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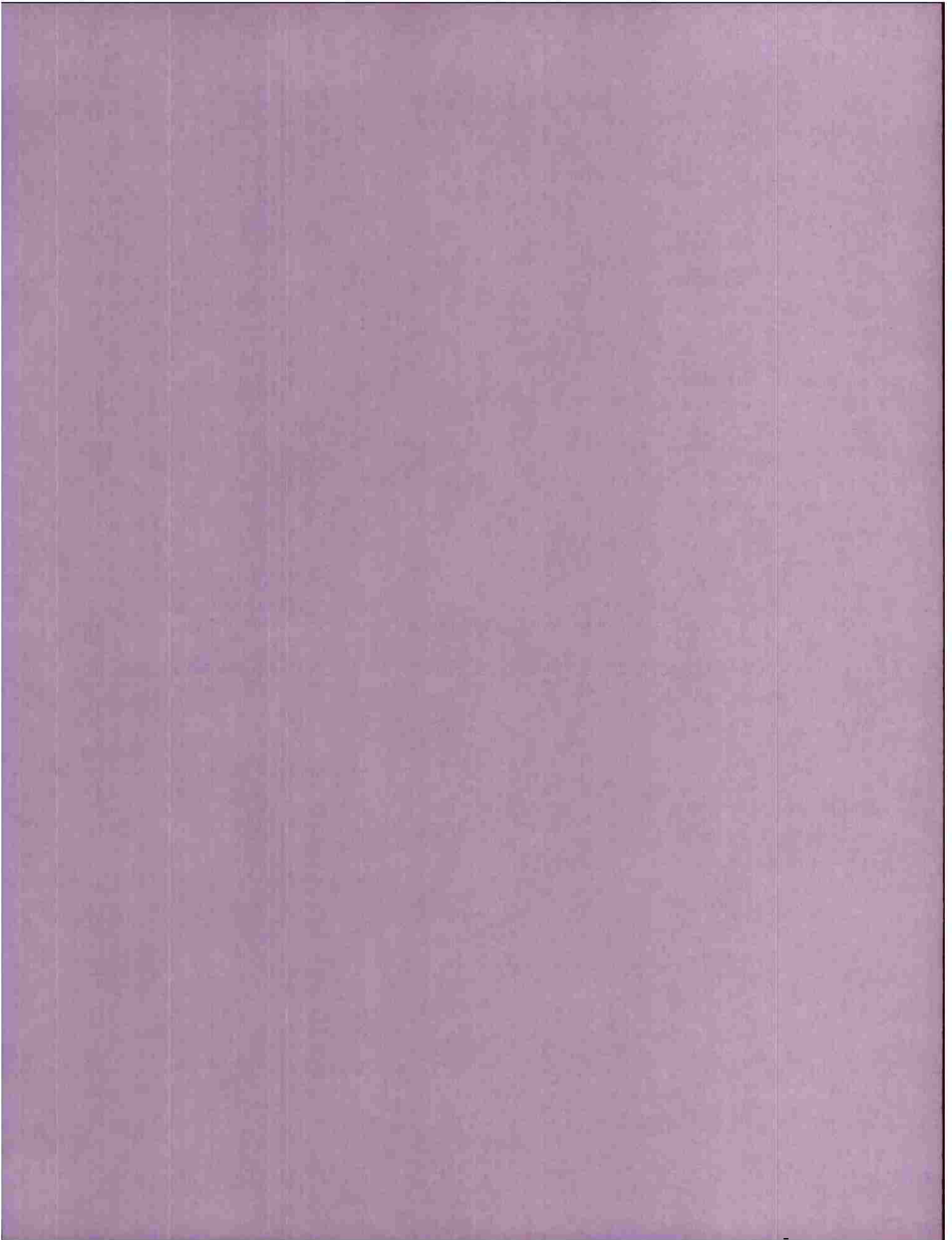
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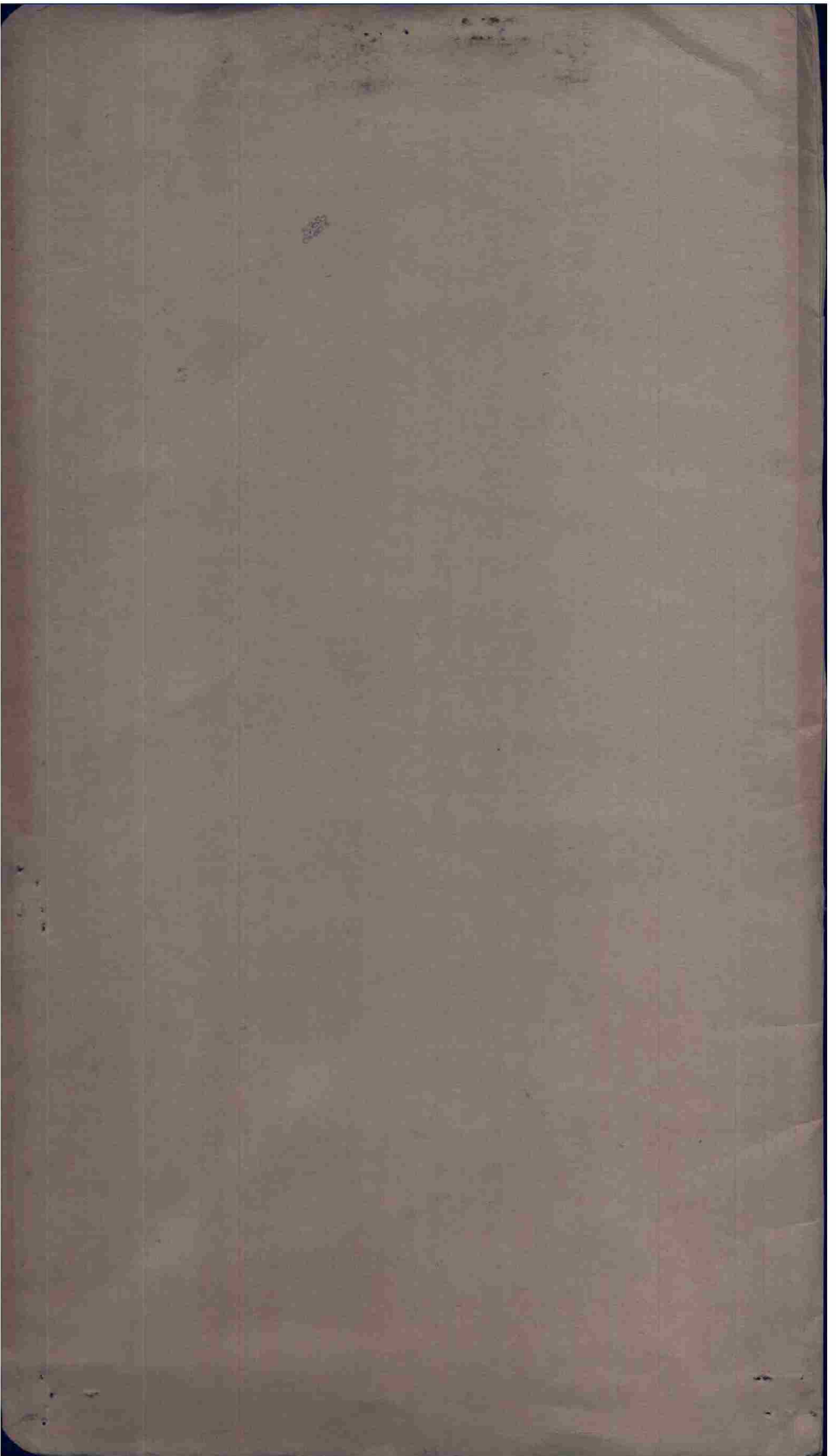
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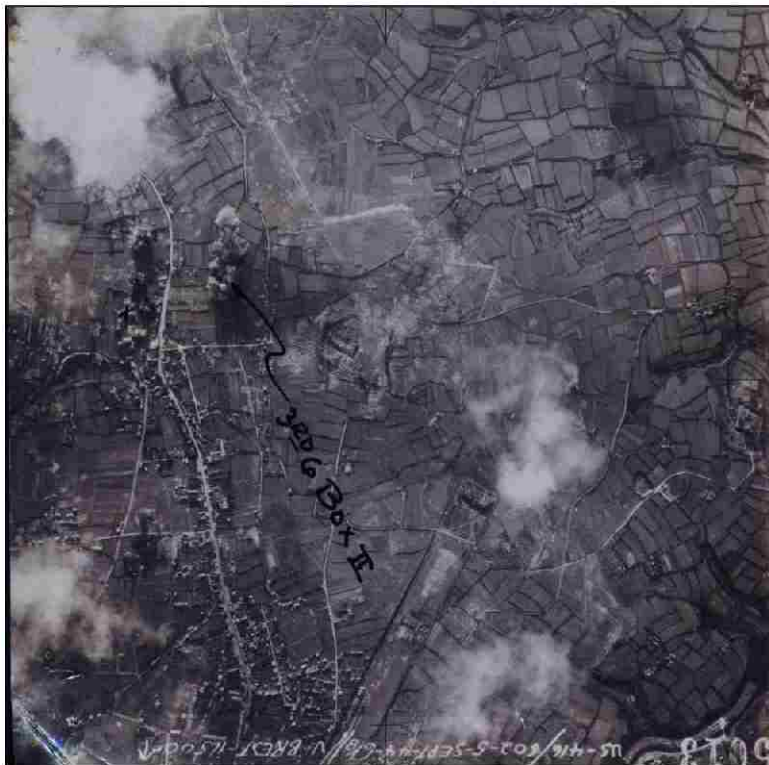
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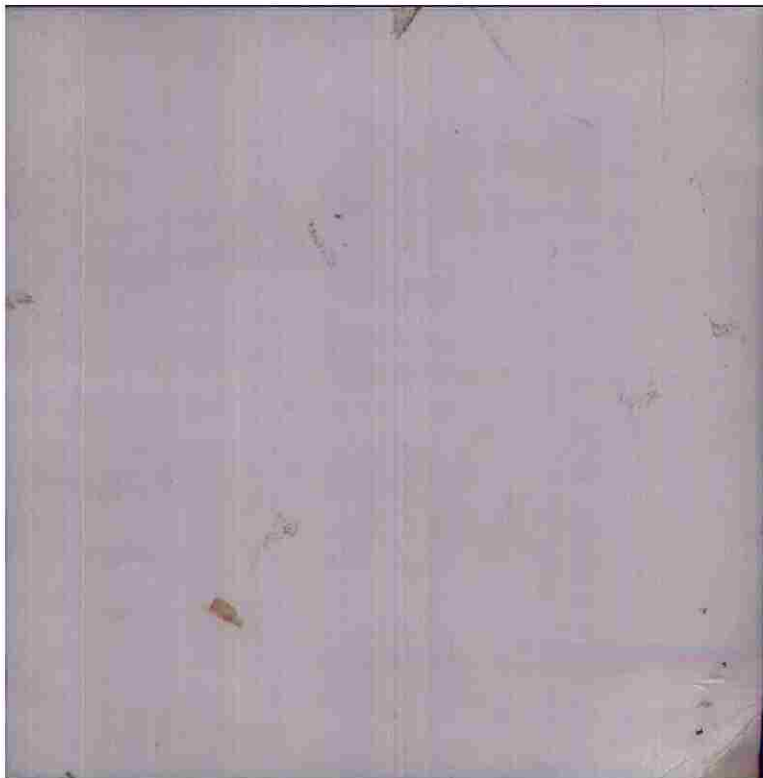


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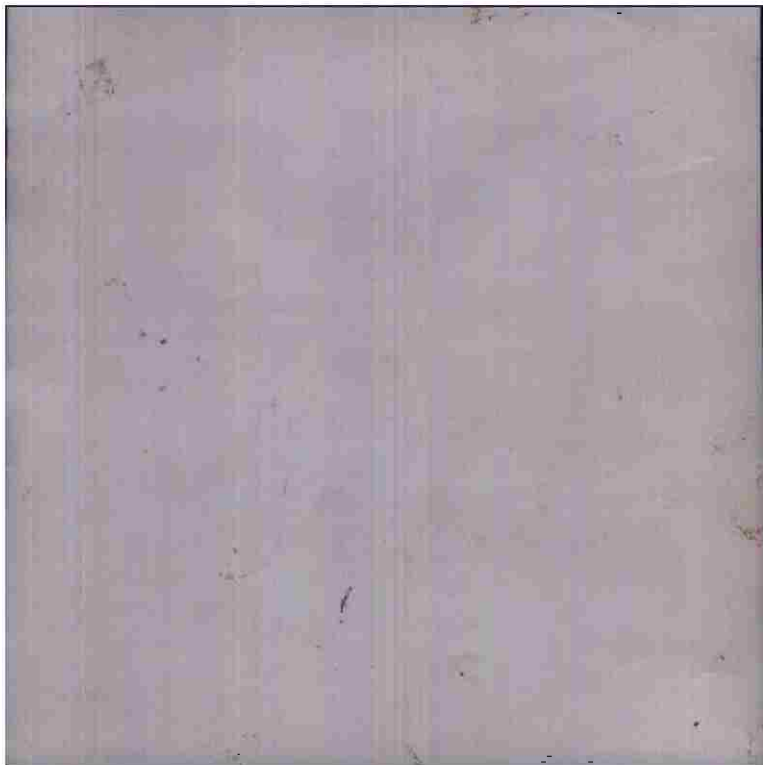
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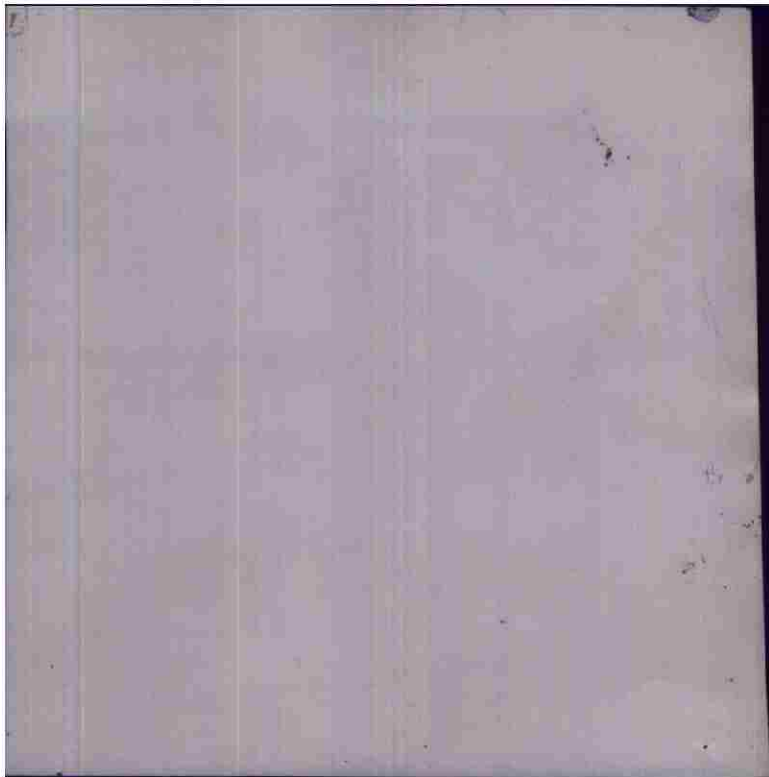
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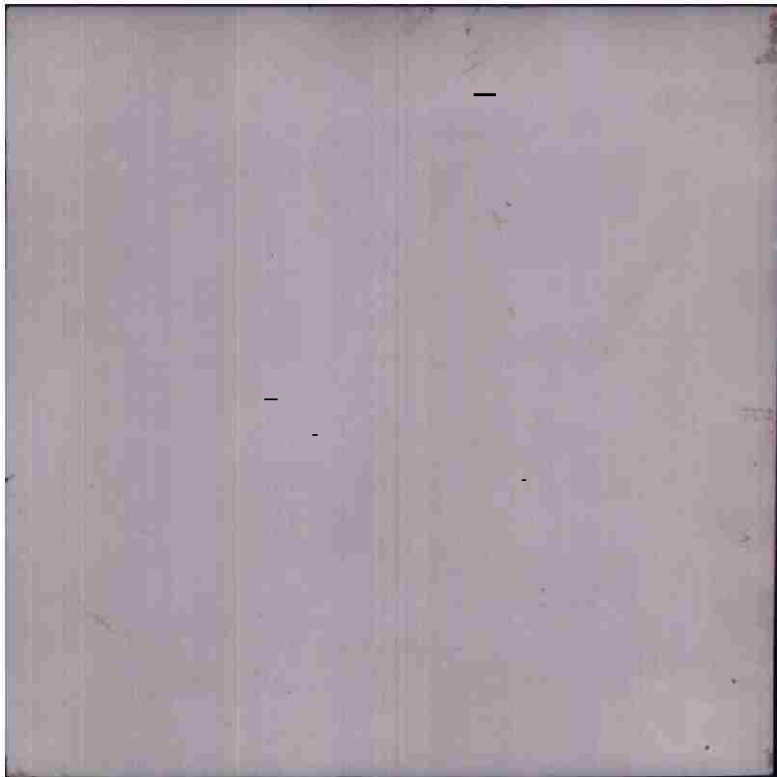
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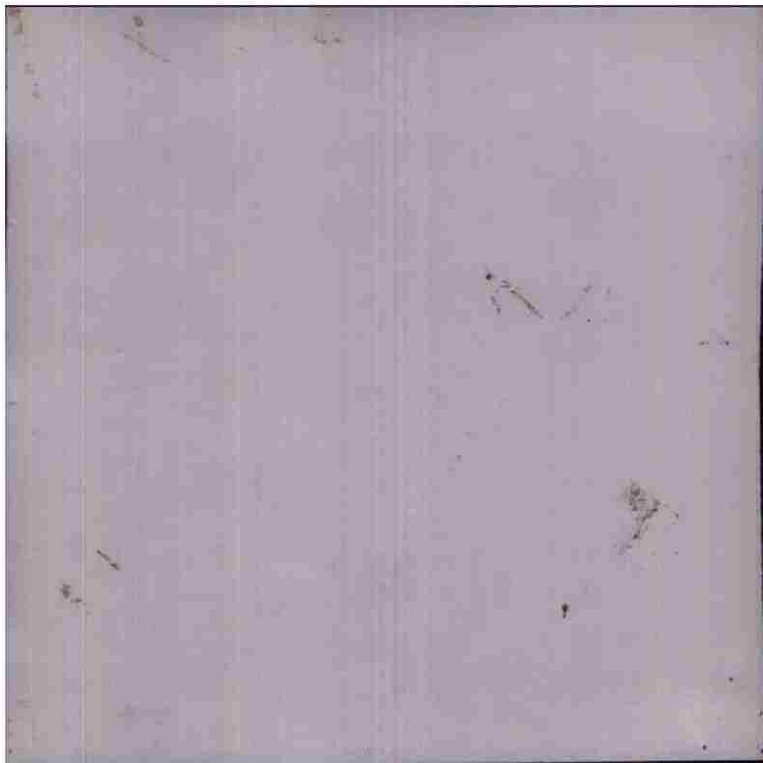
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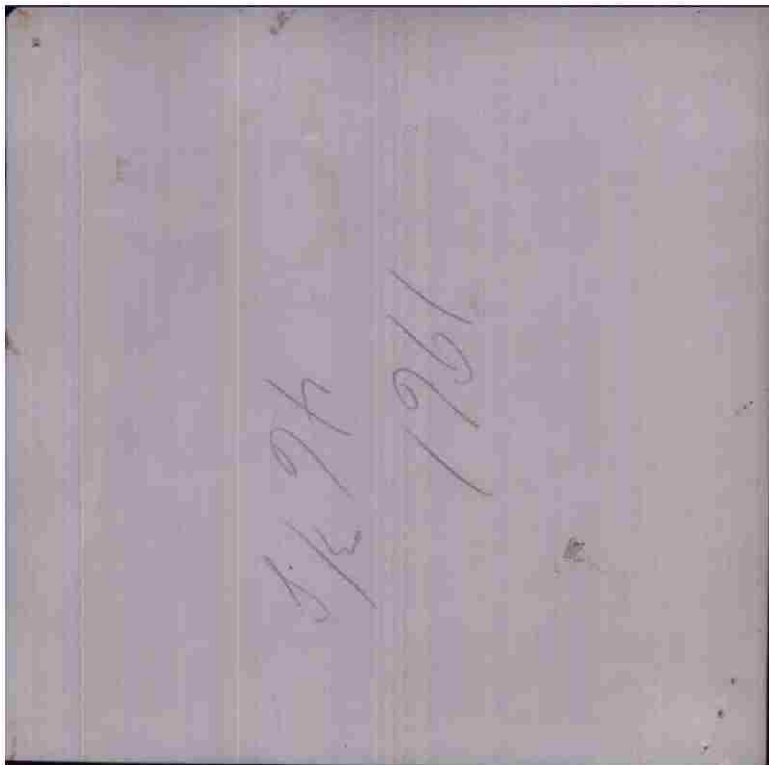
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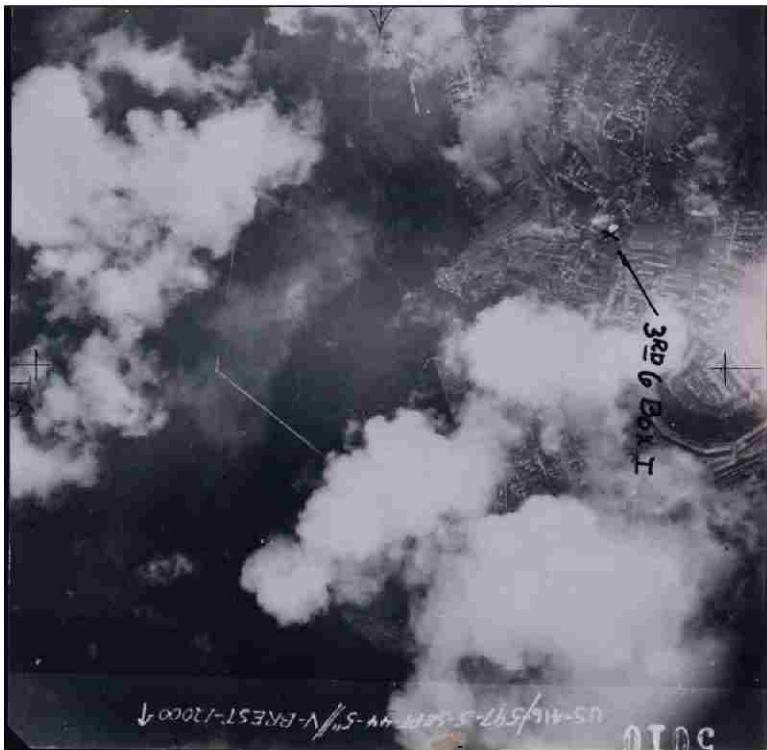
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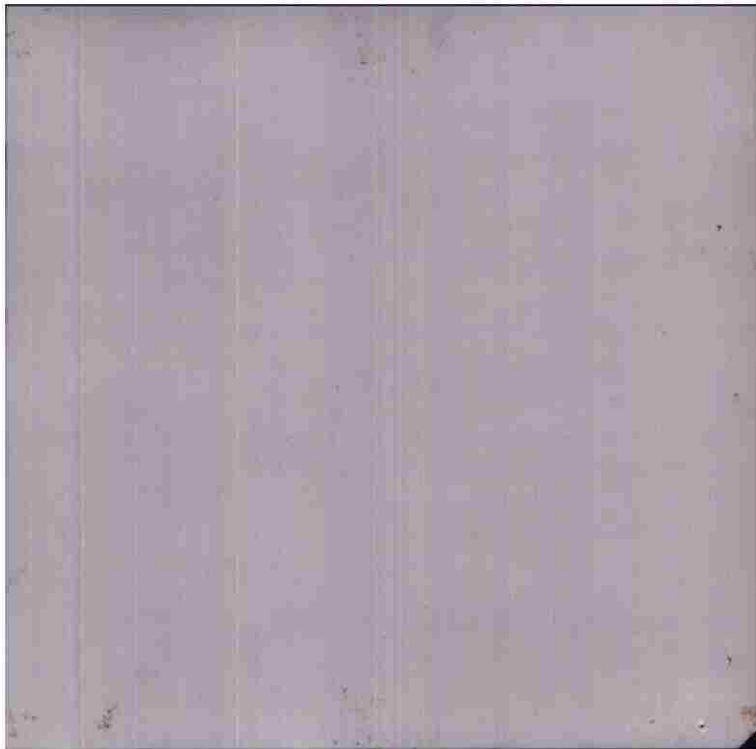
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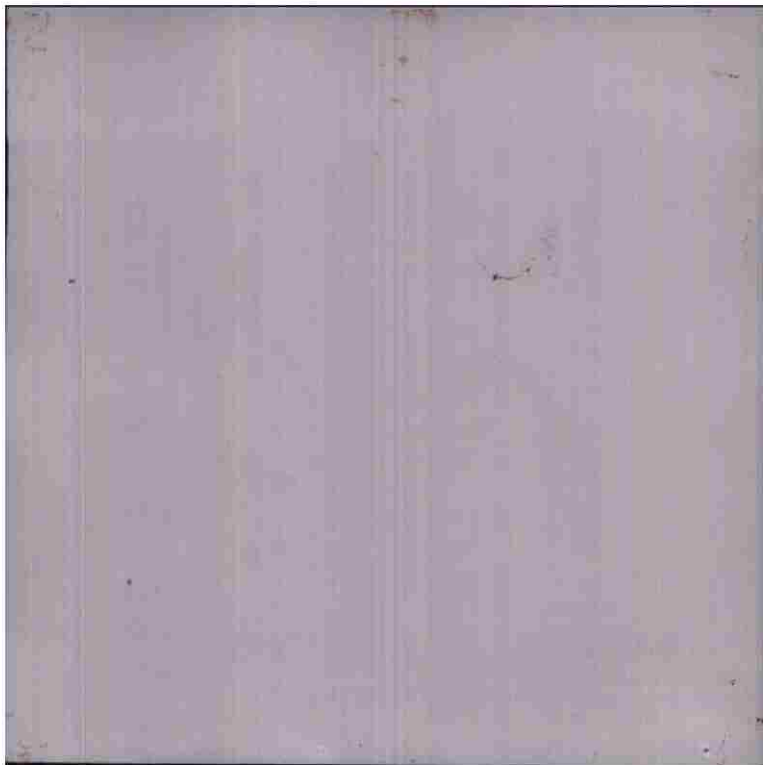
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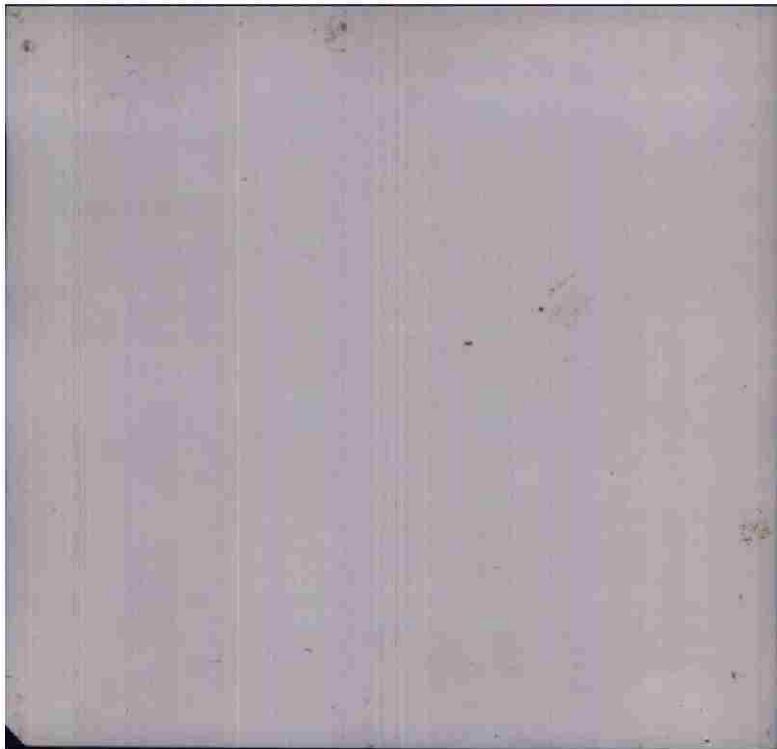
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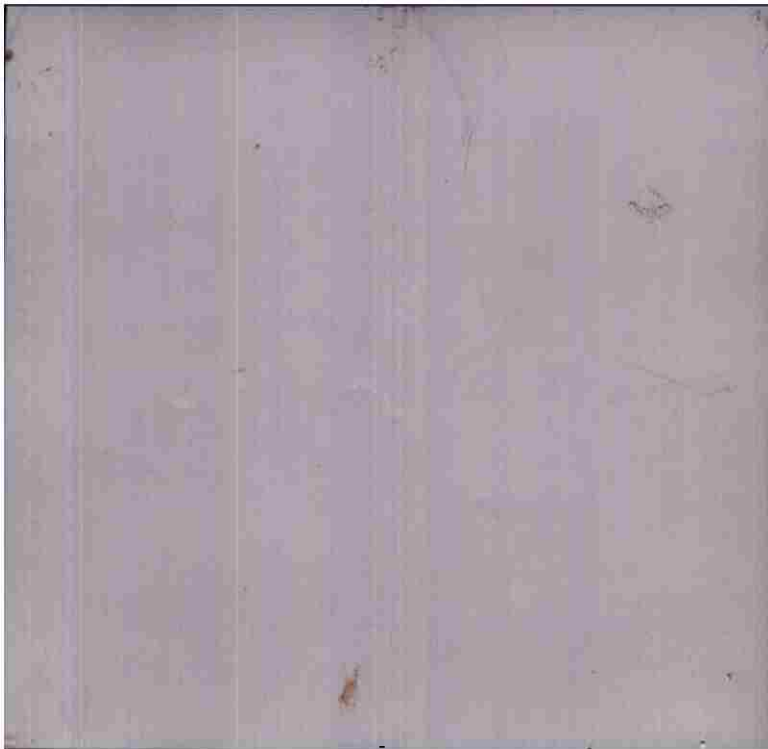
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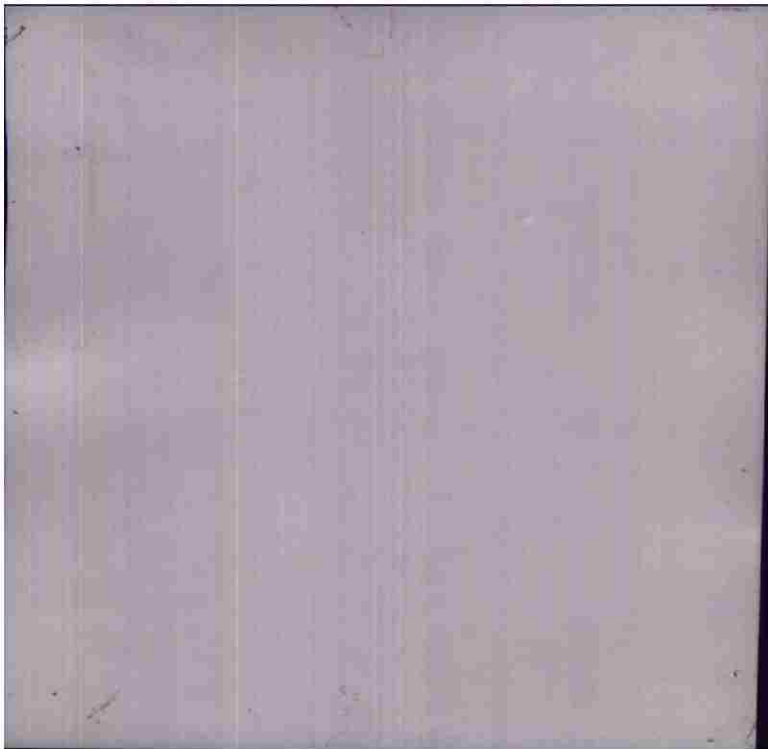
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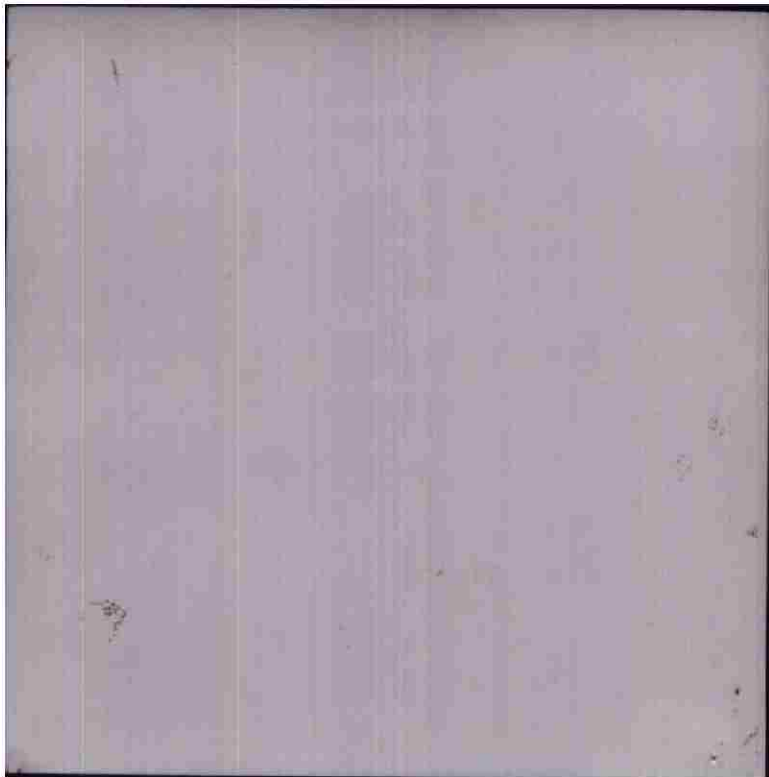
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TARGET AREA AND THE OTHER EXTENDS 1600 FEET NW OF DESIRED
MPI.

