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182 APR 1944

MISSION REPORT

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

File
By authority
CO. Sta. 170
29 April 1944
Init. _____

AFG LHO, U. S. Army.
29 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of A-3 bombing information report.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, AFG LHO, U. S. Army.

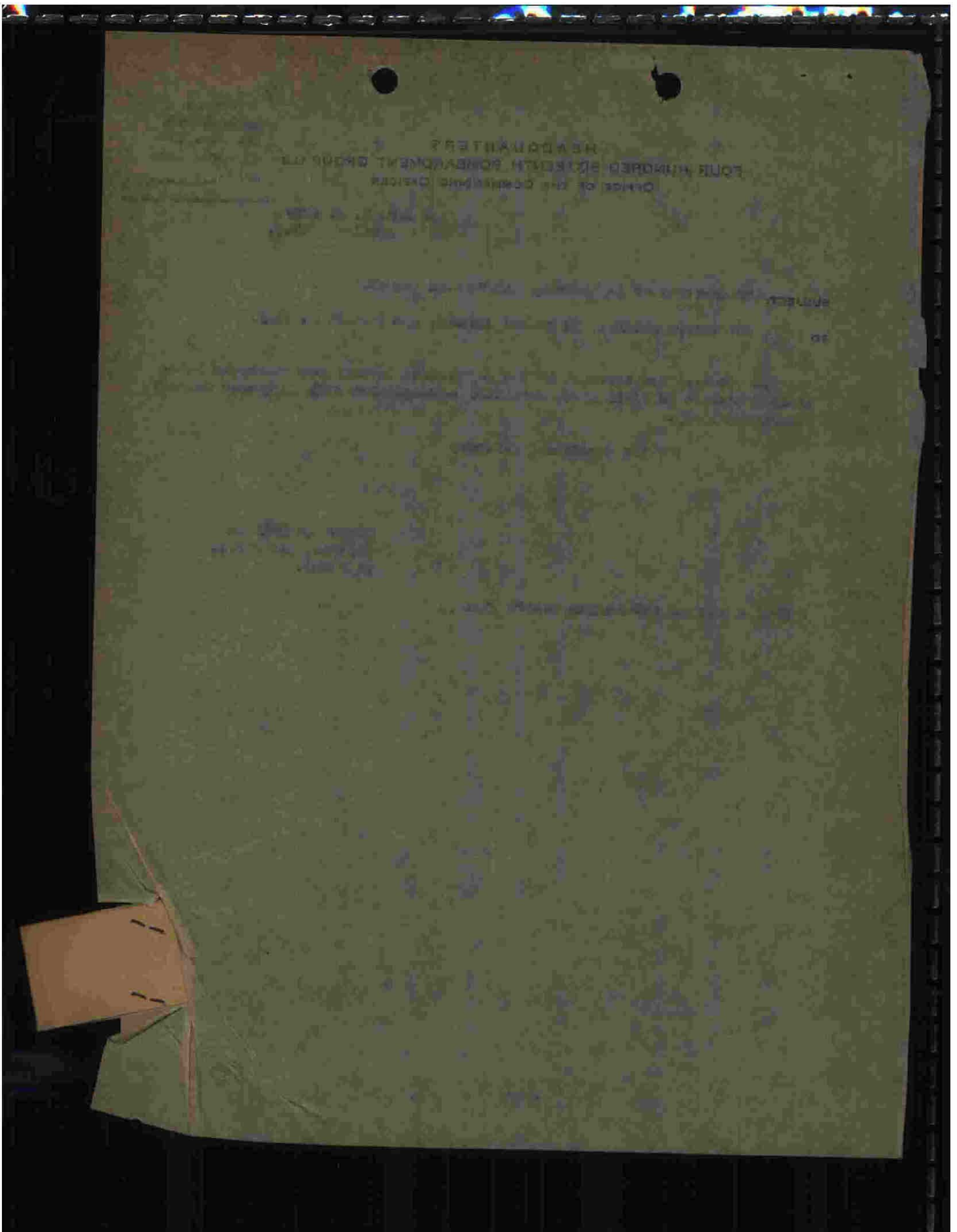
1. Transmitted herewith is the A-3 bombing information report on operational mission 22 April 1944, submitted in compliance with IX Bomber Command Memorandum 15-9D.

For the Commanding Officer,

GEORGE SCHREIBER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Incl - Bombing Information Report (para 1)

APR 22 1944
#25



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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

EX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 279BOX I GROUP 416 DATE 22 Apr 44 TARGET ATTACHED Lingham

1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set synchronous2. Bombing approach: 315° RH3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO _____

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs; and specify exact aiming point actually used:

Building used as A. P. 20 mile trail subtracted.5. Name of lead bombardier: 1st Lt P G Royalty6. Name of lead pilot: Major D L Willette7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 220 Ground Speed: 230 Altitude: 12,0009. Length of bomb run: 25 Sec: _____10. Bomb load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED Delay 1/10 T 1/4011. Total Bombs Dropped: 4

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES _____ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES _____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES _____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent Flak affected bombing or bomb run:(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? None(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:
(See Report of Malfunction of Aircraft Equipment)

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____Results claimed: GOOD X FAIR _____ POOR _____ BAD MISS _____~~SECRET~~

(over)

1. The first of these is the fact that the
 2. second of these is the fact that the
 3. third of these is the fact that the
 4. fourth of these is the fact that the
 5. fifth of these is the fact that the
 6. sixth of these is the fact that the
 7. seventh of these is the fact that the
 8. eighth of these is the fact that the
 9. ninth of these is the fact that the
 10. tenth of these is the fact that the

- (1) 4 to 8 miles
(2) 100 ft
(3) All ships dropped on land bombardier. Close formation.
(4) Evacuate action controlled by bombardier in to target.
(5) Targets located in relation to target needs to have target city to north and etc. tried to south.
(6) Accuracy poor.
(7) Good
(8) None

File

SECRET
By authority
G.O. 314. 170
23 April 1944
Init. _____

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

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

SUBJECT: Report of malfunction of aircraft equipment.

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

I. Summary of aircraft operations.

Date of mission : 22 April 1944.
Number of aircraft scheduled : 36
Number of aircraft alerted : 36

II. Scheduled aircraft failing to become airborne.

None.

III. Malfunction of airborne aircraft affecting success of mission.

TYPE	ACFT	Description	Cause
B-205-B	43-7640	One bomb released prematurely. Three bombs failed to release.	Electrical trouble in bombing circuit.
B-205-B	43-7626	Right rear tank failed to release.	Tank undetonated.

IV. Malfunction of airborne aircraft not affecting success of mission.

None.

For the commanding officer:

CHARLES SCHMIDT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

File

BY authority
 CG. M. 175
 23 April 1944
 Init.

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

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

SUBJECT: Loss, damaged and abortive reports.

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

Target: England.
 Date : 22 April 1944.

IX Bomber Command Field Order 279.

1. Summary.

Group	Type A/C	A/C Dispatched	Abortive		Damaged			Lost	Attached Target
			Each	Other	A	ALL	B		
416	A-20G's & T's	30	1	19	17	0	0	0	18

2. Lost.

None.

