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FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

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13 May 1944
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APO 140, U. S. Army,
13 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 12 May 1944, submitted in compliance with IX Bomber Command Memorandum 55-2.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

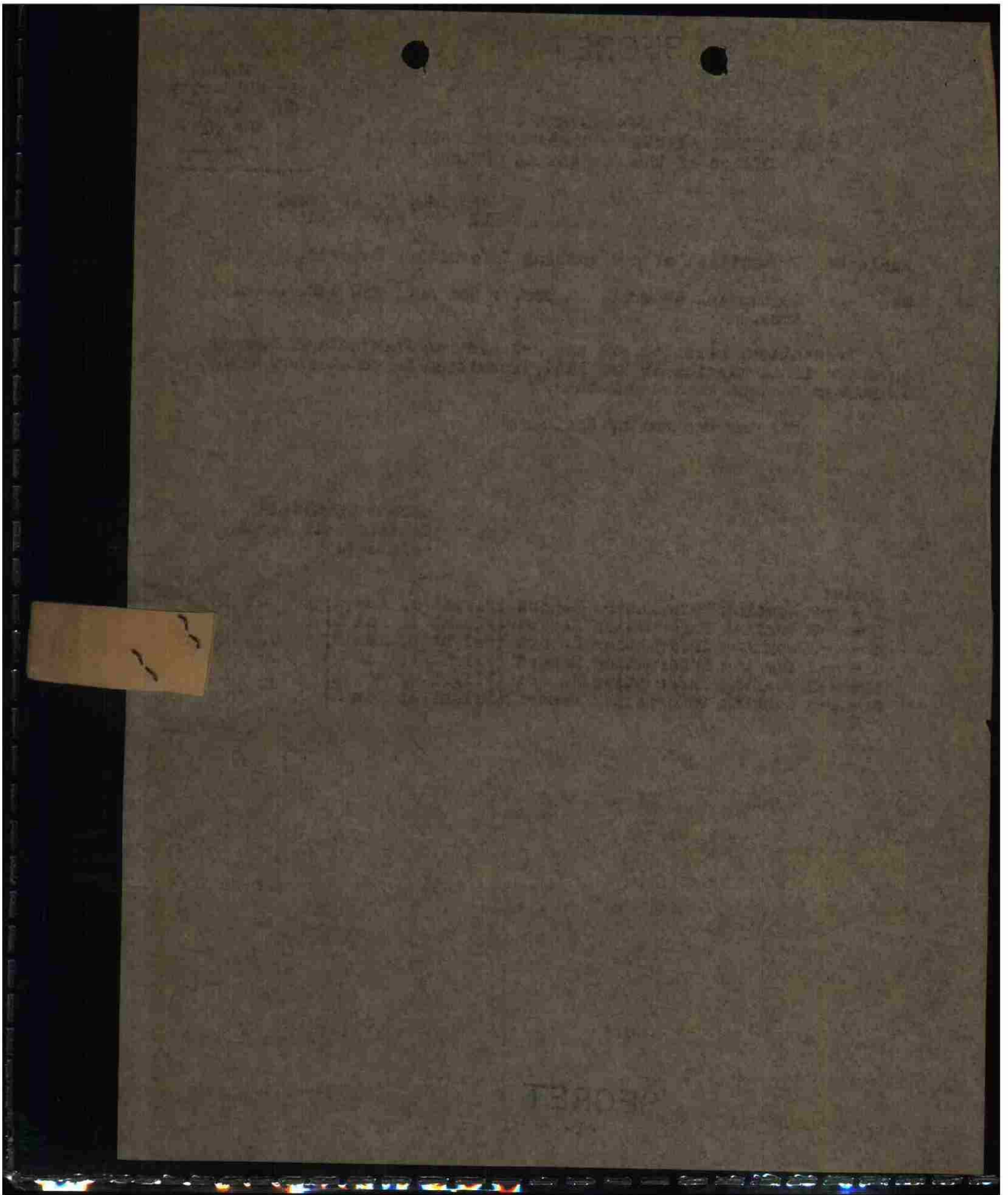
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BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 311

ANNEX "A"

BOX I GROUP 416 DATE 12 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED ReconvoirFlight I
1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.2. Bombing approach: 125° Mag.3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire ~~entire~~ flight 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: AP used as WPI. No trail subtracted.5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Royalty6. Name of lead pilot: Major Willetts7. Intervalometer setting: None Ground Speed: 263 Altitude: 12,0008. Indicated Air Speed: 220 Sec: _____9. Length of bomb run: 4510. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED Delay 1/10T 1/4011. Total Bombs Dropped: 20

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 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: Flak was intense & accurate.(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: EXCELLENT GOOD _____ FAIR _____ POOR _____ BAD MISS _____

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4. Description of route from I.R. to target:

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BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 312

ATTACH "A"

BOX 1 GROUP 418 DATE 12 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Beauvoir

1. Method of Sighting: **Pre-set synchronous.**2. Bombing approach: **182° Mag.**3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO **X**4. Did entire **flight** 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: **As used as 101. No trail sub-tracted.**5. Name of lead bombardier: **Lt. Kupits**6. Name of lead pilot: **Captain Ruff**7. Intervalometer setting: **None** Ground Speed: **255** Altitude: **12,200**8. Indicated Air Speed: **30** Length of bomb run: _____ Sec: _____9. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: **4** X **500** lb FUSED **Delayed 1/10 1/40**10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: **24**

11. Total Bombs Dropped: _____

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

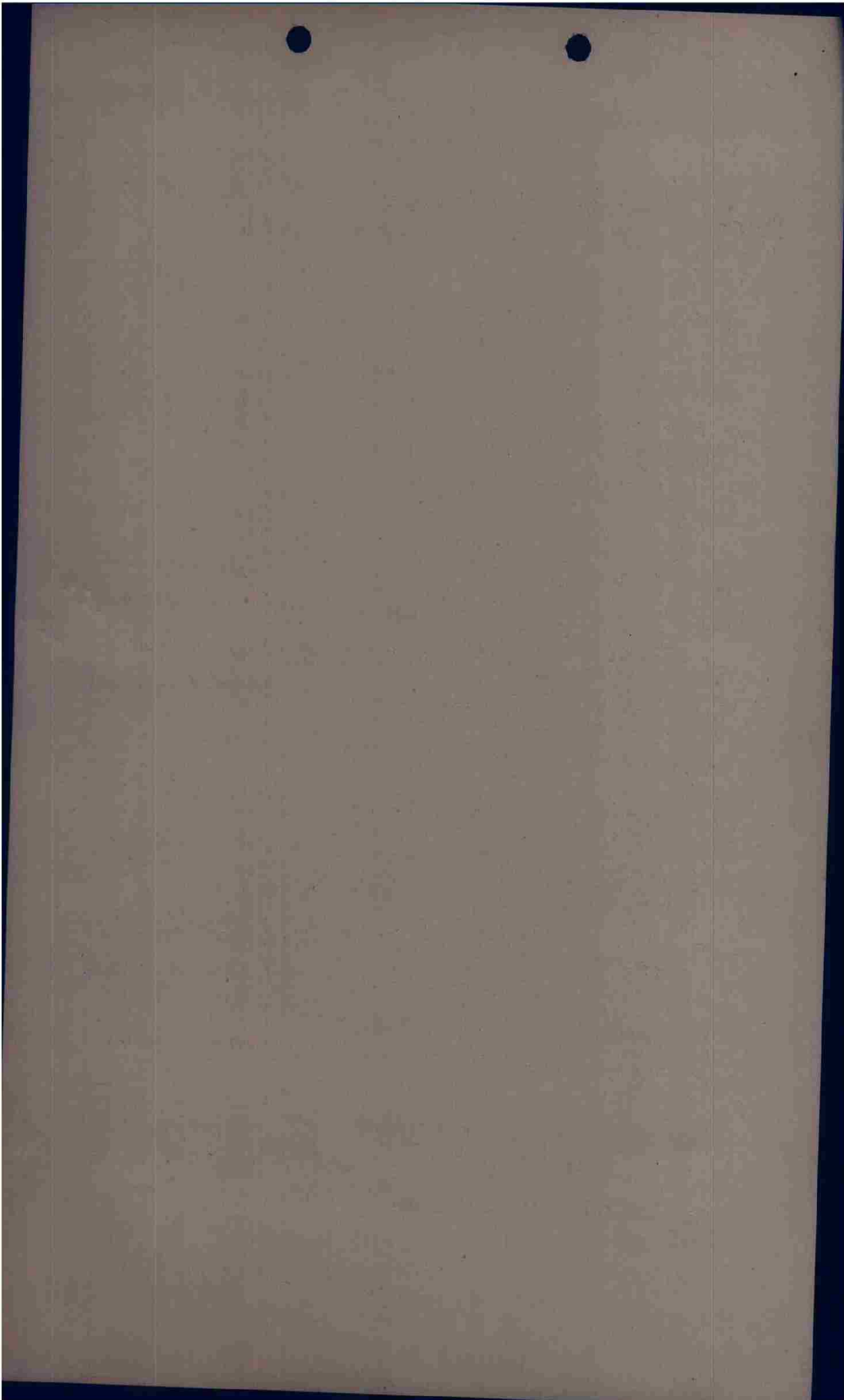
(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES _____ NO **X**. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AT? YES _____ NO **X**. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES _____ NO **X**. If answer is "YES", state to what extent Flak affected bombing or bomb run: **Flak was intense & accurate.**(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? **None**(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: **None bombed with gyro caged. Checked just prior to release point.**(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: **Excellent** GOOD FAIR POOR BAD MISS

