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

By authority
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30 Apr. 1944
Init. _____

AFG 140, U. S. Army.
30 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Reports.

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

1. Transmitted herewith are the A-3 Bombing Information Reports on operational mission 30 April 1944, submitted in compliance with IX Bomber Command Memorandum 15-93.

For the Commanding Officer:

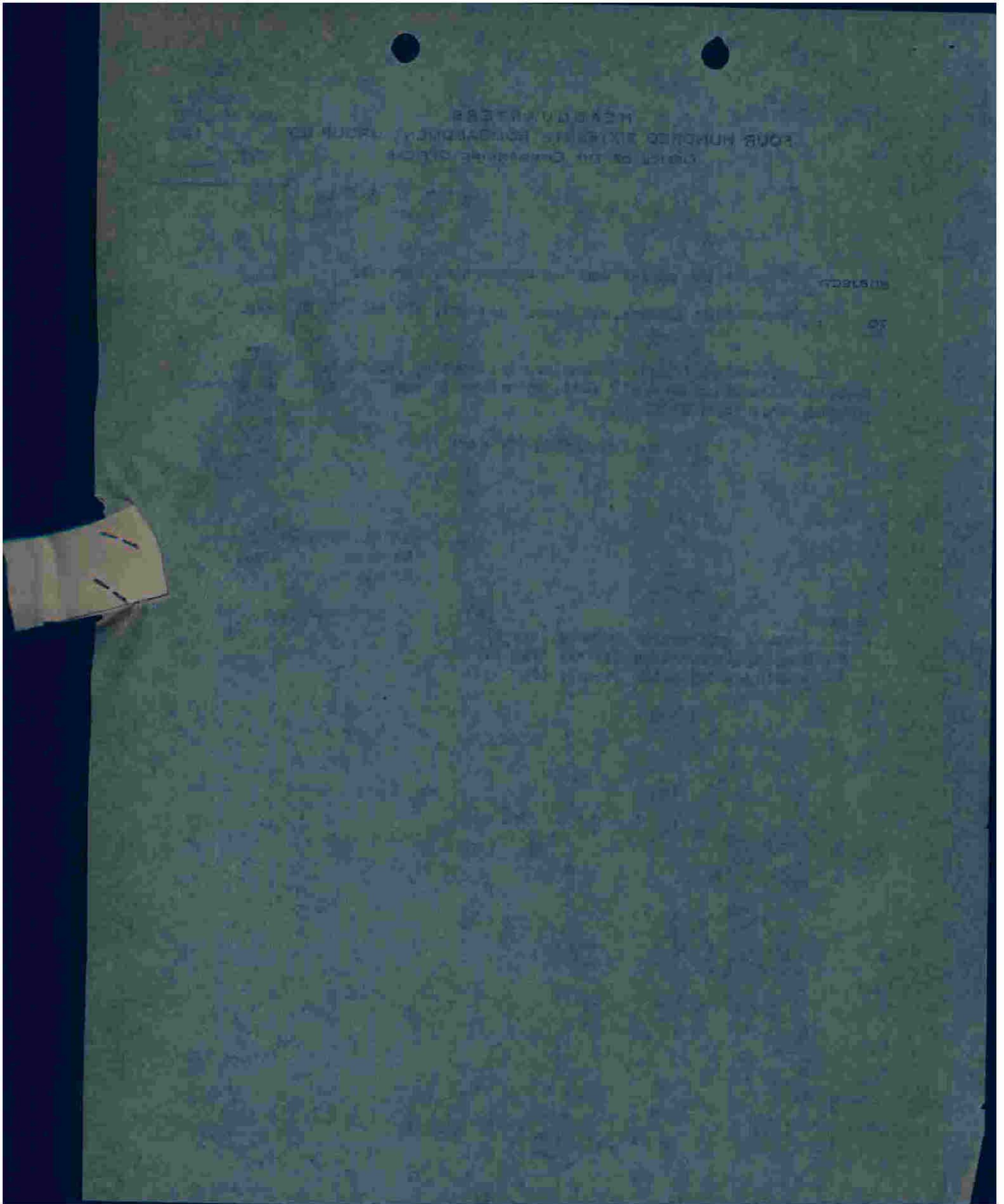
GEORGE SCHMIDT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

AIRTEL "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 231

BOX I GROUP 418 DATE 30 Apr. 44 TARGET ATTACHED Bonnieres

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.
2. Bombing approach: 300° Mag.
3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X
4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO _____

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs; and specify exact aiming point actually used: Pre-set data synchronized on target. 20 miles trail subtracted. MFI used as aiming point. Air speed and altitude OK at point of release. Bubbles were leveled. Ship was also level at point of release.