3. Damaged.

Group	Type A/C	ADIN	Category	Cause
416	A-20G-25	43-9195	A	Flak
416	A-20G-25	43-9182	A	Flak
416	A-20G-25	43-9211	A	Flak
416	A-20G-25	43-9226	A	Flak
416	A-20G-25	43-9200	A	Flak
416	A-20G-25	43-9193	A	Flak
416	A-20G-25	43-9219	A	Flak
416	A-20G-30	43-9713	A	Flak
416	A-20G-30	43-9707	A	Flak
416	A-20G-30	43-9711	A	Flak
416	A-20G-30	43-9714	A	Flak
416	A-20G-25	43-9941	A	Flak
416	A-20G-25	43-9872	A	Flak
416	A-20G-25	43-9951	A	Flak
416	A-20G-25	43-9937	A	Flak
416	A-20G-3	43-9640	A	Flak

4. Abortive.

Lost, Damaged and Abortive Report

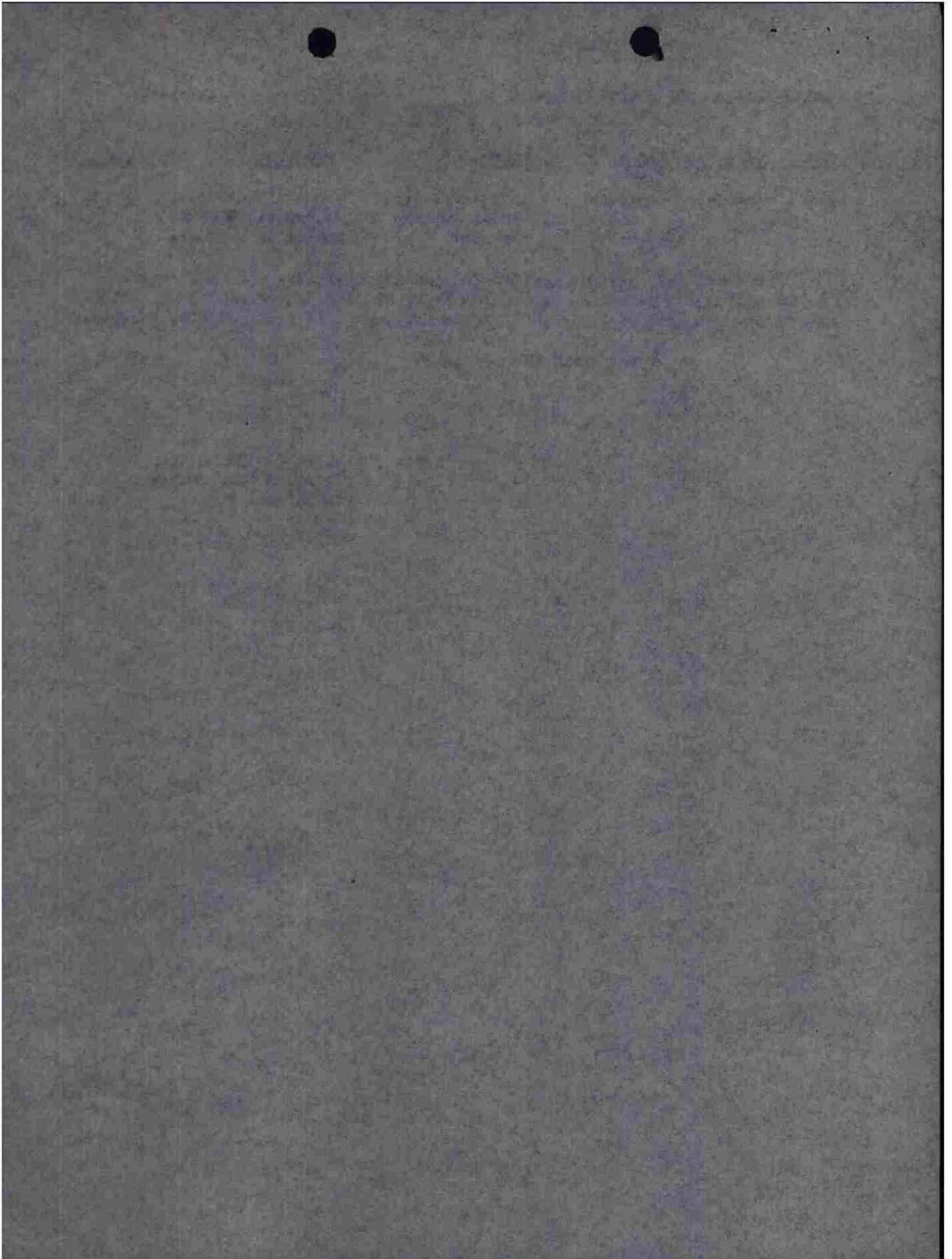
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<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>CORRECTION</u>
416	A-20J-5	AJ-9660	Electrical trouble in bombing circuit.	1 bomb prematurely released. 3 bombs failed to release.	Yes

seventeen (17) A-20J's and two (2) A-20J's abortive. All first box adjusted course for bomb run, second box being wide. Then course was adjusted second box was left of target. No bombs dropped. All credited with portion.

for the commanding officer:

GEORGE W. HARRIS,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.



MISSION NO. 25

22 APRIL 1944

LOADING LIST

BOX I

FLIGHT I

1. 914 "X"
MAJOR D L WILLETT
LT P G ROYALTY
T/S F H LARRONDE
S/S H A LEMPKA

4. 707 "H"
LT E T PLATTER
S/S K L JOHNSON
S/S J L CZECH

2. 640 "Z"
MAJOR J G NAPIER
LT W L SMITH
S/S J D BRESNAK
S/S O D LANAVE

5. 493 "V"
LT R H SMITH
S/S A A STOCKHAM
S/S V P ADAMS

3. 937 "B"
LT W A MERCHANT
S/S C J HARP
S/S K P BROWN

6. 951 "P"
LT J D ADAMS
CPL A J ZIEKUS
S/S P L CLEARMAN

FLIGHT II

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

4. 226 "E"
LT E E DEMUN
S/S M ROSENSTEIN
S/S H O CARNEY

2. 714 "N"
LT S M HIXON
S/S H T BEST
S/S I R DEGIUSTI

5. 211 "C"
LT A A MCDONALD
S/S J J SHIELDS
S/S E T EPPS

3. 219 "D"
LT R D PERKINS
S/S V N SHERRY
S/S R H LINNEMAN

6. 679 "W"
LT H E HEWES
S/S J F KASPER
S/S H E BOYER

FLIGHT III

1. 745 "I"
LT A E OSBORNE
S/S J E MCCREERY
S/S W H COE

4. 194 "C-1"
LT G EBENSTEIN
S/S J R ORR
S/S H PERKINS

2. 195 "D-1"
LT R G MEREDITH
S/S V E MOLVER
S/S C M GRAY

5. 377 "L-1"
LT B H BRADFORD
S/S R W MACDONALD
S/S A A HILL

3. 182 "B-1"
LT R K CRUZE
S/S C F LOVE
S/S F L ADAIR

6. 893 "P-1"
LT LE HILL
S/S C H YOST
S/S R W BURCH

SPARE

743
LT W C STIGGS
S/S N RADLICH
SGT R W NICKS

"R"

MISSION NO. "25"

