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FOUR HUNDRED SIXTYEIGHT BATTALMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

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10 May 1944
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APO 140, U. S. Army.
10 May 1944.

Subject: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Reports.

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

Transmitted herewith are the A-3 Bombing Information Reports on operational mission 9 May 1944, submitted in compliance with IX Bomber Command Memorandum 55-2.

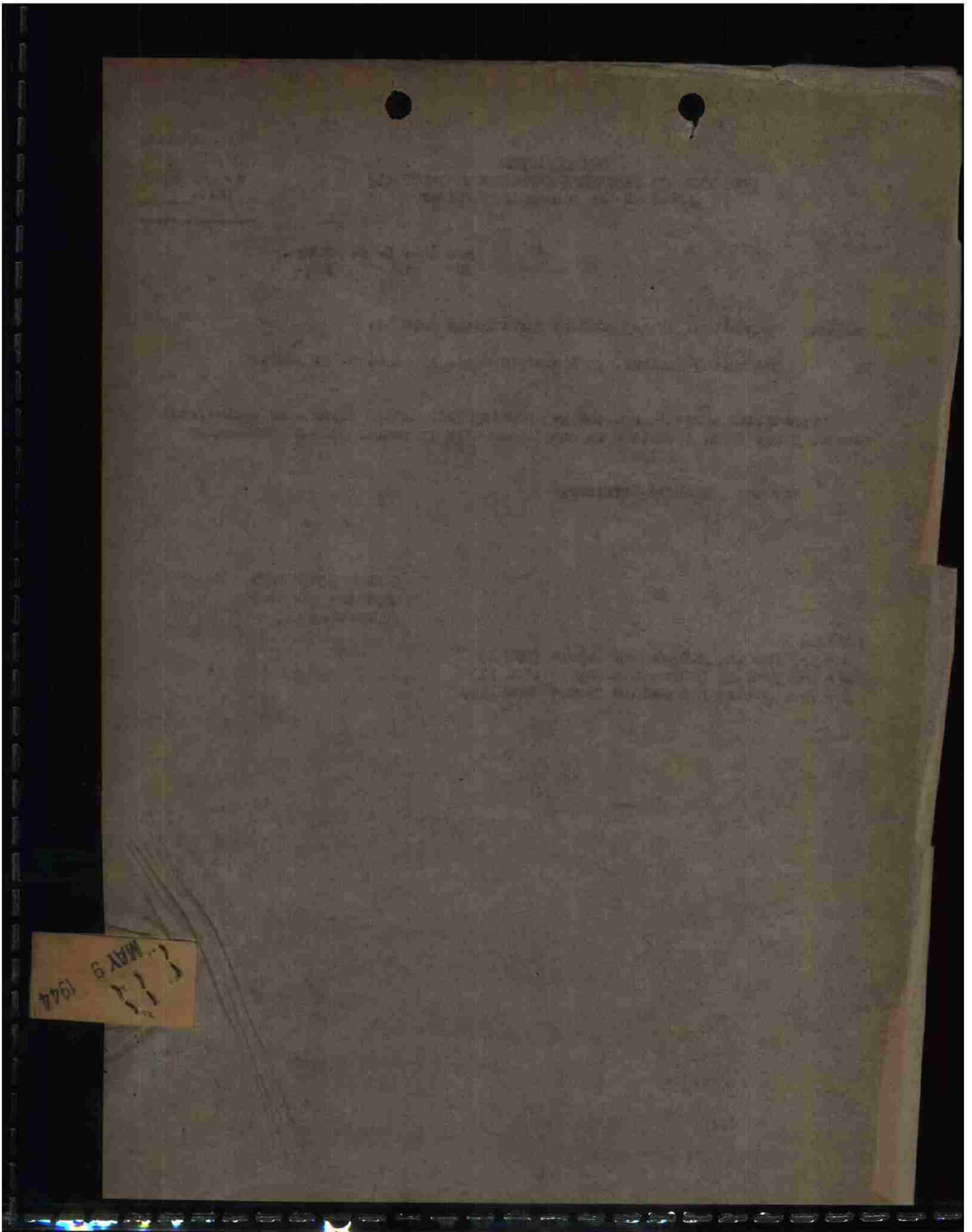
For the commanding officer:

GEORGE SCHUBERT.
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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- 1 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Box I)
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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 304BOX 1 GROUP 426 DATE 9 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Aircraft w/y1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set sign.2. Bombing approach: 350° mag.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: Pre-set data with corrections for sign. bombing. 100 used as 10. No trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: LT. Ralin6. Name of lead pilot: Major Campbell7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 220 Ground Speed: 240 Altitude: 12,0009. Length of bomb run: 60 Sec: _____10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED _____ N Inst. 1/10011. Total Bombs Dropped: 50

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: Winds stronger than forecast.

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: Engines were off center forward.

(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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1. Description of sample from T. 1. to T. 10. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. 221. 222. 223. 224. 225. 226. 227. 228. 229. 230. 231. 232. 233. 234. 235. 236. 237. 238. 239. 240. 241. 242. 243. 244. 245. 246. 247. 248. 249. 250. 251. 252. 253. 254. 255. 256. 257. 258. 259. 260. 261. 262. 263. 264. 265. 266. 267. 268. 269. 270. 271. 272. 273. 274. 275. 276. 277. 278. 279. 280. 281. 282. 283. 284. 285. 286. 287. 288. 289. 290. 291. 292. 293. 294. 295. 296. 297. 298. 299. 300. 301. 302. 303. 304. 305. 306. 307. 308. 309. 310. 311. 312. 313. 314. 315. 316. 317. 318. 319. 320. 321. 322. 323. 324. 325. 326. 327. 328. 329. 330. 331. 332. 333. 334. 335. 336. 337. 338. 339. 340. 341. 342. 343. 344. 345. 346. 347. 348. 349. 350. 351. 352. 353. 354. 355. 356. 357. 358. 359. 360. 361. 362. 363. 364. 365. 366. 367. 368. 369. 370. 371. 372. 373. 374. 375. 376. 377. 378. 379. 380. 381. 382. 383. 384. 385. 386. 387. 388. 389. 390. 391. 392. 393. 394. 395. 396. 397. 398. 399. 400. 401. 402. 403. 404. 405. 406. 407. 408. 409. 410. 411. 412. 413. 414. 415. 416. 417. 418. 419. 420. 421. 422. 423. 424. 425. 426. 427. 428. 429. 430. 431. 432. 433. 434. 435. 436. 437. 438. 439. 440. 441. 442. 443. 444. 445. 446. 447. 448. 449. 450. 451. 452. 453. 454. 455. 456. 457. 458. 459. 460. 461. 462. 463. 464. 465. 466. 467. 468. 469. 470. 471. 472. 473. 474. 475. 476. 477. 478. 479. 480. 481. 482. 483. 484. 485. 486. 487. 488. 489. 490. 491. 492. 493. 494. 495. 496. 497. 498. 499. 500. 501. 502. 503. 504. 505. 506. 507. 508. 509. 510. 511. 512. 513. 514. 515. 516. 517. 518. 519. 520. 521. 522. 523. 524. 525. 526. 527. 528. 529. 530. 531. 532. 533. 534. 535. 536. 537. 538. 539. 540. 541. 542. 543. 544. 545. 546. 547. 548. 549. 550. 551. 552. 553. 554. 555. 556. 557. 558. 559. 560. 561. 562. 563. 564. 565. 566. 567. 568. 569. 570. 571. 572. 573. 574. 575. 576. 577. 578. 579. 580. 581. 582. 583. 584. 585. 586. 587. 588. 589. 590. 591. 592. 593. 594. 595. 596. 597. 598. 599. 600. 601. 602. 603. 604. 605. 606. 607. 608. 609. 610. 611. 612. 613. 614. 615. 616. 617. 618. 619. 620. 621. 622. 623. 624. 625. 626. 627. 628. 629. 630. 631. 632. 633. 634. 635. 636. 637. 638. 639. 640. 641. 642. 643. 644. 645. 646. 647. 648. 649. 650. 651. 652. 653. 654. 655. 656. 657. 658. 659. 660. 661. 662. 663. 664. 665. 666. 667. 668. 669. 670. 671. 672. 673. 674. 675. 676. 677. 678. 679. 680. 681. 682. 683. 684. 685. 686. 687. 688. 689. 690. 691. 692. 693. 694. 695. 696. 697. 698. 699. 700. 701. 702. 703. 704. 705. 706. 707. 708. 709. 710. 711. 712. 713. 714. 715. 716. 717. 718. 719. 720. 721. 722. 723. 724. 725. 726. 727. 728. 729. 730. 731. 732. 733. 734. 735. 736. 737. 738. 739. 740. 741. 742. 743. 744. 745. 746. 747. 748. 749. 750. 751. 752. 753. 754. 755. 756. 757. 758. 759. 760. 761. 762. 763. 764. 765. 766. 767. 768. 769. 770. 771. 772. 773. 774. 775. 776. 777. 778. 779. 780. 781. 782. 783. 784. 785. 786. 787. 788. 789. 790. 791. 792. 793. 794. 795. 796. 797. 798. 799. 800. 801. 802. 803. 804. 805. 806. 807. 808. 809. 810. 811. 812. 813. 814. 815. 816. 817. 818. 819. 820. 821. 822. 823. 824. 825. 826. 827. 828. 829. 830. 831. 832. 833. 834. 835. 836. 837

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 304BOX 21 GROUP 446 DATE 7 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED correct 1/71. Method of Sighting: per-act syn.2. Bombing approach: 35° ang.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: per-act syn. HPI used on AP.
No trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Lytle.6. Name of lead pilot: Capt. Patterson7. Intervalometer setting: none8. Indicated Air Speed: 220 Ground Speed: 247 Altitude: 11,0009. Length of bomb run: 15 Sec: _____10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED _____ N inst. 1/10011. Total Bombs Dropped: 28

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attached or bombing. YES _____ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attached, IF or AF? 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: picked up wrong section of target at beginning of run - mistake rectified and plane in turn at point of release.

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

Results claimed: GOOD _____ FAIR _____ POOR X BAD MISS _____

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BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 304

ANNEX "A"

BOX III GROUP 416 DATE 9 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED scattered w/y1. Method of Sighting: no-rot syn.2. Bombing approach: 35° inc.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: no-rot syn. not used on air.
no undistracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: LT. Conde6. Name of lead pilot: Captain Miles7. Intervalometer setting: none8. Indicated Air Speed: 250 Ground Speed: 251 Altitude: 22,0009. Length of bomb run: 15 Sec: _____10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED _____ N inc. 1/10011. Total Bombs Dropped: 20

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attached or bombing. YES _____ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attached, IP 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? none

(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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1. 6 to 8 miles in light house.
2. No for signal.
3. 3 hours of 1. each.
4. With
5. No information used to check point.
6. None
7. Good
8. None

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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

Ref-1

AFG 140, U.S. Army,
10 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Mission Report--Aircraft.

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

PART I.

- (1) 9 May 1944--0921--terrestrial.
- (2) 42
- (3) 40

PART II.

