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123	482	11 AUGUST 1944
124	483	11 AUGUST 1944
125	486	12 AUGUST 1944
126	488	13 AUGUST 1944
127	496	15 AUGUST 1944
128	501	17 AUGUST 1944
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131	513	26 AUGUST 1944
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133	517	28 AUGUST 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
116TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

SECRET
By authority
CG, 3rd AF
17 August 1944
Entt. _____

AFD 140, U. S. Army.
17 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Combat Mission.

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

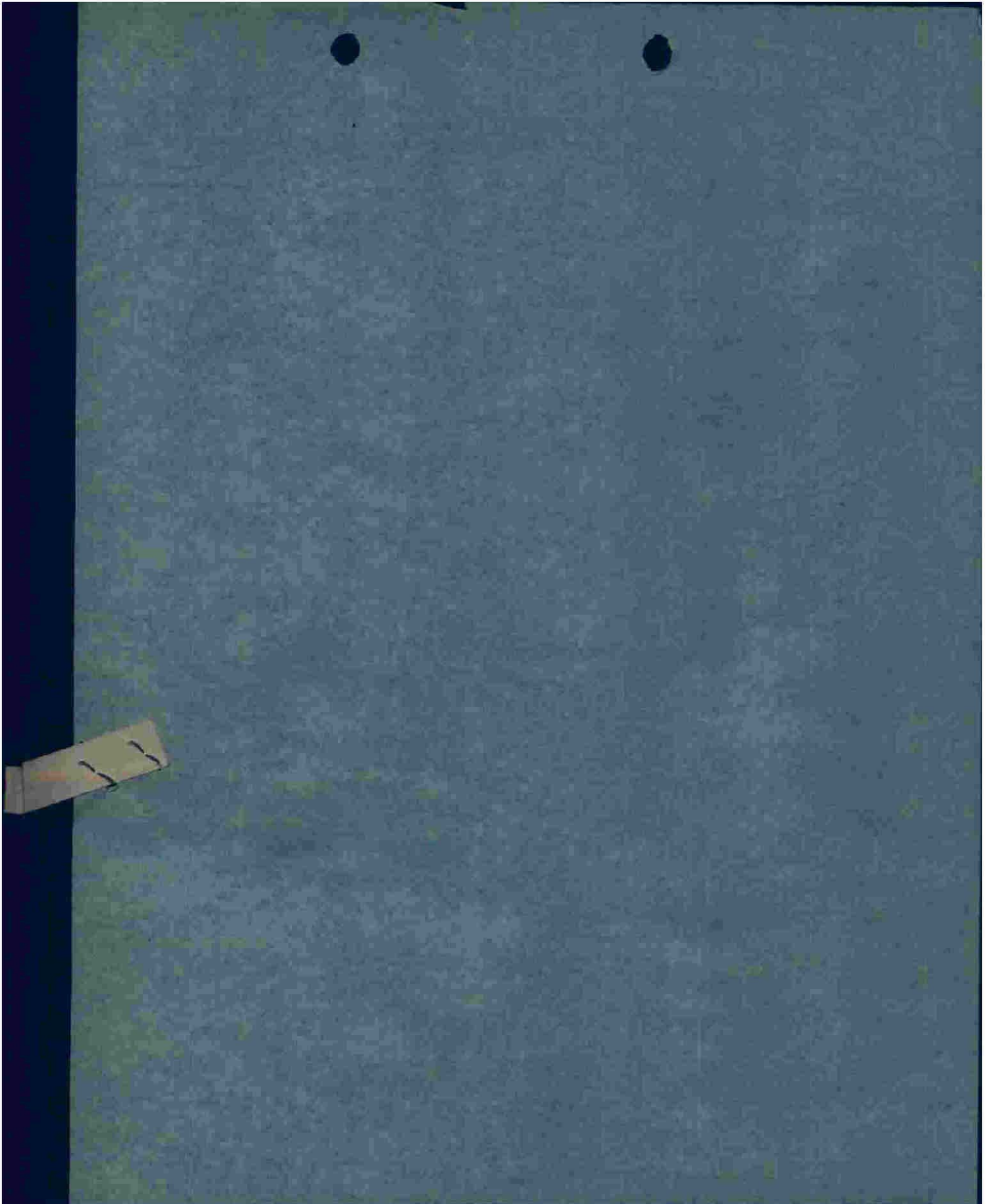
116th Bombardment Group (L)
116th Combat Mission, 17 August 1944.
97th CG AF 140 - 501.

1. 13
2. 13
3. 13
4. 2 (specimen)
5. None
6. None
7. None
8. None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHWARTZ, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

AUG 17 1944



MISSION NO. 128

LOADING LIST

17 AUGUST 1944

BOX I

FLIGHT I

1. 452 Q
 Capt. R.S. Rudisill
 Lt. R.H. Joost
 S/S A.J. Bonamo
 S/S R.K. Riley

2. 469 J
 Lt. R.J. Morton
 Lt. D.F. Moore
 S/S C.L. Webb
 S/S K. Heath

3. 455 T
 Lt. H.A. Monroe
 Lt. R.L. Kirk
 S/S W.L. Kidd
 S/S S. Risko

FLIGHT II

1. 1961 P
 Lt. P.F.E. MacManus
 S/S J.L. Rogers
 S/S H.D. Rodgers

4. 197 F
 Lt. J.E. Blomgren
 Sgt M. Bookach
 Sgt L.R. Fleming

2. 767 N
 Lt. R.B. Robertson
 S/S M.W. Cheney
 Sgt G.E. Reiter

5. 692 M
 Lt. H.B. Clark
 S/S J.W. Sabadosh
 S/S C.F. Floyd

3. 376 O
 Lt. D.W. Elliott
 Sgt J.J. McGuire
 S/S J. Mani

6. 190 I
 Lt. E.P. Hall
 Sgt R.W. Carstens
 Sgt R.P. Sharp

FLIGHT III

1. 645 R
 Lt. R.E. Greenley
 Lt. R.H. Mitchell
 S/S H.C. Worden
 S/S J.J. Rzepka

4. 393 K
 Lt. W.A. Merchant
 S/S C.J. Harp
 S/S K.P. Brown

2. 166 H
 Lt. M. Zubon
 T/S J.R.L. Tanner
 S/S W.C. Russell

5. 719 J-1
 Lt. F.W. Henderson
 S/S R.J. Jones
 S/S R.M. Griswold
 S/S P.E. Coulombe

3. 221 F-1
 Lt. A.E. Herman
 S/S A.D. Garrett
 S/S J.O. Young

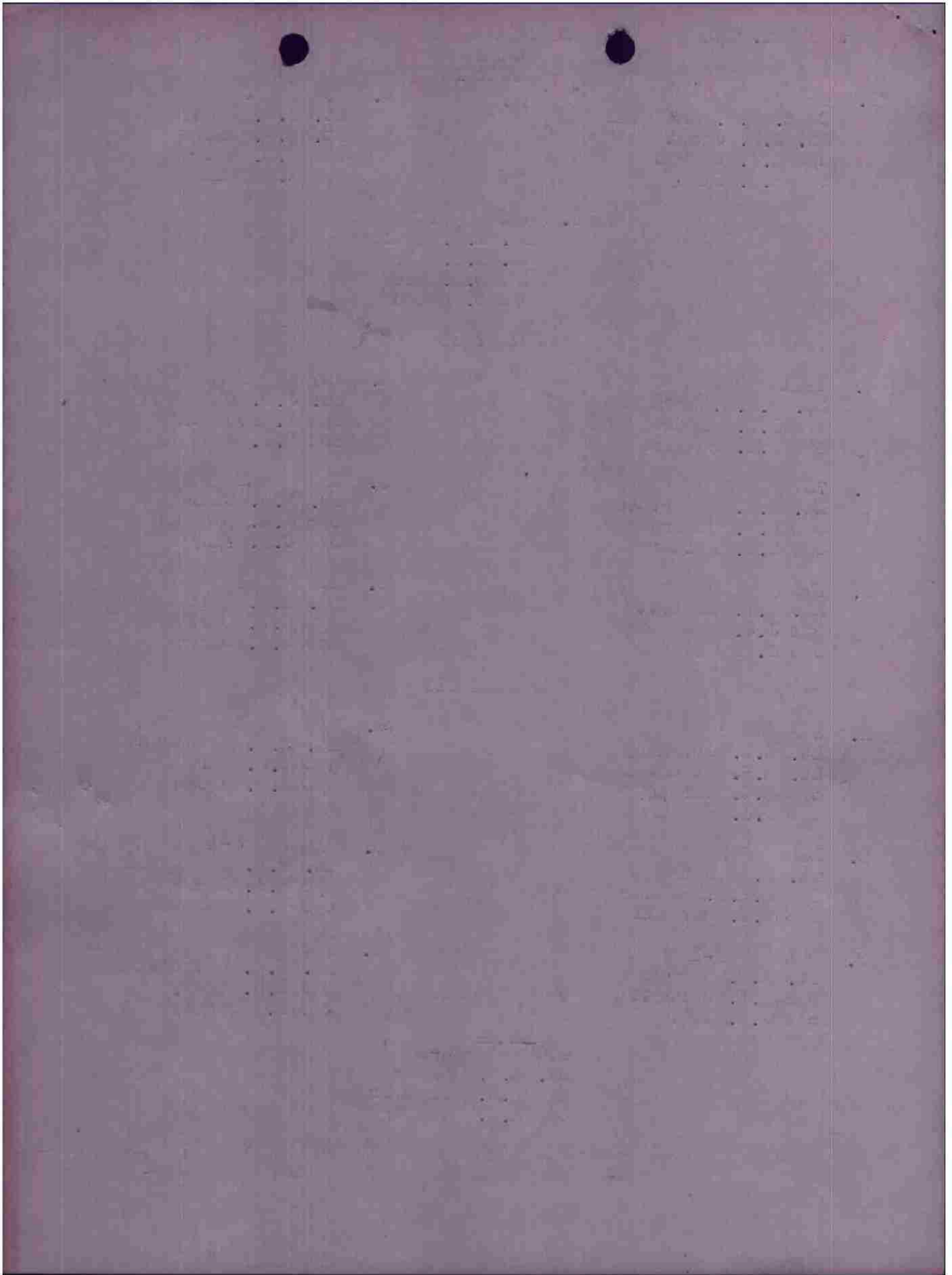
6. 956 Z
 Lt. J.J. Lackovich
 S/S R.M. Barry
 S/S T. Connery

