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

SECRET
By authority
OO, Sta. 170
12 Sept 1944
Init. _____

APO 140, U. S. Army,
12 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Combat Mission.

TO : Commanding General, 97th Combat Wing, APO 140, U. S. Army.

116th Bombardment Group (L),
11st Combat Mission, 11 September 1944.
7th AF SC Number 203 - 542.

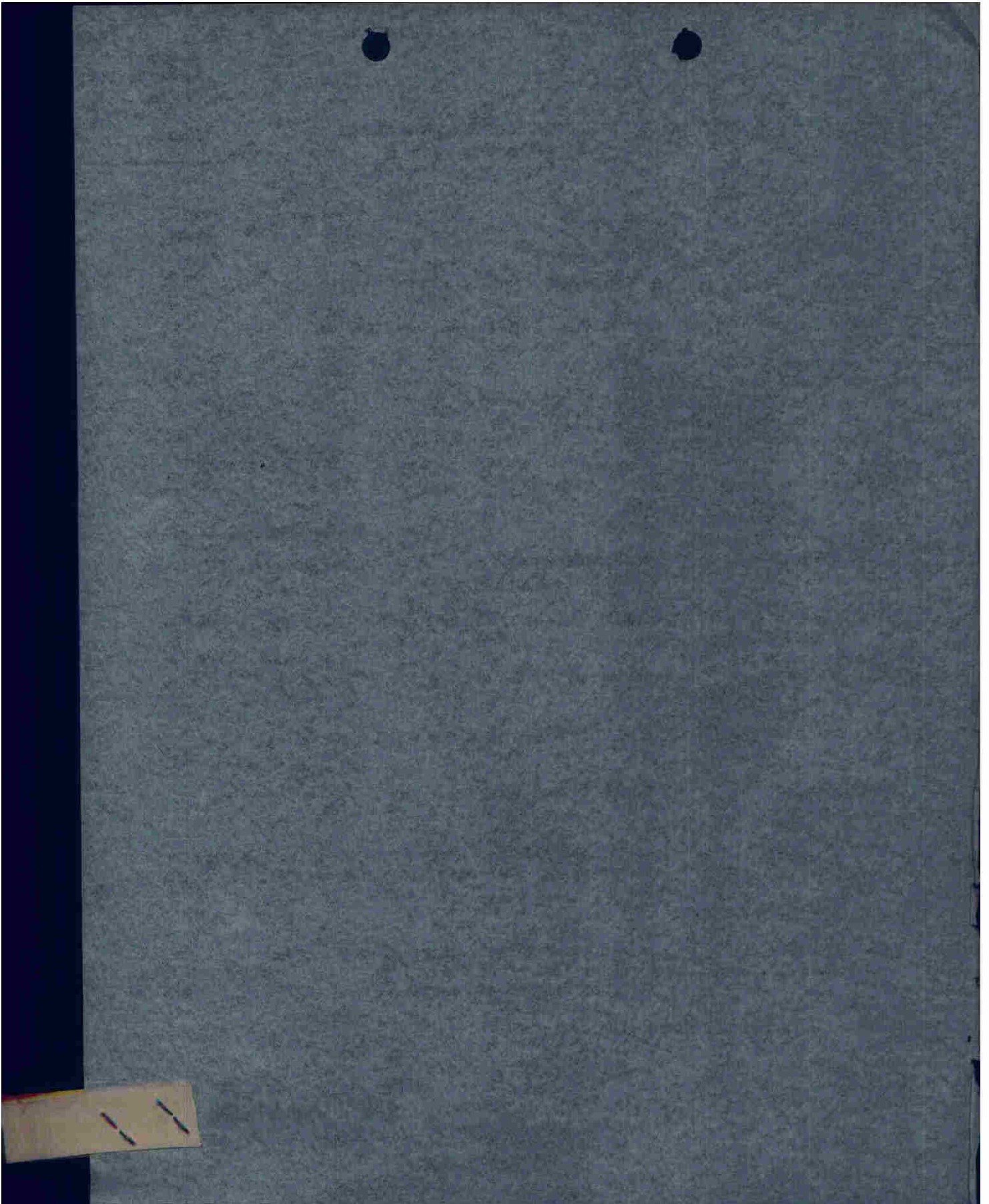
1. 37
2. 30
3. 30
4. 1 (Specs)
5. 5

6. 43-9442
Maj. J. C. Napier Bombardier unable to pick up target because of haze on first run and smoke on second run.
- 43-9481
Lt. J. H. Land Leader (43-9442) did not drop.
- 43-9489
Lt. R. S. Clark Leader (43-9442) did not drop.
- 43-10190
Lt. J. F. Allen Leader (43-9442) did not drop.
- 43-9749
Lt. J. P. Nell Leader (43-9442) did not drop.
- 43-10197
Lt. E. A. Hayter accidentally released bombs prematurely before reaching target area. This ship also in above flight.
7. Same as 6 above.
8. 43-91757
Lt. E. J. Beach Landed at Monston. Starboard engine out. Right fuel strainer drained of accumulated water. Ship flown back to base, checked and found OK.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHMIDT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

SEP 11 1944
#14



S E C R E T

ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B. C. FIELD ORDER NO. 542BOX 1, 212 1 GROUP 416 DATE 11 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Comm. Hq. at Metz1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 055°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO 4. Did entire ~~box~~ (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES NO

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

Pre-set with corrections. Aimed at briefed Aiming point. G-1 Autopilot was not used.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. R. Conte6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. B. A. Hulce7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 230 Altitude: 120009. Length of bomb run: 80 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N
1/100 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 34

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES
NO . If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES
NO . If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES NO . If answer is "YES" state to what extent did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

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

None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

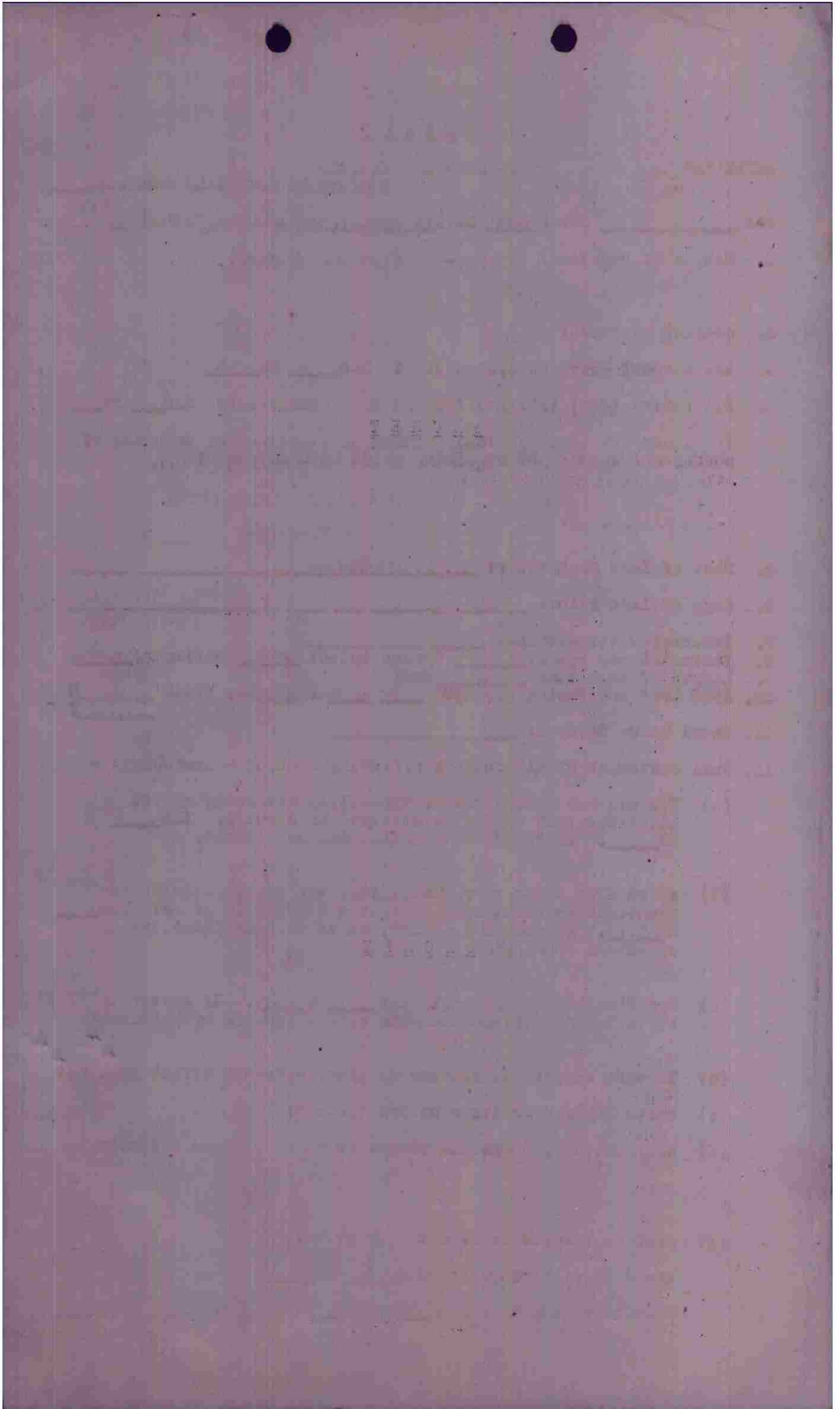
None

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES NO Results claimed: EXCEL GOOD FAIR POOR GROSS



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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 522BOX 1, 212 8 GROUP 418 DATE 11 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Comm. Hq.
at Metz.1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: OSO⁰3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO X4. Did entire ~~(bomb)~~ (flight) 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. Aimed at briefed aiming point.
C-1 Autopilot was not used.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. H. T. Arrington6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. R. V. Wheeler7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 230 Ground Speed: 232 Altitude: 128009. Length of bomb run: 65 Sec: 10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N
1/100 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 34

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES
NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES
NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES NO X. If answer is "YES" state to what extent did Flak affect 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: EXCEL X GOOD FAIR POOR GROSS

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B. C. FIELD ORDER NO. 542BOX 1, flt 3 GROUP 416 DATE 11 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Comm. Hq. at Metz.

