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127	496	15 AUGUST 1944
128	501	17 AUGUST 1944
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132	515	27 AUGUST 1944
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FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

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7 Sept 1944
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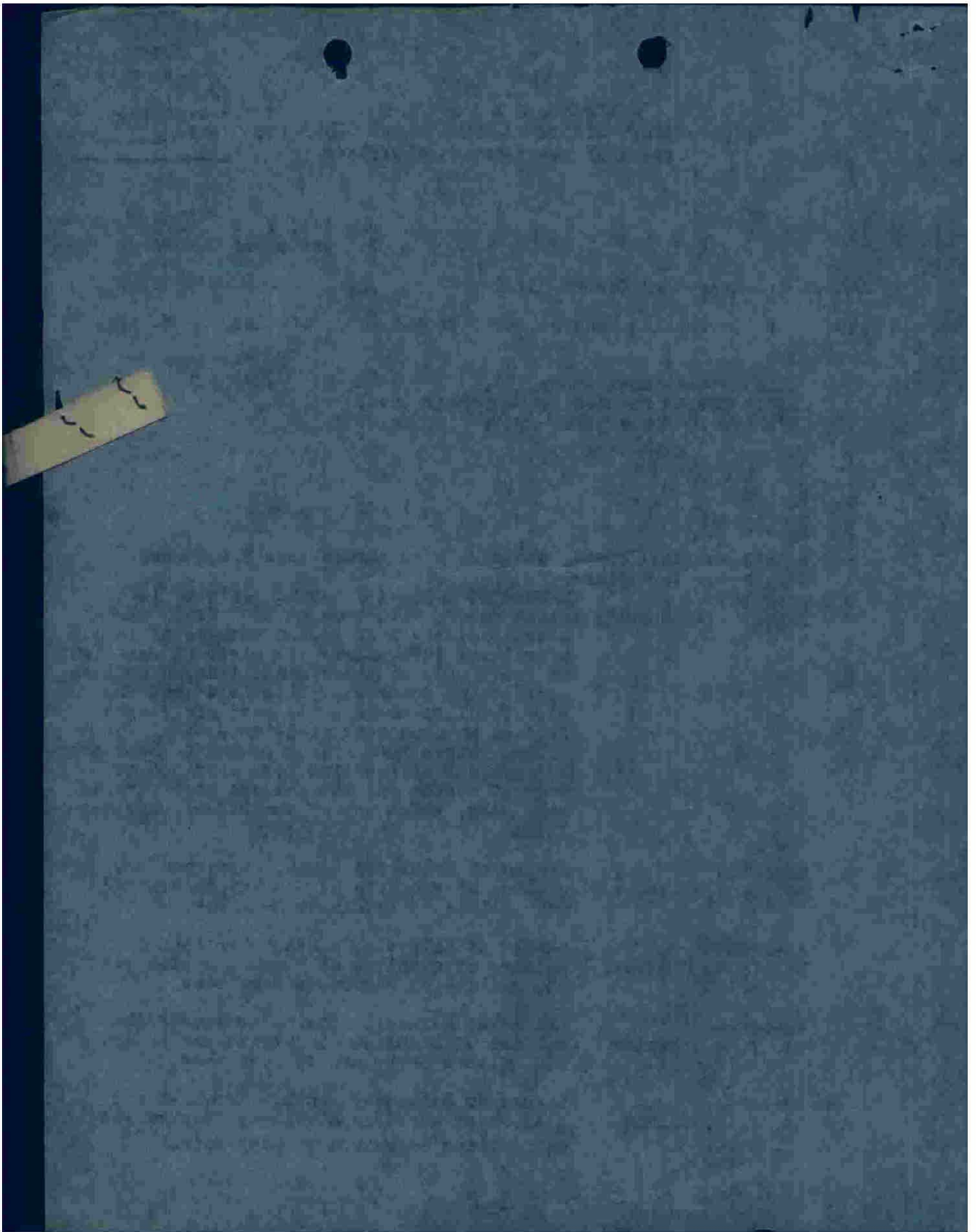
APD 140, U. S. Army,
7 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Combat Mission.

TO : Commanding General, 97th Combat Wing, APD 140, U. S. Army.

415th Bombardment Group (L),
188th Combat Mission, 3 September 1944,
97th CG FO Number 808 - 527.

1. 30
2. 36
3. 18
4. 8 (spares)
5. 24
6. 24 a/c abortive due to weather, 8/10 clouds tops 8,000 feet.
7. 24 a/c due to weather.
8. 43-18125
Capt. G. M. McNulty
Landed at Holmesley South. An 8 to 10/10 cloud cover, with tops at 8000 feet, blanketed Southern England and because of length of mission (699 miles) all aircraft were low on fuel. Due to these conditions, as well as approaching darkness, pilot felt that the wisest policy would be to have his flight land at an opportune field as soon as possible, rather than risk a return to home base. 450 gallons of gasoline were serviced at Tarrant Ruston and 250 gallons on return to home base, which was on the 5th of September 1944.
- 43-21719
Lt. G. F. Bortous
Landed at Holmesley South. Serviced 450 gallons of gasoline at Tarrant Ruston and 250 gallons on return to home base.
- 43-21480
Lt. J. H. Montross
Landed at Holmesley South. Serviced 450 gallons of gasoline at Tarrant Ruston and 250 gallons on return to home base.
- 43-2379
Lt. W. E. Downing
Landed at Holmesley South. Serviced 450 gallons of gasoline at Tarrant Ruston and 250 gallons on return to home base.
- 43-2894
Lt. J. S. Seidle
Landed at Holmesley South. Serviced 450 gallons of gasoline at Tarrant Ruston and 250 gallons on return to home base.



Report of Combat Mission.

(Continued)

43-10150 Lt. W. L. Hale Landed at Holmesley South. Serviced 450 gallons of gasoline at Tarrant Ruston and 280 gallons on return to home base.

43-9442 Lt. W. A. Peak Landed at Chilbolten. Existing conditions the same as shown for a/c 43-10125, pilot instructed flight to land at an opportune field as soon as possible. Serviced 450 gallons of gasoline at Chilbolten and 200 gallons on return to home base.

43-21767 Lt. M. B. Street Landed at Holmesley South. Serviced 495 gallons of gasoline at Tarrant Ruston and 200 gallons on return to home base.

43-10173 Lt. L. L. Poundstone Landed at Chilbolten. Serviced 340 gallons of gasoline at Chilbolten and 200 gallons on return to home base.

43-21819 Lt. W. C. Siggs Landed at Chilbolten. Serviced 410 gallons of gasoline at Chilbolten and 200 gallons on return to home base.

43-21931 Lt. E. L. Miller Landed at Chilbolten. Serviced 450 gallons of gasoline at Chilbolten and 200 gallons on return to home base.

43-9929 Lt. M. W. DuBois Landed at Chilbolten. Serviced 340 gallons of gasoline at Chilbolten and 150 gallons on return to home base.

