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

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

SUBJECT: Report of Combat Mission.

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

416th Bombardment Group (L).
14th Combat Mission, 14 September 1944.
97th CW FO Number 213 - 550.

1. 38
2. 38
3. None
4. None
5. 38
6. 38 a/c abortive due to weather, 10/10 cloud cover over target area.
7. 38 a/c due to weather.
8. 43-21764 Lt. W. E. Bowning — Landed on strip A-230. Pilot reported low oil pressure, transmitter out. Investigation revealed diaphragm ruptured. 450 gallons of gasoline were serviced at strip A-230 and 250 gallons on return to station. Average gasoline consumption was 164 gallons per hour.

43-9393 Lt. J. C. Gary — Landed on strip A-230 and serviced 300 gallons of gasoline. 600 gallons were serviced on return to station. Average gasoline consumption was 186 gallons per hour.

43-21724 Capt. H. P. Cole — Landed at Holnesley South and serviced 150 gallons of gasoline. 550 gallons were serviced on return to station. Average gasoline consumption was 193 gallons per hour.

43-9711 Lt. C. L. Estes — Landed at Holnesley South and serviced 150 gallons of gasoline. 650 gallons were serviced on return to station. Average gasoline consumption was 164 gallons per hour.

43-9951 Lt. J. H. Miller — Landed at Holnesley South and serviced 145 gallons of gasoline. 680 gallons were serviced on return to station. Average gasoline consumption was 152 gallons per hour.

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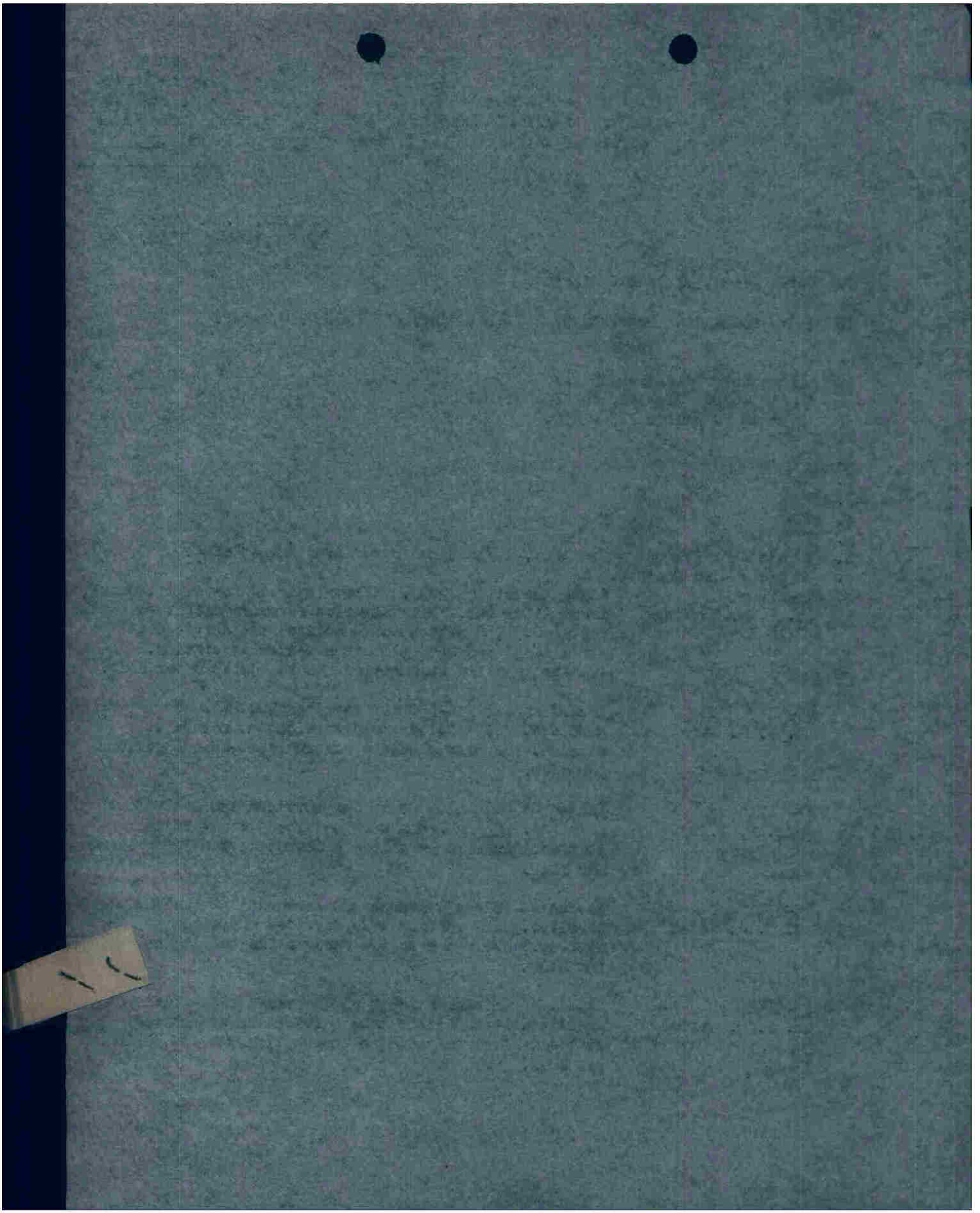

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43-9719 Lt. E. D. Andrews	Landed at Winkton and serviced 490 gallons of gasoline. 160 gallons were serviced on return to station. Average gasoline consumption was 120 gallons per hour.
43-9493 Lt. R. M. Smith	Landed at Burn and serviced 160 gallons of gasoline. 625 gallons were serviced on return to station. Average gasoline consumption was 151 gallons per hour.
43-9937 Lt. D. M. Eastman	Landed at Beaulieu and serviced 300 gallons of gasoline. 660 gallons were serviced on return to station. Ave rage gasoline consumption was 158 gallons per hour.
43-21961 Lt. E. L. Miller	Landed at Christchurch. Flak damaged gas tank. Did not fill tank upon return to base because of flak holes.
43-21467 Capt. R. S. Radisill	Landed at Tarrant Ruston and serviced 230 gallons of gasoline. 605 gal lons were serviced on return to station. Average gasoline consumption was 156 gallons per hour.
43-9217 Lt. T. J. Leonard	Landed at Tarrent Ruston and serviced 230 gallons of gasoline. 630 gallons were serviced on return to station. Average gasoline consumption was 163 gallons per hour.
43-9689 Lt. R. B. Singletary	Landed at Tar rent Ruston and serviced 240 gallons of gasoline. 635 gallons were serviced on return to station. Average gasoline consumption was 164 gallons per hour.
43-9207 Lt. R. D. Hall	Landed at Tarrant Ruston and serviced 200 gallons of gasoline. 560 gallons were serviced on return to station. Average gasoline consumption was 142 gallons per hour.
43-9892 Lt. T. H. Merritt	Landed at Tarrant Ruston and serviced 230 gallons of gasoline. 625 gallons were serviced on return to station. Average gasoline consumption was 162 gallons per hour.
43-21759 Lt. W. Musgrove	Landed at Tarrant Ruston and serviced 230 gallons of gasoline. 620 gallons were serviced on return to station. Average gasoline consumption was 163 gallons per hour.

