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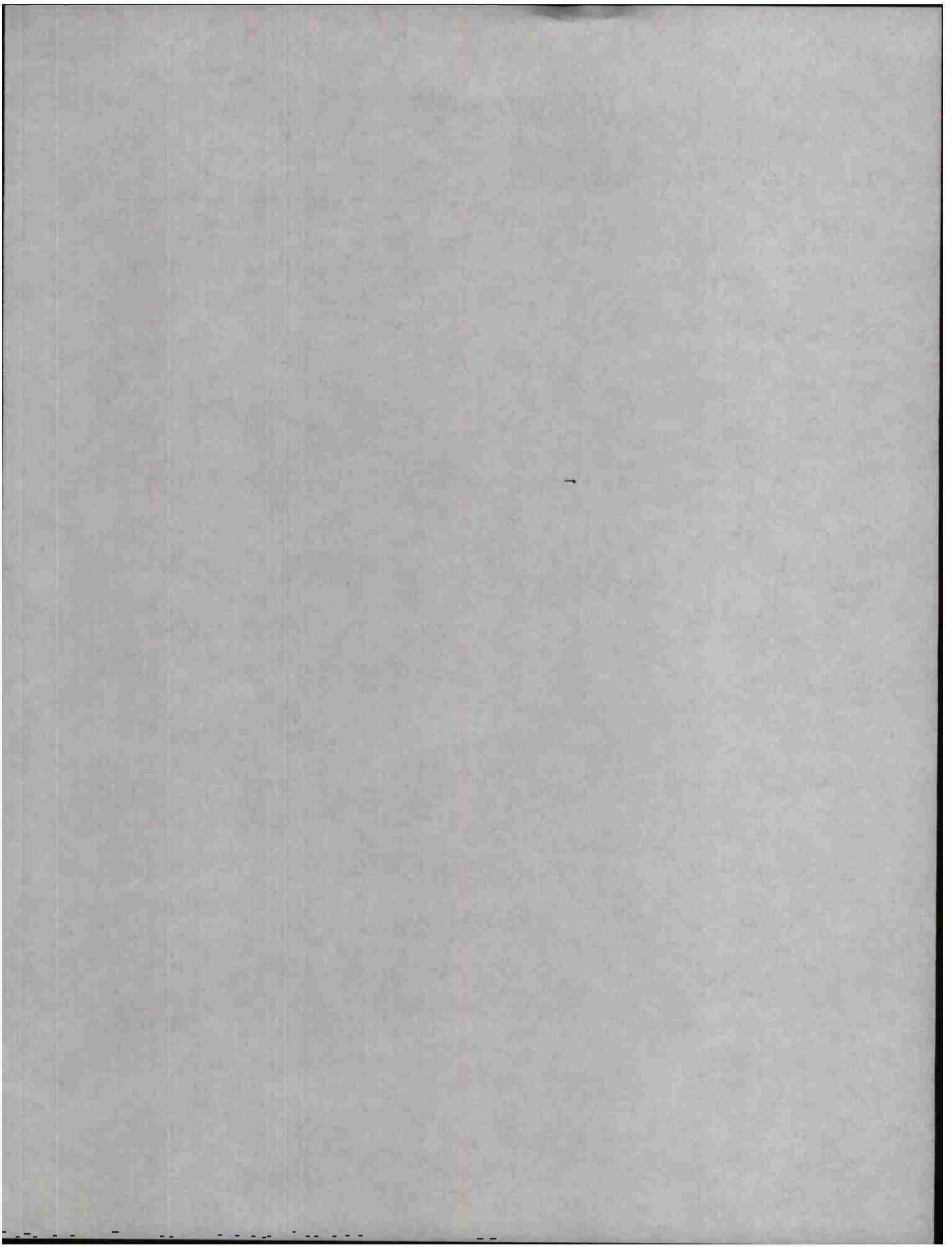
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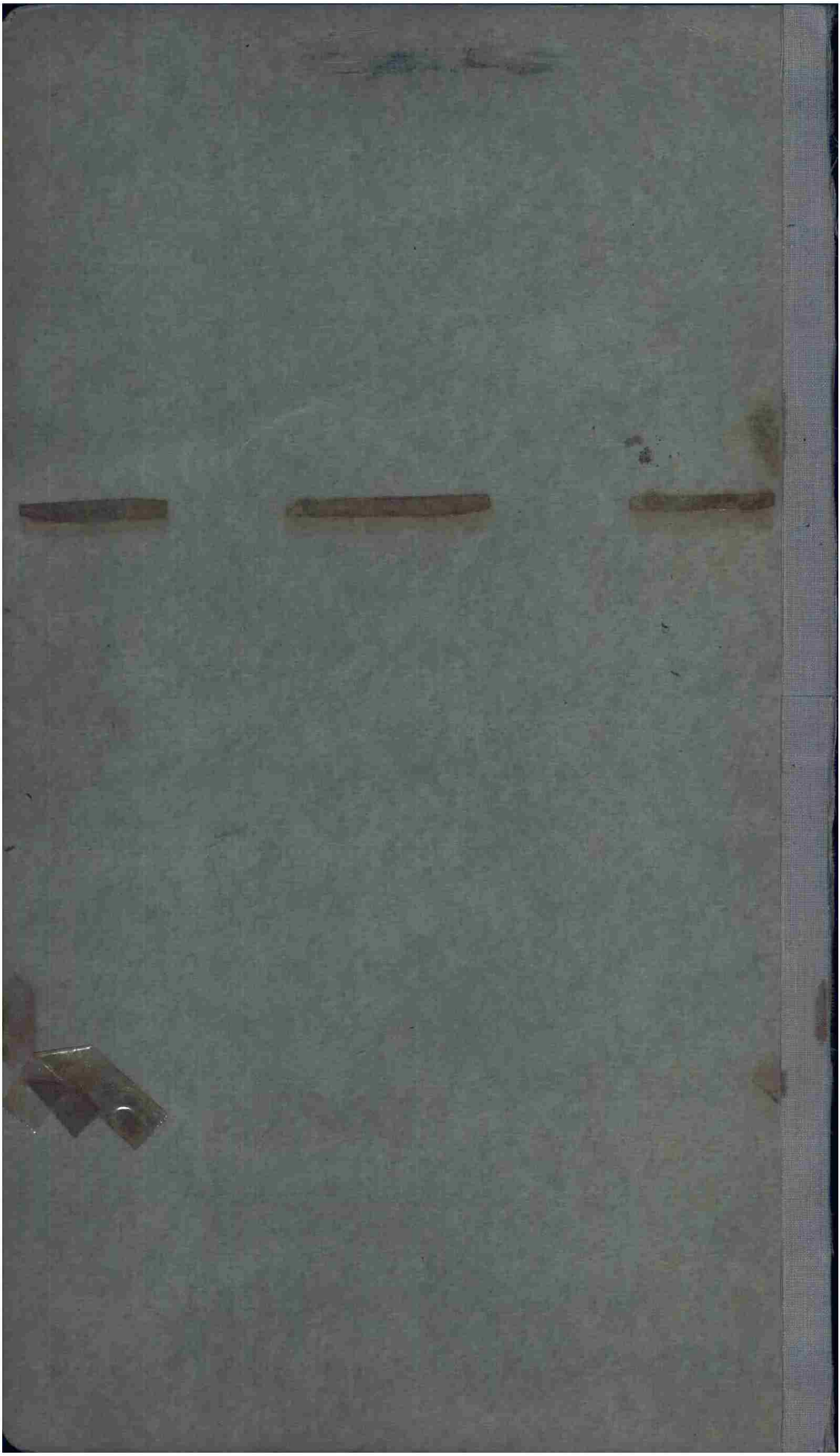
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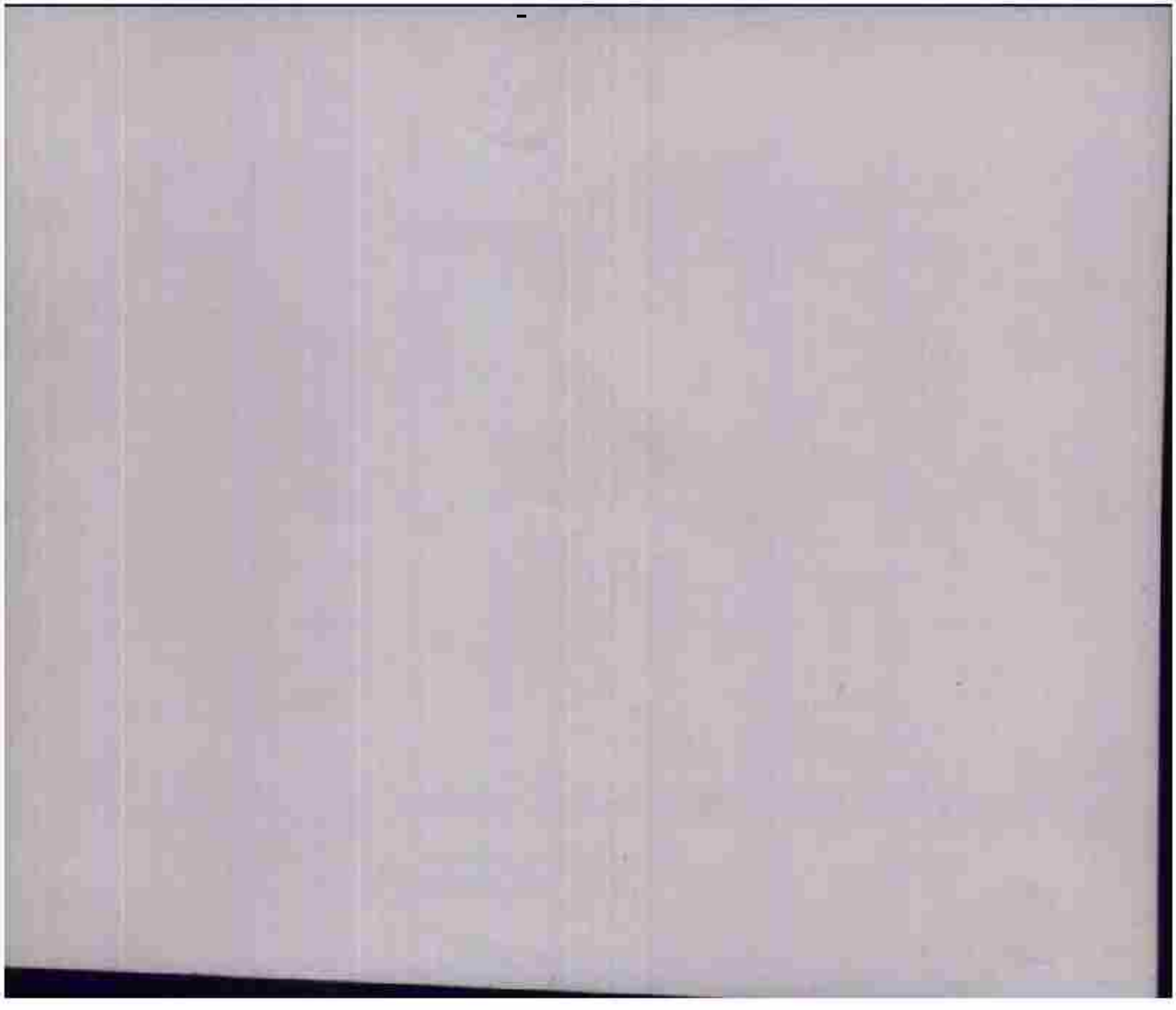
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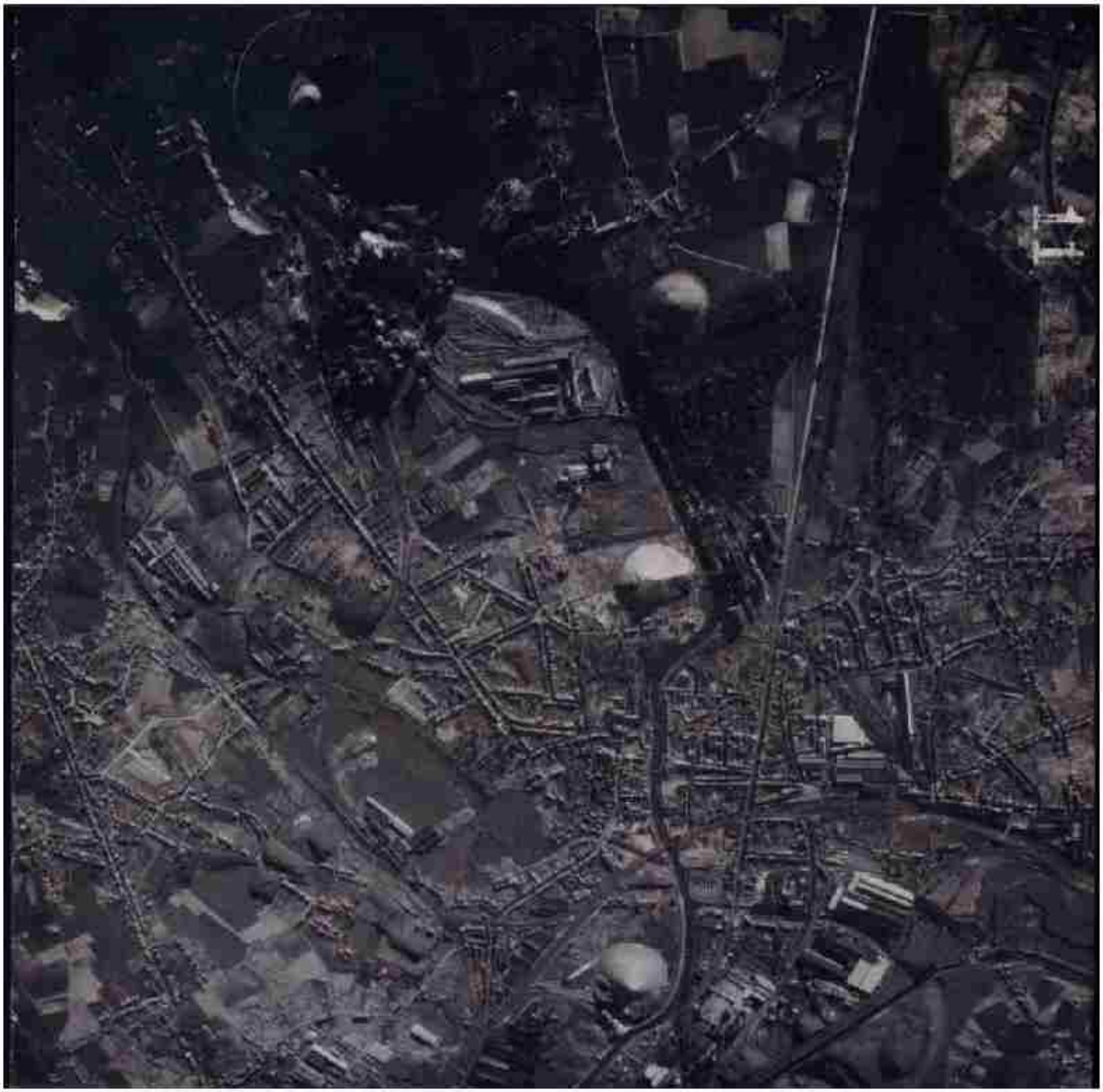
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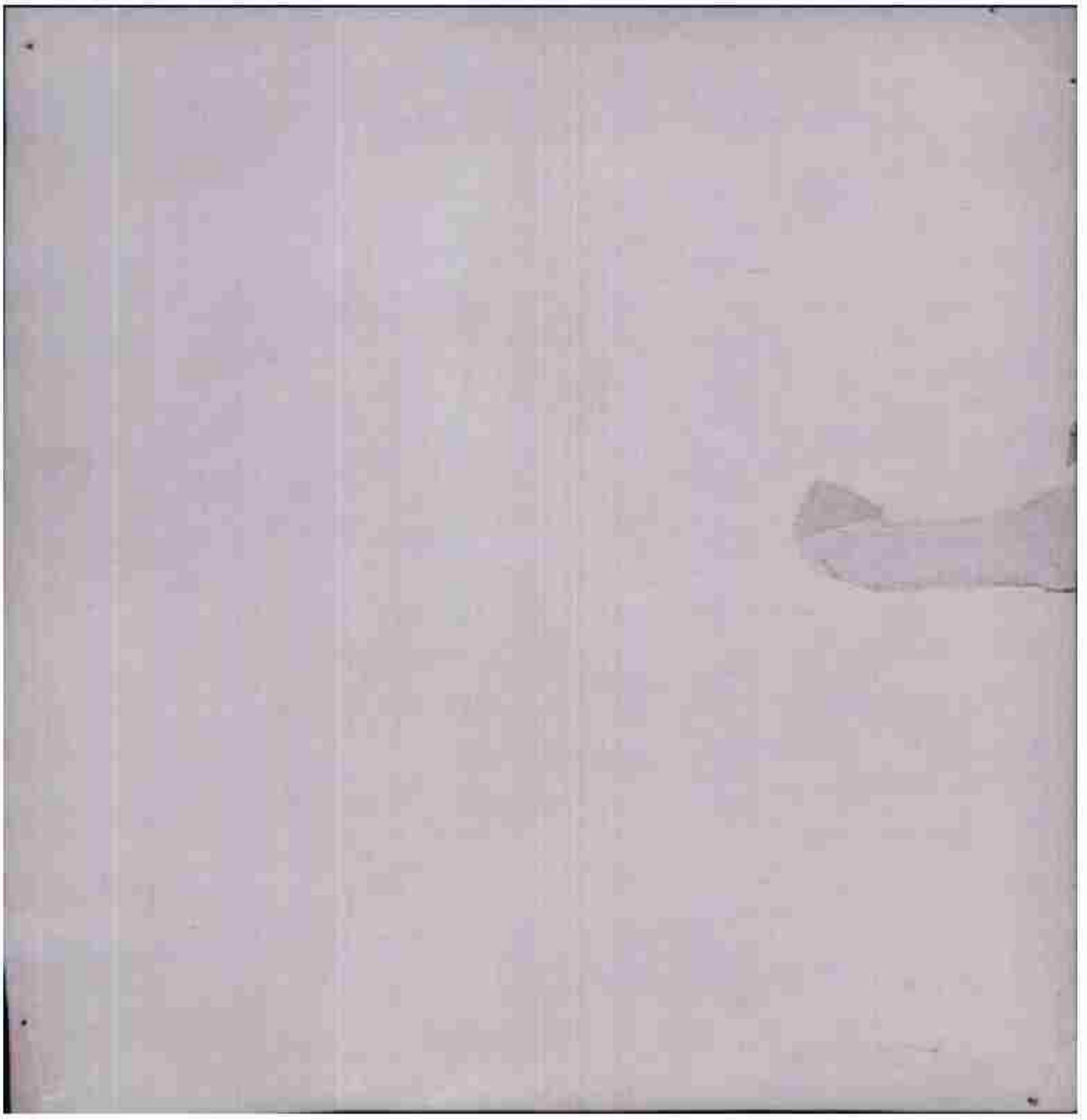
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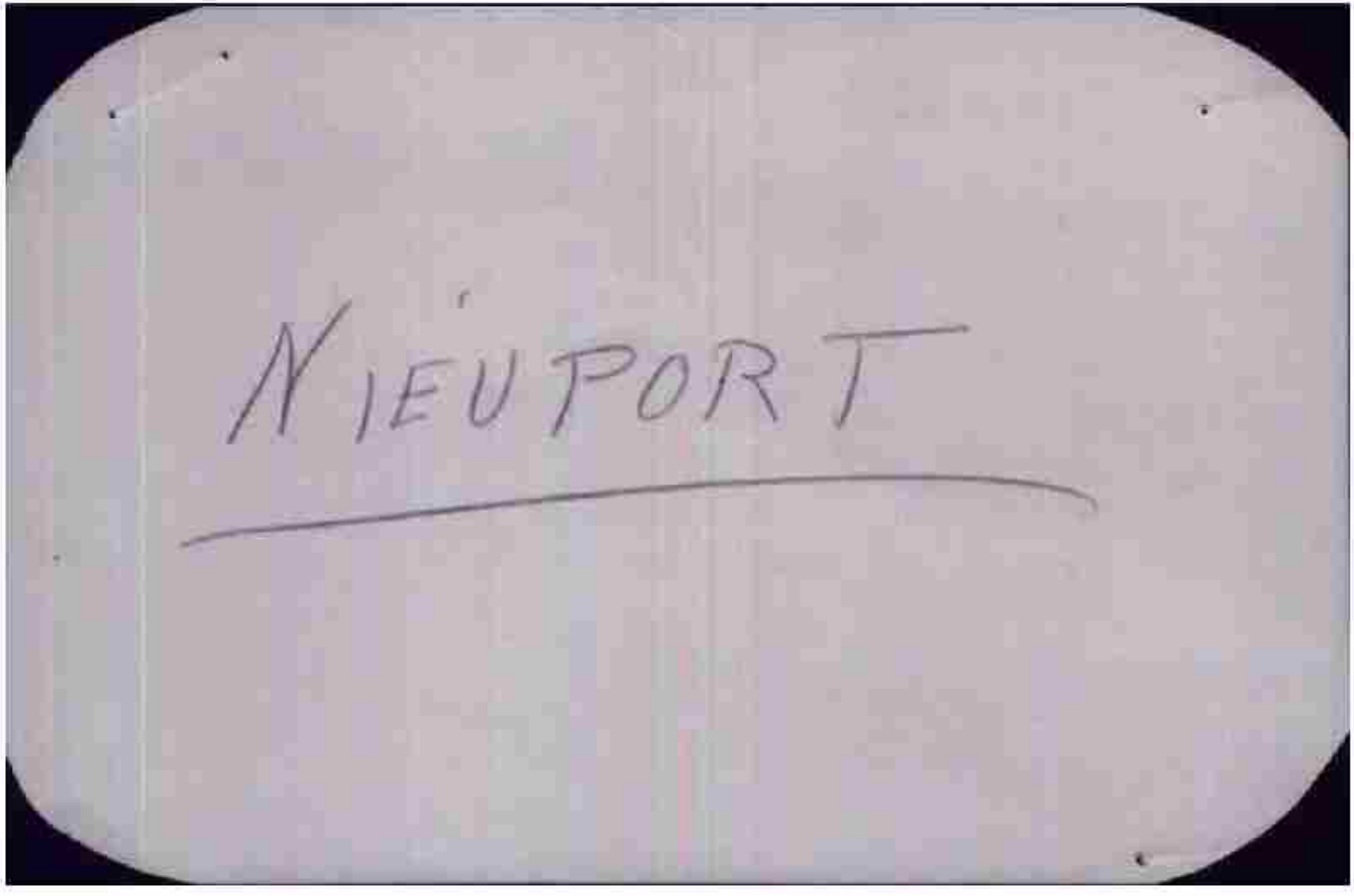
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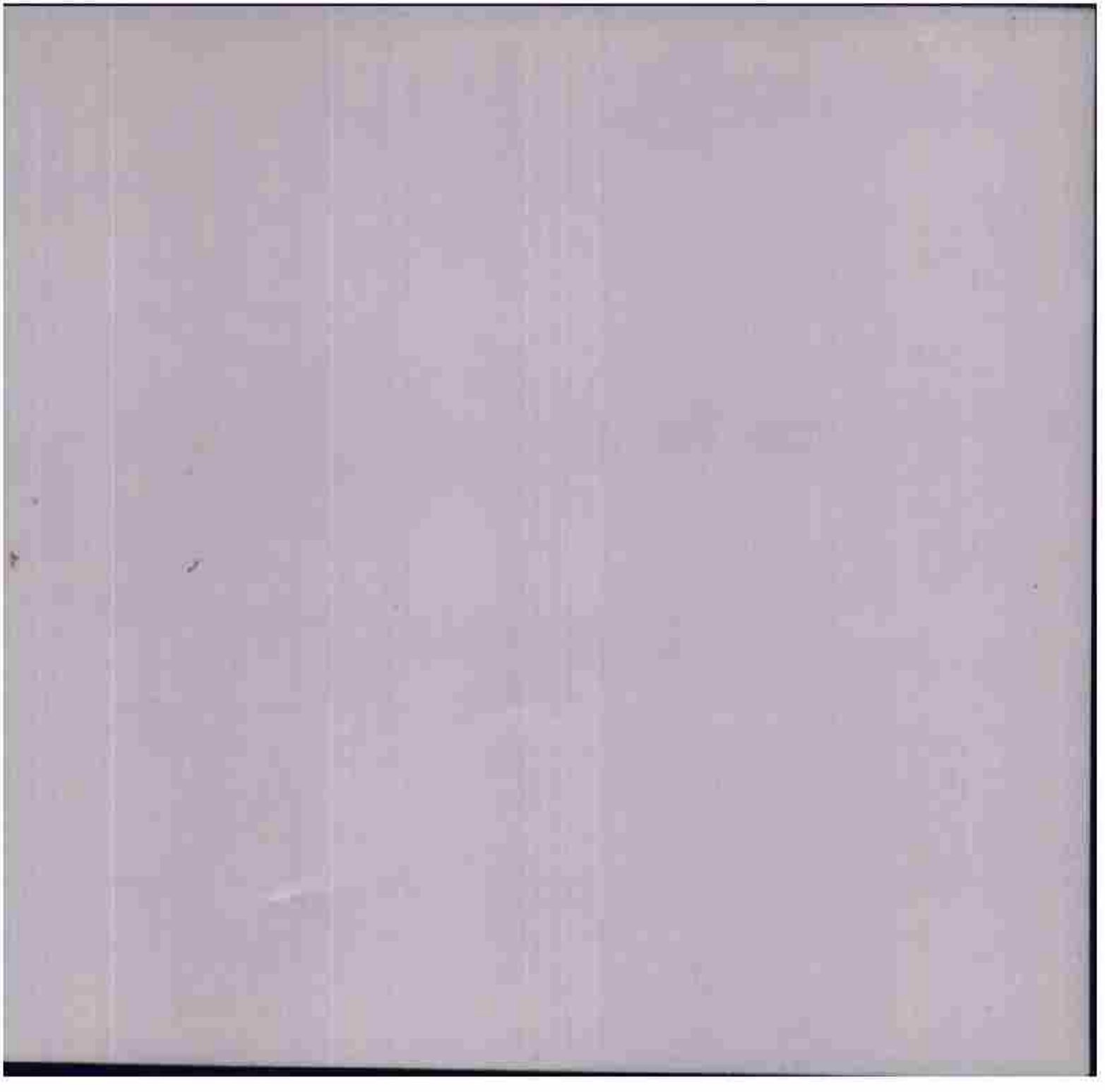
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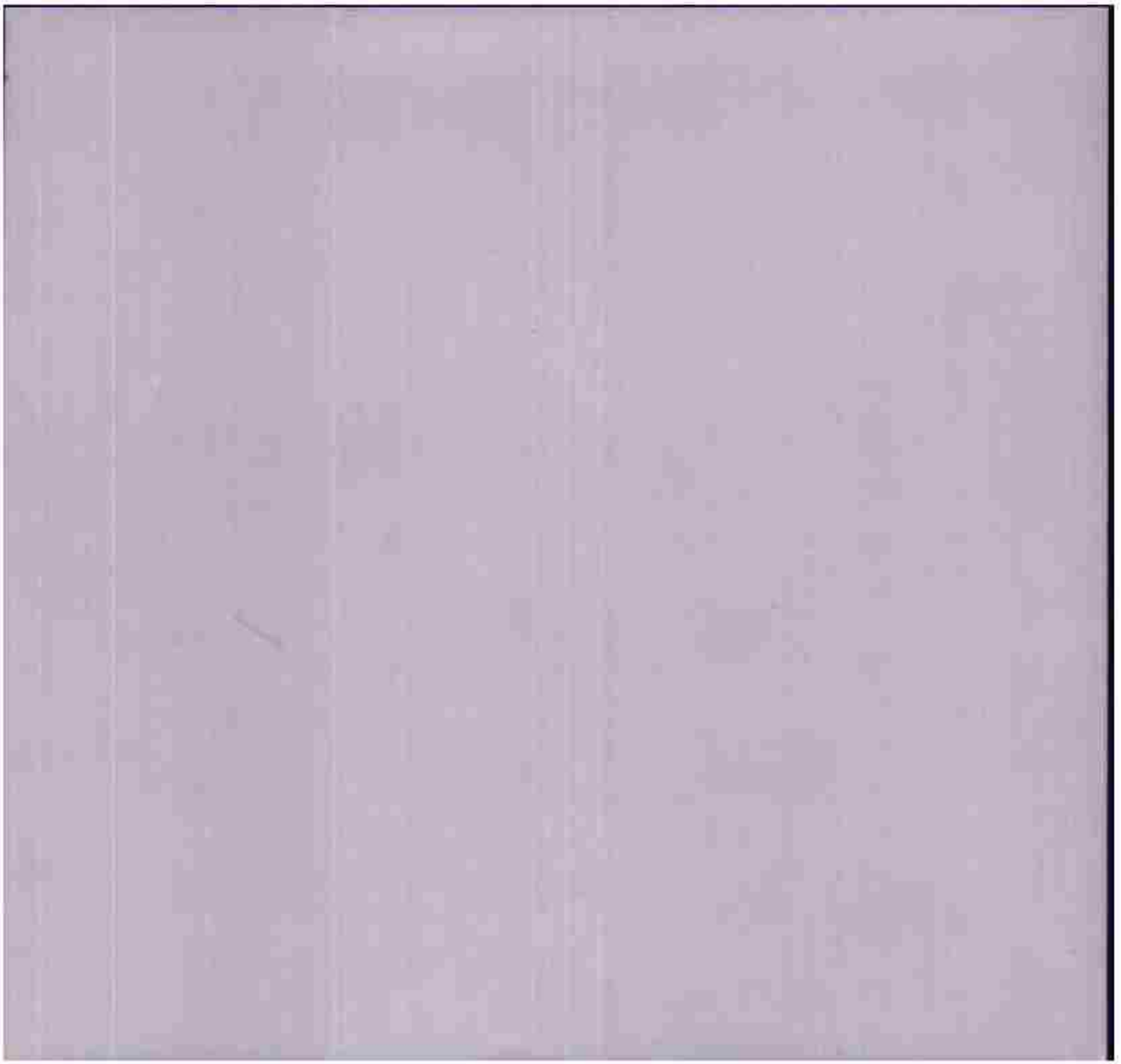
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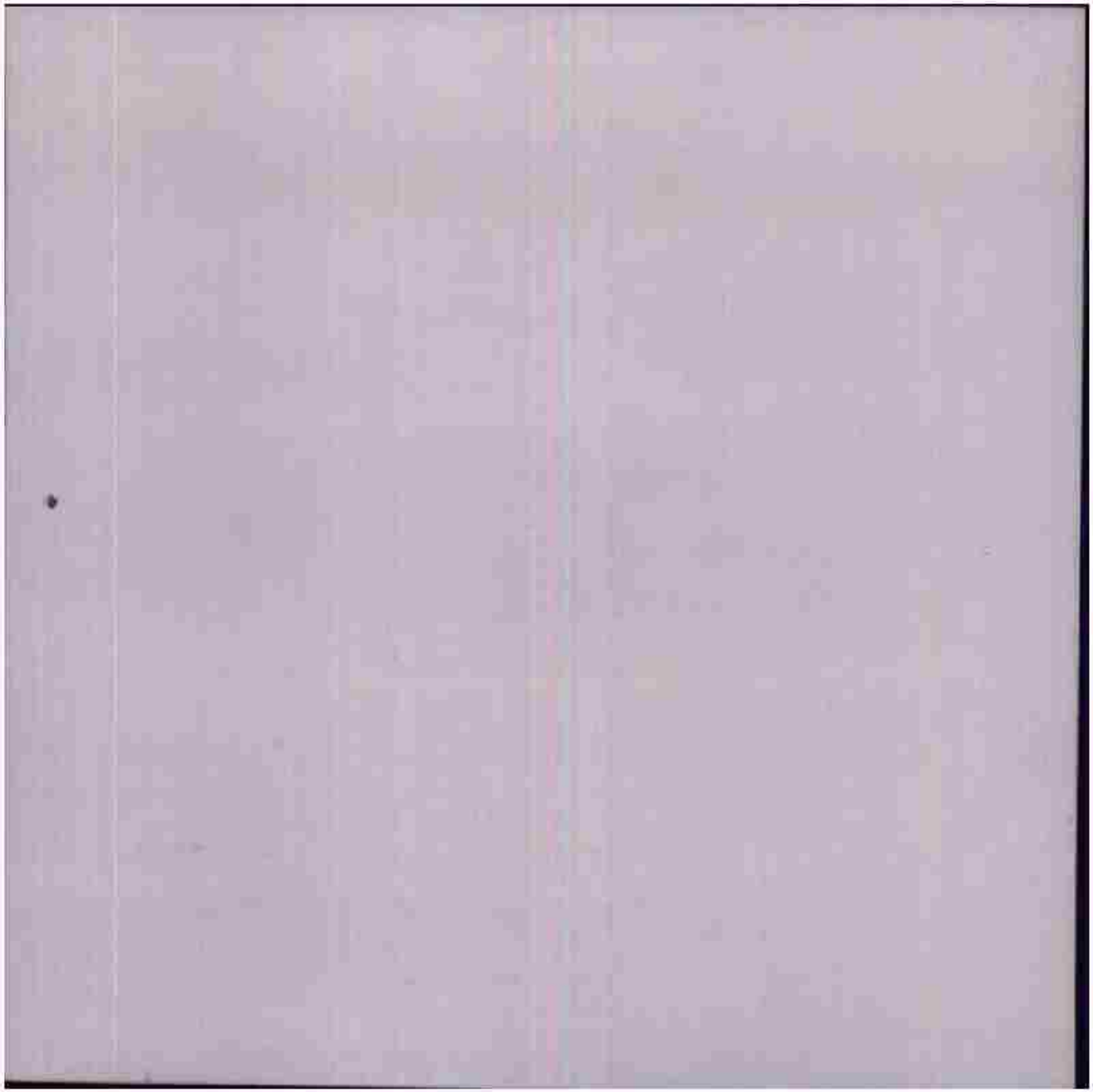
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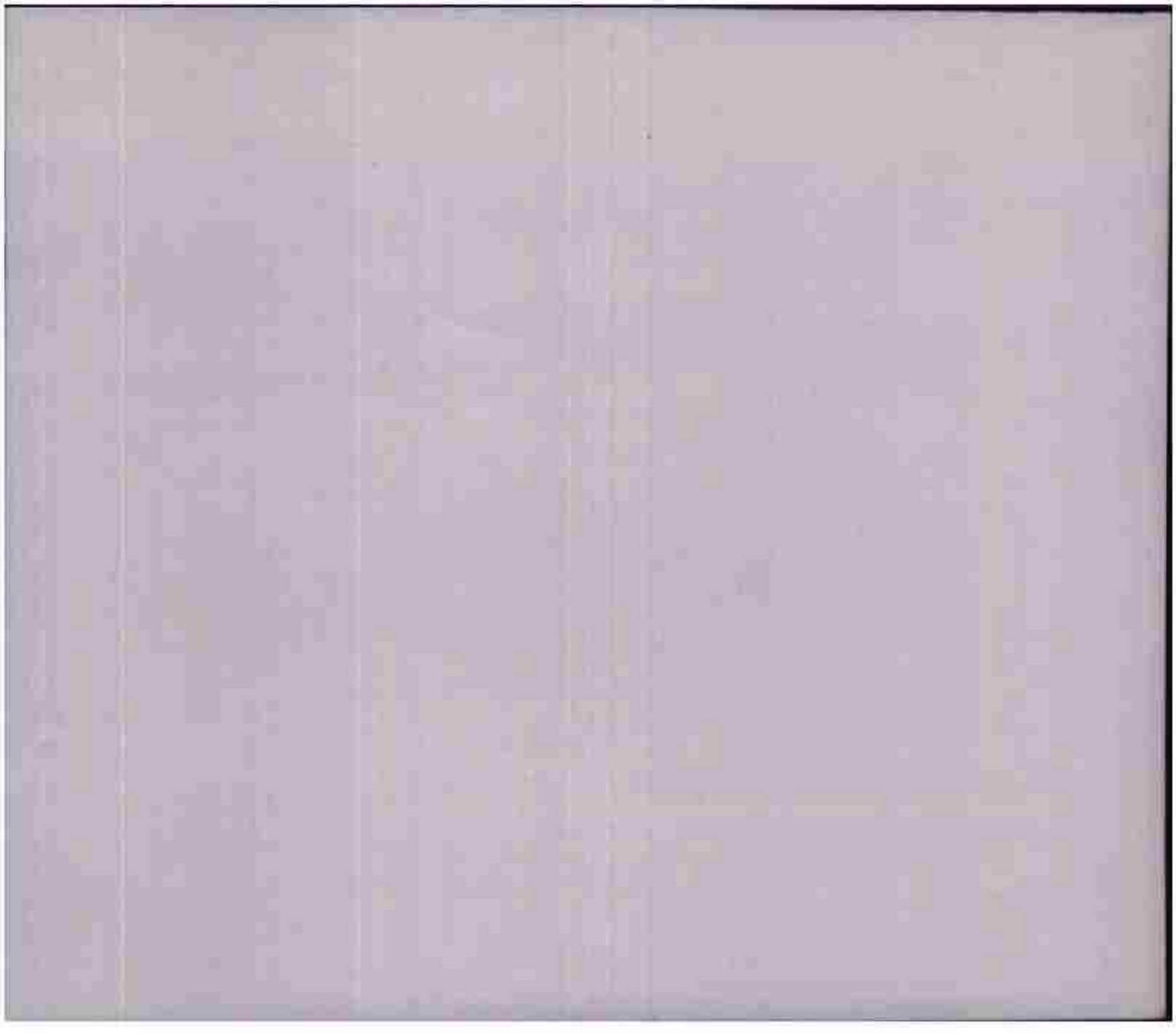
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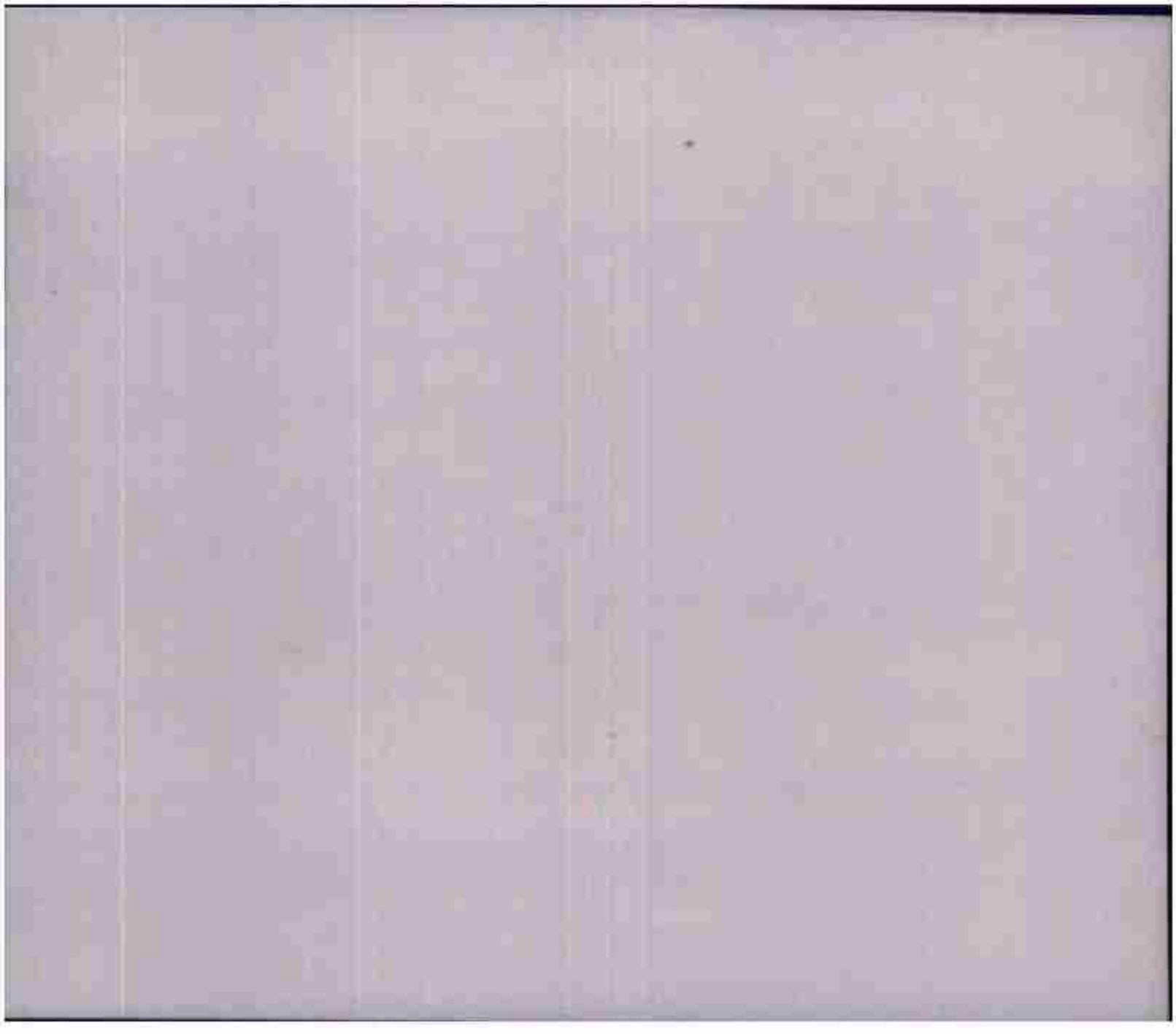
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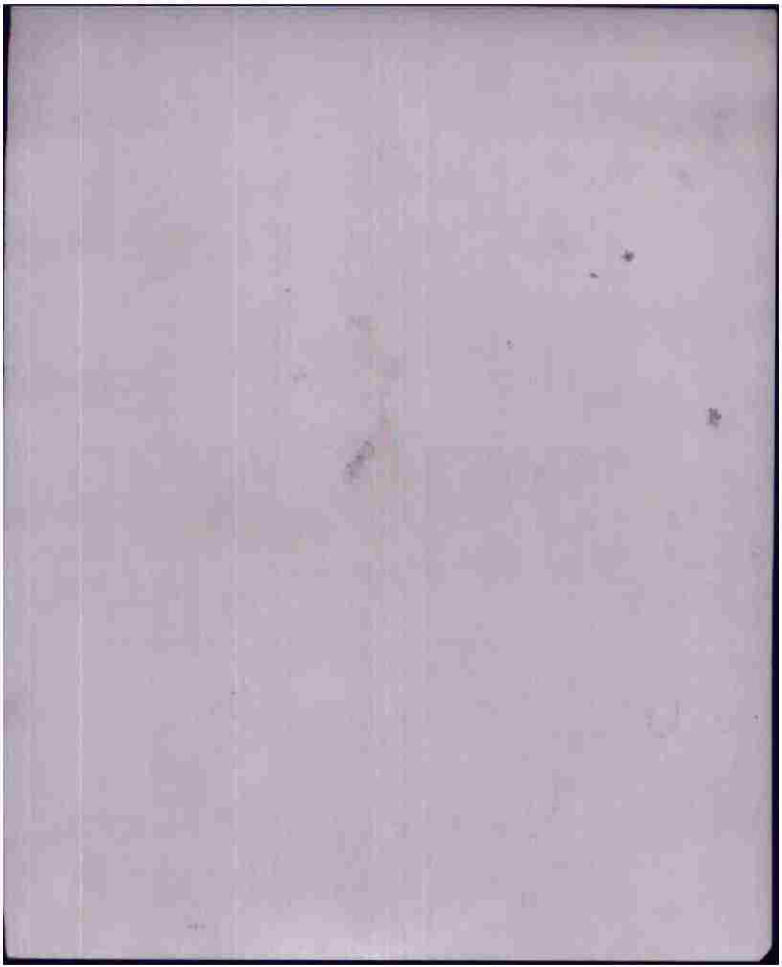
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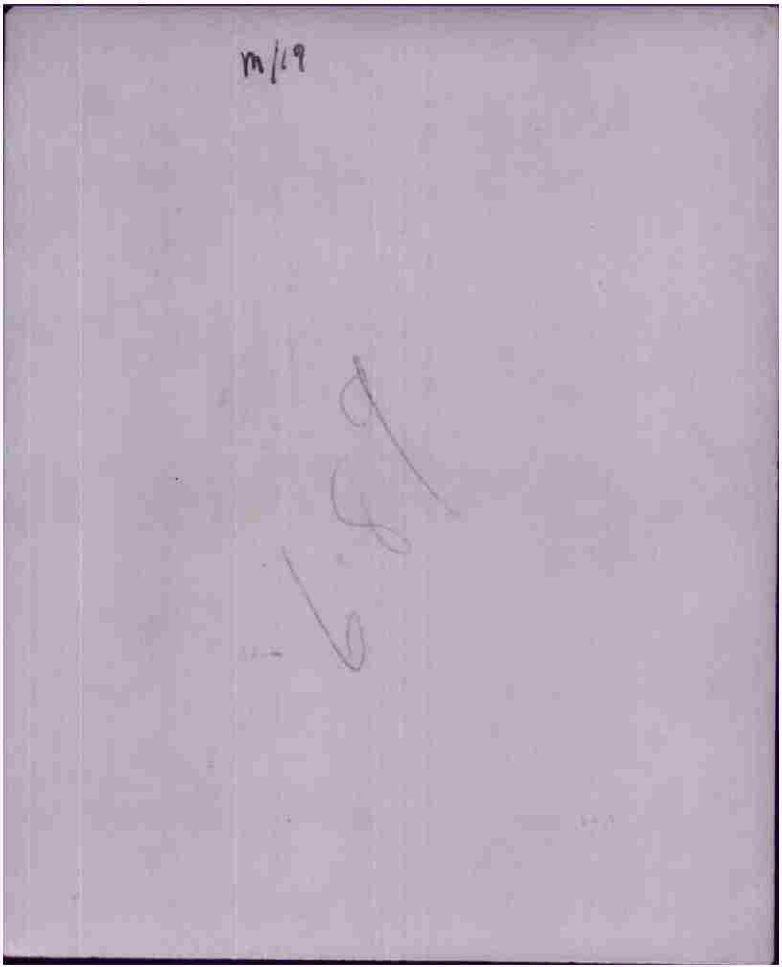
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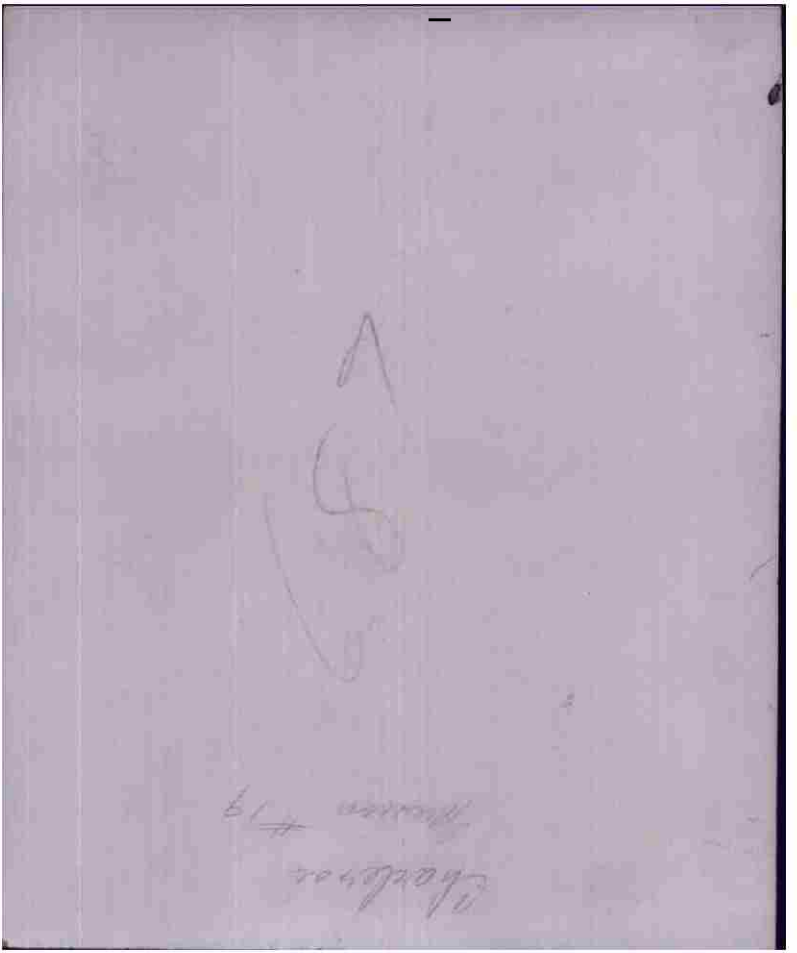
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T.O. 3-A Form No. 106.