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BOMBING INFORMATION

EX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 312

ANNEX "A"

BOX 1 GROUP 415 DATE 12 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED BeauvoirPilot 31. Method of Sighting: Pre-set2. Bombing approach: 110° 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: AP used as NFI. 10 mile trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. McGuade.6. Name of lead pilot: Lt. Somers7. Intervalometer setting: None Ground Speed: 263 Altitude: 11,0008. Indicated Air Speed: 250 Sec: 459. Length of bomb run: X 300 lb FUSED Delay 1/1st 1/4010. Bomb load and Fusing per A/C: 411. 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 AP? YES NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES X NO . If answer is "YES", state to what extent Flak affected bombing or bomb run: Flak was intense & accurate.

(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

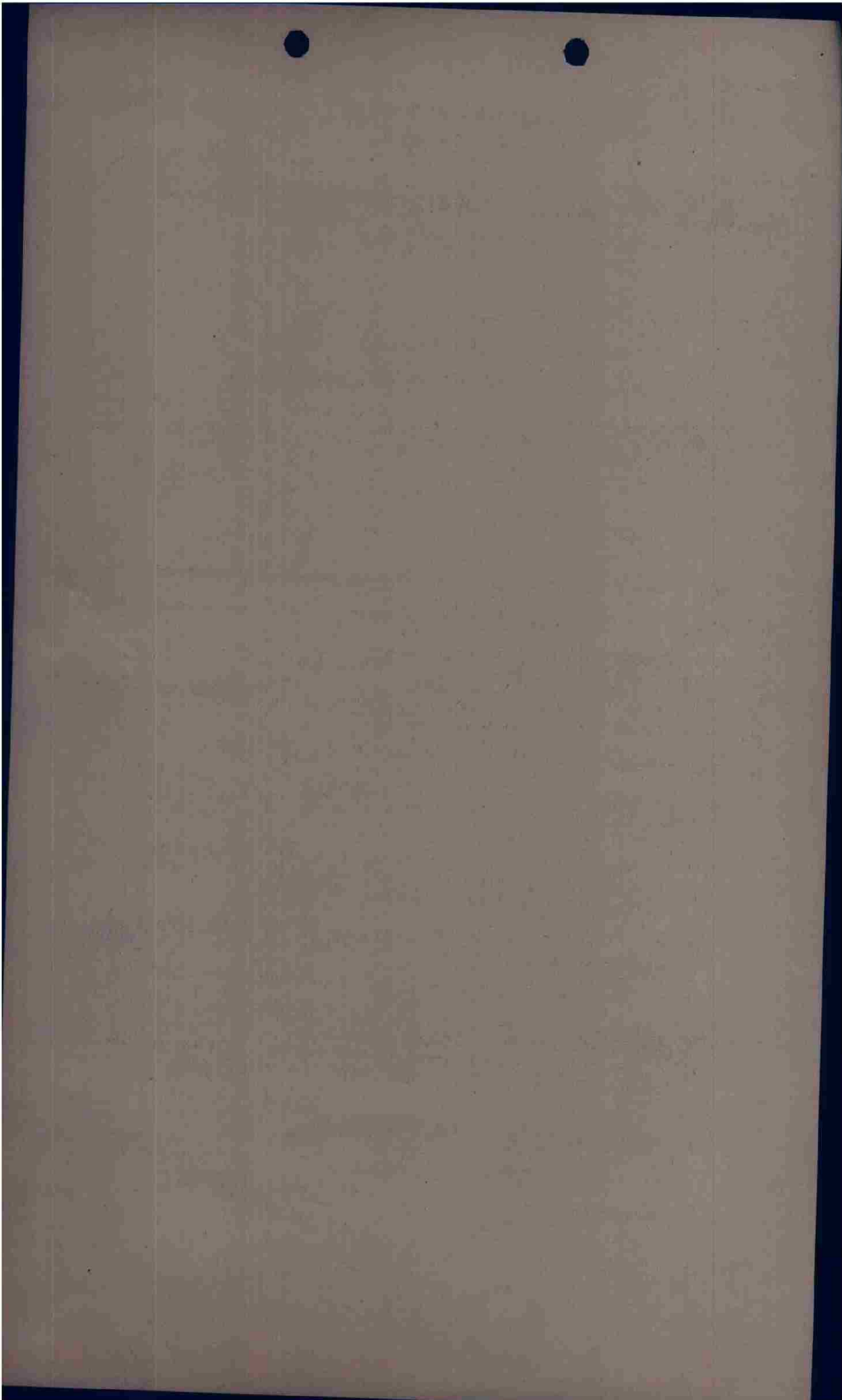
(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO

Results claimed: GOOD FAIR POOR X BAD MISS

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BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 318

ANNEX "A"

BOX II GROUP 410 DATE 12 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Beauvoir1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set asynchronous.2. Bombing approach: 125° Mag.3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO X4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO NO

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs; and specify exact aiming point actually used: Pre-set with synchronized corrections. As used as NPI. Bombs aimed at wrong target.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. McBrian6. Name of lead pilot: Capt. Conant7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 242 Altitude: 11,0009. Length of bomb run: 25 Sec: 4 X 500 lb FUELEDelay N 1/15 1/4010. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 2011. Total Bombs Dropped: 20

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, if or A/C? YES NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES X NO NO. If answer is "YES", state to what extent Flak affected bombing or bomb run: Flak was intense and accurate.

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: Possible malfunction of bomb racks or bomb sight; possibility premature release of 1 m bomb.

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: Possible malfunction of bomb racks or bomb sight.

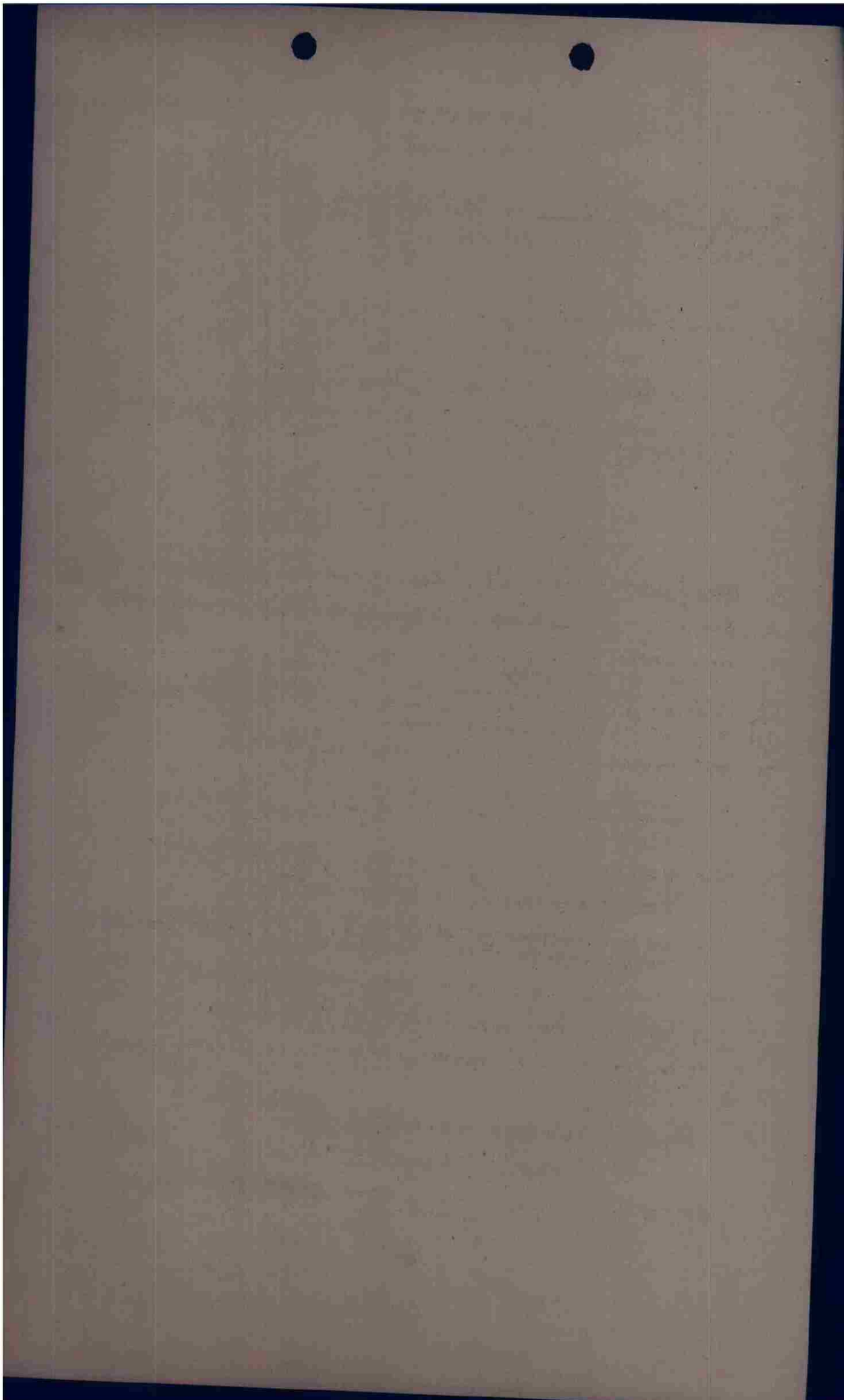
(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES NO X

