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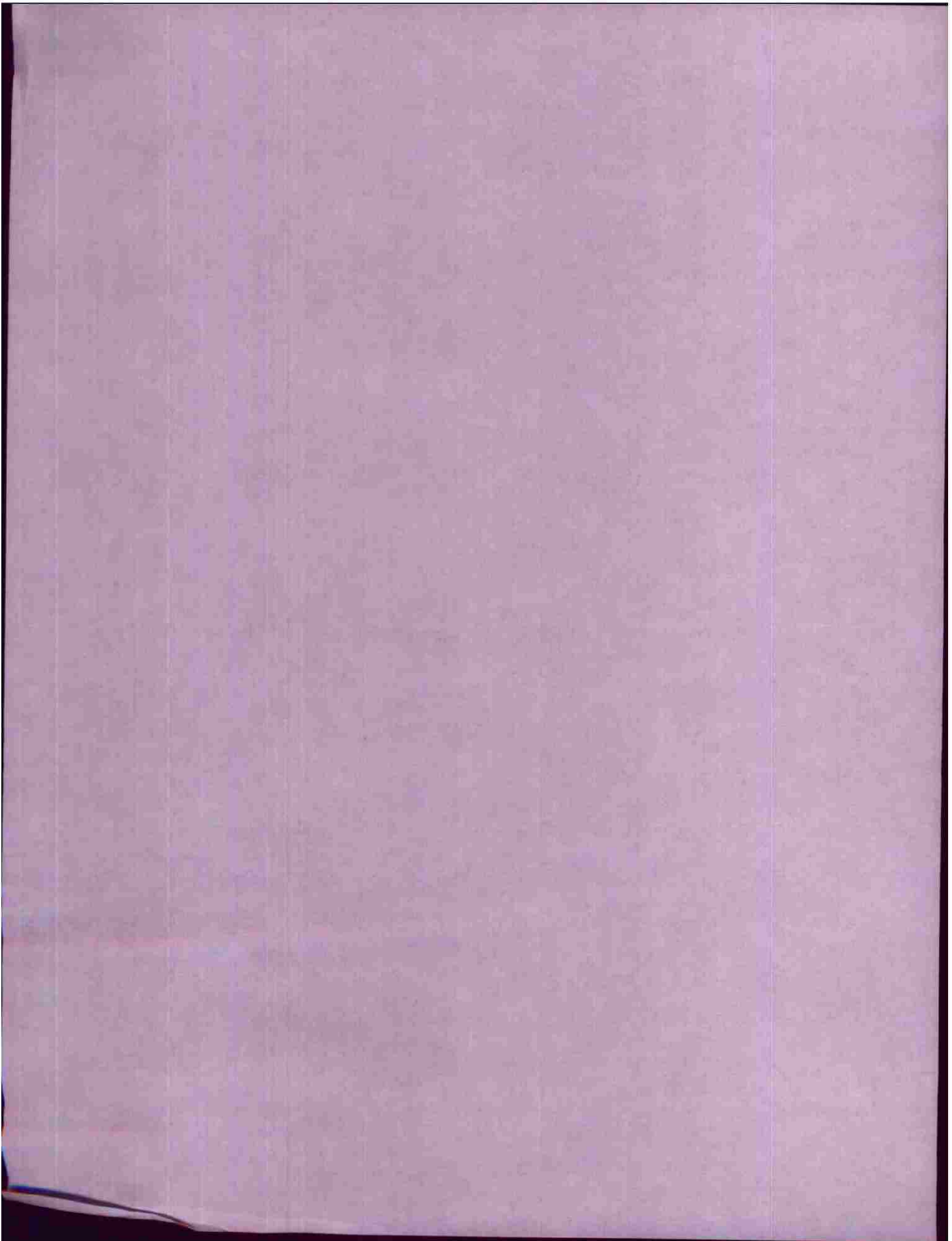
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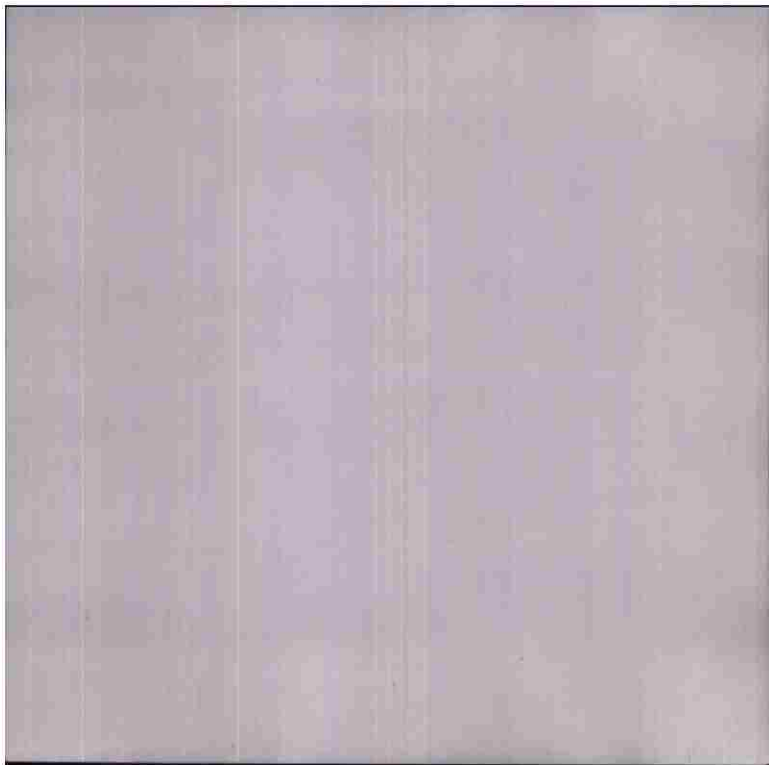


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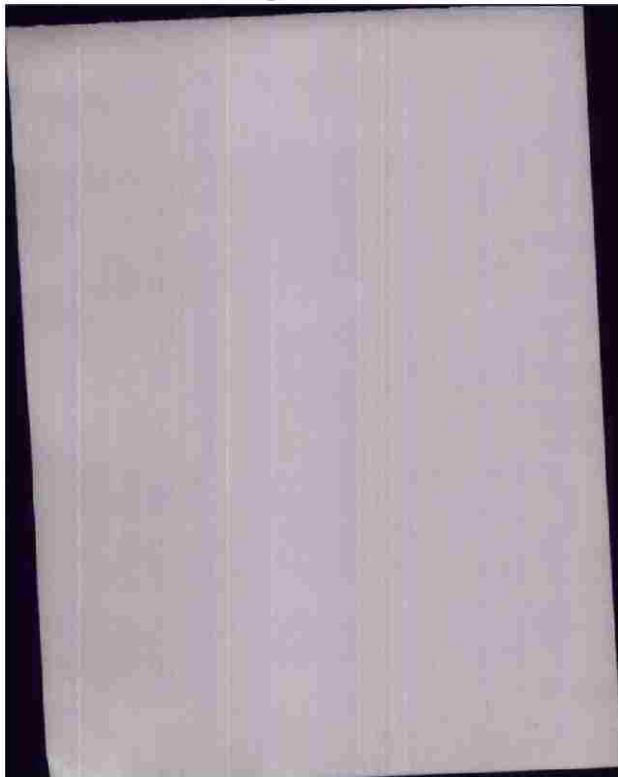
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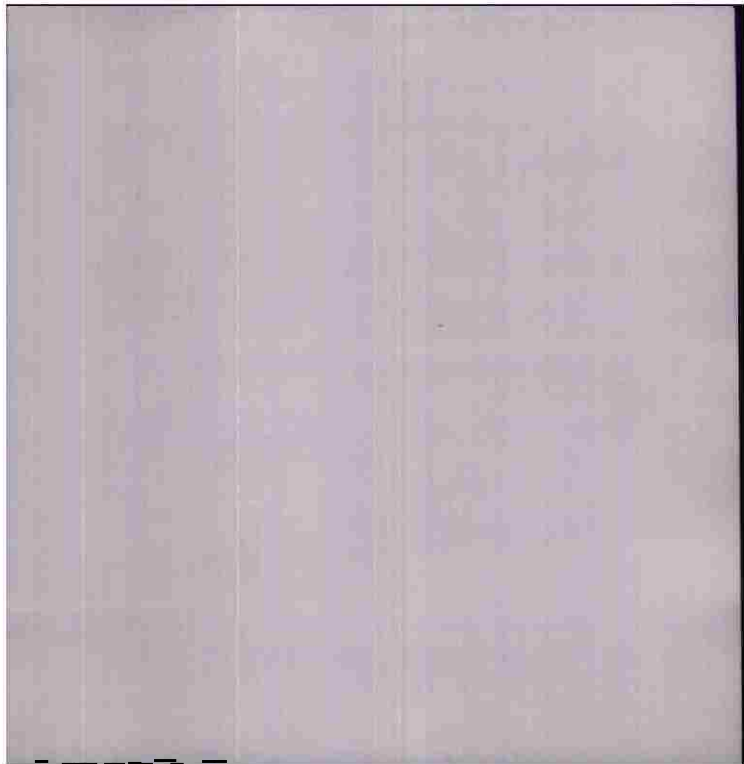
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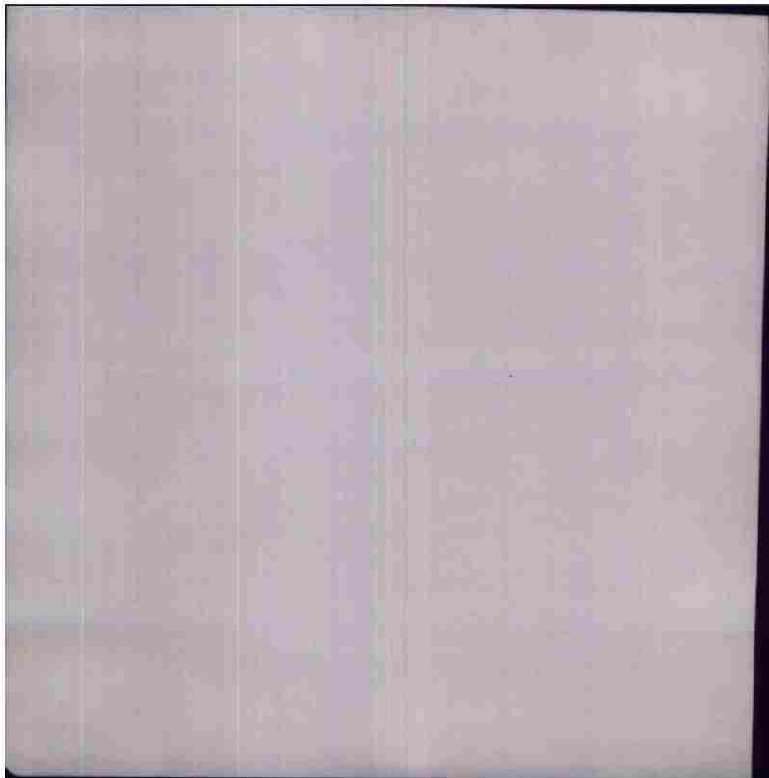
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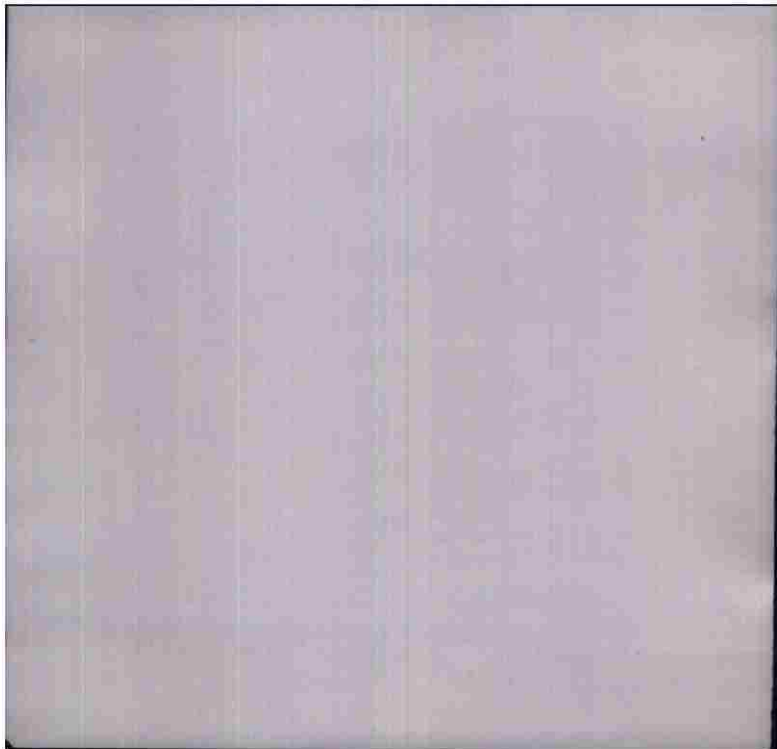
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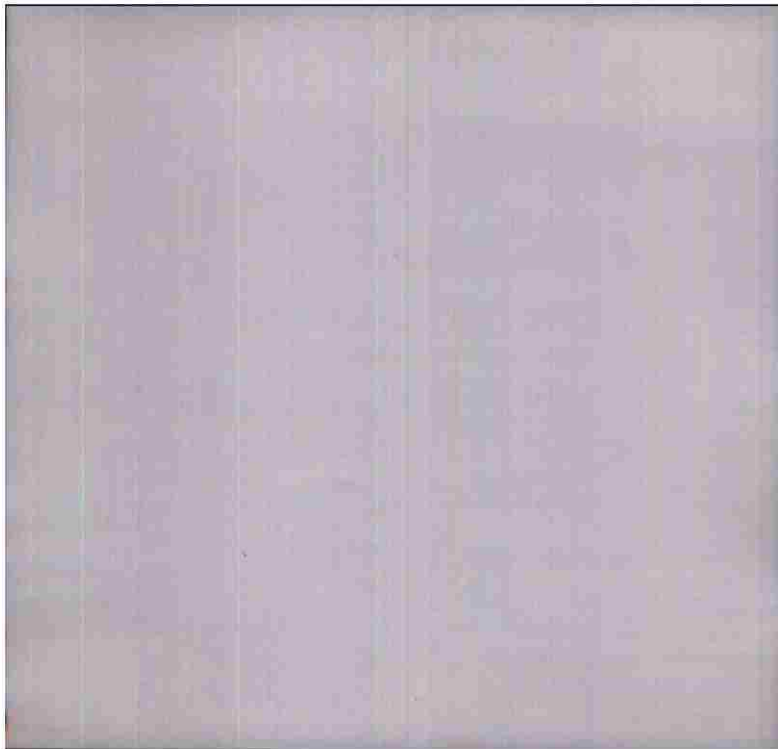
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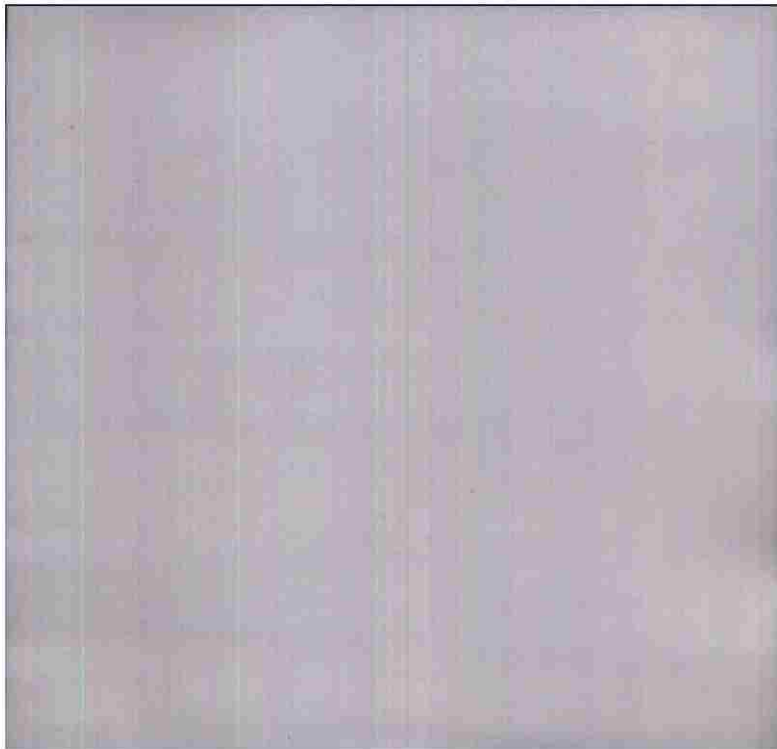
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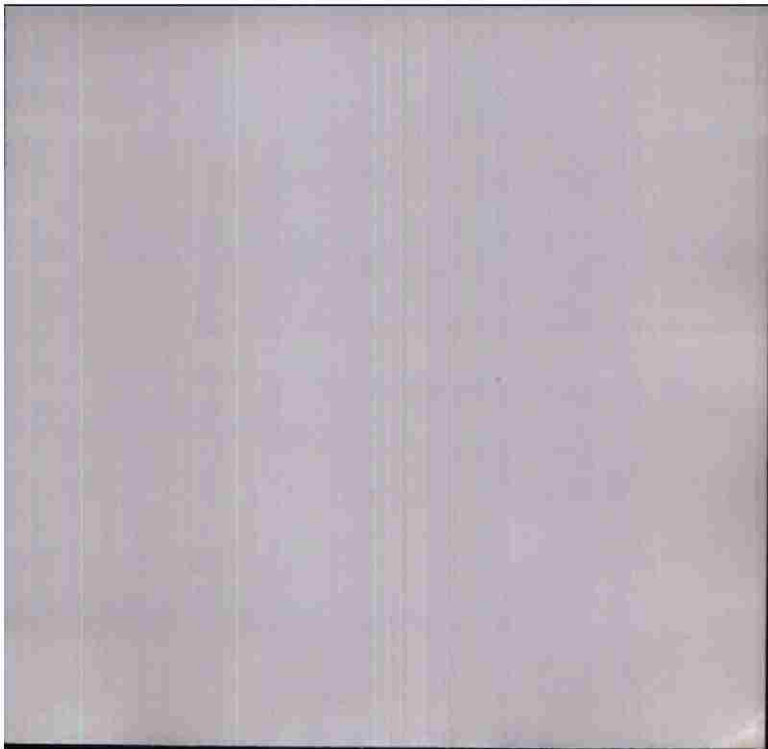
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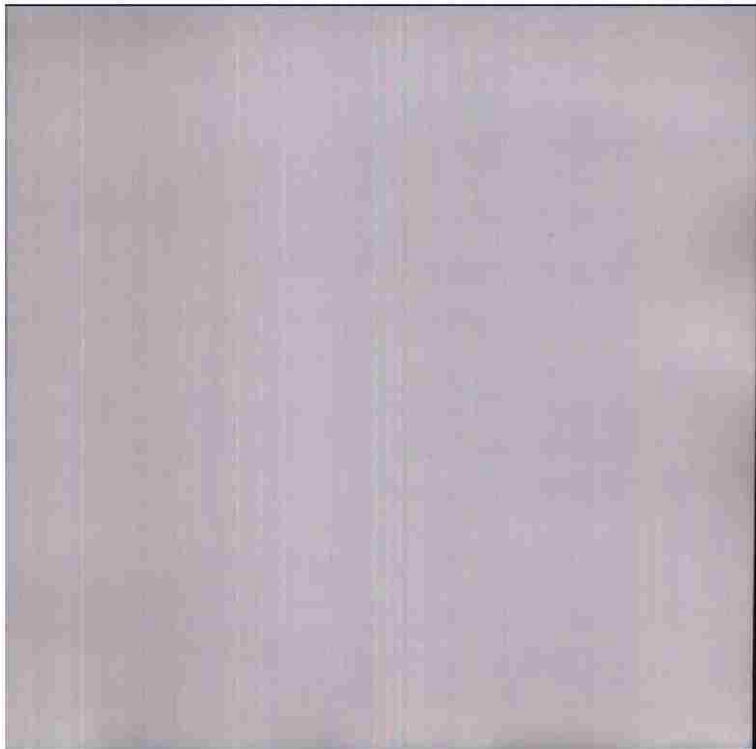
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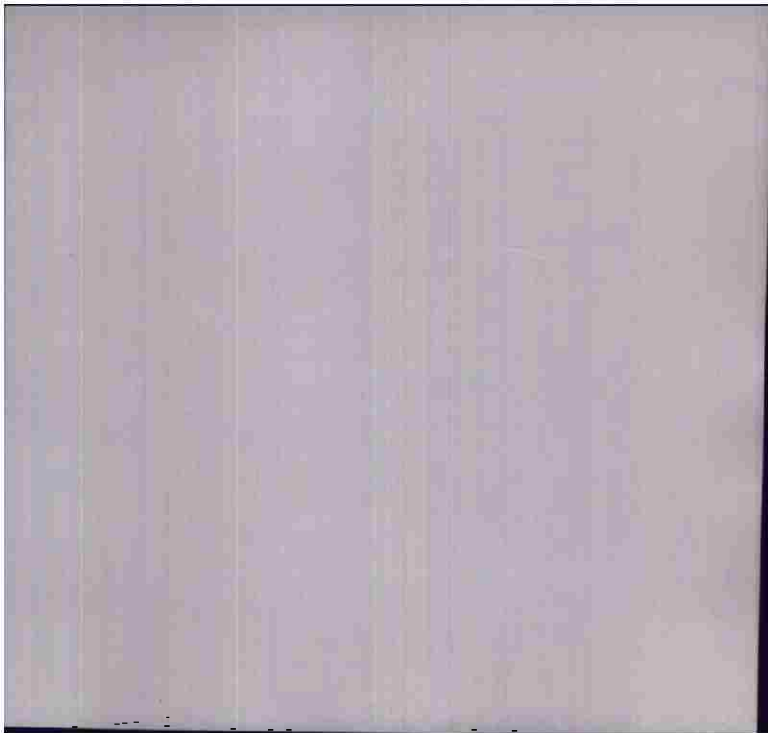
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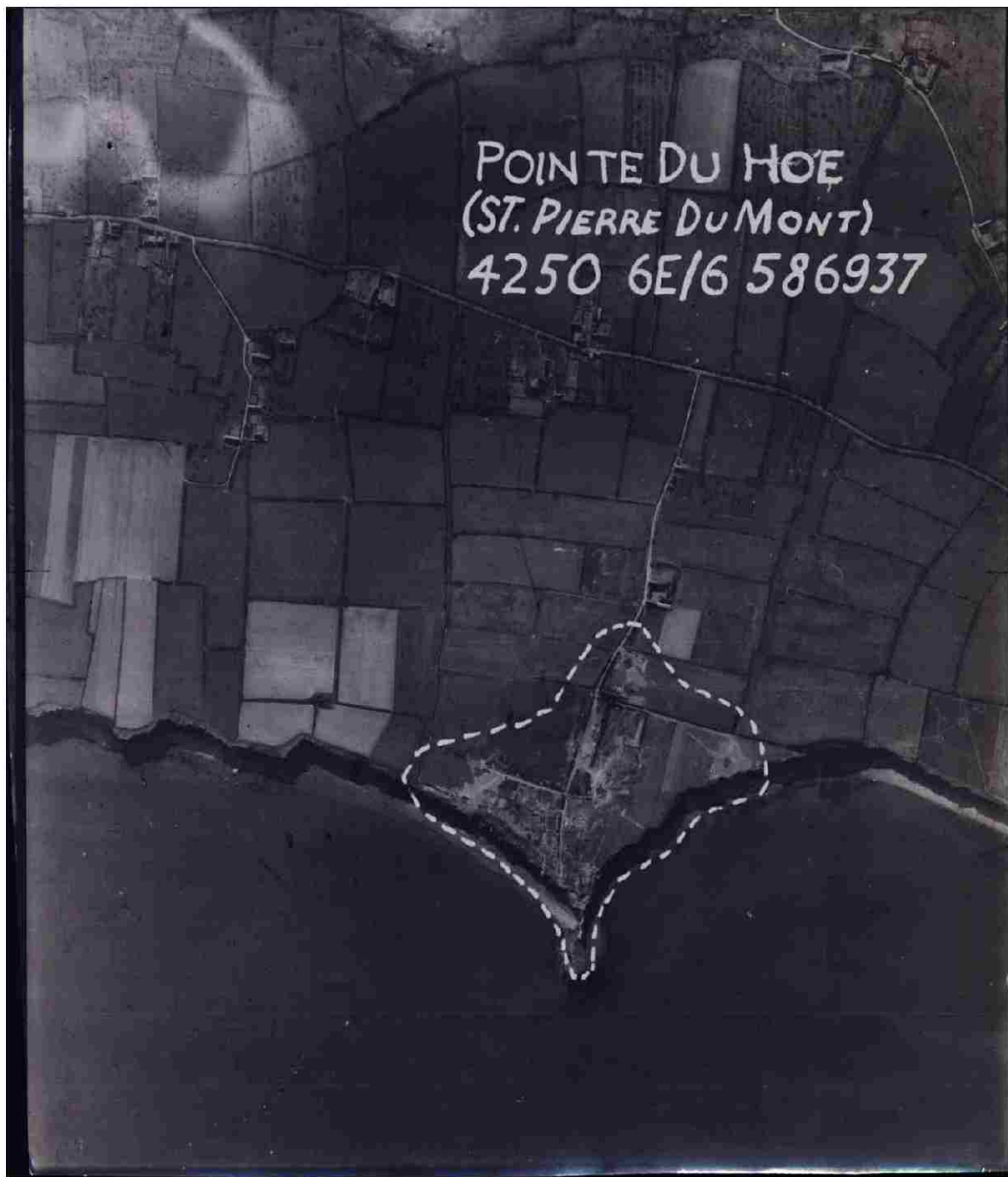


