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MISSION WITH B-26'S

LOADING LIST

14 APRIL 1944

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STATION 161

- 1. 455
 1ST LT PATRICK F E MACIANUS ✓✓
 2ND LT ROBERT J MCQUADE ✓✓✓
 S/S CHARLIE L. WEBB
 S/S JOHN L ROGERS, JR

- 2. ~~203~~
 2ND LT NORMAN V SHATNEBERG ✓✓✓
 S/S ROBERT L. BALLINGER
 S/S ~~XXX~~ HAROLD L HATCH

LT. D.F. SHEA

- 3. 493
 2ND LT WILFRED C SIGGS ✓✓
 S/S JOSEPH J SHIELDS
 S/S NATHAN RADLICH

STATION 358

- 1. 444
 1ST LT ARTHUR E OSBORNE ✓✓✓
 2ND LT ALFRED H MALTBY ✓✓✓
 S/S ERNEST E KELLY
 S/S WILLIAM H COE

- 2. 209
 2ND LT JOSEPH F MEAGHER ✓✓✓
 S/S ELPIDIO A DAMICO
 S/S EDWARD S DICKENSON

- 3. 696
 2ND LT ROBERT D LESHER ✓✓✓
 S/S ADOLFOS J ANTANAITIS
 S/S HAROLD R HEDRICK

APR 14 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

AFG 140, U. S. Army,
11 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of A-9 Bombing Information Reports.

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

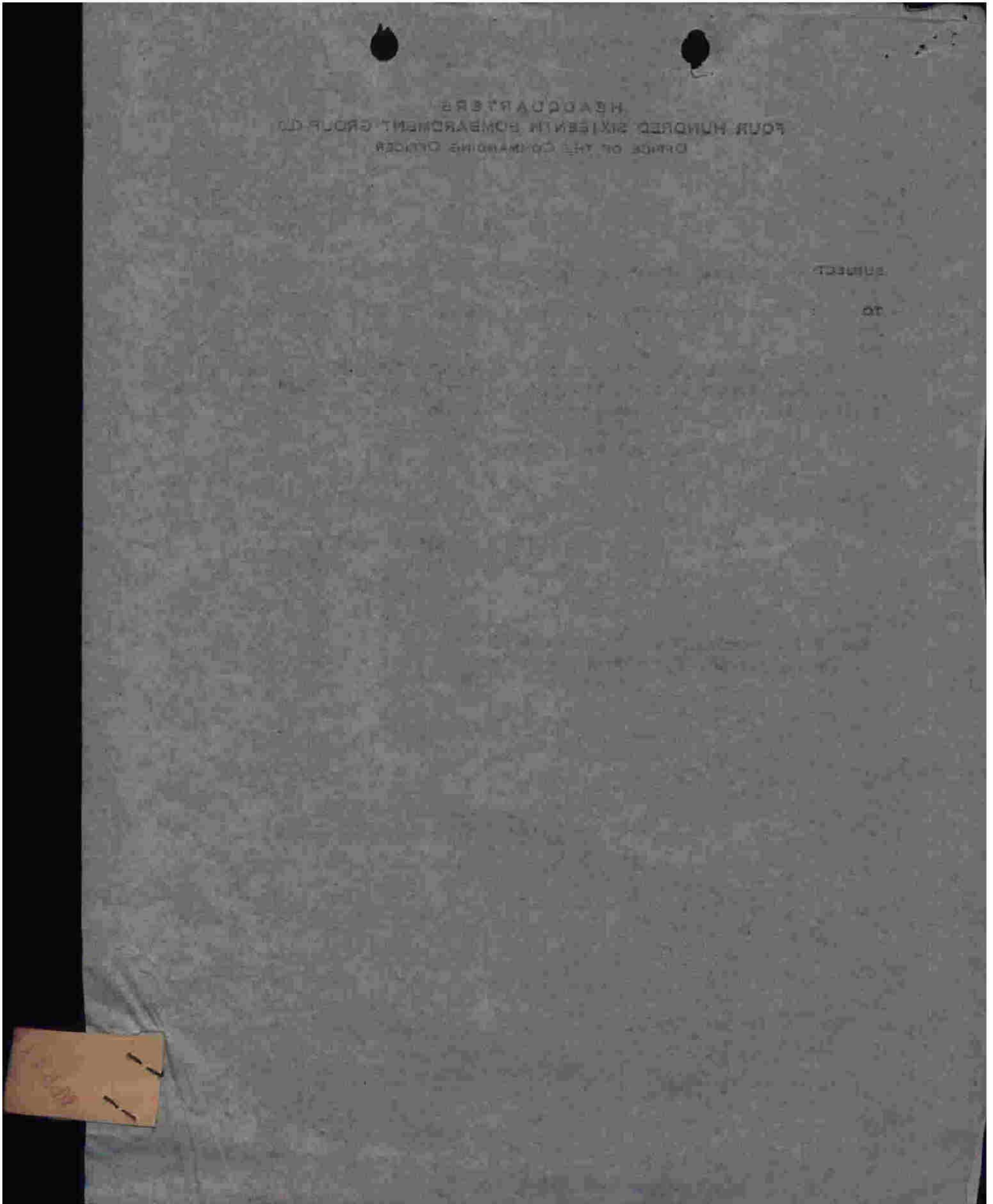
1. Transmitted herewith are the A-9 Bombing Information Reports on operational mission 11 April 1944, Field order number 263, submitted in compliance with IX Bomber Command Memorandum 15-7B.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE ROSENTHAL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

- 2 Incls:
- Incl # 1 - Bombing Information Report (Box I)
- Incl # 2 - Bombing Information Report (Box II)

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 263BOX I GROUP 416 DATE 11 April 44 TARGET ATTACHED Bombier1. Method of Sighting: Synchronized.2. Bombing approach: 250° Hg.3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO _____

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

Synchronous. 20 mils subtracted from trail to satisfy range.

5. Name of lead bombardier: 2nd Lt. V. H. Powell6. Name of lead pilot: Major William J. Mang7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 220 Ground Speed: 234 Altitude: 12,0009. Length of bomb run: 1:45 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED Delay N 1/10 T 1/4011. Total Bombs Dropped: 63

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, IF or AF? YES _____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES _____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent Flak effected bombing or bomb run:

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

No enemy aircraft.

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None

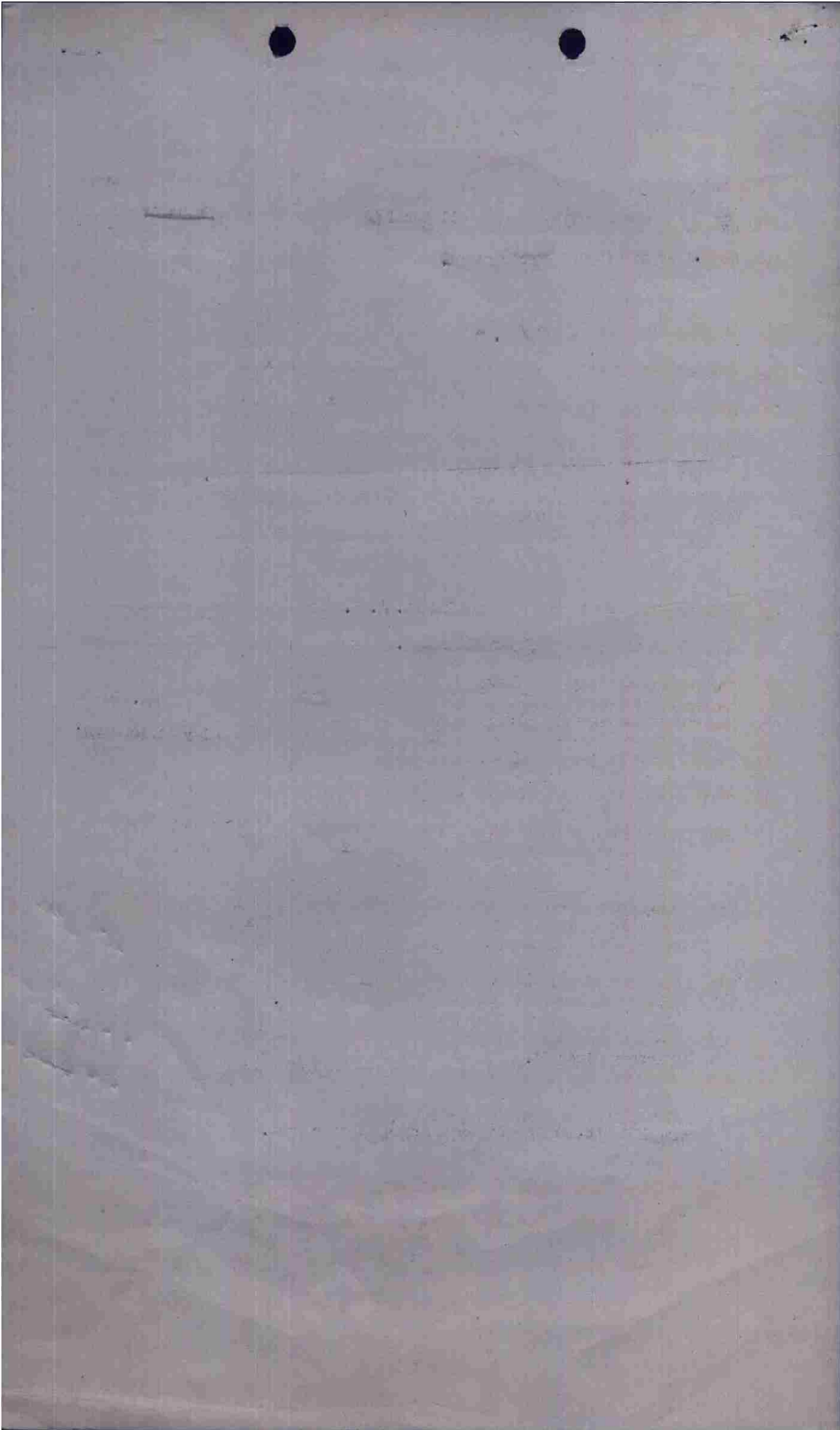
(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:
See Malfunction Report accompanying this report.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

Results claimed: GOOD X FAIR _____ POOR _____ BAD MISS _____

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BOMBING INFORMATION

INDEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 263BOX II GROUP 416 DATE 11 April 44 TARGET ATTACHED Bombiers

1. Method of Sighting: Synchronized. *Beaumont*
2. Bombing approach: 251° Mag.
3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X
4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO _____

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

Sighted target at I.P. but could not pick it up in sight due to clouds. Aimed at buildings in target area.

