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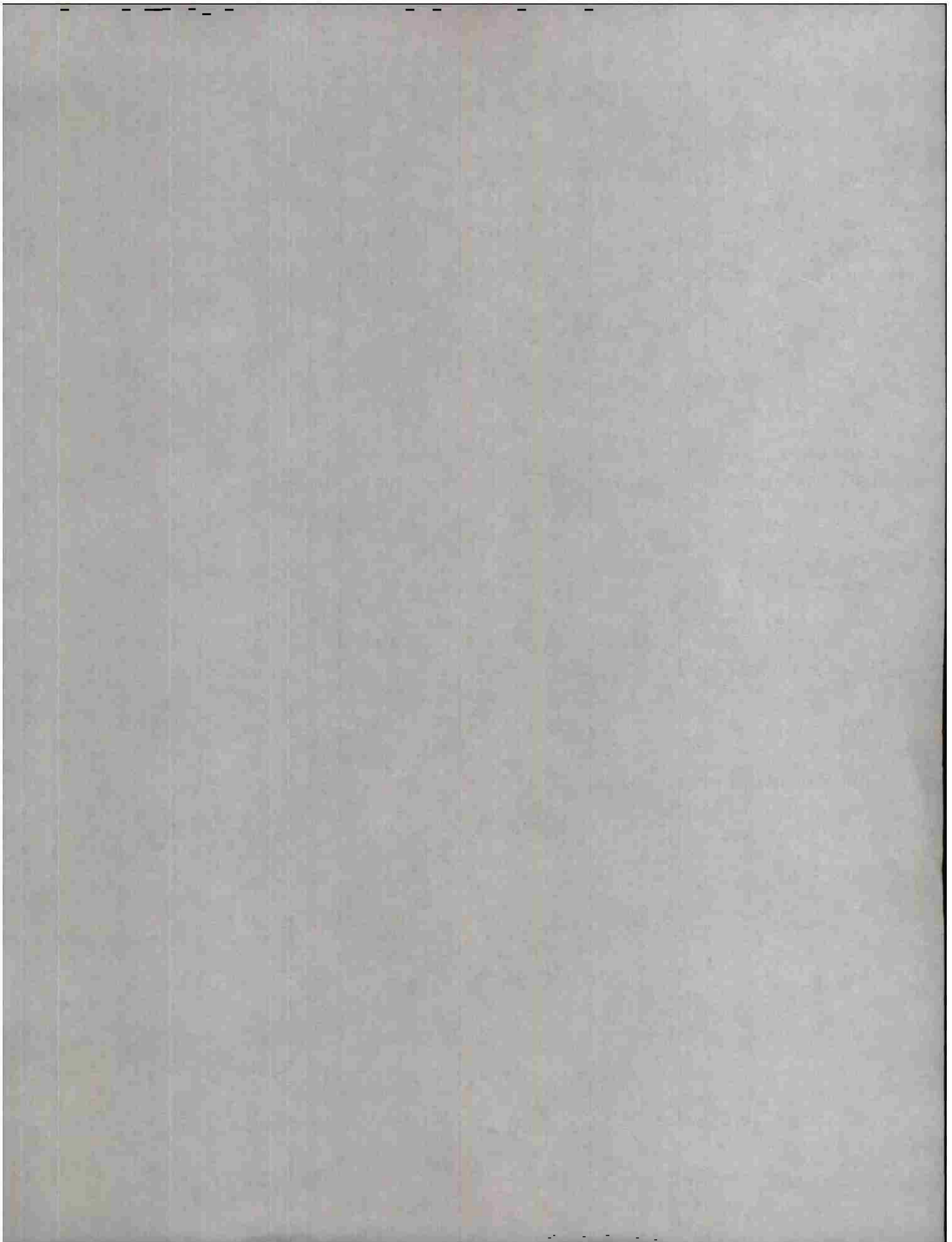
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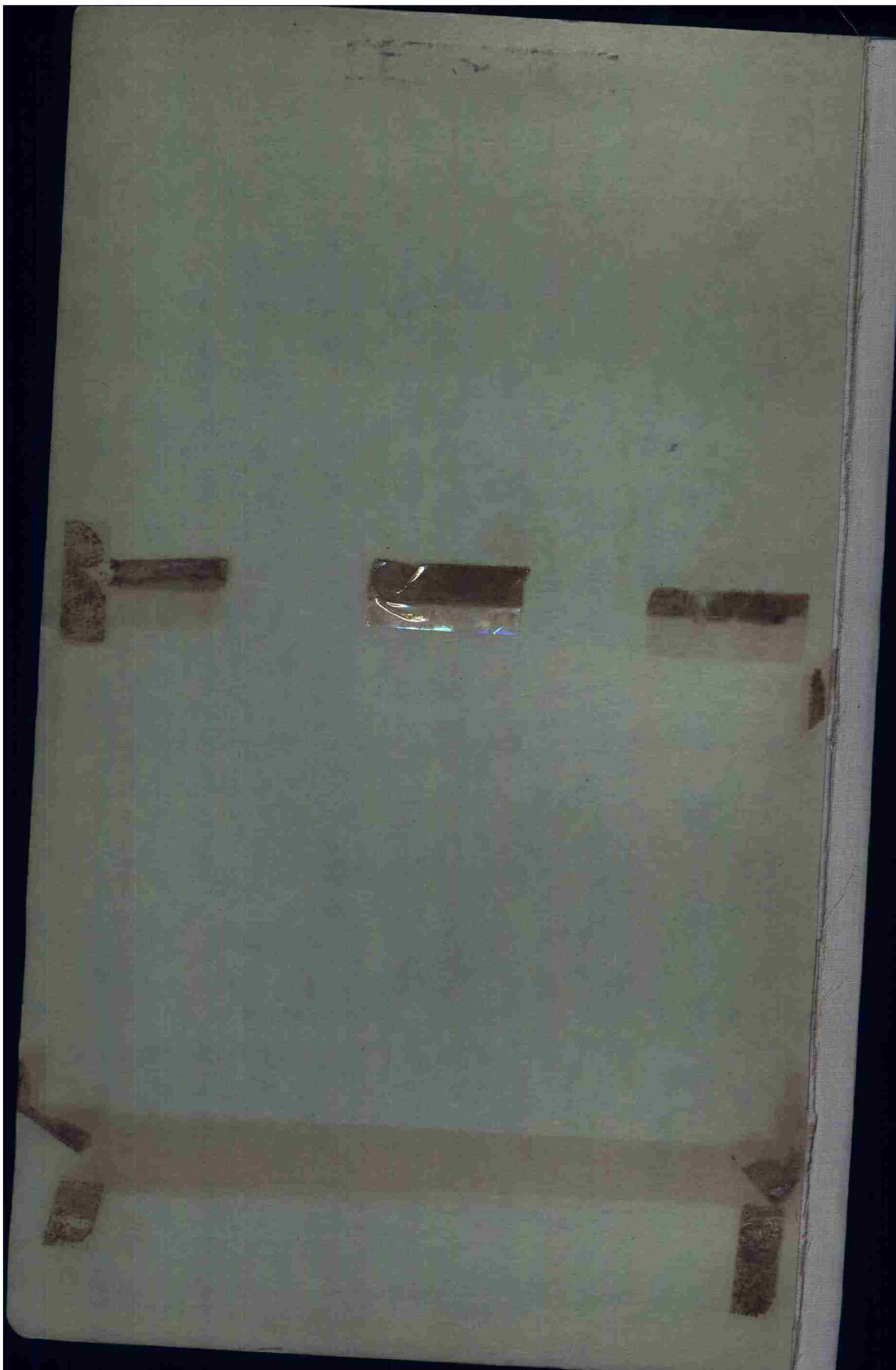
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GENERAL INDEX

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Z 460 - S.5410
 Target Beaumont LeRoge Date 24 May 1944 No. A/C 38 Mission No. 53 P/O 327

Status Attack Briefing Officer Captain Sheridan

1. Ops Flash Report. ----- Filed.
2. Hot News. ----- Filed.
3. Telephone Report. ----- No copy available.
4. Photos. ----- Filed.
5. IX BC Synopsis of Mission. ----- Filed.
6. Field Orders, Annex's, Amendments. ----- Filed.
7. Briefing Notes. ----- Filed.
8. Loading List of Airplane Crews. ----- Filed.
9. Chart of Route Flown - Flak. ----- Filed.
10. Operations' Oprep Report. ----- Filed.
11. Bombing Information. ----- Filed.
12. Lost, Damaged, and Abortive Report. ----- Filed.
13. Report of Malfunctions. ----- Filed.
14. E/A Encountered. ----- None.
15. Weather Reports. ----- Filed.
16. Communication "YS" Report. ----- Filed.
17. Navigator's Log & Flight Plan. ----- Filed.
18. Battle Casualties. ----- None.
19. Analysis of Gunnery. ----- None. *Para E, OPRP.*
20. Ammunition Expenditure. ----- See Ops Flash Report Para I.
21. Recapitulation Forms. ----- Filed.
22. Interrogation Forms. ----- New system used.

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4/24 OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

24/1425B

TO IX BOMBER COMMAND
97TH COMBAT WING

ATTEN: A-2

ATTEN: A-2

CONFIDENTIAL BT

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY M-613-D

OPFLASH NO. 48 FOR 24 MAY 1944

A. (1) BEAUMONT LE ROGER A/D

(2) BEAUMONT LE ROGER A/D

B. (1) 416TH BG

(2) 38 A-20'S

(3) 1 A/C FAILED TO BOMB DUE TO PERSONNEL ERROR. PILOT USED
WING RACK W SWITCHES BY MISTAKE.

(4) 37 A/C ON PRIMARY

C. (1) 0936

(2) 1121

(3) 1250

D. (1) NIL

(2) 0-0-0

(3) 0-0-0

E. BOX 1 : EXCELLENT. GOOD CONCENTRATION IN TARGET AREA

BOX 2 : POOR. GOOD PATTERN X ON ROADS AND OPEN FIELDS WEST OF
TARGET AREA.

F. (1) (A) NIL

(B) NIL

(2) (A) NIL

(B) NIL

G. YELLOW DINGHY OBSERVED AT 1042 HOURS FROM 11000 FEET AT 50 DEG
35 MIN 00 DEG 15 MIN E 13 MILES ON 190 DEG HEADING FROM BRIGHTON
(PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS HOT NEWS).TWO BALLONS AT 1103 HOURS OVER CABOURG OBSERVED AT UNDETERMINED
ALTITUDE BELOW FORMATION WHICH WAS THEN AT 11000 FEET.12 TRUCKS PARKED AT EDGE OF WOODS 6 MILES WEST OF CONCHES A/D.
HIGHWAY AND RAILROAD TRAFFIC IN AREA APPEARED FAR MORE ACTIVE THAN
ON PREVIOUS MISSIONS. RECENTLY.

75 CARS IN M/Y AT SERQUIGNY. 2 TRAINS IN M/Y AT PORT AUDEMER.

22 BARGES IN FIRST BEND OF SEINE RIVER.

ONE UNIDENTIFIED S/E A/C AT LOW ALTITUDE FLYING EAST 10 MILES
SOUTHEAST OF CABOURG.H. (1) .2 TO .3 CUMULUS WITH TOPS TO 6,000 FEET. VISIBILITY 6 TO
8 MILES DOWN SUN; 3 MILES UP SUN.(2) SAME EXCEPT CLEAR OVER CHANNEL AND LARGE SOLID CLOUD BANKS
AT ENGLISH AND ENEMY COASTS.

I. 146 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY

2 X 500 GP ON JETTISONED IN CHANNEL

4 X 500 GP RETURNED.

J. BOX 1 : 11,500 FEET.

BOX 2 : 11,000 FEET.

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BT 241425B

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OILAI R.....24/1455B

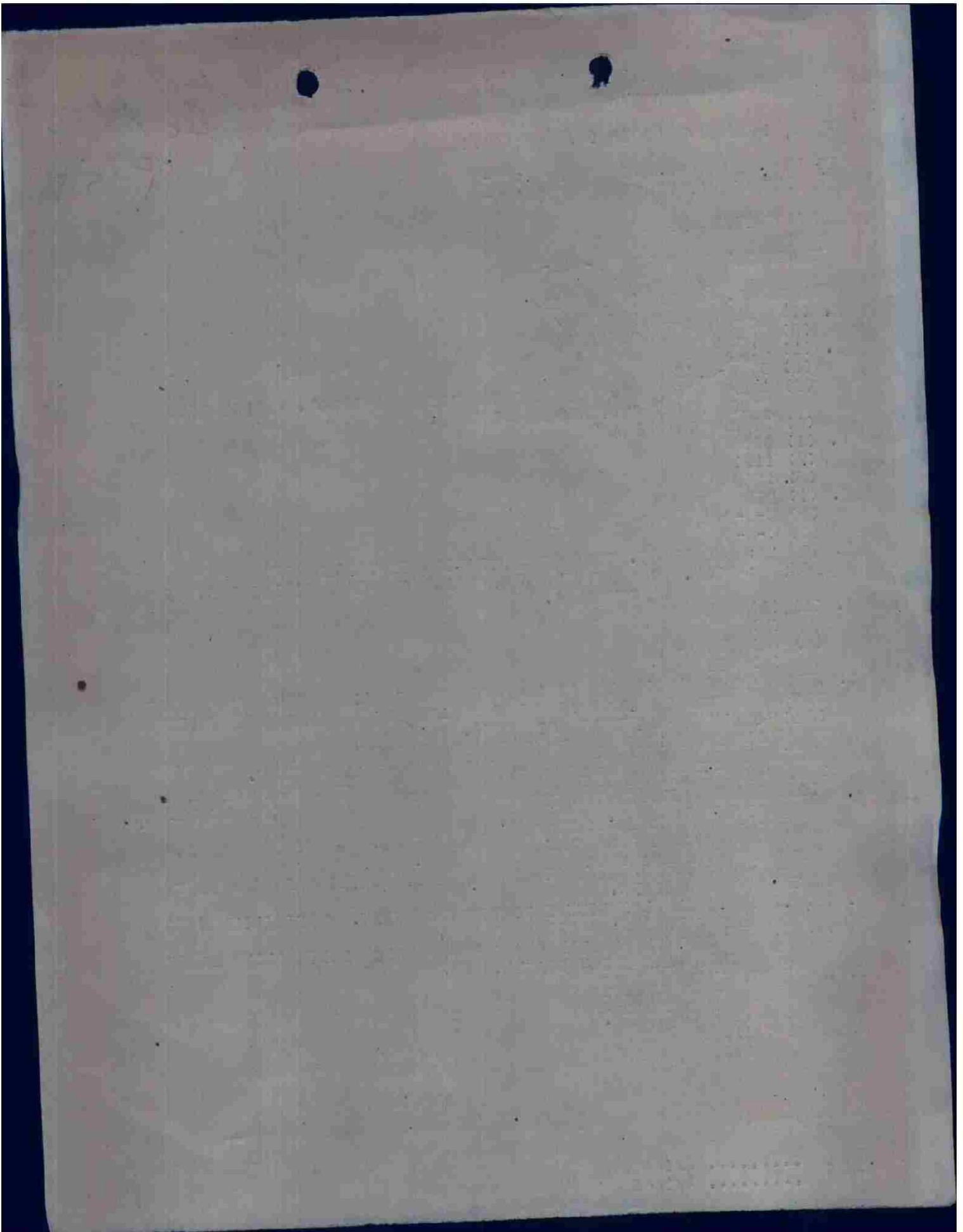
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MISSION SUMMARY

TARGET : Beaumont-Le-Roger A/D
DATE : 24 May 1944
F/O : #327
MISSION: #53

416 BG: 38 a/c were dispatched, 37 dropping 146 x 500 GP on the primary target.

One a/c, because of personnel error, did not attack.

No losses, casualties or battle damage. Bombing was by eighteens.

Box I - POOR. Bombs fell in concentration 550 yards NW of the MPI., scoring hits and near misses to two small blast shelters. (Group Bombardier, after a post-mission critique based on visual observations, erroneously reported EXCELLENT results. Later S/A photo interpretation proved him to be in gross error, suggesting a better job of observing could have been done.)

Box II - POOR. A good concentration of bursts occurred 2000 yards NW of the MPI, extending across a RR and a highway. (Bombardier rolled out on bomb run Left of target. Using P.D.I. corrections he was unable to align the course hairs before bombs went away.)

IS B.C. S-2 Form No. 100-B

Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

TOGETHER WITH:	TARGET	IX BC	WING	97th
		DATE	24 May 1944	
		ATTACKING UNIT	2 Boxes	
		FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION		

416th

BEAUMONT LE ROGER

TARGET REF

A. TARGET BRIEFED Beaumont Le Roger PRIMARY
SECONDARY
CASUAL

M.P.I. Blast Shelter in center of north end of dispersal area No. 1.

A.F. Same as M.P.I.

