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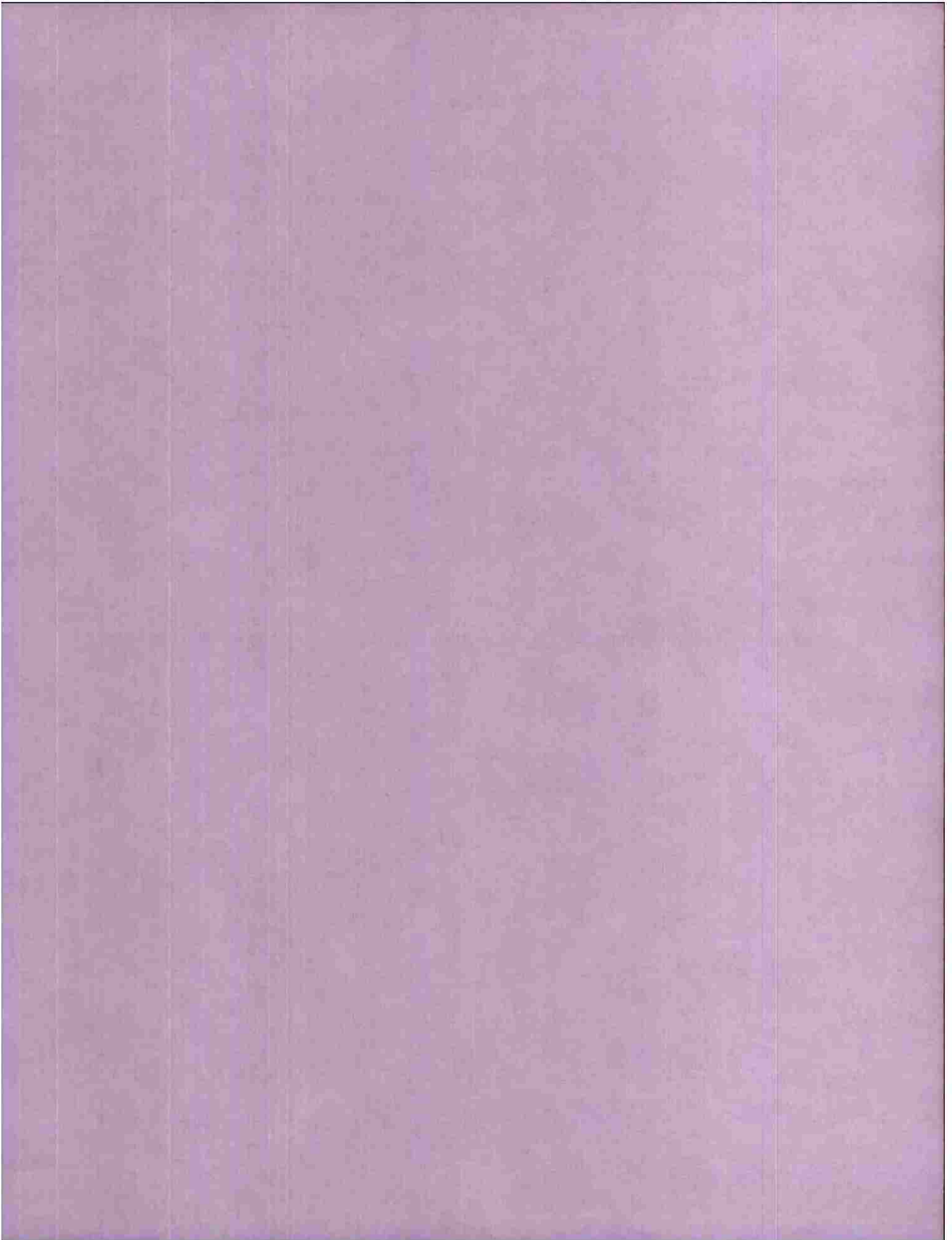
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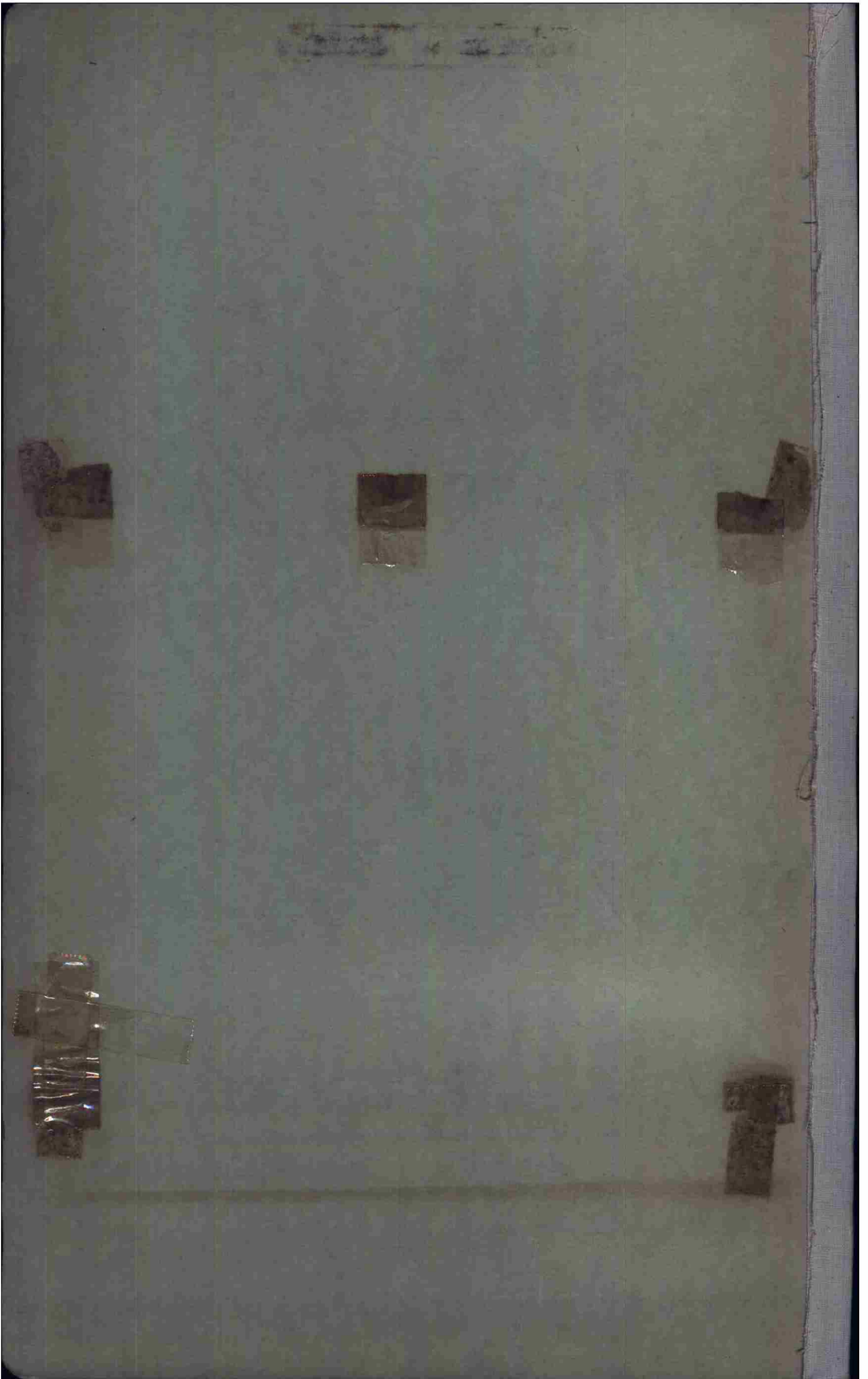
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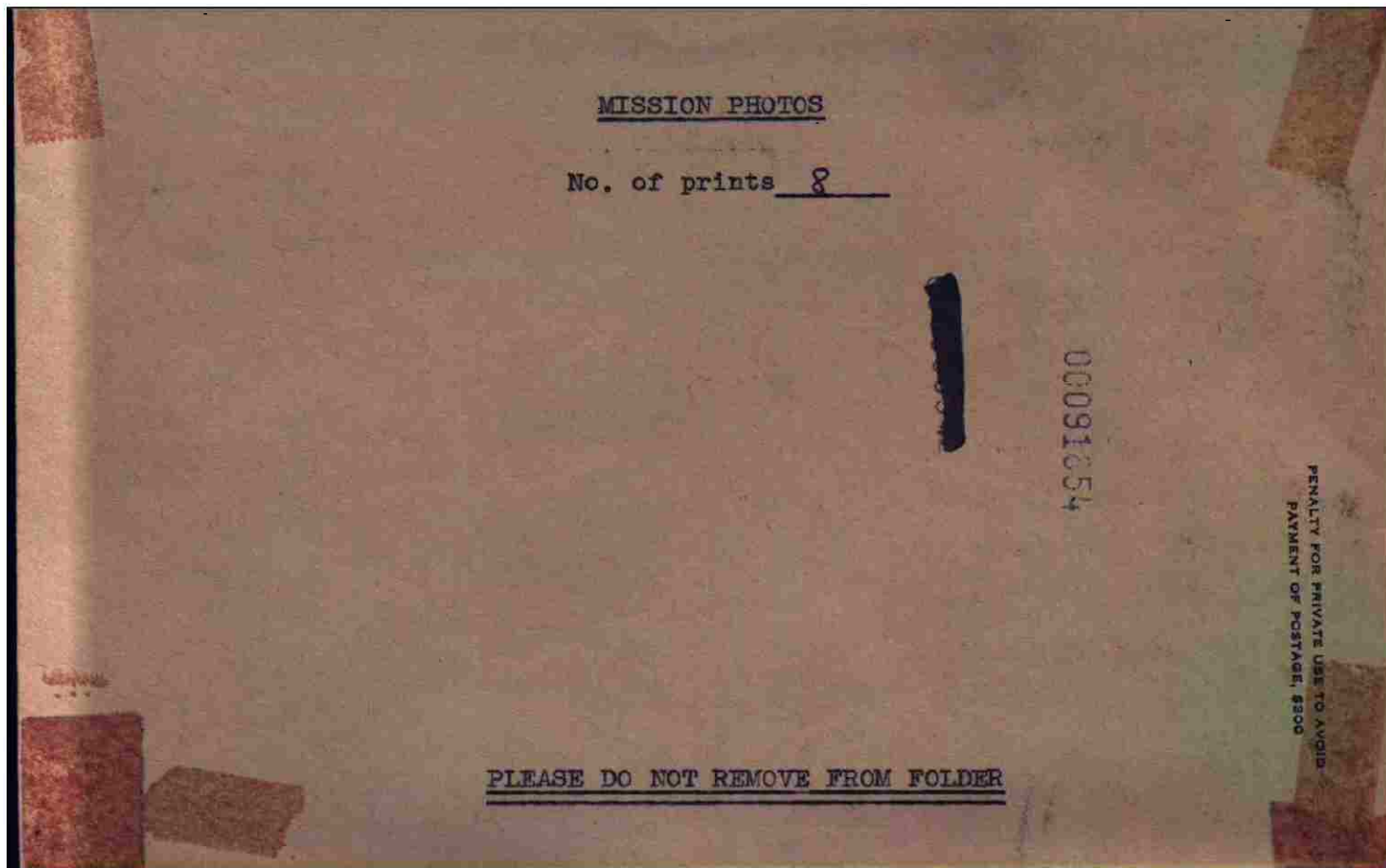
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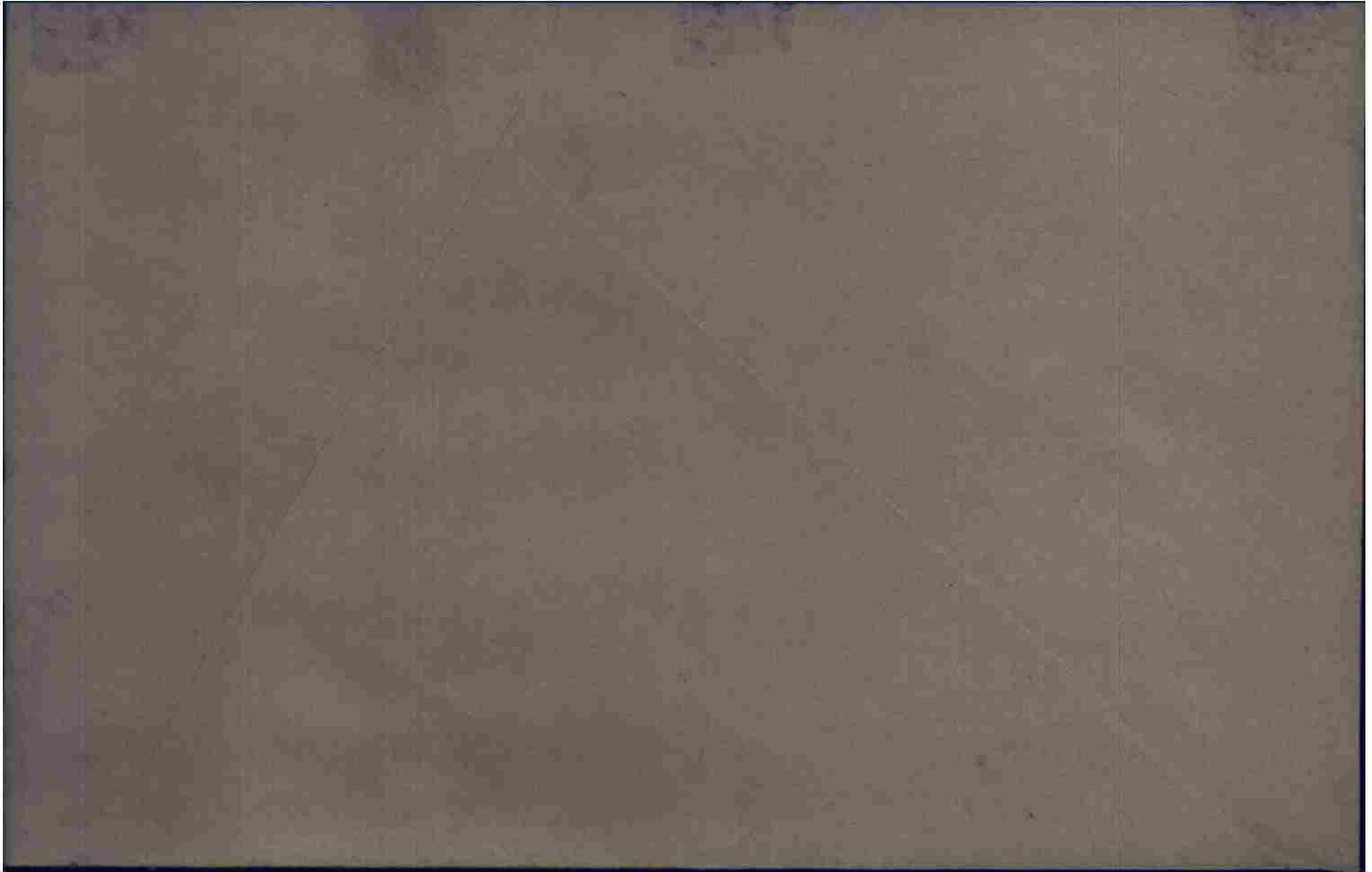
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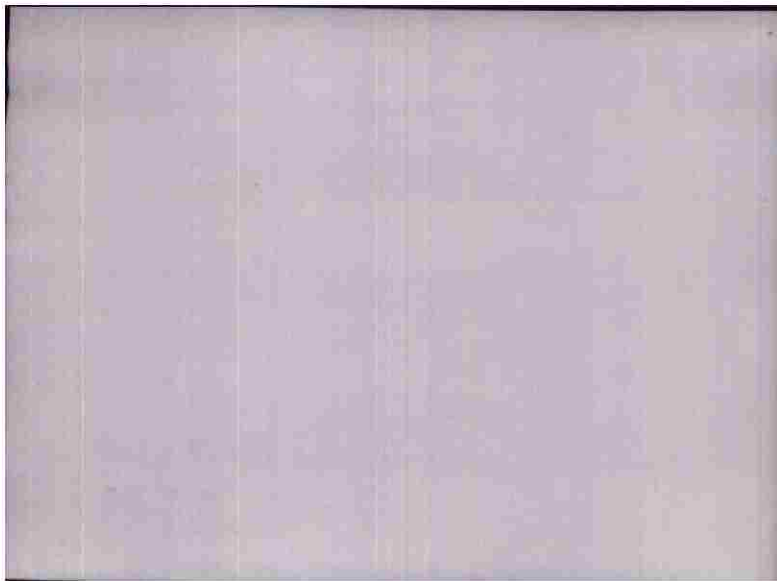
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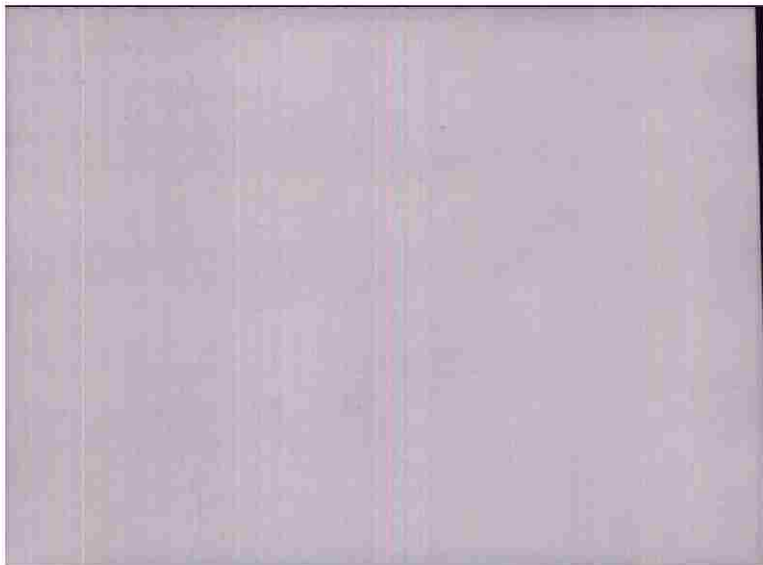
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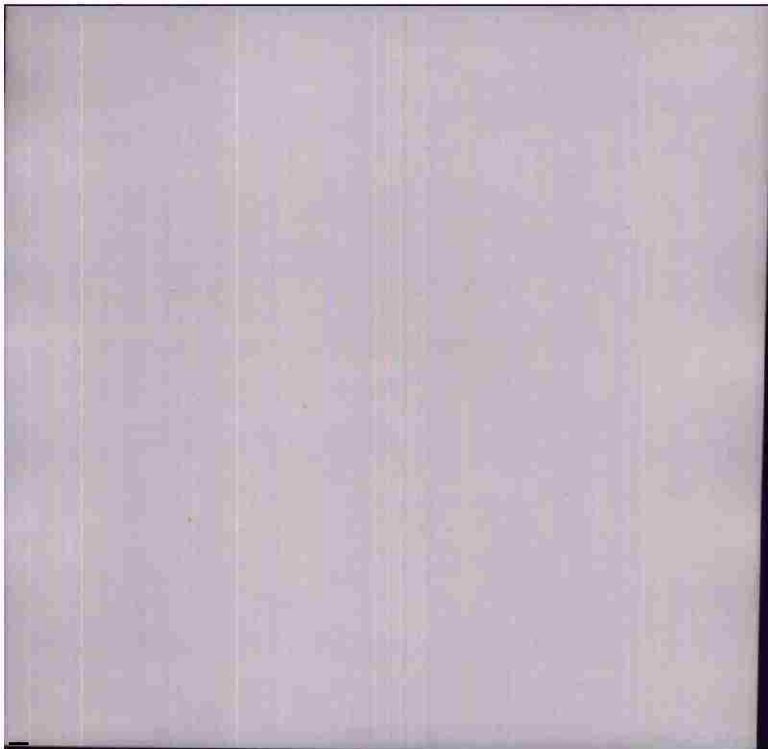
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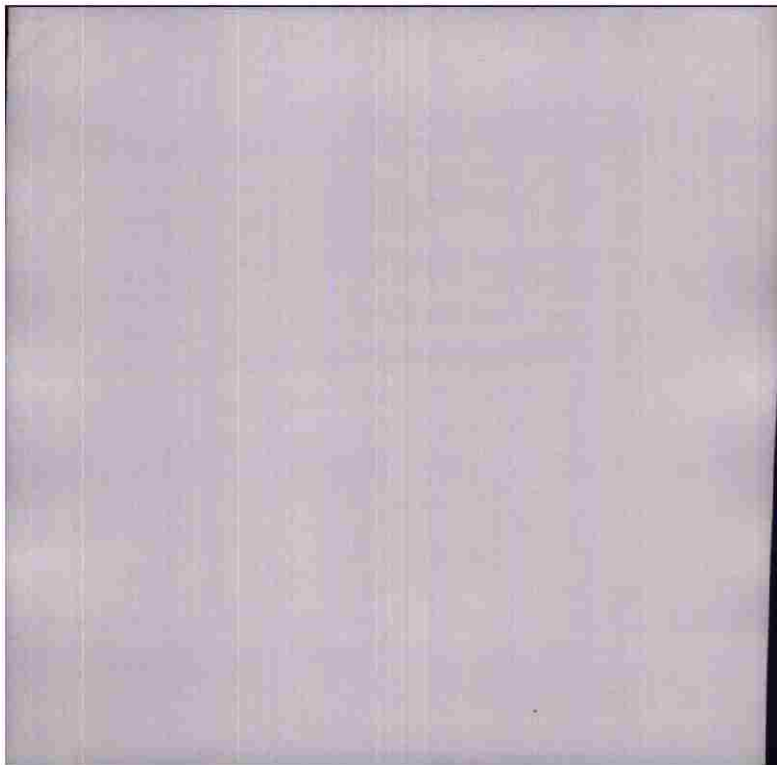
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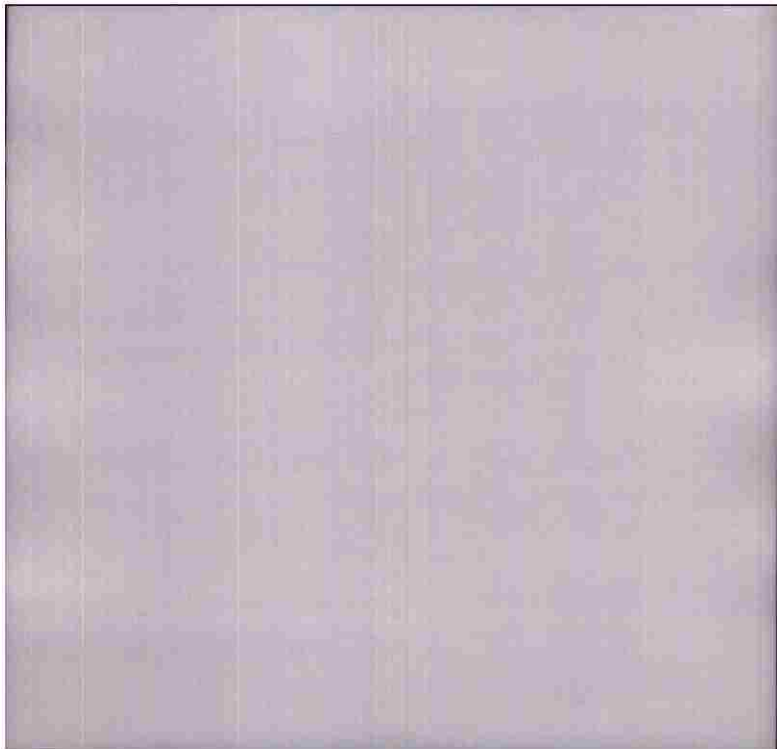
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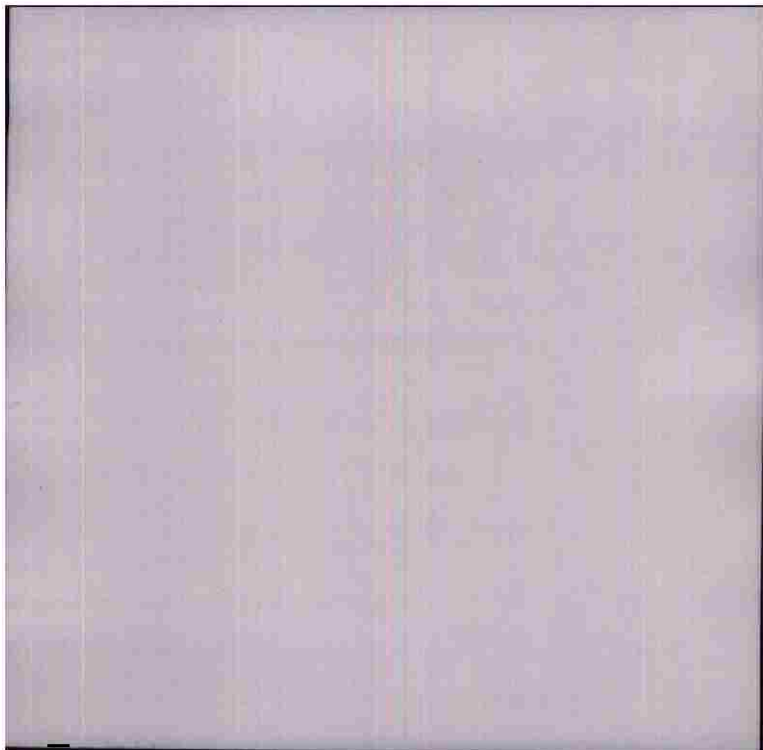
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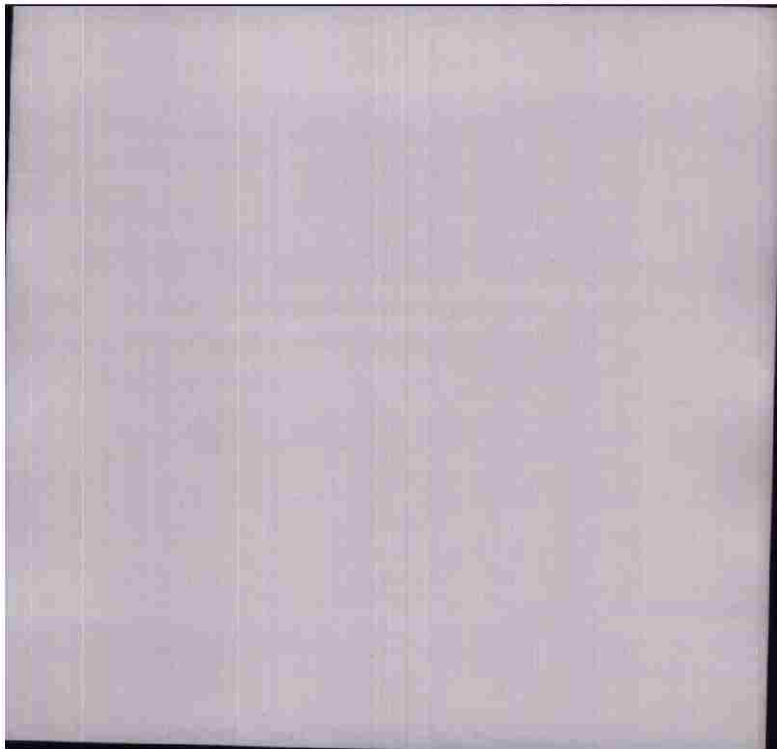
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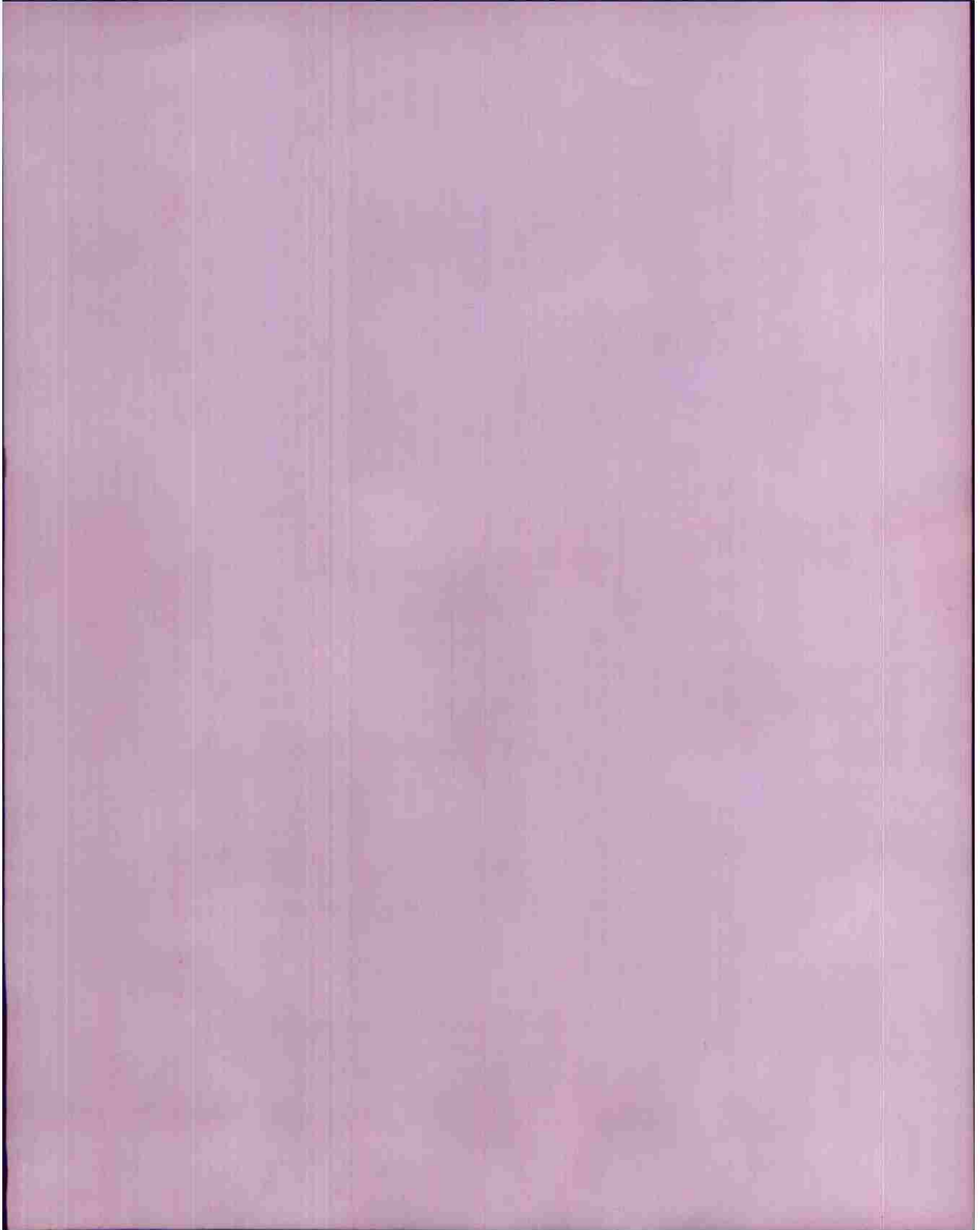


