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GROUP OPERATIONS - MISSION REPORT -

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20 May 1944  
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FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)  
Office of the Commanding Officer

APO 140, U. S. Army,  
20 May 1944.

Subject: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Report.

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

Transmitted herewith is the A-3 Bombing Information Report on operational mission 19 May 1944, submitted in compliance with IX Bomber Command Memorandum 55-2.

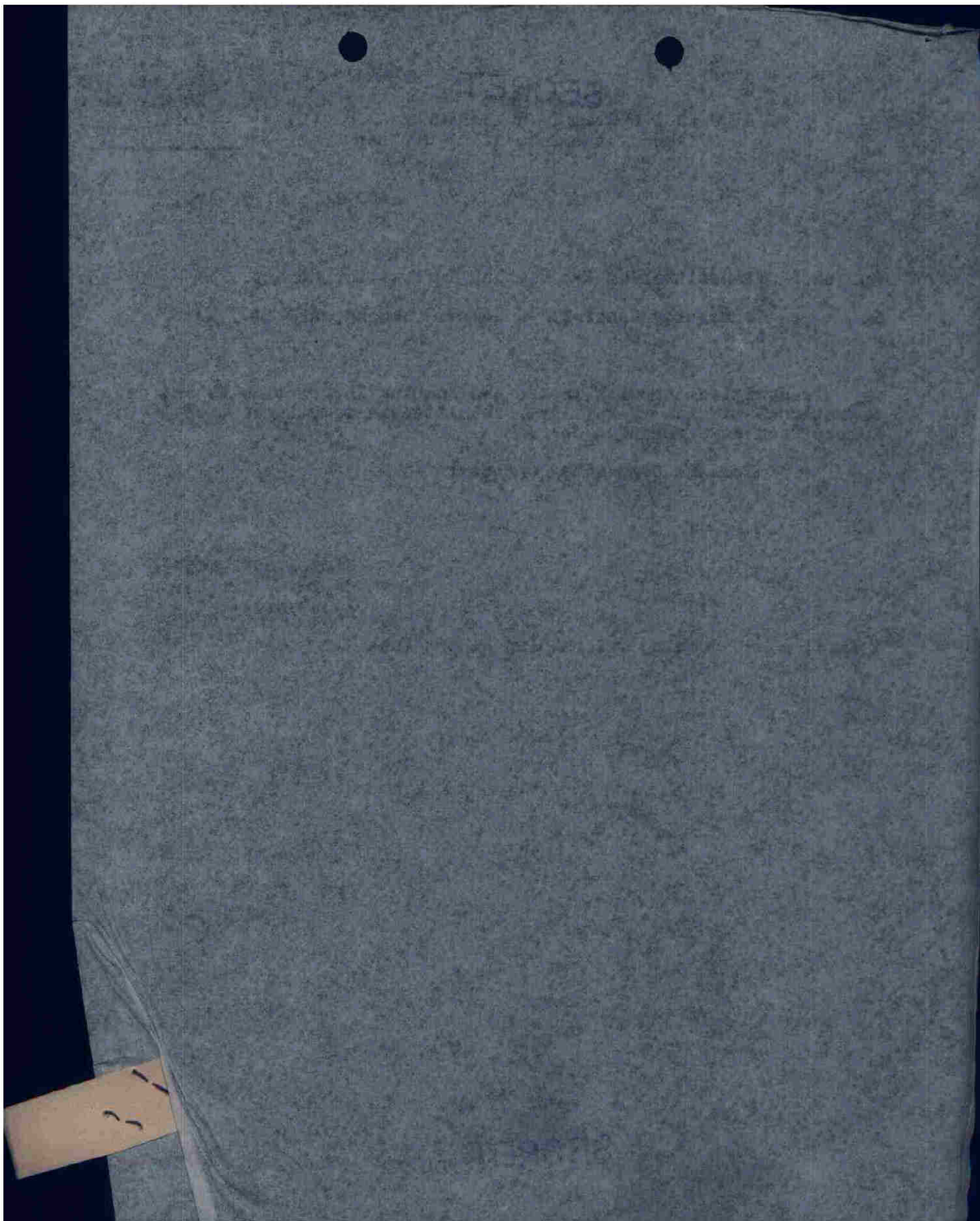
For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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

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## BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 317BOX II GROUP 416 DATE 19 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Banerville C/D1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.2. Bombing approach: 70° Mag.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: Pre-set data with corrections for synchronization. MPI used as AP. No trail subtracted. At point of release ship straight and level. Altitude OK - air speed OK, and bombardier synchronized.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Jones6. Name of lead pilot: Captain Clark7. Intervalometer setting: - None8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 260 Altitude: 12,0009. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10T 1/10011. Total Bombs Dropped: 40

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attached or bombing. YES \_\_\_ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attached, 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 a/c.(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: None. Bubbles were not observed at point of release.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_Results claimed: GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR X POOR \_\_\_\_\_ BAD MISS \_\_\_\_\_

Box I did not attack (see Narrative)

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(Over)

- 1. 6 to 8 miles down sun and 2 to 3 miles up sun.
- 2. 1/10 thru clouds at 12,000 feet.
- 3. 2 boxes, 12 each.
- 4. Hit from point east W. IP splashed with flak.
- 5. Target identified by both of Ironville and road strapping target area.
- 6. None
- 7. Hit - left of target.
- 8. None.

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

Formation consisted of 2 boxes, 12 ships each box. Time of take off 1430. Time over target for box 1, 2000 and for box 2, 2000. Target - Ironville Central Battery. Box 1 did not attack. Bomb release in lead ship aborted due to water in central box. On second run deputy leader, a bombight was out. Box 2, at 12000 feet, drop of a total of 60 bombs in the target area with fair results, pattern extending left of target. Visibility was 6 to 8 miles down sun and 2 to 3 miles up sun in haze. 1/10 thru clouds at 12,000 feet, anti-aircraft fire was moderate, very inaccurate hit from Ironville, no damage recorded. No anti-aircraft expended over target area. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1132.

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 02/1430B M-013-E  
TO COMBOMCOM IX  
COBOMGP 409  
COBOMGP 410  
COBOMGP 416

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SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH. MAJOR CLARENCE S. TOWLES, JR.

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
APO 140  
2 MAY 1944

ANNEX NO. 3 TO F. O. 25-295

DELAY ZERO HOUR FOR EVERYONE EXCEPT 410TH GROUP TO 021530B  
REPEAT 021530B

COCBTWIG 97

BT 02/1430B  
LCB AR  
OIHAK R.....021550B EJK  
OIGOF R.....021450B SK AR  
OIYAA R.....021450B RSS AR

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FORM 1  
 15 May 1944  
 INITIAL

HEADQUARTERS  
 410TH AIRBORNE GROUP (M)  
 Office of the Commanding Officer

AFG 140, U.S. Army,  
 15 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Mission Report-- Aircraft.

