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FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

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

Subject: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Reports.

To : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APG 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 SCHENKEL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

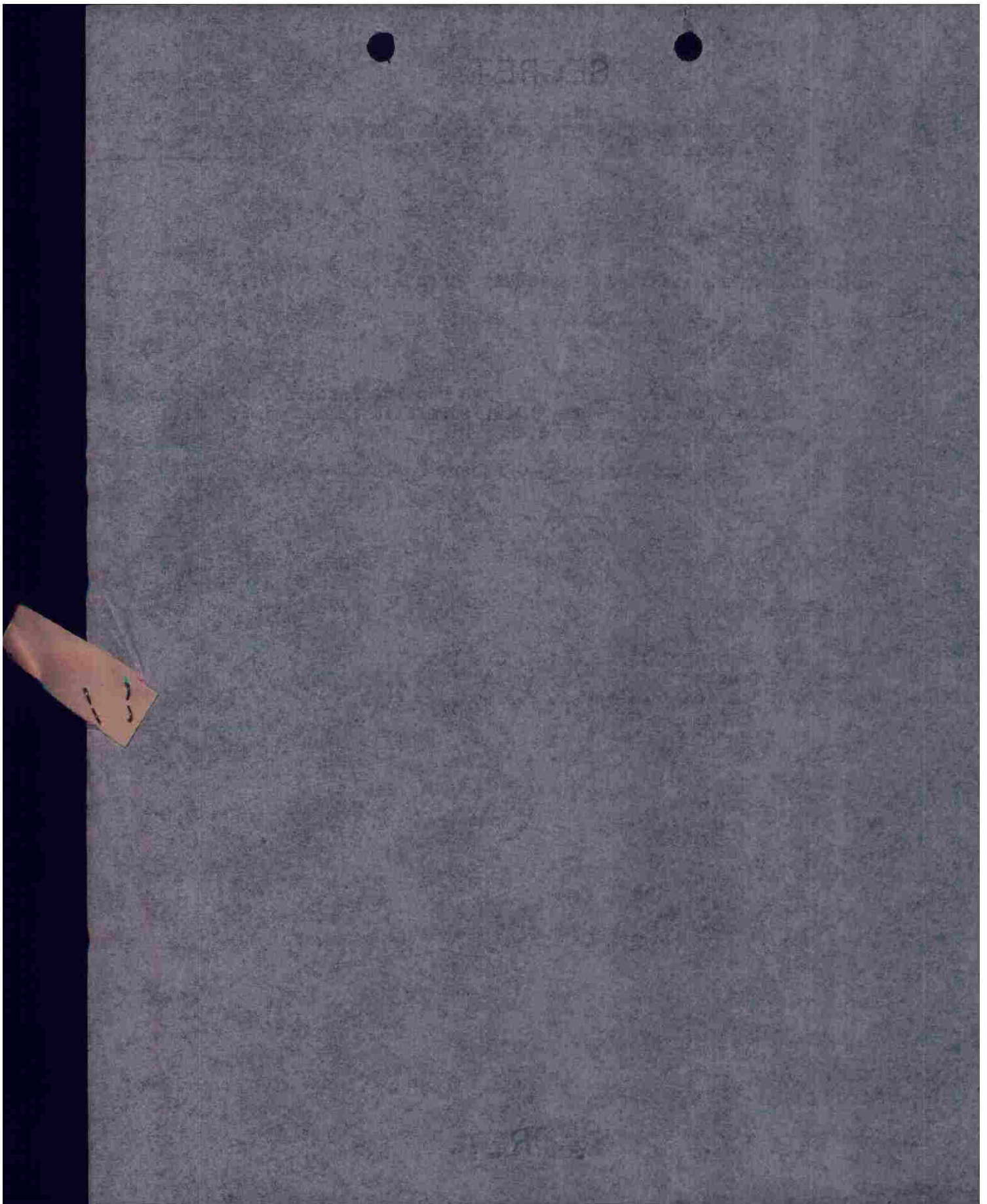
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- 3 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Box III)

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 320BOX I GROUP 418 DATE 24 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Abbeville Ducat 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. NPI used as AP. 10 mils trail subtracted.5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Ward6. Name of lead pilot: Major Fries7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 270 Altitude: 12,0009. Length of bomb run: 48 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10 1/10011. Total Bombs Dropped: 50

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: 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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(Over)

- V. Description of route from I.P. to target:
1. Visibility was 6 to 8 miles.
 2. None
 3. 3 boxes.
 4. Moderate.
 5. Hummings, albatross and coast.
 6. None
 7. Excellent.
 8. None

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 1738. Time over target 1848. Target - type - allie aircraft A/P. 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 50 bombs in the target area with excellent results. Visibility was 6 to 8 miles. No anti-aircraft fire experienced. No enemy aircraft encountered. Flares landed at 1808.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 328BOX II GROUP 416 DATE 24 May 44 TARGET ATTACKED Abbeville Druent 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. MPI 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: 265 Altitude: 11,0009. Length of bomb run: 10 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N1/LOT 1/10011. Total Bombs Dropped: 56

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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(Over)

- A. Description of route from I.R. to further:
1. Activity was 6 to 8 miles.
 2. None
 3. 3 boxes.
 4. Moderate.
 5. Humane, strong and good.
 6. Improvements were not tested.
 7. Poor.
 8. None

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 328BOX III GROUP 418 DATE 24 May 44 TARGET ATTACKED Abbeville Buscat
A/DPre-set asynchronous.

1. Method of Sighting:

110° Mag.

2. Bombing approach:

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 asynchronous. Not used as AP. 10 mile trail subtracted.5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Forna6. Name of lead pilot: Lt. Osborne.7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 275 Altitude: 12,500

9. Length of bomb run: _____ Sec: _____

10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/15 1/10011. Total Bombs Dropped: 30

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: None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

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

EXCELLENT X~~SECRET~~

(Over)

4. Description of route from I.P. to target
1. Visibility was 0 to 2 miles.
2. None
3. 2 boxes.
4. Moderate.
5. Humming, airplane and coast.
6. None.
7. Excellent.
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--1725--Abberville-Druent AD
- (2) 42
- (3) 42

PART II.

None

PART III (1).

None.

PART III (2)

<u>AAT SERIAL NO</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>SCHEIN</u>
43-3070	No bombs dropped.	Release relay burned out.	Yes
43-3224	One bomb failed to release.	Release solenoid burned out.	Yes
43-10104	One bomb failed to release.	Short in bomb release circuit.	Yes
43-3209	One bomb failed to release.	Binding in rack.	Yes