SPARE

900 Q-1
 Lt. E.R. Hayter
 S/S F.E. Melchoir
 S/S R.C. Holloway

Returned
 Early as
 Briefed

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 17 AUGUST 1944
 BOX I



MISSION NO. 128

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

17 AUGUST 1944

1. 444 J
Capt. G.M. McNulty
Lt. F.H. Bursiel
S/S E.R. Judd
S/S J.A. Fejes

2. 125 M
Lt. J.F. Meagher
Lt. J.J. Burg
T/S L.G. Robbins
S/S R.W. MacDonald

3. 224 E
Lt. N.G. Brown
S/S E.L. Griffin
S/S C.W. Maziasz

4. 674 R
Lt. D.F. Shea
S/S R.E. Lee
S/S T.A. Palmer

5. 387 H
Lt. W. Musgrove
Sgt H.G. Wiggins
Sgt A.A. Cianciosi

6. 217 D
F/O K.K. J.R. Warren
Sgt D.S. Blackford
Sgt L.C. Burger

FLIGHT II

1. 719 V
Lt. G.F. Bartmus
Lt. J.F. Hardy
S/S J.R. Orr
S/S F.L. Flacks

2. 894 R-1
Lt. T.D. McGready
Sgt W.E. Lemonds
Sgt W.F. Fuehrer

3. 760 Z
Lt. J.B. Kenny
S/S J.C. Burkhalter
S/S B.C. Sieg

4. 210 Q
Lt. C.C. Mish
S/S C.J. Clark
S/S R.F. Chustz

5. 150 N
Lt. P.E. Parker
Sgt A.F. Galloway
Sgt S. Kochan

6. 176 T
Lt. W.L. Hale
Sgt J.F. Geyer
Sgt D.H. Bentzler

FLIGHT III

1. 194 C
Lt. R.D. Leshar
S/S H.R. Hedrick
Sgt R.S. Gandy

2. 195 D
Lt. F.W. Harris
S/S D. Hantske
S/S E.A. Demico

3. 907 O
Lt. J.K. Colquitt
S/S D.F. Raines
S/S F. Naifeh

4. 480 B
Lt. L.G. Peede
S/S L.M. Daugherty
S/S C.L. Hibbs

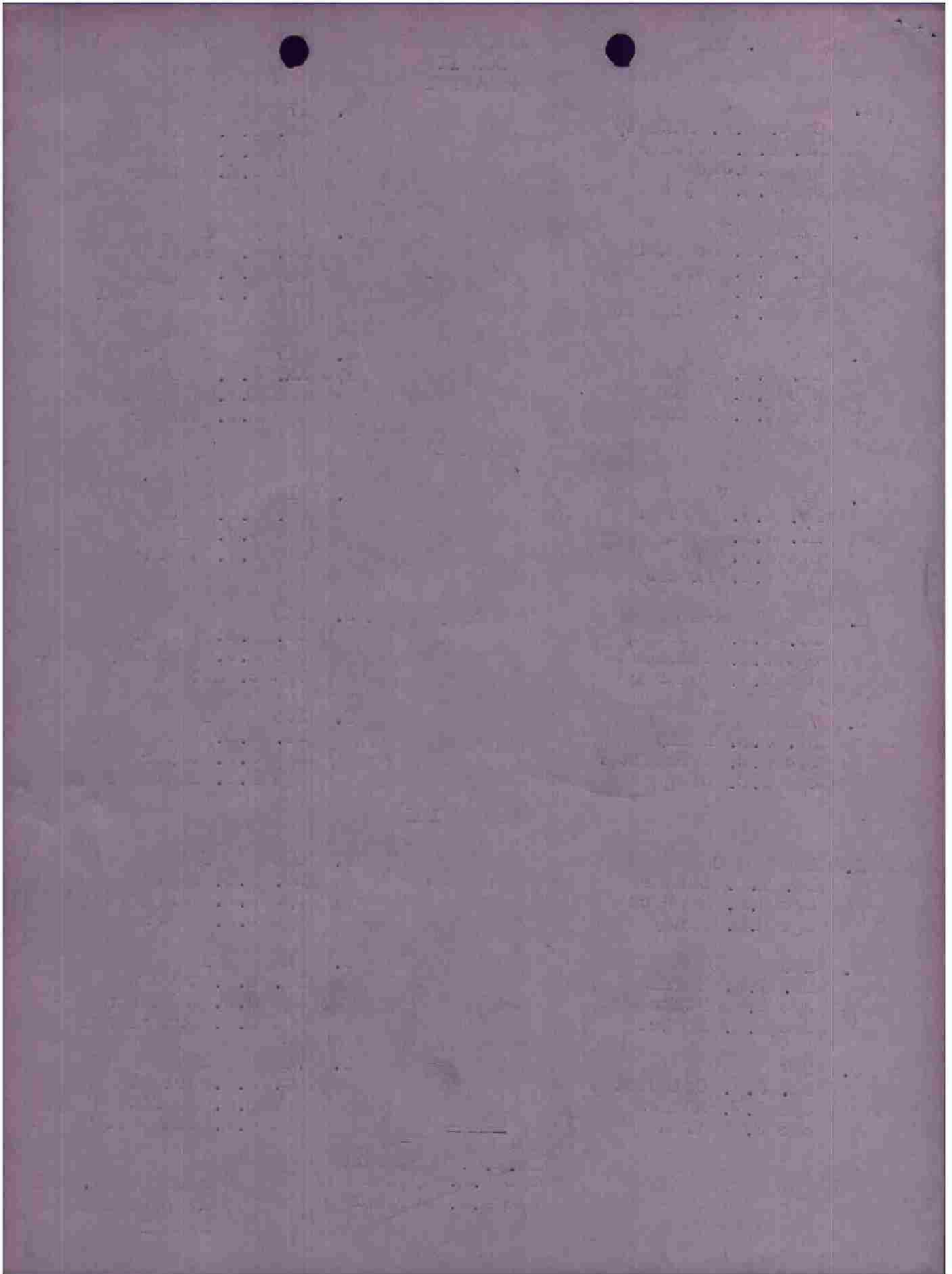
5. 819 K
Lt. L.E. Cannon
Sgt J.W. Robinson
Sgt E.P. Brzezinski