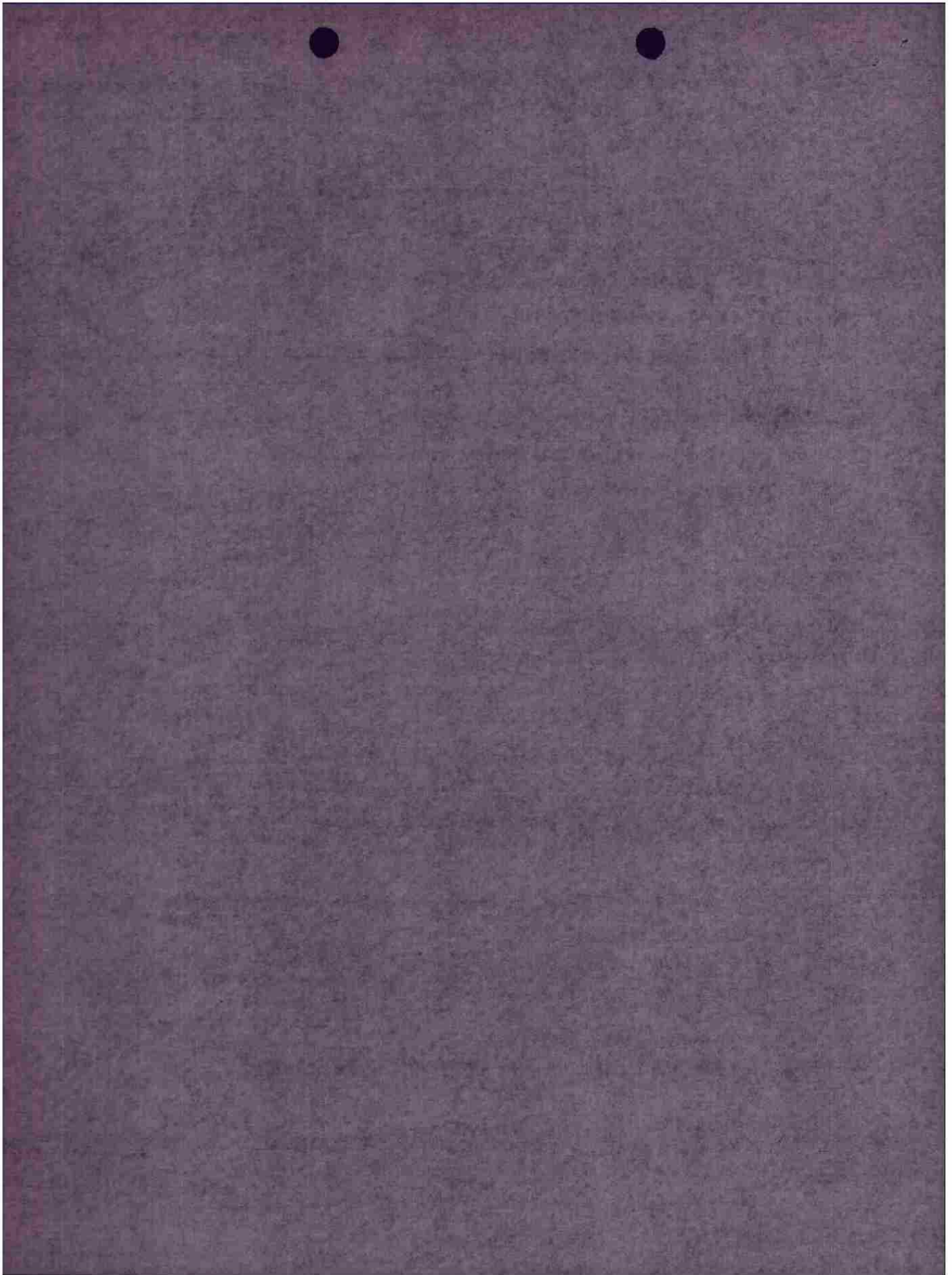
None

PART III (1).

None

PART III (2)

<u>SAY SERIAL NO</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>SORTIS</u>
45-0207	Nose wheel would not retract.	Inspection door left open in nose wheel tunnel.	No
45-0713	Fuel pressure low.	Pilot reported fuel pressure dropped down while operating on bombay tank without booster pumps on. After turning booster on, pressure was O.K.	No
45-0675	1 bomb released on return.	Undetermined.	Yes
45-0220	1 bomb released prematurely.	Common plug improperly installed.	Yes



PART III (2) Cont'd.

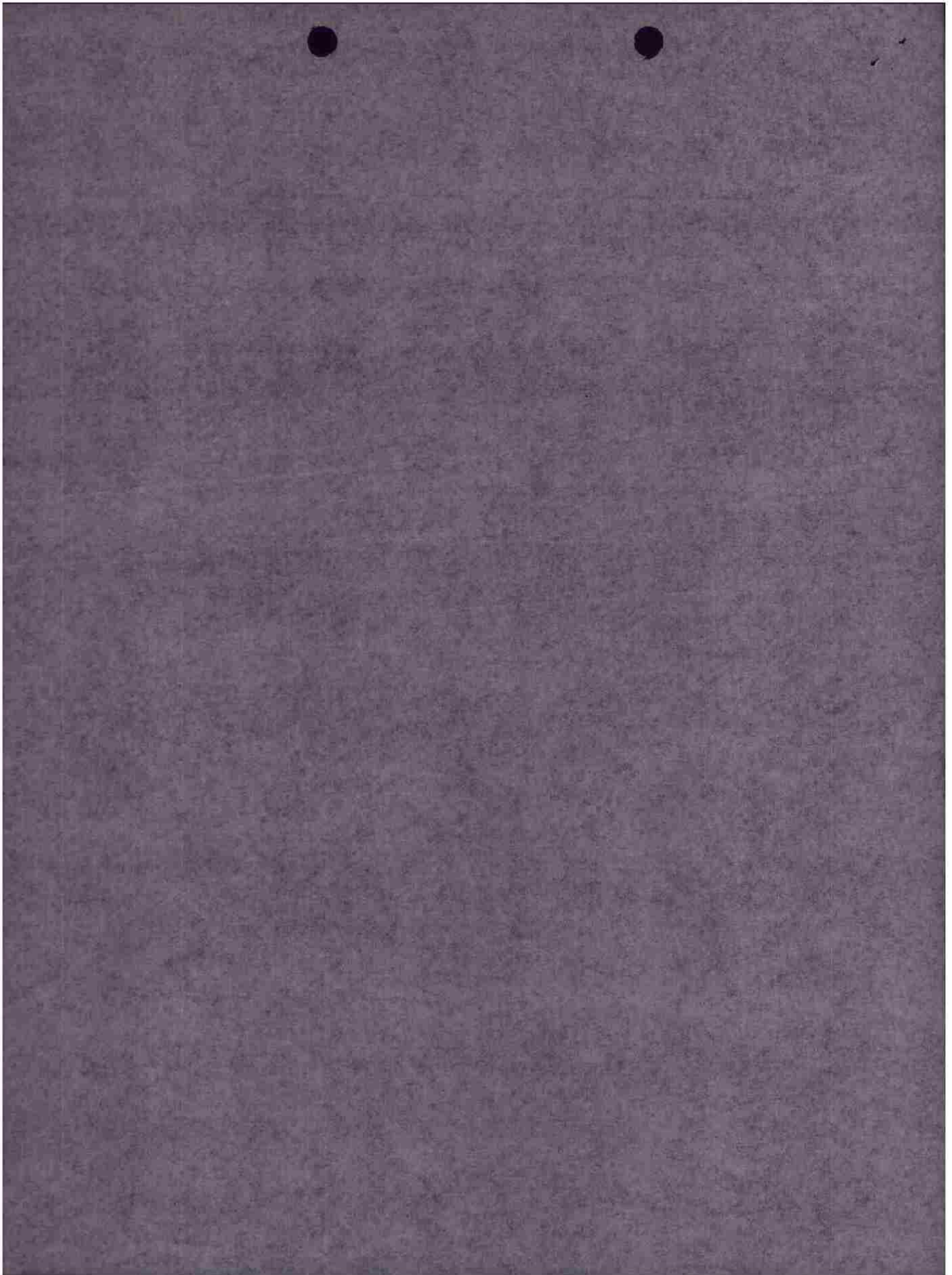
<u>AAP SERIAL NO</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>SORTIE</u>
43-0209	1 bomb released prematurely.	Cannon plug improperly installed.	Yes
43-0392	1 bomb fell prematurely.	Undetermined.	Yes
43-0195	Gun wry guns on turret.	Burnt out firing switch.	Yes

PART III (3)

None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHNEIDER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.



