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HEADQUARTERS
FOURTH AIRBORNE BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
Office of the Commanding Officer

SECRET
By Authority
G.O. No. 170
27 Apr. 1944.
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AFS 140, U. S. ARMY,
27 April 1944.

Subject: Loss, Damaged and Abortive Report.

To : Commanding General, II Bomber Command, AFS 140, U. S. Army.

Target: Munster Air Base.
Date : 27 April 1944.

1. Bomber Command Field Order No. 127.

Group	Type	A/C	Abortive		Damaged				Lost		Total
			None	Other	A	AE	E	X			
418	A-24B's	37	0	27	3	0	0	0	0	0	
	B-24's										

2. Loss.

None.

3. Damaged.

None.

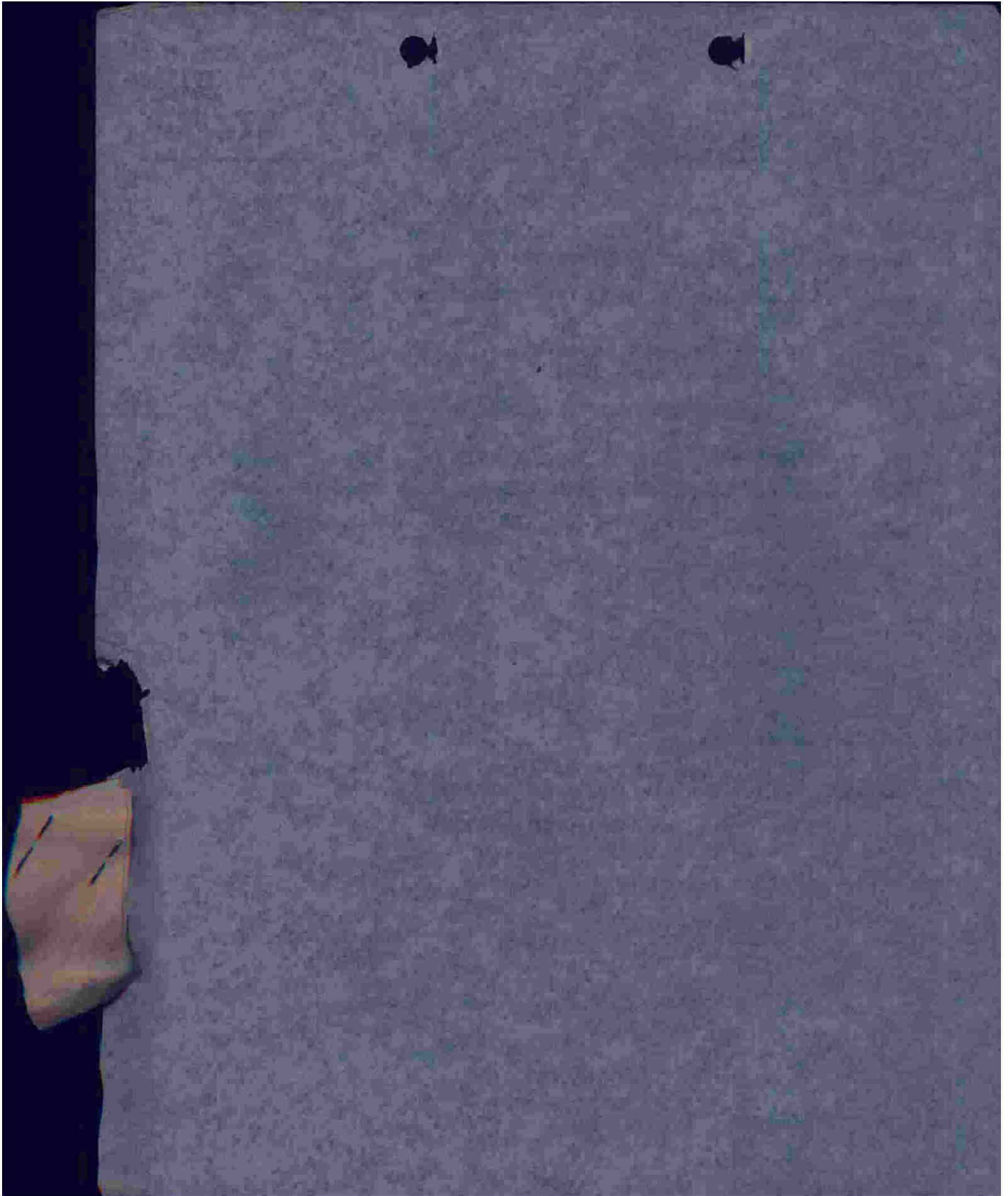
4. Abortive.

Thirty-three (33) A-24B's and four (4) A-24's due to weather. Low clouds covered target and target area.

For the Commanding Officer:

WALTER BISHOP, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

27 27 1944
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27 Apr 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
FOURTH AIRBORNE BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

APO 140, U. S. Army,
27 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 : 27 April 1944
Number of Aircraft Scheduled : 36
Number of Aircraft Alerted : 38

II. Scheduled Aircraft Failing to Become Airborne.

Type	ACN	Description	Cause
A-200-30	43-2679	Turret out.	High speed relay burned out.

III. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Affecting Success of Mission.

None.

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

Type	ACN	Description	Cause
A-200-30	43-3714	All bombs dropped safe when bomb master switch was turned on.	short circuit in Pilot's release button.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE GOSWAMIS,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

MISSION NO. 30

LOADING LIST

27 APRIL 1944

BOX I
FLIGHT I

1. 439 "J"
Major W.J. Meng✓
Lt. V.H. Powell✓
S/S R.F. Stobert
S/S F.P. Glynn

2. 640 "Z"
Capt. D.A. Hulsee✓
Lt. R. Conte✓
S/S J.W. Moran
S/S P.B. Driskill

3. 200 696 "A"✓
Lt. J.C. Crispino✓
S/S T.I. Walsh
S/S R.E. Conopask

4. 978 "S"
Lt. W.J. Greene✓
S/S J.A. Ochaba
Sgt W.F. Colbert

5. 892 "L"
Capt. Z.R. Moore✓
S/S W.L. Kidd
S/S S. Risko

6. 680 "R"
Lt. N.G. Brown✓
S/S J.E. Wilson
S/S I. Binney

FLIGHT II

1. 227 "F"
Capt. C.R. Jackson✓
S/S A.J. Bonamo
Pvt J. McKee

2. 387 "H"
Lt. E.L. Johnson✓
S/S W.J. Donahue
S/S M.R. Brayn

3. 386 "W"
Lt. J.P. Hillerman✓
S/S R.E. Lee
Sgt F.G. Falk

4. 209 "K"
Lt. R.J. Rooney✓
S/S H.M. McCleary
S/S S.F. Dinapoli

5. 380 "N"
Lt. A.W. Nordstrom✓
S/S J.D. Gossett
S/S R.L. Miller

6. 717 "N-1"
Lt. T.J. Leonard✓
S/S O.D. Evans
Sgt T.A. Palmer

FLIGHT III

1. 195 "D"
Lt. A.E. Osborne✓
S/S E.E. Kelly
S/S W.H. Coe

2. 194 "C"
Lt. L.G. Peede✓
S/S C.L. Hibbs
S/S L.M. Daugherty

3. 379 "G"
Lt. M.E. Kleopfel✓
S/S L.R. Shaw
S/S R. Bankston, Jr.

