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HEADQUARTERS
415TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

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12 Aug 1944
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AFD 140, U. S. Army,
12 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Combat Mission.

TO : Commanding Officer, 97th Combat Wing, AFD 140, U. S. Army.

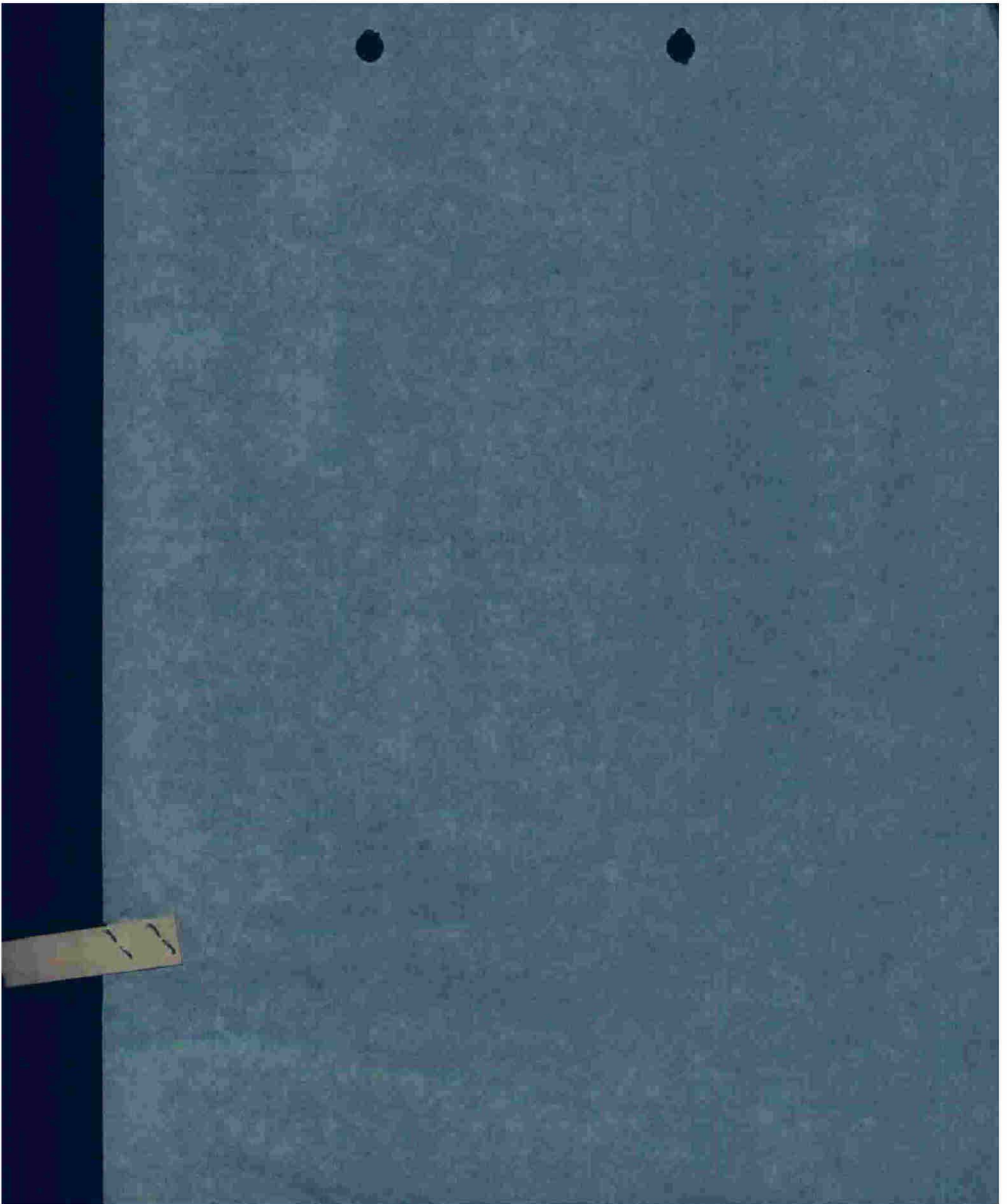
415th Bombardment Group (L)
124th Combat Mission, 11 August 1944.
97th CW FO 173-483

1. 38
2. 38
3. 38
4. 2 (spares)
5. None
6. 2 (spares)
7. 43-9393 Right front rack failed to release. Release
Lt. W. C. Siggs solenoid burned out in No. 4 station.
- 43-9714 1 bomb released on target, others fell out
Lt. H. D. Andrews when doors opened on bomb run. Short in
bombing circuit.
8. None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHERKIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

AUG 11 1944
#124



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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 437BOX 1, Flight 1 GROUP 416 DATE 11 August 1944 TARGET ATTACKED St. Louis Gun
Defense1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 105°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire (box) (flight) 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 - Used briefed A.P. - gun position.5. Name of lead Bombardier: 1st. Lt. H. H. Maltby6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. G. B. Jackson7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 244 Altitude: 10,0009. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/40 N
1/40 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 24

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 did Flak affect 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: EXCEL X GOOD _____ FAIR _____ POOR _____ GROSS _____

* - 5 aircraft bomb load 6 x 500 lb GP

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Formation consisted of 3 boxes, 18 ships each, bombing in flights of 6. Time of take-off was 1830. Time over target 2018. Target - St. Molo Gun Defenses. A total of 192 bombs were dropped in the target area with the following results: Excellent, Excellent, Fair, Good, Fair, Fair. Weather was clear over target with a slight ground haze. No anti-aircraft fire experienced. Planes landed at 2132.

Description of route from I.P. to target:

1. 8 to 10 miles.
2. Clear over target - Over continent 8/10 up to 2500 feet.
3. 3 boxes, 18 ships each, bombing in flights of 6.
4. Very mild from I.P.
5. Peninsula and mainland, and town of St. Molo used as check points.
6. None
7. Excellent, Excellent, Fair, Good, Fair, Fair.
8. None

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. _____

BOX 1. Flight 2 GROUP A16 DATE 11 August 1944 TARGET ATTACKED St. Philo Gun
Defense1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 10203. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire (box) (flight) 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. Used briefed gun position as A.P.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. R. Gento6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. R.A. Nolan7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 265 Altitude: 12,0009. Length of bomb run: 60 Sec: _____10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: _____ x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N
2/10 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 24

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

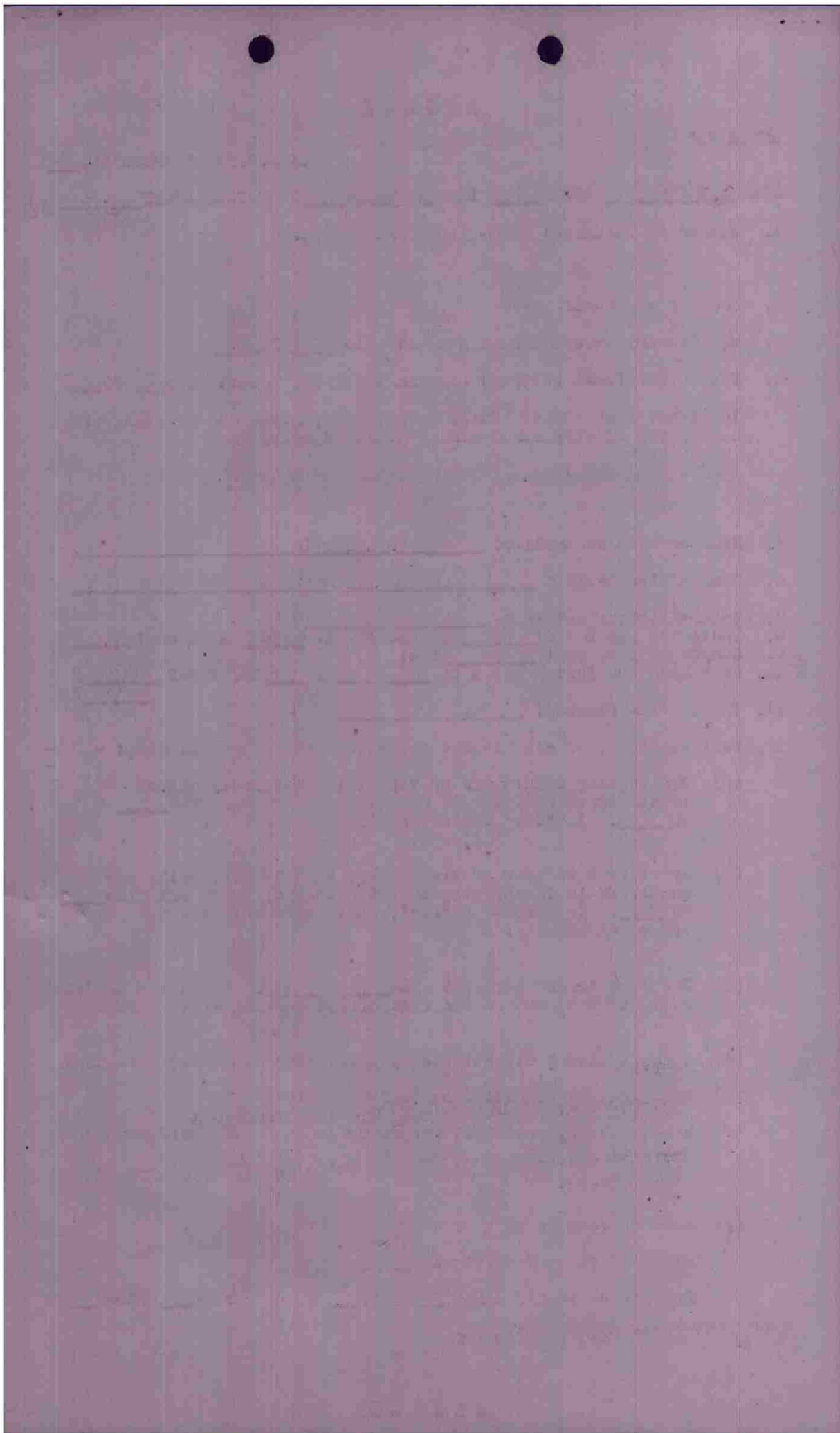
(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES _____ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES _____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES _____ NO X. If answer is "YES" state to what extent did Flak affect 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: EXCEL X GOOD _____ FAIR _____ POOR _____ GROSS _____

* - 5 aircraft bomb 6 x 500 lb GP

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 153BOX 1, Flight 3 GROUP 416 DATE 11 August 1944 TARGET ATTACKED St. Hilaire Gun Defences1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 110°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire (box) (flight) 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. Used briefed gun position as A.P.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. F.H. Bursiel6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. C.M. McNulty7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 260 Altitude: 11,8009. Length of bomb run: 20 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: _____ x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N
1/40 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 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 did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?
None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

Extended vision in sight on first run. Made second run.

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

N/A left extended vision in sight on first run. Not long enough run on second.

