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

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

SUBJECT: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Reports.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APO 140, U. S. Army.

Transmitted herewith is the A-3 Bombing Information Report on operational mission 5 July 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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

ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 409 *File*BOX 2 GROUP 416 DATE 5 July 44 TARGET ATTACKED Hq. Chateau at Werlumont1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 90° Mag.3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO X4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used: Pre-set with corrections.Briefed AP used.5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. McQuade6. Name of lead pilot: Lt. Somers7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 260 Altitude: 12,5009. Length of bomb run: 60 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10T 1/4011. 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 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: Short run because IFF ship left formation late in the run. Trouble experienced in keeping bubbles level and(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: (below)None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

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

(e) Cont'd. had to make arbitrary corrections on disc speed due to increased altit

S E C R E T

*7 a/c bombed 4 x 500 lb GP.

(Over)

1. 15 miles.
 2. Target area clear of low clouds. Start 10/10 at French Coast with tops to 7000 ft at 10/10 to 3/10 to 1/10 10 miles inland.
 3. 3 boxes, 17 ships each box.
 4. Helicopters.
 5. Place 4 up target by check points of Bouviers, M.R. Building and R.R. running west and southwards north of target area.
 6. Exercise keeping bubbles level. End to make arbitrary course errors on display as due to increased altitude.
 7. 1000 ft.
 8. None.

No description of route from 11 to target.

Formation consisted of 2 boxes, 17 ships each box (1 RTV 5/0 each box), preceded by 3 ships dispensing window only. Time of take off was 10/11. Time over target - 20/15 - 20/18. Target - Headquarters, Chino on at Harbormant. Box 1, at 12,500 feet, bombing on RTV 5/0, dropped a total of 76 bombs in the target area with excellent results. Box 2, at 12,500 feet, dropped a total of 76 bombs in the target area with poor results. Due to RTV equipment failure box 2 bombed on 4-20 box launcher. Bombs dropped by RTV 5/0 (6 x 500 lb GP) not included in above figures. Target area was clear of low clouds, visibility 15 miles. Formation a reported moderate to moderate RTV, 10 ships (1 RTV 5/0) received category 4 damage and 5 ships received category 3 damage. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 21/15.

MISSION NO. 90

LOADING LIST

JULY 1944

BOX I
FLIGHT I

1. 455 T
Captain C.R. Jackson ✓
Lt. A.H. Maltby ✓
Sgt. D.E. Burns *H**
PFC B.K. Allen

3. 227 F
Lt. A.W. Nordstrom ✓
S/S J.D. Gossett
S/S R.L. Miller

2. 499 J
Captain R.B. Prentiss ✓
Lt. R.T. McBrien ✓
Sgt. R.E. Wright
S/S H.J. Sylva

4. 217 D
Lt. T.J. Leonard ✓
S/S C.D. Evans
S/S T.A. Palmer

FLIGHT II

1. 135 T-1
Captain M.J. Huff ✓
Lt. J. Kipits ✓
S/S C.A. Prindle *w/R*
S/S E.T. Epps *w/R*

3. 717 N
Lt. E.R. Hayter ✓
S/S F.E. Melchoir *(windaw + boulder)*
S/S R.C. Halloway

2. 900 Q *w/R*
Lt. W.F. Tripp *(windaw + boulder)*
S/S J.O. Scott
S/S D.F. Mallory

4. 743 W
Lt. W.C. Siggs ✓
S/S R.W. Nicks *(windaw + boulder)*
S/S N. Radlich

FLIGHT III

1. 907 O *w/R*
Lt. G. Ebenstein ✓
S/S F.L. Adair *X*
S/S C.F. Love

3. 362 L
Lt. J.K. Colquitt ✓
Sgt. S.H. Giesy *(windaw + boulder)*
Sgt. F.E. Cherry

2. 0176 T-2 *w/R*
Lt. C.J. Andersen *(windaw + boulder)*
Sgt. T.G. Euga
Sgt. E.L. Schafer

4. 819 K *w/R*
Lt. E.B. Kreh *(windaw + boulder)*
S/S E. Shelton
S/S D.R. Schenck

FLIGHT IV

1. 376 C-1
Lt. W.A. Peck ✓
S/S A.E. Bergeron
S/S H.E. Kelton

3. 943 F-1 *w/R*
Lt. L.E. Poundstone ✓
Sgt. A.J. Burland *(windaw + boulder)*
Sgt. K. Heath

2. 147 K-1 *w/R*
Lt. H.B. Clark *(windaw + boulder)*
S/S J.W. Sabadosh
S/S C.F. Floyd

4. 961 E *w/R*
Major J.G. Napier *(windaw + boulder)*
S/S J.L. Rogers
S/S G.I. Fleischman

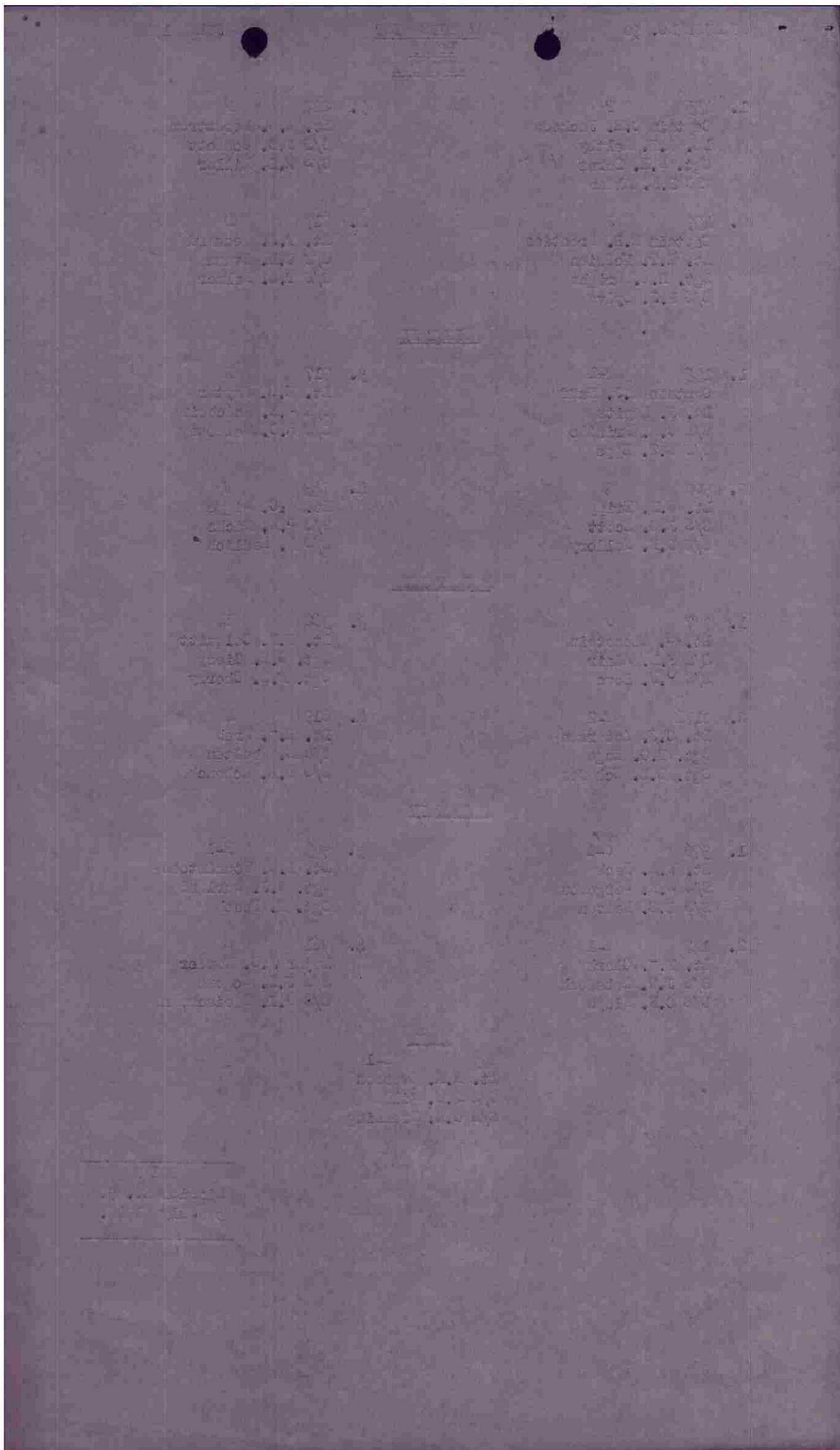
SPARE

195 D-1
Lt. R.R. Svenson
S/S P.G. Fild
S/S G.E. Pfennig

*Rtd. Gully
as shipped
no Lantier*

BOX I

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5 July 1944.



