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GP-416-SU-OP-5  
10 AUG 1944

# MISSION REPORTS

FOLDER NO. 10

P.R.C.

MISSION NO.	F.O. NO.	DATE
121	480	10 AUGUST 1944
122	481	10 AUGUST 1944
123	482	11 AUGUST 1944
124	483	11 AUGUST 1944
125	486	12 AUGUST 1944
126	488	13 AUGUST 1944
127	496	15 AUGUST 1944
128	501	17 AUGUST 1944
129	511	25 AUGUST 1944
130	512	26 AUGUST 1944
131	513	26 AUGUST 1944
132	515	27 AUGUST 1944
133	517	28 AUGUST 1944
134	522	1 SEPT. 1944
135	526	3 SEPT. 1944
136	527	3 SEPT. 1944
137	530	5 SEPT. 1944
138	532	6 SEPT. 1944
139	533	6 SEPT. 1944

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

SECRET  
By authority  
CG, Sta. 170  
11 August 1944  
Init. \_\_\_\_\_

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

SUBJECT: Report of Combat Mission.

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

416th Bombardment Group (L)  
131st Combat Mission, 10 August 1944.  
97th Combat Wing FO 170-438

- 1. 41
- 2. 39
- 3. None
- 4. 3 (2 spaces)
- 5. 38
- 6. 43-9376

Landed early on strip A-15 in Normandy. Crew report  
marks seen coming from cockpit and ship pulled out of  
formation. Aircraft not on hand this station. Exact  
cause to be shown on future report.

38 a/o abortive due to weather - 10/10 cloud cover over entire target area.

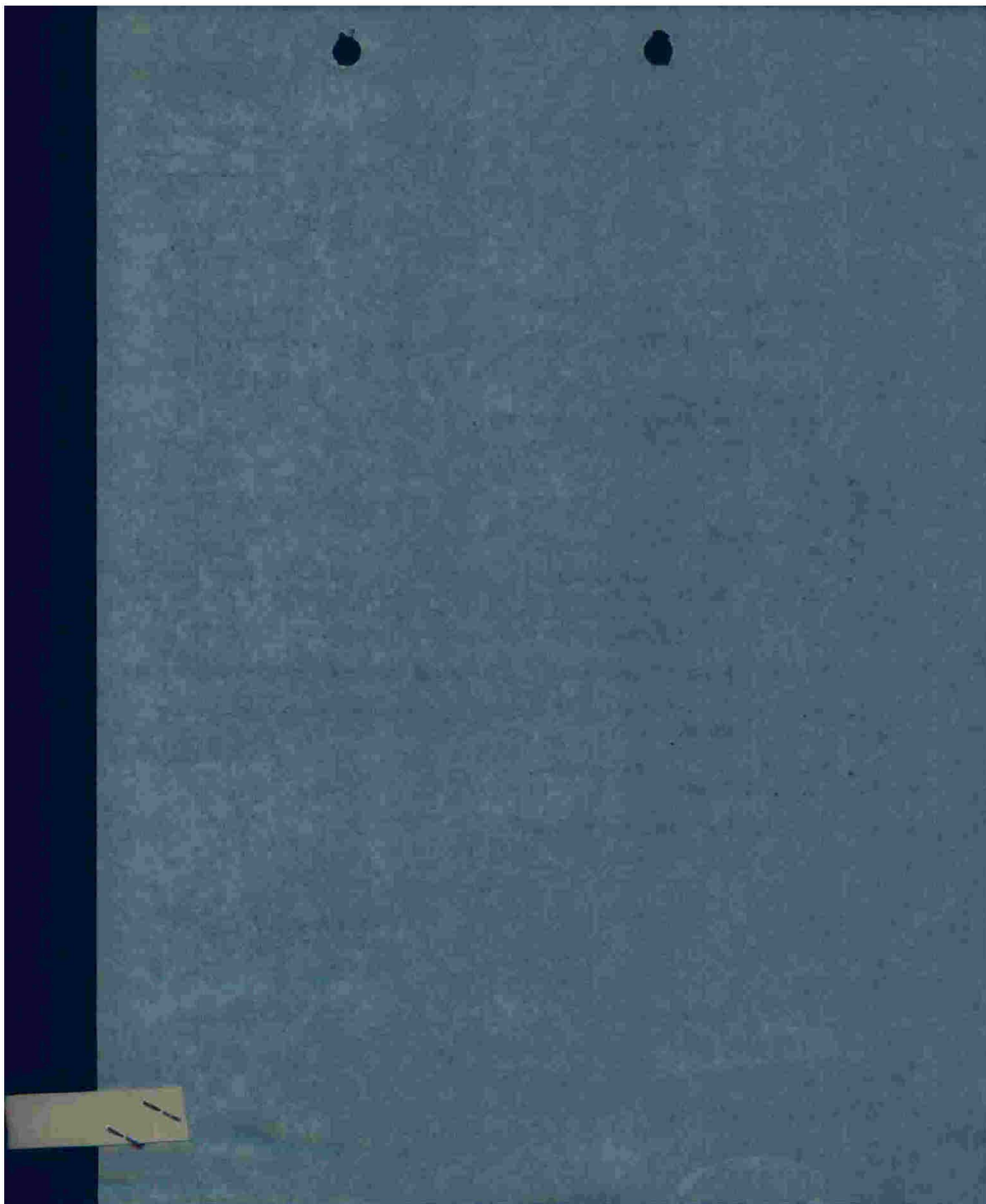
- 7. 39. 1 a/o shown above landed early in Normandy and 38 a/o abortive due  
to weather.

- 8. 43-9376 Same as above.  
Lt. J. W. Harris

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SUNDBORTH,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

#131  
AUG 10 1944



MISSION NO. 121

LOADING LIST  
BOX I  
FLIGHT I

10 August 1944

1. 444 J  
Major R F Price ✓  
Lt A R Hand ✓  
S/S E Shelton ✓  
S/S D R Schenck ✓

4. 176 T  
Lt G F Bartmus ✓  
S/S J R Orr ✓ *Window*  
S/S H J Sylva ✓

2. 209 K  
Lt C J Anderson ✓  
Sgt T G Euga ✓ *no frogs*  
Sgt E L Schafer ✓

5. 9961 E  
Lt J H Montrose ✓ *Window*  
Sgt R S Gandy ✓  
Sgt J W Felkel ✓ *no frogs*

3. 480 B  
Lt L E Hill ✓  
Sgt C Fetko ✓ *\**  
Sgt D M Brown ✓

6. 760 Z  
Lt P E Parker ✓  
Sgt A F Galloway ✓ *Window*  
Sgt S Kochan ✓

FLIGHT II

1. 442 D  
Lt M J Huff ✓  
Lt J Kupits ✓  
Sgt R A Clark ✓  
Sgt F P Basford ✓

4. 929 C  
Lt P F E MacManus ✓ *Window*  
S/S J L Rogers ✓  
S/S G I Fleischmann ✓

2. 900 Q  
Lt J F Smith ✓  
S/S C Varladias ✓ *H\**  
S/S R C Hoffman ✓

5. 191 A  
Lt J S Connor ✓ *Window*  
S/S H C Rodgers ✓  
S/S J E Vanduyne ✓

3. 159 G  
Lt J F Allen ✓  
Sgt L R Getgen ✓ *H\**  
Sgt C W Vensey ✓

6. 767 N  
Lt W C Siggs ✓ *Window*  
S/S M W Cheney ✓  
Sgt G E Reiter ✓

FLIGHT III

1. 432 Q-1  
Capt O R Jackson ✓  
Lt A H Meltby ✓  
Sgt D E Burns ✓  
Sgt W J Daniel ✓

