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FOUR HUNDRED SIXTYSEVENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

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By authority
GO, GSA, 170
6 Sept 1944
Init. _____

APO 140, U. S. Army,
6 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Combat Mission.

TO : Commanding General, 77th Combat Wing, APO 140, U. S. Army.

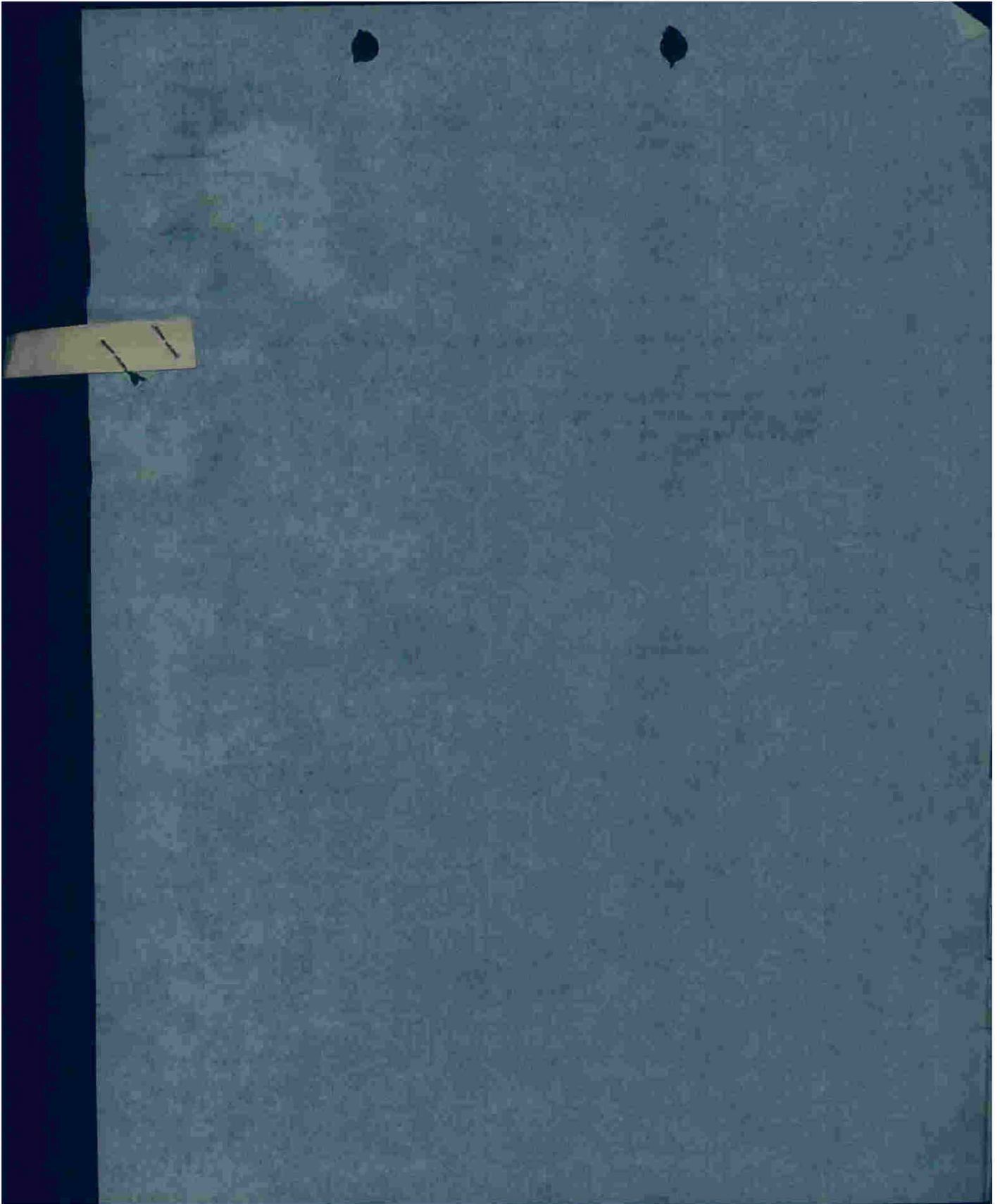
416th Bombardment Group (L),
137th Combat Mission, 5 September 1944,
97th GS FO Number 293 - 330.

1. 38
2. 36
3. 36
4. 2 (Aparos)
5. None
6. 2 Aparos.
7. None.
8. None.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE BOTTENFISH,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

SEP 5 1944
#137



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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 530BOX 1, F20 1 GROUP 616 DATE 5 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED East strongpoints.1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 100°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO X4. Did entire ~~(box)~~ (flight) 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. Aimed at briefed Aiming Point.

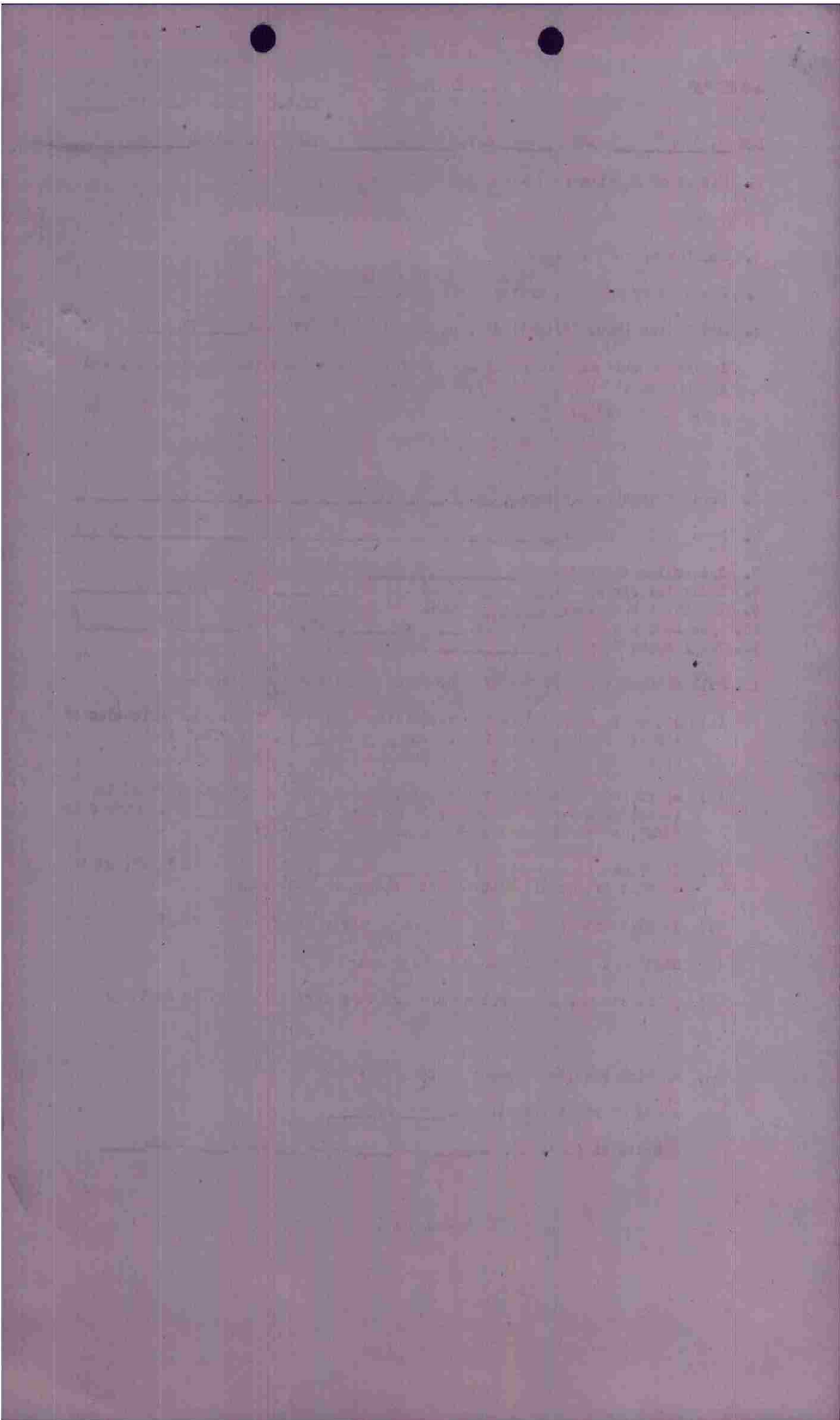
5. Name of lead Bombardier: Ed. J. Muniz6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. H. J. Huff7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 267 Altitude: 120009. Length of bomb run: 20 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: A x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/100 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 24

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. Clouds interfered with bombardier's picking of exact AP. He took a 20 second run and synchronized on what he considered to be AP.
- (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. 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 GROSS X

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C.FIELD ORDER NO. 500BOX 1, 218 2 GROUP 416 DATE 5 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED East Strong-
points.

1. Method of Sighting:

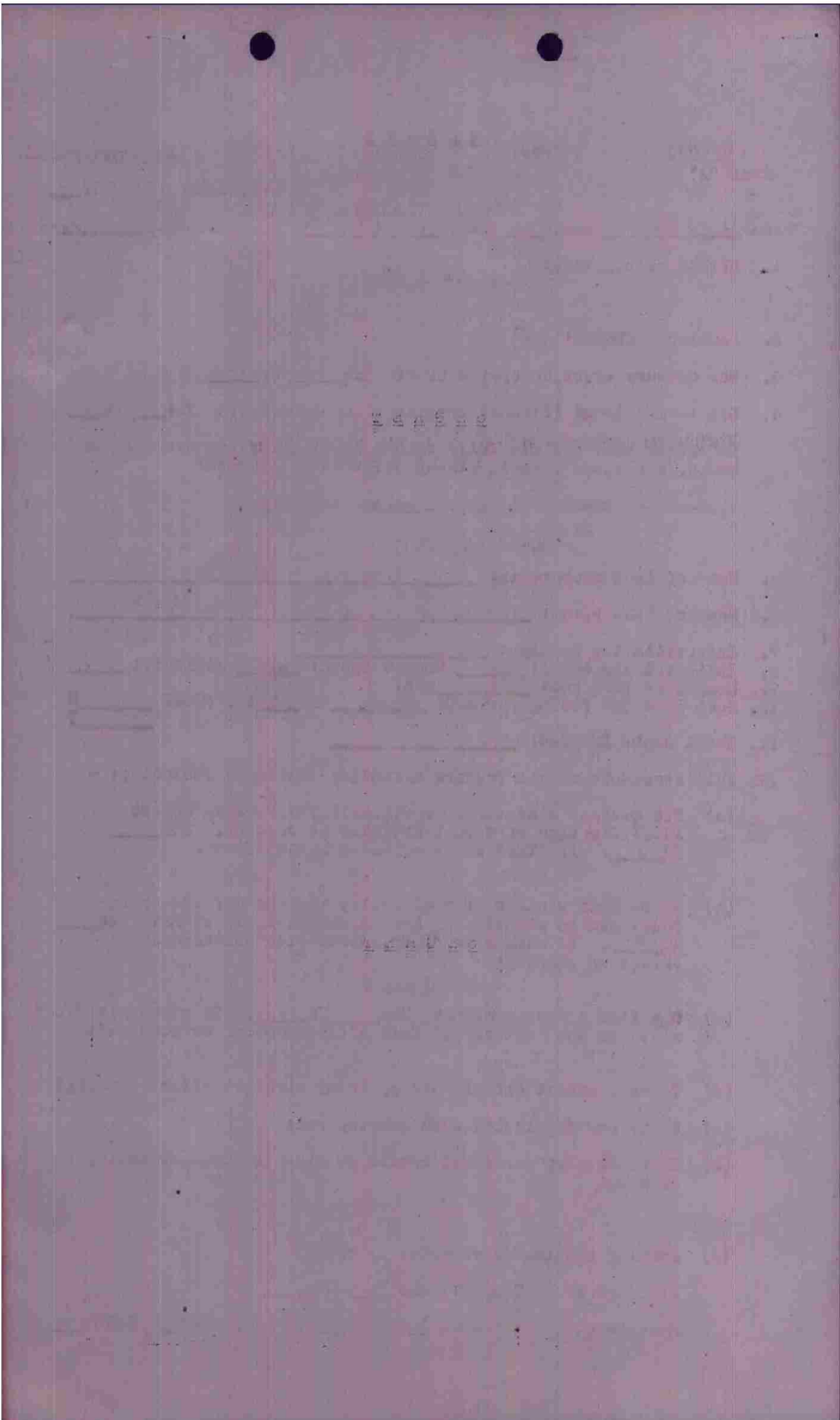
Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 100°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO X4. Did entire (sight) (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO

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. A. H. Maltby6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. C. R. Jackson7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 275 Altitude: 122009. Length of bomb run: 120 Sec: 10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N
1/10-X 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 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 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: 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: EXCEL X GOOD FAIR POOR GROSS



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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 530BOX 2, 212 2 GROUP A16 DATE 5 Nov 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Best Strongpoints.

