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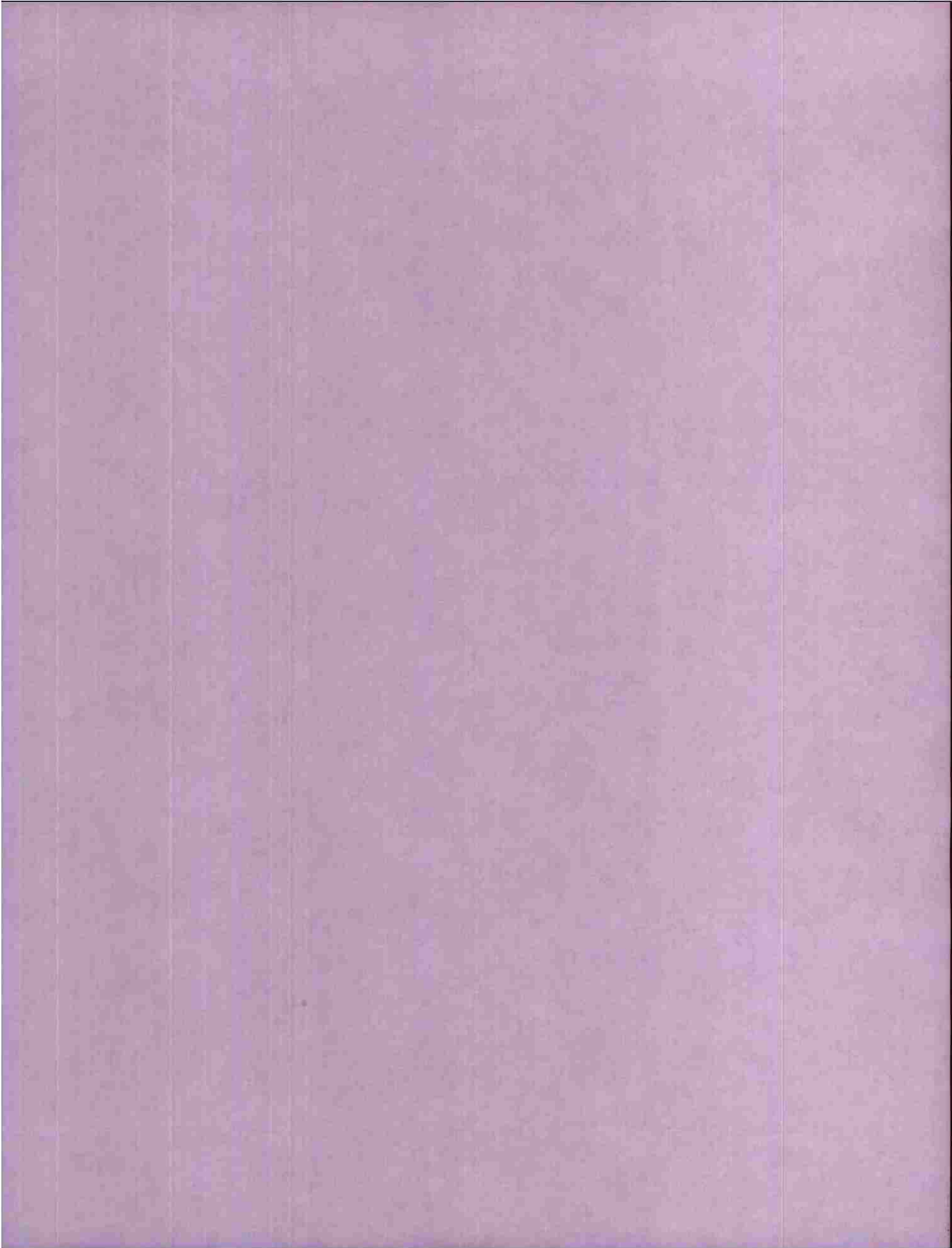
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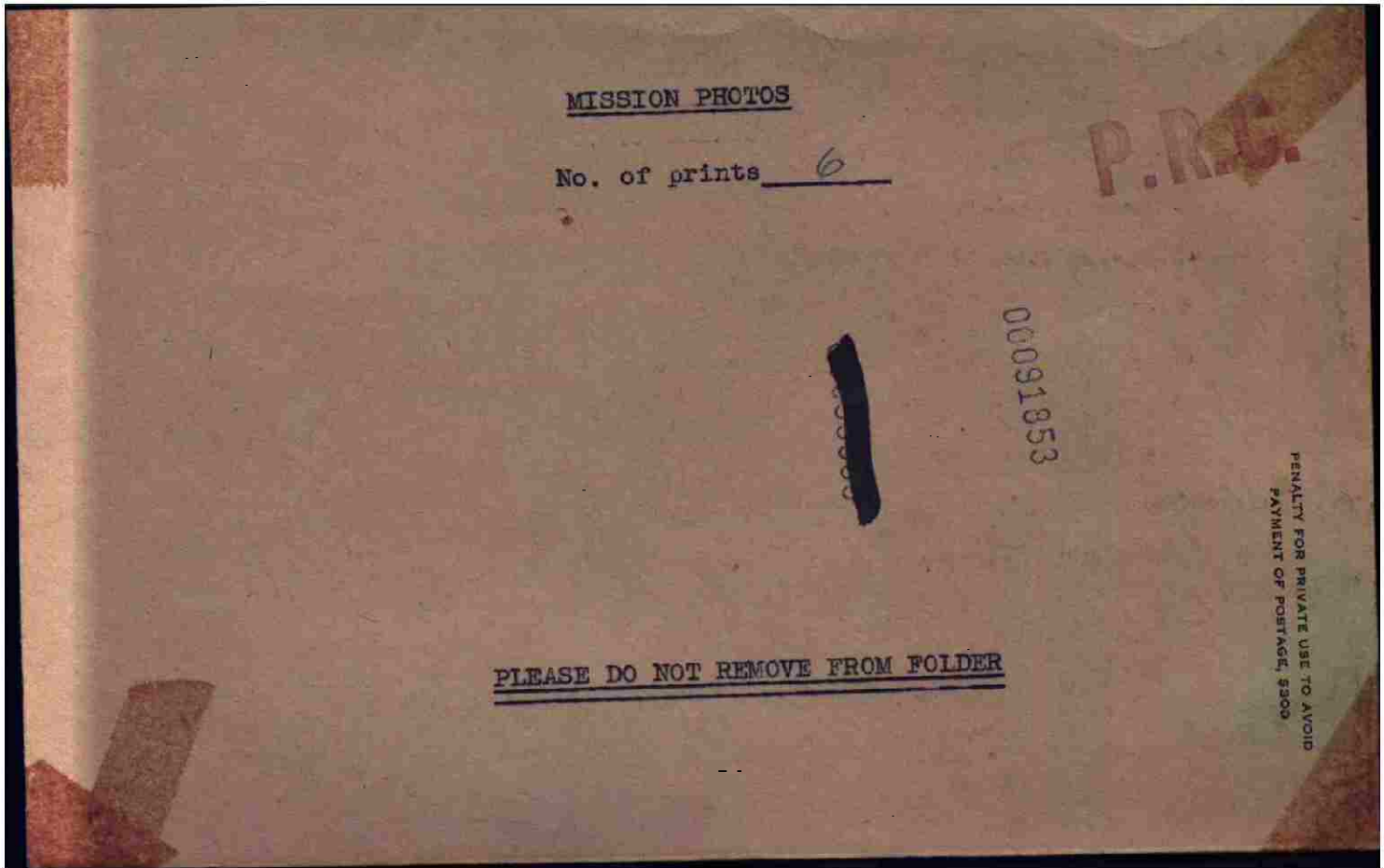
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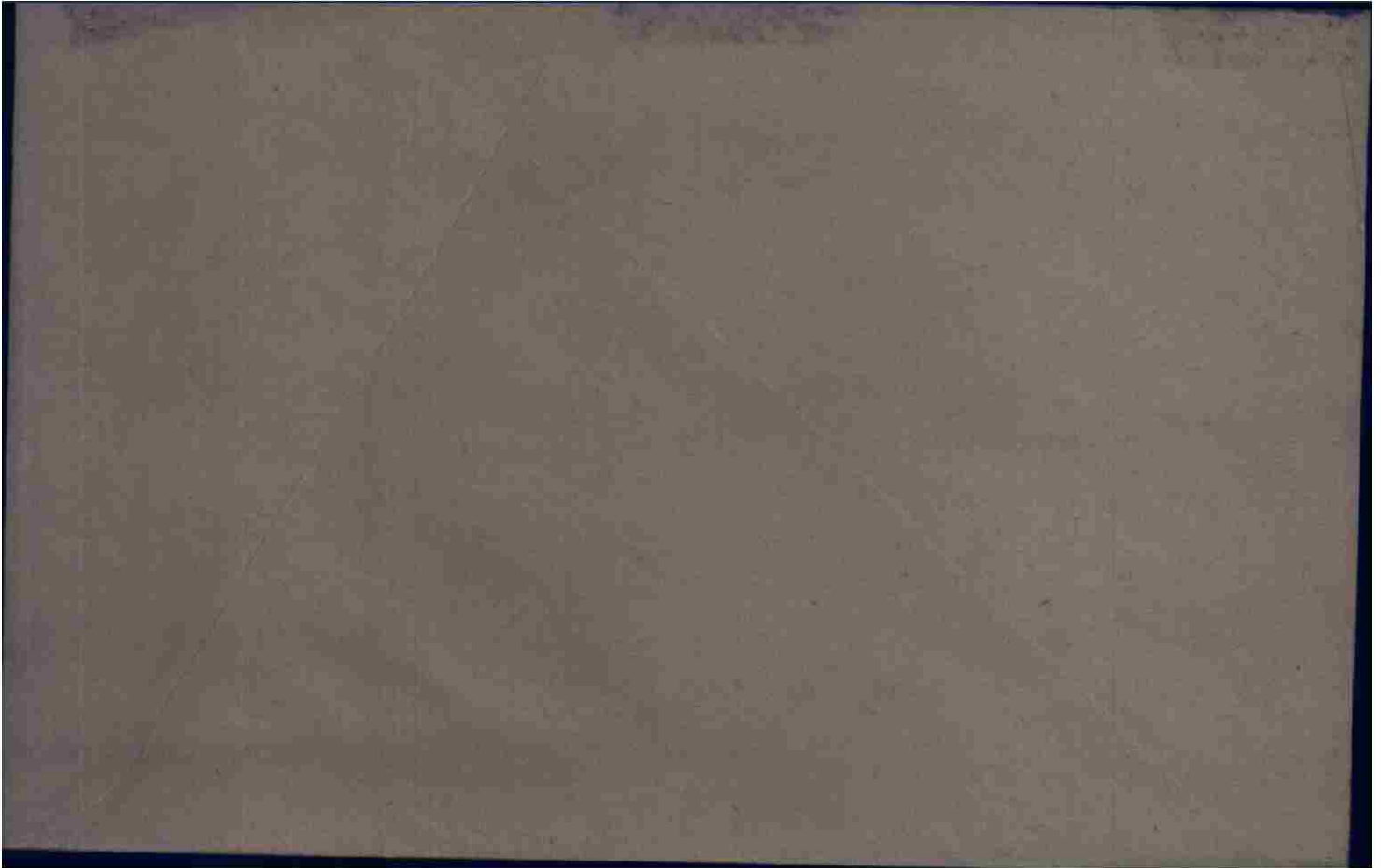
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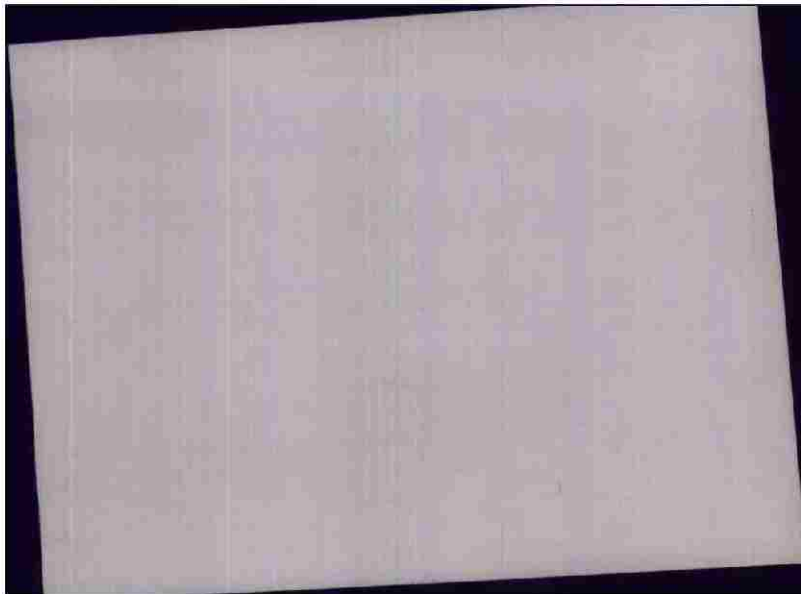
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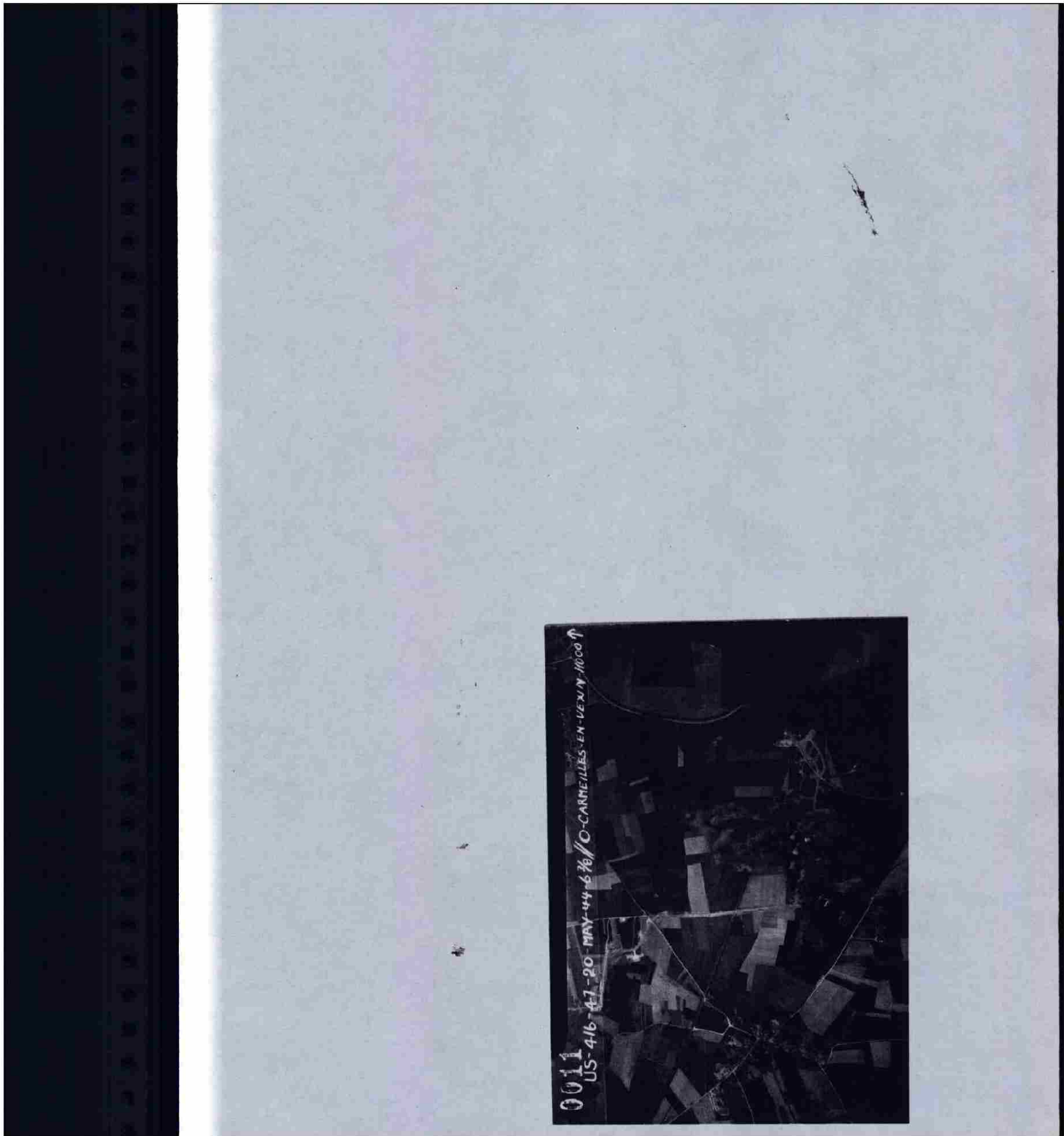


