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

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By authority
CO, Sta .170
30 May 1944
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APO 140, U. S. Army,
30 May 1944.

MAY 30 1944

Subject: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Reports.

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

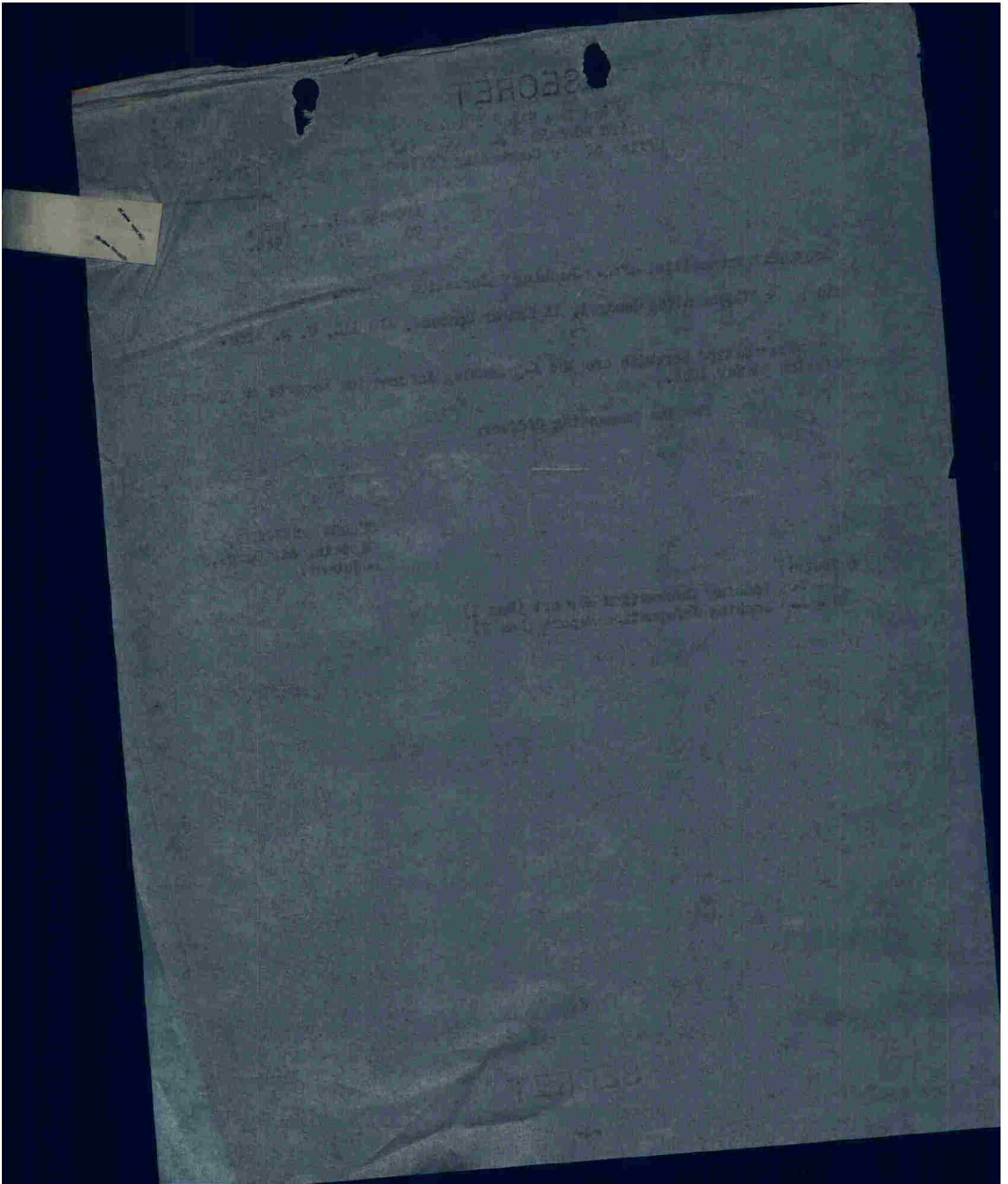
Transmitted herewith are the A-3 Bombing Information Reports on operational mission 30 May 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKELIN,
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

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 328

ANNEX "A"

BOX 1 GROUP A16 DATE 30 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Gene 12/2000 1/31. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.2. Bombing approach: 300° 300'3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO X4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO NOIn either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used: Pre-set with corrections for drift.5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Royalty.6. Name of lead pilot: Major Willette.7. Intervalometer setting: None Ground Speed: 355 Altitude: 11,5008. Indicated Air Speed: 60 Sec: 49. Length of bomb run: 70 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10 T 1/10010. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 7011. Total Bombs Dropped: 70

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. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AT? YES NO. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES NO. If answer is "YES", state to what extent Flak affected bombing or bomb run:(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? None(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None

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

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO NOResults claimed: GOOD FAIR POOR BAD MISS

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1. 2 to 10 miles
2. None.
3. 2 boxes 19 each.
4. None with from 1.5.
5. 100 pounds in weight to weight - easily identified.
6. None.
7. None.
8. None.

1. The first of the above mentioned is a small, dark, irregularly shaped, and somewhat flattened, and is found in the same place as the second. It is found in the same place as the second. It is found in the same place as the second.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 939

ANNEX "A"

BOX 15 GROUP 124 DATE 20 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Boards/Target A/D.1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous2. Bombing approach: 310° 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: Present with corrections for one dimension. 300 used as 40. No wind subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: 1st. Barrett6. Name of lead pilot: 1st. Barrett7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 300 Ground Speed: 250 Altitude: 10,0009. Length of bomb run: 25 Sec: 2510. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 8 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10T 1/10T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 75

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 X NO NO. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing: Couldn't pick up target because of glare caused by unpainted aluminum striping.

(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? None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: Hard to pick up target been use of glare.

(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: GOOD FAIR X POOR NO BAD MISS NO

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

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By Authority
CO, Sta. 170
1 June 1944
Init. _____

APO 140, U.S. Army,
1 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Mission Records.

TO : Commanding Officer, 97th Combat Wing, APO 140, U.S. Army.
Attention Wing Navigation Officer.

Transmitted herewith is the Mission Record on operational mission 30 May 1944.

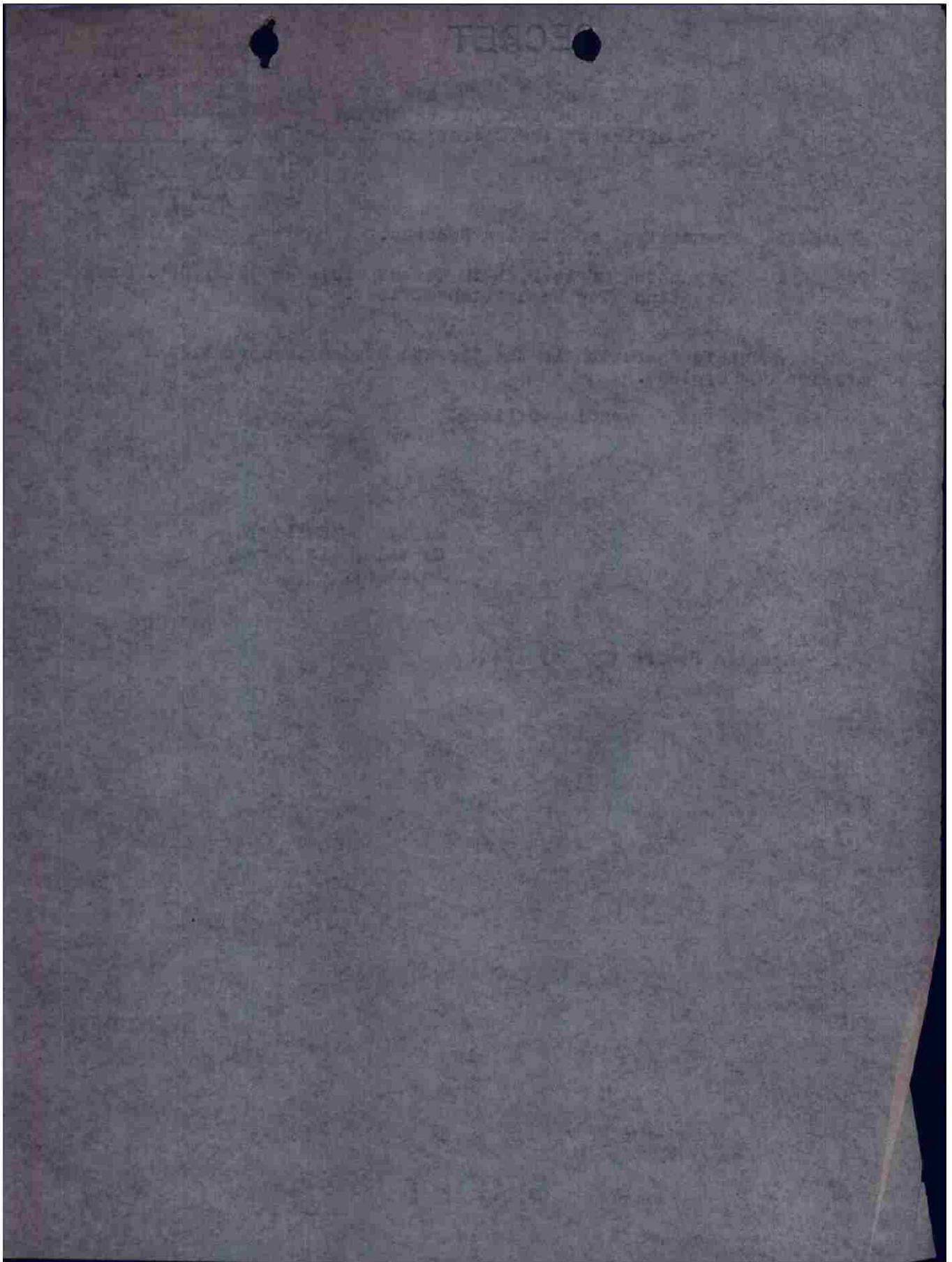
For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Incl:
1 - Mission Record (30 May 1944)

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 HEADQUARTERS
 41ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
 Office of the Commanding Officer

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 BY AUTH CO, STA 170
 30 May 1944
 INITIAL: R-R-2

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

SUBJECT: Mission Report--Aircraft.

