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121	480	10 AUGUST 1944
122	481	10 AUGUST 1944
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
129	511	25 AUGUST 1944
130	512	26 AUGUST 1944
131	513	26 AUGUST 1944
132	515	27 AUGUST 1944
133	517	28 AUGUST 1944
134	522	1 SEPT. 1944
135	526	3 SEPT. 1944
136	527	3 SEPT. 1944
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27 Aug 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
416th Bombardment Group (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

APO 140, U. S. Army,
27 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Combat Mission.

TO : Commanding General, 97th Combat Wing, APO 140, U. S. Army.

416th Bombardment Group (L)
191st Combat Mission, 26 August 1944.
97th CW FO 190-513.

1. 41
2. 39
3. 8
4. 2 (spares)
5. 31
6. 30 a/c failed to bomb due to weather - 1/10 to 2/10 at target, tops 8000 feet. Cloud covered target for 5 flights. Visibility at target 6 miles.

42-9219 Attempt to release bombs over target failed. Bomb door safety switch failed to close when bomb door cylinder relieved pressure on bomb door safety switch opened. Faulty leaf spring in micro - switch.

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7. 30 a/c failed to bomb due to weather.
42-9219 Same as paragraph 6.
8. 42-9861 Landed on 67th Group strip in Normandy because of flak damage. Aircraft not on hand this station. Future reports will include detailed information.

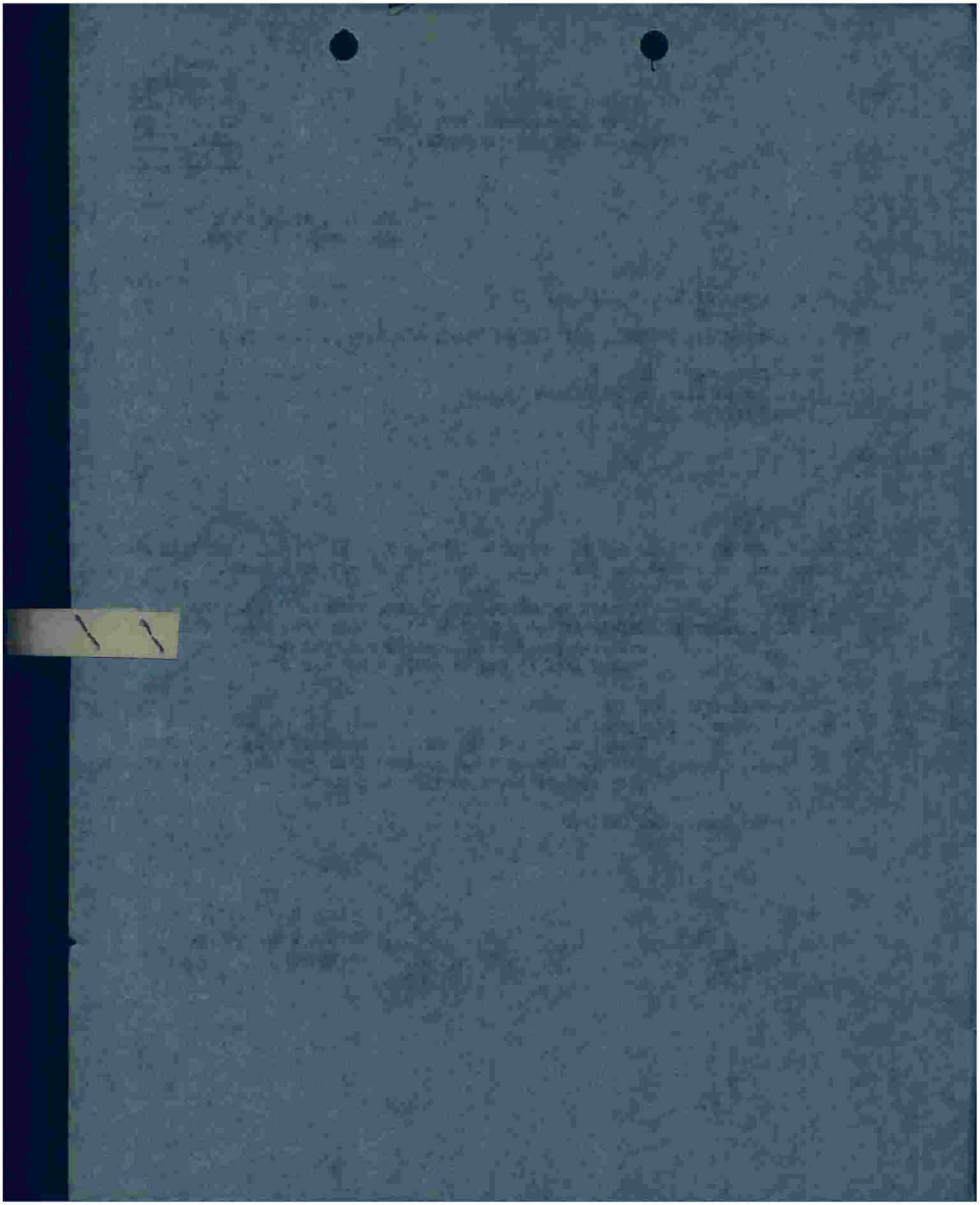
For the Commanding Officer:

[redacted],
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

APO 140, U. S. Army,
28 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Report.

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

Transmitted herewith is the A-3 Bombing Information Report on operational mission 26 August 1944.

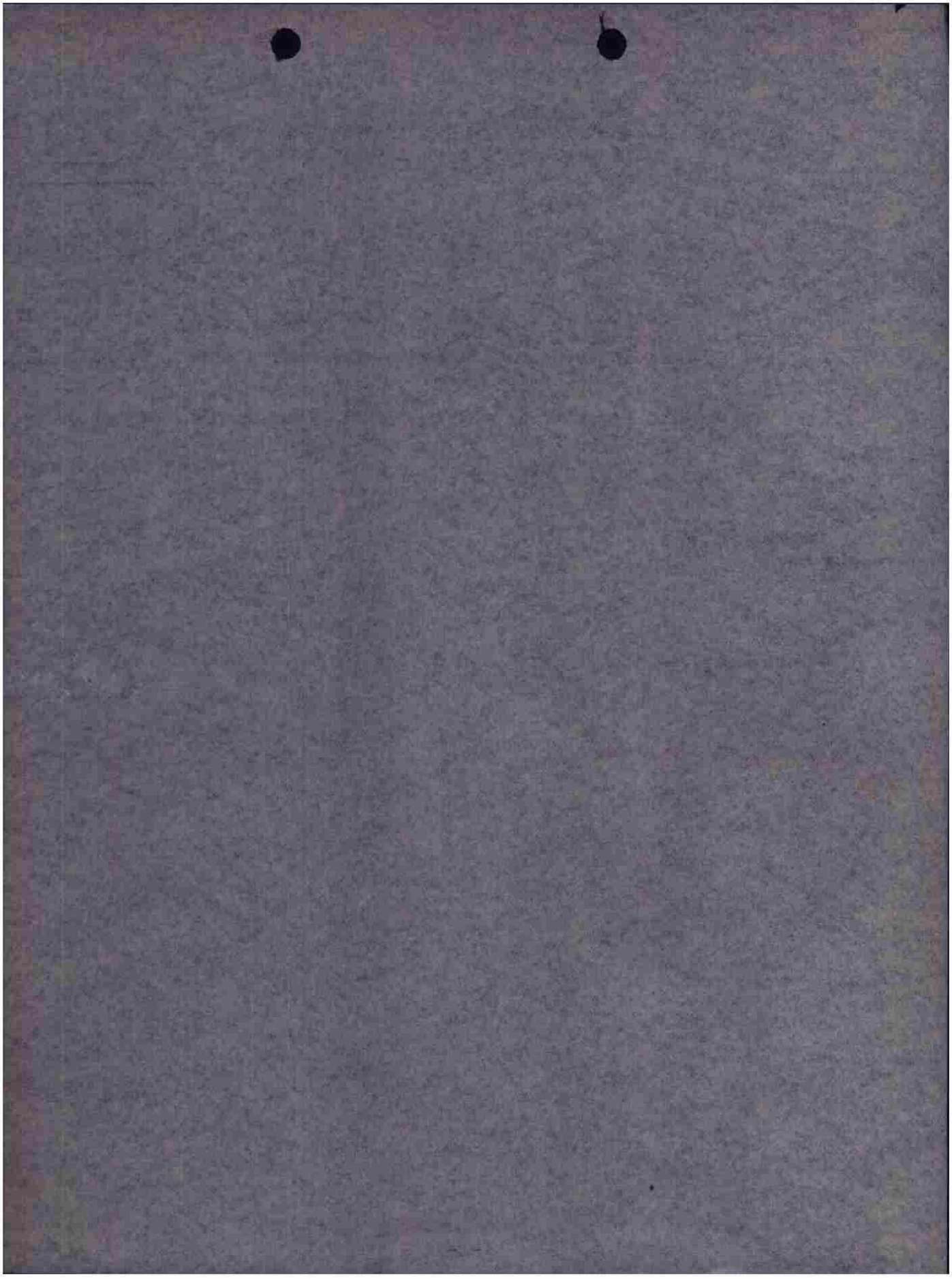
For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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

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ANNEX "A" BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 513

BOX ~~1, file 1~~ GROUP 416 DATE 25 Aug 44 TARGET ATTACKED Rouen Ferrying Area

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach: 0500

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES____ NO X

4. 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. Aimed at briefed AP.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. P. G. Royalty

6. Name of lead Pilot: Major D. L. Willetts

7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 244 Altitude: 12,000
9. Length of bomb run: 20 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 ___ x 500 lb. FUSED M-26 frage fused for N T separation 10 sec after release.
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 20

12. Full statement of all factors affedting 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.
Haze, smoke and clouds over target area. Short run.

(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 extend 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:
Could not locate AP until near release point.

