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HEADQUARTERS  
16TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)  
Office of the Commanding Officer

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By Authority  
CG Sta A-55  
9 October 1944  
Init. \_\_\_\_\_

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

SUBJECT: Report of Combat Mission.

TO : Commanding General, 97th Combat Bombardment Wing (L), APO 140,  
U. S. Army.

16th Bombardment Group (L)  
15th Combat Mission, 8 October 1944  
97th Combat Bombardment Wing (L) FO # 16-588

- 1. 38
- 2. 38
- 3. 38
- 4. None
- 5. 2
- 6. 43-10159

LT. D. W. Corrois Did not release. Pilot did not have bomb master switch on.

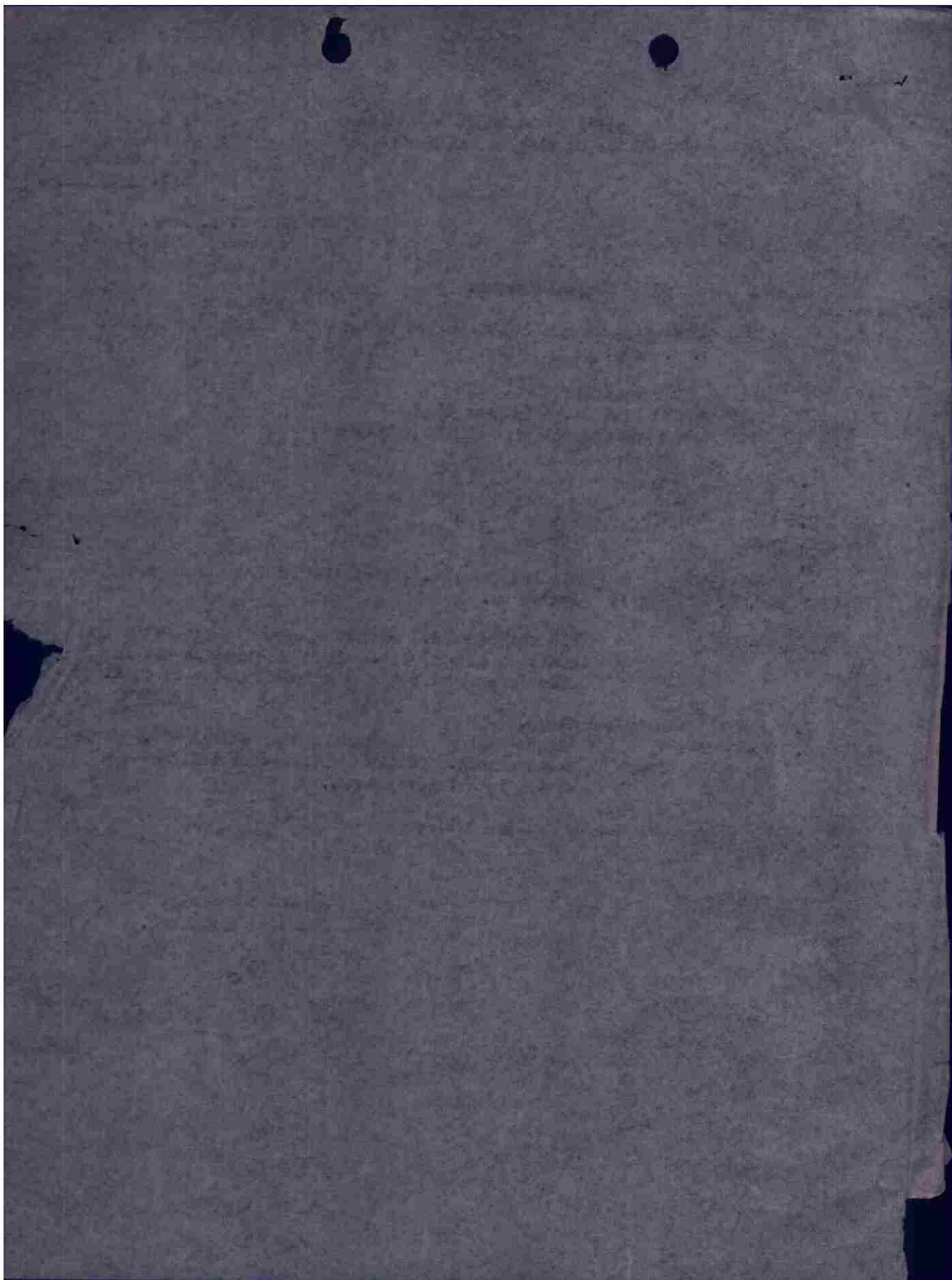
43-2963 Did not release. Bomb rack circuit breaker in trip position on bomb run. Short in junction box in pilot's control box of the bomb release circuit.

7. Same as paragraph 5 above.

8. 43-21819 Single-engine crash landing near strip A-66. Cause undetermined. Detailed information will be submitted in a future report.  
LT. E. E. Ersh

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHUBERT,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.



## S E C R E T

ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 528BOX 1, 512 1 GROUP 416 DATE 8 October 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Town of Limnich1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 100°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO x \_\_\_\_\_4. Did entire ~~crew~~ (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.

G-1 autopilot not used.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. V. H. Powell6. Name of lead Pilot: Major L. E. Dunn7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 206 Altitude: 120009. Length of bomb run: 10 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/40 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 36

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:

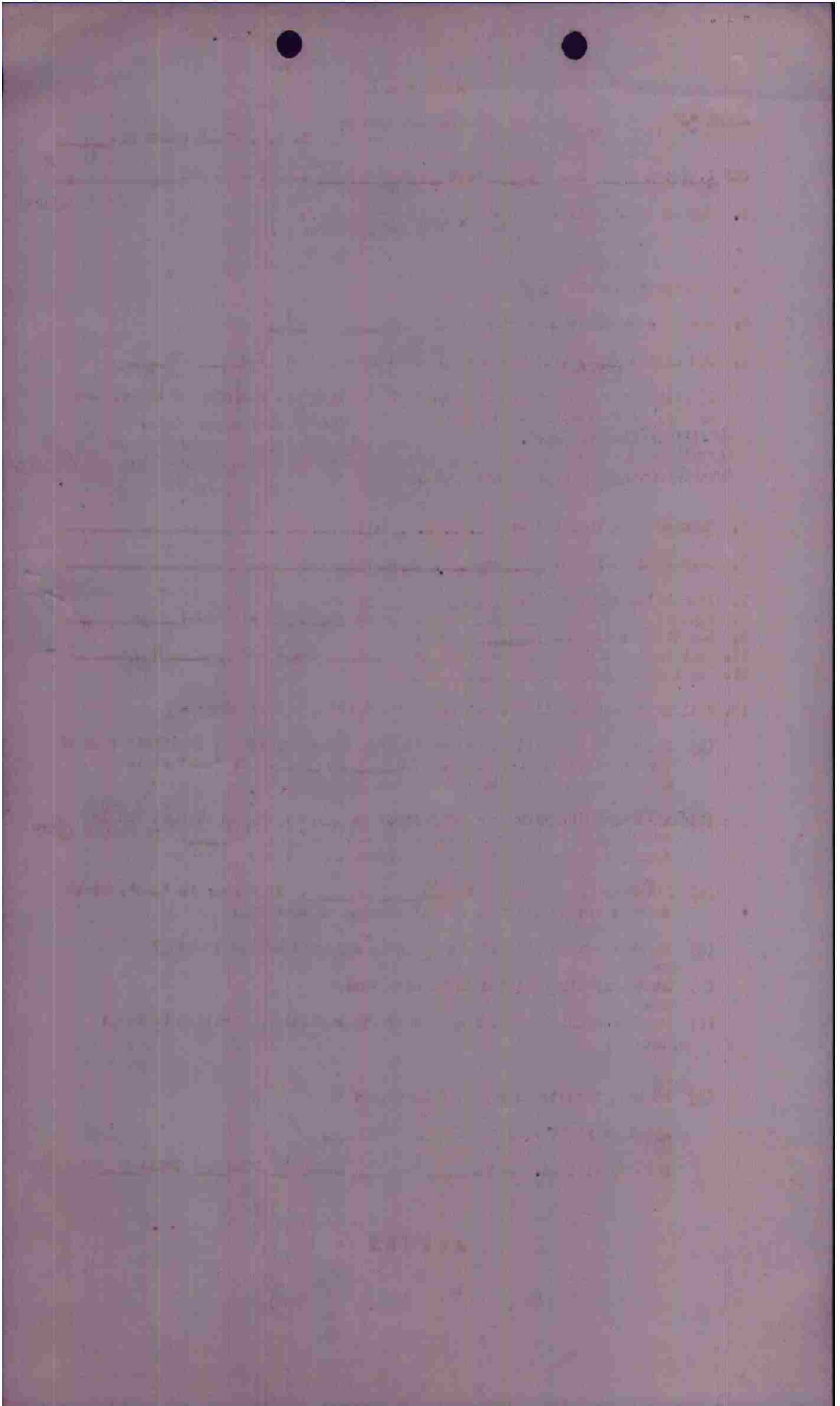
None

(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. 533BOX 1, 211-2 GROUP 416 DATE 8 October 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Sum of Linnich

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.
2. Bombing approach: 210°
3. Was mercury erection system used? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X
4. Did entire ~~mission~~ (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:

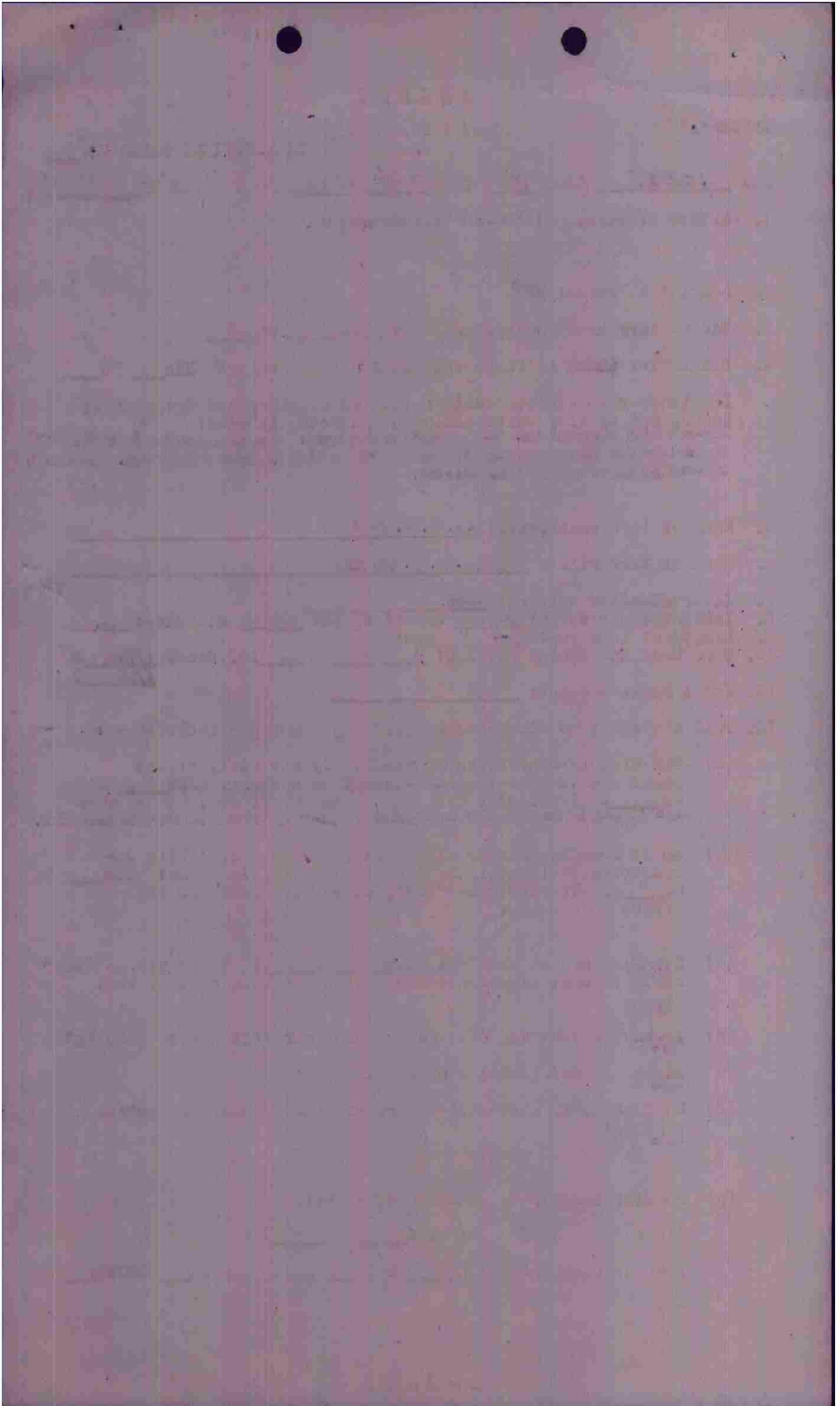
Pre-set with corrections. G-1 autopilot not used. Due to dense haze it was impossible for bombardier to pick up target in time to make a bomb run. Bombardier salvaged bombpost target as briefed.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. J. V. Hardy
6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. G. F. Bartman
7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 206 Altitude: 22,100
9. Length of bomb run: \_\_\_\_\_ Sec: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N  
1/40 T
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 32