(H) ACTIVITY:

NOTE: RECTANGLE ENCLOSES BOMB PATTERN AREA.

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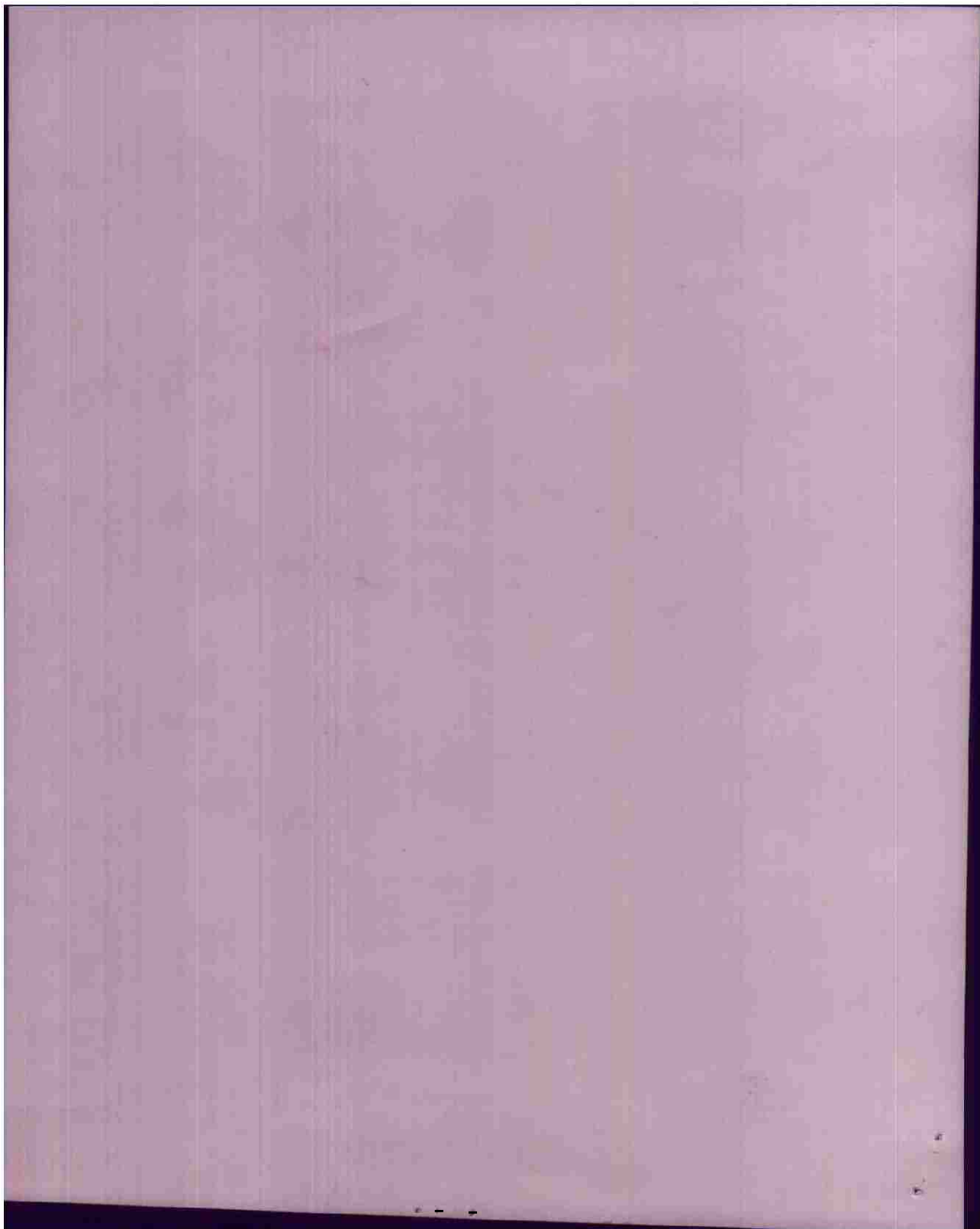
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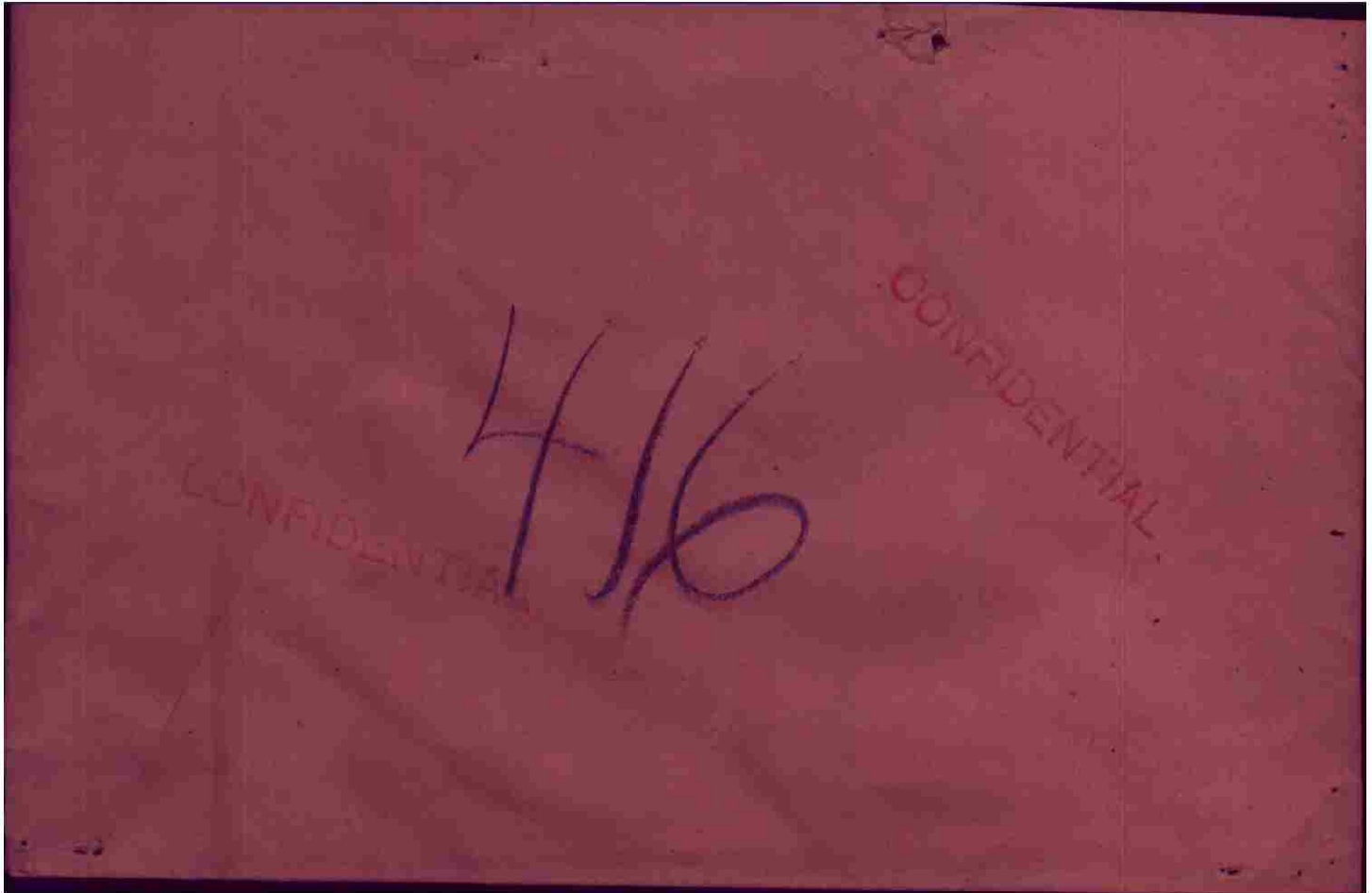


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GENERAL INDEX

TARGET Brest Strongpoints DATE 5/9/44 No. a/c 36 MISSION 137

F.O.# 203-530 Status Attack Briefing Officer Lt Sampson

1. IX BC Synopsis of Mission
2. Opflash Report Filed
3. Telephone Report None
4. Photos
5. Field Orders and Annexes Filed
6. Briefing Notes None
7. Loading List Filed
8. Chart of Route Flown - Flak None
9. Operations Oprep Filed
10. Bombing Information None
11. E/A Encounter Form None
12. Weather Report
- Communications YS Report Filed
14. Navigators' Log and Flight Plan Filed
15. Battle Casualties None
16. Analysis of Gunnery None
17. Ammunition Expenditures None
18. Recapitulation Forms Filed
19. Interrogation Sheets Filed

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MISSION SUMMARY

Target : Brest StrongPoints
 Date : 5 September 1944
 F/O : #538
 Results: Box I, 1st 6 - Gross
 2nd 6 - Excellent
 3rd 6 - Excellent
 Box II, 1st 6 - Fair
 2nd 6 - Excellent
 3rd 6 - Poor

BREST STRONGPOINTS

416 BG: 36 a/c dispatched, all dropping 144 x 500 GP on primaries.

No losses, casualties, battle damage. Bombing by 6's from 11,700 feet to 12,000 feet.

Box I - 1st 6. GROSS. Bombs hit 2100 ft. NW of DMPI, across buildings, roads, and fields.

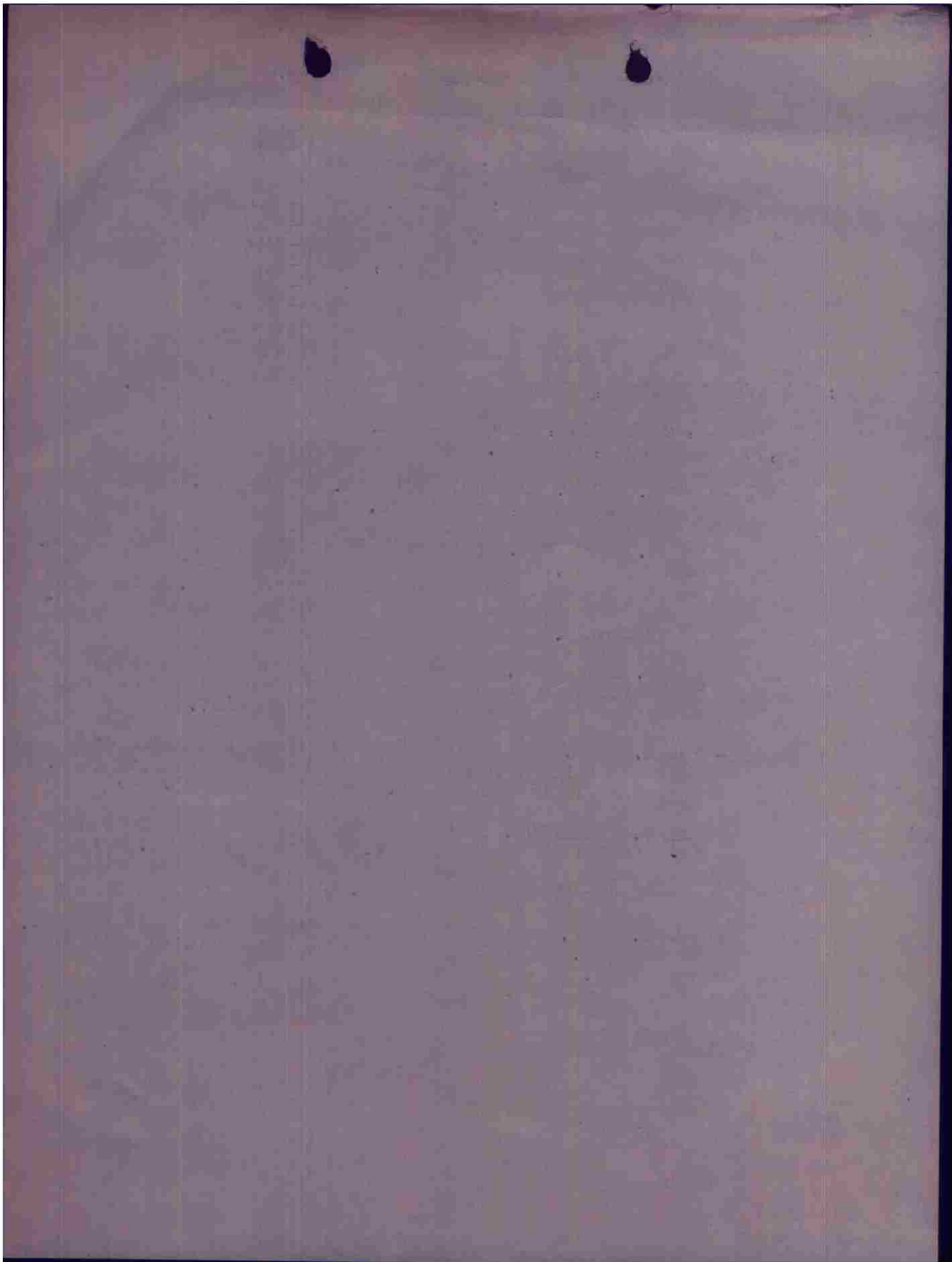
2nd 6. EXCELLENT. Bombs fell in elongated pattern 225 ft. west of DMPI. Bombs started short of AP and ran up onto DMPI in smoke of 3rd 6 (3rd 6 bombed second). Hits were scored on buildings with probable severe damage to strong point.