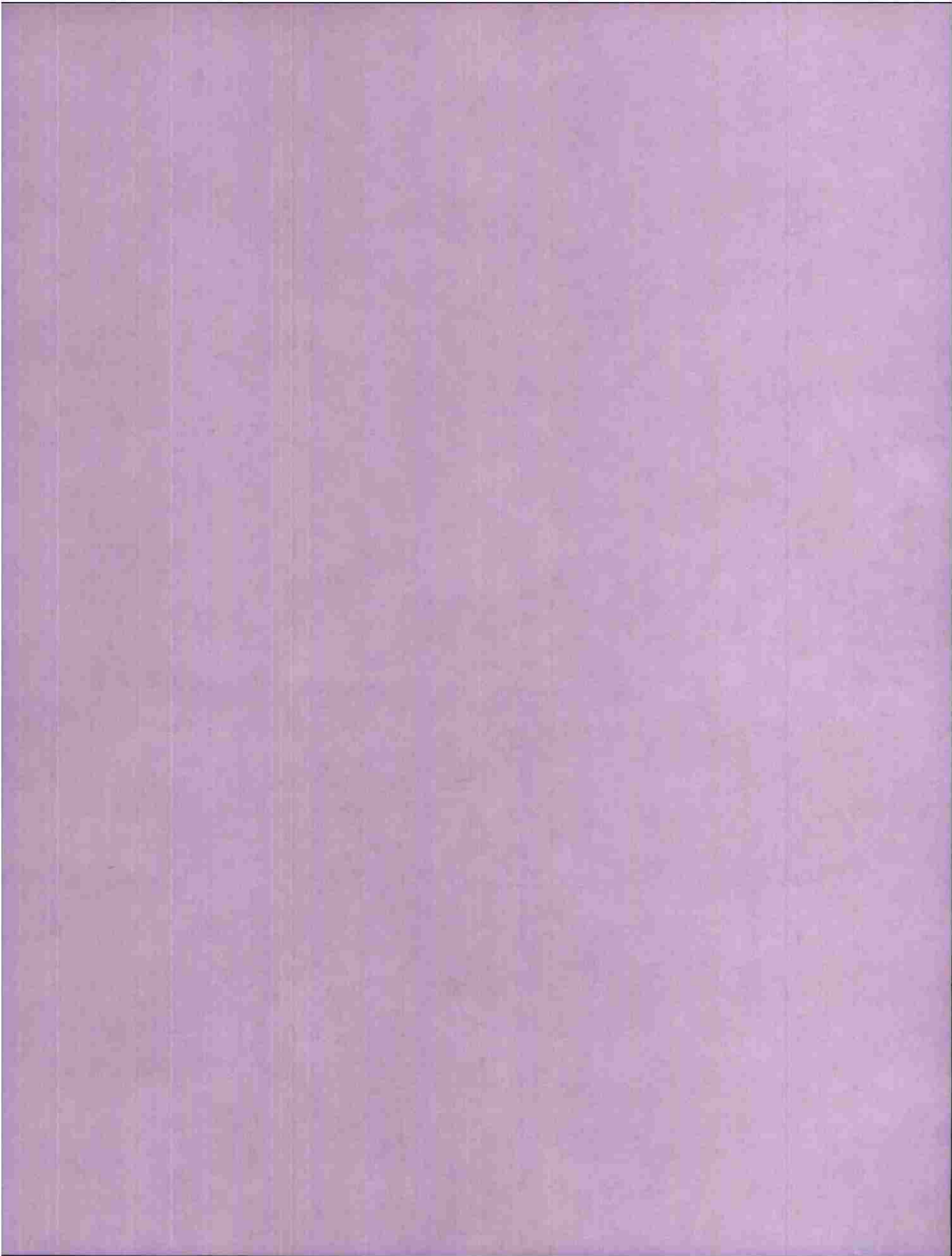
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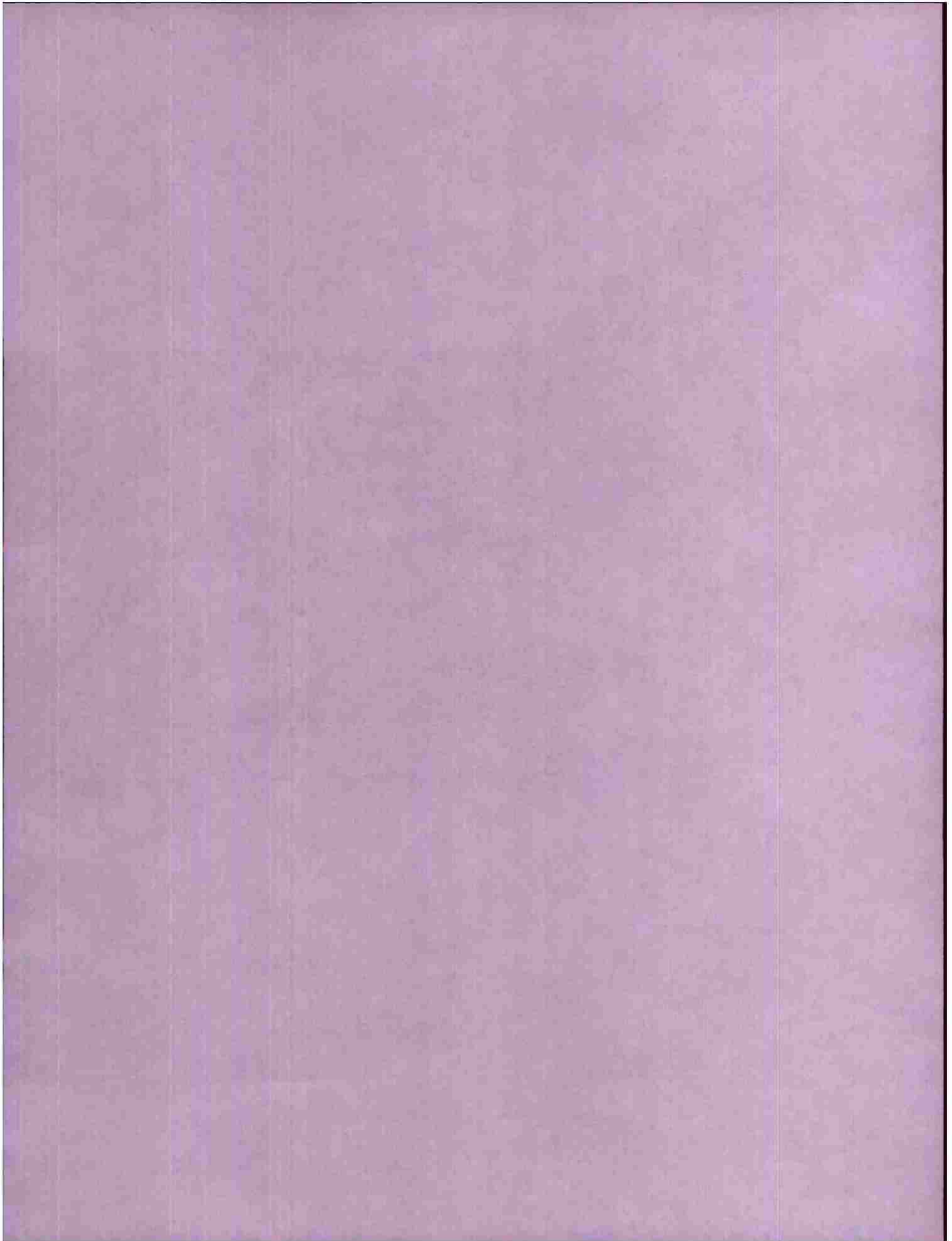


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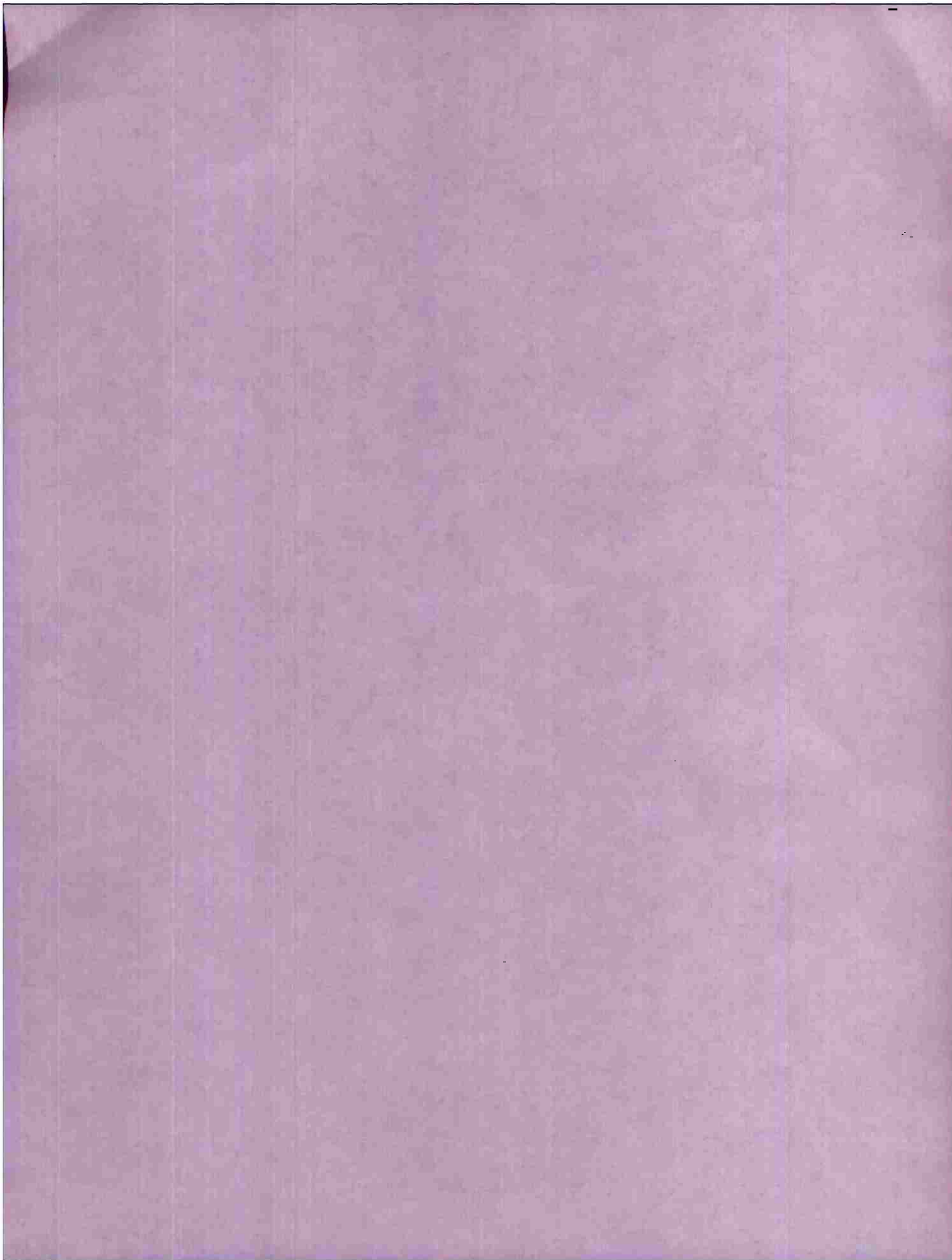










