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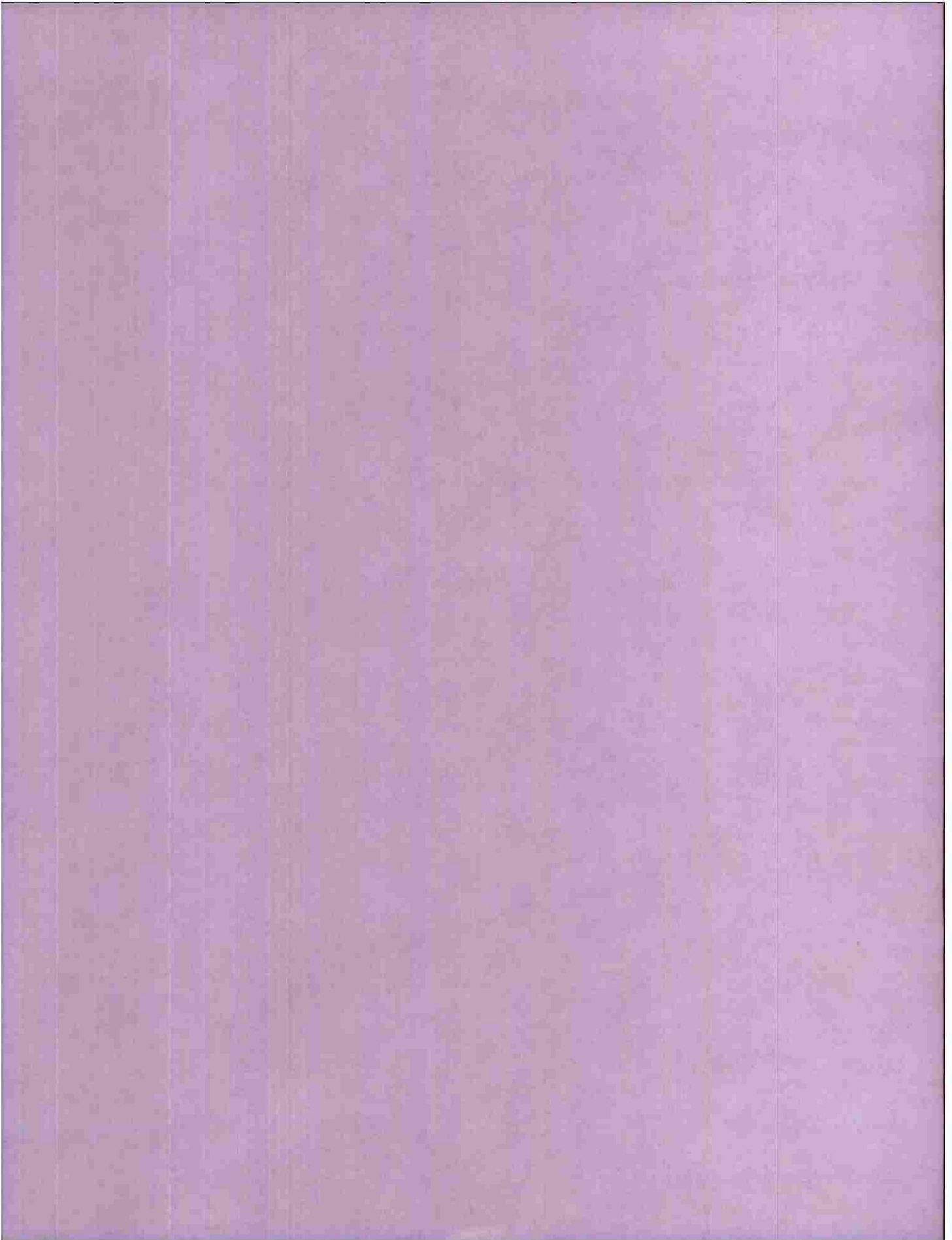
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19 MAY 1944

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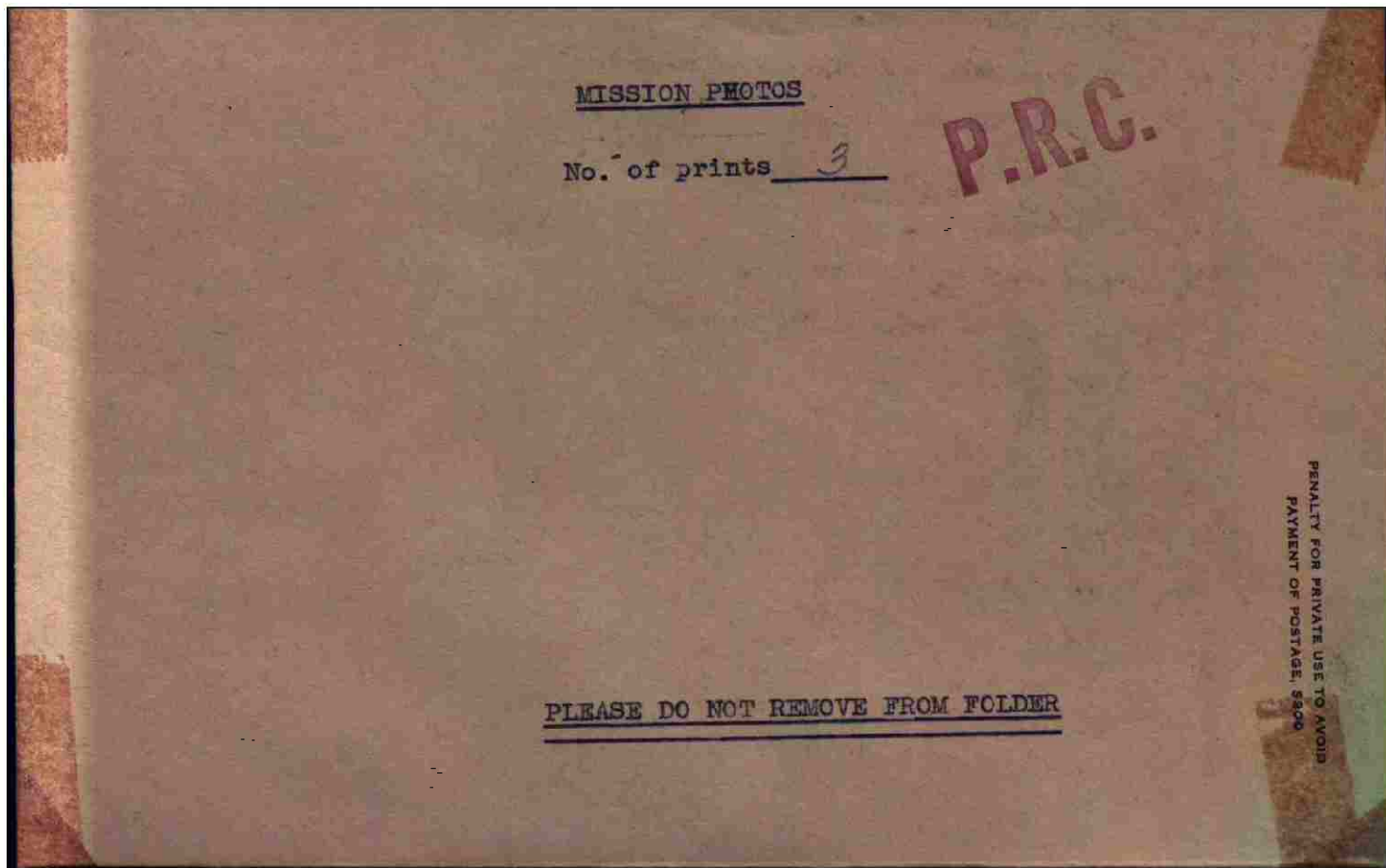
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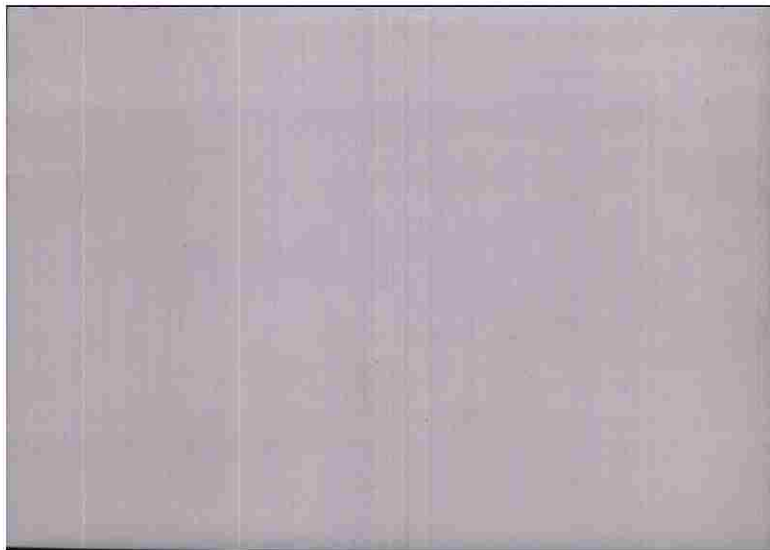
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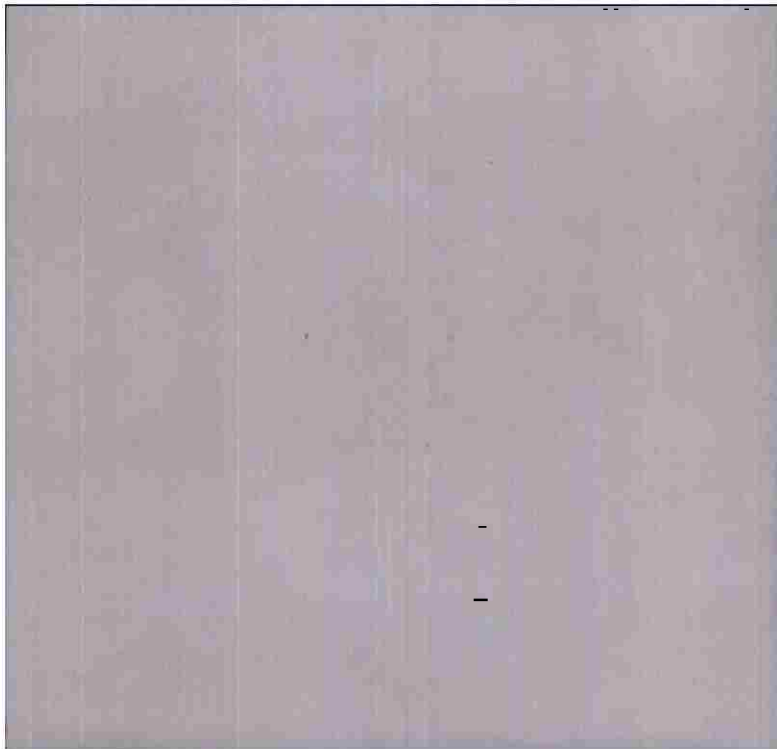
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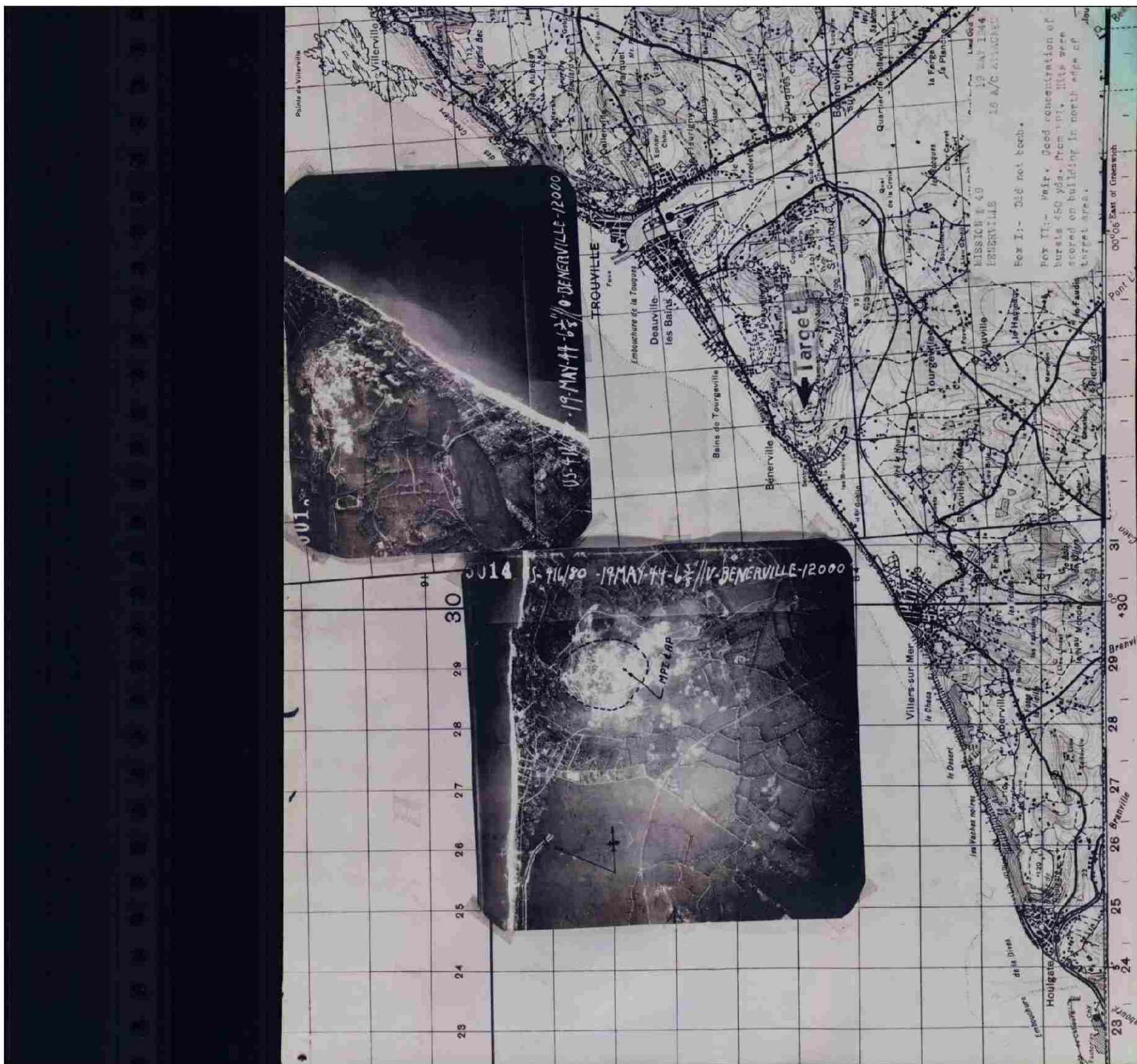