Results claimed: GOOD FAIR POOR X BAD MISS NO

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BOMBING INFORMATION

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ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. _____

BOX

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GROUP

418

DATE

12 May 44

TARGET ATTACHED

Reservoir

Flight 2

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set syn.

2. Bombing approach: 120° Mag.

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO ☒4. Did entire bomb drop on lead bombardier? YES ☒ NO _____

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used: *As used as 104. Pre-set syn. data with synchronized corrections.*

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Foran

6. Name of lead pilot: Lt. Osborne

7. Intervalometer setting: None Ground Speed: 242 Altitude: 12,000

8. Indicated Air Speed: 230 Seq: 20

9. Length of bomb run: 500 1b FUSED N T Delay 1/10 1/40

10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 24 X

11. Total Bombs Dropped: 24

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 _____. If "YES" state conditions and effect.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attached, if or any? YES ☒ NO _____. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES ☒ NO _____. If answer is "YES", state to what extent Flak affected bombing or bomb run: *Flak was intense & accurate.*

(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 ☒ NO ____

Results claimed: GOOD ☒ FAIR ☒ POOR ☒ BAD MISS ☒ Excellent. X

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12. This statement of all factors affecting bombing - and result -

(a) Did weather conditions of day of bombing adversely affect the accuracy of target attached or bombing? YES NO If "YES" state conditions and effect.

(b) Agent from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attached? If on YES NO If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing.

(c) Did this agent possibly YES NO If answer is "YES", state to what was it that affected bombing or bomb runs.

(d) To what extent did attack by enemy aircraft affect accuracy of bombing?

(e) State any difficulties on bombing runs.

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

(a) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right target: YES NO

Results claimed: GOOD FAIR POOR BAD MISS

13. This statement of all factors affecting bombing - and result -

(a) Did weather conditions of day of bombing adversely affect the accuracy of target attached or bombing? YES NO If "YES" state conditions and effect.

(b) Agent from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attached? If on YES NO If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing.

(c) Did this agent possibly YES NO If answer is "YES", state to what was it that affected bombing or bomb runs.

(d) To what extent did attack by enemy aircraft affect accuracy of bombing?

(e) State any difficulties on bombing runs.

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

(a) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right target: YES NO

Results claimed: GOOD FAIR POOR BAD MISS

14. This statement of all factors affecting bombing - and result -

(a) Did weather conditions of day of bombing adversely affect the accuracy of target attached or bombing? YES NO If "YES" state conditions and effect.

(b) Agent from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attached? If on YES NO If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing.

(c) Did this agent possibly YES NO If answer is "YES", state to what was it that affected bombing or bomb runs.

(d) To what extent did attack by enemy aircraft affect accuracy of bombing?

(e) State any difficulties on bombing runs.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 312

ANNEX "A"

BOX II GROUP 415 DATE 12 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Beauvoir1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.2. Bombing approach: 100° 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. As used as MPI. No trail sub-erected. One drift correction made. Gyro toppled. Telescope blacked out. Attempt to erect gyro failed. Bombs fell while attempt to erect gyro.

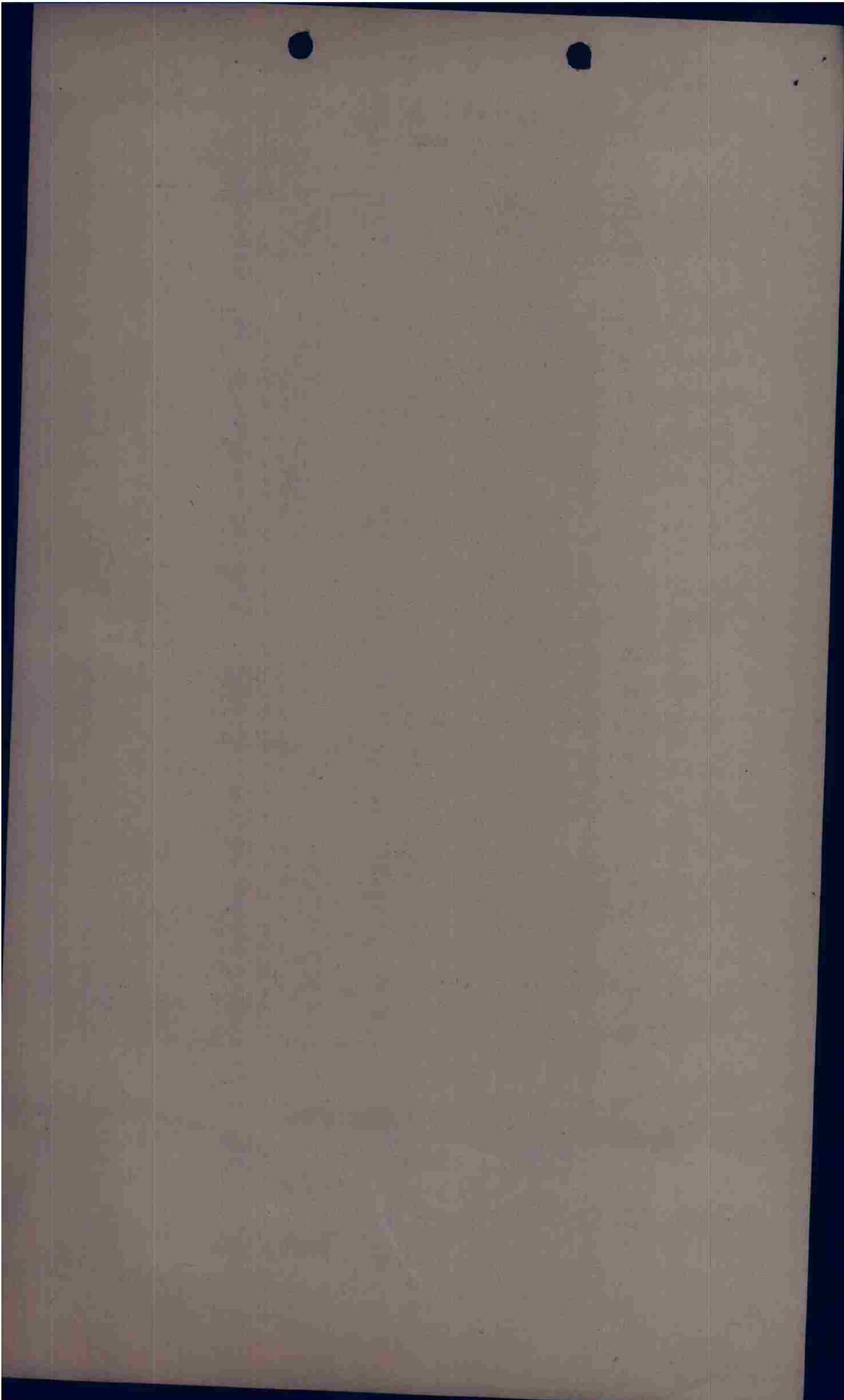
5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Barnett6. Name of lead pilot: Lt. Harzolf.7. Intervalometer setting: None 240 Altitude: 11,3008. Indicated Air Speed: 212 Ground Speed: 2409. Length of bomb run: 20 Sec: 4 Delay 1/10 1/4010. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 25 X 500 lb FUSED N T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 25

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, 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: Flak had influence A accurate.(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? None(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: Gyro toppled after first drift(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 FAIR POOR X BAD MISS ~~SECRET~~



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

AFG 140, U.S. Army;
12 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Mission Report--Aircraft.

