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

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

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

Subject: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Report.
To : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APO 140, U. S. Army.

Transmitted herewith is the A-3 Bombing Information Report on operational mission 22 May 1944, submitted in compliance with IX Bomber Command Memorandum 55-2.

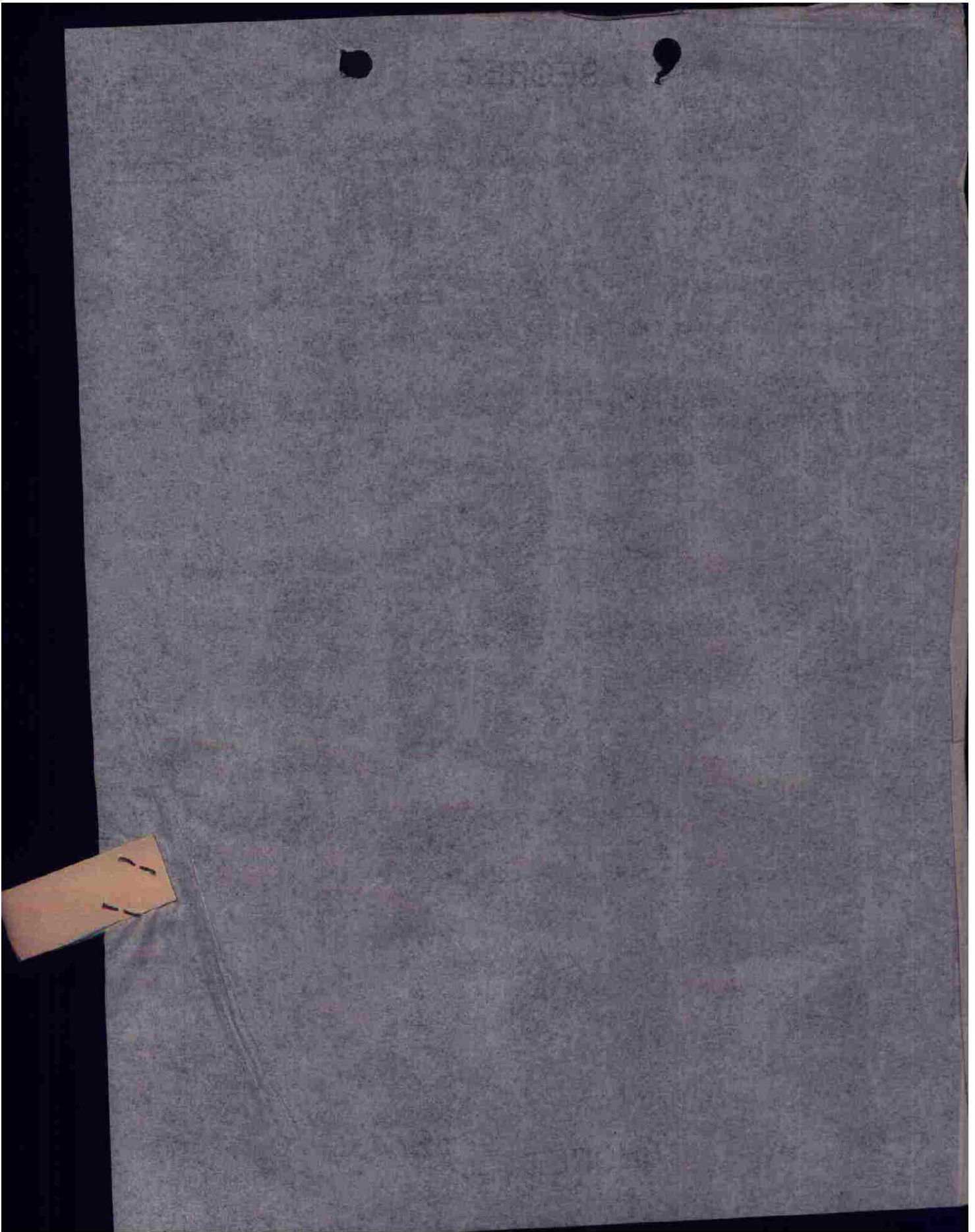
For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKLEIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Incl: A-3 Bombing Information Report.

MAY 22 1944
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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 323BOX I GROUP 418 DATE 22 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Cornailles En Vexin
A/D1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.2. Bombing approach: 082° 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 King7. 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 1/10 1/10011. Total Bombs Dropped: 92

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: 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 _____ NO X

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

EXCELLENT X

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(over)

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

Formation consisted of 2 boxes, 12 ships each box. Take off time was 1830. Fifteen aircraft became separated from formation during ascent through overcast and one ship returned early because of further in elevator. Remaining 24 ships formed one box and proceeded on to target. Time over target 2015. Target - formation in V-shape attacking at 11,500 feet, a total of 24 bombs were dropped in target area with excellent results. Accuracy was 2 miles with 2 to 4 gunships, tops to 8000 feet. Large break directly over target. Anti-aircraft fire was weak inaccurate but from the heavy one, no damage incurred. No anti-aircraft expended over target area. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 2144.

1. 2 miles.
2. 2 to 4 gunships with tops to 8000 feet.
3. 1 box of 24 ships.
4. 1115
5. Runways used as identification feature.
6. Scattered clouds over target area prevented bombardment from seeing target until late, making last minute corrections necessary.
7. Excellent.
8. None

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 1ST ARMY CG, STA 170
 22 May 1944
 INITIAL:
 R-2-8

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

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

SUBJECT: Mission Report--Aircraft.

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

PART I.

(1) 22 May 1944-1945-- Commaillaes-On-Varin A-2

(2) 36 (26 alerted)

(3) 24

PART II.

None

PART II (1).

None

PART III (2).

<u>AIR SERIAL NO</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>NOTED</u>
43-10156	severe tail flutter	Undetermined	No
43-9397	One bomb delayed release	One brace to tight	Yes
43-9397	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