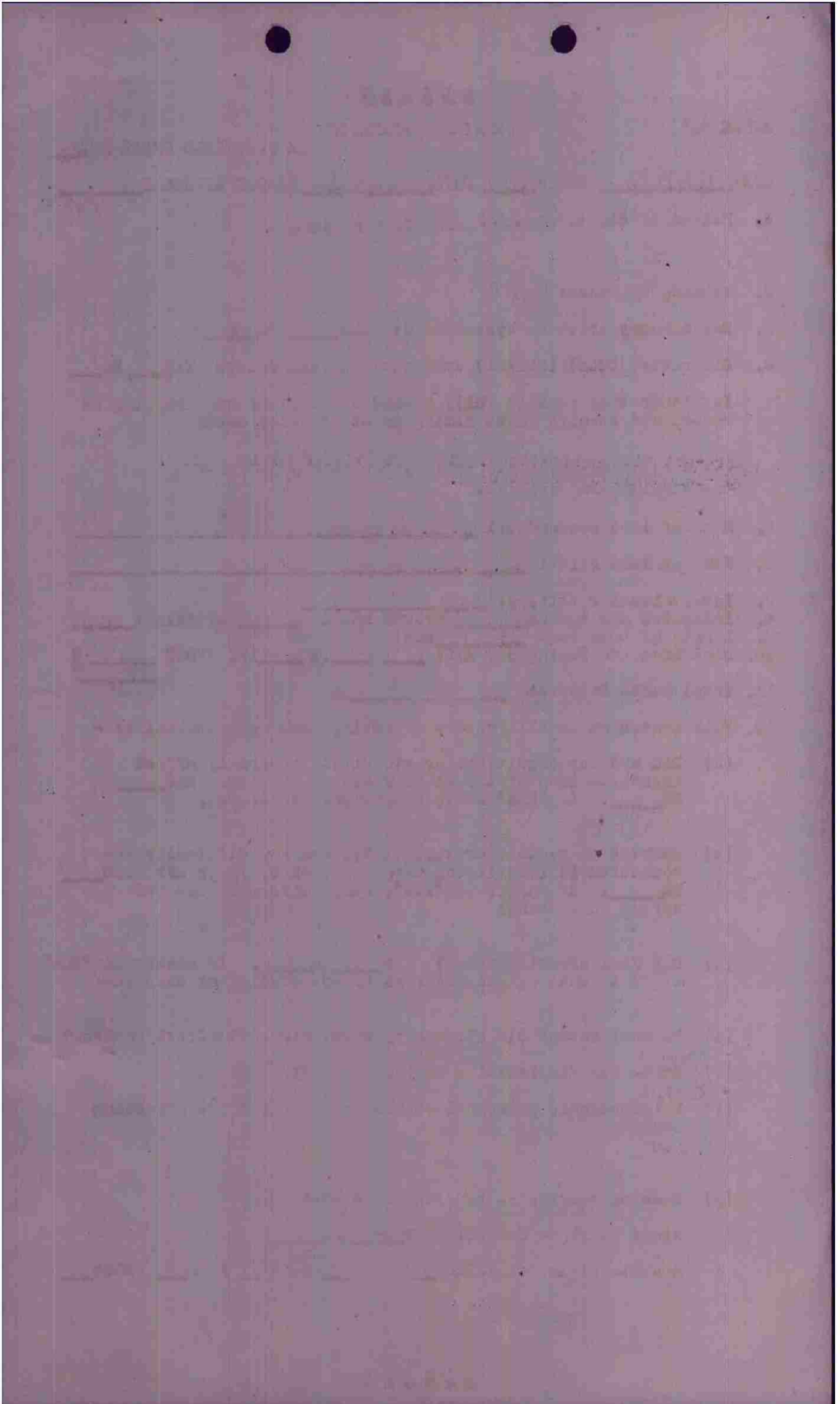
1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.
2. Bombing approach: 080°
3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO
4. Did entire ~~(box)~~ (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES NO

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

Pre-set with corrections. Aimed at briefed Aiming Point.
C-1 autopilot was not used.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. A. C. Burns
6. Name of lead Pilot: Lt. E. V. DeMand
7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 220 Altitude: 11500
9. Length of bomb run: 120 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N
1/100 T
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 36
12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -
- (a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES NO . If "YES" state conditions and effect.
- (b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES NO . If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:
- (c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES NO . If answer is "YES" state to what extent did Flak affect 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 NO
Results claimed: EXCEL GOOD FAIR POOR GROSS

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B. C. FIELD ORDER NO. 542BCX 2, flt 2 GROUP 416 DATE 11 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Comm. Hq. at Metz.1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 05303. Was mercury erection system used? YES ___ NO X4. Did entire (box) (flight) 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. Aimed at briefed Aiming Point. C-1 autopilot was not used.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. W. Forma6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. A. E. Osborne7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 226 Altitude: 115009. Length of bomb run: 38 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N
1/100 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 38

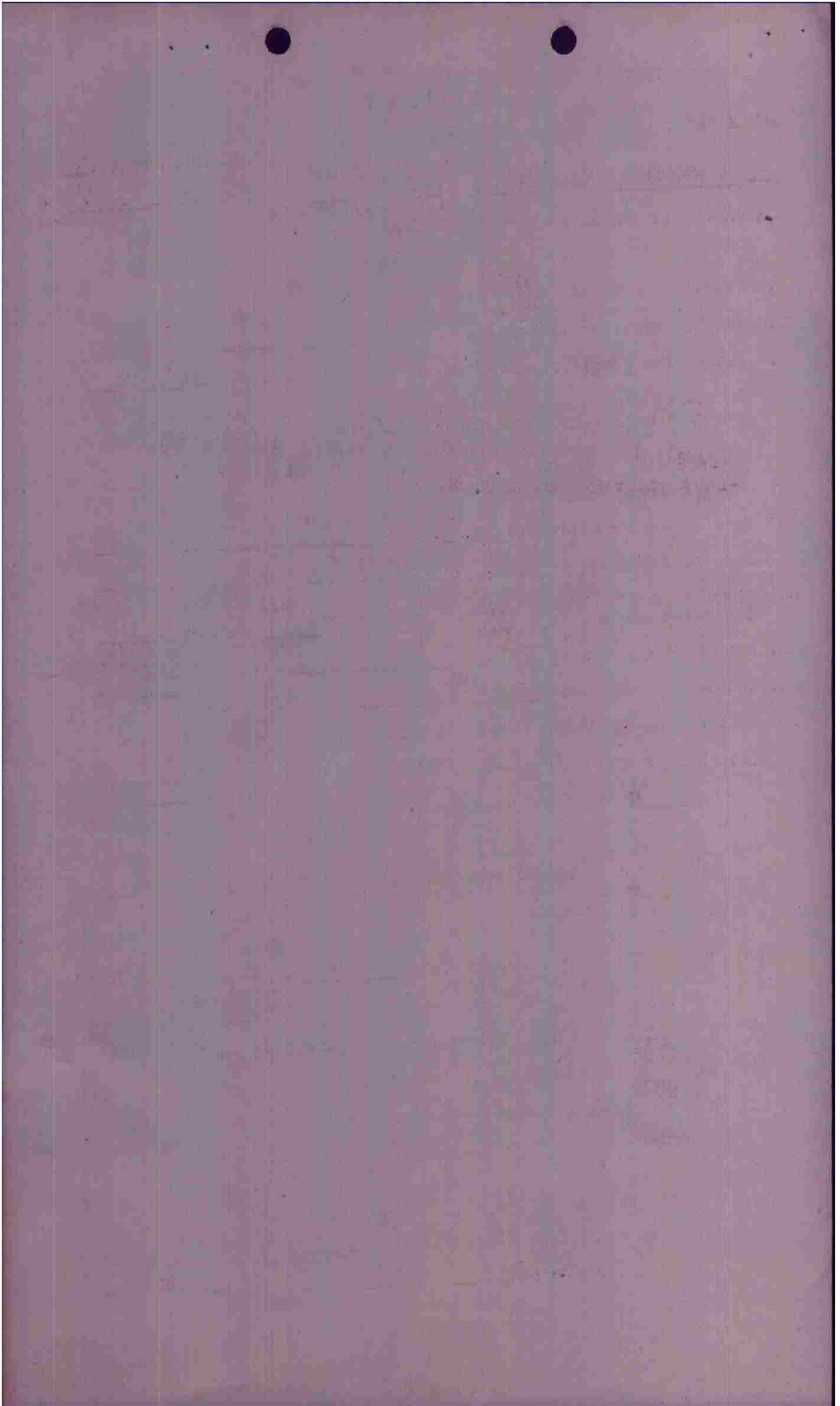
12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES ___ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES ___ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES ___ NO X. If answer is "YES" state to what extent did Flak affect 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: EXCEL X GOOD ___ FAIR ___ POOR ___ GROSS ___