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:
None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

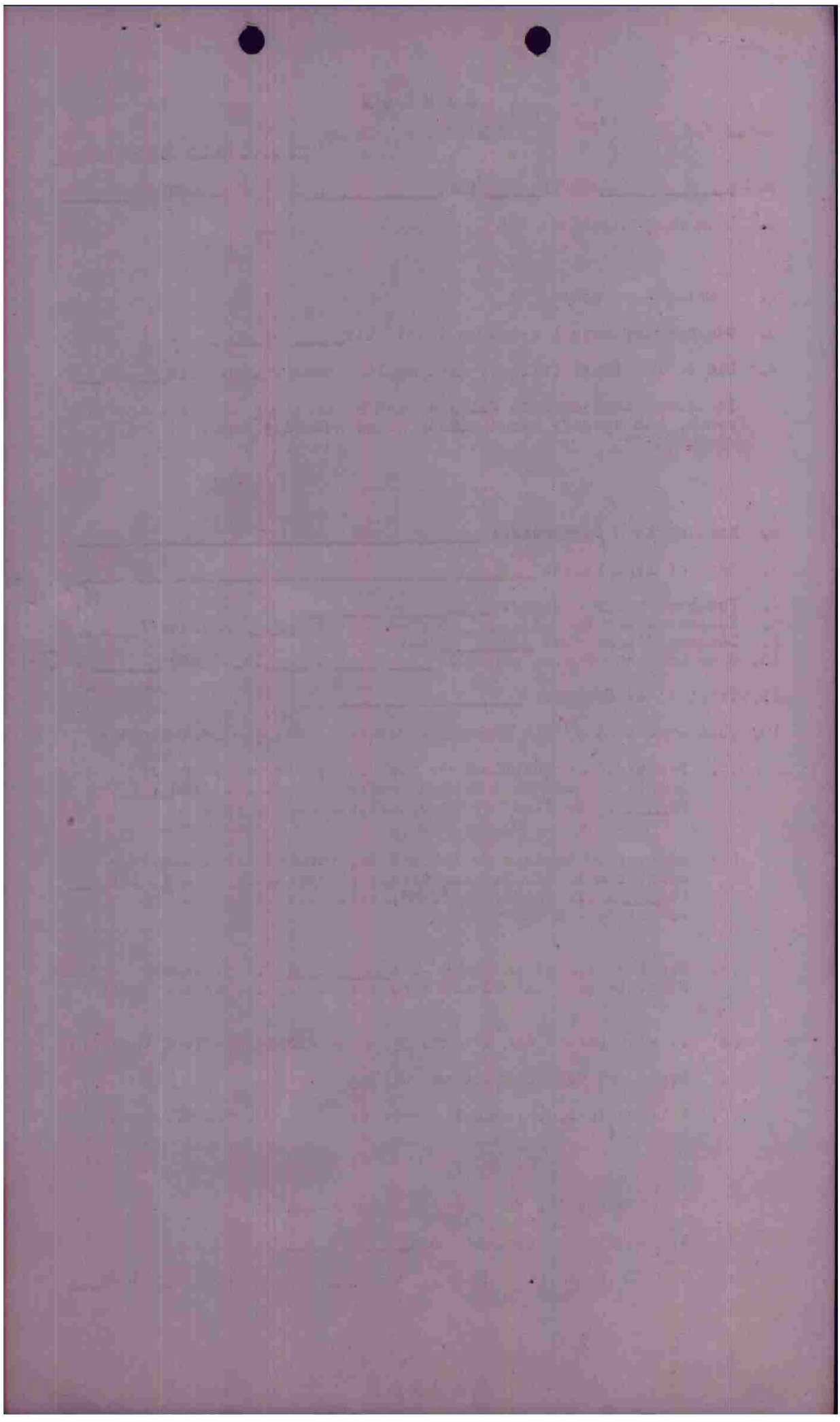
Aimed at right Target: YES X NO____

Results claimed: EXCEL ___ GOOD___ FAIR___ POOR___ GROSS___
UNOBSERVED.

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FLIGHT I

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1. 645 R
Major D.L. Willette
Lt. P.G. Royalty
S/S H.A. Lempke
S/S J.S. Brower

2. 219 D
Lt. H.D. Andrews
S/S E.R. Werley
Cpl R.E. Herr

3. 165 H
Lt. M. Zubon
T/S R.L. Tanner
S/S W.C. Russell

4. 9719 J
Lt. H.F. Pair
S/S V.P. Adams
S/S H.A. Marion

5. 363 L
Lt. J.C. Gary
Sgt R.W. Cheuvront
Sgt A.E. Schoen

6. 937 B
Lt. D.L. Withington
Sgt C.F. Huss
Sgt L.D. McElhatten

FLIGHT II

1. 063 A
Capt. C.R. Jackson
Lt. A.H. Maltby
Sgt D.E. Burns
S/S W.J. Daniel

2. 455 T
Lt. F.J. Harrold
Lt. W.E. Brewer
S/S W.L. Griffin
Sgt J.O. Belcas

3. 217 D-1
Lt. T.J. Leonard
Sgt J.J. Ricketson
S/S T.A. Palmer

4. 720 F
Lt. R.B. Hall
Sgt C.C. Stroup
S/S L.C. Burger

5. 759 G
Lt. T.A. Murphy
S/S D.S. Blackford
Sgt L.W. O'Connell

6. 224 E
F/O. E.O. Turner
S/S W.J. Donahue
Sgt J. Sienkiewicz

FLIGHT III

1. 444 J-1
Capt. A.E. Osborne
Lt. W. Forma
Sgt S.P. Newell
S/S K.G. Lagerman

2. 819 K
~~Lt. E.B. Kreh~~ Returned Early
~~S/S D.R. Schenck~~ No Sortie
~~S/S E. Shelton~~ Became Sick

3. 176 T-1
Capt. R.B. Prentiss
S/S J.E. McCreery
S/S H.J. Sylva

SPARE
210 G
~~KKKKKKKKKK~~
Lt. L.G. Peede
S/S C.L. Hibbs
S/S L.M. Daugherty

4. 9194 C
Lt. R.D. Lesher
S/S H.R. Hedrick
Sgt S.L. Heitell

5. 760 Z
Lt. P.E. Parker
Sgt A.F. Galloway
Sgt S. Kochan

6. 195 D-2
Lt. L.E. Cannon
S/S J.W. Robinson
S/S E.P. Brzezinski

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1. 1711 S
Lt. H.P. Cole
Lt. R.J. Basnett
S/S B.G. Fandre
S/S F.R. Chvatal

2. 714 N
Capt. S.M. Hixon
Sgt A.H. Hinson
S/S O.E. Swank

3. 9711 M
Lt. F.W. Henderson
S/S R.M. Griswold
S/S P.E. Coulombe

4. 214 C
Lt. R.C. Morehouse
S/S L.A. Zygiel
S/S A.J. Burgess

5. 221 F
Lt. T.J. Murray
S/S J.O. Jones
S/S D.H. DeBower

6. 393 K
Lt. C.L. Estes
S/S C.E. Orvold
S/S A.E. DiMartino

FLIGHT II

1. 469 J
Lt. R.J. Morton
Lt. D.L. Moore
S/S C.L. Webb
S/SF.M. Citty

2. 135 T
Lt. W.J. Greene
Lt. R. Nichols
S/S J.A. Ochaba
S/S W.F. Colbert

3. 9961 E
Lt. A.J. Vlieghels
S/S R.W. Rice
S/S C.E. Young

4. 1961 P
Lt.T. Boukamp
S/S R.J. Colosimo
S/S J.S. Wing

5. 929 C-1
Lt. J.F. Smith
S/S C. Vafiadis
S/S R.C. Hoffman

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

FLIGHT III

1. 442 D
Lt. E.E. DeMun
Lt. R.J. McQuade
S/S M. Rosenstein
S/S H.O. Carney

2. 743 W
Lt. J.F. Allen
Sgt L.R. Getgen
Sgt C.W. Veazey

3. 900 Q
Lt. W.H. Land
S/S S.F. Alden
S/S R.L. Ballinger

4. 767 N-1
Lt. J.E. Blomgren
S/S M. Bookach
S/S L.R. Fleming

5. 483 L
Lt. J.S. Connor
S/S J.E. Van Duyne
S/S H.C. Rodgers

6. 202 B
Lt. P.F.E. MacManus
S/S G.I. Fleischmann
S/S J.O. Rogers

SPARE
439 J-1
Lt.Col. T.R. Aylesworth
Lt. W.M. Lytle
S/S J. McKee
Sgt S.J. Turpin

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WINDOW FLIGHT

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1. 185 M
Lt W A Peck
Lt J Madenfort
S/S A E Bergeron
S/S H E Kelton

2. 379 C
Lt R V Miracle
S/S J C Burkhalter
S/S B C Sieg

3. 360 N
Lt D W Elliott
S/S J Meni
Sgt J J McGuire

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FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

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"J" FORM OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE F-4 26 AUGUST 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR HAROLD A. RADETSKY

A.

B. 1816

C. SELSEY BILL

D. BOX I . . . . R/T BYLAW ONE

671 . . . . 6 . . . . R D H J L B

670 . . . . 6 / . . . A T D-1 F I E-1

668 . . . . 6 . . . . J-1 K T-1 C Z D-2

668 . . . . 1 . . . . (SPARE) Q

GROUP LEADER . . . . 671 . . . . R

DEPUTY . . . 670 . . . . A

BOX II . . . . R/T BYLAW TWO

671 . . . . 6 . . . . S N M C F K

669 . . . .12 . . . . J T E P C-1 I D W Q N-1 L B

670 . . . . 1 . . . . (SPARE) J-1

SECOND BOX LEADER . . . . 671 . . . . S

DEPUTY . . . . 669 . . . . J

E. 12,000

F. CABOURG

G. 1843

H. 31

J. ST. VALERY

K. SELSEY BILL

L. 1935

BOX III . . . . R/T BYLAW THREE

668 . . . . 2 . . . . M G

670 . . . . 1 C

M. 1. TAKE OFF . . 1711 . . SET COURSE . . 1731 . . E.T.A. . . 2005
2. 4 x 500 M-26 FRAG CLUSTERS
3. 4 HOURS
4. 4901E/38
5. NONE

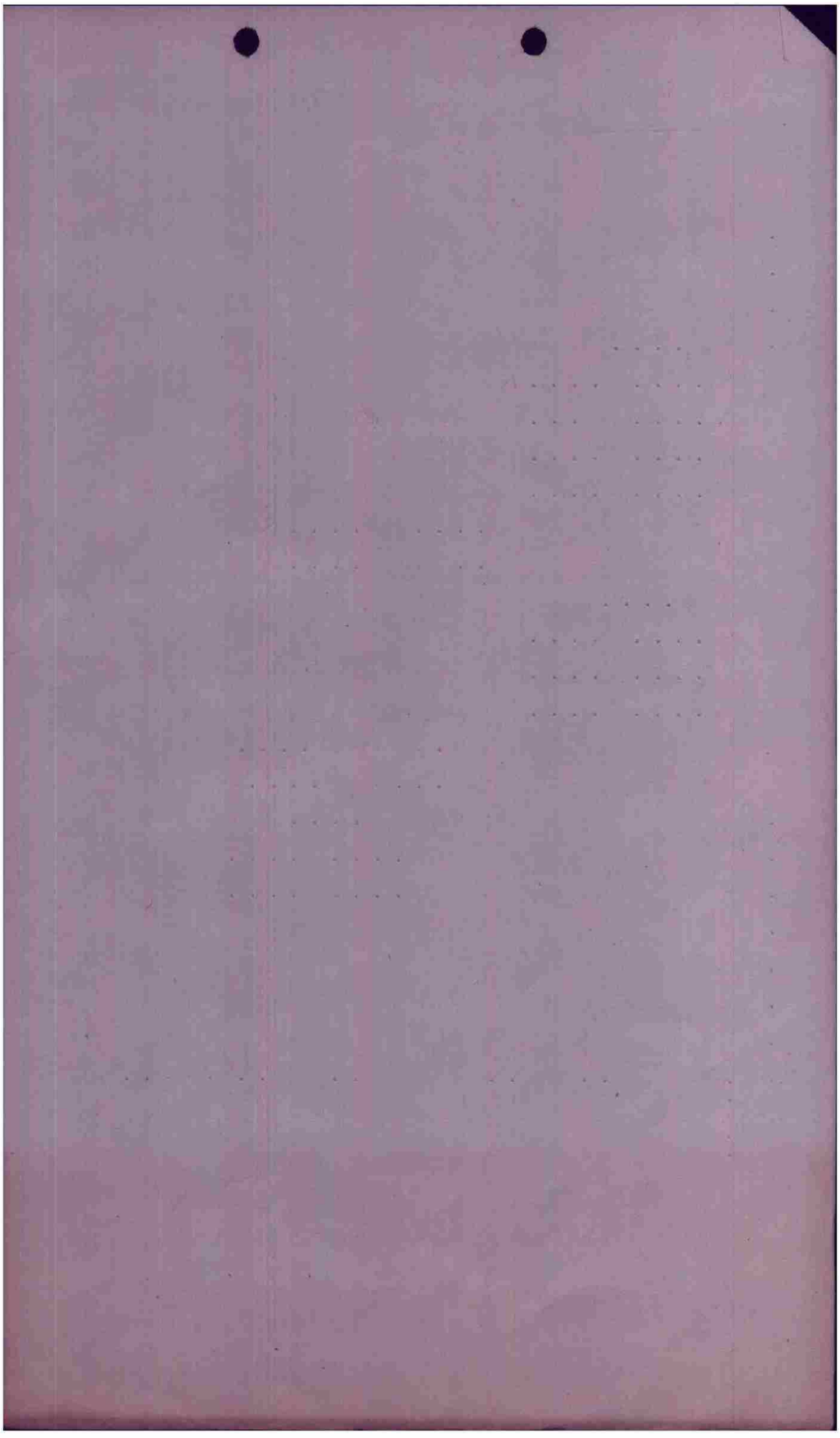
AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