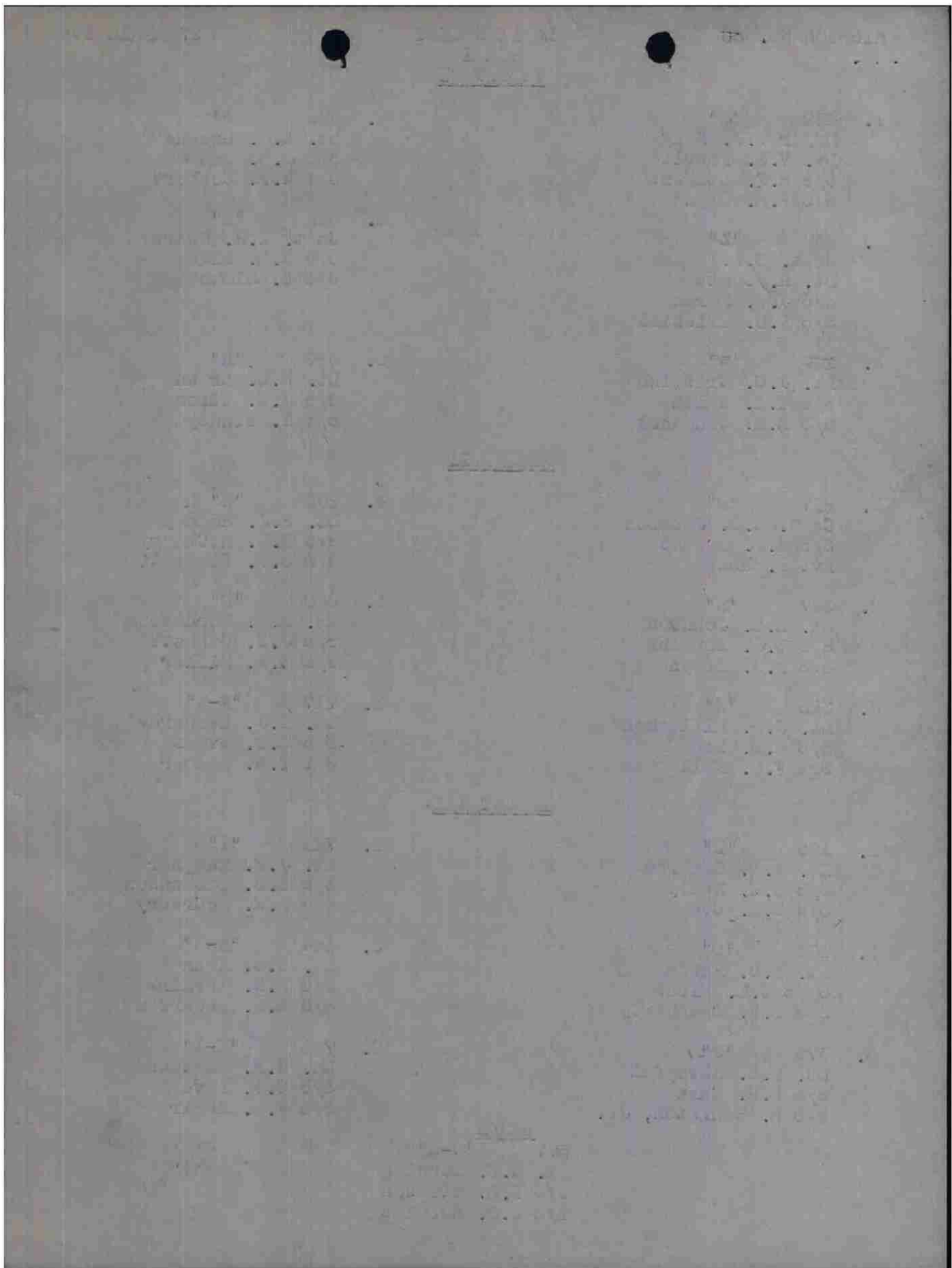
4. 745 "I"
Lt. J.F. Meagher✓
S/S E.S. Dickenson
S/S J.E. McCreery

5. 684 "K-1"
Lt. E.B. Kreh✓
S/S A.W. Newkirk
S/S E.A. Anderson

6. 701 "H-1"
Lt. G.F. Bartmus✓
S/S C.F. Love
S/S F.L. Adair

SPARE

377 "W-1"
Lt. W.E. Downing✓
S/S D.H. Simpson
T/S L.G. Robbins



MISSION NO. 30

LOADING LIST

27 APRIL 1944

BOX ~~II~~ IFLIGHT II

1. 129 "I"
Capt. R.A. Clark ✓
Lt. C.W. Jones ✓
Sgt R.A. Wolber
S/S R.W. Nicks

4. 951 "P"
Lt. R.E. Stockwell ✓
S/S L.G. Kutzer
S/S H.E. Wellin

2. 914 "X"
Lt. E.T. Platter ✓
Lt. R.J. Basnett ✓
S/S K.L. Johnson
S/S J.L. Czech

5. 937 "B"
Lt. A.R. Durante ✓
S/S H.T. Best
S/S I.R. DeGiusti

3. 221 "F"
Lt. R.D. Perkins ✓
S/S V.N. Sherry
S/S R.H. Linneman

6. 214 "C"
Lt. M. Zubon ✓
T/S J.R.L. Tanner
S/S W.C. Russell

FLIGHT II

1. 181 "A"
Lt. H.L. Sommers ✓
S/S A.L. Nielsen
S/S G.L. Coffey

4. 679 "R"
Lt. R.J. Morton
S/S P.M. Citty
S/S M. Rosenstein

2. 189 "P-1"
Lt. J.S. Connor ✓
S/S S.F. Alden
S/S R.L. Ballinger

5. 224 "E-1"
Lt. P.F.E. MacManus ✓
S/S O.D. Lanave
S/S J.L. Rogers

3. 226 "E"
Lt. R.L. Behlmer ✓
T/S W.J. Kelly
S/S W.G. Ferguson

6. 743 "W"
Lt. T. Boukamp ✓
S/S R.J. Colosimo
S/S J.S. Wing

FLIGHT III

1. 393 "K"
Capt. L.F. Dunn ✓
Cpl. R.J. Troyer
S/S C.W. Middleton

4. 714 "N"
Lt. S.M. Hixon ✓
T/S F.H. Larronde
S/S H.A. Lempka

2. 376 "O"
Lt. R.V. Wheeler ✓
S/S J.S. Brower
S/S E. Corrin

5. 493 "V"
Lt. H.D. Andrews ✓
S/S G.M. Cook
S/S E.R. Werley

3. 211 "C-1"
Lt. R.H. Smith ✓
S/S V.P. Adams
S/S E.R. Judd

6. 724 "W-1"
Lt. H.P. Cole ✓
S/S F.R. Chvatal
S/S B.G. Fandre

SPARE

893 "P-2"
Lt. G.W. Cowgill ✓
S/S H.A. Foster
S/S E.W. Rust

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : 1X BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

416 BG P _____ E

CONFIDENTIAL IN THE CLEAR

AUTH: LT. COL. WALTER W. FARMER

"J" FORM

CLEARANCE F-2

27 APRIL 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR HAROLD A. RADETSKY

A.