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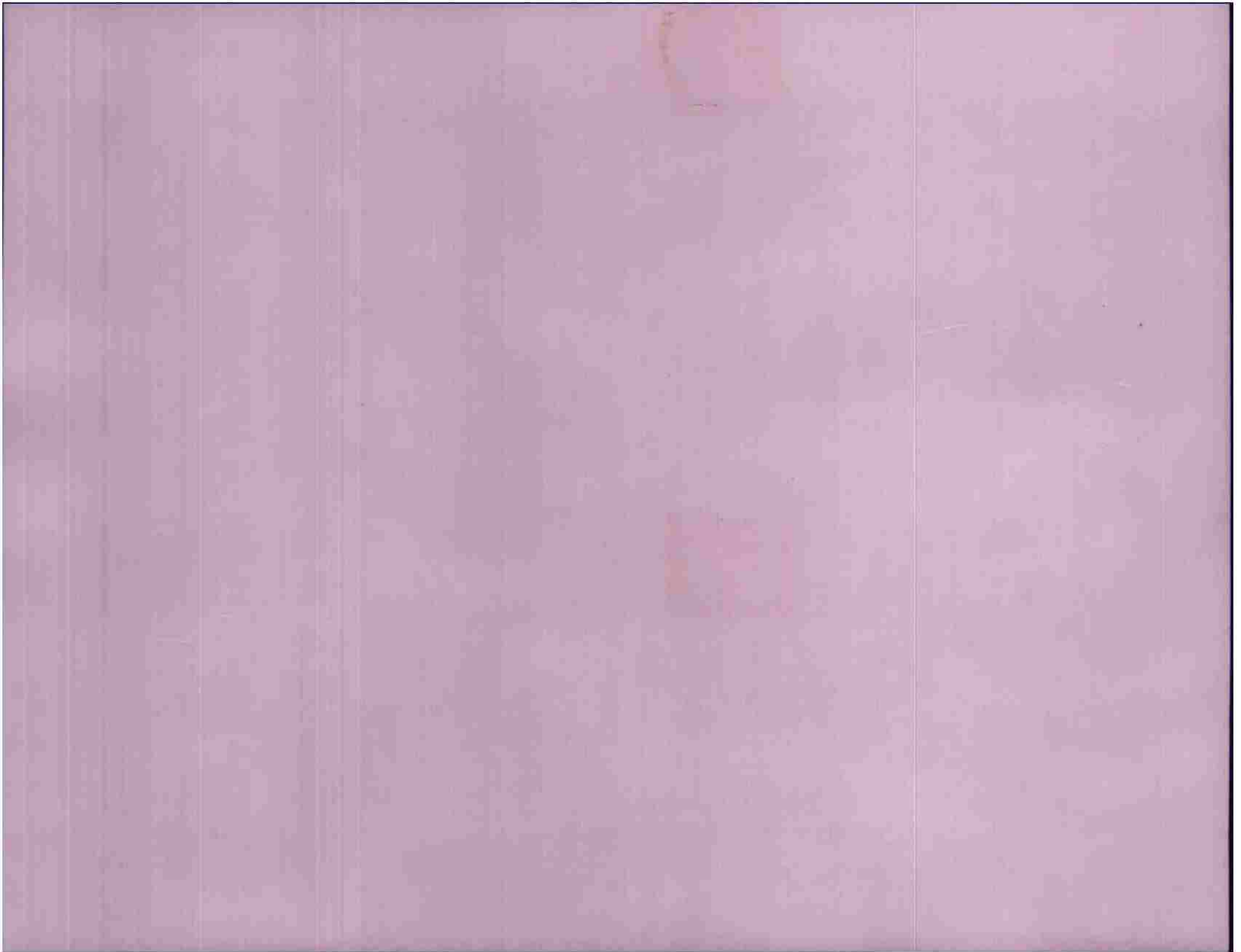
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GENERAL INDEX