CAMERA BOXES	TARGET

IX BC C3VO 49 | 416th

DATE 18 April 1944 | GROUP

SQ'N 1 & 2 | Honcourt-Sur-Sambre

TARGET HIT

ART PLANE INTERPRET RIOR

TARGET BRIEFED Honcourt-Sur-Sambre PRIMARY

Charleroi-Montignies SECONDARY

Chievres Airdrome CASUAL

TARGET ATTACKED Honcourt-Sur-Sambre MILES FROM PRIMARY

DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY

COORDINATES (if non-descript RESULTS) ON 1:250,000 MAP NO.

NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 36 NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 19

NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED 54 x 500 GP

HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED 086 mag.

TIME BOMBS DROPPED 1035

ACTIVITY AT TARGET

Approximately 370 railroad cars in marshalling yard.

RESULTS OF MISSION (Be Brief & Specific)

Heavy concentration of bomb bursts on approximately 80 freight cars in southeast end of marshalling yards. Two direct hits on railroad station, the similar point. One string of bombs starting approximately 400 ft. south of power station, and running North across southeast corner of power station. One direct hit and several near misses on V-shaped building in southeast corner of power station. Two possible hits on corner of power plant and three near misses in canal on east side of power plant. Possible damage to locks in canal south of power station.

Box # 8 did not bomb.

CLAYTON M. ZEIGER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Photo Interpretation Officer.

Clayton M. Zeiger



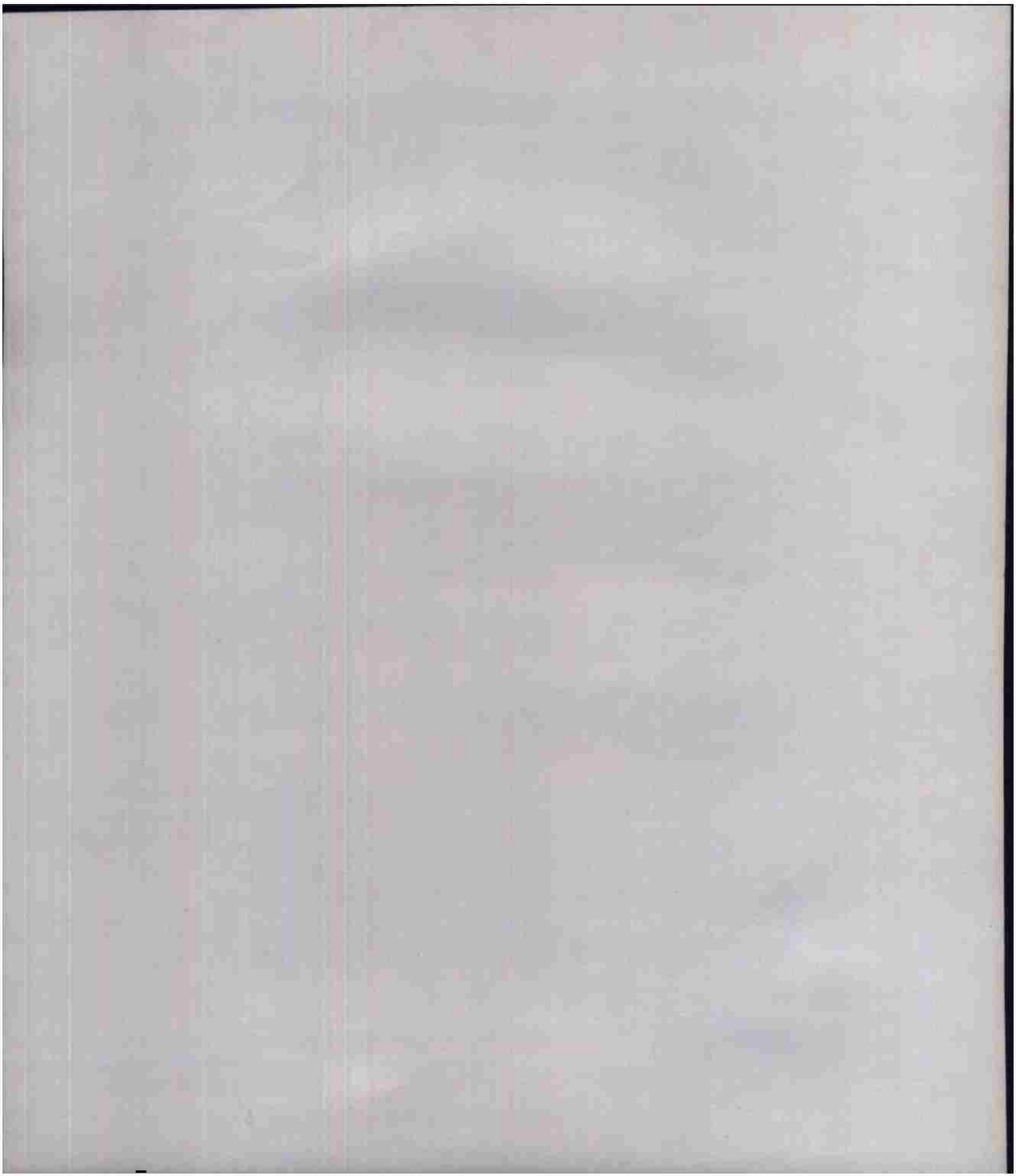






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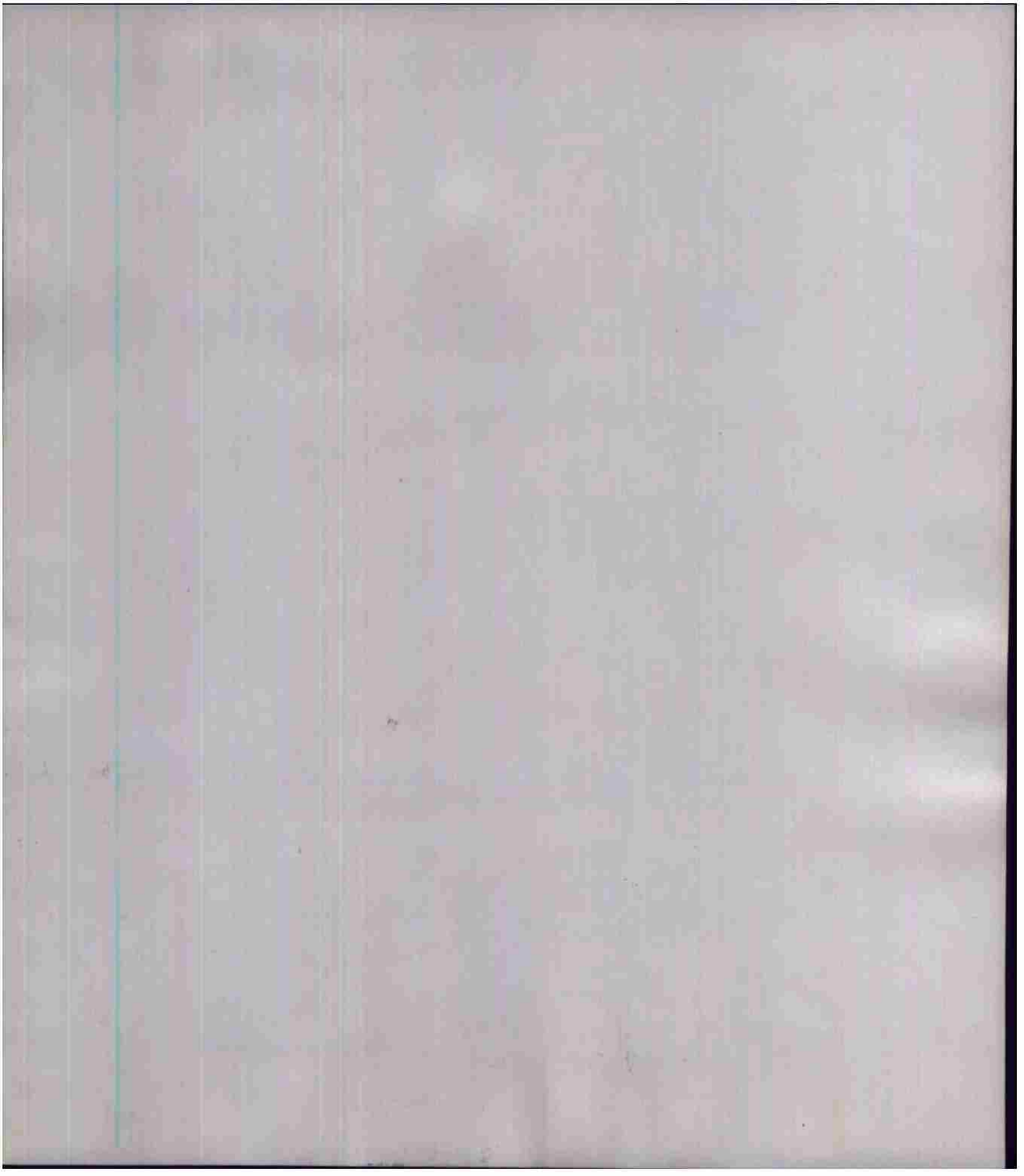
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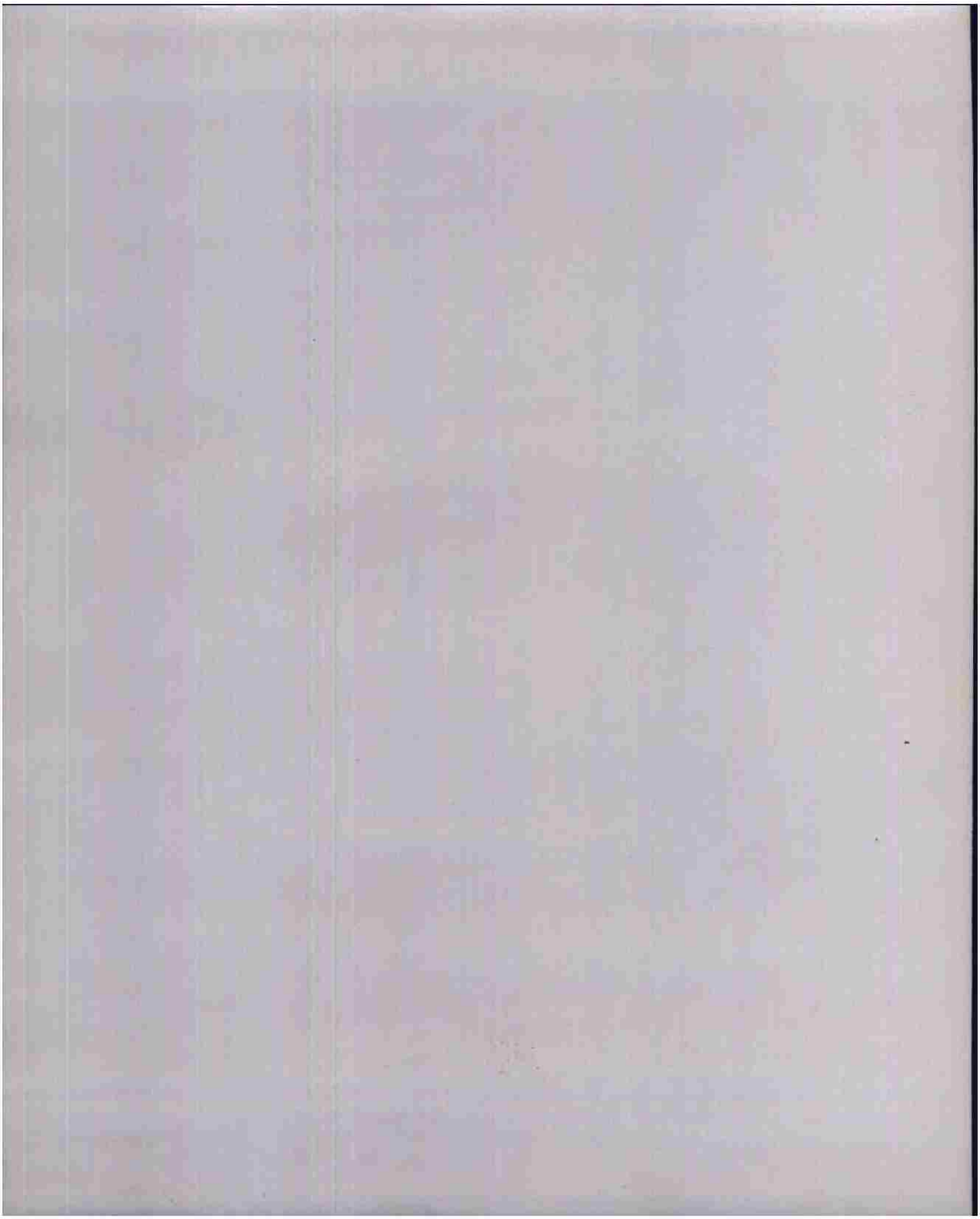


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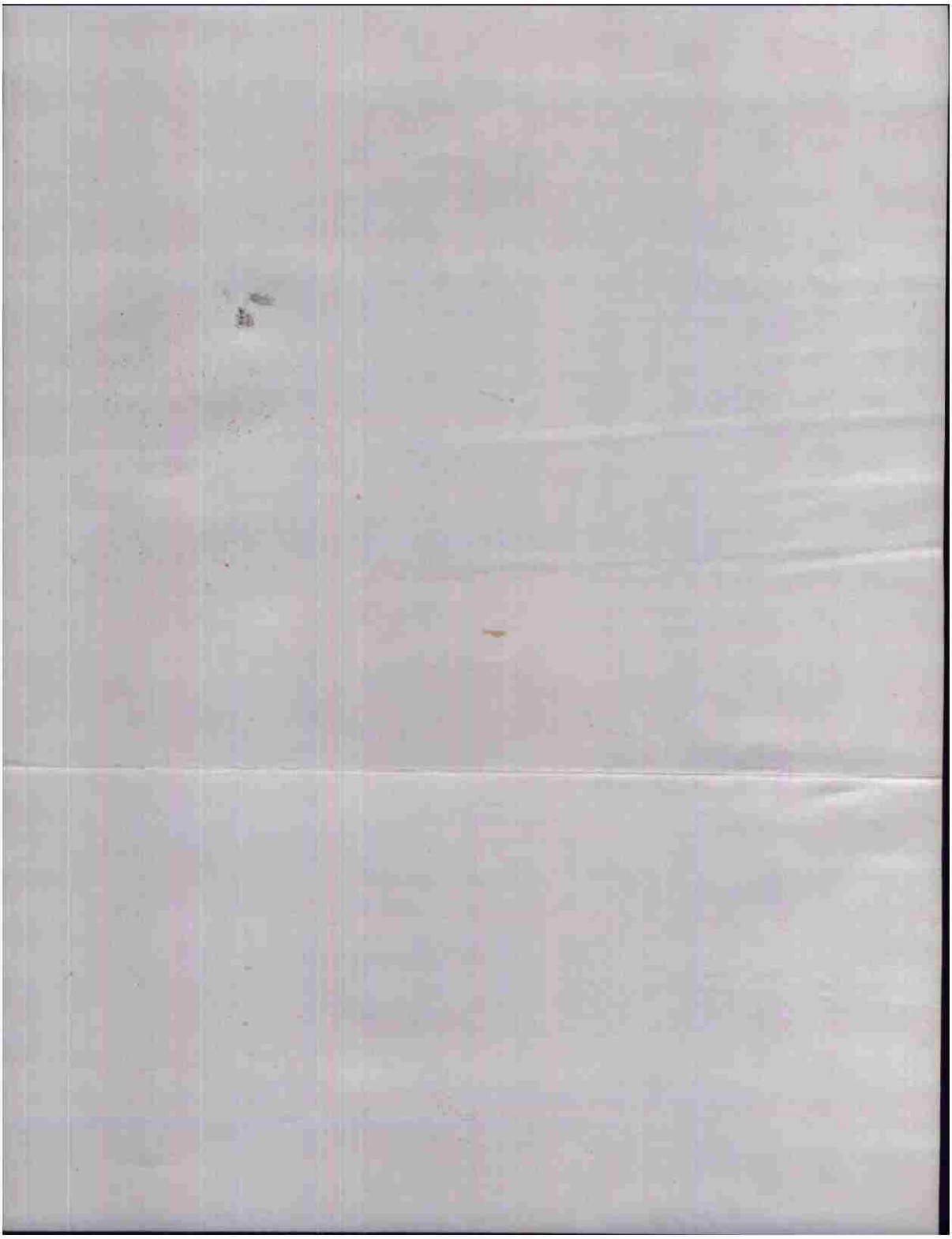


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ZB 116B F/O # 270

Target Charleroi/St. Martin Date 18/4/44 No.A/C 38 Mission No. 19

1. IX BC Synopsis of Mission. - Filed.
2. Photos
3. Warning Orders - None issued.
4. Field Orders, Annex's, Amendments - Filed.
5. Briefing Notes - Filed.
6. Loading List of Airplane Crews - Filed.
7. Hot News - Filed. P.R.C.
8. Flash Reports and Recapitulation - Filed.
9. Telephone Report - Filed.
10. Ops Flash Report - Filed.
11. Interrogation Forms - Filed.
12. Chart of Route Ordered - Route Flown - Flak - No Flak encountered.
13. Bombing Information - Filed.
14. E/A encountered - None.
15. Weather Reports - Filed.
16. Report of Malfunctions - Filed.
17. Lost, Damaged and Abortive Report - Filed.
18. Communication "YS" Report - Filed.
19. Lead Navigators Log & Flight Plan -
20. Battle Casualties - None.
21. Analysis of Gunnery - None.
22. Ammunition Expenditure

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 182200B

TO IX BOMBER COMMAND TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

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OPS FLASH NO 9 FOR APRIL 18, 1944

P-181-D

Charleroi ST. MARTIN

A. (I) ~~MONCEAU-~~ ~~SUR- SOMBRE~~
(II) ~~MONCEAU~~ ~~SUR- ENEXEX SOMBRE~~ ST/MARTIN

B. (I) 416 GP
(II) 38 A-20'S
(III)
19 II BOX LEAD BOMBARDIER DID NOT IDENTIFY TARGET IN TIME TO MAKE BOMBING RUN. NO ATTEMPT TO MAKE SECOND RUN.
(IV) PRIMARY 19
SECONDARY NONE
OTHER NONE

C. (I) 1656
(II) 1834
(III) 2001

D. (I) NONE
NONE
NONE
NONE
(II) NONE
(III)

E. RESULTS OF BOMBING FAIR- LARGEST CONCENTRATION 200 YDS SW OF AP. HITS ON CARS IN MARSHALLNG YARD. POSSIBLE HIT ON SW CORNER OF ROUND HOUSE. HITS ON POWER STATION EST SIDE OF CANEL.