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B. C. FIELD ORDER NO. 542BOX 2, flt 3 GROUP 416 DATE 11 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Comm. Hq. at Herts.1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 055°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire ~~mass~~ (flight) 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:

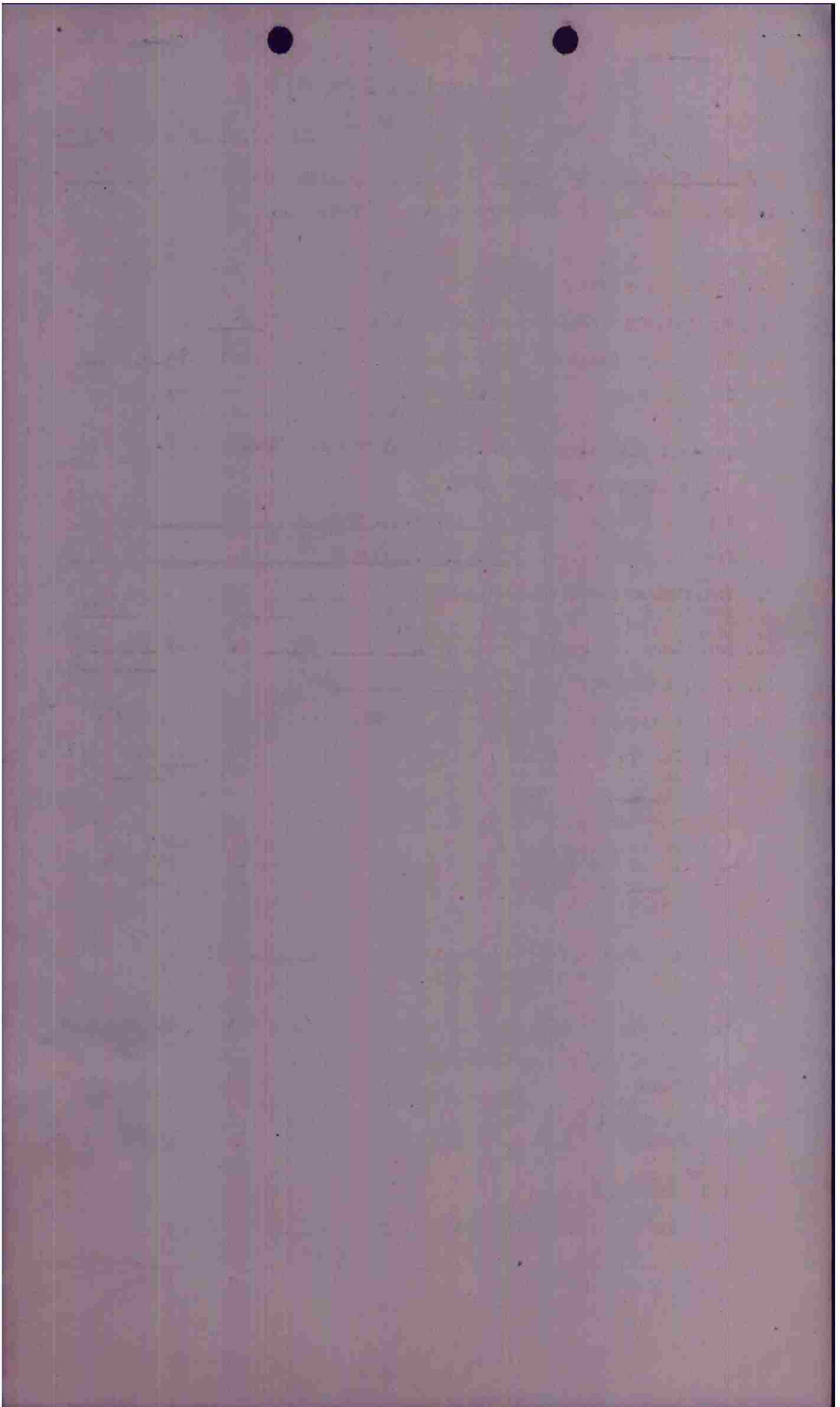
Pre-set with corrections. Aimed at briefed Aiming Point.G-1 A utopilot was not used.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. W. E. Brewer6. Name of lead Pilot: Lt. F. J. Harrold7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 226 Altitude: 113009. Length of bomb run: 120 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N
1/100 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 34

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

- (a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES _____ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.
- (b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES _____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:
- (c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES _____ NO X. If answer is "YES" state to what extent did Flak affect 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: EXCEL _____ GOOD X FAIR _____ POOR _____ GROSS _____

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LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

11 SEPT. 1944

1. 10135 T
Capt. D.A. Hulse
Lt. R. Conte
S/S F.D. Allred *w/k*
S/S D.W. Stephens

4. 10155 V
Lt. J.E. Blomgren
Sgt Fleming, L.R.
S/S M. Boogach *w/k*

2. 9900 Q
Lt. E.L. Miller
Cpl J.F. Malloy *not airborne*
S/S J.M. Pemberton *not airborne*

5. 9692 M
Lt. J.F. Smith
S/S C. Vafiadis
S/S R.C. Hoffman

3. 21821 Z
Lt. J.S. Connor
S/S J.E. Van Dyne
S/S H.C. Rodgers *w/k*

6. 21767 N
Lt. E.J. Renth
S/S O.D. LaNave
Sgt Cpl L. Moskowitz *Landed at
Mazaten
Jumbouil engine
w/k*

FLIGHT II

1. 9645 R
Capt. R.V. Wheeler
Lt. H.T. Arrington
S/S K.L. Johnson
S/S J.L. Czech *w/k*

4. 9219 D
Lt. H.F. Fair
S/S H.A. Marion *w/k*
S/S V.P. Adams

2. 9393 K
Lt. T.J. Murray
S/S R.J. Jones *w/k*
S/S D.H. DeBower

5. 9937 B
Lt. A. Remiszewski
Cpl J.E. Miquez
Cpl F. DiOrio *w/k*

3. 9951 P
Lt. J.H. Miller
S/S R.G. Schrom
S/S J. Galendar *w/k*

6. 10165 H
Lt. H.M. Van Noorden
Cpl R.I. Steffey
Sgt G. Thompson

FLIGHT III

1. 21724 A
Lt. F.W. DeMand
Lt. A.C. Burns
S/S R.J. Mahoney
Sgt J.R. Davis

4. 9493 V-1
Lt. W.A. Merchant
S/S C.J. Harp
S/S K.P. Brown

2. 9956 Z-1
Lt. R.C. Morehouse
S/S L.A. Zygiel
S/S A.J. Burgess

5. 9714 N-1
Lt. F.W. Henderson
S/S R.M. Griswold
S/S P.E. Coulombe

3. 9925 G
Lt. A.E. Herman
S/S A.D. Garrett
S/S J.O. Young

6. 9363 L
Lt. J.C. Gary
Sgt R.W. Chevrant
Sgt A.E. Schoen

SPARE

9224 E
Lt. H. Fopeney
Sgt W.E. Arnett
Sgt H.C.S. Candler

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11 SEPTEMBER 1944
BOX I

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11 SEPTEMBER 1948

MISSION NO. 141
BOX 11
FLIGHT XXXI

MISSION NO. 141

1. 100 D
LT J. F. ALLEN
CPT J. B. BETHUNE
SPT O. J. VEASEY

1. 100 D
MAJOR J. G. MAPLER
LT O. W. JONES
PVT R. W. FERRIS
S/S A. T. HIGGSON

2. 100 A
LT E. H. HALL
SPT R. W. CARSTENS
SPT R. P. SHARP

2. 100 A
LT W. H. LAMB
CPT W. D. WEST
CPT C. E. TRAMER

3. 100 F
LT E. R. WALTER
S/S F. H. BELCHER
S/S W. D. HOLLOWAY

3. 100 C
LT W. E. CLARK
S/S J. W. SADAOSCH
S/S E. FLOYD

FLIGHT XIX

4. 100 W
LT C. O. PARN
S/S O. J. CLARK
S/S R. F. CRUICK

1. 100 P
CPT A. E. OSBORNE
LT W. FURMAN
SPT S. P. MENELL
S/S R. B. CASPERMAN

5. 100 R
LT E. J. WERNER
SPT S. J. WEAVER
SPT E. L. COOPER

2. 100 K
LT E. B. WREN
S/S E. SHELTON
S/S D. R. STERNICK

6. 100 S
LT J. J. KEAY
SPT J. J. BATTAGLIONE
SPT L. V. WETZEL

3. 100 T
LT L. B. STEDE
SPT R. W. GUNCH
S/S L. M. DUGHERTY

FLIGHT III

7. 100 -1
LT E. L. JOHNSON
S/S J. J. FURMAN
S/S L. L. SANDERSON

1. 100 G
LT F. J. HAROLD
LT W. E. GREVER
S/S E. L. GILPIN
S/S O. J. KAYLASE

8. 100 -1
LT T. G. BRITTY
CPT W. O. BEALE
S/S R. O. GATTI

5. 100 D-1
LT T. J. LEDARD
CPT L. R. FINLAY
CPT J. L. COLLIER

9. 100 -1
LT W. W. MURPHY
SPT W. C. SEICHMAN
SPT L. L. LORER

3. 100 -1
LT W. G. BROWN
S/S W. E. WHITE
S/S A. R. WIDEMAN

FLIGHT

10. 100 -1
LT J. E. SANDERSON
SPT J. J. SANDERSON
SPT S. P. SANDERSON

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11 SEPTEMBER 1948

BOX 11

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

416BG S _____ E

SECRET IN THE CLEAR

"J" FORM OPERATIONAL

CLEARANCE F-2

11 SEPTEMBER 1944

PREPARED BY CAPT R F SHAWFER

A.

B. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 0922

C. NORTH FORELAND

D. BOX I R/T SHAVING ONE

669 . . . 6 . . . T Q Z V M N

671 . . . 12 . . . R K P D B H A Z-1 G V-1 N-1 L

670 . . . 1 . . . SPARE . . . E

GROUP LEADER . . . 669 . . . T

DEPUTY LEADER . . . 671 . . . R

BOX II R/T SHAVING TWO

669 . . . 6 . . . D A C I W F

668 . . . 6 . . . P K T O R Z N

670 . . . 6 . . . Q D-1 F-1 I-1 O-1 N-1

668 . . . 1 . . . SPARE . . . B

SECOND BOX LEADER . . . 669 . . . D

DEPUTY . . . 668 . . . P

E. 12,000

F. GRAVELINES

G. 0933

H. 118

J. GRAVELINES

K. NORTH FORELAND

L. 1143

M. 1. ETD . . . 0902 . . . ETA . . . 1200 . . . T.O. . . . 0842

2. 5 - 4 x 500 GP - - - 33 - 6 x 500 GP

3. 4 HOURS

4. BOX I & BOX II . . . U889612

5. NONE

ATLESWORTH COBOMER 416

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS,

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

POST MISSION REPORT

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DATE 11 Sept. 44

1. NUMBER OF MEN WOUNDED (MEDICS - 18) None

2. BOMBING MALFUNCTIONS (ARMAMENT - 52) 6

- 442 - Napier - trouble to locate A.P. due to smoke haze.
- 181 - Hard - Dunder did not bomb.
- 929 - Clark
- 190 - Allen
- 743 - Hill
- 197 - Taylor - Accidental release east of target.

3. CAMERA MALFUNCTIONS (PHOTO LAB - 84) None

4. NUMBER OF PLANES OPERATIONAL; BOMB GROUP 43 SERVICE OP. 10
CALLED TO WING _____

5. PERCENT OF BATTLE DAMAGE (INTELLIGENCE #88 OR 17) 7-A 1-AC - 22%

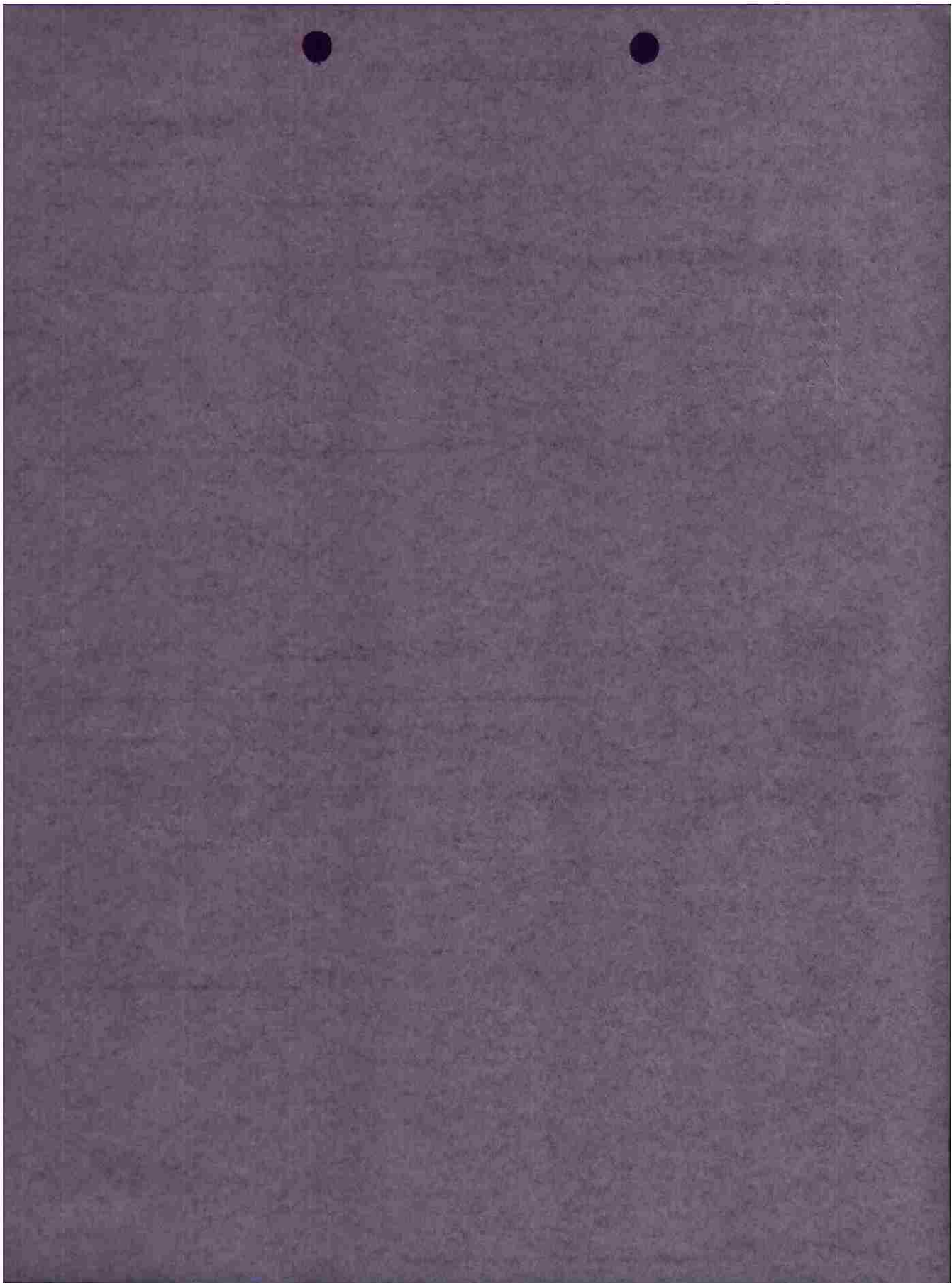
6. PLANES FAILING TO BECOME AIRBORNE OR RETURNING EARLY - REASON 1

900 - Failed to become airborne due to
miscellaneous reasons

7. PLANES LOST OR LANDING AWAY FROM BASE - REASON 1

767 - Lost - Landed at Maraton S. Starboard
engine out

(SUBMITTED BY) Lt. Bradley



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

FROM: COBOMGR 416

TO : COMCBTWIG 97 ATT: SIG O

A - YS - 140

B - 11 SEPTEMBER 1944

C - 38 A/C

D - 670 - O - TURRET INTERPHONE OUT, REPAIRED AND CHECKED OK.
668 - K - INTERPHONE WEAK, RETUNED AND CHECKED OK.
671 - R - VHF OUT, BROKEN SWIVEL JOINT, REPAIRED AND CHECKED OK.