4. 227 F  
Lt J P Hillerman ✓ *Window*  
Sgt E F Pauls ✓  
Sgt L Martinez ✓

2. 387 H  
Lt G L McGlohn ✓  
S/S J W Moran ✓  
S/S P E Driskill ✓

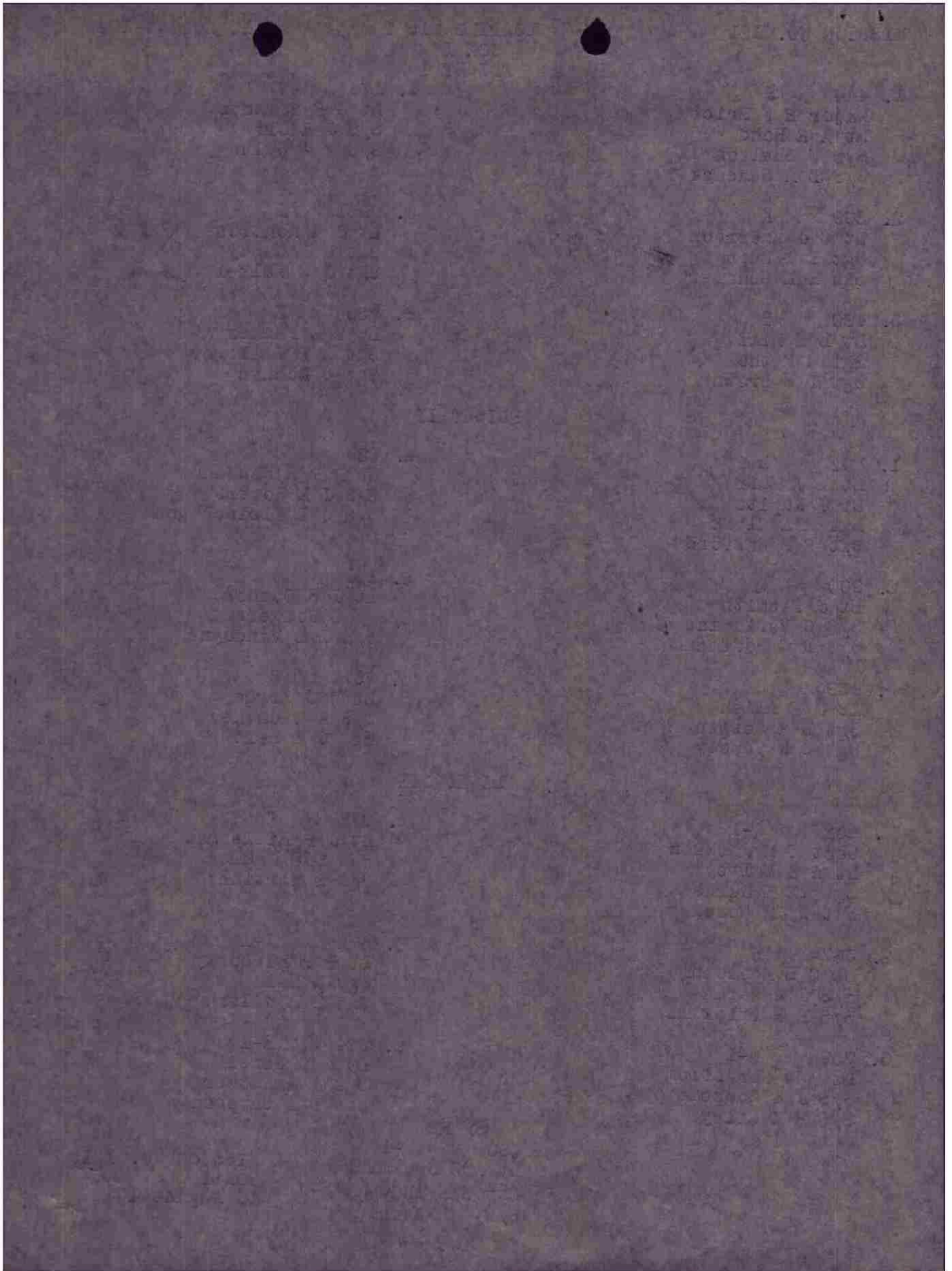
5. 674 R-1  
Lt P P Barausky ✓ *Window*  
Sgt M Hall ✓  
Sgt B R Wilson ✓

3. 759 G-1  
Lt A W Nordstrom ✓  
S/S J D Gossett ✓ *\**  
S/S R K Riley ✓

6. 224 E-1  
Lt J C Sewell ✓ *Window*  
Sgt J A Hummer ✓  
Sgt D A Sampson ✓

SPARE  
380 N-1  
Lt J R Sparling ✓  
Sgt C L [unclear] ✓  
S/S L L Lehigh ✓  
*no frogs*

MISSION NO. 121  
BOX I  
10 August 1944



MISSION NO. 121

LOADING LIST  
BOX II  
FLIGHT I

10 AUGUST 1944

1. 1717 P  
CAPT G M MCNUITY ✓  
LT F H BURSTEL ✓  
S/S J A Fejes  
S/S E R JUDD

4. 150 N  
LT C C MISH ✓  
S/S C J CIAHK ✓  
S/S R F CHUSTZ

2. 376 O  
LT F W HARRIS  
~~S/S R A WOLBER~~ S/S R A WOLBER  
S/S E A DAMICO

*no parties*  
*Landed on 9/15*  
*Ship 1 crew OK*

5. 764 X  
LT L E GANNON ✓  
SGT J W ROBINSON ✓  
SGT E P BRZEZINSKI ✓

3. 195 D  
LT J K COLQUITT ✓  
SGT J K SPADONI ✓  
SGT F NOTERIANI ✓

6. 892 L  
LT T D MCCREADY ✓  
S/S D E RAINES ✓  
SGT D H BENTZLER ✓

FLIGHT II

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

4. 925 G  
LT R H SMITH ✓  
S/S J S BROWER ✓  
S/S R J MAHONEY ✓

2. 165 F  
LT W A MERCHANT ✓  
S/S K P BROWN ✓  
S/S C J HARP ✓

5. 937 E  
LT J G GARY ✓  
SGT D E SCHOEN ✓  
SGT R W CHEUVRONT ✓

3. 214 C  
LT M ZUBON ✓  
T/S J R L TANNER ✓  
S/S W C RUSSELL ✓

6. 219 D-1  
LT T J MURRAY ✓  
S/S D H DEBOWER ✓  
S/S R J JONES ✓

FLIGHT III

1. 1711 S  
LT L A MARZOLF ✓  
LT J T ERCK ✓  
S/S H E WELLIN ✓  
S/S L G KUTZER ✓

4. 719 J  
LT R D PERKINS ✓  
S/S V N SHERRY ✓  
S/S R H LINNEMAN ✓

2. 956 Z  
LT J J LACKOVICH ✓  
SGT T CONNERY ✓  
SGT R M BARRY ✓

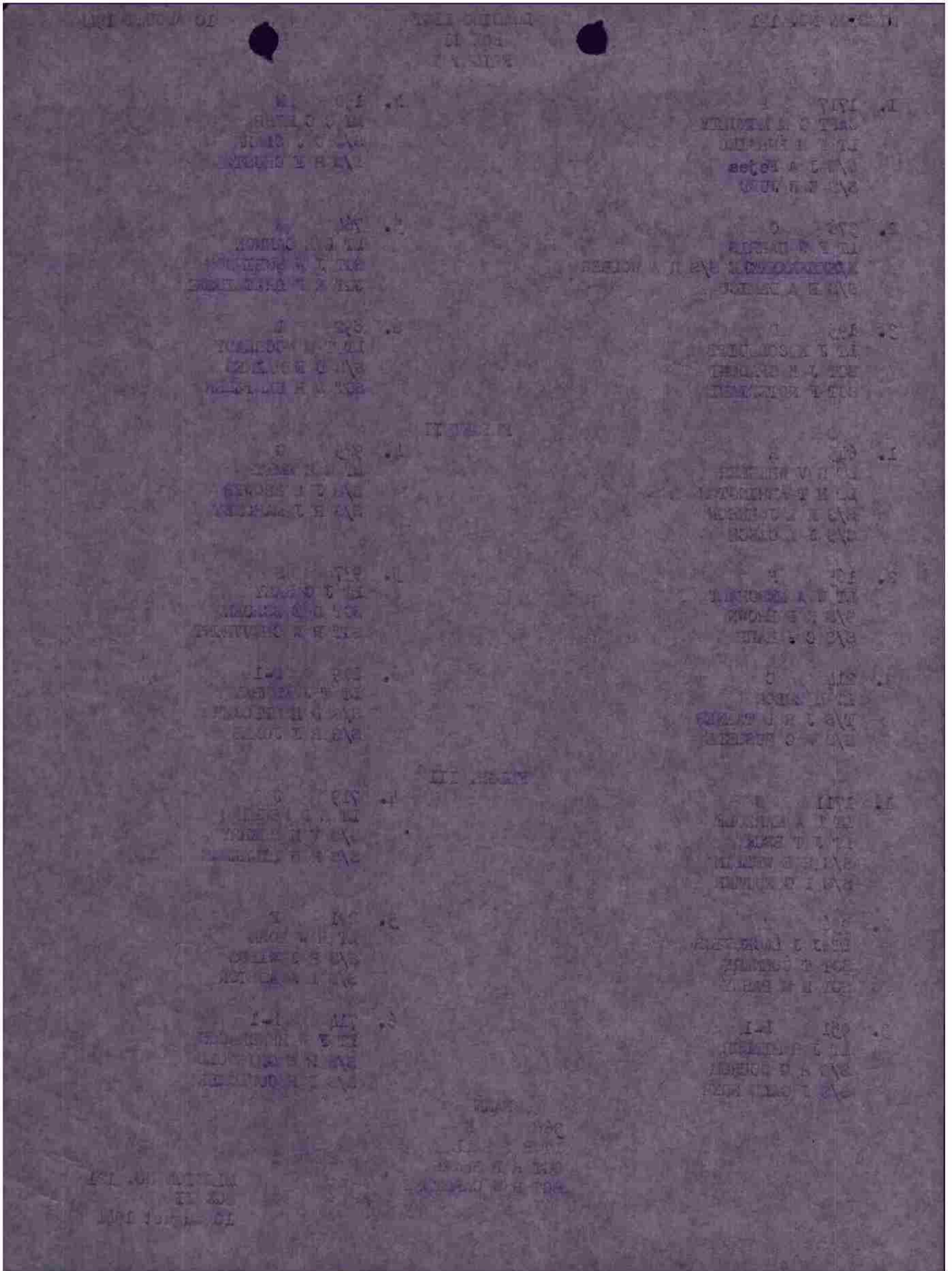
5. 221 F  
LT R W YORK ✓  
S/S H J WILDS ✓  
S/S L A ASHTON ✓

