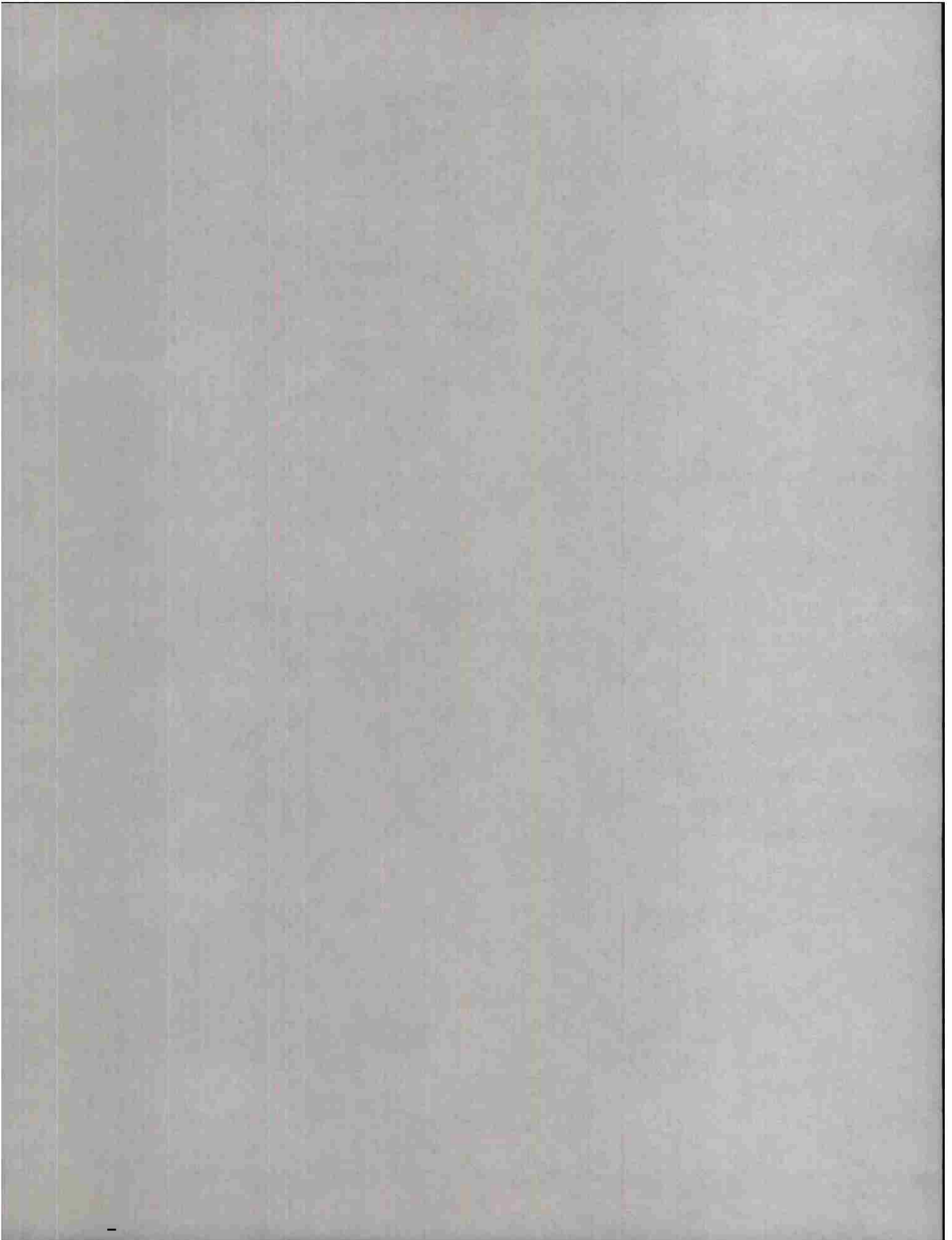


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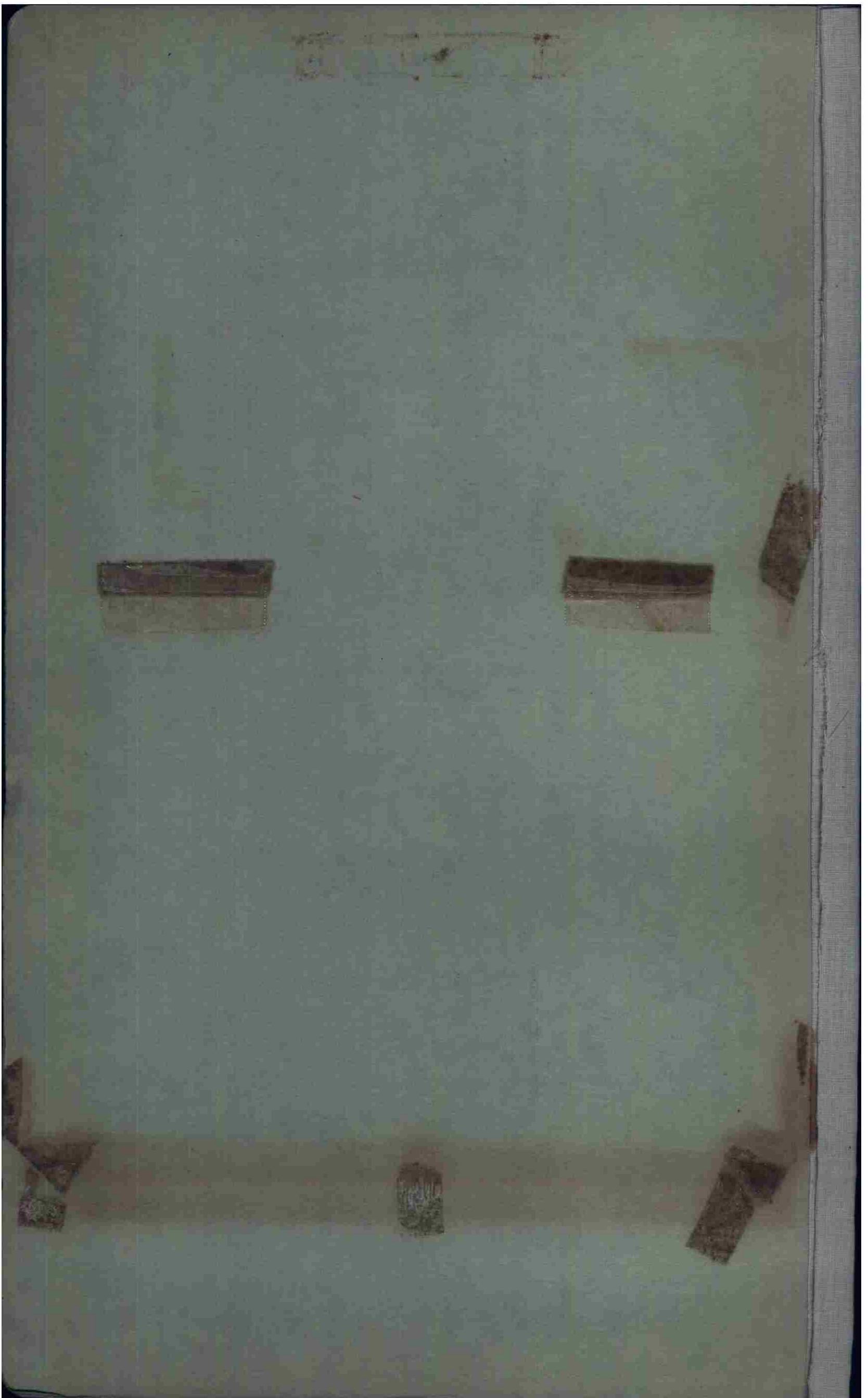
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Z 136 - S 786 GENERAL INDEX
 Target Abbeville/Drucat ^{A/D} Date 24 May 1944 No. A/C 42 Mission No. 54 F/O 328
 Status Attack Brief. Officer Major Thomas

1. Ops Flash Report ----- Filed.
2. Hot News. ----- See Ops Flash Report.
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. ----- None.
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. See OREP, PAR E
20. Ammunition Expenditure. ----- See Ops Flash Report Para I.
21. Recapitulation Forms. ----- Filed.
22. Interrogation Forms. ----- No longer used.

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MISSION SUMMARY

TARGET: Abbeville/Drucat A/D
 DATE : 24 May 1944
 F/O : #328
 MISSION: #54

416 BG: 42 a/c were dispatched, 37 dropping 145 x 500 GP on the primary target.

Three a/c carried "window" only; one a/c failed to attack due to personnel error, and one because of mechanical trouble.

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

Box I - EXCELLENT. Bombs fell in heavy concentration on and around the M.P.I., scoring at least one hit and several misses to the large hanger and blanketing a large blast shelter, probably causing total destruction.

Box II - POOR. This box attacked last. Bombs fell in good concentration in fields 1050 feet NW of the M.P.I. (After second run gave the bombardier no time for rate synchronization. Short run was due to pilot being on intership communication giving instructions to open bomb bay doors.)

Box III - EXCELLENT. This box was the second to attack. Bombs fell in good concentration on and around the M.P.I. Several hits and near misses were scored on the hanger, probably completing its destruction. Possible hits and near misses were received by a large blast shelter.



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 FROM 416TH BOMB GP (L) 242145B
 TO IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2
 97TH COMBAT ING ATTN: A-2

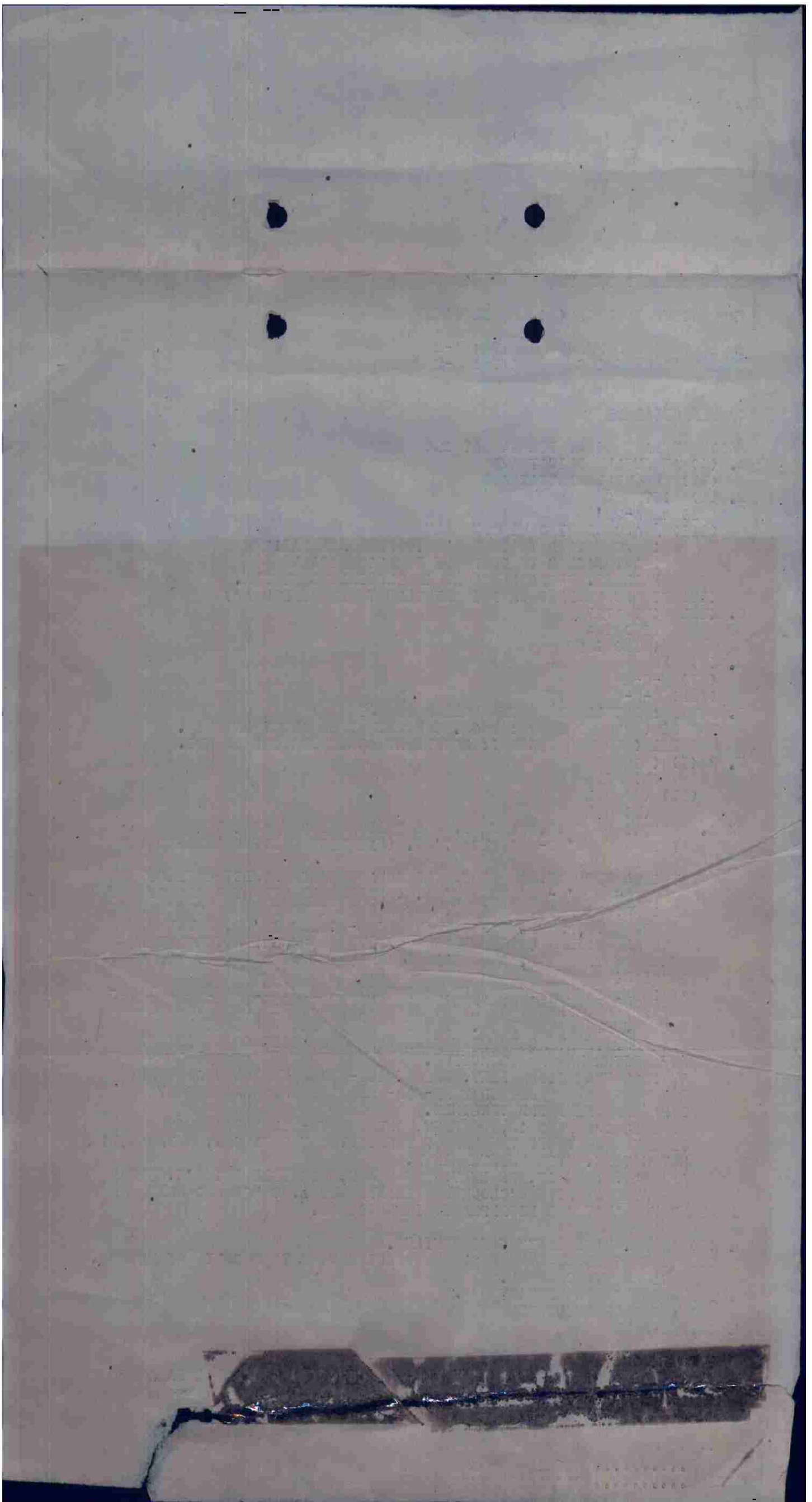
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M624D OPFLASH NO 49 FOR 24 MAY 194

- A. (I) ABBEVILLE DRICAT A/D
 (II) ABBEVILLE DRUCAT A/D
- B. (I) 416TH BG
 (II) 42 A-20'S
 (III) 3 A/C CARRIED WINDOW ONLY
 1 A/C FAILED TO BOMB DUE TO PERAONEL FAILURE
 1 A/C FAILED TO BOMB DUE TO MECHANICA L
 FAILURE. PROBABLE SHORT IN ELECTRICAL SYSTEM.
 (IV) 37 A/C DROPPED ON PRIMARY PLUS THREE WINDOW A/C
- C. (I) 1727
 (II) 1848
 (III) 1959
- D. (I) NIL
 (II) 0-0-0
 (III) 0-0-0
- E. BOX I : EXCELLENT CONCENTRATION ON MPI
 BOX II (BOMBED THRD): POOR. CONCENTRATION SHORT OF MPI .
 BOX III (BOMBED SECOND): EXCELLENT CONCENTRATION ON MPI.
- F. W (I) (A) NIL
 (B) NIL
 (II) (A) NIL
 (B) NIL
- G. AT 1841 FROM 12,000 FEET, ONE YELLOW DINGHY OBSERVED
 AT 50 DEG 20' N- 01 DEG 17' E. (PXXXXXX PREVIOUSLY REPORTED
 AS HOT NEWS)
 AT 1904 FROM 12,000 FEET, ONE ROUND ORANGE OBJECT OBSERVED
 AT 50 DEG 52' - 01 DEG 02' E. (PRVIOISLY REPORTED AS HOT NEWS)
 AT 1854, FROM 12,000 FEET, A GUN EMPLACEMENT UNDER CONSTRUCTION
 WAS OBSERVED AT 2.7 AT 50DEG 20' N-01 DEG 38' E, BETWEEN THE
 ROAD AND RAILROAD SOME TRUCKS S//// AND SOME TRACTORS WERE
 SEEN ON THE SITE. (NO ILLUSTRATION OF THIS AREA IN THE TACTICAL
 POSSIER)
 AT 1854, FROM 12,000 FEET, ONE TRAIN, CONSISTING OF ONE LOCO-
 MOTIVE AND APPROXIMATELY 8(GOODS WAGONS, WAS OBSERVED HEADED
 NORTH JUST NORTH OF RU. AT THE SAME PLACE, TWO TRAINS
 OF ABOUT TWENTY CARS WERE SEEN STANDING STILL ON A SIDINGN
 BUT NEITHR HAD A LOCOMOTIVE.
 AT 1902 FROM 11500 FEET, ONE MEDIUM-SIZED VESSEL WWAS SEEN
 200 YARDS OFF SHORT OD BERK-SUR- MER AND WAS HEADED SOUTH
 TYPE AND SPEED UNDETERMINED.
 AT 1854 1/2 FROM 12,000 FEET, ONE MEDIUM-SIZED BOAT WAS
 OBSERVED JUST OFF THE END OF THE JETTY AT BOULOGNE, APPARENTLY
 NOT MOVING. TYPE UNDETERMINED.
 AT 1849, FROM 12,000 FEET, 2 S E A/C, POSSIBLY FW190'S, WERE
 OBSERVED AT FIVE O'CLOCK AND XXXXBX LEVEL. THESE A/C KXAX
 REMAINED FAR AWAY AND DISAPPEARED IMMEDIATELY.
- H. (I) CLEAR. VISIBILITY 6 TO 8 MILES.
 (II) 6 TO 7 CLOUD OVER ENGLAND BREAKING TO 2 TO 3 SOUTH OF THAMES.
 CLEAR OVR CHANNEL.
- I. 145 B 500 GP ON PRIMARY
 11 X 500 GP RETURNED
- J. 12,000 FEET

BT 242145B
 (I) DRUCAT (2) 2ND LINE UNDER B. WGN(III) PERSONNEL FAILURE
 (I) 12TH LINE UNDER B. WGN(II) APPROXIMATELY 8 GOOD WAGONS
 NEXT LINE ON NORTH OF RUE

EJ AR K
 OICOG R.....242241B RPG AR
 OILAI R...../24/2241B WCB AR



IC E.C. S-2 Form No. 106-B

Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

OTHER UNITS:	TARGET:	IX BC	WING 27th	41 6th
:	:	DATE	24 May 1944	
:	:	ATTACKING UNIT	3 Boxes	
:	:	ABBEVILLE / DRUCAT A/D		
:	:	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION	TARGET HIT	

A. TARGET BRITISH ABBEVILLE/DRUCAT A/D PRIMARY
 SECONDARY
 CASUAL

M.P.I. Hangar in dispersal area north of field near La Flessiel.