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

- (a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_. If "YES" state conditions and effect. Due to dense haze it was impossible for bombardier to pick up target in time to make run.
- (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 EXCEL \_\_\_\_\_ GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR \_\_\_\_\_ POOR \_\_\_\_\_ GROSS \_\_\_\_\_  
EXCEL

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 538BOX 1, flt 9 GROUP 416 DATE 8 October 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Town of Linatch1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 100°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X4. Did entire ~~crew~~ (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.

C-1 autopilot not used. Due to dense haze it was impossible for bombardier to pick up target in time to make a run. Salvaged bombs past target a s briefed.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. J. J. Burg6. Name of lead Pilot: Lt. J. F. Neigher7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 300 Ground Speed: 206 Altitude: 115009. Length of bomb run: 10 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/40 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 42

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_. If "YES" state conditions and effect. Dense haze made it impossible to pick up target.

(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

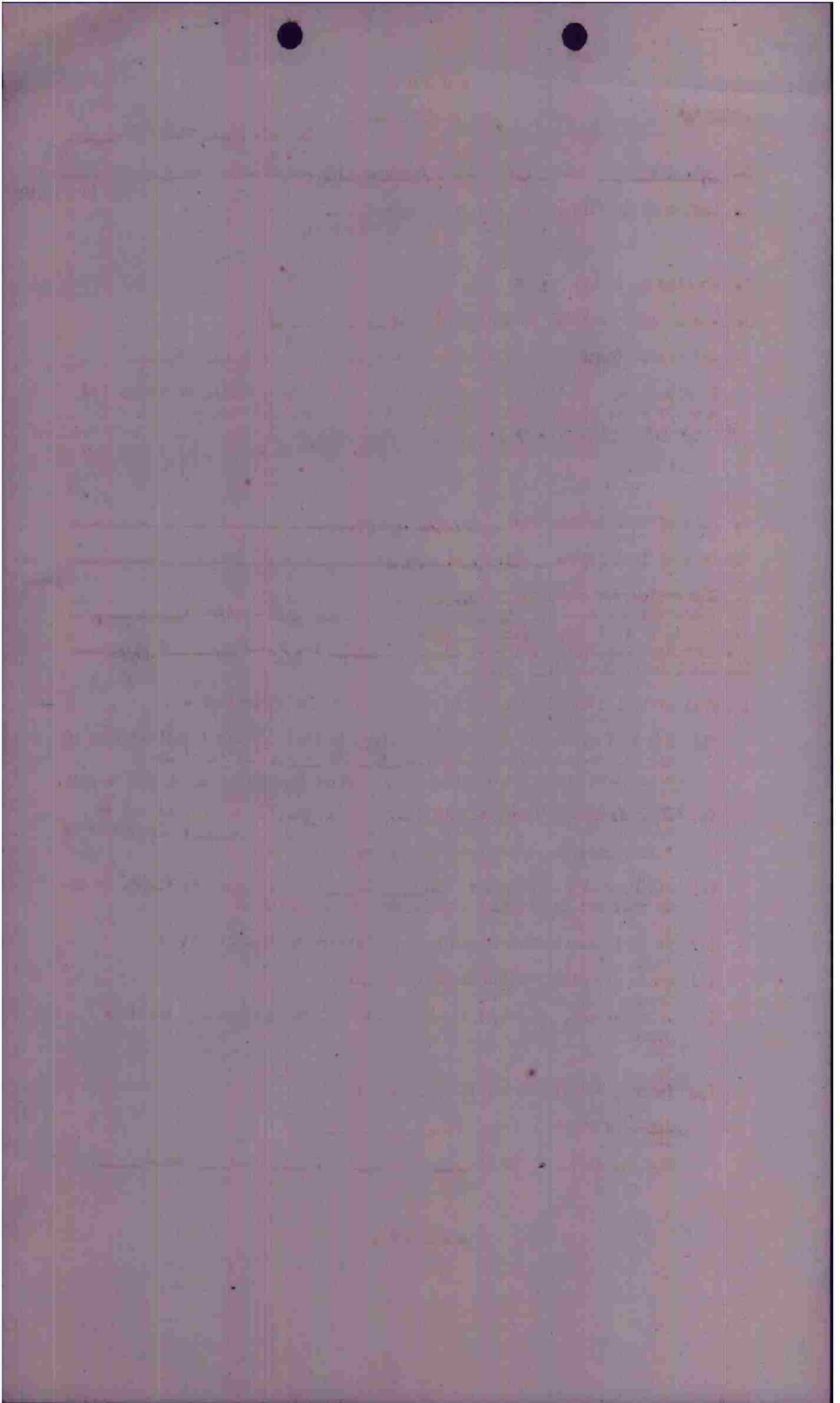
(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

Results claimed: EXCEL \_\_\_\_\_ GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR \_\_\_\_\_ POOR \_\_\_\_\_ GROSS \_\_\_\_\_

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B. C. FIELD ORDER NO. 588BOX 2, flt 1 GROUP 416 DATE 8 October 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Cam of Linnich1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 95°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X4. Did entire ~~(aircraft)~~ (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. C-1 autopilot not used.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. R. L. Nick6. Name of lead Pilot: Lt. H. A. Harrod7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 206 Altitude: 115009. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N1/10 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 34

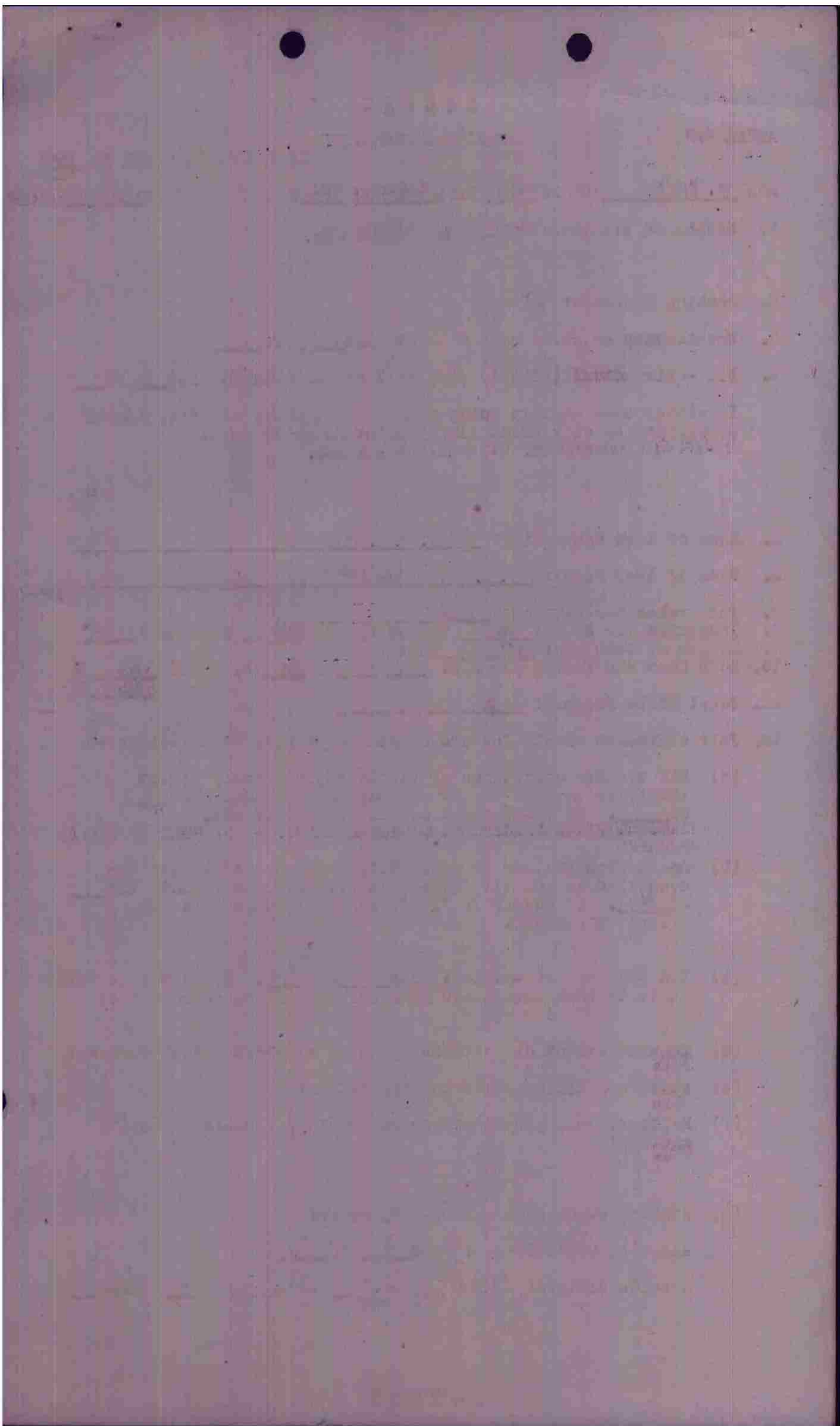
12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_. If "YES" state conditions and effect.  
Dense haze made it difficult to pick up target.(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 \_\_\_\_\_ POOR X GROSS \_\_\_\_\_

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 588BOX 2, fit 2 GROUP 416 DATE 8 October 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Town of Linnich1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 60°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO x4. Did entire ~~target~~ (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. C-1 autopilot not used.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. G. W. Jones6. Name of lead Pilot: Major J. G. Napier7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 206 Altitude: 11700

9. Length of bomb run: \_\_\_\_\_ Sec: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N  
1/40 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 22

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES x NO \_\_\_\_\_. If "YES" state conditions and effect.Dense haze made it impossible for bombardier to pick up target in time to make run.(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) None To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?(e) None State any difficulties on bombing run:(f) None Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

