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GP-416-SU-OP-5
10 APR 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Operations Officer

ATO 140, U.S. Army,
12 April 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 2)

1. In compliance with VCG IX Bomber Command the following C and EM W/P W/D to AAF Station 161 and report to the Commanding Officer thereof for T/D. Upon completion of T/D, C and EM will return to proper Station.

A-20J-5 43-9455 1st Lt. Patrick F.T. MacBryne, AC, 0-671671 (Flight Leader)
2nd Lt. Robert J. McCade, AC, 0-740015 (B/N)
S/Sgt Charlie L. Webb, 34075007 (Gunner)
S/Sgt John L. Rogers, Jr., 12116554 (Gunner)

A-20G-25 43-9203 2nd Lt. Norman V. Shainberg, AC, 0-737485 (Pilot)
S/Sgt Robert I. Pallinger, 36105081 (Gunner)
S/Sgt Harold L. Hatch, 12066543 (Gunner)

A-20G-30 43-9493 2nd Lt. Wilfred C. Siggs, 0-747906 (Pilot)
S/Sgt Joseph J. Shields, 12000665 (Gunner)
S/Sgt Nathan (NH) Radlich, 26909328 (Gunner)

2. In compliance with VCG IX Bomber Command the following C and EM W/P W/D to AAF Station 358 and report to the Commanding Officer thereof for T/D. Upon completion of T/D, C and EM will return to proper Station.

A-20J-5 43-9444 1st Lt. Arthur E. Osborne, AC, 0-684403 (Flight Leader)
2nd Lt. Alfred H. Maltby, AC, 0-747660 (B/N)
S/Sgt Ernest E. Kelly, 38271102 (Gunner)
S/Sgt William H. Coe, 14178256 (Gunner)

A-20G-25 43-9209 2nd Lt. Joseph P. Mesgher, AC, 0-740487 (Pilot)
S/Sgt Elpidio A. Damico, 12110544 (Gunner)
S/Sgt Edward S. Dickenson, 13034047 (Gunner)

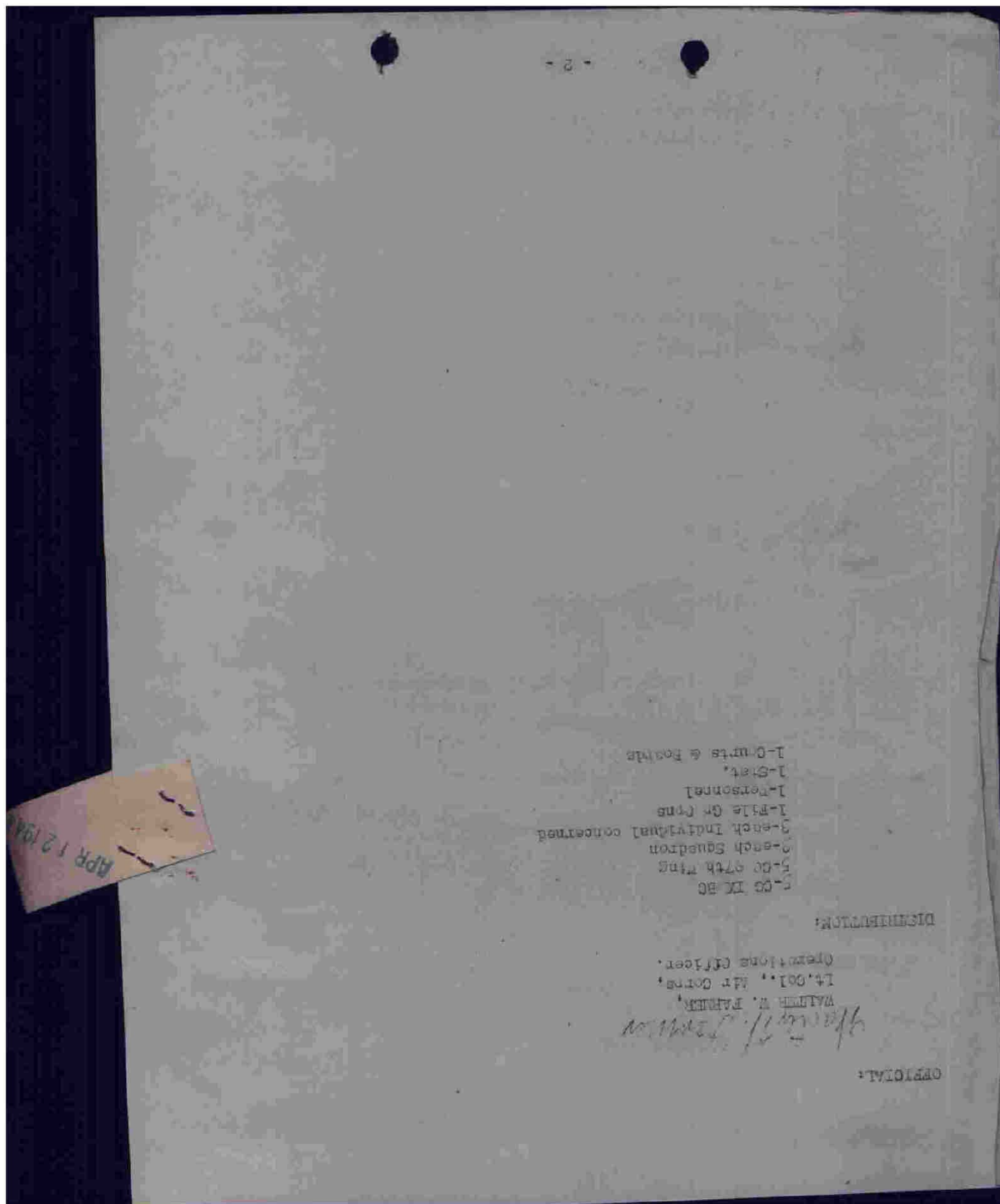
A-20G-30 43-9606 2nd Lt. Robert D. Iasher, AC, 0-684361 (Pilot)
S/Sgt Adolfo J. Antanaitis, 31110809 (Gunner)
S/Sgt Harold R. Hedrick, 14165008 (Gunner)

By order of Colonel MACE:

WALTER W. FARMER,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Operations Officer

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

APG 140, U. S. Army,
13 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Lost, Damaged and Abortive Report.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APG 140, U. S. Army.

Target: Vesouviotte
Date : 12 April 1944.

IX Bomber Command Field Order No. 884.

1. SUMMARY.

Group	Type	A/C	Abortive		Damaged			Lost	Attacked Target
	A/C	Assigned	Back	Other	A	B	C		
418	A-20's & J's	27	0	17	0	0	0	0	20

2. Lost.

None.

3. Damaged.

None.

4. Abortive.

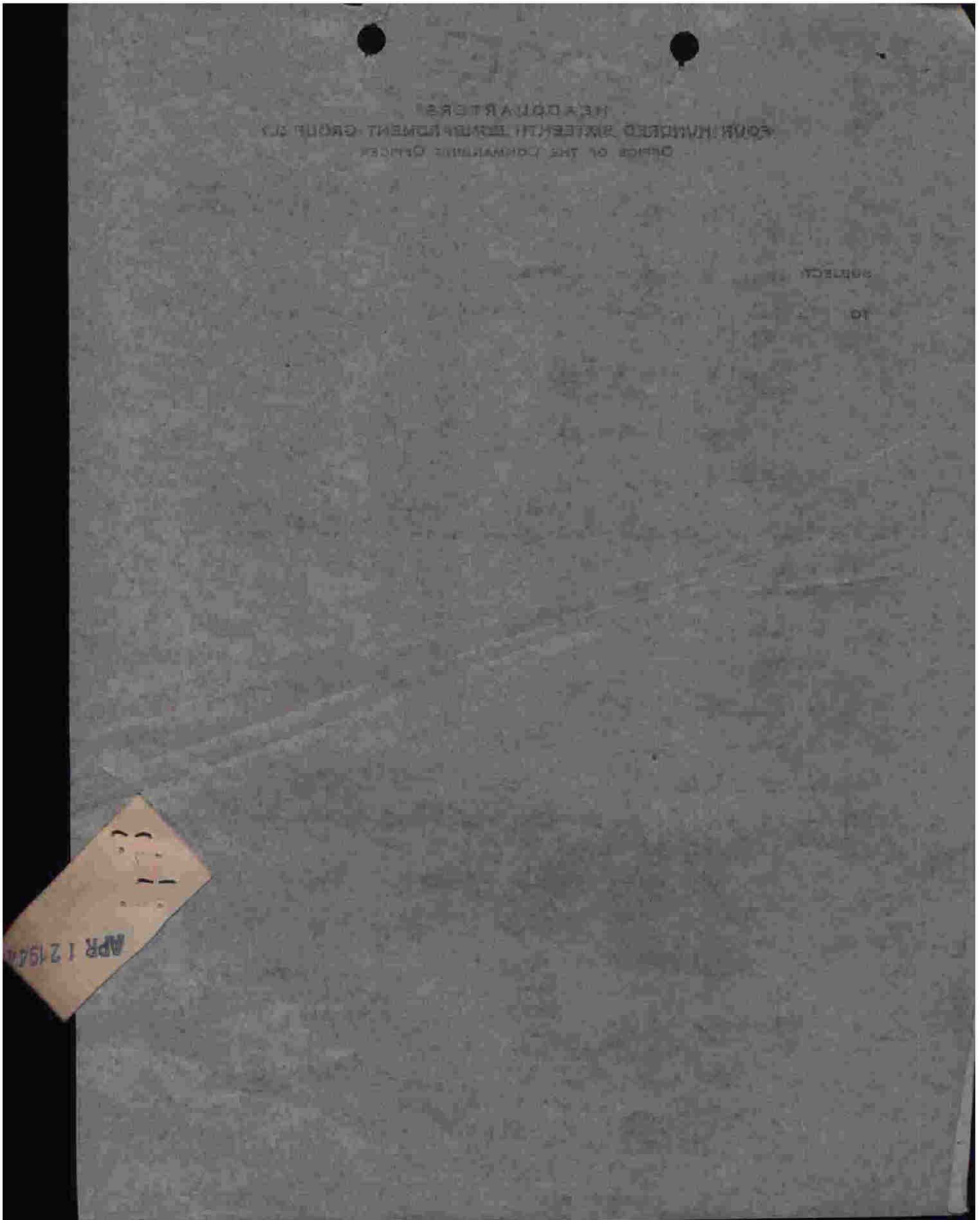
Sixteen (16) A-20's and one (1) A-20J abortive. Target obscured by clouds.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHNEIDER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS

FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

APO 143, U. S. Army,
13 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Malfunction of Aircraft Equipment.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APO 143, U. S. Army.

I. Summary of Aircraft Operations.

Date of Mission : 12 April 1944.
 Number of Aircraft Scheduled : 38
 Number of Aircraft Alerted : 38

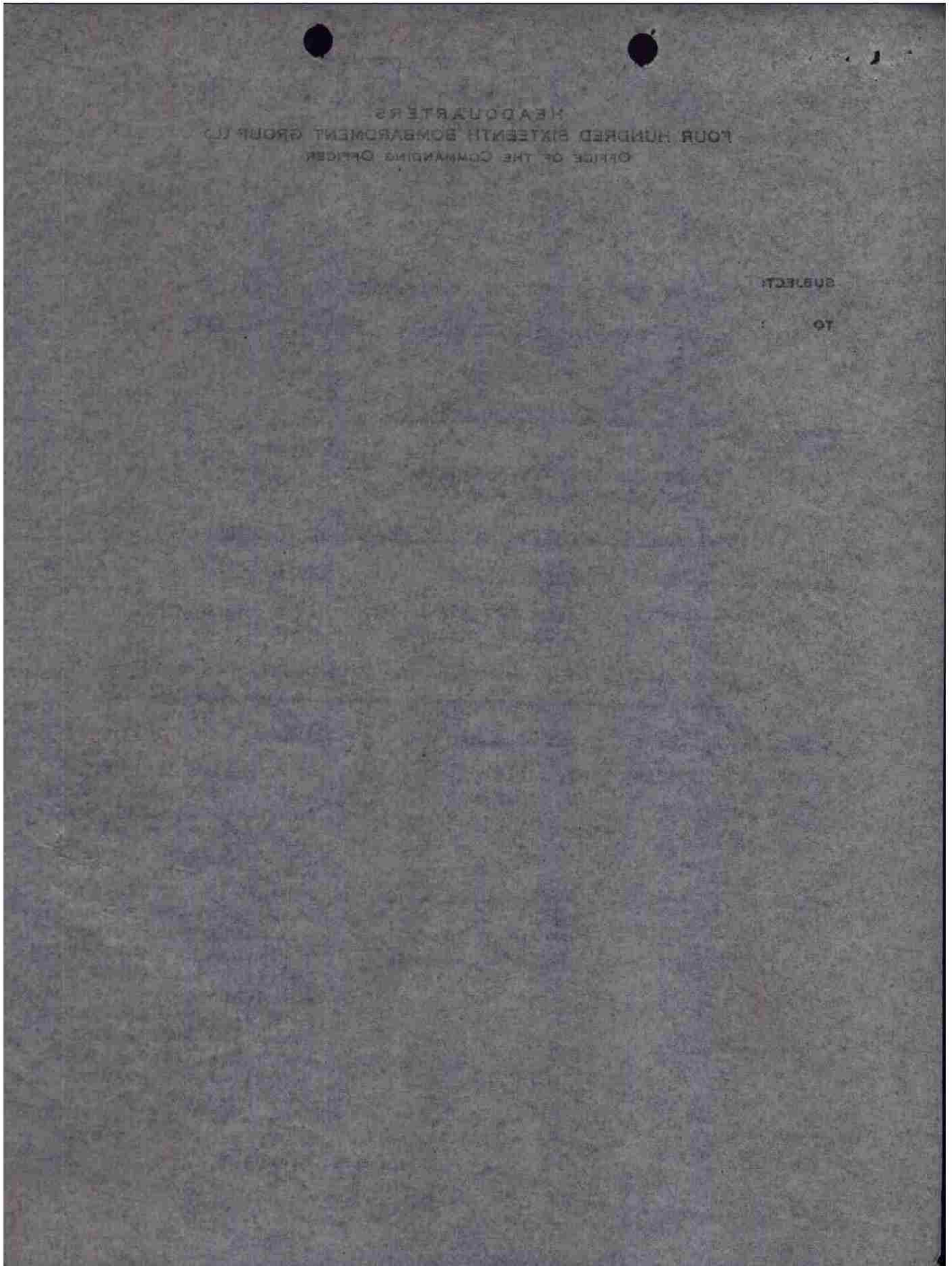
II. Scheduled Aircraft Failing to Become Airborne.