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

B. TARGET ATTACKED ABBEVILLE/DRUCAT A/D MILES FROM THE PRIMARY
 DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY

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

D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 39 A-20's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 37

E. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 14's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 1, 3, 2

F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED 145 x 500 GP FUSING 1/10 nose 1/100 tail
 FUSING

G. HEADING OF A/C WHERE BOMBS DROPPED 105 Degrees

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED 1848

J. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

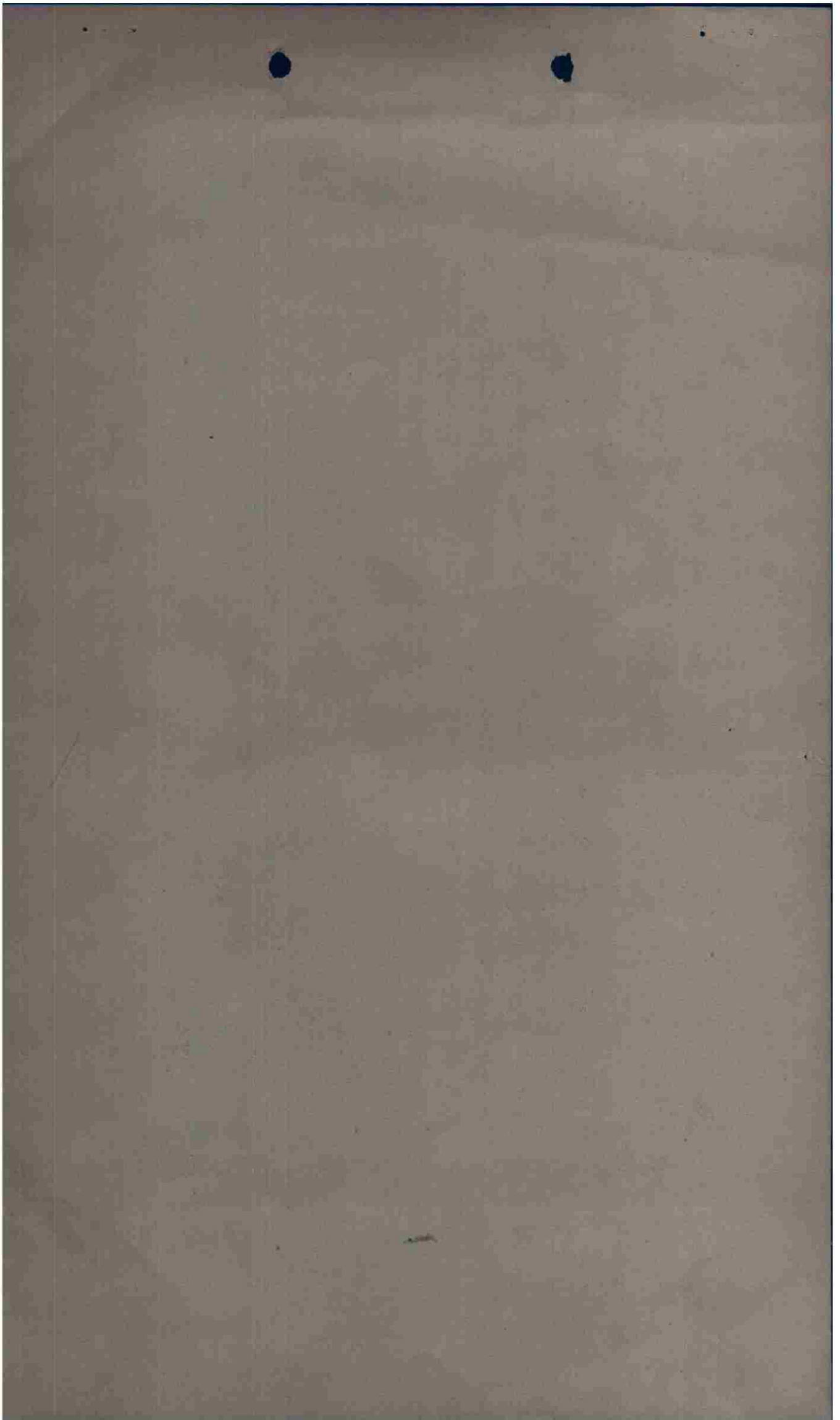
K. RESULTS OF BOMBING

BOX I - EXCEL : Bombs fell in heavy concentration on and around M.P.I. At least one hit and several near misses on large hangar, the M.P.I. Blanket of bursts on large blast shelter probably causing total destruction.

BOX II - POOR : Bombed third. Bombs fell in good concentration in fields 1050 ft. northwest of M.P.I.

BOX III - EXCEL : Bombed second. Bombs fell in good concentration on and around M.P.I. Several hits and near misses were scored on hangar probably completing destruction. Possible hits and near misses were scored on a large blast shelter.

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



HEADQUARTERS
IX BOMBER COMMAND

D-FMS-A

APO #140 US Army
25 May 1944

SUBJECT: Deficiencies in Mission Reports of 24 May 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 416 Bombardment Group (L), IX Bomber Command.
Attention: S-2.

1. Attention is directed to deficiencies which appear in the reports of yesterday's mission prepared by your Group.

2. Due to the need for uniformity and complete accuracy, it is requested that every effort be made to correct such deficiencies in future reports.

By command of Brigadier General ANDERSON:

C. C. Vega, Jr.
C. C. VEGA, JR.,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant General.

cc to 97 Combat Wing



REVIEW OF DEFICIENCIES

IN

MISSION REPORTING PROCEDURE

Evening Mission
24 May 44

Group 416 BG

Target Abbeville/Drucat

15-Minute Report:

Opflash Report:

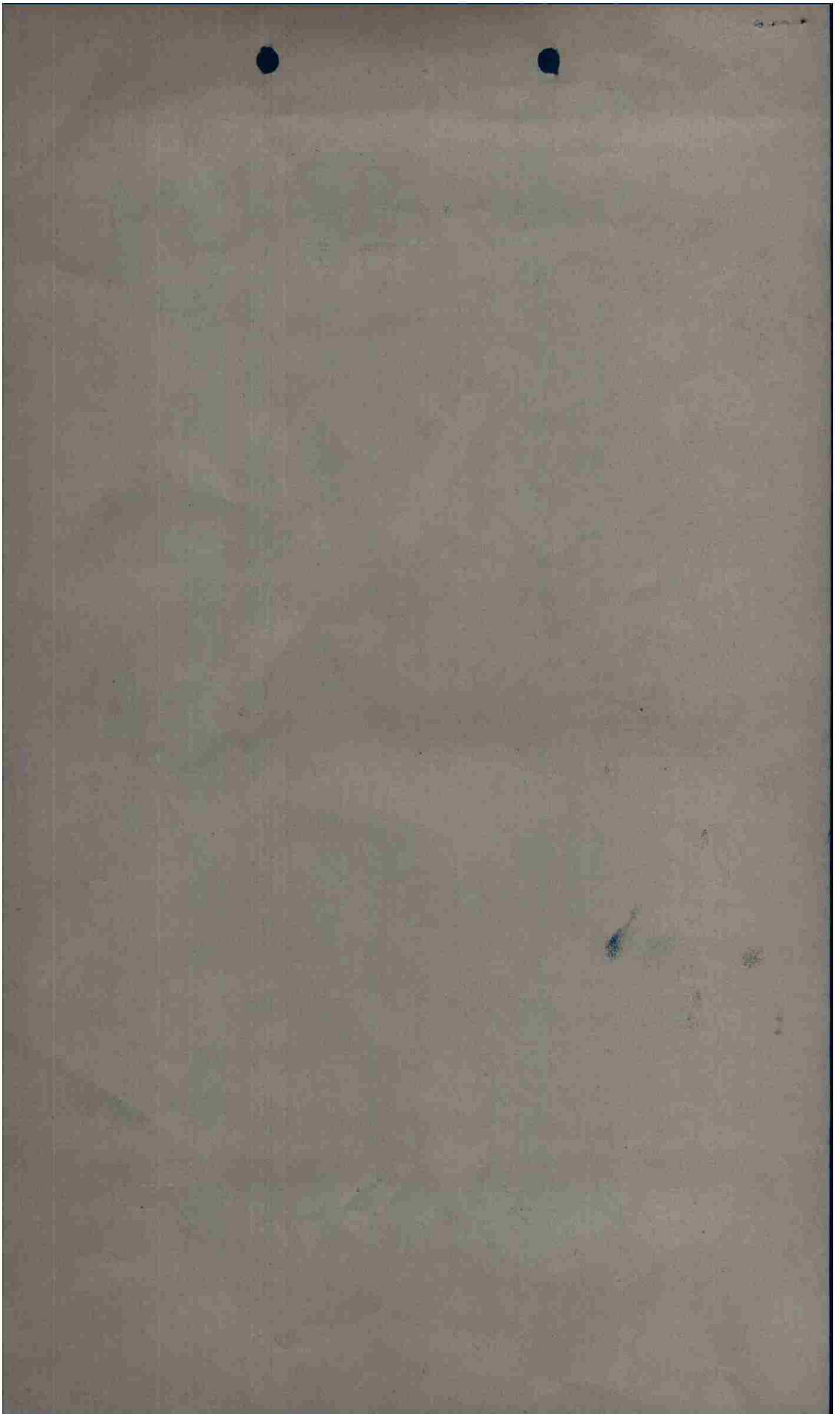
P/I Report & Laydown:

Box indication on prints not uniform.

Bombardier Report:

Photo Report:

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OICOG QIHAK OIYAA OIGOF V OILAI 4/24 "OP"

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 24/1445B M-132-E
 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 409TH COBOMGP
 410TH COBOMGP
 416TH COBOMGP

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 24 MAY 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 50-328

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) NINTH FIGHTER COMMAND WILL FURNISH P-47 ESCORT FOR THIS WING.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK AN AIRFIELD IN FRANCE

ZERO HOUR: 24/1830B

3. A. 409TH GROUP

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT HASTINGS AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MINUTES AT 12,000 FEET.

(9) ILL. S 786/6 REF. 086087 FUSING INST. NOSE AND 1/100 SECOND TAIL

B 410TH GROUP

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT HASTINGS AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MINUTES AT 12,000 FEET.

(9) ILL. S 786/6 REF. 069106 FUSING INST. NOSE AND 1/100 SECOND TAIL

C. 416TH GROUP

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT HASTINGS AT ZERO HOUR AT 12000 FEET

(9) ILL. S 786/6 REF. 100110 FUSING 1/10 SECOND NOSE AND 1/100 SECOND TAIL

X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE

(5) TARGET Z 136

(6) A/C REQUIRED: THREE BOXES OF 14 EACH GROUP

(7) ROUTE OUT BASE TO HASTINGS TO CAYEUX TO TARGET

(8) ROUTE BACK TARGET TURN LEFT TO BERCK-SUR-MER TO DUNGENESS TO BASE

(9) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,000 FEET

(10) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY WEST TO EAST

(11) BOMB LOAD: 4 X 500 LB. G.P.

(12) 416TH GROUP WILL TAKE OFF 15 MINUTES AHEAD OF 410TH GROUP

4. NO CHANGE

~~THESE ARE THE~~

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) EXPAND

(3) LOCKMAN

(9) 63/63

(10) 63/63

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.P

(2) RESPITE

(3) ANGELA

(9) 62/62

(10) 62/62

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) KITNOSE

(3) TOWNER

(9) 61/61

(10) 61/61

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

(2) WEST MALLING D/D

(3) SPLASHER NO. 6 INOPERATIVE

(10) ATVB/ATVB

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

COCBTWIG 97

BT 241445B

RRR/FHK

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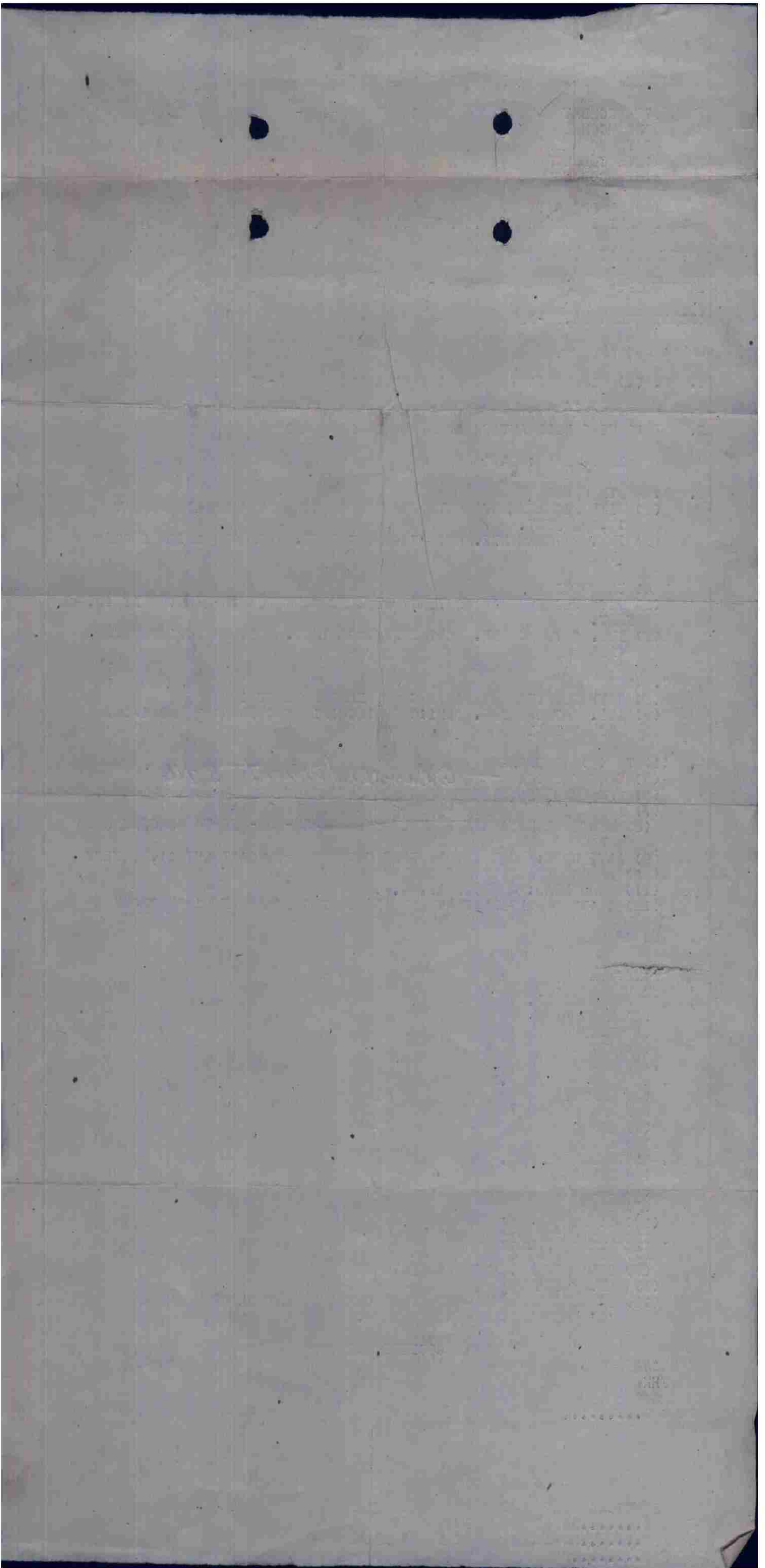
OICOG R.....