B. 1030

C. NORTH FORELAND

D. BOX 1 R/T UNLATCH ONE

670 10 J ^G S L R F H W K N

668 7 Z D O G I K-1 H-1

669 1 N-1

668 1 (SPARE) ~~W-1~~ W-1

GROUP LEADER 670 J

DEPUTY 668 2

BOX 11 R/T UNLATCH TWO

671 9 I X F P B C K N V

669 7 A P-1 E R W O C-1

668 1 P-2

670 1 E-1

671 1 (SPARE) W-1

SECOND BOX LEADER 671 I

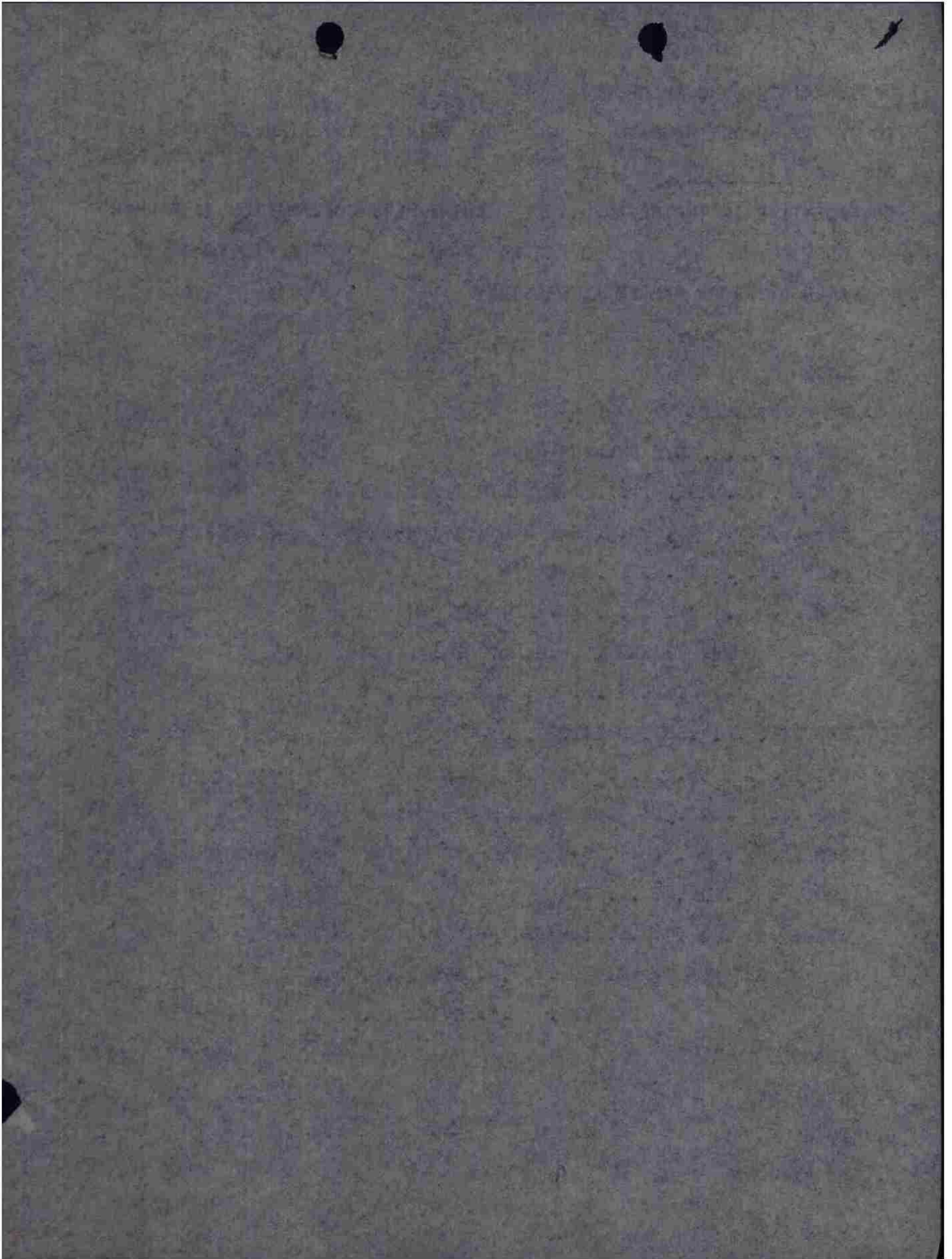
DEPUTY 671 X

E. 11300

F. NIEUFORT

G. 1044

H. 54 MINUTES



J. NEWPORT

K. NORTH FORELAND

L. 1152

M. 1. E.T.D. 0957 E.T.A. 1207

2. 6 X 500 G.P.

3. 4 HOURS

4. BOX 1 ZB905

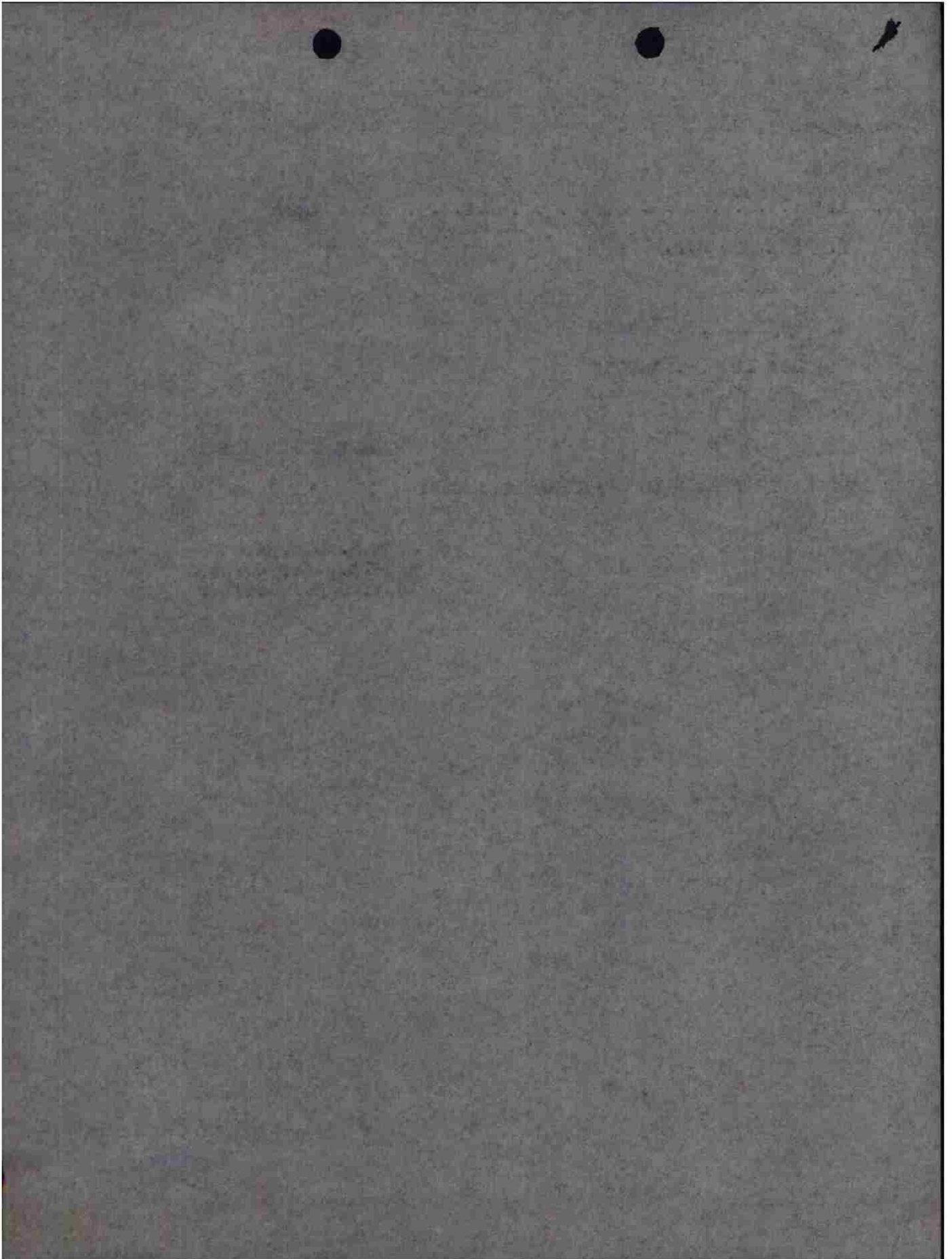
BOX 11 ZB905

5. NONE

MADE COBOMGR 416

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

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



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HEADQUARTERS
EIGHTH AIR FORCE (1)
OFFICE OF THE WEATHER OFFICER

AFG 140
27 April 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

TO: Staff Weather Officer, Headquarters IX
Bombardment Group, APO 140, U.S. Army.

