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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 384BOX L-Flight 1 GROUP 416th DATE 20 June 1944 TARGET ATTACHED La Grand Messignol1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous2. Bombing approach: 100°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 aimed at A.P. (H.P.I.). No trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. A.B. Hand6. Name of lead pilot: Major R.E. Price7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 203 Ground Speed: 212 Altitude: 11,5009. Length of bomb run: 45 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N1/10 T1/4011. Total Bombs Dropped: 30

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

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

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, Ist or Ast? 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

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO

Results claimed: GOOD FAIR POOR BAD MISS

* 3 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. Formation took off from home base at 1609. Time over target - 1715. Target - La Grand Messinval. Flight 1 of Box 1 at 11,500 feet, dropped a total of 30 bombs in the target area with excellent results. Flight 2 of Box 1, at 11,700, dropped a total of 30 bombs with fair results. Flight 3 of Box 1, at 11,800, dropped a total of 30 bombs with excellent results. Flight 1, of Box 2, at 11,000, dropped 34 bombs with poor results. Flight 2, of Box 2, at 11,800, dropped 28 bombs with fair results. Flight 3, of Box 2, at 10,800, dropped 28 bombs with good results. Visibility was 10 miles. Target area was clear of clouds. Mild anti-aircraft fire from I.F. Evasive action was taken. No aircraft were damaged.

A. Description of route from IP to target

1. 10 miles
2. None
3. 2 boxes of 18 ships bombing by flights of six
4. None over target
5. Target identified by roads and roads
6. None
7. Excellent
8. None

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 384BOX 1-Flight 2 GROUP 41643 DATE 20 June 1944 TARGET ATTACKED La Grand Rondegnole1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous2. Bombing approach: 111°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. A.P. used as M.P.I. Bubbles not observed at release point.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. J. Knutts6. Name of lead pilot: Lt. M.J. Huff7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 216 Altitude: 11,7009. 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: 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, 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

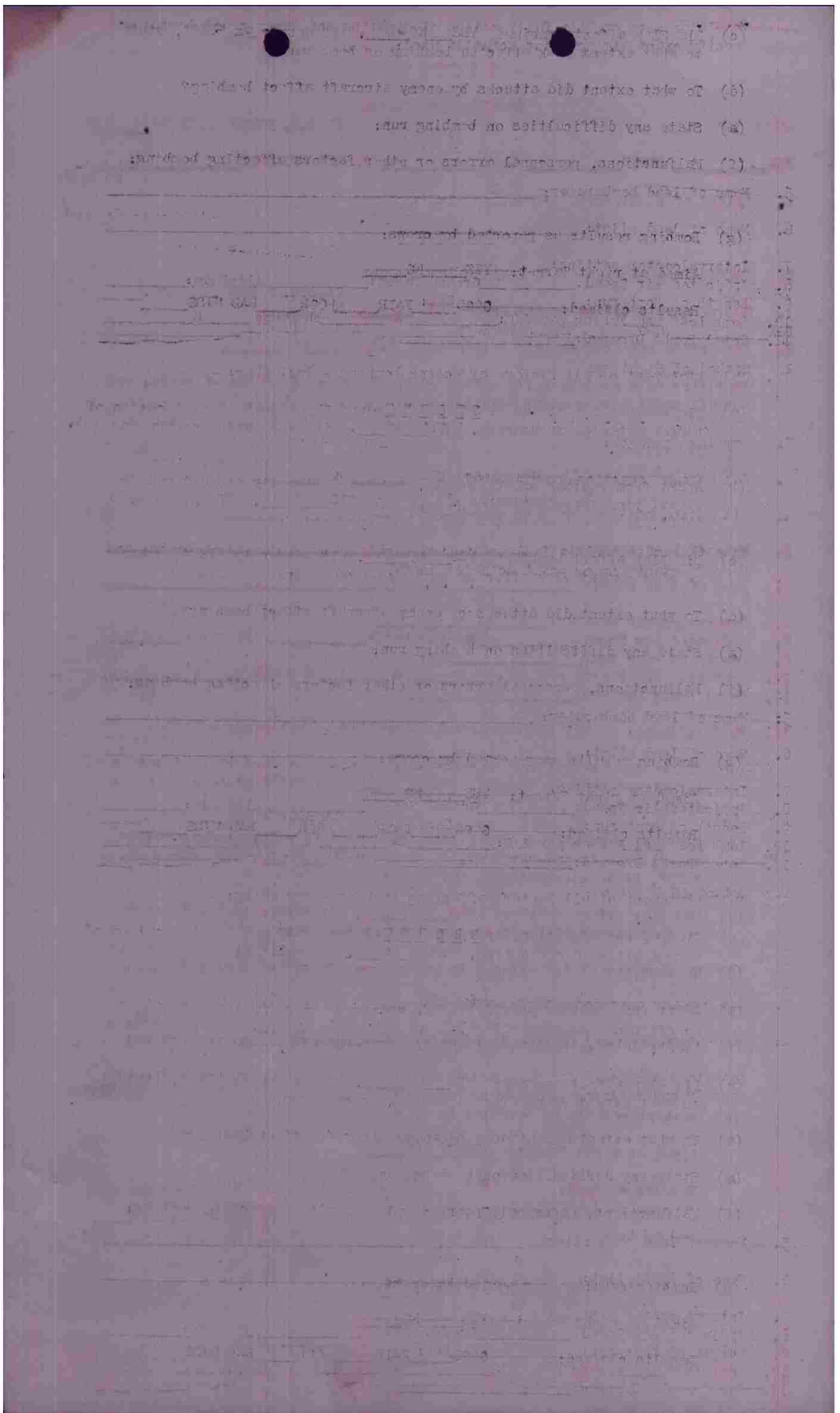
(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

Results 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. 324BOX 1 Flight 3 GROUP A142 DATE 20 June 1944 TARGET ATTACKED La Grand Baudignol1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous2. Bombing approach: 110°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. Used A.P. as M.P.I.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. J. Madenfort6. Name of lead pilot: Lt. R.J. Morton7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 214 Altitude: 11,3009. Length of bomb run: 40 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10 T 1/4011. Total Bombs Dropped: 32

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

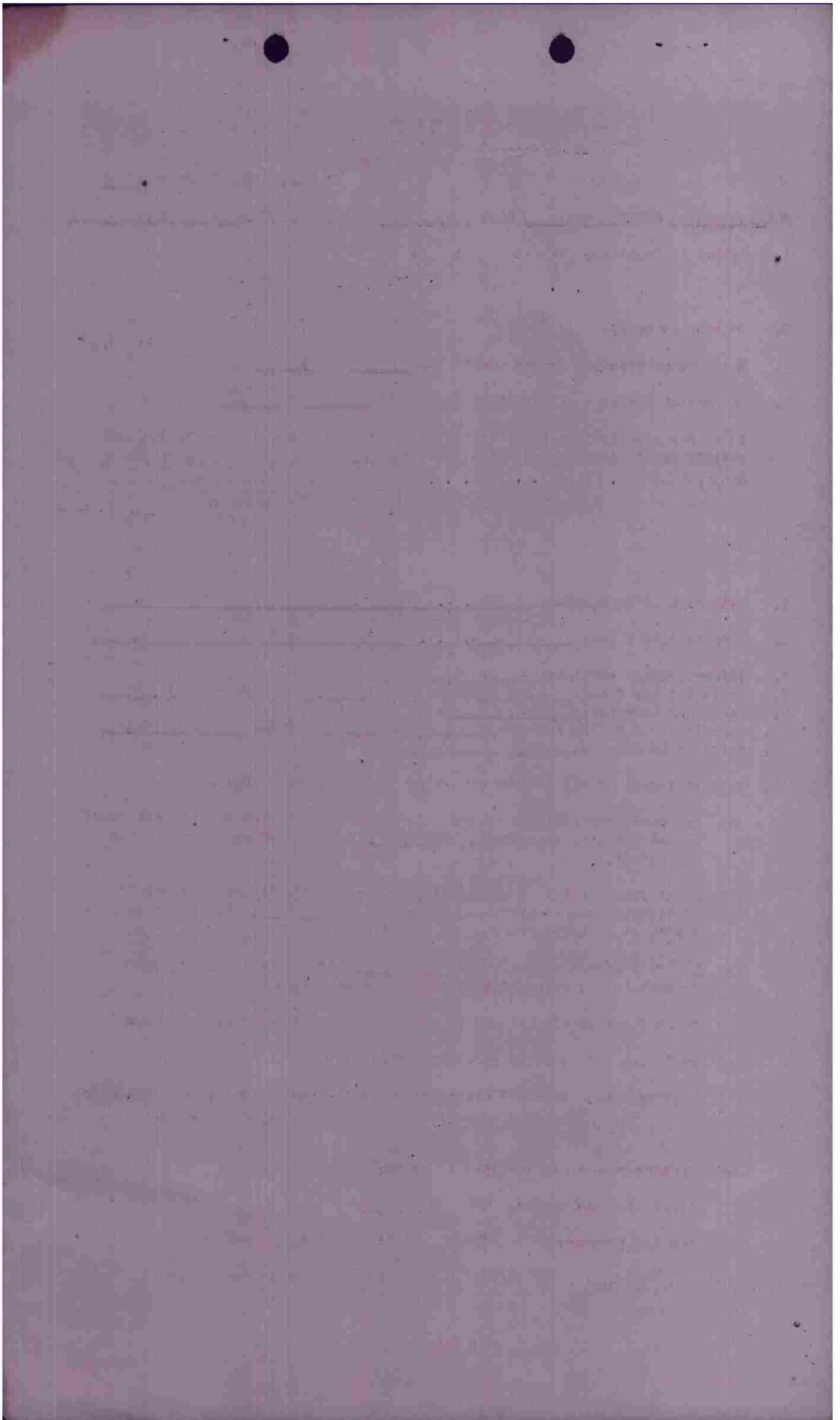
(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

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

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

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ATTACH "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 384BOX II-Flight 3 GROUP 416th DATE 20 June 1944 TARGET ATTACHED La Grand Reaiguol

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous
2. Bombing approach: 100°
3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO ☒
4. 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 with corrections. Bombardier picked up wrong target in telescope. Realized mistake on last part of run and attempted to change A.P. Ship in steep bank at release point.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. R. S. Morrison
6. Name of lead pilot: Capt. E. F. Conant
7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 214 Altitude: 11,000
9. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/20 T 1/40
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 34

