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HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

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CG, 8th AF
25 April 1944
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AFG 140, U. S. Army,
25 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Report.
TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, AFG 140, U. S. Army.

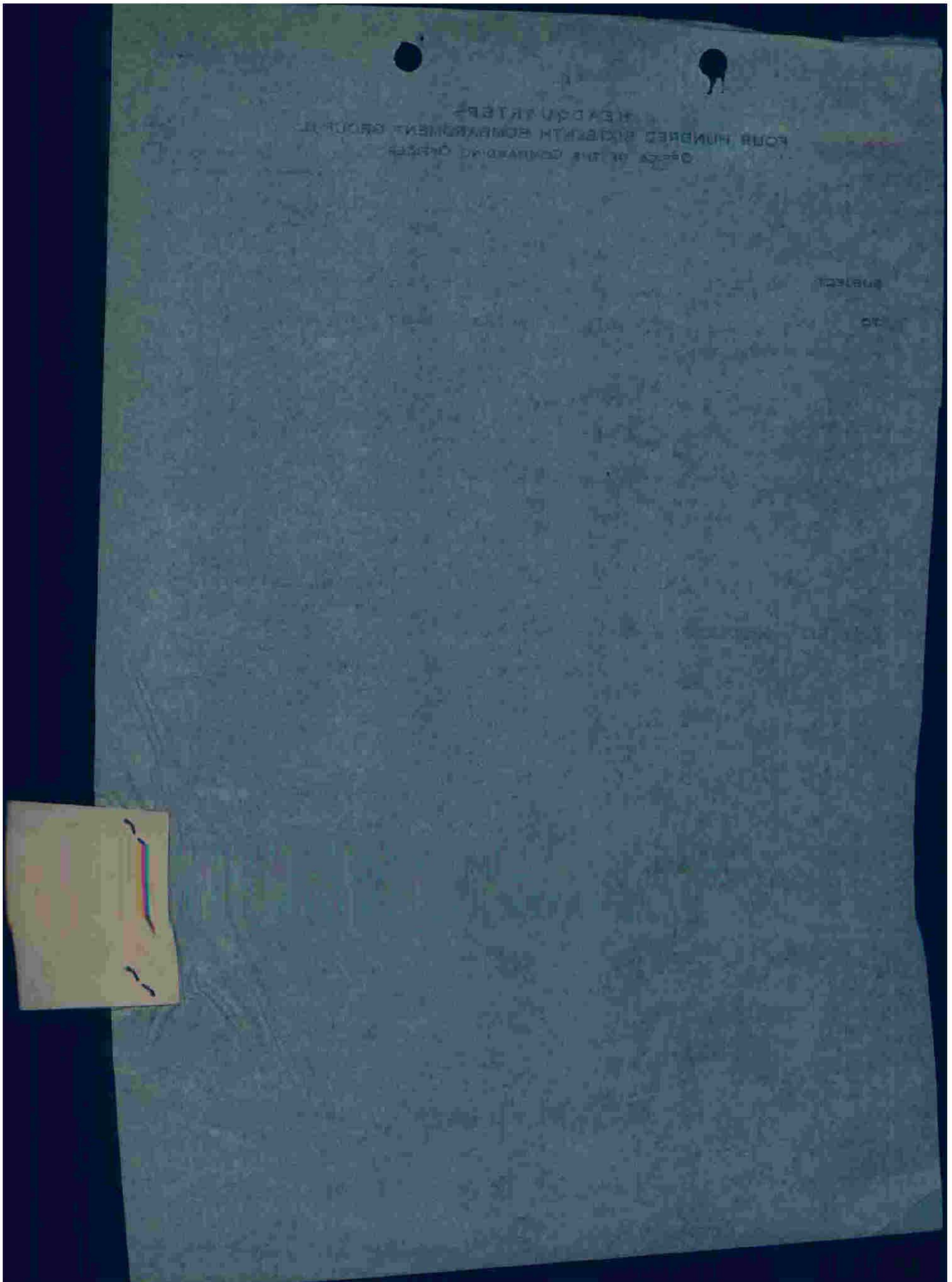
1. Transmitted herewith is the A-3 Bombing Information Report on operational mission 25 April 1944, submitted in compliance with IX Bomber Command Memorandum 15-9D.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Incl: Bombing Information Report

APR 25 1944
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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 281BOX 1 GROUP 416 DATE 25 Apr 44 TARGET ATTACKED Paris R-1001. Method of Sighting: pre-set synchronizer.2. Bombing approach: 045° Eng.3. 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: aimed at R-100. Subtracted 20
1000 ft.5. Name of lead bombardier: 1st Lt. P.O. Royalty.6. Name of lead pilot: Major David L. Willetts.7. Intervalometer setting: 1000
8. Indicated Air Speed: 240 Ground Speed: 240 Altitude: 11,500
9. Length of bomb run: _____ Sec: _____
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED Delay N 2/10 T 1/10
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 12

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing? YES X NO _____. If "YES" state conditions and effect. aimed at R-100.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IF or A/C? 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 a/c.(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: none.(f) Malfunctioning of instruments, errors of judgment or other factors affecting bombing:

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES _____ NO XResults claimed: GOOD X FAIR _____ POOR _____ BAD MISS _____

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V. Description of route from I.P. to target.

- (1) Unlimited.
- (2) 4 to 5 low clouds, tops 6000 feet.
- (3) Good formation.
- (4) Evasive action controlled by bombardier on to target.
- (5) Hooded areas used as identifying features.

(6) Nil
(7) Good
(8) Nil

Formation consisted of 2 boxes, 18 ships in box I and 19 ships in box II. Take off time was 0905. Time over target 1011. Target - Hole D. Enfer (Special Military Construction Works). Box I, at 11,500 feet dropped a total of 21 bombs in the target area with good results. Because of low clouds and shadows obscuring target area and preventing recognition the second box did not attack. Visibility was unlimited with 4 to 5 low clouds with tops to 6000 feet. Anti-aircraft fire was moderate and accurate 115 from target to 1 1/2 miles southeast of target. 3 ships receiving category V damage and 11 receiving category V damage. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1135.

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

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

SUBJECT: Lost, Damaged, and Abortive Report.

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

Target: Bois D'Anfer
Date : 25 April 1944

IX Bomber Command Field Order No. 284

1. SUMMARY.

Group	Type A/C	A/C Dispatched	Abortive		Damaged		Attached		
			None	Other	A	AO	Lost	Target	
418	A-200's 2 J's	37	0	19	11	5	0	0	18