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

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POST MISSION REPORT

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DATE 26 Aug. 44

1. NUMBER OF MEN WOUNDED (MEDICS - 10) A. Royalty - (Hand)

2. BOMBING MALFUNCTIONS (ARMAMENT - 02)
393 - Sq. D. - Estes - 2 bombs in Channel on way back.
219 - Sq D - Andrews - 4 bombs returned - Bomb door safety switches stuck. Would not allow current to flow to racks
2, 3, 4, 5, 46. Flights did not Bomb. - Cloud cover.

3. CAMERA MALFUNCTIONS (PHOTO LAB - 04) None

4. NUMBER OF PLANES OPERATIONAL: BOMB GROUP 13 S 41 D's SERVICE GP 25 8 4's
CALLED TO WING 15 J'S 46 4'S.

5. PERCENT OF BATTLE DAMAGE (INTELLIGENCE - 09 OR 17) 23%

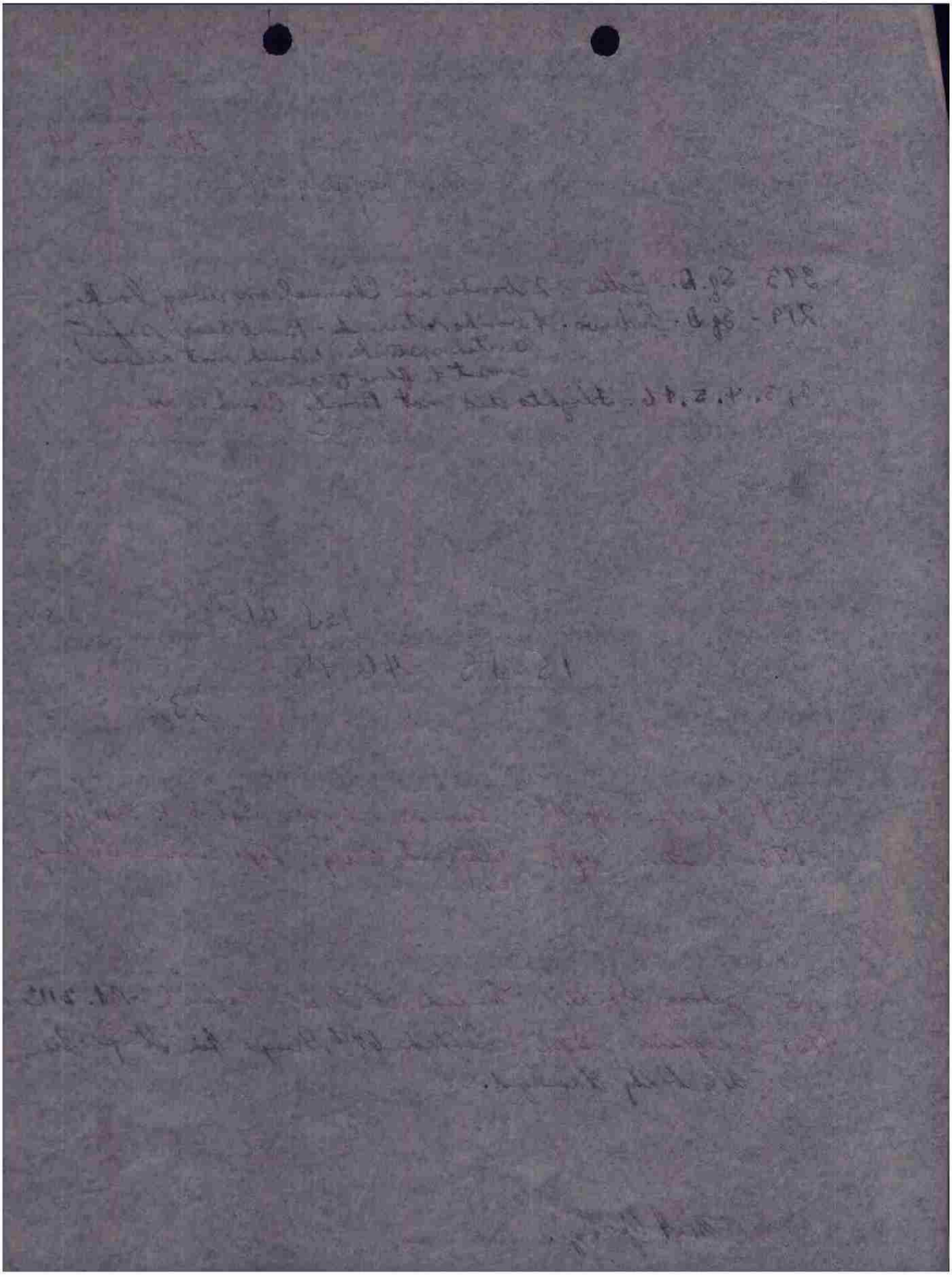
6. PLANES FAILING TO BECOME AIRBORNE OR RETURNING EARLY - REASON
819 - Kuch. - Sq. A. - Gunner Sick. Sgt. D. R. SCHENCK.
176 - Prentiss - Sq A. Returned Early - Left Engine Cutting Out.

7. PLANES LOST OR LANDING AWAY FROM BASE - REASON
165 - Zubon - Sq. D. - Landed at Ford Refuel. - Rpt. 2113
9961 - Veigele - Sq B. - Landed 67th Group Air Strip - France a/c badly damaged.

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TO COCBTWIG 97 ATT: SIG O

A - YS - 131.

B - 26 AUGUST 1944

C - 39 A/C

D - 668 - G - VHF OUT. BLOWN FUSE REPLACED AND CHECKED O.K.

670 - D - MIKE BUTTON STUCK, CAUSING CARRIER ON CHANNEL A. MIKE BUTTON REPAIRED AND CHECKED O.K.

E - 2 ODM'S FROM BOATDECK. LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON USED.

F - NONE

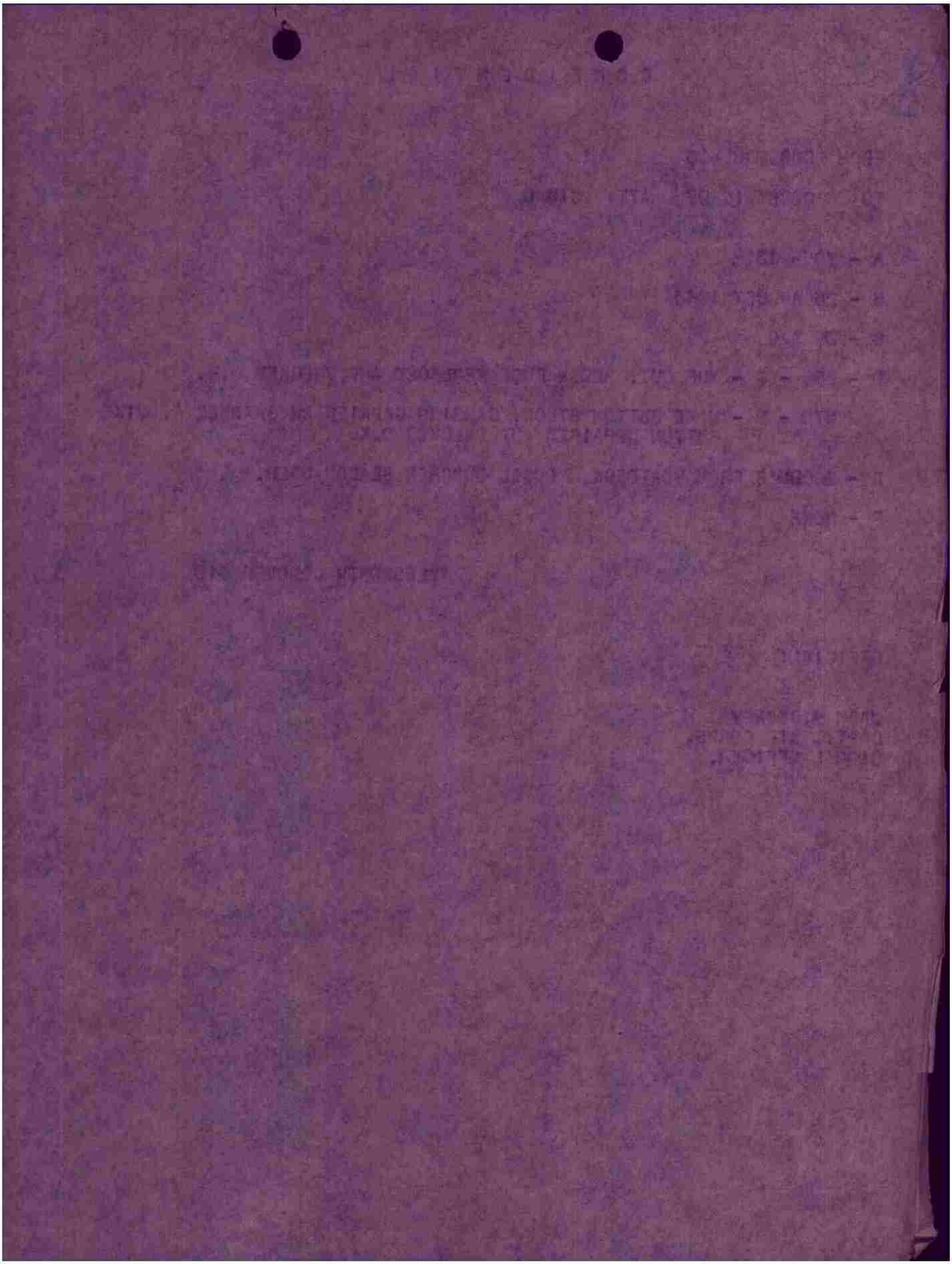
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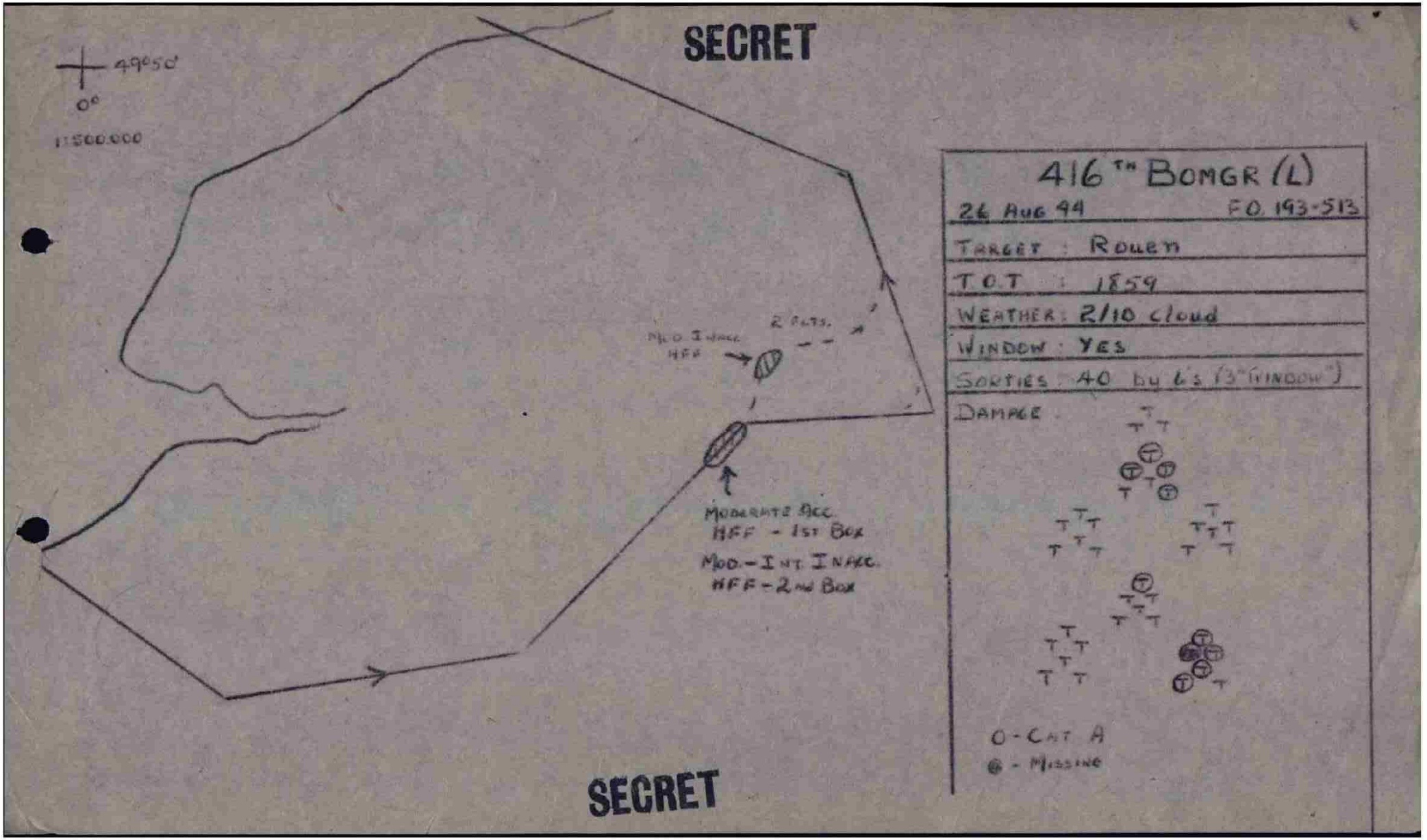