MISSION NO. 41

LOADING LIST FOR

9 MAY 1944.

BOX 1
FLIGHT I

1. A/C # 135 "T"
Major M.W. Campbell ✓
Lt. W.H. Palin ✓
S/S W.J. Kelly
S/S W.G. Ferguson

2. A/C # 914 "X"
Capt. R.A. Clark ✓
Lt. C.W. Jones ✓
S/S S.F. Alden
S/S R.L. Ballinger

3. A/C # 189 "P" ✓
Lt. A.W. Gullion ✓
S/S C.L. Webb
S/S G.L. Coffey

4. A/C # 743 "W"
Lt. W.A. Peck
S/S A.E. Bergeron
S/S H.E. Kelton

Rita Early
Fuel Pressure
no Santie

5. A/C # 840 "V" ✓
Lt. T. Boukamp ✓
S/S R.J. Colosimo
S/S J.S. Wing

6. A/C # 673 "I" ✓
Lt. E.J. Renth ✓
S/S O.D. Lanave
S/S G.F. Cope

FLIGHT II

1. A/C # 211 "C-1" ✓
Capt. M.J. Huff
S/S J.B. Thompson
S/S H.L. Hatch

2. A/C # 679 "R" ✓
Lt. M.S. Street ✓
S/S C.A. Prindle
S/S E.T. Epps

3. A/C # 983 "J" ✓
Lt. H.E. Hewes ✓
S/S J.F. Kasper
S/S H.E. Boyer

4. A/C # 900 "Q" ✓
Lt. A.R. Durante ✓
S/S H.T. Best
S/S I.R. DeGuisti

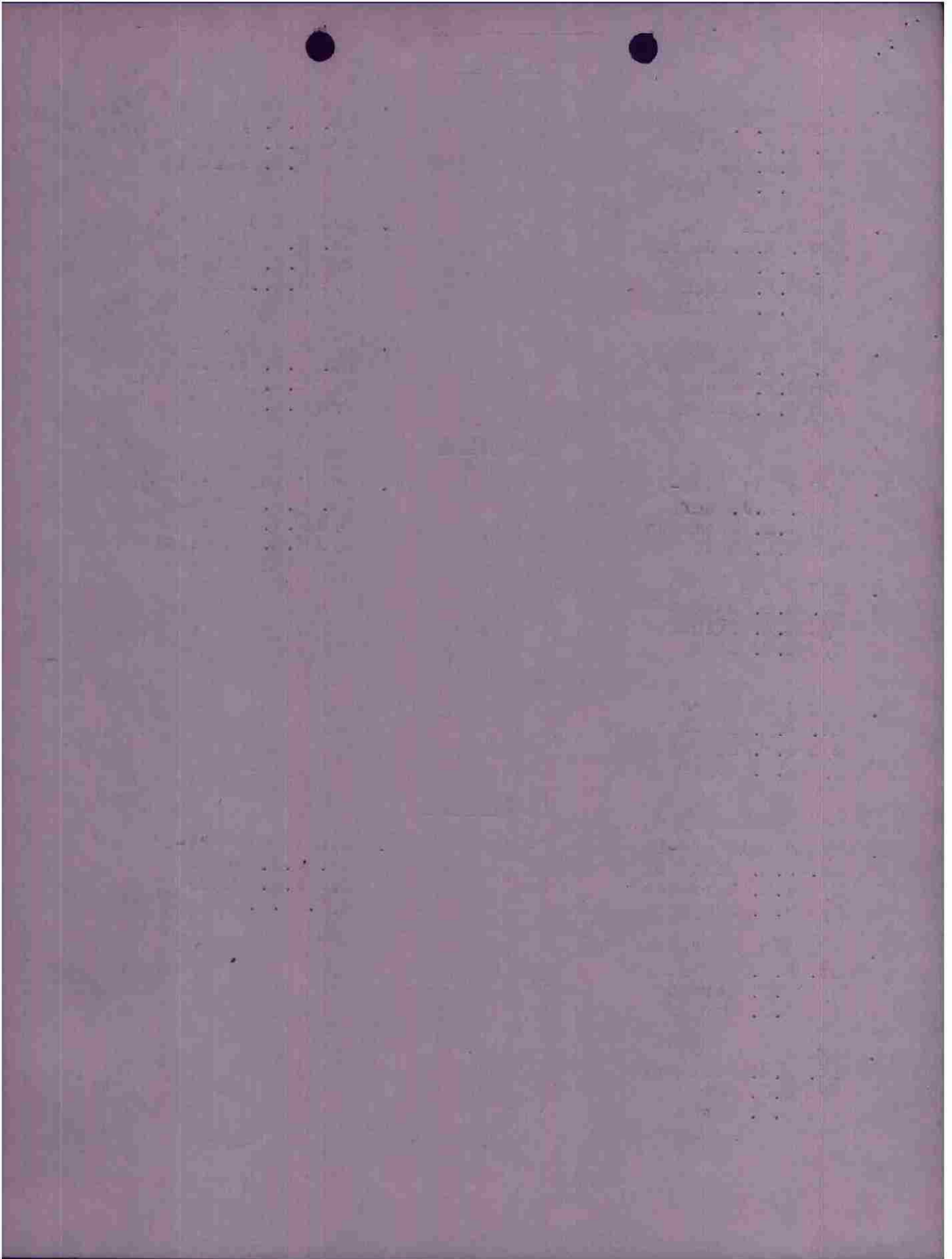
FLIGHT III

1. A/C # 951 "P-1" ✓
Lt. S.M. Hixon ✓
T/S F.H. Larronde
S/S H.A. Lempka

2. A/C # 393 "K" ✓
Lt. R.E. Greenley ✓
S/S H.C. Worden
S/S J.J. Rzepka

3. A/C # 221 "F" ✓
Lt. W.A. Merchant ✓
S/S C.J. Harp
S/S V.P. Adams

4. A/C # 493 "V-1" ✓
Lt. J.D. Adams ✓
S/S P.L. Clearman
Sgt. A.J. Zeikus



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BOX II
FLIGHT I

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| <p>1. A/C # 640 "Z" ✓
Capt. W. Battersby ✓
Lt. W.M. Lytle ✓
S/S E.A. Damico
Cpl. Mirabella</p> <p>2. A/C # 125 "M" ✓
Capt. H.F. Conant ✓
Lt. R.T. McBrien ✓
S/S J.E. McCreery
S/S J. R. Orr</p> <p>3. A/C # 195 "D" ✓
Lt. B.H. Bradford ✓
S/S R.W. MacDonald
S/S/A.A. Hill</p> | <p>4. A/C # 225 "G" ✓
Lt. H.P. Cole ✓
S/S B.G. Fandre
S/S F.R. Chvatal</p> <p>5. A/C # 219 "D-1" ✓
Lt. H.D. Andrews ✓
S/S G.M. Cook
S/S E.R. Werley</p> <p>6. A/C # 220 "E" ✓
Lt. R.D. Perkins ✓
S/S V.N. Sherry
S/S R.H. Linneman</p> |
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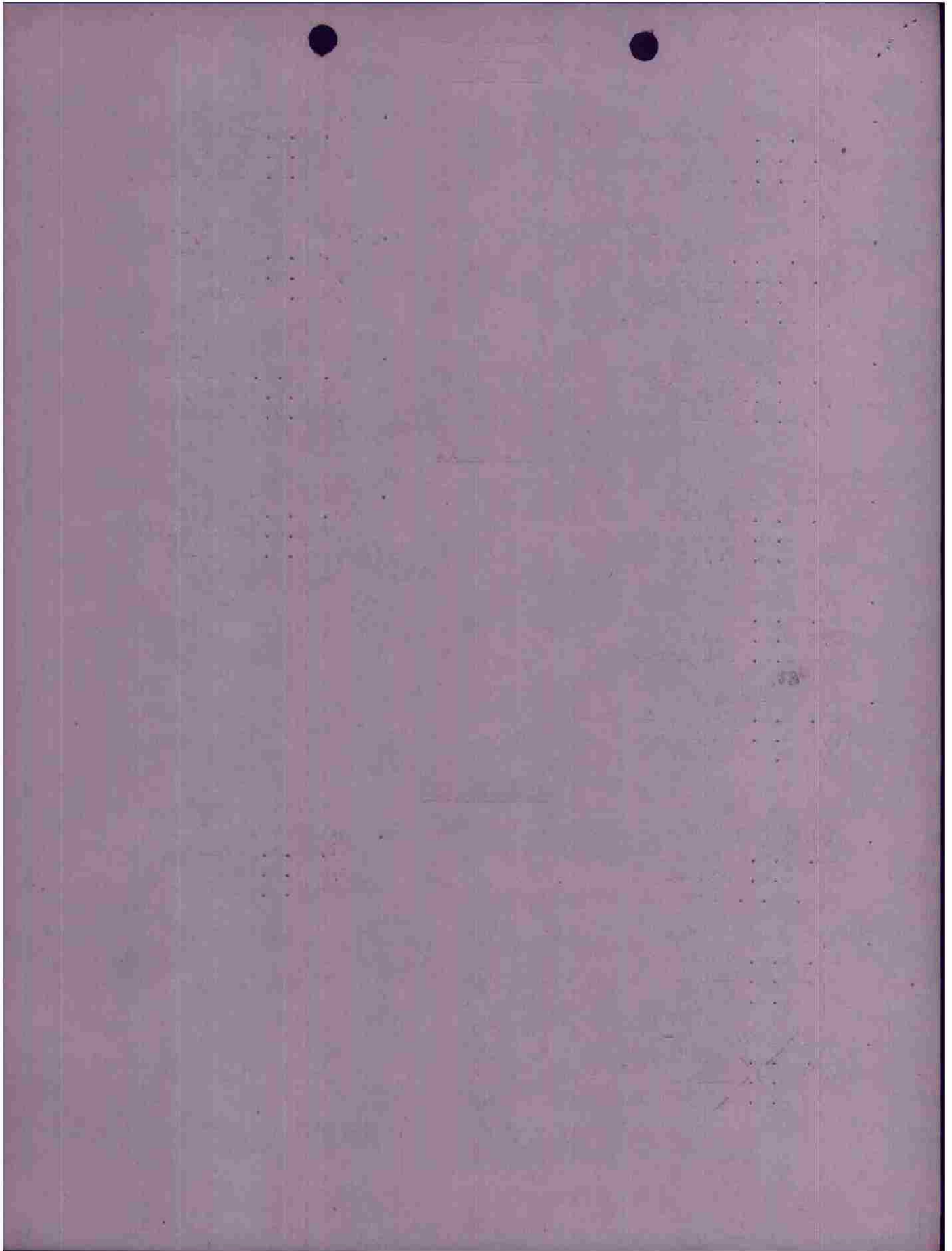
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| <p>1. A/C # 362 "L" ✓
Lt. R.F. Shaefer ✓
S/S E.R. Judd
S/S J.A. Fejes</p> <p>2. A/C # 360 "S" ✓
Lt. L.G. Peede
S/S C.L. Hibbs
S/S L.M. Daugherty</p> <p>3. A/C # 182 "B" ✓
Lt. M.E. Kleopfel ✓
S/S L.R. Shaw
S/S R. Bankston</p> | <p>4. A/C # 745 "I" ✓
Lt. R.D. Leshner ✓
S/S A.J. Antanaitis
S/S H.R. Hedrick</p> |
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FLIGHT III

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| <p>1. A/C # 386 "W" ✓
Lt. W.J. Greene ✓
S/S J.A. Ochaba
Sgt. W.F. Colbert</p> <p>2. A/C # 380 "N" ✓
Lt. E.L. Johnson ✓
S/S W.J. Donahue
S/S M.R. Brayn</p> <p>3. A/C # 207 "B-1" ✓
Lt. L.R. McBride ✓
S/S H.B. White ✓
S/S R.F. Addleman ✓</p> | <p>4. A/C # 893 "P" ✓
Lt. E.B. Kreh ✓
S/S J.N. Hume
S/S F.E. Brown</p> |
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*Early
Ritch
nose wheel
would not retract*