3. 951 F-1  
LT J H MILLER ✓  
S/S R G SCHROM ✓  
S/S J GALE NDER ✓

6. 714 N-1  
LT F W HENDERSON ✓  
S/S R M GRISWOLD ✓  
S/S P E COULOMBE ✓

SPARE  
368 K  
LT E P HALL ✓  
SGT R P SHARP ✓  
SGT R W CARSTENS ✓

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BOX II  
10 August 1944



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LOADING LIST  
BOX III  
FLIGHT I

10 AUGUST 1944

WINDOW

FLIGHT

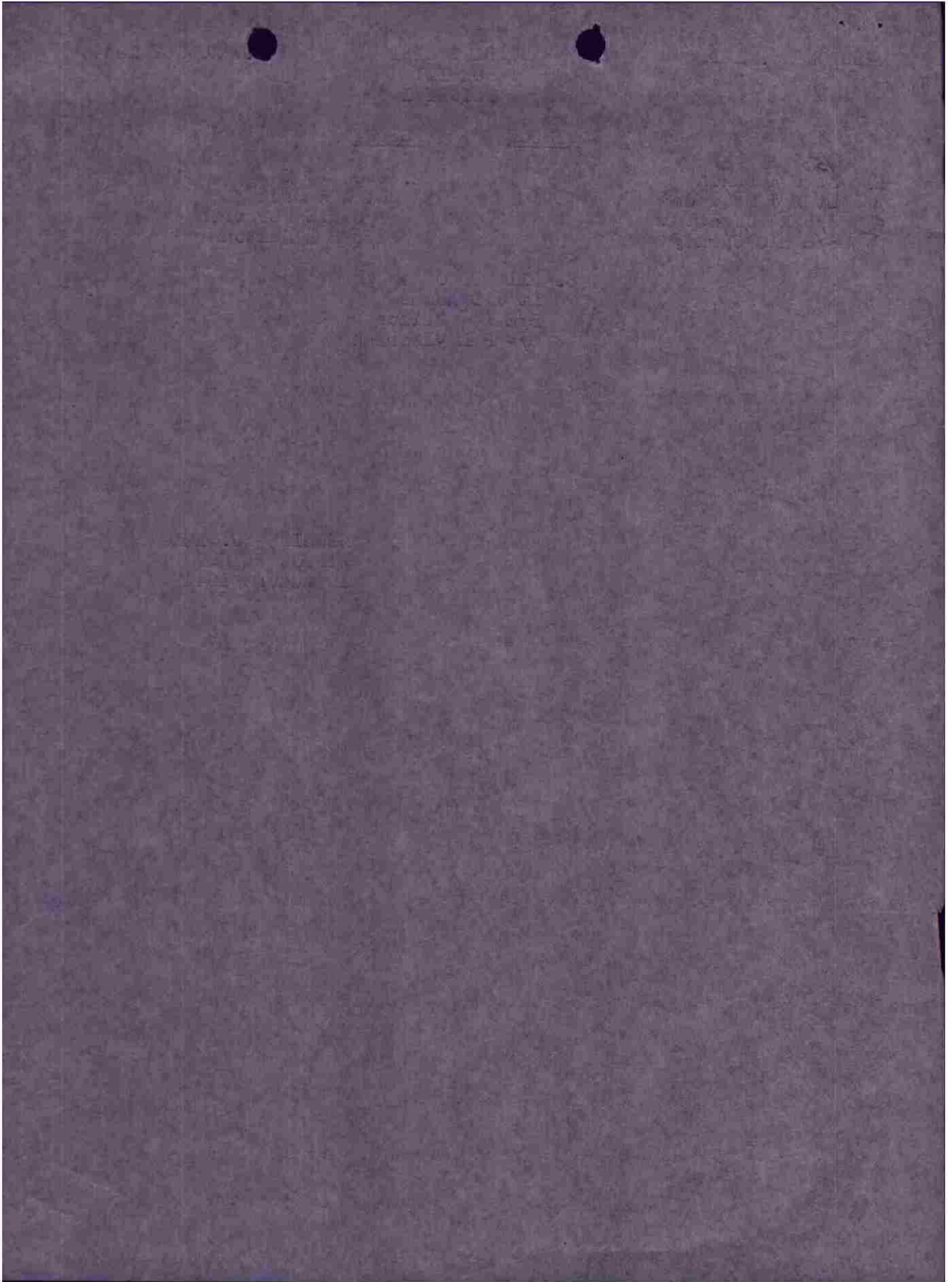
1. <sup>450</sup> <sup>S</sup>  
Lt E E DeMun  
Lt R J McGuade ✓  
S/S M Rosenstein  
S/S H O Carney

2. 840 V ✓  
Lt W A Peck ✓  
S/S A E Bergeron  
S/S H E Kelton

3. 211 O  
Lt J D Adams ✓  
S/S A J Zeikus  
S/S P L Clearman

MISSION NO. 121  
WINDOW FLIGHT  
10 August 1944

(✓)



*Cps*

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

APO 140  
10 August 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Overcast of stratocumulus at 2000 feet. Visibility 5 miles.

ROUTE OUT: 8-10/10 stratocumulus over England with large breaks in the London area. Base of low cloud was 1500-2000 feet with tops to 3000. 8-10/10 middle cloud over southern England with bases 6000 and tops 7-8000 breaking in mid-channel to 5-6/10. Low cloud broke over channel to 5-6/10 and remained 5-6/10 over Cherbourg peninsula but broke to 3-5/10 to the south. Visibility 6-8 miles over channel and France.

TARGET: 6-10/10 Stratocumulus with tops estimated 6000 feet. Very few breaks in target area.

ROUTE BACK: Same as route out.

BASE ON RETURN: 10/10 stratocumulus at 2000 feet with 3-4/10 at 1500 feet. Visibility 5 miles.

TIME OVER TARGET: 1147

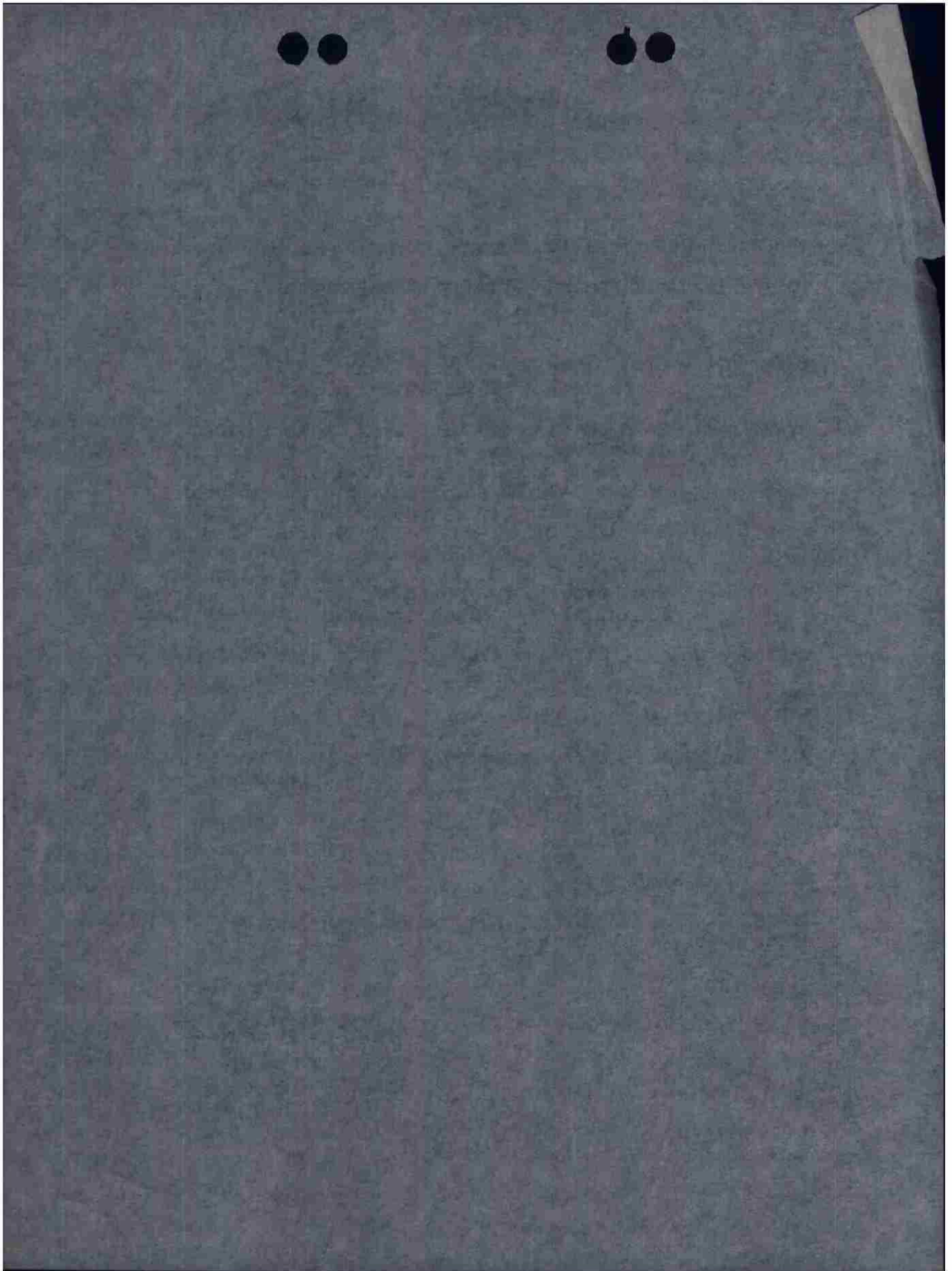
WINDS: As forecast.