Commanding General, 1st Bomber Command, AFG 140, U.S. Army.  
 (Attn: Maintenance Branch)

PART I.

- (1) 15 May 1944--1935--Cerberus C/A
- (2) 86 (86 alerted)
- (3) 87

PART II.

<u>AF SERIAL NO</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>REPAIR</u>
42-0680	Unknown	Other crews reported seeing the aircraft spin and break in flames	

PART III (1)

None

PART III (2)

<u>AF SERIAL NO</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>REPAIR</u>
43-10125	No bombs dropped	Water in bomb control box started out selector switch	Yes
43-0648	One bomb failed to release	Canon plug not connected	Yes
43-0322	One bomb failed to release	Mechanical binding or release mechanism	Yes
43-0261	no bomb dropped	pilot's error	Yes
43-0445	release inoperative	bombight cannon plug damaged	Yes

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PAR III (S) Cont'd.

21 aircraft failed to bomb. Reasons: Leader of first box failed because of water in bomb release control box. Deputy leader failed because control box was inoperative. The air-raft failed to bomb because of personnel error and one aircraft is unaccounted for.

For the Commanding Officer:

JOHN E. LINDBERG, Jr.  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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MISSION NO. 49

LOADING LIST

19 MAY 1944

BOX I  
FLIGHT I

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. A/C #125 "M"<br>Major R.F. Price ✓<br>Lt. A.R. Hand ✓<br>S/S E.A. Anderson<br>Sgt. K.E. Hornbeck   | 4. A/C #195 "D"<br>Lt. G.F. Bartmus ✓<br>S/S J.R. Orr<br>S/S F.L. Flacks    |
| 2. A/C #444 "J"<br>Captain H.F. Conant ✓<br>Lt. R.T. McBrien ✓<br>S/S J.E. McCreery<br>S/S H.J. Sylva | 5. A/C #0194 "Q"<br>Lt. L.E. Hill ✓<br>S/S C.H. Yost<br>S/S R.W. Burch      |
| 3. A/C #907 "O"<br>Lt. R. Poindexter ✓<br>T/S L.G. Robbins<br>S/S D.H. Simpson                        | 6. A/C #379 "G"<br>Lt. R.K. Cruze ✓<br>S/S B.C. Sieg<br>S/S J.C. Burkhalter |

FLIGHT II

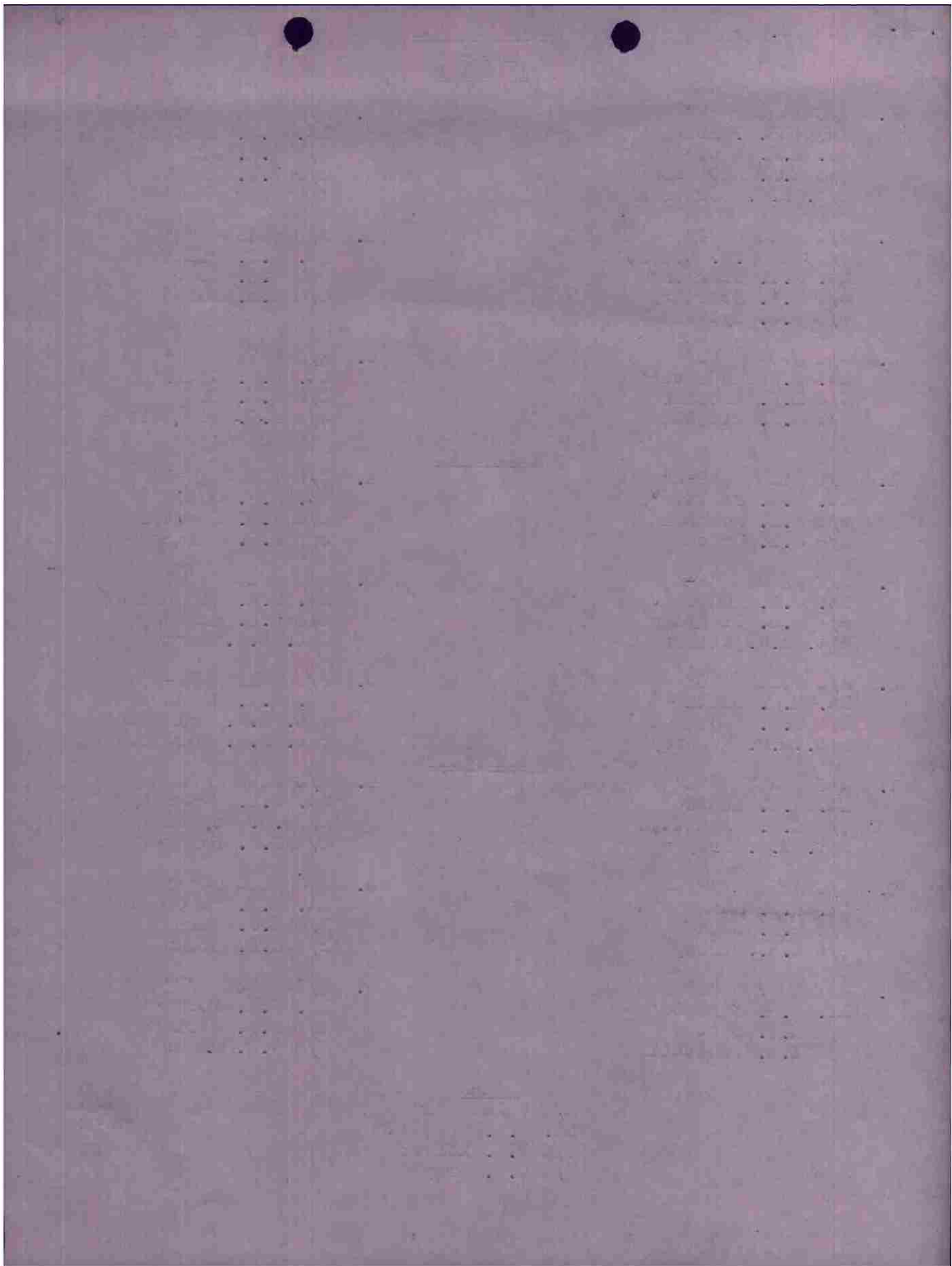
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|--|---|
| 1. A/C #225 "G-1"<br>Lt. E.T. Platter ✓<br>S/S K.L. Johnson<br>S/S J.L. Czech  | 4. A/C #711 "M-1"<br>Lt. H.P. Cole ✓<br>S/S F.R. Chvatal<br>S/S B.G. Fandre           |
| 2. A/C #219 "D-1"<br>Lt. J.D. Adams ✓<br>S/S P.L. Clearman<br>Sgt. A.J. Zeikus | 5. A/C #714 "N"<br>Lt. R.A. Wipperman ✓<br>S/S H.S. Ahrens<br>Sgt. L.C. Mazza         |
| 3. A/C #214 "C"<br>Lt. R.H. Smith ✓<br>S/S A.A. Stockham<br>Sgt. R.J. Mahoney  | 6. A/C #211 "C-1"<br>Lt. F.W. Henderson ✓<br>Sgt. R.M. Griswold<br>Sgt. P.E. Coulombe |