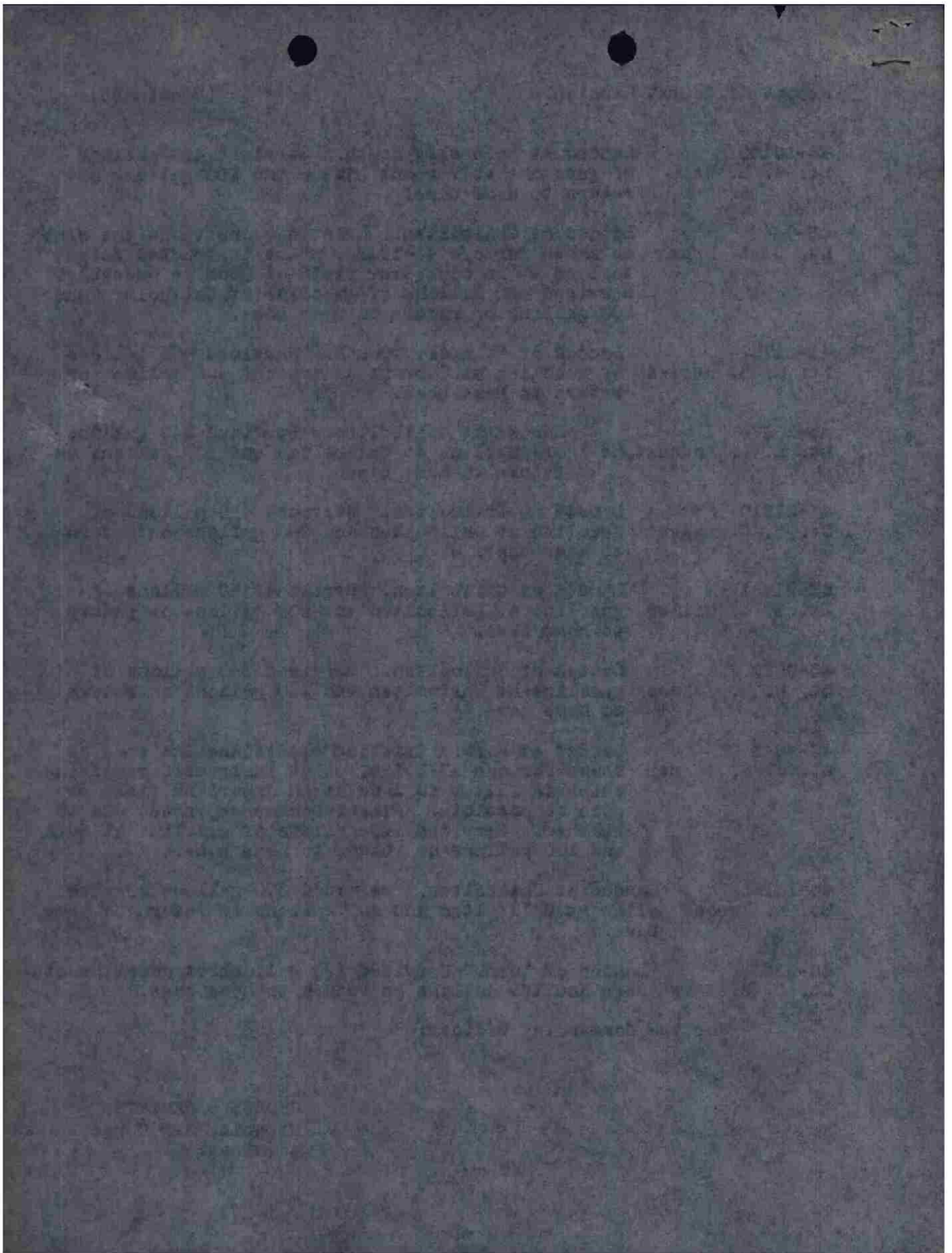
43-9645 Lt. J. D. Adams Landed at Hurn. Existing conditions the same as shown for a/c 43-10125, pilot instructed remaining ships in flight to land at an opportune field as soon as possible. Flight became separated due to weather. Serviced 425 gallons of gasoline at Hurn and 100 gallons on return to home base.

43-10183 Lt. M. Zubon Landed at Chilbolten. Serviced 300 gallons of gasoline at Chilbolten and 200 gallons on return to home base.

43-9363 Lt. D. A. Fero Landed at Hurn. Serviced 390 gallons of gasoline at Hurn and 100 gallons on return to home base.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.



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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 827BOX 2, 118 2 GROUP 118 DATE 3 Sept 44 TARGET ATTACKED Great Stranppoint1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 73°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO X4. Did entire (box) (flight) 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. Aimed at briefed Aiming Point.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. Nadenfort6. Name of lead Pilot: Lt. Peck7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 265 Altitude: 117009. Length of bomb run: 20 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/100 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 24

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES X NO . If "YES" state conditions and effect.Cloud cover over target area. Impossible to make a long run.(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 did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? None.

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

Cloud cover in target area made sighting difficult. Took very short run.

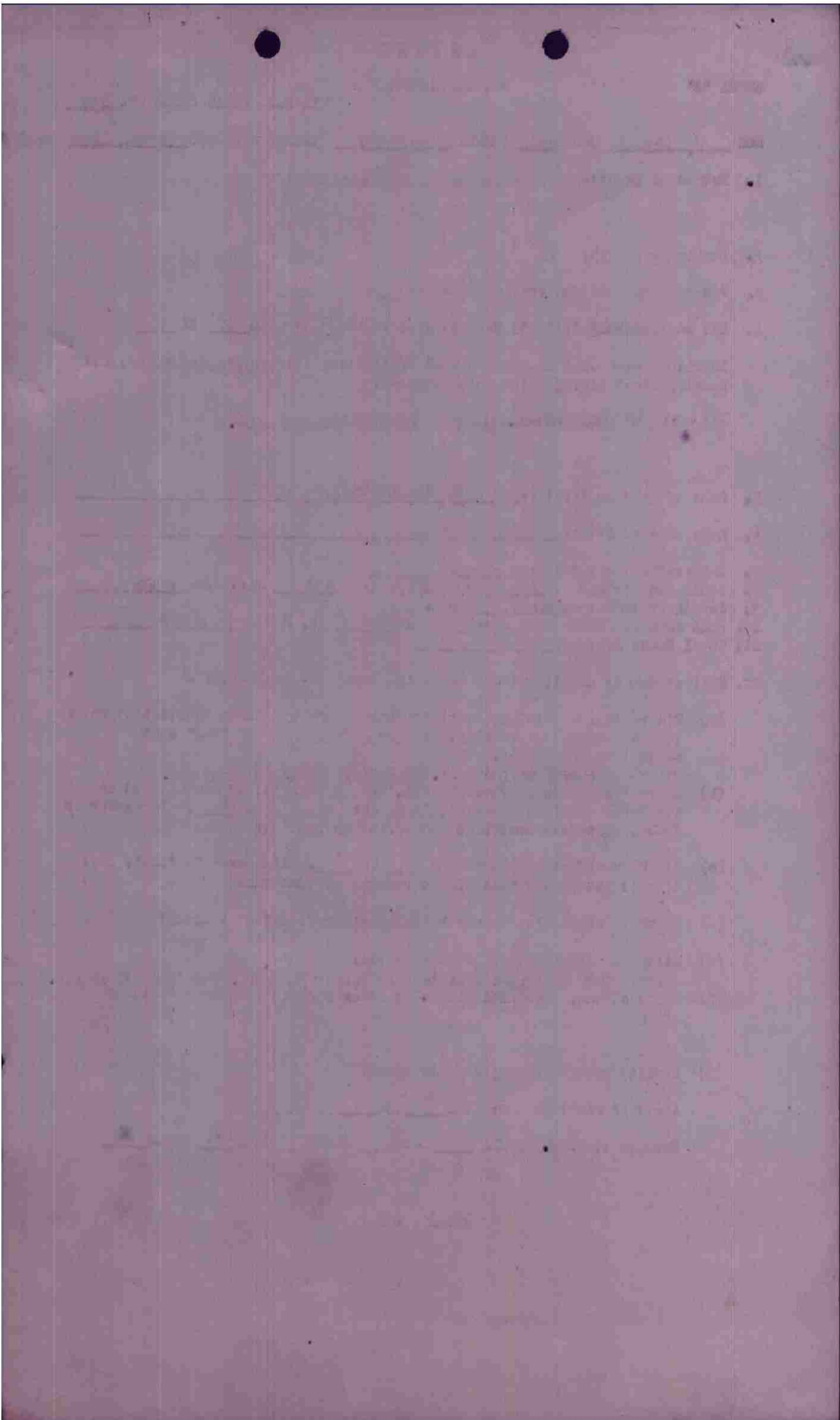
(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO Results claimed: EXCEL GOOD FAIR POOR X GROSS

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 827BOX 2, 112 2 GROUP 415 DATE 3 Sept 44 TARGET ATTACKED Brest Airfield1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 73°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO X4. Did entire (box) (flight) 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. Aimed at briefed aiming point.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. Madenfort6. Name of lead Pilot: Lt. Peck7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 265 Altitude: 117009. Length of bomb run: 20 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/100 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 24

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

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

Cloud cover over target area. Impossible to make a long run.