Z 380
 Corneilles-En-Vexin A/D
 Target _____ Date 22/5/44 No. A/C 38 Mission No. 52 F/O 323
 Status Attacked Briefs Officer Lt. Anderson

1. Ops Flash Report. ---Filed.
2. Hot News.----See ops flash, Par. G.
3. Telephone Report.---Filed.
4. Photos.----Filed.
5. IX BC Synopsis of Mission. - *Filed*
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/A Encountered.---None
15. Weather Reports. ---Filed.
16. Communication "YS" Report.---Filed.
17. Navigator's Log & Flight Plan.---Filed.
18. Battle Casualties.---None
19. Analysis of Gunnery.--- None *See OPREP, PAR E*
20. Ammunition Expenditure.---See OpsFl, Par. I.
21. Recapitulation Forms. --Filed.
22. Interrogation forms.---None required.

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FROM 416TH BG 22/2340B
TO HQ IX BC ATTN A-2
HQ 97TH CBW ATTN A-2

CONFIDENTIAL BT

M-591-D

OPFLASH NO 47 FOR 22 MAY 1944

- A. (I) CORMEILLES-EN-VEXIN A/D
- (II) CORMEILLES -EN-VEXIN A/D
- B. (I) 416TH BG
- (II) 38 A-20
- (III) 14 A-20

13 A/C RETURNED DUE TO WEATHER. BECAME SEPARATED FROM FORMATION DURING ASCENT THROUGH OVERCAST.
1 A/C RETURNED BECAUSE OF FLUTTER IN ELEVATOR.

- (IV) 24 A/C ON PRIMARY

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- C. (I) 1825
- (II) 2012
- (III) 2130 - 2144

- D. (I) NIL
- (II) NIL
- (III) NIL

E. EXCELLENT. GOOD CONCENTRATION OF BOMBS IN TARGET AREA.

- F. (I) (A) NIL
- (B) NIL
- (II) (A) NIL
- (B) WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY FLAK FROM LA HAYE OUT. (49 DEGREES

- 15' N - 00 DEGREES 52' E)
- G. AT 2024 HRS. ONE B-26 A/C WITH RIGHT ENGINE AFIRE SEEN TO CRASH AND EXPLODE AT LA E HAYE DU T. TWO PARACHUTES WERE SEEN.
- AT 2035 HRS. ONE B-26 A/C WAS SEEN FLYING AT LOW ALTITUDE RECEIVING INTENSE LIGHT FLAK AND M/G FIRE FROM VICINITY OF ETRETAT. LAST SEEN STILL FLYING AT LOW ALTITUDE OVER CHANNEL AT POSITION 49 DEGREES 50' N 00 DEGREES 05' E.
- (ABOVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AT HOT NEWS)

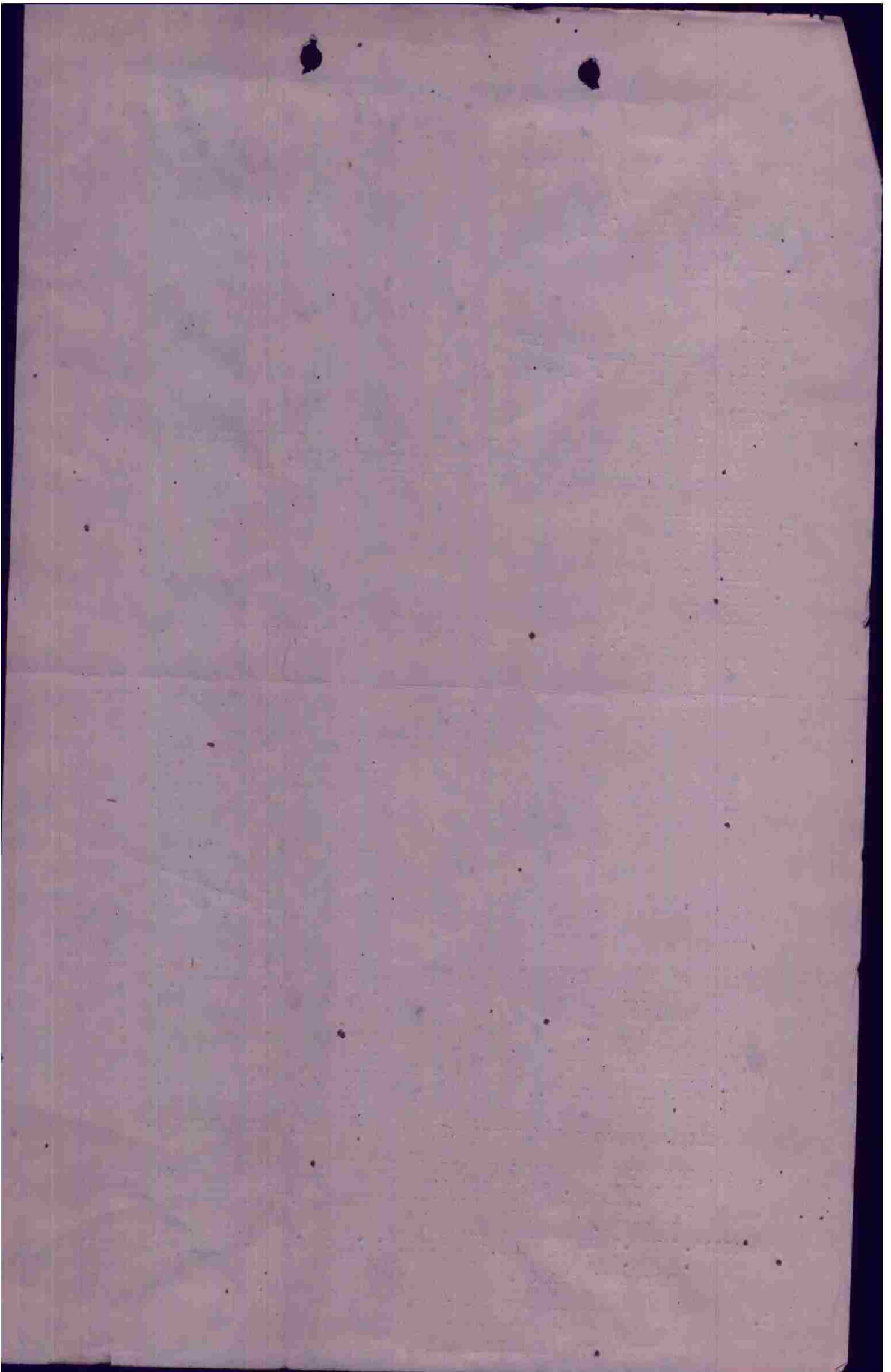
AT 1943 HRS. TWO ME109 A/C WERE SEEN TO APPROACH FORMATION FROM 12' O'CLOCK HIGH BREAKING AWAY LOW WITHOUT MAKING ATTACK. TWO P-47 A/C WERE SEEN TO FOLLOW E/A DOWN TO LOW LEVEL. POSITION VICINITY OF ETRETAT.

AT 2021 HRS. IN VICINITY OF LE NEUBOUZ THREE T/E A/C BELIEVED TO BE FW 189'S WERE SEEN FLYING SW AT 5,000 FT. ALTITUDE. NO ATTEMPT AT ENCOUNTER WITH BOMBER FORMATION.

N/Y AT FLINS SUR S. 2/3 FULL OF CARS.
25 CAR TRAIN MOVING SW FROM MONTES GASSICOURT
8 BARGES IN CANAL ABOVE LOCKS AT GAILLON.
MANY CLUSTERS OF NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BUILDINGS SEEN IN AREA BETWEEN BELBEC AND ETRETAT. EACH CLUSTER CONSISTING OF 6 OR 8 BUILDINGS.
BALLOON BARRAGES W ANTICIPATED ALONG ROUTE, NOT OBSERVED.

- H. (I) HAZE MADE TARGET HARD TO SEE. COULDN'T PINPOINT AIMING POINT. SCATTERED CLOUDS OVER TARGET AREA PREVENTED B/N FROM SEEING TARGET UNTIL LATE MAKING LAST MINUTE CORRECTION. NECESSARY.
- (II) .6 TO .7 CUMULUS TO THE THAMES. .2 TO .3 CUMULUS OVER CHANNEL .6 TO .7 CLOUD COVER 30 MILES INLAND OVER FRANCE. VISIBILITY 6 MILES OVER FRANCE.

- I. 92 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- 2 X 500 GP JETTISONED IN CHANNEL
- 2 X 500 GP RETURNED



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BT 22/2340B

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GP AR

OICOG R.....WEX;;WB MZ AR KK

RPT PLS O ALL LETTERS HERE

OICOG R.....23VP2B MZ AG K

YVVOE NO GOOD HERE TRY AHTIALUVEL

GTIV

OIVOV MIMMMMMMMWEXPPQWB MZ AGO

STILL NOT GOOD

OICOG R.....

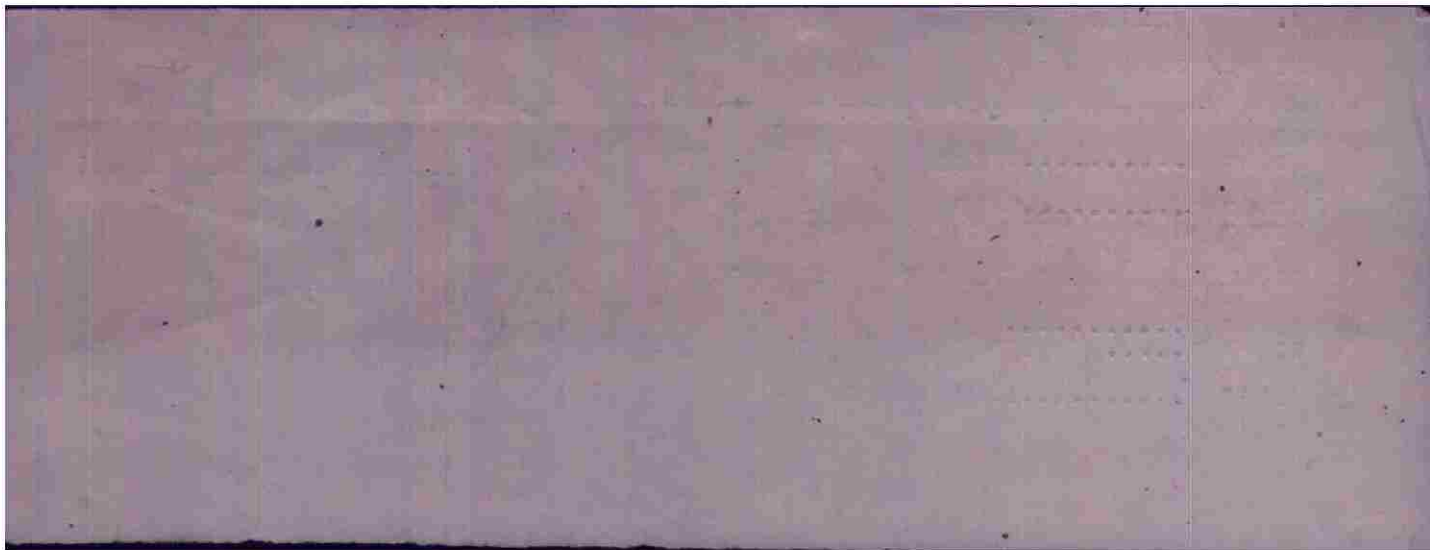
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MISSION SUMMARY

TARGET: Corneilles-en-Vixen
F/O : 323
DATE : 22 May 1944

416 BG: 38 a/c were dispatched, 24 dropping 92 x 500 GP on the primary target.

Thirteen a/c, having become separated from formation during ascent through overcast, returned without attacking; one failed due to mechanical trouble.