For the Commanding Officer:

JOSEPH A. HAUERICH,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

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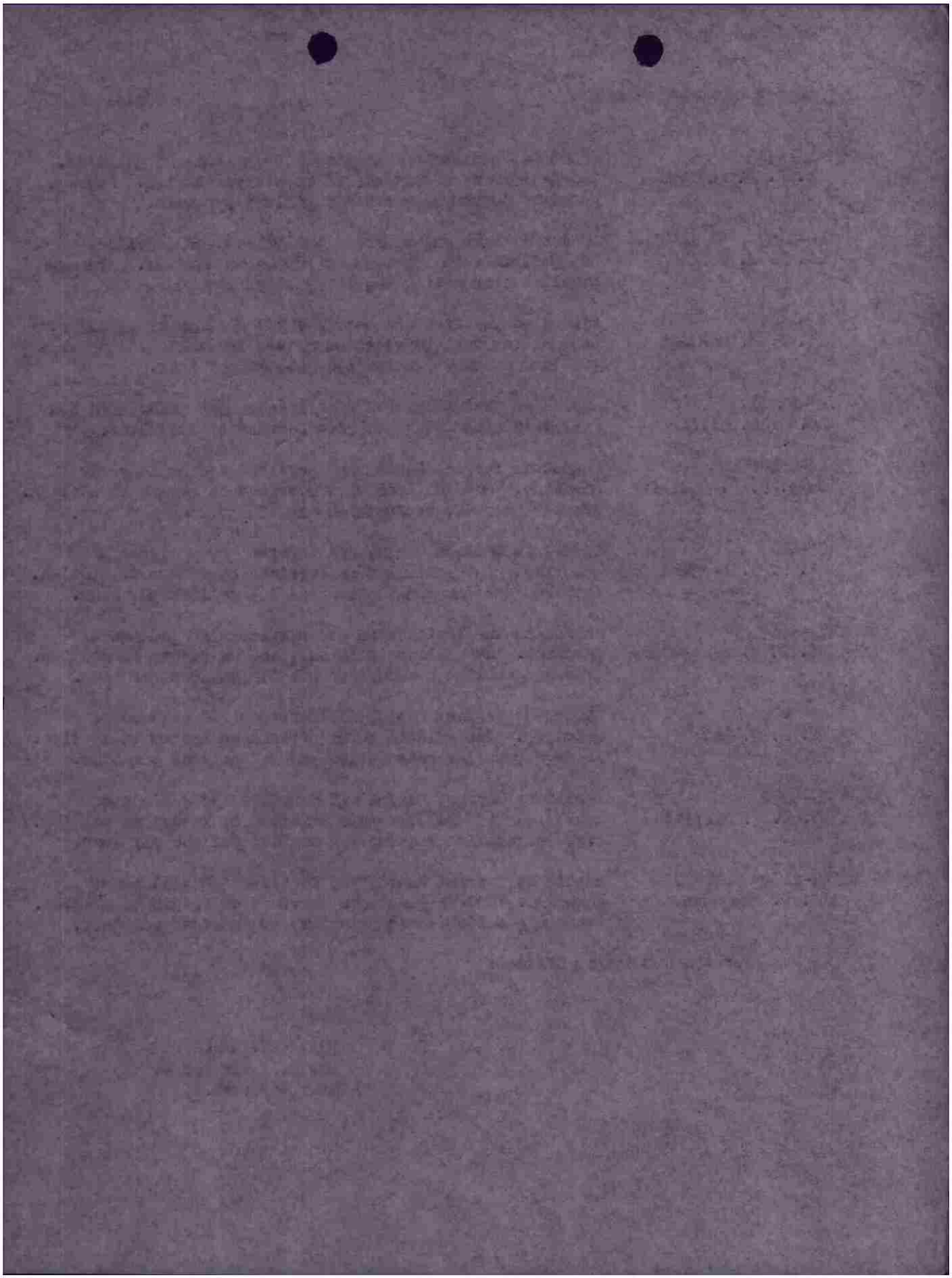

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LOADING LIST
BOX 1
FLIGHT 1

14 SEPT. 1944

1. 1717 P
CAPT A E OSBORNE
LT W FORMA
A S/S S P NEWELL
SGT E G LEAGERMAN

2. 9194 C
LT R D LESHER
A S/S H R HEDRICK
SGT S L HEITELL

3. 9195 D
LT R R SVENSON
A S/S P G FILD *
S/S G F PFENNING

4. 1480 B
LT R G MEREDITH
A SGT C FETKO
S/S R W MAC DONALD

5. 1819 K
LT C S STANLEY
A SGT C C HOLTERFIELD *
SGT C B COLLIER

6. 9376 O
LT J H WRIGHT
B SGT P J PROFITA
SGT J R SIMMONDS

FLIGHT 11

1. 9439 J
LT F J HARROLD
C LT W E BREWER
SGT D E BURNS
SGT W J DANIEL

2. 9750 M
LT P P BARAUSKY
C S/S B R WILSON
S/S M HALL

3. 9674 R
LT D B GRUNIG
C S/S M E DIAS *
S/S H C NOWOSIELSKI

4. 9224 E
LT J P HILLERMAN
C S/S L MARTINEZ
S/S R F PAULES

5. 10211 O-1
LT J R SPARLING
C SGT J L COLLIER *
SGT L L LEAHIGH

6. 9380 N
LT E O TURNER
C SGT J SIENKIEWICZ
SGT J O BELCAS

FLIGHT 111

1. 1467 W
LT R S RUDISILL
C LT R H JOOST
S/S R K RILEY
S/S A J BONAMO

2. 9217 D-1
LT T J LEONARD *
C S/S T A PALMER
S/S O D EVANS

3. 9089 I-
LT R B SINGLETARY
C S/S H G WIGGINS
S/S A A CIANCIOSI

4. 9207 B-1
LT R B HALL
C SGT MAJEWSKI
SGT A. TERAN

5. 9892 L
LT T S MERRITT
C CPL A C BASILE
S/S R J GATTI

6. 1759 G-1
LT W MUSGROVE
C SGT H O SEIGHMAN *
SGT M L LICKER

SPARE

9393 K-1
LT J C GARY
D SGT A E SCHOEN
SGT R W CHEUVRONT

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FROM; 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND TO: 98TH COMBAT WING (L)

416 BG S_____E SECRET IN THE CLEAR

"J" FORM OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE F-2 14 SEPTEMBER 1944

PREPARED BY LT W M LYTLE

A.