5. Name of lead bombardier: 1st Lt. P. Royalty
6. Name of lead pilot: Major David L. Willetts
7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 220 Ground Speed: 235 Altitude: 11,500
9. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED Delay N 1/10 T 1/40
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 63

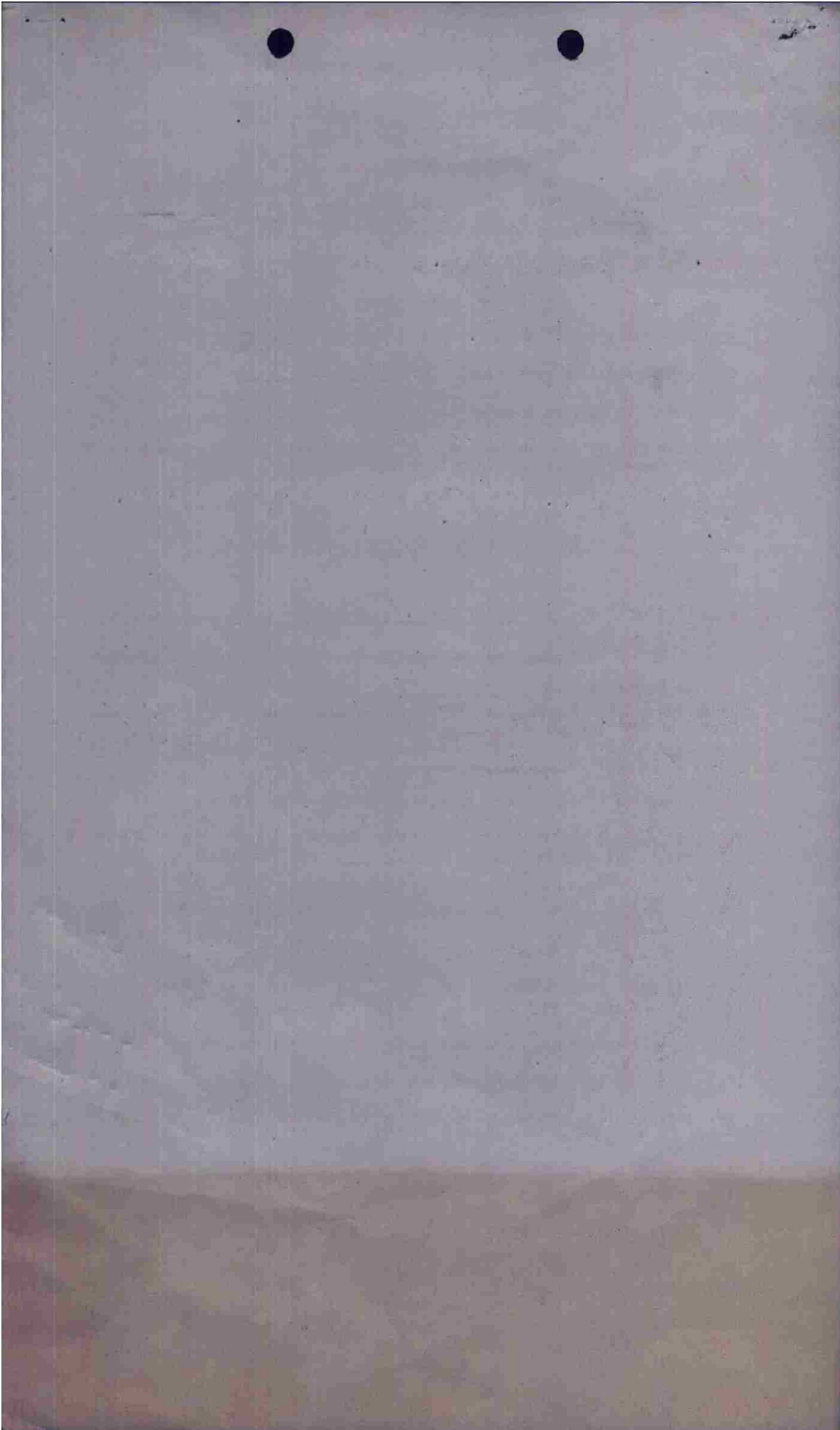
12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

- (a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES ___ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.
- (b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES ___ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:
- (c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES ___ NO X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent Flak affected bombing or bomb run:
- (d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?
No enemy aircraft.
- (e) State any difficulties on bombing run: **Clouds between sight and target.**
- (f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:
See Malfunction Report accompanying this report.
- (g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

Results claimed: GOOD _____ FAIR X POOR _____ BAD MISS _____

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HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

AFG 110, U. S. Army,
11 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Lost, Damaged and Abortive Report.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, AFG 110, U. S. Army.

Target: Bonniers (Box I)

Isauvoir (Box II)

Date : 11 April 1944.

IX Bomber Command Field Order No. 263.

1. Summary.

Group	Type A/C	A/C Dispatched	Abortive	Damaged	Lost	Attached Target
			Back	Minor	A A C S H	
416	A-200's & B-2's	40	3	2	17 2	0 32

2. Lost.

None.

3. Damaged.

Group	Type A/C	ACIN	Category	Cause
416	A-200-25	43-9360	AC	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9387	AC	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9227	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9217	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9224	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9195	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9276	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9194	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9360	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9211	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9379	A	Flak
416	A-200-30	43-9656	A	Flak
416	A-200-30	43-9745	A	Flak
416	A-200-30	43-9707	A	Flak
416	A-200-30	43-9680	A	Flak
416	A-200-30	43-9711	A	Flak
416	A-200-30	43-9745	A	Flak
416	A-200-35	43-9892	A	Flak
416	A-207-5	43-9479	A	Flak

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

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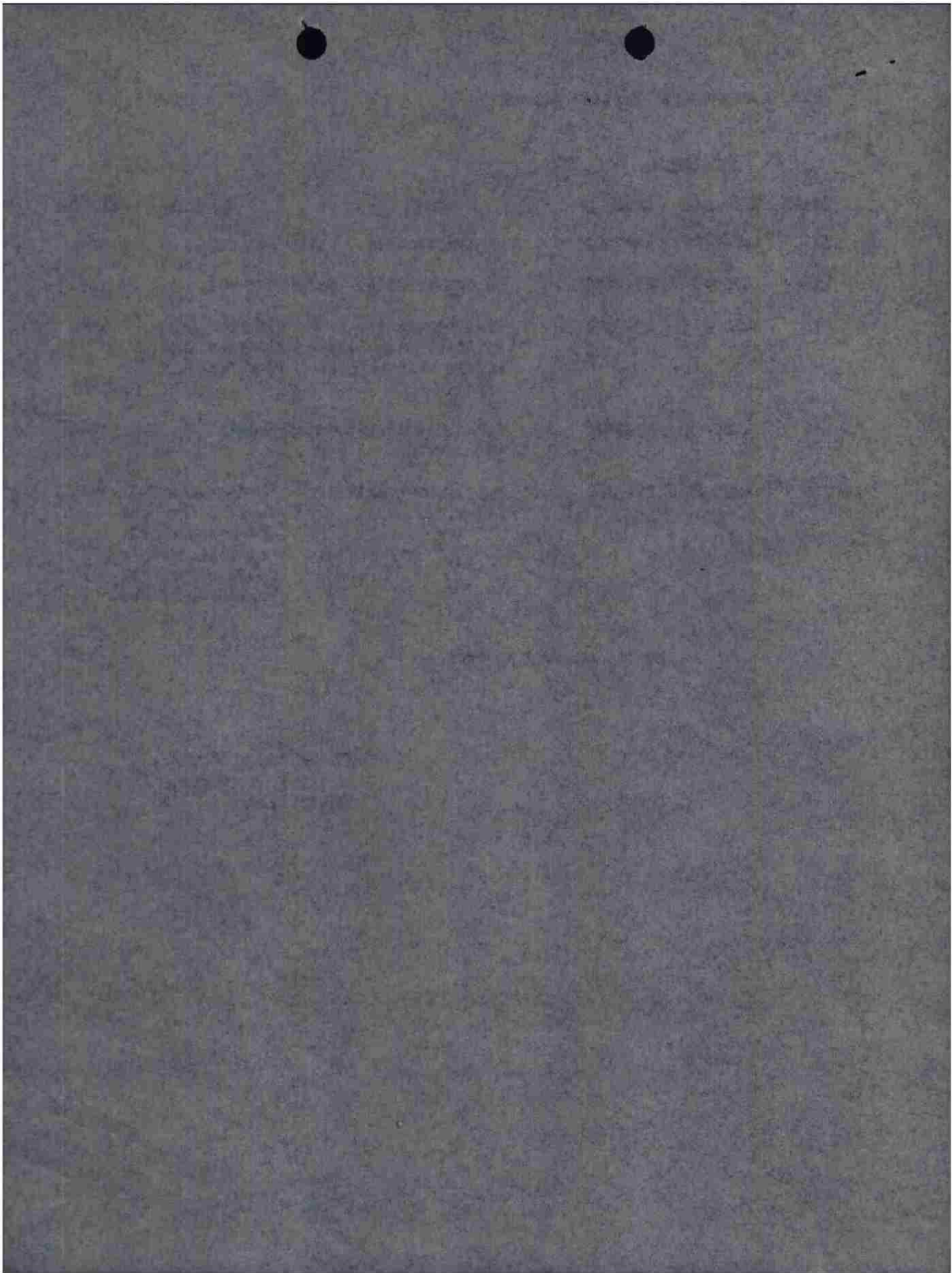
A. Abortives.

	GROUP	TYPE A/C	ACSN	REASON	REMARKS	Result
C	416	A-200-25	43-9800	Engine trouble. Motor out out.		Yes
Q	416	A-200-25	43-9893	Engine trouble. Motor out out.		Yes.
B	416	A-200-25	43-9941	Sway braces too tight causing binding in release mechanism.	All four bomb stations failed to release.	Yes.
F	416	A-200-25	43-9816	Pilot misunderstood signals and returned to base.		Yes.
B	416	A-200-25	43-9181	Faulty bomb salvo relay.	Three bombs fell when doors opened over channel. One fell when doors opened at beginning of run.	Yes.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE ROBERTSON,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

AFG 146, U. S. Army,
11 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Malfunctions of Aircraft Equipment.
TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, AFG 146, U. S. Army.

I. Summary of Aircraft Operations.

Date of Mission : 11 April 1944.
Number of Aircraft Scheduled : 39 (includes Window Flight 3 ships)
Number of Aircraft Alighted : 40

II. Scheduled Aircraft Falling to Enemy Airborne.

None.

III. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Affecting Success of Mission.

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Type A/S</u>	<u>ACN</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
416	A-200-25	43-9200	Engine trouble. Motor cut out.	
416	A-200-25	43-9899	Engine trouble. Motor cut out.	
416	A-200-25	43-9941	Sway braces too tight causing binding in release mechanism.	All four bomb stations failed to release.
416	A-200-25	43-9181	Faulty bomb salvo relay.	Three bombs fell when doors opened over chan- nel. One fell when doors opened at begin- ning of run.

