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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (1)
Office of the Commanding Officer

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By authority
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4 June 1944
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APO 140, U. S. Army,
4 June 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 3 June 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKELIN,
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

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 344BOX I GROUP 416 DATE 3 June 1944 TARGET ATTACHED Chartres Airframe.

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.
2. Bombing approach: 105° ang.
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: Pre-set with corrections for synchronization. MPI used as AP. No trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Rand.
6. Name of lead pilot: Major Price
7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 276 Altitude: 12,000
9. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N1/10 T1/100
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 86

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 X NO _____. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing: Weather did not affect bombing but darkness made it difficult to pick out AP.
- (c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES X NO _____. If answer is "YES", state to what extent Flak affected bombing or bomb run: Flak was moderate accurate HFF on bomb run.
- (d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? No enemy aircraft.
- (e) State any difficulties on bombing run: Smoke from previous formation's bombs obscured 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 X POOR _____ BAD MISS _____

* 8 o/c bomb load 6 x 500 lb GP's.

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(Over)

1. 4 miles
2. None
3. 2 boxes
4. Moderate
5. Used town itself as check point.
6. Darkness affected identification of AP.
7. Fair
8. None.

2. Description of route from I.P. to target

Formation consisted of two boxes. 19 ships box 1 and 18 ships box 2, with the last 3 ships in each flight of box 1 and 3 ships pre coding formation dispensing window. Time of take off was 1959. Time over target 2130. Target - Chertkovsk. Box 1, at 12,000 feet, dropped a total of 66 bombs in the target area with fair results. Box 2, at 11,450 feet, dropped a total of 76 bombs in the target area with good results. Visibility was 4 miles with no low clouds. Anti-aircraft fire was moderate throughout the route. 21 ships receiving category 4 damage, 3 ships accurate hit from Capoung to Hanoi. 21 ships receiving category 4 damage, 3 ships to be flying category 40 damage and 1 ship lost over target area. No enemy aircraft encountered. Plan was landed at 2347.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. _____

BOX _____ GROUP _____ DATE _____ TARGET ATTACHED _____

1. Method of Sighting:

2. Bombing approach:

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO _____

4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES _____ NO _____

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used.

5. Name of lead bombardier: TEH 313

6. Name of lead pilot: _____

7. Intervalometer setting: _____

8. Indicated Air Speed: _____ Ground Speed: _____ Altitude: _____

9. Length of bomb run: _____ Sec: _____

10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: _____ X _____ lb FUSED _____ N _____ T _____

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 _____ 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 _____ NO _____. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES _____ 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?

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES _____ NO _____

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

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ATTN: *A*

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 324BOX 11 GROUP 11 DATE 20 Nov 1944 TARGET ATTACHED Barbaros Airfield1. Method of Sighting: no-aid synchronization2. Bombing approach: 100°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES NO

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used: no-aid with corrections for synchronization. 201 used as aim. No shell attached.

5. Name of lead bombardier: 1st Lt. [illegible]6. Name of lead pilot: Captain [illegible]7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 275 Altitude: 11,0009. Length of bomb run: 70 Sec: 110. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10 T 1/10011. Total Bombs Dropped: 70

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. 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. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing: difficult to pick out at

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES NO. If answer is "YES", state to what extent Flak affected bombing or bomb run: Flak was not a factor

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? No enemy aircraft.

(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 NO

Results claimed: GOOD FAIR POOR BAD MICS None

*2 n/a bomb load, 4 x 500 lb GP's.

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See
BY AUTHORITY,
4 June 1944
INITIAL:

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

R-R-1

APO 140, U.S. Army,
4 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Mission Report--Aircraft.

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

PART I.

- (1) 3 June 1944--1959--Chartres AB
- (2) 59 (41 alerted)
- (3) 39

PART II.

<u>RAF SERIAL NO</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>SORTIE</u>
45-9590	Flak.	Unknown.	

PART III (1).

45-9227	Oil pressure low.	Internal engine trouble. Undetermined.	No
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PART III (2).

45-9307	Hydraulic failure.	Flak.	Yes
45-9384	No bombs dropped.	Pilot had switch in wrong position.	Yes

PART III (3).

