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

Subject: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Reports.

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

Transmitted herewith are the A-3 Bombing Information Reports
on operational mission 24 May 1944, submitted in compliance with IX
Bomber Command Memorandum 55-2.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKELF,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

2 Incls:

- 1 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Box 1)
- 2 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Box 2)

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BOMBING INFORMATION

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ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. _____

BOX I GROUP 418 DATE 24 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Desamont Le Roger A/B1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.2. Bombing approach: 350° 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 trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Royalty6. Name of lead pilot: Major Willetts7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 282 Altitude: 11,5009. Length of bomb run: 40 Sec: _____10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED _____ N Inst. 1/10011. 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 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 attached, IP or A/C? YES X NO _____. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES X 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 A/C.

(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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1. 6 to 8 miles down sun and 3 miles up sun.
2. 8 to 12 miles with tops to 6000 feet.
3. 8 boxes, 10 each.
4. Moderate.
5. Roads on western edge of target.
6. Road across it.
7. Road.
8. None.

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

Formation consisted of 2 boxes, 12 miles each box. Time of take off was 0830. The over target time. Target - Mountain to North 4/D. Box 1, at 11,000 feet, dropped a total of 40 bombs in the target area at 11,000 feet. Box 2, at 11,000 feet, dropped a total of 40 bombs in the target area with the target area with peak targets. Visibility was 6 to 8 miles down sun and 3 miles up sun. No anti-aircraft fire experienced. No enemy aircraft encountered. Flares landed at 1200.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 327

BOX II GROUP 418 DATE 24 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Beaumont La Roger A/D

1. 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 erecting point actually used. Pre-set with corrections for
specification. 10 mile trail subtracted.5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. McBrien6. Name of lead pilot: Captain Conant7. Intervalometer setting: 210 None 2208. Indicated Air Speed: 40 Ground Speed: _____ Altitude: 11,0009. Length of bomb run: _____ Sec: 500 Inst. 1/10010. Bomb Load and Fusing per VC/C: _____ X _____ 1b FUSED _____ N _____ T _____

11. Total Bombs Dropped: _____

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, IF or AP? YES _____ NO _____. 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 X _____ BAD MISS _____

(Over)

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

2. 0 to 2 miles down and 2 miles up and 2 to 2 running with top to 6000 feet.

3. 2 boxes to each.

4. Moderate.

5. Roads on western edge of target.

6. Used along W.

7. Road.

8. None.

9. None.

10. None.

11. None.

12. None.

13. None.

14. None.

15. None.

16. None.

17. None.

18. None.

19. None.

20. None.

21. None.

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99. None.

100. None.

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 BY AUTH CO, STA 170
 25 May 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (1)
 Office of the commanding officer

AGO LHO, U.S. Army.
 25 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Mission report - aircraft.

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

PART I.

(1) 24 May 1944 - 0936 - Bombardier-In-Chief

(2) 36 (38 started)

(3) 38

PART II.

None

PART III (1).

None

PART III (2)

<u>RAF SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>NOTE</u>
43-9224	Two bombs delayed release.	(Undetermined)	yes

PART III (3).

<u>RAF SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>NOTE</u>
43-10104	No bombs dropped.	No. 1 selector switch in wrong position.	yes

for the commanding officer,

GEORGE SCHWARTZ,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

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MISSION NO. 53

LOADING LIST

24 MAY 1944

BOX I
FLIGHT I

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

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

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

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

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

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

FLIGHT II

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

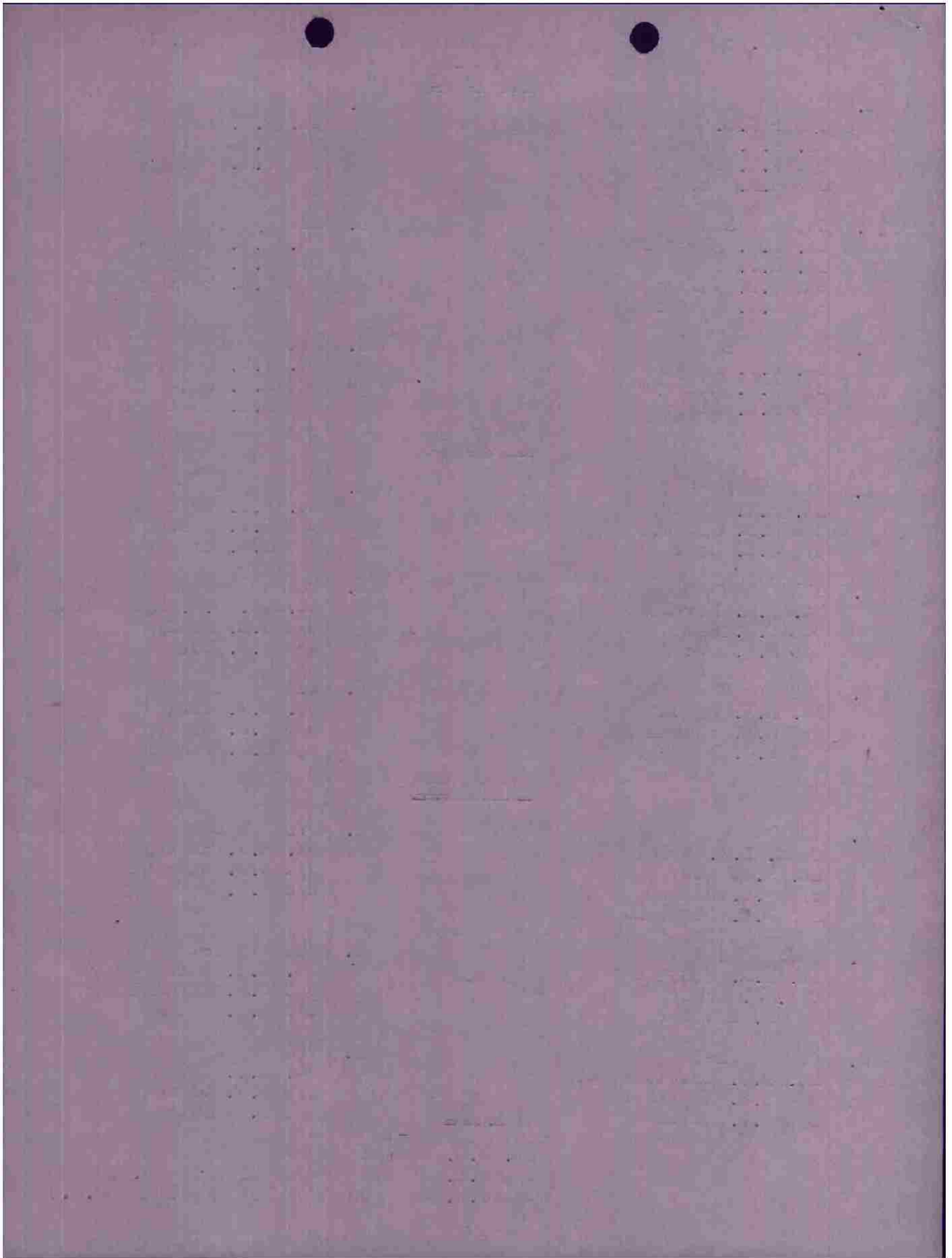
5. 689 I-1
Lt. D.T. Sommers ✓
Sgt S.R. Zahlikiewicz
S/S T.A. Palmer

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

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
24 May 1944 (A.M.)