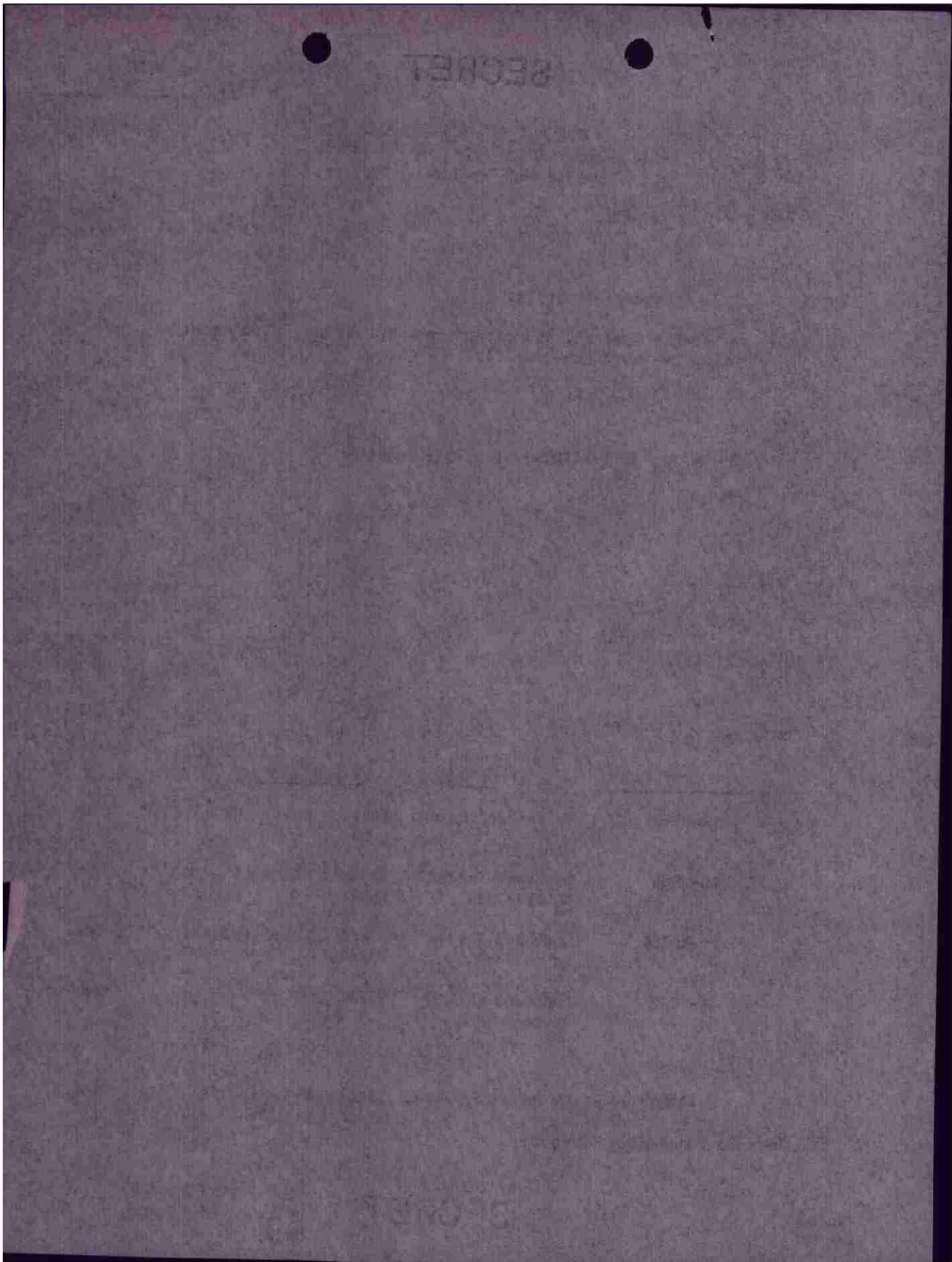
PART III (3).

43-3907	No bombs dropped.	Pilot had switch in wrong position.	Yes
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For the Commanding Officer:

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GEORGE STEINBACH,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.



MISSION NO. 54

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

24 MAY 1944

1. 444 J
Major R.F. Price ✓
Lt. A.R. Rand ✓
T/S L.G. Robbins
S/S D.H. Simpson
2. 125 M
Capt. R.B. Prentiss ✓
Lt. W.M. Lytle ✓
S/S J. McCreery
S/S H.J. Sylva
3. 701 H
Col. H.L. Mace ✓
S/S C.L. Hibbs
S/S A.A. Hill

4. 195 D
Lt. J.F. Meagher ✓
W Sgt D. Hantske
S/S E.A. Damico
5. 963 N
Lt. R.D. Leshner ✓
W S/S H.R. Hedrick
S/S A.J. Antanaitis
6. 684 K
Lt. T.J. Sims ✓
W Sgt H.W. Larsen
S/S J.C. Williamson

FLIGHT II

1. 200 A
Lt. R.S. Rudisill ✓
S/S R.K. Riley
S/S A.J. Bonamo
2. 892 L
Lt. E.L. Johnson ✓
W Sgt D.S. Blackford
S/S M.R. Brayn

3. 978 S
Lt. R.J. Rooney ✓
W S/S H.M. McCleary
S/S S.F. DiNapoli
4. 224 E
Lt. H.A. Monroe ✓
W S/S W.L. Kidd
S/S S. Risko

FLIGHT III

1. 227 F
Lt. F.J. Harrold ✓
Sgt C.W. Maziasz
S/S J.A. Ochaba
2. 750 M-1
Lt. L.R. McBride ✓
W Cpl J. McKee
S/S R. Eutsler

3. 157 P
Lt. D.F. Shea ✓
W S/S R.E. Lee
S/S F.G. Falk
4. 209 K-1
Lt. J.C. Sewell ✓
W Sgt L. Martinez
Sgt W.J. Daniel

MISSION NO. 54
24 May 1944

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MISSION NO. 54

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

24 MAY 1944

1. 442 D
Capt. R.A. Clark ✓
Lt. C.W. Jones ✓
S/S A.E. Bergeron
S/S H.E. Kelton

4. 743 W
Lt. W.C. Siggs ✓
S/S R.W. Nicks
S/S N. Radlich

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

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

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

6. 206 F
Lt. A.J. Vlegghels ✓
Sgt C.E. Rice
Sgt R.W. Young

FLIGHT II

1. ~~219~~ ~~Int~~
376 O
Lt. R.J. Morton ✓
T/S W.J. Kelly
S/S W.J. Ferguson

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

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

4. 689 I
Lt. E.J. Renth ✓
S/S O.D. LANave
S/S F.M. Citty

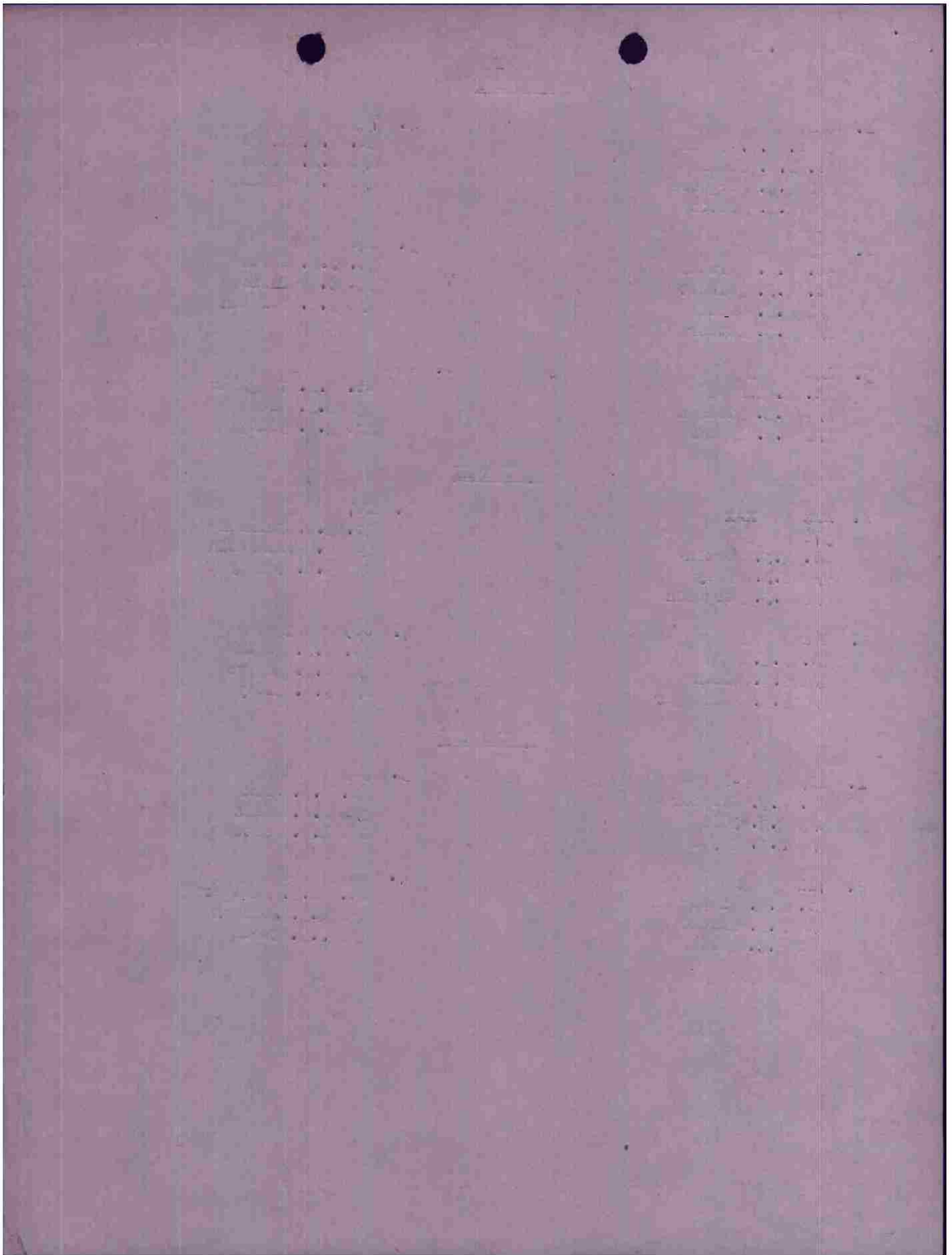
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1. 219 D-1
Lt. R.F. Shaefer ✓
S/S E.R. Judd
S/S J.A. Fejes

