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HEADQUARTERS  
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)  
Office of the Commanding Officer

SECRET  
By authority  
CG, No. 170  
29 July 1944  
Inl. \_\_\_\_\_

APO 140, U. S. Army.  
29 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Material and Mechanical Failure s.

TO : Commanding Officer, 97th Combat Wing (L), APO 140, U. S. Army.

In compliance with letter, your Headquarters, dated 25 June 1944, subject as above, the following report is submitted:

416th Bomb Gp (L), 107th Mission, 28 July 1944.  
97th Combat Wing Field Order Number 147-452.

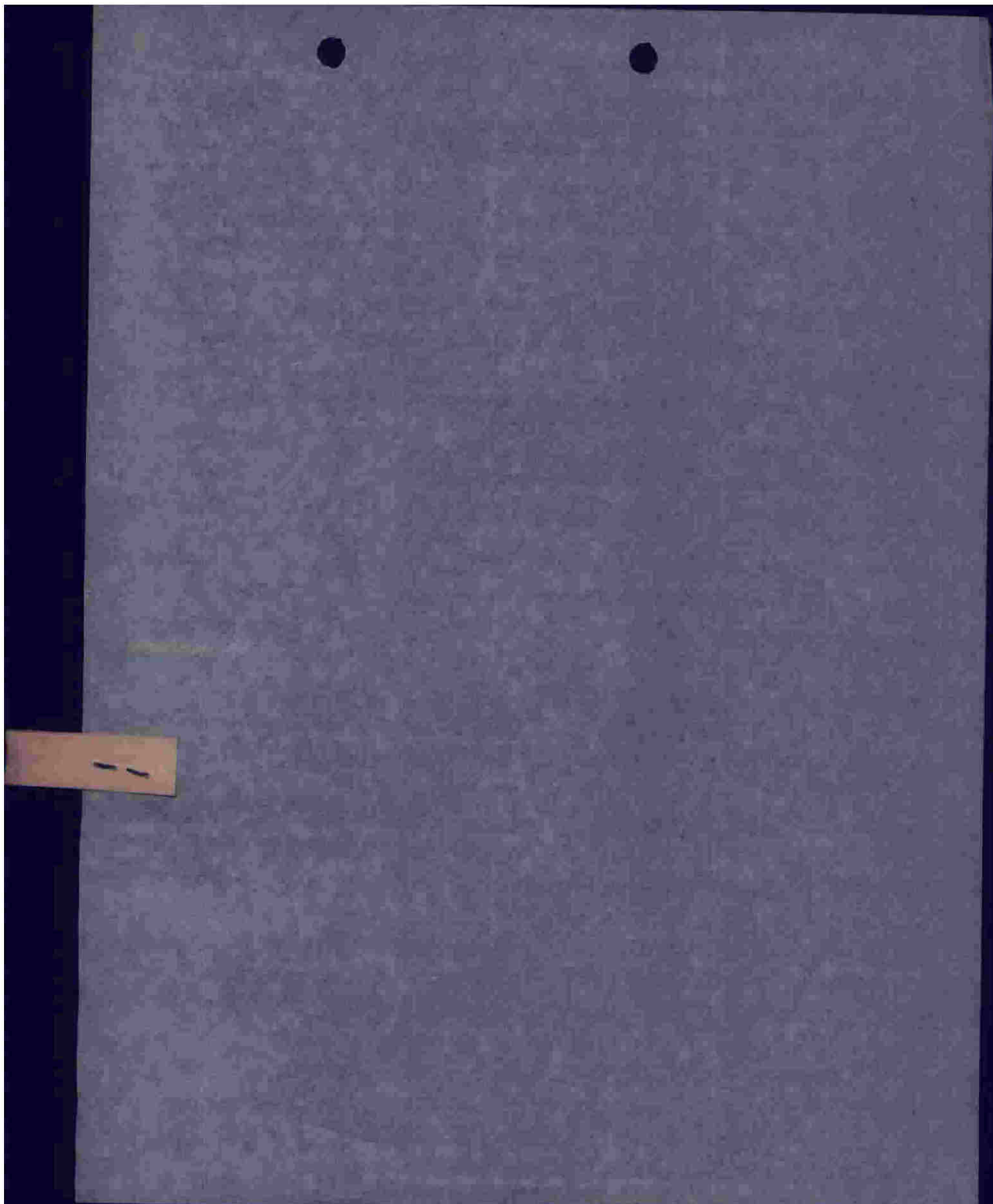
1. 35 (includes 3 window ships)
2. 35 (includes 3 window ships)
3. 33 (includes 3 window ships)
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6. AIR SERIAL NO.	DESCRIPTION	CAUSE
43-9819 Lt. J.F. Smith	4 tanks failed to release.	Wiring improperly installed on B-2 mission.
43-9817 Lt. T. J. Leonard	Failure of battery circuit.	Points in release current relay closed causing failure of battery circuit.

JUL 28 1944  
#107

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE BOWENKIN,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.