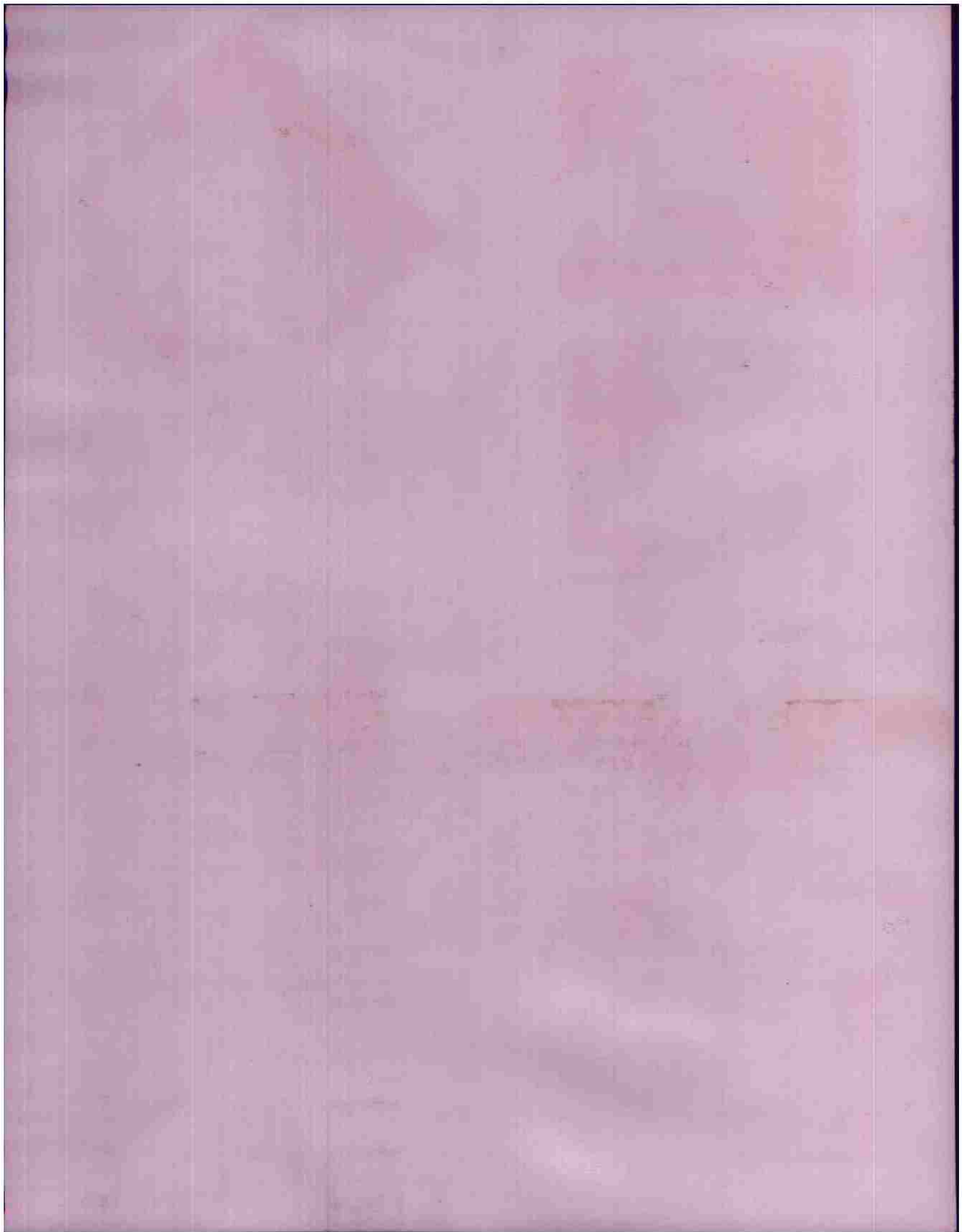
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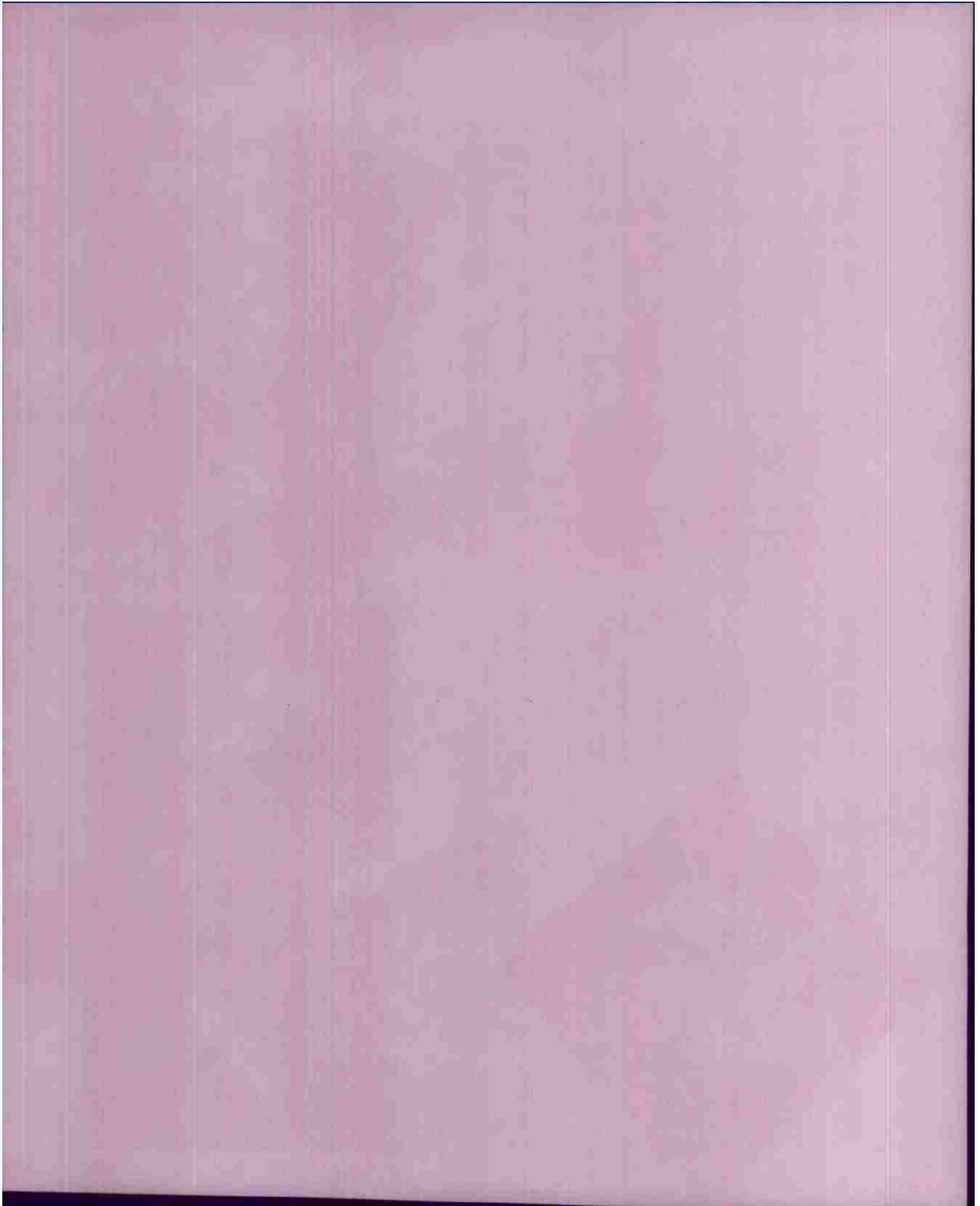


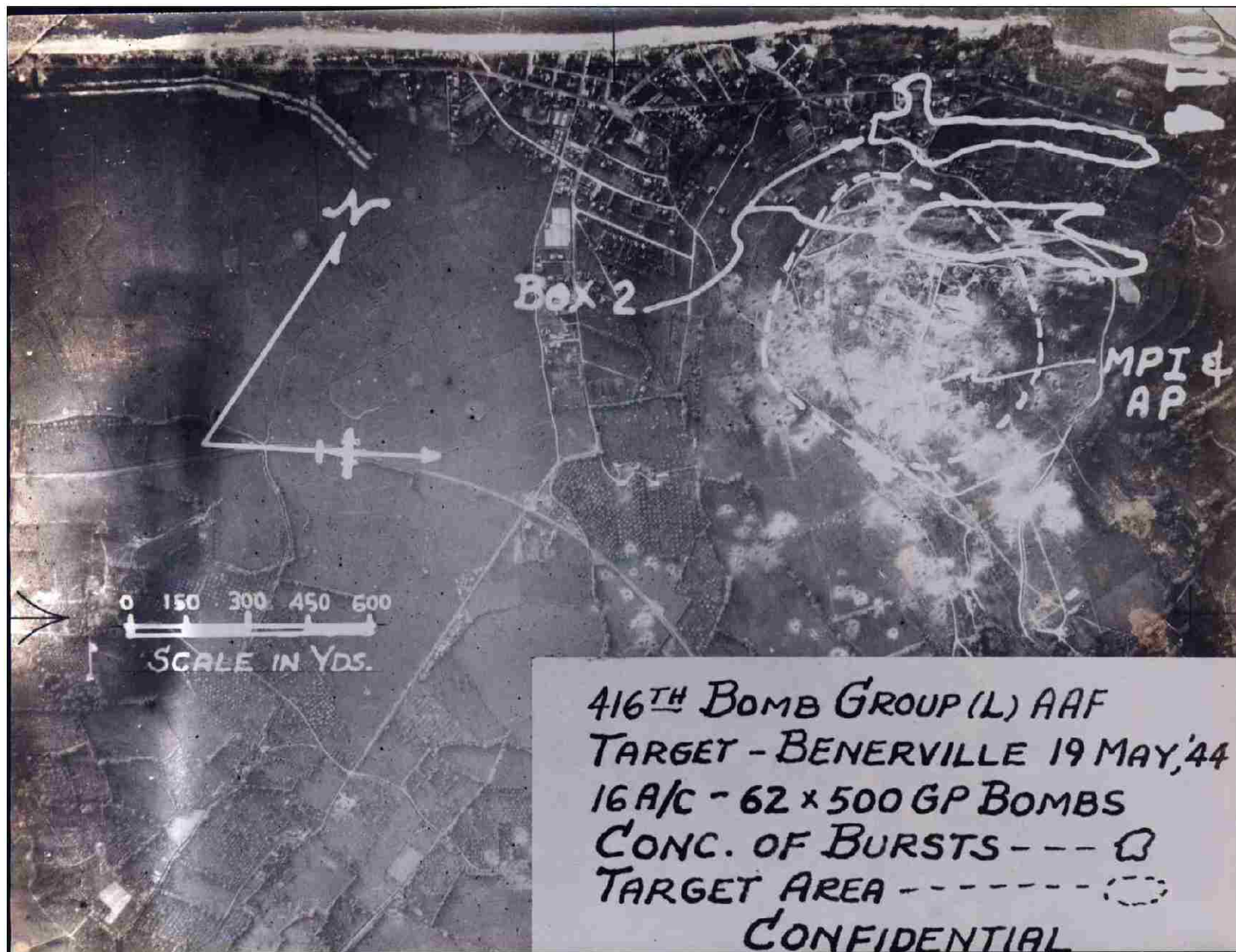
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CAPTAIN AIR CORPS
PHOTO INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