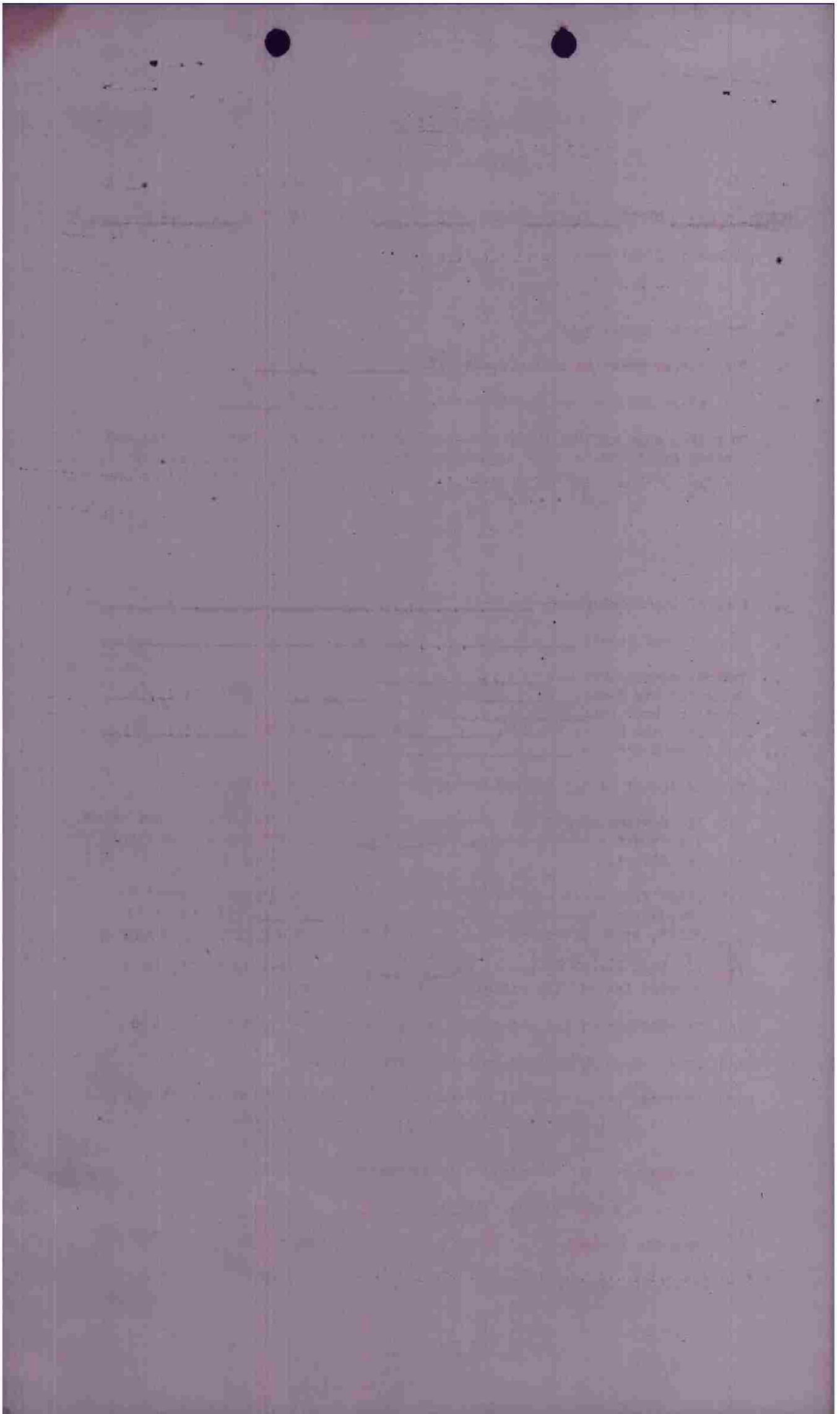
12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

- (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: Bombardier picked up wrong woods beyond target. Bombs fell short.
- (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: Picked up wrong A.P. Should have made second run instead of dropping.
- (g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

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

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

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 384BOX II Flight 2 GROUP 416th DATE 20 June 1944 TARGET ATTACHED La Grand Messignol1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous2. Bombing approach: 110°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. A.P. used as M.P.I.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. R.J. Emlen6. Name of lead pilot: Lt. F.W. Doherty7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 214 Altitude: 11,2009. Length of bomb run: 60 Sec:* 10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: A X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10 T 1/40

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 X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.

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

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

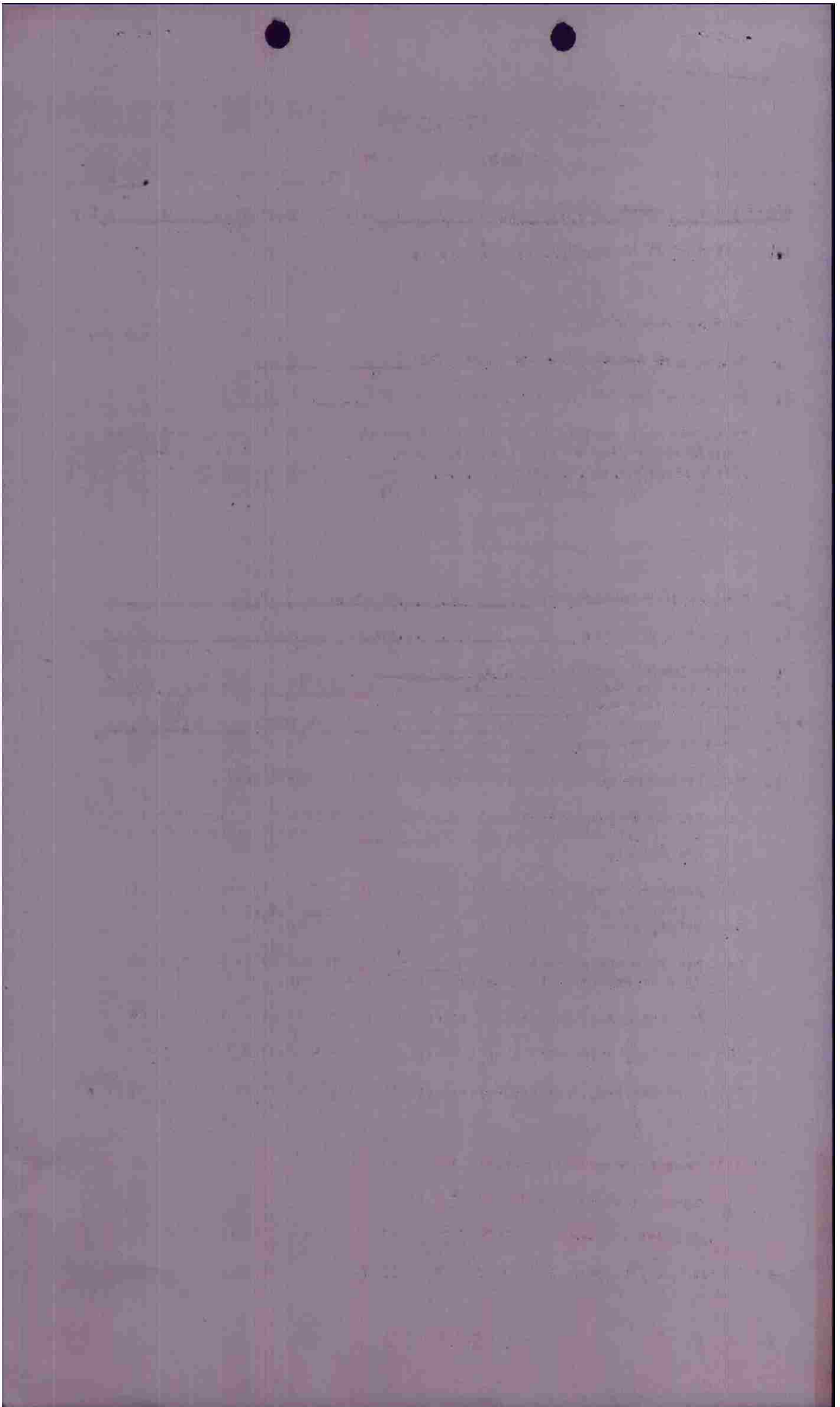
(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

Results claimed: GOOD X FAIR _____ POOR _____ 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. 384BOX IL-Flight 3 GROUP 416th DATE 30 June 1944 TARGET ATTACHED La Grand Messinot1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous2. Bombing approach: 90°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO ☒4. 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 with correction for synchronization. Bombardier used A.P. as M.P.I. Unable to refine rate correction because of smoke layer over target. Bombed fifth.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. R.H. Joast6. Name of lead pilot: Lt. R.S. Radtcliff7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 214 Altitude: 10,8009. Length of bomb run: 75 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: Smoke layer over target

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

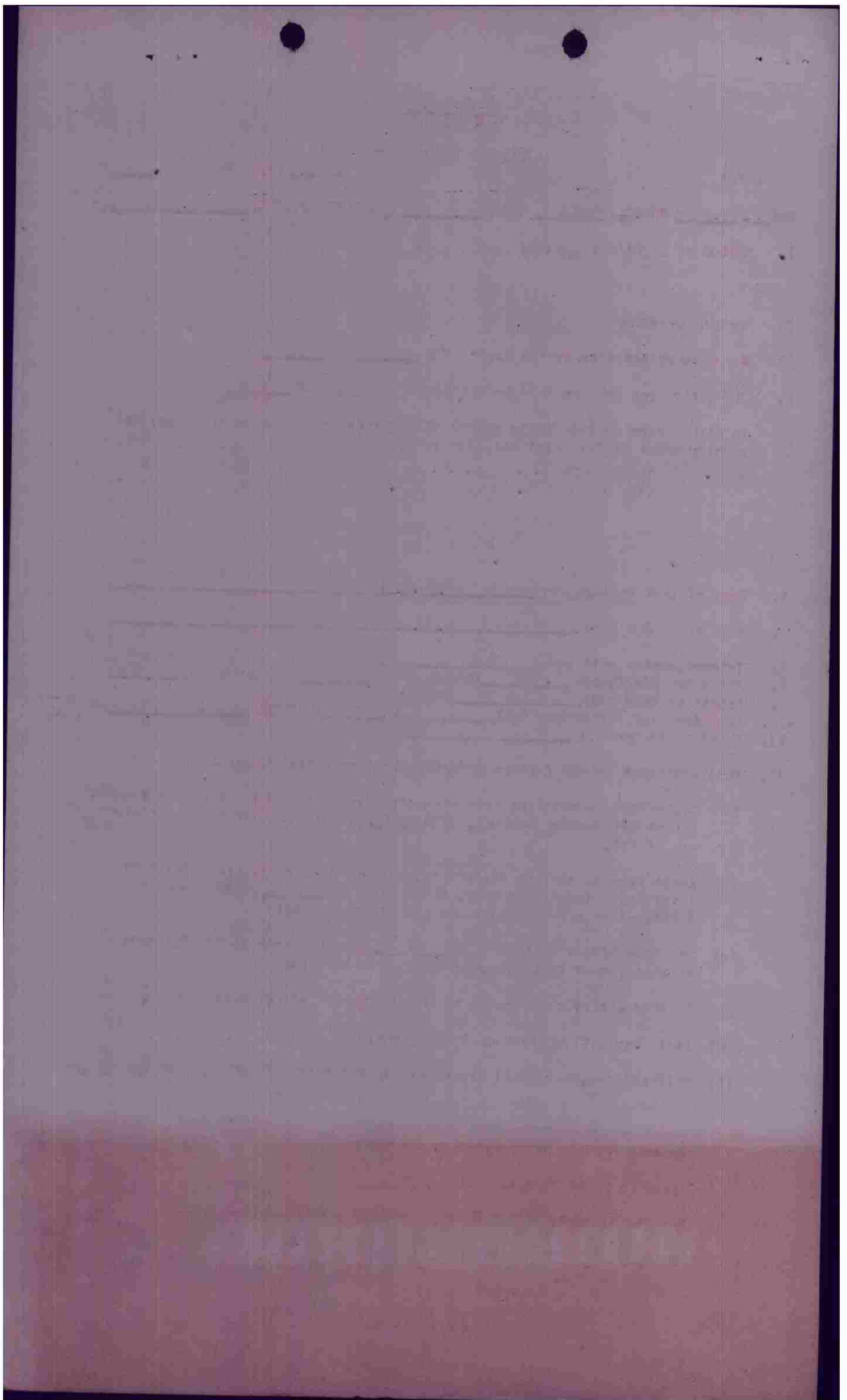
(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES ☒ NO