1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 100°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO X4. Did entire ~~(bomb)~~ (flight) 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. Aimed at briefed Aiming Point.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. A. R. Rand6. Name of lead Pilot: Major R. A. Price7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 270 Altitude: 118009. Length of bomb run: 65 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 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 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: None

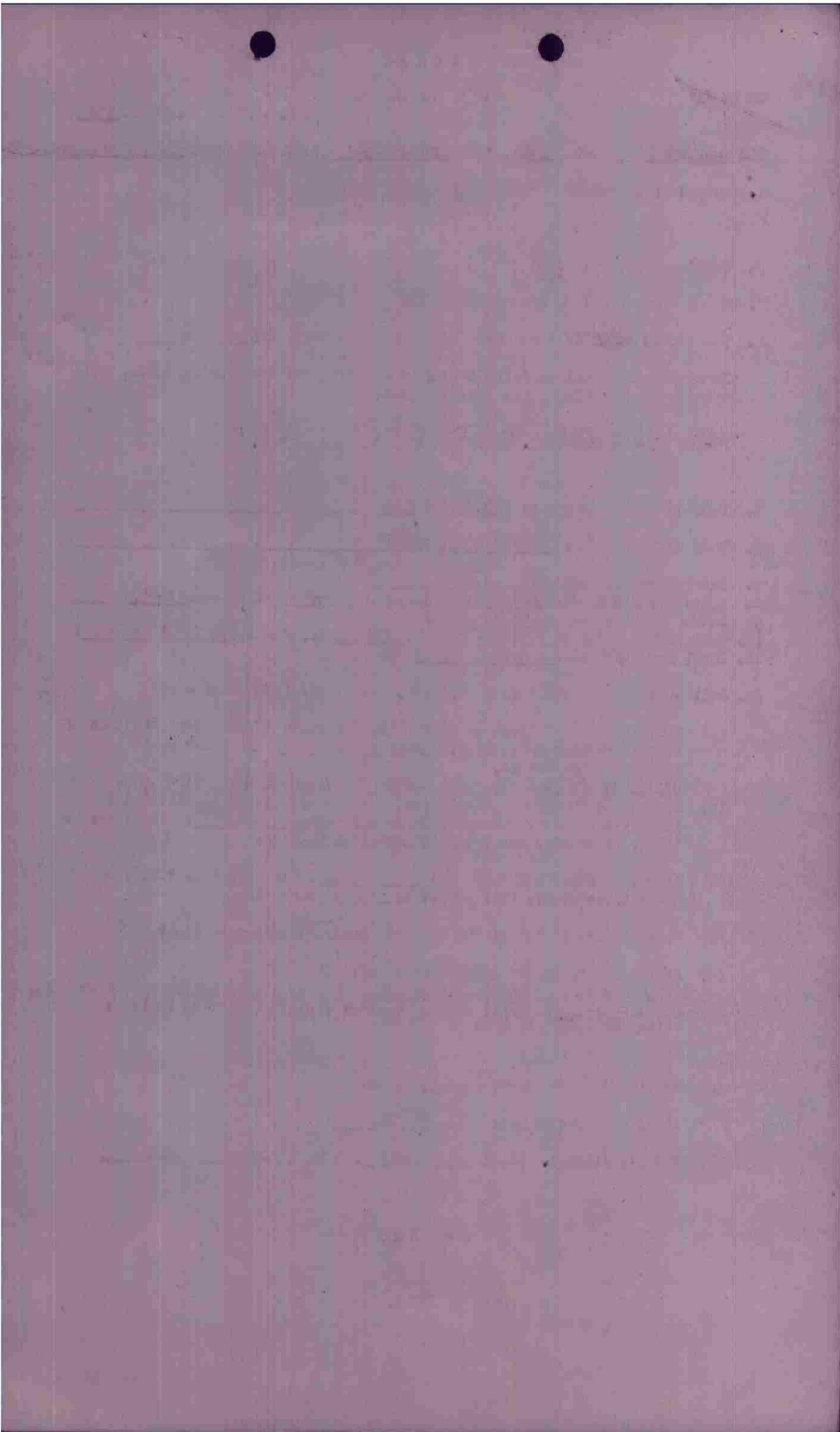
(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO

Results claimed: EXCEL X GOOD FAIR POOR GROSS

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 539BOX 2, file 1 GROUP 416 DATE 5 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Brest Strongpoints.1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 090°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. R. Conte6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. D. A. Hulce7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 285 Altitude: 115009. Length of bomb run: 45 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.

Clouds over target area made sighting difficult. Made second 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:

Clouds obscured target on first run. Made a late correction on second run.

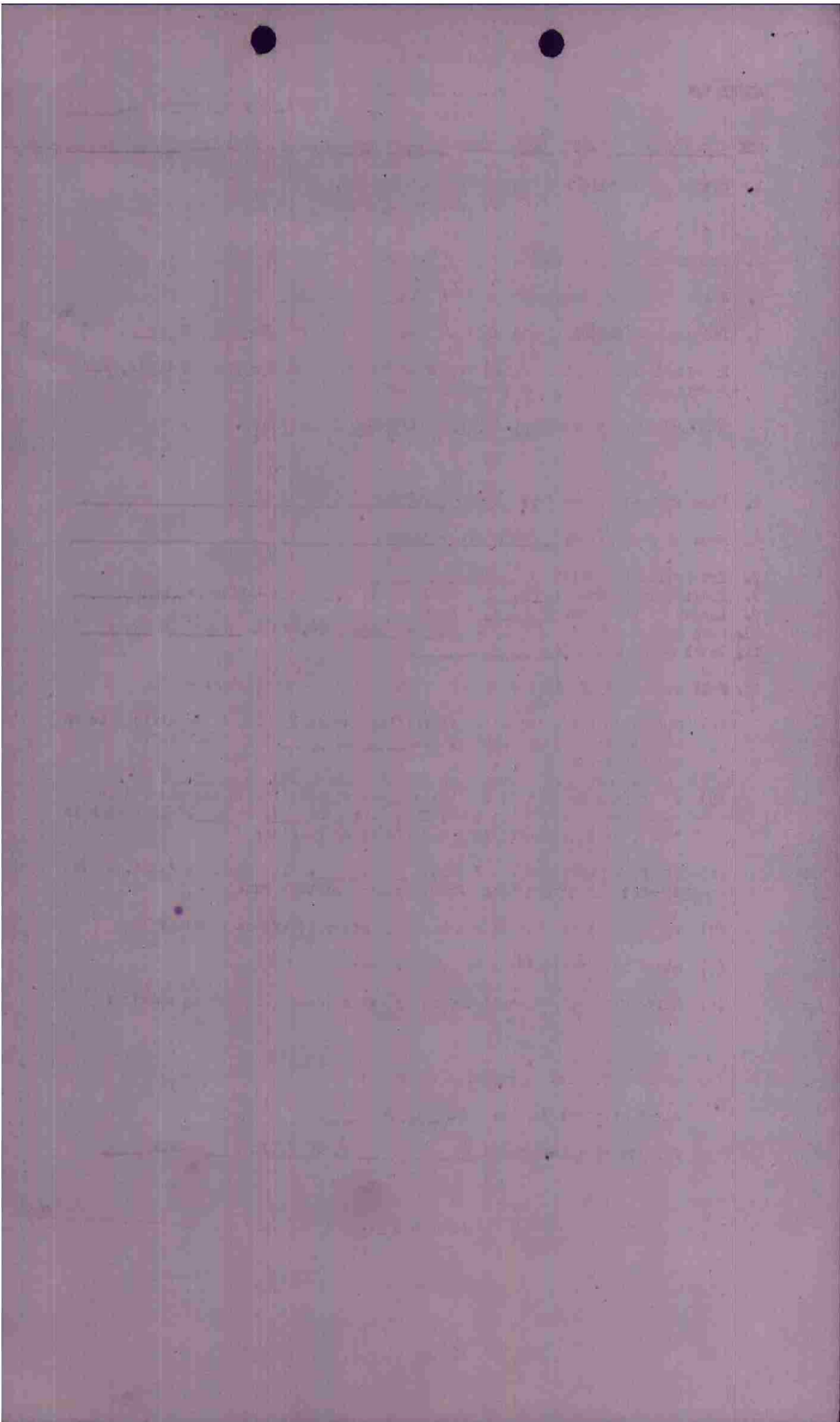
- (f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: Bombardier made a late correction.

- (g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO

Results claimed: EXCEL GOOD FAIR X POOR GROSS

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 530BOX 2, 212 2 GROUP A16 DATE 5 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED East - transport.