F. (I) (A) NONE
(B) NONE
(II) (A) NONE
(B) WEAK VERY INACCURATE 2 MILES COAST OF NEIUPORT . APPARENTLY AT 409TH GROUP 2 MILES BEHIND.

G. SUMMARY OF HOT NEWS . TWO DINGIES REPORTED 8 MILES EAST OF NORTH FORELAND AT 1715.
ONE DINGY AT 1906 AT 51 DEG 40 ' N 01 DEG 10 ' E (PREVIOUSLY REPRTED AS HOT NEWS)
FIVE SMALL BOATS SIGHTED MIDWAY OF CHANNEL HEADIN TOWARS DUNKERQUE AT 1718
LARGE ENCAMPMENT, NANY TENTS, FOUR MILES SOUTH OF DISMUDE.
TRAIN 13 CARS MAVING FROM COURTRAI TO RENAIX NEW CONSTRUCTION CONSISTING OF "U" SHAPED EXCAVATION AND BUILDINGS 3 MILES NW OF LA BOUVERIE.
"U" SHAPED CONCRETE BLDG ON BEACH 1 MILE SOUTH OF NEUUPORT
LARGE CONCENTRATION OF FREIGHT CARS IN MARSHALLING YARDS AT LA LOUVIERE, SOIGNIES, EGHIEN, AND CROMMONT.

H. (I) CLEAR- VISIBILITY 10-12 MI.
(II) CLEAR

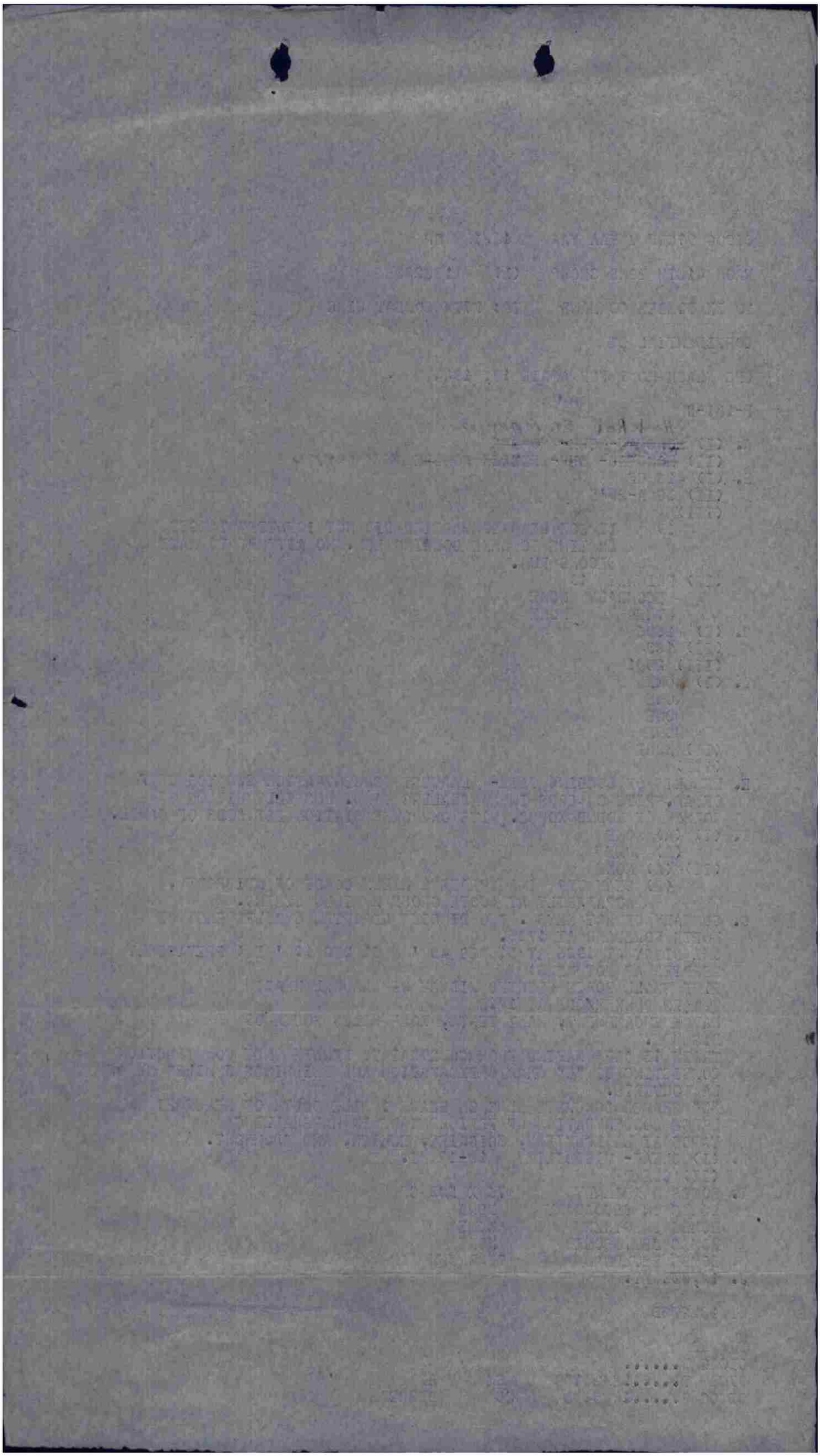
I. BOMBS N PRIMARY 76 X 500 GP
BOMBS ON SECONDARY NONE
BOMBS ON OTHER NONE
BOMBS JETTISONED NONE
BOMBS RETURNED 76 X 500 GP

J. 12,000 FT.

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OTHER BOXES	TARGET

IX BC WIFC 97

DATE 18 April 1944

BOX 1 & 2

416th GROUP

Monceau-Sur-Sambre TARGET HIT

1ST PHASE INTERPRETATION

TARGET BRIEFED Monceau-Sur-Sambre PRIMARY

Charleroi-Montignies SECONDARY

Chieveres Airdrome CASUAL

TARGET ATTACKED Monceau-Sur-Sambre MILES FROM PRIMARY ____

DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY ____

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

NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 38 NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 19

NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED 76 x 500 GP

HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED 080° Mag.

TIME BOMBS DROPPED 1835

ACTIVITY AT TARGET

Approximately 370 railroad cars in marshalling yard.

RESULTS OF BOMBING (Be Brief & Specific)

Heavy concentration of bomb bursts on approximately 60 freight cars in southwest end of marshalling yards. Two direct hits on railroad station, the aiming point. One string of bombs starting approximately 480 ft. south of power station, and running North across southeast corner of power station. One direct hit and several near misses on V-shaped building in southeast corner of power station. Two possible hits on corner of power plant and three near misses in canal on east side of power plant. Possible damage to locks in canal south of power station.

Box # 2 did not bomb.

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Captain, Air Corps,
Photo Interpretation Officer.

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MISSION SUMMARY

18 APRIL 1944 FIELD ORDER 270

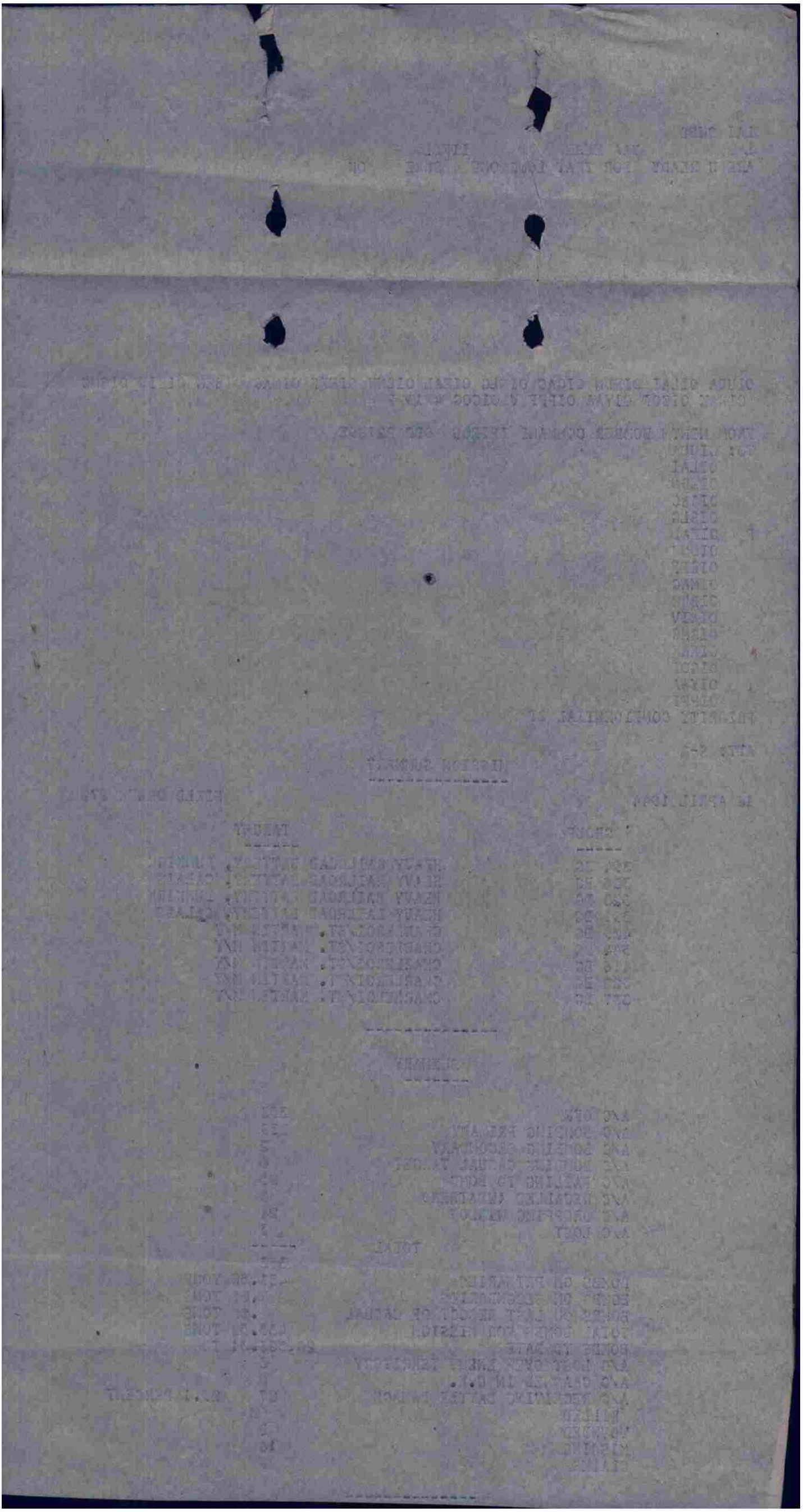
GROUP	TARGET
394 BG	HEAVY RAILROAD BATTERY, DUNKIRK
386 BG	HEAVY RAILROAD BATTERY, CALAIS
323 BG	HEAVY RAILROAD BATTERY, DUNKIRK
391 BG	HEAVY RAILROAD BATTERY, CALAIS
409 BG	CHARLEROI/ST. MARTIN M/Y
344 BG	CHARLEROI/ST. MARTIN M/Y
416 BG	CHARLEROI/ST. MARTIN M/Y
322 BG	CHARLEROI/ST. MARTIN M/Y
387 BG	CMARLEROI/ST. MARTIN M/Y

SUMMARY

A/C OFF	353	
A/C BOMBING PRIMARY	239	
A/C BOMBING SECONDARY	2	
A/C BOMBING CASUAL TARGET	0	
A/C FAILING TO BOMG	85	
A/C RECALLED (WEATHER)	0	
A/C DROPPIMG WINDOW	24	
A/C LOST	3	
TOTAL	353	
BOMBS ON PRIMARIES	431.50	TONS
BOMBS ON SECONDARIES	4.00	TONS
BOMBS ON LAST RESOCT OF CASUAL	.00	TONS
TOTAL BOMBS FOR MISSION	435.50	TONS
BOMBS TO DATE	20,563.31	TONS
A/C LOST OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	3	
A/C CRASHED IN U.K.	0	
A/C RECEIVING BATTLE DAMAGE	87	25.1 PERCENT
KILLED	0	
WOUNDED	3	
MISSING	16	
CLAIMS	0	

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CONCLUSIONS

HIGHLY EFFICIENT BOMBING MARKED GENERALLY THE ATTACK ON CHARLEROI/ST. MARTIN M/Y BY AIRCRAFT OF THIS COMMAND, AS ATTESTED BY STRIKE ATTACK PHOTOS SHOWING HEAVY CONCENTRATIONS ON THE AIMING POINT AND AN EXCELLENT DISTRIBUTION OF BURST THROUGHOUT THE TARGET AREA.

OF 62 AIRCRAFT FAILING TO BOMB THIS TARGET

(1) 16 OF THE 387 BG COULD NOT DISTINGUISH THE AIMING POINT BECAUSE OF A DENSE SMOKE GLARE.

(2) ONE BOX OF 19 [redacted]16 BG A20'S FAILED AS LEAD BOMBARDIER DID NOT IDENTIFY TARGET IN TIME TO MAKE A RUN.

(3) NINETEEN A-20'S OF THE 409 BG, BRIEFED TO DROP ON BOX LEADER, FAILED BECAUSE OF RACK MALFUNCTION IN LEAD AIRCRAFT.

ONE GROUP ONLY REPORTED WEAK INACCURATE HFF OVER THE PRIMARY TARGET. AT CHIEVRES A/D, A SECONDARY TARGET BOMBED BY 2 AIRCRAFT, ANOTHER GROUP EXPERIENCED MODERATE ACCURATE HFF WHICH CAUSED ONE AIRCRAFT TO CRASH LAND UPON ITS RETURN TO BASE WITH A FLAK-DAMAGED WHEEL GEAR.

NO CASUALTIES TO PERSONNEL WERE SUFFERED.

THERE WAS NO ENEMY FIGHTER REACTION TO THE MISSION.

HITS IN A MARSHALLING YARD CHOKE POINT AND ENGINE SHEDS, AND ON AN ENEMY INDUSTRIAL WORKS, AS WELL AS HITS ACROSS A CORNER OF THE TARGET DISTINGUISHED THE ATTACK BY TWO OF OUR GROUPS AGAINST A HEAVY R.R. GUN BATTERY AT DUNKIRK. FROM THE STANDPOINT OF PRECISION THE BOMBING WAS POOR.

WINDOW WAS DROPPED BY 12 OF THE FORMATION BOMBERS AND BY PATHFINDERS. THERE ARE VARYING REPORTS OF ITS EFFECTIVENESS BY CREWS.

MODERATE TO INTENSE ACCURATE HFF WAS EXPERIENCED AT THE TARGET. ONE A/C MADE A FORCED LANDING AT MANSTON AS RESULT OF FLAK DAMAGE.

TWO AIRCRAFT OF THE 323 BG COLLIDED OVER THE TARGET, ONE CRASHING IMMEDIATELY AND THE OTHER GOING DOWN LATER IN THE CHANNEL.

THERE WAS NO ENEMY FIGHTER REACTION.

TEN (10) CREW MEMBERS ARE MISSING.

A GOOD CONCENTRATION OF 386 BG BURSTS WAS SEEN CENTERED ON THE PATHFINDERS' SIGNAL BOMBS IN THE TWO-GROUP ATTACT ON A HEAVY R.RM GUN BATTERY AT CALAIS. THE SIGNAL BOMBS PROVED TO BE OFF TARGET SOME 500 YARDS. BOMBS OF THE 391 BG FELL 1/4 TO 1/2 MILE SOUTHEAST OF THE TARGET.

MODERATE TO INTENSE ACCURATE HFF WAS REPORTED AT THE TARGET. IT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING DOWN ONE AIRCRAFT IN THE CHANNEL. WINDOW WAS ADJUDGED EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING FLAK ACCURACY.

NO ENEMY FIGHTER REACTION WAS EXPERIENCED.

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H. OBSERVATIONS.

WEATHER, CALAIS: OVER THE TARGET, 1615 HOURS, CLEAR WITH 15 TO 20 MILES VISIBILITY, CHANGING AT 1631 HOURS TO A[illegible] ESTIMATED .2 TO .4 CUMULUS AT 2500 FT. AND 5 TO 7 MILES VISIBILITY.

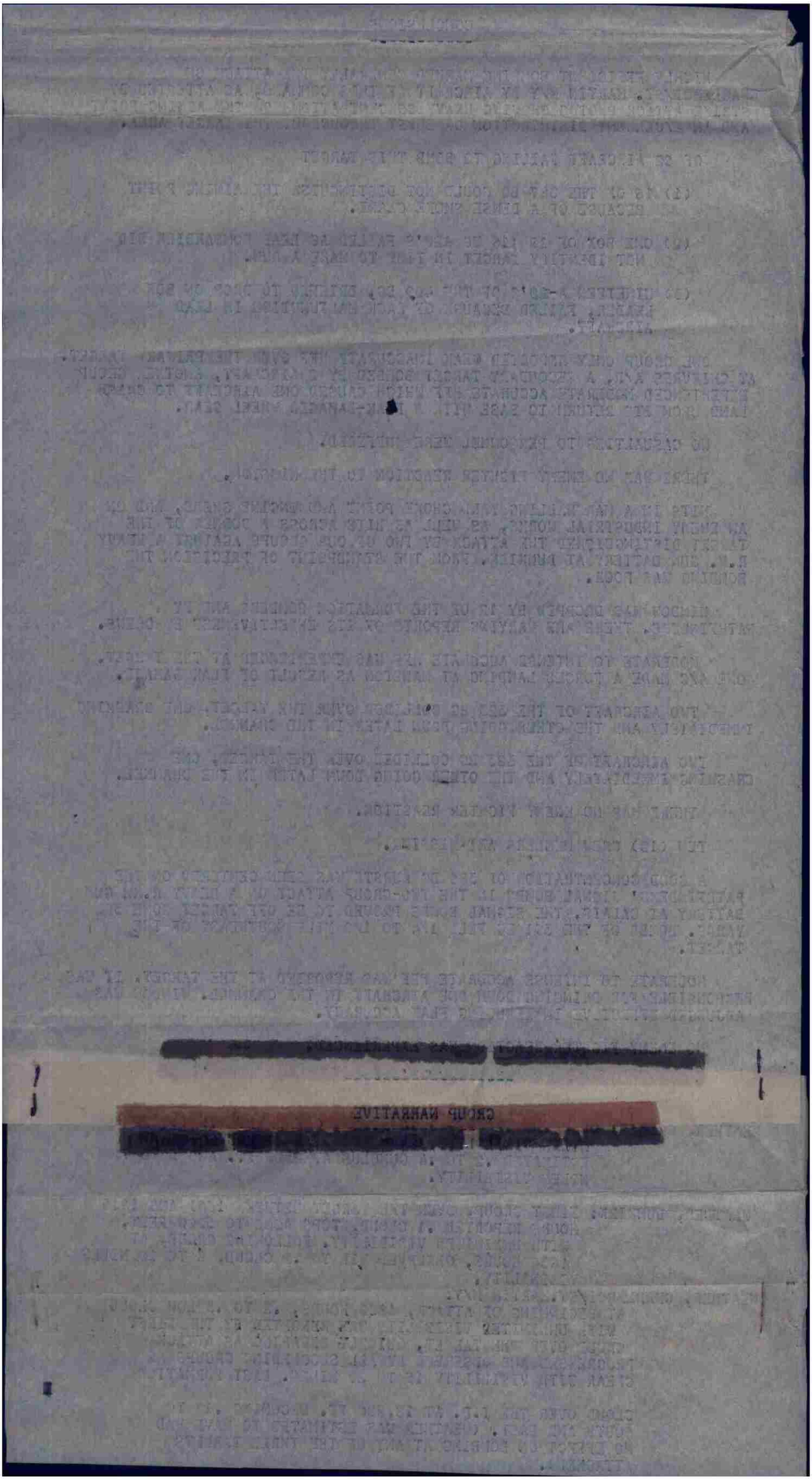
WEATHER, DUNKIRK: FIRST GROUP, OVER THE TARGET BETWEEN 1601 AND 1615 HOURS REPORTED .1 CLOUD, TOPS 4000 TO 5000 FEET, WITH UNLIMITED VISIBILITY. FOLLOWING GROUP, AT 1634 HOURS, OBSERVED NIL TO .2 CLOUD, 8 TO 10 MILES VISIBILITY.

WEATHER, CHARLEROI/ST.MARTIN M/Y:
AT BEGINNING OF ATTACK, 1832 HOURS, .2 TO .3 LOW CLOUD WITH UNLIMITED VISIBILITY WAS REPORTED BY THE FIRST GROUP OVER THE TARGET, QUICKLY CLEARING AS ATTACK PROGRESSED AND OBSERVED BY ALL SUCCEEDING GROUPS AS CLEAR WITH VISIBILITY 15 TO 20 MILES. LAST FORMATION

CLOUD OVER THE I.P. AT 18,000 FT. BECOMING .10 TO SOUTH AND EAST. (WEATHER WAS ESTIMATED TO HAVE HAD NO EFFECT ON BOMBING AT ANY OF THE THREE TARGETS ATTACKED).

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ENEMY FIGHTERS: DUNKIRK AND CALAIS MISSIONS.
APPROXIMATELY 15/20 HOSTILE FIGHTERS WERE AIRBORNE, PERHAPS FROM LILLE, THE FIRST FORMATION AT ABOUT 1600 HOURS AND A SECOND SOME FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER.

THESE E/A WERE UP ON FRUITLESS SORTIES, HOWEVER, EXPENDING THEIR TIME ASSEMBLING IN THE CAMBRAI AREA, AND MAKING NO ATTEMPT AT INTERCEPTING.

BY 1657 HOURS THE FIRST FORMATION WAS ALREADY PREPARING TO LAND. THE OTHER FORMATION PROBABLY FOLLOWED SUIT SOON AFTER 1700 HOURS.

FLAK:
DUNKIRK: MODERATE TO INTENSE ACCURATE HFF AT TARGET WAS REPORTED BY BOTH GROUPS. 3 B-26S DROPPING WINDOW PRECEDED EACH BOX OVER THE TARGET. CREW REPORTS AS TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF WINDOW VARIED, SOME REPORTING THAT THE GREATER PART OF THE FIRE WAS INACCURATE WHILE OTHERS REPORTED THE FIRE ESPECIALLY ACCURATE FOR ALTITUDE. FIRE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN PREDICTOR CONTROLLED, FOLLOWING SEEN TYPE.

CALAIS: MODERATE TO INTENSE ACCURATE HFF AT TARGET WAS ENCOUNTERED BY ALL BOXES ATTACKING. WINDOW WAS DROPPED IN THE SAME MANNER AS AT DUNKIRK AND IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING THE ACCURACY OF SOME OF THE FIRE.

ONE B-26 OF THE 391ST GROUP WENT DOWN IN THE CHANNEL ABOUT 4 MILES OFF THE FRENCH COAST AFTER LEAVING TARGET AS A RESULT OF XLAK DAMAGE RECEIVED IN TARGET AREA.

CHARLEROI/ST.MARTIN:
FLAK AT TARGET WAS REPORTED AS NIL BY ALL GROUPS BUT ONE. MEAGER INACCURATE HFF WAS REPORTED ENROUTE FCOM NIEUPORT, ENGHIEM, WAERGHEN, AND 8 MILES SOUTH OF TARGET (PROBABLY FLORENNES).

ONE GROUP FLEW OVER CHIEVRES A/D (SECONDARY TARGET) RECEIVING MEAGER TO MODERATE, MOSTLY INACCURATE HFF.

SHIPPING: MANY BARGES NEAR NIEUPORT.
VESSEL RESEMBLING SUBMARINE AT 51 DEG 08 MIN NORTH, 02 DEG 35 MIN EAST, COURSE S/E.
TANKER THOUGHT TO BE ANCHORED OFF DUNKIRK.

RAILROAD,M/Y'S:
DUNKIRK, LA LOUMIERE, SOIGNIES, ENGHIEN, CROMMONT, HAL, MAUBEGE, COURTRAI, MONCEAU, ROULERS, CHARLEROI, VALENCIENNES, MONS OBSERVED TO BE FULL AND ACTIVE.

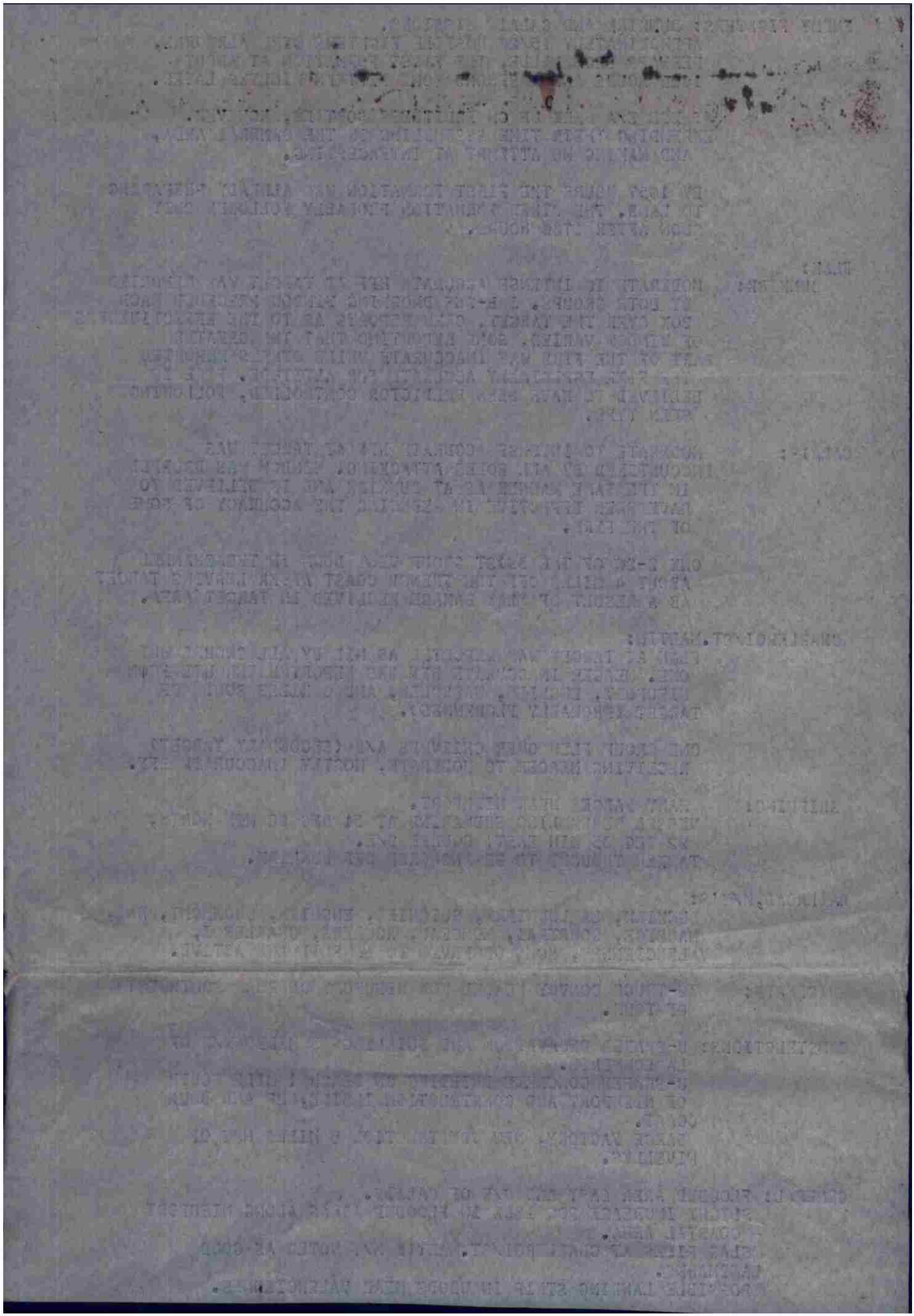
HIGHWAYS: 30-TRUCK CONVOY HEADED FOR NIEUPORT ON ROAD SOUTHWEST OF TOWN.

CONSTRUCTIONS: U-SHAPED EXCAVATION AND BUILDINGS 3 MILES N/W OF LA BONNERIE.
U-SHAPED CONCRETE BUILDING ON BEACH 1 MILE SOUTH OF NIEUPORT AND CONSTRUCTION INSIDE, UP AND DOWN COAST.
BARGE FACTORY, NEW CONSTRUCTION 8 MILES N/W OF NIVELLES.

GENERAL: FLOODED AREA EAST AND S/E OF CALAIS.
SLIGHT INCREASE POSSIBLE IN FLOODED AREAS ALONG NIEUPORT COASTAL AREA.
SLAG PILES AT CHARLEROI/ST.MARTIN M/Y NOTED AS GOOD LANDMARKS.
POSSIBLE LANDING STRIP IN WOODS NEAR VALENCIENNES.

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FAILURES TO BOMB

GROUP	NO. OF A/C	CLASSIFICATION	REASONS
EIY BG	17	MECHANICAL	FAILURE OF PPF EQUIPMENT.
323 BG	3	OTHER	OUT OF FORMATION ON BOMB RUN
391 BG	3	1 PERSONNEL 2 MECHANICAL	FAILURE TO SEE LEADER DROP. 1 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM SHOT OUT
HPGSSIDIRSCV FAILED			TO CLOSE 1 A/C RIGHT ENGINE CUT OUT AFTER TAKEOFF. 1 A/C RIGHT ENGINE CUT OUT OVER CHANNEL.
416 BG	19	PERSONNEL	2ND BOX LEAD BOMBARDIER DID NOT IDENTIFY TARGET AND DID NOT ATTEMPT SECOND RUN.
344 BG	1	MECHANICAL	DETONATIONS BOTH MOTORS.
409 BG	20	MECHANICAL	19 A/C 1ST BOX, LEADERS BOMB RELEASE, MALFUNCTION. 1 A/C, 2ND BOX, BOMB RELEASE MALFUNCTION.
387 BG	19	3 MECHANICAL	1 A/C LEFT SUPERCHARGER FAILED. 1 A/C LEFT PROP GOVERNOR OUT OF ORDER 1 A/C REAR TURRET LINKS CORRODED AND BROKE.

[redacted]

416 BG [redacted] HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF BOMB BURSTS ON APPROXIMATELY 60 FREIGHT CARS IN SOUTHWEST END OF MARSHALLING YARDS. TWO DIRECT HITS ON RAILROAD ENGINE REPAIR SHED, THE AIMING POINT. ONE STRING OF BOMBS STARTING APPROX. 480 FT. SOUTH OF THE POWER STATION, AND RUNNING NORTH ACROSS THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF POWER STATION. ONE DIRECT HIT AND SEVERAL NEAR MISSES ON U-SHAPED BUILDING IN SOUTHEAST CORNER OF POWER STATION. TWO POSSIBLE HITS ON CORNER OF POWER PLANT AND 3 NEAR MISSES IN CANAL ON EAST SIDE OF POWER PLANT. POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO LOCKS

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[redacted] BOX 2 DID NOT DROP.

[redacted] MARTIN. 19 A/C DID NOT DROP DUE TO INABILITY OF LEAD BOMBARDIER TO IDENTIFY TARGET. A SECOND RUN WAS NOT ATTEMPTED. 19 A/C DROPPED 76 X 500 GP. NO LOSSES, NO CASUALTIES, NO BATTLE DAMAGE.

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97TO COMBAT WING
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MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) APIEIRES ON PAOGOL IMTME AREA. P-47'S WILL FUCNIUO ESCORT
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WM A. THIS WING WILL ATTACKPA TARGET IN BE&87.
ZERO MOUR: 15/1/;0B
3. A. 416TH GROUP:
(1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: ZBW116B -
(BL SECONDARY: ZB 115-
(CL LAST RESORT: ZB 50
(2) RENDEZVOUS: (A) WITH ;;9TH GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE GRAVESEND
H TO NOCTH FORELAND AT QPMPVP XEET. THE
41/TM GROUP WILL LEAVE VRAVESEND AT ZZRO
L PLUS OI MINUTZS THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAD
H (B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 51 DEGREES 11 MIN NORTH
02 DEGREES 30 MIN EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT
B. 409TH GROUP: P ZERO VLUS 120 MINUTES.
(1) TARGET: K(AL VIMARY : ZB 116 B
(B) SECONDARY ZB 115
(C) LAST RESORT ZB 50
(2) RENDEZVOUS: (A) WITH 416TH GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE VRAVESEND
TO NORTH FORELAND AT 10,000 FEET. THE
416TH GROUP WILL LEAVE GRAVESEND AT ZERO
PLUS 98 MIN THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAD
(B) WPTM FIVHTERS AT 51 DEGREES 11 MIN NOCTH
;2 DEGREES 30 MIN EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT
ZERO PLUS 120 MINUTES.