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

PART I.

- (1) 12 May 1944--1212 Reservoir.
- (2) 50 plus 2 window ships.
- (3) 20

PART II.

AAF SERIAL NO	DESCRIPTION	CAUSE	SORTIE
43-10129	Crew reported a hit in right engine which burst into flames. Bomb crew say they saw two men parachute.	Flak	

PART III (1)

None

PART III (2)

AAF SERIAL NO	DESCRIPTION	CAUSE	SORTIE
43-3504	Air in pressure transmitter line	Fuel pressure	No
C 43-9380	Bomb master switch not turned on	No bombs dropped	Yes
D 43-9328	Pilot failed to open bomb doors	No bombs dropped	Yes

PART III (3)

None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE BRINKMAN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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MISSION NO. 46

LOADING LIST

12 MAY 1944

BOX I

FLIGHT I

-1. 914 X
Major D.L. Willetts ✓
Lt. P.G. Royalty ✓
T/S F.E. Larronde
S/S H.A. Lempka

-2. 129 "I"
Lt. R.E. Stockwell ✓
Lt. A. Jedinak ✓
S/S H.A. Foster ✓
S/S E.W. Rust ✓
Shot down over target.

-3. 937 B
Lt. J.D. Adams ✓
S/S P.L. Clearman
S/S A.J. Zeikus

-4. 221 F
Lt. F.W. Demand ✓
Sgt R.J. Troyer
S/S C.W. Middleton

-5. 165 H
Lt. M. Zubon ✓
T/S J.R.L. Tanner
S/S W.C. Russell

-6. 951 P
Lt. S.M. Hixon ✓
S/S K.L. Johnson
S/S J.L. Czech

FLIGHT II

-1. 135 T
Capt. M.J. Huff ✓
Lt. J. Kupits ✓
S/S J.B. Thompson
S/S H.F. Hatch

-2. 983 J
Lt. H.E. Hewes ✓
S/S J.F. Kasper
S/S H.E. Boyer

-3. 181 A
Lt. M.S. Street ✓
S/S C.A. Prindle
S/S E.T. Epps

-4. 743 W
Lt. J.S. Connor ✓
Sgt H.C. Rodgers
Sgt J.E. Van Dyne

-5. 673 I-1
Major K.T. Roney ✓
S/S R.F. Stobert
S/S F.P. Glynn

-6. 189 F-1
Lt. W.H. Land ✓
S/S S.G. Alden
S/S R.L. Ballinger

FLIGHT III

-1. 439 J-1
Lt. H.L. Sommers ✓
Lt. R.J. McQuade ✓
T/S W.J. Kelly
S/S W.G. Ferguson

-2. 225 G
Lt. E.J. Renth ✓
S/S O.D. LaNave
S/S F.M. Citty

-3. 493 V
Lt. P. Dantas ✓
S/S A.L. Nielsen
S/S W.E. Fields

-4. 376 O
Lt. W.A. Peck ✓
S/S A.E. Bergeron
S/S H.E. Kelton

-5. 390 G-1
Lt. T. Boukamp ✓
S/S R.J. Colosimo
S/S J.S. Wing

SPARE

219 D
Lt. H.D. Andrews
S/S G.M. Cook
S/S E.R. Werley

-6. 689 I-2
Lt. A.W. Gullion ✓
S/S G.L. Coffey
S/S G.F. Cope

-1. Lt. R.S. Rudisill ✓
S/S R.K. Riley
S/S A.J. Bonamo (220 E)

SPECIAL MISSION
-2. Lt. D.F. Shea ✓
S/S ~~R.E. Lee~~ R.E. Lee
Sgt F.G. Falk (696 G)

-3. Lt. F.J. Harrold ✓
S/S E.L. Griffin
S/S C.W. Mazaisz (679 R)

MISSION NO. 46

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

12 MAY 1944

- 1. 125 M
Capt. H.F. Conant ✓
Lt. R.T. McBrien ✓
S/S A.J. Antamaitis
Cpl Rapacz
- 2. 444 J
Capt. R.B. Prentiss ✓
Lt. W.M. Lytle ✓
S/S E.A. Damico
S/S H.J. Sylva
- 3. 963 N
Lt. L.E. Hill ✓
S/S C.M. Yost
S/S R.W. Burch

- 4. 935 F
Lt. B.H. Bradford ✓
S/S R.W. MacDonald
S/S A.A. Hill

- 5. 362 L
Lt. R.D. Poindexter ✓
S/S D.H. Simpson
T/S L.E. Robbins

- 6. 684 "E" *Santie*
Lt. E.B. Kreh ✓
S/S D.R. Schenck
S/S E.E. Kelly

FLIGHT II

- 1. 450 S
Lt. A.E. Osborne ✓
Lt. W. Forma
S/S J.N. Hume
S/S F.E. Brown
- 2. 218 E
Lt. G.F. Bartmus ✓
S/S F.L. Flacks
S/S B.C. Sieg
- 3. 379 G
Lt. W.E. Downing ✓
S/S E.S. Dickenson
Sgt K.E. Hornbeck

- 4. 182 B
Lt. G. Ebenstein ✓
S/S H. Perkins
S/S W.H. Coe

- 5. 195 D
Lt. R.K. Cruze ✓
S/S C.F. Love
S/S F.L. Adair

- 6. 360 S-1
Lt. S.B. Ritchie ✓
S/S A.W. Newkirk
S/S E.A. Anderson

FLIGHT III

- 1. 455 T
Lt. L.A. Marzolf ✓
Lt. R.J. Basnett ✓
S/S H.E. Wellin
S/S L.G. Kutzer
- 2. 380 N-1
Lt. J.P. Hillerman ✓
S/S F.D. Allred
S/S D. Stephens
- 3. 209 K-1
Lt. P.G. Atkinson ✓
S/S J.O. Swafford
S/S P.F. Glynn

- 4. 386 W
Lt. W.J. Greene ✓
S/S J.A. Ochaba
S/S W.F. Colbert

- 5. 387 H
Lt. C.L. McGlohn ✓
S/S J.W. Moran
S/S P.B. Driskill

- 6. 217 D-1
Lt. T.J. Leonard ✓
S/S O.D. Evans
S/S T.A. Palmer

SPARE

- 978 S-2
Lt. J.C. Sewall
Pvt J. McKee
S/S E. Eutsler

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

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"J" FORM CLEARANCE P-4

12 MAY 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR JOHN G. NAPIER

A.

B. 1900

C. DUNGENESS

D. BOX I R/T KITNOSE ONE

671 9 E X I B F H P G-1 V

670 3 G J -1 I-2

668 9 R T J A W I-1 P-1 O G-E

671 1 SPARE D

GROUP LEADER 671 X

DEPUTY 671 I

BOX II R/T KITNOSE TWO

668 11 M J N F L K E G B D S-1

669 1 S

670 6 W N-1 K-1 W H D-1

670 1 SPARE S-2

SECOND BOX LEADER 668 M

DEPUTY 668 J

E. 12000

F. BERCK SUR MER

G. 1911

H. 17

J. BERCK SUR MER

K. DUNGENESS

L. 1937

M. 1. E. T. D. 1833 E. T. A. 1954

2. 4 X 500 G.P.

3. 4 PLUS HOURS

4. BOX I Z3031A

BOX II. Z3031A

5. NONE

MACE COBORGH 416

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

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

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

APO 140
12 May 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 4 miles. Scattered
cirrus at 20000 feet.

ROUTE OUT: Patches of cirrus all along route at
20000 feet. Visibility 4-6 miles over
England except 2 miles at the Thames.
Visibility 4-6 miles over the channel
and 3-5 miles over continent.

TARGET: Clear. Visibility 5-5 miles down sun and
1 mile up sun.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out with visibility
3-4 miles over England and cirrus
increasing to 4-6/10.

BASE ON RETURN: Visibility 4 miles. 6-8/10 cirrus
at 20000 feet.