Type A/C	ACRN	Description	Cause
A-20J-5	43-9433	Bombardier's hatch would not close.	Hatch was sprung.

III. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Affecting Success of Mission.

Type A/C	ACRN	Description	Cause
A-20C-25	43-9194	No. 1 station failed to release.	Arming wire loop binding against arming wire retainer, keeping breaker points to release solenoid open.
A-20G-25	43-9151	Three bombs in channel. No. 1 released on doors and fell out over target.	Breaker points on the bomb salvo release relay contacted due to vibration and completed the release circuit to all stations when doors opened. Sway brace on No. 1 too tight, causing the release mechanism to bind resulting in a delayed release. Bombs then fell out when doors were opened over target.

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Report of Malfunction of Aircraft Equipment.

(Cont'd.)

Type A/C	ACSN	Description	Cause
A-200-33	43-2991	No. 2 and 4 stations released on doors.	Sway braces too tight, causing mechanism to bind, resulting in a delayed release after doors closed.
A-200-33	43-2937	No. 1 station failed to release.	Sway braces too tight, causing complete failure to release.

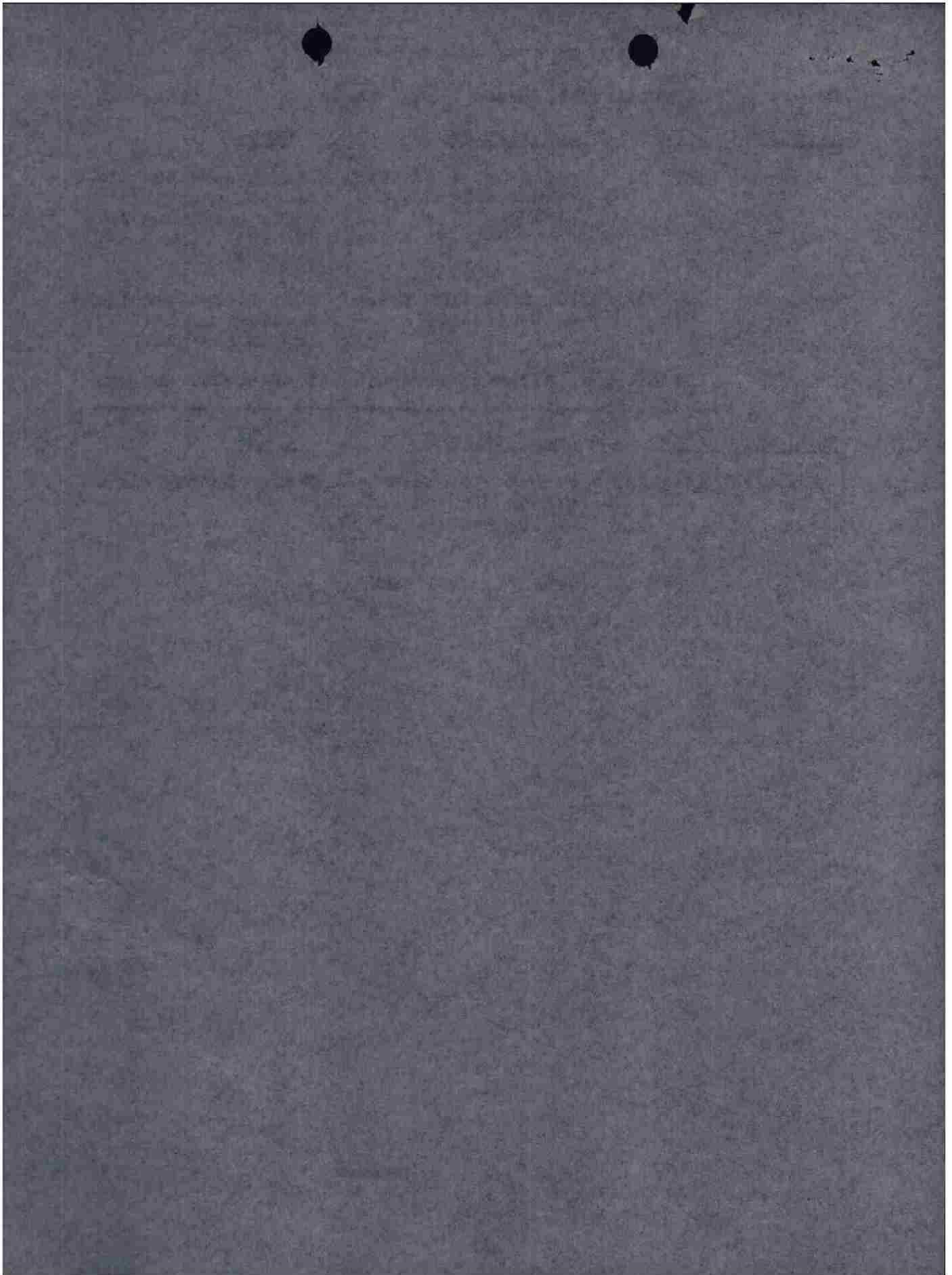
IV. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Not Affecting Success of Mission.

Type A/C	ACSN	Description	Cause
A-200-23	43-2226	Turret elevation clutch slipped out of engagement.	Broken safety wire.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHMIDT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

BOX I GROUP 418 DATE 12 Apr 44 TARGET ATTACHED VacquerietteIX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 2841. Method of Sighting: Primarily Pre-set data. One correction in rate made.2. Bombing approach: Manual- PSI not used.3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO X4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO NO

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs; and specify exact approximate distance short of rectangular buildings in target. Made one voice correction with drift pre-set in sight. Made one correction on rate before bombs away.

5. Name of lead bombardier: End Lt. Arvid R. Hand6. Name of lead pilot: Lt. Col. Walter W. Parker7. Intervalometer settings None 295 14,0008. Indicated Air Speed: 10 Ground Speed: 500 Altitude: 14,0009. Length of bomb run: 4 Sec: 500 Delay 1/10 1/4010. Bomb Load and Fusing per 73/C: X 1b FUSED N T11. Total Bombs Dropped:

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attached? Approximately 8/10 cloud cover over target which had effect to 12,000. Made short bomb run between breaks in target.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attached, IP or AT? 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 Flak affected bombing or bomb run:

(d) No enemy aircraft. Did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?

(e) Storey breaks in clouds made short bomb run with only one correction. Did storey breaks in clouds affect bombing?

(f) Bombing done provisionally with pre-set data in sight. Did malfunctions, mechanical factors or other factors affect the bombing: (See "Report of Malfunctions of Aircraft Equipment")

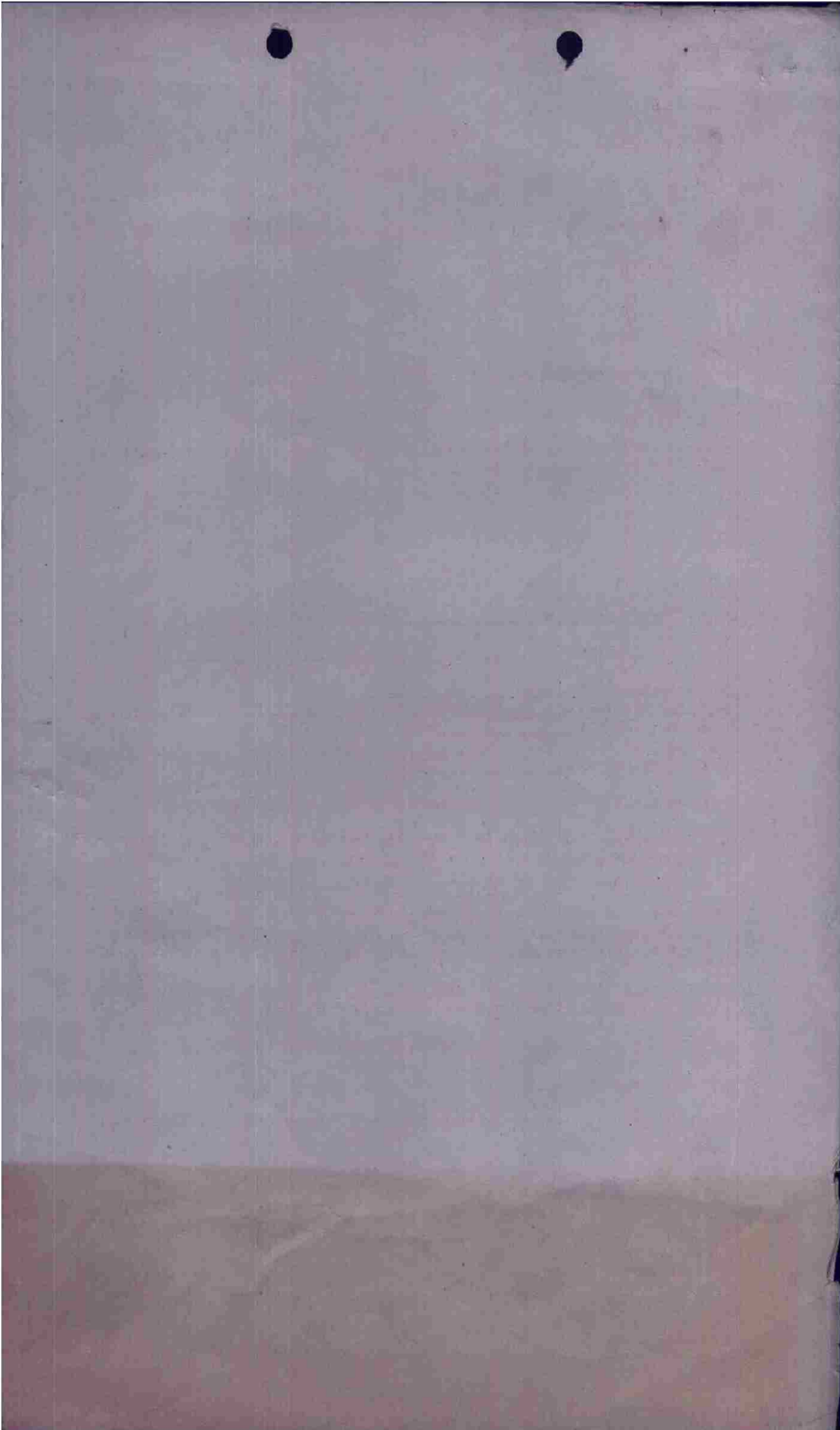
(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO NO

Results claimed: Bomb fell through clouds approximately 5 seconds after leaving plane. Target obscured by clouds. Unobserved.

No. 11, "Total Bombs Dropped" includes one bomb from ship in second box, which fell out while on bomb run. No other bombs dropped from second box.

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MISSION NO. 15

LOADING LIST

12 APRIL 1944

BOX 1
FLIGHT I

1. 439 "J"
LT COL W W FARMER ✓
LT A R HAND ✓
S/S B C SIEG
S/S J C BURKHALTER

2. 393 "K"
LT S M HIXON ✓
S/S K L JOHNSON
S/S J L CZECH

3. 219 "D"
LT H P COLE ✓
S/S B G FANDRE
S/S F R CHVATAL

4. 914 "X"
CAPT L F DUNN ✓
LT A JEDINAK ✓
T/S F H LARRONDE
S/S H A LEMPKA

5. 714 "N"
LT G W COWGILL ✓
S/S H A FOSTER
S/S E W RUST

6. 937 "B"
LT A R DURANTE ✓
S/S H T BEST
S/S R H LINNEMAN

FLIGHT II

1. 194 "C"
CAPT W BATTERSBY ✓
S/S J E MCCREERY
S/S J R ORR

2. 216 "E"
LT B H BRADFORD ✓
S/S R W MACDONALD
S/S A A HILL

3. 684 "K-1"
LT M E KLEOPFEL ✓
S/S L R SHAW
S/S R BANKSTON

4. 379 "G"
LT R F SHAEFER ✓
S/S E R JUDD
S/S F E BROWN

5. 745 "I"
LT R D POINDEXTER ✓
S/S D H SIMPSON
T/S L G ROBBINS

6. 207 "B-1"
LT L G PEEDE ✓
S/S C L HIBBS
S/S L M DAUGHERTY

FLIGHT III

1. 711 "M"
LT L A MARZOLF ✓
S/S V N SHERRY
S/S L G KUTZER

2. 707 "H"
LT M ZUBON ✓
T/S J R L TANNER
S/S W C RUSSELL

3. 225 "G-1"
LT R V WHEELER ✓
S/S J S BROWER
S/S E CORRIN

4. 189 "P"
LT S B RITCHIE ✓
S/S A W NEWKIRK
S/S E A ANDERSON

5. 202 "B-2"
LT R K CRUZE ✓
S/S C F LOVE
S/S F L ADAIR

6. 717 "N-1"
LT R V MIRACLE ✓
S/S V E MOLVER
S/S C M GRAY

SPARE

951 "P-1"
LT F W DEMAND ✓
S/S C W MIDDLETON
S/S R J TROYER

MISSION NO. 19

LOADING LIST

12 APRIL 1944

BOX II

FLIGHT I

1. 640 "Z"
CAPT M J HUFF ✓
LT J KUPITS ✓
S/S J B THOMPSON
S/S G F COPE

4. 673 "I"
LT J S CONNOR ✓
S/S A L NIELSEN
S/S W E FIELDS

2. 743 "R"
LT R L BEHLMER ✓
S/S W J KELLY
S/S W G FERGUSON

5. 390 "G"
LT A A MACDONALD ✓
S/S O D LANAVE
S/S A A STOCKHAM

3. 181 "A"
LT W H LAND ✓
S/S S F ALDEN
CPL C H YOST

FLIGHT II

1. 380 "N"
LT G M MCNULTY ✓
S/S H E WHITE
S/S R F ADDLEMAN

4. 200 "A-1"
LT R S RUDISILL ✓
S/S R E LEE
SGT F G FALK

2. 224 "E"
LT H A MONROE ✓
S/S W L KIDD
S/S S RISKI

5. 892 "L"
LT F J HARROLD ✓
S/S E L GRIFFIN
SGT D F STEPHENS

3. 750 "M"
LT W B OSTRANDER ✓
S/S J E WILSON
S/S I BINNEY

6. 689 "I-1"
LT P G ATKINSON ✓
S/S P F GLYNN
SGT J O SWAFFORD

FLIGHT III

1. 978 "S-1"
CAPT C R JACKSON ✓
S/S F D ALLRED
S/S A J BONAMO

4. 900 "Q"
LT R J MORTON ✓
S/S C Q NORTON
S/S F M CITY

2. 227 "F"
LT L R MCBRIDE ✓
S/S J W MORAN
S/S P B DRISKILL

5. 376 "O"
LT W A PECK ✓
S/S G L COFFEY
S/S M ROSENSTEIN

3. 217 "D"
LT T J LEONARD ✓
S/S O D EVANS
SGT T A PALMER

6. 211 "C"
LT E E DEMUN ✓
S/S E R WERLEY
S/S G M COOK

SPARE

941 "U"
LT T BOUKAMP ✓
S/S R J COLOSIMO
S/S J S WING

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO: 1X BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

416 BG P _____ E

CONFIDENTIAL IN THE CLEAR

AUTH: LT COL WALTER W. FARMER

"J" FORM

CLEARANCE F-1

12 APRIL 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR JOHN G NAPIER

A.