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FLIGHT I

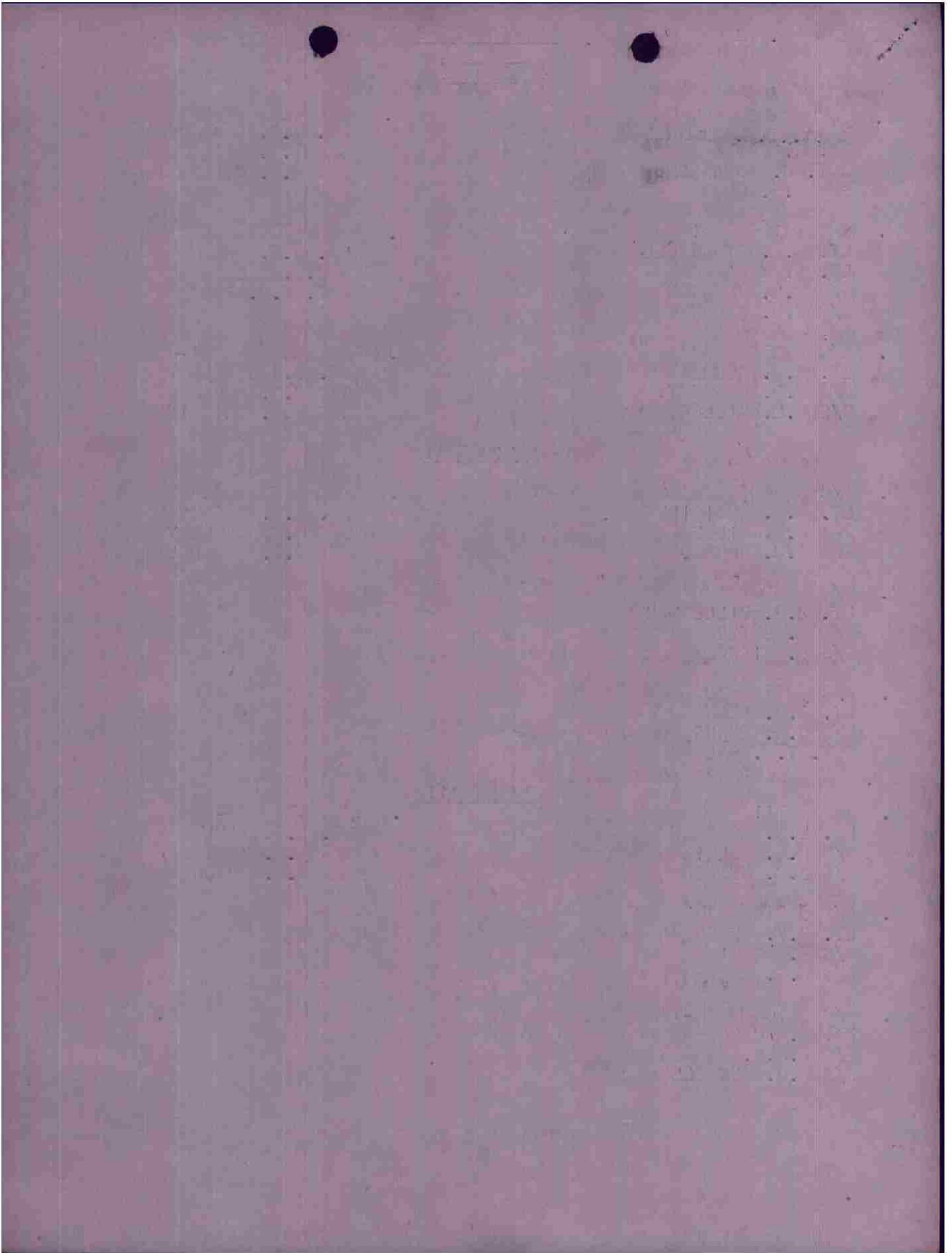
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|---|---|
| <p>1. A/C # 439 "J" ✓
Capt. D.A. Hulse ✓
LT. R. CONTE ✓
SGT. J.O. SWAFFORD
S/S P.F. GLYNN</p> <p>2. A/C # 129 "I" ✓
LT. R.E. STOCKWELL ✓
LT. A. JEDINAK ✓
S/S K.L. JOHNSON
S/S J.L. CZECH</p> <p>3. A/C # 387 "H" ✓
LT. A.W. NORDSTROM ✓
S/S J.D. GOSSETT
S/S R.L. MILLER</p> | <p>4. A/C # 309 "K" ✓
LT. J.C. CRISPINO ✓
S/S T.I. WALSH
S/S R.E. CONOPASK</p> <p>5. A/C # 696 "G" ✓
LT. D.F. SHEA ✓
S/S R.E. LEE
SGT. F.G. FALK</p> <p>6. A/C # 689 "I-1" ✓
LT. J.C. SEWELL ✓
S/S J.W. MORAN
S/S P.B. DRISKILL</p> |
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FLIGHT 11

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| <p>1. A/C # 200 "A" ✓
LT. R.S. RUDISILL ✓
S/S R.K. RILEY
S/S A.J. BONAMO</p> <p>2. A/C # 680 "R" ✓
LT. J.P. HILLERMAN ✓
S/S R. EUTSLER
S/S S. RISKO</p> <p>3. A/C # 217 "D" ✓
LT. T.J. LEONARD ✓
S/S O.D. EVANS
SGT. T.A. PALMER</p> | <p>4. A/C # 978 "S" ✓
LT. R.J. ROONEY ✓
S/S H.M. MCCLEARY
S/S S.F. DINAPOLI</p> |
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FLIGHT 111

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| <p>1. A/C # 711 "M" ✓
LT. L.A. MARZOLF ✓
S/S H.E. WELLIN
S/S L.G. KUTZER</p> <p>2. A/C # 214 "C" ✓
LT. R.V. WHEELER ✓
S/S E. CORRIN
S/S J.S. BROWER</p> <p>3. A/C # 165 "H-1" ✓
LT. M. ZUBON ✓
T/S J.R.L. TANNER
S/S W.C. RUSSELL</p> | <p>4. A/C 717 "N-1" ✓
LT. L.E. HILL ✓
S/S C.H. YOST
S/S R.W. BURCH</p> |
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FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO: IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

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"J" FORM CLEARANCE F-2

9 MAY 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR HAROLD A. RADETSKY

A.

B. 1005 $\frac{1}{2}$

C. NORTH FORELAND

D. BOX I R/T DASHDOWN ONE

669 . . . 9 . . . TPWVIC-1 RJ Q

671 . . . 5 . . . XP-1 KPV-1 B

GROUP LEADER . . . 669 . . . T

DEPUTY . . . 671 . . . X

BOX II R/T DASHDOWN TWO

668 . . . 8 . . . EMDLSBI P

671 . . . 3 . . . GD-1 E

670 . . . 3 . . . ~~WNB-1~~ WNB-1

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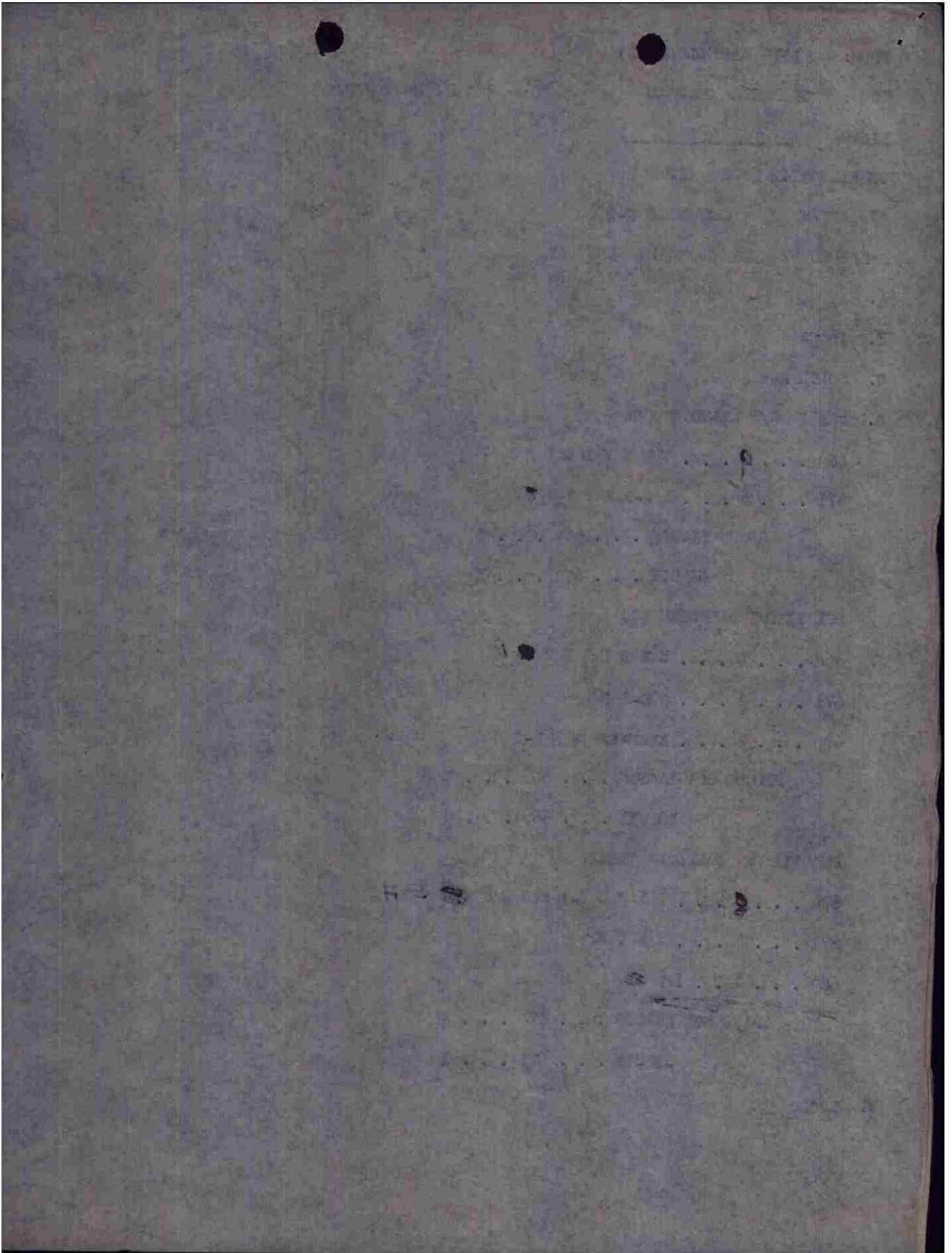
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DEPUTY . . . 671 . . . I

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F. FURNES

G. 1018½

H. 50½ MINUTES

J. FURNES

K. NORTH FORELAND

L. 1123

M. 1. E.T.D. . . . 0941 . . . E.T.A. . . . 1137

2. 4 x 500 G.P.

3. 4 HOURS

4. BOX I ZB925

BOXII ZB925

BOX III ZB925

5. NONE

MADE COBOMGR 416

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

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

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

APO 140
9 April 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 5 miles. Overcast of cirrus
at 30000 feet.

ROUTE OUT: No low clouds. Visibility 4-6 miles in haze
over England. Tops of haze layer to 5-6000.
Visibility increased to 10 plus over the
channel and 8-10 over the continent. 8-8/10
cirrus all along the route with con-trails
over France estimated same height as cirrus.

TARGET: Visibility 8-10 miles. 6-8/10 cirrus at 30000.

ROUTE BACK: Visibility 6-8 miles over England, otherwise
same as route out.

BASE ON RETURN: Visibility 5 miles. 4-6/10 cirrus at
30000 feet.

WINDS: As forecast.

