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

AFD 140, U. S. Army.
2 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Forms.

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

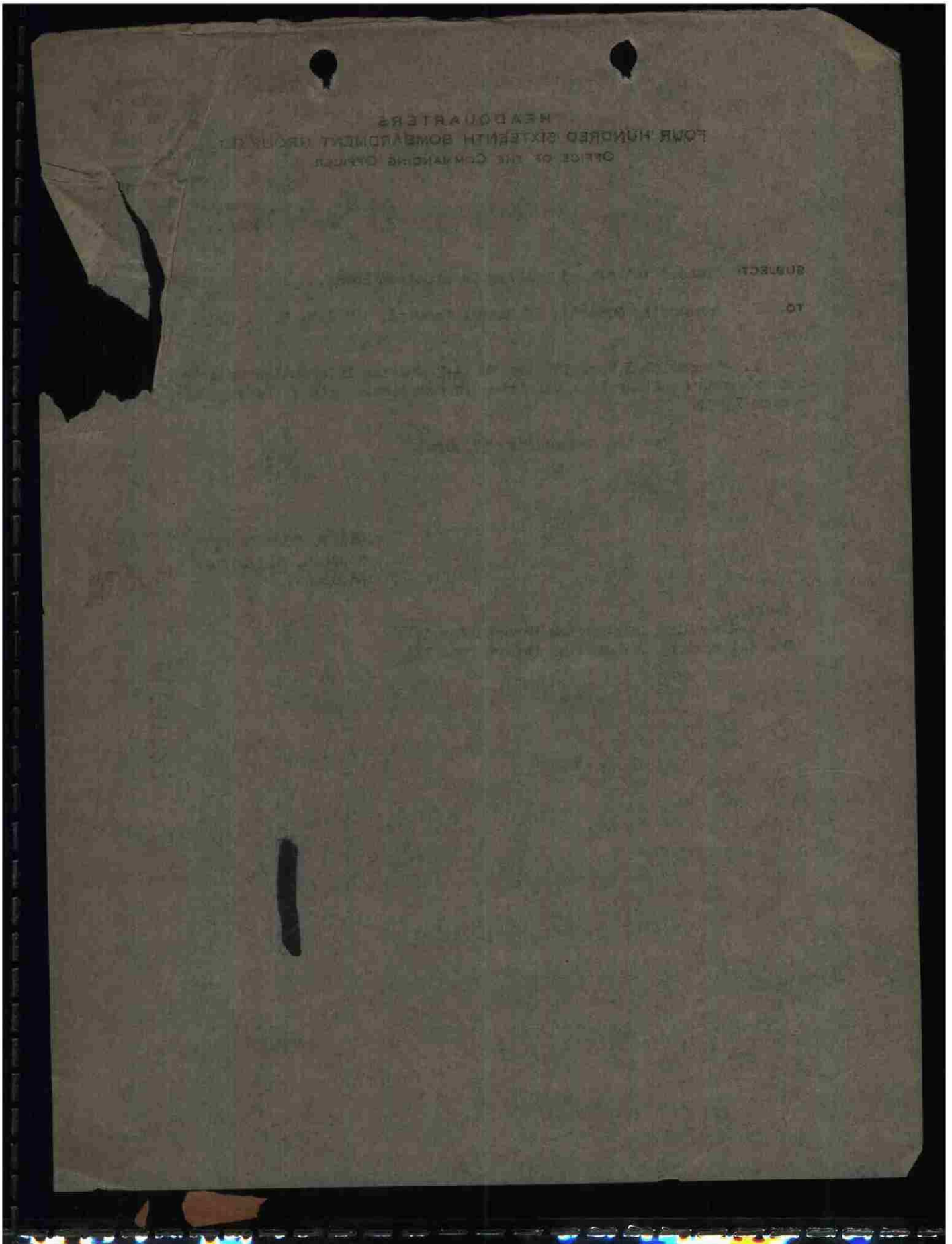
1. Transmitted herewith are the A-3 Bombing Information Reports on operational mission 1 May 1944 submitted in compliance with IX Bomber Command memorandum 15-98.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

- 2 Incls:
1 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Box I)
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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 204BOX 1 GROUP 415th DATE 1 May 44 TARGET ATTACKED Blanc, Mission

1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set Syn

2. Bombing approach:

085°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO X4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES NO X

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs; and specify exact aiming point actually used:

Pre-set data - synchronized on H.P.L. 30 mile subtracted from trail - followed 409th in - bombed on third pass at target -5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Palin6. Name of lead pilot: Major Campbell7. Intervalometer setting: 8. Indicated Air Speed: Ground Speed: 270 Altitude: 125009. Length of bomb run: 210 Sec: 10. Bomb Load and Fusing per 400 X lb FUSED 1/10 N 1/100 T 11. Total Bombs Dropped: 74

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. Haze over target and over France cut down visibility
- (b) ~~Agent~~ Agent weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IF or AF? 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 Flak affected bombing or bomb run:
- (d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? Nil
- (e) State any difficulties on bombing run: Nil
- (f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right target: YES NO XResults claimed: GOOD X FAIR POOR BAD MISS ~~SECRET~~

1. 4 miles down sun and 1 mile up sun.
2. No low clouds. Overcast of stratus at 20,000 ft.
3. Good aloft formation over target.
4. Very mild easterly action from I.P.
5. Target well camouflaged and hard to pick up. Railway junction just in front of target was best identification feature.
6. Base out down visibility and due to camouflaged target hard to pick up target.
7. Interphone out in ship.
8. Interphone communication system out. Communications officer notified.

4. Description of route from I.P. to target:

Formation consisted of two boxes, 19 ships each box. Time off time was 1700. Target - Main Mission. Then over target 1917. Box 1, at 12,500 feet dropped a total of 75 bombs in the target area with good results. Box 2, at 12,500 feet, dropped a total of 75 bombs in the target area with fair results. Both falling approximately 600 feet south of the southeast corner of target area. Visibility was 4 miles in which were down sun and 1 mile up sun. Overcast of stratus at 20,000 feet. Three bomb runs had to be made due to poor visibility over target. Anti-aircraft fire was weak and becoming accurate for night flight of second box. 2 ships receiving category 4 damage and 3 ships receiving category 4 damage. Bombs landed at 1911.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 294BOX II GROUP 415th DATE 1 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Blanc, Meuse

1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set syn

2. Bombing approach:

0800 P.M.

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO _____

4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES _____ NO X

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs; and specify exact aiming point actually used:

Pre set data in sight. Directed pilot visually on proper heading for run. Engaged sight, turned P.M. on and synchronized on last part of run. Aiming point used was middle of southern group of buildings in target area. Dropped on 3rd run