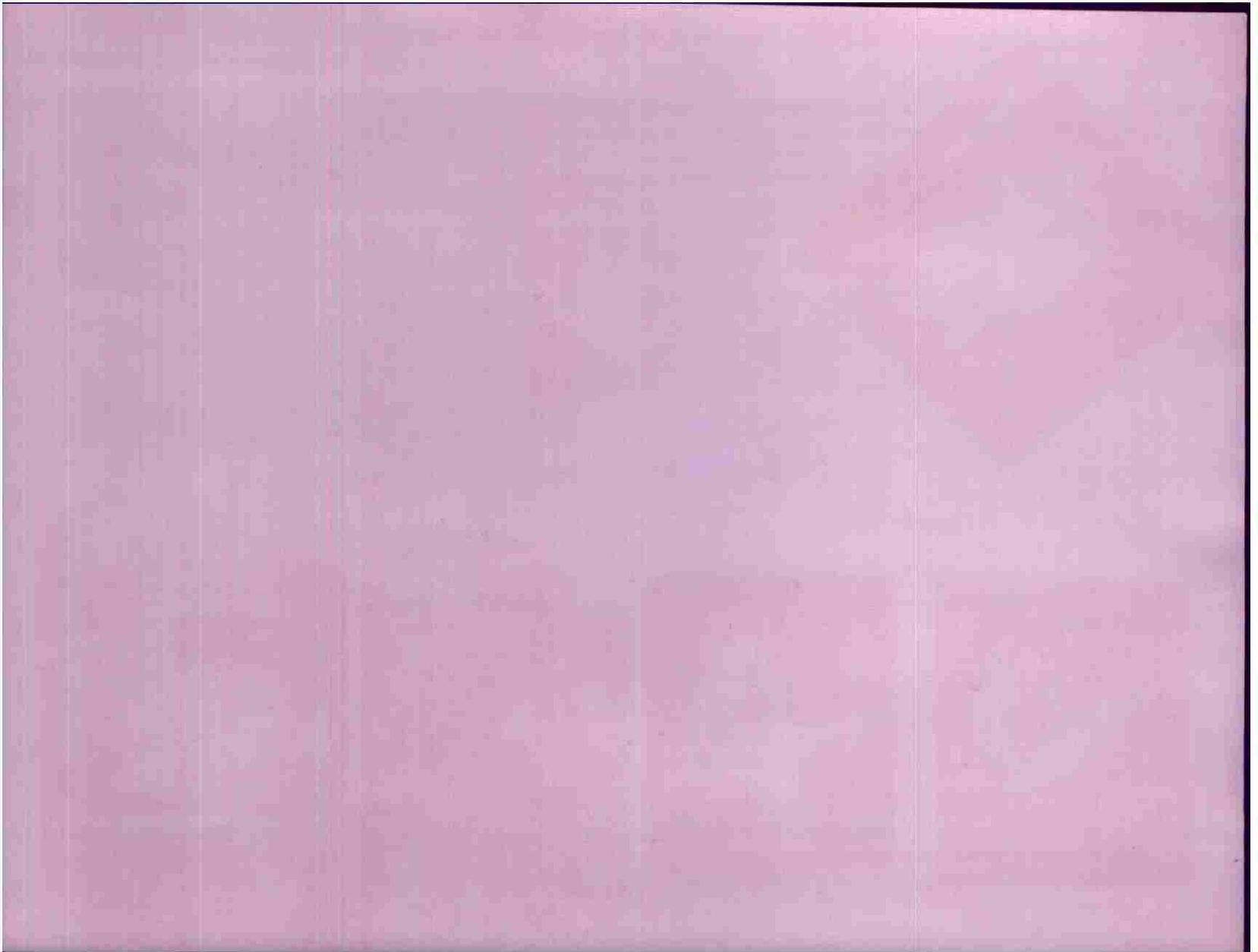


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GENERAL INDEX

4900/J/184
 Target Benarville C/B Date 19/5/44 No.A/C 38 Mission No 49 F/O 318

Status Attacked Brief Officer Capt. Bailey

1. Ops Flash Report. ---Filed.
2. Hot News. --- See Opstl Par. C.
3. Telephone Report. ---None Available.
4. Photos. ---Filed.
5. IX BC Synopsis of Mission.
6. Field Orders, Annex's, Amendments. ---Filed.
7. Briefing Notes. ---None Available.
8. Loading List of Airplane Crews. ---Filed.
9. Chart of Route Flown - Flak. ---Filed.
10. Operations' Oprep Report. - *Filed*
11. Bombing Information; - *Filed*
12. Lost, Damaged, and Abortive Report. - *Filed*
13. Report of Malfunctions. - *Filed*
14. E/K Encountered. --None
15. Weather Reports. ---Filed.
16. Communication "YS" Report. ---Filed.
17. Navigator's Log & Flight Plan. --Filed.
18. Battle Casualties. ---See Opstl Par. D (III)
19. Analysis of Gunnery. ---~~None~~ See OPREP REPORT, PAR E.
20. Ammunition Expenditure. --- See Opstl Par. I.
21. Recapitulation Forms. ---Filed.
22. Interrogation Forms. ---None required.



MISSION SUMMARIES

Target: BENERVILLE (C/D Battery)
F/O : #318
Date : 19 May 44
Results: Box I - No Attack
Box II- Fair

416 BG: 38 a/c were dispatched, 16 dropping 62 x 500 GP on the primary target.

21 a/c failed to attack, one due to personnel failure, 2 because of mechanical failure, and 18 for other reasons.

One a/c crashed in the U.K. for reasons as yet undetermined. Two crew members were killed and one suffered unknown injuries.

One other crew member was injured by a shell falling from another a/c; there were no further losses or casualties, and no battle damage. Bombing was by 18's.

BOX I - NO ATTACK. (Rack malfunction in lead a/c. Slight malfunction in deputy lead a/c on second run.)

BOX II- FAIR. A good concentration of bursts fell approximately 460 yards North of the M.P.I., on the North edge of the target area, scoring several hits and near misses to unidentified buildings. (Bubble level not checked at point of release.)

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OICOG OILAI V YAA YAA 16/19 OP
 T- COG
 FROM 416TH BG 19/2318B
 TO: HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2
 HQ 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2
 BT
 M-523-D

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY CONFIDENTIAL

OPFLASH NO. 44 FOR 19 MAY 1944

- A. (Z/// (I) BENERVILLE COASTAL BATTERY
 (II) BENERVILLE C/B
- B. (I) 416TH BG
 (II) 38 A-20'S
 (III) 21 A/C FAILED TO BOMB.
 1 A /C RETURNED EARLY. LOST FORMATION IN WEATHER.
 19A/C FAILED TO BOMB 1ST BOX, LEADER BOMB RELEASE
 SHORTED OUT DUE TO WATER IN CONTROL BOX
 DEPUTY LEADER BOX I BOMBSIGHT OUT ON SECOND TARGET RUN.
 1A/C FAILED TO BOMB PERSONNEL FAILURE.
 (IV) 16 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY
 INFORMATION LACKING FROM ONE A/C CRASH LANDED AWAY FROM
 BASE
- C. (I) 1838
 (II) 222 2000 1ST BOX -2000 2ND BOX
 (III) 2132
- D. (I) ONE A/C CRASHED IN ENGLAND. REASON UNKNOWN
 (II) 0-0-0
 (III) 2 CREW MEMBERS KILLED
 1 CREW MEMBER INJURED (EXTENT UNKNOWN)
- E. FAIR PATTERN GENERALLY LEFT OF A. P.
 (I) HIKX (A) NIL
 (B) NIL
 (II) (A) NIL
 (B) MODERATE VERY INACCURATE HFF FROM LE HAVRE
- G. THREE SMALL BOATS TYPE UNKNOWN, LEAVING WIDE WAKE MOVING SW
 FROM LE HAVRE. TWO DESTROYERS AT 51DEG 00 N 00 DEG 10'E
 MOVING SW AT FAST SPEED HIKX.
- H. (I) 1/10 CLOUDS, VIS 6-8 MI DOWN SUN, 2-3 MI UP SUN IN
 HAZE. DID NOT EFFECT BOMBING.
 (II) 6-7/10 BASE 3000FT. TOPS TO 12000 FT. HAZE VERY THICK
 GROUND SOMETIMES NOT VISIBLE THROUGH BREAKS.
- I. BOMBS ON PRIMARY 62 X500 GP
 BOMBS RETURNED 86 X 500 GP
 INFORMATION LACKING FROM A/C WHICH CRASHED AWAY FROM BASE
- J. 12,000 GT

BT 19/2318B
 AS

CCC A. (I) BENERVILLE COASTAL BATTERY
 CCC J. 12,000 FT

OICOG & OILAI R.....19/2356B RL AR K

5 light smoke - very slow - fire - half way of
Channel - SW -

9 PMZ's - 3 engines - flying low
at 1000 ft. heading SW -

2 small boats, wide wake - Brown

2032 Large Merchant Vessel - NE -

2050 A/C fired Red flare - - South of Thruway

1912 A/C on English Coast - Crooked Tail -

XXHI from the Thruway

Two Ships Red Channel - Passing first SW
North

2 NE

2030 1/2

Round Brown Offsets 3 mi. inland
Three small ships in bay

XXH E was in contact 1. H. H. H.

