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

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By authority
CC, Sta. 170
26 May 1944
init. _____

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

Subject: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Report.

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

Transmitted herewith is the A-3 Bombing Information Report
on operational mission 25 May 1944, submitted in compliance with
IX Bomber Command Memorandum 55-2.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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

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APPENDIX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 329BOX II GROUP 416 DATE 25 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Monchy Breton A/T1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.2. Bombing approach: 330° 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. MPI used as AP. 10 sixths mile trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Bureiel6. Name of lead pilot: Captain McNulty7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 238 Altitude: 10,0009. Length of bomb run: 60 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUCED N 1/10T 1/10011. Total Bombs Dropped: 72

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. Cloud cover affected identification and necessitated two bomb runs.

(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

(Over)

~~SECRET~~

Formation consisted of two boxes, in which box 1 and 10 were
 Box 2. Time of take off was 1100. The other target 1200 on
 second run. Target - heavy action aircraft. After pre-
 arranged by lead pilot and bombardier-navigator was the pilot
 also to push target upon release by bombardier-navigator. This
 resulted in premature release by pilot under mistaken impression
 that bombardier-navigator had bombed. A total of 41 bombs were
 dropped in open fields and across highway 1 to 2 miles east of
 target. Box 2, at 10,000 feet, dropped a total of 22 bombs in
 the target area with excellent results. Bombs opened target
 area and made two bomb runs necessary. Visibility was 5 to 6
 miles. Anti-aircraft was moderate against the second target
 area. A strong rotating searchlight was observed. No enemy aircraft
 encountered. Mission ended at 1240.

- Description of route from L.A. to target:
1. 4 to 6 miles.
 2. 6/10 to 6/11 approximately at 8000 feet. Bombed area
 3. 2 boxes 10
 4. With
 5. Messages and warnings.
 6. Cloud cover under two bomb runs necessary.
 7. Encounters.
 8. None

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By authority
GC, Sta. 170
23 May 1944
Int. _____

HEADQUARTERS
15TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

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

Subject: Mission Report - Aircraft.

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

PART I.

- (1) 23 May 1944 - 1103 - Henchy Breton Airfield.
- (2) 26 (28 started)
- (3) 27

PART II.

None

PART III. (1)

<u>AIR SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
43-1717	BCR 532 Inoperative.	Radio out.	No

PART III. (2)

43-2912	Sway braces too tight.	One bomb delayed release.	No
43-2189	Sway braces too tight.	One bomb delayed release.	Yes

PART III. (3)

43-2743	Pilot selected wrong switch.	Three bombs delayed release.	No
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18 aircraft in box 1 abortive. Premature release of bombs.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKMAN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

MISSION NO. 55

LOADING LIST

25 MAY 1944

BOX I
FLIGHT I

Rocky mts.
1. 914 X
Major W.J. Meng ✓
Lt. V.H. Powell ✓
S/S R.F. Stobert
S/S F.P. Glynn

2. 452 Q
Capt. D.A. Hulse ✓
Lt. R. Conte ✓
S/S F.D. Allred
S/S D.W. Stephens

3. 892 L
Lt. P.G. Atkinson ✓
S/S J.O. Swafford
S/S P.F. Glynn

4. 211 O
Lt. W.J. Greene ✓
S/S J.A. Ochaba
S/S W.F. Colbert

5. 200 A
Lt. E.L. Johnson ✓
S/S R.E. Lee
S/S M.R. Brayn

6. 227 F
Lt. A.W. Nordstrom ✓
S/S H.M. McCleary
S/S S.F. DiNapoli

FLIGHT II

1. 645 R
Lt. L.A. Marzolf ✓
Lt. R.J. Basnett ✓
S/S H.E. Wellin
S/S L.G. Kutzer

2. 221 F-1
Lt. H.D. Andrews ✓
S/S G.M. Cook
S/S E.R. Werley

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

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

5. 714 N
Lt. J.H. Miller ✓
Sgt R.G. Schrom
Sgt J. Galender

6. 363 L-1
Lt. R.W. York ✓
S/S H.J. Wilds
Sgt L.A. Ashton

FLIGHT III

1. 376 O-1
Lt. P.F.E. MacManus ✓
S/S J.L. Rogers
S/S G.I. Fleischmann

2. 181 A-1
Lt. W.H. Land ✓
S/S R.L. Ballinger
S/S S.F. Alden

3. 148 H
Lt. E.E. DeMun ✓
S/S S.M. Rosenstein
S/S H.O. Carney

4. 673 I
Lt. R.L. Behlmer ✓
S/S W.J. Kelly
S/S W. Ferguson

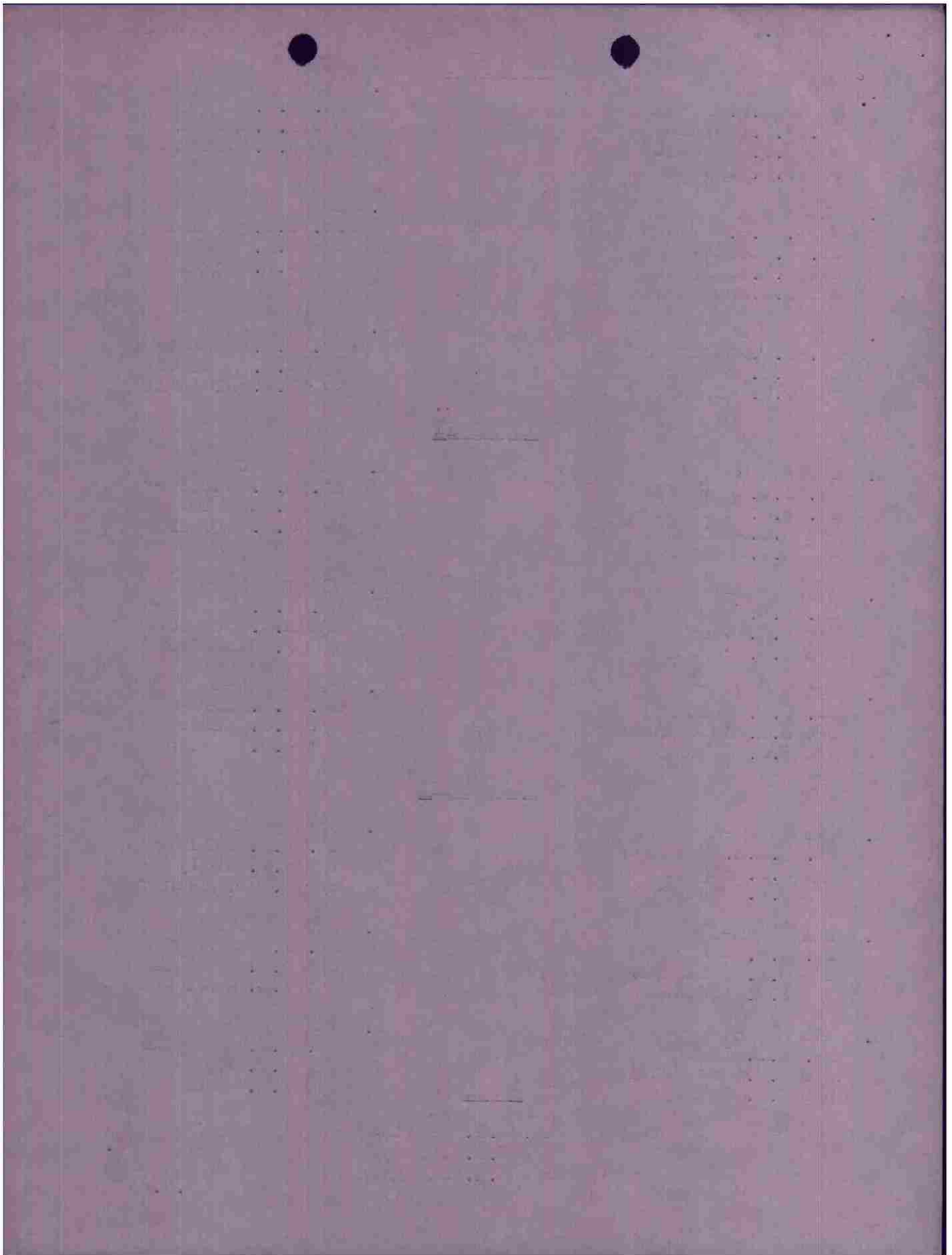
5. 206 F-2
Lt. P. Dantas ✓
S/S A.L. Nielsen
S/S W.E. Fields