WINDS: As forecast.

TIME OVER TARGET: 19:20

Weather did not effect bombing.

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

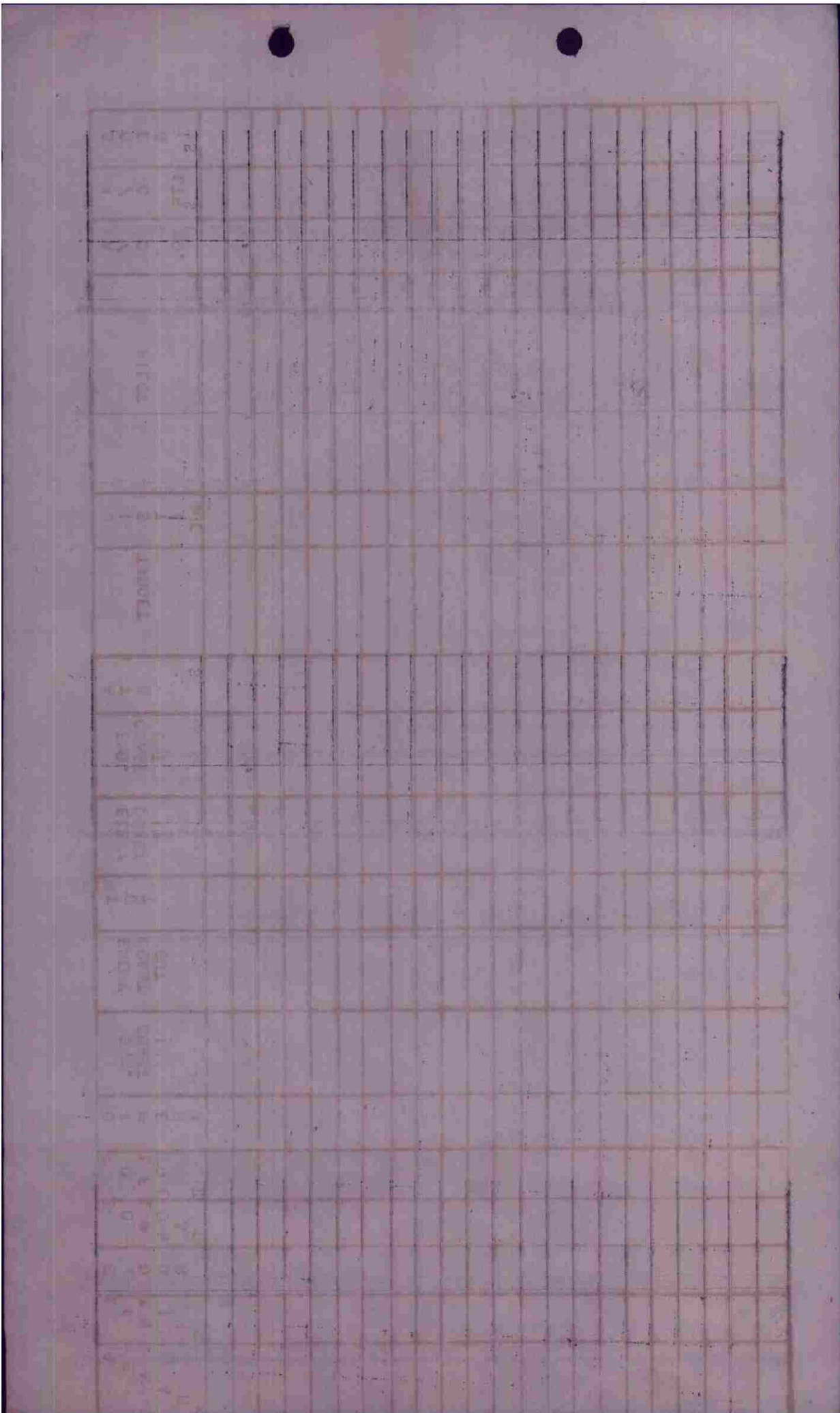
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A	E	220	Fordwell	325	Beauvoire	1822	1400	1911	1930	1928	1937	A	725	4	1959	
A	B	696	Shaw			1822	13000	Shaw		Shaw	9000				2000	
A	R	679	Shaw			1813		19000							1919	
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A	R	129	Stackwell			1812										
A	B	937	Adams			1813									2011	
A	T	321	Adams			1813									2013	
A	T	165	Adams			1813									2012	
A	P	951	Adams			1813									2014	
A	T	135	Shaw			1814									2023	
A	R	983	McIntire			1814									2020	
A	R	181	Shaw			1814									2012	
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A	R	673	Adams			1815									2021	
A	P	189	Shaw			1815									2020	
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A	T	493	Adams			1816									2016	
A	R	376	Adams			1816									2018	
A	R	390	Adams			1816									2019	
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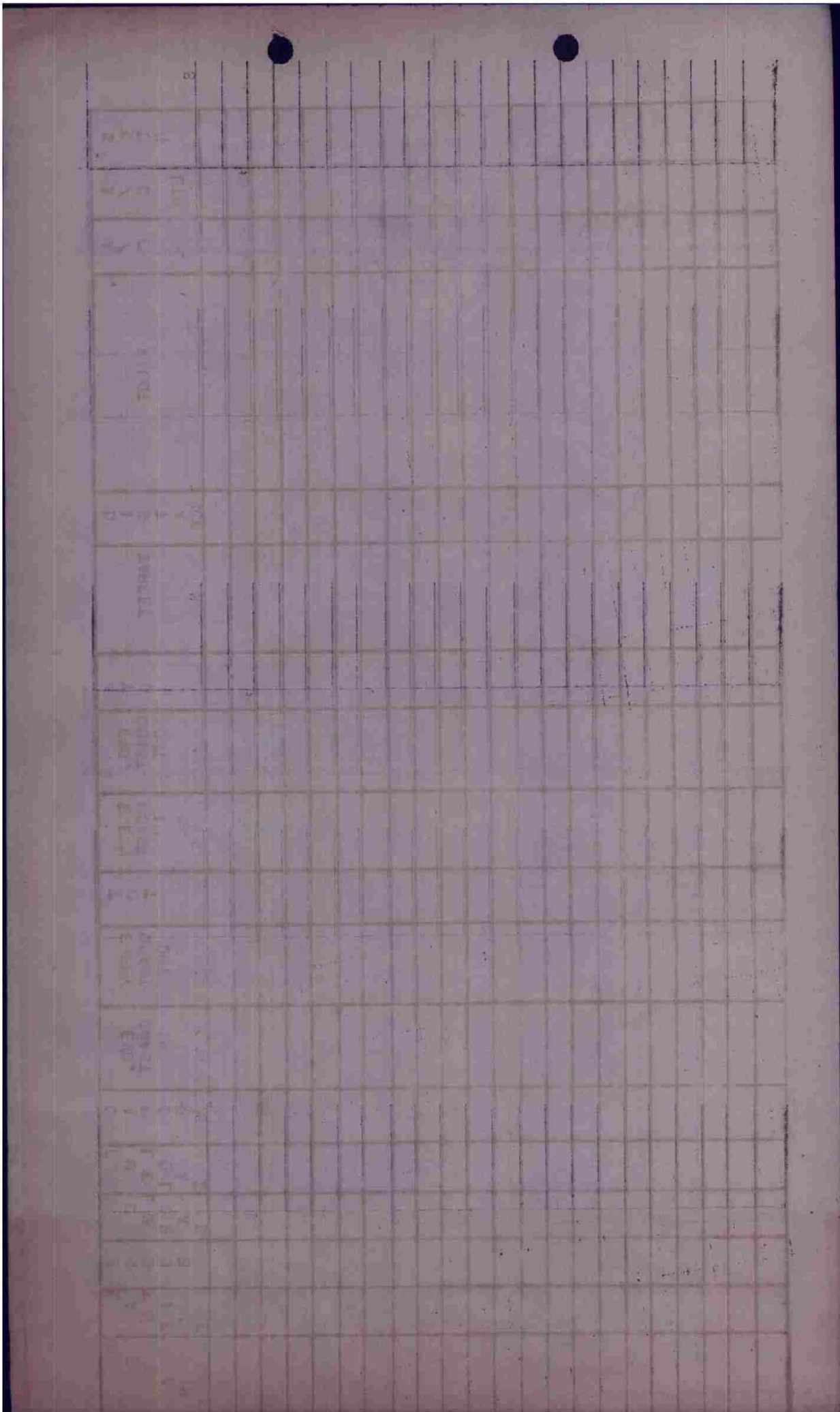