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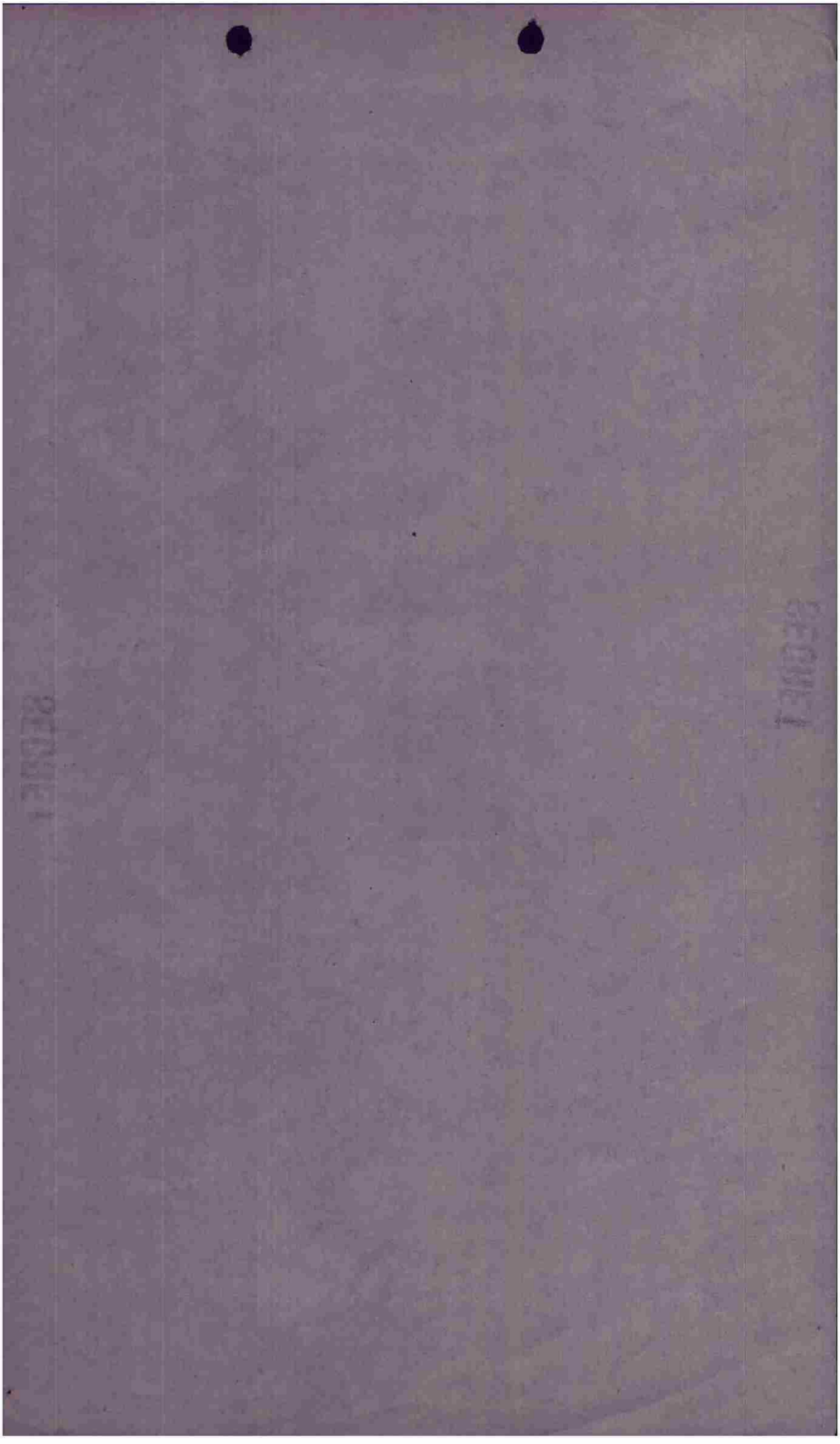


416TH BOMGR (L)	
26 AUG 44	F.O. 193-513
TARGET :	ROUEN
T.O.T :	1859
WEATHER :	2/10 CLOUD
WINDOW :	YES
SORTIES :	40 by 6's (3" WINDOW")
DAMAGE :	

O - CAT A
@ - MISSING

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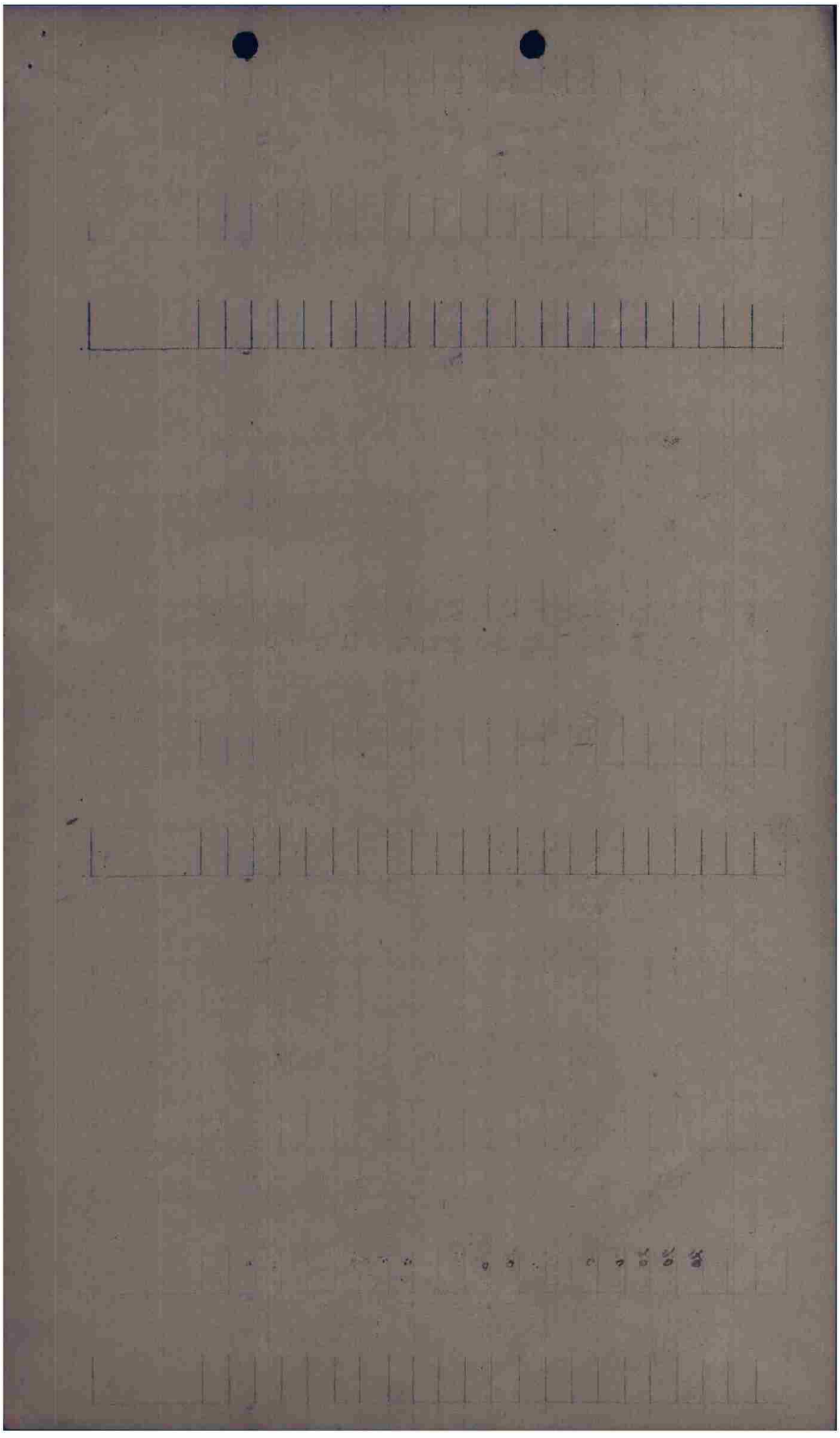
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D	R	645	Willetts	545		1712	1816	1843	1900	1914	1935		7 x 5	4 x 500	L	2016	306
D	D	219	Andrews			1712	Salery	Coburg		17000	Salery			Frags		2016	3:05
D	H	165	Zubon			1712	Bill	17000	Landed at Ford.							2113	[redacted]
D	J	9719	Pair			1712	17000			At	Bill					2017	3:05
D	L	363	Gary			1712				Valery	9000	C				2017	3:05
D	B	937	Withington			1713										2016	3:05
C	A	063	Jackson			1713										2019	3:10
C	T	455	Harrold			1713										2019	3:10
C	D-1	217	Leonard			1713						C				2019	3:10
C	F	720	Hall, E.B.			1714										2020	3:15
C	G	759	Murphy			1714										2020	3:15
C	E-2	224	Turner			1714										2021	3:15
A	J-1	444	Osborne			1714										2021	3:15
A	K	819	Kuh			1715	Returned	Early -		Jumped	Tech.					1735	—
A	T-1	176	Prentiss			1715	Returned	Early		No Lastie -		Lft Engine				1928	2:15
A	C	9194	Fesler			1715										2023	3:10
A	Z	760	Parker			1715										2023	3:10
A	D-2	195	Cannon			1716										2028	3:15
A	Q	210	Pardee			1716										2022	3:10