5. Name of lead bombardier: W. A. LITTLE, 2nd Lt6. Name of lead pilot: AN BATTISTY, Capt

7. Intervalometer setting: _____

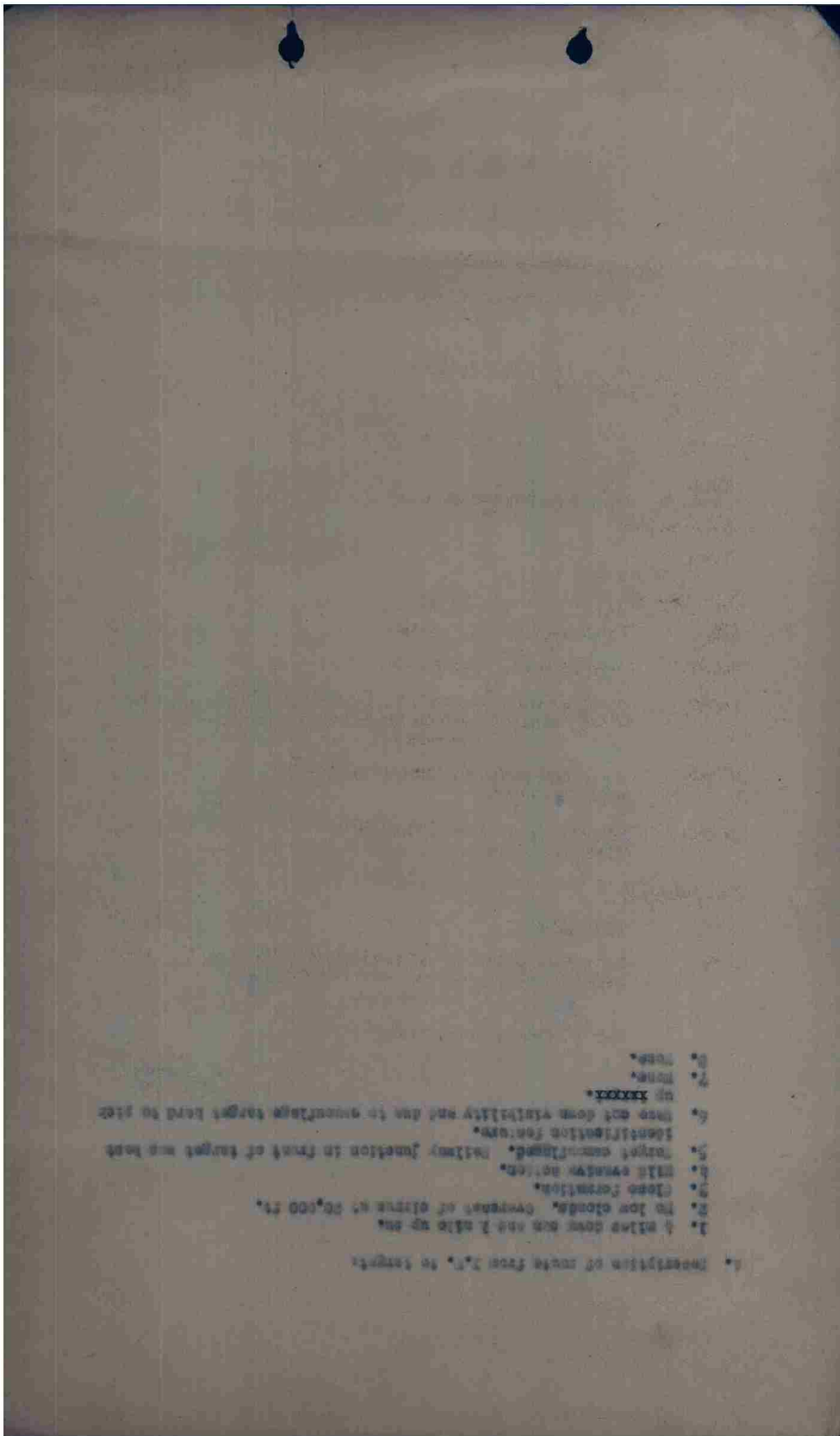
8. Indicated Air Speed: X Ground Speed: _____ Altitude: _____9. Length of bomb run: 210 Sec: 200 1300010. Bomb Load and Fusing 1000 A/C: _____ X _____ lb FUSED _____ N _____ T _____11. Total Bombs Dropped: 70 500 1/10 1/100

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.None over target area but down visibility greatly(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, if or Apr 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 Flak affected bombing or bomb run:(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? None(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: 1st Run-visibility poor.(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors, or other factors affecting bombing: drop
Interphone completely out in plane.(g) Bombing results as reported by crews: Short and right of A.P.Aimed at right Target: YES _____ NO X

Results claimed: GOOD _____ FAIR _____ POOR _____ BAD MISS _____

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By authority
CG, No. 170
2 May 1944.
Init. _____

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

476 MG, U. S. Army,
2 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Mission Report - Aircraft.
Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, 476 MG, U. S. Army.

TO :
Part I.

- (1) 2 May 1944 - 1748 - Plane Missed.
- (2) 36 (38 alerted)
- (3) 37

Part II.

None.

Part III. (1)

None.

Part III. (2)

ACFT	Description	CAUSE	Result
43-9681	Tough engine.	Sparkplugs.	No
43-9640	Left rear bomb failed to release	Arming wire binding against arming wire retainer causing breaker points to open.	Yes
43-9686	Right front bomb failed to release	Arming braces too tight.	Yes
43-9696	Left rear bomb failed to release	faulty bomb rack.	Yes

Part III. (3)

ACFT	Description	CAUSE	Result
43-9721	Right front rack failed to release	Bomb released after return from mission. Indication selector switch not on.	Yes

For the Commanding Officer:

CHARLES G. HENNING, Jr.,
Captain, 4th Corps,
Adjutant.

MISSION NO. 35

LOADING LIST

1 MAY 1944

BOX 1
FLIGHT 1

1. A/C 135 "T"
MAJOR M.W. CAMPBELL✓
LT. W.F. PALIN✓
S/S R.J. COLOSIMO
S/S J.S. WING
2. A/C 450 "S"
CAPT M.J. HUFF✓
LT R.J. MCQUADE✓
S/S J.B. THOMPSON
S/S H.L. HATCH

4. A/C 717 "M"
LT P.F.E. MACMANUS✓
S/S J.L. ROGERS
S/S H.D. CARNEY
5. A/C 679 "R"
LT. M.S. STREET✓
S/S C.A. PRINDLE
S/S F.M. CITY