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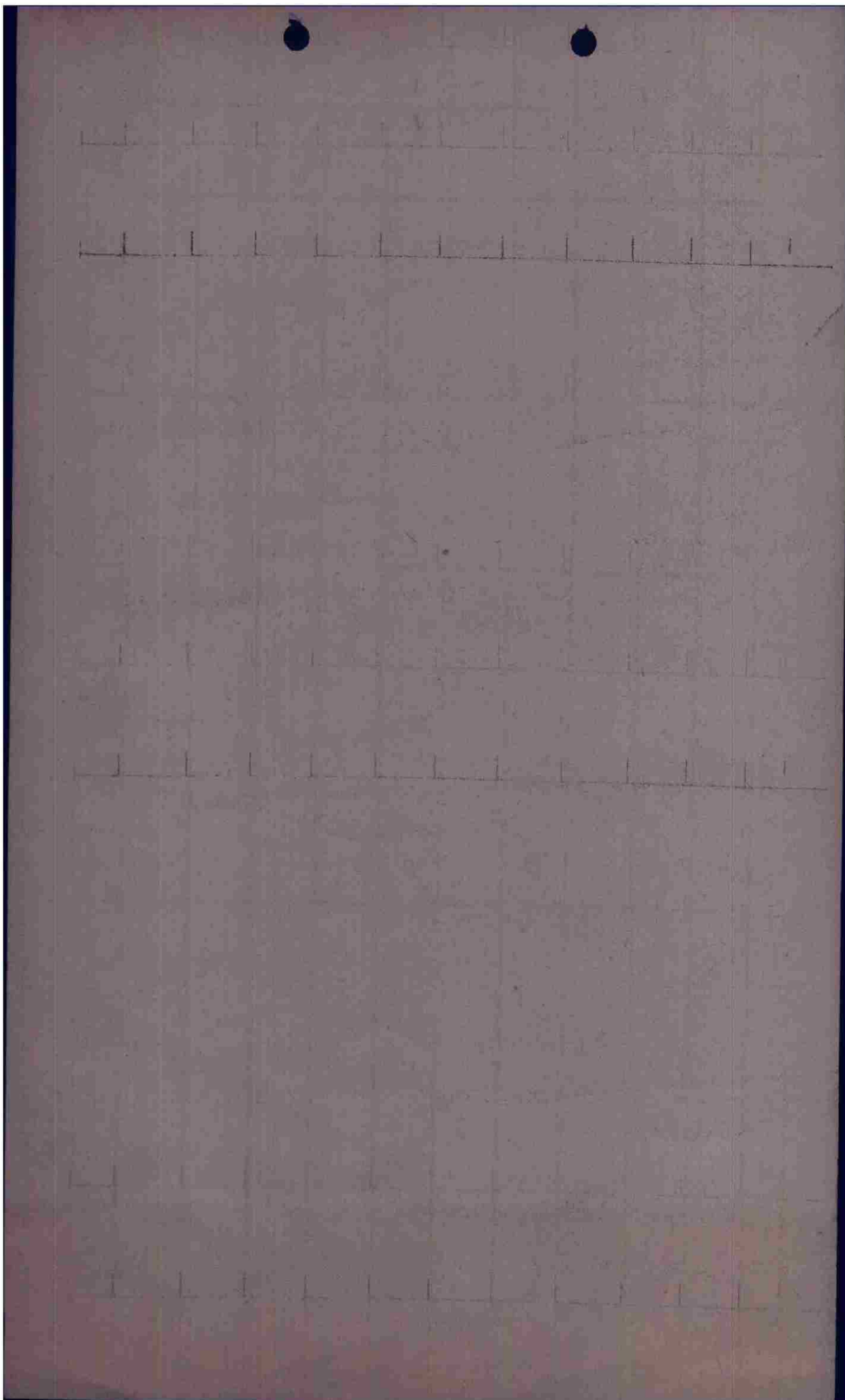
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A	M	463	Yule			1818										2036	
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A	L	684	Thick			1818										2037	
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A	L	195	Deane			1820										2035	
A	L	360	Ritchie			1820										2041	
A	L	455	Monro			1820										2050	
A	L	380	Heilmann			1821										2059	
A	L	209	Heilmann			1821										2049	
A	L	386	Heilmann			1821										2024	
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OICOG OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAL 5/12 OP
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 12/1445B M-67-E
 TO COMBOMCOM NINE
 409TH COBOMGP
 410TH COBOMGP
 416TH COBOMGP

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
 SENT IN CLEAR BY AUTH. MAJOR CLARENCE S. TOWLES JR.

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O 140
 12 MAY 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 39-312

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) RAF II GROUP WILL FURNISH SPITFIRE AREA COVER FOR THIS WING
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK NOBALL TARGETS IN FRANCE

ZERO HOUR: 121900B

3. A. 409TH GROUP

- (1) Z 3096
- (2) TWO BOXES OF 18
- (4) BASE TO DUNGENESS TO BERCK-SUR-MER TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO BERCK-SUR-MER TO DUNGENESS TO BASE
- (6) BOMB 12,000 CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,000 FEET
- (7) BERCK-SUR-MER
- (8) GENERALLY WEST NORTHWEST TO EAST SOUTHEAST
- (9) ILL. A/85/5 REF. 027038
- (11) BERCK-SUR-MER
- (12) TIME OVER TARGET IS ZERO HOUR

B. 410TH GROUP

- (1) Z3123
- (2) TWO BOXES OF 18
- (4) BASE TO HASTINGS TO CAYEUX TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO CAYEUX TO HASTINGS TO BASE
- (6) BOMB 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET
- (7) CAYEUX
- (8) GENERALLY NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST
- (9) ILL. A/60/3 REF. 017021
- (11) CAYEUX
- (12) TIME OVER TARGET IS ZERO HOUR.

C. 416TH GROUP

- (1) Z3031A
- (2) TWO BOXES OF 18 BOMBING BY FLIGHTS
- (4) BASE TO DUNGENESS TO BERCK-SUR-MER TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO BERCK-SUR-MER TO DUNGENESS TO BASE
- (6) BOMB 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET
- (7) BERCK-SUR-MER
- (8) GENERALLY WEST NORTHWEST TO EAST SOUTHEAST
- (9) ILL. A/79/5 REF. 019057
- (11) BERCK-SUR-MER
- (12) TIME OVER TARGET IS ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MINXX MINUTES

X.

- (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE
- (5) BOMB LOAD: 4 X 500 LB. GP4/ &0. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE AND INMEX 1/40 SECOND TAIL
- (6) THE 410TH AND 416TH GROUPS WILL COORDINATE THEIR TAKE OFF TIMES SO THAT THERE WILL BE AT LEAST 20 MINUTES EXXX DIFFERENCE IN THEIR TAKE OFF TIMES.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS TO FOLLOW.

COCBTWIG 97

BT 12/121445B

AS

CC: IN PARA 3. B. (6) SHLD READ AS FOLLOWS
 BOMB 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET

CC: IN PARA 3. C. (9) SHLDSHLD READ AS FOLLOWS

(9) ILL. A/79/5 REF. 019057

CC: IN C. PART (12) LAST WORD IN MINUTES RPT MINUTES

AR JMB/ LEG

OICOG R..... SORRY NOT SO GOOD HERE DO YOU WANT
 TO MAKE THE CC OR RPT THE WHOLE THING TIC COG WILL REPUNC

ECK THIS IS YAE CAME

TIC PLS WHAT DO U WANT PLS

WANT TO R FOR THAT HAENT GOT MUCH TIME IT CAME IN HERE OK

OK TIC PLS

OIHAK R.....12/1554B

JAB

AR

OIYAA R.....12/1554B

JF

AR

OIGOF R.....

SDP 264

OK

OICOG OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI 6/12 OP
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING 121600B M-58-E
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97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING
 A P O 140
 12 MAY 1944

ANNEX NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 39-312

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
 (2) DASHDOWN
 (9) 21/21
 (10) 221/221

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP
 (2) ENCOT
 (9) 22/22
 (10) 222/222

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 (2) KITNOSE
 (9) 23/23
 (10) 223/223

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

(2) WEST MALLING D/D
 EARLES COLNE C/C

(10) ABVT/ABVT

(11) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT CO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL "C"
 WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA.