B. ~~1430~~ 1430 ✓

C. HASTINGS

D. BOX I R/T MAINPART ONE

670 . . . 2 . . . J B-1

671 . . . 8 . . . K D X N B M H G-1

668 . . . 5 . . . C E K G I

669 . . . 3 . . . P B-2 N-1

671 . . . 1 . . . P-1 (SPARE)

GROUP LEADER . . . 670 . . . J

DEPUTY . . . 671 . . . K

BOX II R/T MAINPART TWO

669 . . . 8 . . . S R A S I G Q O O

670 . . . 9 . . . N ~~E~~ M A-1 L L-1 S-1 F D

668 . . . 1 . . . Z

669 . . . 1 . . . U (SPARE)

SECOND BOX LEADER . . . 669 . . . S

DEPUTY . . . 668 . . . Z

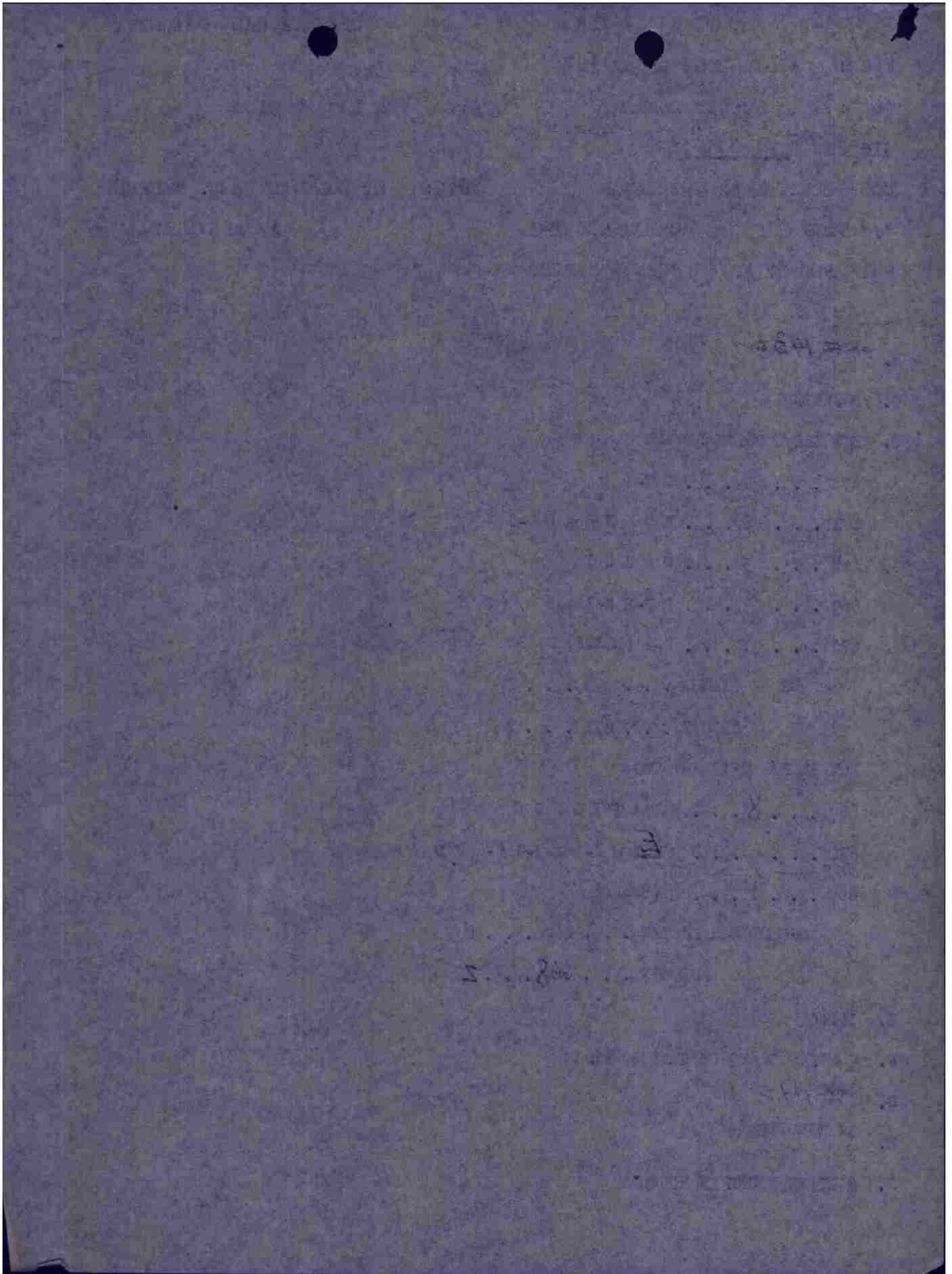
E. 14000

F. 5 MILES SOUTH BERCK SUR MER

G. ~~1442~~ 1442 ✓

H. 13 MINUTES

J. 4 MILES SOUTH LE TOUQUET



K. HASTINGS

L. ~~1036~~ 1506

M. 1. E.T.D. . . . ~~1403~~ . . . E.T.A. . . . ~~1039~~ 1523

2. 4 X 500 G.P.

3. 4 HOURS

4. BOX I . . . Z3075

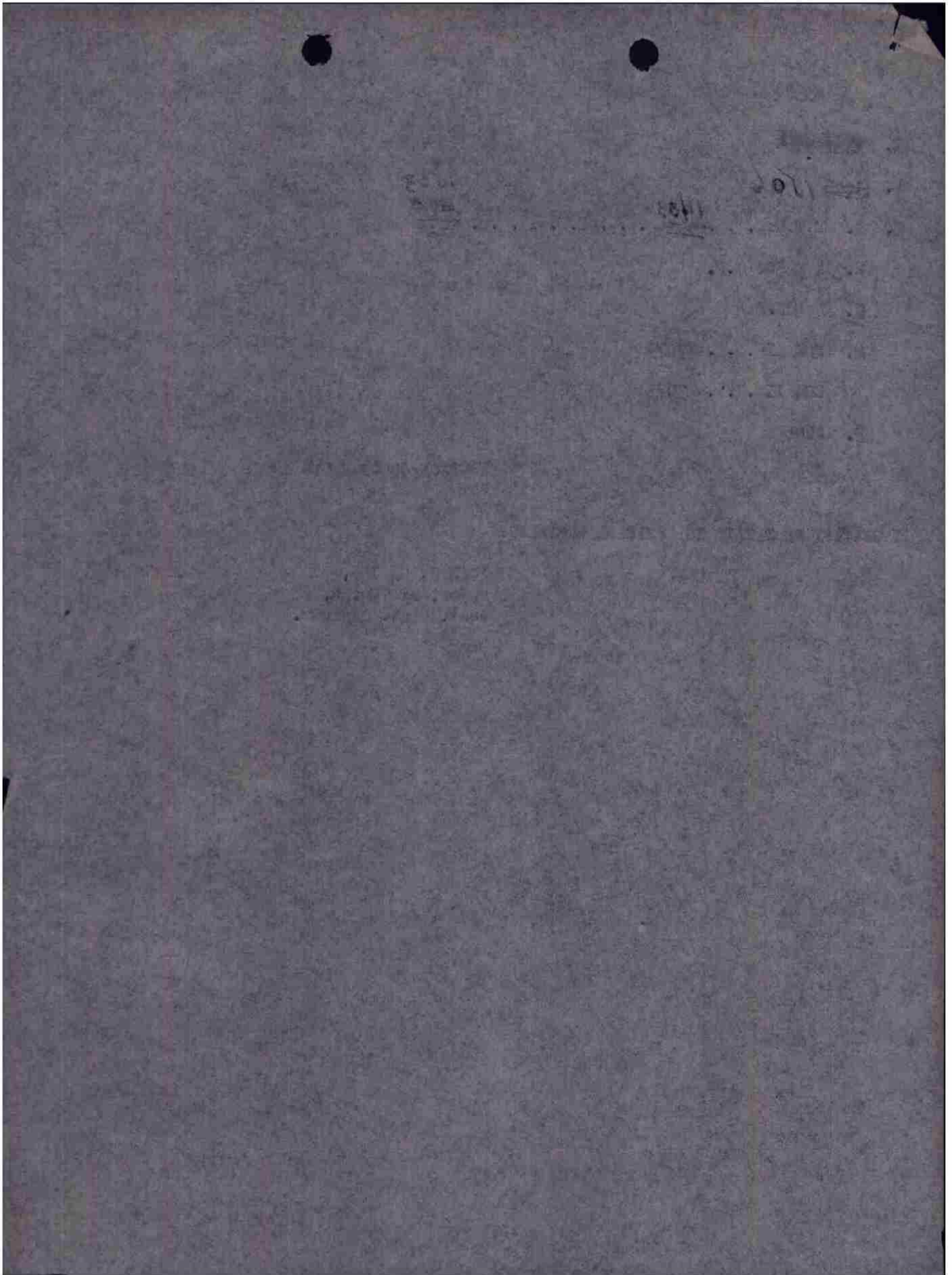
BOX II . . . Z3075

5. NONE

SPACE COBOMGR 416

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

JOHN G. NAPIER,
Major, Air Corps,
Asst. Opns. Officer.



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

APO 140
12 April 1944

SUBJECT: Operational Forecast

TO : Group Operations

BASE AT TAKEOFF: .4 to .7 cirrus above 20000 feet.
.3 to .4 low clouds with bases
1500 and tops 3-4000 feet. No
medium clouds. Visibility 200 to
300 yards.

ROUTE OUT: Low clouds increasing to .6 to .7 over
south coast and channel and breaking at
the French coast to .3 to .5. Visibility
improving to 4-6 miles over channel and
France.

TARGET: .3 to .5 cirrus above 20000 feet. No
Medium clouds. .3 to .5 low clouds with tops
to 3-4000 feet. Visibility 4-6 miles.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out with 6-8/10 low
clouds over England and Base. Tops to
6-8000 feet and base 2-3000 feet.

BASE ON RETURN: .5 to .8 low clouds with bases 2-3000
and tops to 6-8000 feet. .4 to .7
cirrus above 20000 feet. Visibility
1-3 miles.

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

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

APC 140
12 April 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 3 miles. .3 stratocumulus
at 4000 feet. Overcast of cirrus
above 20000 feet.

ROUTE OUT: Scattered .3 to .4 low clouds over
England with tops to 5-6000 feet,
clearing over the channel. Visibility
improved to 6 miles over the channel
and became unlimited over France.
Low clouds increased over France to .7
to .8 with tops to 8000 feet.

TARGET: .7 to .8 cumulus with tops to 8000 feet.
Scattered cirrus above 20000 feet. Visibility
unlimited.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out with visibility
increasing to 5-6 miles over England.

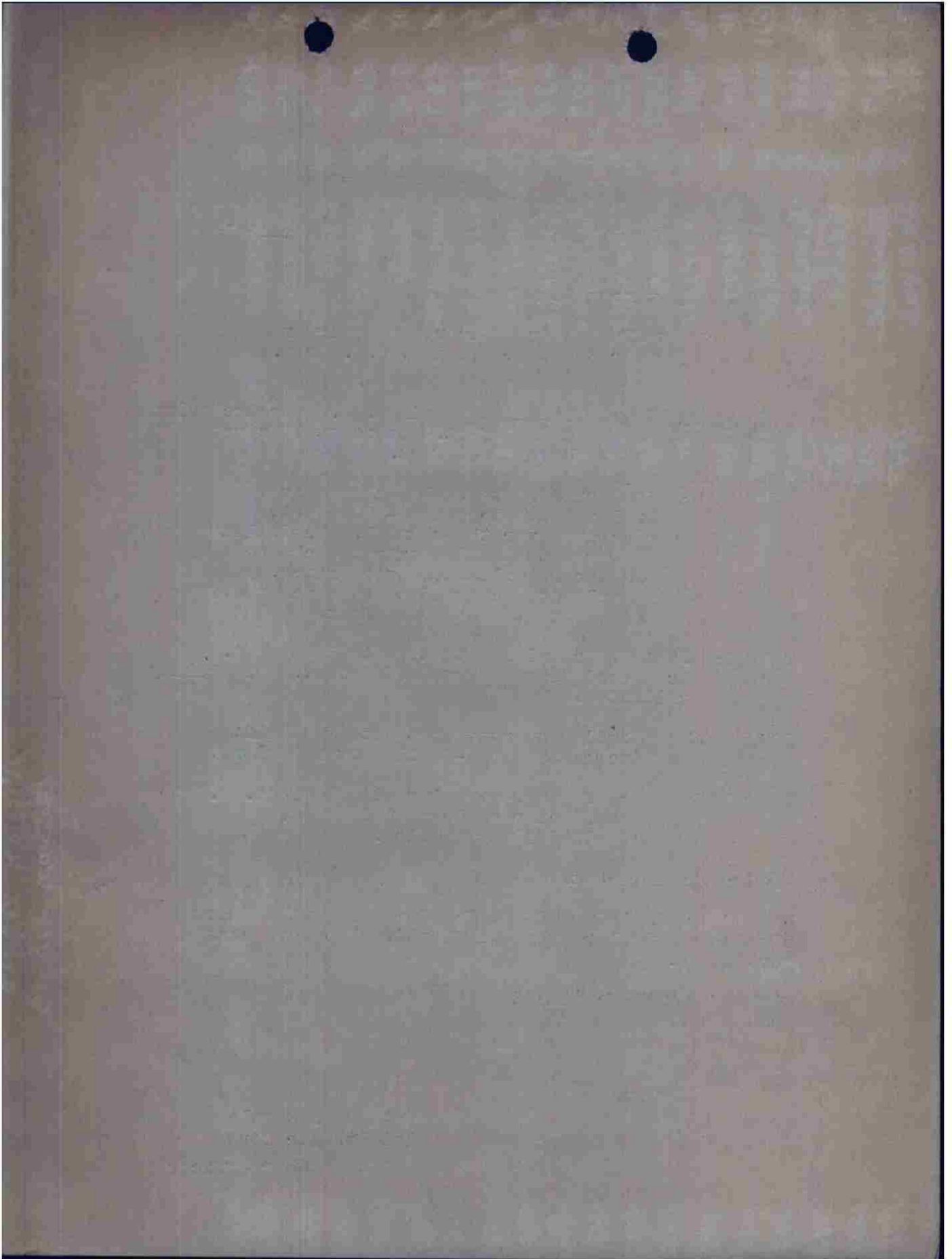
BASE ON RETURN: .2 to .4 cumulus at 4000 feet. .6 to
.8 cirrus above 20000 feet.
Visibility 6 miles.

