.T. Arrington6. Name of lead Pilot: Lt. R.V. Wheeler7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 500 Ground Speed: 340 Altitude: 11,0009. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 1 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/100 T11. 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.

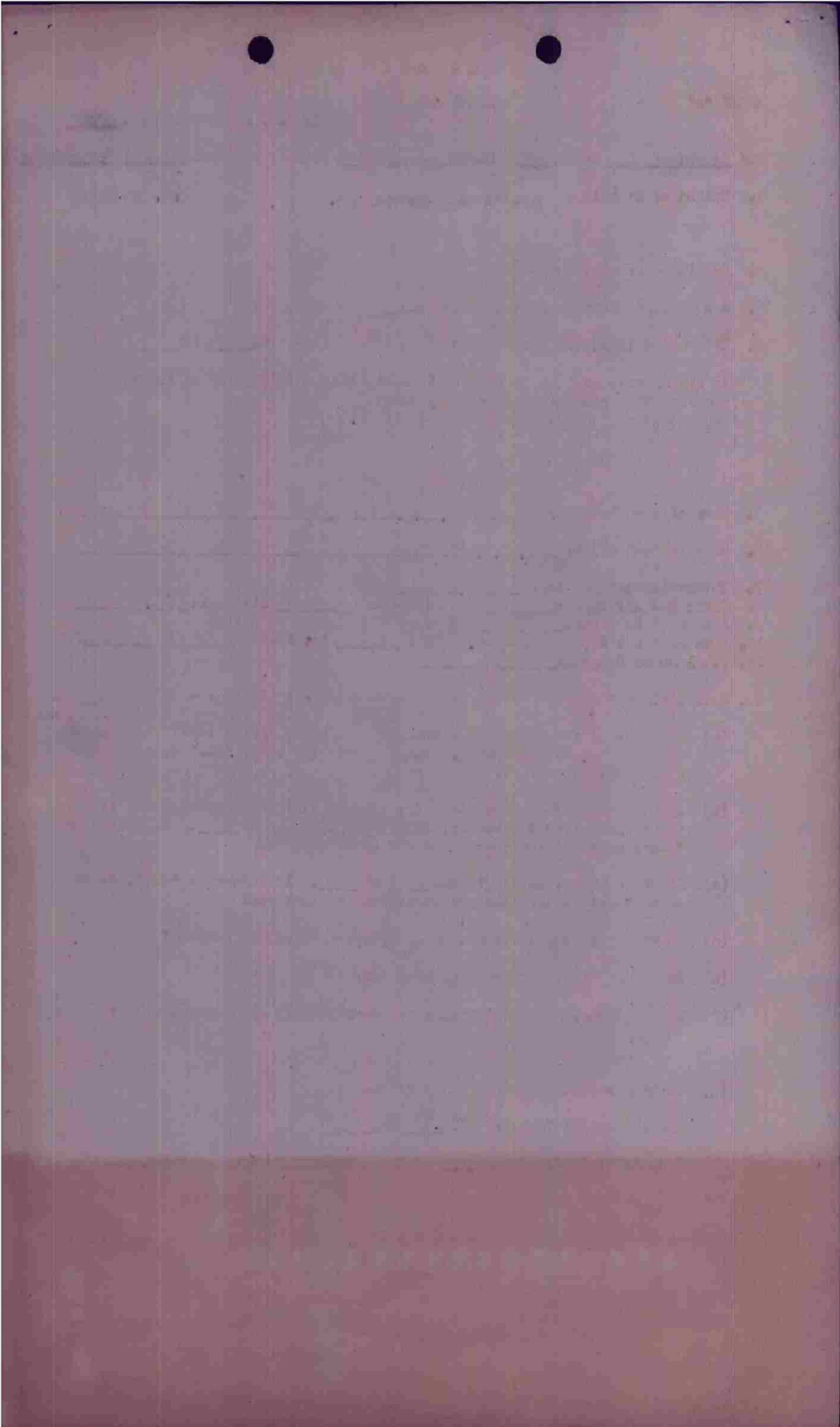
(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

None.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO \_\_\_Results claimed: EXCEL \_\_\_ GOOD \_\_\_ FAIR X POOR \_\_\_ GROSS \_\_\_

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MISSION NO. 118

8 AUGUST 1944

LOADING LIST  
BOX I  
FLIGHT I

- 1. ✓ 444 J  
A MAJOR R.F. PRICE ✓  
LT A.R. HAND ✓  
S/SGT. F. NAIFER ✓  
SGT. W.E. LEMONDS ✓
- 2. ✓ 907 O  
A LT R.R. SVENSON ✓  
SGT. P.G. FILD ✓  
SGT. G.H. PFENNING ✓
- 3. ✓ 894 R  
A LT J.P. KENNY ✓  
SGT. J.K. SPADONI \* ✓  
SGT. F. NOTERIANI ✓

- 4. ✓ 480 B  
A CAPTAIN. R.B. PRENTISS ✓  
S/SGT. H.J. SYLVA \* ✓  
S/SGT. J.E. MCCREERY ✓
- 5. ✓ 176 F  
A LT J.H. MONTROSE ✓  
SGT. R.S. CANDY ✓  
SGT. J.W. FELKEL ✓
- 6. ✓ 150 N  
A LT L.E. CANNON ✓  
SGT. J.W. ROBINSON ✓  
SGT. E.P. BRZEZINSKI ✓

FLIGHT II

- 1. ✓ 469 J-1  
B MAJOR J.G. NAPIER ✓  
LT J. MADENFORT ✓  
S/SGT. R.R. LOWE ✓  
PVT. H.W. PERKINS ✓
- 2. ✓ 900 Q  
B LT J.S. CONNOR ✓  
S/SGT. H.C. RODGERS ✓  
S/SGT. J.E. VANDUYNE ✓
- 3. ✓ 9961 P  
B LT J.F. SMITH ✓  
S/SGT. C. VAFIADIS \* ✓  
S/SGT. R.C. HOFFMAN ✓

- 4. ✓ 1961 E  
B LT W.J. GREENE ✓  
S/SGT. M.W. CHANEY H\* ✓  
SGT. G.E. REITER ✓
- 5. ✓ 840 V  
B LT E.P. HALL ✓  
SGT. R.P. SHARP ✓  
SGT. R.W. CARSTENS ✓
- 6. ✓ 764 X  
A LT J.E. ALLEN ✓  
SGT. L.R. GETGEN ✓  
SGT. C.W. VEAZEY ✓