B. BILL OF PORTLAND

C. 1404

D. BOX I R/T PROCTOR ONE

668 . . 5 . . P C D B K

670 . .12 . . G-1 J M R E O-1 N W D-1 I S-1 L

669 . . 1 . . O

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

GROUP LEADER . . 668 . . P

DEPUTY . . 670 . . J

BOX II R/T PROCTOR TWO

668 . . 6 . . J R N X Q E

669 . . 6 . . T A W M Z Q-1

671 . . 6 . . A-1 J-1 M-1 V P B

669 . . 1 . . SPARE . . P-1

SECOND BOX LEADER . . 668 . . J

DEPUTY . . 669 . . T

E. 12000

F. 3 MILES NORTH OF TREBURDEN

G. 1452

H. 24

J. 3 MILES SE OF ST POT

K. BILL OF PORTLAND

L. 1555

M.1.T.O. 1255 . . ETD . . 1315 . . ETA 1637

2. 4 X 500 GP

3. 8 HOURS

4. POINT DE LANUEAC

5. NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

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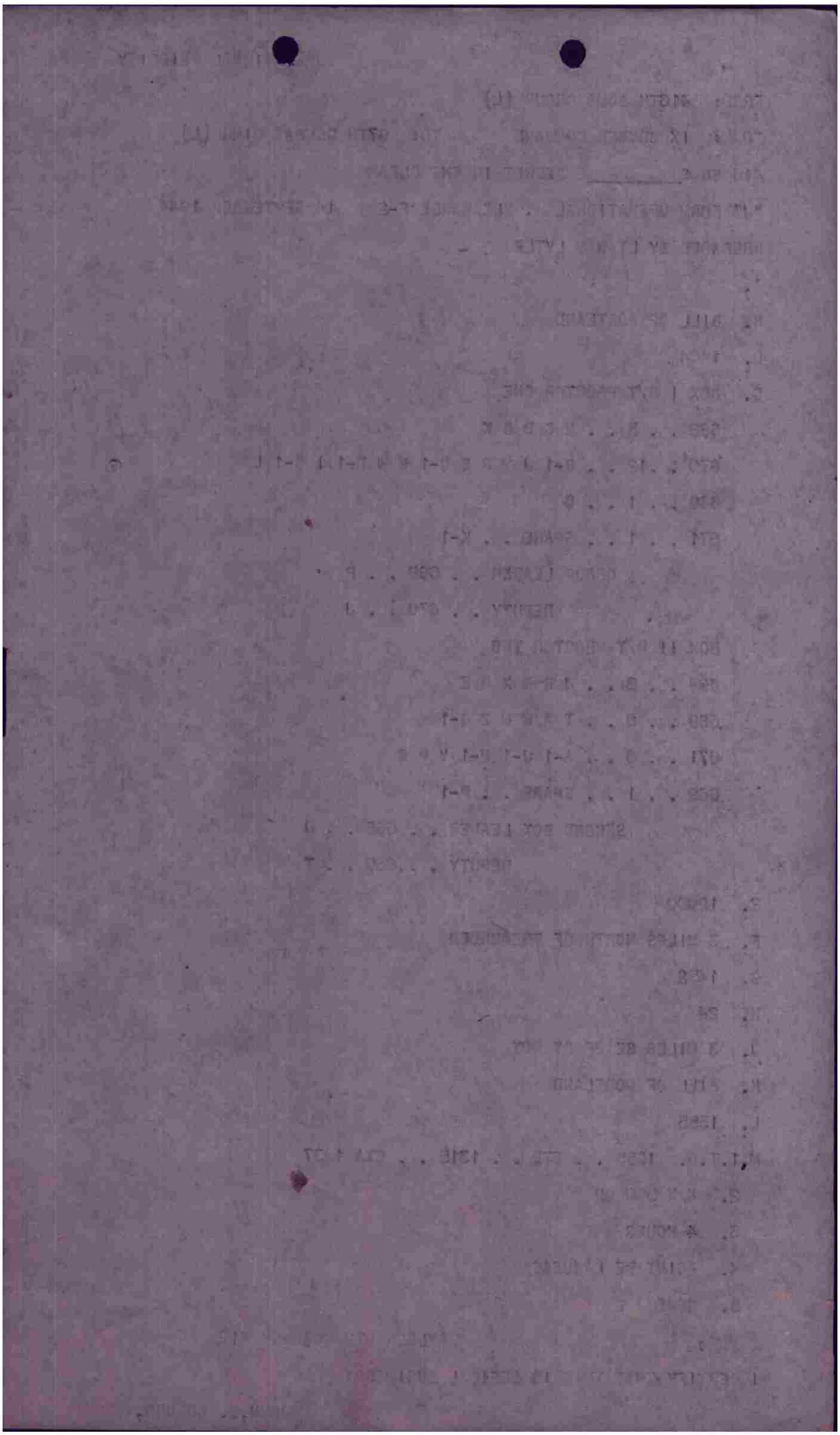

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HEADQUARTERS
416th BOMB GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE WEATHER OFFICER

APO 140
14 September 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report.

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 3 miles. 2-3/10 altocumulus at 10,000 feet. 5-6/10 cirrus estimated at 20,000 feet.

ROUTE OUT: Visibility 2-3 miles over England in thick haze. Altocumulus increased to 10/10 over Southern England with base 13-14,000 feet. Over Southern England there was 10/10 cumulus and stratocumulus, base unknown, tops 8000-10,000 feet continuous over Channel but breaking over France to 6-8/10 with tops estimated at 6000-8000 feet.

TARGET: 10/10 altostratus estimated 14,000 feet, very thin. 8/10 stratocumulus and cumulus, tops estimated 6-8000 feet. Visibility 8-10 miles.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out except visibility over England 6 miles up sun, 1-2 miles down sun.

No bombs dropped.

No wind checks made.

Formation flew on G all the way.