ROUTE OUT: Clear at base with visibility 3 miles. Visibility improved to 4-5 miles over southern England and 6-8 miles over the channel. Channel was clear. Clear over continent for 80 miles inland where low clouds became 7-10/10 with tops at 6000. Cloud layer was reported as thin. Visibility over continent up to this point was 10 miles. Clouds broke to 7-8/10 in target area with visibility 4-5 miles in base.

WEATHER: 7-8/10 low clouds with tops to 6000 feet. Visibility 4-5 miles.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out with clouds over continent breaking slightly toward the coast. Visibility over England and at base on return 6-7 miles.

WINDS: As forecast.

TIME OVER TARGET: 11:16

REPORT OF WEATHER ON BOMBING: Large amounts of low clouds made bombing impossible.

Walter D. Castle

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

1 Incl.
2 Route Forecast Form

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 27 April 1964
PERIOD 0900-1300

HQ SOS USAPP 9-43/90W/1522

	A BASE TO TARGET	B TARGET	C TARGET TO BASE	
1 WEATHER	HAZE TO 5000 FEET	LIGHT HAZE TO 5000 FEET	LIGHT HAZE TO 5000 FEET	
2 CLOUDS	3-5/10 CIRRUS ABOVE 20,000. NIL MEDIUM CLOUDS NIL - 3/10 LOW CLOUDS BASE 3000 TOPS 4-5,000.	3-5/10 CIRRUS ABOVE 20,000 NIL MEDIUM NIL - 3/10 LOW CLOUDS BASE 3,000 TOPS 4-5,000	SIMILAR TO ROUTE OUT.	
3 ICING	NIL. FREEZING LEVEL 9000	NIL FREEZING LEVEL 9000	SAME	
4 VISIBILITY	1-3 MILES	4-8 MILES	3-6 MILES	
HEIGHT	DIRECTION	VELOCITY	DIRECTION	VELOCITY
SURFACE	030	10		
5000 FT	020	22		
10,000 FT	020	25		
12,000 FT	010	30		
15,000 FT	360	32		
FT				
FT				
BASE ALTIMETER SETTING <u>30.50</u>			TARGET SURFACE TEMP <u>+10°</u>	TARGET MEAN TEMP <u>+4°</u>
			TEMP. AT <u>12000 FT. = 6°C</u>	TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) <u>-260</u>