FLIGHT III

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. A/C # 363 "L"<br>Lt. F.W. Demand ✓<br>S/S C.W. Middleton<br>Sgt. R.J. Troyer | 4. A/C #393 "K"<br>Lt. R.E. Greenley ✓<br>S/SH.C. Worden<br>S/S J.J. Rzepka |
| 2. A/C #165 "H"<br>Lt. H.D. Andrews ✓<br>S/S G.M. Cook<br>S/S E.R. Werley       | 5. A/C #221 "F"<br>Lt. W.A. Merchant ✓<br>S/S C.J. Harp<br>S/S K.P. Brown   |
| 3. A/C #937 "B"<br>Lt. A.R. Durante ✓<br>S/S H.T. Best<br>S/S I.R. DeGiusti     | 6. A/C #493 "V"<br>Lt. R.W. York ✓<br>S/S H.A. Marion<br>S/S V.P. Adams     |

SPARE

A/C #216 "E"  
Lt. R.G. Meredith ✓  
S/S V.E. Molver  
S/S C.M. Gray



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BOX II  
FLIGHT I

1. A/C # 442 "D"  
Captain R.A. Clark ✓  
Lt. C.W. Jones ✓  
S/S G.L. Coffey  
S/S G.F. Cope
2. A/C # 645 "R"  
Lt. Col. W.W. Farmer ✓  
Lt. M.A. Pape ✓  
Captain A. McClellan ✓  
S/S A.L. Nielsen
3. A/C # 376 "O"  
Lt. J.S. Connor ✓  
Sgt. H.C. Rogers  
~~Sgt. J.E. Van Dwyne~~

4. A/C # 900 "Q"  
Lt. R.L. Behlmer ✓  
T/S W.J. Kelly  
S/S J.B. Thompson

5. A/C # 189 "P"  
Lt. M.S. Street ✓  
S/S C.A. Prindle  
S/S E.T. Epps

6. A/C # 983 "J"  
Lt. H.E. Hewes ✓  
S/S J.S. Kasper  
S/S H.E. Boyer

FLIGHT II

1. A/C # 455 "T"  
Captain C.R. Jackson ✓  
Lt. A.H. Maltby ✓  
S/S H.E. White  
S/S R.F. Addleman

4. A/C # 696 "G"  
Lt. J.C. Crispino ✓  
S/S T.I. Walsh  
S/S R.E. Conopask

2. A/C # 227 "F"  
Lt. T.J. Leonard ✓  
S/S O.D. Evans  
S/S T.A. Palmer

5. A/C # 689 "I"  
Lt. L.R. McBride ✓  
Cpl. J. McKee  
Sgt. E.F. Paules

3. A/C # 978 "S"  
Lt. R.J. Rooney ✓  
S/S H.M. McCleary  
S/S S.F. DiNapoli

6. A/C # 892 "L"  
Captain Z.R. Moore ✓  
S/S J.A. Ochaba  
Sgt. D.E. Burns

FLIGHT III-

1. A/C # 200 "A"  
Lt. R.S. Rudisill ✓  
S/S R.K. Riley  
S/S A.J. Bomamo

4. A/C # 963 "N-1"  
Lt. F.J. Harrold ✓  
S/S E.L. Griffin  
Sgt. C.W. Maziasz

2. A/C # 224 "E"  
Lt. J.P. Hillerman ✓  
S/S R. Eutsler  
Sgt. L. Martinez

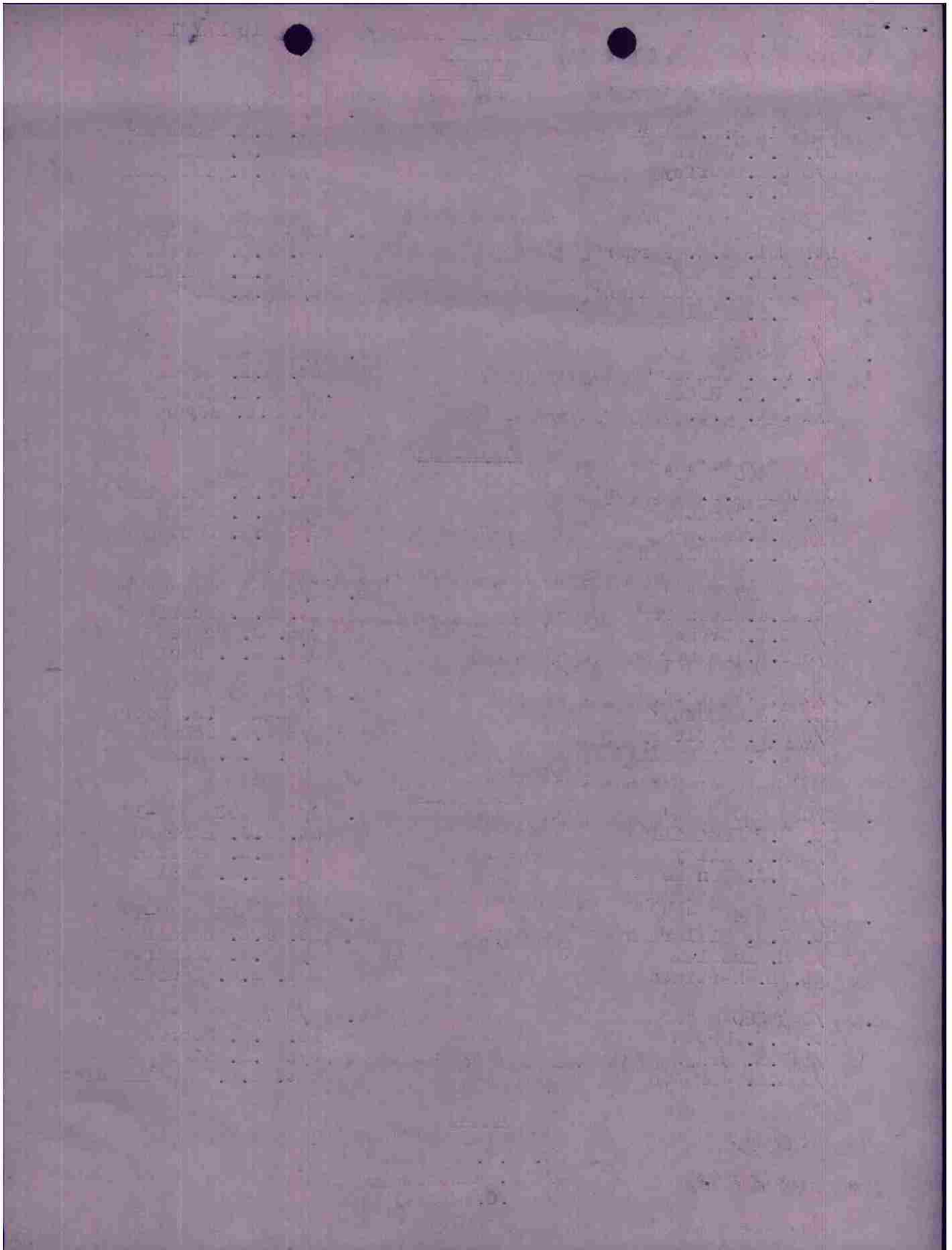
5. A/C # 935 "F-1"  
Lt. J.C. Sewell ✓  
S/S W.F. Colbert  
Sgt. W.J. Daniels