6. 717 N-1
Lt. A.J. Vlegheels
S/S C.E. Rice
S/S R.W. Young

SPARE

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

MISSION NO. 55
25 MAY 1944
A.M. ✓



MISSION NO. 55

LOADING LIST

25 MAY 1944

BOX IIFLIGHT I

1. 455 T
Capt. G.M. McNulty✓
Lt. F.H. Bursiel✓
S/S H.E. White
S/S R.F. Addleman

2. 442 D
Major J.G. Napier✓
Lt. W.L. Smith✓
Sgt H.W. Larsen
S/S E.A. Damico

3. 209 K
Lt. T.J. Leonard✓
S/S O.D. Evans
S/S T.A. Palmer

4. 207 B
Lt. H.A. Monroe✓
S/S W.L. Kidd
S/S S.S. Risko

5. 157 P
Lt. T.S. Hall✓
Sgt D.S. Blackford
Sgt L. Burger

6. 224 E
Lt. D.T. Sommers✓
Sgt E.F. Paules
Sgt L. Martinez

FLIGHT II

1. 684 K-1
Lt. R.F. Shaefer✓
S/S J.A. Fejes
S/S E.R. Judd

2. 203 R
Lt. L.G. Peede✓
Sgt G.W. Scott
S/S C.L. Hibbs

3. 226 E-1
Lt. R.G. Meredith✓
S/S A.A. Hill
Sgt S.P. Newell

4. 907 O
Lt. R.V. Miracle✓
S/S J.C. Burkhalter
S/S B.C. Sieg

5. 195 D-1
Lt. R.R. Svenson✓
Sgt P.G. Fild
S/S G.W. Pfenning

6. 963 N
Lt. R.D. Lesh✓
S/S H.R. Hedrick
S/S A.J. Antanaitis

FLIGHT III

1. 450 S
Lt. H.L. Sommers✓
Lt. R.J. McQuade✓
S/S R.W. Nicks
S/S N. Radlich

2. 840 V
Lt. E.J. Renth✓
S/S O.D. LaNave
S/S F.M. Citty

3. 743 W
Lt. N.V. Shainberg✓
S/S G.L. Coffey
S/S G.F. Cope

4. 210 Q
Lt. W.A. Peck✓
S/S A.E. Bergeron
S/S H. Kelton

5. 961 E-2
Lt. J.L. Smith✓
Sgt C. Variadis
Sgt R.C. Hoffman

6. 189 P-1
Lt. A.W. Gullion✓
Sgt H.C. Rodger
Sgt J.E. Van Duyne

SPARE

750 M
Lt. J.C. Sewell✓
Sgt C. Maziasz
Sgt D.J. Daniel

OPERATION PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

416BG M _____ E

CONFIDENTIAL IN THE CLEAR

"J" FORM CLEARANCE F-1 25 MAY 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR JOHN G. NAPIER

A.

B. 1026 / 150

C. NORTH FORELAND

D. BOX I R/T BROADLONG ONE

671 7 X R F-1 V C N L-1

670 5 Q L O A F

669 6 C-1 A-1 H I F-2 N-1

671 1 SPARE . . . E

GROUP LEADER 671 X

DEPUTY 670 Q

BOX II R/T BROADLONG TWO

670 5 T P E K E

669 6 D S V W E-2 F-1

668 7 E-1 D-1 E-1 O R N Q

670 1 SPARE . . . M

SECOND BOX LEADER 670 T

DEPUTY 669 D

E. 11500

F. FURNES

G. 10324 / 202 1/2

H. 33½ MINUTES

J. FURNES

K. NORTH FORELAND

L. ~~1120~~ 1250

M. 1. E.T.D. ¹¹²⁴~~0954~~ . . . E.T.A. ¹³⁰⁵~~1135~~

2. 4 X 500 G.P.

3. 4 HOURS

4. BOX I 2730

BOX II 2730

5. NONE

MA OR COBOMER 416

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

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

Open

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

APC 140
25 May 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 4 miles. 5/10 to 6/10
altocumulus at 8,000 feet. Overcast
cirrus at 20,000 feet.

ROUTE OUT: Scattered patches altocumulus at 5,000
feet to 6,000 feet over England with 2/10
to south of the Thames. Overcast of cirrus
along route to Dunkirk there it broke to
scattered. Channel clear of low clouds becoming
1/10 to 2/10 at 6,000 feet at the coast and
increasing inland to 5/10 to 6/10. Visibility
6 miles over England becoming 10 miles plus
over channel and the continent.

TARGET: 5/10 to 6/10 stratocumulus at 6,000 feet.
Visibility 10 miles plus. Scattered cirrus at
20,000 feet.

ROUTE BACK: Same as route out to the Thames. There
visibility was 1 to 2 miles in light rain.
3/10 to 4/10 stratocumulus at 8,000 feet.
Scattered patches of rain on to base.

BASE ON RETURN: Visibility 4 to 6 miles. 5/10 stratocumulus
at 2800 feet. Overcast altocumulus at
8,000 feet.

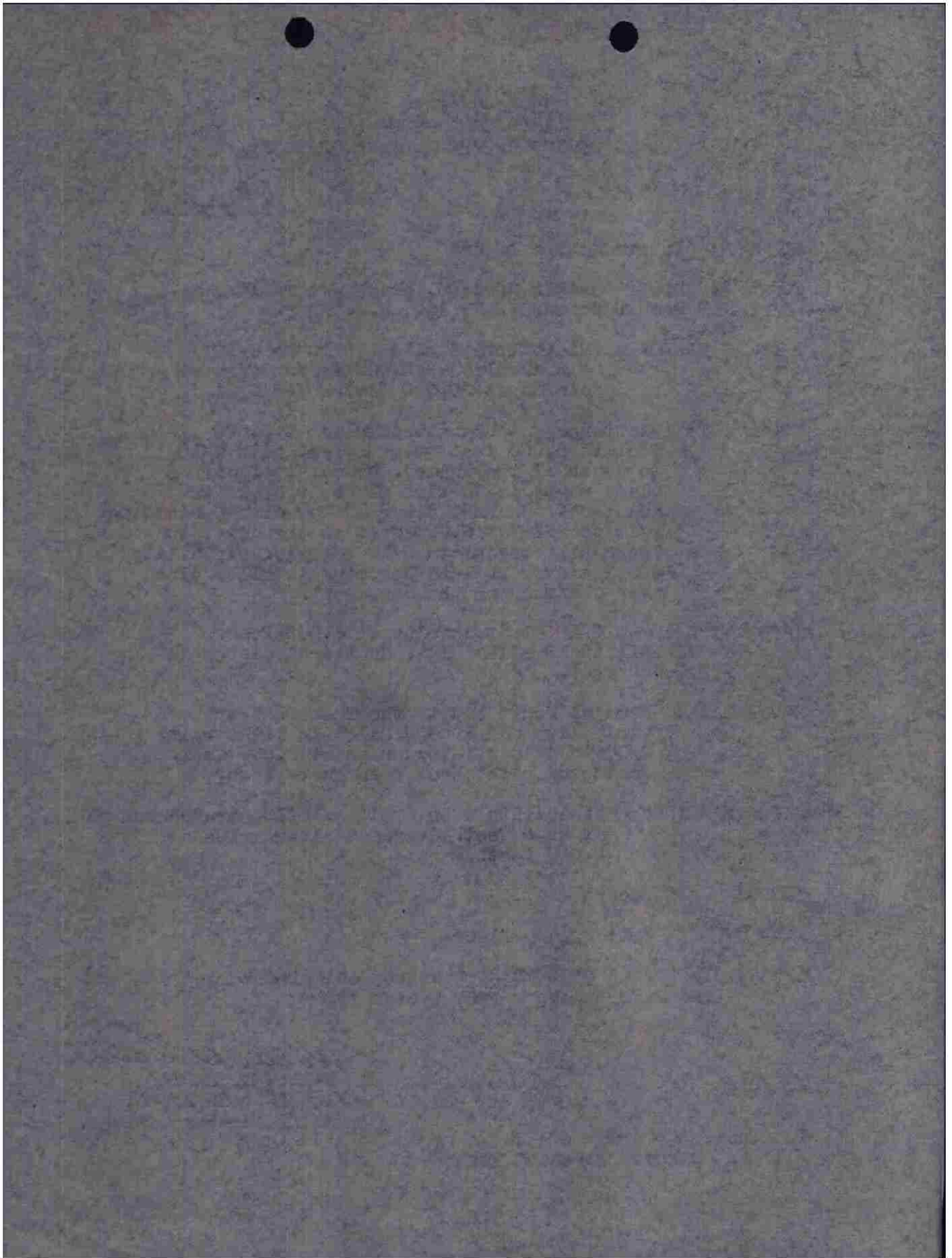
WINDS: As forecast

TIME OVER TARGET: 1200

AFFECT OF WEATHER ON BOMBING: Clouds obscured target
and made two bomb runs necessary.