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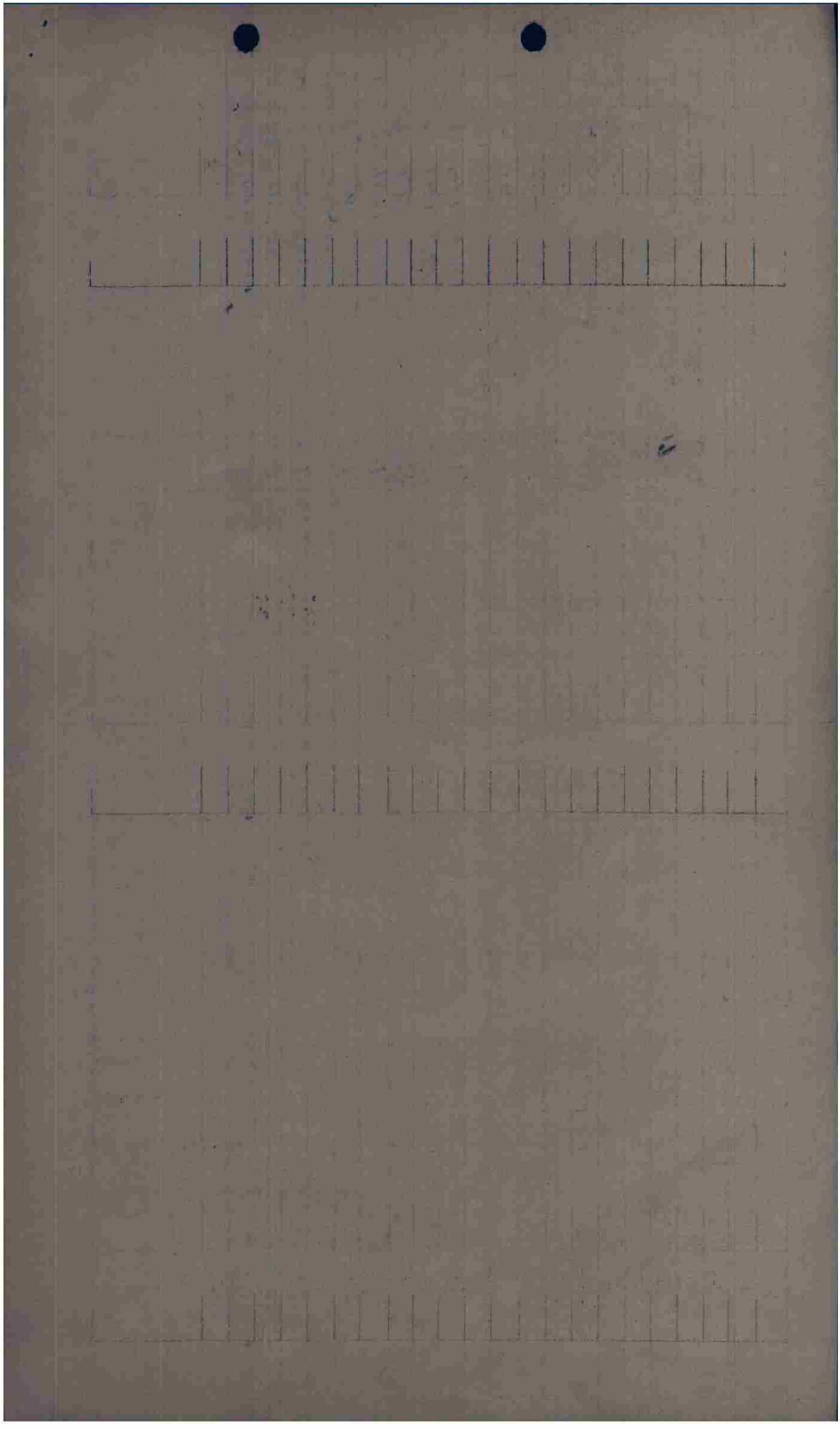
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P	S	1711	Cole	1718								C				2025	3:10
D	N	714	Hixon	1718												2025	3:10
D	M	9711	Henderson	1718												2026	3:10
D	C	214	Morehouse	1718												2026	3:10
D	F	221	Murray	1718								C				2028	3:10
D	K	398	Estes	1719												2027	3:10
B	J	469	Morton	1719												2029	3:10
B	T	135	Greene	1719								HC				2037	3:20
B	E	9961	Vlieghels	1719	Landed on 67th Group Strip - France - Crew OK - Ship badly damaged -												
B	P	1961	Boukamp	1719												2037	3:20
B	C-1	929	Smith J. F.	1720								C				2030	3:10
B	I	190	Hall, E. P.	1720												2029	3:10
B	D	442	De Mun	1720								HC				2031	3:15
B	W	743	Allen	1721								HC				2033	3:15
B	Q	900	Land	1721								HC				2033	3:15
B	N-1	767	Blomgren	1721												2033	3:15
B	L	483	Connor	1721												2034	3:15
B	B	202	MacManus	1722												2034	3:15
C	J-1	439	Aylesworth	1709												2024	3:15

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Window Flight

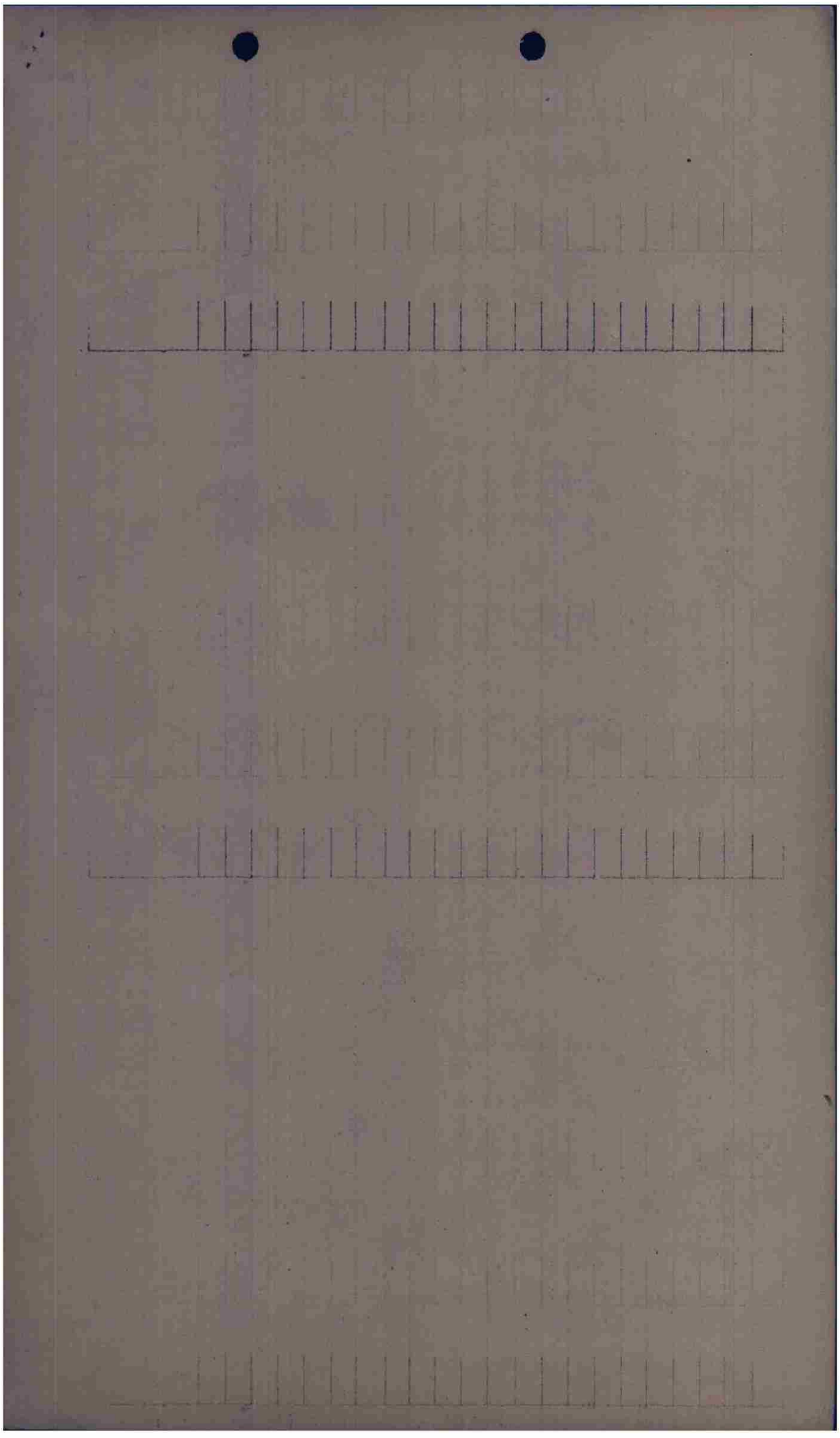
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Mission No. 131

SQDN	A/C LTR	A/C NO.	PILOT	DISTANCE	TARGET	ATO	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	CAMERA	FUEL LOAD	BOMB LOAD	ENDUR	LATN IDME	REMARKS
A	M	125	Peck			1722										2011	2.50
A	G	379	Miracle			1723										2012	2.50
C	N	380	Elliott			1722										2011	2.50

