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

GEORGE SCHENKIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

For the Commanding Officer:

Transmitted herewith are the A-3 Bombing Information Reports on operational mission 28 May 1944, submitted in compliance with IX Bomber Command Memorandum 55-2.

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

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

HEADQUARTERS
14TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 388

BOX I GROUP 416 DATE 28 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Achiet A/D1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.2. Bombing approach: OLG^o RGE.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: Used pre-set with corrections for synchronization. NPI used as AP. No trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Hand.6. Name of lead pilot: Major Price7. Intervalometer setting: None 2508. Indicated Air Speed: 300 Ground Speed: 250 Altitude: 110009. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec: 410. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 75 X 300 lb FUSED N 1/10 1/100

11. Total Bombs Dropped: _____

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES X NO _____. If "YES" state conditions and effect.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES X NO _____. 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:

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

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None

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

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

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

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

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 333BOX II GROUP 416 DATE 29 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Achieved A/D

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.
2. Bombing approach: 380° Mag.
3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO X
4. 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: Used pre-set with corrections for synchronization. M/I used as AP. No trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Forman.
6. Name of lead pilot: Lt. Osborne.
7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 205 Ground Speed: 235 Altitude: 10,000
9. Length of bomb run: 40 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 900 lb FUSED N 1/10 1/40
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 65

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

- (a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.
- (b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or 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: EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR POOR BAD MISS

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(over)

- V. Description of route from I.F. to target:
1. 8 to 10 miles.
 2. None.
 3. Boxes, 12 miles box 1 and 17 miles box 2.
 4. Very early from I.F.
 5. 2 of military junction and down off to right.
 6. None.
 7. None.
 8. None.

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BY AITM CO, ST/ 170
30 May 1944
INITIAL:

HEADQUARTERS
418TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

Form 1

APG 140, U.S. Army,
30 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Mission Report--Aircraft.

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

PART I

- (1) 29 May 1944--1014--1st Lt AD
- (2) SS
- (3) SS

PART II

None

PART III (1)

None

PART III (2)

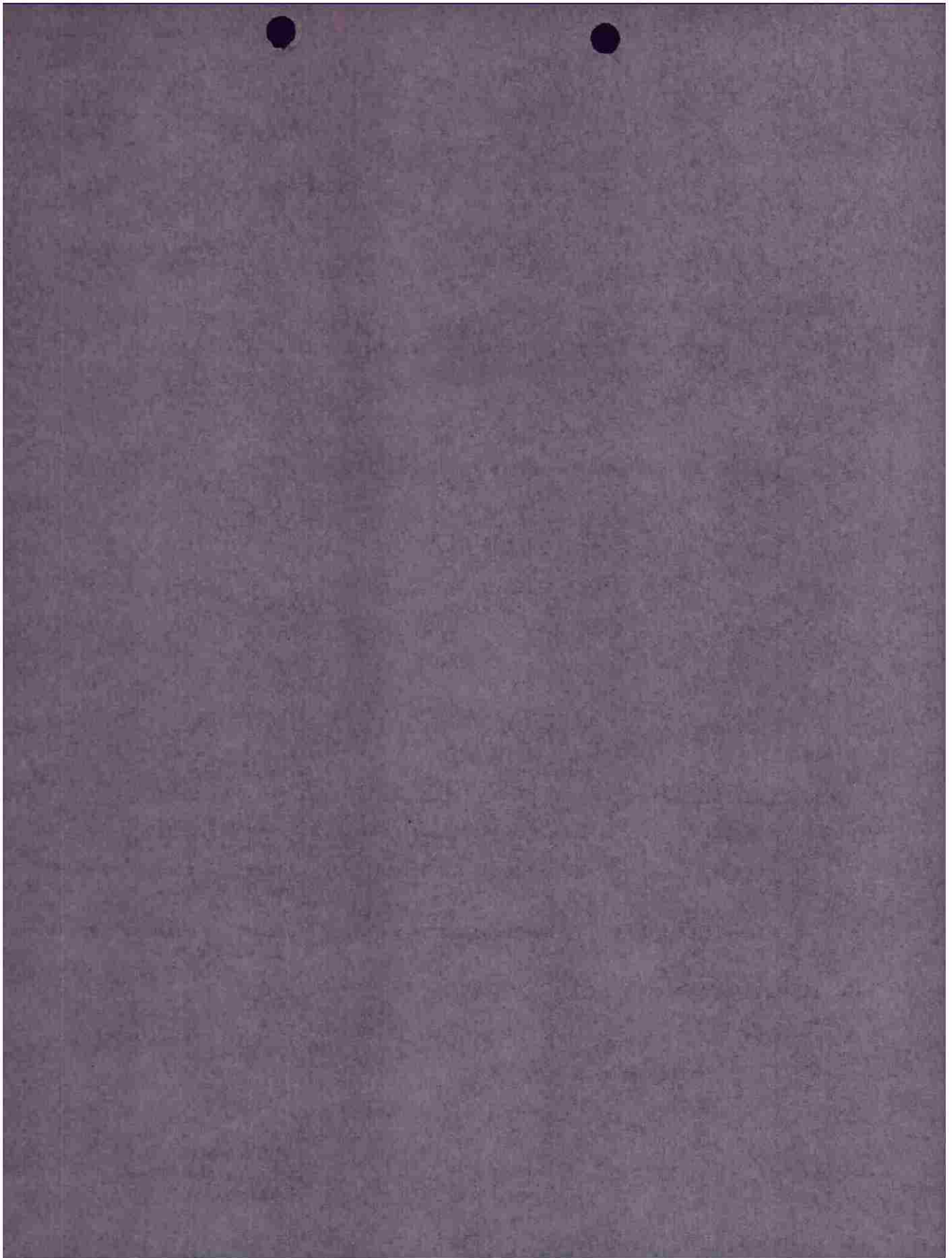
<u>AAP SERIAL NO</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>
48-10210	One bomb failed to release.	Bay brace too tight.
48-9648	One bomb failed to release.	Short in release circuit to No 3 rack.
48-9711	One bomb failed to release.	Short in release circuit to No 3 rack.

PART III (3)

None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHERKIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.