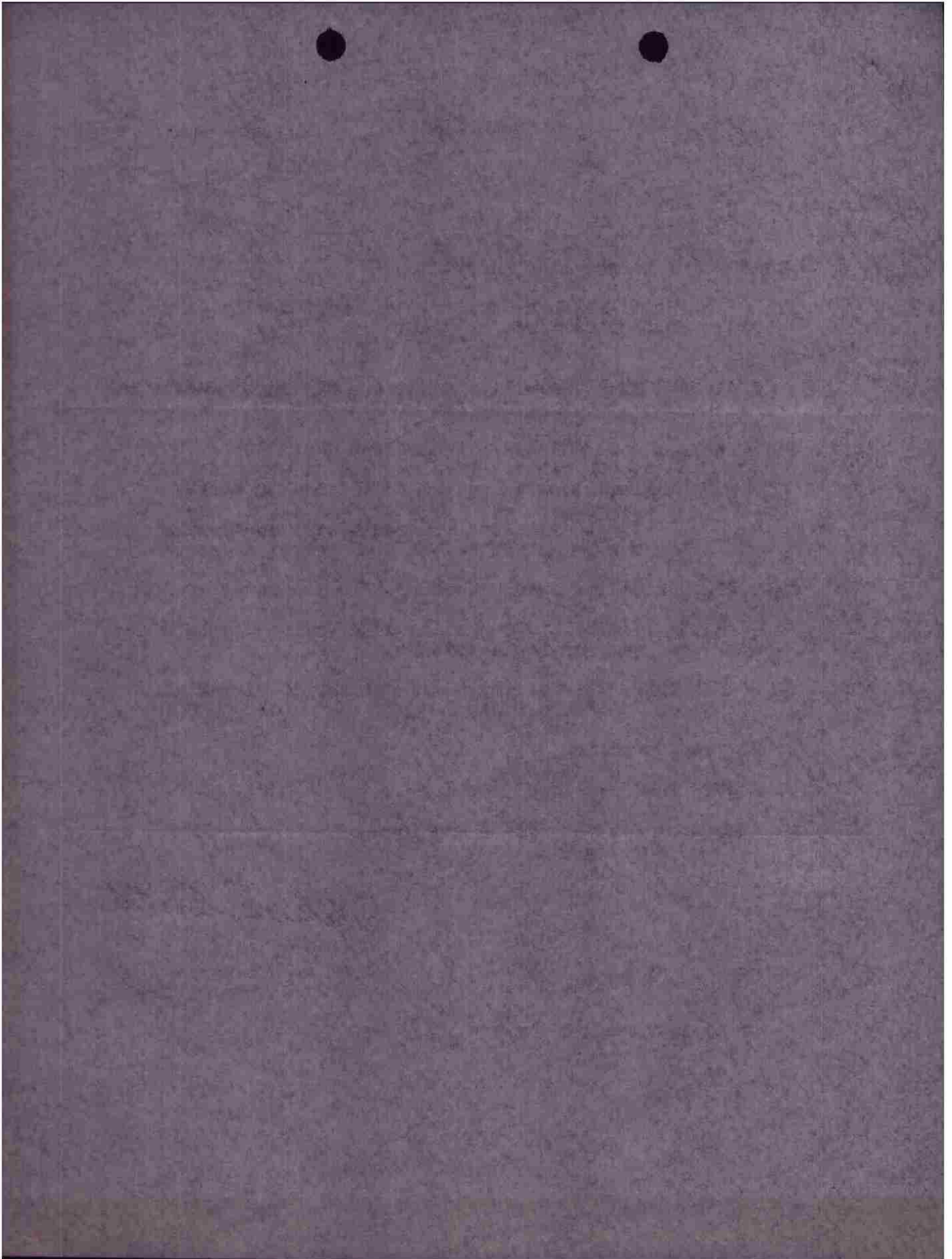
TIME OVER TARGET: 10:51

Weather did not effect bombing.

Walter D. Castle

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1st Lt. Air Corps
Staff Weather Officer

1 Incl.
2 Route Forecast Forms



OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

WETHERSFIELD
416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TAKEOFF: 0921
RETURN: 1140

DATE 9 MAY 1944
PERIOD 0900 - 1230

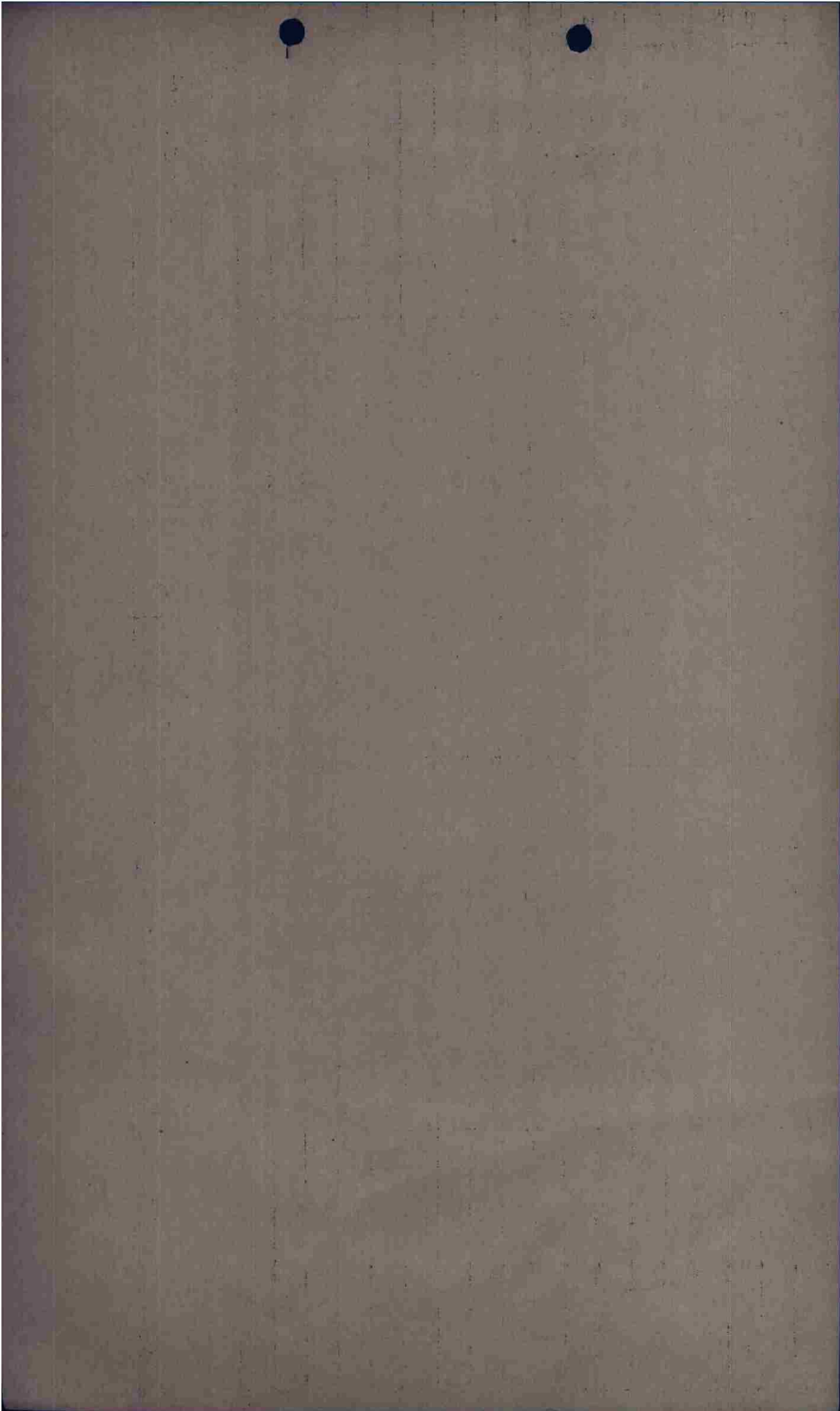
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	A BASE TO TARGET	B TARGET	C TARGET TO BASE	D
1 WEATHER	HAZE TO 5-6,000 FT	HAZE TO 5-6,000 FT	HAZE TO 5-6,000 FT	
2	5-8/10 CIRRUS AT 20,000 FEET. 2-4/10 MEDIUM CLOUD AT 14,000.	4-7/10 CIRRUS AT 20,000 FEET NIL MEDIUM CLOUD NIL 2/10 LOW CLOUD	NIL 2/10 CUMULUS BASE 4,000 TOPS 5,000 OTHERWISE SAME AS ROUTE OUT.	
CLOUDS	NIL LOW CLOUDS OVER ENGLAND WITH NIL - 2/10 OVER CONTINENT.	BASE 4,000 TOPS 5,000		
3 ICING	NIL FREEZING LEVEL 5,000	SAME	SAME	
4 VISIBILITY	2-4 MILES AT BASE 5-8 OVER CONTINENT	5-8 MILES	5-8 MILES	
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	120 4			
5,000 FT	270 8			
10,000 FT	320 10			
2,000 FT	340 15			
5,000 FT	360 20			
FT				
FT				
BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 30.47	TARGET SURFACE TEMP +8°C	TARGET MEAN TEMP +5°C		
TEMP AT 12,000 FT. -10°C		TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) -399		

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		FRONTS -

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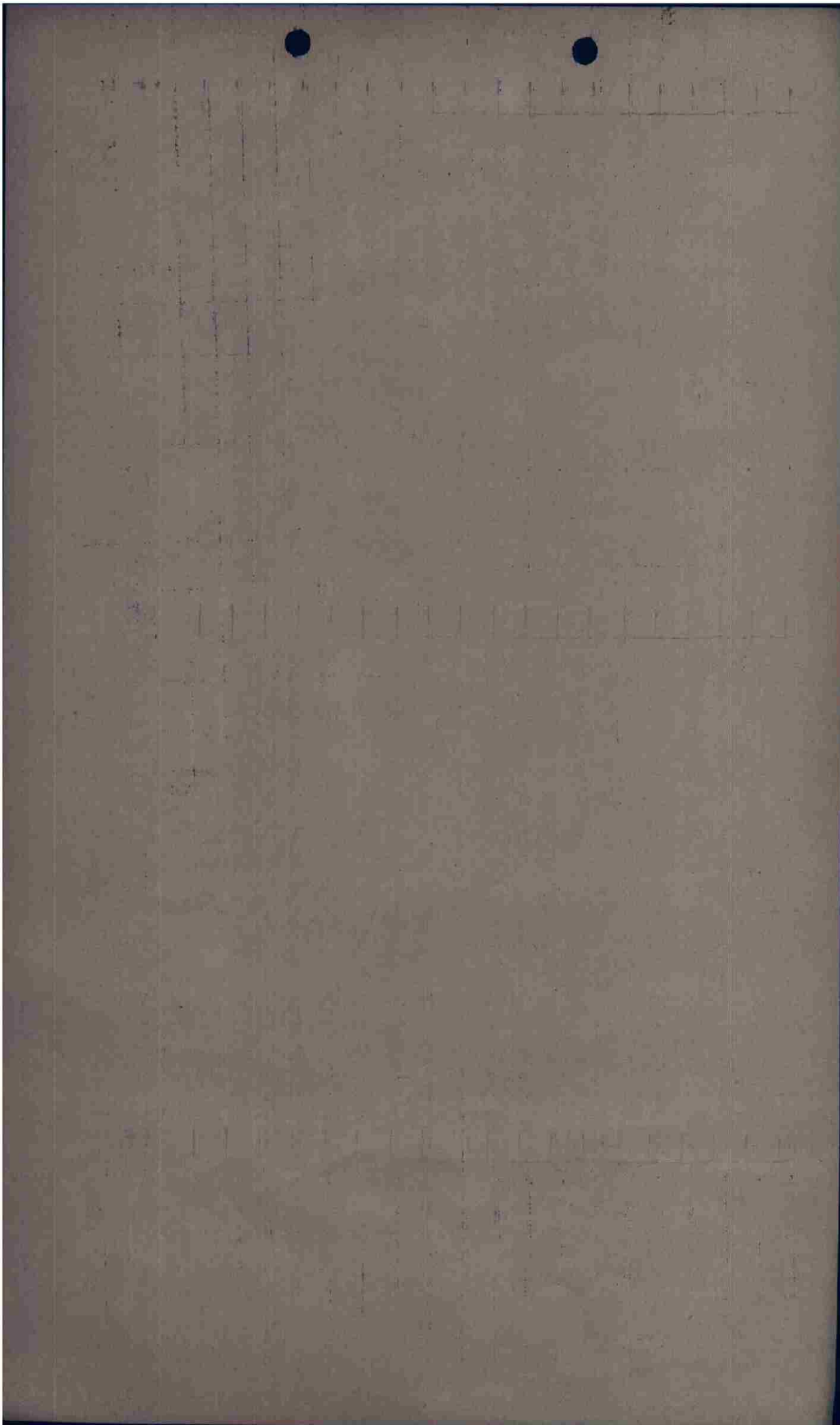