No losses, casualties or battle damage. Bombing was by eighteens.

Box I - EXCELLENT. Bombs fell in concentrated pattern on and around the M.P.I., scoring at least one hit and three near misses to the large hangar. Direct hits were received by three blast shelters resulting in their probable destruction. Several hits and near misses were made on five unidentified buildings. Bombs of one a/c fell in fields 2400 feet South of the M.P.I.

Box II - NO ATTACK. (At English coast while ascending through overcast, Box II became separated from the formation. Nine a/c found and joined with Box I while the balance returned to base.)

15 - MINUTE REPORT

Based on interrogation of 1st crew to land (presumably a box leader) at a/c hardstand. Telephone Command and Wing within 15 minutes of the landing of this 1st a/c.

1. Bombing Results (inc. No. of runs on target).

Primary Target bombed Yes Results: Good

If not -- why?

Other target bombed No Results:

2. Weather as it affected mission:

Target: Scattered cloud over target

Enroute:

3. Flak (Intensity, accuracy, type)

Target: None

Enroute:

4. E/A encounters (strong, mediocre, meager, nil - available details) N

5. Deviations from Route: English
Left coast somewhere

6. Special Comments:

Hot News

Twin engine A/C went down - 1st engine & fuel tank
2 chutes exploded seen at 2022 for 12,000
Place - just S of town of La Haya ch. J.

49°15'N - 00°52'E

INSTRUCTIONS

If the leader of the first box to land cannot report for the second box, the leader of the second box also will be met at the a/c hardstand and interrogated similarly.

In interrogating these first crews, the S-E interrogation officer should have a map with overlay on which the route as flown can be drawn. (Plotted route should not be used.)

IS B.C. S-2 Form No. 106-B

Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

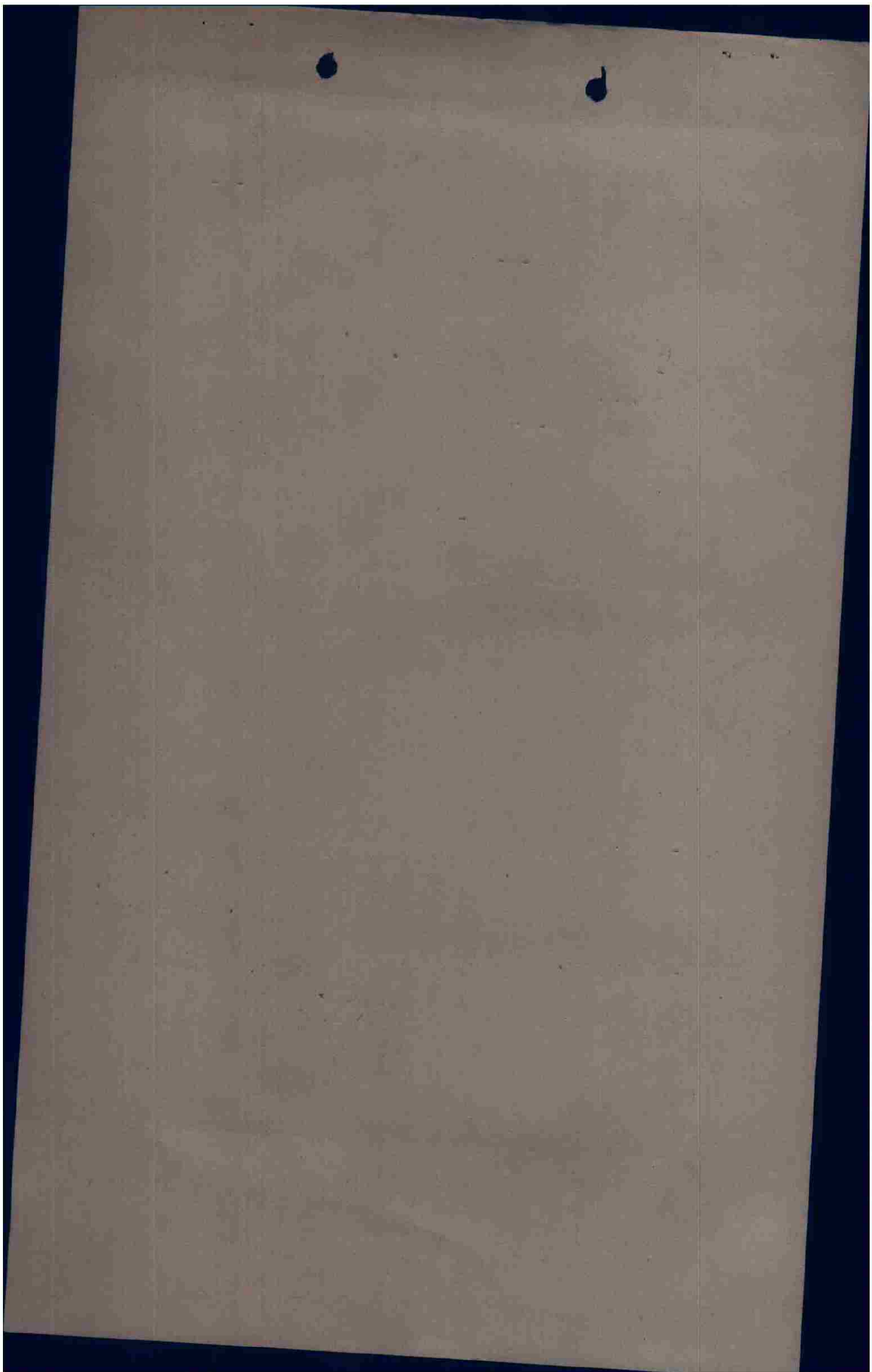
TOOTH UNITS:	TARGET	LA 10	WING 97th	416th
		DATE 22 May 1944		GROUP
		ATTACKING UNIT 2 Boxes		CORNEILLES-EN-VEXIN
		FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION		TARGET DET
A. TARGET PRINTED	CORNEILLES-EN-VEXIN A/D	PRIMARY		
		SECONDARY		
		CASUAL		
	BOX I:- Large hanger in north dispersal area.			
	M.P.I. BOX II- Center of north dispersal area.			
A.P.	Same as M.P.I.			
B. TARGET ATTACKED	CORNEILLES -EN-VEXIN A/D	MILES FROM THE PRIMARY		
		DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY		
C. COORDINATES (IF non-descript PINPOINT)		ON 1:50,000 MAP NO.		
D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED	38 A-20's	NO. OF A/C ATTACKING	24	
E. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's	18's	IN FOLLOWING ORDER	1	
F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED	92 x 500 GP	FUSING Box I 1/10 nose	1/100 Tail	
	Box II	FUSING Instant. nose	1/100 Tail	
G. HEADING OF A/C WHERE BOMBS DROPPED	052 Degrees			
H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED	2012			
J. ACTIVITY AT TARGET				

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING

BOX I - EXCEL. Bombs fell in concentrated pattern on and around the M.P.I. At least one hit and three near misses were scored on M.P.I., the hanger. Direct hits were made on three blast shelters probably destroying or seriously damaging all three. Several hits and near misses on five unidentified buildings. Bombs from one plane fell in fields 2400 ft. south of M.P.I.

BOX II- Did not bomb.

Clayton W. Zenger
CLAYTON W. ZENGER
CAPTAIN AIR CORPS
PHOTO INTELLIGENCE OFFICER



HEADQUARTERS
IX BOMBER COMMAND

D-FMS-4

APD #140 US Army
23 May 1944

SUBJECT: Deficiencies in Mission Reports of 22 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.
C. C. VEGA, JR.,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant General.

REVIEW OF DEFICIENCIES

IN

22 May - Evening

MISSION REPORTING PROCEDURE

Group 416 BG

Target Cormeilles-en-Vexin

15-Minute Report:

Opflash Report:

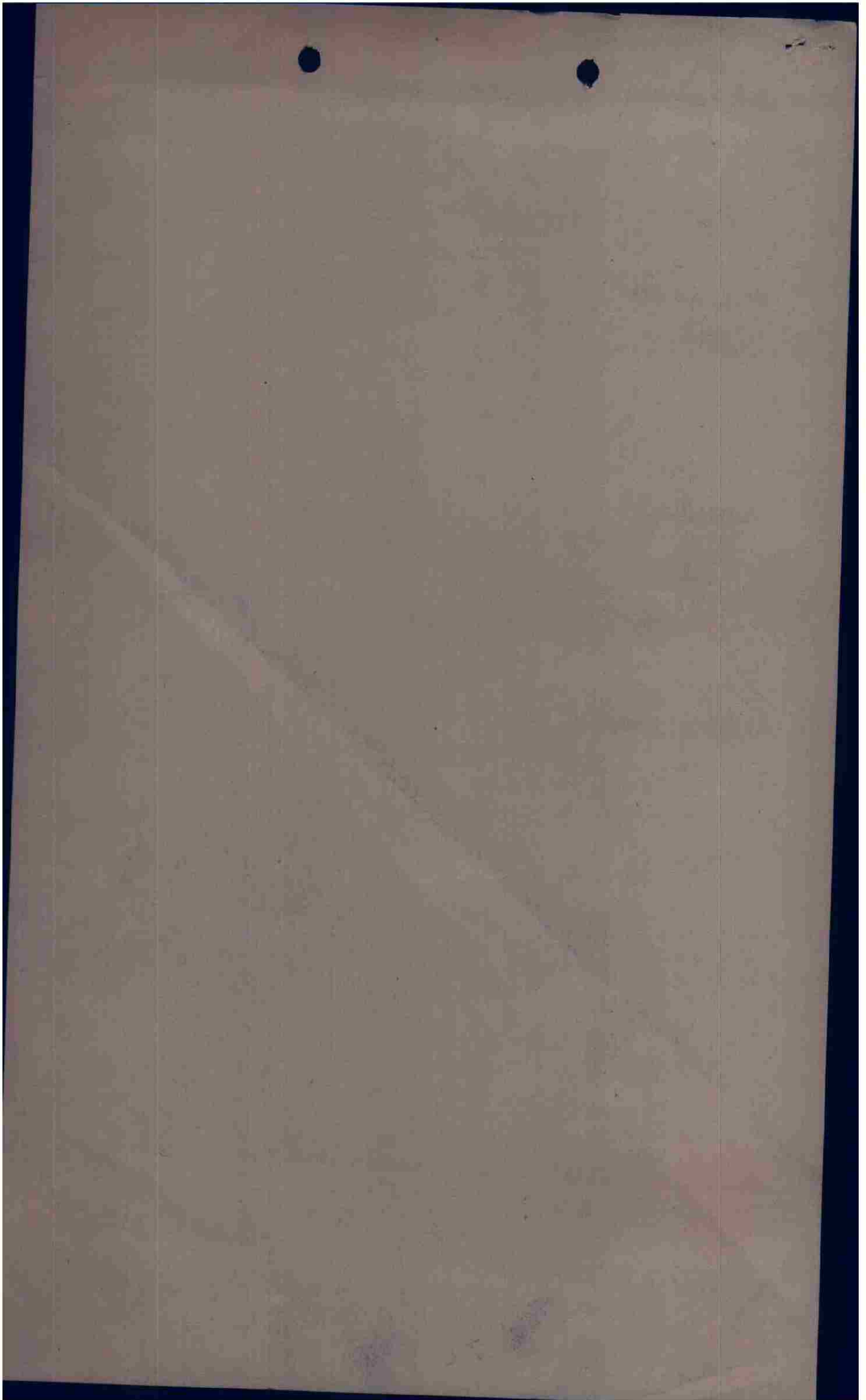
P/I Report & Laydown:

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Bombardier Report:

Photo Report:

Typographical error. In summary, ships in second box are indicated as being in first box.





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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 22/1520B M-112-E.
TO COMBOMCOM IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH. MAJOR CLARENCE S. TOMLES JR

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

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO F. O. 46-323

ATT: S-2

I TARGET

- A. CONTINUED ATTACKS AGAINST THIS TYPE OF TARGET NECESSARY IN ORDER TO KEEP ENEMY AIRFIELDS INOPERATIVE
- B. THE 416TH BOMB GROUP HAS THE SAME TARGET THEY HIT 20 MAY 1944 WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS FOR BOTH BOXES

II THE SITUATION

- A. REFER TO INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS REPORT IX BC, DATED 16 MAY 1944 CONCERNING CHANGE IN HUN BALLOON BARRAGE POLICY