MISSION NO. 53

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

24 MAY 1944

1. 442 D
Capt. H.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. 195 D-1
Lt. J.F. Meagher✓
Sgt D. Hantske
S/S E.A. Damico

5. 194 C
Lt. R.D. Leshner✓
S/S H.R. Hedrick
S/S A.J. Antanaitis

6. 176 T-1
Lt. C.C. Mish✓
Sgt C.J. Clark
Sgt R.F. Chustz

FLIGHT II

1. 0203 R
Lt. L.J. Siracusa✓
S/S F.L. Brown
S/S J.N. Hume

2. 684 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

4. 0210 Q
Lt. R.F. Shaefer✓
S/S J.A. Fejes
S/S E.R. Judd

5. 0194 A
Lt. R.D. Poindexter✓
T/S L.G. Robbins
S/S D.H. Simpson

6. 907 O
Lt. G. Ebenstein✓
S/S H. Perkins
Sgt S.P. Newell

FLIGHT III

1. 673 I
Lt. R.J. Morton✓
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

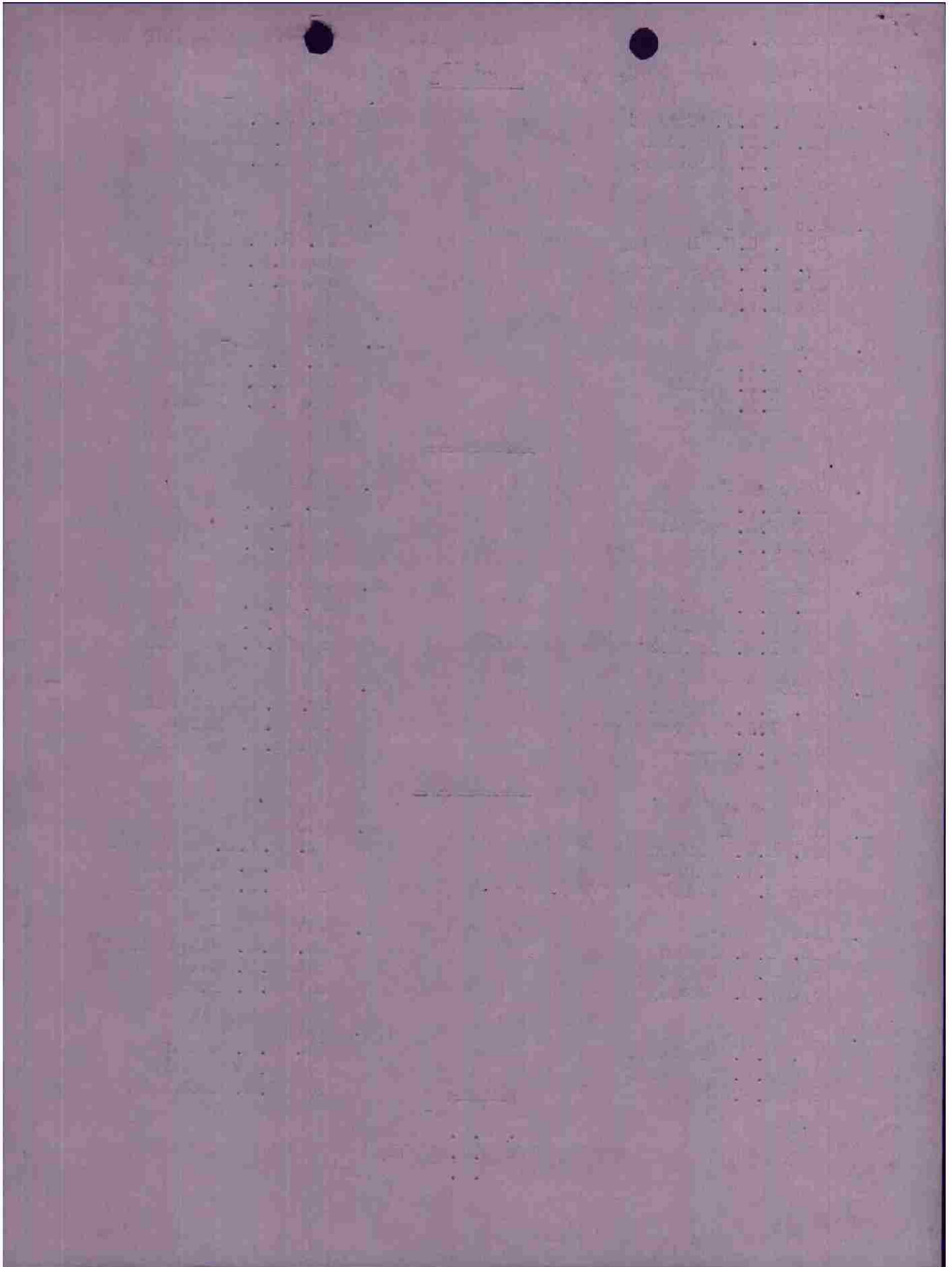
4. 840 V
Lt. P.F.E. MacManus✓
S/S J.L. Rogers
S/S G.I. Fleischman

5. 717 N-1
Lt. A.J. Vlegghels✓
Sgt C.E. Rice
Sgt R.W. Young

6. 743 W
Lt. J.H. Smith✓
Sgt C. Vafiadis
Sgt R.C. Hoffman

SPARE

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



OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

416 BG M _____ E

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"J" FORM OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE F-1

24 MAY 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR HAROLD A. RADETSKY

A.

B. 0935

C. BRIGHTON

D. R/T EXPAND ONE

671 12 X R E C D L N F V K P I

670 6 O B L-1 S I-1 M

670 1 SPARE E-1

GROUP LEADER . . . 671 . . . X

DEPUTY. . . 671 . . . R

BOX II R/T EXPAND TWO

669 7 D I O-1 J V N-1 W

670 1 T

668 10 N D-1 C T-1 R K E Q A D

669 1 SPARE Q-1

SECOND BOX LEADER . . . 669 . . . D

DEPUTY . . . 670 . . . T

E. 11,500

F. COBOURG

G. 0938

H. 40

J. ETRETAT

K. BEACHY HEAD

L. 1047

- M. 1. E.T.D. 0855 E.T.A. 1109
2. 4 x 500 G.P.
3. 4 HOURS
4. BOX I . . . Z460
BOX II . . Z460
5. NONE

MACE COBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

JOHN M. BONURA,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Opns. Stat Officer.