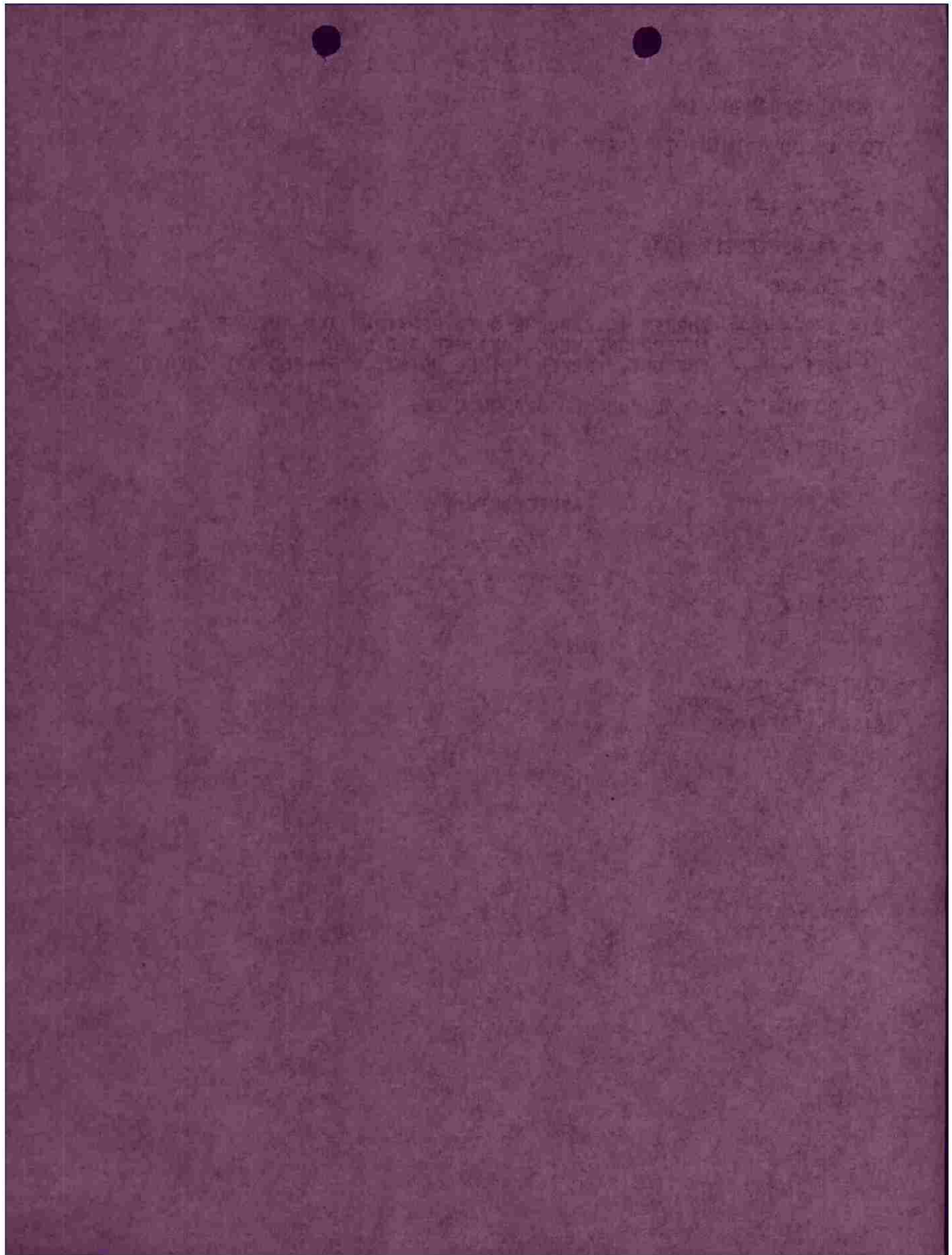
E - NO QDM'S. LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON USED.

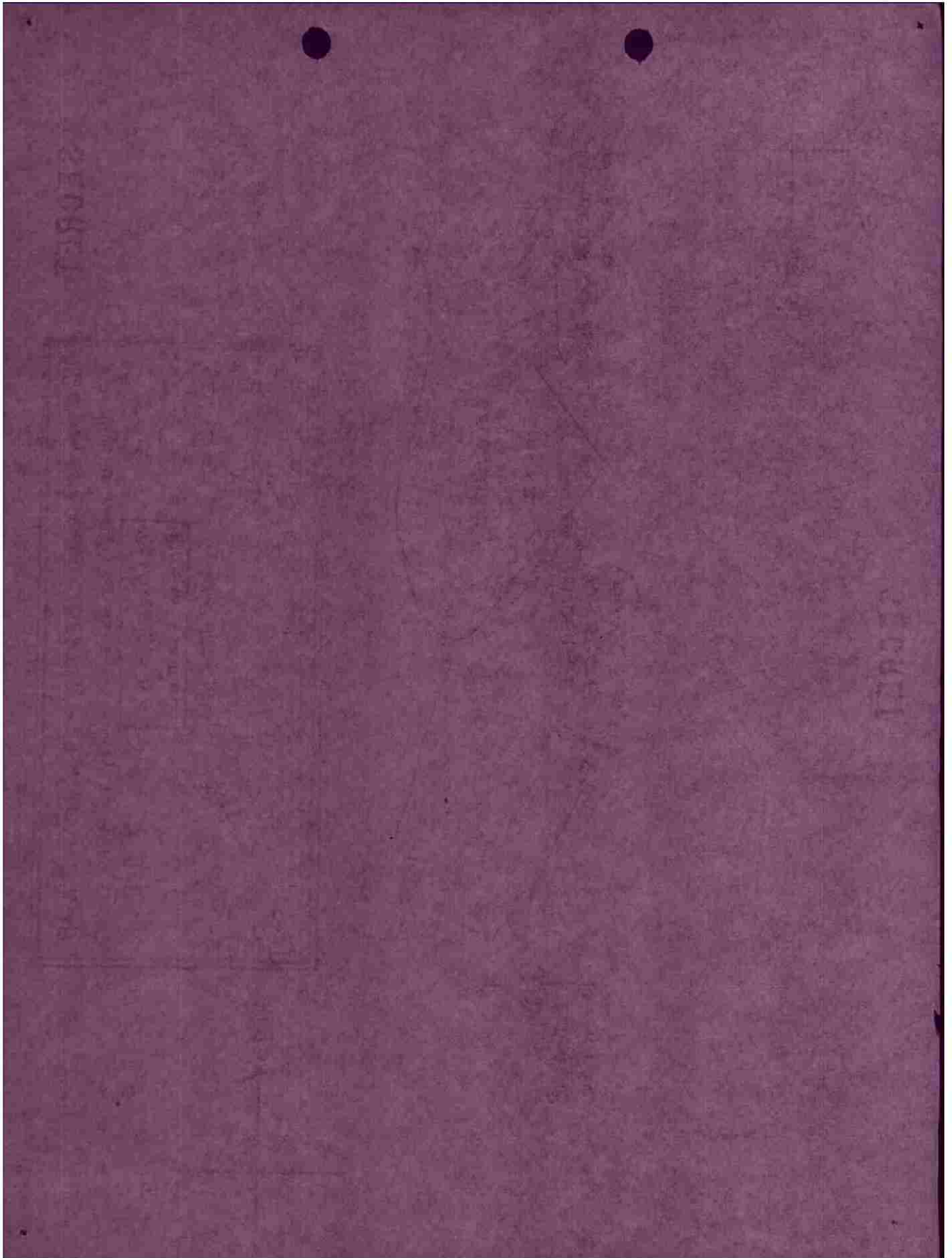
F - NONE.

AVLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

OFFICIAL:

DANIEL J. NOLAN
1ST LT., AIR CORPS,
SIGNAL OFFICER.



