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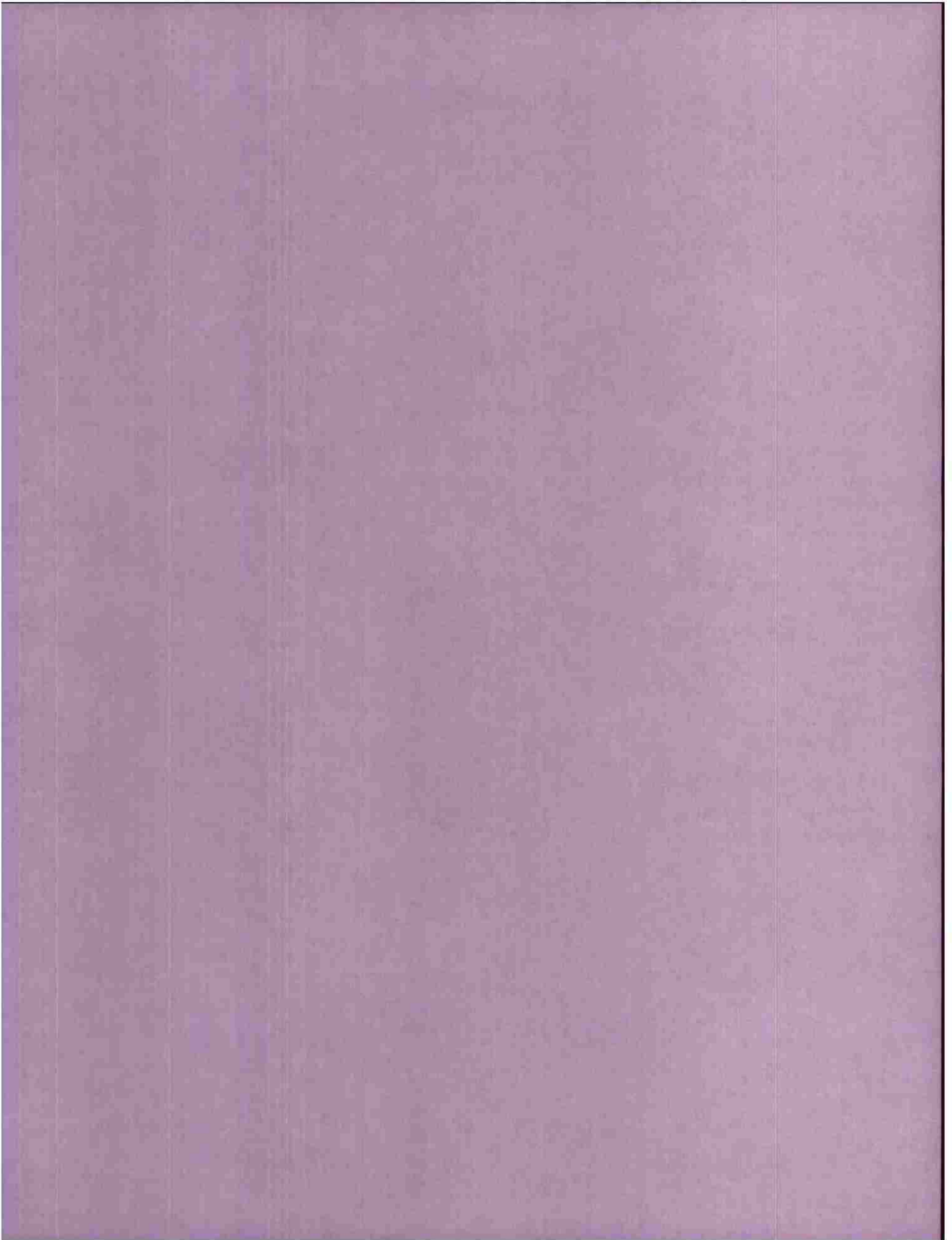
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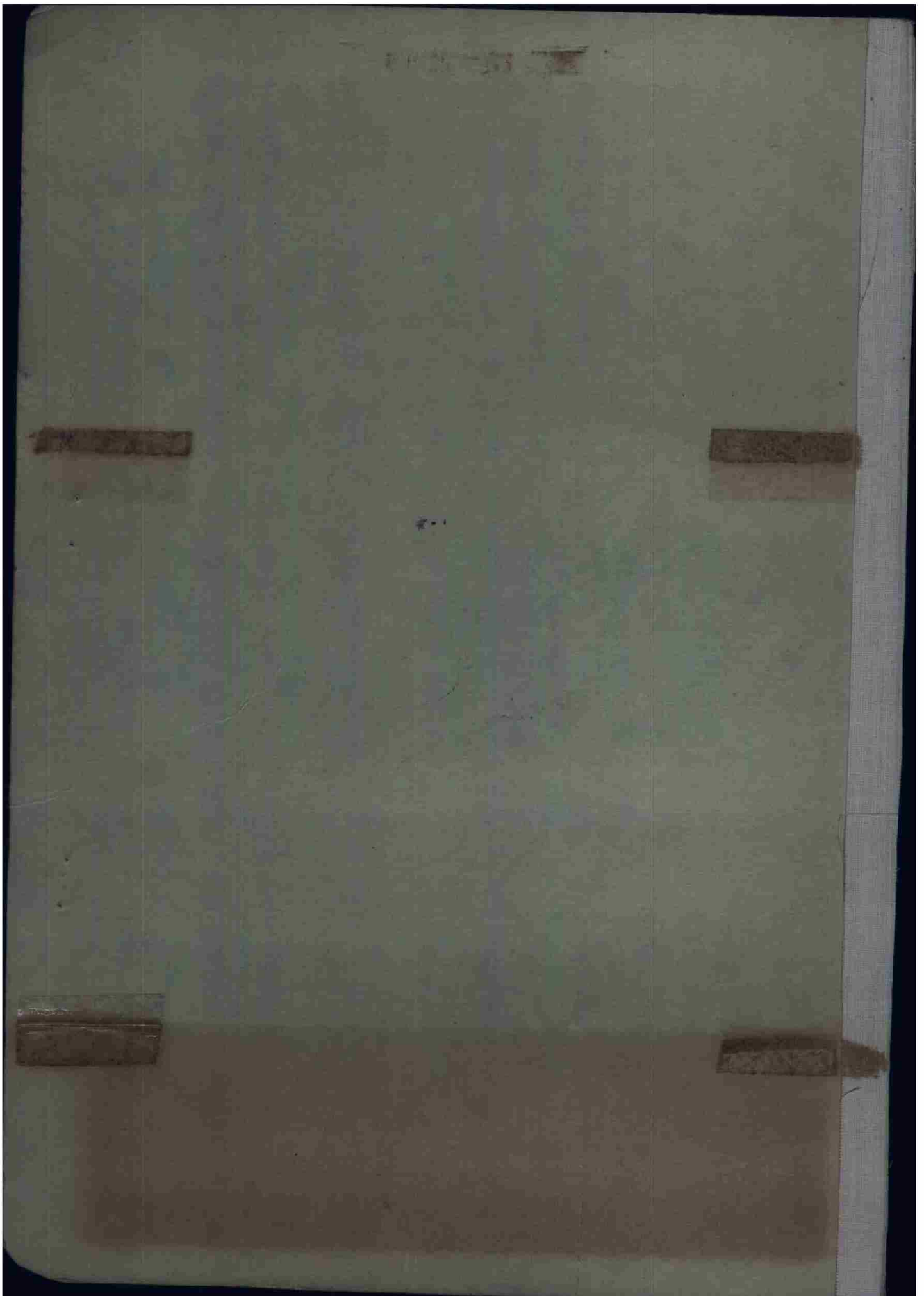
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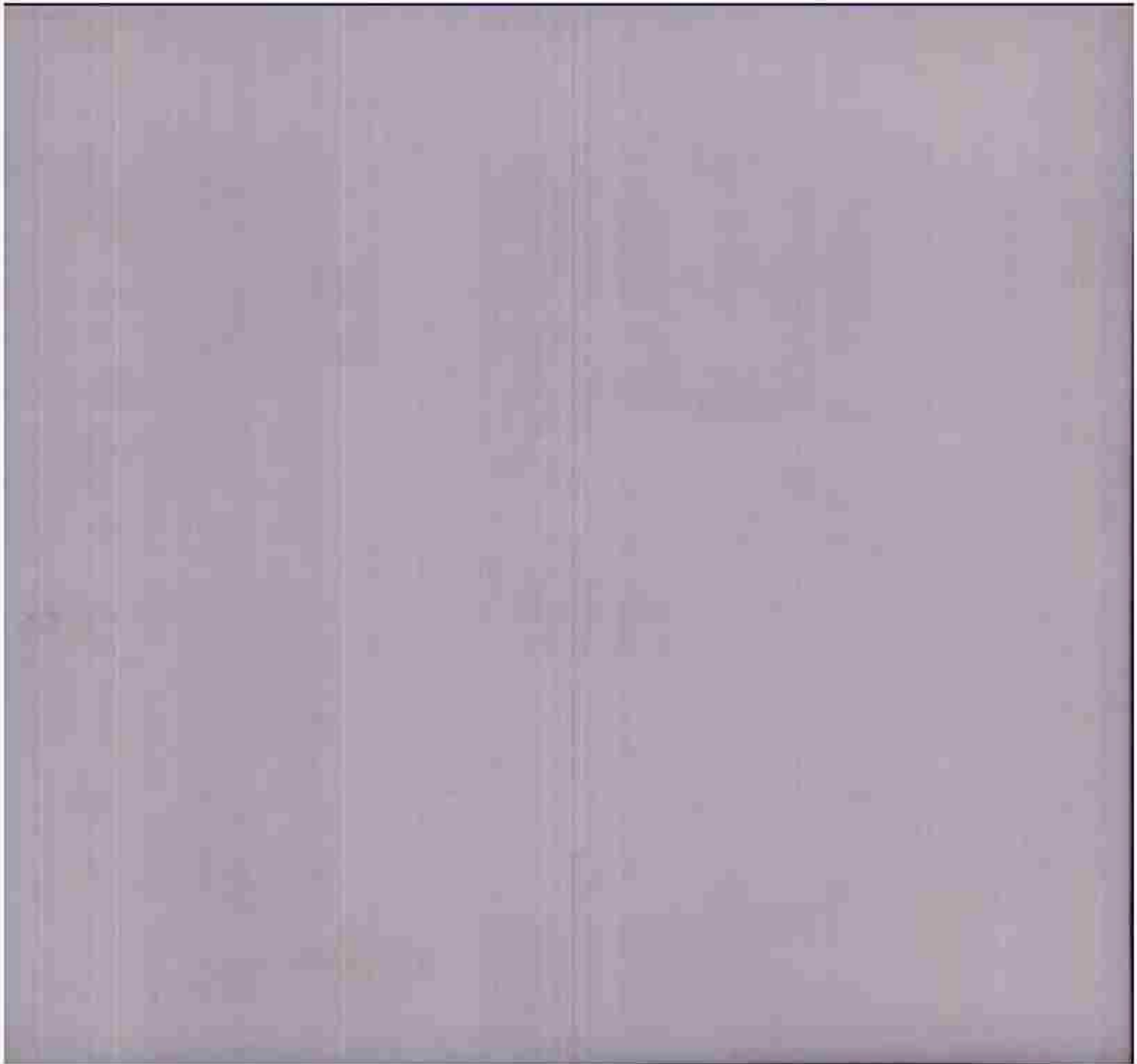


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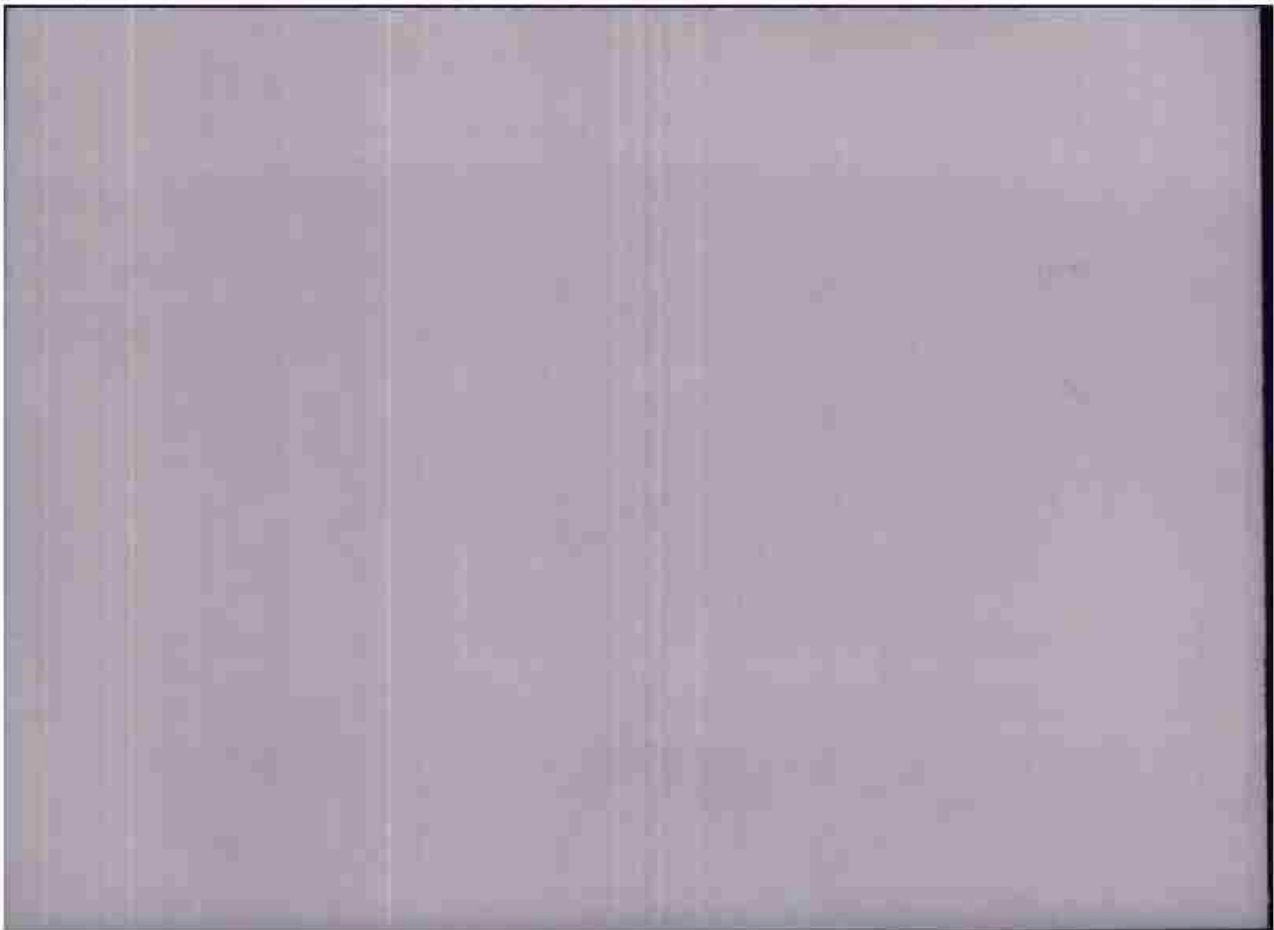
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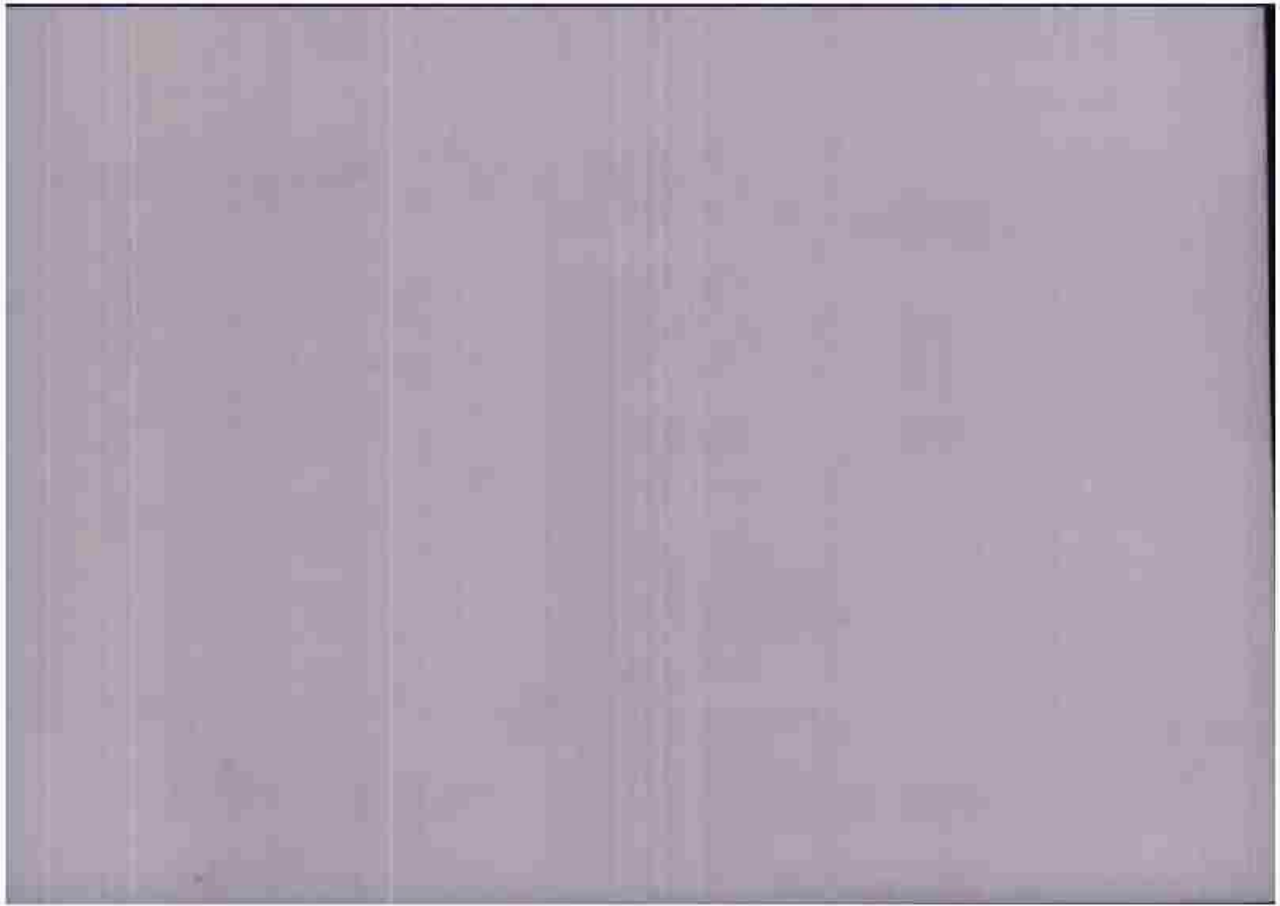
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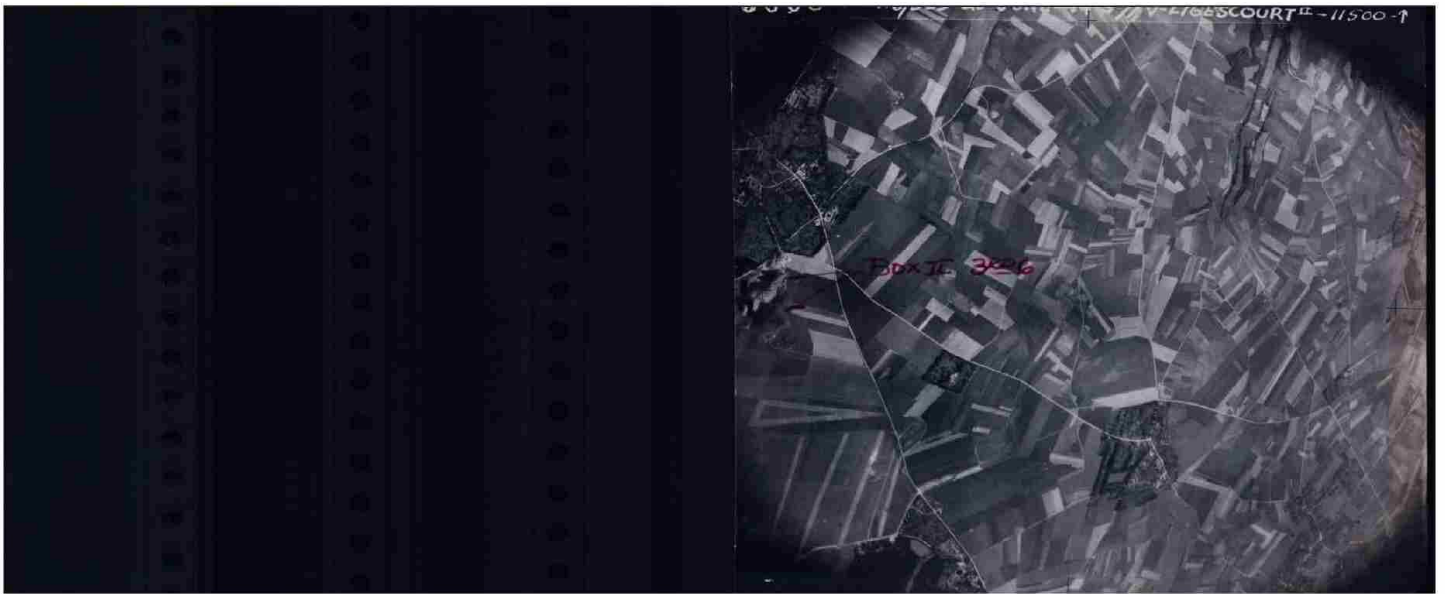