5. Name of lead bombardier: 1st Lt. W. Falin
6. Name of lead pilot: Major H. W. Campbell
7. Intervalometer settings: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 320 Ground Speed: 348 Altitude: 12,000
9. Length of bomb run: 30-40 Sec: 4
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: _____ X 500 lb FUSEL Delay 1/10 N _____ T 1/40
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 50

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 AM? YES _____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:
 - (c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES _____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent Flak affected bombing or bomb run:
 - (d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? None
 - (e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None
 - (f) ~~None~~ obstructions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:
 - (g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right target: YES X NO _____

Results claimed: GOOD _____ FAIR _____ POOR X BAD MISS _____

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4. Description of route from I.P. to target:
- (1) Visibility good - 8 to 10 miles.
 - (2) No clouds over target.
 - (3) Landing section to left from I.P. level to right, large turn held to records - left - opened bomb bay doors and rolled out on target.
 - (4) Stone formation.
 - (5) Target located by dummy airplane and wooded areas.
 - (6) HIT
 - (7) HIT

Formation consisted of 3 boxes, 15 ships each box. (2 ships from 410 box included in figure). Time off line was 09:16. Target - formation (boats) line over target 1100. Box I, at 12,000 feet, dropped a total of 50 bombs in the target area with poor results. Box II, at 11,500 feet, dropped a total of 50 bombs in the target area with good results. Box III, at 12,500 feet, dropped a total of 51 bombs in the target area with good results. Visibility was 10 to 12 miles. Anti-aircraft fire was weak and inaccurate. Box I (1 410 box) resulting category 4 damage and 2 ships resulting category 4C. No enemy aircraft encountered. Mines landed at 10:18.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 491

BCX II GROUP 418 DATE 20 Apr 44 TARGET ATTACKED Bombiers

1. Method of Sighting: **Pre-set data in sight. Synchronization at end of run.**
2. Bombing approach: **290° 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: **After leveling I.P. directed Pilot verbally to point selected for start of bombing run. Engaged sight and after first course correction bombs went away. Judgement of length of run was poor and not enough time was left for synchronization.**

5. Name of lead bombardier: 2nd Lt. W. H. Lytle
6. Name of lead pilot: Capt. W. Batterby
7. Intervalometer setting: _____
8. Indicated Air Speed: None Ground Speed: 240 Altitude: 11,500
9. Length of bomb run: 230 Sec: 10
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/G: _____ X 300 lb FUSED Delay N 1/10 T 1/40
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 50

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 A/G? 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?
- (e) State any difficulties on bombing run: **No enemy aircraft.**
- (f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: **Misjudged point at which to begin bombing run and result was lack of time for sighting. Poor judgement in length of bombing run. Not enough time time for synchronization.**
- (g) Bombing results as reported by crews:
 Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____
 Results claimed: GOOD _____ FAIR _____ POOR _____ BAD MISS X

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- v. Description of route from I.P. to target:
- (1) Visibility good, 3 to 10 miles, slight ground haze.
 - (2) Cloud condition - 1-2 at 4000'. No effect on bombing.
 - (3) Good formation at time of release. Supposed to be in trail, number 2 box out short and bombed second.
 - (4) Release action controlled by bombardier.
 - (5) Identified by aerograms.
 - (6) Length of run not sufficient for synchronization - 8 seconds.
 - (7) Target picked up but no time for direction or range correction.
 - (8) 2000' sight.
 - (9) No waterborne.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 291

ANNEX "A"

BOX III GROUP 416 DATE 30 Apr 44 TARGET ATTACKED Bonnières

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.

2. Bombing approach: 310° 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:

synchronous. 20 miles subtracted. Aimed at NPI. Used pre-set. Air speed and altitude OK. Subales not leveled on bomb run, however gyro was uncaged at last part of run and cross hairs were replaced on target.