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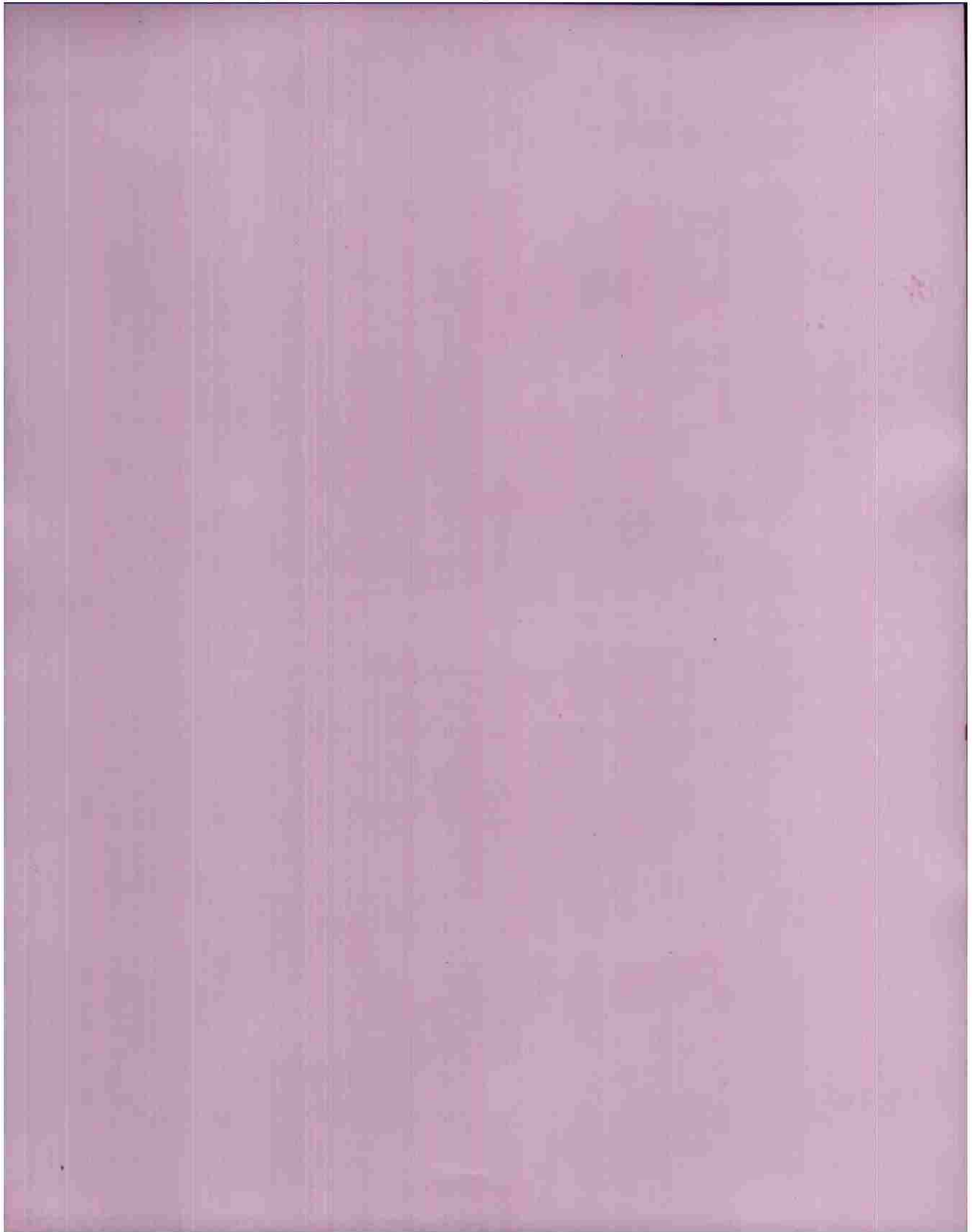
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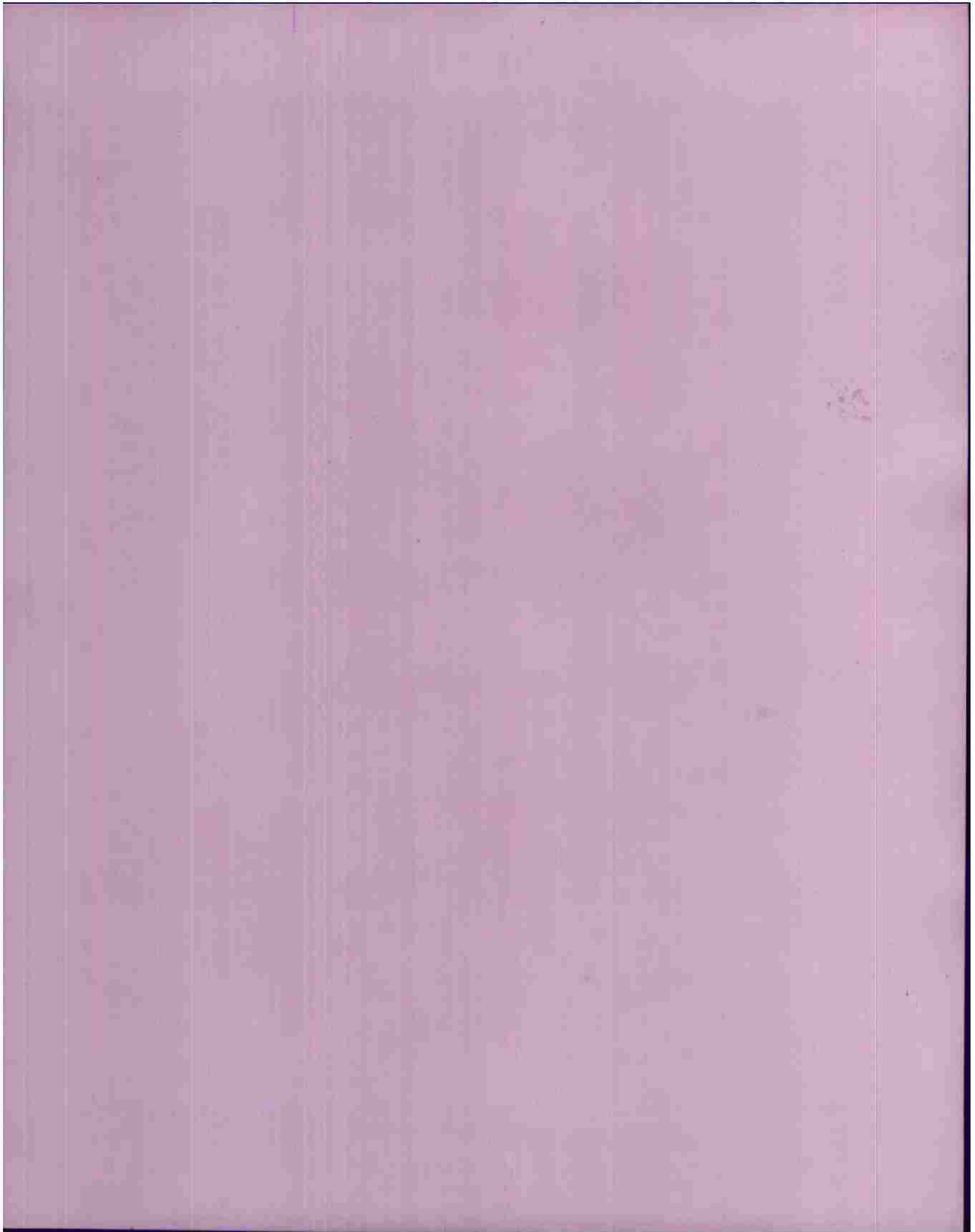
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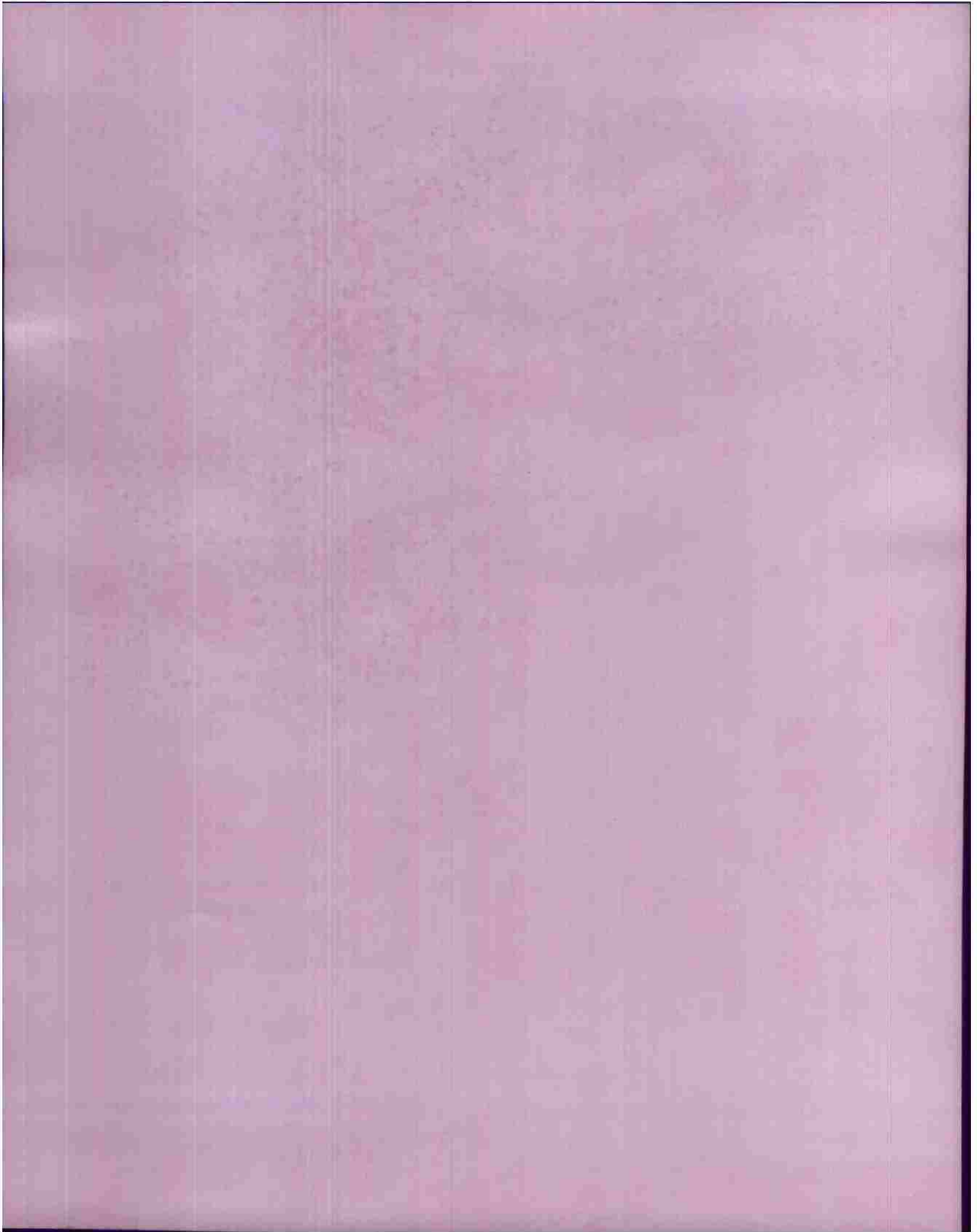