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

PART I.

- (1) 30 May 1944--0930--Densin
- (2) 36 (38 alerted)
- (3) 38

PART II.

None

PART III. (1)

None

PART III. (2)

<u>AAF SERIAL NO</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>SORTIE</u>
43-9455	One bomb failed to release	Cannon plug retainer nut loose	Yes

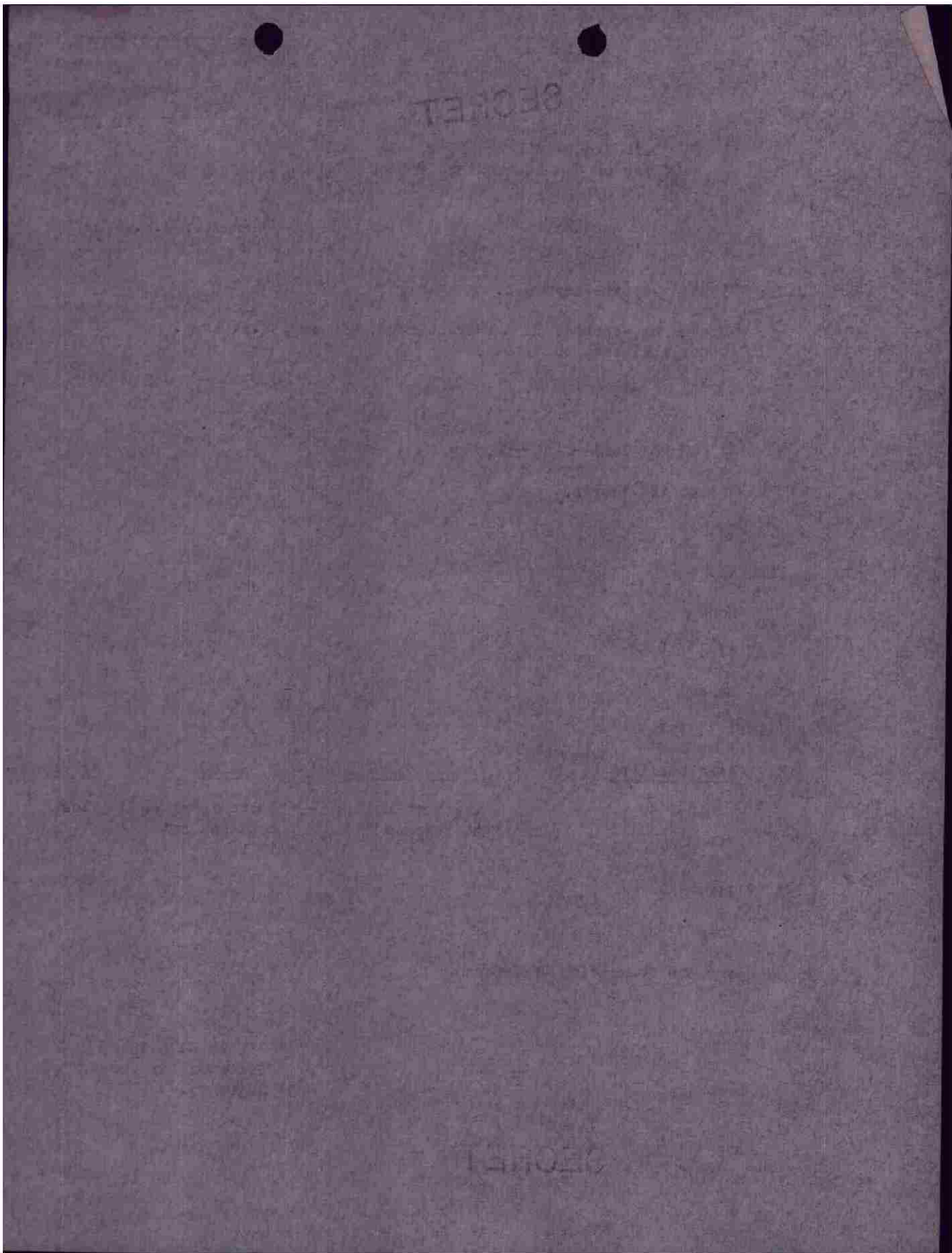
PART III. (3)

None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEL,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

TO COMBAT WING 97 ATT: COM O
FROM COBOMGR 416

A - YS - 59

B - 30 MAY 1944

C - 38 A/C

D - 670 - T- TURRET INTERPHONE OUT, CORD IN HEADSET BROKEN, REPAIRED.
671 - K- CHANNEL "A" WEAK, RETUNED.

E - 1 A/C TOOK BEARING FROM LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON.

F - BOX LEADERS REPORTED TO PARADE AFTER LEAVING TARGET AREA.

WACE COBOMGR 416

OFFICIAL:

JACK.B. COONEY
CAPT., AIR CORPS,
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER.

MISSION NO. 63

LOADING LIST

MAY 1944

BOX I
FLIGHT I

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| 1. A/C # 914 "X"
Major D.L. Willetts ✓
Lt. F.G. Royalty ✓
T/S F.H. Larronde
S/S H.A. Lempka | 4. A/C # 937 "B"
Lt. E.T. Platter ✓
S/S K.L. Johnson
S/S J.L. Czech |
| 2. A/C # 439 "J"
Lt. H.L. Sommers ✓
Lt. R.J. McQuade ✓
S/S O.D. LaNave
S/S D.F. Mallory | 5. A/C # 951 "P"
Lt. R.W. York ✓
S/S H.J. Wilds
Sgt. L.A. Ashton |
| 3. A/C # 711 "M"
Lt. J.D. Adams ✓
S/S P.L. Clearman
S/S A.J. Zeikus | 6. A/C # 221 "F"
Lt. W.A. Merchant ✓
S/S C.J. Harp
S/S K.P. Brown |

FLIGHT II

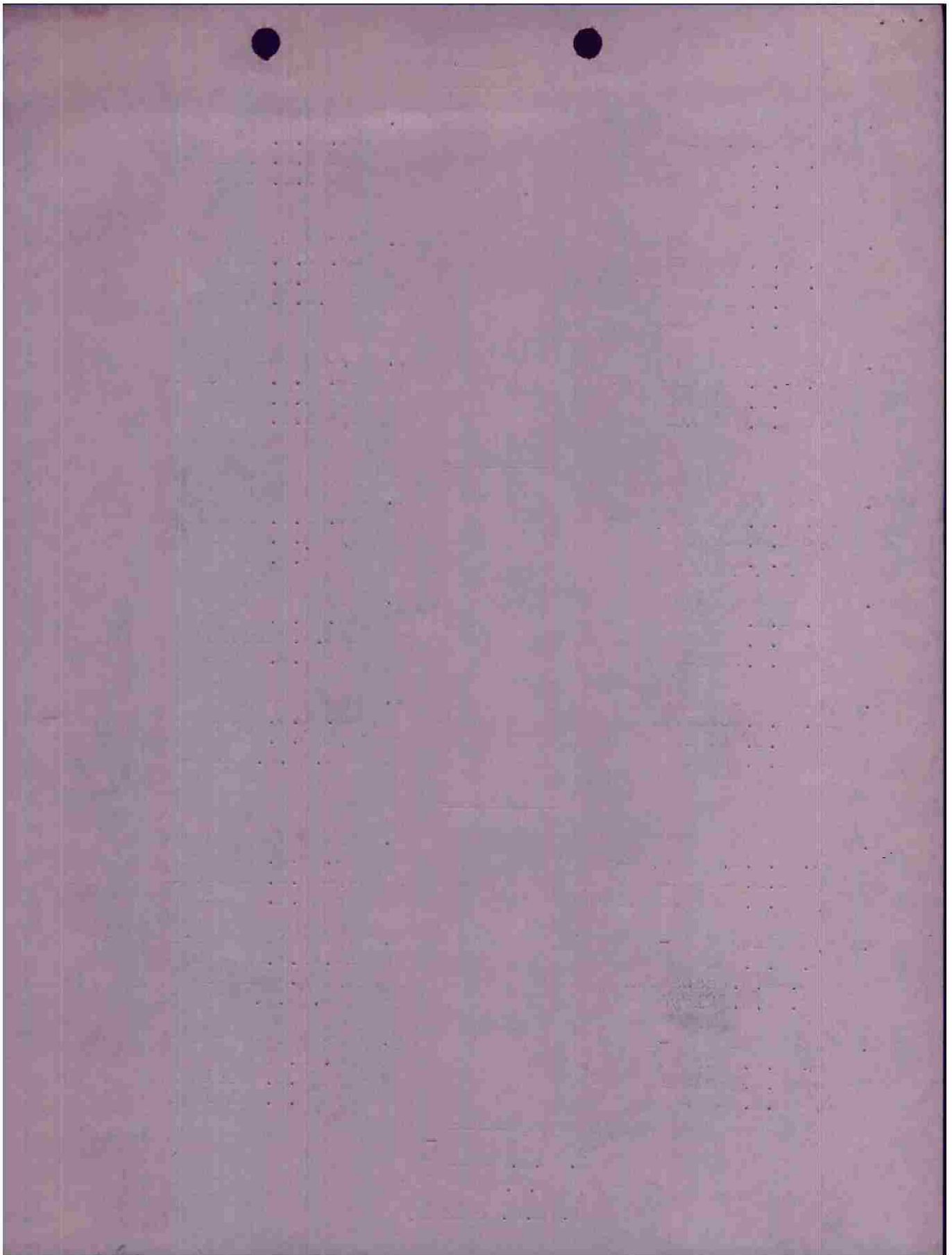
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| 1. A/C # 701 "H"
Lt. R.F. Shaefer ✓
S/S E.R. Judd
S/S J.A. Fejes | 4. A/C # 226 "E"
Lt. R.G. Meredith ✓
S/S A.A. Hill
S/S B.C. Sieg |
| 2. A/C # 963 "N"
Lt. L.E. Hill ✓
S/S C.H. Yost
S/S R.W. Burch | 5. A/C # 684 "K"
Lt. E.B. Kreh ✓
Sgt. E. Shelton
S/S D.R. Schenck |
| 3. A/C # 360 "S"
Lt. R.K. Cruze ✓
S/S F.L. Adair
S/S C.F. Love | 6. A/C # 0194 "A"
Lt. C.C. Mish ✓
S/S C.J. Clark
Sgt. R.F. Chustz |