(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 did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? None.

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

Cloud cover in target area made sighting difficult. Took very short run.

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

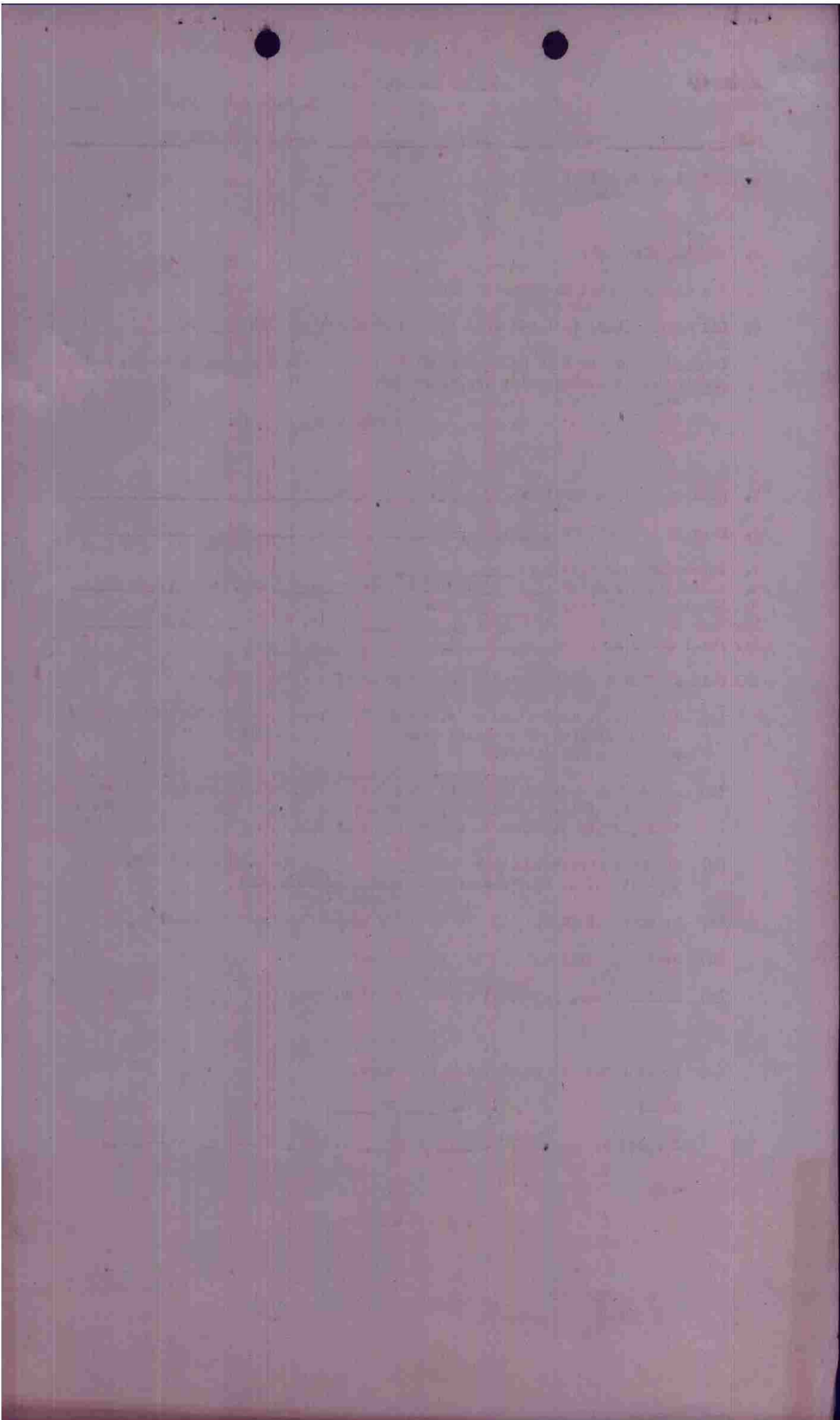
None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO

Results claimed: EXCEL GOOD FAIR POOR X GROSS

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MISSION NO. 136

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

3 SEPT 1944

1. 9444 J
Major R.F. Price
Lt. A.R. Hand
S/S J.E. Roberts
S/S F. Naifeh

4. 10210 Q
Lt. R.V. Miracle
S/S B.C. Sieg
S/S J.C. Burkhalter

2. 9195 D
Lt. R.R. Svenson
S/S P.G. Fild
S/S G.H. Pfennig

5. 2760 Z
Lt. C.S. Stanley
Sgt C.C. Holterfield
Lt. F. Mazanec

3. 2764 X
Lt. F.W. Harris
S/S D. Hantske
S/S E.A. Damico

6. 9194 C
Lt. T.D. McCready
Sgt W.E. Lemonds
Sgt W.F. Fuehrer

FLIGHT II

1. 2467 W
Lt. H.A. Monroe
Lt. R.L. Kirk
S/S W.L. Kidd
T/S J.F. Goggin

4. 9380 N
Lt. J.P. Hillerman
S/S E.F. Pauls
S/S L. Martinez

2. 22069 A
Lt. D.F. Shea
Lt. O.R. Koch
Sgt D.E. Burns
S/S W.J. Daniel

5. 9207 B-1
Lt. T.S. Merritt
Sgt S.J. Majewski
Sgt A. Teran

3. 9689 I
Lt. R.B. Singletary
~~Sgt R.E. Connelley~~ S/S R.F. Addleman
Sgt A.A. Cianciosi

6. 2759 G
Lt. J.R. Warren
Sgt C.C. Stroup
Sgt S.J. Turpin

FLIGHT III

1. 9452 Q-1
Lt. F.J. Harrold
Lt. W.E. Brewer
S/S E.L. Griffin
S/S C.W. Maziasz

4. 9224 E
Lt. C.L. McGlohn
S/S J.E. Moran
S/S P.B. Driskill

2. 9439 J-1
Lt. P.G. Atkinson
Lt. D.G. Ackerson
S/S J.O. Swafford
Capt. M.B. Sheridan