MISSION NO. 107

LOADING LIST

28 JULY 1944.

BOX I  
FLIGHT I

1. ✓ 444 J  
*a* Capt. G.M. McNulty ✓  
 Lt. F.H. Buzziel ✓  
 S/S J.A. Fejes  
 S/S E.R. Judd
2. ✓ 724 A  
*a* Lt. F.W. DeMand ✓  
 Lt. R.J. Hannon ✓  
 S/Sgt. R.J. Troyer  
 S/S C.W. Middleton

3. ✓ 701 H  
*a* Col. H.L. Mace ✓  
 S/Sgt. E. Shelton \*  
 Sgt. W.F. Fuertner

FLIGHT II

1. ✓ 376 O  
*B* Lt. E.E. DeMina ✓  
 S/S M. Rosenstein  
 S/S H.O. Carney
2. ✓ 961 E  
*B* Lt. J.E. Blongren ✓  
 Sgt. M. Bookach  
 Sgt. L.M. Fleming

3. ✓ 717 N  
*B* Lt. A.J. Vieghele ✓  
 S/S R.W. Rice \*  
 S/S C.E. Young
4. ✓ 900 Q  
*B* Lt. R.H. Behlmer ✓  
 S/S W.J. Kelly  
 S/S W.G. Ferguson

FLIGHT III

1. ✓ 202 B  
*B* Lt. F.F.E. MacManus ✓  
 S/S J.L. Rogers  
 S/S G.I. Fleischman
2. ✓ 743 W  
*B* Lt. E.R. Hayter ✓  
 S/S F.E. Melchoir  
 S/S R.C. Halloway

3. ✓ 219 D  
*a* Lt. J.F. Smith ✓ H X  
 S/S C. Vafidi a  
 S/S R.C. Hoffman (4)
4. ✓ 181 A-1  
*B* Lt. W.H. Land ✓  
 S/S R.F. Alden  
 S/S R.L. Ballinger

FLIGHT IV

1. ✓ 390 G  
*B* Lt. T. Boukamp ✓  
 S/S R.J. Colosimo  
 S/S J.S. Wing
2. ✓ 147 K-1  
*B* Lt. E.P. Hall ✓  
 Sgt. R.P. Sharp  
 Sgt. R.W. Carstens

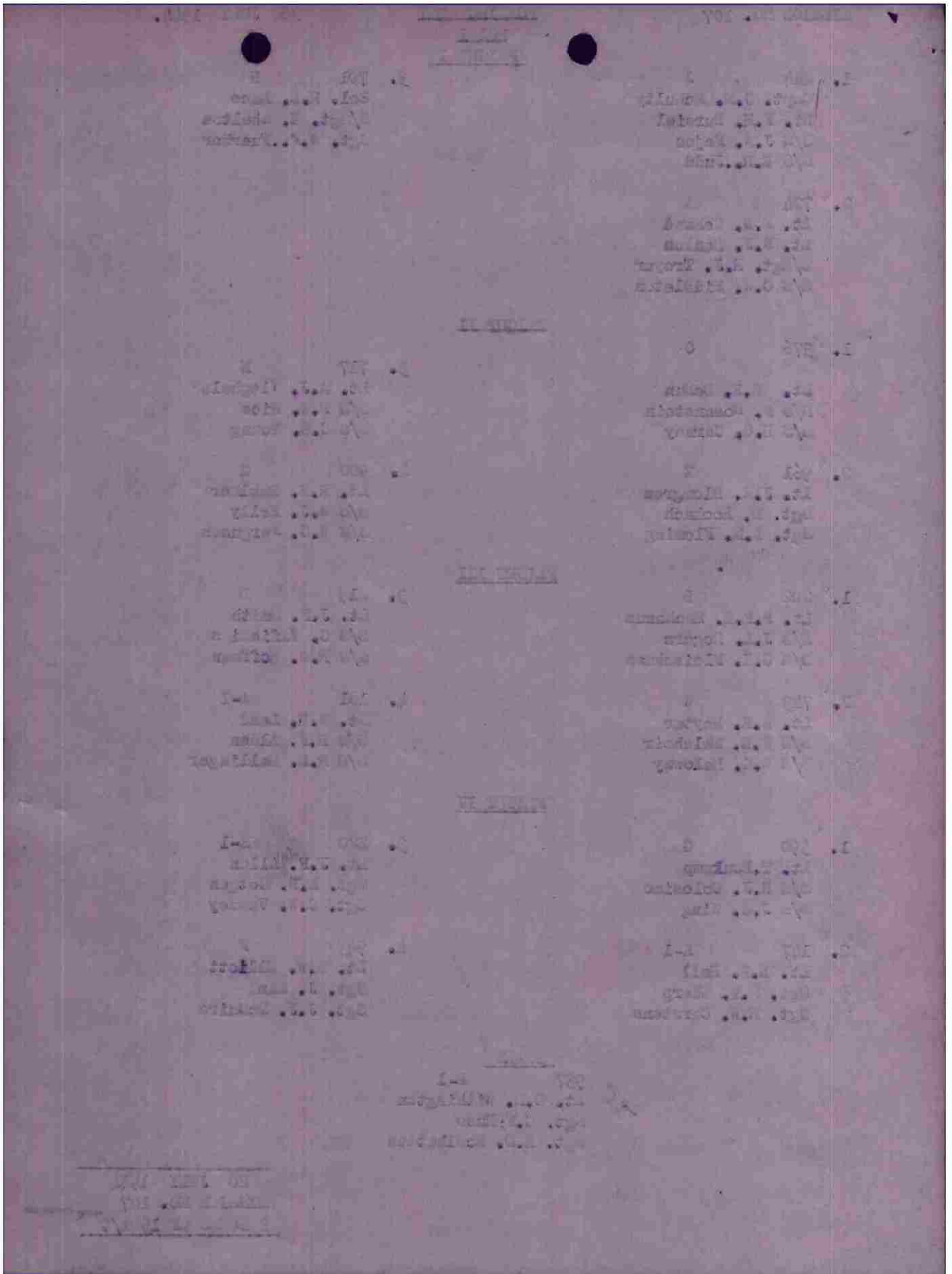
3. ✓ 220 E-1  
*a* Lt. J.F. Allen ✓  
 Sgt. L.R. Getgen  
 Sgt. C.W. Veazey
4. ✓ 943 F  
*B* Lt. D.W. Ellfott ✓ \*  
 Sgt. J. Maxi  
 Sgt. J.J. McGuire

SPARE

- 937 B-1  
*a* Lt. D.L. Withington ✓  
 Sgt. C.F. Huss  
 Sgt. L.D. McElhatton

(18)

28 JULY 1944  
 MISSION NO. 107  
 2 BOXES OF 15 A/C



MISSION NO. 107

LOADING LIST  
BOX 11  
FLIGHT I

28 JULY 1944

1. ✓ 452 Q  
CAPT D A HULSE ✓  
LT R CONTE ✓  
C S/S F D ALLRED H\*  
S/S R F ADDLEMAN

4.

