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

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APC 140, U. S. Army.
7 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Reports.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APC 140, U. S. Army.

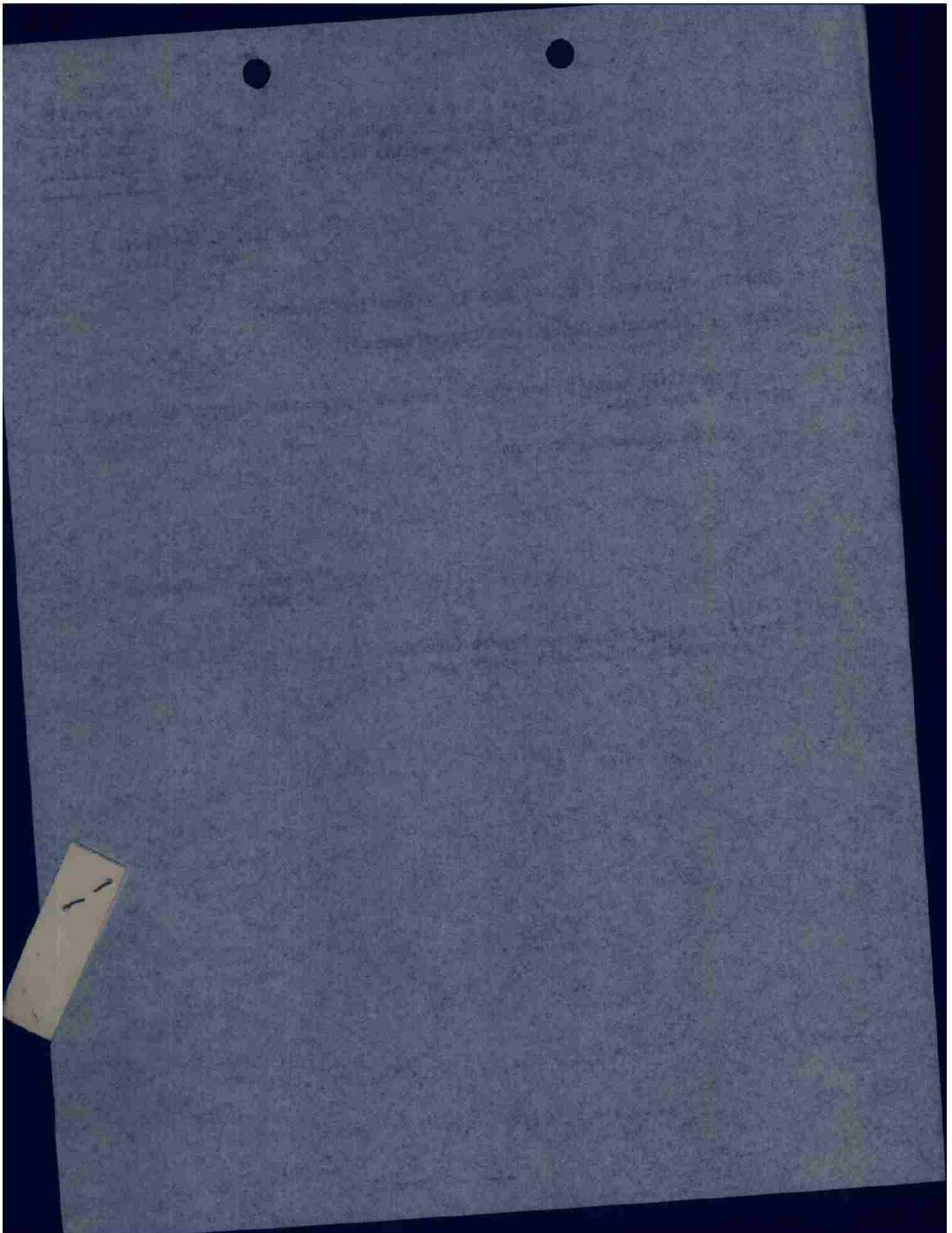
Transmitted herewith are the A-3 Bombing Information Reports on operational mission 7 June 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,
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

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO.

352

BOX I GROUP 416 DATE 7 June 44 TARGET ATTACHED Ponticola Roque
 TARGET ASSIGNED Heavy Bridge
 Pre-set, D-8 bomb height used.

1. Method of Sighting:

2. Bombing approach:

000° Mag.

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO X4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES NO X

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs; and specify exact aiming point actually used:

5. Name of lead bombardier:

Lt. Royalty

Major Willetts

6. Name of lead pilot:

None

7. Intervalometer setting: 220 201 20008. Indicated Air Speed: 20 Ground Speed: 500 Altitude: 1/10 1/1009. Length of bomb run: 1 sec: 50010. Bomb Load and Fusing per 85 lb/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.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attached, IF or AF? 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:

No enemy a/c.

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?

None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

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

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

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

*10 a/c bomb load 6 x 500 lb GP

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1. 6 to 8 miles.
2. Scattered patches of sand clouds at 2000 feet.
3. 1 box 19 ships.
4. Moderate from I.P.
5. Straight road, wooded areas.
6. Attacked wrong target.
7. Red mine.
8. None.

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

Formation consisted of 19 ships. Target - Heavy Bridge. Time of take-off was 0740. Time over target 0904. Lead bombardier mistook 1 outside house for primary and at 2000 feet attacked this target dropping a total of 85 bombs in this area. Visibility was 6 to 8 miles with scattered patches of sand clouds at 2000 feet. No anti-aircraft fire experienced. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1038.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 352BOX 2 - GROUP 416 DATE 7 June 44 TARGET ATTACKED Tilly Air Seals1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set. D-8 bombsight used.2. Bombing approach: 325° 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 data used entirely.
MPI used as AP. Two passes made at target to be certain of identify.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Bassett6. Name of lead pilot: Lt. Marzolf.7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 220 Ground Speed: 203 Altitude: 20009. Length of bomb run: 5 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10 T 1/4011. Total Bombs Dropped: 90

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

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

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IF or 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 X POOR _____ BAD MISS _____

* 10 a/c bomb load 6 x 500 lb GP.

(Over)

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1. 6 to 8 miles.
2. Coverage of atmosphere at 2100 feet.
3. 1 box 19 ships.
4. Moderate from I.P.
5. Roads leading into town.
6. None.
7. Fair.
8. None.

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

Formation consisted of 19 ships. Target - Billy and Beattie H/S. Time of take off was 0746. This was target 0909. At 2000 feet a total of 50 bombs were dropped in the target area with fair results. Visibility was 6 to 8 miles with an overcast of atmosphere at 2100 feet. No anti-aircraft fire or response d. No enemy aircraft encountered. Mines laid at 1000.

MISSION NO. 69

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

7 JUNE 1944

1. 914 X
Major D.L. Willetts✓
Lt. P.G. Royalty✓
T/S F.H. Larronde
S/S H.A. Lempka
2. 455 T
Capt. C.R. Jackson✓
Lt. A.H. Maltby✓
S/S R.K. Riley
S/S A.J. Bonamo
3. 925 G
Lt. E.T. Platter✓
S/S K.L. Johnson
S/S J.L. Czech

4. 214 C
Lt. R.V. Wheeler✓
S/S J.S. Brower
S/S E. Corrin
5. 363 L
Lt. T.J. Murray✓
Sgt R.J. Jones
Sgt D.H. DeBower
6. 219 D
Lt. A.E. Herman✓
Sgt J.O. Young
Sgt A.D. Garrett

FLIGHT II

1. 467 W
Capt. G.M. McNulty✓
Lt. F.H. Bursiel✓
S/S H.E. White
S/S R.F. Addleman
2. 0211 O
Lt. W.J. Greene✓
S/S J.A. Ochaba
Pfc. B.K. Allen
3. 0157 P
Lt. D.F. Shea✓
S/S R.E. Lee
S/S F.G. Falk

