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

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By authority  
CG, Sta. 170  
3 May 1944  
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AFG 140, U. S. Army,  
3 May 1944.

Subject: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Reports.

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

1. Transmitted herewith are the A-3 Bombing Information Reports on operational mission 2 May 1944, submitted in compliance with IX Bomber Command Memorandum 15-9D.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

2 Incls:

- 1 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Box I)
- 2 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Box II)

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ATTN "A"

## BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO 605BOX \_\_\_\_\_ GROUP 426 DATE 2 May 44 TARGET ATTACKED Stange Mission

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.
2. Bombing approach: 320-330° 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: Pre-set data - 20 mile trail subtracted from sight. WZ used as aiming point.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Powell
6. Name of lead pilot: Major King
7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 300 Ground Speed: 300 Altitude: 11,500
9. Length of bomb run: 65 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED Delay N 1/10 T 1/100
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 26

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.  haze over target limited visibility and hindered identification to some extent.
- (b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, I<sup>T</sup> or A<sup>T</sup>? 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? 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: VERY GOOD X FAIR \_\_\_\_\_ POOR \_\_\_\_\_ BAD MISS \_\_\_\_\_

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(over)

1. 8 to 10 miles
2. 6 to 8/10 circles at 20,000 feet.
3. Close formation.
4. With positive action up to 1 1/2 minute before locating target.
5. Calling intersection near an check point.
6. Specific locating target - less obscured target area.
7. Very good.
8. None.

4. Description of route from A.P. to target:

Formation consisted of two boxes. 15 miles each box. One off line and 100 target - same location. The over target 1015 on first run and 1607 on second run. Box I, at 11,000 feet, dropped a total of 25 bombs in the target area. Very good results. Box II, on second run at 10,500 feet, being wrong as drop a total of 25 bombs on Wainwright R/V, with a good concentration of hits in this area. Visibility was 8 to 10 miles with 6 to 8/10 circles at 20,000 feet. Wainwright line was not encountered. I will restate category 1 target. In some aircraft encountered. None listed at 1000.

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## BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BCX II GROUP 418 DATE 2 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Valenciennes W/X  
Target Assigned: Blanc Meseron

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set syn.
2. Bombing approach: 310°
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: Pre-set data used but synchronize for range and deflection. NP I used as aiming point. Aiming point obscured by smoke on second pass. Changed disc speed on run since altitude was low.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Arrington
6. Name of lead pilot: Capt. Dunn
7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 224 Altitude: 10,500
9. Length of bomb run: 90 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUCED Delay N1/10T1/100
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 72

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. Haze over target hindered visibility - unable to locate on first pass and had to make two runs.
- (b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing: Camouflage gave false idea of target.
- (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? None.
- (e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None
- (f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: Used wrong AP
- (g) Bombing results as reported by crews:
- Aimed at right Target: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X
- Results claimed: GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR \_\_\_\_\_ POOR \_\_\_\_\_ BAD MISS X  
Good concentration of hits on target attacked.

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A. Description of route from I.P. to target:

1. 5 to 8 miles
2. High cirrus above.
3. Close formation at point of release.
4. Very mild evasive action from I.P.
5. Railway intersection used as check point.
6. Two passes - unable to locate on first run.
7. Bad miss.
8. None.

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By authority  
CG, Sta. 170  
3 May 1944.  
Inst. \_\_\_\_\_

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

APC 140, U. S. Army,  
3 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Mission Report - Aircraft.  
TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APC 140, U. S. Army.  
(Attention Maintenance)

Part I.

- (1) 2 May 1944 - 1440 - Missions 15000000.
- (2) 36 (38 alerted)
- (3) 38

Part II.

None.

Part III. (1)

None.

Part III. (2)

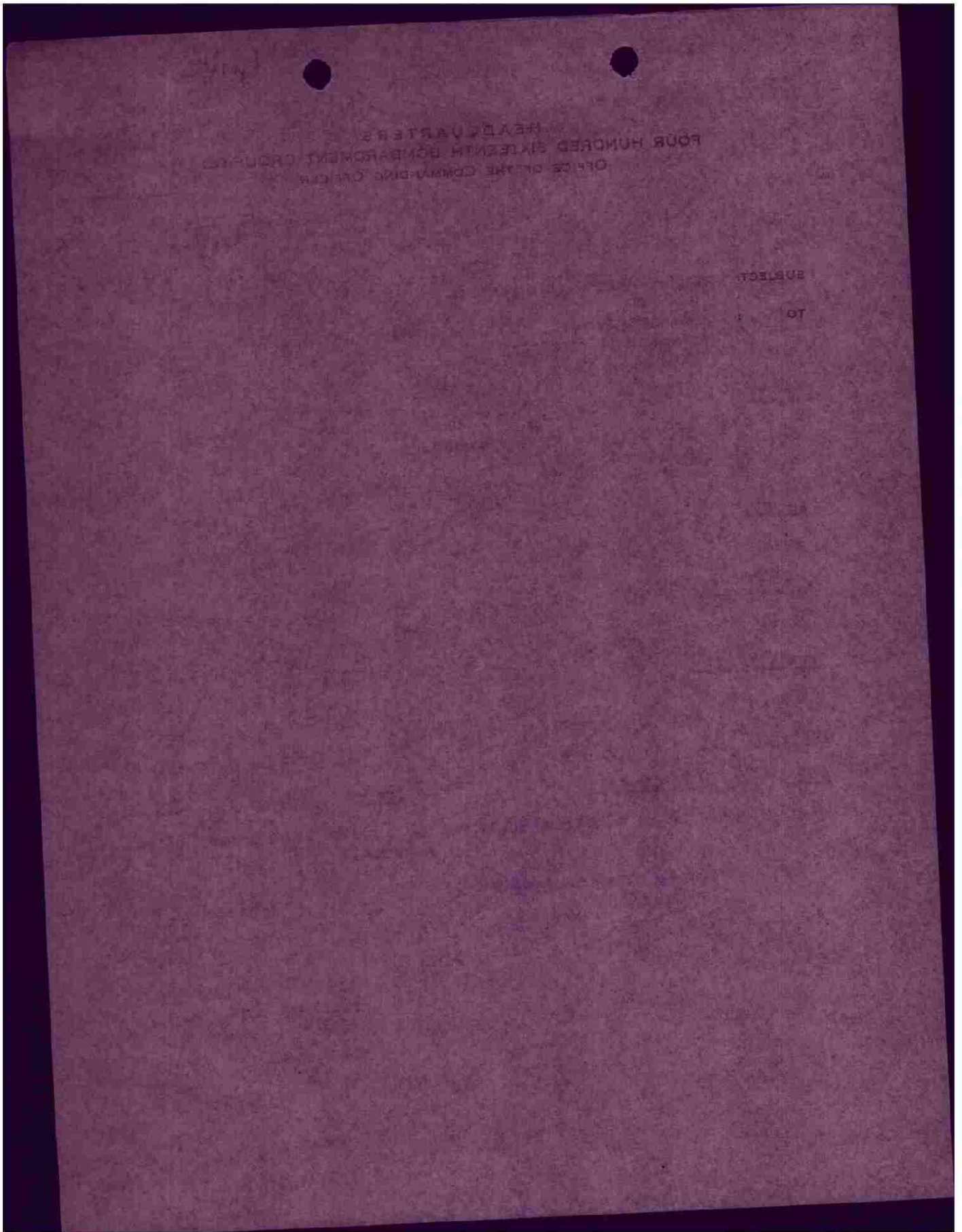
None.

Part III. (3)

<u>ACFR</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Correct</u>
49-1065	Failed to release bombs.	No. 1 switch in incorrect position.	Yes

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHUPPIN,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.