MISSION NO. 90

LOADING LIST

5 JULY 1944

BOX II
FLIGHT I

1. 450 S
Lt. H.L. Sommers ✓
Lt. R.J. McQuade ✓
S/S M. Rosenstein
S/S H.O. Carney

3. 929 C *w/k*
Lt. W.L. Penttila ✓
Sgt. J.D. Dugan
Sgt. L.B. Curtis

2. 1717 P
Captain G.M. McNulty ✓
Lt. F.H. Bursiel ✓
Sgt. S.G. Novak *w/k*
S/S A.E. Mayhew

4. 840 V *w/k*
Lt. T. Boukamp ✓
S/S R.J. Colosimo
S/S J.S. Wing

FLIGHT II

1. 689 I
Lt. ~~W.T. Brown~~ P.G. Atkinson ✓
S/S J.O. Swafford
S/S P.F. Glynn

3. 294 E
Lt. D.B. Grunig ✓
Sgt. M. Dias
Sgt. H.J. Nowosielski

2. 380 N
Lt. D.T. Sommers ✓
Sgt. J.L. Johnson
Sgt. S.R. Zaklikiewicz

4. ~~892~~ 892 AL
Lt. J.F. Hillerman ✓
Sgt. E.F. Paules
Sgt. B.R. Wilson

FLIGHT III

1. 978 S-1
Lt. R.J. Rooney ✓
S/S H.M. McCleary *w/k*
Sgt. L.L. Leahigh

3. 750 M
Lt. R.B. Singletary ✓
Sgt. A.A. Cianciosi
Sgt. H.C. Wiggins

2. 209 K
Lt. R.E. Hall ✓
Sgt. D.S. Blackford
Sgt. L.C. Burger

4. 387 H
Lt. L.R. McBride ✓
S/S J. McKee
S/S R. Eutsler

FLIGHT IV

1. 210 Q
Lt. R.V. Miracle *w/k*
S/S L.M. Daugherty
S/S C.L. Hibbs

3. 935 F
Lt. J.P. Kenny ✓
Sgt. J.K. Spadoni *w/k*
Sgt. F. Noteriani

2. 764 X
Lt. T. Clausen *w/k*
Sgt. C. Fetko
Sgt. D.M. Brown

4. 379 G
Lt. W.E. Downing ✓
S/S E.S. Dickenson
S/S K.E. Hornbeck

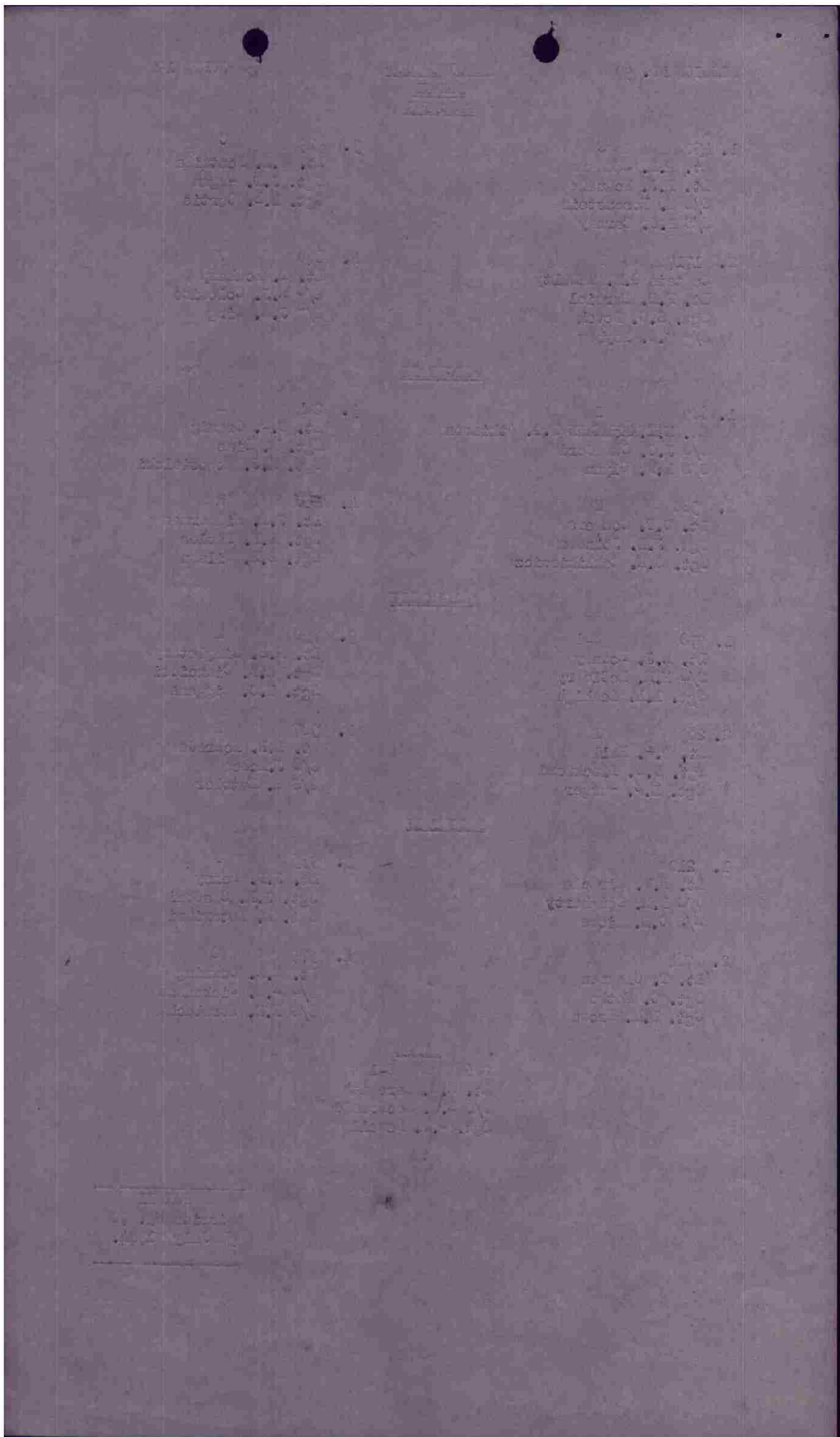
SPARE

226 E-1
Lt. R.G. Meredith
S/S R.V. MacDonald *w/k*
Sgt. S.P. Newell

*Rtd early
as briefed
no Curtis*

BOX II
Mission N. 90
5 July 1944.

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MISSION NO. 90

LOADING LIST

JULY 1944

BOX IIIFLIGHT IWindow

1. 467 W ✓
 Lt. R.S. Rudisill
 Lt. R.H. Joost
 S/S R.K. Riley
 S/S A.J. Bonomo

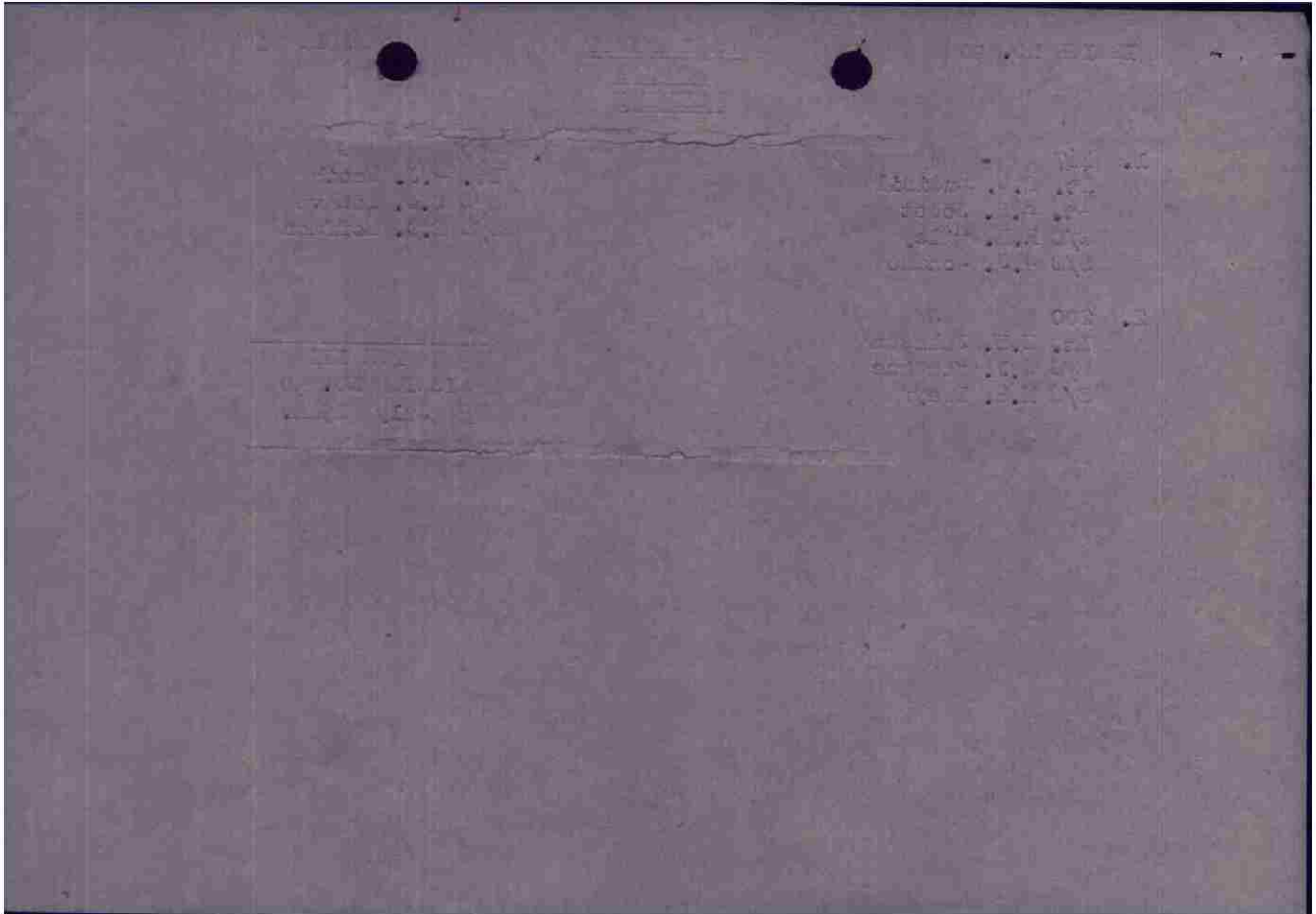
390 G ✓
 Lt. E.J. Renth
 S/S O.D. LaNave
 S/S R.C. Hoffman