3. A/C # 380 "N"  
Lt. N.G. Brown  
S/S M.R. Grayn  
S/S K.J. Johnson

6. A/C # 750 "M"  
Lt. H.A. Monroe ✓  
S/S W.L. Kidd  
Sgt. S.R. Zahlikiesicz

SPARE

- A/C # 743 "W"  
Lt. N.V. Shainberg ✓  
S/S M. Rosenstein  
S/S H.O. Carney



OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO: IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

416 BG M \_\_\_\_\_ E

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"J" FORM OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE F-4 19 MAY 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR JOHN G. NAPIER

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C. BRIGHTON

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

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668 . . . . 1 . . . . (SPARE) E

GROUP LEADER . . . . 668 . . . . M

DEPUTY . . . . 668 . . . . J

BOX II . . . . R/T LADYMAN TWO

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668 . . . . 2 . . . . N-1 F-1

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DEPUTY . . . . 671 . . . . R

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J. BENVILLE

K. BEACHY HEAD

L. BOX I . . . . 2022½ / . . . . BOX II . . . . 2032½

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E.T.D. . . . . BOX II. . . . 1914 . . . . E.T.A. . . . . 2053½
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- 3. 4 HOURS
- 4. BOX I . . . . 4900/J/184  
BOX II . . . . 4900/J/184
- 5. NONE

MAGE COBOMGH 415

I certify that this is official business:

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



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HEADQUARTERS  
16TH BOMB GROUP (L)  
OFFICE OF THE WEATHER OFFICER

APO 140  
19 May 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 3 miles in thick haze.  
Overcast of Stratocumulus at 3500  
feet.

ROUTE OUT: 6 to 7/10 cumulus with bases 3500 feet  
and tops occasionally to 13000 feet. Haze  
was very thick over England with ground  
some times invisible even through breaks  
in clouds. Clouds broke to scattered  
over the channel and visibility improved  
to 6 to 8 miles.

TARGET: Visibility 6 to 8 miles down sun and 3 to  
3 miles up sun in haze. 1/10 thin clouds  
at 12000 feet.

ROUTE BACK: Channel same as route out. 2 to 4/10  
cumulus over England with tops 5000  
feet and bases 3500 feet. Scattered patches  
of very thin altostratus at 7 to 8000 feet.  
Visibility 2 to 3 miles in very thick haze.

BASE ON RETURN: 3 to 4/10 altostratus at 7000 feet.  
Visibility 4 miles.

WINDS: As forecast.

TIME OVER TARGET: 2009

Weather did not affect bombing.

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

1 Incl.  
2 Route Forecast Forms

WETHERS FIELD TAKEOFF 1838  
 416TH Bomb Group CW RETURN 2100  
**OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST**  
 DATE 19 MAY 1944  
 PERIOD 1500 - 2200  
 Hq SOS USAFP 9-43/90W/15227

	A BASE TO TARGET	B TARGET	C TARGET TO BASE	D
WEATHER	1 CLOUD Y	6/10 CUMULUS TOPS TO 14,000 FT. SHOWERS BENEATH CLOUDS AND THUNDERSTORMS IN CLOUDS	CLOUD Y	
CLOUDS	2 CIRROS ABOVE 20,000 FT 3/10 MEDIUM CLOUDS 44,000 FT, DECREASING TO NIL AT THAMES. PERSISTING IN CALAIS AREA. 4/10 CUMULUS AND STRATO - CUMULUS. BASE 3,000 FEET TOPS 51,000 FT. ISOLATED TOPS 10-11,000 FT. BREAKING OVER CHANNEL AT 8-9/10, 6/10 TO 7/10 FRENCH COAST, 10/10 10,000 FT TO 14,000 FT	6/10 CUMULUS. TOPS 10,000 FT TO 14,000 FT. SHOWERS BENEATH CLOUDS AND THUNDER CLOUDS. ACTIVITY IN CLOUDS	SAME AS ROUTE OUT EXCEPT CUMULUS TOPS LOWERING ENTIRE ROUTE AND OVER ENGLAND TOPS RUN 5 TO 6,000 FT AND ABOUT 50 RUN 4/10	
ICING	3 FREEZING LEVEL 4,000 FT ICING IN CUMULUS ABOVE 4,000 FT. SHOWERS AT FRENCH COAST	FREEZING LEVEL 4,000 FT ICING IN CUMULUS ABOVE 4,000 FT	SAME AS ROUTE OUT	
VISIBILITY	4 3 TO 5 MILES AT BASE 5 MILES SOUTH OF THAMES AND ROUTE	5 MILES DOWN RUN AND 1 TO 2 MILES UP RUN	2 TO 3 MILES	
HEIGHT SURFACE	180	4		
5,000 FT	220	8		
10,000 FT	810	10		
12,000 FT	180	12		
16,000 FT	180	13		
FT				
FT				

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 29.95 TARGET SURFACE TEMP +13°C TARGET MEAN TEMP -3°C  
 TEMP AT 12,000 FT. -14°C TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) +276