2. ✓ 712 N  
MAJOR J D NAPIER ✓  
B LT J MADENFORD ✓  
S/S R R LOWE  
P VT H W PERKINS

3. ✓ 892 L  
C LT R O GRUETZEMACHER ✓  
S/S D S BLACKFORD (v)  
S/S L C BURGER

FLIGHT 11

1. ✓ 480 B  
a CAPT H F CONANT ✓  
S/S C F LOVE  
S/S F L ADAIR

3. ✓ 907 O  
a LT J H MONTROSE ✓  
SGT R S GANDY  
SGT J W FELKEL

2. ✓ 195 D  
a LT F W HARRIS ✓  
S/S D HANTSKE  
S/S E A DAMICO

4. ✓ 894 R  
a LT C J ANDERSEN ✓  
SGT T G EUGA \*  
SGT E L SCHAEFER

FLIGHT 111

1. ✓ 750 M  
C LT W B OSTRANDER ✓  
S/S H E WHITE X  
S/S I BINNEY

3. ✓ 380 N  
c LT D G GRUNIG ✓  
SGT M E DIAS  
SGT H J NOWOSIELSKI

2. ✓ 978 S  
c LT R B SINGLETARY ✓  
SGT H G WIGGINS  
SGT A A CIANCIOSI

4. ✓ 200 A  
c LT W J GREENE ✓  
S/S J A OCHABA (v)  
S/S W F COLBERT

FLIGHT 1V

1. ✓ 214 G  
LT R E GREENLEY ✓  
S/S H C WORDEN  
S/S J J RZEPKA

3. ✓ 363 L-1  
LT J H MILLER ✓  
S/S J GALENDER \*  
S/S R G SCHROM

2. ✓ 956 Z-1  
LT A E HERMAN ✓  
S/S A D GARRETT  
S/S J O YOUNG

4. ✓ 951 P  
LT R H SMITH ✓  
S/S R J MAHONEY  
S/S J S BROWER

SPARE  
217 D-1  
C LT T J LEONARD  
S/S O D EVANS  
S/S T A PALMER

MISSION NO. 107  
28 JULY 1944

MISSION NO. 107

LOADING LIST  
WINDOW MISSION ONLY

28 JULY 1944

1. ✓ 469 J ✓  
Capt. H.L. Scammers ✓  
Lt. R.J. McQuade ✓  
B Sgt. J.D. Dugan  
Sgt. L.B. Curtis

3. ✓ 764 X ✓  
a Lt. D.G. Welsh ✓  
Sgt. R.E. Wright  
Sgt. S.G. Novak

2. ✓ 150 N ✓  
a Lt. J.P. Kenny ✓  
Sgt. J.K. Spadoni  
S/Sgt. K.E. Hornbeck

28 JULY 1944  
MISSION NO. 107  
WINDOW AIRCRAFT

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

416BG Y\_\_\_\_\_E SECRET IN THE CLEAR

\*J\* FORM OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE F-7 28 JULY 1944

PREPARED BY LT R F SHAWFER

A.