XX%
X. (A) A/C REQUIRED: 36 EACH GROUP
(B) BOMB LOAD; 4 X 500 POUND G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE 1/40
) XX%% SECOND TAIL
(C) INTERVALOMETER SETTING: MINIMUM
(D) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO GRAVESEND TO NORTH FORELAND
TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO NIEUVORT TO WAEREGHENM
TO 50 DEGREES 11 MIN NORTH PE DEGREES 50 MIN
EAST TO 50 BEGREES 10 MIN NORTH 04 DEGREES 24
EAST TO TARGET
(E) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO RALLY POINT TO 50 DEGREES 59
MIN NORTH
03 DEGREES 31 MIN EAST TO NIEUPORT TO NORTH FORE-
LAND TO BASE
(F) INITIAL POINT: 50 DEGREES 10 MIN NORTH 04 DEGREES 24 MIN
EAST
(G) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTH TO NORTH
(H) RALLY POINT: 50 DEGREES 37 MIN NORTH 04 DEGREES 08 MIN EAST
(I) AIMING POINT: REF 028063 ILL. NEGATIVE 50&0
(J) ALTITUDES: 416TH GROUP BOMB 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST
OUT 12,000 FEET, 409TH GROUP BOMB 12,500 FEET
CROSS ENEMX COAST OUT 12,500

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5. COMMUNICATIONS:
A. :16TH BOMB GROUP
(1) BOMBEC C/S: SILVER QUEEN
(2) RECALL CODE WORD NO: 70/70
(3) VERIFICATION BOX NO: 70/70
(4) FIHGHTEC C/S: ANGELA

B. 409TH BOMB GROUP
(1) BOMBER C/S: KEEPSTONE
(2) RECAGL CODE WORD NO: 91/91
(3) VERIFICATION BOX NO: 91/91
(4) FIGHTER C/S: ANGELA

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:
(1) EMERGENCY HOMING: MANSTON CHANNEL B
BRADWELL BAY CHAMNEL D
HAWKINGE CHANNEL D
(2) 3-534 :9$3: TVBA
(3&QPLASHER BEACON SCHEDULE: 3A, 4B, 6C, 5D, 7E, 8F,
9G, QQH. 161
(4) GROUP LEADERS WILL REPORT AT COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL "C" WHEN CLEACING TARGET AREA.9

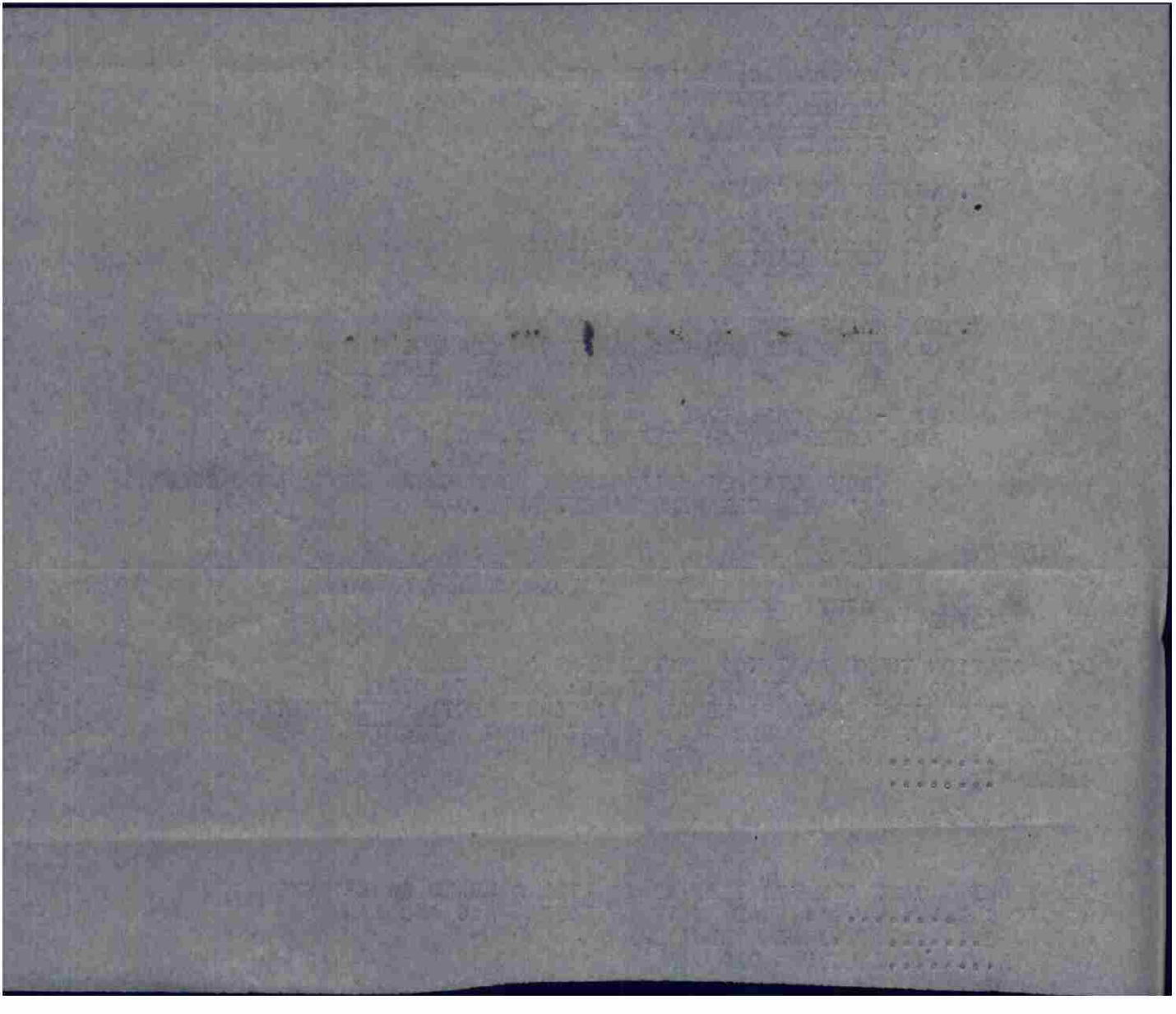
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BT 18/1200B
JMB AS
CC: SECTION THREE PART (G) SMOULD READ AS FOLLOWS
(G) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTH TO NORTH
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OIYAA R.....

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SORRY BUT I CANT ACK FOR THAT IT IS STLL GARBLED BADLY HERE
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VOICOG ERE
STANBBY FOR DVAST PLS
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KQETIC PLS
COME IN HAK AND BZ
KKK JJH HAK E LH YAA U THERE PLS
YAA ERE KKM



OICOG CAN YOU TAKE THIS ON TAPE AND RELY TO 98CBW AND 99TH
TICWE HAVE A LICE TO 98 IF U WANT US OO E GET THEM FOR U
WHAT ABOUT 99 TH PLS
YES WE CAN IVE U BOTH OK DO THAT PLS
MK STAND BY FOR OUC KK OK
WE WOULD RELAQ FOR U BUT WE MAVE A LOT OF WOGK HERE
I KNOW HOW TT IS DID Q GET EM QET PLS
NOT YET THE SWBD IS LINNING OMEM UP FOR U JUST A TIC PLSE
OK TNX
YAA AND HAK U UTANDBY PLS
HAK HERE YAA ERE OK



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OK TNX

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TO COMBOMCOM NINE
409TH BOMB GROUP (L)
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MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) SPITFIRES ON PATROL IN THE AREA. P-47'S WILL FURNISH ESCORT FOR THIS WING.

2. A. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN BELGIUM
ZERO HOUR: 18/1600BO

3. A. 416TH GROUP:
(1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: ZB 116B
(B) SECONDARY: ZB 115
(C) LAST RESORT: ZB 50
(2) RENDEZVOUS: (A) WITM 409TH GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE GCAVESEND TO NORTH FORELAND AT 10,000 FEET. THEO
P WILL LEAVE GRAVESEND AT ZERO U 01
PLUS 98 MINUTES THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAD
(B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 51 DEGREES 11 MIN NORTH 02 DEGREES 30 MIN EAST AT 12,000 FEEO, AT ZERO PLUS 120 MINUTES.

B. 409TH GROUP:
(1) TARGET: (A) VRIMARY : ZB 116 B
(B) SECONDARY ZB 115
(C) LAST RESORT ZB 50
(2) RENDEZVOUS: (A) WITH 416TH GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE GRAVESEND H TO NORTH FOGELAND AT 10,000 FEET. THE 416TH GROUV WILL LEAVE GRAVESEND AT ZERO PLUS 98 MIN THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAD
(B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 51 DEGREES 11 MIN NORTH 02 DEGREES EP MIN EAUT AT 12,00; FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 120 MINUTES.

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X. (A) A/C GEQUIRED: 36 EACH GRMUV
M (B) BOMB LOAD: 4 X 500 POUND I
EEEOMBXNOSEXR SEVOND TAIL
C) INTERVALOMETER SETTING: MINIMUM
(D) GOUTE OUT: BASE TO GRAVESEND TO NORTH FORELAND TO FIGHTER GENBEZVOUS TO NIEUPORT TO WAEREGHENM TO 50 DEGREES 11 MIN NORTH 03 DEGCEES 50 MIN I
EAST TO TACVET
(E) RMUTEBACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO RALLY POINT TO 50 DEGREES 59 MIN NORTH
03 DEGREES 31 MIN EAST TO NIEUPORT TO NOGTH FOGE- LAND TO BASE
(F) INITIAL POINT: 50 DEGREES 10 MIN NORTH 04 DEGREES 24 MIN EAST
(G) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTH TO NORTH
(H) GALLY POINT: 50 DEGREES 37 MIN NORTH 04 DEGREES 08 MIN EAST
(I) AIMING POINT: REF 028063 ILL. NEGATIVE 5040
(J) ALTITUDES: 416TH GROUP BOMB 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET, 409TH GROUP BOMB12,500 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,500

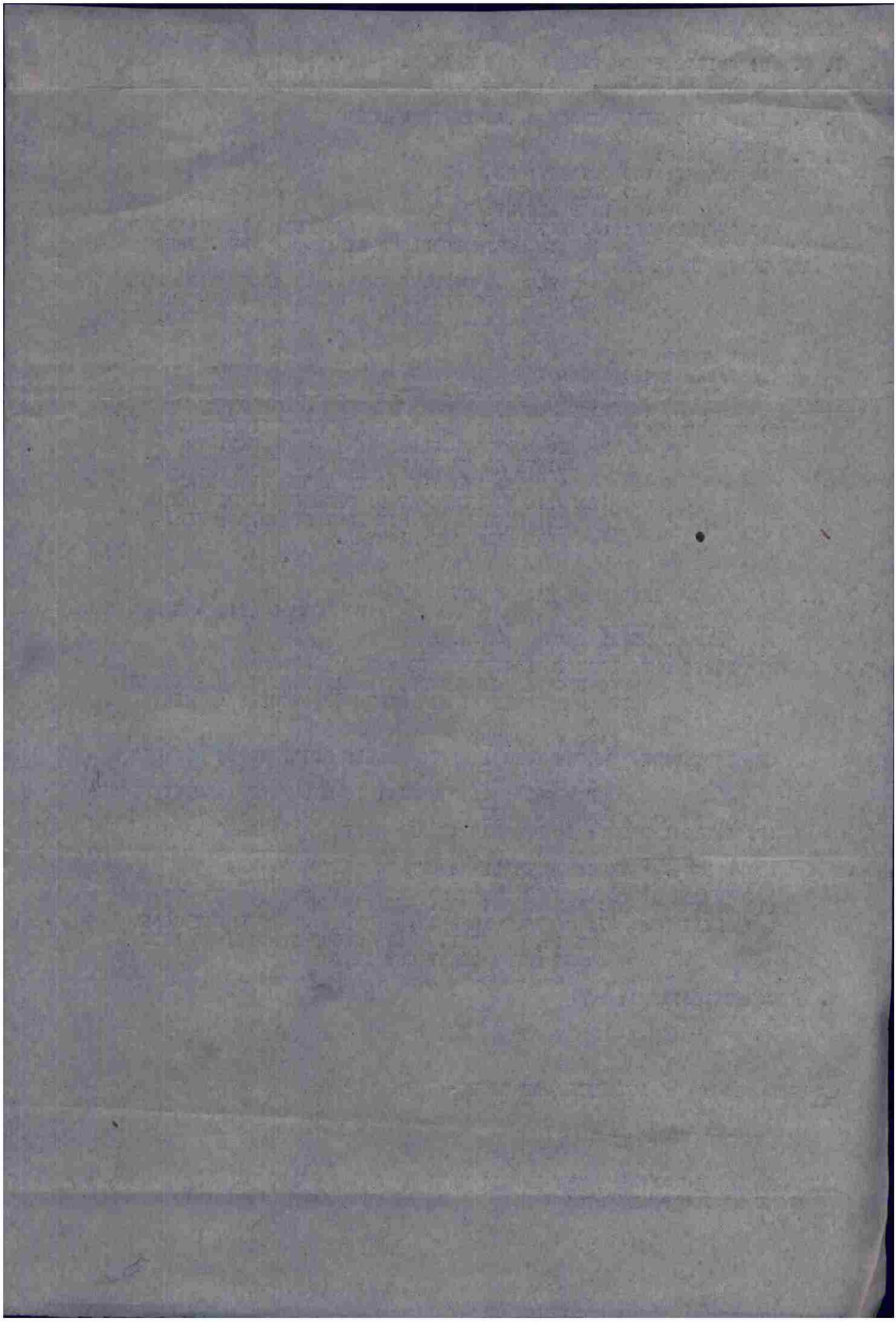
5. COMMUNICATIONS:

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LAI BEFOCE U DO AFTER U GET THRU I WANT U AND 99 ALSO 98 TO STAND BQ FOR ANNEX B/CAST PLSE OK AS SOON AS WE FINISHTI TI THIS PLS

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FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 181151B 9BC P2775E
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IX BOMBER COMMAND
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(1) B. (2) VIII U.S. AAF WILL ATTACK GY 4799, GY 4800 GH487A GY 4817, GY 4802, GB 3281, GY 4671 AND Z 3001
11 GROUP R.A.F. WILL PROVIDE AREA COVER ON V TARGETS 5001E/J/81 AND 5102/J/169. 11 GROUP WILL PROVIDE ESCORT ON TARGET Z 116B FOR THE 98TH WING
IX FIGHTER COMMAND WILL PROVIDE ESCORT ON TARGET ZB 116B FOR 97TH AND 99 WINGS

2. THIS COMMAND WILL ATTACK TARGETS 5001E/J/81 AND 5102E/J/169 USING THROUGH THE OVERCAST BOMBING TECHNIQUE AND VISUAL BOMBING ON ZB-116B

ZERO HOUR 181800B

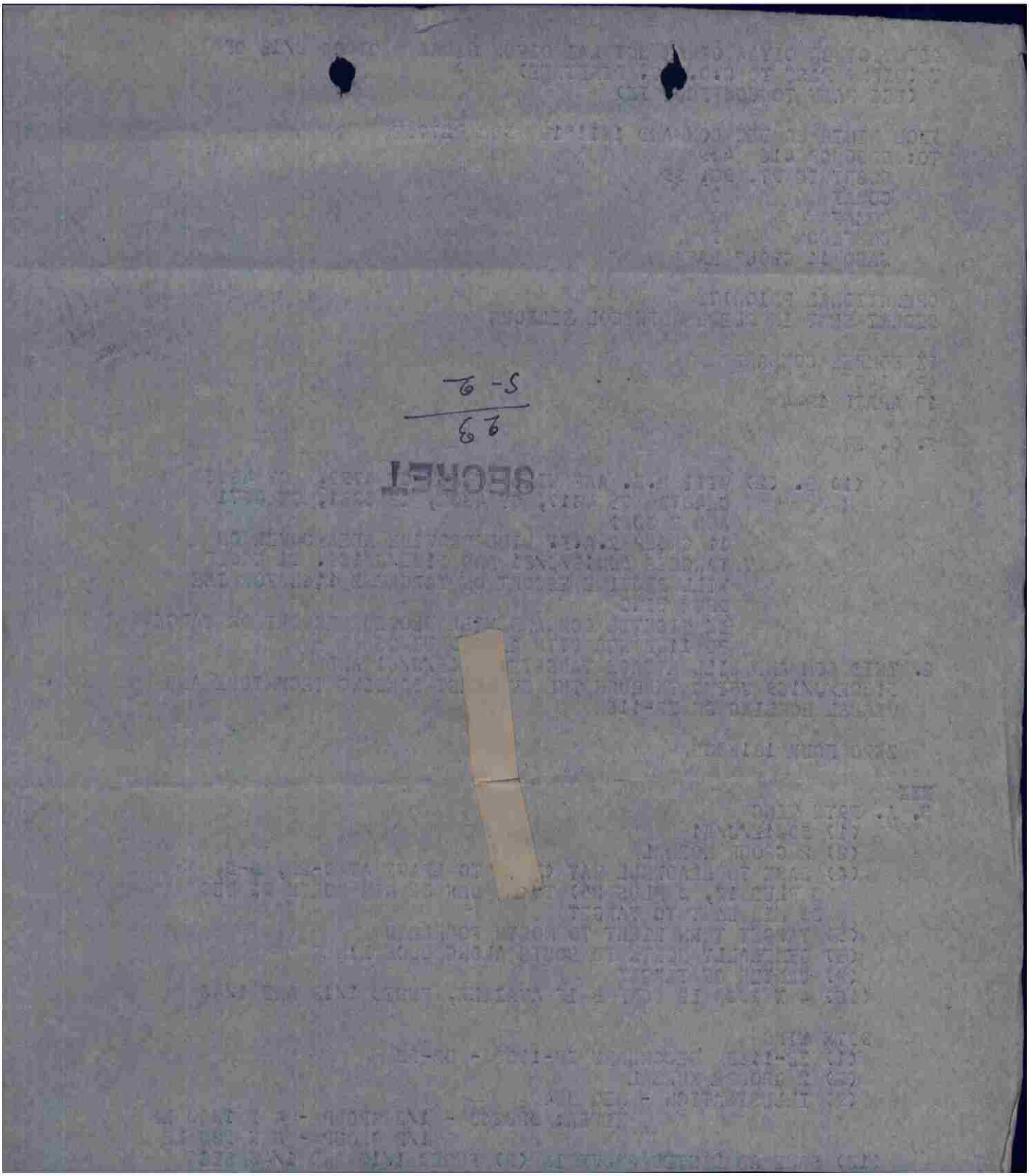
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3. A. 99TH WING
(1) 5001E/J/81
(2) 2 GROUP NORMAL
(4) BASE TO BRADWELL BAY (BOXS TO LEAVE AT 0-20, 0-5, 0 PLUS 10, 0 PLUS 25) TO 52 DEG 32 MIN NORTH 01 DEG 30 MIN EAST TO TARGET
(5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO NORTH FORELAND
(8) GENERALLY NORTH TO SOUTH ALONG OBOE LINES
(9) CENTER OF TARGET
(10) 4 X 1000 LB COMP B IF AVAIBLE, FUSED 1/10 AND 1/40

99TH WING
(1) ZB-116B SECONDARY ZB-115D - ZB-50
(2) 2 GROUPS NORMAL
(9) ILLUSTRATION - NEO 5040
REFER: 028063 - 1/2 GROUP - 4 X 1000 LB
1/2 GROUP - 8 X 500 LB
(10) SAME AS LISTED ABOVE IN (9) FUSED 1/10 AND 1/40 SEC

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(1) 5102E/J/169
(2) 2 GROUPS NORMAL
(4) BASE TO THE MAZE (BOXS TO LEAVE AT Ø-20, Ø-5, Ø PLUS 10, Ø PLUS 25) TO 51 DEG 39 MIN NORTH, Ø2 DEG ØØ MIN EAST.
(5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO NORTH FORELAND
(8) GENERALLY NORTH TO SOUTH ALONG OBOE LINES
(9) CENTER OF TARGET
(10) 4 X 1000 LB COMP B IF AVAIBLE, FUSED 1/10 AND 1/40.

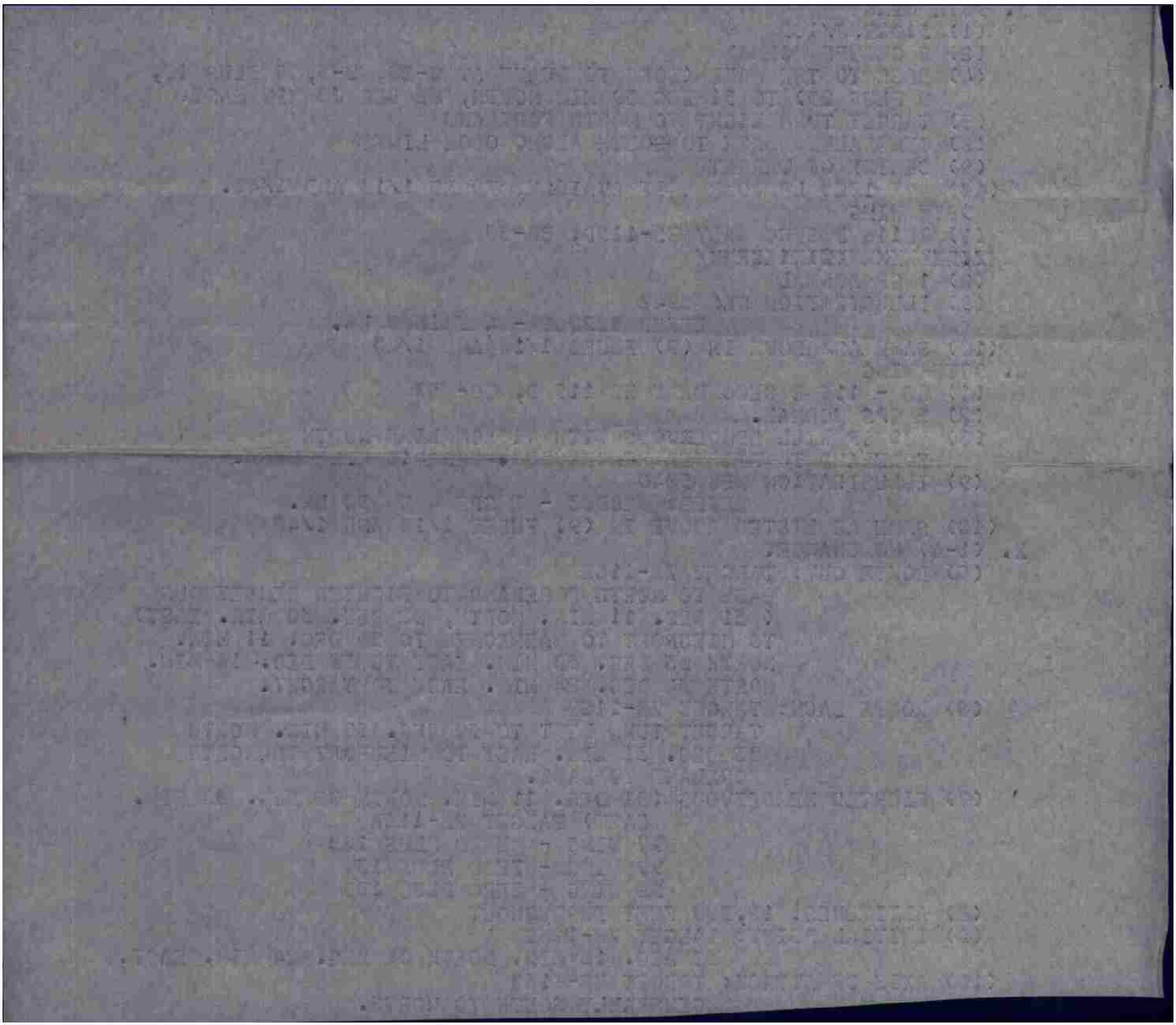
U 98TH WING
(1) ZB116 B SECONDARY ZB-115D, ZB-50
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(2) 1 GP NORMAL
(9) ILLUSTRATION NEG 5040
REFER Ø22062 - 4 X 1000 LB.
(10) SAME AS ABOVE IN (9) FUSED 1/10 AND 1/40

C. 97TH WING
(1) ZB - 116 B SECONDARY ZB 115 D, ZB- 50
(2) 2 GPS NORMAL.
(3) 409 GP WILL RENDEZVOUS WITH 416 ON LINE NORTH FORELAND TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS. THE 416 WILL LEAD.
(9) ILLUSTRATION NEG 5040
REFER: Ø28063 - 2 GPS 4 X 500 LB.
(10) SAME AS LISTED ABOVE IN (9) FUSED 1/10 AND 1/40

X. (1-4) NO CHANGE.
(5) ROUTE OUT: TARGET ZB-116B
BASE TO NORTH FORELAND TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS
(51 DEG. 11 MIN. NORTH, Ø2 DEG. 3Ø MIN. EAST)
TO NIEUPORT TO WAEREGHEM TO 5Ø DEG. 11 MIN.
I NORTH Ø3 DEG. 5Ø MIN. EAST TO 5Ø DEG. 1Ø MIN.
NORTH Ø4 DEG. 24 MIN. EAST TO TARGET.
(6) ROUTE BACK: TARGET ZB-116B
TARGET TURN LEFT TO 5Ø DEG. 59 MIN. NORTH
Ø3 DEG. 31 MIN. EAST TO NIEUPORT TO NORTH
FORELAND TO BASE.
(7) FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS (51 DEG. 11 MIN. NORTH Ø2 DEG. Ø3 MIN. EAST) TARGET ZB-116B
97 WING - ZERO PLUS 120
99 WING - ZERO PLUS 135
98 WING - ZERO PLUS 150
(8) ALTITUDES: 12,ØØØ FEET THROUGHOUT
(9) INITIAL POINT: TARGET ZB-116B
5Ø DEG. 1Ø MIN. NORTH Ø4 DEG. 24 MIN. EAST.
(10) AXIS OF ATTACK: TARGET ZB-116B
GENERALLY SOUTH TO NORTH.

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5. COMMUNICATIONS:
A. COMBAT WING: 99TH TARGET NOS. 5001 E/J/81
(2) SOUNDWAVE, BENCHSEAT, GREENBATH, PAWNBROKE.
(9) RECALL CODE WORD NUMBERS: 12/12, 26/26, 27/27, 29/29.
(10) VERIFICATION CODE BOX NUMBERS: 12/12, 26/26, 27/27, 29/29.

B. COMBAT WING: 99TH TARGET NO ZB 116B
(2) OLDMAID, DANEROAD.
(3) CHOPPER.
(9) RECALL CODE WORD NUMBERS: 58/58. 24/24
(10) VERIFICATION CODE BOX NUMBERS: 58/58. 24/24.

C. COMBAT WING: 98TH TARGET NO 5102 E/J/169.
(2) GLASSJAR, BOPEEP, OAKCHEST, GLENDOW.
(9) RECALL CODE WORD NUMBERS: 60/60, 52/52, 96/96, 55/55.
(10) VERIFICATION CODE BOX NUMBERS: 60/60, 52/52 96/96, 55/55

D. COMBAT WING : 98TH TARGET NOS. ZB 116B
(2) ANIMAL.
(9) RECALL CODE WORD NUMBERS: 48/48.
(10) VERIFICATION CODE BOX NUMBERS: 48/48.

E. COMBAT WING: 97TH TARGET NO ZB 116B
(2) SILVERQUEEN, KEEPSTONE.
(3) ANGELA.
(9) RECALL CODE WORD NUMBERS: 70/70. 91/91
(10) VERIFICATION CODE BOX NUMBERS: 70/70, 91/91

X.
(1) CHANNEL D.
(2) MANSTON CHANNEL B.
HAWKINGE CHANNEL D
BRADWELL BAY CHANNEL D.
(3) 3A, 4B, 6C, 5D, 7E, 8F, 9G, 11H, 16I - ENTIRE MISSION.
(8) EASTERN WYOMING SOUTHERN UTAH ENTIRE MISSION.
(10) WEATHER CODE: TVBA/TVBA.

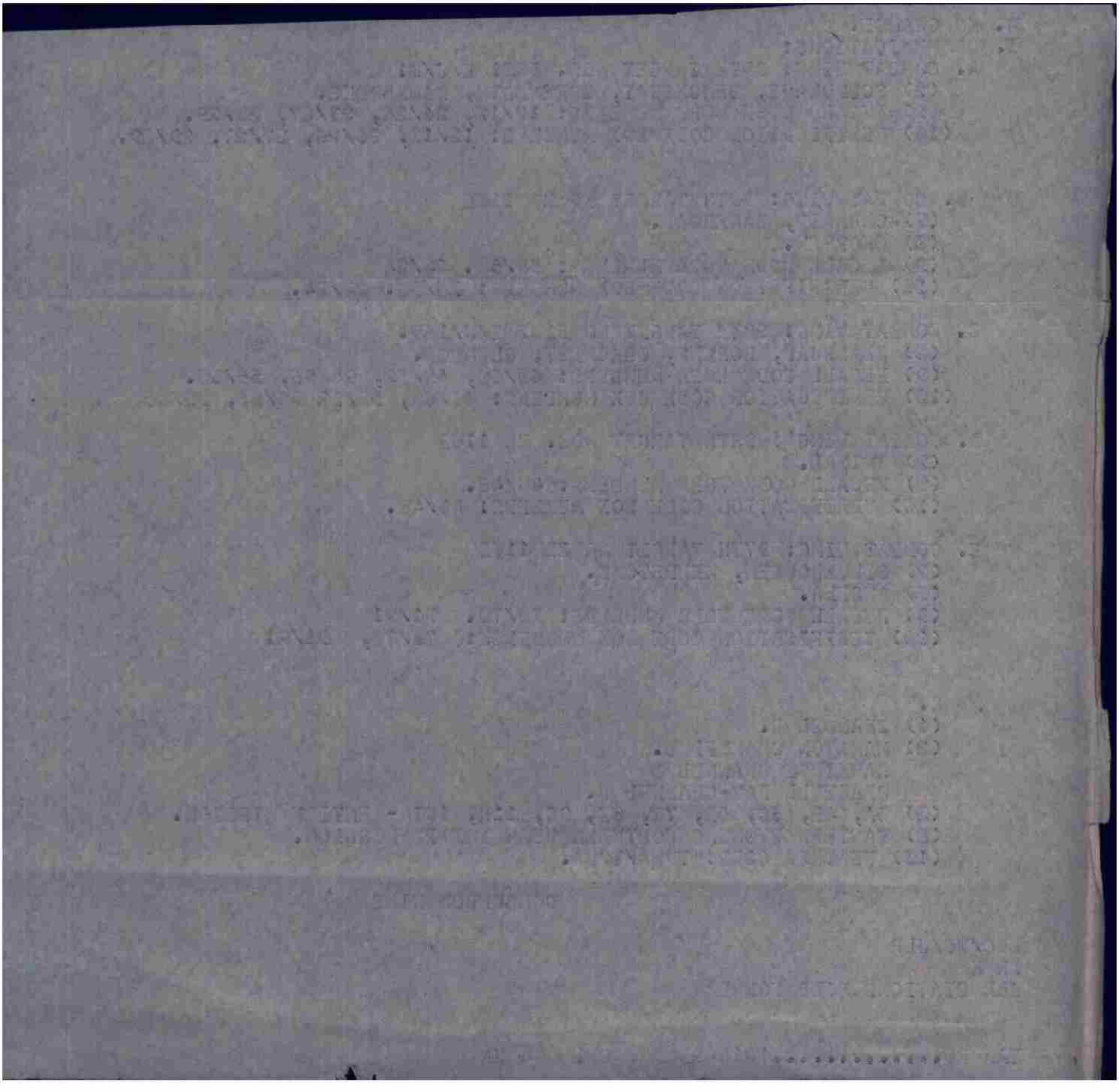
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2. A. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN BELGIUM
ZERO HOUR: 18/1600B

3. A. 416TH GROUP:
(1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: ZB 116B
(B) SECONDARY: ZB 115
(C) LAST RESORT: ZB 50
(2) RENDEZVOUS: (A) WITH 409TH GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE GRAVESEND TO NORTH FORELAND AT 10,000 FEET. THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAVE GRAVESEND AT ZERO PLUS 98 MINUTES THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAD
(B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 51 DEGREES 11 MIN NORTH 02 DEGREES 30 MIN EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 120 MINUTES.

B. 409TH GROUP:
(1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY : ZB 116 D
(B) SECONDARY ZB 115
(C) LAST RESORT ZB 50
(2) RENDEZVOUS: (A) WITH 416TH GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE GRAVESEND TO NORTH FORELAND AT 10,000 FEET. THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAVE GRAVESEND AT ZERO PLUS 98 MIN THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAD
(B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 51 DEGREES 11 MIN NORTH 02 DEGREES 30 MIN EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 120 MINUTES.