MISSION NO. 36

LOADING LIST  
BOX I  
FLIGHT I

2 MAY 44

1. 439 J  
MAJ W J MENG ✓  
LT V H POWELL ✓  
S/S R F STOBERT  
S/S F P GLYNN

4. 207 B  
LT F J HARROLD ✓  
S/S E L GRIFFIN  
S/S M R BRAYN

2. 455 T  
CAPT C R JACKSON ✓  
LT R CONTE ✓  
S/S R K RILEY  
S/S R EUTSLER

5. 217 D  
LT J C SEWELL ✓  
S/S F D ALLRED  
SGT D W STEPHENS

3. 224 E  
LT H A MONROE ✓  
S/S W L KIDD  
S/S S RISKO

6. 227 F  
LT A W NORDSTROM ✓  
S/S J D GOSSETT  
S/S R L MILLER

1. 893 P  
LT L J SIRACUSA ✓  
S/S J N HUME  
S/S F E BROWN

FLIGHT II

4. 223 F-1  
LT J F MEAGHER ✓  
S/S R BANKSTON  
S/S E S DICKENSON

2. 195 D-1  
LT B H BRADFORD ✓  
S/S R W MAC DONALD  
S/S A A HILL

5. 216 E  
LT R G MEREDITH ✓  
S/S V E MOLVER  
S/S C M GRAY

3. 745 I  
CAPT H E CONANT ✓  
S/S J E MC CREERY  
S/S J R ORR

6. 379 G  
LT W E DOWNING ✓  
S/S D C SIEG  
S/S J C BURKHALTER

1. 362 J  
LT G EBENSTEIN ✓  
S/S D H SIMPSON  
S/S H PERKINS

FLIGHT III

4. 194 C  
LT S B RITCHIE ✓  
S/S A W NEWKIRK  
S/S E A ANDERSON

2. 684 K  
LT E B KREH ✓  
S/S E R JUDD  
S/S J A FEJES

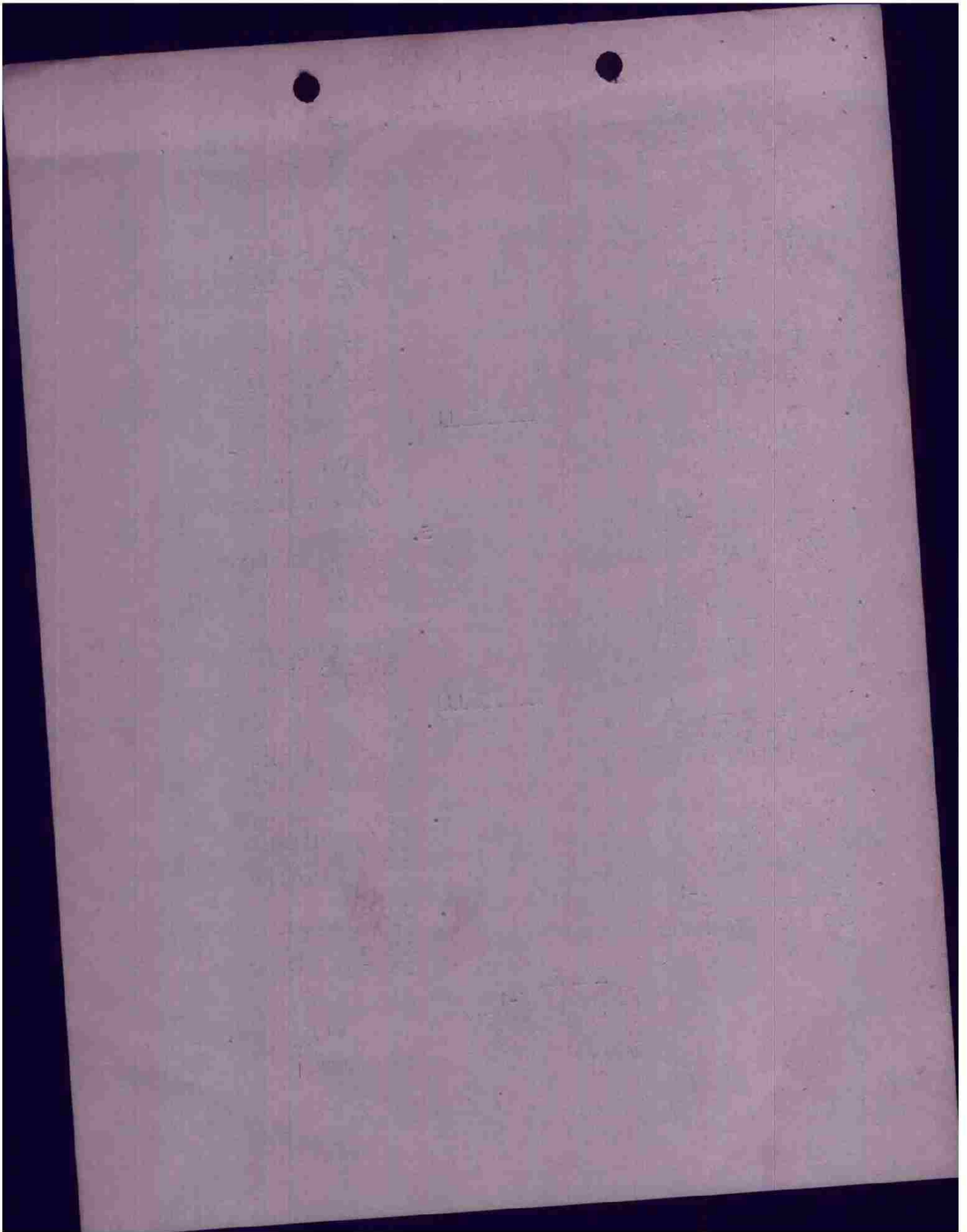
5. 963 N  
LT L E HILL ✓  
S/S C H YOST  
S/S R W BURCH

3. 7182 B-1  
LT G F BARTMUS ✓  
S/S A J ANTANIATIS  
S/S H R HEDRICK

6. 360 S  
LT R K CRUZE ✓  
S/S C E LOVE  
S/S F L ADAIR

SPARE  
393 K-1  
LT R E GREENLEY ✓  
S/S H C WORDEN  
S/S J J RZEPKA

MISSION NO. 36  
2 MAY 44  
BOX I



MISSION NO. 36

LOADING LIST  
BOX NO. II  
FLIGHT I

2 MAY 1944.

1. <sup>42-10129</sup> A/C #212 "I"  
CAPT. L. F. DUNN ✓  
LT. H. T. ARRINGTON ✓  
S/S H. A. FOSTER  
LT. G. F. SUTLIFF
2. A/C #450 "S"  
LT. L. A. MARZOLF ✓  
LT. R. J. BASNETT ✓  
S/S H. E. WELLEN  
S/S L. G. KUTZER
3. A/C #937 "B"  
LT. A. R. DURANTE ✓  
S/S H. T. BEST  
S/S I. R. DEGIUSTI
4. A/C #724 "W"  
LT. H. P. COLE ✓  
S/S F. R. CHAVATRA CHVATAL  
S/S B. G. FANDRE
5. A/C #221 "F"  
LT. W. A. MERRHANT ✓  
S/S C. J. HARP  
S/S K. P. BROWN
6. A/C #220 "E"  
LT. R. D. PERKINS ✓  
S/S V. N. SHERRY  
S/S R. H. LINNEMAN