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

1 Incl.
2 Route Forecast Forms



WEATHERS FIELD		416TH BOMB GROUP (C)		TAX OFF - 1100		RETURN - 1800		DATE 25 MAY 1944	
OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST		PERIOD 0800-1200		HQ SOS USAFP 9-H3/90M/15227					
	A	B	C	D					
	BASE TO TARGET	TARGET	TARGET TO BASE						
1	WEATHER CLOUDY + HAZE	CLOUDY + HAZE	CLOUDY + HAZE						
2	NIL LOW CLOUDS BECOMING PATCHY 4/10 TO 6/10 STRATUS CLOUDS OVER CHANNEL AND FRENCH COAST BEARING 3/10 TO 5/10, OVER TARGET BASE OF STRATUS CLOUDS 6000 FT. TOPS 2 TO 3000 FT 4/10 TO 6/10 BECOMING 5/10 TO 7/10 HIGH CLOUDS DECREASING TO 4/10 TO 6/10 OVER CONTINENT HIGH CLOUDS ABOVE 2000 FT	5/10 TO 5/10 STRATUS CUMULUS BASE 1000 FT TOPS 2000 FT TO 3000 FT OVER TARGET 4/10 TO 6/10 HIGH CLOUDS ABOVE 2000 FT	SAME AS ROUTE OUT						
3	ICING FREEZING LEVEL: 8500 FT 10100: NIL	SAME	SAME						
4	VISIBILITY 1 TO 3 MILES INCREASING TO 6 TO 14 MILES OVER CHANNEL AND 3 TO 5 MILES OVER CONTINENT.	1 TO 8 MILES DOWN SUN 2 TO 3 MILES UP SUN	3 TO 5 MILES						
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY					
SURFACE	WSW 5 TO 10								
5,000 FT	290 14								
9,000 FT	310 23								
12,000 FT	320 27								
16,000 FT	330 28								
FT									
FT									
BASE ALTITUDE SETTING 30.19					TARGET SURFACE TEMP +12°C		TARGET MEAN TEMP +3.5°C		
TEMP AT 21,000 FT. -4.5°C					TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT)		+137		

AIRCRAFT REPORT

TIME		BASE TO COAST		OVER CHANNEL OR SEA		OVER CONTINENT & TARGET	
POSITION							
ALTITUDE							
CLOUD BELOW AIRCRAFT	AMOUNTS AND TYPE						
	HEIGHT OF BASE AND TOP						
CLOUD ABOVE AIRCRAFT	AMOUNTS AND TYPE						
	HEIGHT OF BASE AND TOP						
VISIBILITY							
TEMPERATURE							
WINDS							
REMARKS: AS WEATHER ENCOUNTERED, FRONTAL POSITIONS, ETC.							
NOTE: AT LEAST ONE COMPLETE OBSERVATION SHOULD BE ENTERED IN EACH COLUMN. THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS CARD HELPED YOU - WON'T YOU GIVE THE NEXT FELLOW A BREAK!		CLOUD TYPES AND ABBREVIATIONS LOW CLOUDS = ST-STRATUS SC-STRATOCUMULUS MIDDLE CLOUDS = AS-ALTOSTRATUS AC-ALTOCUMULUS HIGH CLOUDS = CI-CIRRUS CS-CIRROSTRATUS CLOUDS OF VERTICAL EXTENT = CU-CUMULUS CB-CUMULONIMBUS		FRONTS - 			

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Mission # 55
Box 1

MAY 25 1944
Box 1
43-2

S Q 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 A D	B O L O M A D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D E	R E M A R K
D	X	914	Men G	387	Monchy/Berke	1103	11500	11500	1117	11500	9000	HC	795	4x500 G.P.	4	1323	
C	Q	454	Hulse			1103										24	
C	L	894	Athinson			1103										24	
C	O	911	Greene			1103										25	
C	A	900	Hohnsom			1104										26	
C	E	927	Nordstrom			1104										26	
D	R	645	Marzolf			1104										33	
D	E-1	921	Andrews			1105										35	
D	Y	493	Smith			1105										34	
D	C	914	Wheeler			1105										35	
D	N	714	Miller			1105										36	
D	L-1	363	York			1106										36	
D	O-1	376	Mac Manus			1106										28	
B	A-1	181	Land			1106										29	
B	H	148	DeMunn			1106										29	
B	I	673	Behlmer			1107										30	
B	E-2	906	Dontas			1107										32	
B	A-1	717	Veghles			1114										31	
D	E	920	Perryins			1114										31	spare

Box II - Mission # 55

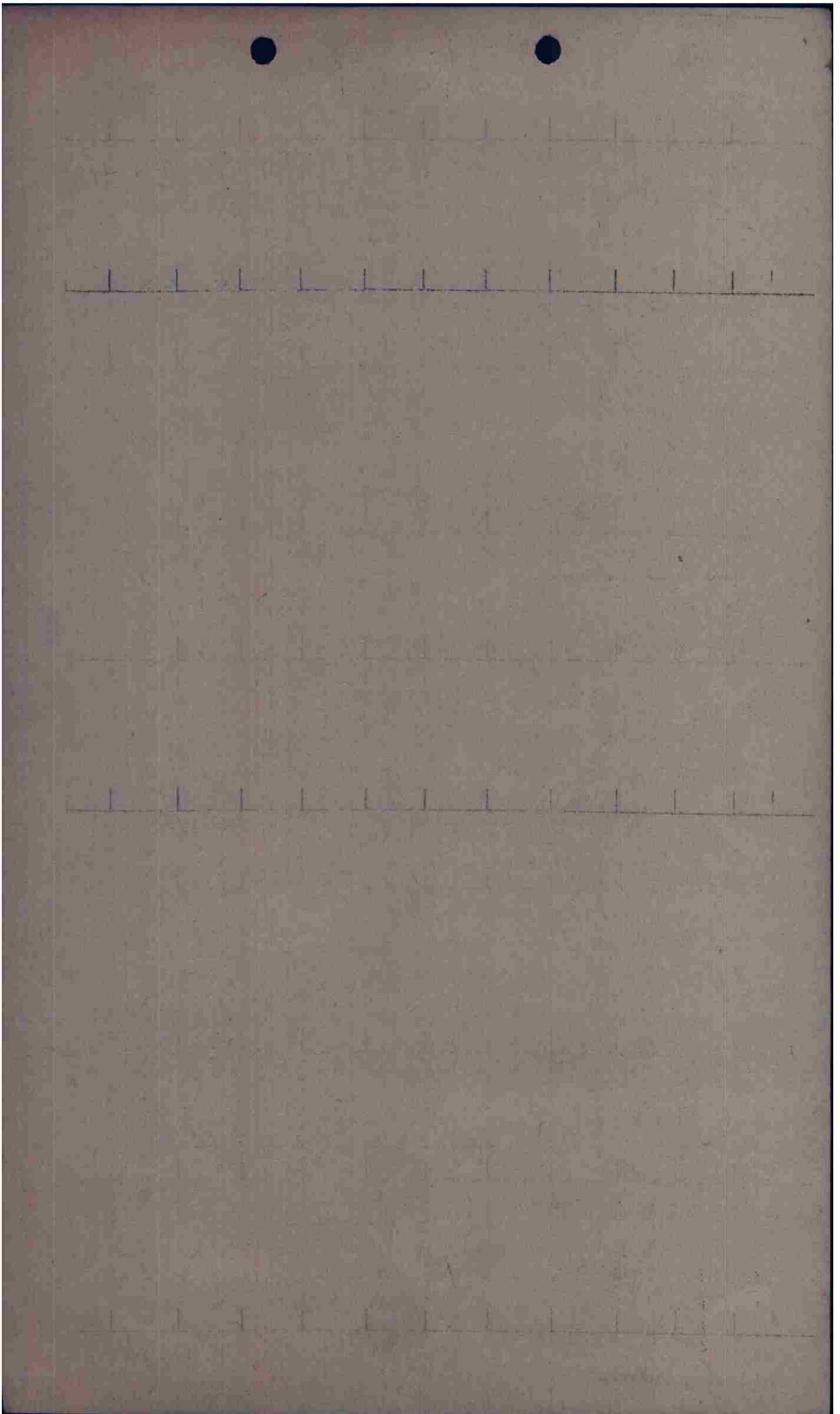
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S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U L L O A D	B O M B O A D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D E	R E M A R K S
C	T	455	Mc Nulty	387	Menchy/Barton	1109	11500 North Foreland 1150	11500 Turnes 11000	1109	11500 Turnes 11036	9000 North Foreland 1150	HC	795	48500 G.P.	4	1337	
B	D	449	Napier			1109										38	
C	K	909	Leonard			1109										37	
C	B	909	Monroe			1110						C				39	
C	P	157	Hall			1110										40	
C	E	914	Sommers, D.T.			1110										40	
A	K-1	684	Shaffer			1110										46	
A	P	903	Reede			1111						C				48	
A	E-1	916	Meredith			1111										47	
A	O	907	Mixale			1111										45	
A	D-1	195	Svenson			1111						C				46	
A	N	963	Leshner			1112										45	
B	S	450	Sommers, H.L.			1112										41	
B	V	846	Penth			1112										42	
B	W	743	Shainberg			1113										42	
A	Q	910	Feely			1113										45	
B	E-2	961	Smith, L.L.			1113										45	
B	P-1	189	Gullion			1113						C				44	
C	M	750	Sewell			1114						C				40 spare	

SHIP NO	SQUADRON	PILOT and/or BOEFULLER	GRADE S	REMARKS	REMARKS
914	D	Weng		Accidental release of bombs over target. No 3 stations released on down on return trip.	No 3 back away from target causing a delayed release on down, and 3 failure to release 910. 4/22/44.
714	D	Weller		Right near failed, premature release on other 3 stations	Right near causing 3 stations to be hit, and 3 stations through the aiming circuit
743	B	Chairburg		3 bombs in channel one way back.	Pilot failed to leave, and 3 in the channel 3 on way home.
189	B	Smith, J. T.		Left near back released on down, and 3 in channel one way back.	Swing back too tight causing a delayed release.