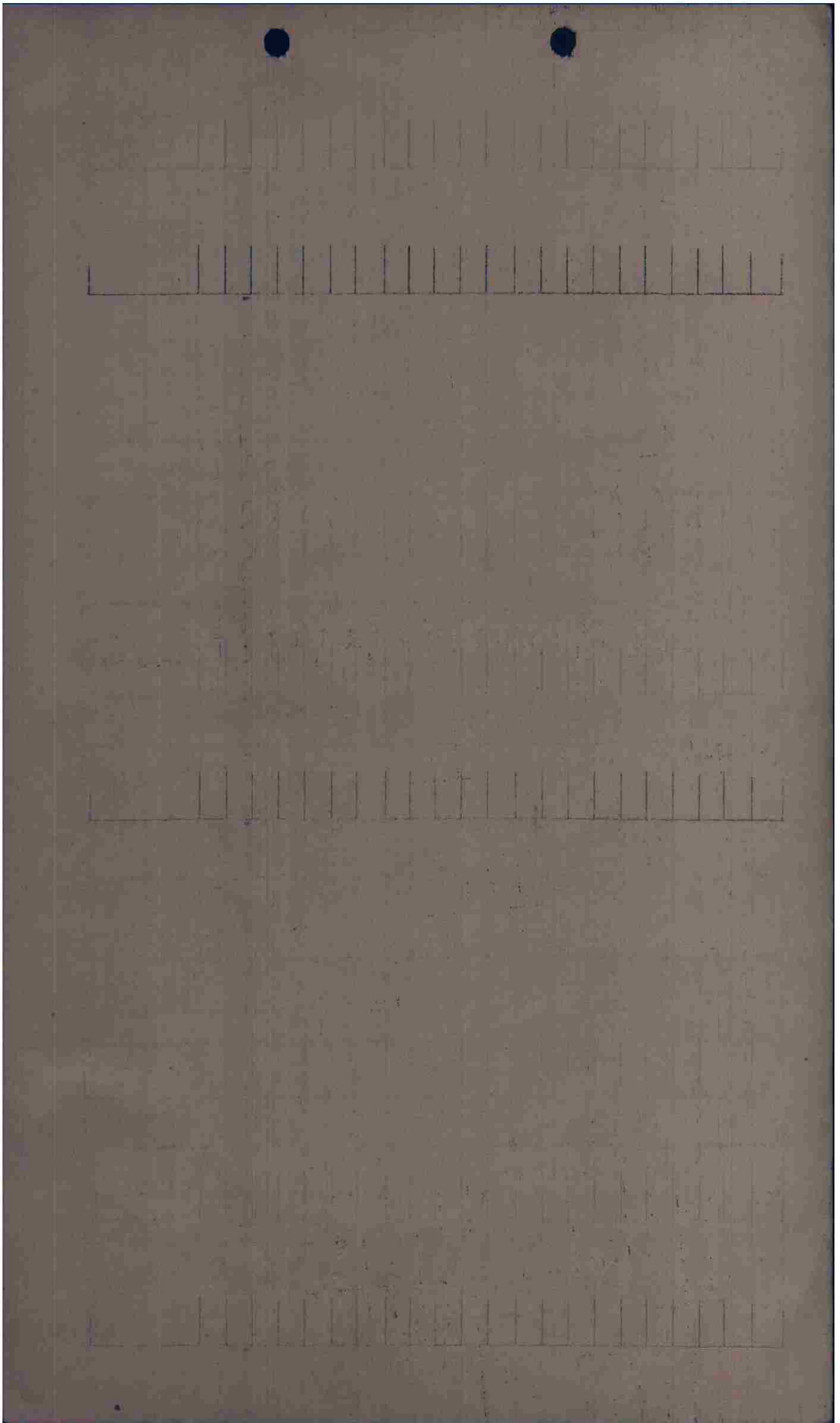


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Part I

SEP 11 1944

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B	T	135	Huber	659		0842	12000	12000	1030	1131	9000	C	725	6	4	1201	3:20
B	Q	900	Miller, E. S.		at	0847	12000	12000		1400	9000			6	4	1201	3:20
B	Z	821	Carner			0847	12000	12000		1131	9000	C		6		1201	3:20
B	V	155	Bearinger			0844					1143			6		1202	3:20
B	M	692	Spick, P. F.			0843								4		1201	3:20
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B	V-1	493	Merchant			0845								6		1205	3:20
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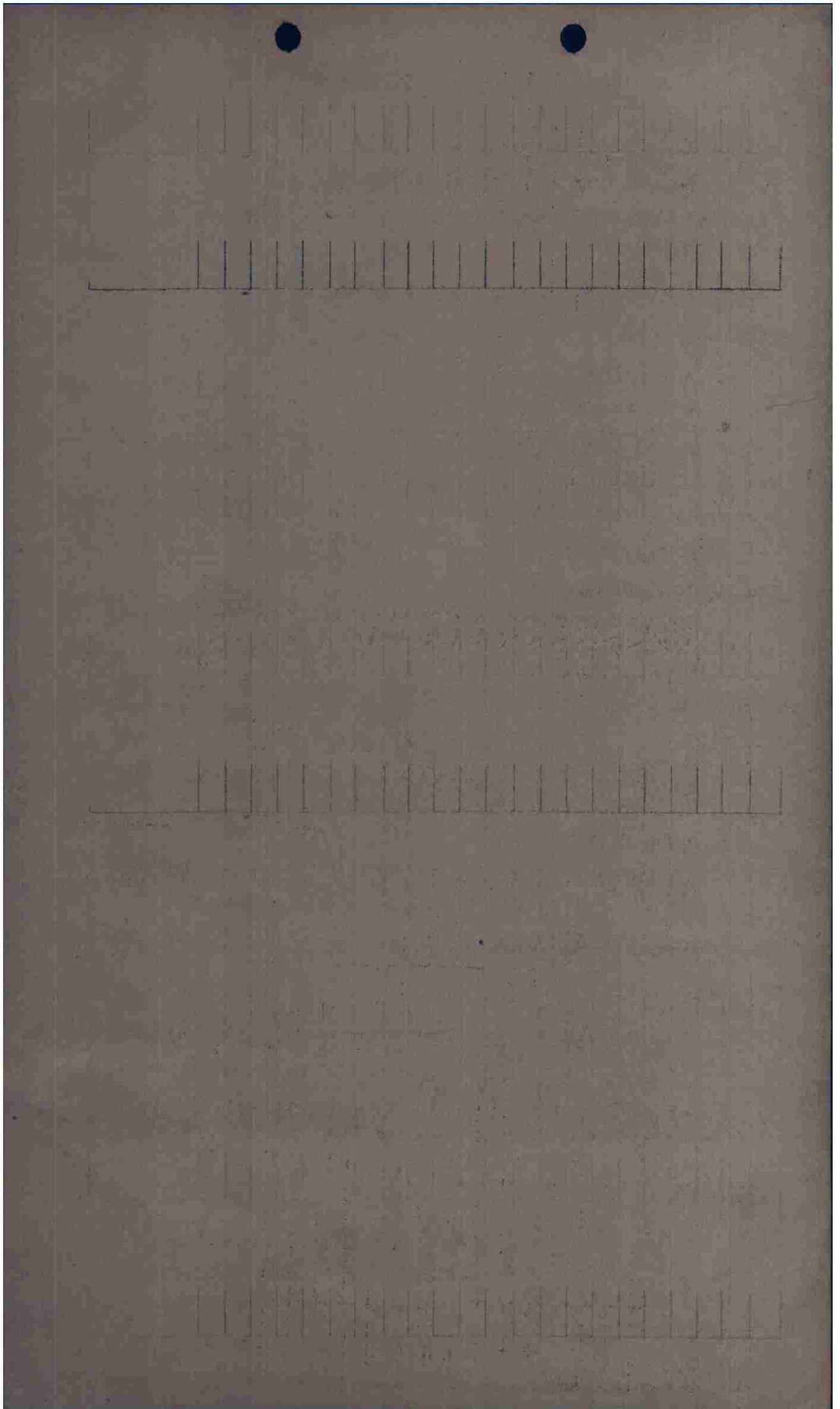
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Part II

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B	A	181	Shank			0848								4		1215	3:30
B	C	929	Clark			0848								6		1219	3:35
B	I	190	Allen			0848								6		1216	3:30
B	W	743	Stace			0849								4		1217	3:30
B	F	197	Hayden			0849								6		1216	3:30
A	P	1717	DeBorne			0849								6		1209	3:20
A	K	819	Kuhl			0849								6		1210	3:25
A	T	176	Peede			0850								6		1209	3:20
A	N	150	Prick			0850								6		1210	3:20
A	R	894	Anderson			0850								6		1211	3:25
A	Z	760	Henry			0850								6		1210	3:20
C	Q	452	Stawell			0850								4		1212	3:25
C	D-1	217	Deane			0851								6		1212	3:25
C	P-1	810	Brown			0851								6		1213	3:25
C	N-1	380	Johnson			0851								6		1212	3:25
C	I-1	689	Mewitt			0851								6		1214	3:25
C	O-1	211	McGregor			0852								6		1214	3:25
A	B	480	Carleton			0852								6		0937	off air

ATA Party on Brief - no photos



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KKKKKKKK WHEN READY TO ALL THE GROUPS KKK
 OICOF OIYAA OIHAK V OICOG 11/4 OP
 (OICOG TRANSMITTING FOR 97TH COMBAT WING)

FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 11/9118B 9BC 09-562-E
 TO: COMBOMGPS 409, 410, 416

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY
 SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH. LT. COL. MCAFEE

97 COMBAT WING
 A P O 140
 11 SEPTEMBER 1944.

FIELD ORDER NO. 208-542

1. B: (1) SEE CURRENT BOMB LINE
 (2) XIX T.A.C. (P-51) WILL FURNISH AREA COVER FOR THIS
 WING.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK MILITARY OBJECTIVES IN FRANCE.

ZERO HOUR 11/1000B

3. A. 409TH GROUP.

- (1) STRONG POINT AND GUN POSITION AT GRID COORD. U-838879
- (9) M.P.I. GRID COORD. U-838879.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. S.A.P. FUSED 1/40 SEC. TAIL ONLY.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN.

B. 416TH GROUP

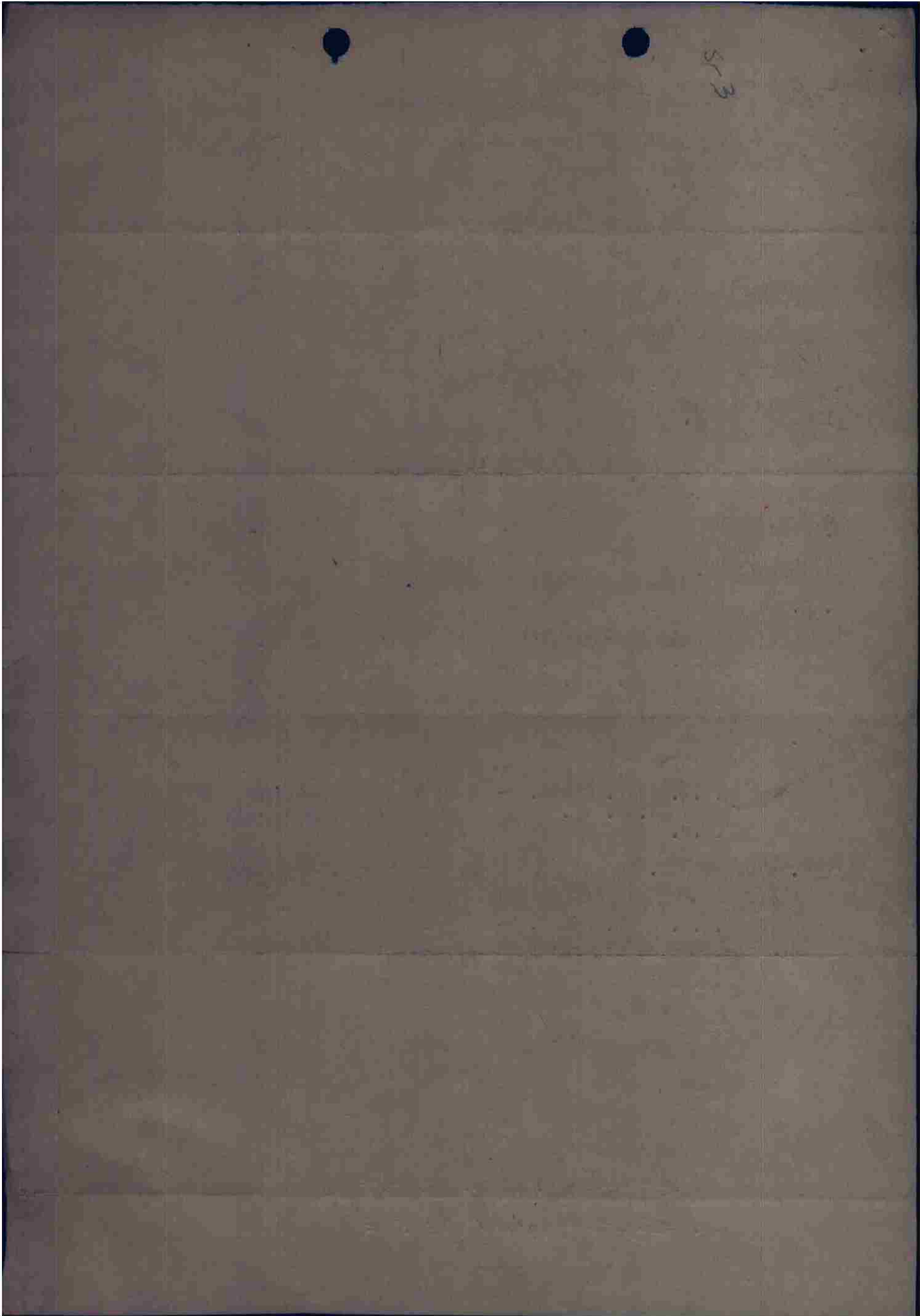
- (1) STRONG POINT AND GUN POSITION AT GRID COORD U-810930
- (9) M.P.I. GRID. COORD. U-810930
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. S.A.P. FUSED 1/40 SEC. TAIL ONLY.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MIN.