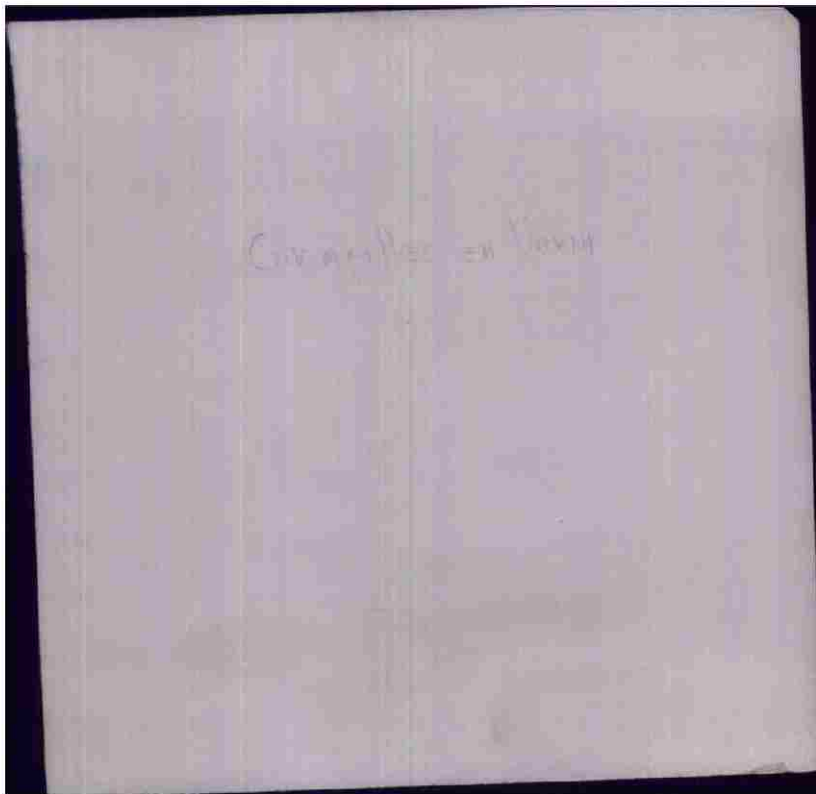


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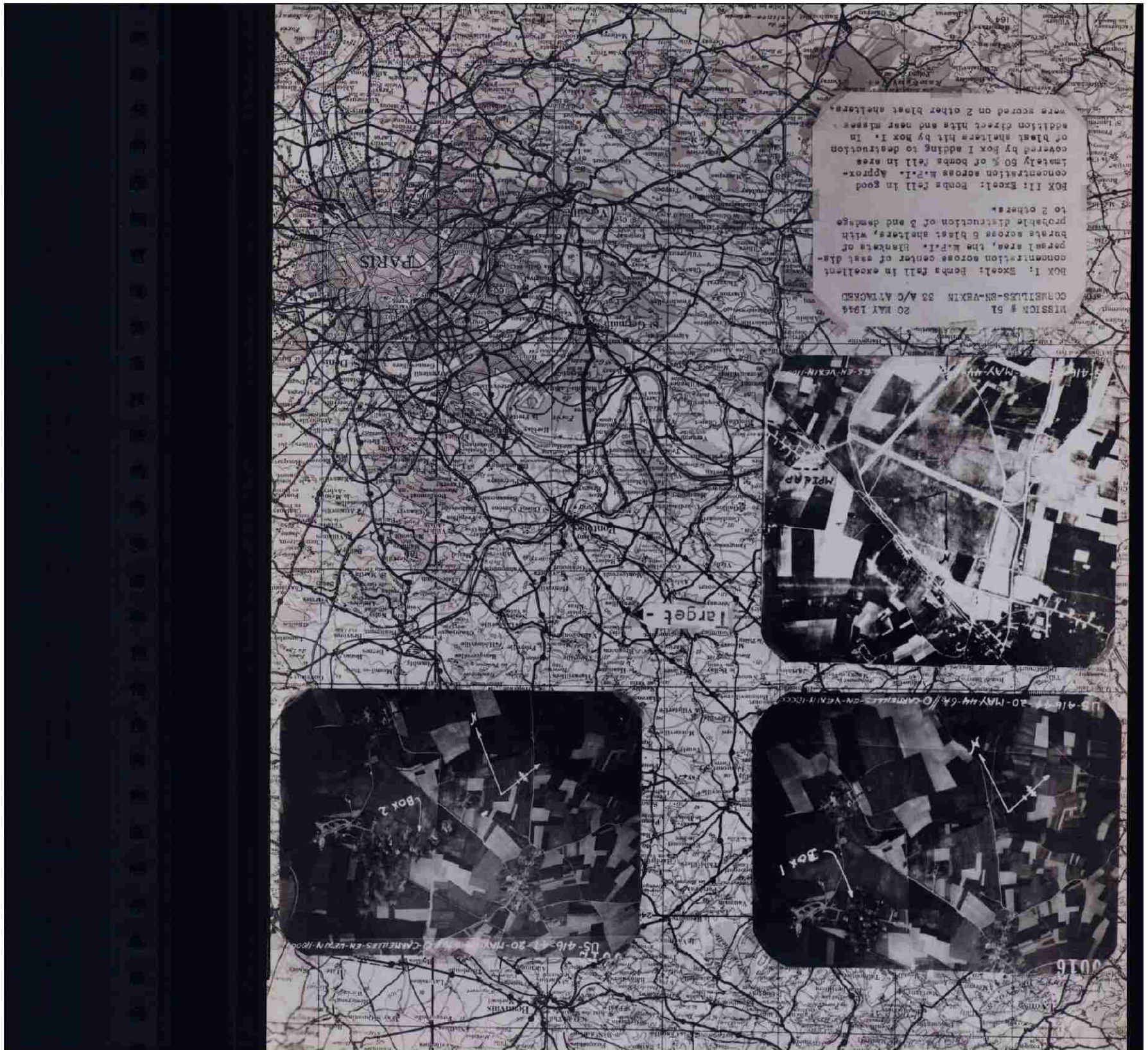


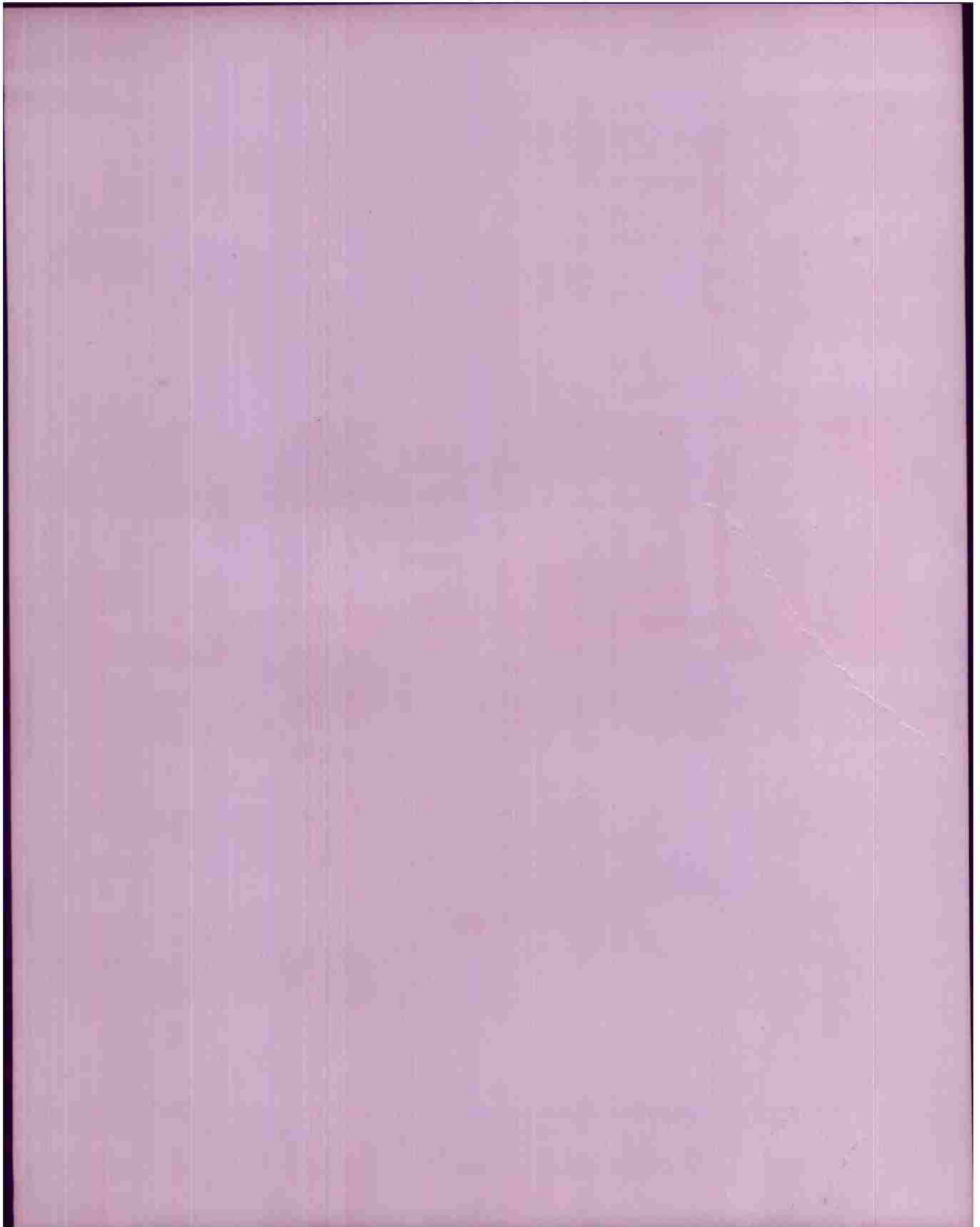
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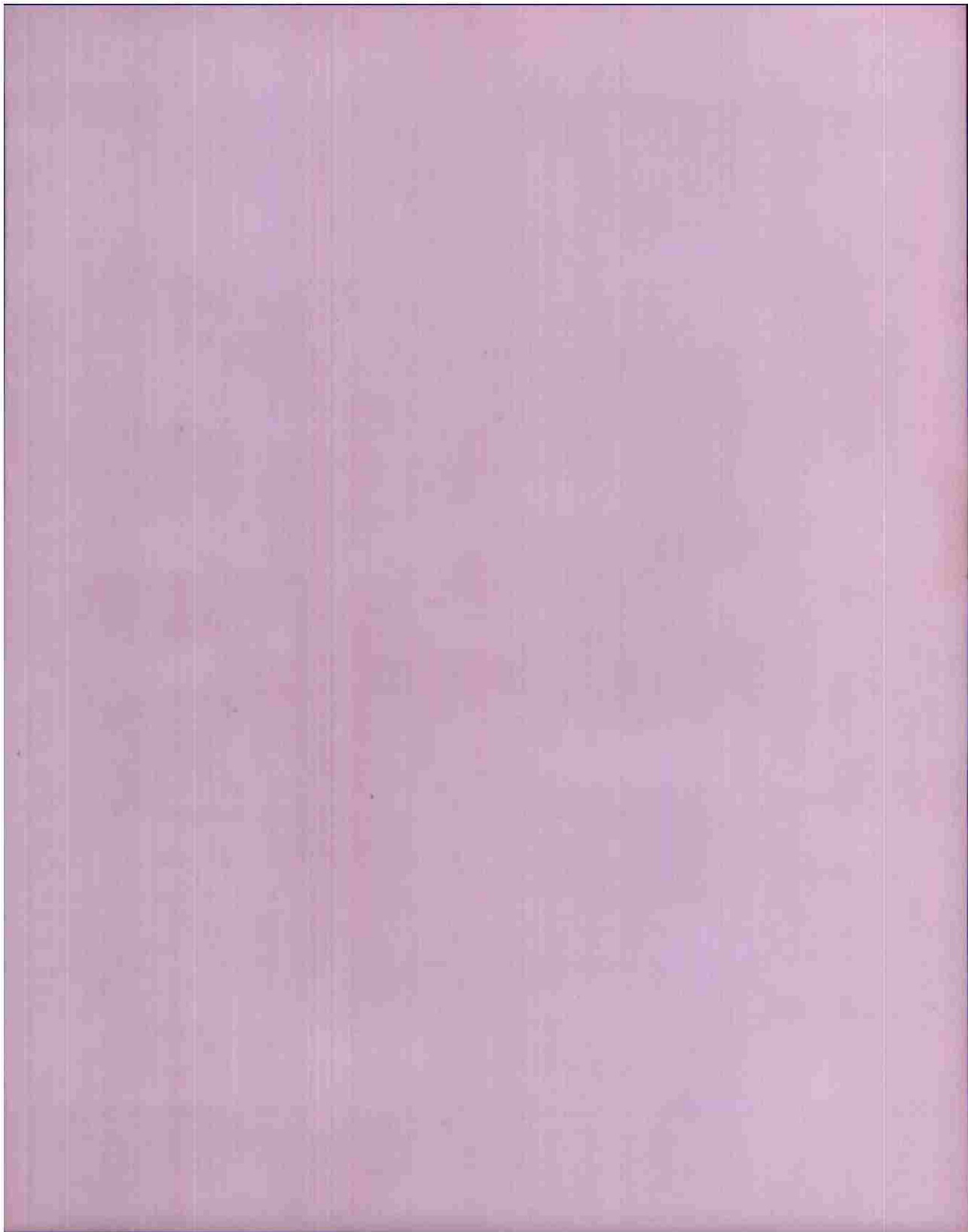


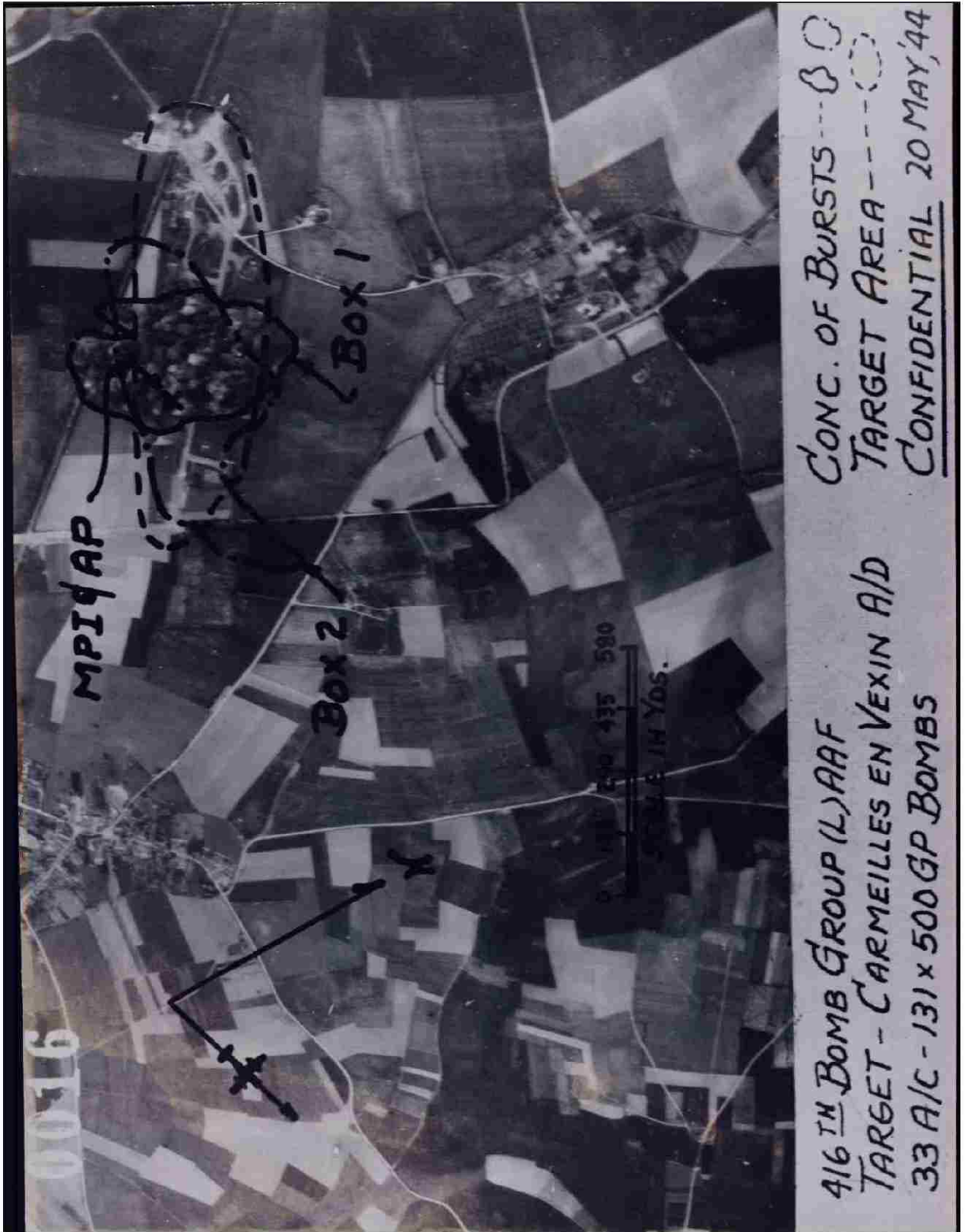
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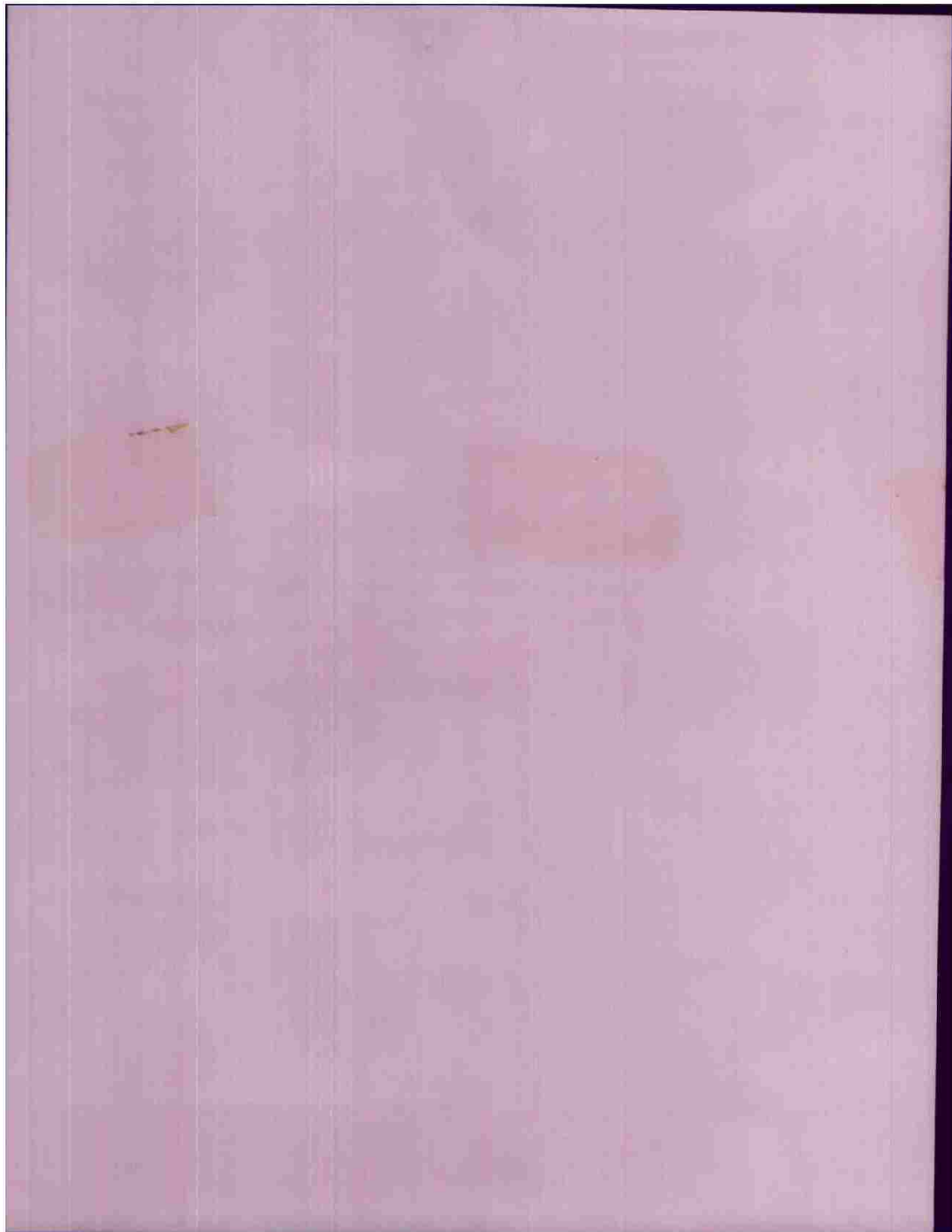