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

AFD 140
24 May 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

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

ROUTE OUT: Clear over England. Visibility 1-2 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 2-5/10.
2-5/10 over the continent with tops to 6000.
Visibility increased to 6-8 miles over
continent.

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

ROUTE BACK: Same as route out except 4-10/10 cumulus
over England with tops 6000 and bases 3500.
Visibility 2-3 miles over England.

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

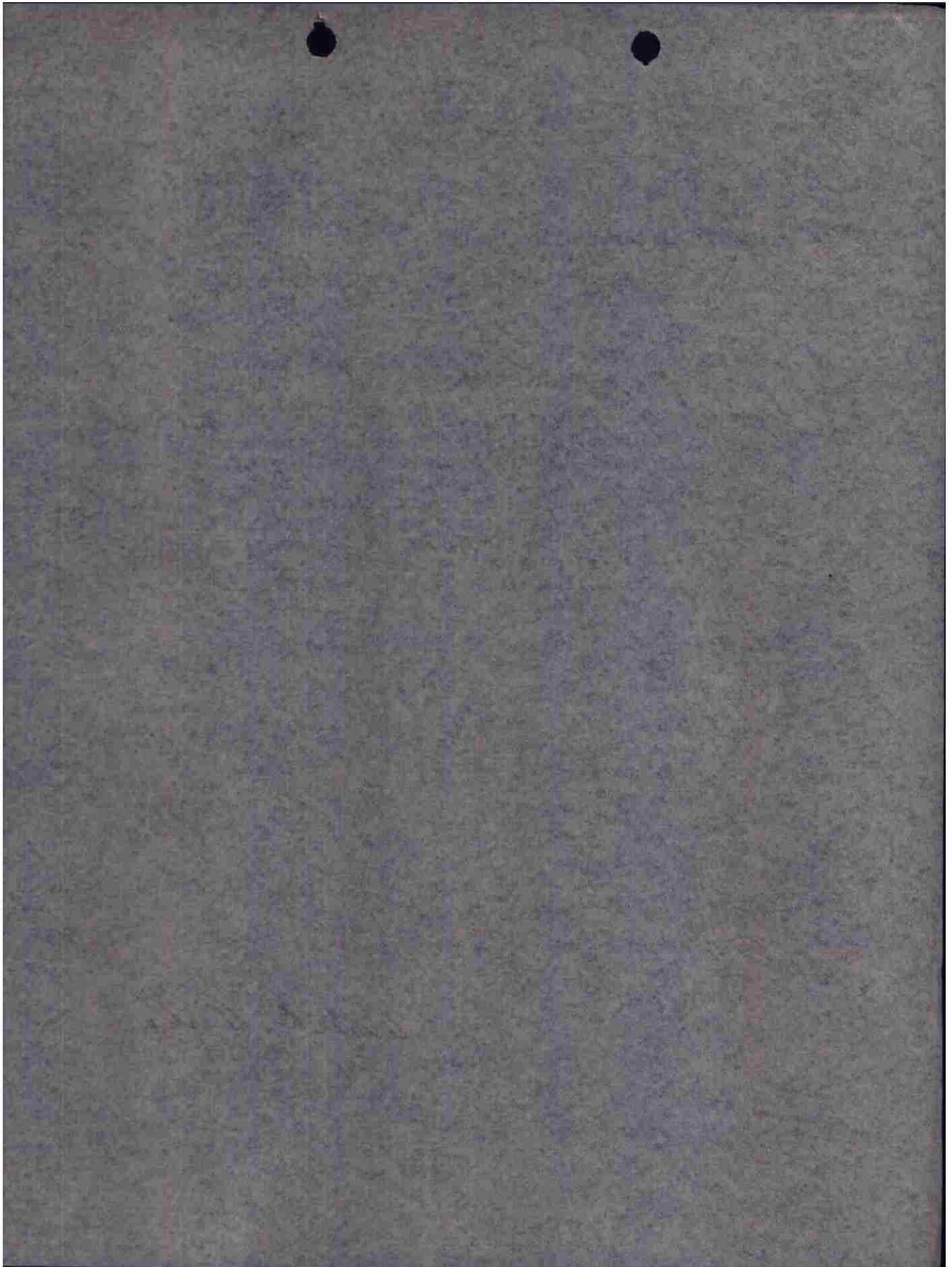
WINDS: As forecast.

TIME OVER TARGET: 11:21

Weather did not affect bombing.