5. 2810 F
Lt. F.P. Berausky
Sgt M. Hall
Sgt E.R. Wilson

3. 9217 D-1
Lt. A.W. Nordstrom
S/S J.D. Gossett
S/S R.L. Miller

6. 10211 C
Lt. J.C. Sewell
Sgt J.A. Hummer
S/S I. Binney

SPARE

9399 K
Lt. D.L. Withington
Sgt C.F. Hiss
Sgt L.D. McElhattan

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3 SEP TEMBER 1944
BOX I

MISSION NO. 136

LOADING LIST

3 SEPT 1944

BOX II

FLIGHT I

1. 10125 M

Capt. G.M. McNulty
Lt. F.H. Barsiel
S/S J.A. Fejes
S/S E.R. Judd

*Handed at
Helmley South*

4. 9379 G

Lt. W.E. Downing
S/S E.S. Dickenson
S/S K.E. Hornbeck

*Handed at
Helmley South*

2. 21719 V

Lt. G.F. Bartmus
Lt. J.F. Hardy
S/S J.R. Orr
S/S F.L. Flacks

*Handed at
Helmley South*

5. 9894 R

Lt. J.B. Saidla
Cpl A.F. Cavanagh
Cpl J.M. Harris

*Handed at
Helmley South*

3. 21480 B

Lt. J.A. Montrose
Sgt R.S. Gandy
Sgt J.W. Felkel

*Handed at
Helmley South*

6. 10150 N

Lt. W.L. Hale
Sgt J.F. Geyer
Sgt D.H. Bentzler

*Handed at
Helmley South*

FLIGHT II

1. 9442 D

Lt. W.A. Peck
Lt. J. Madenfort
S/S A.E. Bergeron
S/S H.E. Kelton

*Handed at
Chicklitter*

4. 21819 K

Lt. W.C. Siggs
S/S R.W. Nicks
S/S N. Radlich

*Handed at
Chicklitter*

2. 21767 N-1

Lt. M.S. Street
S/S C.A. Prindle
S/S E.T. Epps

*Handed at
Helmley South*

5. 21961 F

Lt. E.L. Miller
Cpl J.F. Malloy
Sgt J.M. Pemberton

*Handed at
Chicklitter*

3. 10176 T

Lt. L.E. Foundstone
Sgt A.J. Barland
S/S K. Heath

*Handed at
Chicklitter*

6. 9929 C

Lt. M.W. DuBose
Cpl D.L. Griffin
Cpl J.H. Walter

*Handed at
Chicklitter*

FLIGHT III

1. 9645 R-1

Lt. J.D. Adams
Lt. R.J. Hanlon
S/S A.J. Zeikus
S/S F.L. Clearman

*Handed at
Helmley South*

4. 10165 H

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

*Handed at
Chicklitter*

2. 22065 E

Lt. F.W. Demand
Lt. A.C. Burns
S/S R.J. Troyer
S/S C.W. Middleton

*Handed at
Helmley South*

5. 9363 L

Lt. D.A. Fero
Cpl T.W. Skelton
Cpl A.A. Rojas

*Handed at
Helmley South*

3. 9914 X

Lt. R.E. Greenley
Lt. R.H. Mitchell
S/S J.J. Rzepka
Cpl C.W. Gurkin

*Handed at
Helmley South*

6. 9219 D-1

Lt. H.D. Andrews
S/S O.E. Swank
S/S E.R. Werley

*Handed at
Helmley South*

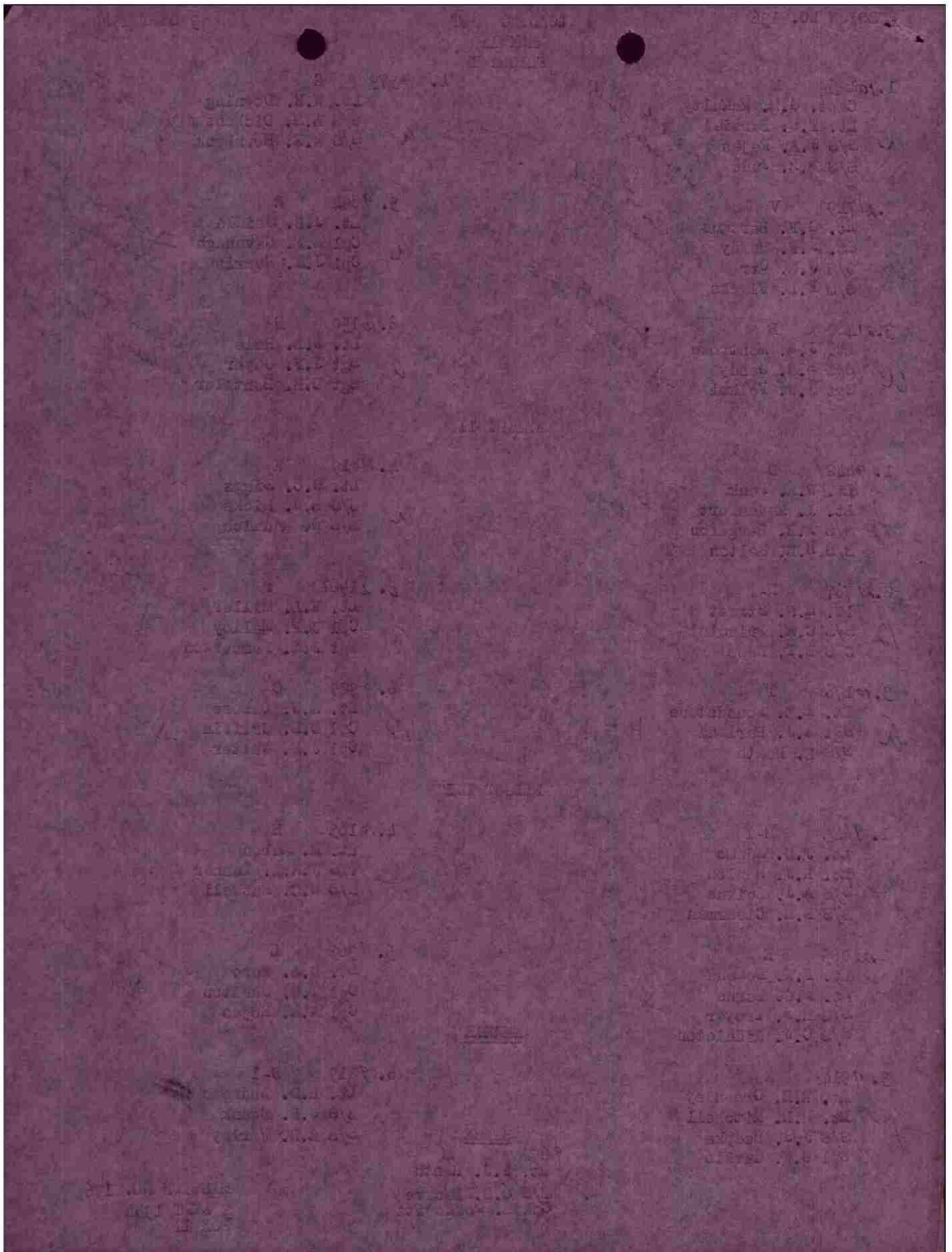
SPARE

9692 M
Lt. E.J. Renth
S/S C.D. Lanave
Cpl L. Moskowitz

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BOX II



FROM: 416 TH BOMB GROUP (L)

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

416 BG S _____ E SECRET IN THE CLEAR

"J" FORM CLEARANCE F-2 3 SEPTEMBER 1944

PREPARED BY LT MAX A PAPE

A.