Dark light out on hill top

7 large Indian Temples. Two distances
10 mi off E. of coast -

Phone work 1 - Twin engine launch -
South of landing - on far bank - Gas storage
in form two altitudes 1500 ft. -

Small boat off the shore

CICOG OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI 3/29 OP
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 29/1030B M-160-E
 TO COMBOMCOM NINE
 409TH COBOMGP
 410TH COBOMGP
 416TH CBBOMGP

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O 140
 29 MAY 1944

ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER 43-317 DATED 19 MAY 1944

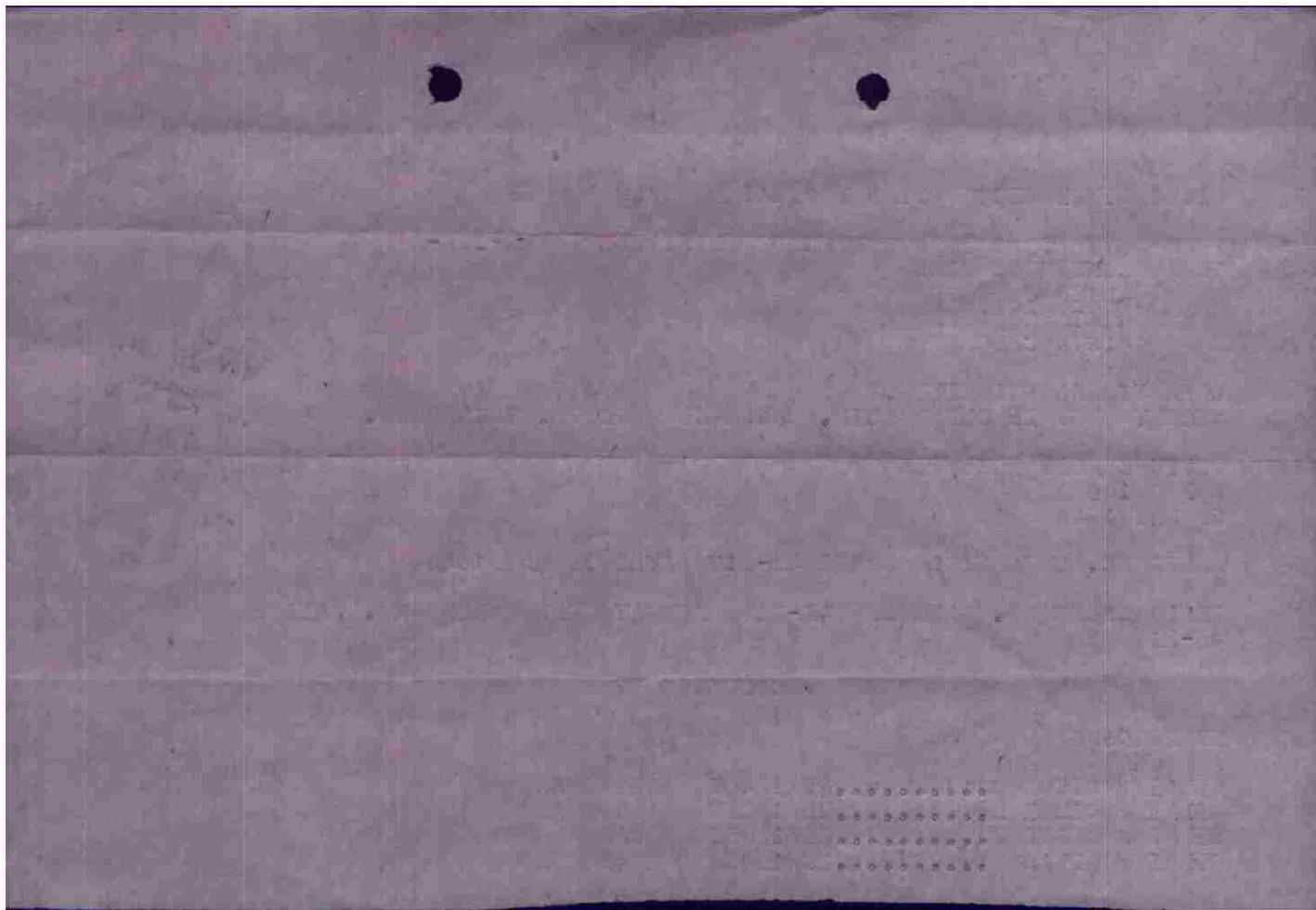
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COCBTWIG 97

BT 291030B
 AR JMB
 OILAI / CICOG R.....29/1040B RB AR
 OILAI / OIHAK R.....29/1035B IDR AR
 OILAI / OIGOF R.....29/1035B CRB AR
 OILAI / OIYAA R.....29/1040B JT AR



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OICOG OIHAK OIGOF OI A V OILAI 1/19 OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT WING
TO COMBOMCON IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416

191530B

M-95-E

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY SET

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97TH COMBAT WING
A P O 140
19 MAY 44

FIELD ORDER 43-317

MAPS NORMAL

1. B. (2) THIS WING WILL HAVE A P-47 AREA COVER ON TARGET 4900/J/184 AND A P-47 ESCORT ON TARGET Z3123.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE

ZERO HOUR . 192000B

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (L)

- (12) T.O.T. 1 BOX ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN
- 1 BOX ZERO HOUR PLUS 30 MIN

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (L)

- (1) Z 3123
- (2) TWO BOXES OF 18 A/C
- (3) WITH THUNDERBOLTS AT HASTINS AT 12,000 FT AT ZERO HOUR
- (4) BASE TO HASTINS TO 3 MILES NORTH OF LETREPORT TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO 50 DEG 11 MIN NORTH 01 DEGREES 28 MIN EAST TO DUNGENESS TO BASE
- (6) BOMB 11,500 FT CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,000 FT
- (7) 3 MILES NORTH OF LETREPORT
- (8) GENERALLY NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST
- (9) ILL. A/60/3 REF 017021
- (11) 50 DEGREES 01 MIN NORTH 01 DEGREES 28 MIN EAST

C. 416TH GROUP (L)

- (12) T.O.T. 1 BOX ZERO HOUR
- 1 BOX ZERO HOUR PLUS 10

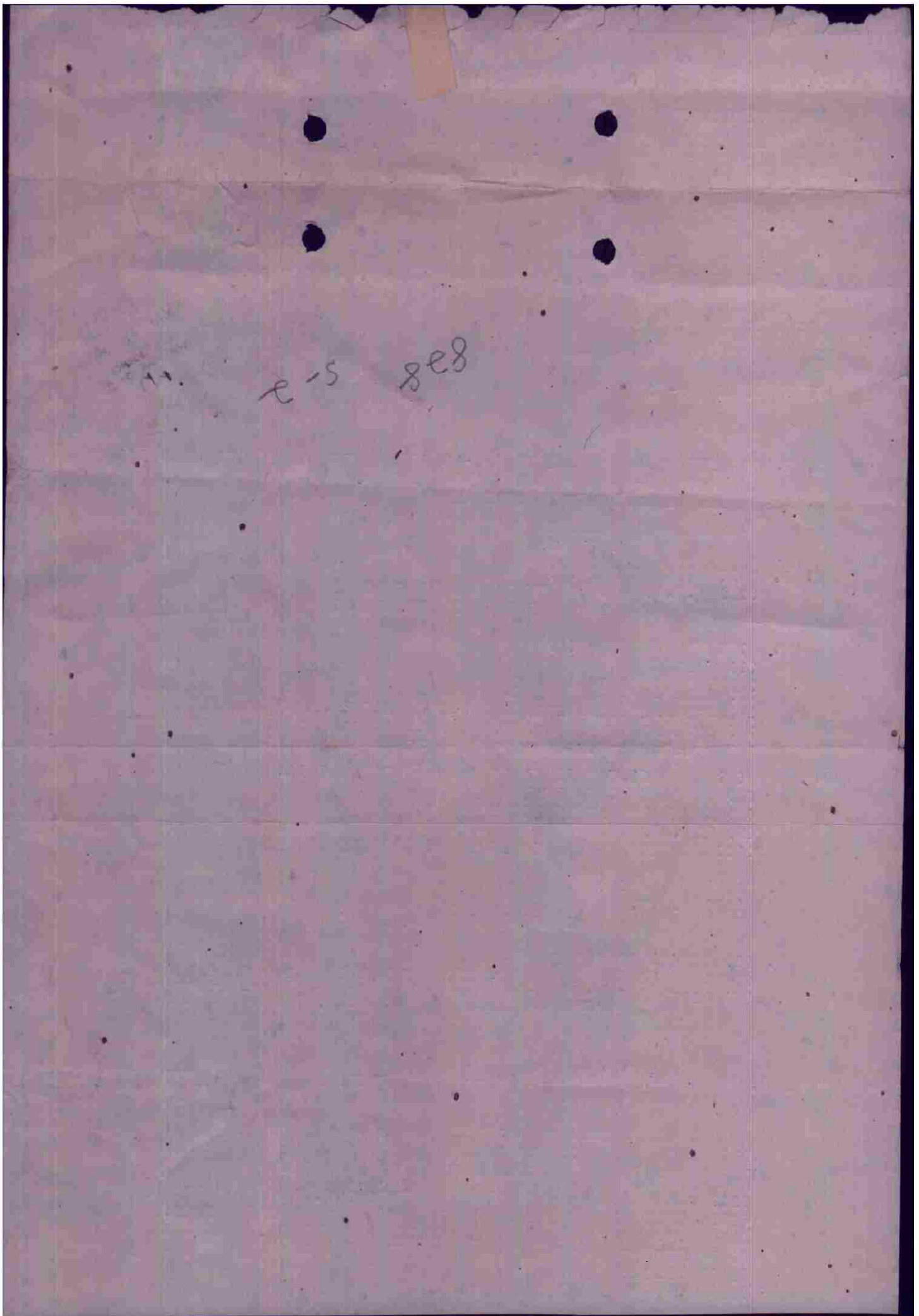
X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE

- (5) BOMB LOAD 4 X 500 LB. GP. FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/100 SEC TAIL
- (6) 410TH AND 416TH GROUPS WILL COORDINATE TAKE-OFF TIMES SO THAT 416TH GROUP TAKES OFF AT LEAST 15 MIN BEFORE THE 410TH GROUP

PARAS. 3 A AND 3 C

- (7) TARGET 4900/J/184
- (8) A/C REQUIRED. 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C EACH GROUP
- (9) NINTH FIGHTER COMMAND THUNDERBOLTS WILL FURNISH AREA COVER
- (10) ROUTE OUT BASE TO BRIGHTON TO 49 DEGREES 30 MIN NORTH 00 DEGREES 20 MIN WEST TO I.P. TO TARGET
- (11) ROUTE BACK TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO DUNGENESS TO BASE
- (12) ALTITUDES BOMB 12,000 FT CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,500 FT
- (13) I.P. 49 DEGREES 17 MIN NORTH PP DEGREES 13 MIN WEST
- (14) AXIS OF ATTACK GENERALLY WEST TO EAST
- (15) M.P.I. ILL. 4900/65 REF. 037028
- (16) R.P. 49 DEGREES 34 MIN NORTH 00 DEGREES 07 MIN WEST





4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

(2) DASHDOWN

(9) 61/61

(10) 161/161

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

(2) FEETACHE

(3) TOWNER

(9) 60/60

(10) 160/160

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

(2) LADYMAN

(9) 61/61

(10) 161/161

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

(2) WEST MALLING D/D

(3) NO CHANGE

(10) BTAV/BTAV

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

COCBTWIG 97

BT 1530/19B

AS

CC: MAKE WOD AFTER AT IN PARA 3. B. (3) WORD AFTER AT IS HASTINGS
RPT HASTINGS ALSO SAME IN (4) WORD AFTER BASE TO IS HASTINGS
RPT HASTINGS