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

1 Incl.
2 Route Forecast Form

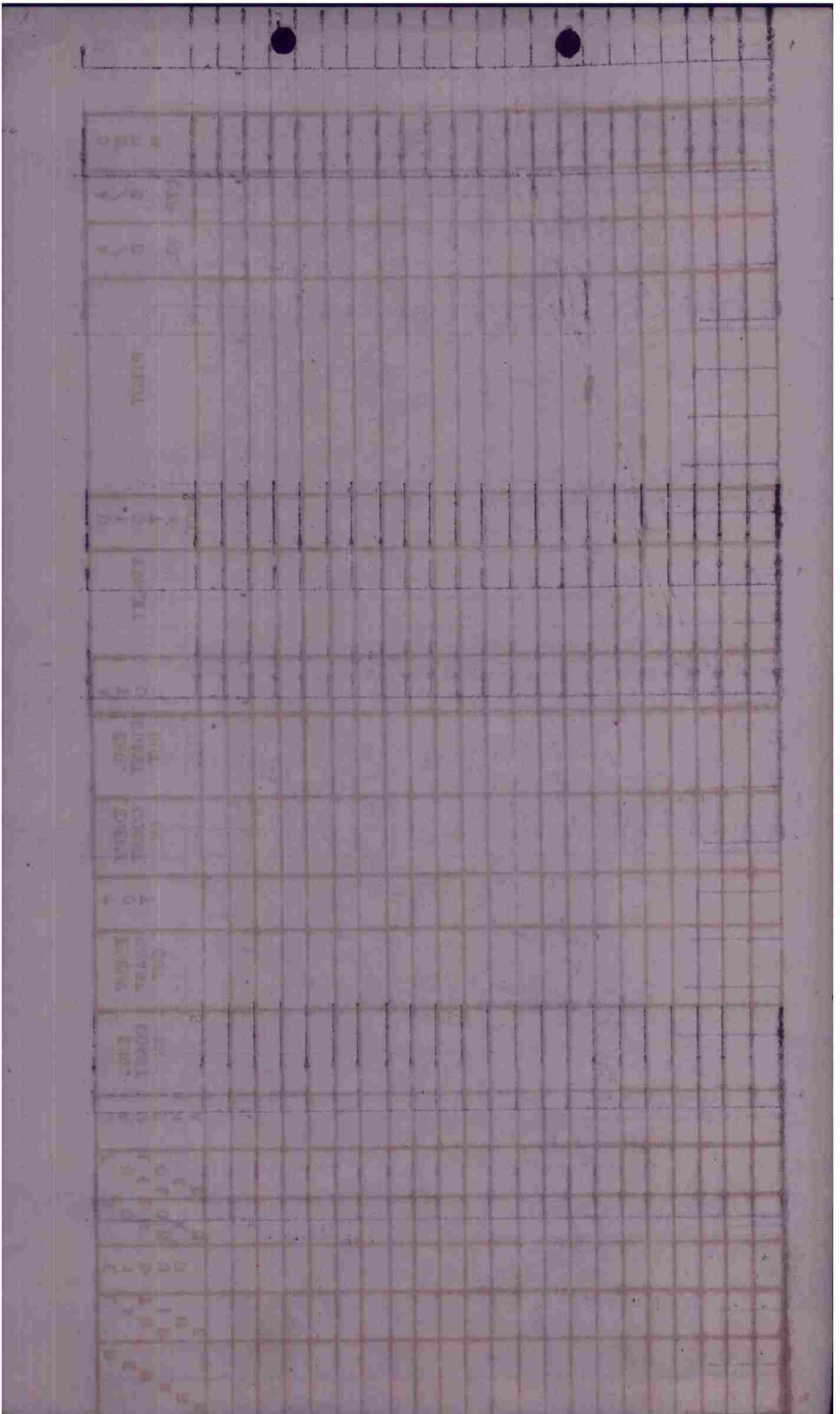


Mission No. 53

Box 1.

24 Aug 1944

S G D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A NCE	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U L L O L O B A D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D E	R E M A R K
D	X	914	WILLETTTS		BEAUMONT LE ROGER	0936	12000 BRISTON 10360	12000 COBORG 1058	1116	11500 ETRETAT 11330	9000 BERCAMP 1147	He			1225	
D	R	645	MARZOLF			0936									1225	
D	E	220	PERKINS			0936									1226	
D	C	214	WHEELER			0936									1227	
D	D	219	ANDREWS			0937									1227	
D	L	363	HENDERSON			0937						C			1228	
D	N	214	PLATTER			0939									1245	
D	F	221	MERCHANT			0937									1247	
D	V	493	SMITH			0938									1246	
D	K	393	GREENLEY			0938									1248	
D	P	951	AYLESWORTH			0938									1248	
D	I	164	YORK			0938						C			1248	
C	Q	452	HULSE			0939									1250	
C	B	209	MCBRIDE			0939									1233	
C	L	892	GRUETTAMACHER			0939									1234	
C	S	978	ROONEY			0940									1235	
C	I-1	689	SOMMERS, D.T.			0940						C			1236	
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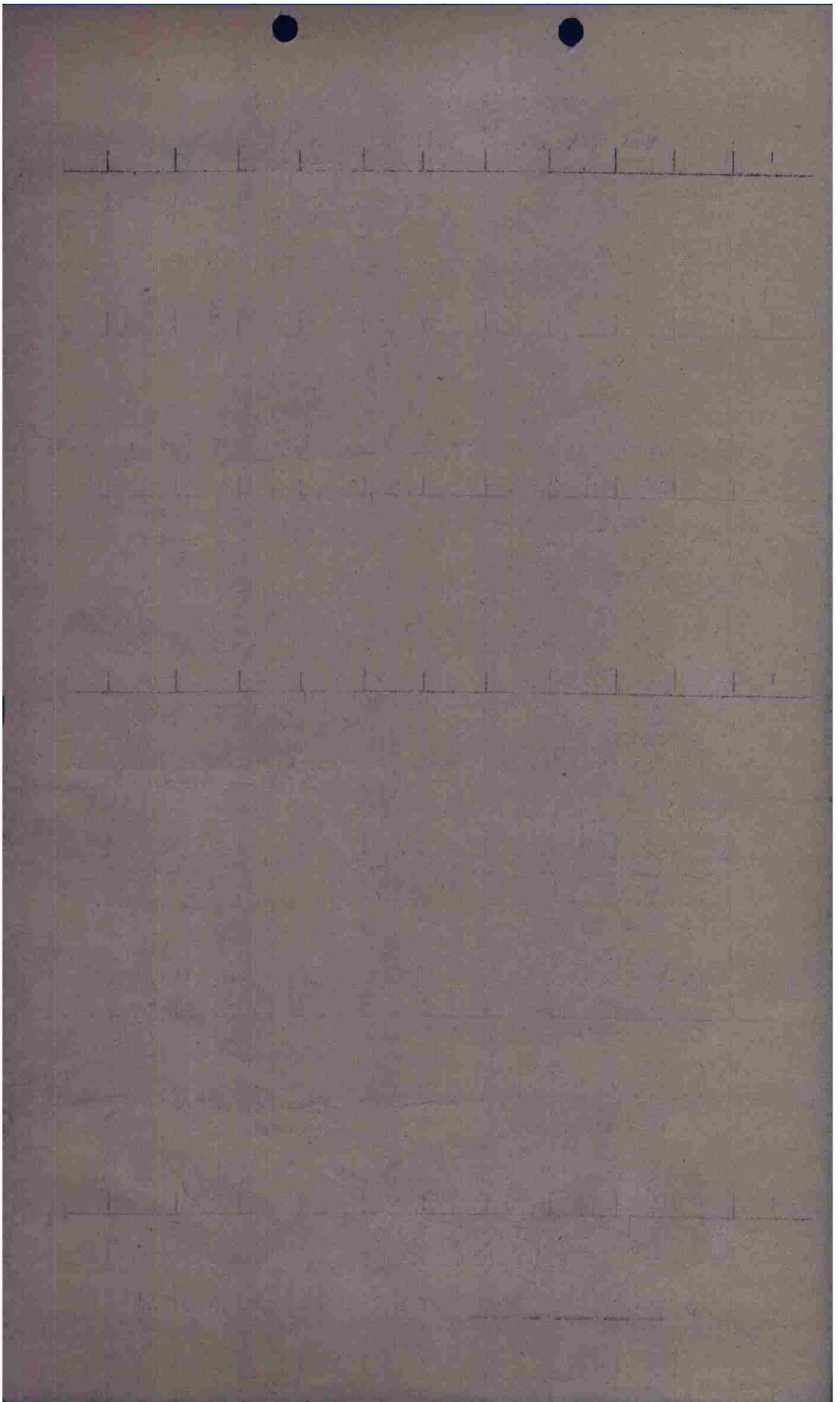
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Box II