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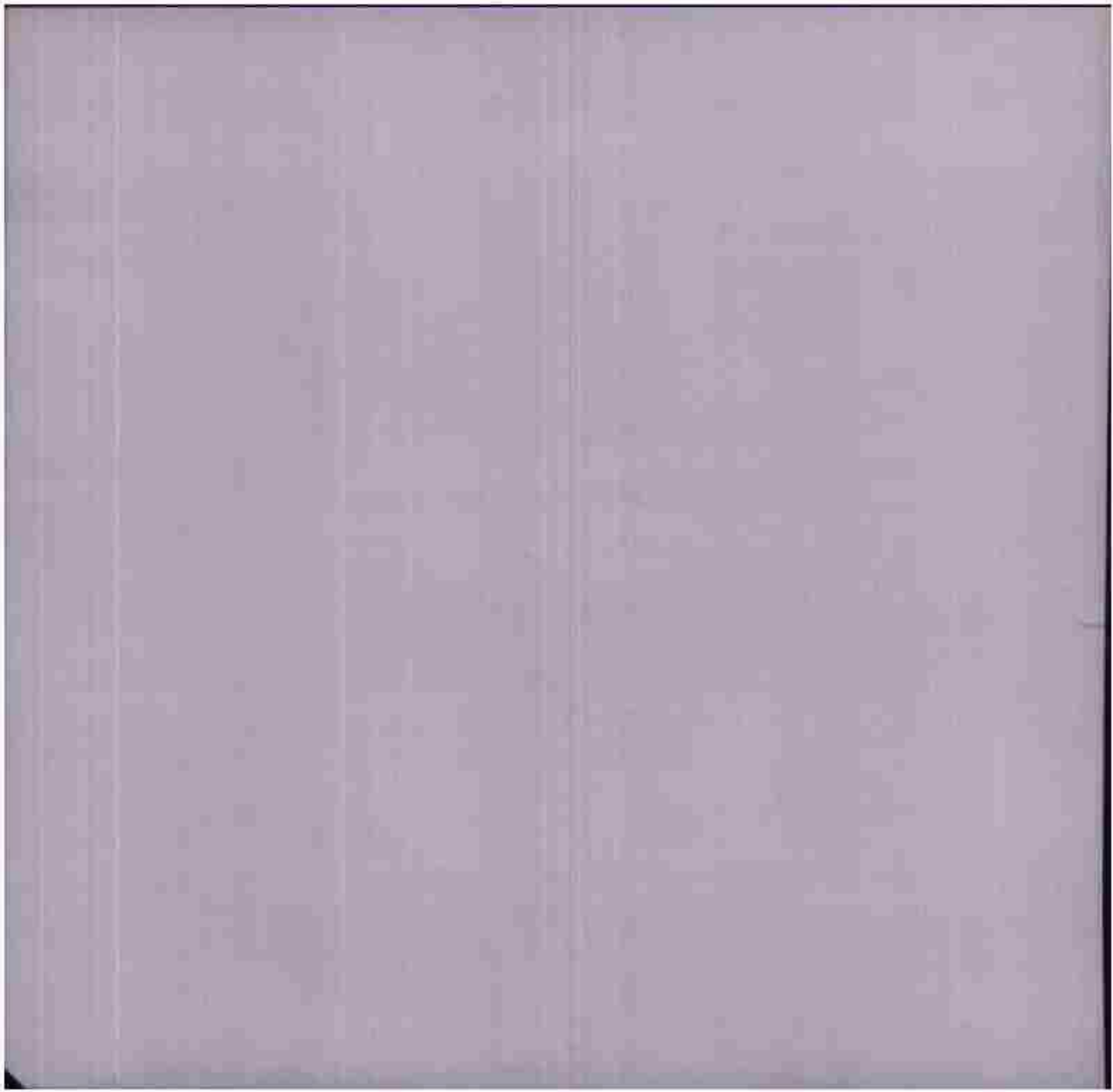
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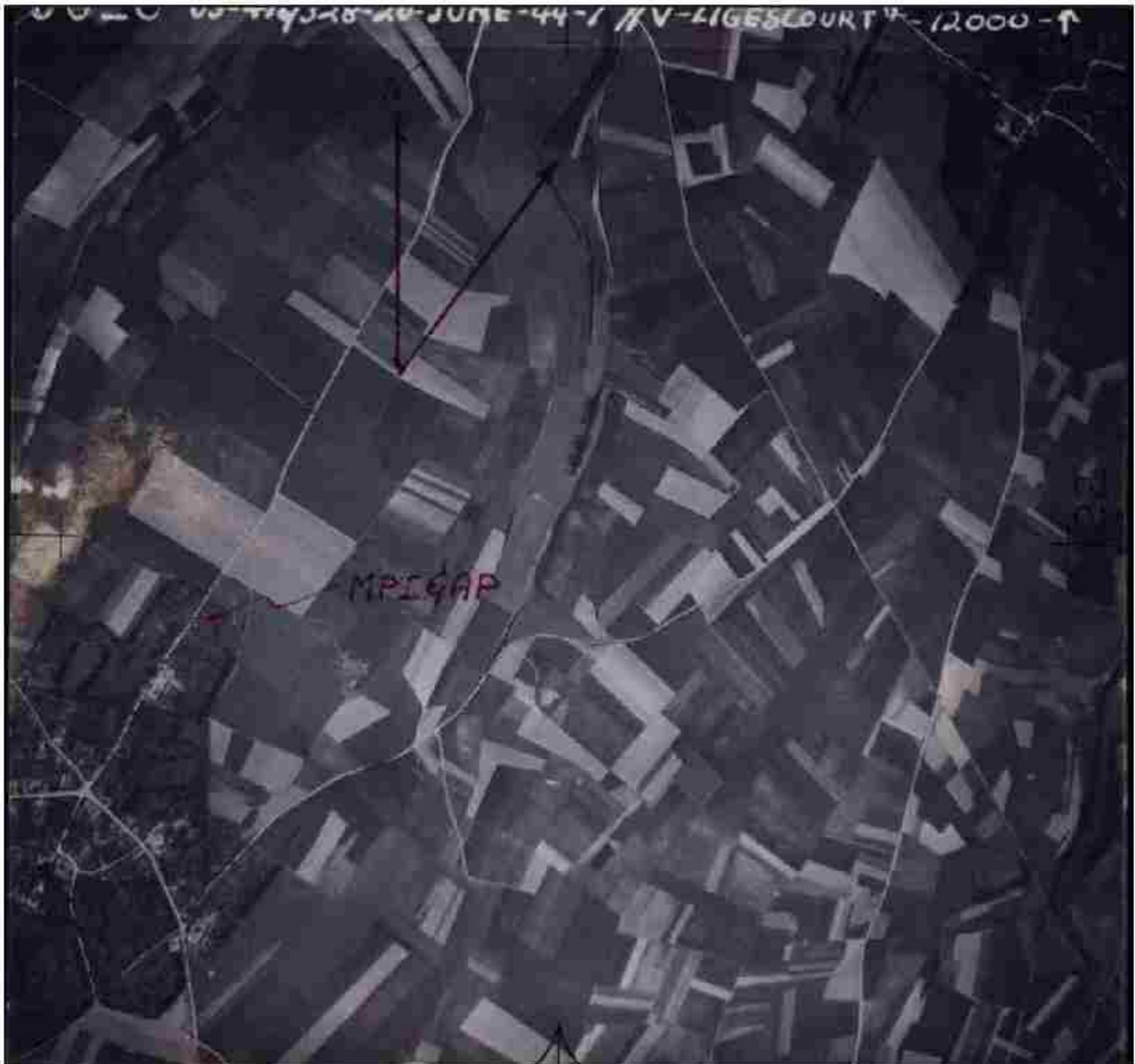


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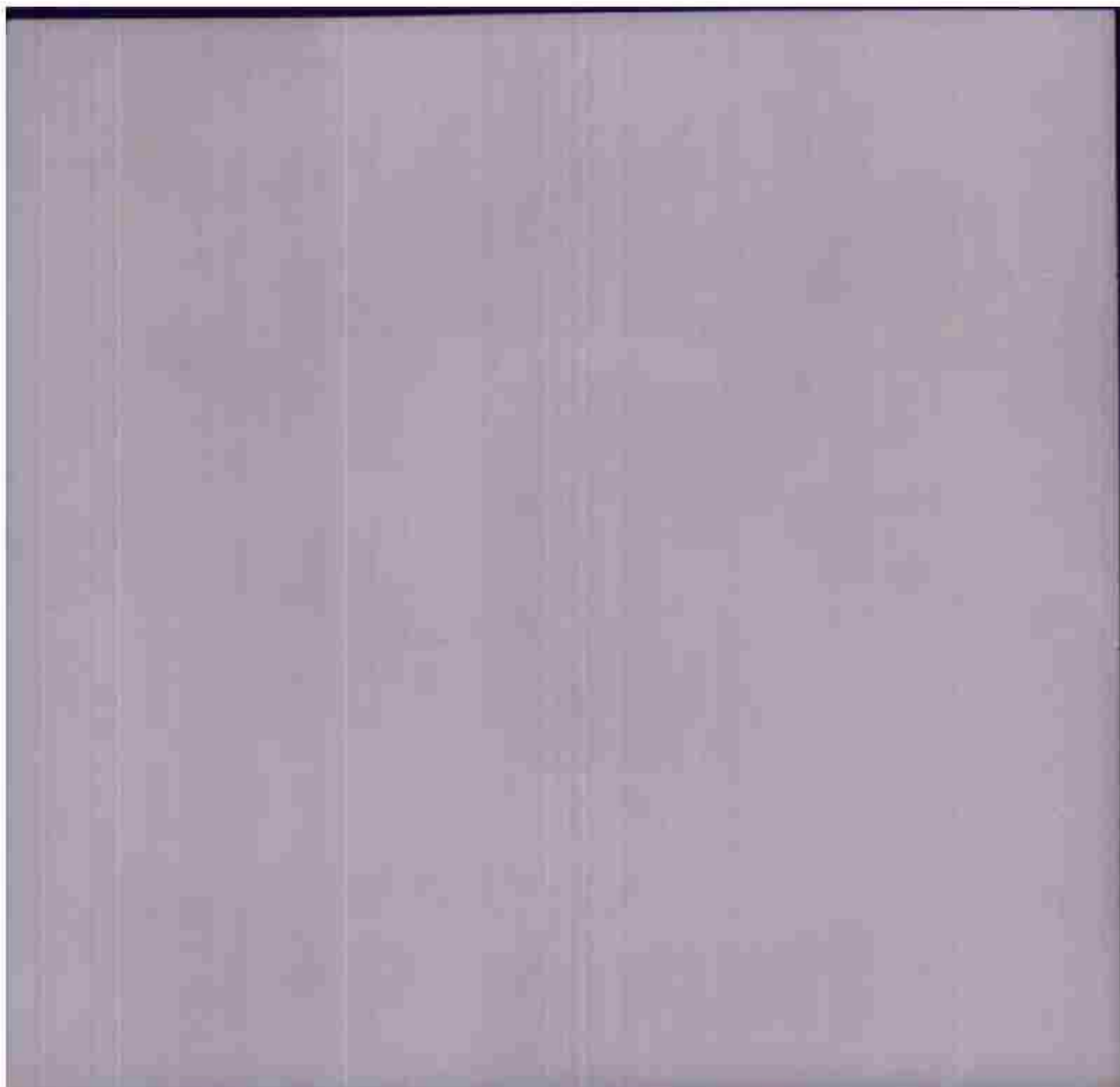
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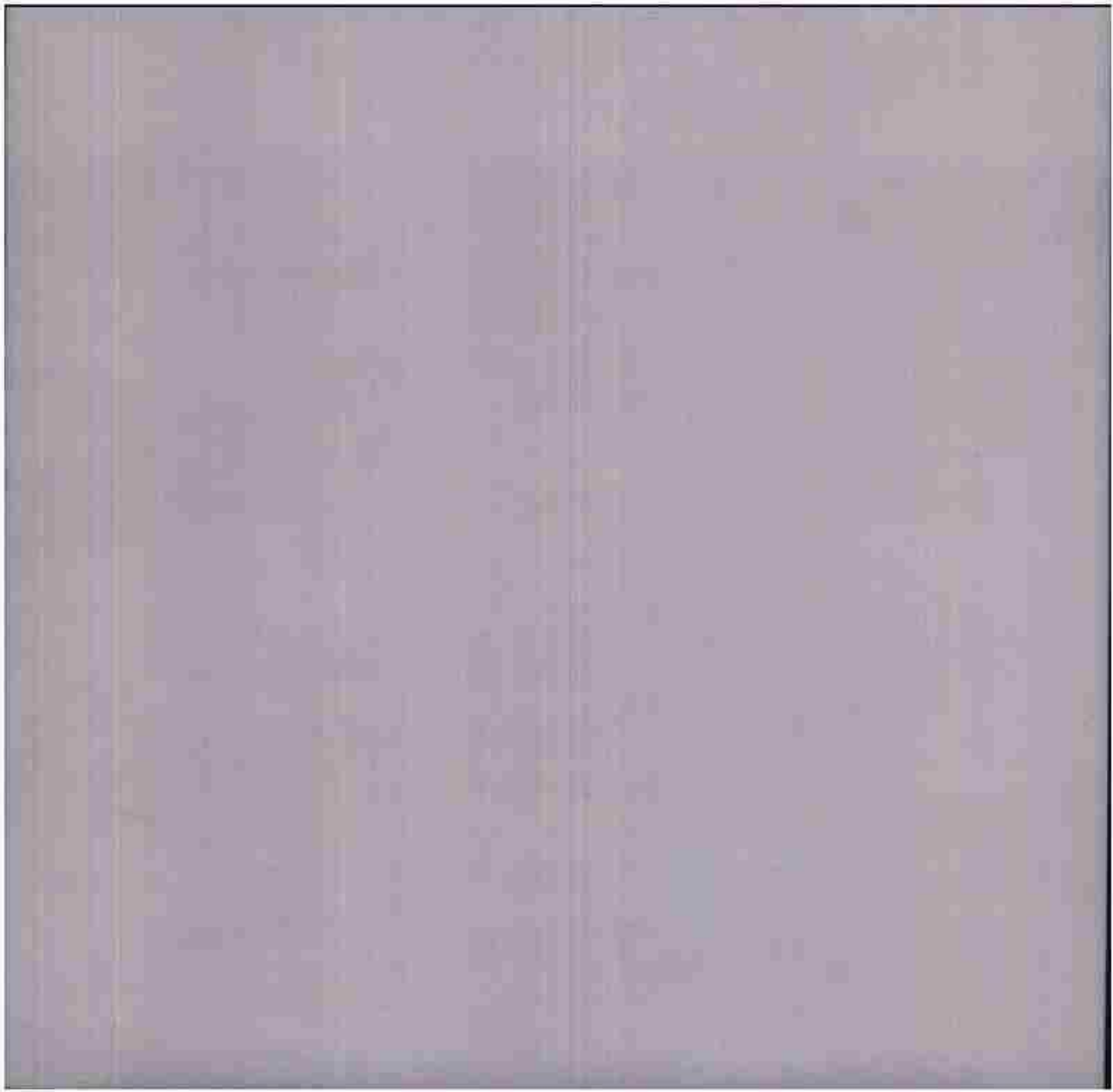
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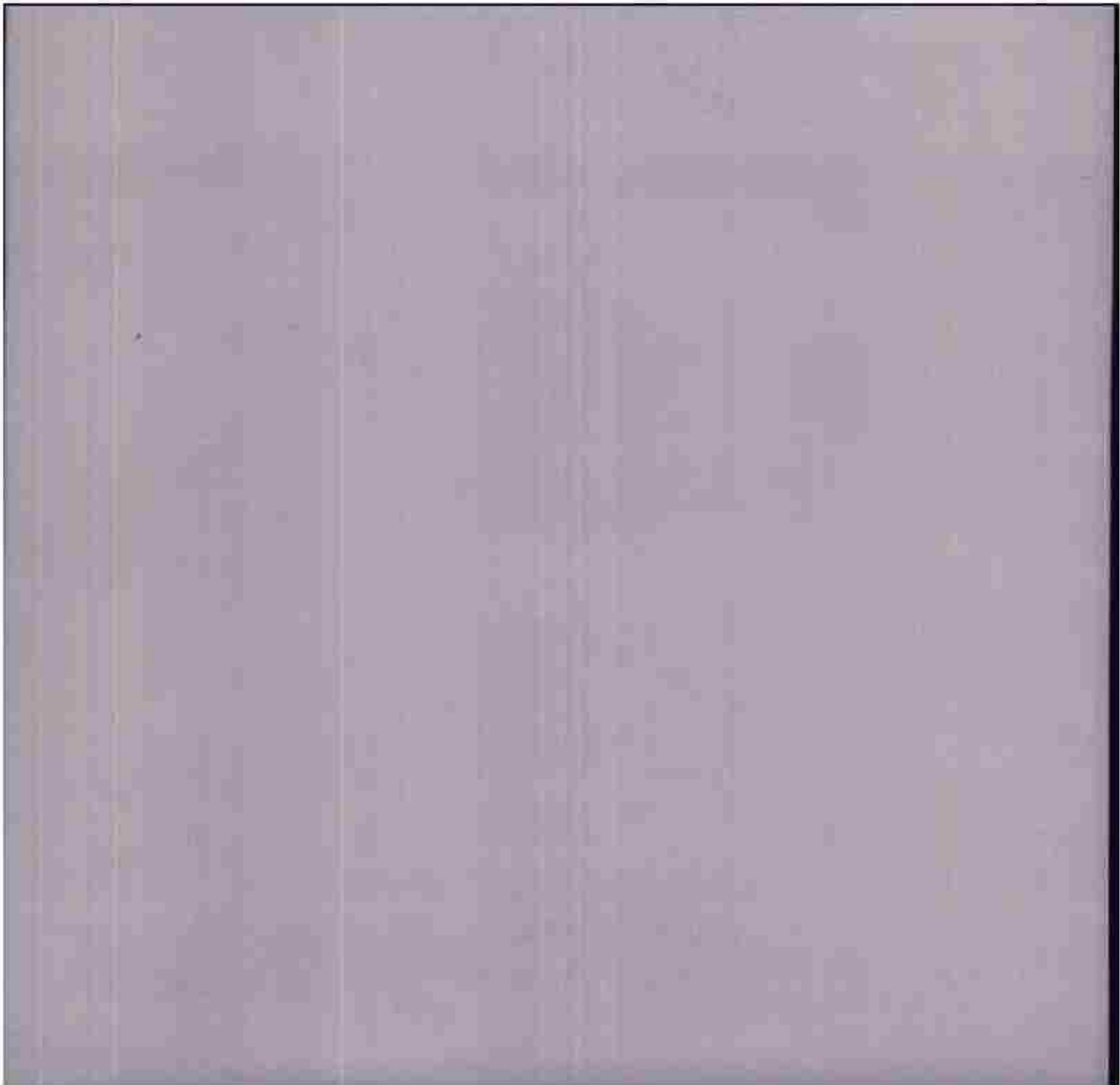
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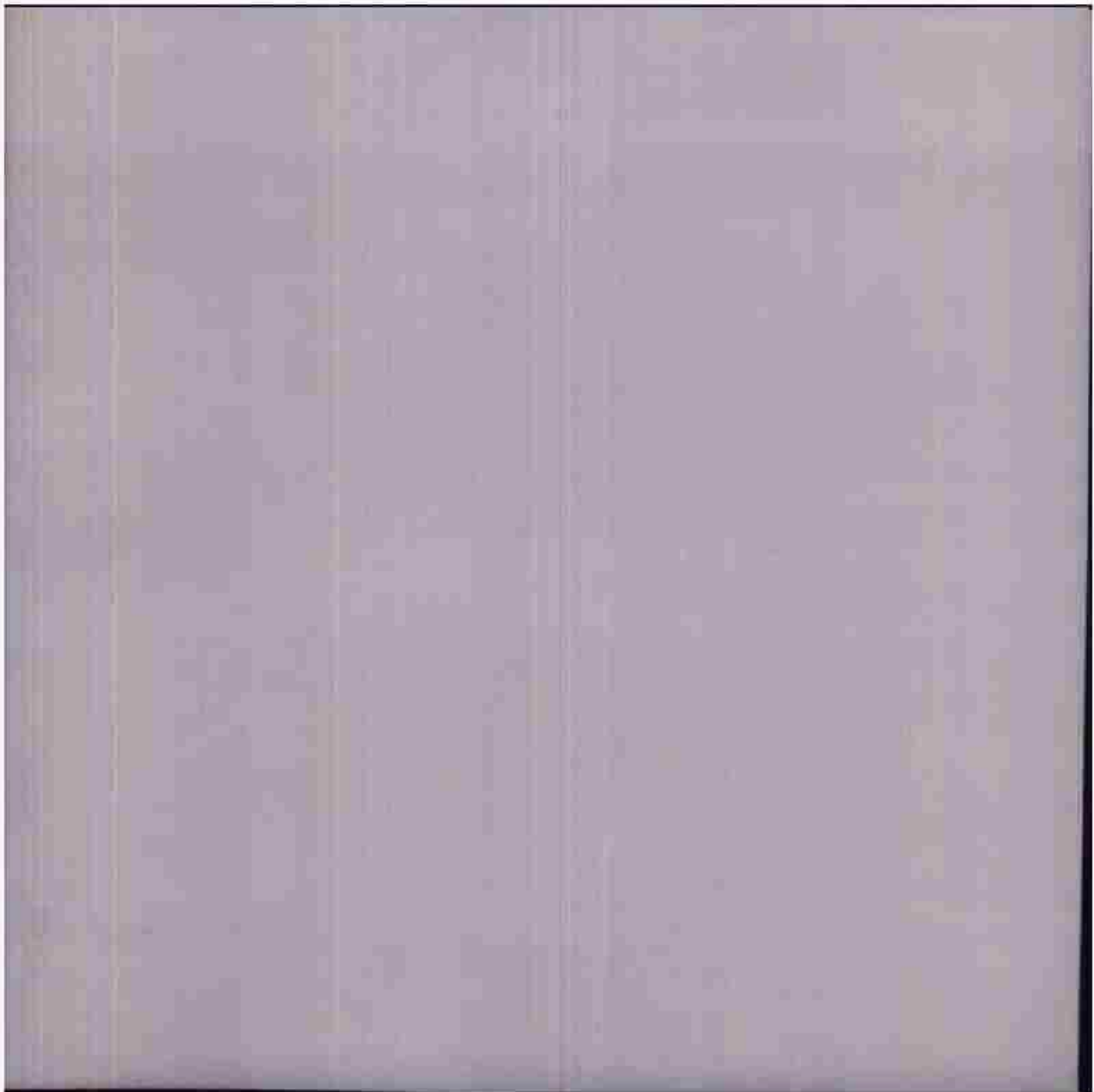
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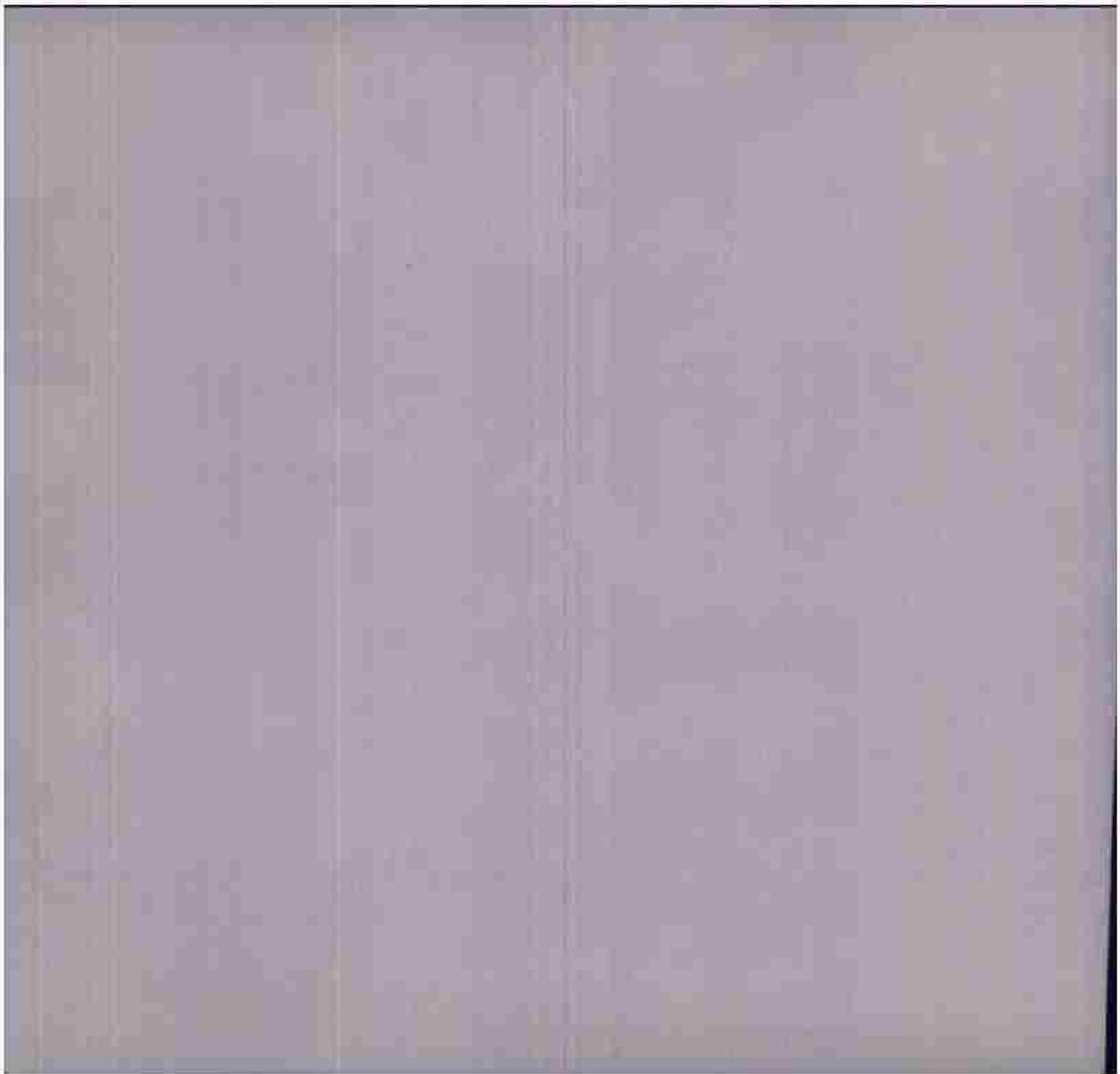
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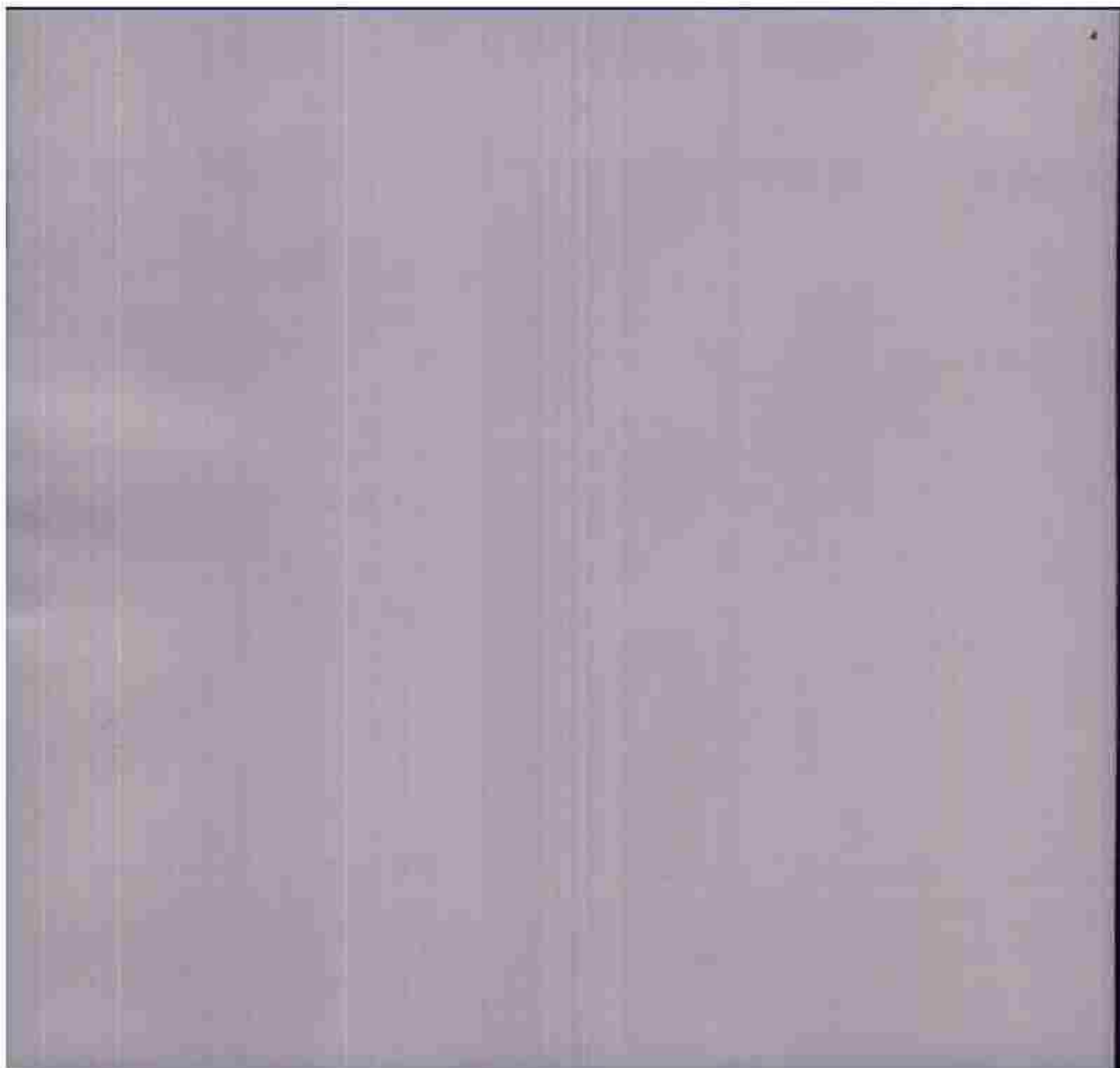
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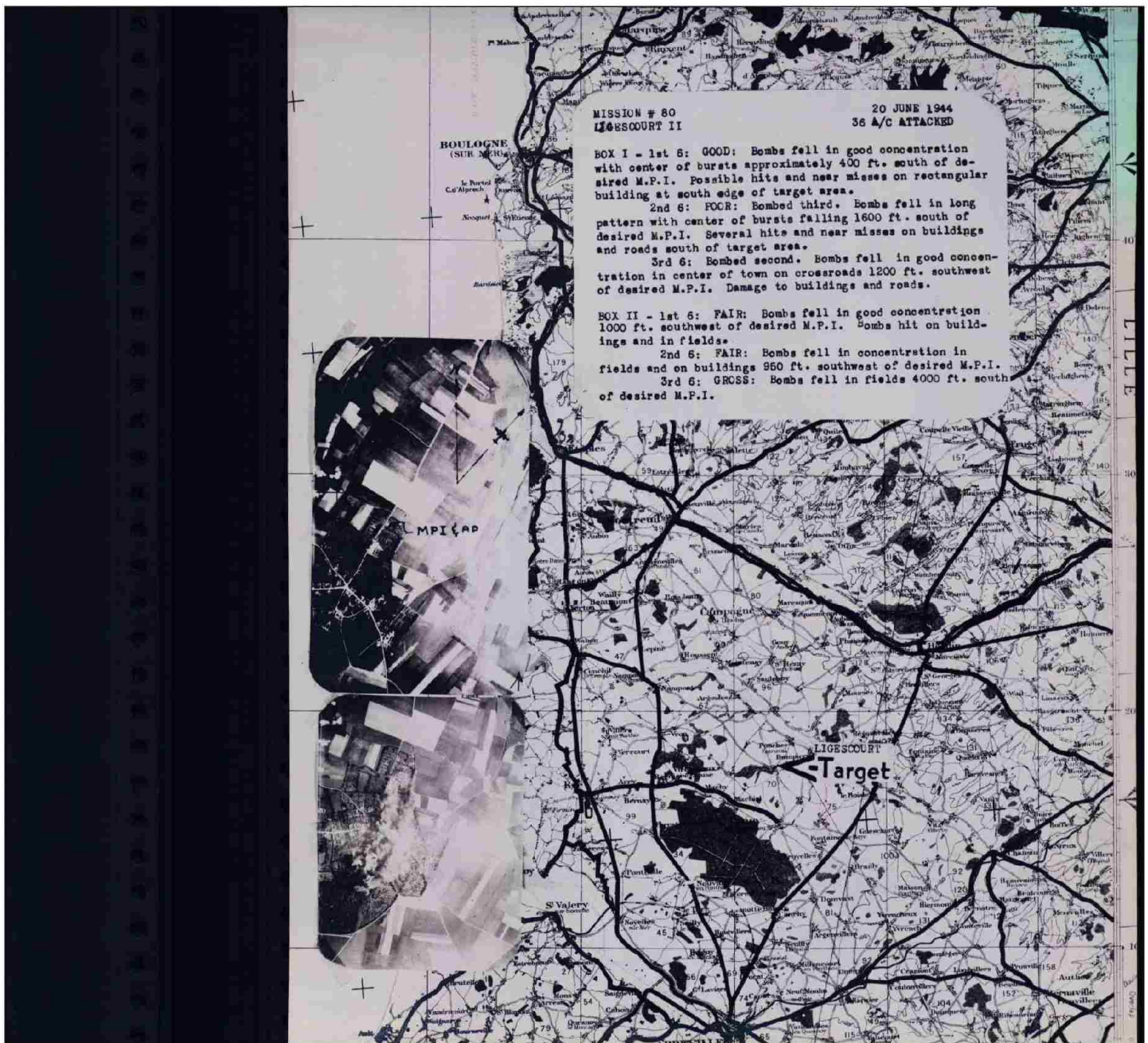