3. 363 L
Lt. R.W. York ✓
S/S H.J. Wilds
Sgt L.A. Ashton

2. 711 M
Lt. R.A. Wipperman ✓
S/S H.S. Ahrens
Sgt L.C. Mazza

4. 220 E
Lt. E.T. Platter ✓
S/S K.L. Johnson
S/S J.L. Czech



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.H. Coe

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

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

4. 907 C
Lt. G. Ebnstein ✓
ω S/S H. Perkins
Sgt S.P. Newell

5. 203 R
Lt. A.P. Nikas ✓
ω Sgt G.W. Scott
Sgt H.W. Smith

6. 194 A
Lt. R.V. Miracle ✓
ω S/S J.C. Barkhalter
S/S B.C. Sieg

FLIGHT II

1. 214 C
Lt. R.V. Wheeler ✓
S/S E. Corrin
S/S J.S. Brower

2. 714 N
Lt. J.H. Miller ✓
ω Sgt R.D. ~~Miller~~ *Winkler*
Sgt J. Galander

3. 221 F
Lt. J.D. Adams ✓
ω S/S P.L. Clearman
Sgt A.J. Zeikus

FLIGHT III

1. 0194 A-1
Lt. P.F.E. MacManus ✓
S/S J.L. Rogers
S/S G.I. Fleischmann

2. 210 Q-1
ω Lt. J.S. Connor ✓
Sgt H.C. Rodger
Sgt J.E. Van Dyne

3. 164 I
ω Lt. R.E. Greenley ✓
S/S H.C. Worden
S/S J.J. Rzepka

SPECIAL FLIGHT

1. 914 X
Lt. H.L. Sommers ✓
ω Lt. R.J. McQuade ✓
S/S G.F. Coffey
S/S G.F. Cope

2. 393 K
ω Lt. A.R. Durante ✓
S/S H.T. Best
S/S I.R. DeGiusti

3. ~~221~~ 211 O
ω Lt. T.J. Leonard ✓
S/S G.D. Evans
S/S T. A. Palmer

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

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24 MAY 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR HAROLD A. RADETSKY

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C. HASTINGS

D. FLIGHT I R/T KITNOSE FOUR

671 2 X K

670 1 O

FLIGHT LEADER 671 X

BOX I R/T KITNOSE ONE

668 6 J M H D N K

670 8 A L S E F M-1 P K-1

GROUP LEADER 668 J

DEPUTY 668 M

BOX II R/T KITNOSE TWO

669 7 D H W V F O A

670 2 B I

671 5 R D-1 M K K L E

SECOND BOX LEADER 669 D

DEPUTY 671 R

BOX III R/T KITNOSE THREE

670 2 T Q

668 6 E O R A C Q ~ /

671 4 C-1 N F I-1

THIRD BOX LEADER 670 T

DEPUTY

670 Q

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F. CAYEUX

G. ~~XXXXXX~~ 1843 $\frac{1}{2}$

H. 9

J. BERCK-SUR-MER

K. DUNGENESS

L. 1903 $\frac{1}{2}$

M. 1. E.T.D. 1752 E.T.A. 1922

2. 4 x 500 GP

3. 4 HOURS

4. BOX I Z136

BOX II Z136

BOX III Z136

5. NONE

MAGE COBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

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

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

APO 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 3-5 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
3 miles. 6-7/10 cirrus above 30000.

WINDS: As forecast.