Box I

Mission No. 41

9 May 1944

ACU L.R.	A/C No.	SCDN.	PILOT	IN A R G U E	ATO	ENGLISH COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN	O A M E R A	FUEL	BOMB LOAD	2 N D U R.	LAND TIME	REMARKS
T	135	B	Campbell	0921	12000	12000	1047	1109	1123	755	4X5000	4	1142	
X	914	B	Clark		1005 1/2	1018 1/2							1143	
W	189	B	Burman										1143	
W	743	B	Peck										1039	Procedure - Note book Fuel Problems
V	840	B	Boutant	0922									1144	
I	673	B	Kent										1145	
C-1	311	B	Stacy										1149	
R	679	B	Stacy										1150	
J	983	B	Heuer	0923									1150	
Q-1	900	B	Quarante										1150	
P-1	951	B	Heuer										1147	
K	393	B	Boutant	0924									1149	
F	221	B	Merchant										1148	
V-1	493	B	Adams										1148	

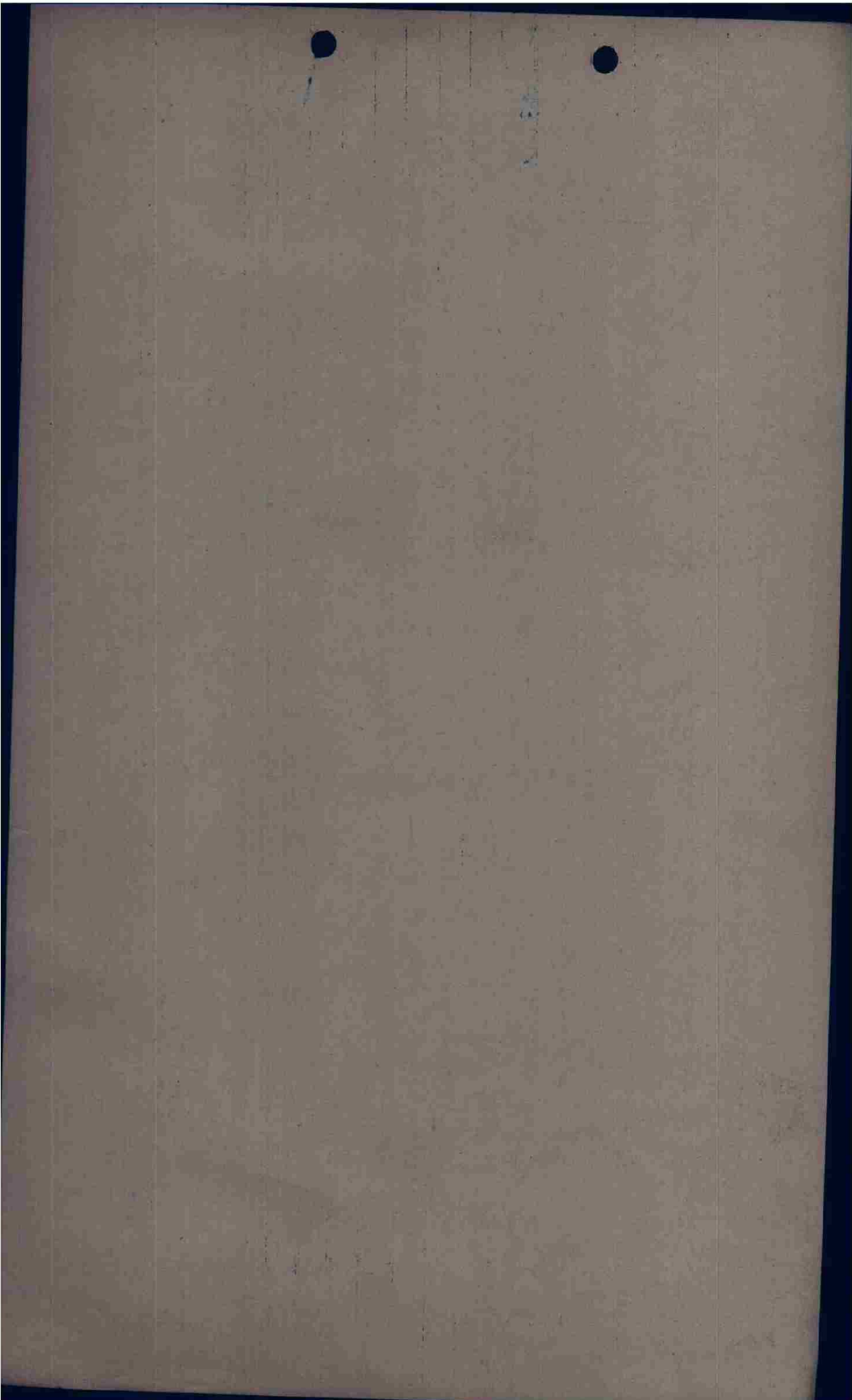


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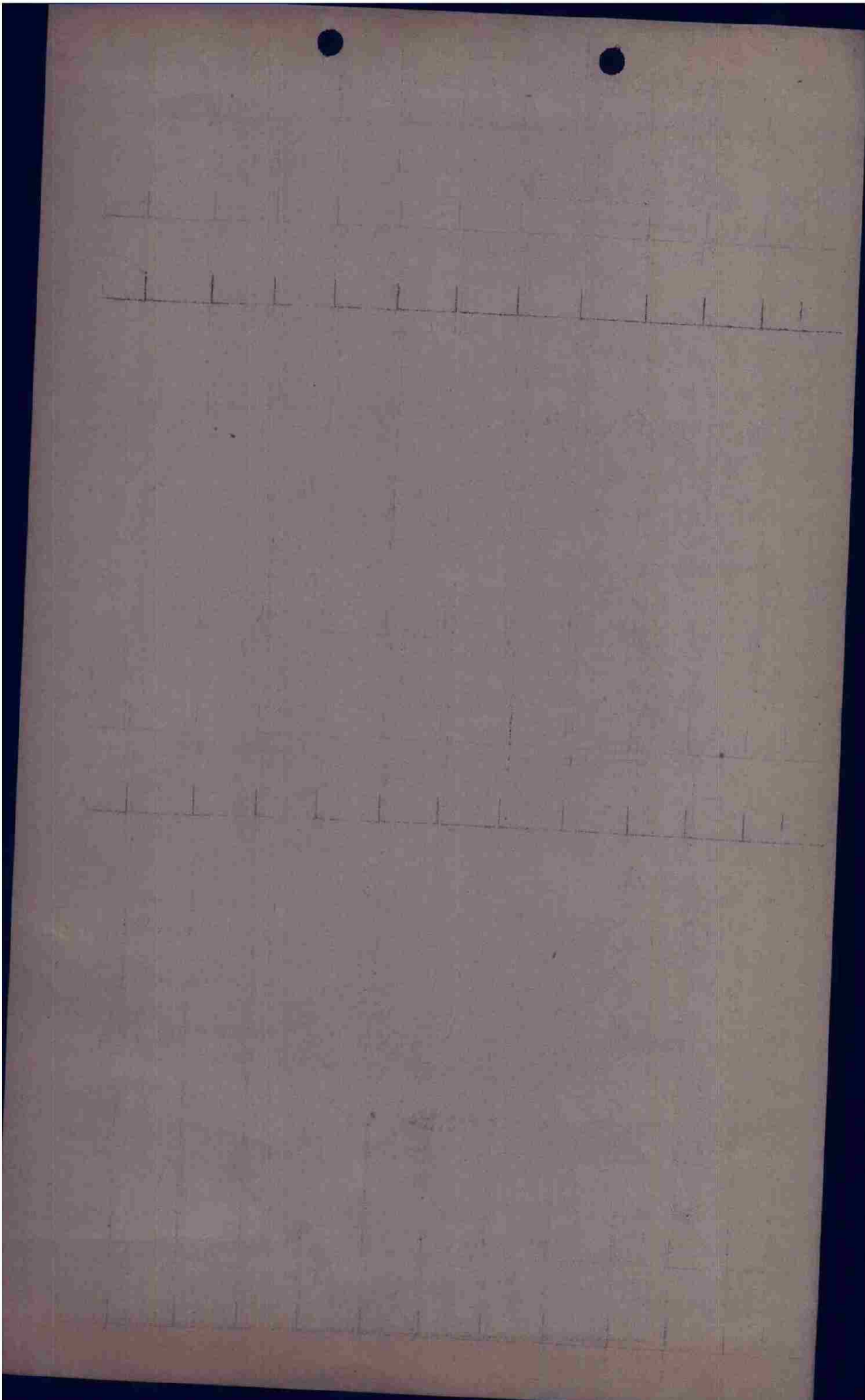
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A/C Ltr	A/C NO.	SCDN.	PILOT	T A R G E T	AFO	ENGLISH COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN	O A M E R A	FUEL	BOMB LOAD	E N D U R.	LAND TIME	REMARKS
J	439	C	Stiller	South	0928	12000	12000	1047	12000	9000	South	755	4x1000	H	1201	
I	139	D	Stackwell												1202	
H	381	C	Wardham		0929										1201	
K	309	C	Cuepino												1203	
G	696	C	Shea												1204	
I-1	689	C	Shawell		0930										1203	
A	300	C	Kudavie												1208	
R	680	C	Stallman												1210	
D	317	C	Shawell												1209	
13	918	C	Shawell		0931										1209	
M	711	C	Shawell												1207	
C	314	C	Shawell												1206	
H-1	165	C	Shawell		0932										1206	
N-1	717	C	Shawell												1206	



May-9-1944

William G. McDonald
Capt. N. C.
Commandant Green



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 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 08/2145B M-39-E
 TO IX COMBOMCOM
 409TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
 410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 08 MAY 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 32-304

MAPS NORMAL

1. B. (2) RAF 2ND GROUP WILL FURNISH SPITFIRE ESCORT FOR ALL GROUPS OF THIS WING.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK MARSHALLING YARD IN BELGIUM.

ZERO HOUR 09/1000B

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) ZB 925
- (3) RENDEZVOUS WITH 410TH BOMB GROUP AT SHEERNESS AT 11,000 FEET ZERO HOUR MINUS 16 MIN. THE 409TH BOMB GROUP WILL LEAD. THE 409TH BOMB GROUP WILL LEAVE SHEERNESS ON COURSE TO NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 16 MIN.
- (6) BOMB: 11,500 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT AT 11,500 FEET.