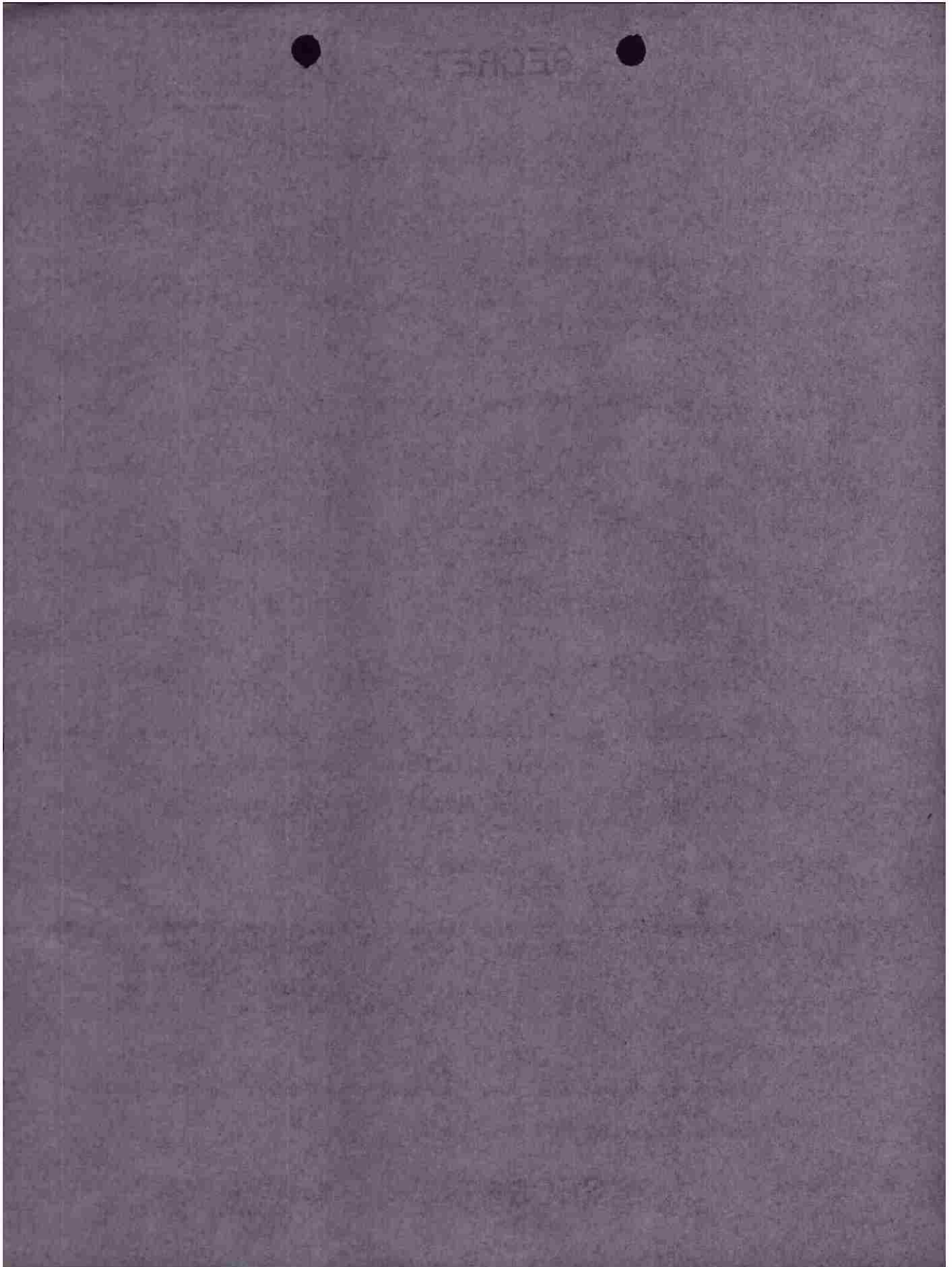
PART III (3).

12 aircraft became lost from formation during ascent through overcast.

For the Commanding Officer:

SECRET

GEORGE SCHUNKIN,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.



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" *Sentie*
CAPT Z R MOORE
S/S M R BRANN
SGT W J DANIEL

FLIGHT II

1. 937 "B-L"
LT E T PLATTER ✓
S/S K L JOHNSON
S/S J L CZECH

4. 220 "E"
LT B D PERKINS ✓
S/S VN SHERRY
S/S R H LINNEMAN

2. 714 "N"
LT S M HIXON ✓
S/S H A LEMPKA
T/S F H LARRONDE

5. 221 "F"
LT F W HENDERSON ✓
SGT R M GRISWOLD
SGT P E COLOMBE

3. 711 "M-L"
LT R H SMITH ✓
S/S A A STOCKHAM
SGT R J MAHONEY

6. 363 "L-1" *no Sentie*
LT R W YORK
S/S H J WILDS
SGT L A ASHTON

FLIGHT III

1. 951 "P"
LT F W DEMAND ✓
S/S C W MIDDLETON
SGT R J TROYER

4. 214 "C"
LT R V WHEELER ✓
S/S E CORRIN
S/S J S BROWER

2. 493 "V"
LT H D ANDREWS ✓
S/S G M COOK
S/S E R WERLEY

5. 164 "I" *Sentie*
MAJOR H A RADETSKY
S/S H E WELLEN
S/S L G KUTZER

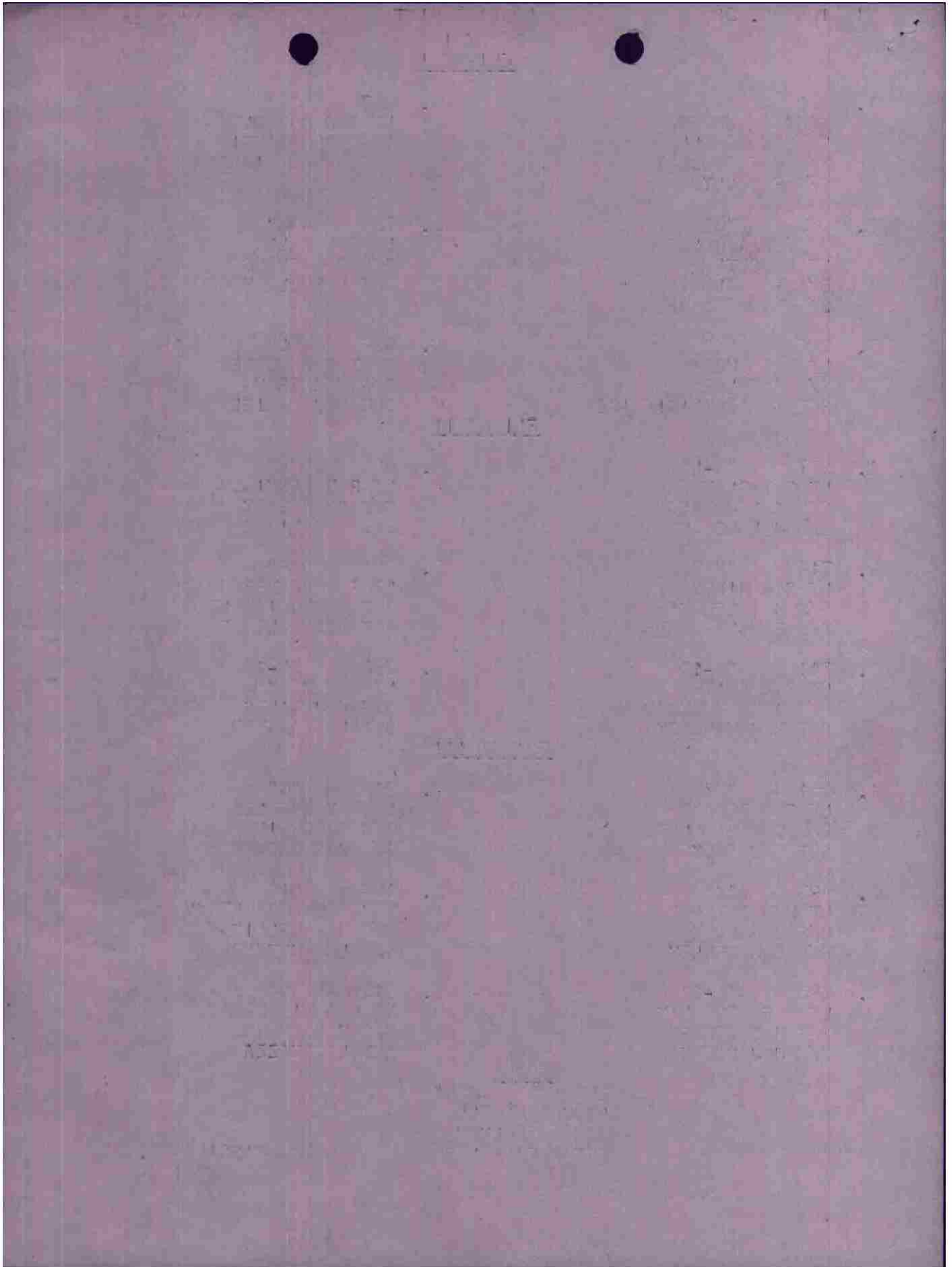
3. 393 "K-1"
LT R E GREENLEY ✓
S/S H C WORDEN
S/S J J RZEPKA