1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 092°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO X4. Did entire ~~(bomb)~~ (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: 1st Lt. J. Beck6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. L. A. Marshall7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 230 Ground Speed: 267 Altitude: 117009. Length of bomb run: 50 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/100 T11. 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 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: None

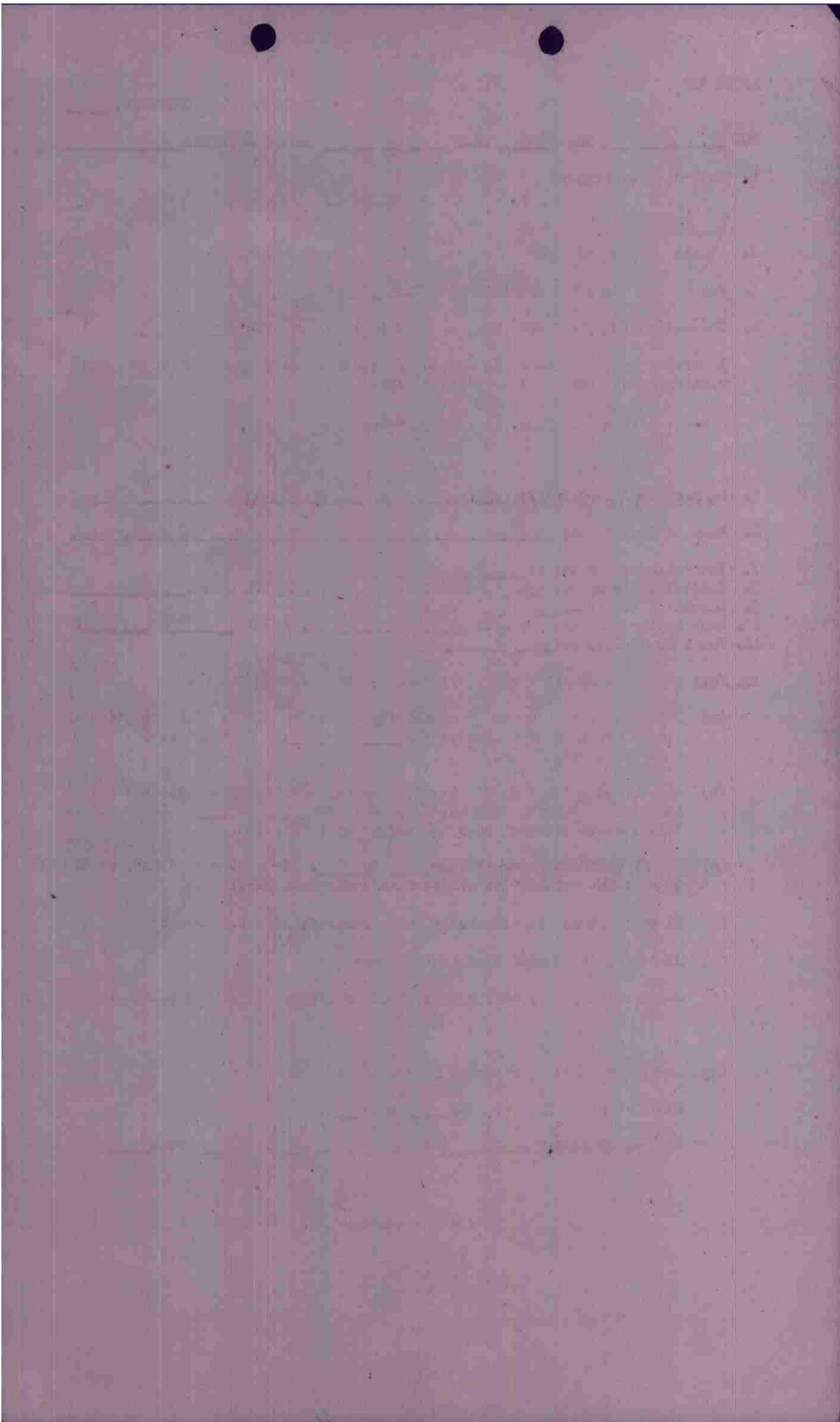
(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO

Results claimed: EXCEL X GOOD FAIR POOR GROSS

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 538BOX 2, 3143 GROUP 416 DATE 5 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Street
Strongpoint

1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 093°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:

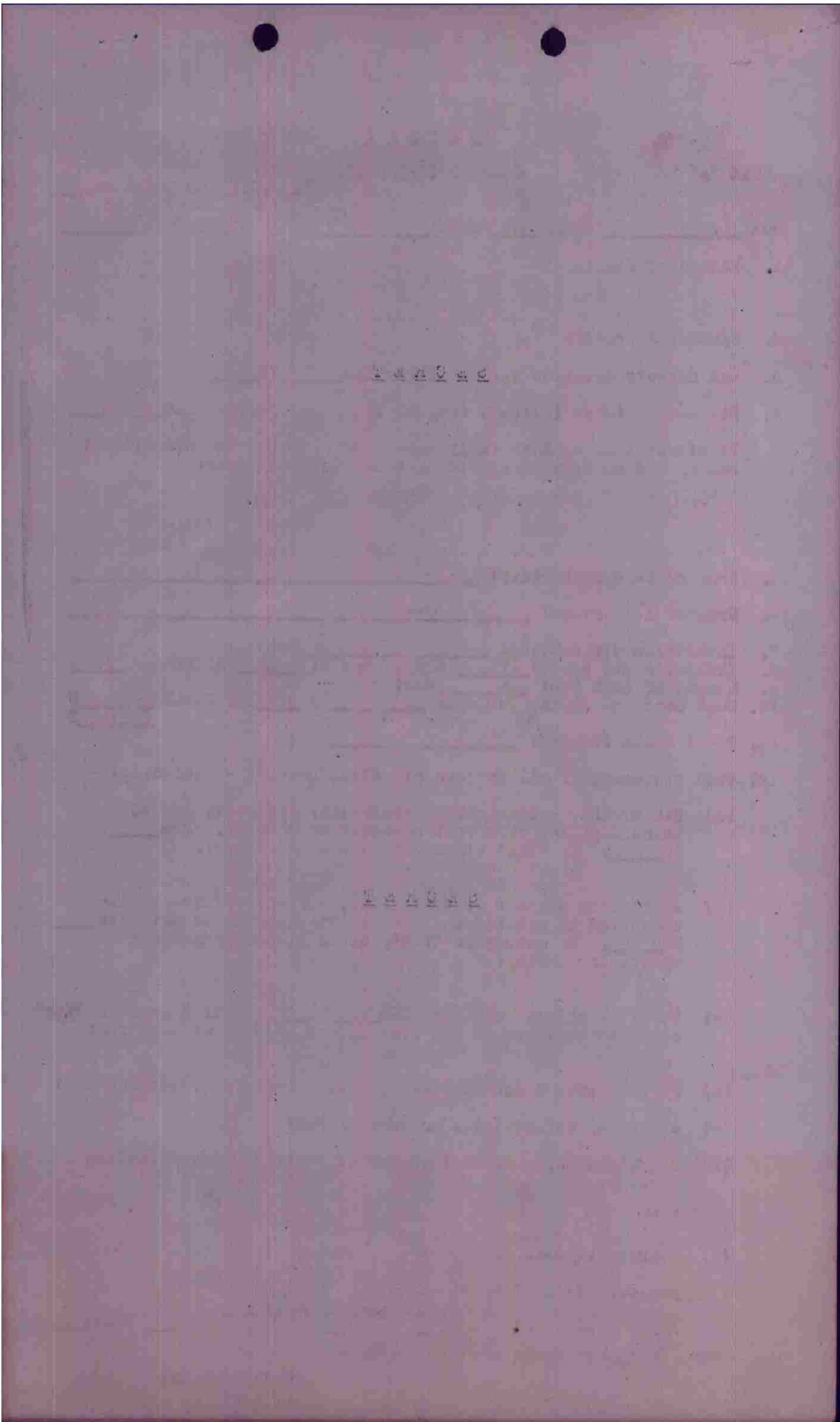
Pre-set with corrections. Aimed at briefed Aiming Point.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. H. J. Bennett6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. H. P. Galt7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 237 Altitude: 115009. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 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 prevented bombardier from completely synchronizing. His cross hairs were riding on AP for 10 seconds, then cloud obscured target preventing further synchronization.(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:
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: EXCEL _____ GOOD _____ FAIR _____ POOR X GROSS _____



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LOADING LIST

5 September 1944

BOX I
FLIGHT I

1. 10135 T
Captain M.J. Huff✓
Lt. J. Kupits✓
Sgt. R.A. Clark H*
Sgt. F.P. Eastford

4. 10180 I
Lt. E.P. Hall✓
Sgt. R.W. Caratona
Sgt. F.P. Sharp

2. 9375 O
Lt. W.F. Tripp✓
S/Sgt. J.O. Scott
S/Sgt. L.B. Kemper

5. 9900 Q
Lt. R.B. Robertson✓
S/Sgt. M.W. Ghent✓
Sgt. C.L. Reiter

3. 21717 P
Lt. W.J. Greene✓
Lt. J.R. Nichols✓
S/Sgt. J.A. Ochaba
S/Sgt. W.F. Colbert

6. 9929 C
Lt. E.L. Miller✓
Cpl. J.F. Malloy *
Sgt. J.M. Pemberton

FLIGHT II

1. 22063 A
Captain C.R. Jackson✓
Lt. A.H. Maltby✓
Sgt. D.E. Burns
Cpl. A.C. Baile

4. 9217 E
Lt. H.B. Hall✓
S/Sgt. D.S. Blackford *
S/Sgt. L.C. Burger

3. 21437 W
Lt. D.F. Shea✓
Lt. O.R. Koch✓
S/Sgt. C.D. Evans *
S/Sgt. T.A. Palmer

5. 9224 E
Lt. T.B. Merritt✓
Sgt. J.A. Munner
S/Sgt. R.J. Gatti

3. 9452 Q-1
Lt. P.G. Atkinson✓
Lt. D.G. Akerson✓
S/Sgt. J.C. Swafford
S/Sgt. P.F. Glynn

6. 9380 N
Lt. D.B. Grunig✓
Cpl. J.L. Collier
Sgt. M.E. Dias

FLIGHT III

1. 9444 J
Major R.A. Price✓
Lt. A.M. Hand✓
S/Sgt. J.H. Roberts
S/Sgt. F. Naifeh

4. 9192 C-1
Lt. R.D. Leasher✓
S/Sgt. H.R. Hedrick
Sgt. S.L. Heitell

2. 10176 T-1
Lt. E.B. Kreh✓
Sgt. E. Shelton
S/Sgt. D.R. Schenck

5. 21764 X
Lt. H.M. Evans✓
Sgt. C. Sheens
Sgt. O.M. Merritt

3. 10210 Q-2
Lt. R.G. Meredith✓
S/Sgt. A.A. Hill *
S/Sgt. R.W. MacDonald *

6. 9307 O-1
Lt. G.J. Andersen✓
Sgt. P.G. Euga
Sgt. E.L. Schafer *

SPARE

21760

Z
Lt. J.F. Kenny
Sgt. L.V. Metzler
Sgt. J.J. Sitterton

Returned
Early
as Bridged

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LOADING LIST
BOX 11
FLIGHT 1

5 SEPT. 1944

1. 21469 J
CAPT D A HULSE ✓
LT R COFFE ✓
S/S F D ALLRED
S/S D W STEPHENS

2. 9689 I
LT E J HENTH ✓
S/S O D LANAVE
SGT R A WOLBER *

3. 9202 B
LT J E FLOMEREN ✓
SGT L R FLEMING
S/S H BOUKACHE

4. 21961 P
LT T BOUKAMP ✓
S/S D R ABRICIA
SGT W W DONNELLY *

5. 9692 M
LT J F SMITH ✓
S/S C VARIADIS
S/S R C HOFFMAN

6. 9743 W
LT J F ALLEN ✓
SGT L R GERGEN
SGT C W VEAZEY

FLIGHT 11

1. 21711 S
CAPT L A MARZOLF ✓
LT S T BECK ✓
S/S H E WELLIN
LT T W SAMPSON *

2. 9914 X
LT F W DEMAND ✓
LT A C BURNS ✓
S/S R J TROMER
S/S C W MIDDLETON

3. 9956 Z
LT R W YORK ✓
S/S R J WILDS
S/S L A WSHTON

4. 10214 C
LT R C MOREHOUSE ✓
S/S L A ZYCHEL
S/S A J BURGESS

5. 9221 F
LT E E HERMAN ✓
S/S A D GARRETT
S/S J O YOUNG *

6. 9937 P-1
LT J J LACKOVICH ✓
SGT I M BARRY
SGT T CONNERY H *

FLIGHT 111

1. 22065 E
LT H P COLE ✓
LT R J BAGNETT ✓
S/S F R CHVATAL
S/S B G FANDRE *

2. 9714 N
LT D L WITHINGTON ✓
SGT C P BUSS
SGT L D MC ELHATTAN

3. 9719 J-1
LT W H ALES ✓
SGT H S FESSLER
SGT R J BROWN *

4. 9393 K
LT R D PERKINS ✓
S/S V N SHERRY
S/S R H LINNEMAN

5. 9951 P-1
LT D M EASTMAN ✓
CPL R J JOHNSON
CPL A D EATON H *

6. 9493 V
LT A REMBESZEWSKI ✓
CPL J H MIGUEZ
CPL F DI ORIO

10211 SPARE
LT H POENEY
SGT W E ARNETT
SGT S Candler
Returned Early
Saw Briefed

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5 Sept. 1944

OPERATION PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

416 BG S _____ E

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"J" FORM OPERATIONAL

CLEARANCE F-3

5 SEPTEMBER 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR R.A. CLARK

A.