3. A/C 701 "H"
COL H.L. MACE✓
S/S J.F. KASPER
S/S H.E. BOYER

6. A/C 900 "Q"
LT PETER DONTAS✓
S/S W.E. FIELDS
S/S A.L. NIELSEN

FLIGHT II

1. A/C 129 "I"
LT. R.E. STOCKWELL✓
LT A. JEDINAK✓
S/S H.A. FOSTER
S/S E.W. RUST

4. A/C 376 "O"
LT F.W. DEMAND✓
S/S C.W. MIDDLETON
SGT R.J. TROYER

2. A/C 493 "V"
LT R.E. GREENLEY✓
S/S H.C. WORDEN
S/S J.J. RZEPKA

5. A/C 223 "F"
LT W.A. MERCHANT✓
S/S C.J. HARP
S/S K.P. BROWN

3. A/C 937 "B"
LT. J.D. ADAMS✓
S/S P.L. CLEARMAN
SGT A.J. ZEIKUS

6. A/C 743 "W"
LT. A.R. DURANTE✓
S/S H.T. BEST
S/S I.R. DEGIUSTI

FLIGHT III

1. A/C 711 "M-1"
LT L.A. MARZOLF✓
S/S H.E. WELLIN
S/S L.G. KUTZER

4. A/C 225 "G"
LT. E.T. PLATTER✓
S/S K.L. JOHNSON
S/S J.L. CZECH

2. A/C 214 "C-1"
LT R.V. WHEELER✓
S/S J.S. BROWER
S/S E. CORRIN

5. A/C 724 "W-1"
LT. H.P. COLE✓
S/S F.R. CHVATAL
S/S B.G. FANDRE

3. A/C 165 "H-1"
LT M. ZUBON✓
T/S J.R.L. TANNER
S/S W.C. RUSSELL

6. A/C 220 "E"
LT R.D. PERKINS✓
S/S V.N. SHERRY
S/S R.H. LINNEMAN

SPARE
A/C 189 "P"
LT W.H. LAND✓
S/S S.F. ALDEN
S/S R.L. BALLINGER

MISSION NO. 35

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

1 MAY 1944

1. A/C 640 "Z"
CAPT W. BATTERSBY✓
LT W.M. LYTTLE✓
S/S J.R. ORR
S/S J.E. MCCREERY

2. A/C 914 "X"
LT COL W.W. FARMER✓
LT W.L. SMITH✓
S/S J.N. HUME
S/S F.E. BROWN

3. A/C 893 "P"
LT R. POINDEXTER✓
S/S D.H. SIMPSON
T/S L. E. ROBBINS

4. A/C 674 "K"
LT G. EBENSTEIN
S/S R. BURCH
S/S H. PERKINS

5. A/C 182 "B"
LT R.V. MIRACLE✓
S/S B.C. SIEG
S/S J.C. BURKHALTER

6. A/C 360 "S"
LT R.K. CRUZE✓
S/S C.F. LOVE
S/S F.L. ADAIR

FLIGHT II

1. A/C 439 "J"
CAPT D.A. HULSE✓
LT R. CONTE✓
S/S F.D. ALLRED
SGT D.W. STEPHENS

2. A/C 387 "H"
LT C.L. MCGLOHN✓
S/S J.W. MORAN
S/S P.B. DRISKILL

3. A/C 380 "C"
LT E.L. JOHNSON✓
S/S W.J. DONAHUE
S/S M.R. BRAYN

4. A/C 386 "W"
LT W.J. GREENE✓
S/S E.L. GRIFFIN
SGT G.W. MAZIASZ

5. A/C 227 "F"
LT A.W. NORDSTROM✓
S/S J.D. GOSSETT
S/S R.L. MILLER

6. A/C 217 "D"
LT T.J. LEONARD✓
S/S R.F. STOBERT
SGT T.A. PALMER

FLIGHT III

1. A/C 455 "J"
CAPT. C.R. JACKSON✓
LT W. FORMAN✓
S/S R.K. RILEY
S/S A.J. BONAMO

2. A/C 689 "I"
LT P.G. ATKINSON✓
SGT J.O. SWAFFORD
S/S P.F. GLYNN

3. A/C 696 "G"
LT D.F. SHEA✓
S/S R.E. LEE
S/S F.G. FALK

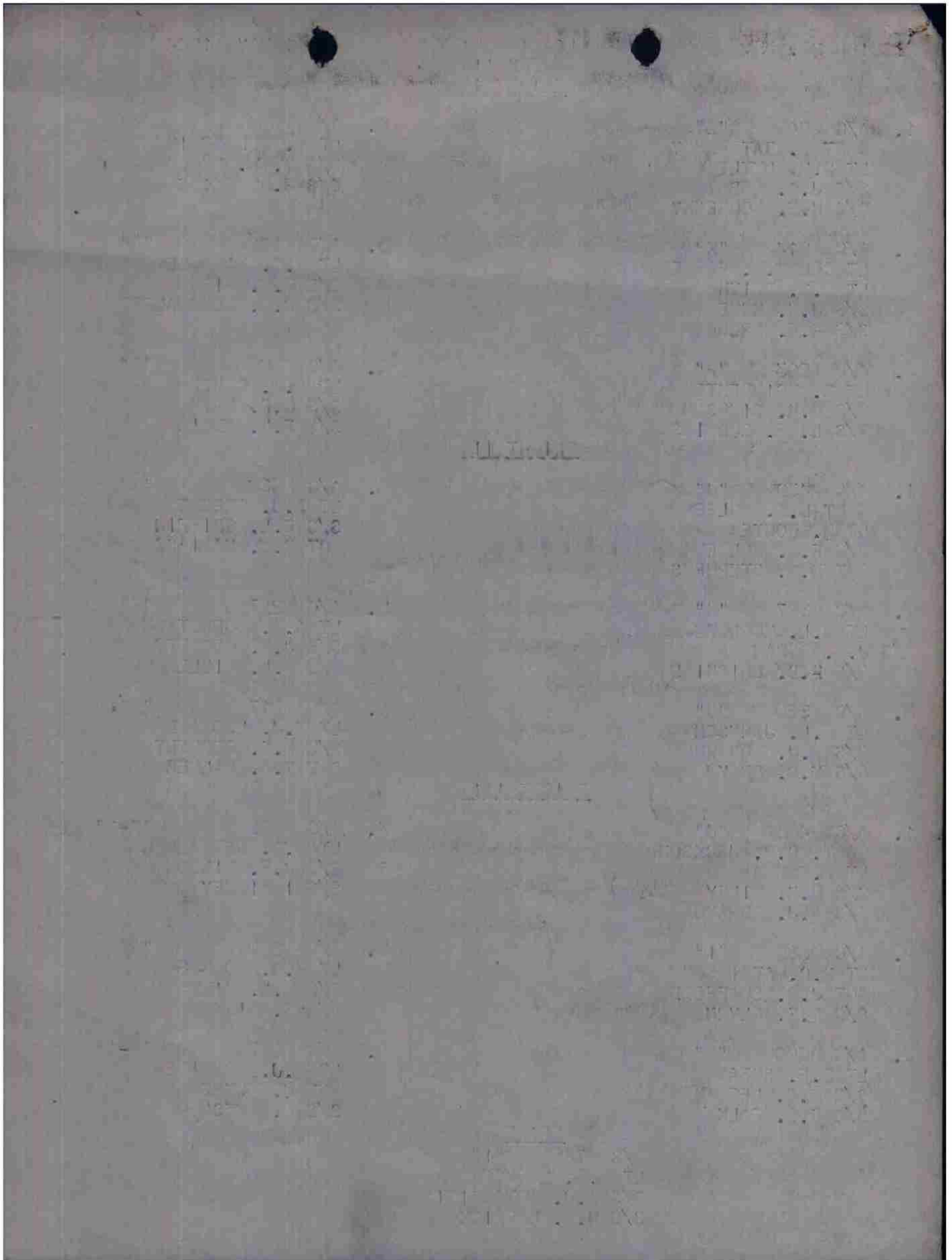
4. A/C 209 "K-1"
LT W.B. OSTRANDER✓
S/S J.E. WILSON
S/S I. BINNEY

5. A/C 200 "A"
LT H.A. MONROE✓
S/S W.L. KIDD
S/S S. RISKO

6. A/C 207 "B-1"
LT R.U. MCBRIDE✓
PVT J. MCKEE
S/S R. EUTSLER

SPARE

A/C 745 "I"
LT R.D. LESHER✓
S/S A.J. ANTANAITIS
S/S H.R. HEDRICK



FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

416 BG M _____ E

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AUTH: LT. COL. WALTER. W. FARMER.

"J" FORM

CLEARANCE F-5

DATE 1 MAY 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR JOHN G. NAPIER

A.

B. 1830

C. NORTH FORELAND.

D. BOX I R/T FEETACHE ONE

669 8 T S M R Q O ^f W671 9 I ^v X B M-1 G-1 H-1 G W-1 E

668 1 H

669 1 SPARE. P

GROUP LEADER 669 T

DEPUTY 669 8

BOX II R/T FEETACHE TWO

668 5 Z P K B S

670 12 J H G W F D T I G K-1 A B-1

671 1 X

668 1 SPARE ^I_H

SECOND BOX LEADER 668 Z

DEPUTY 671 X

E. 12000

F. 4 MILES WEST OF FURNES

G. 1841

H. 35 MINUTES

J. 4 MILES WEST OF FURNES

K. NORTH FORELAND

L. 1930

M. 1. E.T.D. 1808 E.T.A. 1945

2. 4 x 500 G.P.

3. 4 HOURS

4. BOX I E 610

BOX II Z 610

5. NONE

MACE COBOMGR 416

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

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

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

APO 140
1 May 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 3 miles. 5/10 cumulus at
3500 feet. Overcast of cirrus at
20000 feet.

ROUTE OUT: 4-6/10 patchy cumulus and stratocumulus
over England with bases 3500 and tops to
5000 feet. Clouds decreased to 1-2/10
over the channel. Visibility 4-5 miles
over England and channel. Overcast of
cirrus at 20000 feet over entire route.

TARGET: No low clouds. Visibility 4 miles in thick
haze down sun and 1 mile up sun. Overcast
of cirrus at 20000 feet.

ROUTE BACK: Similar with visibility over England 2
miles down sun and 1 mile or less up sun.
6-7/10 low clouds from the Thames north
with bases 3000 and tops 5000.

BASE ON RETURN: 3/10 stratocumulus at 3500 feet.
Visibility 3500 yards. Overcast of
cirrus at 20000 feet.

WINDS: No definite checks were made, but winds were
reported slightly stronger than forecast using
drift over target as a check.

TIME OVER TARGET: 19:17

EFFECT OF WEATHER ON BOMBING: Three bomb runs had to
be made due to poor visibility over target.

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

1 Incl.
2 Route Forecast Forms

- A. Description of route from I.P. to target:
1. 4 miles down sun and 1 mile up sun
 2. No low clouds. Overcast of cirrus at 20,000 ft.
 3. Close formation.
 4. Mild evasive action.
 5. Target camouflaged. Railway junction in front of target was best identification feature.
 6. Haze cut down visibility and due to camouflage target hard to pick up target.
 7. None.
 8. None.

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

APO 140
1 May 1944

SUBJECT: Operational Forecast

TO : Group Operations

BASE TO TARGET: Variable 5-7/10 cirrus
Nil medium clouds
2-4/10 patchy stratocumulus over
England becoming 3/10 lifted patches
of sea for over the channel at 3000
feet and nil over the continent.
Visibility 5-10 miles into sun at
base and over continent out of sun.
1-2 miles into sun.