2. Lost.

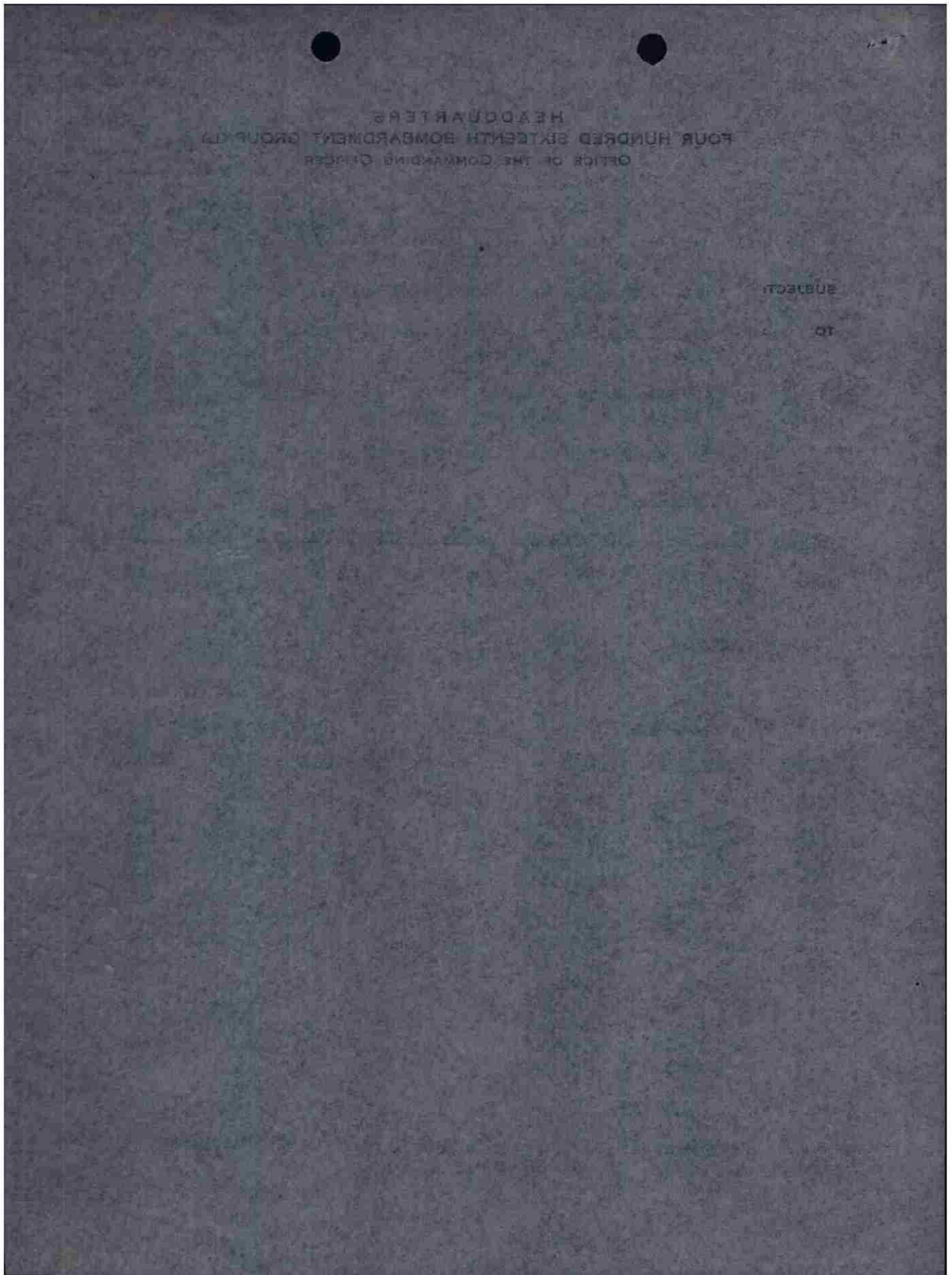
None.

3. Damaged.

Group	Type A/C	ACSR	Category	Damage
418	A-200-28	43-9390	AO	Flak
418	A-200-10	43-9314	A	Flak
418	A-200-5	43-9430	AO	Flak
418	A-200-26	43-9218	AO	Flak
418	A-200-25	43-9195	A	Flak
418	A-200-26	43-9279	A	Flak
418	A-200-26	43-9189	A	Flak
418	A-200-25	43-9207	A	Flak
418	A-200-25	43-9200	A	Flak
418	A-200-25	43-9493	A	Flak
418	A-200-30	43-9678	A	Flak
418	A-200-30	43-9711	A	Flak
418	A-200-36	43-9893	A	Flak
418	A-200-35	43-9953	A	Flak

4. Abortives.

Seventeen (17) A-200's and two (2) A-200's abortive due to weather. Clouds obscured target.



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Lost, Damaged, and Abortive Report

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For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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

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25 April 1944
Init. _____

APO 140, U. S. Army,
25 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 : 25 April 1944.
Number of Aircraft Scheduled : 36
Number of Aircraft Aligned : 38

II. Scheduled Aircraft Failing to Become Airborne.

Type	AGCN	Description	Cause
A-200-25	43-4383	Tachometer out.	Electrical connection broken at tachometer generator.

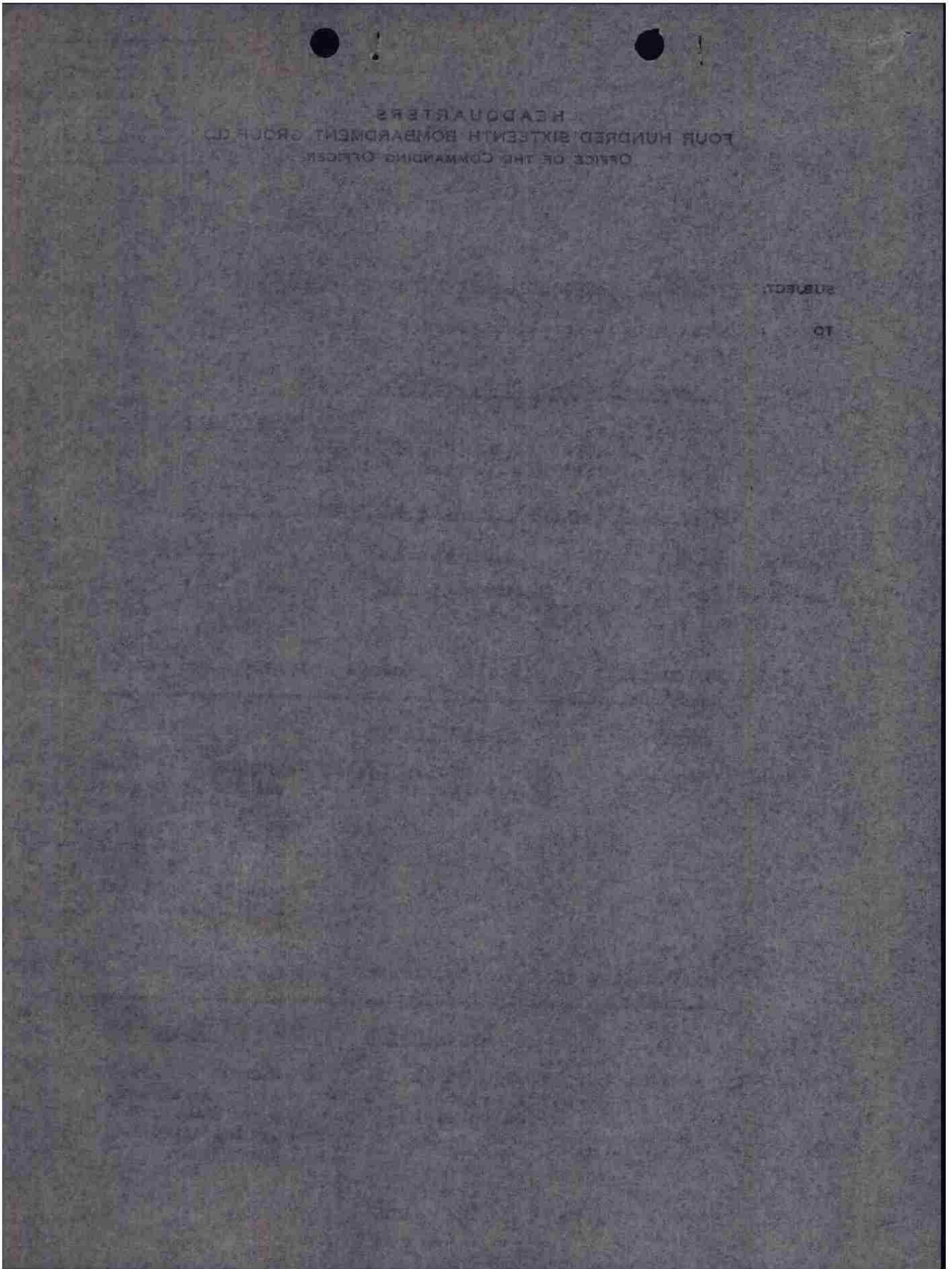
III. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Affecting Success of Mission.

Type	AGCN	Description	Cause
A-200-25	43-9194	No. 4 station failed to release.	Arming wire loop caught in between arming wire retain-er and arming hook, causing the retain-er to hold breaker points apart leaving open circuit to the release solenoid.

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

Type	AGCN	Description	Cause
A-200-25	43-9390	No. 4 station released over target. (No at-tempt to bomb)	Cannon plug incorp-erly installed. Bomb fell out when arming switches were turned on.