May 25 - 1944

William A. McDonald
Capt. U.S. Navy
Commander of Base



OICOG OIHAK OIYAA OIGOF V OILAI 6/24 "OP"

FROM 97TH COMBAT WING 24/2145B M-134-E
TO COMBOMCON 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 44

FIELD ORDER NO. 51-329

MAPS NORMAL

1. B. (2) NINTH FIGHTER COMMAND WILL FURNISH P-47 ESCORT FOR THIS WING. 2281 IS BEING ATTACK BY B-26S AHEAD OF THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE.

ZERO HOUR: 25/0930B

3. A. 409TH GROUP

- (3) (A) WITH 416TH GROUP AT SHEERNESS AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 43 MINUTES. THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAD.
- (B) WITH FIGHTERS AT NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 50 MINUTES AT 12,000 FEET.
- (6) BOMB 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET.
- (9) ILL. S5680/3 REF. 056083 FUSING INST NOSE AND 1/100 TAIL.

B. 410TH GROUP

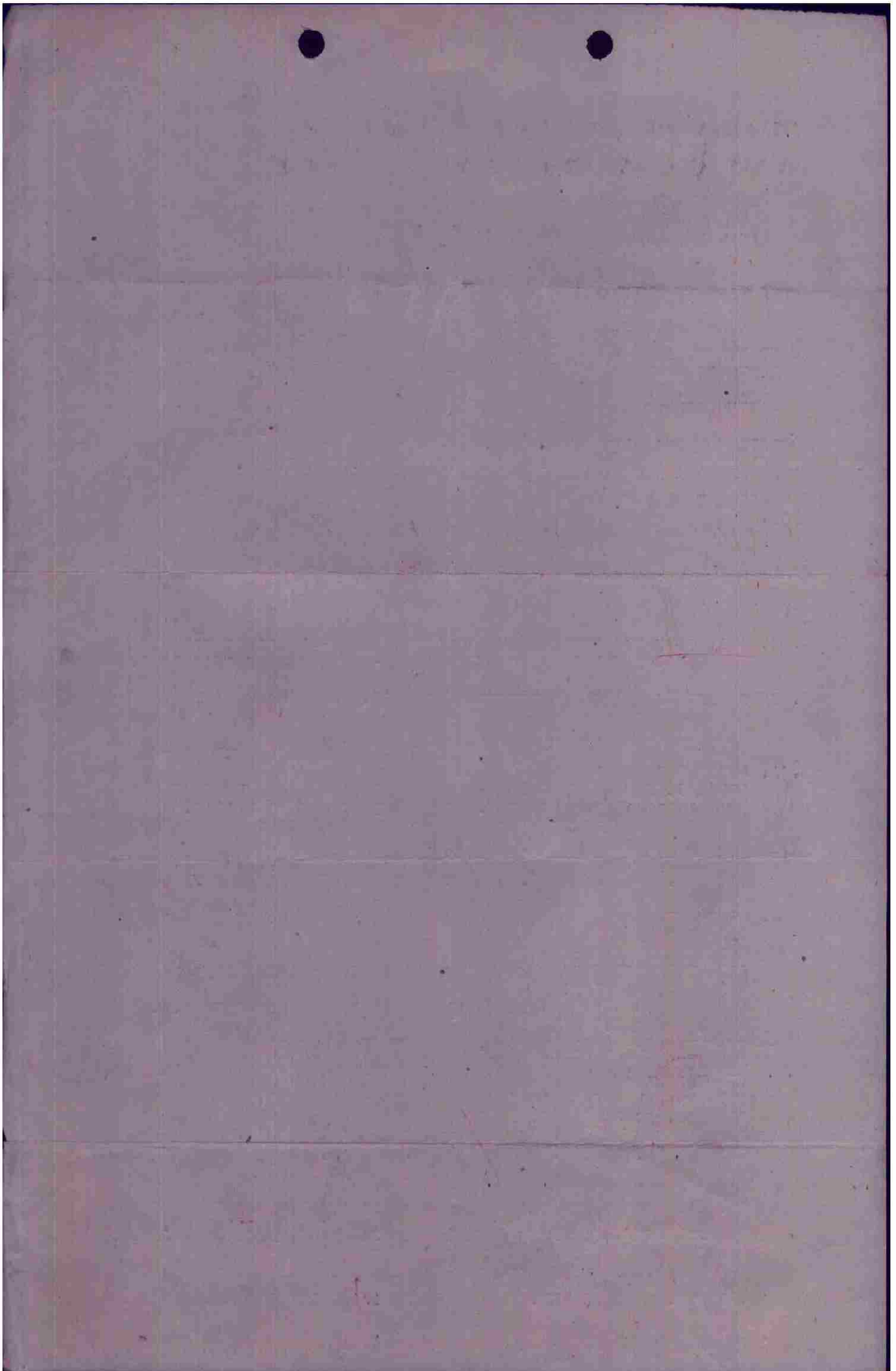
- (1) 2281
- (2) THREE BOXES OF 14
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MINUTES AT 12,000 FEET.
- (4) BASE TO NORTH FORELAND TO FURNES TO ANDENARDE TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO FURNES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 10,000 FEET.
- (7) TOURNAI
- (8) GENERALLY EAST SOUTHEAST TO WEST NORTHWEST.
- (9) ILL. S1531/7 REF. 038018
- (10) 4 X 500 LB GP FUSED 1/10 NOSE AND 1/100 TAIL.
- (11) 50 DEG. 34 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG. 54 MIN. EAST

C. 416TH GROUP

- (3) (A) WITH 409TH GROUP AT SHEERNESS AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 43 MINUTES. THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAD.
- (B) WITH FIGHTERS AT NORTH FORELAND AT 11,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 50 MINUTES.
- (6) BOMB 11,500 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,500 FEET.
- (9) ILL. S5680/3 REF. 032089 FUSED 1/10 NOSE AND 1/100 TAIL.

X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE

- (5) THE 410TH GROUP WILL TAKE OFF 15 MINUTES AHEAD OF THE 416TH GROUP.



(6) INTERVALOMETER SETTING: 50 FEET.

PARAGRAPHS 3A AND C

- (7) TARGET 2730
- (8) A/C REQUIRED: TWO BOXES OF 18 EACH GROUP
- (9) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO SHEERNESS TO NORTH FORELAND TO FURNES TO LENS TO TARGET.
- (10) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO LENS TO FURNES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.
- (11) INITIAL POINT AND RALLY POINT: LENS
- (12) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY EAST TO WEST
- (13) BOMBLOAD: 4 X 500 LB GP FUSED AS SPECIFIED IS (9) OF PARAGRAPHS A AND C

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) MOORMOSS
- (3) HODDY
- (9) 8/8
- (10) 8/8

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) IRONPOT
- (3) LOCKMAN
- (9) 7/7
- (10) 7/7

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) BROADLONG
- (3) HODDY
- (9) 8/8
- (10) 8/8

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

- (2) WEST MALLING D/D
- (3) SPLASHER SIX (6) INOPERATIVE
- (10) BVAT/BVAT
- (11) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL "C" WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA.

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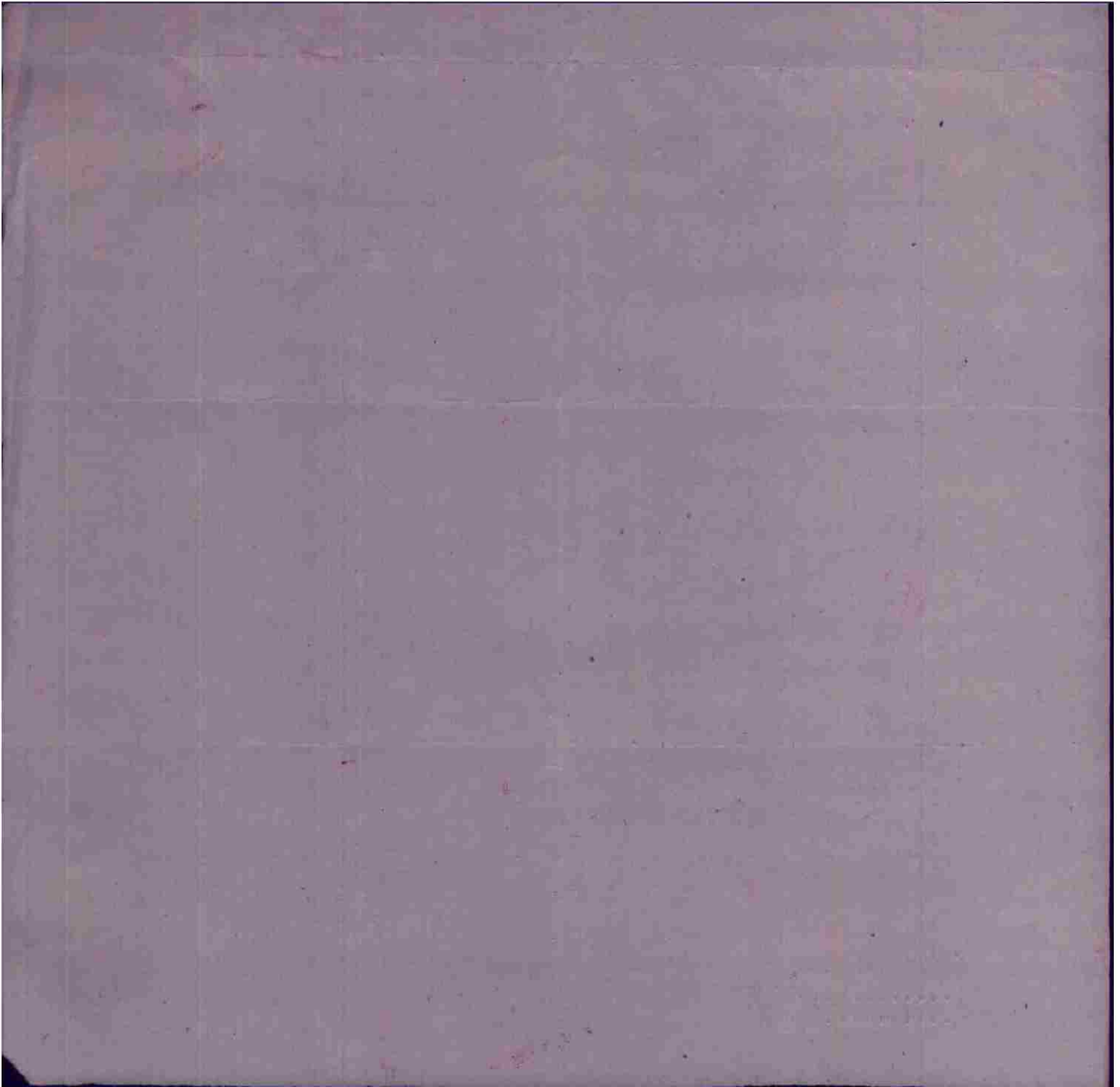
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JEX 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 51-329