24 Jan 1942

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B	D	442	CONANT		BEAUMONT LE ROGER	09 42	12,000	13,000	1116	11,500	9,000	H*	725	44500	4	1238	
C	T	455	McNulty			09 42	BRISTON	CoBurg		ETRETAT	Beaumont					1229	
A	N	963	Paade			09 42	1035	0958		1038	1147					1239	
A	D-1	195	Menger			09 42						*				1239	
A	C	194	LESHER			09 43										1240	
A	T-1	176	MISH			09 43										1240	
A	R	303	SIRACUSA			09 43										1229	
A	K	684	KREH			09 43										1230	
A	E	226	MEREDITH			09 44										1229	
A	Q	210	SWAEFER			09 44						*				1231	
A	A	0194	POINDEXTER			09 44										1231	
A	O	907	EBENSTEIN			09 44										1231	
A	I	673	MORTON			09 45										1242	
B	O-1	376	DEMAN			09 45										1243	
B	J	983	SHANBERG			09 45										1221	
B	V	840	MACMANUS			09 46										1244	
B	N-1	717	YEGHELS			09 46						*				1244	
B	W	743	SMITH			09 46										1245	
B	Q-1	900	BEHLMER			09 46										1241	span

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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

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

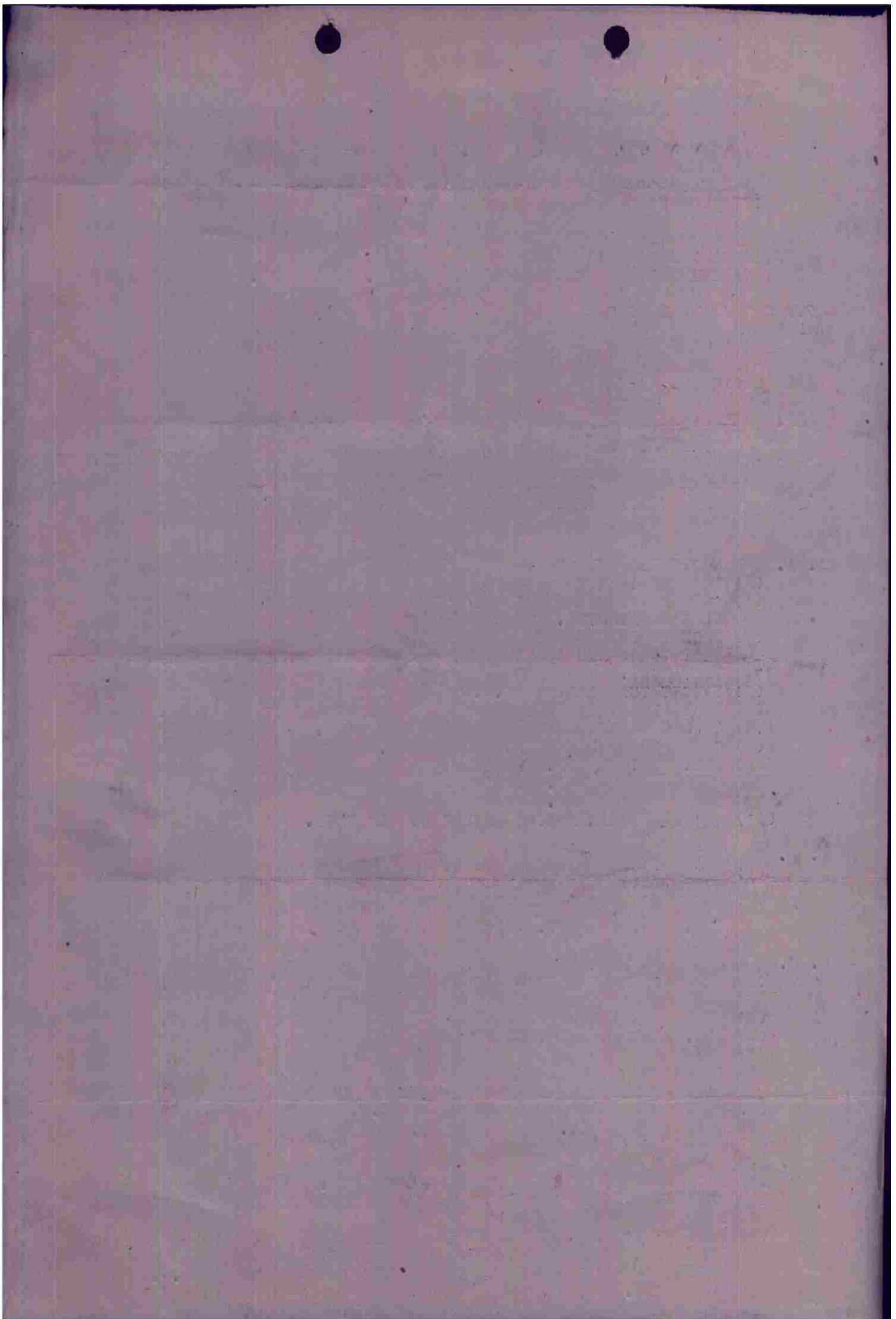
3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP
 - (3) WITH 416TH BOMB GROUP AT 51 DEG 08 MIN NORTH 00 DEG 18 MIN EAST AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO
 - (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 10,000 FEET.
 - (9) ILL. S5410/4 REF. 031027

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 2460
- (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



- (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.