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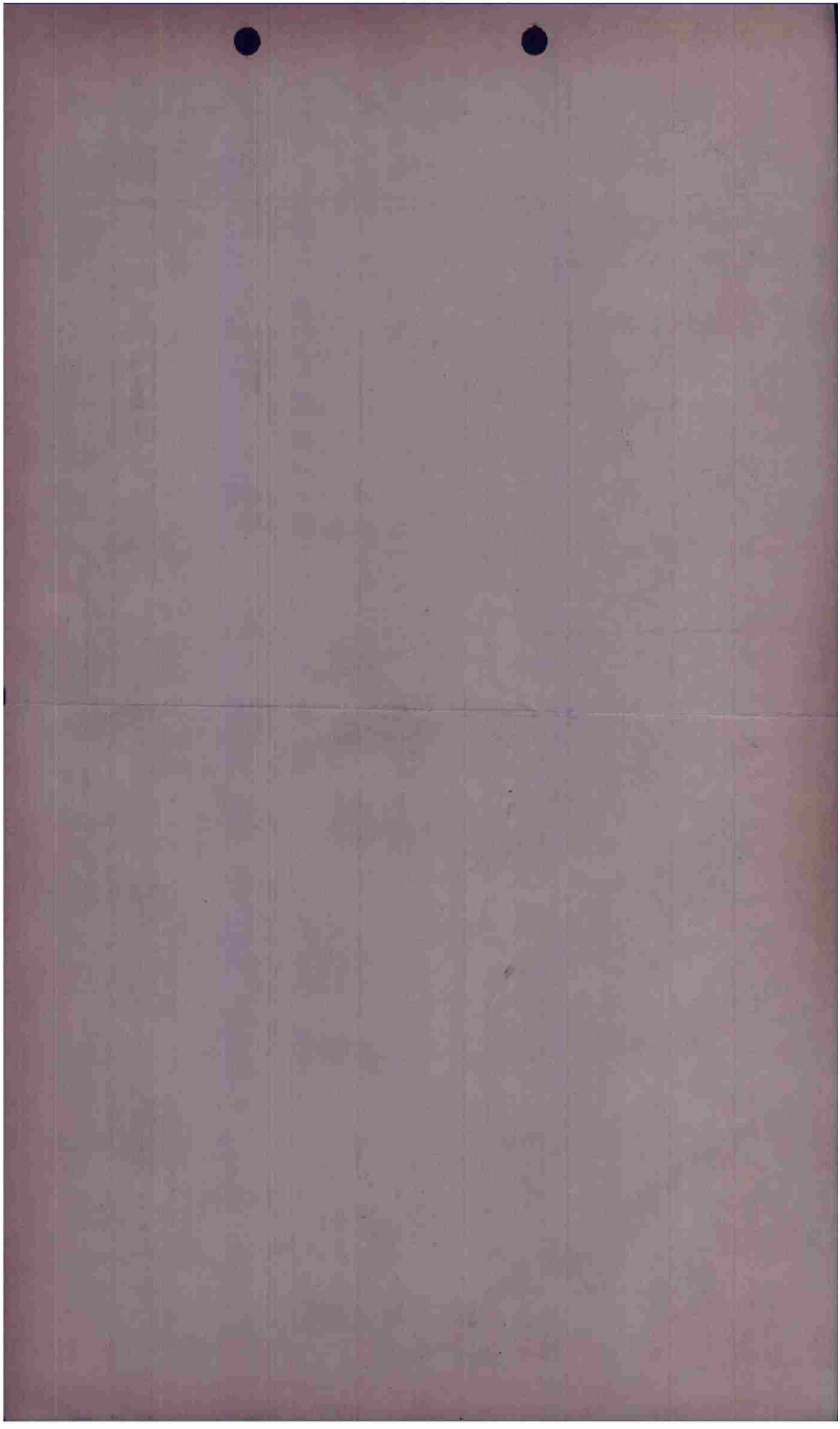
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MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION REPORT

PLANE NUMBER	TYPE OF MALFUNCTION	CAUSE OF MALFUNCTION (OPINIONS, PILOT'S STATEMENT, REMARKS, ETC.)
43-21819	Personnel	Gunner became sick
43-10176	Engine Trouble	Pilot reported loss of power when shifting to high blower. Ground crew checked upon return to base and found that the gasket under the line from the main body of the carburetor to the discharge nozzle was only held in place by two of the three screws available thereby causing a leakage of fuel and a lean mixture at high ~~rpm~~ power. This was a faulty installation at the factory because the carburetor had never been changed at this base.

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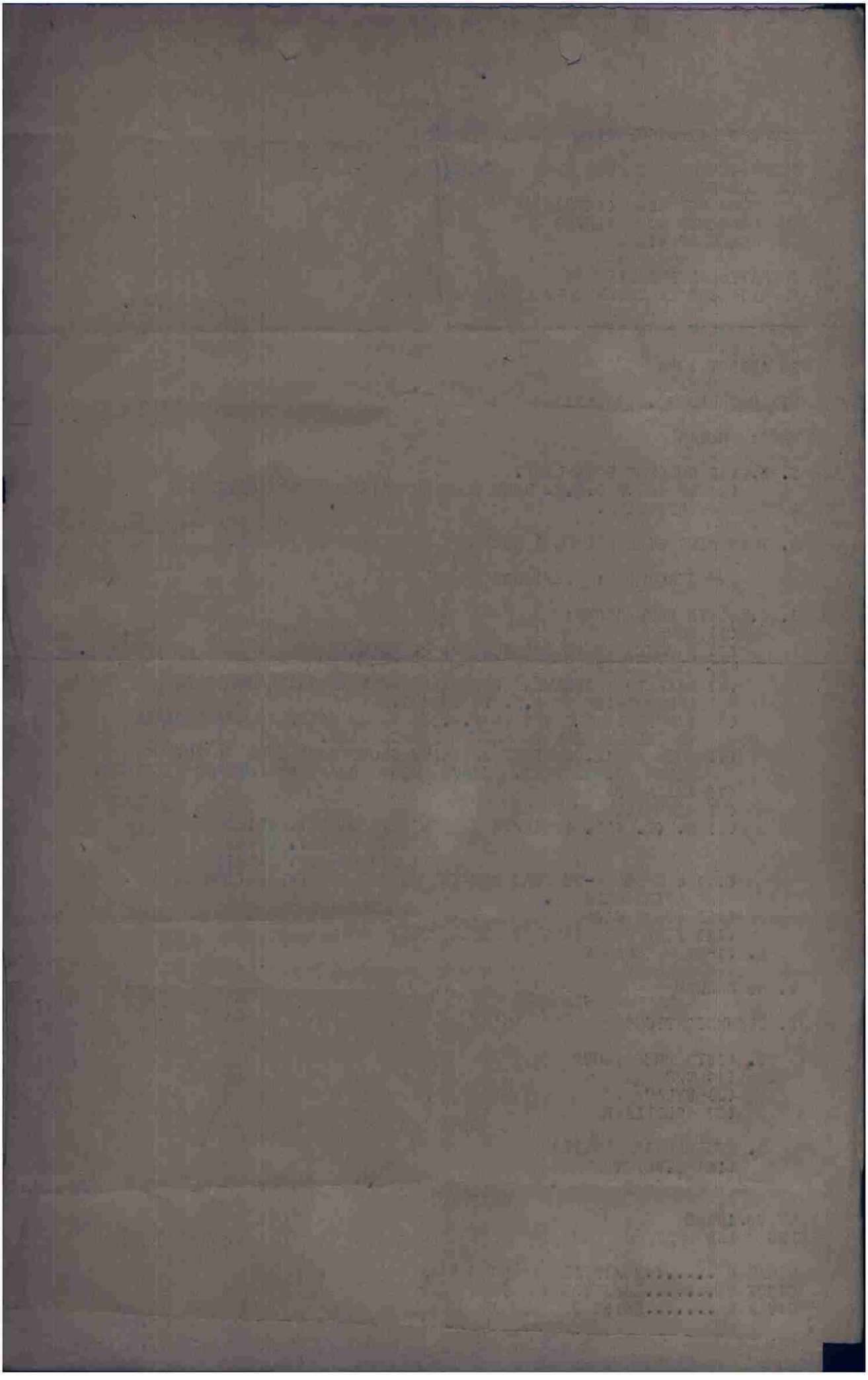
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SHIP NO	SQUADRON	PILOT and/or BOMBADIER	GUNNERS	MALFUNCTIONS	CAUSES OF MALFUNCTIONS
219	D	Andrews		No bombs released	Bomb door safety switch failed to close when bomb door cylinder obtained pressure on Bomb door safety switch operating arm. Faulty leaf spring in micro switch.
393	D	Estes		2 bombs release at target after bomb doors were open	Electric system checked and found to function properly. Evidence indicates pilot accidently released two bombs, since No. 1 + No. 2 stations released and were released at target. Leader did not drop.
Flights #2, 3, 4, 5, & 6			Did not attempt To Bomb		

William G. McDonald
Capt. A.C.
Armament Officer

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 26/1630B A-153-E
TO COMBOMCOM IX
COBOMGP 409 (INFO)
COBOMGP 410 (INFO)
COBOMGP 416

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
SECERT SENT IN CLEAR AUTH LT COL MC AFEE

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

ANNEX NO. 1 TO F. O. NO. 193-513

CHANGE PAR 3. A (9) TO READ:

(9) M.P.I. ILL. 4901E/38 ONE FLIGHT ON REF. 042078
ONE FLIGHT ON REF. 040081
ONE FLIGHT ON REF. 044074
M.P.I. ILL. 4901E/37 2 FLIGHTS ON REF. 055027
A.P. ILL. 4901E/37 ONE FLIGHT ON REF. 043020
THE FLIGHT ON REF. 043020 WILL COVER THE ROAD FROM 043020 TO 056024. LEAD BOMBARDIER WILL SALVO BOMBS ON A.P. REST OF A/C WILL DROP FIRST BOMB ON LEAD BOMBARDIER THEN TOGGLE REMAINDER AT .2 SEC. INTERVAL.