ANGE FIGHTER ESCORT FOR 410TH GROUP TO BE RAK 11 GROUP SPITFIRES
 PARAGRAPH 5.B.(3) DELETE LOCKMAN.

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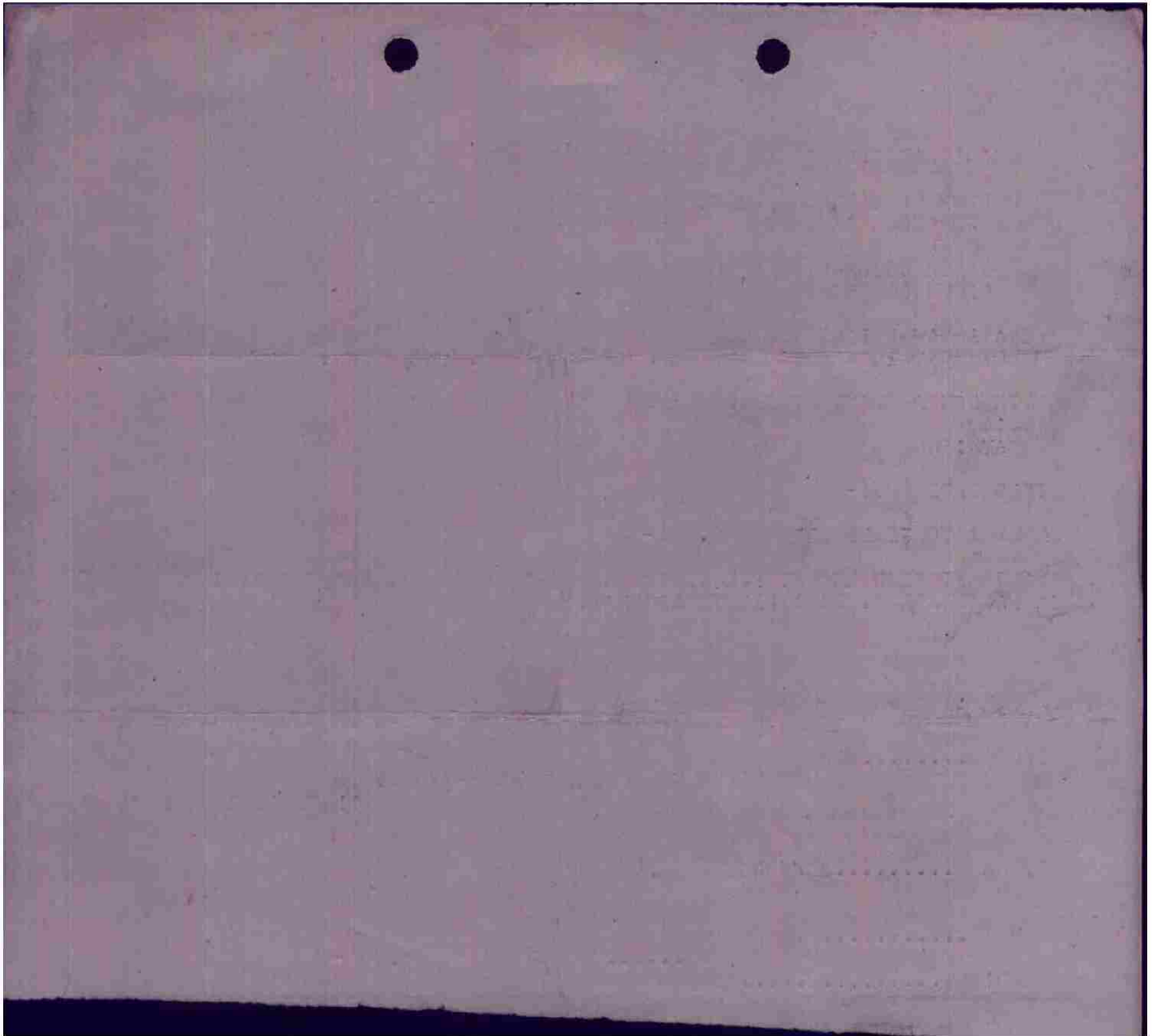
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ANNEX 2. TO F.O. 51-329

CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3. B. (5) TO READ:

TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO FURNES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.

CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3. B. (11) TO READ:

50 DEG 55 MIN NORTH 02 DEG. 55 MIN EAST.

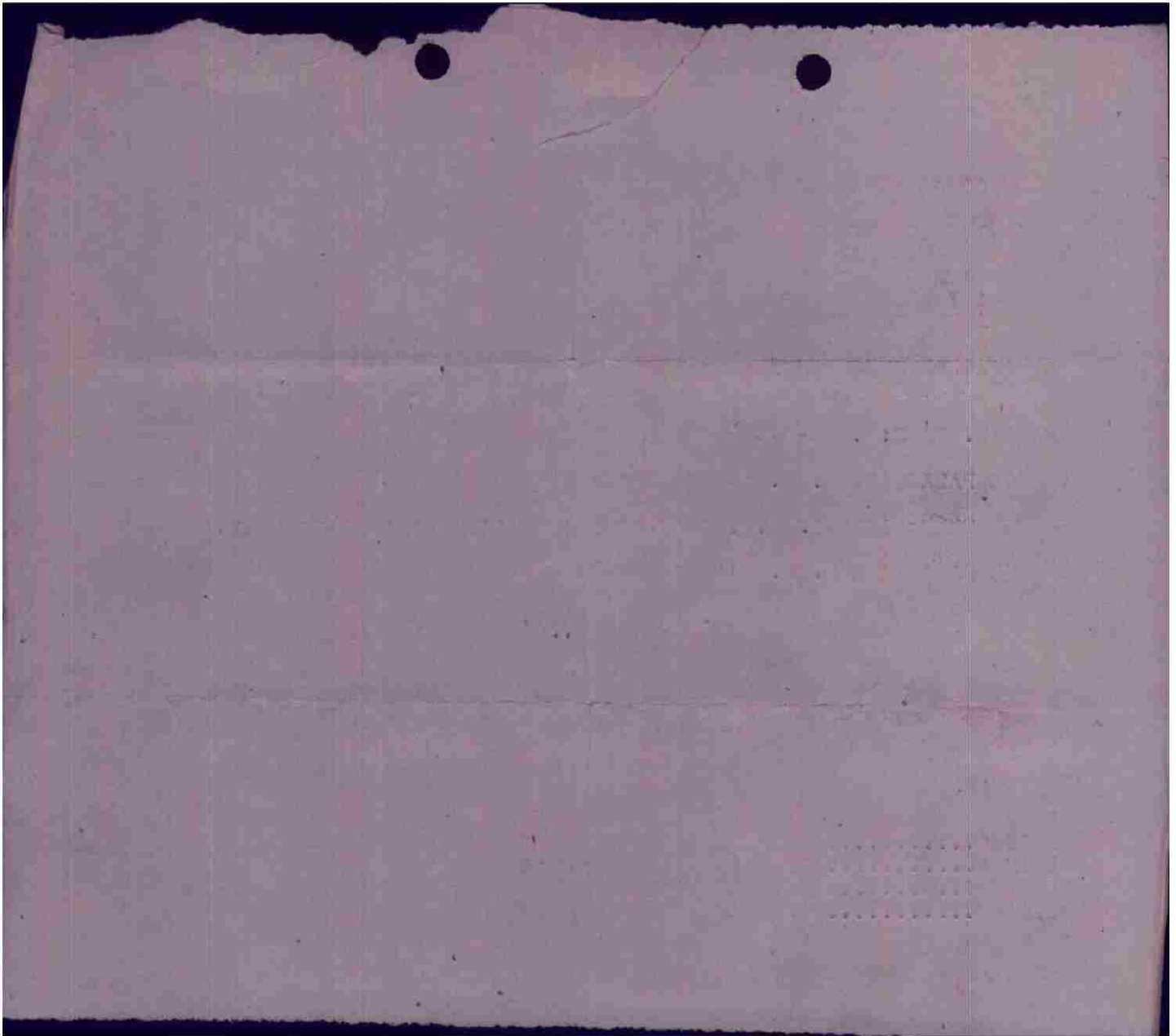
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 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 409TH BOMB GROUP
 410TH BOMB GROUP
 416TH BOMB GROUP