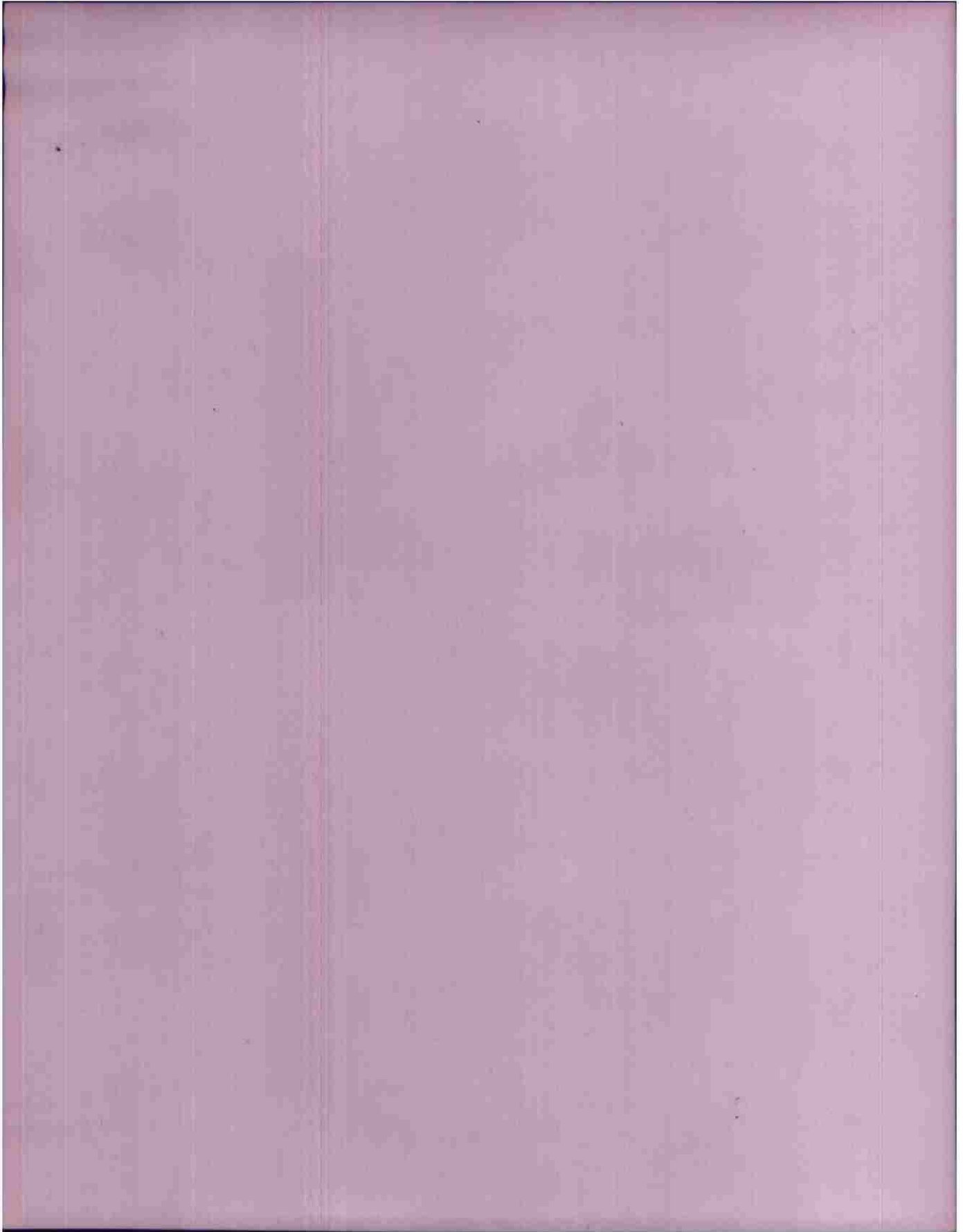
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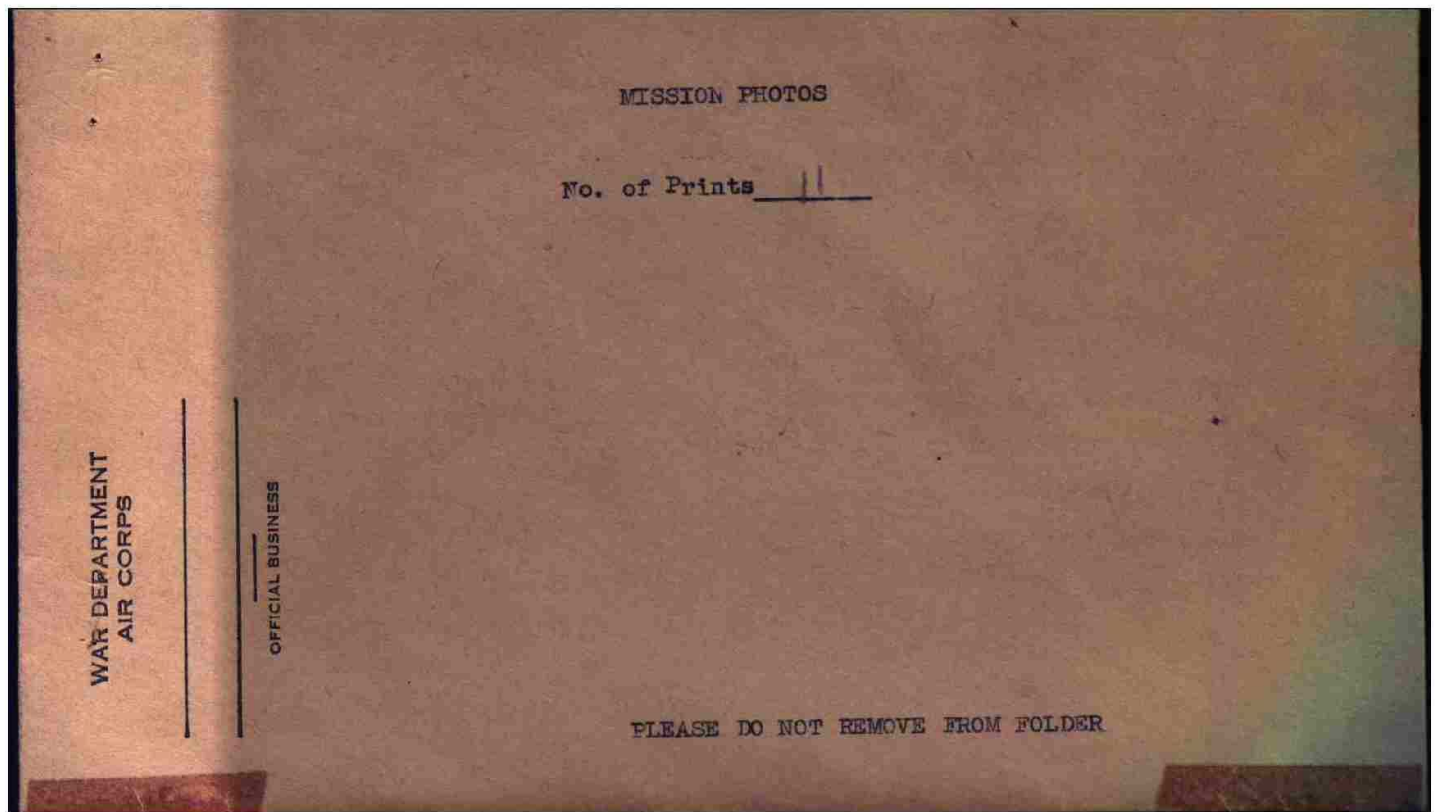


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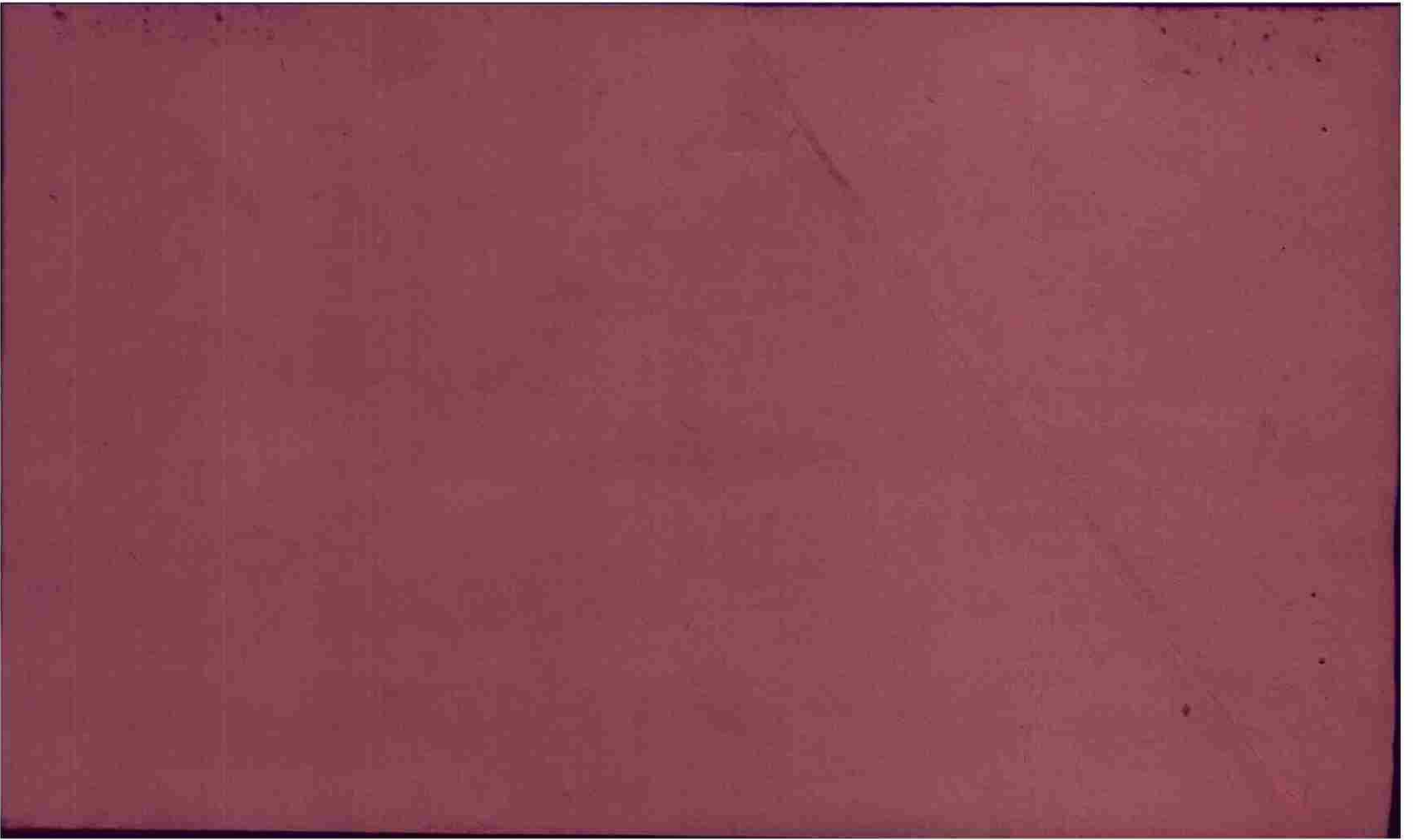








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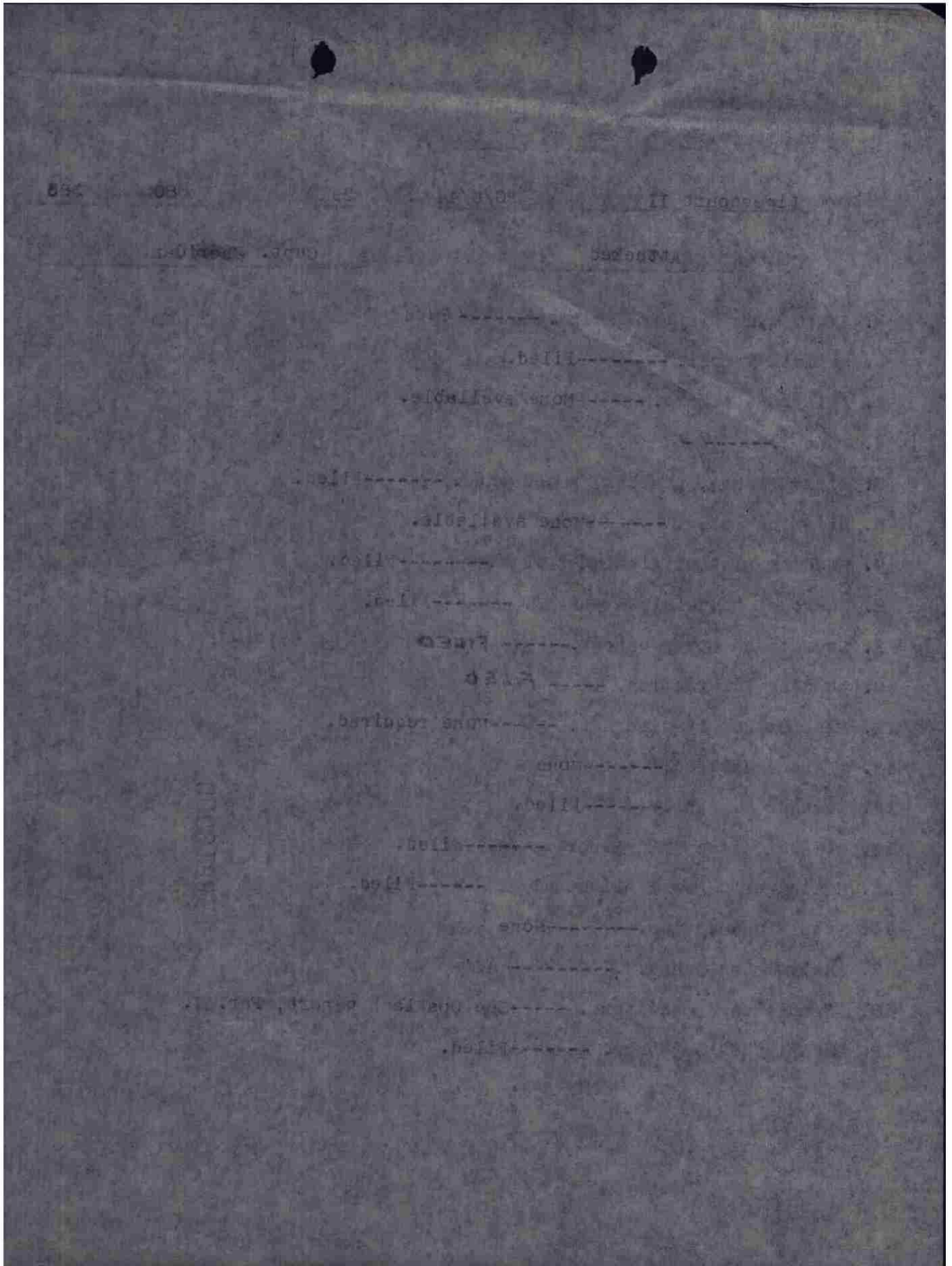
Target Ligescourt II Date 20/6/44 No. A/C 39 Mission # 180 PO 383

Status Attacked Brief officer Capt. Sheridan

1. IX BG Synopsis of Mission. ----- *Filed*
2. OpFlash Report. ----- *Filed.*
3. Telephone Report. ----- *None available.*
4. Photos. ----- *Filed*
5. Field orders, Annex's, Amendments. ----- *Filed.*
6. Briefing Notes. ----- *None available.*
7. Loading List of Airplane Crews. ----- *Filed.*
8. Chart of route flown - Flak. ----- *Filed.*
9. Operations Oprep Report. ----- *FILED*
10. Bombing information. ----- *FILED*
11. Mission Report-Aircraft. ----- *None required.*
12. E/A encountered. ----- *None*
13. Weather Reports. ----- *Filed.*
14. Communication "YS" Report. ----- *Filed.*
15. Navigator's Log & Flight Plan. ----- *Filed.*
16. Battle casualties. ----- *None*
17. Analysis of Gunnery. ----- *NONE*
18. Ammunition Expenditure. ----- *See OpsFlash Report, Par. I.*
19. Recapitulation forms. ----- *Filed.*

P.R.C.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Target: Ligescourt (Noball)
 F/O : #383
 Date : 20 June 44
 Results: Box I, 1st 6 - Good
 2nd 6 - Poor
 3rd 6 - Poor
 Box II, 1st 6 - Fair
 2nd 6 - Fair
 3rd 6 - Gross

LIGESCOURT (NOBALL)

416 PG: 39 a/c dispatched, 36 dropping 179 x 500 GP on primary.

3 a/c failed to bomb: window.