FLIGHT II

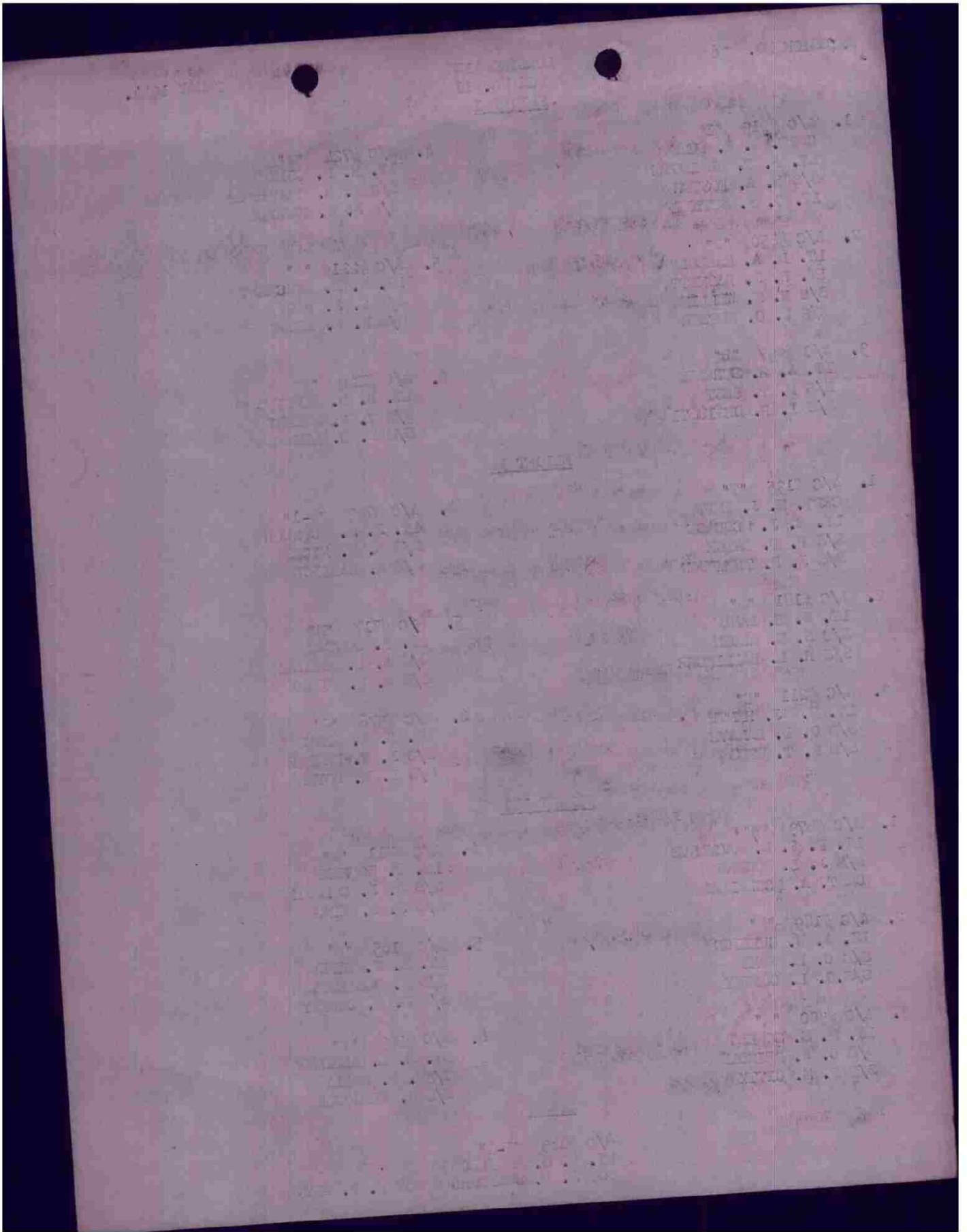
1. <sup>42-10135</sup> A/C #135 "T"  
CAPT. M. J. HUFF ✓  
LT. R. J. MCQUADE ✓  
S/S H. F. HATCH  
S/S J. B. THOMPSON
2. A/C #181 "A"  
LT. W. H. LAND ✓  
S/S S. E. ALDEN  
S/S R. L. BALLINGER
3. A/C #211 "C"  
LT. E. J. RENTH ✓  
S/S O. D. LANAVE  
S/S E. T. EPPS
4. A/C #743 "W-1"  
LT. J. S. CONNOR ✓  
S/S R. W. NICKS  
S/S N. RADLICH
5. A/C #717 "N" ✓  
LT. P. DONTAS ✓  
S/S A. L. NIELSEN  
S/S W. E. FIELDS
6. A/C #376 "O" ✓  
LT. H. E. HEWES ✓  
S/S J. F. KASPER  
S/S H. E. BOYER

FLIGHT III

1. A/C #679 "R"  
LT. P. F. E. MACMANUS ✓  
S/S J. L. ROGERS  
CAPT. A. MCCLELLAN ✓
2. A/C #189 "P"  
LT. A. W. GULLION ✓  
S/S C. L. WEBB  
S/S G. L. COFFEY
3. A/C #900 "Q"  
LT. M. S. STREET ✓  
S/S C. A. PRINDLE  
S/S F. M. CITY
4. A/C #711 "M"  
LT. T. BOUKAMP ✓  
S/S R. J. COLOSIMO  
S/S J. S. WING
5. A/C #165 "H"  
LT. E. E. DEMIN ✓  
S/S N. ROSENSTEIN  
S/S H. O. CARNEY
6. A/C #493 "V"  
LT. R. L. BEHLMER ✓  
T/SW. H. KELLY  
S/S W. FERGUSON

SPARE

A/C #689 "I-1"  
LT. P. G. ATKINSON ✓  
SGT J. D. SWAFFORD & SGT P. F. GLYNN



Operational priority

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

416BG M E

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AUTH: LT COL WALTER W FARMER

"J" FORM

CLEARANCE 4-2

2 MAY 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR JOHN G. NAPIER

A.