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

22 APRIL 1944

1. 439 "J"
CAPT D A HULSE ✓
LT R CONTE ✓
S/S R E LEE
SGT F G FALK

2. 455 "T"
CAPT W BATTERSBY ✓
LT W M LYTTLE ✓
S/S E R JUDD
S/S J A FEJES

3. 892 "L"
LT R D GRUETZEMACHER ✓
S/S F D ALLRED
S/S F P GLYNN

4. 200 "A"
LT R S RUDISILL ✓
S/S H J BONAMO
PVT J MCKEE

5. 207 "B"
LT T J LEONARD ✓
S/S O D EVANS
SGT T A PALMER

6. 750 "M"
LT L R MCBRIDE ✓
S/S T I WALSH
S/S R E CONOPASK

FLIGHT II

1. 450 "S"
CAPT M J HUFF ✓
LT J KUPITS ✓
S/S J B THOMPSON
S/S H L HATCH

2. 900 "Q"
LT R L BEHLMER ✓
T/S W J KELLY
S/S W G FERGUSON

3. 189 "P"
LT A W GULLION ✓
S/S G L COFFEY
S/S C L WEBB

4. 376 "O"
LT W A PECK ✓
S/S R J COLOSIMO
S/S HE KELTON

5. 941 "U"
LT W H LAND ✓
S/S S F ALDEN
S/S R L BALLINGER

6. 673 "I"
LT J S CONNOR ✓
S/S C A PRINDLE
S/S G F COPE

FLIGHT III

1. 216 "E"
LT L J SIRACUSA ✓
S/S J N HUME
S/S F E BROWN

2. 684 "K"
LT M E KLEOPFEL ✓
S/S L R SHAW
S/S R BANKSTON

3. 362 "L-1"
LT L G PEEDE ✓
S/S C L HIBBS
S/S L M DAUGHERTY

4. 386 "W"
LT W J GREENE ✓
S/S J A OCHABA
SGT W F COLBERT

5. 978 "S-1"
LT R J ROONEY ✓
S/S H M MCCLEARY
S/S S F DINAPOLI

6. 217 "D"
LT A W NORDSTROM ✓
S/S J D GOSSETT
S/S E EUTSLER

SPARE

227 "F"
LT N G BROWN ✓
S/S E L GRIFFIN
SGT C W MAZIASZ

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

416 BG P _____ E

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AUTH: LT. COL. WALTER W. FARMER

"J" FORM

CLEARANCE F-2

22 APRIL 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR HAROLD A. RADETSKY

A.

B. 1855 $\frac{1}{2}$

C. NORTH FORELAND

D. BOX I R/T NOISOME ONE

671 8 X B H V P M N D

668 7 Z I D-1 B-1 C-1 W-1 P-1

669 3 E C W

669 / 1 (SPARE) R

GROUP LEADER 671 X

DEPUTY 668 Z

BOX II R/T NOISOME TWO

670 9 J T L A B M S-1 D W

669 6 S Q P O U I

668 3 E K L-1

670 1 (SPARE) F

SECOND BOX LEADER 670 J

DEPUTY 670 T

E. 12,000

F. 3 MILES WEST OF GRAVELINES

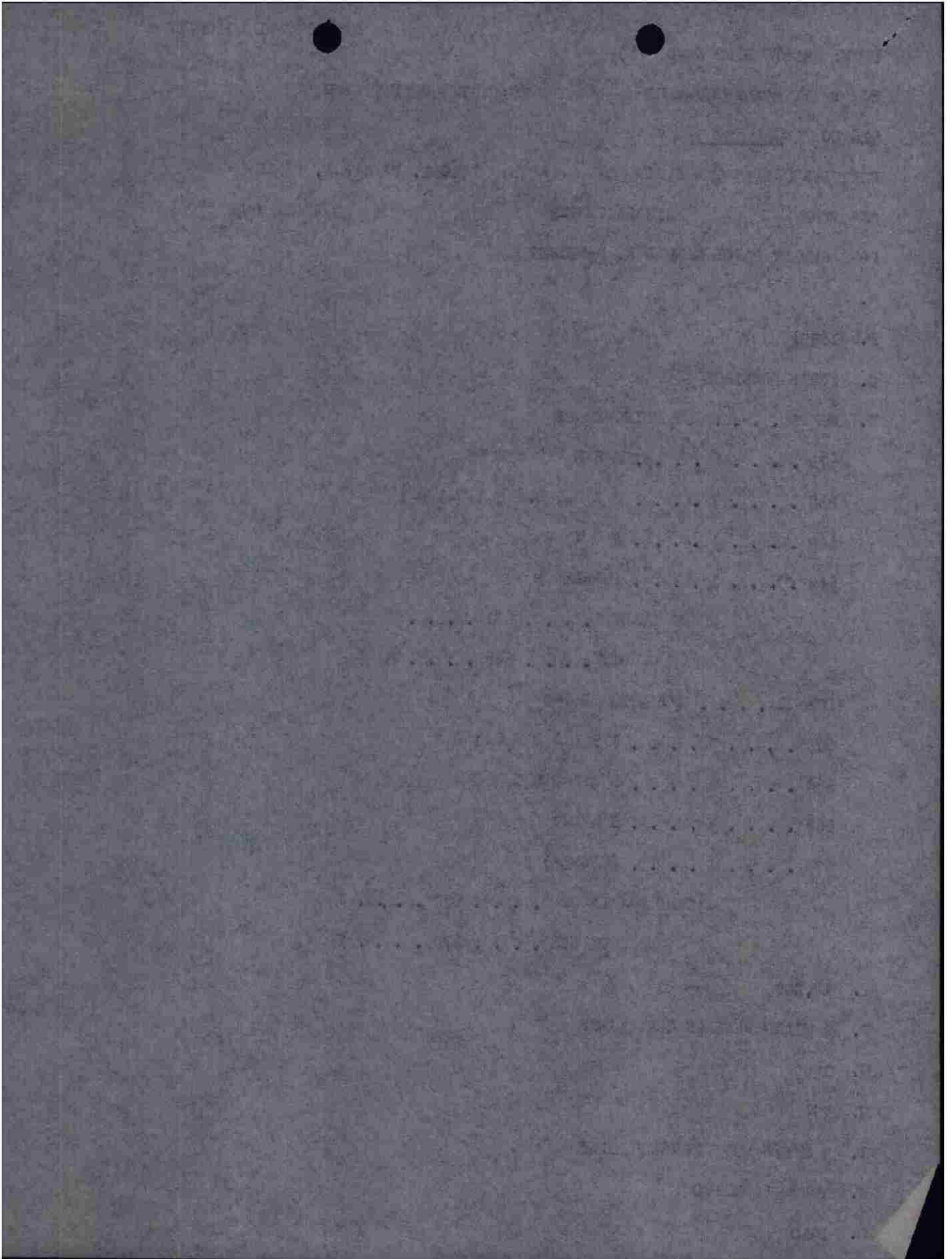
G. 1903

H. 27 $\frac{1}{2}$

J. 3 MILES WEST OF GRAVELINES

K. NORTH FORELAND

L. 1940



M. 1. E.T.D. 1893 E.T.A. 1955

2. 4 x 500 O.P.

3. 4 HOURS

4. BOX I 23104

BOX II 23104

5. NONE

MAGE COBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

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

HEADQUARTERS
41601 BOMB GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE WEATHER OFFICER

APG 140
22 April 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

TO : GROUP OPERATIONS

ROUTE OUT: .4-.8 cirrus at 30,000 ft over entire route.
Visibility 8 miles decreasing to 3 miles
southwest of London in haze and smoke layer
to 6000 ft, then improving to 10-15 miles
over channel and to 10 miles over continent.

ROUTE IN: .4-.8 cirrus at 30,000 ft. Visibility 10 miles.

ROUTE BACK: Same as route out except .4-.8 medium clouds
at 20,000 ft at base.

WIND: As Forecast

TIME OVER TARGET: 2:10

Weather did not affect bombing.