B. TARGET ATTACKED Beaumont Le Roger MILES FROM THE PRIMARY
DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY

C. COORDINATES (IF non-descript PINPOINT) ON 1:50,000 MAP NO.

D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 38 A-20's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 37

E. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 18's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 1,2

F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED 146 x 500 GP. MISSING Inst. nose, 1/100 tail.
MISSING

G. HEADING OF A/C WHERE BOMBS DROPPED Box I: 354 deg. E. Box II: 345 deg. E.

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED 1121

J. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

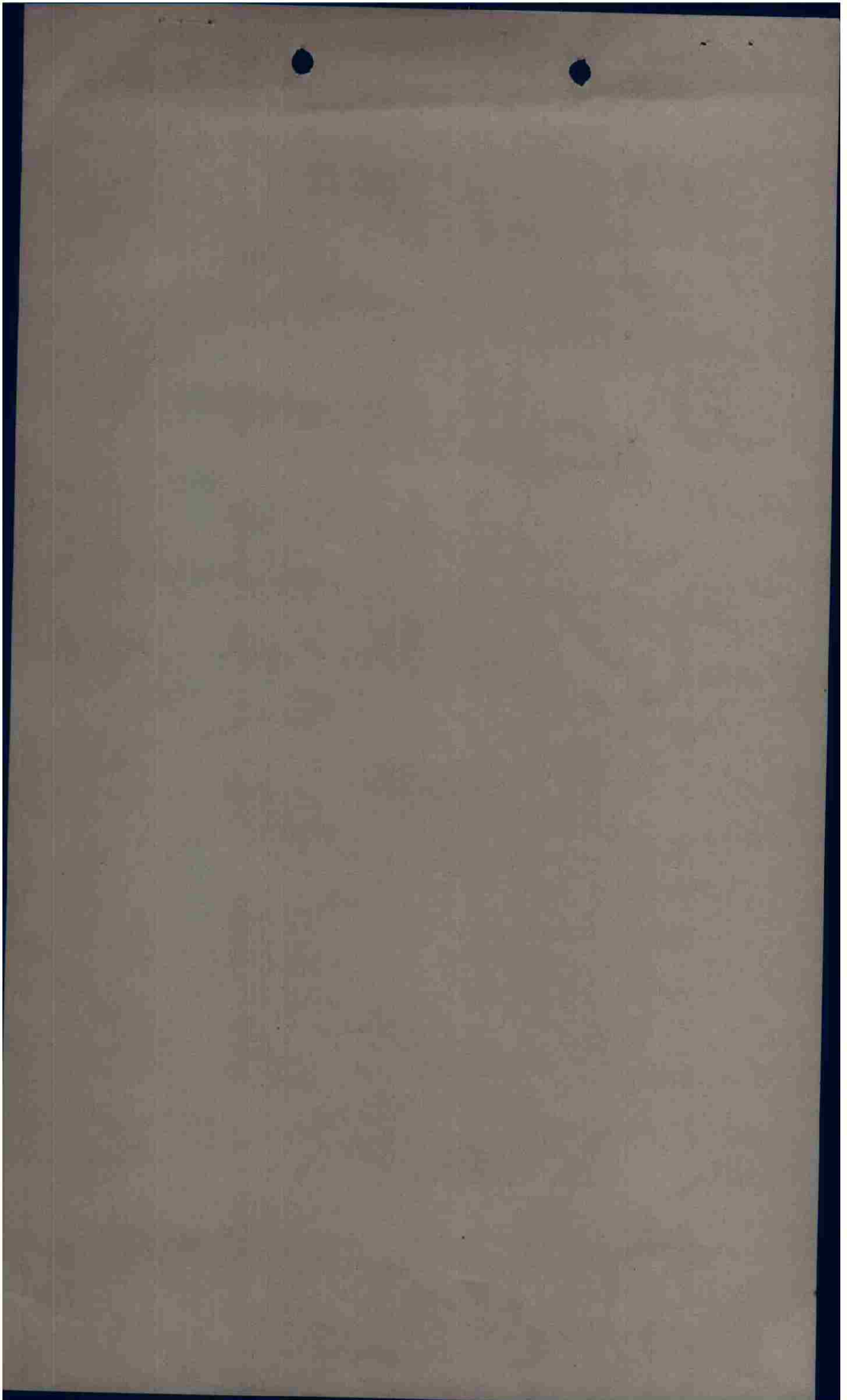
None.

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING

BOX I - POOR : Bombs fell in concentration 550 yds. northwest of M.P.I.
Hits and near misses were scored on 2 small blast shelters.

BOX II - POOR : Bombs fell in good concentration 2000 yds. northwest of
M.P.I. across railroad track and highway.

Clayton W. Zesiger
CLAYTON W. ZESIGER
CAPTAIN AIR CORPS
PHOTO INTELLIGENCE OFFICER



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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

23/2110B

M-125-E

TO COMBOMCOM IX

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

23 MAY 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 49-327

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) NINTH FIGHTER COMMAND WILL FURNISH P47 ESCORT FOR THIS WING.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK AN AIRDROME IN FRANCE.

ZERO HOUR: 240845B

0930 HRS - BY PHONE (MBS)

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

(2) 3 BOXES 14 A/C

(3) WITH P47 FIGHTERS AT BRIGHTON AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MINUTES.

(4) BASE TO BRIGHTON TO 49 DEG 17 MIN NORTH 00 DEG 08 MIN WEST TO 48 DEG 54 MIN NORTH 00 DEG 13 MIN EAST TO I.P. TO TARGET.

(5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO ETRETAT TO BEACHY HEAD TO BASE.

(6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 10,000 FEET.

(7) 48 DEG 54 MIN NORTH 00 DEG 52 MIN EAST.

(8) GENERALLY SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST.

(9) ILL. S5410/4 REF. 029032

REF. 028036

REF. 028044

(11) 49 DEG 25 MIN NORTH 00 DEG 35 MIN EAST.

3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

(3) WITH 416TH BOMB GROUP AT 51 DEG 08 MIN NORTH 00 DEG 18 MIN EAST AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO

(6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 10,000 FEET.

(9) ILL. S5410/4 REF. 031027

3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

(3) WITH 410TH BOMB GROUP AT 51 DEG 08 MIN NORTH 00 DEG 18 MIN EAST AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO MINUS 2 MIN

(6) BOMB AT 11,500 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 10,000 FEET.

(9) ILL. S5410/4 REF. 029040

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

(5) TARGET Z460

(6) BOMB LOAD AND FUSING 4 X 500 LB G.P. FUSED INSTANTANEOUS NOSE 1/100 TAIL.

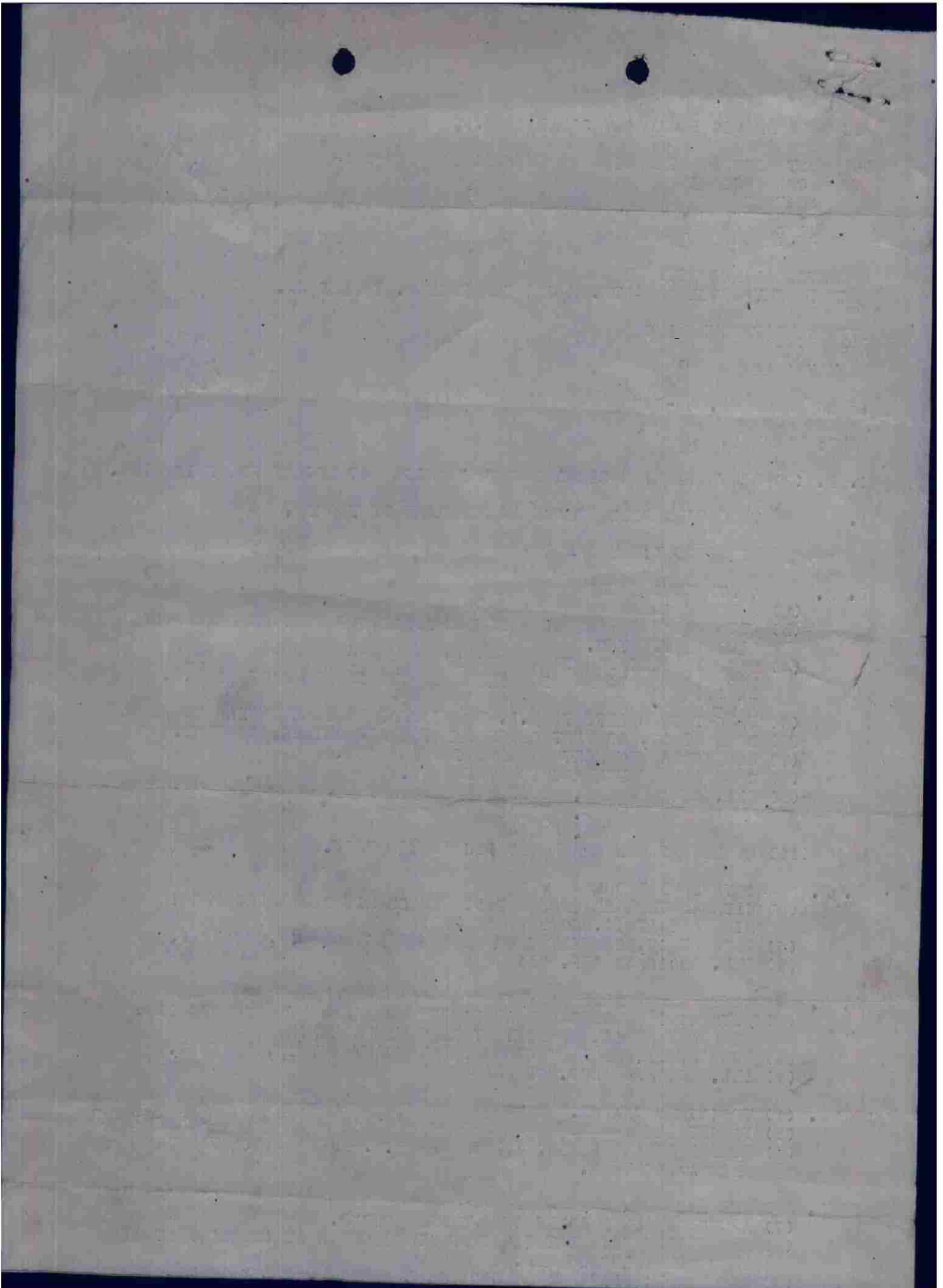
PARA. 3 B AND 3 C

(7) A/C REQUIRED 2 BOXES 18 A/C EACH GROUP.

(8) RENDEZVOUS WITH P47 FIGHTERS AT BRIGHTON AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 05 MIN.

(9) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO 51 DEG 08 MIN NORTH 00 DEG 18 MIN





EAST TO BRIGHTON TO 49 DEG 17 MIN NORTH 00 DEG 08 MIN
WEST TO 48 DEG 54 MIN NORTH 00 DEG 13 MIN EAST TO I.P.
TO TARGET.

- (10) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO ETRETAT TO BEACHY HEAD TO BASE.
- (11) I.P. 48 DEG 54 MIN NORTH 00 DEG 52 MIN EAST.
- (12) RALLY POINT: 49 DEG 25 MIN NORTH 00 DEG 35 MIN EAST.
- (13) THE 416TH BOMB GROUP WILL LEAD. THE 416TH BOMB GROUP WILL LEAVE 51 DEG 08 MIN NORTH 00 DEG 18 MIN EAST ON COURSE TO BRIGHTON AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 2 MIN.
- (14) THE 416TH BOMB GROUP WILL TAKE OFF AT LEAST 15 MIN BEFORE THE 410TH BOMB GROUP.
- (15) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) WIDewater
- (3) ANKLE
- (9) 32/32
- (10) 132/132

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) TIDWAY
- (3) UMBRIDGE
- (9) 31/31
- (10) 131/131

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) EXPAND
- (3) UMBRIDGE
- (9) 31/31
- (10) 131/131

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

- (2) WEST MALLING D/D
- (3) NORMAL
- (10) AVTB/AVTB
- (11) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL "C" WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA.

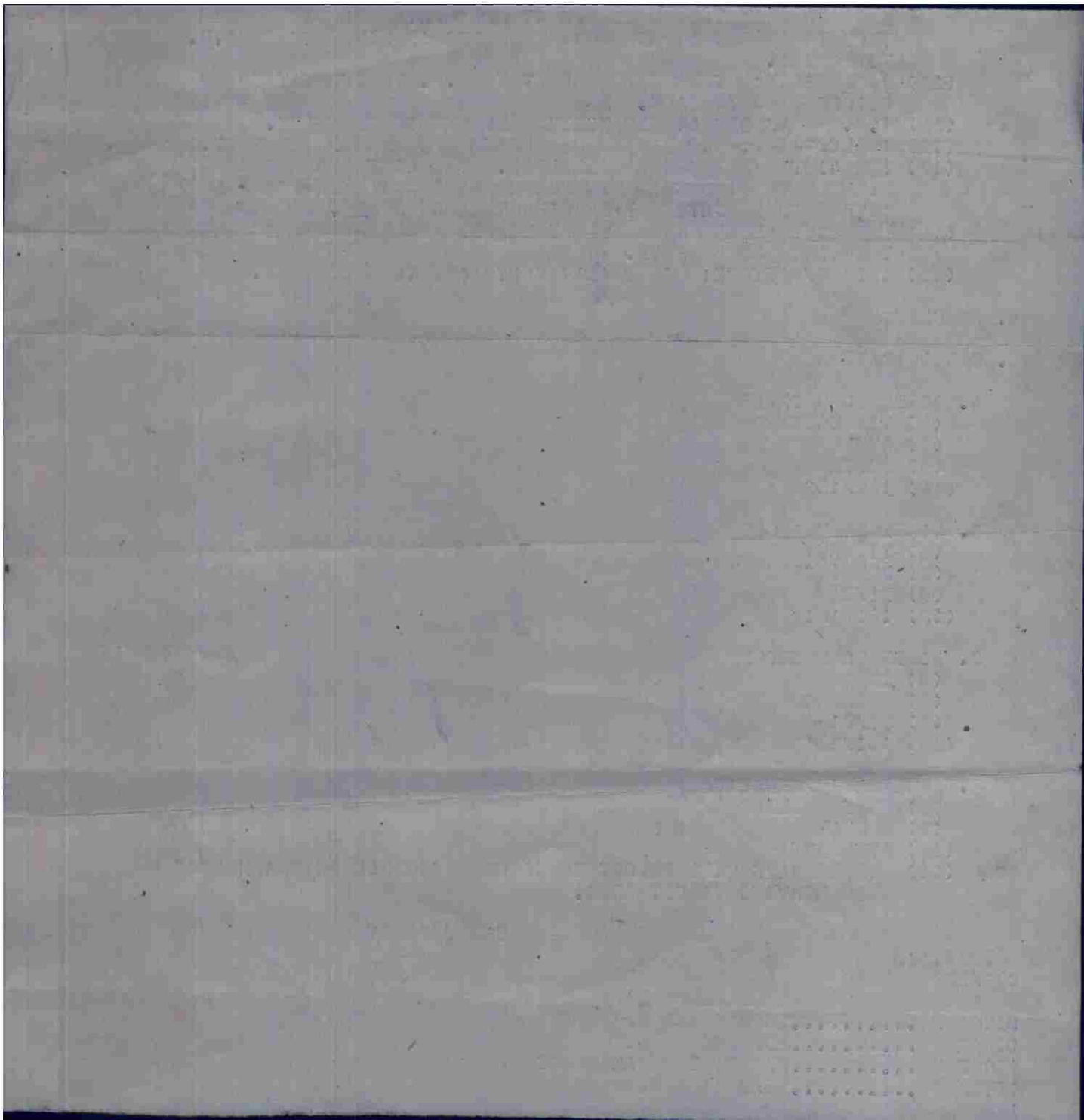
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OIGOF R	23/2211B	AK	AR
OIYAA R	23/2211B	EJS	AR
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 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 23/2235B M-127-E
 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 409
 TH COMBOMGP
 410TH COBOMGPO
 416TH COBOMGP