EFFECT OF WEATHER ON BOMBING: Bombs could not be dropped due to cloud cover.

*Walter D. Castle*

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

CONFIDENTIAL



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-1

10 AUGUST 1944

PREPARED BY LT M A PAPE

A.

B. 1037

C. SELSEY BILL

D. BOX I R/T GASFIRE ONE

668 . . . . . 8<sup>5</sup> . . . . . J R B T L Z

669 . . . . . 8<sup>7</sup> . . . . . D Q G ~~E~~ A N C E

670 . . . . . 7 . . . . . Q-1 H G-1 F R-1 E (SIRE . . N-1)

GROUP LEADER . . . 668 . . . J

DEPUTY . . . 669 . . . D

BOX II R/T GASFIRE TWO

668 . . . . . 5 . . . . . P D N X L

671 . . . . . 12 . . . . . R H C G B D-1 S Z F-1 J F N-1

669 . . . . . 2 . . . . . O (SIRE . . K)

SECOND BOX LEADER . . . 668 . . . P

DEPUTY . . . 671 . . . R

BOX III R/T GASFIRE THREE

669 . . . . . 2 . . . . . S V

670 . . . . . 1 . . . . . O

LEADER . . . 669 . . . S

E. 12,000

F. PTE DE BAR FLEUR

G. ~~2000~~ 1055

H. 58 MINUTES

J. ELNOT

K. SELSEY BILL

L. 1215

M. 1. T.O. 0920 E.T.D. . 1005 E.T.A. . 1244

2. 35 A/G - 4 X 500 FRAGMENTATION

3 A/G - 4 X 500 G.P. INCLUDES TWO SPARES

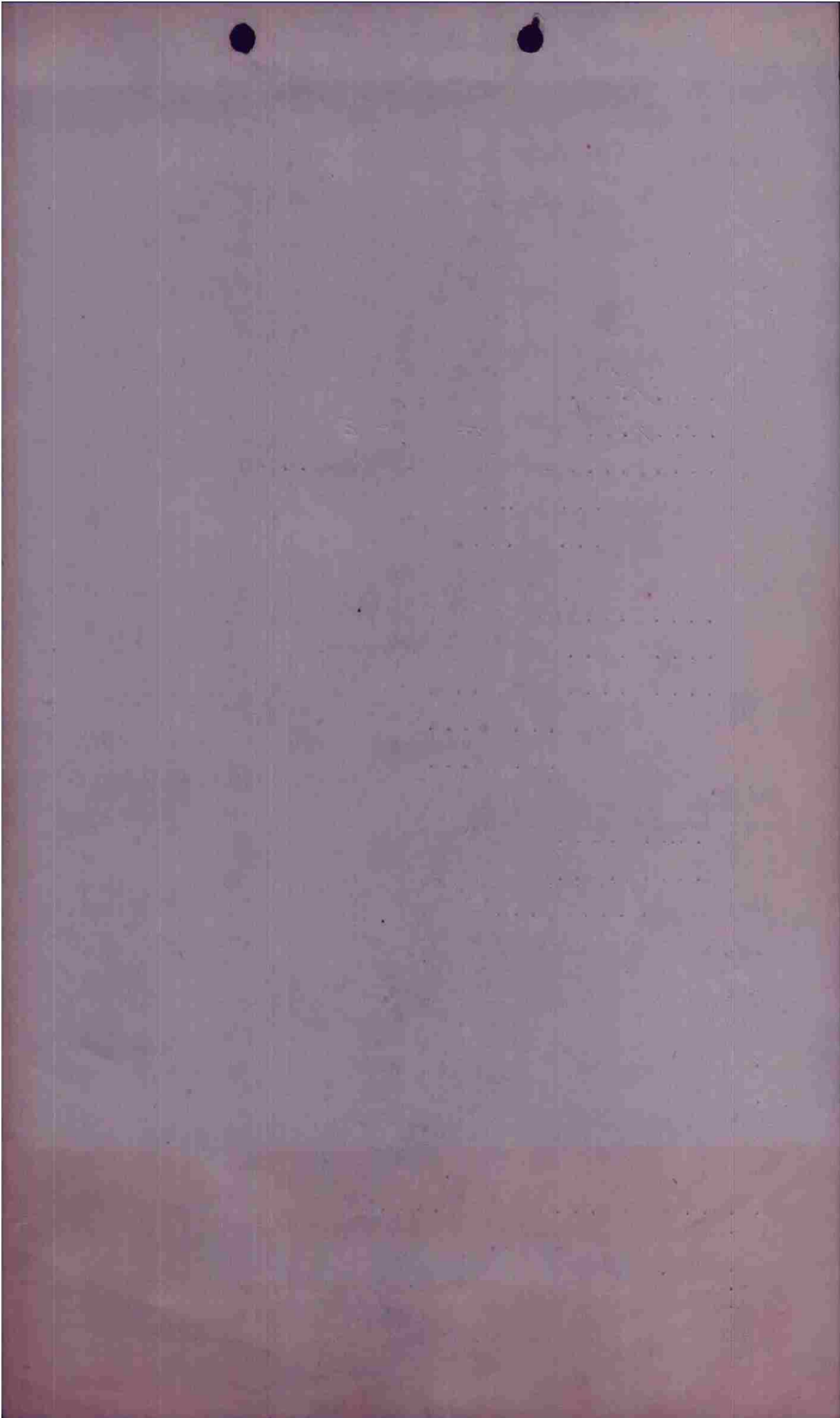
3. ~~49000/2~~ 4 HOURS

4. 49000/2

5. NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMBER 416

I certify that this is official business:



FIRST STRIKE REPORT

MISSION NO. 121

DATE 10 Aug 44

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

2. Bombing malfunctions (Argument - 92) None

3. Camera malfunctions (Photo Lab - 84) None

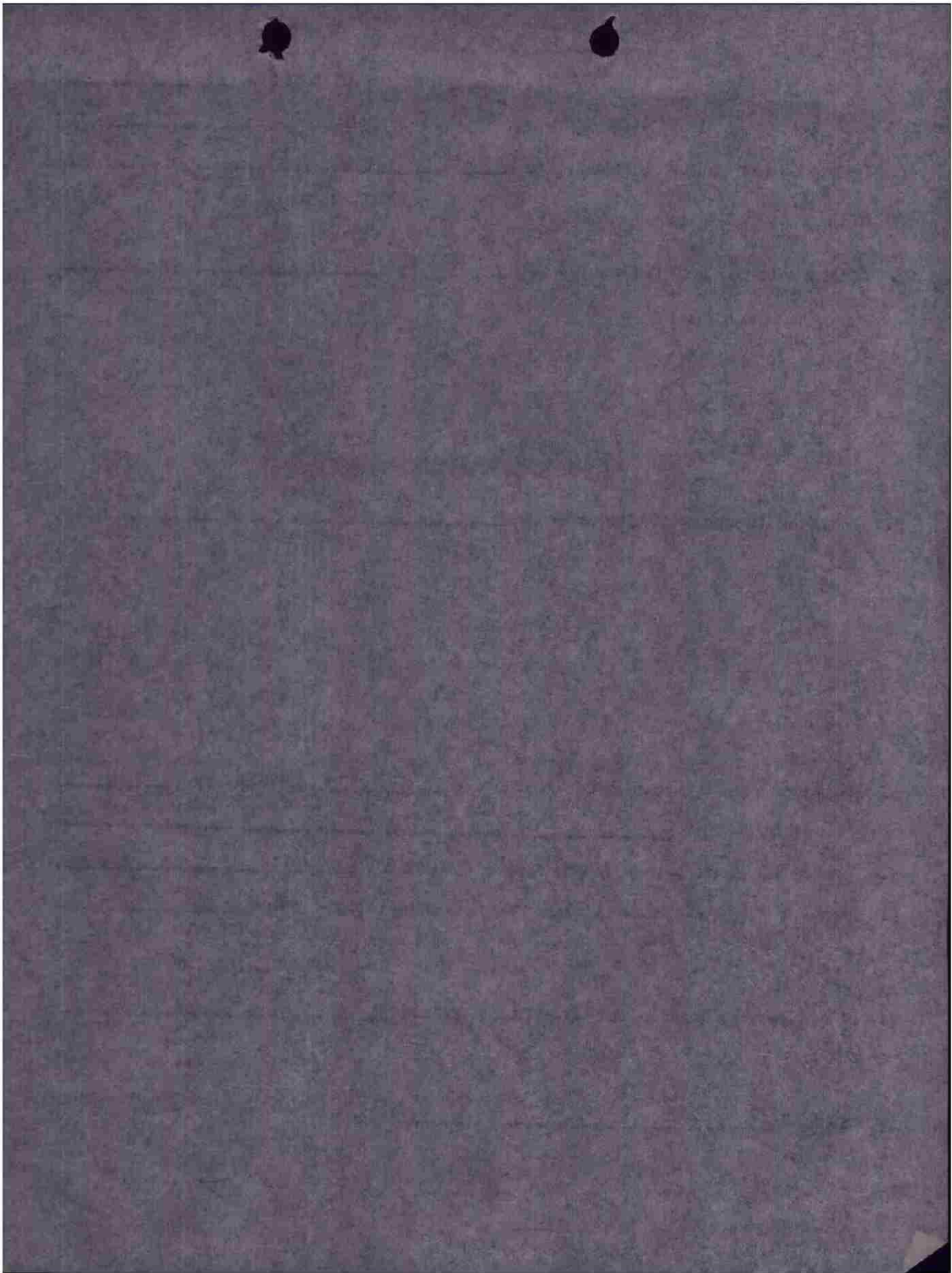
4. Number of planes Operational: Bomb Group 54 Service Group ✓  
Called to Wing Lt. Painter

5. Percent of Battle Damage (Intelligence - 68 or 174) None

6. Planes failing to become airborne or returning early - reason  
(Span) 380 - Spinning - not airborne - nose wheel churning  
(Span) 368 - Stall - did not get to target.