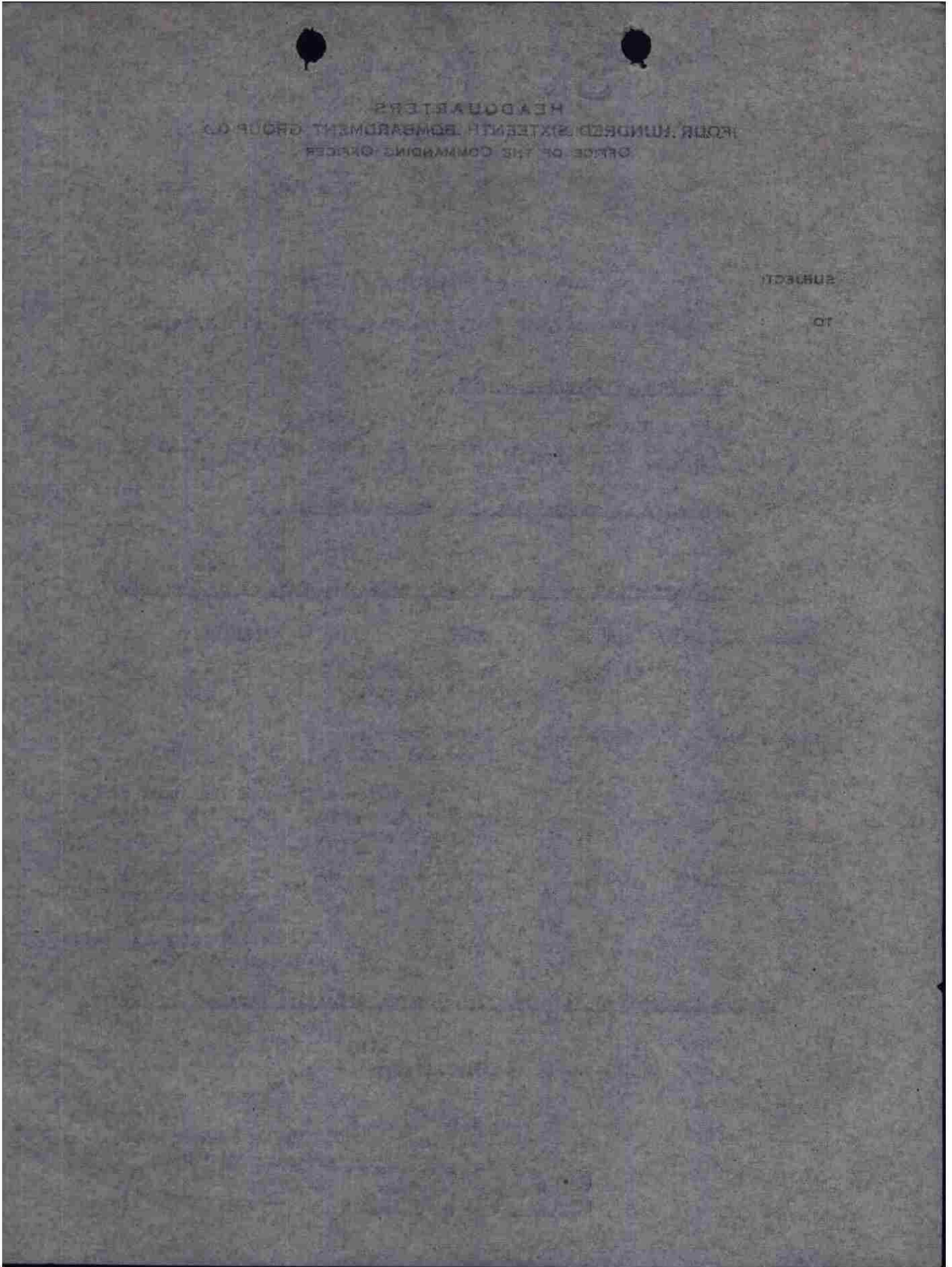
IV. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Not Affecting Success of Mission.

None.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHEPPEK,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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MISSION NO. 12

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APRIL 11, 1944

BOX 1
FLIGHT 1

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| <p>1. A/C # 439 "J"
 ·MAJ W J MENG ✓
 ·LT V H POWELL
 ·LT F H BURSTEL
 S/S R F STOBERT
 S/S F P GLYNN</p> <p>2. 217 "D"
 ·LT E L JOHNSON ✓
 S/S W J DONAHUE
 S/S M R BRAYN</p> <p>3. 696 "G"
 ·LT W J GREENE ✓
 S/S E L GRIFFIN
 SGT R EUTSLER</p> | <p>4. A/C # 200 "A"
 ·MAJ J G NAPIER ✓
 S/S J D GOSSETT
 S/S R L MILLER</p> <p>5. 892 "L"
 ·LT R F SHAEFER ✓
 S/S E R JUDD
 S/S F E BROWN</p> <p>6. 216 "E"
 ·LT R G MEREDITH ✓
 S/S V E MOLVER
 S/S C M GRAY</p> |
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FLIGHT II

- | | |
|---|--|
| <p>1. 978 "S"
 ·CAPT D A HULSE ✓
 S/S H E WHITE
 S/S R F ADDLEMAN</p> <p>2. 680 "R"
 ·LT J P HILLERMAN ✓
 S/S W L KIDD
 S/S F L ADAIR</p> <p>3. 227 "B"
 ·LT L R MC BRIDE ✓
 S/S F D ALLRED
 SGT T A PALMER</p> | <p>4. 689 "I"
 ·LT P G ATKINSON ✓
 S/S P F GLYNN
 S/S J O SWAFFORD</p> <p>5. 387 "H"
 ·LT C L MC GLOHN ✓
 S/S J W MORAN
 S/S P B DRISKILL</p> <p>6. 224 "E-1"
 ·LT T J LEONARD ✓
 S/S J E WILSON
 S/S I BINNEY</p> |
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FLIGHT III

- | | |
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| <p>1. 360 "S-1"
 ·CAPT H F CONANT ✓
 S/S J R ORR
 S/S J E MC CREERY</p> <p>2. 195 "D-1"
 ·LT R V MIRACLE ✓
 S/S B C SIEG
 S/S J C BURKHALTER</p> <p>3. 194 "C"
 ·LT S B RITCHIE ✓
 S/S A W NEWKIRK
 S/S E A ANDERSON</p> | <p>4. 745 XXXX "I-1"
 ·LT G EBENSTEIN ✓
 PVT S P NEWELL
 S/S H PERKINS</p> <p>5. 362 "L-1"
 ·LT G F BARTMUS ✓
 S/S R W McDONALD
 S/S A A HILL</p> <p>6. 893 "P"
 ·LT L E HILL ✓
 S/S C H YOST
 S/S R W BURCH</p> |
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BOX 11

FLIGHT I

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| <p>1. 914 "X"
 MAJ D L WILLETTS
 LT P G ROYALTY
 T/S R H LARRONDE
 S/S H A LEMPKA
 LT R J BAGSWELL</p> <p>2. 951 "P"
 LT R E STOCKWELL LT R D PERKINS
 CPL R J TROYER S/S V N SHERRY
 S/S C W MIDDLETON S/S R H LINNEMAN</p> <p>3. 493 "V"
 LT J T SCHOUTEN
 S/S R R WILLIAMSON
 S/S H T BEST</p> | <p>4. 211 "C"
 CAPT M J HUFF
 S/S J B THOMPSON
 S/S O D LANAVE</p> <p>5. 376 "O"
 LT H L SOMMERS
 SGT J A HUBER
 SGT G F COPE</p> <p>6. 189 "P-1"
 LT P DONTAS
 S/S AL NIELSON
 S/S W E FIELDS</p> |
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FLIGHT II

- | | |
|--|---|
| <p>1. 941 "U"
 MAJ M W CAMPBELL
 T/S W J KELLY
 S/S W G FERGUSON</p> <p>2. 717 "N"
 LT T BOUKAMP
 S/S R J COLOSIMO
 S/S J S WING</p> <p>3. 181 "A"
 LT A L MCDONALD
 S/S C Q NORTON
 S/S F M Citty</p> | <p>4. 390 "G"
 LT W A PECK
 S/S A E BERGERON
 SGT H E KELTON</p> <p>5. 743 "R"
 LT H E HEWES
 S/S J F KASPER
 S/S H BOYER</p> <p>6. 673 "I"
 LT A W GULLION
 S/S C L WEBB
 SGT G L COFFEY</p> |
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FLIGHT III

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|---|---|
| <p>1. 225 "G-1"
 LT E T PLATTER
 S/S K L JOHNSON
 S/S J L CZECH</p> <p>2. 714 "N-1"
 LT G W COWGILL
 S/S H A FOSTER
 S/S W E RUST</p> <p>3. 711 "M"
 LT H P COLE
 S/S B G FANDRE
 S/S F R CHVATAL</p> | <p>4. 203 "A-1"
 LT R D PERKINS LT R E STOCKWELL
 S/S V N SHERRY CPL R J TROYER
 S/S R H LINNEMAN S/S C W MIDDLETON</p> <p>5. 937 "B"
 LT R H SMITH
 S/S A A STOCKHAM
 S/S V P ADAMS</p> <p>6. 750 "M-1"
 LT H D ANDREWS
 S/S G M COOK
 S/S E R WERLEY</p> |
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SPARE

707 "H"
 LT W E DOWNING
 S/S L R SHAW
 S/S R BANKSTON

S P A R E S

A/C # 444 "J"
LT A E OSBORNE
LT A H MALTYBY
S/S E E KELLY
SGT W H COE

A/C # 379 "G"-2
LT R D LESHER
SGT A J ANTANAITIS
SGT H R HEDRICK

A/C # 684 "K"
LT J F MEAGHER
S/S E A DAMICO
S/S E S DICKENSON

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 41ST BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : 1X BOMBER COMMAND TO: 97TH BOMBAT WING

416 BG P _____ E

CONFIDENTIAL IN THE CLEAR AUTH: LT COL WALTER W. FARMER

"J" FORM CLEARANCE F-1 11 APRIL 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR JOHN G NAPIER

A.