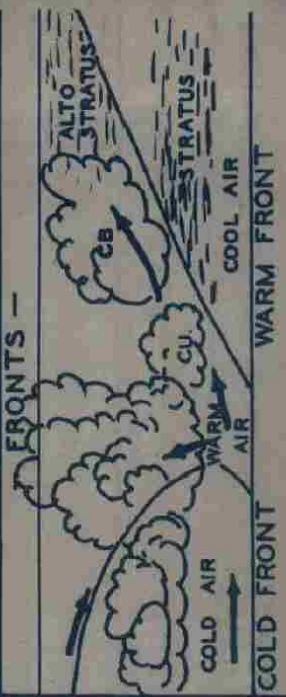
Walter D. Castle
by R.R.
Walter D. Castle
1st Lt. Air Corps
Staff Weather Officer

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE _____
PERIOD _____
Hq 505 USAF 9-43/90M/25227

	A	B	C	D
1 WEATHER				
2				
CLOUDS				
3 ICING				
4 VISIBILITY				
5 HEIGHT SURFACE	DIRECTION	VELOCITY	DIRECTION	VELOCITY
FT				
FT				
FT				
FT				
FT				
FT				
FT				
BASE ALTIMETER SETTING _____	TARGET SURFACE TEMP _____		TARGET MEAN TEMP _____	
	TEMP. AT _____ FT. _____ °C		TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) _____ °C	

AIRCRAFT REPORT

TIME		BASE TO COAST		OVER CHANNEL OR SEA		OVER CONTINENT & TARGET	
POSITION							
ALTITUDE							
CLOUD BELOW AIRCRAFT	AMOUNTS AND TYPE						
	HEIGHT OF BASE AND TOP						
CLOUD ABOVE AIRCRAFT	AMOUNTS AND TYPE						
	HEIGHT OF BASE AND TOP						
VISIBILITY							
TEMPERATURE							
WINDS							
REMARKS: AS WEATHER ENCOUNTERED, FRONTAL POSITIONS, ETC.		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		FRONTS — 			

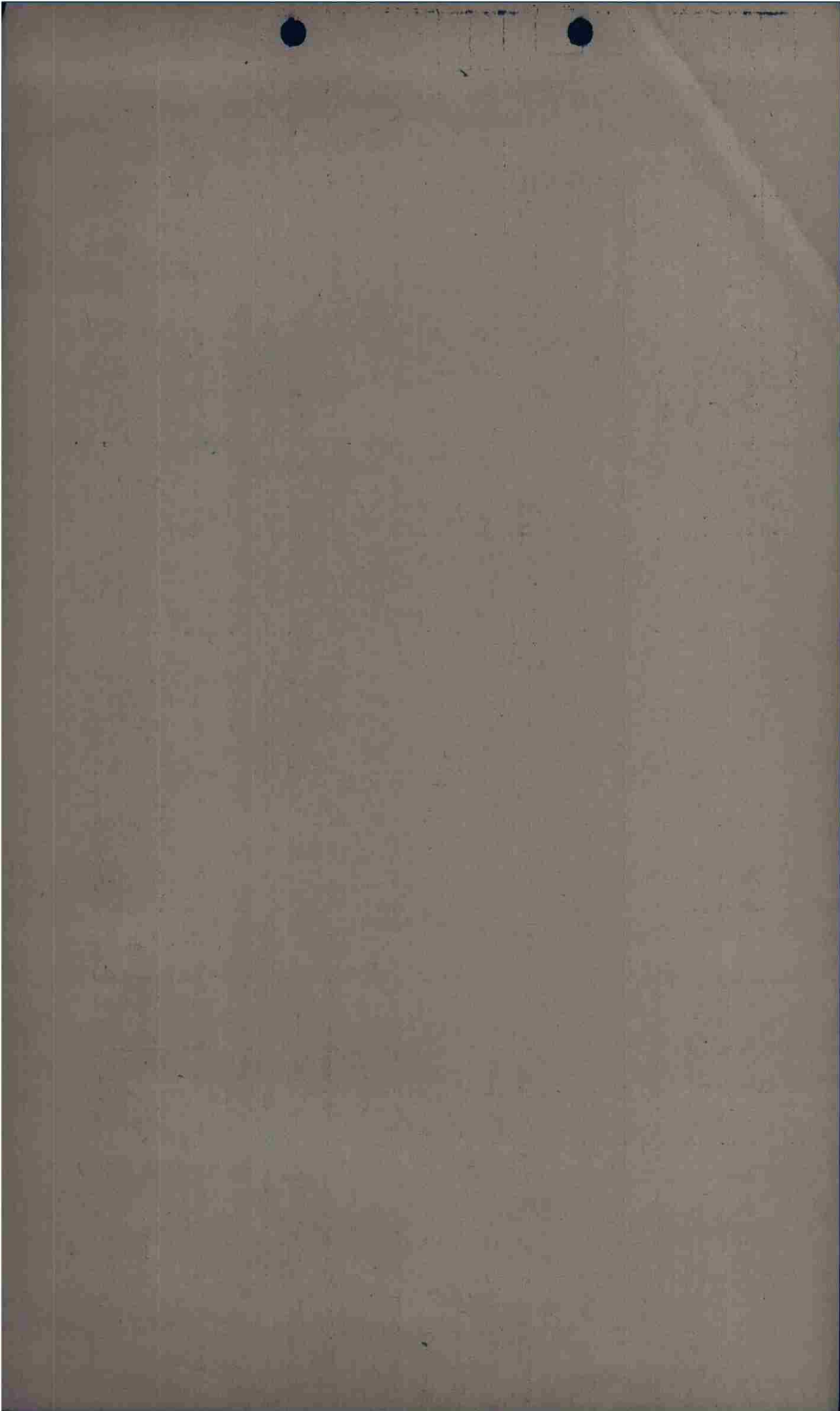
NOTE: AT LEAST ONE COMPLETE OBSERVATION SHOULD BE ENTERED IN EACH COLUMN. THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS CARD HELPED YOU— WON'T YOU GIVE THE NEXT FELLOW A BREAK!