6 a/c flak battle-damaged, no losses, casualties. Bombing by 6's from 11,000, 12,000 feet.

Box I - 1st 6 - GOOD. Good concentration, centered 400 feet South of desired M.P.I. Possible hits, near misses to rectangular buildings at South edge of T/A.

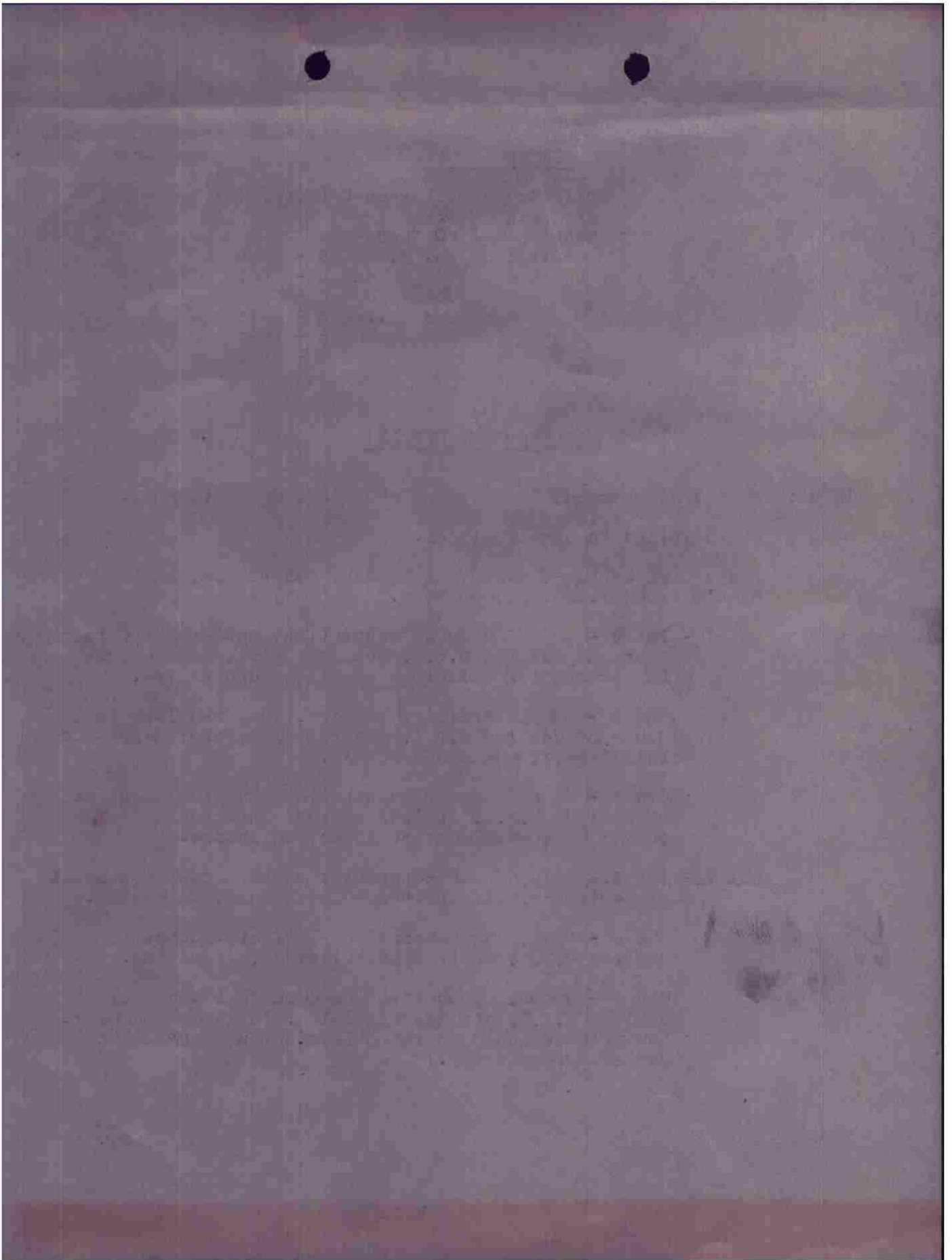
2nd 6 - POOR. Trailing pattern, centered 1600 feet South of desired M.P.I. Several hits, near misses to buildings, roads South of T/A.

3rd 6 - POOR. Good concentration 1200 feet Southwest of desired M.P.I. Strikes on road intersection at center of town. Damage to roads, buildings.

Box II- 1st 6.- FAIR. Good concentration 1000 feet Southwest of desired M.P.I. Strikes on buildings, in fields.

2nd 6 - FAIR. Concentration 950 feet Southwest of desired M.P.I. Strikes on buildings, in fields.

3rd 6 - GROSS. Concentration 4000 feet South of desired M.P.I. Strikes in fields. (Group Bombardier, having made thorough investigation, was unable to explain gross error.)



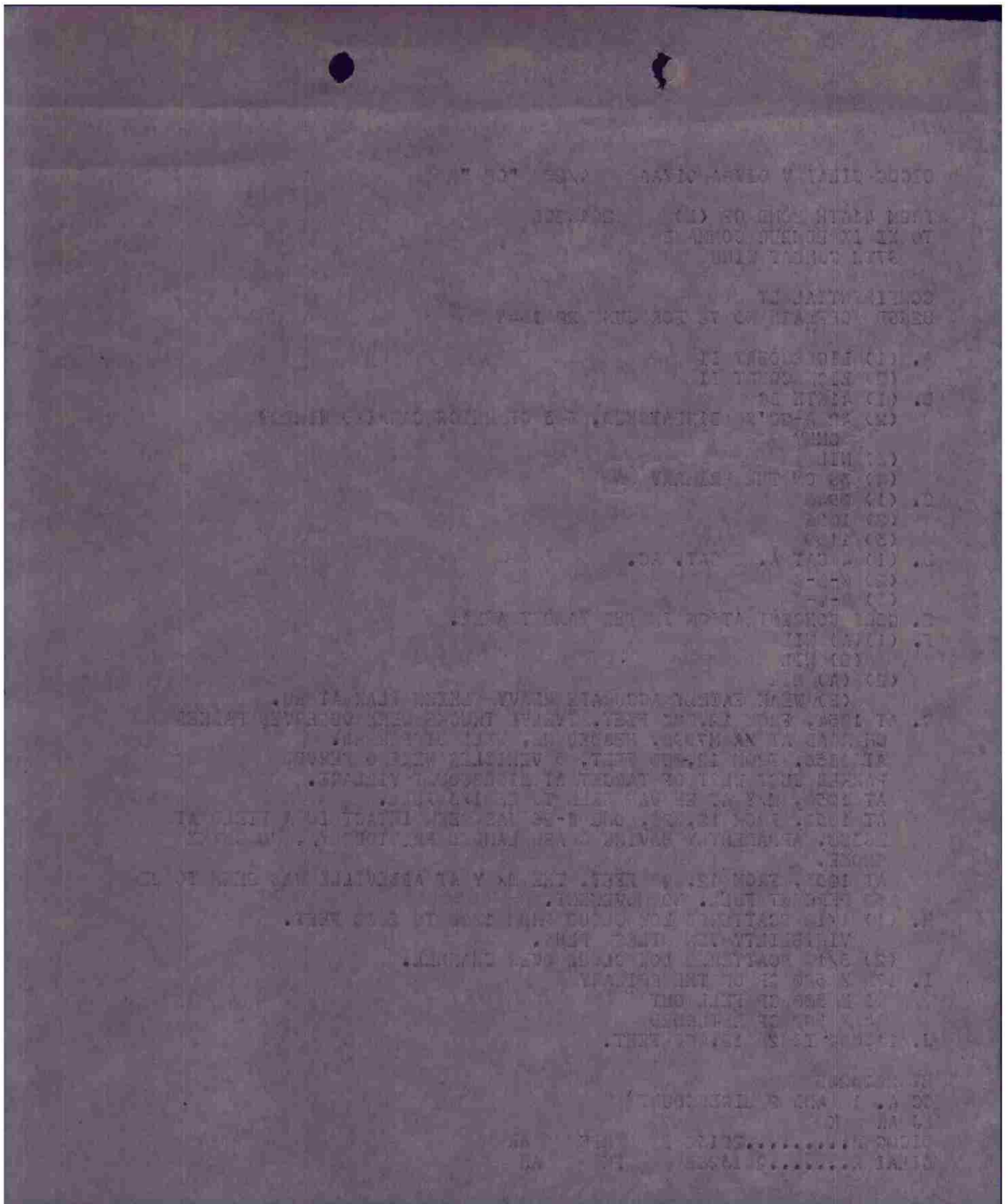
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FROM 416TH BOMB GP (L) 201320B
TO XI IX BOMBER COMMAND
97TH COMBAT WING

CONFIDENTIAL BT
U269D OPFLASH NO 78 FOR JUNE 20 1944

- A. (1) LIGESCOHRT II
(2) LIGESCOHRT II
- B. (1) 416TH BG
(2) ~~4~~ A-20'S DISPATCHED, E 3 OF WHICH CARRIED WINDOW
~~42~~ ONLY 39
(3) NIL
(4) 39 ON THE PRIMARY (36)
- C. (1) 0940
(2) 1056
(3) 1159
- D. (1) 4 CAT A. 2 CAT. AC.
(2) 0-0-0
(3) 0-0-0
- E. GOOD CONCENTRATION IN THE TARGET AREA.
- F. (1)(A) NIL
(B) NIL
(2) (A) NIL
(B) WEAK FAIRLY ACCURATE HEAVY FLKXXX FLAK AT EU.
- G. AT 1054, FROM 12,000 FEET, TWELVE TRUCKS WERE OBSERVED PARKED ON ROAD AT MX M7998, HEADED NE, WELL DISPERSED.
AT 1056, FROM 12,000 FEET, 5 VEHICLES WERE OBSERVED PARKED JUST WEST OF TARGET AT LIGESCOURT VILLAGE.
AT 1050, M/Y AT EU WAS SEEN TO BE 1/3 FULL.
AT 1050, FROM 12,000, ONE B-26 WAS SEEN INTACT IN A FIELD AT M6388, APPARENTLY HAVING CRASH LANDED PREVIOUSLY. NO CMXXX SMOKE.
AT 1053, FROM 12,000 FEET, THE M/ Y AT ABBEVILLE WAS SEEN TO BE 50 PERCENT FULL. NO MOVEMENT.
- H. (1) 1/10 SCATTERED LOW CLOUD FROM 1000 TO 2000 FEET.
VISIBILTY TEN MILES PLUS.
(2) 3/10 SCATTERED LOW CLOUD OVER CHANNEL.
- I. 179 X 500 GP ON THE PRIMARY
1 X 500 GP FELL OUT
4 X 500 GP RETURNED
- J. 11,000 TO 2 12,000 FEET.

BT 201320B
CC A. 1 AND 2 LIGESCOURT
EJ AR K
OICOG R.....201328B RPG AR
OILAI R.....201328B FK AR



1 B.C.S-2 Form No. 106-B Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

OTHER UNITS:	TARGET	: IX BC WING 97TH	:
:	:	: DATE 30 June 1944	:
:	:	: ATTACKING UNIT 8 flights	:
:	:	:	: 416TH GROUP
:	:	:	: LIGHTSQUAD II
:	:	: FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION	: TARGET HIT

TARGET BRIEFED LIGHTSQUAD II PRIMARY
SECONDARY
CASUAL

M.P.I. Q Buildings

A.P. Same M.P.I.

TARGET ATTACKED LIGHTSQUAD II MILES FROM THE PRIMARY

DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY

COORDINATES (If non-descript PINPOINT) ON 1:50,000 MAP NO.

NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 39 A-20's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 36

BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 6's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 1,3,2,4,5,6.

NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED 179 x 500 GP FUSING 1/10 nose 1/40 tail

FUSING

HEADING OF A/C WHERE BOMBS DROPPED 80 Deg.

TIME BOMBS DROPPED 1056

ACTIVITY AT TARGET

RESULTS OF BOMBING:

BOX I - 1st 6: GOOD : Bombs fell in good concentration center of bursts being approx. 400 ft. south of desired M.P.I. Possible hits and near misses on rectangular buildings at south edge of target area.

2nd 6: POOR : Bombs fell in long pattern with center of bursts falling 1000 ft. south of desired M.P.I. Several hits and near misses on buildings and roads south of target area. (Bombed third).

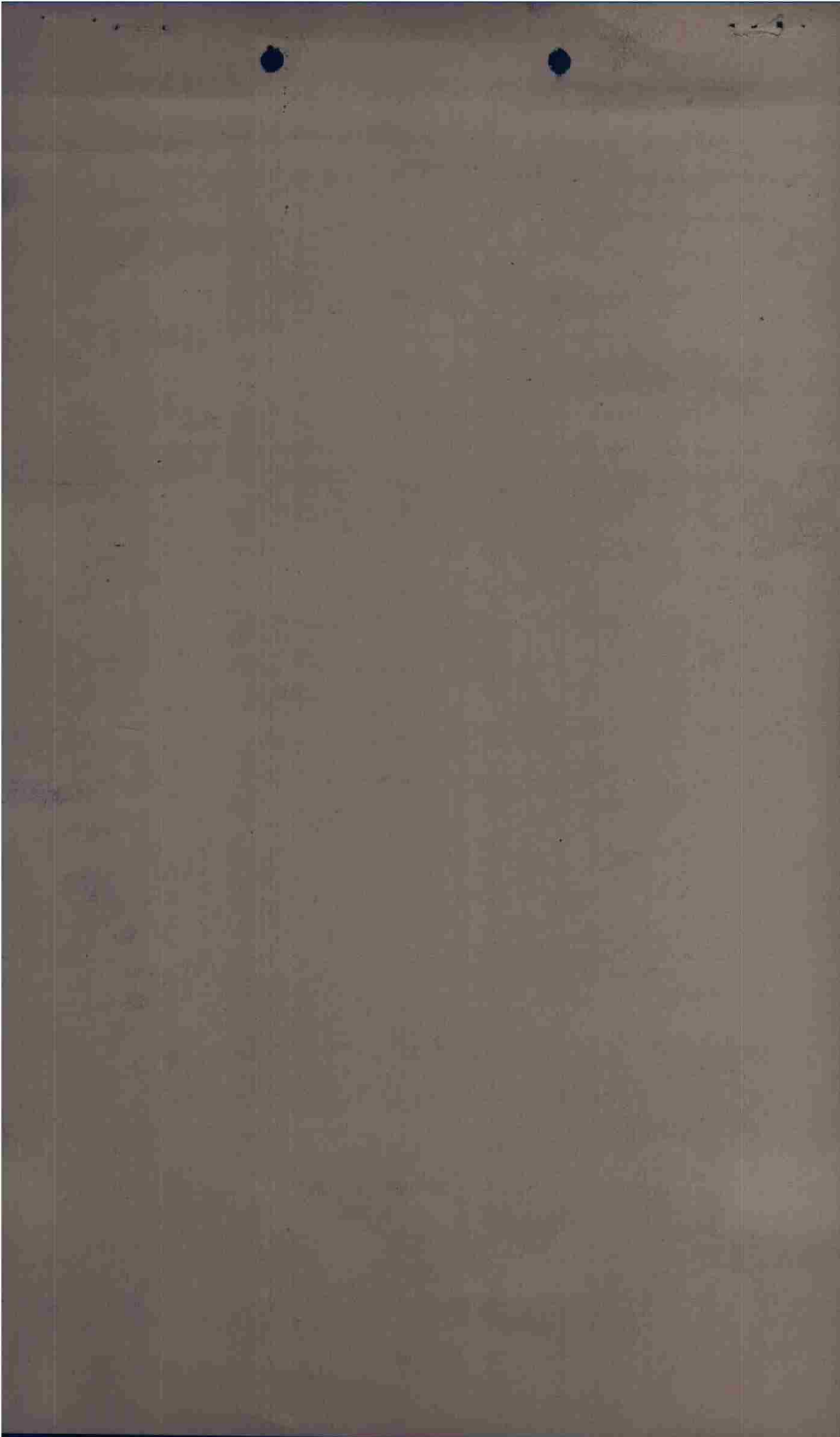
3rd 6: POOR : (Bombed second) Bombs fell in good concentration in center of town on crossroads 1200 ft. southwest of desired M.P.I. Damage to buildings and roads.

BOX II - 1st 6: FAIR : Bombs fell in good concentration 1000ft. southwest of desired M.P.I. Bombs hit on buildings and in fields.

2nd 6: FAIR : Bombs fell in concentration in fields and on buildings 950 ft. southwest of desired M.P.I.

3rd 6: GROSS : Bombs fell in fields 4000 ft. south of desired M.P.I.

CLAYTON W. ZESSIGER
CAPTAIN AIR CORPS
PHOTO INTELLIGENCE OFFICER



IX B.C. 3-2 Form No. 10a

PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

CAMERAS INSTALLED	<u>12</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u> %	GROUP	<u>416TH</u>
CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING	<u>11</u>	<u>92</u>	<u> </u> %	WING	<u>97TH CBW</u>
CAMERA FAILURES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u> </u> %	DATE	<u>20-June, 1944.</u>
PERSONNEL FAILURES	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>	<u> </u> %		
OTHERS	<u>0</u>				

	<u>645</u>				TARGET <u>LIGESCOURT II</u>
<u>455</u>		<u>363</u>	<u>689</u>		ALT. <u>12,000</u> ft
<u>157</u>				<u>217</u>	TRUE AIR SPEED <u>200</u> mph
					GROUND SPEED <u>225</u> mph

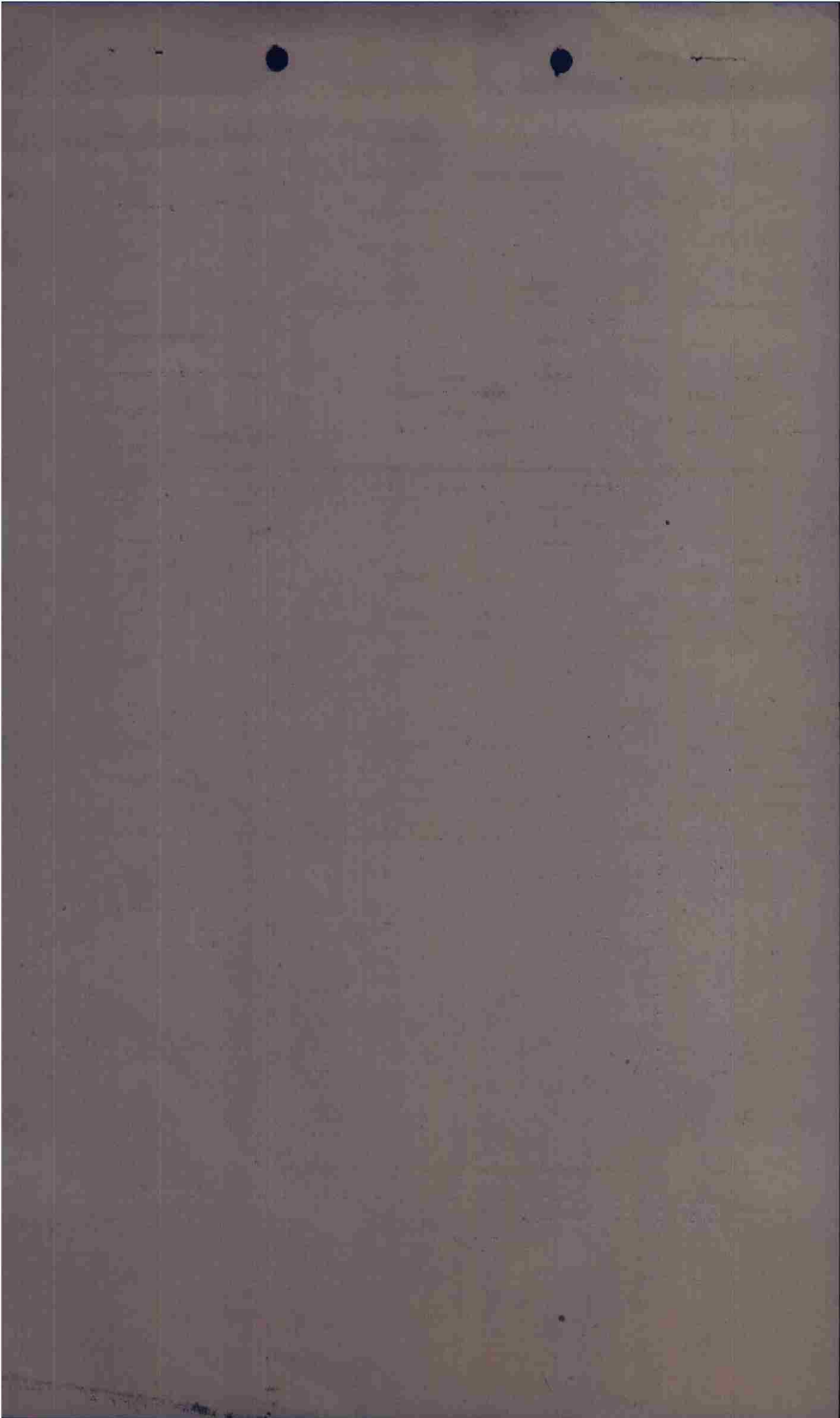
	<u>1711</u>				TARGET <u>LIGESCOURT II</u>
	<u>221</u>				ALT. <u>11,500</u> ft
<u>907</u>				<u>147</u>	TRUE AIR SPEED <u>200</u> mph
<u>226</u>		<u>929</u>			GROUND SPEED <u>223</u> mph

					TARGET <u> </u>
					ALT. <u> </u> ft
					TRUE AIR SPEED <u> </u> mph
					GROUND SPEED <u> </u> mph

BOX NO.	A/C NO.	CAM. TYPE	F.L.	INT.	PRINT D SORTIES	UNPRINT. SORTIES	EXPLANATION
1	455	K-20	6 3/8		97		
1	645	K-20	6 3/8			99	
1	363	K-24	7	2	328		
1	157	K-24	5	2		329	See remarks below.
1	217	K-24	6 3/8	2		327	"ter " "
2	689	K-24	5	2			Inter-avalometer turned off.
2	1711	K-20	6 3/8			98	
2	221	K-24	6 3/8	2	331		
2	226	F-24	5	2	333		
2	929	K-24	5	2	332		
2	147	K-24	5	2		334	See remarks below.
2	907	K-24	7	2		335	" " "

REMARKS: Bomb burst build-up on these A/Cs poor due to A/C's turning off target too quickly.