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ANNEX 3 TO F.O. 51-329

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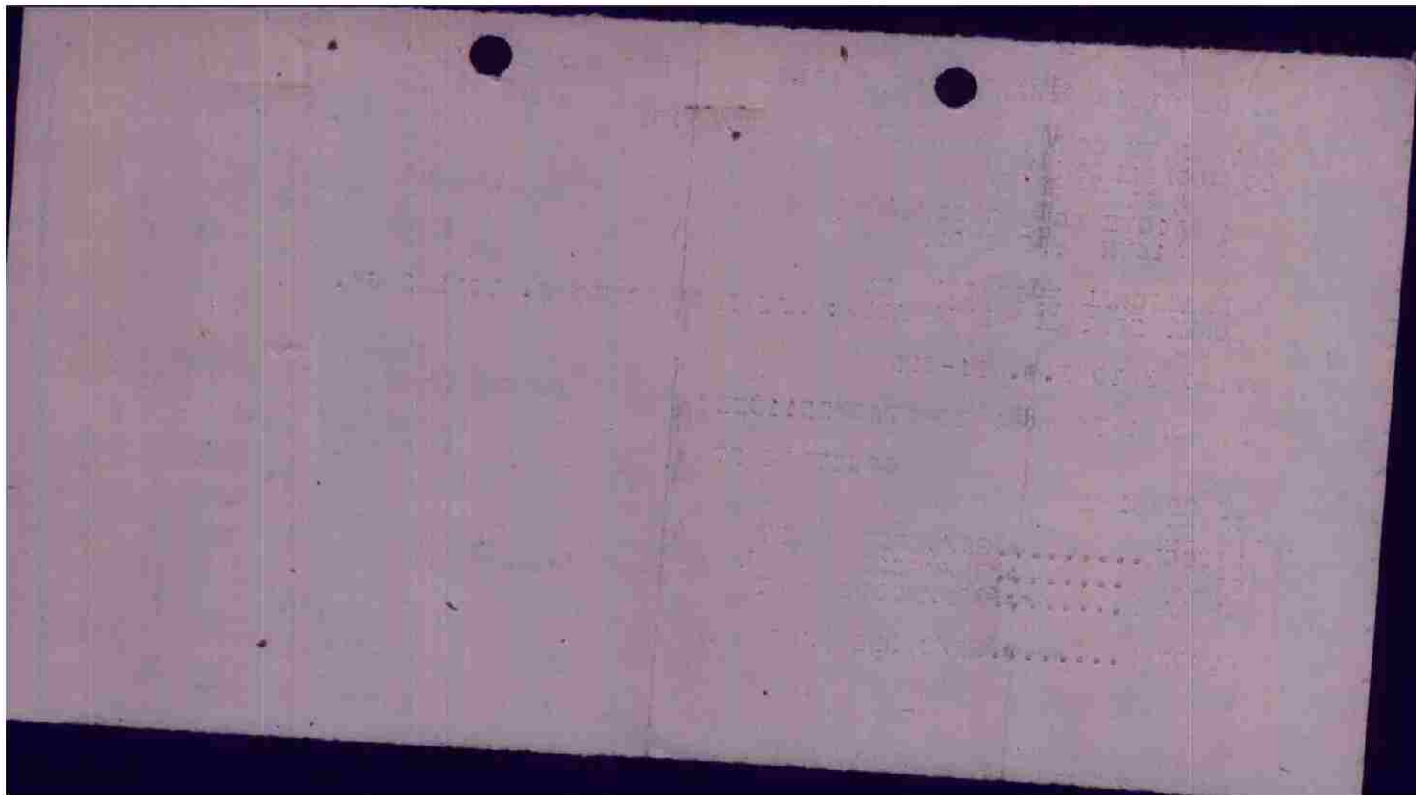
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 24/2245B M-136-E

TO COMBOMCOM IX

COBOMGP 409

COBOMGP 416

COBOMGP 410

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

APO 140

24 MAY 44

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO FIELD ORDER 51-329

A TARGET

(1) Z281

A. THIS TARGET WAS ATTACKED 12 MAY BY 344TH BOMB GROUP. RECEIVED INACCURATE FLAK FROM COURTRAI AND TWO PLANES WERE DAMAGED FROM FLAK AT TARGET. THE FLAK WAS REPORTED AS MODERATE AND GENERALLY INACCURATE

(2) Z730

A. THIS TARGET WAS ATTACKED 12 MAY BY THE 416TH BOMB GROUP ALSO ATTACKED AGAIN 19 MAY BY THE IX FIGHTER COMMAND WITH GOOD RESULTS. THE 416TH DID NOT RECEIVE ANY FLAK AT TARGET ALTHOUGH PAST REPORTS INDICATED MODERATE FLAK COULD BE EXPECTED IN THE VICINITY OF ST POL AND LENS THE 416TH BOMB GROUP RECEIVED ABOUT FIVE BURSTS.

B THE SITUATION

GROUPS HAVE THE LATEST INFORMATION

C REQUESTED OBSERVATIONS

A. REQUEST 410TH BOMB GROUP TO OBSERVE THREE REPORTED ARMY CAMPS ONE A FEW MILES WEST OF DEXMUDE, ONE A FEW MILES SOUTH OF DEXMUDE AND THE THIRD ABOUT FOUR MILES SOUTHEAST OF DEXMUDE. REQUEST AS NEAR AS POSSIBLE DEFINITE LOCATION OF THESE CAMPS.

B. REQUEST 410TH BOMB GROUP TO OBSERVE ARMY CAMP IN VICINITY OF RENAIX AND DEFINITE LOCATION REPORTED 1 MAY BY THE 409TH BOMB GROUP.

C. REQUEST 410TH BOMB GROUP TO OBSERVE BARRAGE BALLOONS AT ROULERS, KEEPING IN MIND REQUIRED PROCEDURE OF REPORTING.

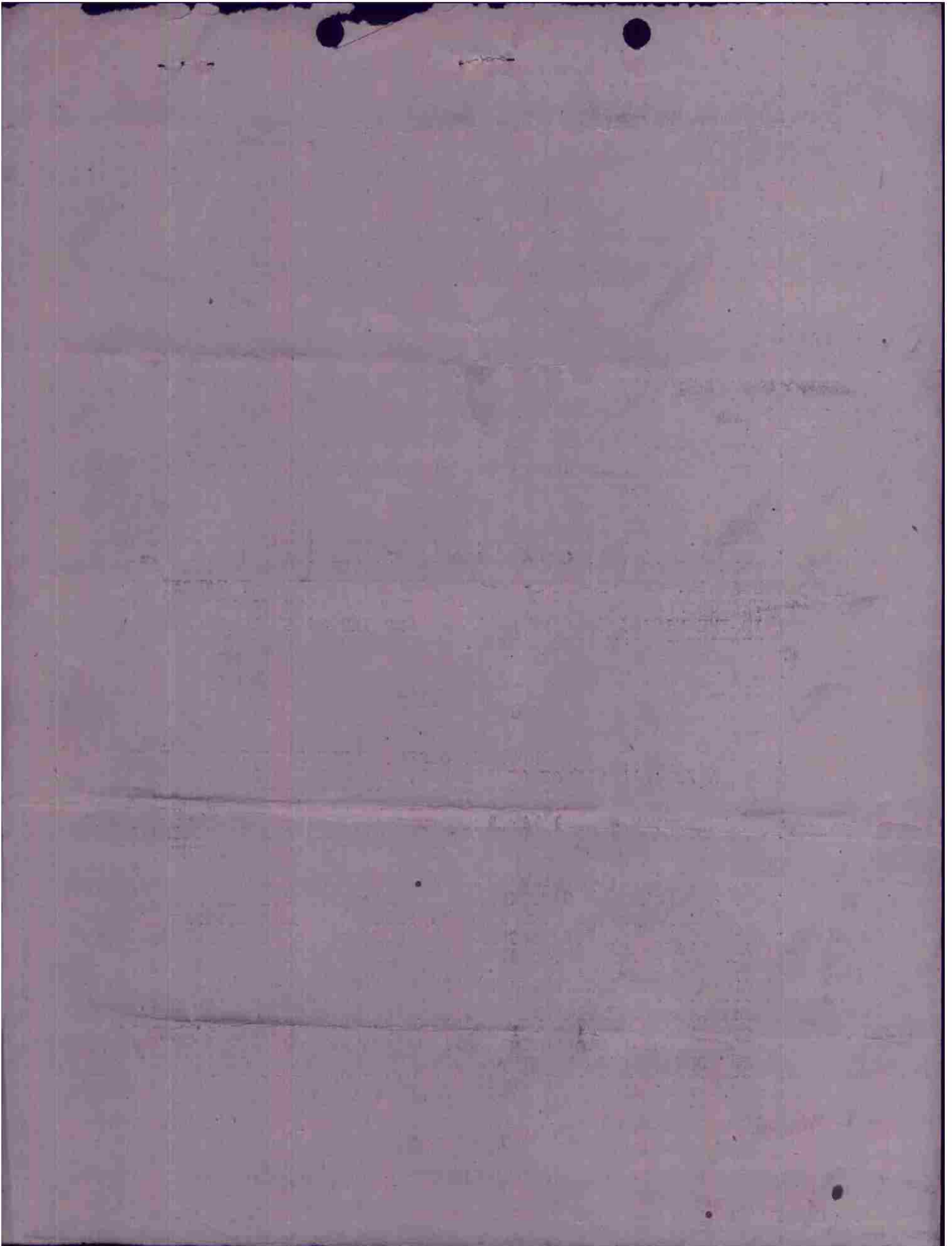
D. REQUEST 409TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS OBSERVE POSSIBLE CAMOUFLAGED HANGAR NEXT TO A FARM BUILDING AS REPORTED BY THE 409TH BOMB GROUP, 12 MAY. ALSO, BOTH GROUPS OBSERVE RECTANGULAR CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION FORMING A CHECKER-BOARD PATTERNS, NORTH OF LE PANNE BAINS, ON BEACH SOUTHWEST OF NIEUPORT. THIS WAS REPORTED BY THE 416TH BOMB GROUP ON 7 MAY.