B. 1740

C. BILL OF PORTLAND

D. BOX I . . R/T BESTMAN ONE

669 5 T, O, I, Q, C

670 6 A, W, Q-1, D, E, N

668 7 J, T-1, Q-2, C-1, X, O-1, P

668 1 SPARE Z

GROUP LEADER 669 T

DEPUTY 670 A

BOX II . . R/T BESTMAN TWO

669 5 J, B, P, M, W

671 16 S, X, Z, C, F, B-1, E, N, J-1, K, P-1, V

670 1 I

670 1 SPARE O

SECOND BOX LEADER 669 J

DEPUTY 671 S

E. 12,000

F. PORBPODER

G. 1832

H. 13 MINUTES

J. PLOUESCAT

K. SELSEY BILL

L. 1934

M. 1. T.O. . . 1609 . . E.T.D. . . 1629 . . E.T.A. . . 2003

2. 4 x 500 G.P.

3. 4 HOURS

4. BOX I . . V939989

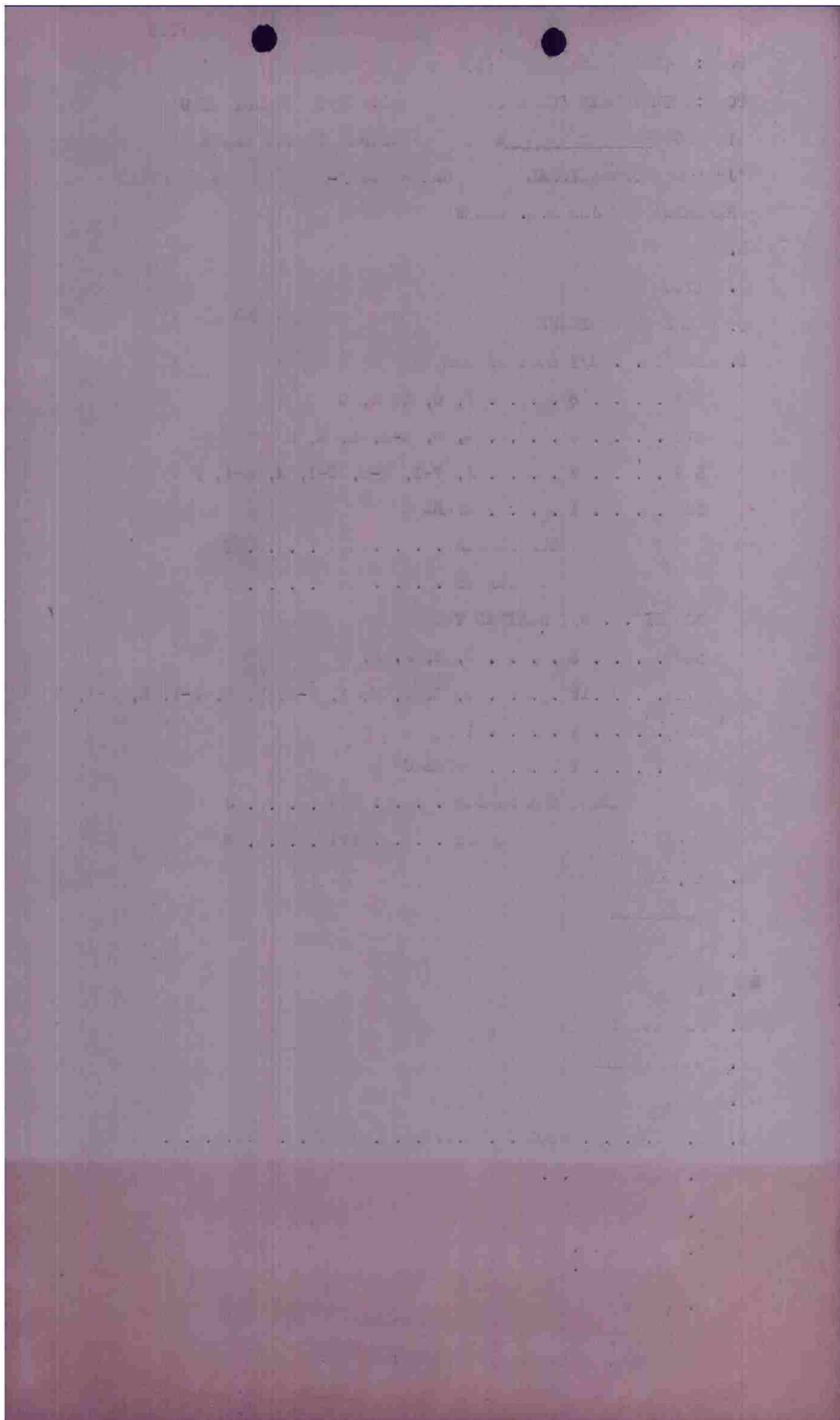
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5. NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

JOHN M. BONURA,
1st Lt., Air Corps,



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CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: COBOMGR 416

TO : COMCBTWIG 97 ATT: SIG O

A - YS - 137

B - 6 SEPT 1944

C - 36 A/C

D - 670 - F - VHF RECEIVER WEAK, RETUNED AND CHECKED OKAY.

E - LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON USED.

F - NONE.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

OFFICIAL:

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

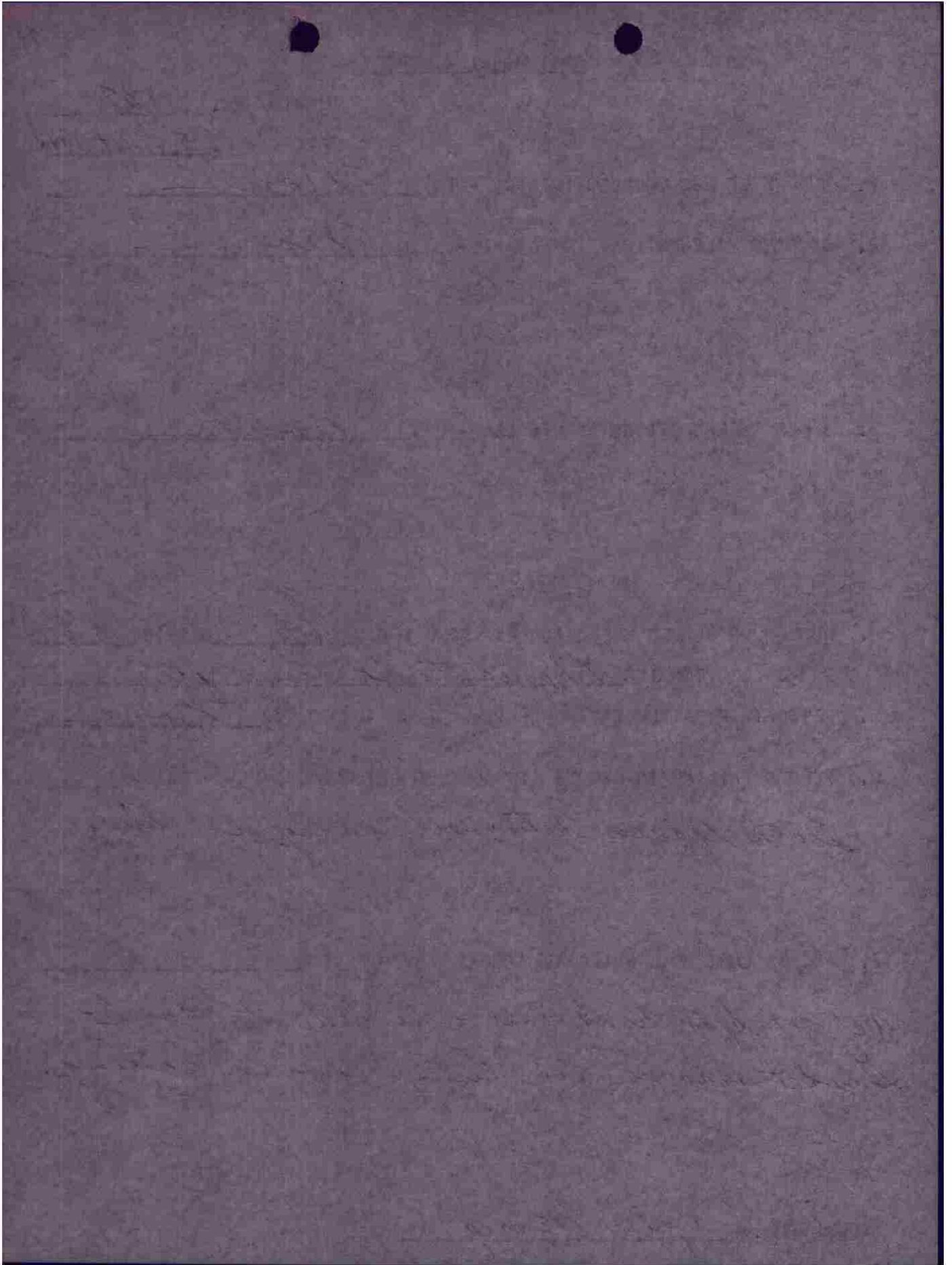
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6. PLANES FAILING TO BECOME AIRBORNE OR RETURNING EARLY - REASON _____

Both planes returned early as briefed

7. PLANES LOST OR LANDING AWAY FROM BASE - REASON _____

Alt* 217 - Sgt. C. L. Hall - Landed at Ford -
Basket around air pump was leaking.(SUBMITTED BY Cpl Henry)