2. 200 A ✓
 Lt. E.L. Johnson
 S/S W.J. Donahue
 S/S M.R. Brayn

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BOX III
 MISSION NO. 90
 5 July 1944.

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TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH CO MBAT WING

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"J" FORM OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE F-7

5 JULY 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR HAROLD A RADETSKY

A.

B. 1953

C. DUNGENESS

D. BOX I R/T ENCOT ONE

670 5 T F D J

668 4 0 T-2 L K

669 8 T-1 Q N W C-1 K-1 P-1 E

668 1 SPARE D-1

GROUP LEADER . . . 670 . . . T

DEPUTY . . . 668 . . . V

BOX II R/T ENCOT TWO

669 3 S C V

668 5 P Q X F G

670 8 I N E S-1 K M H L

668 1 SPARE . . . E-1

SECOND BOX LEADER . . . 669 . . . S

DEPUTY ~~XXXXXXXX~~ . . . 668 . . . P

BOX III R/T ENCOT THREE

670 2 W A

669 1 G

THIRD BOX LEADER . . . 670 . . . W

DEPUTY . . . 670 . . . A

E. 12000

F. ST. VALERY

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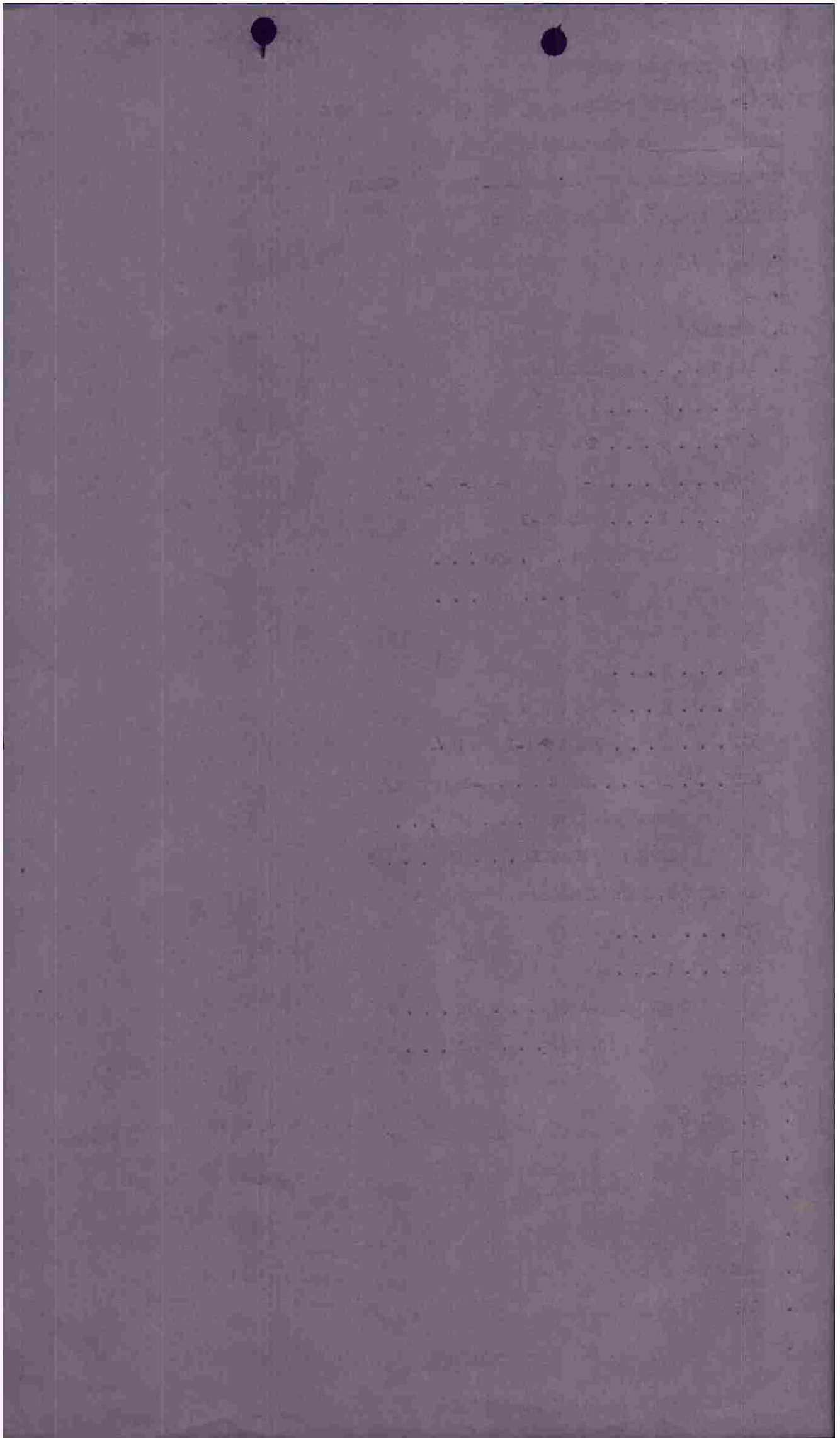
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K. DUNGENESS

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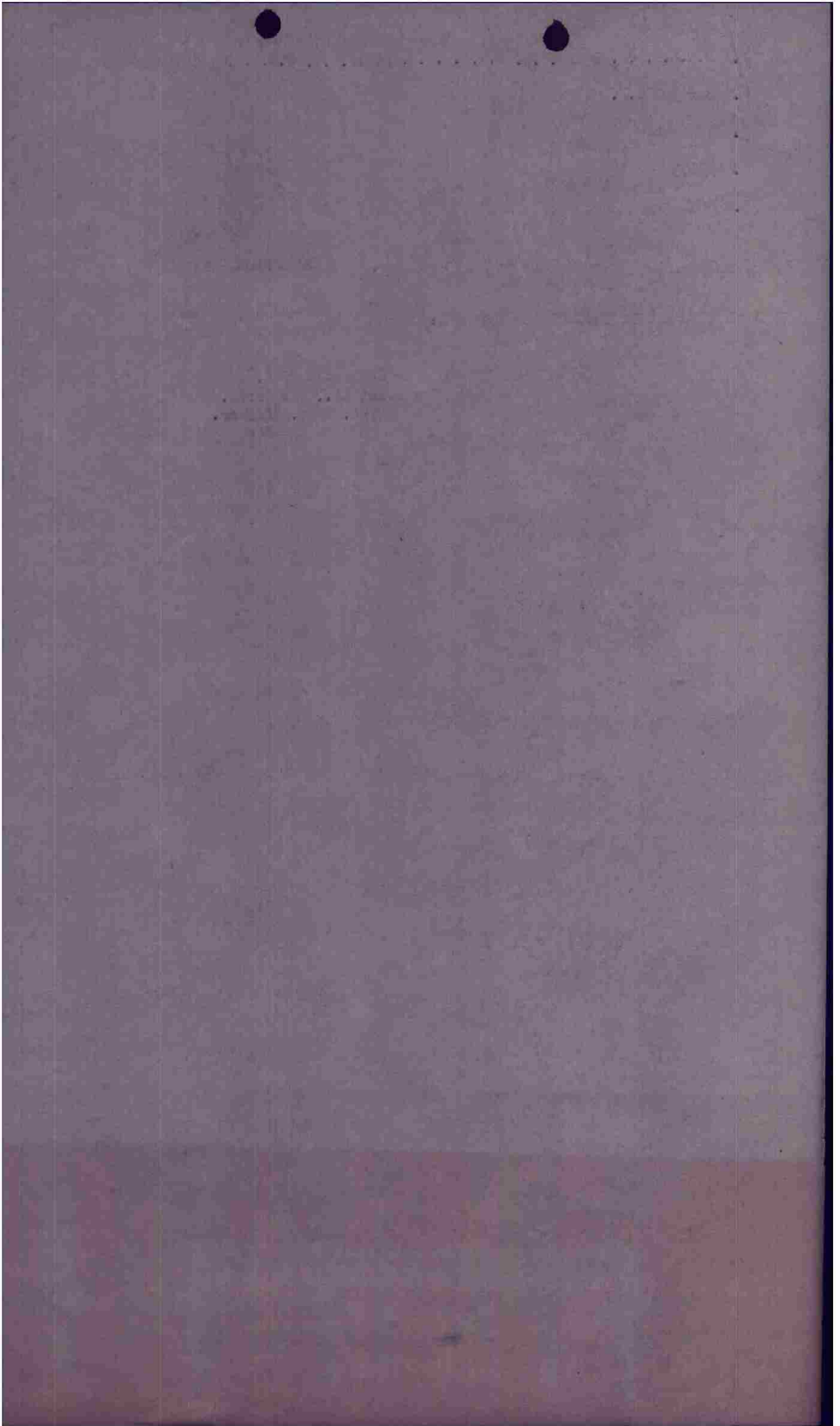