B. 1002

C. HASTINGS

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

888 . . . 7 . . . S-1 D-1 C I-1 L-1 P E

870 . . . 11 . . . J D G A L K S R B I H E-1

group LEADER . . . 870 J

DEPUTY 870 A

BOX II R/T . . . LAMPOST TWO

889 . . . 9 . . . U N A C O P-1 G R I

871 . . . 9 . . . K P V G-1 N-1 M A-1 B H

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E. 12000

F. TOCQUEVILLE

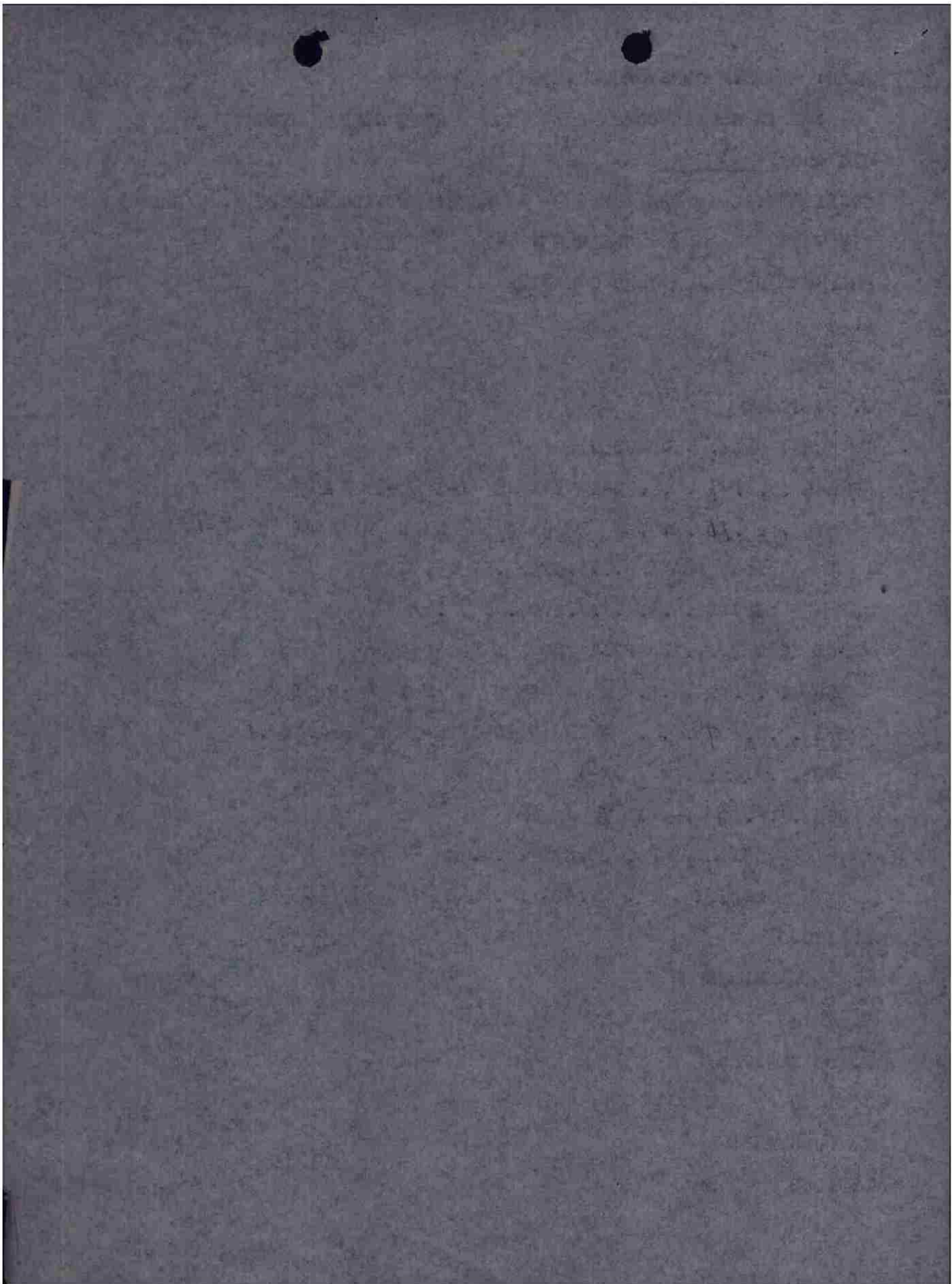
G. 1018

H. 30 MINUTES

J. 1048

K. DUNGENESS

L. 1056



M. 1. E.T.D. . . . 0833 E.T.A. . . . 1113

2. 4 X 500 LB G.P.

3. 4 HOURS

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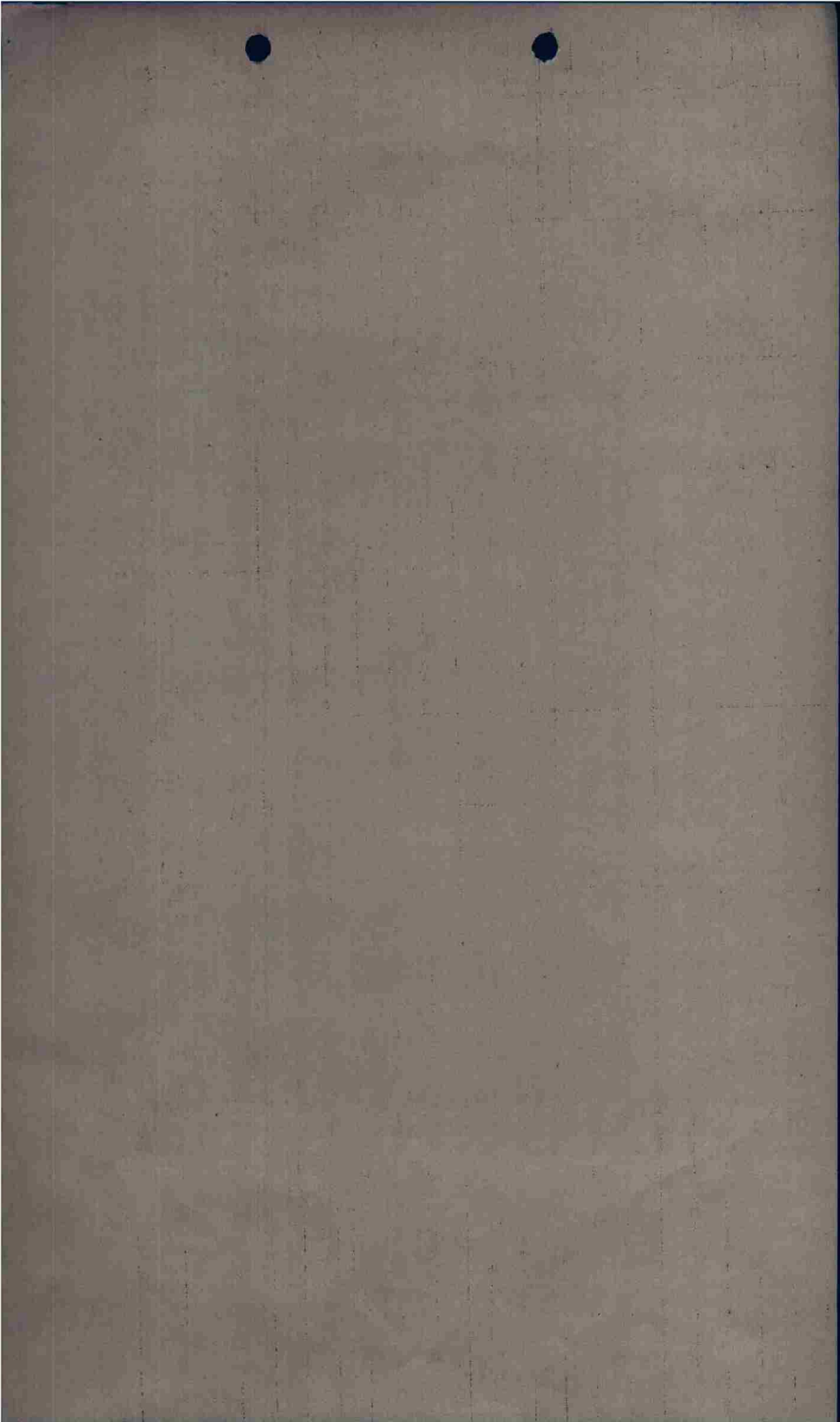
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1st Lieut., Air Corps,
Opns. Stat Officer

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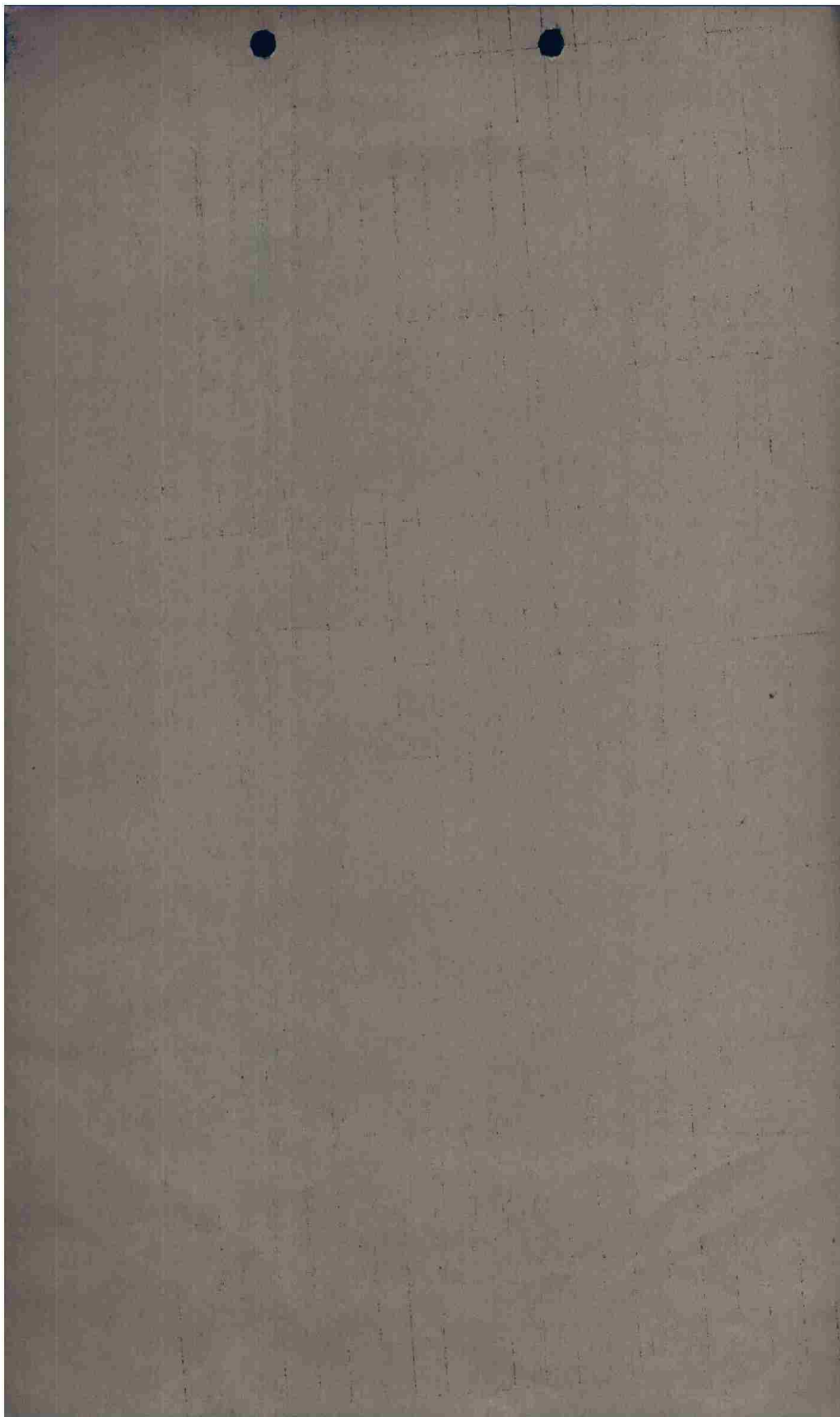
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J	439	C	MENG	12,000 1003 HASTINGS	13,000 1018 TOURNAI	13,000 1048 5.01L SWAGE LETOUQUET	9,000 1056 BURGENESS	HC	225	49500 G.R.	4	1138		
●	317	C	JOHNSON	0913				C				1155		
●	696	C	GREENE	0914								1138		
A	200	C	NAPIER	0914								1123	No Mission Carried	
L	892	C	SHAFFER	0915								1133		
E	216	A	MEREDITH	0915								1123		
S	978	C	HULSE	0915								1205		
R	680	C	HILLERMAN	0915								1151		
F	227	C	MCBRIDE	0916								1205		
I	689	C	ATKINSON	0916				C				1250		
●	387	C	MCGLOHN	0916								1137		
E-1	324	C	LEONARD	0916								1137		
S-1	360	A	CONRANT	0917								1408		
D-1	195	A	MIRACLE	0917				C				1409		
C	194	A	RITCHIE	0917								1216		
I-1	745	A	EBENSTEIN	0917								1147		
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P	893	A	HILL	0918								1214		