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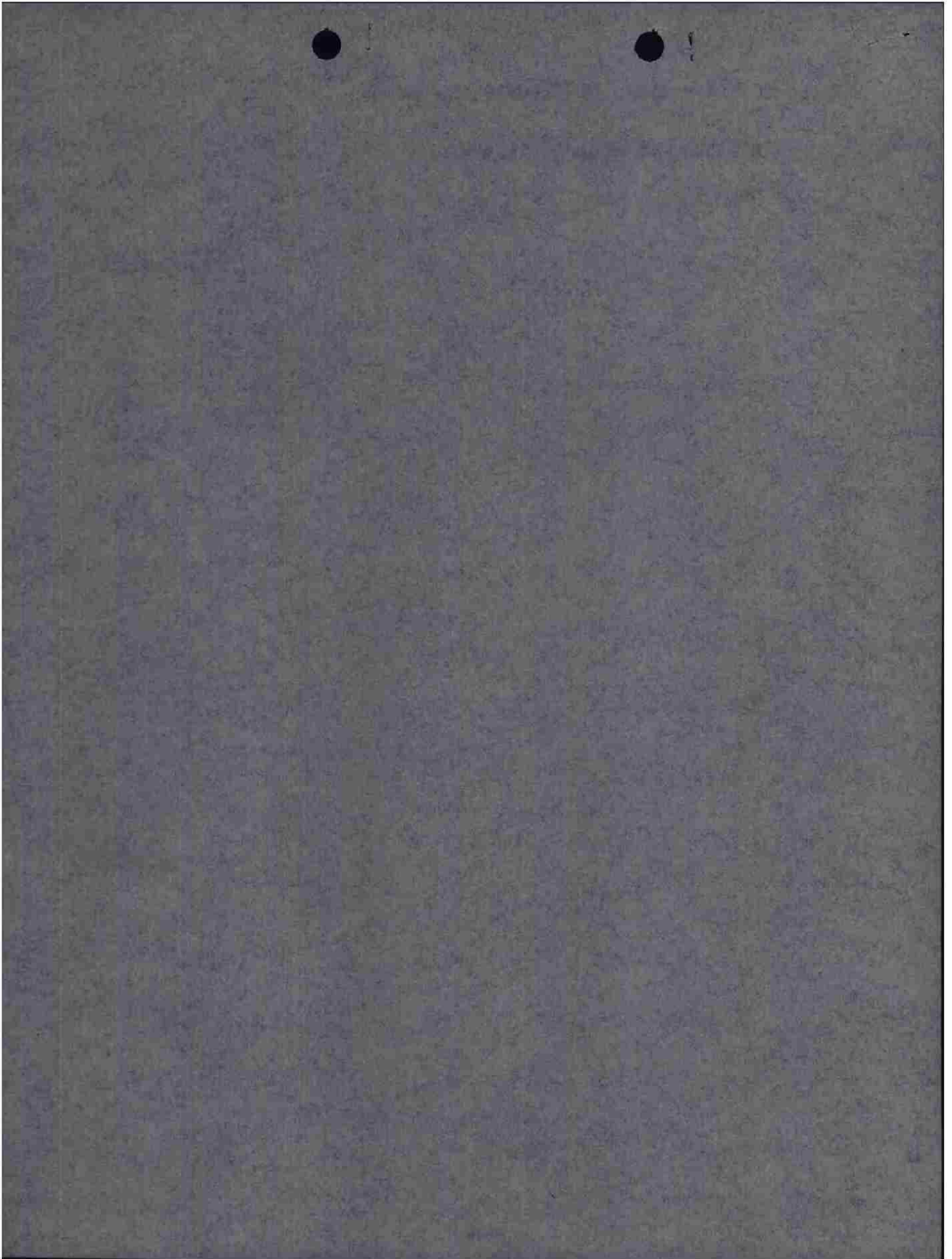
Report of Malfunction of Aircraft Equipment.

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For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHMIDT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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MISSION NO. 27

LOADING LIST
BOX 1
FLIGHT 1

25 APRIL 1944

1. 914 "X"
MAJ D L WILLETTS ✓
LT P G ROYALTY ✓
T/S F H LARRONDE
S/S H E MAYHEW

2. 640 "Z"
CAPT W BATTERSBY ✓
LT W M LYTLE ✓
S/S E A DAMICO
S/S F E BROWN

3. 951 "P"
LT W A MERCHANT ✓
S/S C J HARP
S/S K P BROWN

4. 393 "K"
LT S M HIXON
S/S H T BEST *did not take off*
S/S I R DEGIUSTI

5. 493 "V"
LT R V WHEELER ✓
S/S J S BROWER
S/S E CORRIN

6. 714 "N"
LT M ZUBON ✓
T/S J R L TANNER
S/S W C RUSSELL

FLIGHT 11

1. 450 "S"
LT L J SIRACUSA ✓
LT R T MC BRIEN ✓
S/S J N HUME
S/S F N STEELE

2. 893 "P-1"
LT R D POINDEXTER ✓
S/S B H SIMPSON
S/S L G ROBBINS

3. 216 "E"
LT R G MEREDITH ✓
S/S V E MOLVER
S/S C M GRAY

4. 195 "D"
LT B H BRADFORD ✓
S/S A A HILL
S/S L R SHAW

5. 963 "N-1"
LT L E HILL ✓
S/S C H YOST
S/S R W BURCH

6. 194 "C"
LT R V MIRACLE ✓
S/S B C SIEG
S/S J C BURKHALTER

FLIGHT 111

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

2. 219 "D-1"
LT R D PERKINS ✓
S/S V N SHERRY
S/S R H LINNEMAN

3. 189 "P-2"
LT H D ANDREWS ✓
S/S G M COOK
S/S E R WERLEY

4. 362 "L"
LT R F SHAEFER ✓
S/S E R JUDD
S/S J A FEJES

5. 379 "G"
LT L G PEEDE ✓
S/S C L HIBBS
S/S L M DAUGHERTY

6. 377 "W"
CAPT R B PRENTISS ✓
S/S A J ANTANAITIS
S/S H R HEDRICK

SPARE

227 "D-2"
LT S B RITCHIE ✓
S/S A W NEWKIRK
S/S E A ANDERSON

MISSION NO. 27

LOADING LIST
BOX 11
FLIGHT 1

25 APRIL 1944

1. 439 "J"
CAPT D A HULSE ✓
LT R CONTE ✓
S/S F D ALLRED
S/S B W STEPHENS

2. 135 "T"
LT G M McNULTY ✓
LT F H BURSIEL ✓
S/S H E WHITE
S/S R F ADDLEMAN

3. 387 "H"
LT T J LEONARD ✓
S/S O O EVENS
SGT T A PALMER

4. 200 "A"
LT R S RUDISILL ✓
S/S A J BONAMO
PVT J MC KEE

5. 207 "B"
LT N G BROWN ✓
S/S E L GRIFFIN
SGT C W MAZIASZ

6. 892 "L"
CAPT Z R MOORE ✓
S/S H M MC CLEARY
S/S S F DANAPOLI

FLIGHT 11

1. 673 "I"
CAPT M J HUFF ✓
S/S J B TOMPSON
S/S H L HATCH

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

3. 717 "N"
LT W H LAND ✓
S/S S F ALDEN
S/S R L BALLINGER

4. 679 "W"
LT R J MORTON ✓
S/S C A PRINDLE
S/S F M CITY

5. 390 "G"
LT J S CONNOR ✓
S/S J F KASPER
S/S H E BOYER

6. 743 "R"
LT P F E McMANUS ✓
S/S J L ROGERS
S/S O D LANAVE

FLIGHT 111

1. 376 "O"
LT W A PECK ✓
S/S J D BRESNAK
S/S H E KELTON

2. 211 "C"
LT N V SHAINBERG ✓
S/S R J COLOSIMO
S/S J S WING

3. 978 "S"
LT P DONTAS ✓
S/S A L NIELSON
S/S W E FIELDS

4. 386 "W-1"
LT W J GREENE ✓
S/S W F COLBERT
S/S J A OCHABA

5. 380 "N-1"
LT D F SHEA ✓
S/S R E LEE
S/S F G FALK

6. 689 "I-1"
LT P G ATKINSON ✓
S/S P F GLYNN
SGT J O SWAFFORD

SPARE
680 "R-1"
LT A W GULLION ✓
S/S C L WEBB
S/S G L COFFEY

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

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AUTH: LT COL WALTER W FARMER

"J" FORM

OCCURANCE F-1

25 APRIL 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR HAROLD A RADETSKY

A.