WINDS: As forecast.

EFFECT OF WEATHER ON BOMBING: Large amounts of low
clouds made bombing very difficult. Two bomb runs
were taken.

TIME OVER TARGET: 14:48

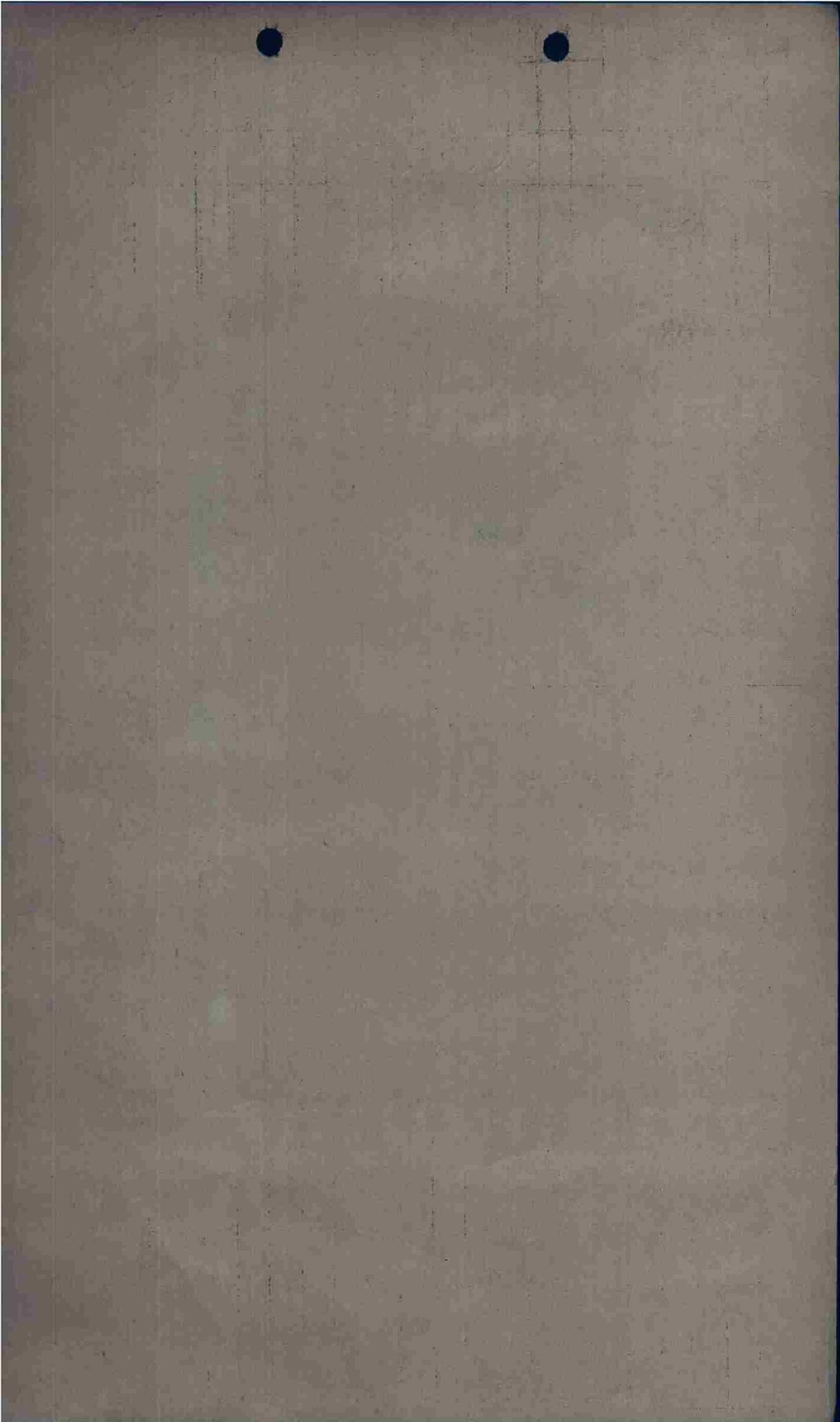
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Staff Weather Officer



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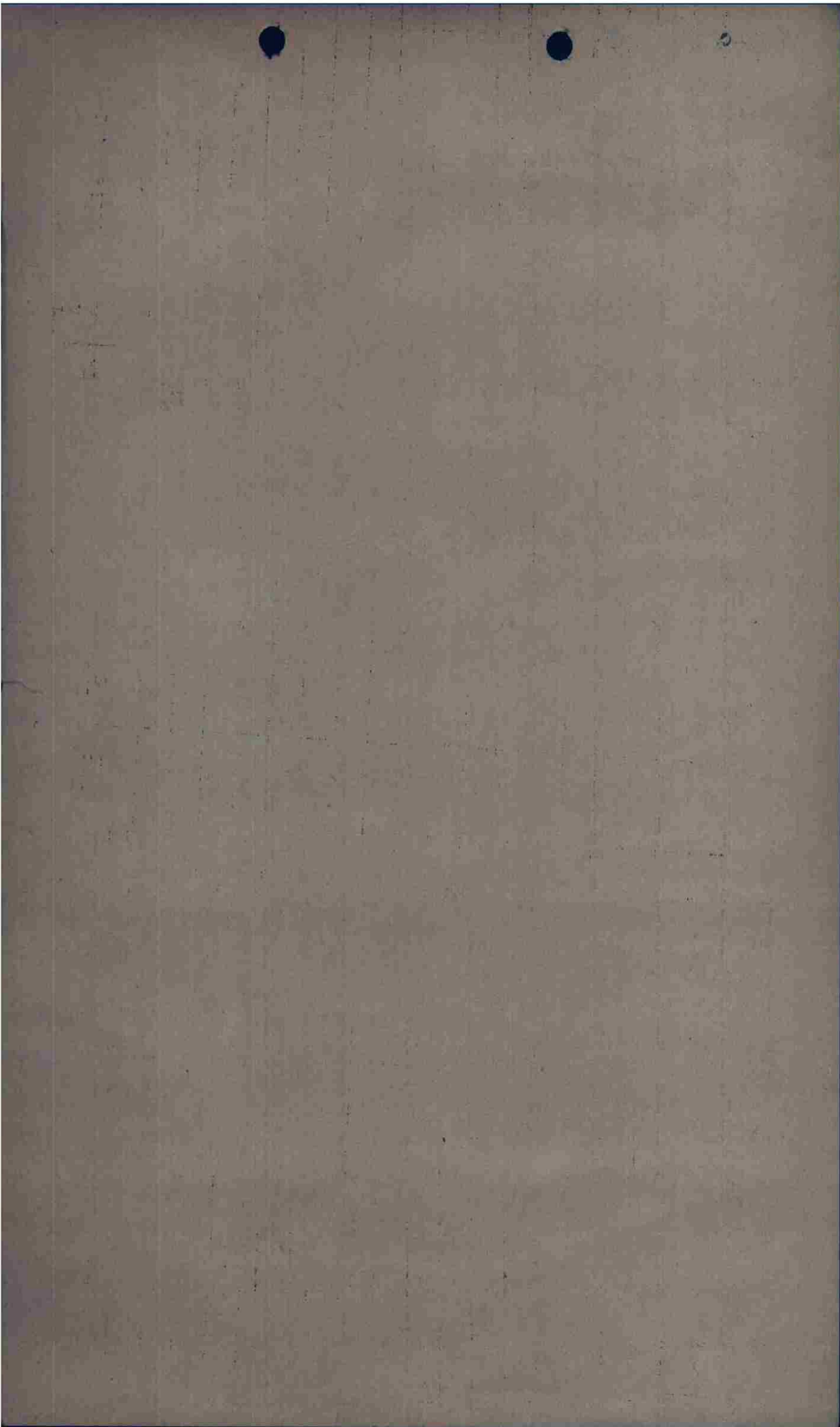
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Box 11

A/C TR	A/C NO.	SCDN.	PILOT	I A R G E T	ATO	ENGLISH COAST OFF	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN	A M E R A	FUEL	BOMB LOAD	I N D U R.	LAND TIME	REMARKS
D	439	C	Farmer		1343	14,000 Haskings 1430	14,000 5 miles South Berkeley 1447	1446	14,000 14 miles South Le Touquet 1455	9,000 Haskings 1506	HC	792	4500 G.P.	H	1544	
X	919	D	Cole	1343											1618	
X	914	D	Dunn	1344											1545	
N	714	D	Cowgill	1344											1546	
B	937	D	Durante	1344											1547	
C	194	A	Barkersby	1344											1548	
E	916	A	Bradford	1345											1549	
Y	684	A	Kleopfel	1345											1553	
G	379	A	Sehaefer	1345											1551	
I	745	A	Poin Dexter	1346											1551	
B-1	907	C	Feede	1346							C				1552	
M	711	D	Marzolf	1346											1555	
H	707	D	Zubon	1346											1556	
G-1	925	D	Wheeler	1347											1557	
F	189	B	Ritchie	1347							C				1558	
B-2	909	B	Cruze	1347											1559	
N-1	717	B	Allisale	1348							C				1559	
R-1	951	D	DeMand	1348											1600	

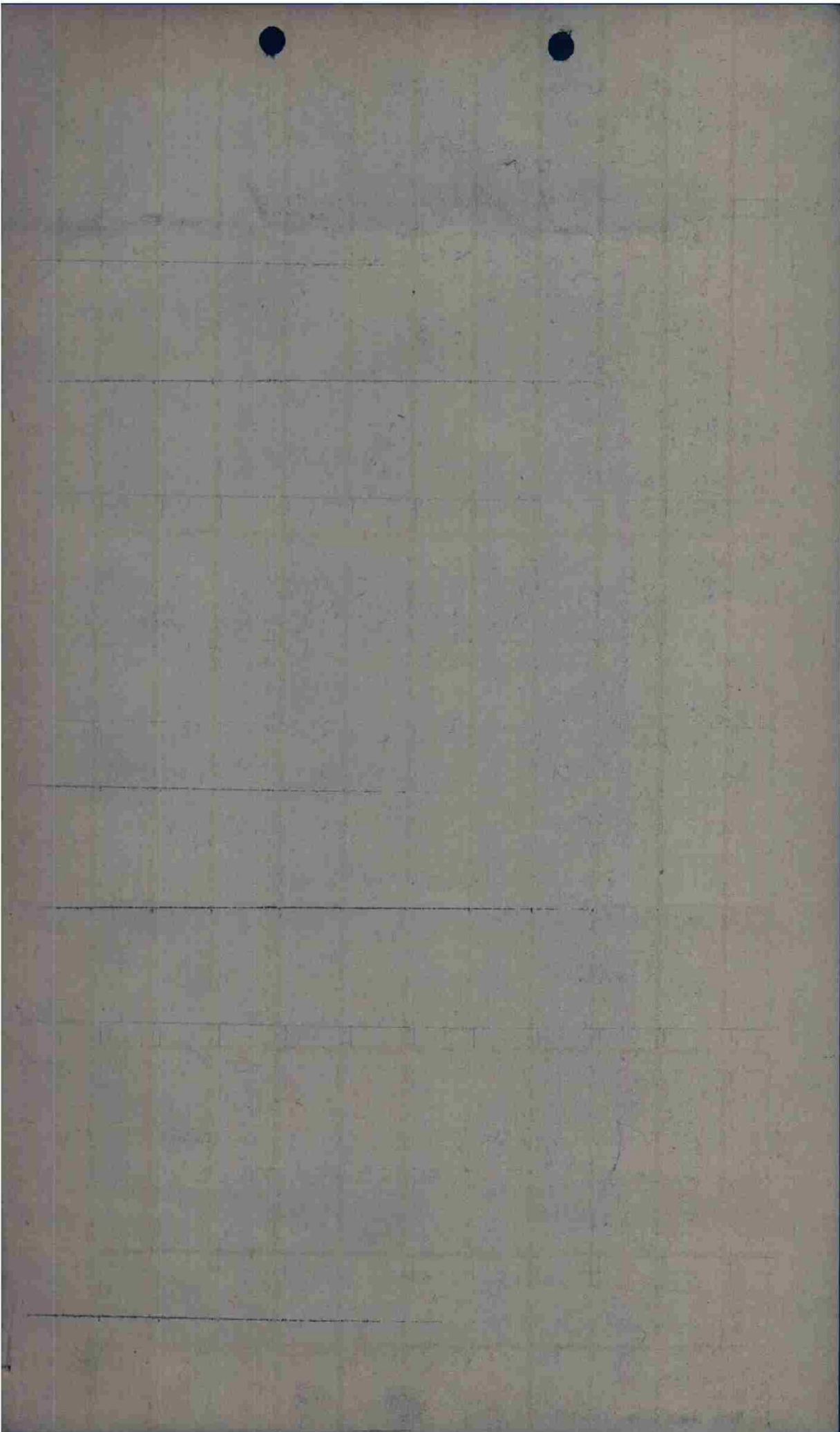


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Box II.