E. REQUEST ALL GROUPS OBSERVE FLOODED AREA AND SECOND DEFENSE LINE BEHIND FLOODED AREAS. REPORT ON ANY NEW ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA. THIS INFORMATION ON 2ND DEFENSE LINE FROM IX BC "INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS REPORT" 16 MAY 44.

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CC: THE THIRD LINE UNDER D. SHOULD READ
ALSO, BOTH GROUPS ETC

409TH BOMB GROUP, 12. MAY



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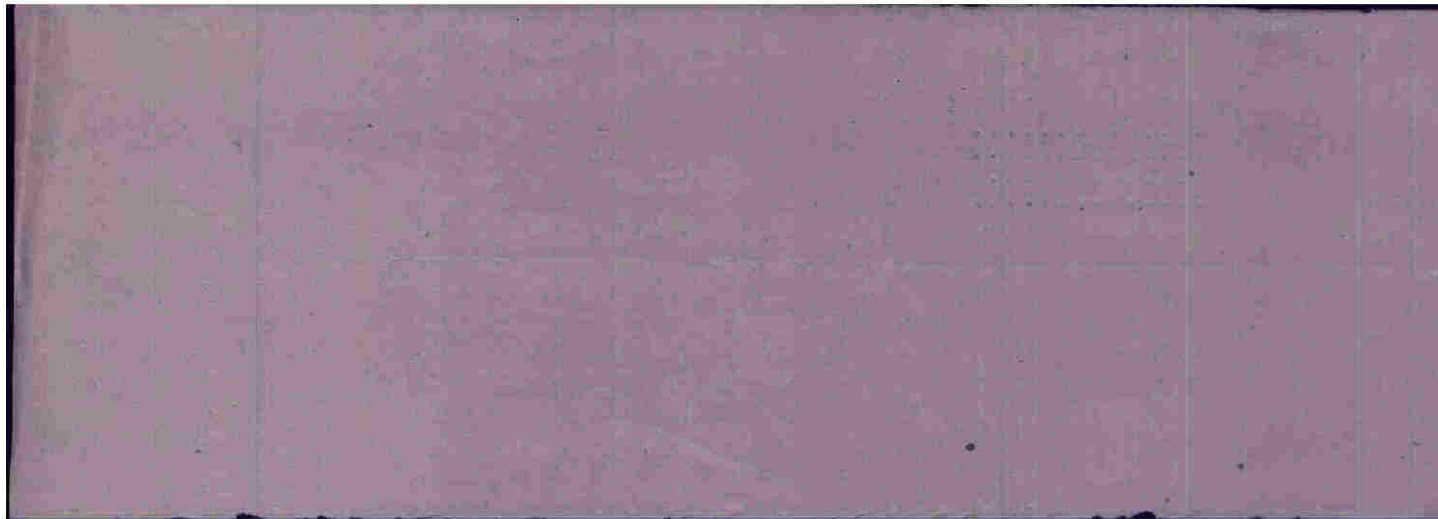
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TO: COMBAT WING 98 ATT: COM O

FROM: COBOMGR 416

A. YS - 53

B. 25 MAY 1944

C. 38 A/C

D. 670 - B - INTERPHONE OUT TURRET GUNNERS POSITION. WIRING CHECKED AND BROKEN WIRE FOUND AT SWIVEL JOINT, BROKEN WIRE REPAIRED AND CHECKED OKAY.

E. 670 - D - USED BRAINTREE SPLASHER.

F. 671 - X, -670-T, REPORTED TO PARADE AFTER LEAVING TARGET. RADIO PERFORMANCE SATISFACTORY.

MADE COBOMGR 416

OFFICIAL:

DANIEL J. NOLAN,
1ST LT, AIR CORPS,
COM O.

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FROM COBOMGR 416

25/0015B

TO COBOMCOM NINE

ATT: RADAR COUNTER-MEASURES OFFICER

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M-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. 0/10 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

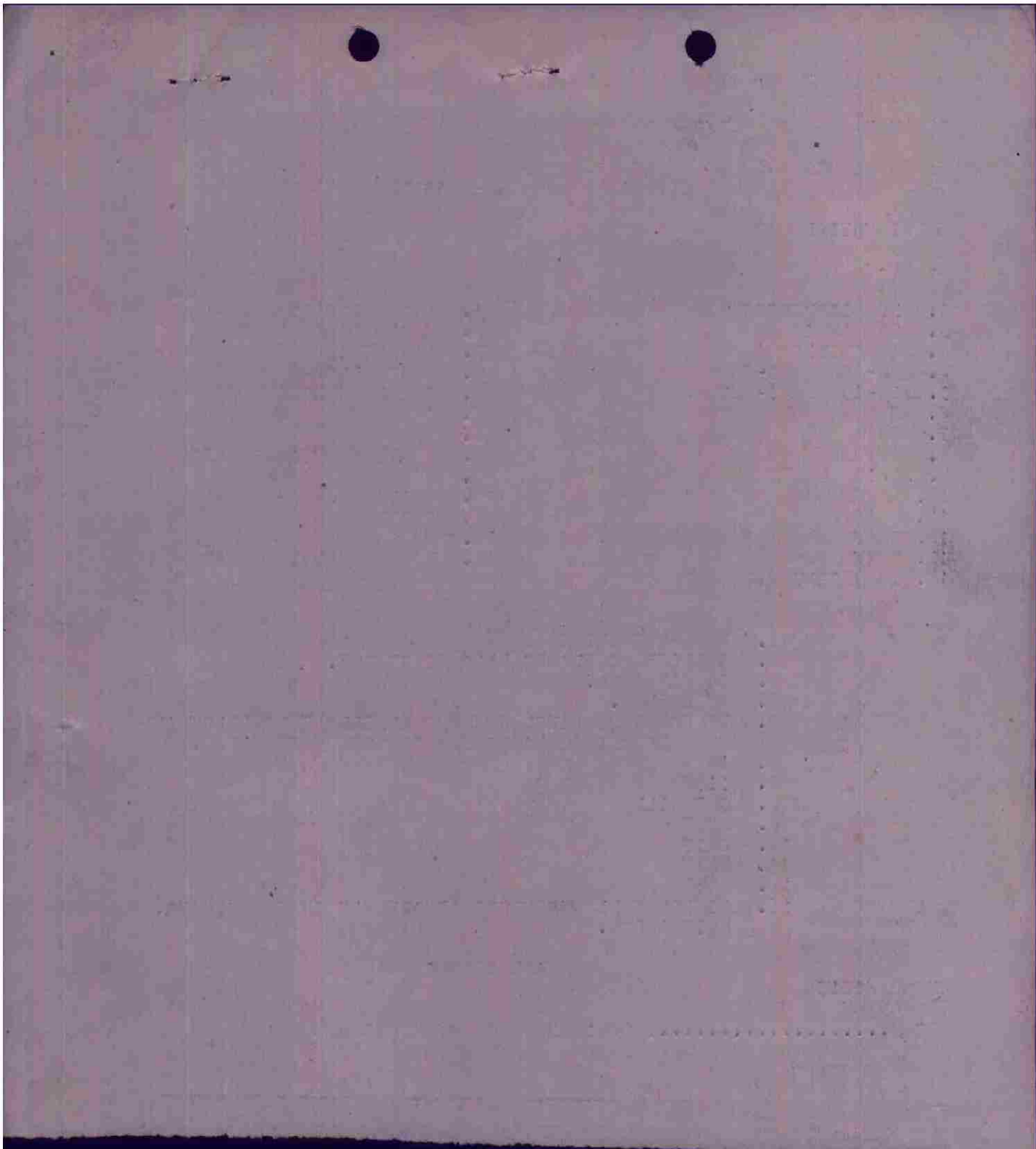
1. RCM PROTECTION 3B
2. 3 DROPPING PLANES PLUS FIRST BOX.
3. 24 MAY 1944.
4. ABBEVILLE.
5. WINDOW FROM FIRST BOX ONE HUNDRED FEET BELOW AND FROM DROPPING PLANES 500 OR MORE FEET BELOW.
6. 14
7. 11500
8. ONE MILE
9. NONE
10. OMIT
11. OMIT
12. NONE
13. WINDOW WELL DISPERSED APPARENTLY IN TWO STRATA. NOTE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