Walter D. Castle

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

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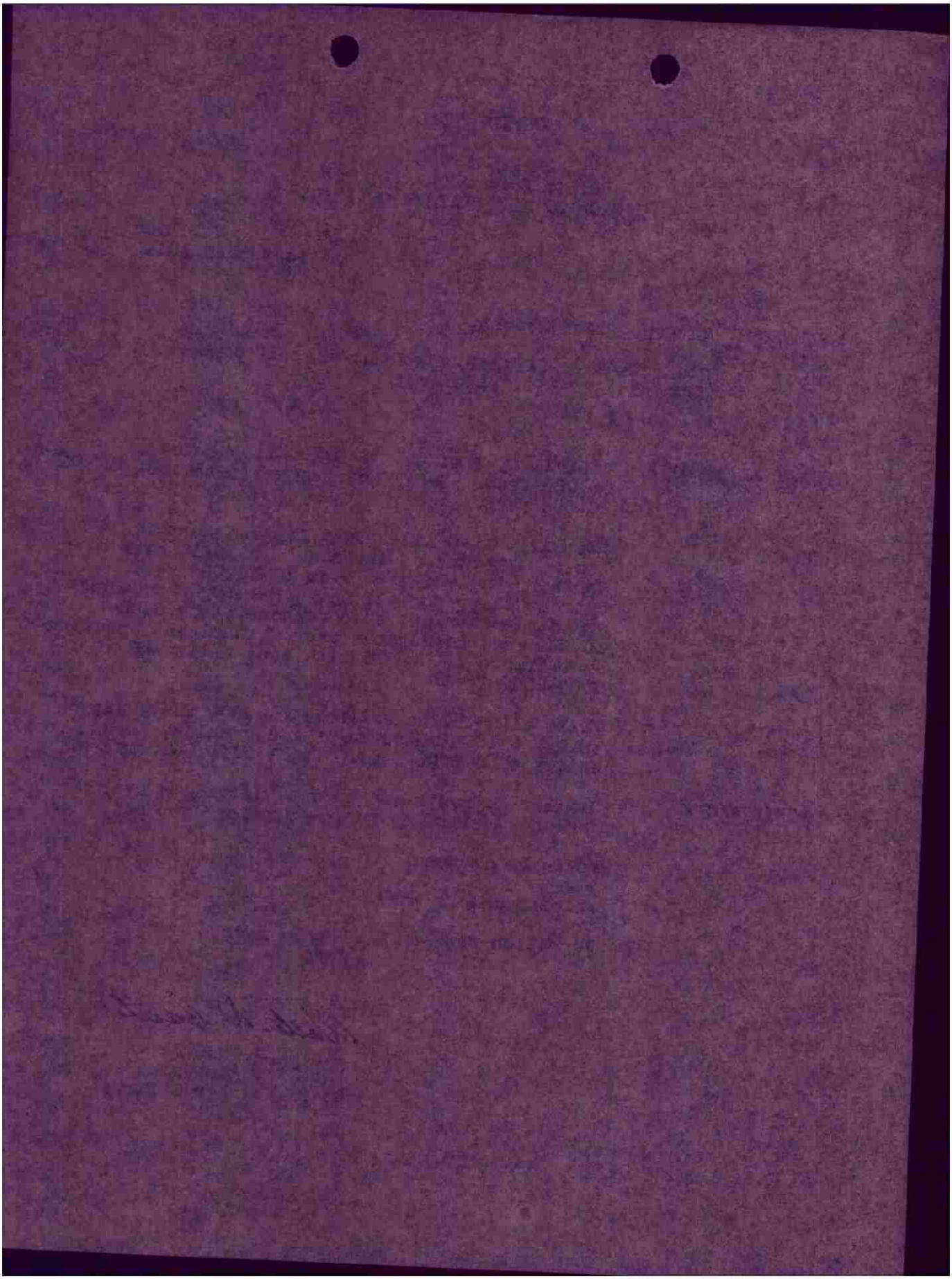

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POST MISSION REPORT

MISSION NO. 144

DATE 14 Sept. 1944

1. NUMBER OF MEN WOUNDED (MEDICS - 16) None

2. BOMBING MALFUNCTIONS (ARMAMENT - 92) None - No Bombs dropped

3. CAMERA MALFUNCTIONS (PHOTO LAB - 84) None - No Bombs dropped

4. Number PLANES OPERATIONAL: BOMB GROUP 51 G'S 20 J'S. SVG 0 G'S 0 J'S

WING OFFICER

5. PERCENT OF BATTLE DAMAGE (INTELLIGENCE - 68 - 17) 1 a/c Category A

6. PLANES FAILING TO BECOME AIRBORNE OR RETURNING EARLY - REASON None

7. PLANES LOST OR LANDING AWAY FROM BASE - REASON - LOCATION 961-Miller-Christchurch
764-Downing at Dreux - 393-Gary at Dreux. 467 Rudisill
217 Leonard, 689 Singletary, 207 Hall 892 Merritt,
759 Musgrove at Farnborough 493-Smith RAF at Thurn. 719 Anderson
at Winkton. 734 Cole, 951 Miller J.H. & 9711 Bates at Aldermaston Court.
937-Eastman at Beaulieu.

SUBMITTED BY Lt. Bodalo

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FROM: COBOMGR 416

TO : CCCBTWIG 97 ATT: SIG O

A - YS - 144

B - 14 SEPTEMBER 1944

C - 36 A/C

D - 670 - J - GEE BOX OUT, FUSE REPLACED, CHECKED OKAY.

E - LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON USED.

F - NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

OFFICIAL:

DANIEL J. NOLAN
1ST LT., AIR CORPS,
SIGNAL OFFICER.

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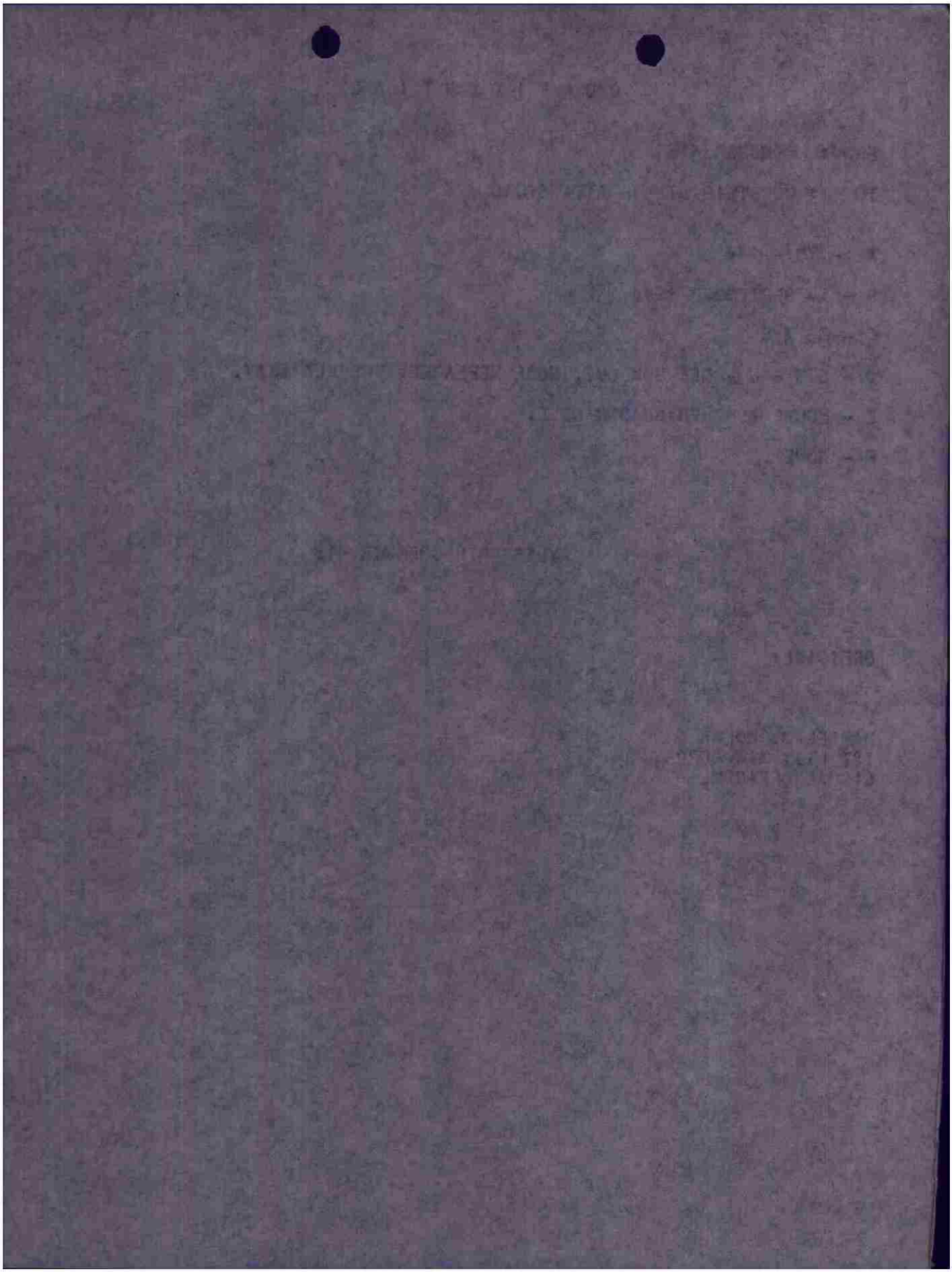