Results claimed: GOOD FAIR ☒ POOR BAD MISS

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

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MISSION NO. 81

LOADING LIST
BOX 1
FLIGHT 1

20 JUNE 1944

1. 444 J
MAJOR R F PRICE ✓
LT A B HAND ✓
S/S J A FEJES
S/S E R JUDD

2. 745 I
LT R D POINDEXTER ✓
S/S D H SIMPSON
T/S L G ROBBINS

3. 9194 D
LT S B RITCHIE ✓
S/S E A ANDERSON
S/S H W SMITH

FLIGHT 11

1. 135 T-1
CAPT W J HUFF ✓
LT J KUPITS ✓
S/S A E BERGERON
S/S D R MALLORY

2. 390 G
LT M V SHALBERG ✓
SGT H O RODGERS
SGT J E VAN DUYN

3. 743 W
LT W C SIGGS ✓
S/S R W WICKS
S/S W RADLICH

FLIGHT 111

1. 469 J-1
LT R J MORTON ✓
LT J MADENFORD ✓
S/S C L WEBB
S/S F M CITY

2. 181 A
LT W H LAND ✓
S/S S F ALDEN
S/S R L BALLINGER

3. 961 E-1
LT M S STREET ✓
S/S O A PRINDLE
S/S E T EPPS

4. Q176 T
LT G F BARTMUS ✓
S/S J R ORR
S/S S P NEWELL

5. Q226 E
LT R G MEREDITH ✓
S/S A A HILL
S/S R W MAC DONALD

6. 935 F
LT W E TOWNING ✓
S/S E S DICKENSON
S/S K E HORNBECK

4. 189 P
LT P F E MAC MANUS ✓
S/S J L ROGERS
S/S G I FLEISCHMAN

5. 840 V
LT T BOUKAMP ✓
S/S R J COLOSIMO
S/S A L NIELSEN

6. 147 K
LT W F TRIPP ✓
SGT C VAFIADIS
SGT R C HOFFMAN

4. 900 Q
LT R L BEHLMER ✓
S/S O D LANAVE
S/S W G FERGUSON

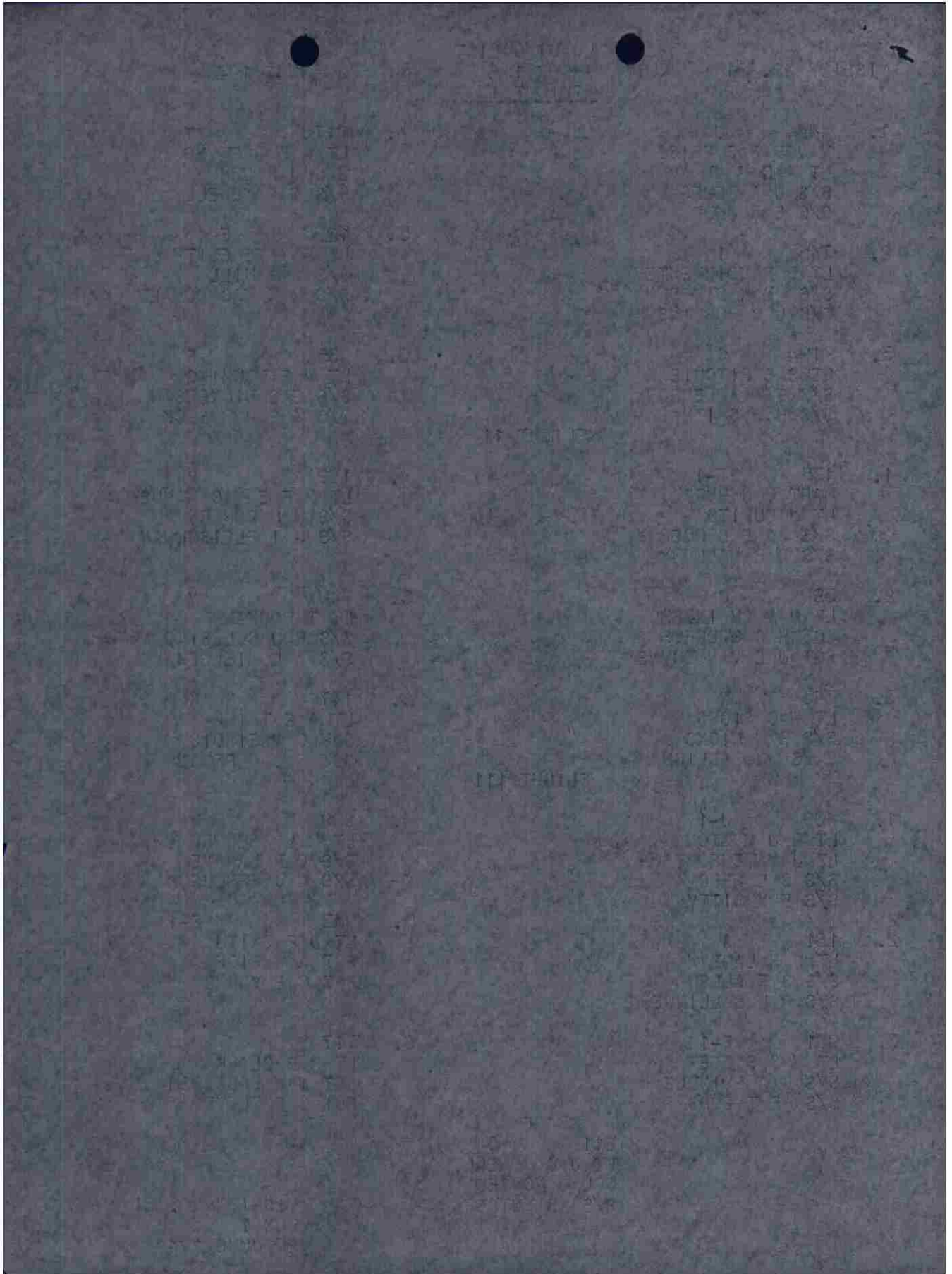
5. 943 F-1
LT J F SMITH ✓
SGT R W RICE
SGT C E YOUNG

6. 717 N
LT H B CLARK ✓
SGT J W SABADOSH
SGT C F FLOYD

SPARE

211 O
LT J C SEWELL
CPL J W KEE
S/S R EUTSLER

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BOX 1
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MISSION NO. 81

LOADING LIST

20 JUNE 1964

BOX II
FLIGHT I

1. 719 V
Captain H.F. Comant
Lt. R.T. McBrien
S/S P.G. Fild
S/S G.H. Pfenning

4. 0194 A
Captain R.B. Prentiss
S/S J.E. McCreery
S/S R.J. Sylva

2. 764 X
Lt. L.G. Peede
S/S L.M. Daugherty
S/S C.L. Hibbs

5. 684 K
Lt. E.B. Kreh
S/S E. Shelton
S/S D.R. Schenck

3. 907 O
Major J.G. Napier
S/S B.C. Sieg
S/S J.C. Burkhalter

6. 975 W
Lt. R.K. Gruze
S/S F.L. Adair
S/S C.F. Love

FLIGHT II

1. 724 A-1
Lt. F.W. De Mand
Lt. R.J. Hanlon
S/S R.J. Troyer
S/S C.W. Middleton

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

2. 9711 M
Lt. T.J. Murray
Sgt. D.H. DeBower
Sgt. R.J. Jones

5. 925 G
Lt. C.L. Estes
S/S C.R. Orvold
Sgt. A.E. DiMartino

3. 221 F
Lt. W.A. Merchant
S/S C.J. Harp
S/S K.P. Brown

6. 363 L
Lt. J.H. Miller
Sgt. R.H. Schrom
Sgt. J. Galender

FLIGHT III

1. 467 W-1
Lt. R.S. Rudisill
Lt. R.H. Joost
S/S R.K. Riley
S/S A.J. Bonamo

4. 750 M-1
Lt. W.B. Ostrander
S/S J.E. Wilson
S/S I. Binney

2. 157 P
Lt. D.F. Shea
S/S R.E. Lee
S/S F.G. Falk

5. 680 R
Lt. J.P. Hillerman
Sgt. L. Martinez
Sgt. E.F. Paules

3. 227 F-1
Lt. A.W. Nordstrom
S/S J.D. Gossett
S/S R.L. Miller

6. 380 N
Lt. D.T. Sommers
Sgt. S.R. Zaklikiewicz
Sgt. J.L. Johnson

SPARE

937 B
Lt. R.G. Morehouse
Sgt. L.A. Zygiel
Sgt. A.J. Burgess

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FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

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CLEARANCE F-3

20 JUNE 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR HAROLD A RADETSKY

A.

B. 1650 $\frac{1}{2}$

C. HASTINGS

D. BOX I R/T DIGUP ONE

668 6 J I C T E F

669 12 T-1 G W P V K J-1 A E-1 Q F-1 N

670 1 (SPARE . . O)

GROUP LEADER 668 J

DEPUTY 668 ~~EXI~~ I

BOX II R/T DIGUP TWO

668 6 V X O A K W

671 6 A-1 M F E G L

670 6 W-1 P F-1 M-1 R N

671 1 (SPARE . . B)

SECOND BOX LEADER 668 V

DEPUTY 668 X

E. 11,500

F. QUENTLAGE

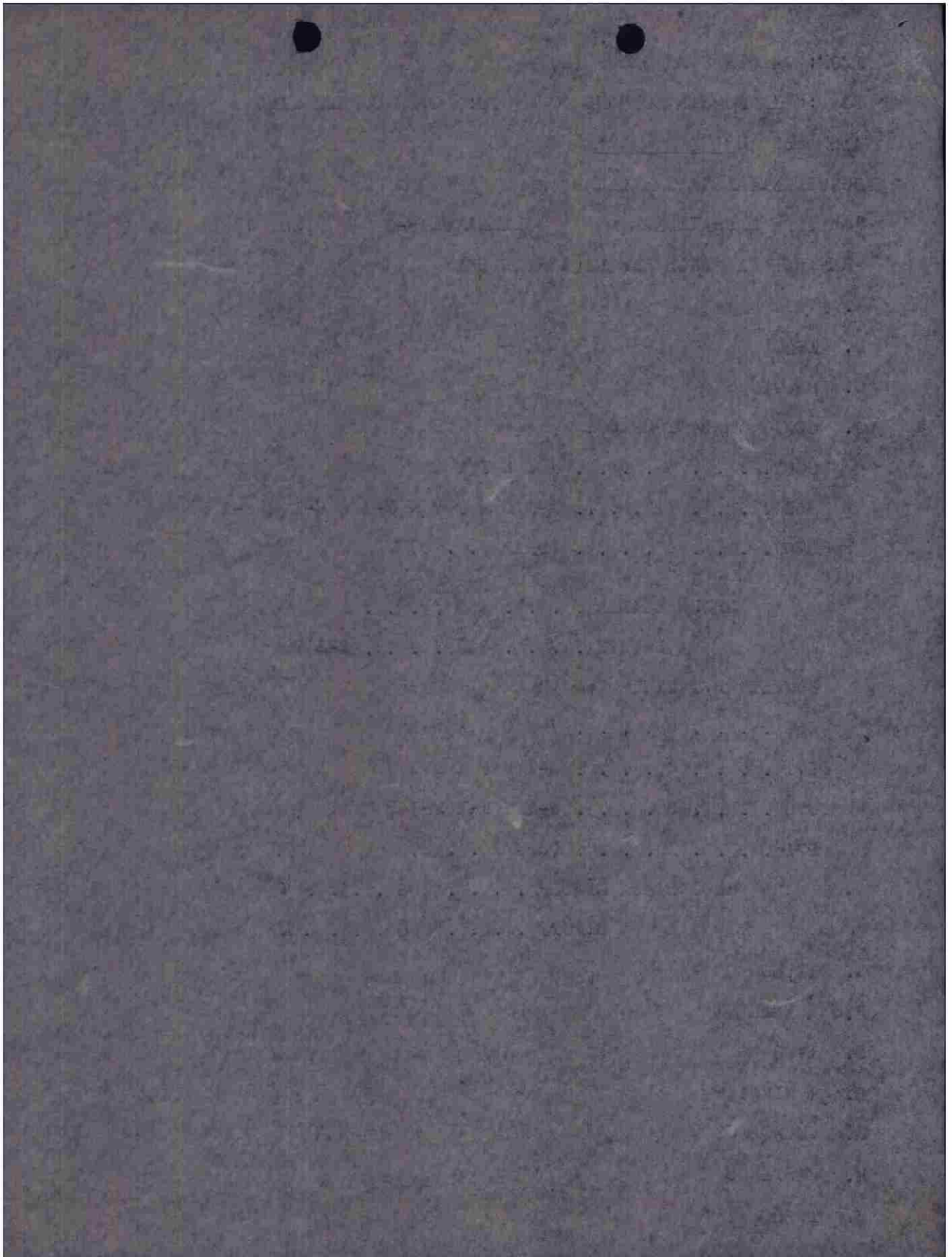
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H. 9 MINUTES