CC: PARA XX 3. X (13) SHLD READ

(13) I.P. 49 DEGREES 17 MIN NORTH 00 DEGREES 13 MIN WEST

JMB AR

OTHAZ ZSO@TOGGR.....WE ANT RED RED YOU ON THIS LINE PS PLS SEND FO
PLS SEND FO ON THE OTHER LINE KKK

OK TIC PLS

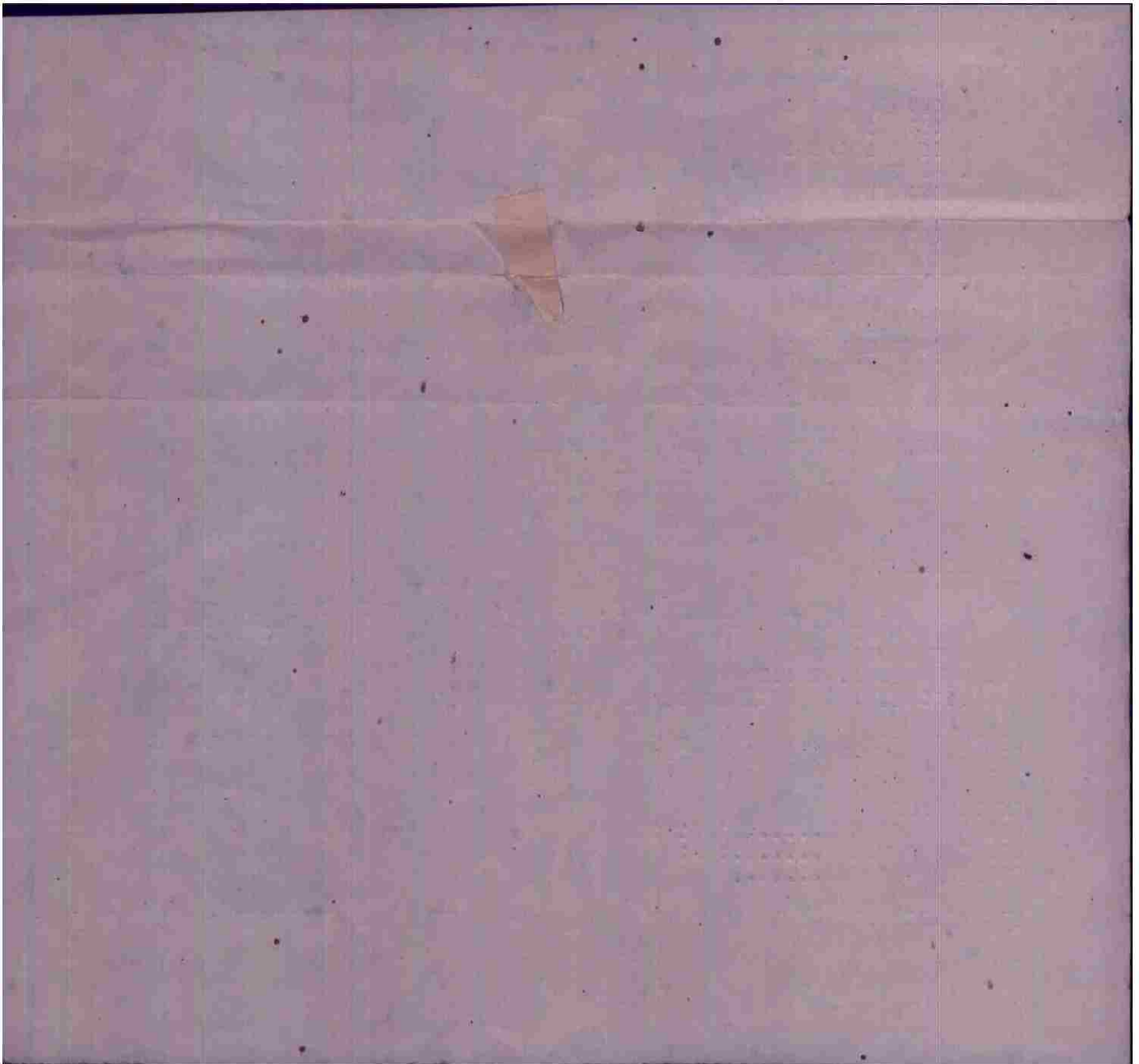
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OILAI / OIYAA R.....19/1604B WFG AR

OILAI / OIGOF R.....

TIC OICOG WILL COME IN ON OTHER LINE GOF DIDNT GET IT EITHER

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OICOG OINAK OIYAA OIGOF V OILAI 3/19 OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 19/1700B M-97-E
TO COMBOMCOM NINE
409TH COMBOMGP
410TH COMBOMGP
416TH COMBOMGP

829

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



ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO 43-317

CHANGE PARA X (10) TO READ

FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/40 SEC TAIL

CHANGE PARA X (11) TO READ

ROUTE BACK TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BEACHY HEAD TO BASE

COCBTWIG 97

19 1700B

BT

AR

JE

OINAK R.....19/1705B

WS

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OIYAA R.....19/1706 B

WFG

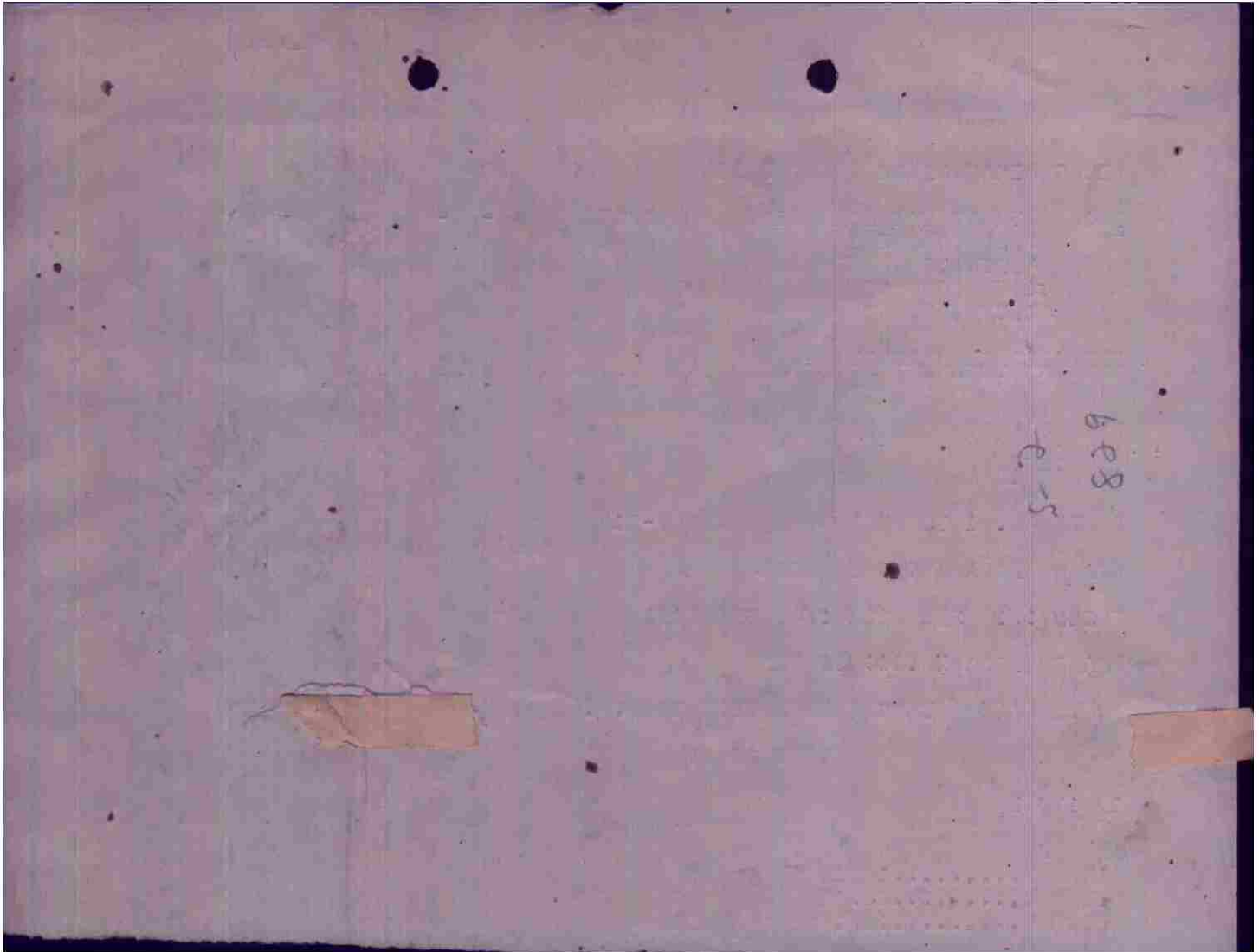
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OIGOF R.....19/1706B

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BOX I
FLIGHT I

1. A/C #125 "M"
Major R.F. Price
Lt. A.R. Hand
S/S E.A. Anderson
Sgt. K.E. Hornbeck

4. A/C #195 "D"
Lt. G.F. Bartmus
S/S J.R. Orr
S/S F.L. Flacks

2. A/C #444 "J"
Captain H.F. Conant
Lt. R.T. McBrien
S/S J.E. McCreery
S/S H.J. Sylva

5. A/C #0194 "Q"
Lt. L.E. Hill
S/S G.H. Yost
S/S R.W. Burch

3. A/C #907 "O"
Lt. R. Poindexter
T/S L.G. Robbins
S/S D.H. Simpson

6. A/C #379 "G"
Lt. R.K. Gruze
S/S B.C. Sieg
S/S J.C. Burkhalter

FLIGHT II

1. A/C #225 "G-1"
Lt. E.T. Platter
S/S K.L. Johnson
S/S J.L. Czech

4. A/C #711 "M-1"
Lt. H.P. Cole
S/S F.R. Ghvatal
S/S B.G. Fandre

2. A/C #219 "D-1"
Lt. J.D. Adams
S/S P.L. Clearman
Sgt. A.J. Zeikus

5. A/C #714 "N"
Lt. R.A. Wipperman
S/S H.S. Ahrens
Sgt. L.C. Mazza

3. A/C #214 "C"
Lt. R.H. Smith
S/S A.A. Stockham
Sgt. R.J. Mahoney

6. A/C #211 "C-1"
Lt. F.W. Henderson
Sgt. R.M. Griswold
Sgt. P.E. Coulombe

FLIGHT III

1. A/C #363 "L"
Lt. F.W. Demand
S/S C.W. Middleton
Sgt. R.J. Troyer

4. A/C #393 "K"
Lt. R.E. Greenley
S/SH.C. Worden
S/S J.J. Rzepka

2. A/C #165 "H"
Lt. H.D. Andrews
S/S G.M. Cook
S/S E.R. Werley

5. A/C #221 "F"
Lt. W.A. Merchant
S/S G.J. Harp
S/S K.P. Brown

3. A/C #937 "B"
Lt. A.R. Durante
S/S H.T. Best
S/S I.R. DeGiusti

6. A/C #493 "V"
Lt. R.W. York
S/S H.A. Marion
S/S V.P. Adams

SPARE

A/C #216 "E"
Lt. R.G. Meredith
S/S V.E. Molver
S/S G.M. Gray

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BOX IIFLIGHT I

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. A/C # 442 "D"
Captain R.A. Clark
Lt. C.W. Jones
S/S G.L. Coffey
S/S G.F. Cope | 4. A/C # 900 "Q"
Lt. R.L. Behlmer
T/S W.J. Kelly
S/S J.B. Thompson |
| 2. A/C # 846 "R"
Lt. Col. W.W. Farmer
Lt. M.A. Pape
Captain A. McClellan
S/S A.L. Nielsen | 5. A/C # 189 "P"
Lt. M.B. Street
S/S O.A. Prindle
S/S E.T. Epps |
| 3. A/C # 376 "O"
Lt. J.S. Connor
Sgt. H.C. Rogers
S/M Sgt. J.E. Van Dyne | 6. A/C # 983 "J"
Lt. H.M. Hewes
S/S J.S. Kasper
S/S H.E. Boyer |