6. 764 X
Lt. J.H. Wright
Sgt P.J. Profita
Sgt J.R. Simmonds

SPARE

493 V-1
Lt. R.C. Morehouse
S/S L.A. Zygiel
S/S A.J. Burgess

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17 AUGUST 1944
BOX II

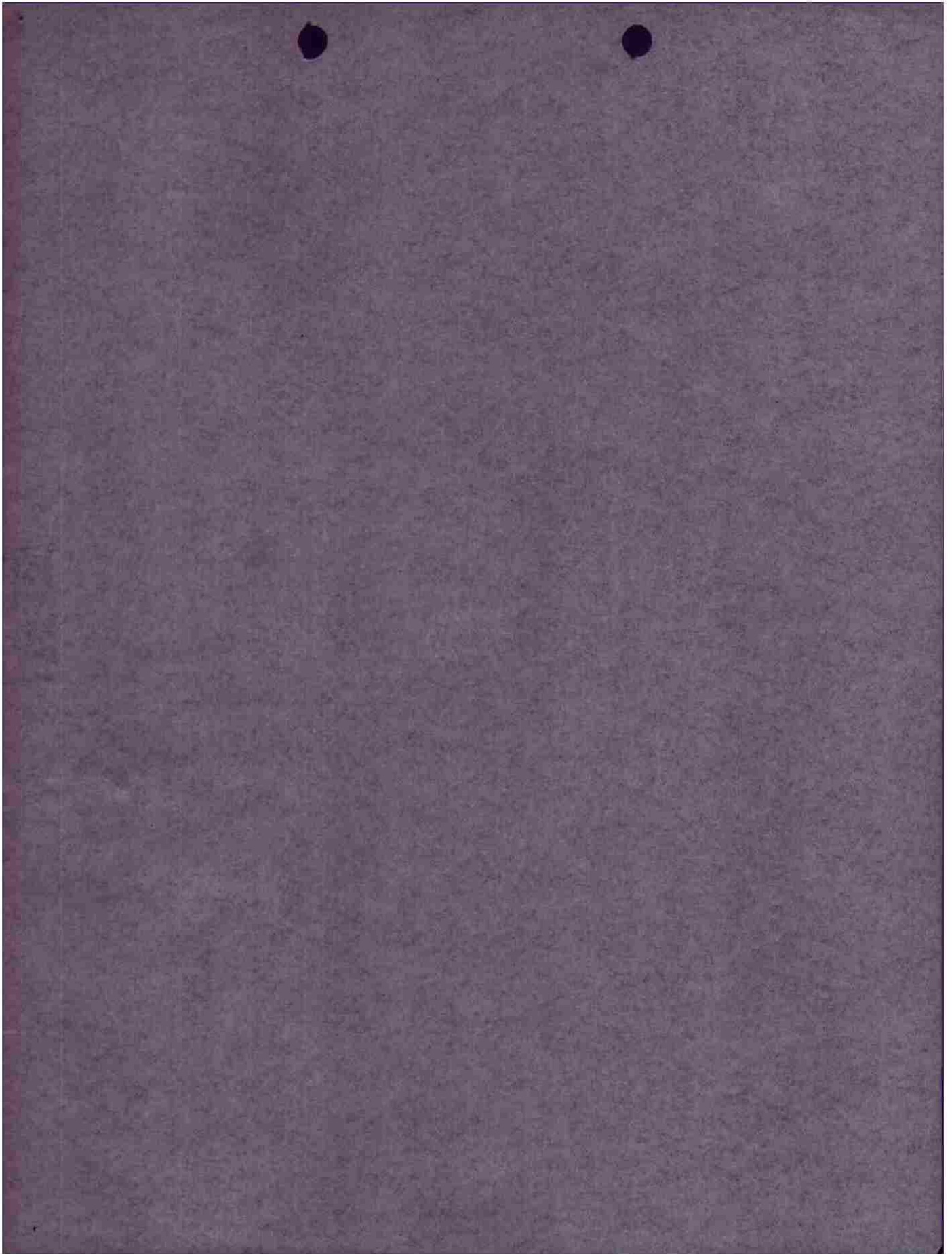


SECRET

49°40' N

416-11	Bones (L)
17 Aug 19	FO 164-504
TIME	11:05
WIND	NE
WEATHER	100% - F.F. 100%
SIGHTS	3.3.4.20. 1.8-21
DAMAGE	None

SECRET



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CONFIDENTIAL

FROM COBOMGR 416

TO COCBTWIG 97 ATT: SIG O

A - YS - 128

B - 17 AUGUST 1944

C - 30 A/C

D - 671 - R - VHF NOISY, RETUNED AND CHECKED OK.
668 - V - INTERPHONE OUT, REPAIRED AND CHECKED OK.

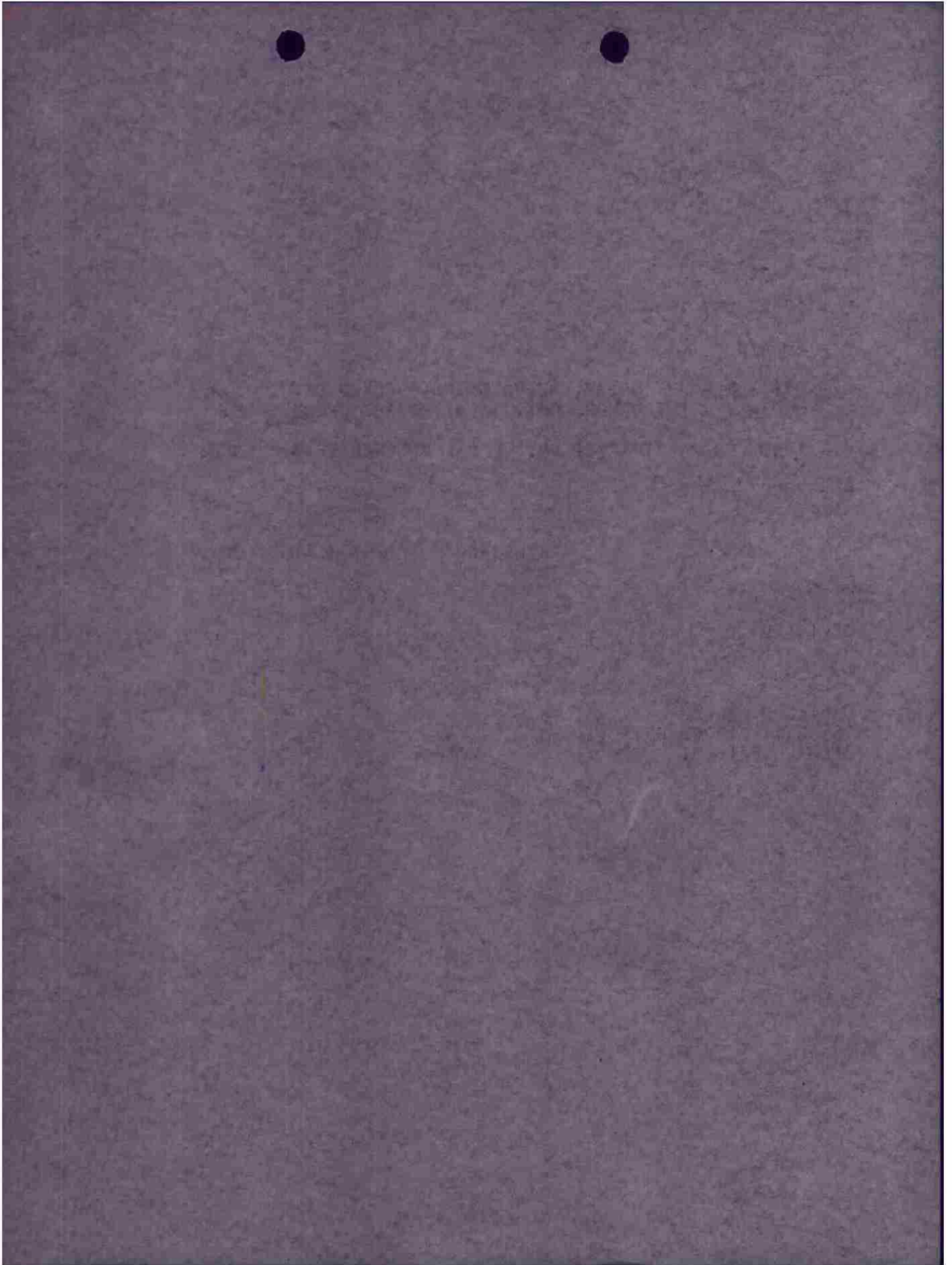
E - 1 QDM FROM WETHERSFIELD. LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON USED.

F - NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

OFFICIAL:

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



POST MISSION REPORT

MISSION NO. 128

DATE 17 August.