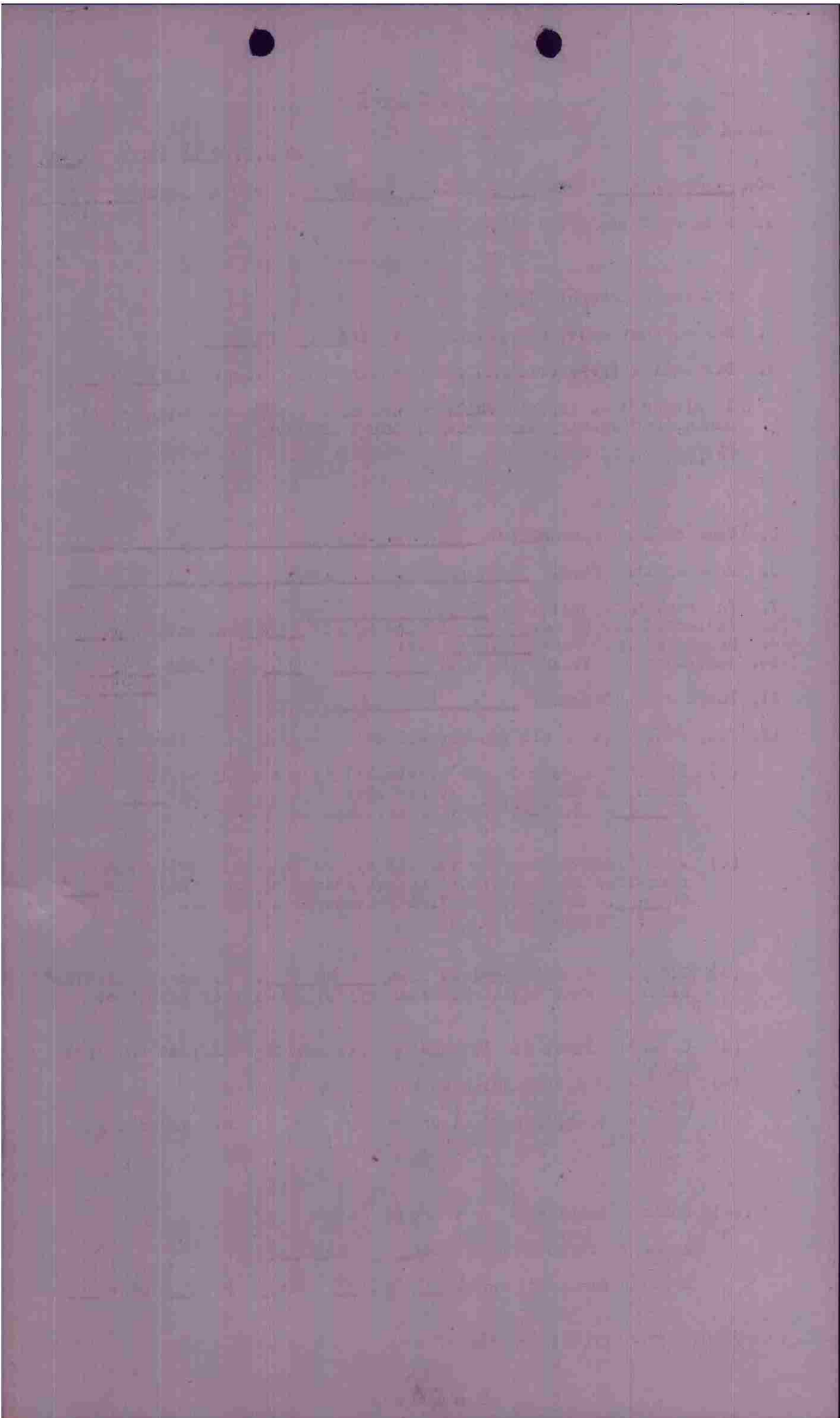
(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES _____ NO _____

Results claimed: EXCEL _____ GOOD _____ FAIR X POOR _____ GROSS _____

* - 6 aircraft bomb load 6 x 500 lb GP.

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 483BOX FLIGHT 1 GROUP 418 DATE 11 August 44 TARGET ATTACKED ST. Male
Gun Defenses.1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 10003. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire (box) (flight) 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. Used briefed A.P. - Gun Position.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. R.H. Joast6. Name of lead Pilot: Captain R.S. Rudisill7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 260 Altitude: 11,5009. Length of bomb run: 60 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N
1/40 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 20

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 did Flak affect 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:

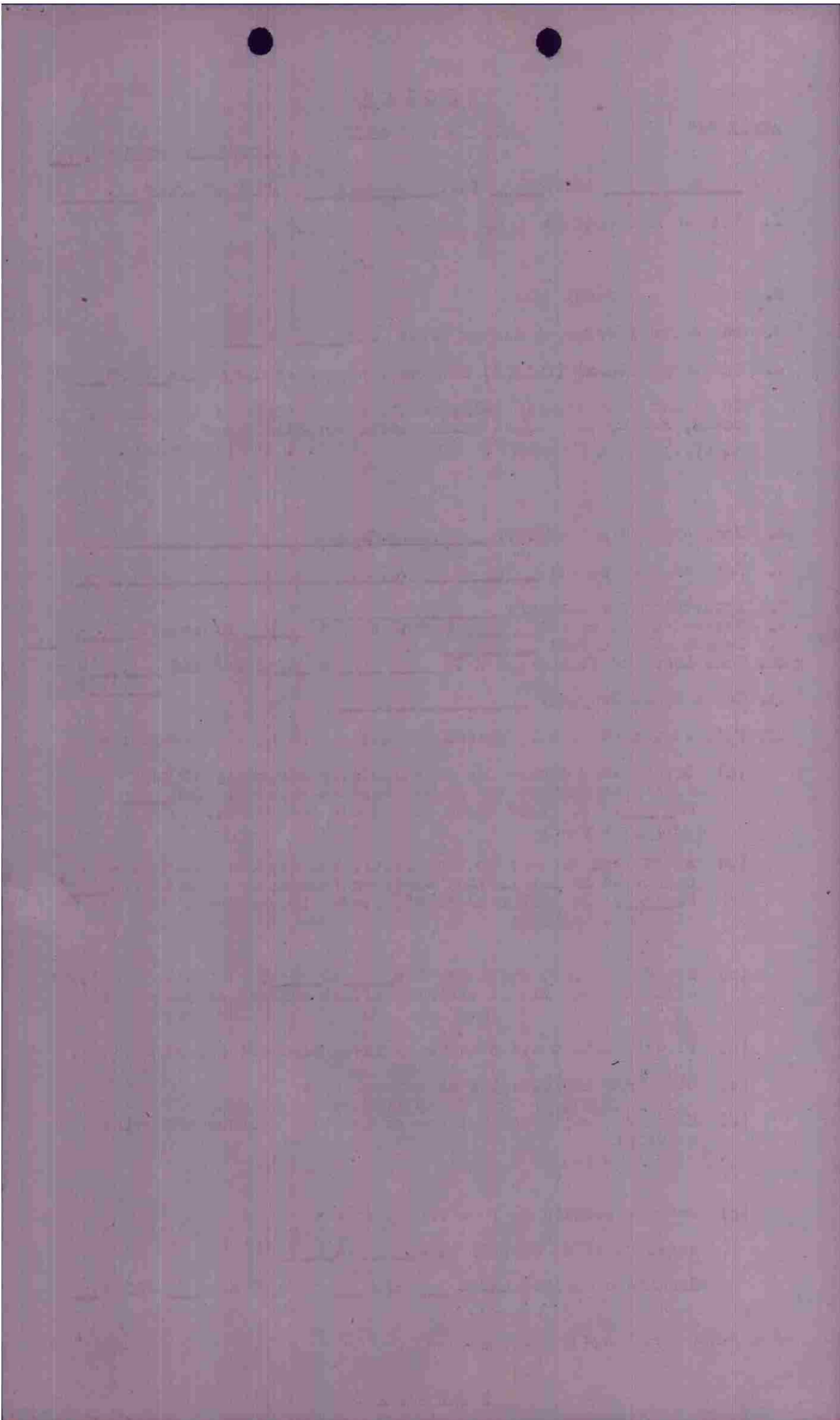
None.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____Results claimed: EXCEL _____ GOOD X FAIR _____ POOR _____ GROSS _____

* - 3 A/C bomb load 6 x 500 lb. GP

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 403BOX II Flight 2 GROUP 416 DATE 11 August 44 TARGET ATTACKED ST. Malo
Gun Defenses.1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 103°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO X4. Did entire (box) (flight) 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. Used briefed A.P. - Gun Position.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. H.T. Arrington6. Name of lead Pilot: Lt. R.V. Wheeler7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 200 Altitude: 11,7009. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec:* 10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N
1/40 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 25

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.Smoke over A.P.(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 did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?

None.

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

Smoke over A.P. Had to estimate where it was.

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

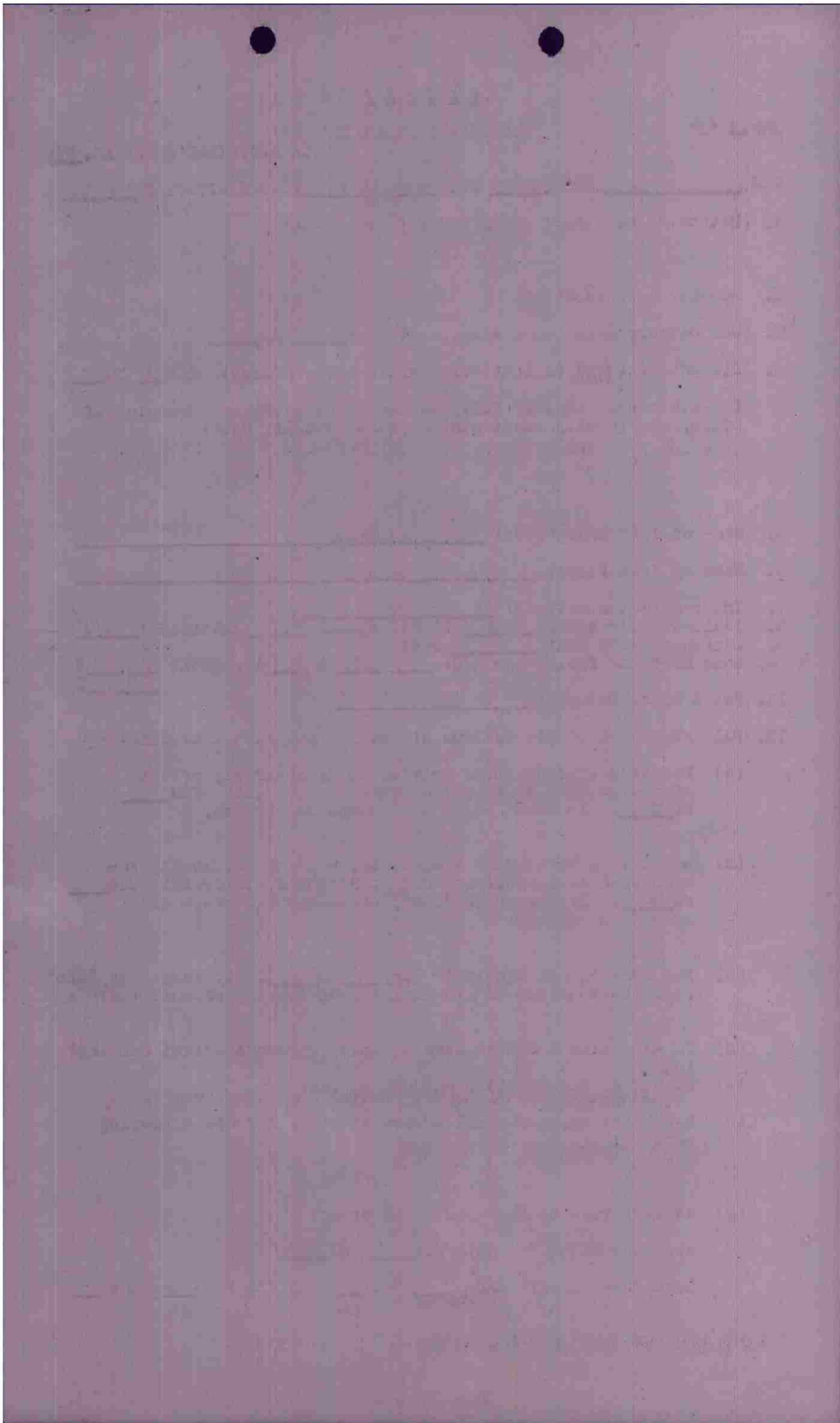
Smoke over target area.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO Results claimed: EXCEL GOOD FAIR X POOR GROSS

* - 2 A/C bomb load 6 x 500 lb. GP

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 483BOX 11 Flight 3 GROUP 418 DATE 11 August 1954 TARGET ATTACKED ST. Mado
Gun Defences.1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 90°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire (box) (flight) 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:

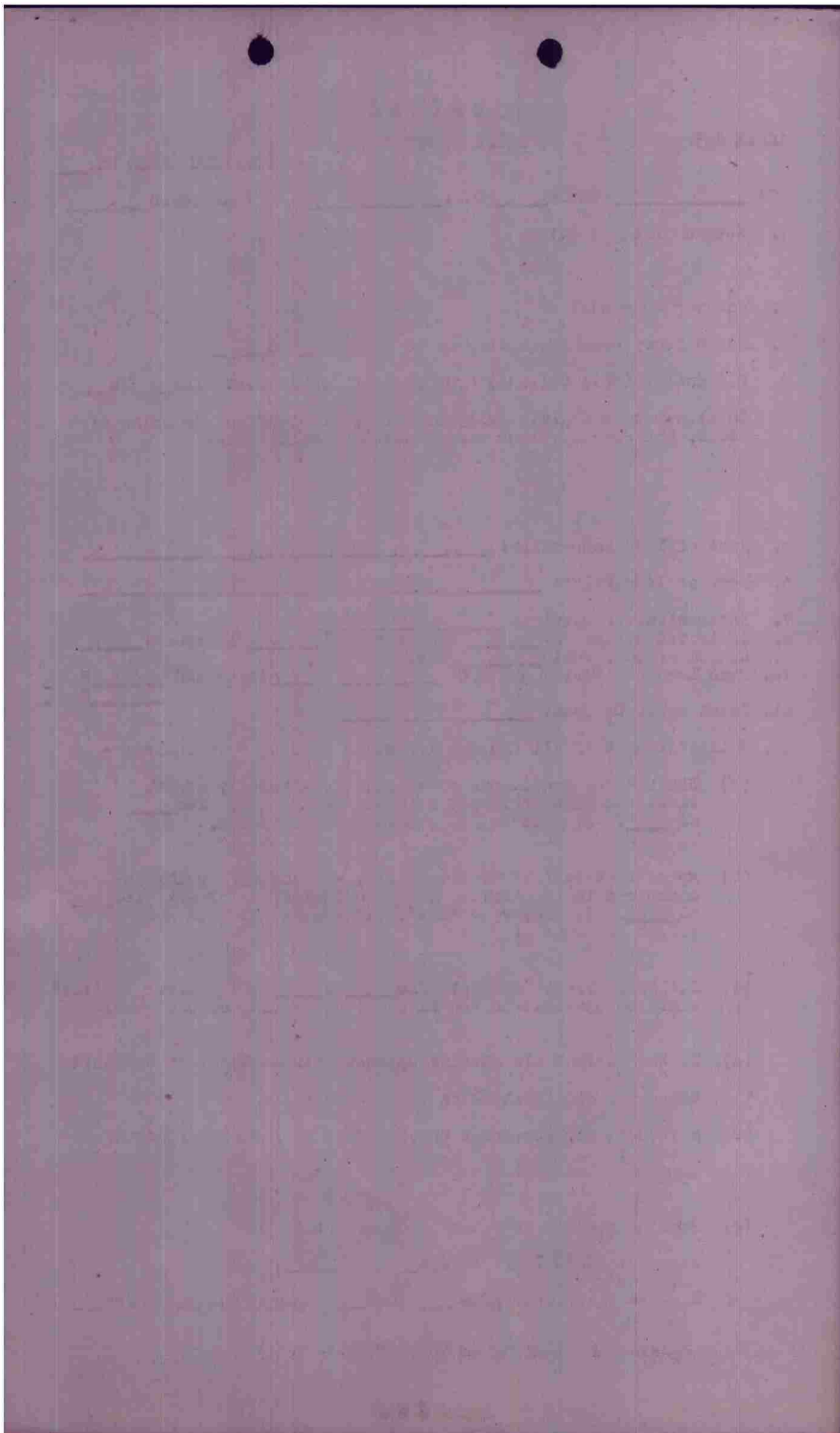
Pre-set with corrections. Used briefed A.P. - Gun Position.5. Name of lead Bombardier: LT. D.L. Moore6. Name of lead Pilot: LT. R.J. Norton7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 208 Altitude: 11,8009. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: _____ x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N
1/40 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 53

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 did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:
- (d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?
- (e) State any difficulties on bombing run:
Sight stabilizer malfunction - could not synchronize.
- (f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:
Sight stabilizer malfunction.
- (g) Bombing results as reported by crews:
Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____
Results claimed: EXCEL _____ GOOD _____ FAIR X POOR _____ GROSS _____
malfunction X

* - 5 A/C bomb load 5 x 500 lb G.F.

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MISSION NO. 124

LOADING LIST

11 AUGUST 1944

BOX I
FLIGHT I

1. 9439 J
Capt. C.R. Jackson
Lt. A.H. Maltby
Sgt D.E. Burns
Sgt W.J. Daniel

4. 9380 N
Lt. J.P. Hillerman
Sgt E.F. Paules
Sgt L. Martinez

2. 10211 O
Lt. N.G. Brown
S/S H.E. White
S/S R.F. Addleman

5. 9227 F
F/O. J.R. Warren
S/S J.A. Ochaba
S/S W.F. Colbert

3. 9387 H
Lt. J.R. Sparling
Sgt L.C. Shaw
S/S M.R. Brayn

6. ~~9382~~ 9892 L
Capt. H.F. Conant
S/S R.F. Stobert
S/S F.P. Glynn

FLIGHT II

1. 10125 M
Capt. D.A. Hulse
Lt. R. Conte
T/S W.J. Kelly
S/S W.G. Ferguson

4. 21717 P-1
Lt. J.F. Allen
Sgt C.W. Veazey
Sgt L.R. Getgen

2. 21961 P
Lt. E.R. Hayter
S/S F.E. Melchoir
S/S R.G. Halloway

5. 9202 B-1
Lt. P.F.E. MacManus
S/S J.L. Rogers
S/S G.I. Fleischmann

3. 21767 N-1
Lt. R.E. Robertson
Sgt M.W. Chaney
Sgt G.E. Reiter

6. 9961 E
Lt. M.S. Street
S/S C.A. Prindle
S/S E.T. Epps

FLIGHT III

1. 9444 J-1
Capt. G.M. McNulty
Lt. F.H. Bursiel
S/S J.A. Fejes
S/S E.R. Judd

4. 10176 T-1
Lt. G. Ebenstein
Sgt Selkel
S/S J.R. Orr

2. 10210 Q
Lt. R.R. Svenson
Sgt J.F. Geyer
Sgt D.H. Bentzler

5. 9379 G
Lt. R.G. Meredith
S/S A.A. Hill
S/S R.W. MacDonald

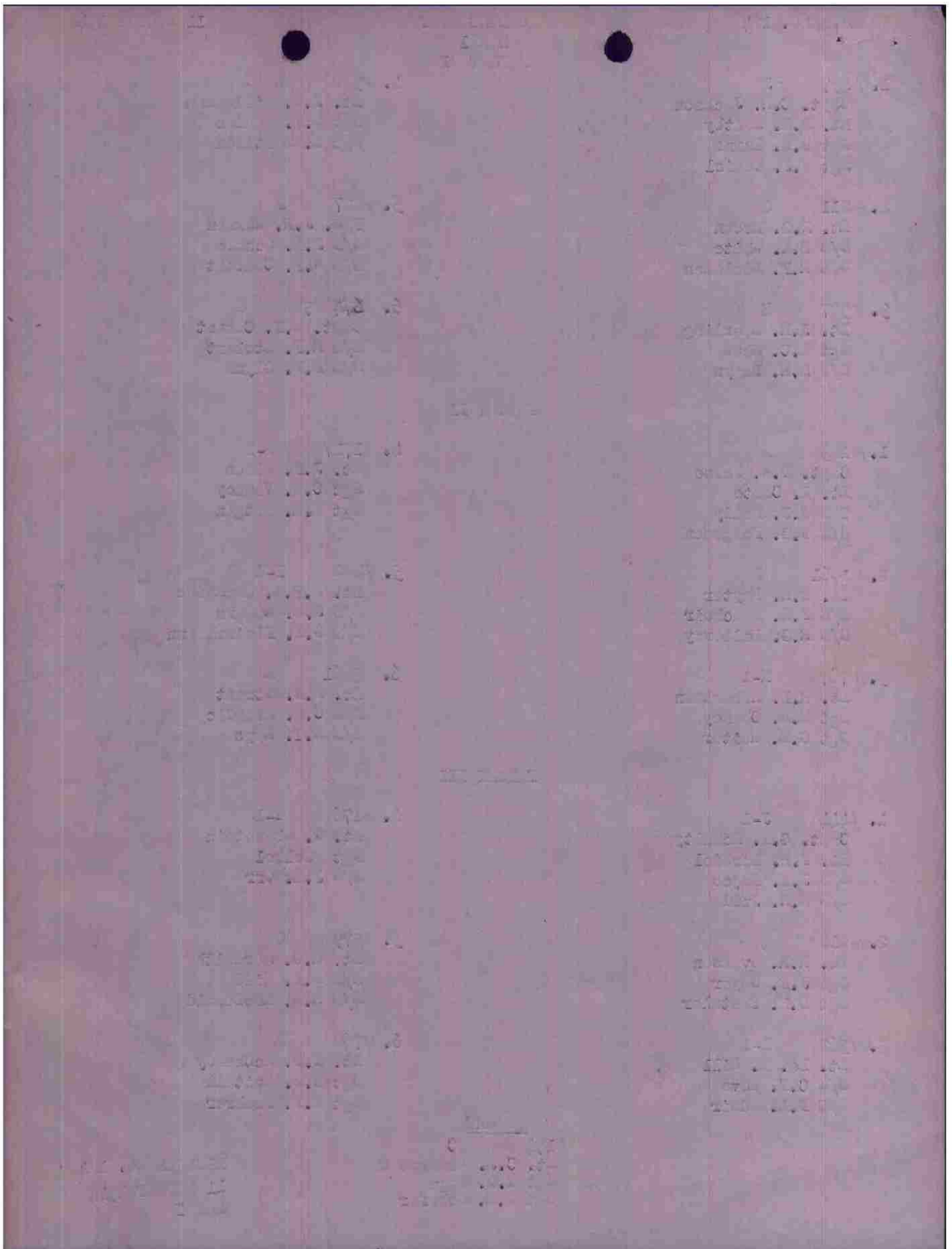
3. 9362 L-1
Lt. Le. E. Hill
S/S C.F. Love
S/S F.L. Adair

6. 21760 Z
Lt. T.D. McCready
Sgt S.L. Heitell
Sgt W.F. Fuehrer

SPARE

194 C
Lt. C.J. Anderson
Sgt T.G. Euga
Sgt E.L. Schafer

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BOX I



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LOADING LIST

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BOX II
FLIGHT I

1. 9452 Q
Capt. R.S. Rudisill ✓
Lt. R.H. Joost ✓
S/S R.K. Riley ✓
S/S A.J. Bonamo ✓

2. 9217 D
Lt. T.J. Leonard ✓
S/S O.D. Evans ✓
S/S D.W. Stephens ✓

3. 21759 G
Lt. L.R. McBride ✓
S/S J. McKee ✓
S/S R. Butsler ✓

4. 9689 I
Lt. P.G. Atkinson ✓
S/S J.O. Swafford ✓
S/S P.T. Glynn ✓

5. 9209 K
Lt. P.P. Barausky ✓
Sgt. M. Hall ✓
Sgt. B.R. Wilson ✓

6. 9224 E
Lt. J.C. Sewell ✓
Sgt. D.A. Sampson ✓
Sgt. J.A. Hummer ✓

FLIGHT II

1. 1724 A
Lt. R.V. Wheeler ✓
Lt. H.T. Arrington ✓
S/S K.L. Johnson ✓
S/S J.L. Czech ✓