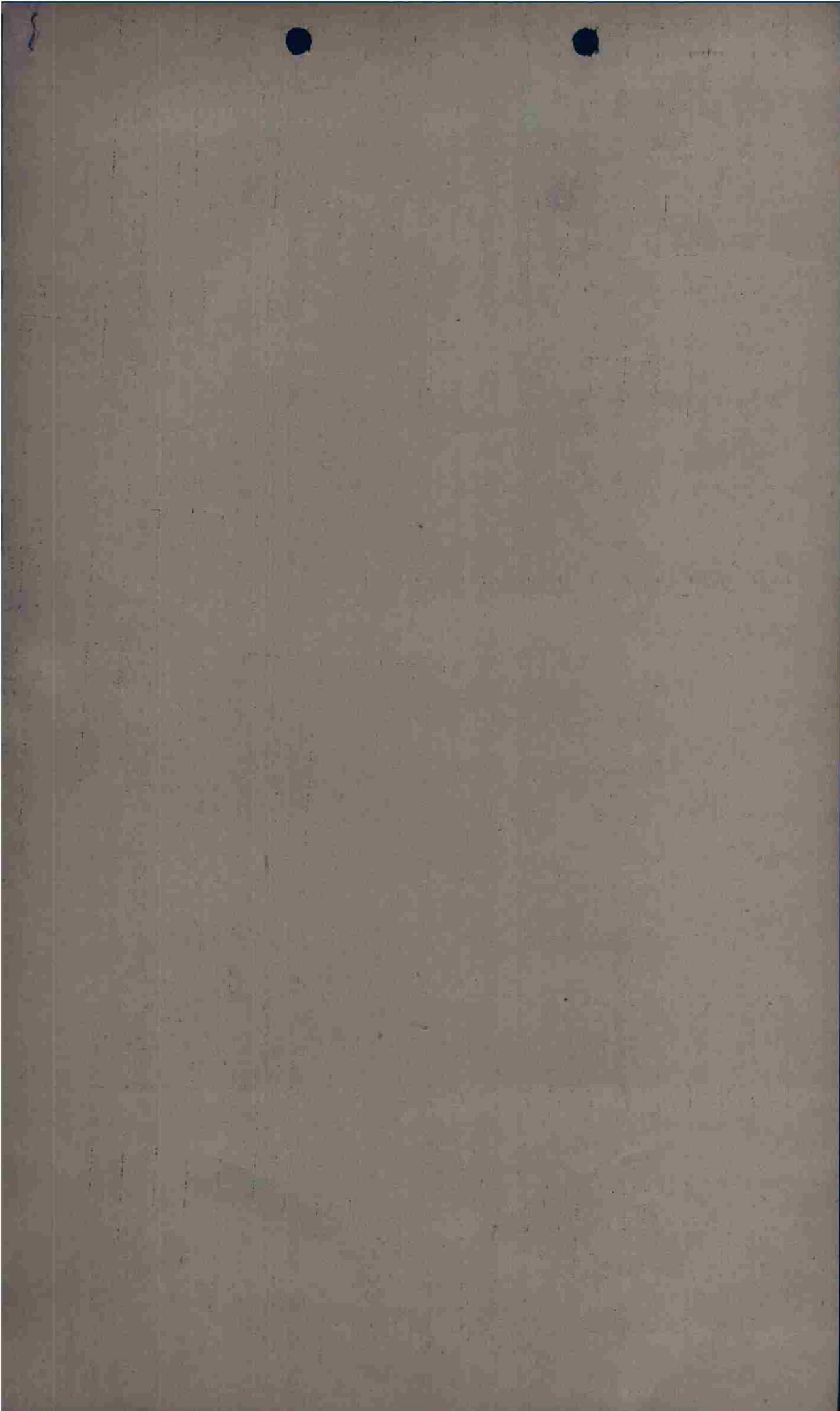
AIRCRAFT REPORT

		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-CIRUS CS-CIRROSTRATUS CU-CUMULUS CB-CUMULONIMBUS		
		FRONTS - 		

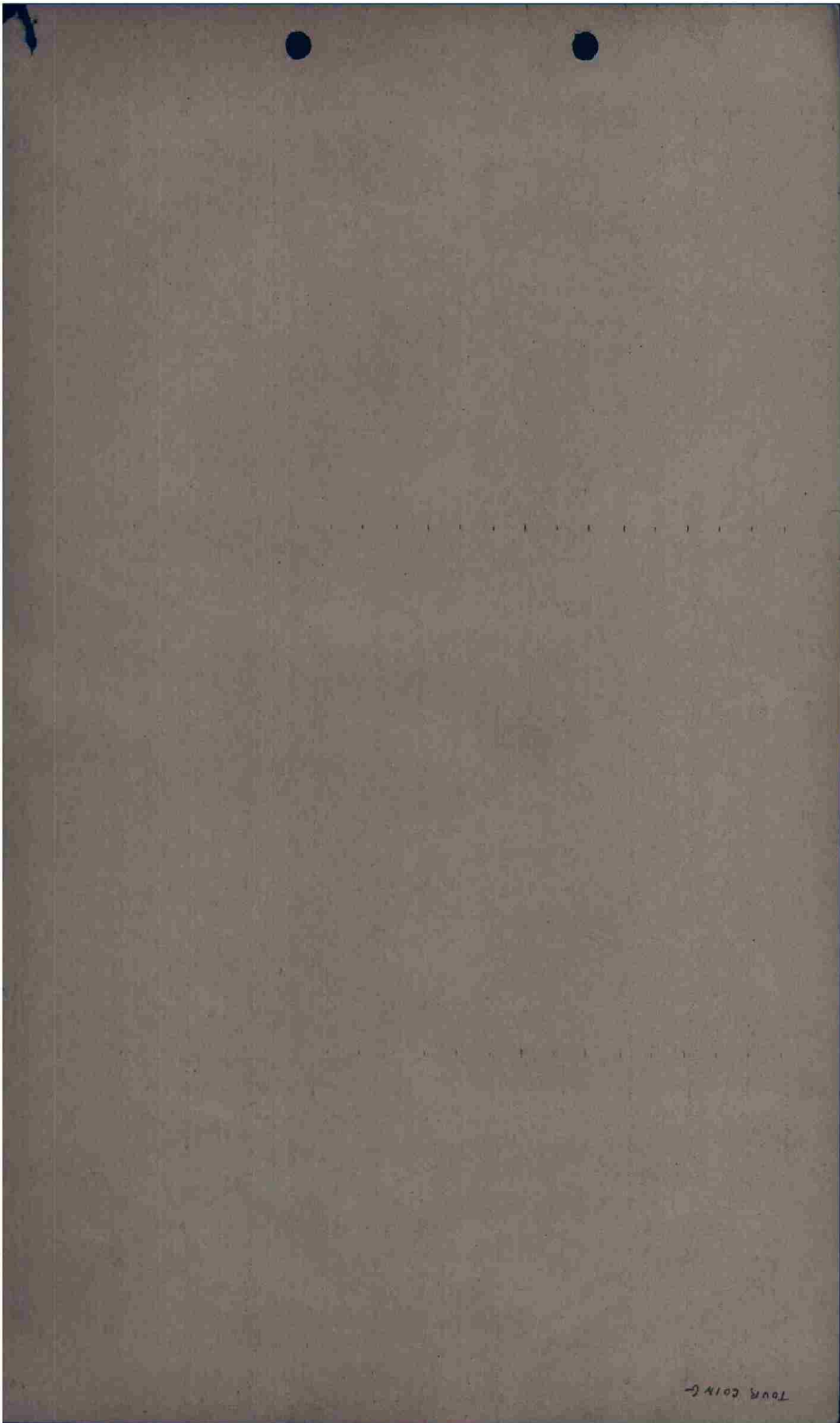
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323	A/C NO.	SCDN	PILOT	1 A R G E T	ALT	ENGLISH COAST CUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN	C A M E R A	FUEL	BOMB LOAD	N D U R.	LAND TIME	REMARKS
J	439	C	MENG	MINIMUM 5000 0934	0934	1030 NORTH FORELAND	1044 15500	1133	1138 15500	1152 9000 NORTH FORELAND	HC	725	6 X 500 G.R.	4		
Z	640	A	HULSE	0934												
E	696	C	CRISPINO	0934												
S	978	C	GREENE	0934												
L	982	C	MOORE	0935												
R	680	C	BROWN	0935												
F	227	C	JACKSON	0935												
H	387	C	JOHNSON	0935												
W	386	C	HILLERMAN	0936												
Y	209	C	ROONEY	0936												
N	380	C	NORDSTROM	0936												
N	717	B	LEONARD	0937												
D	145	A	OSBORNE	0937												
C	144	A	PEEDE	0937												
G-1	379	A	KLEOPHEL	0937												
I	745	A	MERCHER	0938												
K-1	684	A	KREH	0938												
H-1	701	A	BARTMUS	0938												
W-1	377	A	DOWNING	0944												

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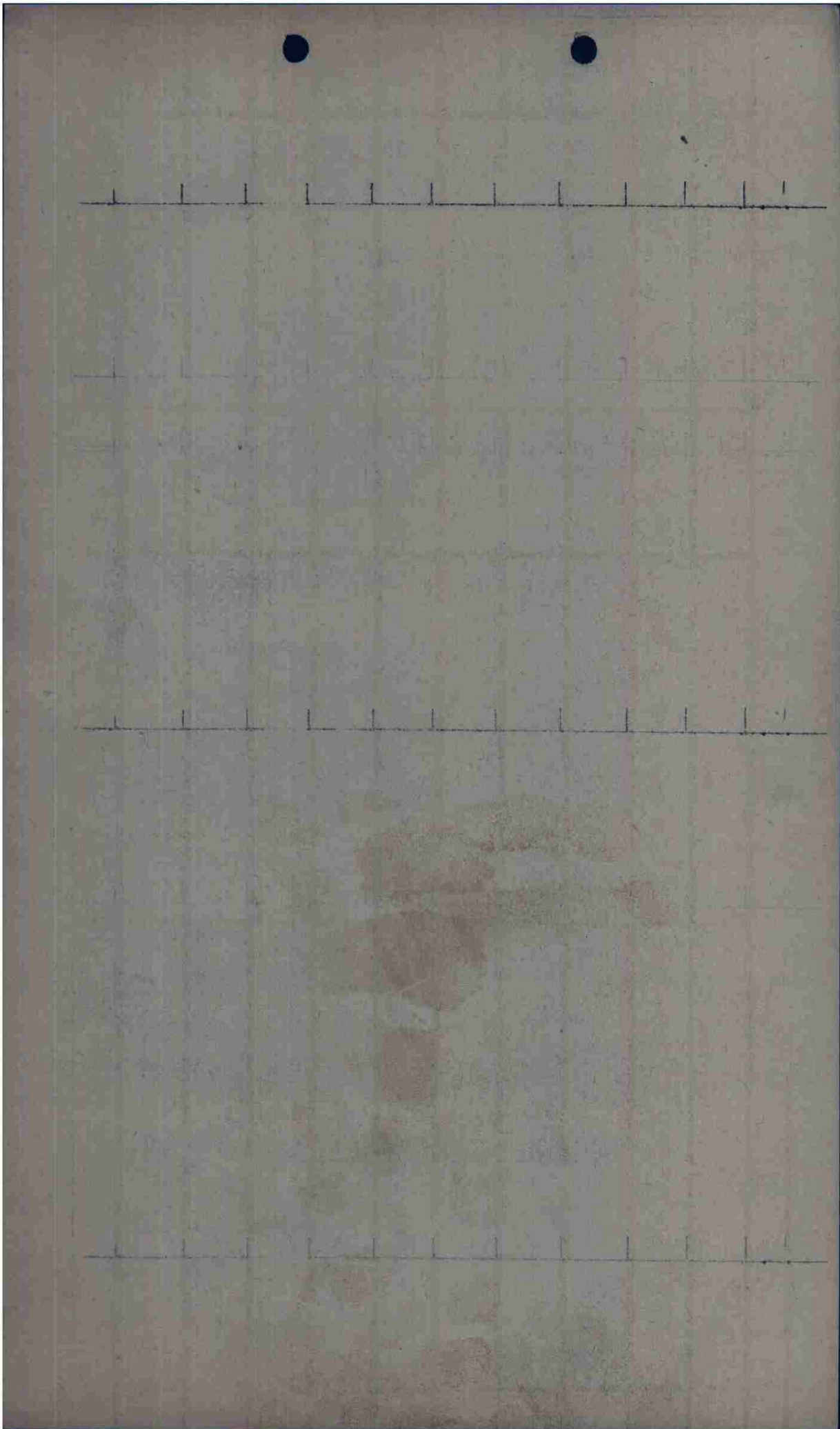
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A/C NO.	SCDN.	PILOT	AIR CRAFT	ATO	ENGLISH COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN
129	D	CLARK	maximo	0948	12,000 NORTH FORCLAND	11,500 NEUPORT	11,512	11,500 NEUPORT	11,512
914	D	PLATIER	maximo	0939					
1	D	PERKINS		0939					
951	D	STACKWELL		0939					
937	D	DURANTE		0940					
314	P	ZUBON		0940					
141	P	SOMMER'S		0940					
189	P	CONNOR		0941					
236	P	BEHLMER		0941					
679	P	MORTON		—					
224	P	MACMANUS		0941					
13	P	BUCKAMP		0942					
393	P	DUNN		0942					
376	P	WHEELER		0942					
811	P	SMITH		0942					
714	P	HIXON		0942					
493	P	ANDREWS		0942					
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ROM 97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 27/0600