Box I

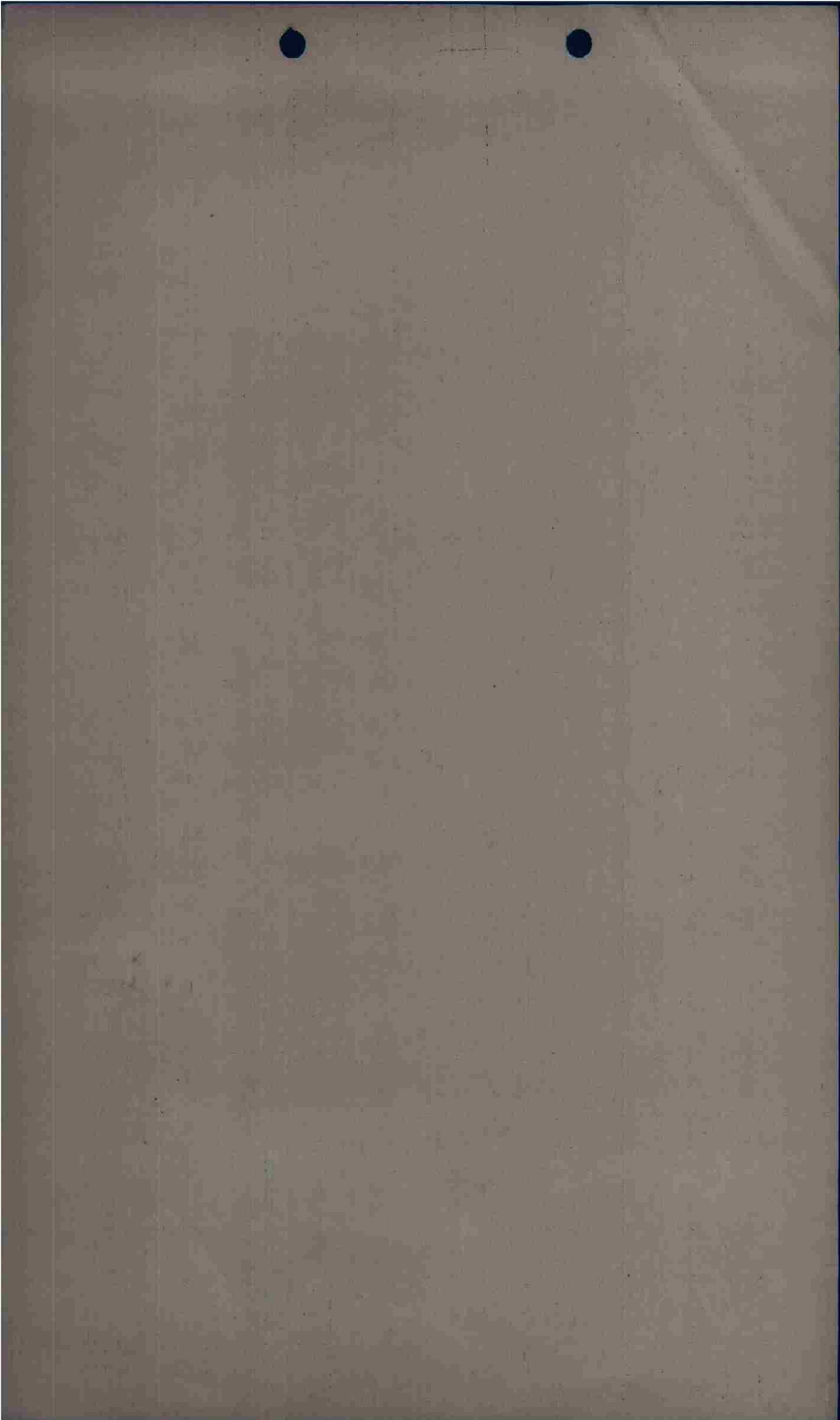
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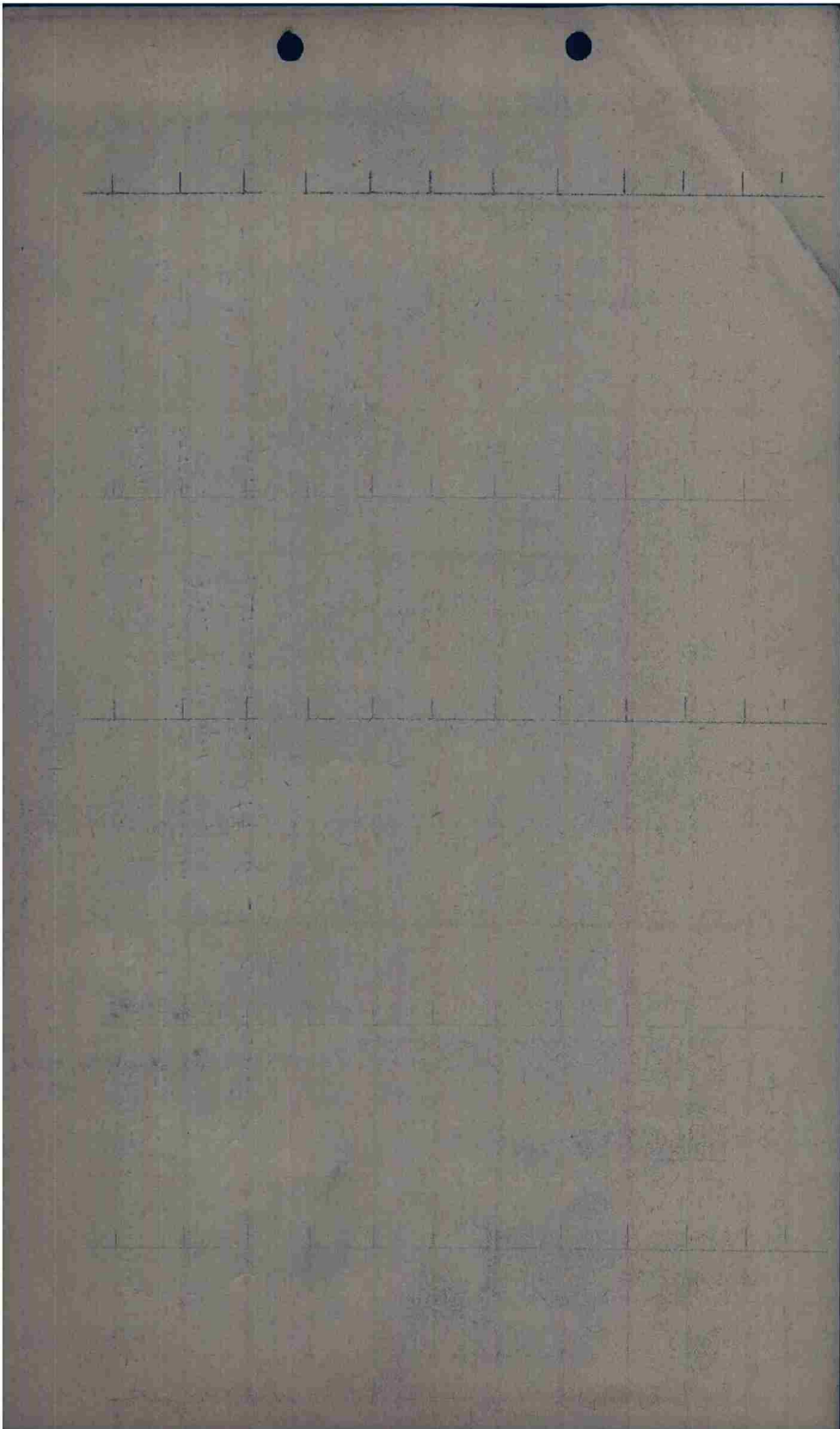
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X 914	D	WILLETT		1813	12000-FORE 3 miles W NORTH-1855 GRAVELINES	1903	1930	1948	H-C	725	445006P	4+	2007	
Z 640	A	NAPLER		1813									2007	
H 937	D	MERCHANT		1814									2008	
H 707	D	PLATTER		1814									2008	
V 493	D	SMITH		1814									2009	
P 961	D	ADAMS		1815									2009	
M 711	D	MARZOLF		1815									2010	
N 714	D	HIXON		1815									2011	
D 219	D	PERKINS		1815									2011	
E 224	B	DEMUN		1815									2012	
C 211	B	McDONALD		1815									2012	
H 679	B	HEWES		1816									2013	
I 745	A	OSBORNE		1817									2014	
D-1 195	A	HEREDITH		1817									2015	
B-1 182	A	CRUZE		1817									2016	
C-1 194	A	EBENSTEIN		1817									2016	
W-1 377	A	BRADFORD		1818									2016	
P-1 893	A	HILL		1818									2016	
R 743	B	SIGGS		1824									2016	