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SQDN	A/C LTR	A/C NO.	PILOT	DISTANCE	TARGET	ATO	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	CAMERA	FUEL LOAD	BOMB LOAD	ENDUR	LAND TIME	REMARKS
A	M	175	McNulty			1303								4X 500 GP		1659	4:00
A	R	894	Colquitt			1303										1655	3:58
A	N	150	Cannon			1303						*				1655	3:55
A	X	764	Downing			1303		GRINE									
A	Q	210	Montrose			1303						*				1655	3:55
A	F	226	Parker			1304										1656	3:55
B	T	135	Demun			1304										1650	3:50
B	A	181	Land			1304										1651	3:50
B	W	743	Boukamp			1304						*				1651	3:50
B	M	692	Hall, E P			1304						*				1651	3:50
B	Z	821	Tripp			1305						H*				1651	3:50
B	Q-1	900	Allen			1305										1652	3:50
D	A-1	724	Cole			1305		HOLNESLEY	SOUTH			*					
D	J-1	719	Andrews			1305		WINKTON				*					
D	M-1	9711	Estes			1305		HOLNESLEY	SOUTH								
D	V	493	Smith, R H			1306		Hurn								1950	
D	P	751	Miller, J H			1306		HOLNESLEY	SOUTH								
D	B	937	Eastman			1306		BEAULIEU - Needs Pump to get gas from another tank				H*					
B	P-1	961	Miller, E L			1306		CHRISTCHURCH - Left tire needs replacement - Spare									

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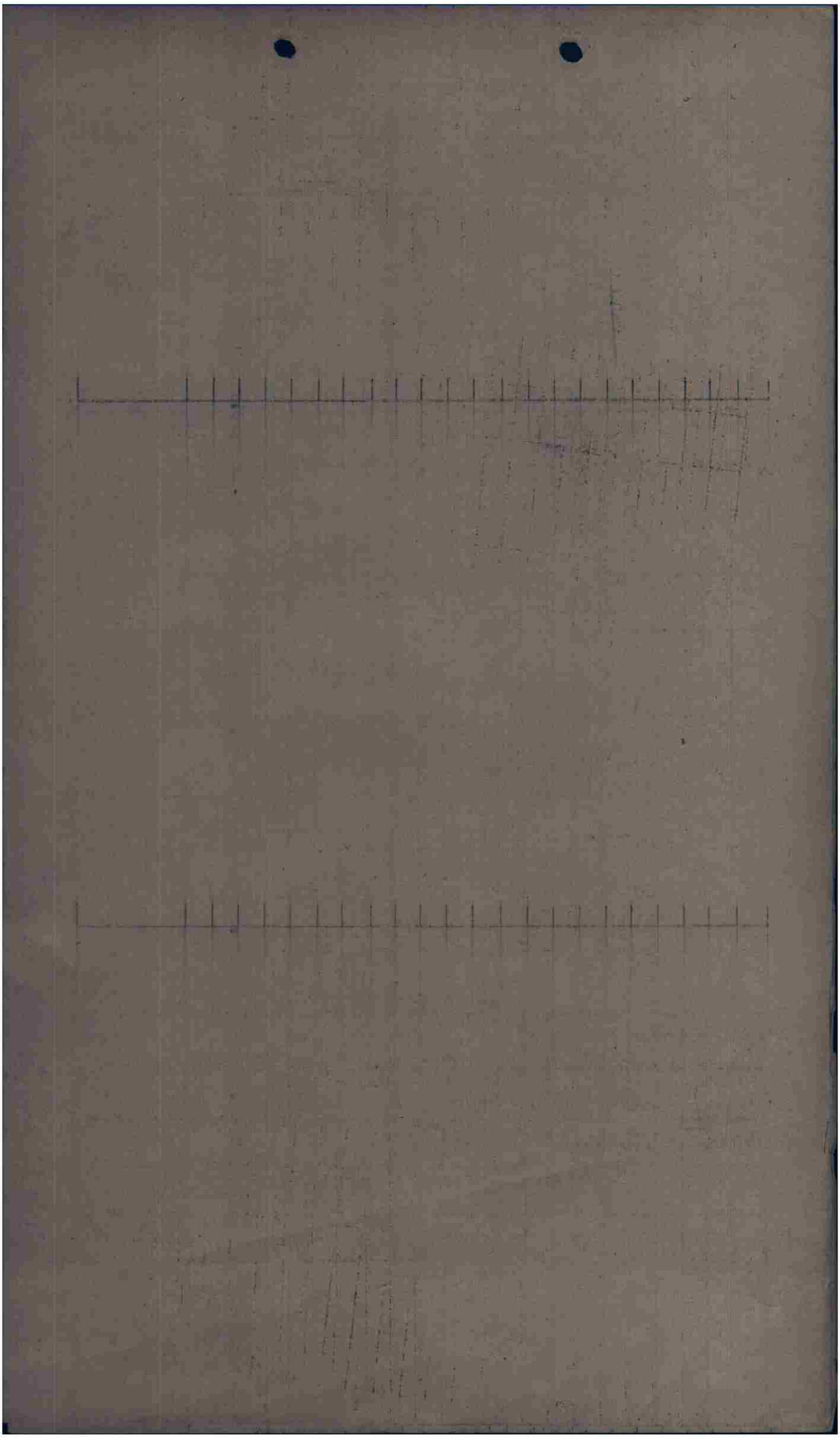

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ALLL STATIONS STAND BY FOR B/CAST

OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OICOG 19/14 -OP-
(OICOG SENDING FOR THE 97TH CBW)

FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 141055B 9BC. OS-761-E.
TO: COBOMGP 409, 410, 416.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY.
SECRET. QQX.