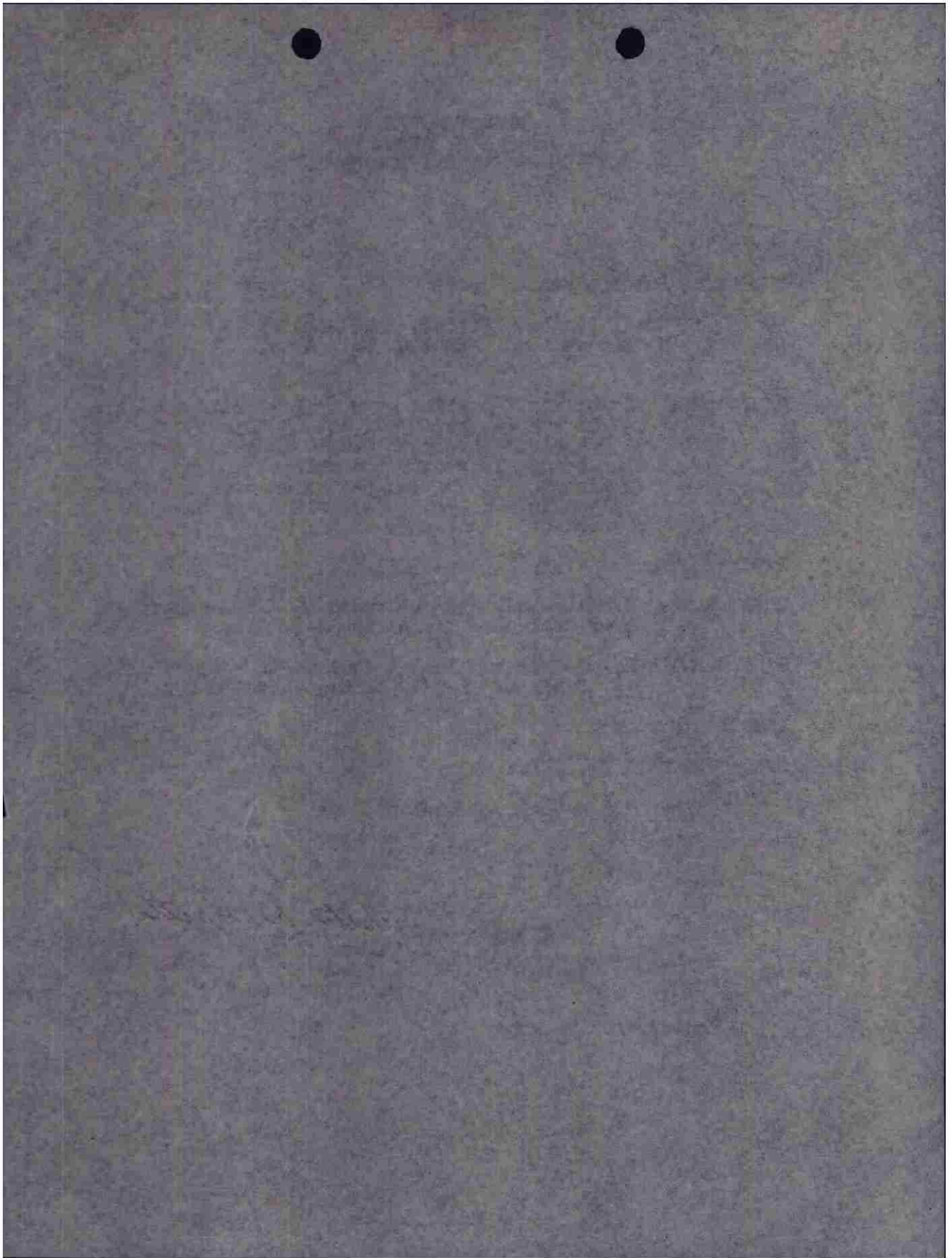
TIME OVER TARGET: 18:47

Weather did not affect bombing.