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COMBOMCOM IX

409TH BOMB GROUP

410TH BOMB GROUP (INFO COPY)

416TH BOMB GROUP

PERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: MAJOR CLARENCE S. TOWLES JR.

97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING

PO 140

7 APRIL 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 17-287

APS: NORMAL

- . B. (2) RAF SPITFIRES WILL FURNISH ESCORT FOR THIS WING.
- . THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN BELGIUM.

27/1030B

- . A. 409TH GROUP:

(3) WITH 416TH GROUP AT GRAVESEND AT 10,000 FT. AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 12 MIN. 416TH GROUP WILL LEAD. THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAVE GRAVESEND AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 12 MIN. ON COURSE TO NORTH FORELAND.

(6) BOMB 12,000 FEET.

(9) TARGET ZB 906 ILL. 5256/2 REF. 036069.

(10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE 1/40 SECOND TAIL.

- B. 416TH GROUP:

(3) WITH 409TH GROUP AT GRAVESEND AT 10,000 FT AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 12 MINUTES. 416TH GROUP WILL LEAD. THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAVE GRAVESEND AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 12 MINUTES ON COURSE TO NORTH FORELAND.

(6) BOMB 11,500 FEET.

(9) TARGET ZB 906. ILL. 5256/2 REF. 041060.

(10) 6 X 500 LB. G. P. FUSED INSTANTANEOUS.

- X. (1-4) NO CHANGE.

(5) TARGETS: PRIMARY ZB-906
SECONDARY Z 835

(6) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C EACH GROUP.

(7) RENDEZVOUS WITH FIGHTERS AT NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO HOUR AT 12,000 FEET.

(8) M.P.I. TARGET Z 835 NEG. 3114 8 MARCH 44 REF. 039045

(9) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO GRAVESEND TO NORTH FORELAND TO NIEUPORT TO WAEREGHEM TO 50 DEG. 12 MIN. NORTH 03 DEG. 50 MIN. EAST TO 50 DEG. 13 MIN. NORTH 04 DEG 23 MIN. EAST TO TARGET.

(10) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R. P. TO GRAMMONT TO WAEREGHEM TO NIEUPORT TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.

(11) I.P. 50 DEG. 13 MIN NORTH 04 DEG. 23 MIN. EAST.

(12) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTH TO NORTH.

R.P. 50 DEG. 37 MIN. NORTH 04 DEG. 11 MIN. EAST.

(13) INTERVALOMETER SETTING: MINIMUM.

- . NO CHANGE.

- . COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. 416TH GROUP

(2) UNLATCH

(9) 17/17

(10) 17/17

- B. 409TH GROUP:

(1) STIFFNECK

(9) 18/18

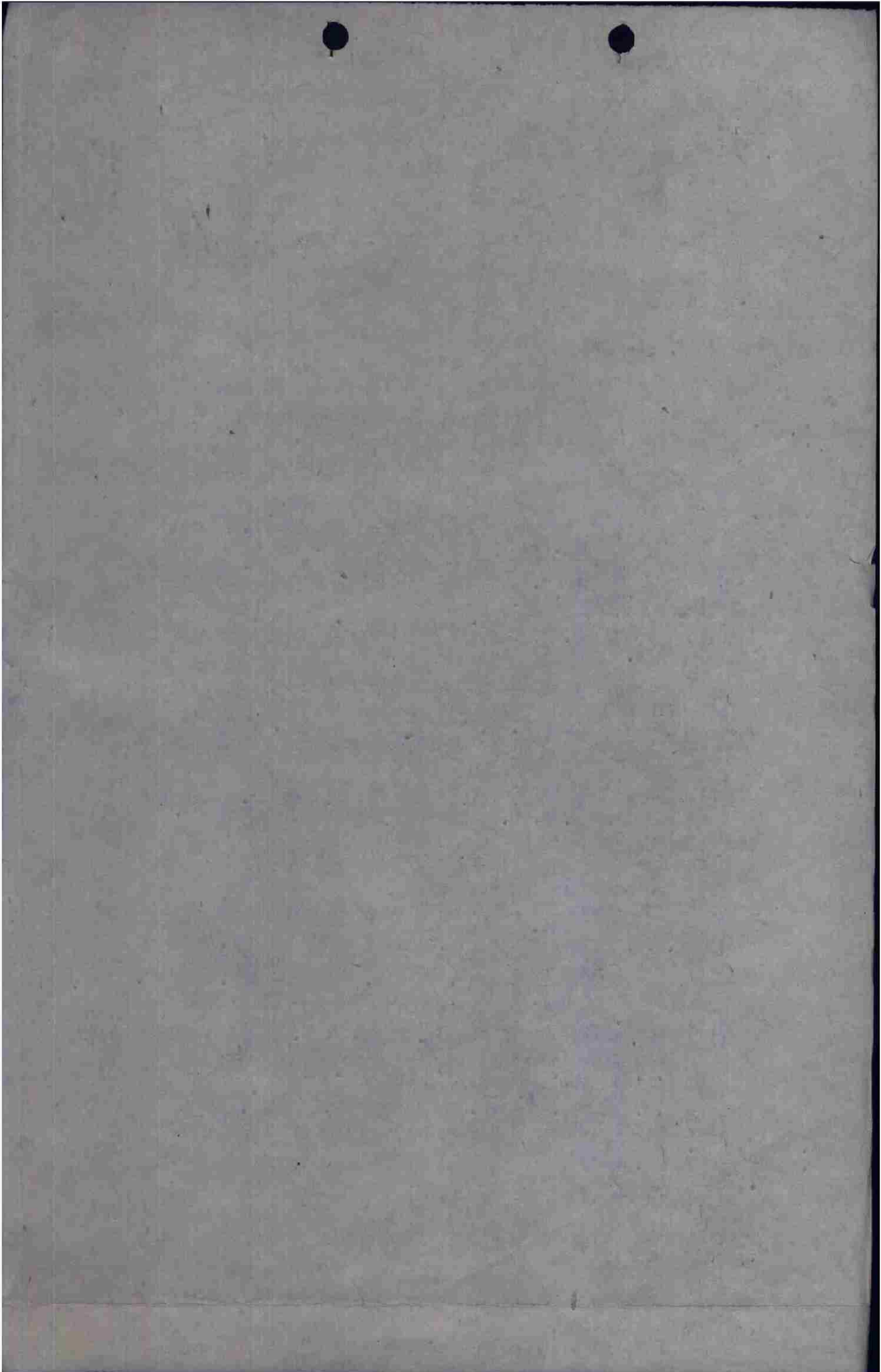
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- X. GENERAL INFORMATION.