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



ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 49-327

2. ZERO HOUR NOW READS 24/0930B

3. B. (9) ILL. S5410/4 REF. 031027

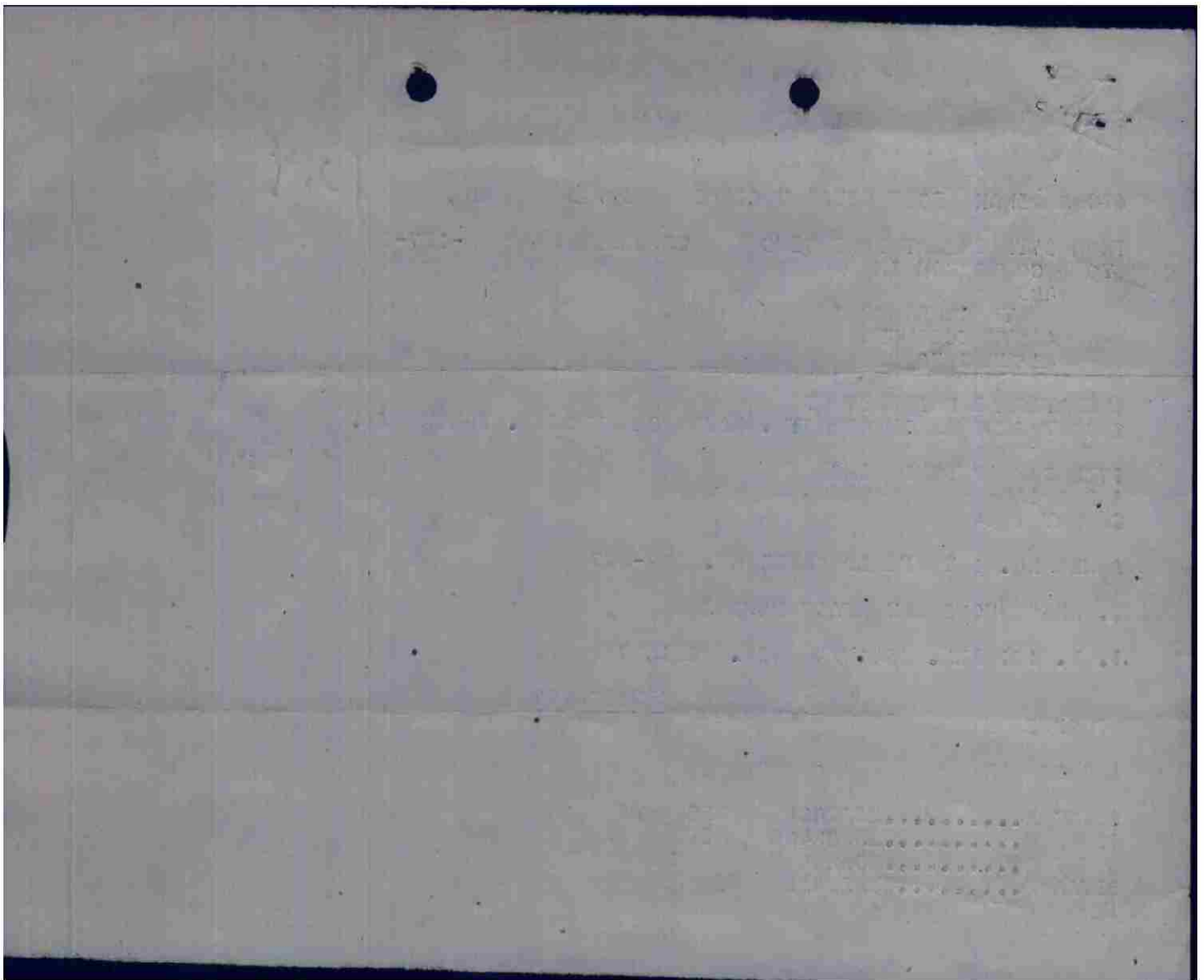
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OIYAA R.....	23/2245B	EJS	AR
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 24/0715B M-130-E
TO COMBOMCOM IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
24 MAY 1944

ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 49-327

3. B. (3) SHOULD READ WITH 416TH GROUP AT 51 DEG 08 MIN NORTH 00 DEG.
18 MIN. EAST AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 2 MINUTES.

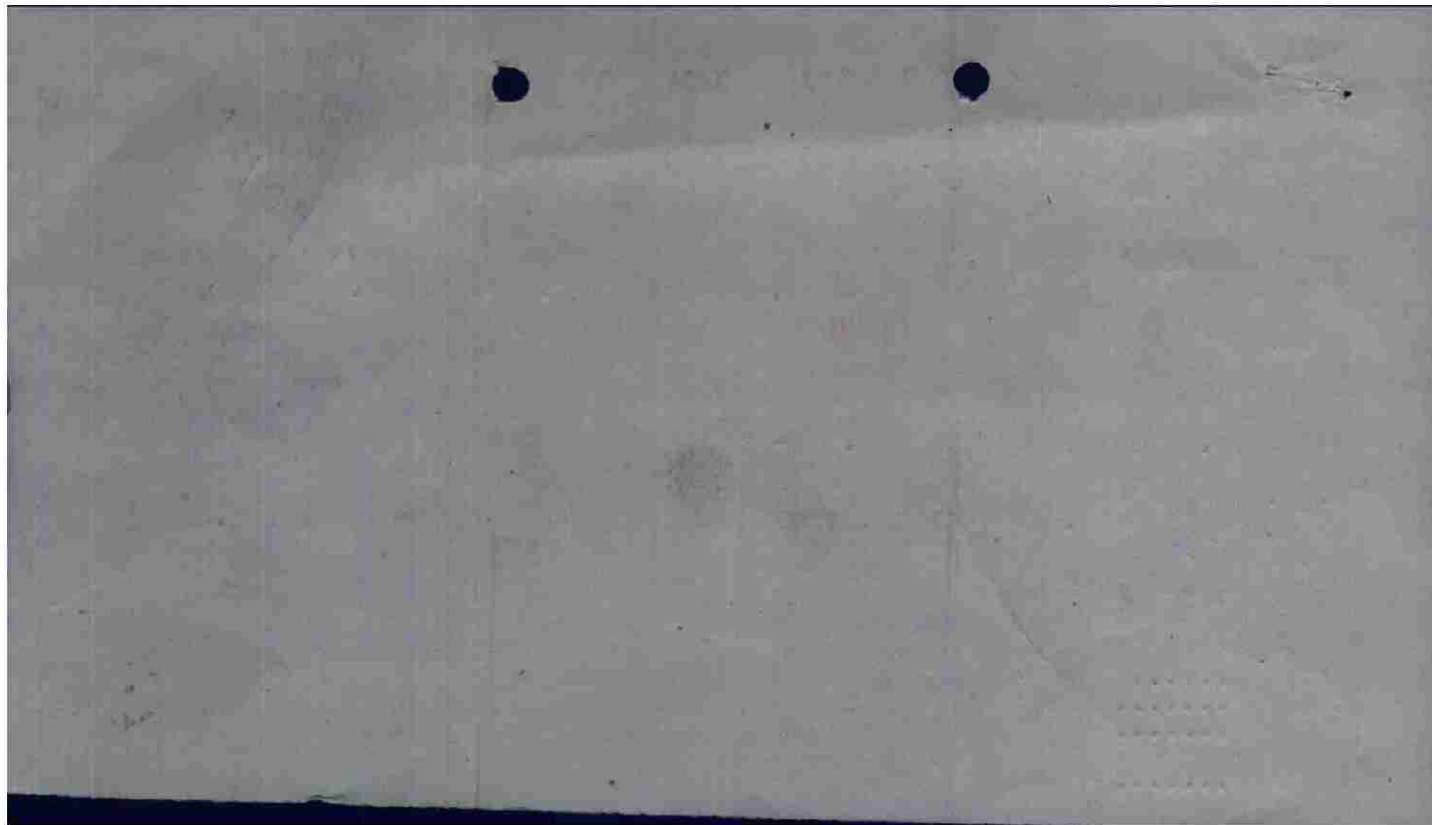
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RL AR K

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OIHAK R..... 24/0713B AB AR
OIGOF R..... 24/0713B JHS AR
OIYAA R..... 24/0713B JF AR



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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 24/0830B M-131-E
TO COMBOMCOM IX
409TH COBOMGP
410TH COBOMGP
416TH COBOMGP

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
24 MAY 1944

ANNEX NO. 3 TO FIELD ORDER 49-327

ZERO HOUR NOW READS 24/1030B REPEAT 24/1030B

BT 24/0830B

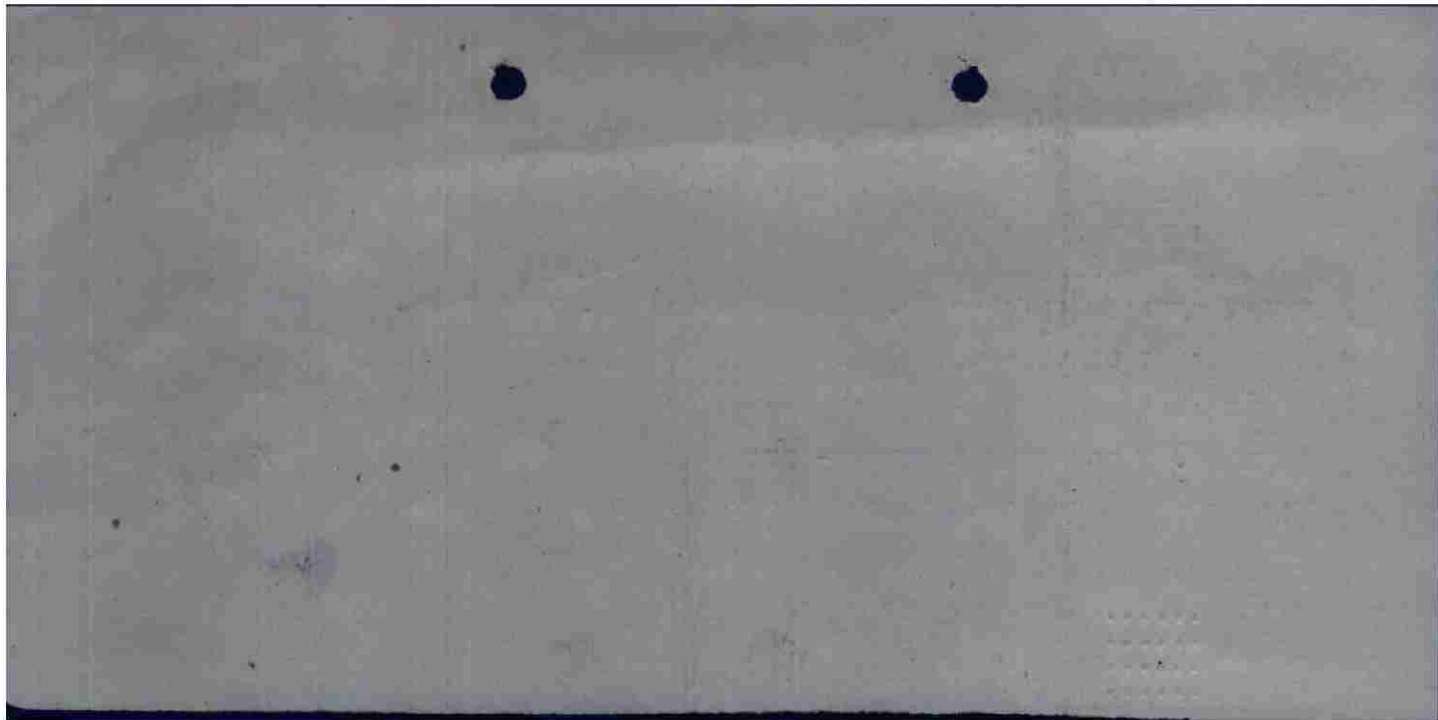
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OICOG R.....	WRPIRPB	RT	AR	K
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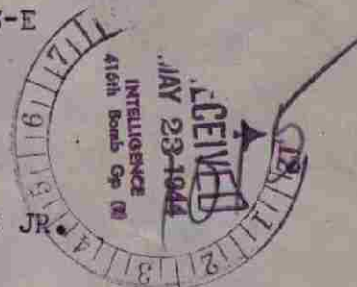
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 23/2250B M-128-E
 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 409TH COBOMGP
 410TH COBOMGP
 416TH COBOMGP



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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O 140
 23 MAY 1944

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO FIELD ORDER NO. 49-327

- A. SELECTION OF REFERENCE POINTS ALL IN DISPERSAL AREA OF TARGET IS BASED ON LATEST PHOTO RECONN. THIS TARGET WAS LAST ATTACKED BY B-26'S ON 11 MAY BUT RESULTS WERE CLASSIFIED AS POOR. BOMB CRATERS MAY POSSIBLY BE OBSERVED IN AREA TO BE BOMBED AND SHOULD NOT CONFUSE BOMBADIERS. THIS LAST DETAIL IS MENTIONED AT SPECIAL REQUEST OF ONE OF THE GROUPS.
- B. THE SITUATION: GROUPS HAVE LATEST INFORMATION.
- C. FURTHER OBSERVATIONS REQUESTED ON THE FOLLOWING WHICH WAS SEEN BY 410TH BOMB GROUP YESTERDAY: 'WHAT APPEARED TO BE ROUNDED HEDGES IN SYMETRICAL ROWS STICKING ABOVE TREES IN A FOREST. THERE WERE SEVEN OR EIGHT ROWS, EACH 1/4 MILE LONG AND ABOUT 10 FEET WIDE. COULD HAVE BEEN CAMOUFLAGED 'SKI SLIDES'. APPROXIMATE LOCATION IS 49 DEG. 38 IN. NORTH 00 DEG. 20 IN. EAST. ALSO LOOK FOR FLAK TOWER "SOUTHWEST OF BOURNEVILLE", REPORTED BY 409TH BOMB GROUP YESTERDAY. THIS TOWN IS ABOUT 4 MILES SOUTH SOUTHEAST OF RP. ALSO 8-10 B.BAT 12,000 FT AT QUISTREHAM, NEAR MOUTH OF ORNE RIVER, WHICH IS ABOUT 6 MILES WEST OF LANDFALL, AS REPORTED BY 409TH BOMB GROUP ON 19 MAY. IF NEAR ENOUGH, MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO IDENTIFY TYPE OF INSTALLATION BEING PROTECTED. ALSO CONFIRM OBSERVATION OF 410TH BOMB GROUP OF 19 MAY OF "ONE BB LOW", NEAR VAUCOTTES-SUR-MER. THIS TOWN 4 MILES NORTH EAST OF ETRETAT.

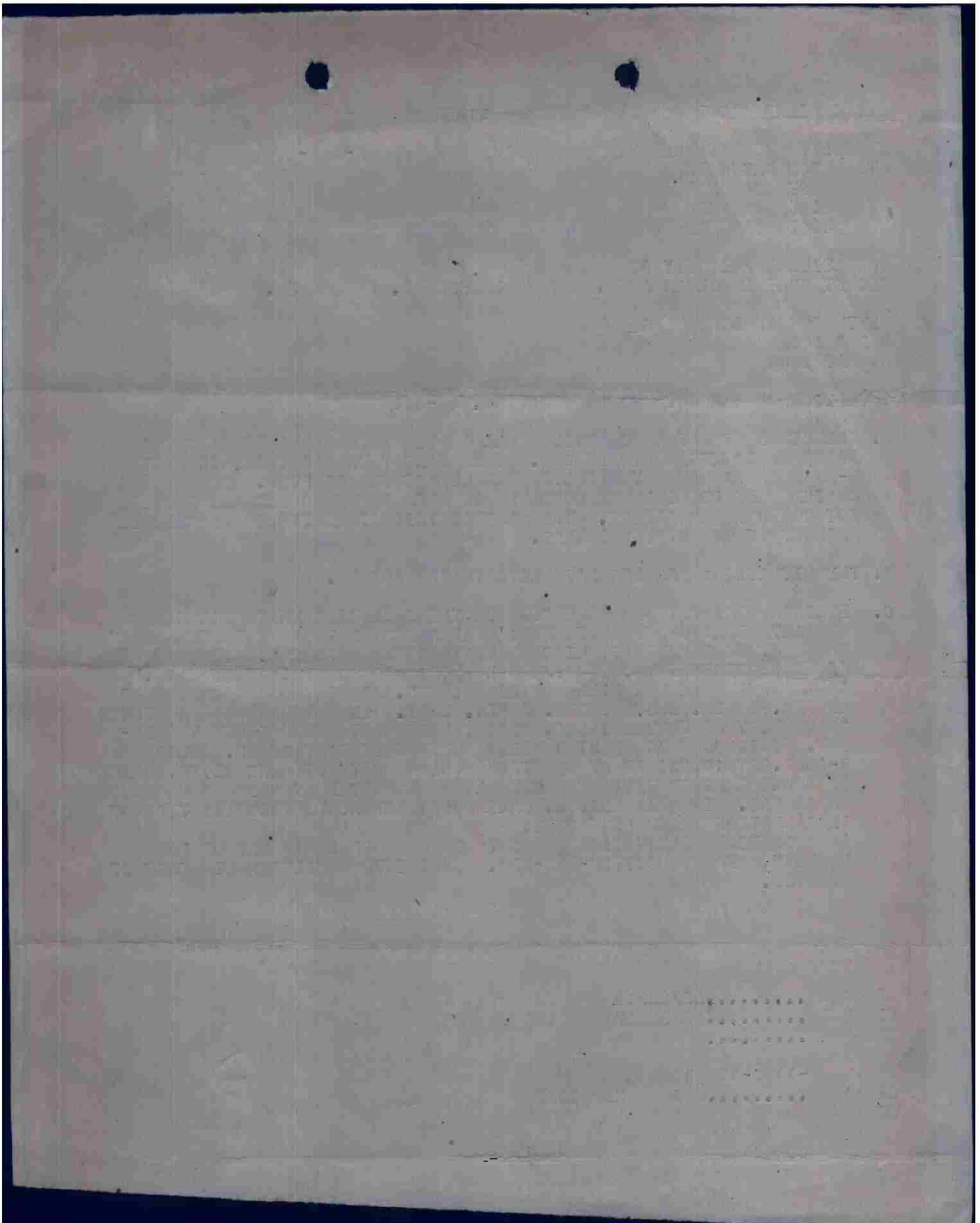
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OIHAK R	23/2331B	IDR	AR
OIGOF R			

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 OIYAA R2 9 23/2333B FD AR
 AR





Bringing
1635~~Brgas/sut~~Monchy-Breton
Airfield.~~50° 24' N 02° 22' E~~

50° 23' N - 02° 26' N

1 Obs. 55680/3
Ref 032089

4x500 Inst Nose 1/100 T

Fighters P. P-47 0+30 12000 N. Foreland
Bomber B. 410⁴ 0+23 11000 Shearness

Shearness to N. Foreland to 5 mi. NW Furness
to 50° 24' N 02° 49' E to 50° 10' N 02° 32' E to
Target

Right turn to 50° 24' N 02° 49' E to 5
Miles N.W. Furness to N. Foreland to Base
I.P. 50° 10' N 02° 32' E
R.P. 50° 24' N 02° 49' E

Bomb - 11500

Enemy Coast out 10000

Briefing notes- Capt. Sheridan.