Walter D. Castle

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

1 Incl.
2 Route Forecast Forms



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A	M	125	Thurston		Auscat	17 27	18,000	18,43		18,52	19,03	C				1931	
A	H	701	Tracer			17 27	1830					C				1930	
A	D	195	Thurston			17 28						C				1932	
A	N	463	Decker			17 28										1933	
A	K	684	Levine			17 28										1933	
C	A	200	Judowitz			17 28										1935	
C	L	892	Johnson			17 29										1936	
C	S	978	Donnelly			17 29										1936	
C	E	224	Thompson			17 29										1936	
C	F	227	Thompson			17 29										1937	
C	M	160	Thompson			17 30						C				1939	
C	P	157	Thompson			17 30										1938	
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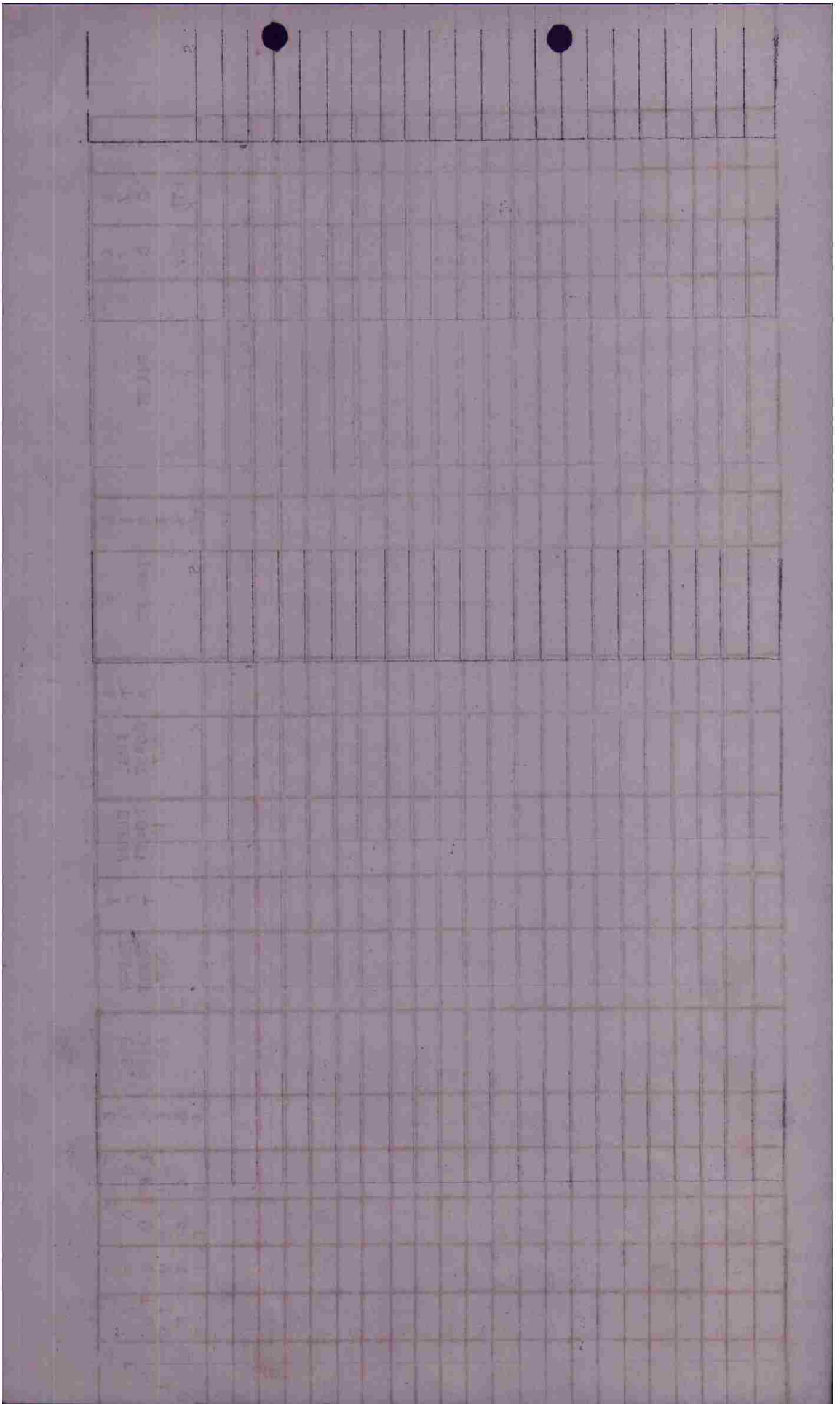
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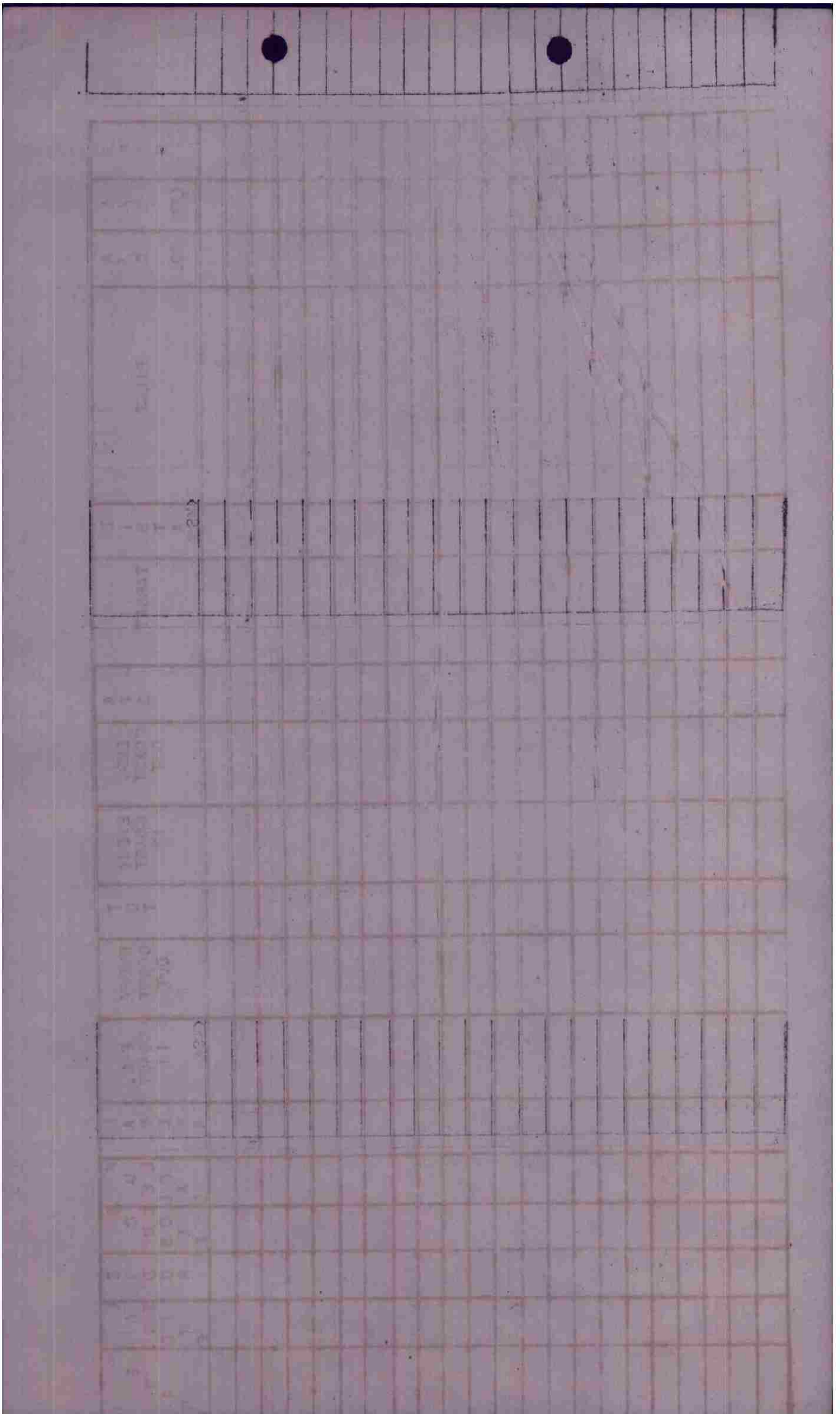
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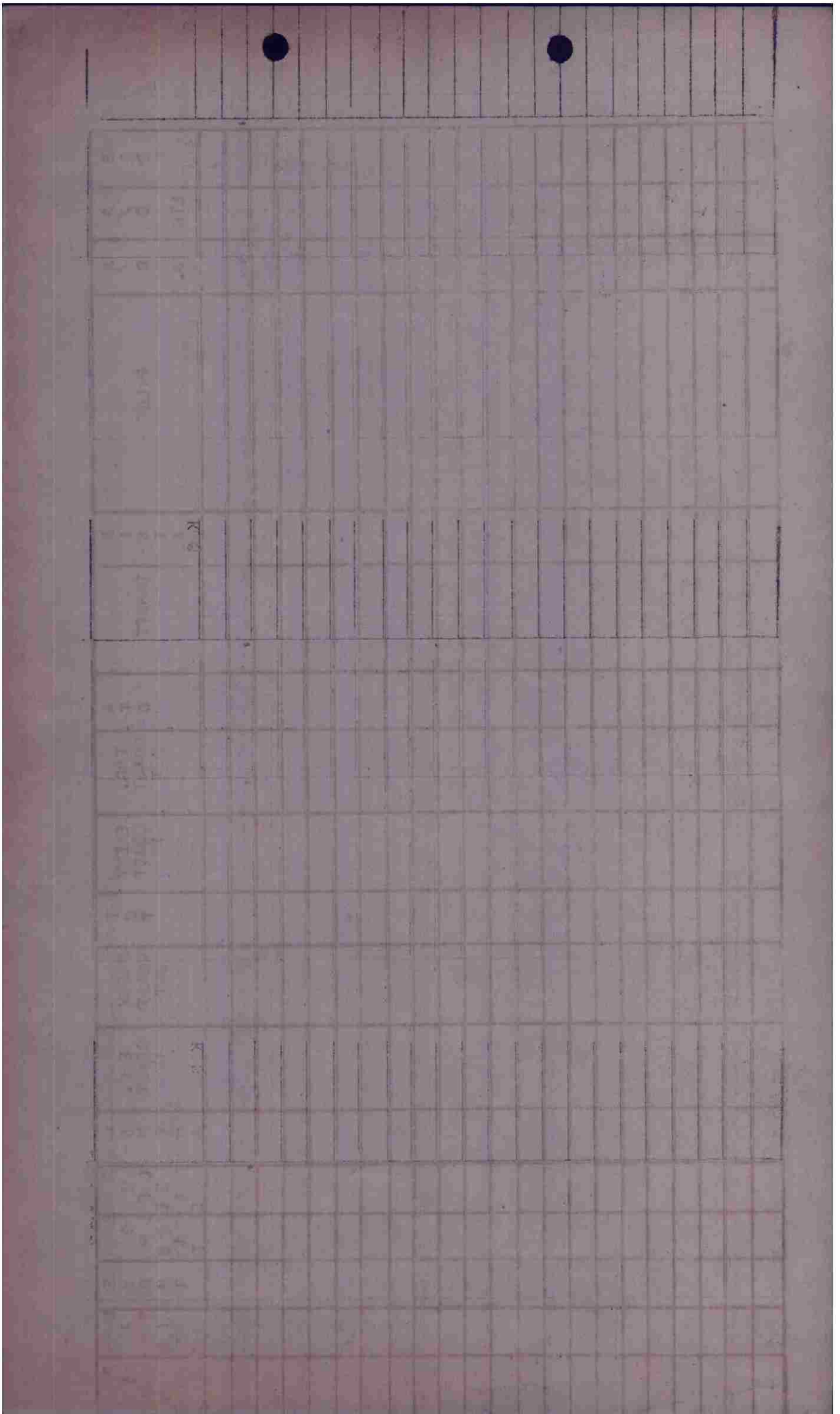
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B-8		645	Morgan		Attained	17 33	12,000	12,000		12,000	9,000					1950	
B-8		148	Rentak			17 33	1830	1843		1852	1903					1950	
B-8		743	Wipe			17 33										1951	
B-8		840	Whitty			17 34										1953	
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B-8		376	Porter			17 34										1956	
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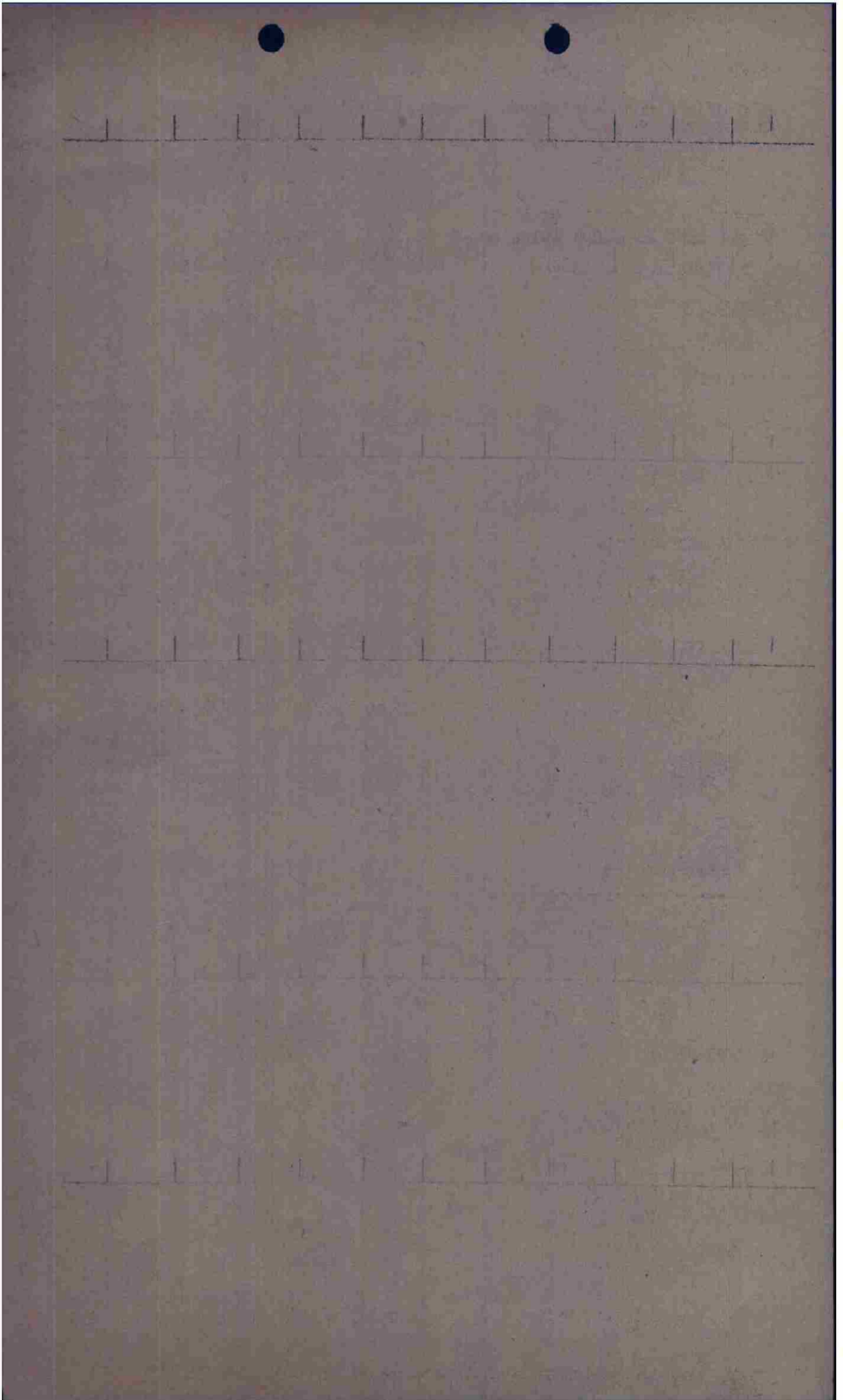
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C-1	I	455	Kubane	800	Admiral	1739	12,000	12,000	1847	12,000	9,000	N-C	725	H+	1943	
C-1	G	452	Mappier		Buccat	1739	12,000	12,000	1847	12,000	9,000	N-C	725	H+	1943	
A-1	E	226	Pitchee			1739	1830	1843		1852	1903				1944	
A-1	O	907	Elmstein			1739									1945	
A-1	E	203	Mikael			1740						C			1941	
A-1	C	194	Mainace			1740									1941	
D-1	C-1	214	Shoeler			1740									1948	
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A-1	A	0194	MacInnes			1941									1945	
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B-1	X	393	Swanwick	300	Albany	17	42	12,000	12,000	1847	12,000	9,000	725	41	1929	1929													
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B-1	X	914	Shindaw		Albany	17	42	12,000	12,000	1847	12,000	9,000	725	41	1929	1929													