4. 750 M
Lt. W.B. Ostrander✓
S/S J.E. Wilson
S/S I. Binney
5. 224 E
Lt. N.G. Brown✓
Sgt D.E. Burns
Sgt W.J. Daniel
6. 209 K
Capt. Z.R. Moore✓
S/S O.D. Evans
S/S T.A. Palmer

FLIGHT III

1. 202 B
Lt. P.F.E. MacManus✓
S/S J.L. Rogers
S/S G.I. Flieschman
2. 943 F
Lt. E.J. Renth✓
S/S O.D. LaNave
S/S F.M. Citty
3. 961 E-1
Lt. M.S. Street✓
S/S C.A. Prindle
S/S E.T. Epps

4. 840 V
Lt. T. Boukamp✓
S/S R.J. Colosimo
S/S N. Radlich
5. 147 K-1
Lt. W.F. Tripp✓
Sgt J.O. Scott
S/S D.F. Mallory
6. 717 N
Lt. E.R. Hayter✓
Sgt F.E. Melchoir
S/S R.C. Halloway

SPARE

165 H
Lt. M. Zubon✓
T/S J.R.L. Tanner
S/S W.C. Russell

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BOX I

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LOADING LIST
BOX 11
FLIGHT I

7 JUNE 44

1. 1711 S
LT L A MARZOLF ✓
LT R J BASNETT ✓
S/S H E WELLIN
S/S L G KUTZER
2. 135 T
CAPT M J HUFF ✓
LT J KUPITS ✓
SGT J W SABADOSH
SGT C E YOUNG
3. 951 P
MAJOR J G NAPIER ✓
S/S W H COE
S/S E E KELLY

4. ~~XXX~~ 393 K
LT R E GREENLEY ✓
S/S C J HARP
S/S K P BROWN

5. ~~937~~ B
LT A R DURANTE ✓
S/S H T BEST
S/S I R DE GIUSTI

6. 221 F
LT J H MILLER ✓
SGT R G SCHROM
SGT J GALENDER

FLIGHT II

1. 0210 Q
CAPT H F CONANT ✓
S/S J A FEJES
S/S E R JUDD

2. 0176 T-1 ✓
LT W E DOWNING ✓
S/S E S DICKENSON
S/S K E HORNBECK

3. 684 K-1
LT E B KREH ✓
SGT E SHELTON
S/S D R SCHENCK

4. 907 O
LT G EBENSTEIN ✓
S/S H PERKINS
SGT S P NEWELL

5. 9194 C
LT S B RITCHIE ✓
S/S E A ANDERSON
S/S J R ORR

6. 0194 A
LT R G MEREDITH ✓
S/S A A HILL
S/S R W MAC DONALD

FLIGHT III

1. 978 S-1
LT J F MEAGHER ✓
SGT D HANTSKE
S/S E A DAMICO

2. 207 B-1
LT R V MIRACLE ✓
S/S J C BURKHALTER
S/S B C SIEG

3. 227 F-1
LT L E HILL ✓
S/S R W BURCH
S/S C H YOST

4. 894 R-1
LT R D POINDEXTER ✓
T/S L G ~~XXXX~~ ROBBINS
S/S D H ~~XXXXXX~~ SIMPSON

5. 195 D-1
LT R R SVENSON ✓
SGT P G FILD
S/S G E PFENNING

6. 217 D-2
LT R K CRUZE ✓
S/S F L ADAIR
S/S C F LOVE

SPARE

- 493 V
LT R H SMITH ✓
S/S A A STOCKHAM
SGT R J MAHONEY

MISSION NO. 69
BOX 11
7 JUNE 44

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO: IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

416 BG U _____ E

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"J" FORM OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE F-1 7 JUNE 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR HAROLD A RADETSKY

A.

B. BOX I . . . 0820 BOX II . . . 0820

C. BOX I / . . . SELSEY BILL . . . BOX II . . . BEACHY HEAD

D. BOX I R/T FEETACHE

671 . . . 5 . . . X G O L D

670 . . . 7 . . . T W O P M E K

669 . . . 6 . . . B F E-1 V K-1 N

671 . . . 1 . . . SPARE . . . H

GROUP LEADER . . . 671 . . . X

DEPUTY . . . 670 . . . T

BOX II R/T DASHDOWN

671 . . . 5 . . . S P K B F

669 . . . 1 . . . T

668 . . . 8 . . . Q T-1 K-1 O C A R-1 D-1

670 . . . 4 . . . S-1 S F-1 D-2 *B-1*671 . . . 1 . . . ~~XXXXXXXX~~ SPARE . . . V

SECOND BOX LEADER . . . 671 . . . S

DEPUTY . . . 669 . . . T

E. 5000

F. BOX I . . . 49 DEGREES 24 MINUTES NORTH 00 DEGREES 55 MINUTES WEST

BOX II . . . 49 DEGREES 17 MINUTES NORTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES WEST

G. BOX I . . . 0842

BOX II . . . 0845

H. BOX I . . . 21 MINUTES

BOX II . . . 14 MINUTES

- J. BOX I . . 49 DEGREES 24 MINUTES NORTH 00 DEGREES 55 MINUTES WEST
 BOX II . 49 DEGREES 20 MINUTES NORTH 00 DEGREES 28 MINUTES WEST
- K. BOX I . . . BRIGHTON BOX II . BEACHY HEAD
- L. BOX I . . . 0934 BOX II . . . 0930
- M. 1. E.T.D. . . BOX I . . . 0753 . . . E.T.A. . . . 0959
 E.T.D. . . BOX II . . 0759 . . . E.T.A. . . . 0955
2. 6 X 500 G.P.
3. 4 HOURS
4. BOX I . . . ZXXXX 4902W/D/16
 BOX II GS 4250/TF/1
5. NONE

MACE COBOMGR 416

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS;

JOHN M. BOMBBA,
 1ST LT., AIR CORPS,
 OPNS. STAT. OFFICER.

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

AFG 140
7 June 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 4 miles. Overcast with
breaks of fractostratus at 1,000
feet.

ROUTE OUT: Overcast with breaks at 1,500 to 2,000 feet
over England rising to 3,000 feet over the
channel, but lowering again over France to
2,000 feet. Scattered showers all along the
route. Visibility 6 to 8 miles except 3 to
4 miles in showers.

TARGET BOX I : Overcast of stratocumulus at 2,100 feet
with scattered patches of cumulus at
3,000 feet. Visibility 6 to 8 miles.

TARGET BOX II : Overcast of stratocumulus at 2,500 ft.
Visibility 6 to 8 miles.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out.

BASE ON RETURN: 7/10 to 9/10 stratocumulus at 1,000 ft.
Visibility 6 miles.

WINDS: As forecast.

TIME OVER TARGET: 0909

AFFECT OF WEATHER ON BOMBING: Scattered clouds at flight
altitude on bomb run of Box I, made it difficult
to locate target. Weather did not affect bombing
of Box II.