F. J. Lachar 1st Lt. A.C.
Photographic Officer



OICOG CIYAA OIGOF OIHAK V OILAI OILAU 1/20 "OP"

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING U-119-E 20/0250B
 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 416TH BOMB GROUP
 410TH BOMB GROUP
 409TH BOMB GROUP (INFO COPY)

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
 SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH. LT. COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

APO 140

20 JUNE 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 92-383

MAPS: NORMAL



1. B. (1) SEE CURRENT BOMB LINE .
 (2) NINTH FIGHTER COMMAND WILL FURNISH P-47' FIGHTER AREA COVER
FOR ALL GROUPS OF THIS WING. THE P-47'S WILL DIVE BOMB
THE TARGETS AFTER EACH GROUP BOMBS.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK NOBALL TARGETS IN FRANCE

ZERO HOUR: 20/1050B

3. A. 410TH BOMB GROUP
 (1) Z 3179
 (9) ILL. NEG. 38728 REF. 020025
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MINUTES

- B. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 (1) Z 3208
 (9) ILL. NEG. 38842 REF. 057066
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR

- X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE
 (5) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO GRAVESEND TO BEACHY HEAD TO 50 DEG. 04 MIN
 NORTH 01 DEG. 22 MIN. EAST TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 (6) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO HASTINGS TO BASE.
 (7) I.P. 50 DEG. 10 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 42 MIN. EAST
 (8) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTH WEST TO NORTH EAST
 (9) BOMB LOAD: 4 X 500 LB. G.P. AIRPLANES WITH WING RACKS
 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 NOSE 1/40 TAIL
 (10) R.P. 50 DEG. 19 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 32 MIN. EAST.
 (11) BOMBING ALTITUDED: BOMB 12,000 FEET. CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT
 12,000 FEET.
 (12) A/C REQUIRED 36 A/C EACH GROUP BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 (13) INTERVAL BETWEEN BOMBS: MINIMUM
 (14) WINDOW WILL BE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX B.C. MEMORANDUM
56-16 DATED 22 MAY 1944
 (15) EACH GROUP WILL COMPLY WITH 97TH COMBAT WING TELETYPE
 U-120-E AND U-121-E

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS:
 410TH BOMB GROUP
 (2) DASHDOWN
 (4) FARMHAND B/B

416TH BOMB GROUP
 (2) ENCOT
 (3) FARMHAND B/B

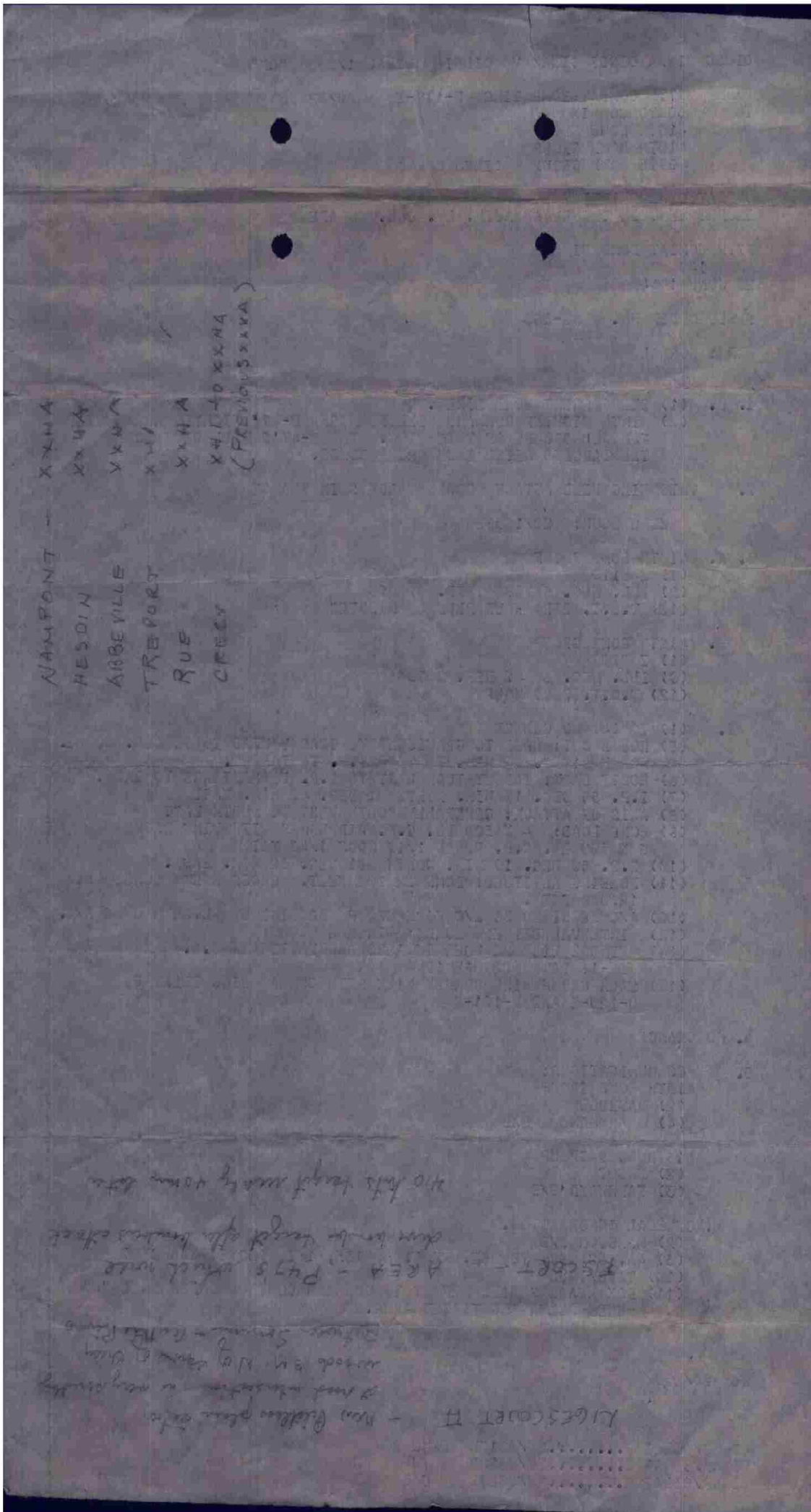
- X. GENERAL INFORMATION.
 (2) MANSTON B/B
 (3) 4A, 5G, 6C, 7D, 8E, 9F, 10B, 13H, 16I (NOTE: CHANGES)
 (10) TAVB/TAVB
 (11) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL "C"
 WHEN CLEARING TARGET AREA.

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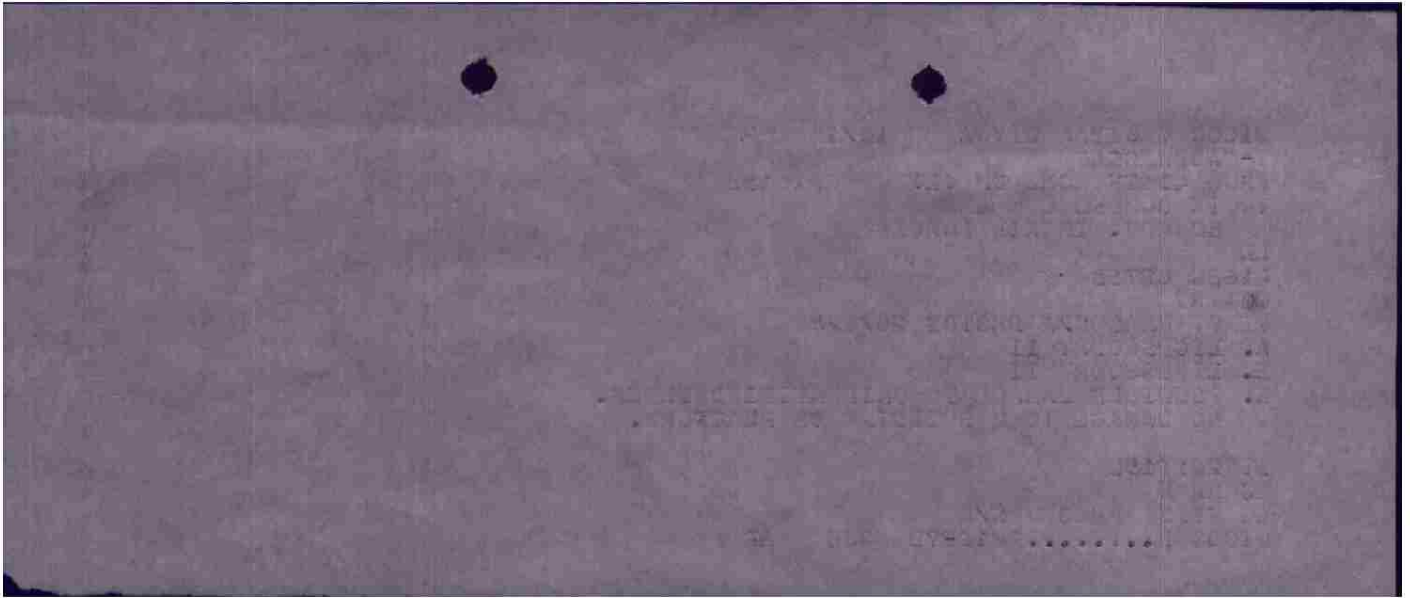
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RRR AR

OICOG/OILAI R.....20/0317B DEGM AR
 OIYAA/OILAI R.....20/0324B WJF AR
 OIHAK/OILAI R.....20/0320B JAB AR



OICOG V OIYAA OIYAA 10/10 P
T- ADDRESSEE
FROM 416TH BOMB GP (L) 201615B
TO IX BOMBER COMMAND
HQ ADV. IX AIR FORCE
LL
416BG U275D
QQX BT
FIRST PHAS S/A PHOTOS 20/6/44
A. LIGESCOURT II
B. LIGESCOURT II
K. POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO UNIDENTIFIED BLDGS.
NO DAMAGE TO Q BUILDING OR PLATFORM.
BT 201615B
EJ AR K
CC FIRST PHASE S/A
OICOG R.....201627B CJD AR

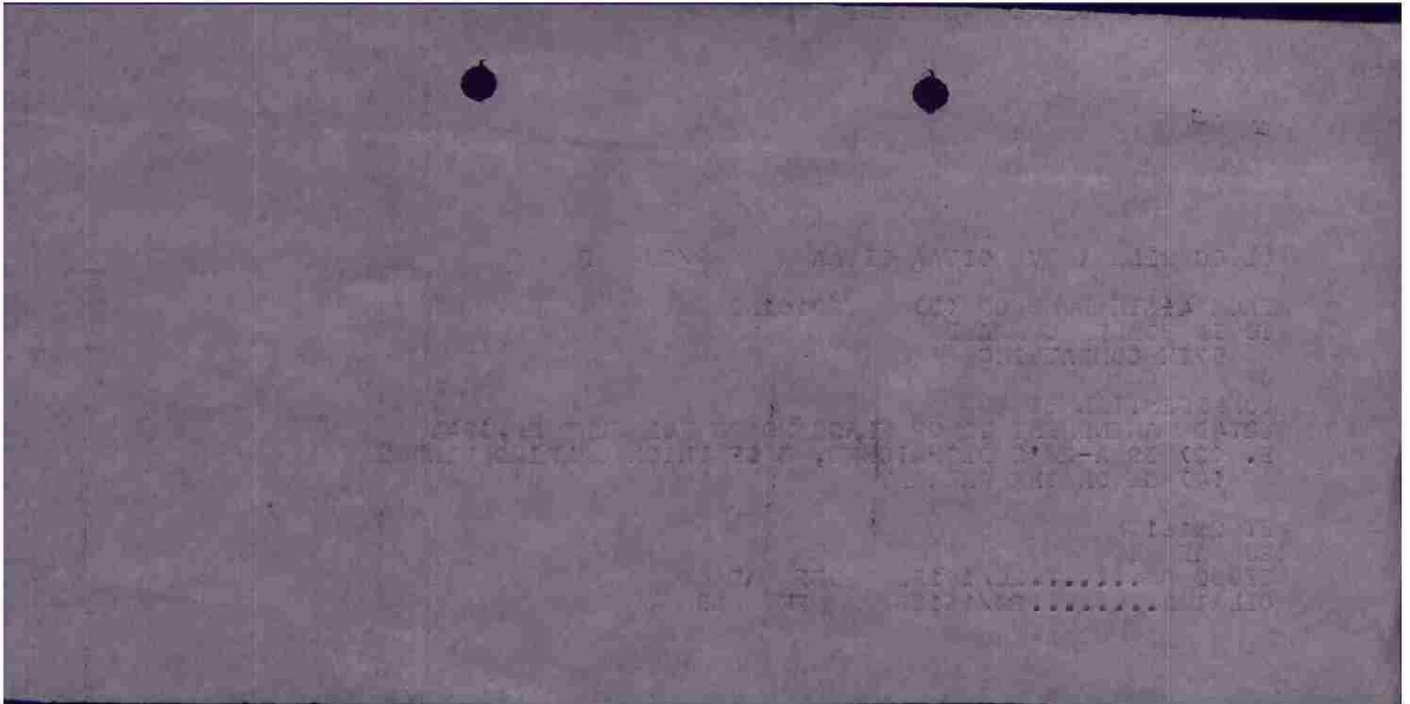


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FROM 446TH BOMB GP (L) 201610E
TO IX BOMBER COMMAND
97TH COMBATWING

CONFIDENTIAL BT
U274D AMENDMENT TO OP FLASH NO 78 FOR JUNE 20, 1944
B. (2) 39 A-20'S DISPATCHED, 3 OF WHICH CARRIED WINDOW
(4) 36 ON THE PRIMARY

BT 201610N
EJ AR K
OICOG RM.....20/1615B DEF AR
OILAI R.....20/1615B FK AR



MISSION NO. 80

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

20 JUNE 1944

1. 645 R
Capt L F Dunn
Lt H T Arrington
S/S H A Marion
S/S V P Adams

2. 493 V
Lt R H Smith
S/S A A Stockham
Sgt R J Mahoney

3. 9711 M
Lt R W York
S/S H J Wilds
Sgt L A Ashton

4. 214 G
Lt R V Wheeler
S/S C R Orvold
S/S J S Brower

5. 363 L
Lt J D Adams
Sgt A E DiMartino
S/S A J Ziekus

6. 937 B
Lt A R Durante
S/S H T Best
S/S I R DiGiusti

FLIGHT II

1. 452 Q
Capt D A Hulse
Lt R Conte
S/S F D Allred
S/S D W Stephens

2. 227 F
Lt A W Nordstrom
S/S J D Gossett
S/S R L Miller

3. 689 I
Lt P G Atkinson
S/S J C Swafford
S/S P F Glynn

4. 0211 O
Lt F J Harold
S/S E L Griffin
Sgt E F Paules

5. 217 D
Lt T J Leonard
S/S C D Evans
S/S T A Palmer

6. 209 K
Lt R B Hall
Sgt L C Burger
Sgt D S Blackford

FLIGHT III

1. 455 T
Capt C R Jackson
Lt A H Maltby
S/S D E Burns
Sgt W J Daniel

2. 680 R-1
Lt J P Hillerman
Sgt S R Zaklekiewicz
Sgt J L Johnson

3. 387 H
Lt C L McGlohn
S/S J W Moran
S/S P B Driskill

4. 978 S
Lt R J Rooney
S/S H M MC Cleary
S/S S F DiNapoli

5. 224 E
Lt J C Sewell
S/S J E Wilson
Sgt L Martinez

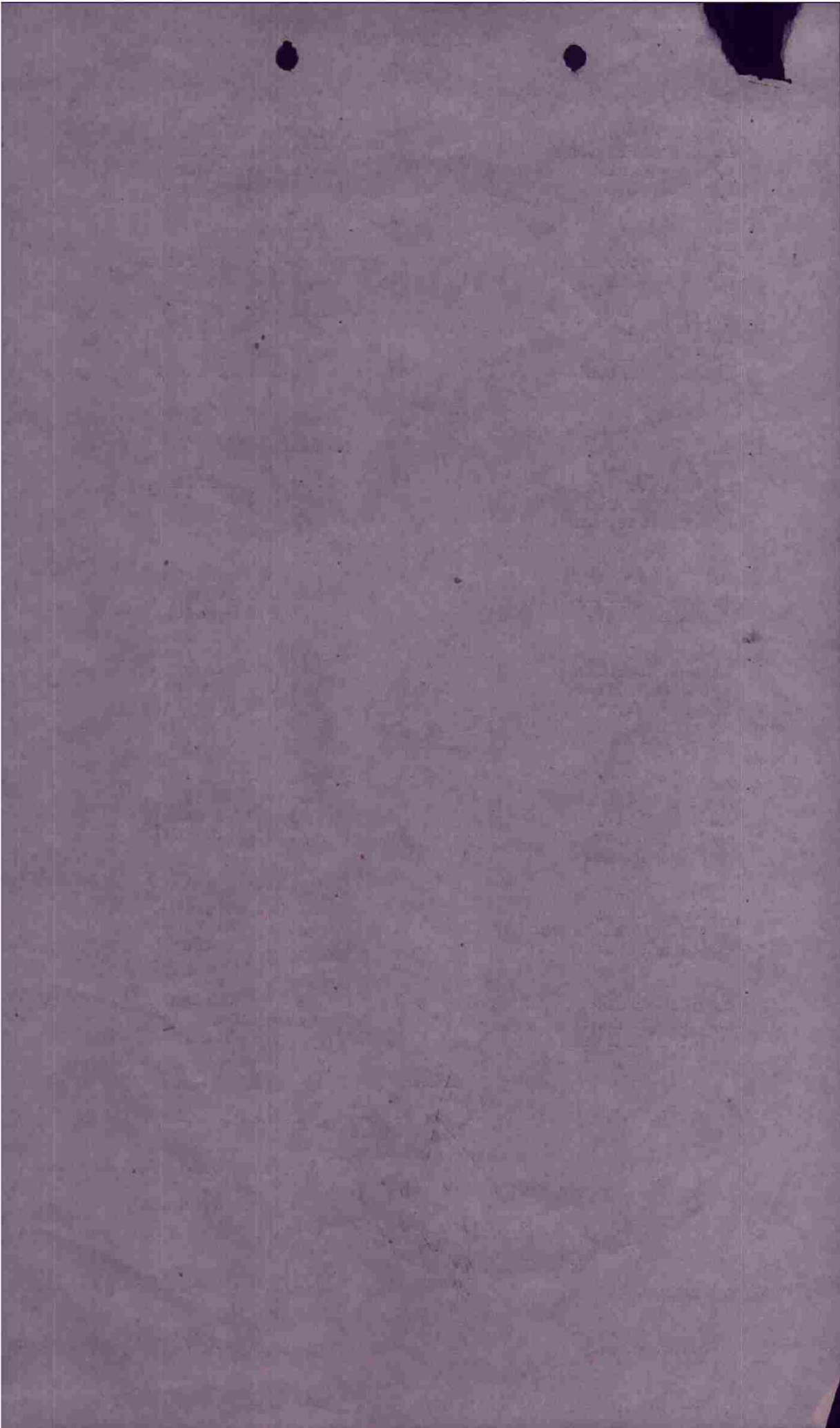
6. 157 P
Lt L R McBride
S/S J McKee
S/S R Eutsler

SPARE

743 W.
Lt W C Sigge
S/S R W Nicks
S/S N Radlich

*Let's Epilize
as briefed
no Sootie*

MISSION NO. 80
BOX I
20 JUNE 1944



MISSION NO. 80

LOADING LIST

19 JUNE 1944

BOX II
FLIGHT I

1. 1711 S
Lt. L.A. Marzolf
Lt. R.J. Bassett
S/S H.E. Wellin
S/S L.G. Kutzer

2. 165 H
Lt. M. Zubon
T/S J.R.L. Tanner
S/S W.C. Russell

3. 714 N
Lt. H.D. Andrews
S/S G.M. Cook
S/S E.R. Werley

4. 220 E
Lt. R.D. Perkins
S/S V. N. Sherry
S/S R.H. Linneman

5. 951 P
Lt. R.C. Morehouse
Sgt. L.A. Zygiel
Sgt. A.J. Burgess

*Let's Early
Engine Rough
no practice*

6. 221 F
Lt. A.E. Herman
Sgt. A.D. Garrett
Sgt. J.O. Young

FLIGHT II

1. 712 E-1
Lt. R.J. Morton
Lt. J. Madenfort
S/S O.L. Webb
S/S F.M. Citty

2. 390 G
Lt. A.J. Vlieghele
Sgt. R.W. Rice
Sgt. C.E. Young

3. 900 Q
Lt. R.L. Bahlmer
S/S C.D. LaNave
S/S W.G. Ferguson

4. 147 K
Lt. W.A. Peck
S/S A.E. Bergeron
S/S G.I. Fleischman

5. 840 V
Lt. H.B. Clark
Sgt. J.W. Sabadosh
Sgt. C.F. Floyd

6. 929 G
Lt. J.F. Smith
Sgt. V. Vafiadis
Sgt. R.C. Hoffman

FLIGHT III

1. 719 V-1
Lt. R.F. Shaefer
Lt. J. Burg
S/S J.A. Fejes
S/S E.R. Judd

2. 764 X
Lt. L.E. Hill
S/S R.W. Burch
S/S C.H. Yost

3. 907 O
Lt. W.E. Downing
S/S E.S. Dickenson
Sgt. K.E. Horabek

4. 894 R
Lt. R.D. Poindexter
T/S L.G. Robbins
S/S D.E. Simpson

5. 210 Q-1
Lt. R.V. Miracle
S/S J.C. Burkhalter
S/S B.C. Sieg

6. 226 E-1
Lt. R.G. Meredith
S/S A.A. Hill
S/S R.W. MacDonald

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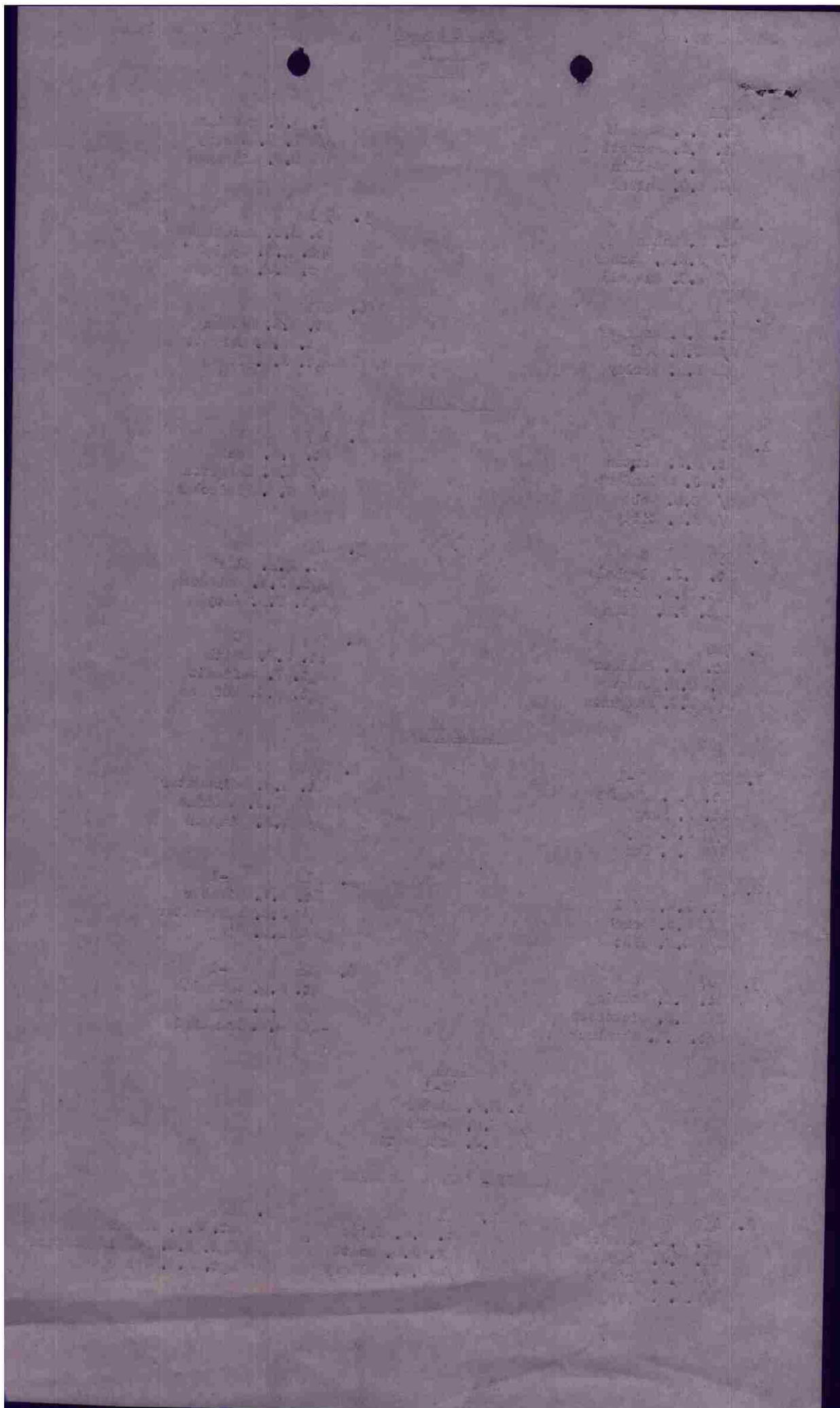
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Lt. R.D. Lasher
S/S H.R. Hedrick
S/S A.J. Antanaitis