3rd 6. EXCELLENT. Excellent concentration of bombs on DMPI blanketing target area with probable destruction of buildings and severe damage to strong point.

Box II- 1st 6. FAIR. Complete pattern of bursts not shown on photos but first bombs to hit indicate a rating of fair. Bomb fell in fields 950 ft. southwest of DMPI.

2nd 6. EXCELLENT. Bombs fell in long pattern across DMPI with center of bursts 170 ft. northwest of DMPI. Probable hits and near misses on buildings in target area with severe damage to strong point.

3rd 6. POOR. Bombs fell in long pattern in fields 1160 ft. NW of SMPI. Probable hits on small unidentified buildings in fields.



OICOG OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI 06/95 OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 05/1830B S-024-E
TO COMBOMCON IX
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 SEPTEMBER 1944

ANNEX NO. 4 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 203-530

CHANGE PAR. 3. X. (8) TO READ:

X. (8) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT
BELOW 5,000 FEET. CROSS FRENCH COAST OUT AT BOMBING ALTITUDE.

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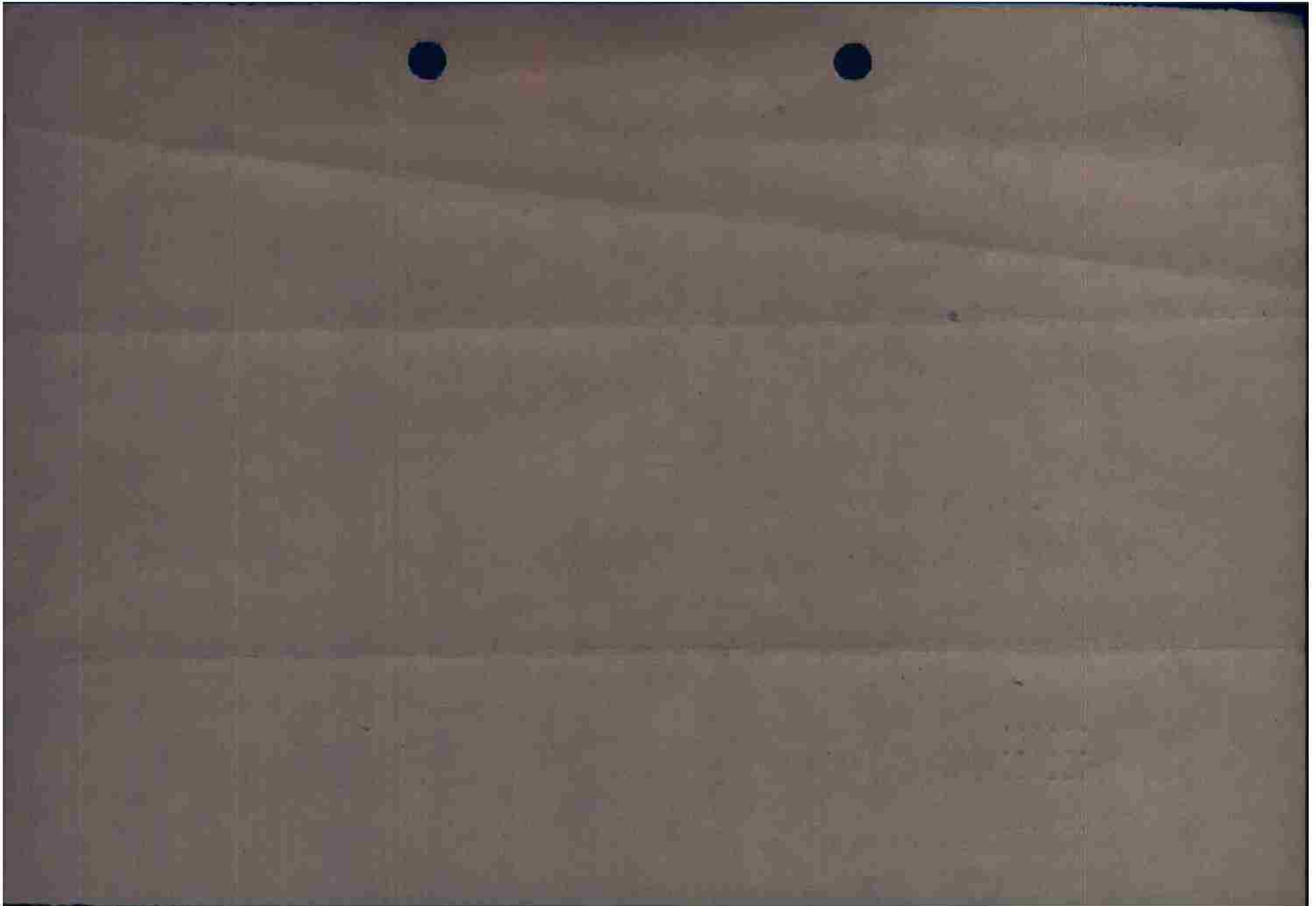
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HL AR K

OIHAK R.....05/1845B	JAB	AR
OIGOF R.....05/1844B	HGP	AR
OIYAA R.....05/1845B	JF	AR
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COG R.....051845 B	JLP	AR

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

05/1237B

S-022-E

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O 140
 5 SEPTEMBER 1944

ANNEX NO. 3 TO FIELD ORDER 203-530

CHANGE ZERO HOUR TO READ 05/1830B RPT 05/1830B

AMMEND PARA. 3. X. (6) TO READ:
 ROUTE OUT: BASE TO MAIDENHEAD TO BILL OF PORTLAND TO 4831N
 0448W TO I.P. TO TARGET.

AMMEND PARA. 3. X. (7) TO READ:
 ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO SELSEY BILL TO
 MAIDENHEAD TO BASE.

AMMEND PARA. 3. X. (9) TO READ:
 I.P. - 4821N 0452W

AMMEND PARA. 3. X. (10) TO READ:
 AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY W TO E.

---COMCBTWIG 97---

BT 05/1237B

FK/AR.

ALL STNS HOLD F/K/W/R

OICOG K WITH R		
OICOG / OILAI R.....	05/1248B	CMK
OIHAK K WITH R		
OIHAK / OILAI R.....	05/1248B	SM AR
OIYAA K WITH R		
OIYAA / OIBAI R.....	05/1248B	HB AR
OIHOF K WITH R		
OIGOF / OILAI R.....	05/1248B	CEN AR

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OICOG OIYAA OIHAK OIGOF V OILAI OILAI 3/05 OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING S-021-E 05/0630B
TO COMBOMCOM IX
409TH BOMB GROUP
410TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
05 SEPT. 44



ANNEX NO.2 TO FIELD ORDER NO.203-530

CHANGE ZERO HOUR (REPEAT) CHANGE ZERO HOUR TO READ: 05/1100B

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BT 05/630B
RRR AR

OIHAK OILAI R.....05/0739B DC AR

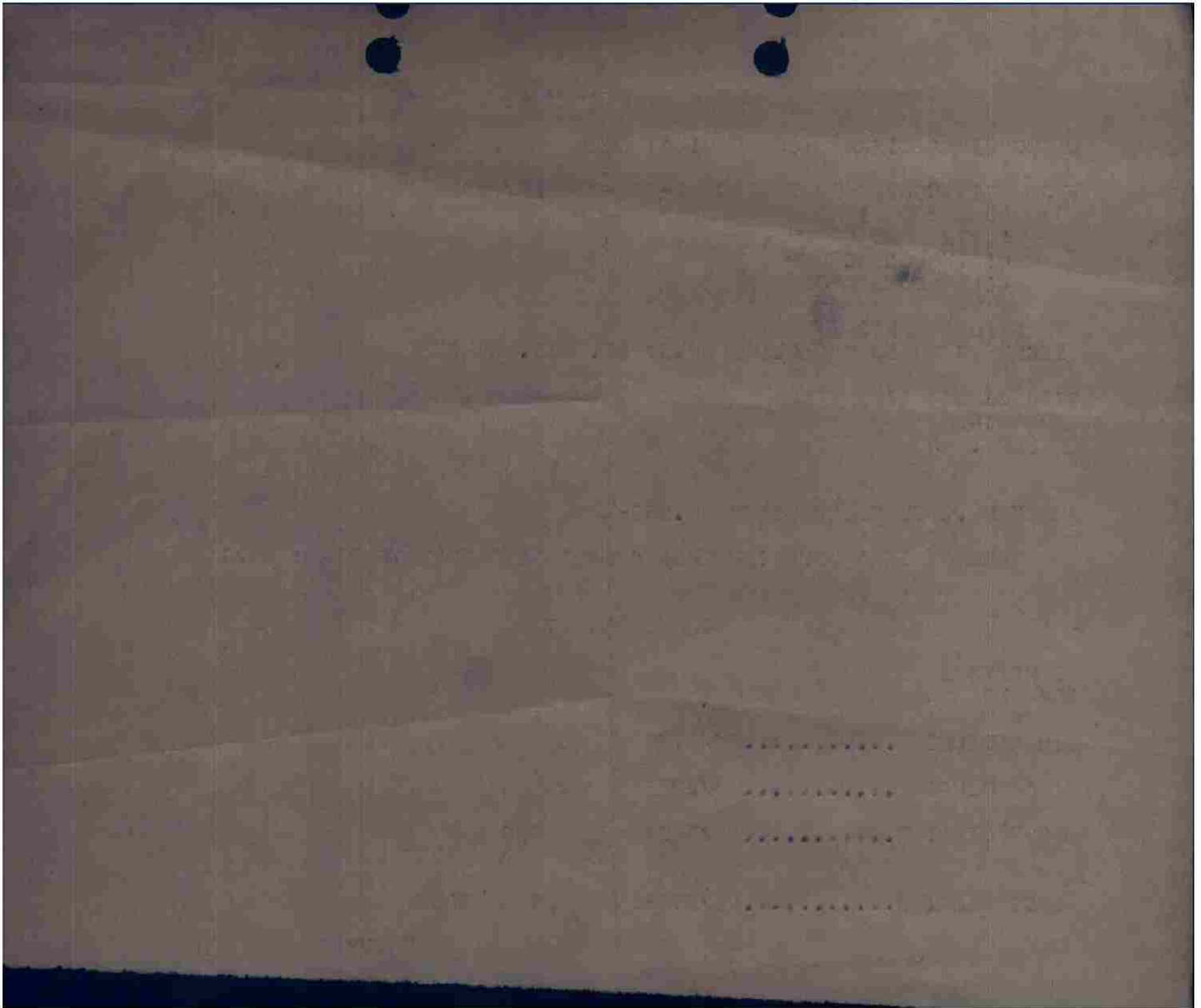
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OICOG OIYAA OIHAK OIGOF V OILAI OILAI 2/05 -OP-

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING S-020-E 05/0230B
TO COMBOMCOM IX
410TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP
409TH BOMB GROUP

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
05 SEPT. 44



ANNEX NO.1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 203-530

CHANGE ZERO HOUR (REPEAT) CHANGE ZERO HOUR TO READ 05/0900B

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BT 05/0230B
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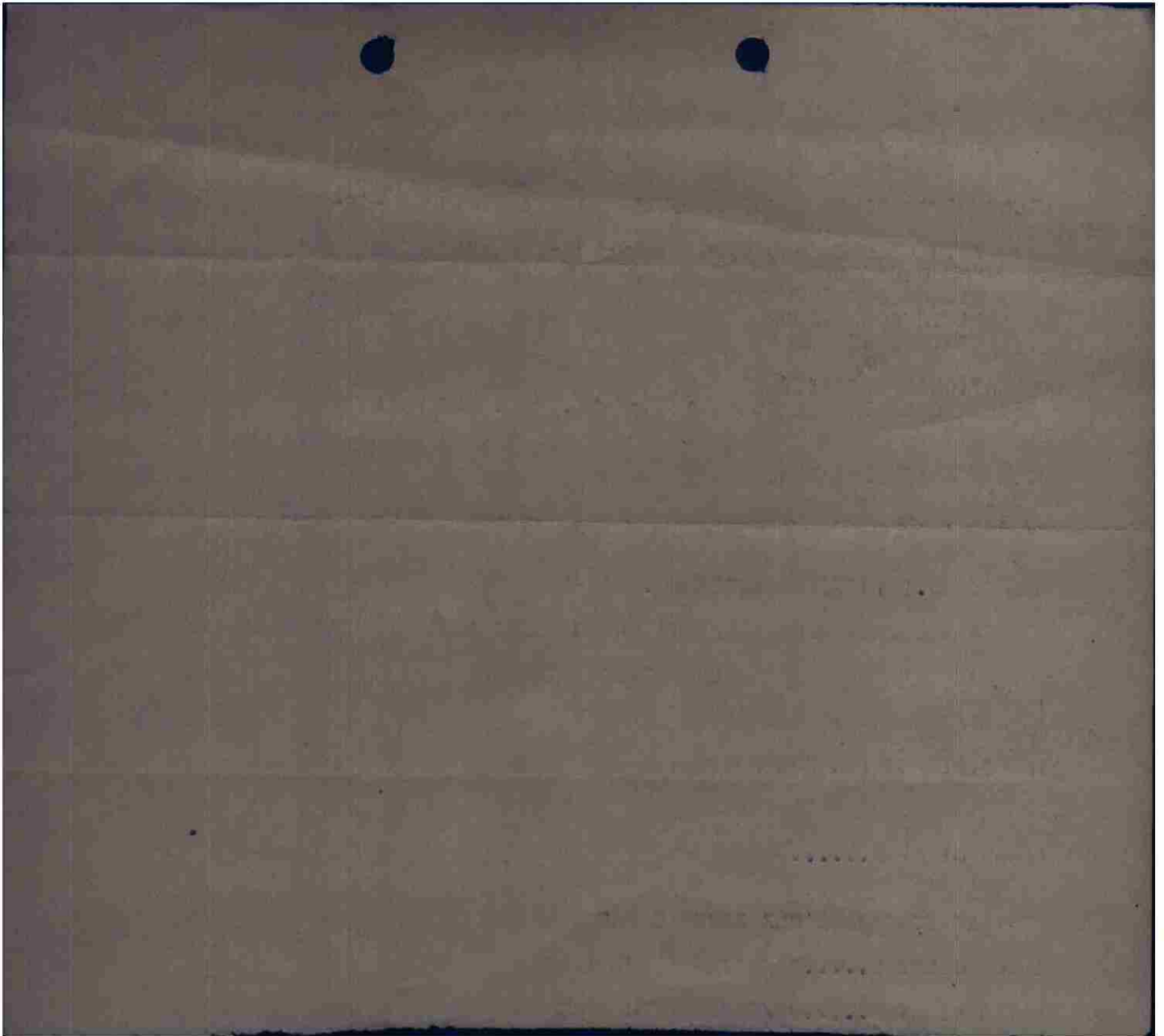
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IS THAT TIME 0900 050202ER T BME R AR

OIGOF OILAI R.....05/0232B JM AR

OIYAA OILAI R.....05/0232B EJ AR K

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OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI (INFO)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
TO COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICER

ADVANCE INFO COPY OF PAR. 5 OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) MANGO

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) CIRCLE

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) BESTMAN

X. GENERAL INFORMATION.

(10) BATV/BATV

(11) EMERGENCY HOMING ON CONTINENT

S.O.P. CHANNEL C/C STORETIN

CHANNEL B/B SWEEPSTAKE



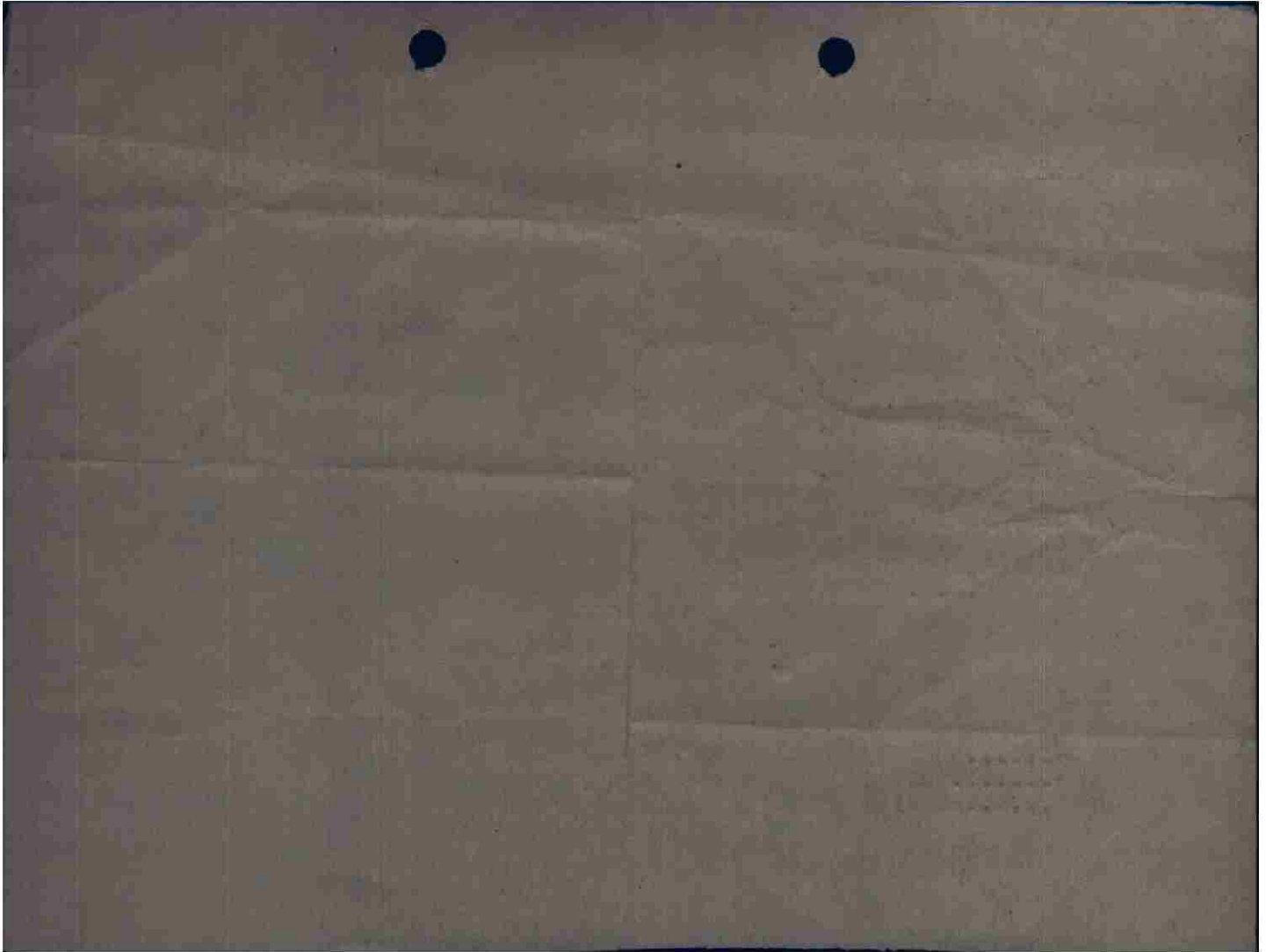
BT 04/2120B

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OIYAA R.....04/2118B EJ AR

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 28/0045A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
28 FEBRUARY 1945

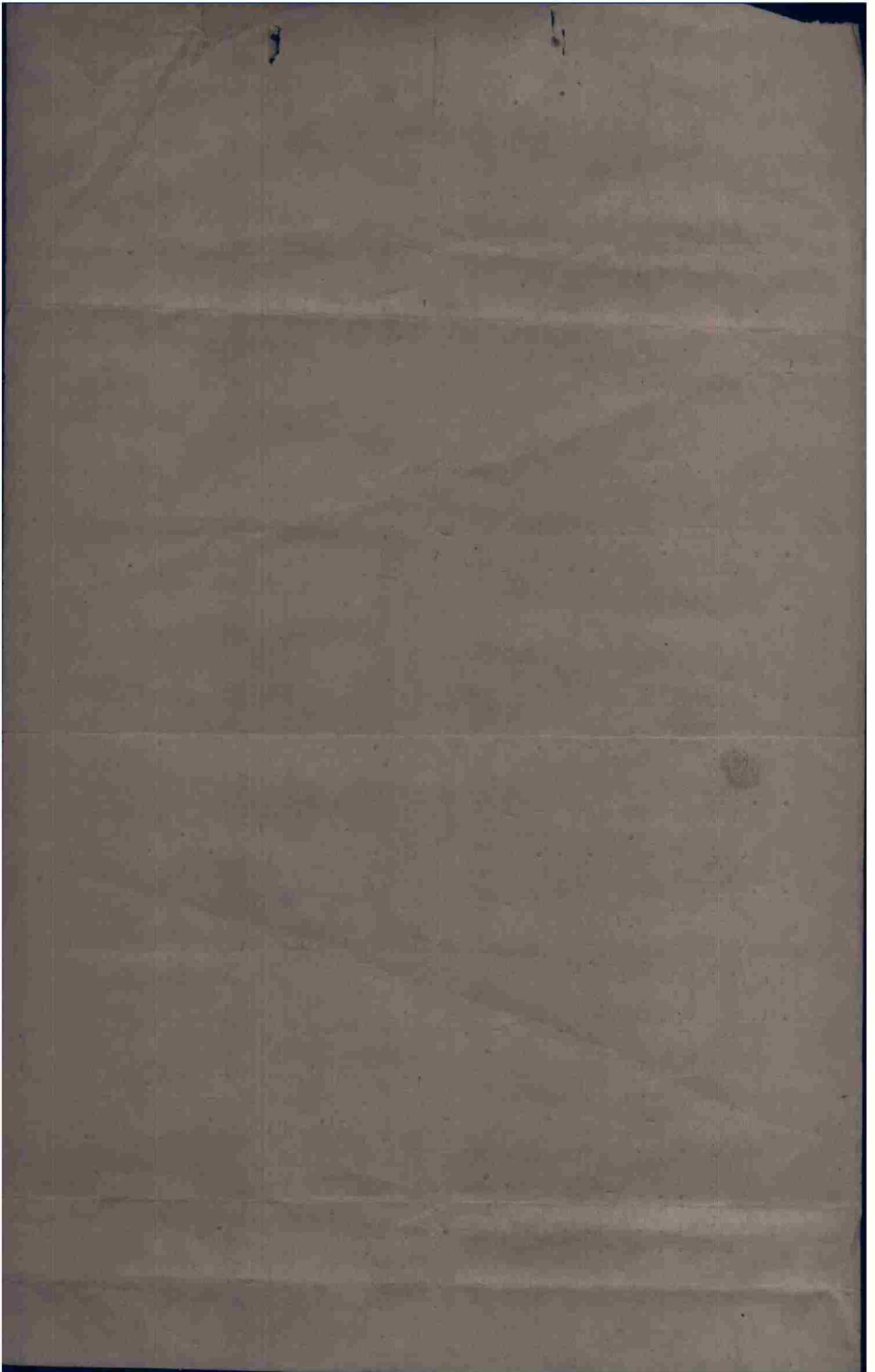
FIELD ORDER NO. 184-769

MAPS : NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
(2) THE XXIX T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" 28/1200A
ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" 28/1300A

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8413 AT 12,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 60 MIN.
(10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC TAIL.
(12) INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8413 AT 12,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 40 MIN.
(10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8413 AT 12,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 20 MIN.
(10) 6 X 500 LB. INCENDIARY CLUSTERS (M-17). CLUSTER TO OPEN AT 5,000 FEET.
(12) INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
- X. (1) TO (3) NO CHANGE
(4) A-94, A-98, A-90, Y-34, A-82 TO BE USED AS EMERGENCY SHORT FIELDS FOR REFUELING.
(5) TARGET : UNNA ORDNANCE DEPOT A-966298.
(6) A/C REQUIRED : MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
(7) ROUTE OUT : BASE TO FIGHTER RNDV. (P-8413) TO L-4313 TO L-3954 TO L-5767 TO M-0978 TO G-1205 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(8) ROUTE BACK : TARGET RIGHT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
(9) ALTITUDES : BOMB 12,500 FEET OR BELOW THE CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. LOSE 1500 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
(10) I.P. : B-2311
(11) AXIS OF ATTACK : GENERALLY SE TO NW.
(12) M.P.I. ILL. 3 (K) (34)/2. COVER ANNOTATED AREA.
(13) R.P. : B-2311
(14) IN THE EVENT PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE BOMBED BY VISUAL MEANS. IT WILL BE BOMBED ON (A) GEE (B) TARGET I.T.A.
(15) IN THE EVENT FIGHTER RENDEVOUS IS NOT MADE OR PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED GROUPS WILL ATTACK AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (2-9-45)
(16) FIGHTER ESCORT WILL DIVE BOMB FLAK POSITIONS IN TARGET AREA.