6. 219 "D"
LT R A WIPPERMAN ✓
S/S H S AHRENS
SGT L C MAZZA

SPARE

- 200 "A" *Sentie*
LT J C SEWELL
S/S P F GLYNN
SGT E F PAULES

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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 MCCLARY
S/S S F DINAPOLI

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

2. 914 "X"
CAPT R B 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 LESHNER
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 SIGGS
S/S N RADLICH
S/S R W NJCKS

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

5. 900 "Q"
LT N V SHAINBERG
S/S C A PRINDLE
S/S E T ERPS

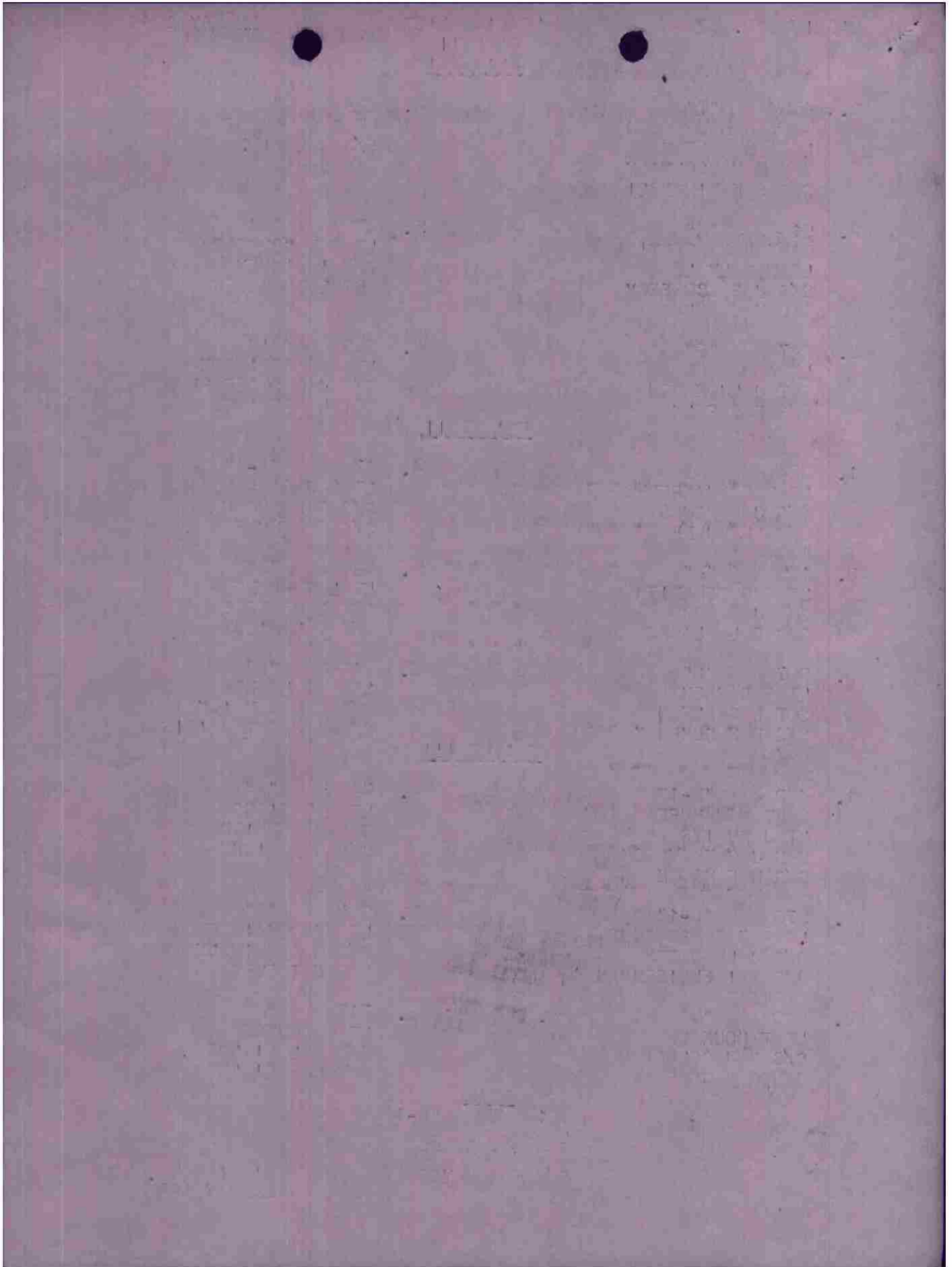
3. 840 "Y"
LT T BOUKAMP
S/S R J COLOSIMO
S/S G F COPE

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



OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

416 BG M_____E

CONFIDENTIAL IN THE CLEAR

"J" FORM OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE F-4 22 MAY 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR HAROLD A. RADETSKY

A.