None.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

MISSION NO. 65

LOADING LIST

3 JUNE 1944

BOX I
FLIGHT I

1. A/C # 444 "J"
Major R.F. Price ✓
Lt. A.R. Hand ✓
S/S F.L. Adair
S/S G.F. Love

4. A/C # 907 "O"
Lt. G. Ebenstein ✓
S/S H. Perkins
Sgt. S.P. Newell

2. A/C # 439 "J-1"
Captain D.A. Hulse ✓
Lt. R. Conte ✓
S/S F.D. Allred
S/S D.W. Stephens

5. A/C # 360 "S"
Lt. A.P. Nikas ✓
Sgt. G.W. Scott
S/S A.W. Newkirk

3. A/C # 176 "T"
Lt. R.V. Miracle ✓
S/S J.C. Burkhalter
S/S B.C. Sieg

6. A/C # 0194 "A"
Lt. W.E. Downing ✓
S/S E.S. Dickenson
Sgt. K.E. Hornbeck

FLIGHT II

1. A/C # 393 "K"
Lt. H.P. Cole ✓
S/S B.G. Fandre
S/S F.R. Chvatal

4. A/C # 925 "G"
Lt. E.T. Platter ✓
S/S K.L. Johnson
S/S J.L. Czech

2. A/C # 220 "E"
Lt. R.A. Wiperman ✓
S/S H.S. Ahrens
Sgt. L.C. Mazza

5. A/C # 711 "M"
Lt. R.C. Morehouse ✓
Sgt. L.A. Zygiel
Sgt. A.J. Burgess

3. A/C # 164 "I"
Lt. M. Zubon ✓
Sgt. R.M. Griswold
Sgt. P.E. Coulombe

6. A/C 493 "V"
Lt. F.H. Smith ✓
S/S A.A. Stockham
Sgt. R.J. Mahoney

FLIGHT III

1. A/C # 951 "P"
Lt. F.W. DeMand ✓
S/S C.W. Middleton
Sgt. R.J. Troyer

4. A/C # 363 "L"
Lt. J.D. Adams ✓
S/S P.L. Clearman
Sgt. A.J. Zeikus

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

5. A/C # 214 "C"
Lt. T.J. Murray ✓
Sgt. R.J. Jones
Sgt. D.H. DeBower

3. A/C # 219 "D"
Lt. H.D. Andrews ✓
S/S E.R. Werley
S/S G.M. Cook

6. A/C # 937 "B"
Lt. A.E. Herman ✓
Sgt. J.O. Young
Sgt. A.D. Garrett

SPARE

A/C # 963 "N"
Lt. L.E. Hill ✓
S/S R.W. Burch
S/S C.H. Yost

MISSION NO. 65

LOADING LIST

3 JUNE 1944

BOX II
FLIGHT I

1. A/C # 125 "M"
Captain H.F. Conant✓
Lt. R.T. McBrien✓
S/S J.R. Orr
Pvt. J.R. Herttua

4. A/C # 362 "L"
Lt. J.F. Meagher✓
S/S E.A. Damico
Sgt. D. Hantske

2. A/C # 455 "T"
Major J.G. Napier✓
Lt. W.L. Smith✓
S/S A.E. Bergeron
S/S H.E. Kelton

5. A/C # 684 "K"
Lt. E.B. Kreh✓
Sgt. E. Shelton
S/S D.R. Schenck

3. A/C # 745 "I"
Lt. R.D. Leshner✓
S/S H.R. Hedrick
S/S A.J. Antanaitis

6. A/C # 195 "D"
Lt. R.R. Svenson✓
Sgt. P.G. Fild
Sgt. G.H. Pfennig

FLIGHT II

1. A/C # 227 "F"
Lt. R.S. Rudisill
S/S A.J. Bonamo
S/S R.K. Riley

4. A/C # 207 "B"
Lt. F.J. Harrold✓
S/S E.L. Griffin
S/S C.W. Maziasz

2. A/C # 217 "D-1"
Lt. D.F. Shea✓
S/S R.E. Lee
S/S F.G. Falk

5. A/C # 680 "R"
Lt. J.P. Hillerman✓
Sgt. E.F. Paules
Sgt. L. Martinez

3. A/C # 689 "I-1"
Lt. P.G. Atkinson✓
Sgt. J.O. Swafford
S/S P.F. Glynn

6. A/C # 750 "M-1"
Captain Z.R. Moore✓
S/S J.A. Ochaba
S/S D.D. Burns

FLIGHT III

1. A/C # 147 "K-1"
Lt. R.J. Morton✓
S/S A.L. Nielsen
S/S W.E. Fields

4. A/C # 943 "F-1"
Lt. E.J. Renth✓
S/S O.D. LaNave
S/S F.M. Citty

2. A/C # 743 "W"
Lt. W.C. Siggs✓
S/S R.J. Colosimo
S/S N. Radlich

5. A/C # 189 "P"
Lt. E.R. Hayter✓
Sgt. F.E. Melchoir
S/S R.C. Halloway

3. A/C # 717 "N"
Lt. W.F. Tripp✓
Sgt. J.W. Sabadosh
S/S D.F. Mallory

6. A/C # 900 "Q"
Lt. C. Church✓
S/S P.E. Maciulewicz
S/S H.E. Shatzer

SPARE

A/C # 226 "E"
Lt. R.G. Meredith✓
S/S A.A. Hill
S/S R.W. MacDonald

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LOADING LIST
BOX III
FLIGHT I

3 JUNE 1944

1. A/C # 1711 "S"
Lt. A.E. Osborne ✓
Lt. W. Forma ✓
S/S E.E. Kelly
S/S W.H. Coe

3. A/C # 390 "G"
Lt. M.S. Street ✓
S/S C.A. Prindle
S/S E.T. Epps

2. A/C # 181 "A"
Lt. H.B. Clark ✓
Sgt. C.F. Floyd
Sgt. J.O. Scott

(4)

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO: 1X BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

416 BG U_____E

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"J" FORM OPERATIONAL

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3 JUNE 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR HAROLD A. RADETSKY

A.

B. 2045

C. BRIGHTON

D. BOX I R/T ENCOT ONE

668 5 J T O S A

670 1 J-1

671 12 K E I G M V P F D L G B

668 1 (SPARE . . N)

GROUP LEADER 668 J

DEPUTY 670 J-1

BOX II R/T ENCOT TWO

668 5 M I L K D

670 7 F D-1 I-1 B R M-1 T

669 6 K-1 W N F-1 P Q

668 1 (SPARE . . E)

SECOND BOX LEADER 668 M

DEPUTY 670 T

X BOX III R/T ENCOT THREE

671 1 S

669 2 A G

LEADER 671 S

. 12,000
F. COBOURG
V. 2110
H. 50 MINUTES
J. COBOURG
K. HASTINGS
L. 2217½
M. 1. E.T.D. 2019 E.T.A. 2037½
2. 4 and 6 x 500 G.P.
3. 4 HOURS
4. BOX I 2248
BOX II . . . 2248
5. NONE

MACE COBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

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

WEATHER FIELD
HIGH BOMB GROUP (A)TAKEOFF - 2000
RETURN - 2250

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OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 3 JUNE 1944
 PERIOD 1830 - 2250
 HQ SOS USAFP 9-43/90M/19227

	A BASE TO TARGET	B TARGET	C TARGET TO BASE	D
1 WEATHER	CLOUDY + HAZE	CLOUDY	CLOUDY + HAZE	
2 CLOUDS	PATCHY CIRRUS STRATUS 5/10 ABOVE 20,000 FT 6/10-7/10 MED CLOUD BASE 14,500 FT TOPS 13,000 FT BRACKENANT OF CLOUDS 9,500 FT BREAKING 10 MILES OVER ENGLISH COAST. SOME THIN CLOUD 500 FT THICK. BASE 8,000 FT TOP 8,500 FT BUT LESS THEN 5/10. 6/10-7/10 LOW CLOUD BASE 3,000 FT TOP 3,500 FT BREAKING. BREAKING THAMES TO 5-6/10 AND BREAKING TO FEB OF F ENGLISH COAST	8/10 CIRRUS STRATUS ABOVE 20,000 FT NIL MED CLOUD 14,000 FT 4-5/10 CLOUD BASE 7,000 FT TOPS 7,500 FT	LOW CLOUD ALONG SOUTH COAST 6-5/10 BASE 11,500 TO 20,000 FT TOP 5,000 FT	
3 ICING	NIL TO VERY LIGHT RIME IN MED CLOUD ABOVE 15,000 FT FREEZING LEVEL: 8,500 FT	SAME	SAME	
4 VISIBILITY	4-5 MILES OVER CHANNEL BECOMING 8 MILES OVER CONTINENT	8 MILES DOWN SON 2-3 MILES UP SON	4-5 MILES OVER CHANNEL	
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	250	13-18		
5,000 FT	280	30		
10,000 FT	290	30		
12,000 FT	300	36		
15,000 FT	300	42		
FT				
FT				
BASE ALTIMETER SETTING <u>30.05</u>	TARGET SURFACE TEMP <u>+14°C</u>	TARGET MEAN TEMP <u>+5°C</u>		
	TEMP AT <u>19,000 FT. = 6°C</u>	TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) <u>+229</u>		