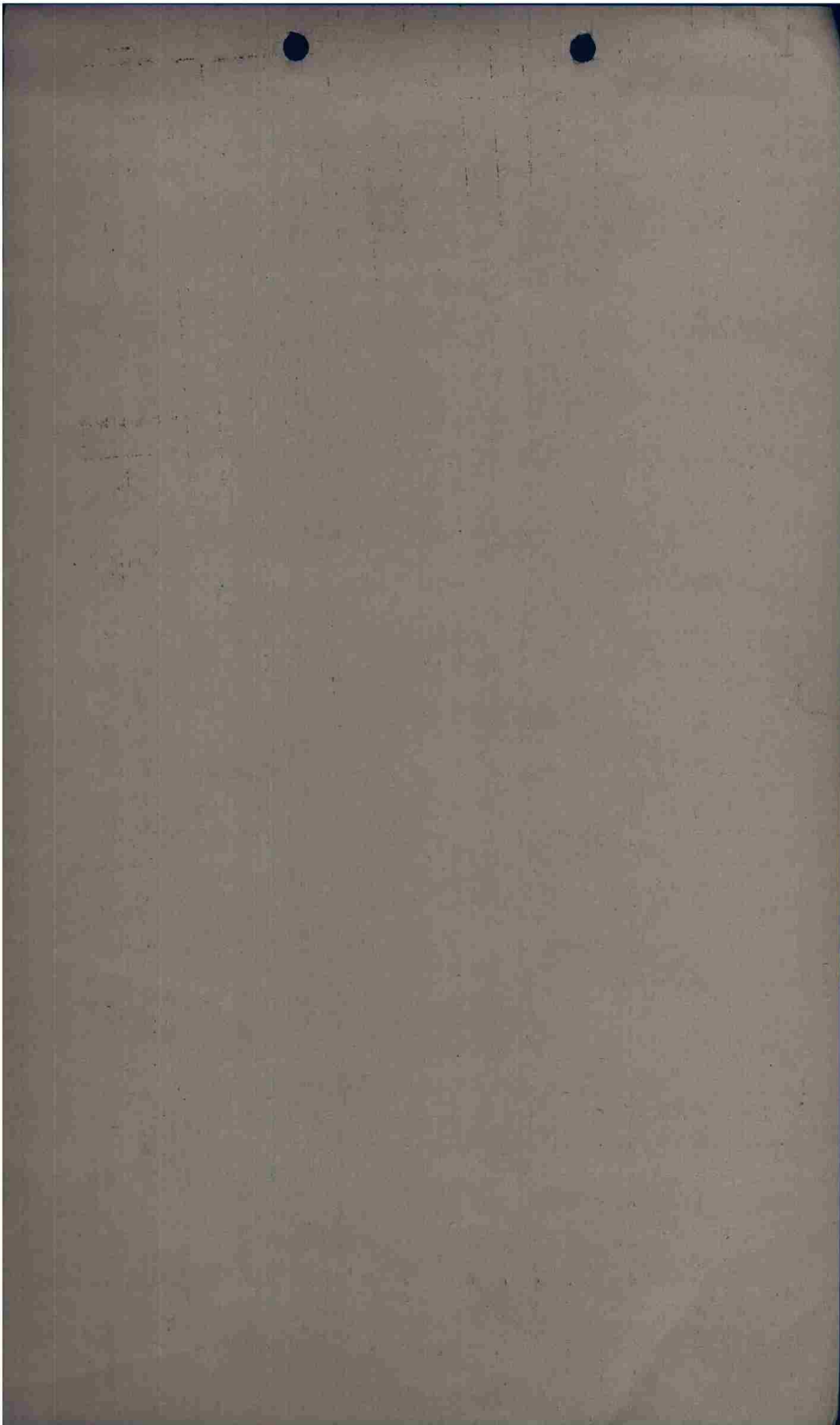
TARGET: 5-7/10 cirrus at 20000 feet. Visibility
5-10 miles down sun.

TARGET TO BASE: Similar to route out with visibility
over England 2-3 miles.

Thick haze over entire route.

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

Box I											
MISSION 35											
1 MAY 1944											
A/C L.H.	A/C NO.	SQDN.	PILOT	TARGET	ATO	ENGLISH COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOP	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN	A M E R I C A
T	135	B	CAMPBELL		1747	12000 NOATH FORELAND 1830	12000 4. PHILIPES W. H.	1957	12000 WHILST FURNES	9000 NORTH FORELAND	1725
S	450	B	HUFF		1747						4+
H	701	A	MAGE		1747						2
M	717	B	MACHANUS	B L A N G	1747						C
R	679	B	STREET		1747						
Q	900	B	DENTAS		1747						
I	129	D	STOCKWELL		1747						
V	393	D	GREENLEY		1747						
K	394	D	ADAMS		1747						
B	937	D	ADAMS		1747						
O	376	B	DEMAND		1747						
E	322	B	MERCHANT		1757						
W	743	B	DORANTE		1749						
M	711	D	MARZOLF		1750						
I	214	D	WHEELER		1750						
I	165	D	ZUBON		1750						
G	225	D	PLAITER		1750						
M	724	D	COLE		1751						
E	220	D	PERKINS		1751						
P	189	B	LAND		1756						