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2. 6 x 500 G.P.
3. 4 HOURS
4. 23173
5. NONE

MADE COBOMGR 416

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

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



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HEADQUARTERS
418th COMB GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE WEATHER OFFICER

APC 140
5 July 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: .5 to .6 cumulus and stratocumulus at
8000 feet. Patches of cirrus above
20000 feet. Visibility 7 miles.

ROUTE OUT: Visibility 10 miles. .5 thin stratocumulus
at 3-4000 feet. Patchy .4 to .5 cirrus above
20000 feet. Channel clear of low clouds with
1.0 cumulus at the French coast with tops to
7000 feet. 10 miles inland the clouds broke
to .3 to .4. Visibility 10 miles over the
continent.

TARGET: Clear of low clouds with patches of cirrus above
20000 feet. Visibility 10 miles.

ROUTE BACK: Channel clear. At the south English coast
.5 to .4 stratocumulus at 3000 feet. .7 to .8
altostratus estimated 12000 feet. Clouds
were seen to increase in amount and lower to
the west. Scattered areas of light rain
from coast to base. Visibility 6-8 miles
except 3-5 miles in rain areas.

BASE ON RETURN: Visibility 7 miles. .6 stratocumulus at
3000 feet. .8 to .7 cirrus above 20000.

WINDS: As forecast.

FLY OVER TARGET: 2036

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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OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 5 July 1944
PERIOD 1700-2100

Hq SOS USAFP 9-43/90M/19221

416th Bomb Group (L)

Takeoff: 1850
Return: 2131

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Open

	A Base to Target	B Target	C Target to Base	D
WEATHER	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	
2	7-9/10 Cumulus Base 2500-3500 Tops 6-7,000 ft. 6-8/10 Cirrus above 20,000 ft. Nil low clouds over Channel with 5-8/10 over the Continent.	5-8/10 Cumulus Base 3500-4,000 Tops 5-6,000 ft. 6-8/10 Cirrus above 20,000 ft.	2-4/10 medium clouds at 10,000 ft over South England. Low cloud base lowering to 1500-2000 ft in light drizzle over South England.	
CLOUDS				
3	Nil	Same	Same	
ICING	Freezing level 8,000'			
4	5 miles plus	10 miles plus	5 miles plus	
VIABILITY				
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	190 8-12			
5,000 FT	210 15			
10,000 FT	220 17			
12,000 FT	230 20			
15,000 FT	230 20			
FT				
FT				

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BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 30.17

TARGET SURFACE TEMP +18°C
TEMP AT 12,000 FT. -3°C

TARGET MEAN TEMP +6.5°C
TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) 29.23

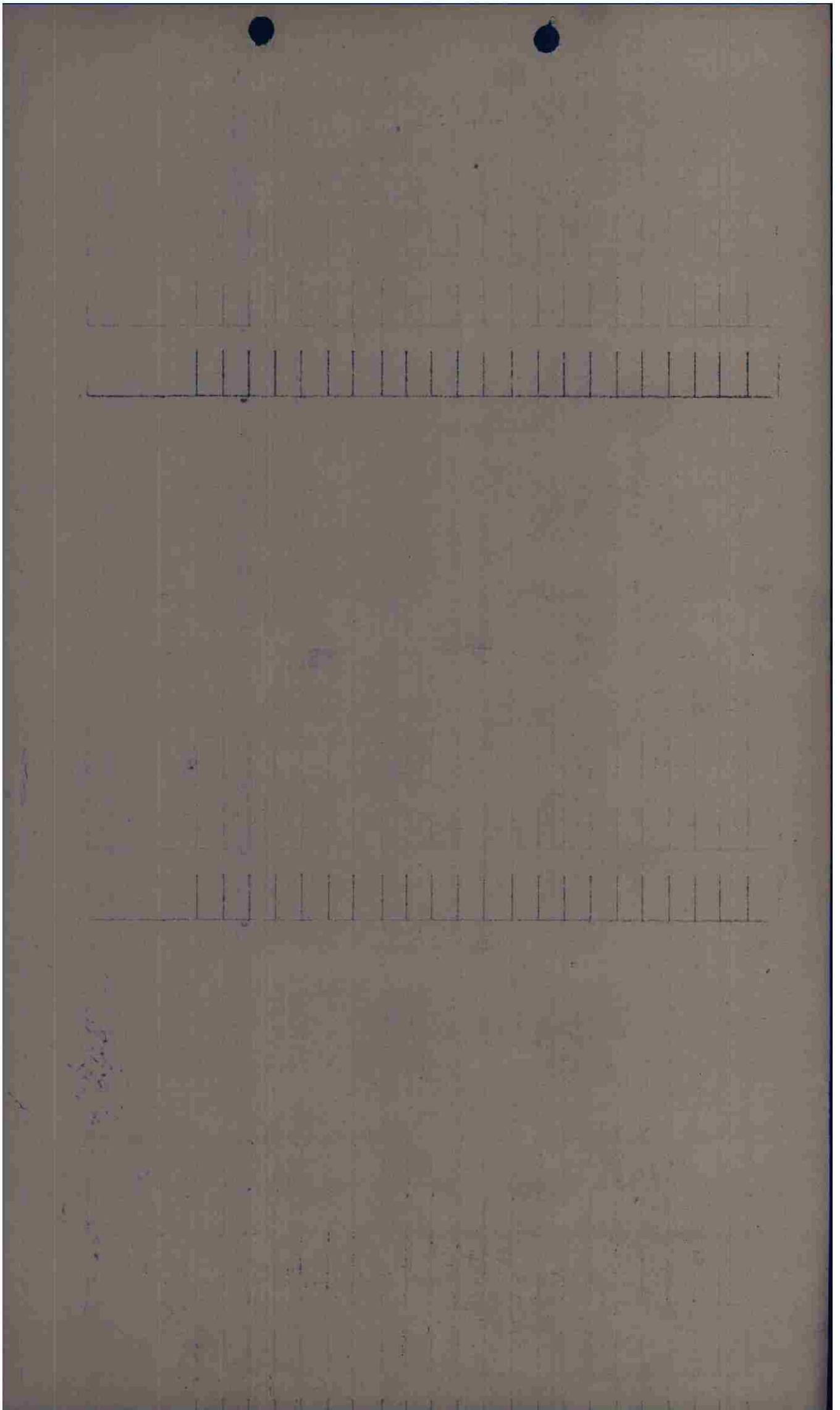
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BASE TO COAST		OVER CHANNEL OR SEA		OVER CONTINENT & TARGET	
TIME					
POSITION					
ALTITUDE					
CLOUD BELOW AIRCRAFT	AMOUNTS AND TYPE				
	HEIGHT OF BASE AND TOP				
CLOUD ABOVE AIRCRAFT	AMOUNTS AND TYPE				
	HEIGHT OF BASE AND TOP				
VISIBILITY					
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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C	T	451	Jackman	469	444a.	1851	10000	18000	2036	10000	9000	H.C.	725	6550	4	2134	Ready at New Romney												
*C	J	439	Quintice		at Chatham	1903	1953	2013		2052	2107					2134													
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C	D	217	Deamard			1852										2135													
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*	B	Q	Smith			1852										2136	Wintan												
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*	A	L	Calquitt			1854										2138	Wintan												
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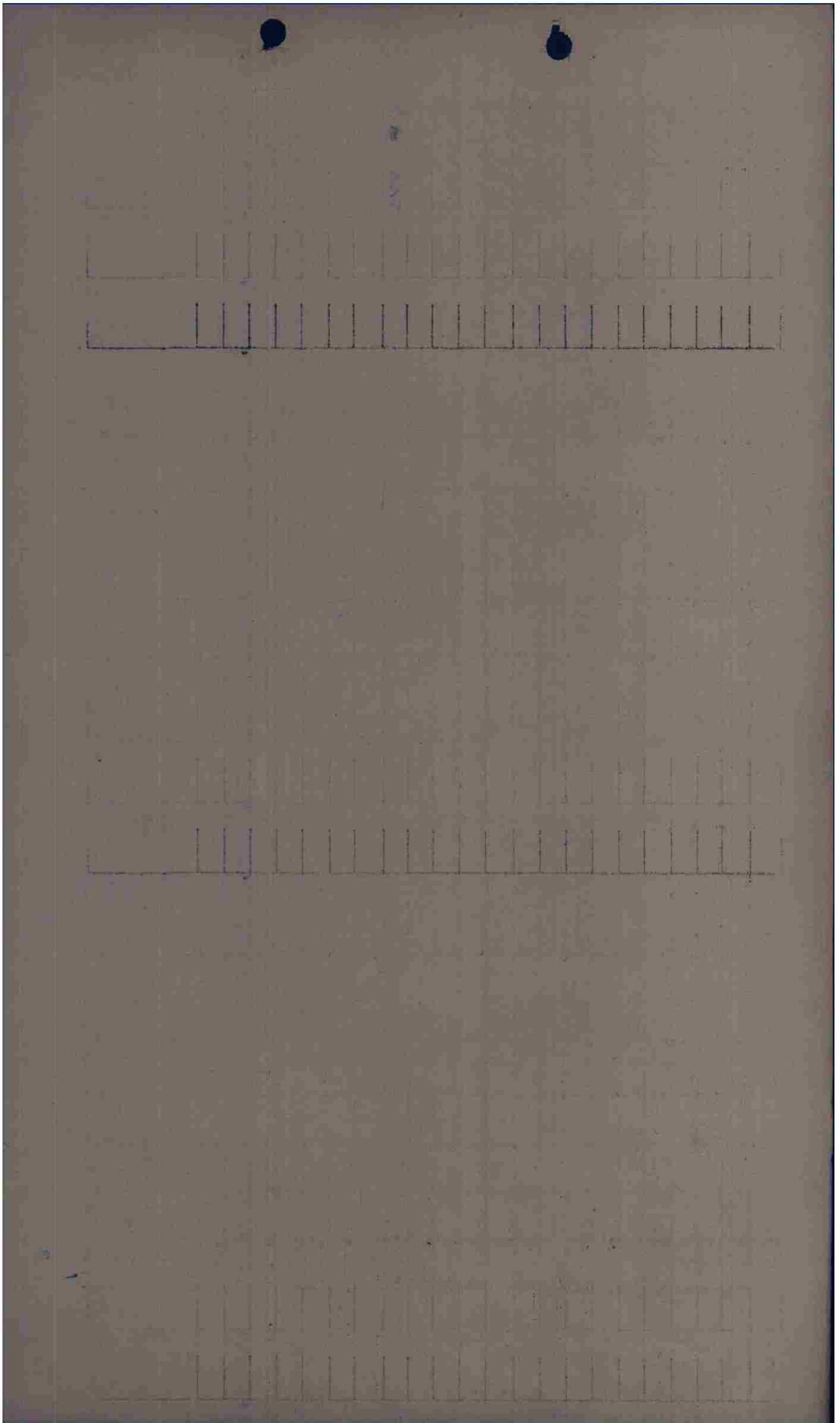