A/C Ltr	A/C NO.	SCDN.	PILOT	PAR G E T	ATO	ENGLISH COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN	O A M E R A	FUEL	BOMB LOAD	IN D U R.	LAND TIME	REMARKS
S	450	B	CARRISSEL			14,000	14,000		14,000	9,000	HC	725	4X500 G.P.	4		SCRUBBED
R	743	B	BEHMER	1351	Hastings	1430	5 miles SOUTH BERKSHIRE	1446	4 miles SOUTH 1000000	Hastings	HC	725	4X500 G.P.	4	1601	
A	181	B	LAND	1351			1448		1455						1601	
Z	640	A	HUFF	1348											1603	
I	673	B	CONNOR	1352											1604	
G	390	B	Mac DONALD	1349											1602	
N	380	C	Mc Nulty	1349											1601	
E	224	C	MONROE	1349											1607	
M	750	C	OSTRANDER	1349											1608	
A-1	200	C	RUSSELL	1350											1608	
L	892	C	HARROLD	1350											1609	
T-1	689	C	ATKINSON	1351							C				1610	
S	978	C	JACKSON	1351											1612	
F	227	C	Mc BRIDE	1351											1613	
D	217	C	LEONARD	1351							C				1614	
Q	900	B	Mc GEE	1351											1615	
C	376	B	Mc GEE	1353											1616	
C	211	B	DEMUN	1352							C				1602	
U	941	B	BOURAMP	1353											1616	



William C. Powell
Capt. A. C.
Prominent Officer



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 UGI V OICOG 2/12 OP
 T (OIUBA PASS TO OIMIB)
 (UGI PASS TO GPB AND ADV. HQ. 9TH FIGHTER COMMAND)
 (OIPNT PASS TO C.O.P.C.)

FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 120438B 9BC P-2676-E

TO: COBOMGP 416
 CO 1ST PROVISIONAL PFF SQUADRON
 COCBTWIG 98, 99, 97
 COMAF 9
 COMAF 3
 COMASPTCOM 9
 COMFICOM 3
 COMFICOM 9
 SASO 2 GROUP RAF
 SASO 11 GROUP RAF
 AOC-IN-C RAF

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY
 SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH COL. KILBORN.

IX BOMBER COMMAND

A P O 140
 12 APRIL 1944

F. O. 264

1. B. (2) VIII A.F. IS ATTACKING GY-4865, GZ-2707, GY-4806A, AND
 GZ-2703 + ZERO HOUR 0900. RAF 2 GROUP ATTACK Z-503
 LOW LEVEL AT 1100. RAF 11 GROUP WILL FURNISH ESCORT
 AND SUPPORT.

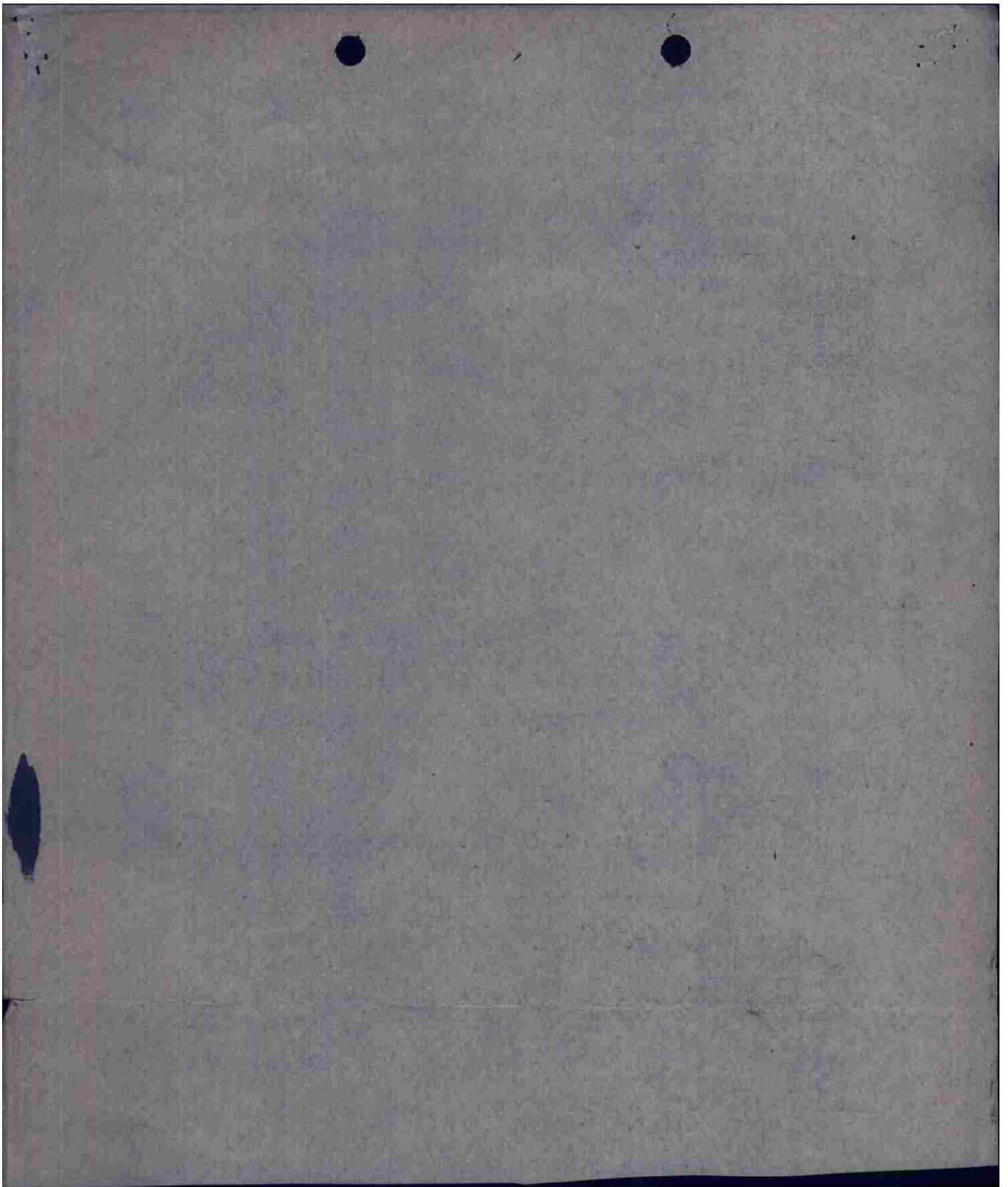
2. THIS COMMAND WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

ZERO HOUR 121000B.

3. A. 99TH COMBAT WING:

- (1) BZ-999 SECONDARY: ZB-50
- (2) 4 GROUPS NORMAL
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS 51 DEG. 14 MIN. NORTH - 02 DEG. 20 MIN.
 EAST. 2 GROUPS AT ZERO HOUR. 2 GROUPS AT ZERO PLUS
 15 MIN.
- (4) BASE TO NORTH FORELAND TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS, TO
 NIEUPORT TO 50 DEG. 52 MIN. NORTH - 03 DEG. 48 MIN.
 EAST TO 50 DEG. 21 MIN. NORTH 04 DEG. 15 MIN.
 EAST TO 50 DEG. 16 MIN. NORTH - 03 DEG. 58 MIN. EAST
 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO 50 DEG. 36 MIN. NORTH - 03 DEG. 56
 MIN. EAST TO 50 DEG. 54 MIN. NORTH - 03 DEG. 25 MIN.
 EAST TO FURNES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.
- (7) 50 DEG. 16 MIN. NORTH - 03 DEG. 58 MIN. EAST.
- (8) GENERALLY SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST.
- (9) 3 GROUPS ILLUS. S-5259/3 REF. 061043
 1 GROUP ILLUS. S-5259/3 REF. 075034
- (10) 3 GROUPS 4 X 1000 G.P. FUSED 1/10 NOSE 1/40 TAIL.
 1 GROUP 16 X 250 G.P. FUSED 1/10 NOSE 1/40 TAIL.

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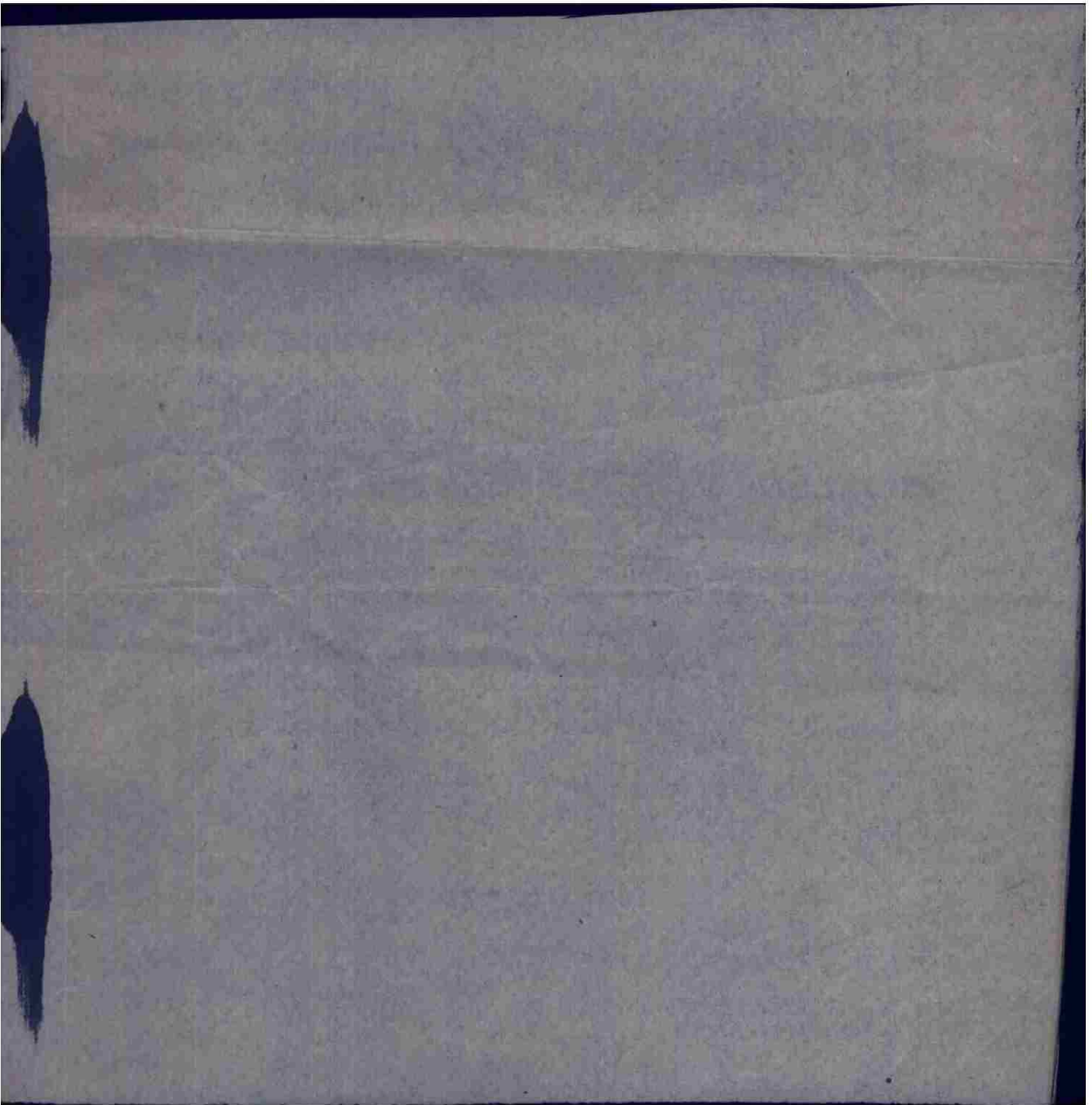
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- B. 58TH COMBAT WING:
- (1) 5102E/J/170
 - (2) 3 GROUPS NORMAL
 - (4) BASE TO NORTH FORELAND TO 51 DEG. 20 MIN. NORTH - 02 DEG. 25 MIN. EAST TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.
 - (7) 51 DEG. 20 MIN. NORTH - 02 DEG. 25 MIN. EAST.
 - (8) GENERALLY NORTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST.
 - (9) ALL GROUPS ILLUS. 5102E/31 REF. 038023
 - (10) ALL GROUPS 4 X 1000 G.P. FUSED 1/10 NOSE 1/40 TAIL.
- C. 4TH GROUP:
- (1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: 2-3075.
 - (2) RENDEZVOUS:
 - (A) WITH FIGHTERS AT HASTINGS AT 14,000 FEET, AT ZERO HOUR.
 - (3) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO HASTINGS TO 5 MILES SOUTH OF BERCK-SUR-MER TO TARGET.
 - (4) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO 50 DEG. 23 MIN. NORTH - 02 DEG. 10 MIN. EAST TO 50 DEG. 27 MIN. NORTH - 02 DEG. 05 MIN. EAST TO 4 MILES SOUTH MONTREUIL TO 4 MILES SOUTH LE TOUQUET TO HASTINGS TO BASE.
 - (5) ALTITUDES: BOMB 14,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 14,000 FEET.
 - (6) INITIAL POINT: 50 DEG. 19 MIN. NORTH - 01 DEG. 45 MIN. EAST.
 - (7) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY WEST TO EAST.
 - (8) M.F.I.: ILLUSTRATION A/83/1 REF. 031026.
- X. (1-4) NO CHANGE.
- (5) PAR. 3B - ONE GROUP WILL LEAVE NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO PLUS 15 MIN.
ONE GROUP WILL LEAVE NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO PLUS 30 MIN.
ONE GROUP WILL LEAVE NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO PLUS 45 MIN.
 - (6) INTERVALOMETER SETTING: ALL GROUPS MINIMUM.
 - (7) PAR. 3B - THERE WILL BE A (SPITFIRE) FIGHTER COVER IN TARGET AREA.