B. 1230

C. NORTH FORELAND

D. BOX I R/T EXPAND ONE

670 . . . 6 . . . J T E E D F

668 . . . 12 . . . Z D-1 I F-1 E-1 G L K B-1 C N S

670 . . . 1 . . . SPARE . . . I-1

GROUP LEADER . . . 670 . . . J

DEPUTY . . . 670 . . . T

BOX II R/T EXPAND TWO

671 . . . 8 . . . I E W F E R H V

669 . . . 10 . . . STAG  N G K F Q W-1

~~670 . . . 1 . . . SPARE . . . K~~

SECOND BOX LEADER . . . 671 . . . I

DEPUTY . . . 669 . . . S

E. 11500

F. 4 MILES WEST OF FURNESS

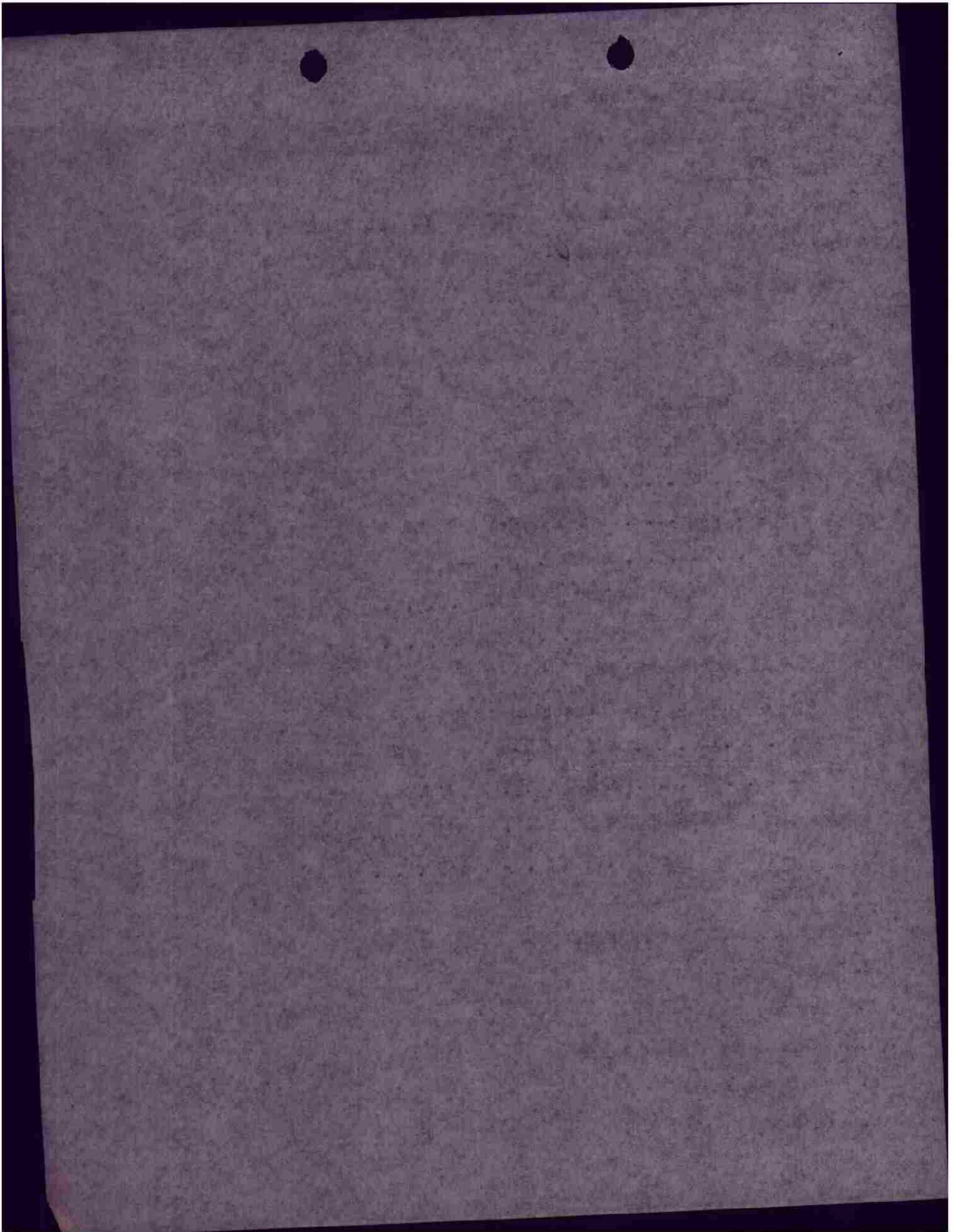
G. 1241

H. 50 $\frac{1}{2}$  MINUTES

J. 4 MILES WEST OF FURNESS

K. NORTH FORELAND

L. 1345



M.L.E.T.D. . . . 1207 . . . . E.T.A. . . . 1359

2. 4 X 500 G.P.

3. 4 HOURS

4. BOX I . . . 2810

BOX II . . . 2810

5. NONE

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I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

JOHN G. NAPIER,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Ops. Officer (Asst.)

# OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 2 May 1944  
 PERIOD 1100-1500

NA SDS USARP 9-43/90W/15-22

WEATHER	1	BASE TO TARGET	8 TARGET	TARGET TO BASE	D
WEATHER	HAZE				
CLOUDS	8/10 Cirrus Above 24,000 Feet. 8-14/10 Middle Cloud 12-14,000 Feet. 5-8/10 Low Cloud Over Base With 8-14/10 Over S. England And 5-8/10 Channel With 3-4/10 Continent.	6-8/10 Cirrus Above 20,000 Feet. 6/10 Middle Clouds At 13,000-14,000 Feet. 3-4/10 Low Clouds Tops 5000	As Out Except 10/10 Medium Cloud At Bases, At 9,000 Feet. Low Clouds 7/10		
ICING	3 Light Rime In Clouds Above 9,000 Feet.	SAME	SAME		
VISIBILITY	4 2-4 Miles England 4-5 Miles Channel 6-8 Miles Continent	6 Miles Down Sun 2-4 Miles Up Sun	2-4 Miles		
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	240-250 15				
5000 FT	270 30				
2000 FT	280 35				
3000 FT	290 40				
5000 FT	290 42				
FT					

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 29.87 TARGET SURFACE TEMP 13°C TARGET MEAN TEMP 14°C  
 TEMP AT 2000 FT. -5°C TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) -74

# AIRCRAFT REPORT

BASE TO COAST		OVER CHANNEL OR SEA	OVER CONTINENT & TARGET
TIME			
POSITION			
ALTITUDE			
CLOUD BELOW AIRCRAFT	AMOUNTS AND TYPE		
	HEIGHT OF BASE AND TOP		
CLOUD ABOVE AIRCRAFT	AMOUNTS AND TYPE		
	HEIGHT OF BASE AND TOP		
VISIBILITY			
TEMPERATURE			
WINDS			
REMARKS: AS WEATHER ENCOUNTERED, FRONTAL POSITIONS, ETC.			
<p>NOTE: AT LEAST ONE COMPLETE OBSERVATION SHOULD BE ENTERED IN EACH COLUMN. THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS CARD HELPED YOU - WON'T YOU GIVE THE NEXT FELLOW A BREAK!</p>		<p>CLOUD TYPES AND ABBREVIATIONS</p> <p>LOW CLOUDS = ST-STRATUS SC-STRATOCUMULUS</p> <p>MIDDLE CLOUDS = AS-ALTOSTRATUS AC-ALTOCUMULUS</p> <p>HIGH CLOUDS = CI-CIRRUS CS-CIRROSTRATUS</p> <p>CLOUDS OF VERTICAL EXTENT = CU-CUMULUS CB-CUMULONIMBUS</p>	<p>FRONTS --</p>

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

APG 140  
3 May 1944

*One*  
SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Overcast of cirrus at 20000 feet.  
Visibility 3 miles. No low clouds.

ROUTE OUT: Visibility 3-6 miles over England and  
channel except 2-3 miles to east of London.  
Scattered patches of low clouds all along route.  
Visibility 6-8 miles over the continent  
with 2-3/10 patchy stratocumulus at 6000  
feet. 6-8/10 cirrus at 20000 feet over  
channel and continent.

TARGET: 1/10 low clouds to the south of target.  
Visibility 6-10 miles, but 4-5 miles into  
sun. 3-3/10 cirrus at 20000 feet.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out. Light turbulence  
was reported to 5000 feet.

BASE ON RETURN: Visibility 7 miles. Overcast of cirrus  
at 20000 feet.

WINDS: One bombardier reported them slightly stronger  
than forecast. Others reported them as forecast.