2. 9714 N
Lt. H.D. Andrews ✓
S/S G.M. Cook ✓
S/S E.R. Werley ✓

3. 9719 J
Lt. H.F. Pair ✓
S/S H.A. Marion ✓
S/S V.P. Adams ✓

4. 10165 H
Lt. R.H. Smith ✓
S/S J.S. Brower ✓
S/S R.J. Mahoney ✓

5. 9221 F
Lt. A.E. Herman ✓
S/S A.D. Garrett ✓
S/S J.O. Young ✓

6. 9363 L
Lt. C.L. Estes ✓
S/S C.R. Orvold ✓
S/S A.E. DiMartino ✓

FLIGHT III

1. 1135 T
Lt. R.L. Morton ✓
Lt. D.F. Moore ✓
S/S C.L. Webb ✓
S/S F.M. Gitty ✓

2. 9894 R
Lt. W.F. Tripp ✓
S/S J.O. Scott ✓
S/S D.F. Mallory ✓

3. 21819 K-1
Lt. D.W. Elliott ✓
Sgt. J. Mani ✓
Sgt. J.J. McGuire ✓

4. 21764 X
Lt. E.P. Hall ✓
Sgt. R.P. Sharp ✓
Sgt. R.W. Carstens ✓

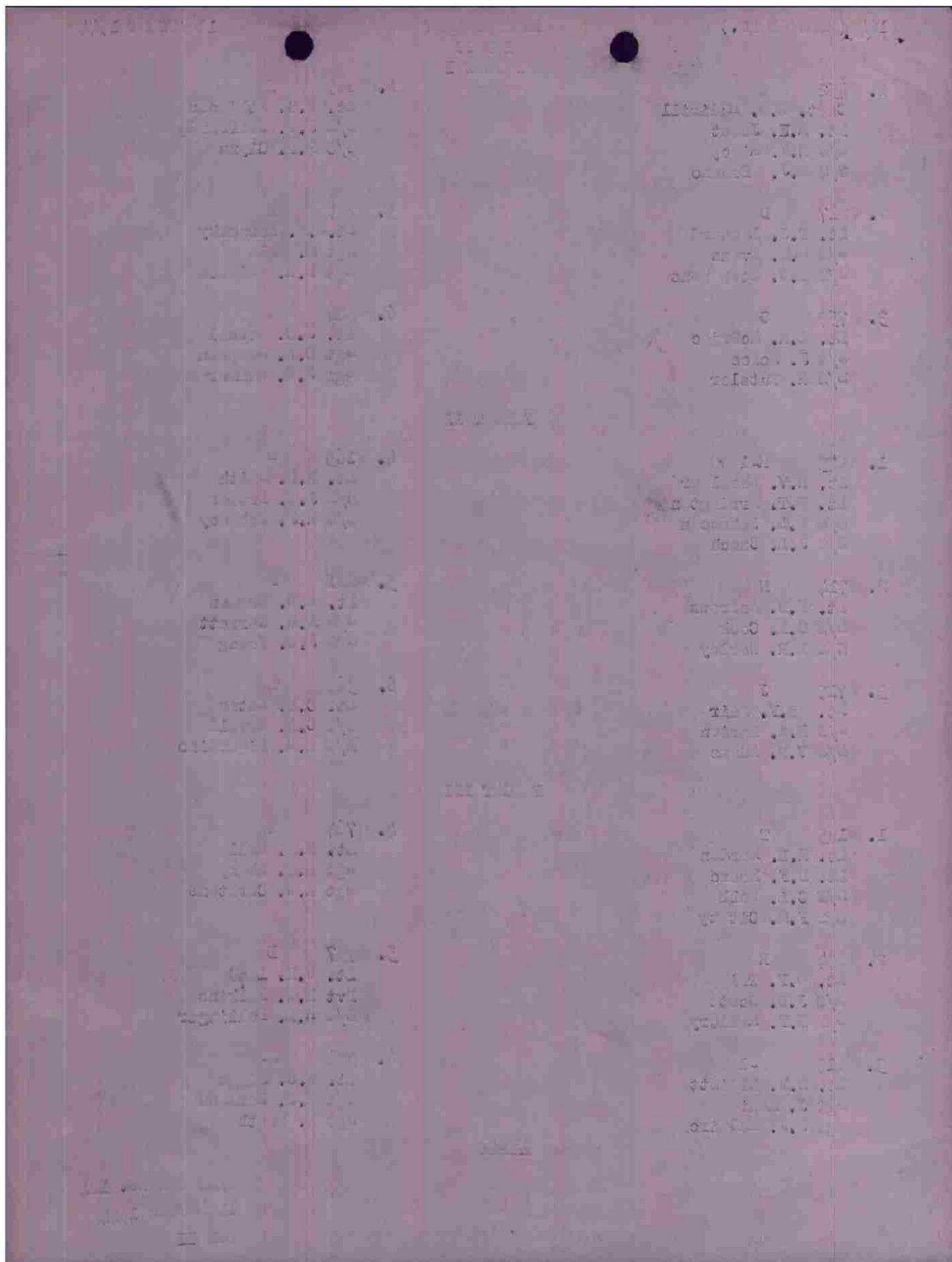
5. 9937 B
Lt. W.H. Land ✓
Pvt. H.W. Perkins ✓
S/S R.L. Ballinger ✓

6. 9393 K-2
Lt. W.C. Siggs ✓
Sgt. A.J. Burland ✓
Sgt. K. Heath ✓

SPARE

LT. D.L. WASHINGTON
Sgt. C.F. HUSS
Sgt. L.D. McELHATTEN

MISSION NO. 124
11 AUGUST 1944
BOX II



OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)
 TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND TO: 97TH COMBAT WING
 416 BG A _____ E SECRET IN THE CLEAR
 "J" FORM OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE F-6 11 AUGUST 1944
 PREPARED BY MAJOR R.A. CLARK

A.

B. 1929¹/₂

C. ST CATHERINE'S POINT

D. BOX I R/T GOTHIS ONE

670 6 J O H N F L

668 8 M J - 1 Q L - 1 T - 1 Z G P 81

669 4 P N - 1 B E

668 1 SPARE G

GROUP LEADER 670 J

DEPUTY 668 M

BOX II R/T GOTHIS TWO

670 6 Q D G I K E

669 1 T

668 3 R K - 1 X

671 8 B K - 1 R - 1 N J H F L

671 1 SPARE A

SECOND BOX LEADER 670 Q

DEPUTY 671 R - 1

E. 12,000

F. CAPE DE LA HAGUE

G. 1947

H. 51

J. PTE DE BARFLEUR

K. SELSEY BILL

L. 2054

M. 1. T.O. . . 1830 . . E.T.D. . . 1850 . . E.T.A. . . 2122

2. 10 A/C 4 x 500 GP 28 A/C 6 x 500 GP

3. 4 HOURS

4. 4803W/J/10

5. NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

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

TOT 2016

DISTANCE-577

C O N F I D E N T I A L

FROM COBOMGR 416

TO COCBTWIG 97 ATT: SIG O

A - YS - 124

B - 11 AUGUST 1944

C - 36 A/C

D - 669 - P - VHF RECEIVER WEAK, RETUNED AND CHECKED OK.
668 - M - INTERPHONE TO BOMBARDIER WEAK, RETUNED AND CHECKED OK.
670 - G - INTERPHONE WEAK, RETUNED AND CHECKED OK.
669 - T - INTERPHONE TO BOMBARDIER WEAK, RETUNED AND CHECKED OK.

E - NO QDM'S. LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON USED.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

OFFICIAL:

DANIEL J. NOLAN
1ST LT., AIR CORPS
SIGNAL OFFICER.

POST MISSION REPORT

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124

DATE

18 Aug. 1944

1. Number of men wounded (Medics & 16)

None

2. Bombing Malfunctions (Armament - 92)

SQDN D - A/C #393 - SIGGS - RIGHT FRONT FAILED TO RELEASE.
RELEASE SOLENOID BURNED OUT IN #4 STATION.

SQDN D - A/C #714 - ANDREWS - WHEN DOORS WERE OPENED ON BOMBING
RUN BOMBS DRIBBLED OUT, ONE ON THE TARGET, HOWEVER. THERE WAS
A SHORT IN THE BOMBING CIRCUIT.

3. General Malfunctions (Photo Lab - 84)

None

4. Number of Planes Operational: Bomb Group

50

Service Group

2

Called to Wing

37 G's 13 Q's

5. Percent of Battle Damage (Intelligence - 68 or 17)

None

6. Planes failing to become airborne or returning early - reason

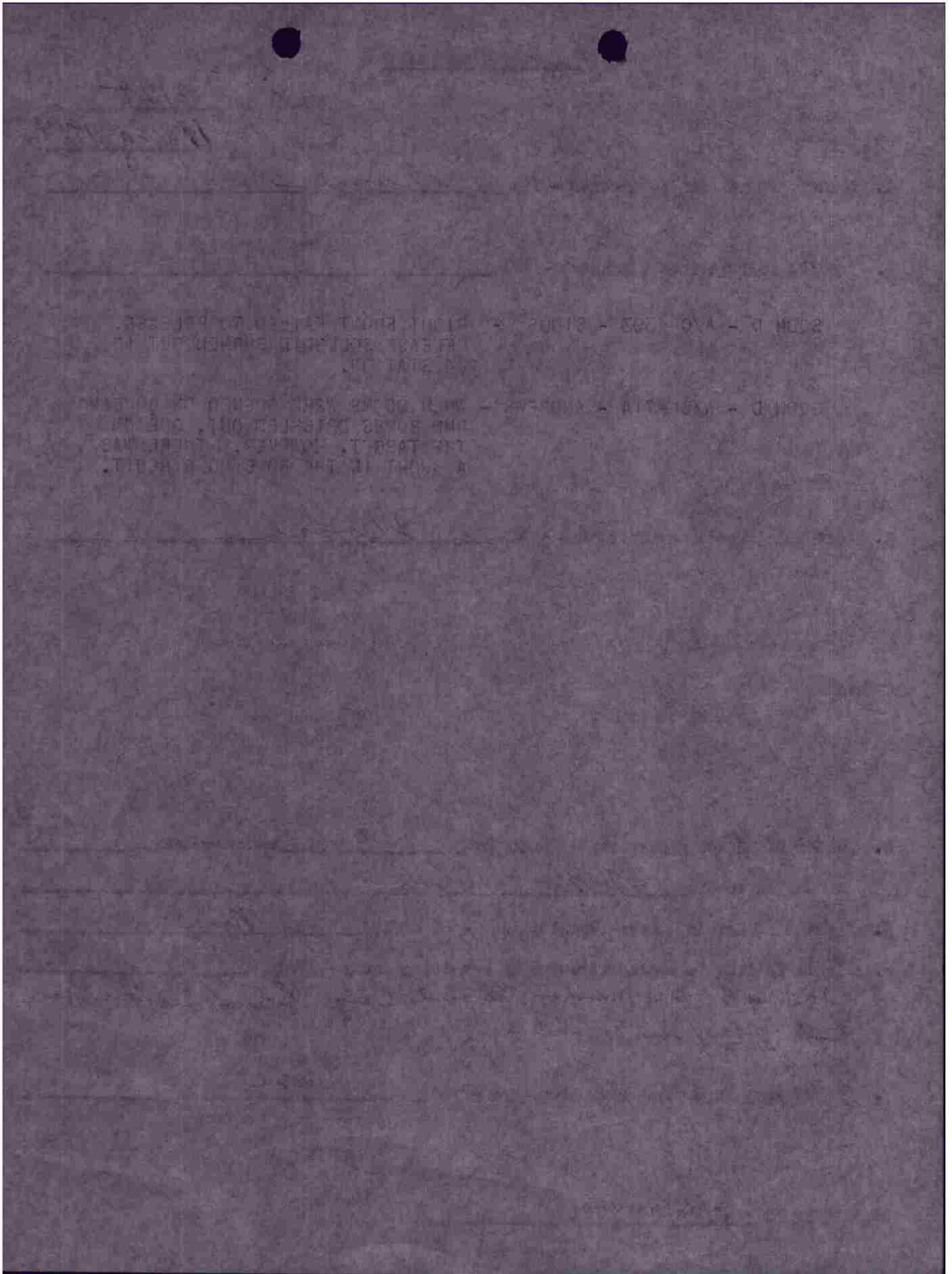
202- Sp. B. - Mac Manus - Returned Early - Late Takeoff. Spare
took place in Formation

7. Planes lost or landing away from base - reason

None

(SUBMITTED BY

W. Sgt Young



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

APC 140
11 August 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: 4-6/10 cumulus, base 3500 feet, tops to
6000 feet. Trace of high cloud.
Visibility 7 miles.

ROUTE OUT: Cumulus increased west of London to 8/10, base
3000 feet, tops 5000-6000 feet. Cumulus broke to
small amounts over Channel and target area.
Visibility 8-10 miles enroute although a haze
layer to 10,000 feet slightly restricted horizontal
visibility.

TARGET: Nil cloud. Visibility 8-10 miles. Slight haze
layer to 10,000 feet.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out except nil cloud over Southern
England until Maidenhead where 8-9/10 low cloud,
tops to 6000 feet and 6-8/10 medium cloud at
14,000 feet existed.