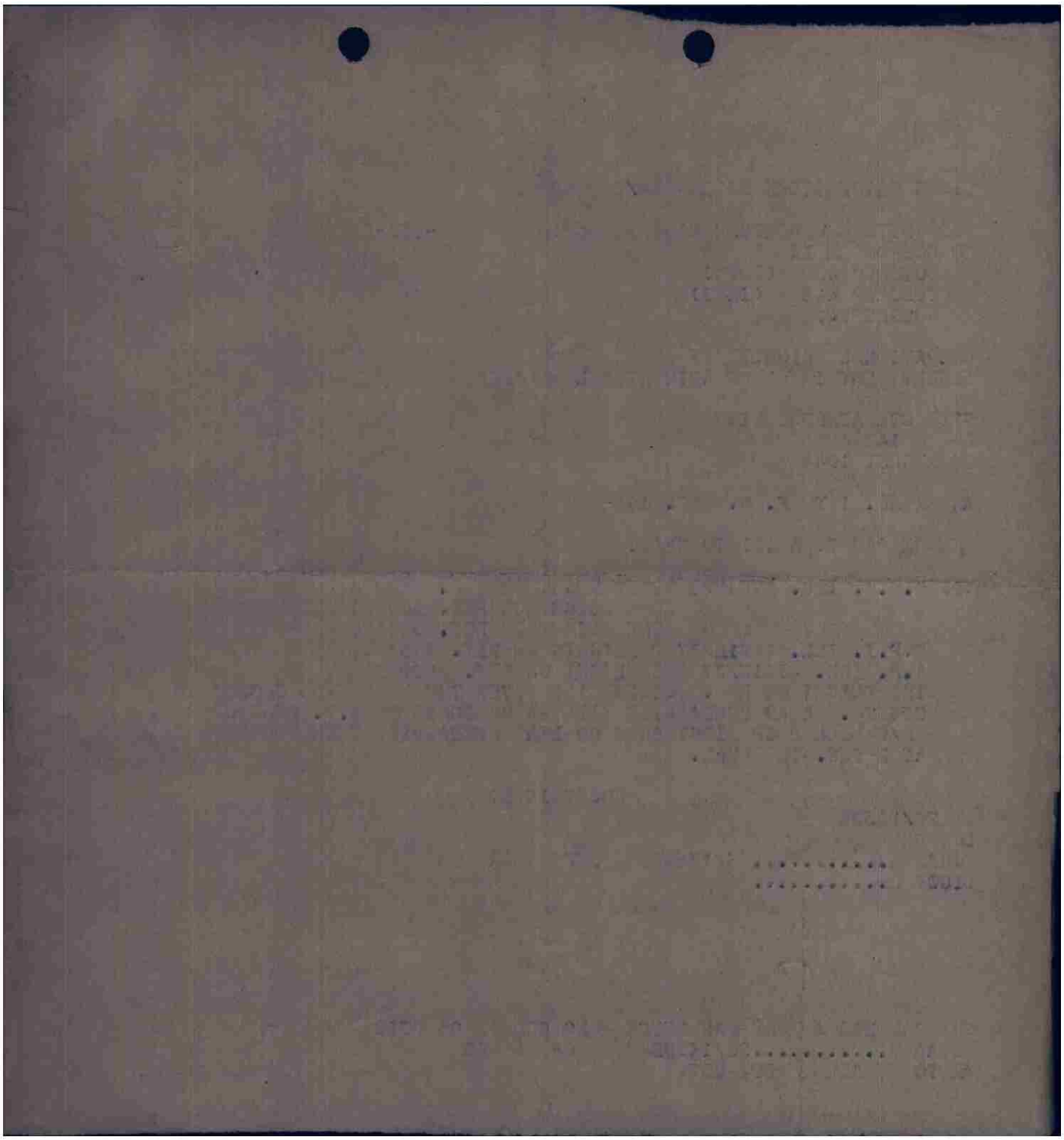
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BT 26/1630B
LCB AR
OIHAK R.....26/1750B DJP AR
OIGOF R.....

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OIYAA R.....26/1650B GP AR
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
TO COBOMGP 416

ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
(1) C/C
(2) BYLAW
(5) GOLDFLAKE

X. GENERAL INFORMATION
(10) BTVA/BTVA

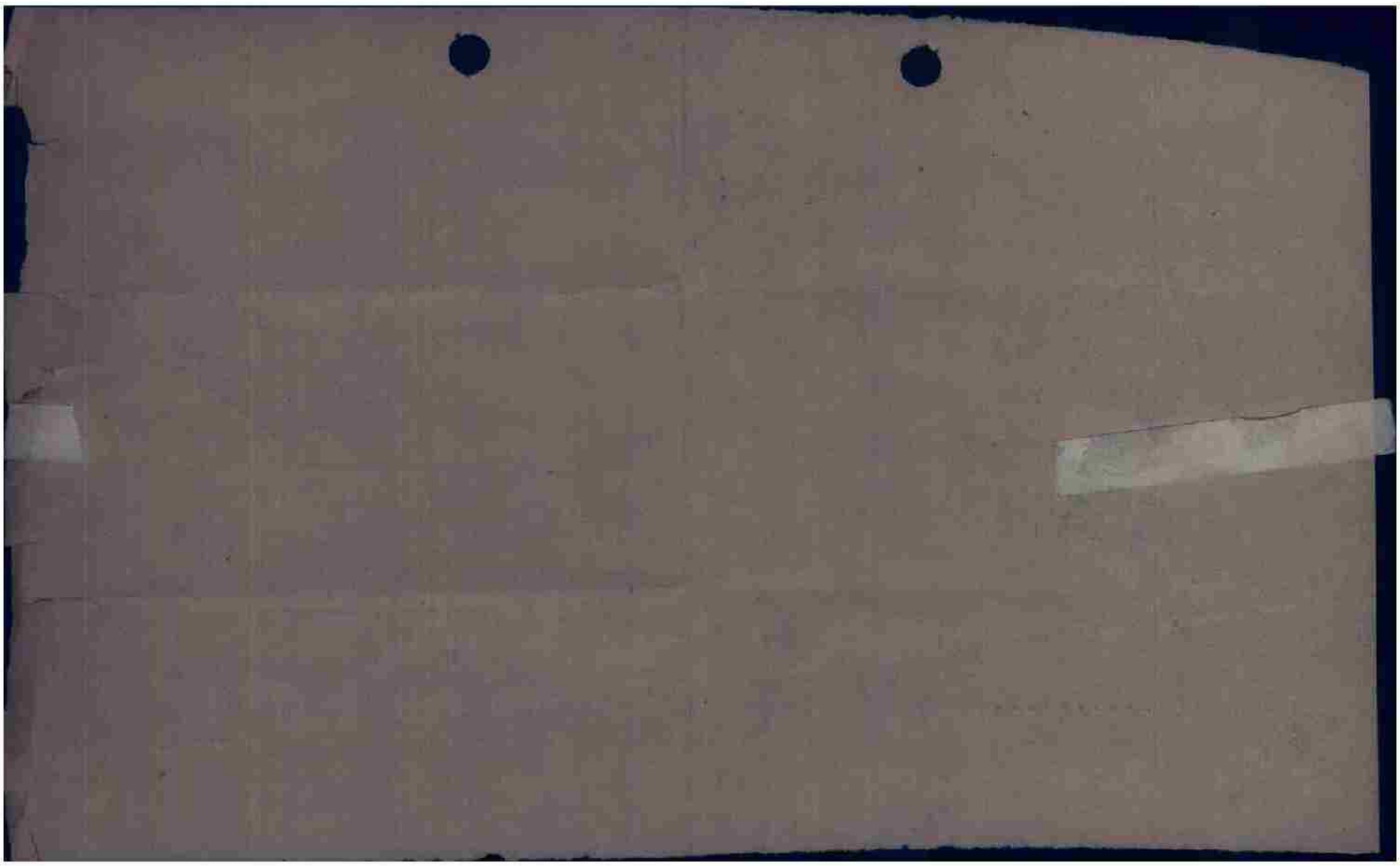
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
TO COMBOMCOM IX
COBOMGR 409TH
COBOMGR 410TH
COBOMGR 416TH

BT

IN REFERENCE TO FIELD ORDER NO, 193-513, CHANGE PARA. 3. A. (1)
TO READ: (1) ROUEN REPEAT ROUEN.

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LEG AS AR

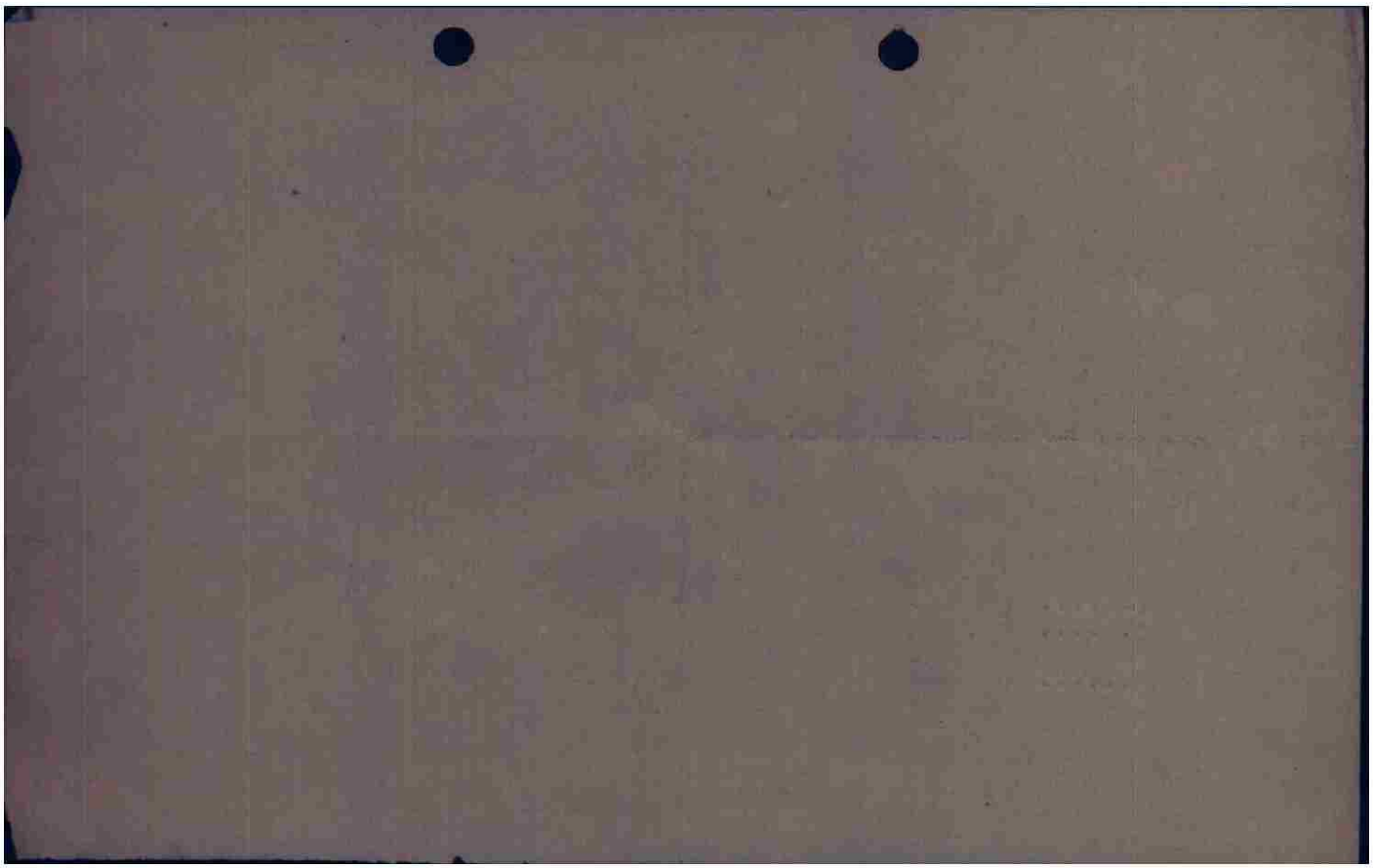
OIHAK R .....26/1557.?B MG AR
OIGOF R .....26/1557B DB ARL

OIYAA R .....26/1557B GP AR UX

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 26/2210B A712D

TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND
HQ 97TH COMBAT WING
ATTENTION A-2
CONFIDNTIAL BT
REF: MISSION NR131
OPFLACH NO 137 FOR 26 AUGUST 1944

A (1) ROUEN - FERRYING AREAS
(2) ROUEN - FERYING AREAS

B (1) 416TH BG
(2) 29 A20G'S - 10 A20J'S - INCLUDING 3 SHIPS CARRYING WINDOW ONLY.
(3) 29 A/C FAILED TO BOMB, UNABLE TO SEE TARGET DUE TO CLOUDS AND SMOKE.
1 - BOMB DOOR SAFETY SWITCH STUCK.
1 - A/C MISSING INFORMATION LACKING.
(4) 5 A/C ON PRIMARY

C (1) 1712
(2) 1859
(3) 2034

D (1) - A20G A/C MISSING
9 DAMAGED CAT. A
(2) 0-0-0-
(3) 0-1-3-

E FAIR TO GOOD - BASED ON CREW OBSERVATIONS.