FLIGHT III

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|---|--|
| 1. A/C # 900 "Q"
Lt. P.F.E. MacManus ✓
S/S J.L. Rogers
S/S G.I. Fleischman | 4. A/C # 743 "W"
Lt. W.A. Peck ✓
S/S A.E. Bergeron
S/S H.E. Kelton |
| 2. A/C # 189 "P-1"
Lt. M.V. Shainberg ✓
Sgt. J.W. Sabadosh
Sgt. C.W. Floyd | 5. A/C # 202 "B-1"
Lt. J.F. Smith ✓
S/S C. Vafiadis
Sgt. H.C. Hoffman |
| 3. A/C # 961 "E-1"
Lt. M.S. Street ✓
S/S C.A. Prindle
S/S E.T. Epps | 6. A/C # 673 "I"
Lt. P. Dontas ✓
S/S W.E. Fields
S/S A.L. Nielsen |

SPARE

A/C # 393 "K-1"
Lt. R.H. Smith ✓
S/S A.A. Stockham
Sgt. R.J. Mahoney



MISSION NO. 63

LOADING LIST

30 MAY 1944

BOX II
FLIGHT I

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| 1. A/C # 135 "T" ✓
Lt. L.A. Marzolf ✓
Lt. R.J. Basnett ✓
S/S H.E. Wellin
S/S L.G. Kutzer | 4. A/C # 214 "C" ✓
Lt. R.E. Greenley ✓
S/S H.C. Worden
S/S J.J. Rzepka |
| 2. A/C # 125 "M" ✓
Captain H.F. Conant ✓
Lt. R.T. McBrien ✓
Pvt. J.R. Herttua
Sgt. H.J. Sylva | 5. A/C # 363 "L" ✓
Lt. F.W. Henderson ✓
Sgt. R.M. Griswold
Sgt. P.E. Coulombe |
| 3. A/C # 220 "E" ✓
Lt. R.D. Perkins ✓
S/S V.N. Sherry
S/S R.H. Linneman | 6. A/C # 165 "H" ✓
Lt. M. Zubon ✓
T/S J.R.L. Tanner
S/S W.C. Russell |

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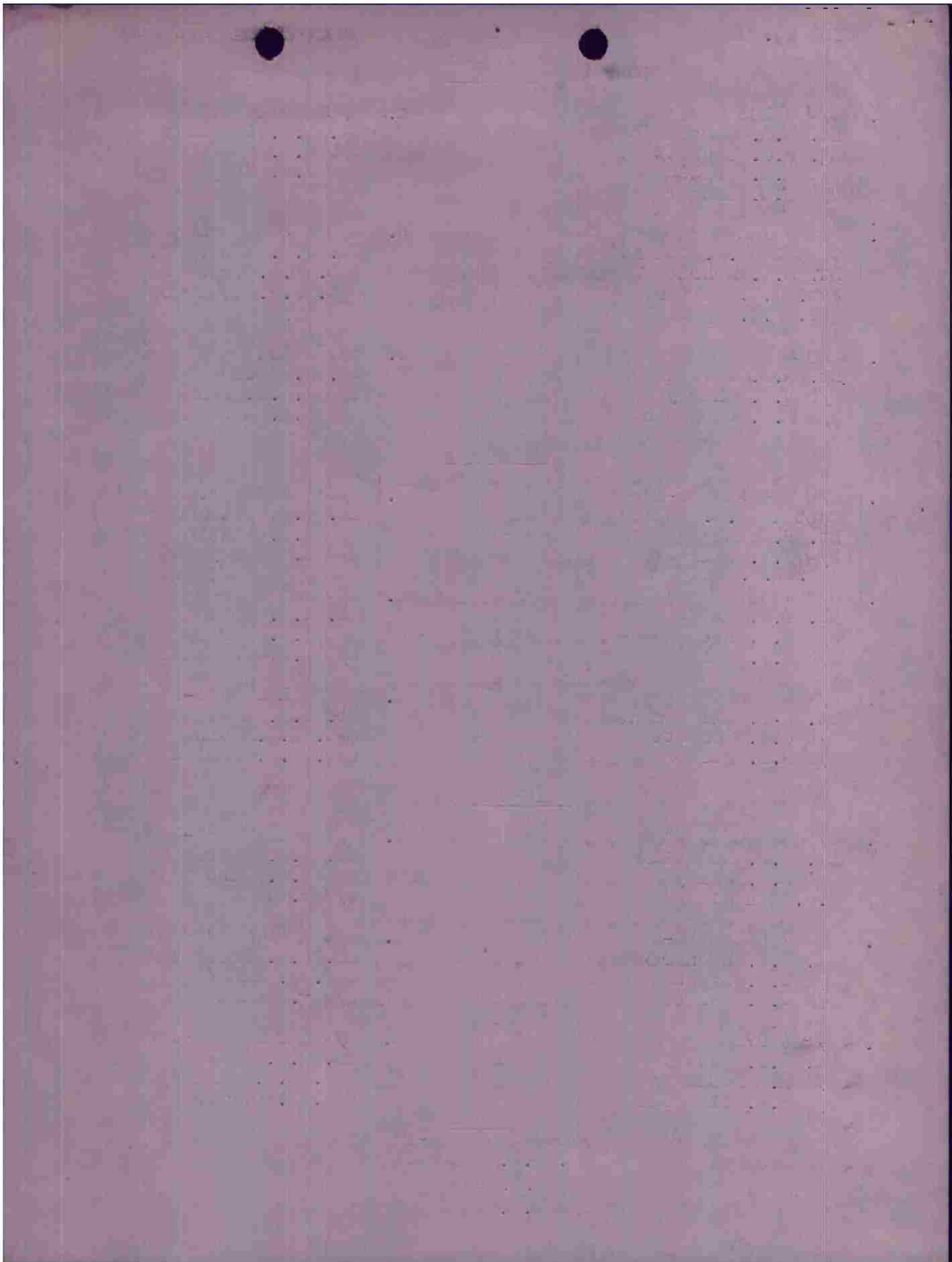
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| 1. A/C # 455 "T-1" ✓
Captain D.A. Hulse ✓
Lt. R. Conte ✓
S/S F.D. Allred
Sgt. D.W. Stephens | 4. A/C # 907 "Q" ✓
Lt. W.B. Ostrander ✓
S/S J.E. Wilson
S/S I. Binney |
| 2. A/C # 157 "P" ✓
Lt. D.F. Shea ✓
S/S R.E. Lee
S/S F.G. Falk | 5. A/C # 195 "D" ✓
Lt. C.L. McGlohn ✓
S/S J.W. Moran
S/S P.B. Driskill |
| 3. A/C # 680 "R" ✓
Lt. J.P. Hillerman ✓
S/S J.D. Gossett
S/S R.L. Miller | 6. A/C # 176 "T-1" ✓
Lt. J.C. Sewell ✓
Sgt. D.D. Burns
Sgt. W.J. Daniel |

FLIGHT III

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| 1. A/C # 380 "N" ✓
Lt. R.S. Rudisill ✓
S/S R.K. Riley
S/S A.J. Bonamo | 4. A/C # 224 "E-1" ✓
Lt. H.A. Monroe ✓
S/S "L. Kidd
S/S P. Risko |
| 2. A/C # 892 "L-1" ✓
Lt. T.J. Leonard ✓
S/S O.D. Evans
S/S T.A. Palmer | 5. A/C # 207 "B" ✓
Lt. L.R. McBride ✓
Cpl. J. McKee
S/S R. Eutsler |
| 3. A/C # 978 "S" ✓
Lt. R.J. Rooney ✓
S/S H.M. McCleary
S/S S.F. DiNapoli | 6. A/C # 211 "O-1" ✓
Lt. R.B. Hall ✓
Sgt. D.S. Blackford
Sgt. I. Burger |

SPARE

A/C # 219 "D-1" ✓
Lt. H.D. Andrews ✓
S/S G.M. Cook
S/S E.R. Werley



OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

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CLEARANCE F-1

30 MAY 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR HAROLD A. RADETSKY

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B. 1030

C. NORTH FORELAND

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668 8 H N S E K A

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GROUP LEADER . . . 671 . . . X

DEPUTY . . . 668 . . . J

BOX II R/T . . TIDWAY TWO

669 1 T

668 4 M O D T-1

671 4 E C L H

670 9 P R N L-1 S E-1 B O-1 T-1

671 1 (SPARE . . D-1)