(2) WEST HALLING CHANNEL "D"

HURN CHANNEL "

(3) 4A0



R U PLS COME IN -S I TOLD YOU BEFORE IT IS THE POWER
 BING OFCONTENUE WITH ACL
 HAVE ONLY A COUPLE LINE DO YOU THINK YOU CAN GET IT PLS
 ONE IN KKK YES START AFTER 409TH IKG OK
 UR

B. 409TH GROUP:

(1) STIFFNECK

(9) 18/18

(10) 18/18

X. GENERAL INFORMATION.

(2) WEST MALLING CHANNEL "D"

HURN CHANNEL "D"

(3) 4A, 5B, 6C, 7D, 8E, 9F, 11G, 13H, 16I

(10) WEATHER CODE A D T V

COCBTWIG 97

T 27/0600B

S BBBBBBB

ICOG R.....27/0848B MZ KK

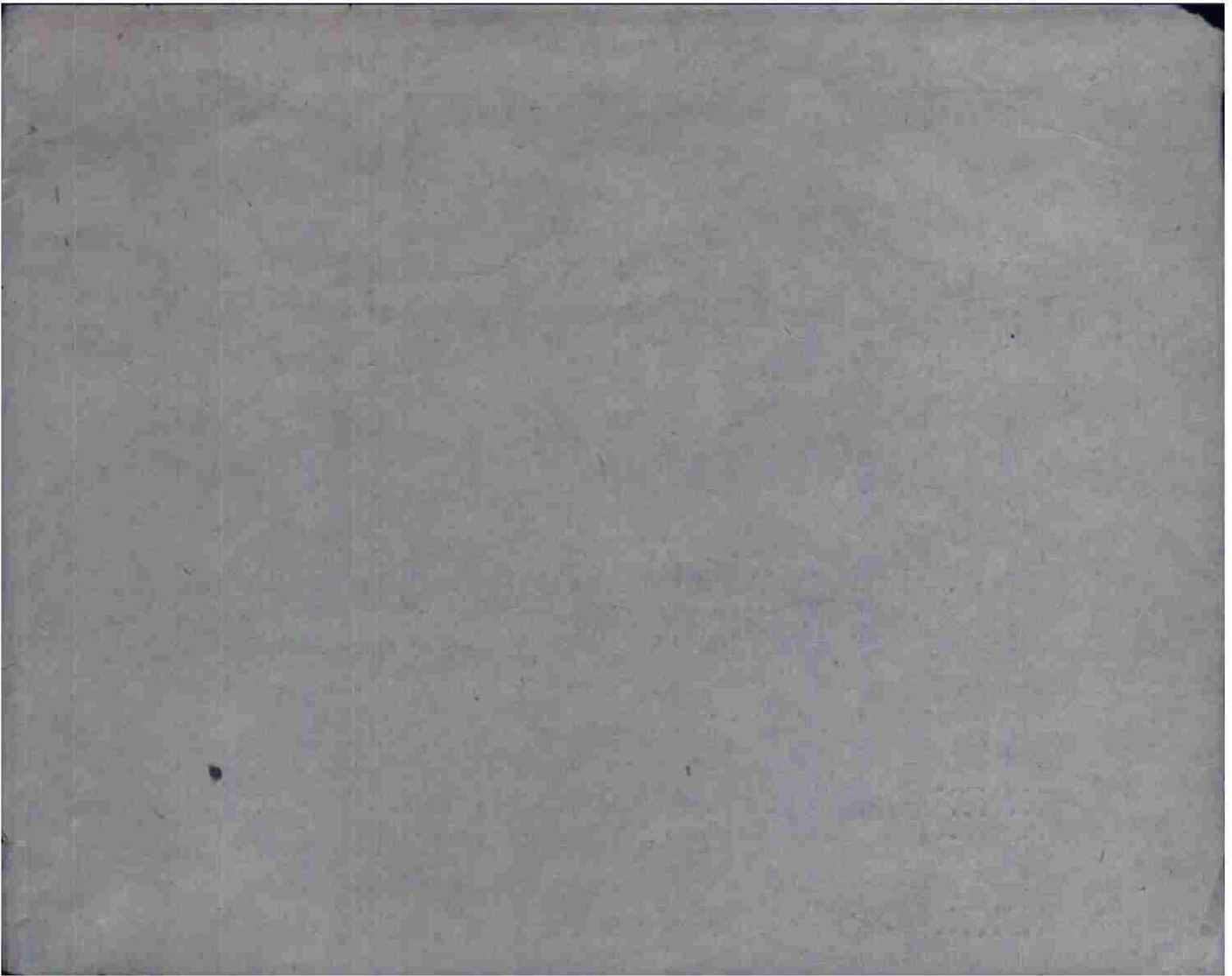
INAK R.....270849B AGA KK

IYAAK....K.....7X

YAA I WILL YOU GIVE A AN R PLS

IYAA R.....27-0850BS WSD KK

IGOF R.....270846B HGP KKK



OICOG OILAI V OIYAA YAA 7/27 OP

FROM 416TH BG 27/1426B
TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND
HQ 97TH COMBAT WINGATTN: A-2
ATTN: A-2

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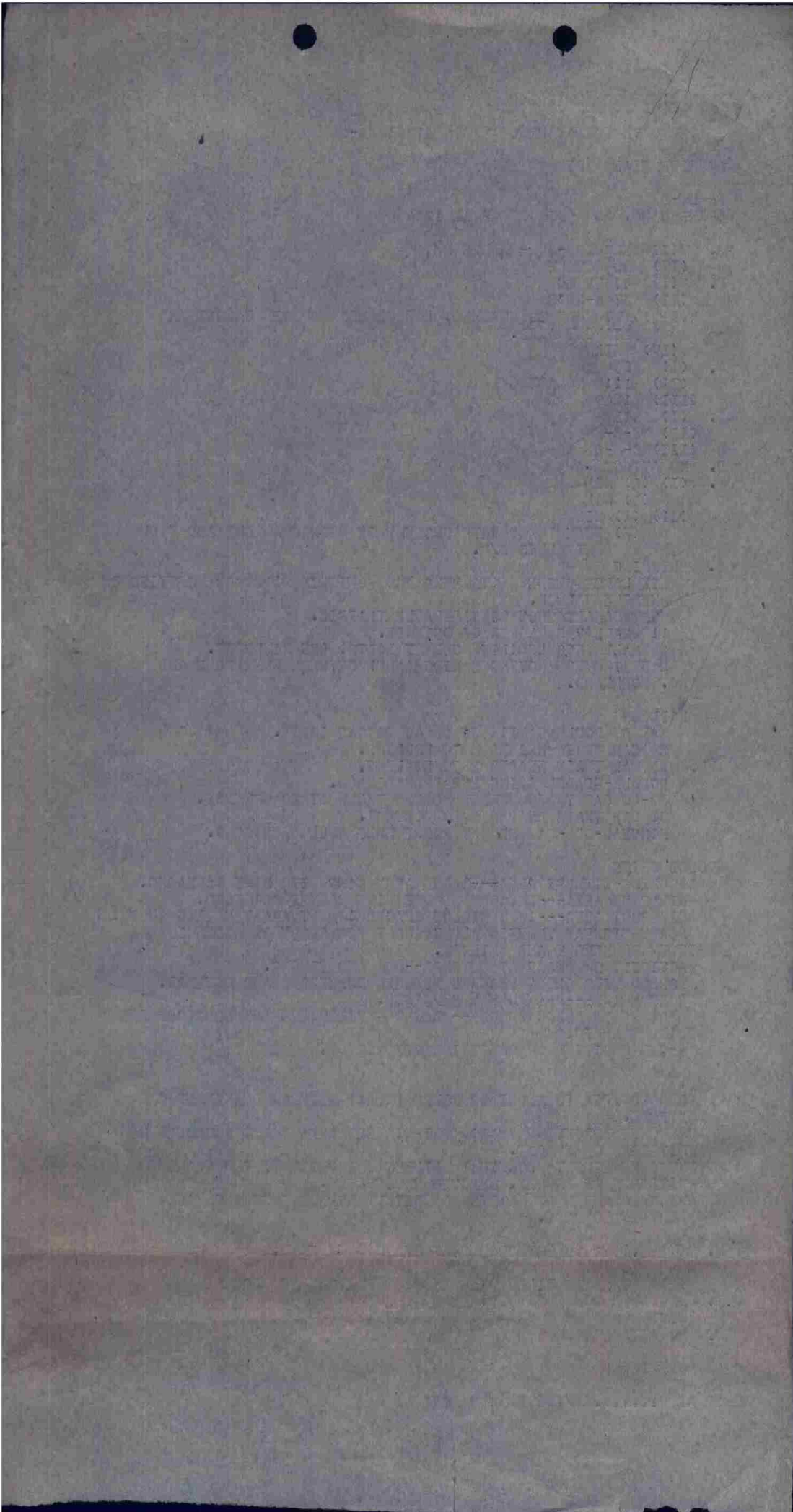
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- A. (I) MONCEAU-SUR-SAMBRE M/Y
(II) NO ATTACK
- B. (I) 416TH BG
(II) 37 A-20'S
K(III) 37 DUE TO WEATHER. LOW CLOUDS COVERED TARGET AND TARGET AREA.
(IV) NIL
- C. (I) 0934
(II) 1116 NO ATTACK
(III) 1249
- D. (I) NIL
(II) 0-0-0
(III) 0-0-0
- E. NO ATTACK
- F. (I) (A) NIL
(B) NIL
(II) (A) NIL
(B) WEAK INACCURATE UNSEEN HFF FROM GRAMMONT AND FROM NIVELLES A/D.
- G. SHIPPING
SIX LARGE VESSELS (TANKERS AND FREIGHTERS) INSIDE JETTIES IN DUNKERQUE HARBOR.
MOST CANALS SHOW CONSIDERABLE TRAFFIC.
11 SMALL VESSELS SW OF OSTENDE.
6 SMALL VESSELS (LIKE OUR PT BOATS) OFF NIEUPORT.
2 DESTROYERS MOVING S MIDCHANNEL BETWEEN DUNKERQUE AND NO. FORELAND.
- RAILWAY
M/Y AT ROULENS WITH 30 OR 40 WAGONS IN IT.
25 CAR TRAIN HEADED N TO ROULENS.
25 CAR TRAIN HEADED E TO ROULENS.
DOUBLE-HEADER GOING ESE FROM DIXMUD.
30-40 CAR TRAIN HEADED N FROM THOUROUT TO OSTENDE.
30 CAR TRAIN HEADED S TO COUTRAI.
MONCEAU-SUR-SAMBRE M/Y ABOUT HALF FULL OF WAGONS.
- GROUND UNITS
ROULENS-DIXMUDE AREA---LARGE ARMY CAMP WITH MANY BARRACKS.
NIEUPORT AREA---ENCAMPMENT ONE MILE BACK FROM BEACH.
NIEUPORT AREA---10 VEHICLES SPACED 100 FT APART MOVING SOUTH.
HEAVY HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ALONG COAST FOR ABOUT 10 MILES INLAND BETWEEN DUNKERQUE AND OSTENDE.
ACTIVITY ON BEACH AT OSTENDE---MEN AND TRUCKS.
BARBED WIRE ALONG BEACHES BETWEEN DUNKERQUE AND OSTENDE.
COXYDE A/D---N-S RUNWAY R/PAIRED.
NEAR COXYD ALONG BEACH---NUMEROUS PILLBOXES AND CONSIDERABLE MOBILE TRAFFIC.