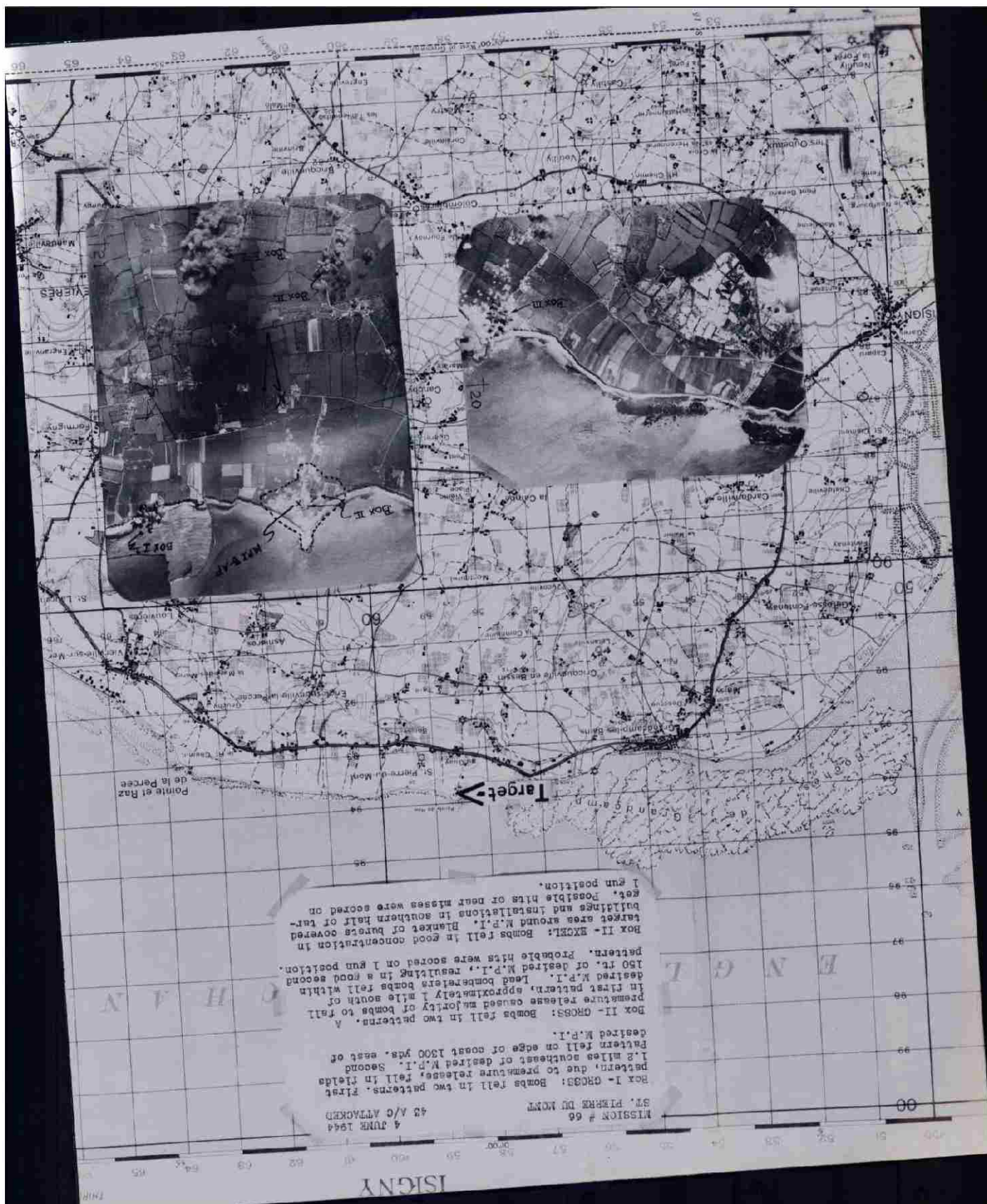
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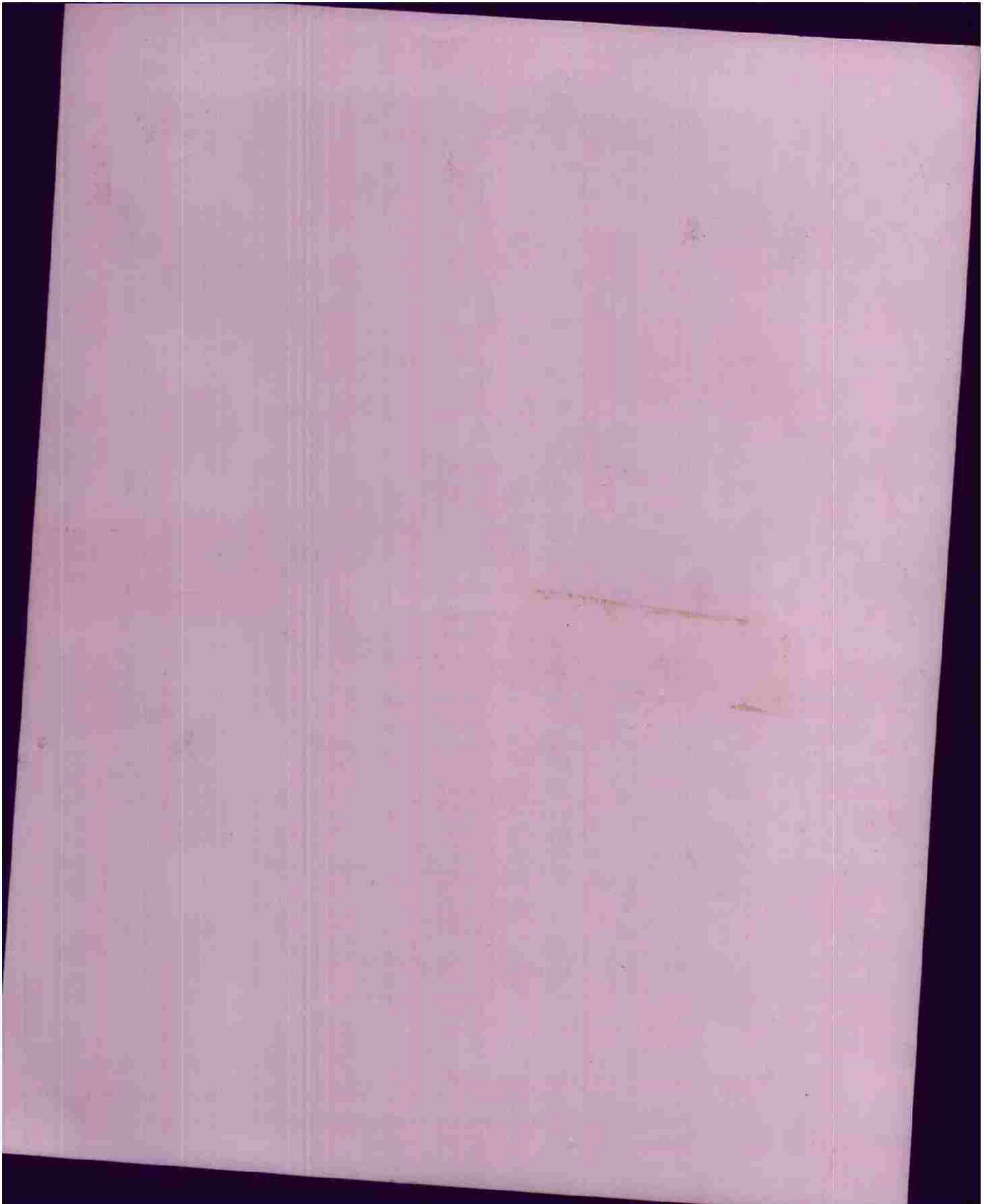
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increase, fall in fields in same southeast of desired M.I.L.
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NO. 11 - 90000: Same fall in two patterns. Plant patterns, due to pressure
increase, fall in fields in same southeast of desired M.I.L.
LOC. 11A - 90000: Same fall in two patterns. Plant patterns, due to pressure
increase, fall in fields in same southeast of desired M.I.L.
NO. 111 - 90000: Same fall in two patterns. Plant patterns, due to pressure
increase, fall in fields in same southeast of desired M.I.L.
LOC. 111A - 90000: Same fall in two patterns. Plant patterns, due to pressure
increase, fall in fields in same southeast of desired M.I.L.
NO. 1111 - 90000: Same fall in two patterns. Plant patterns, due to pressure
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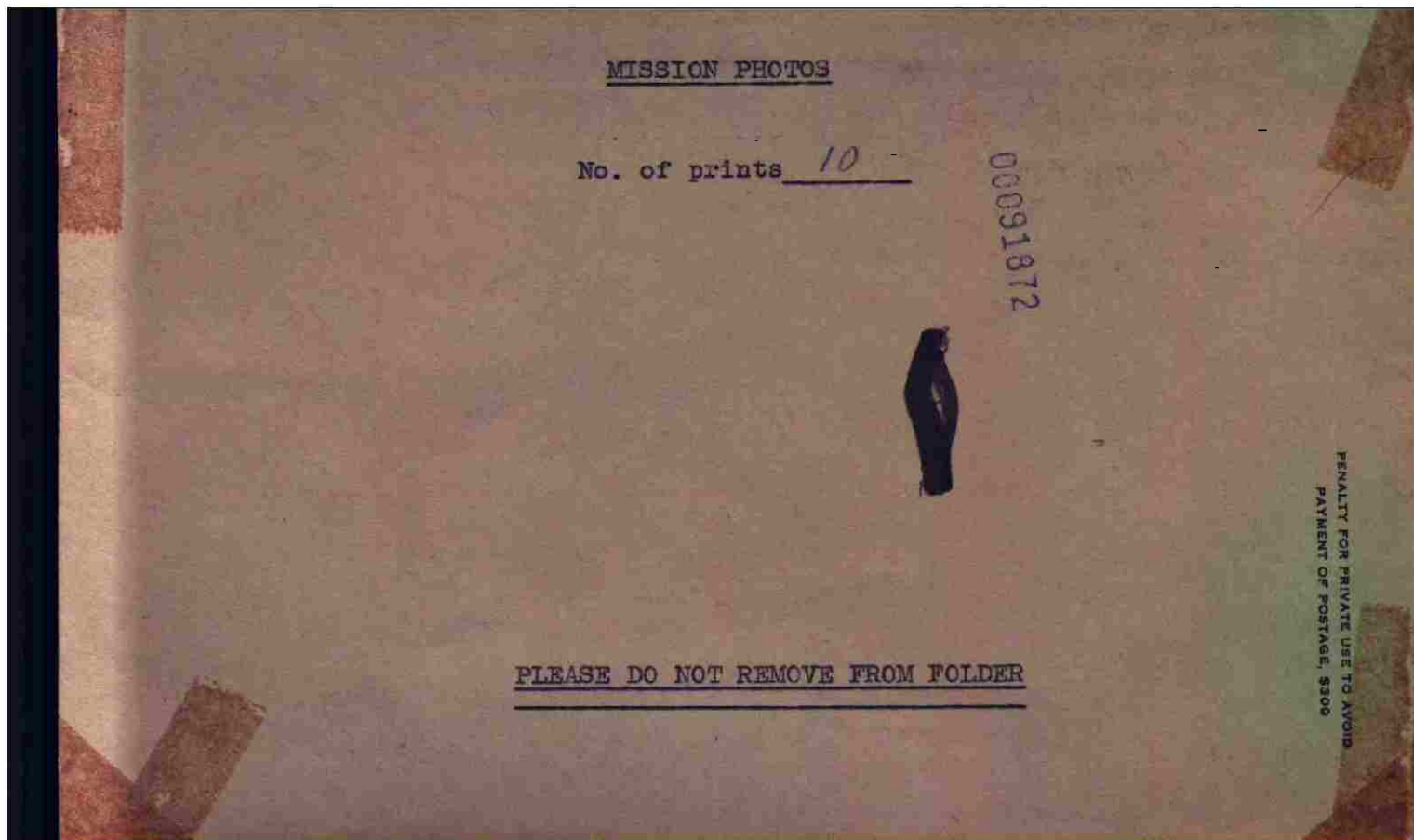


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Box #	Cpsfl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
I	61	4 June	63-346	St Pierre du Mont		Maj Meng	TOT	
							L/D	

A/C	No.	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam.	E/A Pers.
P/S		Reason	P/S	P/S	J/F	R
1	439		✓	✓		
2	452		✓	✓		
3	224		✓	✓		
4	750		✓	✓		
5	363		✓	✓		
6	745		✓	✓		
1	0210		✓	✓		
2	884		✓	✓		
3	674		✓	✓		
4	9194		✓	✓		
1	0176		✓	✓		
2	9195		✓	✓		
3	943		✓	✓		
4	963		✓	✓		
				36		
				30		
				66		