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A	P	1717	McMurry			1857										2145	
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B	V	840	Buckham			1857										2144	
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C	N	380	Johnson, J.			1902										2147	
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C	S	978	Romer			1859										2149	
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C	A	310	Quicke			1900						C				2151	
C	X	764	Clawson			1900										2151	
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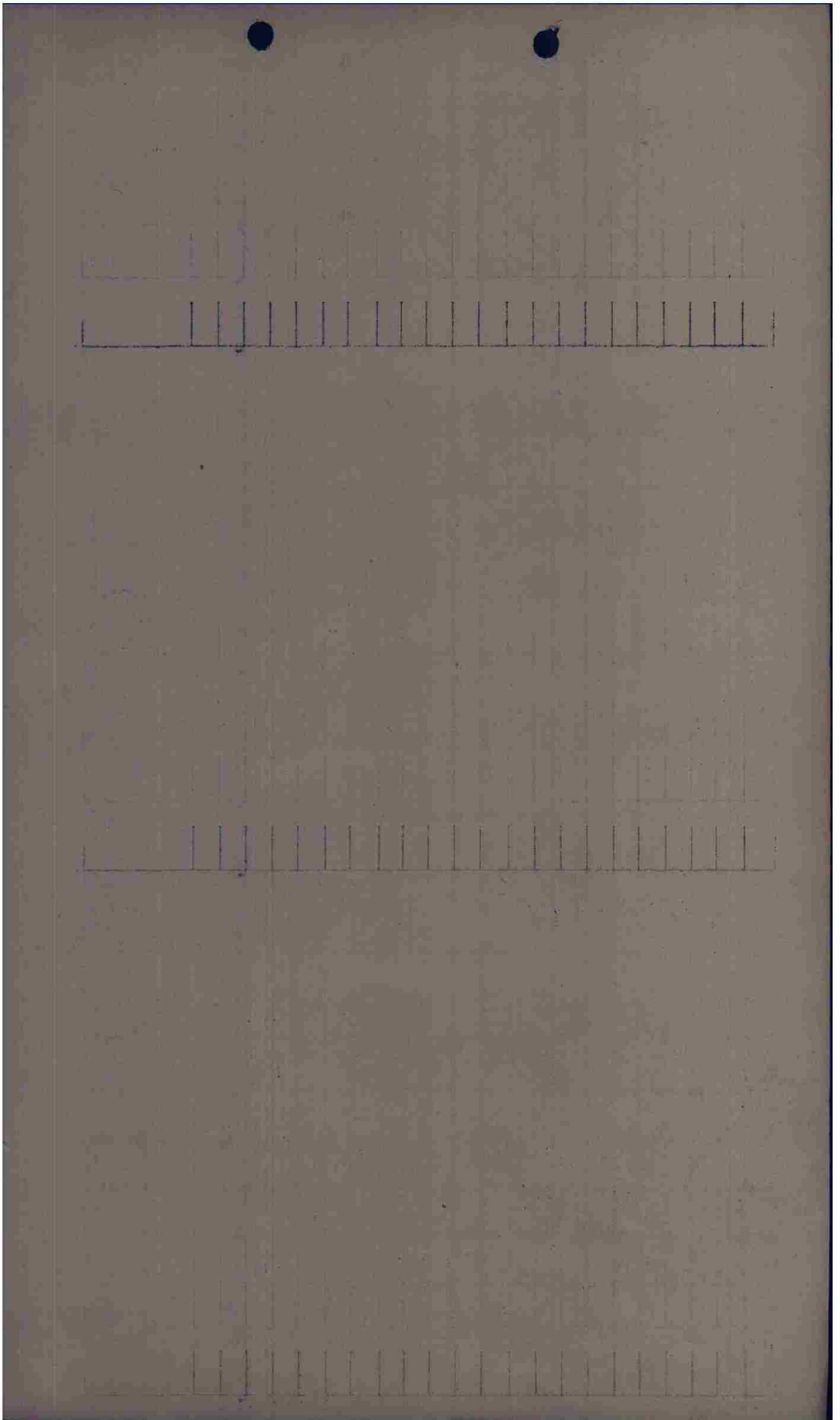
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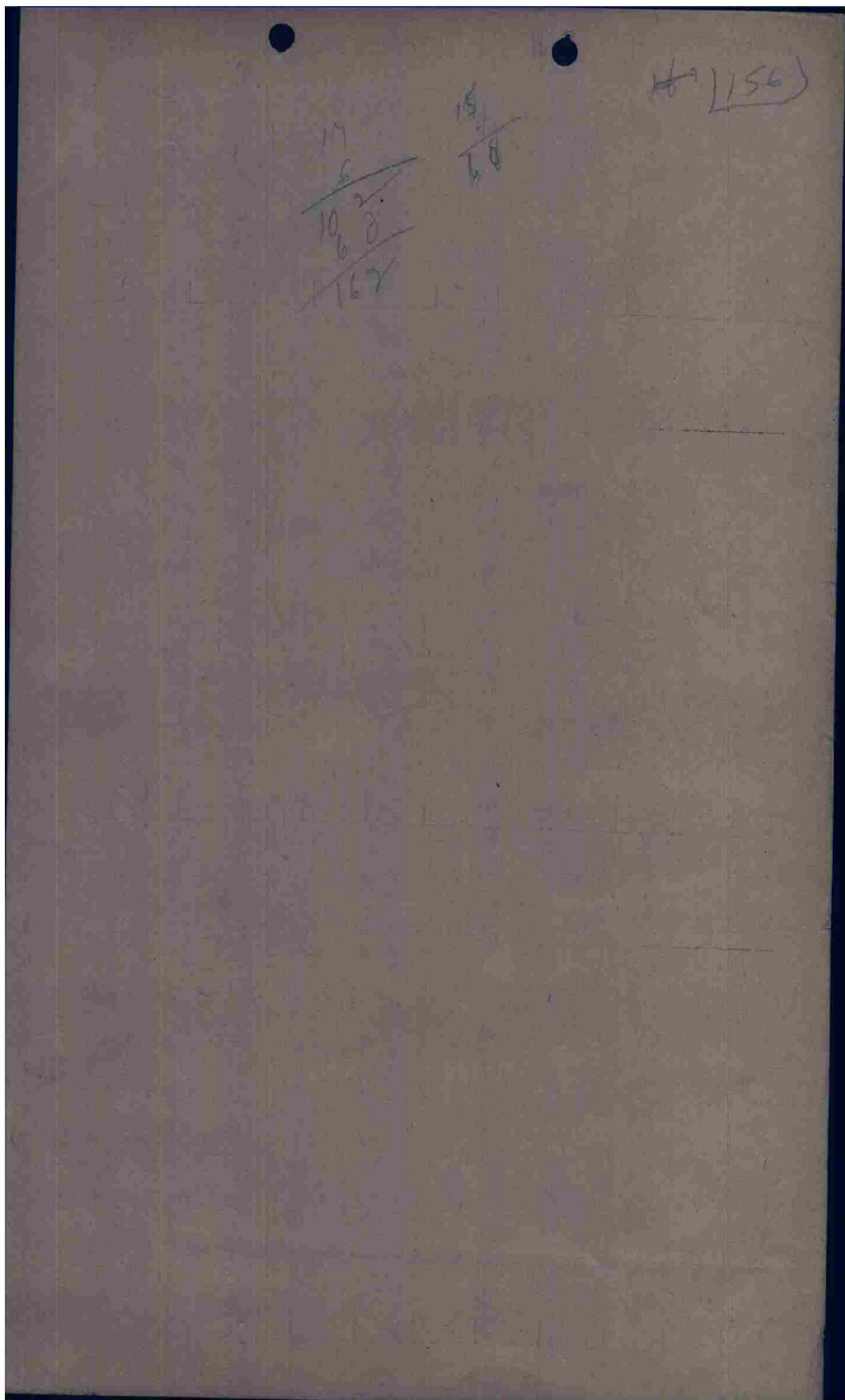
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ONE CO TO S-2
 " " " S-3
 " " " SIGNALS
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 05/1650B Y-16-E
 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 COBOMGP 409TH
 COBOMGP 410TH
 COBOMGP 416TH