THIS IS OICOG HEAR IT IS NO GOOD HEAR

OKYAA R.....24/1520B EW AR

OIHAK R.....24/1520B CML AR

OIGOF R.....5



GOF DIDNOT RECEIVE THAT ALL GARBLED QM

AM24/1604B CML AR

HAK I HAVE ONE SMALL ONE FOR YOU AND THE ILL IMI TO GOF
OK OK KKKKKXM5

PLS KEEP SENDIN TILL WE TELL YOU TO STOP THAT IS SEND SPACE

99)7)-3 (((

YAA ERE WERE YOU CALLING ?

NOPE OO K AR AR .YAA ARE YOU THERE KKKK
YAA ERE KKKK
STAND BY FOR B/CAST OK

BYDHI WE WANT YOU ON THE OTHER MACHINE
YOU HAVE US ON THE OTHER CALL OICOG PL OK TKS WILL DO

I WILL STAND BY HERE FOR THAT B/CAST K

OICOG YOU THERE K YES KK



OICOG OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI 05/24 OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 24/1505B M-133-E
TO COMBOMCOM IX
409TH COBOMGP
410TH COBOMGP
416TH COBOMGP

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
24 MAY 1944

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO FIELD ORDER NO. 50-328

A. TARGET

THIS AIRDROME HAS BEEN ATTACKED THREE TIMES THIS MONTH TWICE
BY IX AF FIGHTERS WITH FAIR TO GOOD RESULTS AND THE THIRD TIME
50 B-26 DROPPED 95 TONS THROUGH OVERCAST, RESULT UNOBSERVED.

B. THE SITUATION

GROUPS HAVE LATEST INFORMATION

C. OBSERVATION

1. 9 MAY THE 410TH BOMB GROUP REPORTED GROUPS OF BUILDINGS SEVERAL MILES SOUTHWEST OF MONTREUIL, MAY BE HOSPITAL, RED CROSS SEEN ON GROUND. REQUEST FURTHER OBSERVATION OF THESE BUILDINGS AND MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION AS TO LOCATION.
2. 9 MAY, THE 416TH BOMB GROUP REPORTED TRENCHES IN WOODS BEHIND BERCK SUR MER REQUEST FURTHER OBSERVATION AND MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION AS TO LOCATION
3. REQUEST MORE INFORMATION ON BARRAGE BALLOONS AT BERCK SUR MER AND AT ABBEVILLE, THE LATER BARRAGE BALLOONS ARE REPORTED TO BE AN ALTITUDE OF 10,000 FEET TO 11,000 FEET REQUEST INFORMATION OF NUMBER, HEIGHT, SIZE, AND WHAT TYPE OF INSTALLATIONS ARE BEING PROTECED.

COCBTWIG 97

BT 241505B

FK AR

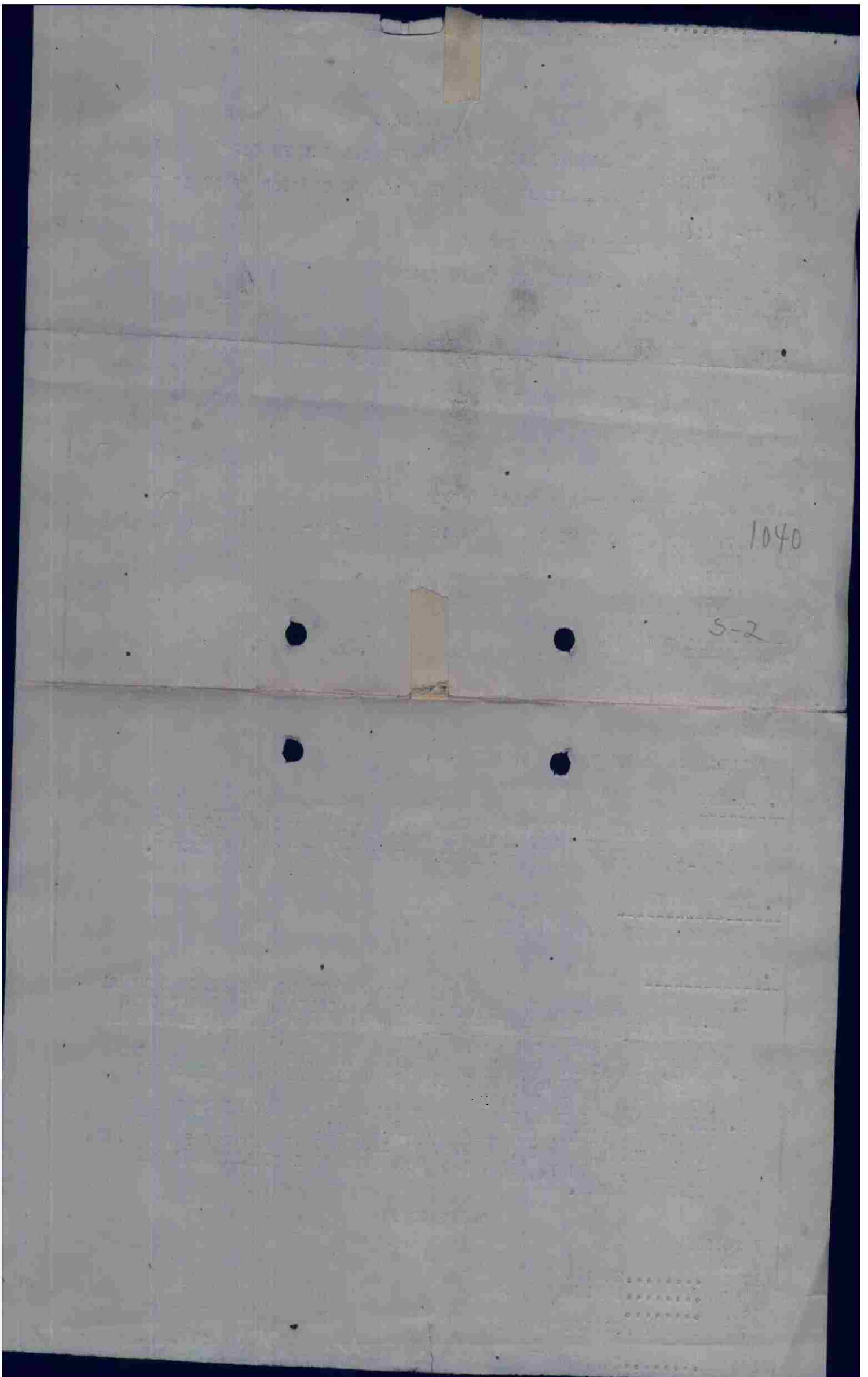
OICOG R.....24/1640B RB AR

OIHAK R.....24/1640B MG AR

OIGOF R.....

OIGOF DID NOT RECEIVE THAT IT WAS ALL BAD K OK WILL RESEND TO YOU

OIYAA R.....24/1640B EW AND YOU AND OICOG HOLD ON PLSE



Z 136 - Abbeville Drucat Airfield

50° 08' N 01° 51' N

3 x 14 A/c - Zero 1830

Illus. S 786/7 Hungen - Ref 031072

4 x 500 $\frac{1}{10}$ N $\frac{1}{100}$ T

Fighters P-47 0 hr - Hastings

Base to Hastings to Cayeux to
target

Turn left to Berck Sur Mer to Dungeness
to Base

410th 10 Min Behind

409th 20 Min Behind

1530 Pre Brief

1625 - Briefing

MISSION NO. 54

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

24 MAY 1944

1. 444 J
Major R.F. Price
Lt. A.B. Hunt
S/S L.G. Robbins
S/S D.H. Simpson

2. 125 H
Capt. R.B. Prentiss
Lt. W.M. Lytle
S/S J. McGreevy
S/S H.J. Silva

3. 701 H
Col. H.L. Hoot
S/S C.L. Hibbs
S/S A.A. Hill

4. 195 D
Lt. J.F. Moagher
Sgt D. Pentake
S/S E.A. Lemco

5. 969 H
Lt. R.D. Lohmer
S/S H.R. Hedrick
S/S A.J. Antanaitis

6. 684 K
Lt. T.J. Sims
Sgt H.W. Larson
S/S J.C. Williamson

FLIGHT II

1. 200 A
Lt. H.S. Rudisill
S/S H.K. Wiley
S/S A.J. Bonann

2. 892 L
Lt. E.L. Johnson
Sgt D.S. Blackford
S/S W.R. Brown

3. 978 B
Lt. R.J. Rooney
S/S H.M. Macleary
S/S S.F. Dillapoli

4. 224 E
Lt. H.A. Monroe
S/S W.L. Kidd
S/S S. Sisko

FLIGHT III

1. 227 F
Lt. F.J. Harrold
Sgt C.W. Martians
S/S J.A. Ochata

2. 750 H-1
Lt. L.R. McGrice
Cpl J. McKee
S/S R. Batsler

3. 157 P
Lt. D.P. Shan
S/S R.E. Lee
S/S F.G. Talk

4. 209 K-1
Lt. J.C. Sewall
Sgt L. Martinez
Sgt W.J. Daniel

MISSION NO. 54
24 May 1944

P.M.

MISSION NO. 54

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

24 MAY 1944

1. 442 D
Capt. H.A. Clark
Lt. G.W. Jones
S/S A.E. Bergeren
S/S H.B. Kelton

2. 645 R
Lt. L.A. Harzolf
Lt. H.J. Bennett
S/S H.E. Pellin
S/S L.G. Kutsar

3. 148 H
Lt. P. Denton
S/S A.L. Nielsen
S/S W.E. Fields

4. 743 W
Lt. W.C. Siegs
S/S R.W. Hicks
S/S H. Redlich

5. 840 V
Lt. J.H. Smith
Sgt C. Vaffadis
S/S R.C. Hoffman

6. 206 F
Lt. A.J. Vleghele
Sgt C.E. Rice
Sgt R.E. Young

FLIGHT II

1. 333 ~~xxx~~
376 C
Lt. R.J. Horton
T/S W.J. Kelly
S/S W.J. Ferguson

2. 181 A
Lt. W.H. Land
S/S S.F. Alden
S/S R.L. Ballinger

3. 207 B
Lt. A.W. Gullion
S/S M. Rosenstein
S/S H.O. Carney

4. 639 I
Lt. E.J. Smith
S/S O.D. Lanve
S/S F.H. Citty

FLIGHT III

1. 219 D-1
Lt. R.F. Shaefer
S/S E.R. Judd
S/S J.A. Rojas

2. 711 M
Lt. R.A. Hippman
S/S H.S. Ahrens
Sgt L.C. Hume

3. 369 L
Lt. R.W. York
S/S H.J. Wilds
Sgt L.A. Ashton

4. 220 E
Lt. E.T. Platter
S/S E.L. Johnson
S/S J.L. Gorch

MISSION NO. 54

LOADING LIST
BOX III
FLIGHT I

24 MAY 1944

1. 455 T
Lt. A.E. Osborne
Lt. W. Forman
S/S E.E. Kelly
S/S W.E. Coe

4. 907 O
Lt. G. Ebonstein
S/S H. Perkins
Sgt S.P. Howell

2. 452 Q
Major J.G. Napier
Lt. W.L. Smith
S/S V.H. Sherry
S/S R.E. Linneman

5. 203 R
Lt. A.P. Hikes
Sgt G.W. Scott
Sgt H.W. Smith

3. 226 E
Lt. S.E. Ritchie
S/S E.A. Anderson
S/S A.W. Newkirk

6. 194 A
Lt. R.V. Miracle
S/S J.C. Burkhalter
S/S B.C. Sieg

FLIGHT II

1. 214 C
Lt. R.V. Wheeler
S/S E. Garlin
S/S J.S. Grover

2. 714 H
~~Lt. J.H. Wheeler~~
~~Sgt R.P. Johnson~~
~~Sgt J. Williams~~

3. 221 F
Lt. J.D. Adams
S/S F.L. Cleaman
Sgt A.J. Zeikus

FLIGHT III

1. 0194 A-1
Lt. P.P.H. Baumann
S/S J.L. Rogers
S/S G.I. Fleischman

2. 210 C-1
Lt. J.S. Connor
Sgt H.C. Hodger
Sgt J.S. Van Dyke

3. 164 I
Lt. R.E. Greenley
S/S H.C. Jordan
S/S J.J. Rappin

SERIAL FLIGHT

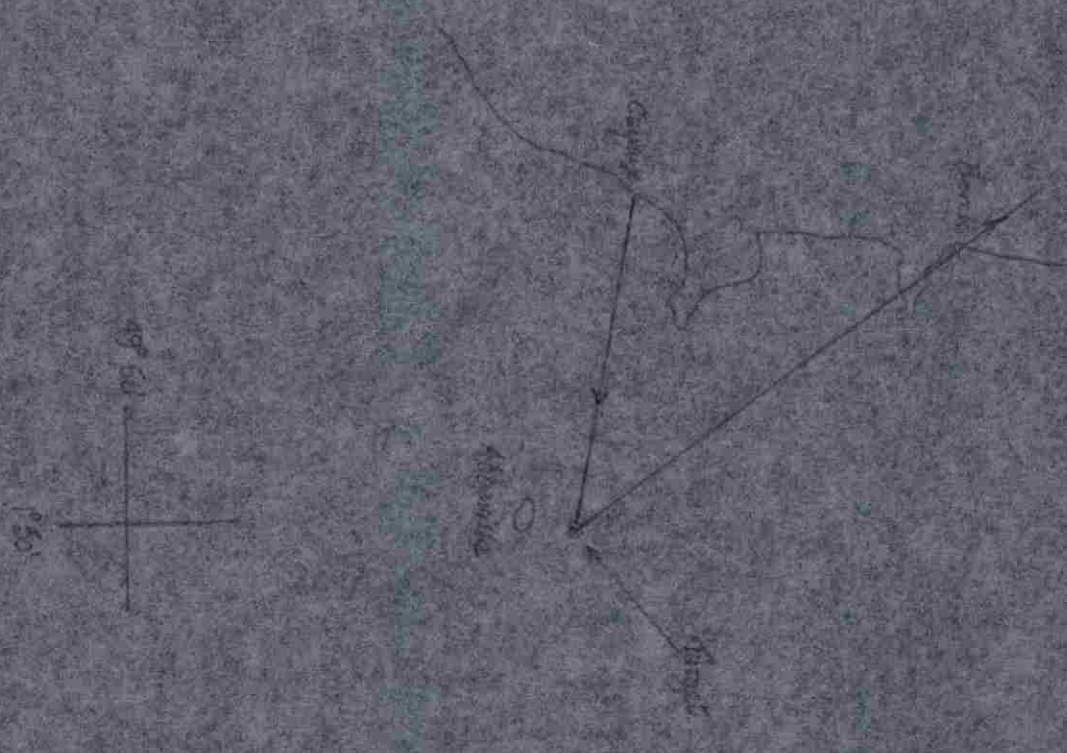
1. 914 X
Lt. H.L. Scherer
Lt. R.J. McQuade
S/S G.F. Coffey
S/S G.F. Cape