7. Planes lost or landing away from base - reason  
(Serial) 376 - Mechanical malfunction. Smoke coming from cockpit when east over Penicula, Bellard  
(Serial) Lt. Gaulton - landed at Northside.

No bombs dropped because of smoke over east over target.



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

FROM COBOMGR 416

TO COCBTWIG 97 ATT: SIG O

A - YS - 121

B - 10 AUGUST 1944

C - 38 A/C

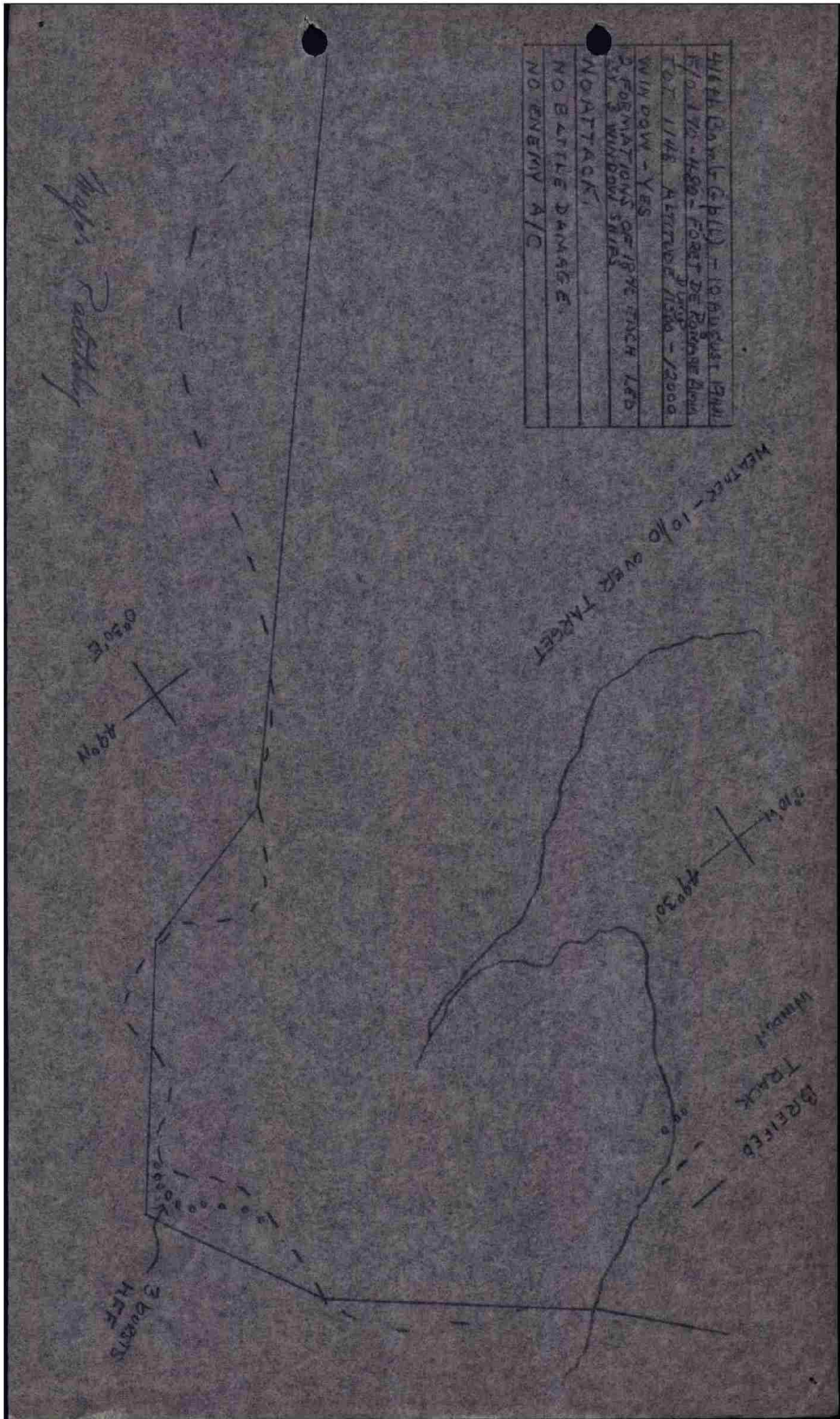
D - 670 - G - SHORT IN RADIO COMPASS, REPAIRED AND CHECKED OK.  
670 - H - SELECTOR SWITCH FAULTY, REPAIRED AND CHECKED OK.

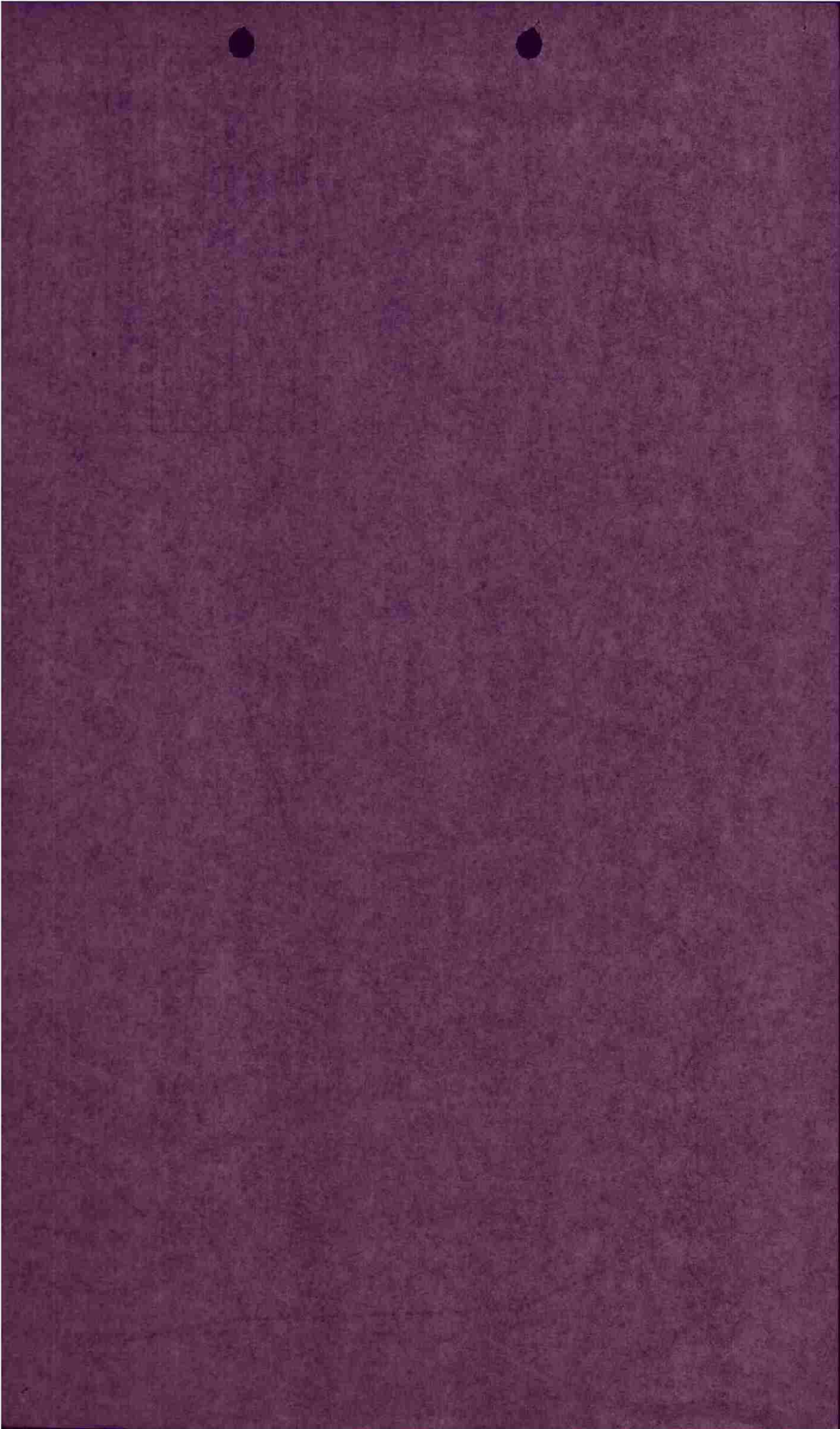
E - NO QDM'S. LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON USED.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

OFFICIAL:

DANIEL J. NOLAN  
1ST LT., AIR CORPS,  
SIGNAL OFFICER.