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

1 Incl.
2 Route Forecast Forms.

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WEATHERS FIELD
 416th Bomb Group (C)

 TAKE OFF - 0745
 RETURN - 1015

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OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

 DATE 17 JUNE 1944
 PERIOD 0700 - 1100

NA SCS USAFP 9-43/90M/25227

	A BASE TO TARGET	B TARGET	C TARGET TO BASE	
1 WEATHER	SCATTERED SHOWERS	SCATTERED SHOWERS	SCATTERED SHOWERS	
2	SCATTERED CIRRUS ABOVE 20,000 FT NIL MED CL OUD OVER BASE BECOMING 4-5/10 SOUTH OF ENGLAND AND CHANNEL BASE 14,000 FT 6-9/10 CUMULUS BASE 21,000 TO 2,500 FT SW OF LONDON, CHAD 5-7/10 BECOMING 4,000 FT OVER CHANNEL AND CONTINENT AREA TOPS 3,000 TO 8,000 FT	10/10 STRATOCUMULUS BASE 4,000 TO 5,000 FT TOPS 7,000 TO 8,000 FT	CLOUD BASE IN BASES 15,000-20,000 FT WITH SOME TOPS 7,000 TO 10,000 FT SCATTERED SHOWERS	
CLOUDS				
3	MODERATE TO HEAVY CLEAR ICE IN CLOUD ABOVE 5,000 FT	SAME	SAME	
4 VISIBILITY	4-6 MILE RUNNING 8-10 MILES OVER CHANNEL + CONTINENT	6 TO 8 MILES	4-6 MILES RUNNING 8-10 MILES OVER CHANNEL + CONTINENT	
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	340 18			
5,000 FT	340 26			
10,000 FT	340 33			
12,000 FT	340 36			
15,000 FT	340 40			
FT				
FT				

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 29.74TARGET SURFACE TEMP +13°C
TEMP AT 5,000 FT. 0°CTARGET MEAN TEMP +6°C
TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) +177

AIRCRAFT REPORT

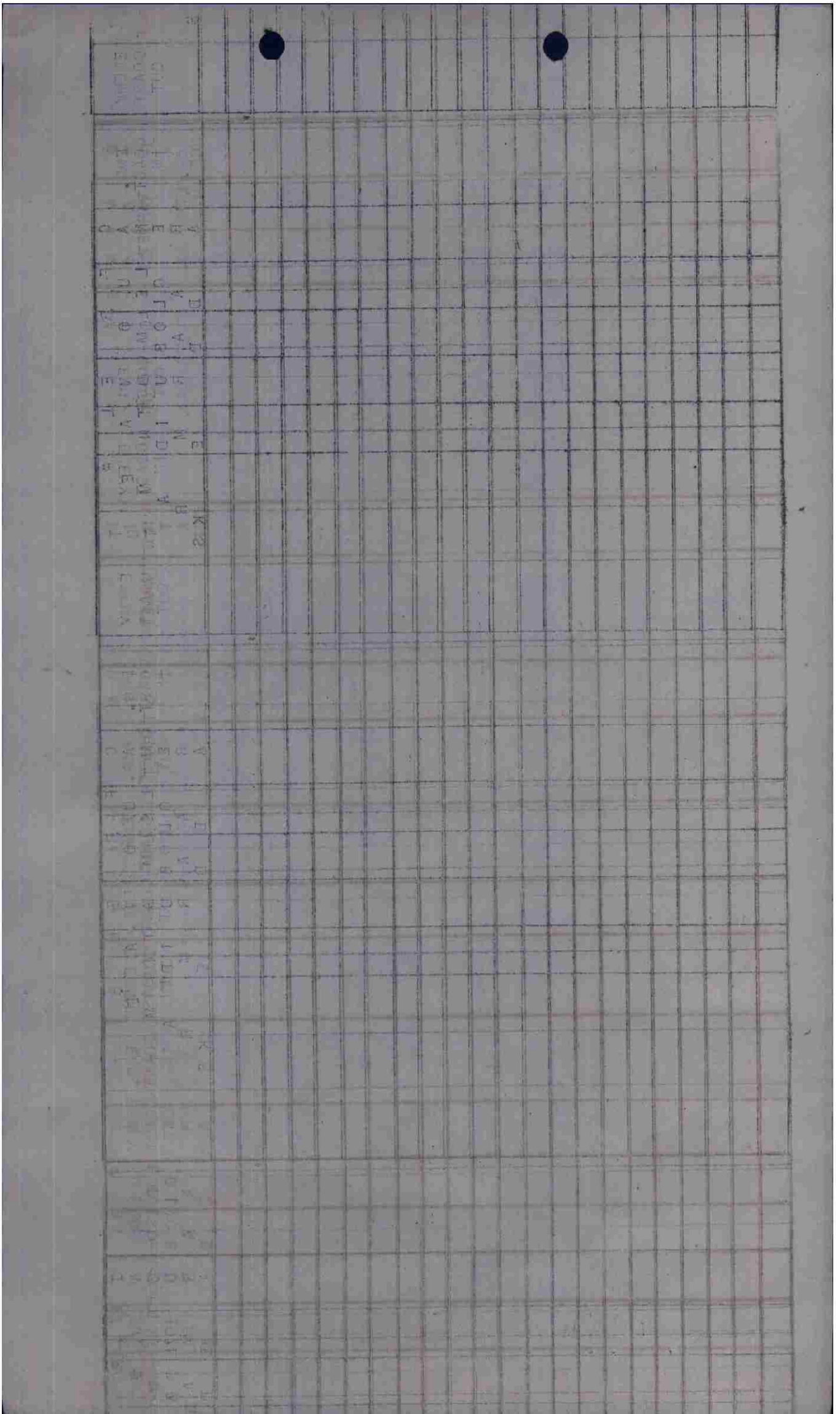
TIME		BASE TO COAST		OVER CHANNEL OR SEA		OVER CONTINENT & TARGET	
POSITION							
ALTITUDE							
CLOUD BELOW AIRCRAFT	AMOUNTS AND TYPE						
	HEIGHT OF BASE AND TOP						
CLOUD ABOVE AIRCRAFT	AMOUNTS AND TYPE						
	HEIGHT OF BASE AND TOP						
VISIBILITY							
TEMPERATURE							
WINDS							
REMARKS: 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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Part 1.

7 June 1944

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 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
A	X	914	Willetts			0740										1025	
C	T	455	Jackson		During Bombing	0740										25	
A	G	945	Platter			0740										26	
A	C	814	Wheeler			0740										50	
A	L	363	Murray			0741										32	
A	D	219	Stemman			0741										29	
C	W	467	McCarty			0753										16	
C	O	0211	Green			0741										90	
C	P	0157	Heer			0742										29	
C	M	750	Costander			0742										28	
C	E	224	Brown			0742										28	
C	K	209	Moore			0743										30	
B	B	202	MacMann			0743										38	
B	F	943	Smith			0744										37	
B	E-1	961	Street			0743										34	
B	V	840	Boukamp			0743										35	
B	K-1	147	Trick			0744										38	
B	N	717	Stiller			0744										35	
A	H	165	Judson			0744										31	