B. 0950 1/2

C. HASTINGS

D. BOX I R/T BOPEEP ONE

671 . . . 7 . . . X P K V N M D-1

668 . . . 9 . . . Z P-1 E D N-1 C L G W

669 . . . 2 . . . S P-2

670 . . . 1 . . . (SPARE) D-2

GROUP LEADER . . . 671 . . . X

DEPUTY . . . 668 . . . Z

BOX II R/T BOPEEP TWO

670 . . . 9 . . . J H A B L S W-1 N-1 I-1

669 . . . 9 . . . T I Q N W G R O C

670 . . . 1 . . . (SPARE) R-1

SECOND BOX LEADER . . . 670 . . . J

DEPUTY . . . 669 . . . T

E. 11500

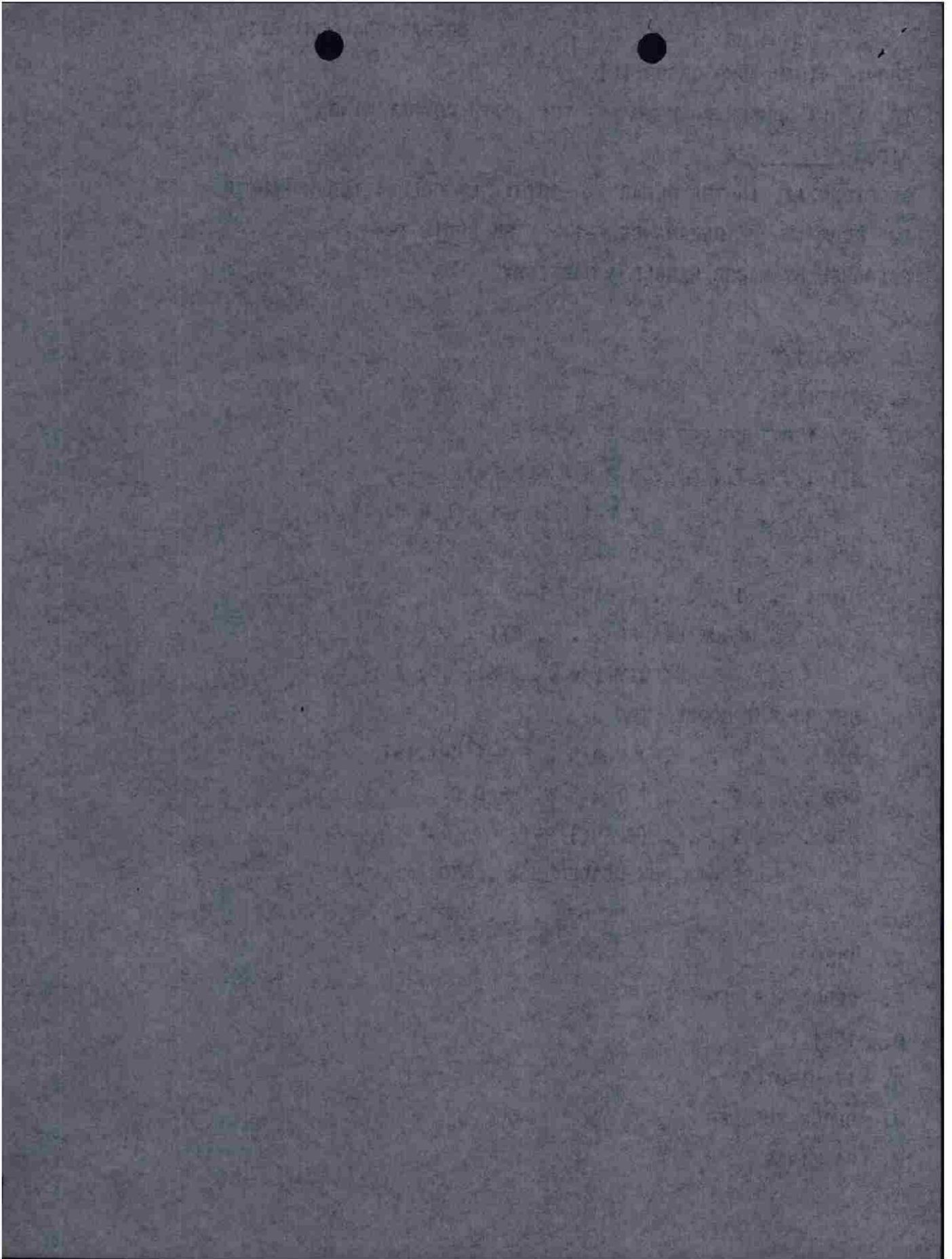
F. BERCK SUR MER

G. 1001

H. 17 MINUTES

J. BERCK SUR MER

K. HASTINGS



L. 1031 1/2

M. 1. E.T.D. . . . 0927 . . . E.T.A. . . . 1053

2. 4 X 500 G.P.

3. 4 HOURS

4. BOX I Z3097

BOX II Z3097

5. NONE

MACE COBOMGR 416

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

HAROLD A RADETSKY,
MAJOR, AIR CORPS,
ASST. OPNS. OFFICER.

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

APO 140
25 April 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

TO : Group Operations

ROUTE OUT: Visibility 6-8 miles over England with
.2 to .5 low clouds with bases at 4000
and 1-200 feet thick. Channel was clear
with 10-12 miles visibility. Low clouds
became .6 to .7 at the coast of France
with an overcast to the south. Tops were
to 6000 feet.

TARGET: .4 to .5 low clouds with tops to 6000 feet.
Visibility unlimited.

ROUTE OUT: Low clouds cleared to .1 to .2 in the Calais
area and nil clouds over the channel.
Clouds became 1.0 cumulus and stratocumulus
over England with bases at 4000 feet and
tops unknown. Visibility 6-8 miles.

WINDS: No wind checks were made but the bombardiers
reported the winds were more from the north
than forecast.

EFFECT OF WEATHER ON BOMBING: Low clouds amounts and
resulting shadows on the ground caused the bombardier
of the second box to fail to pick up the target.

TIME OVER TARGET: 10:11

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

DATE 25 April 1944
PERIOD 0900-1200
HQ SOS USARP 9-43/90M/129227

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

	A Base to Target	B Target	C Target to Base	D
WEATHER 1	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	
2	Nil - 2/10 Strato-cumulus Base 3500-4000 Tops 5-6000	Nil - 2/10 Strato-cumulus Base 3500-4000 Tops 5-6000	2-4/10 Cumulus Base 3500-4000 Tops 54-6000	
CLOUDS	Nil medium cloud Nil High cloud			
ICING 3	Nil	Same	Same	
4	Feeding level 4000 ft			
VISIBILITY	4-8 miles base 15 miles target	15 miles +	6 miles +	
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	330° 15-20			
5000 FT	330° 36			
10000 FT	330° 45			
12000 FT	330° 46			
15000 FT	330° 55			
FT				
FT				

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 30.42 TARGET SURFACE TEMP +11°C TARGET MEAN TEMP -2°C
TEMP. AT 12000 FT. -13°C TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) -85

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.							

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

FRONTS -

The diagram illustrates a cold front (indicated by a line with triangles) and a warm front (indicated by a line with semicircles). Cold air is shown pushing under warm air, forcing it upwards. Clouds are shown developing along the fronts, with labels for CU (Cumulus), CB (Cumulonimbus), AS (Altostratus), and ST (Stratus). Arrows indicate the direction of air mass movement.