1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQD

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

SECRET SEND IN THE CLEAR AUTH. LT. COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 05 JULY 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 111-409

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) NINTH FIGHTER COMMAND WILL FUNISH P-47 ESCORT FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE

ZERO HOUR: 05/1830B

3. A. 409TH GROUP

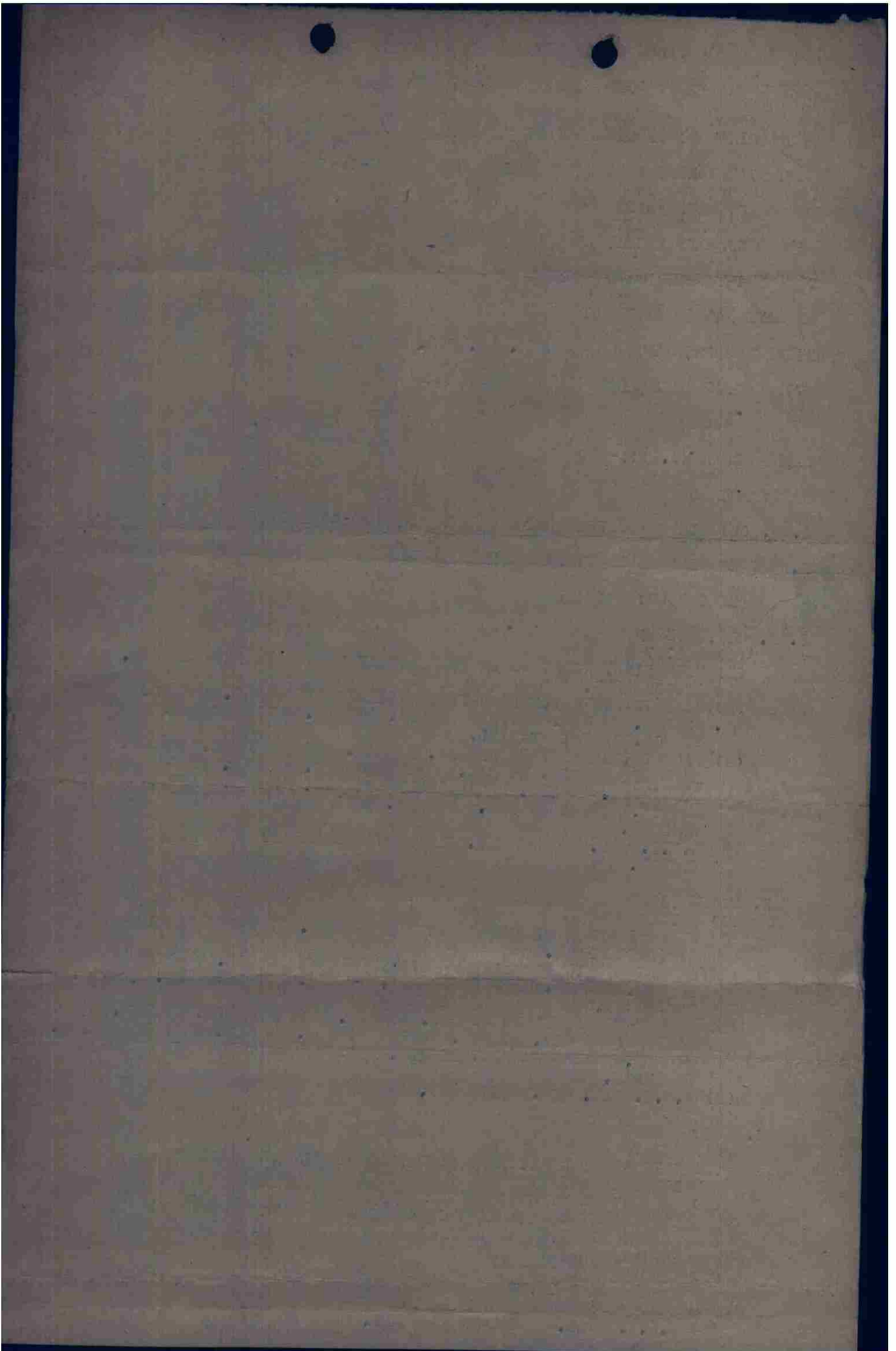
- (1) Z 3157
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 50 MIN. AT 10,000 FEET.
- (4) BASE TO NORTH FORELAND TO GRAVELINES TO 50 DEG. 45 MIN. 02 DEG. 50 MIN. EAST TO 50 DEG. 30 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG. 48 MIN. EAST TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO 50 DEG. 00 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG. 30 MIN. EAST TO 49 DEG. 47 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG. 33 MIN. EAST TO 49 DEG. 40 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 57 MIN. EAST TO 50 DEG. 06 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 27 MIN. EAST TO DUNGENESS TO MANSTON TO BASE.
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. X1/E/1 REF. 020048 TO BE USE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL.

B. 410TH GROUP

- (1) Z 3258
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 68 MIN. AT NORTH FORELAND AT 10,000 FEET.
- (4) BASE TO NORTH FORELAND TO GRAVELINES TO 50 DEG. 45 MIN NORTH 02 DEG. 50 MIN. EAST TO 50 DEG. 24 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG. 44 MIN. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO 49 DEG. 54 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG. 00 MIN. EAST TO 49 DEG. 47 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 44 MIN. EAST TO 50 DEG. 06 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 27 MIN. EAST TO DUNGENESS TO MANSTON TO BASE.
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. NEG. 38974 REF. 018030 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL

C. 416TH GROUP

- (1) Z 3173
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 83 MIN AT DUNGENESS AT 10,000 FEET
- (4) BASE TO MANSTON TO DUNGENESS TO 49 DEGREES 53 MIN NORTH 11 DEGREES 43 MIN EAST TO 49 DEGREES 43 MIN NORTH 01 DEGREES 18 MIN EAST TO 49 DEGREES 18 MIN NORTH 01 DEGREES 24 MIN EAST TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO 49 DEGREES 28 MIN NORTH 02 DEGREES 18 MIN EAST TO 50 DEGREES 06 MIN NORTH 01 DEGREES 27 MIN EAST TO DUNGENESS TO MANSTON TO BASE
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. X1/E/3/1 REF. 049040 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL



- (5) A/C REQUIRED 2 BOXES OF 16 A/C EACH GROUP
- (6) BOMB LOAD AND FUSING
6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE 1/40 SECOND TAIL
- (7) BOMB 1ST BOX 12,500 FEET ON PFF
2ND BOX 12,000 FEET ON PFF
- (8) THIS IS A BLIND BOMBING MISSION. REFER TO IX BOMBER COMMAND
MEMO 56-17 DATED 29 JUNE 1944 FOR PATHFINDER TACTICS.
- (9) THE 410TH GROUP WILL TAKE OFF AT LEAST 10 MIN BEFORE THE 416TH
GROUP

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4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) LADYMAN
- (3) TOWNER

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) KEEPTONE
- (3) WAYMAN

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) ENCOT
- (3) ANGELA

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

- (3)DELETE 9F

(8) ADDITIONAL GEE FACILITIES EASTERN QUINCY FROM 2000 TO 2200
CORRECTED UP TO 49 DEG. 42 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 16 MIN.EAST.