2. 593 E
Lt. A.R. Duvende
S/S H.T. East
S/S I.H. DeGiusti

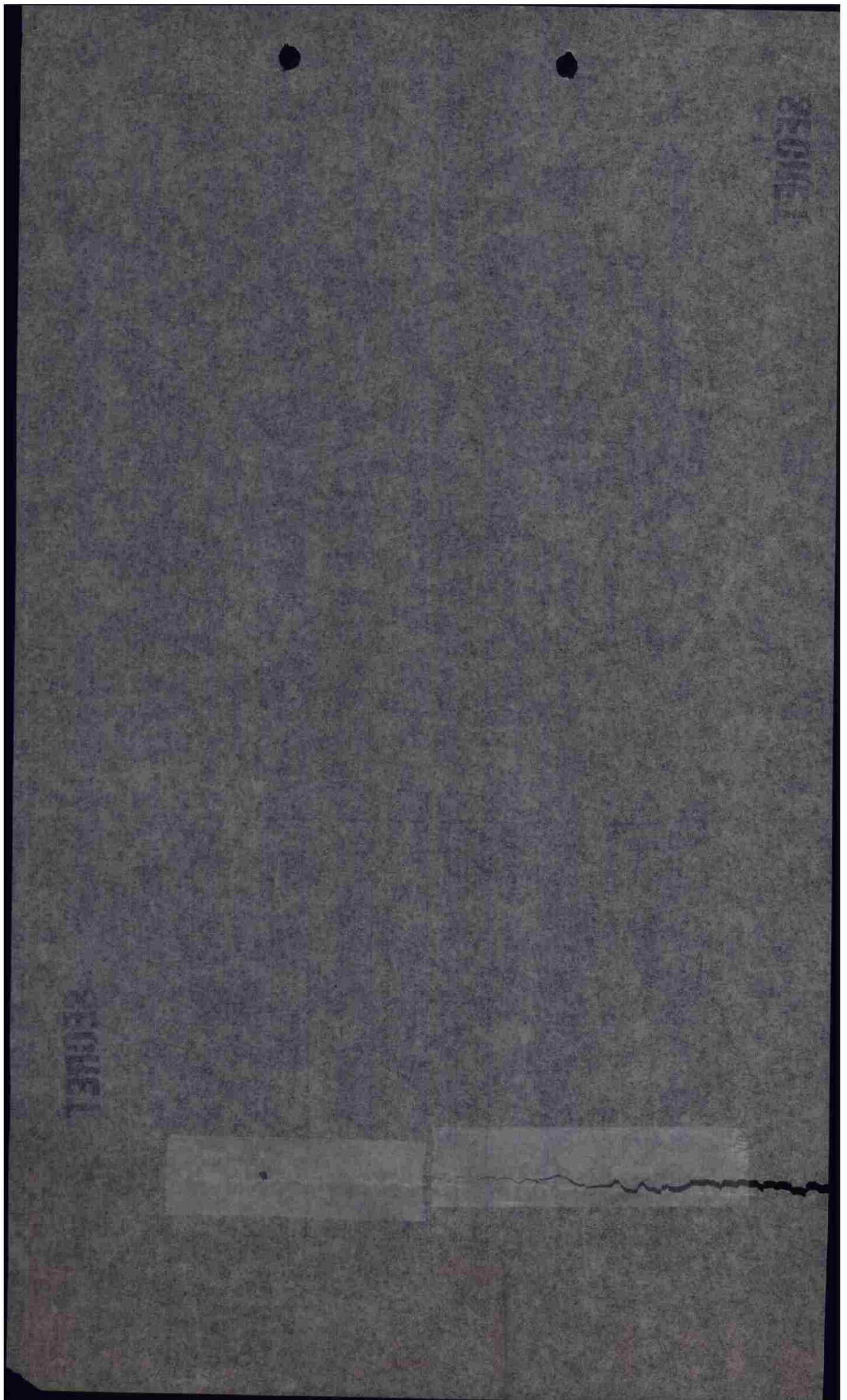
3. 222 O
Lt. T.J. Leonard
S/S G.D. Evans
S/S F. A. Palmer

SECRET

415th Bomb Sq (H)	
24 May 1944	
10:50:30	
Target -	Mobile/Diesel A/D
T.O.T -	1848
Altitude -	1900'
Weather -	Clear moonlight
Visibility -	10 to 15 miles target
Wind -	Yes
WAX -	None
Remarks -	None



SECRET



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HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-THIRD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

SECRET
By authority
CG, Sta. 170
25 May 1944
Init. _____

APO 140, U. S. Army,
25 May 1944.

Subject: Oprep A, USAAF Form 34A.

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 896, U. S. Army.
Attention 25th Statistical Control Unit.

Oprep A Number 34a for 24 hours ending sunset 24 May 1944.

Mission Number 84.

IX Bomber Command Field Order Number 328.

A. Formation consisted of 3 boxes, 14 ships in first 2 boxes and 11 ships in box 3, preceded by 3 ships dispersing window only. Take off time was 1728. Time over target 1843. Target - Abbeville Brucart Airframe. Box 1, at 12,000 feet, dropped a total of 50 bombs in the target area with excellent results. Box 2, at 11,000 feet, dropped a total of 50 bombs in the target area with poor results. Box 3, at 12,500 feet, dropped a total of 30 bombs in the target area with excellent results. Visibility was 6 to 8 miles. No anti-aircraft fire experienced. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1953.

- B. (i) 35 A-20G's and 7 A-20J's.
(ii) 33 A-20G's and 7 A-20J's (1 A-20J and 2 A-20G's dispersing window only)
(iii) 1 A-20G failed to release bombs - release relay burned out.
1 A-20G failed to release bombs - switches in wrong position.
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) 35 A-20G's and 7 A-20J's.

- C. (i) None
(ii) None

- D. (i) A-20G's 05:40
A-20J's 16:15
(ii) None

- E. (i) A-20G's 110,250 x 50 cal.
A-20J's 14,000 x 50 cal.
(ii) A-20G's 840 x 50 cal. (testing)
A-20J's 188 x 50 cal. (testing)
(iii) None

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Gprep A, USAAF Form 34A.

(Cont'd.)

- F. (i) A-20G's 132 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T
 A-20G's 24 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T
 A-20G's 29 boxes window
 A-20G 10 boxes window
 (ii) A-20G's 121 x 500 lb GP
 A-20G's 24 x 500 lb GP
 A-20G's 20 boxes window
 A-20G 10 boxes window
 (iii) None
 (iv) None
 A-20G 4 x 500 lb GP returned to base - switches in wrong position.
 A-20G 4 x 500 lb GP returned to base - release relay burned out.
 A-20G 1 x 500 lb GP returned to base - release solenoid burned out.
 A-20G 1 x 500 lb GP returned to base - short in release circuit.
 A-20G 1 x 500 lb GP returned to base - binding in rack.

G. None

- H. (i) None
 (ii) None
 (iii) None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHERAKIN,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

Inter

UNIT "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 320

BOX I GROUP 418 DATE 24 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Abbeville Forest
A/D1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.2. Bombing approach: 105° 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 synchronous. MFI used as AP. 10 mile trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Ward6. Name of lead pilot: Major Price7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 220 Altitude: 12,0009. Length of bomb run: 45 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 300 lb FUSED N 1/1T 1/10011. Total Bombs Dropped: 80

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES _____ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, 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? No enemy a/c.

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None

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

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

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

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4. Description of route from T.M. to target:
1. Visibility was 5 to 8 miles.
 2. None
 3. 3 boxes.
 4. Moderate.
 5. Unknown, strong and coast.
 6. None
 7. Excellent.
 8. None

Formation consisted of 3 boxes, 10 ships in first 2 boxes and 11 ships in box 3, preceded by 2 ships displaying window only. Take off time was 1730. Time over target 1840. Target - Abbeville Harbor 4/E. Box 1, at 18,000 feet, dropped a count of 30 bombs in the target area with excellent results. Box 2, at 17,000 feet, dropped a count of 30 bombs in the target area with excellent results. Box 3, at 16,000 feet, dropped a count of 30 bombs in the target area with excellent results. Visibility was 8 to 9 miles. No anti-aircraft fire experienced. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1930.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 326BOX II GROUP 416 DATE 24 May 44 TARGET ATTACKED Abbeville Front
A/D1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.2. Bombing approach: 100° 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 synchronous. NPI used as AP. No trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Jones.6. Name of lead pilot: Captain Clark.7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 255 Altitude: 11,0009. Length of bomb run: 10 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10T 1/10011. Total Bombs Dropped: 25

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES _____ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES _____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES _____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent 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:
Bubbles were not leveled - Fixed angle bombing.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

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

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4. Description of route from I.P. to target:
1. Visibility was 6 to 8 miles.
 2. None
 3. None
 4. None
 5. None
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BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 528ANNEX "A" 431BOX 438GROUP 438DATE 24 May 44TARGET ATTACHED Abbeville Prison

A/D

Pre-set asynchronous.

1. Method of Sighting:

2. Bombing approach: 110° Mag.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 aiming point actually used: Pre-set with corrections for 10 mile trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Forns6. Name of lead pilot: Lt. Osborne.7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 175 Altitude: 12,0009. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec: 410. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 300 X 500 lb USED N 1/10 1/10011. Total Bombs Dropped: 300

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, 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? No enemy a/c.

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None

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

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO NO

Results claimed: EXCELLENT 1 GOOD NO FAIR NO POOR NO BAD MISS NO

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7. Description of route from I.P. to subject:
1. Visibility was 6 to 8 miles.
 2. None
 3. None
 4. Highway.
 5. Highway, street and cross.
 6. None
 7. None
 8. None

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 25 May 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
 Office of the Commanding Officer

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APO 140, U.S. Army,
 25 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Mission Report--Aircraft.

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

PART I.

(1) 24 May 1944--1728--Abbeyville-Dreux AD

(2) 42

(3) 42

PART II.

None

PART III (1).

None.

PART III (2)

<u>ADP SERIAL NO</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REPAIR</u>
43-9978	No bombs dropped.	Release relay burned out.	Yes
43-9224	One bomb failed to release.	Release solenoid burned out.	Yes
43-10194	One bomb failed to release.	Short in bomb release circuit.	Yes
43-9209	One bomb failed to release.	Binding in rack.	Yes

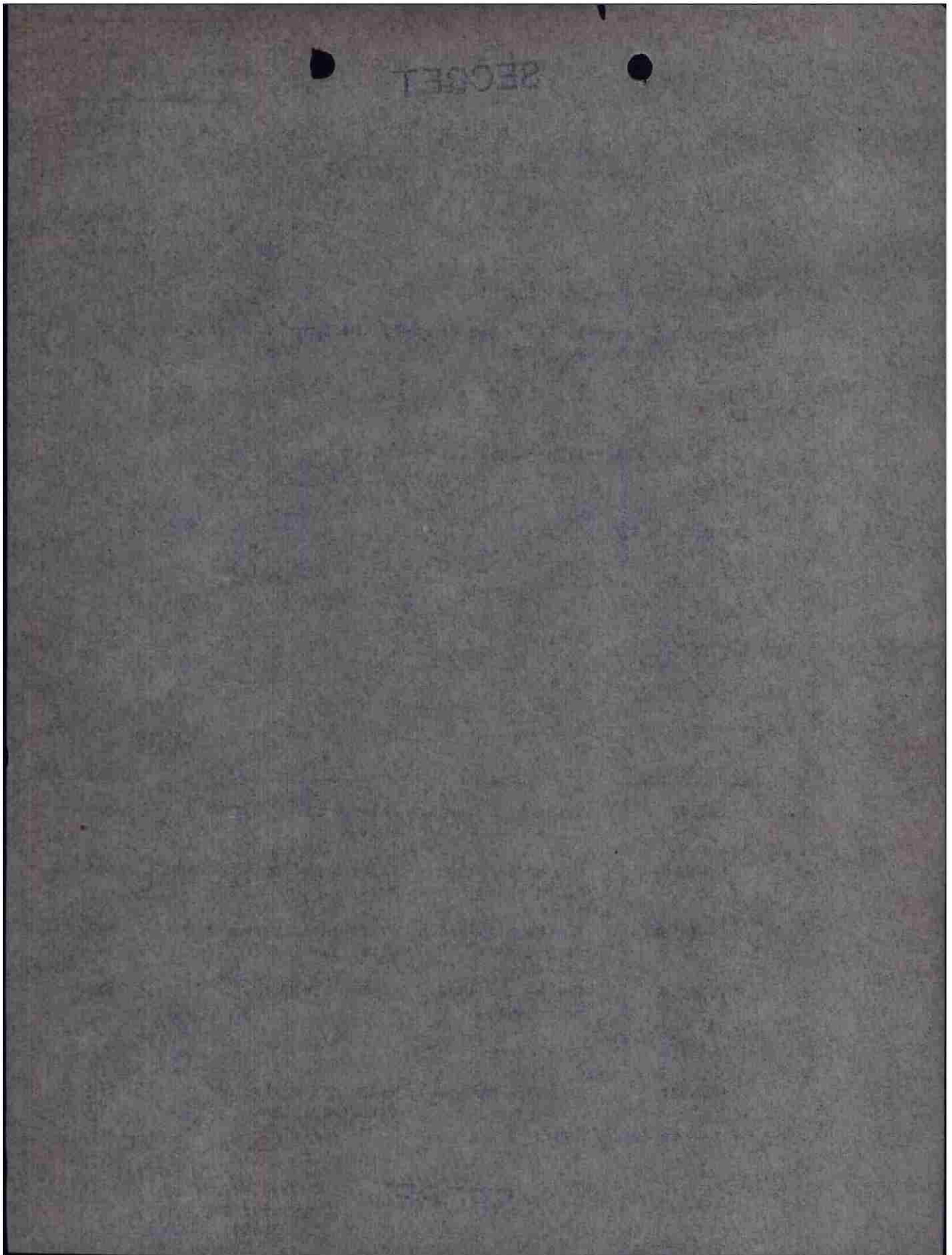
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43-9907	No bombs dropped.	Pilot had switch in wrong position.	Yes
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For the Commanding Officer:

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GEORGE SCHENKIN,
 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, APO 140, U. S. Army.

ROUTE OUT: Visibility 3-5 miles over England with
6-7/10 cumulus at 4000 feet and tops to
6000. Clouds broke to 2-3/10 south of the
Thames and clear over the channel and
Continent. Visibility 2-4 miles over
England increasing to 6-8 miles over the
channel and continent.

TARGET: Clear. Visibility 6-8 miles.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out except 2-4/10 cumulus
over England. Visibility 2-4 miles.

BASE ON RETURN: 2-3/10 cumulus at 4000 feet. Visibility
5 miles. 6-7/10 cirrus above 20000.

WINDS: As forecast.

TIME OVER TARGET: 18:47

Weather did not effect bombing.

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

1 Incl.
2 Route Forecast Forms

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FROM COBONGR 416
TO COBONCON NINE

25/00150

ATT: RADAR COUNTER-MEASURES OFFICER

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H-625-J

1. RCM DISPENSING 3
2. 24 MAY 1944.
3. ABBEVILLE
4. 50-10N 01-30E
5. 50-15N 01-35E
6. 3
7. 30
8. 125000
9. 5/10 CLOUDS
10. NONE
11. OMIT
12. OMIT
13. NONE
14. NO OBSERVATION

1. RCM PROTECTION 3 A
2. 3 DROPPING PLANES
3. 24 MAY 1944
4. ABBEVILLE
5. 100 FEET BELOW OFF TO RIGHT.
6. 14
7. 12000
8. 4 MILES AHEAD TO RIGHT
9. NONE
10. OMIT
11. OMIT
12. NONE
13. WINDOW BELOW FORMATION

1. RCM PROTECTION 3B
2. 3 DROPPING PLANES PLUS FIRST BOX.
3. 24 MAY 1944.
4. ABBEVILLE.
5. WINDOW FROM FIRST BOX ONE HUNDRED FEET BELOW AND FROM DROPPING PLANES 500 OR MORE FEET BELOW.
6. 14
7. 11500
8. ONE MILE
9. NONE
10. OMIT
11. OMIT
12. NONE
13. WINDOW WELL DISPERSED APPARENTLY IN TWO STRATA. NOTE ABOVE.