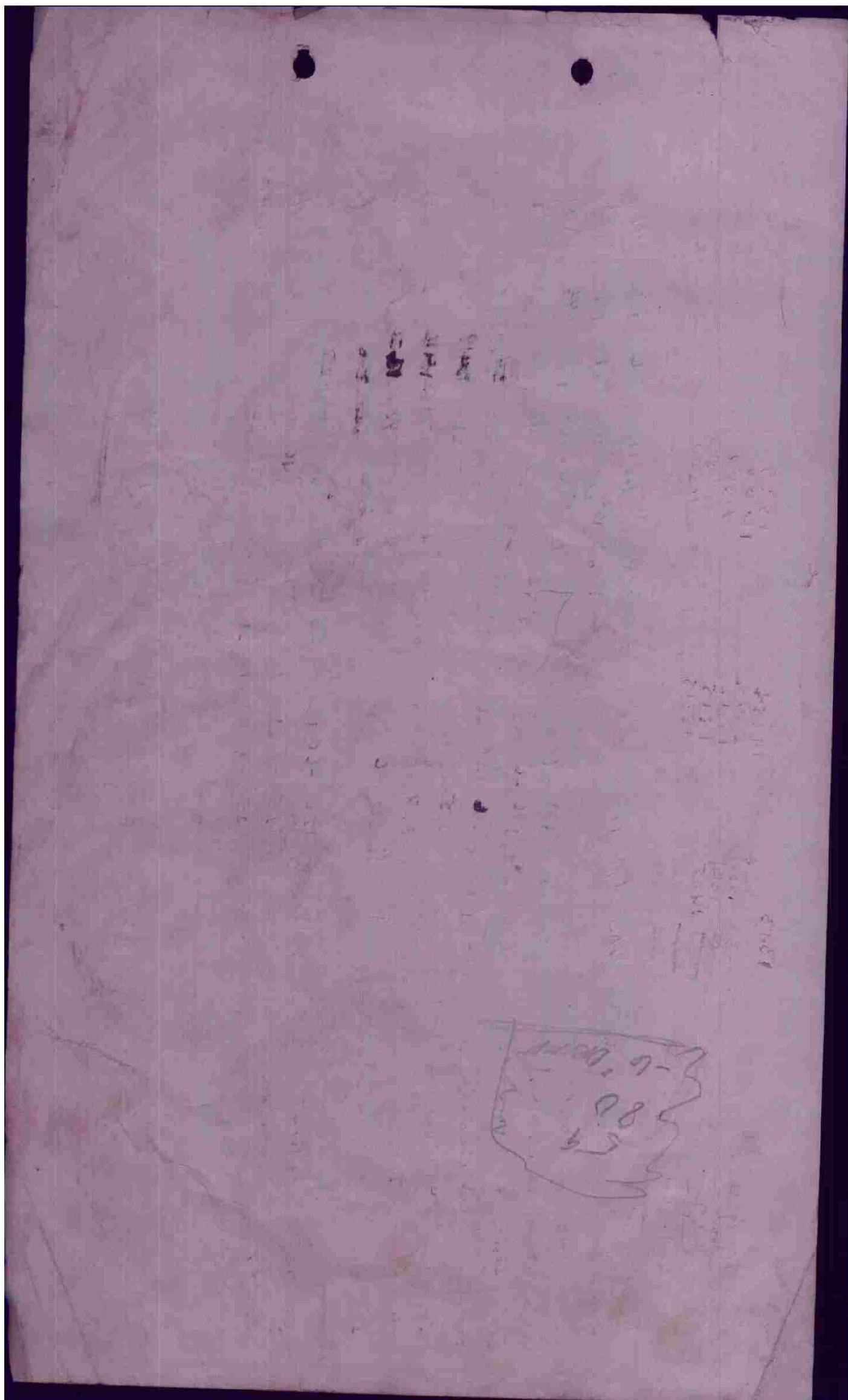
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 Bombardier 9194
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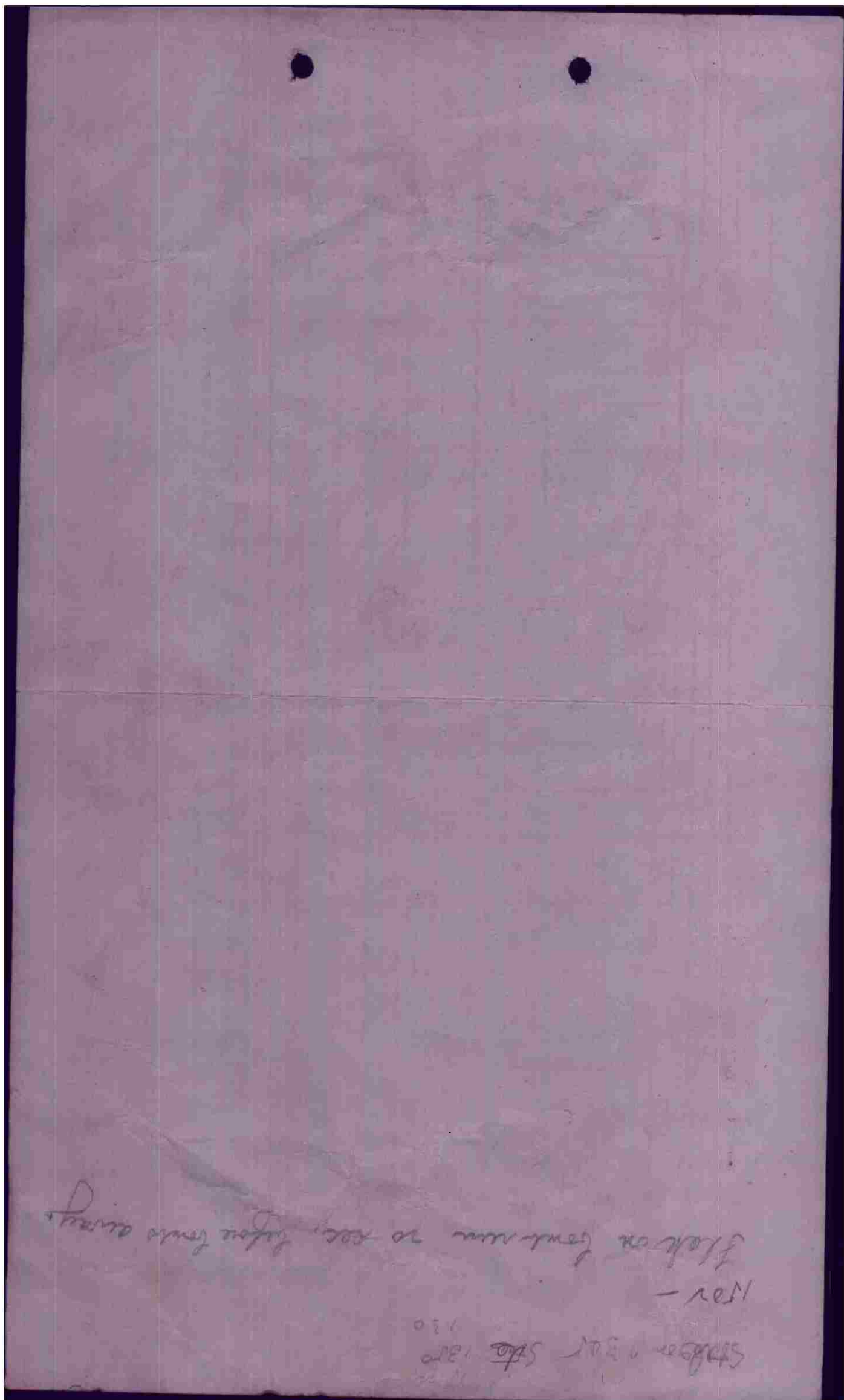
Box #	OpsFl	Date	T/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
II	61	4 June		St Pierre du Mont C/D		Capt Jackson	TOT	
A/C	Fall to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam.	E/A	Pers.	L/D	
No.	Reason	P S O	P S T T R	H D A C E E D	P E K W M			
1 455		✓	4	A				<u>Jackson</u> 458
2 0125		✓	5	AC		0-1-0		<u>Sullivan</u> 0226 ✓ <u>Conant</u> 0125 ✓
3 0226		✓	6	A				
4 207		✓	4	A				<u>Shankle</u> 207
5 217		✓	4	AC				
6 380		✓	4	A				<u>Longman</u> 380 <u>Conant</u> 217
7 0147		✓	6	A				
8 151		✓	4	A				
9 701		✓	43	A				<u>Will ready on bomb store.</u>
10 390		✓	4	A				
11 717		✓	4	A				<u>Indivisible Bomb Room.</u>
12 0145		✓	6	A				<u>Pack</u> 717 ✓ <u>Markin</u> 0147
13 840		✓	6	A				
14 478		✓	6	A				<u>Clark</u> 440 ✓ <u>March</u> 0148 <u>Perkins</u> 701 ✓ <u>Conant</u> 151
		14	66	15				<u>Boyer</u> 478 <u>Perkins</u> 390
			136	12				
			302	1				
				23				
				6				
						0-1-0		

Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
III	61	4 June		St Pierre du Mont C/D		Et Marzolf	TOT	
							I/D	
A/C	No.	Reason	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam.	E/A Pers.	
P/S				P S O	P S J F R	M D A C B E D P D K W M		
1	1711		✓	✓	6	✓	✓	✓
2	442		✓	✓	4	✓	✓	✓
3	711		✓	✓	4	✓	✓	✓
4	313		✓	✓	4	✓	✓	✓
5	231		✓	✓	4	✓	✓	✓
6	714		✓	✓	4	✓	✓	✓
7	951		✓	✓	6	✓	✓	✓
8	483		✓	✓	4	✓	✓	✓
9	921		✓	✓	6	✓	✓	✓
10	920		✓	✓	6	✓	✓	✓
11	921	Black smoke tanks	✓	✓	6	✓	✓	✓
12	1200		✓	✓	4	✓	✓	✓
13	143		✓	✓	4	✓	✓	✓
14	372		✓	✓	4	✓	✓	✓
15	133		✓	✓	4	✓	✓	✓
					40	✓	✓	✓
					30	✓	✓	✓
					70	✓	✓	✓
					66	✓	✓	✓
					136	✓	✓	✓

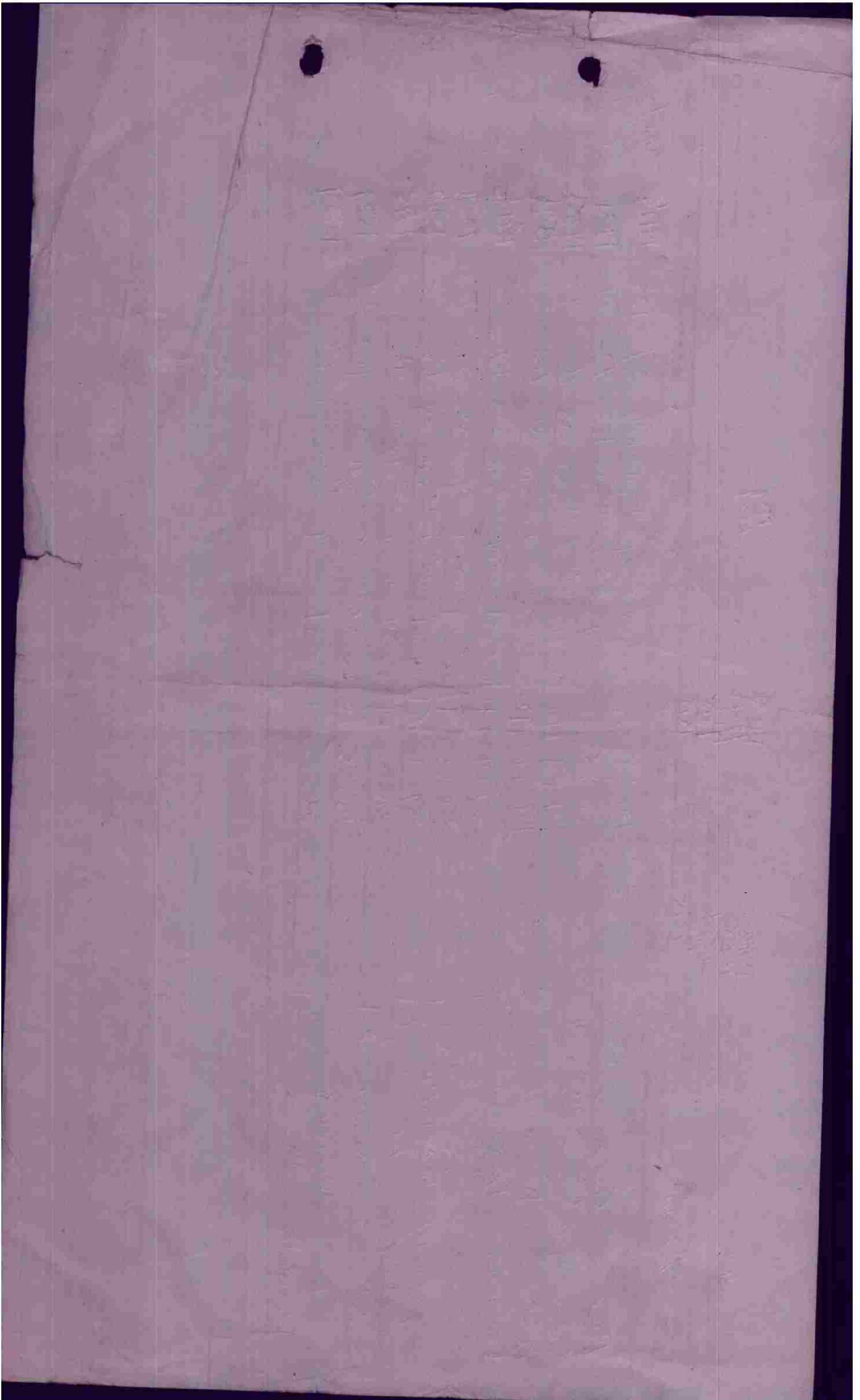
2000 FT.	REMARKS	TARGET	LADED
	CRUST OUT	17338	CLUST OUT
4000	CRUST IN	15287	CRUST IN
6000			BASE
			LAND
			LAND FALL
			TARGET
			ALT.
			132458



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FROM COBOMGR ~~XXX~~ 416

TO COMBAT WING 97 ATT: COM O

A - VS - 62

B - 4 JUNE 1944

C - 44 A/C

D - 668 - M - VHF SET CAUGHT FIRE AS RESULT OF SHORT CAUSED BY FLAK.
SET WILL BE REPLACED WHEN SHIP IS IN COMMISSION.671 - D - TURRET INTERPHONE OUT - BAD CONNECTION IN SWIVEL JOINT
FOUND AND REPAIRED.

669 - F - PILOT'S INTERPHONE CUTTING OUT - CHANGED THROAT MIKES.

E. 3 QDM FROM WETHERSFIELD.

F. BOX LEADERS REPORTED TO BOMCOM AFTER LEAVING TARGET. RADIO
PERFORMANCE SATISFACTORY.

MACE COBOMGR 416

OFFICIAL:

DANIEL J. NOLAN,
1ST LT, AIR CORPS,
COM O.

WETHERS FIELD
416TH BOMB GROUP (W)

TAKEOFF - 1345
RETURN - 1410

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Inter
DATE 4 JUNE 1944
PERIOD 1330 - 1800
Mq SOS USAFP 9-43/90M/1522

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

	A BASE TO TARGET	B TARGET	C TARGET TO BASE D
1 WEATHER	PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY
2 CLOUDS	4-4/10 CIRRUS ABOVE 40,000 FT DECREASING SOUTH OF 80 DEG NORTH. MED CLOUD 3-5/10 BASE 12,000 FT TOPS 18,000 FT DECREASING TO NIL OFF ENGLISH COAST. HIGH STRATO CUMBUS 3/10 BASE 8,000 FT TOPS 8,500 FT OVER ENGLAND TO NIL OFF ENGLISH COAST. LOW CLOUD 4/10 BASE 3,000 FT TOP 6,000 FT. SOUTH OF LONDON. NIL OVER CHANNEL AND NIL TO 5/10 ALONG COAST	4-6/10 CIRRUS ABOVE 20,000 FT NIL MEDIUM NIL - 3/10 LOW BASE 2,500 FT TOPS 5,000 FT	SAME AS ROUTE OUT
3 ICING	LIGHT RIME IN CLOUD ABOVE 9,500 FT. FREEZING LEVEL: 9,500 FT	SAME	SAME
4 VISIBILITY	5-8 MILES 3-4 MILES OVER CHANNEL IN HAZE AT SURFACE 8 MILES AT COAST	8 TO 10 MILES	6 TO 8 MILES 3 TO 4 MILES OVER CHANNEL IN HAZE AT SURFACE 8 MILES AT COAST
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	230 BASE 24	250 TARGET 14	
5,000 FT	240 38	260 17	
10,000 FT	260 42	270 23	
18,000 FT	270 45	280 26	
15,000 FT	270 48	280 28	
FT			
FT			
BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 29.89		TARGET SURFACE TEMP +16°C TEMP. AT 10,000 FT. -4°C	TARGET MEAN TEMP +5°C TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) -128

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

APO 140
4 June 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: 3/10 stratocumulus at 3,500 feet
with overcast of altocumulus at
6,000 feet to 8,000 feet. Visibility
5 miles. (Taken from Ob sheet. Middle
cloud reported at 14,000 feet by pilots.)

ROUTE OUT: Scattered patches 1/10 to 3/10 stratocumulus
at 3,000 feet to 4,000 feet over England
increasing to 3/10 to 4/10 at the south coast.
Overcast with breaks of altocumulus and
altostratus estimated at 14,000 feet over
England and breaking to 6/10 to 7/10 at 15,000
feet over target. Visibility 10 miles plus
over entire route but lowering slightly over
channel and target.

TARGET: No low clouds. 6/10 to 7/10 altocumulus and
altostratus estimated at 15,000 feet.
Visibility 10 to 12 miles.

ROUTE BACK: Same as route out except 4/10 to 5/10
patchy stratocumulus tops 4,000 feet over
channel near English coast on route back.

BASE ON RETURN: Visibility 5 miles. 6/10 to 7/10
altocumulus at 6,000 feet. (Taken
from Ob sheet. Middle cloud reported
at 14,000 feet by pilots.)

WINDS: As forecast.