5. Name of lead bombardier: 1st Lt. A. R. Hand.

6. Name of lead pilot: Major R. F. Price

7. Intervalometer setting: None Ground Speed: 237 Altitude: 12,500

8. Indicated Air Speed: 220 Sec: 237

9. Length of bomb run: 25 lb FUSED N T

10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 500 Delay 1/10 1/40

11. Total Bombs Dropped: 51

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, IF or AP? YES NO . If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing.

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES NO X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent Flak affected bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: None.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES NO

Results claimed: GOOD X FAIR POOR BAD MISS

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4. Description of route from I.F. to target:
- (1) Visibility 8 to 10 miles - slight ground haze.
 - (2) 1 to 2 at 4000'.
 - (3) Formation not observed.
 - (4) With complete action from I.F. controlled by bombardier.
 - (5) Airplane located - positive identification by loaded area.
 - (6) None
 - (7) In target area - southern edge.
 - (8) Nil

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By Authority
CG, Sta. 170
1 May 1944.
Init. _____HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICERAPO 140, U.S. ARMY,
1 May 1944.SUBJECT: Report of Malfunction of Aircraft Equipment.
TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APO 140,
U.S. Army.I. Summary of Aircraft Operating.Date of Mission : 30 April 1944.
Number of Aircraft Scheduled : 36
Number of Aircraft Alerted : 39 (2 from 410 B.G.)II. Scheduled Aircraft Failing to Become Airborne.

None

III. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Affecting Success of Mission.

Group	Type A/C	ACSN	Cause	Remarks
416	A-200-25	43-9376	No. 4 station failed to re-release.	Bare wires in cannon plugs causing short in release circuit.
	A-200-25	43-9193	3 bombs prematurely released.	Cannon plugs in properly installed.
	A-200-25	43-9191	1 bomb failed to release. Fell out on return trip.	Cause undetermined
410	A-200-10	43-10143	No. 4 station failed to re-release.	Sway braces too tight.

IV. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Not Affecting Success of Mission.

None

For the Commanding Officer:

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GEORGE SCHANKS,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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By authority
G. O. 170
30 April 1944
Init. _____

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

AFD 147, U. S. Army,
30 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Lost, Damaged and Abortive Report.
TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, AFD 147, U. S. Army.

Target: Bonnieres (Seball)
Date: 30 April 1944.

IX Bomber Command Field Order No. 521.

1. Summary.

Group	Type A/C	A/C Dispatched	Abortive		Damaged			Lost	Attacked Target
			Both	Other	A	B	C		
416	A-200's & B's	37	0	0	7	3	0	0	37
410	A-203's	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	2

2. Lost.

None.

3. Damaged.

Group	Type A/C	ACSN	CATEGORY	Cause
416	A-200-35	45-9195	A	Flak
416	A-200-35	45-9217	A	Flak
416	A-200-35	45-9207	A	Flak
416	A-200-35	45-9211	A	Flak
416	A-200-35	45-9181	A	Flak
416	A-200-30	45-9579	A	Flak
416	A-200-10	45-10139	A	Flak
416	A-200-30	45-9714	AG	Flak
416	A-200-35	45-9355	AG	Flak
410	A-203-10	45-10145	A	Flak

4. Abortives.

None.

For the Commanding Officer:

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GRAND SUBWAYN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

MISSION NO. 32

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

30 APRIL 1944

- | | | | | | |
|----|-----------------------|-----|----|--------------------|-----|
| 1. | 135 | "T" | 4. | 900 | "Q" |
| | Major M.W. Campbell ✓ | | | Lt. W.C. Siggs ✓ | |
| | Lt. W.H. Palin ✓ | | | Sgt N. Radlich | |
| | S/S C.A. Prindle | | | S/S R.W. Nicks | |
| | S/S F.M. Citty | | | | |
| 2. | 450 | "S" | 5. | 226 | "E" |
| | Capt. R.A. Clark ✓ | | | Lt. E.J. Renth ✓ | |
| | Lt. C.W. Jones ✓ | | | T/S W.I. Kelly | |
| | S/S J.L. Rogers | | | S/S W.G. Ferguson | |
| | S/S O.D. LaNave | | | | |
| 3. | 143 | "K" | 6. | 189 | "P" |
| | Lt. Col. Hughey | | | Lt. A.W. Gullion ✓ | |
| | Capt. Dunn ① | | | S/S G.L. Coffey | |
| | Sgt Cody | | | S/S C.L. Webb | |
| | Sgt Chandler | | | | |