PLAN "B"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8413 AT 12,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 26 MIN.
 (9) P.P.F. M.P.I. GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4412. GRID COORD. 96352965
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 25 MIN.
 (13) INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET..
3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8413 AT 12,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 26 MIN.
 (9) PPF MPI GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4412. GRID. COORD. 96602975
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 45 MIN.
3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8413 AT 12,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 14 MIN
 (9) PPF M.P.I. GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4412 GRID. COORD. 96472970
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. INCENDIARY CLUSTERS (M-17). CLUSTER TO OPEN AT 5,000 FEET.
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 65 MINUTES.
 (13) INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
- X. (1) TO (3) NO CHANGE
 (4) A-94, A-98, A-90, Y-34, A-82 TO BE USED AS EMERGENCY SHORT FIELDS FOR REFUELING.
 (5) TARGET: UNNA ORDNANCE DEPOT A-966298
 (6) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON ONE PPF A/C EACH BOX.
 (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS (P-8413) TO L-4313 TO L-3954 TO L-5767 TO M-0978 TO G-1205 TO G-2887 TO TARGET
 (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO B-2311 TO G-1205 RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE
 (9) ALTITUDES: BOMB 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET.
 2ND BOX 13,000 FEET.
 LOSE 2,000 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING 8,000 FEET.
 (10) M.P.I. ILL. 3(K) (34)/2. COVER ANNOTATED AREA. TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL. BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
 (11) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT TARGET GROUPS WILL BOMB BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 AND A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUPS WILL BOMB BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES AND WILL USE B-2311 AS A VISUAL I.P. IN THE EVENT CLOUDS OBSCURE THE PRIMARY TARGET AND PPF EQUIPMENT FAILS GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 (A) GROUP "GEE"
 (B) TARGET E.T.A.
 (12) IN THE EVENT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS IS NOT MADE OR PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED GROUPS WILL ATTACK AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMBER DIVISION CIPHER F-576-E (2-9-45)
 (13) IF WEATHER PERMITS, FIGHTER ESCORT WILL DIVE BOMB ENEMY FLAK POSITION IN TARGET AREA.
4. NO CHANGE.
5. COMMUNICATIONS:
 PLAN "A" OR "B"
- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
 (2) WAYSIDE
 (3) SHOWDOWN
 (4) RIPS AW
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP
 (2) PEDLAR
 (3) POKER
 (4) RIPS AW
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 (2) SKINDEEP
 (3) JUDITH
 (4) RIPS AW
- X. GENERAL INFORMATION:
 (11) LEADERS OF EACH GROUP WILL CALL THEIR RESPECTIVE ESCORT USING C/S AS ABOVE ON CHANNEL C/C AND TRANSMIT "COMPLETE YOUR MISSION". IN THE EVENT R/T CONTACT IS NOT MADE THREE GREEN FLARES WILL BE FIRED.

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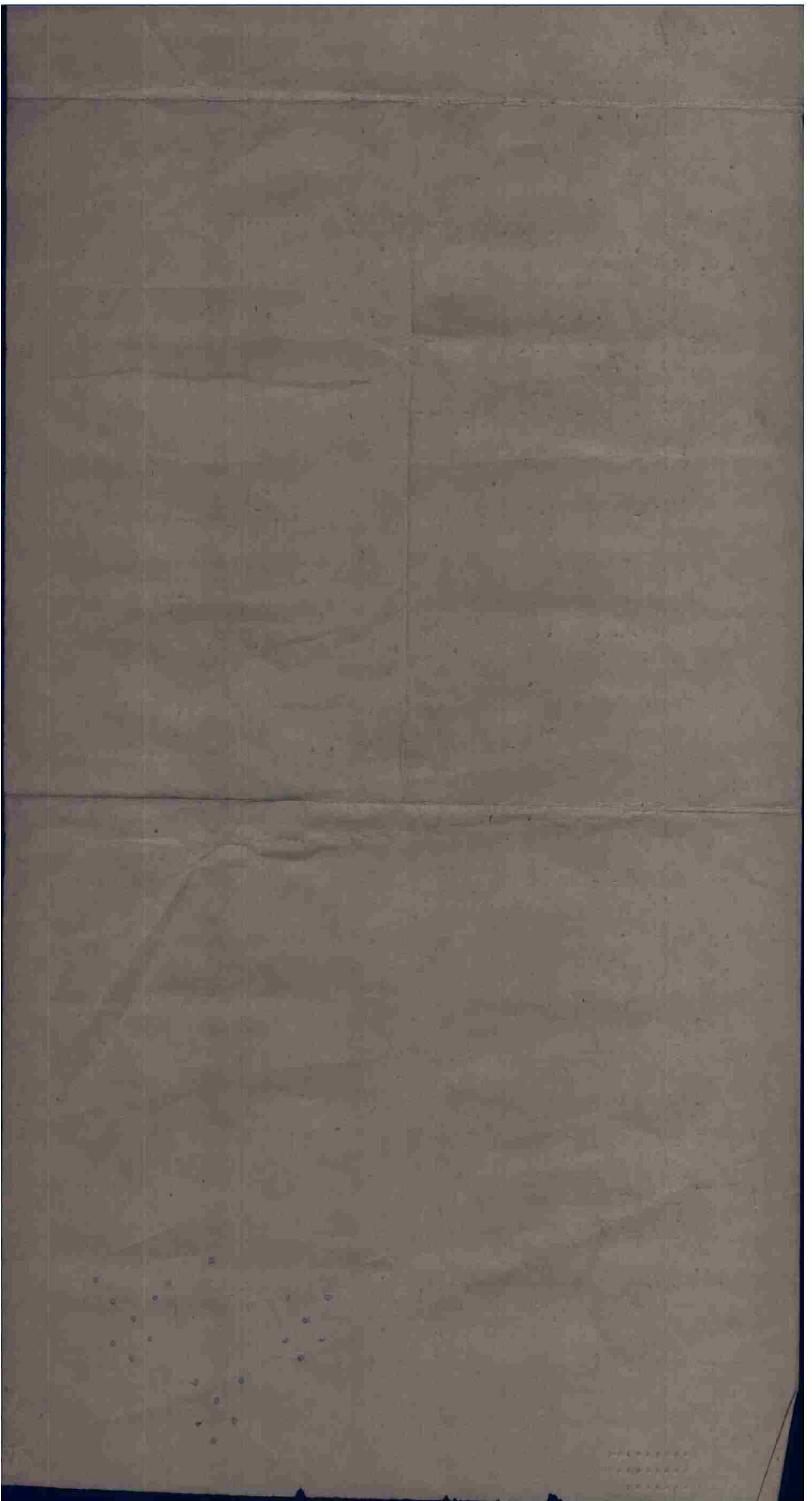
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING S-019-E 05/0005B
TO COMBOMCOM IX

409TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP
410TH BOMB GROUP

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
05 SEPT. 44

MAPS NORMAL

FIELD ORDER NO. 203-530

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMB LINE
(2) THERE WILL BE BEACH HEAD ALLIED-AREA COVER FOR THIS WING.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACH TARGETS IN THE BREST AREA.

ZERO HOUR 05/0930B

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) BREST: COORD. V-954992 COORD. V-923983
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 4805W/56 1 BOX ON REF. 118042.
ILL. 4805W/57 1 BOX ON REF. 057062
- (10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. 1 BOX ON ILL. 4805W/56 FUSED 1/10 SEC.
NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL 1 BOX ON ILL. 4805W/57 FUSED
1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) BREST: COORD. V-954992 COORD. V-923983
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 4805W/56 1 BOX ON REF. 118042 ILL. 4805W/57
1 BOX ON REF. 057062
- (10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. 1 BOX ON ILL. 4805W/56 FUSED 1/10 SEC.
NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL 1 BOX ON ILL. 4805W/57 FUSED 1/10
SEC. NOSE. 1/40 SEC. TAIL
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

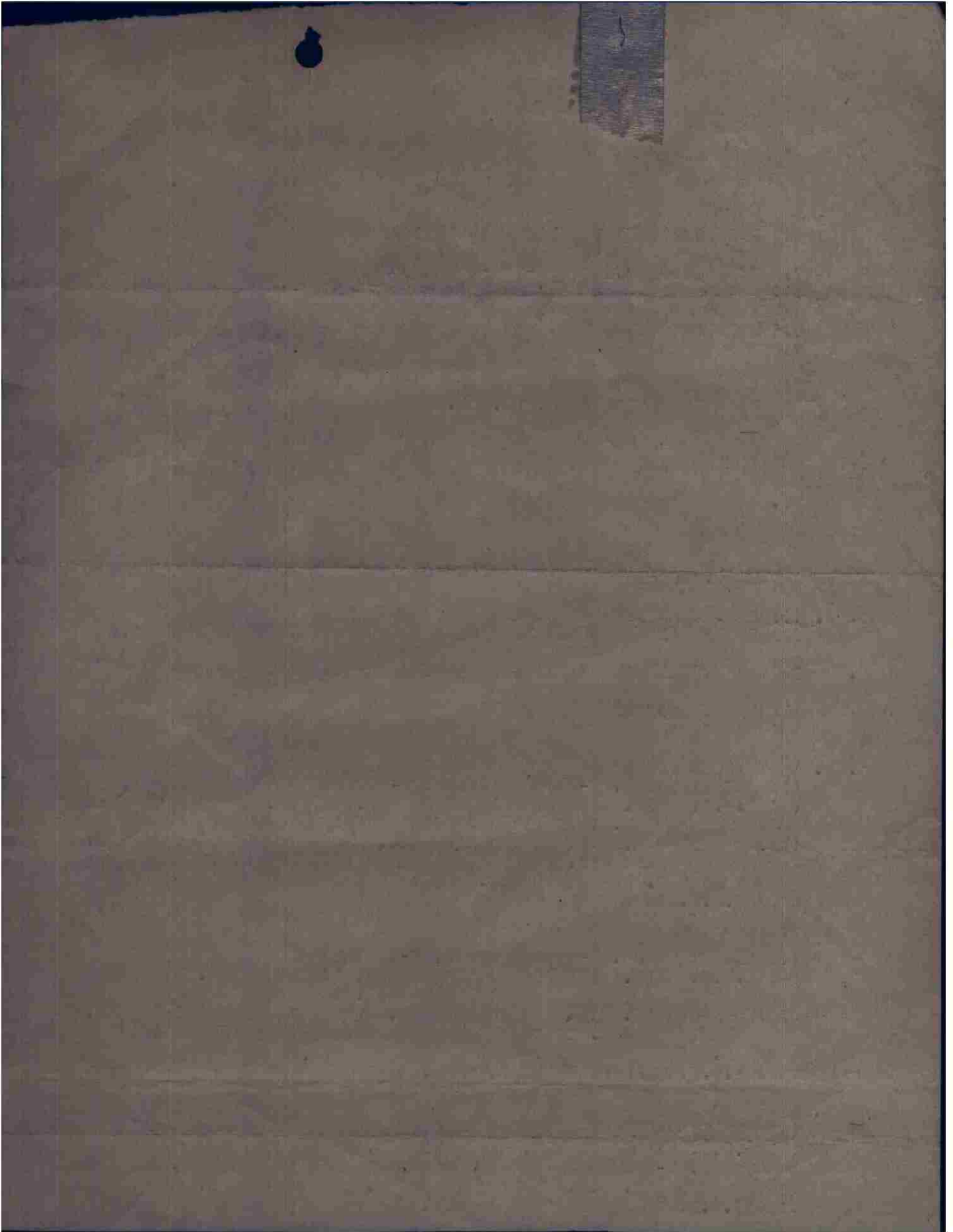
- (1) BREST: COORD. V-939989 COORD. V-914986
- (9) M.P.I. 1 BOX ON ILL. 4805W/56 REF. 078041 1 BOX ON GRID
COORD. V-914986
- (10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED : 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MIN.

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- X. (1) - (3) NO CHANGE
 (4) IN EVENT OF GAS SHORTAGE, A/C MAY LAND AT TANGMERE OR FORD TO REFUEL AND RETURN TO BASE.
 (5) A/C REQ. 2 BOXES OF 18 BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
 (6) ROUTE OUT BASE TO MAIDENHEAD TO BILL OF PORTLAND TO 4840N 0355W TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 (7) ROUTE BACK TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO SELSEY BILL TO MAIDENHEAD TO BASE.
 (8) ALTITUDE BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET CROSS FRENCH COAST OUT AT BOMBING ALTITUDE.
 (9) I.P. 4817N 0412W
 (10) AXIS OF ATTACK GENERALLY SE TO NW
 (11) R.P. 4834N 0419W
 (12) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACK ON THIS MISSION PRIMARY TARGETS WILL NOT BE BOMBED UNLESS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED
 (13) THE 416TH GROUP WILL TAKE OFF AT LEAST 10 MIN. BEFORE 410TH GROUP.
 (14) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED DURING ATTACKS IN ORDER THAT HOSPITALS AT COORD. V-952989 AND V-957989 WILL NOT BE BOMBED.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) MANGO

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) CIRCLE

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) BESTMAN

X. GENERAL INFORMATION.

(10) BATV/BATV

(11) EMERGENCY HOMING ON CONTINENT
 S.O.P. CHANNEL C/C STORETIN
 CHANNEL B/B SWEEPSTAKE

COMCBTWIG 97

B

BT 05/0005B

RRR - WCB AR

OIHAK OILAI R.....05/0038B MG AR

OIYAA OILAI R.....05/0035 B EJ AR K

OIGOF OILAI R.....050037B BRF AR

OICOG OILAI R.....05/0038B DEF AR

M

CGC LAI V YAA YAA 15/05 OP
 FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 05/2135D 5103D
 TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND - ATT/ A-2
 HQ 97TH COMBAT WING - ATT/ A-2
 CONFIDENTIAL DT
 CPFLASH NO. 145 FOR 5 SEPTEMBER 1944 - MISSION NO. 137

- A (1) BREST STRONG POINTS
 (2) BREST STRONG POINTS
- B (1) 416TH BG
 (2) 10 A-20J'S AND 30 A-20G'S
 (3) NIL
 (4) 15 A+C ON EACH HE MPI
- C (1) 1690
 (2) 1640 - 1640
 (3) 2037
- D (1) NIL
 (2) 0-1-0
 (3) 0-0-0
- E GOOD TO EXCELLENT RESULTS REPORTED BY CREWS ON BOTH MPI'S.
- F (1) -A- NIL
 -B- NIL
 (2) -A- NIL
 -B- NIL
- G NIL
- H (1) .5 CUMULUS. TOPS TO 5000 FEET. HIGH LAYER .4 TO .5
 ALTOCUMULUS AT 15000 FT.
 (2) .3 TO .5 OVER CHANNEL. TOPS TO 3000 FEET. VISIBILITY 8
 MILES THROUGH THIN HAZE.
- I 144 X 300 GP ON PRIMARY (72 BOMBS ON EACH MPI)
- J 11700 - 12000 FEET.

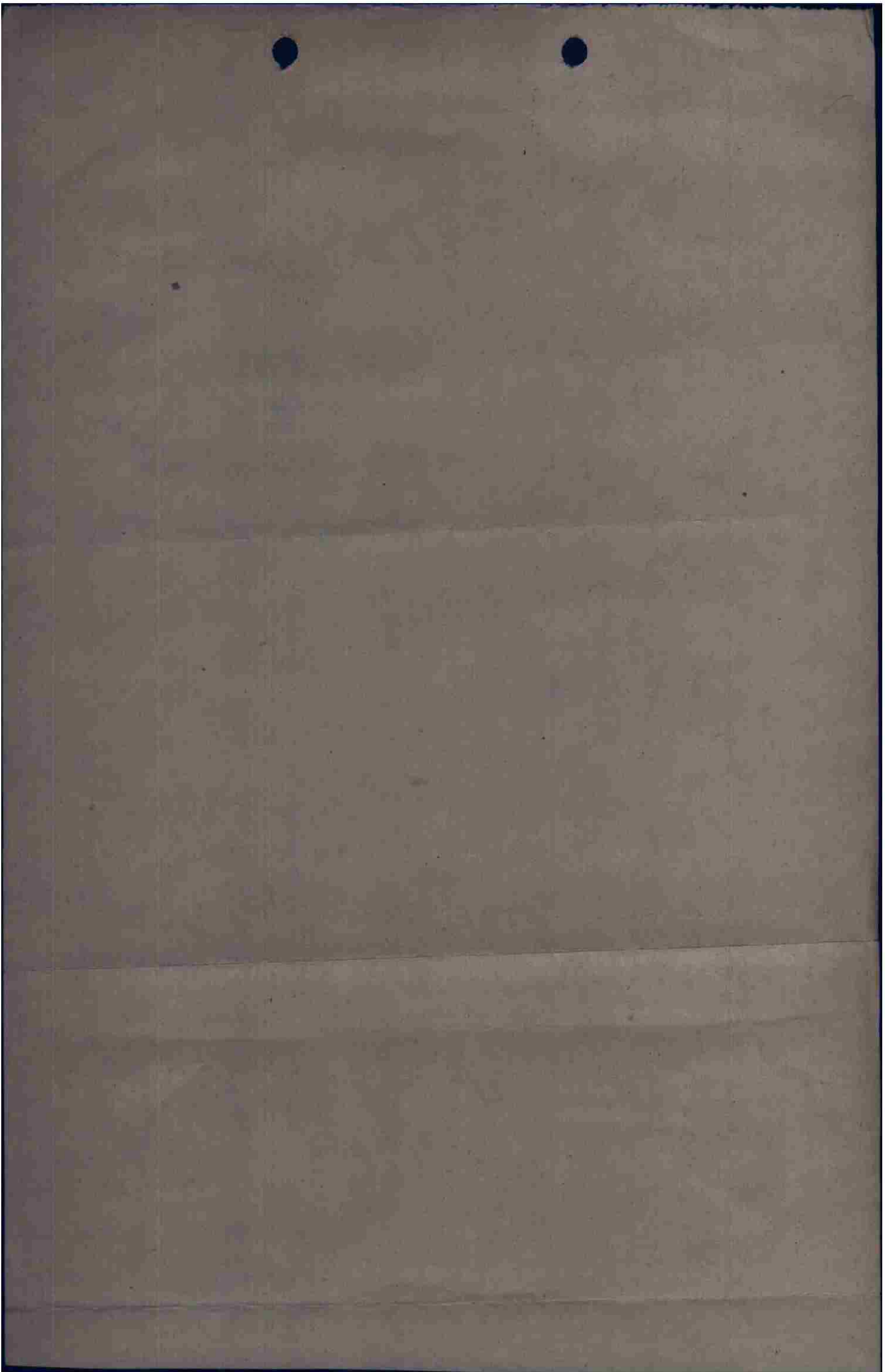
BT 05/2135D
 JF AR
 02202/
 CGC R.....

LAI R.....
 LAI R.....05/2240D DL AR R

THIS THIS CAME IN BADLY ERE SORRI
 CAN U READ US AT ALL ??
 CAN READ U A LITTLE MOST PLACES FAILED TO GIVE CARRIAGE RETURN
 TIC AFTER U GET LAI'S R WE WILL TRY TO GET U ON ANOTHER MAC
 NEL ENGD RIGHT NOT NOW TIC
 CT

E HOW WE WILL PUT U ON ANOTHER MAC IN A TIC
 A AS, ON AR TO LAI THEN TM
 CHE T TRY IT NOW YAA

HOU IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MEN TO COME TO THE AID OF THEIR PARTY...
 HOU ABOUT IT ??? L
 THAT L LOOKS OK SHOOT



DUE

COG V YAA YAA 18/09 OP
 FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 05/2135B S103D
 TO HQ IX BOMBERCOMMAND
 ATT: A-2
 CONFIDENTIAL BT
 CPLASH NO. 143 FOR 5 SEPTEMBER 1944 MISSION NO. 137

A (1) BREEST STRONG POINTS
 (2) BREEST STRONG POINTS

B (1) 416 BE
 (2) 12 A-25J*A AND 20 A-25G*S
 (3) NIL
 (4) 15 A/C ON EACH MPI

C (1) 1600
 (2) 1840 - 1842
 (3) 2037

DE
 D (1) NIL
 (2) 0-0-0
 (3) 0-0-0

E GOOD TO EXCELLENT RESULTS REPORTED BY CREWS ON BOTH MPI'S.

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

G NIL

H (1) .3 CIRULUS, TOPS TO 6000 FT. HIGH LAYER .4 TO .5
 ALTOCIRULUS AT 15000 FT.
 (2) .3 TO .5 OVER CHANNEL. TOPS TO 6000 FT. VISCIBILITY 5
 MILES THROUGH THIN HAZEN.