1. Number of men wounded (Medics @ 16) None

2. Bombing Malfunctions (Armament - 92) None

3. Camera Malfunctions (Photo Lab - 84) None

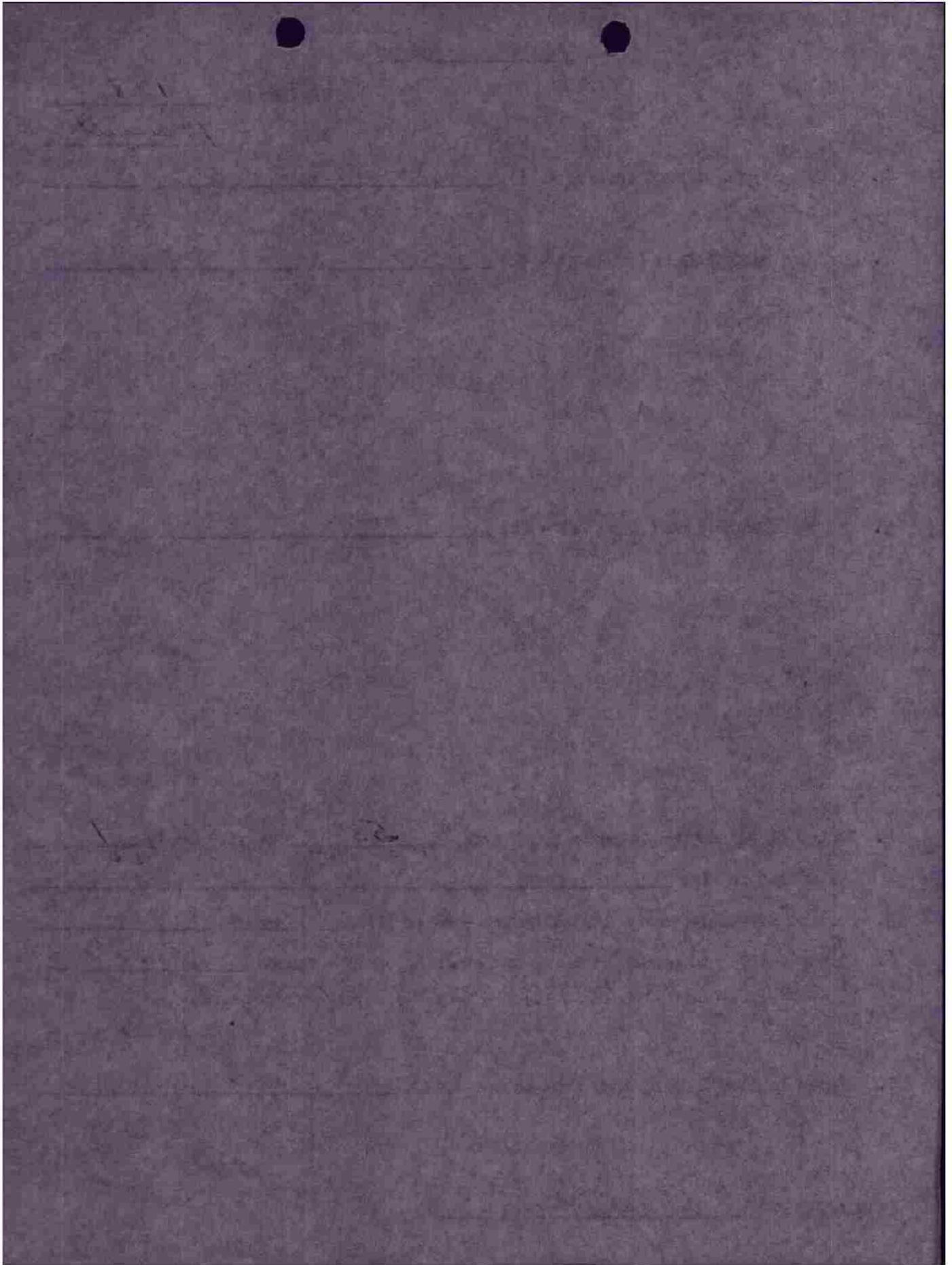
4. Number of Planes Operational: Bomb Group 53 Service Group 9
133 - 408. 600 35.
 Called to Wing OK

5. Percent of Battle Damage (Intelligence - 68 or 17) None

6. Planes failing to become airborne or returning early - reason None
Aircraft Returned Early as Briefed.

7. Planes lost or landing away from base - reason None

(SUBMITTED BY M. Sgt C.R. Young.)



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

APC 140
17 August 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: 7/10 stratocumulus and cumulus at
2000 feet. Visibility 7 miles.

ROUTE OUT: 4-5/10 patchy alto cumulus estimated 15000
feet over the entire route. 6-8/10 cumulus
over England with bases 2-3000 and tops to
6000 feet. One large break over channel
near Le Havre with clouds becoming 8-10/10
over France with tops estimated 10000 feet.
Visibility 10 miles plus over entire route.

TARGET: 10/10 cumulus with tops estimated 10000 feet.
Visibility 10 miles plus.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out.

BASE ON RETURN: 5-6/10 stratocumulus and cumulus at 3500
feet. 6/10 alto cumulus estimated 10000.
Visibility 10 miles.

TIME OVER TARGET: 1408

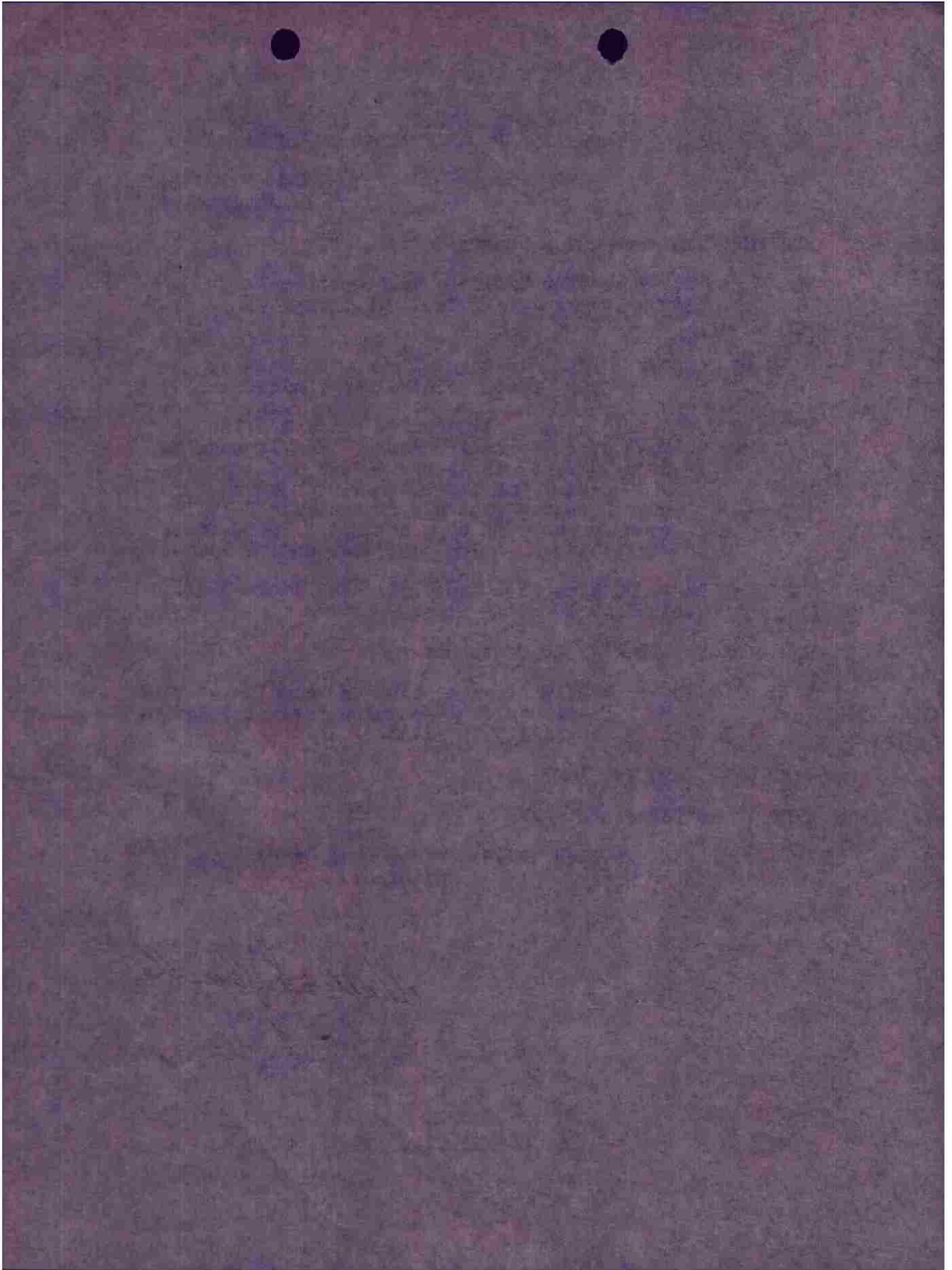
WINDS: As forecast.