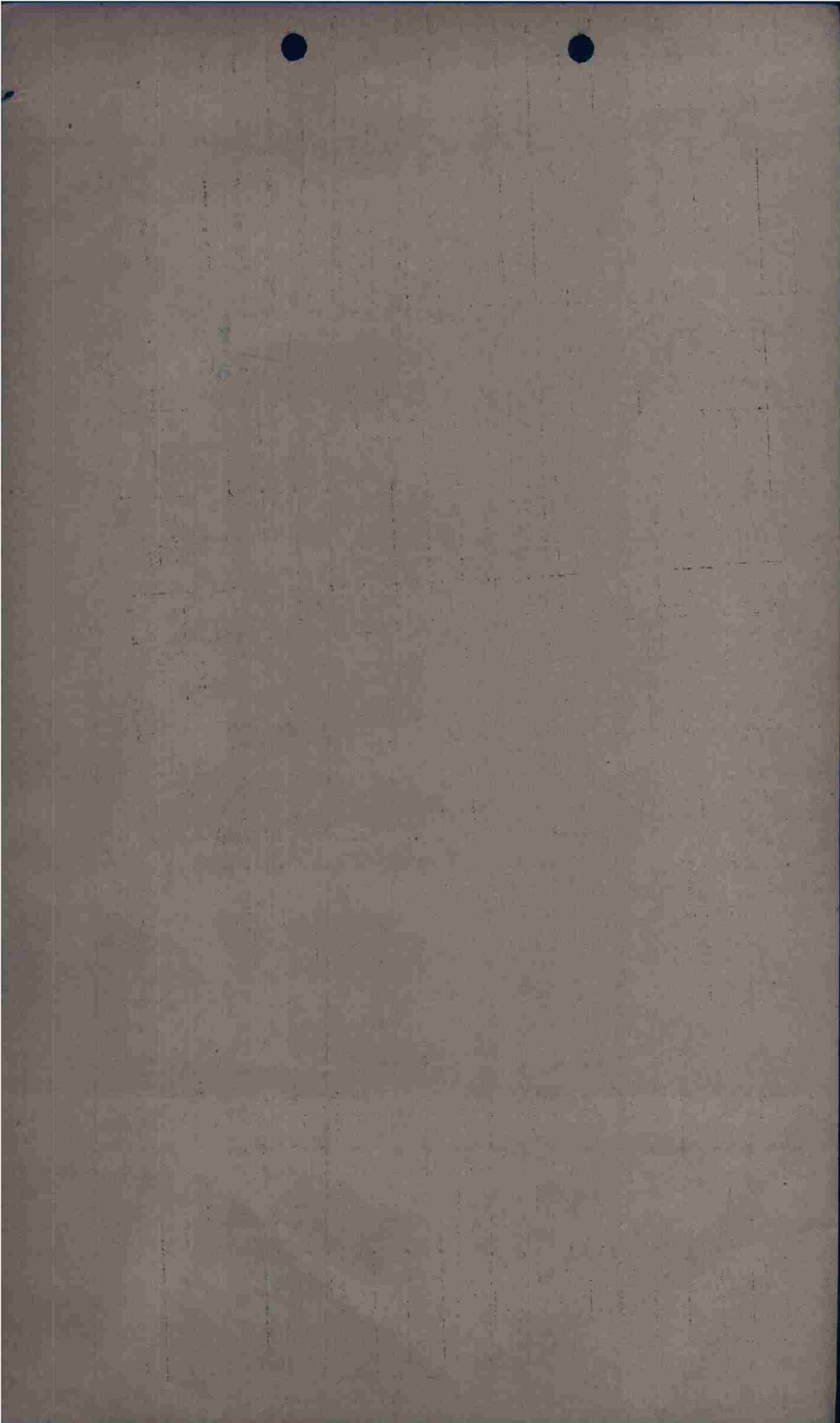
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A/C NO.	SCN	PILOT	ATO	ENGLISH COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN	C A M E R A	FUEL	BOMB LOAD	I N D U R.	LAND TIME	REMARKS
X 914	D	WILLETTIS	0905	0950 1/2	1001	1010	1018	1031 1/2	HC	725	4x500 G.P.	4	1108	
Z 640	A	BATTERSBY	0905	11,500 HASTINGS SUR MER									1109	
B 951	D	MERCHANT	0905										1109	
K 393	D	HIXON	—											No T/O
V 493	D	WHEELER	0905										1110	
N 714	D	ZUBON	0906										1113	
S 450	G	SIRACUSA	0906											LANDING AT HASTINGS KENT OK
P-1 893	A	POINDESTER	0906										1114	
E 216	A	MEREDITH	0907										1114	
D 185	A	BRADFORD	0907										1115	
N-1 963	A	HILL	0907										1116	
C 194	A	MIRACLE	0907										1115	
M 711	D	MARZOLF	0908										1118	
D-1 319	D	PERKINS	0908										1119	
D-2 189	G	ANDREWS	0908										1120	
L 362	A	SHAFFER	0909										1122	
G 379	A	PEEDE	0909										1123	
W 377	A	PRENTISS	0909										1123	
D-2 287	C	RITCHIE	0915										1123	



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Mission No. 27

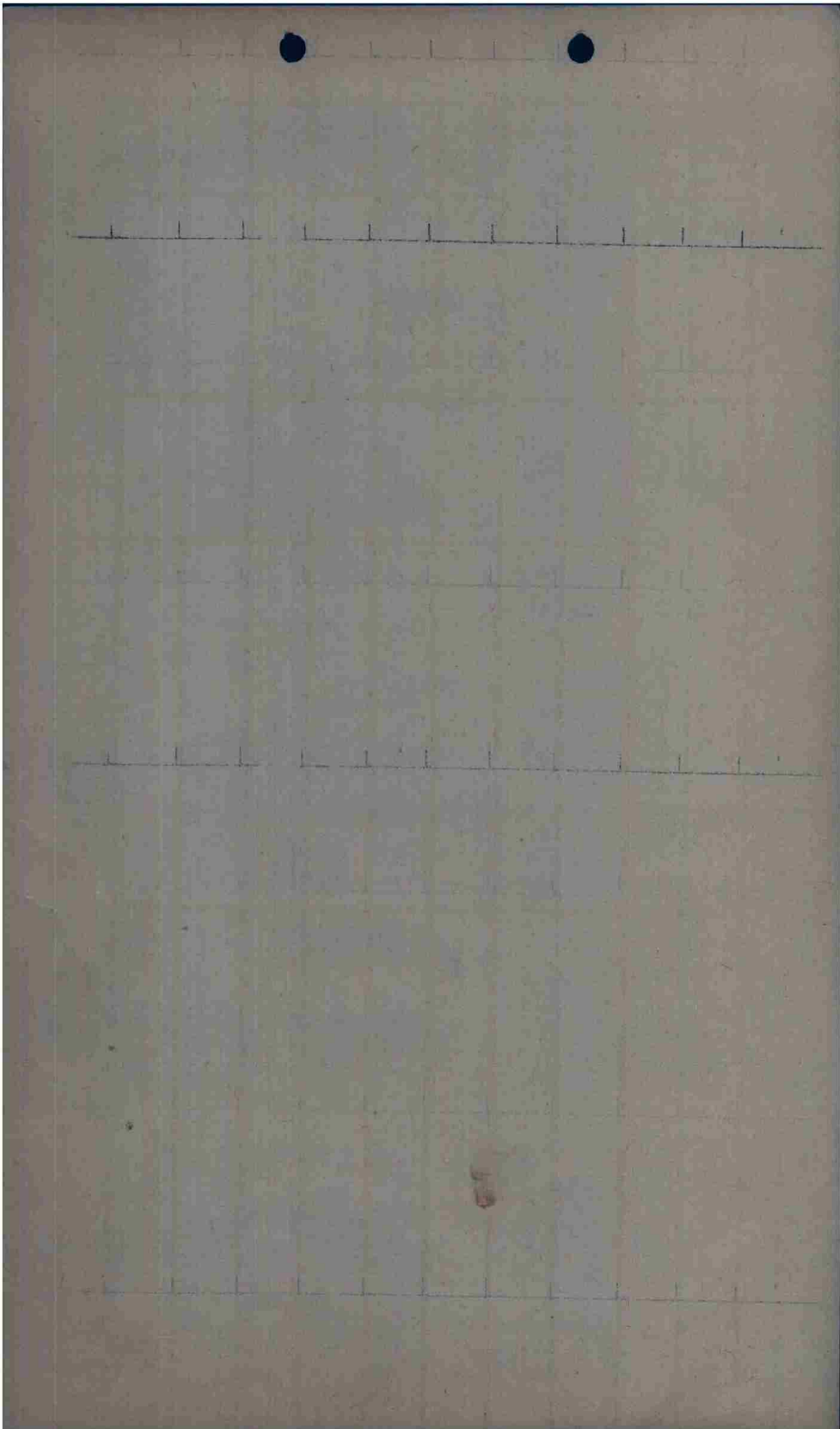
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A/C L.R.	A/C NO.	SCDN.	PILOT	T A R G E T	ATO	ENGLISH COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN	C A M E R A	FUEL	BOMB LOAD	T N D U R.	LAND TIME	REMARKS
J	439	C	HULSE	8015 DIVER	0909	0950 1/2 17,500 HASTINGS	1001 17,500 BERCK SUR MER	1010	1018 17,500 BERCK SUR MER	1031 1/2 9,000 HASTINGS	HC	725	43500 G.P.	4	1120	
T	135	B	MCNULTY		0910										1121	
H	387	C	LEONHARD		0910										1122	
H	280	C	RUDISILL		0910										1124	
B	207	C	BROWN		0911										1125	
L	892	C	MOORE		0911										1126	
E	673	B	HUFF		0911										1127	
Q	900	B	BEHLMER		0911										1127	
N	717	B	LEND		0912										1128	
W	679	B	MORTON		0912										1129	
G	390	B	CONNOR		0912										1129	
R	743	B	MACMANNUS		0913										1130	
O	376	B	PERK		0913										1132	
C	211	B	SHAINBERG		0913										1133	
S	978	C	DONTAS		0914										1134	
W-1	386	C	GREENE		0914										1134	
N-1	380	C	SHER		0914										1134	
E-1	689	C	ATKINSON		0914										1135	
R-1	680	C	GULLION		0915										1135	