COCBTWIG 97

BT 121600B

AR JMB

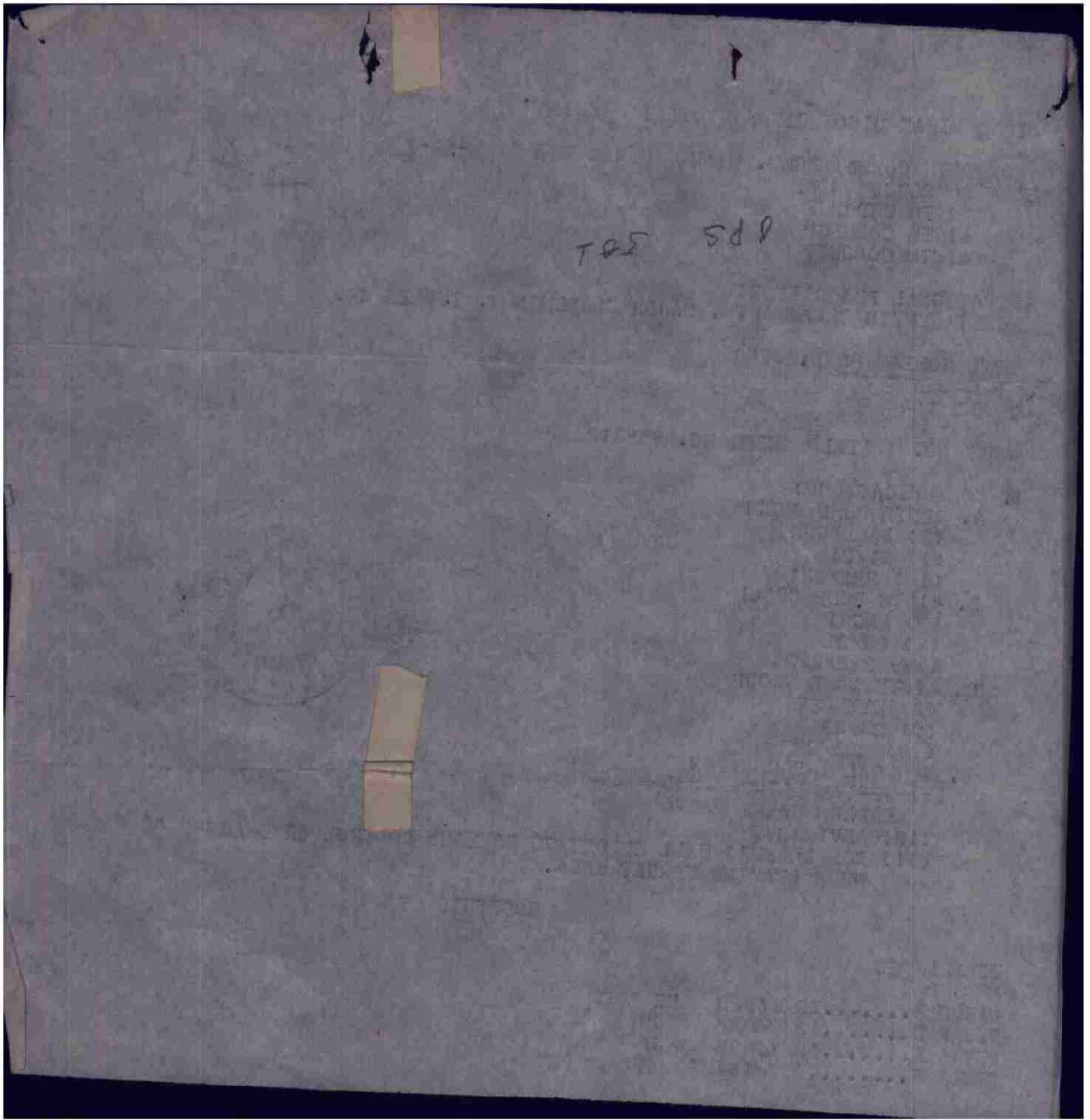
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OIHAK R.....12/1602B JH BB

OIYAA R.....12/1602B JF AR

OIGOF R.....12/1602B MC AR





OICOG OILAI V OIYAA YAA 21/12 OP

FROM 416TH BG 12 /2259B
TO HQ IX BC ATTN A-2
HQ 97TH CBW ATTN A-2
CONFIDENTIAL BT

M 412 D

M-412-D OPFLASH NO 41 FOR 12 MAY 1944

- A. (I) XI/A/79
(II) XI/A/79
- B. (I) 416TH BG
(II) 36 A20'S PLUS 3 A20'S WINDOW ONLY
(III) 4 A/C FAILED TO BOMB
REASONS:
1 A/C RETURNED EARLY. MECH MALFUNCTION
1 A/C LOST ON BOMBRUN.
2 A/C MECH MALFUNCTION OF RACK.
(IV) 32 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY
- C. (I) 1812
(II) 1919-1923
(III) 2108
- D. (I) ONE A-EP - RECEIVED DIRECT HIT - CRASHED ONE MILE WEST OF
TARGET - 2 PARACHUTES SEEN.
(CAT AC) 4 A/C
(CAT A) 20 A/C
(II) 0-0-0
(III) 4 FOUR CREW MEMBERS MISSING.
- E. EXCELLANT BY TWO FLIGHTS
GOOD BY THREE FLIGHTS
POOR BY ONE FLIGHT
BOMBED BY SIX SHIPS FLIGHTS
- F. (I) (A) NIL
(B) NIL
(II) (A) INTENSE ACCURATE HFF AUXI-LE-CHATEAU TO TARGET.
(B) INTENSE ACCURATE HFF AT FREVENT.
- G. NO ACTIVITY NOTED.
- H. (I) NO CLOUDS. VIS 3-5 MI DOWN SUN IN THICK HAZE, AND 1 MILE VIS
UP SUN.
(II) SAME AS ABOVE
- I. BOMBS ON PRIMARY 127X 500 LB GP.
BOMBS RETURNED 13 X 500 LB GP.
BOMBS ON OTHER 4 X 500 LB GP. IN A/CAVLOST
- J. 11,000 - 12,500

BT 12/2259B
CW AR KUX

OICOG R.....122315B DWE AR
OILAI R.....12/2315B CES AR

USLAI SWB KKK LAI PLS TIC
G
LAI HERE KK

LAI V YAA YAA 20/12

FROM COBOMGR 416 12/2225B
TO COBOMCOBATUG 97 ATT SIG O

CONFIDENTIAL BT

M-411-J

A - YS - 44

B - 12 MAY 1944 (1833-1954)

C - 668(11) M J N F L K E G B D S-1

669(10) S R T J A W I-1 P-1 O G-2

670(10) S-2 G J-1 I-2 T N-1 K-1 W H D-1

671 (10) D E X I B F H P G-1 V

TOTAL 41

D- 670-T VHF OUT DUE TO BATTLE DAMAGE

670-D-1 LOWER GUNNERS MIKE DEFECTIVE

669-T VHF TRANSMITTER WEAK

E - NONE

F - NOT APPLICABLE

G - NOT APPLICABLE

H - NOT APPLICABLE

I - NONE

J - 671-X FORMATION AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS

668-M FORMATION AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS

K - NONE

L - 671 - X REPORTED COMPLETION OF OPS TO PARADE.

668 - M REPORTED COMPLETION OF OPS TO PARADE.

M - NONE

N - NOT APPLICABLE

O - GOOD RADIO PERFORMANCE. WINDOW USED WITH FAIR RESULTS.