SECOND BOX LEADER . . . 669 . . . T

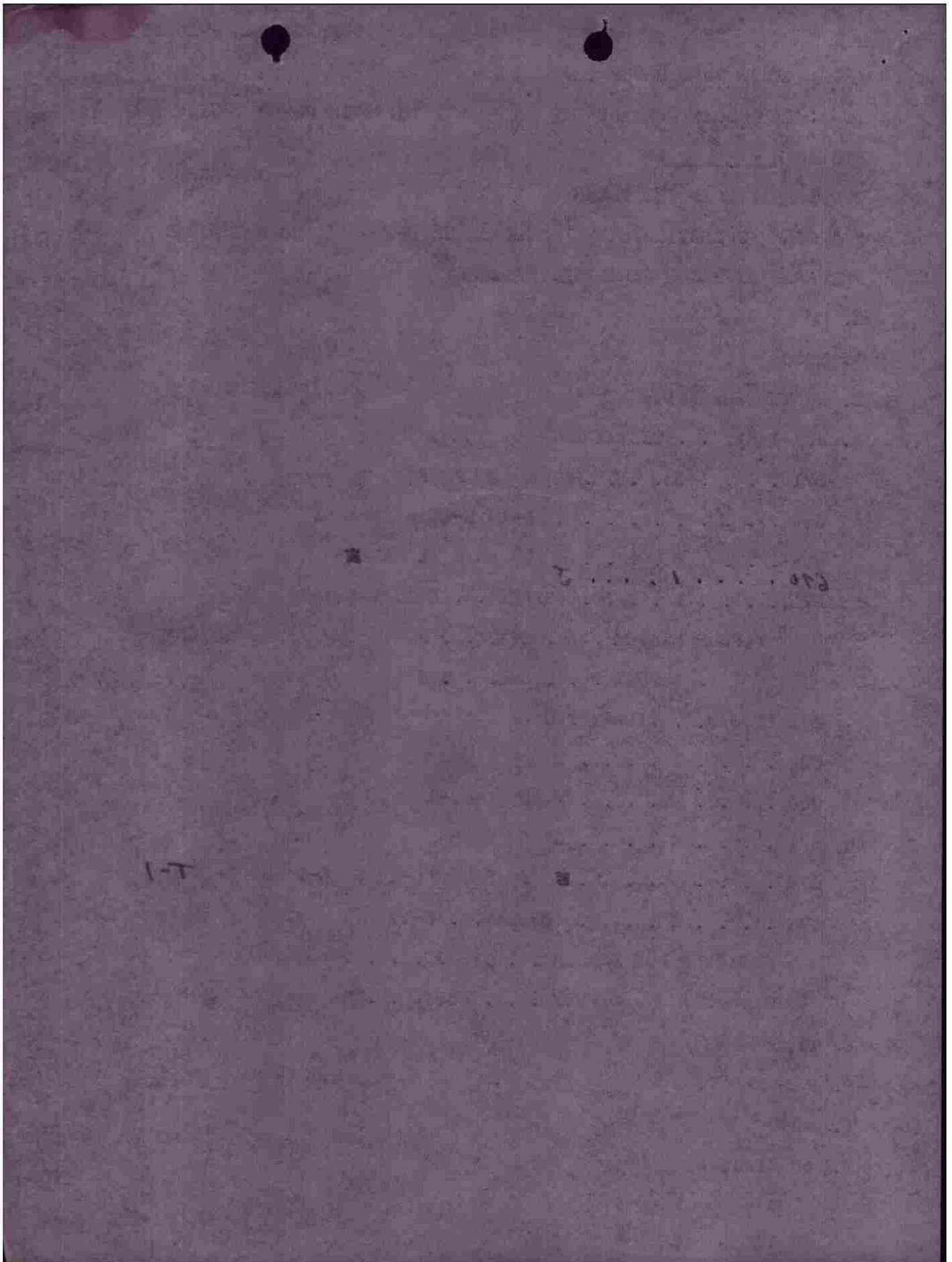
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F. FURNES

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H. 50 Minutes



J. FURNES

K. NORTH FORELAND

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2. 4 x 300 O.P.

3. 4 HOURS

4. BOX I Z140

BOX II, . . Z-140

5. NONE

MACE COBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

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

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

APC 140
30 May 1944

SUBJECT: Operational Forecast

To : Group Operations

BASE TO TARGET: 2-4/10 cirrus above 20,000 ft. Nil medium cloud
Nil low cloud. Visibility 1½-3 miles decreasing
to 1-2 miles in London area and increasing to
4-6 miles over South England and channel and
to 5-8 miles over continent.

TARGET: 2-4 cirrus above 20,000 ft. Nil medium cloud. Nil low
cloud. Visibility 5-8 miles in haze.

TARGET TO BASE: Same as base to target except nil to 2/10 small
cumulus over England base 4000 ft tops 6000-
7000 ft. Visibility 3-6 miles at bases on return.

HAZARDS TO FLYING: Thick haze to 9000-10,000 ft with thin haze
above to 20,000 ft.

FREEZING LEVEL: 11000 ft. ICING: Nil

WINDS	DIRECTION	VELOCITY	TEMP
Surface	030	5	
5000 ft	150	10	12
10000 ft	170	12	2
12000 ft	170	15	-2
15000 ft	170	17	-7

TEMP AT TARGET: +24

MEAN TEMP +12

PRESSURE ALTITUDE: -12

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

APC 140
30 May 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 3,500 yards. No clouds.

ROUTE OUT: Visibility 4 to 6 miles over England improving
to 8 to 10 miles over continent. Scattered
patches of cirrus estimated 30,000 feet.

TARGET: No low clouds. Visibility 8 to 10 miles in
light haze.

ROUTE BACK: Same as route out.

BASE ON RETURN: Visibility 3 miles. No clouds.

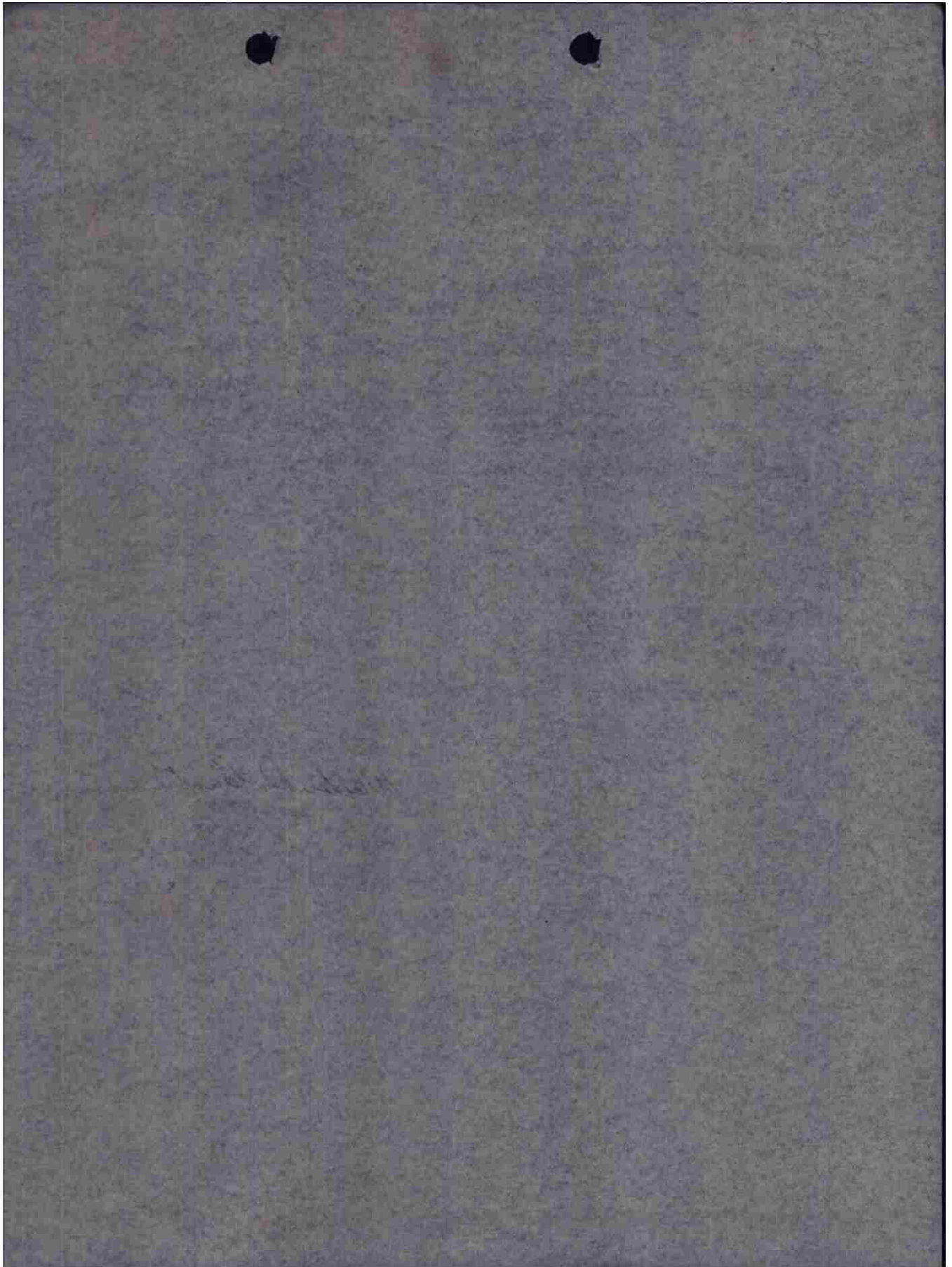
WINDS: As forecast.

TIME OVER TARGET: 1120

Weather did not effect bombing.