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

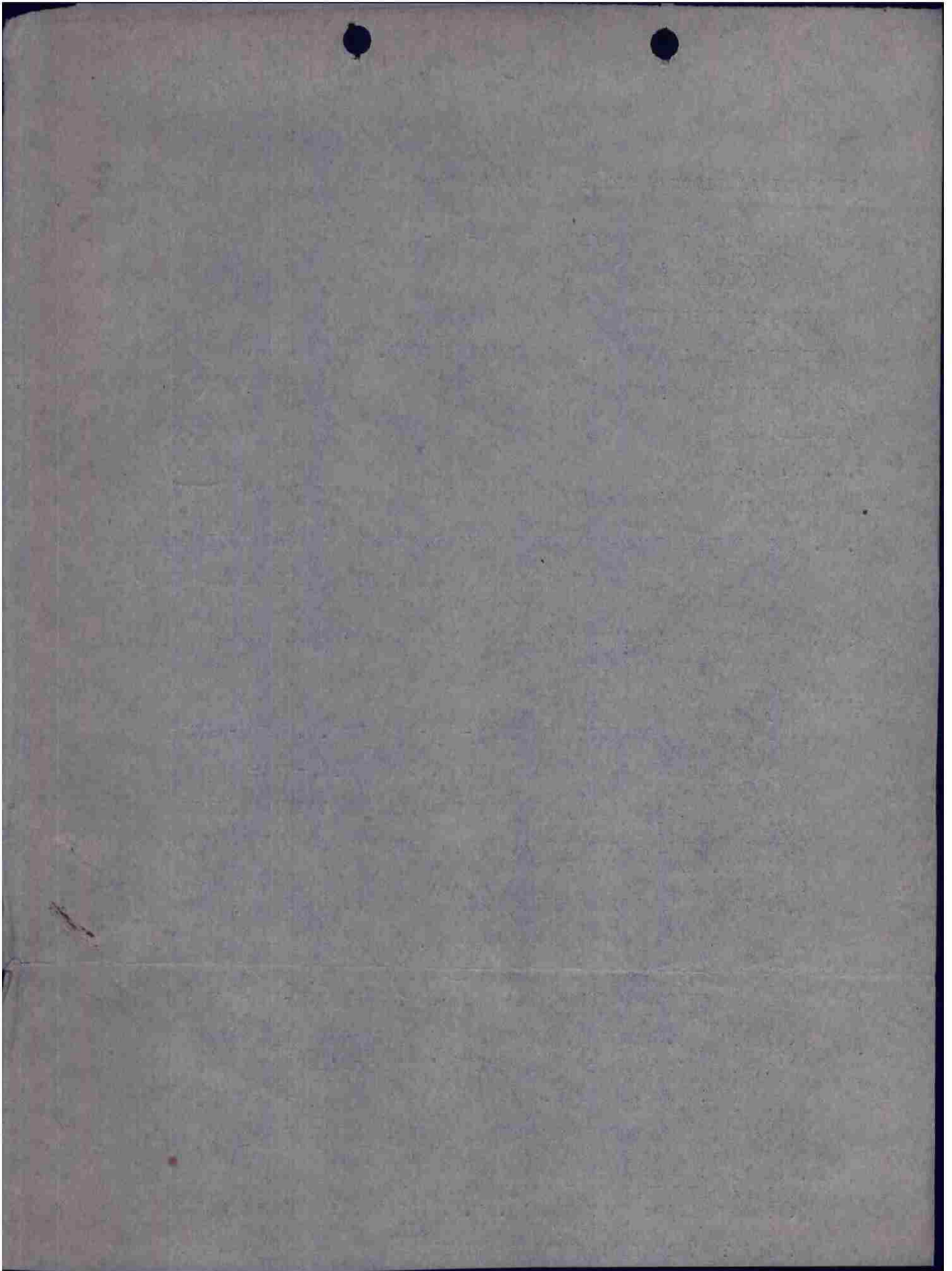
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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
24 APRIL 1944

F.O. NO. 14-284

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) 95TH AND 99TH WINGS ARE ALSO ATTACKING TARGETS IN FRANCE
RAF 11 GROUP (SPITFIRES) WILL FURNISH AREA COVER FOR THIS WING
2. A. THIS WING WILL ATTACK NOBALL TARGETS IN FRANCE
ZERO HOUR: 251000B
3. A. 409TH GROUP:
 - (1) Z3110C
 - (4) BASE TO HASTINGS TO BERCK-SUR-MER TO I.P. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ TO TARGET
 - (5) TARGET SHARP TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO BERCK-SUR-MER TO HASTINGS TO BASE
 - (6) BOMB 12,500 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,500 FEET
 - (7) HUCQUERLIERS
 - (8) GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST
 - (9) ILL. A/11/2 REF. 017022
 - (11) MANINGHEM
 - (12) TIME OVER TARGET ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MINUTES
- E. 416TH GROUP:
 - (1) Z3097
 - (4) BASE TO HASTINGS TO BERCK -SUR-MER TO I.P. TO TARGET
 - (5) TARGET SHARP TURN RIGHT TO R. P. TO BERCK-SUR-MER TO HASTINGS TO BASE
 - (6) BOMB 11,500 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,500 FEET
 - (7) 50 DEG. 31 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG. 01 MIN. EAST
 - (8) GENERALLY WEST SOUTHWEST TO EAST NORTHEAST
 - (9) ILL. A/99/3 REF. 035045
 - (11) MANINGHEM
 - (12) TIME OVER TARGET ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MINUTES
- X. (1 TO 4) NO CHANGE
 - (5) A/C REQUIRED: 36 EACH GROUP
 - (6) BOMB LOAD: 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE AND 1/40 SECOND TAIL
 - (7) INTERVALOMETER SETTING: MINIMUM



4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH GROUP
(2) FEETACHE
(9) 52/52
(10) 152/152

B. 416TH GROUP
(2) BOPEEP
(9) 51/51
(10) 151/151

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(2) WEST MALLING CHANNEL D
MIDDLE WALLOP CHANNEL D
(3) NO CHANGE
(10) EVAT
(11) GROUP LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL
"C" WHEN CLEARING TARGET AREA