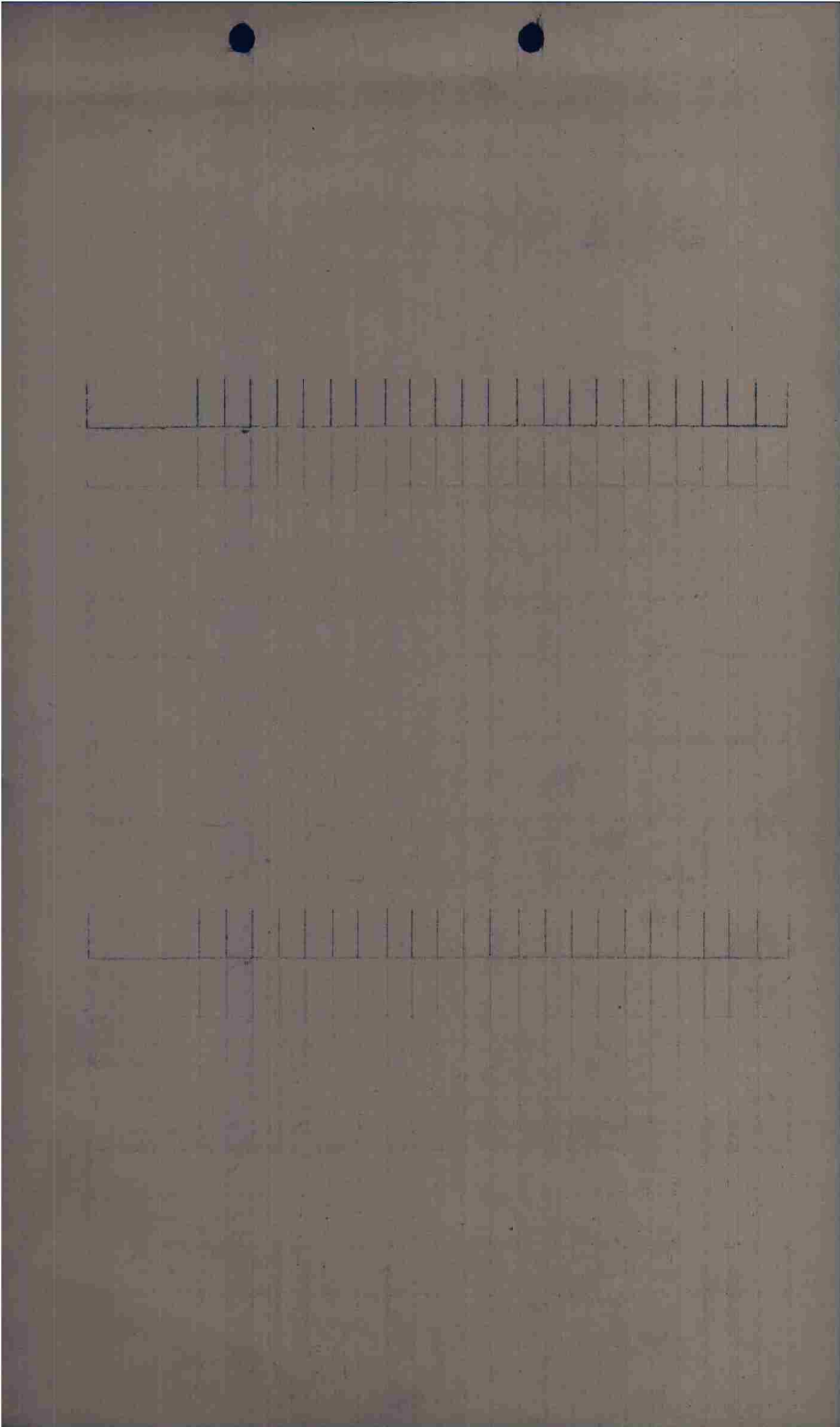


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Part I

AUG 10 1944

S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U L L O L O A D	B O L 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	J Rice	607		0941	Shelby	1143	607	Shelby			725	4	1302		
C	K	209	Enders	607		0941	Bell	Baytown		Bell			(7) 2000		1302		
A	B	480	J Rice			0942	1037	1651			1715				1302		
A	T	176	Bartman			0942	1200	1200			9000				1303	William's Bank	
B	F	9961	Wentworth			0943		No target							1304		
B	Z	760	Parker			0943				Bank					1303		
B	D	442	Walt			0945									1307		
B	Q	900	Butler & F			0944									1308		
B	G	159	Allen			0943									1307		
B	C	929	MacDermott			0943									1308	William's Bank	
B	A	181	Carroll			0944									1309		
B	N	761	J Rice			0946									1309		
C	R-1	452	Backer			0945									1304		
C	H	387	Pr. S. Baker			0945									1308		
C	B-1	759	Manderson			0945									1305		
C	F	227	Williamson			0946									1306	William's Bank	
C	R-1	674	Spencer			0946									1306		
C	F-1	224	Spencer			0946									1306		
C	N-1	380	Spaulding				No target			No target							