III OBSERVATIONS

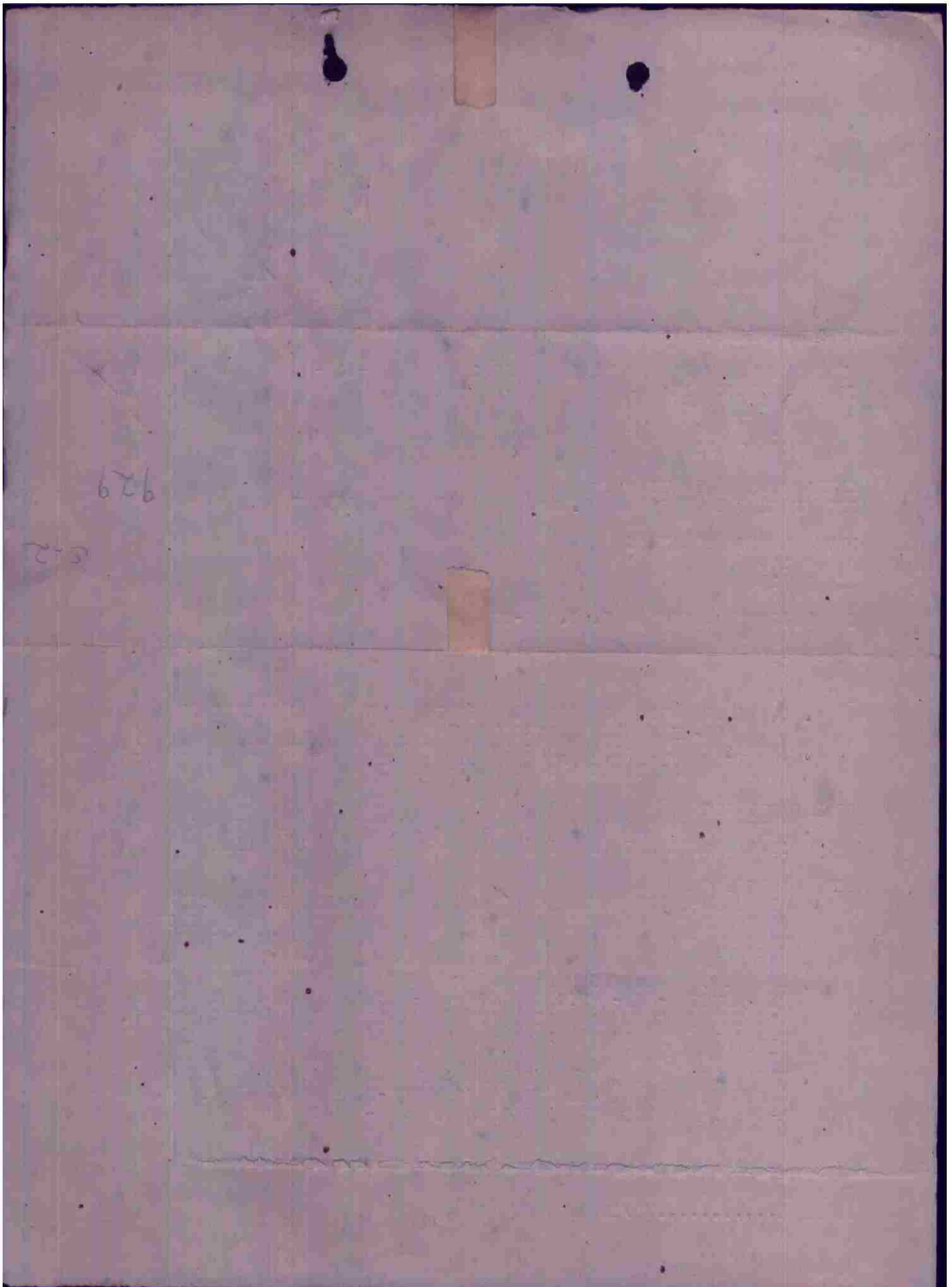
- A. ALL GROUPS REQUESTED TO SECURE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING OBSERVATIONS OF BARRAGE BALLOONS; NUMBER, SIZE, HEIGHT, AND WHAT TYPE OF INSTALLATION THEY APPEAR TO BE DEFENDING
- B. THE 416TH BOMB GROUP REQUESTED TO OBSERVE BARRAGE BALLOONS AT VATTETOT-SUR-MER (GRID COORD. L-6452) AND ALSO WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS ANY ACTUALLY AT MEULAN LES MUREAUX (GRID COORD. R-7462) WHICH IS THE LOCATION OF AN AIRDRONE AND AN AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLY PLANT
- C. THE 409TH BOMB GROUP AND THE 410TH BOMB GROUP REQUESTED TO OBSERVE BARRAGE BALLOONS AT VATTETOT-SUR-MER (GRID COORD. L-6452) AND LES MESNIL (GRID COORD. M-0414)

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 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 221400B M-111-E
 TO COMBOMCON NINE
 409TH COBOMGP
 410TH COBOMGP
 416TH COBOMGP



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

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

FIELD ORDER NO. 46-323

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) NINTH FIGHTER COMMAND THUNDERBOLTS WILL FURNISH ESCORT FOR THIS WING THE 98TH AND 99TH BOMB WINGS ARE ATTACKING TARGETS IN FRANCE THE 98TH BOMB WING IS ATTACKING Z-380 WITH 1 GROUP OF B-26'S RENDEZVOUS AT HASTINGS AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MIN

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE

ZERO HOUR 221900B

3. A 409TH BOMB GROUP

(3) WITH 410TH GROUP AT ASHFORD AT 11,000 FT. AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 25 MIN.

(6) BOMB 11500 FT. CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11500 FT.

(9) ILL. S 1588/4

1 BOX WEST DISPERSAL AREA FUSED INST. NOSE 1/100 TAIL

1 BOX REF. 069070 FUSED 1/10 NOSE 1/100 TAIL

(10) 4X500 LB. G.P. FUSED AS ABOVE

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B 410TH BOMB GROUP

(3) WITH 409TH GROUP AT ASHFORD AT 11000 FT. AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 25 MIN.

(6) BOMB 12000 FT. CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12000 FT.

(9) ILL. S 1588/4

1 BOX 082036

1 BOX 078034

(10) 4X500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 NOSE 1/100 TAIL

3. C. 416TH GROUP

(1) Z380

(3) WITH P47 FIGHTERS AT HASTINGS AT 12,000 FT AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN

(4) BASE TO HASTINGS TO ETRETAT TO 49 DEGREES 10 MIN NORTH 01 DEGREES 00 MIN EAST TO I.P. TO TARGET

(5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO 49 DEGREES 10 MIN NORTH 01 DEGREES 00 MIN EAST TO ETRETAT TO HASTINGS TO BASE.

(6) BOMB 11,500 FT CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,500 FT

(7) 48 DEGREES 58 MIN NORTH 01 DEGREES 49 MIN EAST

(8) GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST

(9) ILL. S1630/4

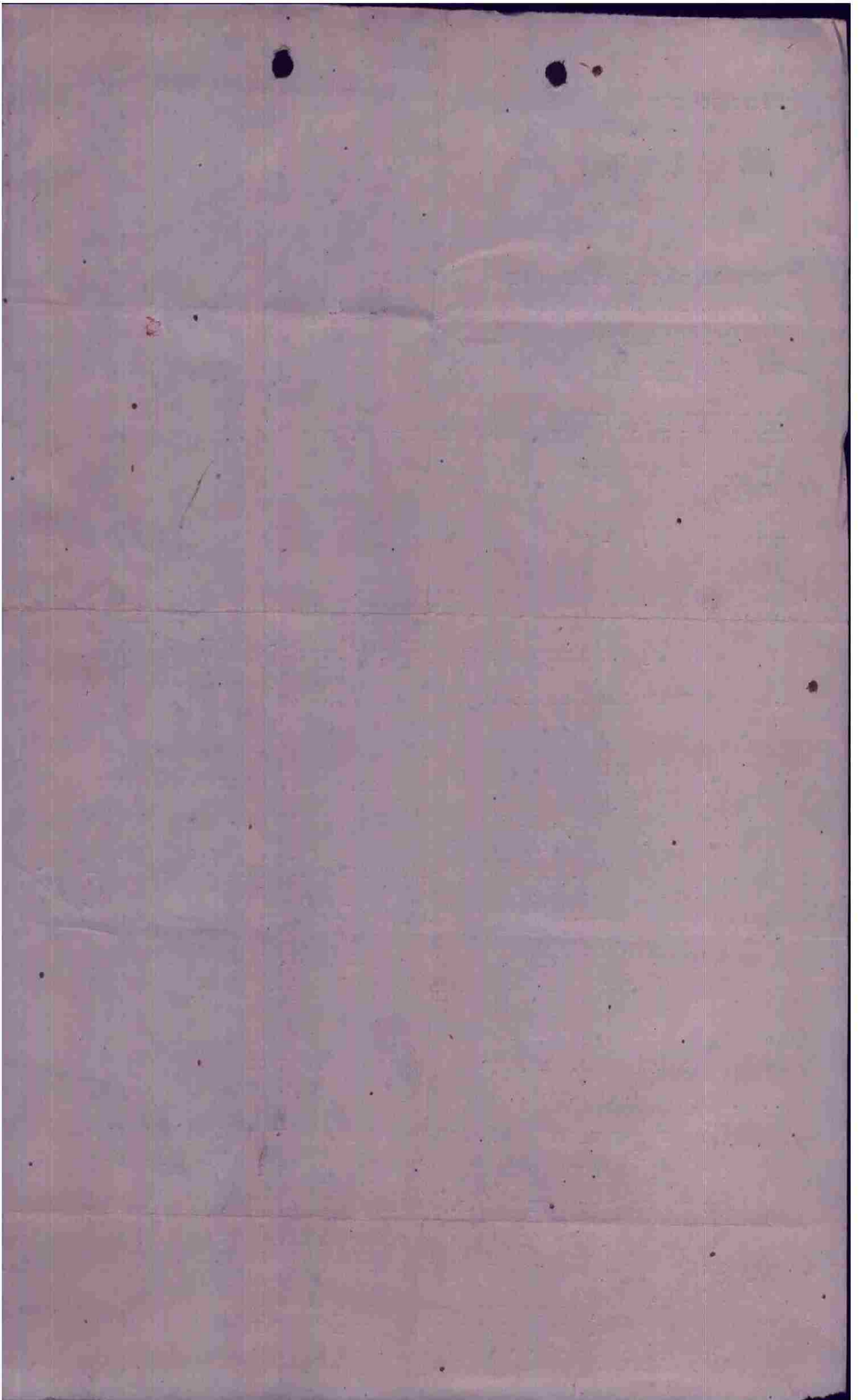
1 BOX REF. 032103 FUSED 1/10 NOSE 1/100 TAIL

1 BOX REF. 021098 FUSED INST NOSE 1/100 TAIL

(10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED AS ABOVE

(11) 49 DEGREES 09 MIN NORTH, 01 DEGREES 48 MIN EAST

(1) TO (4) NO CHANGE



- (5) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C EACH GROUP
(6) THE 410 GROUP AND 416 GROUP WILL COORDINATE THEIR TAKE OFF TIMES SO THAT THEY TAKE OFF AT LEAST 29 MIN. APART.

PARS. 3 A AND 3 B

- (7) TARGET 2338
(8) RENDEZVOUS WITH P47 FIGHTERS AT 12000 FT. AT HASTINGS AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 30 MIN.
(9) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO ASHFORD TO HASTINGS TO ETRETAT TO 49 DEG. 09 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 53 MIN. EAST TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(10) ROUTE BACK TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO ETRETAT TO HASTINGS TO BASE.
(11) I.P. 48 DEG. 57 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 56 MIN. EAST
(12) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTH EAST
(13) R.P. 49 DEG. 10 MIN. NORTH 01. DEG 11 MIN EAST
(14) THE 409TH GROUP WILL LEAD. THE 409TH GROUP WILL LEAVE ASHFORD ON COURSE TO HASTINGS AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 25 MIN.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) FEETACHE
(3) DROWSY
(9) 51/51
(10) 151/151

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) LADYMAN
(3) DROWSY
(9) 51/51
(10) 151/151

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) DASHDOWN
(3) ANKLE
(9) 54/54
(10) 154/154

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- (2) WEST MALLING D/D
BRIGHTON AREA G/C C/S PARADE
(3) NO CHANGE
(10) VBAT/ VBAT
(11) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL "C" WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA.

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BT 22/1440B

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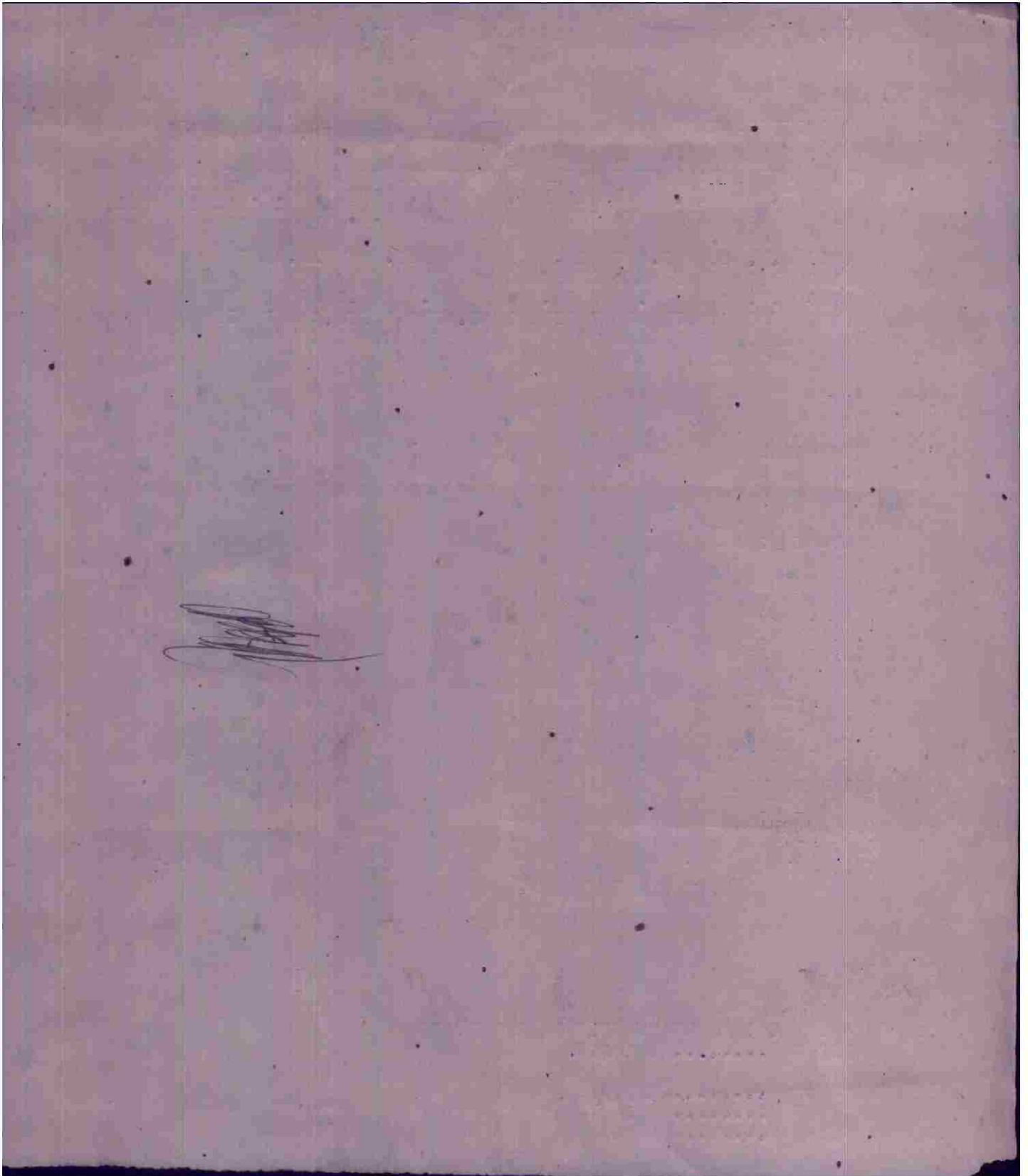
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MISSION NO. 52

LOADING LIST

22 MAY 1944

BOX I

FLIGHT I

1. 452 "Q"
MAJOR W J MENG
LT V H POWELL
S/S R F STOBERT
S/S F P GLYNN
2. 645 "R"
CAPT D A HULSE
LT R CONTE
S/S F D ALLRED
S/S D W STEPHENS
3. 209 "K"
LT D F SHEA
S/S R E LEE
SGT S R ZAKLIKIEWICZ

4. 207 "B"
LT F J HARROLD
S/S E L GRIFFIN
SGT C W MAZIASZ
5. 750 "M"
LT R G HALL
S/S O D EVANS
SGT D S BLACKFORD
6. 892 "L"
CAPT Z R MOORE
S/S M R BRAYN
SGT W J DANIEL

FLIGHT II

1. 937 "B-L"
LT E T PLATTER
S/S K L JOHNSON
S/S J L CZECH
2. 714 "N"
LT S M HIXON
S/S H A LEMPKA
T/S F H LARRONDE
3. 711 "M-L"
LT R H SMITH
S/S A A STOCKHAM
SGT R J MAHONEY

4. 220 "E"
LT R D PERKINS
S/S V N SHERRY
S/S R H LINNEMAN
5. 221 "F"
LT F W HENDERSON
SGT R M GRISWOLD
SGT P E COLOMBE
6. 363 "L-1"
LT R W YORK
S/S H J WILDS
SGT L A ASHTON