X. (A) A/C REQUIRED: 36 EACH GROUP
(B) BOMB LOAD: 4 X 500 POUND G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE
XXXX 1/40 SECOND TAIL
(C) INTERVALOMETER SETTING: MINIMUM
(D) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO GRAVESEND TO NORTH FORELAND TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO NIEUPORT TO WAEREGHENM — TO 50 DEGREES 11 MIN NORTH 03 DEGREES 50 MIN EAST TO 50 DEGREES 10 MIN NORTH 04 DEGREES 24 EAST TO TARGET
(E) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO RALLY POINT TO 50 DEGREES 59 MIN NORTH 03 DEGREES 31 MIN EAST TO NIEUPORT TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE
(F) INITIAL POINT: 50 DEGREES 10 MIN NORTH 04 DEGREES 24 MIN EAST
(G) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTH TO NORTH
(H) RALLY POINT: 50 DEGREES 37 MIN NORTH 04 DEGREES 08 MIN EAST
(I) AIMING POINT: REF 028063 ILL. NEGATIVE 5040
(J) ALTITUDES: 416TH GROUP BOMB 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET, 409TH GROUP BOMB 12,500 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,500

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5. COMMUNICATIONS:
A. 416TH BOMB GROUP
(1) BOMBER C/S: SILVER QUEEN
(2) RECALL CODE WORD NO: 70/70
(3) VERIFICATION BOX NO: 70/70
(4) FIX GHTER C/S: ANGELA

B. 409TH BOMB GROUP
(1) BOMBER C/S: KEEPSTONE
(2) RECALL CODE WORD NO: 91/91
(3) VERIFICATION BOX NO: 91/91
(4) FIGHTER C/S: ANGELA

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:
(1) EMERGENCY HOMING: MANSTON CHANNEL B
BRADWELL BAY CHANNEL D
HAWKINGE CHANNEL D
(2) WEATHER CODE: TVBA
(3) SPLASHER BEACON SCHEDULE: 3A, 4B, 6C, 5D, 7E, 8F, 9G, 11H, 16I
(4) GROUP LEADERS WILL REPORT AT COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL "C" WHEN CLEARING TARGET AREA.

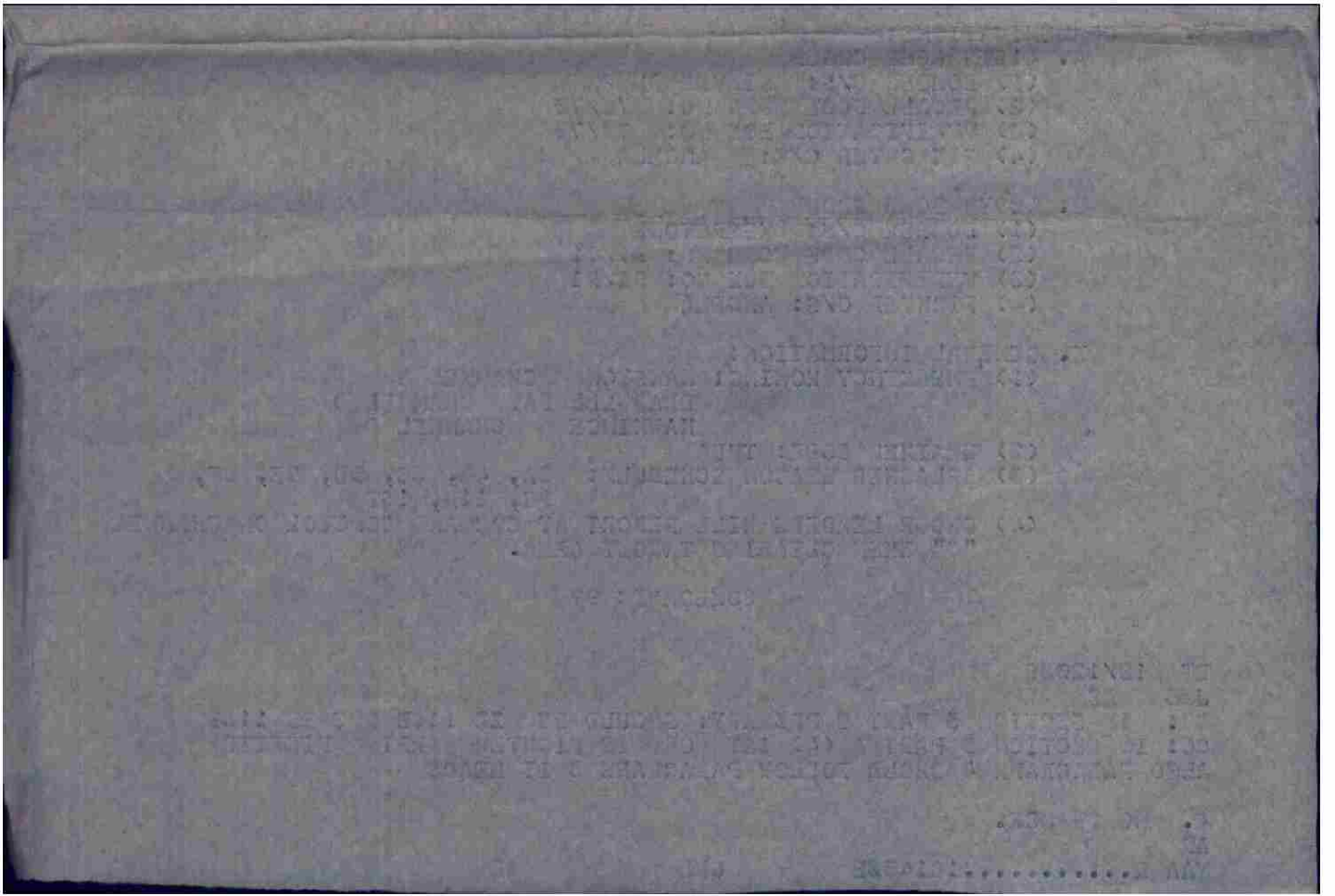
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CC: IN SECTION 5 PART A (4) 1ST WORD IS FIGHTER RPT FIGHTER
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4. NO CHANGE.
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FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 181310B 9BC P2777E
TO: COCBTWIG 97, 98, 99
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY
SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH COL KILBORN

IX BOMBER COMMAND
APO 140
18 APRIL 1944

ANNEX NO 1 TO F.O. 270

CORRECT ZERO HOUR TO READ 181600B REPEAT CHANGE ZERO HOUR TO READ : 181600B

CORRECT PARA. 3. X. (7) TO READ
(7) FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS (51 DEG 11 MIN NORTH 02 DEG 30 MIN
INSTEAD OF 03 MIN AS SENT

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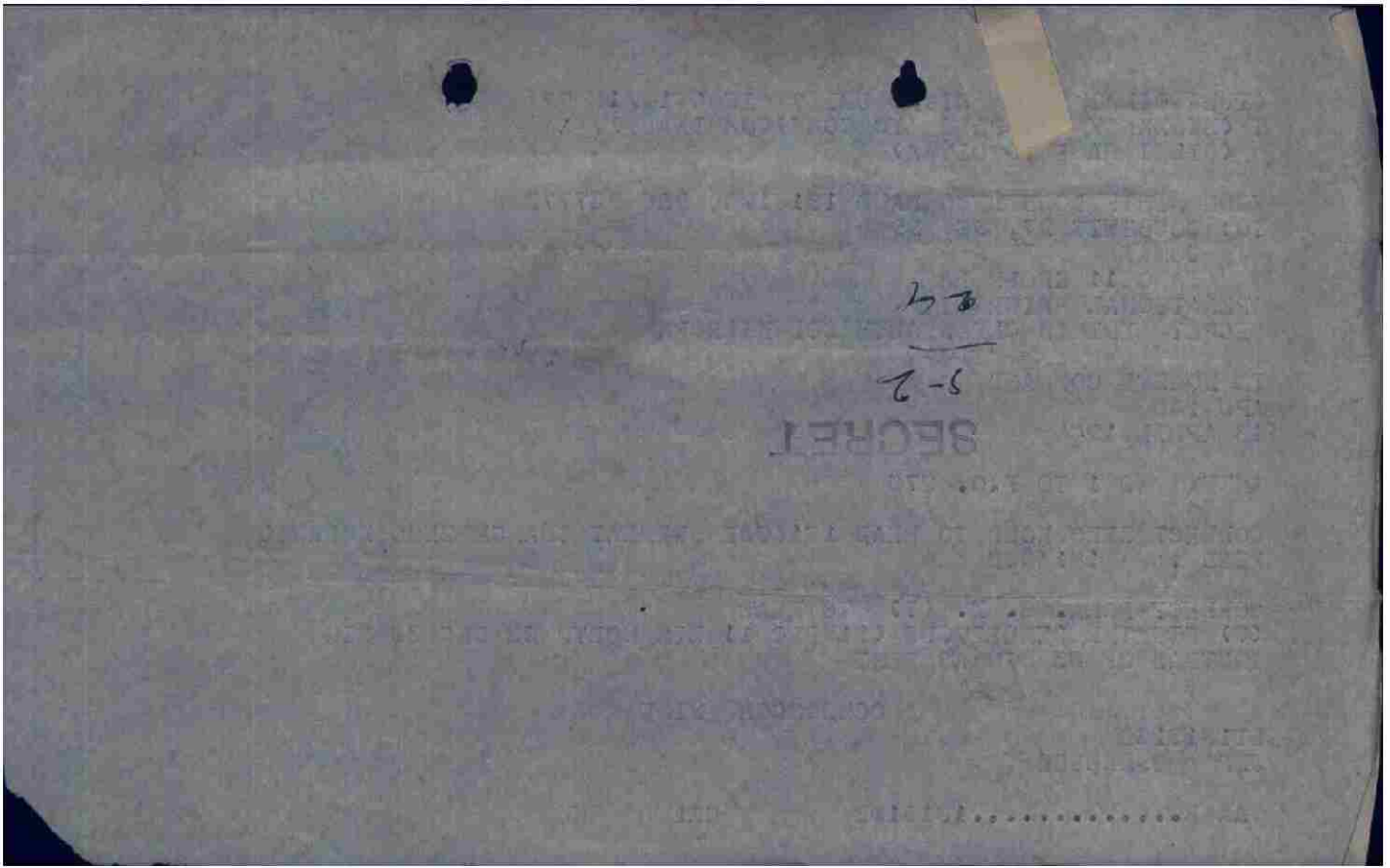
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FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 181231B 9BC P2776E
TO: OILAI
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PRIORITY SECRET
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ATT: A-2

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO F.O. 270

1. TARGET: ZB-116B.....
OF FIRST PRIORITY IMPORTANCE IN THE 9 B.C. CAMPAIGN AGAINST HEART ARTERIES OF ENEMY TRANSPORTATION, THIS MARSHALLING YARD IS ACTIVE AS A KEY DIVISION POINT ON A MAIN CHANNEL PORTS-LIEGE-GERMANY RAIL LINE. IN ADDITION TO MILITARY TRAFFIC THE YARD HANDLES A CONSIDERABLE VOLUME OF THE AREAS STEEL OUTPUT WHICH APPROXIMATE A WARTIME AVERAGE TOTAL OF 40,000 TONS PER MONTH. AT THE TARGET CHOICE AIMING POINTS ARE TO BE FOUND IN LARGE SHOPS CAPABLE OF PERFORMING THE HEAVIEST REPAIRS ON LOCOMOTIVES, EXTENSIVE ROUNDHOUSE AND DEPOT SERVICING FACILITIES. 60-70 ENGINES MAY WELL BE CAUGHT BY OUR BOMBARDMENT IN AND AROUND THE YARD AS WELL AS AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF WAGONS. IT IS TO BE REMEMBERED THAT SUCCESSFUL ATTACKS ON RUNNING SHEDS WILL NOT ONLY DESTROY A NUMBER OF LOCOMOTIVES, BUT ALSO WILL DEMOLISH EQUIPMENT SO NECESSARY TO MAXIMUM USE OF ALL AVAILABLE LOCOMOTIVES. OUR PREVIOUS ATTACKS, COMBINED WITH LOCAL SABOTAGE ACTIVITY AND WITHDRAWALS OF ROLLING STOCK TO OTHER SECTIONS HAVE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED ON HAND STOCKS OF COAL FOR THE S.N.C.F. BY CAUSING A SHORTAGE OF WAGONS IN OCCUPIED FRANCE, BELGIUM AND HOLLAND. IN JANUARY FOR EXAMPLE, COAL STOCKS WERE DOWN TO SEVEN, DAYS CONSUMPTION, AND THE CHARLEROI DISTRICT IN DECEMBER COULD SATISFY ONLY 43 PERCENT OF THE DEMAND FOR WAGONS. NATURALLY OUR OPERATIONS ARE OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE WHEN THEY RESULT IN ACUTELY INCREASING ENEMY TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES. SUCCESSFUL ATTACK AGAINST THIS M/Y WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CREATE CONFUSION AND CONGESTION WHICH WILL REACT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE AREA, RENDERING EACH ENEMY ROLLING STOCK UNIT OF LESS VALUE.

TARGETS: 5102E/J/169 AND 5001E/J/81: SEE INTELL. ANNEX TO F.O. 269.

2. THE SITUATION:
A. ENEMY
(1) FLAK: GROUPS HAVE RECEIVED LATEST INFORMATION
(2) AIR : REFER TO G.A.F. ON THE WESTERN FRONT. NO. 5 PLUS AMEND. NO. 1
(3) GROUND: GROUPS HAVE RECEIVED LATEST INFORMATION.
(4) SEA : NO ENEMY CONVOYS ARE REPORTED IN THIS AREA. (SEE INTELL. ANNEX TO F.O. NO. 269 FOR TARGETS 5102E/J/169 AND 5001E/J/81)
B. FRIENDLY: REFER TO F.O. NO. 270.

3. OBSERVATIONS:
REQUEST REPORT ON OBSERVED ENEMY RAIL, HIGHWAY AND SHIPPING ACTIVITY EVIDENCE OF INCREASED FLOODING IN COASTAL AREAS, AND ACTIVITY AT MARSHALLING YARD. REPORT OBSERVED PORT ACTIVITY.

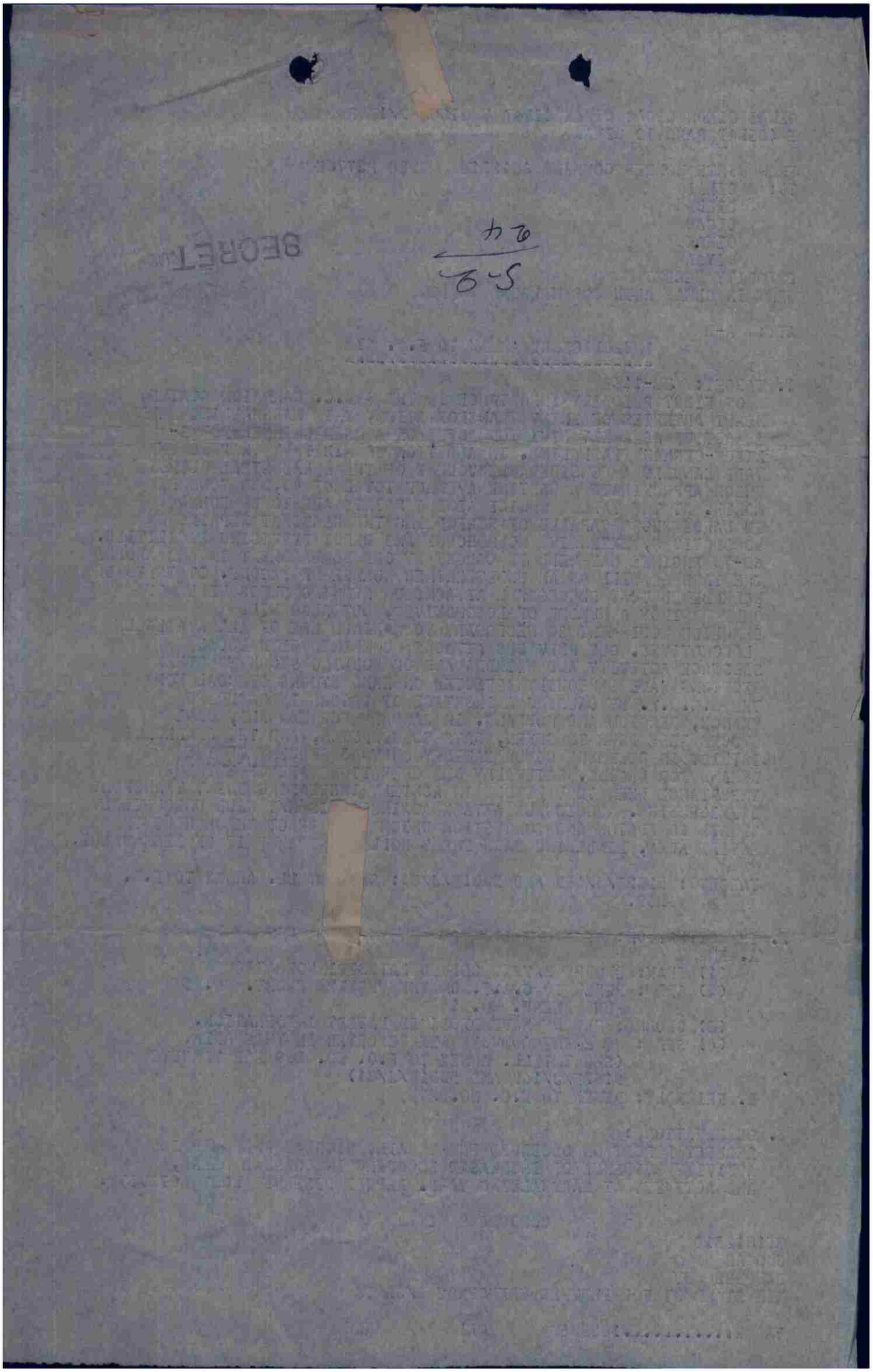
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BRIEFING NOTES 416TH BOMB GP (L) F.O. 270

Pre-Briefing 1330
TARGET: ~~Monceau-Sur-Sambre~~ m/y BRIEFING: 1500 HRS DATE: 4-18-44 OFFICER: Lt. Locke
Charleroi - St Martin

1. TARGET INFO:

Primary Target - ~~Monceau-Sur-~~ (CHARLEROI) Sambre m/y (See Intell. Annex)
South of Monceau-Sur-Sambre, between Sambre River & Highway.
N.E. of dip in river where r.r. crosses river twice.
M.P.I = roundhouse (marked "Sta." on 1/50,000 map).
River & R.R. to S.E. Distinctive woods to West. First Attack.

Secondary Target - Charleroi-Montignies m/y.
4 3/4 miles directly E of Primary. S.W of town of Montignies-
-Sur-Sambre. Town of Charleroi between Primary & Secondary.
North side of river beginning at R.R. fork, and running West.
M.P.I. = shed in northern apex. Distinctive woods to the South.
R.R. crosses river E of Target Area. Attacked last on April 10 by 5 Gps. B-26s

Last Resort Target - Chièvres A/D.
4 mi. SE of ATH between river & road forks. (See Information Sheet)
Attacked last of 1 Gp B26's. M.P.I - S.W. Dispersal Area.

2. FLAK: AT LANDFALL: And Exit } Nieuport XHI. Ostend = XXHA Dunkirk XXXHA
ROUTE IN: Lille area - XXXHA (S of course). Florennes = XHI.

TARGET: No flak.

ROUTE OUT: Keep Brussels (XXHA) and Ghent to right.

MOBILE UNITS: Grand Divisions at Ostend, Dunkirk, Lille, Brussels, Ghent.

3. FIGHTERS: 2 A/D near Florennes, E of course (IP to Target)
10 S/E & 20 T/E. Vicinity. Attack April 10 on Namur (E of Target)
Resulted in 20 E/A reaction

4. ~~LANDFALL TIDES~~:

5. DUMMIES, DECOYS, CAMOUFLAGE, ETC: 6½ miles W of Chièvres.

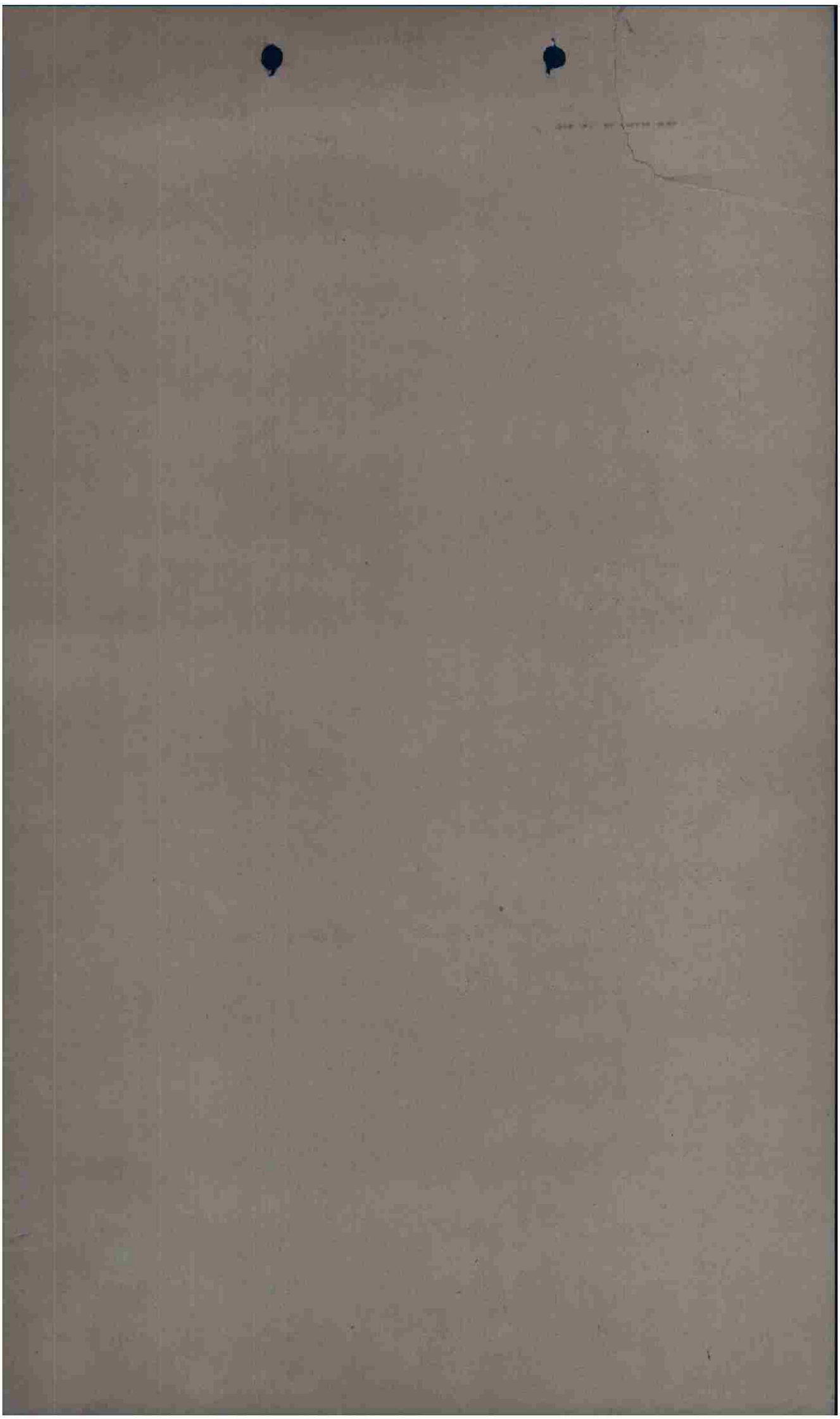
6. GROUND SITUATION ~~& BOMB LINE~~: Mobile.

7. ~~MISC~~: Materials used
1:1,000,000 Flak map (also PW to show border).
1:50,000 Show P/T & S/T.
P/T - area map, 2 photos.
S/T = " ", 1 photo.
L/T = " ", 1 photo.

8) Lt. Arnold gave P/W Situation.

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MISSION NO. 19

LOADING LIST
BOX I

18 APRIL 1944

FLIGHT I

1. 439 "J"
MAJOR W J MENG
LT V H POWELL
S/S R F STOBERT
CPL H E RAPACZ

2. 701 "H"
COL H B MACE
S/S T I WALSH
S/S R E CONOPASK

3. 217 "D"
LT R J ROONEY
S/S S F DINAPOLI
S/S H M MCCLEARY

4. 455 "T"
LT G N MCNULTY
LT R CONTE
S/S H E WHITE
S/S R F ADDLEMAN

5. 207 "B"
LT L R MCBRIDE
S/S J W MORAN
S/S P B DRISKILL

6. 200 "A"
LT N G BROWN
S/S J A OCHABA
S/S W F COLBERT

FLIGHT II

1. 707 "H-1"
CAPT L F DUNN
S/S H T BEST
LT SUTLIFF

2. 219 "D-1"
LT H L ANDREWS
S/S G M COOK
S/S E R WERLEY

3. 493 "V"
LT J O ADAMS
SGT P L CLEARMAN
CPL A J ZIEKUS

4. 951 "P"
LT F W DEMAND
S/S C W MIDDLETON
CPL R J TROYER

5. 714 "N"
LT G W COWGILL
S/S H A FOSTER
S/S E W RUST

6. 393 "K"
LT R E GREENLEY
S/SGT H C WORDEN
SGT J J RZEPKA

FLIGHT III

1. 914 "X"
CAPT M J HUFF
S/S J B THOMPSON
S/S H F HATCH
LT. W.H. PALIN

2. 181 "A-1"
LT P DONTAS
S/S A L NIELSON
S/S W E FIELDS

3. 189 "P-1"
LT J S CONNOR
S/S C.Q. NORTON
S/S F M CITTY

4. 696 "G"
LT W B OSTRANDER
S/S J E WILSON
S/S I BINNEY

5. 689 "I"
LT E L JOHNSON
S/S W J DONAHUE
S/S M R BRAYN

6. 227 "F"
LT R O GRUETZEMACHER
S/S J D GOSSETT
S/S R L MILLER

SPARE
362 "L-1"
LT L E HILL
CPL C H YOST
S/S R W BURCH

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FLIGHT I

1. 444 "J"
MAJOR R F PRICE
LT A R HAND
S/S A.J. ANTANAITIS
S/S H R HEDRICK

2. 684 "K"
LT G F BARTMUS
S/S E A DAMICO
S/S E S DICKENSON

3. 194 "C"
LT B H BRADFORD
S/S A W MACDONALD
S/S A A HILL

4. 640 "Z"
LT COL W.W. FARMER
LT W.L. SMITH
S/S J E MCCREERY
S/S J R ORR

5. 379 "G"
LT S.B. RITCHIE JR
S/S A W NEWKIRK
S/S E A ANDERSON

6. 963 "N"
LT R K CRUZE
S/S C F LOVE
S/S F L ADAIR

FLIGHT II

1. 450 "S"
CAPT R A CLARK
LT R J MCQUADE
S/S S F ALDEN
S/S R L BALLINGER

2. 717 "N-1"
LT T BOUKAMP
S/S R J COLOSIMO
S/S J S WING

3. 900 "Q"
LT E J RENTH JR.
S/S C L WEBB
S/S/ G L COFFEY

4. 376 "O"
LT W A PECK
S/S A E BERGERON
S/S H E KELTON

5. 390 "G-1"
LT E E DEMUN
S/S M ROSENSTEIN
S/S H O CARNEY

6. 211 "C-1"
LT M S STREET
S/S J J SHIELDS
S/S E T EPPS

FLIGHT III

1. 711 "M"
LT L A MARZOLF
S/S H E WELLIN
S/S L G KUTZER

2. 225 "G-2"
LT R E STOCKWELL
S/S V N SHERRY
S/S R H LINNEMAN

3. 203 "A"
LT W A MERCHANT
S/S C H HARP
S/S K P BROWN

4. 216 "E"
LT L J SIRACUSA
S/S E E KELLY
S/S F E BROWN

5. 195 "D"
LT R G MEREDITH
S/S V E MOLVER
S/S L R GRAY

6. 182 "B"
LT R V MIRACLE
S/S B C SIEG
S/S J C BURKHALTER

SPARE
745 "1"
LT G EBENSTEIN
S/S E R JUDD
S/S H PERKINS

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I		4-15-44	270	Charleroi / St Maurice M/Yds.		Maj. Price		Alt. of Attack 12000				19

INT	A/C #	Failing To Bomb Reason	Attk'd P	S	O	A/c Status & Damage Miss	Des	"A"	"AC"	"B"	"E"	E/A D	PR	D	Pers. Cas. K	W	M	Bomb Disposition P	S	O	J	R	F
1	701		x															4					
2	219		x															4					
3	714		x															4					
4	189		x															4					
5	217		x															4					
6	207		x															4					
7	707		x															4					
8	200		x															4					
9	227		x															4					
10	696		x															4					
11	439		x															4					
12	951		x															4					
13	493		x															4					
14	455		x															4					
15	689		x															4					
16	914		x															4					
17	181		x															4					
18	362		x															4					
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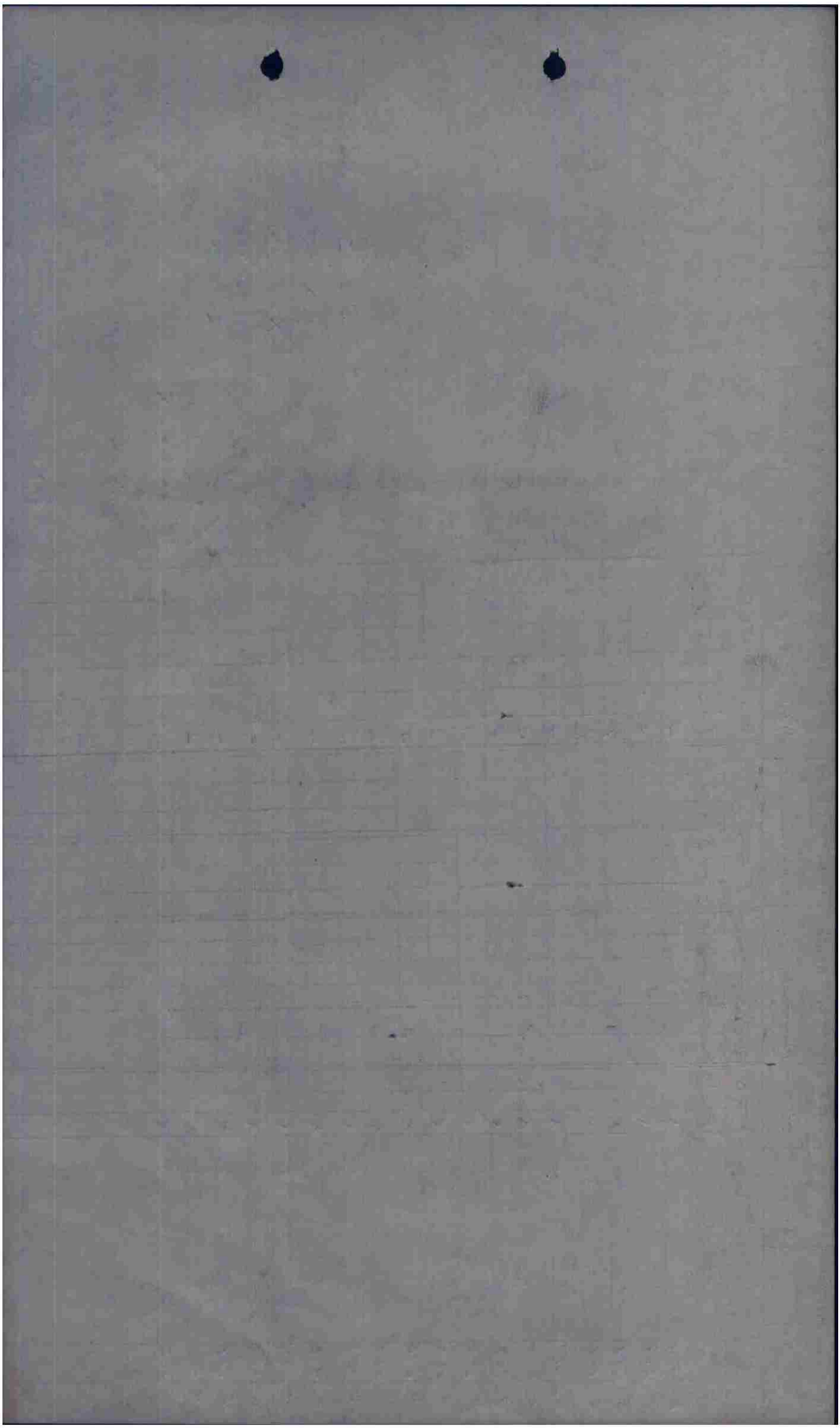
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II		4-15-44	270	~~Mongoose Sqr.~~ ~~Sambre~~ Charleroi/St Martin M/Y	Alt. of Attack	MAJ. MENG						19

INT	A/C #	Failing To Bomb — Reason	Attk'd P	Attk'd S	Attk'd O	A/C Status & Damage — Miss	Des	A	AC	B	E	E/A D	E/A Pr D	Pers Cas. K	W	M	Bomb Disposition P	S	O	J	R	F
1	444	Failed to see target																			4	
2	450	Leader didn't bomb																			4	
3	194	do																			4	
4	717	do																			4	
5	684	do																			4	
6	211	do																			4	
7	203	do																			4	
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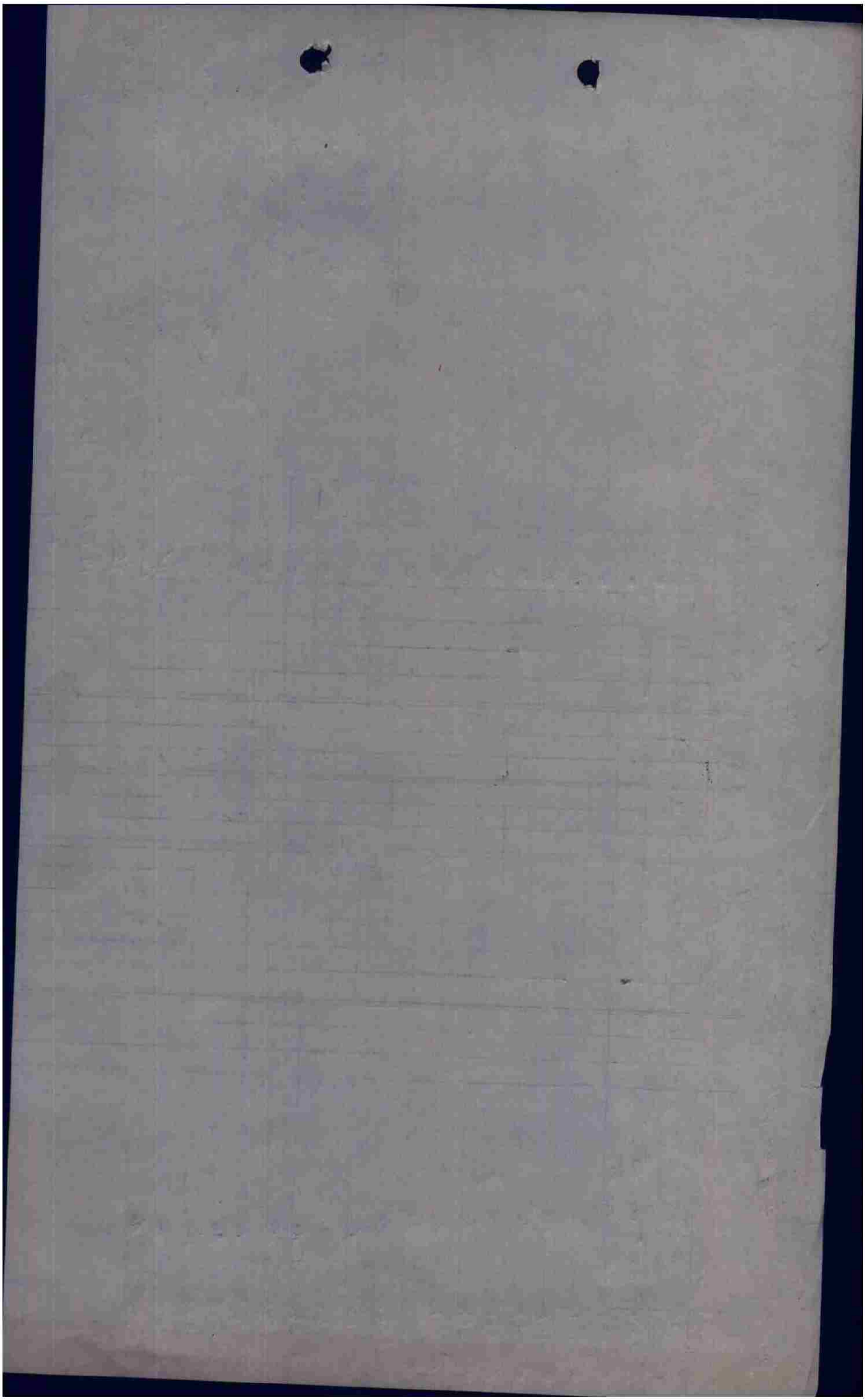
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Box I

15-MINUTE REPORT

Based on interrogation of 1st crew to land (presumably a box leader) at a/c hardstand. Telephone Command and Wing within 15 minutes of the landing of this 1st a/c.