EFFECT OF WEATHER ON BOMBING: Bombs were dropped on
pathfinder.

Walter D. Castle

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

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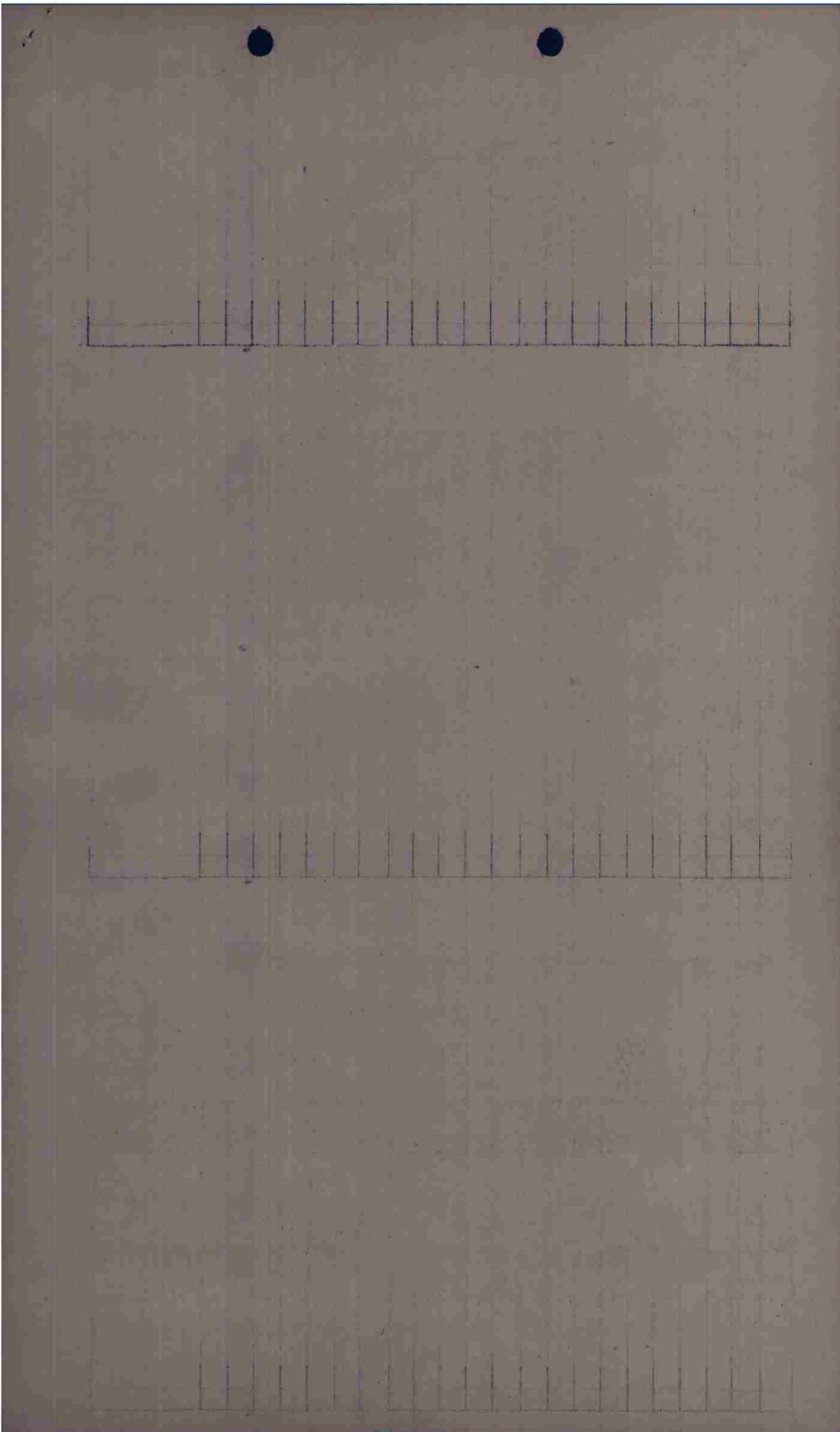


Mission No. 128

Box 1.

17 August 1944

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 A D	B O L D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D E	R E M A R K S
C	Q	452	Quail			1226										1531	
B	U	469	Quail			1226										1532	
C	T	455	Quail			1226										1533	
B	E	464	Quail			1226										1537	
B	N	469	Quail			1227										1537	
B	O	396	Quail			1227										1538	
B	F	197	Quail			1227										1543	
B	M	692	Quail			1228										1538	
B	L	190	Quail			1228										1539	
B	R	645	Quail			1228										1535	
D	H	165	Quail			1229										1534	
D	F-1	221	Quail			1229										1536	
D	K	393	Quail			1229										1536	
D	U-1	719	Quail			1229										1536	
D	Z	956	Quail			1230										1536	
B	Q-1	900	Quail			1230										1533	
						1226											