FLIGHT III

1. 951 "p"
LT F W DEMAND
S/S G W MIDDLETON
SGT R J TROYER
2. 493 "y"
LT H D ANDREWS
S/S G M COOK
S/S E R WERLEY
3. 393 "K-1"
LT R E GREENLEY
S/S H C WORDEN
S/S J J RZEPKA

4. 214 "C"
LT R V WHEELER
S/S E CORRIN
S/S J S BROWER
5. 164 "I"
MAJOR H A RADETSKY
S/S H E WELSH
S/S L G KUTZER
6. 219 "D"
LT R A WIPPERMAN
S/S H S AHRENS
SGT L C MAZZA

200 SPARE "A"
LT J C SEWELL
S/S P F GLYNN
SGT E F PAULES

MISSION NO. 52
22 MAY 1944

MISSION NO. 52

LOADING LIST

22 MAY 1944

BOX II

FLIGHT I

1. 455 "T"
CAPT C R JACKSON
LT A H MALTBY
S/S H M MCCLEARY
S/S S F DINAPOLI

4. 224 "E"
LT H A MONROE
S/S W L KIDD
S/S S RISKI

2. 914 "X"
CAPT R S PRENTISS
LT W M LYTLE
S/S J E MCCREERY
S/S H J SYLVA

5. 978 "S"
LT E D SOMMERS
S/S I BINNEY
SGT L C BURGER

3. 227 "F"
LT A W NORDSTROM
SGT J L JOHNSON
S/S F G FALK

6. 689 "I"
LT P G ATKINSON
S/S J O SWAFFORD
SGT L MARTINEZ

FLIGHT II

1. 684 "K"
LT R F SHAEFER
S/S J A FEJES
S/S ER JUDD

4. 176 "T-1"
LT L J SIRACUSA
S/S F E BROWN
S/S F N HUME

2. 195 "D"
LT R G MEREDITH
S/S J R ORR
S/S F L FLACKS

5. 0203 "R"
LT L G PEEDE
SGT D HANTSKE
S/S C L HIBBS

3. 907 "O"
LT E B KREH
SGT E SHELTON
S/S D R SCHENCK

6. 0194 "A"
LT R D LESHER
S/S H R HEDRICK
S/S A J ANTANAITIS

FLIGHT III

1. 442 "D-1"
CAPT M J HUFF
LT J KUPITS
S/S J B THOMPSON
S/S H F HATCH

4. 743 "W"
LT W C STOGGS
S/S N RADLICH
S/S R W NICKS

2. 376 "O-1"
LT P F E MACMANUS
S/S J L ROGERS
S/S G I FLEISCHMAN

5. 900 "Q"
LT H V SHAINBERG
S/S C A PRINDLE
S/S E T EPPS

3. 840 "V"
LT T BOUKAMP
S/S R J COLOSIMO
S/S G F COPE

6. 717 "N"
LT P DONTAS
S/S A L NIELSEN
S/S W E FIELDS

SPARE

0210 "Q-1"
LT H E HEWES
S/S J F KASPER
S/S H E BOYER

MISSION NO. 52
22 MAY 1944

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416 th Bombr (L)
22 May 44
FO. 46-323
TARGET: Carmel/Necken-Vezin A/D
TIME: 2012
HEIGHT: 11500
WINDOVS: No
SORTIES: 24 BY 17 th PLUS FLARE
DAMAGE: None
PHENOMENA: None

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01°30'E

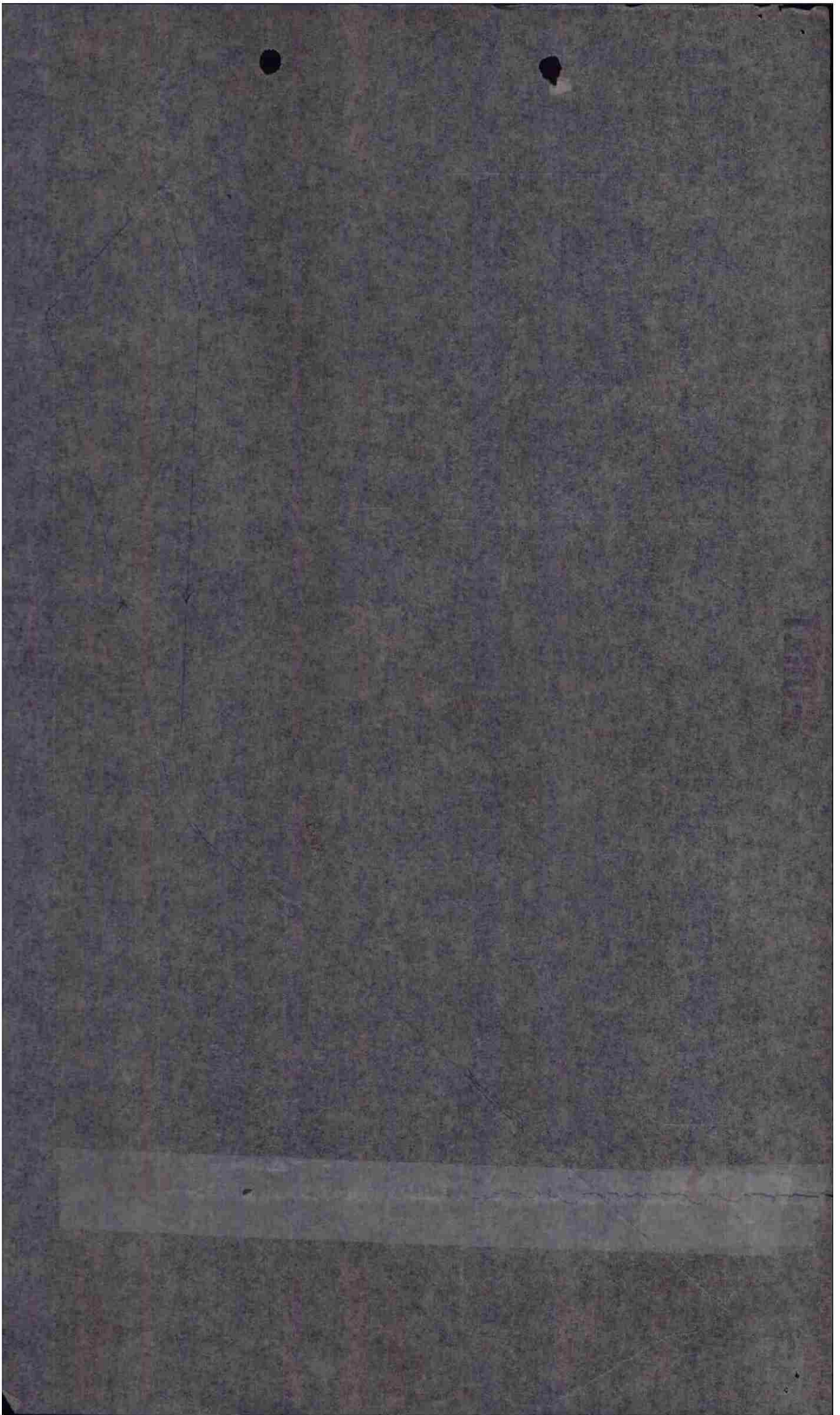
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49°40'N

Few bursts of
Weak inaccurate
HFFON exit.
[Heavy smoke in
area from heavier
fire at preceding
formations]

51500'

TARGET

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 By authority
 95, Sta. 170
 23 May 1944
 Init. _____

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

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

Subject: Oprep A, USAAF Form 344.

**To: 1 Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, AFG 636, U. S. Army.
 Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.**

Oprep A Number 52 For 24 hours ending sunset 22 May 44.

Mission Number 52.

IX Bomber Command Field Order Number 323.

A. Formation consisted of two boxes, 19 ships each box. Take off time was 1825. Thirteen aircraft became separated from formation during ascent through overcast and one ship returned early because of flutter in elevator. Remaining 24 ships formed one box and proceeded on to target. Time over target 2012. Target-Corvilles on Vexin A/D. Altitude at 11,500 feet, a total of 24 bombs were dropped in target area with excellent results. Visibility was 3 miles with .5 to .7 cumulus, tops to 8000 feet. Large break directly over target. Anti-aircraft fire was weak inaccurate HPV from Le Havre out, no damage incurred. No anti-aircraft experienced over target area. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 2144.

**B. (i) 33 A-200's and 3 A-20J's.
 (ii) 22 A-200's and 2 A-20J's
 (iii) 1 A-200 returned early because of flutter in elevator.
 10 A-200's and 3 A-20J's became separated from formation during ascent through overcast.
 (iv) None
 (v) None
 (vi) None
 (vii) None
 (viii) 23 A-200's and 2 A-20J's.**

**C. (i) None
 (ii) None**

**D. (i) A-200's 77:18
 A-20J's 8:50
 (ii) None**

**E. (i) A-200's 105,000 x 50 cal.
 A-20J's 10,000 x 50 cal.
 (ii) A-200's 325 x 50 cal. (testing)
 A-20J's 48 x 50 cal. (testing)
 (iii) None**

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Opreg A, USAAF Form 34A.

(Cont'd.)

- F. (1) A-206's 132 x 500 lb GP 1/10 H 1/100 T
 A-207's 20 x 500 lb GP 1/10 H 1/100 T
 (ii) A-206's 74 x 500 lb GP
 A-207's 8 x 500 lb GP
 (iii) A-206's 2 x 500 lb GP
 (iv) None
 A-206 2 x 500 lb GP returned to base - electrical circuits incorrectly wired.

G. None

- H. (1) None
 (ii) None
 (iii) None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE BOHNKEIN,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX FIELD ORDER NO. 523BOX I GROUP 418 DATE 22 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Cormelien En Vexin
A/D1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.2. Bombing approach: 052° 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 with corrections for synchronization. MPI used as AP. Scattered clouds over target area prevented bombardier from seeing target until late, making last minute corrections necessary.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Powell6. Name of lead pilot: Major Heng7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 220 Altitude: 11,5009. Length of bomb run: 40 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10T 1/10011. Total Bombs Dropped: 62

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attached or bombing. YES NOX. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attached, IF or AP? YES NOX. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES NOX. 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: Haze made target hard to see. Couldn't pinpoint AP.(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 _____ BAD MISS _____

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(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying the aircraft? If so, it should be stated in detail.

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Heavily claimed: GOOD TAIL FOUR BAD WINGS

(b) The above information was not obtained from any source other than the person named in the above information.

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HEADQUARTERS
41ST COMBATTANT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

SECRET
BY AUTH CO, STA 170
22 May 1944
INITIAL:

R-4-2

APC 140, U.S. Army,
22 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Mission Report--Aircraft.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APC 140, U.S. Army.
(Attn: Maintenance Branch)

PART I.

(1) 22 May 1944-1525-- Commailes-Bu-Vain A-

(2) 36 (33 alerted)

(3) 34

PART II.

None

PART III (1).

None

PART III (2).

<u>RAF SERIAL NO</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>CORRECT</u>
43-10104	Severe tail flutter	Undetermined	No
43-9207	One bomb delayed release	Sway braces to tight	Yes
43-9207	One bomb delayed release	Unknown	Yes
43-10895	Two bombs failed to release	Electrical circuit incorrectly wired to left front rack causing failure of both racks to release	Yes

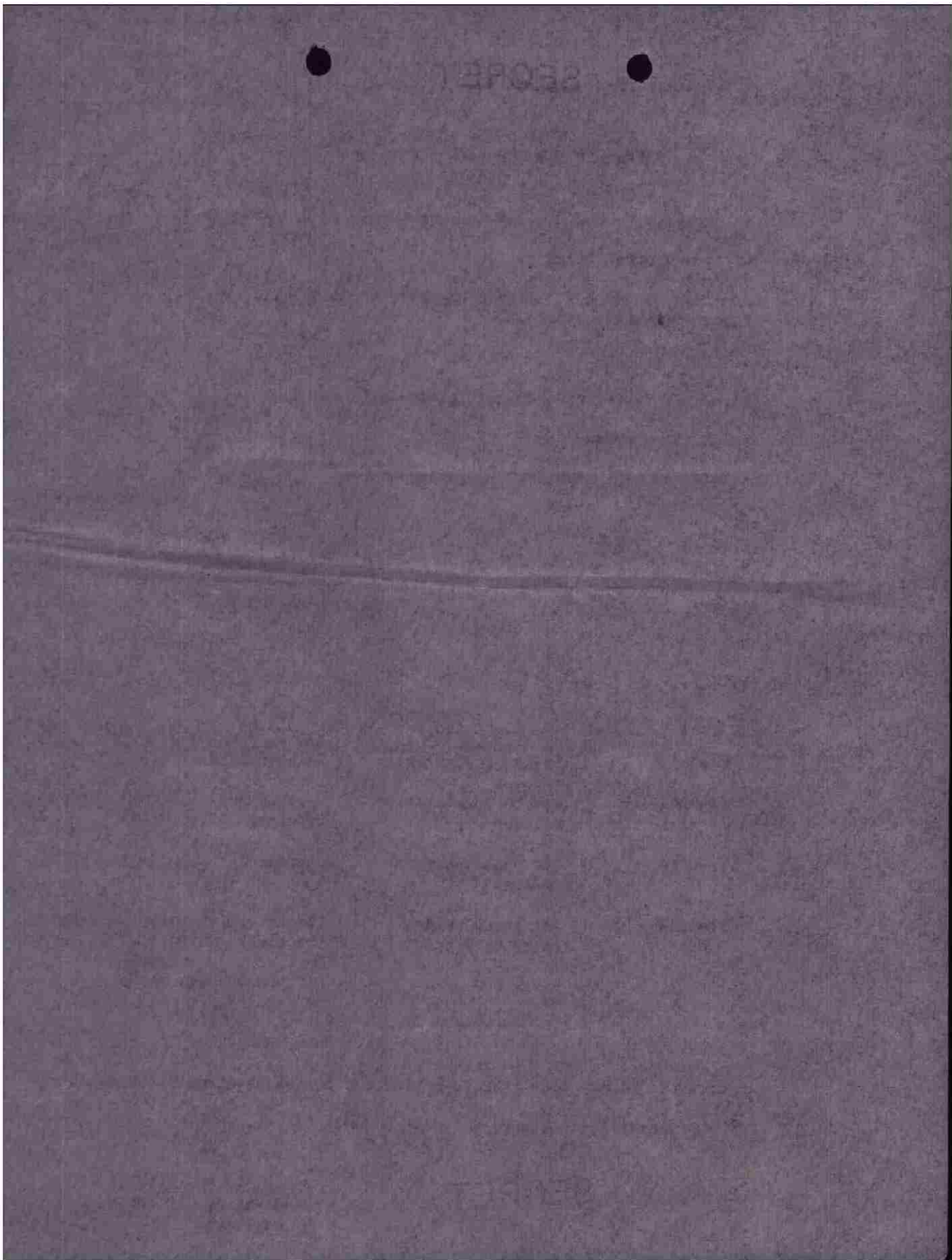
PART III (3).

13 aircraft became lost from formation during ascent through overcast.

For the Commanding Officer:

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GEORGE SCHWABE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.



Int.

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

APG 140
22 May 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKE OFF: 6 to 7/10 cumulus at 3000 feet.
Visibility 6 miles.