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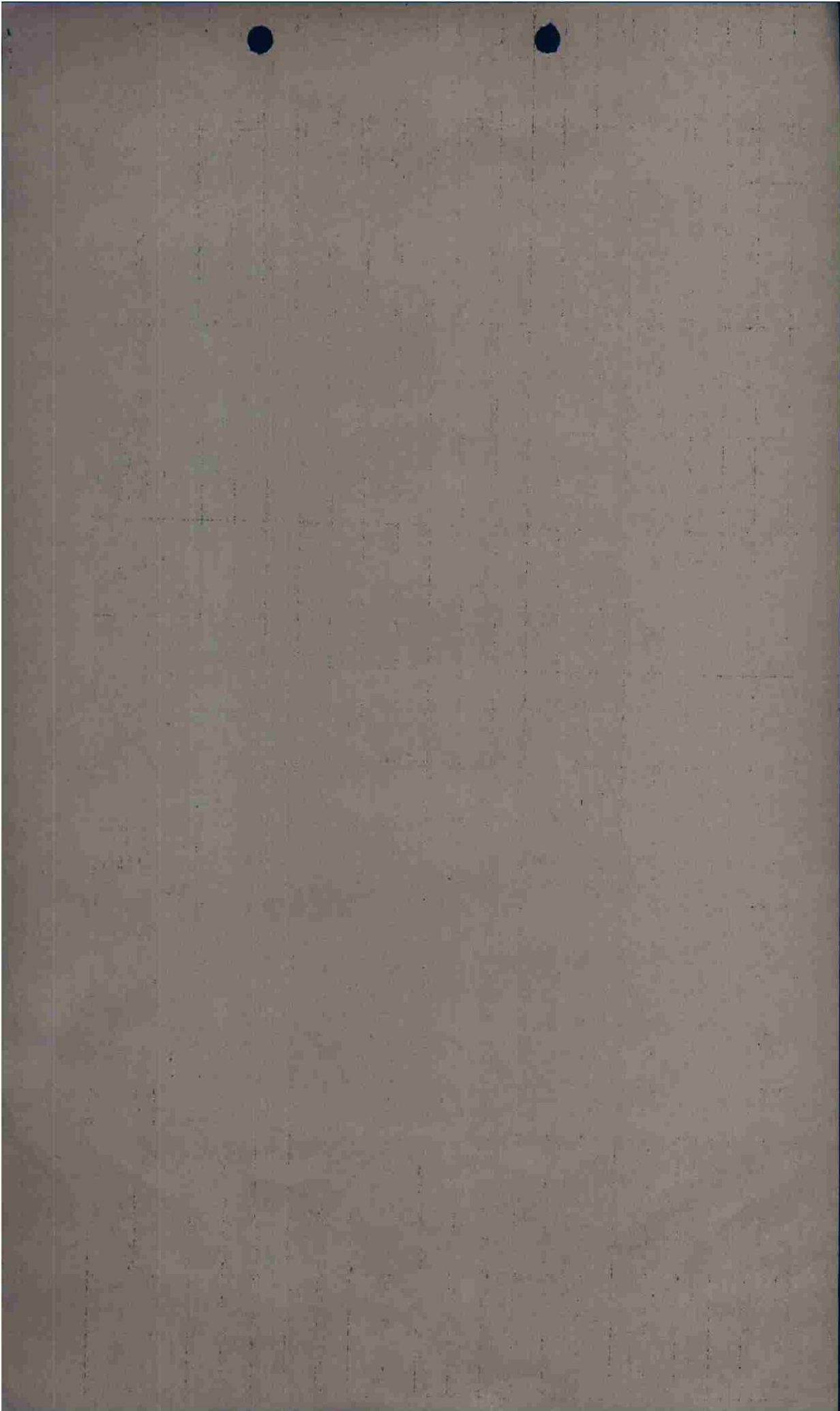
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A/C JTR	A/C NO.	SCDN.	PILOT	TARGET	AD	ENGLISH COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN	CAMERA	FUEL	BOMB LOAD	IND DU R.	LAND TIME	REMARKS
X	914	D	WILLETTS	GERU- VOIR	0918	12,000 1002 HISTINGS	13,000 1018 TOCQUEVILLE	13,000 1048 SPL. SW. 92 LE TOUPRET	10,000 1056 DUNGERESS		285	48500 G.P.	4	1215	
●	951	D	PERKINS		0919									1215	
V	493	D	SCHOUTEN		0919									1211	
C	311	B	HUFF		0919									1146	
O	376	B	SOMMERS		0920									1202	
R-1	189	B	DONTAS		0920									1156	
V	941	B	CHAMPBELL		0920									1214	
N	717	B	BOURNAF		0921									1213	
B	181	B	McDONALD		0921									1216	
G	390	B	PECK		0921									1140	
●	743	B	HEWES		0921									1248	
E	673	B	GULLION		0922									1456	
G-1	235	D	PLATTER		0922									1151	
N-1	714	D	COWGILL		0922									1306	
M	711	D	COLE		0923									1152	
B-1	203	D	STOCKWELL		0923									1148	
B	937	D	SMITH		0924									1149	
M-1	750	C	FIN DREWS		0924									1207	
H	707	D	DOWNING		0924									1150	SPARE



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A/C NO.	SCM.	PILOT	A R G F	AFO	ENEMY COAST IN	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN	CAMERA	FUEL	BOMB LOAD	EN D U R.	LAND TIME	REMARKS
444	A	OSBORNE	12,000	0924	1002 HASTINGS	10,480 5 miles SW LE TOUQUET	9000 1056 DUNKENESS		725	4x5000	H	110	SPARK
379	A	LESHER	18,000	0945	1018 FOURVILLE							115L	SPARK
684	A	MEAGHER		0945								1153	SPARK



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

APO 140
11 April 1944

SUBJECT: Operational Forecast

TO : Group Operations

BASE AT TAKEOFF: .7 cirrus above 20000 feet entire route. .6 to .9 middle clouds from 7-10000 feet. .5 low clouds with bases at 2-3000 feet and tops to 6000 feet. Visibility 1-2 miles.

ROUTE OUT: .7 cirrus above 20000 feet entire route. .8 to 10 middle clouds over southern England and channel with tops to 10000 feet becoming .7 over continent. .5 low cloud over England channel and the continent.

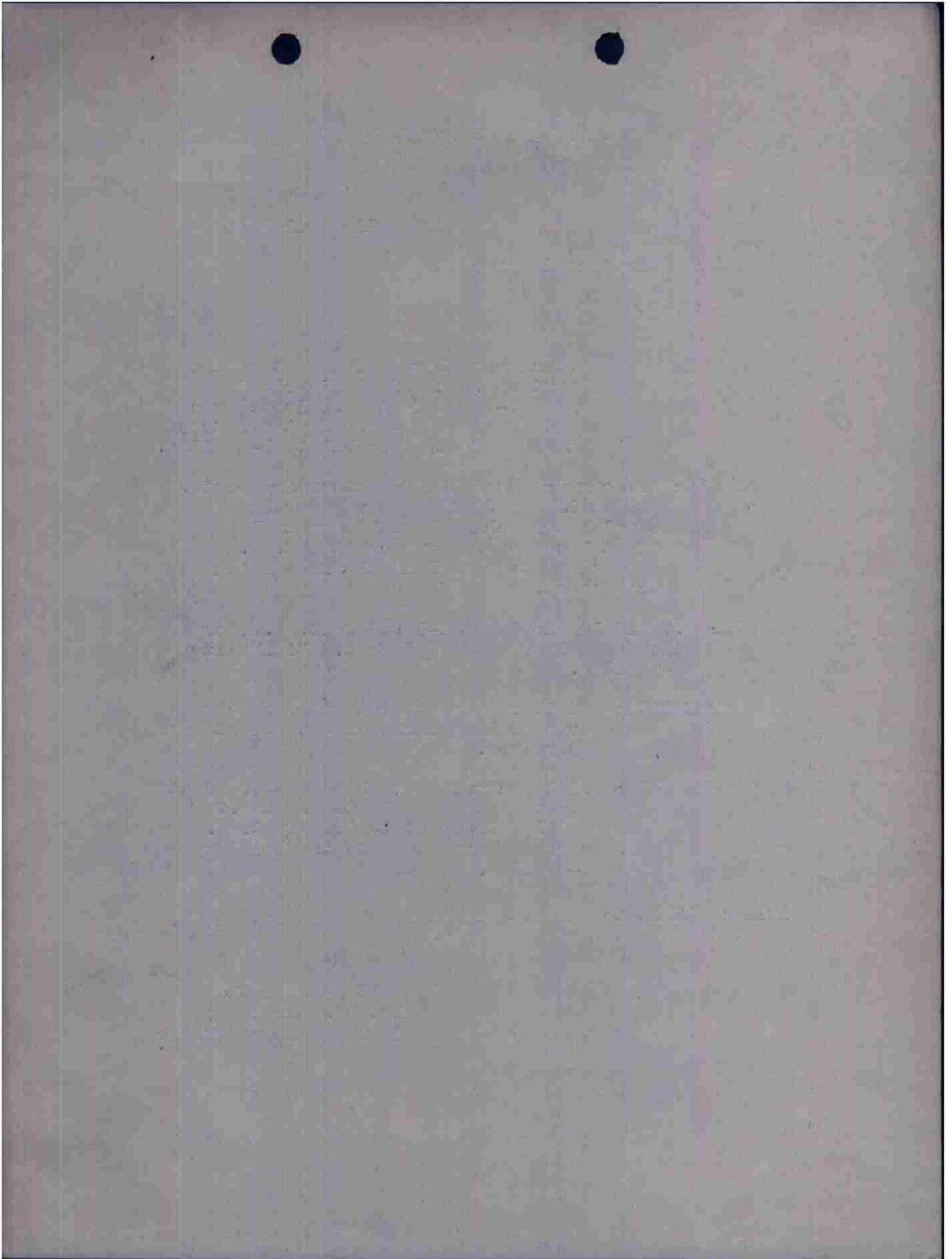
TARGET: .7 middle clouds at 8-10000 feet. .5 low clouds with tops to 6000 feet. Visibility 5-7 miles.

ROUTE ~~INX~~:BACK: Similar to route out with low cloud over England increasing to .8 at base on return.

BASE ON RETURN: .8 low clouds with bases 2-3000 feet and tops to 6000 feet. .6 to .9 middle clouds at 7-10000 feet. .7 cirrus above 20000 feet. Visibility 2-3 miles.

ICING: Light to moderate icing in clouds above 5000.

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

APO 140
11 April 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: No low clouds. .6 to .7 middle clouds
with bases 6000 and tops 10000 feet.
Visibility 3000 yards.

Route OUT: Climbed thru breaks in cloud layer and came
out on top at 10000 feet. Overcast became
solid a few miles south of base and cloud
layer was continuous across the channel
and to the French coast. 4-5 miles inland
the clouds broke to .2 to .4 with tops
estimated 5-6000 feet. Visibility 6-8 miles
over France.

TARGET: .2 to .4 low clouds with tops to 5-6000 feet.
Visibility 6-8 miles.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out with cloud layer
continuous except for scattered breaks
over the channel. Over England tops
were to 10000 feet with bases at 3000.

BASE ON RETURN: Visibility 1-2 miles. 10/10 low
clouds at 3000 feet. Light rain
shower in progress.