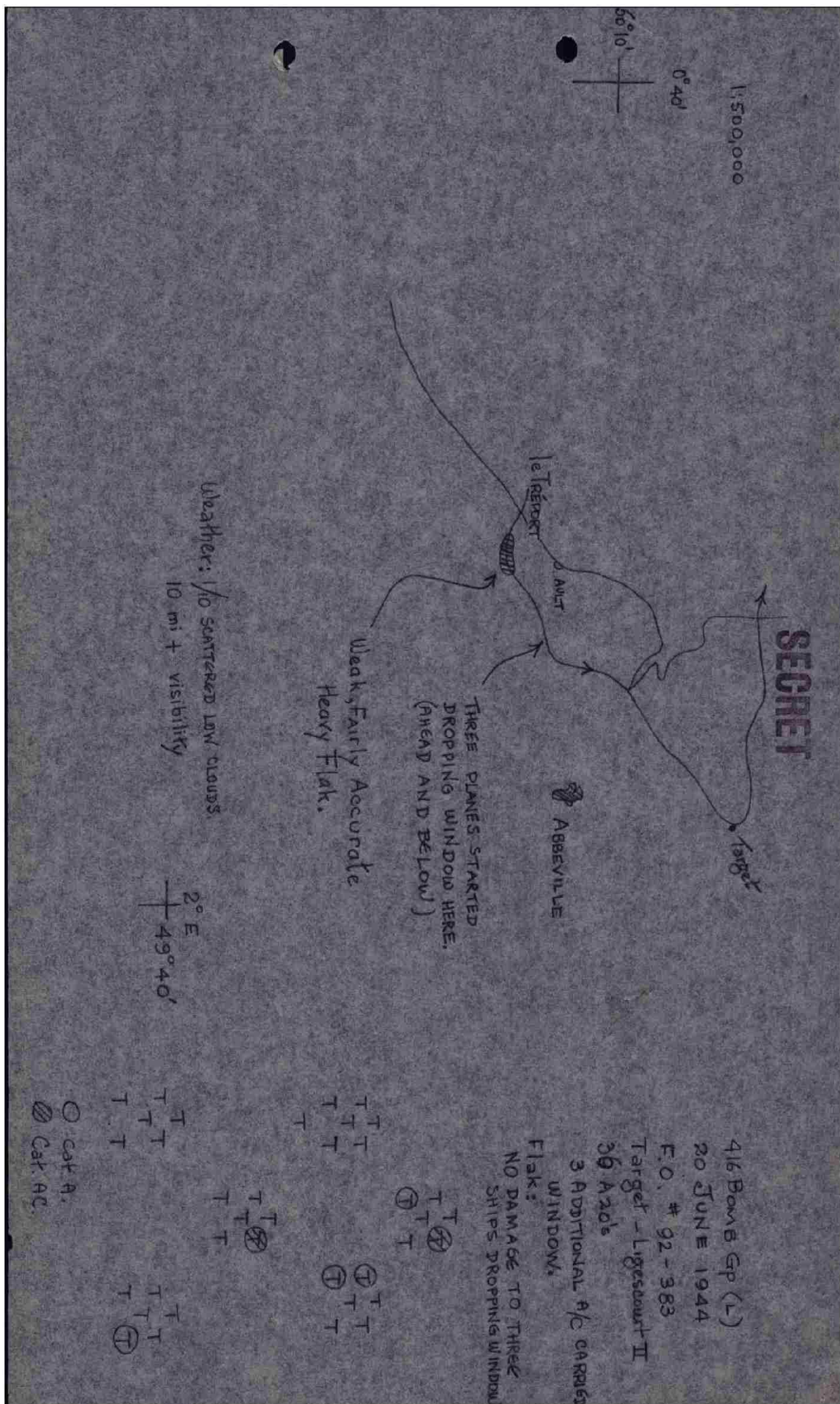
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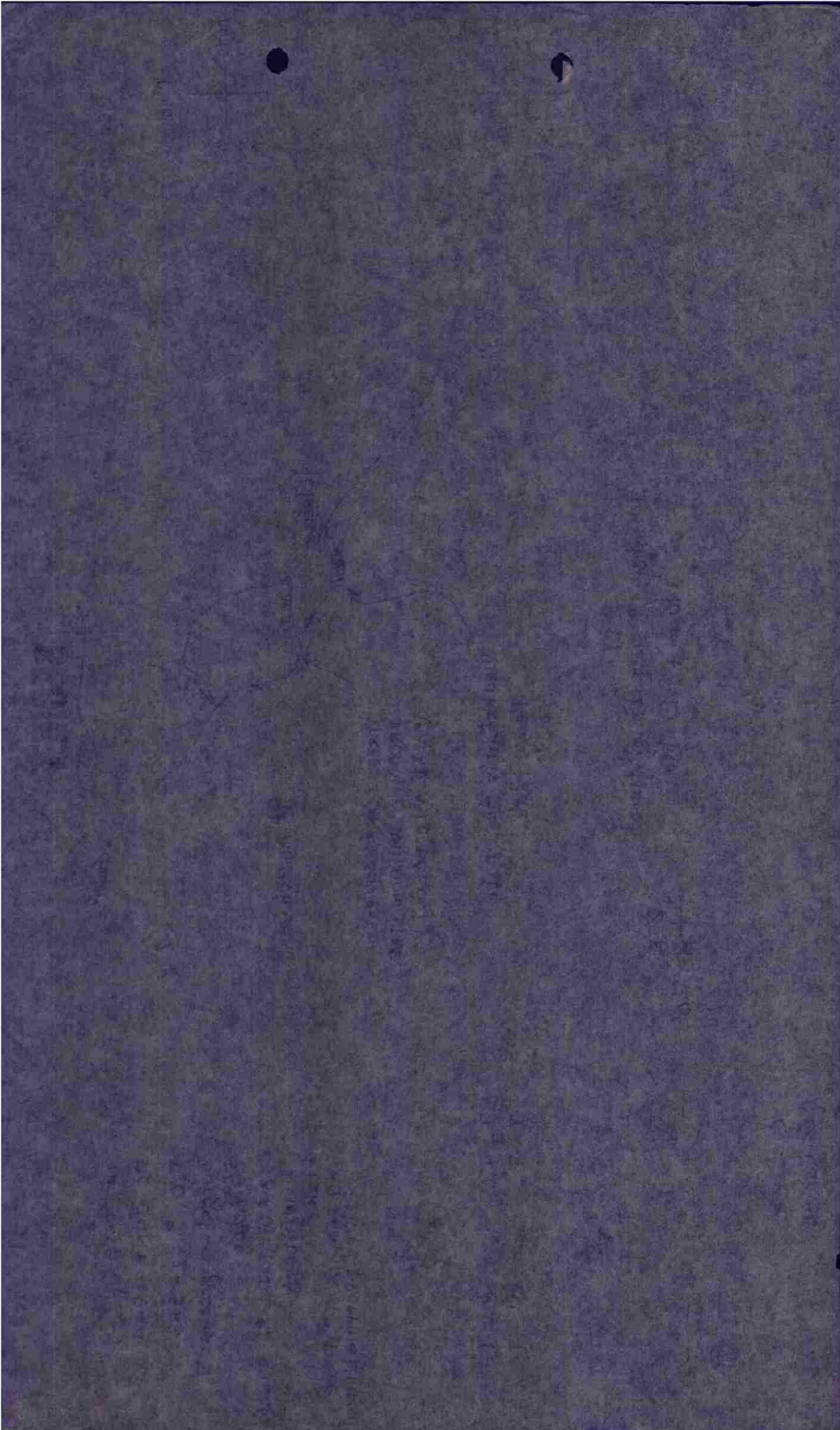
1. 450 S
Lt. H.L. Sommers
Lt. R.J. McQuade
S/S C.A. Prindle
S/S E.T. Epps

2. 961 E
Lt. W.F. Tripp
Sgt. J.O. Scott
S/S D.F. Mallory

3. 189 P
Lt. J.S. Connor
Sgt. H.C. Hagare Rodgers
Sgt. J.E. VanDyne







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DATE: JUN 22 1944

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

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (NEAH), APO 696, U.S. Army.
Attn: 26th Statistical Control.

From: 416th Bombardment Group (L), APO 140, U.S. Army.

Ref: Oprep A No. 81 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 20 June 1944
Mission or Operation No. 80 - 97th CV F.O. 892 - IX BC F.O. 893

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Lignacourt II
Place of take-off AAF Station 170
Place of landing AAF Station 170
Take-off time 0940 Landing time 1159
Time over target 1056 Bombing Altitude 11,000 to 12,000 feet
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather 1/10 scattered low clouds from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. Visibility 10 miles plus
Results Good, Poor, Poor, Fair, Fair, Gross
Enemy opposition No anti a/c fire experienced over target. Week fairly accurate
SWF at Su

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 32 A-20G
7 A-20F
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.

<u>30 A-20G's</u>	<u>Lignacourt II</u>
<u>6 A-20F's</u>	<u>Lignacourt II</u>
<u>2 A-20G's</u>	<u>Dispensing Window</u>
<u>1 A-20F</u>	<u>Dispensing Window</u>
3. Abortive due to:
 - (1) Weather: None
 - (2) Personnel: None
 - (3) Mechanical: None
 - (4) Other: None
4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None
5. Destroyed - before reaching target None
giving cause where known
6. Destroyed - over or after leaving None
target giving cause where known
7. Damaged (give category & cause) 4 A-20G's - Category A - Flak
2 A-20G's - Category B - Flak
8. Sorties 32 A-20G's
7 A-20F's

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GEORGE SOHNKEIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
adjutant.

For the Commanding Officer:

H. Enemy aircraft by type or description (tentative entries):--

a. Destroyed
b. Prob. Destroyed
c. Damaged

Type of	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	R. Gun	I. Gun	T. Gun
Killed in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wounded Seriously	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

a. Total Returned
b. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c
c. Detentioned
d. Expended on operations: (List targets separately)
e. Total carried into air:
f. Bombs, flares, etc. used:
g. Total carried into air:
h. Ammunition by caliber:
i. Total carried into air:
j. Expended on operations:
k. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c

D. Total operational flying hours
a. Day (Sunrise to sunset)
b. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 989BOX 1 Flight 1 GROUP 14th DATE 20 June 1944 TARGET ATTACKED 14 aircraft II1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous2. Bombing approach: 5003. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO X4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES NO

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

Pre-set synchronous with correction. Bombardier aimed approximately 45° left of A.P. to correct for bad bubble level

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. R.E. Livingston6. Name of lead pilot: Capt. L.F. Dunn7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 210 Altitude: 12,0009. Length of bomb run: 25 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10 T 1/4011. Total Bombs Dropped: 37

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, I¹ or A¹? 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? None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: Extremely rough air affected bubble level

(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 X FAIR POOR BAD MISS

* - 2 aircraft carried bomb load of 6 x 500 lb GP

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Formation consisted of 2 boxes, 18 ships each box, bombing by flights of six, and one flight of 3 ships dropping window. Formation took off from home base at 0940. Time over target - 1056. Target - Ligeacourt II. Flight 1 of Box 1 at 12,000 feet, dropped a total of 27 bombs in the target area with good results. Flight 2 of Box 1, at 11,800, dropped a total of 28 bombs with poor results. Flight 3 of Box 1, at 12,200, dropped a total of 26 bombs with poor results. Flight 1 of Box 2, at 11,500, dropped 29 bombs with fair results. Flight 2 of Box 2, at 11,700, dropped 29 bombs with fair results. Flight 3 of Box 2, at 11,000, dropped 34 bombs - gross error. Visibility was 10 miles plus. No anti-aircraft fire experienced over target area. Bomb fairly accurate BFF at Bu. 4 planes received category A damage and 2 received category AD damage.

A. Description of route from IP to target

1. 10 miles plus
2. 1/10 scattered low clouds from 1,000 - 2,000 feet.
3. 2 boxes of 18 ships bombing by flights of six - preceded by 3 ships carrying window.
4. None over target.
5. Grounds crew helped to identify target.
6. None
7. Excellent
8. None

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 989BOX 1 - Flight 2 GROUP 416th DATE 20 June 1944 TARGET ATTACHED 14 June 44 II1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous2. Bombing approach: 55°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 synchronous with correction. Bombardier used A.P. as M.P.I.
No trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. R. Gaste6. Name of lead pilot: Capt. D.A. Hulse7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 235 Ground Speed: 235 Altitude: 12,0009. Length of bomb run: 45 Sec: _____10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10 T 1/4011. Total Bombs Dropped: 26

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? None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:
None - Have exhausted all possibilities for "Short" but unable to diagnose reason

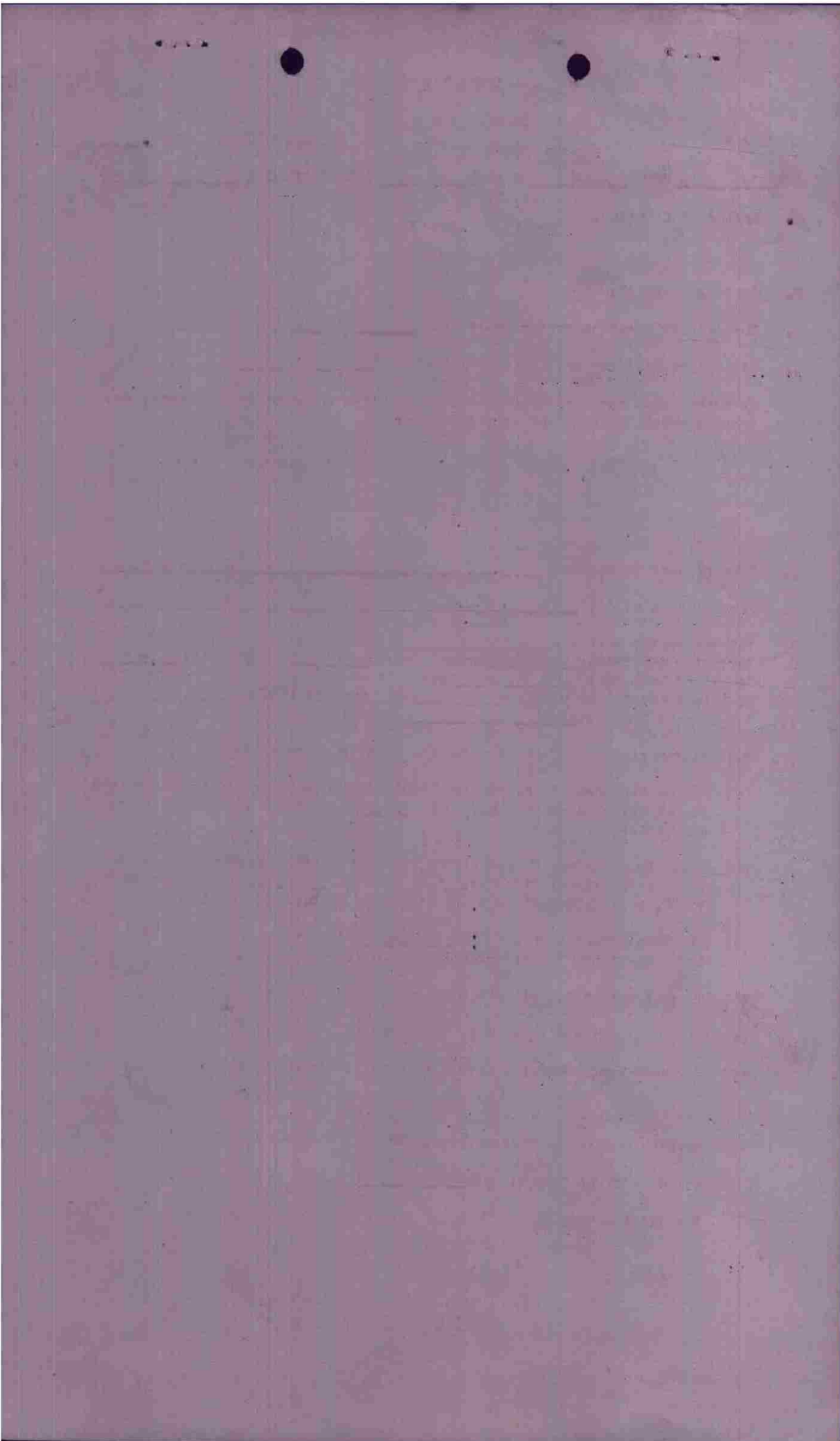
(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

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

* 2 aircraft carried bomb load of 6 x 500 lb GP

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 999BOX 241817 GROUP 416th DATE 20 June 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Lignecourt II1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous2. Bombing approach: 45°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES NOIn either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used: Pre-set with correction for synchronizationBombardier aimed at A.P. No trail subtracted. Shot t. Bubbles level at release. Ship straight and level. Bombardier synchronized.5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. A.H. Maltby6. Name of lead pilot: Capt. C.R. Jackson7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 220 Altitude: 11,8009. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10 T 1/4011. Total Bombs Dropped: 28

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

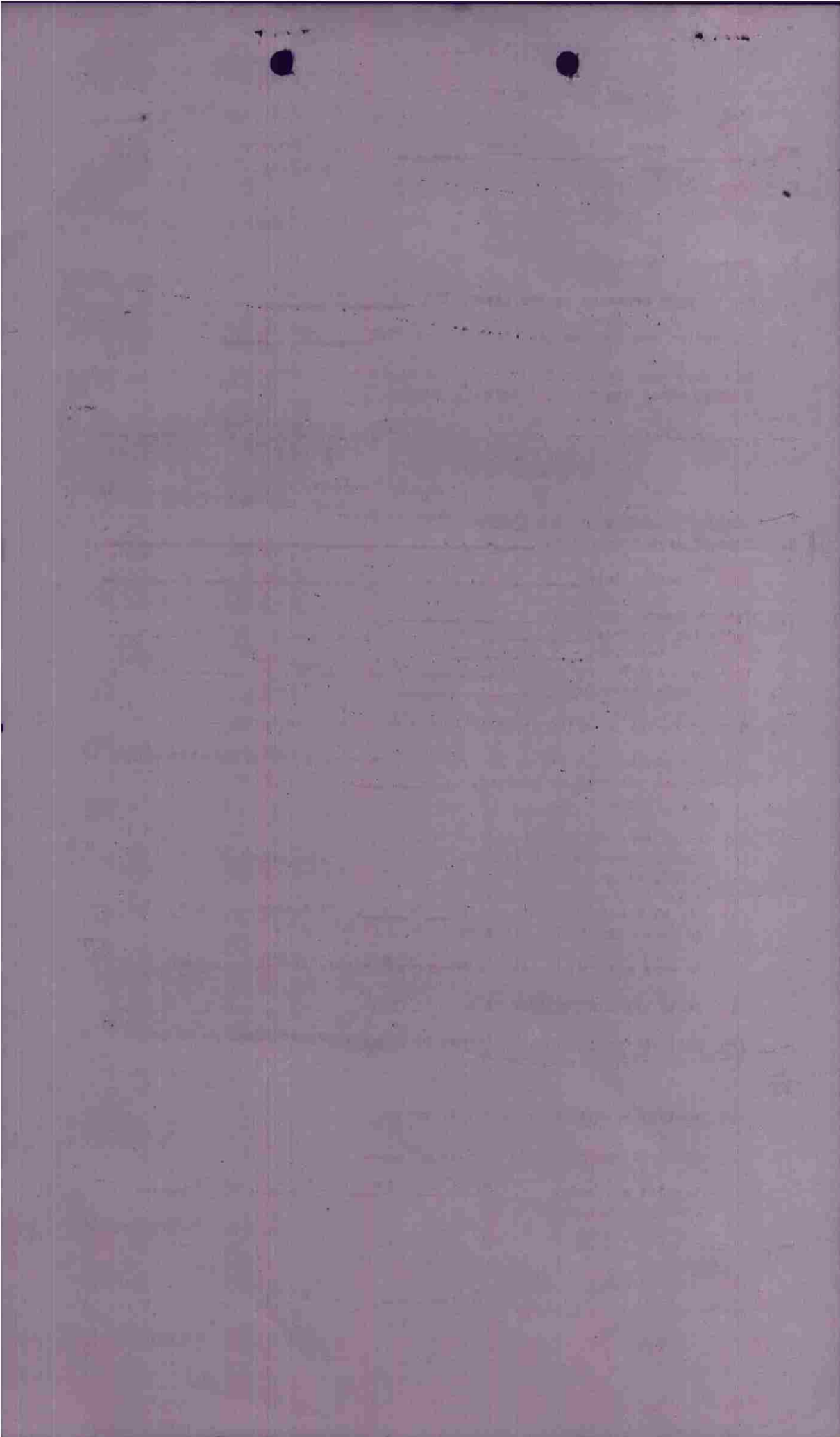
(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES NO. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES NO. If answer is "YES", state circumstances 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: Extremely rough air affected bubble level(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

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

* 2 aircraft carried bomb load of 6 x 500 lb GP

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 389BOX II - Flight Group A164b DATE 20 June 1944 TARGET ATTACKED 24 June 44 II

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous
2. Bombing approach: 50°
3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO
4. 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: Pre-set with corrections for synchronization. Bombardier aimed at wrong A.P.--approximately 300 feet short of briefed A.P.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. R.J. Bennett
6. Name of lead pilot: Lt. L.A. Harzoff
7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 220 Altitude: 11,500
9. Length of bomb run: Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N1/10 T 1/10
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 29