B. ~~KIKKIKKK~~ 1436

C. BILL OF PORTLAND

D. BOX I R/T MOTHER ONE

668 . . . 6 . . . J D X Q Z G

670 . . . 12 . . . P O W A I N G E B-1 Q-1 J-1 D-1

641 . . . 1 . . . Z

671 . . . 1 . . . SPARE . . . K

GROUP LEADER . . . 668 . . . J

DEPUTY . . . 670 . . . W

BOX II R /T MOTHER TWO

668 . . . 8 . . . M V B G R N T K

669 . . . 4 . . . D P C N-1

671 . . . 6 . . . R-1 E X H L E - ~~B-1~~

669 . . . 1 . . . SPARE . . . M

SECOND BOX LEADER . . 668 . . . M

DEPUTY . . 669 . . . D

E. 12,000

F. PTE DE ST MATHIEU

G. 1521

H. 14

J. FLOUESCAT

K. BILL OF PORTLAND

L. 1612

M. 1. ETD . . 1344 . . ETA . . 1655 . . T.O. . . 1324

2. 4 x 500 G P

3. 4 HOURS

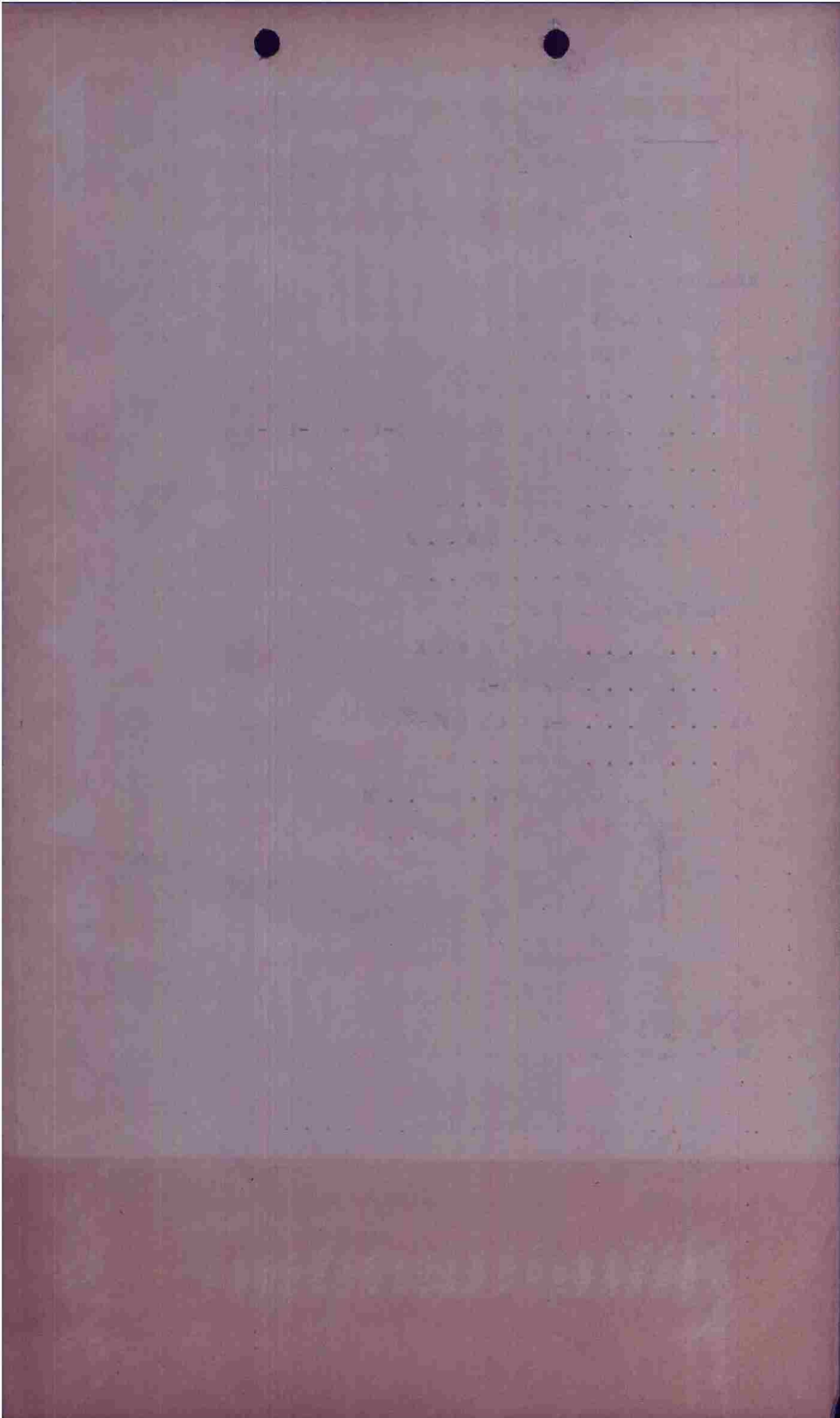
4. 4805W/J/90

5. NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

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



CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: COBOMGR 416

TO : COMCBTWIG ATT: SIG O

A - YS - 136

B - 5 SEPT 1944

C - 38 A/C

D - 669 - T - VHF RECEIVER WEAK, RETUNED AND CHECKED OKAY.

E - LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON USED.