J. QUENTLAGE

K. HASTINGS

L. 1728

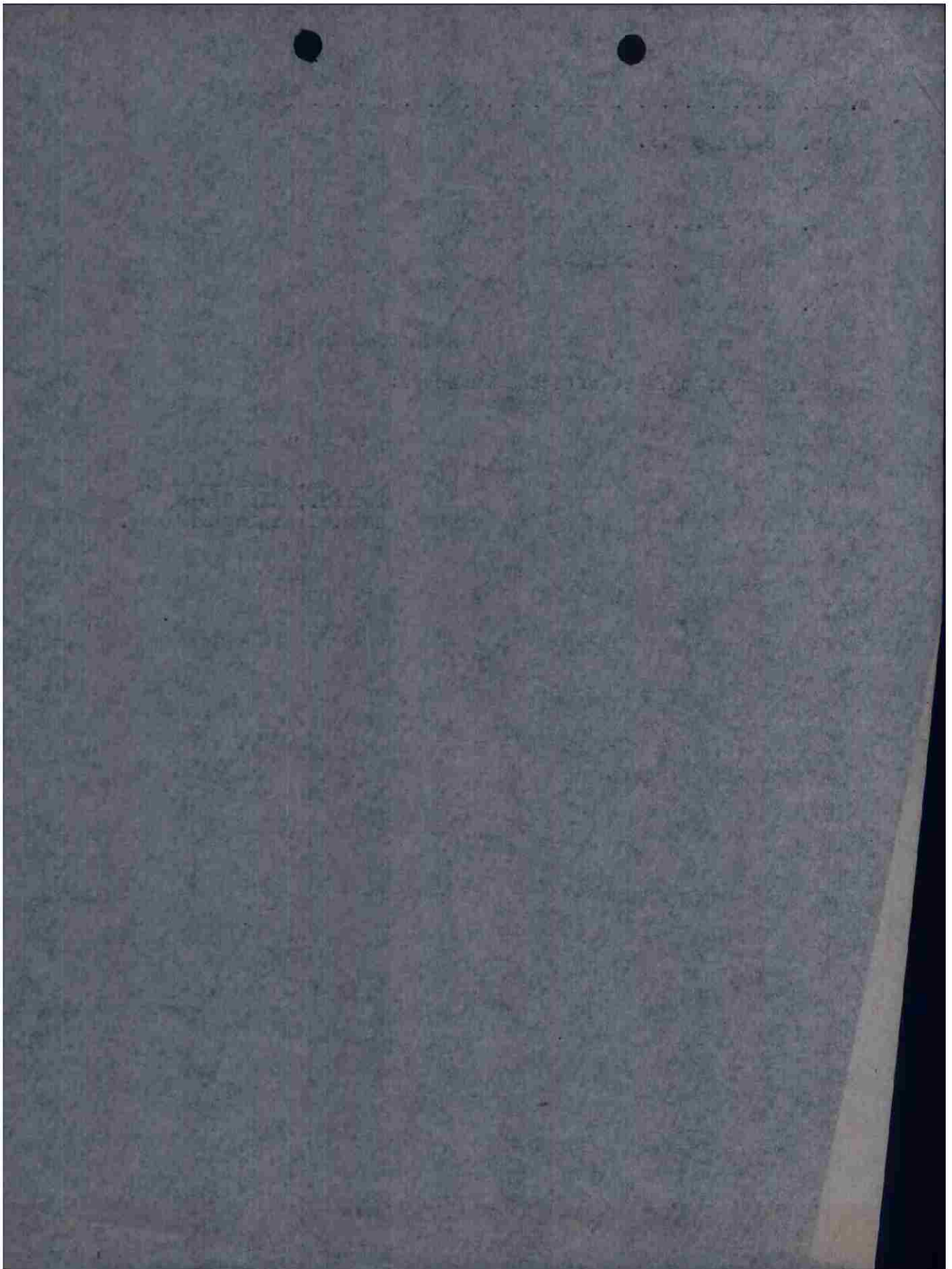


- M. 1. E.T.D. 1630 E.T.A. 1748
2. 6 x 500 G.P.
3. 4 HOURS
4. BOX I Z3207
BOX II Z3207
5. NONE

MACE COBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

JOHN A . FLUMMERFELT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Training Officer.



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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.

WENT AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 10 miles. Trace of cumulus
at 8,000 feet. 1/10 to 3/10 cirrus
estimated at 20,000 feet.

ROUTE OUT: Visibility 10 miles plus over entire route.
Large cloud banks to east of course all
the way to Dummer. Very few low clouds along
course. Patches of cirrus over entire route.

TARGET: Visibility 10 to 12 miles. Target area clear of
low clouds but large banks of cumulus visible
to east and south.

ROUTE BACK: Same as route out.

BASE ON RETURN: Visibility 10 miles. Nil to 2/10 cirrus
above 20,000 feet and nil to 2/10 cumulus
at 8,000 feet.

WINDS: As forecast.

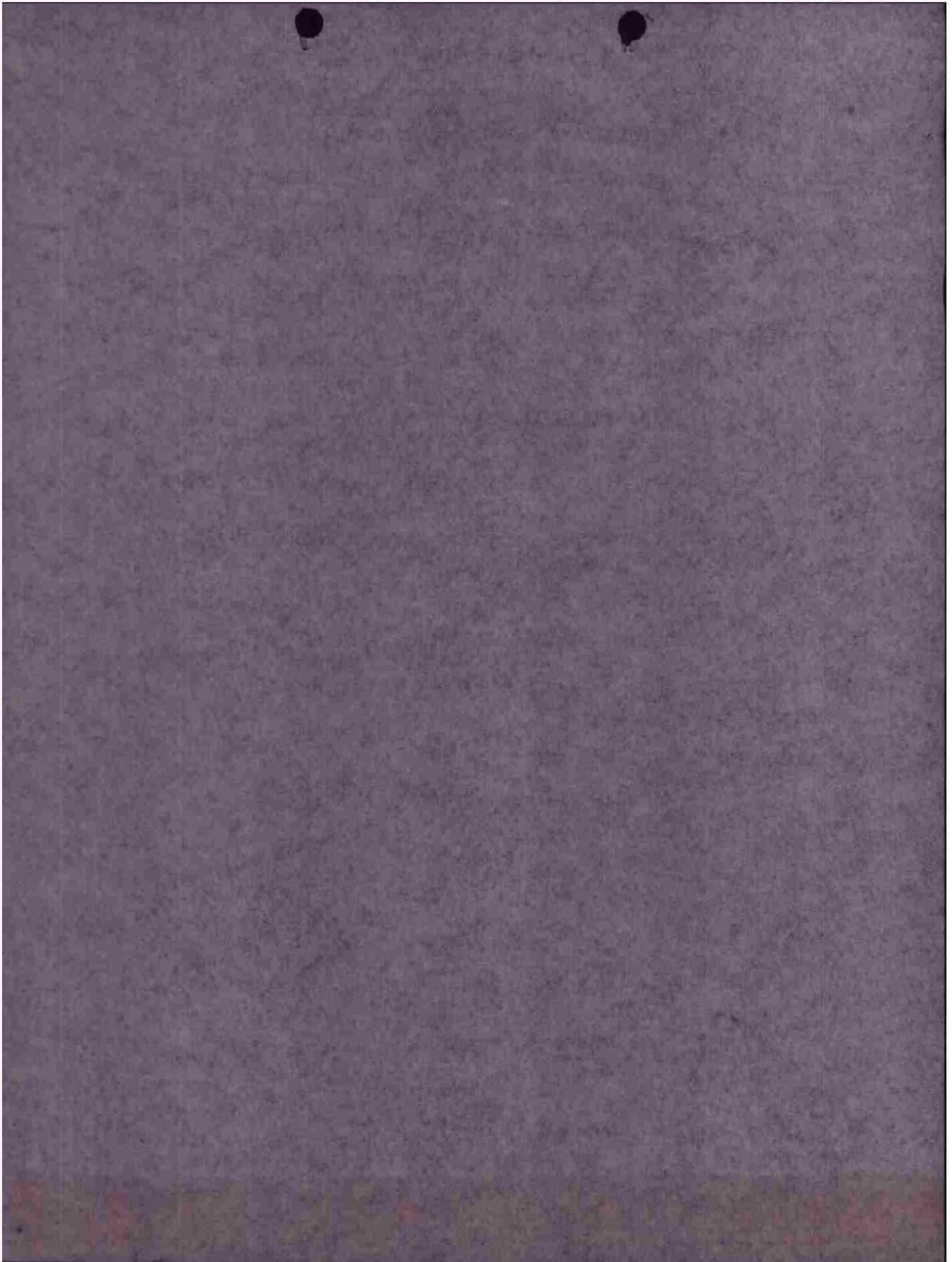
TIME OVER TARGET: 1710

Weather did not affect bombing.