C. 416TH GROUP.

- (1) COMMUNICATIONS HEADQUARTERS AT GRID COORD. U-889612.
- (9) M.P.I. GRID. COORD. U-889612.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC
 TAIL KKKKKKKKK
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 30 MIN.

X. (1 TO 3) NO CHANGE.

- (4) MANSTON AND B-48.
- (5) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO NORTH FORELAND TO GRAVELINES TO
 I.P. TO TARGET.
- (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO GRAVELINES TO
 NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.
- (8) BOMB AT 12000 FT. OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT
 BELOW 8000 FT. CROSS FRENCH COAST OUT AT BOMBING ALT.
- (9) I.P. ~~4911N 0502E~~ 49°00'N 05°56'E
- (10) AXIS OF ATTACK - GENERALLY SW TO NE.
- (11) R.P. ~~4926N 0537E~~ 49°10'N 05°57'E
- (12) THIS IS A CLOSE SUPPORT MISSION AND FRIENDLY TROOPS WILL
 BE 1500 YDS. FROM M.P.I.
- (13) 416TH GROUP WILL TAKE OFF AT LEAST 10 MINUTES BEFORE
 THE 416TH GROUP.



4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH GROUP:
(2) QUICKSTART
(3) BYPASS

B. 410TH GROUP:
(2) MARGIN
(3) BYPASS

C. 416TH GROUP:
(2) SHAVING
(3) BYPASS

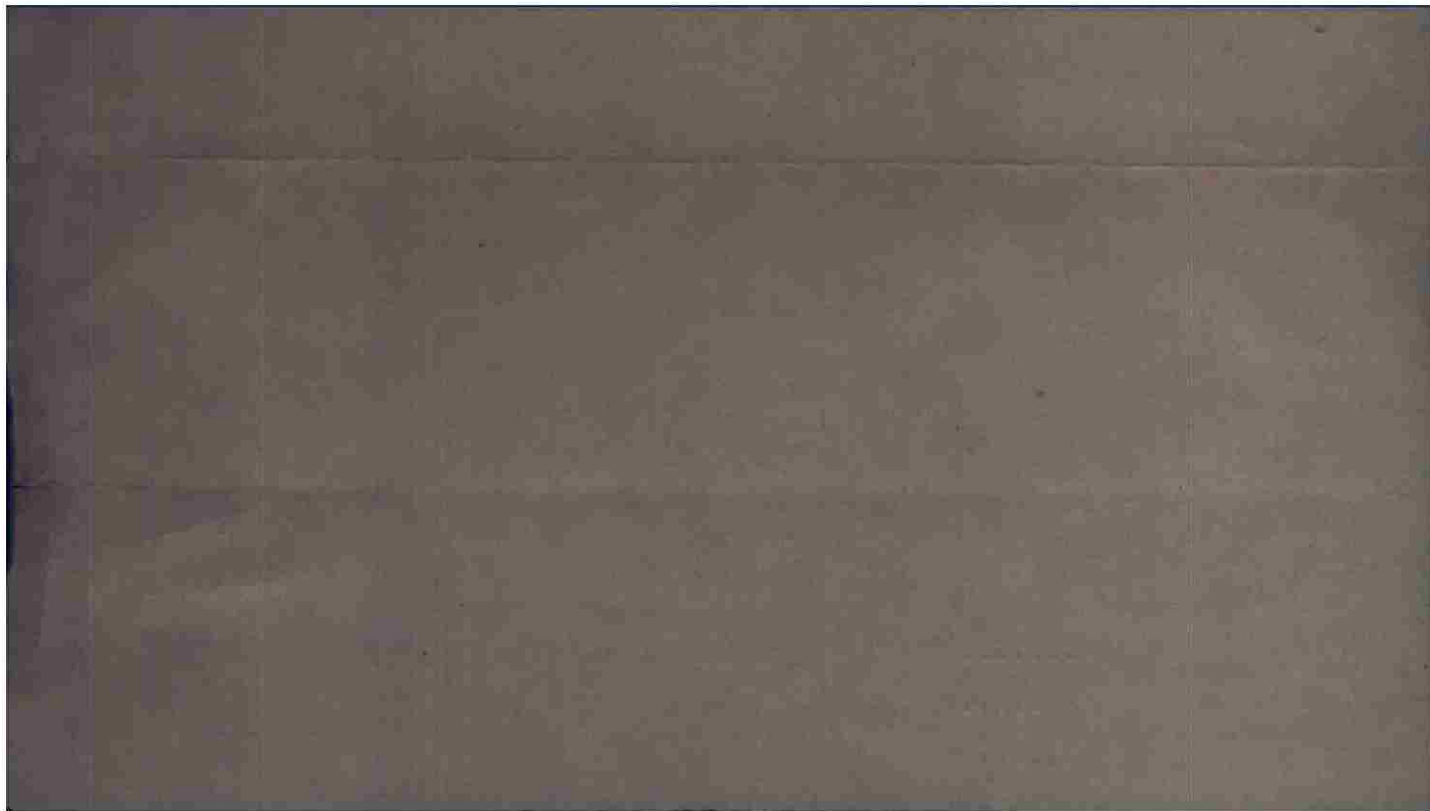
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OICOF OIYAA V OICOG 9/11 OP
(OICOG TRANSMITTING FOR 97TH COMBAT WING)

FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 11/0232B 9BC 05-365-E
TO: COMBOMGPS 409, 410, 416

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY
SECRET Q2X

97TH COMBAT WING
A P O 140
11 SEPTEMBER 1944.

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 208-542:

416TH GROUP ONLY CHANGE AS FOLLOWS:

I.P. 4900 N 0556 E
R.P. 4910 N 0552 E

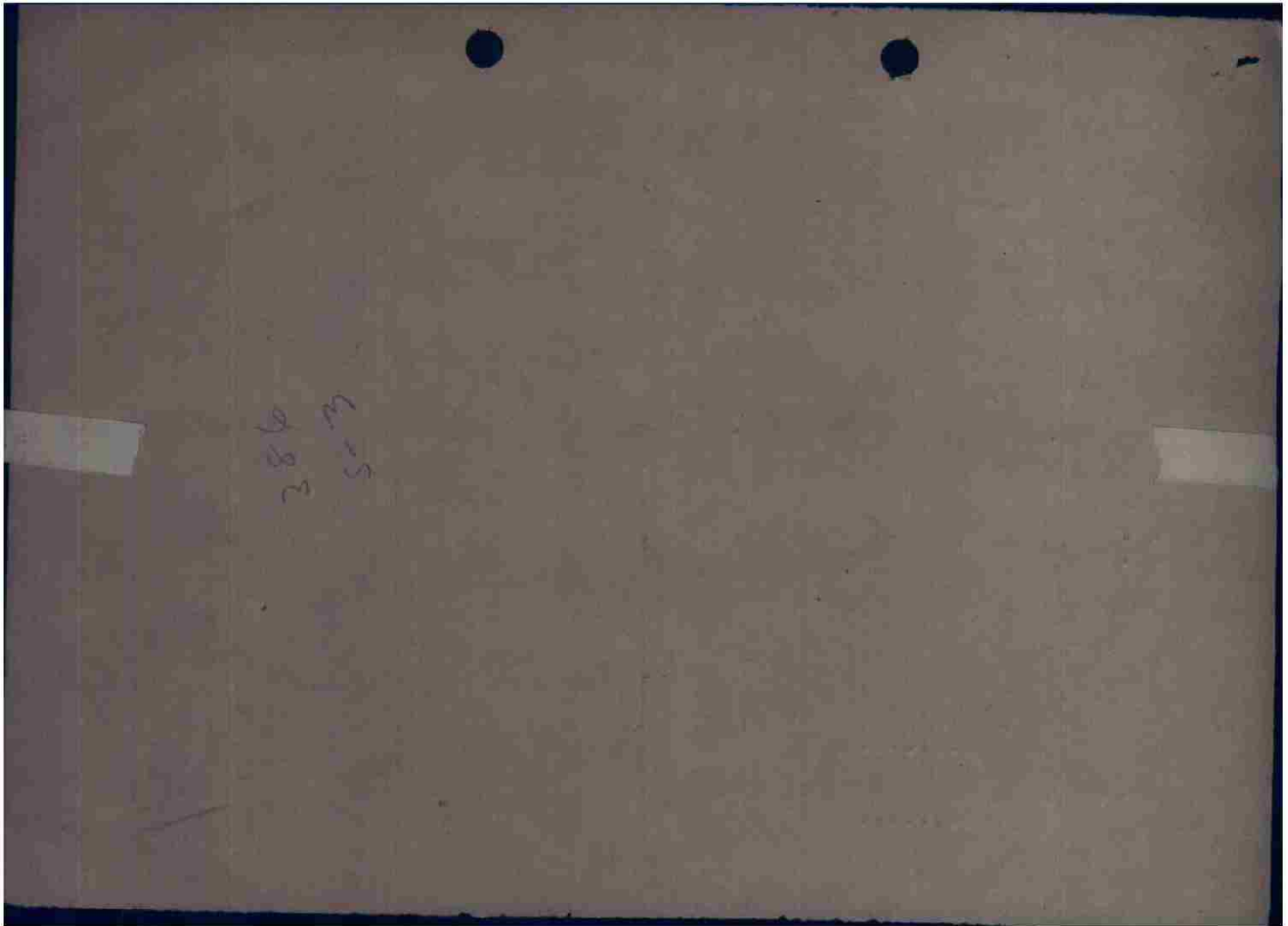
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BT
HW AR K
STNS H/F/K/W/R