Boy #																Mission 25																22 APRIL 1944															
A/C LIR	A/C NO.	SCDN.	PILOT	1 A R G E T	ATO	ENGLISH COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN	C A M E R A	FUEL	BOMB LOAD	E N D U R.	LAND TIME	REMARKS																															
J	439	C	H ULSIE	1818	1855 1200-3000 NORTH FORELAND		1903 1200-3000 ENEMY CRANES	1920	1930-5 1200-3000 W. CRANES	1940 1200-3000 NORTH FORELAND	H-C	725	4X500 GP	44	2014																																
T	455	C	BATTERBY HENDEY	1819											2017																																
L	892	C	CROCKETT ENGLISH	1819											2017																																
H	200	C	RUDISIL	1819											2018																																
B	207	C	LEONARD	1819											2019																																
M	750	C	McBRIDE	1820							C				2020																																
S	450	B	HUFF	1820											2020																																
Q	900	B	BEHMER	1820											2021																																
P	189	B	GULLION	1821							C				2021																																
O	376	B	PECK	1821											2022																																
U	941	B	LAND	1821											2022																																
I	673	B	CANNON	1822											2023																																
E	216	A	SIRAOUSA	1822											2023																																
K	684	A	KLEOPPEL	1822											2024																																
L-1	362	A	DEEDE	1823											2024																																
W	386	C	GREENE	1823							H-C				2024																																
S-1	978	C	ROONEY	1823											2025																																
D	217	C	NORDSTROM	1823							C				2026																																
F	227	C	BROWN	1824											2027																																



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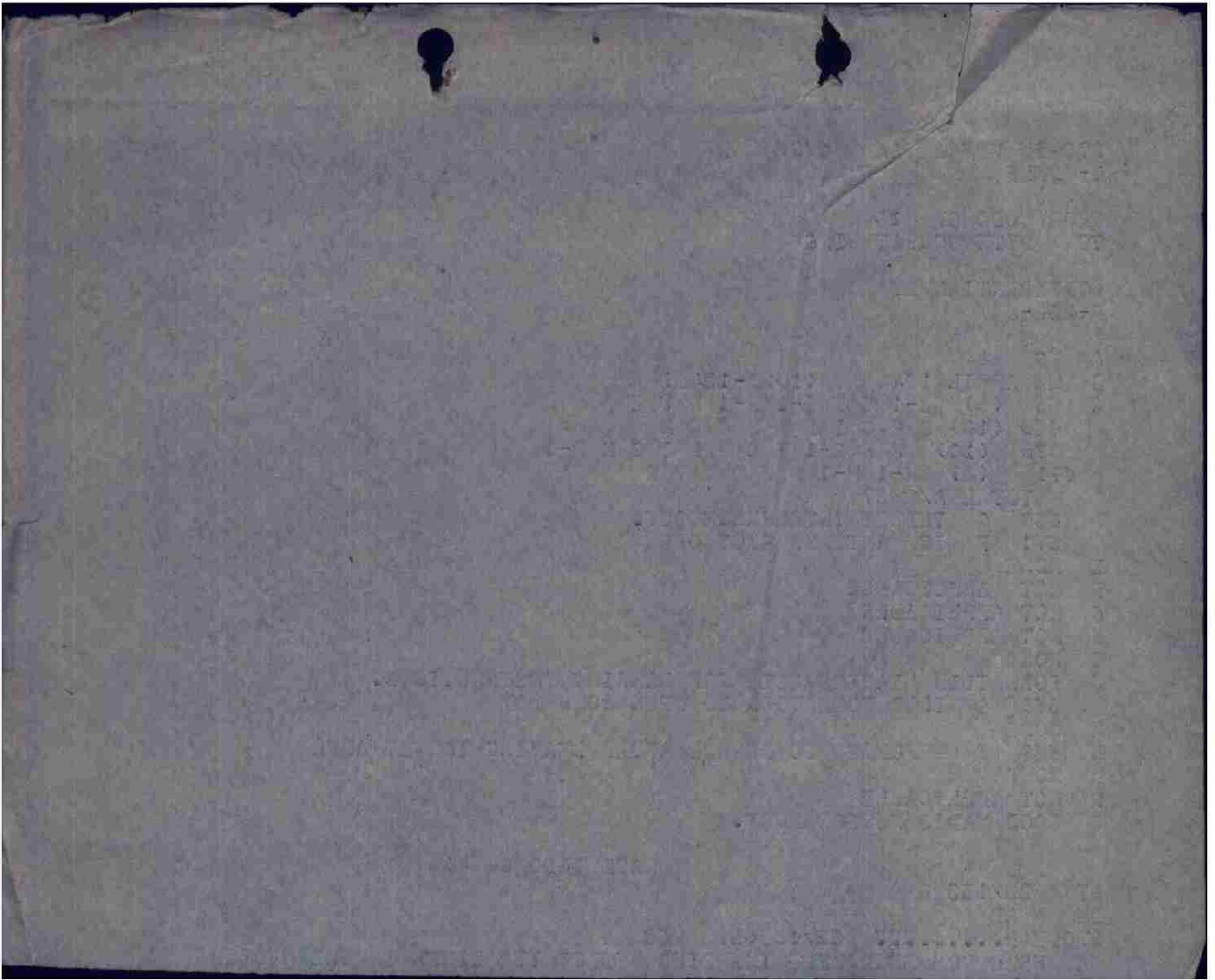
FROM COBOMGR 416
TB 97TH COMBAT WING

CONFIDENTIAL BT
P-262-J

A YS 21
B 22 APRIL 1944 (1025-1245)
C 668 (8) B-1 C F I-1 N-1 R W Z
669 (10) S P Q I E A R C O N
670 (11) J K S-1 T B H L I G M F-1
671 (8) K-1 P-1 M F D X V N
TOTAL A/C 37
D 669 Q TURRET INTERPHONE OUT.
671 F IFF ANTENNA SHOT OFF
E NONE
F NOT APPLICABLE
G NOT APPLICABLE
H NOT APPLICABLE
I NONE
J FORMATION LEADERS USED FOR LANDING INSTRUCTIONS.
669 S TOLD FORMATION TO OPEN BOMB BAY
K NONE
L 669 S REPORTED TO PARADE AFTER LEAVING TARGET AREA
M NONE
N NOT APPLICABLE
O GOOD RADIO PERFORMANCE.

MACE COBOMGR 416

BT 22/1330B
DM AR
97CEW R.....DUV 22/1356B WCB
SAY WELL YOU FEXX REPT THE FIRD FIRST TWO LINES IN THE HEDDING



ICOG OIHAK OIYAA V 97CBW

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OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING
 COMBOMCOM NINE
 409TH BOMB GROUP (L)
 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)
 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

22/1320B

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97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING

PO 140

1 APRIL 1944

ELD ORDER NO. 9-279

PS: NORMAL

B. (2) 98TH WING IS ATTACKING TARGETS IN THE SAME
 AREA AHEAD OF THIS WING AND THE 99TH WING FOLLOWING THIS WING.
 RAF II GROUP (SPITFIRES) WILL FURNISH AREA COVER FOR THIS WING.

2. A. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE

ZERO HOUR: 22/1900B

3. A. 409TH GROUP:

(1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: Z 3110-C

(3) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO HASTINGS TO BERCK-SUR-MER TO 50 DEGREES
 30 MIN NORTH 02 DEGREES 00 MIN EAST TO TARGET(4) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO 3 MILES WEST OF
 GRAVELINES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.(6) INITIAL POINT: 50 DEGREES 30 MIN NORTH 02 DEGREES
 00 MIN EAST

(7) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST

(8) AIMING POINT: ILL. A/11/2 REF. 017022

(9) RALLY POINT: 50 DEGREES 47 MIN NORTH 02 DEGREES 04 MIN EAST

(10) TIME OVER TARGET IS ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MINUTES

3. B. 416TH GROUP:

(1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: Z 3104

(3) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO NORTH FORELAND TO 3 MILES WEST OF GRAVELINES
 TO 50 DEGREES 38 MIN NORTH 02 DEGREES 53 MIN EAST TO 5 MILES
 SOUTH OF BETHUNETO TARGET.(4) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO 3 MILES WEST OF
 GRAVELINES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.