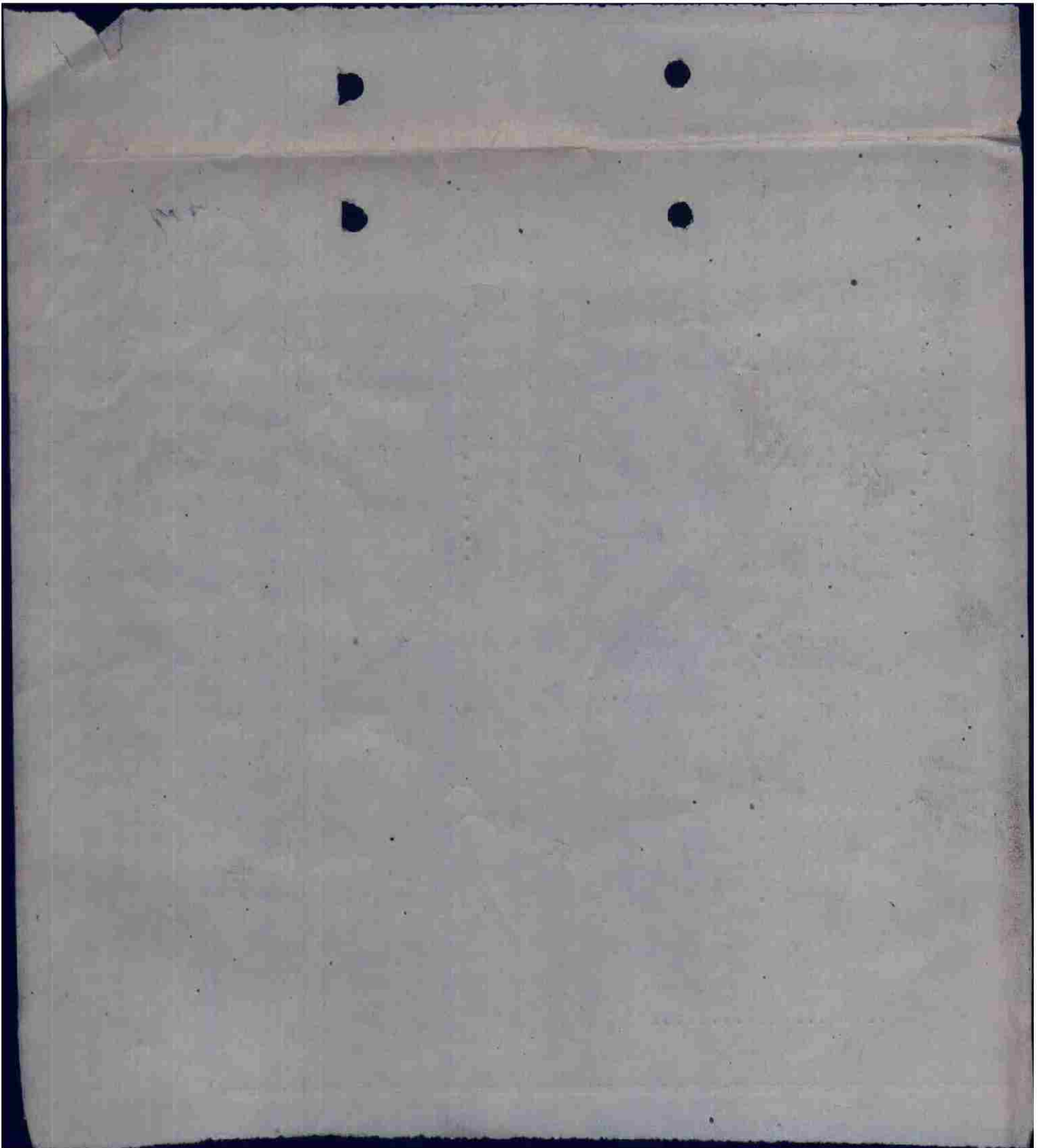
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FROM COBOMGR 416 24/2100B
TO COBOMCOBATWG 97 ATT SIG O
M-623-J
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A- YS -52

B- 24 MAY 1944 (1752-1922)

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C- 668 (12) A E O R C Q-1 J M H D N K
669 (7) D H W V F O A
670 (13) O A L S E F M-1 P K-1 B I T Q
671 (11) X K R D-1 M L E C-1 N F I-1
TOTAL -43

D-670-O- TURRET INTERPHONE OUT

668-H- VHF RECEIVER WEAK.

E- 671-D- USED LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON

F- NOT APPLICABLE

G- NOT APPLICABLE

- NOT APPLICABLE

I- NONE

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J-671-K- RECEIVED WINDOW DISPERSING INSTRUCTIONS FROM BOX LEADER

668-J- FORMATION AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS

669-D- FORMATION AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS . 670-T- FORMATION AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS

K- NONE

L-668-J- REPORTED COMPLETION OF OPS TO PARADE

669-D- REPORTED COMPLETION OF OPS TO PARADE

670-T- REPORTED COMPLETION OF OPS TO PARADE

M- NONE

N- NOT APPLICABLE

O- GOOD RADIO PERFORMANCE . USED WINDOW

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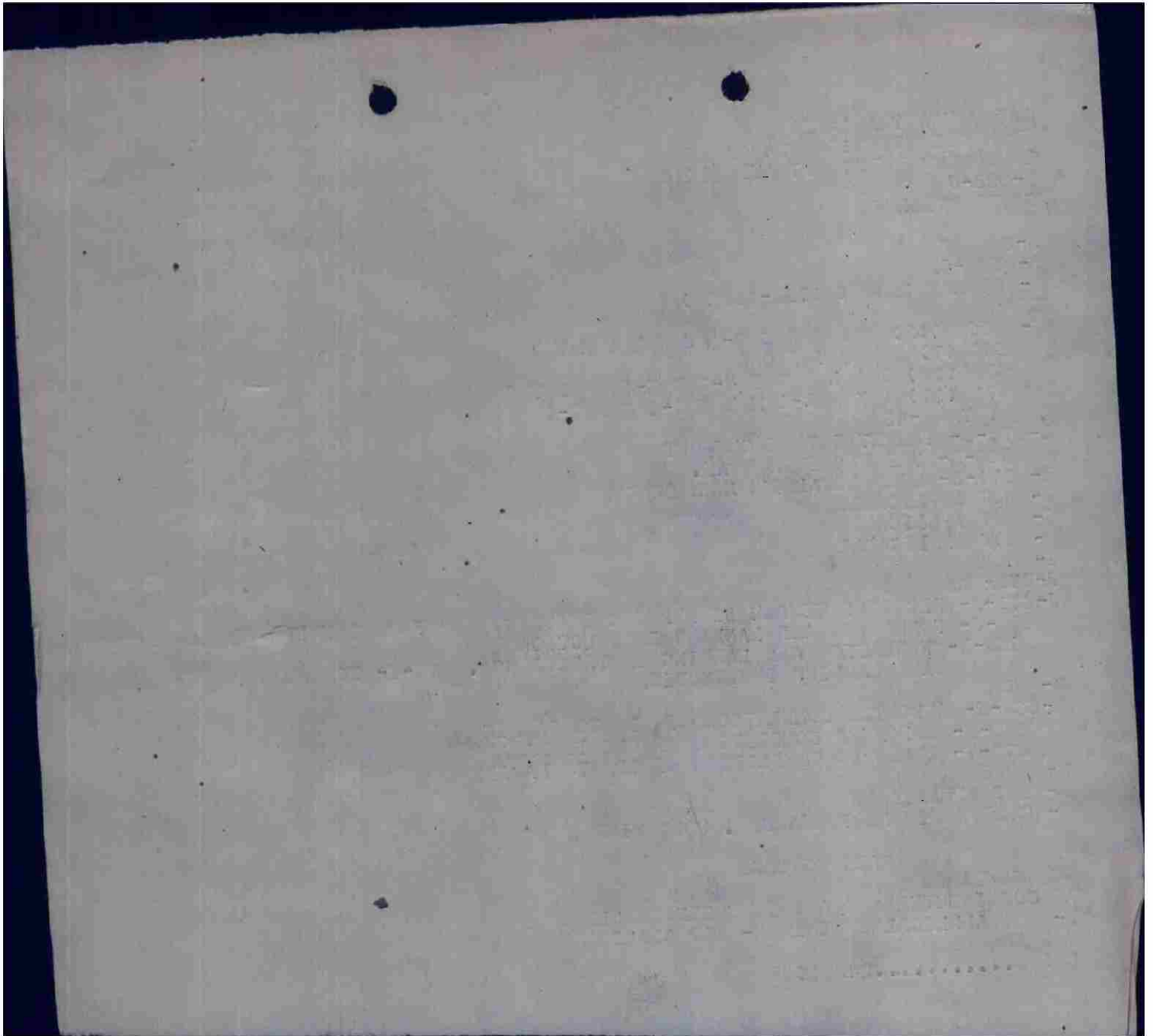
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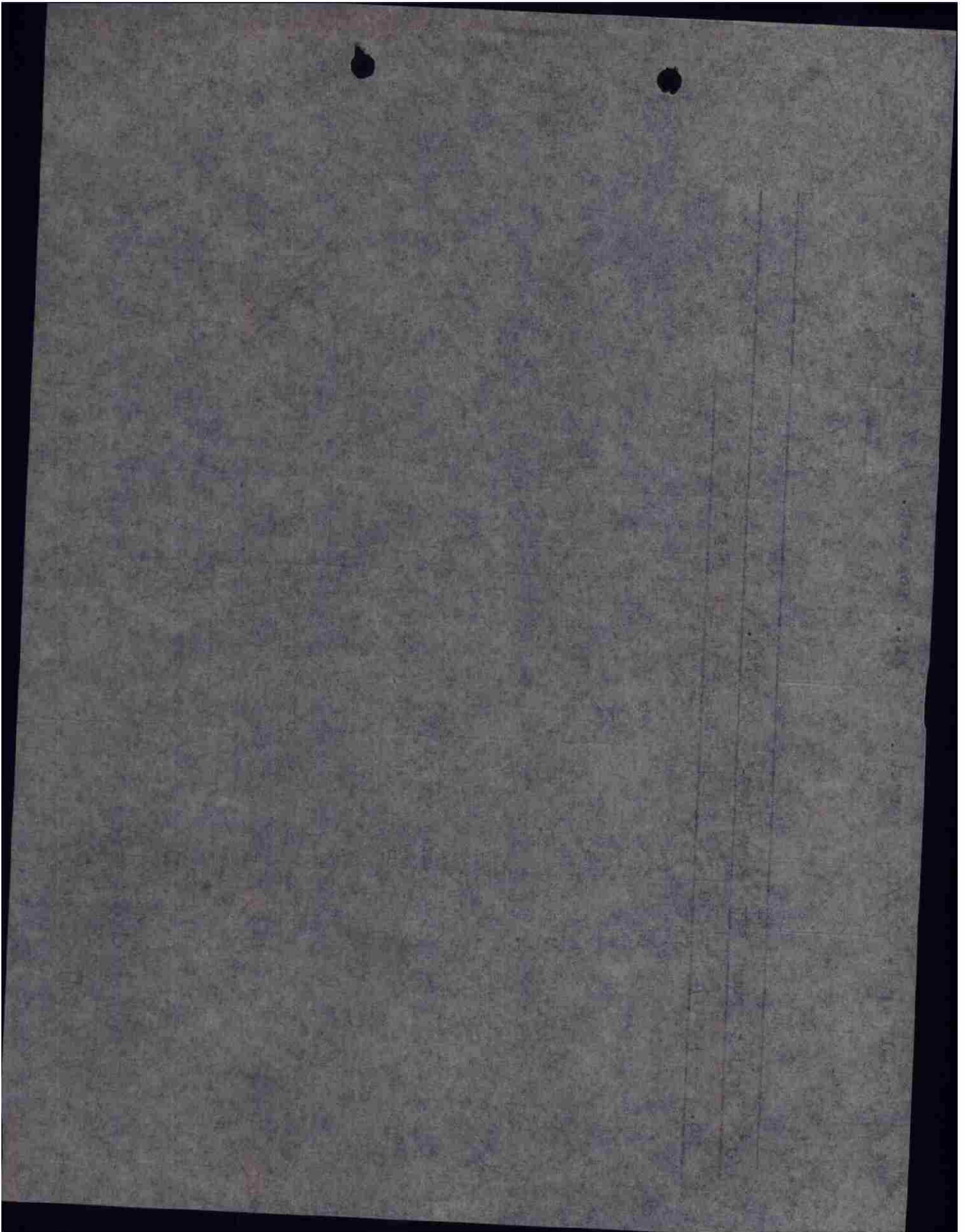
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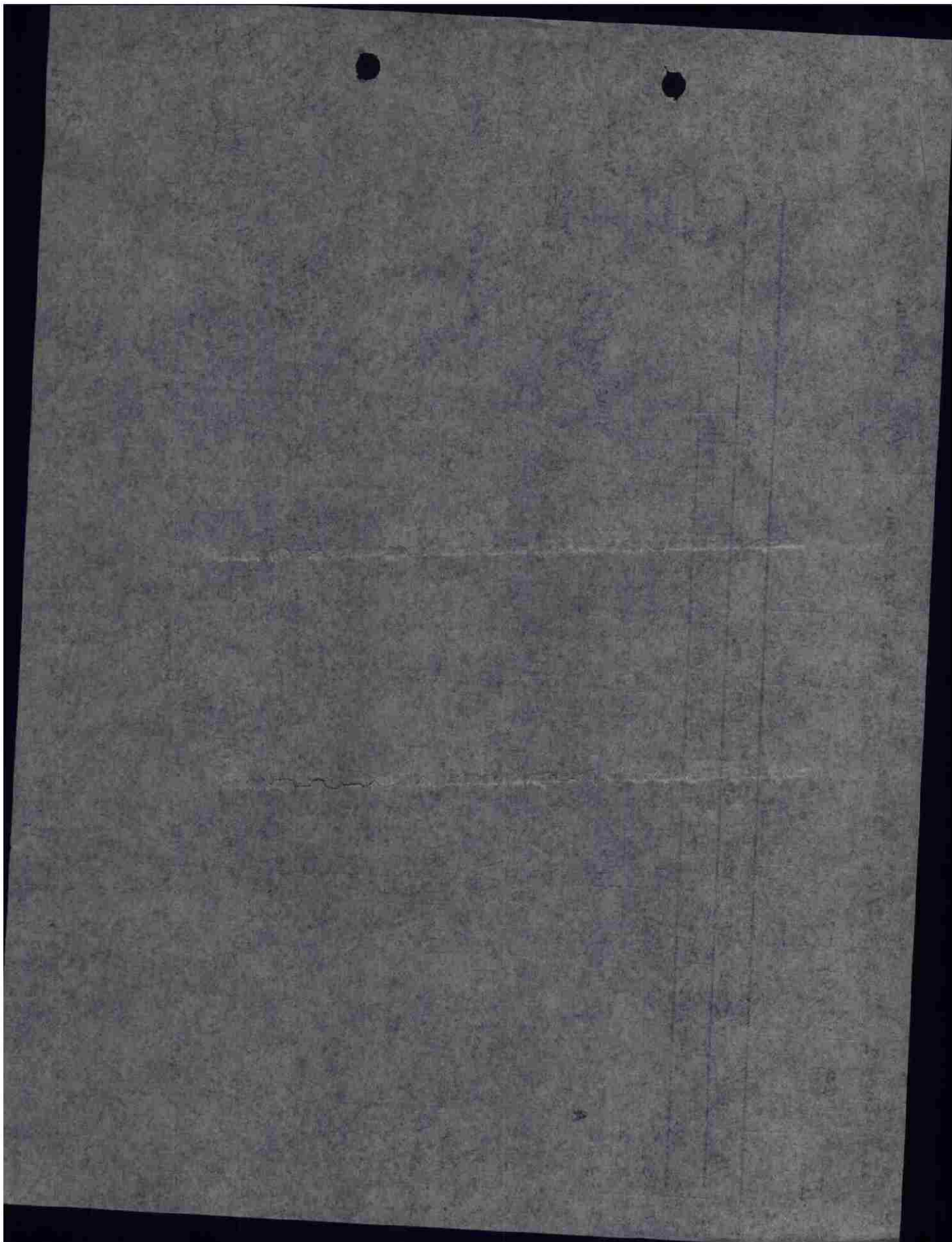
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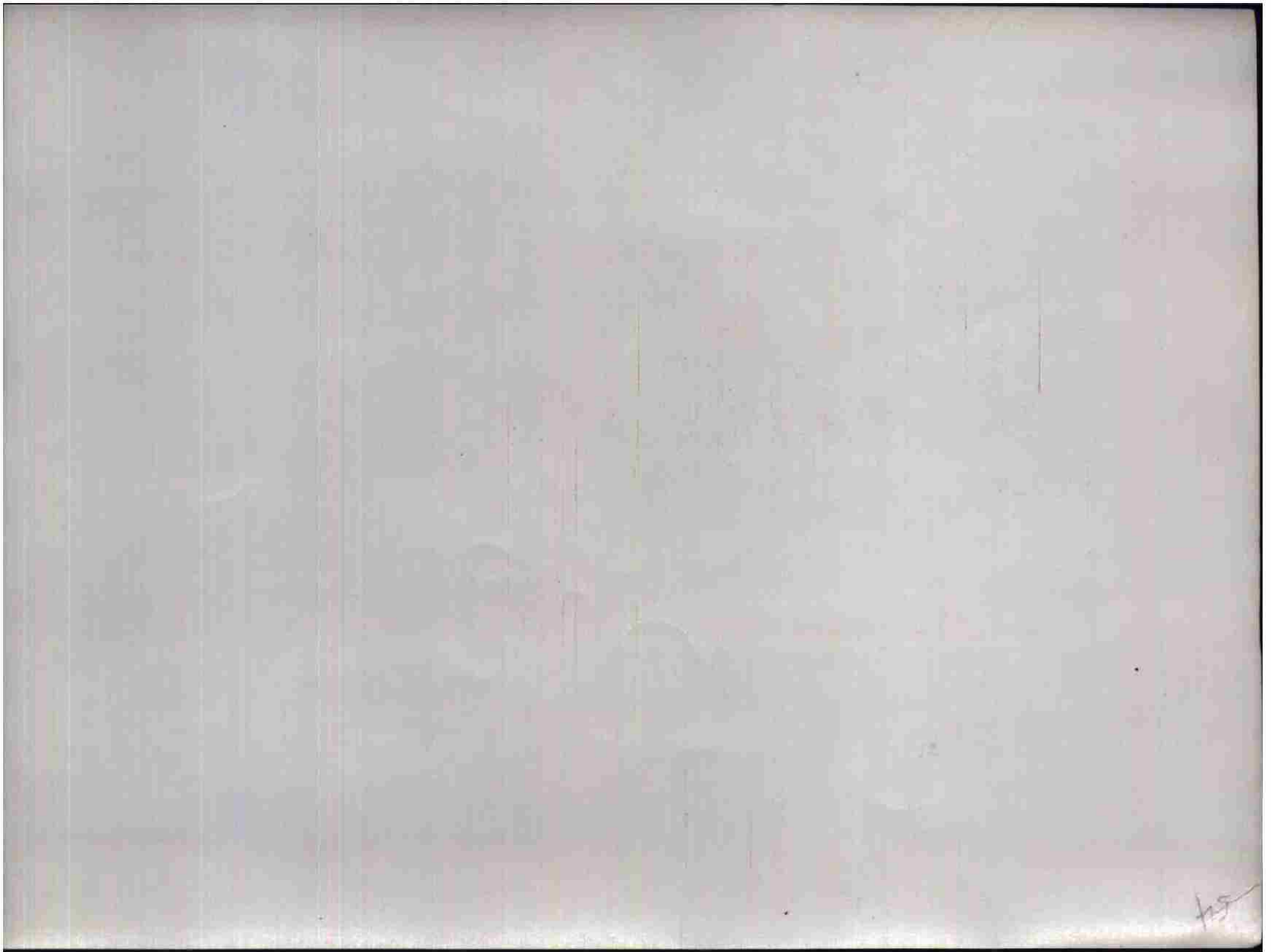