AIRCRAFT REPORT

BASE TO COAST		OVER CHANNEL OR SEA		OVER CONTINENT & TARGET	
TIME					
POSITION					
ALTITUDE					
CLOUD BELOW AIRCRAFT	AMOUNTS AND TYPE				
	HEIGHT OF BASE AND TOP				
CLOUD ABOVE AIRCRAFT	AMOUNTS AND TYPE				
	HEIGHT OF BASE AND TOP				
VISIBILITY					
TEMPERATURE					
WINDS					
REMARKS: AS WEATHER ENCOUNTERED, FRONTAL POSITIONS, ETC.					
NOTE: AT LEAST ONE COMPLETE OBSERVATION SHOULD BE ENTERED IN EACH COLUMN. THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS CARD HELPED YOU - WON'T YOU GIVE THE NEXT FELLOW A BREAK!		CLOUD TYPES AND ABBREVIATIONS LOW CLOUDS = ST-STRATUS SC-STRATOCUMULUS MIDDLE CLOUDS = AS-ALTOSTRATUS AC-ALTOCUMULUS HIGH CLOUDS = CI-CIRRUS CS-CIRROSTRATUS CLOUDS OF VERTICAL EXTENT = CU-CUMULUS CB-CUMULONIMBUS		FRONTS - 	

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

APC 140
5 June 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report.

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: 3/10 cumulus at 4,000 feet, 5/10
altocumulus and altostratus at 7,000
feet. Visibility 7 miles.

ROUTE OUT: 3/10 cumulus at 4,000 feet and 5/10
altocumulus and altostratus at 7,000 feet
both becoming nil 30 miles off English
coast. Visibility 7 miles dropping to 4 miles
over channel and continent.

TARGET: Nil cloud. Visibility 4 miles.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out.

BASE ON RETURN: 5/10 altocumulus and altostratus at
6,000 feet. 10/10 cirrus above 20,000
feet. Visibility 6 miles.

WINDS: As forecast.

TIME OVER TARGET: 2134

Weather did not affect bombing but darkness made it
difficult to pick out aiming point.

Robert D. Griffith

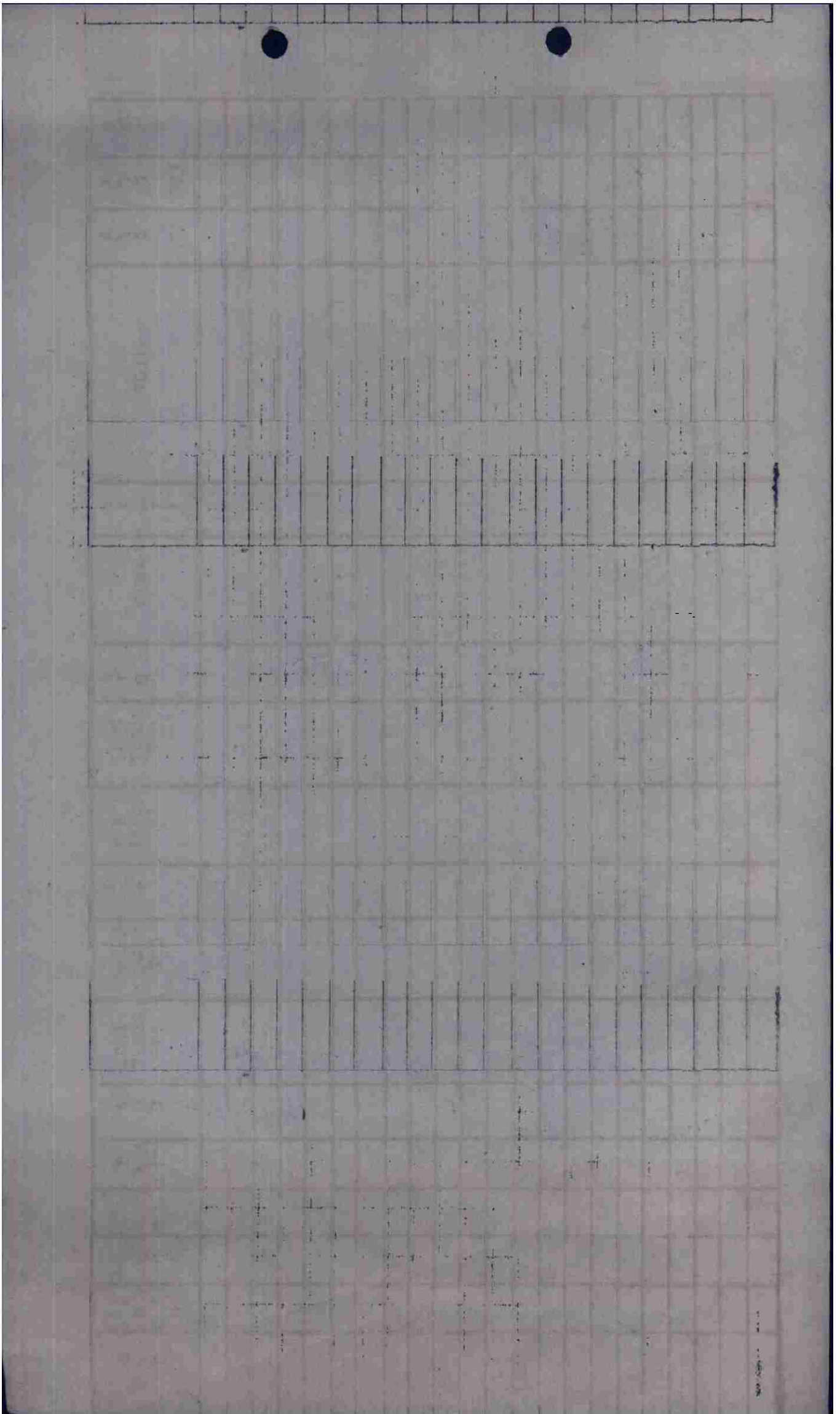
ROBERT D. GRIFFITH
2nd Lt. Air Corps.