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

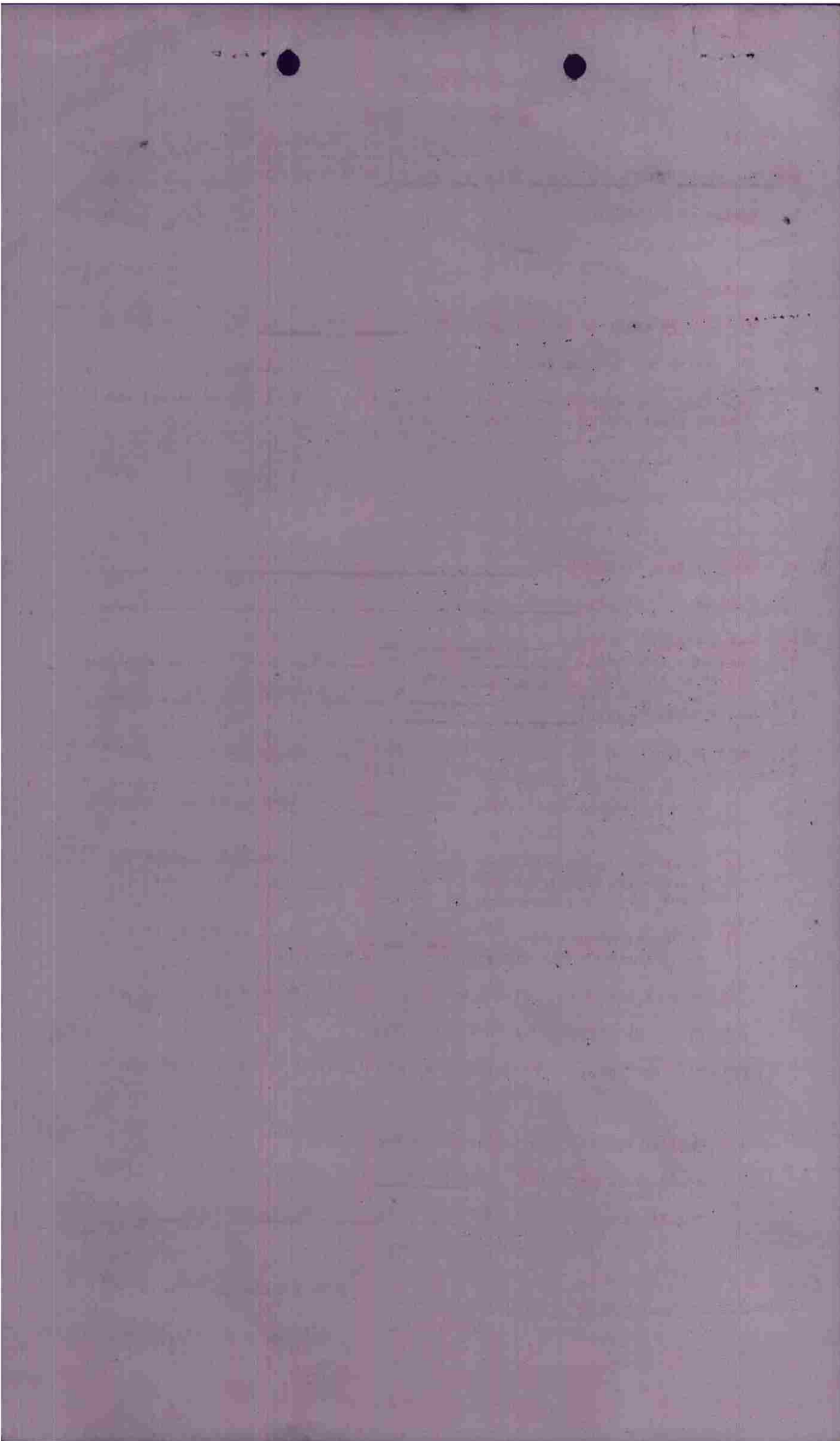
- (a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES NO. If "YES" state conditions and effect.
- (b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES NO. If answer is "YES", state circumstances 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: Ship in bad prop wash on bomb run
- (f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

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

* 3 aircraft carried bomb load of 6 x 500 lb GP

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 383BOX IL-Flight 2 GROUP 416th DATE 20 June 1944 TARGET ATTACHED 14 June 44 II1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous2. Bombing approach: 55°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 correction.
Bombardier used H.P.I. as A.P. Bubbles level and synchronized at release point.
Ship straight and level.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. J. Madenfort6. Name of lead pilot: Lt. H.J. Norton7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 218 Altitude: 11,7009. Length of bomb run: 25 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/20 T 1/4011. Total Bombs Dropped: 20

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? None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: Rough air

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: None

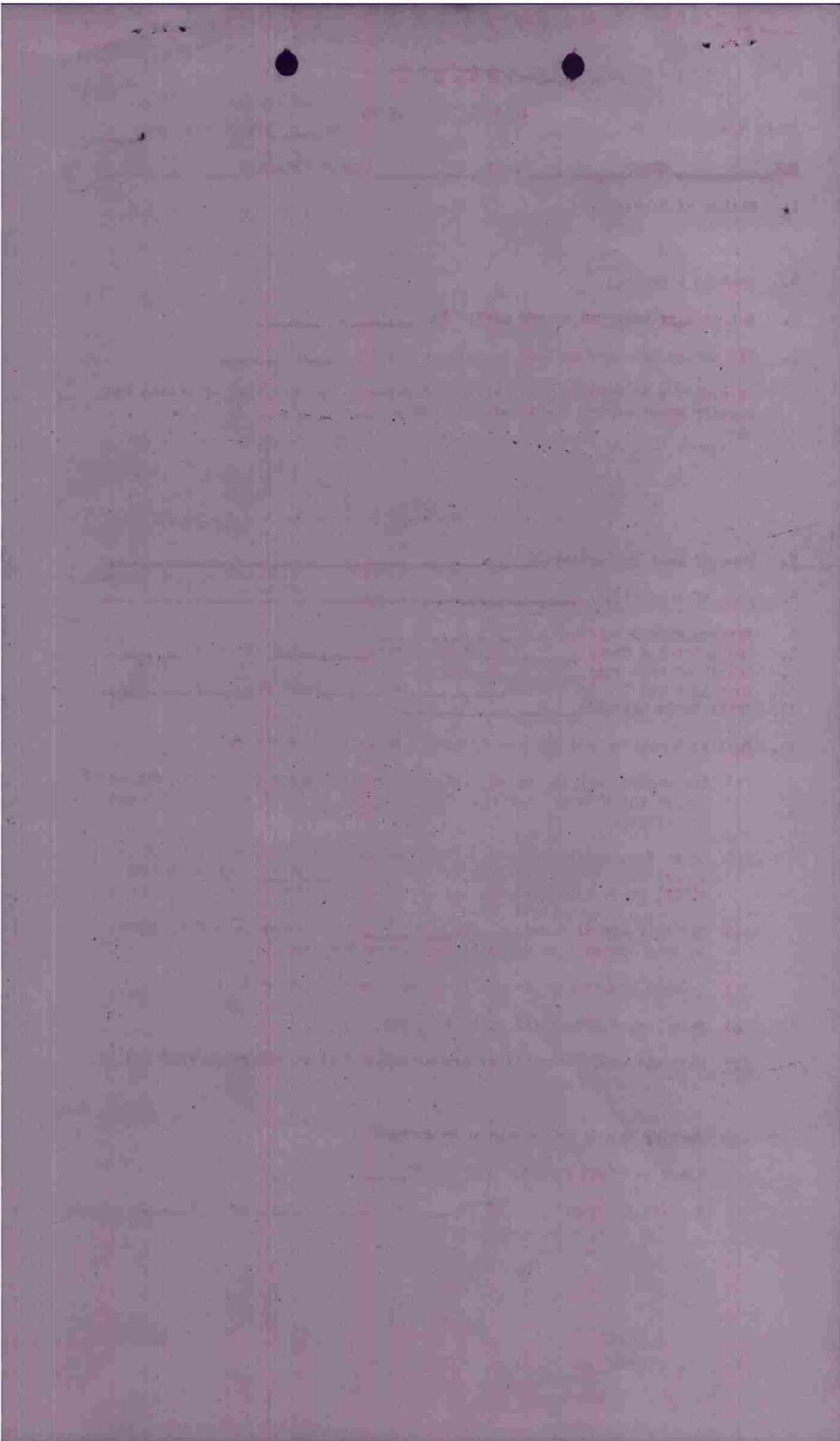
(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO

Results claimed: GOOD FAIR X POOR BAD MISS

* 4 aircraft carried bomb load of 6 x 500 lb GP

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 283BOX IX-Flight 3 GROUP 416th DATE 20 June 1944 TARGET ATTACHED 11 August 441. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous

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 synchronization. Bombardier used H.P.I. as A.P. Bombardier made two runs. On second run bubbles level, ship straight and level, and bombardier synchronized at release point. No apparent reason for error.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. J.K. Burg6. Name of lead pilot: Lt. R.F. Shaefer7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 215 Altitude: 11,0009. Length of bomb run: 45 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10 T 1/4011. Total Bombs Dropped: 34

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 X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attached, IF or AT? 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? None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: Rough air.

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: None. Bombardier insists he aimed at the correct A.P.

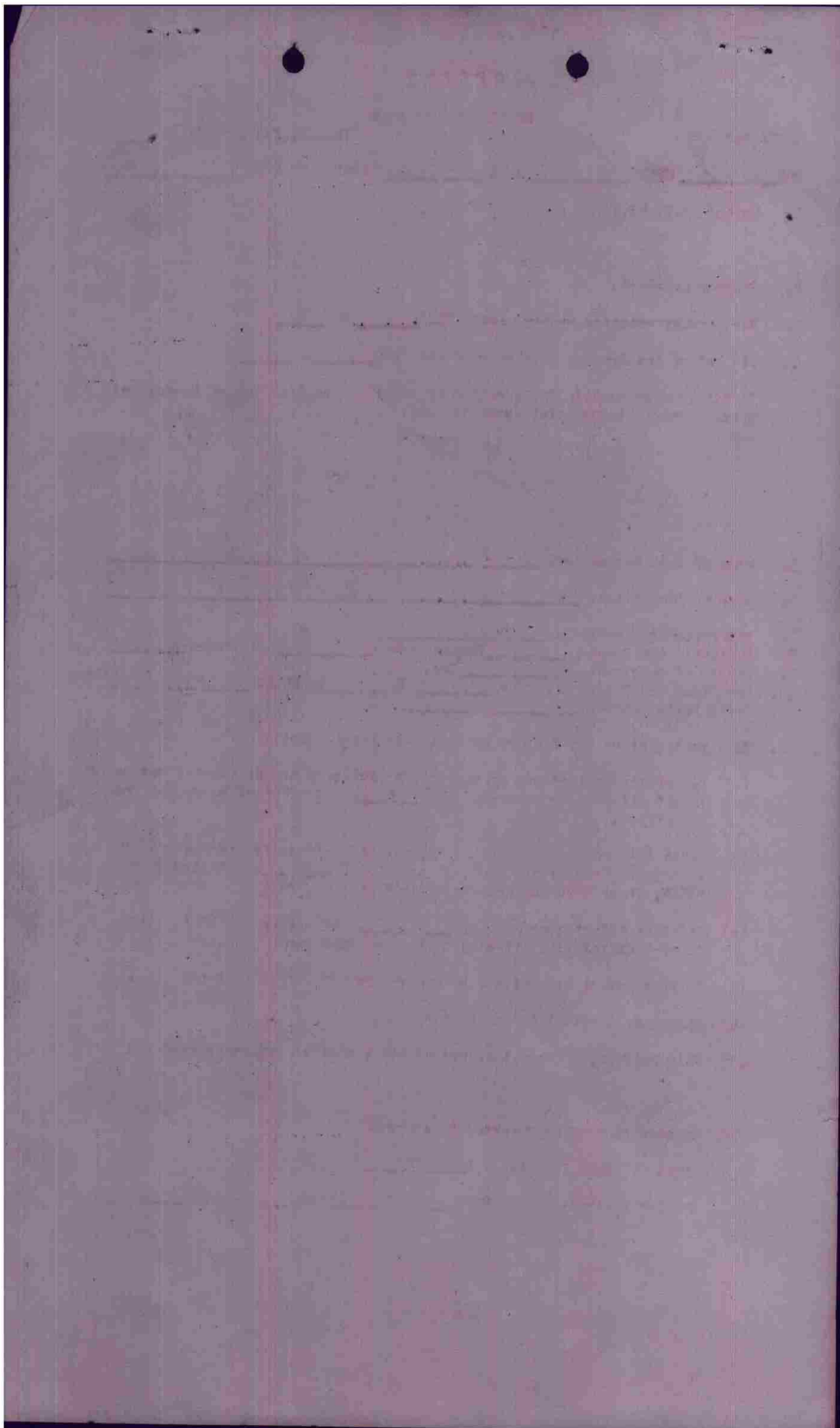
(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

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

* 5 aircraft carried bomb load of 6 x 500 lb GP

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

APO 140
20 June 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 8 miles. 3/10 to 4/10
stratocumulus from 1,000 to 2,000 feet.
3/10 cirrus estimated 30,000 feet.

ROUTE OUT: Visibility 10 miles plus over entire route.
2/10 to 3/10 low cloud over England between
1,000 to 2,000 feet increasing to 4/10 in
large patches over mid channel and 1/10 to
2/10 over France.

TARGET: 1/10 low clouds, tops 2,000 feet. Visibility 10
miles plus.

ROUTE BACK: Same as route out.

BASE ON RETURN: Visibility 10 miles. 1/10 to 3/10
stratocumulus at 2,000 feet.

WINDS: As forecast.

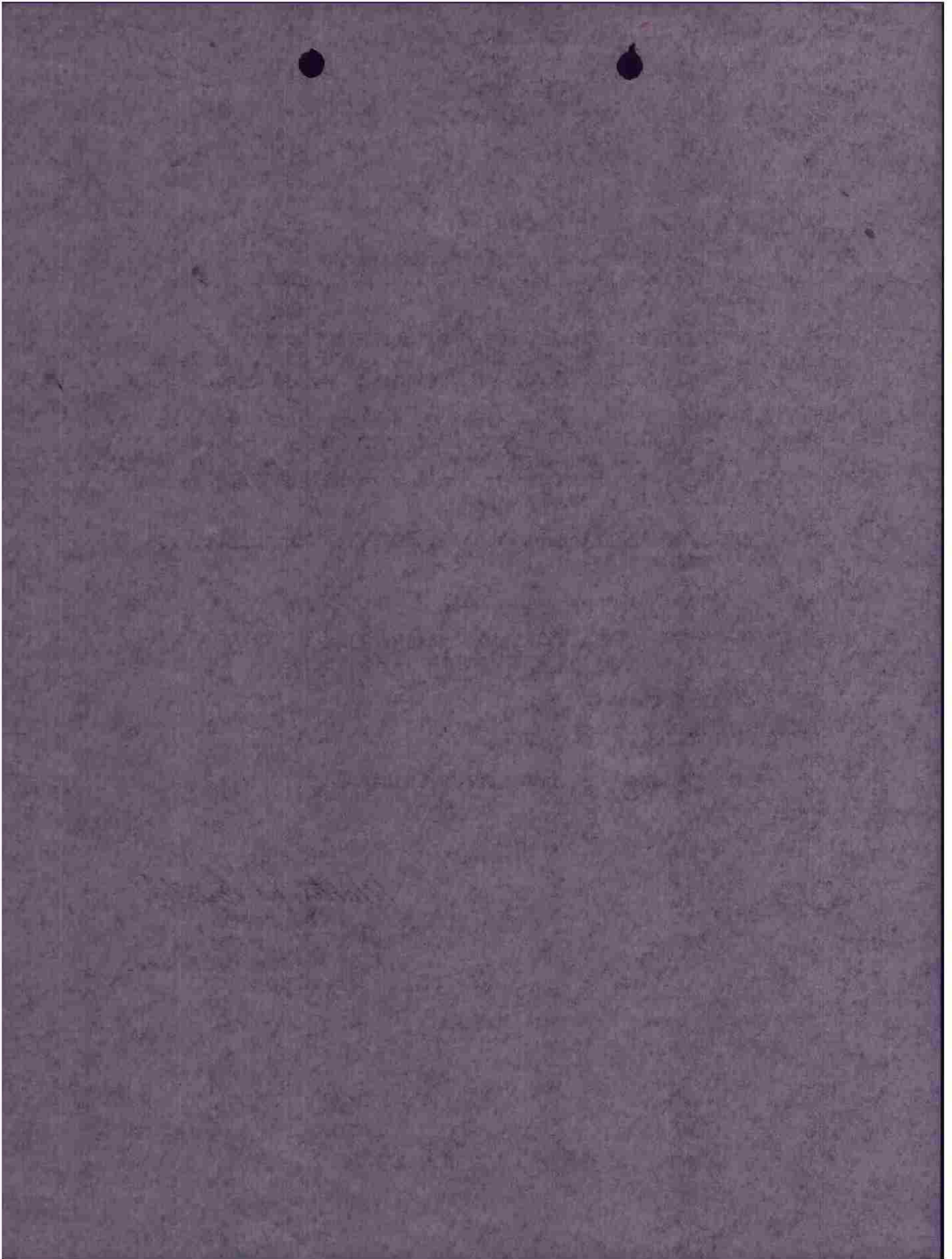
TIME OVER TARGET: 1056

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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WEATHERS FIELD
416TH BOMB GRP (C)
TAKEOFF - 0940
RETURN - 1140
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DATE 20 JUNE 1944
PERIOD 0900 - 1300
Hq SOS USAFP 9-43190M/12227

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

	A BASE TO TARGET	B TARGET	C TARGET TO BASE	D
WEATHER	1 PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY	
2	2/10-4/10 CIRRUS ABOVE 20,000 FT. NIL MED CLOUD BELOWING NIL TO 2/10 AT 10-12,000 FT. OVER SOUTH ENGLAND AND PATCHY 2/10-4/10 OVER CHANNEL 3/10-5/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 4,000-5,500 FT. TOPS 2,000- 2,500 FT. DECREASING TO 2/10-4/10 OVER SOUTH ENGLAND BASE 2-3,000 FT. TOPS 3-4,000 FT.	3/10-5/10 CIRRUS ABOVE 40,000 FT. PATCHY 2/10-4/10 MED CLOUD AT 10-12,000 FT 3/10-4/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 2,500-3,000 FT. TOPS 4-5,000 FT.	SAME AS ROUTE OUT EXCEPT NIL TO 3/10 LOW CLOUD OVER ENGLAND BASE 2-3,000 FT. TOPS 4-5,000 FT.	
CLOUDS				
3	ICING NIL	NIL	NIL	
4	VISIBILITY 4-7 MILES INCREASING TO 10-15 MILES OVER SOUTH ENGLAND + CHANNEL	15-20 MILES	7-10 MILES	
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	060 15			
5,000 FT	080 25			
10,000 FT	090 22			
15,000 FT	090 27			
20,000 FT	090 32			
FT				
FT				
BASE ALTITUDE SETTING <u>30.21</u>	TARGET SURFACE TEMP <u>+16.2</u>	TARGET MEAN TEMP <u>+16.2</u>		
	TEMP. AT <u>12,000 FT.</u> <u>-4.2</u>	TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) <u>+26.8</u>		

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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 FRONT WARM FRONT

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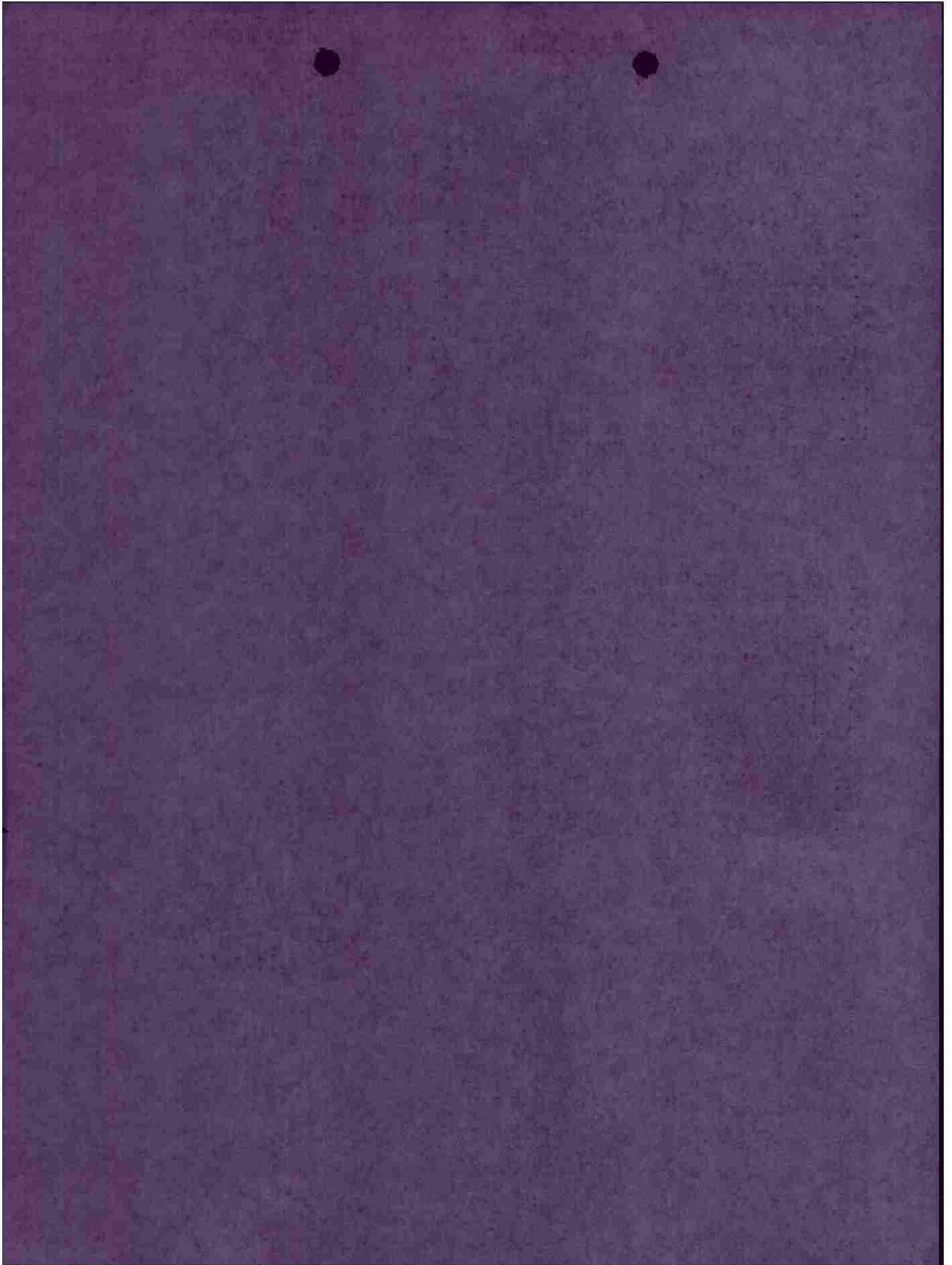
AFD 148 - U. S. Army
 HQ 416TH BOMB GP (L)
 OFFICE OF THE RADAR O.
 20 JUNE 1944.

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1. RCM DISPENSING 8A
 2. 20 JUNE 1944.
 3. E U
 4. 50° 07' N 01° 20' E
 5. 50° 11' N 01° 40' E
 6. 3
 7. 90 PACKAGES
 8. XXXXX 900
 9. XXXXX 11700
 10. NONE
 11. MODERATE - HEAVY
 12. INACCURATE
 13. 30 SEC.
 14. NONE
 15. SHELL BURSTS SEEMED MORE IN "WINDOW" THAN IN FOLLOWING FORMATIONS.