MISSION NO. 61

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

29 MAY 1944

1. 0125 "M"
MAJOR R F PRICE ✓
LT A R HAND ✓
S/S J E MCCREERY
S/S H J SYLVA

4. 195 "D"
LT G F BARTMUS ✓
S/S J R ORR
S/S R W BURCH *

2. 439 "J"
CAPT C R JACKSON ✓
LT A H MALTBY ✓
S/S R K RILEY
S/S A J BONAMO

5. 745 "I"
LT R D LESHAR ✓
S/S H R HEDRICK
S/S A J ANTANAITIS

3. 907 "O"
LT R D POINDEXTER ✓
T/S L G ROBBINS
S/S D H SIMPSON

6. 0226 "E"
LT S B RITCHIE ✓
S/S E A ANDERSON
S/S A W NEWKIRK

FLIGHT II

1. 452 "Q"
CAPT D A HULSE ✓
LT R CONTE ✓
S/S F D ALLRED
SGT D W STEPHENS

4. 227 "F"
LT R J ROONEY ✓
S/S H M MCCLEARY
S/S S F DINAPOLI

2. 224 "E-1"
LT H A MONROE ✓
S/S W L KIDD
S/S S RISKO

5. 217 "D-1"
LT T J LEONARD ✓
S/S O D EVANS
S/S T A PALMER *

3. 750 "M-1"
LT W B OSTRANDER ✓
S/S J E WILSON
S/S I BINNEY

6. 0157 "P"
LT D F SHEA ✓
S/S R E LEE
S/S F G FALK

FLIGHT III

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

4. 363 "L"
LT S M HIXON ✓
T/S F H LARRONDE
S/S H A LEMPKA

2. 493 "V"
LT J D ADAMS ✓
S/S P L CLEARMAN
SGT A J ZIEKUS

5. 0164 "I-1"
LT R W YORK ✓
S/S H J WILDS
SGT L A ASHTON *

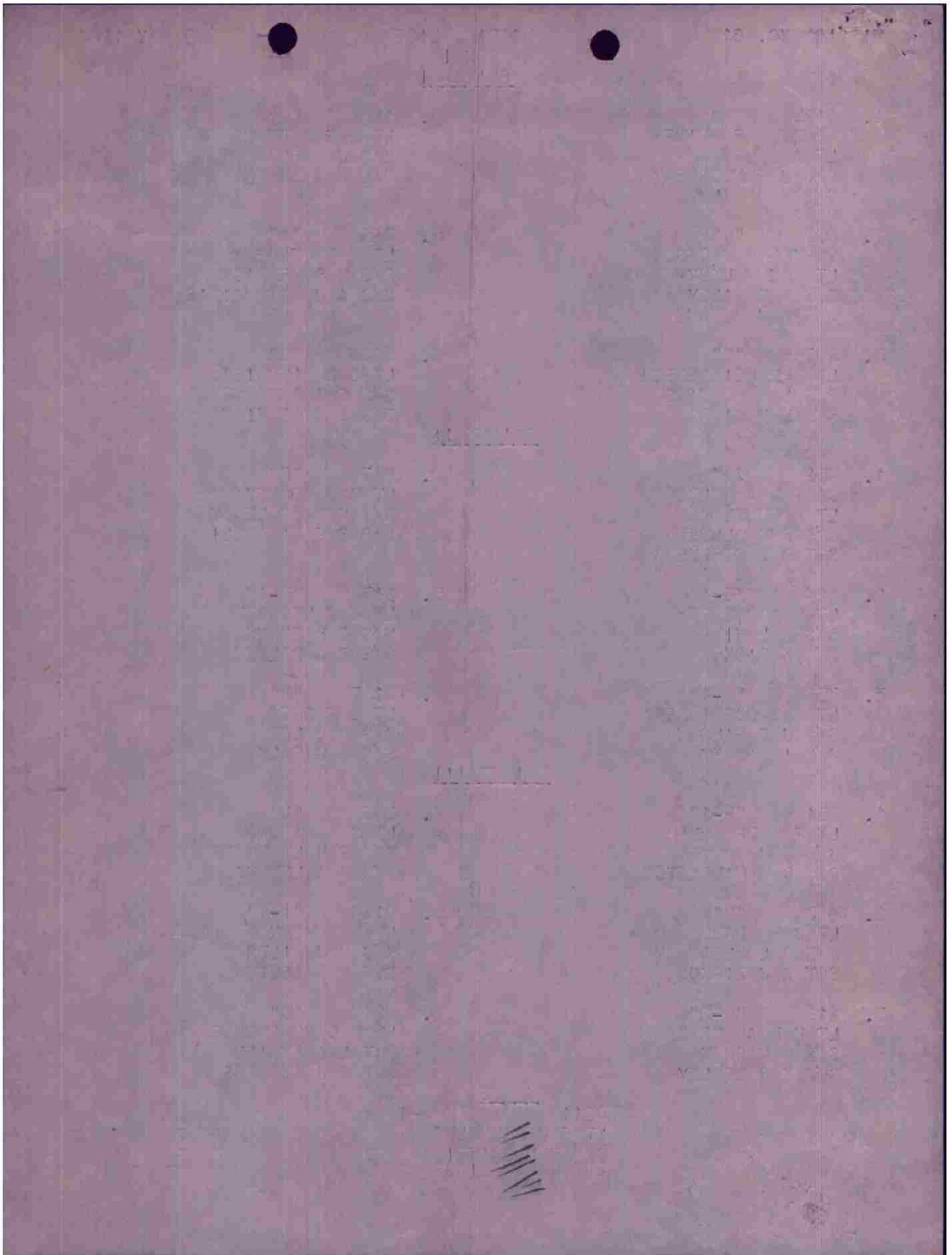
3. 219 "D-2"
LT H D ANDREWS ✓
S/S G M COOK
S/S E R WERLEY