Beaumont Le Roger

Target

This airfield, located between the towns of Berney and Evzreaux is used chiefly as a reserve point for fighters which may be moved up to coastal defense and therefore is of immediate importance in this phase of operations prior to D day, since one of the prime pieces of business is to knock out fields serving this very purpose. It has been operated since 1940 by the Germans and now is listed as having facilities for at least 65 fighters. ~~which is a reserve point~~ The field is about 1500 by 1000 yards and is L-shaped.

416

410

409

P47's

Our entire wing of A20's will attack this airfield today. The 416th and 410 will make their attack together. The 409th will follow a slightly different route and will be behind us. Both outfits will have an escort of P47's from the IX Fighter command.

We rendezvous with our fighters at Brighton at 0935 at 12,000

Rend.

We will be at bomber rendezvous at 0928 to meet the 410th which will have 36 ships. The 409th will furnish three boxes of 14 ships.

Course

After making rendezvous with the P47s, we cross the channel to Cabourg le bains, a point half way between Cabourg and Oisterham, the thinnest of the settled and built up areas along the coast between the mouths of the Dives and the Orne Rivers.

Flak

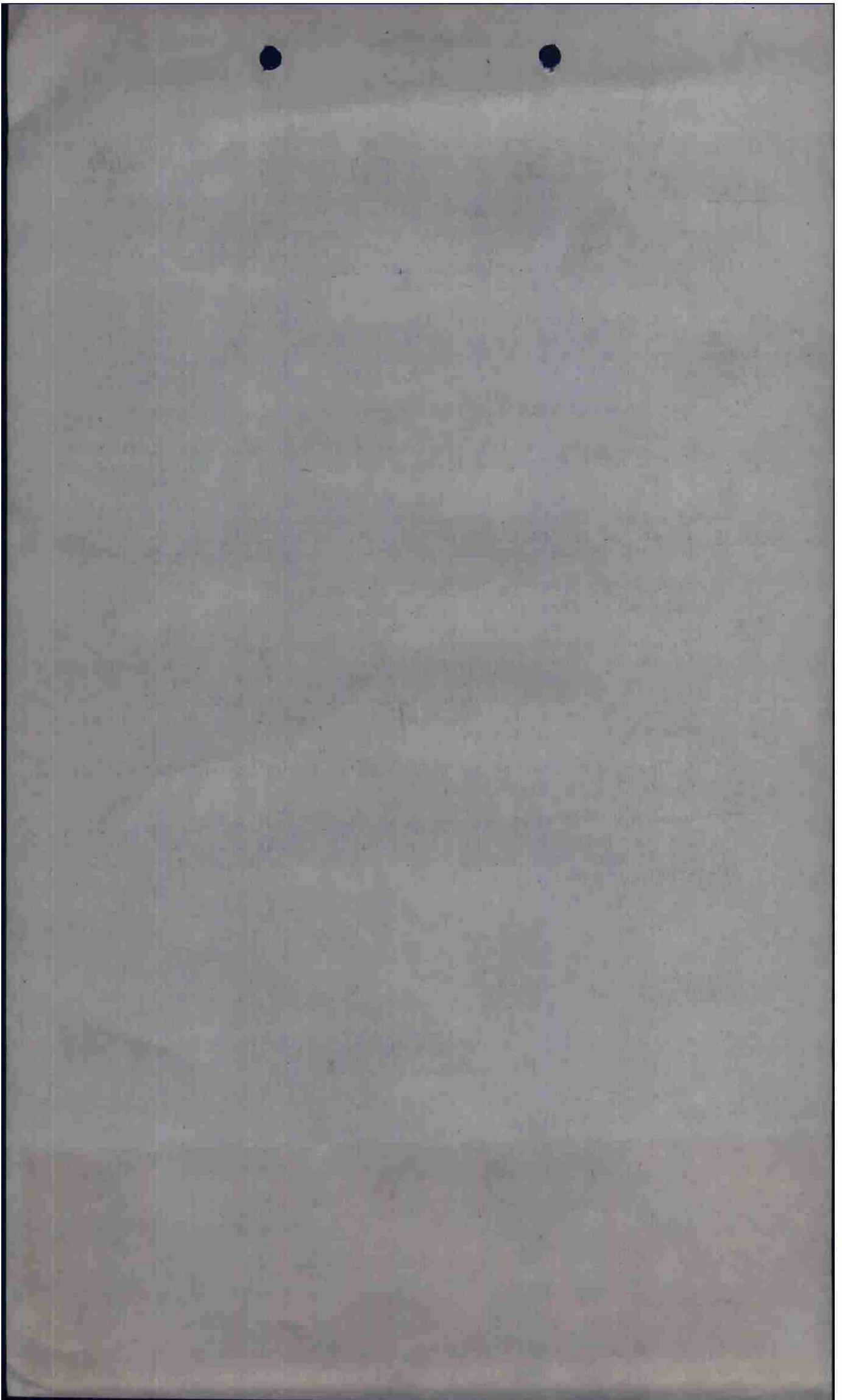
Flak- Aside from the immediate target area, the only defenses worth mentioning are at Caen, well off the course to the west and at Le Havre, to the west ~~of~~ and south of our landfall. The 409th reported observing a flak tower southwest of our course at the point where we cross the Seine on our way out. You might check up on their observation. I might point out that there are a number of navigational lighthouses along the Seine at this point and they may have mistaken one of these for a tower. No flak was received from the reported tower.

Past

Attacks

This target was attacked by the 26's on May 11 and their experience was no flak at the target.

The results of their attack were poor. The dispersal area, in which all our aiming points are located, is fairly large and with our recent bomb patterns, we should get excellent results on this important target.



MISSION NO. 53

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

24 MAY 1944

1. 914 X
Major D.L. Willette
Lt. P.G. Royalty
T/S F.H. Larronde
S/S H.A. Lempka

2. 645 R
Lt. L.A. Marzolf
Lt. R.J. Bassett
S/S H.E. Wellin
S/S L.G. Kutzer

3. 220 E
Lt. R.D. Perkins
S/S V.N. Sherry
S/S R.H. Linneman

4. 214 O
Lt. R.V. Wheeler
S/S E. Corrin
S/S J.S. Brower

5. 219 D
Lt. H.D. Andrews
S/S G.M. Cook
S/S E.R. Werley

6. 363 L
Lt. F.W. Henderson
Sgt R.M. Griswold
Sgt F.E. Coulombe

FLIGHT II

1. 714 N
Lt. E.T. Platter
S/S K.L. Johnson
S/S J.L. Gzech

2. 221 F
Lt. W.A. Merchant
S/S G.J. Harp
S/S K.P. Brown

3. 493 V
Lt. R.H. Smith
S/S A.A. Stockham
Sgt R.J. Mahoney

4. 393 K
Lt. R.E. Greenley
S/S H.C. Worden
S/S J.J. Rzepka

5. 951 P
Lt. Col. T.R. Aylesworth
S/S E.E. Kelly
S/S W.H. Coe

6. 164 I
Lt. R.W. York
S/S H.J. Wilds
Sgt L.A. Ashton

FLIGHT III

1. 452 Q
Capt. D.A. Hulse
Lt. R. Conte
S/S F.D. Allred
S/S D.W. Stephens

2. 207 B
Lt. L.R. McBride
Cpl. J. McKee
S/S R. Eutsler

3. 892 L-1
Lt. R.O. Gruetzmacher
Sgt D.S. Blackford
S/S F.P. Glynn

4. 978 S
Lt. R.J. Rooney
S/S S.F. DiNapoli
S/S H.M. McCleary

5. 689 I-1
Lt. D.T. Sommers
Sgt S.R. Zahlikiewicz
S/S T.A. Palmer

6. 750 M
Lt. R.B. Hall
S/S P.F. Glynn
Sgt L. Burger

SPARE

224 E-1
Lt. J.C. Sewell
S/S O.D. Evans
S/S J.L. Johnson

MISSION NO. 53

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

24 MAY 1944

1. 442 D
Capt. M.F. Conant
Lt. R.T. McBrien
S/S J.E. McCreery
Sgt G.W. Scott
2. 455 T
Capt. G.M. McNulty
Lt. F.H. Bursiel
S/S H.E. White
S/S R.F. Addleman
3. 963 N
Lt. L.G. Peede
S/S A.A. Hill
S/S C.L. Hibbs

4. 196 D-1
Lt. J.F. Meagher
Sgt D. Hantske
S/S E.A. Damico
5. 194 G
Lt. R.D. Leshner
S/S H.R. Hedrick
S/S A.J. Antanaitis
6. 176 T-1
Lt. G.G. Mish
Sgt C.J. Clark
Sgt R.F. Chuatz

FLIGHT II

1. 0203 R
Lt. L.J. Siracusa
S/S F.L. Brown
S/S J.N. Hume
2. 694 K
Lt. E.B. Kreh
Sgt E. Shelton
S/S D.R. Schenck
3. 0226 E
Lt. R.G. Meredith
S/S H.J. Sylva
Sgt H.W. Smith

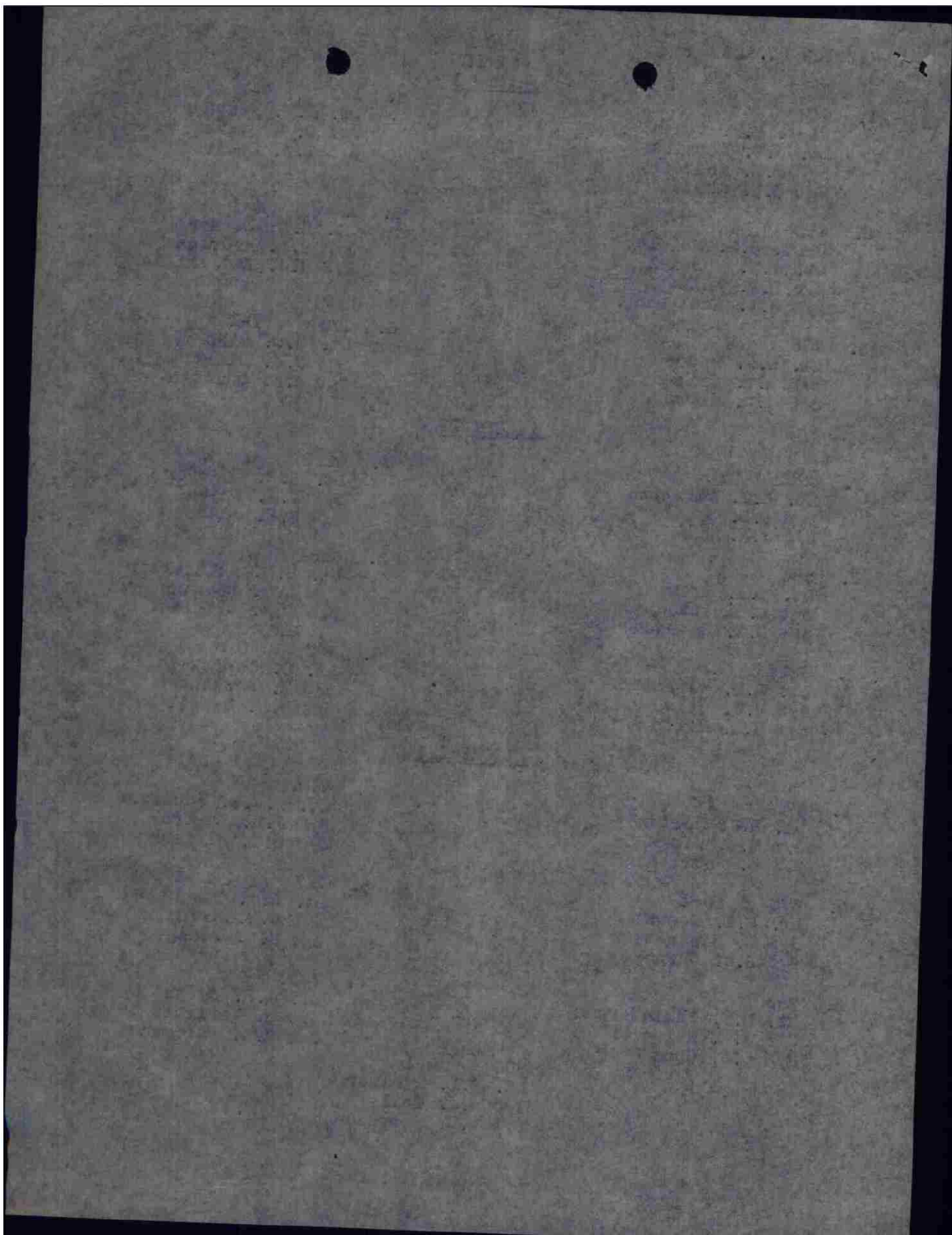
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Lt. R.F. Shaefer
S/S J.A. Fajes
S/S E.R. Judd
5. 0194 A
Lt. R.D. Poindexter
T/S L.G. Robbins
S/S D.R. Simpson
6. 907 O
Lt. G. Ebenstein
S/S H. Perkins
Sgt S.P. Newell

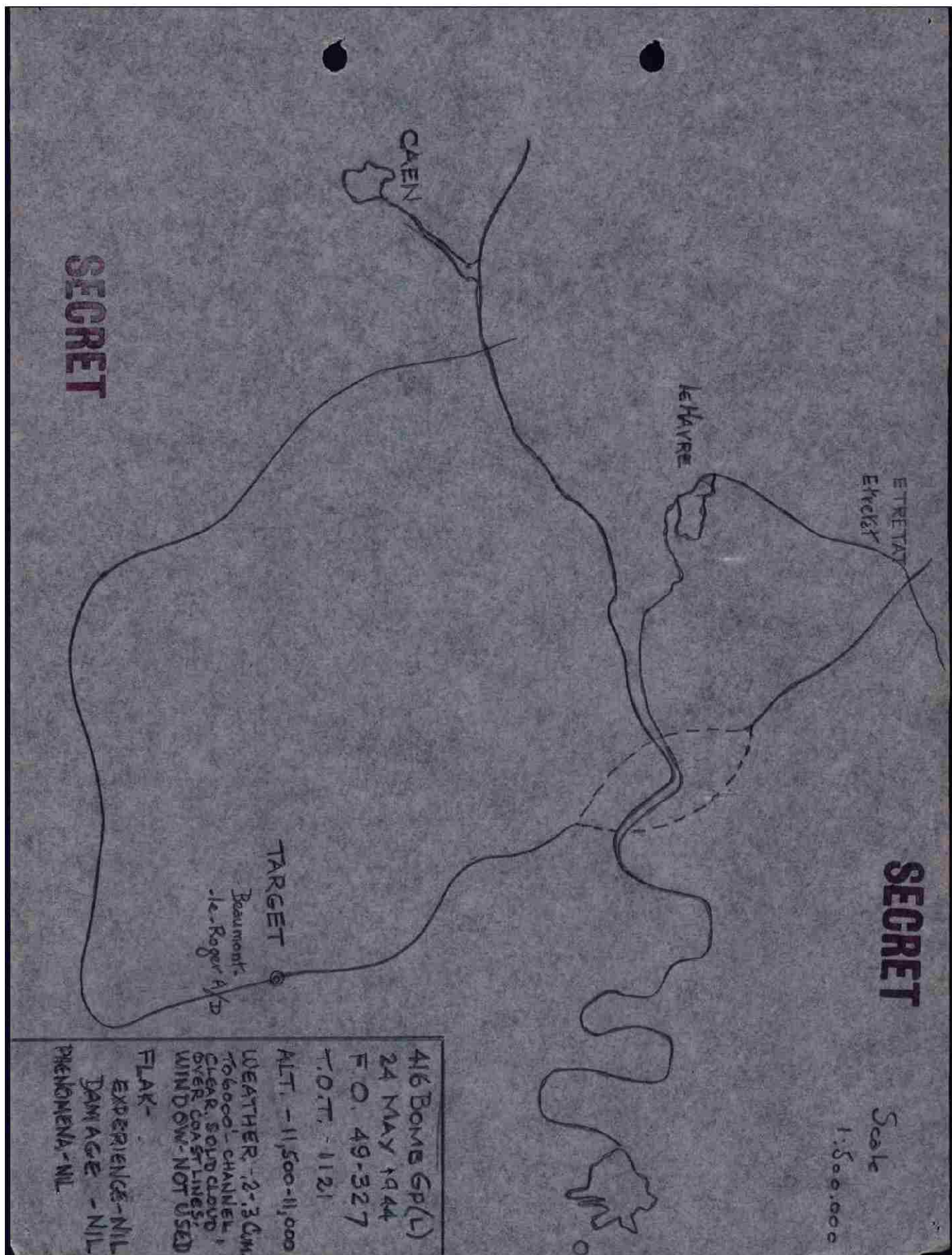
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S/S R.W. Nicks
S/S N. Radlich
2. 376 O-1
Lt. E.E. DeMun
S/S M. Rosenstein
S/S H.O. Carney
3. 983 J
Lt. N.V. Shainberg
S/S A.E. Bergeron
S/S G.F. Cope

4. 840 V
Lt. P.F.E. MacManus
S/S J.L. Rogers
S/S G.I. Fleischman
5. 717 N-1
Lt. A.J. Vleghele
Sgt C.E. Rice
Sgt R.W. Young
6. 743 W
Lt. J.H. Smith
Sgt G. Variadis
Sgt R.C. Hoffman

SPARE
900 Q-1
Lt. R.L. Behlmer
T/S W.J. Kelly
S/S W.G. Ferguson





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

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By authority
CG, Sta. 170
23 May 1944
Init. _____

APC 140, U. S. Army,
23 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A, UNAAF Form 34A.