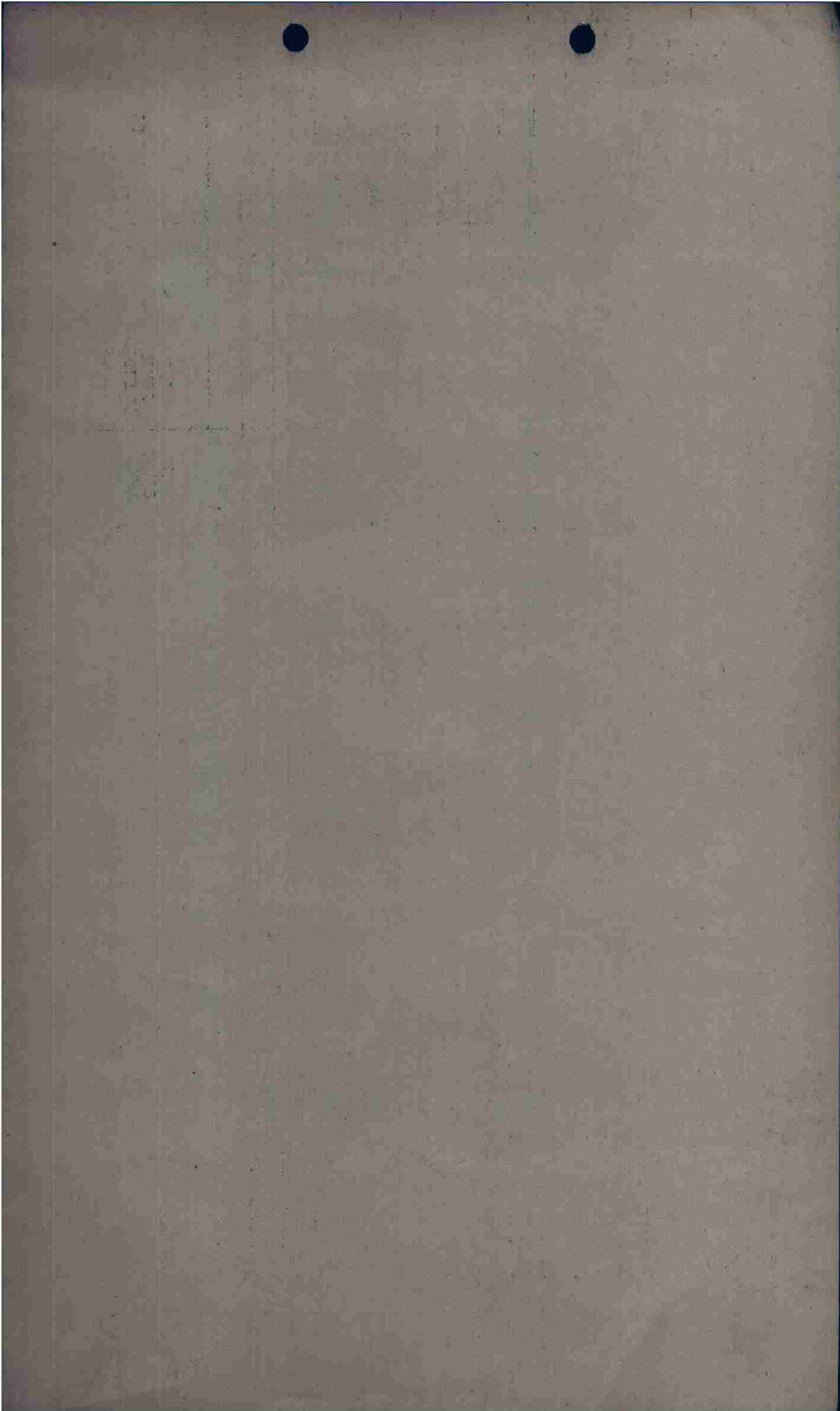


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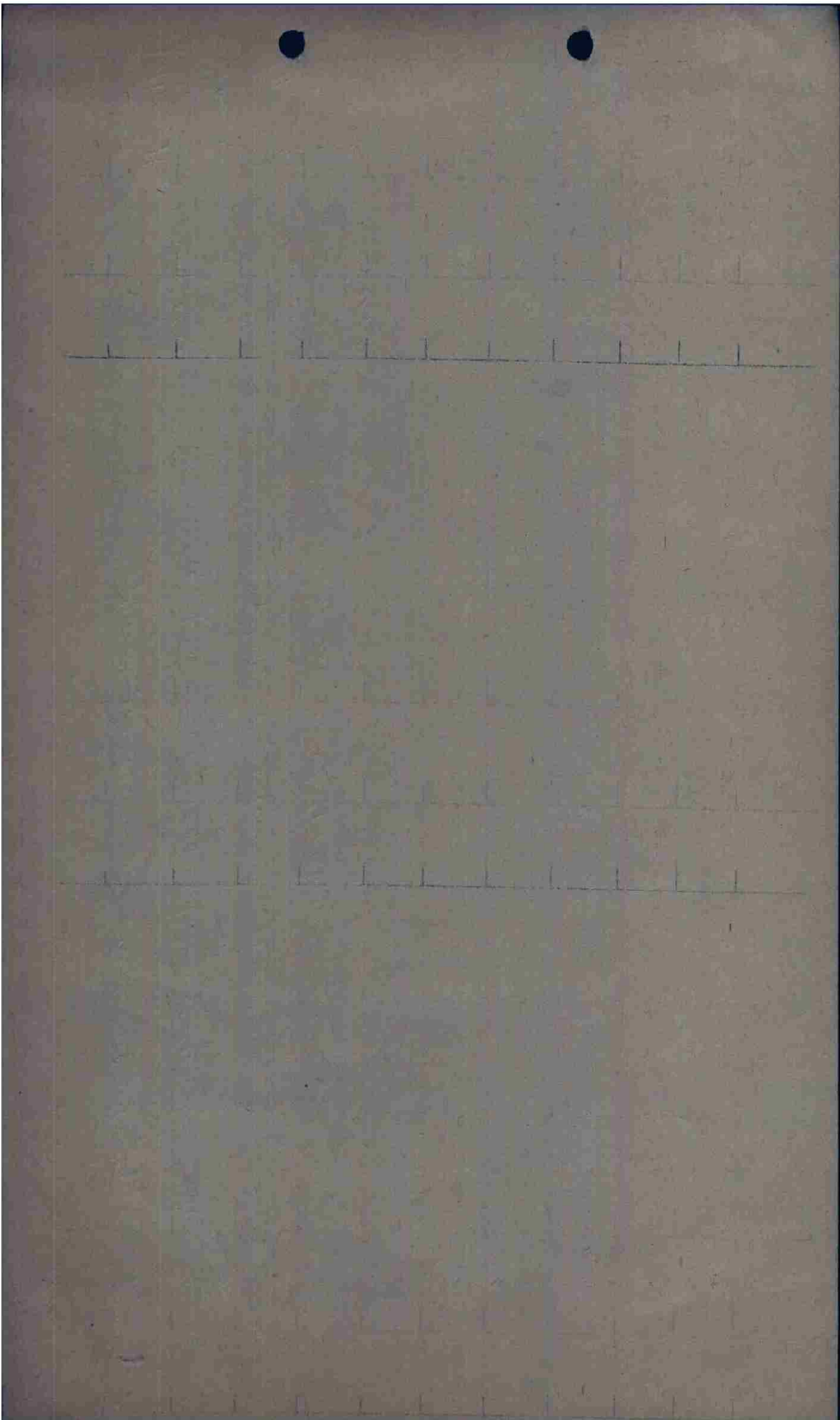
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1 MAY 1944

A/C LTR	A/C NO.	SCDN.	PILOT	TARGET	ATO	ENGLISH COAST OFF	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN	C A M E R A	FUEL	BOMB LOAD	E N D U R.	LAND TIME	REMARKS
Z	640	A	BATTERSBY		1751	1200 NORTH FORELAND	1200 W. MINEHEAD FURNES	1857	1200 W. MINEHEAD FURNES	900 NORTH FORELAND	He	725	4500 lb	47	2024	
X	914	D	FARMER		1751										2025	
B	893	A	REINDETER		1752										2025	
K	684	A	EBENSTEIN		1752										1807	RETURNED TO BASE NO-GORT E
B	182	A	MIRACLE		1752										2026	
S	360	A	GRUZE		1753										2037	
J	439	C	HULSE		1753										2023	
H	387	C	MALLOHN		1753										2040	
C	380	C	JOHNSON		1753										2041	
W	386	C	GREENE		1764										2019	
F	227	C	NORDSTROM		1754										2041	
D	217	C	LEONARD		1754										2040	
T	455	C	JACKSON		1754										2028	
I	689	C	ATKINSON		1765										2028	
G	696	C	SHHA		1765										2029	
K-1	209	C	OSTRANDER		1755										2029	
A	200	C	McBRIDE		1755										2030	
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 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING 01/1330B M-0032E
 TO VONBOMCOM NINE
 409TH COBOMGP
 410TH COBOMGP
 416TH COBOMGP

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
 SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH. MAJOR CLARENCE S. TOWLES JR.

97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING
 A P O 140
 1 MAY 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 24-294

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) RAF II GROUP (SPITFIREY) WILL FURNISH ESCORT FOR THIS WING.
2. A. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE.

ZERO HOUR: 011830B

3. A. 409TH GROUP

- (3) WITH 416TH GROUP AT SHEARNES AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 7 MIN. THE 409TH GROUP WILL LEAD. THE 409TH GROUP WILL LEAVE SHEARNES AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 7 MIN ON COURSE TO NORTH FORELAND.

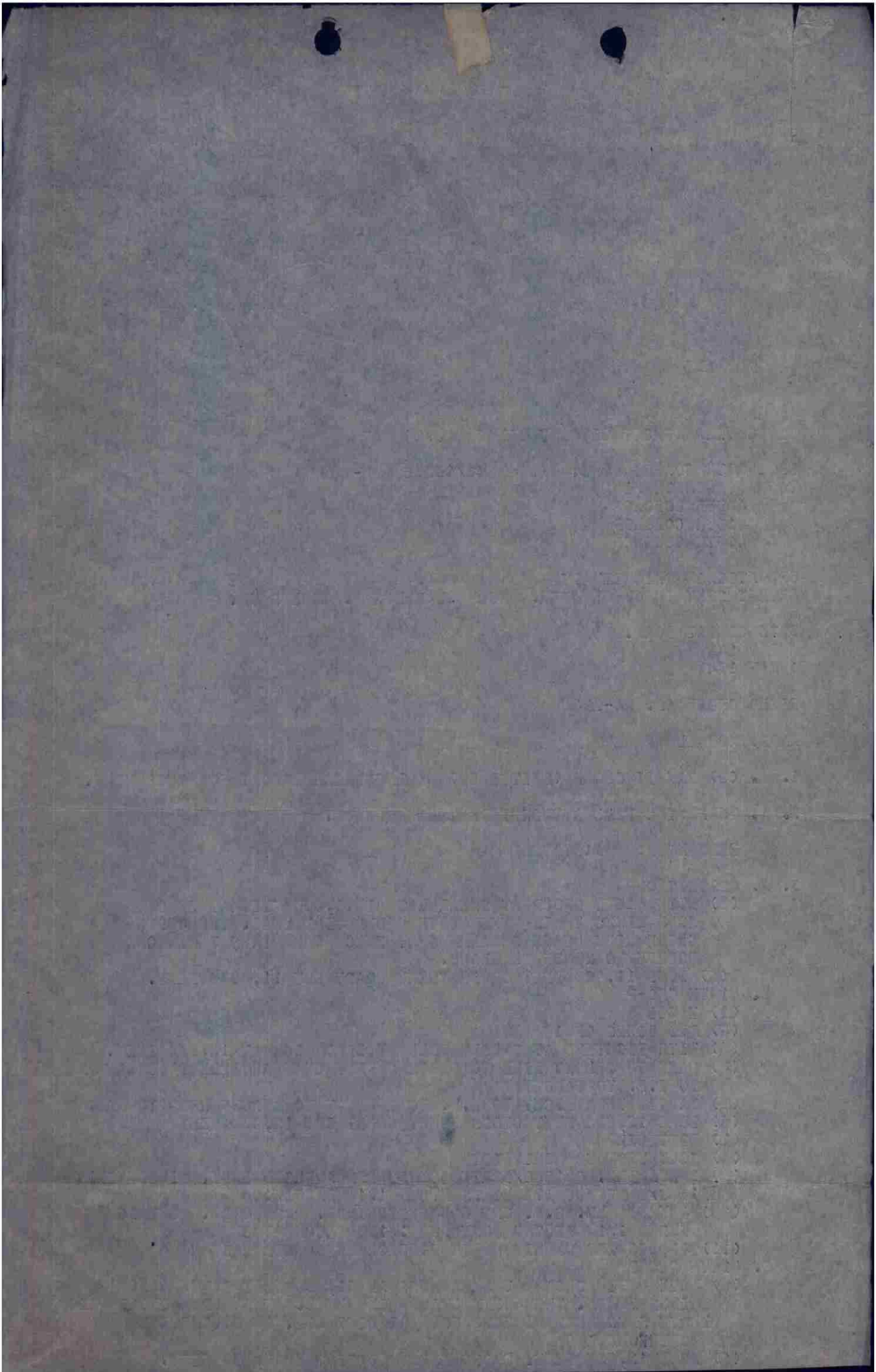
- (6) BOMB 11,500 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,5000 FEET.