- (10) TVAB/TVAB

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

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OICOG OILAI R.....		
OIHAK OILAI R.....05/1725B	EJK	AR
MOIHOF OILAI R.....05/1725B	AK	AR
OIYAA OILAI R.....05/1725B	EW	AR
OICOG OILAI R.....		

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TO COMBOMCON IX
1STABDV PATHFINDER SQND
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH LT. COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
05 JULY 1944

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 111-429

PAR. 3 C. (4) IS CORRECTED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(4) BASE TO MANSTON TO DUNGENESS TO 49 DEGREES 53 MIN NORTH
00 DEGREES 43 MIN EAST TO 49 DEGREES 43 MIN NORTH 01 DEGREES
18 MIN EAST TO 49 DEGREES 18 MIN NORTH 01 DEGREES 24 MIN
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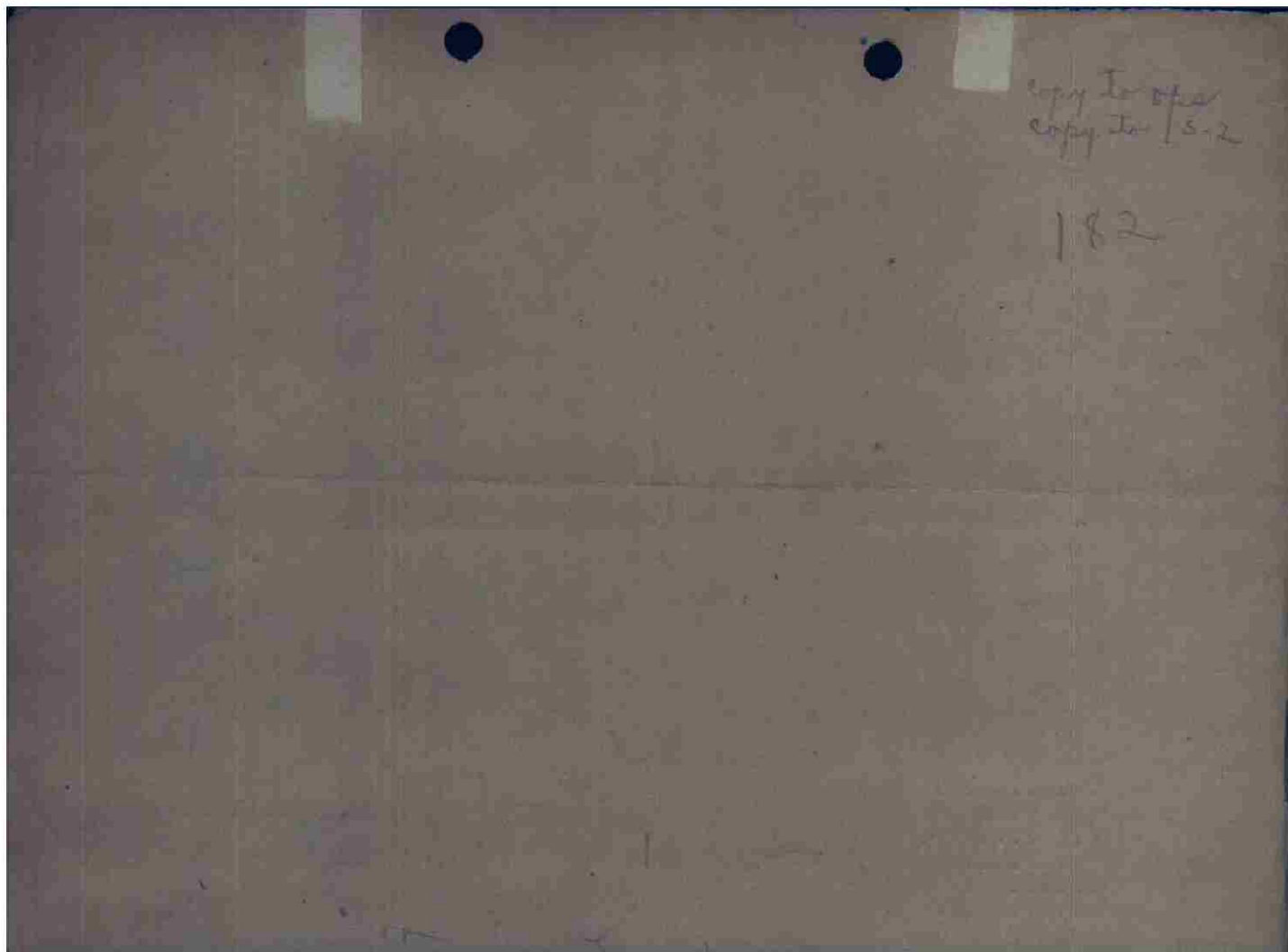
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FROM 416TH BG (L) 06/0110B
TO IX BOMBER COMMAND
ADV HQS 9TH AIR FORCE ATT: A-2

SECRET QOX BT

Y-78-D FIRST PHASE S/A PHOTOS 5/7/44

A. MERLEMONT

B. SAME AS A.

K. 1 PROBABLE HIT ON CHATEAU, THE DESIRED MPI.
SEVERAL HITS AND NEAR MISSES ON OTHER BUILDINGS IN TARGET AREA.

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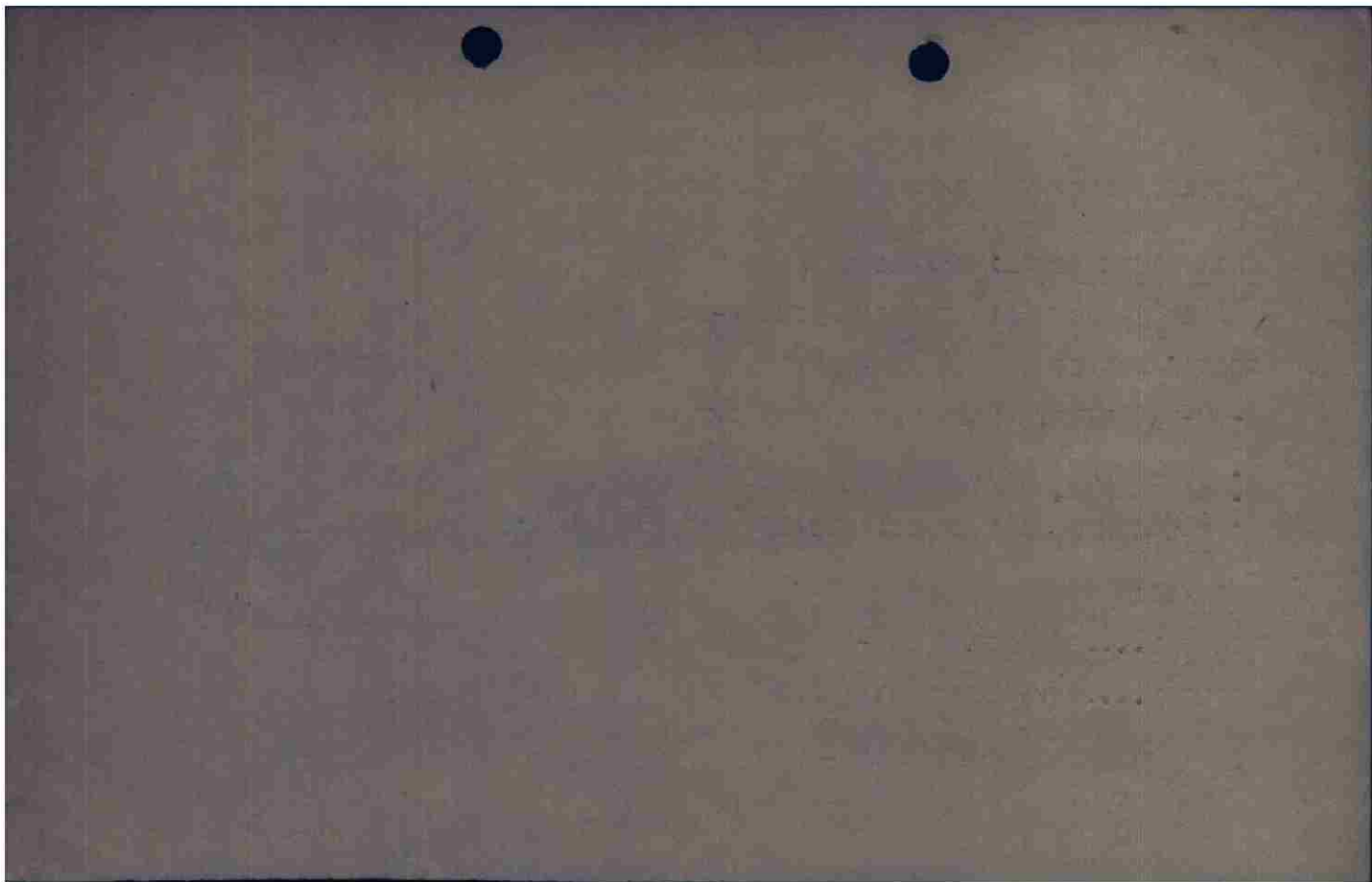
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TO HQ IX BC ATTN A-2
97TH CBW ATTN A-2

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RXXX OPFLASH NO 89 FOR 5 JULY 1944.