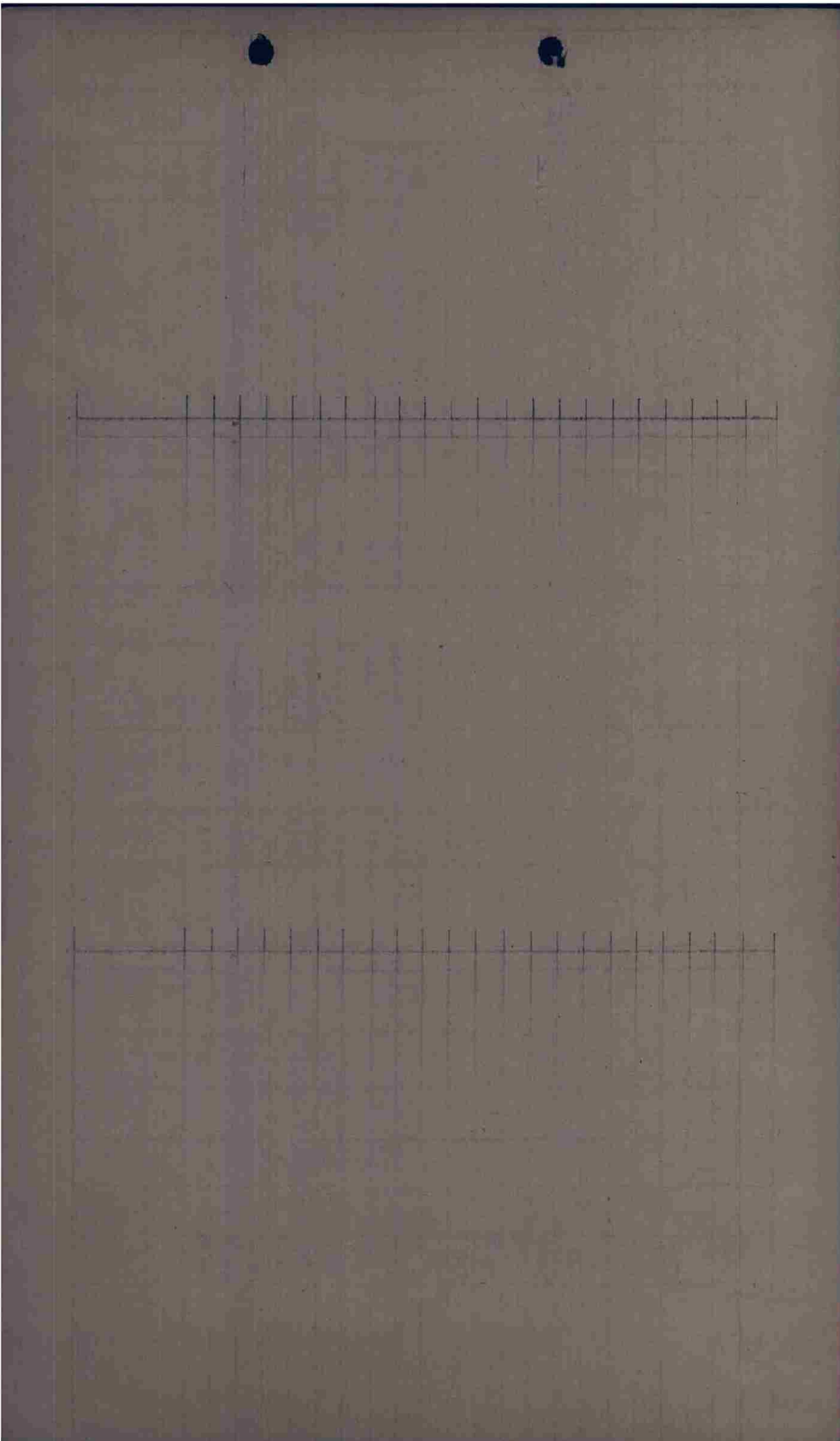


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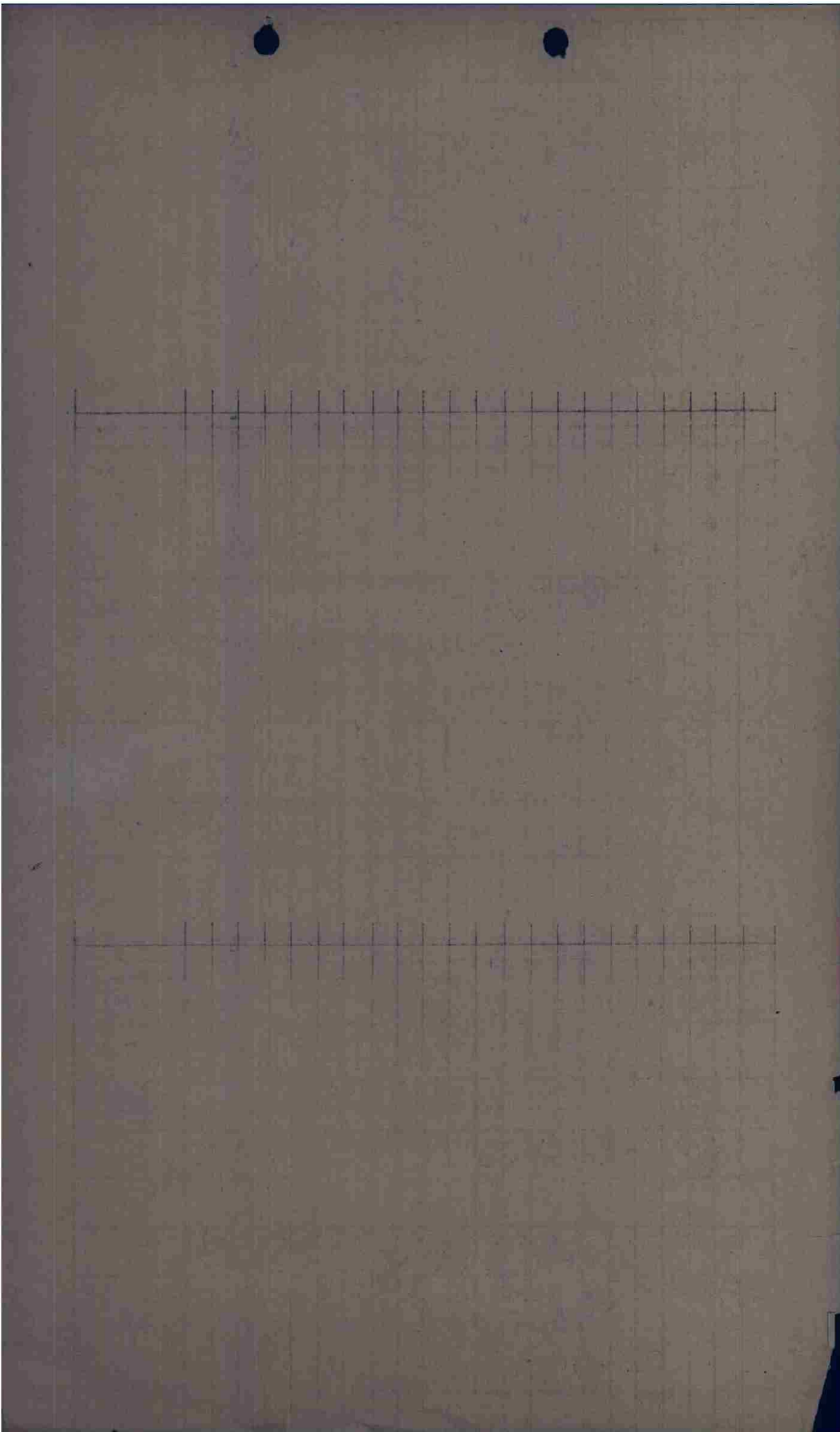
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 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING S-019-E 05/0005B
 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 409TH BOMB GROUP
 416TH BOMB GROUP
 410TH BOMB GROUP

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 05 SEPT. 44

MAPS NORMAL

FIELD ORDER NO. 203-530

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMB LINE
 (2) THERE WILL BE BEACH HEAD ALLIED AREA COVER FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN THE BREST AREA.

ZERO HOUR 05/0930B

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) BREST: COORD. V-954992 COORD. V-923983
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 4805W/56 1 BOX ON REF. 118042.
 ILL. 4805W/57 1 BOX ON REF. 057062
- (10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. 1 BOX ON ILL. 4805W/56 FUSED 1/10 SEC.
 NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL 1 BOX ON ILL. 4805W/57 FUSED
 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) BREST: COORD. V-954992 COORD. V-923983
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 4805W/56 1 BOX ON REF. 118042 ILL. 4805W/57
 1 BOX ON REF. 057062
- (10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. 1 BOX ON ILL. 4805W/56 FUSED 1/10 SEC.
 NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL 1 BOX ON ILL. 4805W/57 FUSED 1/10
 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) BREST: COORD. V-939989 COORD. V-914986
- (9) M.P.I. 1 BOX ON ILL. 4805W/56 REF. 078041 1 BOX ON GRID
 COORD. V-914986
- (10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED : 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MIN.

- X. (1) - (3) NO CHANGE
 (4) IN EVENT OF GAS SHORTAGE, A/C MAY LAND AT TANGMERE OR FORD TO REFUEL AND RETURN TO BASE.
 ✓(5) A/C REQ. 2 BOXES OF 18 BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
 (6) ROUTE OUT BASE TO MAIDENHEAD TO BILL OF PORTLAND TO 4840N 0355W TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 (7) ROUTE BACK TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO SELSEY BILL TO MAIDENHEAD TO BASE.
 (8) ALTITUDE BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET CROSS FRENCH COAST OUT AT BOMBING ALTITUDE.
 (9) I.P. 4817N 0412W
 (10) AXIS OF ATTACK GENERALLY SE TO NW
 (11) R.P. 4834N 0419W
 ✓(12) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACK ON THIS MISSION PRIMARY TARGETS WILL NOT BE BOMBED UNLESS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED
 ✓(13) THE 416TH GROUP WILL TAKE OFF AT LEAST 10 MIN. BEFORE 410TH GROUP.
 ✓(14) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED DURING ATTACKS IN ORDER THAT HOSPITALS AT COORD. V-932959 AND V-937929 WILL NOT BE BOMBED.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) MANGO

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) CIRCLE

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) BESTMAN

X. GENERAL INFORMATION.

(10) BATV/BATV

(11) EMERGENCY HOMING ON CONTINENT

S.O.P. CHANNEL C/C STORETIN

CHANNEL B/D SWEEPSTAKE

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DT 05/0005B

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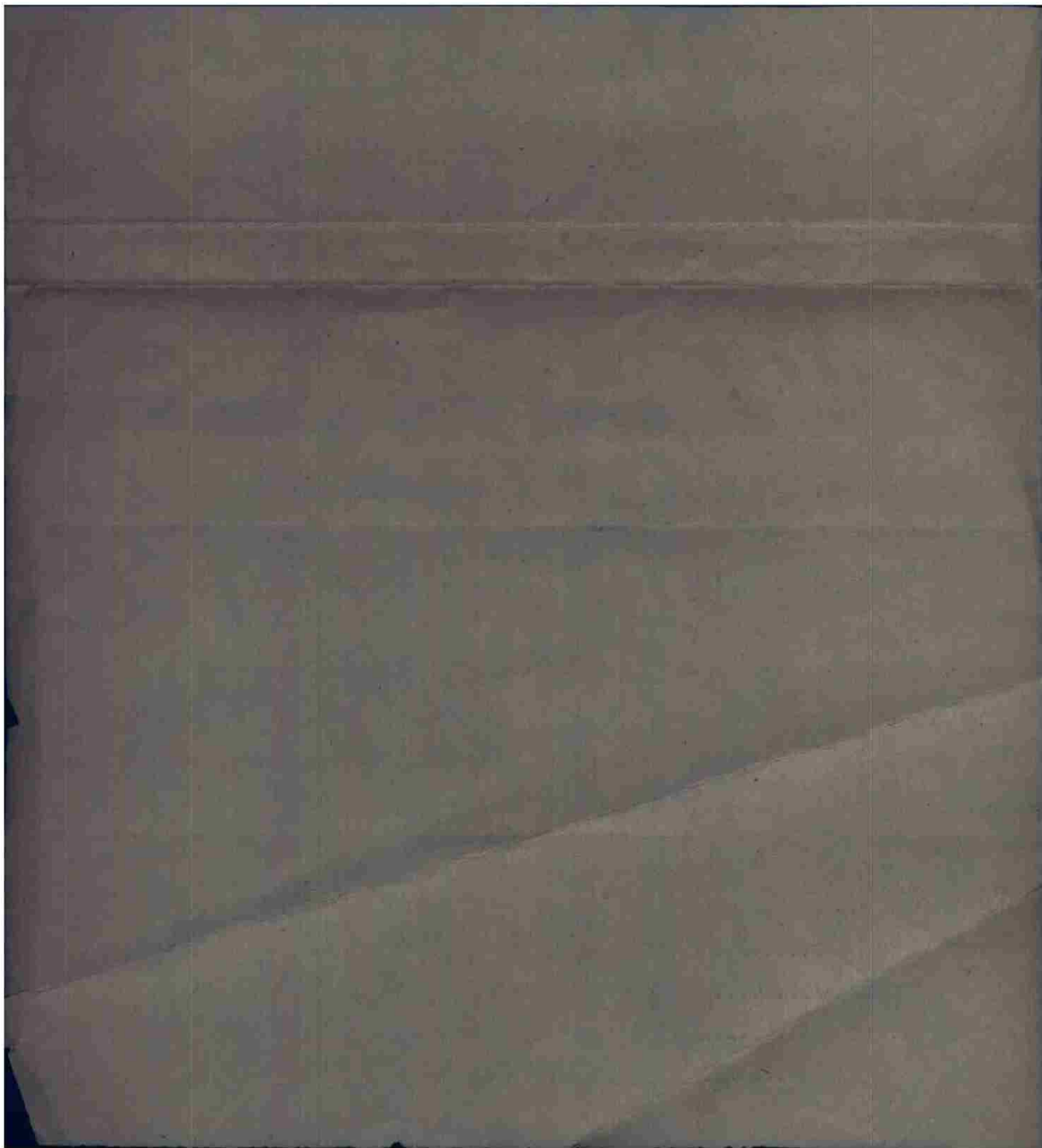
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OICOG OIYAA OIHAK OIGOF V OILAI OILAI 2/05 -OP-