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

1 Incl. 2 Route Forecast Forms.



WETHERS FIELD 416TH BOMB GROUP (W)		TAKEOFF - 0930 RETURN - 1215		DATE <u>30 MAY 1944</u> PERIOD <u>0900 - 1300</u>		HQ SOS USAFP 9-43/90W/152	
OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST							
A BASE TO TARGET		B TARGET		C TARGET TO BASE		D	
1 WEATHER		SCATTERED CLOUDS + HAZE		SCATTERED CLOUDS + HAZE			
2 CLOUDS		2/10 TO 4/10 HIGH CIRRUS ABOVE 20,000 FT NIL MEDIUM CLOUD AND NIL LOW CLOUD		8/10 TO 4/10 HIGH CIRRUS ABOVE 20,000 FT NIL MEDIUM CLOUD AND NIL LOW CLOUD		SAME AS ROUTE OUT EXCEPT NIL TO 2/10 SMALL CUMULUS OVER ENGLAND BASE 4000 FT TO 6,000 FT TO 7000 FT	
3 ICING		FREEZING LEVEL: 11,000 FT ICING: NIL		SAME		SAME	
4 VISIBILITY		5/10 MILES DECREASING TO 1 TO 2 MILES IN LONDON AREA INCREASING TO 4 MILES OVER ENGLAND CHANNEL 5 TO 8 MILES OVER CONTINENT		5 TO 8 MILES		6 MILES	
HEIGHT		DIRECTION		VELOCITY		DIRECTION	
SURFACE		030		5			
5,000 FT		150		10			
10,000 FT		170		12			
12,000 FT		170		15			
15,000 FT		170		17			
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FT							
BASE ALTIMETER SETTING <u>30.18</u>		TARGET SURFACE TEMP. <u>+24°C</u> TEMP. AT <u>21,000 FT.</u> <u>-20°C</u>		TARGET MEAN TEMP. <u>+12°C</u>		TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) <u>-12</u>	

AIRCRAFT REPORT

		BASE TO COAST	OVER CHANNEL OR SEA	OVER CONTINENT & TARGET
TIME				
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 -

COLD AIR → WARM AIR → CLOUDS (CU, CB, ALTO, STRATUS)

COOL AIR → WARM AIR → CLOUDS (ALTO, STRATUS)

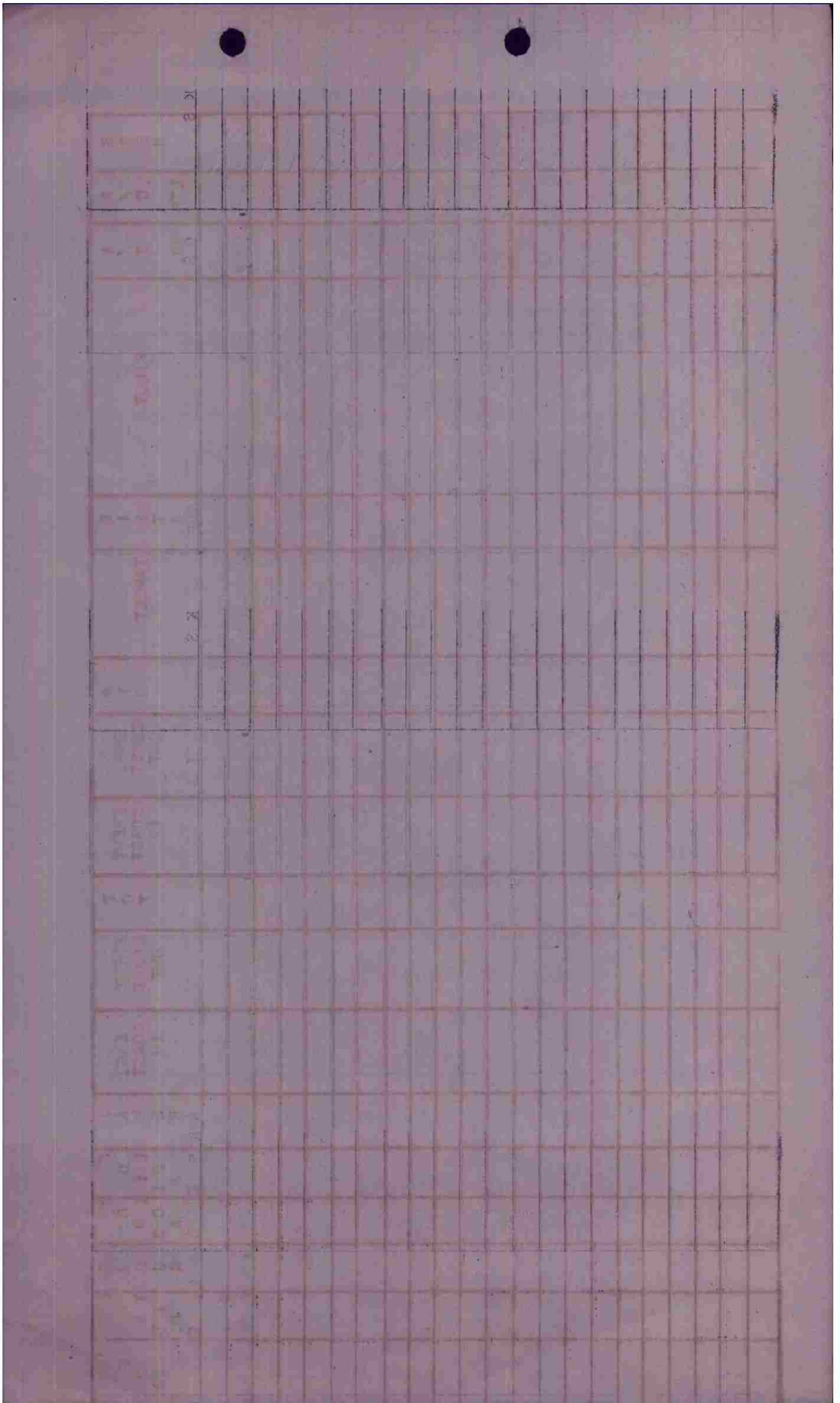
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A-1	X	914	Shelton	515	DENAIN	0930	12,000	11,500	1116	11,500	9,000	Ne	725	4500	4	1216	
A-1	J	489	Hammere		PROVY	0930	No Fuel	FUELES		FUELES	No Fuel					1217	
A-1	M	711	Adams			0930	1030	1045		1135	1148					1217	
A-1	B	939	Wentler			0930										1218	
A-1	P	951	Back			0931										1218	
A-1	F	221	Marchant			0931										1219	
A-1	H	701	Shaffer			0931										1221	
A-1	N	963	Stille			0932										1221	
A-1	S	360	Cruze			0932										1222	
A-1	E	226	Marchant			0932										1222	
A-1	K	684	Stick			0932										1223	
A-1	A	0194	Trick			0932										1224	
A-1	Q	900	Tracy			0933										1224	
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A-1	M	743	Back			0934										1227	
A-1	B	202	Smith, D.F.			0934										1227	
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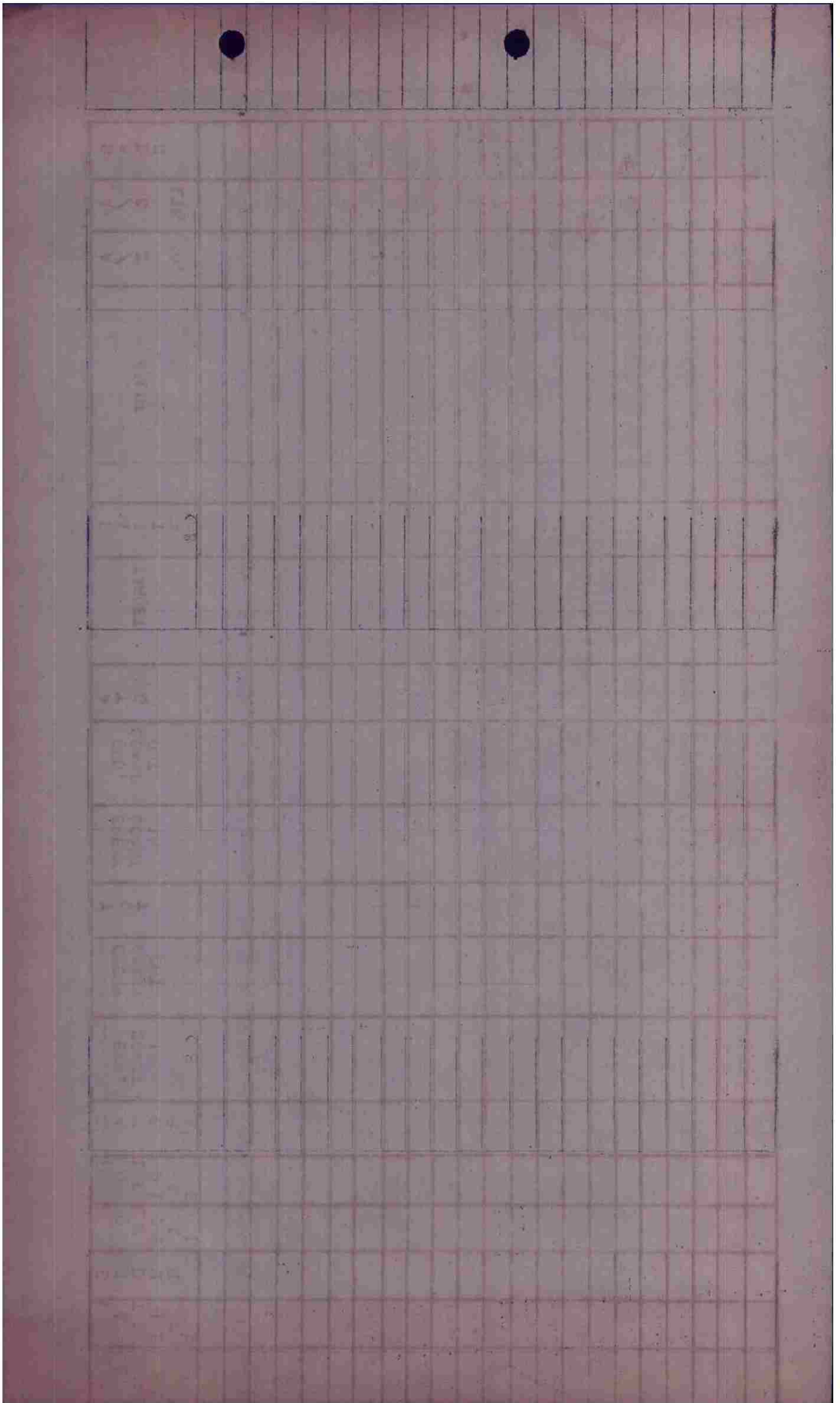
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D-1	T	135	Margaret	515	DENAIN	0936	12,000	11,500	1116	11,500	9,000	H.C.	725	4	1229	
A-1	M	125	Coyne		PROVY	0936	12,000	10,200		11,35	1148				1231	
D-1	E	220	Lykins			0936									1230	
D-1	C	214	Greenleaf			0936									1230	
D-1	L	363	Henderson			0937						C			1230	
D-1	H	165	Huber			0937									1232	
C	J	455	Hunter			0937									1232	
C	P	157	Heck			0937									1233	
C	R	680	Wittman			0938									1233	
A-1	C	907	Chapman			0938									1234	
A-1	D	195	My. Stahn			0938						C			1234	
A-1	T-1	176	Logwell			0938									1234	
C	N	380	Frederick			0939									1237	
C	L-1	892	Seegard			0939									1237	
C	S	978	Booney			0939									1237	
C	E-1	224	Marshall			0939									1238	
C	B	207	McGuire			0940						C			1239	
C	O-1	211	Wheeler			0940						C			1240	
D-1	D-1	219	Anderson			0940									1231	Spice



SHIP NO

455

SQUADRON

C

PILOT and/or
BOMBARDIER

Stulce

GUNNER S

FUNCTIONS

Left rear sack failed
to release.