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

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Route Forecast Forms

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WEATHERS FIELD 416TH Bomb GP (A)		TAKOFF - 1600 RETURN - 1730		CONFIDENTIAL		DATE <u>30 JUNE 1944</u> PERIOD <u>1500-1900</u>	
OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST							
1		B		C		D	
BASE TO TARGET		TARGET		TARGET TO BASE			
WEATHER PARTLY CLOUDY		PARTLY CLOUDY		PARTLY CLOUDY			
2 2-4/10 HIGH CIRRUS ABOVE 20,000 FT WIL MED CLOUD OVER ENGLAND BASE 2500-3500 FT TOPS 4,000- 4500 FT DECREASING TO WIL OVER CHANNEL + N. SEA.		2-4/10 HIGH CIRRUS ABOVE 20,000 FT WIL MED CLOUD 2-3/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 3,000 FT TOPS 4-5,000 FT		SAME AS ROUTE OUT EXCEPT WIL LOW CLOUD			
CLOUDS							
3 NIL		NIL		NIL			
4 8-12 MILES INCREASING TO 15-20 MILES OVER SOUTH ENGLAND CHANNEL N. SEA AND CONTINENT		6-10 MILES UP SUN 15-20 MILES DOWN SUN		10-15 MILES			
VISIBILITY		DIRECTION		VELOCITY		DIRECTION	
HEIGHT		DIRECTION		VELOCITY		DIRECTION	
SURFACE		DIRECTION		VELOCITY		DIRECTION	
2000 FT		070		15			
4000 FT		070		27			
4000 FT		080		28			
5000 FT		080		25			
10,000 FT		070		27			
12,000 FT		090		25			
15,000 FT		090		28			
BASE ALTIMETER SETTING <u>30.20</u>		TARGET SURFACE TEMP <u>17°C</u>		TARGET MEAN TEMP <u>+7°C</u>			
TEMP. AT <u>12000</u> FT. <u>-3°C</u>		TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT)		+58			

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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

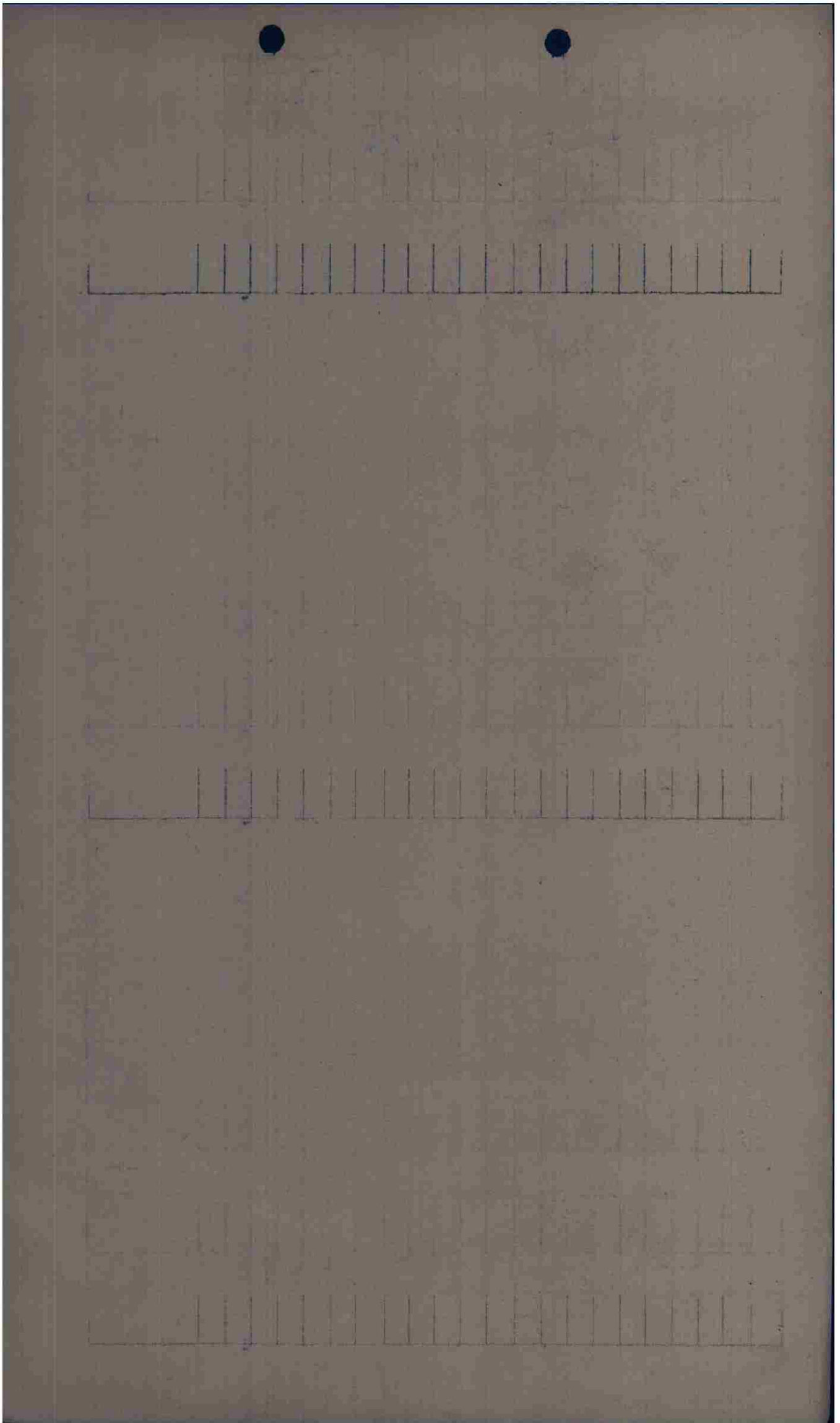
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Mission No. 81.

Box I

20 June 1944.

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A	J	444	Price	290	Albrand	1603	1650 1/2	1706	1710	1715	1728	H	E	725	6100	4	1743	
A	I	245	Rounderter		Albrand	1603	17000	11500		11500	9000						1743	
A	C	9194	Ritchie			1603											1749	
A	T	0196	Bartman			1603											1755	
A	E	6226	Mercedita			1604						C					1755	
A	F	935	Downing			1604											1756	
B	F-1	135	Stuffy			1604						H	C				1756	
B	G	390	Hamburg			1605											1757	
B	M	743	Biggs			1605											1758	
B	P	189	Goodman			1605						C					1758	
B	V	840	Burkman			1606											1759	
B	K	147	Tracy			1606						C					1818	
B	V-1	469	Mulligan			1606											1805	
B	A	181	Tanel			1606											1805	
B	E-1	961	Street			1607						C					1802	
B	Q	900	Behlmer			1607											1808	
B	F-1	943	Smith, V.F.			1607											1810	
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C	O	811	Jewell			1608											1715	

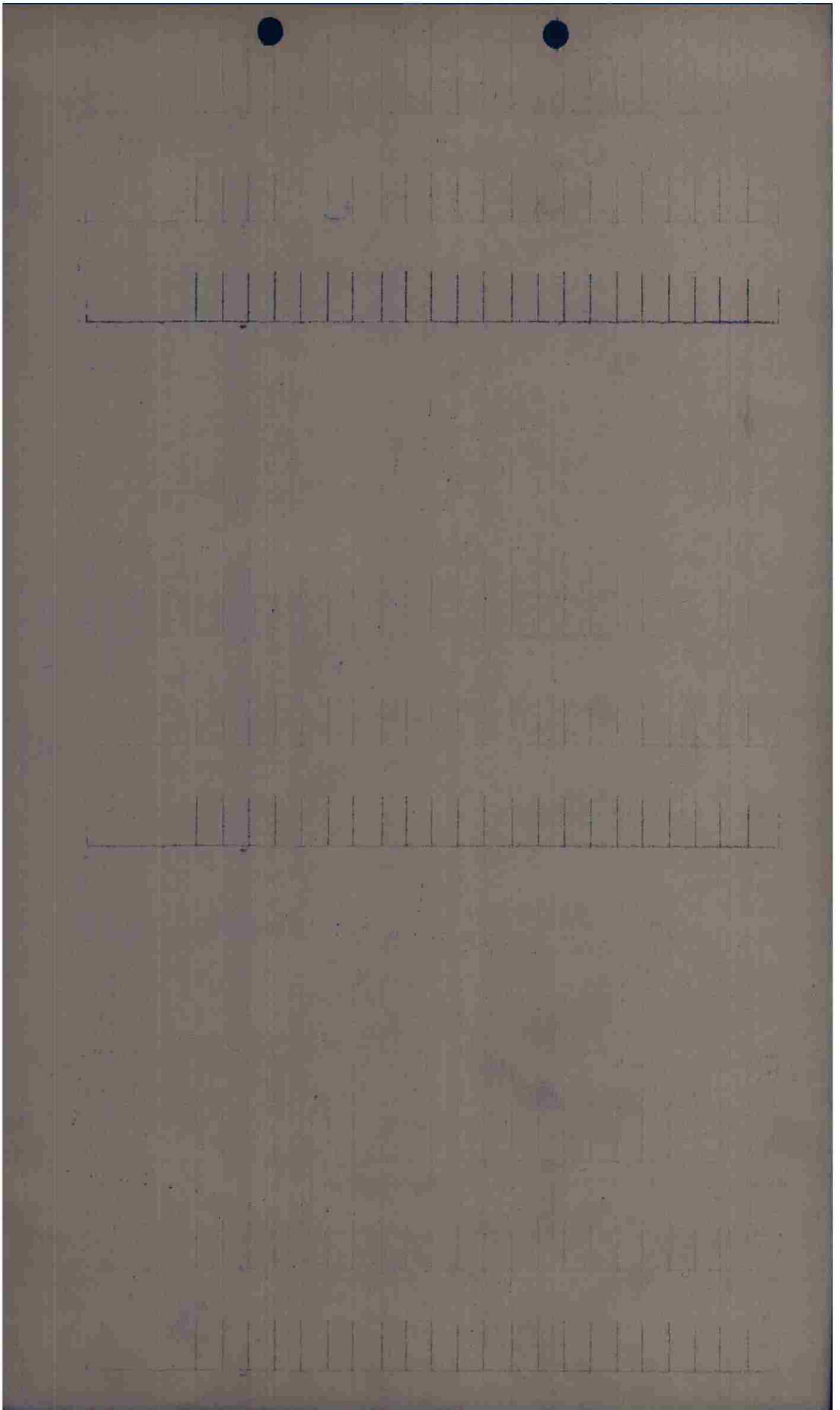


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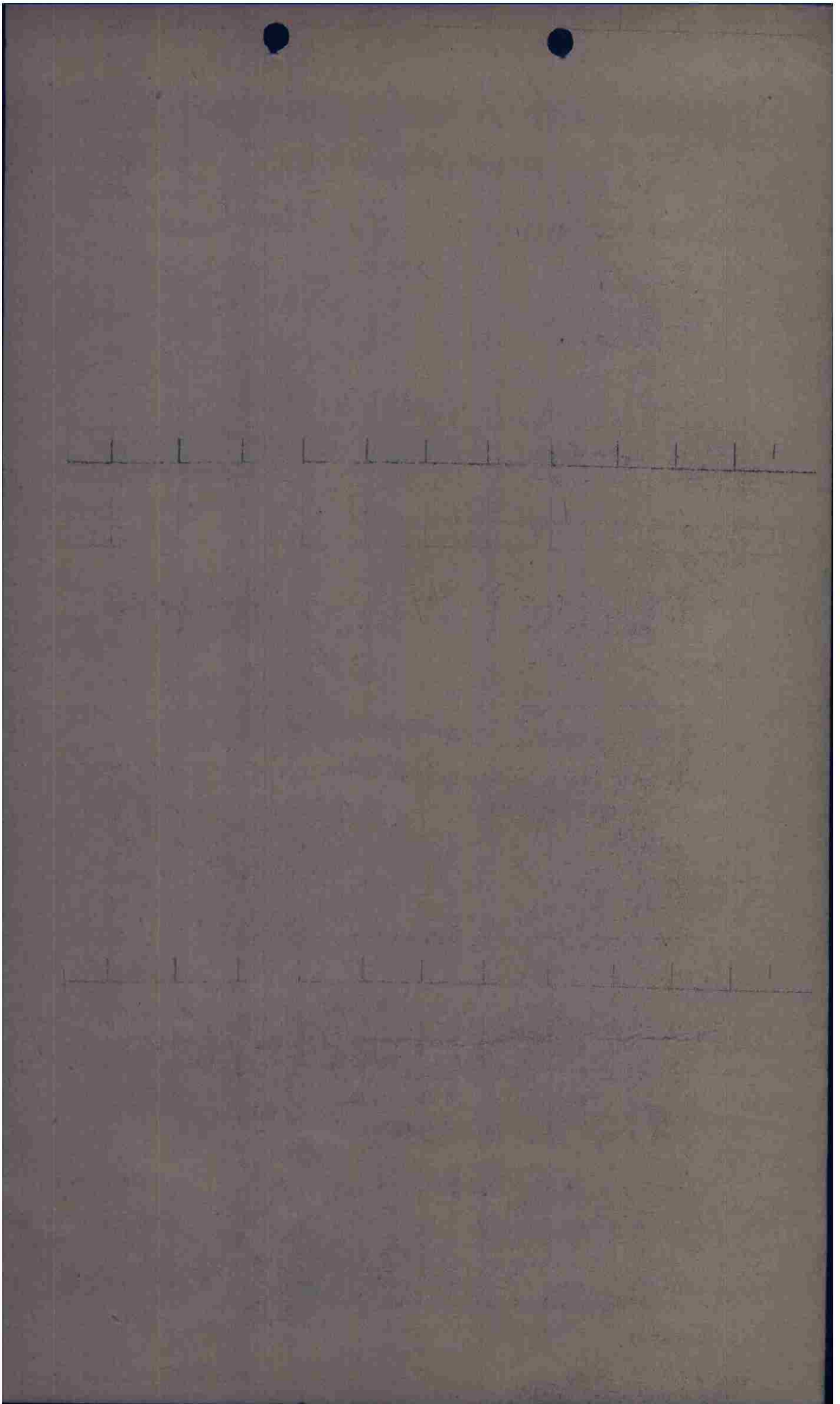
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20 June 1944