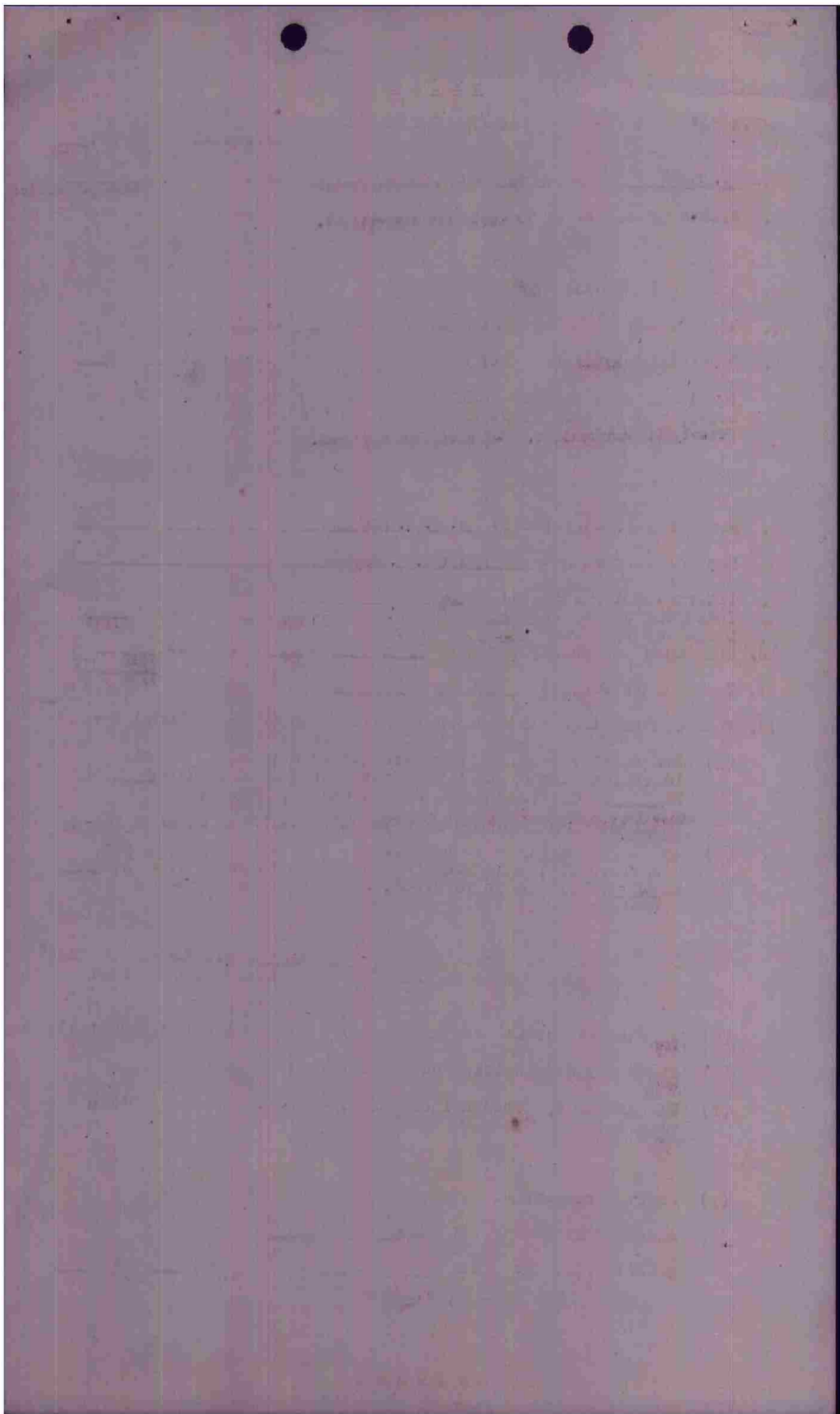
(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES x \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Results claimed: EXCEL \_\_\_\_\_ GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR \_\_\_\_\_ POOR \_\_\_\_\_ GROSS \_\_\_\_\_

END

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 538BOX 2, flt 9 GROUP 416 DATE 8 Oct 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Town of Linnich1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 100°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X4. Did entire ~~aircraft~~ (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. G-1 autopilot not used.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. R. H. Mitchell6. Name of lead Pilot: Lt. R. H. Greenley7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 206 Altitude: 120009. Length of bomb run: 10 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N  
1/40 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 42

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_. If "YES" state conditions and effect.  
Dense haze made it difficult to pick up target.

(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

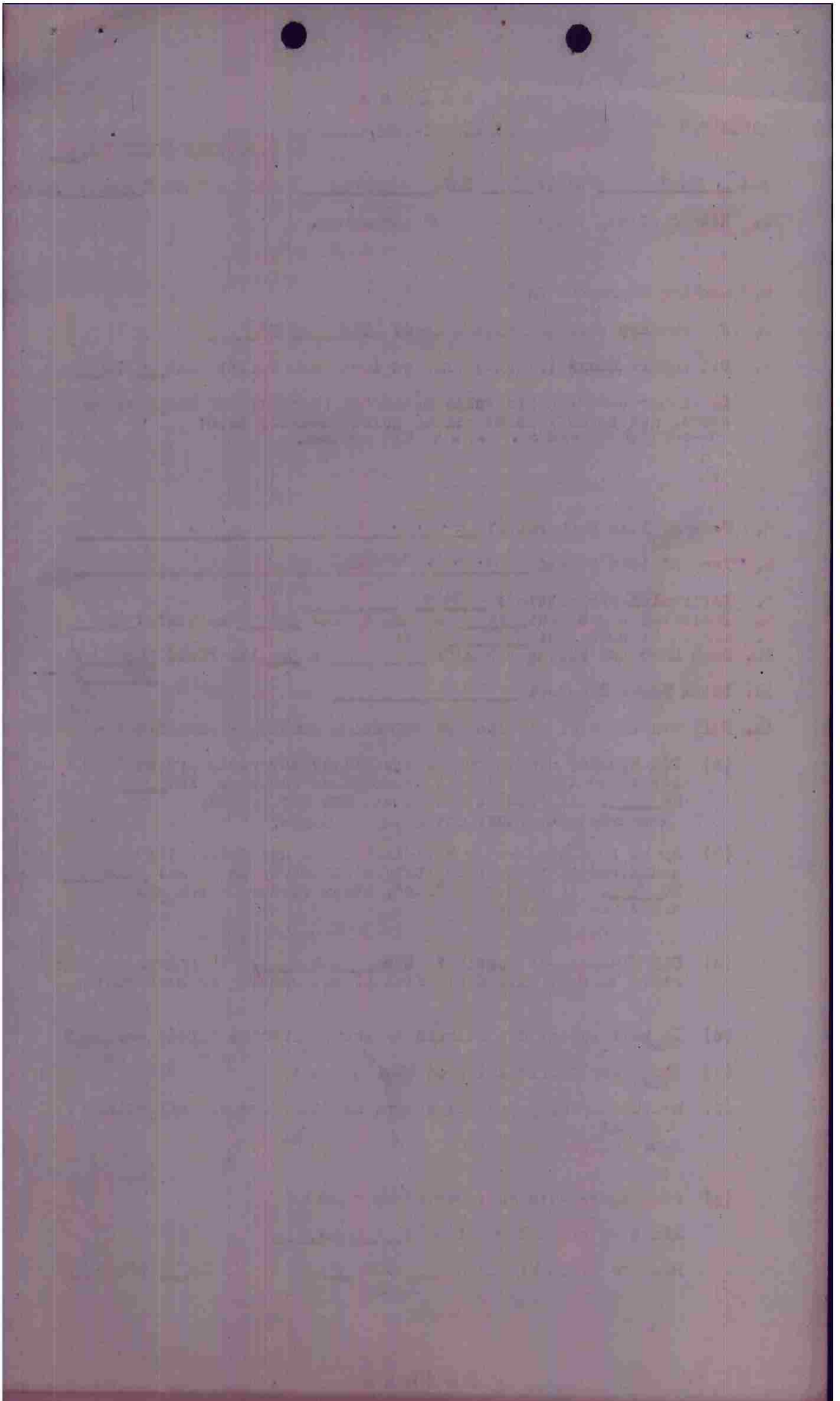
(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:  
None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

Results claimed: EXCEL \_\_\_\_\_ GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR \_\_\_\_\_ POOR \_\_\_\_\_ GROSS \_\_\_\_\_  
BAD X

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MISSION NO. 154

LOADING LIST  
BOX I  
FLIGHT I

8 OCTOBER 1944

1. 21063 A  
Major L.F. Dunn ✓  
C Lt. V.H. Powell ✓  
S/S R.F. Stobert ✓ *w/p 410* 2:45  
S/S F.P. Glynn

4. 9689 I  
C Lt. R.B. Singletary ✓ 2:50  
S/S H.G. Wiggins ✓ *w/p 450*  
S/S A.A. Cianciosi

2. 9750 M  
C Lt. W.B. Ostrander ✓ *37*  
S/S J.E. Wilson ✓ *w/p 475* 2:45  
S/S I. Binney

5. 9217 D  
C Lt. F.P. Barausky ✓  
S/S M. Hall ✓ *\* 400*  
S/S B.R. Wilson *w/p 2:45*

3. 9674 R  
C Lt. J.P. Hilleman ✓  
S/S E.F. Paules ✓ *\* 425* 2:50  
S/S L. Martinez *w/p*

6. 9720 F  
C Lt. H. Popeney ✓  
Sgt W.E. Arnett ✓ *w/p 380* 2:45  
Sgt HCS Candler

FLIGHT II

1. 10125 M-1  
A Capt. G.F. Bartemis ✓  
Lt. J.F. Hardy ✓ *w/p 360* 2:50  
S/S C.H. Yost  
S/S R.W. Burch

4. 9907 O  
A Lt. G. Ebenstein ✓ *450* 2:50  
Sgt S.P. Newell ✓ *w/p*  
S/S L.M. Daugherty

2. 1819 K  
A Lt. E.B. Kreh ✓ *\* w/p correct landing gear strip a-68*  
S/S D.R. Schenck ✓ *37*  
S/S E. Shelton

5. 10150 N  
A Lt. J.W. Wright ✓ 2:50  
Sgt P.J. Profita ✓ *w/p 410*  
Sgt J.R. Simmonds

3. 9194 O  
A Lt. R.D. Leshner ✓ *420* 2:50  
Sgt S.L. Heitell ✓ *pub*  
S/S D. Hantske

6. 21764 X  
A Lt. L.E. Cannon ✓ *410* 2:50  
Sgt J.W. Robinson ✓ *\* w/p*  
Sgt E.P. Brzezinski

FLIGHT III

1. 10135 T  
B Lt. J.F. Meagher ✓ *w/p*  
Lt. J.J. Burg ✓ *420*  
Sgt J.H. Roberts ✓ 2:45  
Sgt D.M. Brown

4. 10226 E  
A Lt. R.G. Meredith ✓ 2:45  
S/S A.A. Hill ✓ *w/p 540*  
S/S R.W. MacDonald

2. 9195 D-1  
A Lt. R.R. Svenson ✓ *47*  
S/S P.G. Fild ✓ *\* w/p 370* 2:45  
S/S G.F. Pfennig

5. 21809 A-1  
A Lt. P.E. Parker ✓ 2:45  
Sgt A.F. Galloway ✓ *w/p 450*  
Sgt S. Kochan