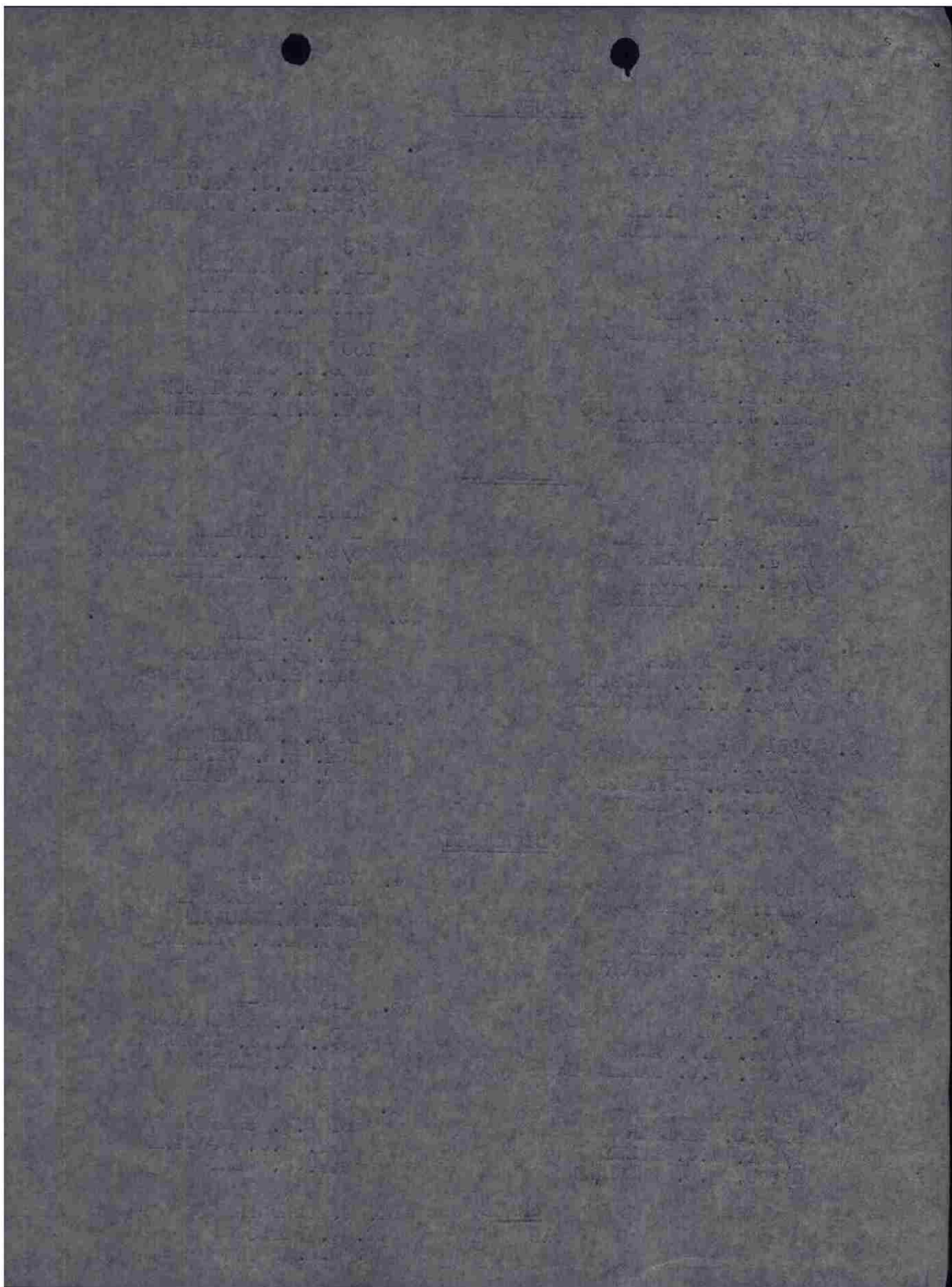
FLIGHT III

- 1. ✓ 450 S  
B CAPT. M.J. HUFF ✓  
LT J. KUPITS ✓  
SGT. R.A. CLARK ✓  
S GT. F.P. BASFORD ✓
- 2. ✓ 181 A  
B LT W.H. LAND H\* ✓  
S/SGT. S.F. ALDEN ✓  
S/SGT. R.D. BALLINGER ✓
- 3. ✓ 387 H  
C LT R.L. BEHLMER ✓  
T/Sgt. W.J. KELLY ✓  
S/SGT. W.G. FERGUSON ✓

- 4. ✓ 701 H-1  
A LT J.E. BLONGREN \* ✓  
SGT. M. BOCKACH \* ✓  
SGT. L.R. FLEMING ✓
- 5. ✓ 493 V-1  
D LT R.B. ROBERTSON ✓  
SGT. A. J. BURLAND ✓  
SGT. K. HEATH ✓
- 6. ✓ 379 G  
A LT D.W. ELLIOTT ✓  
SGT. J.J. MCGUIRE ✓  
SGT. J. MANI ✓

SPARE  
A 819 X K

LT. T. CLAUSEN  
SGT. C. PETKO  
SGT. D.M. BROWN  
*Ret'd & only as listed*



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8 AUGUST 1944

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. C.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 *Ret'd Early no Pilot*  
S/SGT. J.O. SWAFFORD \*  
S/SGT. R.F. GLYNN
- 6. 892 L  
LT. R. O. GRUETZEMACHER  
SGT. H.G. WIGGINS  
SGT. A.A. CIANGIOSI

FLIGHT II

- 1. ✓ 439 J  
CAPT. R.B. 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. ✓ 580 N  
LT D.H. GRUNIG  
SGT. M.E. DIAS  
SGT. H.J. NOWOSIELSKI

- 4. 674 R  
LT J.F. 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. ADDLEMAN

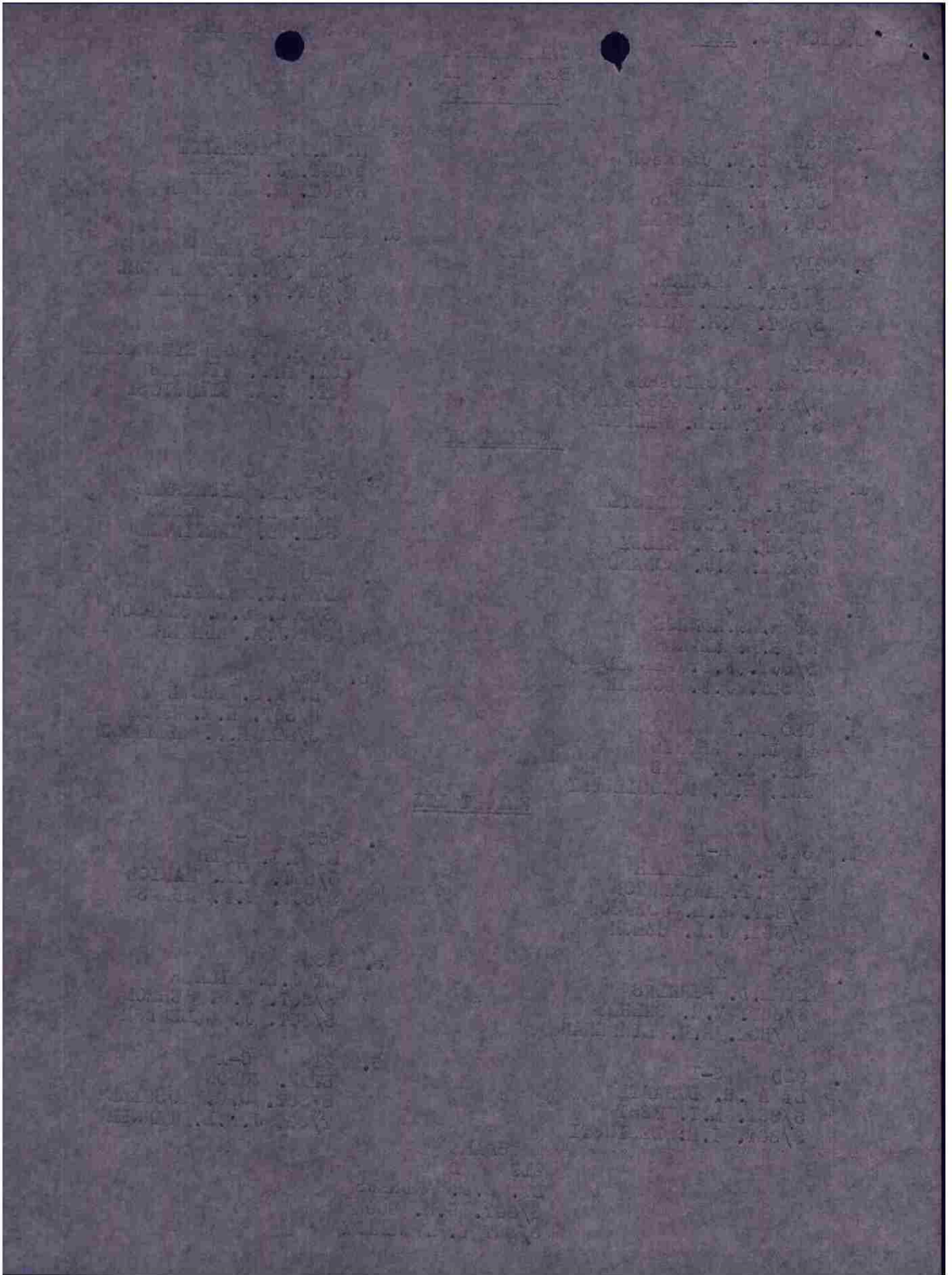
FLIGHT III

- 1. ✓ 645 R-1  
LT R.V. WHEELER  
LT E.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-1  
LT. H.D. ANDREWS  
S/SGT. G.M. COOK  
S/SGT E.R. WERLEY



OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

416 BG A \_\_\_\_\_ E

SECRET IN THE CLEAR

"J" FORM OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE F-3 8 AUGUST 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR L.F. DUNN

A. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

B. ~~XXXX~~ SELSEY BILL

C. 1840

D. BOX I . . . . R/T REDBROWN ONE

668 . . . . 9 . . . . J O R B E N X H-1 G  
 669 . . . . 7 . . . . J-1 Q P E V S A  
 670 . . . . 1 . . . . H  
 671 . . . . 21 . . . . V-1 ~~W~~  
 668 . . . . 1 . . . . (SPARE) K

GROUP LEADER . . . . 668 . . . . J  
 DEPUTY . . . . 669 . . . . J-1

BOX II . . . . R/T REDBROWN TWO

670 . . . . 12 . . . . Q D G E O L J G N R M F  
 671 . . . . 8 . . . . R-1 K G-1 N-1 H G-1  
<sup>671</sup>  
~~671~~ . . . . 1 . . . . SPARE ~~W~~ D-1