B. 1524

C. SHELBY BILL

D. BOX I R/T WALLSTREET ONE

668 . . . 2 . . . J H

671 . . . 3 . . . A B-1 E-1

669 . . . 10 . . . O E N Q B W G F A-1 K-1

671 . . . 1 . . . SPARE . . . E-2

GROUP LEADER . . . 668 . . . J

DEPUTY . . . 671 . . . A

BOX II R/T WALLSTREET TWO

670 . . . 6 . . . Q L M S N A

669 . . . 1 . . . H

668 . . . 4 . . . B D O R

671 . . . 4 . . . C Z-1 L-1 P

670 . . . 1 . . . SPARE . . . D-1

SECOND BOX LEADER . . . 670 . . . Q

DEPUTY . . . 669 . . . H

BOX III R/T WALLSTREET THREE

669 . . . 1 . . . J

668 . . . 2 . . . H X

THIRD BOX LEADER . . . 669 . . . J

E. 13000

F. 1537

G. 5 MILES EAST OF CADOURG

H. 48 1/2

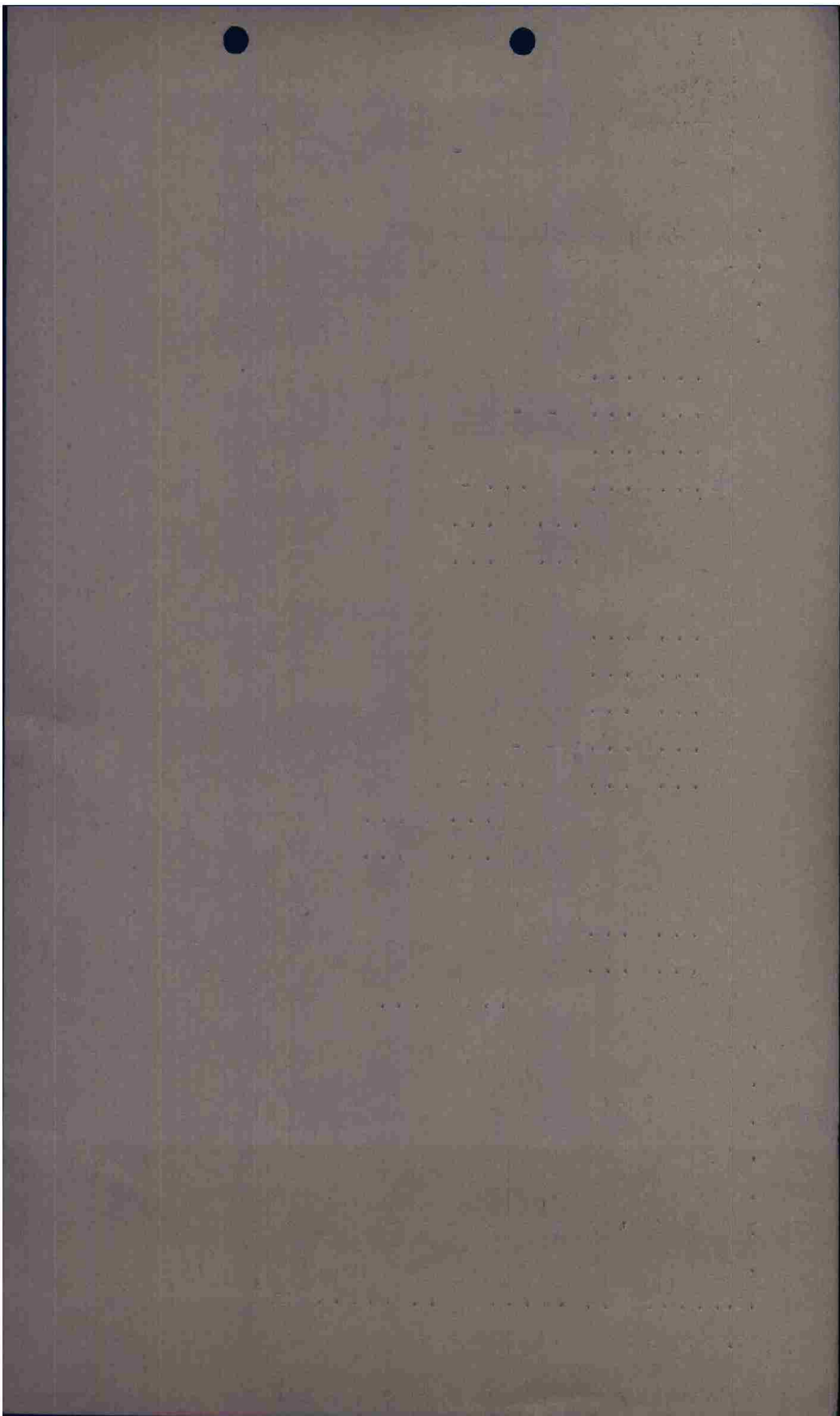
J. GOURY

K. ST CATHERINE'S POINT

L. 1639

M. I.S.O. . . 1956 . . E.T.D. . . 1443 . . E.T.A. . . 1711

2. 4 x 500 GP



- 3. 4 HOURS
- 4. 4802W/G/A
- 5. NONE

MAGE COBOWER 416

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

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

C O N F I D E N T I A L

FROM: COBOMGR 416  
TO COCBTWIG 97TH ATT: SIG O

A - YS - 107

B - 28 JULY 1944

C - 36 A/C

D - 66B - P - TURRET INTERPHONE OUT, JACKBOX REPAIRED.

66B - J - CHANNEL A RECEIVER NOISY, CHECKED AND RETUNED.

66B -B - TURRET INTERPHONE OUT, BROKEN SWIVEL JOINT REPLACED.

E - 2 QDM'S FROM BOATDECK.

MACE COBOMGR 416

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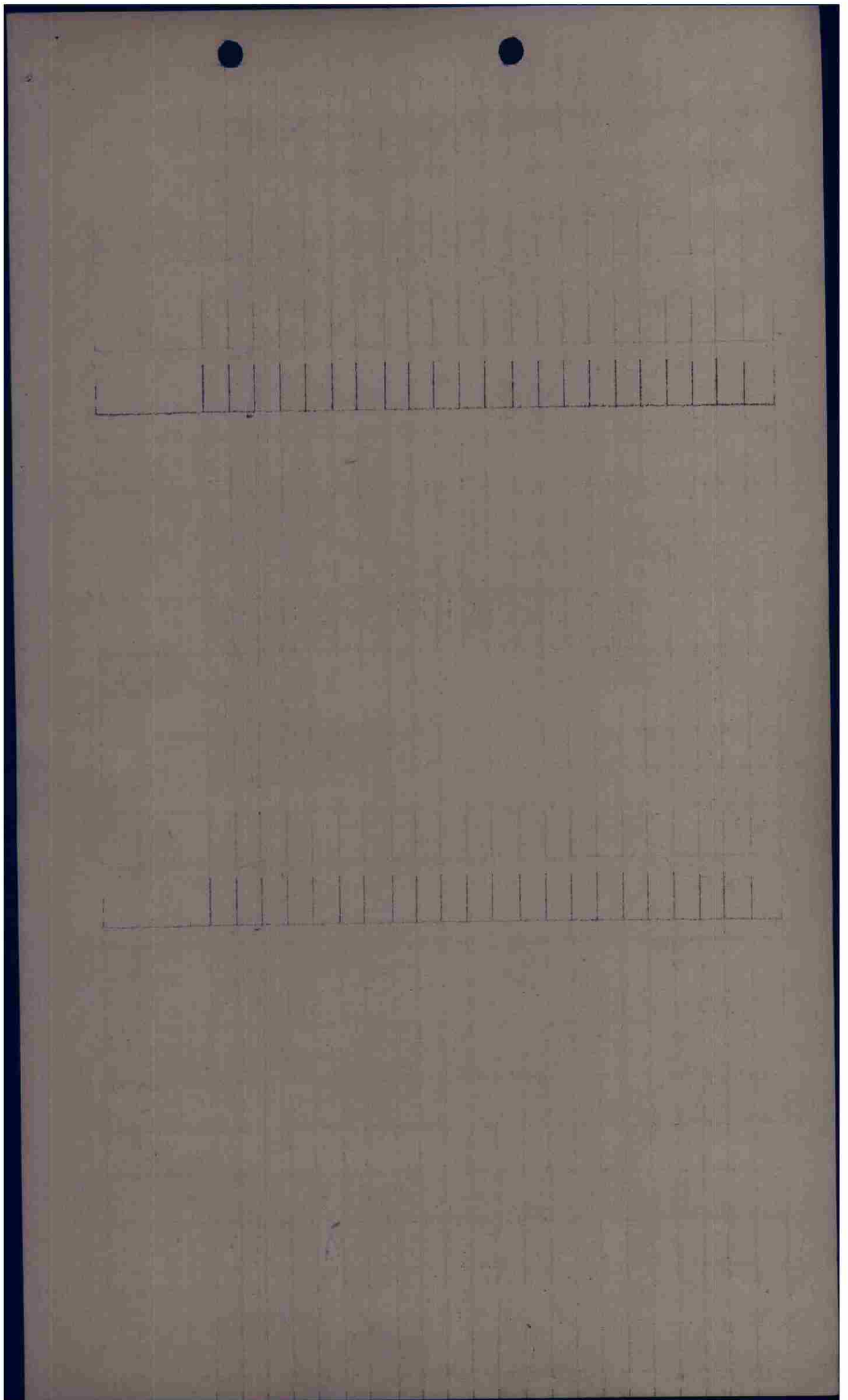
JACK B. COONEY,  
CAPT, AIR CORPS,  
SIG O.