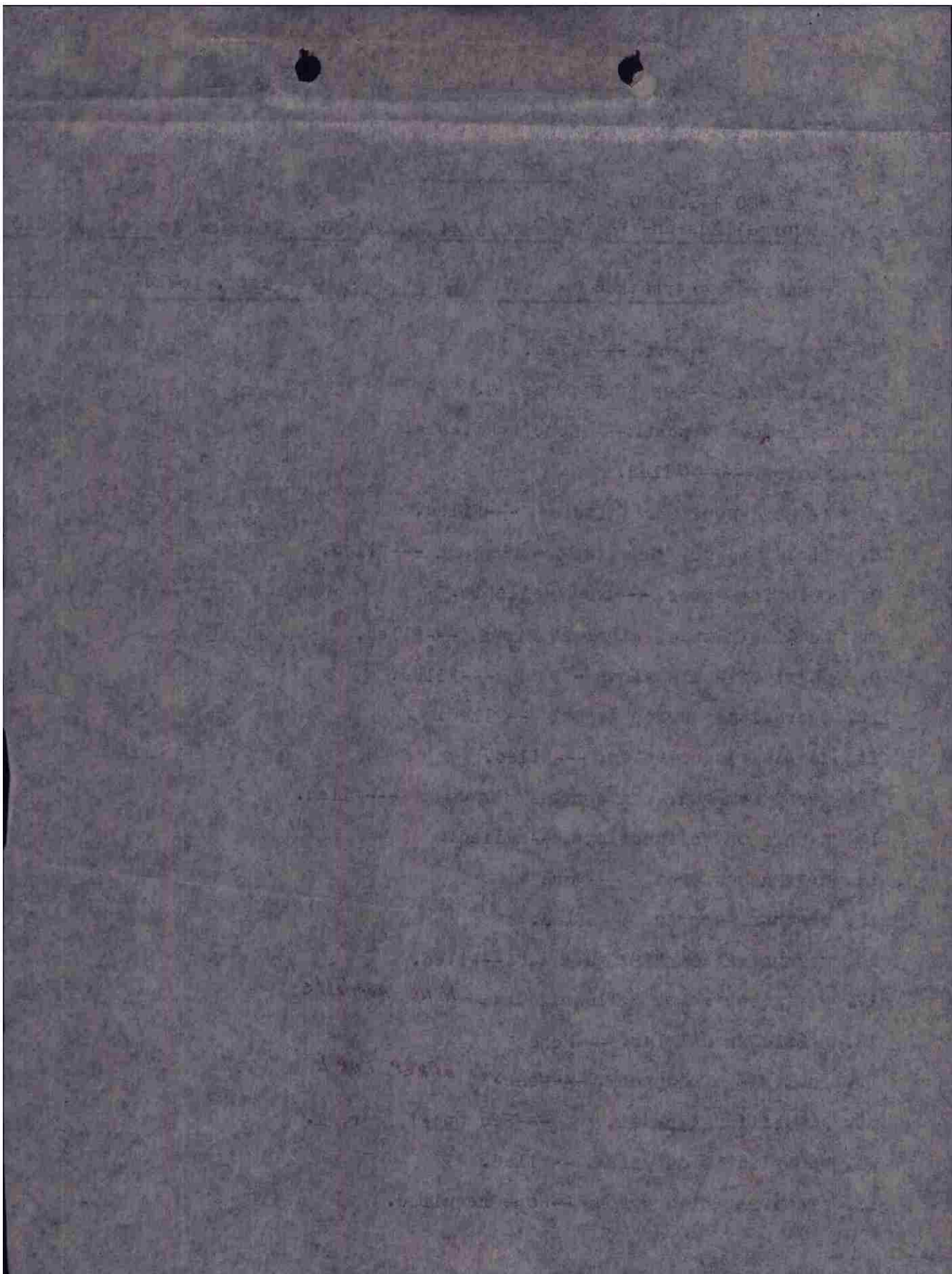


GENERAL INDEX**P.R.C.**

Z 380 - S.1630  
 Target Cormeilles-en-Vexin Date A/D 20/5/44 No.A/C 35 Mission No 51 F/O 320

Status Attacked Brief Officer Capt. Locke

1. Ops Flash Report. ---Filed.
2. Hot News. ---See OpsFl, Par. G.
3. Telephone Report. ---None available.
4. Photos. -----Filed.
5. IX BC Synopsis of Mission. ---Filed.
6. Field Orders, Annex's, Amendments. ---Filed.
7. Briefing Notes. ---None available.
8. Loading List of Airplane Crews. ---Filed.
9. Chart of Route Flown - Flak. ---Filed.
10. Operations' Oprep Report. --Filed.
11. Bombing Information; ---Filed.
12. Lost, Damaged, and Abortive Report. ---Filed.
13. Report of Malfunctions. -- Filed.
14. E/X Encountered. ---None
15. Weather reports. ---Filed.
16. Communication "YS" Report. --Filed.
17. Navigator's Log & Flight Plan. --None Available
18. Battle Casualties. ---None
19. Analysis of Gunnery. ---None See OPREP, PAR E.
20. Ammunition Expenditure. ---See OpsFl, Par. I.
21. Recapitulation Forms. --Filed.
22. Interrogation Forms. --None required.



MISSION SUMMARIES

Target : Cormeilles-en Vexin A/D  
F/O : #320  
Date : 20 May 44 (Afternoon)  
Results : Box I - Excellent  
          Box II- Excellent

CORMEILLES-en-VEXIN A/D

416 BG: 35 a/c were dispatched, 33 dropping 131 x 500 GP on the primary target.

Two a/c returned early without attacking, one because of mechanical trouble, and the other when antenna was cut and wound around rudder as guns were being test-fired.

No losses, casualties or battle damage. Bombing was by eighTEENS.

Box I - EXCELLENT. In tightly concentrated pattern bombs fell across the center of the East dispersal area, the M.P.I., blanketing five shelters of which three were probably destroyed.

Box II- EXCELLENT. Bombs fell in good concentration across the M.P.I., with approximately 50% in the same area as these of Box I adding to destruction already accomplished on shelters. Two other blast shelters received direct hits and near misses.

OICOG OILAI V YAA YAA 17/20 OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 20/2256B

TO IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2

97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

CONFIDENTIAL OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

M-543-D

OPFLASH NO. 46 FOR 20 MAY 1944

A. (1) CORMEILLES-EN-VEXIN A/D

(2) CORMEILLES-EN-VEXIN A/D

B. (1) 416TH BOMB GROUP

(2) 35 A 20

(3) 2 A/C RETURNED EARLY FROM OVER CHANNEL, ONE BECAUSE OF ENGINE TROUBLE. ONE BECAUSE ANTENNAE WAS CUT IN TEST FIRING GUNS AND WOUND AROUND RUDDER.

(4) 33 ON PRIMARY

C. (1) 1756.

(2) 1948 1/2 - 1951 (TWO BOXES)

(3) 2131

D. (1) NIL

(2) 0-0-0

(3) 0-0-0

E. EXCELLENT CONCENTRATION OF BOMBS CLUSTERED ON AIMING POINT BY BOTH BOXES.

F. (1) (A) NIL

(B) NIL

(2) (A) NIL

(B) VERY E WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY FLAK FROM WOODS 2 MILES SOUTH OF ELBEUF. VERY WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY FLAK AT LILLE BONNE.

G. 15 TO 20 BARGES IN CANAL NEAR GUYON.

8 TO 10 FUEL TANKS ACROSS SEINE RIVER FROM E QUILLEBOEUF.

LARGE MERCHANT VESSEL IN SEINE NEAR QUILLEBOEUF. NOT UNDER STEAM.

SINGLE S/E FIGHTER PROBABLY ME 109 LOW OVER MOUTH OF SEINE NEAR MONFLEUR AT 1959 HOURS HEADED INLAND.

H. (1) NO CLOUDS OVER TARGET BUT LIMITED VISIBILITY NECESSITATED SHORT BOMB RUN.

(2) 10/10 LEHAVRE AREA.

8 TO 9/10 FROM SOUTH OF ENGLAND OVER CHANNEL

AT 2000/70 2500 TO 5000 FEET.

2 TO 3/10 OVER CONTINENT. VISIBILITY 5 MILES

THICK HAZE TO 6000 FEET.

I. 131 X 500 ON PRIMARY

9 X 500 RETURNED

J. 12,000 - 11,000

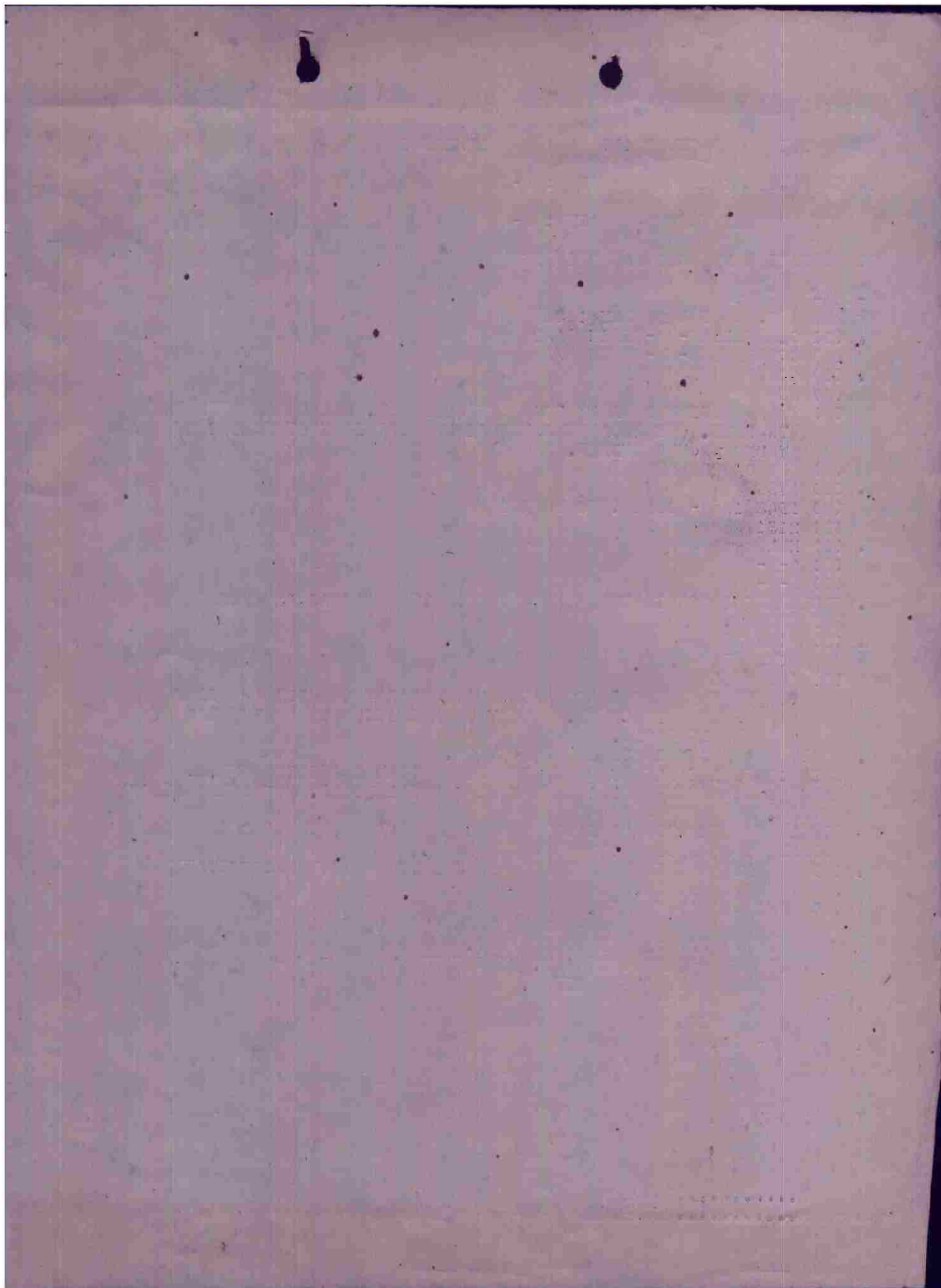
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BT 20/2256B