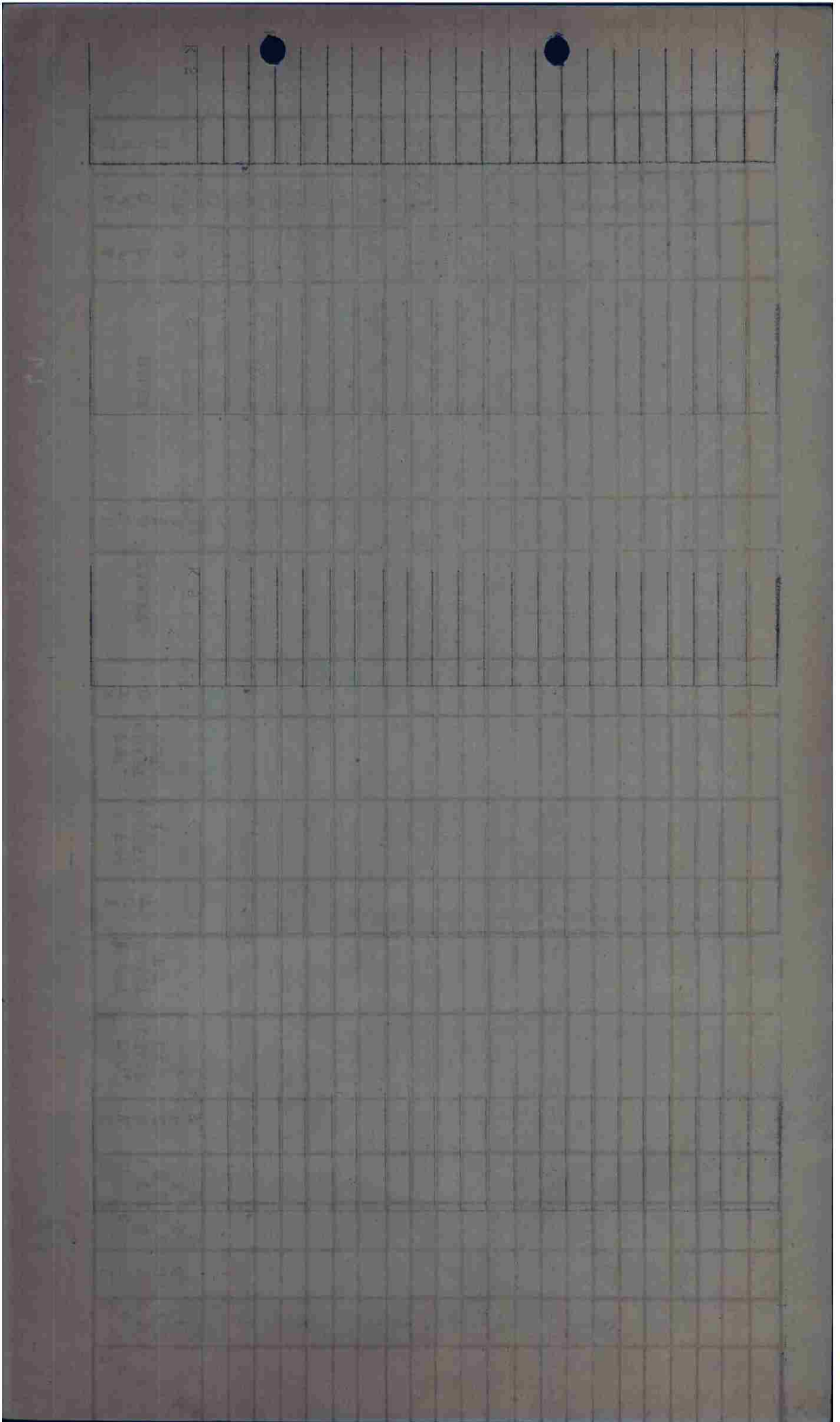


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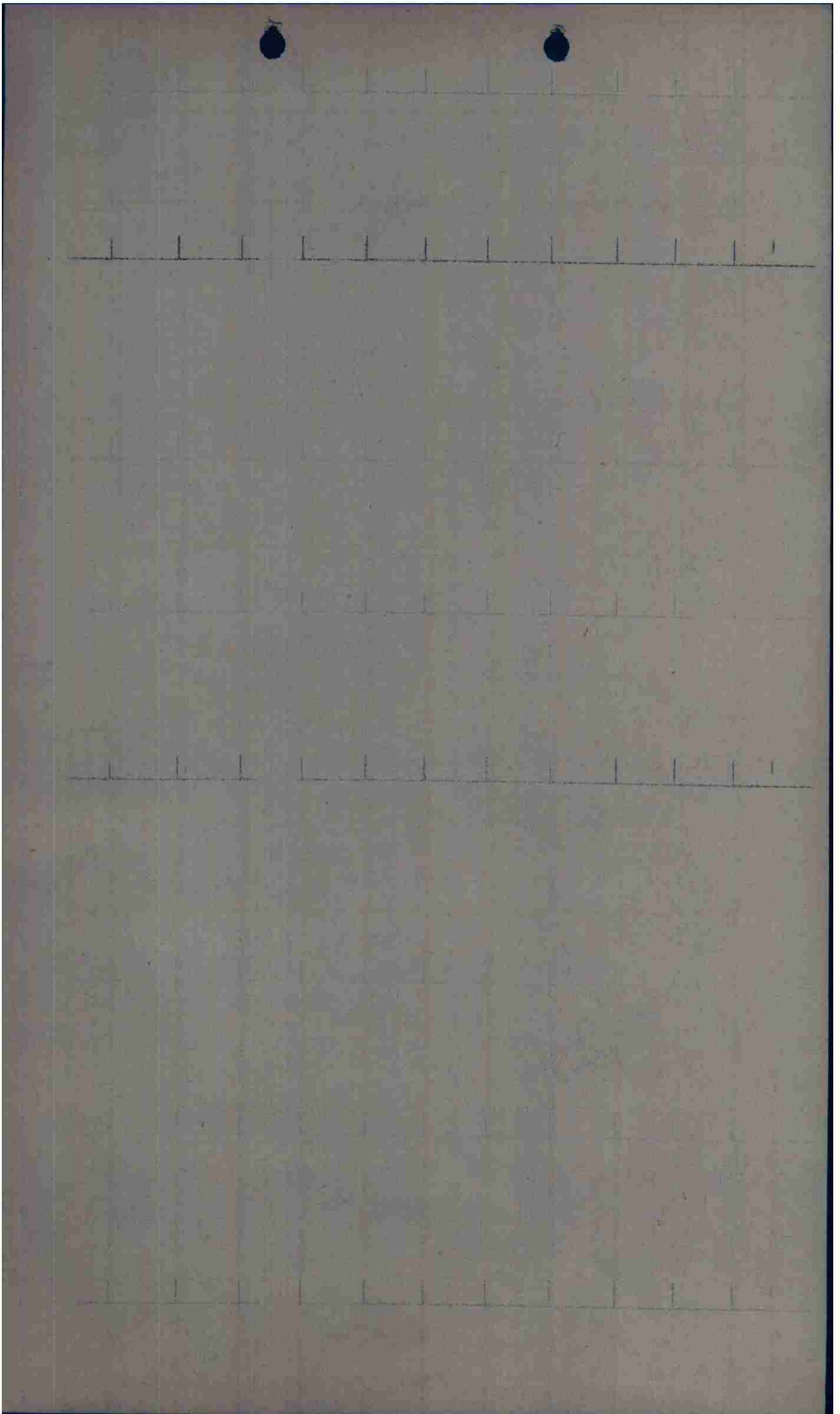
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A	S	1711	Murphy		244	0746										1012	
B	T	135	Hall		246	0746										12	
A	P	951	Reaper		247	0747										13	
A	K	393	Greenley			0748										14	
A	B	937	Quarant			0748										15	
A	F	221	Miller			0748										15	
A	G	0210	Grant			0749										16	
A	T-1	0176	Downing			0749										17	
A	K-1	684	Trick			0749										17	
A	O	907	Edenstern			0749										18	
A	C	9194	Fitchie			0749										18	
A	A	0194	Frederick			0750										19	
C	S-1	998	Meagher			0750										21	
C	R	680	Widacre			0750										21	
C	F-1	227	Still			0751										22	
A	R-1	894	Donderster			0751										29	
A	D-1	195	Johnson			0751										24	
C	D-2	217	Low			0752										24	
A	V	493	Smith, R. H.			0752										23	



SHIP NO	SQUADRON	PILOT and/or BOMBARDIER	GUNNERS	FUNCTIONS	CAUSES OF MALFUNCTIONS
435	C	Jackson		Three bombs fell off arms on bombing run.	Canopy jacking installed 150 ft from correct position, bomb falling arm not release, and no one there to maintain no attempt.
1467	C	McMurry	✓	Returned 6 bombs.	
2044	C	Johnson	✓	1 bomb failed to release.	Bombing wire loop caught in the arm and the bomb did not release to the release solenoid.
203	B	The Plains	✓	Returned 4 bombs.	Switches in incorrect position over target.
951	D	Opie		Returned 2 bombs.	Pilot failed to toggle off all bombs.
9194	A	Belkic	✓	Returned 4 bombs.	No attempt.