F (1) (A) NIL
(B) NIL

(2) -A- MODERATE TO INTENCE HEAVY ACCURATE
B NIL

G 1908 - 25 M/T HALTED ON E.W. HIGHWAY NEAR ST SAENS (N3538) HEADED EAST.
1840 - F W 190 SHOT DOWN NEAR THIBERVILLE (Q8987) BY P-51 OR CLIPPED WING SPITFIRE - GERMAN BAILED OUT.
1914 - SMOKE POTS OBSERVED - RADIUS OF 4 MXXXX MILES (M0050)
1859 - BARGES MVING ON SEINE (M0807)

H (1) 1/10 TO 2/10 AT TARGET, TOPS 8000 FT., CLOUD COVERED TARGET FOR 5 FLIGHTS VIS AT TARGET 6 MILES
(2) OVER ENGLAND 8/10 4000 FT BASE, CLEARING AT COAST CLEAR OVER CHANNEL, 1/10 TO 2/10 TOPS 8000 OVER FRANCE, AND SECOND LAYER 4/10 TO 5/10 BASE, 15,000FT.

I 20 X 500 FRAG. CLUSTERS ON PRIMARY.
118 X 500 FRAG. CLUSTERS RETURNED
2 X 500 FRAG. CLUSTERS FELL IN CHANNEL.
4 X 500 FRAG. CLUSTERS INFORMATION LACKING, MISSING A/C (PROBABLY NOT DROPPED)

J 12,000 FT.

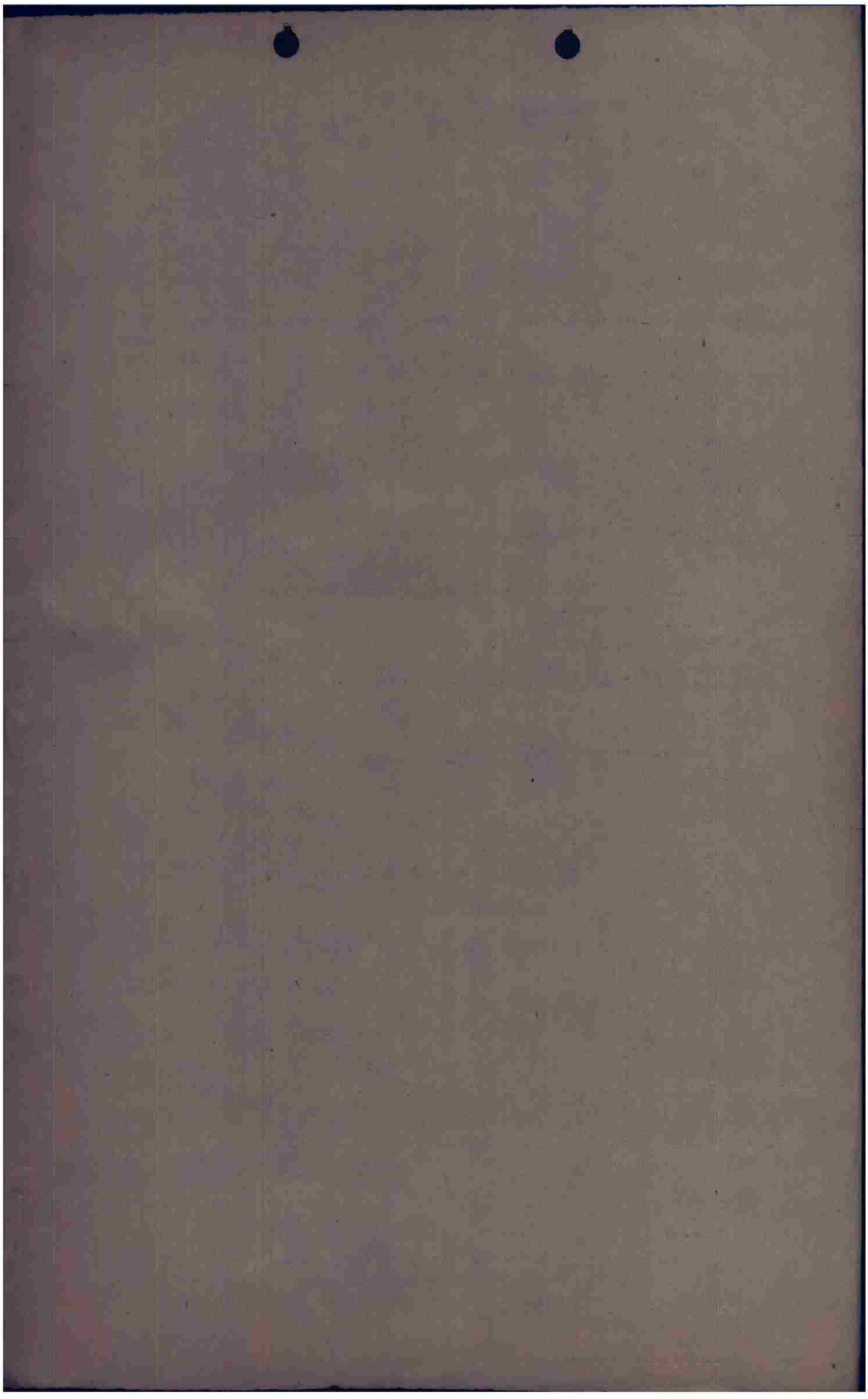
BT 26/2210B
JF AS
COG R.....SSSS ...26/2238B DLW BB

INI WA RADIUS OF IN G 1914
RADIUS OF 4 MILES OK IN D (1) IS THAT 9 DAMAGED ???
YUP 9 DAMAGED AND SHOUD BE 1 A/C MISSING JUST ABOU ABOVE THAT
CK ?? OK T B F R

LAI R.....26/2238B SS AR

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

APO 140, U. S. Army,
27 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Combat Mission.

TO : Commanding General, 97th Combat Wing, APO 140, U. S. Army.

416th Bombardment Group (L),
130th Combat Mission, 26 August 1944.
97th CW SO 192 - 512.

1. 37
2. 36
3. 35
4. 1 (spare)
5. 1
6. 43-9951 Attempt to re lease bombs failed. Bomb-bay door safety
Lt. J. H. Miller relay points burned in two, resulting in an open circuit in the bomb rack release system. Cause for points burning is still under investigation.

7. 43-9951 Same as above.

43-9674 No. 4 station failed to release. Release solenoid in No.
Lt. D. F. Shee 4 bomb rack burned out. Replaced OK.

8. None

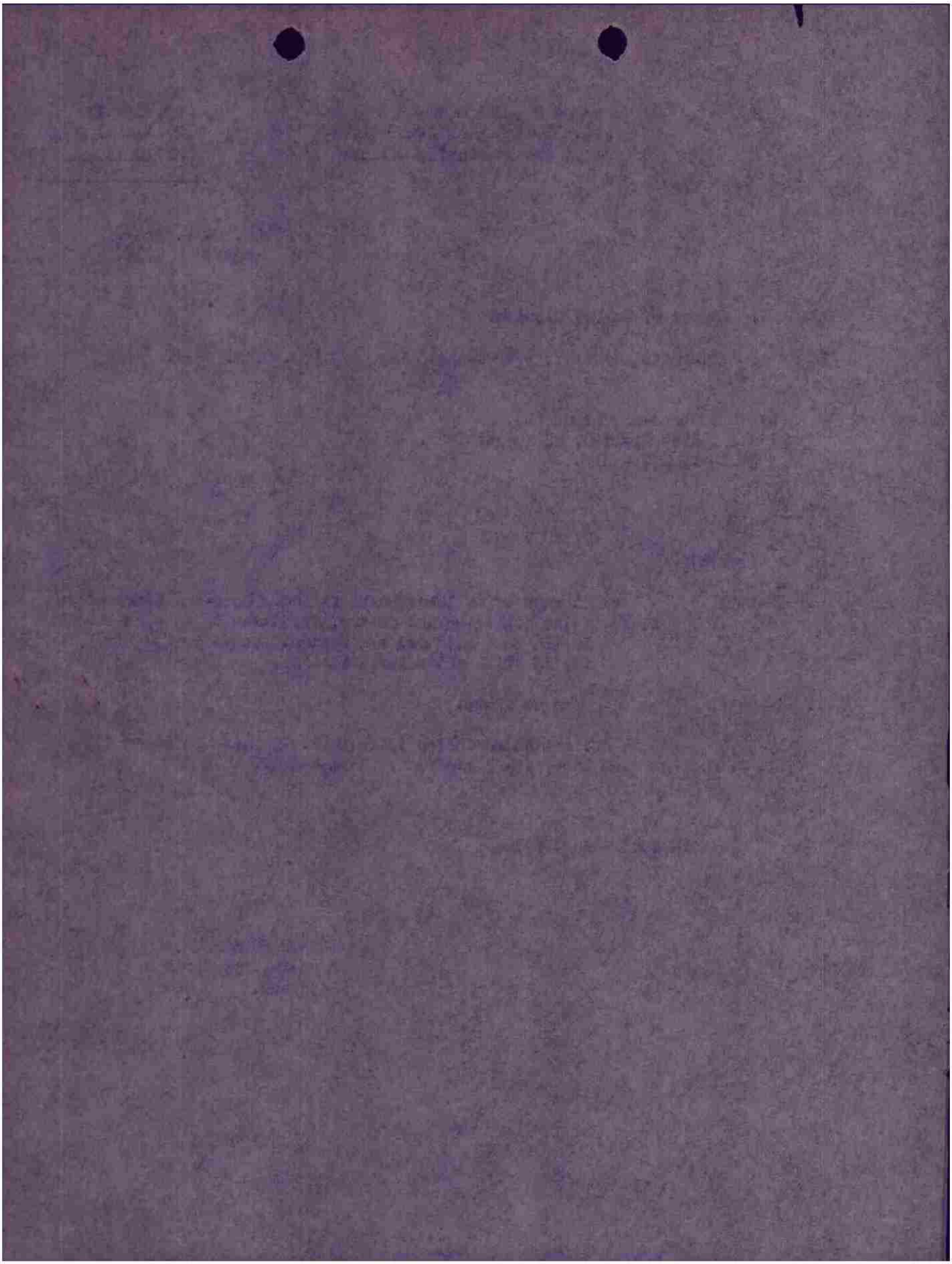
For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SOMEKEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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