FLIGHT II

- | | | | | | |
|----|-------------------|-----|----|--------------------|-----|
| 1. | 717 | "N" | 2. | 673 | "I" |
| | Lt. R.J. Morton ✓ | | | Lt. Peter Dantas ✓ | |
| | S/S A.E. Bergeron | | | S/S A.L. Nielsen | |
| | S/S H.E. Kelton | | | S/S W.L. Fields | |
| 3. | 376 | "O" | | | |
| | Lt. H.E. Hewes ✓ | | | | |
| | S/S J.F. Kasper ① | | | | |
| | S/S H.E. Boyer | | | | |

FLIGHT III

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|----|---------------------|-------|----|--------------------|-----|
| 1. | 951 | "P-1" | 2. | 711 | "M" |
| | Lt. F.W. DeMand ✓ | | | Lt. A.R. Durante ✓ | |
| | S/S C.W. Middleton | | | S/S H.T. Best | |
| | Sgt R.J. Troyer | | | S/S I. DeGuisti | |
| 3. | 393 | "K-1" | | | |
| | Lt. R.E. Greenley ✓ | | | | |
| | S/S H.C. Worden | | | | |
| | S/S J.J. Rzepka | | | | |

SPARE

- | | |
|---------------------|-----|
| 221 | "F" |
| Lt. W.A. Merchant ✓ | |
| S/S C.J. Harp | |
| S/S K.P. Brown | |

MISSION NO. 32

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

30 APRIL 1944

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|--|---|
| <p>1. 640 "Z"
Capt. W. Battersby ✓
Lt. W.M. Lytle ✓
S/S C.F. Love
S/S F.L. Adair</p> | <p>4. 182 "B"
Lt. B.H. Bradford ✓
S/S A.A. Hill
S/S D.H. Simpson</p> |
| <p>2. 439 "J"
Lt. A.E. Osborne ✓
Lt. A.H. Maltby ✓
S/S E.E. Kelly
S/S W.H. Coe</p> | <p>5. 684 "K"
Lt. M.E. Kleopfel ✓
S/S E.A. Damico
T/S L.G. Robbins</p> |
| <p>3. 913 "A"
Major Parrot
Lt. Jones
S/S Noren
Sgt Pitts</p> | <p>6. 194 "C"
Lt. S.B. Ritchie ✓
S/S A.W. Newkirk
S/S H. Perkins, Jr.</p> |

FLIGHT II

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| <p>1. 745 "I"
Lt. L.J. Siracusa ✓
S/S J.N. Hume
S/S F.E. Brown</p> | <p>2. 379 "G"
Lt. L.G. Peede ✓
S/S C.L. Hibbs
S/S L.M. Daugherty</p> |
| <p>3. 195 "D"
Capt. R.B. Prentiss ✓
S/S A.J. Antanaitis ⊙
S/S H.R. Hedrick</p> | |

FLIGHT III

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| <p>1. 455 "T"
Lt. G.M. McNulty ✓
Lt. F.H. Bursiel ✓
S/S H.E. White
S/S R.E. Addleman</p> | <p>2. 387 "H"
Lt. C.L. McGlohn ✓
S/S J.W. Moran
S/S P.B. Driskill</p> |
| <p>3. 892 "L"
Lt. R.O. Gruetzemacher ✓
S/S R.F. Stobert
S/S F.P. Glynn</p> | |

SPARE

- 680 "R"
Lt. J.P. Hillerman ✓
S/S J.D. Gossett
S/S R.L. Miller

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LOADING LIST
BOX III
FLIGHT I