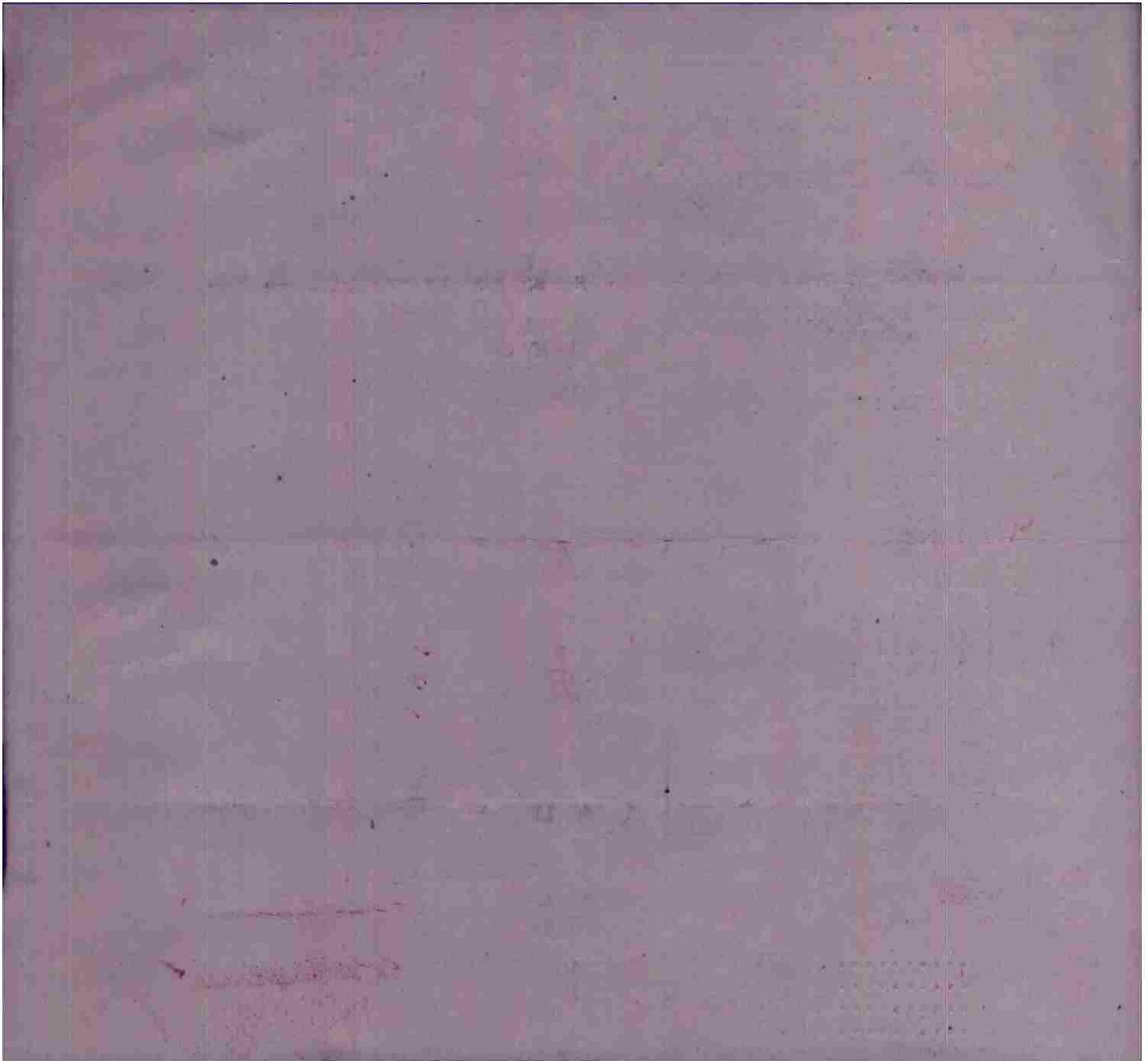
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OICOG R	232201	WB	AR
OIHAK R	23/2201B	JW	AR
OIGOF R	23/2211B	AK	AR
OIYAA R	23/2211B	EJS	AR
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DICOG OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI 10/23 OP
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 23/2235B M-127-E
 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 409
 TH COMBOMGP
 410TH COBOMGPO
 416TH COBOMGP

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

2. ZERO HOUR NOW READS 24/0930B

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

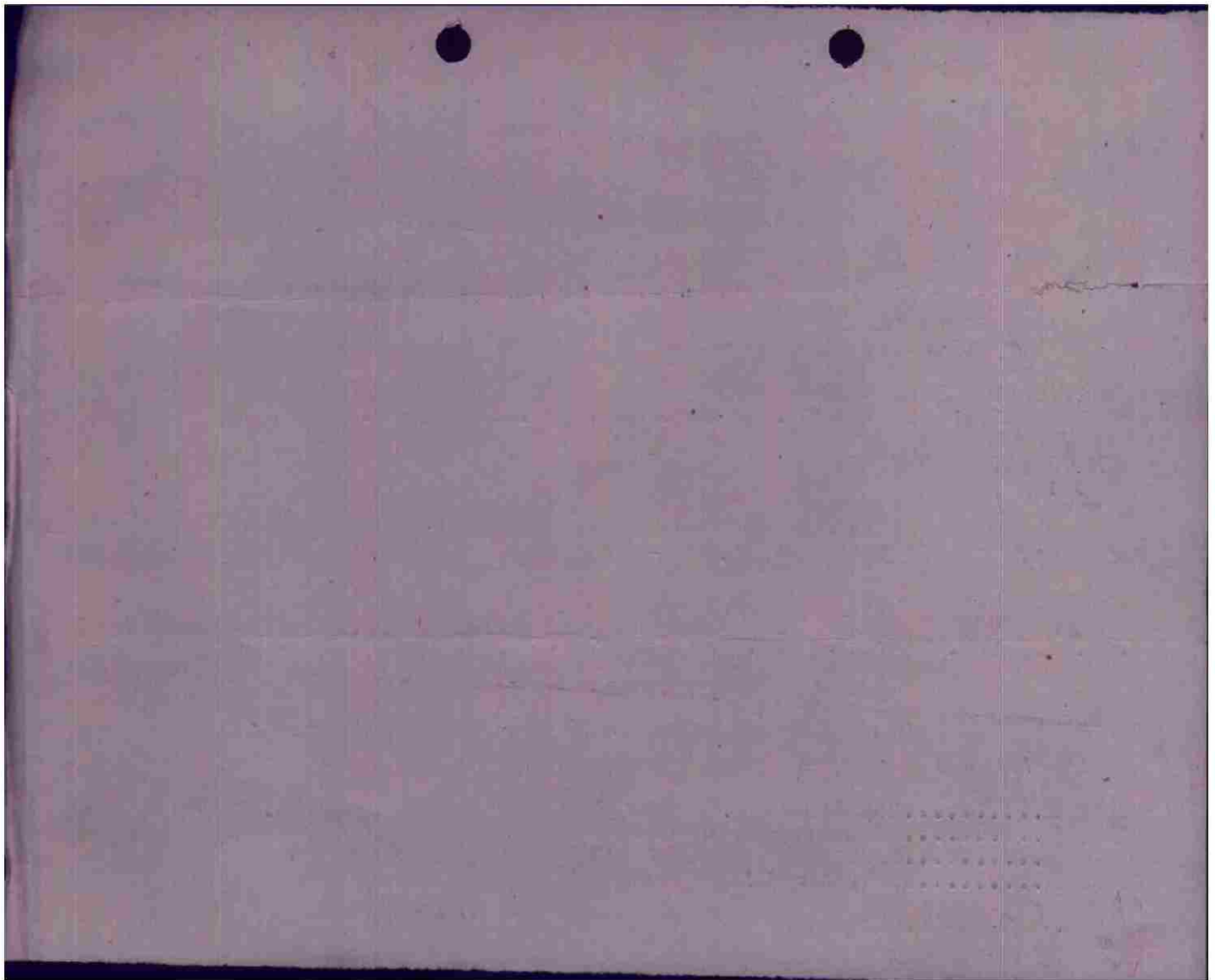
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LEG AS AR