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APC 696, U. S. Army.
Attention 23th Statistical Control Unit.

Oprep A Number 54 for 24 hours ending sunset 24 May 1944.
Mission Number 33.

IX Bomber Command Field Order Number 327.

A. Formation consisted of 2 boxes, 15 ships each box. Time of take off was 0935. Time over target 1121. Target - Beaumont Le Roger Airfield. Box 1, at 11,500 feet, dropped a total of 70 bombs in the target area with poor results. Box 2, at 11,000 feet, dropped a total of 75 bombs in the target area with poor results. Visibility was 6 to 8 miles down sun and 3 miles up sun. No anti-aircraft fire experienced. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1850.

- B. (i) 33 A-200's and 3 A-20J's.
(ii) 32 A-200's and 3 A-20J's.
(iii) 1 A-200 no bombs dropped - switches in wrong position.
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) 33 A-200's and 3 A-20J's

- C. (i) None
(ii) None

- D. (i) A-200's 108:10
A-20J's 15:45
(ii) None

- E. (i) A-200's 103,950 x 50 cal.
A-20J's 10,000 x 50 cal.
(ii) A-200's 792 x 50 cal. (testing)
A-20J's 120 x 50 cal. (testing)
(iii) None

- F. (i) A-200's 135 x 500 lb GP Inst N 1/100 T
A-20J's 20 x 500 lb GP Inst N 1/100 T
(ii) A-200's 125 x 500 lb GP
A-20J's 20 x 500 lb GP
(iii) A-200 2 x 500 lb GP

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Opreg A, USAAF Form 34A.

(Cont'd.)

(iv) None
A-300 d x 500 lb or returned to base - switches in
wrong position.

G. None

H. (1) None
(11) None
(111) None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHLESKIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

327

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. _____

ANNEX "A"

BOX 1GROUP 418DATE 24 May 44TARGET ATTACHED Beaumont Le Roger A/D1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.2. Bombing approach: 360° Mag.3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire box 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 for synchronization. 10 mile or 11 subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Royalty6. Name of lead pilot: Major Willard7. Intervalometer setting: None Ground Speed: 232 Altitude: 11,5008. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Sec: _____9. Length of bomb run: 40 X 500 lb FUSED _____ N Inch. 1/10010. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 411. Total Bombs Dropped: 70

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attached or bombing. YES NO. If "YES" state conditions and effect. None affected identification of target.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attached, IP or AP? 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) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? No enemy a/c.

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: Used wrong AP.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

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

(over)

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BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 327

ANNEX "A"

BOX II GROUP 416 DATE 24 May 44 TARGET ATTACKED Beaumont Le Roger A/D1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.2. Bombing approach: 340° Mag.3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire box 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 for synchronisation. 10 mile trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. McBrien6. Name of lead pilot: Captain Conant7. Intervalometer setting: None Altitude: 11,0008. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 2209. Length of bomb run: 40 Sec: _____10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/G: 4 X 500 lb FUSED Inst. T 1/10011. Total Bombs Dropped: 76

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. None affected identification of 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 Flak affected bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? No enemy a/c.

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: Used wrong AP

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

Results claimed: GOOD FAIR POOR X BAD MISS

(Over)

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- V. Description of route from I.P. to target:
1. 6 to 8 miles down and 3 miles up and.
 2. 2 to 3 miles with top to 6000 feet.
 3. 2 boxes to each.
 4. Moderate.
 5. Woods on western edge of target.
 6. Used about 10.
 7. Road.
 8. None.

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25 May 1944
INITIAL.

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

AFG 140, U.S. ARMY.
25 May 1944.

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SUBJECT: Mission Report - Aircraft.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, AFG 140, U.S. ARMY.
(Attn: Maintenance Branch)

PART I.

- (1) 24 May 1944 - 0734 - comment-la-pager
- (2) 36 (36 alerted)
- (3) 36

PART II.

None

PART III (1).

None

PART III (2)

AFG SERIAL NO.

43-7224

CASE

Two bombs delayed
release.

DESCRIPTION

(Undertained)

REMARKS

Yes

PART III (3).

AFG SERIAL NO.

43-10164

CASE

No bombs dropped.

DESCRIPTION

No. 1 selector
switch in wrong
position.

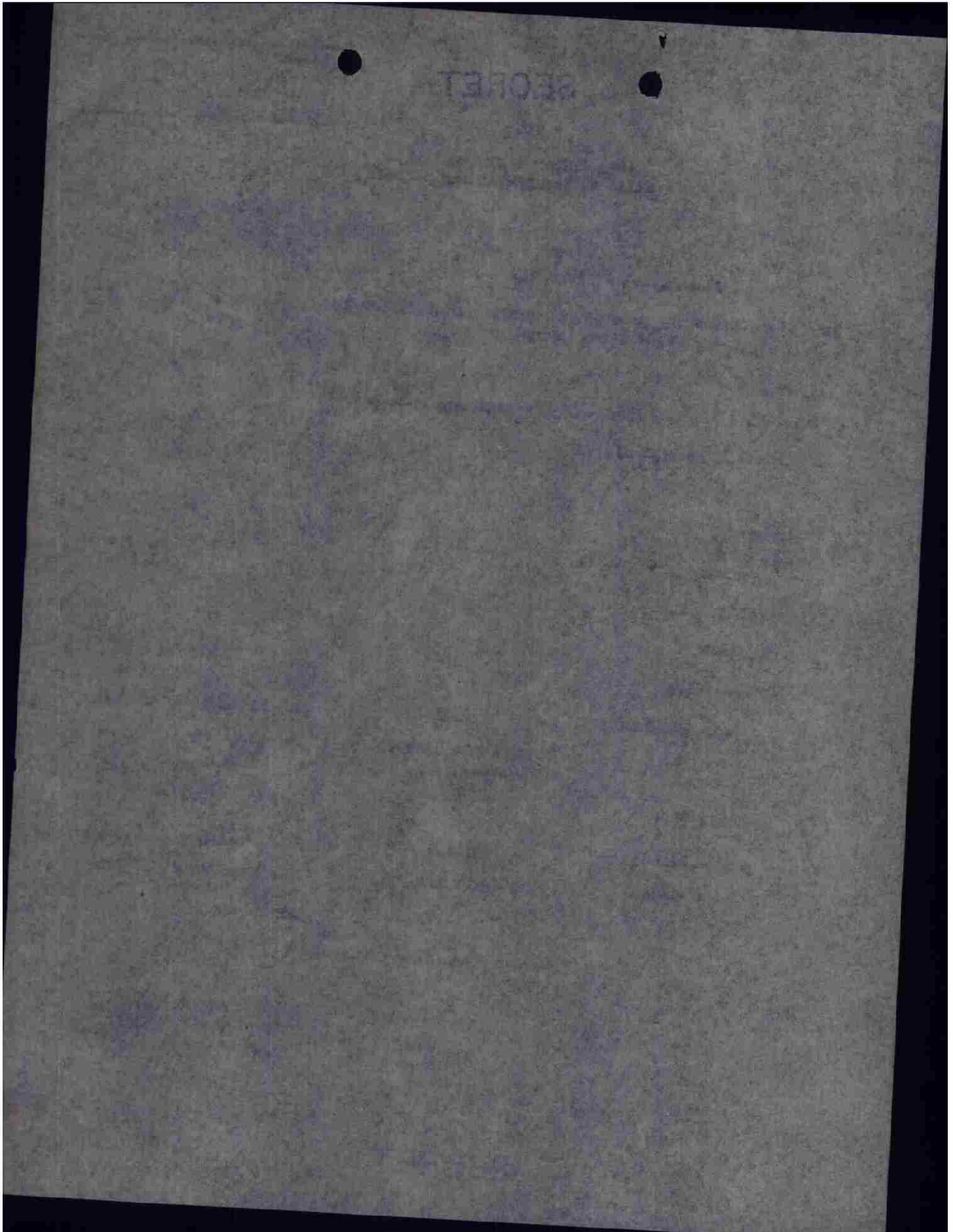
REMARKS

Yes

For the Commanding Officer:

ROBERT SCHUMER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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

AFG 140
24 May 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Clear. Visibility 2000 yards in
thick haze.

ROUTE OUT: Clear over England. Visibility 1-3 miles.
Large, solid bank of stratocumulus at the
English coast extending 5 miles into the
channel. Tops estimated 6000 feet.
Channel was clear with visibility 2-3 miles.
8-10/10 stratocumulus 10 miles from the
French coast breaking at the coast to 2-3/10.
2-3/10 over the continent with tops to 6000.
Visibility increased to 6-8 miles over
continent.

TARGET: 2-3/10 cumulus with tops to 6000 feet.
Visibility 6-8 miles down sun and 5 miles up
sun.

ROUTE BACK: Same as route out except 4-5/10 cumulus
over England with tops 6000 and bases 5500.
Visibility 2-3 miles over England.

BASE ON RETURN: 6/10 cumulus at 5000 feet. Visibility
3 miles.

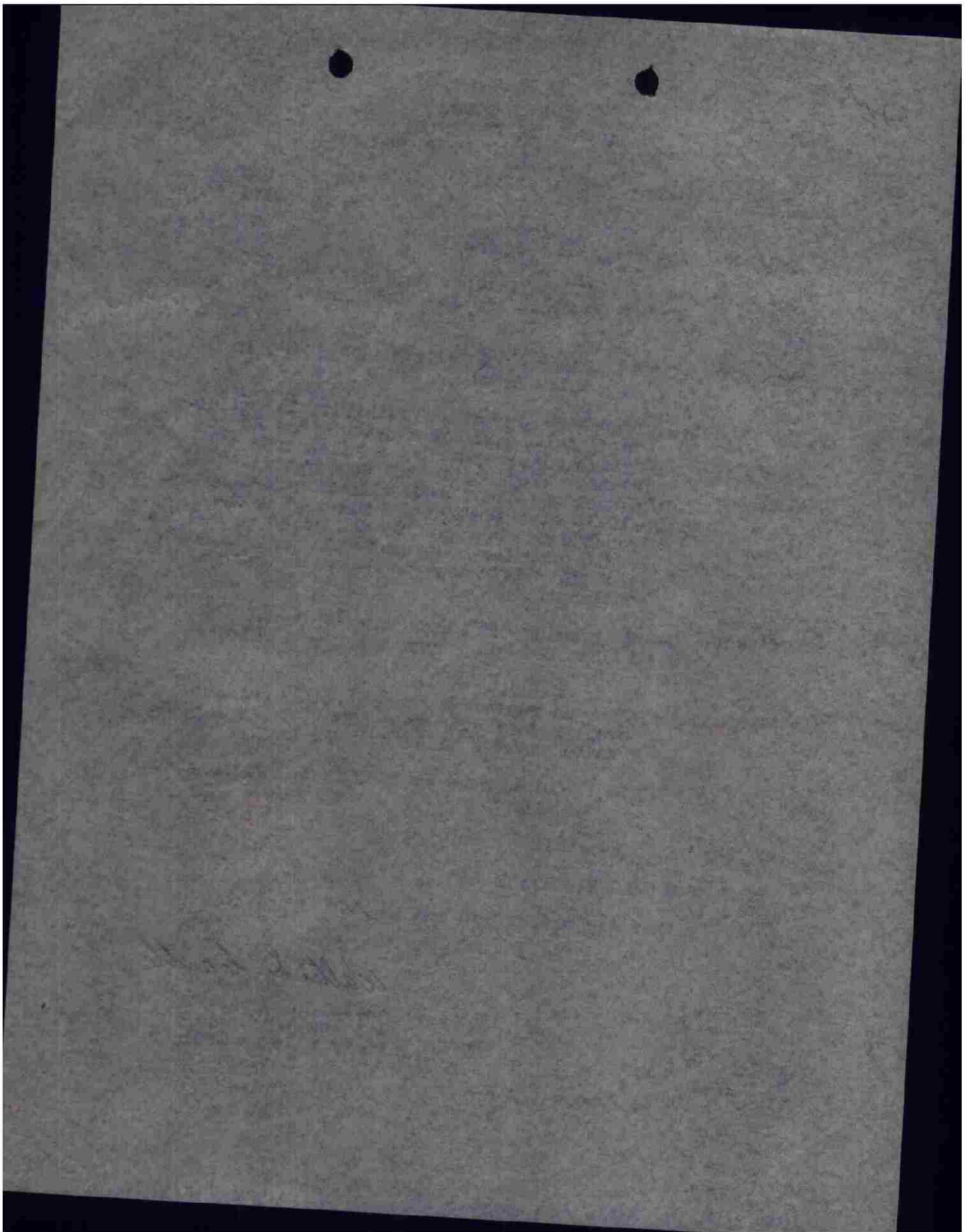
WINDS: As forecast.

TIME OVER TARGET: 11:21

Weather did not effect bombing.

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

1 Incl.
2 Route Forecast Form



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KKKK TO LAI

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 24/1350B
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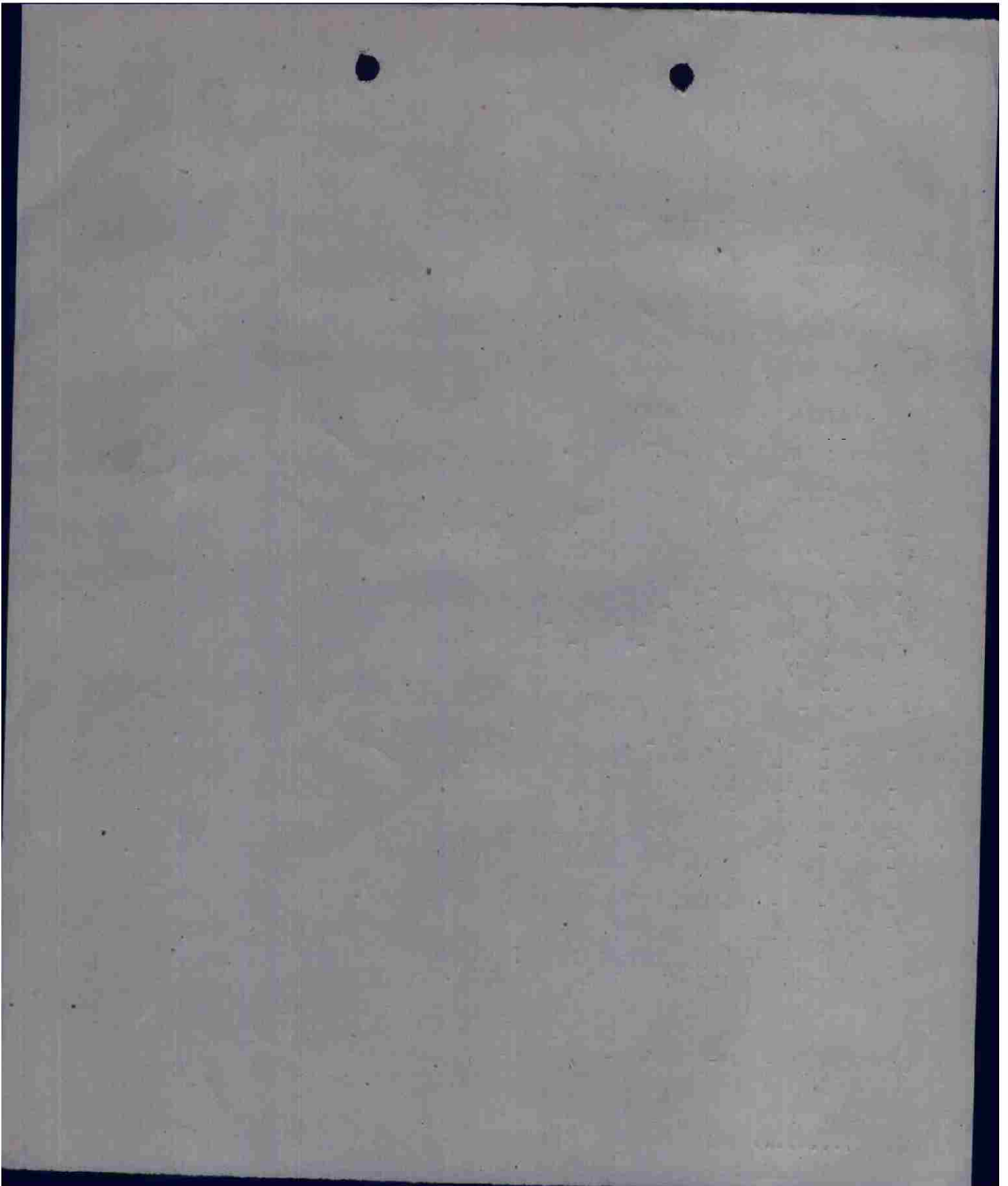
A - YS - 51
B - MAY 1944 (0955-1209)
C - 668 (10) N D-1 C T-1 R K E Q A O
669 (8) D I O-1 J V N-1 W Q-1
670 (8) O B L-1 S I-1 M E-1 T
671 (12) Z R E C D L N F V K P I

TOTAL--38

D- 671- X - CHANNEL C RECEIVER VERY WEAK, INTERPHONE LEAD TO TURRET
BROKEN BY AMUNITION CAN.
E - 671 - X, 669- J, 670-M, USED BRAINTREE SPLASHER FROM COAST IN.
671 - E - USED LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON.
F - NOT APPLICABLE
G - NOT APPLICABLE
H - NOT APPLICABLE
I - 669 - J - ONE QDM FROM WETHERSFIELD.
J - BOX LEADERS USED FOR FLIGHT INSTRUCTION AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS.
K - NONE
L - 671 - X - CALLED BOMCOM AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
M - NONE
N - NOT APPLICABLE
O - RADIO PERFORMANCE SATISFACTORY. INTERFERENCE REPORTED ON
CHANNEL C WHILE OVER ENGLISH CHANNEL.