30 APRIL 1944

1. 129 "I"
Major R.F. Price ✓
Lt. A.R. Hand ✓
Sgt L.R. Shaw
Capt. A. McClellan ✓

4. 207 "B"
Lt. F.J. Harrold ✓
S/S E.L. Griffin
Sgt C.W. Maziasz

2. 914 "X"
Lt. E.T. Platter ✓
Lt. R.J. Basnett ✓
S/S K.L. Johnson
Sgt J.L. Czech

5. 217 "D"
Lt. T.J. Leonard ✓
S/S O.D. Evans
Sgt T.A. Palmer

3. 963 "N"
Lt. L.E. Hill ✓
S/S C.H. Yost
S/S R.W. Burch

6. 209 "K"
Lt. L.R. McBride ✓
Sgt W.F. Colbert
S/S J.A. Ochaba

FLIGHT II

1. 211 "C"
Lt. E.E. Demun ✓
S/S M. Rosenstein
S/S H.O. Carney

2. 181 "A"
Lt. W.H. Land ✓
S/S S.F. Alden
S/S R.L. Ballinger

3. 679 "R"
Lt. J.S. Connor ✓
S/S J.D. Bresnak
S/S G.F. Cope

FLIGHT III

1. 493 "V"
Lt. L.A. Marzolf ✓
S/S H.E. Wellin
S/S L.G. Kutzer

2. 956 "Z"
Lt. J.D. Adams ✓
Sgt P.L. Clearman
Sgt A.J. Zeikus

3. 714 "N-1"
Lt. G.W. Cowgill ✓
S/S H.A. Foster
S/S E.W. Rust

SPARE

377 "W"
Lt. G.F. Bartmus ✓
S/S B.C. Sieg
S/S J.C. Burkhalter

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

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AUTH: LT. COL. WALTER W. FARMER

"J" FORM

CLEARANCE F-1

30 APRIL 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR JOHN G. NAPIER

A.

B. 1026

C. BEACHY HEAD

D. BOX I R/T PEELER ONE

669 9 T S K N I O Q E P

671 3 P-1 M K-1

671 1 (SPARE) D

GROUP LEADER 669 T

DEPUTY 669 S

BOX II R/T PEELER TWO

668 8 Z A I G D B K C

670 4 J T H L

671 1 (SPARE) R

SECOND BOX LEADER 668 Z

DEPUTY 670 J

BOX III R/T PEELER THREE

671 5 I X V Z N-1

668 1 N

670 3 B D K

669 3 G A R

668 1 (SPARE) W

THIRD BOX LEADER 671 I

DEPUTY 671 X

E. 12,000

F. TOCQUEVILLE

G. 1040

H. 28

J. BERCK-SUR-MER

K. HASTINGS

L. 1121

M. 1. E.T.E. 1001 E.T.A. 1140

2. 4 x 500 G.P.

3. 4 HOURS

4. BOX I Z3096

BOX II Z3096

BOX III Z3096

5. NONE

NAAG GCBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

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

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

APC 140
30 April 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

TO : Group Operations

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 3 miles. Overcast of cirrus
above 20000 feet.

ROUTE OUT: Visibility 4-6 miles over England increasing
to 10-12 miles over channel and France. No
low clouds over England or channel with 4/10
patchy stratocumulus at the French coast
near Dieppe, tops to 3000 feet. Clouds
broke inland to 1-2/10.

TARGET: 1-2/10 stratocumulus with tops 3000 feet.
Visibility 10-12 miles.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out.

BASE ON RETURN: Visibility 6 miles. Overcast of cirrus
above 20000 feet. 3/10 altocumulus at
12000 feet.

WINDS: As forecast.

TIME OVER TARGET: 10:57

Weather did not effect bombing.

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

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OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 30 April 1944
 PERIOD 0930-1230
 Hq SOS USAPP 9-43/90M/152

	Above to Target	B Target	S Target To Base	D
1 WEATHER	Above to Target Thick haze to 5000 feet.	B Target Haze to 5000 feet	S Target To Base Haze to 5000 feet	
2 CLOUDS	3-5/10 Cirrus Above 20,000 feet. 1-3/10 Medium Cloud at 11-13,000 feet at 11-13,000 feet 3-5/10 Stratocumulus Base 2000-2500 Tops 4,000 feet.	4-6/10 Cirrus Above 20,000 feet. 1-3/10 Medium Cloud at 11-13,000 feet 3-5/10 Stratocumulus Base 2000-2500 Tops 4,000 feet.	Similar To Route Out With 3-5/10 Cumulus Over England. Base 3,000 Tops 4-5,000	
3 ICING	Nil Freezing Level 8500	SAME	SAME	
4 VISIBILITY	1-2 Miles Over Eng 3-5 Miles Over Channel 8-7 Miles On Continent	4-7 Miles	3-5 Miles	
HEIGHT SURFACE	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
5000 FT	290 10			
10000 FT	330 24			
12000 FT	340 30			
15000 FT	340 32			
FT	340 38			
FT				
BASE ALTIMETER SETTING <u>30.27</u> TARGET SURFACE TEMP <u>+11°C</u> TARGET MEAN TEMP <u>+5°C</u> TEMP. AT <u>5000 FT.</u> <u>-7°C</u> TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) <u>1/2</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 ENCOUNTERED, 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