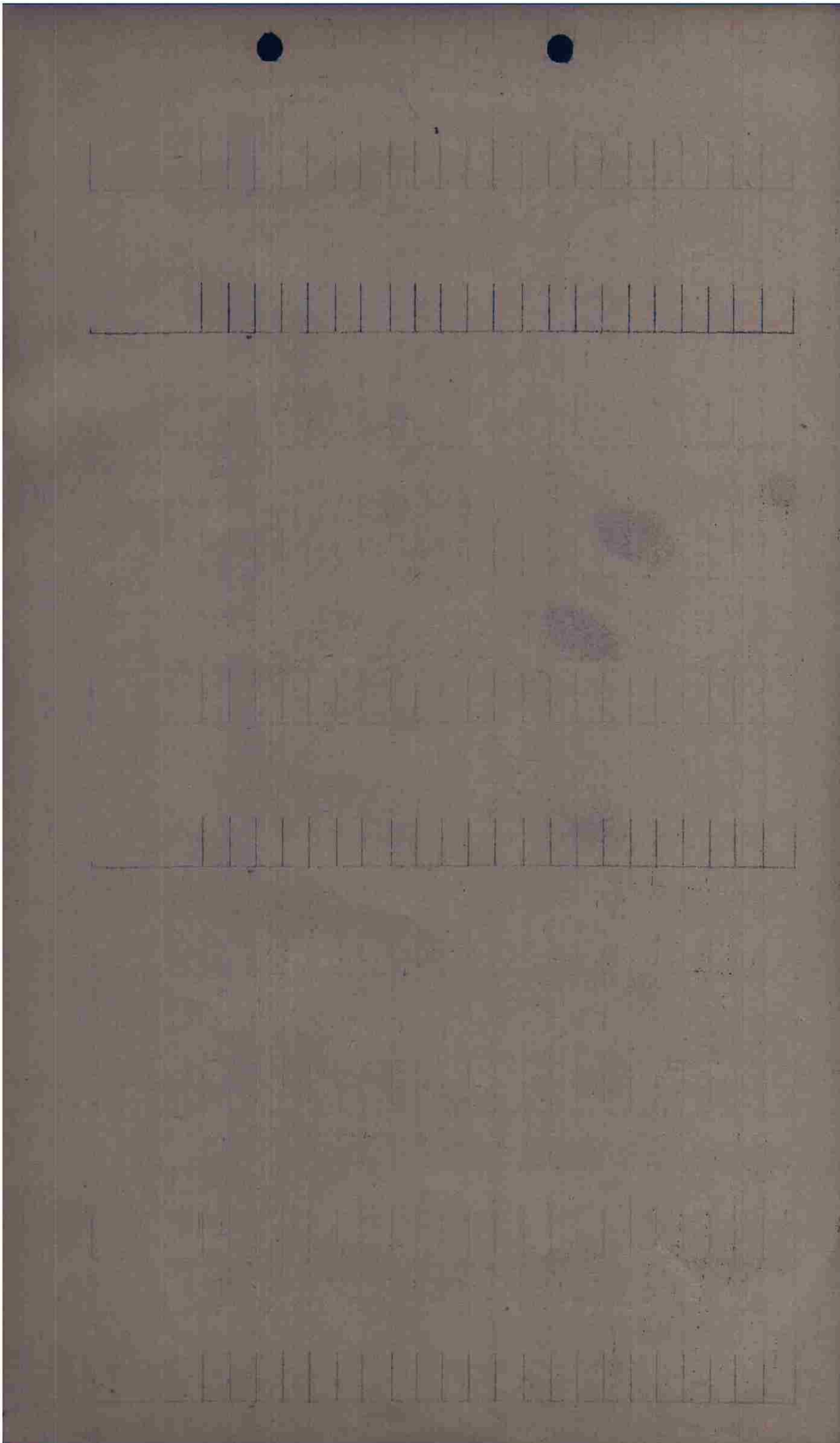
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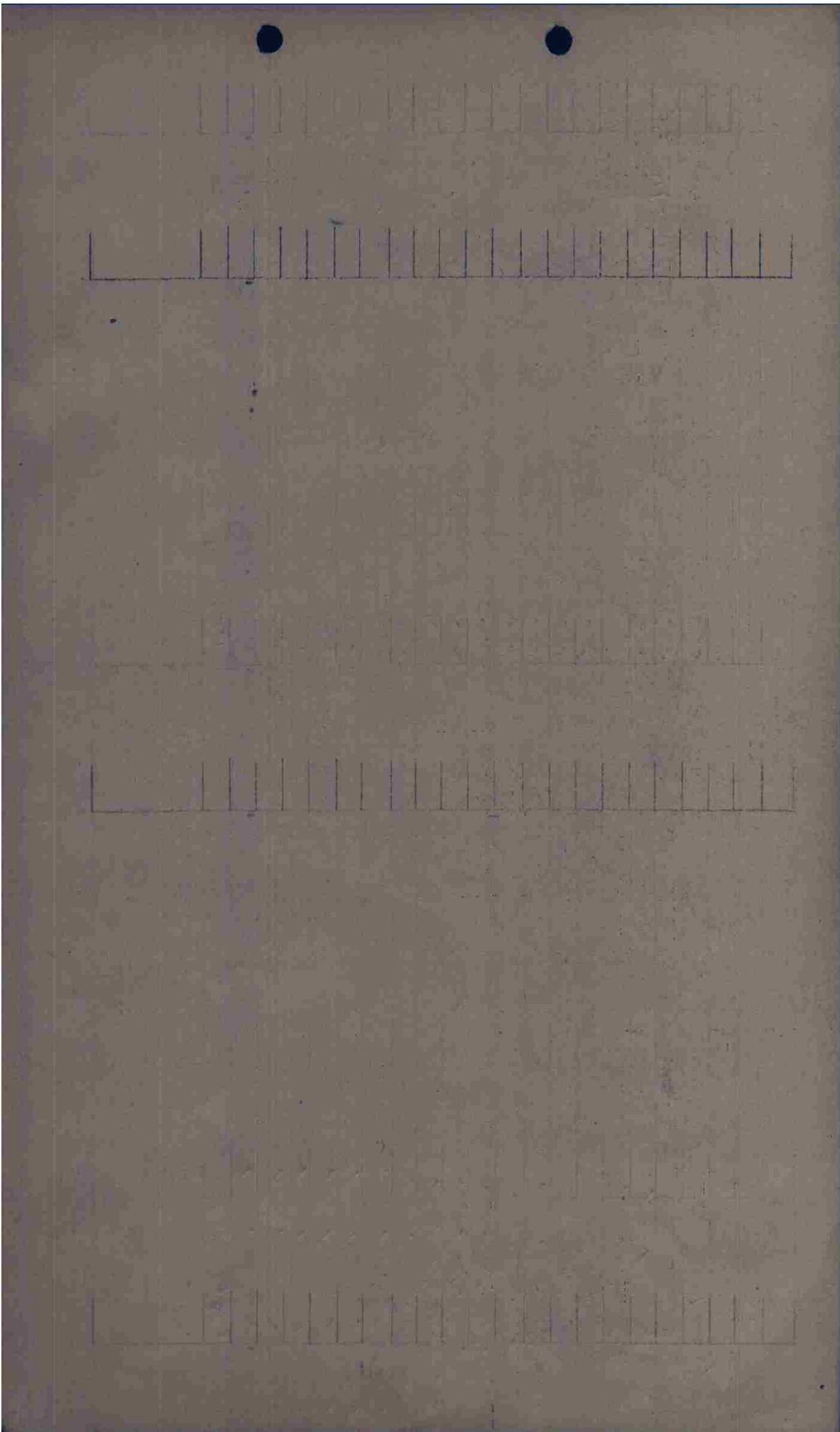
JACK B. GOONEY,
CAPT, AIR CORPS,
SIG O.

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Putt Gentry the Engineer - No. 204010537 from 1817

3 Sept. 1944



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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 03/1200B S-0015-E
 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 COBOMGP 409 (INFO)
 COBOMGP 410 (INFO)
 COBOMGP 416

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 03 SEPTEMBER 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 202-527
 WAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REFERENCE SPECIAL BOMBLINE.
 (2) BEACH HEAD AREA COVER WILL BE FURNISHED FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN FRANCE.

ZERO HOUR 3/1530B

3. A. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) 4805W/J/90
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 BOMBING BY 6.
- (3) BEACH HEAD AREA COVER.
- (4) BASE TO MAIDENHEAD TO BILL OF PORTLAND TO 4834N 0446W TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TO R.P. TO BILL OF PORTLAND TO MAIDENHEAD TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET. LEAVE FRENCH COAST AT BOMBING ALTITUDE.
- (7) 4820N 0447W
- (8) GEN. W TO E.
- (9) M.P.I. ILL: 4805W/54. REF: 047050
- (10) 4 X 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) 4840N 0412W
- (12) TIME OVER TARGET ZERO HOUR.
- (13) EXTREME CARE WILL BE EXERCIZED DURING ATTACK IN ORDER THAT HOSPITAL AT GRID COORD. V-952989 AND V-957989 WILL NOT BE BOMBED.
- (14) NO ALTERNATE TARGET WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION.
- (15) A/C SHORT OF FUEL ON RETURN WILL LAND AT DUNKES WELLS TO REFUEL THEN RETURN TO BASE.

- X. (1) - (3) NO CHANGE.
 (4) DUNKES WELLS.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:
 C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
 (2) MOTHER

- X. GENERAL INFORMATION.
 (10) A B V T / A B V T

COMBOMWIG 97

BT 03/1200B
 EL/WCB/AR

OICOG R.....03/1200B	CHUCK	AR
OIHAK R.....03/1200Z	JB	BBBBBBBBBBBB
OIGOF R.....03/1200B	AG	AR
OIYAA R.....03/1200B	EJ	BD

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OICOG OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI OILAI 04/03 OP
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 03/1452B S-16-E
 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 409TH BOMB GROUP (INFO)
 410TH BOMB GROUP (INFO)
 416TH BOMB GROUP
 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
 SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: LT. COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O 140
 03 SEPTEMBER 1944