SECOND BOX LEADER . . . . 670 . . . . Q  
 DEPUTY . . . . 670 . . . . J

E. 12,000

F. PTE DE BARFLEUR

G. 1900

H. 84 MINUTES

J. PTE DE ~~XXXXXX~~ BARFLEUR

K. SELSEY BILL

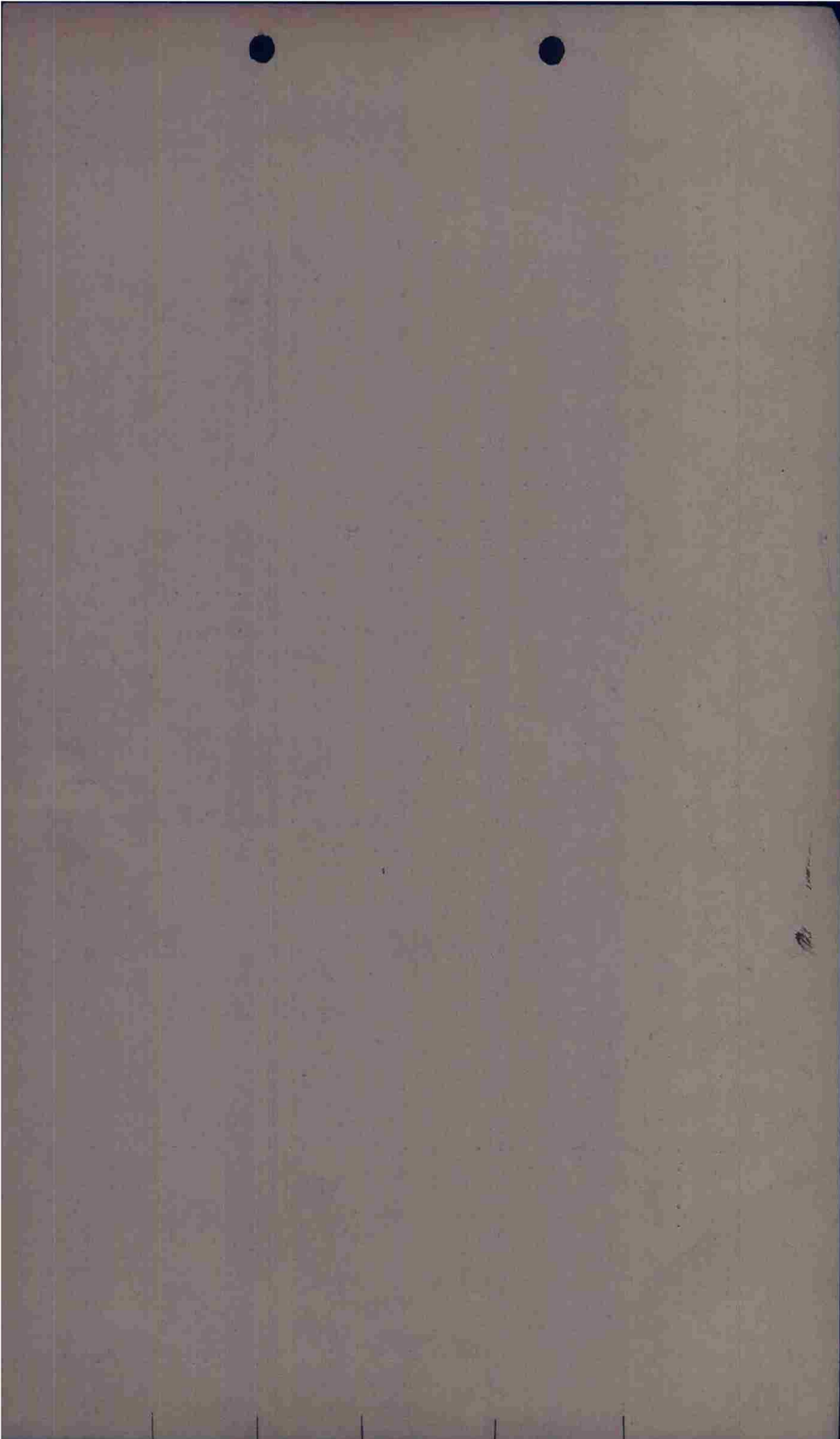
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- M. 1. T.O. . . 1741 . . E.T.D. . . 1801 . . E.T.A. . . 2113
- 2. 4 x 500 G.P.
- 3. 4 HOURS
- 4. Z 3007-9799
- 5. NONE

AXLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

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



747120  
11-1-44

POST MISSION REPORT

MISSION NO. 118

DATE AUG 8 1944

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

2. Bombing Malfunctions (Armament - 92) Three

- Sq B 450 Capt Huff - Premature release of all bombs - Release relay making premature contact due to vibration and wires in pilot's bomb panel resting against points.
- Sq C 380 Lt Grunig - 1 bomb released in channel on return trip - Cause undetermined.
- Sq D 925 Lt Durante - 1 bomb rack failed to release - Bomb released after return from mission - circuits checked out ok.

3. Camera Malfunctions (Photo Lab - 84) None

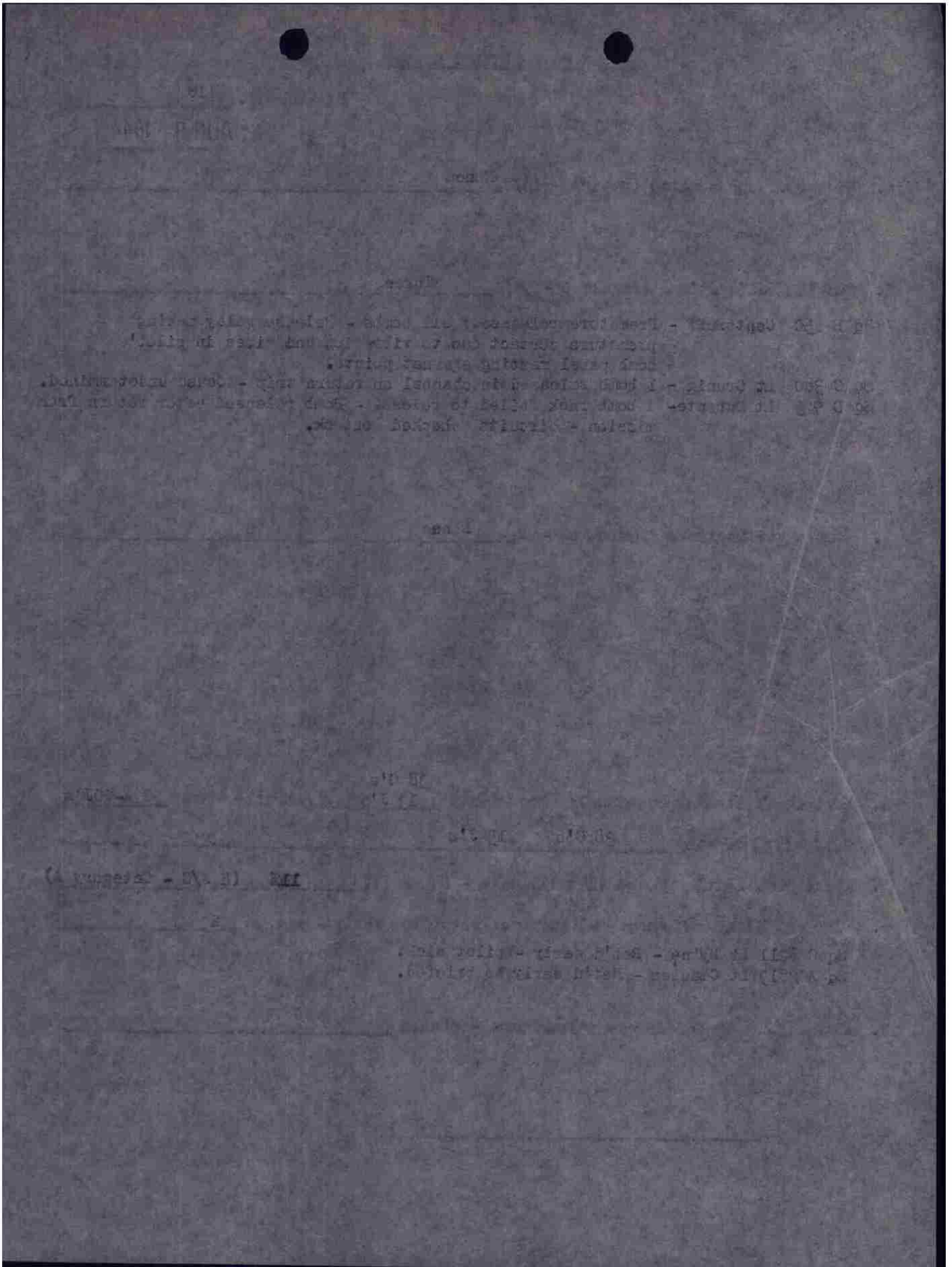
4. Number of Planes Operational: Bomb Group 38 G's Service Group 2 A-20J's  
 Called to Wing 38 G's 15 J's

5. Percent of Battle Damage (Intelligence - 68 or 17) 13% (4 A/C - Category A)

6. Planes failing to become airborne or returning early - reason 2  
 Sq C #211 Lt Byrne - Ret'd early - pilot sick.  
 Sq A #819 Lt Clausen - Ret'd early as briefed.

7. Planes lost or landing away from base - reason None

(SUBMITTED BY \_\_\_\_\_)



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

AFPO 140  
8 August 1944

*Over*  
SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: 2/10 cumulus at 4000 feet.  
Visibility 6 miles.

ROUTE OUT: 3-4/10 cumulus over England with bases  
4000 feet and tops to 8-6000 with  
bulging cumulus to west of course over  
southern England; tops estimated 15000.  
Visibility 3-4 miles over England.  
Channel clear. 3-4/10 alto cumulus over  
France with tops to 18000, becoming  
7/10 over the Breast Peninsula with  
tops estimated 17000 to south and west  
of course. Visibility over France 3-5  
miles in thick haze.

TARGET: Clear. Visibility 5-7 miles down sun and  
3-4 miles up sun.

ROUTE BACK: Same as route out to the English coast  
with 4-5/10 cumulus over southern England  
lowering and increasing in amount to  
the north. To west and north of London  
much lightning and rain visible with  
cumulus tops estimated 15-20000 feet.