6. 0214 "C"
LT R C MOREHOUSE ✓
SGT L A ZYGIEL
SGT A J BURGESS

SPARE

0211 "Q-1"
LT F J HARROLD
S/S E L GRIFFIN
SGT C W MAZIASZ *

MISSION NO. 62
BOX I
29 MAY 44



LOADING LIST
BOX 11
FLIGHT 1

1. 914 X ✓
LT A E OSBORNE ✓
LT W FORMA ✓
S/S W H COE
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S/S E E KELLY

4. 0210 Q
LT J F MEACHER ✓
S/S H PERKINS
~~SGT~~ S P NEWELL

2. 645 R ✓
LT L A MARZOLF ✓
LT R J BASNETT ✓
S/S H E WELLIN
S/S L G KUTZER

5. 684 K ✓
LT E B KREH ✓
SGT E SHELTON
S/S D R SCHENCK

3. 9194 C ✓
LT L G PEEDE ✓
S/S C L HIBBS
S/S E C SIEG

6. 360 S ✓
LT A P NIKAS ✓
SGT G W SCOTT
SGT H W SMITH

FLIGHT 11

1. 135 T ✓
LT H L SOMMERS ✓
LT R J MC QUADE ✓
S/S J L ROGERS
S/S G I FLEISCHMAN

4. 961 E ✓
LT MS STREET ✓
S/S C A PRINDLE
S/S E T EFFS

2. 673 I ✓
LT P DONTAS ✓
S/S W E FIELDS
S/S A L NIELSEN

5. 189 P
~~MAJOR R T ROMEY~~ Col. F. R. AYLESWORTH ✓
T/S W J KELLY
S/S W G FERGUSON

3. 181 A ✓
LT W H LAND ✓
S/S W F ALDEN
S/S R L BALLINGER

6. 202 B
~~LT J F SMITH~~
SGT C VAFIADIS Not Airborne
~~SGT R C HOFFMAN~~

FLIGHT 111

1. 840 V ✓
LT R J MORTON ✓
S/S O D LANAVE
S/S F M CITY

4. 711 S M ✓
LT W A PECK ✓
S/S A E BERGERON
S/S H E KELTON

2. 743 W ✓
LT W C SIGGS ✓
S/S R W NICKS
S/S N RADLICH

5. 220 E - 1 ✓
LT J S CONNOR ✓
SGT H E RODGERS
SGT J E VANDUYNE

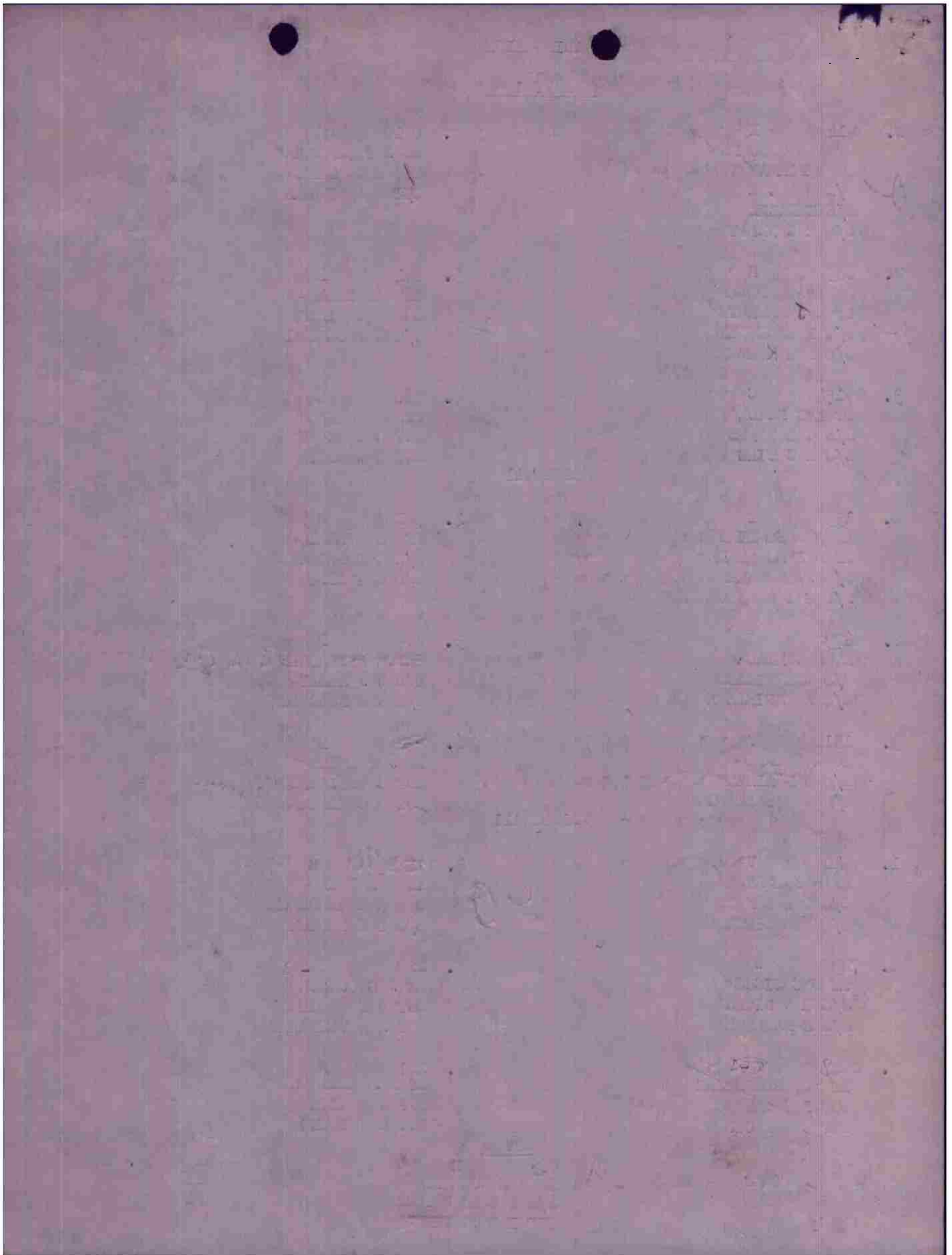
3. 0248 H ✓
LT N V SHADBERG Not Airborne
SGT J W SABADOSH
SGT C F FLOOD

6. 221 F ✓
LT A J VLEGHELS ✓
SGT C E RICE
SGT R W YOUNG

SPARE

963 N ✓
LT W E DOWNING ✓
S/S E S DICKENSON
SGT K E HORNBECK

MISSION NO. 62
BOX II
29 MAY 44



FROM: 416TH BOMB GRG (L)

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

416 BG M _____ E

CONFIDENTIAL IN THE CLEAR

J FORM OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE F-1

29 MAY 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR JOHN G. NAPIER

A.

B. 1100

C. NORTH FORELAND

D. BOX I R/T MACHINE ONE

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670 7 ~~XXXX~~ J Q E-1 M-1 F D-1 P

671 6 P-1 V D-2 L I-1 C

670 1 O-1 (SPARE)

GROUP LEADER 668 M

DEPUTY 670 J

BOX II R/T MACHINE TWO

671 5 X R E-1 F M

668 4 G Q K S

669 9 T I A E P B V W K-1

668 1 N (SPARE)

SECOND BOX LEADER 671 X

DEP UTY 671 R

E. 11,000

F. FURNES

G. 1115

H. 70

J. FURNES

K. NORTH FORELAND

L. 1237

M. 1. E.T.D. 1034 E.T.A. 1251

2. 4 x 500 GP

3. 4 HOURS

4. BOX I Z370

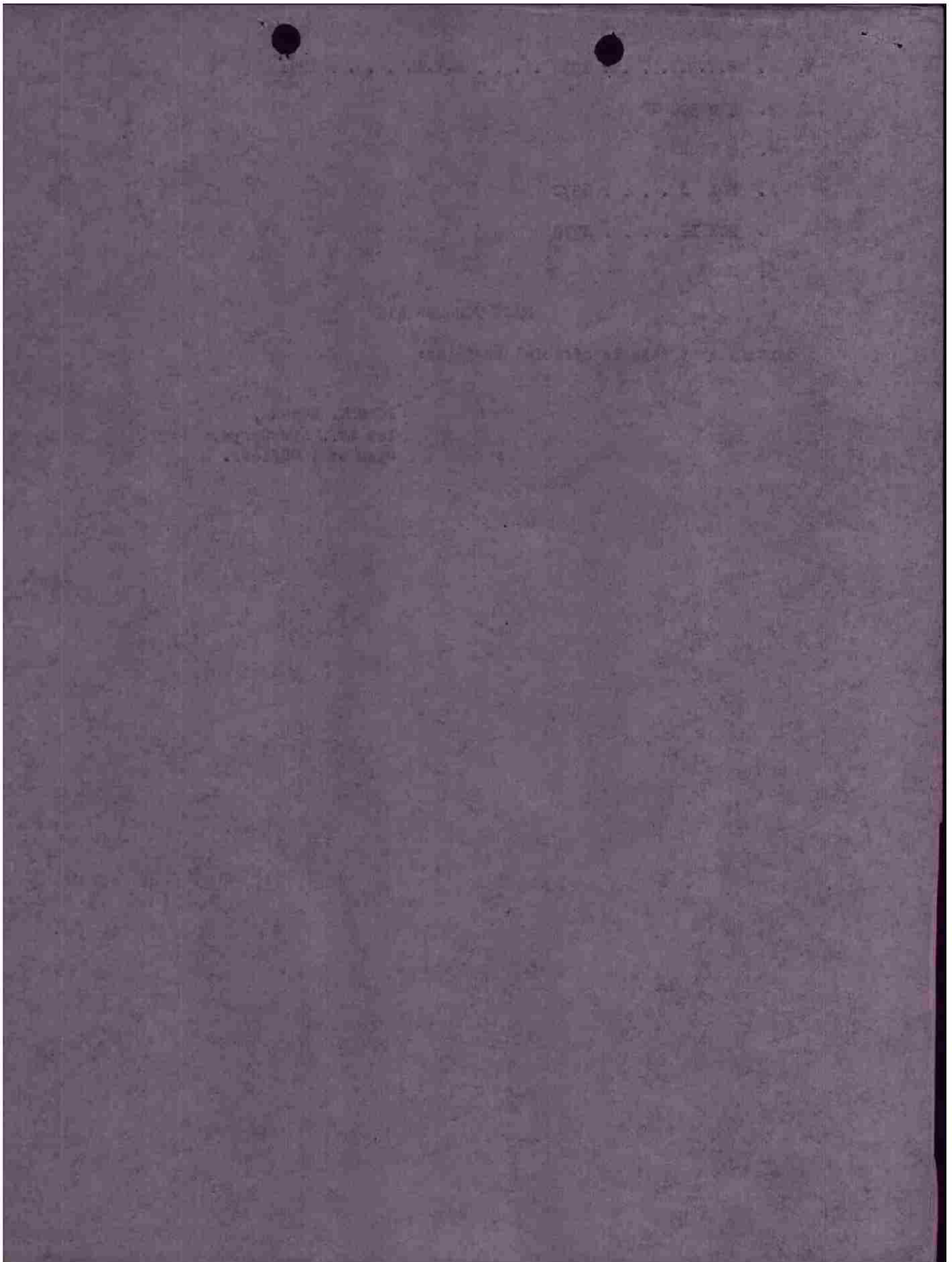
BOX II Z370

5. NONE

MACE COBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

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



Open

HEADQUARTERS
41ST BOMB GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE WEATHER OFFICER

APO 140
29 May 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 2 miles. No clouds.