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 202-527

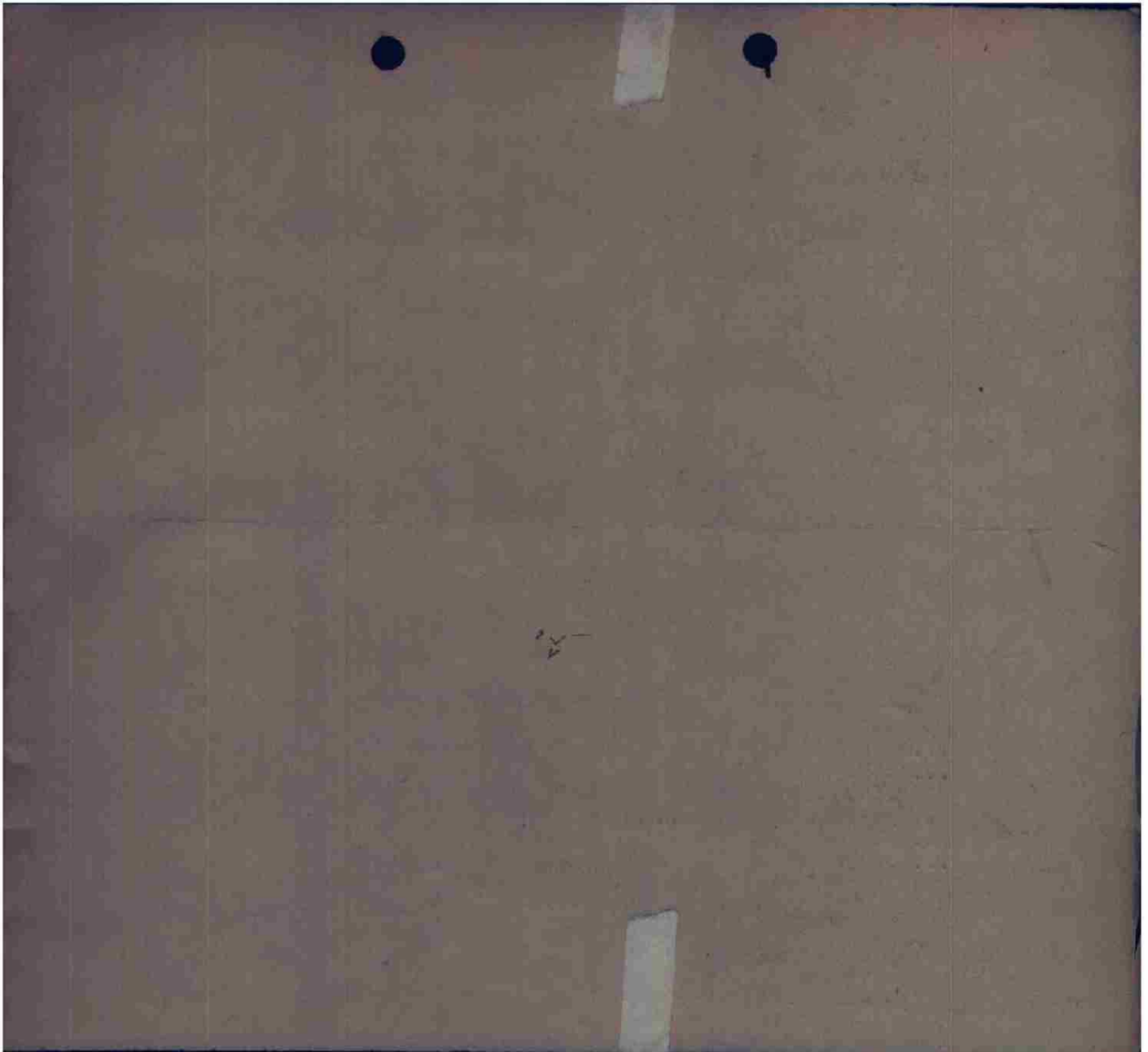
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 03/1600B REPEAT 03/1600B

COMCBTWIG 97

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 AS
 SS
 OICOG R...
 OITAF R...
 OICOG R.....031503 B ANB AR
 OIHAK R...03/-1500B HBB AR KK
 OIYAA R...03/1503 B CU AR
 OIGOF R...03/1503B CEN A

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
TO 416TH BOMB GROUP

ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICER

ADVANCED INFORMATION COPY OF PAR. 5 OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
(2) MOTHER

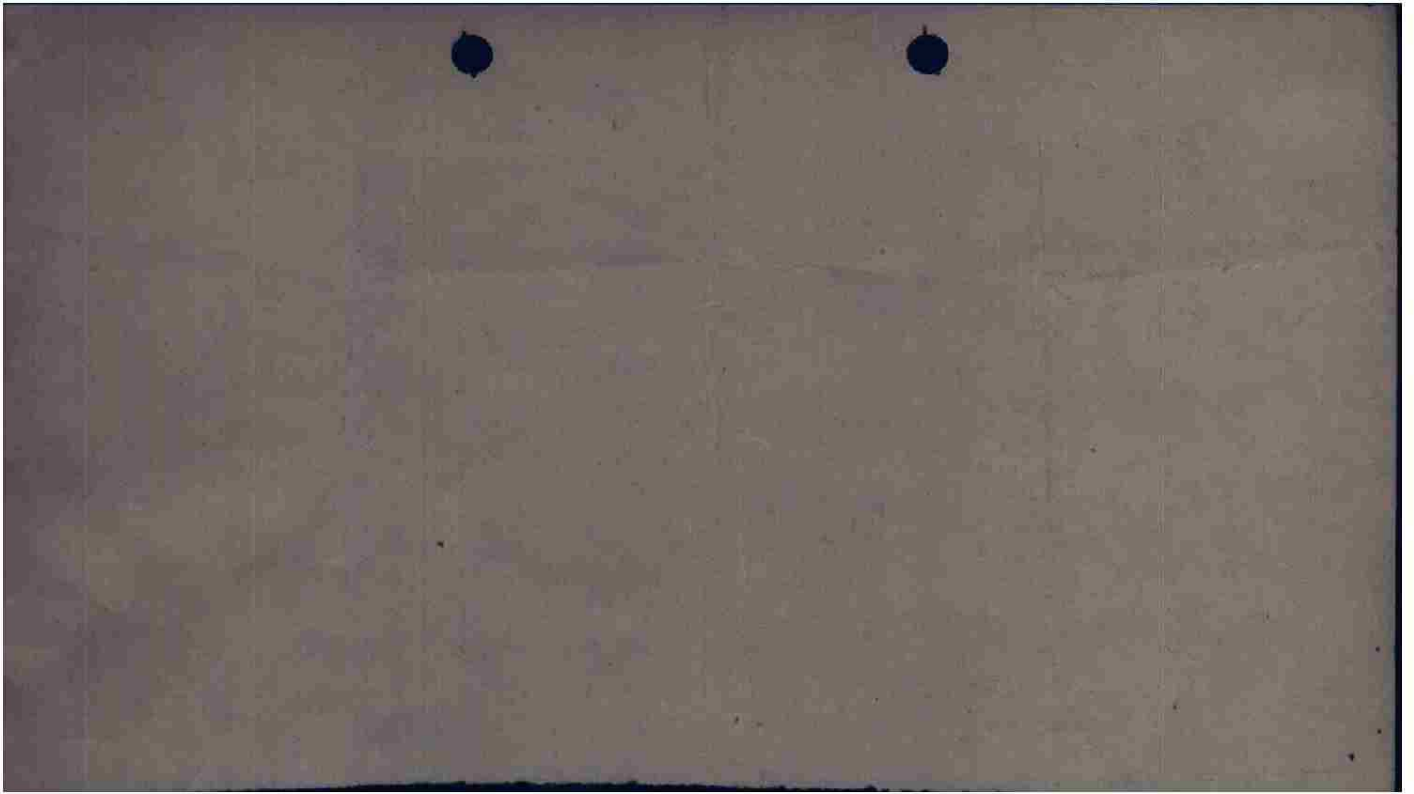
K. GENERAL INFORMATION:
(10) A B V T/A B V T

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OICOG OILAI V YAA YAA 19/3 OP
 FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 03/1940B S-69-D
 TO : HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2
 HQ 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

SECRET QGX BT

REF: MISSION NO. 136

OPFLASH NO. 142 FOR 3 SEPT 1944

A. (1) BREST STRONGPOINT

(2) BREST STRONGPOINT

B. (1) 416TH BG

(2) 11 A-20'S AND 25 A-20G'S

(3) 24 A/C XX FAILED TO BOMB DUE TO CLOUDS OVER TARGET (FLGTS 1,2,3,4).

