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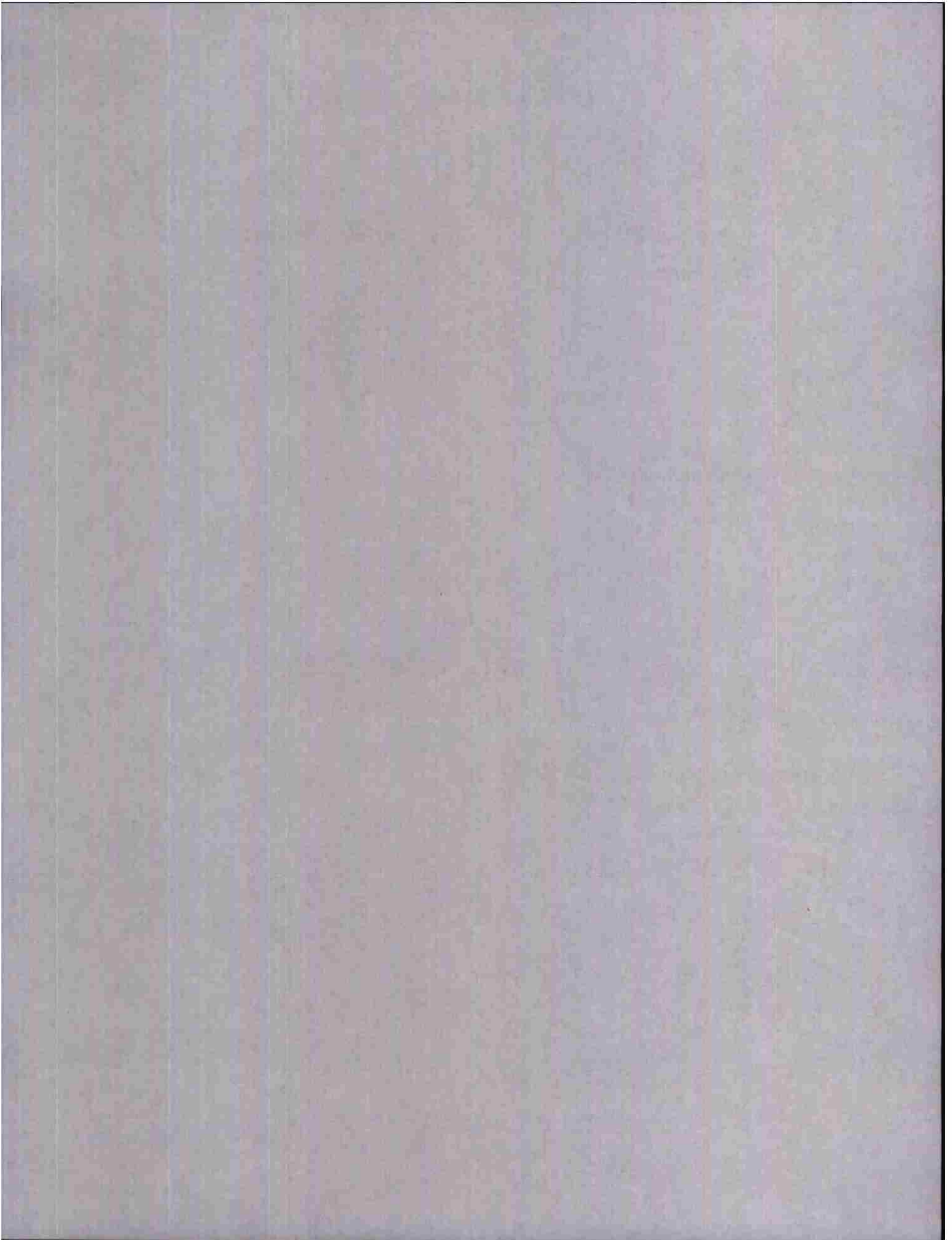
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