EW BBB

OILAI R.....20/2310B RRR KKK  
OICOG R.....20/2310B FIG KKKK



Briefing 10435  
R. 310

F.O. BY TELEPHONE

1. Number of A/C Required: 2 Boxes of 18

2. Zero Hour: 1830

3. Target (s): \_\_\_\_\_ Aiming point (s): \_\_\_\_\_

A. Primary 7-380 \_\_\_\_\_

B. Secondary \_\_\_\_\_

C. Last Resort \_\_\_\_\_

D. Axis (axes) of Attack W-E

E. Bomb Load and Fuse settings 4 x 500  
1/10<sup>th</sup> nose & 1/100<sup>th</sup> tail

4. Rendezvous:

A. Fighters P17 \_\_\_\_\_  
P17 0730 1200 Brighton  
(RAF or AAF) (Time) (Alt) (Place)

B. Bombers \_\_\_\_\_  
(Lead Gp) (Time) (Alt) (Place)

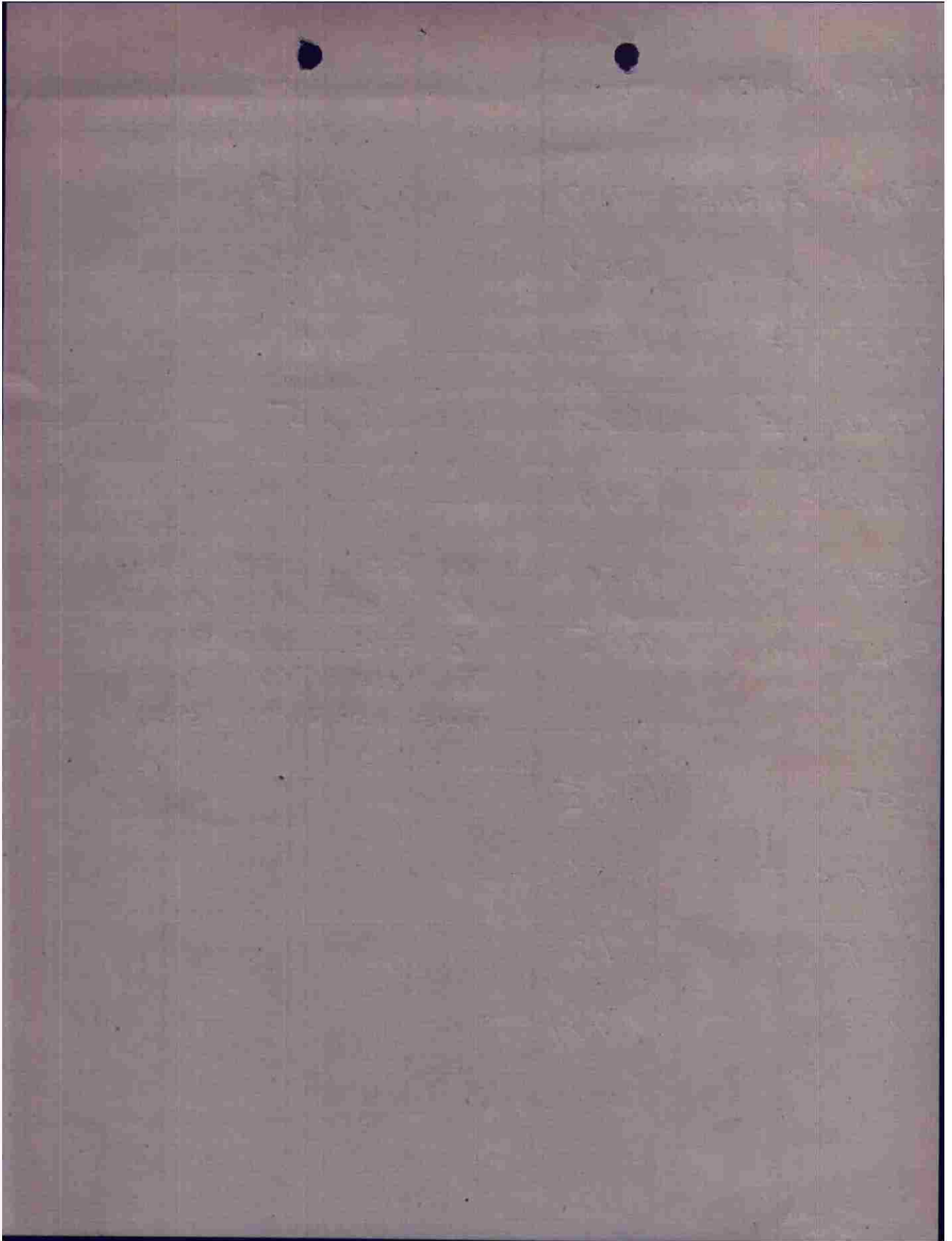
5. Route:

A. In Base - Brighton - Chetot - 49°10'N 01°00'E  
I.P. - Tpt.

B. Out Cpt. turn left - R.P. - 49°10'N 01°00'E -  
Chetot - Beachy Head - Base

Illus. F1630/4 Ref. Dt. 081058  
2 Boxes of 18 I.P. 49°05'N 01°42'E  
R.P. 49°10'N 01°47'E

	<u>I.</u>	<u>II.</u>
AT AIRCRAFT	1720	1725
START ENGINES	1747	1753
TAXI	1757	1803
TAKE OFF	1805	1810
ON COURSE	1825	1825
RENDEZVOUS	1850	
COAST OUT	1850	ON TGT. 094°M.
		OFF TGT. 298°M
COAST IN	1908 $\frac{1}{2}$	TO ENG 008°M
		TO BASE 015°M
I. P.	1928	TIME OVER ENEMY TER. 48 MIN.
TGT.	1931 $\frac{1}{2}$	
COAST OUT	1956	
COAST IN	2013	
BASE	2024	



IC B.G. S-2 Form No. 106-B

Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

OTHER DRIFTS:	TARGET:	IX EG	WING	97th
:	:	DATE	20 May 1944	41st 416th
:	:	ATTACKING UNIT	2 Boxes	GROUP
:	:	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION		CORNILLON-EN-VEZIN A/D
:	:			TARGET REF

- A. TARGET LISTED CORNILLON-EN-VEZIN A/D PRIMARY  
EVREUX A/D SECONDARY  
BEAUBERT LE-BOIS A/D CASUAL
- M.P.I. Center of east dispersal area.  
A.P. Center of east dispersal area.
- B. TARGET ATTACKED Cornillon-En-Vezin A/D MILES FROM THE PRIMARY  
DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY
- C. COORDINATES (IF non-descript PINPOINT) ON 1:50,000 MAP NO.
- D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 35 A-20's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 33
- E. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 18's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 1,2
- F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED 151 x 500 GP. FUSING 1/10 nose, 1/100 tail.  
FUSING
- G. HEADING OF A/C WHERE BOMBS DROPPED 090 Co g. N.
- H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED Box I: 1940z. Box II: 1951z.
- J. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

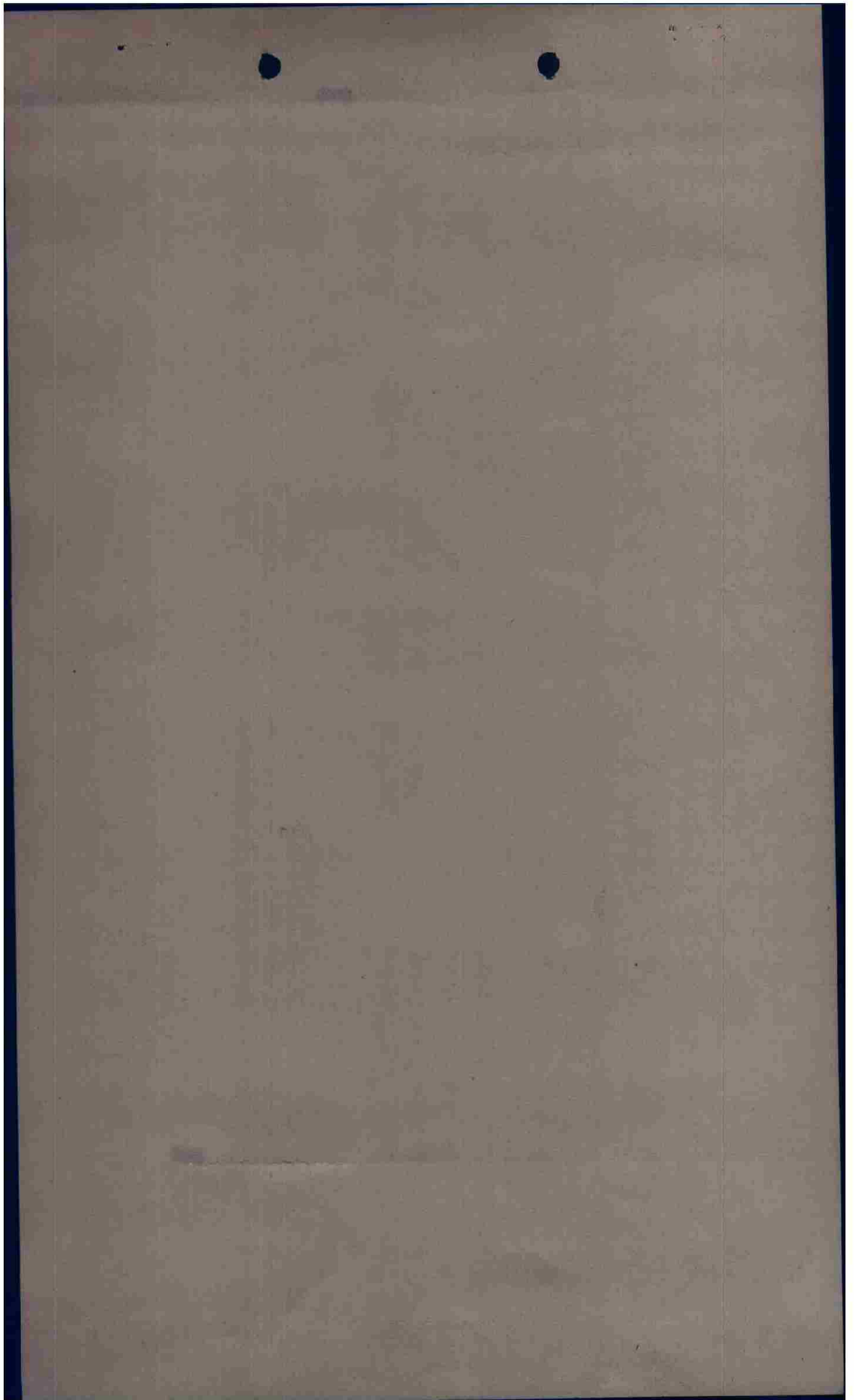
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K. RESULTS OF BOMBING

**Box I- Excel :** Bombs fell in excellent concentration across center of east dispersal area, the M.P.I. Blanket of bursts across 5 blast shelters, with probable destruction of 3 shelters and damage to 2 others.

**Box II- Excel :** Bombs fell in good concentration across M.P.I. Approximately 50 % of bombs fell in area covered by Box I adding to destruction of blast shelters hit by Box I. In addition direct hits and near misses were scored on 2 other blast shelters.

*Clayton W. Zesiger*  
CLAYTON W. ZESIGER,  
CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS,  
PHOTO INTELLIGENCE OFFICER.



OICOG OIYAA V OILAI 6/20 OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 201335B M-104-E  
 TO COMBONCOM NINE  
 416TH COBOMGP

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT  
 SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH. MAJOR CLARENCE S. TOWLES JR.

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
 A P O 140  
 20 MAY 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 45-320

MAPS NORMAL

1. B. (2) NINTH FIGHTER COMMAND P-47'S WILL FURNISH ESCORT FOR THIS WING

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN FRANCE

ZERO HOUR: 201830B

3. A. 416TH GROUP

(1) Z 380 *Compillac En Vexin S.1630*

(2) TWO BOXES OF 18

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT BRIGHTON AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN AT 12,000 FEET

(4) BASE TO BRIGHTON TO ETRETAT TO 49 DEGREES 10 MIN NORTH 01 DEGREES 00 MIN EAST TO ETRETAT TO BEACHY HEAD TO BASE

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

(7) 49 DEGREES 05 MIN NORTH 01 DEGREES 42 MIN EAST

(8) GENERALLY WEST TO EAST

(9) ILL. S1630/4 REF. 081058

(10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE AND 1/100 SECOND TAIL

(11) 49 DEGREES 10 MIN NORTH 01 DEGREES 47 MIN EAST

X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

(2) MACHINE

(3) ANGELA

(9) 1/1

(10) 101/101

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(2) WEST MALLING D/D

BRIGHTON AREA C/C C/S PARADE

(3) NO CHANGE

(10) B T V A/B T V A

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

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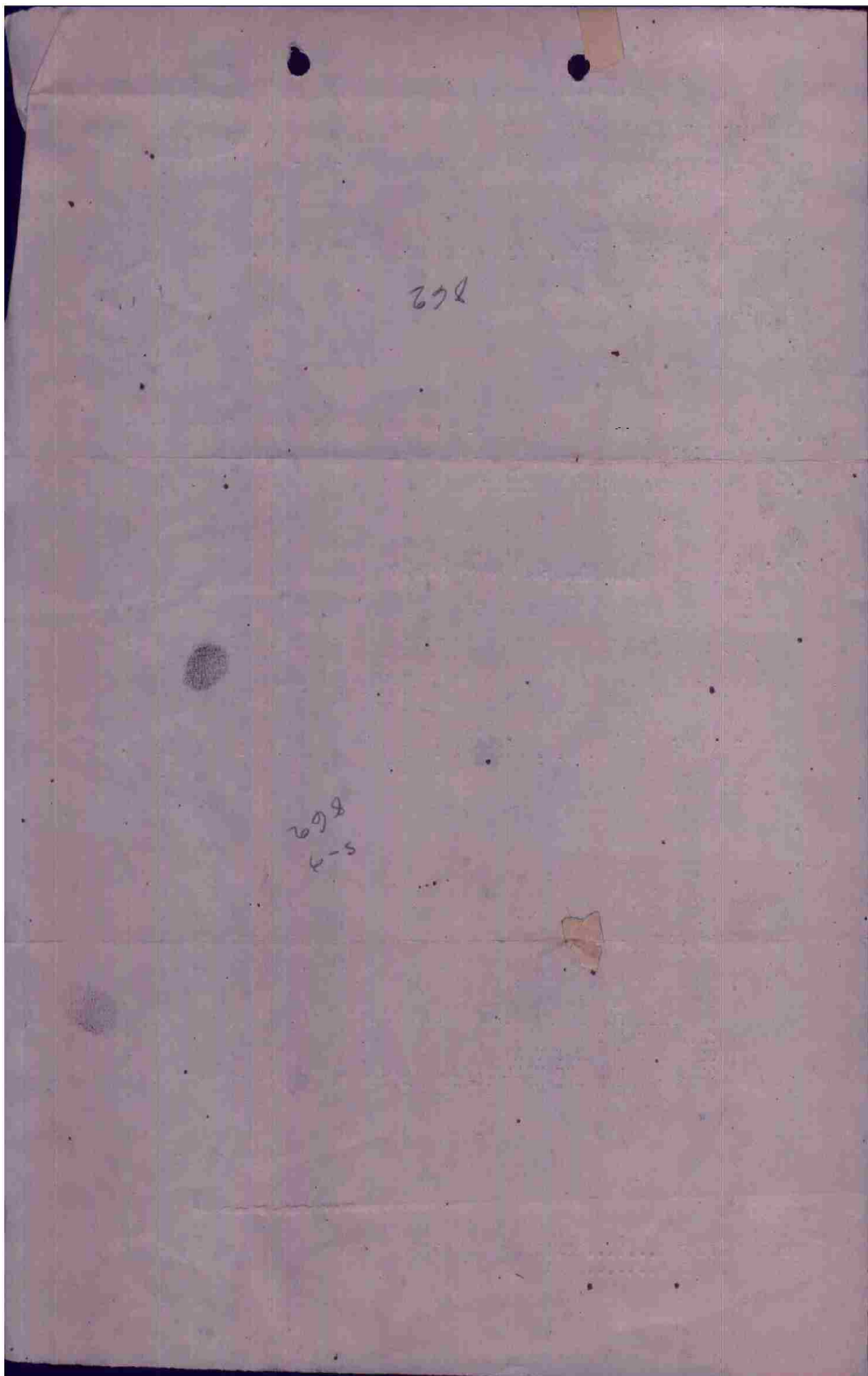
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OIYAA / OILAI R.....20/1355B JMD AR AR



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OICOG OIYAA V OILAI OILAI 07/20 OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 20/1535B M-105-E  
TO COMBOMCOM IX.  
416TH COMBOMGP



OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT  
SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: MAJOR CLARENCE S. TOWLES JR.