97TH COMBAT WING.
APO 140
14 SEPTEMBER 1944.

525

ANNEX NO. 1 TO F.O. 213-550.

ZERO HOUR 14/1500B.

CHANGE THE FOLLOWING PAR. TO READ:
3.A. (10) 4 X 500 G.P. FLIGHTS ON REF. 130055 FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL. FLGITHS ON REF. 128058 FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.

3.B. (10) 4 X 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.

X. (6) ROUTE OUT. BASE TO MAIDENHEAD TO BILL OF PORTLAND TO 4800N 0406E TO I.P. TO TARGET.

(9) I.P. 4803N 0429E.
(10) AXIS OF ATTACK. GEN S TO N

COMBOMCOM NINE

WHB. AR
STNS HX/K/R.

OIYAA
OICOG R.....XXXXX 14/1125B GP AR

OIHAK
OICOG R.....14/1125B MC AR

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OICOG R.....14/1125B CEN AR
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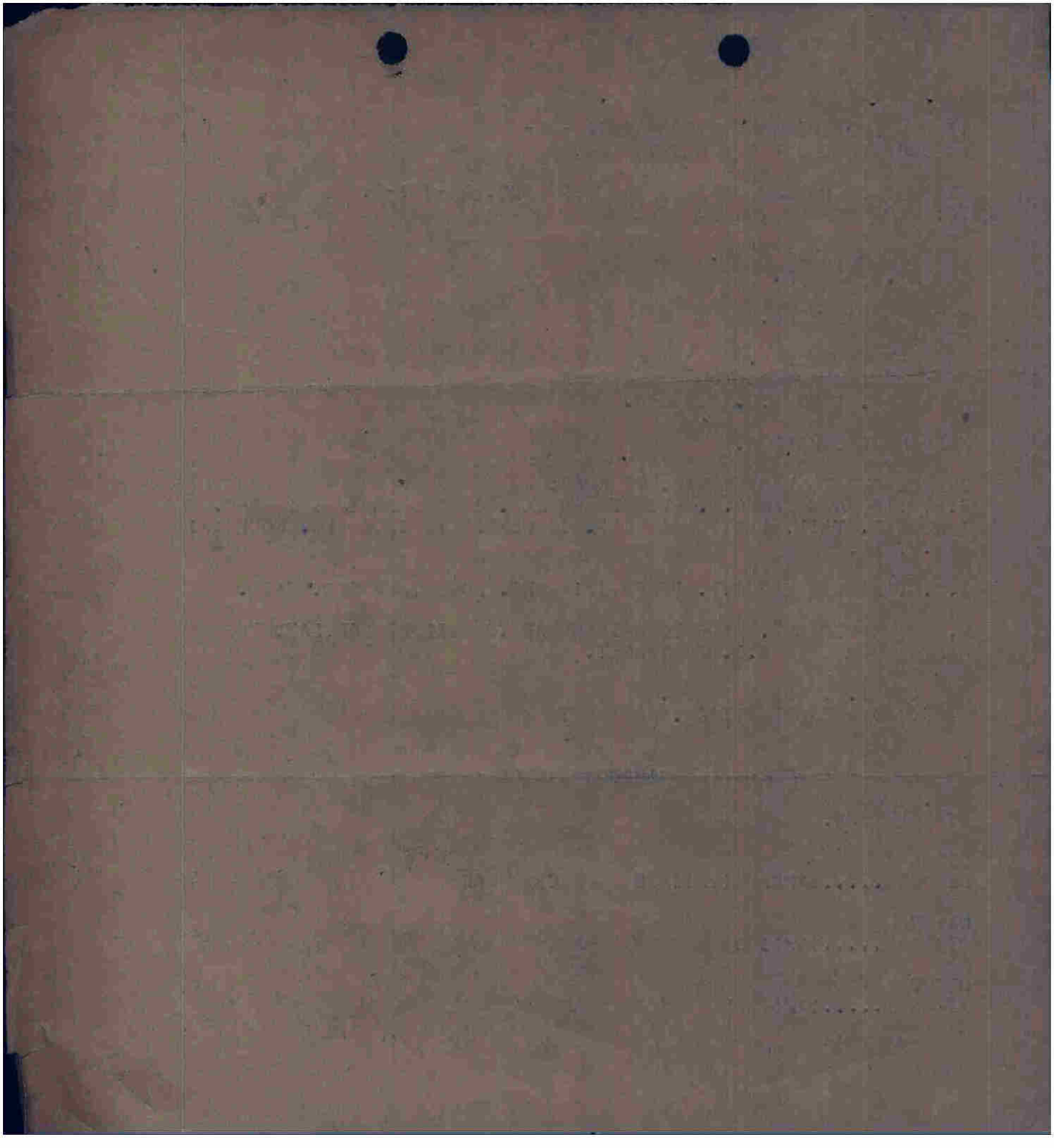

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 14/1815B 416BG S-304-D
TO HQ IX COMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2

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OPFLASH NO 150 FOR 14 SEPTEMBER 1944.

A. (1) DEFENDED POSITION - POINT LANVEOC (BREST).
   (2) NO ATTACK
B. (1) 416TH BG
   (2) 32 A-20G 'S AND 6 A-20'J'S
///K2////
   (3) 23 A/C DID NOT BOMB DUE TO WEATHER.
       INFORMATION LACKING ON 14 A/C OF WHICH 8 A/C LANDED AWAY
       FROM BASE IN U.K. OTHER 7 A/C AS YET UNACCOUNTED FOR.
   (4) NIL
EX
C. (1) 1256
   (2) NO ATTACK (TOT - 1510)
   (3) 1701
D. (1) 7 A/C UNACCOUNTED FOR.
       1 A/C DAMAGED BY FLAK. CATEGORY "A"
   (2) 0-0-0
   (3) 0-0-0. CREWS OF 7 A/C UNACCOUNTED FOR.
E. NO ATTACK BY FLIGHTS WHICH WERE INTERROGATED
F. (1) (A) NIL
       (B) NIL
   (2) (A) NIL
       (B) MODERATE ACCURATE HFF FROM GUERNSEY ISLAND (DETERMINED
           BY GEE FIX)
G. MIL OBSERVATIONS DUE TO WEATHER.
   SUPPLEMENTARY OPSFLASH WILL FOLLOW WHEN FURTHER INFORMATION
   IS AVAILABLE. 15 MINUTE REPORT NOT TRANSMITTED DUE TO LACK OF
   COMMUNICATION FACILAXXXXXX FACILITIES ON OPS LINE.
H. (1) 10/10.
   (2) VARYING FROM .8 TO .10
I. ALL BOMBS RETURNED
J. NO ATTACK