(6) INITIAL POINT: 5 MILES SOUTH OF BETHUNE

(7) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST

(8) AIMING POINT: ILL. A/72/2 REF. 023024

(9) RALLY POINT: 2 MILES EAST OF HAZEBROUCK

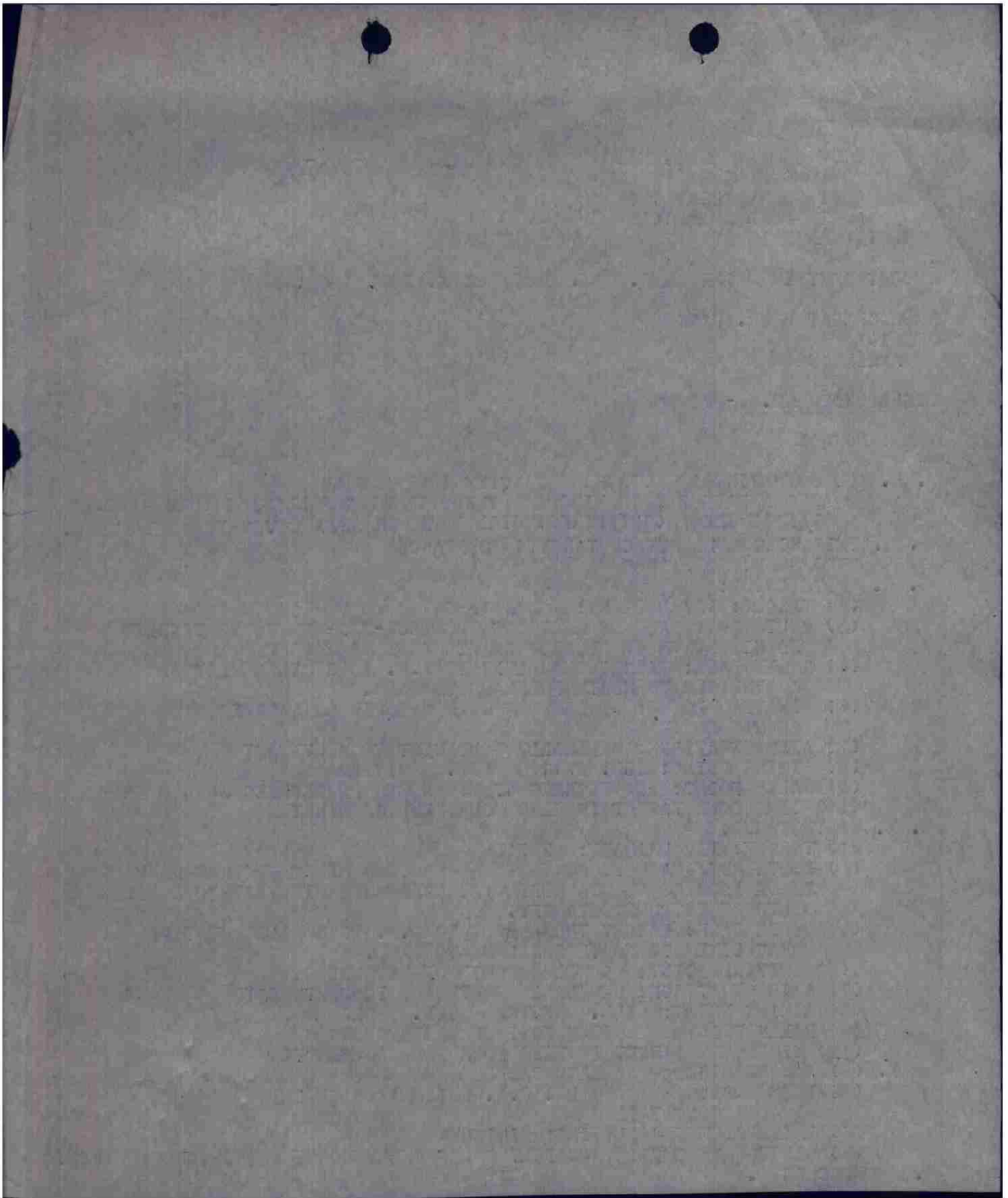
(10) TIME OVER TARGET IS ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MINUTES

X. (1) A/C REQUIRED: 36 EACH GROUP

(2) BOMB LOAD: 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE AND
 1/40 SECOND TAIL

(3) INTERVALOMETER SETTING: MINIMUM

(4) ALTITUDES BOMB 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET IXXM.
 NO CHANGE.



COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
 (1) BOMBER C/S: ATONE
 (2) RECALL CODE WORD NO: 5/5
 (3) VERIFICATION BOX NO: 5/5

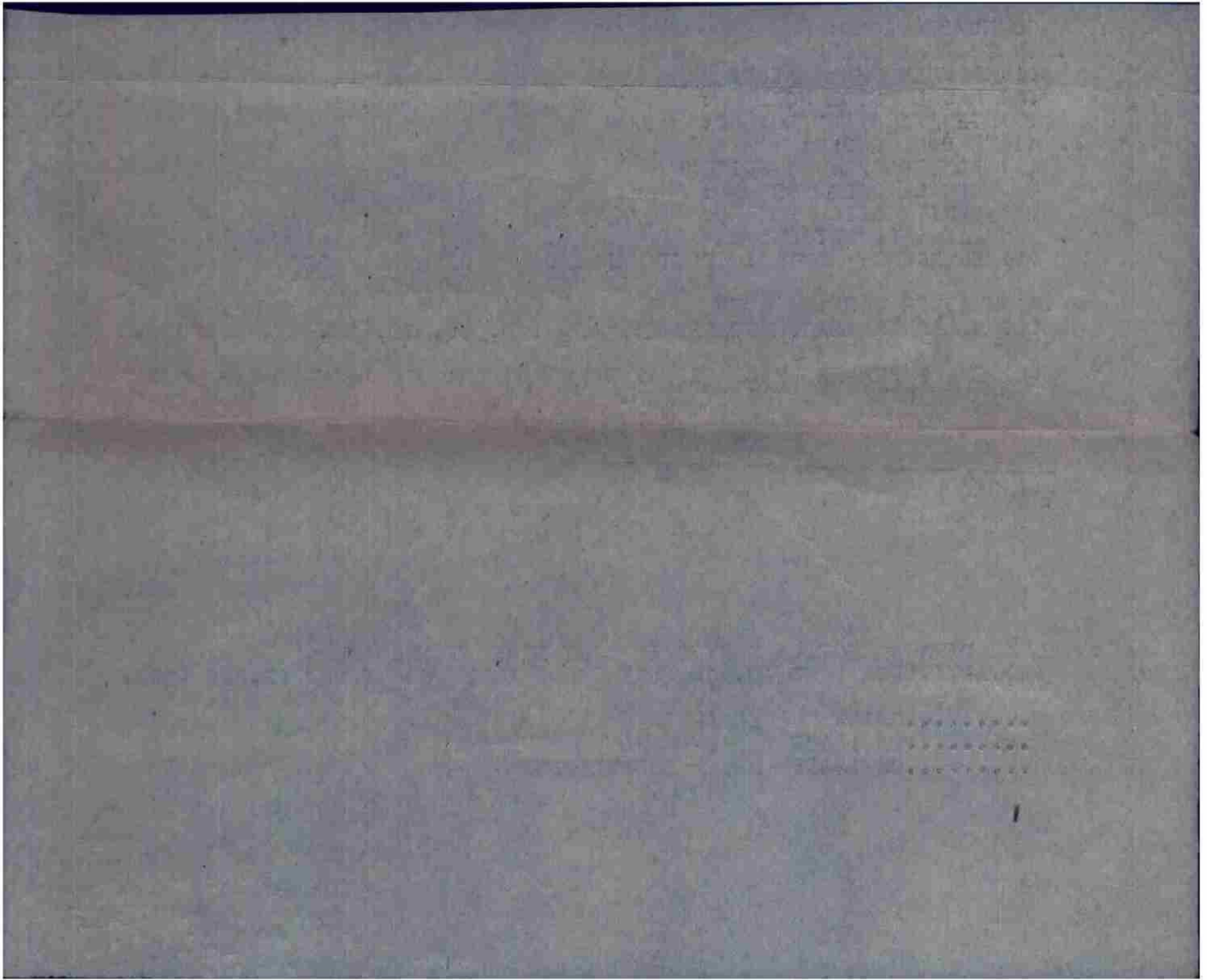
B. 416TH BOMB GROUP:
 (1) BOMBER C/S: NOISOME
 (2) RECALL CODE WORD NO: 6/6
 (3) VERIFICATION BOX NO: 6/6