S G 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 B D	B O L M A B D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D I N E	R E M A R K S
A- V		719	Conant		McKendrick	1609						H C				1805	
A- X		764	Peede		Rouquet	1609										1809	
A- O		907	Hapner			1609										1806	
A- A		0194	Stentico			1610										1806	
A- K		684	Heck			1610										1817	
A- W		975	Brace			1610						C				1807	
A- 41		724	McMand			1610										1819	
A- M		9711	Fourney			1611						C				1820	
A- F		221	Marchant			1611										1820	
A- E		220	Stefano			1611										1814	
A- G		925	Giles			1612										1815	
A- L		363	Miller			1612						C				1816	
A- W-1		469	Knudell			1612										1816	
A- P		157	Hee			1613						C				1817	
A- F-1		227	Hardison			1613										1817	
A- M-1		750	Stander			1613						C				1810	
A- R		680	Stellman			1614										1811	
A- N		380	Donner, D-1			1614										1811	
A- 13		937	Marlowe			1614										1720	



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OICOG OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI OILAI 4/20 'OP'
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 201205B U-122-E
 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416
 COBOMGP 409 (INFO ONLY)

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 20 JUNE 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 93-384

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) SEE CURRENT BOMB LINE.
 (2) NINTH FIGHTER COMMAND WILL FURNISH P-47 FIGHTERS AREA COVER FOR ALL GROUPS OF THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK NOBALL TARGETS IN FRANCE.

ZERO HOUR: 20/1600B

3. A. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

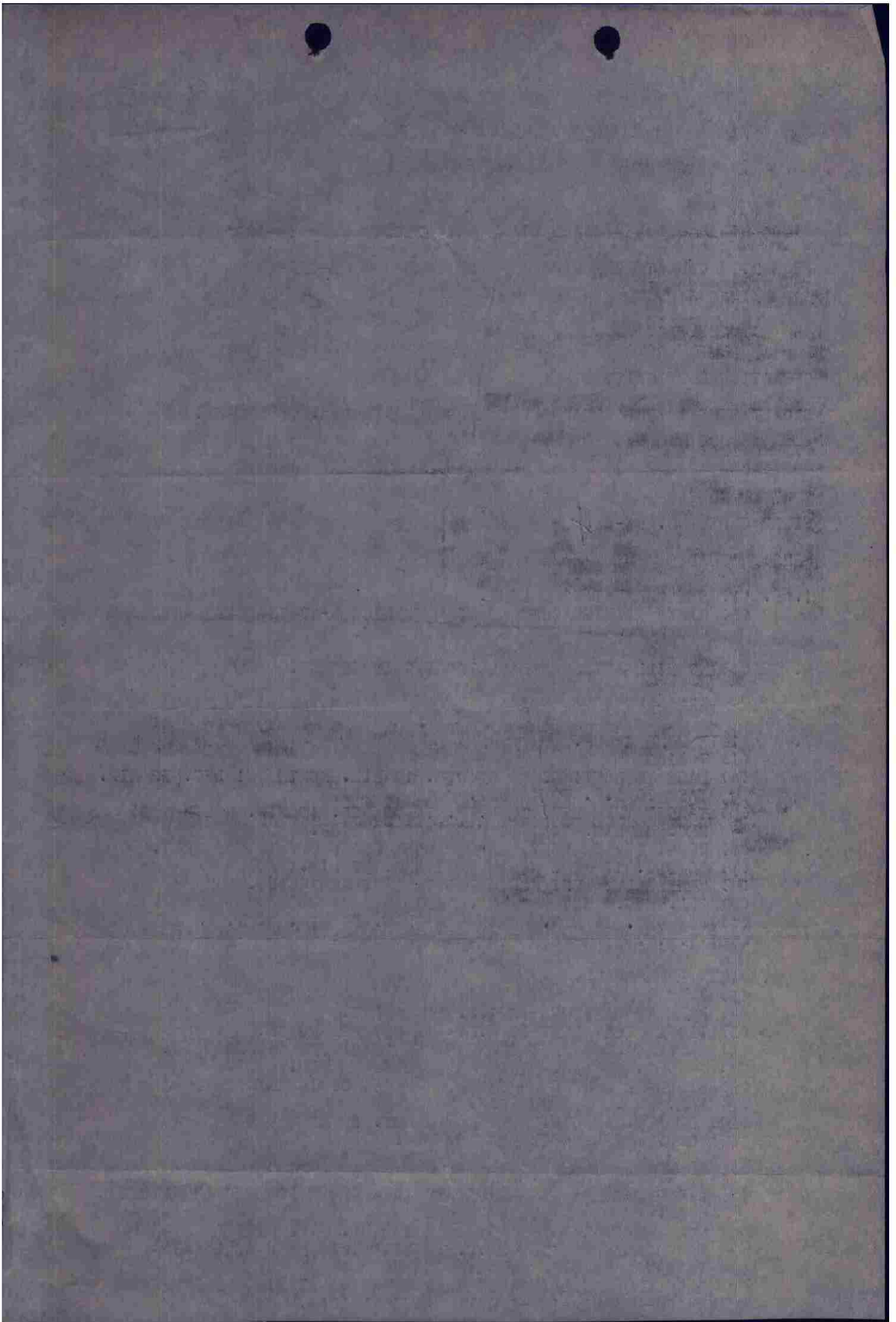
- (1) Z 3183
- (4) BASE TO HASTINGS TO 50 DEG. 19 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 32 MIN. EAST TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R. P. TO 50 DEG. 19 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 32 MIN. EAST TO HASTINGS TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB: 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET.
- (7) 50 DEG. 17 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 59 MIN. EAST
- (8) GENERALLY: WEST SOUTHWEST TO EAST NORTHEAST.
- (9) ILL. NEG. 38750 REF. 051019
- (11) 50 DEG. 17 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 59 MIN. EAST.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 65 MIN.

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) Z 3207
- (4) BASE TO HASTINGS TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE.
- (6) BOMB: 11,500 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,500 FEET.
- (7) 50 DEG. 19 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 32 MIN. EAST.
- (8) GENERALLY: WEST NORTHWEST TO EAST SOUTHEAST.
- (9) ILL. NEG. 38841 REF. 012048
- (11) 50 DEG. 19 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 32 MIN. EAST
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 70 MIN.

X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE.

- (5) A/C REQUIRED: 36 AIRPLANES EACH GROUP BOMBING BY FLIGHTS 6 A/C
- (6) BOMB LOAD: AND FUSING: 4 X 500 LB. G.P. AIRPLANES WITH WING RACKS 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 NOSE 1/40 TAIL.
- (7) INTERVAL BETWEEN BOMBS: MINIMUM
- (8) EACH GROUP WILL COMPLY WITH 97TH COMBAT WING TELETYPE U-120-E AND U-121-E DATED 20 JUNE 1944.



4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

A. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) PICKPOCKET

(5) FARMHAND B/B

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) DIGUP

(5) FARMHAND B/B

X. GENERAL INFORMATION.

(2) MANSTON B/B

(3) 4A, 5G, 6C, 7D, 8E, 9F, 10B, 13H, 16I (NOTE: CHANGES)