B. 410TH GROUP

- (1) Z 338
- (2) TWO BOXES OF 18
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT SELSEY BILL AT ZERO HOUR AT 12,000 FEET.
- (4) BASE TO SELSEY BILL TO 5 MILES WEST OF TRAUVILLE TO LISIEUX TO I.P. TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO ETRETAT TO BEACHY HEAD TO BASE
- (6) BOMB 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET
- (7) BRETEUIL
- (8) SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST
- (9) 1 BOX ILL. S 1588/5 REF 083050 BOMBS FUSED INST. 1 BOX ILL. S1588/5 REF 068072 BOMBS FUSED 1/10 AND 1/100
- (10) 4 X.500 LB. G.P. ONE BOX FUSED INST. NOSE ONLY. ONE BOX FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE AND 1/100 SECOND TAIL
- (11) 49 DEGREES 08 MIN NORTH 01 DEGREES 04 MIN EAST

C. 416TH GROUP

- (3) WITH 409TH GROUP AT SHEARNES AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 7 MIN. THE 409TH GROUP WILL LEAD. THE 409TH GROUP WILL LEAVE SHEARNES AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 7 MIN. ON COURSE TO NORTHFORELAND
- (6) BOMB 12,000 FEET. CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET.



- X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE
 PARS. 3 A AND 3 C
 (5) TARGETS
 PRIMARY Z 610
 SECONDARY Z 835
 (6) RENDEZVOUS WITH RAF SPITFIRES AT NORTHFORELAND AT ZERO HOUR
 AT 12,000 FEET.
 (7) ROUTE OUT BASE TO SHEARNNESS TO NORTHFORELAND TO 4 MILES
 WEST OF FURNES TO 50 DEGREES 28 MIN NORTH 03 DEGREES
 00 MIN EAST TO 50 DEGREES 22 MIN NORTH 03 DEGREES 17 MIN
 EAST TO TARGET
 (8) ROUTE BACK TARGET TURN LEFT TO 50 DEGREES 32 MIN NORTH
 03 DEGREES 29 MIN EAST TO VAREGHEM TO 4 MILES WEST OF FURNES
 TO NORTHFORELAND TO BASE
 (9) I.P. 50 DEGREES 22 MIN NORTH 03 DEGREES 17 MIN EAST
 (10) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY WEST SOUTHWEST TO EAST NORTHEAST
 (11) R.P. 50 DEGREES 32 MIN NORTH 03 DEGREES 29 MIN EAST
 (12) BOMB LOAD: 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/100 SEC
 TAIL
 (13) M.P.I. TARGET Z 610 ILL. S5560/3
 409TH GROUP REF. 053062
 416TH GROUP REF 041034-1BOX
 REF 059077-1BOX
 TARGET Z 835 ILL. NEG NO 3114
 DATED (8-3-43) REF. 040045
 (14) A/C REQUIRED 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C EACH GROUP

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

(2) ENGAGEMENT

(9) 11/11

(10) 11/11

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

(2) ENCOT

(9) 38/38

(10) 38/38

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

(2) FEETACHE

(9) 18/18

(10) 18/18

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(2) WEST MALLING CHANNEL "D"

FORD CHANNEL "D"

(3) NO CHANGE

(10) VBAT

(11) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL "C"
 WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA.

COCBTWIG 97

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BT 1330/01B

AR JMB

OICOG R.....01/1423B MC AR

OIHAK R.....01/1423B AGA AR

OIYAA R.....01/1426B LBS AR

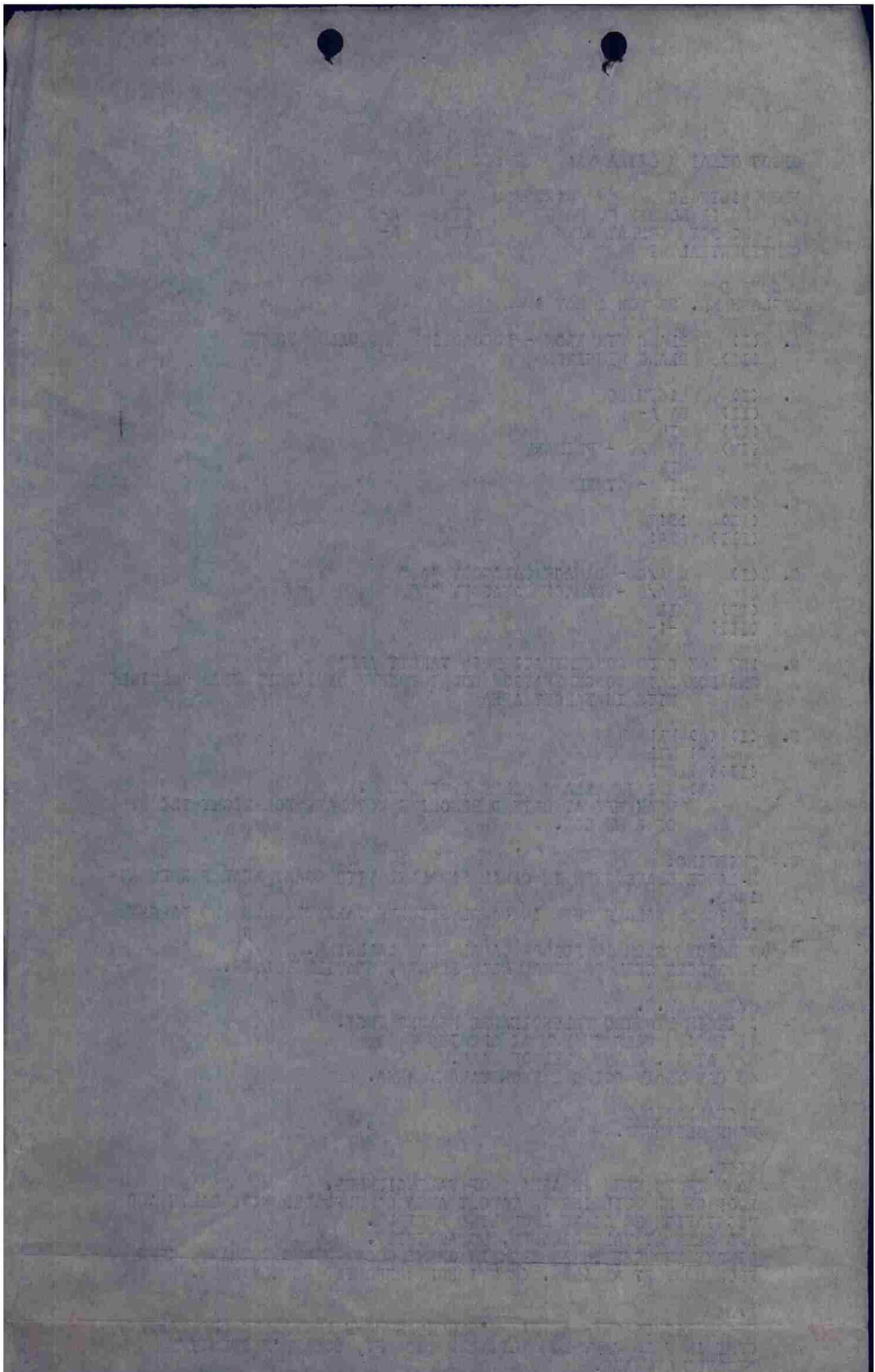


OICOG OILAI V OIYAA YAA 29/01 OP

FROM 416TH BG 01/2235B
 TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2
 HQ 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2
 CONFIDENTIAL BT