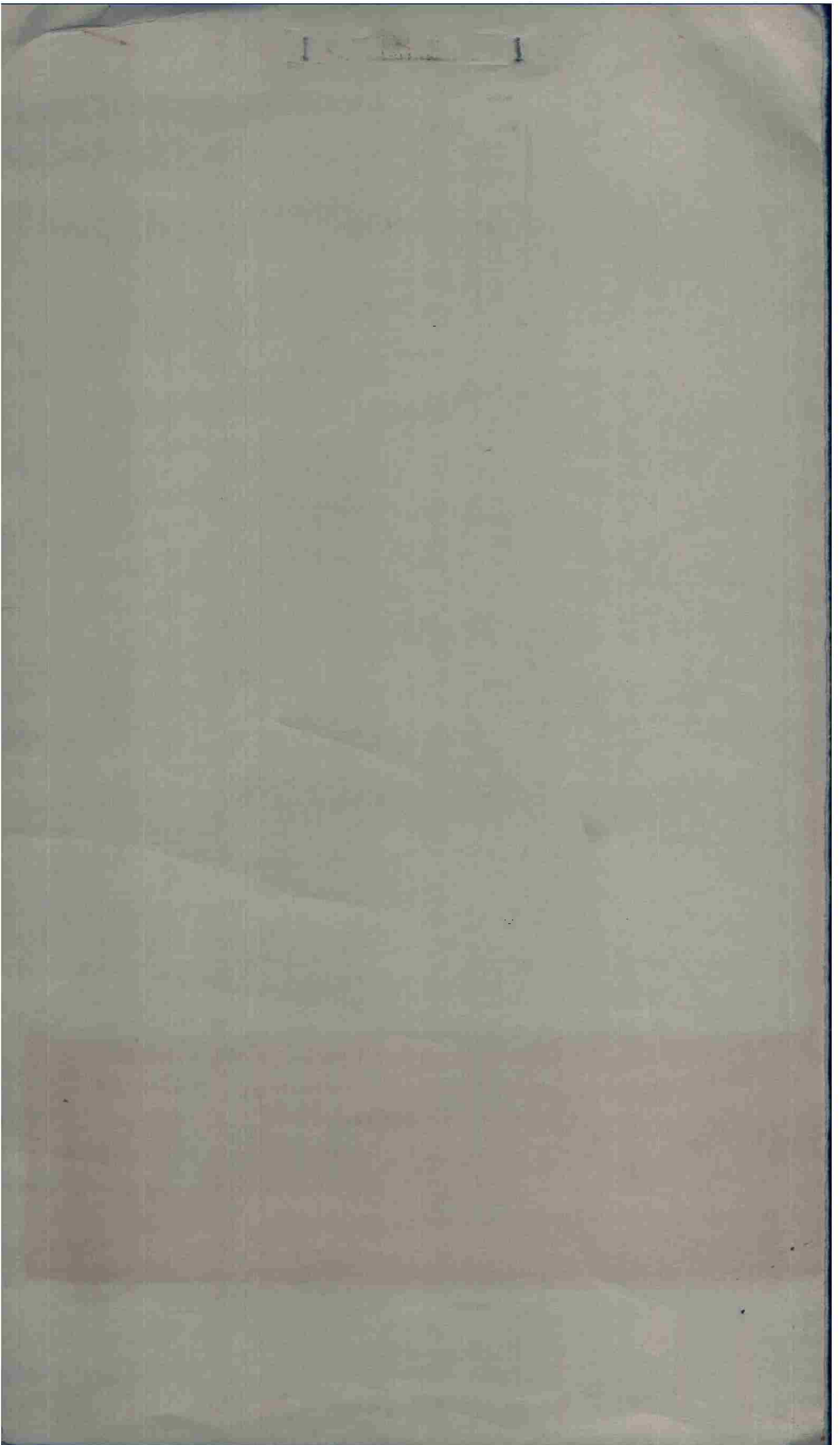
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GENERAL INDEX