DICOG R.....23220B RPG AR
 OIHAK R.....23/2240B IDR AR
 OIGOF R.....23/2240B CEN AR
 OIYAA R.....23/2245B EJS AR
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OICOG OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI 02/24 OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 24/0715B M-130-E
TO COMBOMCOM IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416

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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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BT 24/0715B
RL AR K

OICOG R..... 24/0713B BCD AR
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 COBOMBP
416TH COBOMGP

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
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ANNEX NO. 3 TO FIELD ORDER 49-327

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

BT 24/0830B

AR RRR

OICOG R.....WRPIRPB

OIHAK R.....240840B

OIGOF R.....240840B

OIYAA R.....240840B

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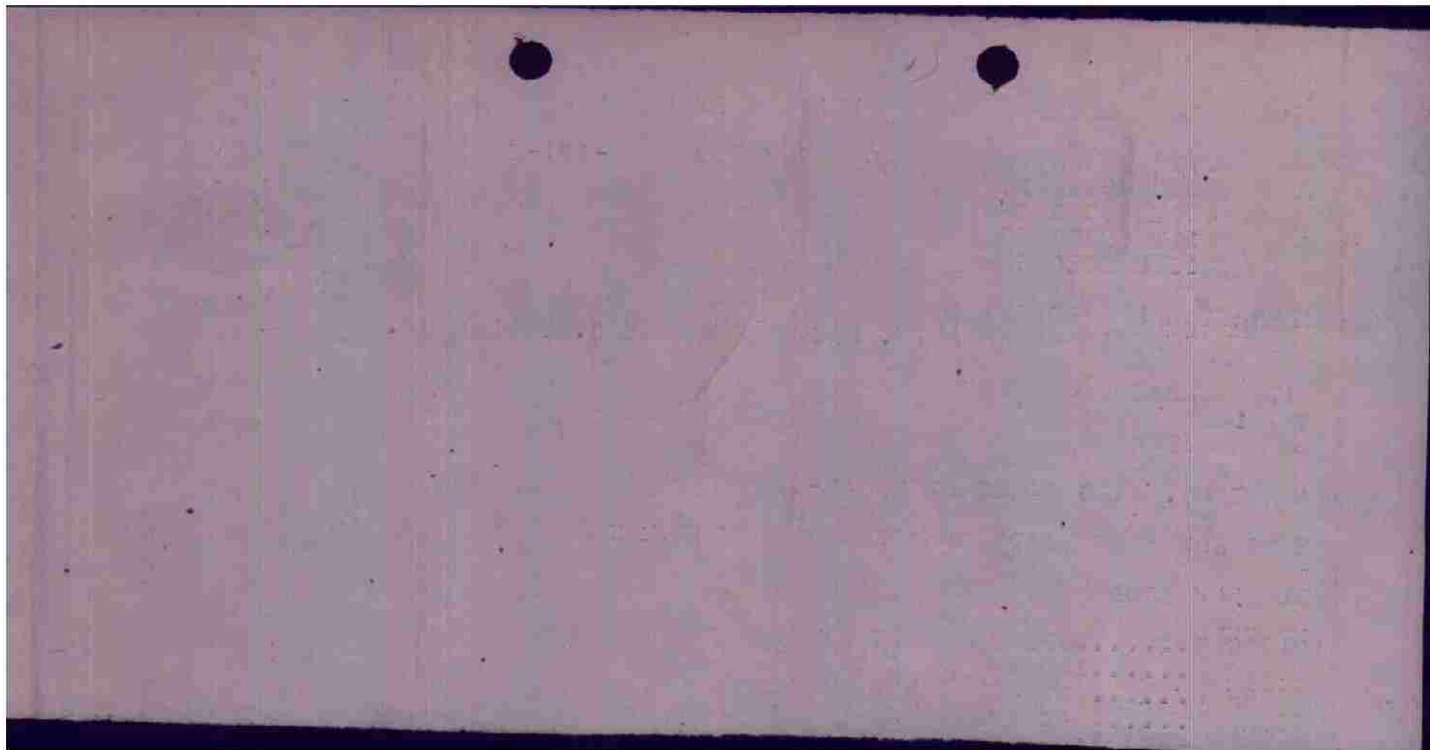
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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 24/1350D
TO CDBOMCOBATUG 97 ATT SIG O.
CONFIDENTIAL BT

W-612-J

A - YS - 51
B - MAY 1944 (8955-1209)
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 U Q-1
670 (8) O B L-1 S I-1 H E-1 T
671 (12) Z R E C D L N F V K P I