M 0028 D
 OPFLASH NR. 23 FOR 1 MAY 1944

- A. (I) BLANC MISSEYON - LOCOMOTIVE AND WAGON WORKS
 (II) BLANC MISSEYON
- B. (I) 416TH BG
 (II) 37 A-20
 (III) NIL
 (IV) 37 A/C # PRIMARY
 NIL
 NIL - OTHER
- C. (I) 1748
 (II) 1917
 (III) 2041
- C. (I) 2 A/C - DAMAGE CATAGORY "AC"
 2 A/C - DAMAGE CATAGORY "A"
 (II) NIL
 (III) 0-1-0
- E. 1ST BOX GOOD CONCENTRATION IN TARGET AREA
 2ND BOX FAIR CONCENTRATION SHORT TOXXXX OF TARGET WITH POSSIBLE
 HITS IN TARGET AREA
- F. (I) (A) NIL
 (B) NIL
 (II) (A) NIL
 (B) XHI IN AREA 6 MILES E OF CONDE.
 WEAK HFF AT OSTEND BECOMING ACCURATE FOR RIGHT FLIGHT
 OF 2 ND BOX.
- G. SHIPPING:
 2 LARGE BOATS SEEN IN CANAL PARALLEL WITH COAST NEAR FURNES AT
 1843.
 40 TO 50 BARGES SEEN IN CANAL BETWEEN VALENCIENNES AND TARGET
 AREA.
 7 BARGES SEEN IN SCARPE CANAL NEAR LALLAINW.
 12 BARGES SEEN IN CANAL NEAR FURNES, HEAVILY LOADED.
- M/Y AND R.R.
 1. TRAIN LEAVING VALENCIENNES HEADED WEST.
 75 TO 100 CARS IN M/Y AT OLGNIES.
 M/Y AT ST. AMAND FULL OF CARS.
 60 CAR TRAIN GOING E FROM TARGET AREA.
- INSTALLATIONS
 NONE OBSERVED.
- MISC.
 MANY TENTS SEEN IN AREA S OF VALENCIENNES.
 ROOF OF EW BUILDING IN TARGET AREA CAMOUFLAGED WITH EARTH AND
 VEGETATION SO AS TO LOOK LIKE A FIELD.
 A/D SEEN AT VALENCIENNES, NO ACTIVITY.
 DINGHY THOUGHT TO BE SEEN IN OPENING OF THAMES ESTUARY, SEEN
 FROM 8000 FT AT 1955. (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS HOT NEWS.)
- E/A
 2 S/E FIGHTS SEEN AT SIX O'CLOCK AS MADE LEFT TURN OFF TARGET,
 CAME IN FROM VERY LOW ALTITUDE 4000 FT, COULDN'T IDENTIFY
 BECASUE OF HAZE.



H. (i) CLEAR OF CLOUDS, VISIBILITY 4 MILES DOWN-SUN IN HAZE.
 (ii) CLEAR OF LOW CLOUDS WITH OVERCAST OF CIRRUS AT 20,000 FEET. VISIBILITY 4 MILES DOWN-SUN AND 1 MILE UP-SUN IN THICK HAZE.

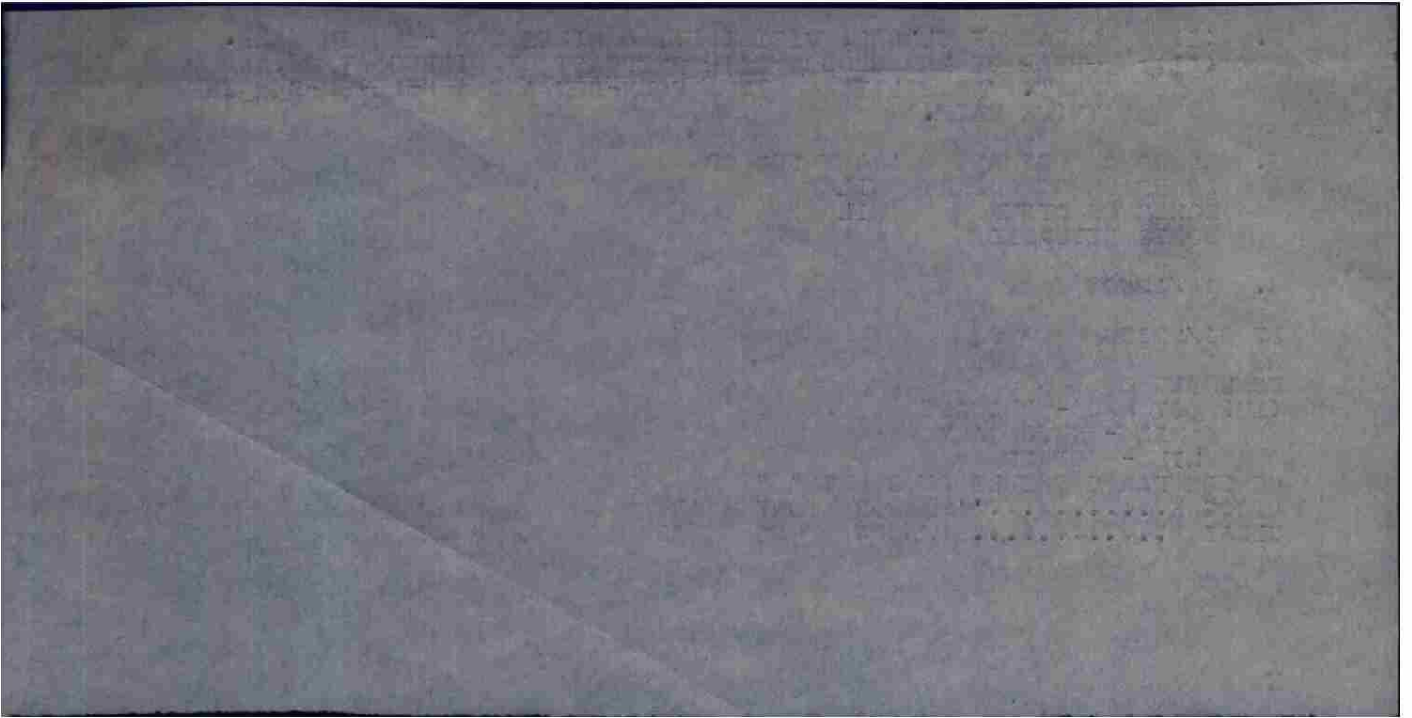
I. BOMBS ON PRIMARY 144 X 500 GP
 BOMBS ON SECONDARY NIL
 BOMBS ON OTHER NIL
 BOMBS RETURNED 4

J. 12/12500

BT 01/2235B
 AS
 CC UNDER B
 (IV) 37 A/C - PRIMARY
 NIL - SECONDARY
 NIL - OTHER
 CC 2DN PAR C SHOULD BE D RPT "D"
 OICOG R.....02/0005B DEF AR
 OELAI R.....02/0004 SS AR

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FROM COBOMGR 416TH

01/2140B

TO COBOMCOMBAT WG 97

CONFIDENTIAL BT

M-25-J

A - YS - 33

B - 1 MAY 1944 (1808-1945)

C - 668 (7) H Z P K B S I

669 (9) T S M R Q O F W P

670 (12) J H C W F D T I G K-1 A B-1

671 (10) I V B M-1 C-1 H-1 G W-1 E X

TOTAL----38

D - 668-Z- VHF AND INTERPHONE CUTTING DURING MISSION, WIRING IS BEING CHECKED.

E - NONE

F - NOT APPLIABLE

G - NOT APPLIABLE

H - NOT APPLIABLE

I - NONE

J - 669-T- USED FOR A LANDING INSTRUCTIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO FORMATION

670-W- CALLED TOWER FOR PERMISSION TO LAND FIRST BECAUSE OF WOUNDED ABOARD.

K - NONE

L - 669-T- REPORTED TO BOMBER COMMAND AFTER LEAVING TARGET.

M - NONE

N - NOT APPLICABLE

O - GOOD RADIO PERFORMANCE. PILOTS STILL REPORT INTERFERENCE ON CHANNEL A IN THE NATURE OF HIGH SHRILL NOISE WHICH DISAPPEARS WHEN THEY LEAVE ENGLAND.