4. NO CHANGE.
5. TO FOLLOW.

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BT 120435B
CJD/BCB/DUE AR
ALL STATIONS STAND BY FOR K WITH R
O
97CEU : OICOG R.....12/0507B SM AR
OIUAA : OICOG R.....12/0505B EW AR
V9



16 W
S-3

OIPNT OIAJX OIPPF OIYAA OIMIB IAH UBA 98CBW 99CBW 97CBW GPB
UGI V OICOG 6/12 OP
T (OIUBA PASS TO OIMIB)
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FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 120529E 9BC P-2679-E

TO: COBOMGP 416
CO 1ST PROVISIONAL PFF SQUADRON
COCBTWIG 98, 99, 97
COMAF 9
COMAF 8
COMASPTCOM 9
COMFICOM 8
COMFICOM 9
SASO 2 GROUP RAF
SASO 11 GROUP RAF
AOC-IN-C RAF

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PARA. 5. TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

5. COMMUNICATINSAC A. COMBAT WING: 99TH TARGET NO. ZB-909
 - (2) REDLEAF, COUNTERFOIL, BAKEWELL, GLASSJAR.
 - (9) RECALL CODE WORD NUMBERS: 83/83, 89/89, 45/45, 49/49.
 - (10) VERIFICATION CODE BOX NUMBERS: 83/83, 89/89, 45/45, 49/49.
- B. COMBAT WING: 98TH TARGET NO. 5102E/J/170
 - (2) OAKCHEST, HATDRESS, PINKSTONE.
 - (9) RECALL CODE WORD NUMBERS: 10/10, 16/16, 23/23.
 - (10) VERIFICATION CODE BOX NUMBERS: 10/10, 16/16, 23/23.
- C. 416TH GROUP TARGET NO. Z-3075
 - (2) MAINPART.
 - (9) RECALL CODE WORD NUMBERS: 28/28.
 - (10) VERIFICATION CODE BOX NUMBERS: 28/28.
- X.
 - (2) PARA. A AND B, HAWKINGE CHANNEL D.
 - PARA. C, FRISTON CHANNEL D.
 - (8) EASTERN WYOMING SOUTHERN UTAH ENTIRE MISSION.
 - (10) WEATHER CODE: BAVT/BAVT.

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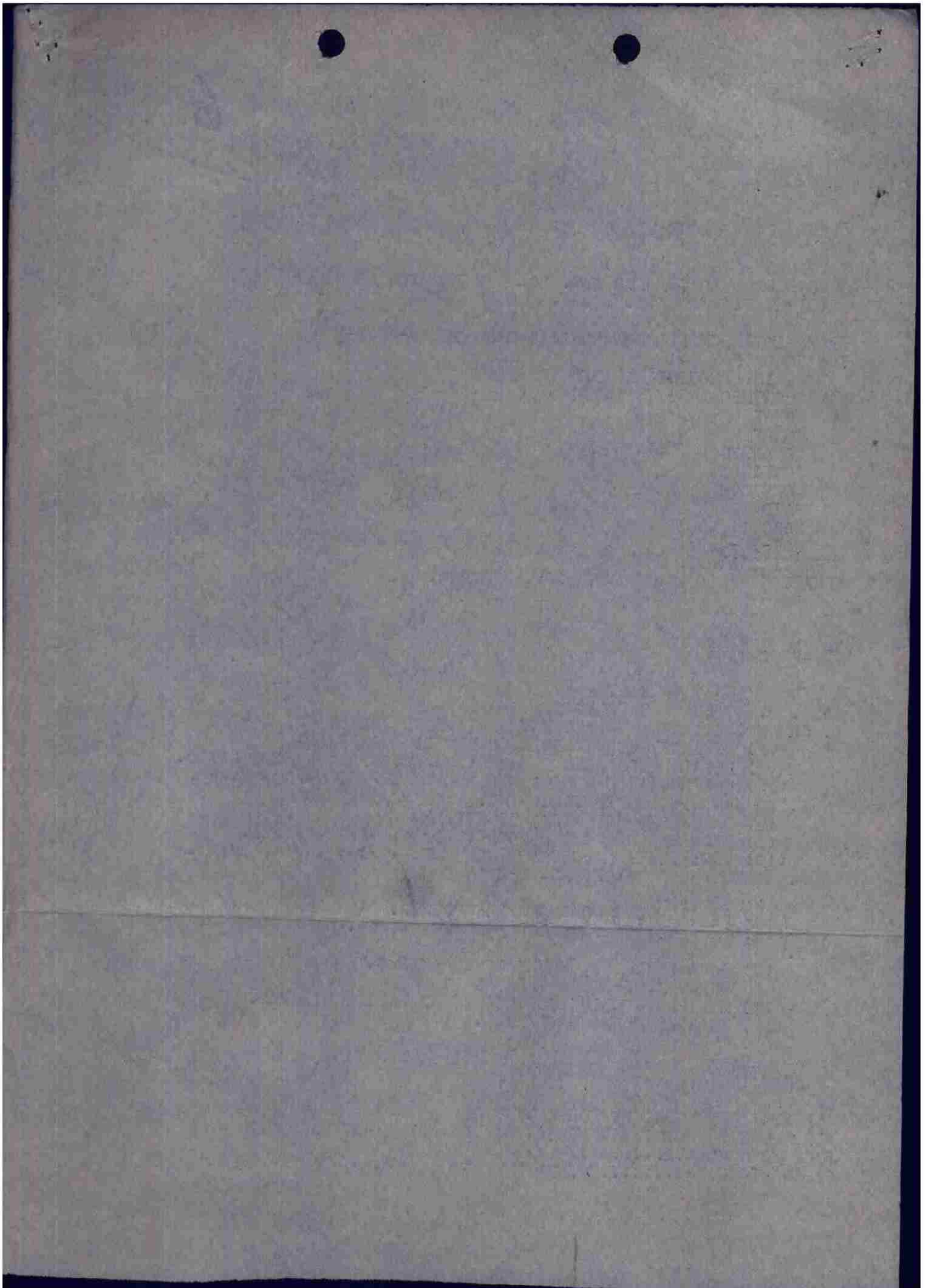
BT 0530/12

DWE BBBB

ALL STATIONS STAND BY FOR K WITH R

PLS R BUT DO NOT CLEAR REPEAT DO NOT CLEAR HAVE ANOTHER

THORW/DZCOTOFOLLOW...12/0643B SM KK
OIYAA/OICOG R.....12/0643B FD KKK



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 UGI V OICOG 8/12 OP
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FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 120547B 9BC P-2631-E

TO: COBOMGP 416
 CO 1ST PROVISIONAL PFF SQUADRON
 COCBTWIG 98, 99, 97
 COMAF 9
 COMAF 8
 COMASPTCOM 9
 COMFICOM 8
 COMFICOM 9
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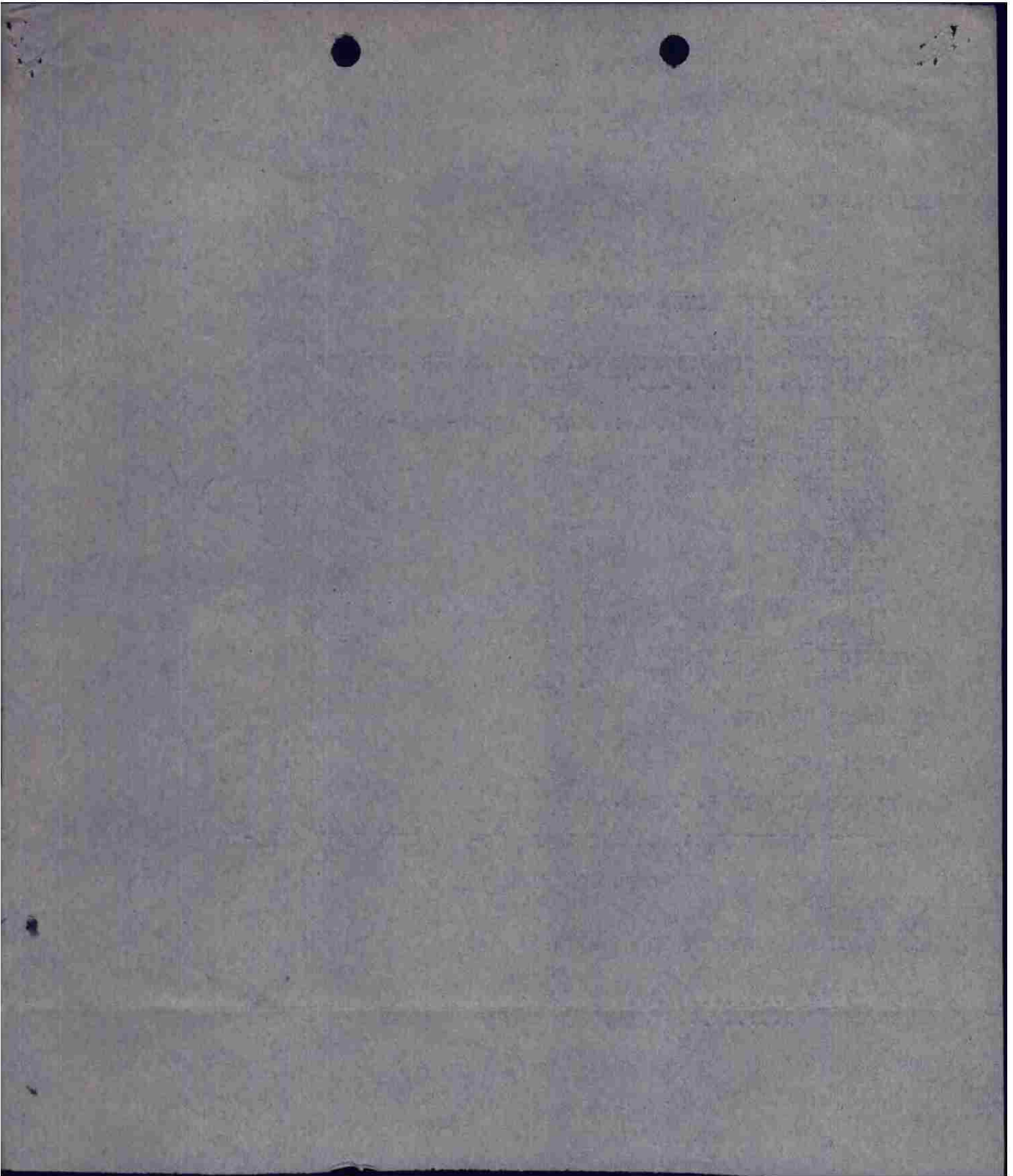
ANNEX NUMBER 2 TO F.O. 264.

CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3. A. (1) TO READ: ZB-909 SECONDARY : ZB-50

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BT 12/0547B
 DWE BBBB
 ALL STATIONS STAND BY FOR K WITH R

97CBW/OICOG R.....12/0655B	SM	KK
OIYAA/OICOG R.....12/0655B	FD	KKK



01YAA 97CBW V OICOG 12/12 P

FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 12/0506B 9BC P-2677-E

TO: 01YAA

97CBW

PRIORITY SECRET

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ATT: A-2

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO FIELD ORDER NO. 264.0

1. TARGET Z-3075:
FOR INFORMATION SEE INFORMATION SHEET DATED 23 DECEMBER 1943.
2. SITUATION:

A. ENEMY:
 (1) FLAK: GROUPS HAVE RECEIVED LATEST AMENDMENTS.
 (2) AIR: REFER TO "THE GERMAN AIR FORCE ON THE WESTERN FRONT"
 N NO. 4.0
 (3) GROUND: GROUPS HAVE RECEIVED LATEST INFO
 (4) SEA: NO CONVOYS REPORTED IN THIS AREA.
B. FRIENDLY: REFER TO COMBAT WING FIELD ORDER.
3. OBSERVATIONS:

REQUEST OBSERVATIONS OF ENEMY SHIPPING, TROOP CONCENTRATIONS,
RAIL ACTIVITY, AND CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

COMBOMCOM NINE

BT 12/0506B

BCD AR

ALL STATIONS STAND BY FOR K WITH R

97CBW/OICOG R.....12/0799B

01YAA/OICOG R.....12/0700B

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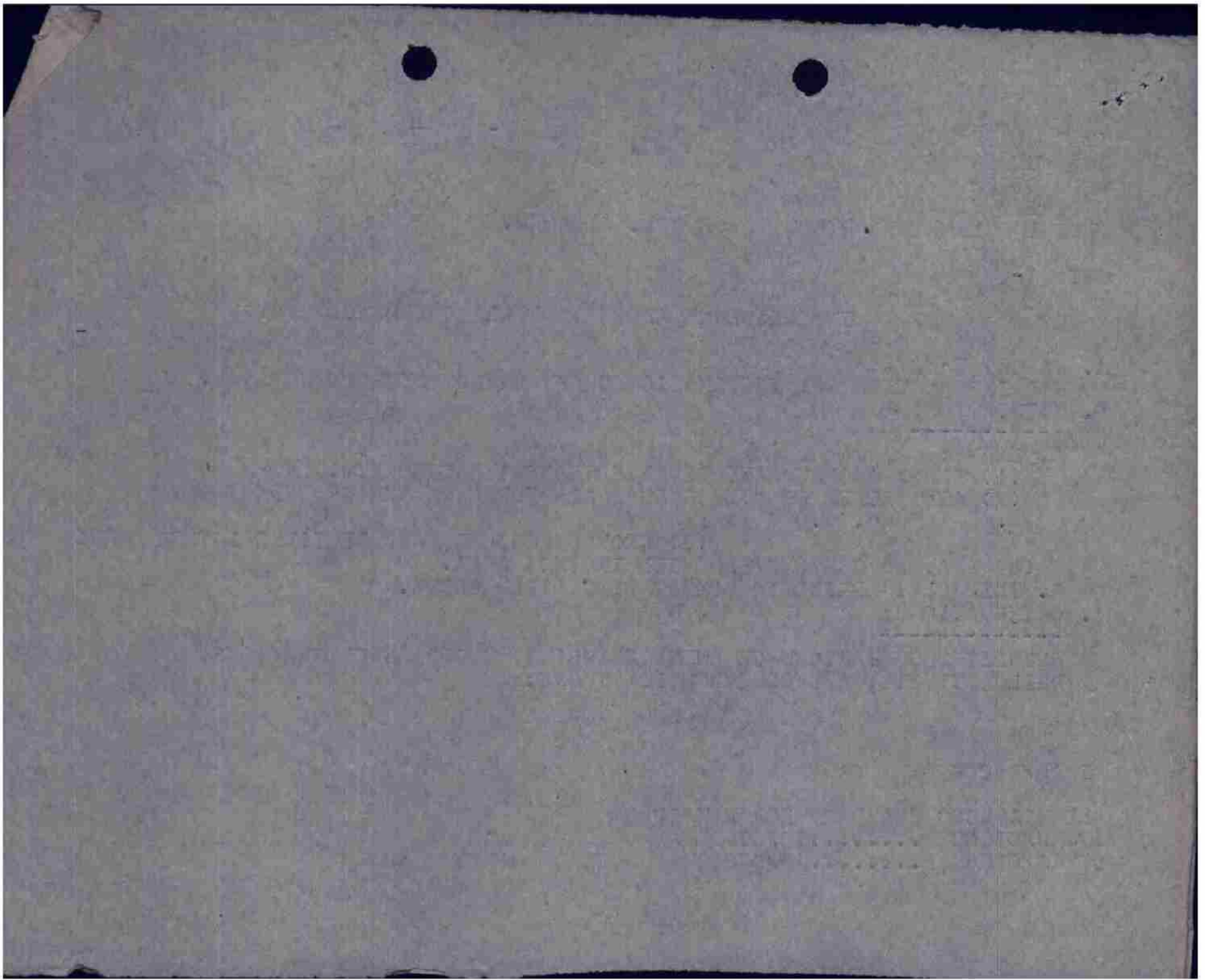
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FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 12/0506B 9BC P-2678-E

TO: OISLG
OISMC
OIDNW
OIMAG
OIYAA
99CBW

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ATT: A-2

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO FIELD ORDER NO. 264

1. TARGET ZB-909:

THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS MARSHALLING YARD IS THE LOCOMOTIVE DEPOT. 60-70 LOCOMOTIVES NOW OPERATE OUT OF THERE. THE MARSHALLING YARD IS IN AN IMPORTANT AREA; IT IS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL CENTERS OF THE BELGIUM COAL TRADE AND THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF NUMEROUS RAILROADS SERVING THE MINES. THE GENERAL AREA HAS APPROXIMATELY ONLY ONE WEEK'S SUPPLY OF COAL, AND THE DESTRUCTION OF THIS MARSHALLING YARD WOULD CONSIDERABLY SLOW UP PRODUCTION IN THIS VICINITY. THE MARSHALLING YARD IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT JUNCTION ON THE MAIN LINE FROM PARIS, VIA VALENCIENNES, NAMUR AND LEIGE, TO AACHEN.