I 104 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY (72 BOMBS ON EACH BE MPI)

J 11700 - 12000 FT

K 05/2135B

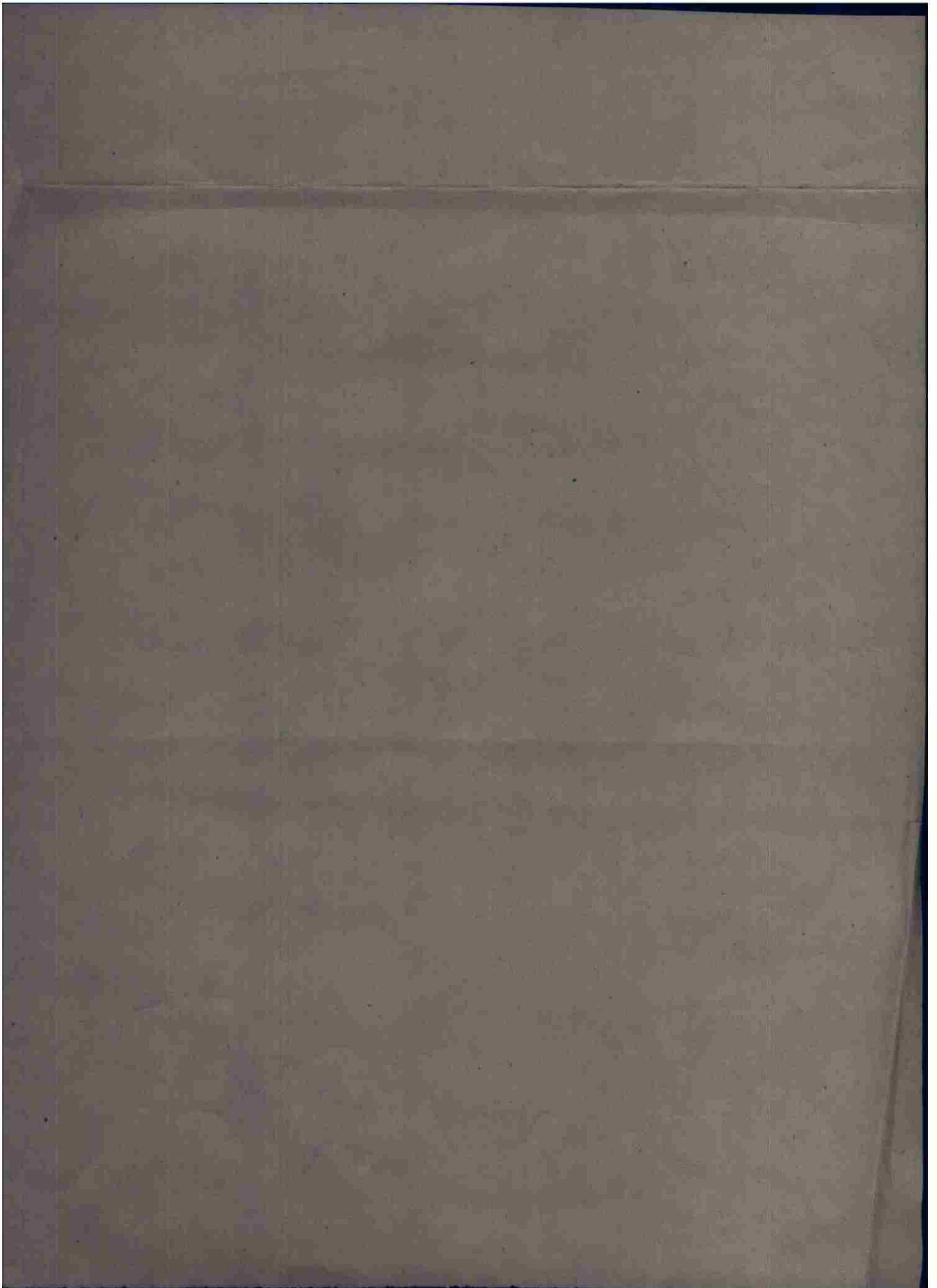
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CC: (2) UNDER H SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:
 .3 TO .5 OVER CHANNEL. TOPS TO 6000 FT. VISCIBILITY 5 MILES
 THROUGH THIN HAZE.

LF AR

COG H..... 05/2233B BM H
 IN NEXT TO LAST LINE INX VA 72 BOMBS ON EACH MPI
 CR ??? OK P R

OK GUESSES THAT IS IT FOR NOW DE BE
 OK ON DIDI
 H



MISSION NO. 137

LOADING LIST

5 September 1944

BOX I
FLIGHT I

1. 135 T
Captain M.J. Huff
Lt. J. Kupits
Sgt. R.A. Clark
Sgt. F.P. Basford

4. 190 I
Lt. E.P. Hall
Sgt. R.W. Carstens
Sgt. R.P. Sharp

2. 376 O
Lt. W.F. Tripp
S/Sgt. J.O. Scott
S/Sgt. L.B. Kemper

5. 900 Q
Lt. R.B. Robertson
S/Sgt. M.W. Cheney
Sgt. G.E. Reiter

3. 717 F
Lt. W.J. Greene
Lt. J.R. Nichols
S/Sgt. J.A. Ochaba
S/Sgt. W.F. Colbert

6. 929 G
Lt. E.L. Miller
Cpl. J.F. Malloy
Sgt. J.M. Pemberton

FLIGHT II

1. 063 A
Captain C.R. Jackson
Lt. A.H. Maltby
Sgt. D. E. Burns
Cpl. A.C. Basile

4. 217 D
Lt. R.B. Hall
S/Sgt. D.S. Blackford
S/Sgt. L.C. Burger

2. 467 W
Lt. D.F. Shea
Lt. O.R. Koch
S/Sgt. O.D. Evans
S/Sgt. T.A. Palmer

5. 224 E
Lt. T.S. Merritt
Sgt. J.A. Hummer
S/Sgt. R.J. Gatti

3. 452 Q-1
Lt. P.G. Atkinson
Lt. D.G. Akerson
S/Sgt. J.O. Swafford
S/Sgt. P.F. Glynn

6. 380 N
Lt. D.B. Grunig
Cpl. J.L. Collier
Sgt. M.E. Dias

FLIGHT III

1. 444 J
Major R.A. Price
Lt. A.R. Hand
S/Sgt. J.H. Roberts
S/Sgt. F. Naifeh

4. 194 G-1
Lt. R.D. Leshner
S/Sgt. H.R. Hedrick
Sgt. S.L. Heitell

2. 176 T-1
Lt. E.B. Kreh
Sgt. E. Shelton
S/Sgt. D.R. Schenck

5. 764 X
Lt. H.M. Evans
Sgt. G. Skeens
Sgt. O.N. Merritt

3. 210 Q-2
Lt. R.G. Meredith
S/Sgt. A.A. Hill
S/Sgt. R.W. MacDonald

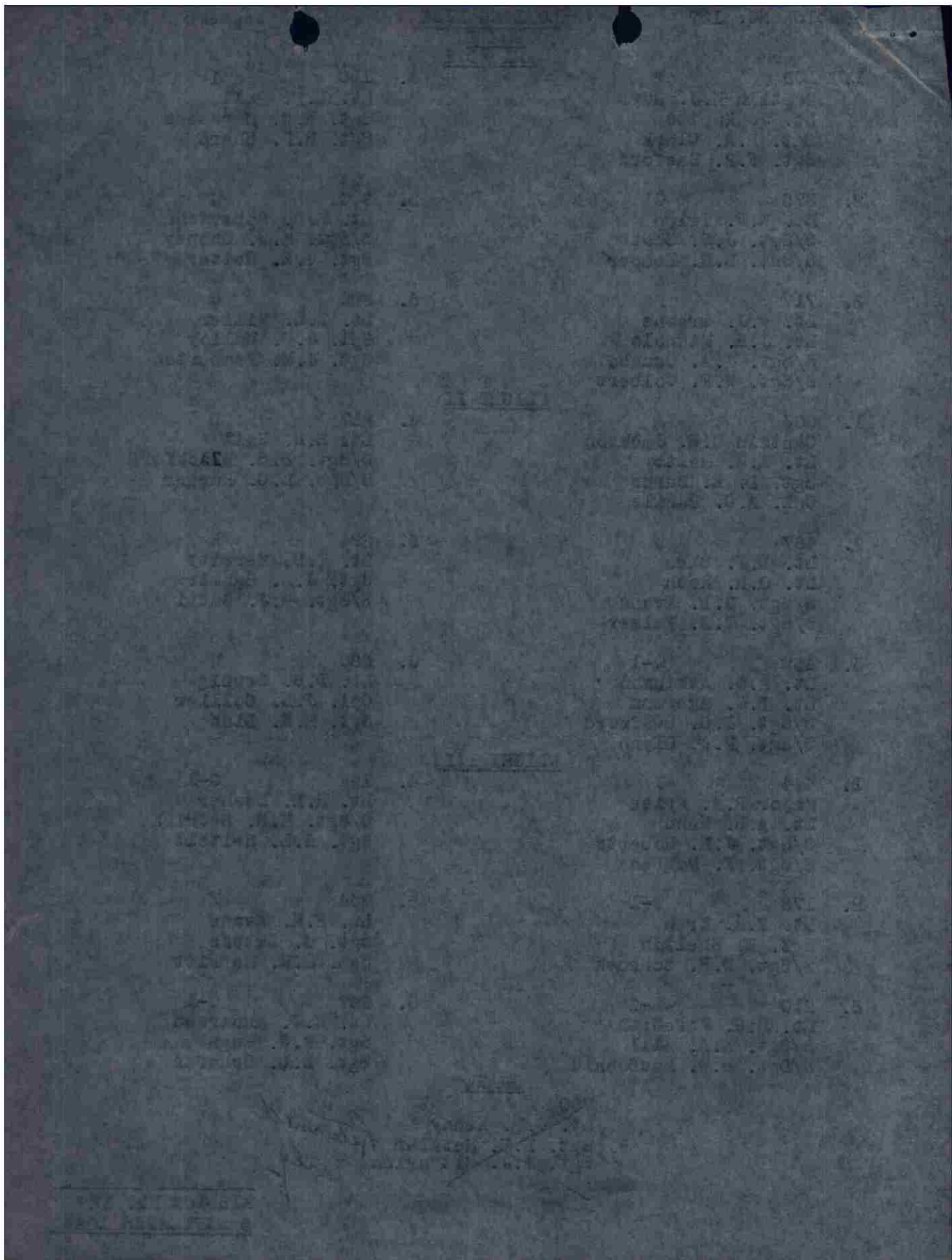
6. 907 O-1
Lt. C.J. Andersen
Sgt. P.G. Euga
Sgt. E.L. Schafer

SPARE

750 Z
Lt. J.P. Kenny
Sgt. L.V. Metzler
Sgt. J.J. Sittarich

Returned Early

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MISSION NO. 137

LOADING LIST
BOX 11
FLIGHT 1

5 SEPT. 1944

1. 469 J
CAPT D A HULSE
LT R CONTE
S/S F D ALLRED
S/S D W STEPHENS

2. 689 I
LT E J RENTH
S/S O D LANAVE
SGT R A WOLBER

3. 202 E
LT J E BLOWETEN
SGT L R FLEMING
S/S H BOCKACHE

4. 1961 F
LT T BOUEAMP
S/S D R ABRICOLA
SGT W W DONNELLY

5. 692 M
LT J F SMITH
S/S C VAFIADIS
S/S R C HOFFMAN

6. 743 W
LT J F ALLEN
SGT L R GETGEN
SGT C W VEASEY

FLIGHT 11

1. 1711 S
CAPT L A MARZOLF
LT S T BECK
S/S H E WELLIN
LT T W SAMPSON

2. 914 E
LT F W DEMAND
LT A C BURNS
S/S R J TROWER
S/S C W MIDDLETON

3. 956 Z
LT R W YORK
S/S H J WILDS
S/S L A ASHTON

4. 214 G
LT R C MOREHOUSE
S/S L A ZYGIDL
S/S A J HUNCESS

5. 221 F
LITA E HERMAN
S/S A D GARRETT
S/S J O YOUNG

6. 937 B-1
LT J J LACKOVICH
SGT I M BARRY
SGT T CONNERY

FLIGHT 111

1. 065 E
LT H P COLE
LT R J BASNETT
S/S F R CHVATAL
S/S B G FANDRE

2. 714 N
LT D L WITHINGTON
SGT C F HUSS
SGT L D MC BRITTAN

3. 719 J-1
LT W H AMES
SGT H S FRESHER
SGT R J BROWN

4. 393 K
LT R D PERKINS
S/S V N SHERRY
S/S R H ALDENMAN

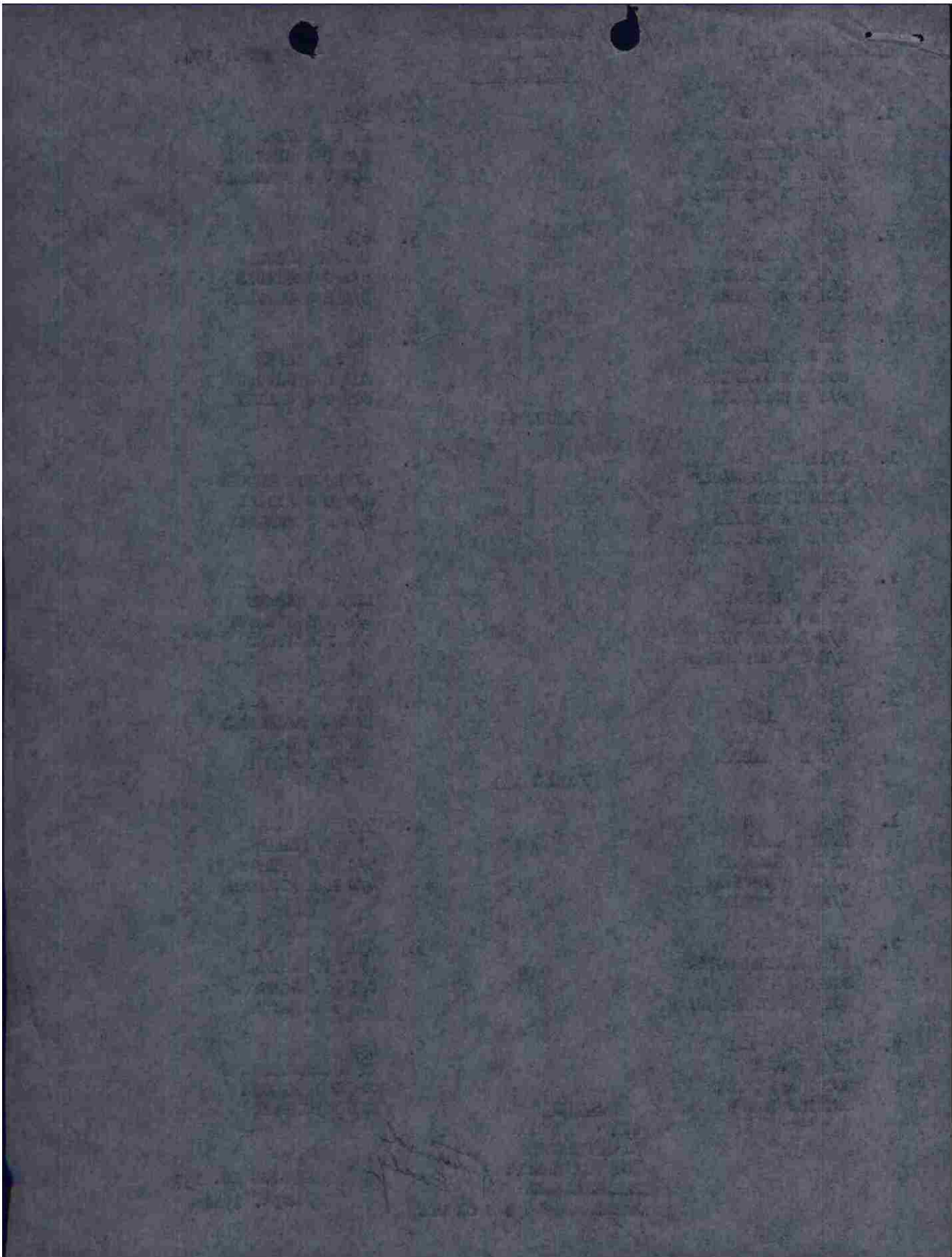
5. 951 P-1
LT D M RASHMAN
CPL R J JOHNSON
CPL A D EATON

6. 493 V
LT A REMESZEWSKI
CPL J H MIGUEZ
CPL F DI ORIO

SEAP

211 O
LT H POPPENY
SGT W E ARNETT
SGT M S CARDNER
Returned Early

MISSION NO. 137
5 Sept. 1944



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

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

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

SUBJECT: Report of Combat Mission.

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

416th Bombardment Group (L).
137th Combat Mission, 5 September 1944.
97th CW FO Number 203 - 330.

1. 38
2. 36
3. 36
4. 2 (spares)
5. None
6. 2 spares.
7. None.
8. None.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHMIDT,
Captain, Air Corps.
Adjutant.

XIB.C.S-2-Form No. 1061-B-Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

COMBAT UNIT: TARGET	IX BC 97TH WING	416TH GROUP
DATE	5 SEPTEMBER 1944	
ATTACKING UNITS	6 FLIGHTS	BREST STRONG POINTS
FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION:		TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED BREST STRONG POINTS PRIMARY
SECONDARY

CASUAL
BOX I: Spot near fortification. (Ill. 48054/66 Coord. 078041)
M.P.I. BOX II: Long building running north & south 225 ft. south of road.

A.P.

B. TARGET ATTACKED BREST STRONG POINTS MILES FROM PRIMARY
DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY

C. COORDINATES ON 1:50,000 MAP NO.

D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 36 A-20's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 36

E. BOMBING BY 6's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 1, 3, 2, 5, 5, 4.

F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED 144 x 500 GP FUSING 1/10 NOSE 1/40 TAIL

G. HEADING OF A/C WHERE BOMBS DROPPED Box I - 100 DEGREES MAG.
Box II - 92

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED 1941

I. ACTIVITY AT TARGET:

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

BOX I 1st 6: GROSS: Bombs hit 2100 ft. northwest of DMPI. Bombs fell across buildings, roads, and fields.

2nd 6: EXCEL: Bombed third. Bombs fell in elongated pattern 225 ft. west of DMPI. Bombs started short of AP and ran up onto DMPI in smoke of 3rd 6. Hits were scored on buildings with probable severe damage to strong point.

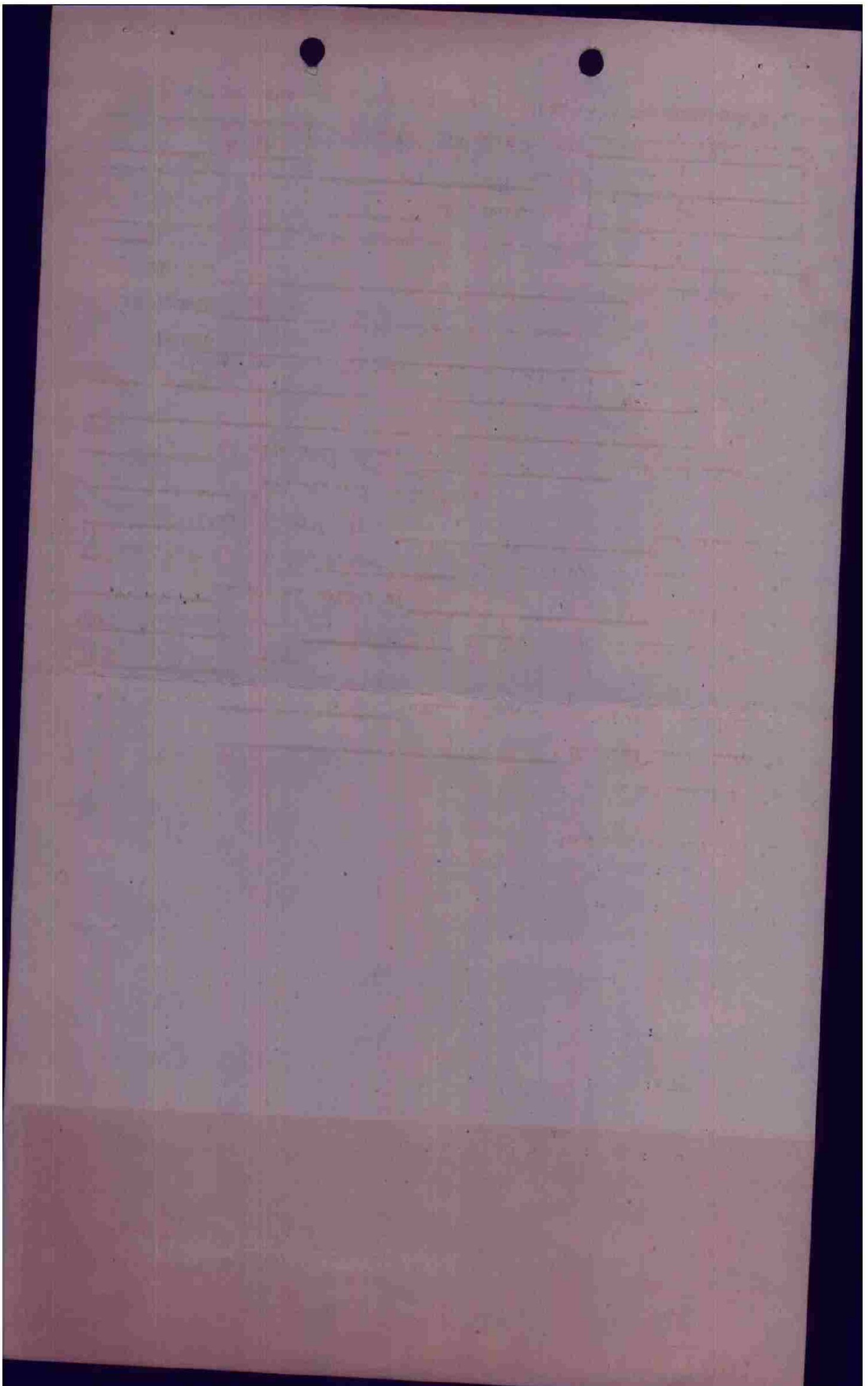
3rd 6: EXCEL: Bombed second. Excellent concentration of bombs on DMPI blanketing target area with probable destruction of buildings and severe damage to strong point.

BOX II 1st 6: FAIR: Bombed last. Complete pattern of bursts not shown on photos but first bombs to hit indicate a rating of fair. Bombs fell in fields 950 ft. southwest of DMPI.

2nd 6: EXCEL: Bombed fifth. Bombs fell in long pattern across DMPI with center of bursts 170 ft. northwest of DMPI. Probable hits and near misses on buildings in target area with severe damage to strong point.

3rd 6: POOR: Bombed fourth. Bombs fell in long pattern in fields 1160 ft. northwest of DMPI. Probable hits on small unidentified buildings in fields.

CLAYTON W. ZESIGER
CAPTAIN AIR CORPS
PHOTO INTELLIGENCE OFFICER



416TH GROUP BOMBARDIER'S
GROSS ERROR REPORT

MISSION TO: BREST STRONGPOINT

DATE : 5 SEPTEMBER 1944

BOMBING BY: FLIGHTS OF SIX

BOX I 1ST SIX - Gross - Clouds interfered with the bombardier's picking of exact aiming point. He took a 20 second run and synchronized on what he considered to be the target area.

2ND SIX - Excel

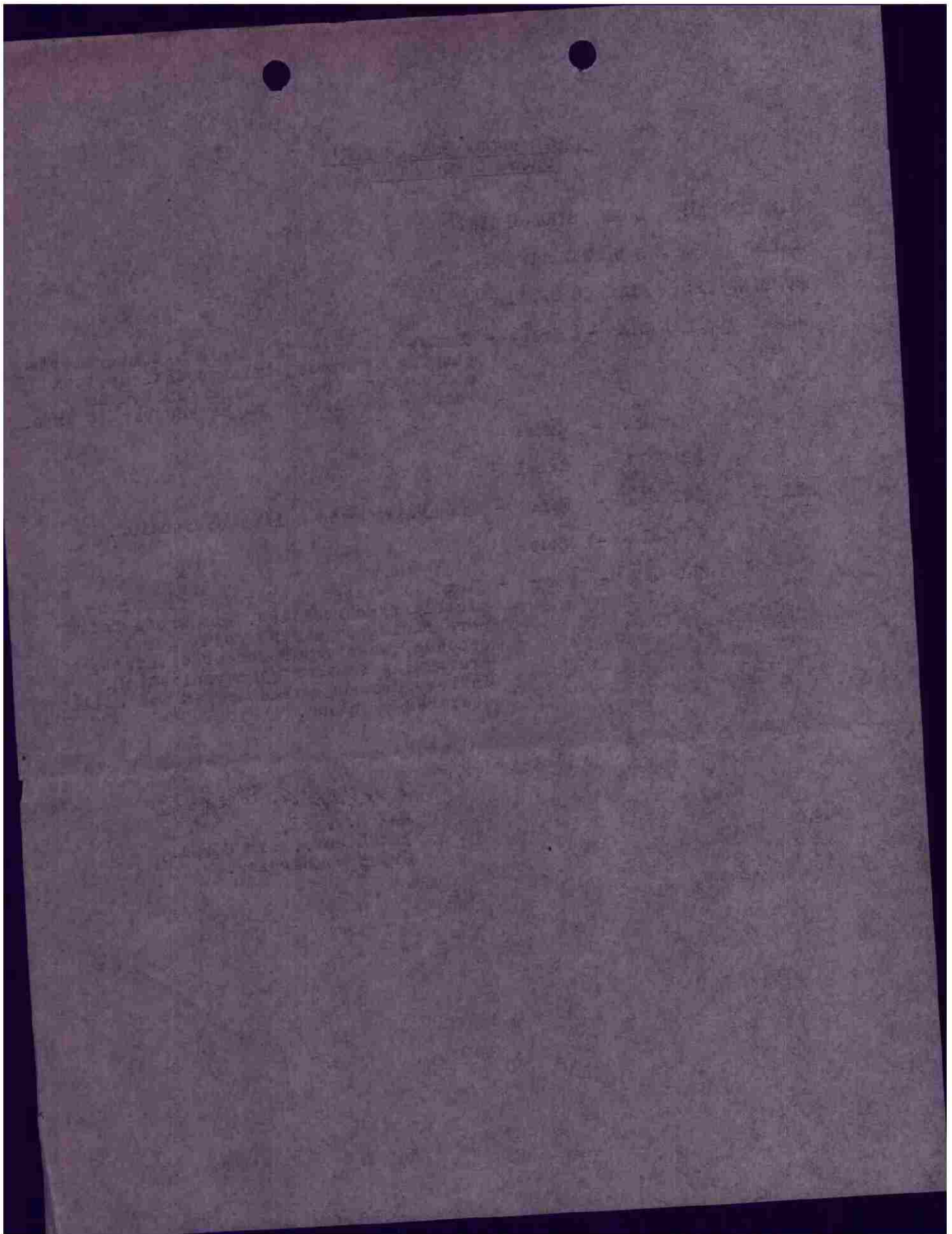
3RD SIX - Excel

BOX II 1ST SIX - Fair - Bombardier made a late correction.