Mission No. 107

Part I

28 July 1944

Squad	A/C LTR	A/C NO.	PILOT	DISTANCE	TARGET	Altitude	ENG. COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	Time	ENG. COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	Observer	Fuel Load	Bomb Load	Endurance	Launch Time	Remarks
A	J	444	Mr. Nutty	604		1356	1514	1537	1609	1625	1639		725	4500	1748		
A	A	724	de Brand			1356	12000	12000	3000	12000	9000				1749		
A	H	701	Trace			1356	12000	5700		12000	9000				1749		
B	O	376	de Brand			1357	12000	5700		12000	9000				1750		
B	F	961	Blomgren			1357	12000	5700		12000	9000				1750		
B	N	714	Veeghela			1357	12000	5700		12000	9000				1751		
B	Q	900	de Brand			1357	12000	5700		12000	9000				1751		
B	B	308	de Brand			1358	12000	5700		12000	9000				1751		
B	W	743	de Brand			1358	12000	5700		12000	9000				1751		
B	B-1	219	de Brand			1358	12000	5700		12000	9000				1752		
B	A-1	181	de Brand			1358	12000	5700		12000	9000				1753		
B	G	390	de Brand			1359	12000	5700		12000	9000				1754		
B	K-1	147	de Brand			1359	12000	5700		12000	9000				1755		
B	F-1	220	de Brand			1359	12000	5700		12000	9000				1755		
B	F	943	de Brand			1359	12000	5700		12000	9000				1756		
B	B-1	937	de Brand			1400	12000	5700		12000	9000				1756		
B-2		203	de Brand			1402	12000	5700		12000	9000				1756		