MACE COBOMGR 416

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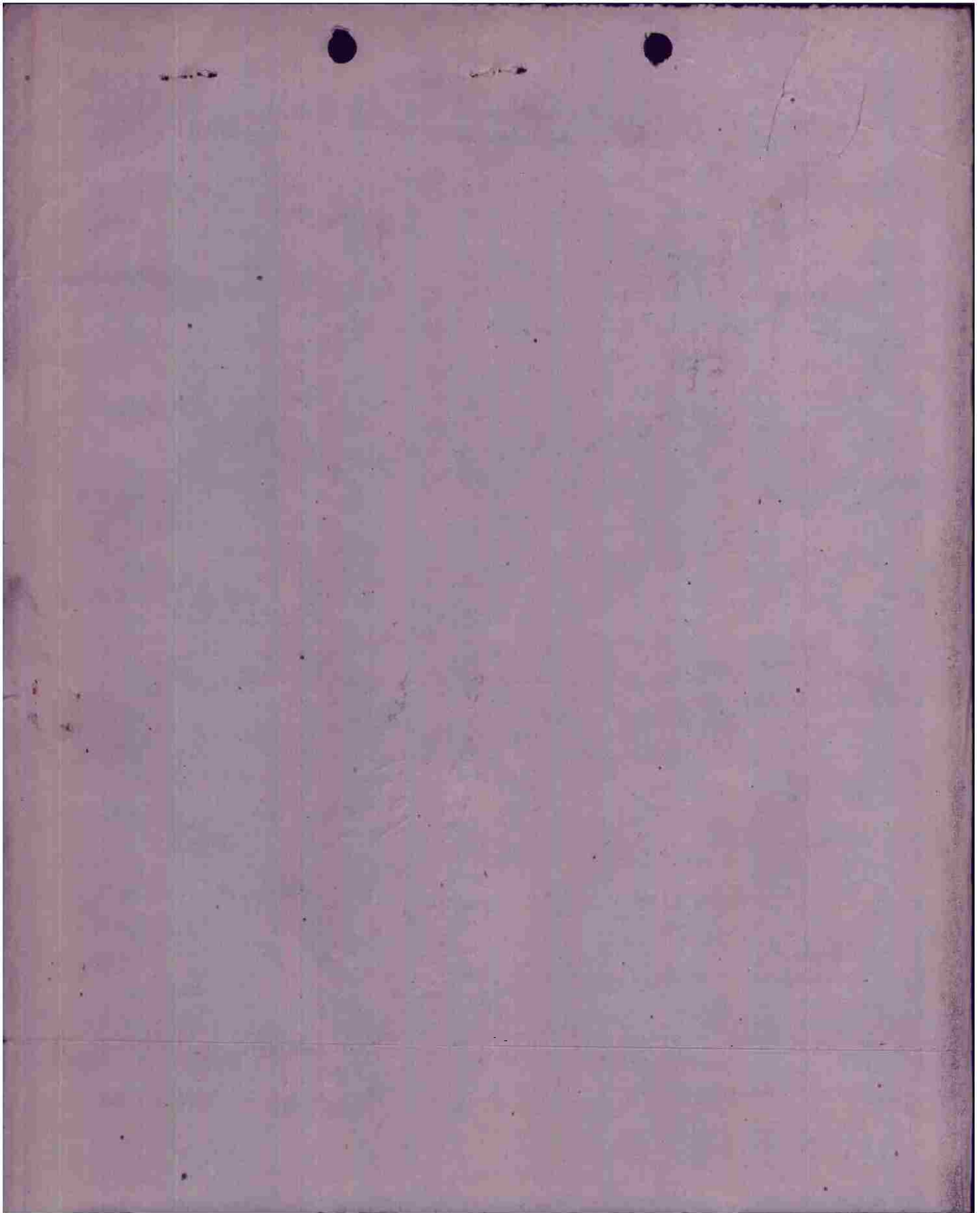
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 FROM 416TH BG 25/1415H
 TO FM IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2
 97TH COMBAT WING
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 1631D OPSTFLASH NO 50 FOR 25 MAY 1944.

- A. (1) NONCHY-BRETON A/D
 (2) NONCHY-BRETON A/D
- B. (1) 416TH BG
 (2) 37 A-20'S
 (3) NONE
 (4) 19 A/C SECOND BOX ON PRIMARY ON SECOND RUN.
 18 A/C FIRST BOX ON SECOND RUN DROPPED IN OPEN FIELDS
 AND ACROSS HIGHWAY 4 MILES NORTH NORTHEAST OF AUBIGNY
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ON PREMATURE RELEASE BY LEAD PILOT.
- C. (1) 1103
 (2) 1225 ON SECOND DOME RUN.
 (3) 1345
- D. (1) 5 A/C DAMAGED BY FLAK. CATEGORY "A"
 (2) 2-2-2
 (3) 2-2-2
- E. BOX I : NO ATTACK ON PRIMARY. SYSTEM DEvised BY LEAD PILOT
 - B/W TEAM WAS FOR PILOT ALSO TO PUSH TOGETHER UPON
 RELEASE BY B/W. THIS RESULTED IN PREMATURE RELEASE
 BY PILOT UNDER MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT B/W HAD
 BOXED.
 BOX II: EXCELLENT CONCENTRATION ON PRIMARY. DIRECT HITS ON
 NPI.
- F. (1) (A) NIL
 (B) NIL
 (2) (A) MODERATE ACCURATE HIT CONTINUING FOR 30 SECONDS
 IN TARGET AREA.
 (B) NIL
- G. U
- G. TWO MOTOR LAUNCHES AND 10-15 SMALL BOATS MOORED IN ARROW-
 SHAPED PATTERN ONE MILE OFF OSTEND ABOUT 20 MORE SMALL CRAFT IN
 CLOSED PATTERN 10 MILES OFF OSTEND.
 TWO SHIPS, ONE POSSIBLE DESTROYER THE OTHER A LARGE TRANSPORT,
 MOORED IN DUNKERQUE AT JETTY. SIX SMALL CRAFT OUTSIDE JETTY,
 MOORED.
 CLEARED SPACE IN WOODED AREA SIX MILES SOUTHWEST OF ARMENTIERS
 WHERE TOWER PAINTED GRAY APPEARS TO HAVE JUST BEEN COMPLETED.
 LINE OF DEFENDED POINTS FOLLOWING COASTLINE INLAND FROM COAST
 ROUGHLY ALONG INLAND EDGE OF FLOODED AREA. AT LEAST 40 SUCH POINTS
 AND EMPLACEMENTS NOTED BETWEEN OSTEND AND DUNKERQUE. FLOODED AREA
 COVERS SLIGHTLY LESS TERRITORY THAN SEEN ON PREVIOUS RECENT MISSION.
 MAY AT LENS ABOUT TWO-THIRDS FULL WITH CONSTRUCTION UNDER WAY OR
 REPAIRS BEING MADE AT ONE CHOKO POINT.
 SQUARE AND OVAL ENCLOSURES, APPEAR LIKE HEDGES, EIGHT MILES
 NORTHEAST OF FURNES. SOME NEAR FARMHOUSES, OTHERS IN OPEN FIELD
 ESTIMATE TOTAL OF SIX SEEN.



CAMP OF ESTIMATED 100 TENTS SOUTH OF BAILLE. SET IN ROWS AND
WHOLE CAMP GIVING SQUARE APPEARANCE.
MOTOR CONVOY OF 20 PLUS VEHICLES ON BETHUNE-ARRAS HIGHWAY, EAST
OF LENS. WITH LEAD TWO VEHICLES COVERED WITH WHITE TARP. SOME
VEHICLES PULLED TRAILERS.
GROUNDED B-17 FIVE MILES SOUTH OF FURNES (REPORTED PREVIOUSLY
BY PHONE) GROUND AROUND SHIP TRAMPLED AS BY MANY WALKING OR BY
GUARD.
DINGHY FOUR MILES OFF 72 NORTH FORELAND (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED
IN HOT NEWS)

- 14. (1) LOW CLOUDS COVERED TARGET ON FIRST BOMB RUN. NECESSITATED
SECOND RUN.
- (2) .3 TO .6 STRATOCUMULUS WITH TOPS TO 6000 FEET. VISIBILITY
10 MILES PLUS. SCATTERED CIRRUS AT 22,000 FEET.

- I. 72 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- 74 X 500 GP ON FIELDS AND HIGHWAY 4 TO 5 MILES EAST OF PRIMARY.
- 4 X 500 GP FELL OUT IN CHANNEL
- 1 X 500 GP RETURNED.

J. 10,000 FEET

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