1. RCM DISPENSING 8B
2. 20 JUNE 1944
3. E U
4. 50° 07' N 01° 20' E
5. 50° 15' N 01° 35' E
6. 18
7. 900
9. 12000
10. NONE
11. MODERATE-HEAVY
12. INACCURATE
13. 30 SEC.
14. 3 A/C
15. -

1. RCM PROTECTION B
2. 1ST BOX OF 416TH
3. 20 JUNE 1944.
4. E U
5. 50° 04' N 01° 22' E
6. 18
7. 11000
8. 1/2 MINUTES
9. MODERATE-HEAVY
10. INACCURATE
11. 30 SECONDS
12. 3 A/C
13. "WINDOW" WELL DISPERSED AND JUST BELOW FORMATION.

Charles F. Gunderson
 CHARLES F. GUNDERSON,
 1ST LT. B.A.C.,
 RADAR OFFICER.



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FROM COBOMGR 416
TO COCBT BOMWIG 97TH ATT: SIG O

A - VS - 76

B - 20 JUNE 1944

C - 39 A/C

D - 670 - R - TUNNEL INTERPHONE OUT, WIRING CHECKED.
670 - Q - INTERPHONE TO TUNNEL GUNNER OUT, CHECKED WIRING
AND REPAIRED.
669 - E - VHF WEAK, RETUNED AND CHECKED OKAY.

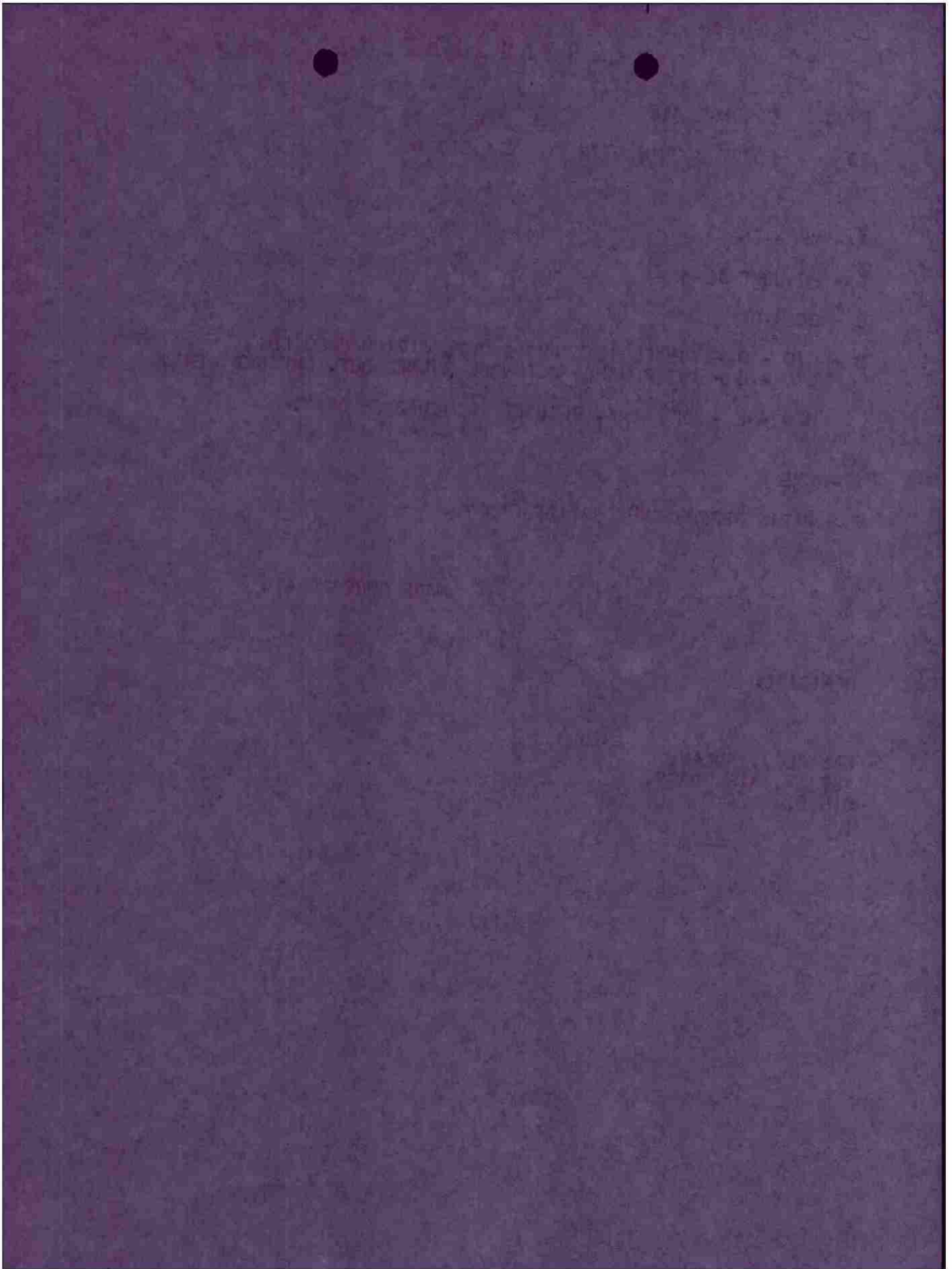
E - NONE

F - RADIO PERFORMANCE SATISFACTORY.

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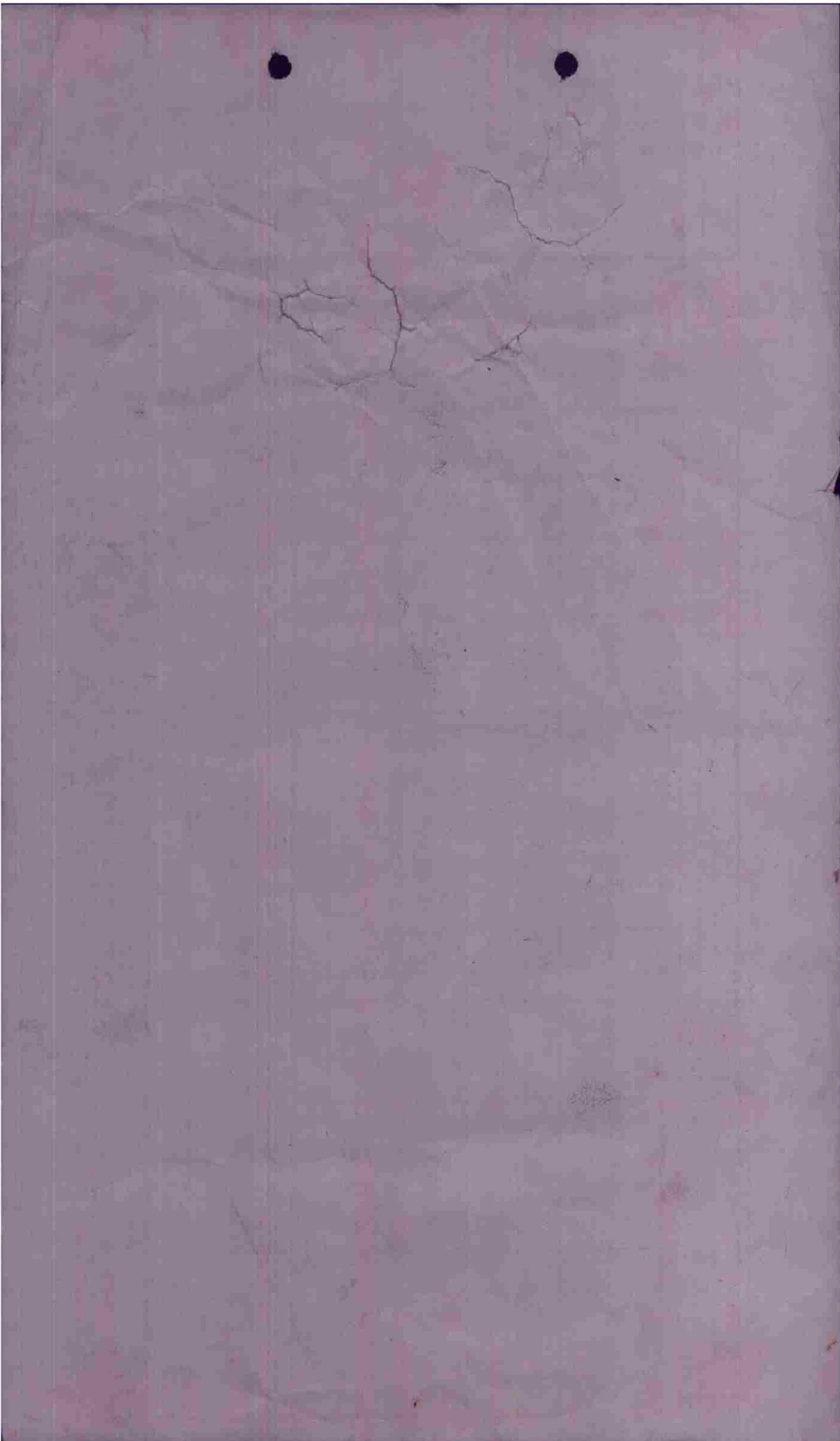
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FLIGHT RECORD

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FLIGHT PLAN

PILOT		NAVIGATOR		PLANE		MISSION		DATE		START ENG		COAST OUT		COAST IN		ALTITUDE		HEADING		AIR SPEED		TIME		RESULTS		REMARKS			
FROM		TO		POSITION		M. H.		ETA		ATA		TC		DR		TH		VAR		MH		AS		S. S.		TO		EVA	
FROM		TO		POSITION		M. H.		ETA		ATA		TC		DR		TH		VAR		MH		AS		S. S.		TO		EVA	
BASE	BASE	192V	1010	188	-6	182	192	218	37	10	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010
B' HEAD	B' HEAD	189	1027	186	-7	179	189	232	49	13	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027
REPORT	REPORT	139	1026	134	-5	129	139	222	68	18	1026	1026	1026	1026	1026	1026	1026	1026	1026	1026	1026	1026	1026	1026	1026	1026	1026	1026	1026
REPORT	REPORT	77	1022	65	+3	68	77	218	16	4	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022
TGT	TGT	56	1050	42	+5	47	56	223	12	3	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050
RP	RP	289	1059	278	+1	279	289	270	14	3	1059	1059	1059	1059	1059	1059	1059	1059	1059	1059	1059	1059	1059	1059	1059	1059	1059	1059	1059
HASTINGS	HASTINGS	325	1112	311	+4	315	325	255	56	13	1112	1112	1112	1112	1112	1112	1112	1112	1112	1112	1112	1112	1112	1112	1112	1112	1112	1112	1112
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DIVERSION
AIRPORTS

CHALLENGE

REPLY

COLORS

VIF. CHANNEL

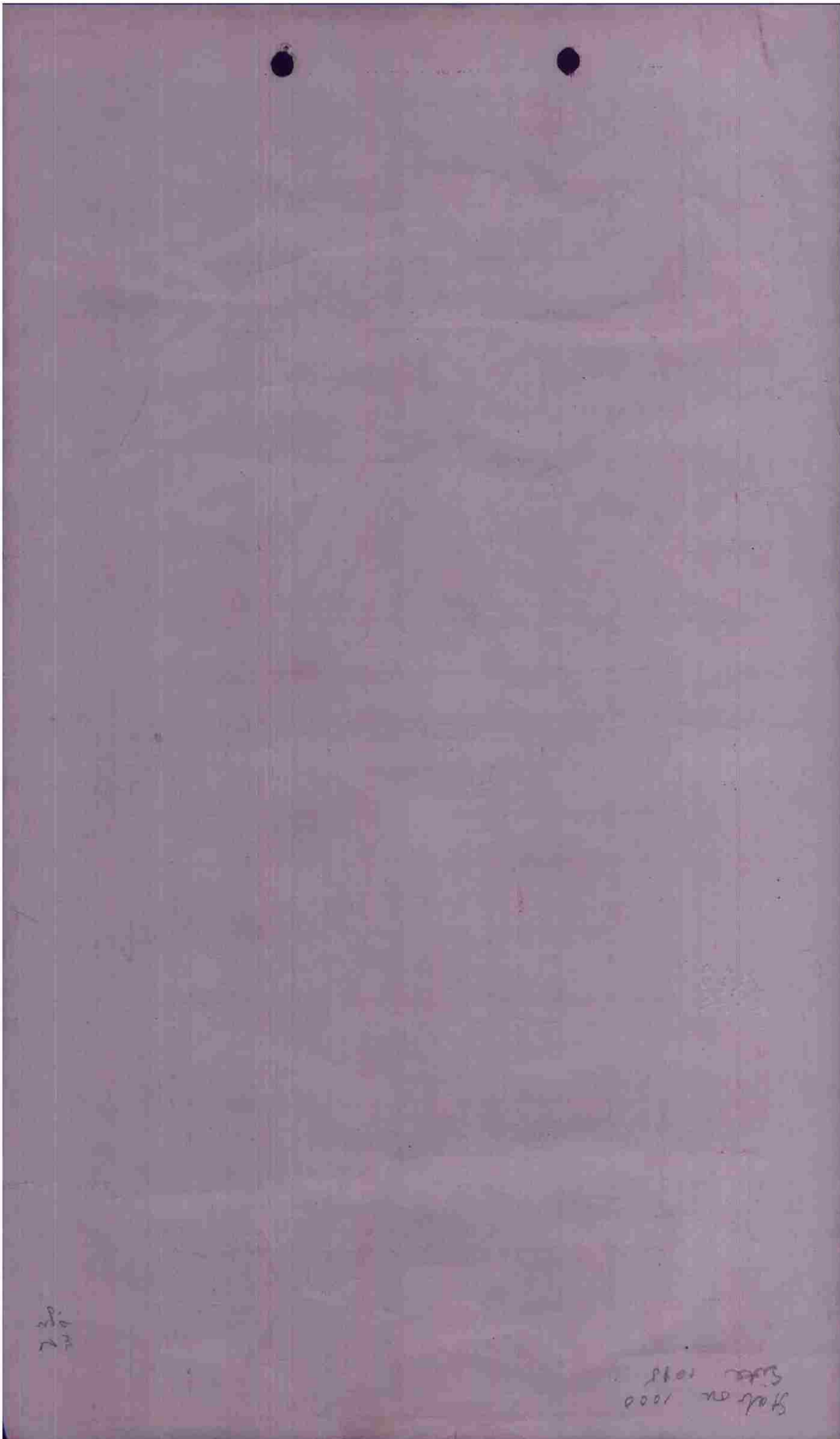
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FLIGHT RECORD

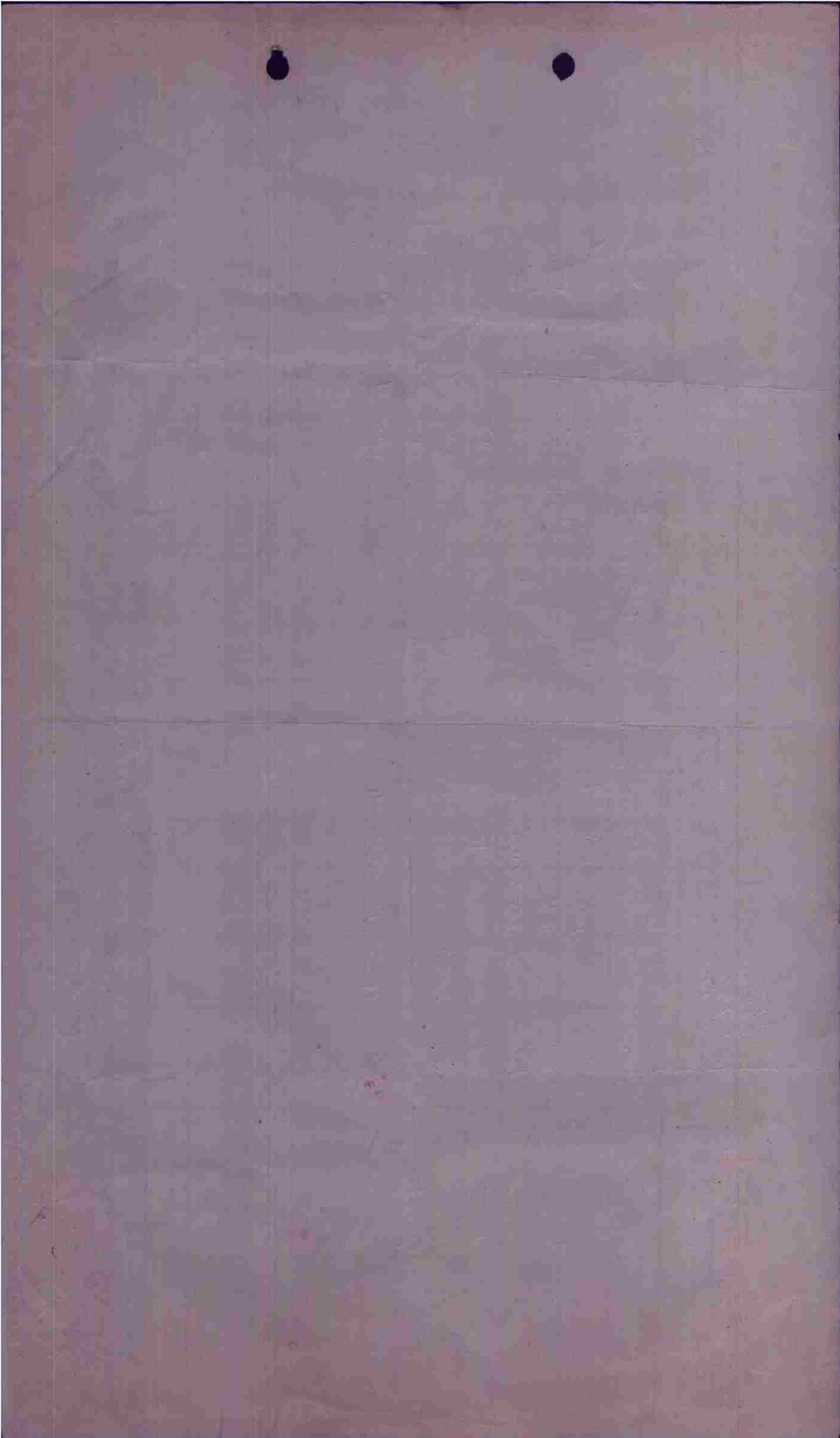
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FLIGHT PLAN

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FLIGHT RECORD



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DROPPED - 179 X 500
FELLOUT - 1 X 500
RETURNED - 4 X 500

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Macdonald 1711
Andrews 714
Zyban 65
Pectus 220
Hecard Morehouse 221
Shaffer 719
Morton 712
Downing Hill 764
Behmer 900
Vegetables 390
Peck 147
Macbeth Miracle Smith 929
Clark 840
Lecher 735

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15 min.

T/O TOT L/D

Box Leader

Alt.

Target X/A/176

F/O 12 383

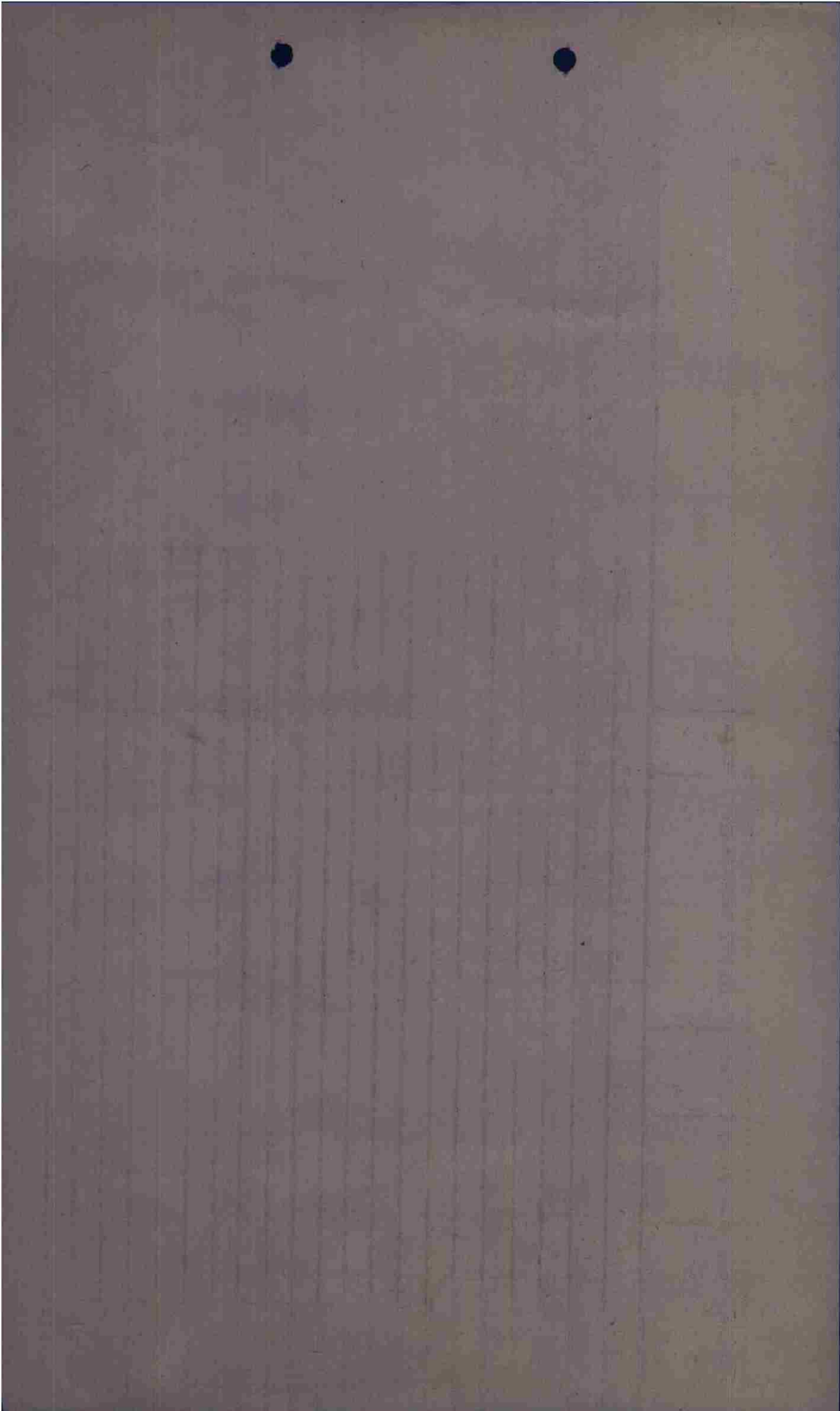
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Box # II

A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.
Ins No.	Reason	J S O T S J T R	M D A A O B E D F D K W M			
1 1711		6				
2 165		6				
3 714		4				
4 200		4				
5 951		4				
6 221		3				
1 712		4				
2 390		6				
3 900		6				
4 147		6				
5 840		6				
6 929		6				
1 719		6				
2 764		6				
3 907		6				
4 894		6				
5 210		6				
6 226		6				
Sum 835		6				

5000 835



82 - F - 1 - 3/4
97/11

Window Strips
Summers 450
Conner 189
Type 961

Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O TOT	15 min.
I	78	20/6/44	92 383	X/A/176				
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.		
Box No.	Reason	F S O	T S J F R	W D A C B E D P D K V M				
1 695			4					
2 493			4	V				
3 9211			3					
4 214			6					
5 363			4					
6 937			6					
1 452			4					
2 227			4					
3 688			6					
4 0211			6					
5 212			4					
6 204			3					
1 455			4					
2 680			4					
3 387			4					
4 978			6					
5 224			4					
6 157			6					
Spore 793			6					

Returned Early

Dunn 695
 York Smith 493 - AC
 Wheeler 214
 Durante 937
 Blooms 363
 Jackson 455
 Glahn Hilleman 387
 Rooney 978
 McClellan Swell 157
 Halse 452
 Anderson 227
 Arnold 0211
 Hall 208
 Leonard 217
 (Spore) 793 (Returned early)