TIME OVER TARGET: 18:14

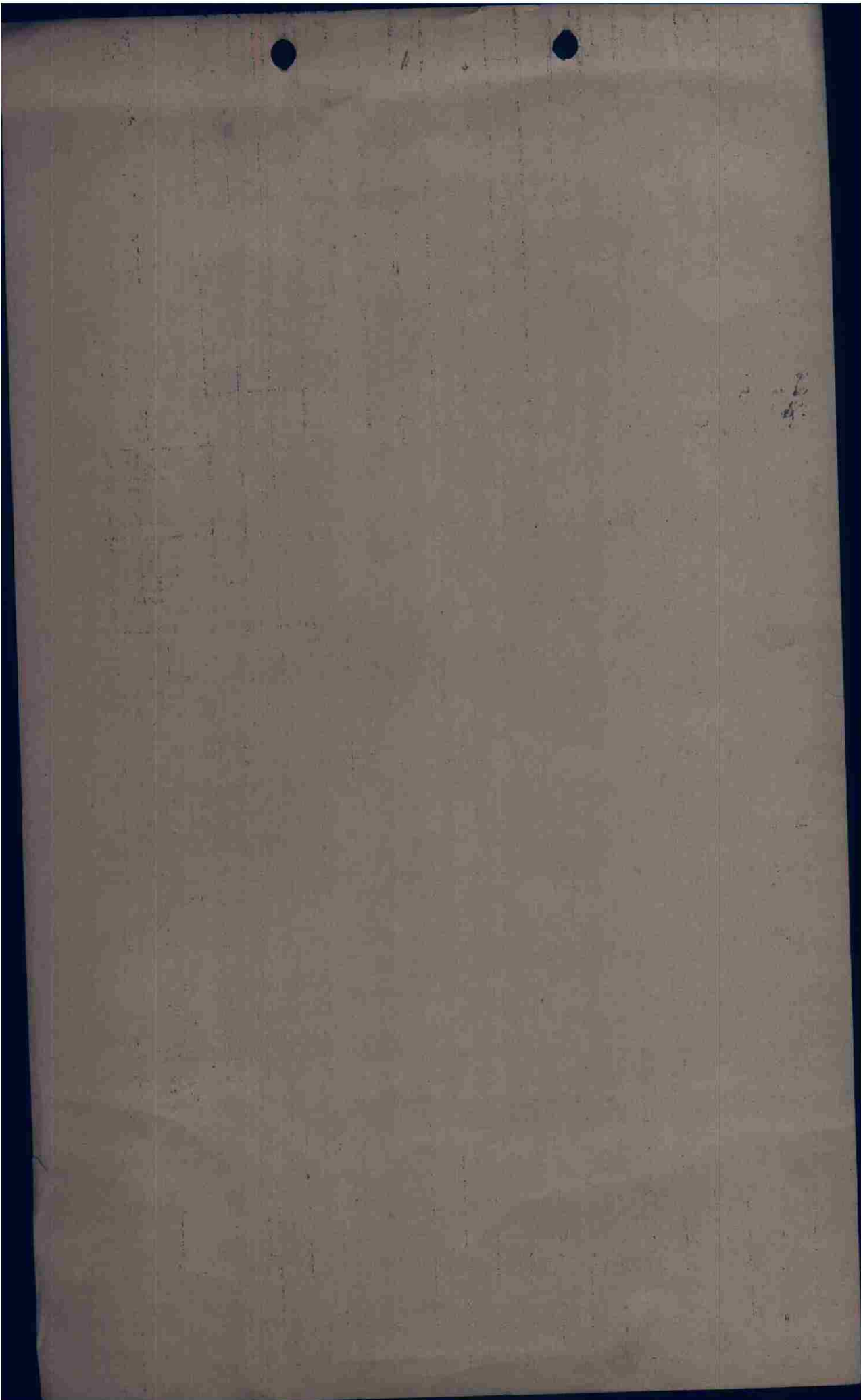
Weather did not effect bombing.

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

1 Incl.  
2 Route Forecast Forms

Box I  
Mission No. 36  
2 MAY 1944

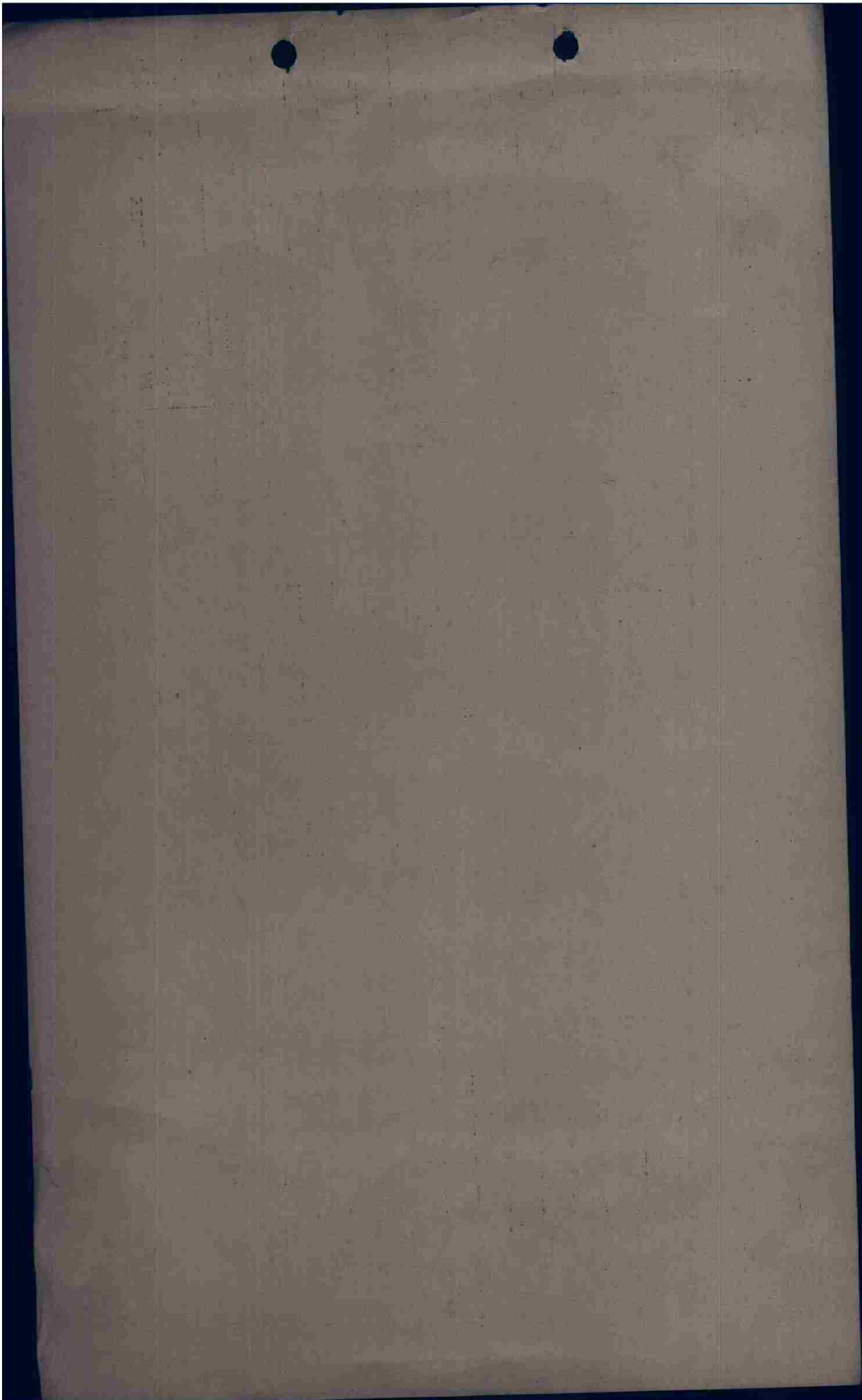
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V	439	C	MENG		1446	1530	1541	1612	1631	1645	HC	725	4x500lb	4	1739	
T	455	C	JACKSON		1446						HC				1740	
E	224	C	MONROE		1446										1741	
B	209	C	HARROLD		1447										1742	
D	219	C	SEWELL		1447										1743	
F	227	C	NORDSTROM		1447										1744	
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D-1	195	A	BRADFORD		1448										1746	
I	745	A	CONANT		1448										1747	
F-1	223	A	MEAGHER		1448										1748	
E-1	216	A	MEREDITH		1448										1749	
G	379	A	DOWNING		1449						HC				1750	
L	362	A	EBENSTEIN		1449										1751	
K	684	A	KREH		1449										1751	
3-1	182	A	BARTMUS		1449										1751	
C	194	A	RITCHIE		1450										1751	
V	963	A	HILL		1450										1751	
S	360	A	GRUZE		1450										1751	
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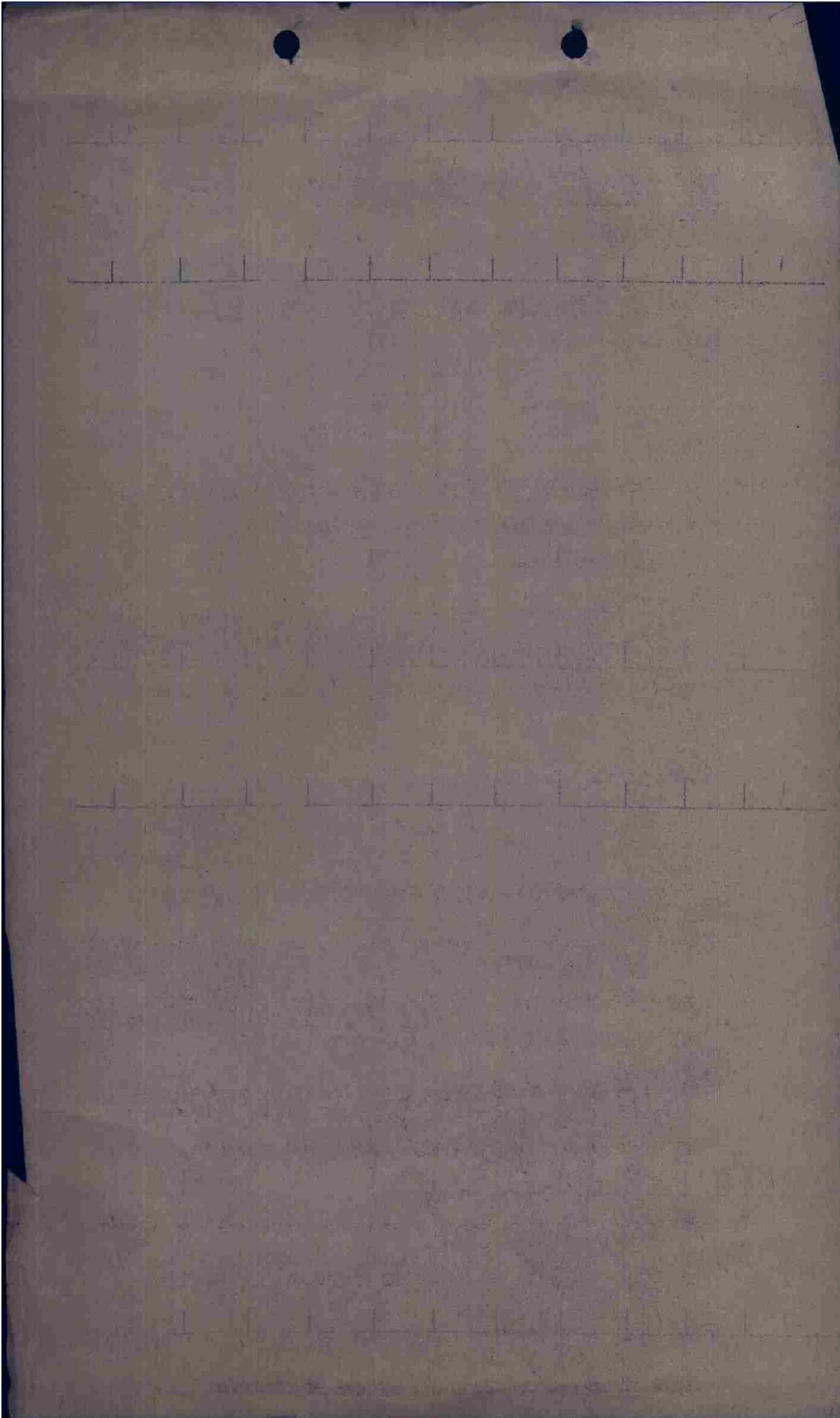
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I	129	D	DUNN	MISSERON	1450	1530	1541	1614	1631 1/2	1645	-	725	4X500lb	1755	
S	450	B	MARZOLF		1451						HC			1752	
B	937	D	DURANTE		1451									1753	
W	724	D	COLE		1451									1755	
F	221	D	MERCHANT		1452						e			1753	
E	220	D	PERKINS		1452						e			1754	
T	135	B	HUFF		1452						e			1756	
A	181	B	LAND		1453						e			1757	
C	211	B	RENTH		1453						e			1758	
W-1	743	B	GANNOR		1453						e			1734	
N	719	B	DONTAS		1453									1735	
O	376	B	HEWES		1454									1800	
R	679	B	MASMANUS		1454						e			1735	
P	189	B	GUKLION		1454									1801	
Q	900	B	STREET		1455									1802	
M	711	D	BOUKAMP		1455									1803	
H	165	D	DE MUN		1455									1803	
V	493	D	BEHLMER		1455									1803	
K	393	D	GREENKEY		1801									1803	