William F. Allshouse
Capt. A. E. Allshouse
Commanding Officer



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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 07/0610E U-31-E
 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O 140
 7 JUNE 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 66-352

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) ALLIED FINTERS WILL FURNISH AREA COVER FOR ALL FORMATIONS OF THIS WING
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE

ZERO HOUR: 070900E

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

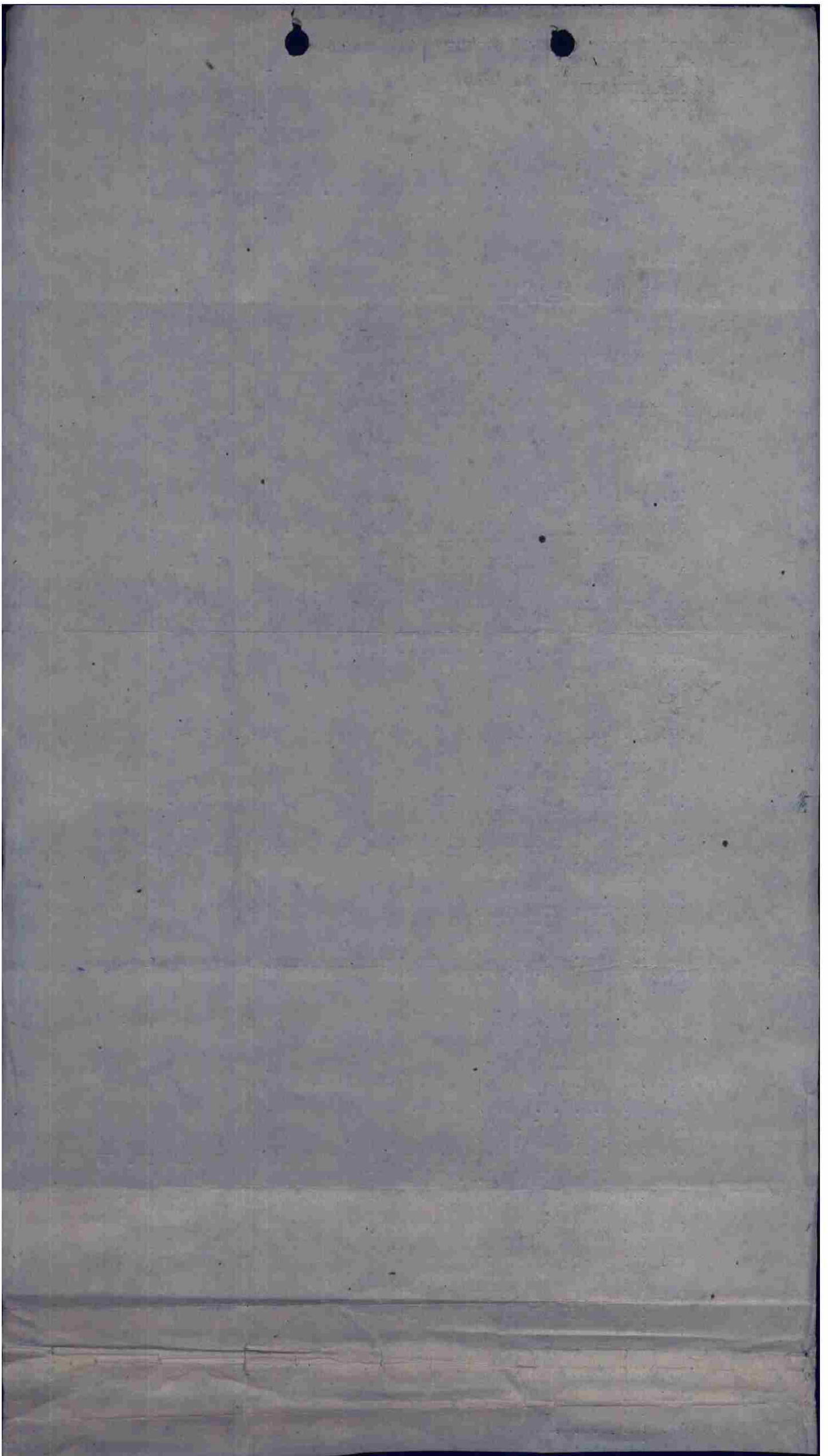
- (1) 4902 W/O/11
- (2) 3 BOXES OF 14 A/C
- (4) BASE TO SELSEY BILL TO 49 DEG. 24 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 08 MIN. WEST TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 49 DEG. 42 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 16 MIN. WEST TO BRIGHTON TO BASE
- (7) 49 DEG. 24 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 08 MIN. WEST
- (8) GENERALLY SE TO NW
- (9) ILL. 4902 W/143 REF. 030057
- (10) 4 X 500 LB. G. P. FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/40 SEC TAIL
- (11) 4942 N 0116 W
- (12) T. O. T. 0900

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) (A) 4902 W/B/36
(B) 4901 W/38
- (2) (A) 1 BOX 18 A/C
(B) 1 BOX 18 A/C
- (4) (A) BASE TO SELSEY BILL TO 4924 N 0055 W TO I. P. TO TARGET
(B) BASE TO BEACHY HEAD TO 4917 W 0014 W TO I. P. TO TARGET
- (5) (A) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R. P. TO BRIGHTON TO BASE
(B) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R. P. TO BEACHY HEAD TO BASE
- (7) (A) 4903 N 0127 W
(B) 4856 N 0030 W
- (8) (A) GENERALLY S TO N
(B) GENERALLY SE TO NW
- (9) (A) ILL. 4902 W/72/C REF. 019069
(B) ILL. 4901 W/38 REF. 053130
- (10) 4 X 500 LB. G. P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL (A & B)
- (11) (A) 4924 N 0055 W
(B) 4920 N 0028 W
- 12) T. O. T. (A) 0905
(B) 0905

C 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) (A) 4902W/D/16
(B) G.S.G.S. 4250/7F/1
- (2) (A) 1 BOX OF 18 A/C
(B) 1 BOX OF 18 A/C
- (4) (A) BASE TO SELSEY BILL TO 49 DEG 24 MIN NORTH 00 DEG. 55. MIN WEST TO I.P. TO TARGET
(B) BASE TO BEACHYHEAD TO 4917 NORTH 0014 WEST TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) (A) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO BRIGHTON TO BASE
(B) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO BEACHYHEAD TO BASE.
- (7) (A) 4903 NORTH 0127 WEST
(B) 4902 NORTH 0022 WEST
- (8) (A) GENERALLY SOUTH TO NORTH
(B) GENERALLY SOUTH EAST TO NORTH WEST
- (9) (A) ILL 4902W/72/E REF 013073
(B) REF. 240683 CROSS ROAD
- (12) (A) 4X500 LB GP FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/40 SEC TAIL
(B) 4X500 LB GP FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/40 SEC TAIL.
- (11) (A) 4924 NORTH 0055 WEST
(B) 4920 NORTH 0028 WEST
- (12) (A) T.O.T. 0855
(B) T.O.T. 0855



- X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE
 (5) SHIPS WITH WING RACKS WILL CARRY 6X500 LB BOMBS.
 (6) ANY ROAD JUNCTION, RAILROAD JUNCTION OR BRIDGE MAY BE USED AS SECONDARY TARGETS IF FORMATION LEADER IS CERTAIN THAT THEY ARE ON ENEMY SIDE OF BOMB LINE.
 (7) ALL FORMATIONS WILL BOMB AT NORMAL ALTITUDES IF CLOUD CONDITIONS PERMIT. IF NOT BOMB BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 2000 FT.
 (8) THE 416TH BOMB GROUP WILL TAKE OFF AT LEAST 10 MIN BEFORE THE 410TH BOMB GROUP.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) ENGAGEMENT
 (5) GIMLET

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) ENCOT (BOX A)
 LADYMAN (BOX B)
 (5) GIMLET

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) FEETACHE (BOX A)
 DASHDOWN (BOX B)
 (5) GIMLET (BOX A)
 BOATMAN (BOX B)

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

- (2) FRISTON D/D
 WARMWELL D/D
 BRIGHTON AREA C/C
 (3) 13A, 10B, 6C, 7D, 8E, 9F, 5G, 11H,
 (8) SOUTH UTAH, SOUTHERN ARIZONA, SOUTHERN BRITISH FEDERATION
 (10) BVAT/BVAT
 (11) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL C WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA. GROUP LEADER WILL REPORT TARGET WEATHER TO COMMAND CONTROL.