1. Bombing Results (inc. no. of runs on target).

   Primary target bombed? Bombed Results: Unobserved

   If not -- why? Bombs Sight were out on bombruns. Over

   Other target bombed? None Results:

2. Weather as it affected mission:

   Target: ~~Good~~ ~~Clear~~ Vis - 12 mi.

   Enroute: Good

3. Flak (intensity, accuracy, type)

   Target: None

   Enroute: None

4. E/A Encounters (strong, mediocre, meager, nil - available details)

5. Deviations from Route: None

6. Special Comments: O.K.

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INSTRUCTIONS

If the leader of the first box to land cannot report for the second box, the leader of the second box also will be met at the a/c hardstand and interrogated similarly.

In interrogating these first crews, the S-2 interrogationg officer should have a map with overlay on which the route as flown can be drawn. (Plotted route should not beused.)

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15-MINUTE REPORT

Based on interrogation of 1st crew to land (presumably a box leader) at a/c hardstand. Telephone Command and Wing within 15 minutes of the landing of this 1st a/c.

1. Bombing Results (inc. no. of runs on target).

   Primary target bombed? No Results:

   If not -- why? Did not receive target until 5 min.

   Other target bombed? No Results:

2. Weather as it affected mission:

   Target: Bad 10 min

   Enroute: Bad

3. Flak (intensity, accuracy, type)

   Target: None

   Enroute:

4. E/A Encounters (strong, mediocre, meager, nil - available details)

5. Deviations from Route: None

6. Special Comments:

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A/c No.	Notes
493	Possibly 200 and 5 small boats in middle of channel on way in 1755 Sq. bldgs + two parallel projections
455	at coast at Zeebrugge (photos taken)
717	1943 Train 15-20 cars headed SE. Face bombed airport at Nieuport runways hit Smoke stacks when bombs hit kept smoking about hit
685	Quay in Channel - repaired. 3 miles after target - 3 round holes with dug into ground 4 sailboats with red masts in channel
914	At Border into France Construction, NW of La Bourrie  2 bldgs - fresh excavations
	Flooded area E of Ostend to SW of Blankenberge
745	4 Boats about 8-10 miles 51° 25' N 1° 10' E U shaped concrete bldg. boat at Nieuport Traffic in all Canals.

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A/C No	Notes
181	1805 - 100 cars S of Thurnort 1810 M/Y 30 cars. Round Construction (perhaps pillbox) at edge of marsh 1 mile on approach to it coming out. (see diagram A/C 181
906	Long train loaded SE near Avesnes at 0625 passed over ruins - piles of material outside of RR. tracks Estimate primary 1/2 full of cars Off Newport - 4 ships loaded NE escorted by 1 destroyer
362	Good eyed M/Y seen near IP - No damage by previous bombings.
393	On left side of Newport jetty coming out into water (see diagram A/C No 393)
379	25 heavy barges in Canal S of Newport 1807 - 45-50 RR Cars in M/Y 1813 - " " " " " 1814 - 5 boats in Canal

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NAVIGATORS' INTERROGATION

NAME OF B/N Lt Powell A/C # 439

ROUTE DATA:	Name of Place	ETA	Actual Time	Actual Altitude
TAKE OFF		1656	1656	
ON COURSE		1716	1716	2000
FRIENDLY COAST OUT	northforland	1749	1748½	12000
FIGHTER REND.	50°11' - 02°30'	1800	1759	12000
ENEMY COAST IN	nieuport	1802	1803	12000
I.P.		1827	1830	12000
TOT		1830	1834	12000
RALLY POINT				12000
ENEMY COAST OUT	nieuport	1852	1855	7200
FRIENDLY COAST IN	3 mi NE north	1905	1908½	9500

ROUTE DEVIATIONS: none after leaving England.

BOMB RUN:
DURATION one minute MAG. HEADING 43°-4°

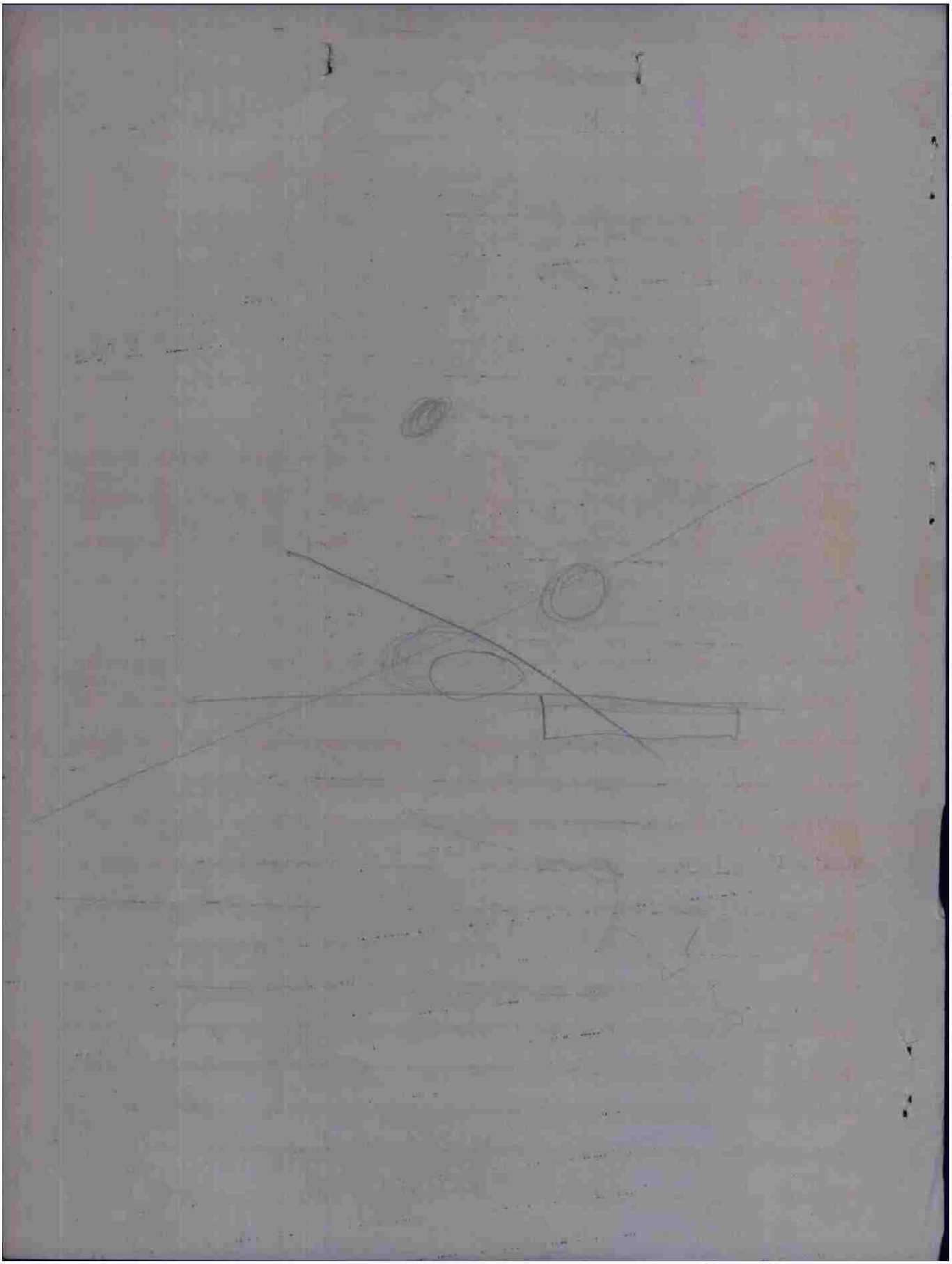
IAS 220 GROUND SPEED 245

WEATHER AS IT EFFECTED BOMBING: clear.

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INTERROGATION FORM

O.# 1-270 PILOT Maj Meng BOX # 1

TE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Moncheaux-Sur. A/C # 439

AMERAS H-C TARGET ATTACKED Sambre CALL LETTER J

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

Lt Powell NAV, Gilbert TURRET GUNNE

_____ BOMB, Lopez LOW GUNNE

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak _____ E/A _____ Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: _____

LOAD 4 x 500GP ___Frag ___Inc ___Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary 4 x 500 GP 4 Frag ___Inc ___Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___x _____ GP ___Frag ___Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___x _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned ___x _____ GP ___Frag ___Inc _____ (why)

Bombing Observations Bombs fell 1/4 of 1/4 of Yards Fair results.

FLAK: Landfall none.

Route IN: none.

Target: none

Route Out: none

Coast Out: none

Other: none.

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E/A:

WEATHER: Clear.

FIGHTER SUPPORT: Good. P47 Spit.

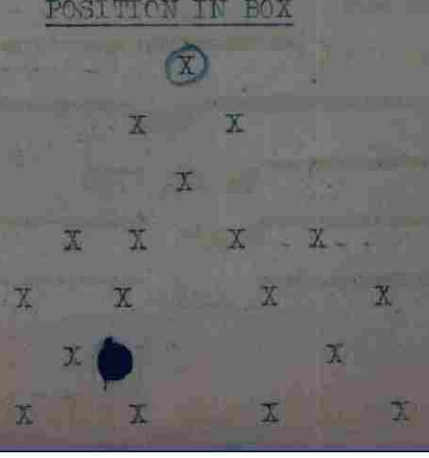
OBSERVATIONS: P47 target. Spits waiting at target. Good flak over. 6-8 freight cars in yard.

PHOTOS TAKEN:

CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

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C C N F I D E N T I A L

NAVIGATORS' INTERROGATION

NAME OF B/N Lt Polin A/C # 914

1. ROUTE DATA:	Name of Place	ETA	Actual Time	Actual Altitude
TAKE OFF		1656	~~1700~~ 1656	
ON COURSE		1716	1716	
FRIENDLY COAST OUT		1749	1748	
FIGHTER REND.		1800	1800	
ENEMY COAST IN		1802	1802½	
I.P.		1827	1828	
TOT		1830	1834½	12000 ft
RALLY POINT				
ENEMY COAST OUT		1853	1855	
FRIENDLY COAST IN		1905	1908½	

2. ROUTE DEVIATIONS: none

3. BOMB RUN:
DURATION 45 sec MAG. HEADING 345°
IAS 220 GROUND SPEED 245

4. WEATHER AS IT EFFECTED BOMBING: no effect

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INTERROGATION FORM

C.# 1-270 PILOT Capt Hutt BOX # 1

TE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Munich Ober-Lands A/C # 914

MERAS — TARGET ATTACKED M/Y-Charleroi CALL LETTER X

EARLY RETURN: Time — Whence — Why —

Lt Palin NAV, Thompson, J R TURRET GUNNER

— BOMB, Hatch LOW GUNNER

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak — E/A — Dam. Cat. —

Description —

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: —

LOAD 4 x 500 GP V Frag — Inc — Smoke — Window —

On Primary 4 x 500 GP V Frag — Inc — Smoke — Window —

On Other — x — GP — Frag — Inc Where —

Jettisoned — x —
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned — x — GP — Frag — Inc —

Bombing Observations 1 x Hvy - 20% hard bttm loco shed & tracks (why)
stng of down line on bldg & tracks.

FLAK: Landfall None

Route IN: —

Target: —

Route Out: —

Coast Out: —

Other: —

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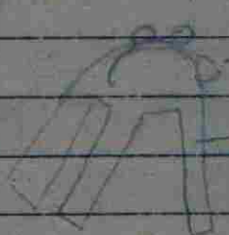
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E/A: Bomber

WEATHER: Good - 3-4 Visibility 15-20 mi Visibility Excellent
No flak at target

C. FIGHTER SUPPORT: P-47 - on train for entire mission
weight. Split over night at target.

1. OBSERVATIONS: 57 25'N - 2°E - Saw 1 Boat in Harbor Saw 1 train
15-20 wagons going into Nijmegen RR Yards
S.E.
of Rail Yards Fresh construction NW of the
Bridge



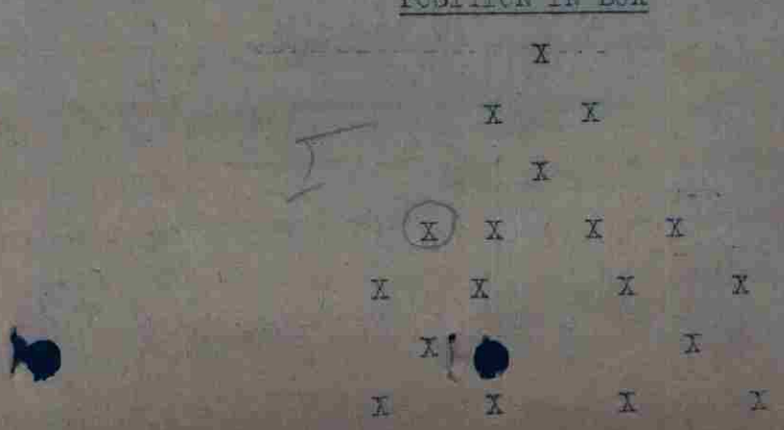
Saw a MV at 52°12'N - 3°50'E - Good wake
AF at Nieuport - no activity also AF at Rotterdam
Flak at Vlaardingen E of Rotterdam & SW of Den Haag
about 4 small ships

2. PHOTOS TAKEN:

3. CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

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NAVIGATORS' INTERROGATION

NAME OF B/N Lt Coate A/C # 455

J. ROUTE DATA:	Name of Place	ETA	Actual Time	Actual Altitude
TAKE OFF		1656	OUT	
ON COURSE FRIENDLY		1716	1725	20000
COAST OUT		1749	1749	12000
FIGHTER REND.		1800	1747	12000
ENEMY COAST IN		1802	1802	12000
I.P.		1827	1830	12000
TOT		1830	1836	12000
RALLY POINT				
ENEMY COAST OUT		1852	1856	12000
FRIENDLY COAST IN		1905	1908	10000

ROUTE DEVIATIONS: Slight - to right of Course from Emmy Landfall to first turn

I. BOMB RUN:
DURATION 1 Min MAG. HEADING 10°
IAS ~~215~~ 220 GROUND SPEED 246

WEATHER AS IT EFFECTED BOMBING: Good - 20 miles vis

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E 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Moncrau-Sur-Seine A/C # 455

MERAS _____ TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER T

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

Lt. Conte NAV, White TURRET GUNNE

_____ BOMB, Adelman LOW GUNNE

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause
	Nil					

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak Nil E/A Nil Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: Nil

LOAD 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____

Bombing Observations Bursts observed to left of (why) Laund Lane
Some hits on roundhouse.

FLAK: Landfall Nil

Route IN: Nil

Target: Nil

Route Out: Nil

Coast Out: Nil

Other: _____

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E/A: Nil

WEATHER: Good

C. FIGHTER SUPPORT: Lindzy at 1747 - No offits observed

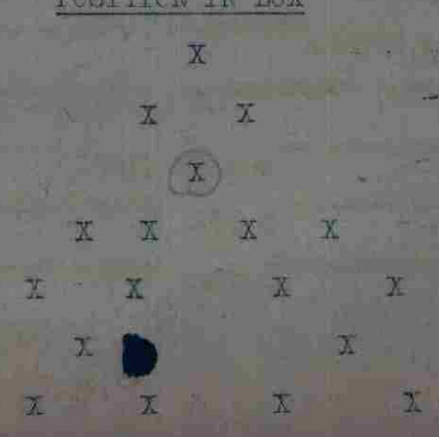
1. OBSERVATIONS: Sq Ldg and turn Parallel projections
Photos made at Coast at Furnes

2. PHOTOS TAKEN: Coast in and out and target

3. CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Nil
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INTERROGATION FORM

C.# 1-270 PILOT Col. Moca BOX # 1

TE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Moncuen Sur Sambre A/C # 701

MERAS C TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER H

1. EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

2. _____ NAV, Walsh, S/Sgt. TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB, Conopask, S/Sgt LOW GUNNER

3. CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

#3 Lt. Col. Bot parachuted safely to left (Sup 19) now in our manner

4. DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak None E/A None Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____ M.T.

5. HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: En route back S. Coast. Enemy Channel headed N.E. - 1 Fighter destroyed S. Holland (Damage at 19:15)

LOAD 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)
Fell Out

Returned ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____

Bombing Observations Over shot Road houses (why) in yard

FLAK: Landfall _____

Route IN: None

Target: None

Route Out: None

Coast Out: None

Other: None

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E/A:

WEATHER: CAVU — All around

FIGHTER SUPPORT: 47s OK — Did not observe spits at Target

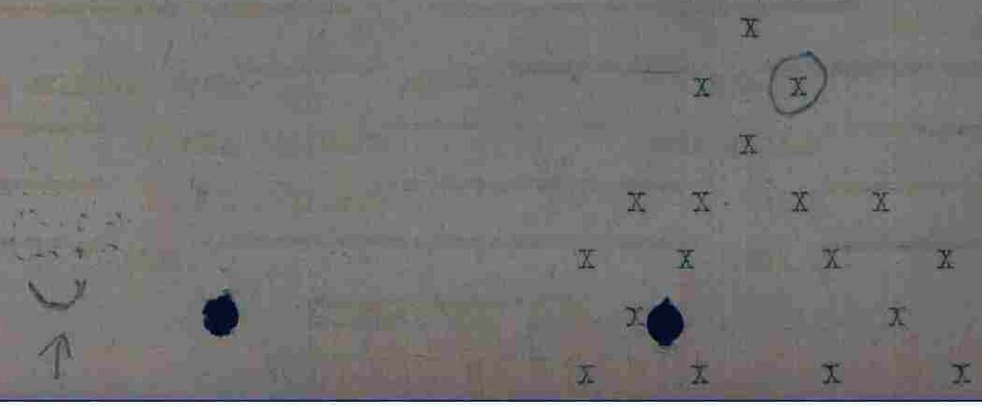
OBSERVATIONS: 6'10 Flak from [illegible] at 6'20 — quantity, accurate from [illegible] Train headed N from Munbazo Fairmont 10 cars Ramp in course at 1907

PHOTOS TAKEN:

CREW'S SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS: None

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DATE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Nouzon-Sur-Semoy A/C # 707

MERAS — TARGET ATTACKED Donnery CALL LETTER H-1

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

_____ NAV: Best TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB: Lt. Sutliff LOW GUNNER

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak Nil E/A Nil Dam.Cat. ---

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: _____

LOAD 4 x 500 GP ✓ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary 4 x 500 GP ✓ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____ (why)

Bombing Observations Good pattern - Bomb bursts on and near roadbase in P.T.

FLAK: Landfall Nil

Route IN: Nil

Target: Nil

Route Out: Nil

Coast Out: Nil

Other: _____

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E/A: Nil

WEATHER: Good - Clear over target

C. FIGHTER SUPPORT: No Flares observed over target
6-47's Hooked at rendezvous point

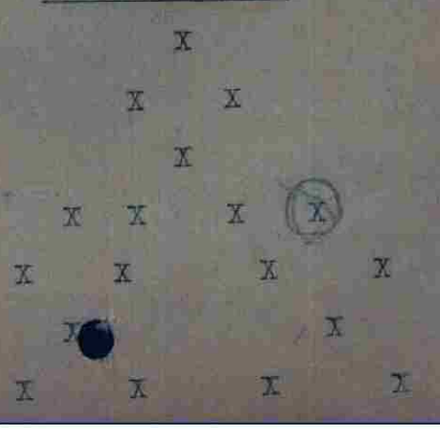
3. OBSERVATIONS:
Small boats 20 minutes from North Foreland
at 240 MPH headed NE direction - 1 boat
Circling around White object in water
Considerable shipping activity in Estuary.
About ten trucks on highway moving north
from Ramsgate to Margate at 1800.
Manoeuvring at about 25 miles on Course
from target several trains on track.

2. PHOTOS TAKEN: Ramped in - Target - Photo of rendezvous pt

3. CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

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INTERROGATION FORM

C.# 1-270 PILOT Lt McBride BOX # 1

DATE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Morsaas-Les-Saabs A/C # 207

CAMERAS -C- TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER B

1. EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

2. _____ NAV, Moran _____ TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB, Driskill _____ LOW GUNNER

3. CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

4. DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak None E/A None Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

5. HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: -3 minutes before English channel

— Dinghy —

6. LOAD 4 x 500 GP (E) Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ (size) _____ (type) _____ (armed) _____ (safe) _____ (Where-time-why)
Fell Out

Returned ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____ (why)

Bombing Observations Good concentration hit
left of Target

7. FLAK: Landfall _____

Route IN: _____

Target: _____

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: _____

Other: _____

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E/A: None

1. WEATHER: Hazy over Target - No clouds over Target area

2. FIGHTER SUPPORT: good -

1. OBSERVATIONS:

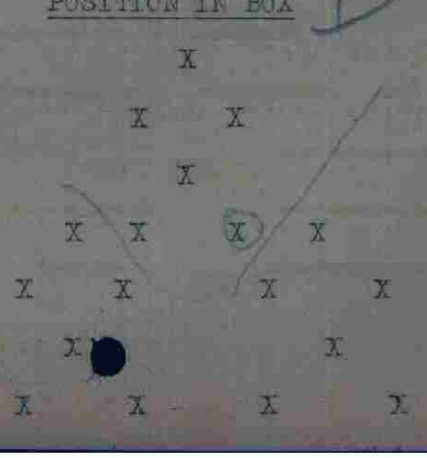
2. PHOTOS TAKEN: Target - Bomb release

3. CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS: + No flights on Tuesday

good -

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C.# 1-270 PILOT Lt Looney BOX # 1

TE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Montdidier-Sur-Somme A/C # 217

MERAS 1 C - TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER D

. EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

3. _____ NAV, Lt Napoli TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB, McCleary LOW GUNNER

3. CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

. DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak None E/A None Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

. HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: _____

LOAD 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____ (why)

Bombing Observations Fair - Good

. FLAK: Landfall None

Route IN: _____

Target: _____

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: _____

Other: _____

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E/A: Nada

WEATHER: Clear

FIGHTER SUPPORT: Good

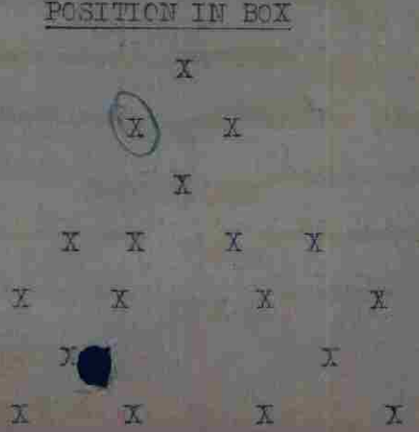
OBSERVATIONS:

PHOTOS TAKEN: Yes - Fired Camera

CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

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INTERROGATION FORM

C.# 1-220 PILOT Lt Connor BOX # 1

TE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Moreau-Sur-Sambre A/C # 189

MERAS C TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER P-1

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

_____ NAV: Norton TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB: Cutty LOW GUNNER

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak _____ E/A _____ Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: _____

LOAD 4 x 500 GP ✓ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____ (why)

Bombing Observations Hits in target ⊃ just NW of A/P

FLAK: Landfall _____

Route IN: _____

Target: _____

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: 1 puff behind & high at Dieppe

Other: _____

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E/A:

WEATHER: Thin clnd Slight haze. 30 mile visibility

C. FIGHTER SUPPORT:

3. OBSERVATIONS:

Small town located SE area of Newport on way out.

Factory smoking ~~out~~ right near Tourane Coast is 5 to 10 mile inland flooded

New woodwork in small houses building in a small town on way out near Tourane

7 Sqds 5-8000' bmbs - just before IP.

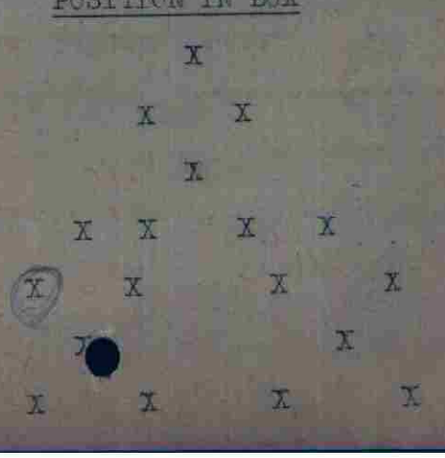
P-47s (12) all the way in

2. PHOTOS TAKEN: Yes - ove Target area

3. CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

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INTERROGATION FORM

O.# 1-270 PILOT Lt. Andrews BOX # ~~21~~ 1

TE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Mouzon-Sur-Sambre A/C # 219

MERAS — TARGET ATTACKED Primary CALL LETTER D-1

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

_____ NAV, Cook TURRET GUNNE

_____ BOMB, Werley LOW GUNNE

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak _____ E/A _____ Dam.Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: _____

LOAD 4 x 500 GP ✓ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____
Fe... Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____
(why)

Bombing Observations Abt 200 yds W of A/P.

Saw big red-orange flash in midst of explosions

FLAK: Landfall None

Route IN: _____

Target: _____

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: _____

Other: _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____
Fe... Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned ___ x _____
(why)

Bombing Observations

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E/A: None

WEATHER: Hazy over T. No cloud

FIGHTER SUPPORT: P-40's OK. No Jets on Target

OBSERVATIONS:
Landfill in OK & out OK
Denitsa
9-10 cars still on ending NE of Enshem
3 fast boats NE heading 2-3 mls (S of Nesgest)
2 factors smoking in Cantar area

PHOTOS TAKEN: Yes

CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS: 1:17,500 prints small by 2

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INTERROGATION FORM

C.# 1-270 PILOT Lt Cowgill BOX # 1

TE 4/15/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Montceau-les-Mines A/C # 714

MERAS — TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER N

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

_____ NAV, Foster TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB, Rust LOW GUNNER

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak Nil E/A Nil Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: _____

Nil

LOAD 4 x 500 GP ✓ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary 4 x 500 GP ✓ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ (size) _____ (type) _____ (armed) _____ (safe) _____ (Where-time-why)
Fell Out

Returned ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____ (why)

Bombing Observations Not observed

FLAK: Landfall Nil

Route IN: Nil

Target: Nil

Route Out: Nil

Coast Out: Nil

Other: _____

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E/A: Nil

WEATHER: Good over target - Scattered hatchy Clouds at Coast in - 10/10 East of target

FIGHTER SUPPORT: Spit observed at 1815 - 4/10 picked up on time

OBSERVATIONS: P.T. boats observed in Channel as reported by Capt Dunn

No Vessels inland from Coast Definitely Convoy just observed with buildings, Trees native fire.

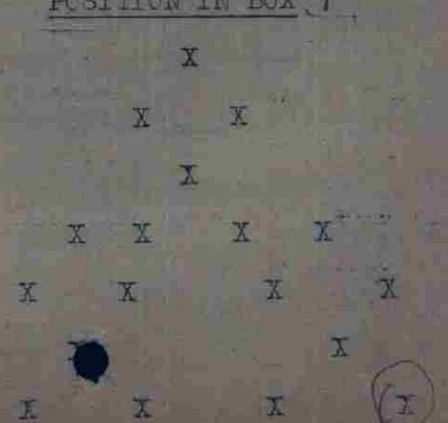
Crew fruit observed at 1845 about 25000 ft over Dunkirk

PHOTOS TAKEN: Nil

CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS: Too much speed from target to base - reduce speed.

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C.# 1-270 PILOT Lt Brown, N. H. BOX # 1

TE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Marcus Sur Sambre A/C # 200

MERAS — TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER A

1. EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

2. _____ NAV, Omaha TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB, Colbert _____ TOW GUNNER

3. CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause
	None					

4. DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak None E/A _____ Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

5. HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: _____

one thing stuck out 12 mi off Enemy Coast

6. LOAD 4 x 500 GP V Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____
(why)

Bombing Observations _____

7. FLAK: Landfall _____

Route IN: _____

Target: _____

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: _____

Other: _____

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E/A: None

WEATHER: Clear

C. FIGHTER SUPPORT: Real

D. OBSERVATIONS:

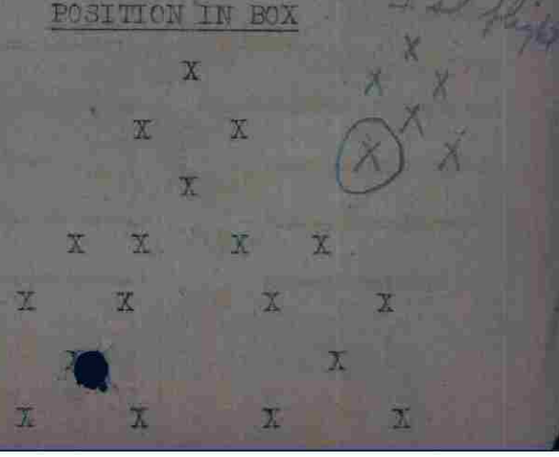
2. PHOTOS TAKEN: NO

3. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Bailey
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INTERROGATION FORM

S.# 1-200 PILOT 1st Lt Gruetzemacher BOX # 1

DATE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Watten-Sur Saales A/C # 227

MISSIONS — TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER F

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

_____ NAV: Gossett TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB: Miller LOW GUNNER

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause
None						

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak _____ E/A _____ Dam. Cat. _____

Description None

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: _____

LOAD 4 x 500 GP V Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary V x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ (size) _____ (type) _____ (armed) _____ (safe) _____ (Where-time-why)
Fell Out

Returned ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____ (why)

Bombing Observations _____

FLAK: Landfall _____

Route IN: _____

Target: _____

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: _____

Other: _____

None

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

E/A: None

WEATHER: Good

FIGHTER SUPPORT: Good

OBSERVATIONS: 13 car TRT train Courtrai towards Roulers between the two towns

East of Courtrai on RR — many RR cars about 100 on siding

Area around Ansport (west of) closed

Roads seem to be widened in Ansport Area

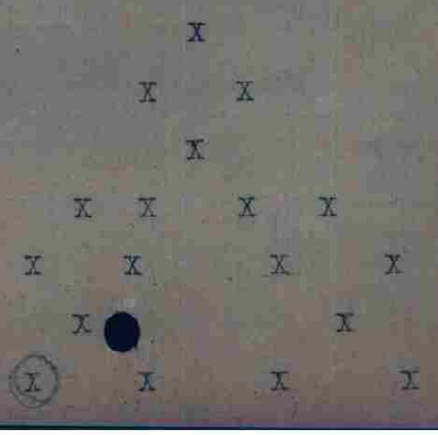
PHOTOS TAKEN: None

CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

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INTERROGATION FORM

C.# 1-220 PILOT Lt Ostrander BOX # 1

TE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Moncourt-Sur-Seine A/C # 696

MERAS — TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER G

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

_____ NAV: Wilson, J E TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB: Binney LOW GUNNER

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak _____ E/A _____ Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: Bridge on way in S.
3-4 mile out of South of Thionville

LOAD 4 x 500 GP V Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary 4 x 500 GP V Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____ (why)

Bombing Observations Heavy concentration of bombs in Vicinity of M/T. Good.