(10) ABTV/ABTV

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BT 201205B

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OILAI / OICOG R.....201257B

RPG AR

OILAI / OIHAK R.....20/1257B

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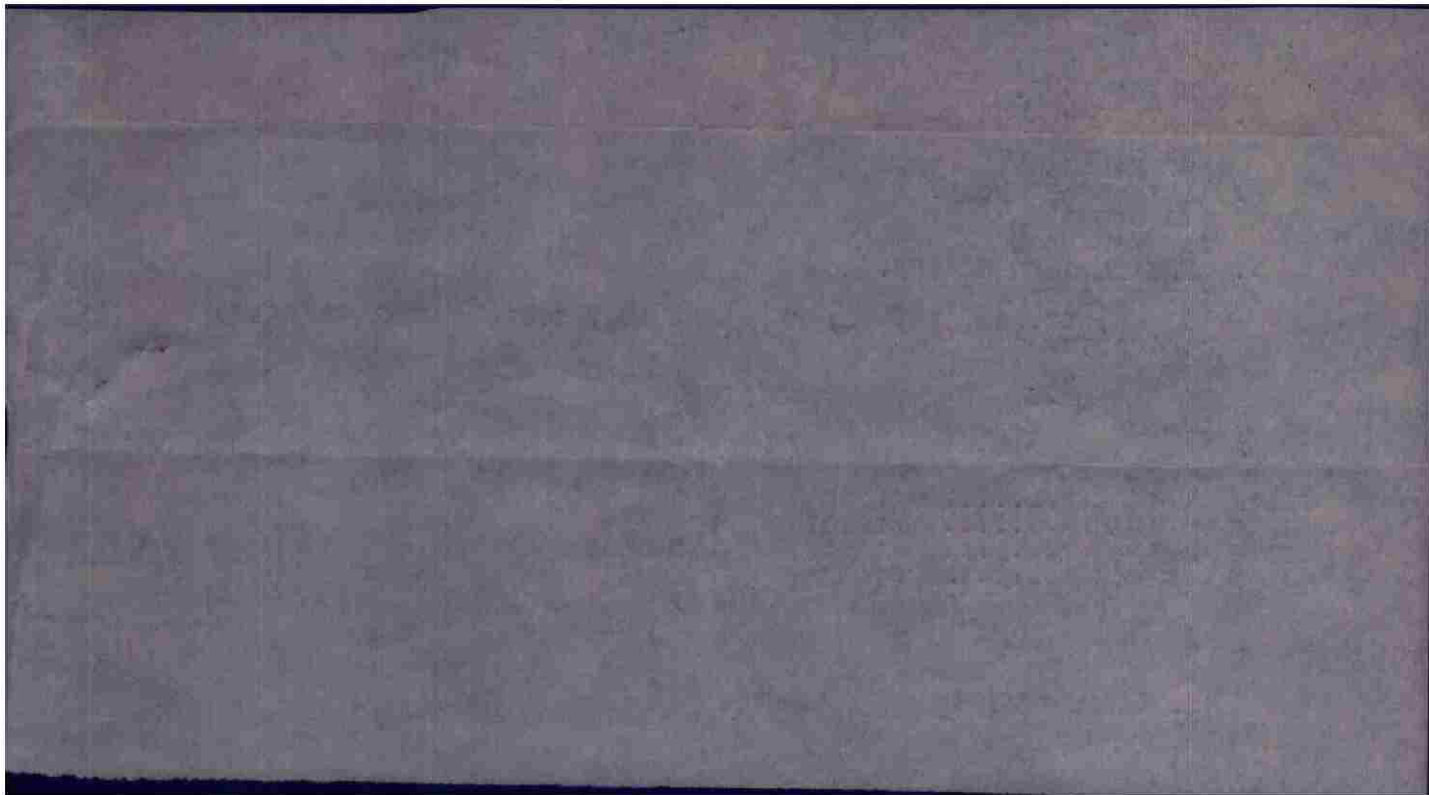
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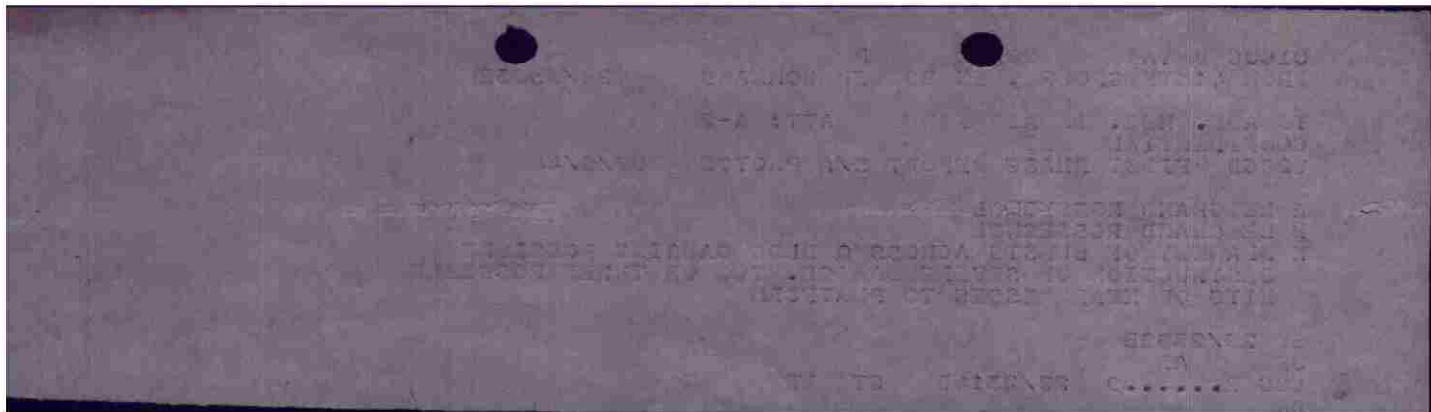
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U286D FIRST PHASE REPORT S/A PHOTOS 20/6/44

A LE GRAND ROSSEGNOL
B LE GRAND ROSSEGNOL
K BLANKET OF BURSTS ACROSS Q BLDG CAUSING POSSIBLE
DESTRUCTION OR SEVERE DAMAGE. TWO OR THREE POSSIBLE
HITS OR NEAR MISSES TO PLATFORM

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20 JUNE 1944
APO 140

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER 93-383

NO. SHOULD BE 93-384 REPEAT 93-384

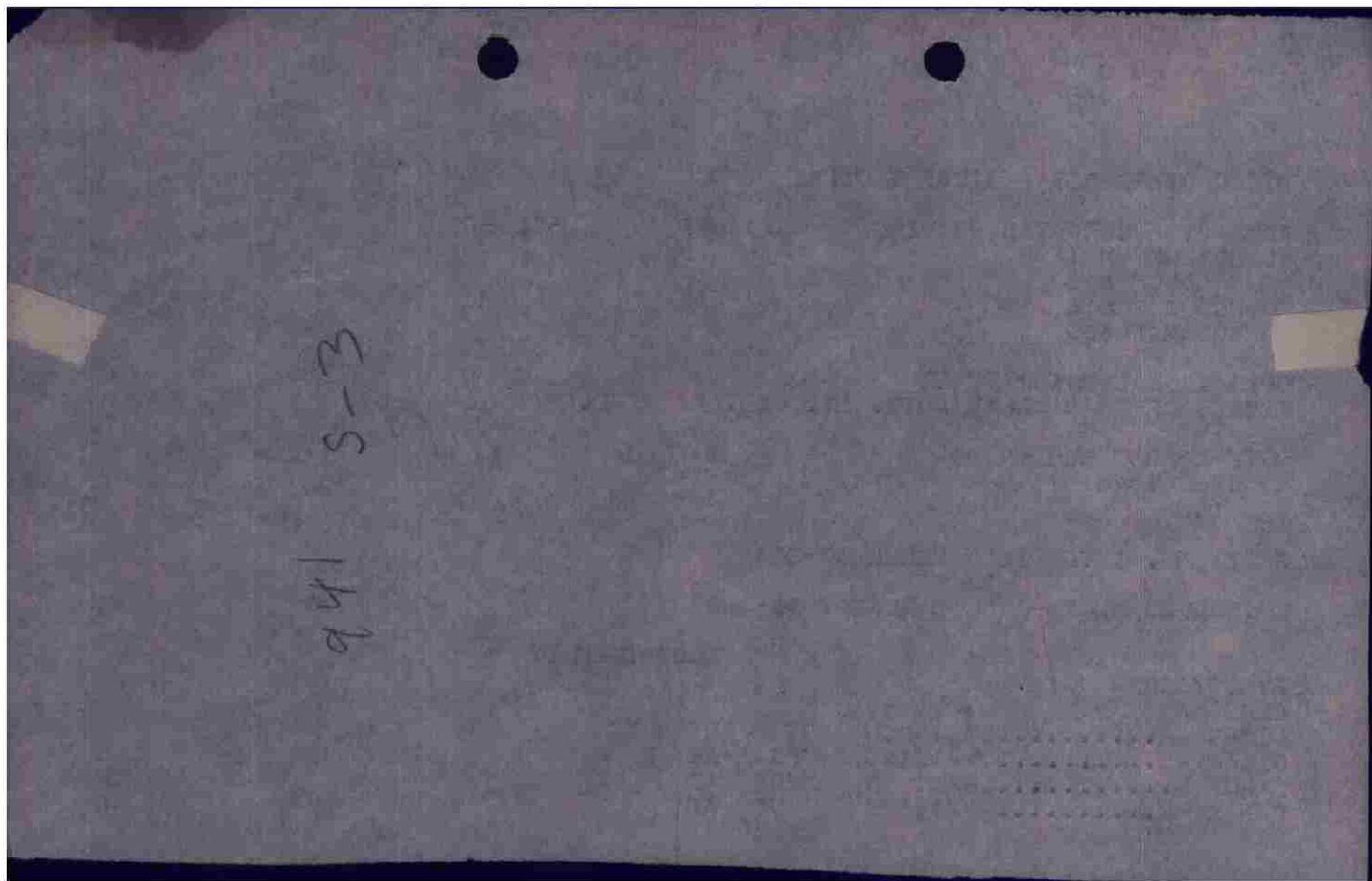
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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 20/1915B

TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATT: A-2
97TH COMBAT WING " "
CONFIDENTIAL BT

U-282-U OPFLASH NO 79 FOR 20TH JUNE 91944

A (1) LE GRAND ROSSEGNOL
(2) LE GRAND ROSSEGNOL

B (1) 416TH BG
(2) 38 A-20'S OF WHICH 2 WERE SPARES
(3) 2 SPARES RETURNED AS BRIEFED
(4) 36 A-20'S

C (1) 1603
(2) 1715
(3) 1820

D NIL
(2) 0-0-0
(3) 0-0-0

E GOOD TO FAIR RESULTS, BASED ON OBSERVATION OF CREWS.

F (1) (A) NIL
(B) NIL
(2) (A) NIL
(B) NIL

G (1) AT 1710 HRS 30 CARS AT G6804 FROM 12000; NO LOCOMOTIVE
(2) AT 1710 HRS 15 VEHICLES HEADED SOUTH AT G8004 FROM 12000FT.

H (1) CLEAR OVER TARGET - VISIBILITY 10-12 MIKES - SCATTERED CUMULIS
TO EAST AND SOUTH OF TARGET UP TO 10000 FEET
(2) CLEAR OVER CHANNEL - LOW SCATTERED CLOUDS FROM BASE TOH ENGLISH
COAST.

I 181 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
1 X 500 GP 0 RETURNED