"Window"

Target: (Coastal Installations Dunkerque) Date 4/12/44 F/O 264 Miss. 16

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6. Oprep Report 12a - Filed.
7. Oprep Report 12b - Filed.

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MISSION SUMMARY

SIX A-20'S TOOK OFF, DROPPING WINDOW IN SUPPORT OF B-26 MISSION TO DUNKERQUE. ALL A/C DROPPED WINDOW EXCEPT ONE. ONE A/C SUFFERED BATTLE DAMAGE. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.

(Extract from Mission Summary Report of Ninth Bomber Command 12/4/44)

Two A/C dropped window on mission with B-26's of 323rd Bomb Gp, one failing to drop due to window not being ready to be dropped. Of 33 B-26's bombing primary target, coastal installations Dunkerque, 15 A/C suffered Category A damage and 2 A/C suffered Category E damage. Three A/C dropped window on mission with B-26's of 387th Bomb Group. Of 36 B-26's bombing primary target, coastal installations Dunkerque, one A/C was lost over target to flak, and 17 A/C suffered Category A battle damage.

OICOG 97TH CBW 98TH CBW 99CBW V YAA YAA 12/12 OP
 FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 12/2233 B

TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND
 97TH COMBAT WING
 98TH COMBAT WING
 99TH COMBAT WING

ATT: A-2

F/O 264

CONFIDENTIAL ET
 P-264-D OPFLASH NO 6 FOR 12 APRIL 1944

A (I) DUNKIRK
 (II) DUNKIRK

B (I) 416BG - 2 MISSIONS, ONE WITH 323 BG, ONE WITH 387.
 (II) 3 A23'S ON WINDOW.
 (III) 1 - DID NOT DROP WINDOW ON MISSION WITH 323BG, WINDOW
 NOT READY TO BE DROPPED
 (IV) W/ 2 A/C DROPPED WINDOW ON MISSION WITH 323 BG.
 3 A/C DROPPED WINDOW ON MISSION WITH 387 BG.

C. (I) 1428
 (II) 1456 WITH 323BG
 1527 WITH 387BG
 (III) 1638

D. (I) /K/ 1 A/C CATEGORY A ON MISSION WITH 323BG
 (II) NIL
 (III) NIL

E. SEE B IV THIS REPORT

F. (I) (A) NIL
 (B) NIL
 (II) (A) ON MISSION WITH 323 BG INTENSE ACCURATE HFF
 ON MISSION WITH 387BG ZM MODERATE INACCURATE
 HFF

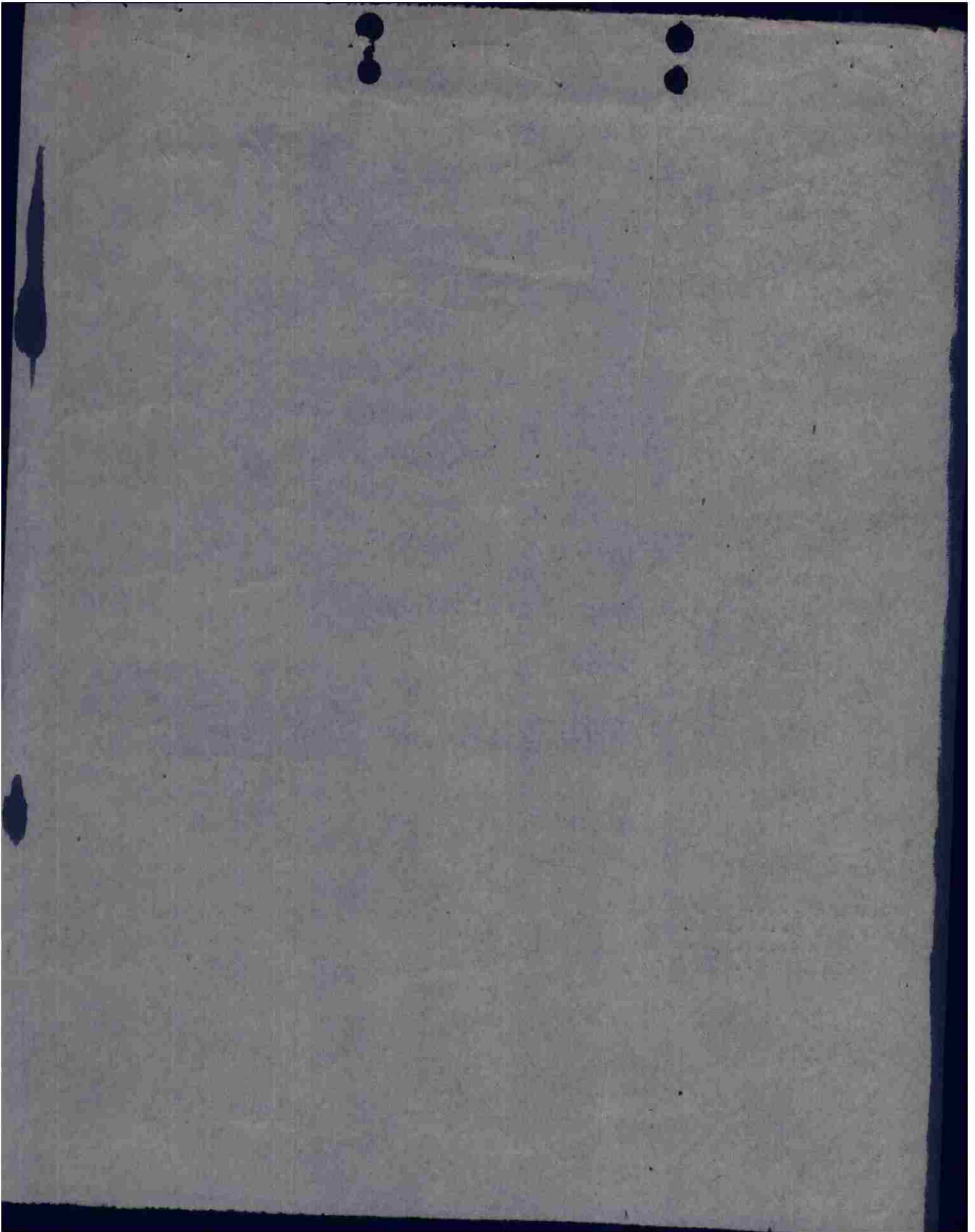
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MACE COBOMGR 4116