COCBTWIG 97

BT0610B

CES/LCB AR

GOF R.....07/0710B AK AR

YAA R.....07/0710B WFG AR

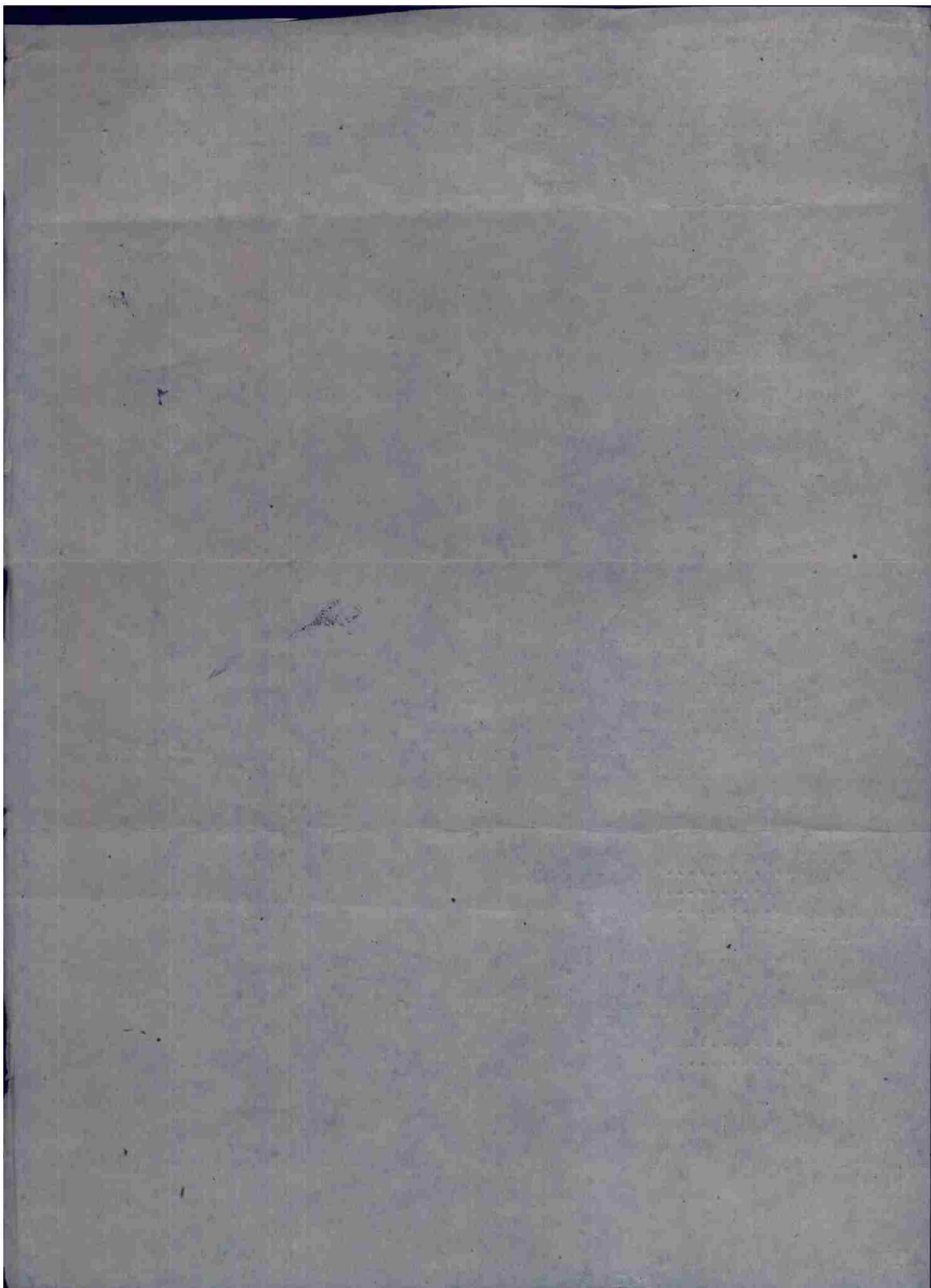
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2800 WILL YOU IMI (11) IN LAST PARA PLSE WE OVERPRINTED
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- (11) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL C WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA. GROUP LEADER WILL REPORT TARGET WEATHER TO COMMAND CONTROL.

HAK R.....07/0710B IDR AR

COG R.....



FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 07/0257B 9BC U-3636-
 TO: COCBTWIG 97, 98, 99
 CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ. (PROV)
 COMBOMGR. 416, 409.
 SECRET. QQ.

ANNEX NO. 1 TO F.O. 352

OPERATIONAL FCST TO GRPS CONCERNED PERIOD 0700-1100 HRS.. 7/6/44

BASE TO TARGET...SCTD CIRRUS ABV 20,000 FT.

NIL MED CLD OVER BASES BCMNG 4-5/10 WOUTH ENGLAND AND ACROSS
 CHANNEL BASE 14,000 FT.

6-9/10 CU BASE 1000-1500 FT TOPS TO 3,000 FT WITH OCNL SHWR IN
 BASES WITH CLD BASE 2000-2500 FT SOUTHWEST OF LONDON AND CLD 5-7/10
 BCMNG 4,000 FT OVER CHANNEL AND ADJACENT CONTINENT AREA. TOPS 7000
 TO 8000 FT.

VSBY 4-6 MILES RUNNING 8-10 MILES OVR CHANNEL AND CONTINENT.

TARGET: CHERBOURGH...SCTD CIRRUS ABV 20,000 FT.

4/10 MED CLD AT 14,000 FT.

5-7/10 CU BASE 3-4000 FT TOPS 7-8000 FT. SOME GOOD BRKS.

VSBY 10 MILES.

TARGET TO BASE. CLD BASE IN BASES 1500-2000 FT WITH SOME TOPS 9-10,000
 FEET AND STILL OCNL SHWR. VSBY 8 MILES EXCEPT SOME SLIGHT RESTRICTION
 IN SHWS.

HAZARDS TO FLYING..ICING IN CLD ABV 5,000 FT.

FREEZING LEVEL..5000 FT.

ICING..IN BASE AREA MOD TO HVY CLR ICE IN SHWR CLD ABV 5,000 FT

BUT MOD ONLY ON RTN. SW ENG AND CHANNEL LGT TO MOD CLR ICE

WITH TENDENCY TOWARDS RIME CDNTS AFTER 1000 HRS WITH WND SLACKENING.

WINDS	DIR AND VEL	TEMPS
SFC	340-18	
5,000	340-28	0
10,000	340-33	-7
12,000	340-36	-9
15,000	340-40	-13
TEMP. AT TARGET PLUS 13	MEAN TEMP	TO 12,000 0 TO 8,000 PLUS 1.5 TO 5,000 PLUS 6

PRESS ALT...