# 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-STRASTRATUS 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> <p>COLD AIR → COLD FRONT      WARM AIR → WARM FRONT</p>

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H-	125	M	PRICE	280	REAROME	1838	1929 1/2	9007	2010	2010	2032 1/2	H C	725	500	4	2109	
H-	444	J	Conant			38	BRIGHTON 12,000	STREHN 12,000		BENEF. VILLE 12,000	BENEF. HERD 9,000					05	
H-	907	0	Ponderstein			38						C				10	
H-	195	D	Partmoe			38										07	
H-	0194	Q	Ohll			38										09	
H-	379	G	Prue			39										08	
D-	225	G-1	Platten			39										19	
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D-	711	M-1	Cole			40										21	
D-	714	N	Wagnerman			40										22	
B-	311	C-1	Spender			40						C				21	
D-	313	L	Command			40										13	
D-	165	H	Endura			41										18	2105 RANDED WEST MORNING
D-	937	B	Curate			41										18	
D-	393	K	Steenby			41										17	
D-	221	F	Shuchardt			41						C				17	
D-	493	V	Wink			42										18	
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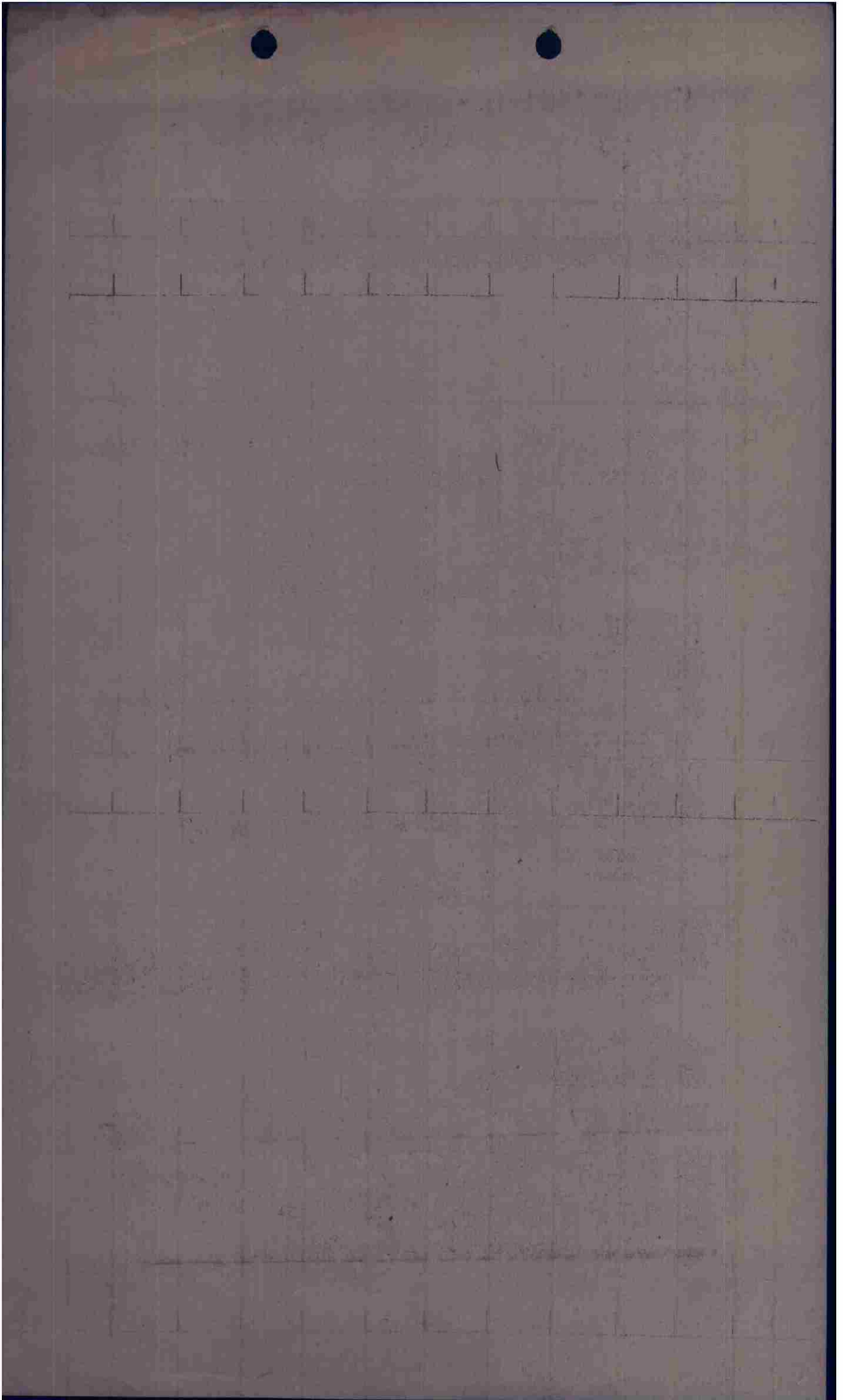
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B	743	W	Shawking			52									32		

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SHIP NO	SQUADRON	PILOT and/or BOMBIER	GRADE S	FUNCTIONS	DAYS OF FUNCTIONS
D105	H	FRICE		1st Bombardier	19 March 1944 Days of Functions: 1st Bombardier
AHO	B	DARRH		No. 1st Bombardier	Days of Functions: 1st Bombardier
898	C	MOORE		No. 2nd Bombardier	Days of Functions: 2nd Bombardier
963	H	HARRIS		1st Bombardier	Days of Functions: 1st Bombardier
414	H	DUNN		1st Bombardier	Days of Functions: 1st Bombardier

William H. Darrh  
 Capt. A.E.  
 Commanding Officer





OICOG OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI 1/19 OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT WING 191530B M-95-E  
 TO COMBOMCOM IX  
 COBOMGP 409  
 COBOMGP 410  
 COBOMGP 416

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 SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH. MAJOR CLARENCE S. TOWLES JR.