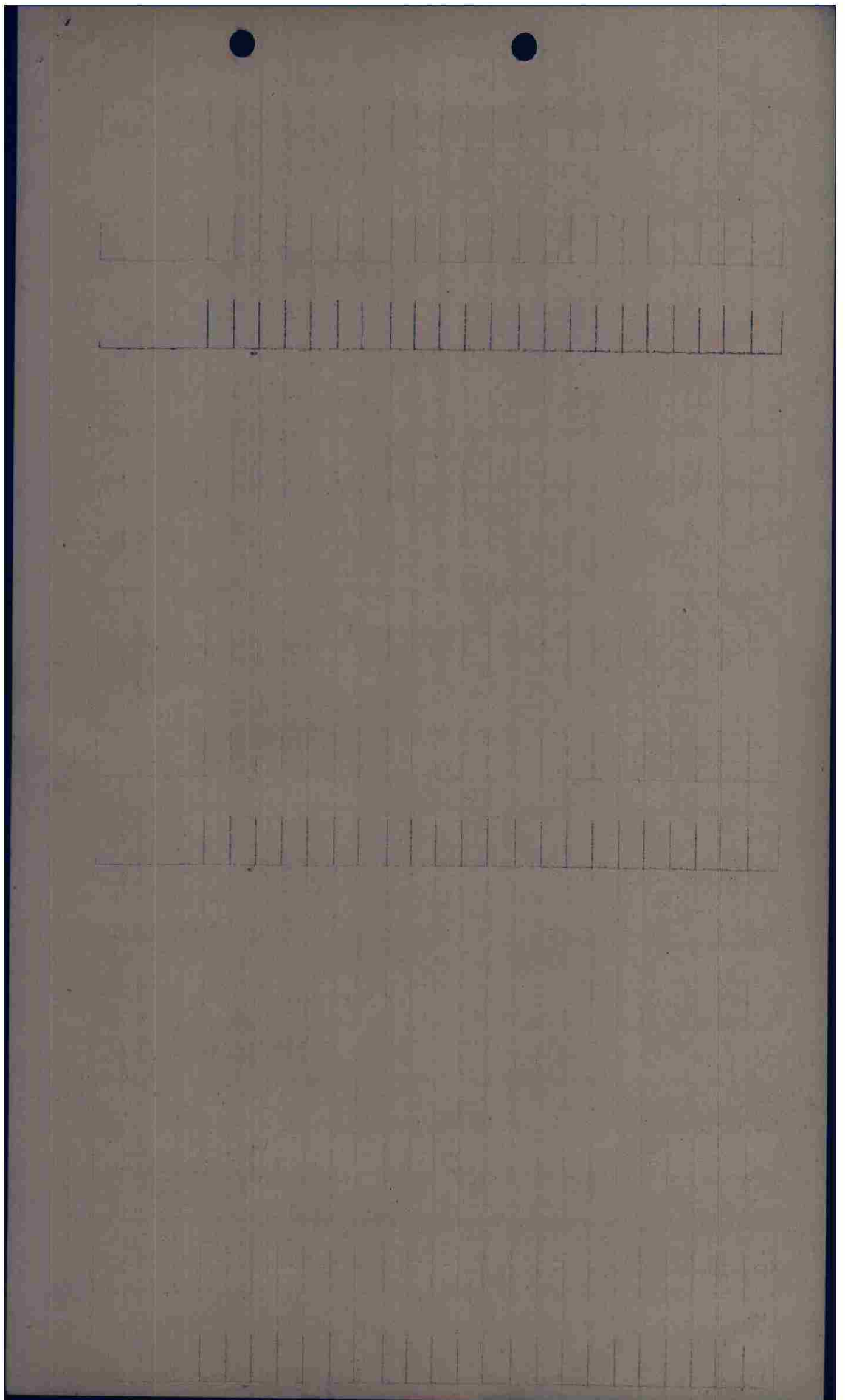


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S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U L L O L D	B O M B A D	E N D U R	L A N D I N G	R E M A R K S
C	Q	452	Harber			1401						HC				1736	
A	H	712	Notien			1402										1736	
C	K	892	Broutemackin			1402										1737	
A	B	480	Carant			1402										1738	
A	D	195	Harvic			1403										1740	
A	O	907	Perthore			1403										1741	
A	R	894	Anderson			1403						C				1742	
C	M	750	Anderson			1403										1738	
C	S	978	Springstey			1404										1738	
C	N	380	Spring			1404										1739	
C	A	300	Green			1404										1737	
D	C	214	Greenberg			1405										1744	
D	Z-1	956	Steinberg			1405										1744	
D	K-1	363	Reider			1405						C				1743	
D	P	951	Spuit, R.H.			1406										1743	
C	D-1	217	Doegant			1407										1413	Spuit
BW		892	R. B. Stone			1356											
B	T	469	Armstrong, H.P.			1406										1728	Winkler
A	N	150	Ferny			1406										1728	Winkler
A	X	764	Malak			1407										1729	Winkler