1 Incl.
2 Route Forecast Form

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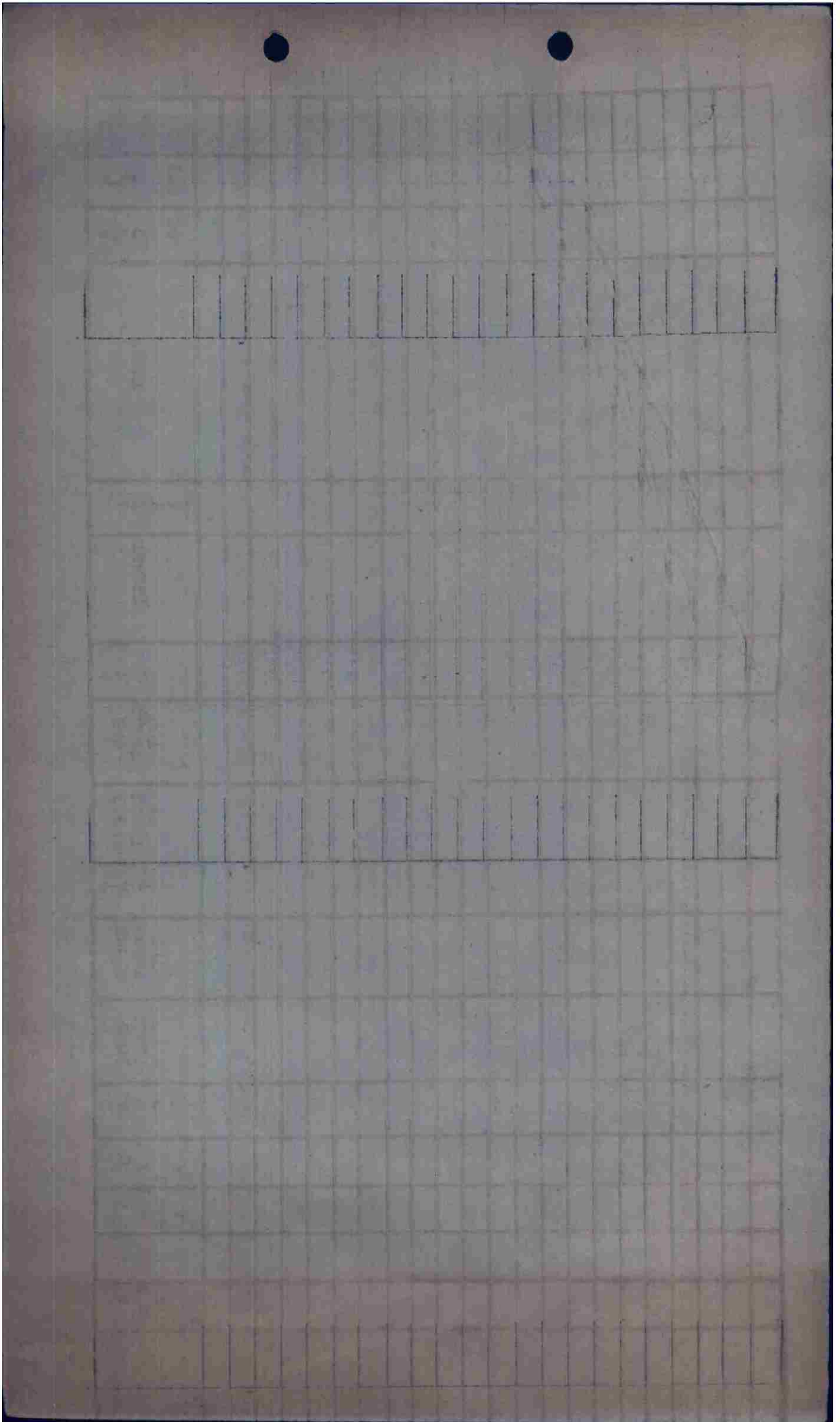
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A	J	444	Price	601		1959	BRIGHTON	COBBOURGE	2130h	COBBOURGE	HASTINGS	HC	745	4x	44	2253	
C	J-1	439	Julia			1959	2145	2110		2130	2117 1/2			500			
A	T	176	Priscilla			1959	12,000	12,000		16000	5,000	C		G.P.			
A	O	907	Christine			1959											
A	S	360	Richard			2000											2030
A	A	0194	Dorothy			2000											2030
D	K	393	Carl			2000											
D	E	220	Walterman			2001											Angfield
D	E	164	Julia			2001											
D	G	935	Chatter			2001						C					
D	M	711	Theresa			2001											
D	V	493	Smith			2002											
D	P	951	DeMond			2002											
D	F	321	Frederick			2002											
D	D	319	Andrew			2003											
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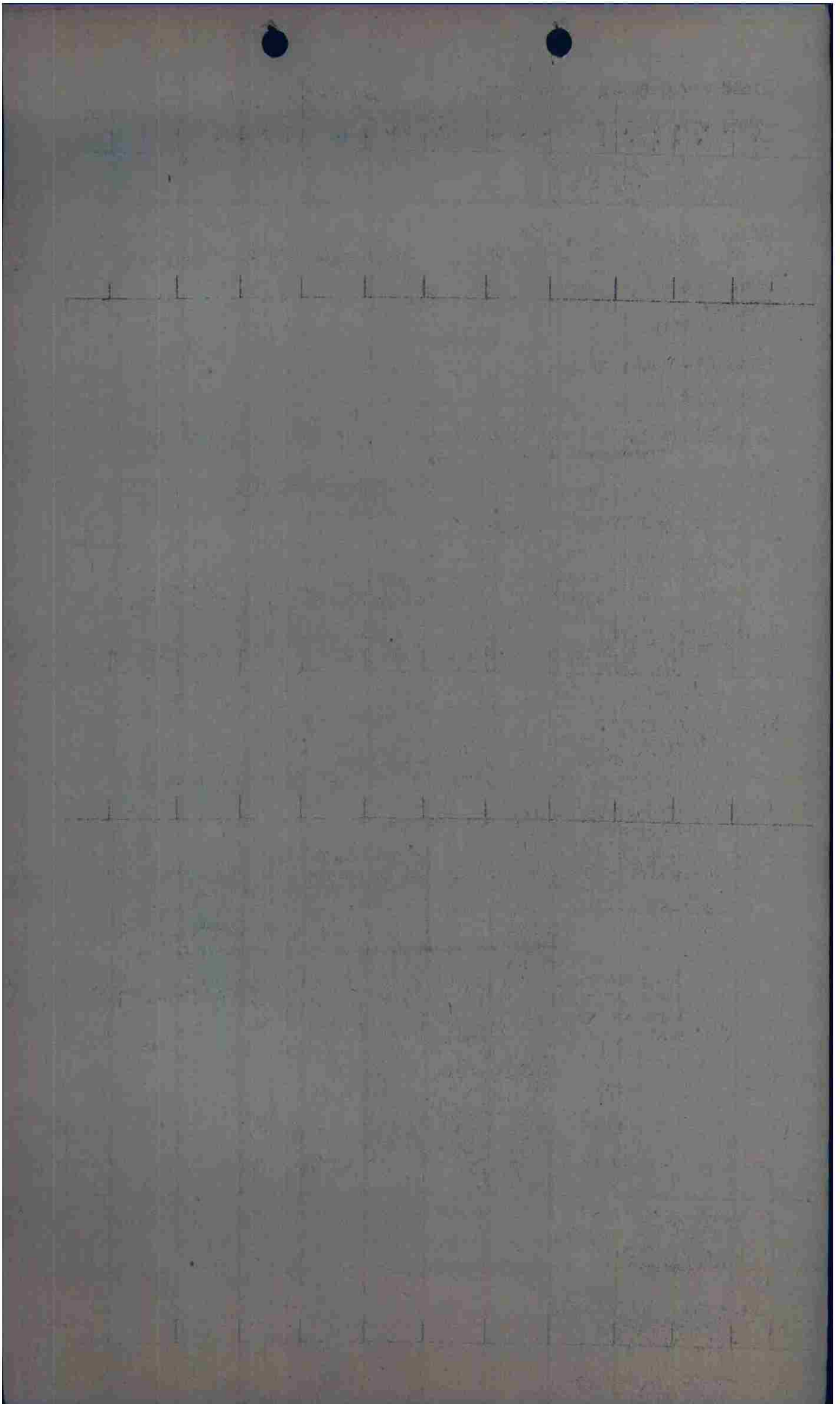
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Box II & III