BT 12/2233B
 JF AR
 COG R 12/2331B
 97CBW R.....12/2335B
 98CBW R.....12/2336B
 99TH CBW R..122336B

RB AR
 AGA AR
 CWH AR
 WRG AR

M



MISSION WITH B-26'S

LOADING LIST

12 APRIL 1944

STATION 161

1. 455
1ST LT PATRICK F E MACMANUS
2ND LT ROBERT J MCQUADE
S/S CHARLIE L. WEBB
S/S JOHN L ROGERS, JR

2. 203
2ND LT NORMAN V SHAINBERG
S/S ROBERT L. BALLINGER
S/S SXS HAROLD L HATCH

3. 493
2ND LT WILFRED C SIGGS
S/S JOSEPH J SHIELDS
S/S NATHAN RADLICH

STATION 358

1. 444
1ST LT ARTHUR E OSBORNE
2ND LT ALFRED H MALTBY
S/S ERNEST E KELLY
S/S WILLIAM H COE

2. 209
2ND LT JOSEPH F MEAGHER
S/S ELPIDIO A DAMICO
S/S EDWARD S DICKENSON

3. 696
2ND LT ROBERT D LESHER
S/S ADOLFOS J ANTANAITIS
S/S HAROLD R HEDRICK

2 missions to Dunkirk 1st with 307 2nd with 407

BOX NO. _____ BOX LEADER OSBORNE _____

TARGET ASSIGNED _____ TARGET ATTACKED DUNKIRK _____

(Sqdn) _____ A/C # _____ (A/C Ltr) _____ (BOMB LOAD & TYPE) _____ (Date) _____

RETURNED EARLY: Time _____ Point of Return _____

Reason for Return _____

1. LESNER PILOT ANATASIS () TURRET GUNTER
BOMB-NAV HEPPICK () LOWER GUNTER

2. HOT NEWS (Use Hot News Form if there are reports):
Friendly A/C Down or in Distress _____
Life Rafts or Dinghies in Channel _____
Enemy Convoys or Shipping _____
Others _____

3. BOMBS ON TARGET: (Number) _____ (Size) _____ GP. _____ FRAG. _____ INC. _____
BOMBS SALVAGED: (Number) _____ (Size) _____ ARMED _____ SAFE _____
BOMBS JETTISONED: (Number) _____ (Size) _____ (Reason) _____
BOMBS RETURNED: (Number) _____ (Size) _____ GP. _____ FRAG. _____ INC. _____

4. RESULTS OF BOMBING: Good _____ Fair _____ Poor _____
Nil _____ Windows _____

5. INJURIES TO PERSONNEL:
K: S: J: M: _____
I: E: L: I: _____
L: R: G: S: _____
L: S: T: S: _____
E: : I: _____
D: W: W: N: _____
: M: N: G: _____
: D: D: : Cause _____

Name	Rank	Position	Cause
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

6. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Flak _____ E/A _____) (Extent/Cause) _____