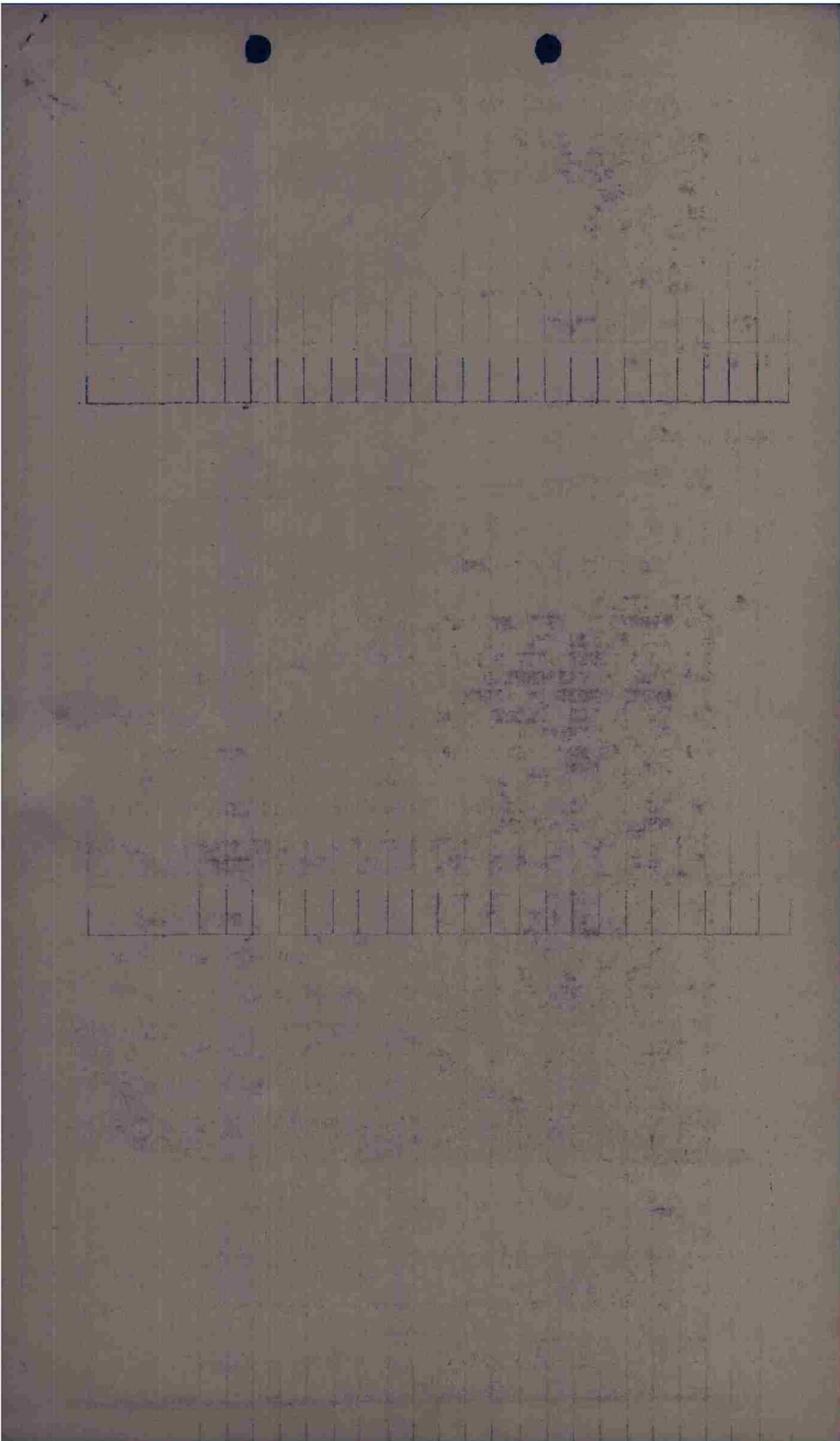


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Box 11

17 August 1948

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 D	B O M B A D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D E	R E M A R K S
A	V	444	Spic hully			12 31										15 39	
A	M	125	Freaguer			14 31										15 42	
C	E	224	Barker			14 32										15 42	
C	R	674	Shear			14 32										15 42	
C	H	389	Prung core			14 32										15 41	
C	D	217	Wauben			14 33										15 42	
A	V	719	Bantam			14 33										15 44	
A	R-1	894	McCready			14 33										15 44	
A	Z	760	Henry			12 33										15 45	
A	Q	210	Prick			14 34										15 45	
A	N	150	Parker			12 34										15 46	
A	T	176	Stale			12 34										15 41	
A	E	194	Feather			12 35										15 42	
A	D	195	Marine			12 35										15 42	
A	O	907	Colquhitt			12 35										15 42	
A	B	480	Pledge			12 35										15 42	
A	R	819	Canmore			12 36										15 43	
A	X	764	Whight			12 36										15 43	
D	V-1	493	Freelance			12 36										15 46	



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OICOG OIPPF OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI OILAI 01/17 OP
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 17/0400B A-114-E
 TO COMBOMCON NINE
 1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQD.
 409TH COBOMGP
 410TH COBOMGP
 416TH COBOMGP

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O 140
 17 AUGUST 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 154-501

NAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMB LINE
 (2) II GROUP WILL FURNISH SPITFIRE AREA COVER FOR THIS WING
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE.

ZERO HOUR : 17/1200B

3. A. 409TH GROUP

- (1) 4900/D/30 HIGHWAY BRIDGE (PATHFINDER)
- (2) 1ST BOX 15 A/C 2ND BOX NORMAL 18 A/C 1 P.P.F. A/C
- (3) AREA COVER WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER BASE
- (4) BASE TO MAIDENHEAD TO SELSEY BILL TO 4904N 0042W TO 4900N 0003W TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 4910N 0015E TO 4919N 0002W TO WORTHING TO MAIDENHEAD TO BASE
- (6) BOMB 13,000 FEET. REMAIN AT 13,000 FEET UNTIL HALF WAY BACK ACROSS CHANNEL
- (8) GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 4900/54C REF. 058040 TO BE USED ONLY IF BOMBING IS VISUAL
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE 1/40 SECOND TAIL
- (12) ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL NOT BE ATTACKED THIS MISSION

B. 410TH GROUP

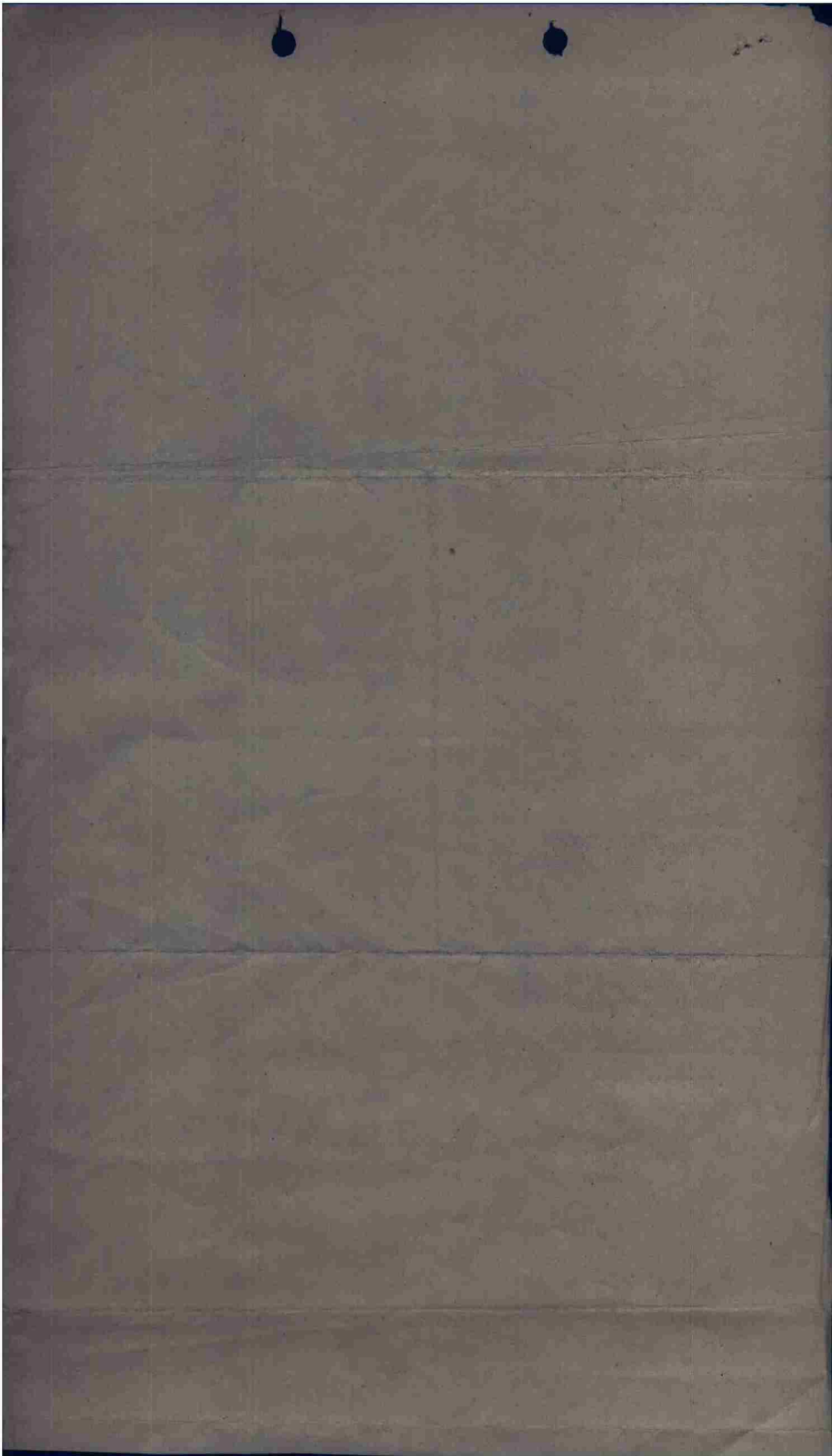
- (1) LAUNAY HIGHWAY BRIDGE (PATHFINDER)
- (2) 1ST BOX 15 A/C 2ND BOX NORMAL 18 A/C 1 P.P.F. A/C
- (3) AREA COVER WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER BASE
- (4) BASE TO MAIDENHEAD TO SELSEY BILL TO 4919N 0002W TO 4903N 0002E TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET RIGHT TURN TO 4903N 0002E TO 4919N 0002W TO WORTHING TO MAIDENHEAD TO BASE
- (6) BOMB 12,000 FEET. DROP 2,000 FEET IMMEDIATELY UPON LEAVING TARGET CROSS FRENCH COAST OUT AT THAT ALTITUDE
- (8) GENERALLY WEST TO EAST
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SHEET 8F4 GRID COORDINATES 913789 TO BE USED ONLY IF BOMBING IS VISUAL
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE 1/100 SECOND TAIL
- (12) ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL NOT BE ATTACKED THIS MISSION

C. 416TH GROUP

- (1) MONTFORT SUR RISLE HIGHWAY BRIDGE (PATHFINDER)
- (2) 1ST BOX 15 A/C 2ND BOX NORMAL 18 A/C 1 P.P.F. A/C
- (3) AREA COVER WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER BASE
- (4) BASE TO MAIDENHEAD TO SELSEY BILL TO 4919N 0002W TO 4917N 0001W TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET RIGHT TURN TO 4917N 0001W TO 4919N 0002W TO WORTHING TO MAIDENHEAD TO BASE
- (6) BOMB 12,000 FEET DROP 1,000 FEET IMMEDIATELY UPON LEAVING TARGET CROSS FRENCH COAST OUT AT THAT ALTITUDE
- (8) GENERALLY WEST TO EAST
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SHEET 8F2 GRID COORDINATES 866014 TO BE USED ONLY IF BOMBING IS VISUAL
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE 1/40 SECOND TAIL
- (12) ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL NOT BE ATTACKED THIS MISSION