ROUTE OUT: No clouds except scattered cirrus over
France. Visibility 4 to 5 miles over England,
increasing to 6 over channel and France.

TARGET: Visibility 5 miles. Scattered cirrus estimated
20,000 feet.

ROUTE BACK: Same as route out.

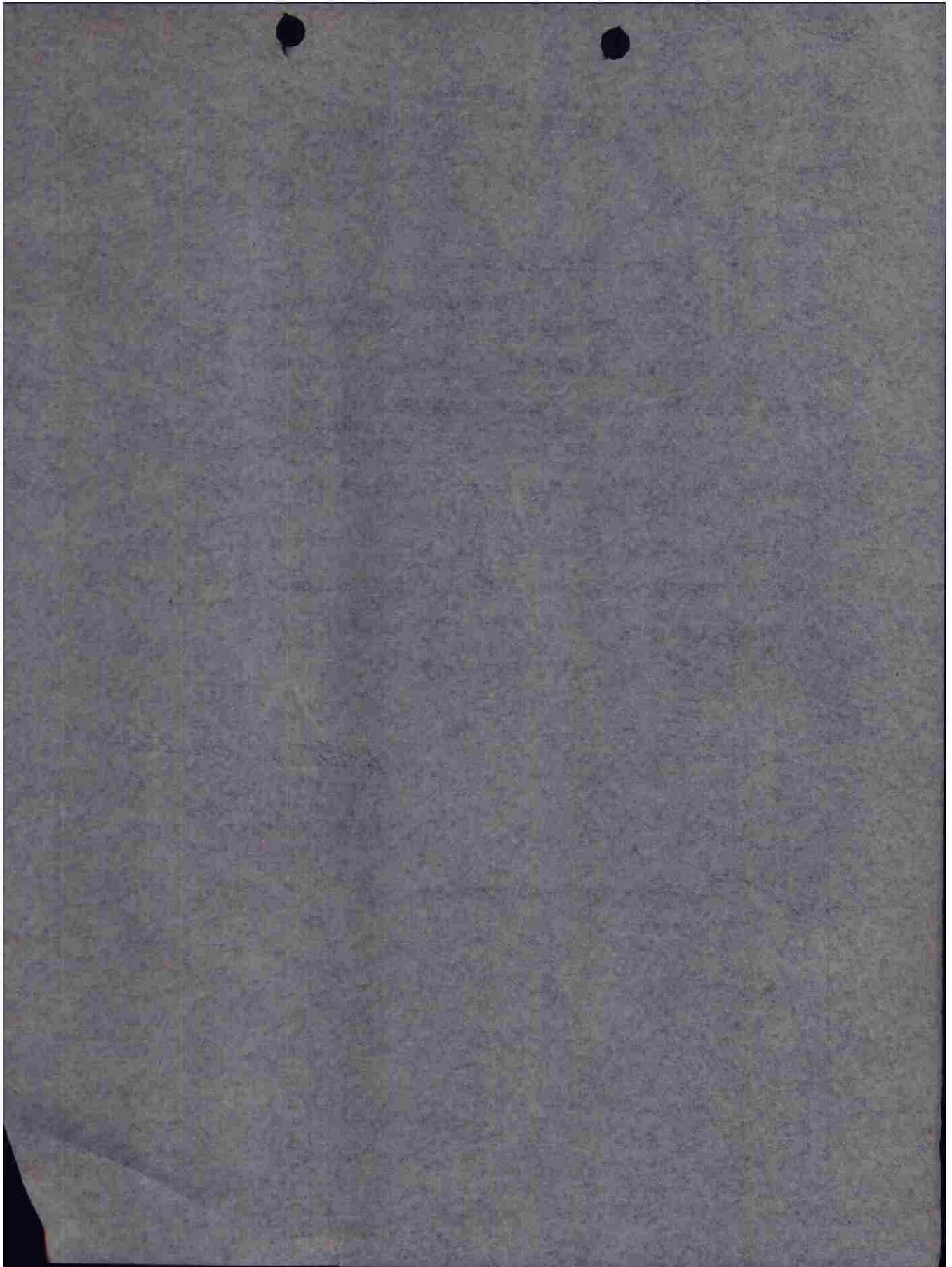
BASE ON RETURN: No clouds. Visibility 5 miles.

WINDS: As forecast. TIME OVER TARGET: 1156

Weather did not effect bombing.

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

1 Incl.
2 Route Forecast Forms.



WETHERS FIELD
W16TH BOMB GROUP (A) *Opm*
TAKEOFF - 1015
RETURN - 1310

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 29 MAY 1944
PERIOD 0830 - 1300
Hq SOS USAFP 9-43/90M/12927

	A BASE TO TARGET	B TARGET	C TARGET TO BASE	D
WEATHER	HAZE	LIGHT HAZE	HAZE	
2	3-4/10 MEDIUM CLOUD AT 12,000 FT. 5/10 CIRRUS ABOVE 20,000 FT PATCHY STRATUS TOPS AT 21,000 FT ALONG EAST COAST OF ENGLAND	5-6/10 CIRRUS AT 20,000 FT. SCATTERED PATCHES OF MIDDLE CLOUD AT 12,000 FT.	SIMILAR TO ROUTE OUT WITH 3-4/10 SMALL CUMULUS OVER SOUTH ENGLAND	
CLOUDS				
3	LIGHT RIME IN CLOUD ABOVE 11,500 FEET	SAME	SAME	
4	2-3 MILES AT BASE 3-5 MILES IN CHANNEL 5-7 MILES OVER CONTINENT	10 MILES DOWN SON 7 MILES UP SON	4-5 MILES	
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	140 BASE	180 FRANCE	140 BELGIUM	10
5,000 FT	170	180	160	17
10,000 FT	170	180	160	23
12,000 FT	180	180	160	25
15,000 FT	180	180	160	27
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BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 30.27

TARGET SURFACE TEMP +18°C
TEMP. AT 12,000 FT. 0°C

TARGET MEAN TEMP +10°C
TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) +112