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING S-020-E 05/0230B
TO COMBOMCON IX
410TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP
409TH BOMB GROUP

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ANNEX NO.1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 203-530

CHANGE ZERO HOUR (REPEAT) CHANGE ZERO HOUR TO READ 05/0900B

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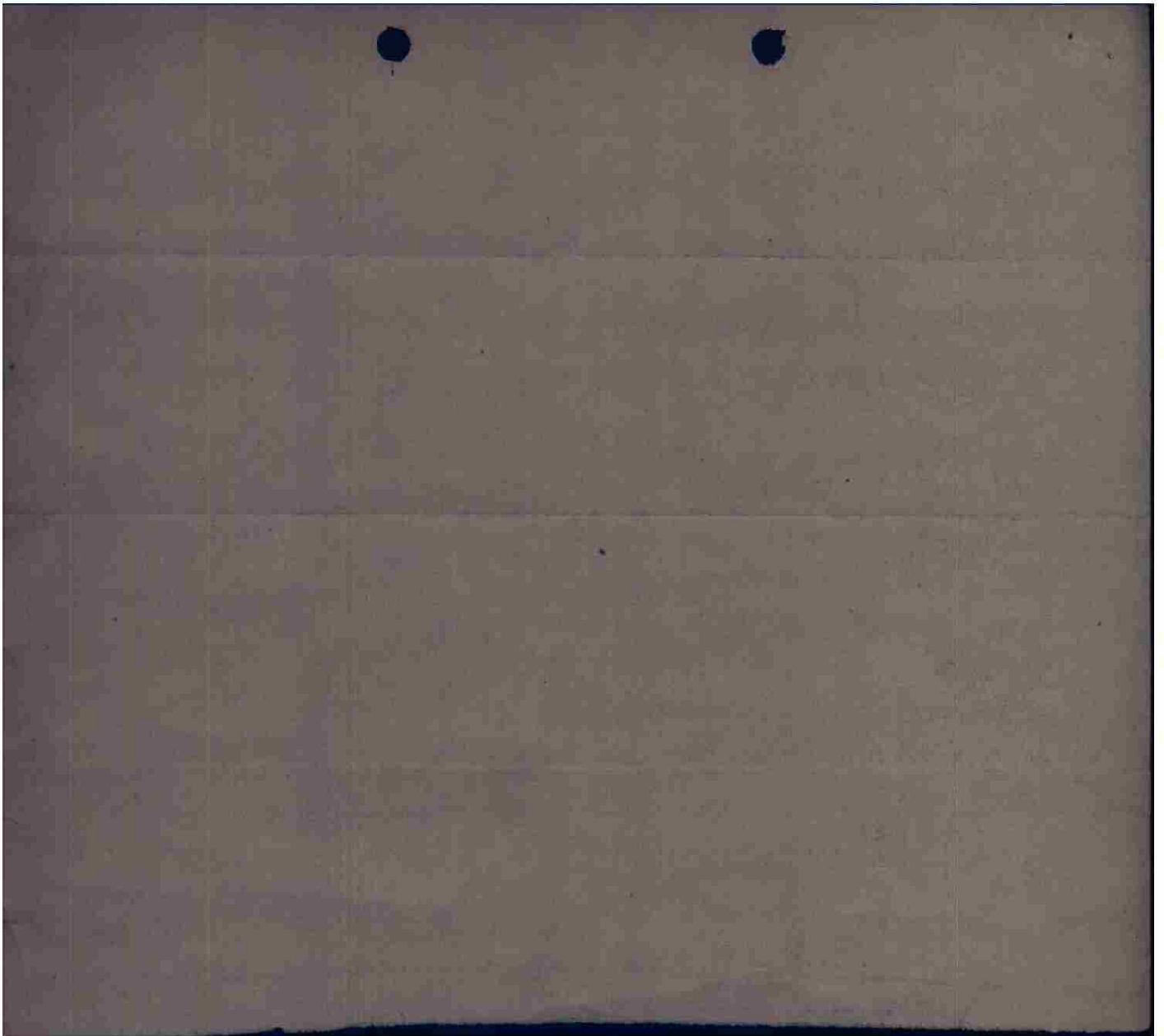
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OIYAA OILAI R.....05/0232B EJ AR K



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CICOG OIVAA OIHAN OIGOF V OILAI OILAI 3/89 OP
FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING S-891-E 05/0630D
TO COMBOMCON IX
409TH BOMB GROUP
410TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP

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APO 145
05 SEPT. 44

ANNEX NO.2 TO FIELD ORDER NO.203-233

CHANGE ZERO HOUR (REPEAT) CHANGE ZERO HOUR TO READ: 05/1100D

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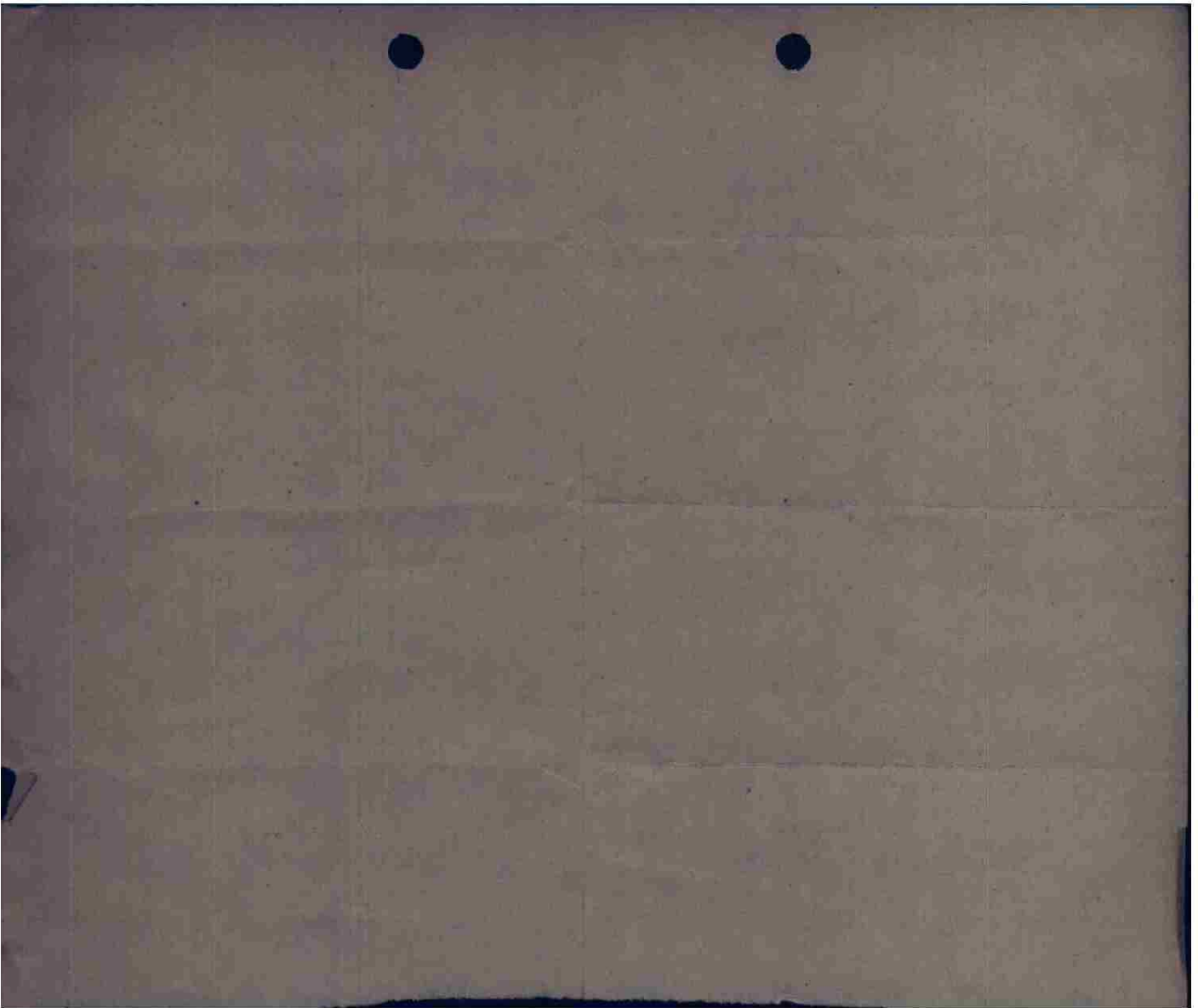
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419TH BOMB GROUP.

05/1237D

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ANNEX NO. 3 TO FIELD ORDER 203-530

CHANGE ZERO HOWE TO READ 05/1030D RPT 05/1030D

AMEND PARA. 3. X. (6) TO READ:
ROUTE OUT: BASE TO MAIDENHEAD TO BILL OF PORTLAND TO 4031N
0445W TO I.P. TO TARGET.

AMEND PARA. 3. X. (7) TO READ:
ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO I.P. TO SELSEY BILL TO
MAIDENHEAD TO BASE.

AMEND PARA. 3. X. (9) TO READ:
I.P. - 4021N 0452W

AMEND PARA. 3. X. (10) TO READ:
AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY W TO E.