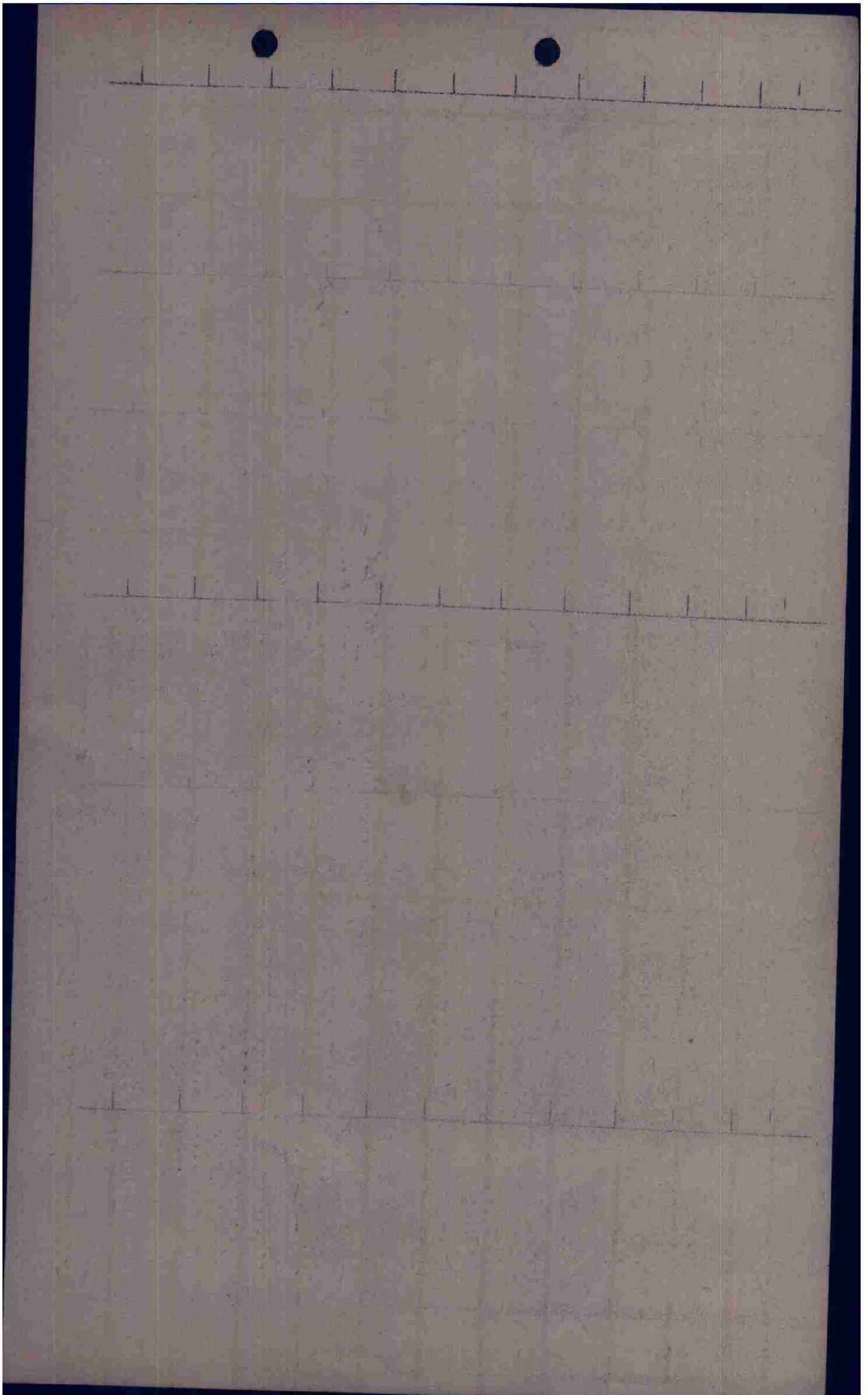


*Mission No. 102*

*28 July 1944*

SHIP NO	SQUADRON	PILOT and/or BOMBER	GUNS	FUNCTIONS	CAUSES OF MALFUNCTIONS
219	D	J.F. SMITH		1 bomb failed to release	Cause undetermined. Cause not properly reported from mission. Return aircraft from No 2.
202	B	MCKENNAUS		No. 3 + No 9 Station	Aircraft broken. Release relay points situated together.
892	C	Gruetzmacher		Failed to release	
200	C	Greene		Two bombs release. The mutually when down ground.	

*William G. McDonald  
Capt. H. C.  
Command Officer*



OICOG OIHAK OIYAA OICOF OIPPF V OILAI 05/28 OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 28/1150B Y-168-E  
 TO COMBOMCOM IX  
 COBOMGP 409 (INFO)  
 COBOMGP 410  
 COBOMGP 416  
 1ST PROV. PATHFINDERS SQ.

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
 APO 140  
 28 JULY 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 147-452

WAPS NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMB LINE  
 (2) NINTH T.A.C. WILL FURNISH FIGHTER ESCORT FOR THIS WING

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE WITH PPF A/C  
 ZERO HOUR 28/1430B

3. A. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) 4800/B/1
- (2) 2 BOXES 15 A/C
- (3) WITH P-51 AT 4944N 0156W AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 27 MIN. 1ST BOX AND ZERO HOUR PLUS 28 MIN. 2ND BOX WITH PPF A/C OVER BASE.
- (4) BASE TO MAIDENHEAD TO ST. CATHERINES POINT TO 4944N 0156W TO 4900N 0150W TO 4850N 0100W TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET LEFT TURN TO 4920N 0000 TO SELSEY BILL AND MAIDENHEAD TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB 1ST BOX 12,500 FEET 2ND BOX 12,000 FEET IMMEDIATELY AFTER BOMBING BOTH BOXES WILL DROP TO 10,000 FEET. CROSS FRENCH COAST OUT 10,000 FEET.
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 4800/20 REF. 030020. TO BE USED ONLY IF BOMBING IS VISUAL.
- X (10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) THERE WILL BE NO ALTERNATE TARGETS ATTACKED
- (13) T.O.T. 1ST BOX ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MIN.  
 2ND BOX ZERO HOUR PLUS 61 MIN.

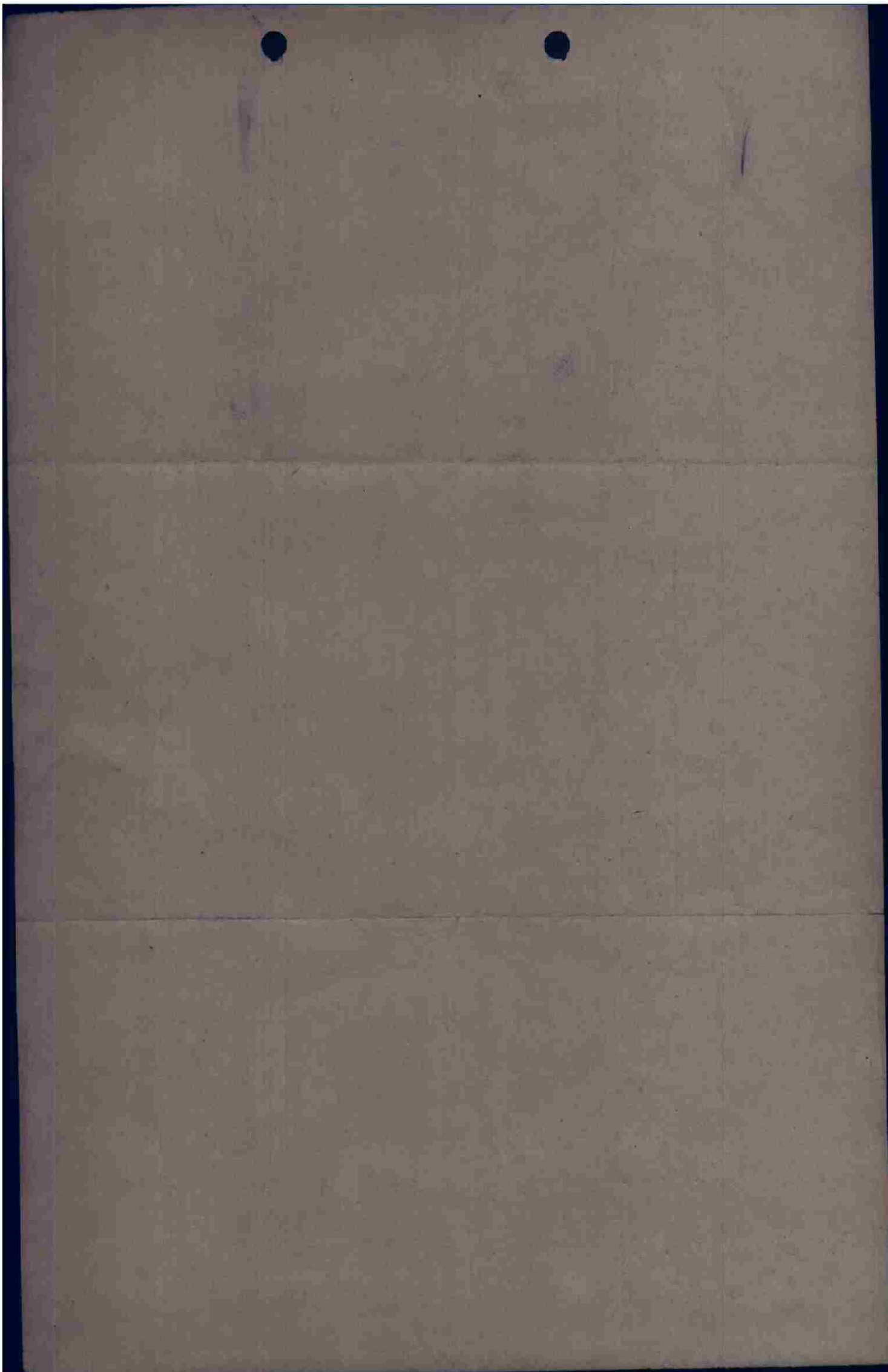
3. B. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) 4802W/G/4
- (2) 2 BOXES 15 A/C
- (3) WITH P-47'S AT 4930N 0010W AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 64 MIN. 1ST BOX ZERO HOUR PLUS 65 MIN.  
 2ND BOX WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER BASE
- (4) BASE TO MAIDENHEAD TO SELSEY BILL TO 4930N 0010W TO 4920N 0000 TO 4904N 0010E TO 4857N 0030W TO 4845N 0050W TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET RIGHT TURN TO 4944N 0156W TO ST. CATHERINES POINT TO MAIDENHEAD TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET 2ND BOX 13,000 FEET.  
 IMMEDIATELY AFTER BOMBING BOTH BOXES WILL DROP TO 10,000 FEET. CROSS FRENCH COAST OUT 10,000 FEET.
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 4802W/27 ONE BOX REF. 049029 ONE BOX REF. 052023 TO BE USED ONLY IF BOMBING IS VISUAL.
- (10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED INSTANTANEOUS NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL
- (12) THERE WILL BE NO ALTERNATE TARGETS ATTACKED
- (13) T.O.T. 1ST BOX ZERO HOUR PLUS 100 MIN.  
 2ND BOX ZERO HOUR PLUS 101 MIN.