MACE COBOMGR 416

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BT 01/2140B

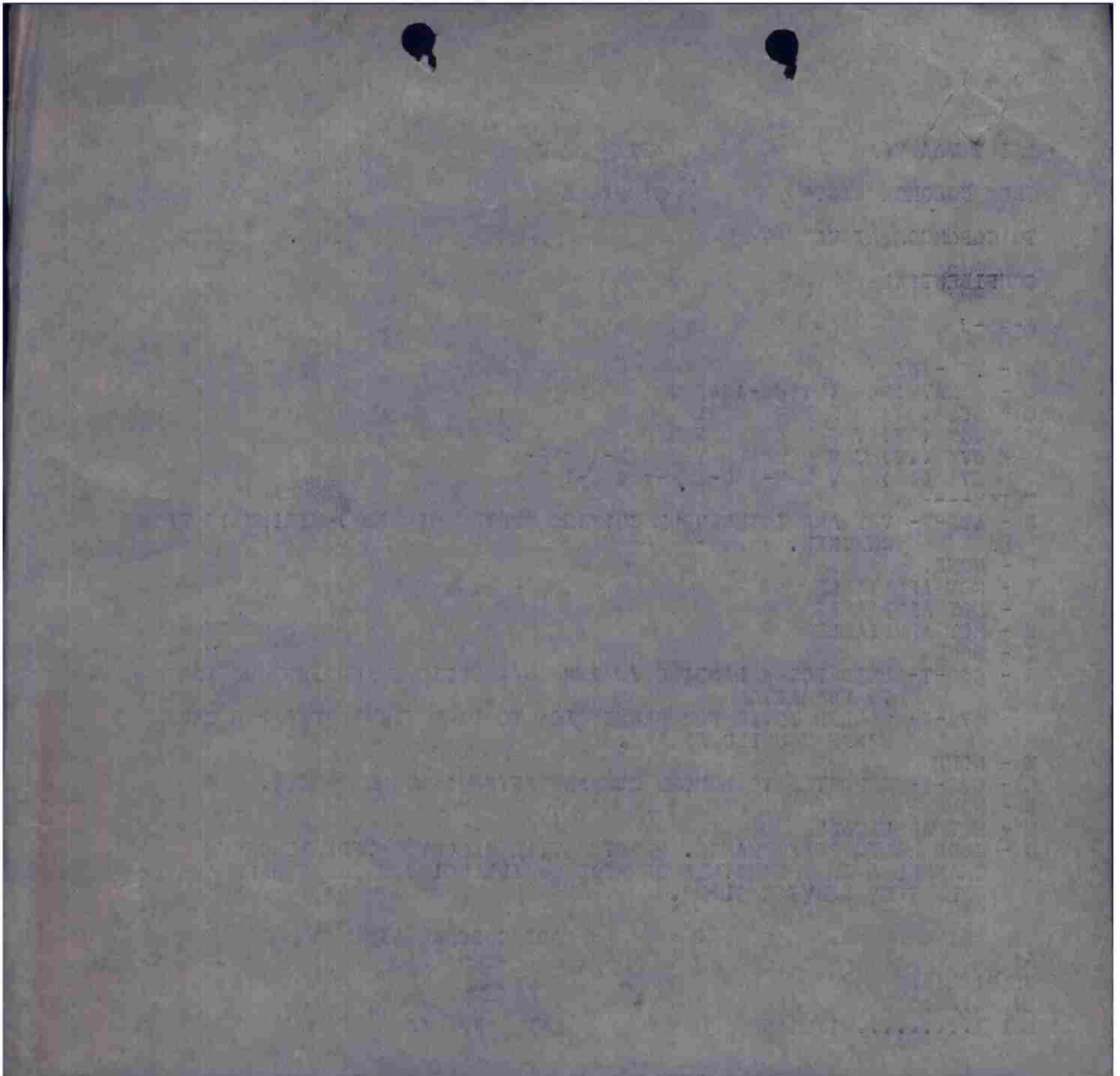
EW 01/2156B

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LAI R.....01/2155B

SS

AR



OICCG OINAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI 4/01 OP
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING 011500B M-004-E
 TO COMBOMCOM NINE
 405TH COBOMGP (L)
 410TH COBOMGP (L)
 416TH COBOMGP (L)

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
 SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH. MAJOR CLARENCE S. TOWLES JR.

97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING
 A P O 140)
 1 MAY 1944

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER 24-294

CHANGE PARA 3. A. (6) TO READ

CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,500 FEET.

CHANGE PARA 3. B. (5) TO READ

TARGET TURN LEFT

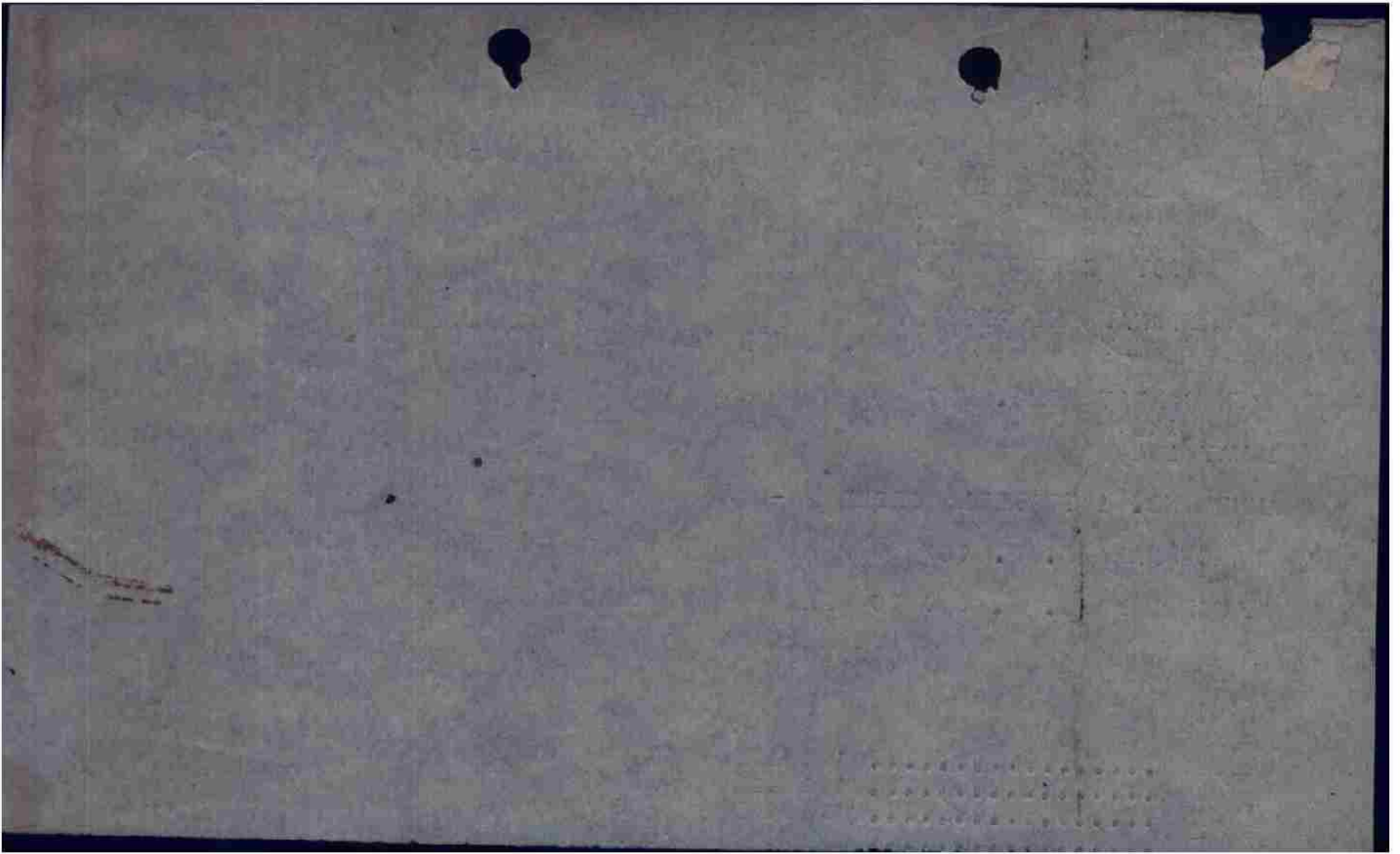
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BT 011500B

AR JMB

OICCG R.....	01/1515B	FIG	AR
OINAK R.....	01/1515B	EB	AR
OIYAA R.....	01/1515B	CW	AR
OIGOF R.....	01/1515B	CBE	AR

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