4902W/78 PLUS 159 29.75

4902W/78/D PLUS 159 29.75

4902W/33/R PLUS 177 29.73

COMMENTS...A TROUGH LINE IS EXPECTED CHERBOURGH AREA AT 0600 HRS AND TO
 BE 120 MILES SOUTH OF IT AT 0900 HRS. CUMULUS CONVECTIVE CLDS BEHIND
 THIS TROUGH. DURING DAY STABILIZING AFFECT WILL GIVE NORMAL CU
 INLAND BASES AND CONTINENT. OUTLOOK FOR THIS EVENING FAIRLY PROMISING
 ESPECIALLY ADJACENT CONTINENT WEST OF 0 MER.
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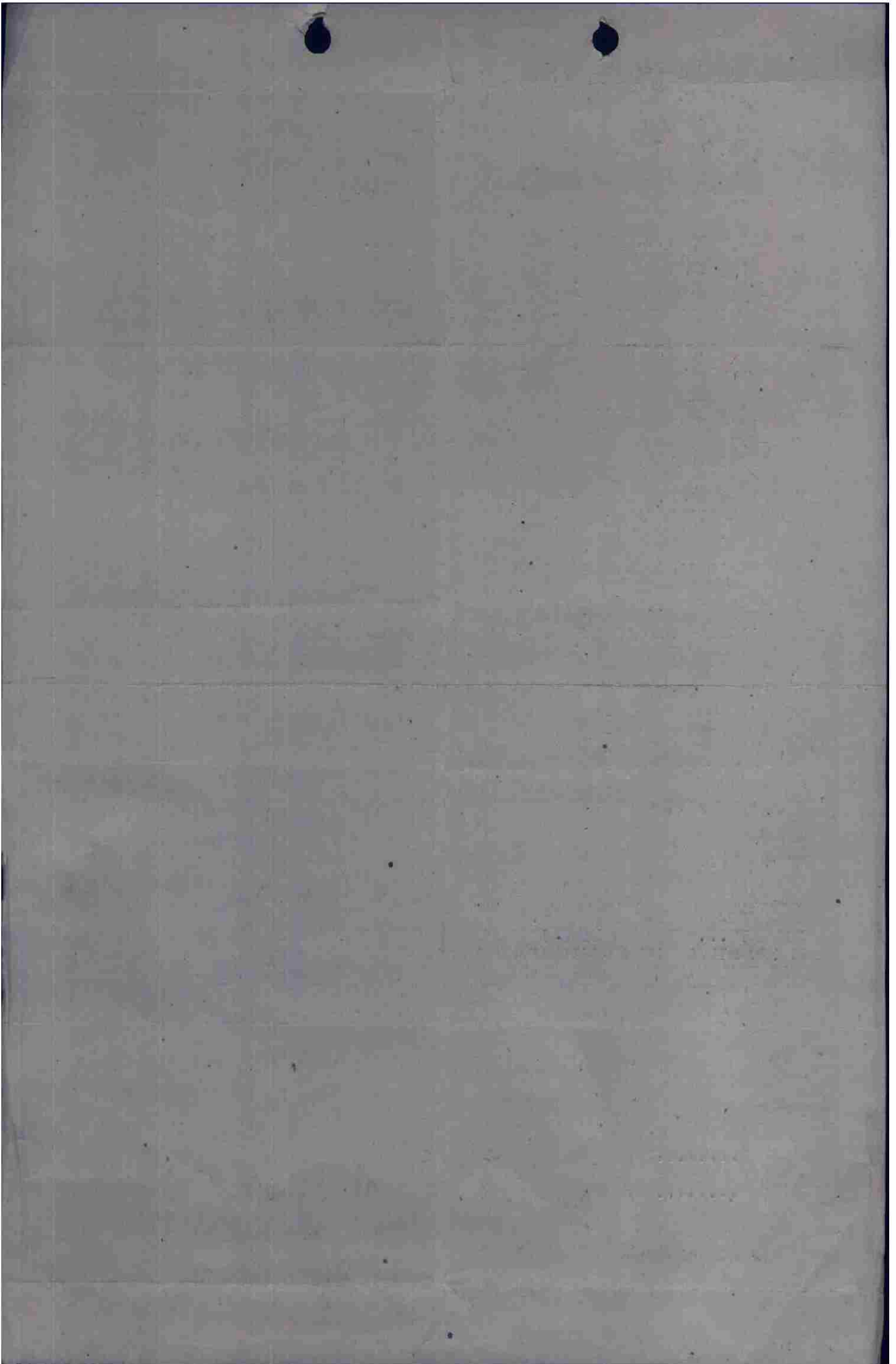
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OIYAA

OICOG R.....07/0355 B JF AR

OIHAK

OICOG R.....07/0355B MC AR



OICOG OILAI V YAA YAA 8/7 OP
 FROM 416TH BG 07/1300B
 TO : HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2
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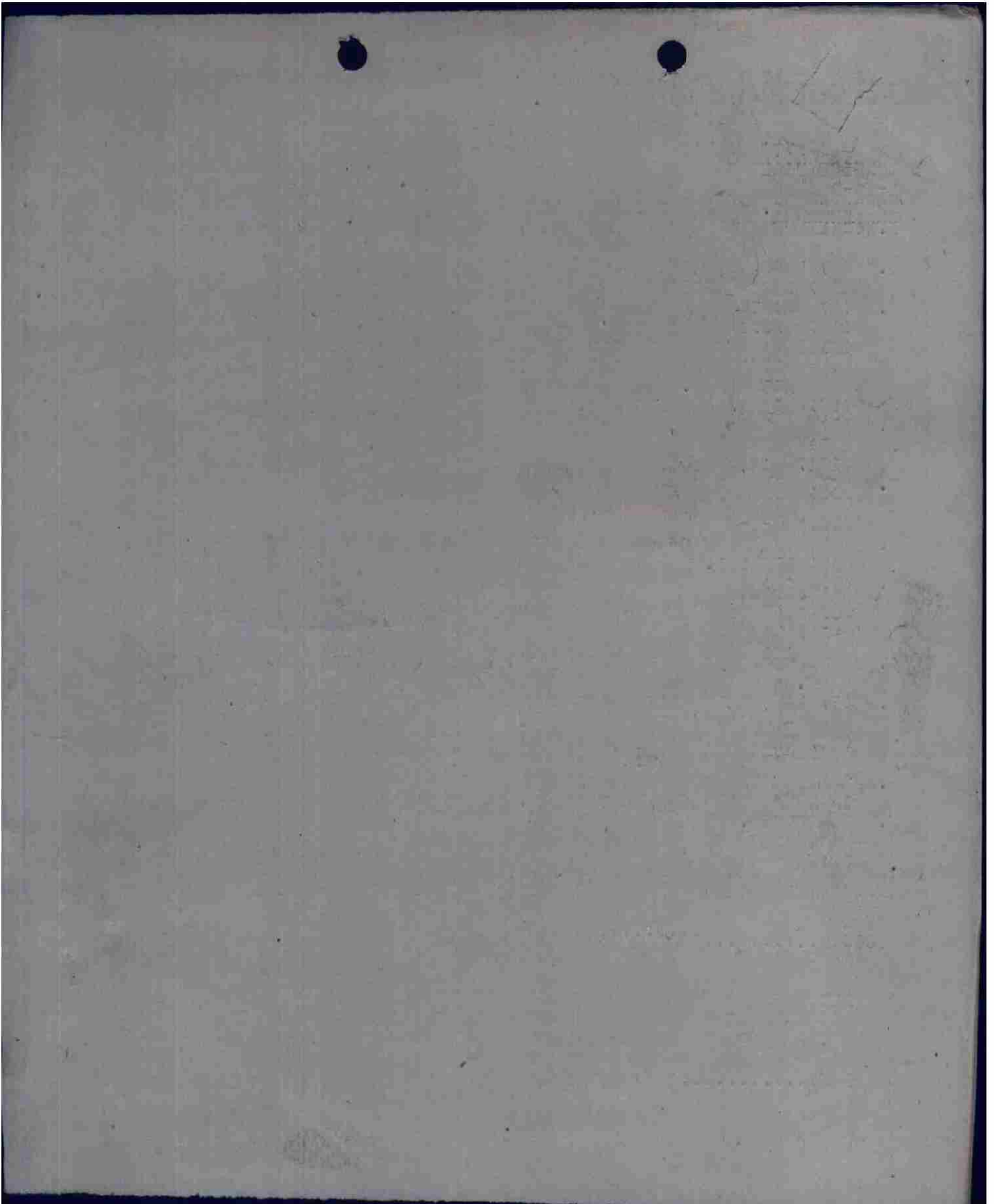
- A. (I) LESSAY BRIDGE
 (II) LESSAY BRIDGE
- B. (I) 416TH BG
 (II) /20K/ 19 A20'S
 (III) 2A/C PILOT USED WRONG SWITCHES ON 1 A/C. PILOT OF
 OTHER A/C THOUGHT HE WAS NOT IN POSITION WHEN LEADER DROPPED
 HIS BOMBS.
 (IV) 17 A/C ON PRIMARY.
- C. (I) 0740
 (II) 9094
 (III) 1038
- D. (I) NIL
 (II) NIL
 (III) 0-0-0
- E. A GOOD PATTERN OF BOMBS DROPPED AROUND TARGET WITH FAIR TO
 GOOD RESULTS.
- F. (I) (A) NIL
 (B) NIL
 (II) (A) NIL
 (B) NIL
- G. 30 LOADED CARS ON TRACKS AT ST. JORES WITH LIGHT FLAK GUNS AROUND
 THEM. NEW TEMPORARY BRIDGE OVER LETAUTE RIVER AT ST. GEORGES
- H. (I) LOW CLOUDS WITH BASE AT 2000 FEET VISIBILITY 2+2/111
 6-8 MILES BELOW OVERCAST.
 (II) SAME AS TXX OT TARGET EXCEPT FREQUENT LOW CLOUDS WITH BASE
 AT 1500 FEET.
- I. 82 X 500 G P BOMBS ON PRIMARY
 10 X 500 G P BOMBS RETURNED .
- J. 2000 FEET.