---CONCERNING 97---

BT 05/1237D

EM/AR

ALL STNS HOLD F/K/W/R

OICOG K WITH R

OICOG / OILAI R.....05/1203D CTR

OIHAK K WITH R

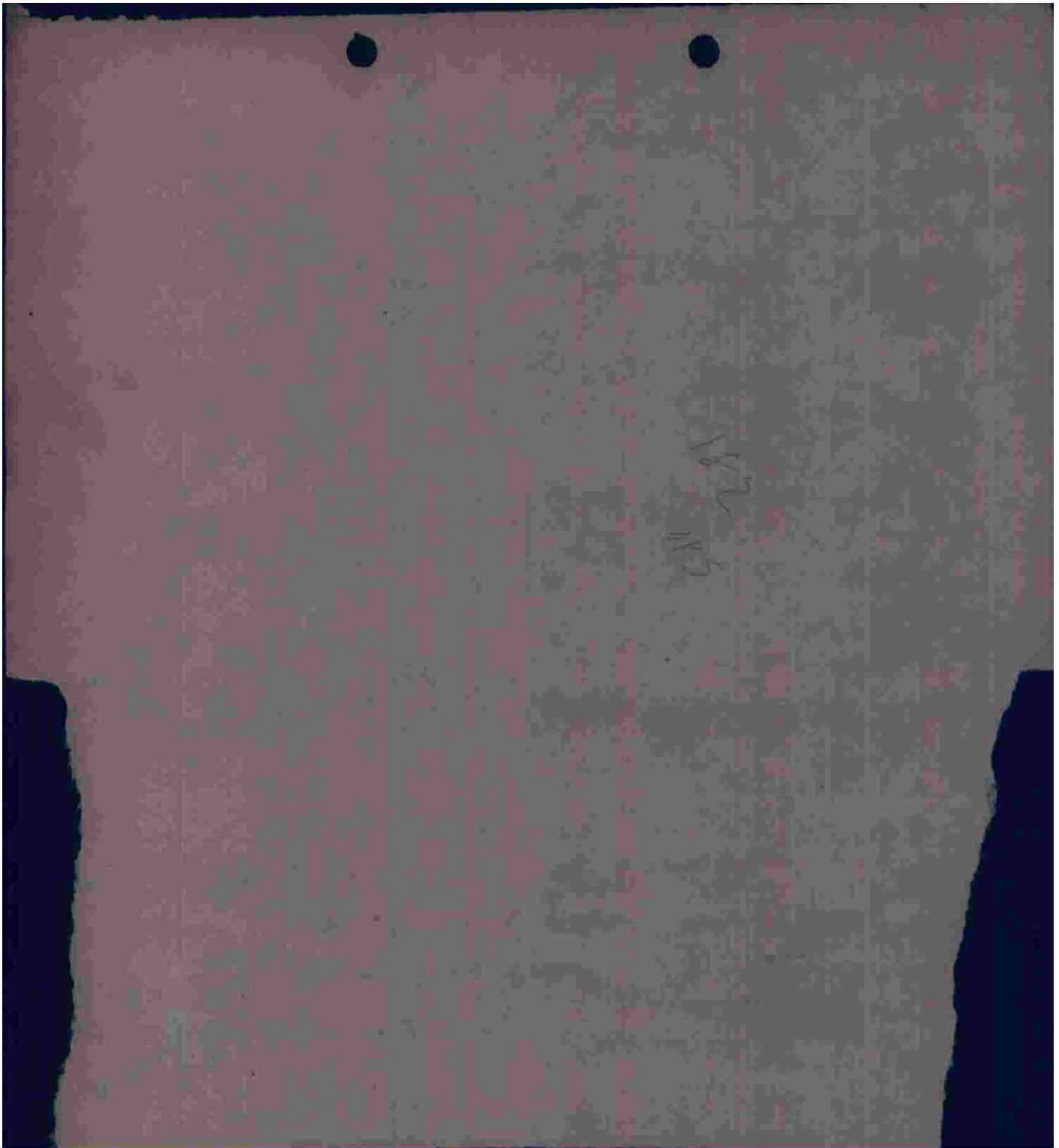
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OIYAA K WITH R

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OIGOF K WITH R

OIGOF / OILAI R.....05/1203D CEN AD



OINAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI (INFO)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
TO COBOMCP 409
COBOMCP 410
COBOMCP 416
ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICER

ADVANCE INFO COPY OF PAR. 5 OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

9. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) MANGO

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) CIRCLE

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) BESTMAN

X. GENERAL INFORMATION.

(10) DATV/DATV

(11) EMERGENCY HOMING ON CONTINENT

S.O.P. CHANNEL C/C STORETIN

CHANNEL D/B SWEEPSTAKE

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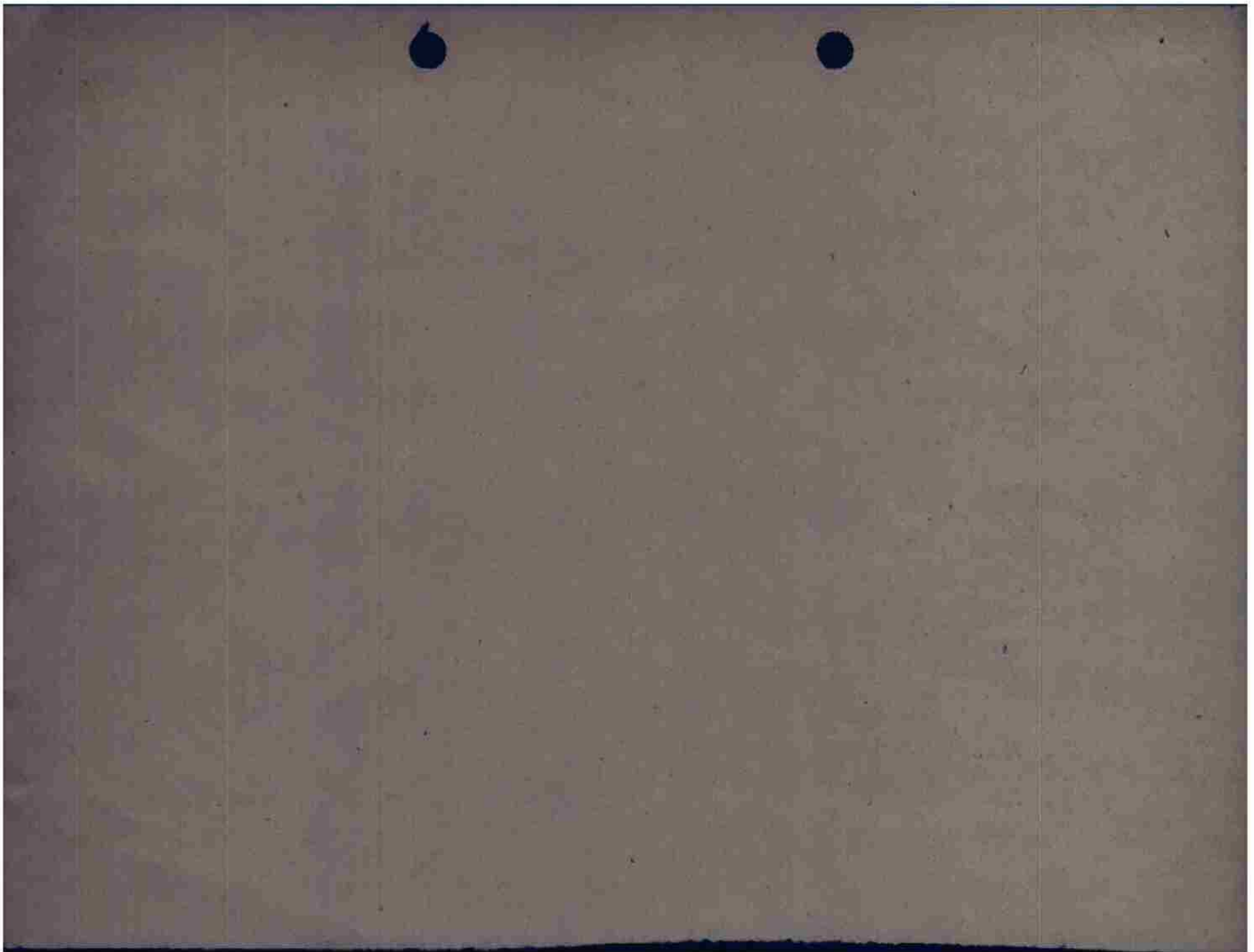
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 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 05/1830B S-024-E
 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416

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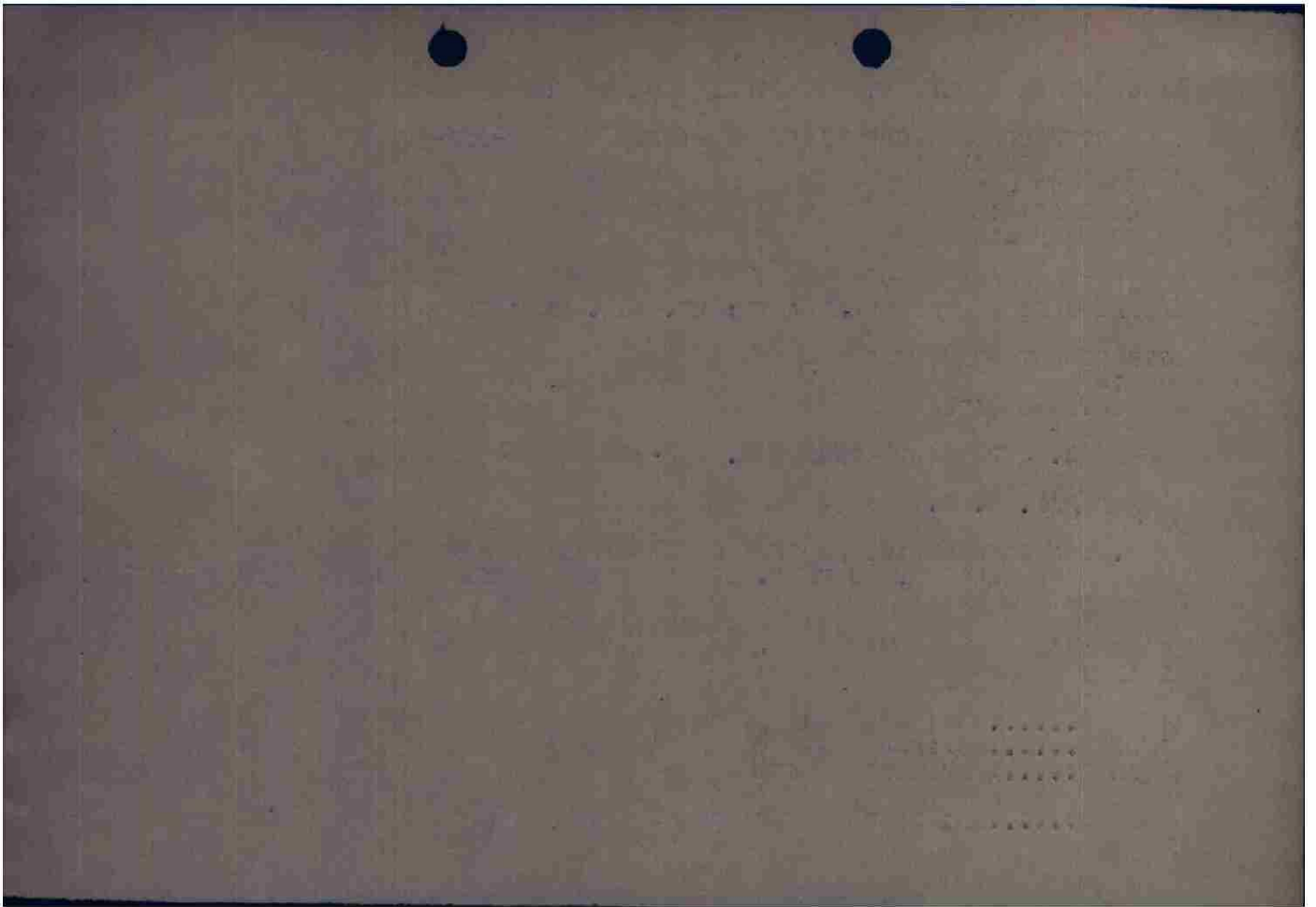
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X. (8) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT
 BELOW 5,000 FEET. CROSS FRENCH COAST OUT AT BOMBING ALTITUDE.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 05/1830B
 RL AR.K