MACE COBOMGR 416

AS
CC LINE "E" - 671- X, 669 - J, 670 - M, USED BRAINTREE SPLASHER FROM
COAST IN.
BT 24/1350B
EM AR
LAI R.....24/1400B RRR AR



FLIGHT PLAN

FLIGHT RECORD

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P.A. + 75

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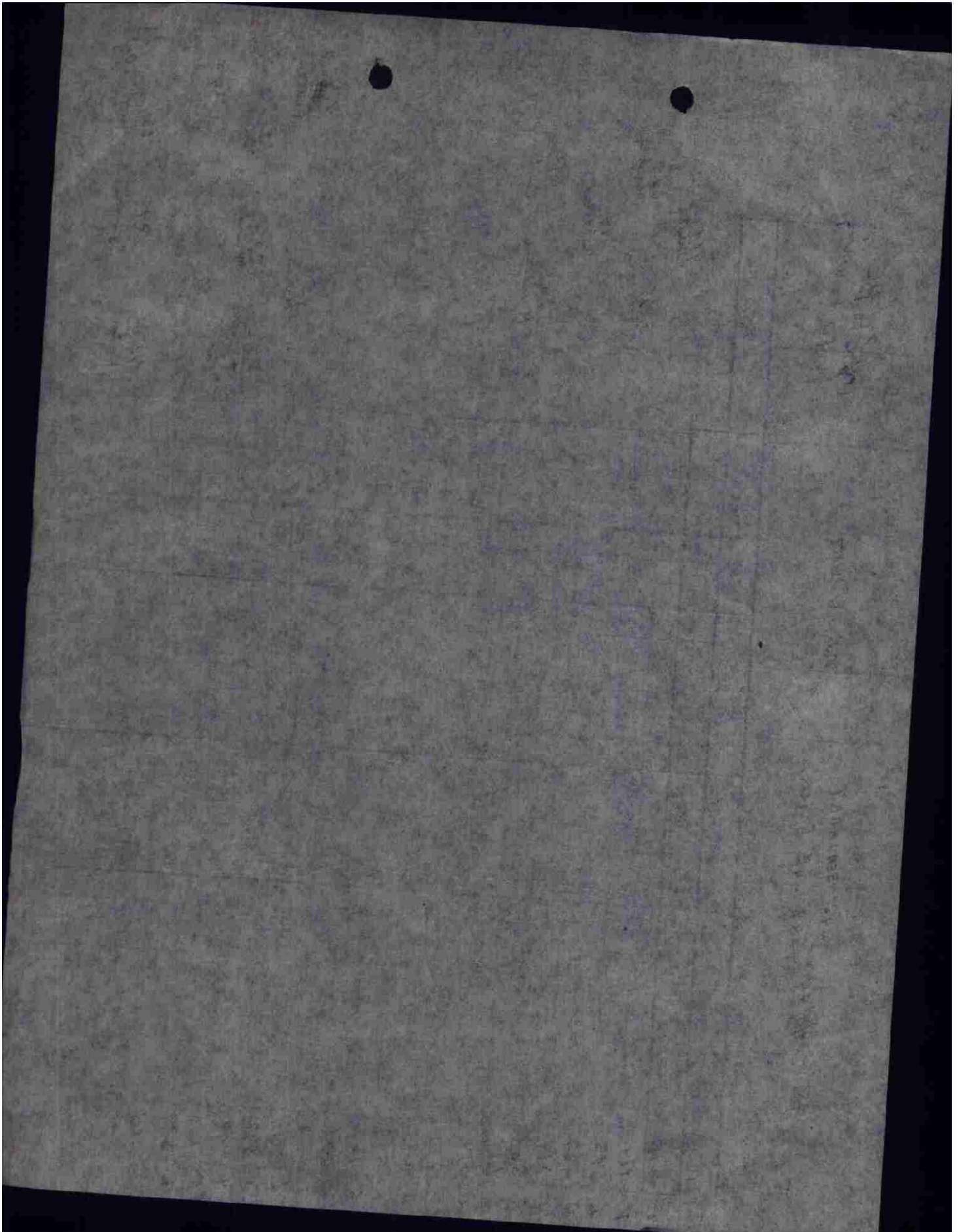
Box #	Craft	Date	E/O	Target	Alt.	Box Lead.	T/O	15 min.
I	48	24/5/44	49-387	BEAUMONT 4E ROGER.		Major Willett	TOT	1730 to BC 1240 to wing
							L/D	

A/C	No	Reason	Att.	Homb Disp.	A/C Den.	E/A	Pers
			T S C	T S J T R	M D A C B E	D P D	K W M
1	914		✓	4			
2	645		✓	H			
3	220		✓	H			
4	214		✓	H			
5	363		✓	H			
6	219		✓	H			
1	714		✓	H			
2	221		✓	H			
3	493		✓	H			
4	393		✓	H			
5	164		✓	H			
6	951		✓	H			
1	452		✓	H			
2	207		✓	H			
3	892		✓	H			
4	998		✓	H			
5	750		✓	H			
6	689		✓	H			
75	224	Small	✓	2			

914 Willett
 220 Perkins
 645 Mangrove
 214 Wheeler
 363 Hardman
 219 Andrew
 452 Nolan
 892 Butterworth
 207 McBride
 998 Povey
 750 Hall
 689 Somers
 164 York
 951 Ayler
 393 Bradley
 493 Smith
 221 Parker
 714 Parker
 750 Hall

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pilot used wing rack
switches for intake



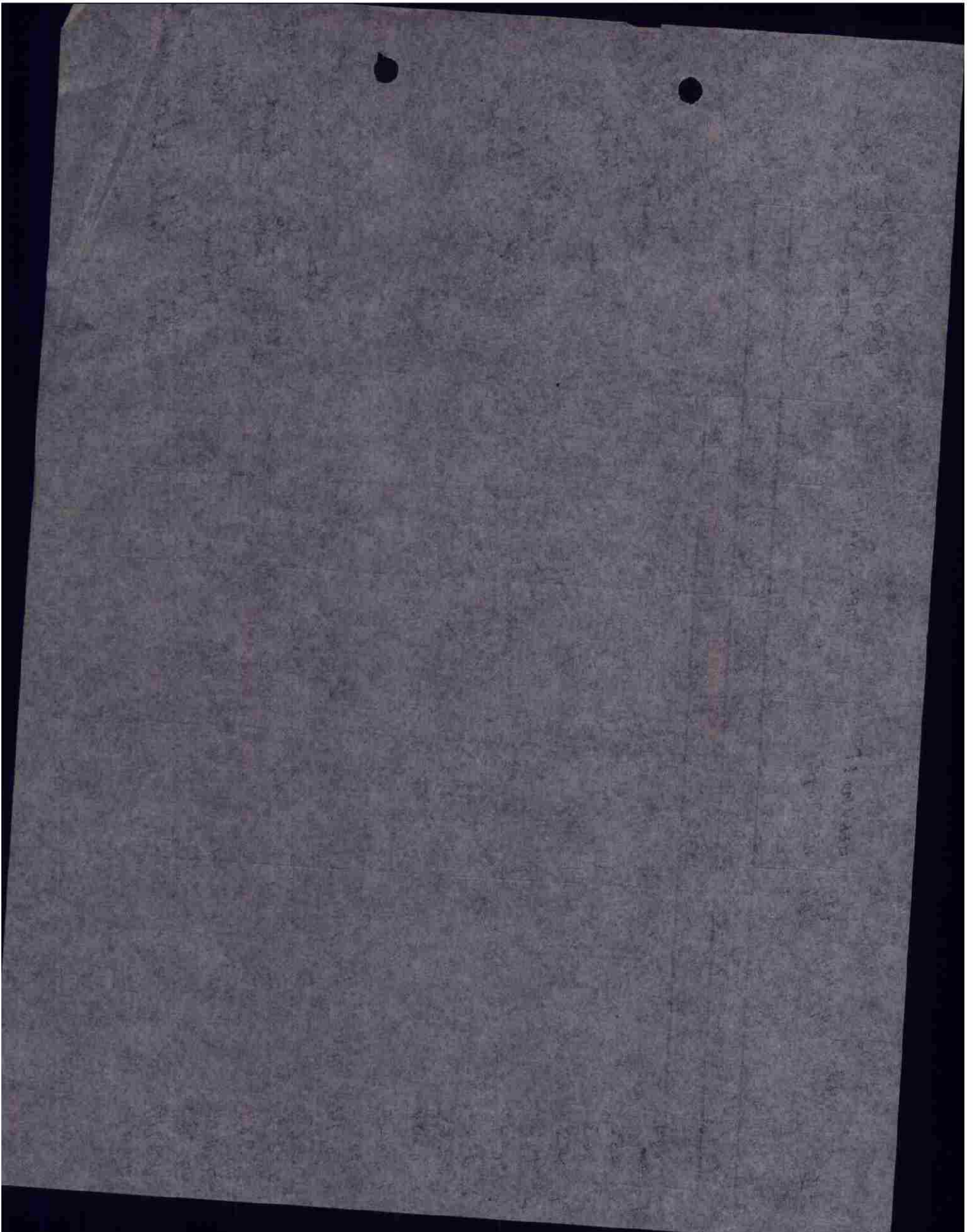
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II	48	24/5/44	49-327	BEAUMONT HE ROGER.		CAPT. CONANT.	TOT I/D	1300 to 1305 to wing SAC