FLAK: Landfall _____

Route IN: _____

Target: _____

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: _____

Other: _____

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E/A: ~~X~~

B. WEATHER: Clear.

C. FIGHTER SUPPORT: P47. Sprts high

D. OBSERVATIONS: Factory seen about 5 minutes after leaving Dept. Fires seen in area around. Dummont.

Unusual objects (2) seen over English coast on way in. Thought possibly be rockets.

10 bombs going toward front con. in middle of channel.

E. PHOTOS TAKEN: ~~X~~

F. CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

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INTERROGATION FORM

O.# 1-270 PILOT Lt DeMarck BOX # 1

TE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Moncuq Sur Sante A/C # 951

MERAS _____ TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER P

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

_____ NAV, _____ TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB, _____ LCW GUNNER

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak _____ E/A _____ Dam.Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: _____

LOAD 4 x 500 GP ✓ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ (size) _____ (type) _____ (armed) _____ (safe) _____ (Where-time-why)
Fell Out

Returned ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____ (why)

Bombing Observations heavy concentration of bombs on yards blowing up several fires can

FLAK: Landfall _____

Route IN: _____

Target: _____

Route Out: I burst coming out over Recipart

Coast Out: _____

Other: _____

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E/A: ~~X~~

WEATHER: Clear.

C. FIGHTER SUPPORT: Good. P47. Spit.

1. OBSERVATIONS: one at landfall as for. was flooded as far as visible. 5 boats midway in Canal going toward Sunpeongnue at 1705. Large number of cars on R.R. Yard north Rouben to north. Large concentration of cars & warehouses on R.R. east of Rouben. 2 barges & boat in canal. north of control. Dummy airfield NE of Valmaseonia. Farthy observed. valley Heutsuuri. Non landfall at Sunpeong observed about 6 barges in canal with 15-20 vehicles parked near them.

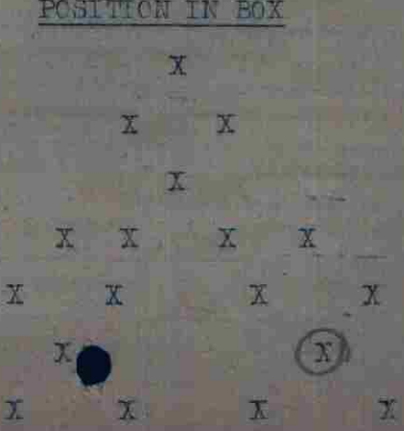
2. PHOTOS TAKEN:

3. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Nil

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INTERROGATION FORM

C.# 4270 PILOT Lt. Adams BOX # 1

TE 4/16/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Marcan Sur-Seine A/C # 493

MERAS ____ TARGET ATTACKED ____ CALL LETTER V

EARLY RETURN: Time ____ Whence ____ Why ____

____ NAV, Clearmen TURRET GUNNE

____ BOMB, Zieburn LOW GUNNE

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak Nil E/A Nil Dam. Cat. ____

Description Nil

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: ____

LOAD 4 x 500 GP V Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke ____ Window ____

On Primary 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke ____ Window ____

On Other ___ x ____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where ____

Jettisoned ___ x ____ ____ ____ ____ ____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned ___ x ____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ____

Bombing Observations Bad fortune - bursts seen on large flak (why) with smokestack

FLAK: Landfall Nil

Route IN: Nil

Target: Nil

Route Out: Nil

Coast Out: ____

Other: ____

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E/A: Nil

WEATHER: Clear - thin overcast 14000 ft.

FIGHTER SUPPORT: No fighters observed - 4's behind formation

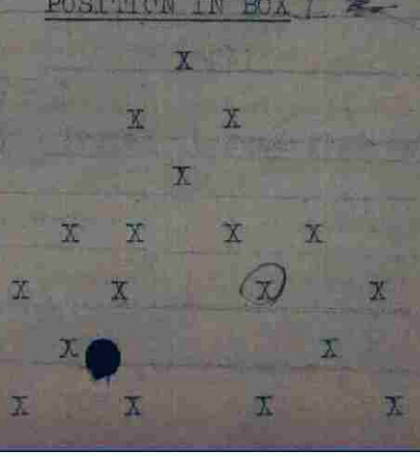
OBSERVATIONS: Possibly 2 DD and 5 small boats in middle of Channel in Way in - course 135 kms - & headed in toward Israel Coast - Short burst observed about 6½ min in from E coast

PHOTOS TAKEN: 1 one

CREW'S SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

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INTERROGATION FORM

C.# 1-270 PILOT Lt Johnston BOX # 1

TE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Morsan-Sur-Seine A/C # 689

MERAS - C - TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER I

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

_____ NAV: Donahue TURRET GUNNR:

_____ BOMB: Brayer LOW GUNNR:

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause
None						

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak None E/A _____ Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: None - except Dinghy chute reported to Maj. Thomas

LOAD 4 x 500 GP V Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary 4 x 500 GP V Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)
Fell Out

Returned ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____ (why)

Bombing Observations Bunched together, on Target - didn't hit bldgs.

FLAK: Landfall None

Route IN: _____

Target: _____

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: _____

Other: _____

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E/A: None

WEATHER: Vis - hazy

FIGHTER SUPPORT: P-47's for a while, then ?

OBSERVATIONS: 3 mi aft target - chg'd to general lay in A/C
3 [illegible] recommended shape
A/C engine in vic of Newport
Ditched in channel at 1910
4 ships in channel going N - streamers at 1910
at base 1911 - 4 ships in the area

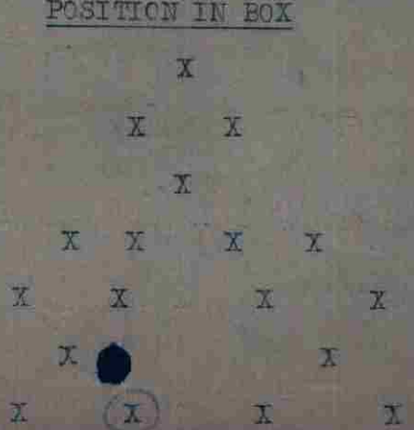
PHOTOS TAKEN: 3 pictures (Capt Parker) [illegible]

CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

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INTERROGATION FORM

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TE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Monceau-Sur-Sambre A/C # 181

MERAS ____ TARGET ATTACKED ____ CALL LETTER A-1

EARLY RETURN: Time ____ Whence ____ Why ____

____ NAV: Nielson, A. L. TURRET GUNNE

____ BOMB: Fields LOW GUNNE

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause
None						

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak None E/A ____ Dam. Cat. ____

Description ____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: None

LOAD 4 x 500 GP √ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke ___ Window ___

On Primary 4 x 500 GP √ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke ___ Window ___

On Other ___ x ___ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where ___

Jettisoned ___ x ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned ___ x ___ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___
(why)

Bombing Observations Lit Flashes - 20 Bursts - Bldgs.

FLAK: Landfall None

Route IN: ____

Target: ____

Route Out: ____

Coast Out: ____

Other: ____

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E/A: Bomber

WEATHER: Local - Vis - 10 mi, Broken at 1 tight.

C. FIGHTER SUPPORT: P-47's - far off, no tangle seen

1. OBSERVATIONS: Large concentration of E/A over
1805 - MY - 100 a/c - S. of Thionville
1810 - MY - 200 a/c -
Smoke from burning oil Refinery - Bonn - Cologne area
1815 - Twin flak ships in convoy - 2 ships
1818 - MY - 1 Hermann Goering (500 ea) - 1 large town
1825 - MY - 1 bridge (500 ea)
Straight and thru target (50°10'N - 3°40'E)
1827 - Large fire in woods - 1 mile NW of village - probably
wood burning.
1830 - 2 fires (small) in woods from bombs
forest.
Wounded Gunner (Port Spitfire) on edge of woods
London - approaching Coningsby.

2. PHOTOS TAKEN:

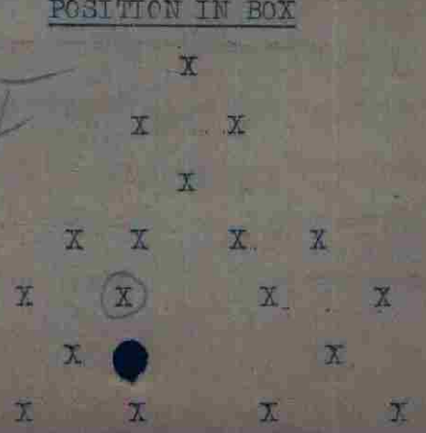
3. CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

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5 rather heavy bursts in middle of channel
ENE - Coningsby.

1841 - field planed - small fires burning in straight down

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INTERROGATION FORM

C.# 1-270 PILOT 1Lt Greenley BOX # 1

TE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Mourmelon-le-Grand A/C # 393

MERAS — TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER K

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

_____ NAV, Worden TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB, Rzepka — dam good observed LOW GUNNER

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak 2 E/A _____ Dam.Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: _____

LOAD 4 x 500 GP 1/ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____ (why)

Bombing Observations Bldg with 3 smokestacks. Area very smoky

FLAK: Landfall None

Route IN: _____

Target: _____

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: _____

Other: _____

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E/A: Dove

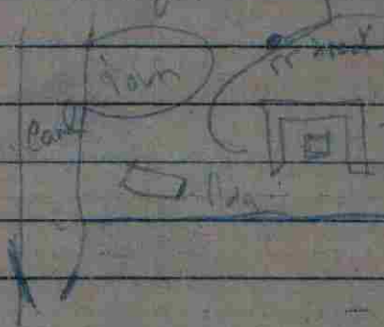
WEATHER: Cloud. Thin haze at 14,000. Vis. V.G. OK.

FIGHTER SUPPORT: P-47s. 10-15. Lvl & high. Spits left Target

OBSERVATIONS:

1 medium Heavy efflux of Vapour at 11 Deg after entered 1825 smoke underneath (IP at 1830)

On left side of Target valley coming out



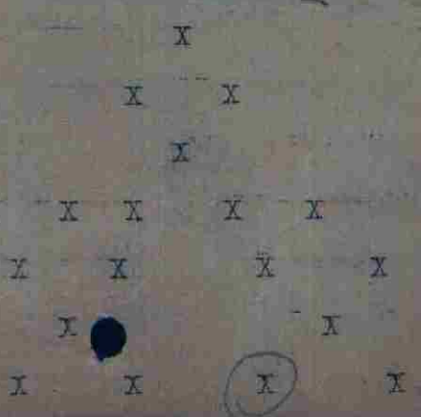
PHOTOS TAKEN: Nil

CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

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INTERROGATION FORM

O.# L270 PILOT Lt Hill BOX # 1

ME 7/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Mourmelon-Sur-Soulze A/C # 362

NERAS ____ TARGET ATTACKED ____ CALL LETTER L-1

EARLY RETURN: Time ____ Whence ____ Why ____

____ NAV: Post TURRET GUNNER

____ BOMB: J Burch LOW GUNNER

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak ____ E/A ____ Dam. Cat. ____

Description ____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: ____

LOAD 4 x 500 GP V Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke ____ Window ____

On Primary 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke ____ Window ____

On Other ___ x ____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where ____

Jettisoned ___ x ____ ____ ____ ____ ____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned ___ x ____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ____ (why)

Bombing Observations All bombs concentrated in V shape of M/y. Good.

FLAK: Landfall ____

Route IN: ____

Target: ____

Route Out: ____

Coast Out: ____

Other: ____

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E/A:

WEATHER: Clear to 5/10. 2000 feet ceiling.

FIGHTER SUPPORT: P47 Left may have been high cover. Heard engaging.

OBSERVATIONS:

P47's believed to have dive bombed.

5 Boats sinking in mid channel - possibly E boats.

Area about 10 miles in from shore flooded as far as Nijkerk.

Large factories spotted on edge of Zuiderzee R.R.

Good sighting M/V seen near I.P. No damage by previous bombing.

2. PHOTOS TAKEN:

3. CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

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NAVIGATORS' INTERROGATION

NAME OF B/N Lt Hand A/C # 444

ROUTE DATA:- Name of Place	ETA	Actual Time	Actual Altitude
TAKE OFF	1656	1701	
ON COURSE	1716	1716	2500
FRIENDLY COAST OUT	1749	1749	14500
FIGHTER REND.	1800	1805	12000
ENEMY COAST IN	1802	1803	12000
I.P.	1822	1824 1/2	14500
TOT	1830	1833 1/2	11500
RALLY POINT			
ENEMY COAST OUT	1852	1856	11500
FRIENDLY COAST IN	1905	1909	9000

ROUTE DEVIATIONS:

BOMB RUN:
DURATION 1 min MAG. HEADING 350

IAS GROUND SPEED 245

WEATHER AS IT EFFECTED BOMBING:

CAVU — along entire route

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INTERROGATION FORM

C.# 1-270 PILOT Maj. Price BOX # 2

TE 4/12/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Monreau Sur-Seabre A/C # 444

ERAS H-C TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER J

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

Lt Hand NAV: Antanasio TURRET GUNNE

BOMB: Hedrick LOW GUNNE

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak None E/A None Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: 5 ships in channel

LOAD 4 x 500 GP ✓ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned ✓ x 40? GP ✗ Frag ___ Inc _____

Bombing Observations Held Bombs after (why) saw it was wrong Target - Too late to get on Target. -

FLAK: Landfall _____

Route IN: _____

Target: _____

Route Out: _____

Coast Cut: _____

Other: _____

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E/A: None

WEATHER: Clear

C. FIGHTER SUPPORT: Escort - Spit 6000 ft

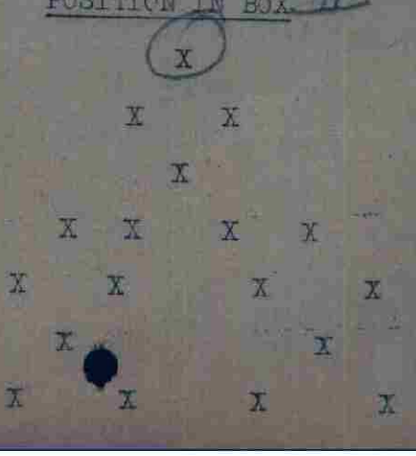
1. OBSERVATIONS: Army camp between River & woods S of Dunmore

2. PHOTOS TAKEN: Coastline, Target, Coastline

3. CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

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NAVIGATORS' INTERROGATION

NAME OF B/N Lt Smith A/C # 680

ROUTE DATA:	Name of Place	ETA	Actual Time	Actual Altitude
TAKE OFF		1656	1703	
ON COURSE		1716	1716 4/3 mins N of Hill	
FRIENDLY COAST OUT		1749	1749	
FIGHTER REND.		1800	1800	
ENEMY COAST IN		1802	1807	
I.P.		1827	1831	
TOT		1830		
RALLY POINT				
ENEMY COAST OUT		1852	1854	
FRIENDLY COAST IN		1905	1908	

ROUTE DEVIATIONS:

BOMB RUN: DURATION — MAG. HEADING 10°

IAS GROUND SPEED 245

WEATHER AS IT EFFECTED BOMBING:

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INTERROGATION FORM

C.# 1-270 PILOT Lt Col Farmer BOX # 2

TE 4/8/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Moreau Sur Sambre A/C # 640

MERAS — TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER Z

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

_____ NAV; McCreery TURRET GUNNER

Lt Smith BOMB; Orr LOW GUNNER

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak None E/A None Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: 5 ships in channel - 1903

~~Large~~ Convoy of 5 ships 903 headed NE

LOAD 4 x 500 GP ✓ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____ (why)

Bombing Observations None dropped - Lead B'd failed to dep - Did not recognize Target 12 Ftr Int to Tgt & Turn & Escape

FLAK: Landfall _____

Route IN: _____

Target: _____

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: _____

Other: _____

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E/A: None

WEATHER: Thin stratus at 1600 ft. CAVU

FIGHTER SUPPORT: Good — .

OBSERVATIONS: 1824 - after 2nd Train

1824 — Train headed NE to Nauheim

1838 - RR Jct - 6 Tracks of yards wagons at La Hauve

Train entering yds at Thil - 1851

Convoy at 1852 E of Thiel.

Area - below Clouds & Transport flooded

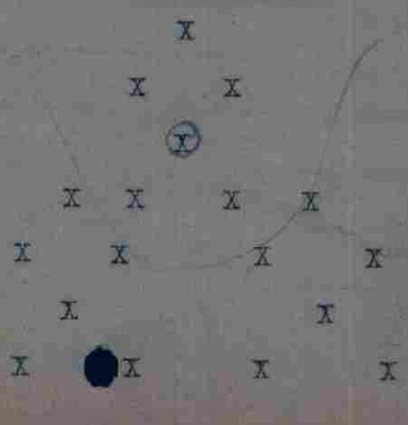
Train entering Transport 1857 Hours

PHOTOS TAKEN: None —

CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS: None

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NAVIGATORS' INTERROGATION

NAME OF B/N Lt. McQuade A/C # 450

ROUTE DATA:	Name of Place	ETA	Actual Time	Actual Altitude
TAKE OFF		1656		
ON COURSE		1716		
FRIENDLY COAST OUT		1749		
FIGHTER RENDZ.		1800	✓	
ENEMY COAST IN		1802	✓ Ontime	
I.P.		1827	1830	
TOT		1830	1833½	
RALLY POINT				
ENEMY COAST OUT		1853	1852	
FRIENDLY COAST IN		1903	1909	

ROUTE DEVIATIONS: During night before bad fell out

BOMB RUN: DURATION 1 min - 2 min. MAG. HEADING 360°

IAS 220 MPH GROUND SPEED

WEATHER AS IT EFFECTED BOMBING: CAVU

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INTERROGATION FORM

C.# 1270 PILOT Capt. Clark BOX # 2

TE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Moreau-Sur Saone A/C # 450

ERAS — TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER S

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

Lt McGuirk NAV. Allen TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB. Ballenger LOW GUNNER

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak _____ E/A _____ Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: _____

LOAD 4 x 500 GP ✓ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary ___ x ___ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke ___ Window _____

On Other ___ x ___ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____ (why)

Bombing Observations 2nd box did not bomb. All bombing on Target. Smoke 20 yds W of A/P

FLAK: Landfall None

Route IN: _____

Target: _____

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: _____

Other: _____

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E/A: D

WEATHER: CAVU

FIGHTER SUPPORT: P-47s

1. OBSERVATIONS: No Opts

16 P-47s all the way.

Belly Bombs

Headed NW 2030 on tgt NW of Avesnes

Bags in and near Tenze

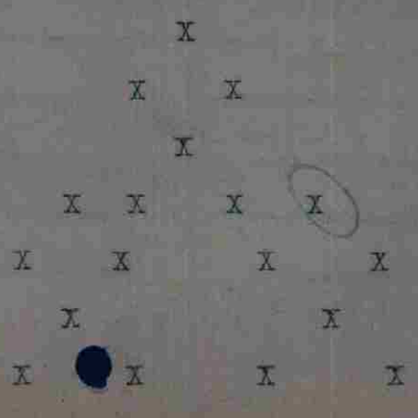
2. PHOTOS TAKEN: No

3. CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

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INTERROGATION FORM

A/C #1-270 PILOT Lt. Ebenstein BOX # 2

TE _____ TARGET ASSIGNED Morceau-Sur-Sambre A/C # 746

MERAS None TARGET ATTACKED No attack CALL LETTER I

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

_____ NAV; Judd TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB; Perkins LOW GUNNER

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

None

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak None E/A _____ Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: _____

None

LOAD 4 x 500 GP ✓ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____ (why)

Bombing Observations _____

FLAK: Landfall _____

Route IN: _____

Target: None

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: _____

Other: _____

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E/A: None

WEATHER: Slight Haze

0. FIGHTER SUPPORT: Good

1. OBSERVATIONS:

4 Boats about 8-10 miles 51°20 N 1°40 E

U-U-shaped conning Bridge

Back at Newport

Busy traffic on all canals passed one (8 Barges just past Pommeroeul (just north of Valenciennes) Truck convoy on highway east of Tournai (Belgium)

2. PHOTOS TAKEN: None

3. CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

INTERROGATION FORM

C.# 1-270 PILOT Lt. Bradford BOX # 2

DATE 4/16/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Morcourt-Sur-Somme A/C # 194

CAMERAS — TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER "C"

1. EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

2. _____ NAV; McConnell TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB; Hill, AA LOW GUNNER

3. CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

4. DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak _____ E/A _____ Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

5. HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: _____

6. LOAD 4 x 500 GP ✓ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____ (why)

Bombing Observations Pattern good. Four bombs hit building. Attnd on tracks (large explosion from building)

7. FLAK: Landfall _____

Route IN: _____

Target: _____

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: _____

Other: _____

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E/A: None

WEATHER: Clear

C. FIGHTER SUPPORT: Good

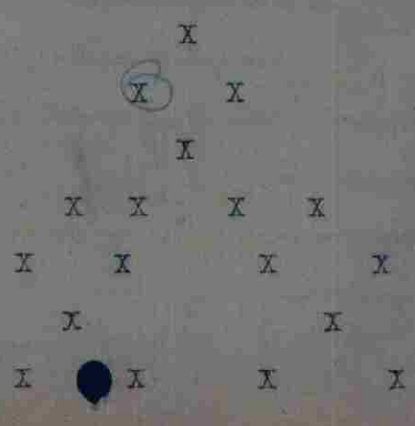
1. OBSERVATIONS: Marshalling yard sighted on south 7 min. inside Enemy coast in - Many roads, wagons on trails -

2. PHOTOS TAKEN: No

3. CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Bailey
(Interrogator)

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INTERROGATION FORM

O.# 1-290 PILOT Lt Bankamp BOX # 2

DATE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Morceau-sur-Seine A/C # 717

VERAS C- TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER N-1

1. EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

2. _____ NAV: Colosimo _____ TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB: Wing _____ LOW GUNNER

3. CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

4. DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak _____ E/A _____ Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

5. HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: _____

6. LOAD 4 x 500 GP V Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned 4 x 500 (GP) ___ Frag ___ Inc _____ (why)

Bombing Observations Hits on Pave Strata

Few Way D

FLAK: Landfall _____

Route IN: _____

Target: _____

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: _____

Other: _____

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E/A:

WEATHER: Good

C. FIGHTER SUPPORT: 1 P-47's

1. OBSERVATIONS:

P-47's - about 36
(Spts before last run
Saw P-47's in a dive pulled off after one Target
Saw 409th behind - did not see them drop

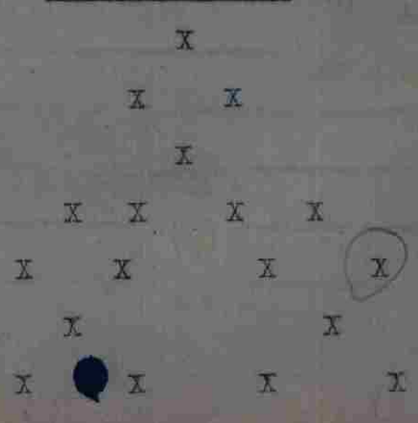
Oct 1949 - Train of 15-20 cars headed SE.
1950 - clear pasture in woods 5 buildings
a road leading into them, looked like hangars
Saw locked airport at Newport - runways hit
Smoke stack when bomb hit Kept emitting flak
hits

2. PHOTOS TAKEN: No

3. CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

C Lindell
(Interrogator)

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INTERROGATION FORM

C.# 1-270 PILOT Lt Merchant BOX # 2

DATE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Moncourt Sur-Sandre A/C # 203

CAMERAS ___ TARGET ATTACKED No Bombs dropped CALL LETTER A

EARLY RETURN: Time V Whence ___ Why ___

___ NAV; Harp TURRET GUNNER

___ BOMB; Brown LOW GUNNER

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak ___ E/A ___ Dam. Cat. ___

Description ___

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: ___

LOAD 4 x 500 GP V Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke ___ Window ___

On Primary ___ x ___ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke ___ Window ___

On Other ___ x ___ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where ___

	(size)	(type)	(armed)	(safe)	(Where-time-why)
Jettisoned ___ x ___					
Fell Out					

Returned 4 x 500 GP V Frag ___ Inc Box Didn't Drop (why)

Bombing Observations observed 1st Box bombs hit in yards

FLAK: Landfall ___

Route IN: ___

Target: None

Route Out: ___

Coast Out: ___

Other: ___

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E/A:

WEATHER: Cavu

C. FIGHTER SUPPORT: P-47's

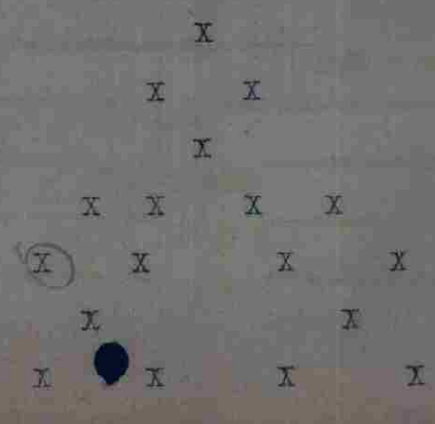
1. OBSERVATIONS: NONE

2. PHOTOS TAKEN: No Camera

3. CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

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(Interrogator)

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INTERROGATION FORM

O.# 1-270 PILOT Lt Mirack BOX # 2

DATE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Noncourt Sur-Sabre A/C # 182

CAMERAS — TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER B

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

_____ NAV; Sieg TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB; Burkhalter LOW GUNNER

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause
		None				

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak None E/A None Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: Bags in middle D channel

LOAD 4 x 500 GP X Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____ (why)

Bombing Observations Hit on RR - but not in bldgs - moderate flak

FLAK: Landfall _____

Route IN: _____

Target: _____

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: _____

Other: _____

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E/A: None

WEATHER: CAVU

FIGHTER SUPPORT: Yes

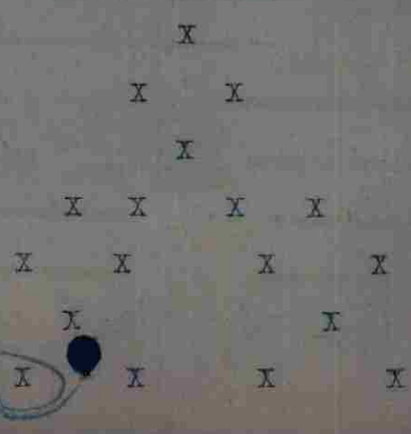
OBSERVATIONS: Train sighted to Darwin

PHOTOS TAKEN:

CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS: None

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INTERROGATION FORM

S.# 1-270 PILOT Lt. Bartemus BOX # 2

TE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Mourmelon-Sur-Soulve A/C # 684

VERAS — TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER K

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

_____ NAV: Damico _____ TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB: Dickenson _____ LOW GUNNER

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak None E/A _____ Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: _____

LOAD 4 x 500 GP V Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____
(why)

Bombing Observations Fair

FLAK: Landfall _____

Route IN: _____

Target: _____

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: Three last seen fired at 4000 ft at point 3 miles East of Newport.

Other: _____

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E/A: None

WEATHER: Clear

FIGHTER SUPPORT: Good

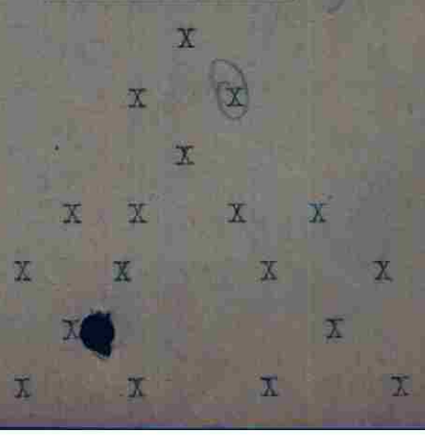
OBSERVATIONS: Three Small boats sighted moving South-East-Off French Coast 10 miles- Five small boats about 2/3 way across Channel-

2. PHOTOS TAKEN: No

3. CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Bailey
(Interrogator)

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INTERROGATION FORM

C.# 1-270 PILOT Lt Stockwell BOX # 2

DATE 4-18-44 TARGET ASSIGNED Morcourt-Sur Somme A/C # 225

CAMERAS — TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER G-2

1. EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

2. _____ NAV; Shirey TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB; Zimmerman LOW GUNNER

3. CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause
Nil						

4. DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak Nil E/A Nil Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

5. HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: _____

LOAD 4 x 500 GP ✓ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned 4 x 500 GP ✓ Frag ___ Inc Leader did not drop (why)

Bombing Observations Nil

FLAK: Landfall Nil

Route IN: Nil

Target: Nil

Route Out: Nil

Coast Out: 4 bursts observed about 4 o'clock at same level to left of formation

Other: Nil

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E/A: Nil

WEATHER: Nil.

FIGHTER SUPPORT: Vected up approx 10 min early. No Spits

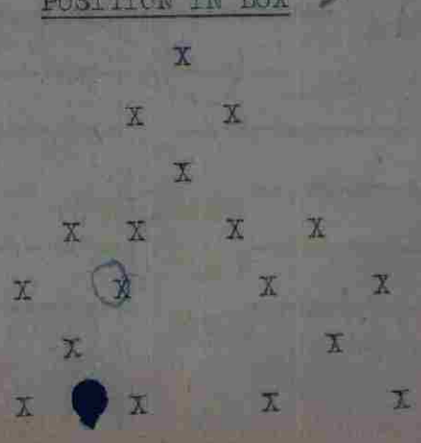
OBSERVATIONS: 5 ships observed NE direction about centre of Channel 1 possible DD ~~at~~ on return at 1850 hrs - ~~5~~ Fairs observed about 5 minutes after target on course (in station) Approx 4 Engines

2. PHOTOS TAKEN: No

3. CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS: Requested

Arnold
(Interrogator)

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INTERROGATION FORM

C.# 1-270 PILOT Lt Street BOX # 2

DATE 4-18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Moncey Sur Seine A/C # 211

VERAS -C- TARGET ATTACKED NO CALL LETTER C-1

EARLY RETURN: Time ✓ Whence ? Why

NAV, Shields BOMB, Capps TURRET GUNNER Prindle LOW GUNNER Cope

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause
/	/	/				

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak ✓ E/A ✓ Dam. Cat.

Description

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS:

LOAD 4 x 500 GP ✓ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke ___ Window ___

On Primary ___ x ___ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke ___ Window ___

On Other ___ x ___ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where ___

Jettisoned ___ x ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned 4 x 500 GP ✓ Frag ___ Inc Box did not drop (why)

Bombing Observations Other Box Unobserved

FLAK: Landfall NONE

Route IN: NONE

Target: NONE

Route Out: NONE

Coast Out: NONE

Other: NONE

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E/A:-

WEATHER: Cavu

2. FIGHTER SUPPORT: P-47s

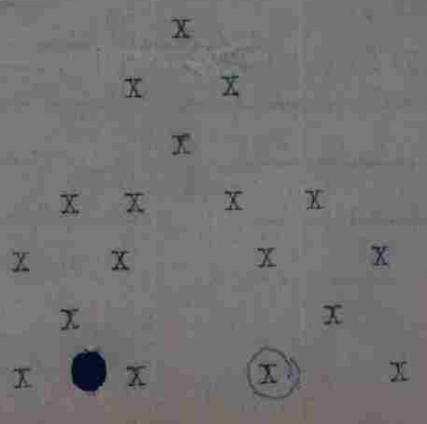
1. OBSERVATIONS: 10 minutes on course inland 18-15 Cons or Liberators probably, Serrated 4 Barges in canal about 18' inland on course probably Rautmont

2. PHOTOS TAKEN: None taken because no bombs dropped

3. CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

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INTERROGATION FORM

S.# 1-220 PILOT Lt Margolis BOX # 2

DATE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Marshalling Yards A/C # 711

CAMERAS — TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER M

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

_____ NAV, Wallace TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB. Kuzyer LOW GUNNER

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak None E/A _____ Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: None

LOAD 4 x 500 GP ✓ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)
Fell Out

Returned 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____

Bombing Observations (why) Direct hits on Round House other along Tracks to river Bend—

FLAK: Landfall _____

Route IN: _____

Target: _____

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: _____

Other: _____

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E/A: None

WEATHER: Clear

FIGHTER SUPPORT:

OBSERVATIONS:

12-15 Barges at Junk in Canal - Tied up

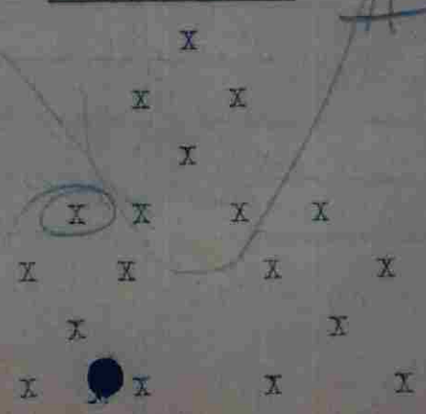
Train 6 miles SE Chanlung - going South 20 cars

PHOTOS TAKEN:

CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS: Why didn't they go to Secondary Target -

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INTERROGATION FORM

C.# 1-270 PILOT Lt. Hartman BOX # 2

TE 4-18-44 TARGET ASSIGNED Moncean Les Saules A/C # 390

MERAS _____ TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER G-1

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

_____ NAV. Rosenstein TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB. Carney LOW GUNNER

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak _____ E/A _____ Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: _____

LOAD 4 x 500 GP 1 Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Leader did not drop
(why)

Bombing Observations _____

FLAK: Landfall Nil

Route IN: Nil

Target: Nil

Route Out: Nil

Coast Out: Possible meagre flak bursts at 4097-low but inaccurate but about 2 hours

Other: _____

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E/A: Nil

WEATHER: Good - Vis: CAVU

C. FIGHTER SUPPORT:

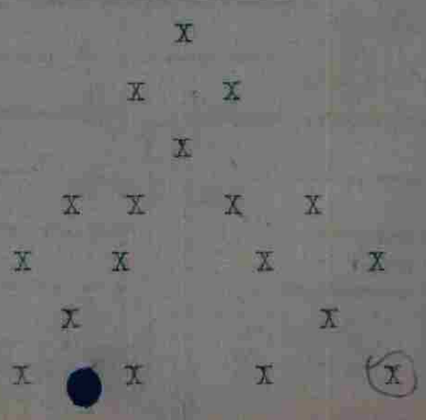
1. OBSERVATIONS: Nine Observed going NW 6 Min in Area Enemy Coast going NW 6 to 8 Cons.