3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) ZB 925
- (3) WITH 409TH BOMB GROUP AT SHEERNESS AT 11,00 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 16 MIN. THE 409TH BOMB GROUP WILL LEAD. THE 409TH BOMB GROUP WILL LEAVE SHEERNESS ON COURSE TO NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 16 MIN.
- (6) BOMB: 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT AT 12,000 FEET

3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

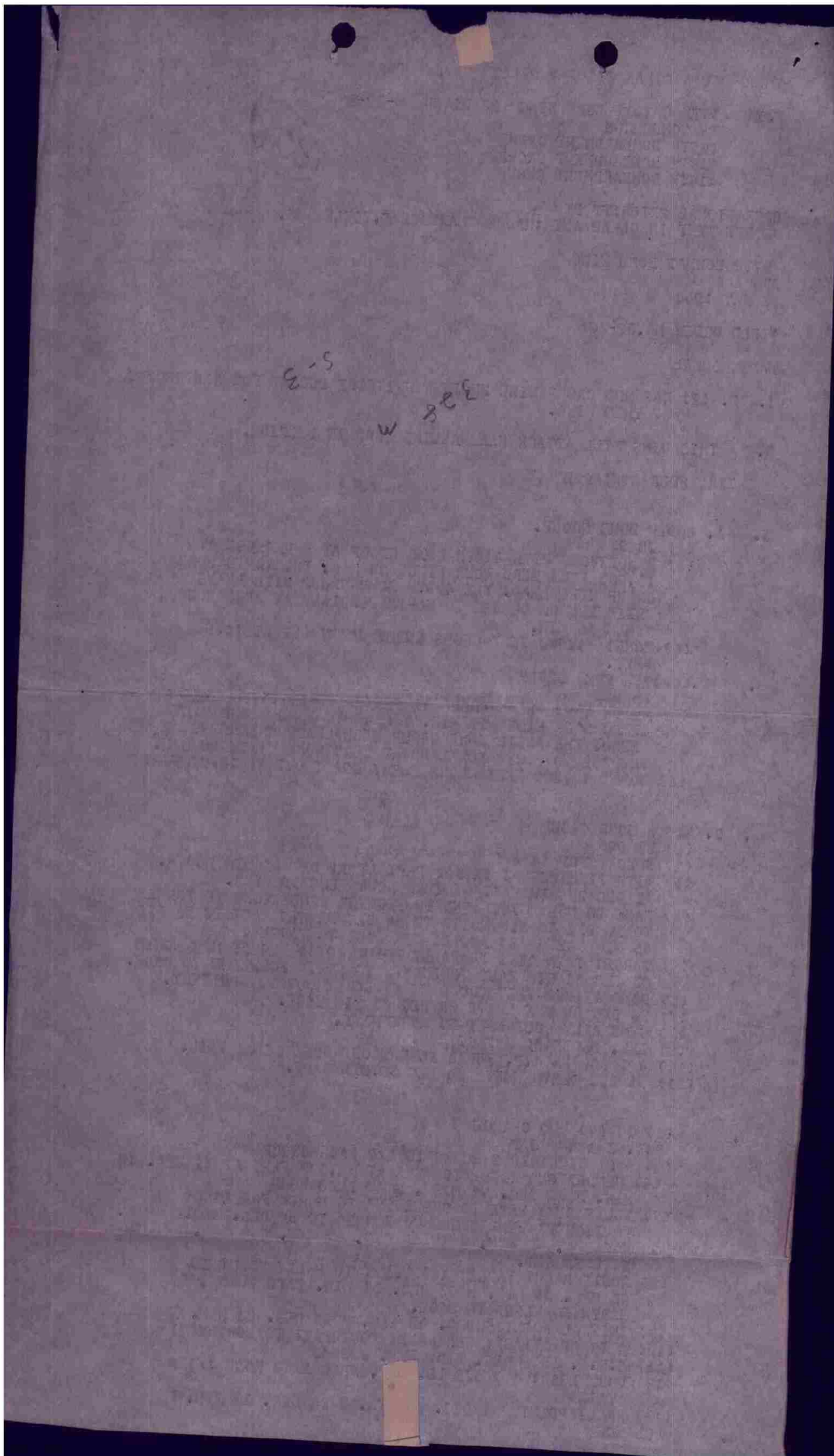
- (1) ZB 925
- (2) 3 BOXES OF 14 A/C
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 12,000 FEET AT 51 DEG 10 MIN NORTH. 02 DEG 20 MIN EAST AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MINS.
- (4) BASE TO NORTH FORELAND TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO FURNES TO 50 DEG 39 MIN NORTH TO 04 DEG 52 MIN EAST TO 50 DEG 45 MIN NORTH 05 DEG 03 MIN EAST TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO RALLY POINT TO 50 DEG 59 MIN NORTH 03 DEG 31 MIN EAST TO FURNES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET.
- (7) 50 DEG 45 MIN NORTH 05 DEG 03 MIN EAST.
- (8) GENERALLY SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST.
- (9) ILL. NEG 3100 REF 023057.
- (10) 4 X 500 LB G.P. FUSED INSTANTANEOUS NOSE 1/100 TAIL.
- (11) 51 DEG 00 MIN NORTH 04 DEG 32 MIN EAST.

X.

- (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE
- PAR. 3 A AND 3 B
- (3) A/C REQUIRED 2 BOXES 18 A/C EACH GROUP
- (6) RENDEZVOUS WITH FIGHTERS AT 12,000 FEET AT 51 DEG. 10 MIN. N 02 DEG. 20 MIN. E AT ZERO HOUR
- (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO SHEERNESS TO NORTH FORELAND TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO FURNES TO 50 DEG. 39 MIN. N 04 DEG. 52 MIN. E TO 50 DEG. 45 MIN. N 05 DEG. 03 MIN. E TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO RALLY POINT TO 50 DEG. 59 MIN. N 03 DEG. 31 MIN. E TO FURNES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.
- (9) INITIAL POINT 50 DEG. 45 MIN. N 05 DEG. 03 MIN. E
- (10) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST
- (11) M.P.I. ILL. NEG. 3100 REF. 023063
- (12) BOMB LOAD: 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSE 1/10 NOSE 1/100 TAIL
- (13) RALLY POINT 51 DEG. 00 MIN. N 04 DEG. 32 MIN. E

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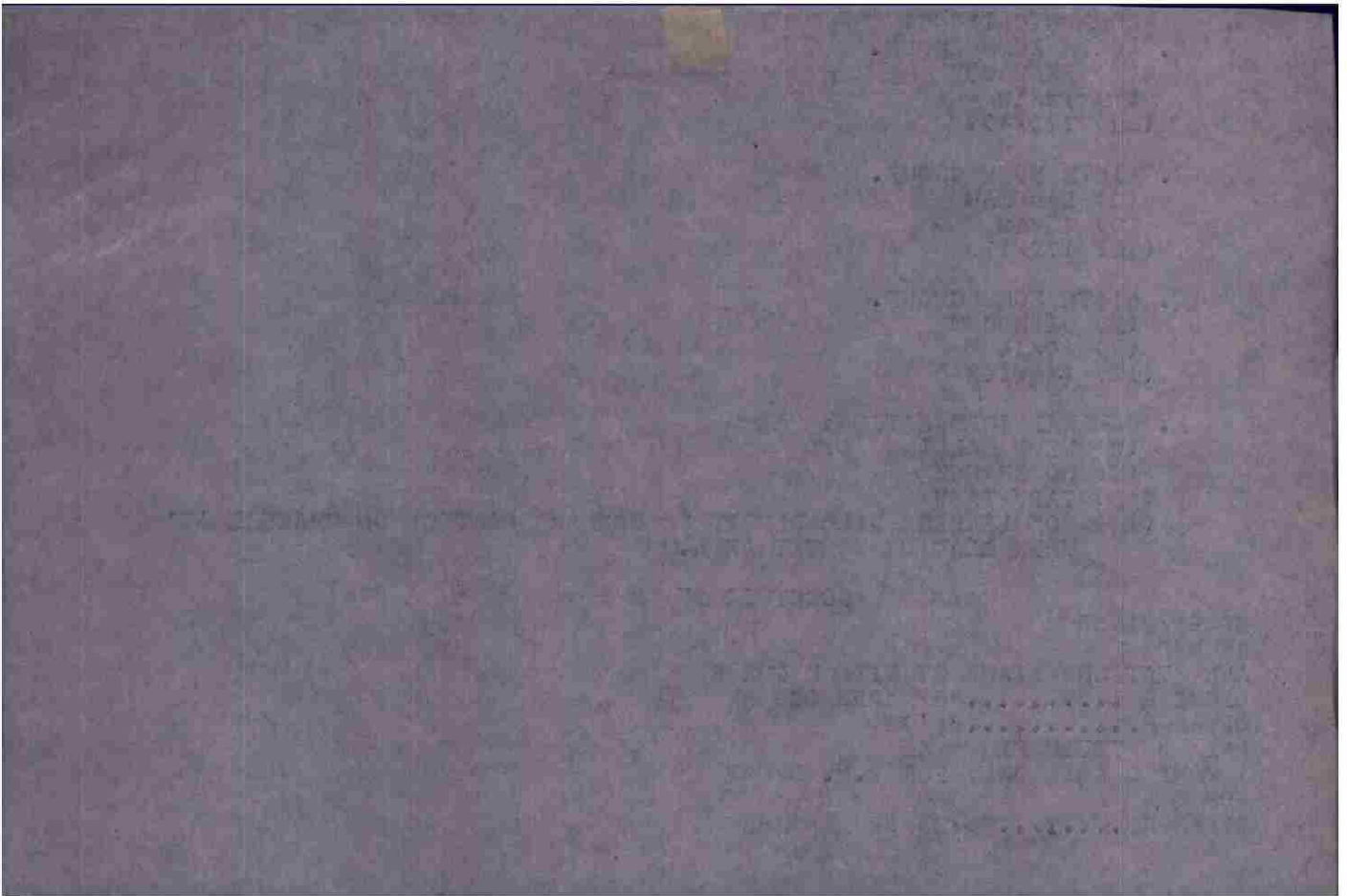
NO CHANGE



2. COMMUNICATIONS:
- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (2) FEETACHE
 - (9) 12/12
 - (10) 179/179
 - B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (2) LADYMAN
 - (9) 12/12
 - (10) 179/179
 - C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (2) DASHDOWN
 - (9) 14/14
 - (10) 180/180
 - X. GENERAL INFORMATION:
 - (2) WEST MALLING D/D
 - (3) NO CHANGE
 - (10) TABV/TABV
 - (11) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL 'C' WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA.