B. 1920

C. HASTINGS

D. BOX I R/T DASHDOWN ONE

670 . . . 5 . . . Q K B M L

671 . . . 13 . . . R B-1 N M-1 E F L-1 P V K-1 G I D

670 . . . 1 . . . SPARE . . . A

GROUP LEADER . . . 670 . . . Q

DEPUTY . . . 671 . . . R

BOX II R/T DASHDOWN TWO

670 . . . 5 . . . T F E S I

671 . . . 1 . . . X

668 . . . 6 . . . K O D T-1 R A

669 . . . 6 . . . D-1 C-1 V W Q N

668 . . . 1 . . . SPARE . . . Q-1

SECOND BOX LEADER . . . 670 . . . T

DEPUTY . . . 671 . . . X

E. 11500

F. ETHETAT

G. 1938

H. 49 MINUTES

J. ETHETAT

K. HASTINGS

L. 2047

M. 1. E.T.D. . . . 1855 . . . E.T.A. . . . 2107

2. 4 X 500 G.P.

3. 4 HOURS

4. BOX I . . . Z 380

BOX II . . . Z 380

5. NONE

MACE GOMBOR 416

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

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

WEATHER FIELD		TAKE OFF - 1820	
416TH BOMB GROUP (A)		RETURN - 2015	
OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST			
DATE 22 MAY 1944		PERIOD 1700-2200	
NA SOS USARP 9-43/90M/15227			
A BASE TO TARGET		B TARGET	
1 WEATHER PARTLY CLOUDY + HAZE		PARTLY CLOUDY + HAZE	
2 CLOUDS 4-6/10 CUMULUS BASE 4500 FT TO 5500 FT. TOPS 7000 FT TO 9000 FT DECREASING OVER SOUTH ENGLAND TO 3 TO 5/10 CUMULUS AND BECOMING NIL TO 2/10 PATCHY CUMULUS TOPS 4500 FT TO 5500 FT OVER CHANNEL AND INLAND		NIL TO 3/10 CUMULUS TOPS 4500 FT TO 5500 FT INLAND NIL TO 3/10 CUMULUS TOPS 6000 FT TO 7000 FT. SIMILAR TO ROUTE OUT EXCEPT CUMULUS OVER ENGLAND DECREASING TO NIL 3/10	
3 ICING FREEZING LEVEL: 4000 FT ICING: LIGHT RIME IN CLOUDS		SAME	
4 VISIBILITY 6 MILES PLUS ENTIRE ROUTE		SAME	
HEIGHT DIRECTION VELOCITY		DIRECTION VELOCITY	
SURFACE NNW 15-20			
5,000 FT 0/0 20			
10,000 FT 0/0 22			
12,000 FT 0/0 24			
13,000 FT 0/0 28			
FT			
FT			
BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 30.21		TARGET SURFACE TEMP +15°	
TEMP. AT 12,000 FT. -6.5		TARGET MEAN TEMP +10.5	
		TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) +11	

AIRCRAFT REPORT

TIME		BASE TO COAST	OVER CHANNEL OR SEA	OVER CONTINENT & TARGET
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		

Spms

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

APO 140
22 May 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: 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 8 to 9000 feet. Clouds
decreased to 2 - 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.

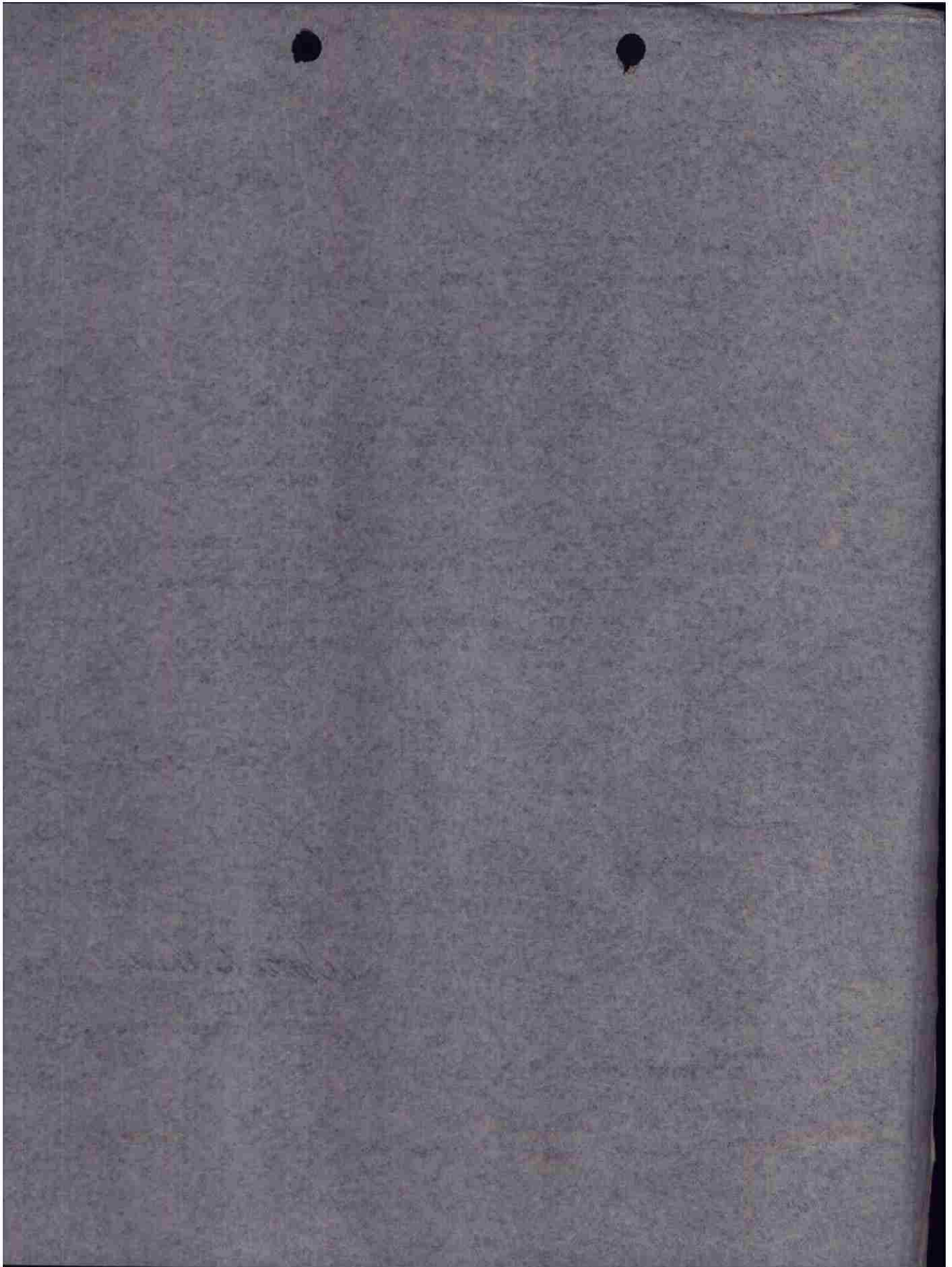
WINDS: As forecast.

TIME OVER TARGET: 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



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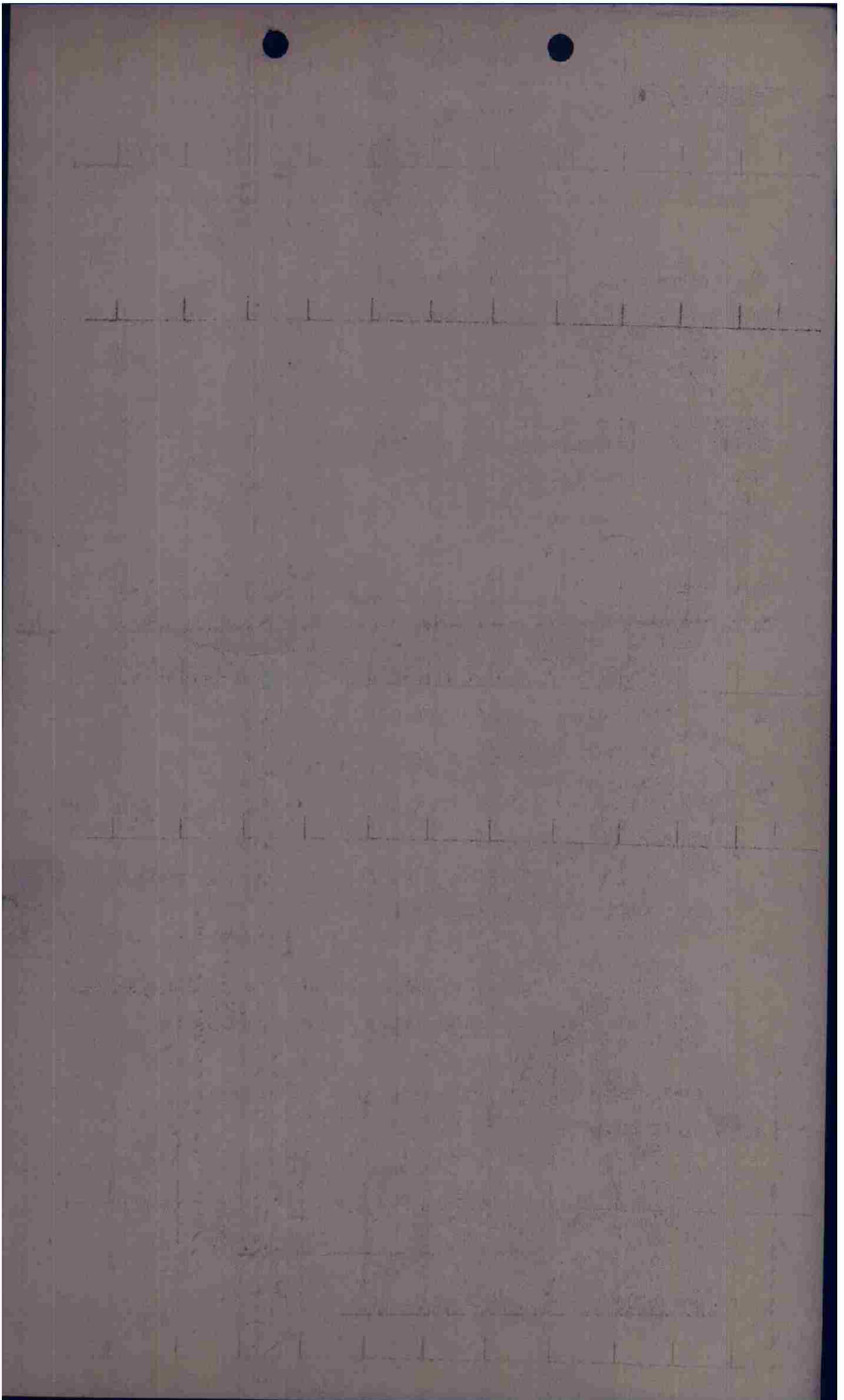
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S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A NCE	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U L L O L O B A D	E N D U R	L A N D I M E	R E M A R K S
C'	Q	452	Young	535	CORMELLES EN VIXEN	1824	HASTINGS 12,000	1938	2003	2027	2047	HQ	735	4	2130	
D	R	645	Stuber			1824									2132	
C'	K	309	Shaw			1825						C			2131	
C'	Q	307	Samuel			1825						C			2135	
C'	M	750	Stell			1825									2133	
C'	L	893	Moore			1825									2016	Modell
D	B-1	937	Clatter			1826									2144	
D	N	714	Shaw			1826									2134	
D	M-1	711	Smith			1826									2144	
D	E	330	Perkins			1826						C			2143	
D	F	331	Anderson			1827									2138	
D	L-1	363	Wark			1827									2033	Modell
D	P	951	McMurd			1827									2135	
D	V	493	Andrews			1827									2137	
D	H-1	393	Greenley			1828									2136	
D	C	314	W. Field			1828									2137	
D	E	164	Packard			1828	- NO	Sortie -				C			1838	Landed Early
D	D	319	Wipperfurth			1828									2138	
D	H	300	Stewart			1829									2040	Modell

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BOX II

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S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U L L A D	B O L D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D E	R E M A R K S
C	T	453	Lockman	535	COAST GUARDS ENEMY	1830	1930	1938	2003	2027	2047	HC	725	450	4	2022	✓ No data
D	X	914	Chapman			1830	1930	1938								2021	✓ No data
C	F	227	Thompson			1830										2138	✓ No data
C	E	224	Thompson			1831										2035	✓ No data
C	S	978	Thompson			1831										2142	
C	I	689	Thompson			1831										2133	
A	K	614	Thompson			1831										2125	
A	O	907	Thompson			1831										2127	
A	D	195	Thompson			1831										2126	
A	E-1	176	Thompson			1831										2139	
A	R	0203	Thompson			1831										2141	
A	A	0194	Thompson			1833										2140	
B	D-1	442	Thompson			1833										2019	✓ No data
B	O-1	376	Thompson			1833										2019	✓ No data
B	V	840	Thompson			1833										2029	✓ No data
B	N	743	Thompson			1834										2020	✓ No data
B	Q	900	Thompson			1834										2017	✓ No data
B	N	717	Thompson			1834										2026	✓ No data
A	O-1	0210	Thompson			1835										2024	✓ No data



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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 221400B M-111-E
TO COMBOMCOM 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

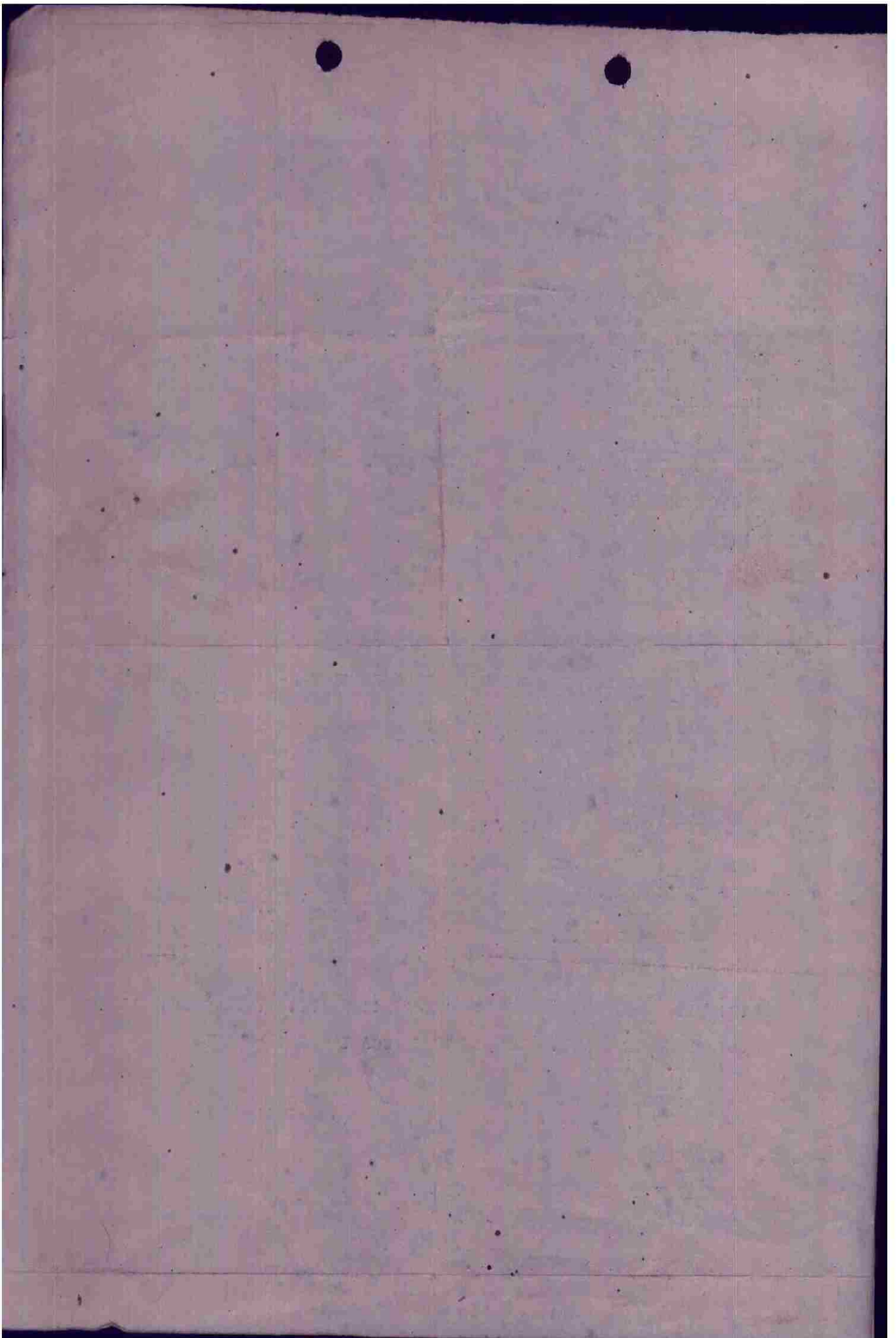
ZERO HOUR 221900B

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

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

928



(9) ILL. \$1630/4

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

X. (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 Z338

(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 C/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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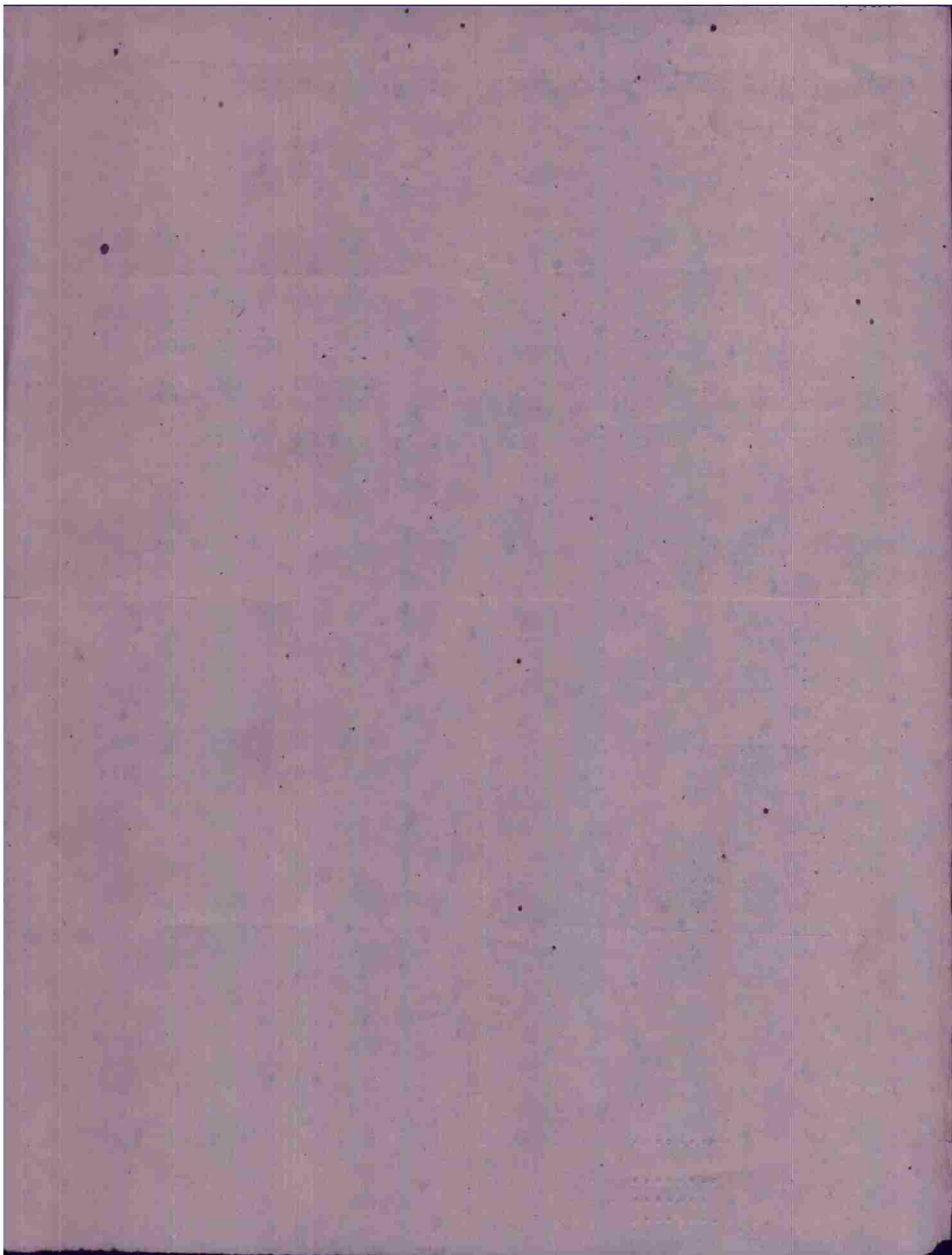
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OILAI / OICOG R.....22/1450B MC AR

OILAI / OIHAK R.....22/1450B EB AR

OILAI / OIGOF R.....22/1450B CB AR

OILAI / OIYAA R.....22/1450B EJ AR



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OICOG OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA 4/22 OP

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. TOWLES 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

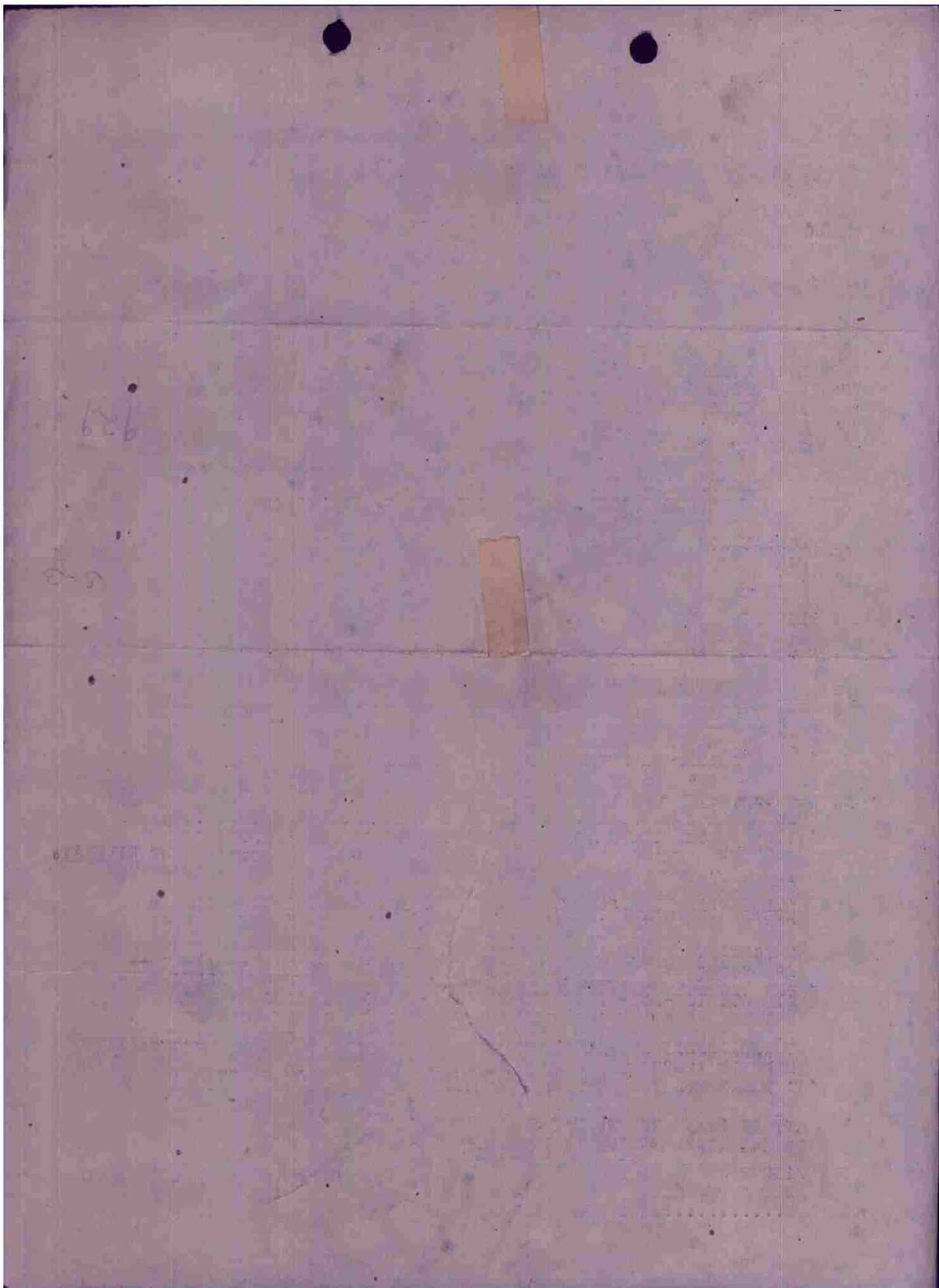
- A. ALL GROUPS REQUESTED TO SECURE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING OBSERVATIONS OF BARRAGE BALLOONS; NUMBER, SIZE, HEIGHT, AND WHAT TYPE OF INSTALLATION THEY APPEAR TO BE DEFENDING
- B. THE 416TH BOMB GROUP REQUESTED TO OBSERVE BARRAGE BALLOONS AT VATTETOT-SUR-MER (GRID COORD. L-6452) AND ALSO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

OIYAA R.....22/1703B EJ AR



OIYAA OILAI V OIYAA YAA 21/22 OP

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.

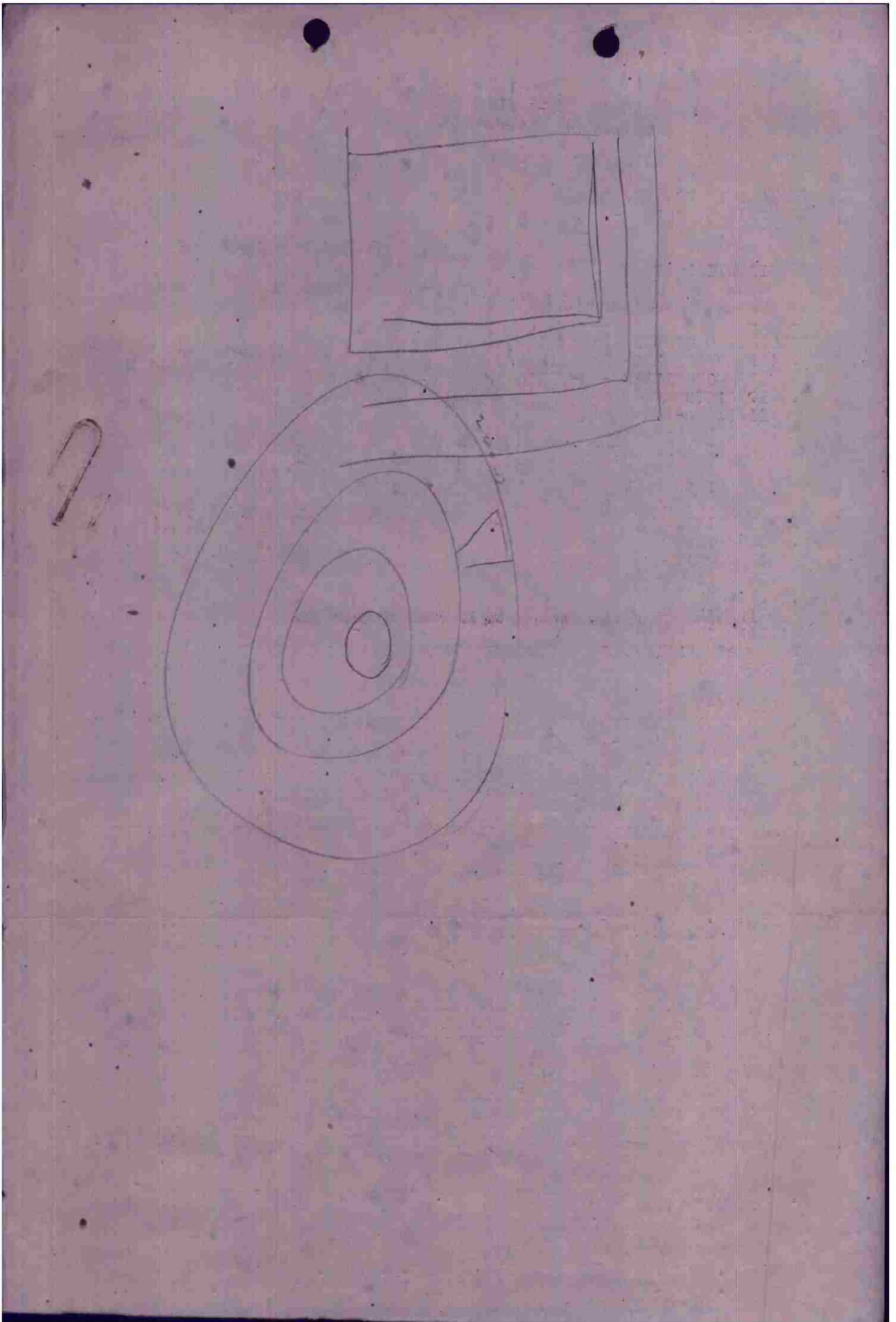
M/V AT FLINS SUR S. 2/3 FULL OF CARS.

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) HXX HAZE MADE TARGET HARD TO SEE. COULDN'T PINPOINT AIMING POINT. SCATTERED CLOUDS OVER TARGET AREA PREVENTED B/M 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

J. 11500 FT.

BT 22/2340B

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CC WA LA HAYE IN F. (II) (B) SHOULD READ DU T. RPT DU T.

GP AR

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

RPT PLS O ALL LETTERS HERE

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

BWYOE NO GOOD HERE TRY AHTIAIUUBL

GTIV

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STILL NOT GOOD

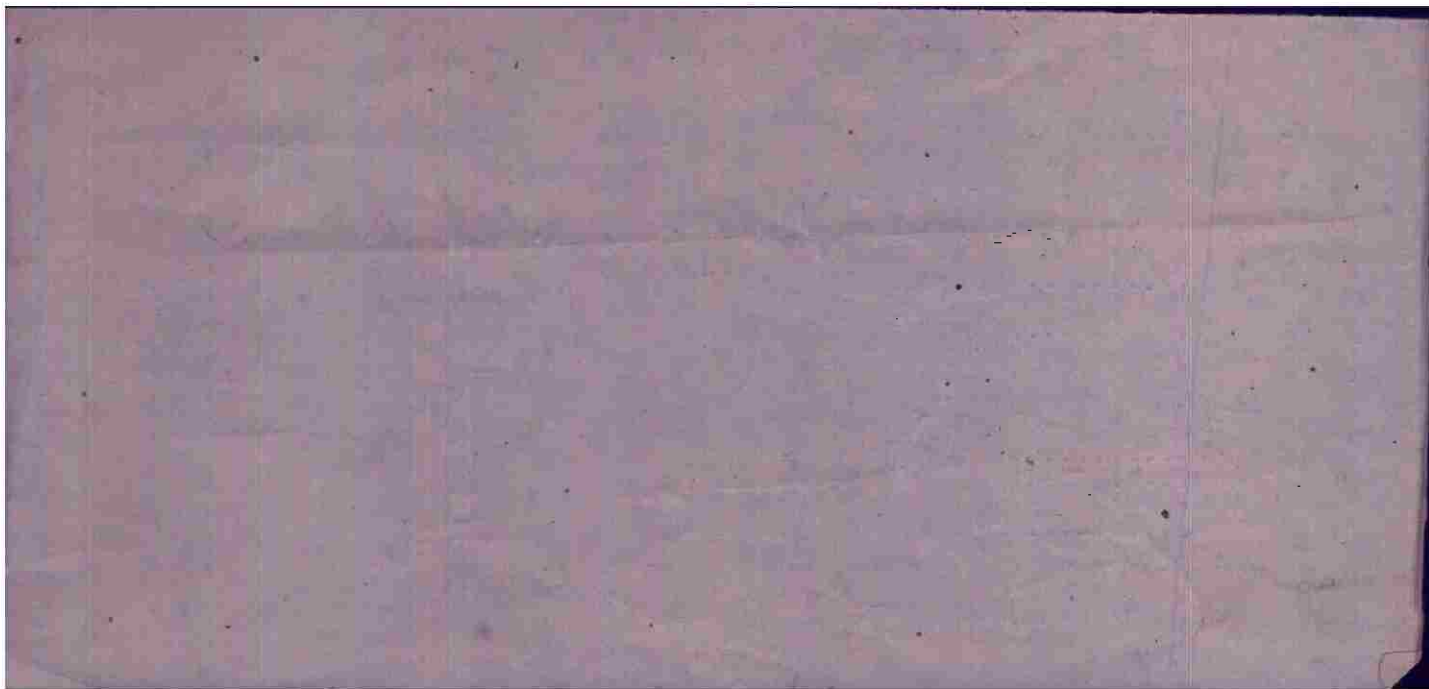
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