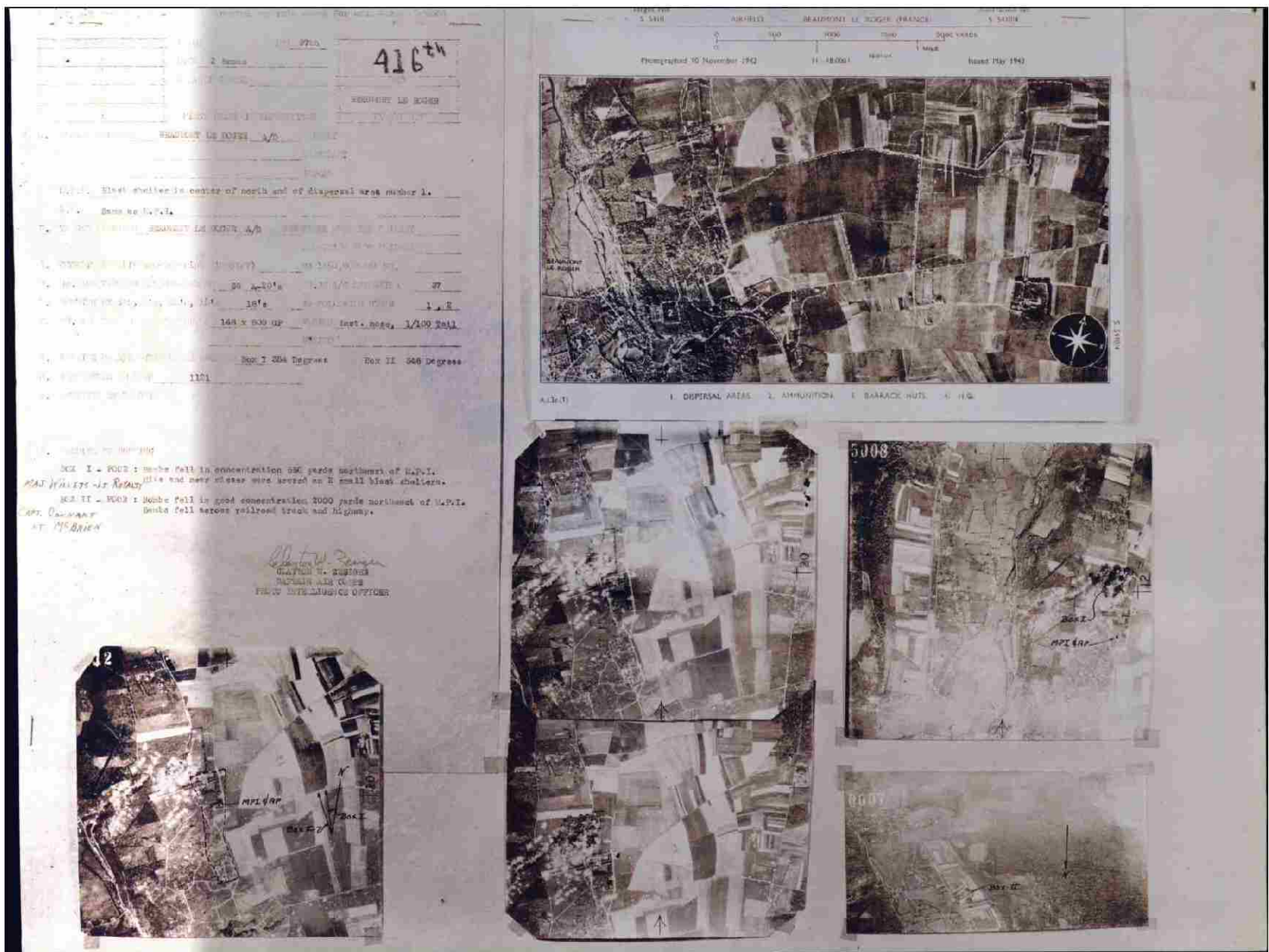
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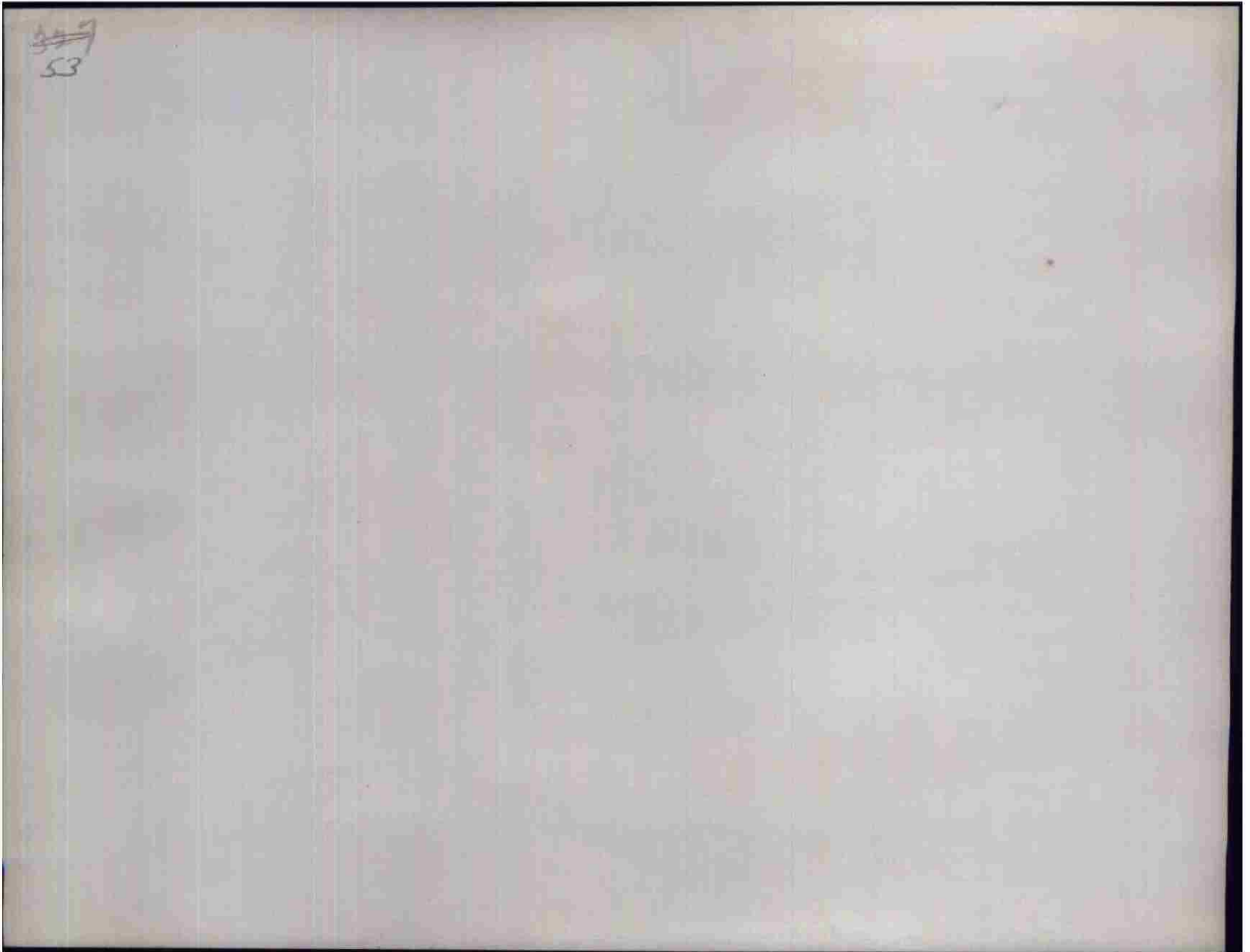
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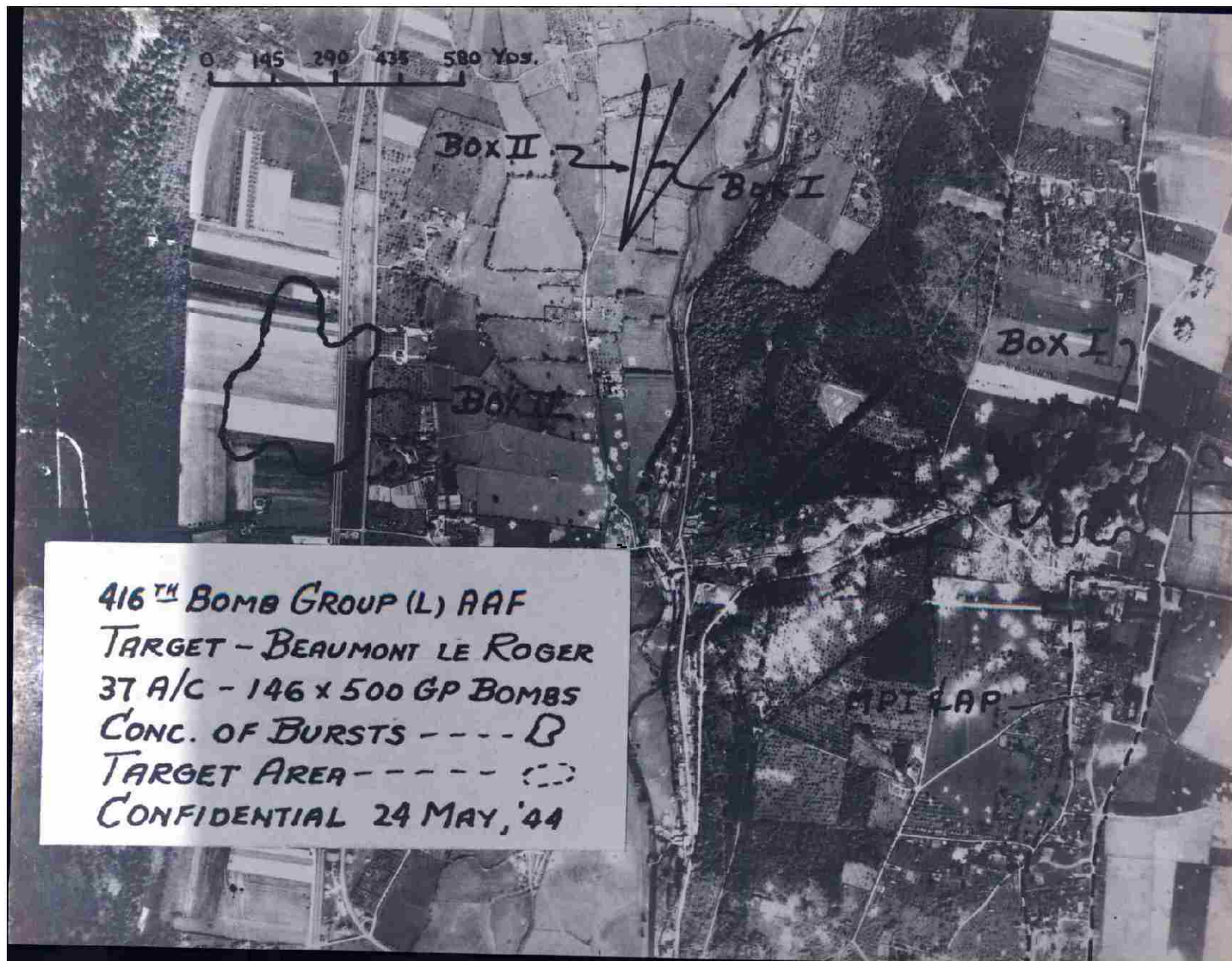
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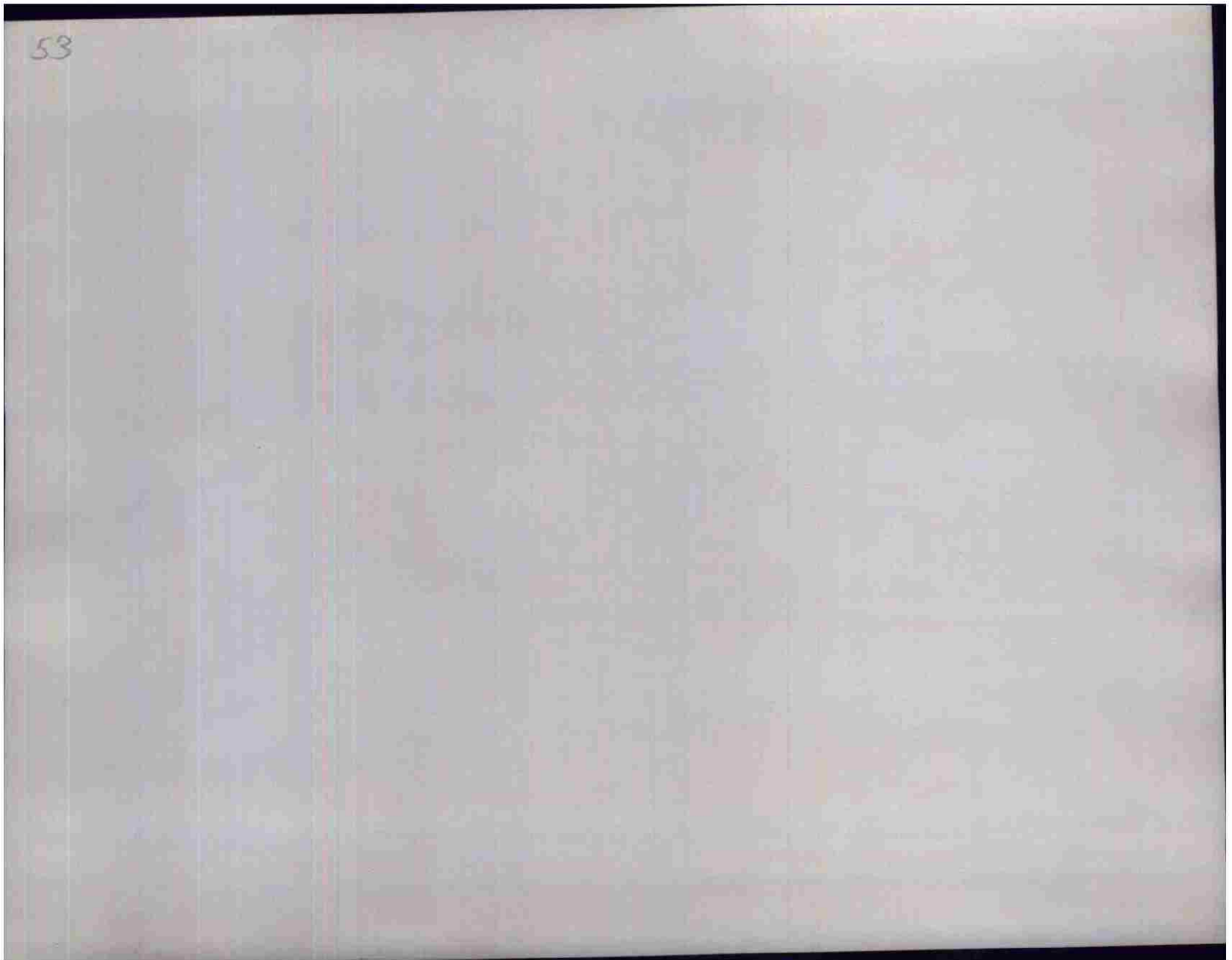
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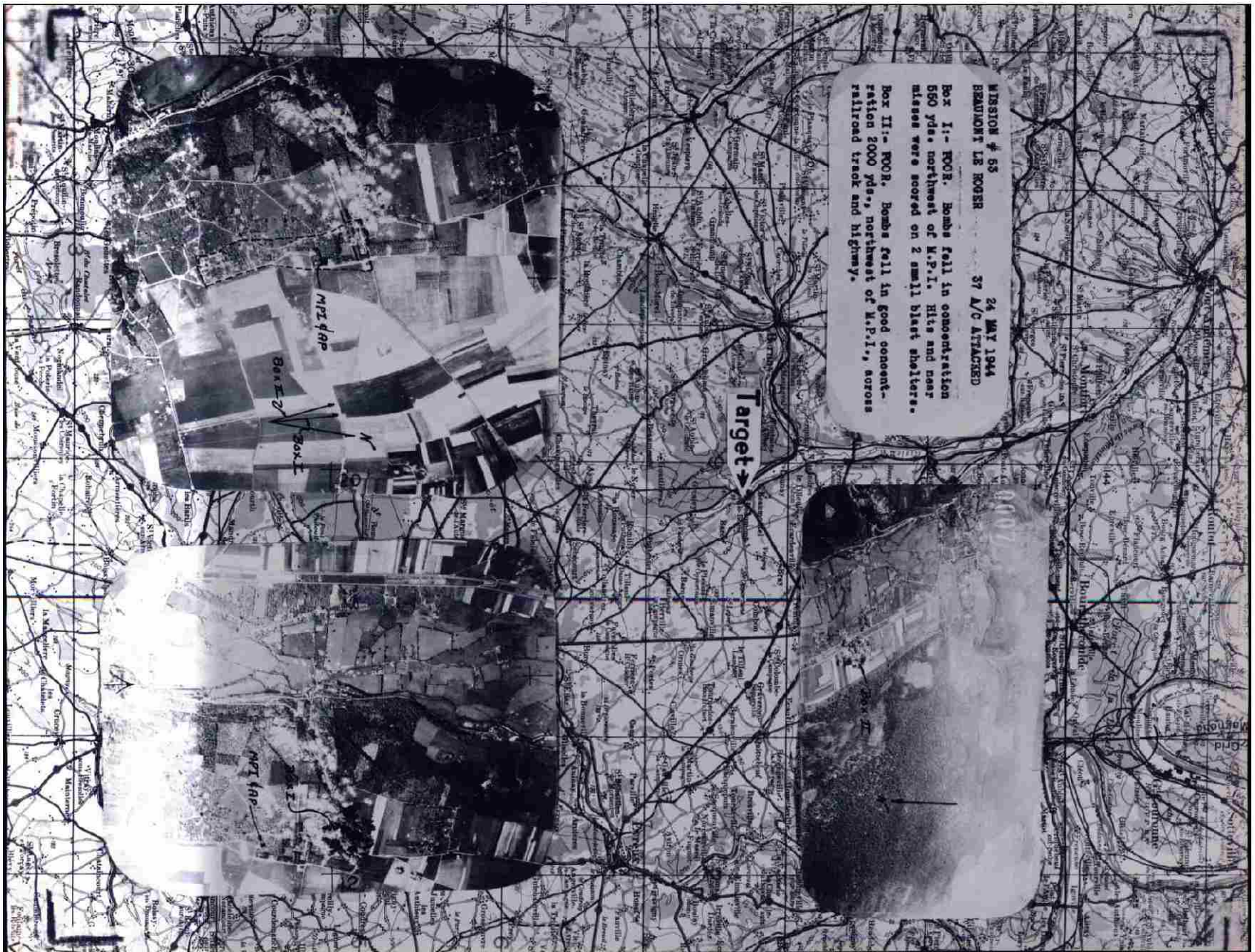