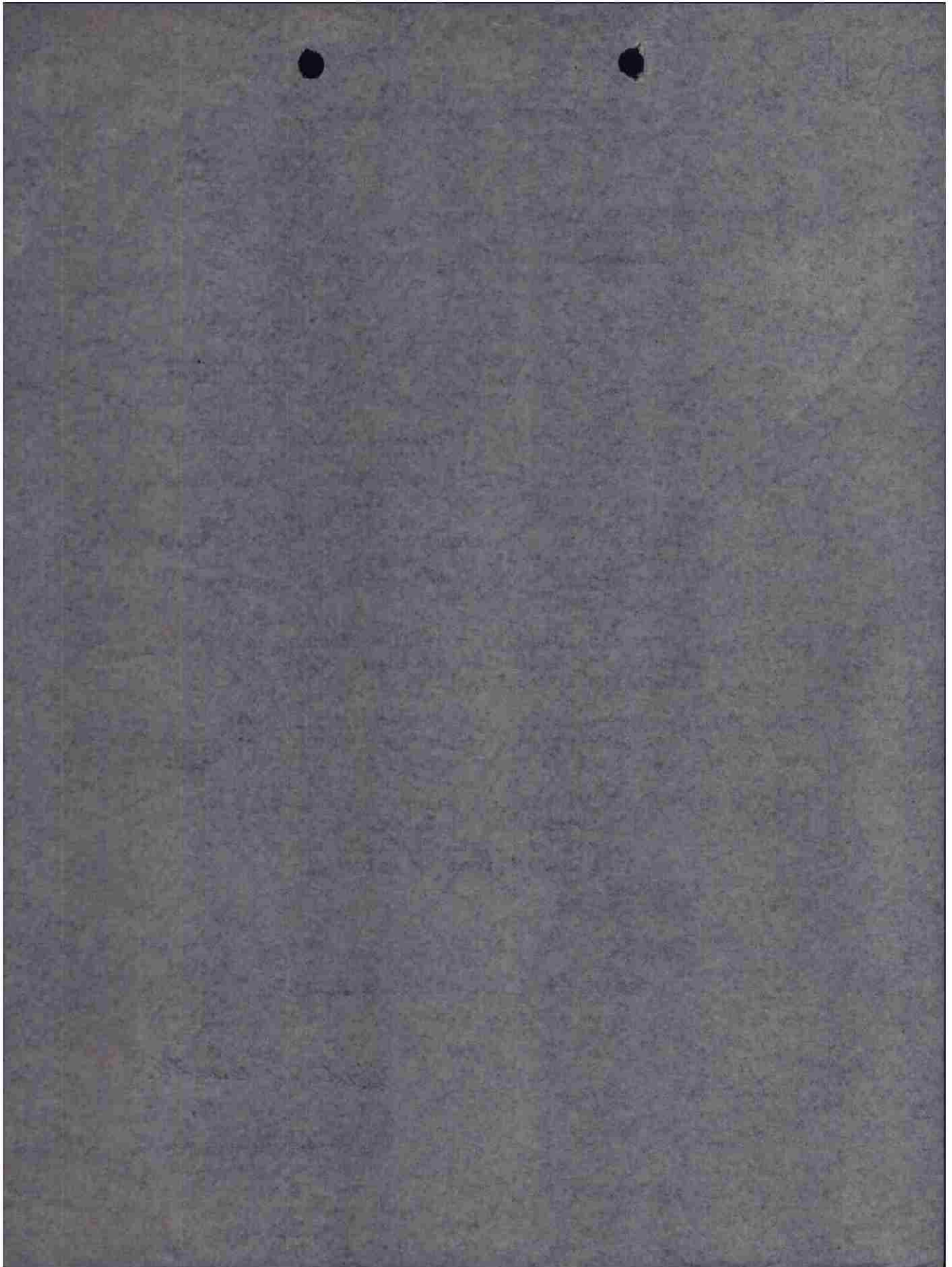
TIME OVER TARGET: 1517

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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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 346BOX 2 GROUP 416 DATE 4 June 44 TARGET ATTACHED St. Pierre Delmont C/B1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.2. Bombing approach: 025° Mag.3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES _____ NO X (see 12 f)

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. AP used as AP. No trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Maltby.6. Name of lead pilot: Captain Jackson.7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 250 Altitude: 11,000

9. Length of bomb run: _____ Sec: _____

10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 67 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10 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 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: Flak was moderate to intense accurate IP on bomb run.

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

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None

(f) Maintenance personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: Maintenance release by Deputy leader caused second and third flight to drop early.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES _____ NO _____

Results claimed: GOOD FAIR POOR BAD MISS

1st flight 100% concentration left of AP
2nd and 3rd flights had miss

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

(Over)

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8. 10 to 12 miles.
7. None
6. 3 boxes
5. Moderate
4. Target itself was only identification feature.
3. None
2. Target flight good, no cond and third flight bad miss.
1. None

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

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BOMBING INFORMATION

TX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 346

ANNEX "A"

BOX 3 GROUP 416 DATE 4 June 44 TARGET ATTACKED St. Pierre Point C/N1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronizer.2. Bombing approach: 030° Ang.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. 400 used as 400. No trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Bennett6. Name of lead pilot: Lt. Harzolf.7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 258 Altitude: 12,0009. Length of bomb run: _____ Sec: 410. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 70 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10 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 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? No enemy a/c.

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

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

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

Results claimed: EXCELLENT FAIR _____ POOR _____ BAD MISS _____

* 5 a/c bomb load 6 x 500 lb GP's.

(Over)

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- A. Description of route from I.F. to target:
1. 10 to 12 miles.
 2. None.
 3. 3 hours.
 4. Unknown.
 5. Target time if no only identification feature.
 6. None.
 7. Unknown.
 8. None.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 346

APPENDIX "A"

BOX 2 GROUP 416 DATE 4 June 44 TARGET ATTACKED St. Pierre DuMont C/D1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.2. Bombing approach: 020° Mag.3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO X4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES NO X (see 12 f)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. AP used as AP. No trail subtracted.5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Powell6. Name of lead pilot: Major Kang.7. Intervalometer setting: None 255 Altitude: 11,4508. Indicated Air Speed: 45 Ground Speed: 5009. Length of bomb run: 4 Sec: 500 lb FUSED N 1/10 1/4010. Bomb Load and Fusing per 400: X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10 1/4011. 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 Flak was moderate to its extent. Flak affected bomb(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? No enemy a/c.(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None(f) At 10,000 ft, 7 ships drop ping on it. At 10,000 ft, 7 ships drop ping on it.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES NO XResults claimed: GOOD FAIR POOR BAD MISS X

* 5 a/c bomb load 6 x 500 lb GP's.

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1. 10 to 12 miles.
2. None.
3. 3 bombs.
4. Moderate.
5. Target 100% and only identification feature.
6. None.
7. End miss.
8. None.

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

Formation consisted of 3 boxes. 14 ships in first 2 boxes and 15 ships in box 3. Box 1, at 11,450 feet, dropped a total of 66 bombs which fell in two patterns, one pattern in fields approximately 1 mile southwest and the other 1,300 feet east of target area. Box 2, at 11,000 feet, dropped a total of 67 bombs, the majority of which were dropped on presumed targets by direct leader and falling 1 mile south of target area; the others falling within 150 feet of desired hit. Box 3, at 10,000 feet, dropped a total of 70 bombs in the target area with an overall no hit. Visibility was 10 to 12 miles with no low clouds. Anti-aircraft fire was moderate to intense according to last 30 seconds in immediate target area. 27 ships including one Gory 4 damaged and 2 ships were lying on target area. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1646.

MISSION NO. 66

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

4 JUNE 1944

1. 455 T
Capt. O.R. Jackson
Lt. A.H. Maltby
S/S R.K. Riley
S/S A.J. Bonano

4. 207 B
Lt. F.J. Harrold
S/S E.L. Griffin
Sgt C.W. Mazianz

2. 0125 H
Capt. R.W. Conant
Lt. R.T. McBrien
S/S E.H. Kelly
S/S W.H. Gee

5. 217 D
Lt. T.J. Leonard
S/S O.D. Evans
S/S T.A. Palmer

3. 0226 E
Lt. J.P. Hillerman
Sgt R.F. Paulsen
Sgt L. Martinez

6. 380 N
Lt. D.T. Sommers
Sgt S.R. Zaklikewicz
Sgt J.L. Johnson

FLIGHT II

1. 0147 K
Lt. R.L. Morton
S/S O.D. LaHave
S/S F.M. Gitty

3. 701 H
Major H.A. Radetsky
S/S F.B. Chvatal
S/S B.G. Fandre

2. 181 A
Lt. W.H. Land
S/S S.F. Alden
S/S R.L. Ballinger

4. 390 G
Lt. H.V. Sheinberg
S/S J.L. Rogers
S/S G.I. Fleischman

FLIGHT III

1. 717 E-1
Lt. W.A. Peck
S/S A.E. Bergeron
S/S H.E. Kelton

3. 840 V
Lt. H.B. Clark
Sgt J.W. Sabadosh
Sgt C.F. Floyd

2. 0148 E-1
Lt. C. Church
S/S P.F. Maciulewicz
S/S H.E. Shatzer

4. 978 S
Lt. N.G. Brown
S/S J.O. Swafford
S/S P.F. Glynn

MISSION NO. 66

LOADING LIST
BOX III
FLIGHT I

4 JUNE 1944

1. 1711 S
Lt. L.A. Marzolf
Lt. R.J. Bennett
S/S H.E. Wallin
S/S L.G. Matzer
2. 442 D
Capt. W.M.J. Huff
Lt. J. Kupits
S/S J.B. Thompson
S/S H.F. Hatch
3. 711 M
Lt. R.A. Wippeman
S/S H.S. Ahrens
Sgt L.G. Mazza

4. 393 K
Lt. R.E. Greenley
S/S R.O. Worden
S/S J.J. Rzepka

5. 221 F
Lt. A.R. Herman
Sgt J.O. Young
Sgt A.D. Garrett

6. 714 N
Lt. T.J. Murray
Sgt R.J. Jones
Sgt D.H. DeBower

FLIGHT II

1. 951 P
Lt. F.W. DeMand
Sgt R.J. Troyer
S/S O.W. Middleton

2. 493 V
Lt. R.C. Morehouse
Sgt L.A. Zygis
Sgt A.J. Burgess

3. 937 B
Lt. J.H. Miller
Sgt R.O. Schrom
Sgt J. Galender

4. 925 G
Lt. R.D. Perkins
S/S V.E. Sherry
S/S R.H. Linneman

FLIGHT III

1. 961 E
Lt. M.G. Street
S/S C.A. Frindle
S/S E.T. Epps

2. 202 B-1
Lt. W.F. Tripp
Sgt J.O. Scott
S/S D.F. Mallory

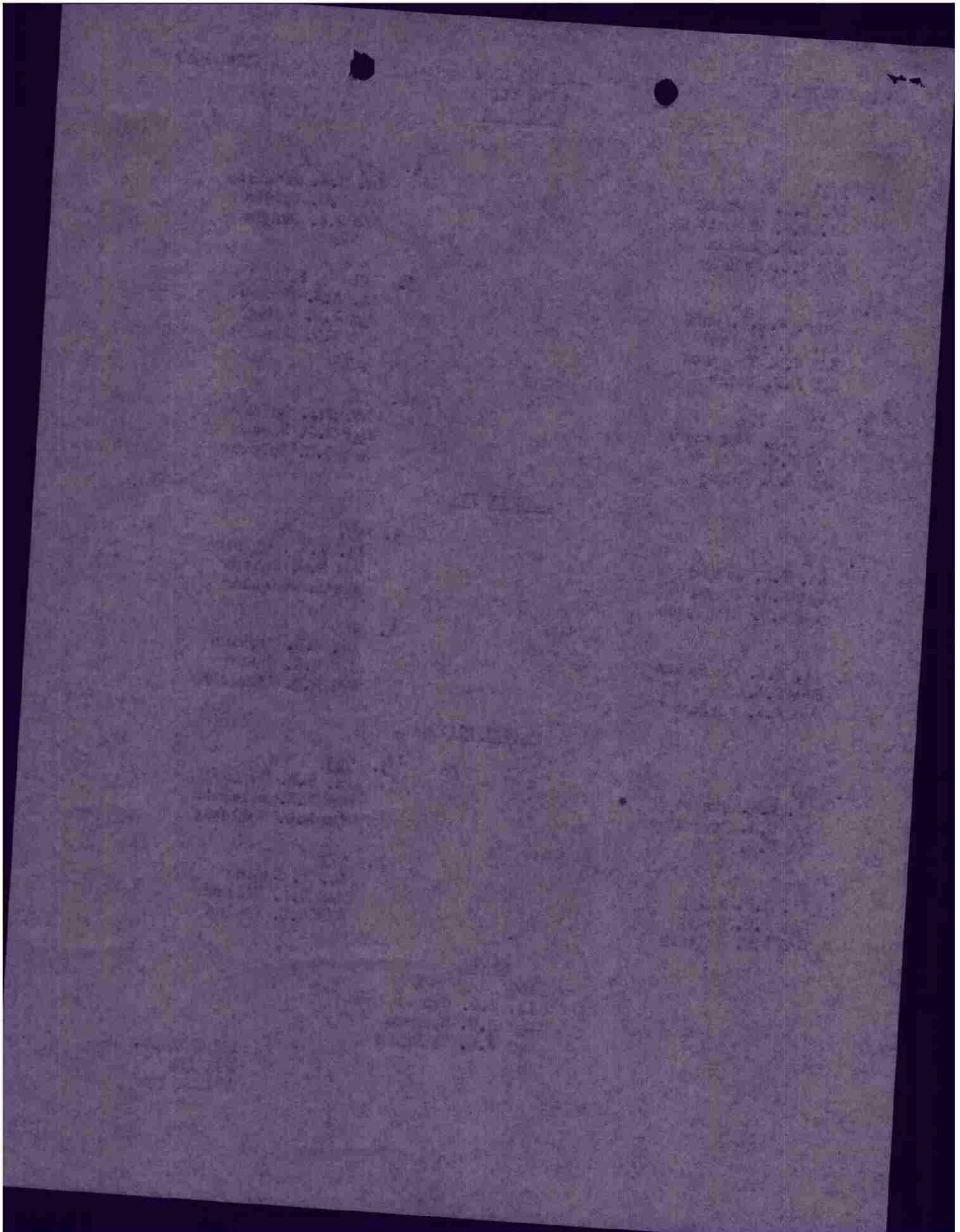
3. 743 W
Lt. E.R. Hayter
Sgt W.E. Melchoir
S/S R.C. Holloway

4. 673 I
Lt. P. Denton
S/S A.L. Nielsen
S/S W.E. Fields

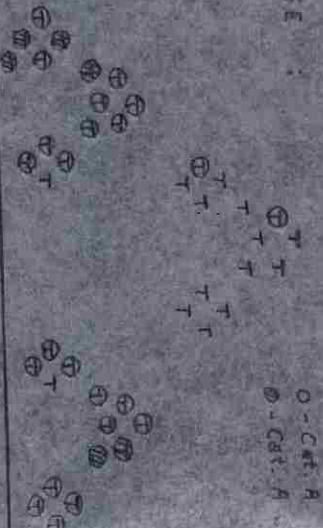
SPARE

- 189 P-1
Lt. J.S. Connor
Sgt H.C. Rodgers
Sgt J.E. VanDyne

MISSION NO. 66
BOX III
4 JUNE 1944



SECRET

4 JUNE 44	416 TH Bombr(L)	F.O. 63-346
TARGET : St. Pierre du Mont		
TIME : 1518		
ALT. : 11500-11000-12000		
WINDOW : No		
Sorties : 42 by 14		
DAMAGE :		O-Cat. A O-Cat. A
PHENOMENA: Among the regular black bursts were several distinctive redish bursts; also, some white that formed bursts the shade of a parachute.		

SECRET

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

Intro
SECRET
By authority
CO, Sta .170
6 June 1944
Init. _____

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

SUBJECT: Oprep A, USAF Form 344.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U. S. Army. Attention
86th Statistical Control Unit.

Oprep A Number 65 for 24 hours ending sunset 4 June 1944.
Mission Number 66.
IX Bomber Command Field Order Number 346.

A. Formation consisted of 3 boxes, 14 ships in first 2 boxes and 15 ships in box 3. Time of take off was 1344. Time over target 1515. Target - St. Pierre Du Mont S/E. Box 1, at 11,450 feet, dropped a total of 66 bombs which fell in two patterns, one pattern in fields approximately 1 mile south-east and the other 1300 yards east of target area. Box 2, at 11,000 feet, dropped a total of 67 bombs, the majority of which were dropped on premature release by deputy leader and falling 1 mile south of target area, the others falling within 150 feet of desired MFI. Box 3, at 12,000 feet, dropped a total of 70 bombs in the target area with excellent results. Visibility was 10 to 12 miles with no low clouds. Anti-aircraft fire was moderate to intense accurate HFF lasting 30 seconds in immediate target area. 77 ships receiving category A damage and 2 ships receiving category AC damage. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1646.

B. (i) 37 A-20G's and 6 A-20J's .
(ii) 37 A-20G's and 6 A-20J's.
(iii) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) 1 A-20J category AC - flak
1 A-20G category AC - flak
3 A-20J's category A - flak
24 A-20G's category A - flak
(viii) 37 A-20G's and 6 A-20J's.

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) A-20G's 107:50
A-20J's 14:15
(ii) None

Gyrop A, USAF Form 34A.

(Cont'd.)

- H. (i) A-20G's 116,550 x 50 cal.
A-20J's 11,700 x 50 cal.
(ii) A-20G's 808 x 50 cal. (testing)
A-20J's 168 x 50 cal. (testing)
(iii) None
- F. (i) A-20G's 176 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/40 T (11 A-20G's bomb load 6 x 500 lb GP)
A-20J's 28 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/40 T (2 A-20J's bomb load 6 x 500 lb GP)
(ii) A-20G's 176 x 500 lb GP
A-20J's 27 x 500 lb GP
(iii) None
(iv) None
A-20J - left wing bomb failed to release - flak damage to release circuit.