8-GUN POSITION ON COASTLINE OFF COXYDE.
- MISC.
FLOODED AREA TO ABOUT 10 MILES INLAND BETWEEN DUNKERQUE AND OSTENDE.
ONE CREW REPORTS 2 FW 190'S IN TARGET AREA BEING FOLLOWED BY SPITFIRES OF ESCORT.
ONE CREW REPORTS DOGFIGHT BETWEEN ONE UNIDENTIFIED E/A AND SPITFIRES OF ESCORT. OUTCOME UNOBSERVED.
ONE A/C LANDED AT MANSTON ON RETURN DUE TO FUEL SHORTAGE. RETURNED TO BASE.
- H. (I) .7 TO .8 LOW CLOUDS. TOPS TO 6000 FEET.
VISIBILITY 4 TO 5 MILES IN HAZE.
(II) FIRST 10 MILES OVER ENEMY TERRITORY NO CLOUDS
- I. RETURNED 216 X 500 GP.
JETTISONED 6 X 500 GP. IN CHANNEL
- J. NO ATTACK

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ROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 27/8650B P-895-E
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97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING
 PO 140
 7 APRIL 1944

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO F.O. 17-287

TARGET: ZB 906

• INFORMATION IN ADDITION TO 1942 INFORMATION SHEET. TARGET IS ON MAIN LINE FROM GERMANY RUNNING WEST INTO FRANCE, ALSO ON MAIN LINE BETWEEN CHANNEL PORTS AND SOUTHERN FRANCE. MARSHALLING YARDS. HANDLE A LARGE AMOUNT OF MILITARY TRAFFIC. LOCATED IN A FAVORABLE AREA, BRINGING SUPPLIES AND TROUPS FROM GERMANY TO COASTAL AREAS IN COASTAL REGION NORTH WEST OF TARGET SERVED BY THIS LINE THERE ARE FIVE DEFENSIVE INFANTRY DIVISIONS AND TWO DEFENSIVE G.A.F. FIELD POSITIONS, WITH A TOTAL PERSONNEL OF 95,000. IT IS ALSO LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE COAL PRODUCING DISTRICT AND LIKELY TO CONTAIN A LARGE AMOUNT OF COAL AT ANYTIME. SHORTAGE OF COAL IS BECOMING AN INCREASING DIFFICULT PROBLEM FOR THE ENEMY. YARDS CAN STORE MORE THAN 2,000 WAGONS AND HAVE AN AVERAGE HANDLING CAPACITY OVER 1,500 PER DAY.

• SITUATION:

(1) FLAK: GROUPS HAVE LATEST INFORMATION.
 EXPERIENCE BY GROUPS OF THIS WING OVER PART OF THIS ROUTE 26/4/44 WAS ABOUT AS EXPECTED.

(2) AIR: REFER TO G.A.F. ON WESTERN FRONT NO. 15 AND TELETYPE AMENDMENTS.

(3) GROUND: GROUPS HAVE LATEST INFORMATION.

(4) SEA: NOTHING TO REPORT.

• REQUEST OBSERVATIONS OF RAIL ACTIVITY, MILITARY TRAFFIC. IN PARTICULAR REQUEST FURTHER REPORT ON EXTENT OF FLOODING NEAR COAST IN OSTEND AREA AND RAIL TRAFFIC ON THE VALENCIENNES, MONS, BRUSSELS RAILWAY LINE.

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(2) AIR: REFER TO G.A.F. ON WESTERN FRONT NO. 5 AND THREE TELETYPE AMENDMENTS.

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