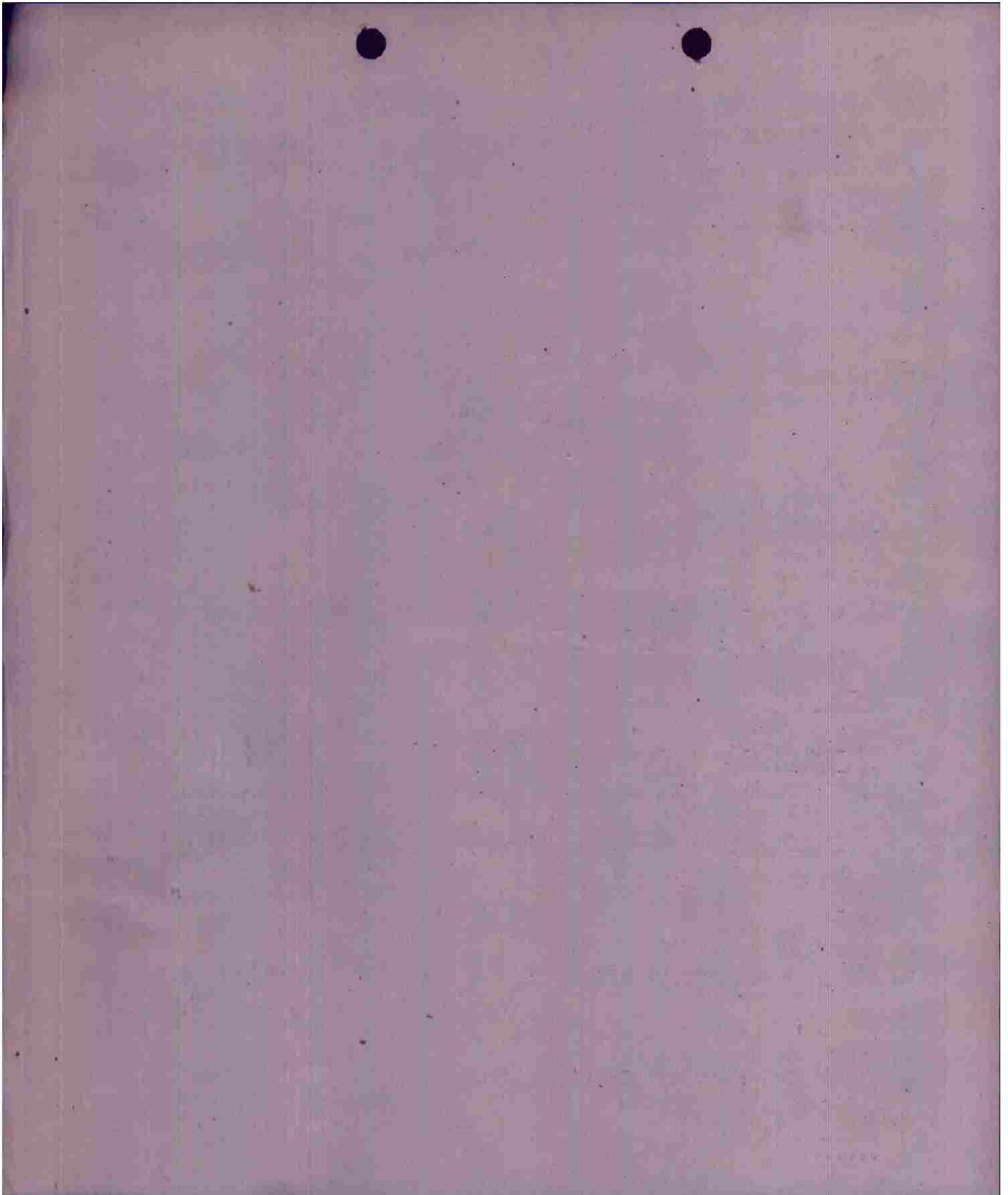
TOTAL--38

D- 671- X - CHANNEL C RECEIVER VERY WEAK, INTERPHONE LEAD TO TURRET
BROKEN BY AMMUNITION CAN.
E - 671 - X, 669-*, 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 BOMCON AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
M - NONE
N - NOT APPLICABLE
O - RADIO PERFORMANCE SATISFACTORY. INTERFERENCE REPORTED ON
CHANNEL C WHILE OVER ENGLISH CHANNEL.

MACE CDBOMGR 416

AS
CC LINE "E" - 671- X, 669 - J, 670 - M, USED BRAINTREE SPLASHER FROM
COAST IN.
BT 24/1350D
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4/24 OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

24/1425B

TO IX BOMBER COMMAND
97TH COMBAT WINGATTEN: 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 M 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 SERQUENY. 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 NM JETTISONED IN CHANNEL

4 X 500 GP RETURNED.

J. BOX 1 : 11,500 FEET.

BOX 2 : 11,000 FEET.

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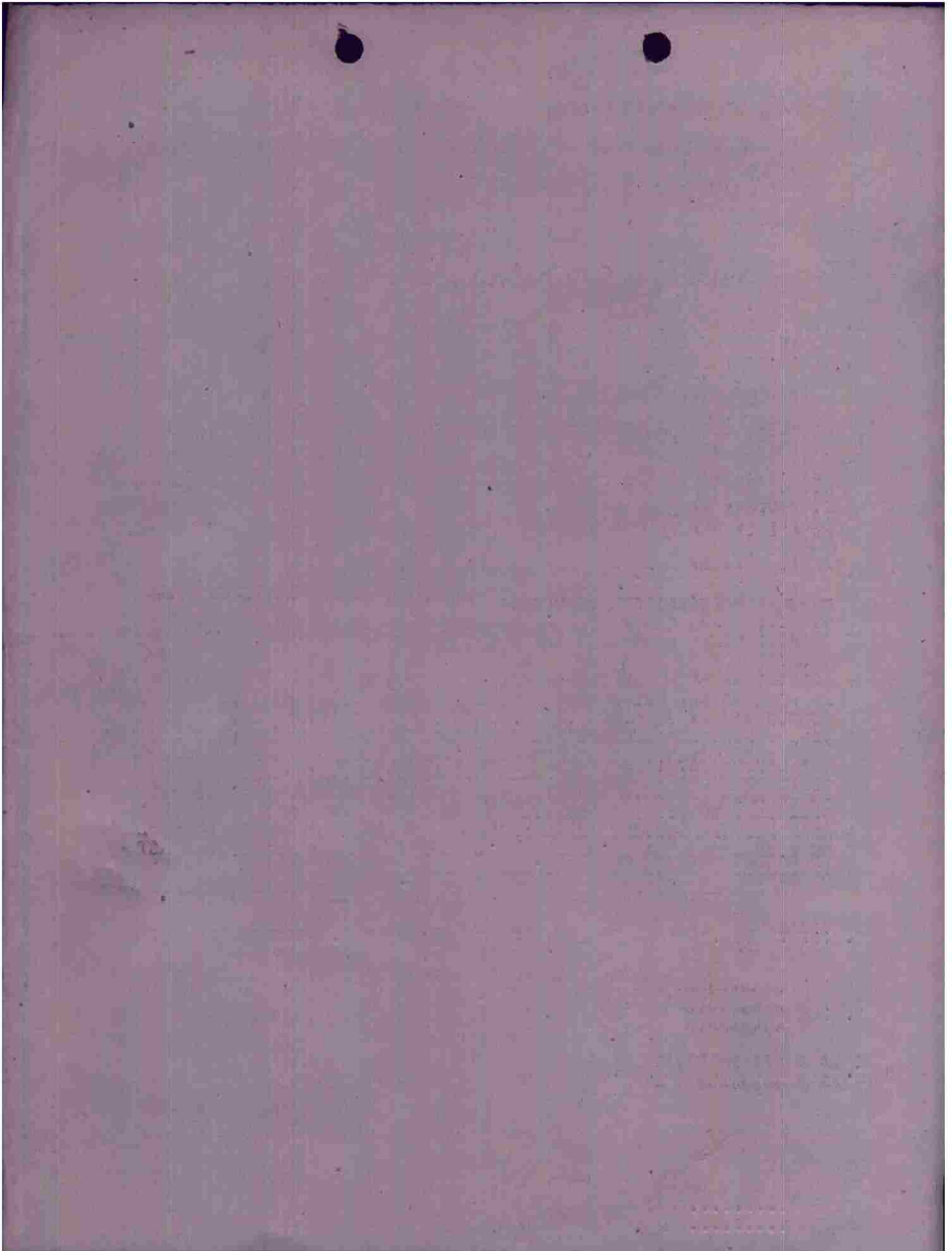
EW AR

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FK AR

OICOG R.....24/1445B

BLS AR



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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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