BT14/1815B
AS
CC: IN LINE G. WORD BEFORE OBSERVATIONS IS NIL RPT NIL
CW AR K
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IMI PLS
OICOG R.....141842B IC ACN
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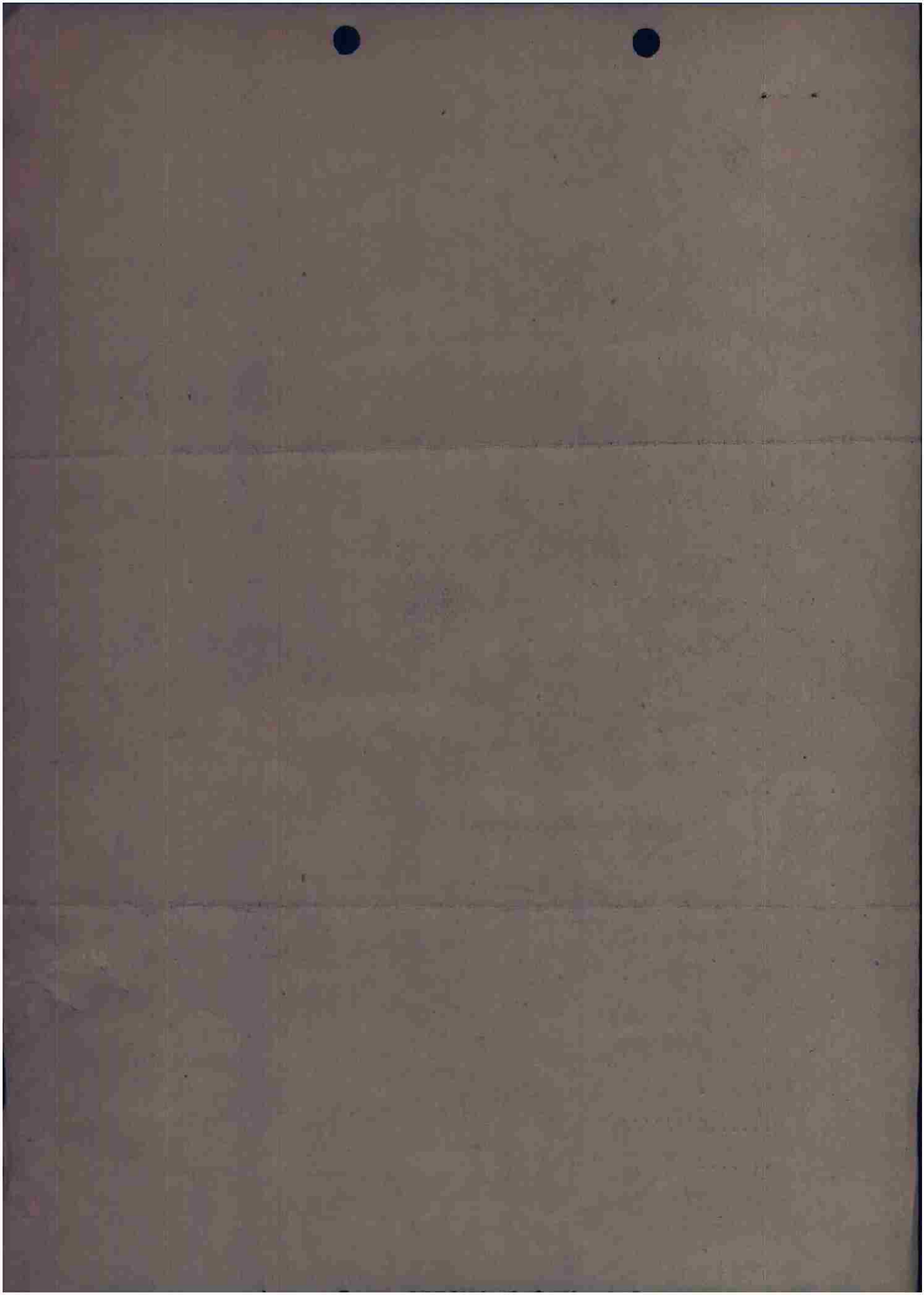

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TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2

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SUPPLEMENT TO OPFLASH NO 150 FOR 14 SEPTEMBER 1944.

IXX
5 OF 7 A/C PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS UNACCOUNTED FOR HAVE LANDED
AS FOLLOWS: 3 AT HONESLEY SOUTH
1 AT BEAULIEU
1 AT CHRIST CHURCH.
INFORMATION LACKING AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF 2 A/C.

BT14/1845B
AS
CU AR K
OICOG R.....'1:1645B XXXX 1:1845B IC ARN

IS IT 14/1845B IC ???
YES OK TNX AR

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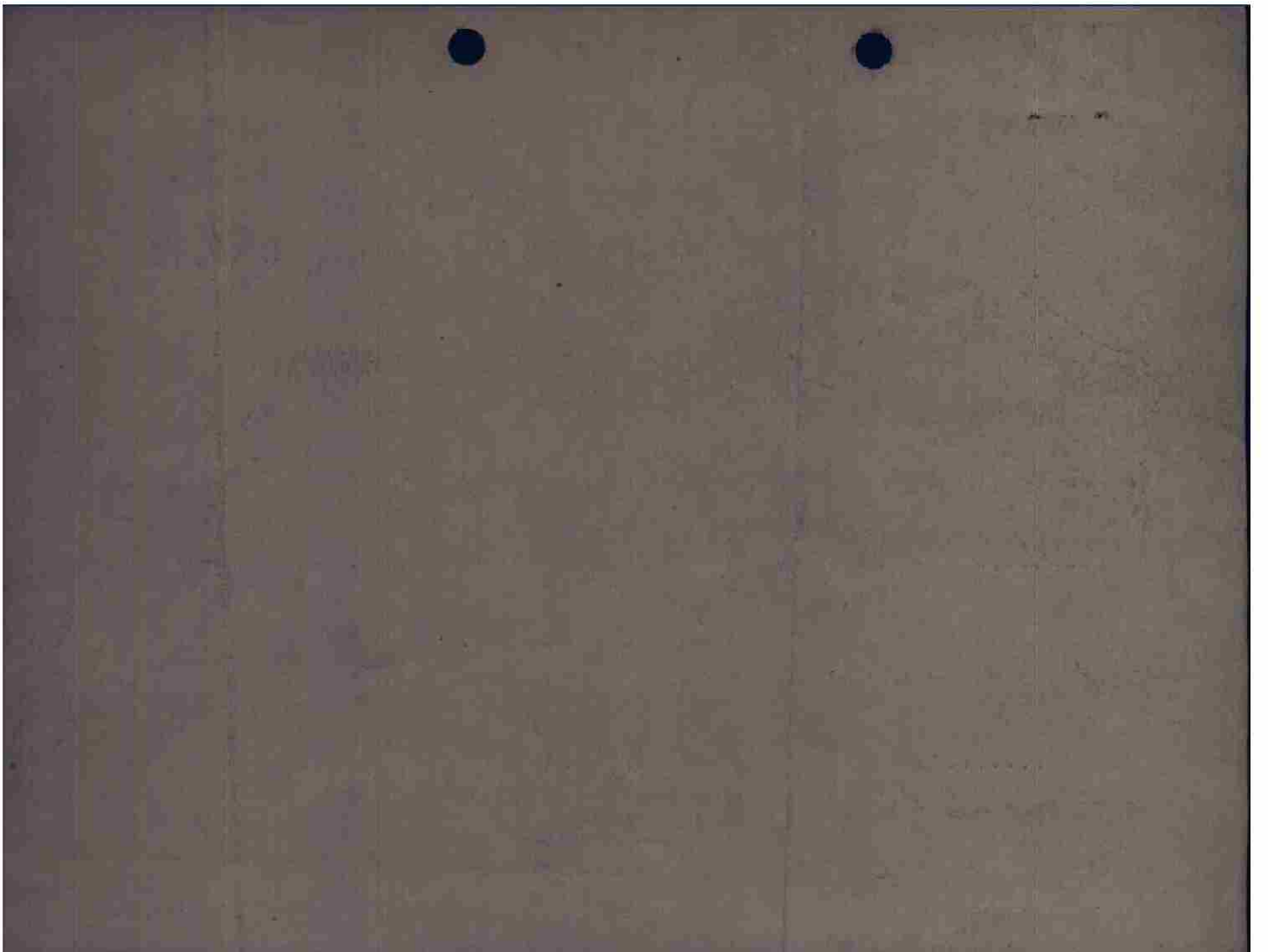