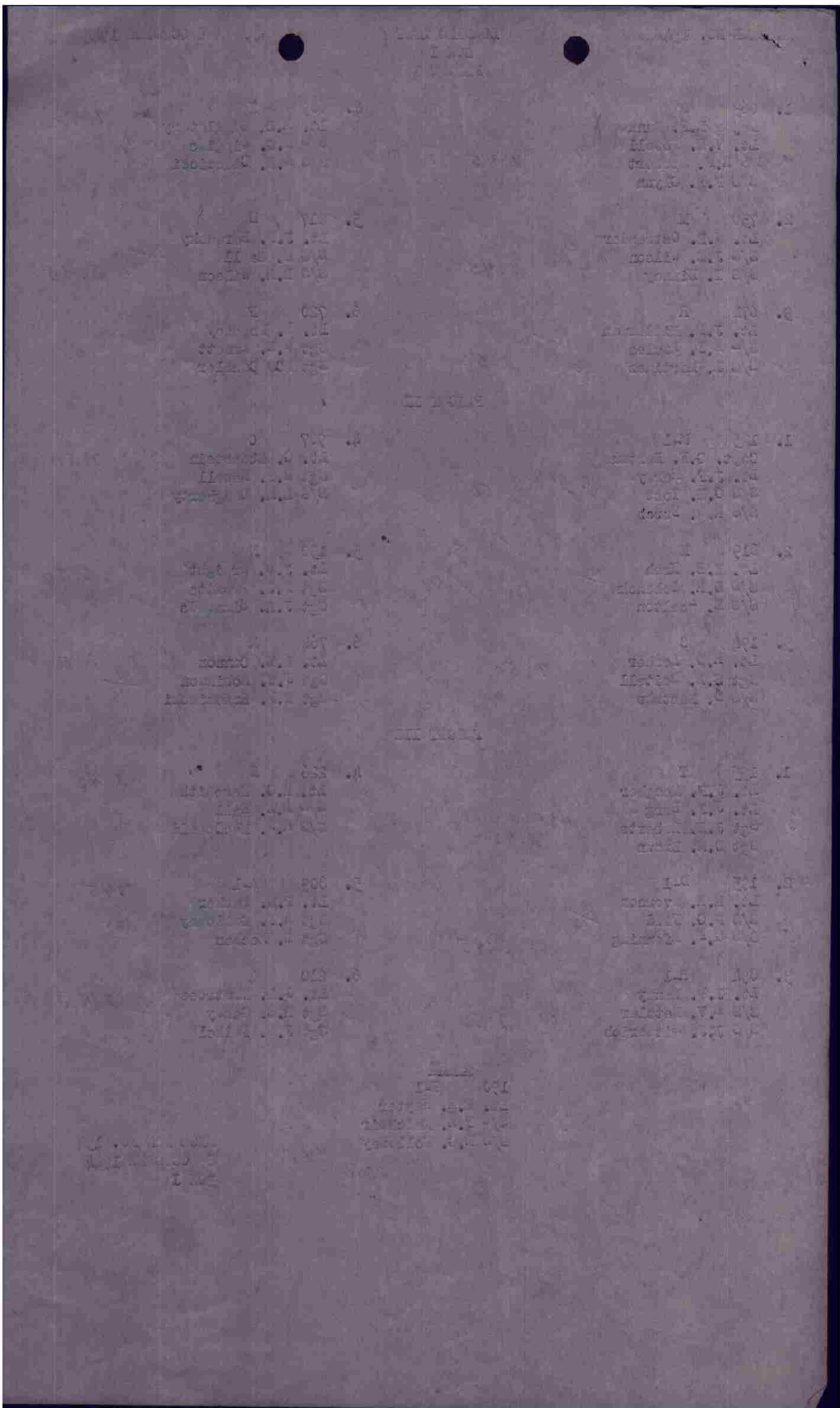
3. 9894 R-1  
A Lt. J.P. Kenny ✓ *w/p*  
S/S L.V. Metzler ✓ *460* 2:50 *pub*  
S/S J.J. Sittarich

6. 10210 Q  
A Lt. J.H. Montrose ✓ *w/p* 2:45  
Sgt R.S. Gandy ✓ *\* 400*  
Sgt J.W. Felkel

EXTRA

10190 I-1  
B Lt. E.R. Hayter ✓ *w/p*  
S/S F.E. Melchoir ✓ *442*  
S/S R.G. Holloway ✓ 2:50

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MISSION NO. 154

LOADING LIST  
BOX II  
FLIGHT I

8 OCTOBER 1944

1. 9439 J  
Lt. H.A. Monroe ✓  
Lt. R.L. Kirk ✓  
S/S W.L. Kidd ✓  
S/S S. Risko ✓  
2:50

4. 9207 B  
Lt. C.L. McGlohn ✓  
S/S J.O. Ottaviano ✓  
S/S P.B. Driskill ✓  
W/R \* 470  
2:50

2. 21810 F  
Lt. N.G. Brown ✓  
Sgt S.J. Majewski ✓  
S/S A. Teran ✓  
W/R \* 400  
2:50

5. 9892 L  
Lt. E.O. Turner ✓  
Sgt J. Seinkiewicz ✓  
Sgt J.O. Belcas ✓  
W/R 460  
2:50

3. 9380 N  
Lt. E.L. Johnson ✓  
S/S W.V. Donahue ✓  
S/S L.F. Goggia ✓  
W/R 400  
2:50

6. 10187 H  
Lt. J.R. Sparling ✓  
Sgt C.D. Harmon ✓  
S/S L.L. Leahigh ✓  
W/R 400  
2:50

FLIGHT II

1. 9442 D  
Major J.G. Napier ✓  
Lt. C.W. Jones ✓  
Pvt. H.W. Perkins ✓  
S/S H.T. Hodgson ✓  
W/R 360  
2:50

4. 9202 B-1  
Lt. P.F.E. MacManus ✓  
S/S J.L. Rogers ✓  
S/S G.I. Fleischmann ✓  
W/R 2:50  
460

2. 10159 G  
Lt. D.W. Sorrels ✓  
Sgt W.W. Donnelly ✓  
Sgt C.J. Kruger ✓  
W/R 400  
2:50

5. 9376 O  
Lt. R.B. Robertson ✓  
S/S M.W. Cheney ✓  
Sgt G.E. Reiter ✓  
355  
2:50

3. 9743 W  
Lt. W.H. Land ✓  
S/S D.R. Abriola ✓  
Sgt V.F. Fair ✓  
W/R \* 370  
2:50

6. 9963 L-1  
Lt. J.W. Kehoe ✓  
Cpl E.A. Arenat ✓  
Pvt L.L. Richardson ✓  
W/R \* 420  
2:50

FLIGHT III

1. 2065 E  
Lt. R.E. Greenle y ✓  
Lt. R.H. Mitchell ✓  
S/S V.N. Sherry ✓  
S/S J.J. Rzepka ✓  
W/R 430  
2:50

4. 9493 V  
Lt. R.H. Smith ✓  
S/S R.J. Mahoney ✓  
S/S H.R. Davis ✓  
W/R 375  
2:50

2. 10200 F  
Lt. M. Zubon ✓  
S/S H.T. Best ✓  
S/S R.H. Linneman ✓  
W/R \* 450  
2:50

5. 9719 J-1  
Lt. F.W. Henderson ✓  
S/S R.M. Griswold ✓  
S/S P.E. Coulombe ✓  
W/R \* 460  
2:50

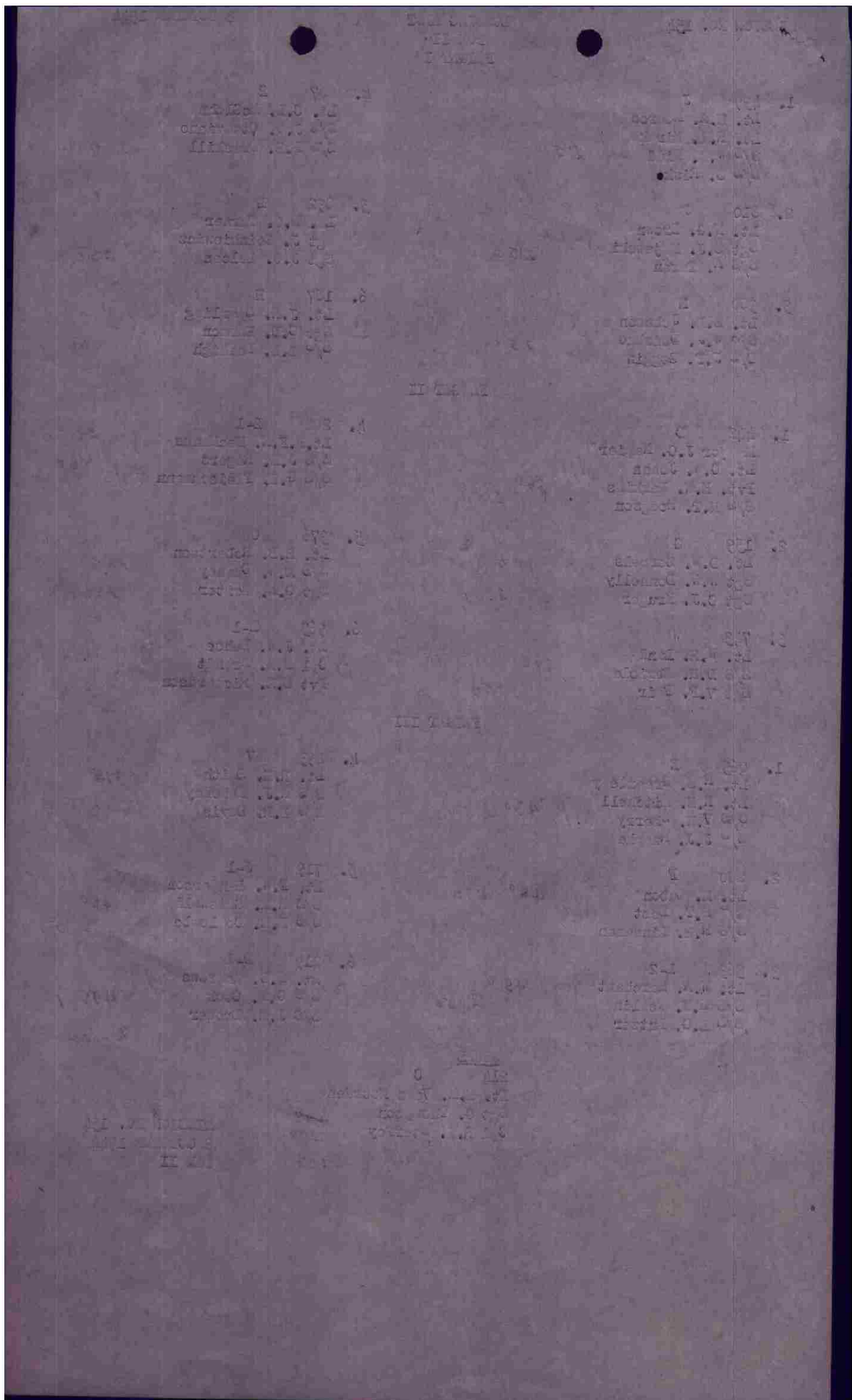
3. 9363 L-2  
Lt. W.A. Merchant ✓  
S/S H.E. Wellin ✓  
S/S L.G. Kutzer ✓  
W/R \* 450  
2:50

6. 9219 D-1  
Lt. H.D. Andrews ✓  
S/S G.M. Cook ✓  
S/S J.S. Brower ✓  
W/R 495  
2:50

SPARE

10214 C  
Lt. H.M. Van Noorden ✓  
Sgt G. Thompson ✓  
Cpl R.I. Steffey ✓  
W/R 400  
2:50

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8 OCTOBER 1944  
BOX II



POST MISSION REPORT

MISSION NO. 154  
DATE 8 October 1947

1. NUMBER OF MEN WOUNDED (MEDICS - 16) None

2. BOMBING MALFUNCTIONS (ARMAMENT - 92) 2.  
963- Sq. B. - Kiboko - Rock malfunction  
159- Sq. B. - Sovula - master switch not turned on