OIYAA K WITH R
OIYAA/OICOG R.....11/0415B CW AR

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OICOF/OICOG R.....11/0415B REW AR

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OILAI OIGOF OIHAK OIYAA OIPPF OIGAC OISMC OIDNW OIMAG OISLG VIA OICOG
V IVE NG 4 U R G E N T
T (OIHAK PASS TO OILAI)

FROM ADV. HQ. NINTH AIR FORCE 110202B
TO CG. NINTH BOMBER COMMAND
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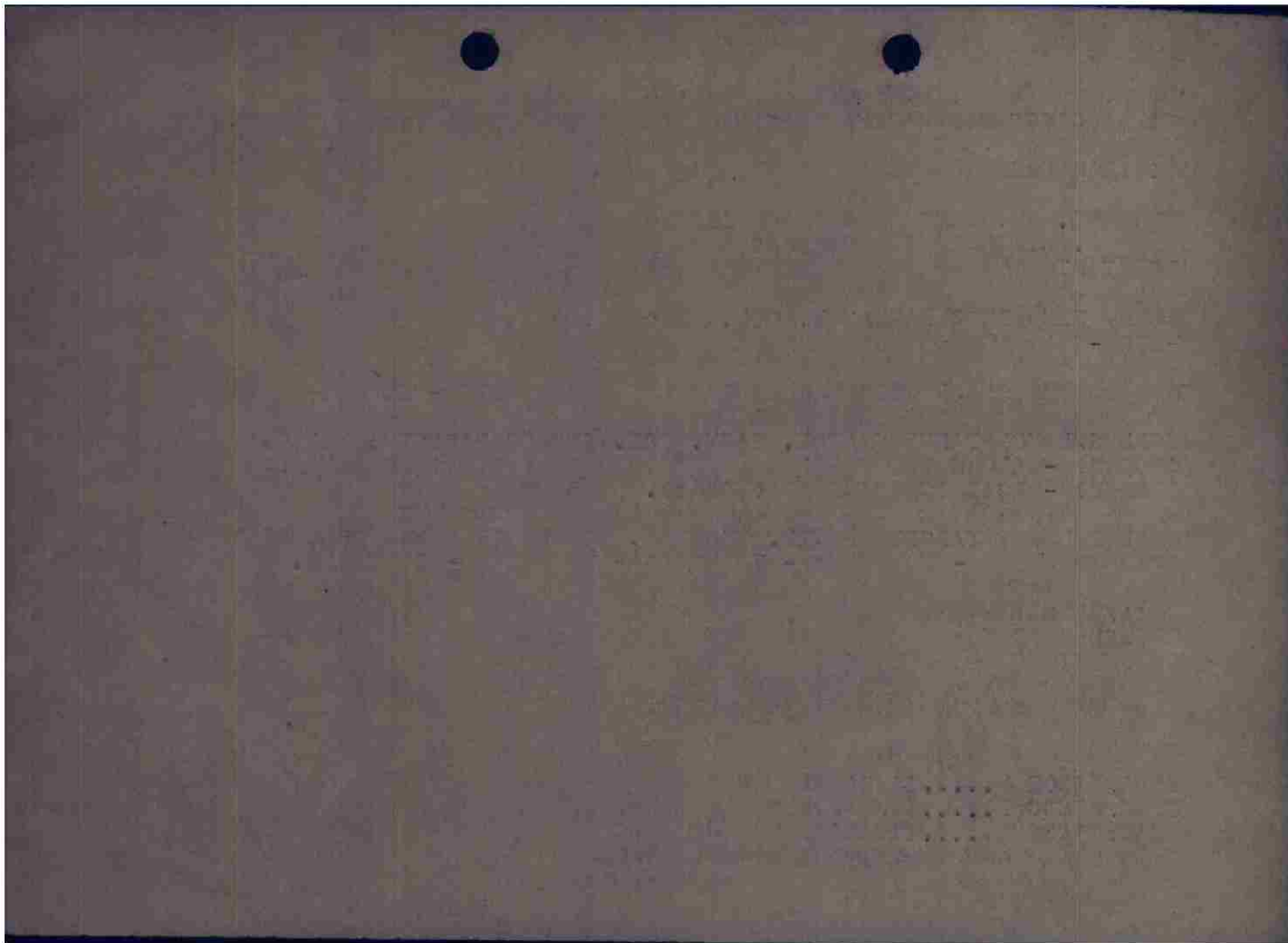
LOCAL B/L FOR TARGETS ABLE. EASY. FOX. GEORGE FOLLOWS: MALLOIG
(U9593) - ALONG THE MOSELLE RIVER TO ORLY (U8255) ROAD TO AUGNY
(U8353) - ROAD TO CHEMINET (U8340).

LOCAL B/L FOR TARGETS BAKER. CHARLIE. DOG AS FOLLOWS: SECONDARY
ROAD TO U8095 - TO U7993 - TO U7693 - TO U7788 - TO U8486.

BT 11/0202B
ERT/CLEV AR K
ALL STATIONS PLS HOLD FOR K WITH R

OIYAA/OICOG R.....11/0420B	CW	AR K
OIGOF/OICOG R.....11/0420B	REW	AR K
OIHAK/OICOG R.....11/0420B	JB	AG

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OICOG V YAA YAA 11/11 "OP"
 FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 11/1348B
 TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: - A-2

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S-288-D
 MISSION NO. 141
 OPFLASH NO. 147 FOR 11 SEPTEMBER 1944.

- A. (1) COMMUNICATIONS HDQ AT METZ
 (2) COMMUNICATIONS HDQ AT METZ
- B. (1) 416TH BG
 (2) 36 A-20'S & 6 A-25J'S
 (3) 1 AIRCRAFT DROPPED PREMATURE AND ACCIDENTLY REFER TO
 PARA. G.
 5 AIRCRAFT DID NOT BOMB UNABLE TO PICK UP TARGET BECAUSE
 OF HAZE ON 1ST RAN RUN AND SMOKE ON 2ND RUN.
 (4) 36 AIRCRAFT ON PRIMARY.
- C. (1) 0832
 (2) 1030-1035
 (3) 1219
- D. 7 AIRCRAFT DAMAGED CATEGORY A.
 1 AIRCRAFT DAMAGED CATEGORY A/C.
- E. BOMBED BY FLIGHTS.
 I GOOD.
 II EXCELLENT.
 III GOOD.
 IV DID NOT BOMB AFTER 2 BOMB RUNS.
 V EXCELLENT.
 VI GOOD.
- F. (1) (A) NIL.
 (B) NIL.
 (2) (A) MODERATE ACCURATE ON BOMB RUN, LASTING FOR 1 TO 2
 MINUTES.
 (B) NIL
- G. 7 TRKS GOING SE 4 MILES NE OF METZ AT 1032 HRS. U 9169.
 6 BOMBS RELEASED PREMATURE AND ACCIDENTLY IN VICINITY OF
 U 8451 BASED ON CREW OBSERVATIONS.
- H. (1) CLEAR, LIGHT HAZE VISI. 10 MILES.
 (2) CLEAR, LIGHT HAZE VISI. 10 MILES.
- I. 11,300' - 12,200'
- J. 174 X 500 GPS ON PRIMARY.
 6 X 500 GPS DROPPED PREMATURE AND ACCIDENTLY.
 26 X 500 GPS RETURNED 1 FLIGHT DID NOT BOMB.

BTX DT 11/1348B
 FD AR BBBBBBBBBB
 CORR: UNDER "J" THE WORD ACCIDENTLY IS MISPELLED
 OOGX OICOG R.....11/1430B WK KKKKK