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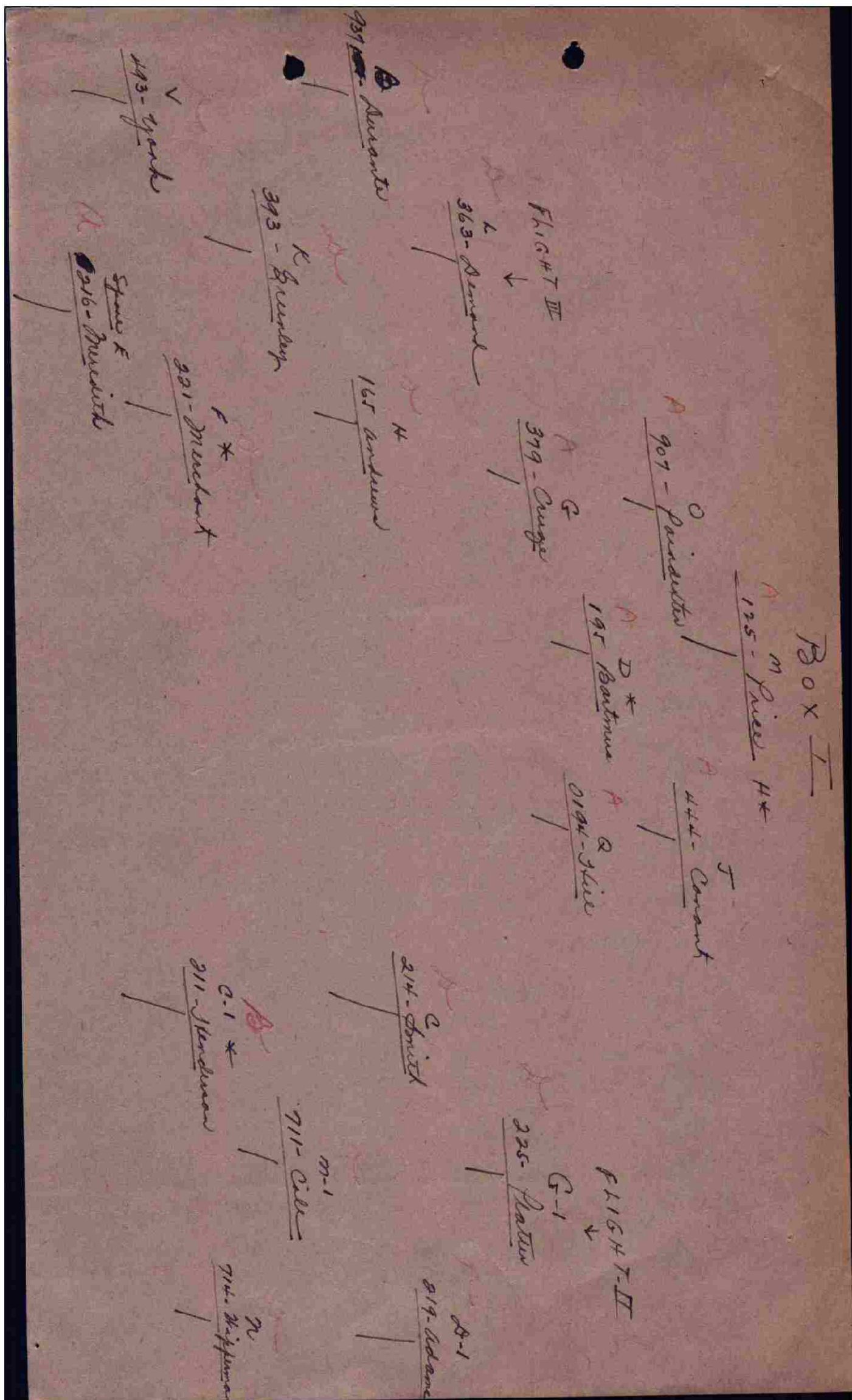
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| 1. A/C # 455 "T"
Captain C.R. Jackson
Lt. A.H. Maltby
S/S H.E. White
S/S R.F. Addleman | 4. A/C # 696 "G"
Lt. J.C. Crispino
S/S T.I. Walsh
S/S R.E. Conopack |
| 2. A/C # 227 "F"
Lt. T.J. Leonard
S/S O.D. Evans
S/S T.A. Palmer | 5. A/C # 689 "I"
Lt. L.R. McBride
Cpl. J. McKee
Sgt. E.F. Paules |
| 3. A/C # 978 "S"
Lt. R.J. Rooney
S/S H.M. McCleary
S/S S.F. DiNapoli | 6. A/C # 892 "L"
Captain Z.R. Moore
S/S J.A. Ochaba
Sgt. D.E. Burns |

FLIGHT III

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. A/C # 200 "A"
Lt. R.B. Rudisill
S/S R.K. Riley
S/S A.J. Bonamo | 4. A/C # 963 "N-1"
Lt. F.J. Harrold
S/S E.L. Griffin
Sgt. G.W. Maziasz |
| 2. A/C # 224 "E"
Lt. J.P. Hillerman
S/S R. Eutsler
Sgt. L. Martinez | 5. A/C # 935 "F-1"
Lt. J.C. Sewell
S/S W.F. Colbert
Sgt. W.J. Daniels |
| 3. A/C # 380 "M"
Lt. N.C. Brown
S/S M.R. Brayn
S/S K.L. Johnson | 6. A/C 750 "M"
Lt. H.A. Monroe
S/S W.L. Kidd
Sgt. S.R. Zahlikiesicz |

SPARE

A/C # 743 "W"
Lt. N.V. Shainberg
S/S M. Rosenatein
S/S H.O. Carney



Box I

125

Handwritten marks consisting of horizontal lines with a diagonal slash, arranged in three rows of seven.

Box II

B 442
D CLARK

A 645
R FARMER

B 376
O CONNOR

B 900
Q BEHLMER

B 189
P STREET

C 200
A RUDISIL

C 380
N BROWN

C 224
E MILLERMAN

A 963
N-1 HARROLD

C 750
M MONROE

A 935
F-1 SEWELL

B SPARE
W SHAINBERG

C 455
T JACKSON

C 978
S ROONEY

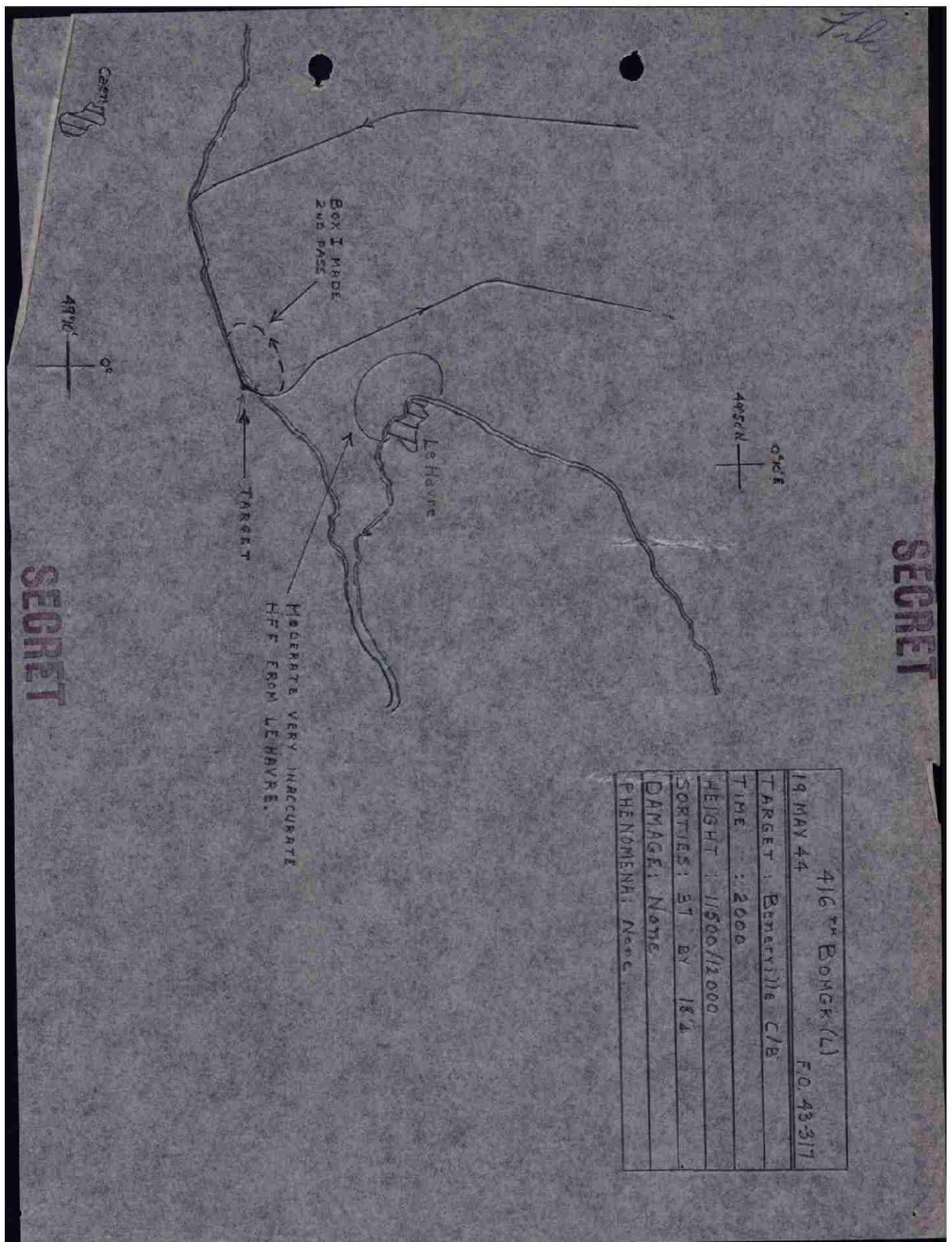
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C 696
G CRISPINO

C 892
L MOORE

C 689
I McBRIDE





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FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH AIRCRAFT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding OfficerAFD 143, U. S. Army,
21 May 1944.

Subject: Oprep A, DSAAF Form 54A.

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, AFD 590, U. S. Army.
Attention 28th Statistical Control Unit.Oprep A Number 49 for 24 hours ending sunset 19 May 1944.
Mission Number 49.
12 Bomber Command Field Order Number 317.

- A. Formation consisted of 3 boxes, 12 ships each box. Time of take off was 1833. Time over target for box 1, 2000 and for box 2, 2000. Target - Benerville Coastal Battery. Box 1 did not attack. Bomb release in lead ship shorted due to water in control box. On second run deputy leader's bombight was out. Box 2, at 18000 feet, dropped a total of 65 bombs in the target area with fair results, pattern extending left of target. Visibility was 6 to 8 miles down sun and 2 to 3 miles up sun in haze. 1/10 thin clouds at 12,000 feet. Anti-aircraft fire was moderate, very inaccurate W/F from Le Havre. No damages received. No anti-aircraft experienced over target area. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 2132.
- B. (i) 53 A-20G's and 5 A-20J's.
(ii) 15 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's.
(iii) 17 A-20G's and 2 A-20J's - bomb release in lead ship shorted due to water in control box. On second run deputy leader's bombight was out.
1 A-20G returned early to base - lost formation in weather.
1 A-20G failed to release bombs - selector switches in wrong position.
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) 1 A-20G - Pilot abandoned ship in mid-air - ship in uncontrollable spin - cause unknown.
(vii) None
(viii) 32 A-20G's and 3 A-20J's.
- C. (i) None
(ii) None
- D. (i) A-20G's 07:40
A-20J's 12:35
(ii) None

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(Cont'd.)

- E. (1) A-200's 100,000 x 30 cal.
 A-201's 10,000 x 30 cal.
 (11) A-200's 750 x 30 cal. (testing)
 A-201's 125 x 30 cal. (testing)
 (111) A-200 3125 x 30 cal.
- F. (1) A-200's 150 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T
 A-201's 20 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T
 (11) A-200's 50 x 500 lb GP
 A-201's 7 x 500 lb GP
 (111) None
 (iv) None
 A-200 4 x 500 lb GP returned to base - ship returned
 early - loss formation in weather.
 A-200 1 x 500 lb GP returned to base - Mechanical bind-
 ing of release mechanism.
 A-201 1 x 500 lb GP returned to base - cannon plug not
 connected.
 A-200 4 x 500 lb GP returned to base - selector switches
 in wrong position.
 17 A-200's and 2 A-201's abortive returning 70 x 500 lb
 GP's to base.
- G. 1 Pilot slightly injured.
 1 Armorer Gunner killed.
 1 Airplane Mechanic Gunner killed.
- H. (1) None
 (11) None
 (111) None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHNEIN,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

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ATTACH "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 217BOX 11 GROUP 416 DATE 19 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Banerville C/B1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.2. Bombing approach: 70° 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 synchronization. WPI used as AP. No trail subtracted. At point of release ship straight and level. Altitude OK - air speed OK, and bombardier synchronized.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Jones6. Name of lead pilot: Captain Clark7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 215 Ground Speed: 260 Altitude: 12,0009. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10 1/10011. Total Bombs Dropped: 63

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 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? No enemy a/c.

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: None. Bubbles were not observed at point of release.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

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

Box 1 did not attack (see Narrative)

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Formation consisted of 2 boxes, 18 miles each box. Time of take off 1958. Time over target for box 1, 2000 and for box 2, 2000. Target - Generative Control Battery. Box 1 did not attack. Bomb 1, 18000 ft. Time of shorted due to water in control box. On second run deputy leader, a computer was hit. Box 2, at 18000 feet, dropped a total of 60 bombs in the target area with full accuracy, battery expanding left of target. Accuracy was 2 to 3 miles down run and 2 to 3 miles up run in water. 1/10 mile storage at 18,000 feet. Anti-aircraft fire was moderate, very inaccurate and from 10000 ft. No damage reported. No anti-aircraft experienced over target area. No enemy aircraft encountered. Flares landed at 1800.

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

1. 2 to 3 miles down run and 2 to 3 miles up run.
2. 1/10 mile storage at 18,000 feet.
3. 2 boxes, 18 each.
4. With from point base 18. Is illuminated with light.
5. Targets identified by team of four or five and road clearing target area.
6. None
7. 1/10 mile - left of target.
8. None.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
 AIR FORCE COMMAND CENTER (L)
 Office of the Commanding Officer

400 140, T.O. Army,
 15 May 1944

Subject: Mission Report-- Aircraft.