M

X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE

4. NO CHANGE



COBETWIG 97

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP  
(2) ROCKFISH  
(3) POKER

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP  
(2) WALLSTREET  
(3) JUDITH

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:  
(10) ABTV/ABTV  
(11) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL "C"  
WHEN CLEARING TARGET AREA.

BT 281150B  
RRR/CES AR K

OIRAK OILAI R.....28/1230B JH AR

OIGOF OILAI R.....28/1234B WCS AR

OIVAA OILAI R.....29/1234B JME AR

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OILAI OICOG V OIYAA OIYAA 20/28 OP

FROM 416TH BG (L) 28/1905B 416BG Y-541-I  
 TO HQ IX BC ATTN A-2  
 HQ 97TH CBU ATTN A-2

CONFIDENTIAL BT

OPFLASH NO 107 FOR 28 JULY 1944.

A. (1) LA GOUESHIERE  
 (2) LA GOUESHIERE

B. (1) 416TH BG  
 (2) 35 A-20'S INCLUDING 3 WINDOW SHIPS 2 B26 (PPF SHIPS)  
 (3) 4 A20 BOMB RELEASE MALFUNCTION, 1 A20 SHOT IN WING  
 (4) 29 A20'S AND 2 B26 (PPF SHIPS) 30 A-20'S

C. (1) 1356  
 (2) 1613  
 (3) 1757

D. NIL MISSING  
 NIL DESTROYED  
 NIL DAMAGED  
 0-0-0  
 0-0-0

E. CREW MEMEBERS REPORT EXCELLENT RESULTS BASED ON OBSERVATIONS THROUGH CLOUD BREAKS.

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

G. TWO MEDIUM SIZED NON-NAVAL BOATS AT T-6334. HEADED SOUTH AT 1620 FROM 12000 FEET.

SEVERAL (NUMBER UNDETERMINED) SMALL BOATS AT S-8272 AT 1615 FROM 12000 FEET.

MOTOR TRUCK TRAFFIC MOVING GENERALLY NORTH AND EAST. CANNOT PIN-POINT SINCE ALL WERE SEEN THROUGH HEAVY OVERCAST BREAKS.

ONE AC OUR FORMATION LANDED IN BEACHHEAD AREA BUT WAS SEEN TO DROP BOMBS DESPITE FEATHERED PROP ON BOMB RUN. MADE RUN ON SINGLE ENGINE.

AT 1622 A TRUCK CONVOY OF 20 VEHICLES HEADED EAST FROM ST. SAVEUR T 6322 FROM 12,000 FT.

SECOND BOX BOMBED 3 MINUTES AHEAD OF FIRST BOX. FORMATION FOLLOWED PPF LEADERS.

H. (1) 9 TO 10/10 AT TARGET - BOMBED ON PPF.  
 TOP 8 TO 9000 FEET.  
 (2) CLEAR OVER CHANNEL

I. 111 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY BY A20'S  
 7 X 500 GP RETURNED

//24///  
 XXXXXXXXXXXX  
 2 X 500  
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
 2 X 500 GP FELL OUT  
 8 X 500 GP - ON PRIMARY BY B26'S  
 J. 12,700 - 12,500

BT28/1905B  
 AS

CC: IN SECTION E WA CLOUDS SHD BE BREAK  
 CC: PLS DELETE IN SECTION I. THE LINE 2 X5000 AND THE STRING OF X'S IN THE NEXT LINE

CY AR  
 LAI R.....28/1930B RL AR K  
 OICOG R.....281927 UB AR  
 O