BT 07/1300B
 AS CC / "C" SHOWN PART (II) SHOULD READ
 (II) 0904
 WJF AR
 OICOG R.....07/1405B DEF O

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~~IMI PLS~~
 WHAT IS THE "CT" IN THE HEADING AFTER THE 1944 FOR?
 I DONT HAVE THAT NOX 022 129 03 075
 IMI PLS
 OILAI R.....07/1415B RL AR K

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OICOG OILAI V YAA YAA 7/7 OP

KXHX FROM 416TH BG 07/1300B

TO : HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND

ATTN: A-2

HQ 97TH COMBAT WING

ATTN: A-2

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OPSLASH NO . 65 FOR 7 MAY 1944

A. (I) TILLY SUR SEULLES R/J

(II) TILLY SURSEULLES R/J

B. (I) 416TH BG

(II) 18A-20'S

(III) 1A/C PILOT THOUGHT A/C WAS NOT IN POSITION TO DROP
WHEN LEADER DROPPED.

(IV) 17A/C ON PRIMARY

C. (I) 0746

(II) 0909

//KXZXY/// (III) 1024

D. (I) NIL

(II) NIL

(III) 0-0-0

E. GOOD PATTERN OF BOMBS COVERING THE TARGET AREA.

F. (I) (A) NIL

(B) NIL

(II) (A) NIL

(B) NIL

G. 10 TANKS 10 MILES SW OF CHEN. HALTED WHEN FORMATION APPROACHED.

50 GLIDERS IN OPEN FIELD NEAR DOUVRES-PLUMETOT

H. (I) LOW CLOUDS WITH BASE AT 2000 FEET VISIBILITY HXX 6-8 MILES

(II) SAME AS AT TARGET EXCEPT FREQUENT LOW CLOUDS WITH BASE AT
1500 FEET.

I. 66 X 500 G. P. ON PXXXXXXIMXX PRIMARY

6 X 500 G. P. RETURNED .

KXHX

J. 2000 FEET.

BT 07/1300B

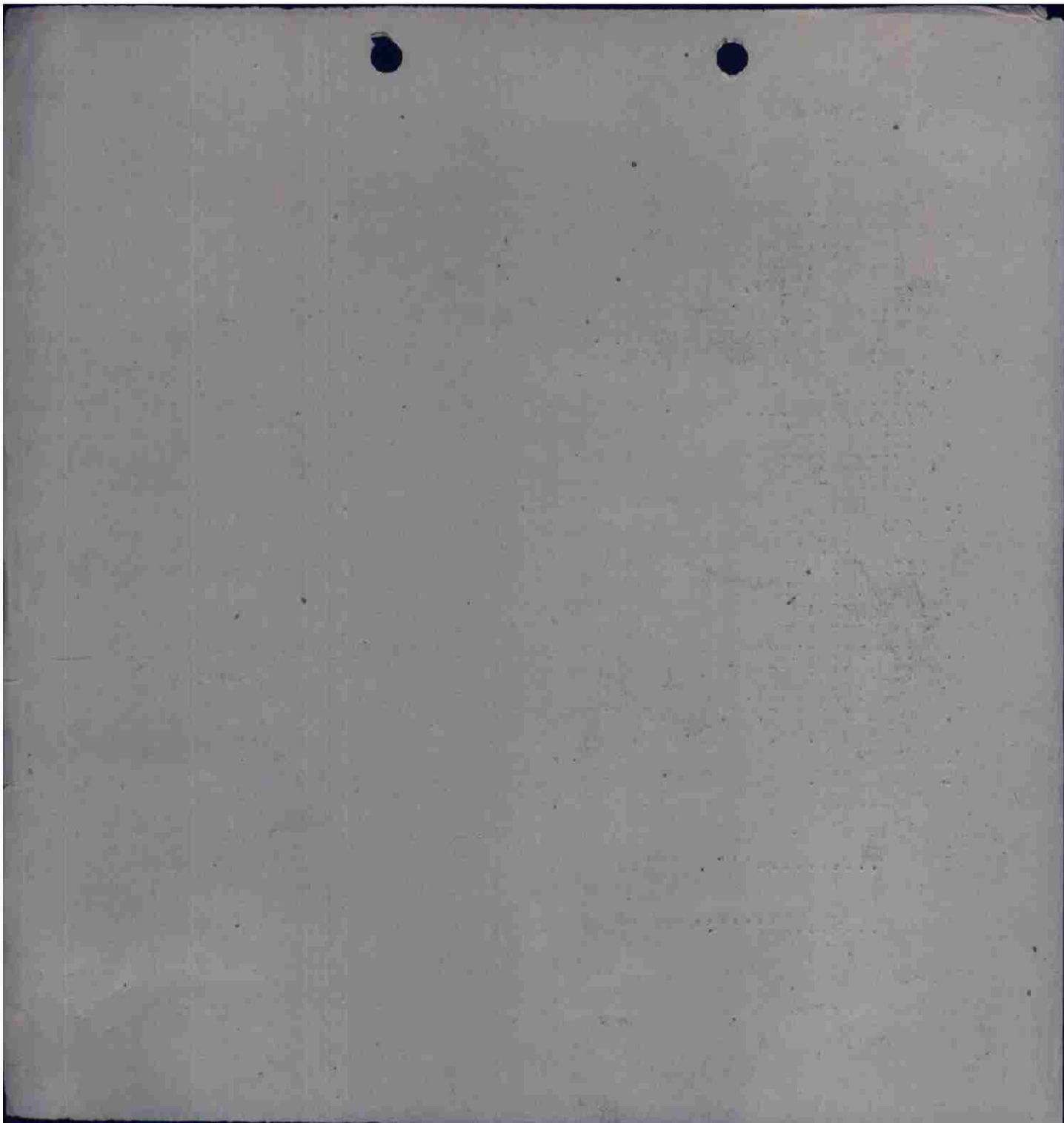
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FROM COBOMGR 416

TO COMBAT WING 97 ATT: COM O

A - YS - 66

B - 7 JUNE 1944.

C - 38 A/C

D - 670 - W - COMMAND SET INOPERATIVE DUE TO BATTLE DAMAGE.
671 - W - INTERPHONE WEAK, AMPLIFIER TUBE REPLACED.

E - LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON USED.

F - BOX LEADERS REPORTED TO BOMCOM COMPLETION OF OPS. RADIO
PERFORMANCE VERY SATISFACTORY.

MBCE COBOMGR 416

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