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 O L A D	B O L M A D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D E	R E M A R K S
A	M	125	Conant	601		2005	BRIGHTON	CoBurg	21301/2	CoBurg	HASTINGS	HC	745	4X	4+		
C	T	455	Chapman			2005	2045	2110		2200	2217 1/2			500			
A	I	745	Shaver			2006	12,000	12,000		11,000	8,000			G.P.			
A	L	362	Shaver			2006											
A	K	684	Heck			2006											
A	D	195	Swanson			2006											
C	F	327	Rudisill														
C	D-1	817	Shaw			2006											
C	I-1	689	Atkinson			2007											
C	B	307	Barndt			2007											
C	R	680	Miller			2007											
C	M-1	750	Shaw			2008											
B	K-1	147	Shaw			2008											
B	W	742	Shaw			2008											
B	N	717	Shaw			2009											
B	F-1	943	Smith			2009											
B	P	189	Shaver			2009											
B	Q-1	900	Shaver			2010											
A	E	336	Shaver			2010											
D	SM	711	Shaver			2010											
B	H	181	Clark			2011											
B	G	390	Shaw			2011											



William L. McDonald
Capt. 14th.
Permanent Officer.



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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 03/1700B M-013-E
TO COMBOMCOM IX
409TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP
410TH BOMB GROUP

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING
APO 140
03 JUNE 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 62-344

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: 03/2030B

3. A. 409TH GROUP

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT BRIGHTON AT 7,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR
(6) BOMB: 12,000 FEET. CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,000 FEET.

3. B. 410TH GROUP:

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT BRIGHTON AT 7,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 15 MINUTES.
(6) BOMB: 12,000 FEET. CROSS ENEMY COAST 11,000 FEET.

3. C. 416TH GROUP:

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT BRIGHTON AT 7,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MINUTES.
(6) BOMB: 12,000 FEET. CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,000 FEET.

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

(5) TARGET: Z 248

(6) A/C REQUIRED 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C EACH GROUP

(7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO BRIGHTON TO 49 DEG. 17 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 07 MIN. WEST TO I.P. TO TARGET.

(8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO 49 DEG. 09 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 54 MIN. EAST TO 49 DEG. 52 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 42 MIN. EAST TO HASTINGS TO BASE.

(9) I.P. 48 DEG. 30 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 04 MIN. EAST.

(10) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY WEST NORTHWEST TO EAST SOUTHEAST.

(11) R.P. 48 DEG. 34 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 14 MIN. EAST.

(12) M.P.I. ILL. S 898/8

409TH REF. 043018 1 BOX

REF. 054046 1 BOX

410TH REF. 071051 1 BOX

REF. 080053 1 BOX

416TH REF. 043018 1 BOX

REF. 054046 1 BOX

(13) BOMB LOAD: 4 X 500 LB. G.P. OR 6 X 500 PLANES WITH WING RACKS.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) DASHDOWN

(3) OWNER

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

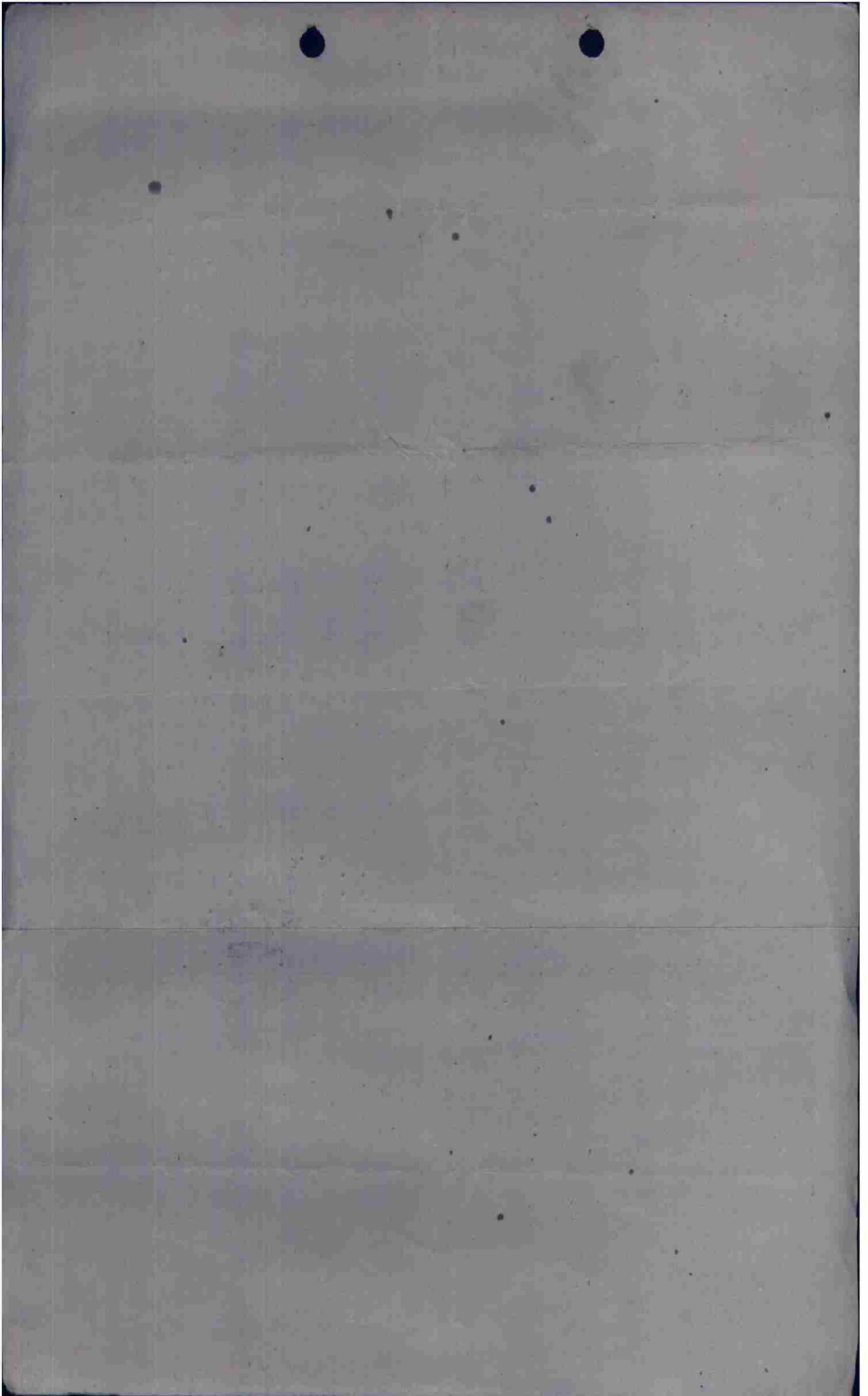
(2) FEETACHE

(3) UMBRIDGE

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) ENCOT

(3) LOCKMAN



X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- COCBTWIG 97

BT 03/1700B

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OIHAK R.....03/1815B JAB AR
OIGOF R.....03/1815 B MC AR
OIYAA R.....~~1931-021111~~ 03/1815B WJF AR