- A. (1) HEADQUARTERS CHATEAU AT MERLEMONT.
(2) HEADQUARTERS CHATEAU AT MERLEMONT.
- B. (1) 416TH BG
(2) 35 A-20'S. 2 PPF B-26'S
(3) 1 A-20. MECHANICAL FAILURE. MALFUNCTION OF BOMB RELEASE MECHANISM.
3 A-20'S CARRIED WINDOW ONLY.
(4) 31 A-20'S AND 2 B-26'S ON PRIMARY.
- C. (1) 1851
(2) 2035 - 2038.
(3) 2153
- D. (1) 14 A-20'S DAMAGED BY FLAK. CATEGORY A.
8 A-20'S DAMAGED BY FLAK. CATEGORY AC.
1 B-26 DAMAGED BY FLAK. CATEGORY A.
(2) 0-0-0
(3) 1-0-0. A-20 LEAD SHIP OF BOX I HIT BY FLAK RETURNED TO UK ON SINGLE ENGINE. WHEN OVER GREYSTONE WITH LEFT ENGINE OUT AND RIGHT ENGINE SMOKING PILOT GAVE ORDER TO ABANDON SHIP. AFTER ~~INMEXXX~~ TUNNEL GUNNER HAD BAILED OUT PILOT DECIDED TO ATTEMPT EMERGENCY LANDING AT NEW ROMNEY. TUNNEL GUNNER WHO BAILED OUT WAS KILLED WHEN HIS CHUTE N FAILED TO OPEN. A/C MADE EMERGENCY LANDING AT NEW ROMNEY WITH OTHER 3 CREW MEMBERS .
~~KYXIIIXIX~~
- E. BOX I : CREWS REPORT HEAVY CONCENTRATION IN SMALL PATTERN ON TARGET. BOMBING WAS BY PPF TECHNIQUE.
BOX II: CREWS ~~XXXXXXXX~~ REPORT GOOD CONCENTRATION WITH FAIR RESULTS. DUE TO PPF EQUIPMENT FAILURE BOMBING WAS VISUAL ON A-20 BOX LEADER.
- F. (1) (A) NIL.
(B) NIL
(2) (A) NIL
(B) BOX I: MODERATE ACCURATE HFF CONTINUING FROM HORNOY AND OISEMENT TO AULT.
BOX II: MODERATE ACCURATE HFF FROM OISEMENT ABBEVILLE AND ST VALERY SUR MER.
- G. FRESHLY DUG SLIT TRENCHES IN FIELDS SOUTHEAST OF GRANDVILLIERS. BARGES ALONG QUAYS OF SEINE RIVER 8 MILES WEST OF ECOUIS.
10 TRUCKS PARKED ALONG ROAD AT M9605 AT 2036 HOURS FROM ~~123000~~ 12500 FEET.
8 CARS ON RR TRACKS AT 2032 HOURS AT M9403 FROM 12500 FEET.
LONGEST R/W AT BEAUVAIS TILLE A/D FULL OF CRATERS. REPAIR ACTIVITIES UNDER WAY. OTHER R/W'S, HARDSTANDS AND HANGARS HAVE BEEN REPAIRED.
DINGHY FROM 8000 FEET AT 2107 HOURS AT 50 DEGREES 50 MINUTES N 01 DEGREES 00 MINUTES E (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS HOT NEWS)
LIGHT FLAK OBSERVED FIRING FROM DOVER AND FOLKESTONE.
ENEMY PILOTLESS EXPENDABLE AIRCRAFT OBSERVED IN FLIGHT OVER UK.
- H. (1) CLEAR OF LOW CLOUDS. VISIBILITY 15 MILES.
(2) 10/10 AT FRENCH COAST WITH TOPS TO 7000 FEET BREAKING TO 3/10 - 4/10 10 MILES INLAND.
VISIBILITY 15 MILES
- I. 156 X 500 GP'S ON PRIMARY BY A-20'S
8 X 500 GP'S ON PRIMARY BY B-26'S
6 X 500 GP'S RETURNED BY A-20'S
- J. BOX I 12,500 FEET
BOX II 12,300 FEET.

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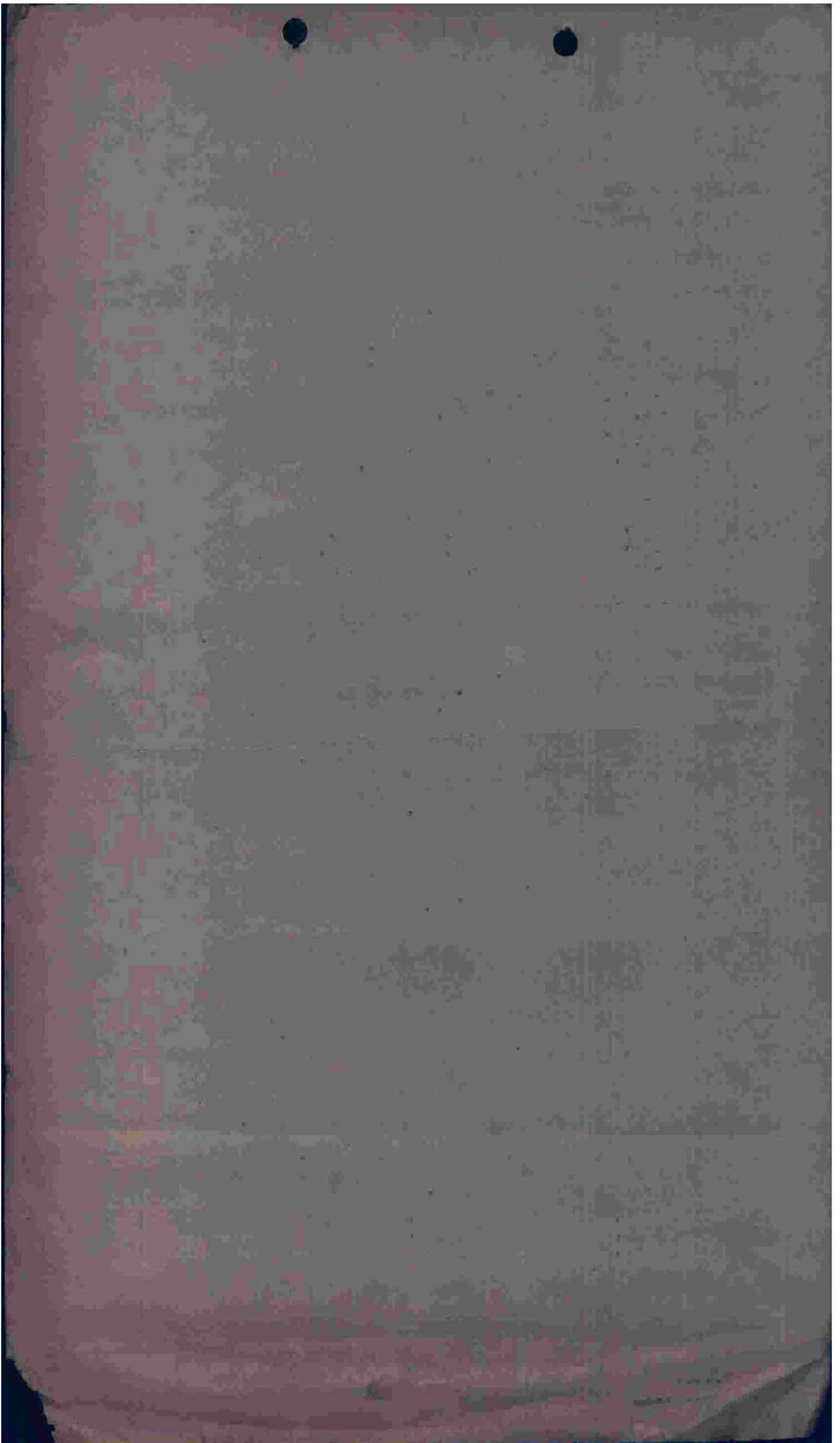
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FROM: COBOMGR 416

TO COCSTWIG 97 ATT: SIG O

A - YS - 86

B - 5 JULY 1944

C - 34 A/C

D - 669 - F - VHF OUT, LOOSE CONNECTION IN JACKBOX, REPAIRED AND
CHECKED OKAY.

668 - S - VHF TRANSMITTER WEAK, RETUNED AND CHECKED OKAY.

E - NONE

MACE COBOMGR 416

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