97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING  
A P O 140  
20 MAY 1944

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 45-320 EVREAD S.1588

ADD IN PARA. 3 A. (1) SECONDARIES Z 338 AND Z 460 Beaumont Le Roger  
S.5410

CHANGE PARA 3 A. (4) TO READ:  
BASE TO BRIGHTON TO ETRETAT TO 49 DEG. 10 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 00 MIN.  
EAST TO I.P. TO TARGET.

ADD PARA. 3 A. (5) TO READ:  
TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO 49 DEG. 10 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 00 MIN.  
EAST TO ETRETAT TO BEACHY HEAD TO BASE.

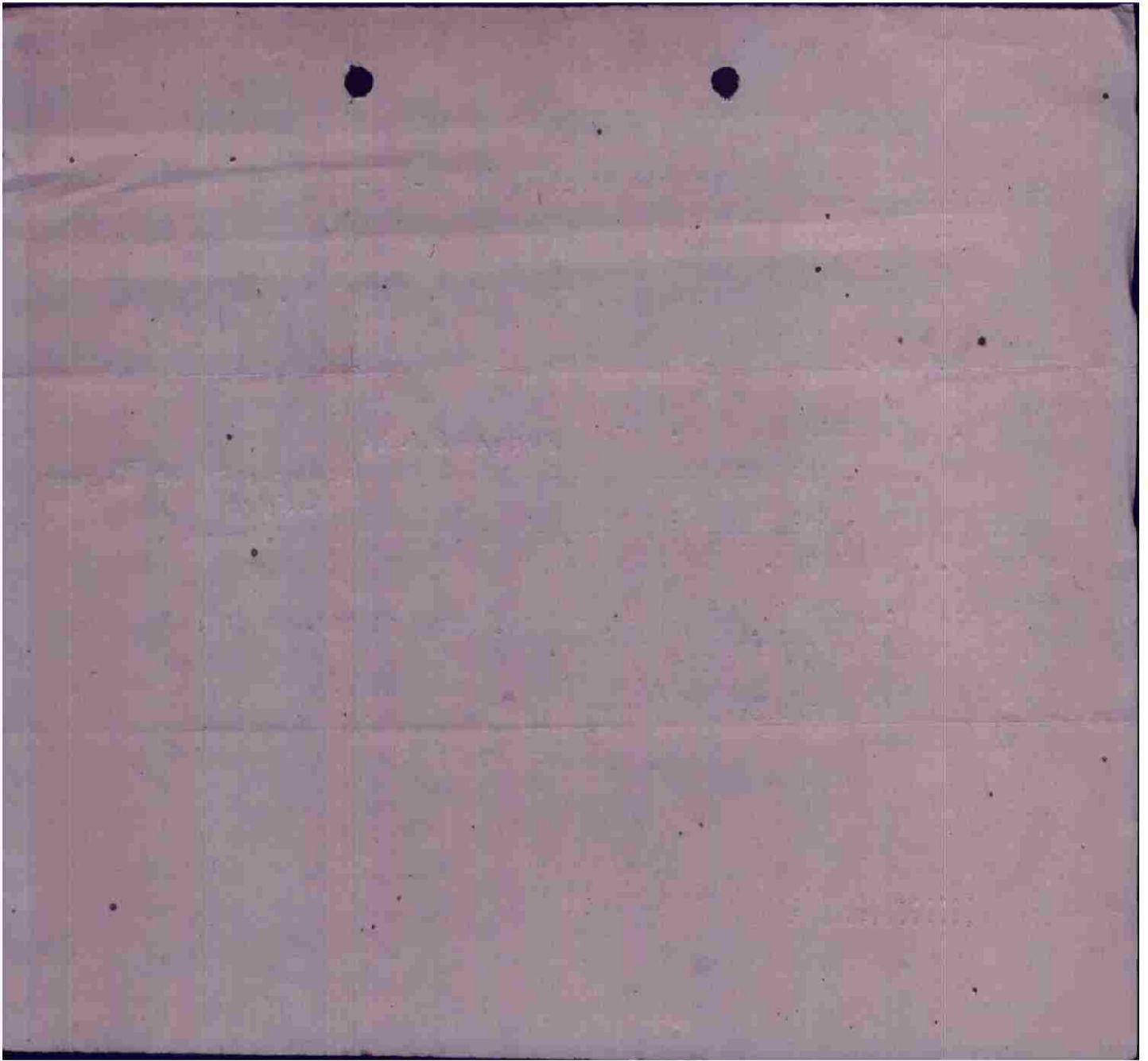
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## BRIEFING NOTES

416TH BOMB GR (L)

F.O. 45-320

TARGET: Cormelles-en-Vexin A/F

Pre-Briefing 1510

BRIEFING: 1635 HRS

DATE: 5/20/44

OFFICER: Lt. Locke

## 1. TARGET INFO:

Z-380 Cormelles-En-Vexin Airfield

4  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles NW of Pontoise1  $\frac{1}{4}$  " SSE of Cormelles village

S side of Paris/Dieppe road.

Bend in River Oise - 4 miles to the South

1250 yds NNE-SSW X 1250 yds ESE x WNW

2 runways. 1850 yds perimeter track

direction of approach - W to E

Secoundaries

1) Evreux-Jauville (SE of 1<sup>st</sup> turning pt) E to W

2) Beaumont-Le-Roger (W of Evreux) S to N

## 2. FLAK: AT LANDFALL: Etretat - nil

ROUTE IN: nil

TARGET: May 11 am attack - no flak. XHI

ROUTE OUT: Same

MOBILE UNITS: SS Hitler Jugend

3. FIGHTERS: Beaumont Evreux Area - 25 SE  
 St Andre de PEvre - 10 SE  
 Cormelles-En-Vexin - Greil - 30 SE  
 Paris Area - 55 SE

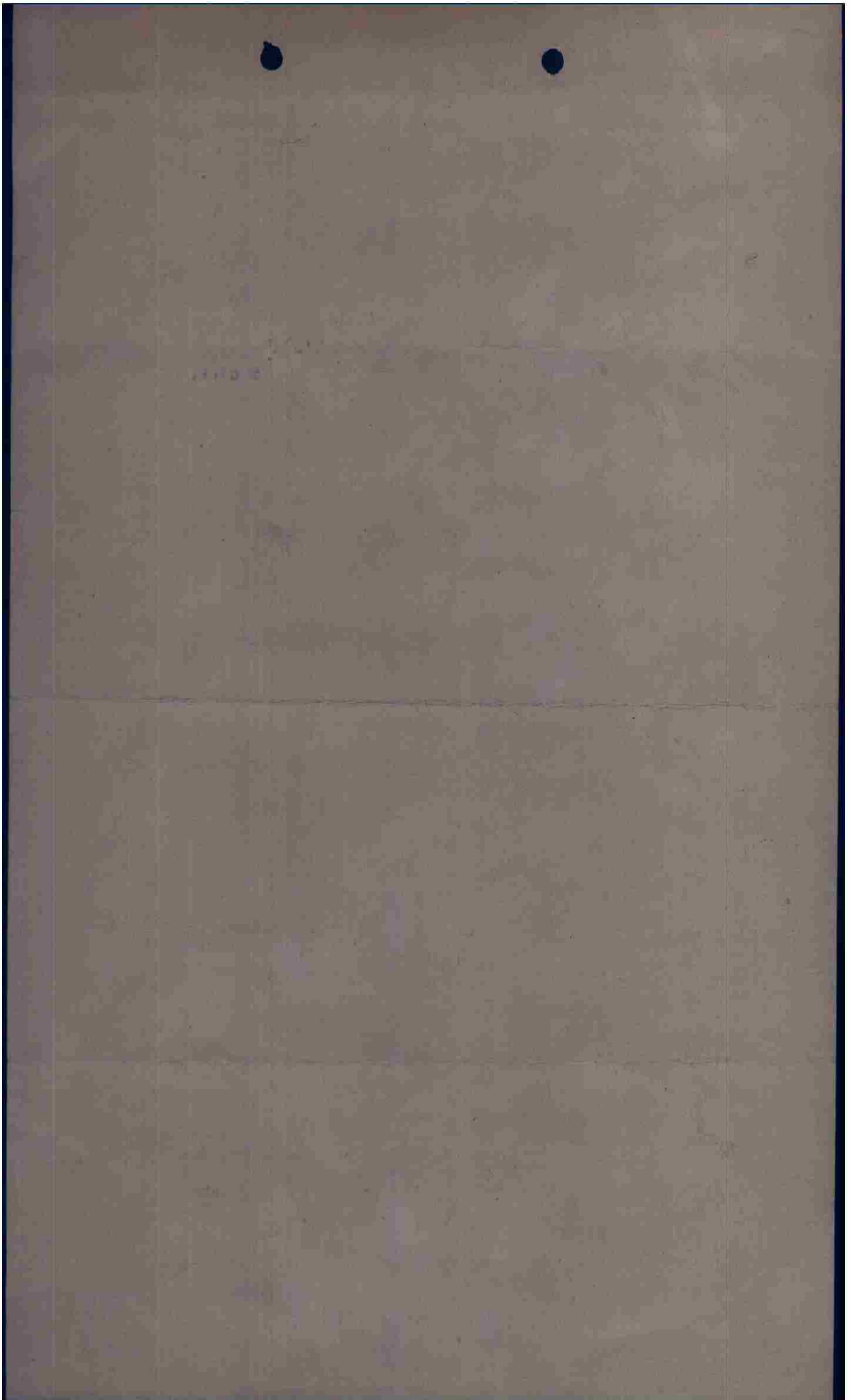
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4. ~~LANDFALL TIDES:~~5. ~~DUM IES, DECOYS, CAMEFLAGE, ETC:~~6. ~~GROUND SITUATION & BOMB LINE:~~

## 7. MISC:

Escort - IX Fighter P-47s Brighton 1850

A/P - 1630/4 - 081058 (east dispersal area)



MISSION NO. 51

LOADING LIST  
BOX 1  
FLIGHT 1

20 MAY 1944

1. 455 T  
MAJ M W CAMPBELL  
LT W H PALIN  
S/S J B THOMPSON  
S/S H F MATCH

2. 914 X  
LT H L SOMMERS  
LT R J MC QUADE  
S/S A L NIELSEN  
S/S W E FIELDS

3. 221 F  
LT E E DEMUN  
S/S M ROSENSTEIN  
S/S H O CARNEY

4. 181 A  
LT W A PECK  
S/S A E BERGERON  
S/S H E KELTON

5. 983 J  
LT H E HEWES  
S/S J F HASPER  
S/S H E BOYER

6. 900 Q  
LT E J RENTH  
S/S O D LANAVE  
S/S F H CITY

FLIGHT 11

1. 452 Q-1  
CAPT D A HULSE  
LT R CONTE  
S/S D W STEPHENS  
S/S F D ALLRED

2. 892 L  
LT D F SHEA  
S/S R E LEF  
S/S F G FALK

3. 978 S  
LT R J ROONEY  
S/S S F DINAPOLI  
S/S W W MCCLARY

4. 380 H  
LT W J GREENE  
S/S J A OCHABA  
SGT S E PAULES

5. 220 E  
LT C L MCGLOHN  
S/S R F STOBERT  
SGT L MARTINEZ

6. 750 H  
LT J P HILLERMAN  
S/S W J DONAHUE  
SXB SGT J L JOHNSON

FLIGHT 111

1. 200 A-1  
LT R S RUDISILL  
S/S R K RILEY  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
S/S A J BONAMO

2. 840 V  
LT P G ATKINSON  
S/S J D SWAFFORD  
S/S P F GLYNN

3. 207 B  
LT F J HARBOLD  
S/S E L GRIFFIN  
SGT O W MAZIASZ

4. 224 E-1  
LT H A MONROE  
S/S W L KIDD  
SGT S R ZANLIKIEWICZ

5. 0203 R  
LT J C SEWELL  
S/S W F COLBERT  
SGT L C BURGER

6. 227 F-1  
LT A W NORDSTROM  
S/S J D GOSSETT  
S/S R L MILLER

MISSION NO. 51

LOADING LIST  
BOX 11  
FLIGHT 1

27 MAY 1944

1. 442 D  
CAPT R A CLARK  
LT C W JONES  
S/S N RADLICH  
SGT R W NICKS

2. 444 J  
LT A E OSBORNE  
LT W FORMA  
S/S E E KELLY  
S/S W H COE

3. 0194 A  
LT A W GULLION  
S/S S F ALDEN  
S/S R L BALLINGER

FLIGHT 11

1. 701 H  
LT G EBENSTEIN  
SGT F SHELDON  
S/S D R SCHENCK

2. 0178 T-1  
LT R V MIRACLE  
S/S J C BURKHALTER  
S/S B C SIEG

3. 195 D  
LT S B RITCHIE  
S/S E A ANDERSON  
S/S A W NEWKIRK

FLIGHT 111

1. 214 C  
LT E T PLATTER  
S/S K L JOHNSON  
S/S J L CZECH

2. 937 B  
LT AR DURANTE  
S/S H T BEST  
S/S I R DEGIUSTI

3. 711 M  
LT H T ANDREWS  
S/S G M COOK  
S/S E R HERLEY

4. 673 I  
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S/S J L ROGERS  
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S/S G A PRINDLE  
S/S E T EPPS