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:
 (1) EMERGENCY HOMING: WEST MALLING CHANNEL "D"
 BRADWELL BAY CHANNEL "D"
 (2) WEATHER CODE: AVTB
 (3) SPLASHER BEACON SCHEDULE: 4A, 10B, 6C, 7D, 8E, 9F, 5G, 13H,
 16I
 (4) GROUP LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL "C"
 WHEN CLEARING TARGET AREA.

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 JMB

MAKE PARA 3 SECTION X READ IN LAST LINE THUR
 (4) ALTITUDES BOMB 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET.
 AR
 K R.....221443B EB AR
 A R.....22/1440B DM AR
 G R.....22/1445B RB DDDDDDDDD



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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (DL) 22/2359B

TO IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2
97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

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P-285-D
DP FLASH NO. 16 FOR 22 APRIL 1944

- A. (1) A-72 NOBALL - LINGHEM
(2) A-72 NOBALL - LINGHEM
- B. (1) 416TH BG
(2) 38
(3) 19 A/C SECOND BOX DID NOT BOMB. SEE PARAGRAPH E.
1 A/C FIRST BOX DID NOT BOMB DUE TO RACK MALFUNCTION.
(4) 18 ON PRIMARY.
- C. (1) 1813
(2) 1920
(3) 2027
- D. (1) FIRST BOX: 14 CATEGORY A DAMAGE
1 CATEGORY AC DAMAGE
SECOND BOX: 6 CATEGORY A DAMAGE
(2) 0-0-0
(3) 0-0-0
- E. FIRST BOX: GOOD. 35 TO 40 BURSTS IN TARGET AREA.
SECOND BOX: AS FIRST BOX ADJUSTED COURSE FOR BOMB RUN,
SECOND BOX SWUNG WIDE. WHEN COURSE WAS
ADJUSTED, SECOND BOX WAS LEFT OF TARGET.
HAZE AND LOW SUN ANGLE MADE RECOGNITION OF
TARGET IN SHORT TIME REMAINING VERY DIFFICULT.
- F. (1) (A) NIL
(B) NIL
(2) (A) WEAK INACCURATE HFF AND LFF CONTINUING FROM TURN
OFF TARGET FOR TWO MILES
(B) MODERATE INACCURATE HFF IN OFFEKUERQUE AND MILLAIN
AREAS. LFF IN LA BASSEE AND LILLERS AREAS. KK HFF
OBSERVED FIRED AT B-26 FORMATIONS NEAR ST. OMER
AND KKK CALAIS
- G. SHIPPING - BARGES - TWO ON BEACH NEAR CALAIS, THREE IN
CANAL NEAR GRAVELINES; FIVE IN RIVER 5 MILES EAST OF
BETHUNE. TWO CRAFT OF GRAVELINES. LARGE CRAFT BEACHED EAST
OF CALAIS
RAIL - LARGE NUMBER OF CARS IN M/Y NEAR BETHUNE.
10 TO 12 CARS HEADED NORTH NEAR CASSEL.
M/Y AT HAZEBROUK CROWDED
CONSTRUCTIONS - 30 TO 40 MEN DIGGING ON SANDY BEACH 4 MILES
WEST OF GRAVELINES.
SLIT TRENCHES WEST OF BRUAY.
OTHER - EIGHT ROWS OF TANK BARRIERS EXTENDING ON BOTH SIDES OF
GRAVELINES SEVERAL MILES EACH WAY.
FLAK TOWER NEAR KKKK FACTORY AT BETHUNE
ST. OMER GUN POSITIONS NOT CAMOUFLAGED.
ONE KK AIRCRAFT BURNING IN FIELD WEST OF KK AIRE.
COMPLETE ABSENCE OF ACTIVITY ON MERVILLE AIRDRONE.
SILVER DISHPAN FLAK OBSERVED IN TARGET AREA, MOSTLY
BELOW FORMATION
- H. (1) .4 TO .6 CIRUS AT 20,000 FEET HORIZONTAL VISIBILITY
10 MILES AT 12,000 FEET, VERTICAL VISIBILITY
RESTRICTED TO 2 TO 4 MILES DUE TO HAZE.
(2) ELSEWHERE OVER CONTINENT: .4 TO .6 CIRUS AT
20,000 20,000 FEET. VISIBILITY 2 1/2 3 MILES.
- I. 71 X 500 GP. ON PRIMARY
80 X 500 GP RETURNED
1 X 50 GP FELL OUT SIX MILES SHORT OF IN TARGET.
- J. 12,000 FEET.

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AS TIC
CC IN G.2ND LINE UNDER G 3RD WD IS GRAVELINES
3RD LINE SHOULD REAS
BETHUNE. TWO CRAFT WEST OF GRAVELINES.
LARGE CRAFT BEACHED EAST

BT 22/2359B
EW BBBB

LAI R.....23/0035B SS KKK
OICOG R.....23/0335B CN KKK



LAI V YAA YAA 22/22 R

FROM COBOMGR 416 222145B

TO 97TH COMBAT WING

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B-22 APRIL 1944 (1813-1955)

C-668 (10) E K L-1 Z I D-1 B-1 C-1 W-1 P-1

669 (10) E C W R S Q P O U I

670 (10) F J T L A B M S-1 D W

671 (8) XXHXXH X B H V P M N D

TOTAL- (38)

D-669-W- VHF SET BURNED OUT, FLAK CAUSED SHORT.

670-W- LOWER GUNNER INTEPHONE OUT, FAULTY CONNECTION.

E- NONE

F- NOT APPLICABLE

G- NOT APPLICABLE

H- NOT APPLICABLE

I- NONE

J-671-X- TOLD PLANES TO OPEN BOMB-BAYS; USED FOR LANDING INSTRUCTIONS.

K-NONE

L-671-X- REPORTED TO "PARADE" AFTER LEAVING TARGET AREA.

M- NONE

N- NOT APPLICABLE

O- PILOTS AND GUNERS REPORTED SEEING WHITE CYLINDERS THROWN UP FROM GROUND IN CXXXXXXHXX VINCINITY OF TARGET, AT THIS TIME RADIOS SEEMED TO GO DEAD.

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AE EJ AR

LAI R.....22/2301B RRR AR PAL