2ND SIX - Excel

3RD SIX - Poor - Cloud prevented bombardier from completely synchronizing. His cross hairs were riding on aiming point for 10 seconds, when cloud obscured target, preventing further synchronization. Indices crossed while target was still obscured by cloud.

Max A. Pape
MAX A. PAPE,
1st Lieut., Air Corps.,
Group Bombardier.



IX B.C. S-2 Form No. 05a

PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

CAMERAS INSTALLED	14	%	GROUP	416TH
CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING	13	100	WING	97TH CBW
CAMERA FAILURES	0	0	DATE	5, Sept. 1944
PERSONNEL FAILURES	0	0		
OTHERS	1			

135			TARGET	Brest
210	929	167	ALT.	12000 ft
907	217	221	TRUE AIR SPEED	300 mph
	927		GROUND SPEED	275 mph

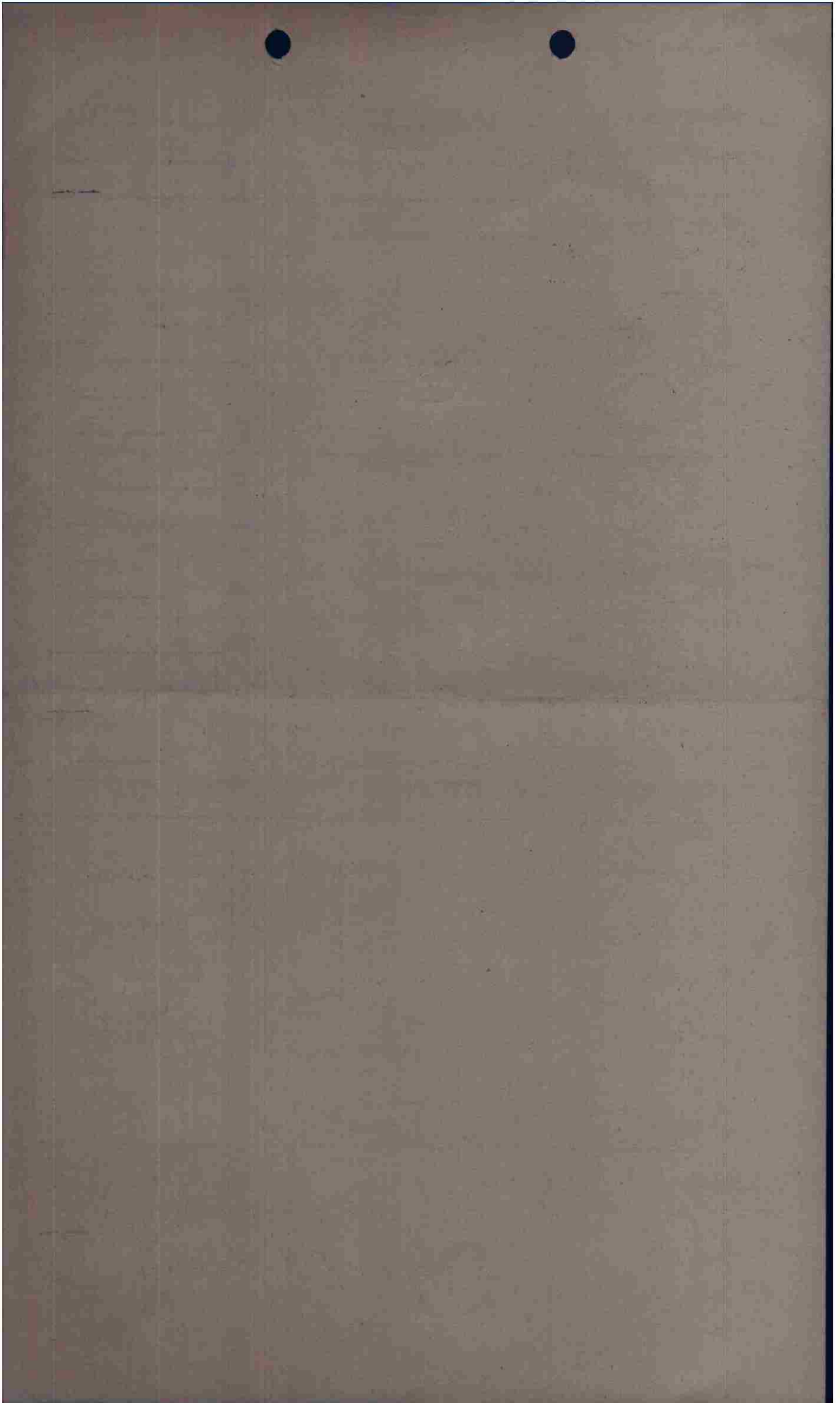
639			TARGET	Brest
961		711	ALT.	11500 ft
065			TRUE AIR SPEED	300 mph
719	951	927	GROUND SPEED	287 mph
		221		

			TARGET	
			ALT.	ft
			TRUE AIR SPEED	mph
			GROUND SPEED	mph

BOX NO.	A/C NO.	CAM. TYPE	F.L.	INT.	PRINTED SCOTIES	UNPRINT. SCOTIES	EXPLANATION
1	135	K-23	6 3/4			195	
1	929	K-24	"	2	598		
1	210	K-24	5	"		606	
1	927	K-24	5	"	597		
1	167	K-24	5	"	599		
1	217	K-24	7 1/2	"			
2	639	K-24	6 1/4	"		600	
2	961	K-24	"	"	601		
2	065	K-24	5	"		606	
2	719	K-24	5 3/4	"		603	
2	951	K-20	6 1/4	"		106	
2	711	K-24	"	"		605	
2	927	K-20	"	"		107	
2	221	K-24	5	"	602		

REMARKS:

F. J. Cachet 1st Lt. A.C.
Photographic Officer



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USAAF FORM 34A

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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding OfficerSECRET
AUTH: CO STA 170
DATE: 6 Sept 1944
INIT:

TO:

From: 416th Bombardment Group (L), APO 140, U.S. Army.

Ref: Oprep A No. 156 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 5 Sept 1944
Mission or Operation No. 137 97th AF PG 203- 530.

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target West Strangpoints.
 Place of take-off RAF Station 170
 Place of landing RAF Station 170
 Take-off time 1600 Landing time 1637
 Time over target 1840 - 1845 Bombing Altitude 11700 - 12000 ft.
 Nature of mission Bombing Other None
 Weather over target - 5/10 cumulus tops 8000 ft. 3 to 5/10 over channel, tops
 Results Good, good, good, fair, good, poor. / 8000 ft. Vis 8 miles.
 Enemy opposition None

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 26 A-200
10 A-200
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
26 A-200 West Strangpoints.
10 A-200 West Strangpoints.
3. Abortive due to:
 - (1) Weather: None
 - (2) Personnel: None
 - (3) Mechanical: None
 - (4) Other: None
4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None
5. Destroyed - before reaching target None
giving cause where known
6. Destroyed - over or after leaving None
target giving cause where known
7. Damaged (give category & cause) None
8. Sorties 26 A-200
10 A-200

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GEORGE SCHENKELIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

For the Commanding Officer:

a. Destroyed _____
b. Prob. Destroyed _____
c. Damaged _____

H. Enemy aircraft by type or description (tentative claims):-

Type of Casualty	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	R. Gun	E. Gun	T. Gun
Killed in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seriously Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slightly Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

a. Total Returned _____
b. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c _____
c. Detained _____

d. Expended on operations: (List targets separately)

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air: _____
b. Expended on operations: _____
c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c: _____

E. Ammunition by caliber:

a. Night (Sunset to sunrise) _____
b. Day (Sunrise to sunset) _____

D. Total operational flying hours _____

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 390BOX 1, Site 1 GROUP 215 DATE 5 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Small strongpoints.1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 300°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO 4. Did entire (box) (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES 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 Aiming Point.

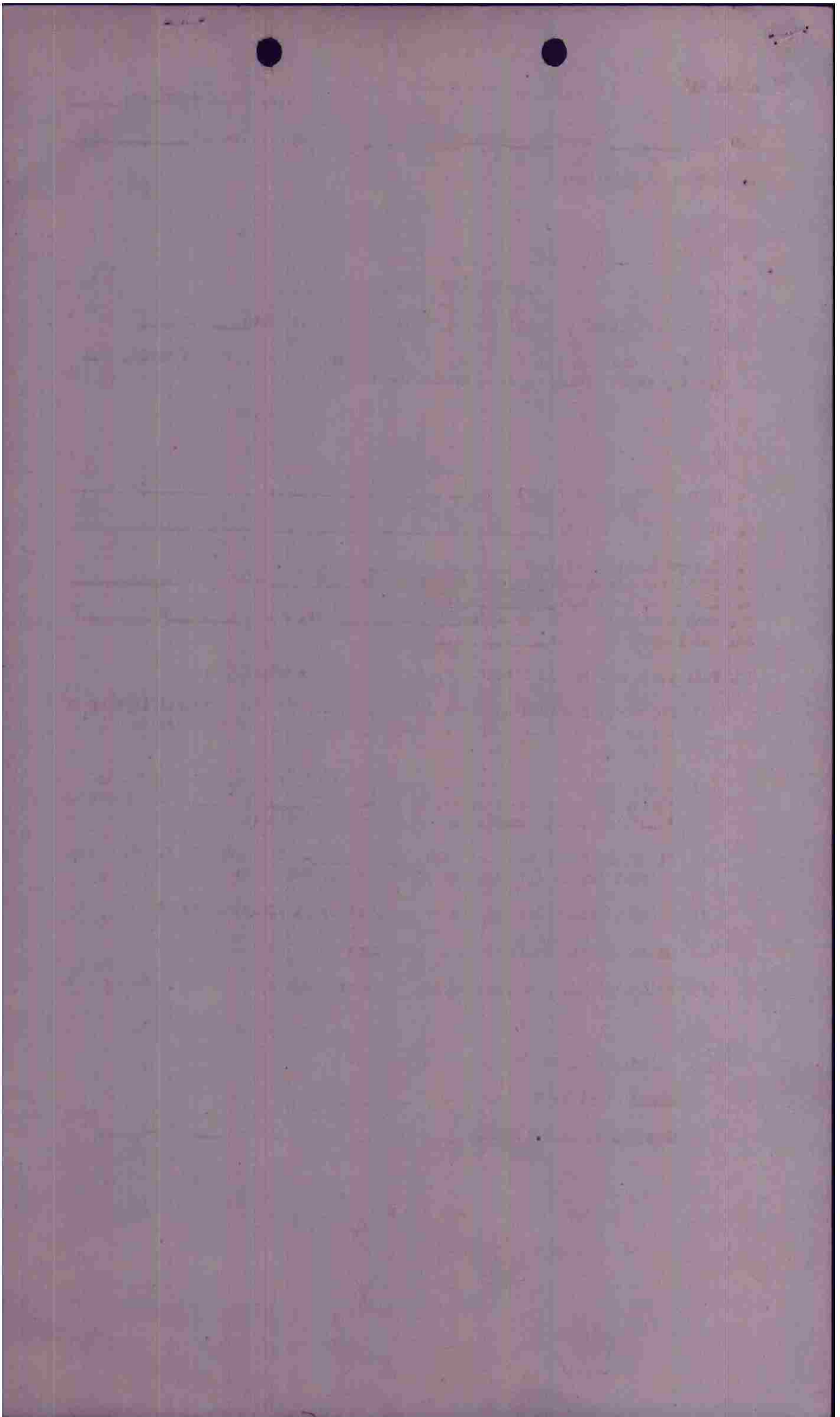
5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. J. Ruppel6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. H. J. Huff7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 237 Altitude: 120009. Length of bomb run: 20 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/100 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 24

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 . If "YES" state conditions and effect. Clouds interfered with bombardier's picking of exact target. In 1000 ft. cloud run and synchronized on what he considered to be AP.
- (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 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: Cloud cover in target area & very short run.
- (f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: None.
- (g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

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

SECRET



S E C R E T

ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C.FIELD ORDER NO. 430BOX 1, 212 E GROUP 416 DATE 5 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Great Airway points.

1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 100°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO X4. Did entire (box) (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES NO

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

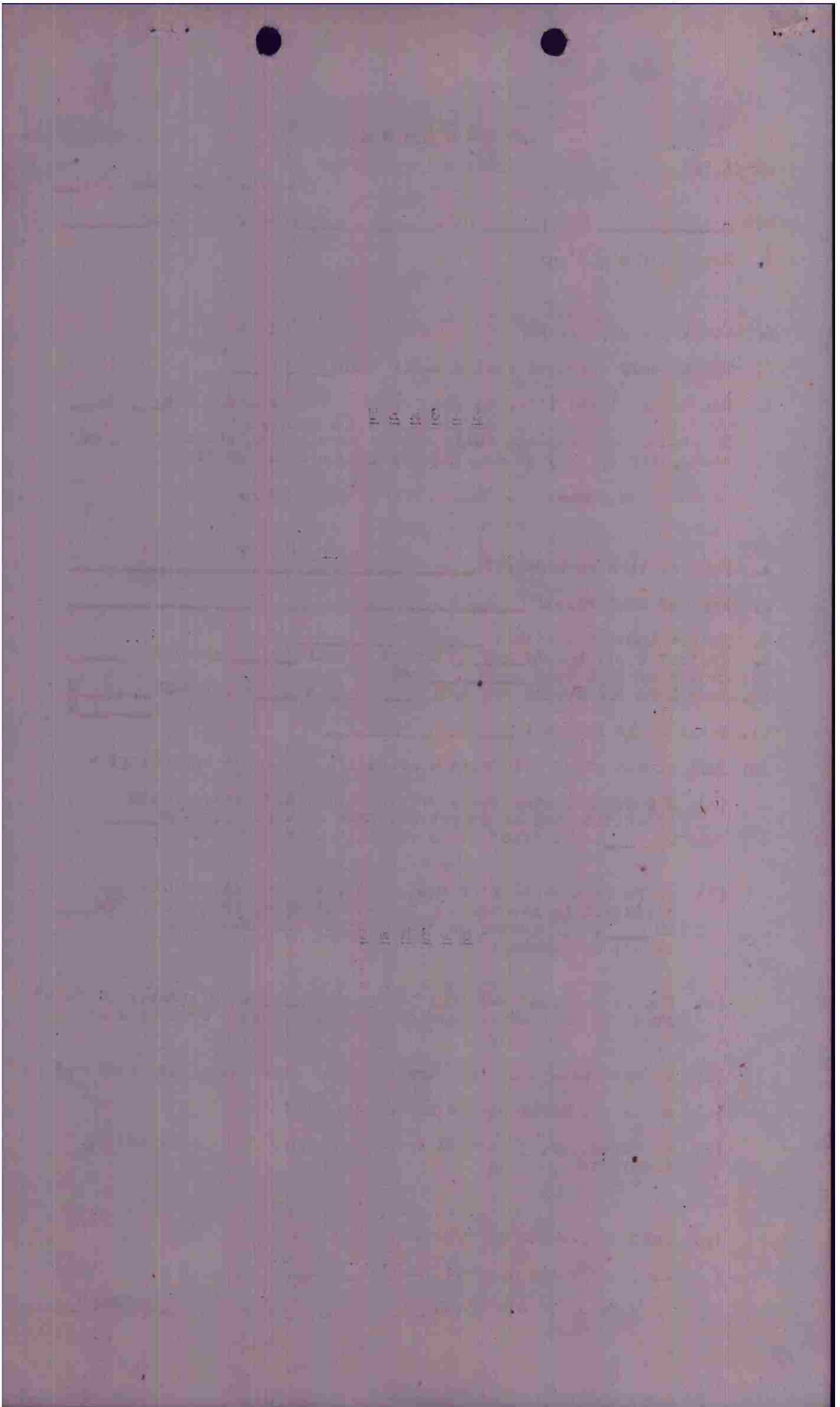
Pre-set with corrections. Aimed at briefed Aiming Point.5. Name of lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. H. Maltby6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. C. E. Jackson7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 300 Ground Speed: 275 Altitude: 122009. Length of bomb run: 120 Sec: 10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N
1/1000 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 . 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 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



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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 500BOX 1, flt 3 GROUP A16 DATE 1 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED East Birmingham.

1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach:

100°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire ~~(bomb)~~ (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES _____ 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 Aiming Point.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. J. R. Head6. Name of lead Pilot: Major E. A. Price7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 300 Ground Speed: 270 Altitude: 110009. Length of bomb run: 45 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/100 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

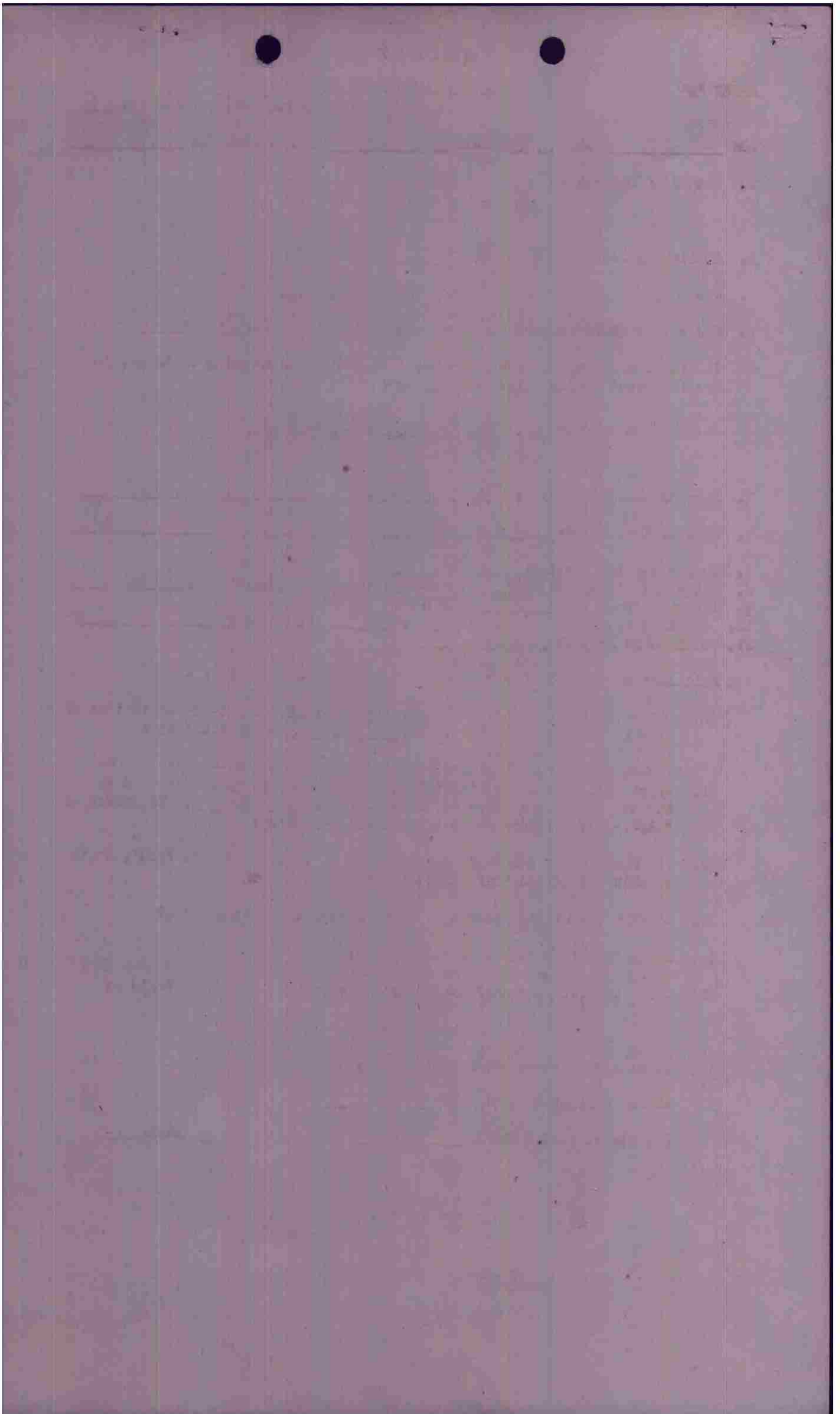
(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

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

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S E C R E T

ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 352BOX 2, 512 GROUP 116 DATE 3 April 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Great Ormeau Point.1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 090°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES ☐ NO ☒4. Did entire (box) (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES ☒ 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 aiming point.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: 1st. E. Gault6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. R. A. Hulse7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 265 Altitude: 115009. Length of bomb run: 45 Sec: 1/1010. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/100 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 ☐. If "YES" state conditions and effect.

Clouds over target area made sighting difficult. Made second run.

(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 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:

Clouds obscured target on first run. Made a late correction on second run.