CAUSES OF MALFUNCTIONS

Canopy being released not
right causing improper contact.

Remarks

May 30-1944.

Signature

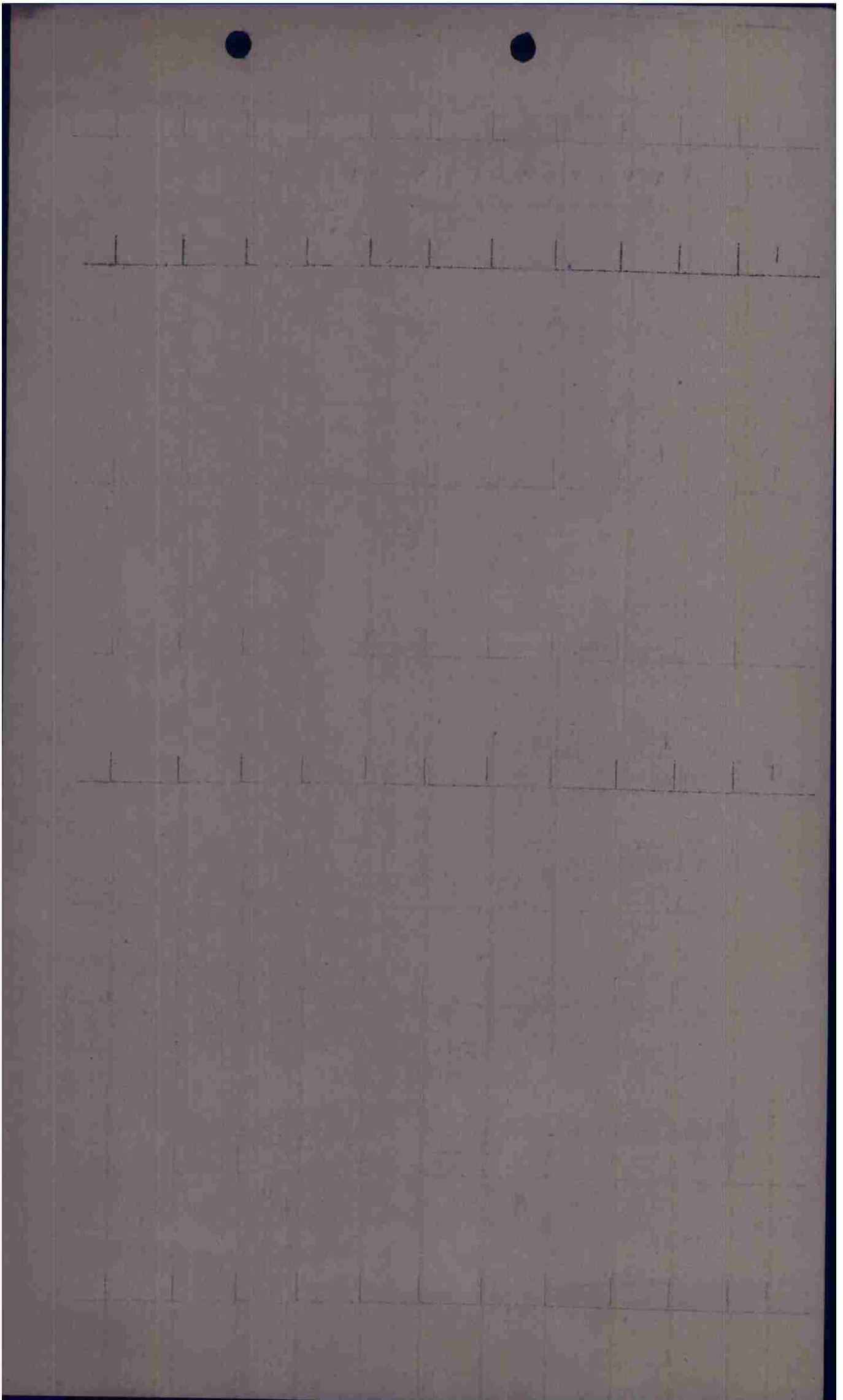
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Rank

Capt. H.C.

Department

Engineer



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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 29/2340B M162E
TO COMBOMCOM IX
409TH BOMB GROUP
410TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING
APO 140
29 MAY 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 58-535 338 *See Annex No. 1.*

MAPS: NORMAL

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

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK AN AIRFIELD IN FRANCE.

ZERO HOUR: 30/1030B

3. A. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

(3) WITH 416TH BOMB GROUP AT SHEERNESS AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 8 MINUTES.

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

(9) SEE S790/5 REF. 037062.

3. B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

(3) WITH 410TH BOMB GROUP AT SHEERNESS AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 8 MINUTES.

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

(9) SEE S790/5 REF. BOX I REF. 018029
REF. BOX II REF. 012050

X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE

(5) TARGET Z140

(6) A/C REQUIRED 2 BOX OF 18 A/C EACH GROUP.

(7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO SHEERNESS TO NORTH FORELAND TO FURNES TO 50 DEG. 42 MIN. NORTH 04 DEG. 12 MIN. EAST TO I.P. TO TARGET.

(8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO 50 DEG. 51 MIN. NORTH 03 DEG. 36 MIN. EAST TO FURNES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.

(9) I.P. 50 DEG. 13 MIN. NORTH 03 DEG. 45 MIN. EAST.

(10) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTH EAST TO NORTH WEST.

(11) R.P. 50 DEG. 27 MIN. NORTH 03 DEG. 23 MIN. EAST.

(12) BOMB LOAD: 4 X 500 LB. GP.

FUSED 1/10 NOSE, 1/100 TAIL.

(13) RENDEZVOUS: WITH P-47 FIGHTER ESCORT AT NORTH FORELAND AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR.

(14) THE 416TH GROUP AND 410 TH GROUP WILL TAKE OFF AT LEAST 10 MINUTES APART. THE 416TH BOMB GROUP WILL LEAD. THE 416TH BOMB GROUP WILL TAKE OFF FIRST.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:

(2) KITNOSE

(3) ANGELA

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

(2) TIDWAY

(3) ANGELA

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(2) WEST MALLING

BRIGHTON AREA

D/D

C/C,

C/S

PARADE

(3) NO CHANGE

(10) T B A V/T B A V

(11) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL

"C" WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA.

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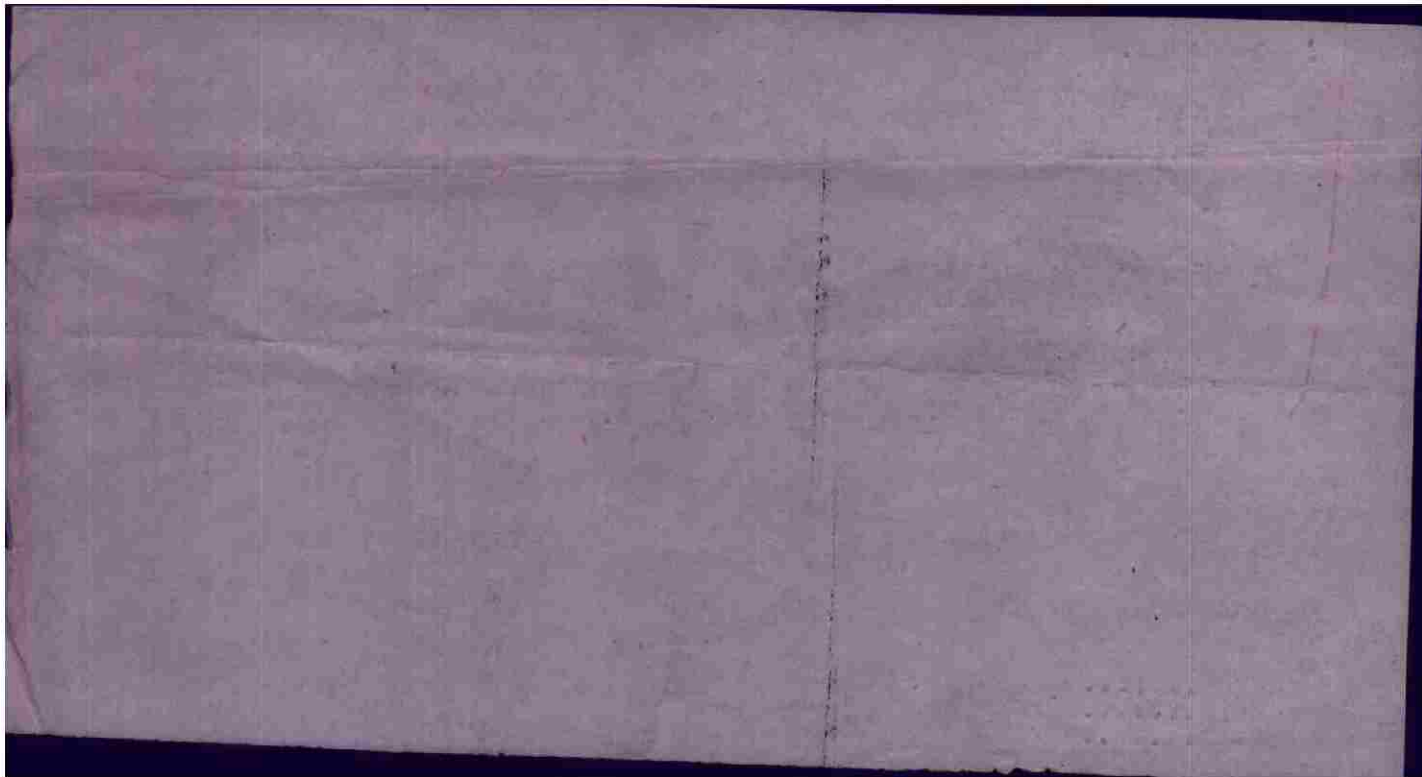
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416TH BOMB GROUP