OIHAK R.....05/1845B	JAB	AR
OIGOF R.....05/1844B	HGP	AR
OIYAA R.....05/1845B	JF	AR
OI		
COG R.....051845 B	JLP	AR
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ODG LAI V YAA YAA 18/05 OP
 FROM 416TH BOMB GROP (L) 05/2135B S103D
 TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND - ATT/ A-2
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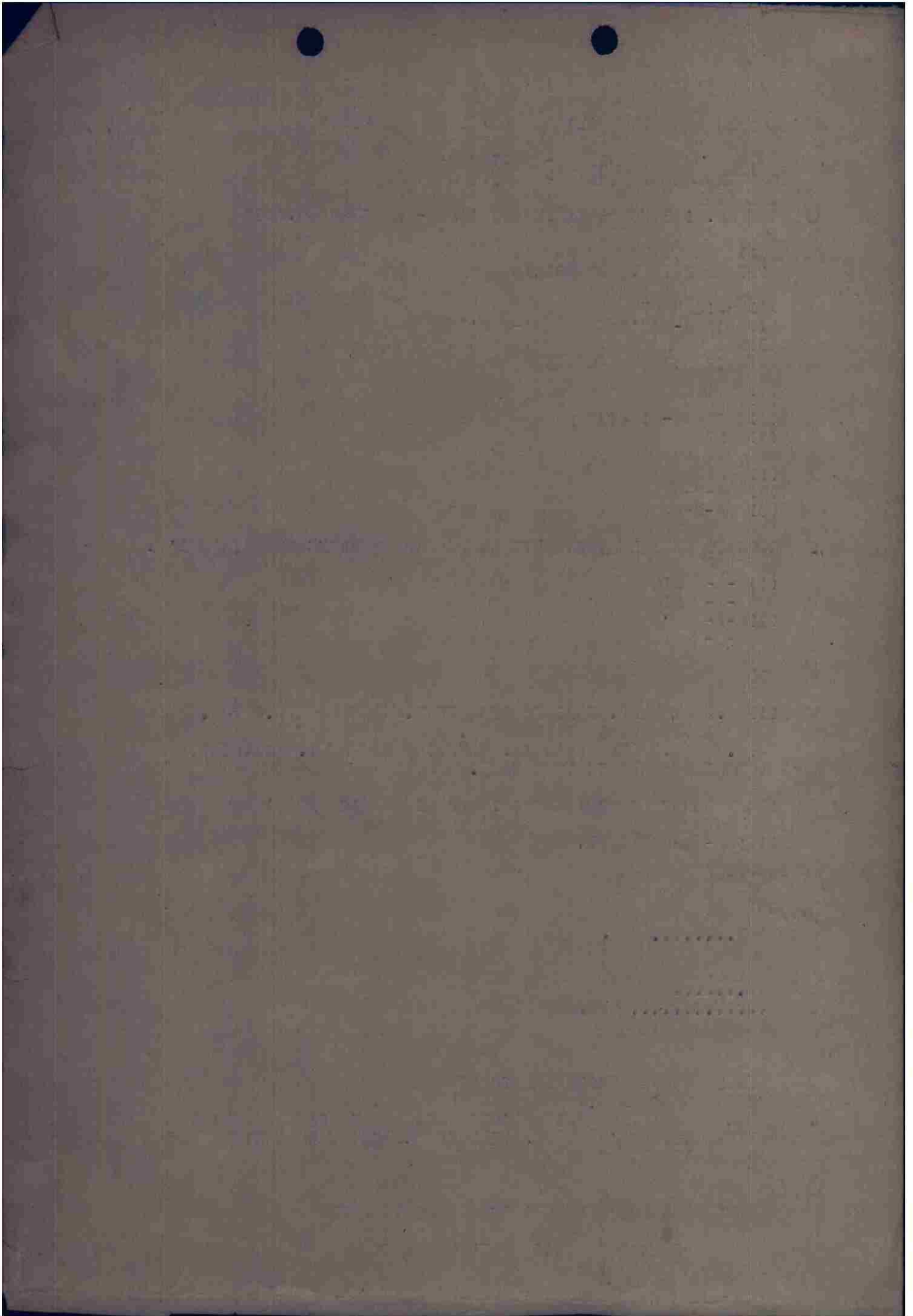
- A (1) BREST STRONG POINTS
 (2) BREST STRONG POINTS
- B (1) 416TH BG
 (2) 10 A-20J'S AND 26 A-20G'S
 (3) NIL
 (4) 18 A:C ON EACH MPI
- C (1) 1690
 (2) 1840 - 1842
 (3) 2037
- D (1) NIL
 (2) 0-0-0
 (3) 0-0-0
- E GOOD TO EXCELLENT RESULTS REPORTED BY CREWS ON BOTH MPI'S.
- F (1) -A- NIL
 -B- NIL
 (2) -A- NIL
 -B- NIL
- G NIL
- H (1) .5 CUMULUS. TOPS TO 8000 FEET. HIGH LAYER .4 TO .5
 ALTOCUMULUS AT 15000 FT.
 (2) .3 TO .5 OVER CHANNEL. TOPS TO 8000 FEET. VISIBILITY 8
 MILES THROUGH THIN HAZE.
- I 144 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY (72 BOMBS ON EACH MPI)
- J 11700 - 12000 FEET.

BT 05/2135B
 JF AR
 01000/
 ODG R.....

LAI R.....
 LAI R.....05/2240B RL AR K

TBIS THIS CAME IN BADLY ERE SORRI
 CAN U READ US AT ALL ??
 CAN READ U A LITTLE MOST PLACES FAILED TO GIVE CARRIAGE RETURN
 TIC AFTER U GET LAI'S R WE WILL TRY TO GET U ON ANOTHER MAC
 ALL ENGD RIGHT NOT NOW TIC
 OK

E NOW WE WILL PUT U ON ANOTHER MAC IN A TIC
 A
 AS OK AR TO LAI THEN TM
 OK T TRY IT NOW YAA



NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MEN TO COME TO THE AID OF THEIR PARTY...
 HOW ABOUT IT ??? L
 THAT L LOOKS OK SHOOT

DUM

COG V YAA YAA 18/05 OP
 FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 05/2135B S103D
 TO HQ IX BOMBERCOMMAND
 ATT: A-2
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A (1) BREST STRONG POINTS
 (2) BREST STRONG POINTS

B (1) 416 BE
 (2) 10 A-20J'S AND 26 A-20G'S
 (3) NIL
 (4) 18 A/C ON EACH MPI

C (1) 1609
 (2) 1840 - 1842
 (3) 2037

D (1) NIL
 (2) 0-0-0
 (3) 00 0-0-0

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 B NIL
 (2) A NIL
 B NIL

G NIL

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J 11700 - 12000 FT

ET 05/2135B

JF AS

CC: (2) UNDER H SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:
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 THROUGH THIN HAZE.

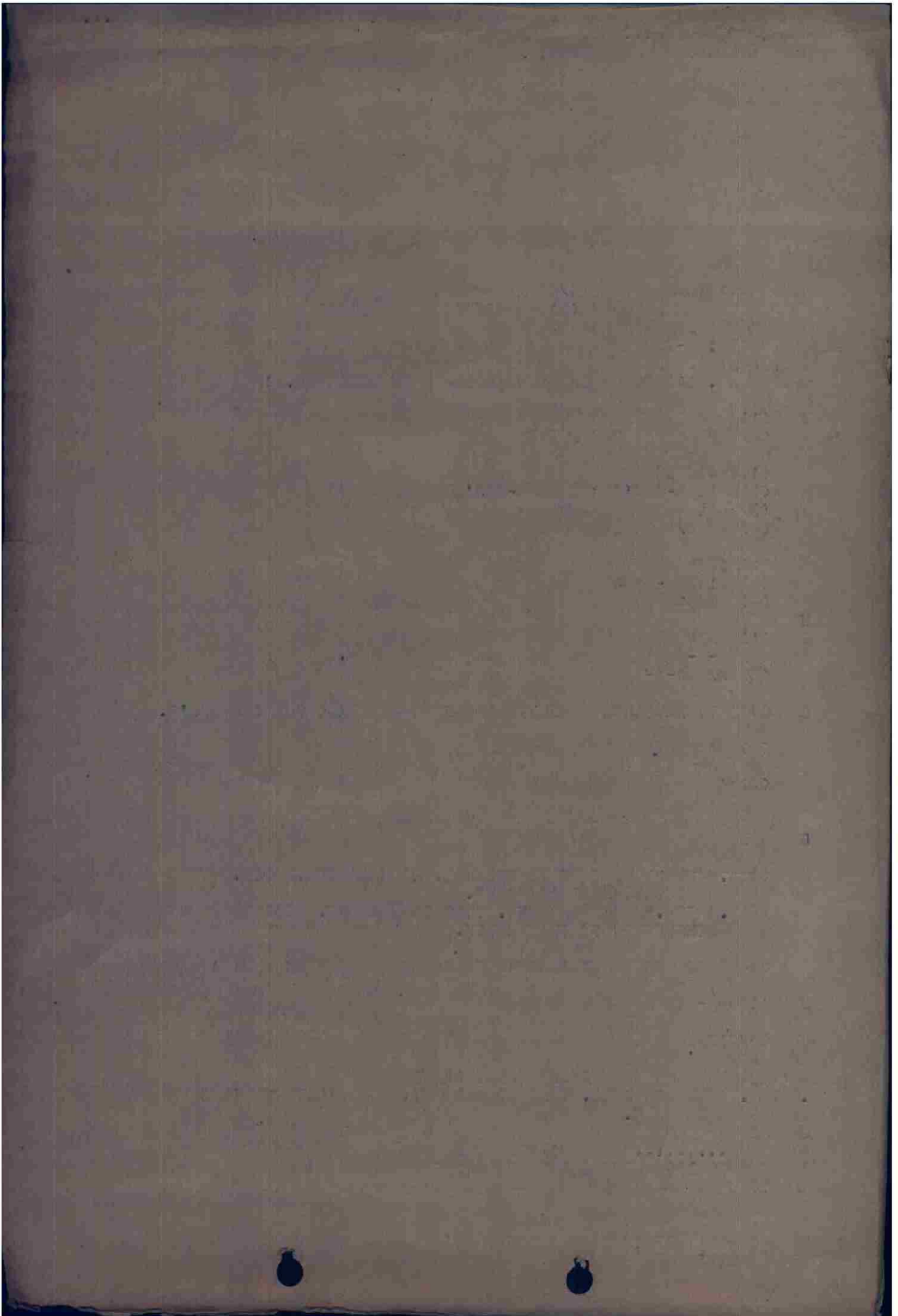
JF AR

COG R..... 05/2253B BM K
 IN NEXT TO LAST LINE IMI WA 72 BOMBS ON EACH MPI
 OK ??? OK F R

OK GUESS THAT IS IT FOR NOW BI BI

OK OM BIBI

M



OICOG V OIYAA OIYAA 1/06 OP
T OIUBA

FROM HQ 416TH BG (L) 06/0140B 416BG S-105-D
TO HQ IX Bomber Command
HQ IX Air Force

ATT: A-2

SECRET QGX BT

FIRST PHASE REPORT S/A PHOTOS 9/5/44

A. BREST STRONG POINTS

B. BREST STRONG POINTS

H. 1341

K. DMPI (ILL 4805W/56 COORD. 078041) BLANKETED WITH BURSTS
FROM TWO FLIGHTS.

DMPI (ILL 4805W/56 COORD. 007002) BLANKETED WITH BURSTS
FROM ONE FLIGHT. BOTH STRONG POINTS PROBABLY SEVERELY DAMAGED.

BT06/0140B

CM AR E

OICOG R.....06/021SB RT AR KKK

AR