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

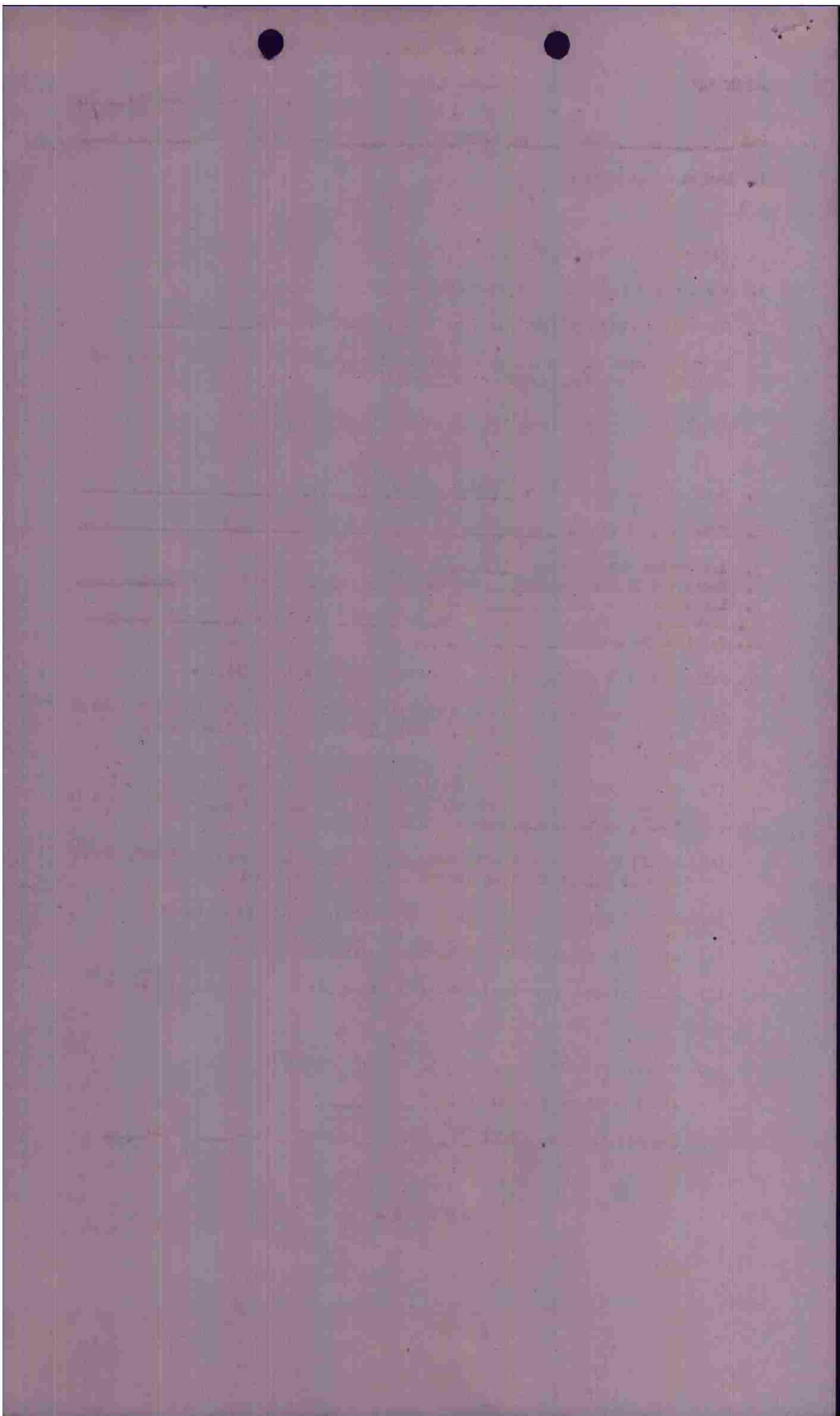
None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES ☒ NO ☐

Results claimed: EXCEL ☐ GOOD ☐ FAIR ☒ POOR ☐ GROSS ☐

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 500BOX 2, 711 2 GROUP 414 DATE 4 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED West Strongpoint.

1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 092°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 Aiming Point.5. Name of lead Bombardier: 11. S. T. Bork6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. L. A. Marshall7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 207 Altitude: 117009. Length of bomb run: 90 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/200 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

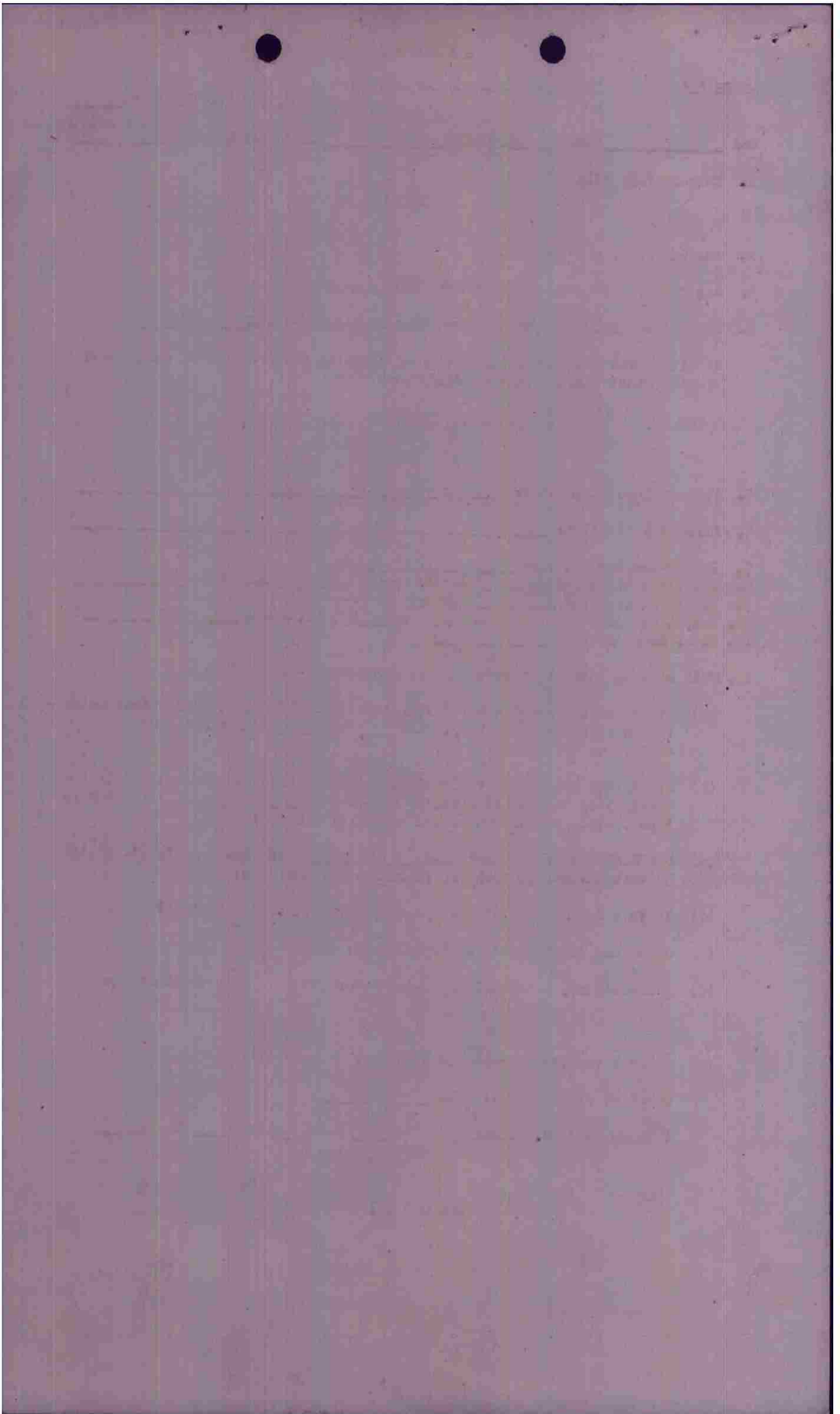
(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO

Results claimed: EXCEL X GOOD FAIR POOR GROSS

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S E C R E T

ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C.FIELD ORDER NO. 530BOX B-24D GROUP 416 DATE 5 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Brest
strongpoints.

1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 90°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire ~~(team)~~ (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 Aiming Point.5. Name of lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. R. J. Bennett6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. H. P. Cole7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 300 Ground Speed: 287 Altitude: 11,0009. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N
1/100 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 74

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. Cloud prevented bombardier from completely synchronizing. His cross hairs were rising on AP for 10 seconds, when cloud obscured target preventing further synchronization.(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 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?

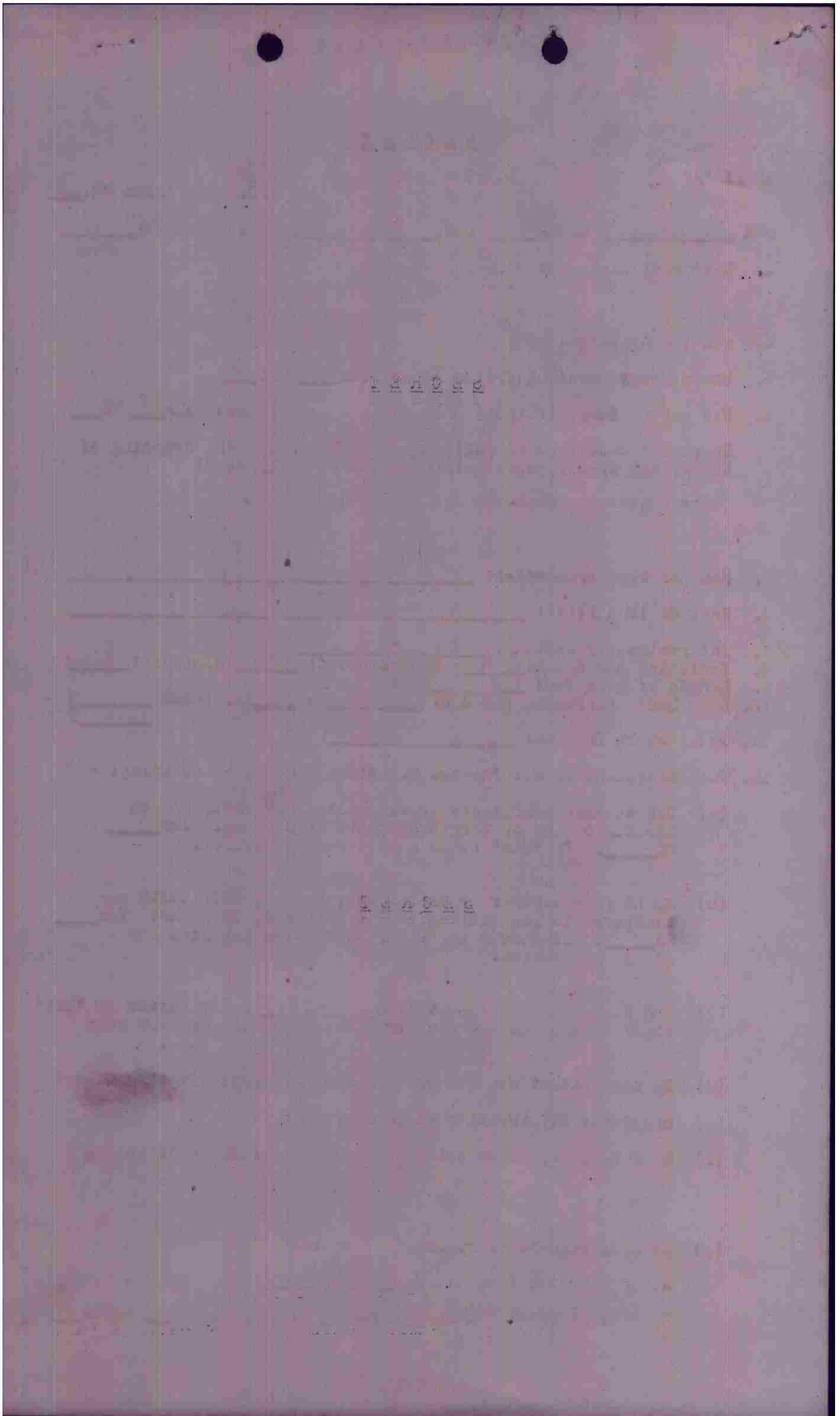
(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

(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 X GROSS _____



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FROM: COBOMGR 416

TO : COMCBTWIG 97

ATT: SIG O

A - YS - 137

B - 6 SEPT 1944

C - 36 A/C

D - 870 - F - VHF RECEIVER WEAK, RETUNED AND CHECKED OKAY.

E - LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON USED.

F - NONE.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

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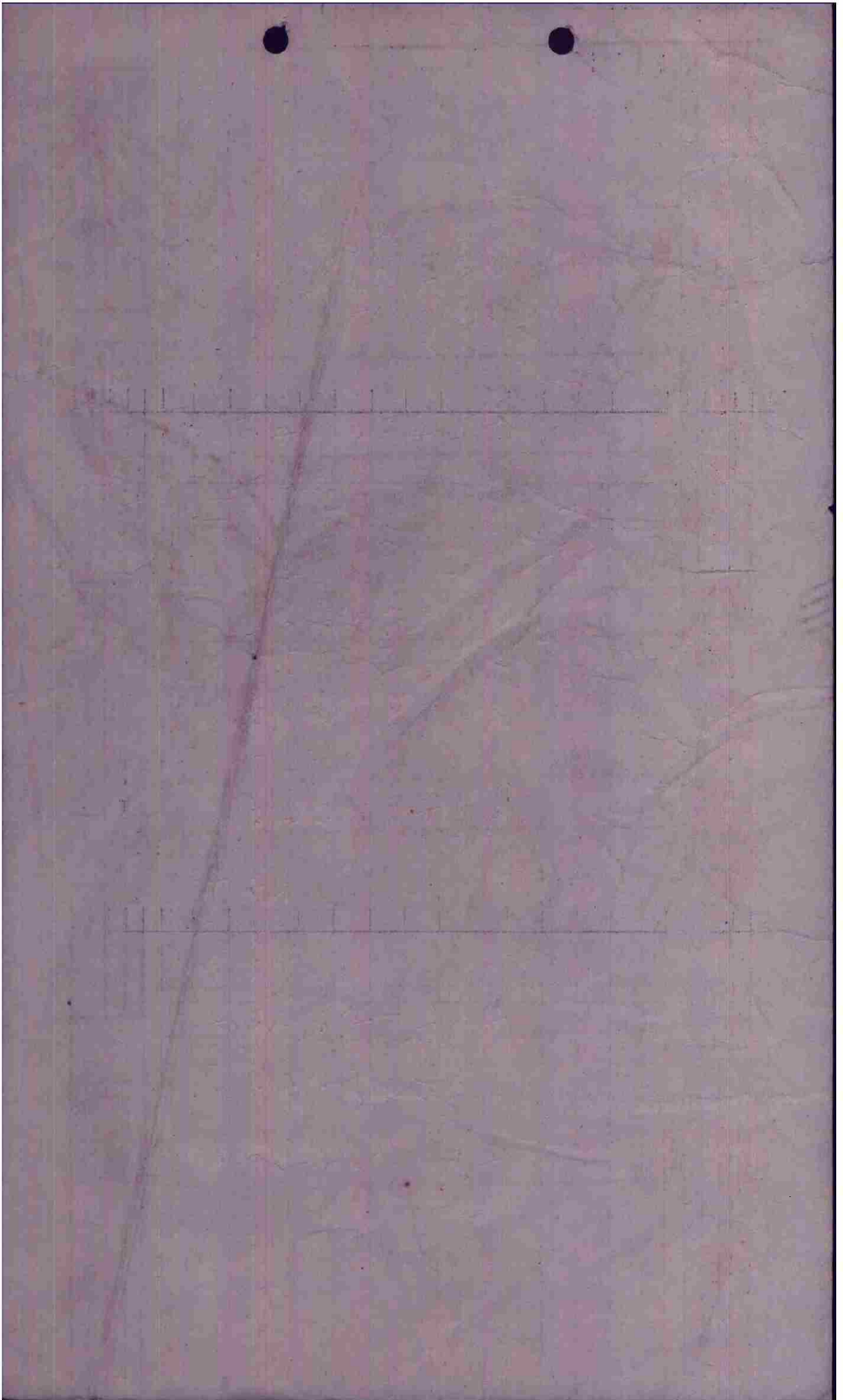
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CHALLENGE
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FIGHTER C/S
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15 oct 1943

PILOT	START ENG	1555	COAST OUT	1740	COAST IN	BASE	ALTITUDE
NAVIGATOR	TIME OUT	1643	COAST IN			REND. ALT.	HEADING
PLANE	TIME OFE	1609	TARGET	1840	(1838)	LAND FALL ALT.	AIR SPEED
MISSION	ON COURSE	1629	COAST OUT			TARGET ALT.	TIME
DATE	RENDZVUS						RESULTS

FLIGHT PLAN

15 oct 1943

FROM	POSITION	TO	N. H.	ETA	ATA	TC	DR	TH	VAR	MH	ALT	1.5 S. S.	GS	DIST.	TIME	ETA	REMARKS
Base	Md. Hd.		256°	1634	1658	240	+6	246	104	256	5100	170	206	169	62	22	1651
Md. Hd.	Bills Pt.		246°	1659	1740	227	+8	235	114	246	10110	190	222	172	103	36	1734
Bills Pt.	48°31'N-04°45'W		235°	1740	1834	216	+7	223	120	235	12000	200	202	173	50	1830	
I.P.			213°	1834	1838	191	+10	201	120	213			208	12	3 1/2		
I.P.	Tgt.		92°	1838	1841	80	0	80	120	92			287	16 1/2	3 1/2		
Tgt.	R.P.		40°	1841	1845	35	-7	28	120	40			272	17	4		
R.P.	Solsey Bll		53°	1845	1938	48	-6	42	110	53	7800	210	234	259	215	50	1935
Solsey Bll	Md. Hd.		02°	1938	1953	03	-11	352	100	02	5000	210	228	228	55	14 1/2	1952
Md. Hd.	Base		65°	1953	2001	60	-5	55	100	65	5110	210	228	264	62	14	2009

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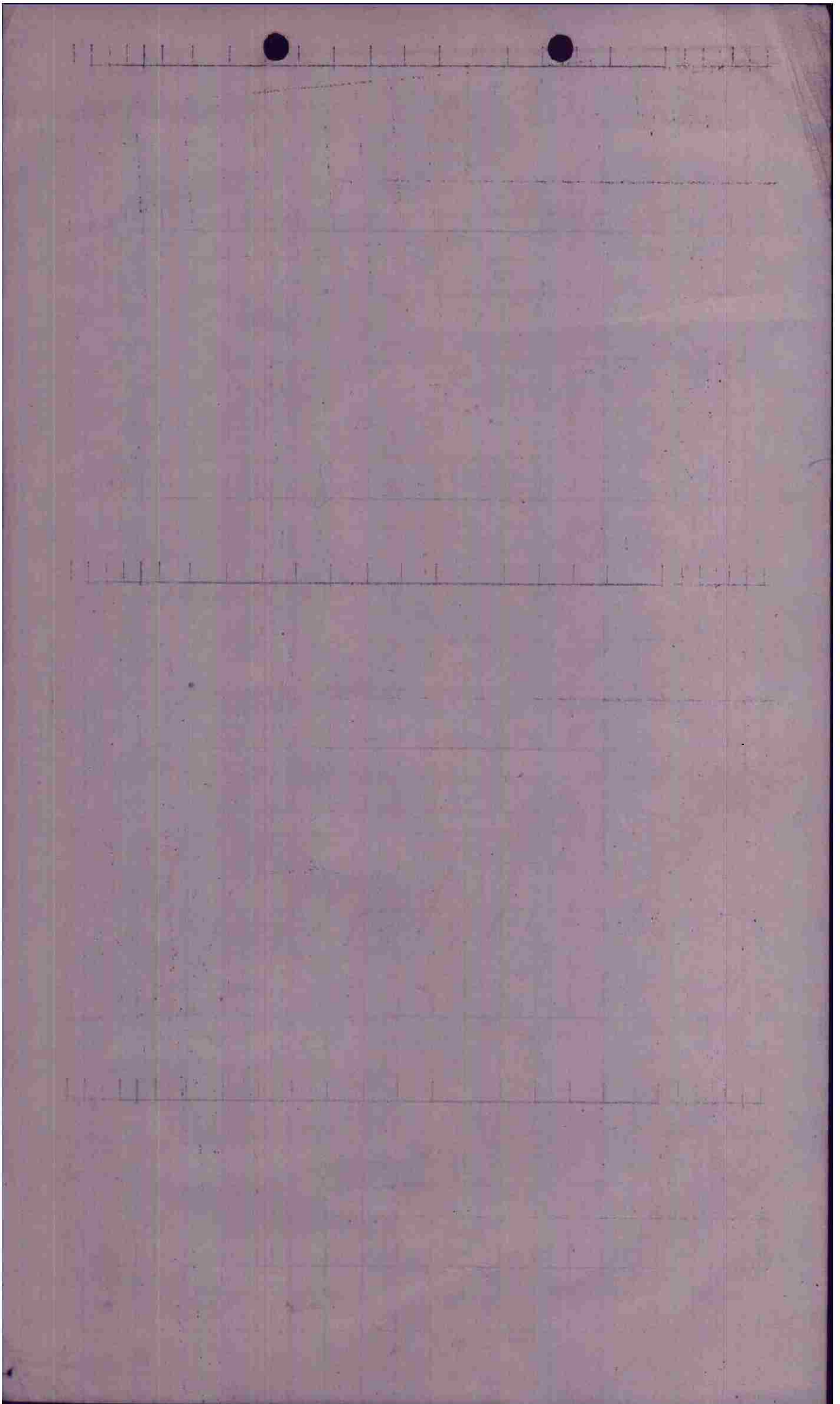
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AIRBORNE

4000	260/30	281/5	+119	RENDZVUS	TARGET	LAND	REND. ALT.	LAND FALL ALT.	TARGET ALT.
6000	270/42	281/58	+7	COAST OUT	COAST IN				
8000				COAST IN	I.P.				
10000	260/58	262/42	-3						
12000	260/63	260/45	-6						
				14.5	+3				

FLIGHT RECORD



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6476 Ford II
1616

PILOT		START ENG	COAST OUT	COAST IN	ALTITUDE
NAVIGATOR		TAKI OUT	COAST IN	BASE	HEADING
PLANE		TAKE OFF 1616	I.P.	REND. ALT.	AIR SPEED
MISSION		ON COURSE	TARGET	LAND FAIL ALT.	TIME
DATE		RENDEZVOUS	COAST OUT	TARGET ALT.	RESULTS

FROM	POSITION	TO	M. H.	ETA	ATTA	TC	DR	TH	VAR	MH	ALT. TIME	1. P.	5. S.	3. S.	OS	DIST.	TIME	ETA	REMARKS
BASE	M. H.	PORT			1657	1940	+6	1846	10	286	5	+7	190	306	169	62	32	1740	
	483.1N				1740	227	+8	1835	11	246	10.3	190	272	172	103	36	1730		
	0847W					916	+12	1824	12	236	12	190	249	161	192	50	1730		
	0852W									213					123	14	1730		
	1847	080	0	080	12	092				282	16.6				182	16.6	1847		
	1834				1847	035	-7	028	12	040	7	+3	210	334	259	215	4	1847	
	0819W				1937	048	-6	042	11	053					272	19	1847		
	S R				1937	003	-10	057	10	002	5	+7	212	328	208	255	14 1/2	1951	
	M H				2007	000	-5	055	10	005					264	62	14	2005	
	BASE																		

2000 FT.	RENDEZVOUS	TARGET	LANDED	2007
4000	COAST OUT	COAST OUT	REND. ALT.	
6000	COAST IN	COAST IN	LAND FAIL ALT.	
8000	I.P.	BASE	TARGET ALT.	
10000				
12000				