G. None

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

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

MISSION NO. 66

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

4 JUNE 1944

1. 439 J
Major W.J. Mong
Lt. V.H. Powell
S/S R.T. Stobert
S/S F.P. Glynn

2. 452 Q
Capt. D.A. Hulce
Lt. R. Gante
S/S F.D. Allred
S/S D.W. Stephens

3. 224 E
Lt. R.O. Gruetzemacher
S/S R.E. Lee
S/S F.G. Falk

4. 750 M
Lt. W.B. Ostrander
S/S J.E. Wilson
S/S I. Binney

5. 363 L
Lt. C.L. McGlehn
S/S J.W. Moran
S/S P.B. Driskill

6. 745 I
Lt. A.W. Nordstrom
S/S J.D. Gossett
S/S R.L. Miller

FLIGHT II

1. 0210 Q-1
Lt. R.F. Shaefer
S/S E.R. Judd
S/S J.A. Nejes

2. 394 R
Lt. R.E. Cruise
S/S G.F. Love
S/S F.L. Adair

3. 684 K
Lt. E.B. Kreh
S/S D.R. Schenck
Sgt E. Shelton

4. 9194 G
Lt. S.B. Ritchie
S/S R.W. MacDonald
S/S E.A. Anderson

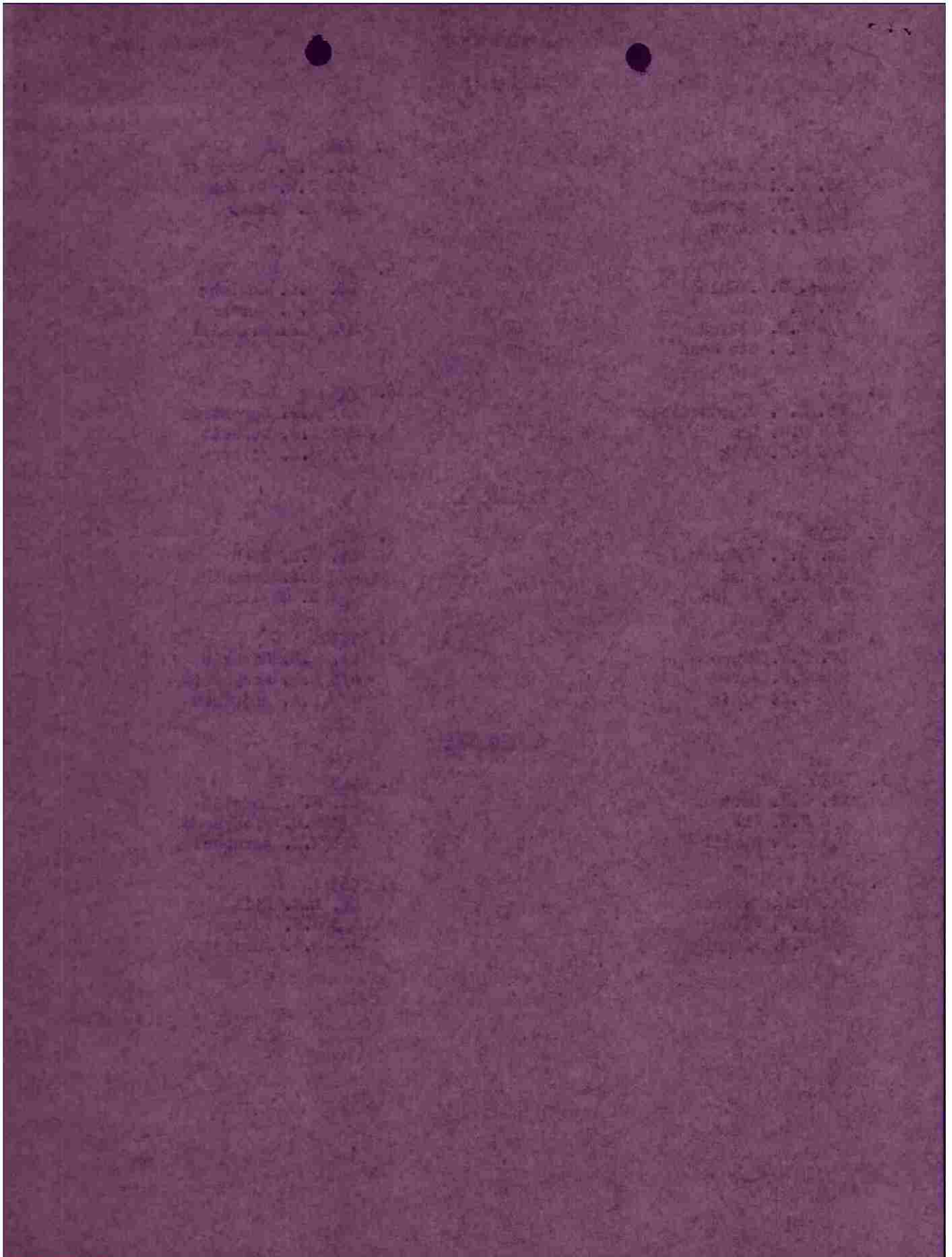
FLIGHT III

1. 0176 T
Lt. G.F. Bartmus
S/S J.R. Orr
Sgt S.P. Newell

2. 9125 D
Lt. R.R. Svenson
Sgt F.G. Fild
S/S G.H. Pfennig

3. 943 F
Lt. W.E. Downing
S/S E.S. Dickenson
Sgt K.E. Hornbeck

4. 963 W
Lt. L.E. Hill
S/S C.H. Yost
S/S R.W. Burch



BRIEFING NOTES

416TH BOMB GP (L)

F.O.

TARGET: _____ BRIEFING: _____ HRS. DATE: _____ OFFICER: *Maynard*

1. TARGET INFO: *medium coastal battery at St Pierre du Mont*
4 155 mm guns, 3 light AA guns, concrete
axis of attack SW-NE

2. FLAK: AT LANDFALL:

ROUTE IN:

TARGET:

ROUTE OUT:

MOBILE UNITS:

no flak appearing in last 3 attacks



3. FIGHTERS:

umbrella - 25 TE 75 miles SE
of Britney

4. LANDFALL TIDES:

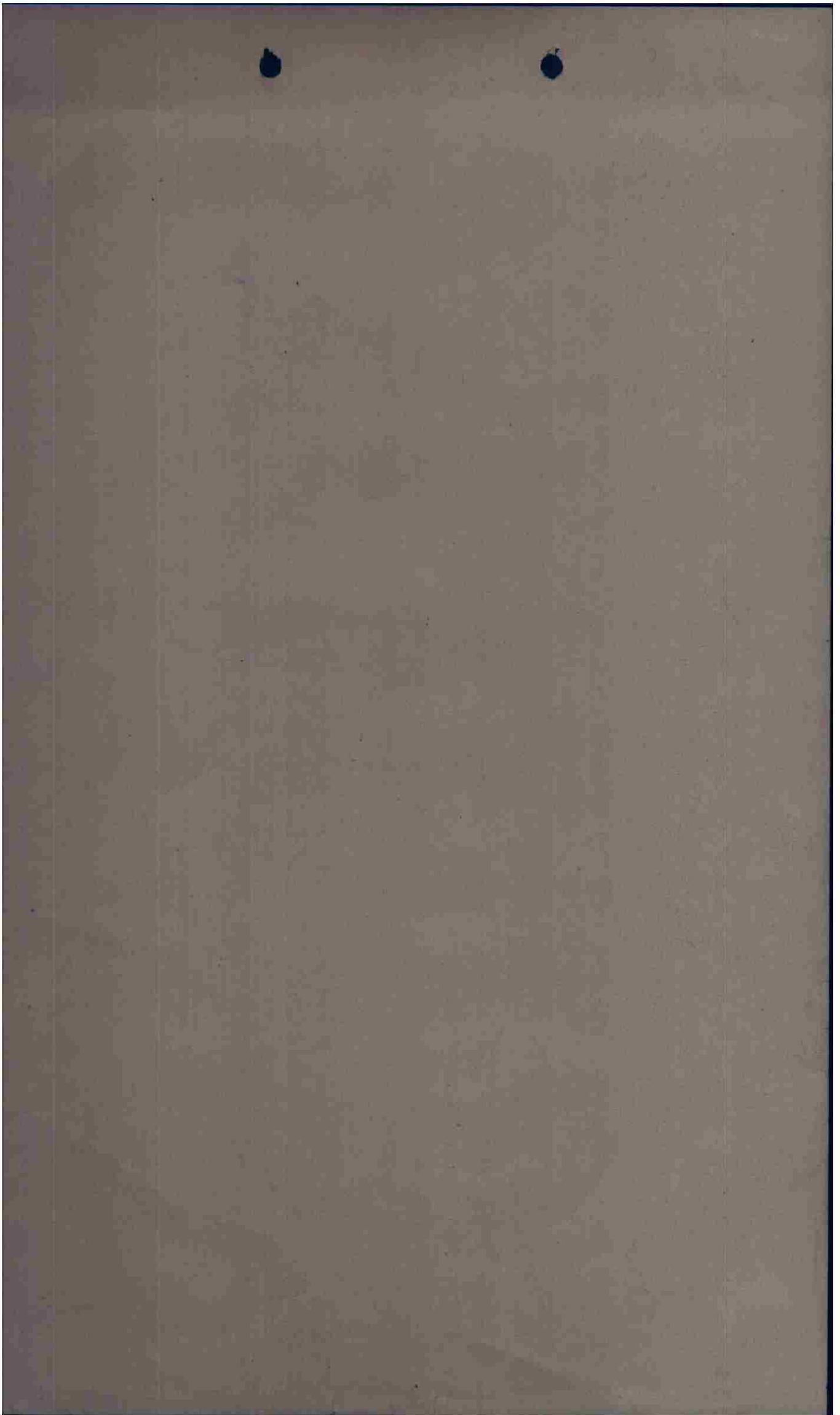
5. DUMMIES, DECOYS, CAMOUFLAGE, ETC:

6. GROUND SITUATION & BOMB LINE:

7. MISC:

last attacked on May 22 by 322 lost with
fair to poor results
we attacked this target on April 19, 1944 with good
results

PW sent into France, curfew 22 hrs
stay away from RP



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Reid
1120-4-6~~(YAA COME IN PLS YAA KKKKKK PLS STAND BY FOR BCAST OK)~~

OICOG OIHAK OIYAA OIGOF V OILAI 4/04 OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 04/1105E U-018-E

TO COMBOMCOM NINE

COBOMGP 410 (INFO)

COBOMGP 416

COBOMGP 409

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

APO 140

4 JUNE 1944

ANNEX NO.3 TO FIELD ORDER NO.63-346

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

• ADD TO X.(2) BRIGHTON AREA D/D

CHANGE X.(3) TO READ VTBA/VTBA

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BT04/1108B

CES AR

OICOG R..... 04/1110B

DEF AR

OIGOF R..... 04/1110B

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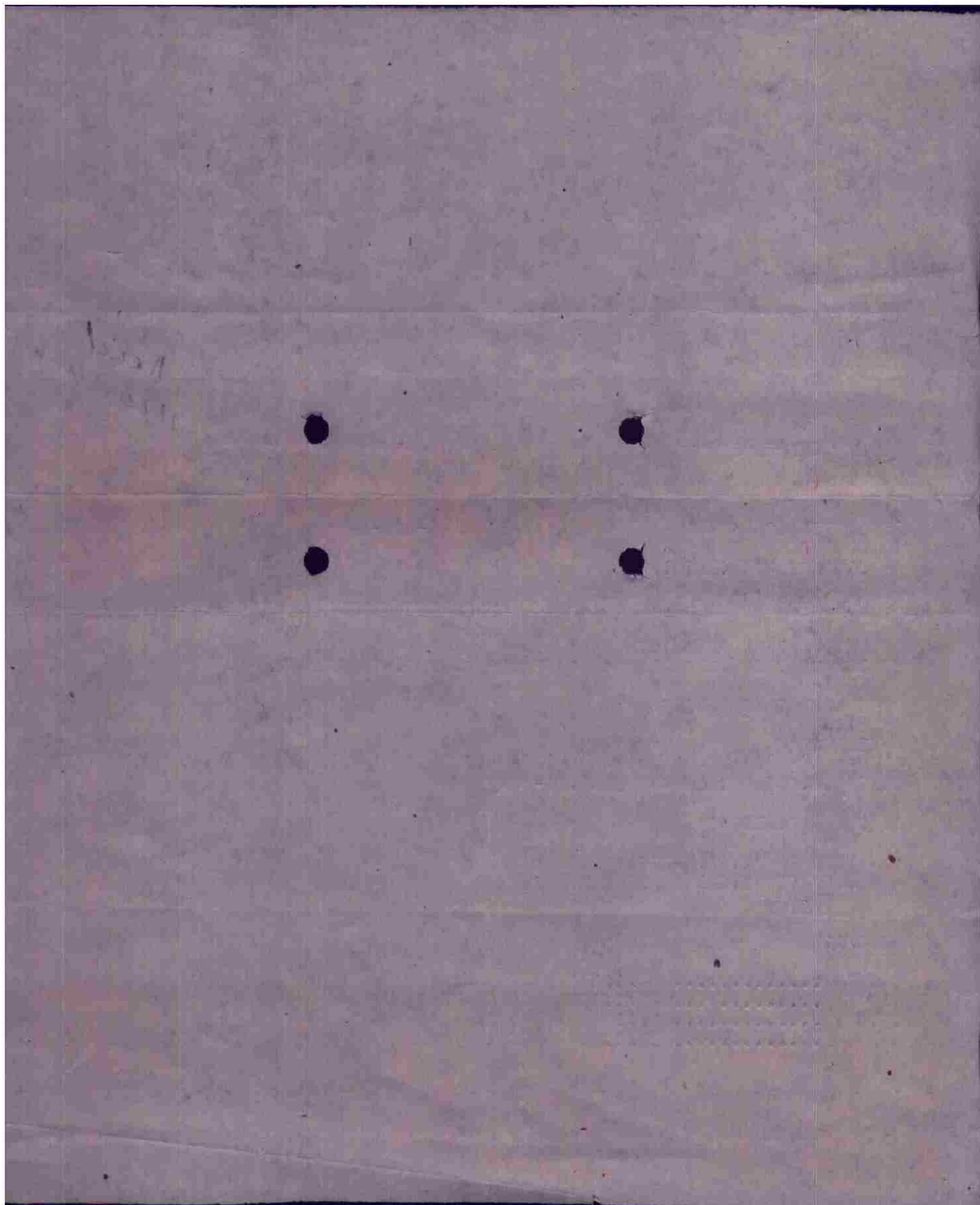
OIYAA R..... 04/1110B

LES AR

OIHAK R..... 04/1110V

JAB AR

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~~YAA AR U THE PLS K THIS IS YAA GA STAND BY OR ANNEX LK57/~~
~~OICOG HERE OK TOC PLS~~
~~ALL STATIONS STAND BY HERE COMES ANNEX~~

OICOG OIHAK OIYAA OIGOF V OILAI 3/04 OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 04/1000B U-018-E

TO COMBOMCOM NINE

COBOMGP 409

COBOMGP 416

COBOMGP 410 (INFO)



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APO 140

4 JUNE 44

ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 63-346

CHANGES AS FOLLOWS

ZERO HOUR

R 04/1500B

3 X (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO GRAVESEND TO WORTHING 49 DEG 20 MIN NORTH
 00 DEG. 36 MIN WEST TO 49 DEG 12 MIN NORTH 00 DEG 53 MIN WEST
 TO 49 DEG 10 MIN NORTH 01 DEG 05 MIN WEST TO I.P. TARGET