BASE ON RETURN: 6/10 cumulus at 5-4000 feet. 10/10  
altocumulus estimated 18000 feet.  
Visibility 3 miles.

TIME OVER TARGET: 1948

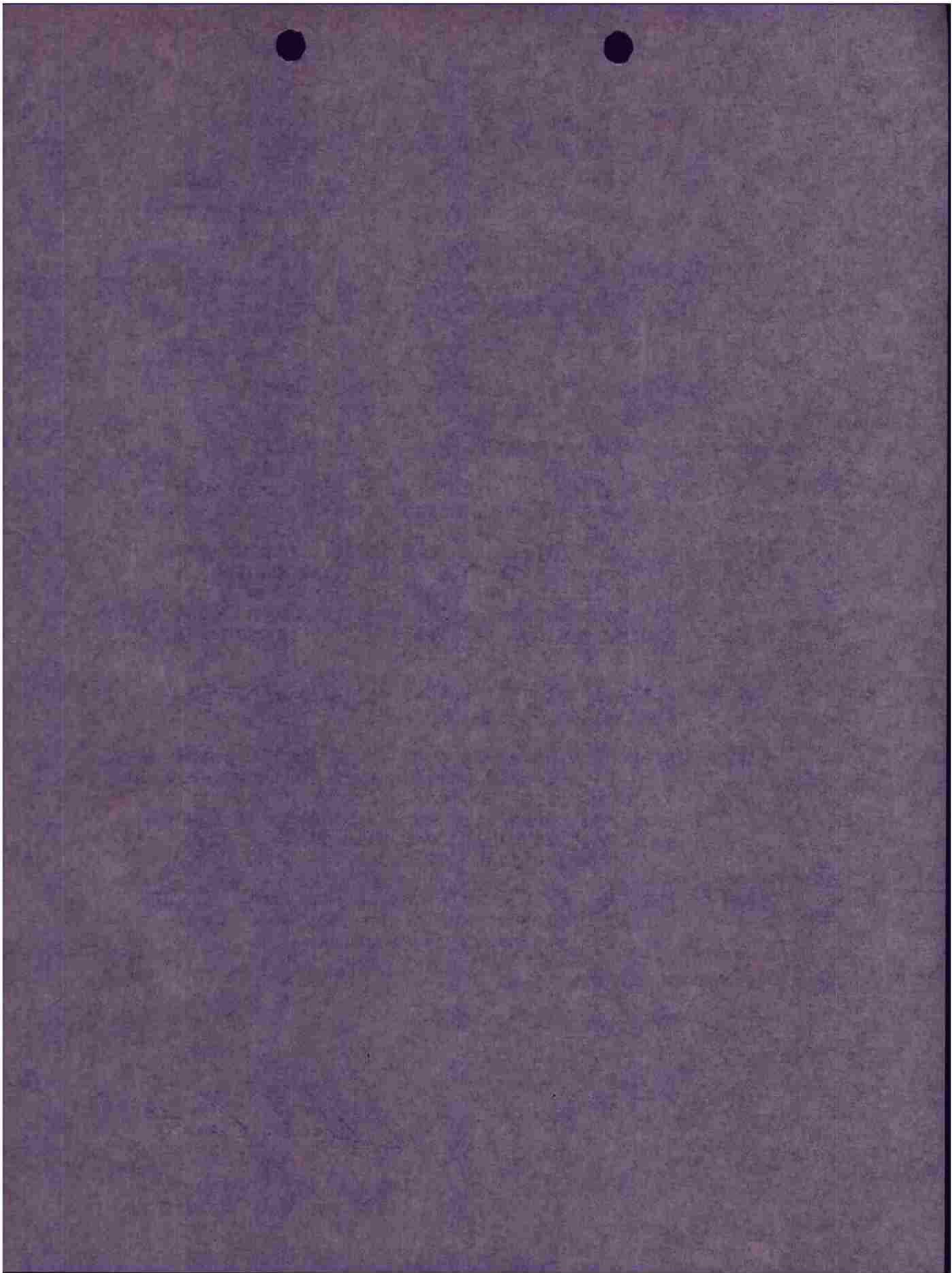
WINDS: As forecast.

Weather did not affect bombing.

*Walter D. Castle*

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1st Lt. Air Corps  
Staff Weather Officer

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FROM: COBOMGR 416

TO : GOCBTWIG 97 ATT: SIG 0

A - YS - 118

B - 8 AUGUST 1944

C - 38 A/C

D - 669 - E - TURRET INTERPHONE OUT, REPAIRED AND CHECKED OKAY.

669 - S - INTERPHONE WEAK. CHECKED AND FOUND OKAY.

E - 2 QDM'S FROM BOATDECK. LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON USED.

F - NONE.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

OFFICIAL:

JACK B. COONEY,  
CAPT, AIR CORPS,  
SIG 0.