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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. TOWLES JR.

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 24 MAY 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 50-32

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 DERCK-SUR-MER TO DUNGENESS TO BASE

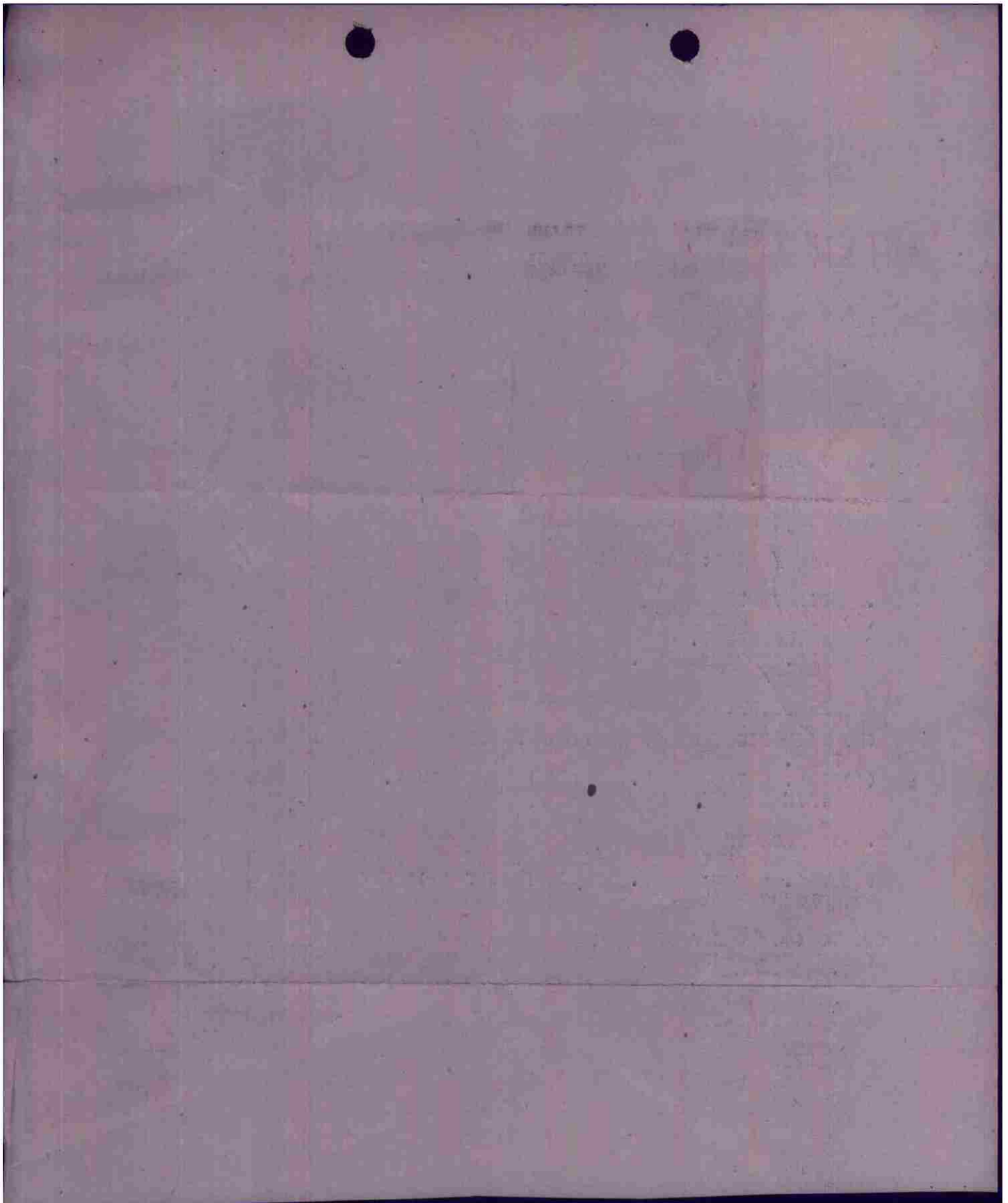
(9) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,000 FEET

(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



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/THK

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THIS IS OICOG HEAR IT IS NO GOOD HEAR