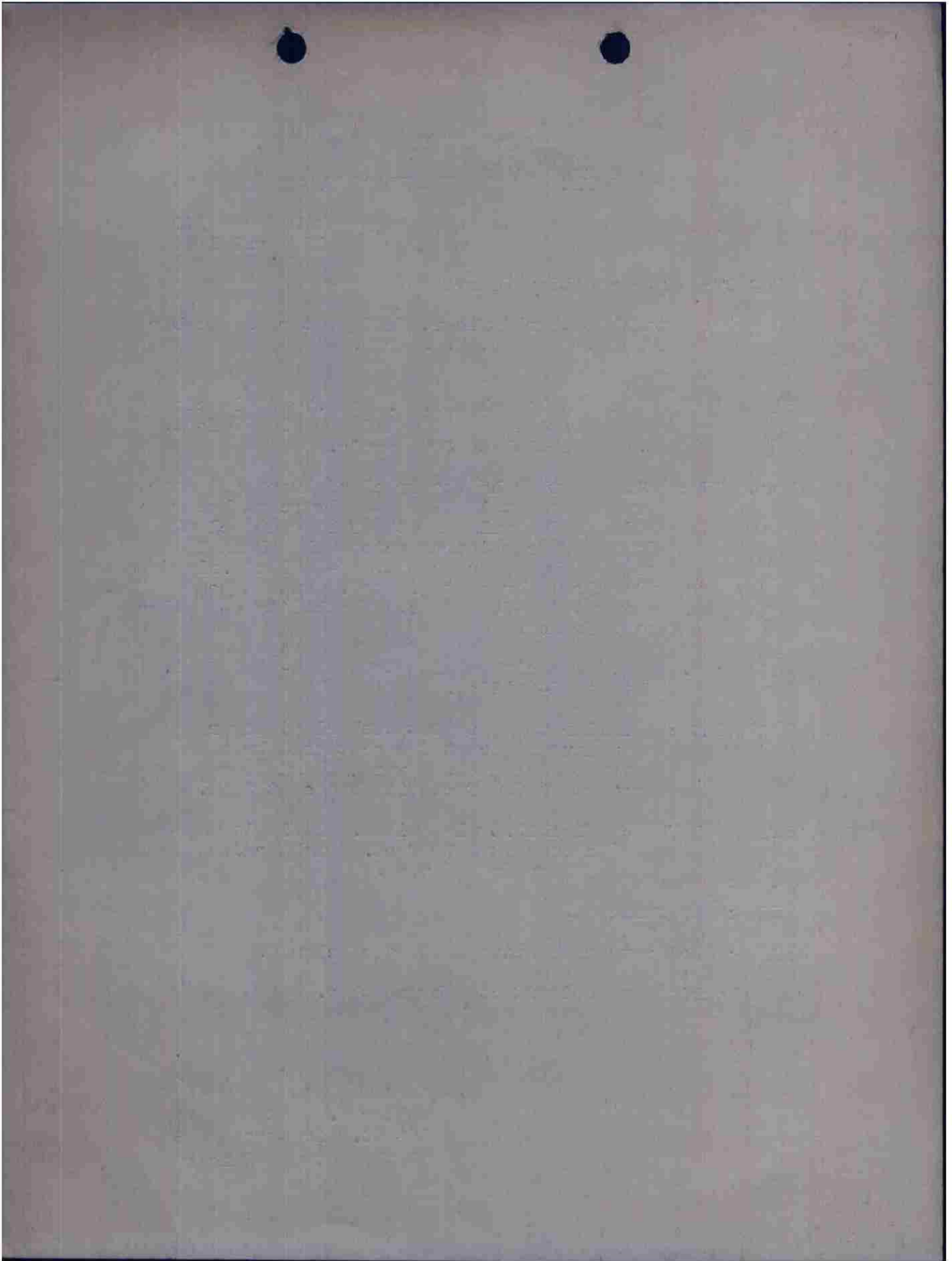
WINDS: As forecast.

ICING: Moderate rime icing in tops of clouds.

Bombing was not effected by weather.

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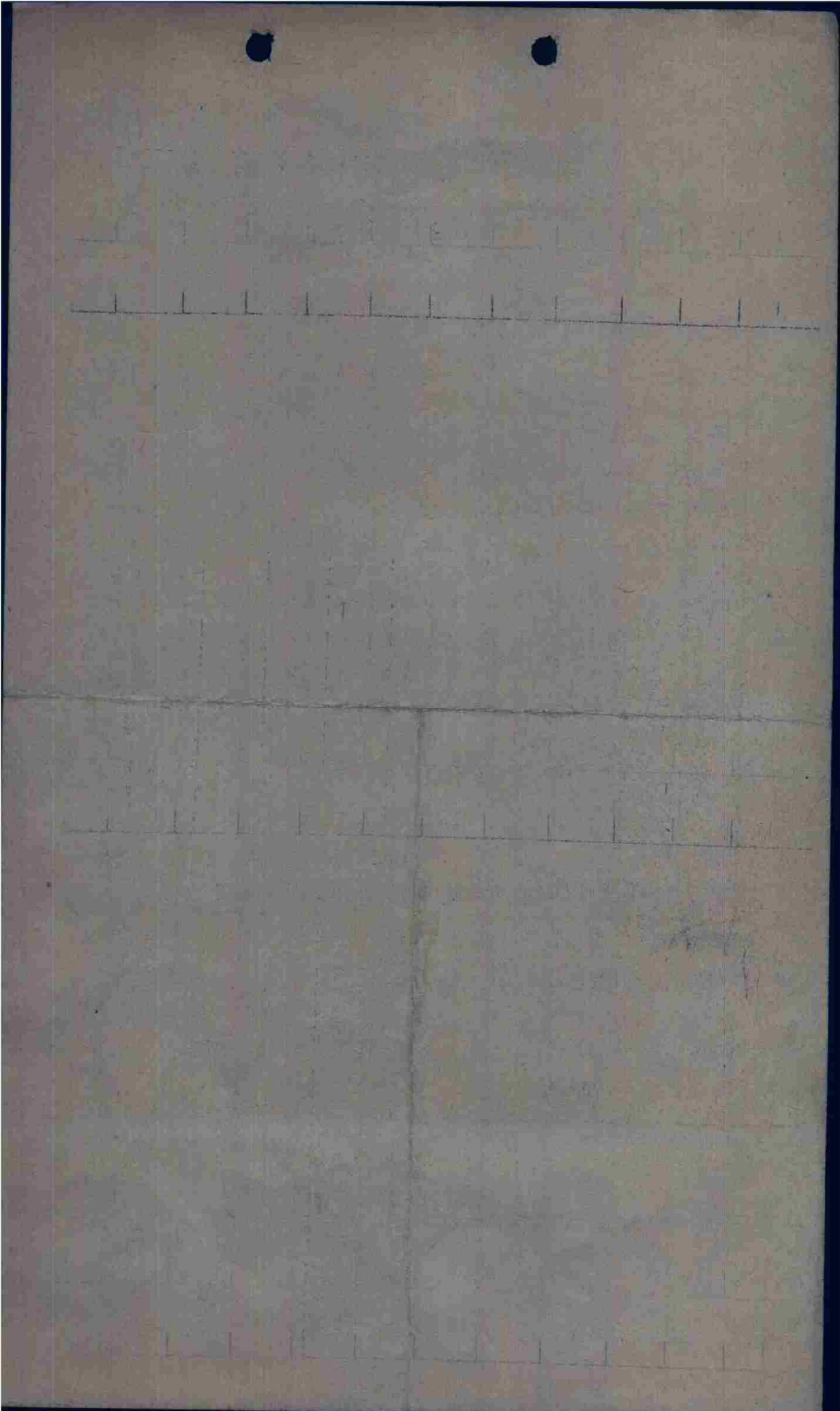


SHIP NO	SQUADRON	PILOT and/or BOMBARDIER	GUNS	MALFUNCTIONS	CAUSES OF MALFUNCTIONS
914	D	WILLETTS		No. 2 Station Failed to release bomb.	Screw braces too tight causing failure in release mechanism.
911	B	Campbell		ALL four bomb stations failed to release	"
892	C	SHAFFER		No. 3 station failed to release bomb.	"
181	B	McDonald		Three bombs fell when doors opened fully over channel - one bomb dropped when doors opened at beginning of bomb run.	definite cause not yet determined. evidence indicates faulty bomb - salvo - Release -

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11 April 1944

*William C. McDonald
Capt. USN
Commander & Officer*



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FRTH COBOMGR 416 111400B

TO CO 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: COMM OFFICER

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C-668 (10)- C D-1 E G-2 C-1 I-1 J L-1 P S-1

669 (9) - A C G I N O P-1 R U

670 (12)- A D E-1 F G H I J M-1 L R S

671 (9) - A-1 B G-1 H-1 H M P V X

D-668-S-1- VHF WENT OUT OVER ENEMY TERRITORY, DUE TO FLAK.

668-L-1- VHF OUT, DETUNED.

E-670-A-2 QDM'S FROM INSNAP

671-N-1- 2 QDM'S FROM INSNAP

F- NOT APPLICABLE

G- NOT APPLICABLE

H- NOT APPLICABLE

I- VERY STAISFACTORY

J- NOT APPLICABLE

K-NONE

L- 670-J- CALLED FIGHTERS-- REPORTED TO "PARADE" AFTER LEAVING TARGET.

M- 670-J- RECEIVED ANSWER FROM FIGHTERS AND RECEIVED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

N- NONE

O- GOOD RADIO PERFORMANCE.

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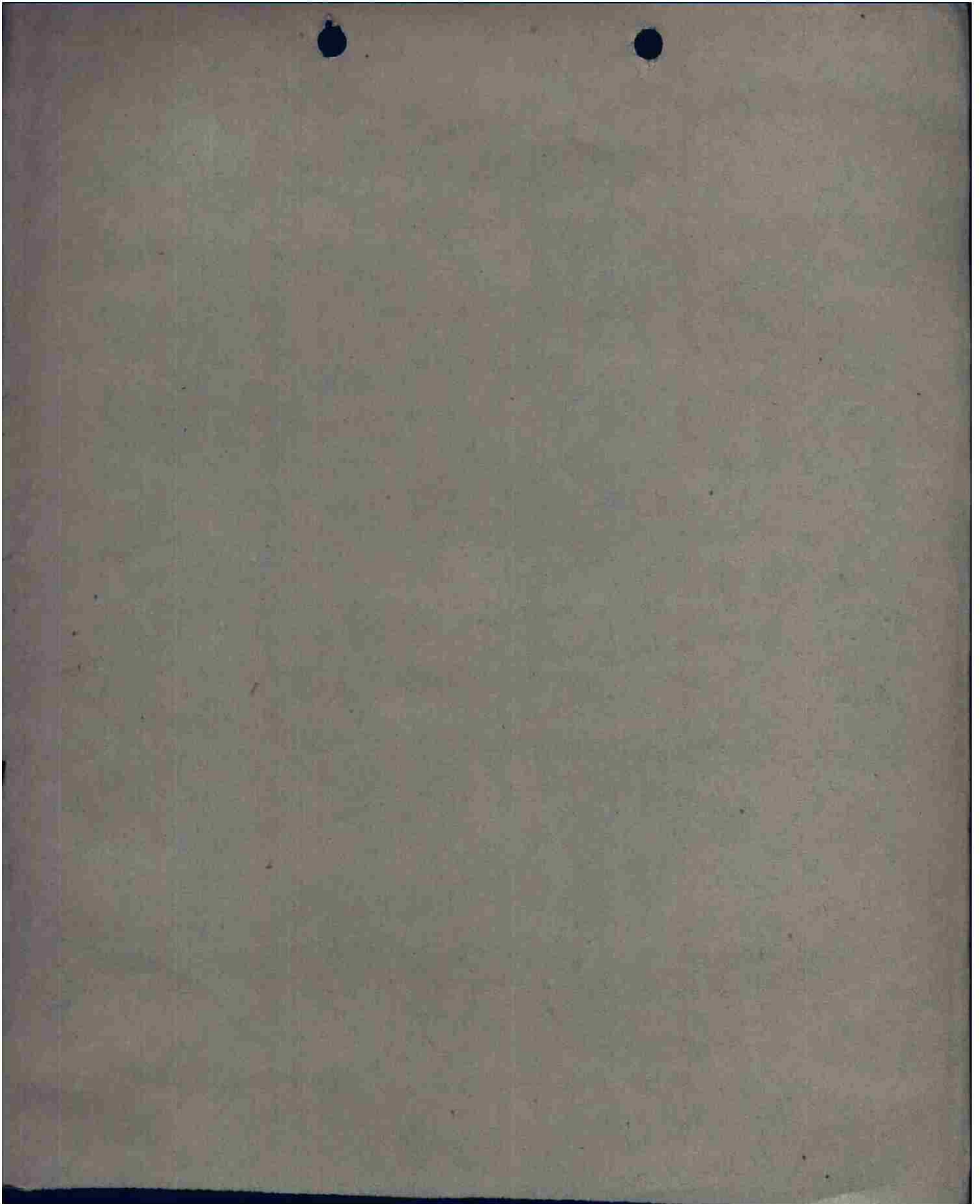
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FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 110214E 9BC P-2653-E