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			

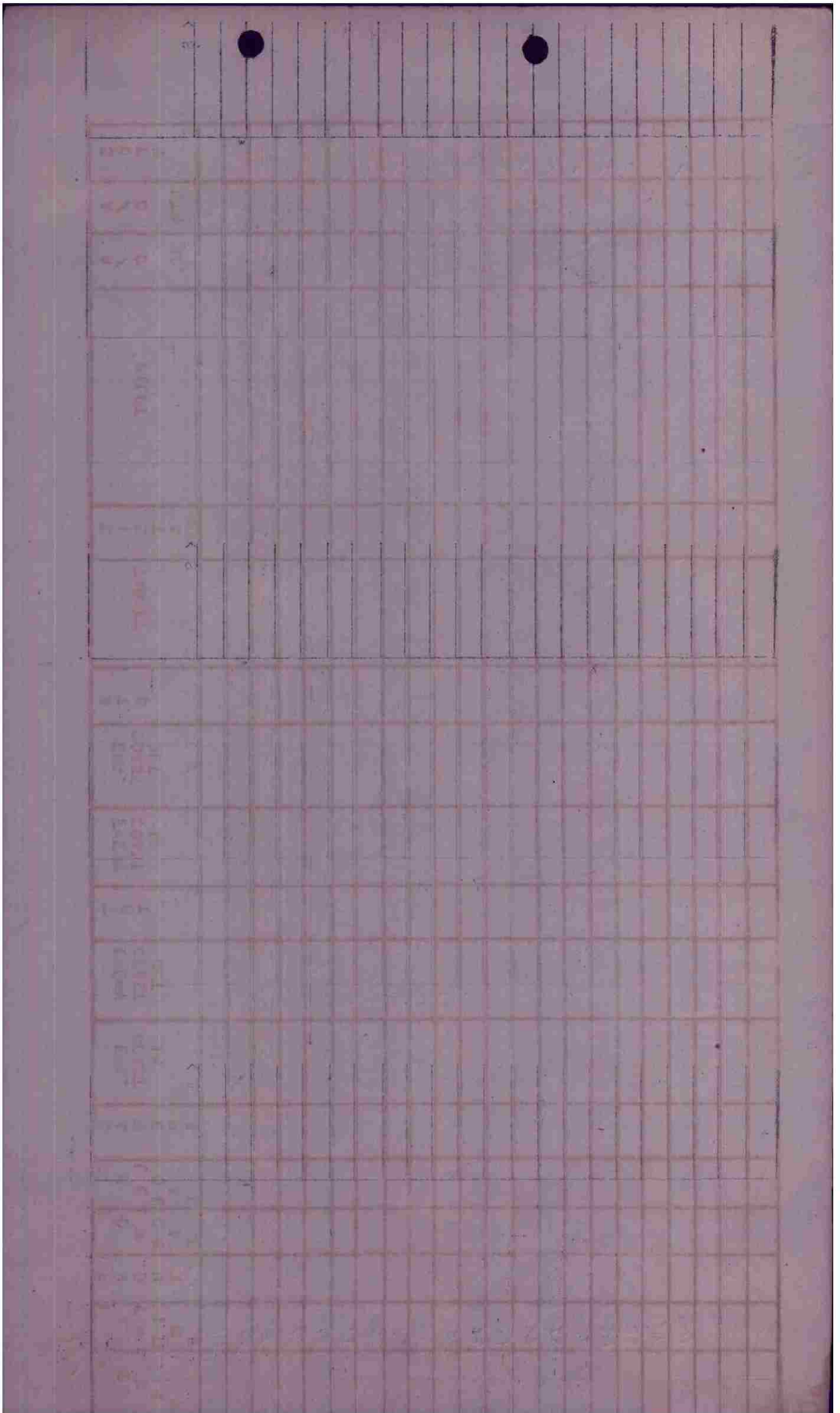
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Part II

Mission 65-69

MAY 29 1944

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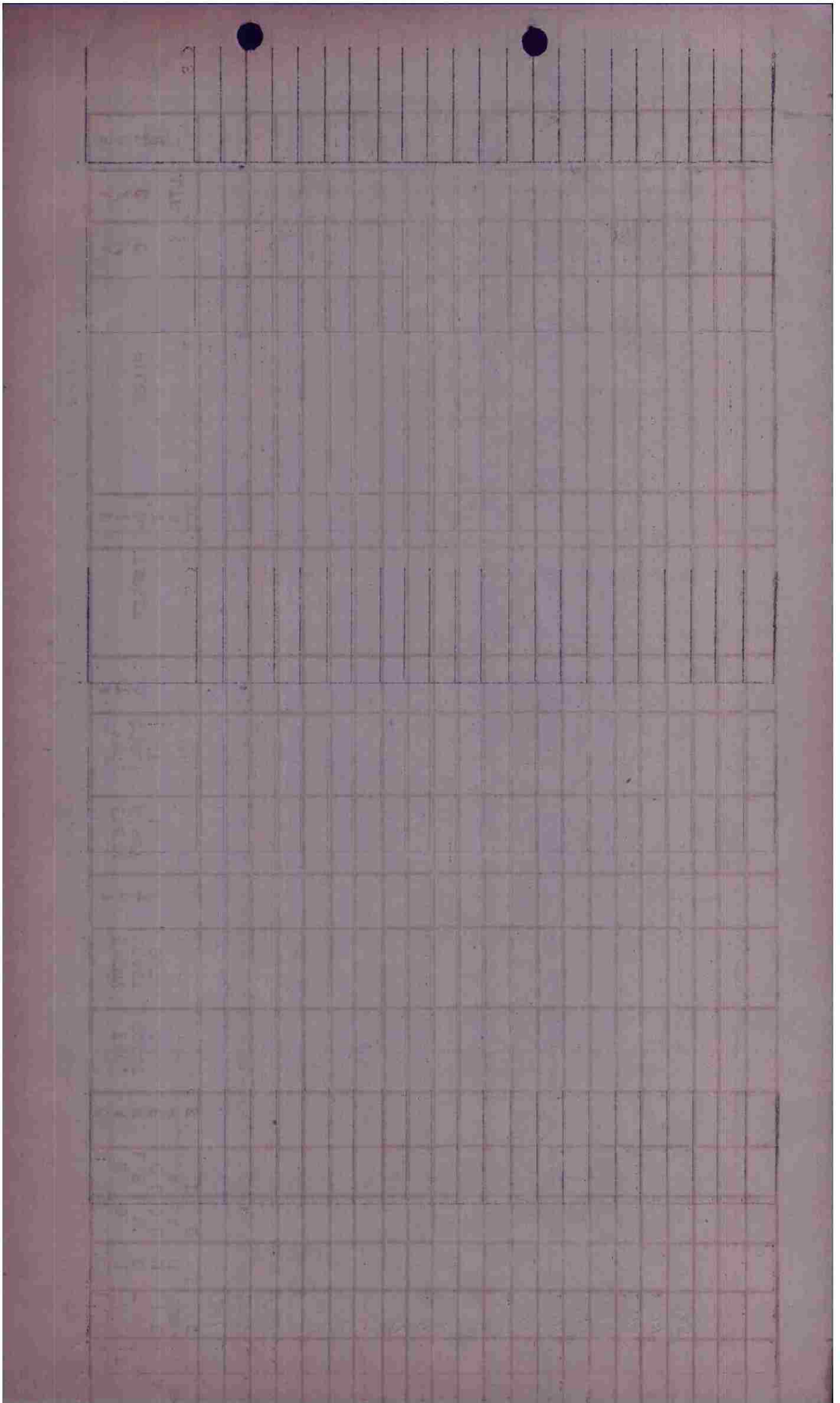