ROUTE OUT: 6 to 7/10 cumulus to the Thames with
overcast from Thames south. Visibility
6 miles down to the Thames, there it
decreased to 2 miles in thick haze.
Cloud bases were between 4 to 5000 feet
and tops were 3 to 9000 feet. Clouds
decreased to 3 - 3/10 over channel and
France. Thirty miles inland clouds increased
to 6-7/10 with tops estimated 8,000 feet.
Visibility increased to 6 miles over France.

TARGET: 6-7/10 cumulus with tops to 8000 feet.
Visibility 6 miles. Large break directly over
target.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out.

BASE ON RETURN: Overcast of stratocumulus at 3-4000 feet.
Visibility 4-5 miles in light intermittent
drizzle and haze.

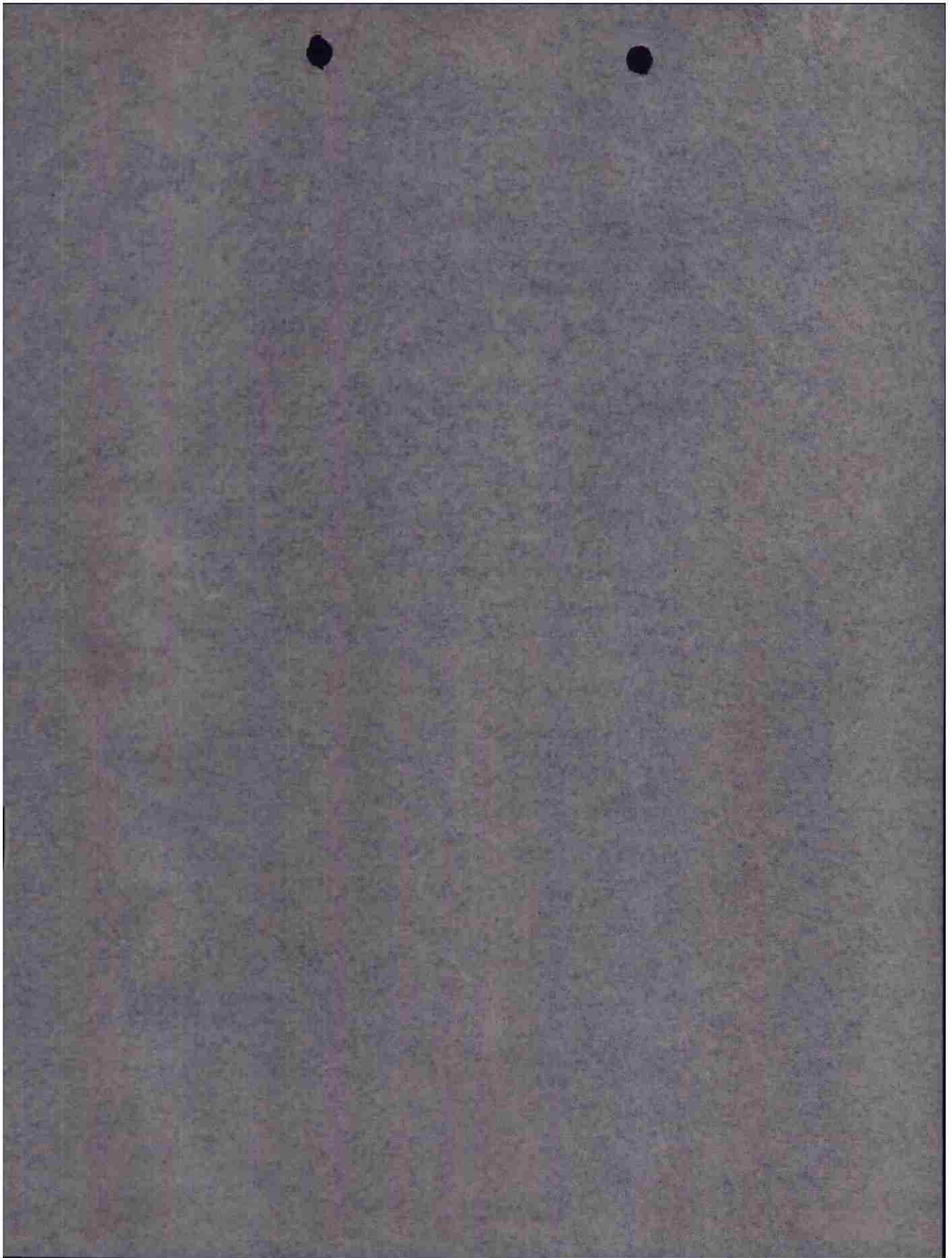
WINDS: As forecast.

TIME OVER TARGET: 3000

Weather did not affect bombing.

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

1 Incl.
2 Route Forecast Forms



WETHERS FIELD
416th Bomb Group (W) *John*

TAKOFF - 1820
RETURN - 2016

DATE 22 MAY 1944
PERIOD 1700-2200
Hq SOS USAPP 9-43/90W/15227

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

	A BASE TO TARGET	B TARGET	C TARGET TO BASE	D
1 WEATHER	PARTLY CLOUDY + HAZE	PARTLY CLOUDY + HAZE	PARTLY CLOUDY + HAZE	
2 CLOUDS	4-6/10 CUMULUS BASE 4500-6600 FT. To 7000 To 8000 FT DECREASING OVER SOUTH ENGLAND TO 3-5/10 CUMULUS AND BECOMING NIL TO 2/10. PATENT CUMULUS TOPS 4500 To 5500 FT OVER CHANNEL AND INLAND	NIL TO 3/10 CUMULUS TOPS 4500 To 5500 FT INLAND NIL TO 3/10 CUMULUS TOPS 6000 To 7000 FT.	SIMILAR TO ROUTE OUT EXCEPT CUMULUS OVER ENGLAND DECRE- ASING TO NIL 3/10	
3 ICING	FREEZING LEVEL: 4000 FT ICING: LIGHT RIME IN CLOUDS		SAME	
4 VISIBILITY	6 MILES PLUS ENTIRE ROUTE		SAME	
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10,000 FT	030 22			
12,000 FT	030 24			
15,000 FT	030 28			
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BASE ALT	TEMP. AT 12,000 FT. - 6.5	TARGET SURFACE TEMP. + 16.2	TARGET MEAN TEMP. + 12	TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) + 11

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
CLOUDS OF VERTICAL EXTENT =
CU-CUMULUS CB-CUMULONIMBUS





LAI V YAA YAA 22/22
FROM COBOMGR 416
TO 97TH COMBAT WING
ATT: SIGNAL OFFICER
CONFIDENTIAL BT

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22/2245B

N-598-J

A-YS-38

B-22 MAY 1944 (1855-2187)

C-668(7) Q-1 K O D T-1 R A

669(6) D-1 O-1 V W Q N

670(11) A T F E S I Q K B M L

671(14) X R B-1 N W-1 E F L-1 P V K-1 C I D

TOTAL 38

D-671-D- VHF CHANNEL A INOPERATIVE.

671-C- VHF NOISY.

670-S- PILOTS MICROPHONE INOPERATIVE.

E-669-D- TWO QDM'S FROM INSNAP. 669-Q- ONE QDM FROM INSNAP.

F- NOT APPLICABLE

G- NOT APPLICABLE

H- NOT APPLICABLE

I- NONE

J-670-Q- FORMATION AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS.

670-T- FORMATION AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS.

K- NONE

L-670-Q- REPORTED COMPLETION OF OPS TO PARADE.

671-V- REPORTED RETURN OF SECOND BOX TO BASE.

E71-L- NOTIFIED PARADE OF EARLY RETURN TO BASE.

M- NONE

N- NOT APPLICABLE

P- GOOD RADIO PERFORMANCE.

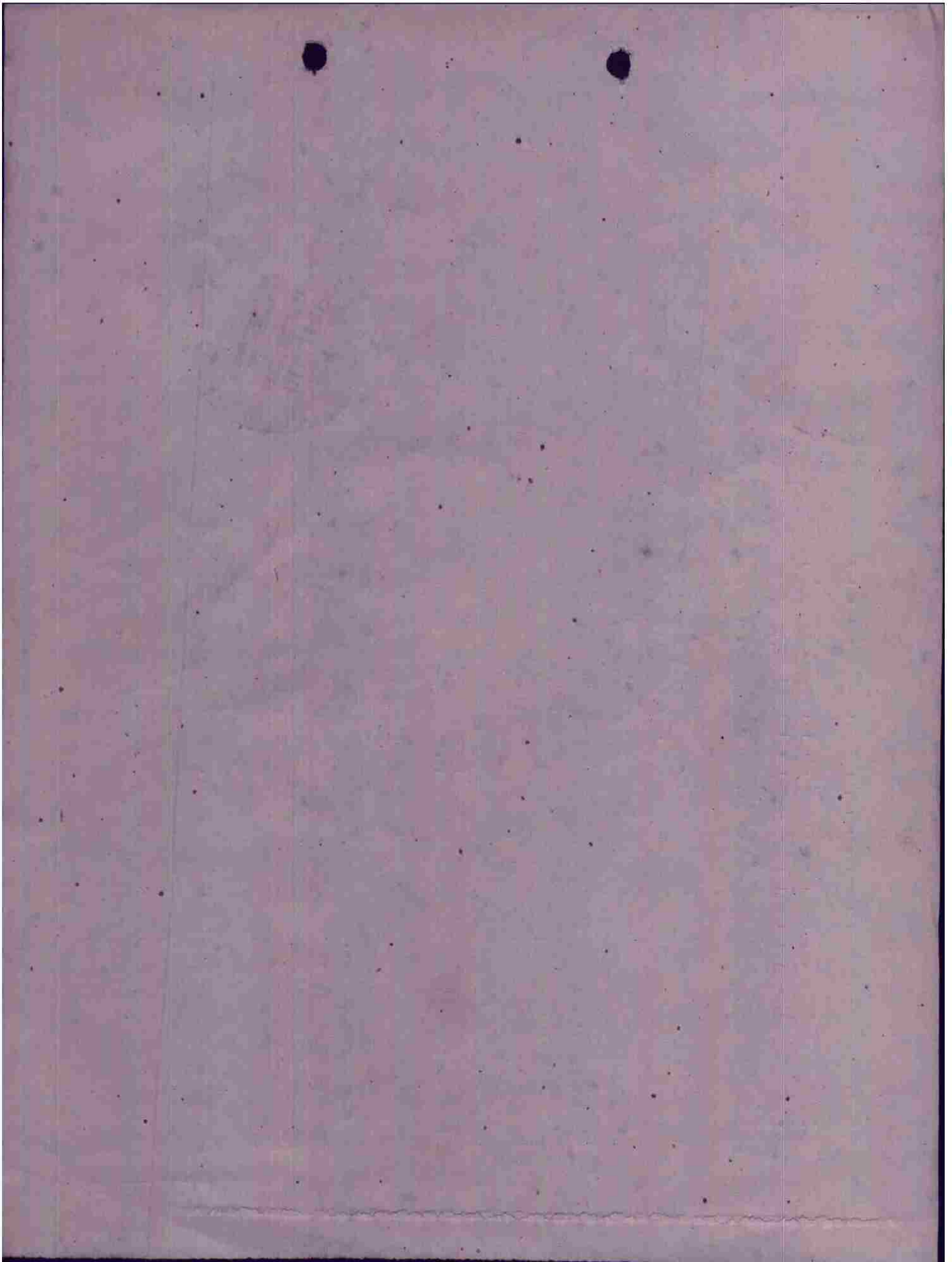
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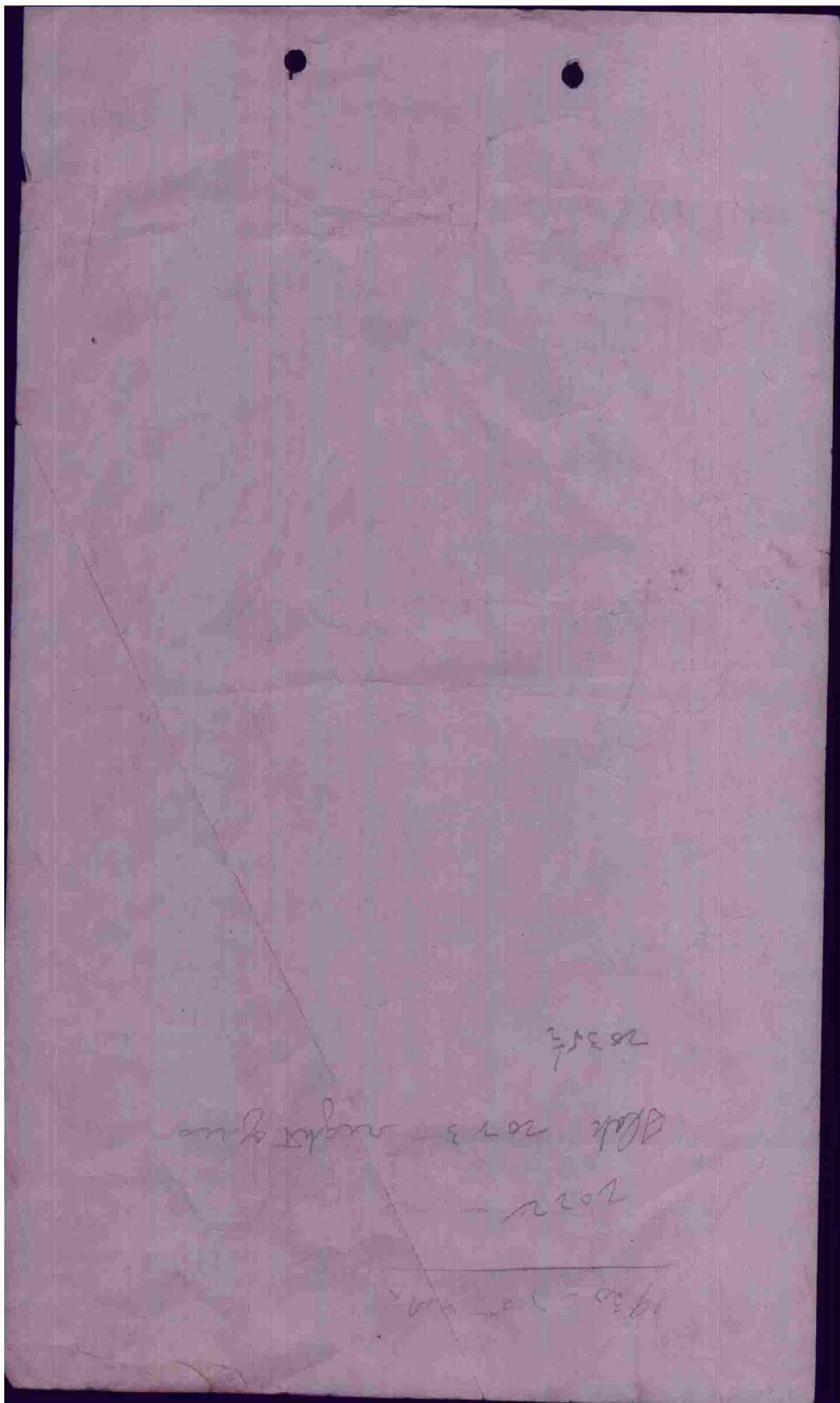
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FLIGHT PLAN									
PILOT M.A.S. Menz		STRT ENG		18.07		COAST OUT		19.20	
NAVIGATOR J.T. Powell		TAXI OUT		18.17		COAST IN		19.28	
PLANE 452		TIME OFF		18.25		I.F.		19.54	
MISSION CDMBAT		ON COURSE		18.46		T.FLIGHT		20.03	
DATE 5-22-44		RENDZVUS		19.20		COAST OUT		20.27	
FROM POSITION TO									
Base		UCKFIELD		204		1843		194	
UCKFIELD		HASTINGS		115		110		-5	
HASTINGS		FIREHIT		201		19.23		192	
FIREHIT		EQUATOR		141		19.48		19.54	
EQUATOR		I.P.		115		19.54		2005	
I.P.		TARGET		52		2005		2005	
TARGET		RAILWAY		301		2010		2011	
RAILWAY		EQUATOR		286		2014		2020	
EQUATOR		FIREHIT		331		2024		2035	
FIREHIT		HASTINGS		23		2035		2100	
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DCR - HENRICH - 077 - 235 - 35-9m
ASAFON - NASTING - 223 - 276 - 24-5m