MACE COBOMGR 416

BT 12/2225B

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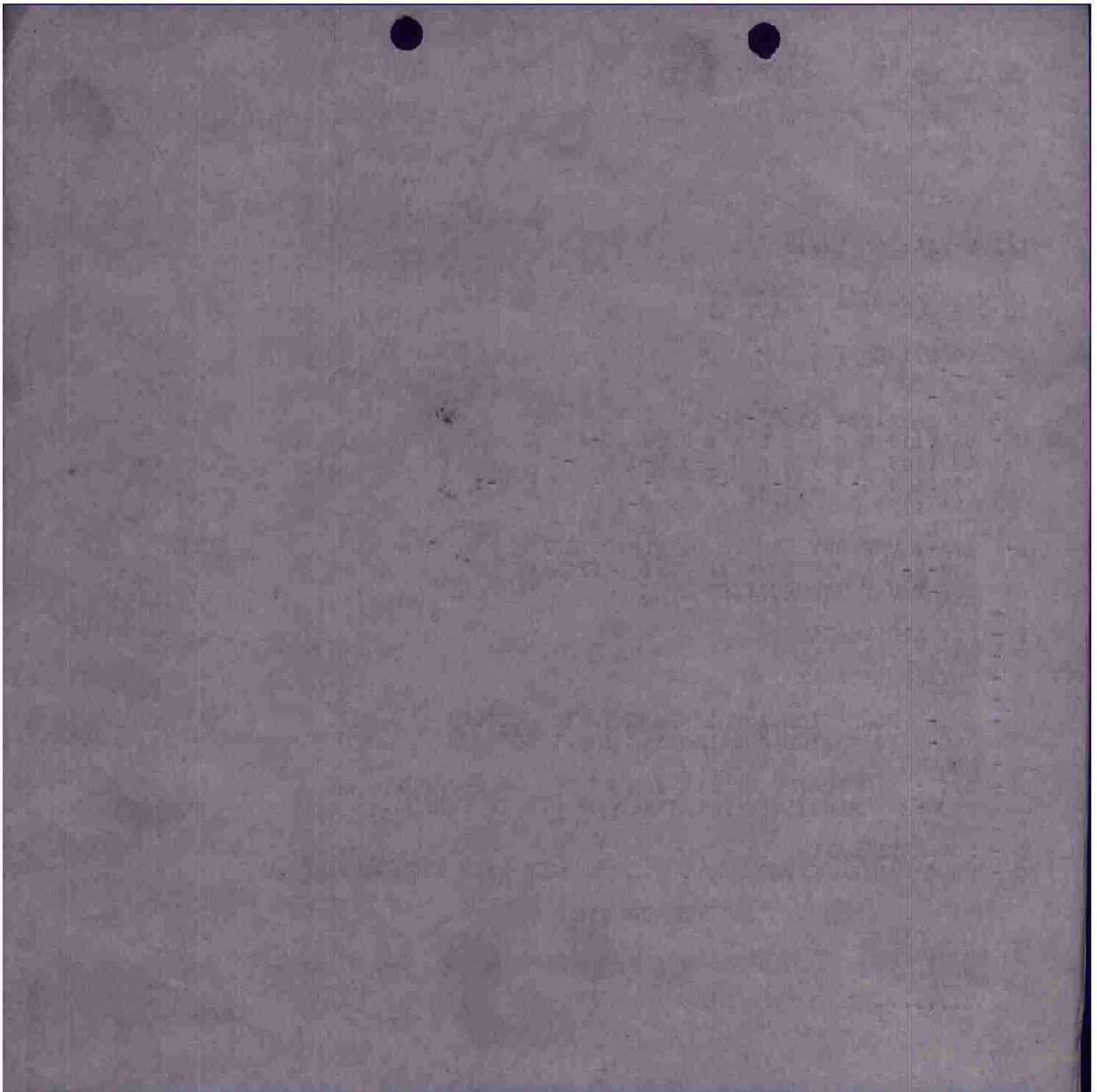
CW AR JL

LAI R.....12/2230B

LCB

AR

TEO



8-3
 MICOG V OIYAA YAA 22/12

FROM COBOMGR 416 12/2320B
 TO COMBOMCOM NINE
 ATT: RADAR COUNTER-MEASURES OFFICER
 CONFIDENTIAL BT

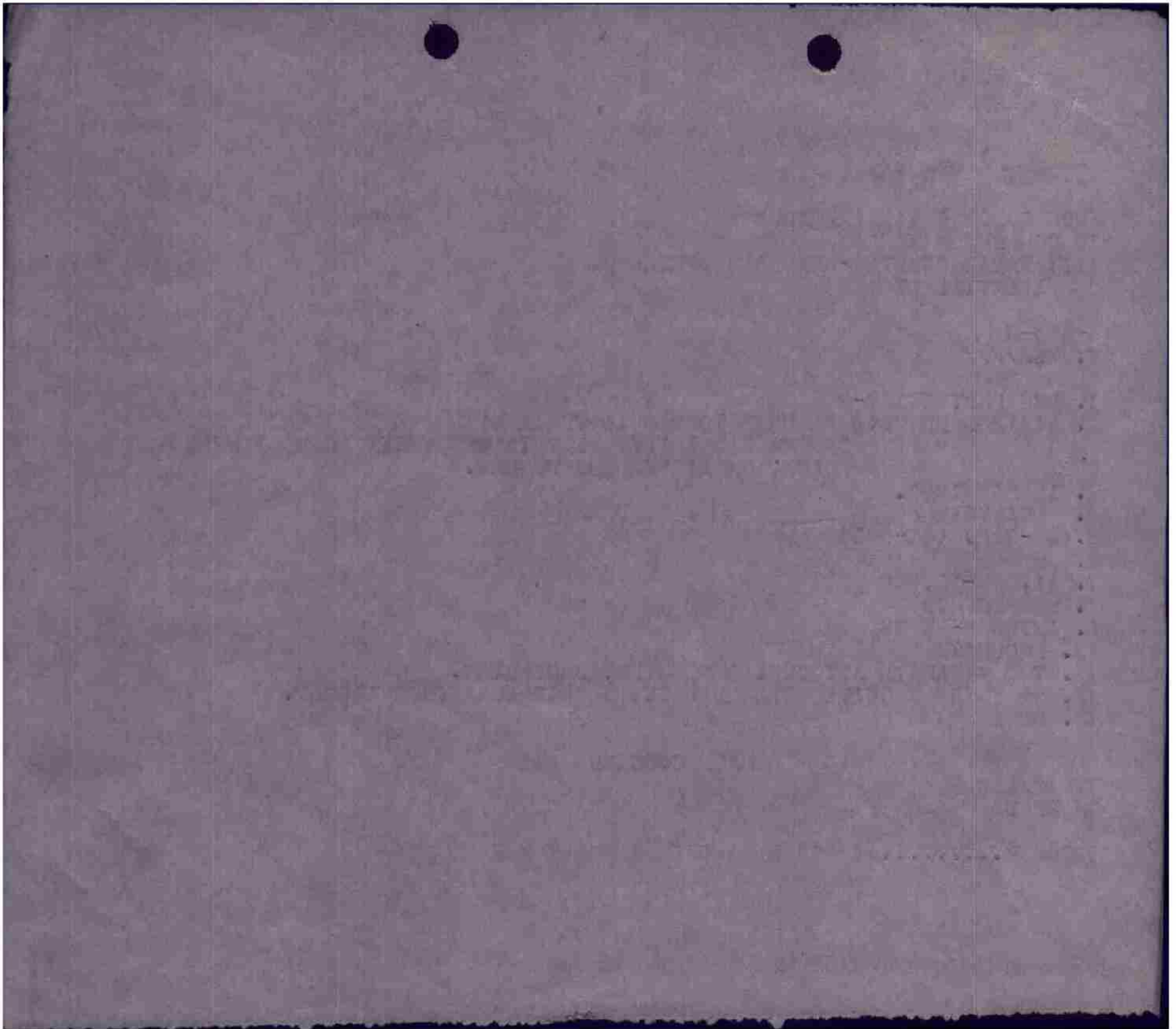
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 14/RZM/R//

1. RCM PROTECTION-2
2. 416TH BOMB GP(6 FLIGHTS BOMBED IN TRAIL WITH THE LAST THREE SHIPS OF THE FIRST FIVE FLIGHTS AND THREE SHIPS PRECEEDING FORMATION DISPENSING WINDOW.)
3. 12 MAY 1944.
4. BEAUVOIR
5. (50-21N) (01-50E)
6. 38
7. 11,000-12,500
8. 90 SECONDS
9. INTENSE-HEAVY
10. ACCURATE
11. TWO SEPARATE ATTACKS: 2 MINUTES, 3 MINUTES.
12. 24 SHIPS RECEIVED FLAK DAMAGE; 1 SHIP LOST OVER TARGET.
13. NONE

MACE COBOMGR 416

BT 12/2320B
 M BBBB
 15

MICOG R.....12/2335B DEF K K K K K



DICOG V OIYAA YAA 23/12

FROM COBOMGR 416 12/2320B
TO COMBOMCOM NINE ATT: RADAR COUNTER-MEASURES OFFICER

CONFIDENTIAL BT

F-414-J

1. RCM DISPENSING-2

2. 12 MAY 1944

3. BEAUVOIR

4. (50-21N) (01-50E)

5. (50-17N) (02-12E)

6. 18

7. 100

8. 170 DEGREES

9. 11000-12500

10. SCATTERED PATCHES AT 20,000

11. INTENSE-HEAVY

12. ACCURATE

13. TWO SEPARATE ATTACKS: 2 MINUTES, 3 MINUTES.

14. 24

15. FIRST BOX LEADER REPORTED WINDOW DISPERSED BY THREE PRECEEDING AIRCRAFT WAS ELIGHTLY OFF COURSE.

MACE COBOMGR 416

BT 12/2320B

AS

W AR

DICOG R.....12/2340B DC AR

F