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97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING
APO 142
30 MAY 1944

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ANNEX NO. 1 TO F.O. 58-336

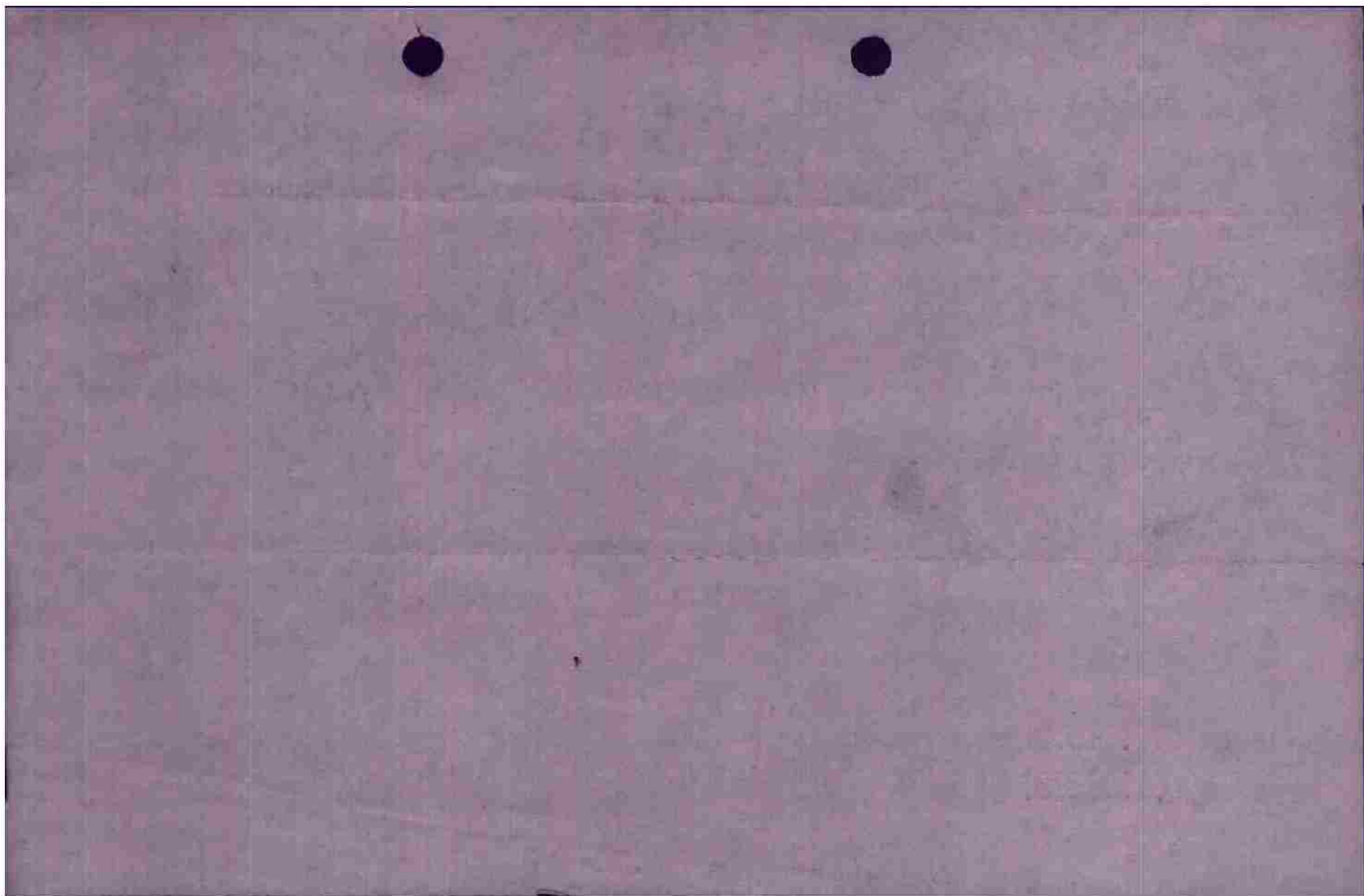
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TO COMBOMCOM IX
409TH BOMB GROUP
410TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO QRP
30 MAY 1944

ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER 58-338

3A (9) SHOULD READ ILL. S 790/5
REF. 037062

3B (9) SHOULD READ ILL. S 790/5
BOX I REF. 013029
BOX II REF. 012050

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OICOG R.....30/0808B

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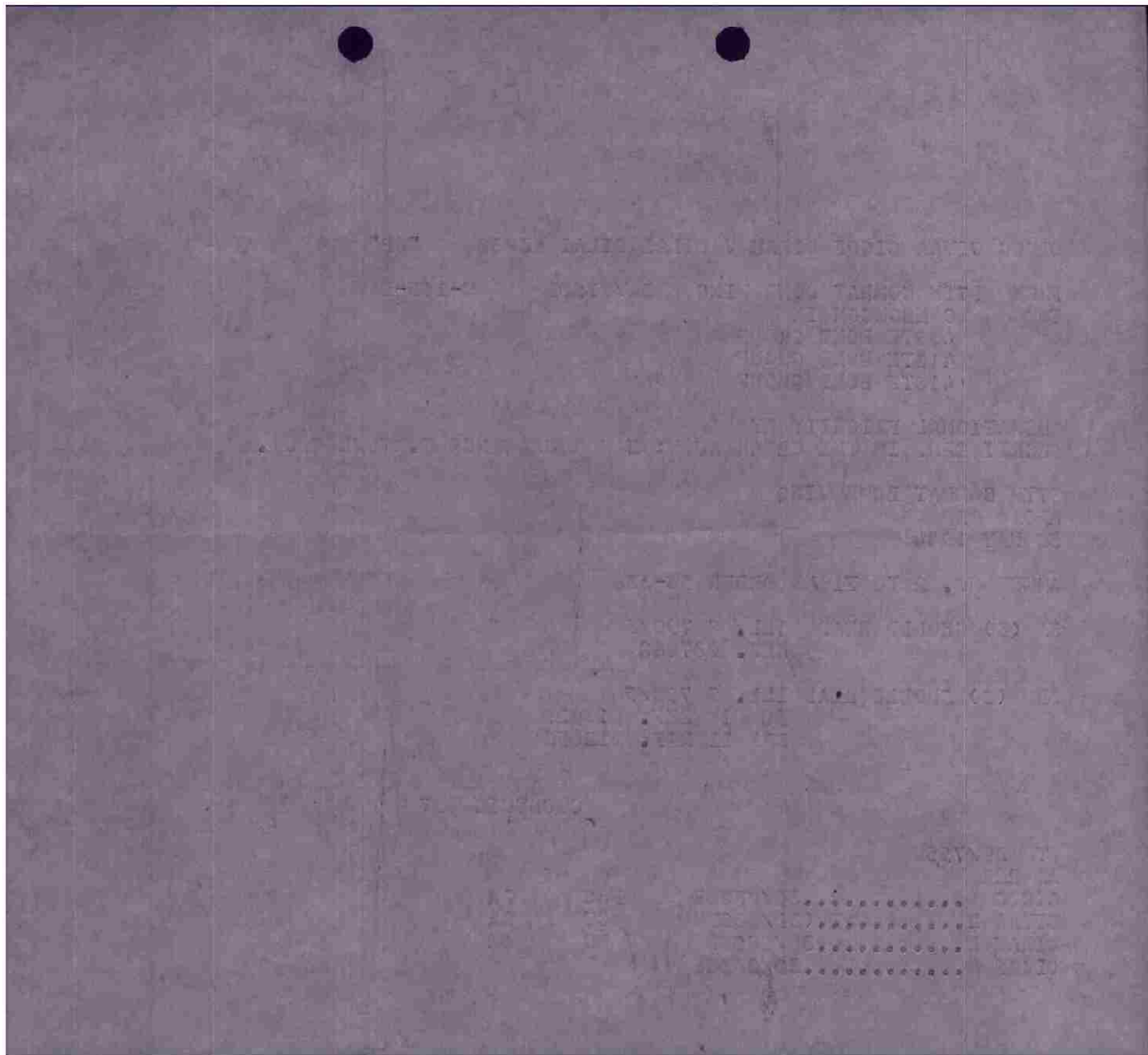
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 30/0006B

M-164-E

TO COMBOMCOM IX

COBOMGP 409

COBOMGP 410

COBOMGP 416

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

APO 140

30 MAY 1944

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO F.O. 58-338

1. TARGET HAS BEEN BOMBED THREE TIMES, AS SECONDARY BY B-26'S DURING PAST WEEK, WITH FAIR TO GOOD, GOOD AND POOR RESULTS, RESPECTIVELY. CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF CRATERS MAY BE ANTICIPATED. PHOTO RECCE WAS MADE AS RECENTLY AS 25 MAY, AND FROM THOSE PHOTOS THE REFERENCE POINTS OF THIS MISSION WERE SELECTED AS THE MOST IMPORTANT. IT IS ESPECIALLY DESIRED THAT BOMB DAMAGE TO LANDING STRIPS BE AVOIDED.
2. GROUPS HAVE LATEST INFORMATION ON THE GAF AND GROUND FORCES. FLAK EXPERIENCES OF B-26'S, MENTIONED ABOVE, WHEN ATTACKING THIS TARGET WERE NIL, REPEAT NIL. B/B WILL BE SEEN AT ROULERS.
3. REQUEST OBSERVATIONS ON FOLLOWING:
 - A. RECTANGULAR CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION FORMING CHECKERBOARD PATTERN ON BEACH NORTH WEST OF FURNES.
 - B. SECOND LINE OF DEFENSE, PARALLELING COAST LINE ABOUT 8 MILES IN-LAND.
 - C. MILITARY CAMPS WHICH HAVE BEEN REPORTED WEST, SOUTH AND SOUTH-EAST OF DIXMUDE.
 - D. V-SHAPED RUNWAY AT ROULERS.
 - E. WELL CAMOUFLAGED A/D WITH NUMEROUS GOOD ROADS, IN LARGE WOODED AREA ABOUT 50 DEG. 24 MIN. NORTH - 03 DEG. 21 MIN. EAST.