3. CAMERA MALFUNCTIONS (PHOTO LAB - 84) None

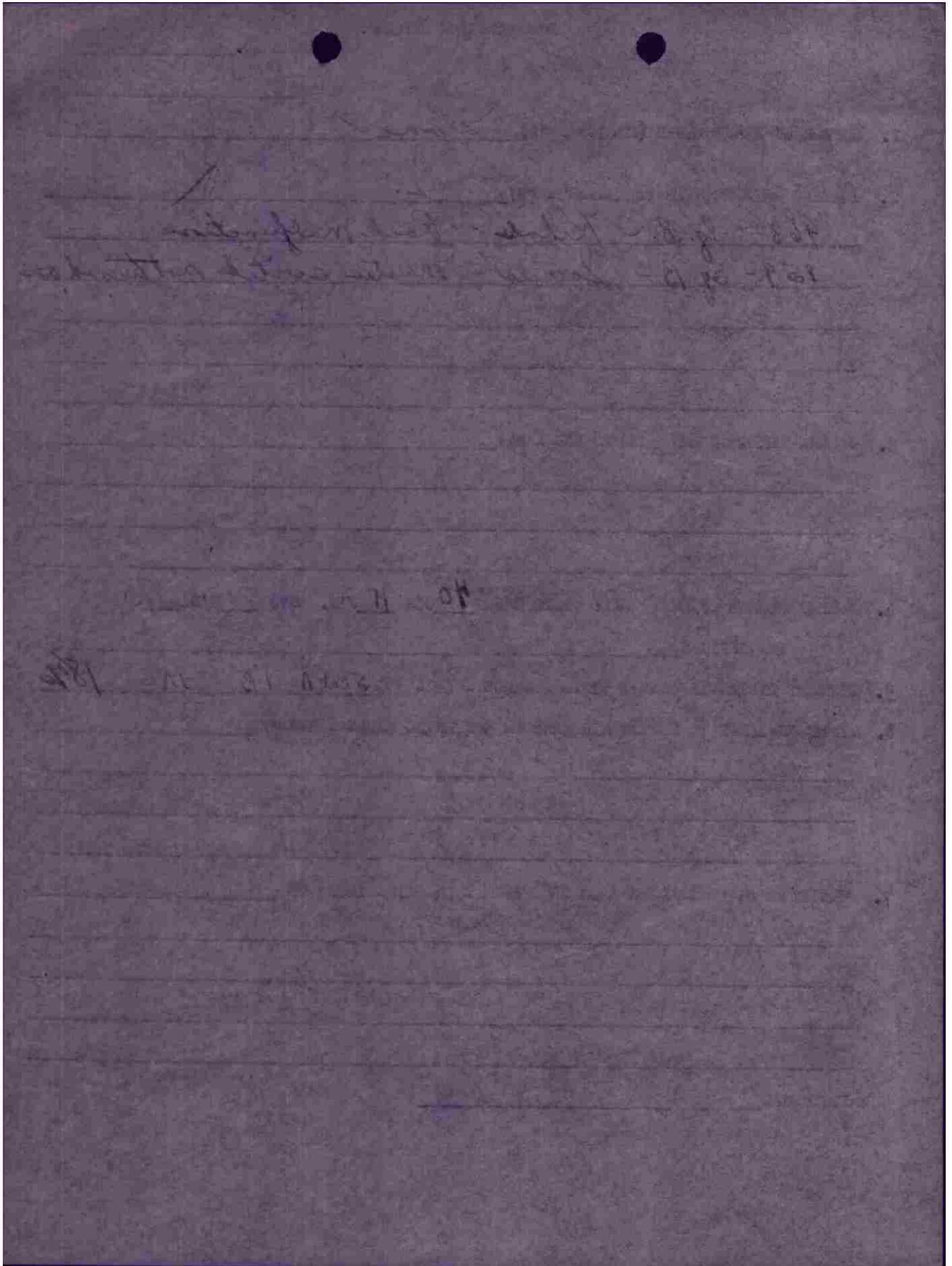
4. NUMBER PLANES OF ERATIANAL: BOMB GROUP 40 G'S 11 J'S. SVG 0'S 0'S 0'S  
WING OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_

5. PERCENT OF BATTLE DAMAGE (INTELLIGENCE - 68 - 17) 50 cat A 1B - 1Ac 18%

6. PLANES FAILING TO BECOME AIRBORNE ON RETURNING EARLY - REASON None

7. PLANES LO ST OR LANDING AWAY FROM BASE - REASON - LOCATION  
819 Kib. Cracks landed Strip a 68.

SUBMITTED BY J/Sgt. Bostley



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83  
FBOM: COBOMGR 416

TO : CG CBTBOMWIG 97 ATT: SIG O

A - VS - 154

B - 8 OCT 1944

C - 36 A/C

D - 668 - D - VHF OUT. REPAIRED AND CHECKED O.K.

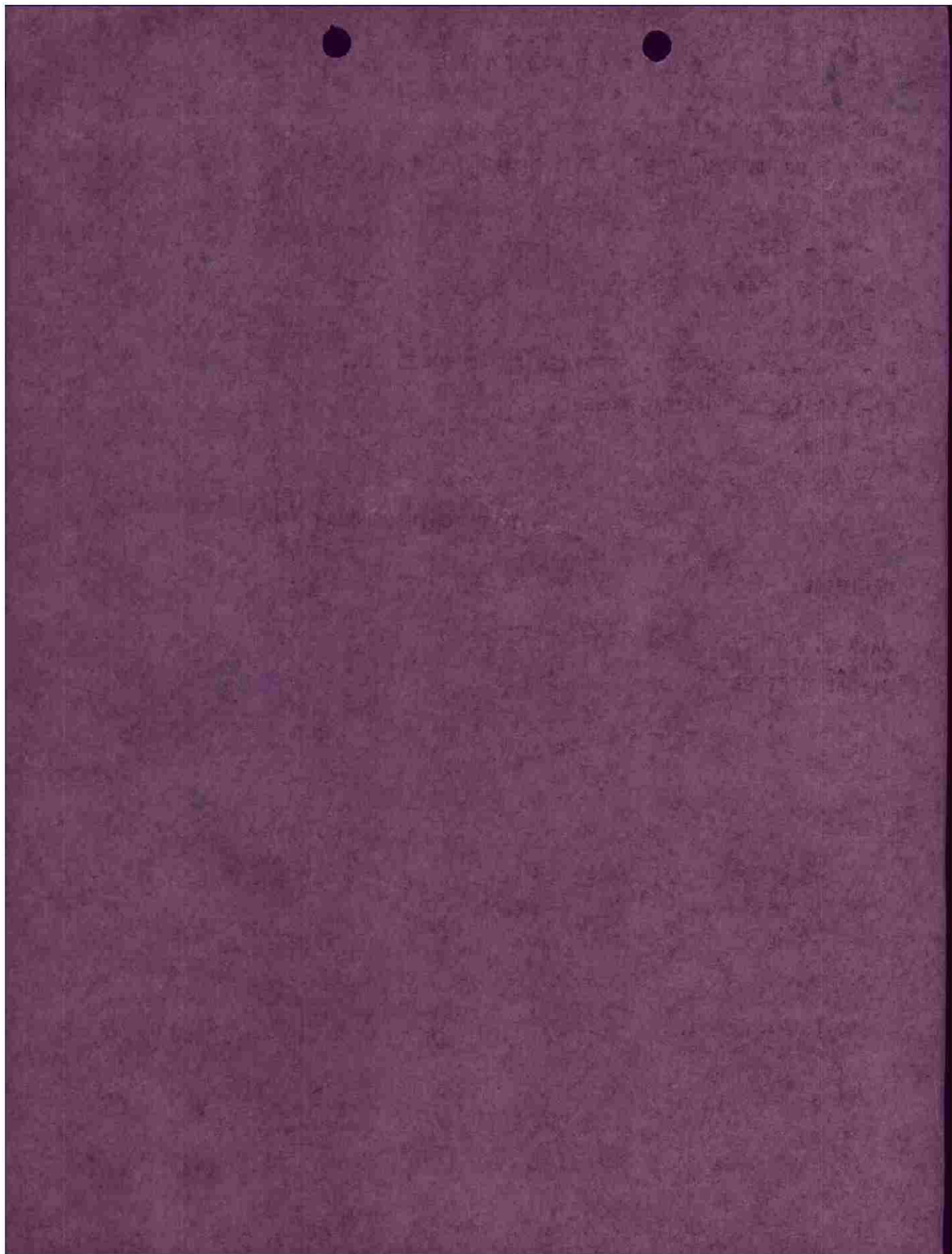
E - LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON USED.

F - NONE.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

OFFICIAL:

JACK B. COONEY  
CAPT., AIR CORPS,  
SIGNAL OFFICER





51° 10' N

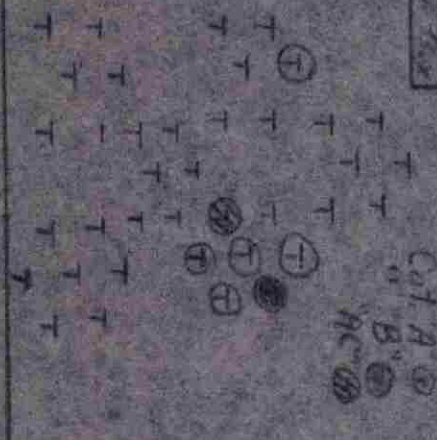
51° E

SECRET

1500,000 Europe (Airs)

SECRET

4th Bomb Gp F-15 578
210 F-15s
Target - Town of Lumbich
Altitude 14,000 - 12,000 ft
Windows not used
2 Bomb runs at 12:00 hrs
By flights of 45 + 15 each
in 2nd Run