3 X (8) ROUTE BACK TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO WORTHING TO BASE.

3 X (9) I.P. 49 DEG. 16 MIN NORTH 01 DEG. 06 MIN WEST

3 X (10) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST.

BT04/1010B

~~3 LAST LINE PART 3 X (7) TO I.P. TO TARGET~~

C SIGNATURE OMITTED

COCBTWIG 97

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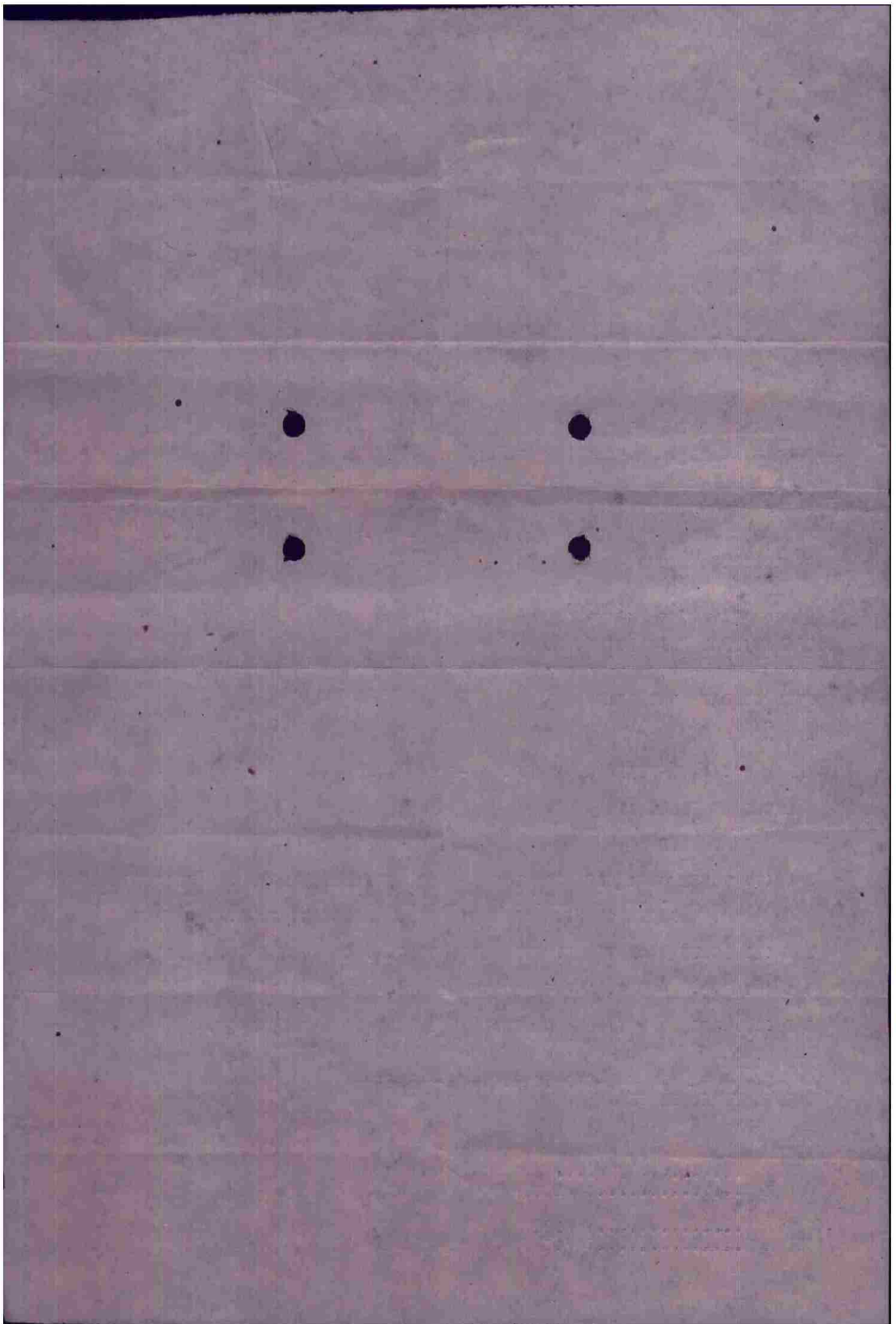
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OIHAK R.....04/1030B FR AR

OIGOF 44

SIGOF R.....04/1027B WC AR

OIYAA R.....04/1023B LBS A





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ICOG OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI 2/04 OP
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 04/0925B U-017-E
 TO COMBOMCOM NINE
 409TH COBOMGP
 410TH COBOMGP (INFO)
 416TH COBOMGP

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 A P O 140
 4 JUNE 1944

ANNEX NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 63-346

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

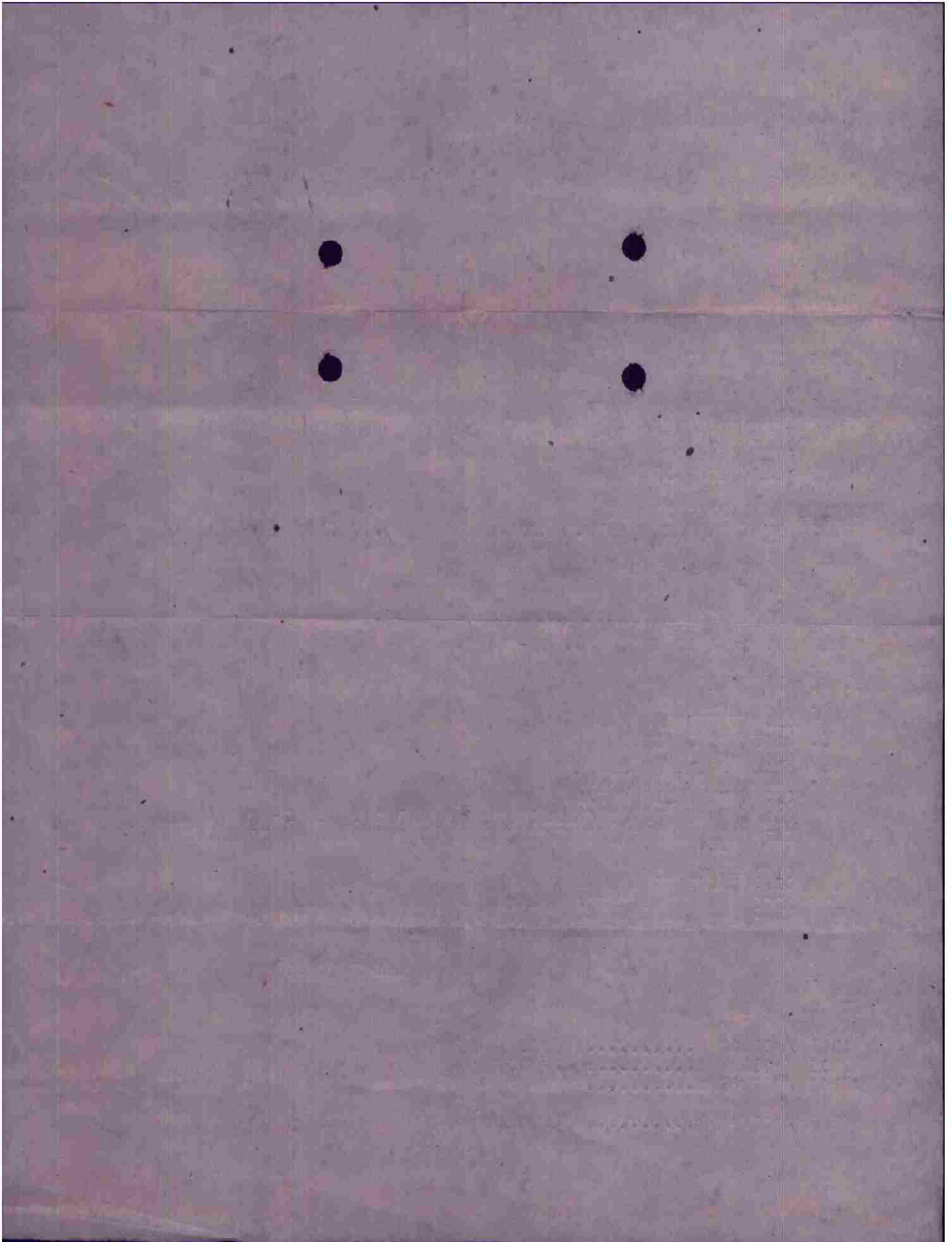
- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
 - (2) WIDEWATER
- B. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 - (2) DASHDOWN
- X. GENERAL INFORMATION
 - (2) WEST MALLING D/D
 - (3) NORMAL EXCEPT SUBSTITUTE 10A AND 11E FOR 3A AND 4B
 - (8) EASTERN WYOMING SOUTHERN UTAH, SOUTHERN ARIZONA ENTIRE MISSION
 - (10) BTAV/BATV
 - (11) AMERICAN FIGHTERS THRU FARMHAND ON B/B
 - (12) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL "C" WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA.

COCBTWIG 97

BT 04/0925B

JMB AS

OILAI / OICOG R.....	040930 B	DWE	AR
OZLAI / OIHAK R.....	04/0930B	AB	AR
OILAI / OIGOF G.....	F04/0930B	CEN	AR
OILAI / OIYAA R.....	04/0430B	LBS	AR



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OICOG OIHAK OICOF OI A V OILAI

1/04

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FROM K 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
TO COMBOMCOM IX

04/0900B

U-016-E

COBOMGP 409TH

COBOMGP 410TH ~~XXXX~~ (INFO)

COBOMGP 416TH



OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

A P O 140

04 JUNE 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 63-346

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) EIGHTH AIR FORCE WILL BE ATTACKING TARGETS IN FRANCE AT 1230B. P-47'S OF NINTH FIGHTER COMMAND WILL FURNISH AREA COVER FOR ALL GROUPS OF THIS WING.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN FRANCE.

ZERO HOUR: 04/1400B 1500

3. A. 409TH GROUP

(6) BOMB 11,000 FEET.

(12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 25 MINUTES.

3. B. 416TH GROUP

(6) BOMB 11,500 FEET.

(12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MINUTES.

X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE

(5) TARGET 4901/W/J/1

(6) 3 BOXES OF 14 A/C EACH GROUP

(7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO GRAVESEND TO WORTHING TO 49 DEG. 20 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 36 MIN. WEST TO I.P. TO TARGET.

(8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO WORTHING TO BASE.

(9) I.P. 49 DEG. 15 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG 44 MIN. WEST. -49°16'N-01°06'W

(10) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTH EAST TO NORTH WEST

(11) R.P. 49 DEG 35 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG 53 MIN. WEST

(12) BOMB LOAD 4X500 LB. G.P. FUESD 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/40 SEC

TAIL SHIPS WITH WING RACKS WILL CARRY 6X500 LB. G.P.

(13) MPI ILL. 4901 W/30 (SECOND EDITION) REF. 087065

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS: TO FOLLOW

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BT 040900B

LEG/WCB AR

OICOG R04/0918B

ME AR

OIHAK R04/0918B

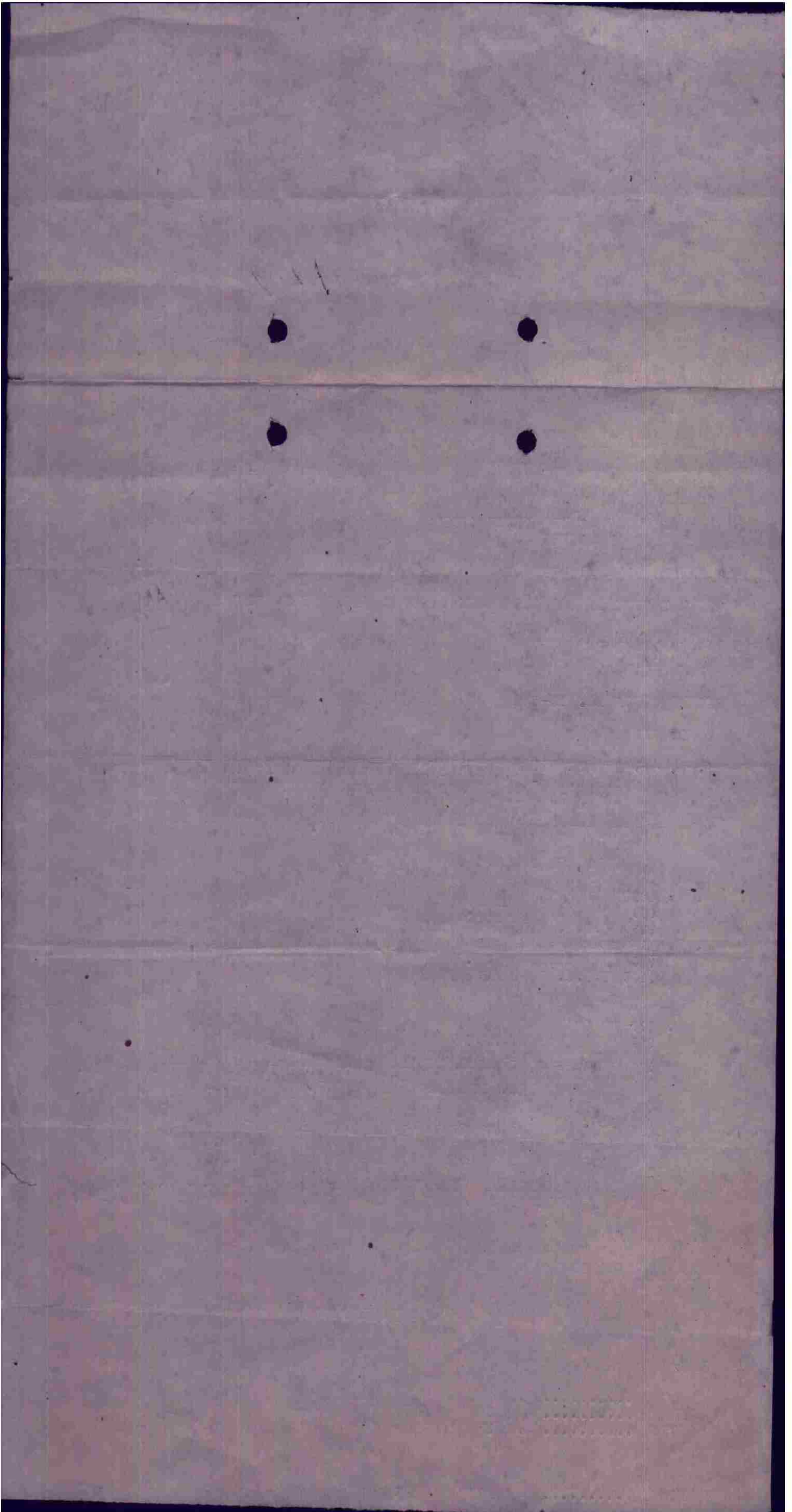
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OICOF R04/0918B

CEN AR

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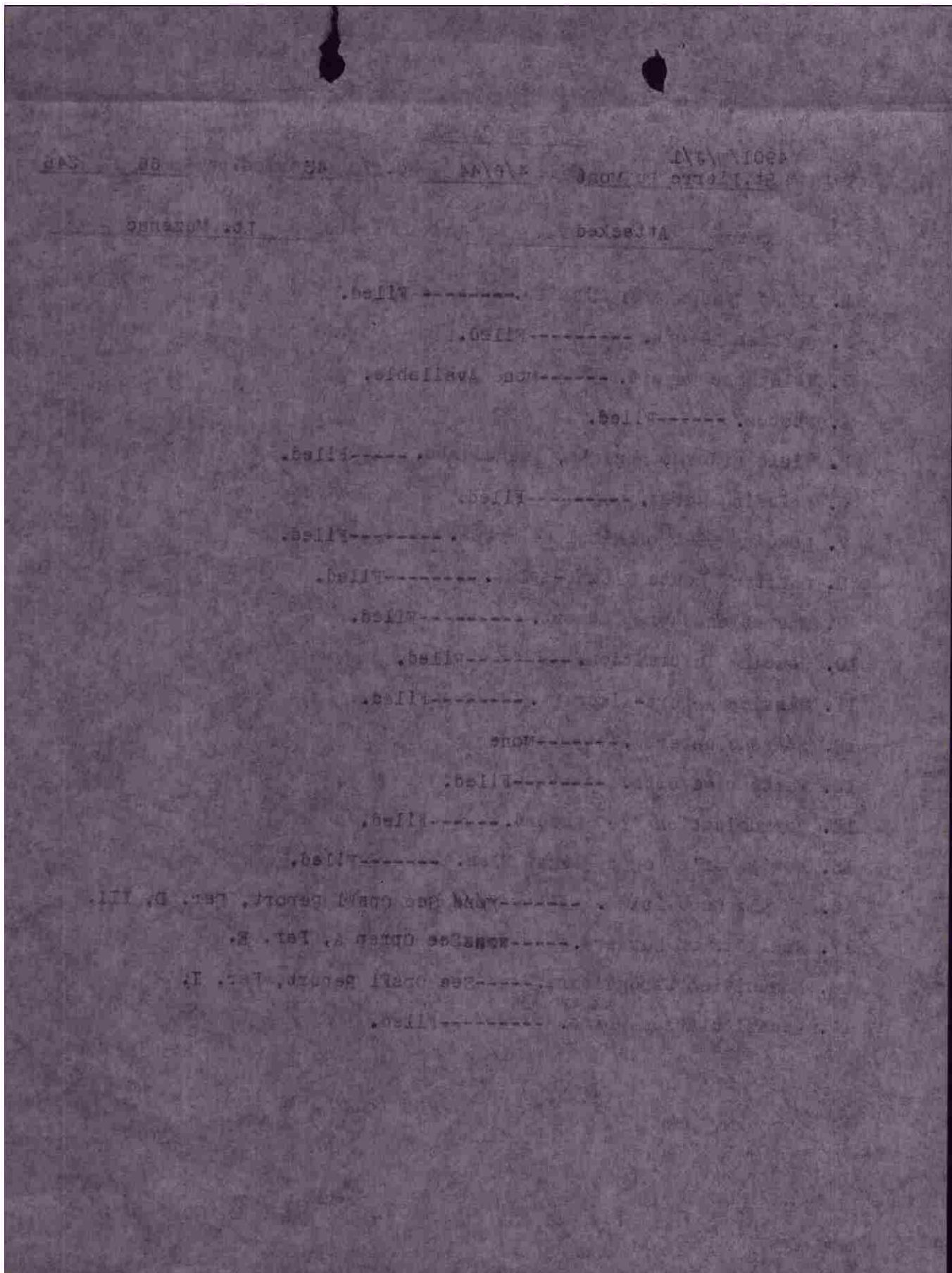


GENERAL INDEX

4901/W/J/1
 Target St. Pierre du Nord Date 4/6/44 No. A/C 43 Mission # 66 FO 346

Status Attacked Brief Officer Lt. Mazenac

1. IX BC Synopsis of Mission.-----Filed.
2. opFlash Report. -----Filed.
3. Telephone Report. -----None Available.
4. Photos. -----Filed.
5. Field Orders, Annex's, Amendments. -----Filed.
6. Briefing Notes. -----Filed.
7. Loading List of Airplane Crews. -----Filed.
8. Chart of Route Flown - Flak. -----Filed.
9. Operations Oprep Report. -----Filed.
10. Bombing Information. -----Filed.
11. Mission Report-Aircraft. -----Filed.
12. E/A Encountered. -----None
13. Weather Reports. -----Filed.
14. Communication "YS" Report. -----Filed.
15. Navigator's Log & Flight Plan. -----Filed.
16. Battle Casualties. -----~~None~~ See OpsFl Report, Par. D, III.
17. Analysis of Gunnery. -----~~None~~ See Oprep A, Par. E.
18. Ammunition Expenditure. -----See OpsFl Report, Par. I.
19. Recapitulation Forms. -----Filed.



SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
97TH COMBAT BOMB WINGAPO 140 U.S. ARMY
5 June 1944

A-2 Comments on Crew Observations, Mission of St. Pierre-Du-Mont C/D (Pointe-Du-Hoc C/D), F.O. 63-346, 4 June 1944.

409th BG

1. Eight yellow objects in water at 49 deg 35' N - 00 deg 32' W at 1505 from 11,000 ft. Reported as hot news; - no confirmation available at Wing.

2. M/Y at St. Lo approximately 1/3 full of cars. This is an important rail center for traffic feeding into Cherbourg Peninsula.

416th BG

1. Dinghy 2 miles off St. Aubin-sur-Mer and oil-slick 5 miles from same point. Reported as hot news. Very likely related to the same ship down. No confirmation available at Wing.

ATTENTION: Air Crew Personnel of all Groups.

1. In connection with your continued and well reported observations of rail traffic the following article is called your attention, as quoted from Par. II Section 2, Intelligence Summary No. 84, Hq. Ninth AF, dated 25 May 44.

"GERMAN A.A. DEFENSE OF RAILWAYS"

"Reports have been received which indicate that a new type of railroad flak car is being employed by the enemy. The usual flak car is being replaced, to some extent, by a car camouflaged as an ordinary goods wagon or freight car. When attacked, the sides are quickly dismantled, exposing both light and heavy anti-aircraft guns.

"In many recent attacks against enemy trains, concentrated ground fire has been encountered from troops, who disembarked from the trains and fired upon our a/c with weapons varying from rifles to 20 mm. cannon."

2. The effective range of 20 mm. cannon being between 5,000 to 7,000 ft., and the maximum range being 10,000 ft. will no doubt preclude the enemy's firing upon your ships from these flak trains. However, the occasion might arise when you would observe gun flashes from a RR train. In this case you should make special observation to determine whether guns appear mounted on a flak car, as described in above article, and report it accordingly, at interrogation.

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ST. PIERRE DU MONT- COASTAL BATTERY
4 June 1944.

St. Pierre Du Mont - Coastal Battery is covered on Photos of excellent quality and good cover. Sixty new craters in target area. Near misses on command post and gun positions Nos. 1, 4, 5, and 6.

MISSION SUMMARIES

Target: St. pierre du Mont (C/D Btry)
 F/O : #346
 Date : 4 June 44
 Results: Box I - Gross
 Box II- Gross
 Box III-Excellent

ST. PIERRE du MONT (C/D BTRY)

416 BG: 43 a/c were dispatched, all dropping 202 x 500 GP on the primary target.

Twenty-nine a/c sustained flak battle damage and one crew member was wounded. No losses. Bombing was by fourteens.

Box I - GROSS. Bomb fell in two patterns, one in fields 1.2 miles Southeast, and the other on coast 1300 yards East of the desired M.P.I. (premature releases by No. 3 a/c of the first flight fell Short and Right, seven ships dropping on it. The lead bombardier made the run with secondary and directional clutches both engaged. No P.D.I. corrections were given pilot; bomb fell Right of the A.P.)

Box II -GROSS. Bursts occurred in two groups, one (the majority) approximately 1 mile South, and the other within 150 feet of the desired M.P.I. Probable hits were scored on the No. 1 gun position. (A premature release, due to direct flak hit, by the deputy lead a/c pilot when bombardier was wounded, caused most of the box to drop early. Load bombardier's bombs fell in concentration Left of the A.P.)

Box III-EXCELLENT. In good concentration bombs fell around the desired M.P.I., blanketing buildings and installations in the South half of the target area and scoring possible hits or near misses to one gun position.

OICOG LAI V YAA YAA 11/04 OP
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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP
TO IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2
97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2
CONFIDENTIAL BT
U-44-D
OPFLASH NO. 61 FOR 4 JUNE 1944

- A. (I) ST PIERRE DU MONE C/D
(II) ST. PIERRE DU MONT C/D
- B. (I) 416TH BG
(II) 43 A-20
(III) NONE
(IV) 43 ON PRIMARY
- C. (I) 1344
(II) 151
(III) 1646
- D. (I) 23 DAMAGE CATEGORY A
6 DAMAGE CATEGORY AC.
(II) NONE - NONE - NONE
(III) NONE - 1 - NONE
- E. RESULTS OF THOSE BOMBINGS ON LEAD SHIPS
BOX I - FAIR
BOX II - FAIR
BOX III - GOOD
SOME SHIPS IN BOX I AND II DROPPED ON PREMATURE RELEASE BY SHIPS
OTHER THAN LEADER.
- F. (I) (A) NIL
(B) NIL
(II) (A) MODERATE TO INTENSE ACCURATE HFF LASTING 30 SECONDS
IN IMMEDIATE TARGET AREA.
(B) NIL
- G. DINGAY 2 MI OFF ST AUBIN SUR MER AT 1450 HOURS (PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED AS HOT NEWS.)
OIL SLICK FIVE MILES OFF ST. AUBIN SUR MER (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED
AS HOT NEWS.)
- H. (I) 10-12 MILES VISIBILITY - NO LOW CLOUDS - 6 TO 8 CIRRUS AT
18,000 FT.
(II) PATCHY CLOUDS OVER CHANNEL NEAR ENGLISH COAST.
- I. BOMBS ON PRIMARY - 202 X 500
FELL OUT 1 X 500
RETURNED 1 X 500
- J. 11,500 - 11,000 - 12,000

BT 041755V

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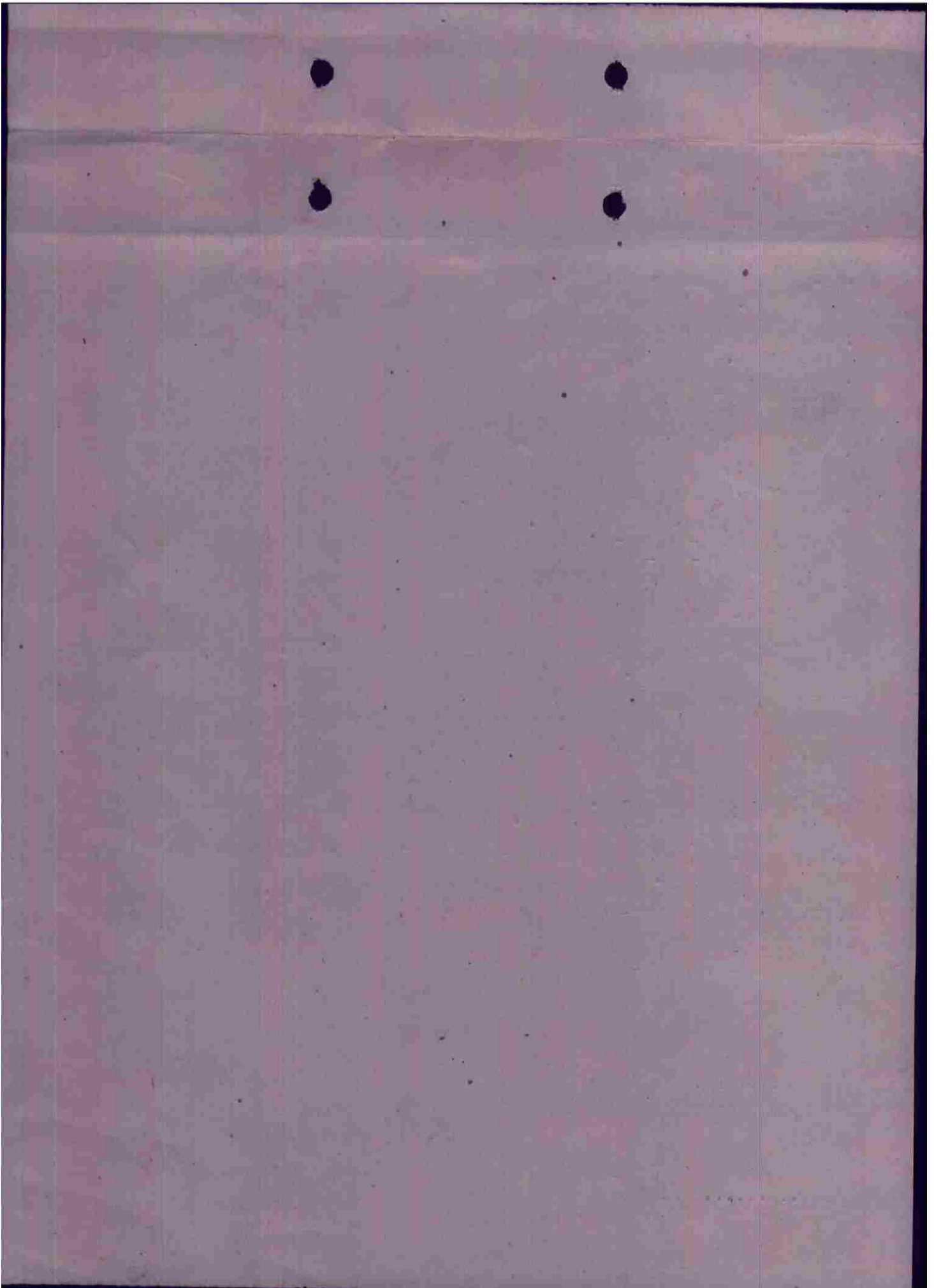
OICOG R.....04/1821B DEG AR
MAY WE HAVE FILING TIME PLS ON SIG
THERE IT IS ON THE BOTTOM

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IX B.C.S-2 Form No. 106-B Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

OTHER UNITS:	TARGET	IX BC WING 97TH	:
:	:	DATE 4 June 1944	:
:	:	ATTACKING UNIT 3 boxes	:
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:	:	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION	:
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A. TARGET BRIEFED ST. PIERRE DU MONT PRIMARY
 SECONDARY
 CASUAL

M.P.I. Intersection of roads in center of target.

A.P. Same as M.P.I.

B. TARGET ATTACKED ST. PIERRE DU MONT MILES FROM THE PRIMARY
 DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY

C. COORDINATES (If non-descript PINPOINT) ON 1:50,000 MAP NO.

D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 43 A-20's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 43

E. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 14's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 1,2,3

F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED 202 x 500 GP. FUSING 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail.
 FUSING

G. HEADING OF A/C WHERE BOMBS DROPPED 25 deg. N.

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED 1518

J. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

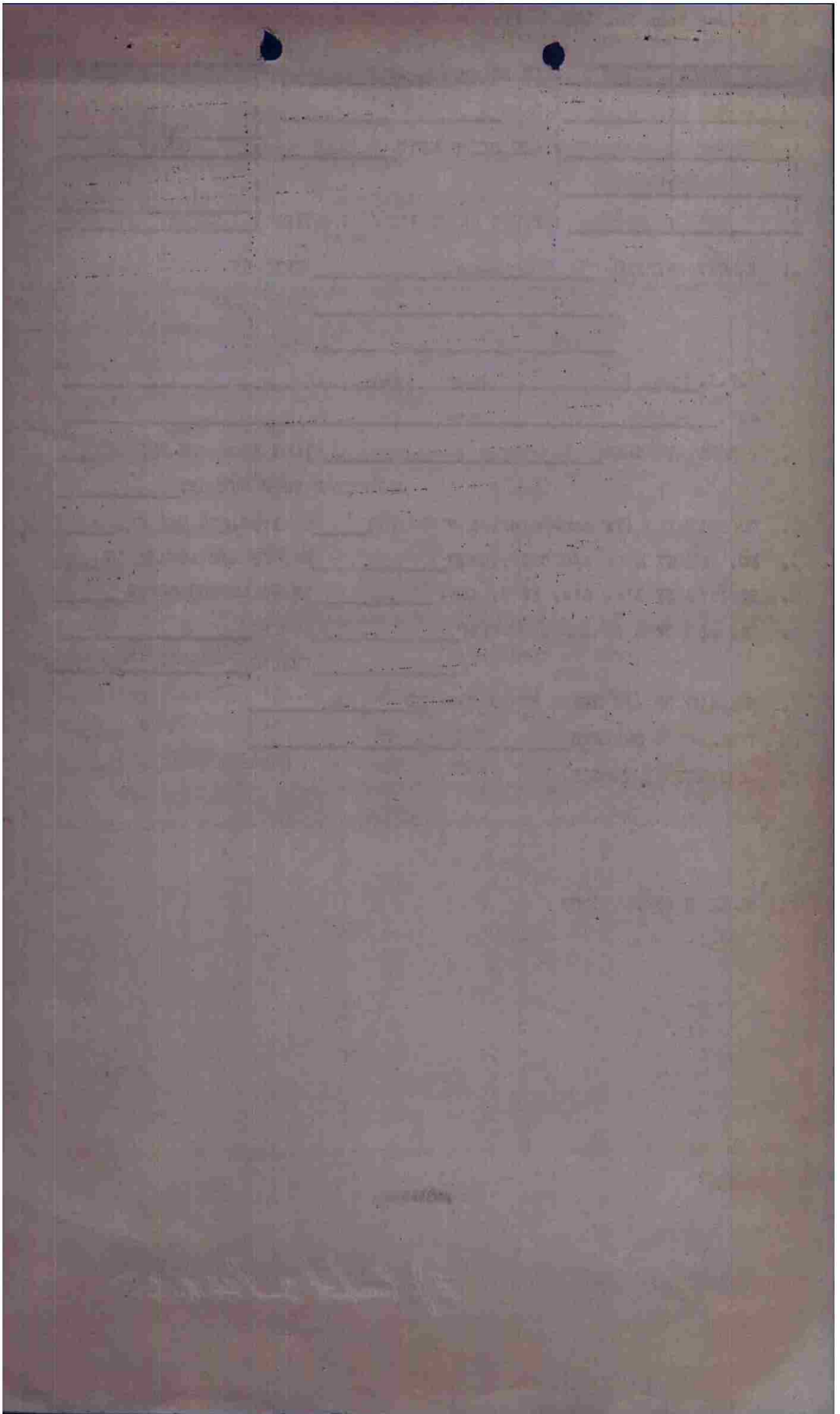
K. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

BOX I - GROSS: Bombs fell in two patterns. First pattern, due to premature release, fell in fields 1.2 miles southeast of desired M.P.I. Second pattern fell on edge of coast 1300 yards east of desired M.P.I.

BOX II - GROSS: Bombs fell in two patterns. A premature release caused majority of bombs to fall in first pattern, approximately 1 mile south of desired M.P.I. Lead bombardiers bombs fell within 150 ft. of desired M.P.I., resulting in a good second pattern. Probable hits were scored on 1 gun position.

BOX III - EXCEL: Bombs fell in good concentration in target area around M.P.I. Blanket of bursts covered buildings and installations in southern half of target. Possible hits or near misses were scored on one gun position.

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IX B.C. S-2 Form No. 105a

PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

CAMERAS INSTALLED	<u>13</u>	<u> </u> %	GROUP	<u>416TH</u>
CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING	<u>13</u>	<u>100</u> %	WING	<u>97TH CBW</u>
CAMERA FAILURES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> %	DATE	<u>4-June, 1944</u>
PERSONNEL FAILURES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> %		
OTHERS	<u>0</u>	<u> </u> %		

<u>439</u>					TARGET	<u>ST. PIERRE DU MONT</u>
<u>750</u>					ALT.	<u>11,500</u> ft
<u>195</u>			<u>210</u>		TRUE AIR SPEED	<u>200</u> mph
<u>189</u>					GROUND SPEED	<u>255</u> mph

<u>455</u>					TARGET	<u>ST. PIERRE DU MONT</u>
<u>207</u>					ALT.	<u>11,000</u> ft
<u>148</u>			<u>701</u>		TRUE AIR SPEED	<u>200</u> mph
					GROUND SPEED	<u>250</u> mph

<u>711</u>					TARGET	<u>ST. PIERRE DU MONT</u>
<u>221</u>					ALT.	<u>12,000</u> ft
<u>961</u>			<u>925</u>		TRUE AIR SPEED	<u>280</u> mph
					GROUND SPEED	<u>258</u> mph

BOX NO.	A/C NO.	CAM. TYPE	F.L.	INT.	PRINTED SORTIES	UNPRINT. SORTIES	EXPLANATION
1	210	K-24	6 3/8	2		157	
1	195	K-24	"	2		160	
1	189	K-24	"	2		162	
1	750	K-24	"	2	158		
1	439	K-20	"			74	
2	207	K-20	"			72	
2	455	K-20	"			73	
2	701	K-24	"	2		155	
2	148	K-24	"	2	159		
3	711	K-20	"			75	
3	961	K-24	"	2	156		
3	221	K-24	"	2	161		
3	925	K-24	"	2		163	

REMARKS:

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