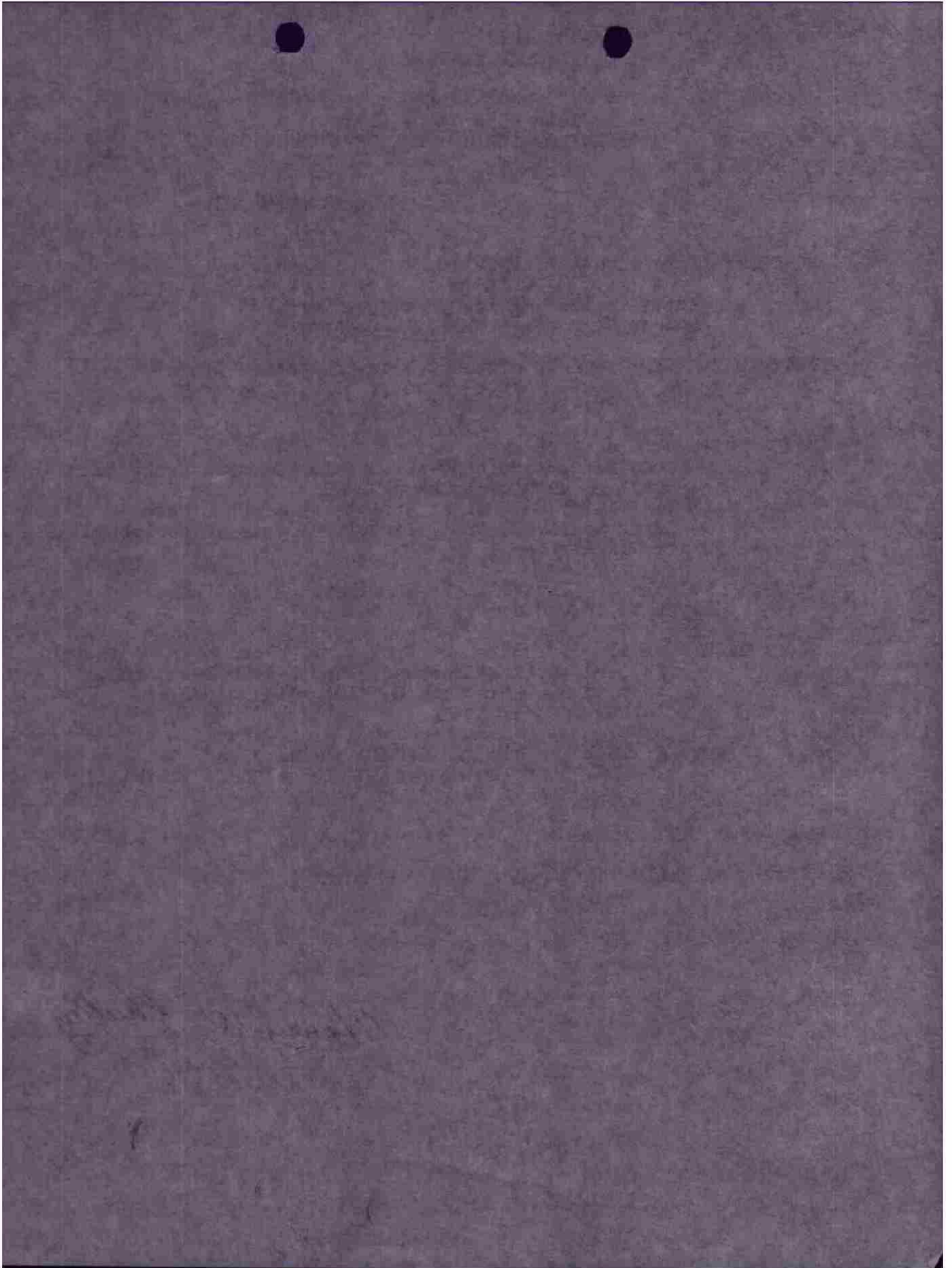
BASE ON RETURN: Nil low cloud. 4-6/10 medium cloud at
14,000 feet and 3-4/10 high cloud. Visibility
8-6 miles.

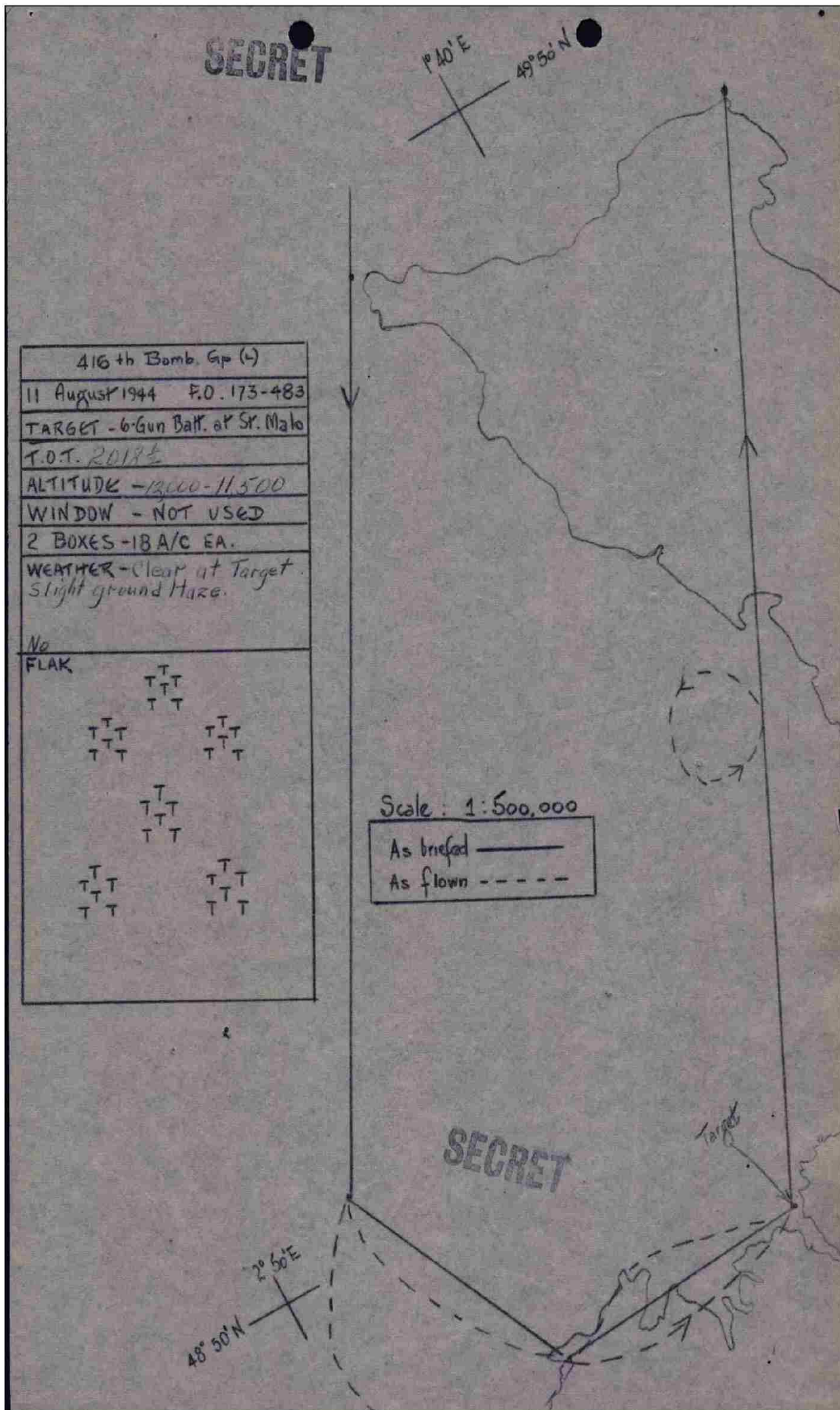
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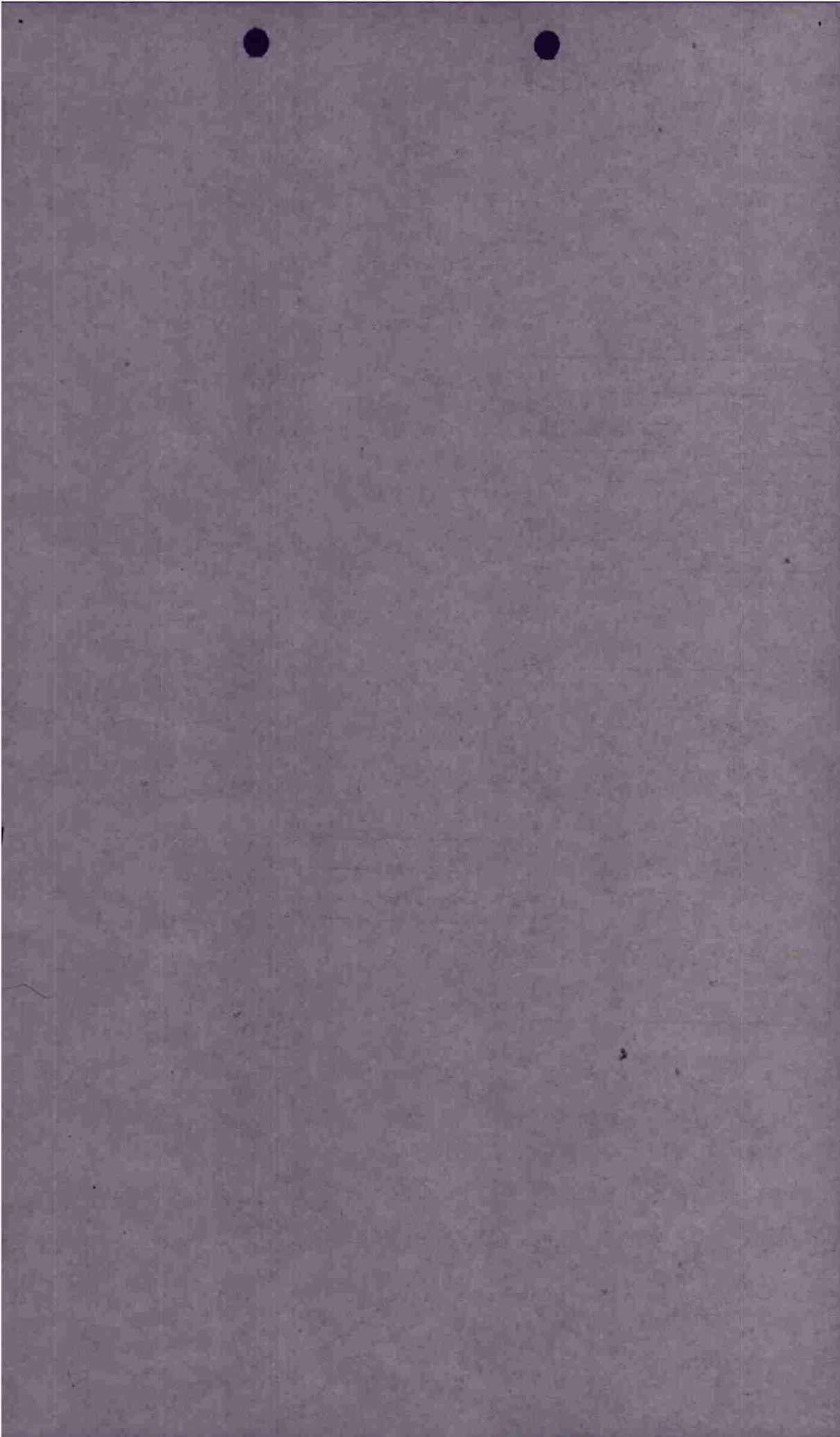
WINDS: Slightly too strong. Had right drift.

EFFECT OF WEATHER ON BOMBING: None.