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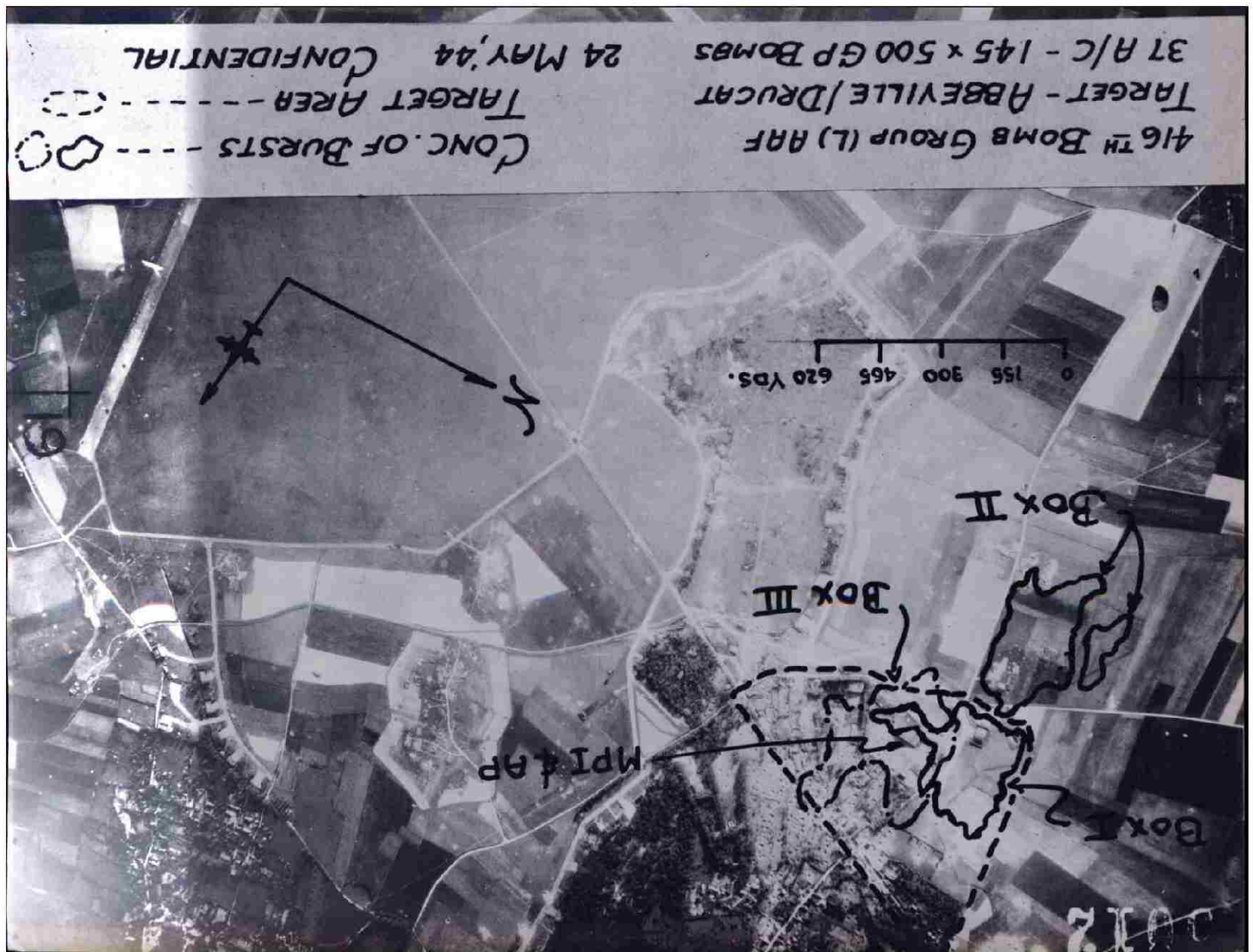