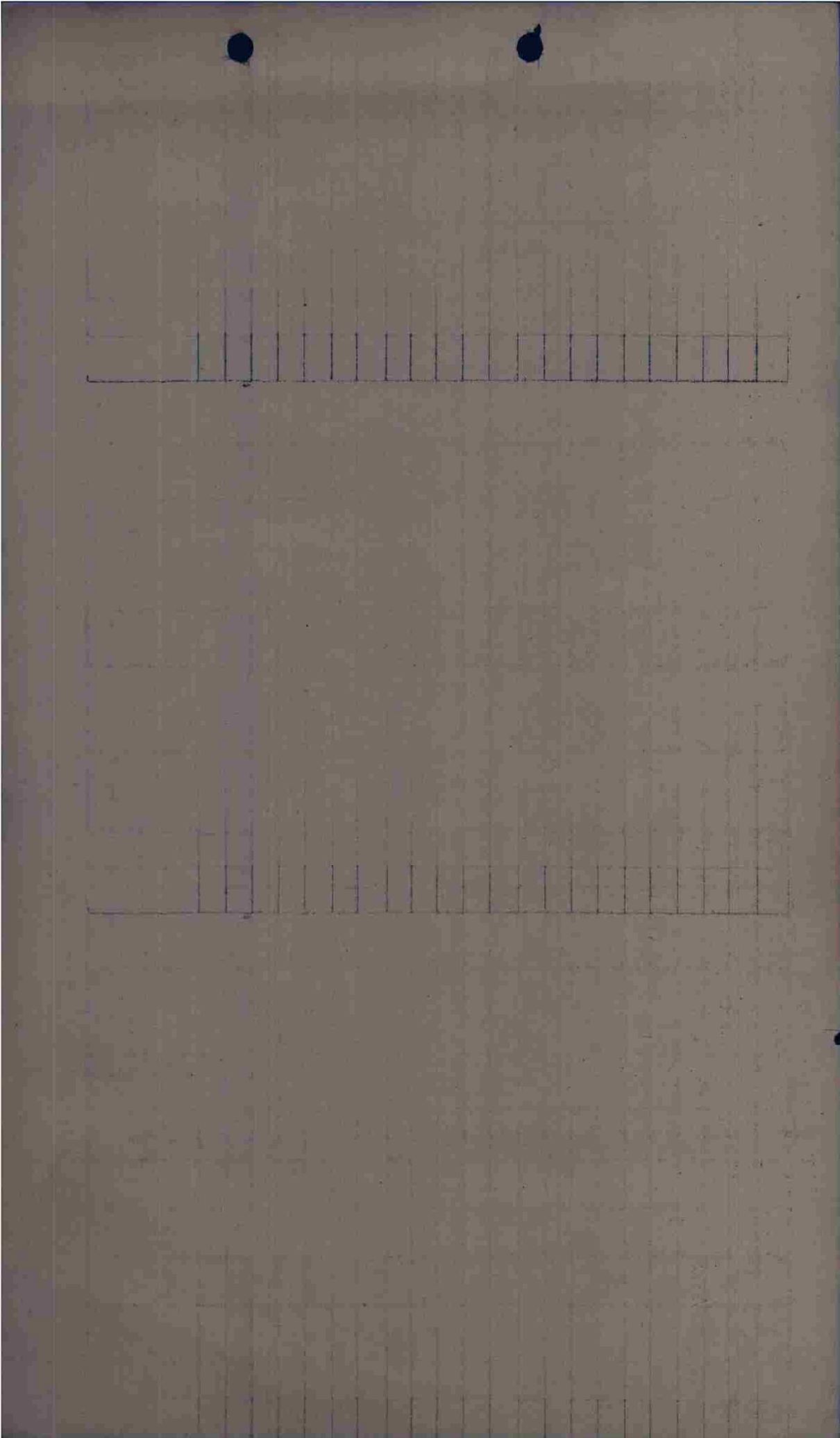


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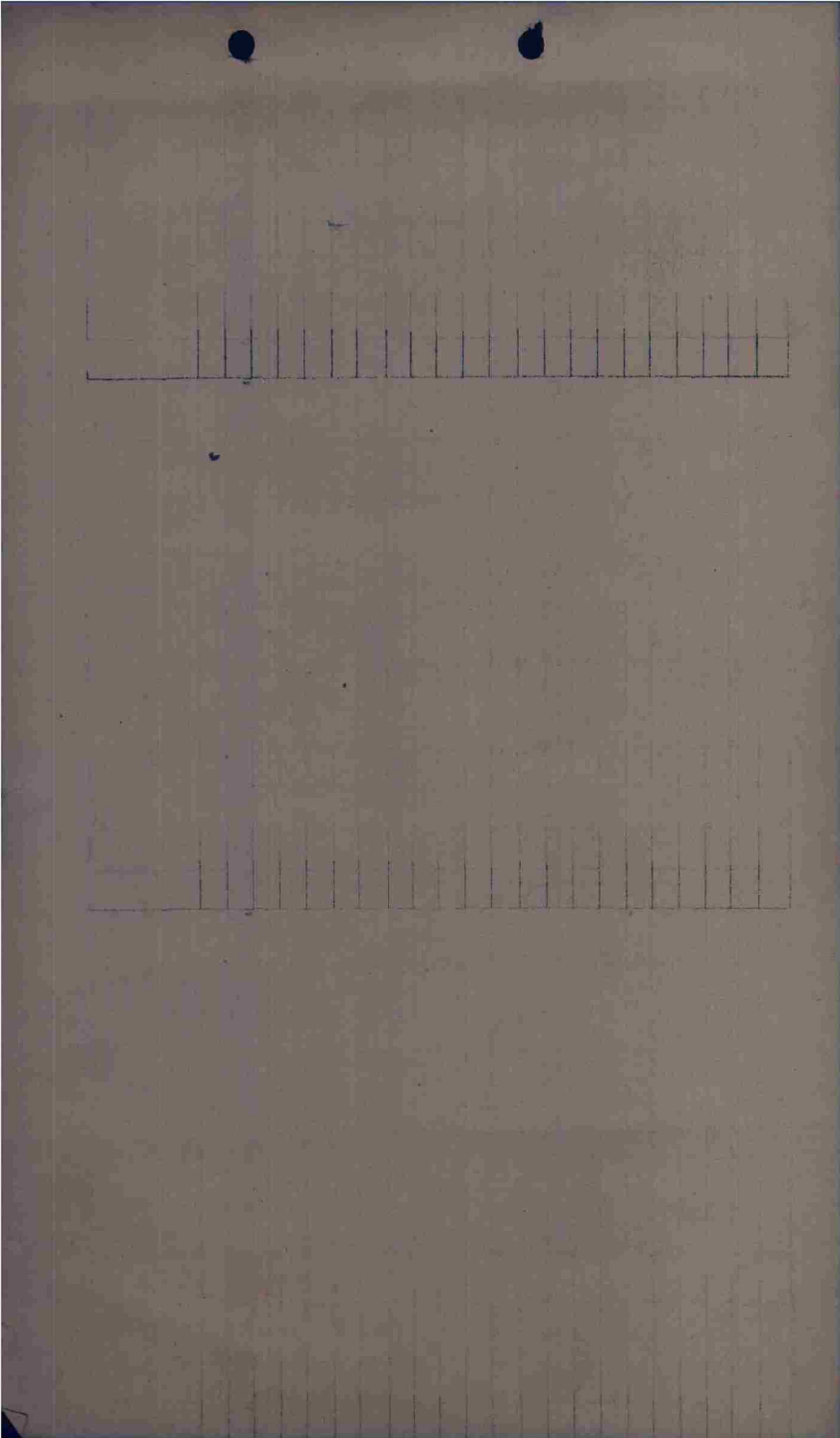
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A	P	717	Dr's Muelly			0947										1310	
A	P	376	Stammis			0948	Shores on E. 15									1310	
A	P	195	Calquist			0949										1311	Widener's Bank
A	N	150	Melal			0948										1310	
A	X	764	Comman			0949										1311	
C	L	892	McCue			0949										1311	
A	R	645	McKee			0949										1315	
A	H	165	Beckman			0949										1316	
A	E	214	Suban			0950										1315	
A	G	925	Smith R.H.			0950										1316	Widener's Bank
A	B	937	Bump			0950										1317	
A	D-1	219	Hubert			0950										1317	
A	S	1911	Wassell			0951										1312	
A	Z	956	Jackovich			0951										1312	
A	P1	951	Neen			0951										1312	
A	I	719	Shubert			0951										1313	
A	F	901	Spork			0952										1314	
A	M1	714	Widener			0952										1315	
A	K	368	Stace			0953										1109	No photos







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 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 10/0245B A-61-E  
 TO COMBOMCOM IX  
 COBOMGP 409TH (INFO)  
 COBOMGP 410TH  
 COBOMGP 416TH

385.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: LT. COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
 A P O - 140  
 10 AUGUST 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 170-480

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) NINTH T.A.C. WILL FURNISH P-38 ESCORT FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN FRANCE.