2. PHOTOS TAKEN: Nil

3. CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Russell
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INTERROGATION FORM

S.#1-270 PILOT Lt Peck BOX # 2

TE 4-18-44 TARGET ASSIGNED Moncuq Sur Lande A/C # 376

MERAS — TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER O

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

_____ NAV: Bergeron TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB: Kelton LOW GUNNER

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

None

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak _____ E/A _____ Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: None

LOAD 4 x 500 GP ✓ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____ (why)

Bombing Observations _____

FLAK: Landfall _____

Route IN: _____

Target: None

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: _____

Other: _____

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E/A: None

WEATHER: Cover at target

FIGHTER SUPPORT: Good

OBSERVATIONS: 10-12 RR Cars in yards at La Louviere

PHOTOS TAKEN: None

CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

1027
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POSITION IN BOX

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INTERROGATION FORM

S.# 1-220 PILOT Lt Siracusa BOX # 2.

TE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Moncean Sur Seine A/C # 216

MERAS _____ TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER E

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

_____ NAV, Kelley, E.E. TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB, Brown, F.E. LOW GUNNER

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak _____ E/A _____ Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: _____

LOAD ___ x ___ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke ___ Window ___

On Primary ___ x ___ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke ___ Window ___

On Other ___ x ___ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned 4 x 500 GP — Frag ___ Inc Incidental bit drop
(why)

Bombing Observations none observed

FLAK: Landfall _____

Route IN: _____

Target: _____

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: _____

Other: _____

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E/A: ~~[illegible]~~

WEATHER: clear

FIGHTER SUPPORT: P47's. High cover possible Spits.

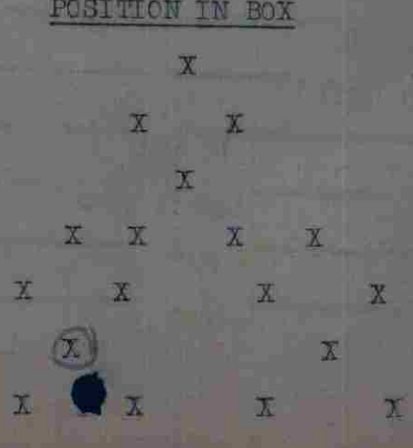
OBSERVATIONS: movement of vessel visible with a basement. 5 vessels seen from east to Dunkerque. about 5 miles in width.

PHOTOS TAKEN:

CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

H. W. R.
(Interrogator)

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INTERROGATION FORM

C.# 1-220 PILOT Lt. Cruze BOX # 2

DE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Monceaux sur Saabre A/C # 963

VERAS — TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER N

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

_____ NAV; Love TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB; Adair LOW GUNNER

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause
None						

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak None E/A _____ Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: None

LOAD 4 x 500 GP ✓ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned / Fell Out ___ x _____ (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned 4 x 500 GP ✓ Frag ___ Inc lead, did not drop (why)

Bombing Observations Bombs hit Bldg - also some behind and Canal point

FLAK: Landfall None

Route IN: _____

Target: _____

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: _____

Other: _____

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E/A: Nonce

WEATHER: Visi-good, nacbs over target-
to Lae-tops 8-12000 ft

C. FIGHTER SUPPORT: P-47's for over-split 2 off
Salamaua

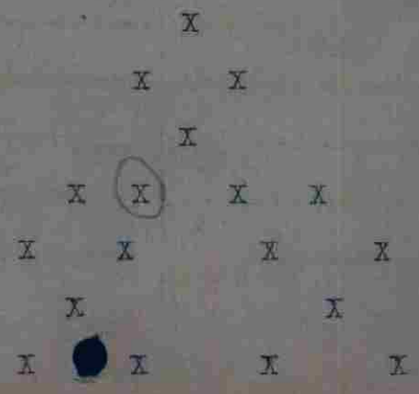
1. OBSERVATIONS: to area Salamaua-Lae, CP junction
coast till just inside,
Train (Coast) going out Buso Dimuna area
much back & forth
4 Boats sighted at Nicuport-anchored there

2. PHOTOS TAKEN: None

3. CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

(Interrogator)

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INTERROGATION FORM

S/# 1-270 PILOT Lt Kenth BOX # 2

DATE 4-18-44 TARGET ASSIGNED Morceau-Sur-Seine A/C # 900

CAMERAS — TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER Q

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

_____ NAV: Webb TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB: Coffey TOW GUNNER

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak _____ E/A _____ Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: _____

LOAD 4 x 500 GP V Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary ___ x ___ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x ___ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____ (why)

Bombing Observations 200 yds W of A/P.

FLAK: Landfall _____

Route IN: _____

Target: _____

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: _____

Other: _____

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E/A:

WEATHER: Hazy. Scattered puffs.

3. FIGHTER SUPPORT: P-47s rendezvoused at 7 mins to 6PM Alt 30. Followed with fighter sweep

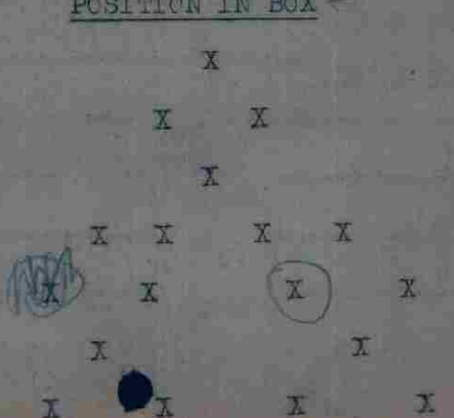
1. OBSERVATIONS:
Train leng, headed SE near Arreines area
At 0625 passed over mines - piles of material outside + rr tracks
Near Englebelmer - factory not going
IP - Target - halfway N 8 tracks
Max. line 7 sidings. 6-7 tracks packed with cars
Estimate Primary ½ full of cars
Obs Dieuport - 4 ships (Destroyers) escorting 3 headed NE.
2-3 miles off Dieuport. One took evasive action

2. PHOTOS TAKEN:

3. CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

C Lockard
(Interrogator)

POSITION IN BOX 17



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INTERROGATION FORM

S.# 1-270 PILOT 1st Ritchie BOX # 2

DATE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Moreau Sur-Saone A/C # 379

VERAS — TARGET ATTACKED _____ CALL LETTER G

EARLY RETURN: Time _____ Whence _____ Why _____

_____ NAV: ~~Molter~~ Newkirk TURRET GUNNER

_____ BOMB: Anderson TOW GUNNER

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak _____ E/A _____ Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: Five ships in convoy Heading North - Turned towards Enemy Coast when Flight passed over.

LOAD 4 x 500 GP 2 Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____ (why)

Bombing Observations - Fair

FLAK: Landfall _____

Route IN: _____

Target: _____

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: _____

Other: _____

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E/A: None

WEATHER: Clear

C. FIGHTER SUPPORT: Good

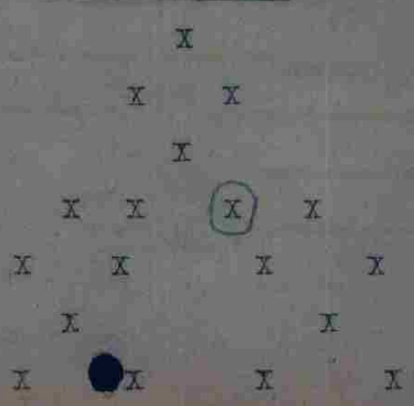
1. OBSERVATIONS: Barges reported in North side of town of Newport in Canals.
25 Heavy Barges in Canal South of Newport -
1803 Land fall -
1807 - 45-50 railroad cars in Marshalling yard -
1813 - Marshalling yard 40-50 cars
1814 - 5 boats in Canal N-S -
1818 - Moving train 10-15 cars moving on East west railroad - going West to Francis
1820 - Marshalling yard at Valenciennes
Many Cars on sidings.

2. PHOTOS TAKEN: No

3. CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Bailey
(Interrogator)

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INTERROGATION FORM

C.# 1-270 PILOT Lt Meredith BOX # 2

TE 4/18/44 TARGET ASSIGNED Noncourt Sur-Sarre A/C # 195

MERAS C TARGET ATTACKED NO CALL LETTER D

EARLY RETURN: Time ✓ Whence _____ Why _____

_____ NAV, Molver TURRET GUNNE

_____ BOMB. Gray LOW GUNNE

CASUALTIES:

Name	Rank	Position	K	W	M	Cause

DAMAGE TO A/C: Flak _____ E/A _____ Dam. Cat. _____

Description _____

HOT NEWS CONFIRMATIONS: _____

LOAD 4 x 500 GP ✓ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Primary ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc ___ Smoke _____ Window _____

On Other ___ x _____ GP ___ Frag ___ Inc Where _____

Jettisoned ___ x _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Fell Out (size) (type) (armed) (safe) (Where-time-why)

Returned 4 x 500 GP ___ Frag ___ Inc _____ (why)

Bombing Observations 1ST Box Bombs observed, probably in woods

FLAK: Landfall _____

Route IN: _____

Target: _____ Wood

Route Out: _____

Coast Out: _____

Other: _____

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E/A:

WEATHER: Clear

FIGHTER SUPPORT: P-47's

1. OBSERVATIONS: After turn off target next 3 turns on course, flew over lot of flight, about 40 cars in each train.
There was a train, about 20 cars, stopped on RR N of Erquinvat at Isle, a track leading towards Bruges with 3 or 4 cars, probably donkey.

2. PHOTOS TAKEN: had a camera but did not take pictures because of no definite

3. CREWS SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Frank Mayner
(Interrogator)

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HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

APO 140, U. S. Army,
19 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Submission of Operational Report A. AAF Form 34.

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

1. The following operational report is submitted in compliance with instructions outlined in Appendix "C" Ninth Air Force Memorandum 55-8 dated 29 March, 1944:

Field Order No. 270.
Mission Number 19.
Oper. A No. 13 for 24 hours ending sunset 19 April 1944.

A. Formation consisted of two boxes - 19 ships in each box. Take off time was 1630. Target - Noncessa Air Centre. Time over target 1834. The first box at 12000 feet dropped a total of 76 bombs in the target area with good results, the largest concentration of bombs being slightly west of the aiming point. The lead bombardier in the second box failed to identify the target in time to make the bombing run. There was no attempt to make a second run and this box did not drop any bombs. Weather was clear with visibility 10 to 12 miles. Anti-aircraft fire was weak and very inaccurate. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 2001.

B. (i) 32 A-20G's and 6 A-20J's.
(ii) 16 A-20G's and 3 A-20J's
(iii) 16 A-20G's and 3 A-20J's. Lead bombardier in second box did not identify target in time to make bombing run.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 32 A-20G's and 6 A-20J's

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) A-20G's 102:35
A-20J's 13:40
(ii) Nil

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E. (i) A-20G's 100,800 x 50 cal.
A-20J's 12,000 x 50 cal.
(ii) A-20G's 768 x 50 cal. (testing)
A-20J's 140 x 50 cal. (testing)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) A-20G's 128 x 500 lb. GP delay 1/10 N 1/40 T
A-20J's 24 x 500 lb. GP delay 1/10 N 1/40 T
(ii) A-20G's 64 x 500 lb. GP
A-20J's 12 x 500 lb. GP
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHERKEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

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APO 140
18 April 1944

SUBJECT: Flak Report - Operations of 18 April 1944, F.O. 270.

TO : IX Bomber Command, Att: A-2.

Target : M/Y, CHARLEROI-SUR-SAMBRE.

Time : 1834.

Height : 12,000 feet.

Weather : CAVU.

Damage : None.

Flak Experienced by this Group : None.

Other Flak : A burst of four was seen fired at 409th Bomb Group two miles E of NIEUPORT on route out. Believed to be XHI.

No Flak Overlay has been prepared in view of negative report.

Route flown as ordered.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 270

ANNEX "A"

BOX I GROUP 416 DATE 18 Apr 44 TARGET ATTACKED Charleroi/St Martin M/Y

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.

2. Bombing approach: 008° Mag.

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X

4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO _____

In either case exrlain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs; and specify exact aiming point actually used: Used pre-set synchronous, 20 mils trail subtracted from sight, aimed at MPI.

5. Name of lead bombardier: 2nd Lt. Vernon Powell

6. Name of lead pilot: Major William J. Heng

7. Intervalometer setting: None

8. Indicated Air Speed: 280 Ground Speed: 265 Altitude: 18,000

9. Length of bomb run: 45 Sec:

10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED Delay N 1/10 T 1/40

11. Total Bombs Dropped: 76

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 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?
No enemy aircraft.

(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 _____

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Formation consisted of two boxes - 18 ships in each box. Take off time was 1555. Target - Monceau Sur Sombre. Time over target 1834. The first box at 18000 feet dropped a total of 75 bombs in the target area with good results, the largest concentration of bursts being xxxxxxxxxx xx slightly west of the aiming point. The lead bombardier in the second box failed to identify the target in time to make the bombing run. There was no attempt to make a second run and this box did not drop any bombs. Weather was clear with visibility 10 to 12 miles. Anti-aircraft fire was weak and very inaccurate. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 2001.

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OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

Int.

DATE 18 April 1944

PERIOD 1200 1900

Hq SOS USAPP 9-43/90M/1522

	A	B	C	D
1 WEATHER	Fair Cirrus	Fair Cirrus	Fair Cirrus	
2 CLOUDS	6-8/10 Cirrus Base 2-3,000 FEET Tops 4-5,000 FEET Cirrus Breaking over France to 2-4/10	2-4/10 Cirrus Base 2-3,000 Tops 4-5,000	Same to 6/10 Cirrus Locally Overcast Returns Base 2-3,000 Tops 4-5,000	
3 ICING	No more Precipitation Static	None	None	
4 VISIBILITY	Good	6-9 Miles	3-6 Miles	

HEIGHT	DIRECTION	VELOCITY	DIRECTION	VELOCITY	DIRECTION	VELOCITY	DIRECTION	VELOCITY
SURFACE								
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BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 30.10

TARGET SURFACE TEMP. ____ TARGET MEAN TEMP. ____

TEMP. AT ____ FT. ____ TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) ____

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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

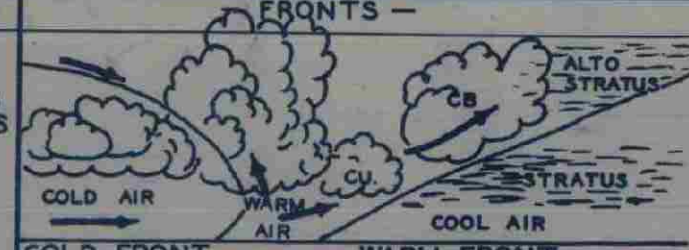
LOW CLOUDS = ST-STRATUS
SC-STRATOCUMULUS

MIDDLE CLOUDS = AS-ALTOSTRATUS
AC-ALTOCUMULUS

HIGH CLOUDS = CI-CIRRUS
CS-CIRROSTRATUS

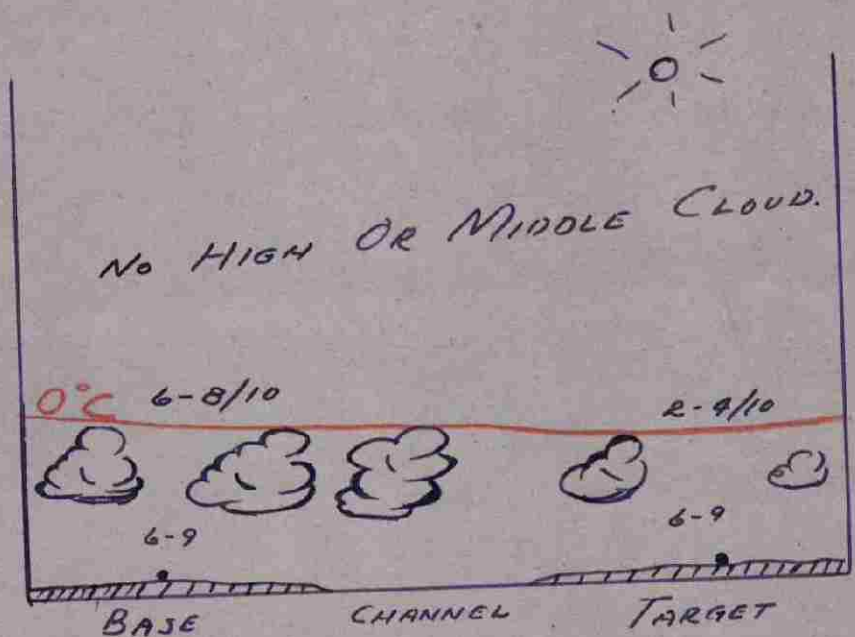
CLOUDS OF VERTICAL EXTENT =
CU-CUMULUS CB-CUMULONIMBUS

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

APO 140
18 April 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

TO : Group Operations

BASE AT TAKEOFF: .5 stratocumulus with bases at 3000 feet and tops to 5000. Visibility 7 miles.

ROUTE OUT: .6 to .8 low clouds over England with bases at 3000 and tops to 5000 feet. Visibility 5-6 miles. Clouds broke to .2 to .3 over the channel with nil clouds over France.

TARGET: No clouds over target with banks of cumulus reported to the south. Visibility 15 miles.

ROUTE BACK: Nil clouds. Otherwise same as route out.

WINDS: As forecast.

Weather did not effect bombing.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

APO 140, U. S. ARMY,
19 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Malfunction of Aircraft Equipment.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APO 140, U. S. ARMY.

I. Survey of Aircraft Operating.

Date of Mission : 18 April 1944
Number of Aircraft Scheduled : 36
Number of Aircraft Aborted : 36

II. Scheduled Aircraft Failing to Become Airborne.

None.

III. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Affecting Success of Mission.

None.

IV. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft not Affecting Success of Mission.

None.

For the Commanding Officer:

DENNIS SCHLEMMER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

APO 140, U. S. Army.
19 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Lost, Damaged and Abortive Report.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Bomber Command, APO 110, U. S. Army.

Target: Gruson Gun Works.
Date : 18 April 1944.

1st Bomber Command Field Order No. 270.

1. Number.

Effec.	Type A/C	Dispatched	Abortive Tech	Abortive Other	Damaged A	Damaged AA	Damaged E	Lost	Attacked Target
416	A-20's.	36	0	19	0	0	0	0	17
	B-17's.								

2. Lost.

None.

3. Damaged.

None.

4. Abortives.

Number II box consisting of 16 A-20's and 3 A-20's abortive. Lead bombardier did not identify target in time to make bombing run.

For the Commanding Officer:

[redacted]
Captain, Air Corps.
Adjutant.

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ZB 116 B Primary
ZB 115 Secondary - N/A -
ZB-50 Last Resort
A/P ILL. Neg 5040 028063-
Axis of Attack S to N
Fighter Rend. 51°11'N - 02°30'E
O+2 hrs 12,000
Route in Base to Gravesend to North Ireland to F.R to Newport to Waeregheem to 50°11'N-03°50'E to (50°10'N-04°24'E) to Target left turn off target to 50°59'N-03°31'E to Newport - North Ireland to Base

Rally Pt - 50°59' 04°08'E

12,000 ft.

4 3/4 miles between P/T & S/T.

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97TH YOU STILL THER PLSE
K YES O AM
OK YES I AM
OK HERE ONE FOR U

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TO 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: COMM OFFICER

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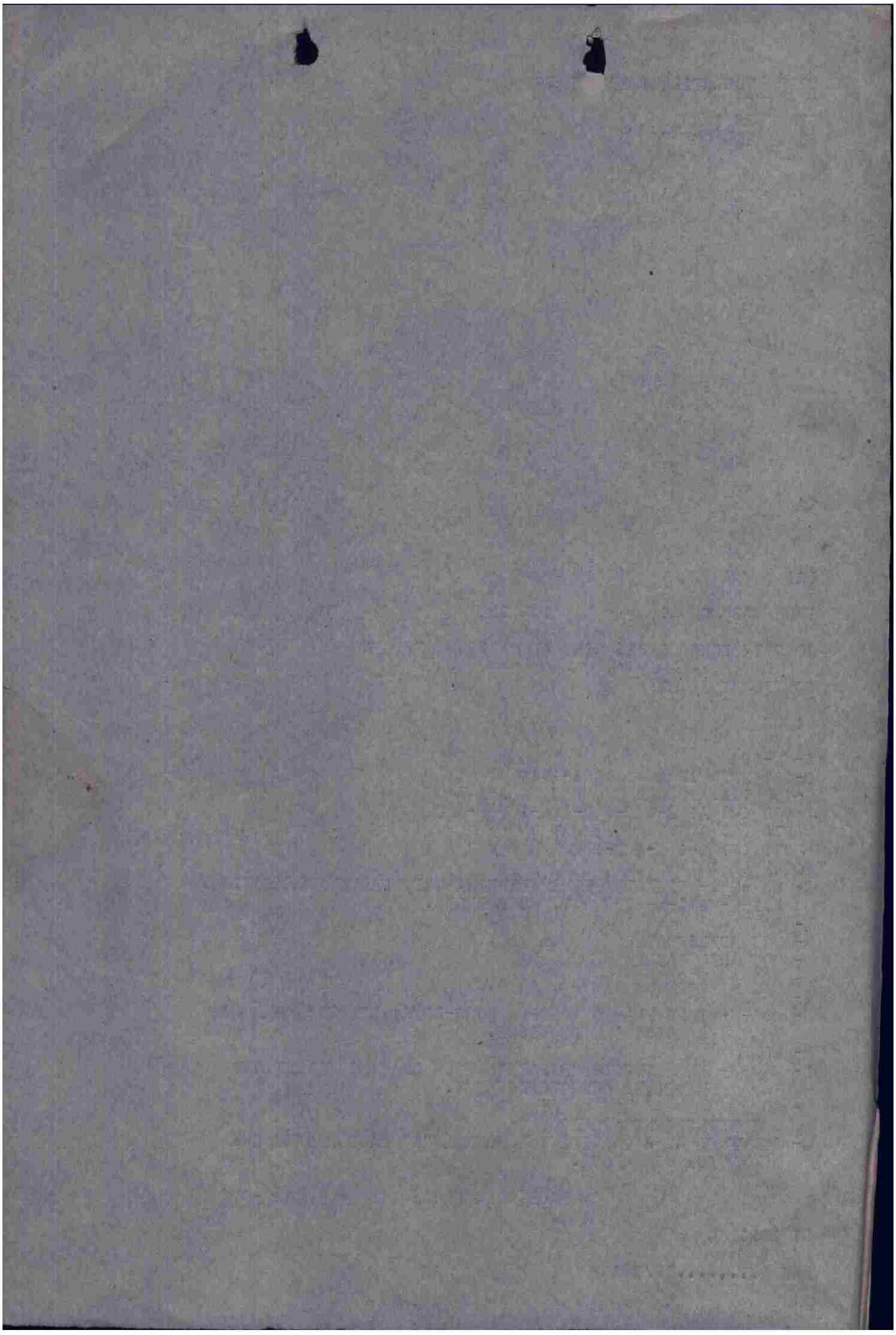
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669 (9) A1 C-1 G-1 L-1 N-1 O P-1 Q S
670 (8) A B D F G I J T
671 (9) D-1 G-2 H-1 K M N P V X
TOTAL (38)
D- 669-N-1- FXXX TURRET INTERPHONE OUT, FAULTY CONNECTIONS
XXXK- 671-K- VHF OUT, FUSE BLOWN.
E- NONE
F- NOT APPLICABLE
G- NOT APPLICABLE
G- NOT APPLICABLE
I- NONE
J- 670-J- TOLD PLANES TO OPEN BOMB-BAYS; LEADERS USED FOR LANDING INSTRUCTIONS.
K- NONE
L- 670-J- REPORTED TO "PARADE" AFTER LEAVING TARGET AND RECEIVED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.
M- NONE
N, NOT APPLICABLE
O- PRESENCE OF A CARRIER ON CHANNEL "A" MADE REDXXX CXX RECEPTION VERY POOR.

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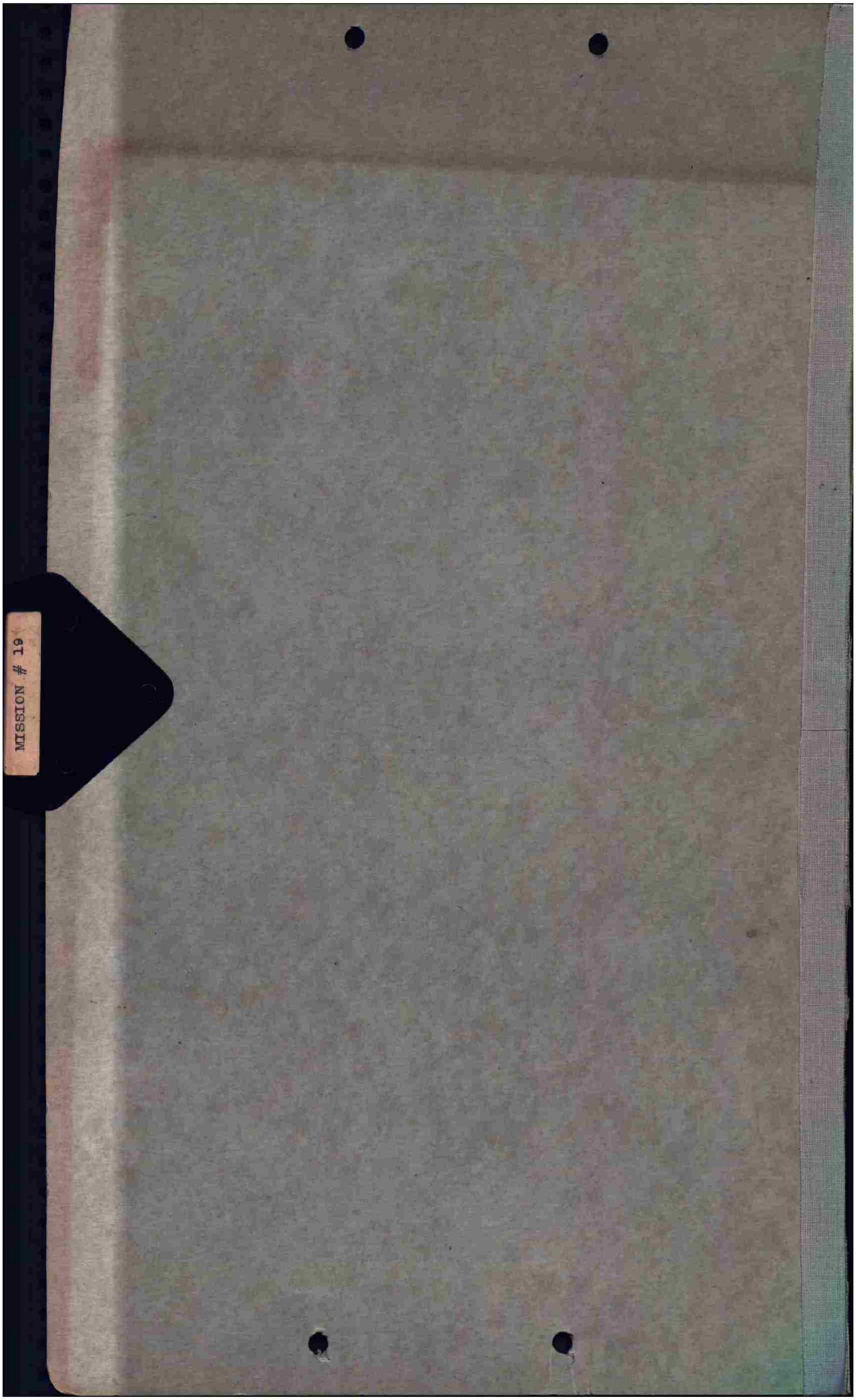
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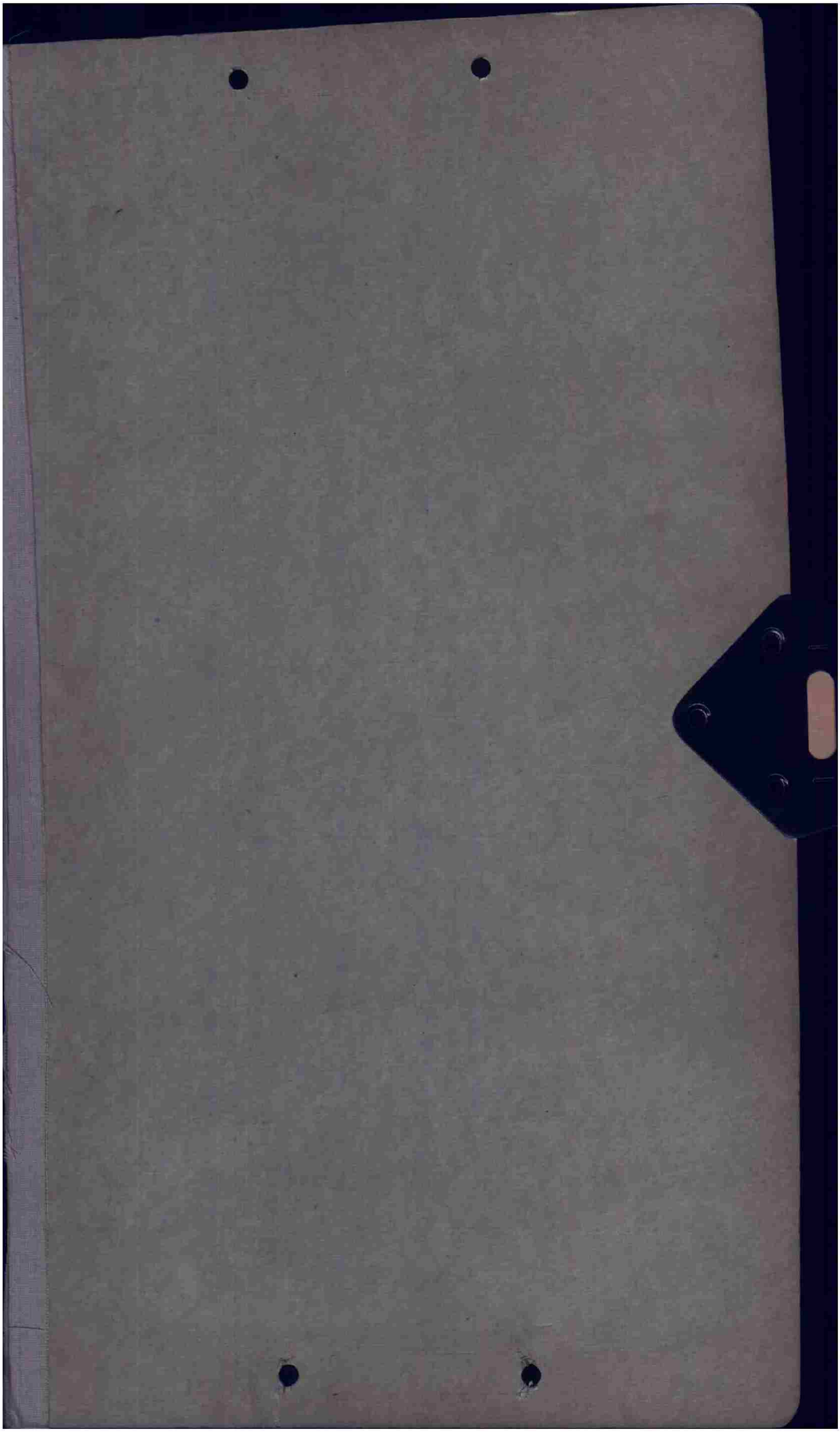
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