J 11000 TO 12000 FEET

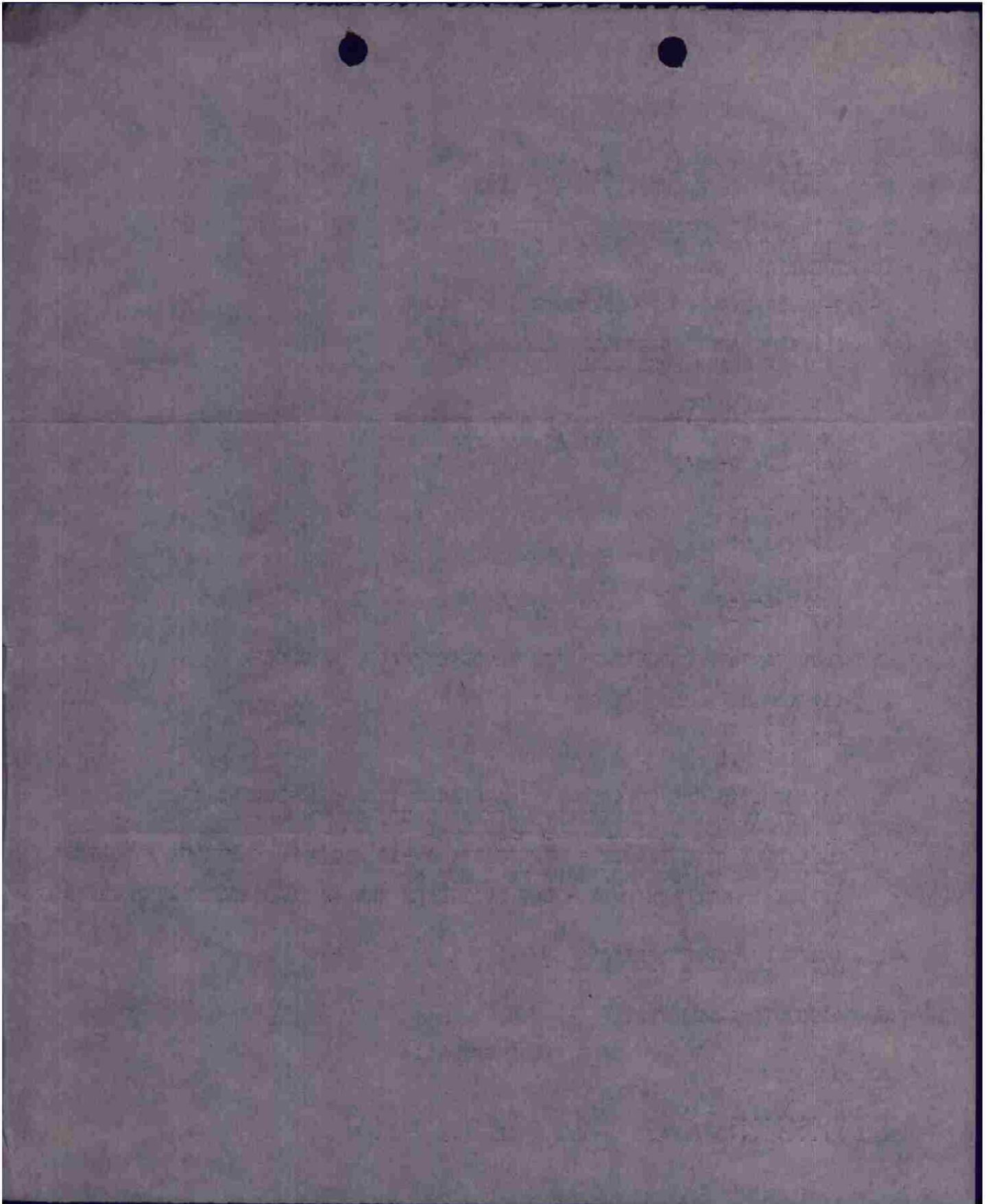
MACE COMBOBGR 416

BT 20/1915B

JF AR

COG R20/1942B BCD AR

LAI R.....20/1943B WCB AR



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TO RNRN COCBTDOMWIG 97TH ATT: SIG O
FROM COBOMGR 416

A - YS - 77

B - 20 JUNE 1944

C - 38 A/C

D - 668 - M - VHF NOISY; ENGINE NOISE FROM RIGHT ENGINE; NOTIFIED ENGINEERS. (A.C.)

669 - N - VHF NOISY; LEFT ENGINE MEET MAG; REPORTED TO ENGINEERING.

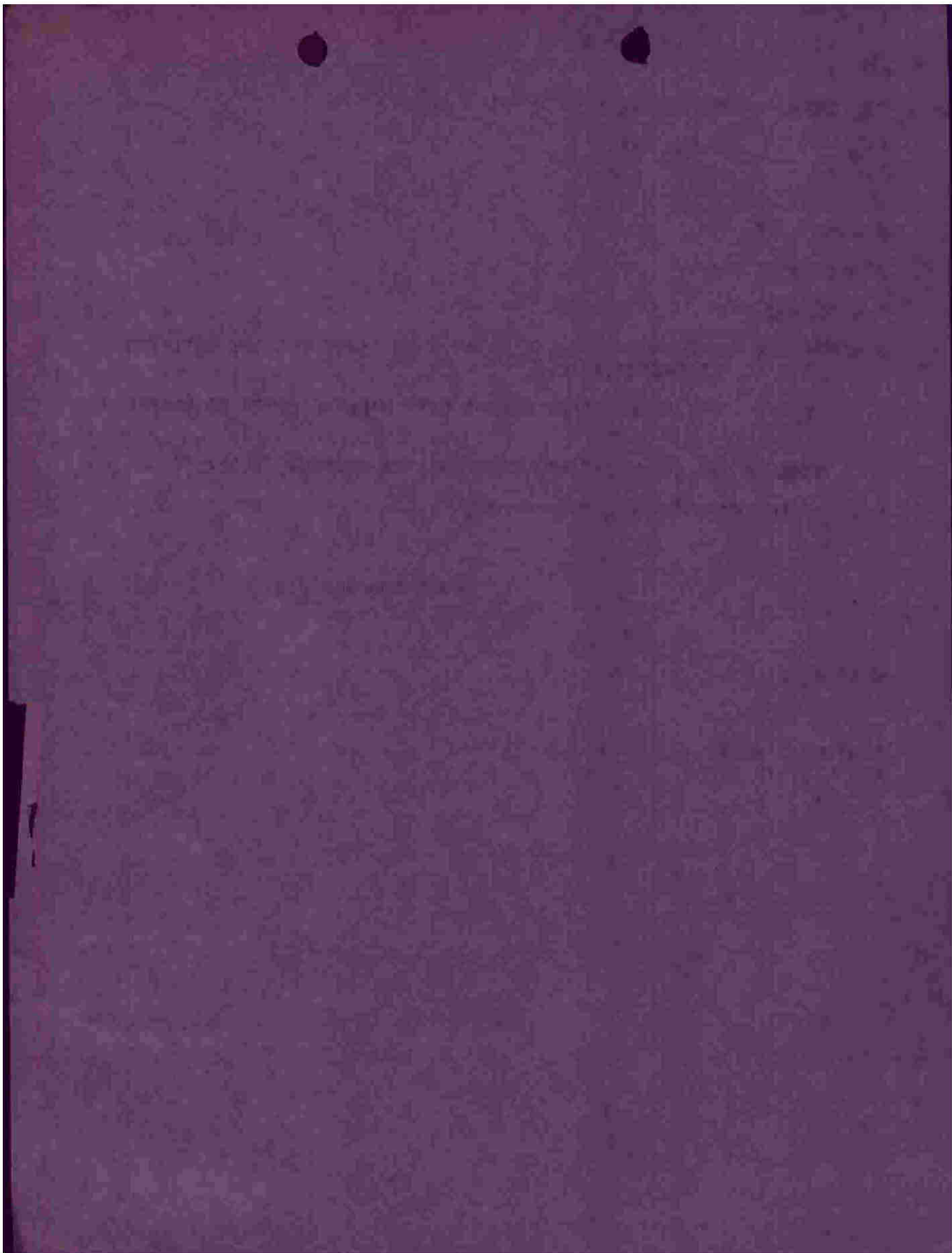
E - NNNK. 4 A/C TOOK BEARINGS FROM BUNCHER BEACONS. (LOCAL).

F - RADIO PERFORMANCE SATISFACTORY.

MACE COBOMGR 416

OFFICIAL:

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



OPERATIONAL FORECAST PERIOD 1500 - 1900 20 JUNE 1944

BASE TO TARGET: 2/10 to 4/10 high cirrus above 20,000 ft.
Nil Med cloud. Nil to 3/10 low cloud over
England Base 2,500 to 3,500 ft. Tops 4,000
to 4,500 feet. decreasing to nil over Channel
and North Sea. Visibility 8 to 12 miles
increasing to 15 to 20 miles over South
England, Channel, North Sea and Continent.

TARGET: 2/10 to 4/10 high cirrus above 20,000 feet. Nil
medium cloud. 2/10 to 3/10 low cloud base 3,000
feet tops 4,000 to 5,000 feet. Visibility 6 to
10 miles up sun 15 to 20 miles down sun.

TARGET TO BASE: Same as base to target except nil low
cloud. Visibility 10 to 15 miles at base
on return.

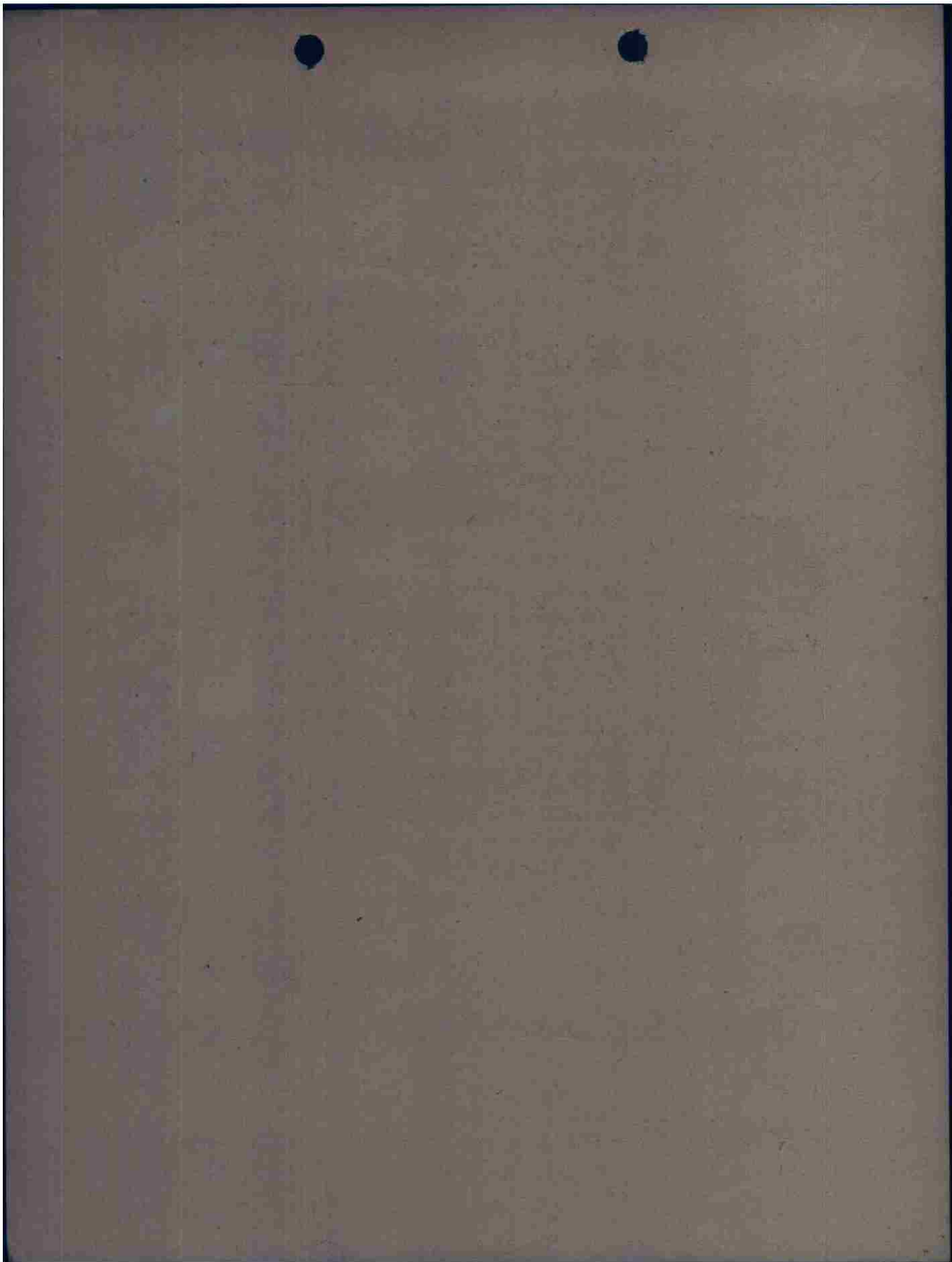
HAZARDS TO FLYING: Slight Haze to 5,000 feet.

FREEZING LEVEL: 10,000 feet. ICING: Nil

WINDS AT 12,000 feet. 090 25 -3

MEAN TEMP: 12,000 feet. +7

PRESSURE ALTITUDE: 29.86 +58



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Office of the Commanding Officer

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AUTH: CO STA 170
DATE: 22 June 1944
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AFD 140, U.S. Army,
22 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Reports.

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

Transmitted herewith are the A-3 Bombing Information
Reports on operational missions of 20 June 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

12 Incls:

- 1 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Flight 1, Box 1, F.O. #383)
- 2 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Flight 2, Box 1, F.O. #383)
- 3 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Flight 3, Box 1, F.O. #383)
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