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RT 24/2220E

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OIHAK R.....25/0003B MC KKK

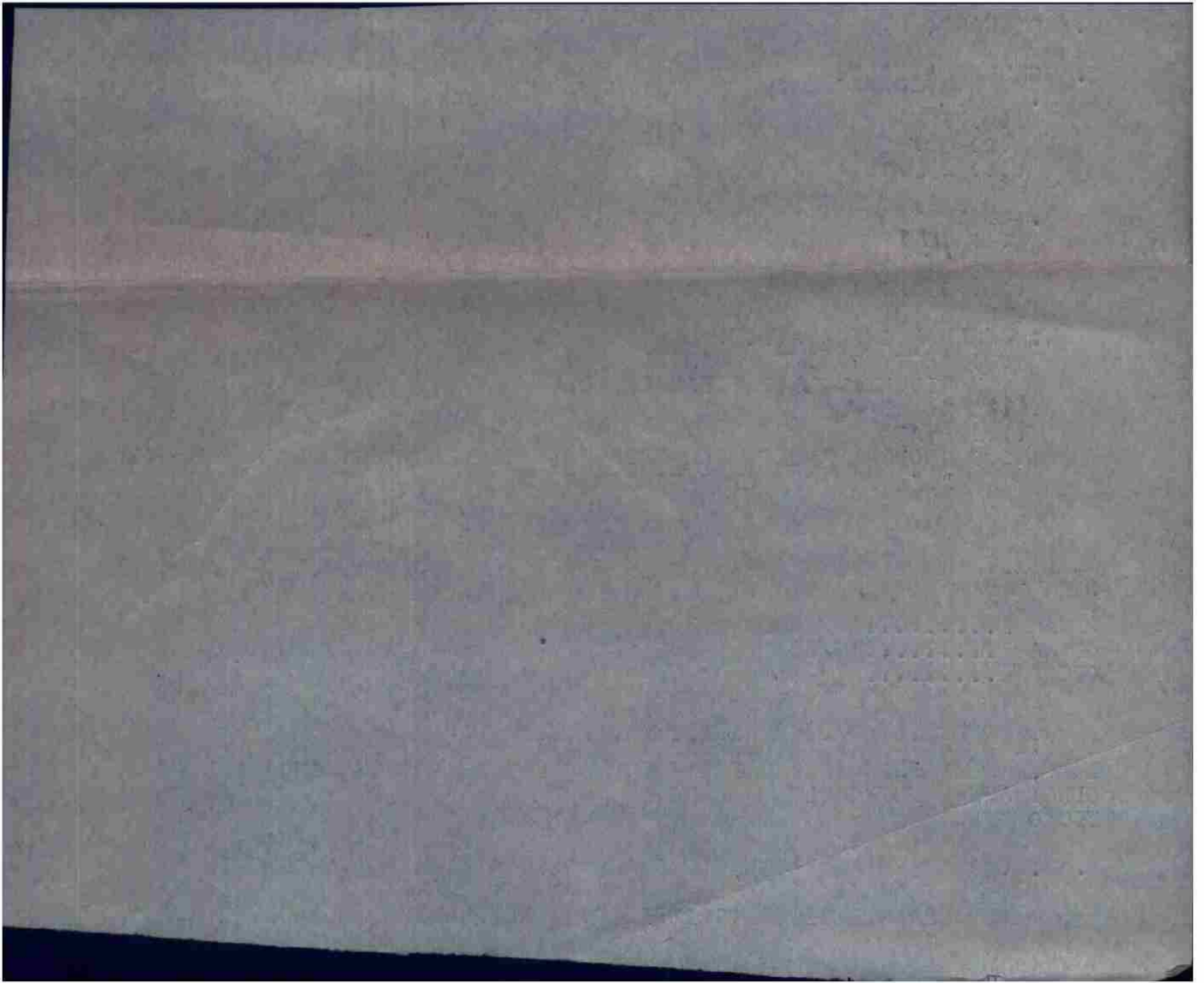
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OICOG R.....

IN FIRST PARA LINE OVERPRINTED TIC
IN 1.B IMI FROM COVER FOR THIS AS FAR AS THIS WING WILL ATTACK KK
OILAI ARE U THERE PLSE KKKK
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1. B. (2) 98TH AND 99TH WINGS ARE ALSO ATTACKING TARGETS IN
FRANCE
RAF II GROUP (SPITFIRES) WILL FURNISH AREA COVER FOR THIS
WING

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TO IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2
97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A2

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OPFLASH NO. 18 FOR 25 APRIL 1944

- A. (1) A/99 - ~~NEKI~~ BOIS D'ENFER NOBALL
(2) FIRST BOX: A/99 SECOND BOX: NO ATTACK
- B. (1) 416TH BG
(2) 37 A-20'S
(3) 19 A/C IN SECOND BOX. LOW CLOUDS AND SHADOWS
OBSCURED TARGET AREA PREVENTING RECOGNITION OF
TARGET WOODS IN TIME TO DROP ON PRIMARY. INFORMATION
LACKING FROM 1 A/C OF FIRST BOX LANDED AWAY FROM BASE
THIS A/C PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN HOT NEWS AS IN DISTRESS.
(4) 17 A/C ON PRIMARY. INFORMATION LACKING FROM 1 A/C LANDED
AWAY FROM BASE.
- C. (1) 0905
(2) 1011
(3) 1135
- D. (1) FIRST BOX: 5 A/C DAMAGE CATEGORY "A"
1 A/C DAMAGE CATEGORY "AC"
INFORMATION LACKING FROM 1 A/C LANDED AWAY
FROM BASE.
SECOND BOX: 11 A/C DAMAGE CATEGORY "A"
1 A/C DAMAGE CATEGORY "AC"
(2) 0-0-0
(3) 0-0-0
- E. GOOD CONCENTRATION IN TARGET AREA WITH 8 POSSIBLE HITS ON
THREE SKI SITES.
- F. (1) (A) NIL
(B) NIL
(2) (A) MODERATE ACCURATE HFF FROM TARGET TO 1 1/2 MILE
SOUTHEAST OF TARGET.
(B) WEAK INACCURATE HFF IN AREA 4 MILES SOUTHEAST OF
LUMBRES.

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- G. MINESWEEPER 20 MILES OFF BERCK-SUR-MER.
GRAVEL PIT IN OPERATION INLAND FROM BERCK-SUR-MER.
4 GUN-POSITION AT BERCK-SUR-MER BEACH AND MEN WALKING FROM
GUN TO BARBED WIRE OBSTACLE.
APPARENT EMPLACEMENTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION 2 MILES EAST OF
BERCK.
2 GUN POSITIONS, 4 GUNS AT EACH POSITION, IN OPEN FIELD
APPROXIMATELY 500 YARDS FROM SOUTHWEST CORNER OF TARGET WOODS.
GUN POSITION AT ~~XX~~ CROSS ROADS N. OR FRUGES - NO ACTIVITY.
20 TO 25 ~~TREX~~ TRENCHES, 15 TO 20 FEET LONG, ABOUT 5 FEET
APART ON BEACH NEAR BERCK-SUR-MER.
~~NEHXX~~
NUMEROUS CARS IN M/Y ON R.R. EAST OF BERCK-SUR-MER.
50 CAR TRAIN HEADED NORTH TOWARD ST. OMER.
SERIES OF BARRAGE BALLONS BETWEEN LE TOUQUET AND SAMER.
LOW ALTITUDE BALLONS AT BERCK-SUR-MER.
WEATHER BALLONS NEAR MONTREUIL AND BERCK-SUR-MER.
PARACHUTE OBSERVED 1019 HOURS NEAR BERCK-SUR-MER, SPITFIRES
NEARBY.
YELLOW LIFE RAFT AT 0956 HOURS AT 50 DEG 35 MIN N 1 DEG 10
MIN E. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS HOT NEWS.
SPITFIRES REPORTED TO HAVE ENGAGED 1 UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT,
POSSIBLY ME 109, BETWEEN TARGET AND BERCK-SUR-MER.
- H. (1) .4 TO .5 LOW CLOUDS. TOPS TO 6,000 FEET. ~~KISIKKTX~~
VISIBILITY UNLIMITED.
(2) .6 TO .7 CLOUDS AT ENEMY COAST. 10/10 TO SOUTH.
- I. 67 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
76 X 500 GP RETURNED
1 X 500 GP FELL OUT IN TARGET AREA.
INFORMATION LACKING FROM 1 A/C LANDED AWAY FROM BASE.
- J. 11,500 FEET.