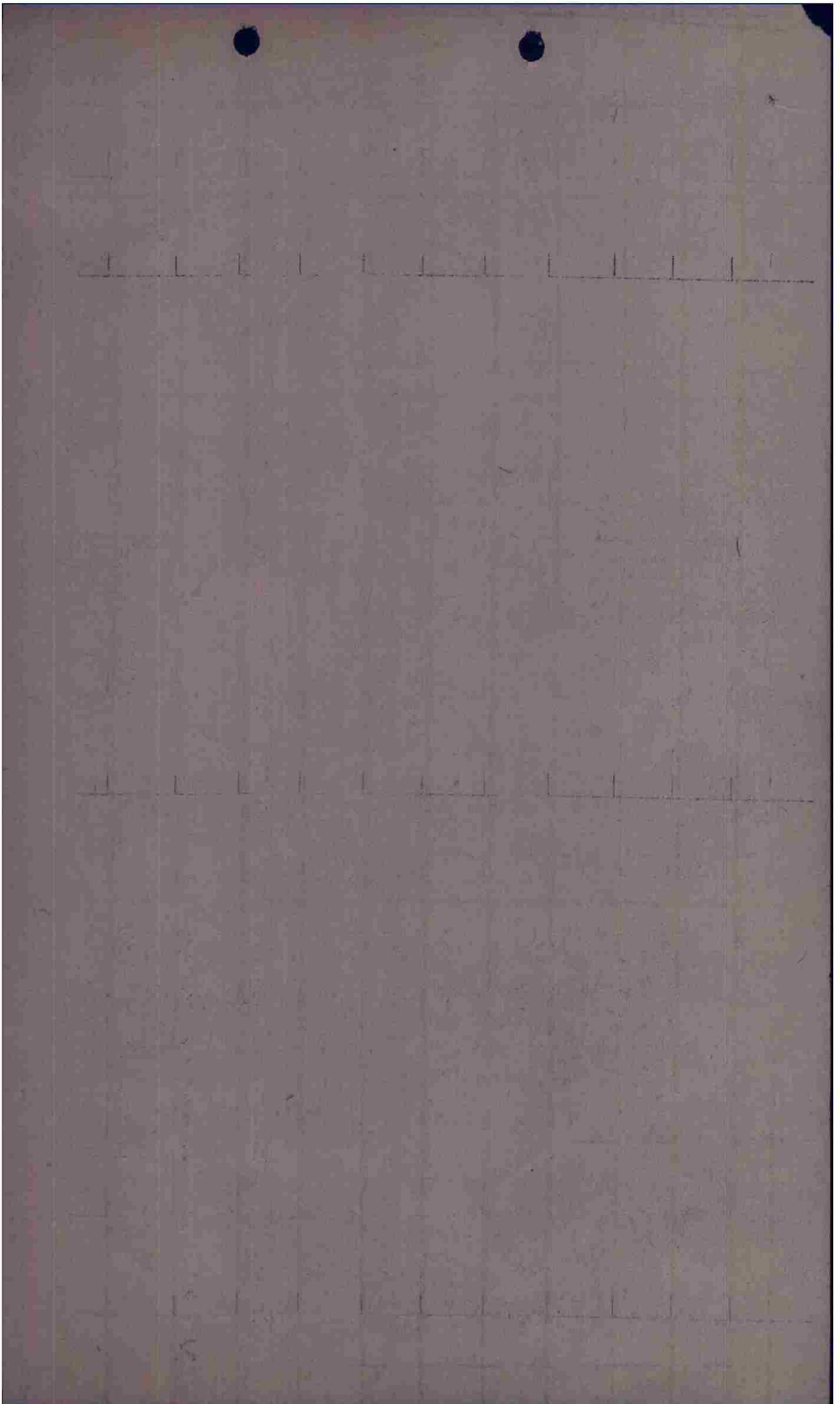
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 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 28/0030B M-157-E
 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 409TH COBOMGP
 410TH COBOMGP
 416TH COBOMGP

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 SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH. MAJOR CLARENCE S. TOWLES JR.

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
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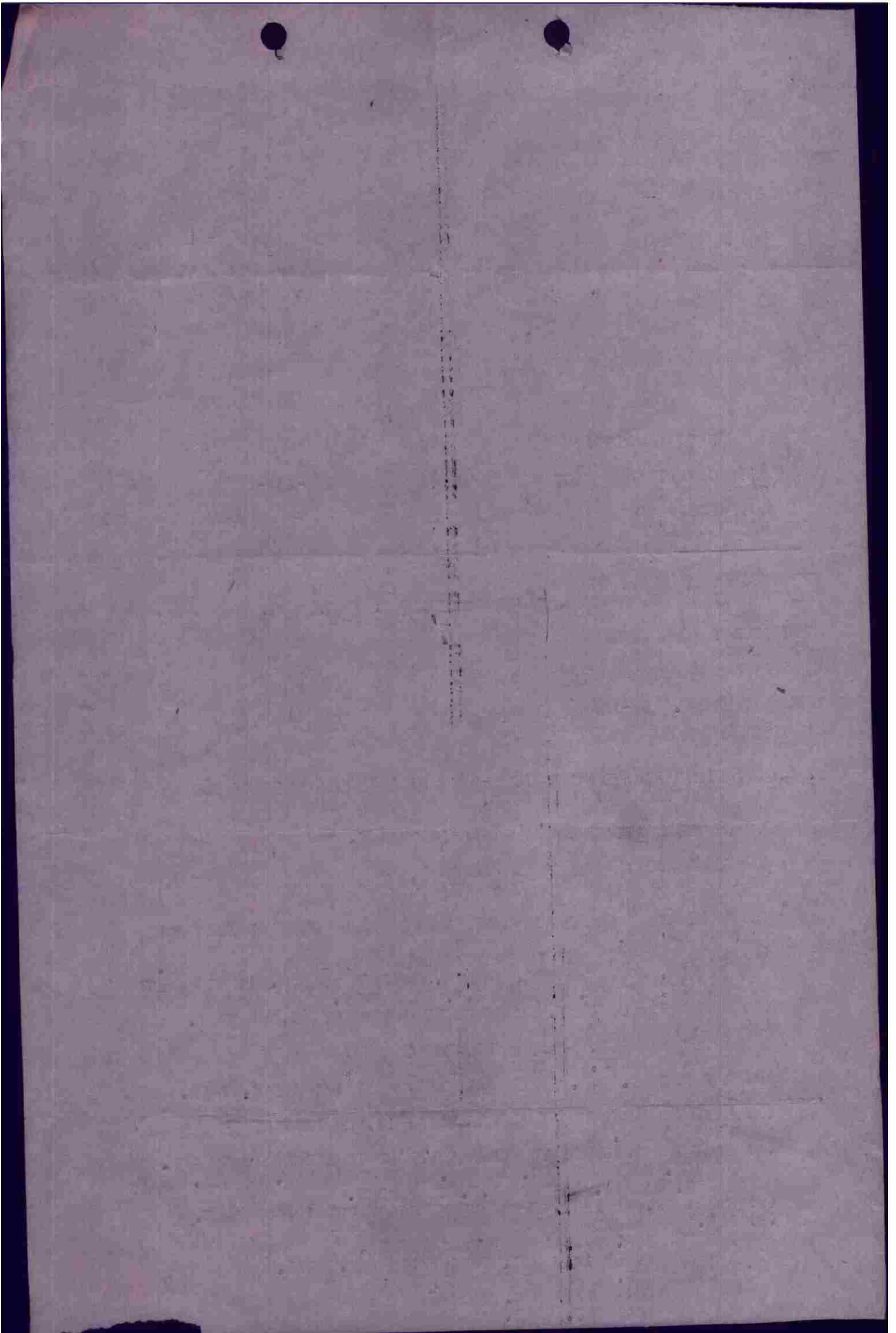
FIELD ORDER NO. 57-335

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) NINTH FIGHTER COMMAND P-47'S WILL FURNISH ESCORT FOR ALL FORMATIONS OF THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK AN AIRFIELD IN FRANCE.

ZERO HOUR: 29/1000B

3. A. 409TH GROUP:
 - (3) WITH 410TH GROUP AT SHEARNESS AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 32 MIN.
 - (4) BASE TO SHEARNESS TO NORTH FORELAND TO FURNES TO 50 DEG. 51 MIN. NORTH 03 DEG. 36 MIN. EAST TO 50 DEG. 08 MIN NORTH 03 DEG. 33 MIN. EAST TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 - (6) BOMB: 11,500 FEET. CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,500 FEET.
 - (9) ILL. S 1620/4
 - 1 BOX REF. 023048 DISPERSAL AREA.
 - 1 BOX REF. 043043 DISPERSAL AREA.
 - (10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
3. B. 410TH GROUP:
 - (3) WITH 409TH GROUP AT SHEARNESS AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 32 MIN.
 - (4) BASE TO SHEARNESS TO NORTH FORELAND TO FURNES TO 50 DEG. 51 MIN. NORTH 03 DEG. 36 MIN. EAST TO 50 DEG. 08 MIN. NORTH 03 DEG. 33 MIN. EAST TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 - (6) BOMB: 12,000 FEET. CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET.
 - (9) ILL. S 1620/4
 - 1 BOX REF. 072041 DISPERSAL AREA.
 - FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
 - 1 BOX REF. 056048 FUEL DUMP.
 - FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.