TO: COBOMGP 416
 COCBTWIG 97, 98, 99
 COMAF 9
 COMAF 8
 COMASPTCOM 9
 COMFICOM 9
 SASO 11 GROUP RAF
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F. O. 263
 MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) VIII U.S. AAF ARE ATTACKING GY 4861, GH-396C GY 4801A, GY 4835A, GY 4863 GH630C. WILL DEPART CROMER AT 0830 AND 0900. 9TH FIGHTER COMMAND WILL FURNISH ESCORT ON TARGETS Z-3031A AND Z-3096. 11 GR RAF SPITFIRES WILL FURNISH ESCORT ON TARGET ZB-115 FOR THIS COMMAND.
2. THIS COMMAND WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

ZERO HOUR: 111000E

3. A. 98TH WING:

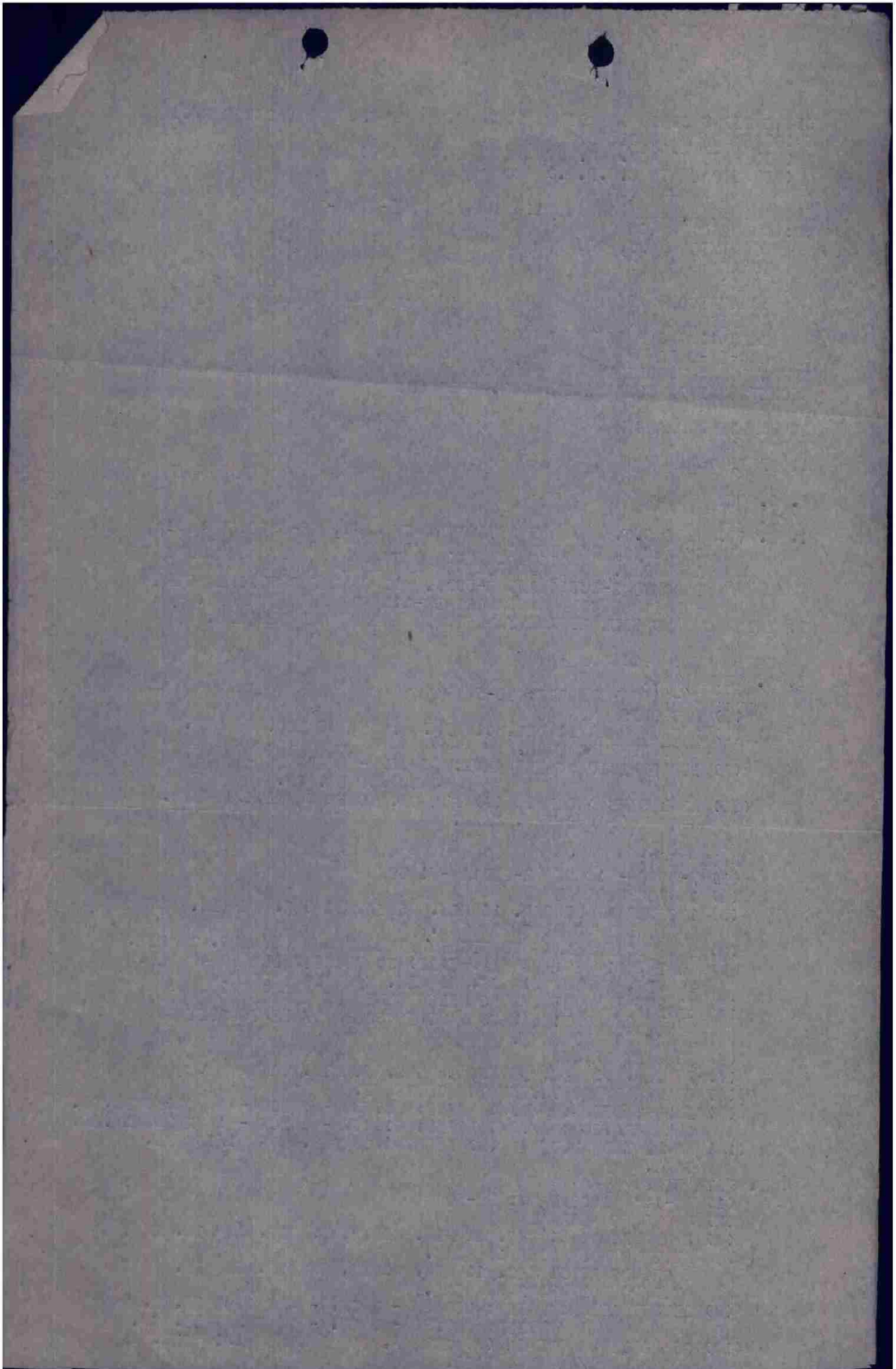
- (1) ZB-115 SECONDARY: ZB-50
- (2) 2 GROUPS NORMAL
- (3) 2 GROUPS AT 51 DEG. 11 MIN. NORTH, 02 DEG. 30 MIN. EAST AT ZERO HOUR.
- (9) ILLUSTRATION: REFERENCE: 034030 - 2 GROUPS - 4 X 1000 LB. GP.
- (10) AS LISTED ABOVE IN (9) ALL GP. BOMBS FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE AND 1/40 SEC. TAIL.

98TH WING:

- (1) Z-3096 - 1 BOX Z-3031A - 1 BOX
- (2) 1 GROUP NORMAL
- (3) 1 GROUP AT 50 DEG. 13 MIN. NORTH, 01 DEG. 08 MIN. EAST AT ZERO PLUS 25 MINS.
- (4) BASE TO HASTINGS TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS (50 DEG. 13 MIN. NORTH, 01 DEG. 08 MIN. EAST) TO TOCQUEVILLE TO 49 DEG. 48 MIN. NORTH, 01 DEG. 43 MIN. EAST TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO 3 MILES SOUTH OF HESDIN TO 3 MILES SOUTH OF MONTREUIL TO 5 MILES SOUTH OF LE TOUQUET TO DUNCENESS TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,000
- (7) 50 DEG. 01 MIN. NORTH, 02 DEG. 00 MIN. EAST.
- (8) GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST.
- (9) ILLUSTRATION: A/85/1 REFER: 027038 - 1 BOX - 16 X 250 LB.GP.
 ILLUSTRATION: A/79/1 REFER: 019057 - 1 BOX - 16 X 250 LB.GP.
- (10) AS LISTED ABOVE IN (9) FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/10 SEC. TAIL.

B. 99TH WING:

- (1) ZB-115 SECONDARY: ZB-50
- (2) 4 GROUPS NORMAL
- (3) 2 GROUPS AT 51 DEG. 11 MIN. NORTH, 02 DEG. 30 MIN. EAST AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MINS.
 2 GROUPS AT 51 DEG. 11 MIN. NORTH, 02 DEG. 30 MIN. EAST AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 30 MINS.
- (9) ILLUSTRATION: REFER: 034030 - 2 GP. - 4 X 1000 LB.GP.
 REFER: 037035 - 2 GP. - 16 X 250 LB. GP.
- (10) AS LISTED ABOVE IN (9) ALL GP. BOMBS FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE AND 1/40 SEC. TAIL.



- (1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: 1 BOX Z-3096 1 BOX Z-3031A
- (2) RENDEZVOUS:
 - (A) WITH FIGHTERS AT 50 DEG. 13 MIN. NORTH - 01 DEG. 08 MIN. EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 15 MIN.
- (3) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO HASTINGS TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO TOCQUEVILLE TO 49 DEG. 48 MIN. NORTH - 01 DEG. 44 MIN. EAST TO TARGET.
- (4) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO 3 MILES SOUTH OF HESDIN TO 3 MILES SOUTH OF MONTREUIL TO 5 MILES SOUTH LE TOUQUET TO DUNGENESS TO BASE.
- (5) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET.
- (6) INITIAL POINT: 50 DEG. 07 MIN. NORTH - 02 DEG. 07 MIN. EAST.
- (7) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST.
- (8) M.P.I.: 1 BOX ILLUSTRATION A/85/1 REF. 027038.
1 BOX ILLUSTRATION A/79/1 REF. 019057.
- (9) BOMB LOAD: 4 X 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 NOSE AND 1/40 TAIL.
- X. (1-4) NO CHANGE.
- (5) ROUTE OUT: TARGET ZB-115.
BASE TO NORTH FORELAND TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS (51 DEG. 11 MIN. NORTH, 02 DEG. 30 MIN. EAST) TO NIEUPOORT TO WAEREONEM TO 50 DEG. 11 MIN. NORTH, 03 DEG. 50 MIN. EAST TO 50 DEG. 10 MIN. NORTH, 04 DEG. 24 MIN. EAST TO TARGET.
- (6) ROUTE BACK: TARGET ZB-115.
TARGET TURN LEFT TO 50 DEG. 59 MIN. NORTH, 03 DEG. 31 MIN. EAST TO NIEUPOORT TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.
- (7) AXIS OF ATTACK: TARGET ZB-115 - GENERALLY SOUTH TO NORTH.
- (8) INTERVALOMETER SETTING: MINIMUM.
- 5. COMMUNICATIONS:
 - A. COMBAT WING: 98TH TARGET NO. ZB-115
 - (2) FACADE, VIBRATE.
 - (9) RECALL CODE WORD NUMBER: 76/76
 - (10) VERIFICATION CODE BOX NUMBER: 176/176
 - B. COMBAT WING: 98TH TARGET NO. XIA85, 79A
 - (2) PINIPOT
 - (3) CARMO.
 - (9) RECALL CODE WORD NUMBER: 65/65
 - (10) VERIFICATION CODE BOX NUMBER: 165/165
 - C. COMBAT WING: 99TH TARGET NO. ZB-115
 - (2) RIBBON, REDLEAF, COUNTERFOIL, MANICURE.
 - (9) RECALL CODE WORD NUMBERS: 62/62, 63/63.
 - (10) VERIFICATION CODE BOX NUMBERS: 162/162, 163/163
 - D. COMBAT WING: 97TH AND 416TH TARGET NO. XIA85, 79A
 - (2) LAMPOST.
 - (3) MEATY.
 - (9) RECALL CODE WORD NUMBERS: 64/64.
 - (10) VERIFICATION CODE BOX NUMBERS: 164/164.
- X.
 - (2) BRADWELL BAY CHANNEL D/D
 - (3) SUBSTITUTE 4C FOR 10C.
 - (8) EASTERN WYOMING SOUTHERN UTAH ENTIRE MISSION.
 - (10) WEATHER CODE : VATB/VATB.