X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE

- (5) IN THE EVENT THE BOMBING CAN BE VISUAL, THE GROUP LEADER WILL BE NOTIFIED BY THE PATHFINDER PILOT OVER VHF. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL REST ENTIRELY WITH THE PATHFINDER PILOT
- (6) THE 410TH GROUP WILL TAKE OFF AT LEAST 10 MIN. BEFORE THE 416TH GROUP



A. NO CHANGE

B. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 489TH BOMB GROUP

(2) MANGO

(3) GOLDFLAKE CHANNEL C/C

D. 410TH BOMB GROUP

(2) CIRCLE

(5) GOLDFLAKE CHANNEL C/C

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

(2) BESTMAN

(5) GOLDFLAKE CHANNEL C/C

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

(3) 3A, 4B, 6C, 5D, 7E, 8F, 13G, 11H, 16I

(10) VATB/VATB

COCBTWIG 97

BT 0400/17B

AR JMB

1.17/0428B

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 TO 409TH COBOMGP
 410TH COBOMGP
 416TH COBOMGP

ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER

ADVANCED INFORMATION COPY OF PARA. 5. OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. MYN 409TH BOMB GROUP

(2) MANGO

(5) GOLDFLAKE CHANNEL C/C

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

(2) CIRCLE

(5) GOLDFLAKE CHANNEL C/C

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

(2) BESTMAN

(5) GOLDFLAKE CHANNEL C/C

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

(3) 3A, 4B, 6C, 5D, 7E, 8F, 13G, 11H, 16I

(10) VATB/VATB

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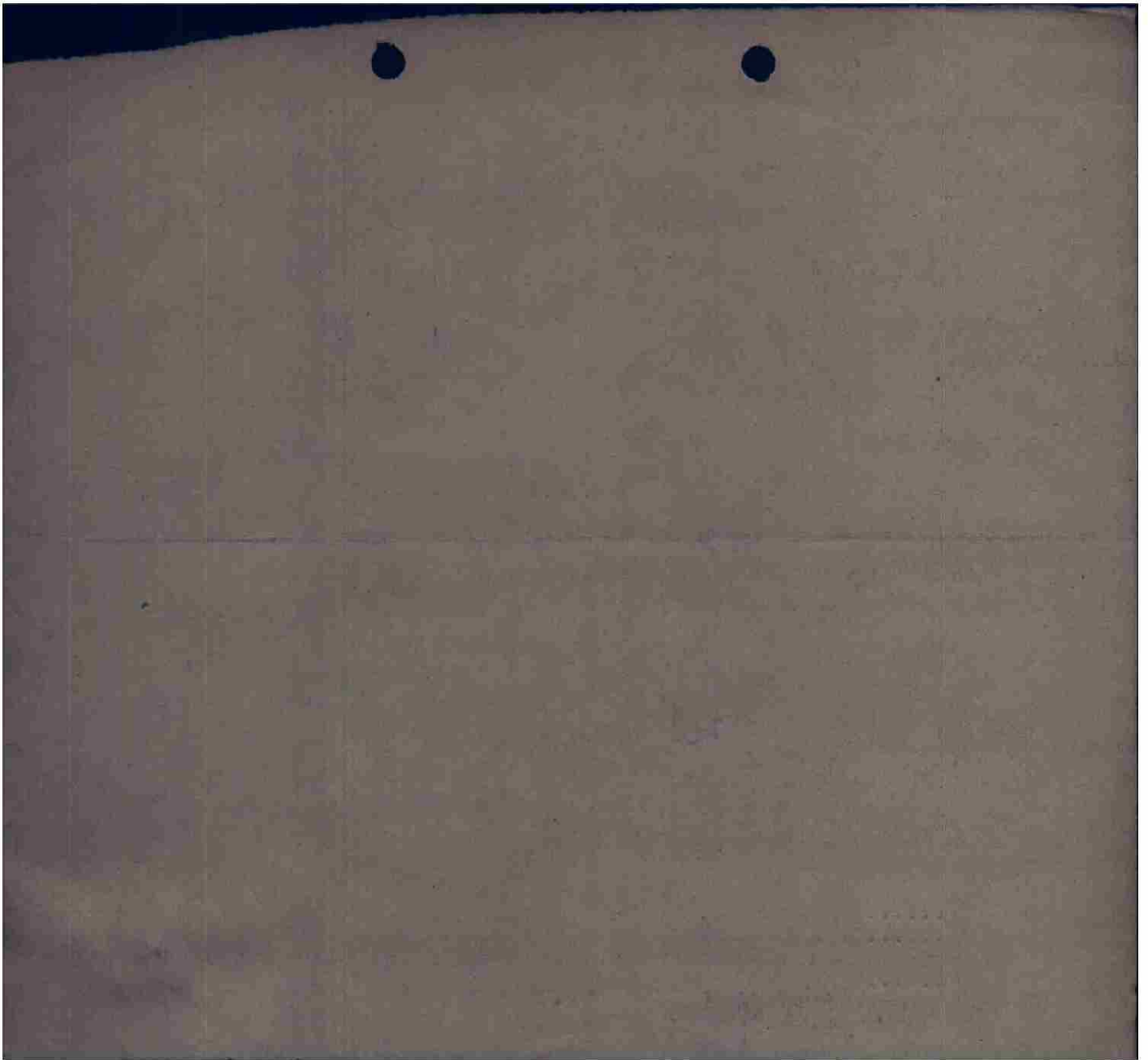
AR JMB

OIHAK R.....17/0335B SM AR

OIGOF R.....17/0335 B CB AR

OIHAA R.....17/0335B CW AR

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OICOG OIPPA OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI OILAI 02/17 OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 17/0455B A-115-E
 TO COMBOMCON NINE
 1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQD.
 409TH COBOMGP
 410TH COBOMGP
 416TH COBOMGP

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O 140
 17 AUGUST 1944

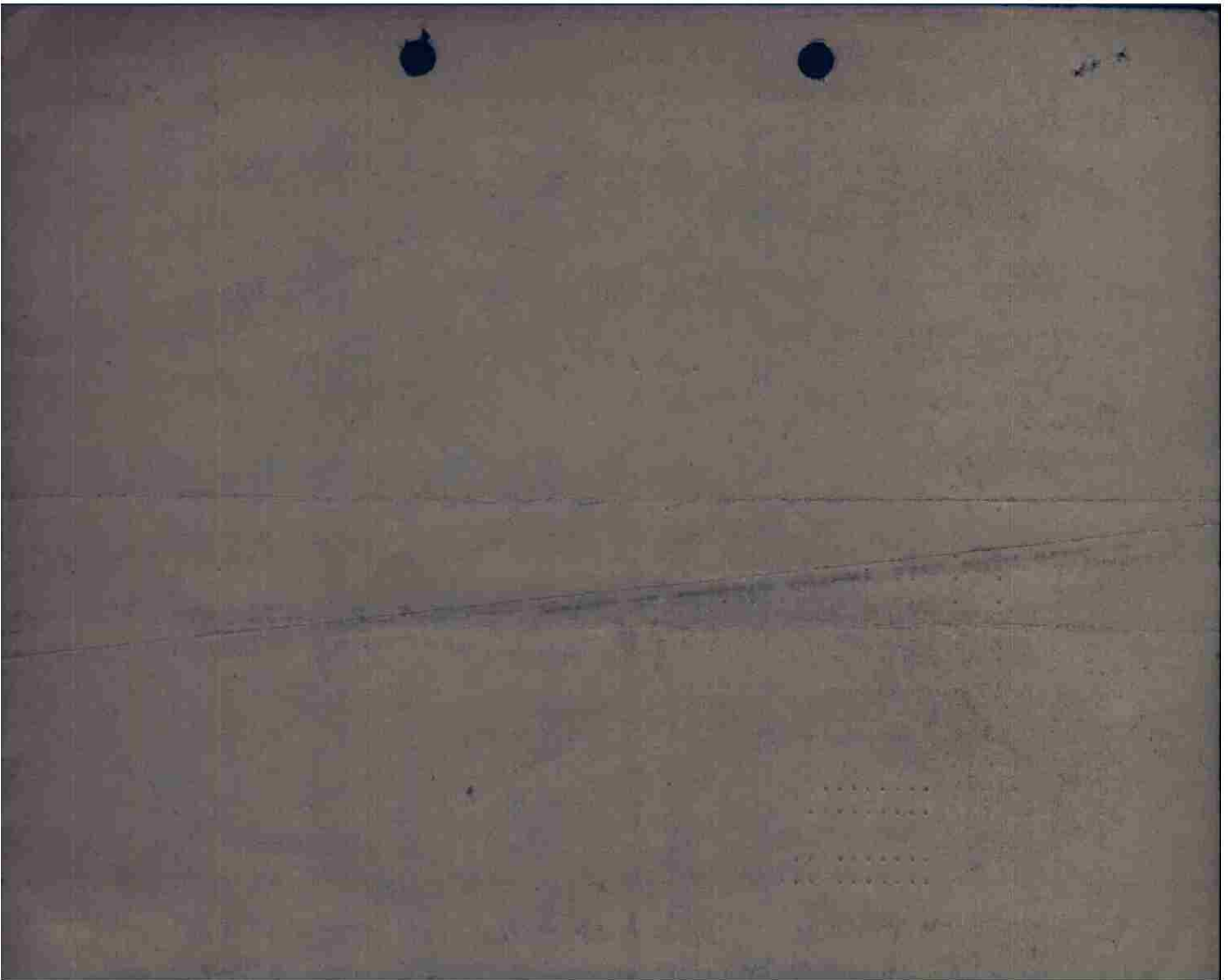
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ADD PARA. 3. A. (13) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR
 PARA. 3. B. (13) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 5 MIN
 PARA. 3. C. (13) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MIN