3. C. 416TH GROUP:
- (3) WITH P-47 FIGHTERS AT NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MIN. AT 12,000 FEET.
 - (4) BASE TO NORTH FORELAND TO FURNES TO 50 DEG. 51 MIN. NORTH 03 DEG. 36 MIN. EAST TO 50 DEG. 08 MIN. NORTH 03 DEG. 33 MIN. EAST TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 - (6) BOMB: 11,000 FEET. CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,000 FEET.
 - (9) ILL. S 1620/4
1 BOX REF. 088056 HANGAR FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
1 BOX REF. 068069 FUEL DUMP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
 - (10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED AS ABOVE.
- X.(1) TO (4) NO CHANGE
- (5) TARGET Z370
 - (6) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C EACH GROUP.
 - (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO 50 DEG. 08 MIN. NORTH 03 DEG. 33 MIN. EAST TO 50 DEG. 51 MIN. NORTH 03 DEG. 36 MIN. EAST TO FURNES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.
 - (8) I.P. 49 DEG. 48 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG. 49 MIN. EAST.
 - (9) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTH TO NORTH.
 - (10) R.P. 50 DEG. 07 MIN. NORTH 03 DEG. 09 MIN. EAST.
 - (11) THE 416 AND 410 GROUPS WILL TAKE OFF AT LEAST 15 MIN. APART. THE 410TH GROUP WILL TAKE OFF FIRST.
- PARAS. 3A AND 3B
- (12) RENDEZVOUS WITH P47 FIGHTERS AT NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MIN. AT 12,000 FEET.
 - (13) THE 409TH GROUP WILL LEAD.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS (SIGNALS TO FOLLOW)

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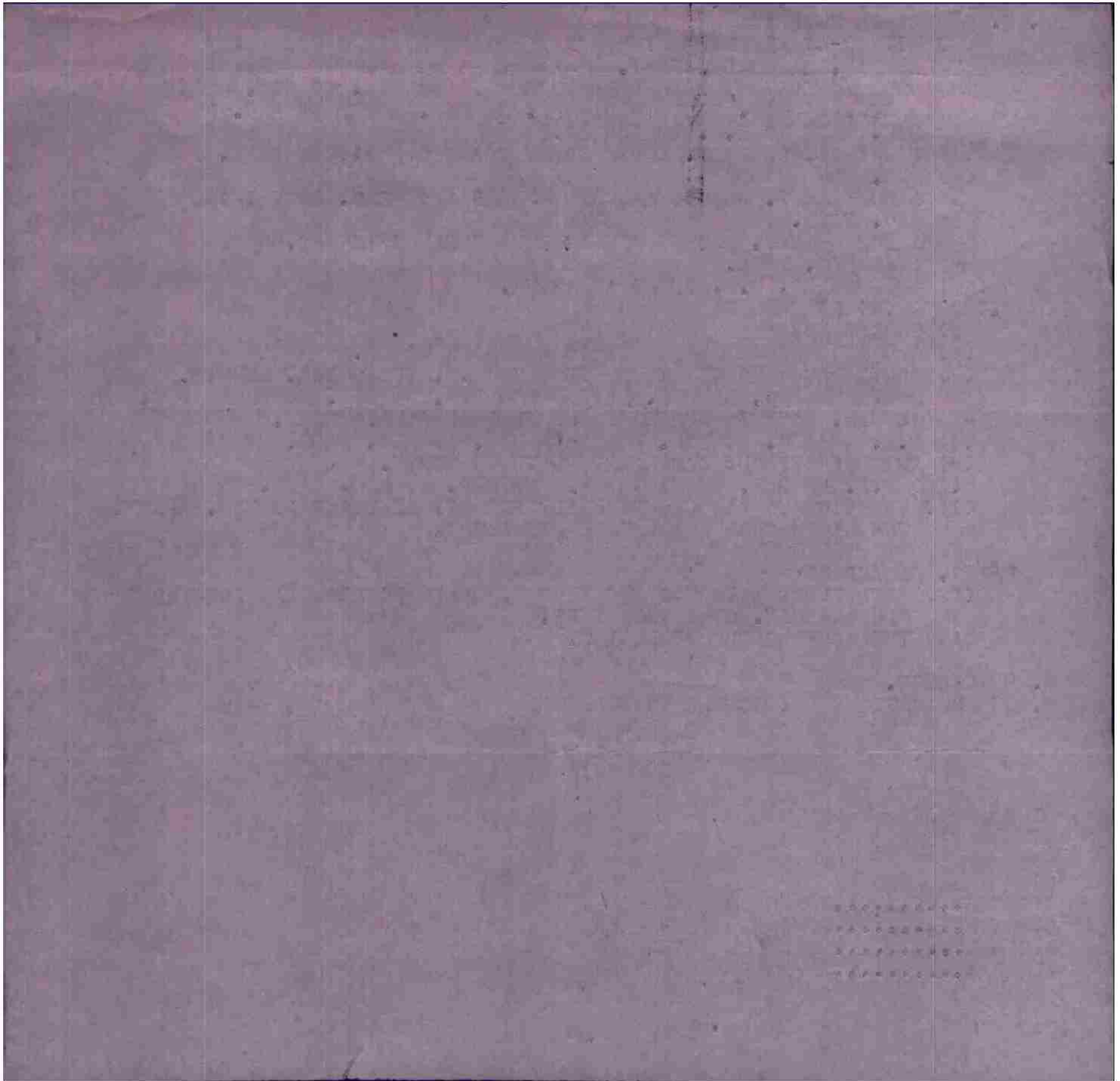
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 29/0125B M-159-E
 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 409TH BOMB GROUP
 410TH BOMB GROUP
 416TH BOMB GROUP

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97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING
 APO 140
 29 MAY 1944

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 57-335

PARAGRAPH 5 COMMUNICATIONS

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:
 (2) EXPAND
 (3) TOWNER

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:
 (2) YAM TREE
 (3) TOWNER

C. (2) MACHINE
 (3) CHOPPER

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(2) WEST MALLING D/D
 (3) NORMAL

(10) T A V B/T A V B

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

(12) RECALL WILL BE IN THE CLEAR. AUTHENTICATION PER IX B.C.
 S.O.I. 31-2 AND IX B.C. . MEMO 100-10.