Box II  
MISSION No. 36  
2 May 1944

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 02/0845B M-008-E  
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 SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH. MAJOR CLARENCE S. TOWLES, JR.

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
 APO 140  
 2 MAY 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 25-295

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) SPITFIRES AND P-47'S WILL FURNISH ESCORT FOR THIS WING

2. A. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE

ZERO HOUR: 021230B

3. A. 409TH GROUP

(3) WITH 416TH GROUP AT SHEARNESS AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 7 MIN. THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAD. THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAVE SHEARNESS AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 7 MIN. ON COURSE TO NORTH FORELAND.

(6) BOMB 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET

B. 410TH GROUP

(1) Z388

(2) TWO BOXES OF 18 A/C

(3) WITH P-47 FIGHTERS AT SELSEY BILL AT ZERO HOUR AT 12,000 FEET

(4) BASE TO SELSEY BILL TO 5 MILES WEST OF TRAUVILLE TO LISIEUX TO I. P. TO TARGET

(5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R. P. TO ETRETAT TO BEACHY HEAD TO BASE

(6) BOMB 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET

(7) BRETEUIL

(8) SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST

(9) 1 BOX ILL. S1588/5 REF. 083050 BOMBS FUSED INSTANTANEOUS

1 BOX ILL. S1588/5 REF. 968072 BOMBS FUSED 1/10 NOSE

AND 1/100 TAIL

(10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. ONE BOX FUSED INSTANTANEOUS NOSE ONLY.  
 ONE BOX 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL

(11) 49 DEG. 08 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 04 MIN. EAST

C 416TH GROUP

(3) WITH 409TH GROUP AT SHEARNESS AT 11000 FT. AT ZERO MINUS 7 MIN. THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAD THE 416TH ON COURSE TO NORTH FORELAND.

(6) BOMB 11500 FT. CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11500 FT.

X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE

PARS. 3 A AND 3 C

(5) TARGETS PRIMARY Z610

(6) RENDEZVOUS WITH RAF SPITFIRES AT NORTHFORELAND AT ZERO HOUR AT 12,000 FEET

(7) ROUTE OUT BASE TO SHEARNESS TO NORTHFORELAND TO 4 MILES WEST OF FURNES TO WAEREGHEM TO 50 DEG 47 MIN NORTH 04 DEG 09 MIN EAST TO 50 DEG 18 MIN NORTH 04 DEG 05 MIN EAST TO 50 DEG 12 MIN NORTH 03 DEG 50 MIN EAST TO TARGET

(8) ROUTE BACK TARGET TURN LEFT TO 50 DEG 32 MIN NORTH 03 DEG 28 MIN EAST TO WAEREGHEM TO 4 MILES WEST OF FURNES TO NORTHFORELAND TO BASE

(9) I.P. 50 DEG 12 MIN NORTH 03 DEG 50 MIN EAST

(10) AXIS OF ATTACK GENERALLY SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST

(11) R.P. 50 DEG 32 MIN NORTH 03 DEG 28 MIN EAST

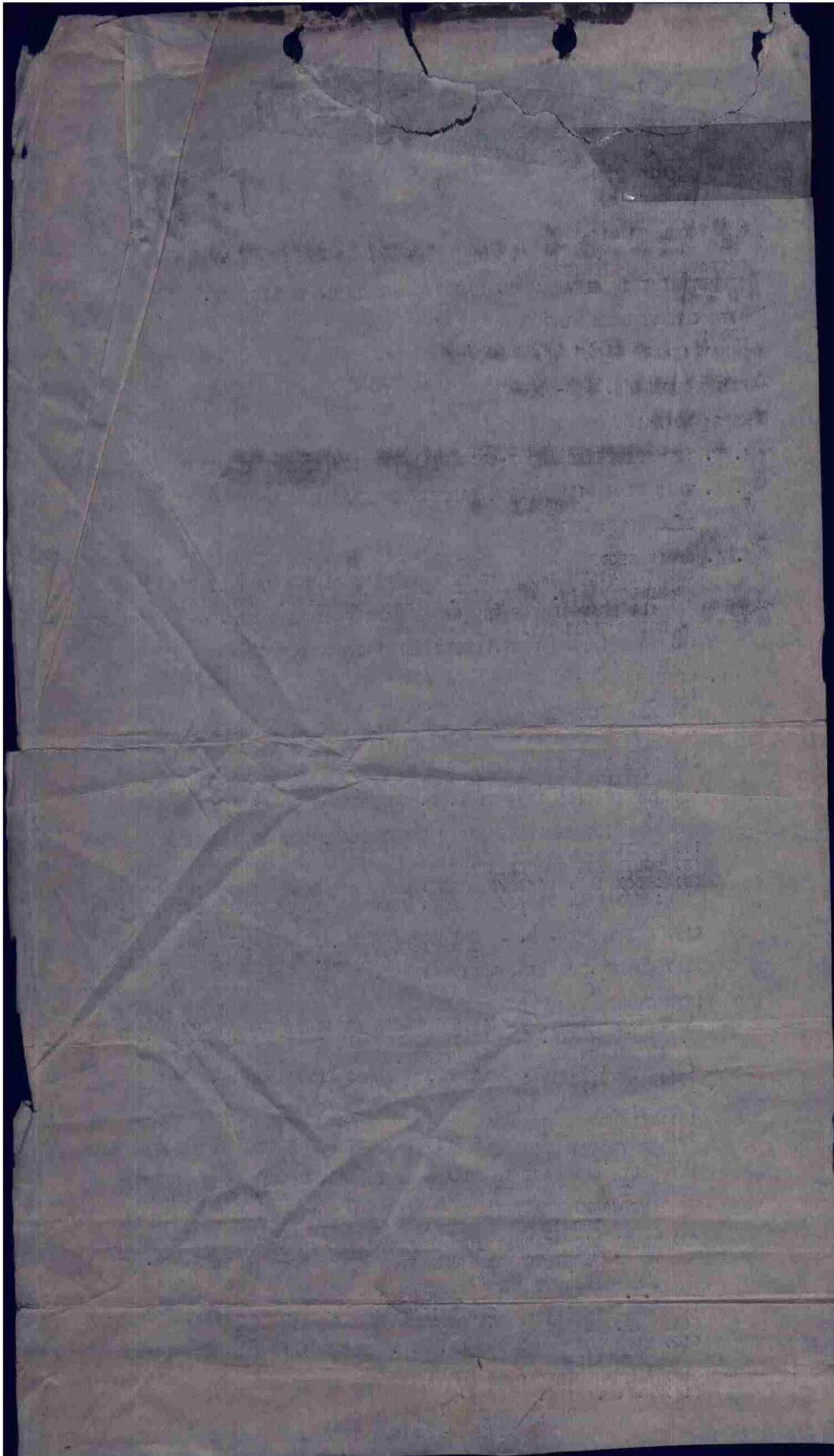
(12) BOMB LOAD 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/100 SEC TAIL

(13) A/C REQUIRED 2 BOXES OF 18 EACH GROUP

(14) M.P.I. ILL. F5560/2

REF. 054022 - 409TH GROUP

056025 - 416TH GROUP



4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

(2) MACHINE

(9) 9/9

(10) 9/9

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

(2) YAMTREE

(3) CHOPPER

(9) 13/13

(10) 13/13

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

(2) EXPAND

(9) 9/9

(10) 9/9

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

(2) TO FOLLOW

(3) NO CHANGE

(10) TABV

(11) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL "C" WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA.

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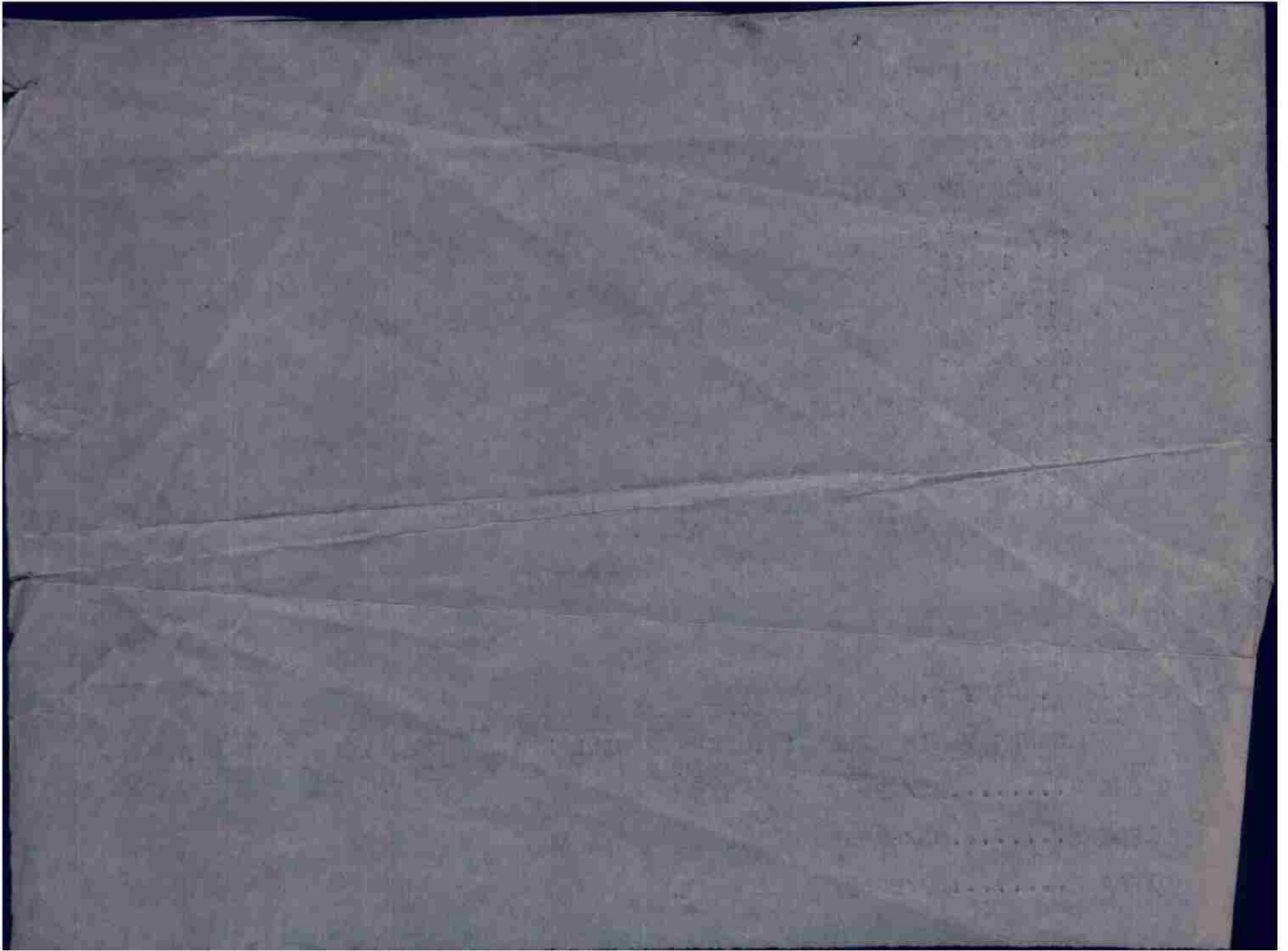
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TO COMBOMCOM NINE  
COMBOMGP 409  
COMBOMGP 410  
COMBOMGP 416