(4) 12 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY (KKA FLGTS 5 AND 6)

C. (1) 1355

(2) 1613

(3) 1830

D. NIL

ENXX

E. FLIGHTS : 1. DID NOT BOMB - TARGET COVERED BY CLOUDS.
 2. DID NOT BOMB - TARGET COVERED BY CLOUDS.
 3. DID NOT BOMB - TARGET COVERED BY CLOUDS.
 4. DID NOT BOMB - TARGET COVERED BY CLOUDS.
 5. FAIR
 6. FAIR

F. (1) (A) NIL

(B) NIL

(2) (A) NIL

(B) NIL

G. NIL

H. (1) 8/10 CLOUDS , TOPS 8,000 FEET.

(2) 10/10-8/10 CLOUDS OVER CHANNEL, TOPS 8,000 FEET,
 BASE 2,500 FEET.

I. 48 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY.

96 X 500 GP RETURNED.

J. 11,000 FEET.

BT 03/1940B

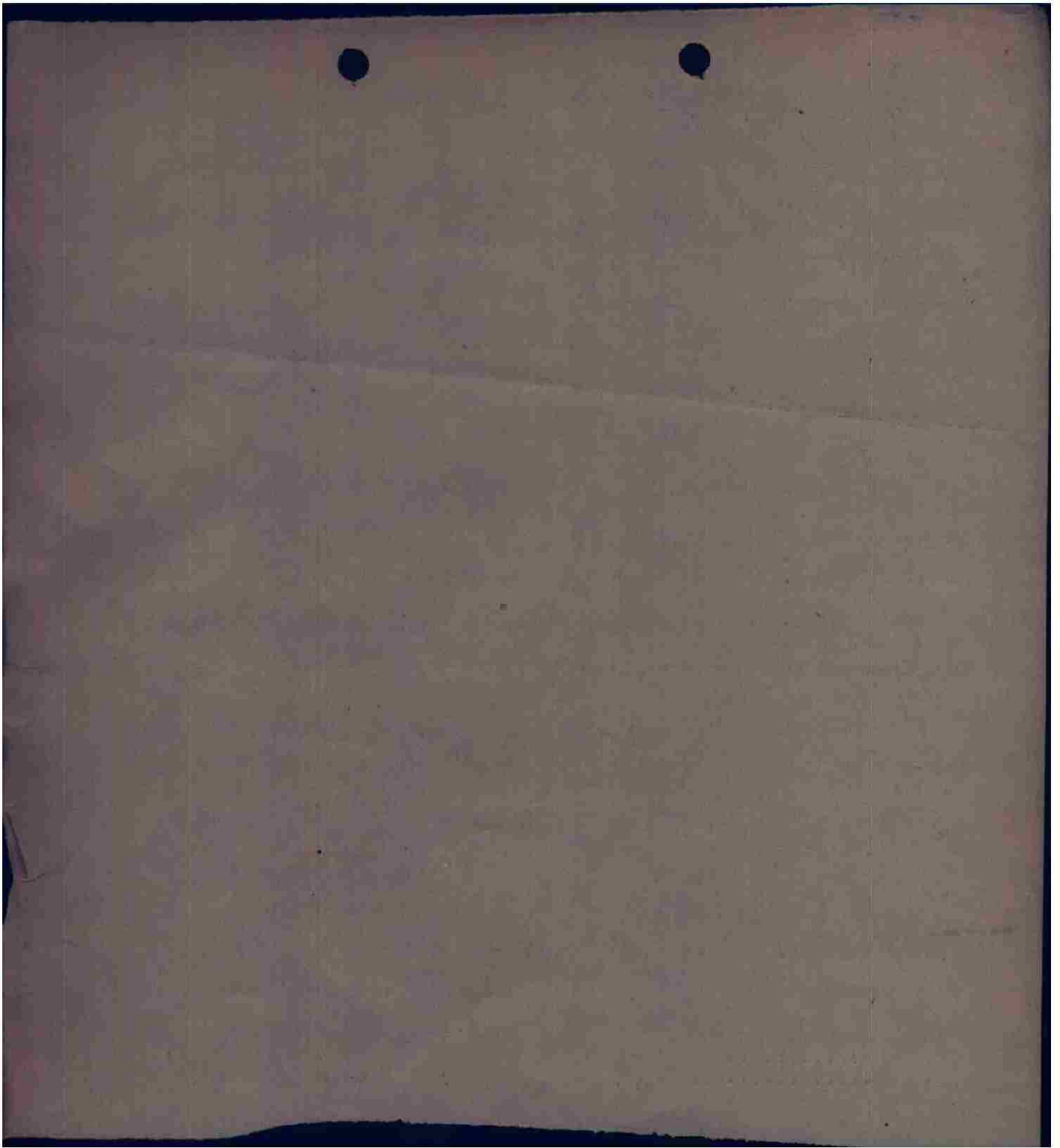
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OICOG R.....03/1XX 03/2005B ME AR

OILAI R.....03/2005B RRR AR

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OICOG V YAA YAO 20/3
T- OIUBA
FROM : HQS 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) 03/2245B S-76-D
TO : HQS IX BOMBER COMMAND
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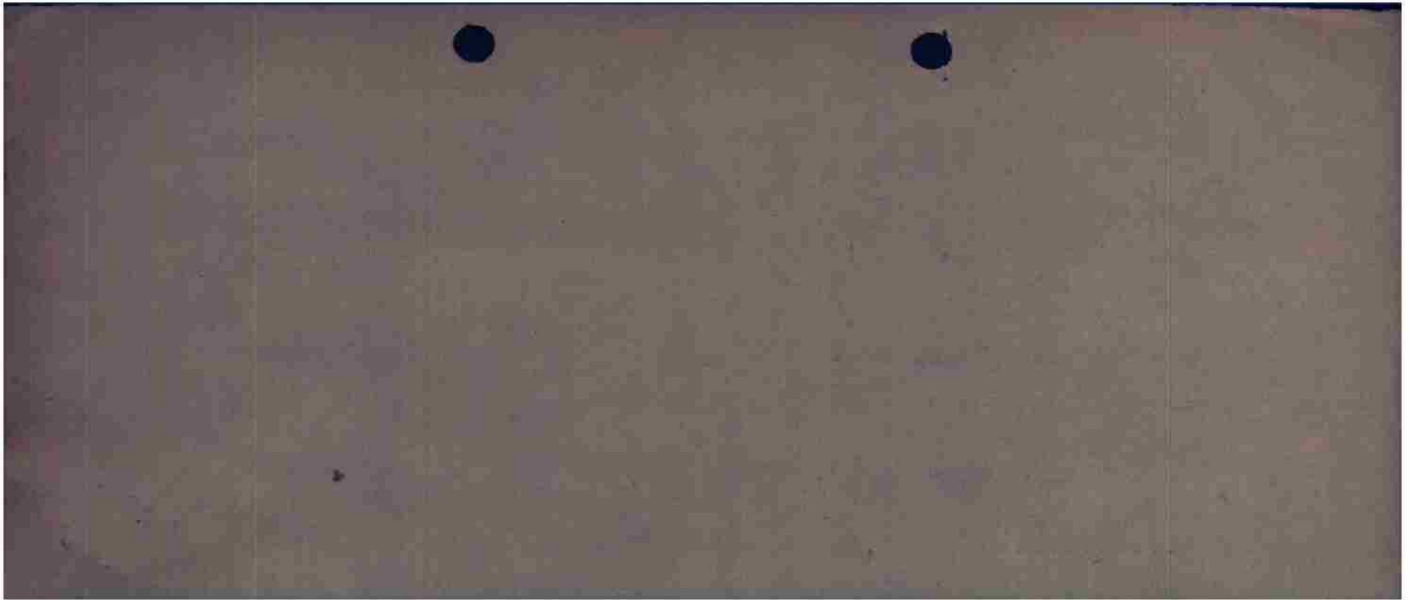
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