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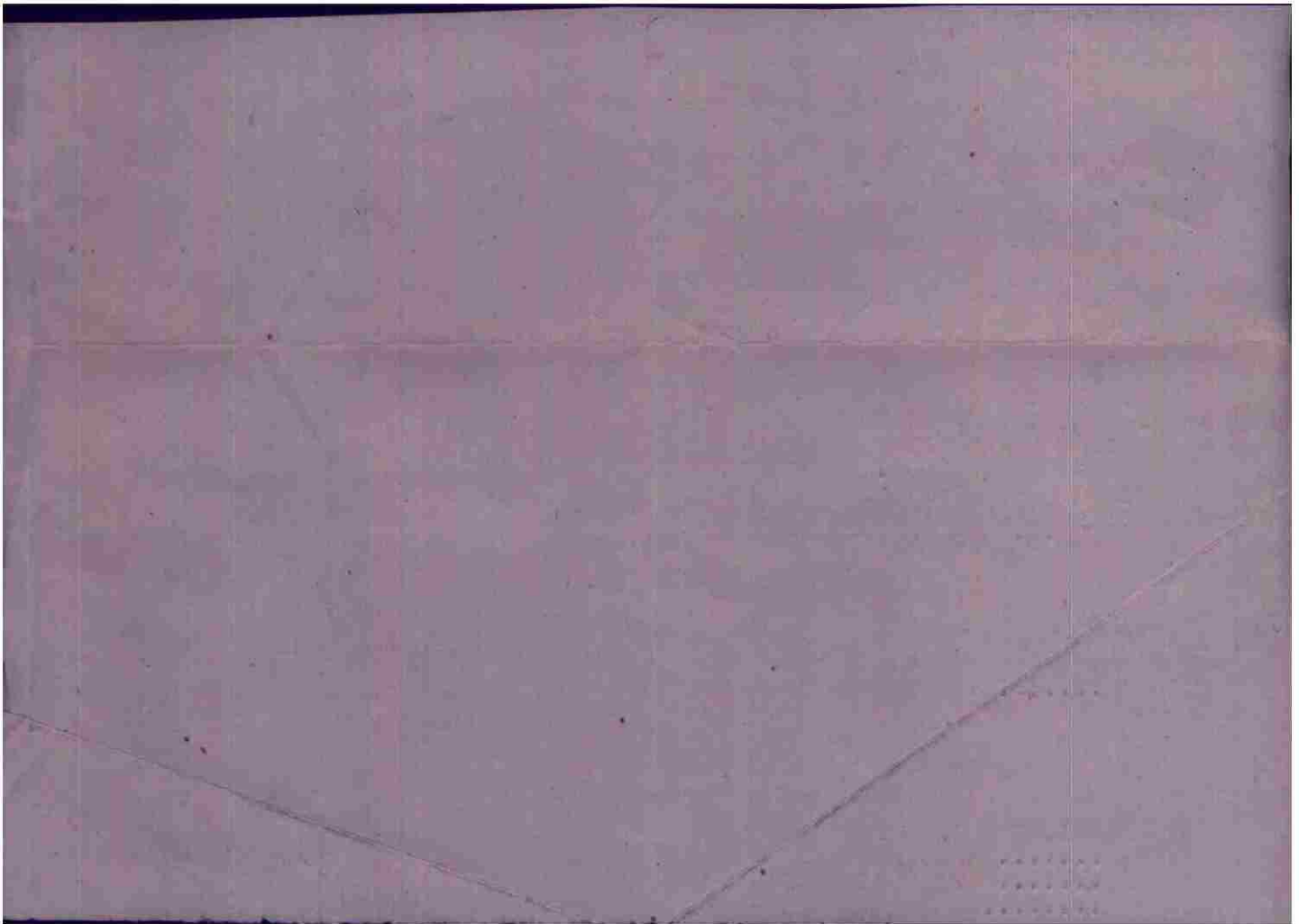
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ROM 416TH BOMB GP (L) 242145B

TO IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2
97TH COMBAT ING ATTN: A-2

CONFIDENTIAL BT

624D OPFLASH NO 49 FOR 24 MAY 194

- (I) ABBEVILLE DRICAT A/D
- (II) ABBEVILLE DRUCAT A/D
- (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 MECHANICAL FAILURE, PROBABLE SHORT IN ELECTRICAL SYSTEM.
- (IV) 37 A/C DROPPED ON PRIMARY PLUS THREE WINDOW A/C
- (IME (I) 1727
- (II) 1848
- (III) 1959
- (I) NIL
- (II) 0-0-0
- (III) 0-0-0
- BOX I : EXCELLENT CONCENTRATION ON MPI
- BOX II (BOMBED THRD): POOR. CONCENTRATION SHORT OF MPI .
- BOX III (BOMBED SECOND): EXCELLENT CONCENTRATION ON MPI.
- W (I) (A) NIL
- (B) NIL
- (II) (A) NIL
- (B) NIL

A G. AT 1841 FROM 12,000 FEET, ONE YELLOW DINGHY OBSERVED
AT 50 DEG 20' N- 01 DEG 17' E. (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS HOT NEWS)
AT 1904 FROM 12,000 FEET, ONE ROUND ORANGE OBJECT OBSERVED
AT 50 DEG 52' - 01 DEG 02' E. (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS HOT NEWS)
AT 1854, FROM 12,000 FEET, A GUN EMPLACEMENT UNDER CONSTRUCTION WAS OBSERVED AT 2. / AT 50 DEG 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 LOCOMOTIVE AND APPROXIMATELY 8(GOODS WAGONS, WAS OBSERVED HEADED NORTH JUST NORTH OF RUE. AT THE SAME PLACE, TWO TRAINS OF ABOUT TWENTY CARS WERE SEEN STANDING STILL ON A SIDING BUT NEITHER HAD A LOCOMOTIVE.
AT 1902 FROM 11500 FEET, ONE MEDIUM-SIZED VESSEL WAS SEEN 200 YARDS OFF SHORE OF 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 KKKXX LEVEL. THESE A/C KKKX REMAINED FAR AWAY AND DISAPPEARED IMMEDIATELY.