By: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Group, 1st AF, T.O. Army.
 (Attn: Maintenance Branch).

PART I.

(1) 13 May 1944--1944--Aircraft 1/1

(2) 20 (15) Aircraft

(3) 37

PART II.

400 140

DESCRIPTION

CAUSE

REMARKS

40-3020

Unknown

Other crews reported
 seeing the aircraft
 spin and crash in flames

PART III (1)

None

PART III (2)

400 140

DESCRIPTION

CAUSE

REMARKS

40-10120

No bomb dropped

Water in bomb
 control not shorted
 out selector switch

Yes

40-0142

One bomb failed
 to release

Canon plug not
 connected

Yes

40-0602

One bomb failed
 to release

Mechanical binding
 or release mechanism

Yes

40-0240

No bomb dropped

Pilot's error

Yes

40-0444

Canon not
 inoperative

Canon not cannon
 plug damaged

Yes

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21 aircraft failed to bomb. Reasons: leader of first box failed because of water in bomb release control box. Deputy leader failed because bomb sight was inoperative. The air staff failed to bomb because of personnel error and one aircraft is unaccounted for.

For the commanding officer:

WILLIAM J. DUFFY,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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

AFPO 140
19 May 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 3 miles in thick haze.
Overcast of Stratocumulus at 3500
feet.

ROUTE OUT: 6 to 7/10 cumulus with bases 3500 feet
and tops occasionally to 12000 feet. Haze
was very thick over England with ground
some times invisible even through breaks
in clouds. Clouds broke to scattered
over the channel and visibility improved
to 6 to 8 miles.

TARGET: Visibility 6 to 8 miles down sun and 2 to
3 miles up sun in haze. 1/10 thin clouds
at 12000 feet.

ROUTE BACK: Channel same as route out. 2 to 4/10
cumulus over England with tops 5000
feet and bases 3500 feet. Scattered patches
of very thin altocumulus at 7 to 8000 feet.
Visibility 2 to 3 miles in very thick haze.

BASE ON RETURN: 2 to 4/10 altocumulus at 7000 feet.
Visibility 4 miles.

WINDS: As forecast.

TIME OVER TARGET: 2009

Weather did not affect bombing.

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

1 Incl.
2 Route Forecast Forms

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

WEATHERFIELD
416TH BOMB GROUP CW

TAKEOFF 1838
RETURN 2100

DATE 19 MAY 1944
PERIOD 1800-2200

NA 505 USAF 9-43/90M/15221

	A BASE TO TARGET	B TARGET	C TARGET TO BASE	D
WEATHER	1 CLOUDY	6/10 CUMULUS TOPS TO 14,000 FEET. SHOWERS BENEATH CLOUDS AND THUNDERSTORMS IN CLOUDS	CLOUDY	
2	CIRRUS ABOVE 30,000 FT. 3/10 MEDIUM CLOUDS 14,000 FT. DECREASING TO NIL AT THAMES. PERSISTING IN GALAIS AREA. 6/10 CUMULUS ANSTRATO CUMULUS BASE 3,000 FT TOPS 8,000 FT ISOLATED TOPS 10-11,000 FT BREAKING OVER CHANNEL AT 3-4/10. 6/10 TO 7/10 FRIED COAST. TOPS 10,000 FEET TO 14,000 FT.	CIRRUS ABOVE 20,000 FT. 3/10 MEDIUM CLOUDS, BASE 14,000 FT. 6/10 CUMULUS, TOPS 10,000 FT. TO 14,000 FT. SHOWERS BENEATH CLOUDS AND THUNDER STORM ACTIVITY IN CLOUDS	SAME AS ROUTE OUT EXCEPT CUMULUS TOPS LOWERING ENTIRE ROUTE AND OVER ENGLAND TOPS RUN 5 TO 6,000 FT AND AMOUNT TO RUN 4/10	
CLOUDS				
3	FREEZING LEVEL 4,000 FT. 4/10 IN CUMULUS ABOVE 4,000 FT SHOWERS AT FRENCH COAST	FREEZING LEVEL 4,000 FT. 4/10 IN CUMULUS ABOVE 4,000 FT	SAME AS ROUTE OUT	
ICING	4 3 TO 5 MILES AT BASE 5 MILES SOUTH OF THAMES AND ROUTE	5 MILES DOWN SUN AND 1 TO 2 MILES UP SUN	2 TO 3 MILES	
VISIBILITY				
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	150 4			
5,000 FT	220 8			
10,000 FT	210 10			
12,000 FT	180 12			
16,000 FT	180 10			
FT				
FT				

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 29.26

TARGET SURFACE TEMP +13°C
TEMP. AT 12,000 FT. -14°C

TARGET MEAN TEMP -3°C
TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) +276

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 - 	

LAI V YAA YAA 15/19 P
 FROM COBOMGR 416 19/2254B
 TO COBOMCOBATWG 97 ATT SIG O
 CONFIDENTIAL DR
 M-322-J

A - YS - 47

B - 19 MAY 1944 (1904-2053 1/2)

C - 668 (9) M J O G D Q WXXX E N-1 F-1
 669 (7) C-1 D O Q P J W
 670 (10) T F S G I L A E N M
 671 (12) G-1 D-1 C HXXX M-1 N L N B K F V R
 TOTAL- 38

D- 670-A-VHF INOPERATIVE AFTER TAKEOFF; BLOWN FUSE.
 671-B- TUNNEL INTERPHONE OUT .
 669-D-"REM" POSITION OF VHF CONTROL BOX INOPERATIVE .

E- NONE

F- NOT APPLICABLE

G- NOT APPLICABLE

H- NOT APPLICABLE

I- NONE

J- FORMATION LEADERS AND FLIGHT LEADERS USED FOR INSTRUCTIONS IN
 DESCENT THROUGH OVERCAST AND FOR LANDING INSTRUCTIONS.

K- NONE

L- 668-M- REPORTED TO BOMCON " RETURNING TO BASE" AFTER LEAVING
 TARGET.

669-D- REPORTED TO BOMCON AFTER LEAVING TARGET.

M- NONE

N-XXXXXX

N- NOT APPLICABLE

O- RADIO PERFORMANCE SXXXXX SATISFACTORY.

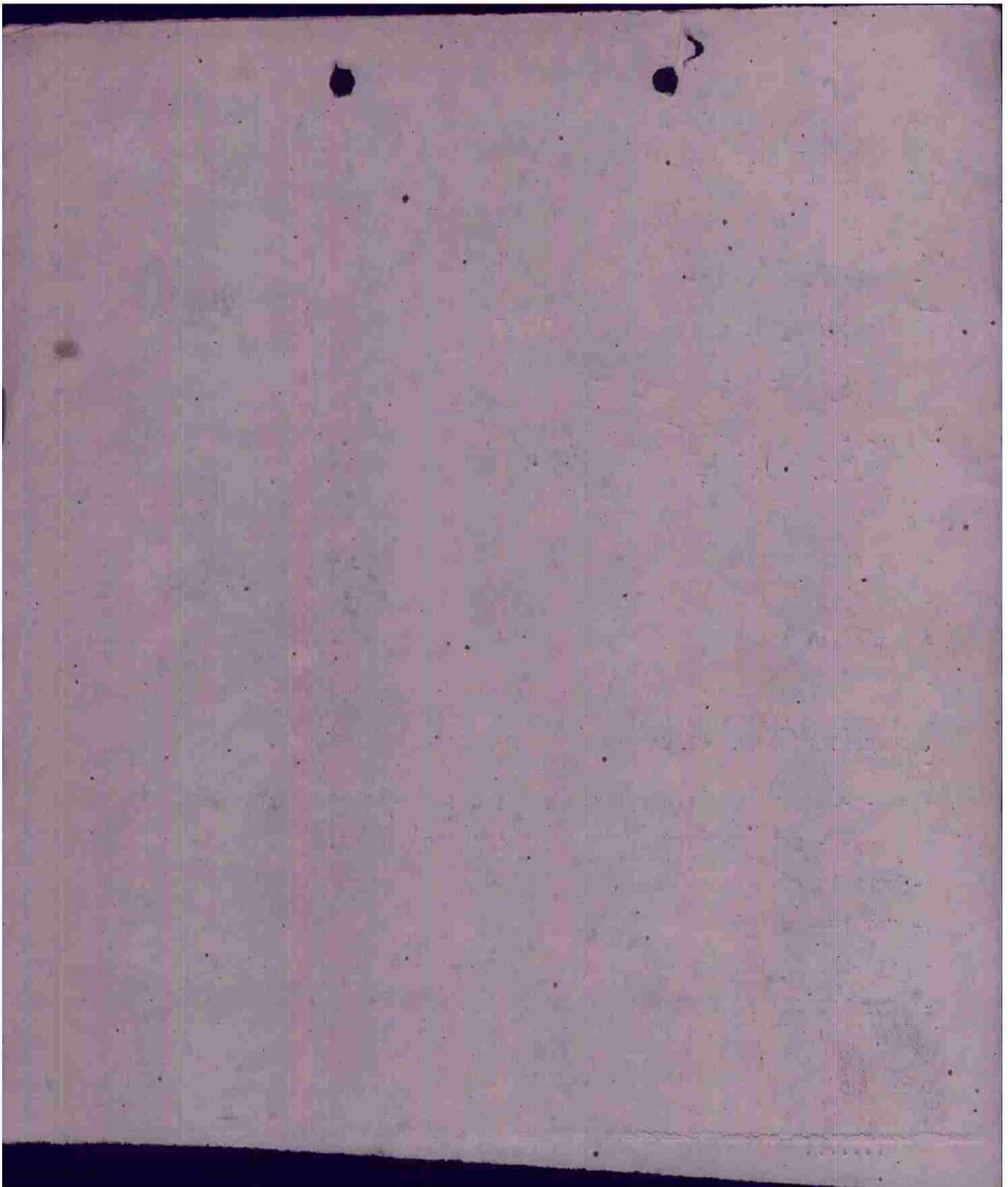
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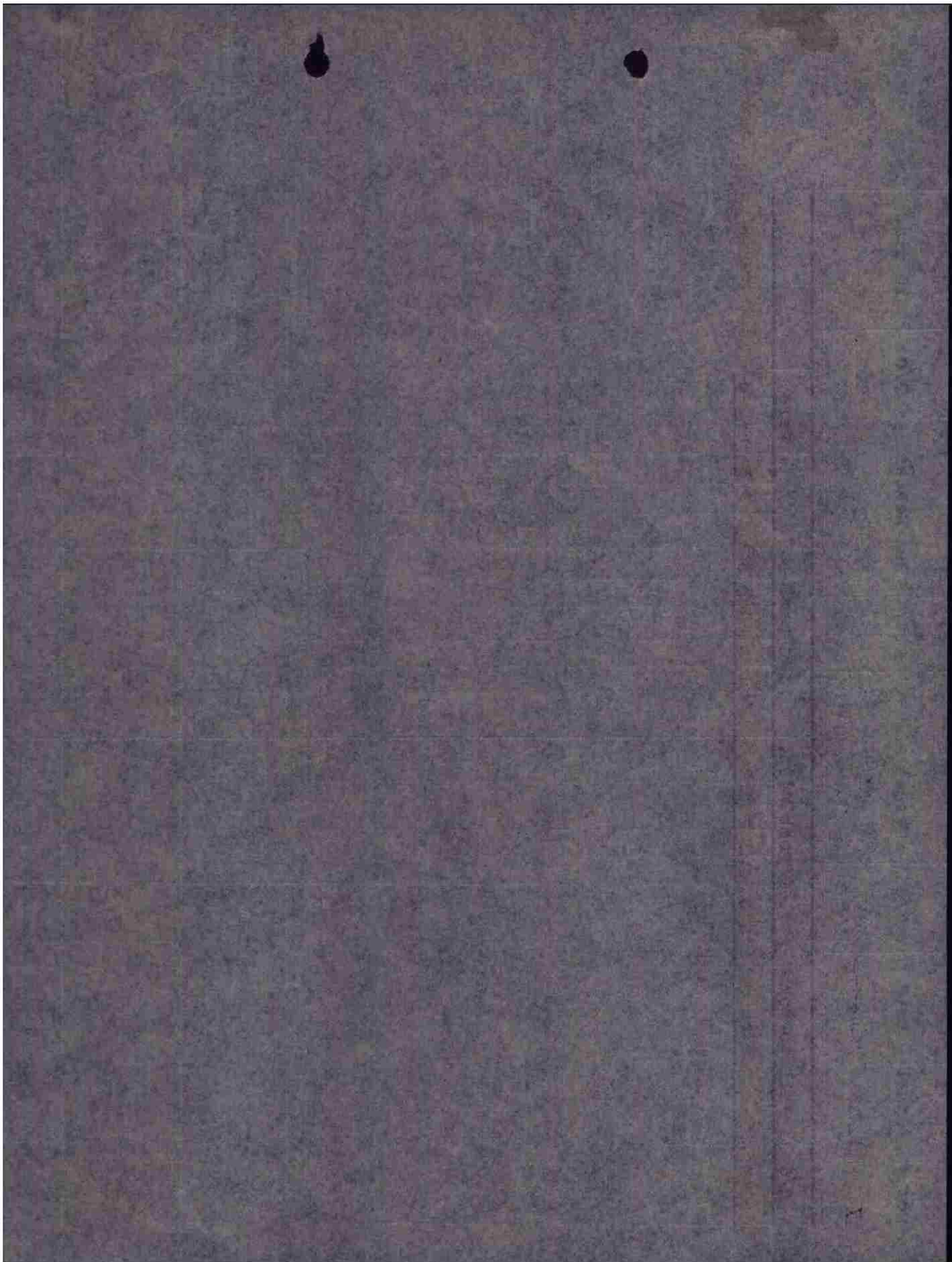
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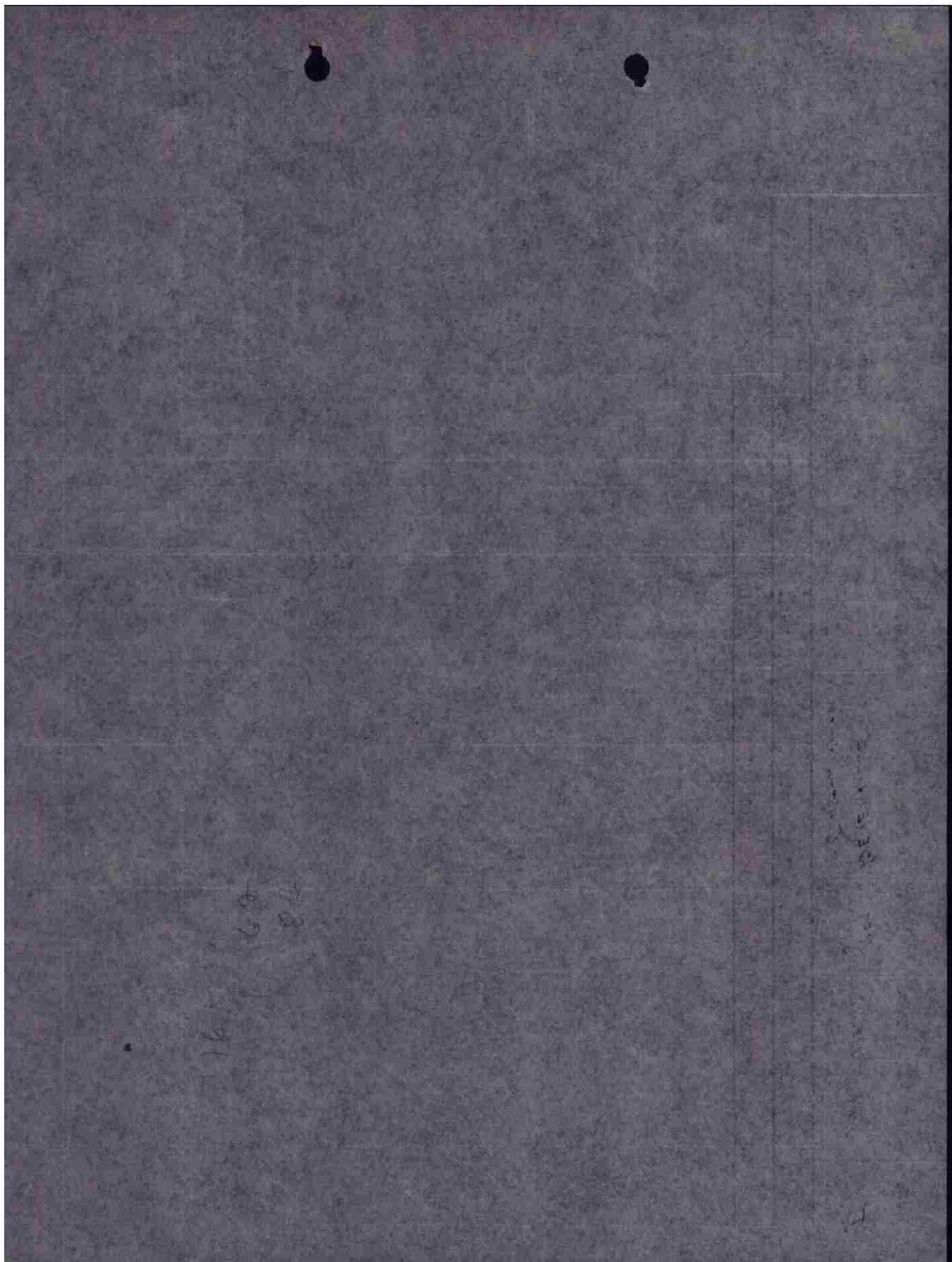
Disc speed 191.8