97TH COMBAT WING  
 A P O 140  
 19 MAY 44

FIELD ORDER 43-317

MAPS NORMAL

1. B. (2) THIS WING WILL HAVE A P-47 AREA COVER ON TARGET 4900/J/184 AND A P-47 ESCORT ON TARGET Z3123.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE

ZERO HOUR 192000B

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (L)
    - (12) T.O.T. 1 BOX ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN
    - 1 BOX ZERO HOUR PLUS 30 MIN
  - B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (L)
    - (1) Z 3123
    - (2) TWO BOXES OF 18 A/C
    - (3) WITH THUNDERBOLTS AT HASTINS AT 12,000 FT AT ZERO HOUR
    - (4) BASE TO HASTINS TO 3 MILES NORTH OF LETREPORT TO TARGET
    - (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO 50 DEG 11 MIN NORTH 01 DEGREES 28 MIN EAST TO DUNGENESS TO BASE
    - (6) BOMB 11,500 FT CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,000 FT
    - (7) 3 MILES NORTH OF LETREPORT
    - (8) GENERALLY NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST
    - (9) ILL. A/60/3 REF 017021
    - (11) 50 DEGREES 01 MIN NORTH 01 DEGREES 28 MIN EAST
  - C. 416TH GROUP (L)
    - (12) T.O.T. 1 BOX ZERO HOUR
    - 1 BOX ZERO YOUR PLUS 10
  - X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE
    - (5) BOMB LOAD 4 X 500 LB. GP. FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/100 SEC TAIL
    - (6) 410TH AND 416TH GROUPS WILL COORDINATE TAKE-OFF TIMES SO THAT 416TH GROUP TAKES OFF AT LEAST 15 MIN BEFORE THE 410TH GROUP
- PARAS. 3 A AND 3 C
- (7) TARGET 4900/J/184
  - (8) A/C REQUIRED 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C EACH GROUP
  - (9) NINTH FIGHTER COMMAND THUNDERBOLTS WILL FURNISH AREA COVER
  - (10) ROUTE OUT BASE TO BRIGHTON TO 49 DEGREES 30 MIN NORTH 00 DEGREES 20 MIN WEST TO I.P. TO TARGET
  - (11) ROUTE BACK TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO DUNGENESS TO BASE
  - (12) ALTITUDES BOMB 12,000 FT CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,500 FT
  - (13) I.P. 49 DEGREES 17 MIN NORTH PP DEGREES 13 MIN WEST
  - (14) AXIS OF ATTACK GENERALLY WEST TO EAST
  - (15) M.P.I. ILL. 4900/65 REF. 037028
  - (16) R.P. 49 DEGREES 30 MIN NORTH 00 DEGREES 07 MIN WEST

see sdr.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

(2) DASHDOWN

(9) 61/61

(10) 161/161

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

(2) FEETACHE

(3) TOWNER

(9) 60/60

(10) 160/160

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

(2) LADYMAN

(9) 61/61

(10) 161/161

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

(2) WEST MALLING D/D

(3) NO CHANGE

(10) BTAV/BTAV

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

COCBTWIG 97

BT 1530/19B

AS

CC: MAKE WOD AFTER AT IN PARA 3. B. (3) WORD AFTER AT IS HASTINGS  
RPT HASTINGS. ALSO SAME IN (4) WORD AFTER BASE TO IS HASTINGS.  
RPT HASTINGS

CC: PARA KX 3. X (13) SHLD READ

(13) I.P. 49 DEGREES 17 MIN NORTH 00 DEGREES 13 MIN WEST

JMB AR

OTHER ZSO@COGGR.....WE ANT RED RED YOU ON THIS LINE PS PLS SEND FO ■  
PLS SEND FO ON THE OTHER LINE KKK

OK TIC PLS

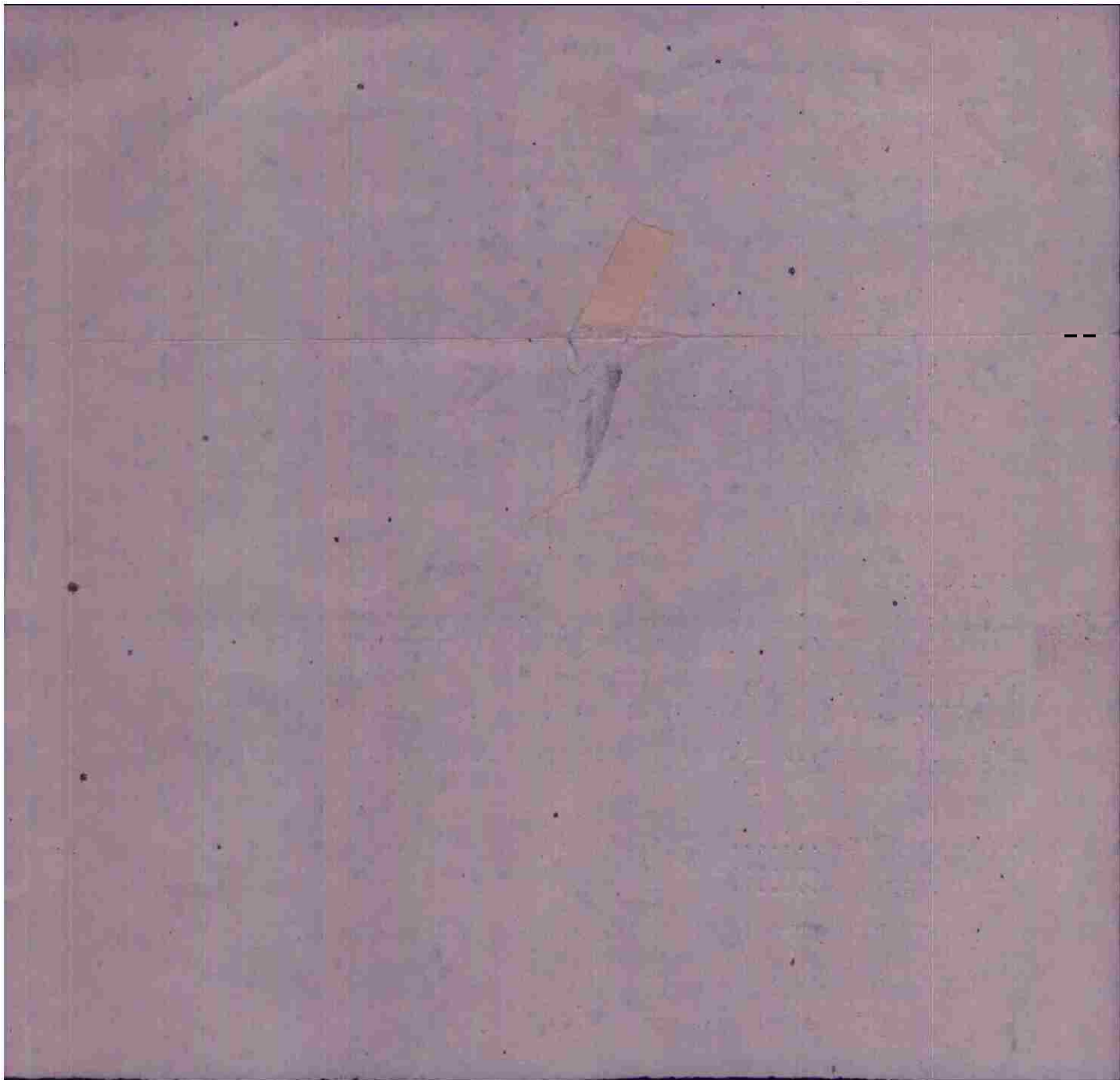
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OILAI / OIGOF R.....