COCBTWIG 97

BT 0455/17B
 AR JME

OICOG FOR OIPPF			
OICOG OILAI R.....	17/0458B	BCD	AR
OIHAK OILAI R.....	17/0458B	SN	ARO
OIGOF OILAI R.....	17/0458B	CB	AR
OIYAA OILAI R.....	17/0458B	CW	AR
OAT			



OICOG OIPPF OIHAK OIY OIGOF V OILAI OILAI 17 "OP"
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 17/1040B A-116-E
 TO COMBOMCON IX
 1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQD.
 409TH BOMB GROUP.
 416TH BOMB GROUP.
 418TH BOMB GROUP.

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 A P O 140
 17 AUGUST 1944

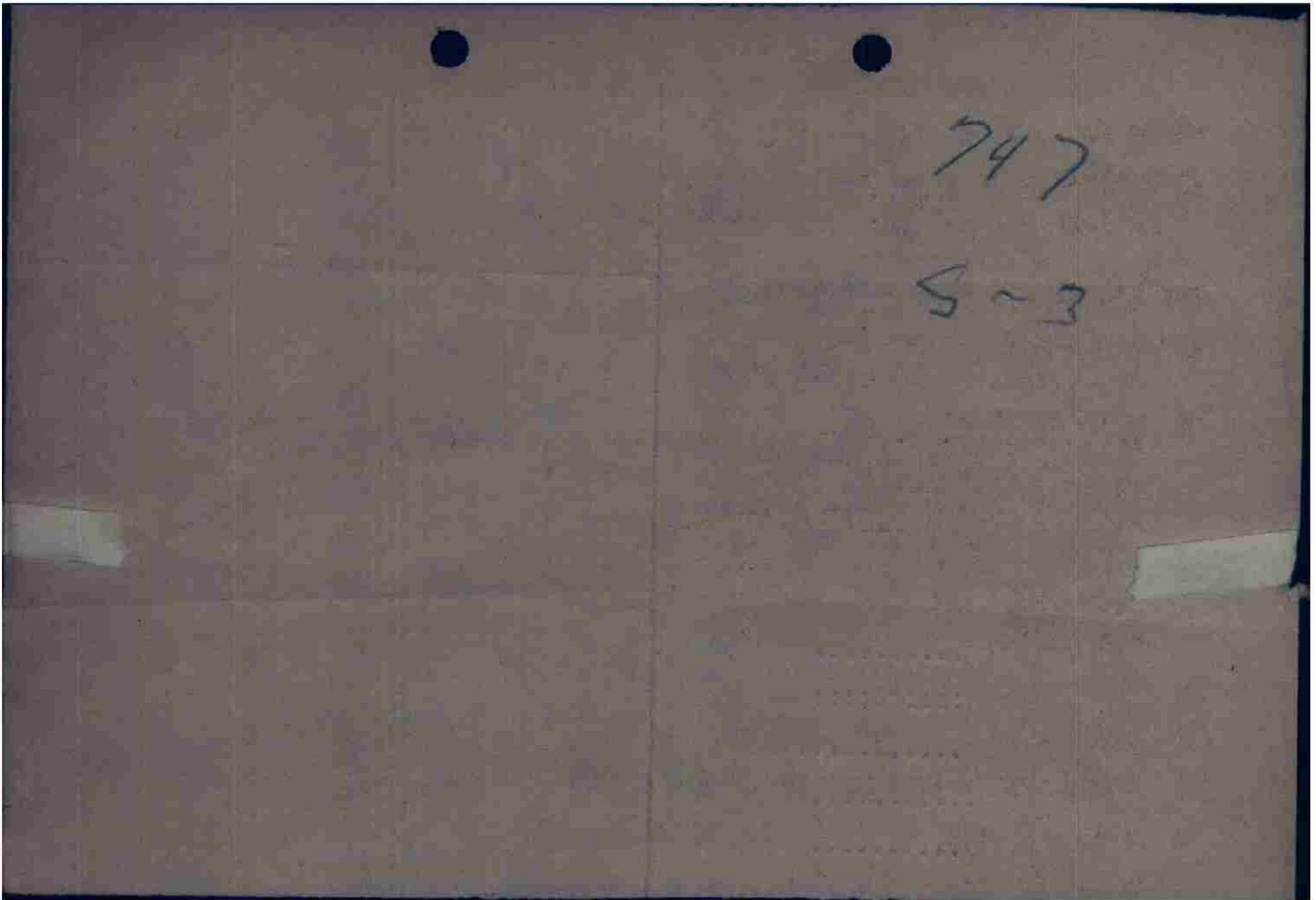
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MAKE ZERO HOUR READ: 17/1400B REPEAT 17/1400B

---COCBTWIG 97---

BT 17/1040B
 FK AR

OIPPF K WITH R
 OIPPF / OILAI R.....17/1053B WF AR
 OICOG K WITH R
 OICOG / OILAI R!!!!!!!!!!
 OIHAK K WITH R
 OIHAK / OILAI R.....17/1053B JP AR
 OIYAA KK WITH R
 OIYAA / OILAI R.....17/1055B EJ AR K
 OIGOF K WITH R
 OIGOF / OILAI R.....17/1055B AK AR K



OICOG LAI V YAA YAA 13/17 "OP"
 FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 17/1645B
 TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2
 HQ 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

A-494-D
 CPFLASH NO. 134 FOR 17 AUGUST 1944.

- A. (1) MONTFORT SUR RISLE BRIDGE
 (2) MONTFORT SUR RISLE BRIDGE
- B. (1) 416TH BG
 (2) 33 A-20'S INCLUDING 7 A20J'S AND 26 A20G'S
 1 B-26'S (PATHFINDER)
 (3) ALL A/C BOMBED
 (4) 33 A-20'S BOMBED PRIMARY
 1 B-26 BOMBED PRIMARY (PPF)
- C. (1) 1226
 (2) 1408
 (3) 1536
- D. (1) NIL
 (2) 0-0-0
 (3) 0-0-0
- E. UNOBSERVED - BOMBED THROUGH 10/10 CLOUD ON PPF.
- F. (1) (A) NIL
 (B) NIL
 (2) (A) NIL
 (B) NIL
- G. 8 TO 10 TRUCK CONVOY GOING SE AT (Q7695) AT 1412 HOURS
 12000 FT.
 M/Y AT (L 9502) WITH FEW CARS - AREA HAS BEEN HEAVILY BOMBED.
 HIGHWAY BRIDGE (Q 8896) APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY REPAIRED.
- H. (1) CLOUD COVER 10/10 WITH TOPS TO 8000 FT.
 (2) 10/10 CLOUD TOPS 8000 - BASE 3000 FT.
- I. 182 X 500 ON PRIMARY (BY A-20'S)
 4 X 500 BY B 26 PATHFINDER
- J. 11,700 FT.

BT 17/1645B I
 FD BBBB
 OICOG R.....17/1702B TLC KK
 LAI R.....L..17/1705B RL AR K

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