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FROM 416TH BG 04/0115B
TO HQ IXBOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2
HQ 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

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U-38-D

OPSFLASH NO. 60 FOR 3 JUNE 1944

- A. (I) CHARTRES A/D
(II) CHARTRES A/D
- B. (I) 416TH BG
(II) 40 A-20 THREE OF WHICH CARRIED WINDOW ONLY.
(III) 3 A/C WINDOW ONLY
1 A/C RETURNED EARLY RECEIVED FLAK DAMAGE ENEMY COAST GOING IN.
1 A/C PERSONNEL FAILURE, SELECTOR SWITCHES WRONG POSITION. INFORMATION LACKING FROM ONE A/C MISSING, AND FROM 3 A/C LANDED AWAY FROM BASE.
(IV) 31 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY
INFORMATION LACKING FROM 1 A/C MISSING AND FROM 3 A/C LANDED AWAY FROM BASE.
- C. (I) 1959
(II) 2132
(III) 2347
- D. (I) ONE A/C MISSING HIT BY FLAK AT TARGET.
21 A/C (CAT. A)
3 A/C (CAT. AC)
(II) 0-0-0
(III) 3 CREW MEMBERS MISSING
2 CREW MEMBERS WOUNDED
- E. 1ST BOX PATTERN SLIGHTLY SHORT OF M.P.I.
2ND BOX PATTERN SHORT OF M.P.I.
- F. (I) (A) NIL
(B) NIL
(II) (A) MODERATE INACCURATE FROM PONTGOUIN TO CHARTRES
(B) MODERATE ACCURATE FROM CABOURG TO LISIEUX.
- G. ONE CARGO VESSEL IN LE HAVRE HARBOR
10 TRUCKS MOVING INTO CHARTRES FROM WEST ON MAIN HIGHWAY.
40 CAR TRAIN STANDING STILL IN WEST SIDE OF CHARTRES.
- H. (I) NO LOW CLOUDS. VIS LIMITED DUE TO HAZE AND DARKNESS.
(II) SAME
- I.. 146 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
6 X 500 GP JETTISONED IN CHANNEL.
4 X 500 GP RETURNED
INFORMATION LACKING FRM ONE A/C MISSING AND 3 A/C LANDED AWAY FROM BASE.
- J. 11,000 - 11,500 FT.

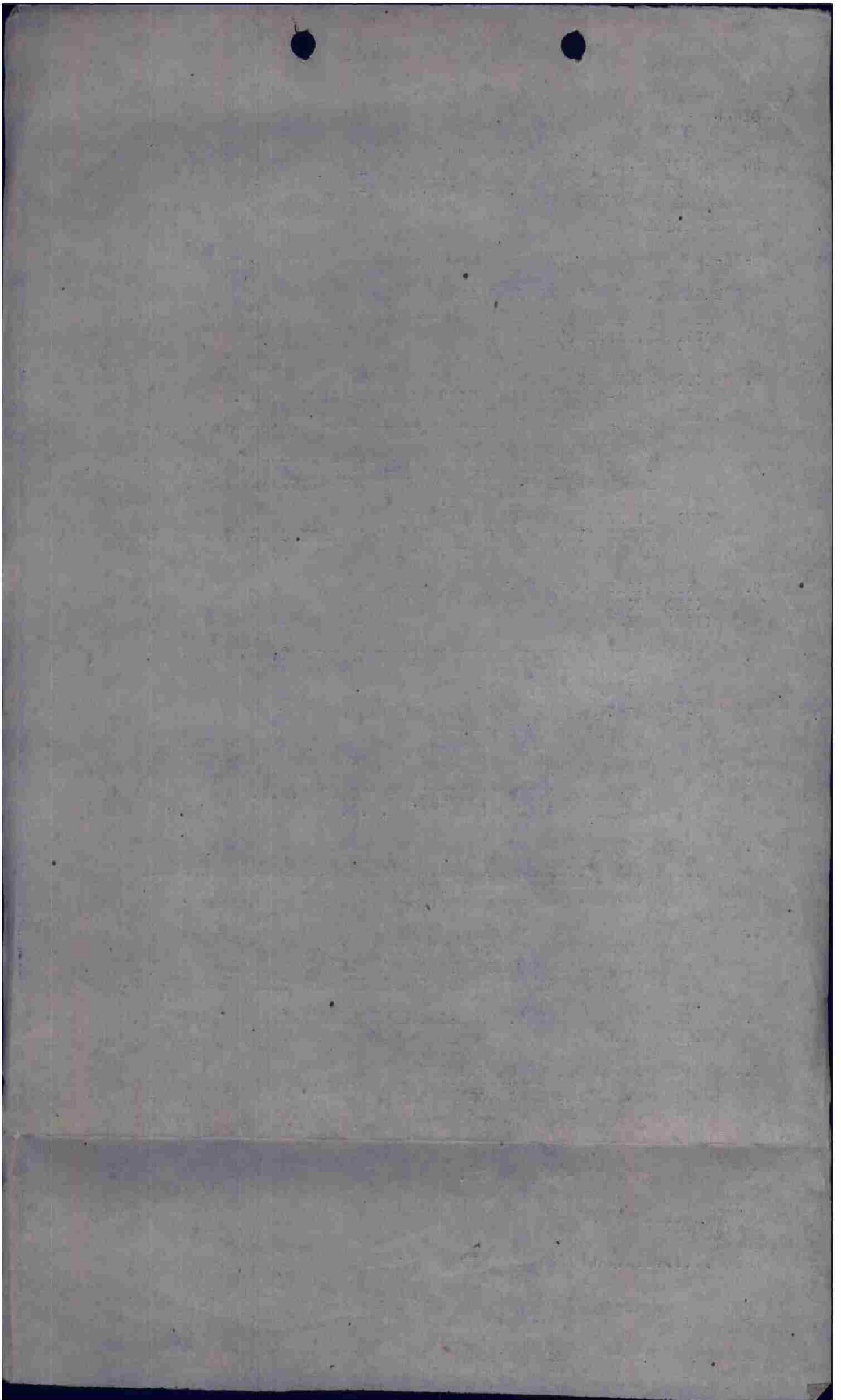
BT 04/0115B

FD AR.