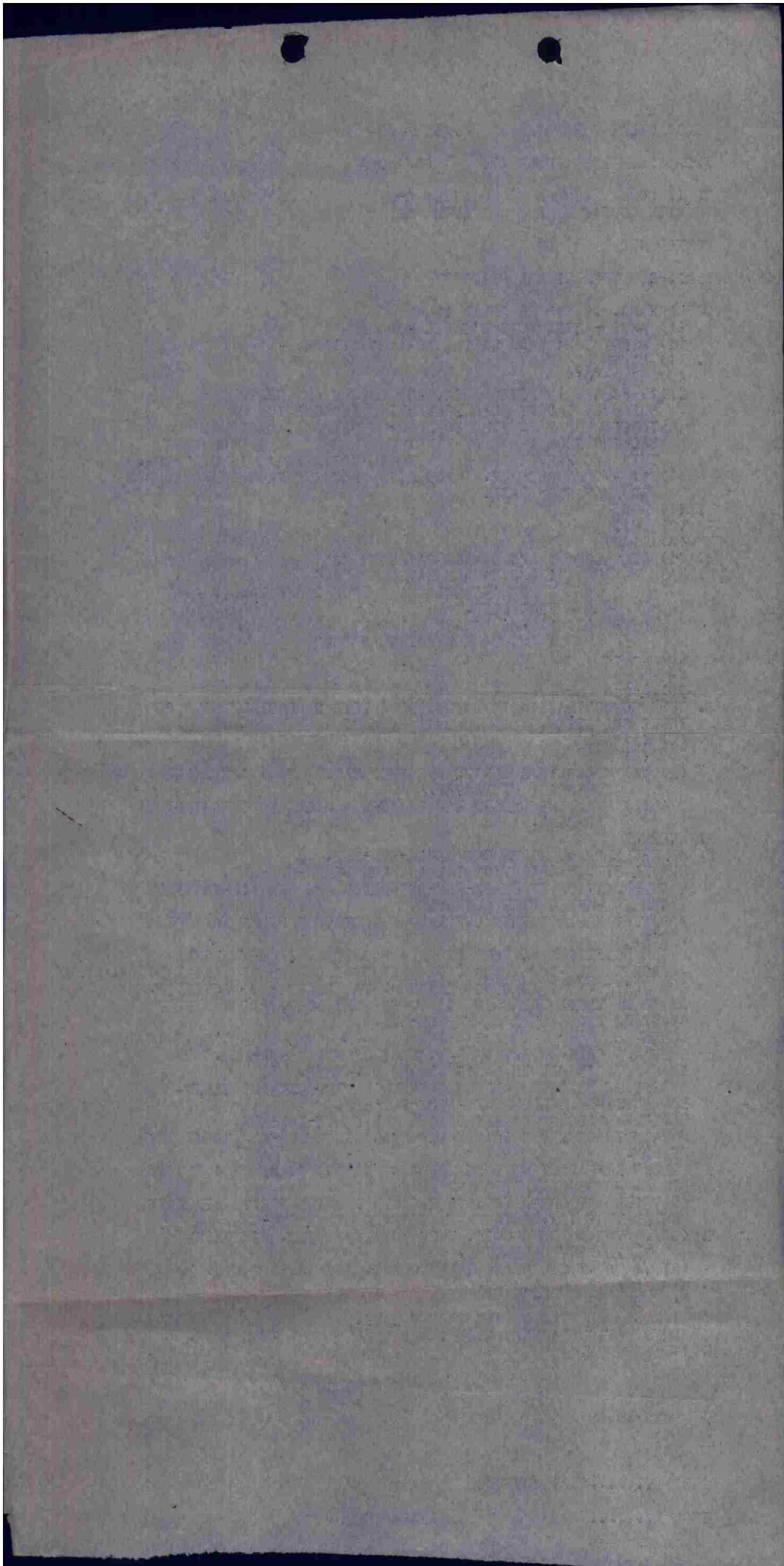
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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 25/1322B

TO 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: COM O

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A - YS + 24

B - 25 APRIL 1944 (0927-1053)

C - 668 (9) Z P-1 E D N-1 C L G W

669 (11) S P-2 T I Q N U G R O C

670 (11) D-2 J H A B L S W-1 N-1 I-1 R-1

671 (7) Z P K V N M D-1

TOTAL---(38)

D - NONE

E - NONE

F - NOT APPLICABLE

G - NOT APPLICABLE

H - NOT APPLICABLE

I - NONE

J - FORMATION LEADERS USED FOR LANDING INSTRUCTIONS - 671 - X -
TOLD SHIPS TO OPEN BOMB-BAYS.

K - NONE

L - 671 - X - REPORTED TO BOMBER COMMAND AFTER LEAVING TARGET
AREA, RECEIVED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

N - 669 - S - QDM FROM WEST MALLING, MADE EMERGENCY LANDING
THERE

N - NOT APPLICABLE

O - GOOD RADIO PERFORMANCE.

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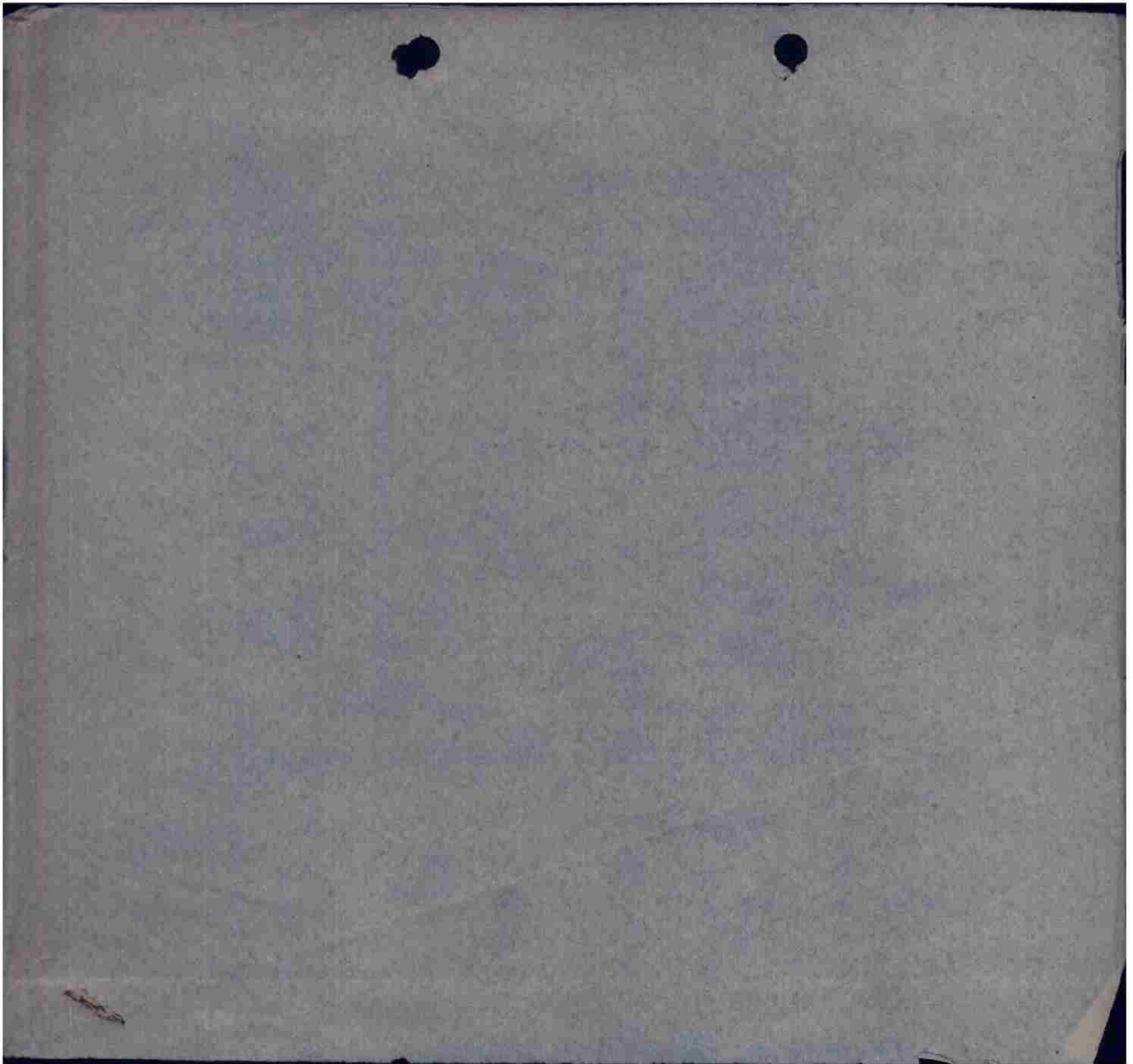
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