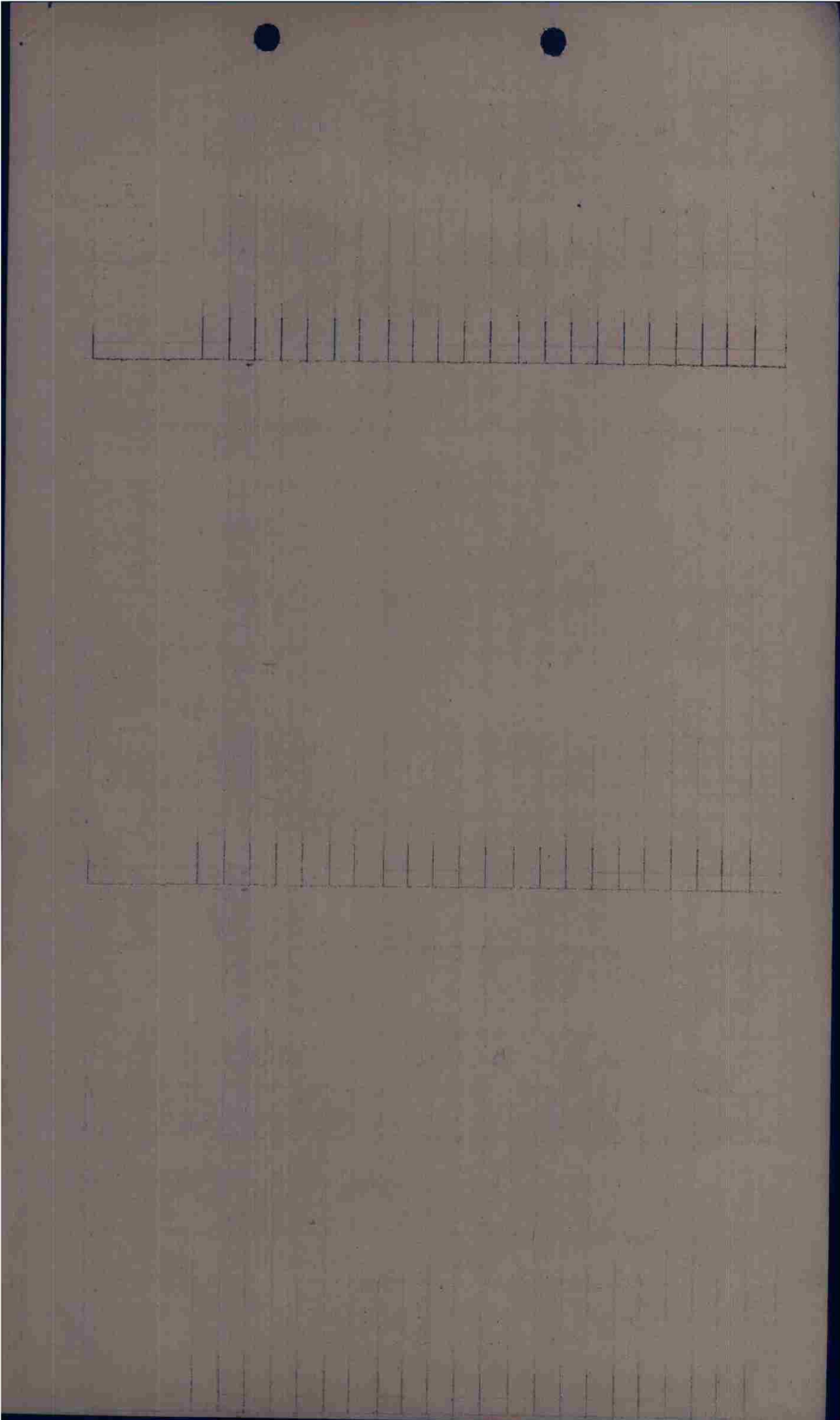
Box I

Prisoner # 118

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| S Q D N | A / C LTR | A / C NO. | PILOT    | D I S T A N C E | T A R G E T | A T O | E N G . C O A S T O U T | E N E M Y C O A S T I N | T O T | E N E M Y C O A S T O U T | E N G . C O A S T I N | 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 |
|---------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------------|-------------|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|
| A       | J         | 444       | Prie     | 720             |             | 1740  | Delong                  | Prisoner 1941's         |       | Prisoner                  | Delong                |             | 125           | 41500       | f         | 2131            |               |
| A       | O         | 907       | Prisoner |                 |             | 1740  | Beck                    | Prisoner                |       | Prisoner                  |                       |             |               |             |           | 2131            |               |
| A       | R         | 894       | Prisoner |                 |             | 1740  | 12000                   | 12000                   |       | 18000                     | 9000                  | C           |               |             |           | 2143            |               |
| A       | B         | 480       | Prisoner |                 |             | 1740  | 1840                    | 1900                    |       | 2024                      | 2042                  | C           |               |             |           | 2139            |               |
| A       | T         | 176       | Prisoner |                 |             | 1741  |                         |                         |       |                           |                       |             |               |             |           | 2/26            |               |
| A       | N         | 150       | Prisoner |                 |             | 1741  |                         |                         |       |                           |                       |             |               |             |           | 2/19            |               |
| B       | J-1       | 469       | Prisoner |                 |             | 1742  |                         |                         |       |                           |                       |             |               |             |           | 2/19            |               |
| B       | Q         | 900       | Prisoner |                 |             | 1742  |                         |                         |       |                           |                       |             |               |             |           | 2/19            |               |
| B       | P         | 9961      | Prisoner |                 |             | 1742  |                         |                         |       |                           |                       |             |               |             |           | 2/19            |               |
| B       | E         | 1961      | Prisoner |                 |             | 1742  |                         |                         |       |                           |                       |             |               |             |           | 2/19            |               |
| B       | V         | 840       | Prisoner |                 |             | 1743  |                         |                         |       |                           |                       |             |               |             |           | 2/19            |               |
| A       | X         | 764       | Prisoner |                 |             | 1743  |                         |                         |       |                           |                       |             |               |             |           | 2/19            |               |
| B       | S         | 450       | Prisoner |                 |             | 1744  |                         |                         |       |                           |                       |             |               |             |           | 2/37            |               |
| B       | A         | 181       | Prisoner |                 |             | 1744  |                         |                         |       |                           |                       |             |               |             |           | 2/37            |               |
| C       | H         | 387       | Prisoner |                 |             | 1744  |                         |                         |       |                           |                       |             |               |             |           | 2/37            |               |
| A       | H-1       | 701       | Prisoner |                 |             | 1745  |                         |                         |       |                           |                       |             |               |             |           | 2/38            |               |
| D       | V-1       | 493       | Prisoner |                 |             | 1745  |                         |                         |       |                           |                       |             |               |             |           | 2/39            |               |
| A       | Q         | 379       | Prisoner |                 |             | 1745  |                         |                         |       |                           |                       |             |               |             |           | 2/38            |               |
| A       | K         | 819       | Prisoner |                 |             | 1745  |                         |                         |       |                           |                       |             |               |             |           | 1910            |               |

Prisoner's name

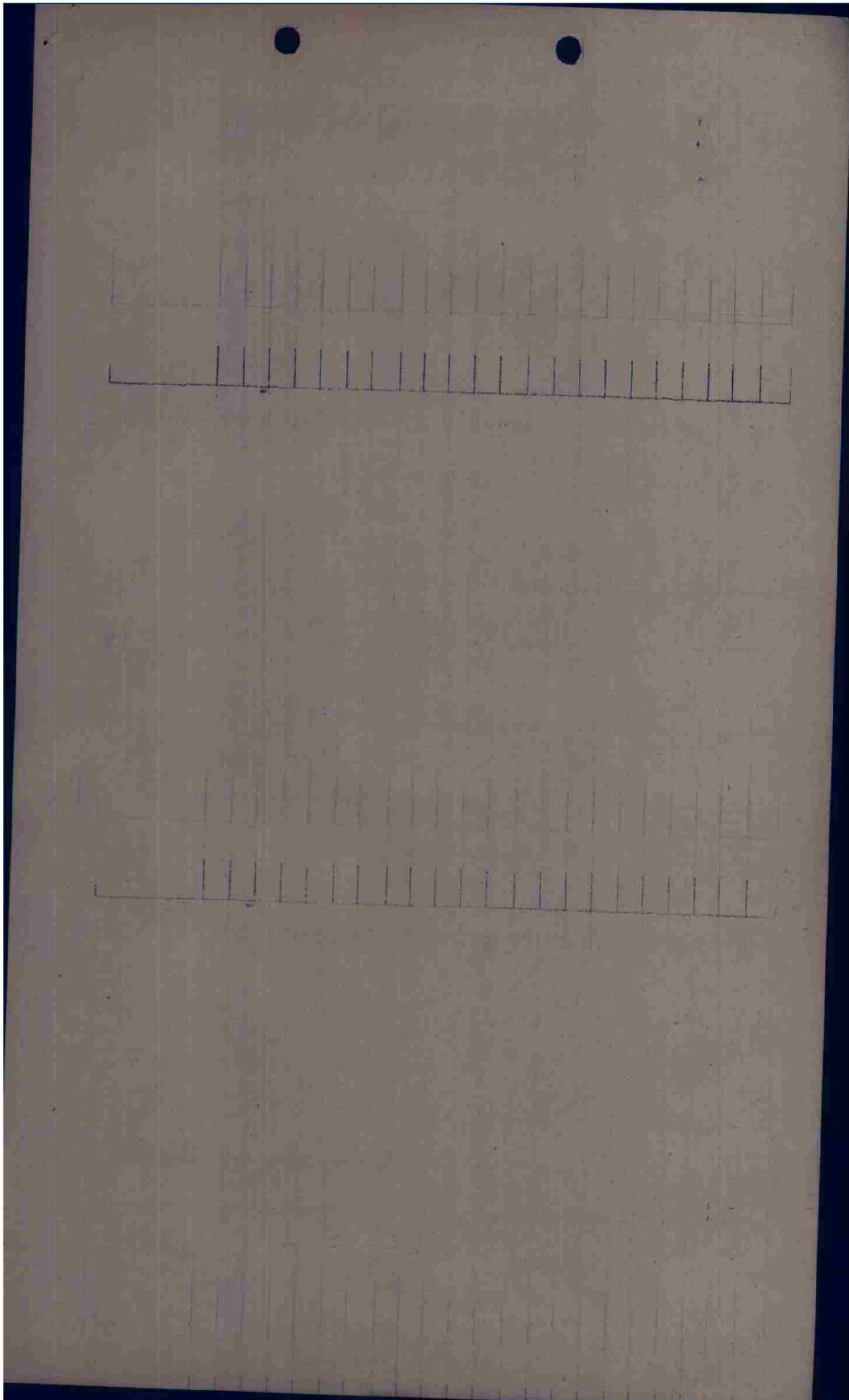


| S<br>Q<br>D<br>N | A<br>/<br>C<br>LTR | A<br>/<br>C<br>NO. | PILOT     | D<br>I<br>S<br>T<br>A<br>N<br>C<br>E | TARGET | A<br>T<br>O | ENG.<br>COAST<br>OUT | ENEMY<br>COAST<br>IN | T<br>O<br>T | ENG.<br>COAST<br>OUT | ENG.<br>COAST<br>IN | C<br>A<br>M<br>E<br>R<br>A | F<br>U<br>L<br>L<br>O<br>F<br>A<br>D | B<br>O<br>M<br>B<br>O<br>A<br>D | E<br>N<br>D<br>U<br>R | L<br>A<br>T<br>I<br>T<br>U<br>D<br>E | R<br>E<br>M<br>A<br>R<br>K<br>S |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| C                | Q                  | 452                | Johnson   |                                      |        | 17 47       |                      |                      |             |                      |                     |                            |                                      |                                 |                       | 2149                                 |                                 |
| C                | Q                  | 217                | Leung     |                                      |        | 17 47       |                      |                      |             |                      |                     |                            |                                      |                                 |                       | 2150                                 |                                 |
| C                | G                  | 959                | Woodhouse |                                      |        | 17 47       |                      |                      |             |                      |                     |                            |                                      |                                 |                       | 2149                                 |                                 |
| C                | E                  | 254                | McCabe    |                                      |        | 17 48       |                      |                      |             |                      |                     |                            |                                      |                                 |                       | 187                                  | Pilot was<br>sunk.              |
| C                | O                  | 211                | Wright    |                                      |        | 17 48       |                      |                      |             |                      |                     |                            |                                      |                                 |                       | 2151                                 |                                 |
| C                | L                  | 892                | Byrd      |                                      |        | 17 48       |                      |                      |             |                      |                     |                            |                                      |                                 |                       | 2151                                 |                                 |
| C                | J                  | 439                | Buckley   |                                      |        | 17 48       |                      |                      |             |                      |                     |                            |                                      |                                 |                       | 2151                                 |                                 |
| C                | C                  | 058                | Morgan    |                                      |        | 17 48       |                      |                      |             |                      |                     |                            |                                      |                                 |                       | 2154                                 |                                 |
| C                | N                  | 380                | Wright    |                                      |        | 17 48       |                      |                      |             |                      |                     |                            |                                      |                                 |                       | 2152                                 |                                 |
| C                | R                  | 617                | Wright    |                                      |        | 17 49       |                      |                      |             |                      |                     |                            |                                      |                                 |                       | 2153                                 |                                 |
| C                | M                  | 950                | Wright    |                                      |        | 17 49       |                      |                      |             |                      |                     |                            |                                      |                                 |                       | 2153                                 |                                 |
| C                | E                  | 237                | Wright    |                                      |        | 17 49       |                      |                      |             |                      |                     |                            |                                      |                                 |                       | 2148                                 |                                 |
| D                | R-1                | 645                | Wright    |                                      |        | 17 49       |                      |                      |             |                      |                     |                            |                                      |                                 |                       | 2149                                 |                                 |
| D                | K                  | 393                | Wright    |                                      |        | 17 50       |                      |                      |             |                      |                     |                            |                                      |                                 |                       | 2150                                 |                                 |
| D                | Q-1                | 925                | Wright    |                                      |        | 17 50       |                      |                      |             |                      |                     |                            |                                      |                                 |                       | 2154                                 |                                 |
| D                | N-1                | 952                | Wright    |                                      |        | 17 50       |                      |                      |             |                      |                     |                            |                                      |                                 |                       | 2150                                 |                                 |
| D                | H                  | 165                | Wright    |                                      |        | 17 51       |                      |                      |             |                      |                     |                            |                                      |                                 |                       | 2148                                 |                                 |
| D                | Q-1                | 214                | Wright    |                                      |        | 17 51       |                      |                      |             |                      |                     |                            |                                      |                                 |                       | 2155                                 |                                 |
| D                | R-1                | 219                | Wright    |                                      |        | 17 51       |                      |                      |             |                      |                     |                            |                                      |                                 |                       | 2155                                 |                                 |