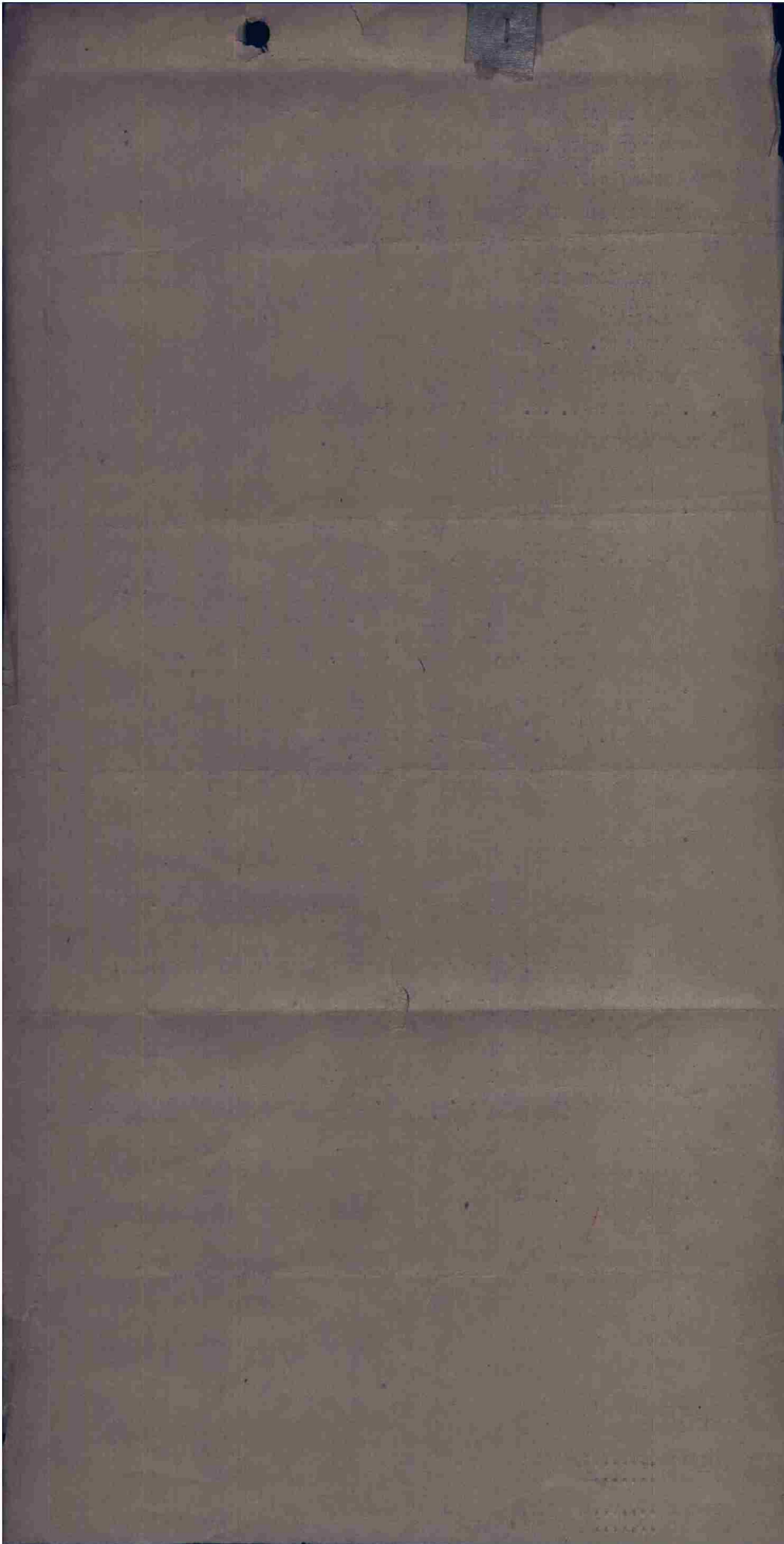
ZERO HOUR: 10/1030B

3. A. 410TH BOMB GROUP:
  - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4942N 0117W AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MIN.
  - (9) A.P. - ILL. 4900/46. TWO FLIGHTS ON REF. 025094; TWO FLIGHTS ON REF. 037098; AND TWO FLIGHTS ON REF. 045107. LEAD BOMBARDIER OF EACH FLIGHT WILL SALVO BOMBS ON A.P., REMAINING A/C DROP FIRST BOMB ON LEADER, REMAINDER AT 2 SEC. INTERVAL. TARGET AREA - 50 YARDS EITHER SIDE ROAD FROM REF. 025094 - 058118.
  - (10) 4 X 500 LB G.P. FUSED INST. NOSE, NON DELAY TAIL.
- B. 416TH BOMB GROUP:
  - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4942N 0117W AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 25 MIN.
  - (9) A.P. - ILL. 4900/46 - REF. 018091. LEAD BOMBARDIER OF EACH FLIGHT SALVO BOMBS ON A.P. REMAINING A/C DROP FIRST BOMB ON LEADER, REMAINDER AT MINIMUM INTERVAL. TARGET AREA IS WITHIN CIRCLE 300 YARDS RADIUS OF REF. 021097.
  - (10) 4 X 500 M-26 FRAGMENTATION CLUSTERS FUSED INST.
- X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE
  - (5) TARGET - 4900G/2
  - (6) A/C REQUIRED: TWO BOXES OF 18 BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
  - (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO MAIDENHEAD TO SELSEY BILL TO 4942N 0117W TO 4834N 0106W TO 4828N 0035W TO 4909N 0027E TO I.P. TO TARGET.
  - (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO 4948N 0028E TO SELSEY BILL TO MAIDENHEAD TO BASE.
  - (9) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE, DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 10,000 FEET. CROSS FRENCH COAST OUT AT BOMBING ALTITUDE.
  - (10) I.P. - 4912N 0043E
  - (11) AXIS OF ATTACK - GENERALLY SW TO NE.
  - (12) R.P. - 4937N 0050E
  - (13) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE BOMBED ON THIS MISSION.
  - (14) THE 410TH GROUP WILL TAKE OFF AT LEAST 10 MINUTES BEFORE THE 416TH GROUP.
  - (15) ONE GROUP OF B-26'S WILL ATTACK 4900G/2 ILL. 4900/46 - ANNOTATED AREA REF. 020020. APPROXIMATE TIME OVER TARGET ZERO HOUR PLUS 90 MINUTES. AXIS OF ATTACK GENERALLY SW TO NE.
4. NO CHANGE
5. COMMUNICATIONS:
  - B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:
    - (2) TABLESPOON
    - (3) JUDITH
  - C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:
    - (2) GASFIRE
    - (3) POKER
  - X. GENERAL INFORMATION:
    - (10) ABVT/ABVT

COCBTWIG 97

BT 10/0245B  
 LEG/RL AR

OIHAK R .....	10/0310B	JH	AR
OIGOF R .....	10/0310B	REW	A
OIYAA R .....	10/0310B	EJS	AR
OICOG R .....	100305B	RPG	AR



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GIGOF OIYAA V OILAI (INFO)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
 TO COBOMGR 419TH  
 COBOMGR 416TH

ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER

ADVANCED INFORMATION COPY OF PARA. 5 OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

- B. 419TH BOMB GROUP:
  - (2) TABLESPOON
  - (3) JUDITH
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:
  - (2) GASFIRE
  - (3) POKER
- X. GENERAL INFORMATION:
  - (10) ABVT/ABVT

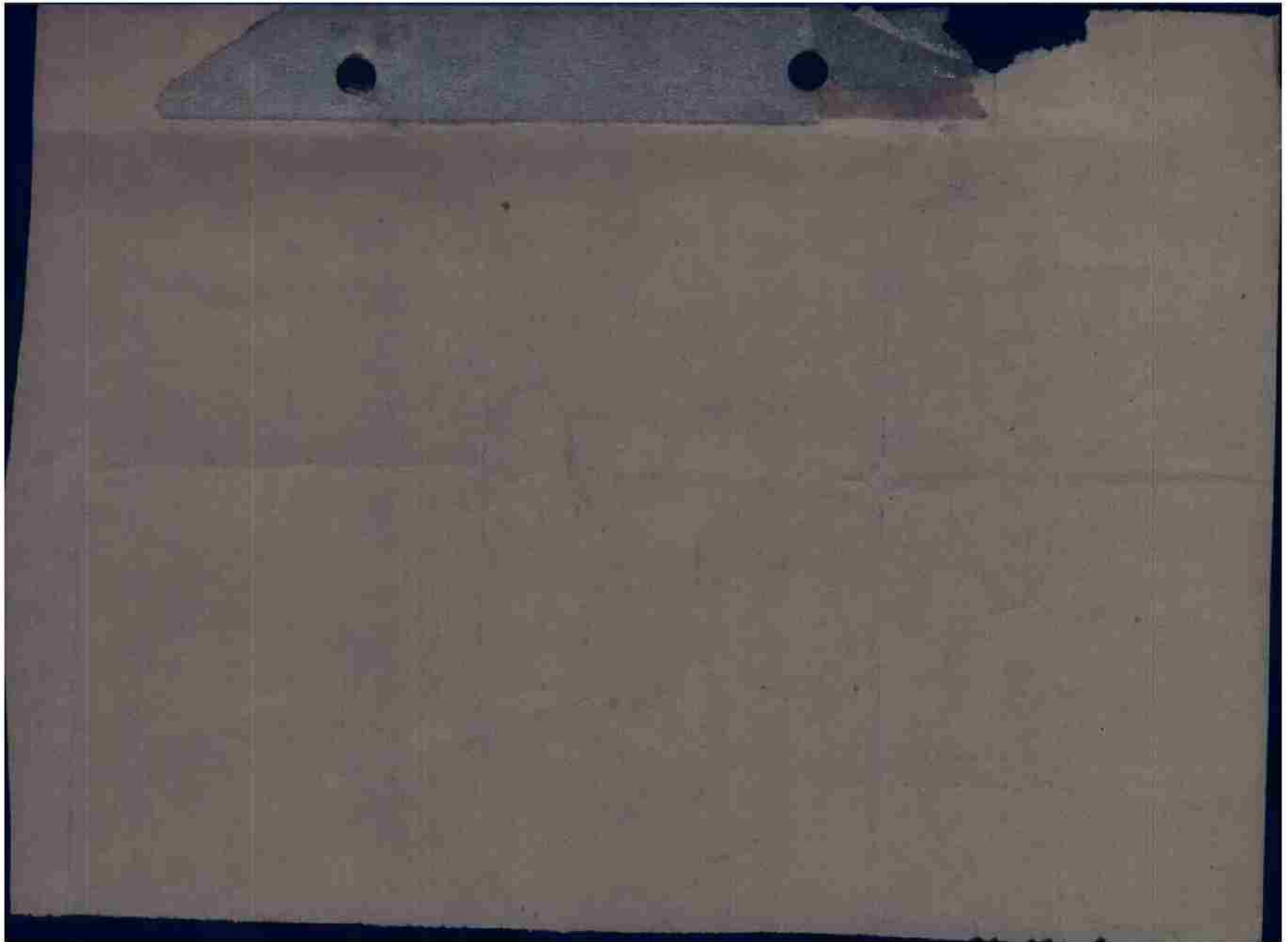
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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 10/1445B A-264-D  
TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2  
HQ 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY CONFIDENTIAL BT

OPFLASH NO. 120 FOR 10 AUGUST 44

- A. 1. FORET DE ROMARE AMMDUMP
- 2. NO ATTACK
- B. 1. 416TH BG
- 2. 39 A-20'S INCLUDING 7 A-20J'S AND 32 A-20G'S, 3 SHIPS CARRIED WINDOW ONLY.
- 3. NO ATTACK BECAUSE OF 10/10TH'S CLOUD OVER ENTIRE TARGET AREA.
- 4. NO ATTACK-  
1 A/C (376) NOT RETURNED. BELIEVED LANDED AWAY FROM BASE.
- C. 1. 0941
- 2. 1148
- 3. 1317
- D. 0-0-0  
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- E. NO ATTACK
- F. 1. (A) NIL  
(B) NIL
- 2. (A) NIL  
(B) KKKK
- G. SUPPLIES PILED IN ARGENTAN (U2718) M/Y AT 1126 HOURS FROM ARGENTAN TO BERNAY, HEAVY TRAFFIC ON ROADS MOSTLY IN XE SINGLES AND DOUBLES AT ABOUT 1130 - 1135 HOURS  
TWO TANKS MOVING EAST FROM ECOUCHE (U-1916) AT 1124 HOURS POSSIBLE MOTOR PARK IN WOODS AT (Q-4857) NOT FROM MANY REFLECTIONS AS FROM WINDSHIELDS OR METAL.  
4 BURSTS OF FLAK OBSERVED FAR OUT OF RANGE AT ROUEN (M-2015)
- H. 1. 10/10 EM CLOUD OVER TARGET. 2 LAYERS OF EM CLOUD WITH TOPS AT ABOUT 8000.
- 2. FROM BASE OF CHERBOURG PENINSULA EAST THE CLOUD BRAKS UP SLIGHTLY TO ABOUT 3/10 IN ST. HILAIRE AREA, THEN BUILDS UP TO NORTHEAST AND BECOMES SOLID OBER SEINE AND NORTH TO COAST.
- I. NO ATTACK - ALL BOMBS RETURNED.
- J. NO ATTACK

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