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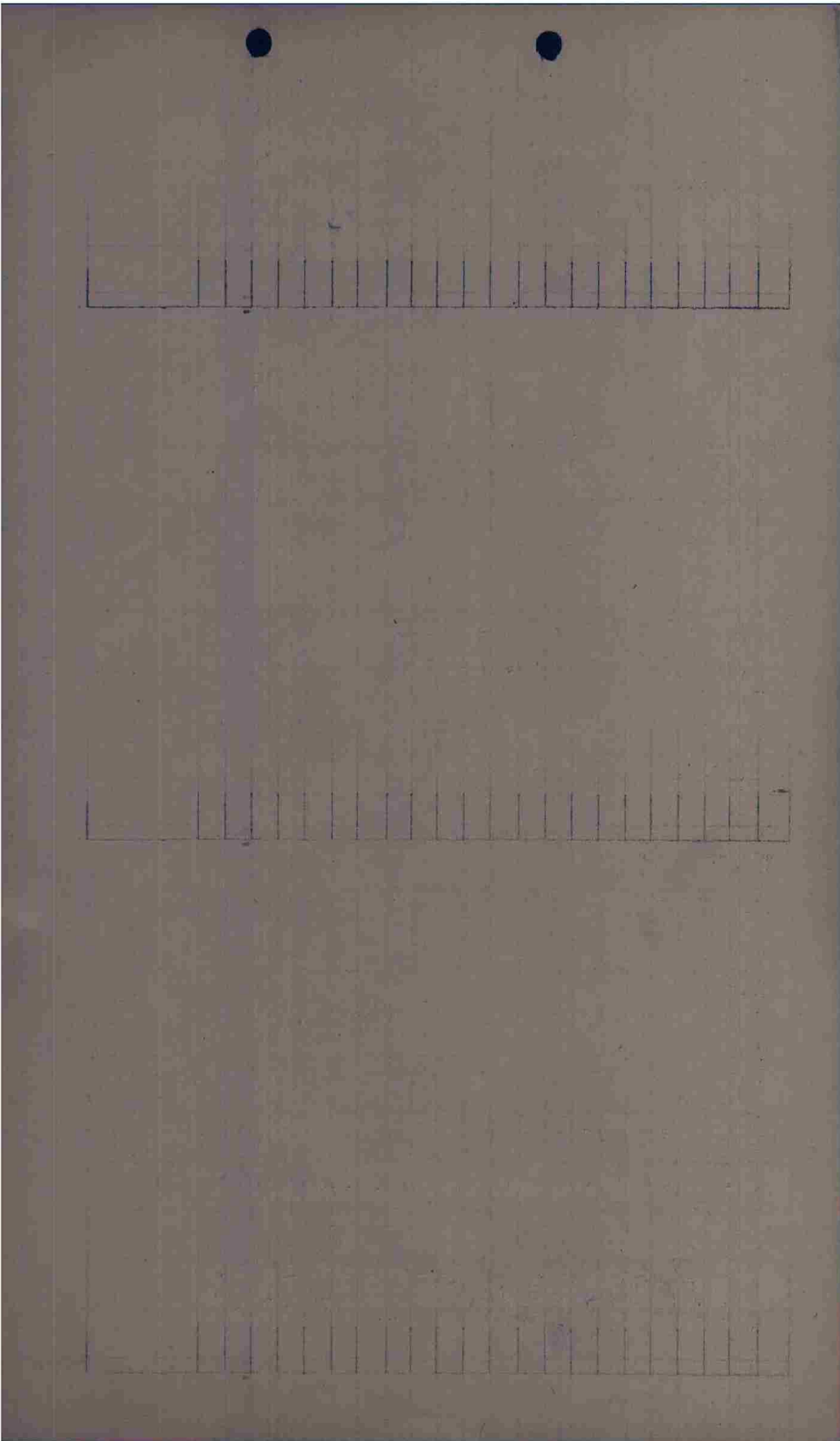


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C	J	489	Jackson	577	St. M.L.	1830	1939 1/2	1947	2016	2038	2054	C	725	4	4	2/34	
C	O	211	Brown		San Francisco	1830	1939 1/2	1947	2016	2038	2054	C	725	4	4	2/34	
C	H	387	Sparking			1830	1939 1/2	1947	2016	2038	2054	C	725	4	4	2/34	
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C	F	227	Waters			1831	1939 1/2	1947	2016	2038	2054	C	725	4	4	2/34	
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B	N-1	767	Reykjavik			1832	1939 1/2	1947	2016	2038	2054	C	725	4	4	2/34	
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C	J-1	444	Gruchault			1833	1939 1/2	1947	2016	2038	2054	C	725	4	4	2/34	
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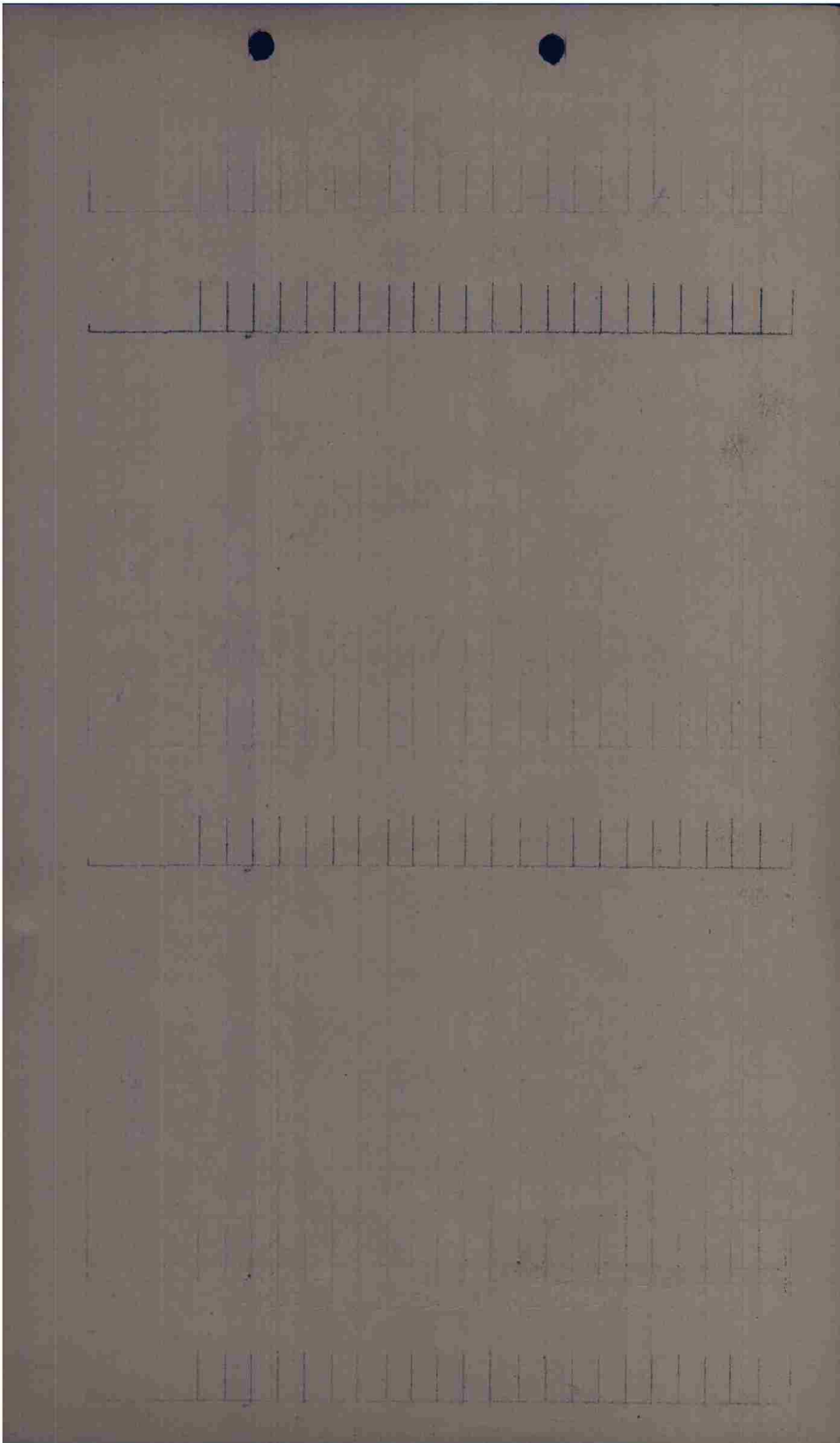
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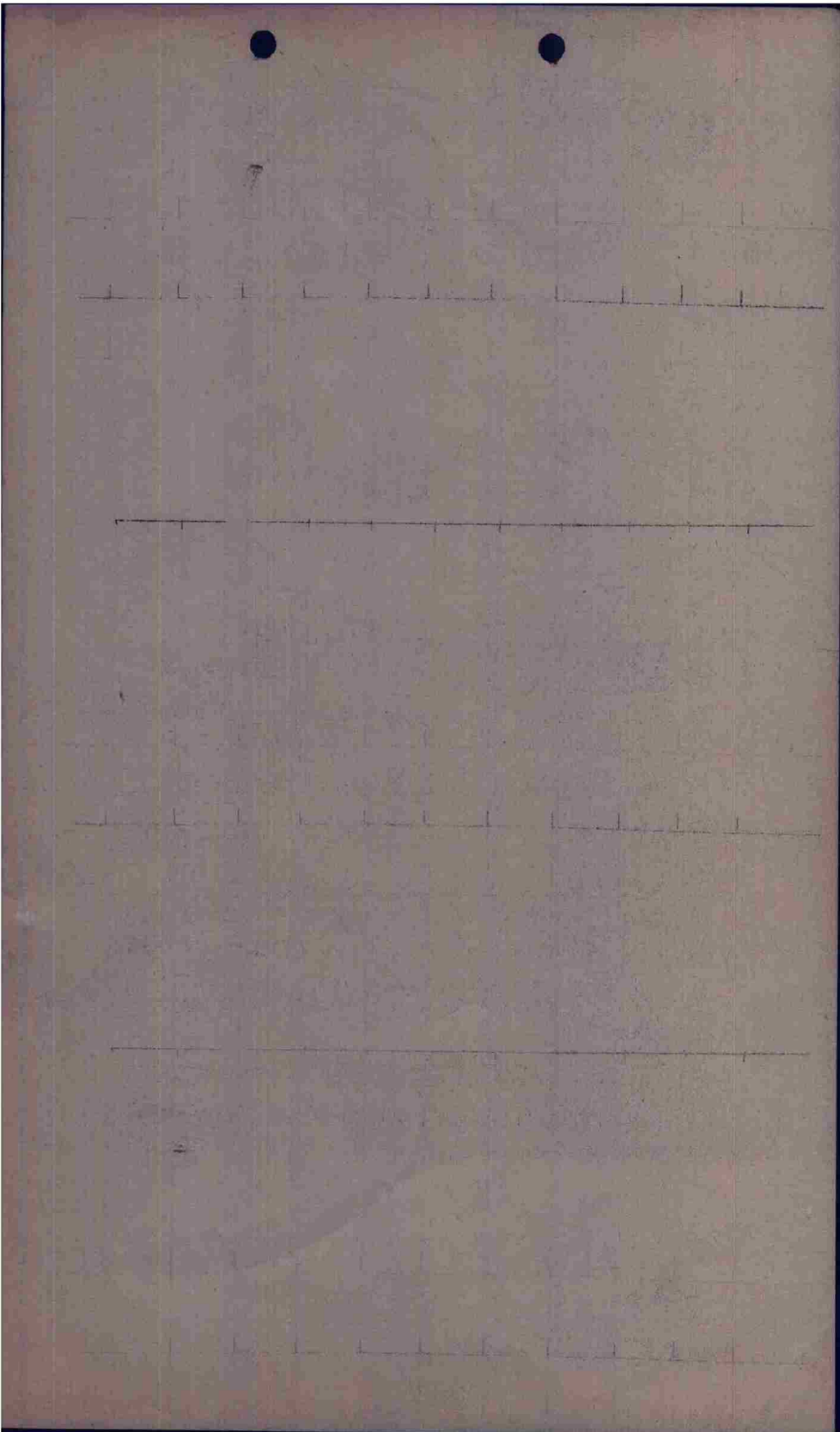
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C	D	717	Leonard			1836								6		2146	
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C	F	689	Atkinson			1836						H*		4		2147	
C	K	709	Barausky			1837								4		2147	
C	E	704	Sewell			1837								6		2148	
D	711	689	Wheeler			1842						*		6		2148	
D	N	714	Andrews			1837						*		4		2148	
D	J	719	Pair			1838								4		2149	
D	H	1145	Smith, R H			1837								4		2149	
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B	T	135	Morton			1838								6		2151	
A	R	894	Tipp			1839								6		2151	
A	K-1	819	Elliot			1839						*		6		2151	
A	X	764	Hall			1839						H*		6		2152	
D	B	937	Land			1840								6		2152	
D	K-1	343	Sigs			1840								4		2152	
D	A	724	Withington			1840								6		2152	Spare

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QICOG OILAK QICOF OILAI 18/11 11/1550B
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING A-74-E 11/1550B
 TO COMBOMCON NINE
 489TH COMBOMGP
 416TH COMBOMGP (INFO)
 416TH COMBOMGP

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BY
 SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH. LT. COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O 148
 11 AUGUST 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 173-463

MAPS : NORMAL

1. B. (1) REFER SPECIAL BOMBLINE
 (2) ALLIED BEACHHEAD COVER
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE

ZERO HOUR 11/1550B

3. A. 489TH BOMB GROUP
 - (1) 4893W/J/21 AND 4893W/J/22
 - (2) TWO BOXES OF 15
 - (3) WITH PFF A/C OVER FIELD
 - (4) BASE TO MAIDENHEAD TO ST CATHERINES POINT TO 4943N 0150W TO 4900N 0230W TO TARGET
 - (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO 4942N 0117W TO SELSEY BILL TO MAIDENHEAD TO BASE
 - (6) 1ST BOX WILL BOMB AT 12,500 FEET. 2ND BOX AT 12,000 FEET.
 - (7) GENERALLY NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST
 - (8) N.P.I.'S FOR VISUAL BOMBING ONLY 1ST BOX 4893W/J/22 ILL. 4893W/2/B REF. 032114
 - 2ND BOX 4893W/J/21 ILL. 4893W/2/A REF. 032114
 - (10) 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE 1/40 SECOND TAIL
 - (12) T.O.T. 1230
 - (13) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE BOMBED ON THIS MISSION
- B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (1) 4893W/J/10
 - (2) TWO BOXES OF 15 BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6
 - (4) BASE TO MAIDENHEAD TO ST. CATHERINES PT. TO 4953N 0150W TO 4925N 0241W TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO SELSEY BILL TO MAIDENHEAD TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET, OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. CROSS FRENCH COAST OUT AT BOMBING ALTITUDE.
 - (7) 4893N 0220W
 - (8) GEN. W TO E
 - (9) N.P.I. - ILL. 4893W/1/L REF. 007013
 - (10) 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
 - (11) 4942N 0117W
 - (12) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE BOMBED ON THIS MISSION.