Box II

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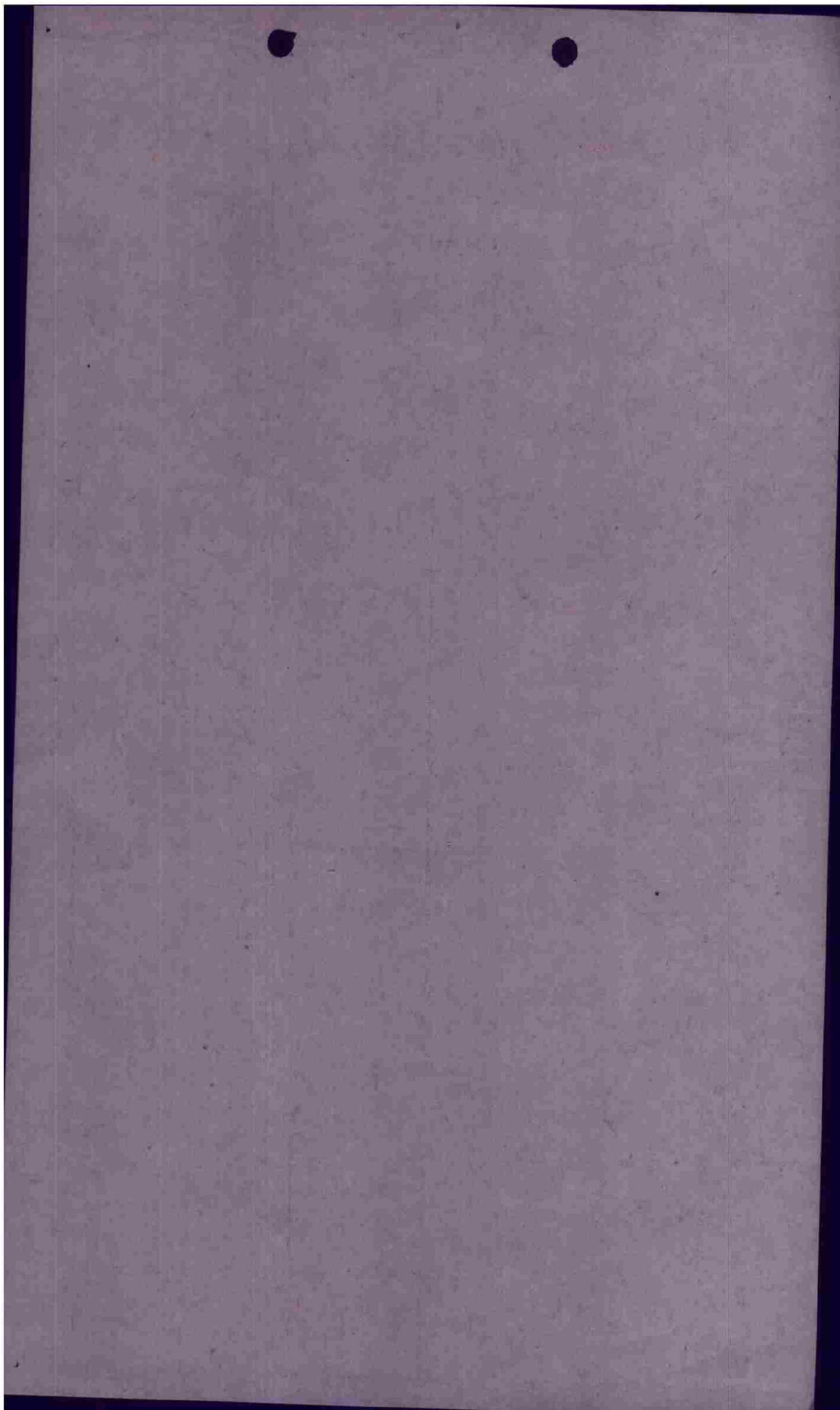
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| 416 - Davis Cr. 3 August 1944  |  |
| FO. 417 418 LUNAR DISTURBANCE  |  |
| REF. REF. 3002877  |  |
| TO T. 1440 ALTITUDE 11200-12000  |  |
| WINDSPEED - No   |  |
| APPROXIMATE OF 18 Kts  |  |
| ENT. A. ⊕  | WEATHER  |
| <p>⊕ T T</p> <p>T T T</p> <p>T T T</p> <p>T T T</p> <p>T T T</p> <p>⊕ T T</p> <p>T T T</p> <p>⊕ T T</p> <p>T T T</p> | <p>LOW CLOUD OVER</p> <p>THREAT. TOPS 12000</p> <p>SHADES 6,000'</p> |



MODERATE INCLINATION  
HEAVY FLAK  
(GAINS OUT)

48°20'      0°10' E

SECRET



OICOG OIHAK OIYAA OIGOF V OILAI OILAI 04/08 "OP"

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 08/1730B A-47-E  
 TO COMBOMCOM IX  
 409TH BOMB GROUP.  
 410TH BOMB GROUP.  
 416TH BOMB GROUP.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT  
 SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: LT COL MC AFEE

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

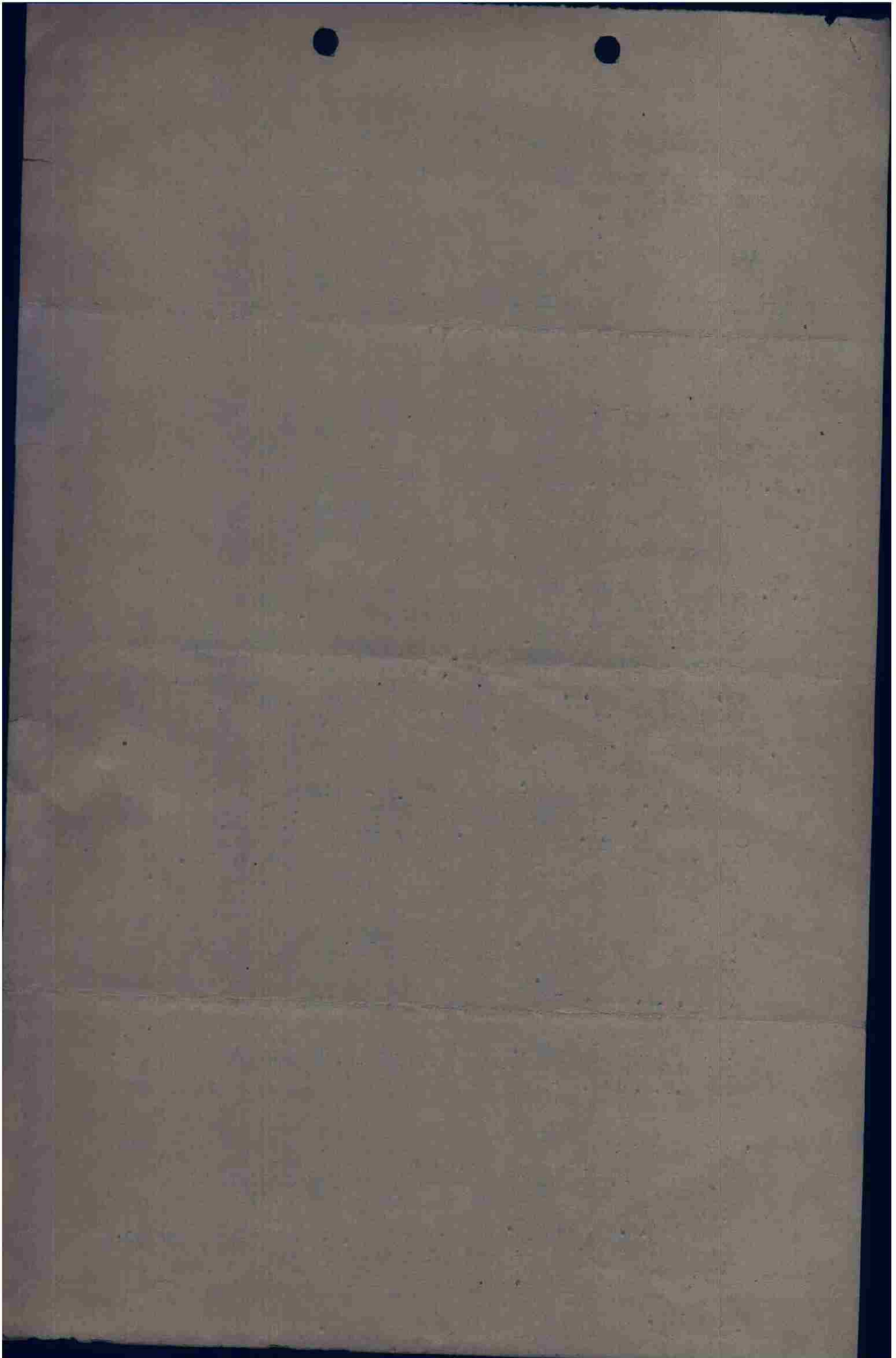
- (1) MAP 4250/7G/4 REF. 30059791
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4942N 0117W AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MINUTES.
- (9) M.P.I. REF. Z-30079799