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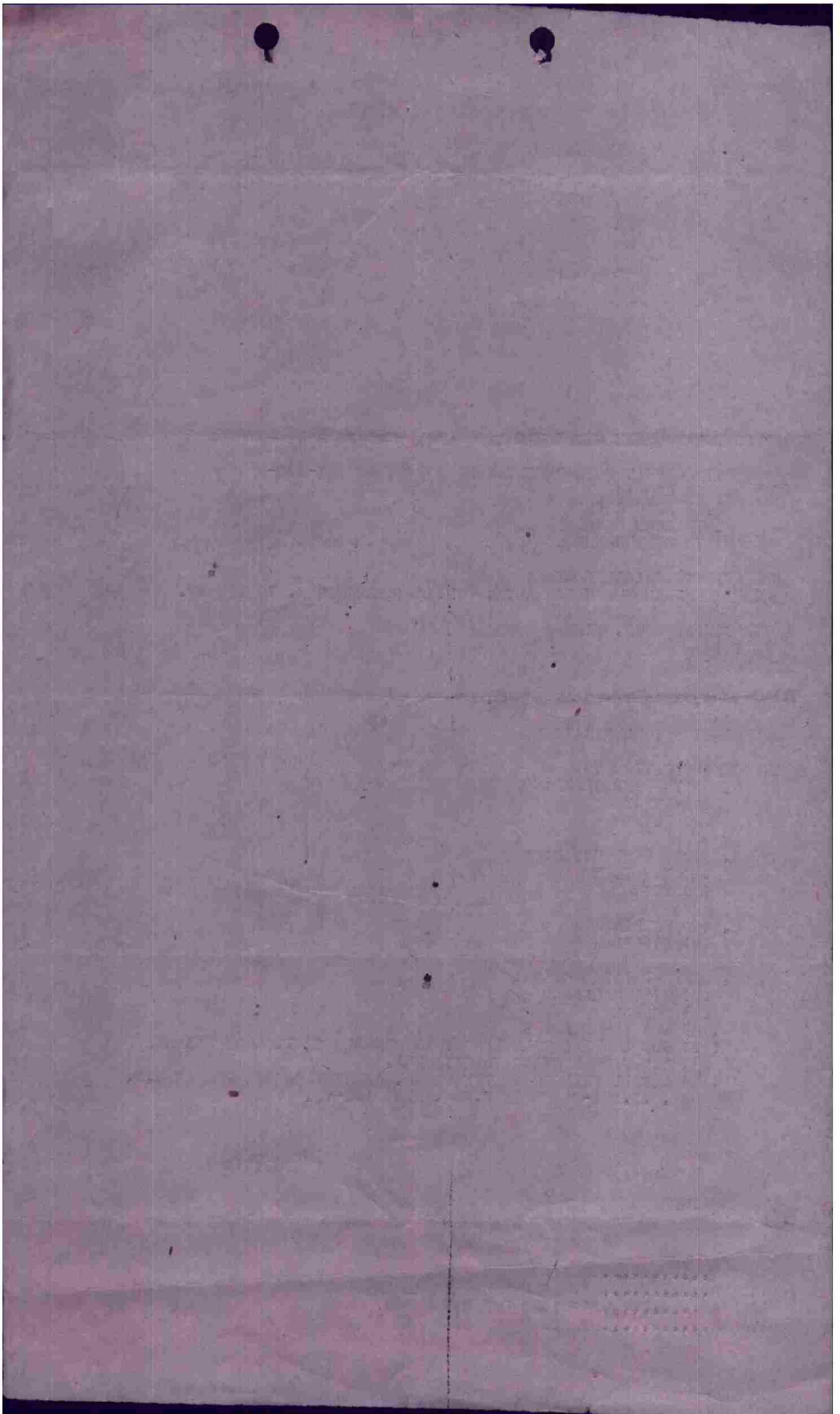
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LBS AR



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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING M-158-E 29/0140B
 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 29 MAY 1944

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO F.O. 55-335

SITUATION: NO A/C ARE KNOWN TO BE STATIONED AT TARGET. FOR GERMAN ORDER OF BATTLE, REFER TO "GERMAN AIR FORCE ON THE WESTERN FRONT" NO. 10 PLUS AMENDMENT NO. 1. FLAK- GROUPS HAVE LATEST FLAK INFORMATION HOWEVER ATTENTION IS CALLED TO B-26 MISSION OF 24 MAY 44 WHEN FLAK WAS REPORTED AS NIL TO MEAGER; NO A/C SUFFERING BATTLE DAMAGE THROUGHOUT MISSION.

TARGET: THIS TARGET REMAINS ONE OF THE ENEMYS MAIN OPERATIONAL A/F'S TARGET IS NOW AIR FIELD STATUS 15. TARGET WAS LAST ATTACKED BY 2 GROUPS OF B-26'S ON 24 MAY 44. RESULTS WERE DESCRIBED AS GOOD TO EXCELLANT. FOR MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF DAMAGE, REFER TO IX-BC MISSION SUMMARY OF MORNING MISSION OF 24 MAY 44.

OBSERVATIONS: THE FOLLOWING REPORTS HAVE BEEN MADE ON RECENT MISSIONS.

1. " MANY TENTS AND BLDGS., AS IN A CAMP, IN WOODED AREA SOUTH OF DIXMUDE".
2. " ARMY CAMP 1 MILE EAST OF DIXMUDE; SECTIONED INTO 3 LARGE SQUARES ALL WITHIN A WOODED AREA, EACH SECTION CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 50 BLDGS. WHICH ARE LAID OUT IN ROWS. SEVERAL OTHER BLDGS. DISPERSED THROUGH SAME WOODED AREA; ALL POORLY CAMOUFLAGED.
3. "ARMY CAMP AT 50 DEG. 57 MIN. NORTH - 02 DEG. 58 MIN. EAST, ABOUT 8 MILES SOUTH SOUTH EAST OF DIXMUDE".

REQUEST OBSERVATIONS OF ABOVE REPORTED CAMPS, CONFIRMING THEIR EXISTANCE AND LOCATIONS.

REQUEST OBSERVATIONS OF M/Y ACTIVITY AND M/T CONVOYS.

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BT 29/0140B

CCUNDER OBSERVATIONS 2. MAKE THE 4TH WORD READ: MILE RPT MILE.

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OICOG R.....28/00143B HW KKKK

HIHAK R.....29/0146B JH AR

OIGOF R.....29/0145B REW KK

OIYAA R.....29/0145B LBS KKK

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)
TO IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2
97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2
CONFIDENTIAL BT
M-710-D
OPFLASH NO. 57 FOR 29 MAY 1944

- A. (I) ACHIET A/D
(II) ACHIET A/D
B. (I) 416TH BG
(II) 36 A-20'S
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(III) NONE
(IV) 36 A-20'S BOMBED PRIMARY
C. (I) 1014
(II) 1155
(III) 1329
D. (I) NONE
(II) 0-0-0
(III) 0-0-0
E. 1ST BOX - GOOD
2ND BOX - GOOD
F. (I) (A) NIL
XXXX
(B) NIL
(II) AA) NIL
(B) NIL
G. DINGHY SIGHTED FROM 7,000 FT. AT 1238 HOURS POSITION 51 DEG
18'N 01 DEG 49'E.
DINGHY SIGHTED FROM 12,000 FT. AT 1115 HOURS POSITION 51 DEG
08'N 02 DEG 25'E. TWO B-26 A/C WERE CIRCLING OVER POSITION.
(PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS HOT NEWS)
H. (I) NO CLOUDS, SLIGHT HAZE, VIS 8-10 MILES
(II) SAME
I. 141 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
3 X 500 GP RETURNED
J. 10,500 - 11,000
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G. AT 1215, A BRIDGE AND LOCKS BEING REPAIRED NEAR CEUZE
AT 1150, ONE A/C OF UNDETERMINED TYPE WAS OBSERVED PARKED
ON PERONNE AIRFIELD.
AT 1210, VALENCIENNES M/Y WAS SEEN TO BE ABOUT 1/2 FULL, ABOUT
200 CARS.
AT 1229, MANY CARS SEEN PARKED ON SIDINGS NEAR FURNES RAILROAD
LINES SEEMED CLOGGED.
AT 1126, 12 BARGES WERE SEEN STATIONARY IN CANAL AT AUDENARDE.
AT 1122, ONE 30 CAR TRAIN SEEN HEADED WEST NEAR ROULERS
AT 1117, 8-10 LARGE VEHICLES SEEN PARKED ON ROULERS-THOURONT
HIGHWAY, FACING TOWARDS THOURONT.
AT 1230, ONE MEDIUM SIZED VESSEL OF UNDETERMINED TYPE SEEN INSIDE
DUNKIRK HARBOR.
AT 1232, TWO MOTOR LAUNCHES XXX WERE SEEN 15 MILES N.W. FROM
FRENCH COAST HEADED TOWARDS DUNKERQUE.

MACE COBOMGR 416

BT 291452B
DM AR
OICOG R.....291620B MJS

LAI R.....29/1620B LCB KK

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