Cat A  
B  
AC

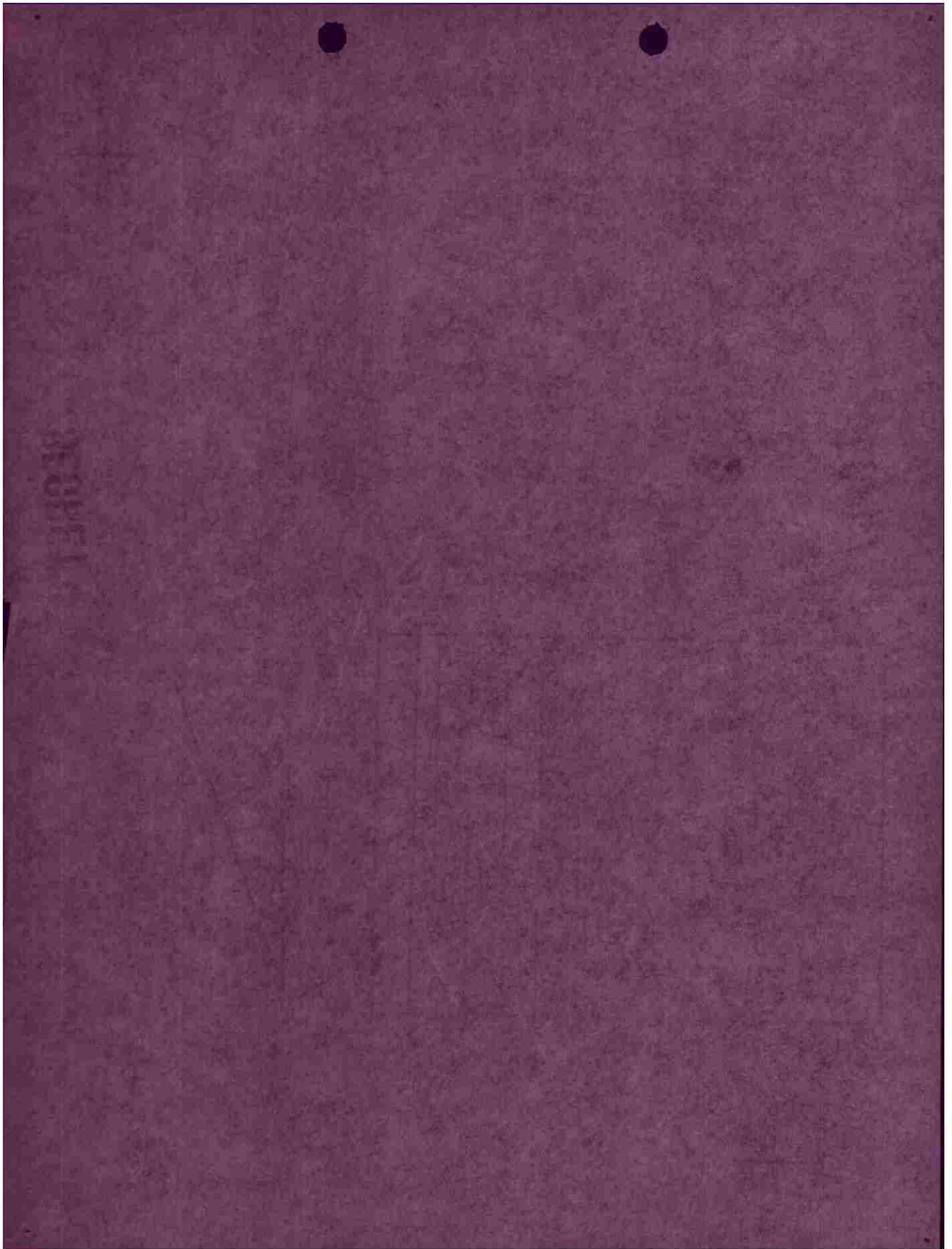
RP  
IP

Target  
Flights  
2 + 5 made  
2nd Run

Received XX HA Flak to  
Target London 2nd Run

030° E

51° 30' N

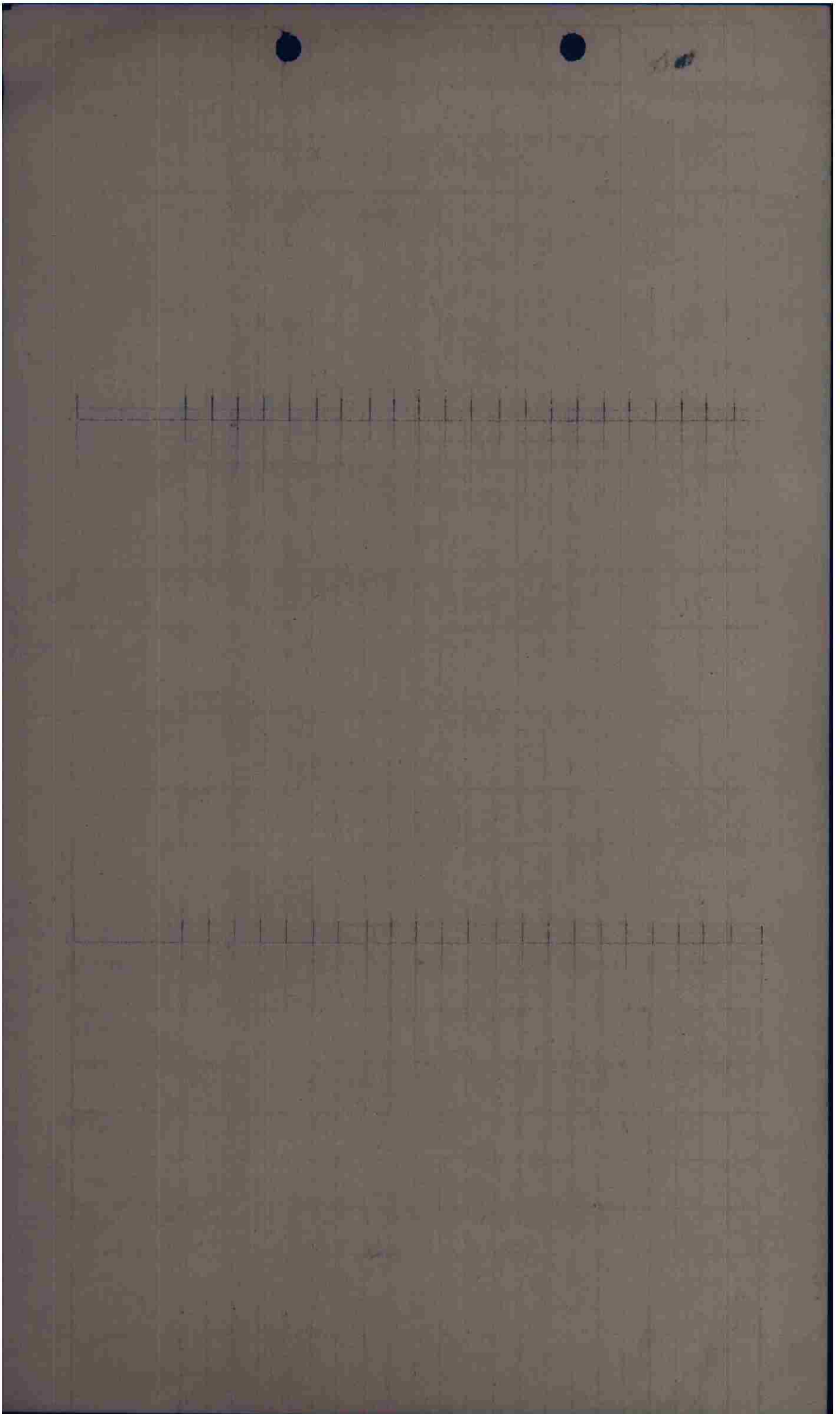


*Mission No. 154*

*Part I*

*8 October 1948*

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 A D	B O M B O A D	E N D U R	L A N D I N G	R E M A R K S
C	A	063	Sumner	479		0942			1120						✓	1329	2:45
C	M	750	DeStavola			1044										1329	2:45
C	R	674	Hillman			1044										1330	2:50
C	F	689	Kingstony			1044										1330	2:50
C	J	217	Radwalsky			1045										1330	2:45
C	J	720	Spencer			1045										1330	2:45
C	M-1	125	Buttaby			1045										1334	2:50
C	X	819	Rick			1045										1335	2:50
C	Q	194	Pecker			1046										1335	2:50
C	O	907	Benetrix			1046										1335	2:50
C	N	150	Whight			1046										1335	2:50
C	K	764	Carbony			1047										1336	2:50
B	T	135	Brookman			1047										1331	2:45
C	M-1	195	Burke			1047										1332	2:45
C	R-1	894	Stewart			1047										1333	2:45
C	E	226	Murphy			1048										1333	2:45
C	A-1	809	Parker			1048										1333	2:45
C	A	210	Marshall			1048										1333	2:45
C	A-1	190	Hayden			1048										1335	2:50

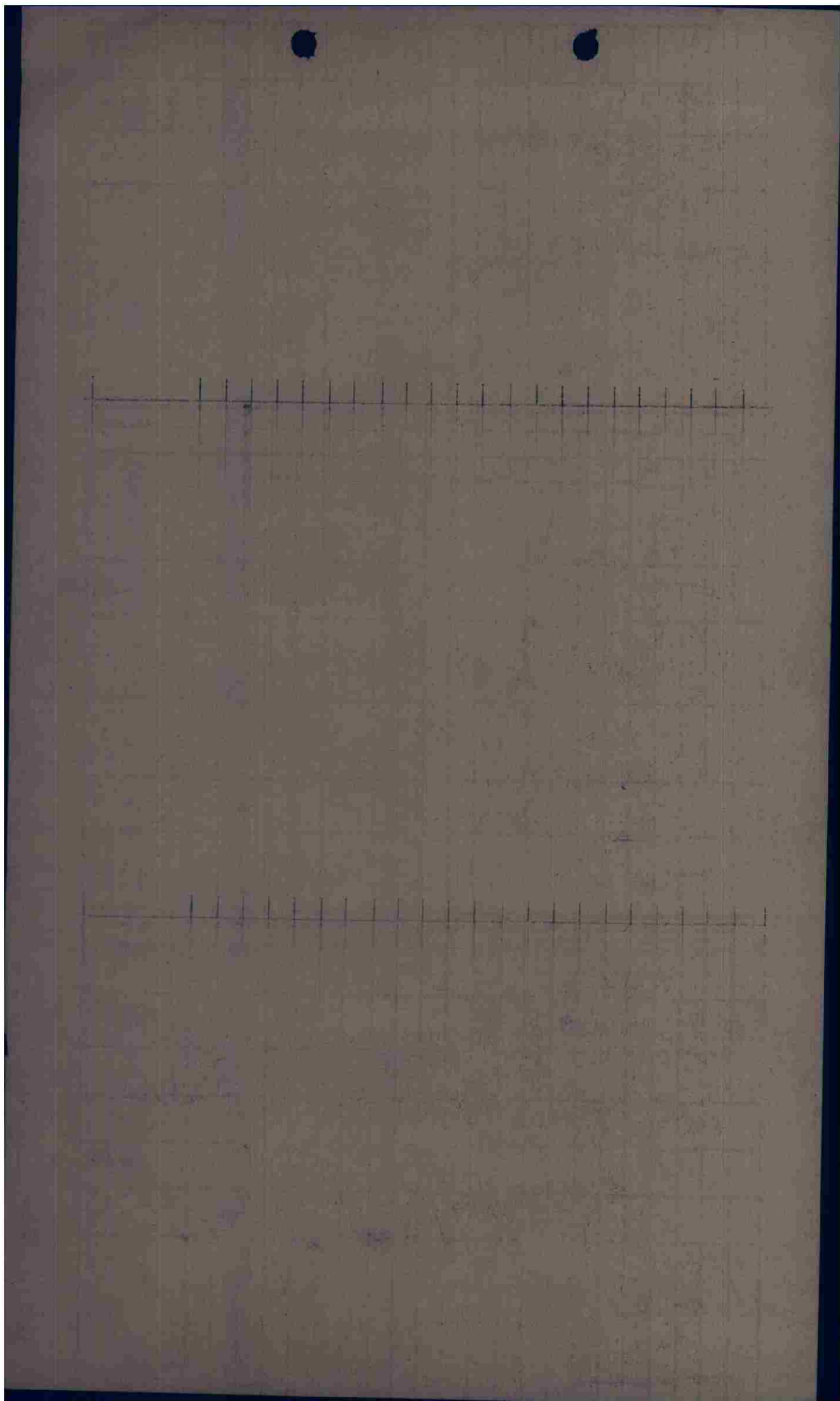


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*Box II*

*8 October 1944*

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C	T	439	Morgan			1050						C				1336	2:50
C	P	810	Byington			1050						C				1336	2:50
C	N	380	Johnson			1050										1337	2:50
C	B	207	W. S. Galt			1050						C				1337	2:50
C	L	892	Gurman			1059										1338	2:50
C	H	187	Spaulding			1051										1338	2:50
B	O	442	Wright			1051										1338	2:50
B	G	159	Capt. H. H. Smith			1052						C				1339	2:50
B	W	743	Grant			1052						C				1339	2:50
B	B	202	McGowan			1052						HC				1339	2:50
B	O	376	Robertson			1052						HC				1340	2:50
B	L-1	963	Rehse			1053						HC				1340	2:50
A	E	065	Severing			1053						HC				1341	2:50
A	F	200	Richard			1053						HC				1341	2:50
A	L-2	363	Whechert			1053						C				1342	2:50
A	V	493	Smith R.H.			1054						C				1342	2:50
A	J-1	719	Wenderson			1054										1342	2:50
A	O-1	219	Centring			1054										1342	2:50
A	C	214	Van Noorden			1054										1343	2:50



011TA 01JES 01JKI 01JPO V 01JEA 01JEA 01/08 OP  
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 08/02A5A 0-81-E  
 TO COMBOMDIV. IX  
 COMBOMGP 409  
 COMBOMGP 410  
 COMBOMGP 416

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
 APO 140  
 8 OCT. 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 16-585

MAPS NORMAL

1. B. (1) CURRENT BOMB LINE.  
 (2) 9 T.A.C. WILL FURNISH P-47 AREA COVER FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY