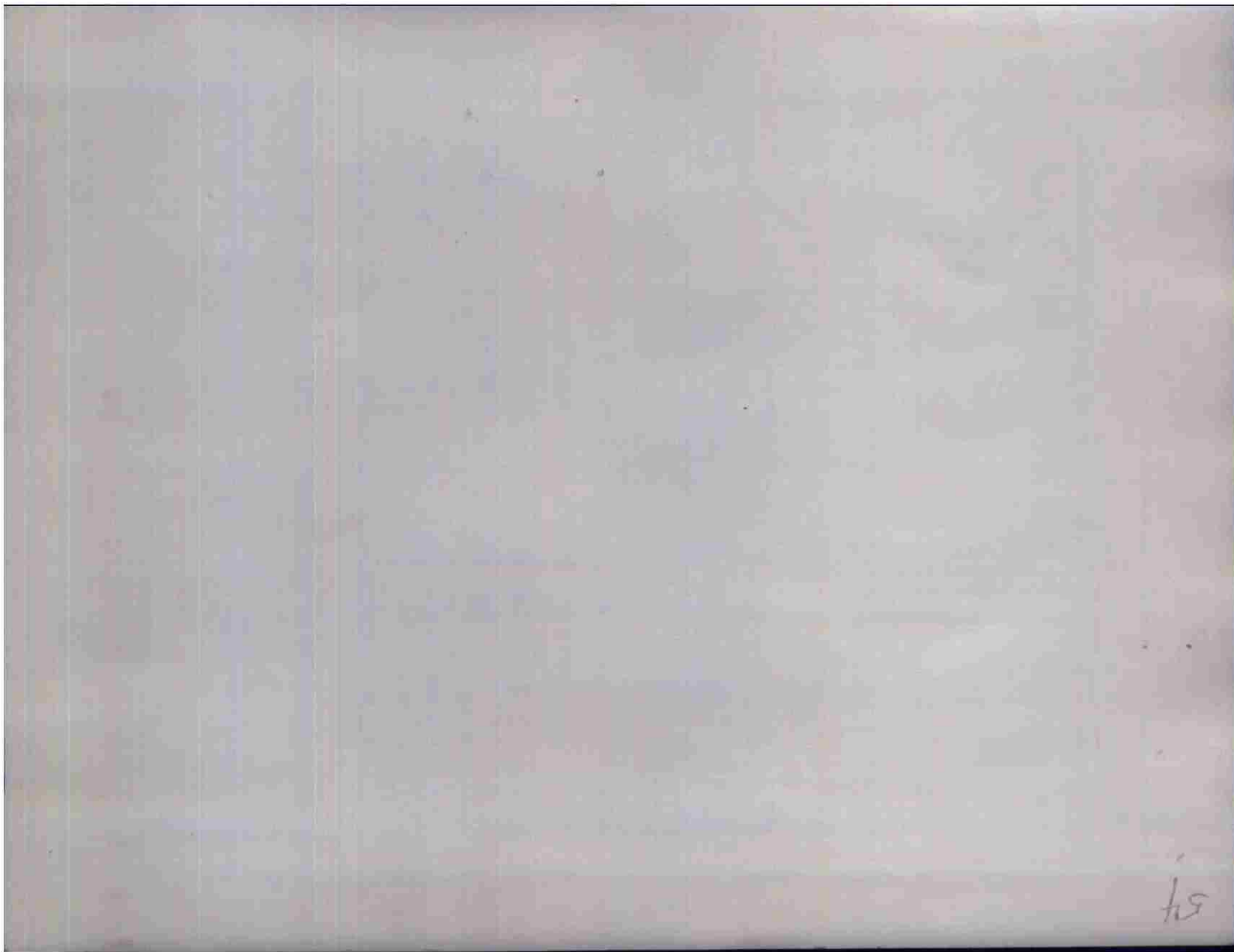


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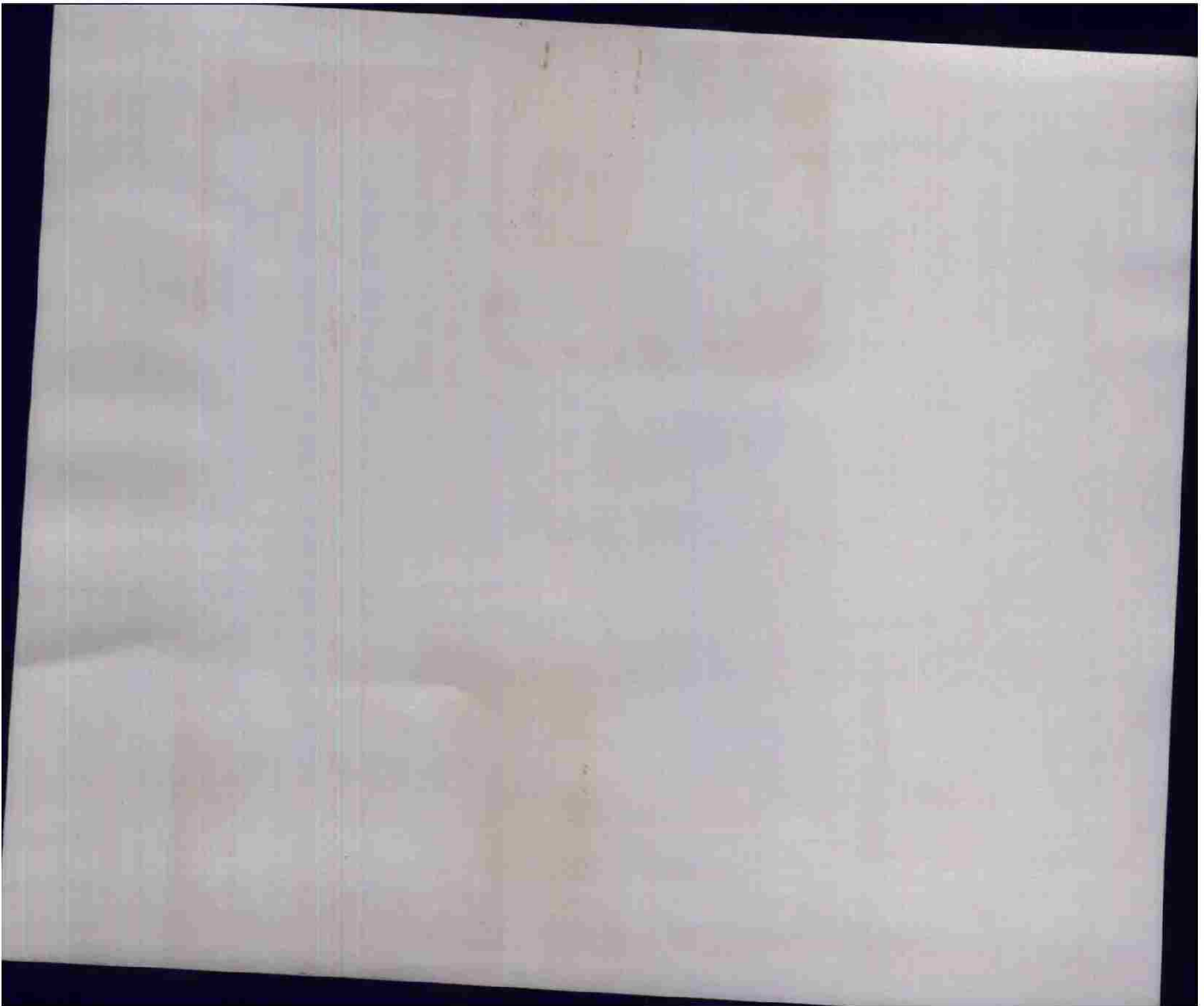
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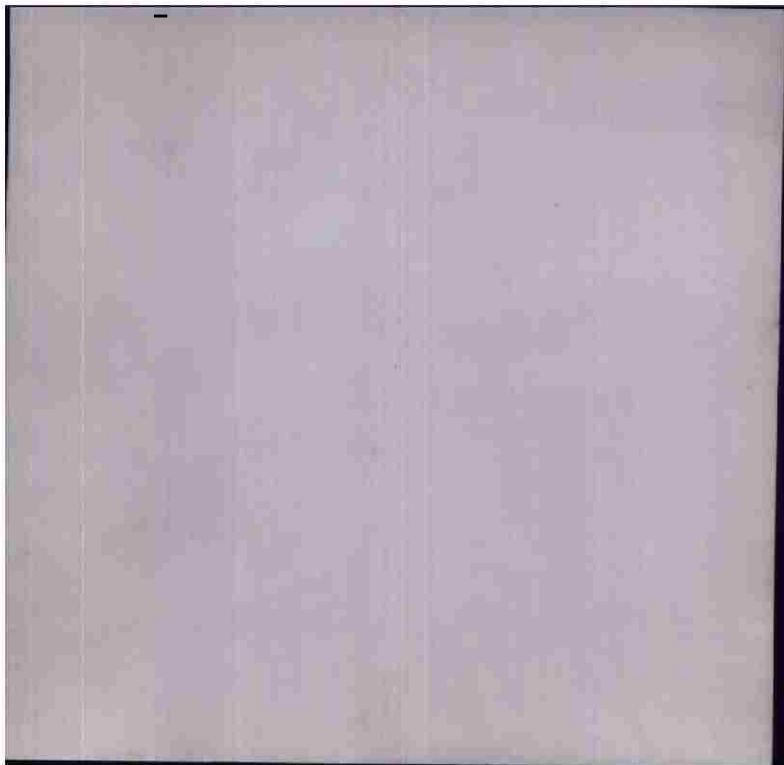
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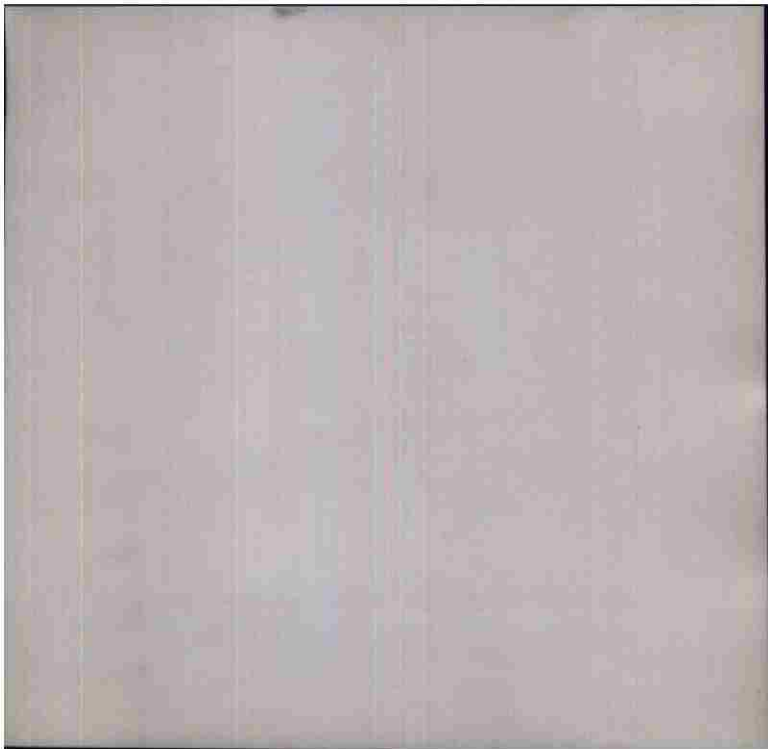
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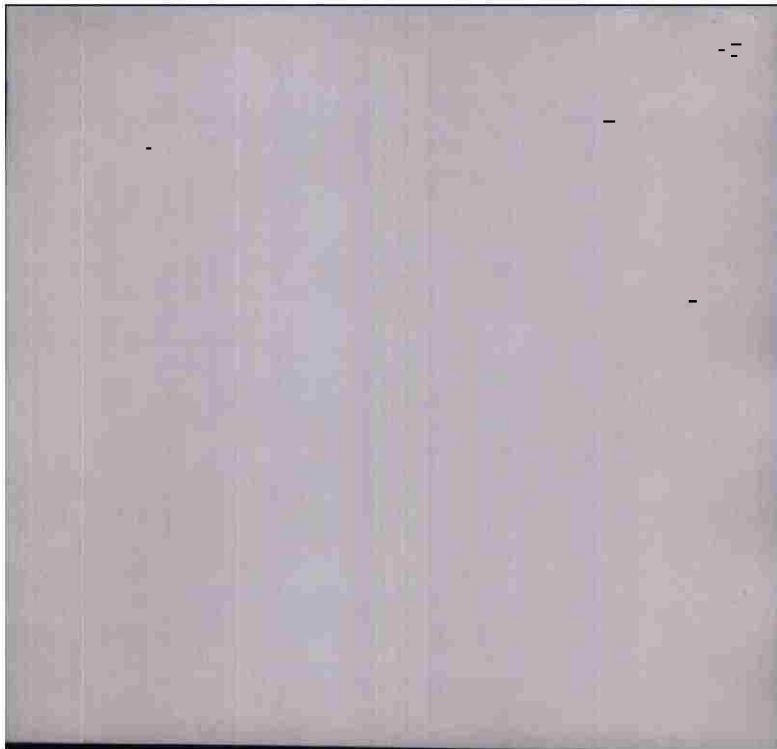
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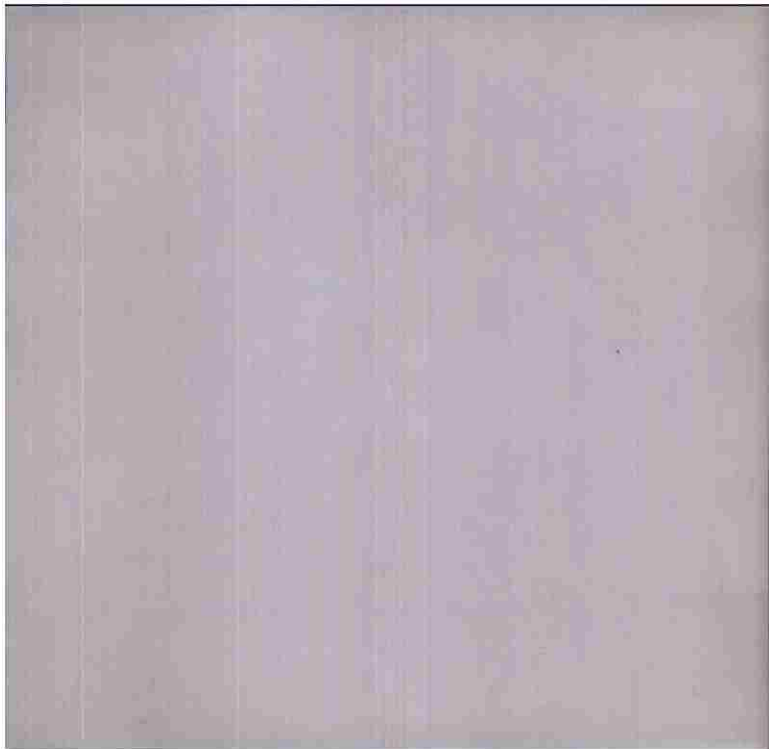
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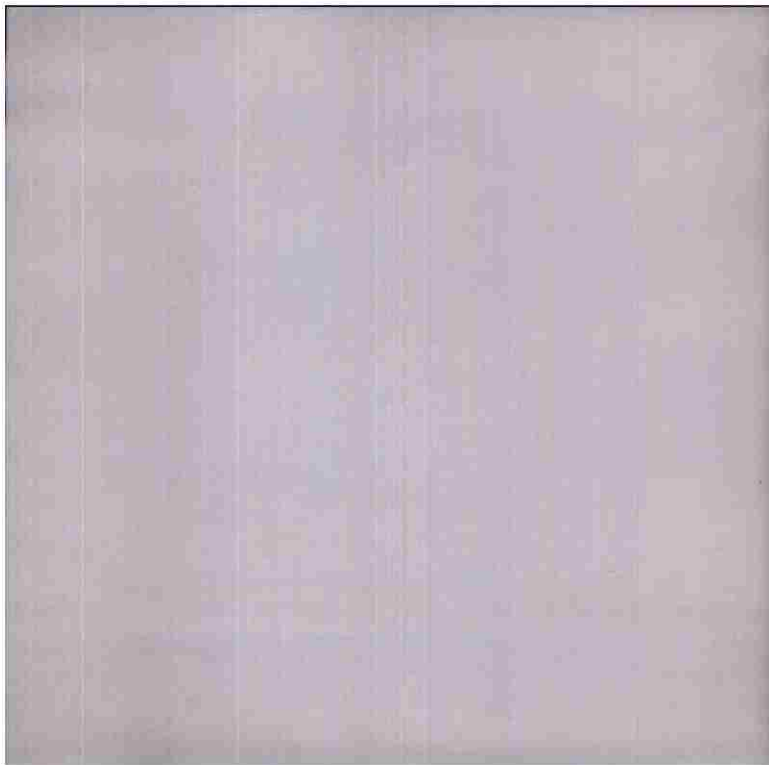
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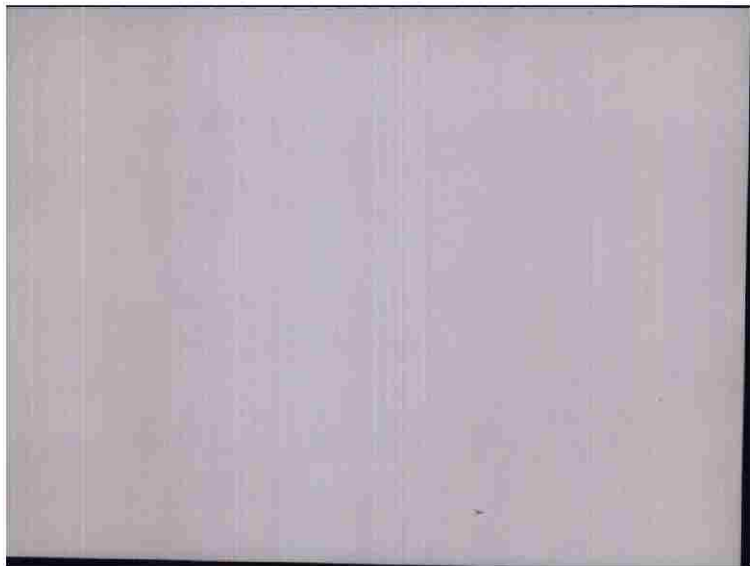
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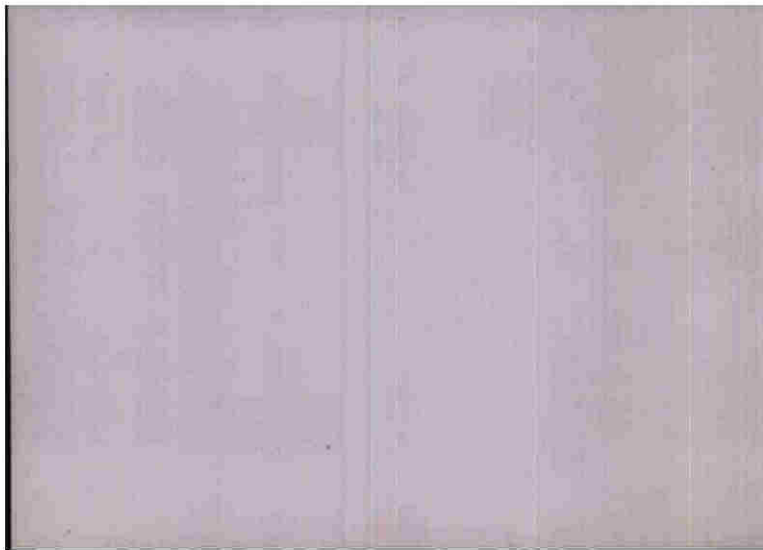
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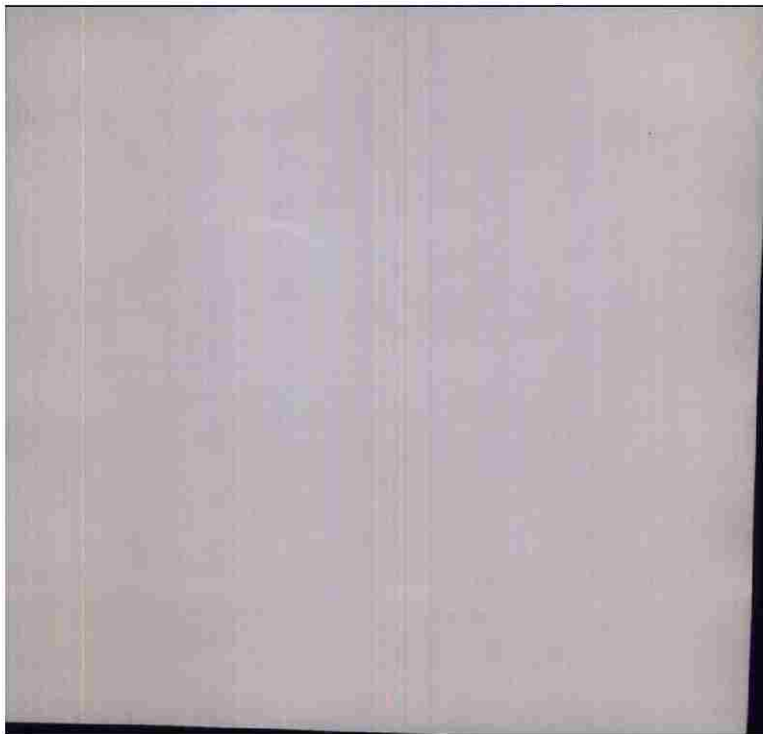