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP 14/2054B S-307-D
TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN A-2

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XXPFLKMENTXIDXXX
SUPPLEMENT NO. 2 TO OPFLASH NO 150 FOR 14 SEPT 1944

2A/C PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN SUPPLEMENT NO1 AS UNACCOUNTED FOR HAVE LANDED IN U.K ARXXX AT GROOVE . OTHER 5 A/C ARE STILL AT LOCATIONS GIVEN IN SUPPLEMENT NO1. OF 8A/C PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS LANDED AWAY FROM BASE IN U.K 7A/C HAVE RETURNED TO BASE AND 1A/C IS STILL AT WINKTON . -.3,$
AMEND PARA (1) OF OPFLASH TO READ "3A/C DAMAGED BY FLACK MXXX CATEGORY "A". INFORNAYXXXXX INFORMATION LACKING FROM 8A/C LANDED AWAY FROM BASE IN U.K
BT 14/2054B
AS
CC THT SHOULD READ LANDED AT GROVE RPT GROVE
HAD AR KK
OICOG R .....'''''''
**
USCOG INT AR?'

NO WAITING FOR R FROM OICOG TIC
OICOG R.....14/2132B FD AR
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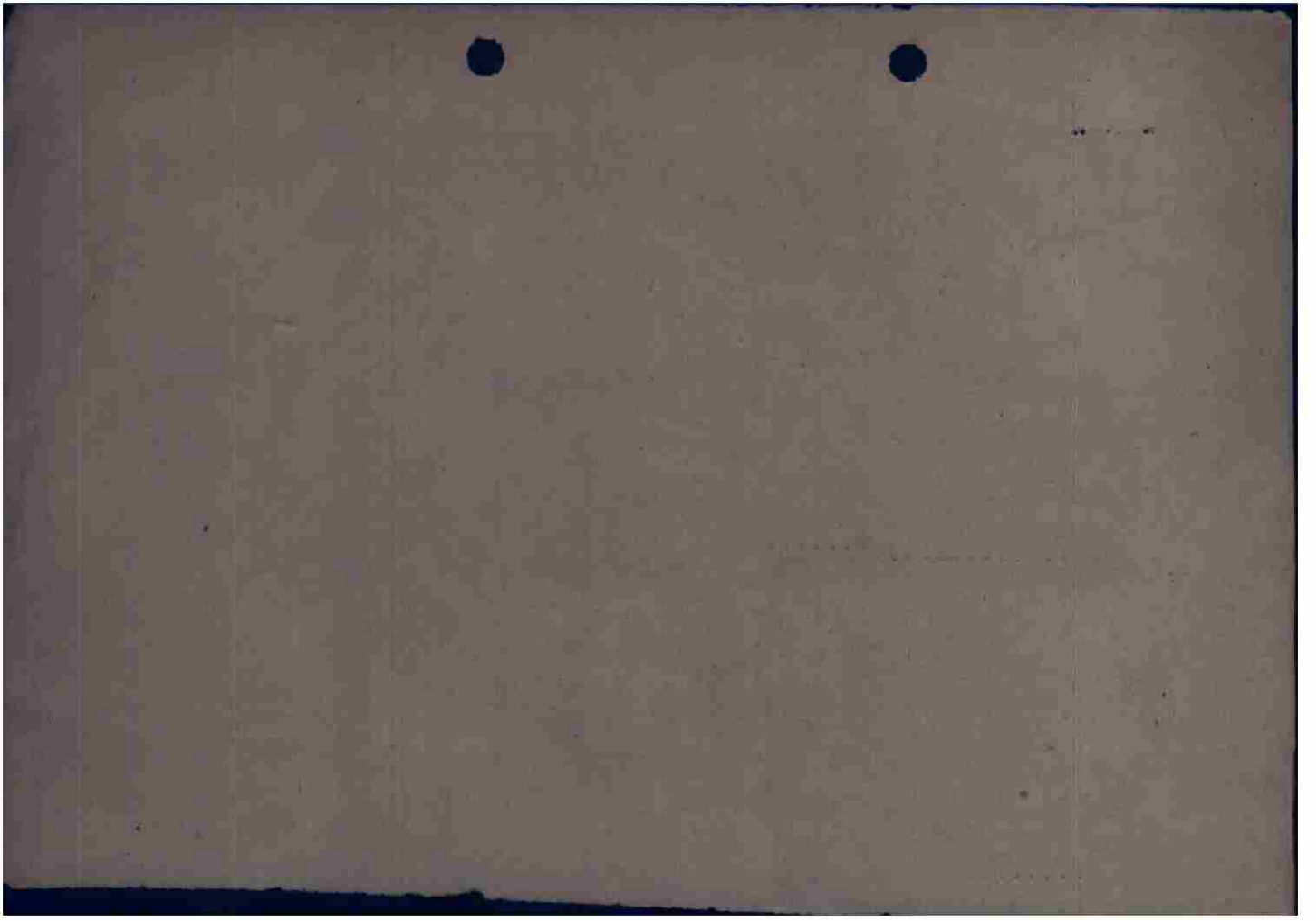

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