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Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	15 min.
I	44	18 MAY 44	43- 317	BANERVILLE CASTLE BARRY		MR PRICE	T/O TOT L/D
s/c	No.	Reason	P S O	P S J T R	A/C Dem.	E/A	Pers
1	125		4	4			
2	442	Bomb right out	4	4			
3	987		4	4			
4	185		4	4			
5	0194		4	4			
6	372		4	4			
7	225		4	4			
8	219		4	4			
9	214		4	4			
10	711		4	4			
11	714		4	4			
12	216		4	4			
13	213		4	4			
14	165		4	4			
15	987		4	4			
16	599		4	4			
17	221		4	4			
18	593		4	4			
19	216		4	4			



Box #	Opesfl	Date	P/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
II	44	19 MAY	43-317	BENERVILLE CONSUM BARRY			TOT	
							L/D	
A/Q	No.	Fail to Bomb	ATT.	Bomb Disp.	A/C Tsn.	E/A	Pers	
		Reason	P S O	P S T F R	M D A C E E	D P D	K W M	
1	447	Bombing log was reviewed (Bomb failed up)	3	1				Clark 242
2	448		4	4				Conner 376 Tanner 245
3	376		4	4				
4	900		4	4				Edwards 900
5	157		4	4				Evans 183 Eust 189
6	443		4	4				
7	455		4	4				
8	227		4	4				
9	976		4	4				
10	696		4	4				
11	689		4	4				
12	892		3	1				Redick 209 Rosen 450
13	200		4	4				Brown 380 Kellerman 224 Conner 915 Conrad 227
14	224		4	4				
15	743		4	4				Hand 913 Hagone 646
16	963	Personal	0	4				Mace 942 McBul 619
17	935		4	4				
18	750		4	4				Sevell 935 Thompson 743
19	370	Refined						



HEADQUARTERS
IX BOMBER COMMAND

File in Mission Folder
D-FMS-4

AGO #140 US Army
20 May 1944

SUBJECT: Deficiencies in Mission Reports of 19 May 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 416 Bombardment Group (L), IX Bomber Command.
Attention: S-2.

1. Attention is directed to deficiencies which appear in the reports of yesterday's mission prepared by your Group.

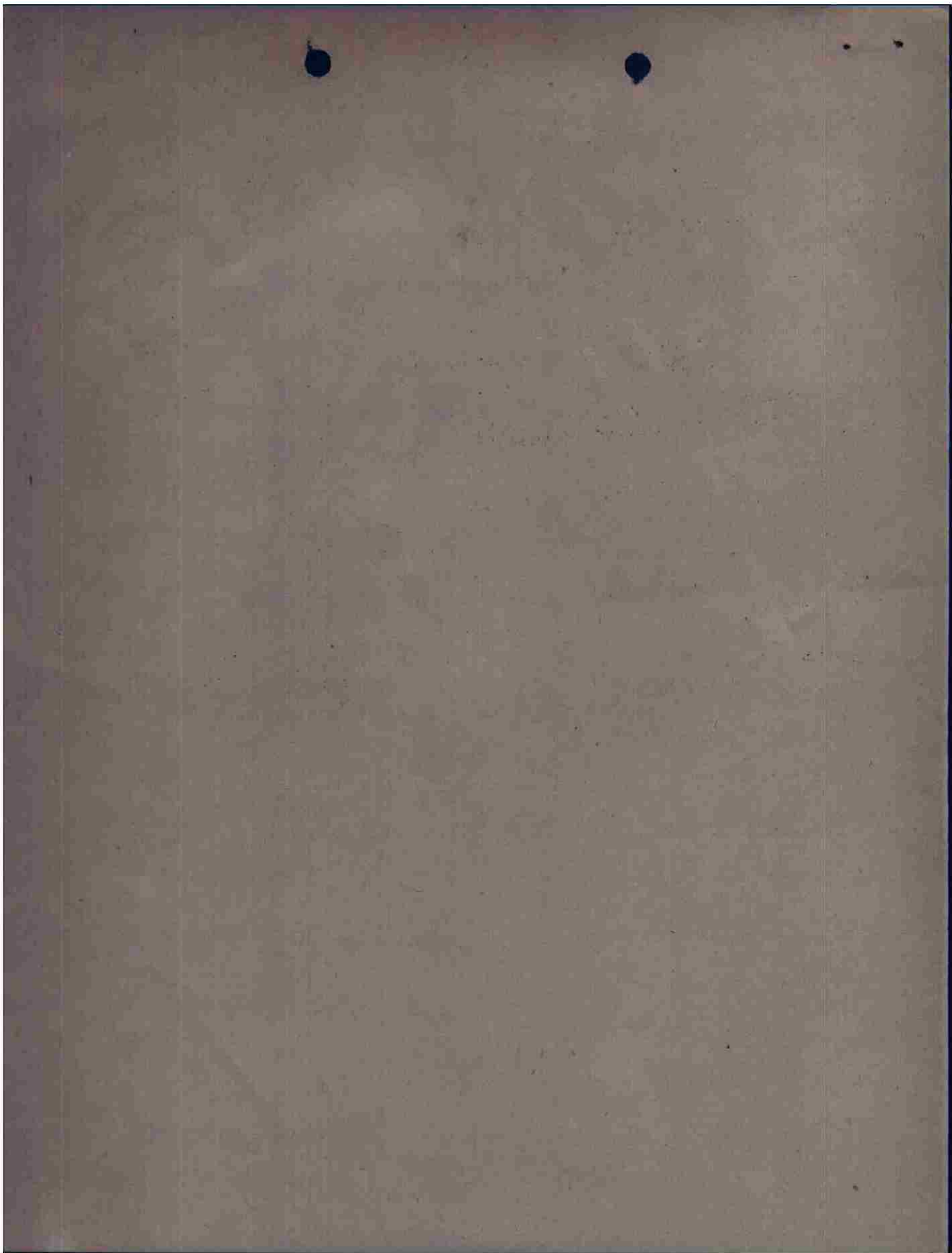
2. Due to the need for uniformity and complete accuracy, it is requested that every effort be made to correct such deficiencies in future reports.

By command of Brigadier General ANDERSON:

cc to 97 Combat Wing



C. C. VEGA, JR.,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant General.



REVIEW OF DEFICIENCIES

IN

MISSION REPORTING PROCEDURE

Group 416 BG

Target Bennerville C/B

15-Minute Report:

Opflash Report:

Paragraph B(3) -- Did not explain personnel failure to bomb.

Paragraph G -- Wrong position given for destroyers observed.

P/I Report & Laydown:

M.P.I. not indicated on Strike Attack photos covering bombs.

Bombardier Report:

Improper indentation as to the results (Form not followed.)

Photo Report:

