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

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28 May 1944
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APO 140, U. S. Army,
28 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 27 May 1944, submitted in compliance with IX Bomber Command Memorandum 55-2.

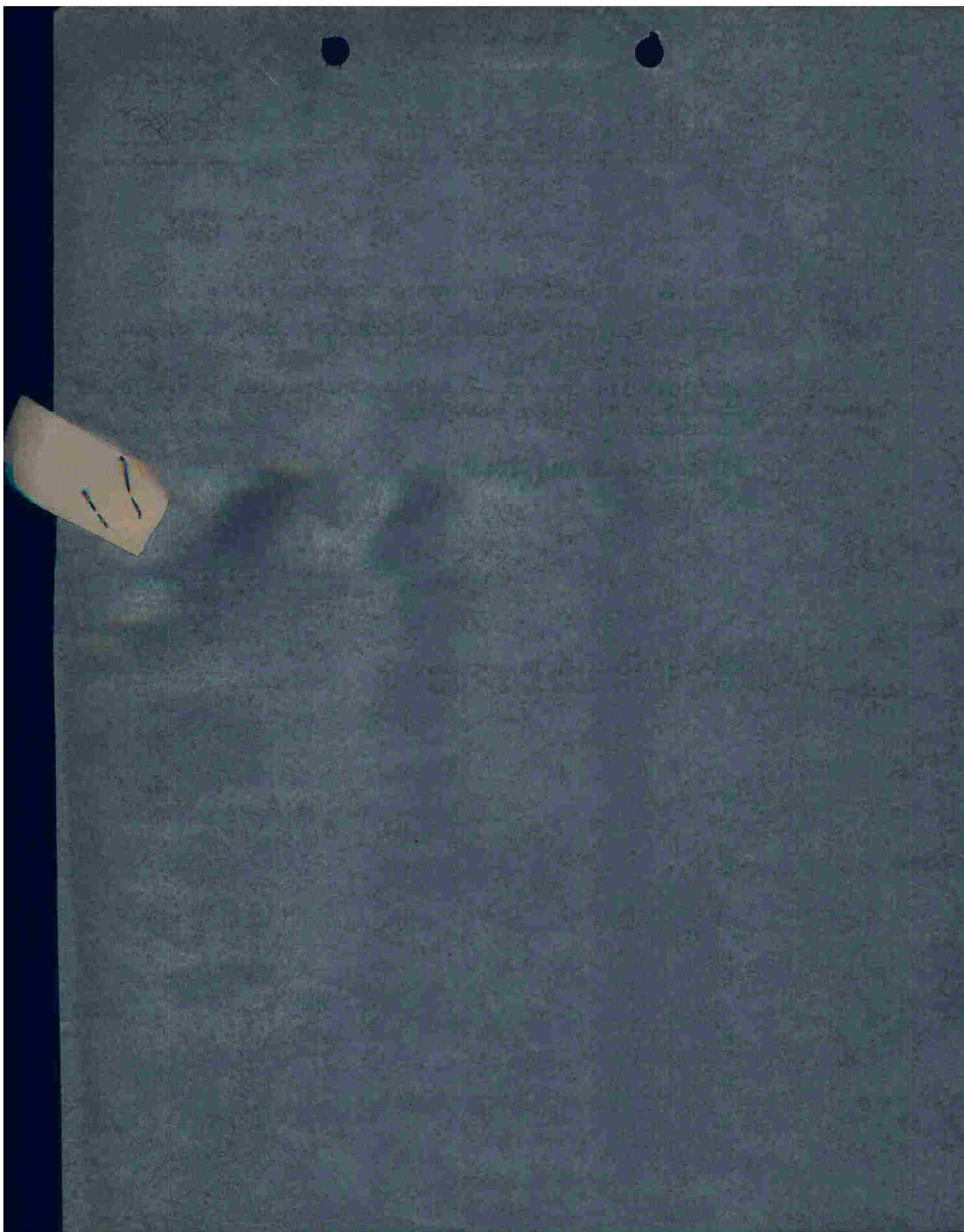
For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

2 Incls:

- 1 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Box 1)
- 2 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Box 2)

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BOMBING INFORMATION

APPENDIX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 332BOX 1 GROUP 415 DATE 27 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Apelona B/Y1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.2. Bombing approach: 35° Mag.3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES _____ NO X

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. No trail subtracted. AP used as HPI.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Hand6. Name of lead pilot: Major Price7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 205 Ground Speed: 274 Altitude: 11,3009. Length of bomb run: 35 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N Inst. 1/40

11. Total Bombs Dropped: _____

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: Intense heavy accurate flak.

(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 _____ BAD MISS X

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1. 8 to 10 miles.
2. Scattered high clouds above 20,000 feet, no low or medium clouds.
3. 2 boxes to each.
4. Moderate.
5. Lightly disturbed to run from L.P. to target and return result.
6. Intense heavy accurate fire.
7. 2nd wave.
8. None.

4. Description of route from L.P. to target:

Planes loaded at 2000. In target and damage in box one only. No enemy aircraft encountered. Of target to 2 miles north of target continuing through, resulting in 2nd wave. Intense heavy accurate fire from 2 miles on target, dropped a total of 25 bombs in the target area with fair results. Under direction of target box leader and group. Box 2, at 11,000 feet, dropped a total of 25 bombs; majority of which were released prematurely on to a run when a target was missed. Box 1, at 11,000 feet, dropped a total of 25 bombs; majority of which were released prematurely on to a run when a target was missed. Target - various H.I. Take off time was 1000. Time over target 1000. Target - various H.I. Under to each flight and a wide preceding formation dispersing under formation completion of 2nd wave, to enter each box, with the last 2

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 332BOX 11 GROUP 416 DATE 27 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Antenna E/W1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.2. Bombing approach: 60° NAG.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 synchronized bombing. AP used as IPI. No trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Forme.6. Name of lead pilot: Lt. Osborne.7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 235 Ground Speed: 273 Altitude: 11,0009. Length of bomb run: 45 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED Minett 1/4011. Total Bombs Dropped: 75

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 NO X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent Flak affected bombing or bomb run:

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

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None.

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO

Results claimed: GOOD FAIR X POOR BAD MISS

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(Over)

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 ST ACTS CO, ST 170
 28 MAY 1944
 INITIAL: *SS*

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

B-2-1

APO 140, U.S. Army
 28 May 1944

SUBJECT: Mission Report--Aircraft.

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

PART I.

- (1) 27 May 1944--1863--Amiens BT
- (2) 30 (41 alerted)
- (3) 41

PART II.

RAF SERIAL NO	DESCRIPTION	CLAIMS
43-10203	Flak	Intense, heavy, accurate Flak
43-10206	Flak	Intense, heavy, accurate Flak
43-0985	Flak	Intense, heavy, accurate Flak

PART III (1)

None

PART III (2)

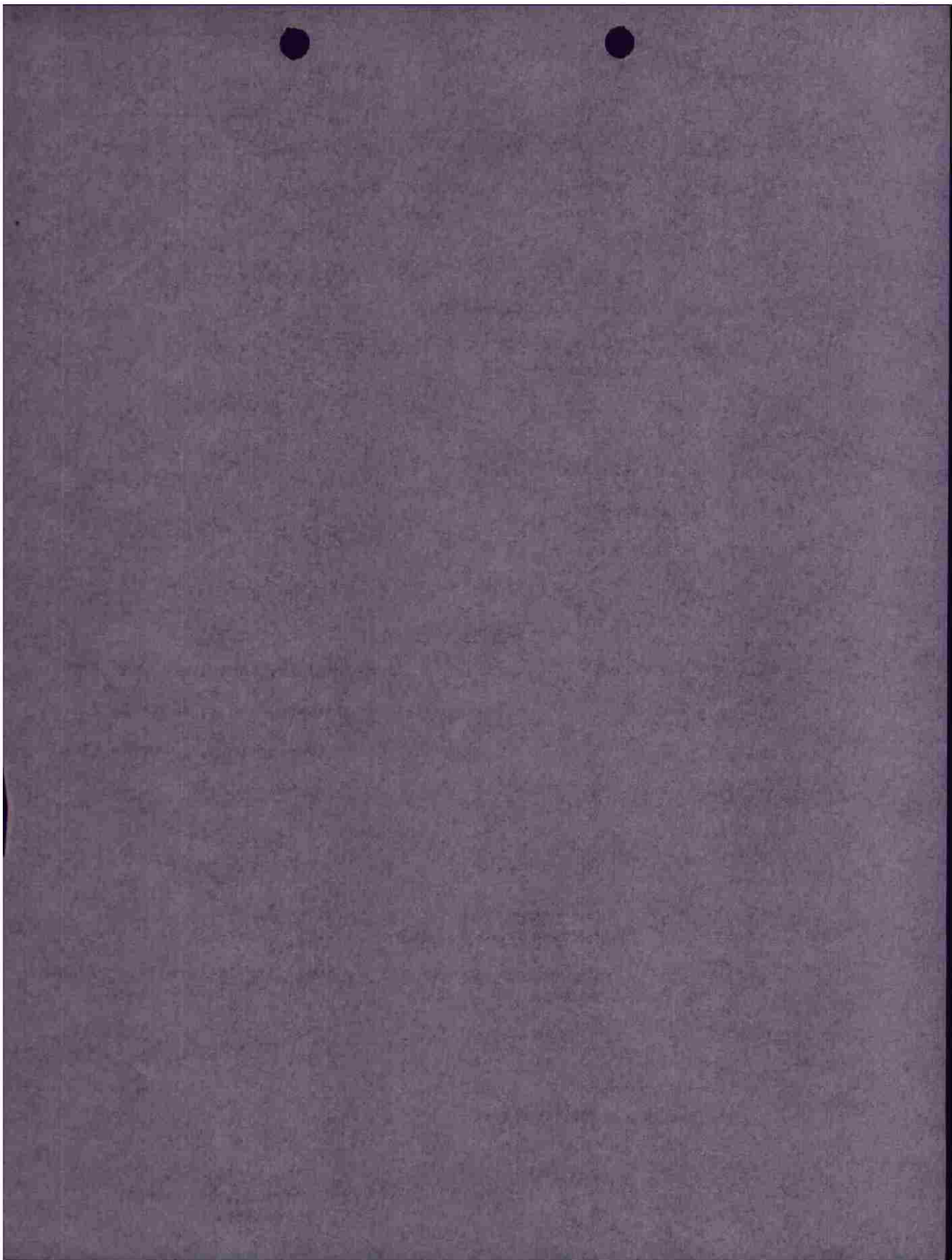
43-0900	One bomb failed to release.	Undetonated
43-0714	One bomb failed to release.	Short circuit in release system

PART III (3)

None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCIENTIFIC,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.



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BY AUTH CO, STA 170
28 May 1944
INITIAL: *JS*

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

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

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report.

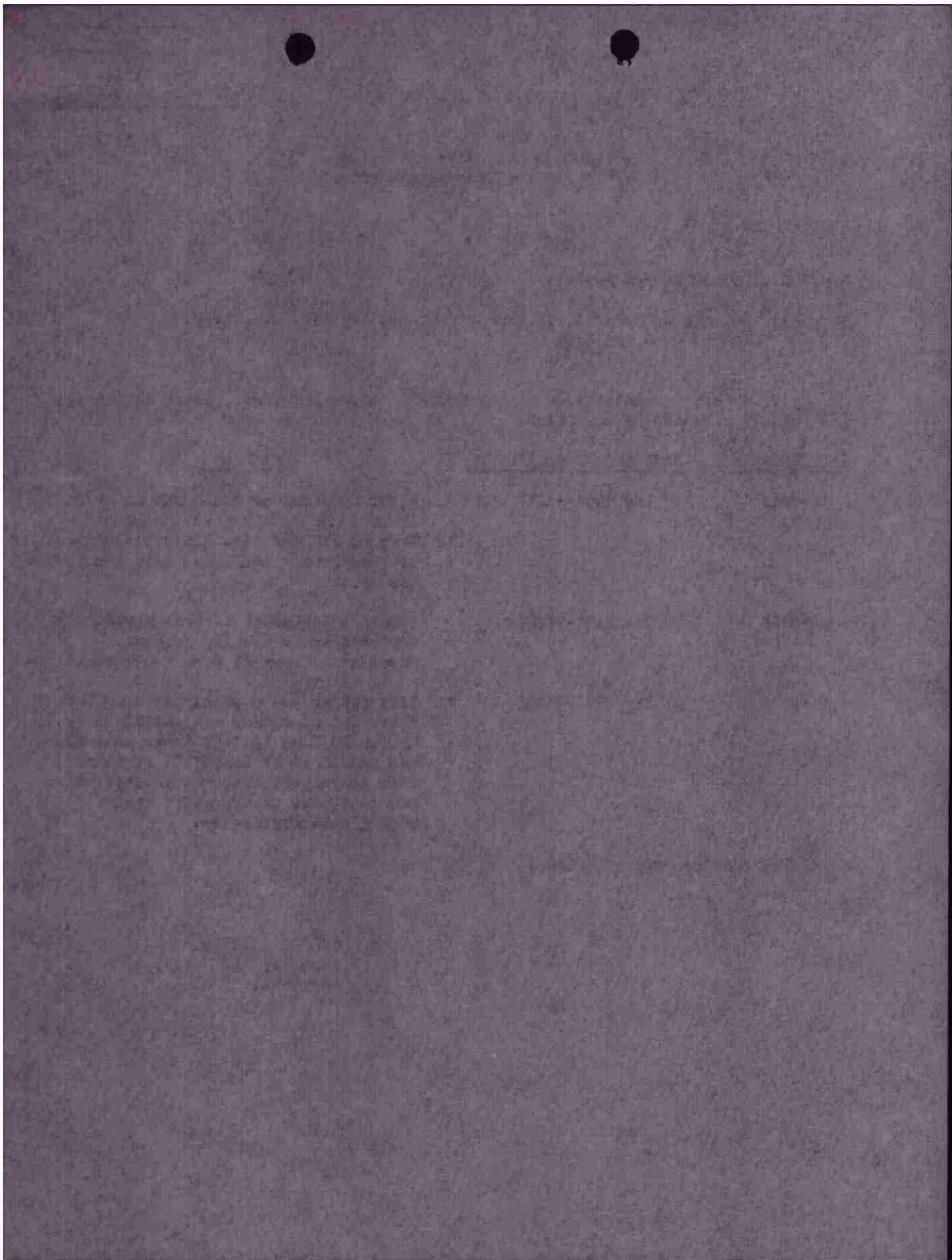
TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APC 140, U.S. Army.
(Attn: A-4 Officer)

1. In compliance with IX Bomber Command Memorandum 65-44, dated 13 May 44, the following report is submitted:

<u>AAP SERIAL NO</u>	<u>DATE & TIME OF MISSION</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
43-3442	27 May 1944--1855	Right hand rudder cable out in half in tail end of aircraft, between station 372 and 388. No right control of rudder was possible. Safe landing was made.
43-3885	27 May 1944--1855	Aircraft landed at another field. Reported to be a belly landing. Cause and extent of damage unknown.
43-9200	27 May 1944--1855	Left rudder cable partly severed but operation of rudder was satisfactory. Hydraulic line to left lower cowl flap was punctured at left side of bombay. Left lower cowl flaps were inoperative but remainder of hydraulic system worked satisfactorily.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SOLESMAN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.



MISSION NO. 58

LOADING LIST

27 MAY 1944

BOX I
FLIGHT I

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. A/C # 450 "S"
Major R.F. Price ✓
Lt. A.R. Hand ✓
S/S J.E. McCreery
S/S H.J. Sylva | 4. A/C # 203 "R"
Lt. L.J. Siracusa ✓
S/S J.N. Hume
S/S F.E. Brown |
| 2. A/C # 442 "D"
Captain R.A. Clark ✓
Lt. C.W. Jones ✓
S/S R.W. Nicks
S/S N. Radlich | 5. A/C # 893 "P"
Lt. T.J. Sims ✓
Sgt. J.C. Williamson
Sgt. H.W. Larsen |
| 3. A/C # 684 "K"
Lt. S.B. Ritchie ✓
S/S E.A. Anderson
S/S A.W. Newkirk | 6. A/C # 195 "D-1"
Lt. R.R. Svenson ✓
Sgt. J. Clark
Sgt. R.F. Chustz |

FLIGHT II

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. A/C # 200 "A"
Lt. R.S. Rudisill ✓
S/S R.K. Riley
S/S A.J. Bonamo | 4. A/C # 207 "B"
Lt. F.J. Harrold ✓
S/S E.L. Griffin
Sgt. C.W. Masiasz |
| 2. A/C # 380 "N"
Lt. E.L. Johnson ✓
S/S J.A. Ochaba
S/S M.R. Brayn | 5. A/C # 680 "R-1"
Lt. D.T. Sommers ✓
S/S S.R. Zakliewicz
Sgt. J.L. Johnson |
| 3. A/C # 227 "F"
Lt. J.C. Sewell ✓
S/S O.D. Evans
S/S T.A. Palmer | 6. A/C # 750 "M"
Lt. R.B. Hall ✓
Sgt. D.S. Blackford
S/S R. Eutsler |

FLIGHT III

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. A/C # 147 "K-1"
Lt. R.J. Morton ✓
S/S S.F. Alden
S/S R.L. Ballinger | 4. A/C # 376 "O"
Lt. W.A. Peck ✓
S/S A.E. Bergeron
S/S H.E. Kelton |
| 2. A/C # 206 "F-1"
Lt. A.W. Gullion ✓
S/S G.L. Coffey
S/S G.F. Cope | 5. A/C # 717 "N-1"
Lt. J.S. Connor ✓
Sgt. H.C. Rogers
Sgt. J.E. VanDuyne |
| 3. A/C # 983 "J"
Lt. H.E. Hewes ✓
S/S J.F. Kasper
S/S H.E. Boyer | 6. A/C # 900 "Q"
Lt. A.J. Vleghele ✓
Sgt. C.W. Rice
Sgt. R.W. Young |

SPARE

A/C # 907 "Q-1"
 Lt. G. Ebenstein ✓
 S/S H. Perkins
 Sgt. S.P. Newell

MISSION NO. 58

LOADING LIST

27 MAY 1944

BOX II
FLIGHT I

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|--|---|
| 1. A/C # 645 "R"
Lt. A.E. Osborne ✓
Lt. W. Forma ✓
S/S W.H. Coe
S/S E.E. Kelly | 4. A/C # 9194 "C"
Lt. J.F. Meagher ✓
Sgt. D. Hantske
S/S E.A. Damico |
| 2. A/C # 455 "T"
Major John G. Napier ✓
Lt. W.L. Smith ✓
S/S E.S. Dickenson
Sgt. K.E. Hornbeck | 5. A/C # 360 "S"
Lt. R.D. Leshner ✓
S/S H.R. Hedrick
S/S A.J. Antanaitis |
| 3. A/C # 210 "Q"
Lt. G.F. Bartmus ✓
S/S J.R. Orr
S/S F.L. Flacks | 6. A/C # 963 "N"
Lt. R.V. Miracle ✓
S/S J.C. Burkhalter
S/S B.C. Sieg |

FLIGHT II

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. A/C # 165 "H"
Lt. F.W. DeMand ✓
Sgt. R.J. Troyer
S/S C.W. Middleton | 4. A/C # 925 "G"
Lt. E.T. Platter ✓
S/S K.L. Johnson
S/S J.L. Czech |
| 2. A/C # 164 "I"
Lt. R.A. Wipperman ✓
Sgt. D.H. DeVover
Sgt. A.B. Garrett | 5. A/C # 221 "F"
Lt. F.W. Henderson ✓
Sgt. R.M. Griswold
Sgt. P.E. Coulombe |
| 3. A/C # 689 "I-1"
Lt. A.R. Durante ✓
S/S H.T. Best
S/S I.R. DeGiusti | 6. A/C # 219 "D"
Lt. J.H. Miller ✓
Sgt. R.G. Schrom
Sgt. J. Galender |

FLIGHT III

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. A/C # 711 "M"
Lt. L.A. Marzolf ✓
S/S L.G. Kutzer
S/S H.E. Wellin | 4. A/C # 214 "C-1"
Lt. R.V. Wheeler ✓
S/S J.S. Brower
S/S E. Corrin |
| 2. A/C # 220 "E-1"
Lt. R.D. Perkins ✓
S/S V.N. Sherry
S/S R.H. Linneman | 5. A/C # 714 "N-1"
Lt. R.C. Morehouse ✓
Sgt. L.A. Zygiel
Sgt. A.J. Burgess |
| 3. A/C # 493 "V"
Lt. R.H. Smith ✓
S/S A.A. Stockham
Sgt. R.J. Mahoney | 6. A/C # 363 "L"
Lt. R.W. York ✓
S/S G.M. Cook
S/S E.R. Werley |

SPARE

A/C # 892 "L-1"
Lt. R.O. Gruetzmacher ✓
S/S W.L. Kidd
S/S S. Risko

MISSION NO. 58

LOADING LIST
BOX III
FLIGHT I

27 MAY 1944

1. A/C # 452 "Q"
Captain C.R. Jackson ✓
Lt. A.H. Maltby ✓
S/S I. Binney
S/S J.E. Wilson

2. A/C # 840 "V"
Lt. N.V. Shainberg ✓
Sgt. C. Variadis
Sgt. R.C. Hoffman

3. A/C # 181 "A"
Lt. E.J. Renth ✓
S/S O.D. LaNave
S/S F.M. Citty

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

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27 MAY 1944

PREPARED BY MA JCR HAROLD A. RADETSKY

A.

B. 2000

C. HASTINGS

D. BOX I R/T GLENDOW ONE

669 8 S D K-1 F-1 J O N-1 Q

668 4 K R P D-1

670 6 A N F B R-1 M

668 1 (SPARE) C-1

GROUP LEADER 669 S

DEPUTY 669 D

BOX II R/T GLENDOW TWO

671 12 R H I G F D M E-1 V C-1 N-1 L

670 2 T L-1

668 4 Q G S N

670 1 (SPARE) L-1

SECOND BOX LEADER 671 R

DEPUTY 670 T

FLIGHT III R/T GLENDOW THREE

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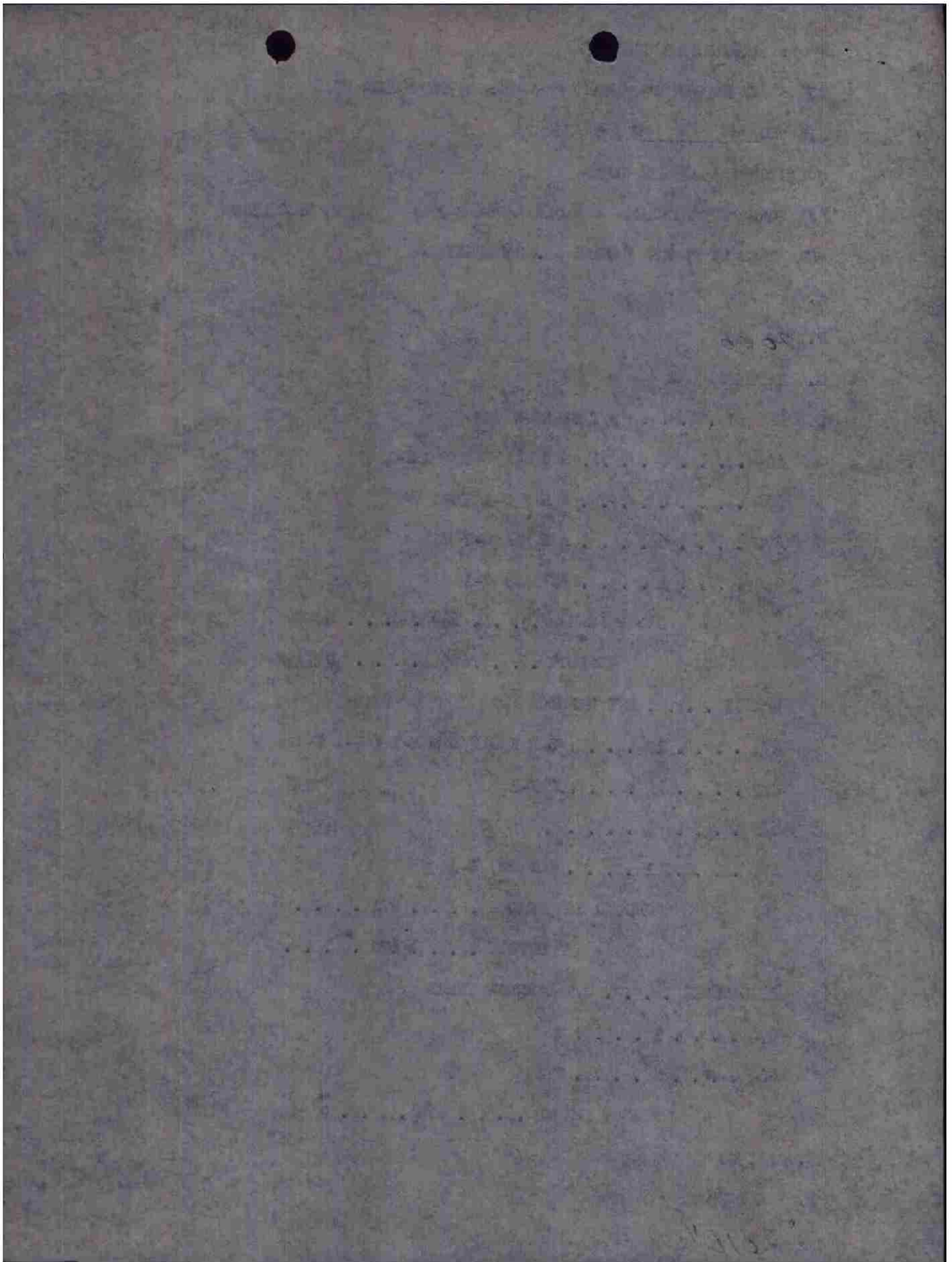
669 2 V A

FLIGHT LEADER 670 Q

E. 11,500

F. LE REPORT

G. 2016 1/2



H. 2103

J. LE THER CRT

K. HASTINGS

L. 2118

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2. 4 x 500 G.P.

3. 4 HOURS

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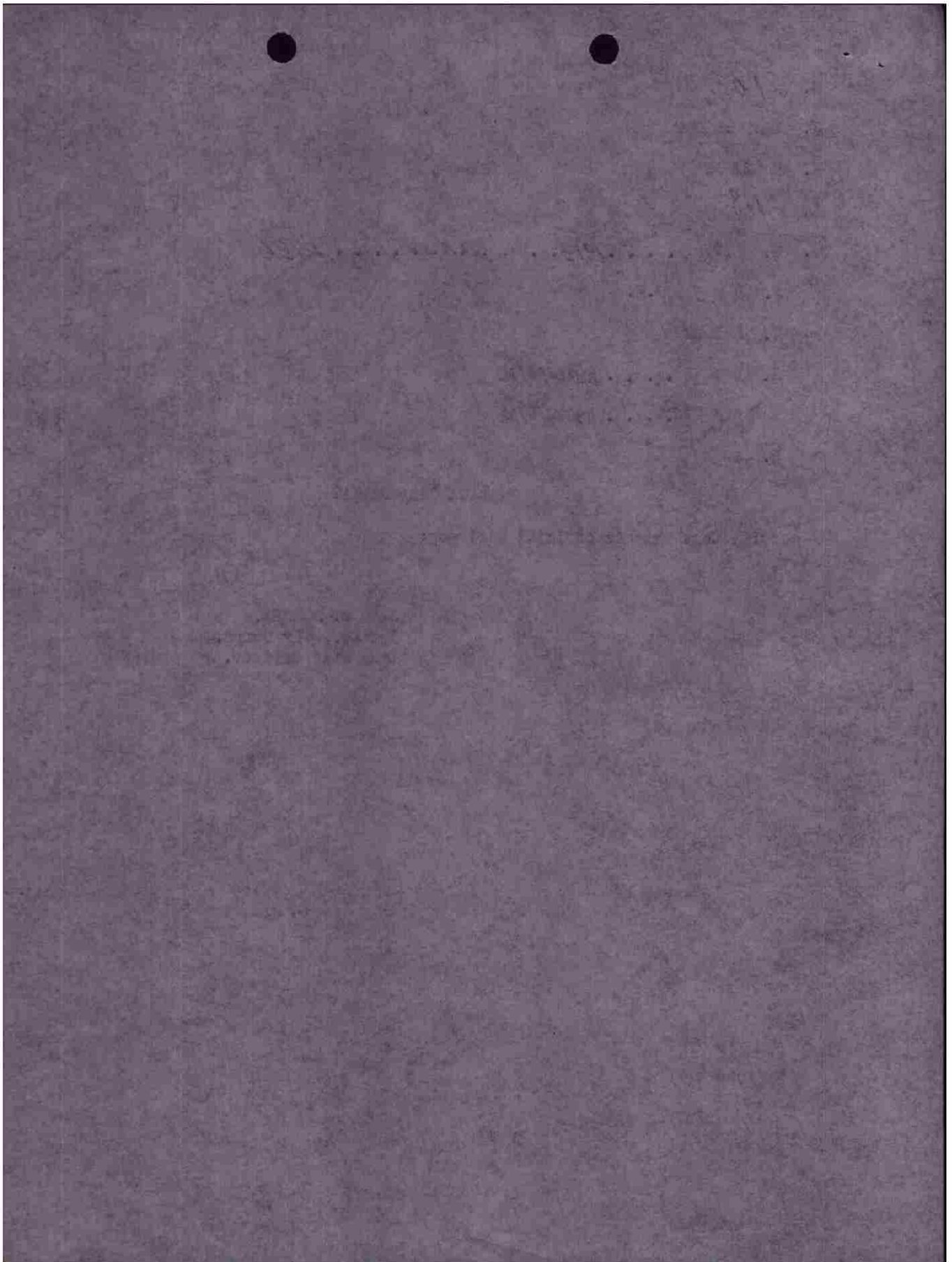
BOX II 4902E/C/14

5. NONE

MACE COBOMER 416

I certify that this is official business:

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



Operations

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

APC 140
27 May 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 2-4 miles in haze to 5000 to
6000 feet. 4-5/10 Cirrus above 20,000
feet.

ROUTE OUT: Visibility 2-4 miles over England improving over
Channel and continent to 3-10 miles. 4-5/10 Cirrus
above 20,000 feet.

TARGET: Visibility 2-10 miles with haze to 5000-6000 feet.
Scattered high clouds above 20,000 feet. Nil
medium or low clouds.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out except visibility over
England reduced to 2 miles in haze to 5000 to
6000 feet and 6-8/10 Cirrus clouds above 20,000
feet.

WINDS: As forecast.

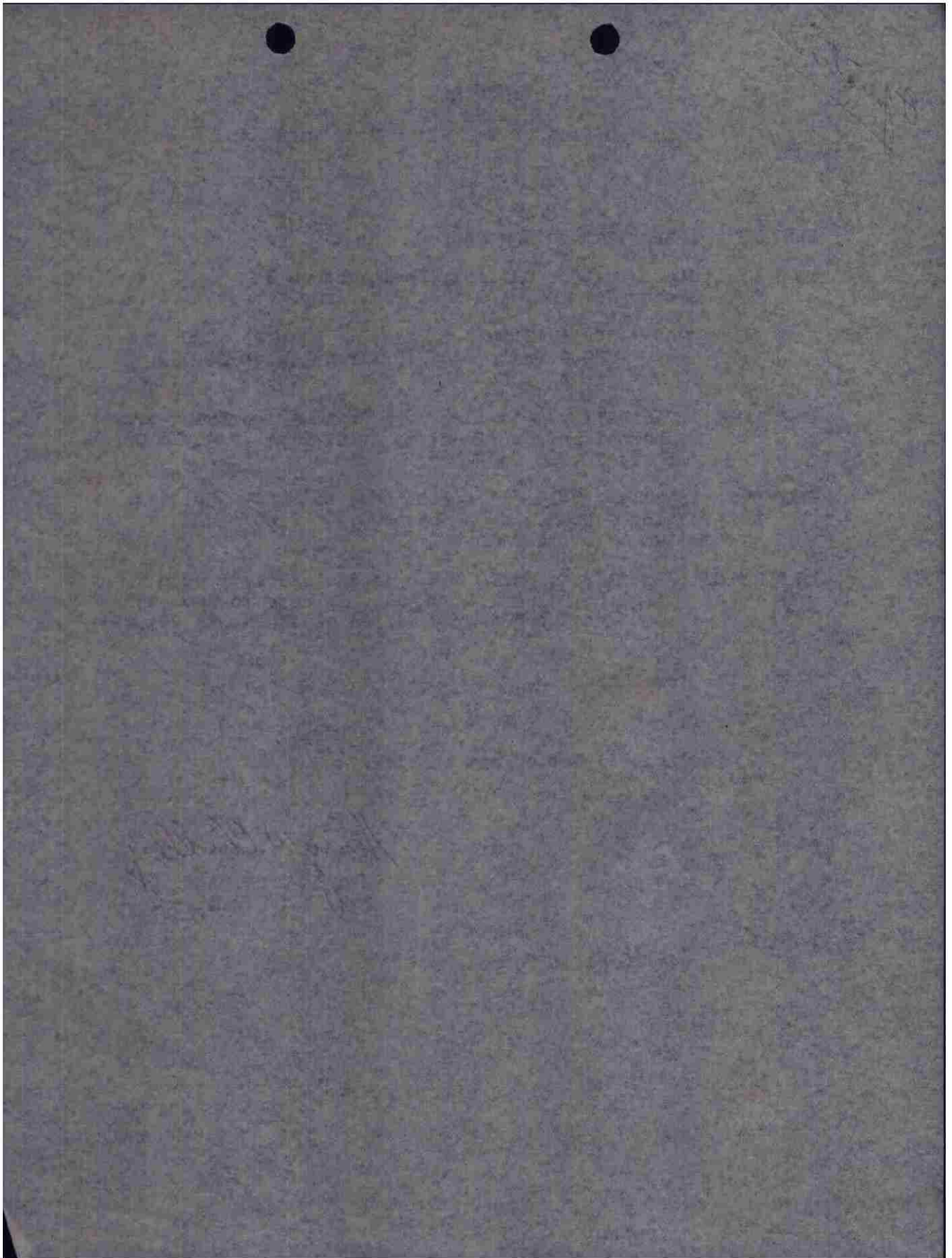
TIME OVER TARGET: 2034

Weather did not affect bombing.

Henry W. Chidley
HENRY W. CHIDLEY
1st Lt., Air Corps.

1 Incl.

2 Route Forecast Forms



WEATHERS FIELD
416th Bomb Group (A)TAKEOFF - 1200
RETURN - 1450

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 21 MAY 1974
PERIOD 1200 - 1600

HQ SCS USAF 9-43/90M/15227

	A BASE TO TARGET	B TARGET	C TARGET TO BASE	D
WEATHER	PARTLY CLOUDY WITH HAZE	PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY WITH HAZE	
2	3/10-4/10 HIGH CIRRUS ABOVE 20,000 FT. MIXED CLOUD 4/10-5/10 STRATOCUMULUS BASE 15,000-20,000 INCREAS- ING TO 9/10-7/10 BASE 10,000 FT TO 15,000 FT OVER S. ENGLAND CHANNEL AND ENEMY COAST BREAKING INLAND. NIL TO 3/10 IN TARGET AREA.	4/10-5/10 HIGH CIRRUS ABOVE 20,000 FT NIL TO 3/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 3,000 FT TOPS 4,000 FT.	SAME AS ROUTE OUT EXCEPT 4/10-5/10 SMALL CUMULUS OVER ENGLAND BASE 2,300 FT TOPS 4-5,000 FT	
CLOUDS				
3	FREELING LEVEL: 10,500 FT ICING: NIL	SAME	SAME	
4	3-6 MILES DEGRADING 2-3 MILES IN LONDON AREA 10-15 MILES OVER ENGLAND CHANNEL	10-15 MILE IN TARGET HAZE	5-10 MILE	
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	250 10	220 TARGET 7		
5,000 FT	250 25'	240 23		
10,000 FT	240 30	230 28		
12,000 FT	240 32	230 28		
15,000 FT	240 35	230 32		
FT				
FT				

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 30.38 TARGET SURFACE TEMP +15°C TARGET MEAN TEMP +9°C
 TEMP AT 14,100 FT. -2°C TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) -332

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.		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 — 	

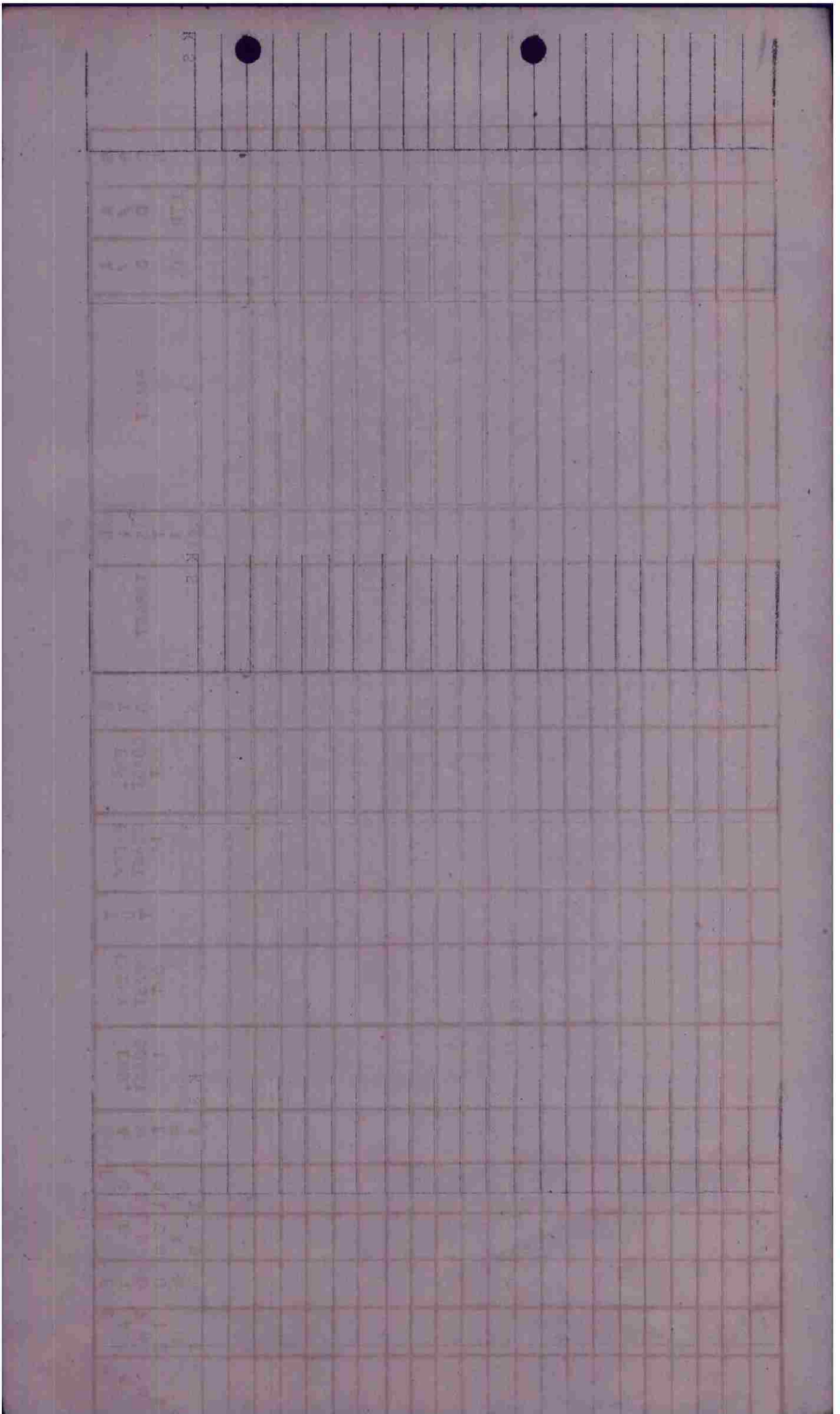
NOTE: AT LEAST ONE COMPLETE
OBSERVATION SHOULD BE ENTERED
IN EACH COLUMN. THE OTHER
SIDE OF THIS CARD HELPED YOU—
WON'T YOU GIVE THE NEXT
FELLOW A BREAK!

Mission No. 58

Box 1.

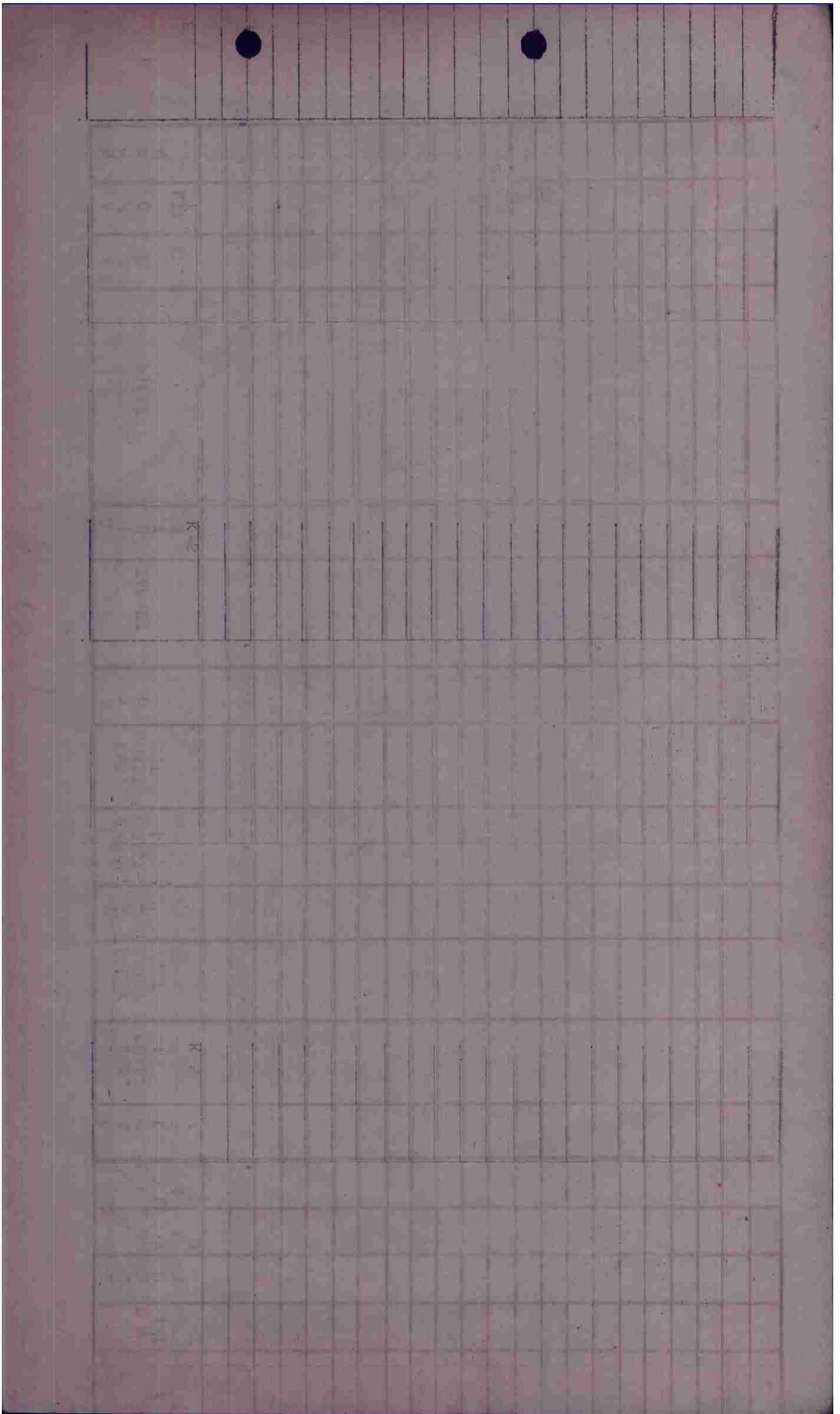
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B S		450	PRICE			1153										2139	
B D		442	CHARK			52										2206	
A K		684	RITCHIE			54										2140	
A R		203	SIRAGUSI			54											Mission completed
A P		893	SIMS			54											
A D-1		195	SVENSON			55										2144	
A A		200	RUDISILL			55										2144	
C N		380	JOHNSON			55										50	
C F		229	SEWELL			56										52	
C B		207	HARROLD			56										56	
C R-1		680	SOMMERS			56										56	
C M		750	HALL			56										45	
B K-1		147	MORTON			57										2228	
B F-1		206	GULLION			57											Mission completed
B J		983	HEWES			57											Mission completed
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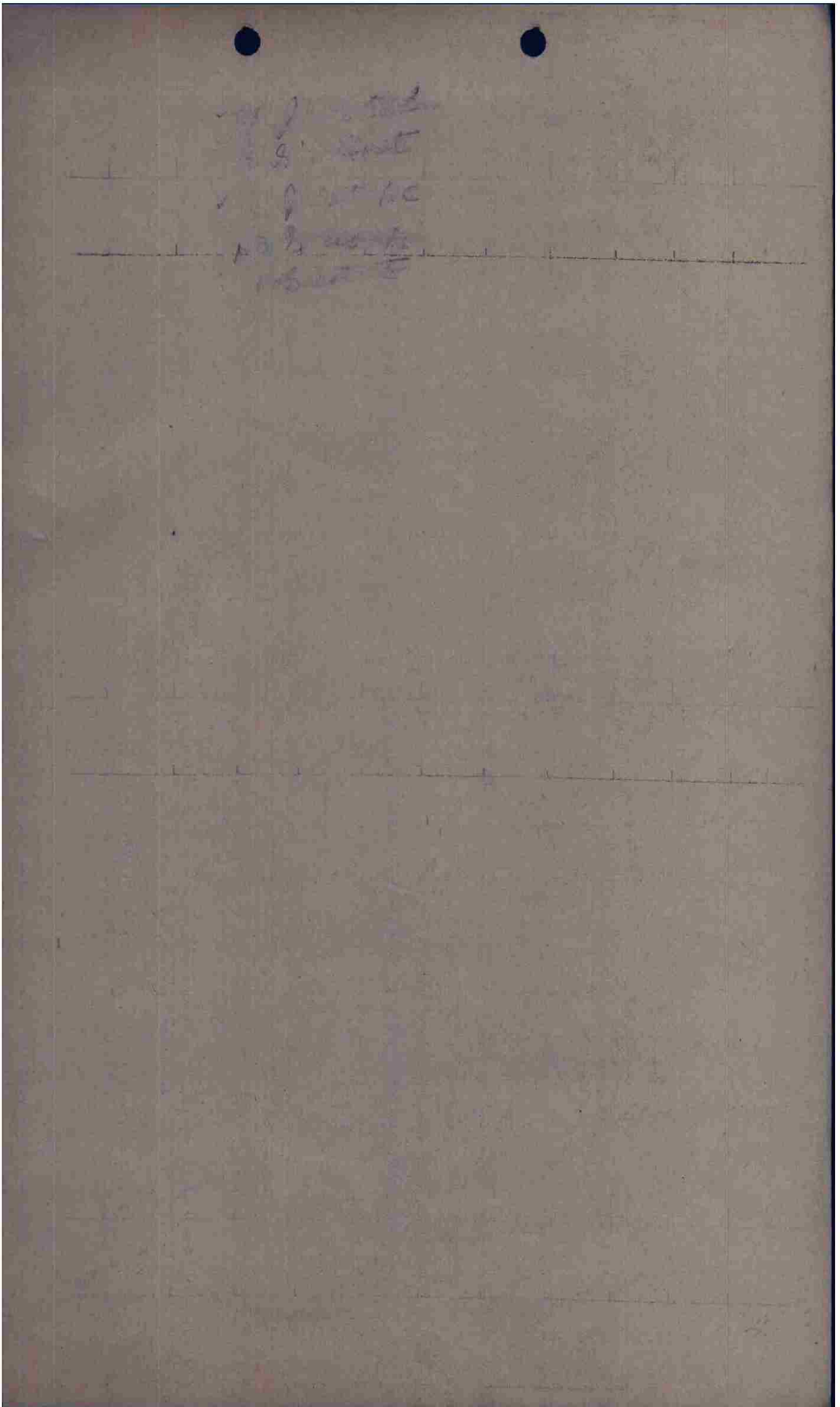


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A-N	963	MIRACLE		01												2155	
D-H	165	DEMAND		01												2203	
D-I	164	WIPPERMAN		02												2203	
C-T-1	689	DURANTE		02												2203	
D-G	925	PHATTER		02												2204	
D-F	221	HENDERSON		02												2215	
D-D	219	MILLER		03												2208	
D-M	211	MARZOLF		03												2155	
D-E-1	220	PERKINS		03												2201	
D-V	493	SMITH		04												2158	
D-C-1	214	WHEELER		04												2158	
D-N-1	214	MOREHOUSE		04												2159	
D-L	363	YORK		04												2159	
C-L-1	892	CRUETZMACHER		05												2200	
C-Q	452	JACKSON		05												2132	
B-V	840	SHAINBERG		05												2133	
B-A	181	RENTH.		05												2134	

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 27/1620B M--149--E
 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 409TH BOMB GROUP
 410TH BOMB GROUP
 416TH BOMB GROUP

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 27 MAY 44

FIELD ORDER NO. 54-332

MAPS NORMAL

1. B (2) EIGHTH AIRFORCE IS ATTACKING TARGETS AS FOLLOWS: GH616, GH601, GH5532, GH22036, GH633, GH602, Z298, Z633 LEAVING SHOREHAM AT 1030
 IX FIGHTER COMMAND WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR ALL FORMATIONS OF THIS WING.

2. THIS COMMAND WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE.

ZERO HOUR: 27/2000B

3. A 409TH GROUP
 (3) WITH 416TH GROUP AT SHEERNESS AT 10000 FT AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 12 MIN.
 (6) BOMB 12,000 FT. CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FT.
 (9) ILL. 4902E/5 REF. 113065
 (10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL

B 410TH GROUP

- (3) WITH P-47 FIGHTERS AT HXKX HASTINGS AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 5 MIN.
 12,000 FT.
 (4) BASE TO HASTINGS TO LETREPORT TO 49 DEG. 39 MIN. NORTH 01 DE
 44 MIN. EAST TO I. P. TO TARGET.
 (6) BOMB 12,000 FT. CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FT.
 (9) ILL. 4902 E/5 REF. 120064
 (10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED INST. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.

3. C. 416TH GROUP

- (3) WITH 409TH GROUP AT SHEERNESS AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 12 MIN
 (6) BOMB 11,500 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,500 FEET
 (9) ILL. 4902E/5 REF. 104065
 (10) 4 X 500 LB G.P. FUSED INST. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.

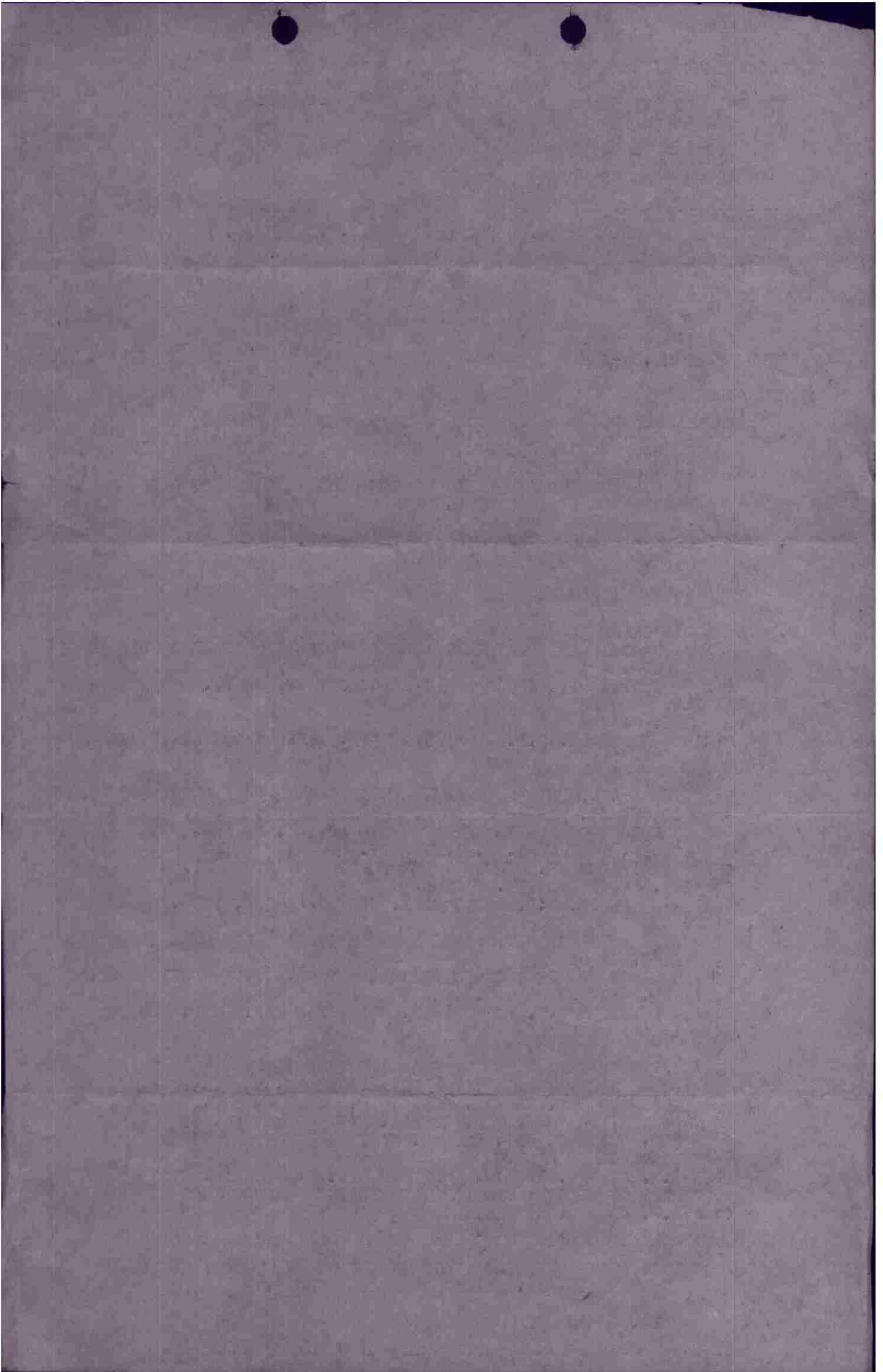
- X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE

- (5) TARGET 4902E/C/14
 (6) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C EACH GROUP
 (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TRUN LEFT TO 49 DEG. 58 MIN.
 NORTH 02 DEG. 22 MIN. EAST TO R. P. TO 49 DEG.
 46 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG. 28 MIN. EAST TO 49 DEG. 39
 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 43 MIN. EAST TO LETREPORT TO
 HASTINGE TO BASE.
 (8) I.P. 49 DEG. 44 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG. RXX 07 MIN. EAST
 (9) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST
 (10) R.P. 49 DEG. 55 MIN. NORTH
 02 DEG. 33 MIN. EAST

- (11) THE 410TH GROUP AND 416TH GROUP WILL COORDINATE
 THEIR TAKE OFF TIMES SO THAT THE 416TH GROUP TAKES OFF
 AT LEAST 15 MIN. BEFORE THE 410TH GROUP.

PARA. 3A AND 3C

- (12) RENDEZVOUS WITH P47 FIGHTERS AT HASTINGS AT ZERO HOUR



(13) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO SHEERNESS TO HASTINGS TO LETREPORT
TO 49 DEG. 39 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 44 MIN. EAST TO I.P.
TO TARGET.

(14) THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAD. THE 416TH GROUP WILL
LEAVE SHEERNESS ON COURSE TO HASTINGS AT ZERO HOUR
MINUS 12 MIN.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

(2) TIDWAY

(3) CHOPPER

(9) 71/71

(10) 71/71

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

(2) RESPITE

(3) WAYMAN

(9) 72/72

(10) 72/72

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

(2) GLENDOW

(3) CHOPPER

(9) 71/71

(10) 71/71

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(2) WEST MALLING D/D

(3) NORMAL

(10) BTVA/BTVA

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

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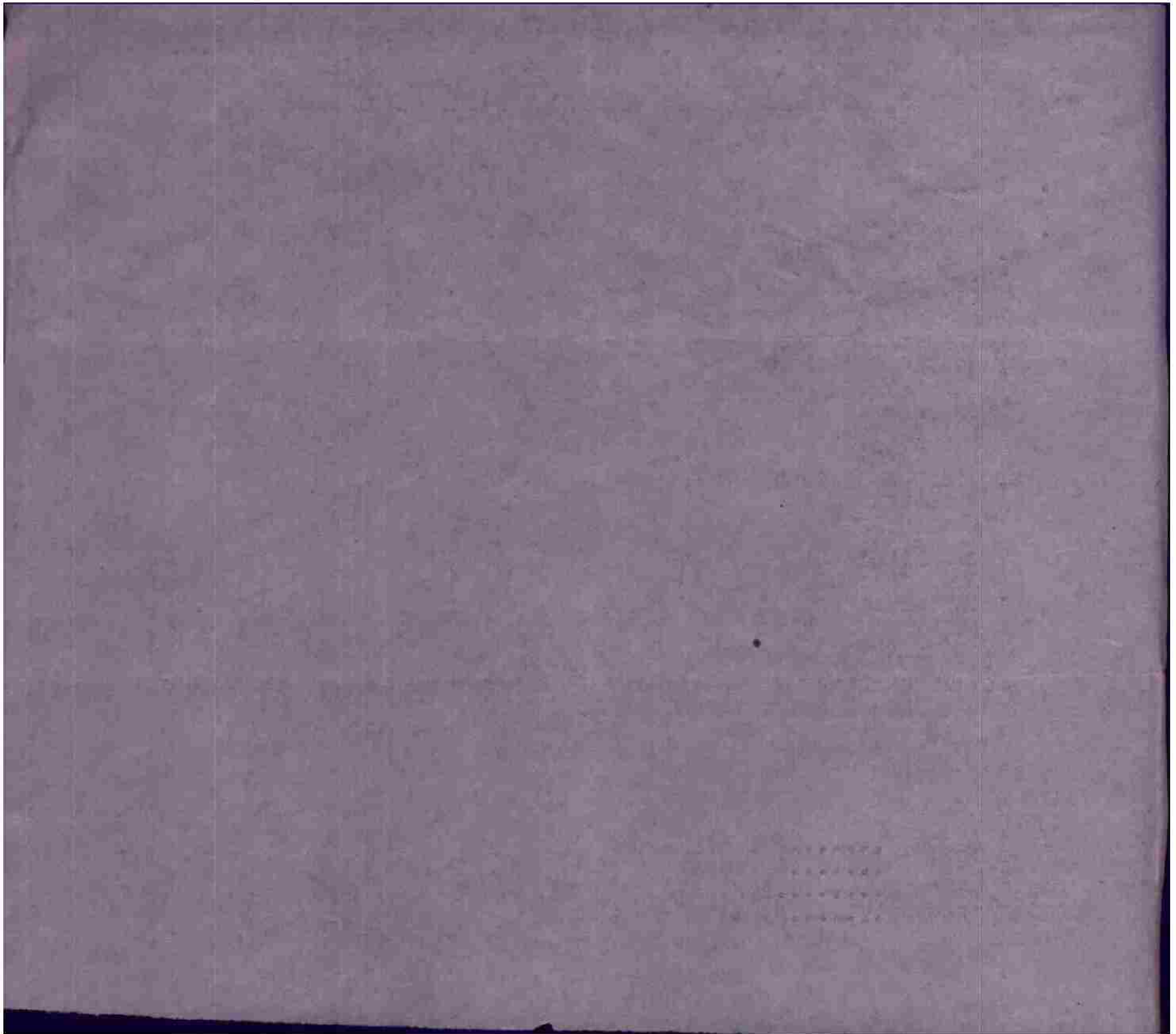
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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP () 28/0029B

TO IX BOMBER COMMAND ATT: A-2
97TH COMBAT WING
CONFIDENTIAL BT
M673D OPSFLASH NO. 43 FOR 27 MAY 44. 5.7

- A. (1) AMIENS M/Y
(2) AMIENS M/Y

- B. (1) 416TH BG
(2) 41 A-20'S
(3) 3 A/C CARRIED WINDOW ONLY.
INFORMATION LACKING FRM A/C LANDING AWAY FROM BASE.
(4) 27 A/C ON PRIMARY
7 A/C OF 1ST BOX RELEASED PREMATURELY WHEN BOMBS FELL
FROM A/C WHICH RECEIVED DIRECT FLAK HIT AND WAS SUB-
SEQUENTLY DESTROYED IN TARGET AREA. THESE 7 A/C RELEASED
UNDER MISTAKEN IMPRESSION BOX LEADER HAD DROPPED.

- C. (1) 1853
(2) 2036
(3) 2228

- D. (1) 3 A/C MISSING.
13 DAMAGED CATEGORY A - 1 DAMAGED - CATEGORY E
1 DAMAGED CATEGORY AC (CRASH LANDED IN U.K.
THE TWO GUNNERS BAILED OUT OVER ENEMY TERRITORY)
1 DAMAGED CATEGORY B
(2) 0-0-0
(3) 0-2-11

- E. SCATTERED PATTERN FROM POINT OF PREMATURE.
FIRST BOX: RELEASE (SEE PARAGRAPH B (4)) TO EDGE OF
TARGET AREA.
SECOND BOX : GOOD. GOOD CONCENTRATION OF BOMBS ON WEST END
OF M/Y.

- F. (1) (A) NIL
(B) NIL
(2) (A) INTENSE HEAT ACCURATE ELAK FROM 6 MILES SW OF TARGER
TO 2 MILES N OF TARGET CONTINUING THROUGHOUT.
(B) NIL

- G. ONE DINGHY SEEN FROM 9000 FT. AT 2018 HOURS AT 50 DEG 12 MIN N
01 DEG 15 MIN E, AT 2000 SAME LOCATION DINGHY OBSERVED AT 2100
HOURS.
DINGHY SIGHTED FROM 100, 10,000 FT. AT 2108 HOURS AT 50 DEG 32
MIN N 00 DEG 45 MIN E.
DINGHY SIGHTED FROM 10,000 FT. AT 2112 HOURS AT 50 DEG 45 MIN N
00 DEG 42 MIN E.
(ABOVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS HOT NEWS)
SMALL FLOODED AREA ALONG COAST BELOW CLIFTS EXTENDING SOUTH OF
LE TREPORT

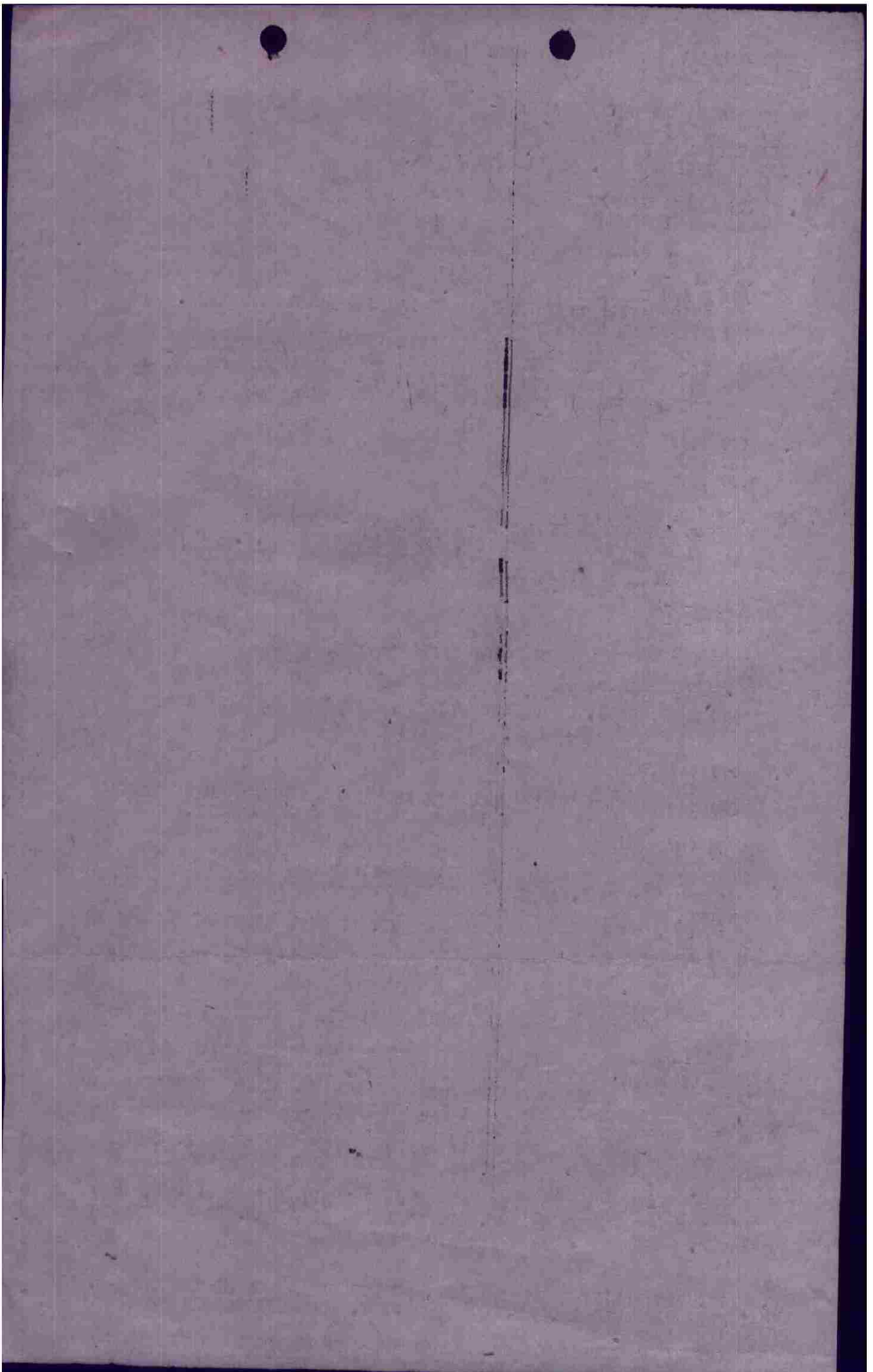
ONE A-20 HIT BY FLAK IN LEFT ENGINE LAST SEEN ENGINE ON FIRE,
LOSING ALTITUDE, FLYING NORTH FROM AMIENS. TWO PARACHUTES WERE SEE
TO LEAVE A/C FOLLOWED LATER BY THIRD PARACHUTE. LIGHT FLAK FIRE WAS
FIRED AT PARACHUTIST FROM 8,000 FT. TO GROUND. CHUTES LAST SEEN TO
DISAPPEAR IN SMOKE FROM BOMBS ON TARGET.

SECOND A-20 SEEN TO DROP OUT OF FORMATION OVER TARGER. THREE
PARACHUTES WERE SEEN. LIGHT FLAK WAS SEEN FIRED AT PARACHUTIST ON
WAY DOWN.

THIRD A-20 SEEN TO DROP OUT OF FORMATION OVER TARGER, LAST
SEEN FLYING WEST FROM AMIENS. SLOWLY LOSING ALTITUDE. NO PARACHUTES
OBSERVED.

MM
H. (1) VISIBILITY 8 TP 10 MILES. NO LOW CLOUDS ON MEDIUM CLOUDS.
SCATTERED HIGH CLOUDS. HAZE TO 5000 FEET. SAME THROUGHOUT OVER
ENEMY TERRITORY.

(2) VISIBILITY 2 TO 4 MILES AT X/O DECREASING TO 2 MILES ON
RETURN. 4 TO 5 CIRRUS ABOVE 20,000 FEET INCREASING TO .6 TO .8



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I. 106 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
2 X 500 GP RETURNED
28 X 500 GP DROPPED SHORT OF TARGET AREA ON BOMB RUN. 7 A/C OF
1 ST BOX RELEASED PREMATURELY WHEN BOMBS FELL FROM A/C WHICH RECEIVED
A DIRECT FLAK HIT AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DESTROYED IN TARGET AREA. THESE
7 A/C RELEASED UNDER MISTKEN IMPRESSION THAT BOX LEADER HAD DROPPED.

J. BOX I: 11300 FEET
BOX II: 11000 FEET

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LAI R.....29/0300B

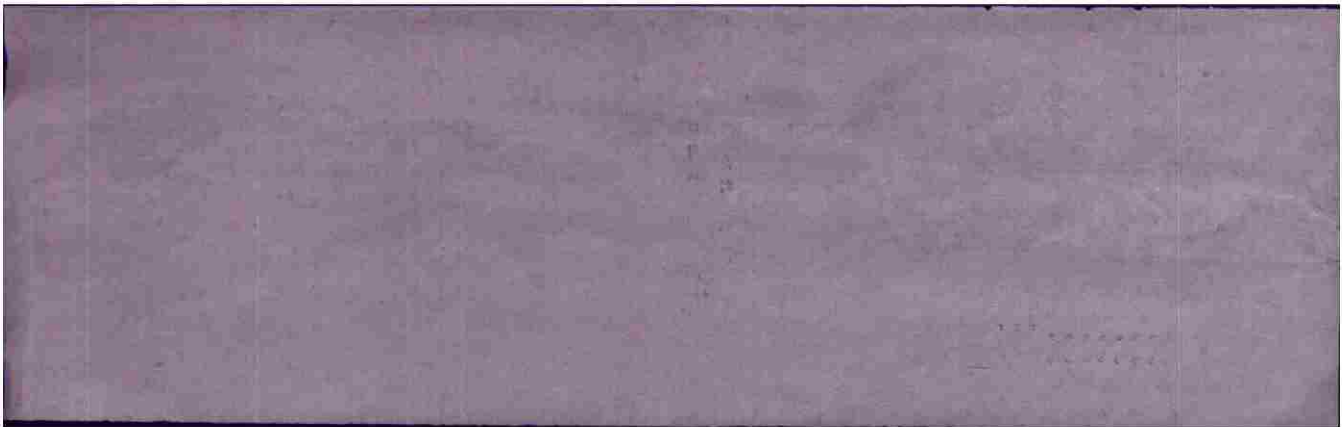
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TO: COMBAT WING 97 ATT: COM O

FROM: COBOMGR 416

A. YS - 55

B. 27 MAY 1944

C. 41 A/C

D. 669 - D - CHANNEL A INOPERATIVE. RETURNED ON GROUND AND
CHECKED O.K.
669 - A - INTERPHONE SYSTEM OUT. BLOWN FUSE REPLACED.

E. 669 - S - 1 QDM FROM WETHERSFIELD.

F. 671 - R - CALLED AIR-SEA RESCUE THREE (3) TIMES TO REPORT
A/C IN DISTRESS BUT RECEIVED NO ANSWER.

G. GENERAL RADIO PERFORMANCE: SATISFACTORY.

MACE COBOMGR 416

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