X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE

4. NO CHANGE

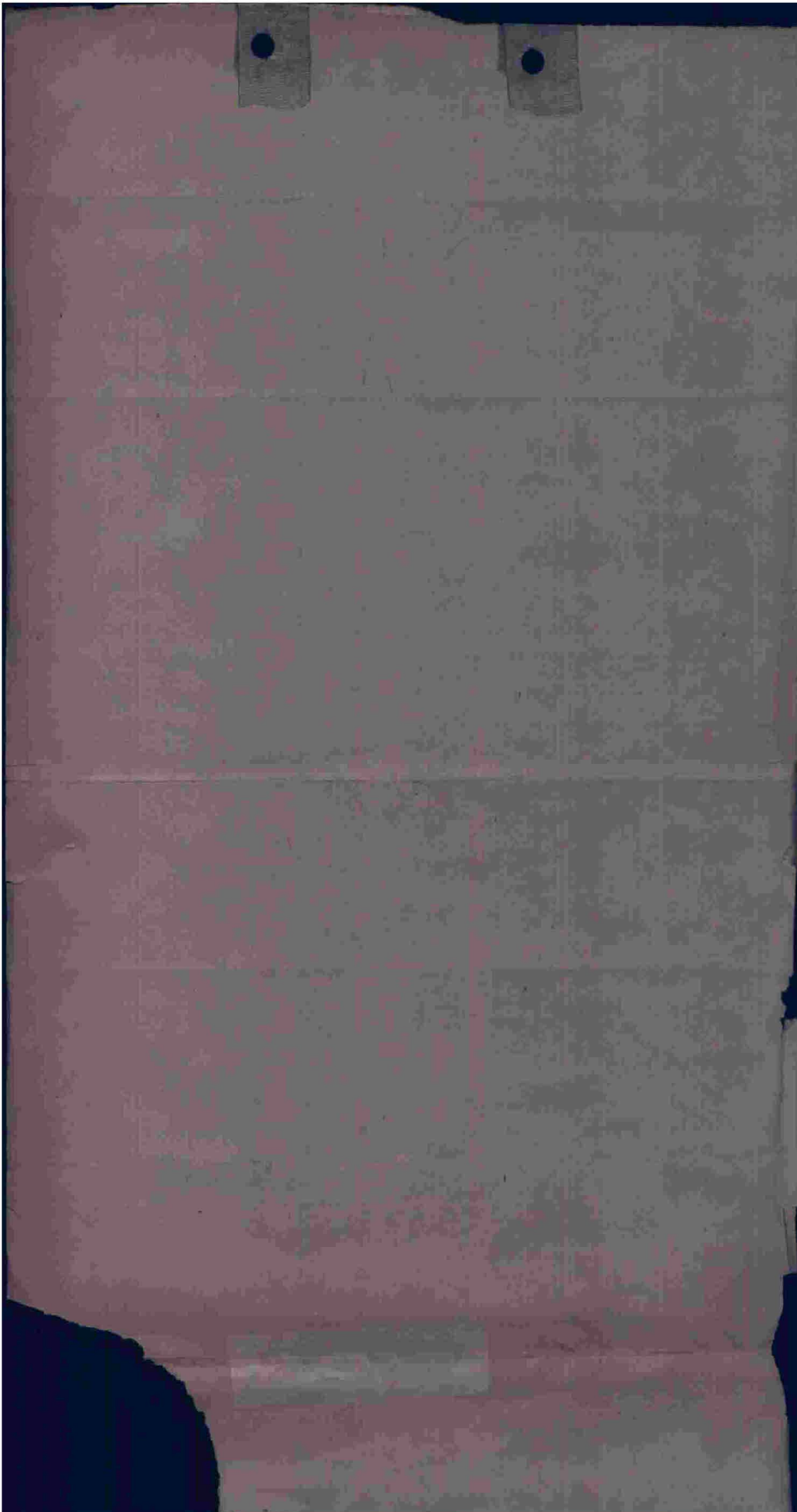
5. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. 489TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (2) MOUNTAIN
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (2) GOTHIS
 - (3) HEADUP
- X. GENERAL INFORMATION.
 - (10) TBVA/TBVA

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OICOG OIPPT OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI OILAI 11/11 OP
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 11/1635B A-75-E
 TO COMBOMCON NINE
 1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQD.
 408TH BOMB GROUP
 418TH BOMB GROUP (INFO)
 416TH BOMB GROUP

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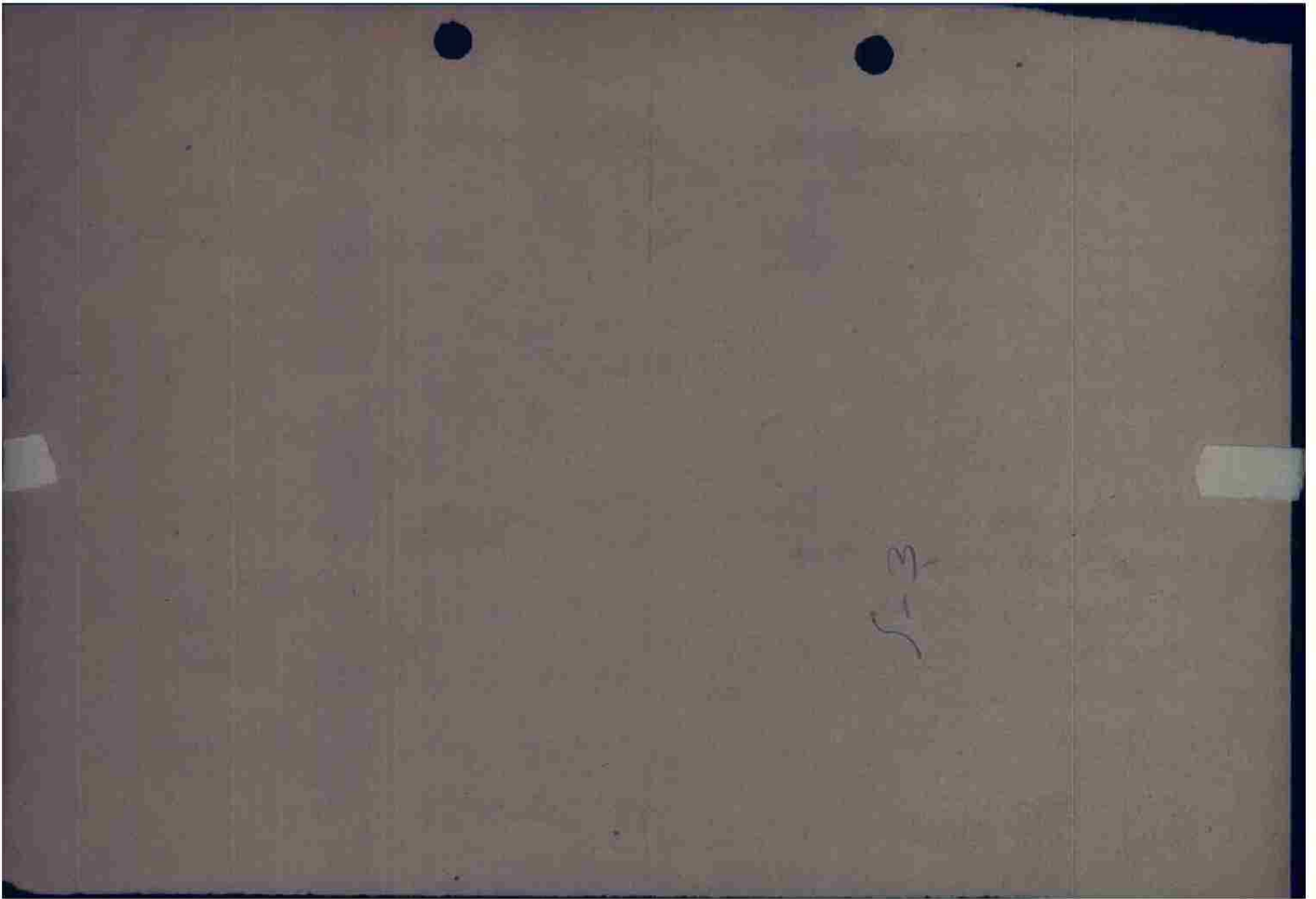
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ANNEX NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 173-483

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 OIGOF OILAI R...211638B AK AR
 OIYAA OILAI R...11/1638B EW AR
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OICOG OIHAK OIYAA OIGOF V OILAI OILAI 12/11 'OP'
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 11/1755B A-76-E
 TO COMBOMCON IX
 469TH BOMB GROUP. (INFO)
 410TH BOMB GROUP. (INFO)
 416TH BOMB GROUP.

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 A P O 142
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ANNEX NO. 2 TO F.O. NO. 373-463

CANCEL ANNEX NO. 1 AND ADD:

3. B. (13) T.D.T. 2020

3. B. (14) NO BOMBING AFTER 2030

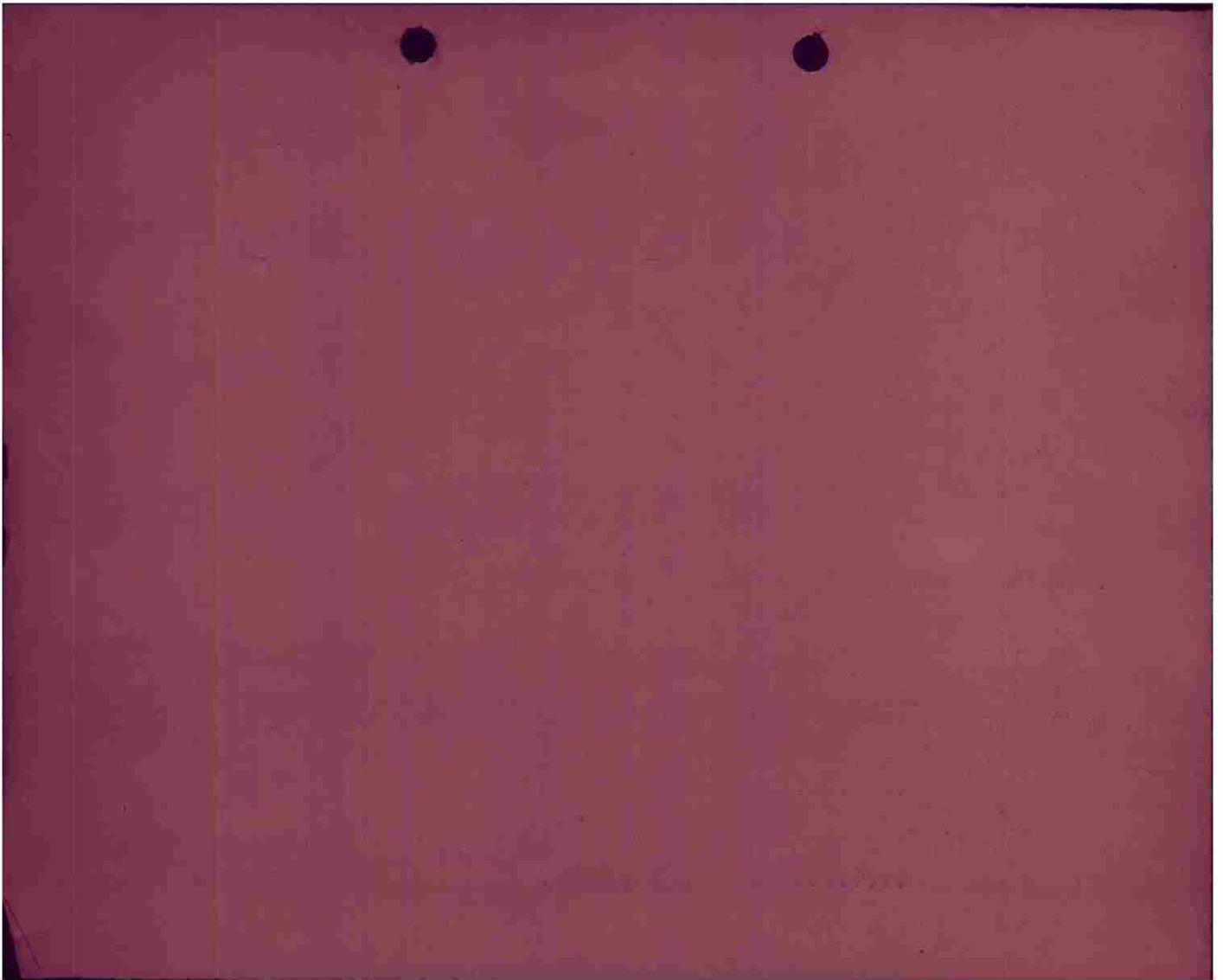
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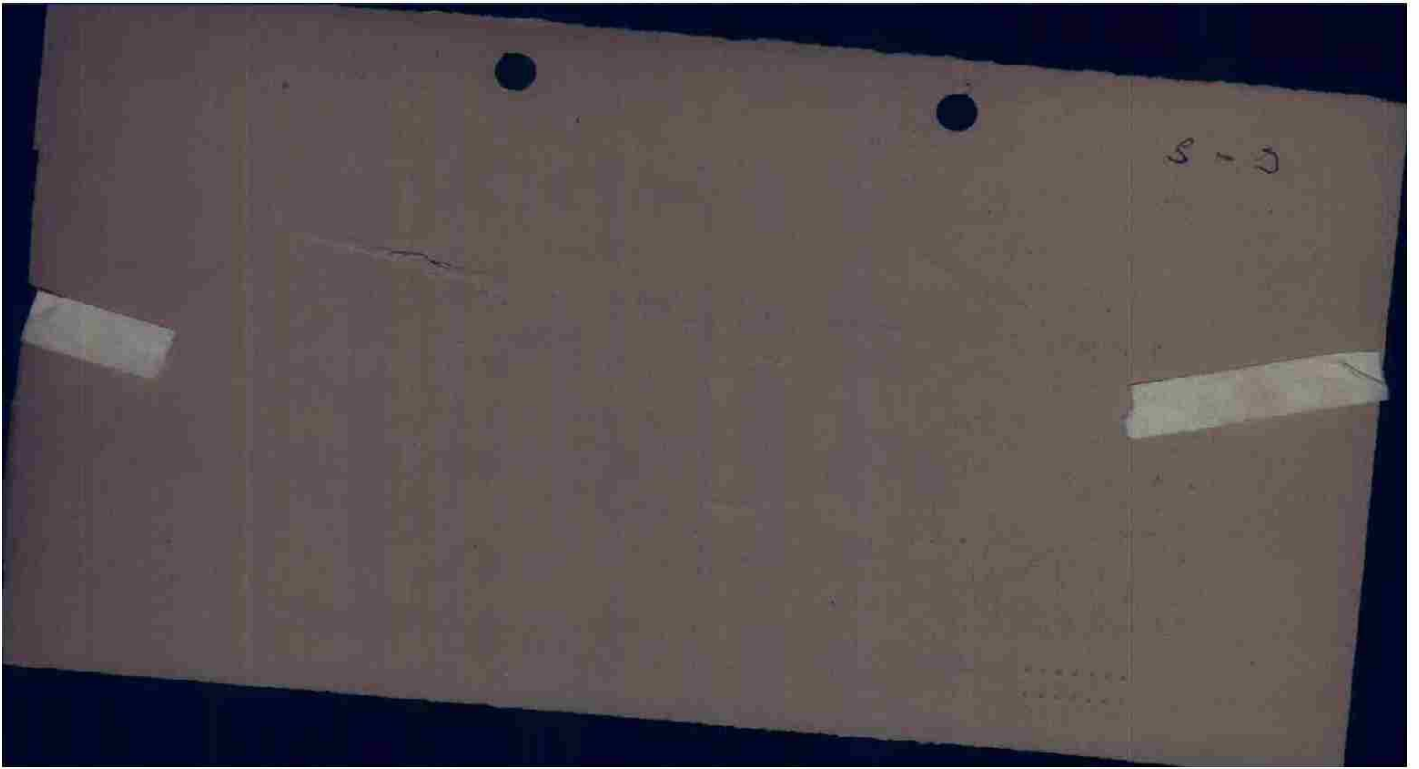
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OIHAK OIYAA V OILAI (INFO)
FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
TO 409TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP
ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER
ADVANCED INFORMATION COPY OF PARA. 5. OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:
5. COMMUNICATIONS:
A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
(2) MOUNTAIN
C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
(2) GOTHIS
(3) HEADUP
X. GENERAL INFORMATION
(10) TBVA/TBVA
COCBTWIG 97
WCB AR
OIHAK R.....11/1515B MC AR
OIYAA R.....11/1515 B EJ AR



CICOG V CIYAA CIYAA 2/12 OP
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FROM 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) 12/0200B
TO IX AIR FORCE
IX BOMBER COMMAND

ATT: A-2 DUTY OFFICER

416TH BG A-314-D

SECRET QGX BT

FIRST PHASE REPORT S/A PHOTOS 11/8/44

A. ST. MALO GUN DEFENSES

B. SAME AS ABOVE.

H. 2018 - 2021

K. CONCENTRATION OF BOMBS FROM 4 FLIGHTS FELL IN TARGET AREA.
DMPI BLANKETED, PROBABLY DAMAGING GUN POSITIONS.

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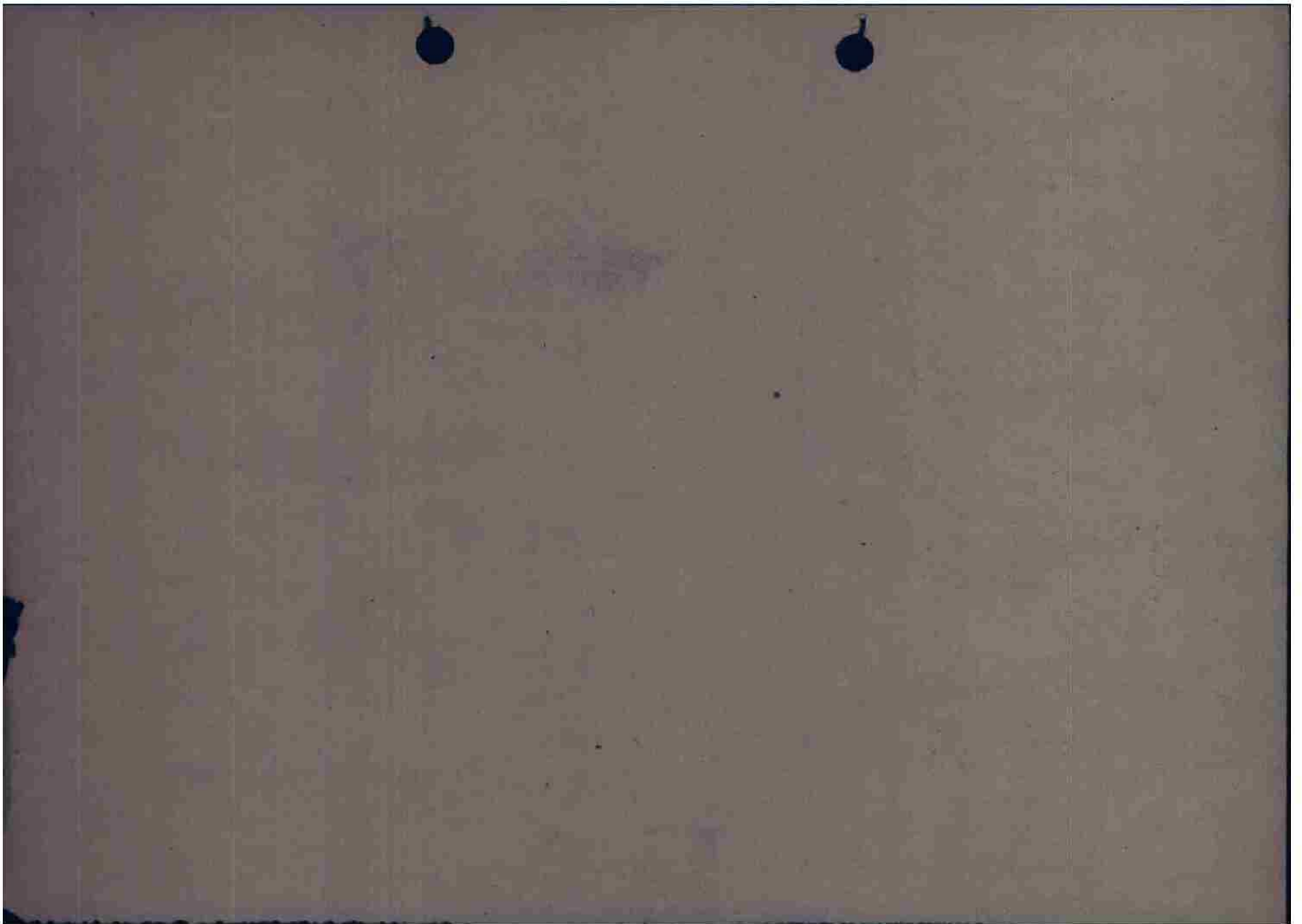
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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 11/2240B A-210-D
 TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2
 HQ 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

SECRET QGX BT

OPFLASH NO. 129 FOR 11 AUGUST 1944

A. 1. ST. MALO GUN DEFENSES
 2. ST. MALO GUN DEFENSES

B. 1. 416TH BG
 2. 36 A-20'S (6 A-20J'S - 30 A-20G'S)
 3. ALL BOMBED PRIMARY
 4. ~~36 A-20'S~~ 36 A-20'S

C. 1. 1830
 2. 2018 1/2
 3. 2152

D. 0-0-0
 0-0-0
 0-0-0

E. 1. GOOD TO EXCELLENT 4. EXCELLENT
 2. EXCELLENT 5. EXCELLENT
 3. POOR 6. FAIR TO GOOD

F. 1. A. NIL
 B. NIL
 2. A. NIL
 B. NIL

G. EXPLOSIONS NOTED IN TARGET AREA AS RESULT OF BOMBING.

DINGHY AT 50 DEGREES 33 MIN. - 00 DEGREES 52 MIN WEST FROM 9500
 FT. AT 2053 HOURS.

H. 1. CLEAR AT TARGET - SLIGHT GROUND HAZE.
 2. 8/10 OVER SOUTHERN ENGLAND UP TO 8500 FT.
 SCATTERED CLOUD OVER CHANNEL

I. 2/2 X 500 ON PRIMARY
 1 X 500 JETTIGONED (IN CHANNEL)
 2 X 500 FELL OUT ON BOMB RUN (E WEST OF ST. MALO)
 1 X 500 RETURNED

J. 12000 - 11500

AYLESWORTH COBOMGP 416TH

BU 11/2240B
 JMD AS AS AR AR AR

OICOG R.....(.....)11/2300B CES AR
 OILAI R.....(.....)94SORRI ABOVE IS LAI OK I WILL CALL OICOG
 OICOG R.....(.....)11/2300B DD AR