COCBTWIG 97

BT 98/2145B
 AR RRR
 ALL STATIONS STAND BY WITH K FOR R
 OICOG R08/2325B BCD AR
 OIYAA R.....0;')
 LAI U THEIR PLS KK
 I WANT OILAI ONLY FOR F.O. B/CAT
 PLS
 OIYAA RM.....08/2325B EJS AR



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OICOG OIHAK OIYAA OIGOF V OILAI 09/08 "OP"

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 08/2355B M-40-E
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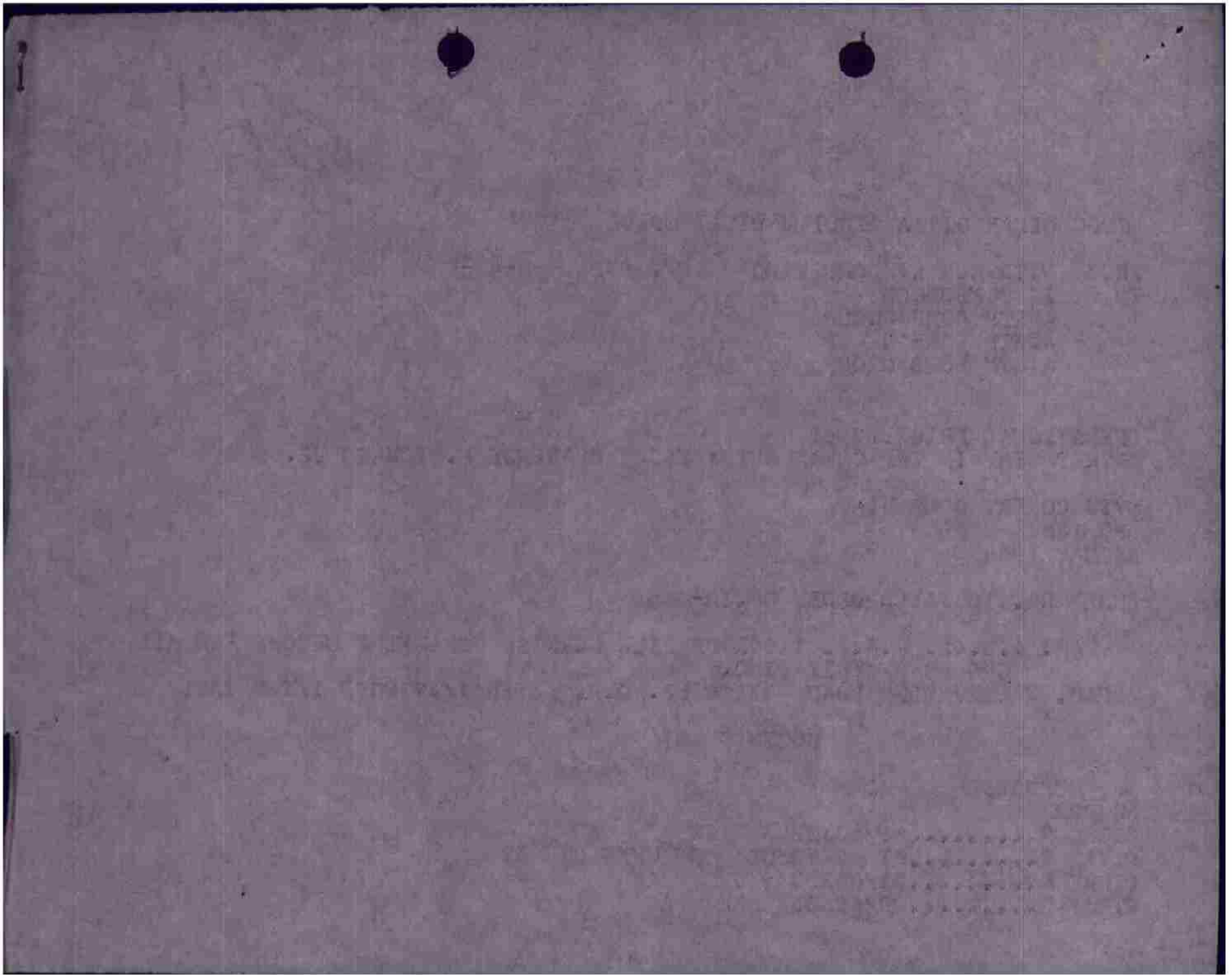
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ANNEX NO.1 TO FIELD ORDER NO.32-304

PAR. 1.B.(2) R.A.F. 11 GROUP WILL FURNISH SPITFIRE ESCORT FOR ALL
 GROUPS OF THIS WING.
 PAR. X (12) BOMB LOAD 4X500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 NOSE 1/100 TAIL

COCTWIG 97

BT 08/2355B
 AR RRR
 OICOG R.....09/0030B HW AR
 OIYAA R.....OX 09/0030B CS WXXX CW AR
 OIHAK R.....09/0030B JH AR
 OIGOF R.....09/0033B AK AR



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 FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 09/1621B
 TO COBOMCOBATWG 97TH

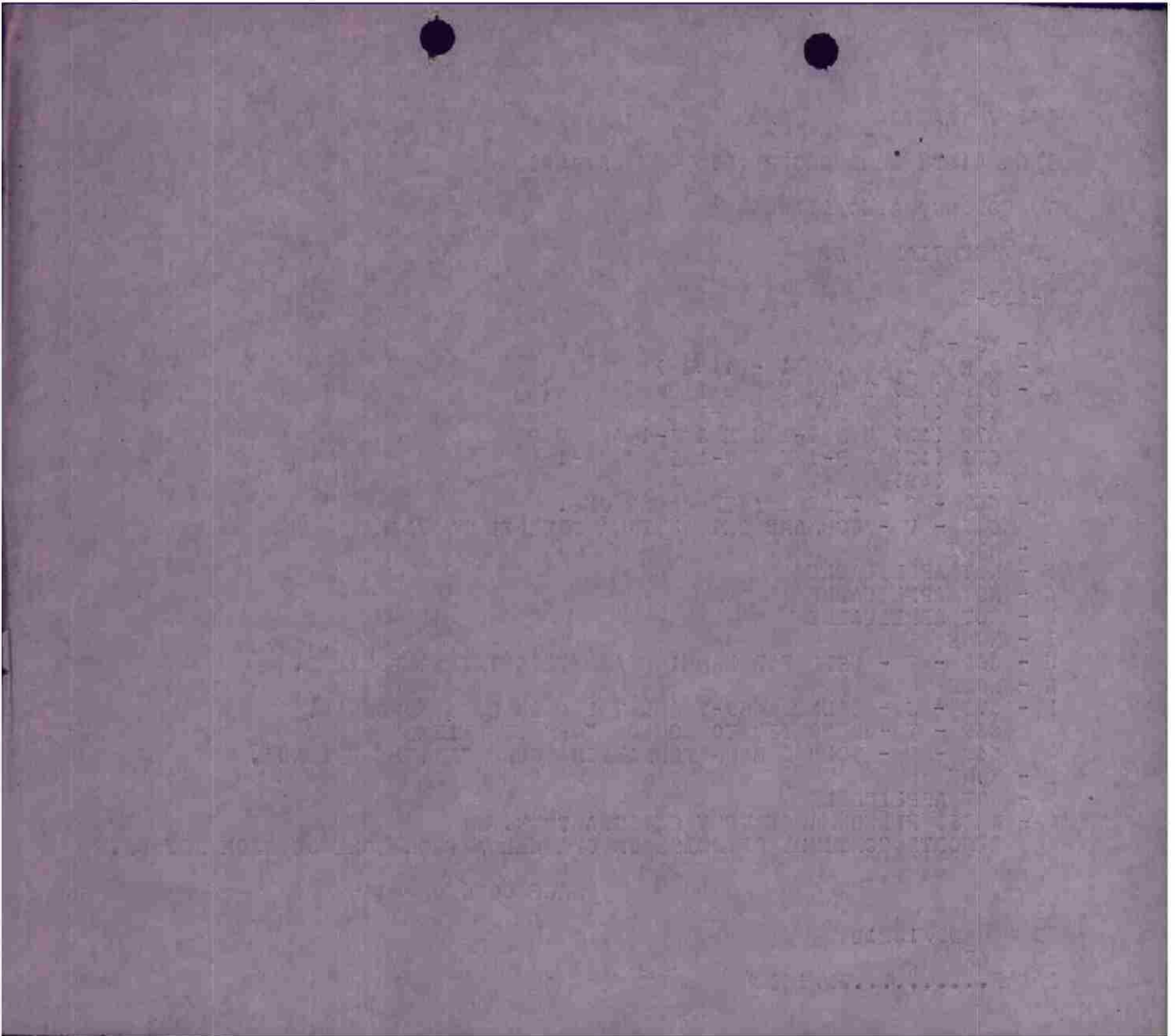
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M-233-J

A - YS - 39
 B - 9 MAY 1944 (0931 - 1158)
 C - 668 (8) Z M D L S B I P
 669 (10) T P W V I C-1 R J Q N
 670 (12) W N B-1 J K G I-1 A R D S H
 671 (12) X P-1 K F V-1 I M C H-1
 TOTAL (42)
 D - 669 - Q - TURRET INTERPHONE OUT.
 669 - W - COMMAND SET ANTENNA SEVERED BY FLAK
 E - NONE
 F - NOT APPLICABLE
 G - NOT APPLICABLE
 H - NOT APPLICABLE
 I - NONE
 J - 669 - T - USED FOR LANDING AND FLIGHT INSTRUCTIONS.
 K - NONE
 L - 670 - J - CALLED 669-T AND TOLD HIM BOMBS DROPPED.
 669 - T - REPORTED TO BOMCOM "OPS COMPLETED"
 669 - W - TOLD BOMCOM FORMATION FOUND "LITTLE FRIEND".
 M - NONE
 N - NOT APPLICABLE
 O - RADIO PERFORMANCE VERY SATISFACTORY.
 REPORTS CONTINUE OF NOISE ON CHANNEL A FROM SOME OUTSIDE SOURCE.

MACE COBOMGR 416

AS
 BT 09/1621B
 EW AR
 LAI R.....09/1630B FK AR
 M



OICOG OILAI V YAA YAAK

6/09

OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

09/1412B

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

CONFIDENTIAL BT

M-230-D

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY CONFIDENTIAL

OPFLASH NO. 35 FOR 9MAY 1944.

A. (1) AERSCHOT M/Y
(2) AERSCHOT M/YB. (1) 416TH BG
(2) 41 A-20'S
(3) 1 RETURNED EARLY - FUEL PRESSURE TROUBLE
(4) 40C. (1) 0921
(2) 1050 1/2
(3) 1209

KXXX

D. (1) 2 DAMAGED BY FLAK - CAT "A"
(2) 0-0-0
(3) 0-0-0

E. HEAVY CONCENTRATION IN TARGET AREA

F. (1) (A) NIL
(B) NIL
(2) (A) NIL
(B) MODERATE INACCURATE HFF - FROM MALINE BRUSSELS AREA.
WEAK INACCURATE PHOSPHORUS HFF AND LFF FROM FURNES-
COXYDE AREA.G. FLOODED AREAS:
AREAS GENERALLY ARE THE SAME.
FLOODED AREA ALONG RIVER BETWEEN DUNKERQUE AND OSTEND.
NO FLOODED AREA AROUND GHENT.
FLOODED AREA DUE S OF DUNKIRK HAS RECEDED.

M/Y:

M/Y AT MALINES SHOWED VERY LITTLE TRAFFIC.
M/Y BETWEEN GHENT AND MALINES FULL OF CARS.
HEAVY TRAIN TRAFFIC AT GRAMMONT.

GROUND UNITS:

WOODED AREA EN SOUTH OF HIE DIXMUDE--MANY BUILDINGS AND TENTS
AS IN A CAMP.H. (1) NO LOW CLOUD. 5 - 6 TENTHS CIRRUS ABOVE 20,000. PERSISTANT
CON-TRAILS AT APPROX. SAME ELEVATION AS CIRRUS.
VUSIBILITY 6-8 MILES IN LIGHT HAZE.

(2)

I. ON PRIMARY 157 X 500
FELL OUT 3 X 500
RETURNED 4 X 500J. BOX 1 - 12,290
2 - 12,500
3 - 11,500

MACE COBOMGR 416

AS

CC "D" (1) 2 DAMAGED BY FLAK - CAT "A"

BT 09/-1412B

EW AR

OILAI R.....09/1430B

LEG

AR

OICOG R.....(X091432B

MWC

AR

TV