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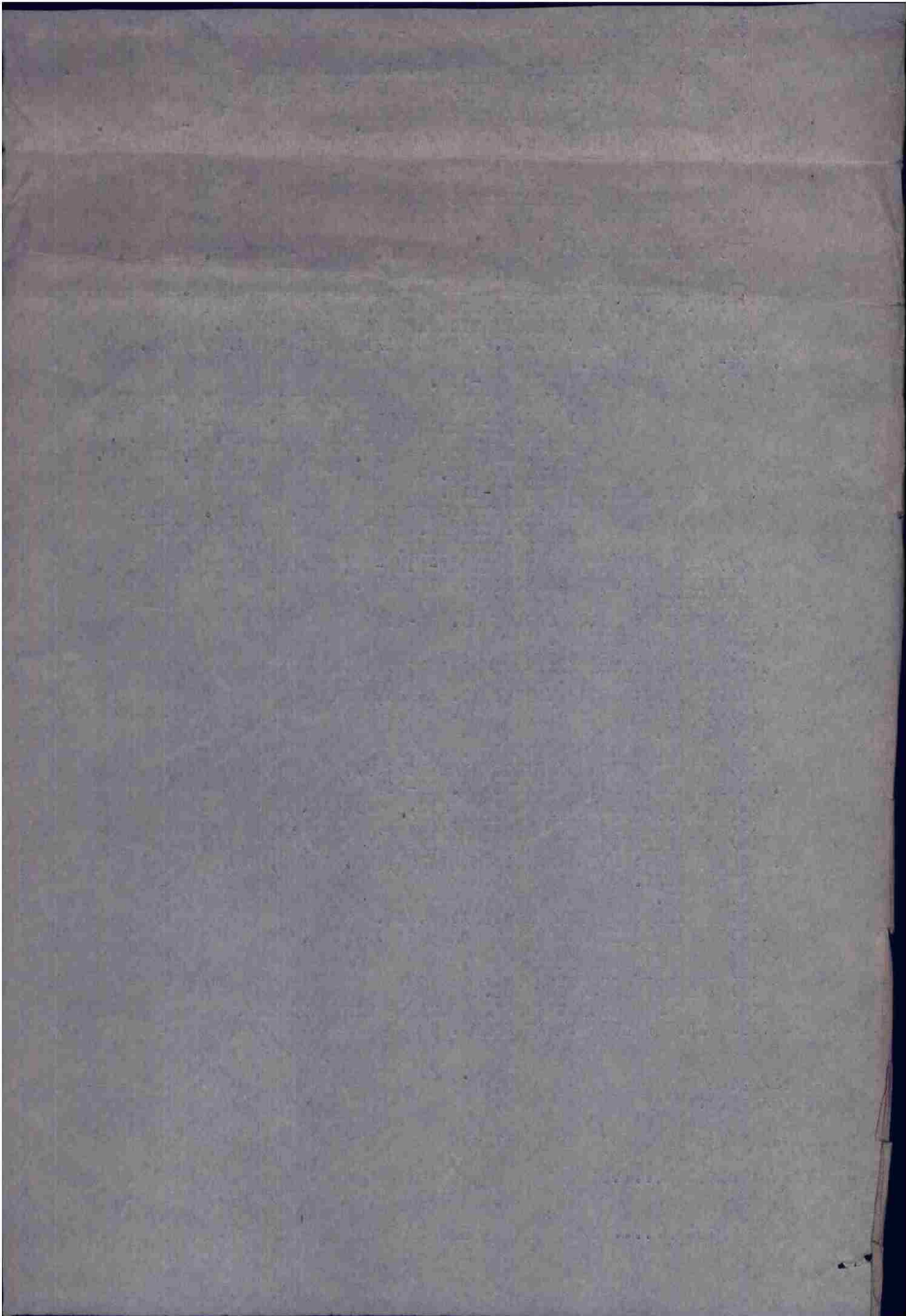
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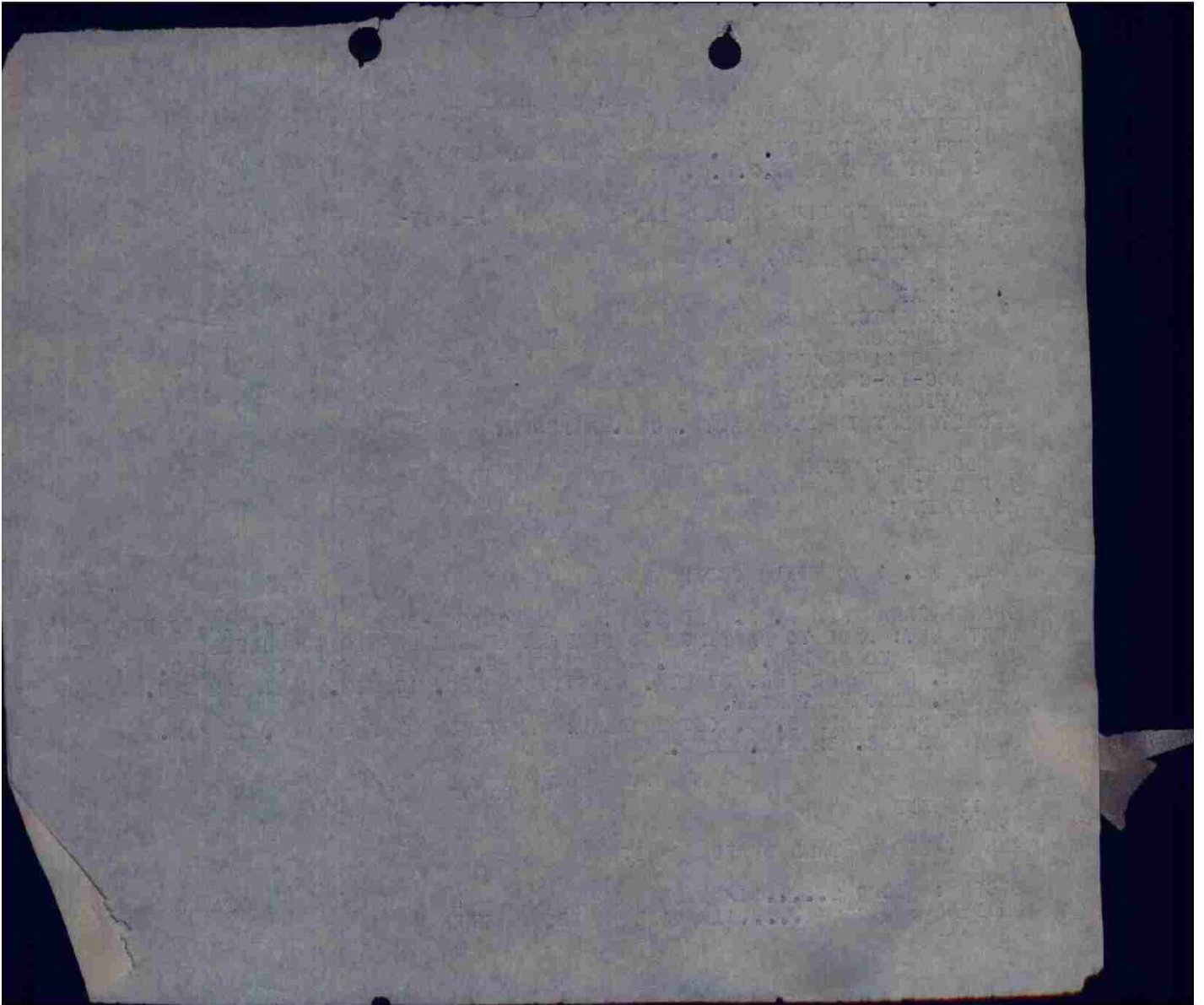
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CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3. A. AND 3. C. ON TARGETS Z-3096 AND Z-3031A TO READ:
ROUTE OUT: BASE TO HASTINGS TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO TOCQUEVILLE
TO AUMULE TO 50 DEG. 03 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG. 13 MIN. EAST TO 50 DEG.
11 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG. 37 MIN. EAST TO 50 DEG. 17 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG.
32 MIN. EAST TO TARGET.
CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3. C. (6) TO READ: INITIAL POINT 50 DEG. 17 MIN.
NORTH 02 DEG. 32 MIN. EAST.

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OICOG , 97TH CBW V OIYAA YAA 11/11 OP

FROM 416 BG 11/1710B

TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATT A-2

HQ 97TH CBW ATT A-2

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OPFLASH NO 4 11 APRIL 1944

A (I) 1 BOX XI/A/85 1 BOX XI/A/79

(II) FIRST BOX XI/A/79

SECOND BOX XI/A/85

B (I) 416BG

(II) FIRST BOX 19 A-29'S

SECOND BOX 18 A-29'S

WINDOW FLIGHT 3 A-29'S

(III) FIRST BOX 3A/C FAILED TO BOMB

2 A/C RETURNED EARLY DUE TO ENGINE TROUBLE

PAVING ~~1 A/C ORDERED TO RETURN EARLY FROM FRENCH COAST 1 A/C RETURNING EARLY~~
DUE TO ENGINE TROUBLE ~~DUE TO MISUNDERSTANDING, 1 A/C RETURNED EARLY FROM FRENCH COAST, ACCOMPANIED BY 1 A/C RETURNING EARLY~~

SECOND BOX : 1 A/C FAILED TO BOMB DUE TO BOMB RELA/// RELEASE

MALFUNCTION

WINDOW FLIGHT CARRIED NO BOMBS

(IV) FIRST BOX : ¹⁶ ~~15~~ A/C ON PRIMARY. ~~INFORMATION LACKING FROM ONE~~

~~A/C LANDED AWAY FROM BASE~~

SECOND BOX : ¹⁷ ~~4~~ A/C ON PRIMARY. ~~INFORMATION LACKING~~

~~FROM ONE A/C LANDED AWAY FROM BASE.~~

C. (I) 8913

(II) 1849 (BOTH TARGETS)

(III) 1248

D. (I) FIRST BOX : ¹⁴ ~~13~~ CATEGORY A DAMAGE

SECOND BOX : ⁴ ~~3~~ CATEGORY A DAMAGE

WINDOW FLIGHT : 1 CATEGORY A DAMAGE

~~INFORMATION LACKING FROM 2 A/C~~

~~LANDED AWAY FROM BASE.~~

(II) 8-3-0

(III) ² 8-1-0