7. ENEMY FIGHTERS: (Narrative, giving time, place, height; if there were encounters, USE ENCOUNTER FORM).

Mission #16 - Dunkirk
12/4/44

Signature of Interviewee

HIGH

LOW

MIDDLE

10. POSITION IN DOCUMENT:

9. OTHER OBSERVATIONS: (Time -- Place -- Height) AND REMARKS:

8. COLOR OF BURSTS: (V) Very (I) Intense (M) Moderate (L) Light (In) Inaccurate (A) Accurate

7. PLATE: (Place & Time) (H) Heavy (I) Intense (M) Moderate (L) Light (In) Inaccurate (A) Accurate

6. COLOR OF BURSTS: (V) Very (I) Intense (M) Moderate (L) Light (In) Inaccurate (A) Accurate

5. COLOR OF BURSTS: (V) Very (I) Intense (M) Moderate (L) Light (In) Inaccurate (A) Accurate

4. COLOR OF BURSTS: (V) Very (I) Intense (M) Moderate (L) Light (In) Inaccurate (A) Accurate

3. COLOR OF BURSTS: (V) Very (I) Intense (M) Moderate (L) Light (In) Inaccurate (A) Accurate

2. COLOR OF BURSTS: (V) Very (I) Intense (M) Moderate (L) Light (In) Inaccurate (A) Accurate

1. COLOR OF BURSTS: (V) Very (I) Intense (M) Moderate (L) Light (In) Inaccurate (A) Accurate

NAME _____ P. O. # _____

(S_{gen}) A/C # (A/C Ltr) (BOMB LOAD & TYPE) (Date)

RETURNED EARLY: Time _____ Point of Return _____

Reason for Return ----- DAMAGED () TURRET GUNNER

1. MEAGNER PILOT DICKINSON LOWER GUNTEE

BOMB-NAV

2. HOT NEWS (Use Hot News Form if there are reports)

Friendly A/C Down or in Distress

Life Rafts or Dinghies in Channel - - - - -

Enemy Convoys or Shipings -----

Others ----- GP. FRAC. INC.

3. BOMBS ON TARGET: (Number) - (Size) - (Type)

ARMED SAFE

BOMB OR BULB	(Number)	(Size)
1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
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99	99	99
100	100	100

EMBS JETTISONED: (Number) (Size) (Reason)

GP. FRAG. INC.

BOMBS RETURNED: (Number) -- (Size)

4. RESULTS OF BOMBING: Good _____ Fair _____

№11 Wendland

-----:K:B:U:M:-----

5. INJURIES TO PERSONNEL: :I:E:L:I:
:L:R:C:S:

Rank	Position	Branch	Cause
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Name _____ Rank _____

_____ : : : : _____

_____ : : : : _____

REPORT TO /C: (Flak E/A) (Extent/Cause)

6. DAMAGE TO A/S:

RIGHTS: (Narrative, giving time, place, height; if the
ENCOUNTER FORM).

7. ENEMY PICKUPS: (When there were encounters, USE ENCOUNTERS TABLE.)

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HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

APO 140, U.S. Army,
22 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A, USAAF Form 34A

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 895, U. S. Army.
(Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit)

1. Submitted herewith Oprep A No. 12a for 24 hours ending sunset 12 April 1944, mission number 14. 16

A. Two flights of 3 ships each participated on missions with 323 and 387 Bomb Groups. Three ships dropped window on missions with 387 BG. Two ships dropped window on mission with 323 BG. One ship accompanying 323 BG was abortive. Window was not ready to be dropped. On mission with 323 BG anti-aircraft was intense and accurate, 1 ship receiving category A damage. On mission with 387 BG anti-aircraft was moderate and inaccurate, no damage received.

B. (i) 4 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's.
(ii) 4 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's.
(iii) 1 A-20G. Window not ready to be dropped.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 A-20G. Category A.
(viii) 4 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's.

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) A-20G's 10:30. A-20J's 8:25
(ii) Nil

E. (i) A-20G's 12,500 x 50 cal.
A-20J's 10,000 x 50 cal.
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) A-20G's 40 boxes window.
A-20J's 20 boxes window.
(ii) A-20G's 15 boxes window.
A-20J's 10 boxes window.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

Opreg A, USAAF Form 34A

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M. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SC. HENKIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

Julius

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of, Apr. 1944.
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HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

APO 145, U. S. ARMY,
22 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Gp prep A, USAAF Form 344

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 393, U. S. ARMY.
(Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit)

1. Submitted herewith Gp prep A No. 12b for 24 hours ending sunset 12 April 1944, mission number 16.

A. Two flights of 3 ships each, returning from dropping window with Bomb Groups 323 and 387, made a rendezvous with 2 other Groups and again dropped window.

B. (i) 4 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's.
(ii) 4 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 4 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's.

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) (Gp prep A No. 12a includes operational time for this mission)
(ii) Nil

E. (i) A-20G's 12,500 x 50 cal.
A-20J's 4000 x 50 cal.
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) A-20G's 40 boxes window.
A-20J's 20 boxes window.
(ii) A-20G's 25 boxes window.
A-20J's 10 boxes window.

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

Opres 1, USAAF Form 34A

(Cont'd.)

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE HOSBURN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