ZERO HOUR 08/1100A

3 A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) JULICH
- (3) TIME OVER TARGET ZERO HOUR
- (8) GEN. WNW TO ESE
- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. MAP. 4416 ST. R-1 GRID COORD 033590  
 (CENTER OF TOWN)
- (11) 5105N 0605E

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

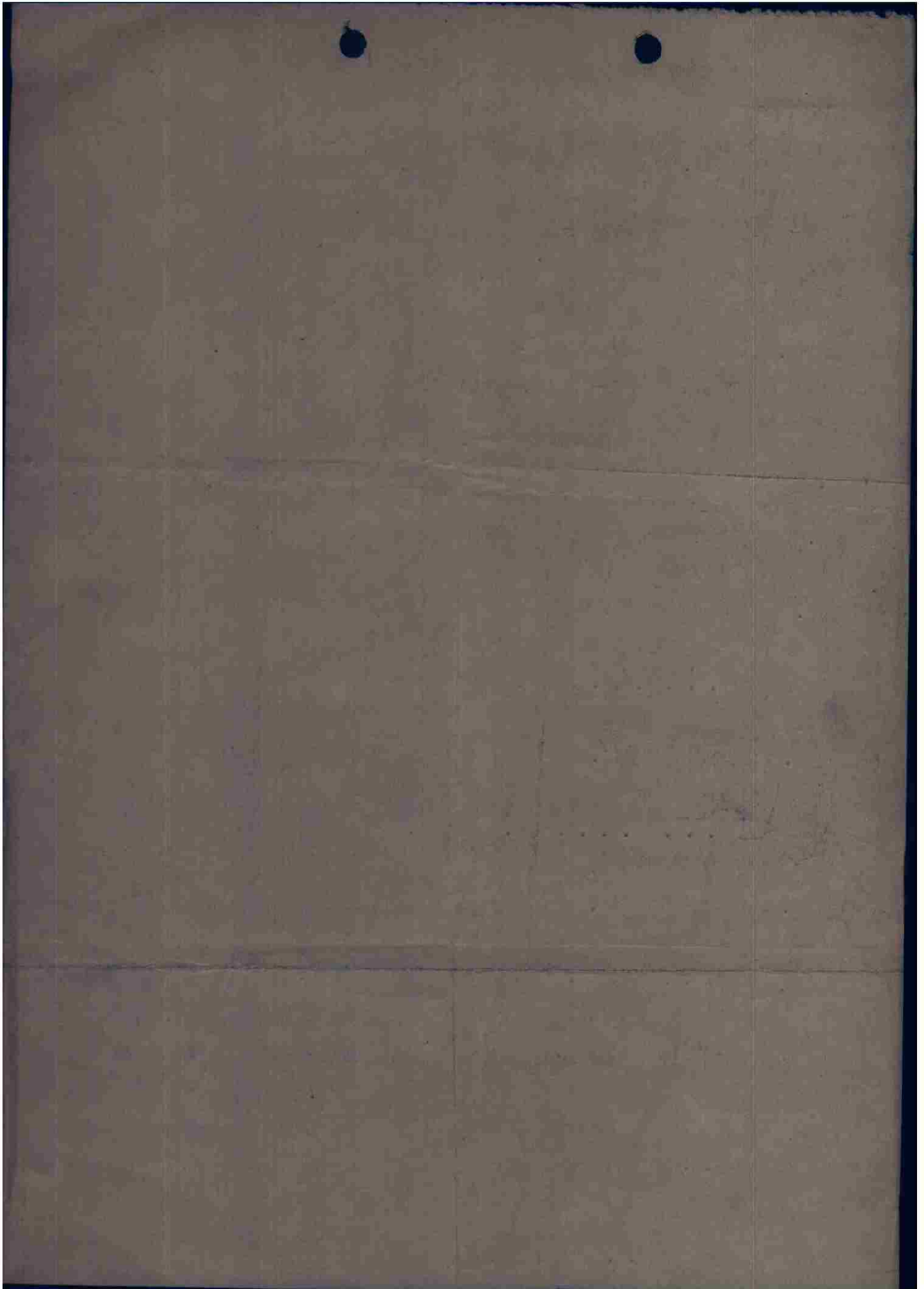
- (1) JULICH.
- (3) TIME OVER TARGET: ZERO PLUS 30 MIN.
- (8) GENERALLY WNW TO ESE.
- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. MAP. 4416 ST. R-1 GRID COORD. 033590  
 (CENTER OF TOWN)
- (10) 5105N 0605E.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) LINNICH
- (3) TIME OVER TARGET: ZERO PLUS 20 MIN.
- (8) GENERALLY W TO E.
- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. MAP. ST. R-1 GRID COORD. 969655 (CENTER  
 OF TOWN)
- (11) 5106N 0545E.

X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.

- (5) A/C REQUIRED: 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO 5026N 0452E TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO 5100N 0535E TO BASE.
- (8) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO  
 BUT NOT BELOW 10,000 FEET.
- (9) I.P. 5059 N 0552E
- (10) BOMB LOAD: 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 140 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) DROP 2,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
- (12) IN THE EVENT TARGET IS OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, BOMBS WILL  
 BE RELEASED ONE MINUTE PAST TARGET E.T.A. ON COURSE  
 FROM I.P. TO TARGET. BOMBS WILL BE RELEASED ONLY IF  
 FORMATION LEADER IS CERTAIN BOMBLINE HAS BEEN CROSSED.





4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) LIFEGUARD
- (5) GOLDFLAKE

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) PLUSHBIKE
- (5) GOLDFLAKE

C. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) HOTEL
- (5) GOLDFLAKE

X. GENERAL INFORMATION.

(2) PARADE ON CHANNEL D/D; IF NO CONTACT, A/C NORTH OF  
5030N/5030N CALL SWEEPSTAKE, A/C SOUTH OF THIS POINT CALL  
RIPSAW ON D/B.

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BT 08/0245A

CU: 3. X. (10) SHOULD READ

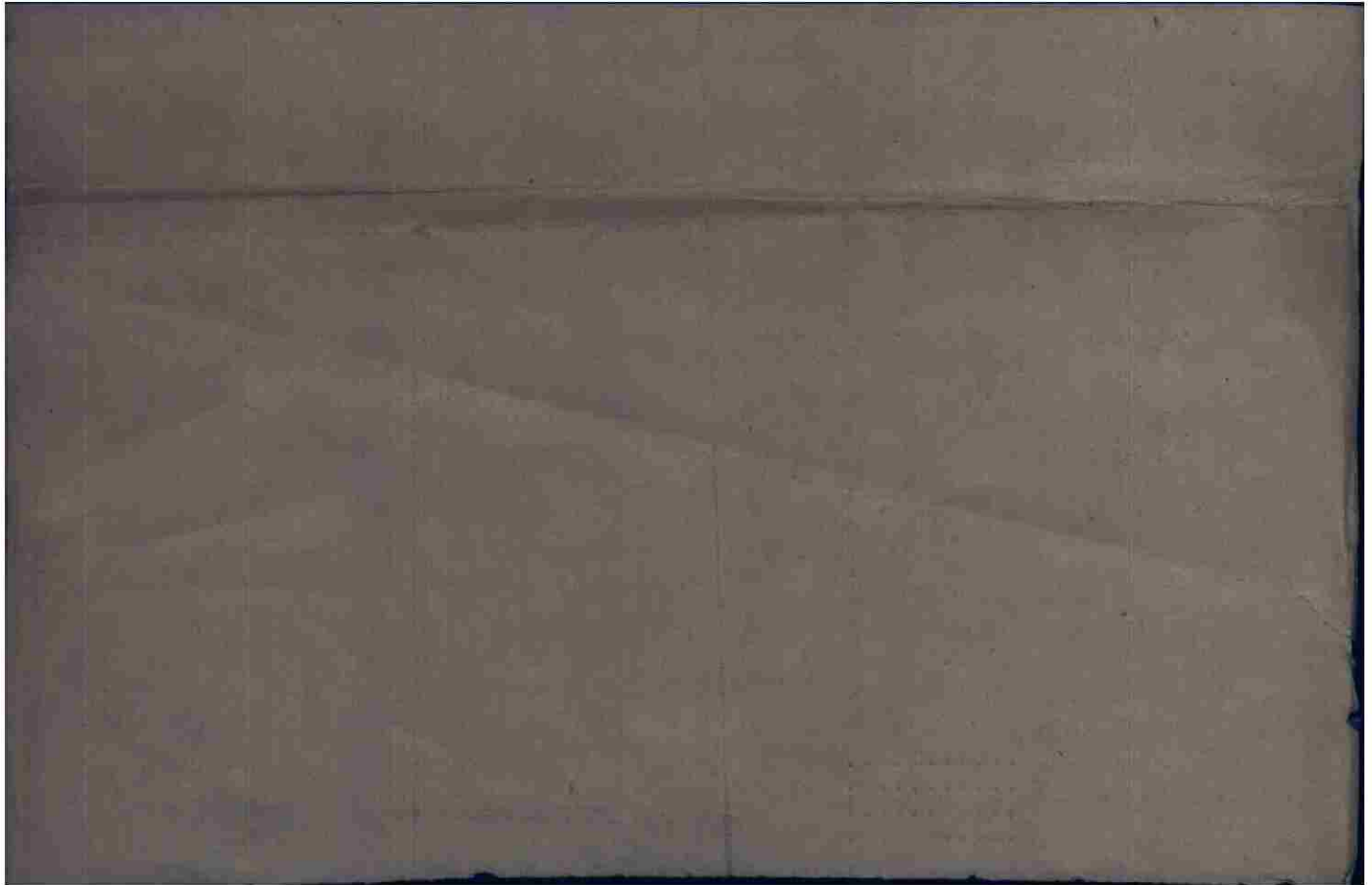
(10) BOMB LOAD: 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC.  
TAIL.

FK/WCB/AR

ALL STNS H/F/P

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OLJES / OIJE A R.....08/0315A	DC	AR
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 08/1100A O-82-E  
TO COMBOMDIV. IX  
416TH BOMB GROUP  
418TH BOMB GROUP  
409TH BOMB GROUP

194  
DIST  
3-2/5-3/510

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT  
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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
APO 140  
08 OCT. 44