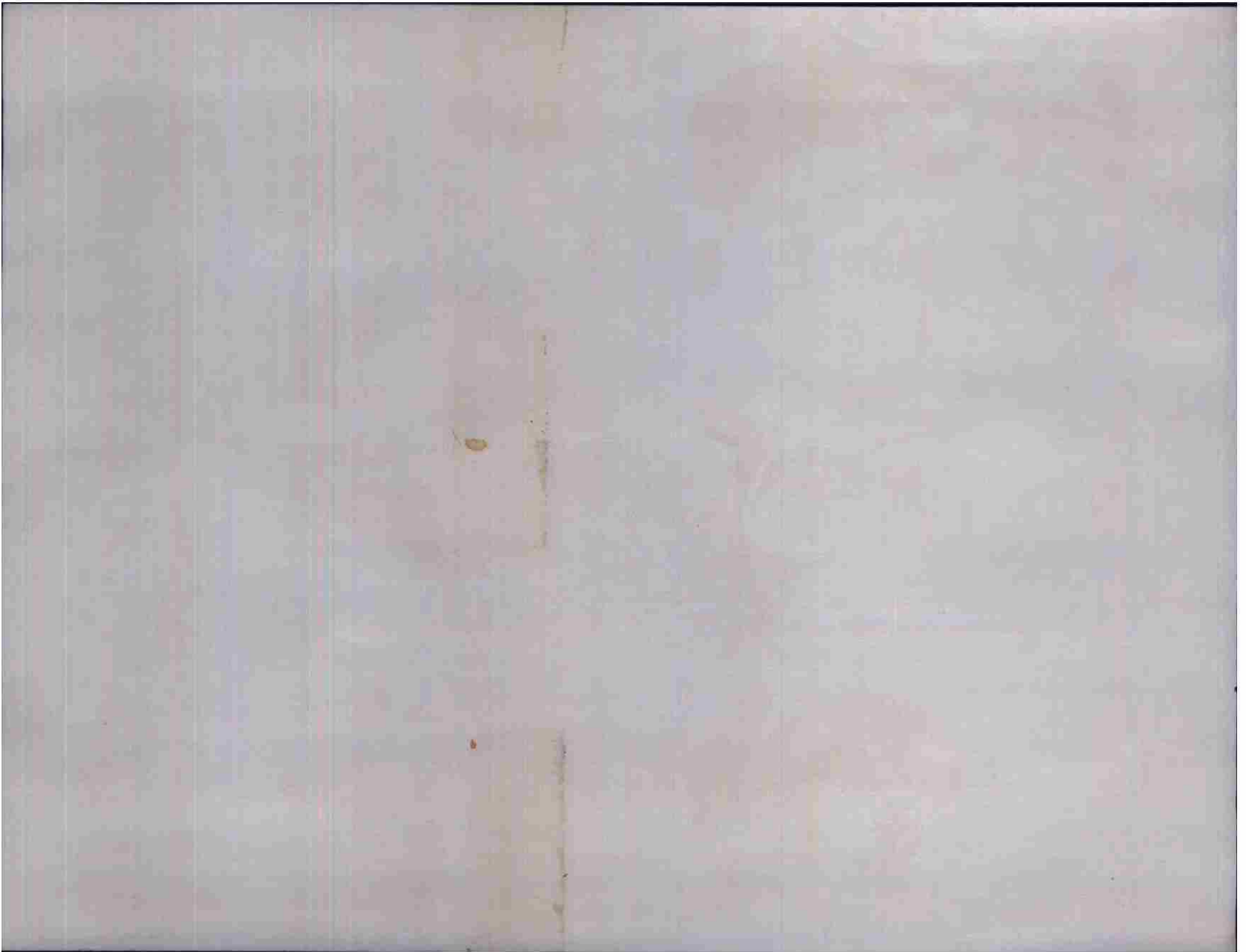








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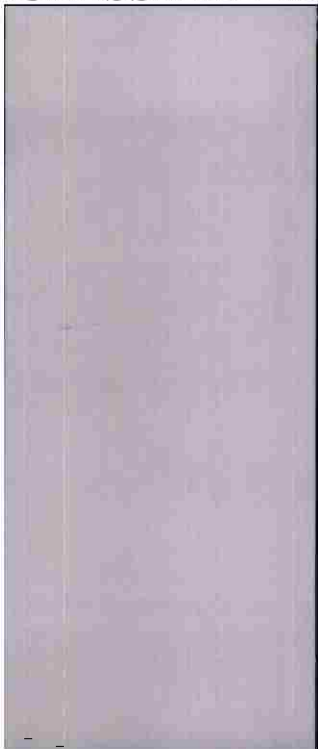
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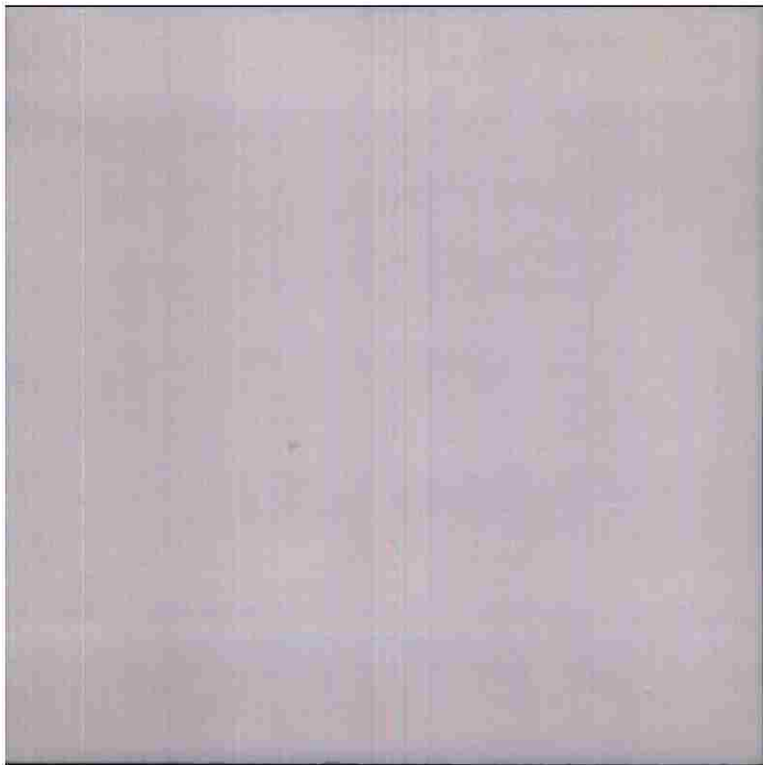
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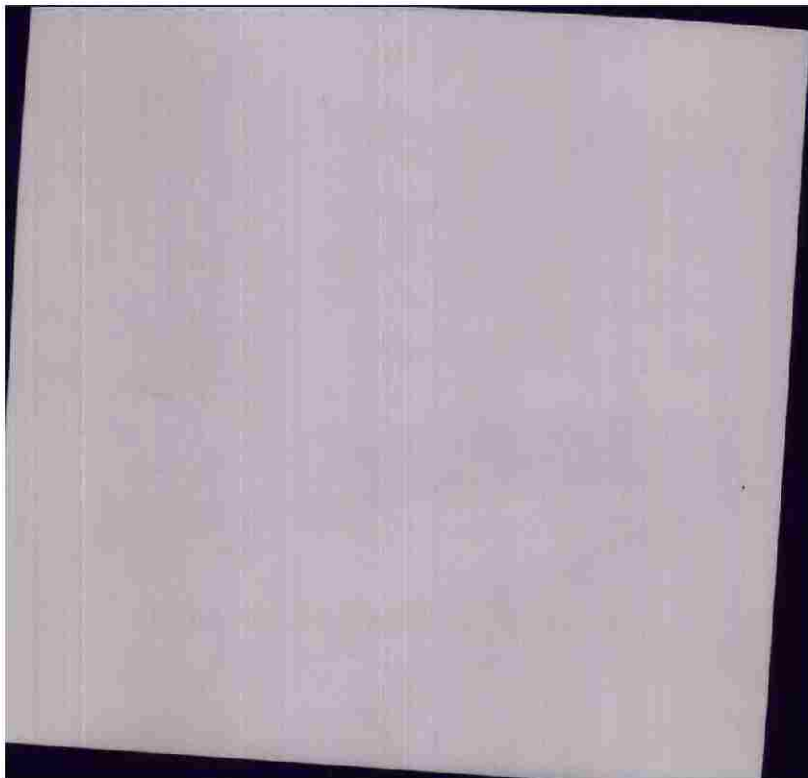
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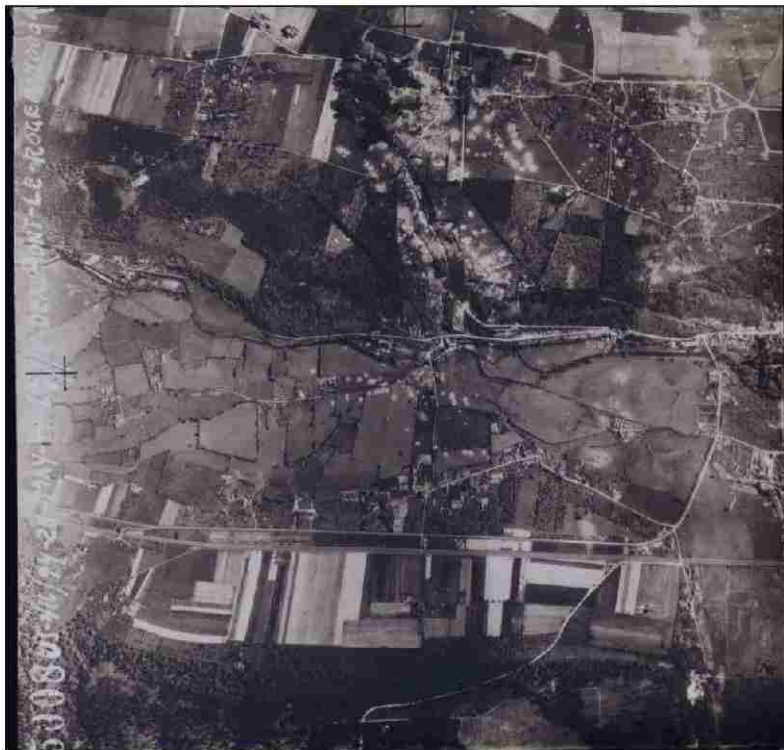
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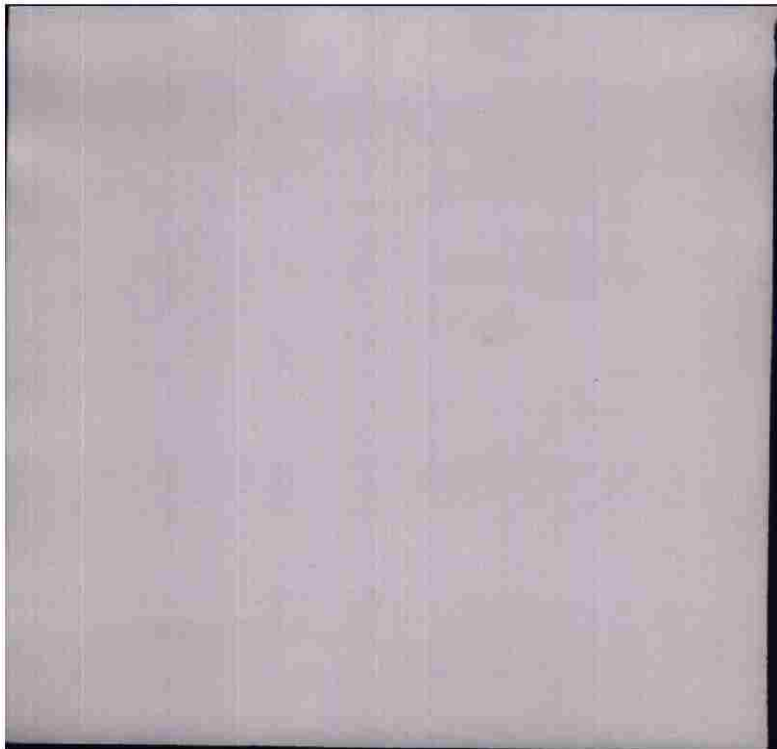
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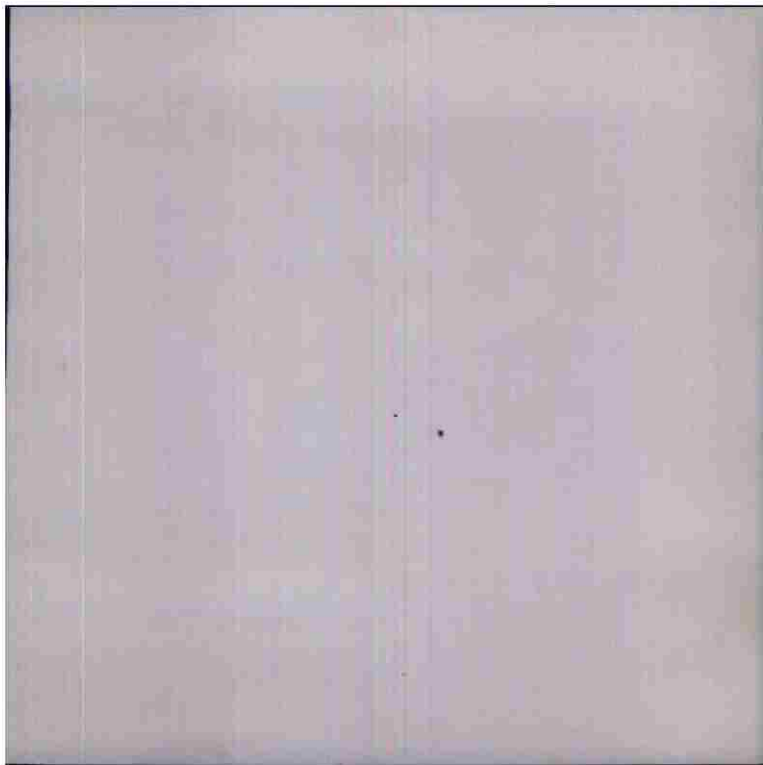
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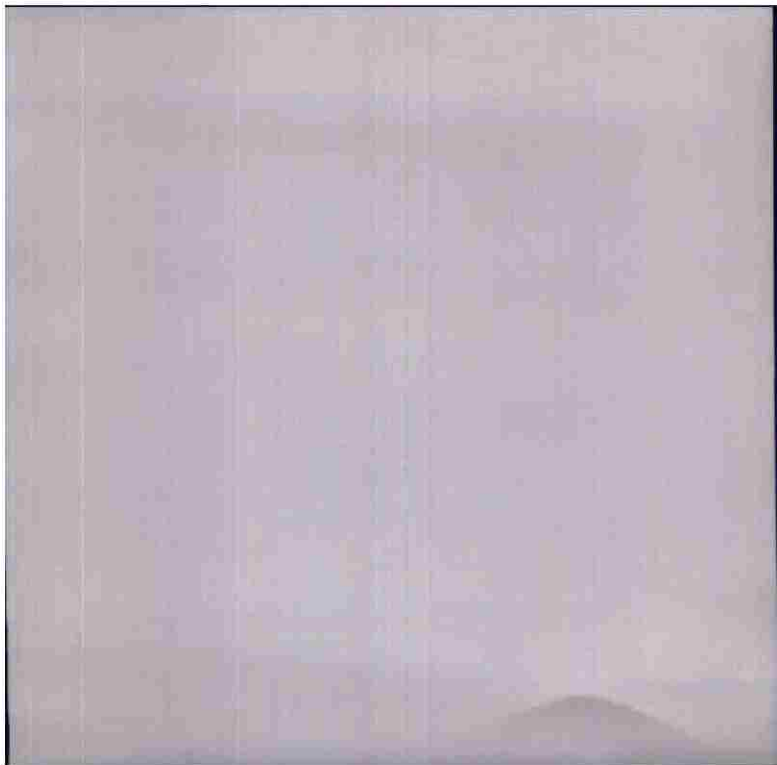
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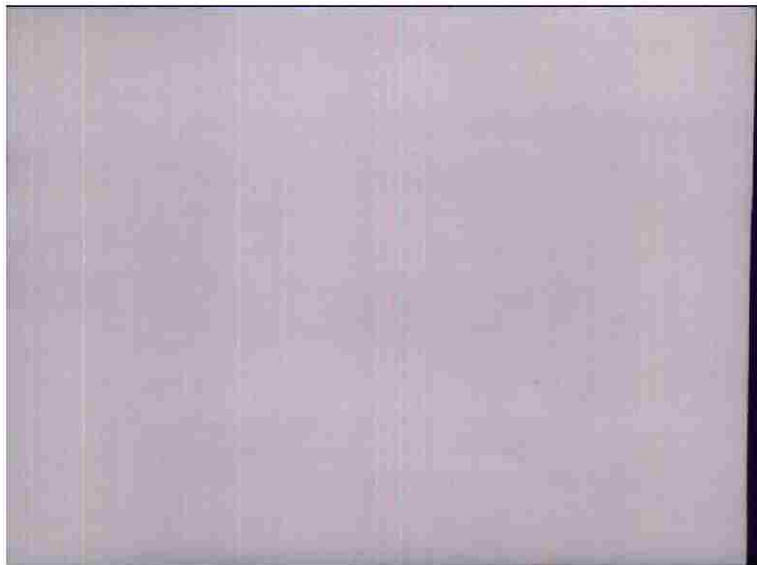
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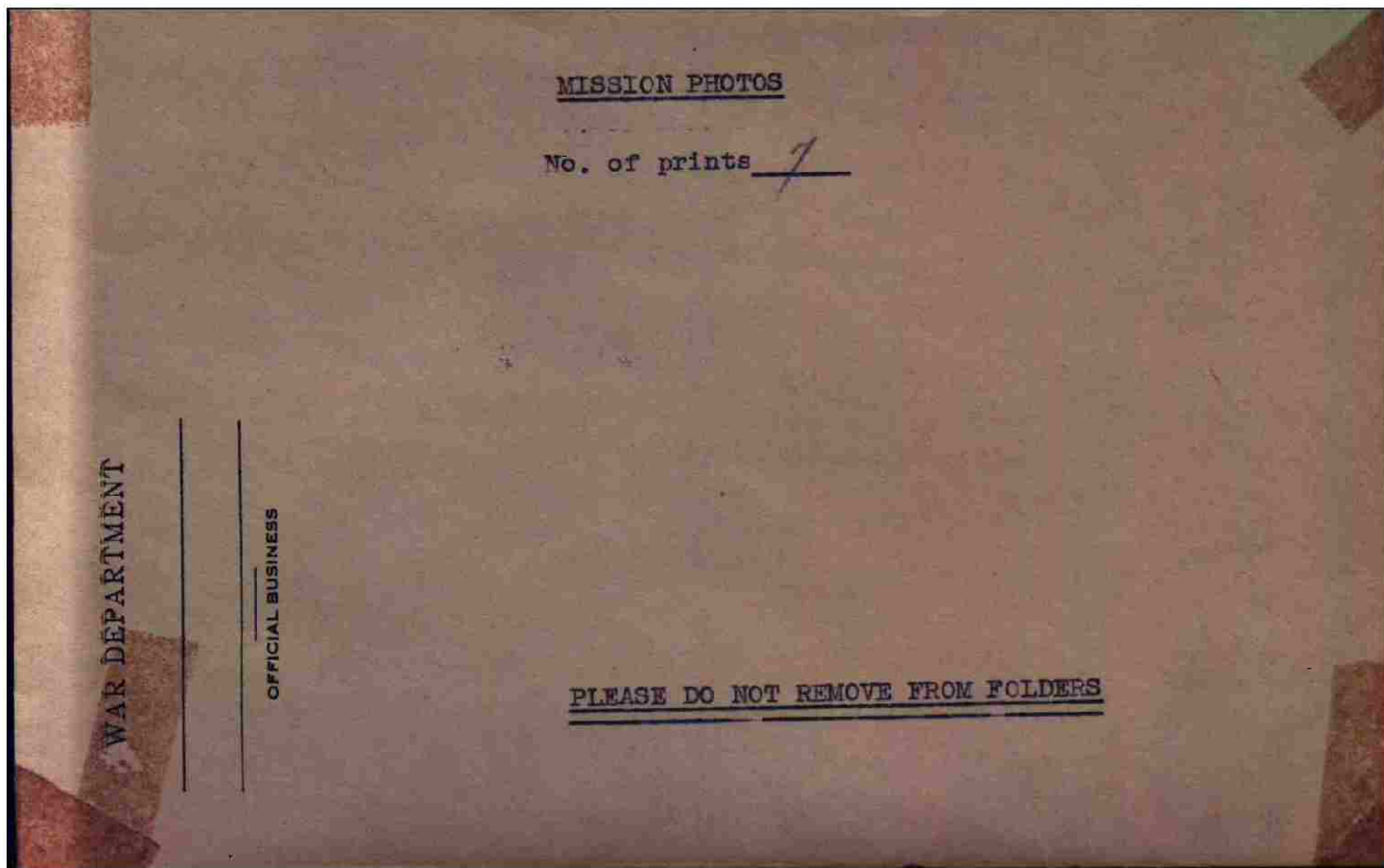


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