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 19/1700B M-97-E  
TO COMBOMCOM NINE  
409TH COMBOMGP  
410TH COBOMGP  
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ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO 43-317

CHANGE PARA X (5) TO READ

FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/40 SEC TAIL

CHANGE PARA X (11) TO READ

ROUTE BACK TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BEACHY HEAD TO BASE .

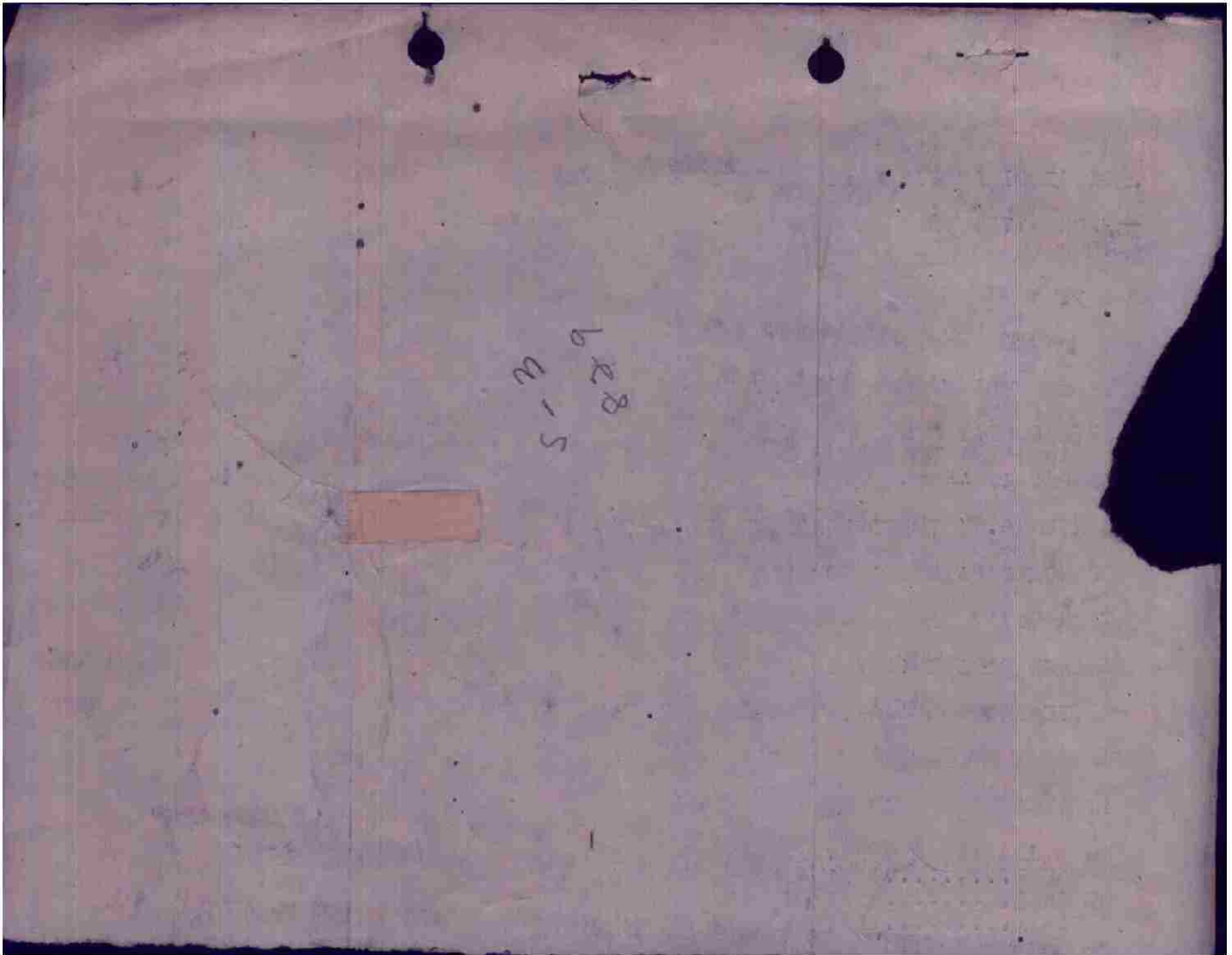
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19 1700B

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OIHAK R.....	19/1705B	WS	AR
OIYAA R.....	19/1706 B	WFG	AR
OIGOF R.....	19/1706B	SL	AR



LAI V YAA YAA 15/19 P  
 FROM COBOMGR #17/ 416 19/2254B  
 TO COBOMCOBATWG 97 ATT SIG O  
 CONFIDENTIAL BR  
 M-522-J

A - YS - 47

B - 19 MAY 1944 (1904-2053 1/2 )

C - 668 (9) M J O G D Q WXXX E N-1 F-1  
 669 (7) C-1 D O Q P J W  
 670 (10) T F S G I L A E N M  
 671 (12) G-1 D-1 C WXXX M-1 N L H B K F V R  
 TOTAL- 38

D- 670-A-VHF INOPERATIVE AFTER TAKEOFF; BLOWN FUSE.  
 671-R- TUNNEL INTERPHONE OUT .  
 669-D-"REM" POSITION OF VHF CONTROL BOX INOPERATIVE .

E- NONE

F- NOT APPLICABLE

G- NOT APPLICABLE

H- NOT APPLICABLE

I- NONE

J- FORMATION LEADERS AND FLIGHT LEADERS USED FOR INSTRUCTIONS IN  
 DESCENT THROUGH OVERCAST AND FOR LANDING INSTRUCTIONS.

K- NONE

L- 668-M- REPORTED TO BOMCOM " RETURNING TO BASE" AFTER LEAVING  
 TARGET.

669-D- REPORTED TO BOMCOM AFTER LEAVING TARGET.

M- NONE

~~NXXXXXX~~

N- NOT APPLICABLE

O- RADIO PERFORMANCE SIXXXX SATISFACTORY.