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 OR 1,000 FEET BELOW BOMBING ALTITUDE
- (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) E.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---

BT 08/1730B

RRR/FK/AR

ALL STATIONS HOLD FOR K WITH R

OIHAK K WITH R

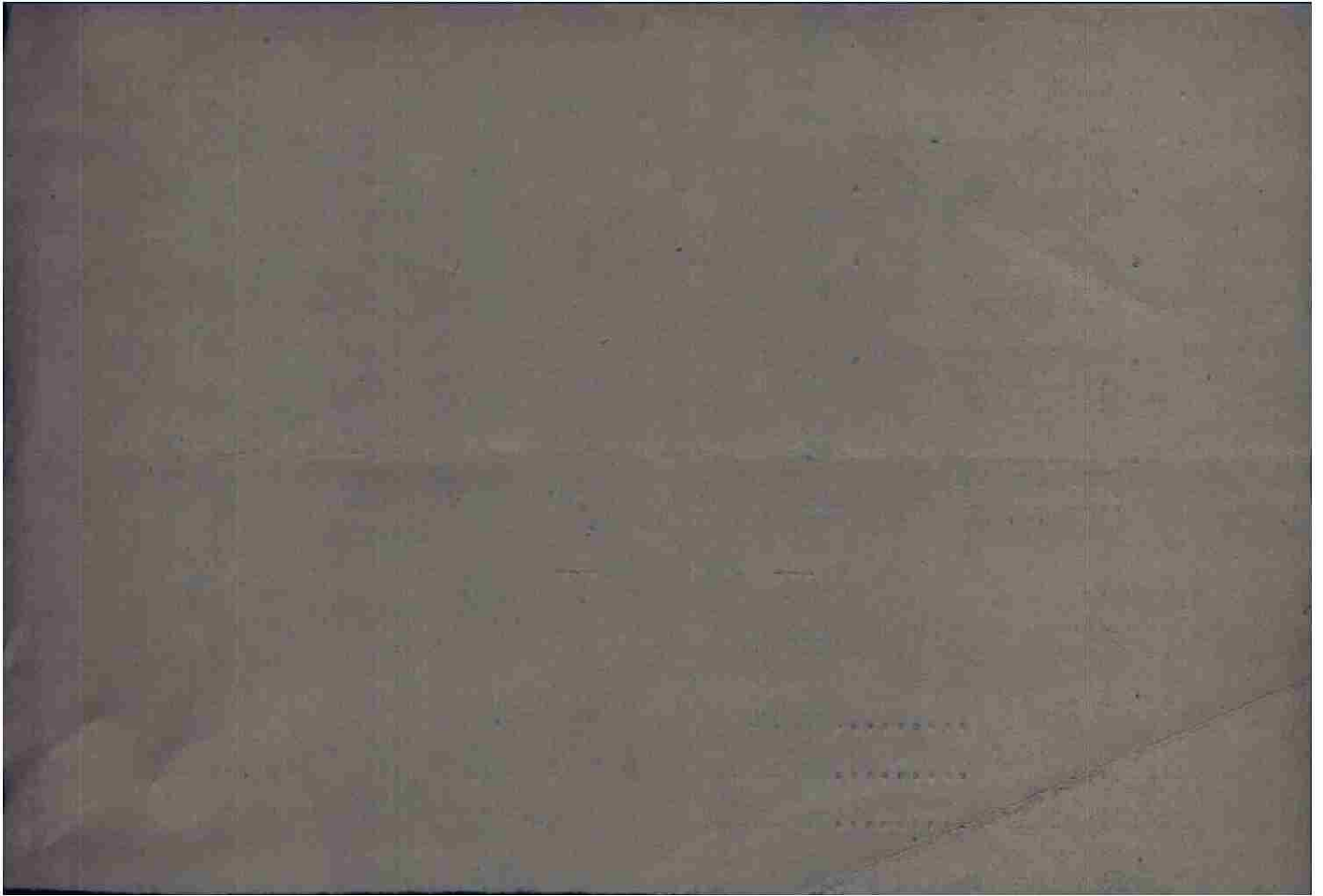
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OIYAA K WITH R

OIYAA / OILAI R.....08/1815B RSS AR

OIGOF K WITH R

OIGOF / OILAI R.....08/1815B MC AR



OICOG OIHAK OIYAA OIGOF V OILAI OILAI 08/08 OP'

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 08/1915B A-51-E  
TO COMBOMCOM IX  
409TH BOMB GROUP.  
410TH BOMB GROUP.  
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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

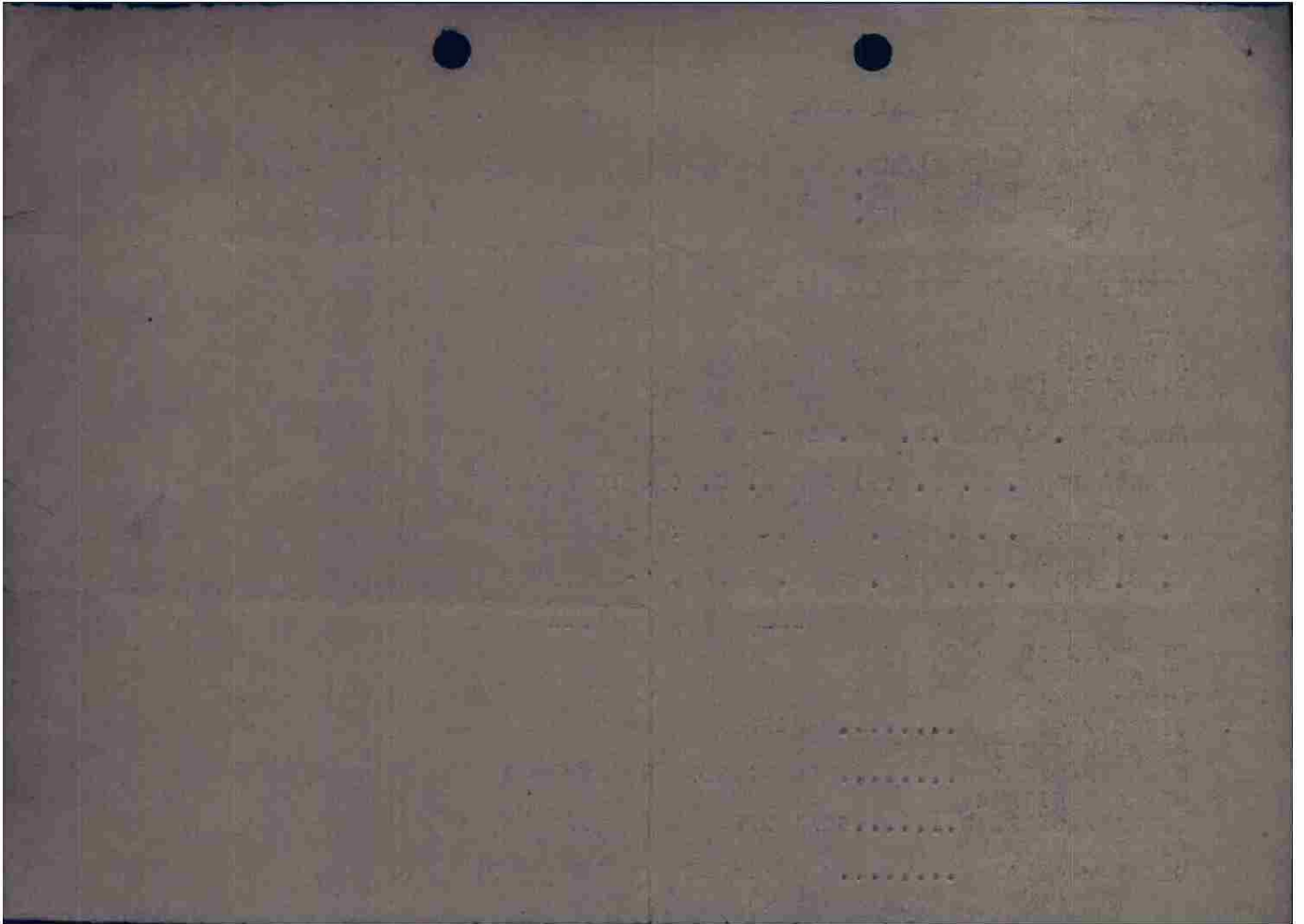
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OIGOF K WITH R