LAI R.....04/0220B FK AR

MZ

LAI YOU WILL SEND THAT TO OICOG AS SOON AS YOU CAN WONT YOU
KKKK YES I HAVE STARTED K
GOOD TNX AR NOW AR AR AR



FROM COBOMGR 416

TO COMBAT WING 97 ATT: COM O

CONFIDENTIAL BT

A - YS- 61

B - 3 JUNE 1944

C - 41 A/C

D - 670 - 1 - VHF VERY WEAK, RETURNED AND CHECKED OK.
671 - D - INTERPHONE OUT, FUSE REPLACED AND CHECKED OK.

E - 670 - R - ONE QDM FROM WETHERSFIELD.
670 - 1 - USED LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON.

F - BOX LEADERS REPORTED TO PAR, DE AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
EXCELLENT RADIO PERFORMANCE.

WACE COBOMGR 416

OFFICIAL:

JACK B. COONEY
CAPT., AIR CORPS,
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER.

OILAI OIEDN OIGAC OIYAA OIMAG OIPPF 17/03 OP
 T (OILAI PASS TO OIYAA)
 FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 031812B 9BC U-3565-E
 TO : COCBTWING 97,98,99
 COBOMGP 416
 COBOMGV 391
 1ST PATHFINDER SQ
 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY
 SECRET. QQX

IX BOMBER COMMAND
 A P O 140
 3 JUNE 1944

ANNEX 1. TO FIELD ORDER 344.

OPERATIONAL FCST TO ALL GRPS 1830-2230 3/6/44

BASE TO TARGET: VARIABLE CS 8/10 ABV 20,000 FT.

6-9/10 MED CLD MAIN BASE 10,500 FEET TOP 13,000 FT BUT SOME FRAG-
 MENT OF CLD TO 9500 FEET. THIS CLOUD BRKNG 10 MILES OFF ENGLISH COASE
 GOING SOUTHWARD.

SOME THN CLD 500 FT THICK BASE 8000 TOP 8500 BUT LZSS 5/10.

VARIABLE LOW CLD 6-9/10 BASE 3000 FT TOP 5,000 FT BRKNG BELOW THAMES
 5-6/10 AND AGAIN BRKNG TO FEW OFF THE ENGLISH COAST

THIS CLD WILL PERSIST IN THE CALAIS AREA. VSBY 4-5 MI REMAINING
 SAME OVER CHANNEL WITH MUCH HAZE IN CHANNEL. VSBY INCRG INLAND
 TO 8 MILES

TARGET

COASTAL AREA T 50 DEG N AND ABOVE 8/10 CS ABOVE 20000 FT. PATCHY
 MED NORTH OF 50 1/2 DEG 4/10 BASE 9500 TOPS 10000 FT. NIL MED
 BELOW ABOVE LINE.

LOW STRATUS FRMG RUNNING 5-6/10 BASE 1000-1500 FT GXXX TOPS 3 THSD FT
 VSBY 15 MI DOWN SUN IN MUCH HAZE AND 1 MI UP SUN.

READ VSBY 5 MI IN HUMXXX MUCH HAZE ETC

FOR CALAIS TARGET 6/10 OF LOWER SC RATHERN THAN ST BASE 3 THSD FT TOPS.
 5000 FT

REST OF COASTAL AREA

AS BELOW 50 1/2 DEG N WITH LOW CLD ON COAST LESS
 2/10 BASE 2000 FT TOPS 4500 FT. SOME FRAGMENTS OF CLD WEST OF 1 DEG
 E ON COAST BASE 7000 FT TOPS 7500 FT BUT LESS 3/10

VSBY 5 MI UP SUN AND 2 MI DOWN SUN.