IT IS AT ZB-909 THAT THE LINE FROM MONS DIVIDED - ONE BRANCH RUNNING TO VALENCIENNES AND THE OTHER TO LILLE. THE BOMBING OF RAILWAYS ON THE CONTINENT DOES DELAY MOVING TRAFFIC, ALTHOUGH TRACKS HAVE BEEN QUICKLY REPAIRED; HOWEVER, DAMAGE TO WORK SHOPS, LOCOMOTIVES DEPOTS, SIDINGS, ETC. WILL BE AND HAS BEEN, A DEFINITE DETERRENT TO TRAFFIC FOR A CONSIDERABLE TIME TO COME.

2. THE SITUATION:

A. ENEMY:

- (1) FLAK: GROUPS HAVE RECEIVED LATEST AMENDMENTS.
- (2) AIR: REFER TO "THE GERMAN AIR FORCE ON THE WESTERN FRONT" NO. 4.
- (3) GROUND: GROUPS HAVE RECEIVED LATEST INFORMATION.
- (4) SEA: NO CONVOYS REPORTED IN THIS AREA.

B. FRIENDLY: REFER TO COMBAT WING FIELD ORDER.

3. OBSERVATIONS:

REQUEST OBSERVATIONS OF ENEMY SHIPPING, TROOP CONCENTRATIONS, RAIL ACTIVITY, AND CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

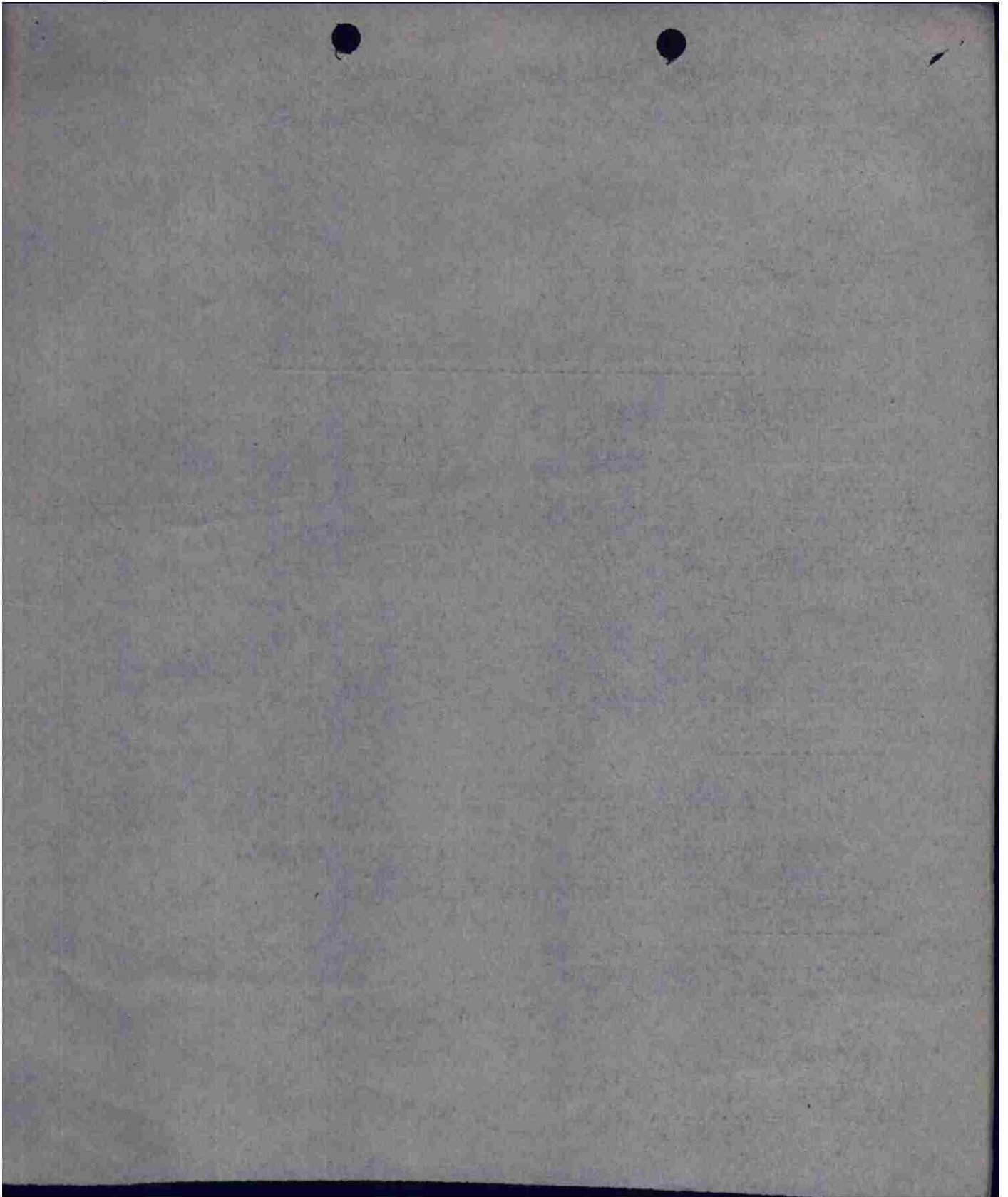
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OIYAA/OICOG R.....12/0735B FD KKKK



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 OICOG 28/12 OF
 T (UGI PASS TO GPB AND ADV HQ 9TH FICOM)
 (OIUBA PASS TO OIMIB)
 (OIPNT PASS TO C.O.P.C.)

FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 121128B 9BC P2697E
 TO: COBOMGP 416

COCETWIG 99, 98, 97

COMAF H 9

COMAF 8

COMASPTCOM 9

COMFICOM 8

COMFICOM 9

SASO 2 GROUP RAF

SASO 11 GROUP RAF

AOC-IN-C RAF

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ANNEX NUMBER 6, TO FIELD ORDER 264

CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3. B. (4) TO READ: BASE TO NORTH FORELAND TO TARGET.

CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3. B. (5) TO READ: TARGET TURN LEFT TO 51 DEG

20 MIN NORTH 02 DEG 25 MIN EAST

TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.

CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3. B. (8) TO READ: GENERALLY NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST.

COMBOMCOM NINE

AET AR K

STANDBY FOR DANOOTHER BCAST

OIPNT OIAJX OIMIB IAH OIUBA 97CBW 98CBW 99CBW GPB UGI OIYAA V
 OICOG 30/12 OF

T (UGI PASS TO GPB AND ADV HQ 9TH FICOM)

(OIUBA PASS TO OIMIB)

(OIPNT PASS TO C.O.P.C.)

FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 12/1220B 9BC P-2698-E

TO: COBOMGP 416

COCETWIG 99, 98, 97

COMAF 9

COMAF 8

COMASPTCOM 9

COMFICOM 8

COMFICOM 9

SASO 2 GROUP RAF

SASO 11 GROUP RAF

AOC-IN-C RAF

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ANNEX NO. 7 TO FIELD ORDER 264:

ZERO HOUR TO READ 121430B REPEAT 121430B.

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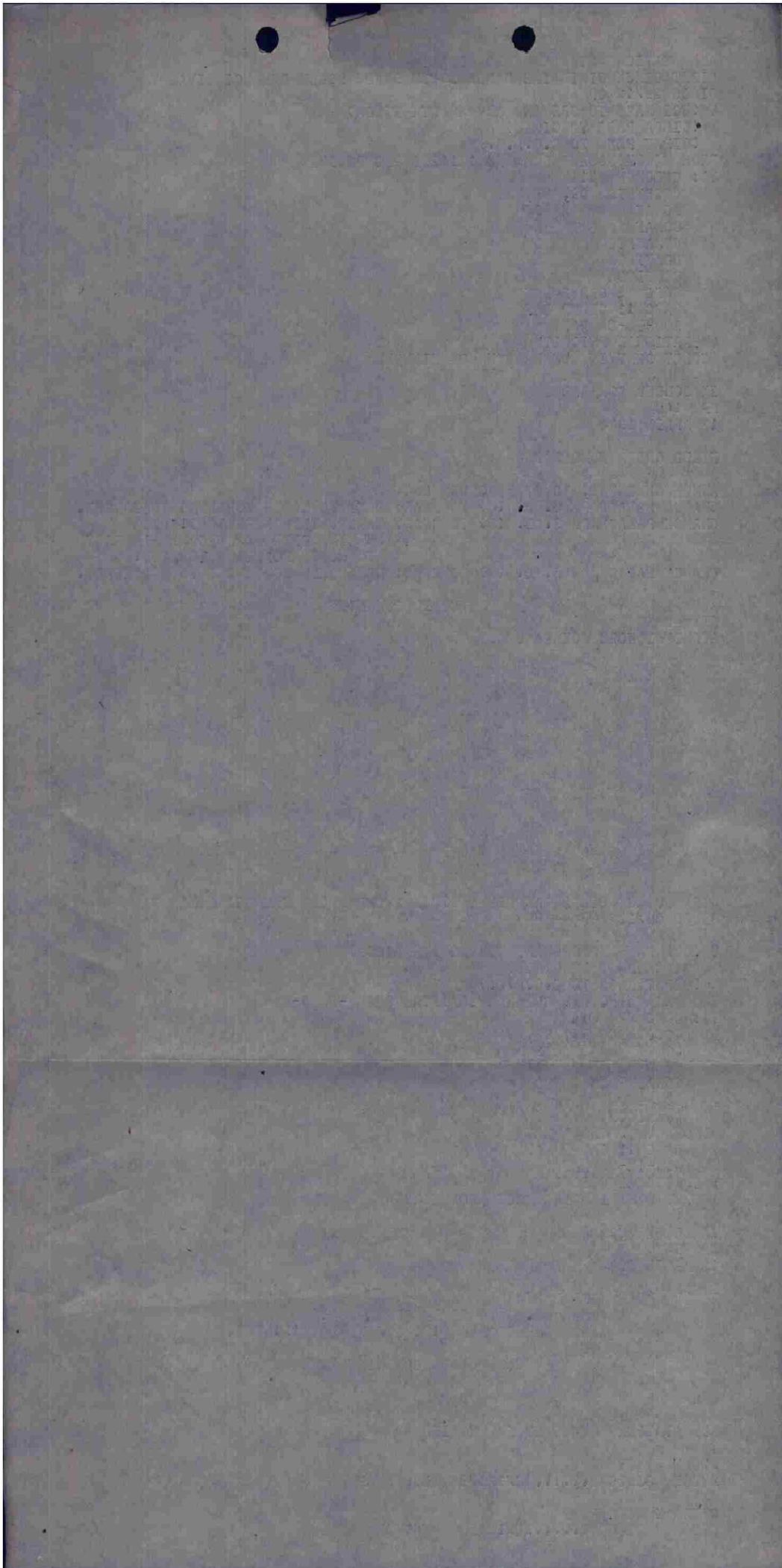
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97CBW K WITH

97CBW OICOG R.....12/1250B LCB AR

OIYAA K WITH R

OIYAA OICOG R.....12/1255A WFG AR T



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 UGI V OICOG 16/12NOP
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FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 120907B 9BC P2686E

TO: COBOMGP 416
 CO 1ST PROVISIONAL PFF SQUADGON
 COCBTWIG 98, 99, 97
 COMAF 9
 COMAF 8
 COMASPTCOM 99

COMFICOM 8

COMFICOM 9
 SASO 2 GROUP RAF
 SASO 11 GROUP RAF
 AOC-IN-C RAF

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ANNEX NUMBER 5 TO FIELD ORDER 264:

FIELD ORDER 264 POSTPONED.
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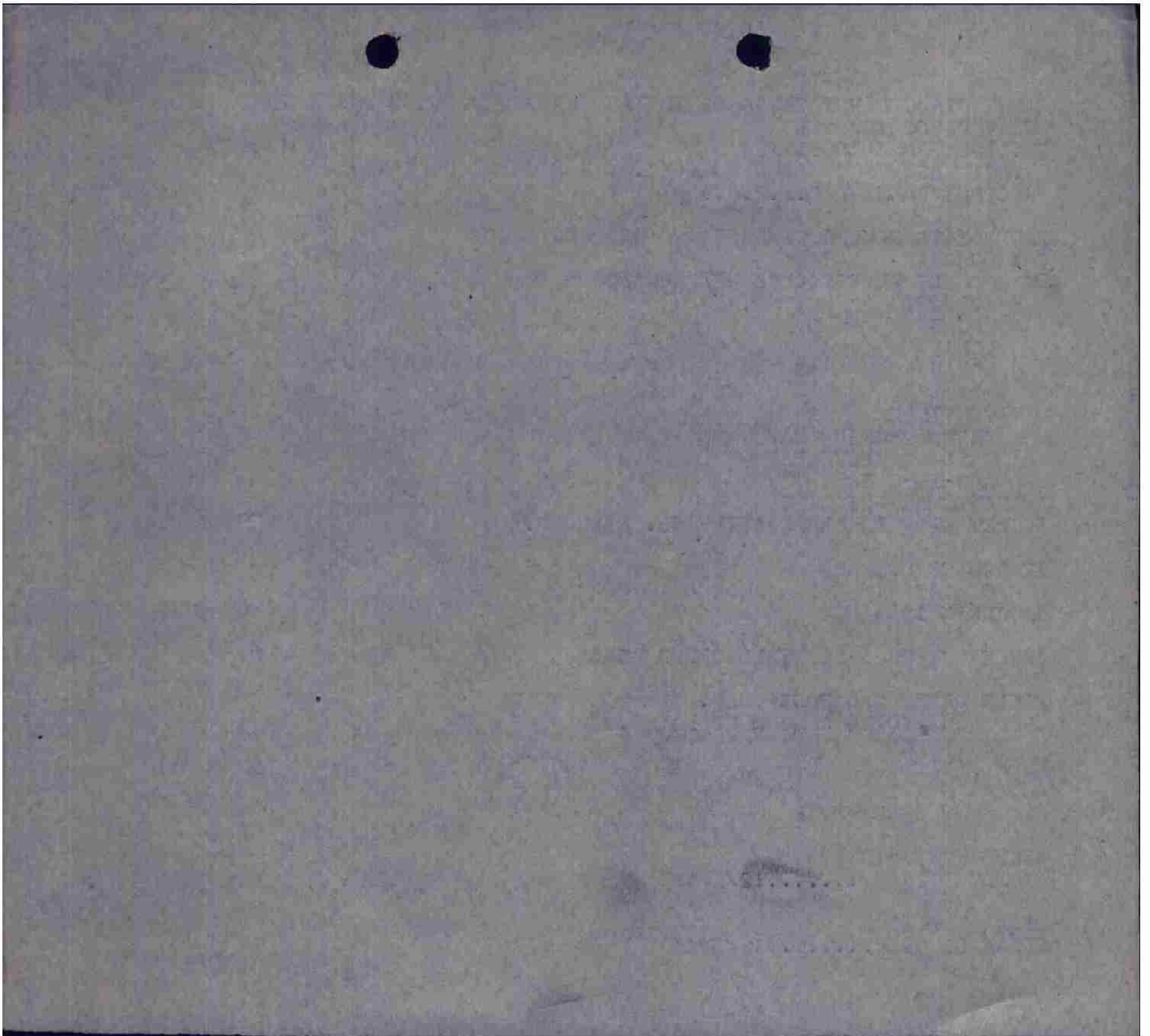
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 AET AR K
 ALL STNS HOLD FOR R

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COM

97CBW K WITH R
 97CBE OICOG R.....12/0945B JB AR

OIYAA K WITH R
 OIYAA OICOG R.....12/0945B EJ AR



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 UGI V OICOG 13/12 OP

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 (OIPNT PASS TO C.O.P.C.)

FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 13/0751B 9BC P-2683-E

TO: COBOMGP 416
 CO 1ST PROVISIONAL PFF SQUADRON
 COCBTWIG 98, 99, 97
 COMAF 9
 COMAF 8
 COMASPTCOM 9
 COMFICOM 8
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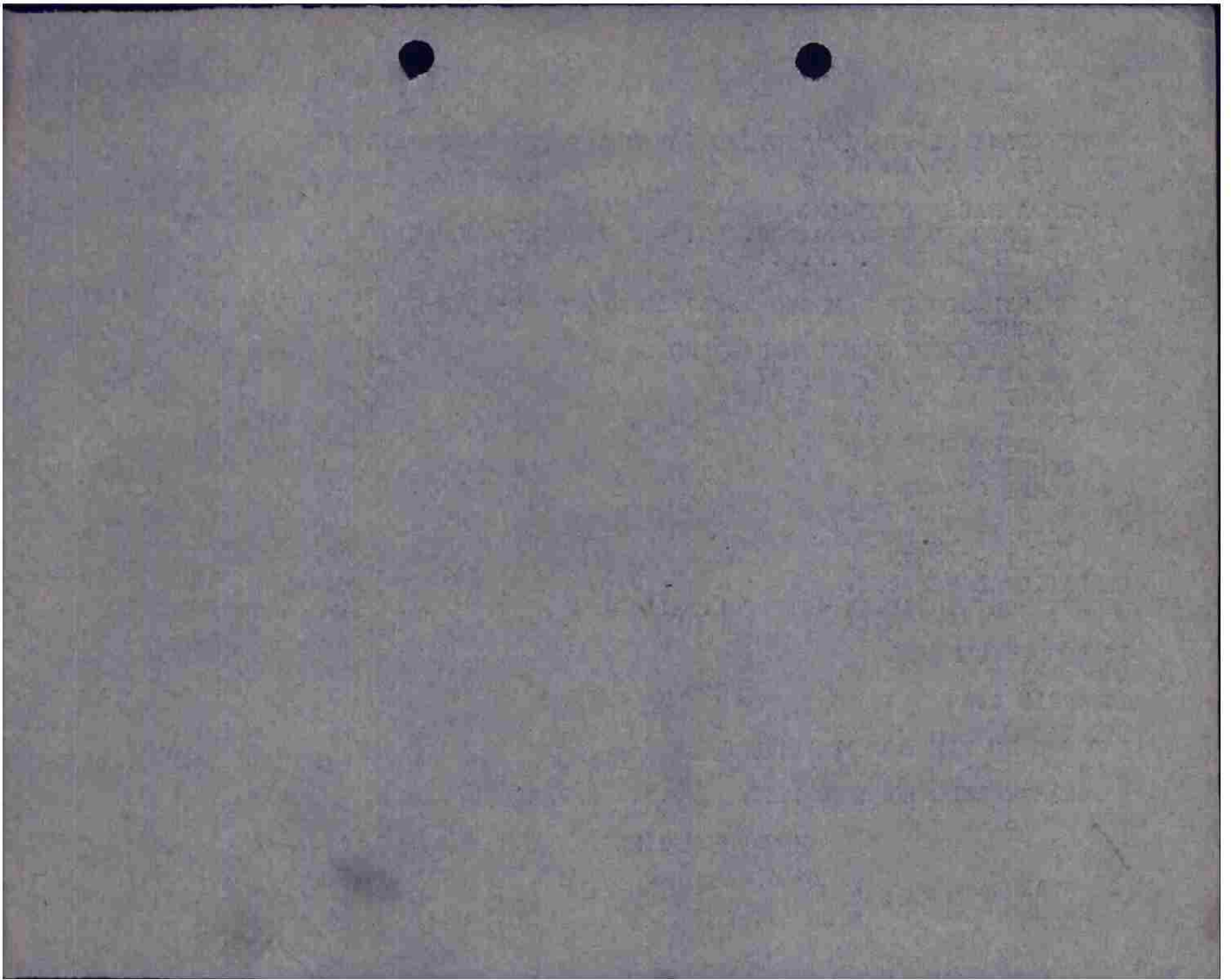
ANNEX 3 TO FIELD ORDER NUMBER NR 264

CHANGE ZERO HOUR TO READ 12/1100B REPEAT 12/1100B

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FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 120852B 9BC P2684E

TO: COBOMGP 416
 CO 1ST PROVISIONAL PFF SQUADRON
 COCBTWIG 98, 99, 97
 COMAF 9
 COMAF 8
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 COMFICOM 8
 COMFICOM 9
 SASO 2 GROUP RAF
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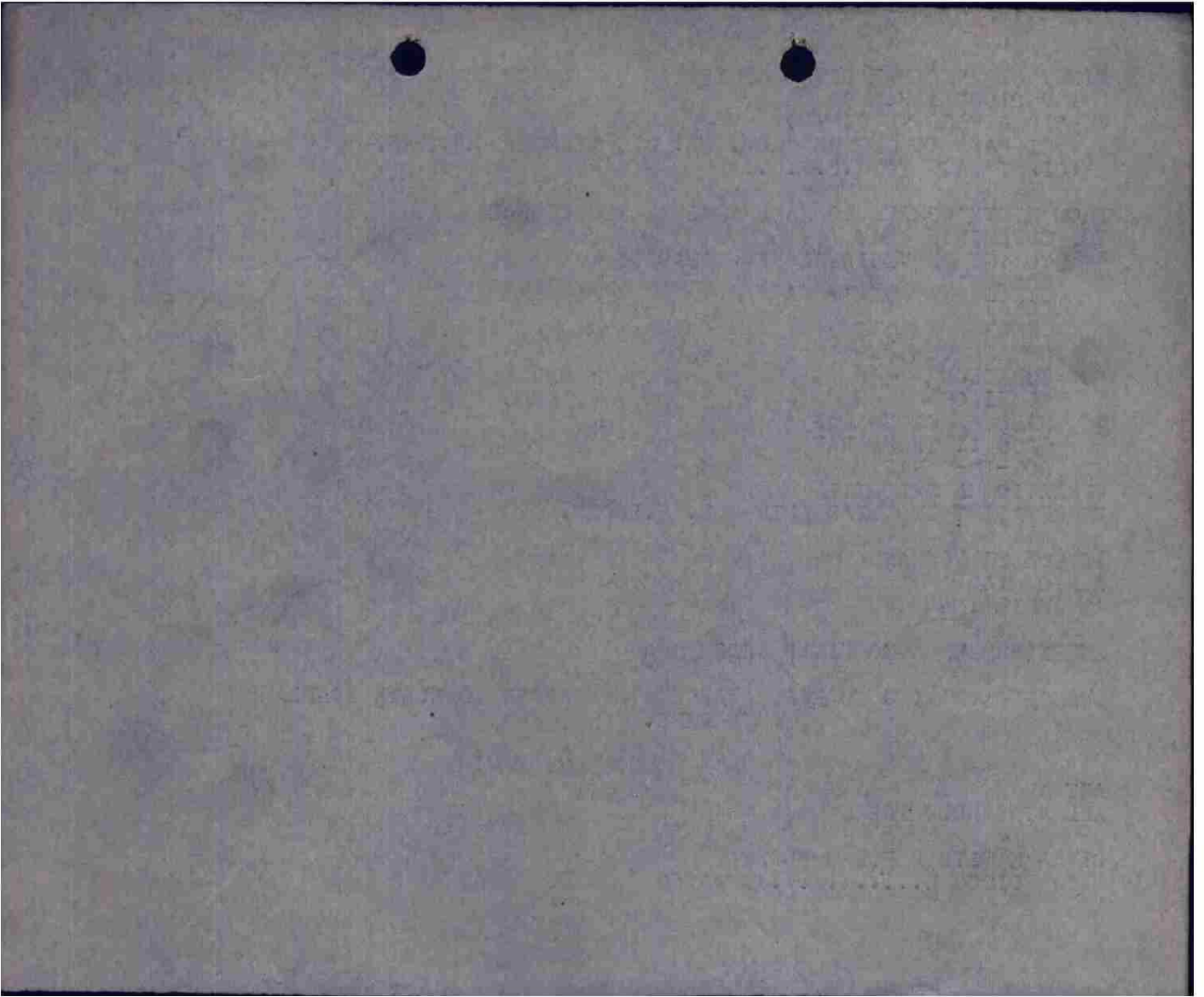
ANNEX NUMBER 4 TO FIELD ORDER 264

CHANGE 3 (B) (5) TO READ: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO NORTH FORELAND
 TO BASE.

COMBOMCOM NINE

AET AR K
 ALL STNS HOLD FOR R

OIYAA K WITH R FOR 2 EDCST
 OIYAA OICOG R.....12/0855B EJ AR



OICOG 97THCVW V YAA YAA 14/12 P

FROM 416 BOMB GROU (L) 121830B

TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATN: A-2
HQ 97TH COMBAT WING ATTNC: A-2

BT

REF P256B OPERATIONAL PRIORITY. CONFIDENTIAL
OP FLASH NO 5 FOR 12 APRIL 1944

- A. (I) XI/A/83
(II) XI/AX83
- B. (I) 416 BG
(II) 37 A-20'S
(I I) 17. CLOUDS BETWEEN FORMATION AND TARGET ON BOMB RUNS.
(IV) 20 ON PRIMARY
- C. (I) 1343
(II) 1448-1459. TWO BOMB RUNS.
(III) 1618
- D. (I) NIL
(II) NIL
(III) NIL
- E. UNOBSERVED DUETTO CLOUD COVER. FIRST BOX OF 19 A/C BOMBED. ONE BOMB FROM ONE A/C IN SECOND BOX FELL OUT WHILE ON BOMB RUN. OTHER THREE BOMBS OF THIS A/C PREVIOUSLY FELL OUT IN CHANNEL ON BOMB BAY DOOR CHECK.
- F. (I) (A) NIL
(B) NIL
(II) (A) WEAK INACCURATE HFF 5 MILES SOUTHEAST OF HESDIN.
(B) WEAK INACCURATE HFF AT NAMPONT.
WEAK INACCURATE HFF 5 MILES NORTHWEST OF HESDIN.
- G. FIVE SMALL VESSELS AT WHARF 4 MILES NORTH OF BERCK-SUR-MER. THREE SMALLVESSELS HEADED NORTH OFF BERCK- SUR-MER. TWO VESSELS HEADED 0 SOUTH 2 TO 3 MILES OFF LE TOUQUET. 30 TO 40 CARS ON RR. AT 50 DEGREES 27' N 02 DEGREES 10'30" ZM E. THREE TRUCKS ON HIGHWAY HEADED TOWARD AUXI -LE-CHATEAU AT POINT 10MILES FROM COAST. TEN TRUCKS ON HIGHWAY LEAVING TARGET.
- H. 7/10 TO 8/10
CUMULUS WITH TOPS TO ~~XXXXXX~~ 8,000 FEET .
- I. 73 X 500 GP'S ON PRIMARY
2 X 500 GP'S JETTISONED N CHANNEL.
3 X 500 GP'S FELL OUT IN CHANNEL ON BOMB BAY DOOR CHECK.
70 X 500 GP'S RETURNED.

MACE COMBOMR41

BT 121830B

EJ AR K

OICOG R.....12/1938B PJC AR

NS IS THAT NR AT THE START P256E P256D IS THE WAY IT SHOULD
READ /
OK HOLD IR JUST A MIN NAOHE
97THCVW R.....12/1938B JMB AR