OIGOF / OILAI R...../ 08/1925B CEN AR



OICOG OILAI V YAA YAA 19/08 OF

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

416BG A-224-D  
SECRET OGX BT

OPFLASH NO. 119 FOR 8 AUGUST 1944

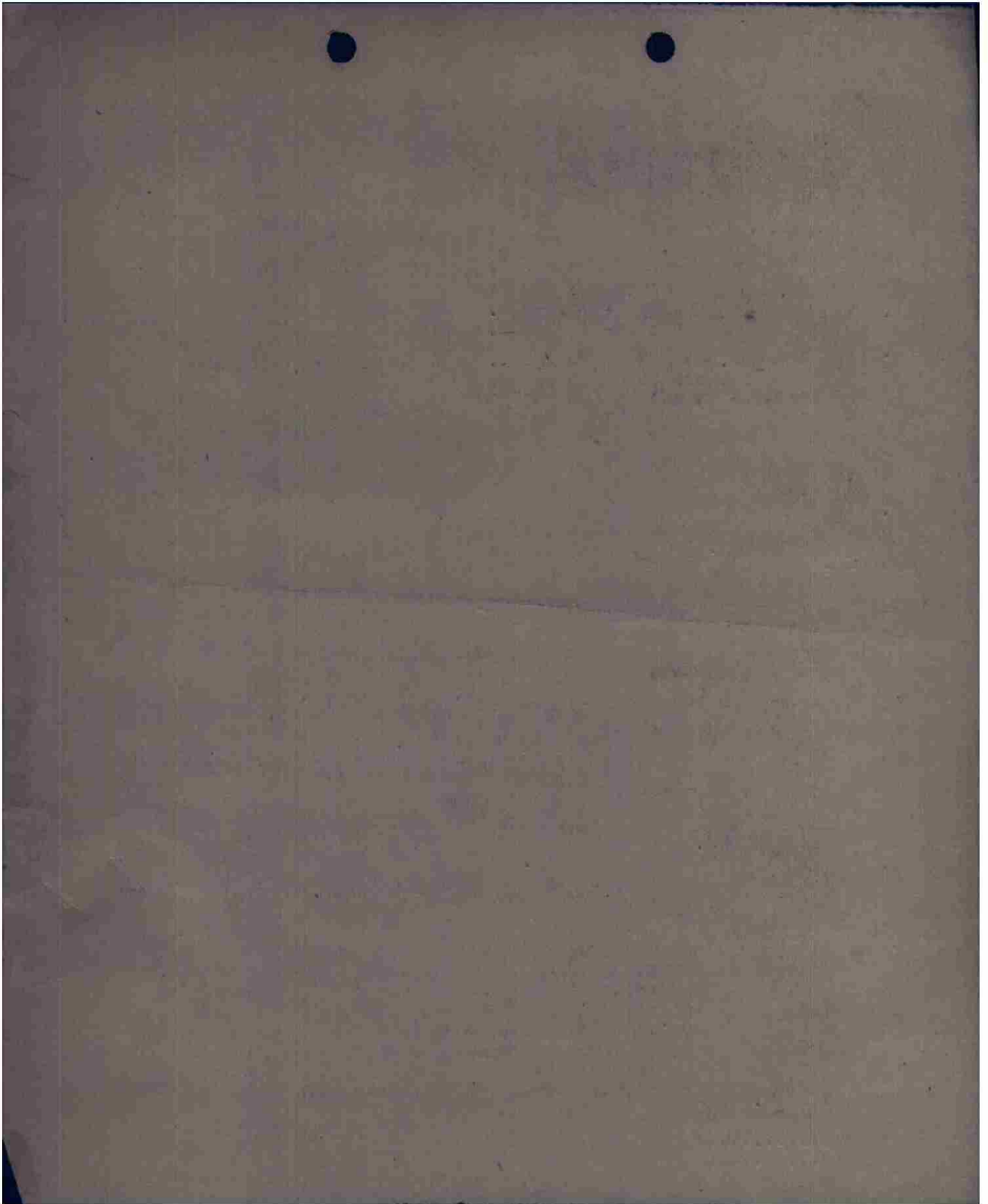
- A. (1) RADAR INSTALLATION-7/G/4-RET. 30079799  
(2) RADAR INSTALLATION-7/G/4-RET. 30079799
- B. (1) 416TH BG  
(2) 36 A-20'S INCLUDING 7 A-20J'S AND 29 A-20G'S.  
(3) EP ON PRIMARY (BOMBS FELL OUT OF LEAD A/C OF ONE FLIGHT, PREMATURELY ON BOMB RUN, OTHER A/C IN FLIGHT RELEASED ON ITS BOMBS)
- C. (1) 1740  
/ZKX(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-0576
- 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-0082.  
ENGINE OF ONE P-38 SMOKING AND MAY HRN HAVE GONE DOWN  
AT THIS POINT.  
15-CAR TRAIN AT AM 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.....08/233 08/2349B FK AR  
M



OICOG V YAA YAA 03/09 OP  
T- OIUBA  
FROM HDQS 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 09/0133B  
TO HDQS IX BOMBER COMMAND ATT: A-2  
HDQS 8/ IX AIR FORCE ATT: A-2

SECRET QOX BT

A-223-D

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

A. BOIS DU PIERRE RADAR INSTALLATION

B. SAME AS A

J. 194E

K. BLANKET OF BURSTS FROM ONE FLIGHT ON DMPI, PROBABLY CAUSING  
CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO INSTALLATION.

AYLESWORTH COMBOMGR 416TH

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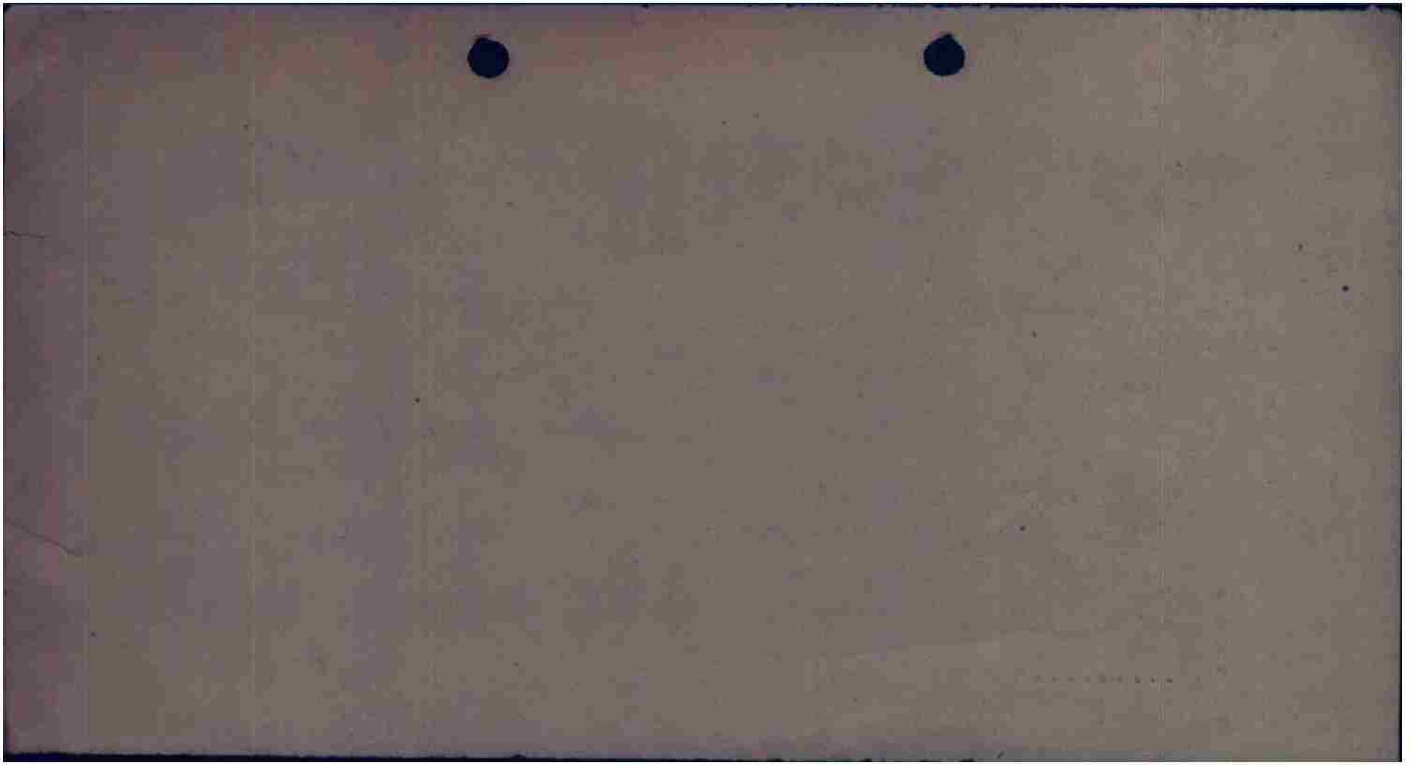
BT 09/0133B

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OICOG R.....09/0203B ME AR

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