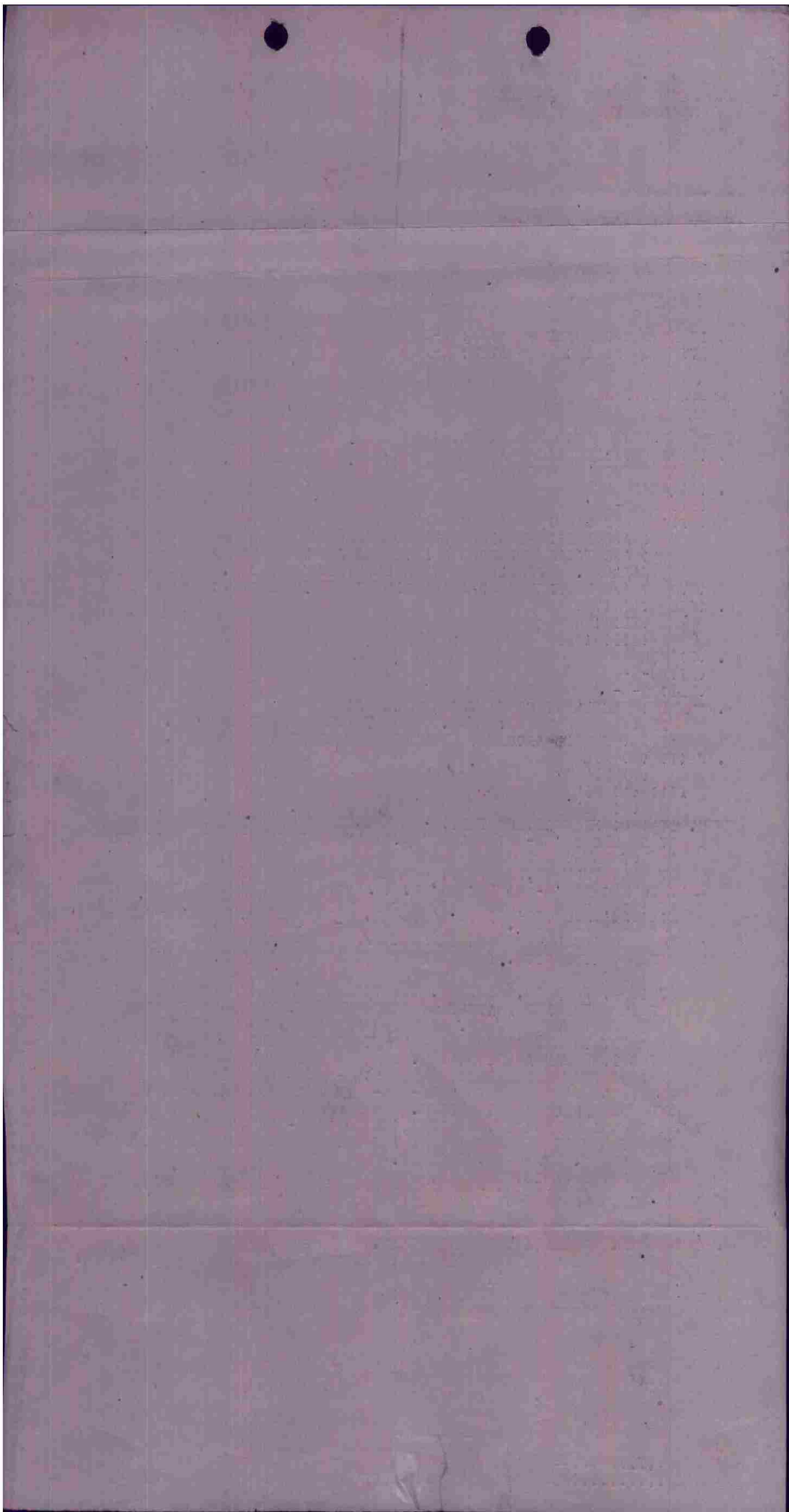
- (I) CLEAR. VISIBILITY 6 TO 8 MILES.
- (II) 6 TO 7 CLOUD OVER ENGLAND BREAKING TO 2 TO 3 SOUTH OF THAMES. CLEAR OVR CHANNEL.
- 145 B 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- 11 X 500 GP RETURNED
- 12,000 FEET

BT 242145B

IS CC A. (I) DRUCAT CC 2ND LINE UNDER B. WGW(III) PERSONNEL FAILURE
C 12TH LINE UNDER G. WA APPROXIMATELY 8 GOOD WAGONS
EXT LINE WA NORTH OF RUE

W AR K

WICOG R.....242241B RPG AR
OILAI R...../24/2241B WCB AR



LAI V YAA YAA 14/24 R
 FROM COBOMGR 416 24/2100B
 TO COBOMCOBATWG 97 ATT SIG O
 M-623-J
 CONFIDENTIAL BT

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A- YS -52

B- 24 MAY 1944 (1752-1922)

KNMXX

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

JESTIKKX

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

MACE COBOMGR

BT 24/2100B

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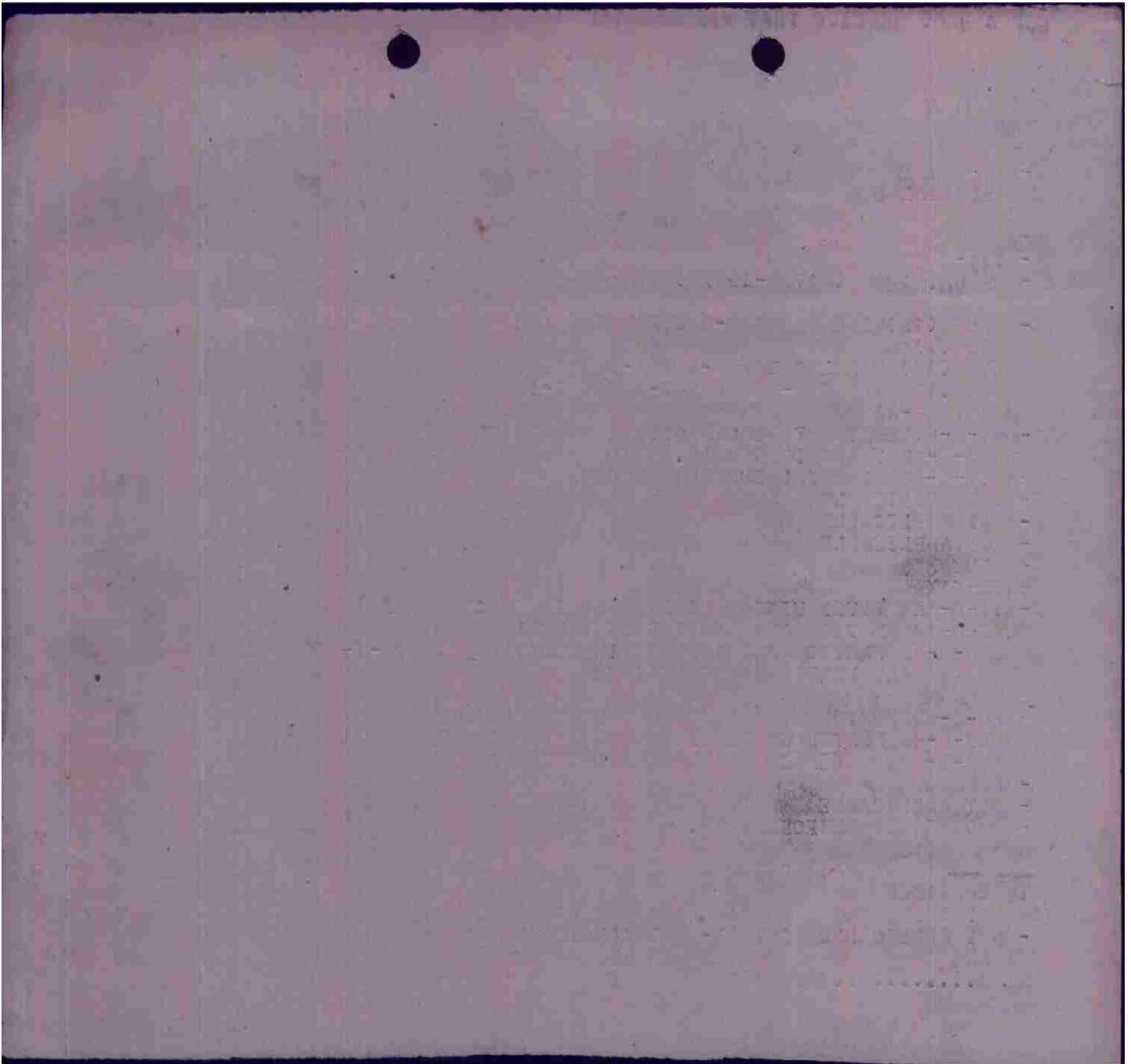
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GOF DIDNOT RECEIVE THAT ALL GARBLED QM

AM24/1604B CML AR

HAK I HAVE ONE SMALL ONE FOR YOU AND THE ILL IMI TO GOF
OK OK KKKKKKM5

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

99)7)-8 (((

YAA ERE WERE YOU CALLING ?

NOPE OO K AR AR .YAA ARE YOU THERE KKKK

YAA ERE KKKK

STAND BY FOR B/CAST OK

BYDNI WE WANT YOU ON THE OTHER MACHINE

YOU HAVE US ON THE OTHER CALL OICOG PL OK TKS WILL DO SO

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

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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 PROTECTED.

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 DAD K OK WILL RESEND TO YOU

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