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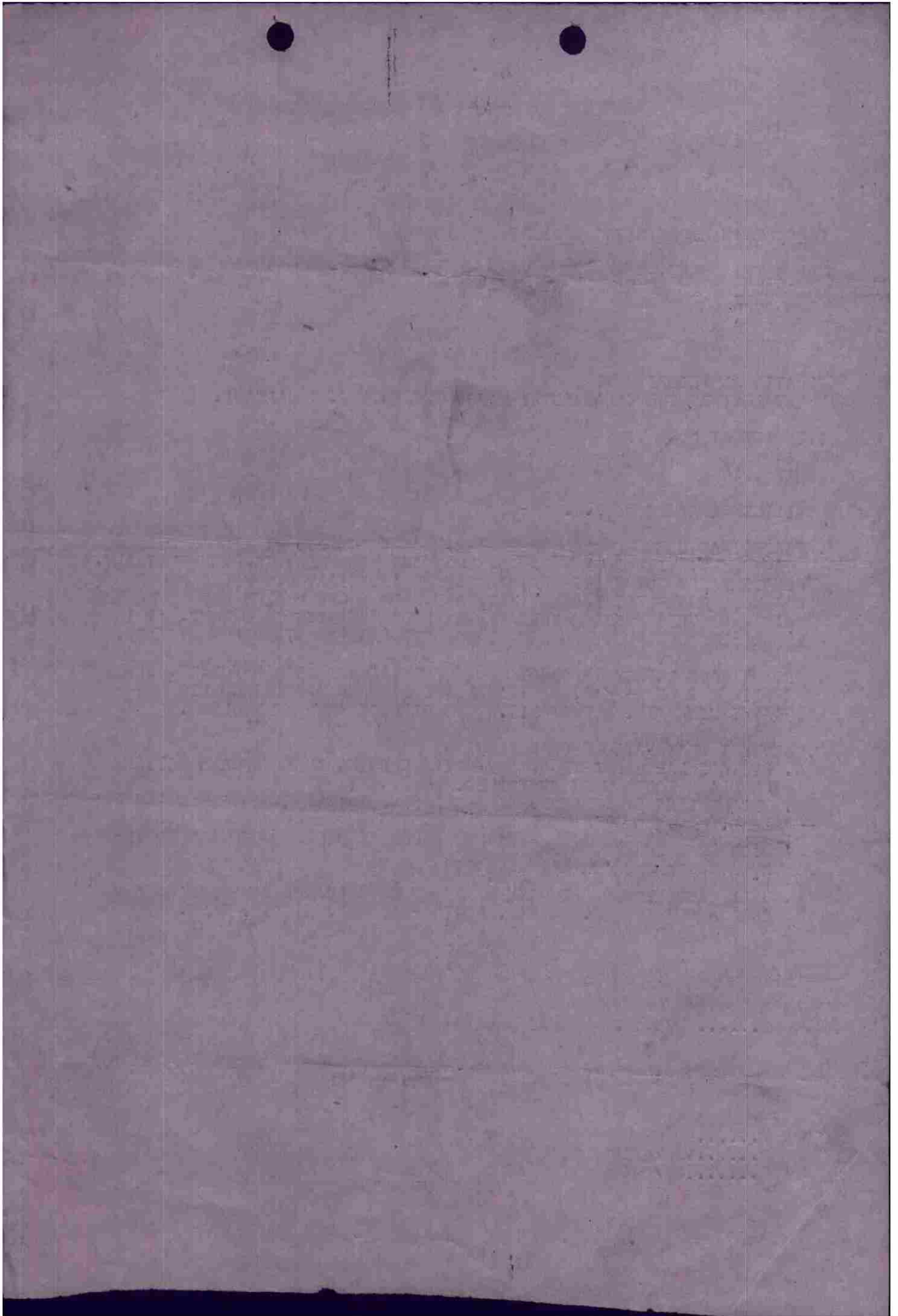
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FROM 416TH BOMB GP (L) 301345B

TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2
97TH COMBATWING ATTN: A-2

CONFIDENTIAL BT
M729E OPSFLASH NO 58 FOR 30 MAY 1944

- A. (I) DENAIN-PROUVY A/D
(II) DENAIN- PROUVY A/D
- B. (I) 416TH BG
(II) 38 A-20'S
(III) NONE
(IV) 38 A-20'S
- C. (I) 0930
(II) 1121
(III) 1240
- D. (I) NONE
(II) 0-0-0
(III) 0-0-0
- E. 1ST BOX - GOOD
2ND BOX - GOOD
- F. (I) (A) NIL
(B) NIL
(II) (A) NIL
(B) NIL- 5 OR 6 DISC TYPE FLAK BURST AT DIXMUDE.
- G. 20 CAR TRAIN MOVING SOUTH FROM GROMMANT. TRUCK CONWAY ONE MILE
IN LENGTH MOVING WEST ON HIGHWAYFROM THOURANT TO OSTEND.
M/Y AT MORS 2/3 FULL OF CARS.
M/Y AT SOIGNES 2/3 FULL.
FOUR VEHICLES ON BEACH AT LE PANNE TWO OF WHIHXXX WHICH
APPEARED TO BE HALF TRACKS. D.B. AT 5,000 FT. ON COAST AROUND
OSTEND.
- H. (I) NO CLOUDS- VIS. 8-10 MILES
(II) SAME
- I. 151 X 500 P GP ON PRIMARY
1 X 500 GP ON RETURNED
- J. BOX I 11500
BOX II 11000

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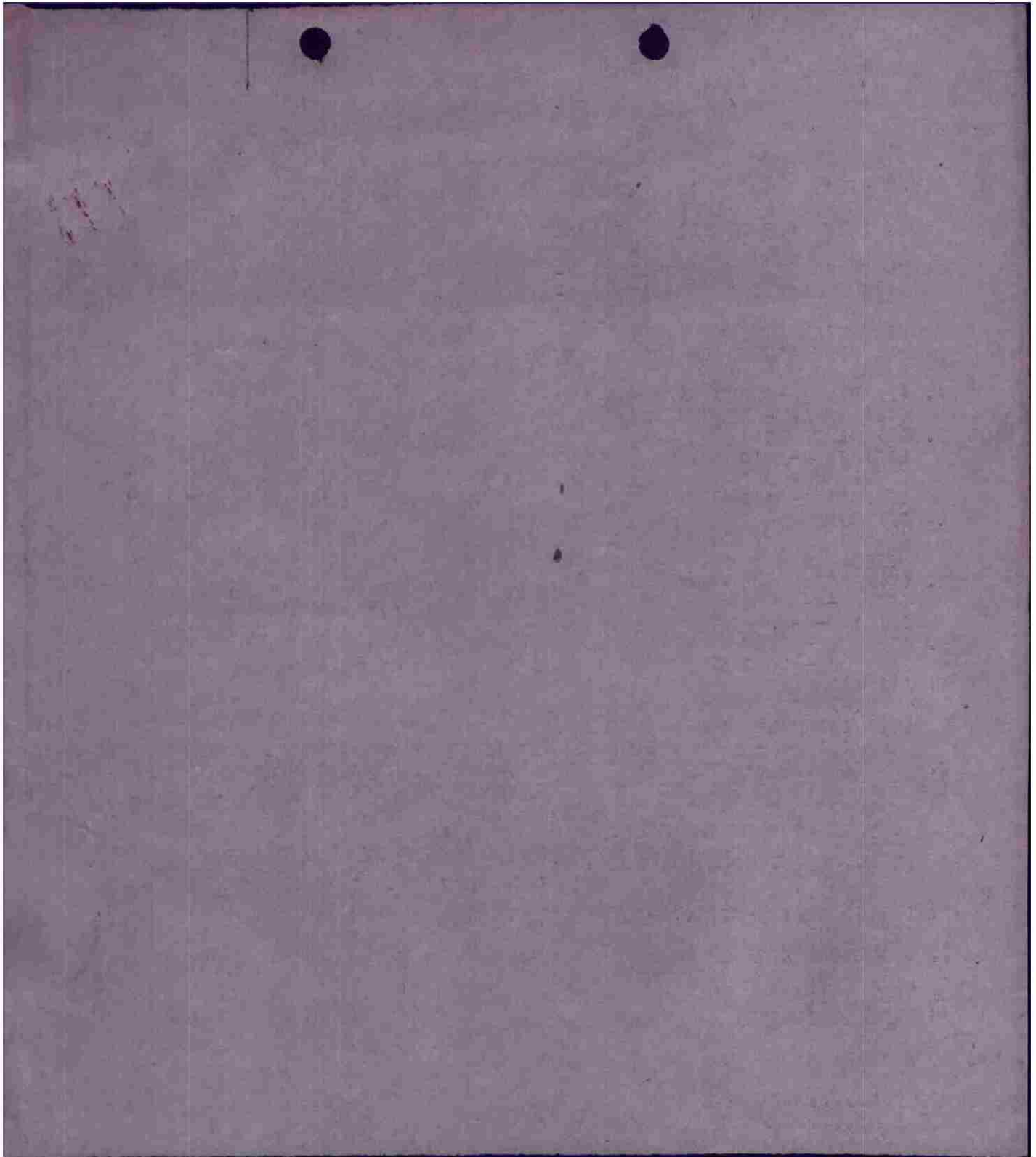
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