FLIGHT PLAN									
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Planes 1735		1807		1813		1823		1843	
1ST PT ENG		TAXI OUT		TAKE OFF		ON COLLEE		RENDEZVOUS	
COAST IN 2027		BASE 2107		REND. ALT.		LAND FALL ALT.		TARGET ALT.	
ALTITUDE		HEADING		AIR SPEED		TIME		RESULTS	
TO		FROM		POSITION		TO		FROM	
HASTINGS		FIELD		HASTINGS		FIELD		HASTINGS	
ETRETAT		ETRETAT		ETRETAT		ETRETAT		ETRETAT	
ECQUETOT		ECQUETOT		ECQUETOT		ECQUETOT		ECQUETOT	
IP		IP		IP		IP		IP	
TARGET		TARGET		TARGET		TARGET		TARGET	
RALLY		RALLY		RALLY		RALLY		RALLY	
ECQUETOT		ECQUETOT		ECQUETOT		ECQUETOT		ECQUETOT	
ETRETAT		ETRETAT		ETRETAT		ETRETAT		ETRETAT	
HASTINGS		HASTINGS		HASTINGS		HASTINGS		HASTINGS	
BASE		BASE		BASE		BASE		BASE	
2000 FT.	4000	6000	8000	10000	12000	14000	16000	18000	20000
CHALLENGE									
REPLY 229 R									
COLORS 229 R									
VHF CHANNEL									
BOMBER C/S DASH DOWN									
FIGHTER C/S ANKLE									
BOOMER TO BOOMER ETC.									
DIVISION									
AIDROINES									
LATERAL									
REND. ALT.									
LAND FALL ALT.									
TARGET ALT.									
FLIGHT RECORD									



COMBARDIER'S LOG

CORMEILLES-EN-VEXIN
TARGET

5-22-44
DATE

Pressure Altitude of Target: <u>411</u>	Type of Release: <u>Train Ind. Salvo</u>
Altimeter Setting: <u>29.92</u>	Interval: <u>MINIMUM</u>
Ind. Alt. : <u>11500</u> True Alt. : <u>11400</u>	Length of Run : <u>45</u> Time of Release:
Ground Speed : <u>Drift :</u>	Mag. Head. Ordered : <u>52</u> Actual:
Est. : <u>228</u> Act. : <u>Est. : 118 Act.</u>	Aircraft Number : <u>452</u>
Ind. Air Sp. : <u>210</u> True Air Sp. : <u>230</u>	Pilot : <u>MAJ. MENG</u>
Tan. Dropping Angle : <u>.74</u>	Navigator : <u>Powell</u>
Disc Speed : <u>192.8</u> Trail : <u>41</u>	Bombardier :
Sighting: <u>Toggled : Bombsight :</u>	

BOMBS AND FUZES

Types: Number: Nose : Tail :

LEFT			INTERMEDIATE TANGENTS AND DRIFT FOR HEADING LEFT AND RIGHT OF ORDERED HEADINGS.	RIGHT		
HEADING	DRIFT	TARGET		HEADING	DRIFT	TARGET
<u>42</u>	<u>-1</u>			<u>62</u>	<u>-3</u>	
<u>32</u>	<u>0</u>			<u>72</u>	<u>-4</u>	
<u>22</u>	<u>+1</u>			<u>82</u>	<u>-4</u>	
<u>12</u>	<u>+2</u>			<u>92</u>	<u>-5</u>	

MINUS			INTERMEDIATE DISC SPEEDS AND TRAIL FOR PLUS OR MINUS ALTITUDES.	PLUS		
ALTITUDE	DISC SPEED	TRAIL		ALTITUDE	DISC SPEED	TRAIL
<u>11000</u>	<u>196</u>			<u>11900</u>	<u>188</u>	
<u>10500</u>	<u>201</u>			<u>12400</u>	<u>184</u>	
<u>1500</u>	<u>206</u>			<u>12900</u>	<u>181</u>	
<u>2000</u>	<u>212</u>			<u>2000</u>	<u>177</u>	

METRO DATA

HEIGHT	WIND DIRECTION & VELOCITY	TEMPERATURE
1000		
3000		
5000	15°-20	-1/2
7000		
9000		
10000	25°-22	-4
11000		
12000	30°-23	-6
P.A. = +11° M.T. = +1°C		

DESCRIPTION OF MALFUNCTIONS OF BOMBING EQUIPMENT

OX: .73 Haze made target hard
 to see. Couldn't pin point aiming pt.
 Scattered clouds over target area prevented
 me from seeing field until late.

REMARKS
 Lateral bubble was off. But in last
 minute correction hit target area.
 Didn't see a/b but vicinity of target.

2011 3/4 ✓
 Gun position 8, square tower

Train 30 cars heading SW at 1. P.

One B-26 seen to go down in flames
 at a point 10 mi south of Elbert
 One Parachute seen. F. B. Glenn.

2000 1/2 ✓

Three Ju 189's ^{one} flying SW Two
 flying NW - 5,000ft or below
 Twin Eng. Single Fuel tank Silver

Three Ju 189's

8 Barges above Island and Down
 Bailon

2027

Clearing in woods / Buildings under
 Construction - Two large clusters 6 or 8 to
 sight

2019

8 or 9 small fires in woods -

2 m E 101 seen 3 min in frame

209 645

750

207 689

714

951

393

493

176

0194

203

214

219

221

928

220

227

937

01e

711

21L

006

21L

018

912

411

100

116

684

195

Camera

907

Camera

m/y at elbow full
train going up coast from Lyhaven toward strait.
many ships in Luni at 2026.

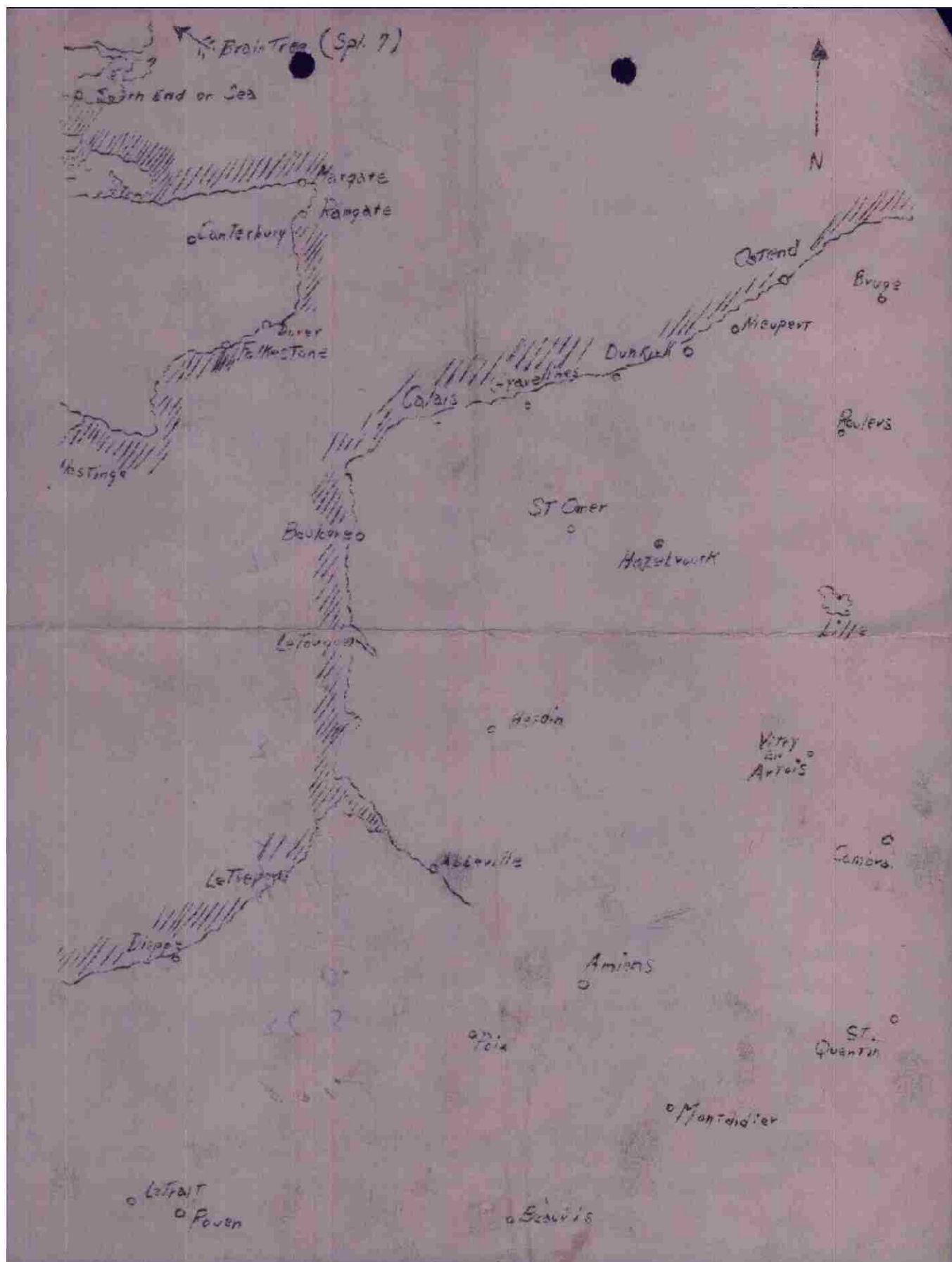
XH1 at target as turned off to left.

XH1 at 2026

B 36?? seen burning on ground 3 mi west of
elbow at 2022

A 30 or B 26

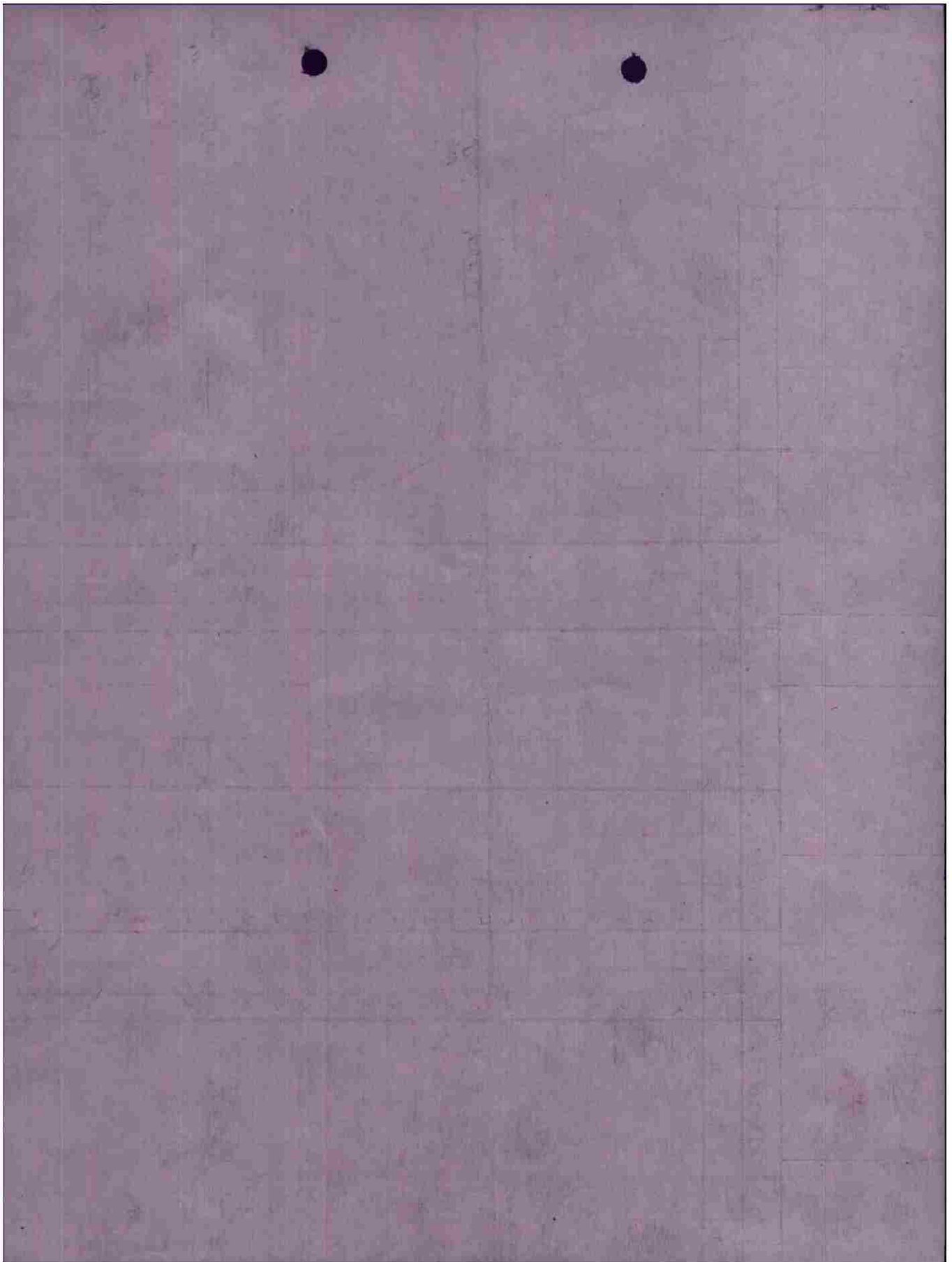
low in LFF made channel seen at coast.



Box No.	Opsfl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
I		22 MAY	46 323	AM Cormellis EX VIXEN	11500	MAJ. MENG	1823 TOT 200 L/D	

A/C	Fail to Bomb	Att.	Bomb Disp.	A/C Dam.	E/A	Pers
Pd No	Reason	P S O	P S J F R	M D A A C B E	D P D	K W M
1 432		X	4			
2 645		X	4			
3 209		X	4			
4 207		X	3			
5 750		X	4			
6	Ret Early					
1 937		X	3			
2 714		X	4			
3 711		X	4			
4 220		X	4			
5 221		X	4			
6	Ret Early					
1 951		X	4			
2 493		X	4			
3 393		X	4			
4 214		X	4			
5	Ret Early					
6 219		X	4			
7	Ret Early					
		15	58			
		24	92			
			2			
			2			

Meng 750
 Shear 209
 Under 845
 Band 207
 Mous-Ret Early 750
 chand
 DeMand 951
 Under 393
 Smith 711
 Platten 937
 Under 314
 Under 493
 Under 220
 Under 319
 Ret Early (Early)
 Ret Early
 Ret Early (Early) 321
 Ret Early



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