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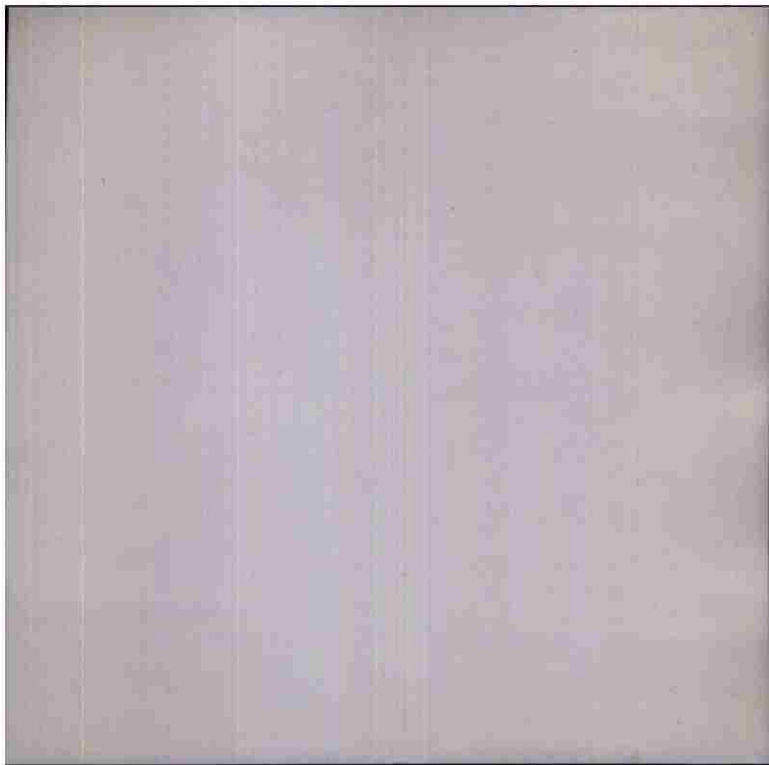
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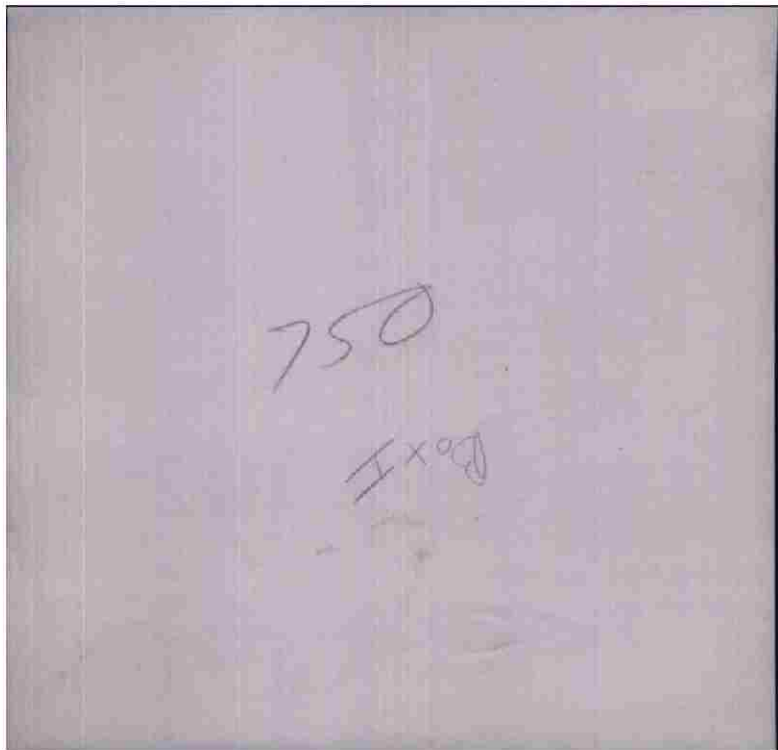
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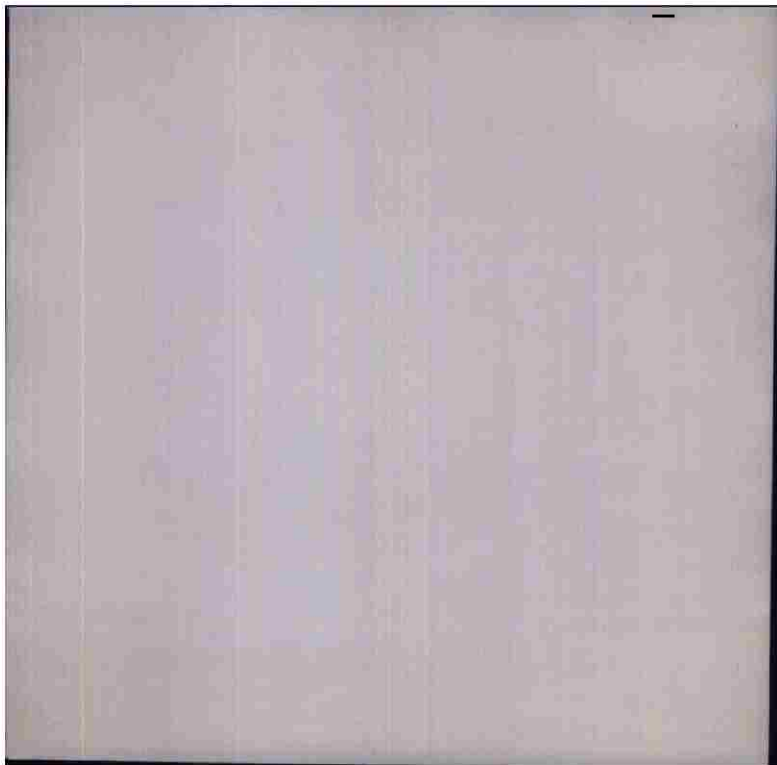
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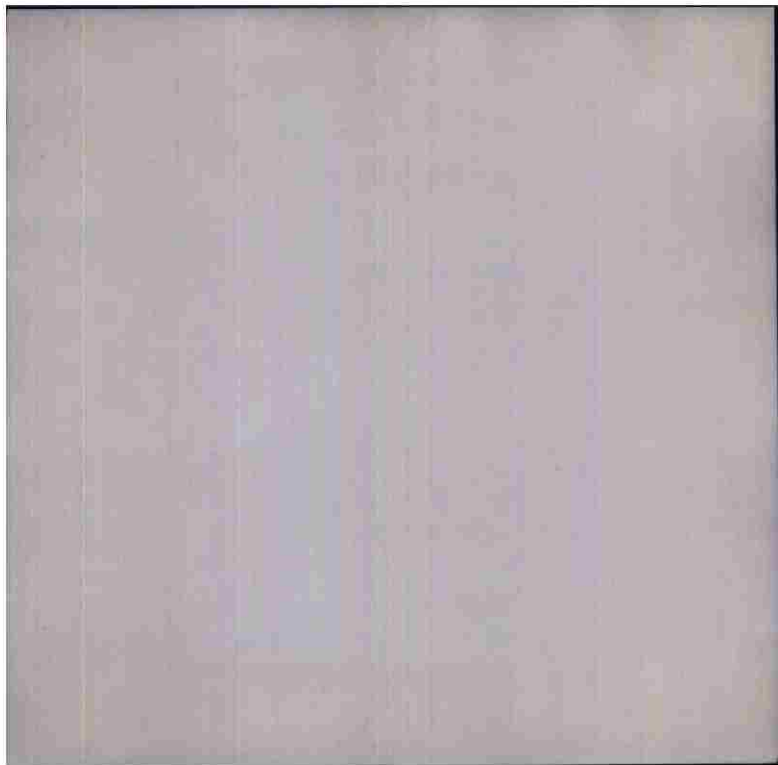
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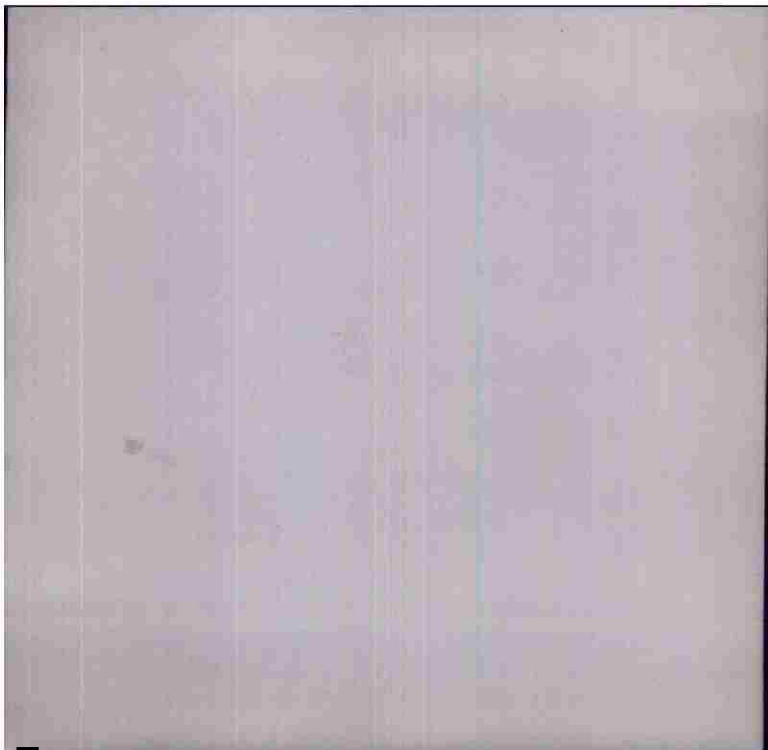
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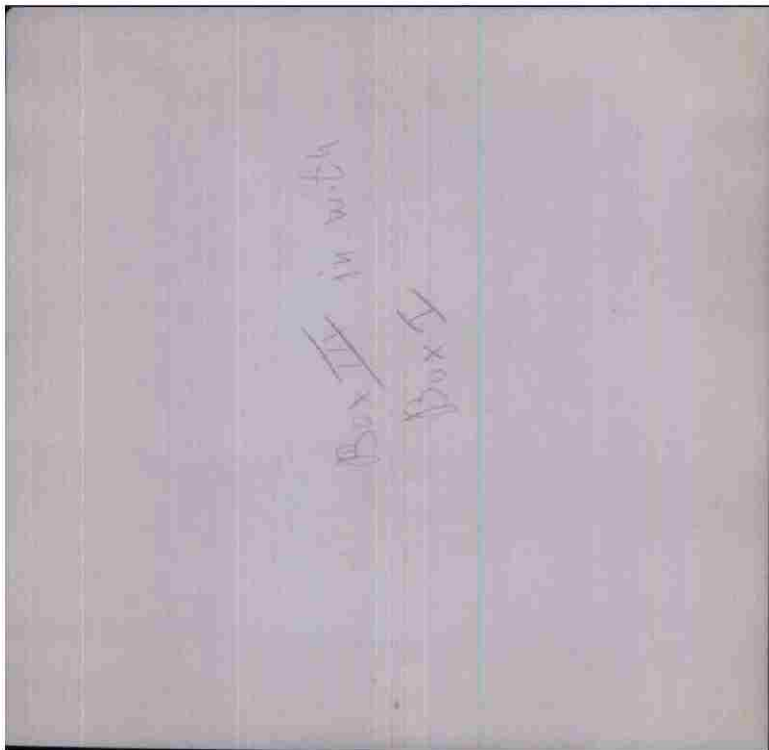
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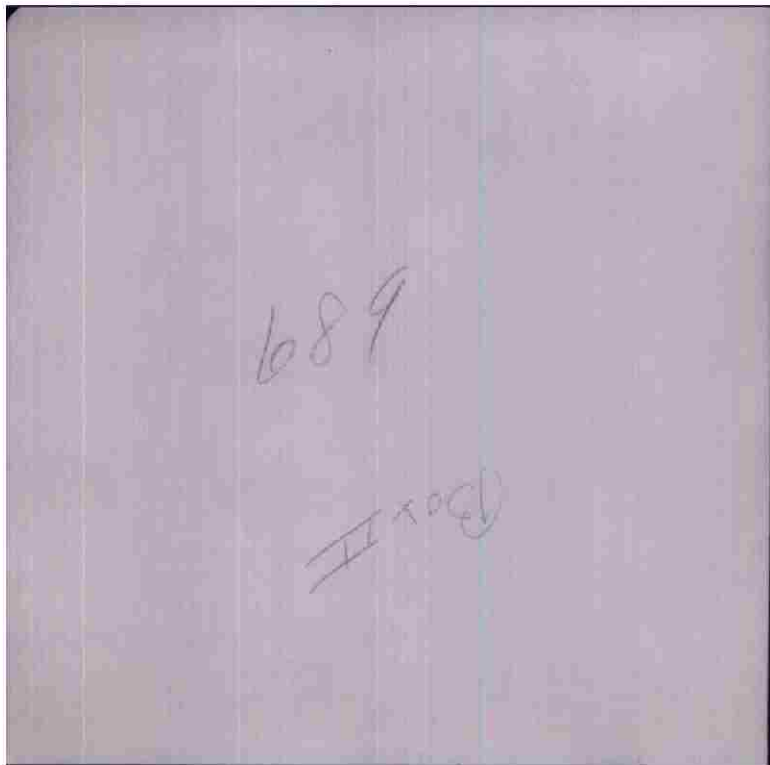
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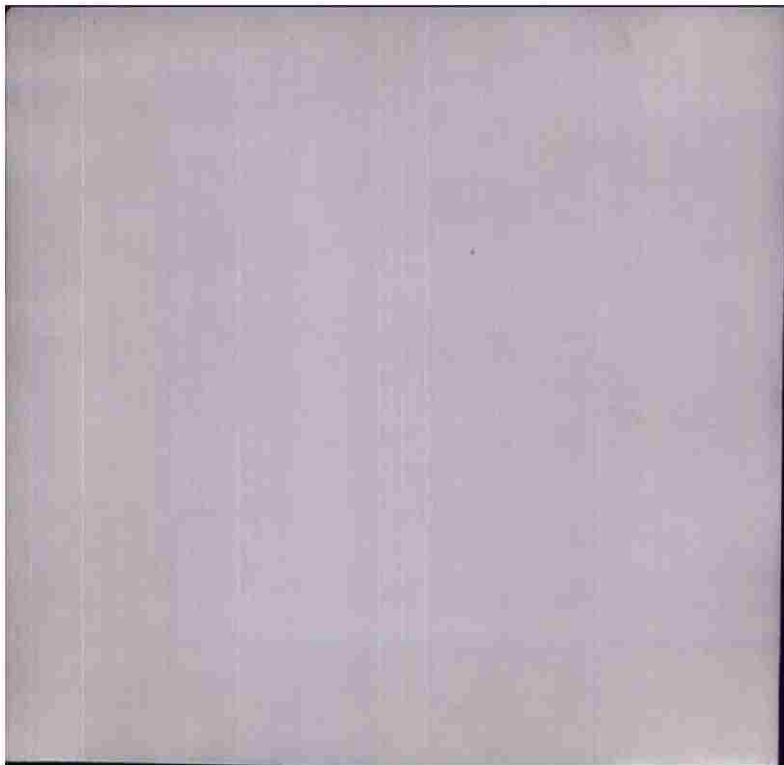
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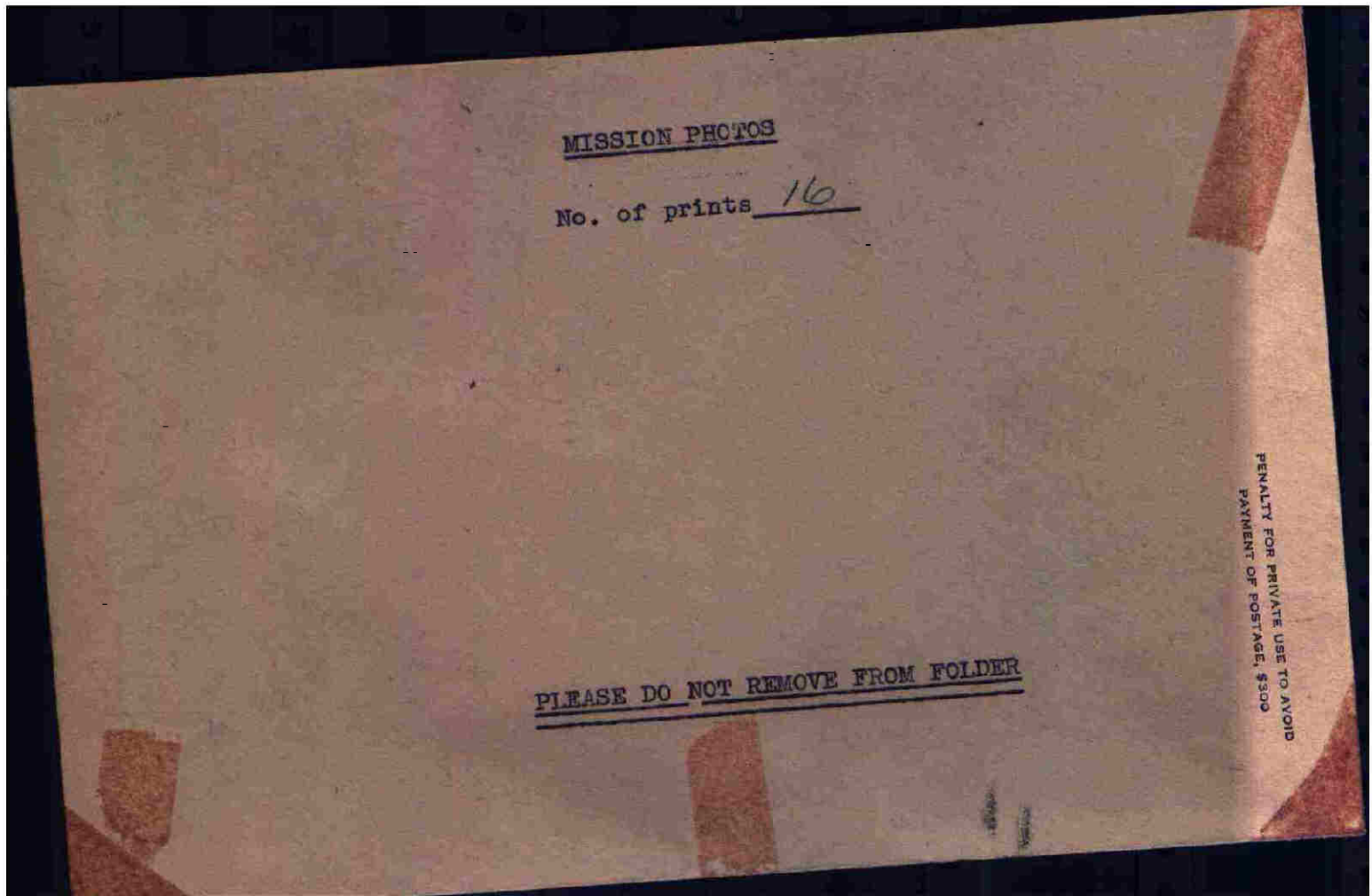


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