ANNEX NO.1 TO FIELD ORDER NO.16-508

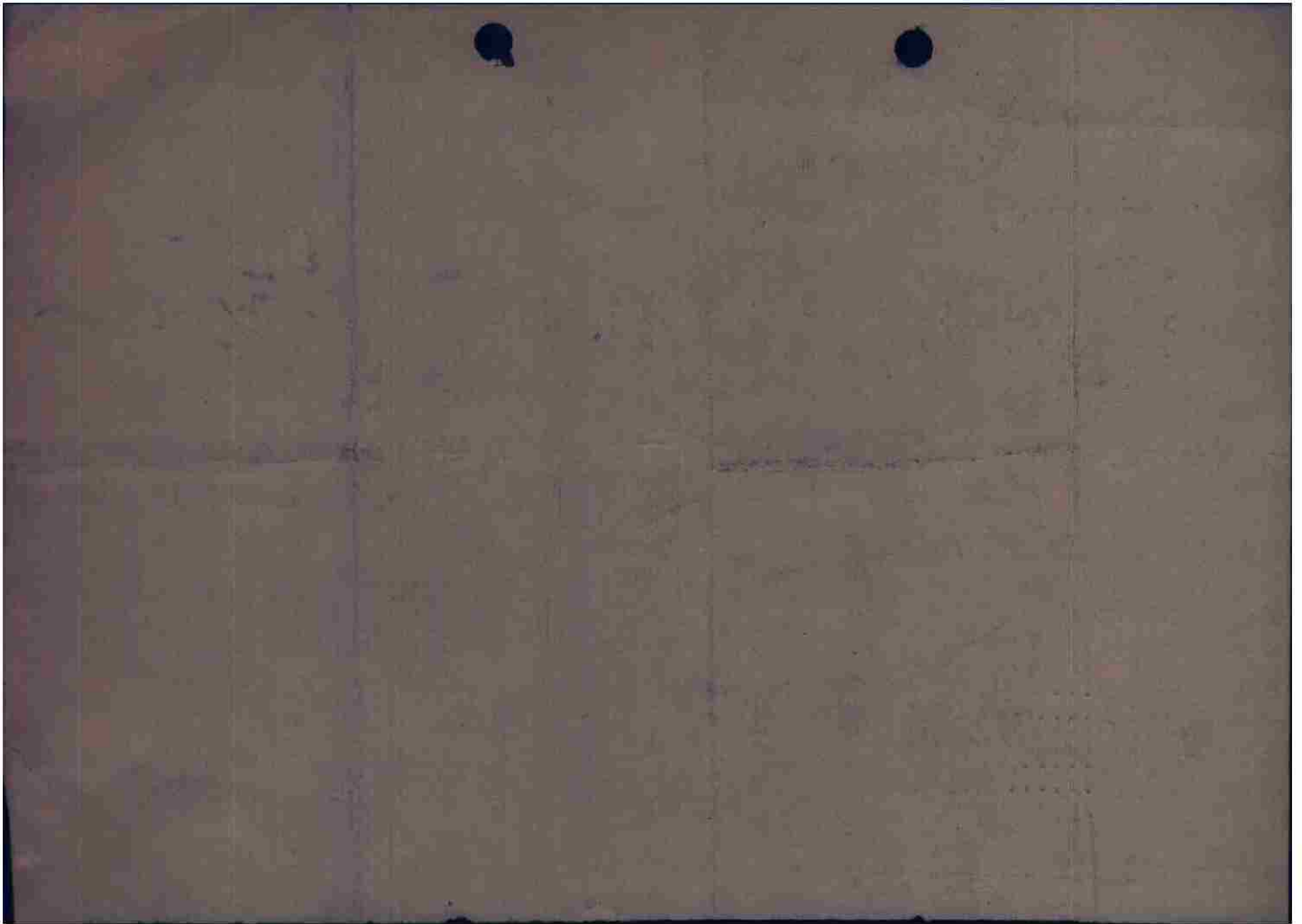
CHANGE ZERO HOUR TO READ: 08/1200A (RPT) 08/1200A

COMCBTWIG 97

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 TO IX BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)  
 97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING

5-3

CONFIDENTIAL BT

O-59-D

A -- 416TH BOMB GP

B -- TOWN OF LINNICH, ATTACKED BY 36 A-29'S.

C -- 2 A/C FAILED TO BOMB, ONE DUE TO BOMB MASTER SWITCH NOT ON,  
OTHER BOMB RACK CIRCUIT BREAKER SHORTED OUT.

D -- ONE A/C CRASHLANDED AWAY FROM BASE DUE TO FLAK HIT AT TARGET.

5 A/C CAT. "A" DAMAGE.

1 A/C CAT. "AC" DAMAGE.

1 A/C CAT. "B" DAMAGE -- CRASHLANDED.

E -- 0 - 0 - 0; INFORMATION LACKING FROM AIR CREW CRASHLANDED  
AWAY FROM BASE.

F -- 0 - 0 - 0

G -- BOX I -- FLIGHT I EXCELLENT.  
 II RELEASED ONE MINUTE PAST TARGET.  
 TARGET COVERED BY SMOKE AND HAZE.  
 III FAIR.

BOX II - FLIGHT I GOOD.  
 II RELEASED ONE MINUTE PAST TARGET.  
 TARGET COVERED BY SMOKE.  
 III GOOD.

H -- MODERATE ACCURATE HFF ON BOMB RUN AND AT TARGET. FIRE CONTINUED  
ON 2 FLIGHTS MAKING TURN OFF TARGET TO RIGHT. ELSEWHERE IN  
ROUTE NIL.

I -- NIL

J -- 142 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY..

68 X 500 GP RELEASED ONE MINUTE AFTER PRIMARY TARGET.

12 X 500 GP RETURNED.

K -- 11000 FT - 12000 FT BOMBING ALTITUDE.  
TOT 1209 - 1215.

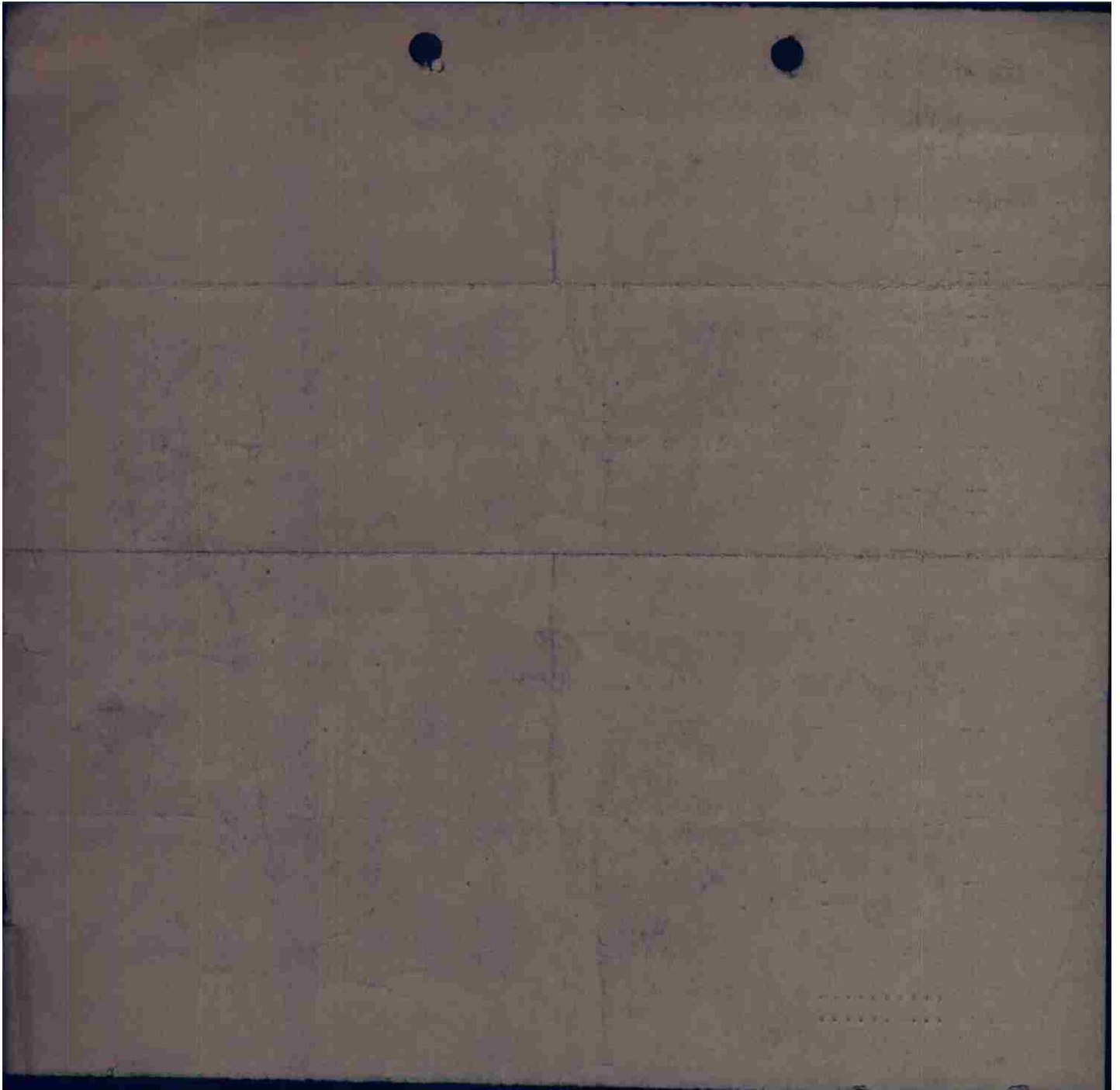
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 HQS. 97TH COMBAT WINGN A-2, DUTY OFFICER

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SECRET BT

O-65-D  
 S/A REPORT 8 OCTOBER 1944

B. LINNICH

K. BOX I-1ST 6-EXCEL-BOMBS FELL IN EXCELLENT CONCENTRATION WITH CENTER OF BURSTS ON DMPI. BLANKET OF BURSTS ON BUILDINGS AND ROADS IN CENTER OF TOWN WITH PROBABLE DESTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS AND HEAVY DAMAGE TO ROADS, PROBABLY BLOCKING THEM.

2ND 6-PNB - DUE TO DENSE HAZE IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR BOMBARDIER TO PICK UP TARGET IN TIME TO MAKE A BOMB RUN. BOMBARDIER SALVOED BOMBS PAST TARGET AS BRIEFED. BOMBS FELL IN FIELDS AND ON SMALL ROAD 1450 FT. NORTHEAST OF TOWN OF GLIMBACH, 1.5 MILES NORTHEAST OF LINNICH.

3RD 6- PNB- DUE TO DENSE HAZE IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR BOMBARDIER TO PICK UP TARGET IN TIME TO MAKE A BOMB RUN. BOMBARDIER SALVOED BOMBS PAST TARGET AS BRIEFED. BOMBS HIT ON TOWN OF GLIMBACH 1.5 MILES NORTHEAST OF KINNICH, DESTROYING BUILDINGS AND DAMAGING ROAD

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BOX II-1ST 6-POOR- BOMBS FELL 1500 FT. EAST OF DMPI. HITS WERE SCORED ON BUILDINGS AND SMALL ROADS ON EDGE OF TOWN. BOMBS FROM ONE SHIP FELL ACROSS RIVER EAST OF TOWN HITTING ON WAREHOUSE TYPE BUILDINGS CAUSING VIOLENT EXPLOSIONS AND PROBABLE HEAVY DAMAGE.

2ND 6- PNB- DUE TO DENSE HAZE IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR BOMBARDIER TO PICK UP TARGET IN TIME TO MAKE A BOMB RUN. BOMBARDIER SALVOED BOMBS PAST TARGET AS BRIEFED. BOMBS FELL IN FIELDS 1885 FT. NORTHEAST OF THE TOWN OF KOFFEREN, 2.75 MILES NORTHEAST OF LINNICH

3RD 6- BAD+ BOMBS FELL IN LONG PATTERN 1700 FT. NORTHEAST OF DMPI. HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF BURSTS ON MAIN HIGHWAY BRIDGE ACROSS RIVER PROBABLY CAUSING DESTRUCTION OR SEVERE DAMAGE TO BRIDGE. SEVERAL HITS ON MAIN HIGHWAY PROBABLY PITTING IT.

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L. BOX I-1ST 6-EXCEL- ONE RUN.

2ND 6- PNB - DUE TO DENSE HAZE OVER TARGET B/N WAS UNABLE TO PICK UP BRIEFED AP IN TIME FOR RUN. BOMBED ONE MINUTE PAST TARGET AS BRIEFED. ONE RUN.

3RD 6- PNB - DUE TO DENSE HAZE OVER TARGET B/N WAS UNABLE TO PICK UP BRIEFED AP IN TIME FOR RUN. BOMBED ONE MINUTE PAST TARGET AS BRIEFED. ONE RUN.

BOX II-1ST 6-POOR - PICKED UP TARGET VERY LATE DUE TO DENSE HAZE IN AREA. NOT COMPLETE SYNCHRONIZATION DUE TO INSUFFICIENT TIME. ONE RUN.

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3RD 6- BAD - PICKED UP TARGET VERY LATE DUE TO DENSE HAZE IN AREA. NOT SUFFICIENT TIME FOR COMPLETE SYNCHRONIZATION. ONE RUN.

M. (1) 13  
 (2) 0

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