6. 743 W  
LT J S CONNOR  
SGT H O RODGERS  
SGT J E VAN DUYN

4. 907 O  
LT R D POINDEXTER  
T/SGT L G ROBBINS  
S/S D H SIMPSON

5. 210 Q  
LT L G PEEDE  
S/S C L HIBES  
S/S L M DAUGHERTY

6. 684 K  
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S/S F L FLACKS

4. 951 P  
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SGT R J TROYER

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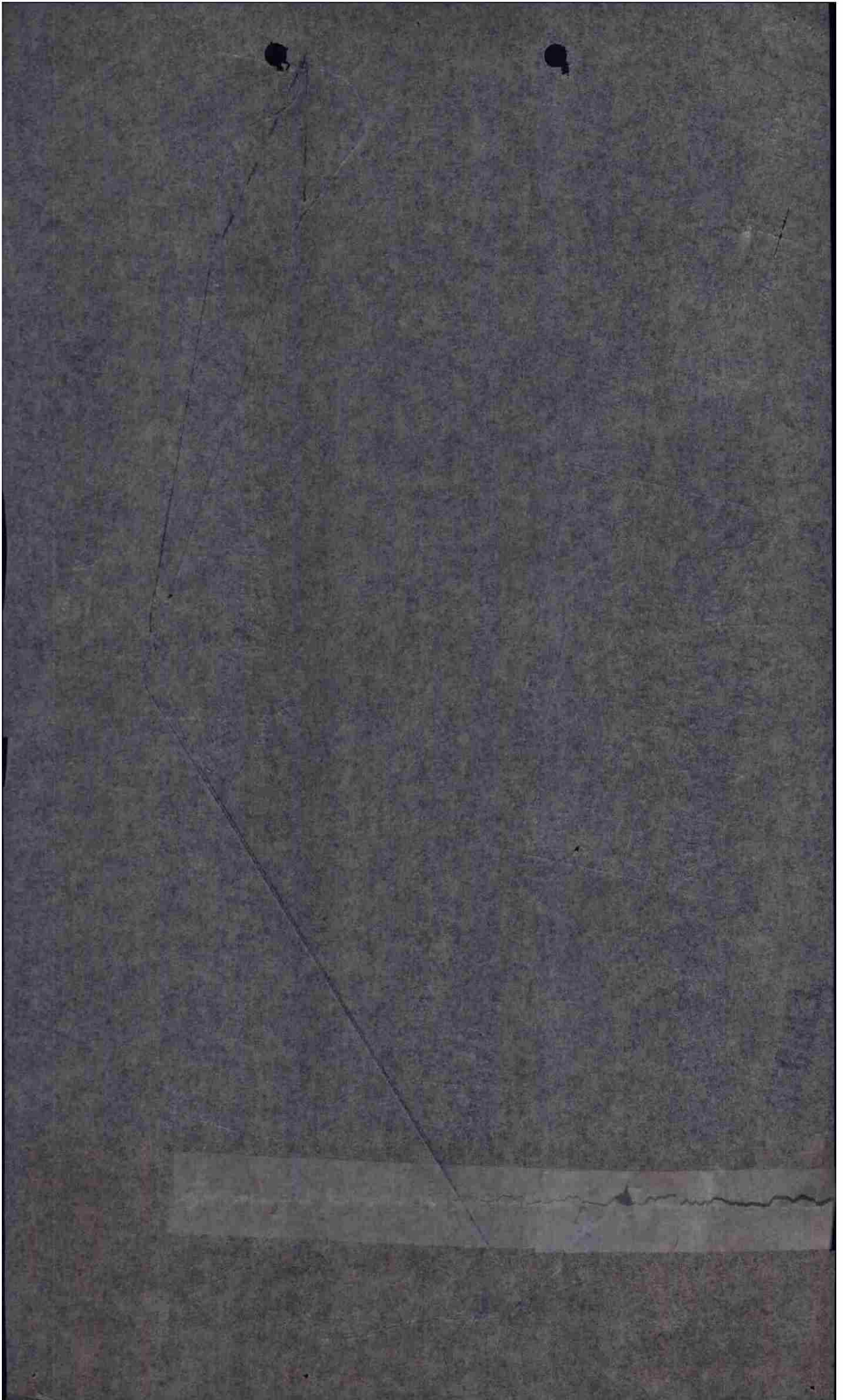
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416 TH BOMB GR (L)
F.O. 45-320
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WIND : No
PHENOMENA : None

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

AFD 140, U. S. Army,  
21 May 1944.

Subject: Oprep A, USAAF Form 34A.

To : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 843, U. S. Army.  
Attention 28th Statistical Control Unit.

Oprep A Number 50a for 24 hours ending sunset 20 May 1944.  
Mission Number 31  
IX Bomber Command Field Order Number 320.

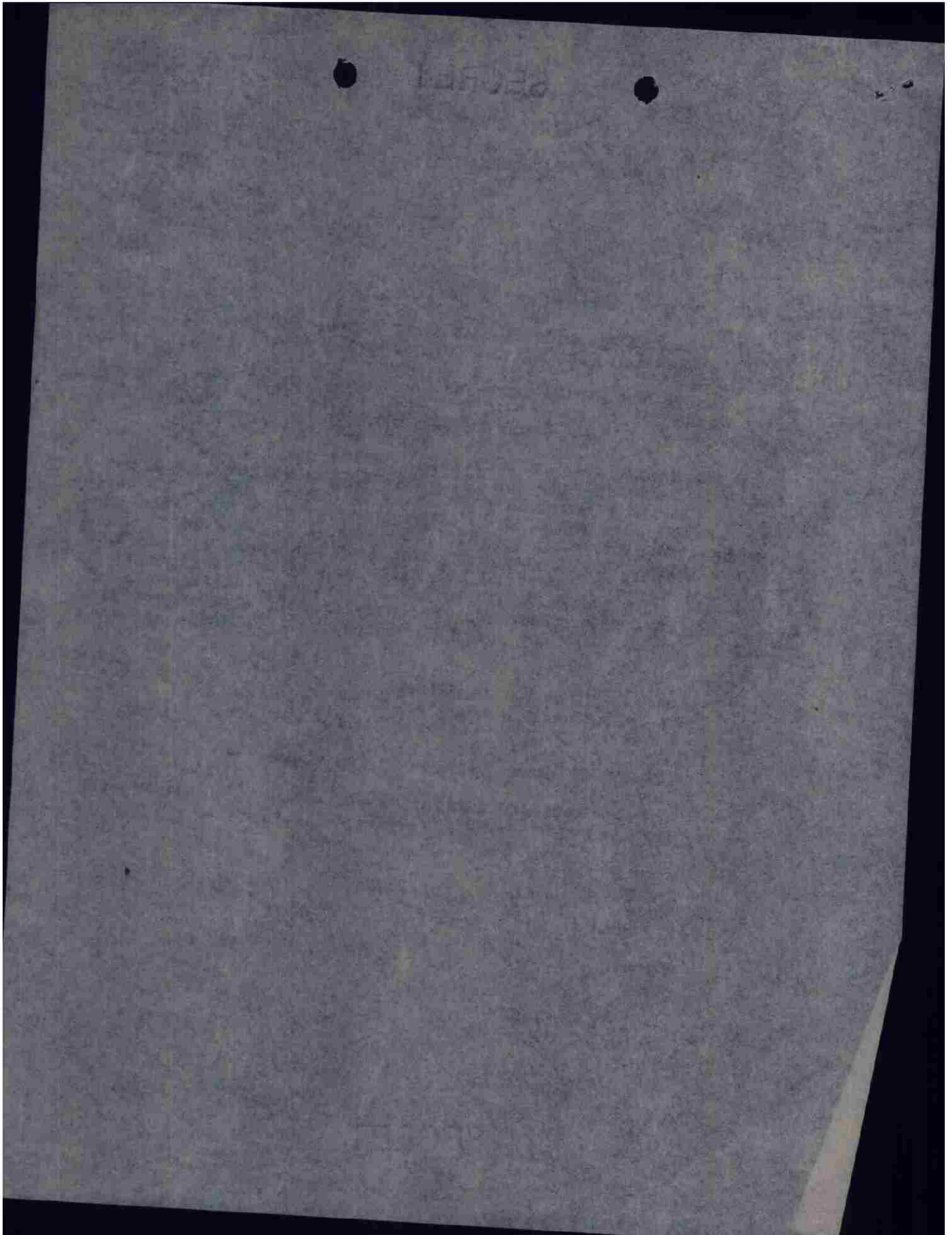
A. Formation consisted of 2 boxes, 18 ships box 1 and 17 ships box 2. Take off time was 1756. Time over target 1928 1/2 - 1931. Target - Cornailles En Vaux Airrome. Box 1, at 11,500 feet, dropped a total of 88 bombs in the target area with excellent results. Box 2, at 11,000 feet, dropped a total of 58 bombs in the target area with excellent results. Visibility was 5 miles down sun and 1 1/2 miles up sun. Anti-aircraft fire was very weak inaccurate MFF from woods 3 miles south of Albeuf, no damage incurred. No anti-aircraft experienced over target area. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 2131.

- B. (i) 30 A-200's and 5 A-20J's.
- (ii) 27 A-200's and 5 A-20J's.
- (iii) 1 A-200 failed to release bombs - switches in wrong position.
- 1 A-200 returned early - engine smoking - cause undetermined.
- 1 A-200 returned early - antennae was out when testing guns and wound around rudder.
- (iv) None
- (v) None
- (vi) None
- (vii) None
- (viii) 29 A-200's and 5 A-20J's.

- C. (i) None
- (ii) None

- D. (i) A-200's 105:40
- A-20J's 13:30
- (ii) None

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Coprep A, USAAF Form 34A.

- E. (i) A-200's 94,500 x 30 cal.
- A-201's 10,000 x 30 cal.
- (ii) A-200's 720 x 30 cal. (testing)
- A-201's 120 x 30 cal. (testing)
- (iii) None
  
- F. (i) A-200's 120 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T
- A-201's 20 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T
- (ii) A-200's 108 x 500 lb GP
- A-201's 20 x 500 lb GP
- (iii) None
- (iv) None
- A-200's 8 x 500 lb GP returned to base - ships returned early.
- A-200 4 x 500 lb GP failed to release - switches in wrong position.
- A-200 2 x 500 lb GP failed to release - tight away braces.
  
- G. None
  
- H. (i) None
- (ii) None
- (iii) None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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ANNEX "A"

## BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 320BOX I GROUP 416 DATE 20 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Corseilles En Vexin  
A/D

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set syn.
2. Bombing approach: 064° 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 with corrections for synchronisation. AP used as MFI. No trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Palin.
6. Name of lead pilot: Major Campbell
7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 270 Altitude: 11,000
9. Length of bomb run: 45 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: \_\_\_\_\_ X 500 lb FUSED \_\_\_\_\_ N 1/10 T 1/100
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 68

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
- (g) Bombing results as reported by crews:  
Aimed at right Target: YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_  
Results claimed: \_\_\_\_\_ GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR \_\_\_\_\_ POOR \_\_\_\_\_ BAD MISS \_\_\_\_\_  
EXCELLENT X

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(Over)

Formation consisted of 3 boxes, 18 ships box 1 and 18 ships box 2. The oil line was 1750. The gear target was 1/2 - 1501. Target - Committee in both directions. Box 1, 18 1/2 feet, dropped a total of 60 bombs in the target area and excellent results. Box 2, at 17,000 feet, dropped a total of 60 bombs in the target area and excellent results. Additionally, 60 1/2 inches down and 1 1/2 inches up and. Very straight line and very near underneath the target area and 2 inches north of target. No anti-aircraft expended over target area. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1711.

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

1. 2 miles down and 1 1/2 miles up and.
2. Home.
3. 2 boxes of 18.
4. 18 miles down and 1 1/2 miles up and.
5. 18 miles down and 1 1/2 miles up and.
6. 18 miles down and 1 1/2 miles up and.
7. 18 miles down and 1 1/2 miles up and.
8. Home.

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## BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 300BOX 21 GROUP 415 DATE 20 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Cornellles - Vexin  
A/D1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set syn.2. Bombing approach: 90° 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 with corrections for synchronization. NPI used as AP. No trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Jones6. Name of lead pilot: Capt. in Clark7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 220 Ground Speed: 255 Altitude: 11,0009. Length of bomb run: 45 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10T 1/10011. Total Bombs Dropped: 33

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. Haze hindered recognition slightly.

(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.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

Results claimed: GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR \_\_\_\_\_ POOR \_\_\_\_\_ BAD MISS \_\_\_\_\_

EXCELLENT X~~SECRET~~

(Over)

- 1. A follow down and 1 1/2 miles up sun.
- 2. None.
- 3. 2 boxes of 10.
- 4. With turn to left and right from I.P.
- 5. No point navigation from I.P. to target - target located by
- 6. None.
- 7. None.
- 8. None.

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*Steve*

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BY AUTH CO, STA 170  
21 MAY 1944  
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**HEADQUARTERS  
41ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)  
Office of the Commanding Officer**

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

**SUBJECT: Mission Report - Aircraft.**

**TO: Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APO 140, U.S. Army. (Attention Maintenance).**

**PART I**

- (1) 20 May 1944 - 1755 - Comelilles En Vaux A/B.
- (2) 25
- (3) 33

**PART II**

None

**PART III (1)**

None

**PART III (2)**

<u>AAF Serial No.</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Results</u>
43-9573	Engine checked and found O.K.	Engine smoking.	No
43-10214	Sway braces too tight.	One bomb delayed release.	Yes
43-10219	Sway braces too tight.	One bomb failed to release.	Yes

**PART III (3)**

<u>AAF Serial No.</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Results</u>
43-9743	Pilot failed to select proper switches	No bombs dropped.	Yes
43-9800	Antennae out when testing guns.	Antennae wound around rudder.	Yes

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEL,  
Capt, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
EIGHTH BOMB GROUP (L)  
OFFICE OF THE WEATHER OFFICER

AFPO 140  
20 May 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 4 miles. 4-6/10 Cumulus at 4000 ft.  
7-8/10 cirrus at 20,000 ft.

Route Out: 9/10 cumulus at 2500 ft. over southern England  
breaking half way over channel and becoming  
3-5/10 over continent. Thick base to 6000 ft.  
and thin base above, top uncrowd. Visibility  
5-4 miles over southern England improving to  
5 miles over channel and continent.

TARGET: Nil cloud Visibility 5 miles down sun, 1 1/2 miles  
up sun.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out except that 10/10 clouds at  
8000 ft were noted over Le Havre

BASE ON RETURN: 3/10 cumulus at 3500 ft. Overcast of cirrus  
at 20,000 ft. Visibility 3 miles

WINDS: As forecast

TIME OVER TARGET: 1948

AFFECT OF WEATHER ON BOMBING: Haze made it impossible to  
pick out the target until  
the last moment.

*Robert D. Griffith*  
Robert D. Griffith  
2nd Lt. Air Corps

TAKEOFF - 1800  
RETURN

WETHERS FIELD  
416th BOMB GROUP (L)

DATE 20 MAY 1944  
PERIOD 1730 - 2130  
HQ SOS USAPP 9-43190W/19221

# OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

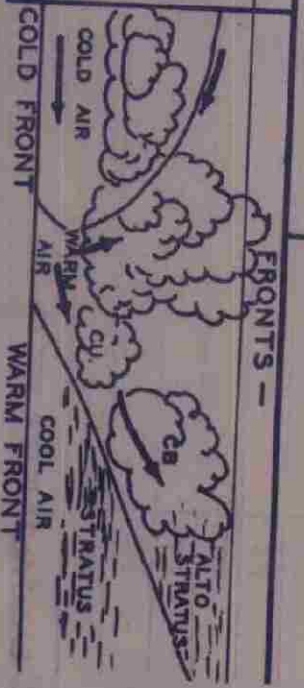
	A BASE TO TARGET	B TARGET	C TARGET TO BASE	D
1 WEATHER	PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY	
2 CLOUDS	4/10 CIRRUS IN TARGET AREA TO 8/10 5/10 MEDIUM CLOUDS AT 12,000 FT DECREASING SOUTHWARD BECOMING 6/10 AT 10,000 FT INLAND OVER CONTINENT LOW CLOUDS VARIABLE 5 TO 4/10 BASE 3,000 FT TO 8,000 FT BREAKING TO NIL OVER CHANNEL AND 3 TO 5/10 OVER CONTINENT	8/10 HIGH CIRRUS 6/10 MEDIUM CLOUDS AT 14,000 FT 4/10 LOW CLOUDS BASE 3,000 FT TOPS 8,000 FT	SAME AS ROUTE OUT EXCEPT MEDIUM CLOUDS INCREASING TO 8/10	
3 ICING	FREEZING LEVEL 8,000 FT MODERATE RIME IN MEDIUM CLOUDS LIGHT TO MODERATE CLEAR ICE IN CLOUDS AT 5,000 FT	SAME	SAME	
4 VISIBILITY	3 TO 4 MILES BECOMING 4 TO 6 MILES OVER CONTINENT	6 MILES	2 TO 3 MILES	
HEIGHT SURFACE	DIRECTION VELOCITY BASE 6	DIRECTION VELOCITY 240 TARGET 6	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
5,000 FT	350	240		
10,000 FT	320	240		
12,000 FT	300	240		
15,000 FT	280	250		
FT	280	250		
FT				
BASE ALTIMETER SETTING <u>29.87</u>	TARGET SURFACE TEMP. <u>+14</u>	TARGET MEAN TEMP. <u>-1°C</u>	TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) <u>+375</u>	
	TEMP. AT <u>12,000</u> FT. <u>-12°C</u>			

# 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 ENTERED, FRONTAL POSITIONS, ETC.			

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!

CLOUD TYPES AND ABBREVIATIONS  
 LOW CLOUDS = ST-STRATUS  
                   SC-STRATOCUMULUS  
 MIDDLE CLOUDS = AS-ALTOSTRATUS  
                       AC-ALTOCUMULUS  
 HIGH CLOUDS = CI-CIRRUS  
                   CS-CIRROSTRATUS  
 CLOUDS OF VERTICAL EXTENT =  
 CU-CUMULUS   CB-CUMULONIMBUS



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FROM COBOMGR 415 21/0001B  
TO COBOMCOBATWG 97 ATT SIG O  
CONFIDENTIAL BT  
M-544-J

A- YS - 49

B- 20 MAY 1944 ( 1825-2054 )

C - 668 (9) R A T D-1 O Q K H J  
669 (8) A J Q V D I N W  
670 (11) Q-1 L S N E M A-1 B E-1 F-1 T  
671 (7) C B M P-K-1 X F  
TOTAL 35

D-670-T COMMAND RECEIVER INOPERATIVE  
670-L INTERPHONE TO KMX TURRET CUTTING OUT

E-670- A-1 TWO QDM'S FROM WETHERSFIELD

F- NOT APPLICABLE

G- NOT APPLICABLE

H- NOT APPLICABLE

I- NONE

J- 670-T FROMATION AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS  
669-D KXKX FORMATION AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS

K- NONE

L-670-T REPORTED COMPLETION OF OPS TO RAXXX PARADE  
669-D REPORTED COMPLETION OF OPS TO PARADE

M- NONE

N- NOT APPLICABLE

O- GOOD REXXXX RADIO PERFORMANCE

MACE COBOMGR 415

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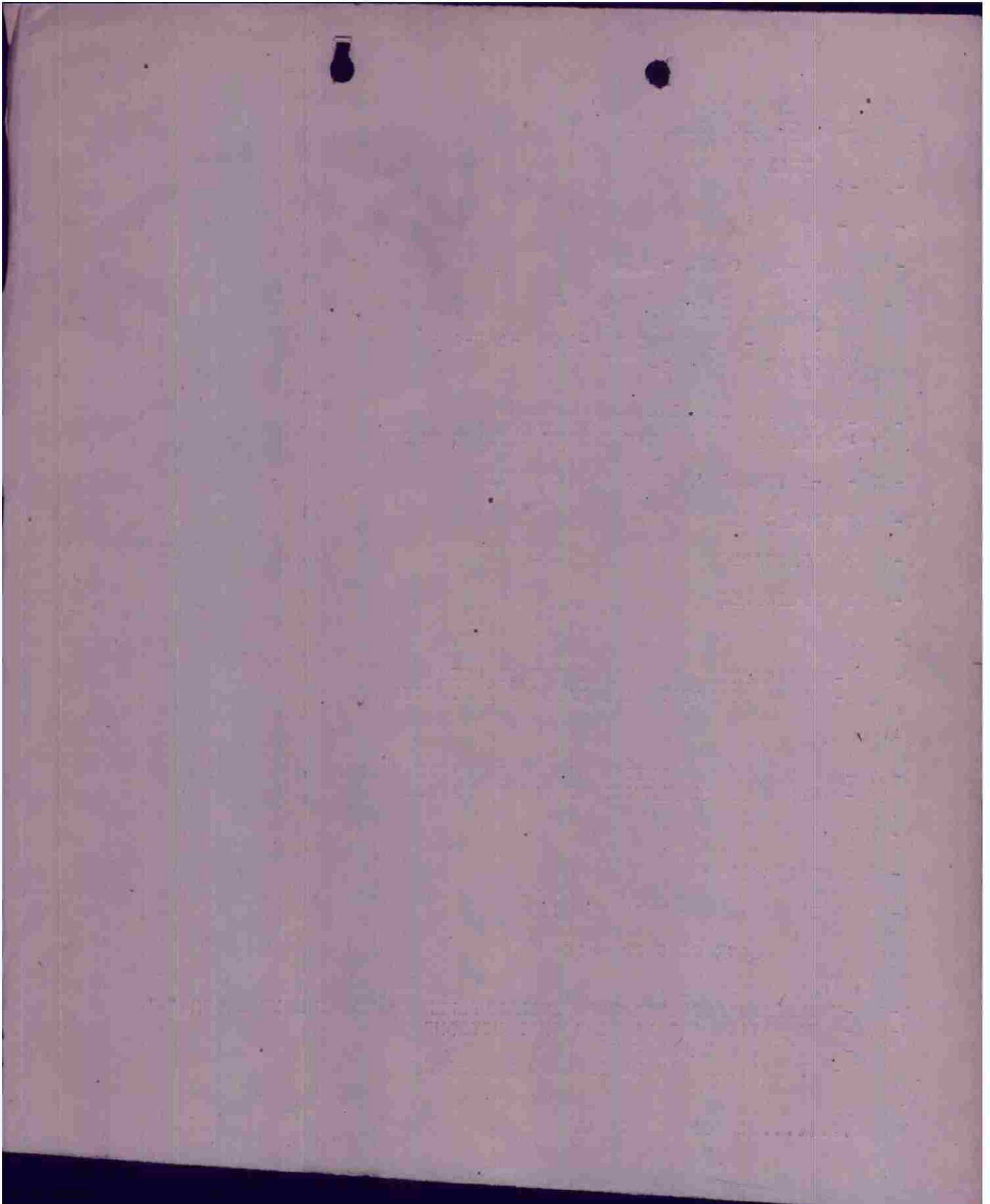
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669-D FORMATION AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS

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Box #	OpsFL	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Lead.	T/O	15 Min.
I	46	20 May	45-320	Cormelle En Vixen		✓	TOT I/D	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	Att.	Bomb Disp.	A/C Dem.	E/A	Pers		
Pos No	Reason	P S O	P S T F P	M D A A C B E	D P D	K W M		
1 455		X	X					✓ C. Hill 288
2 814		X	X					✓ L. Jones 281
3 231		X	X					✓ L. Jones 281
4 191		X	X					✓ L. Jones 281
5 985		X	X					✓ R. W. 900
6 900		X	X					✓ R. W. 900
1 452		X	X					✓ R. W. 983
2 892		X	X					✓ R. W. 983
3 978		X	X					✓ R. W. 983
4 300		X	X					✓ R. W. 983
5 280		X	X					✓ R. W. 983
6 750		X	X					✓ R. W. 983
1 200	Return to base							✓ R. W. 983
2 840		X	X					✓ R. W. 983
3 207		X	X					✓ R. W. 983
4 207		X	X					✓ R. W. 983
5 203		X	X					✓ R. W. 983
6 207		X	X					✓ R. W. 983



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HEADQUARTERS  
IX BOMBER COMMAND

APO #140 US Army  
21 May 1944

SUBJECT: Deficiencies in Mission Reports of 20 May 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 416 Bombardment Group (M), IX Bomber Command.  
Attention: S-2.

1. Attention is directed to deficiencies which appear in the reports of yesterday's mission prepared by your Group.
2. Due to the need for uniformity and complete accuracy, it is requested that every effort be made to correct such deficiencies in future reports.

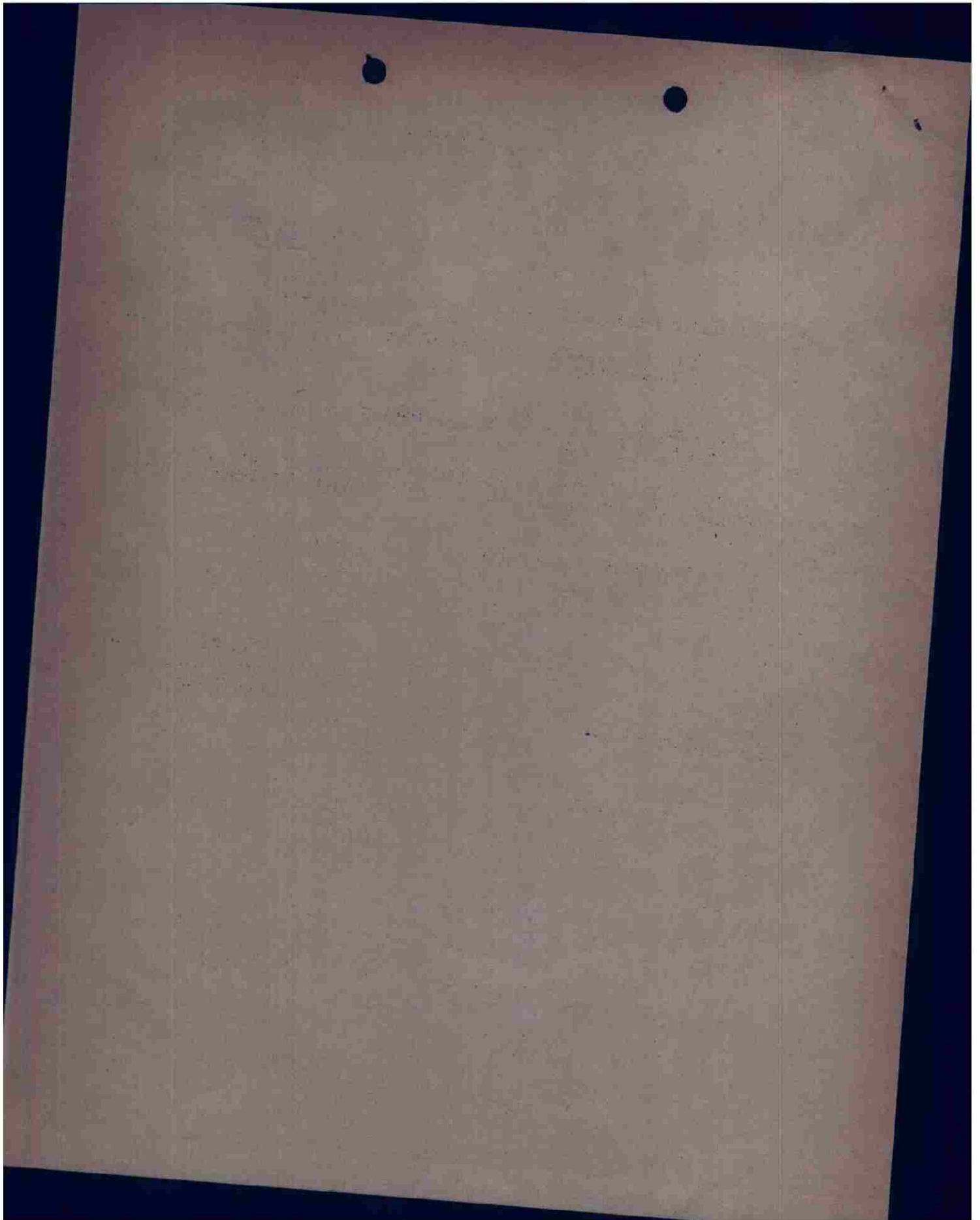
By command of Brigadier General ANDERSON:

cc to 97 Combat Wing



C. G. VEGA, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant General.





REVIEW OF DEFICIENCIES

20 May 1944  
Afternoon Mission

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MISSION REPORTING PROCEDURE

Group 416th

Target Gormeilles-en-vexin A/D

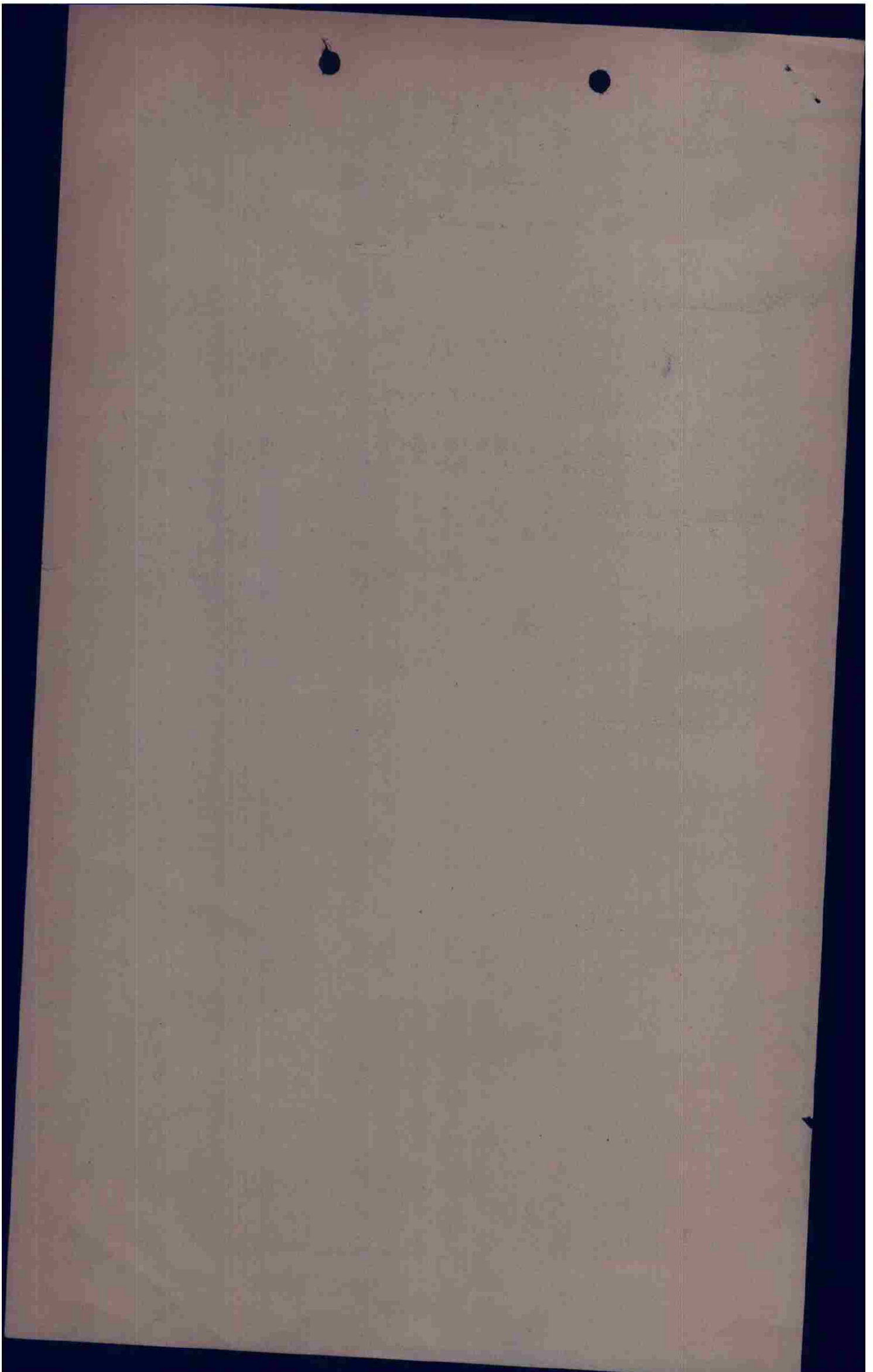
15-Minute Report: OK

Opflash Report: OK

F/I Report & Laydown: OK

Bombardier Report: Incorrect spacing. See instructions

Photo Report: OK



MISSION # 51