MACE COBOMGR 416

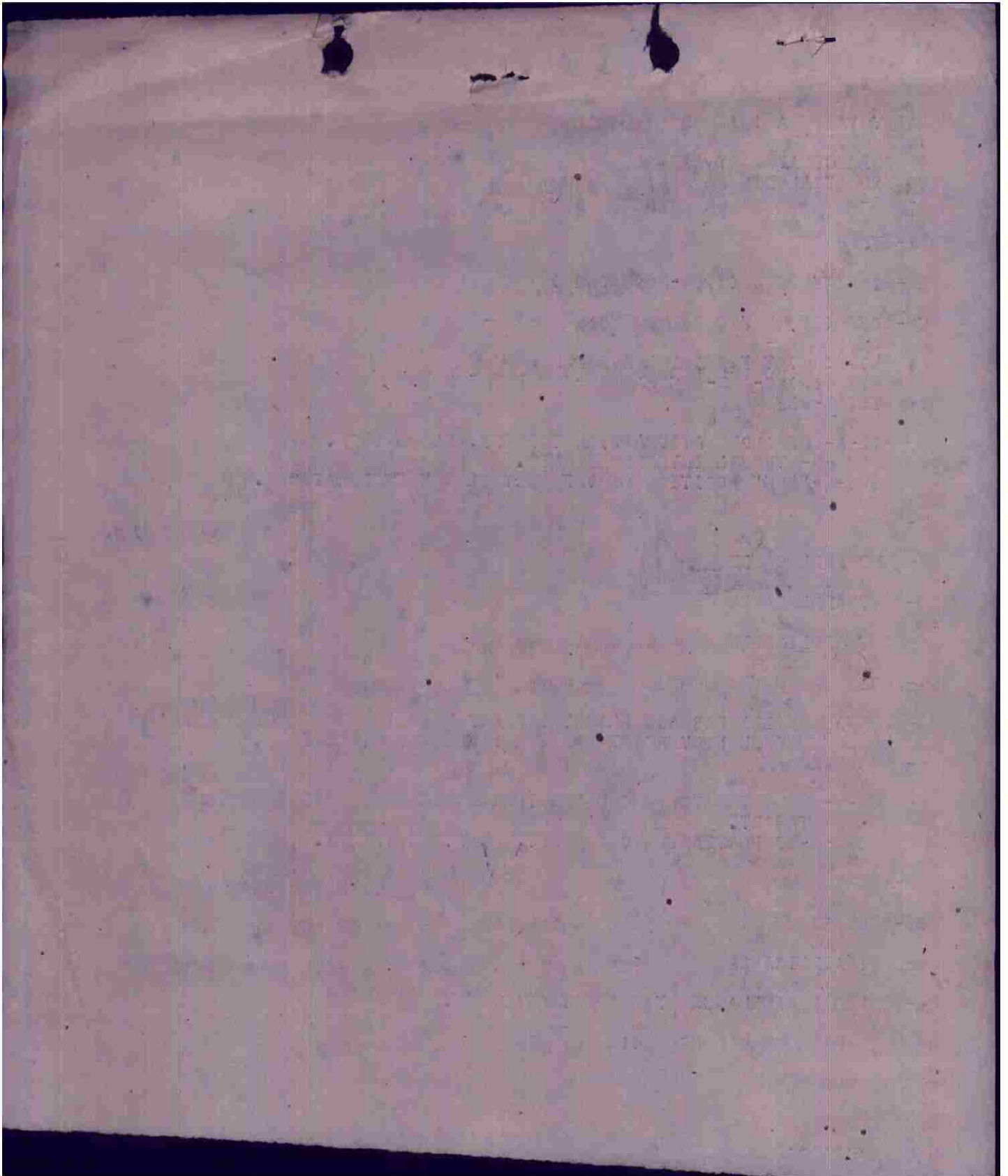
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WJF BBBB.

LAI R.....19/2360B RL BBBB PLS STAND BY FOR BDCST Y





OICOG OILAI V YAA YAA 16/19 OP  
 T- COG  
 FROM 416TH BG 19/2318B  
 TO: HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2  
 HQ 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2  
 BT  
 M-523-D

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OPFLASH NO. 44 FOR 19 MAY 1944

- A. (Z/// (I) BENERVILL COASTAL BATTERY  
 (II) BENERVILLE C/B
- B. (I) 416TH BG  
 (II) 38 A-20'S  
 (III) 21 A/C FAILED TO BOMB.  
 1 A /C RETURNED EARLY. LOST FORMATION IN WEATHER.  
 19A/C FAILED TO BOMB 1ST BOX , LEADER BOMB RELEASE  
 SHORTED OUT DUE TO WATER IN CONTROL BOX  
 DEPUTY LEADER BOX I BOMBSIGHT OUT ON SECOND TARGET RUN.  
 1A/C FAILED TO BOMB PERSONNEL FAILURE.  
 (IV) 16 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY  
 INFORMATION LACKING FROM ONE A/C CRASH LANDED AWAY FROM  
 BASE
- C. (I) 1838  
 (II) &&& 2000 1ST BOX -2009 2ND BOX  
 (III) 2132
- D. (I) ONE A/C CRASHED IN ENGLAND. REASON UNKNOWN  
 (II) 0-0-0  
 (III) 2 CREW MEMBERS KILLED  
 1 CREW MEMBER INJURED ( EXTENT UNKNOWN )
- E. FAIR PATTERN GENERALLY LEFT OF A. P.  
 (I) MIKX (A) NIL  
 (B) NIL  
 (II) (A) NIL  
 (B) MODERATE VERY INACCURATE HFF FROM LE HAVRE
- G. THREE SMALL BOATS TYPE UNKNOWN , LEAVING WIDE WAKE MOVING SW  
 FROM LE HAVRE . TWO DESTROYERS AT 51DEG 00 N 00 DEG 10'E  
 MOVING SW AT FAST SPEED WXX.
- H. (I) 1/10 SLOUDS , VIS 6-8 MI DOWN SUN, 2-3 MI UP SUN IN  
 HAZE . DID NOT EFFECT BOMBING .  
 (II) 6-7/10 BASE 3600FT. TOPS TO 12000 FT. HAZE VERY THICK  
 GROUND SOMETIMES NOT VISIBLE THROUGH BREAKS.
- I. BOMBS ON PRIMARY 62 X500 GP  
 BOMBS RETURNED 86 X 500 GP  
 INFORMATION LACKING FROM A/C WHICH CRASHED AWAY FROM BASE
- J. 12,000 GT

BT 19/2318B

AS

CCC A. (I) BENERVILLE COASTAL BATTERY  
 CCC J. 12,000 FT'

OICOG & OILAI R.....19/2356B RL AR K