INLAND 8/10 CS ABOVE 20000 FT. NIL MED. NIL TO 2/10 LOW CLD

BASE 7000 TOP 7500 FT

VSBY 8 MI DOWN SUN AND 2-3 MI UP SUN

TARGET TO BASE

LOWPCBRHNBQHQH10000 FT

OTHER AREAS AS OUT. VSBY AS OUT

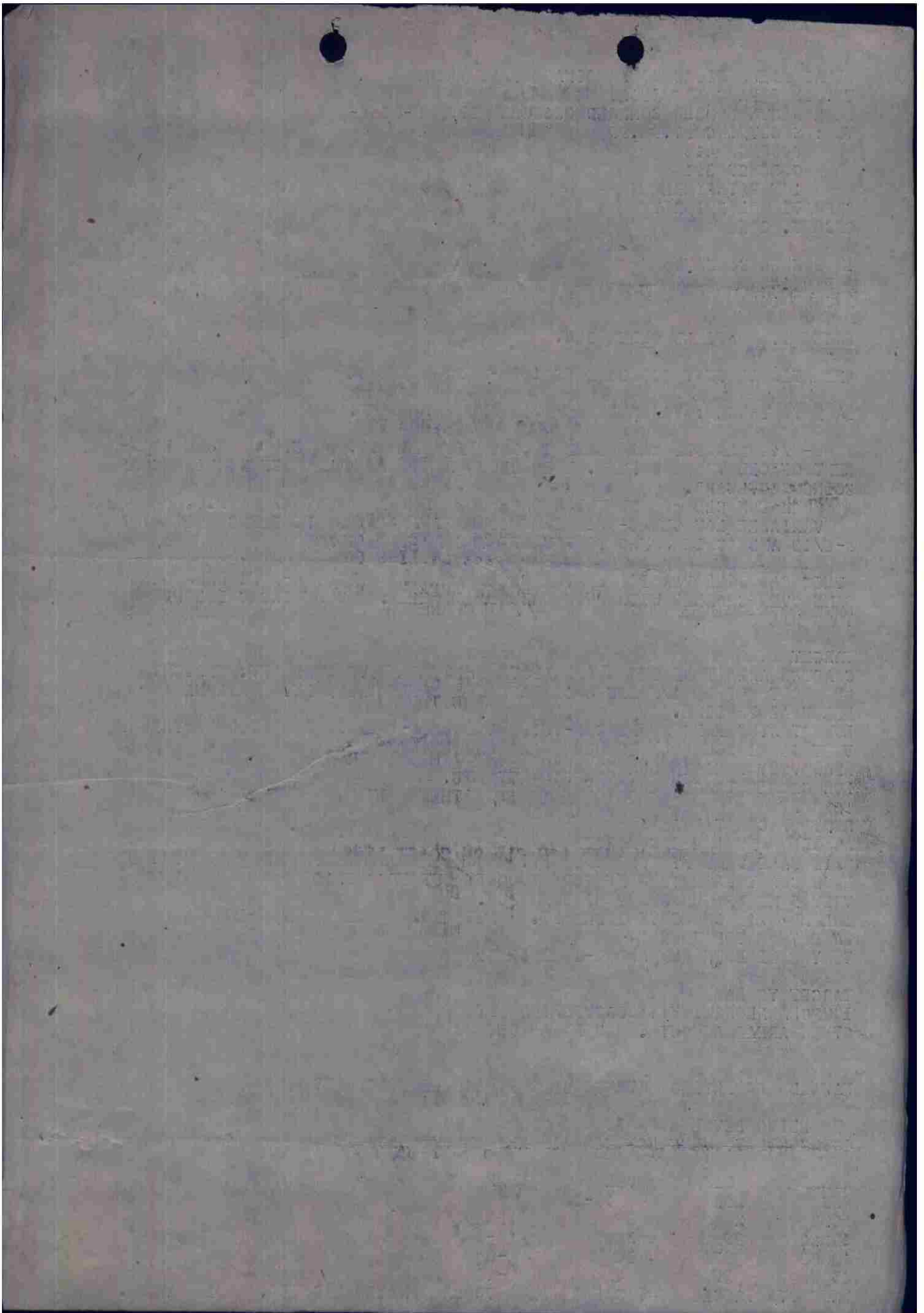
HAZARDS TO FLYING HAZE TO 6000 FT AND VERY LGT ABV

FREEZING LEVEL 8500 FT

ICING NIL TO VERY LGT RIME IN MED AVBOVE 8500 FT

WINDS	DIR	VEL	TEMP
SFC	250	13-18	
5000	280	30	PLUS 6
10000	290	30	-3
12000	300	36	-6
15000	300	42	-10

WINDS OVR TARGET XCPT CALAIS AREA TO BE 5 MILES LIGHTER. DIR SAME.



TEMP AT TRGET PLUS 14 MEAN TEMP LXXXPLUS 5 DEG
 PRES ALT
 J/234 PLUS 84 29.83
 J/125 PLUS 177 29.73
 J/378 PLUS103 29IXXX 29.81
 J/178 -112 29IPXXXX 29.80
 J/5 -146 30.08

TTTTPRESSURE ALT
 Z248 PLUS 299 29.60

COMBOMCOM NINE

BT 03/1812B
 DF AR
 OILAI/OICOG R.....

WILL YOU SEE IF YAA GOT THAT I DIDN'T GET IT THIS TIME EITHER
 KKK

YAA ISN'T EVEN CONNECT U R SUPPOSED TO PASS IT TO THEM

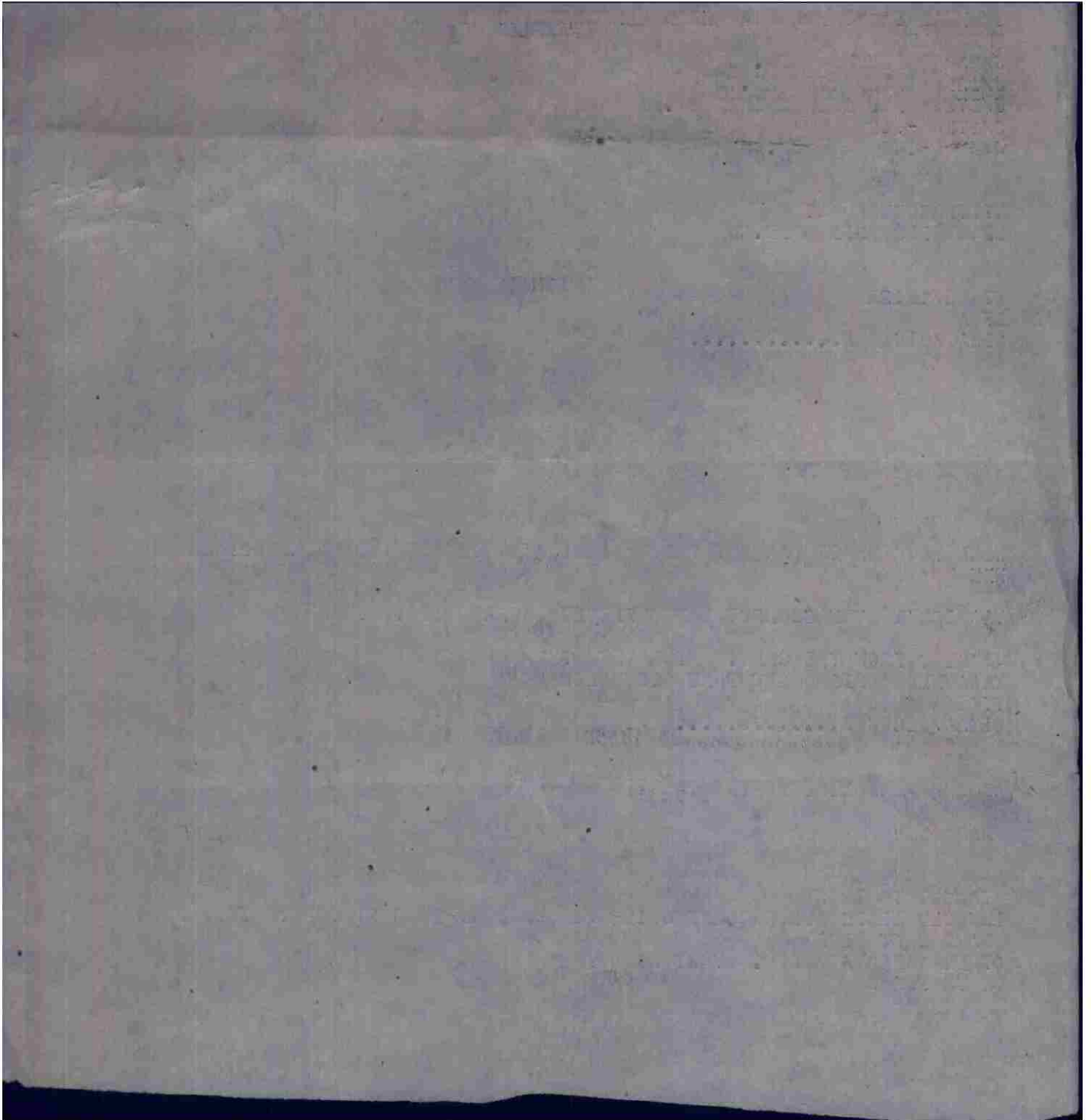
ORDERS FROM THE CAPT. I HOOKED THEM UP KK
 YAAA HERE DID U GET THAT SIG PLASE
 TWGI
 OIYAA/OICOG R.....03/1855B WJF AR

4303/// IMI LINES AFTER TARGET

MAR

TARGET TO BASE
 LOW CLD ALONG SOUTH COAST 6/10-8/10 BASE 15-2000 FT TOP TO 5000 FT
 OAND WHAT ELSE
 OTHER AREAS AS OUT . VSBY AS OUT
 OK TB FOR R

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