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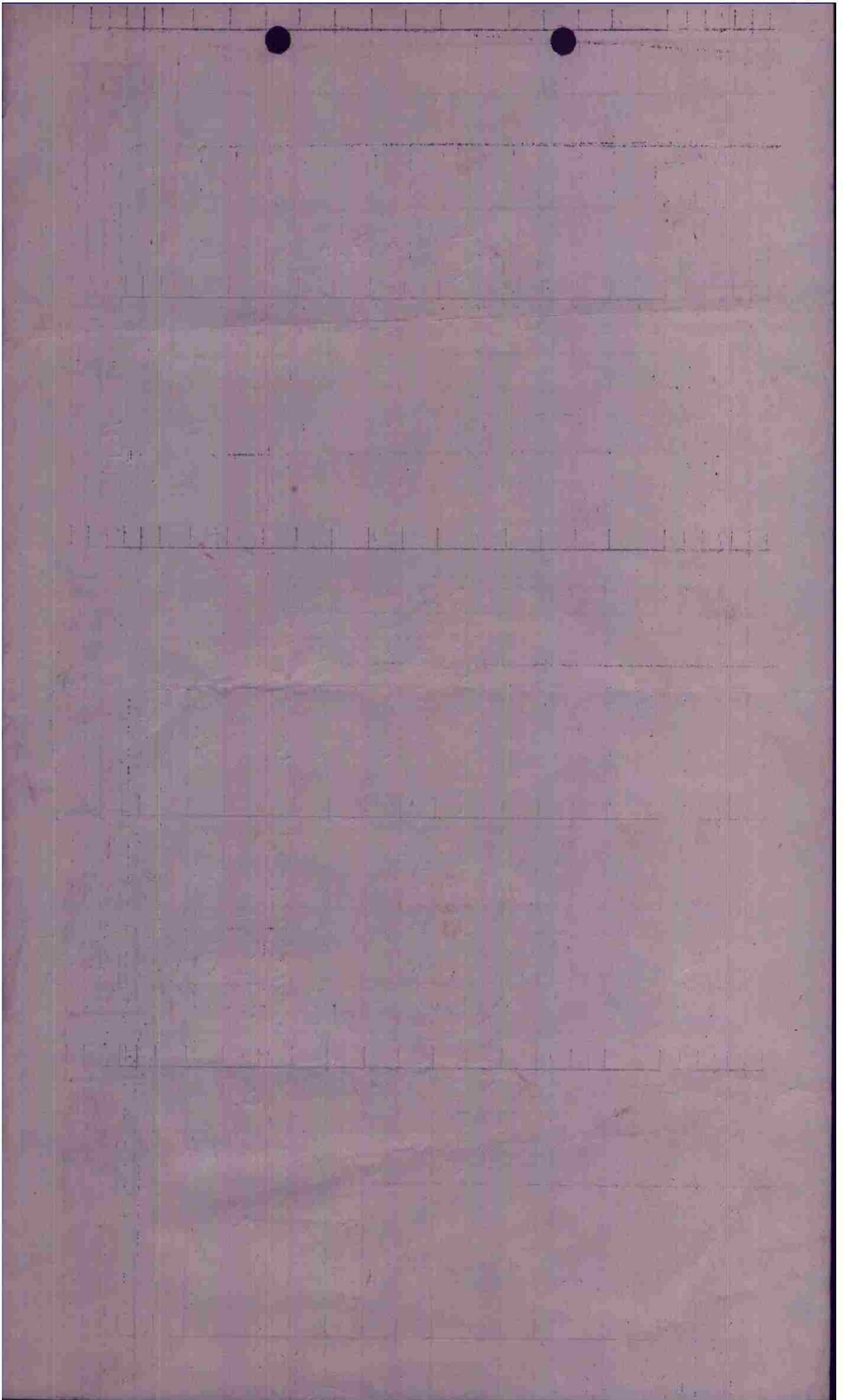
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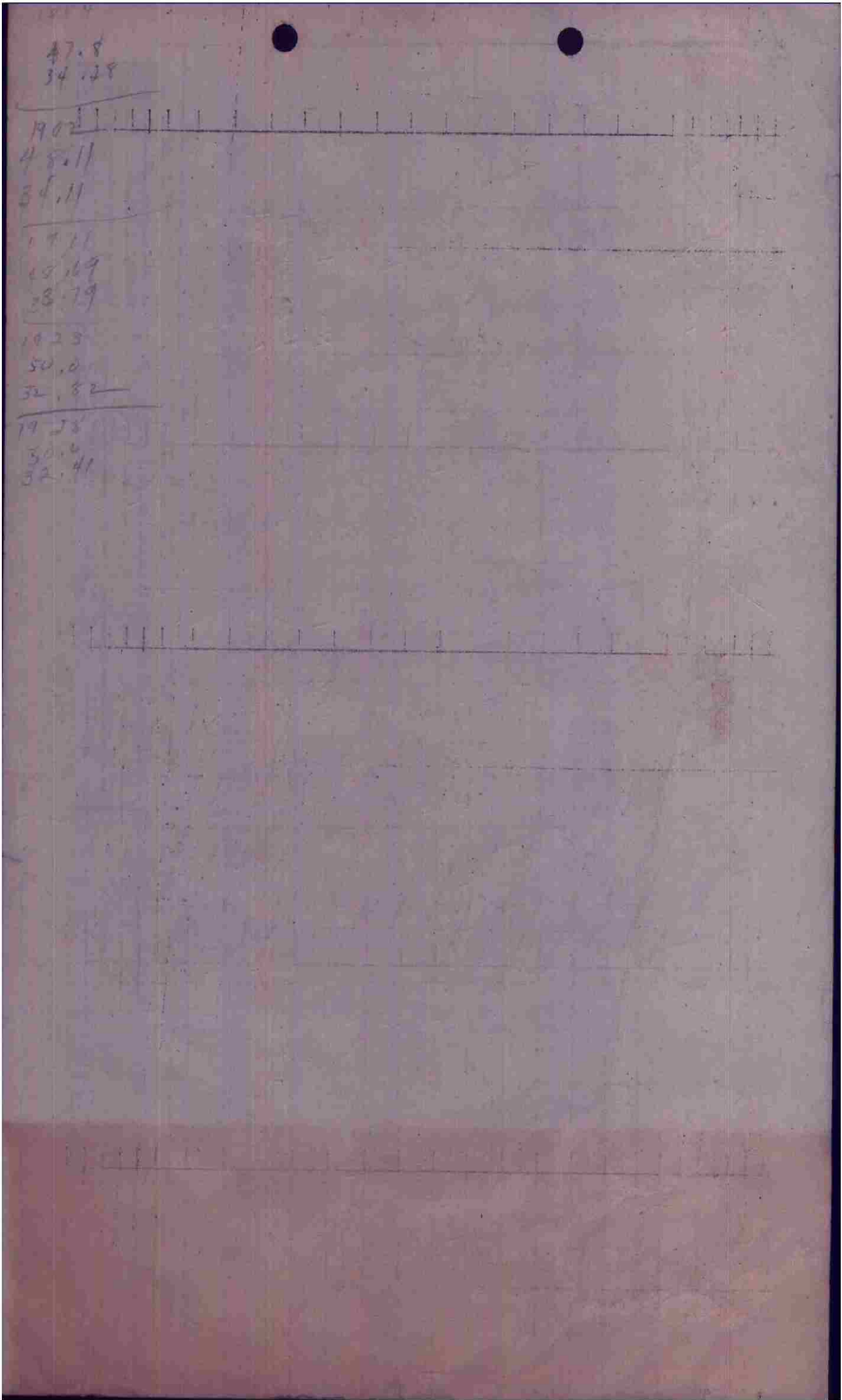
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BOMBARDIER'S LOG

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Brest
TARGET9-5-44
DATE

Pressure Altitude of Target: <u>+484 +415</u>	Type of Release:	Train Ind. Salvo
Altimeter Setting: <u>29.92</u>	Interval:	
Ind. Alt. : <u>11500</u> True Alt. : <u>11050</u>	Length of Run :	Time of Release:
Ground Speed : Drift :	Mag. Head. Ordered : <u>92</u>	Actual:
Est. : <u>284</u> Act. : Est. : <u>0</u> Act. :	Aircraft Number :	
Ind. Air Sp. : <u>200</u> True Air Sp. : <u>239</u>	Pilot :	
Tan. Dropping Angle : <u>.93</u> <u>.94</u>	Navigator :	
Disc Speed : <u>196.6</u> Trail : <u>58</u>	Bombardier :	
Sighting: Toggled : Bombsight :		

BOMBS AND FUZES

Types: Number: Nose : Tail :

LEFT			INTERMEDIATE TARGETS AND DRIFT FOR HEADING LEFT AND RIGHT OF ORDERED HEADINGS.	RIGHT		
HEADING	DRIFT	TANGENT		HEADING	DRIFT	TANGENT
65						65
284	10°	-1 1/2		102	+1 1/2	284
282	20°	-3		102	+3	282
279	30°	-5		120	+4 1/2	279
275	40°	-6		120	+6	275

MINUS			INTERMEDIATE DISC SPEEDS AND TRAIL FOR PLUS OR MINUS ALTITUDES.	PLUS		
ALTITUDE	DISC SPEED	TRAIL		ALTITUDE	DISC SPEED	TRAIL
-500	11500	196	58	12500	187.6	58
-1000	12000	201	58	13000	183.7	59
-1500	12500	206	57	13500	180.	59
-2000	12000	212	57	2000		
-2500	9500	218	56			
-3000	9000	224	56			
-3500	8500	231	55			
-4000	8000	239	55			

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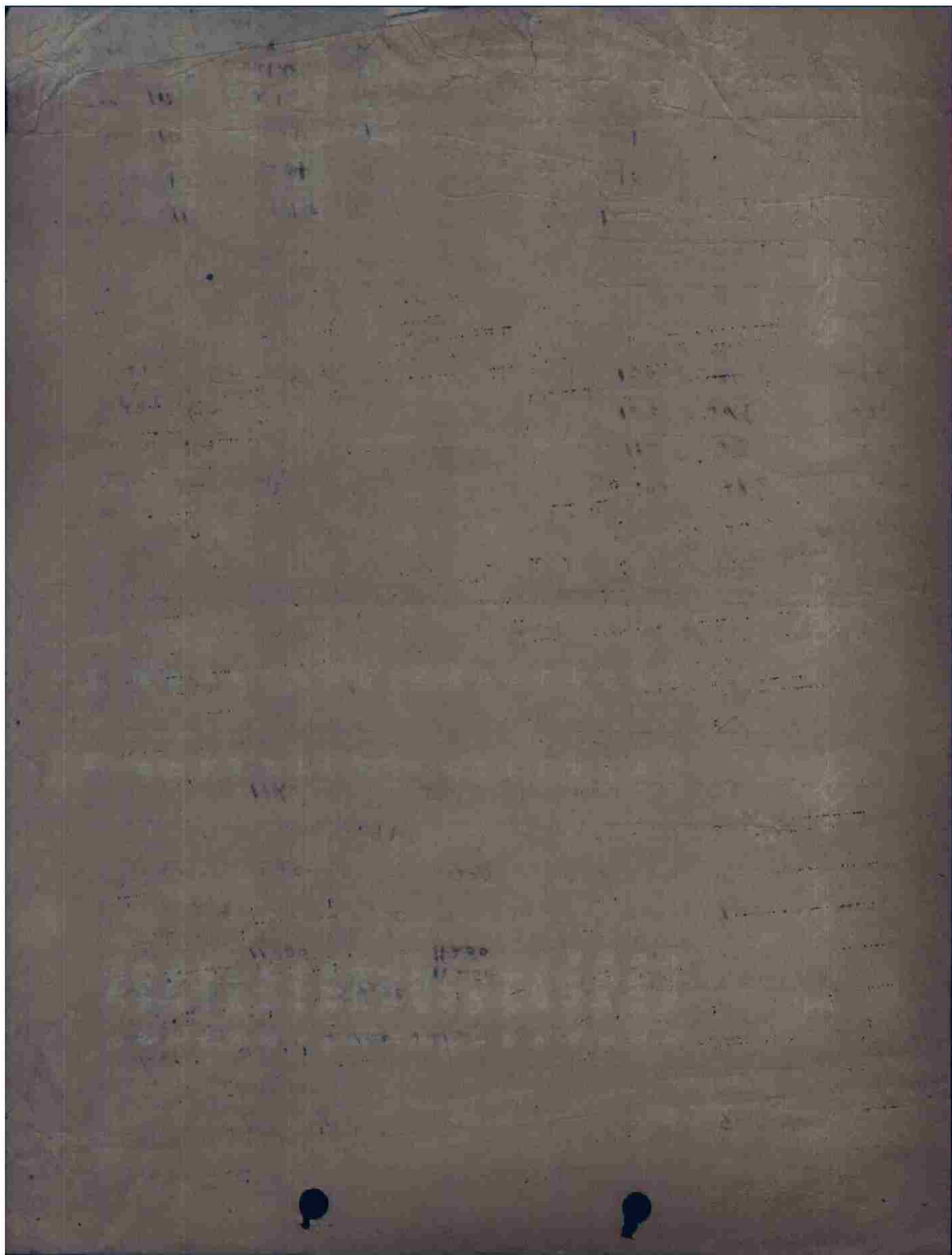
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TOTALS FOR MISSION.

B.

- (2) No. a/c off by type: 28 26 A-20G's 10 A-20J's (obtained from Opns)
- (3) No. of a/c failing to bomb explain each failure.
 Recall due to weather
 Personnel
 Mechanical
 Other Reasons
- (4) No. a/c bombing. Primary.
 Secondary.
 Other.
 (Obtained from recaps.)

C.

- (1) Time up 16:09
 T.O.T. (Obtained from Tower).
 Time Down 20:37

D.

- (1) No. a/c Missing
 Destroyed
 Damaged (cat. B/C)
 Damaged (cat. A)
- (3) No. Crew Killed Wounded Missing
 (Obtained from Recaps).

E. Results of Bombing. (Obtained from Group Bombardier).

	No.	Type
I. Bombs on Primary	<u>144</u>	<u>X</u> <u>500/GR</u>
Bombs on Secondary	<u> </u>	<u>X</u> <u> </u>
Bombs on Other	<u> </u>	<u>X</u> <u> </u>
Bombs Returned	<u> </u>	<u>X</u> <u> </u>
Bombs Jettisoned	<u> </u>	<u>X</u> <u> </u> Where <u> </u>

(Obtained from Recaps)

(The NCO in charge should fill this out immediately finishing taking the recaps and hand to the Officer making up the Ops Report).

Box #	OpsFL	Date	F/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader
<u>II</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>5 Sept</u> <u>44</u>		<u>Beet</u>		<u>Shuler</u>

A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATF	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.															
Res No.	Reason	F	S	O	T	S	T	P	R	M	D	A	A	B	E	D	F	D	K	W	M
1 469-J		4			4																
2 689-I		4			4																
3 202-B		4			4																
4 1961-P		4			4																
5 632-M		4			4																
6 243-L		4			4																
1 171-S		4			4																
2 914-X		4			4																
3 956-L		4			4																
4 214-C		4			4																
5 221-S		4			4																
6 937-B-1		4			4																
1 065-E		4			4																
2 214-A		4			4																
3 719-T-1		4			4																
4 393-K		4			4																
5 951-P-1		4			4																
6 493-V		4			4																
1 211-O																					

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① 469-J
Shuler
202-B 689-I
Blomquist Beut
1961-P
Banker
243-M 692-M
Blomquist Smith
② 171-S
Mangy
③ 065-E
Coe
719-T-1 165
165 744-N 938-L 914-X
Coe Mangy
393-K 214-C
Blomquist Mangy
493-V 951-P, 891-B-1 221-S
Blomquist Mangy
211-O
Blomquist
Blomquist

TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

- (2) No. a/c off by type: 38 26 A-20G's 10 A-20J's (obtained from Opns)
- (3) No. of a/c failing to bomb _____ explain each failure.
 _____ Recall due to weather _____
 _____ Personnel _____
 _____ Mechanical _____
 _____ Other Reasons _____
- (4) No. a/c bombing. _____
 _____ Primary.
 _____ Secondary.
 _____ Other.
 (Obtained from recaps.)

C.

- (1) Time up 16:09
 T.O.T. _____ (Obtained from Tower).
 Time Down 20:37

D.

- (1) No. a/c _____ Missing _____
 _____ Destroyed _____
 _____ Damaged _____ (cat. B/C)
 _____ Damaged _____ (cat. A)
- (3) No. Crew _____ Killed _____ Wounded _____ Missing _____
 (Obtained from Recaps).

E. Results of Bombing. (Obtained from Group Bombardier).

	No.	Type
I. Bombs on Primary	<u>144</u>	X <u>500/6R</u>
Bombs on Secondary	_____	X _____
Bombs on Other	_____	X _____
Bombs Returned	_____	X _____
Bombs Jettisoned	_____	X _____ Where _____
(Obtained from Recaps)		

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PILOT HOFF A/C# 135-T BOX 1 FLIGHT 1 POS 1
CASUALTIES: _____
BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E
FLAK: nil

E/A: nil

OBSERVATIONS: Fair to good - believed slightly
short -

CONFIDENTIAL

[Signature]
Interrogator

CONFIDENTIAL

PILOT GREEN A/C# 717-P BOX 1 FLIGHT 1 POS 3
 CASUALTIES: PT ST OT JET RET A A-C E
 BOMB DISPOSITION: 7 BATTLE DAMAGE:
 FLAK:

E/A:

OBSERVATIONS:

*Small red plane
 from over beach hit a
 burning building*

Stanton
 Interrogator

CONFIDENTIAL

PILOT ATKINSON A/C# 452-9-1 BOX 1 FLIGHT 2 POS 3
 CASUALTIES: _____
 BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E
 FLAK: nil

E/A: nil

OBSERVATIONS: Hand to Ex - 1st shot other
Concussing A.P.

2/10 at 08 to 1000 ft - Clear -
over Channel - viz unlimited - down com.

[Signature]
 Interrogator

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PILOT MERRITT A/C# 224-E BOX 1 FLIGHT 2 POS 5

CASUALTIES: ✓

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK: ✓

E/A: ✓

OBSERVATIONS:

*Red fire & black smoke
from target*

*Permanence fire - clouds
of yellow & black smoke rolling
away dense*

Huber
Interrogator

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CONFIDENTIAL

INTELL. FORM

PILOT GRUNIG A/C# 380-N BOX FLIGHT 2 POS 6CASUALTIES: BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C EFLAK: nilE/A: nilOBSERVATIONS: Crucial heading 300°
raid channel -
Good or betterL. Rogers

Interrogator

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PILOT PRICE A/C# 444-J BOX 1 FLIGHT 3 POS 1
 CASUALTIES: _____
 BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E
 FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: good bomb pattern
explosions in target area
400 ft. center

May
 Interrogator

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PILOT KREH A/C# 176-T-1 BOX 1 FLIGHT 3 POS 2
 CASUALTIES: nil
 BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E
nil
 FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

Red smoke was where bombs dropped.
nil

Luvia
 Interrogator

CONFIDENTIAL

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PILOT MERIDET A/C# 210-9-2 BOX 1 FLIGHT 3 POS 3

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET

BATTLE DAMAGE:

FLAK: nilE/A: nil

OBSERVATIONS:

2 men seen across from target -
house by Kalifano & Lemo.Lead to Exult -L. P. Rogers
Interrogator

CONFIDENTIAL

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PILOT EVANS A/C# 764-X BOX 1 FLIGHT 3 POS 5
 CASUALTIES: _____
 BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E
 FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

*Spots around wreckage
of city in flames are smoking*

[Signature]
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PILOT Semand A/C# 94-X BOX 7 FLIGHT 2 POS 2

CASUALTIES: _____

BOMB DISPOSITION: 7 PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK: nil

E/A: nil

OBSERVATIONS: Spent to G.

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PILOT Yark A/C# 958-L BOX 1 FLIGHT 2 POS 3

CASUALTIES: nil

BOMB DISPOSITION: (PT) ST OT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E nil

FLAK: _____

_____ nil

E/A: _____ nil

OBSERVATIONS: _____

Fires in Brest

Dive bombing followed our attack.

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PILOT Marchand A/C# 24-C BOX 2 FLIGHT 2 POS 4

CASUALTIES: _____

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JNT RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

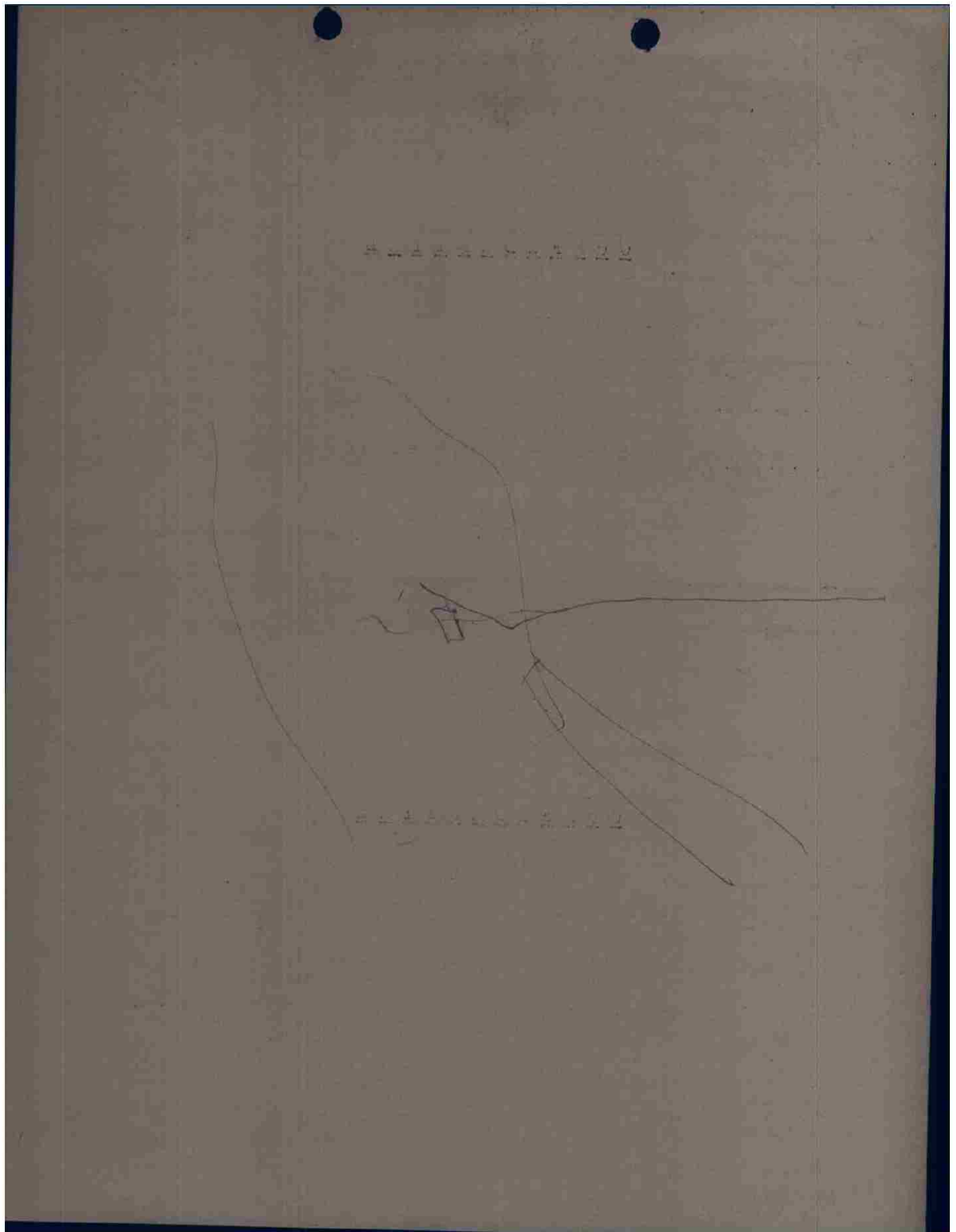
FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

turn on left & on right
10 low level just before L.P.

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PILOT Gorman A/C# 221-3 BOX # FLIGHT 2 POS 5

CASUALTIES: _____

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST OT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK: ✓

E/A: ✓

OBSERVATIONS:

Rpt. cpl. nearby airport
town. Smoke around perimeter of
town.

Camera

Santos

Interrogator