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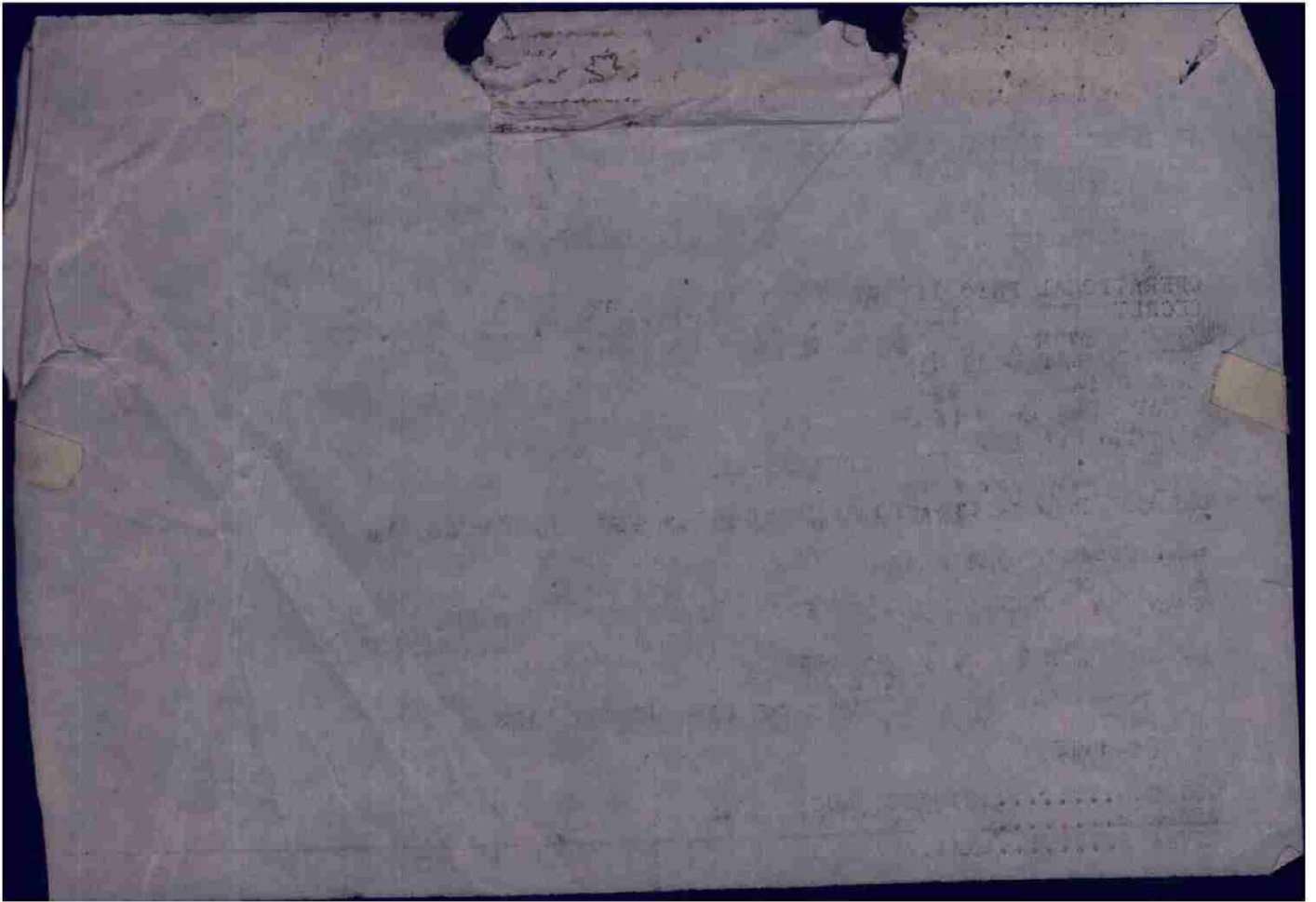
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OIYAA R.....02/11/// 02/1010B EN EJ AHEWNZ



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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING 02/1100B M-010-E

TO COMBOMCOM IX

COMBOMGP 409

COMBOMGP GRQP

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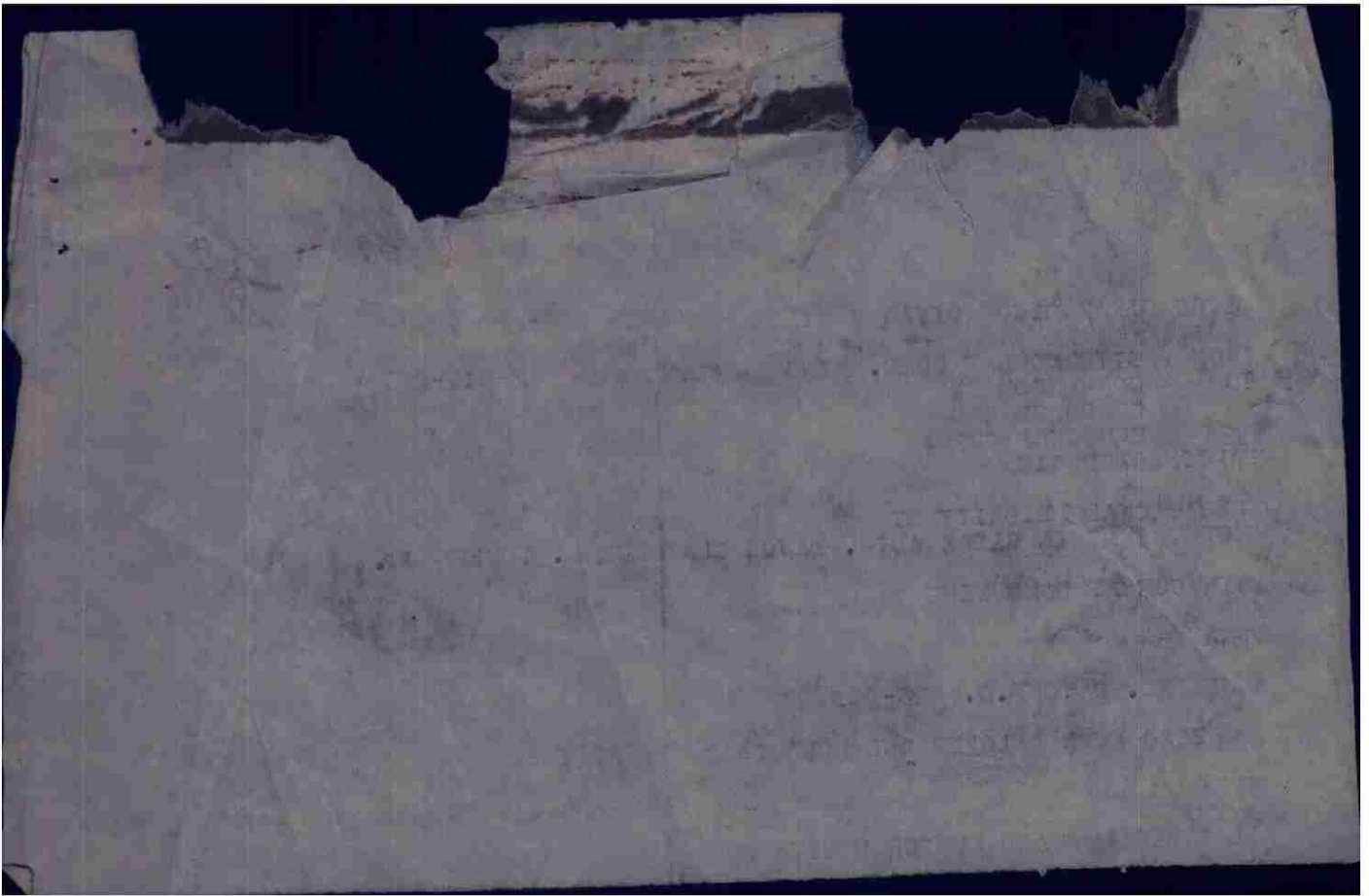
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