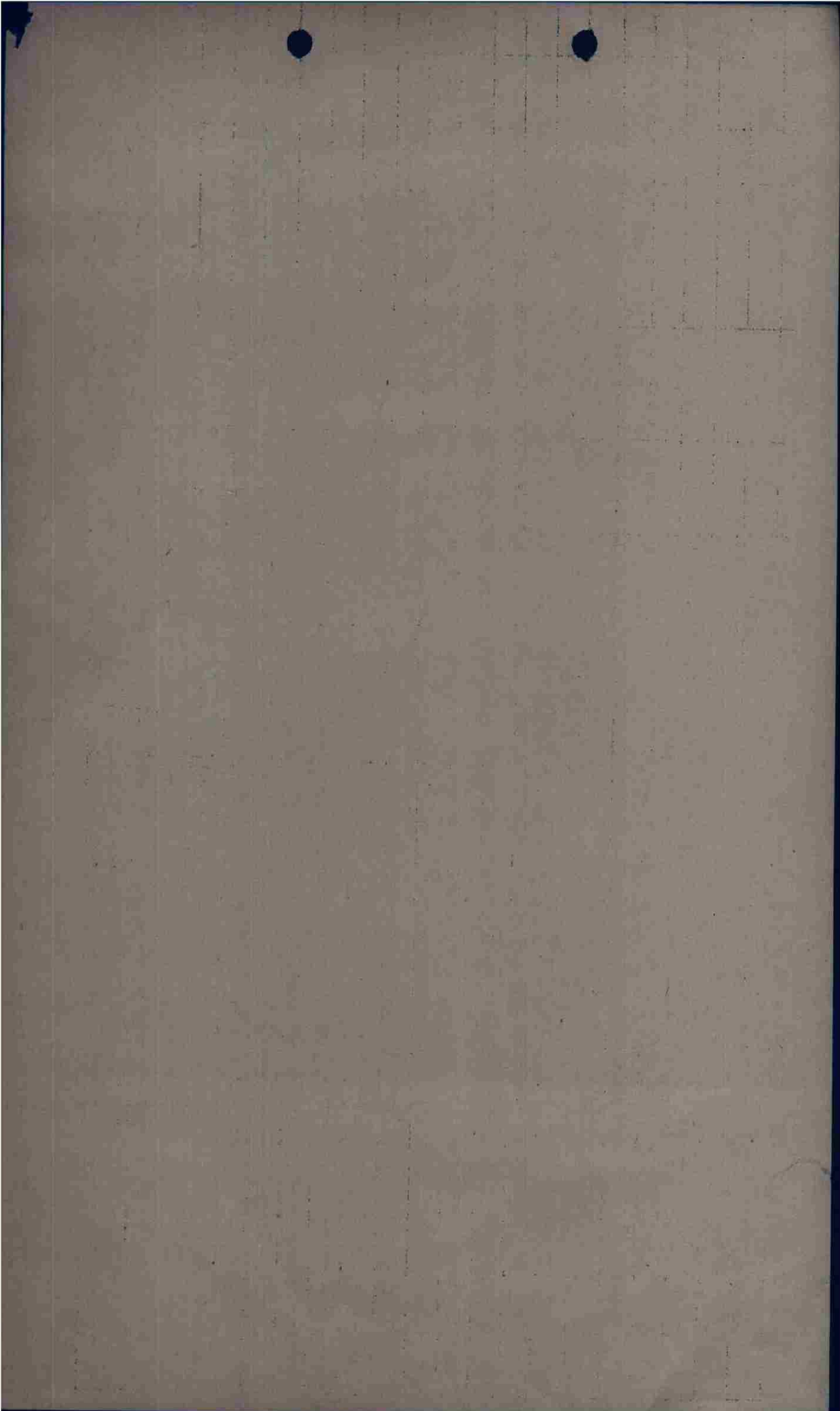


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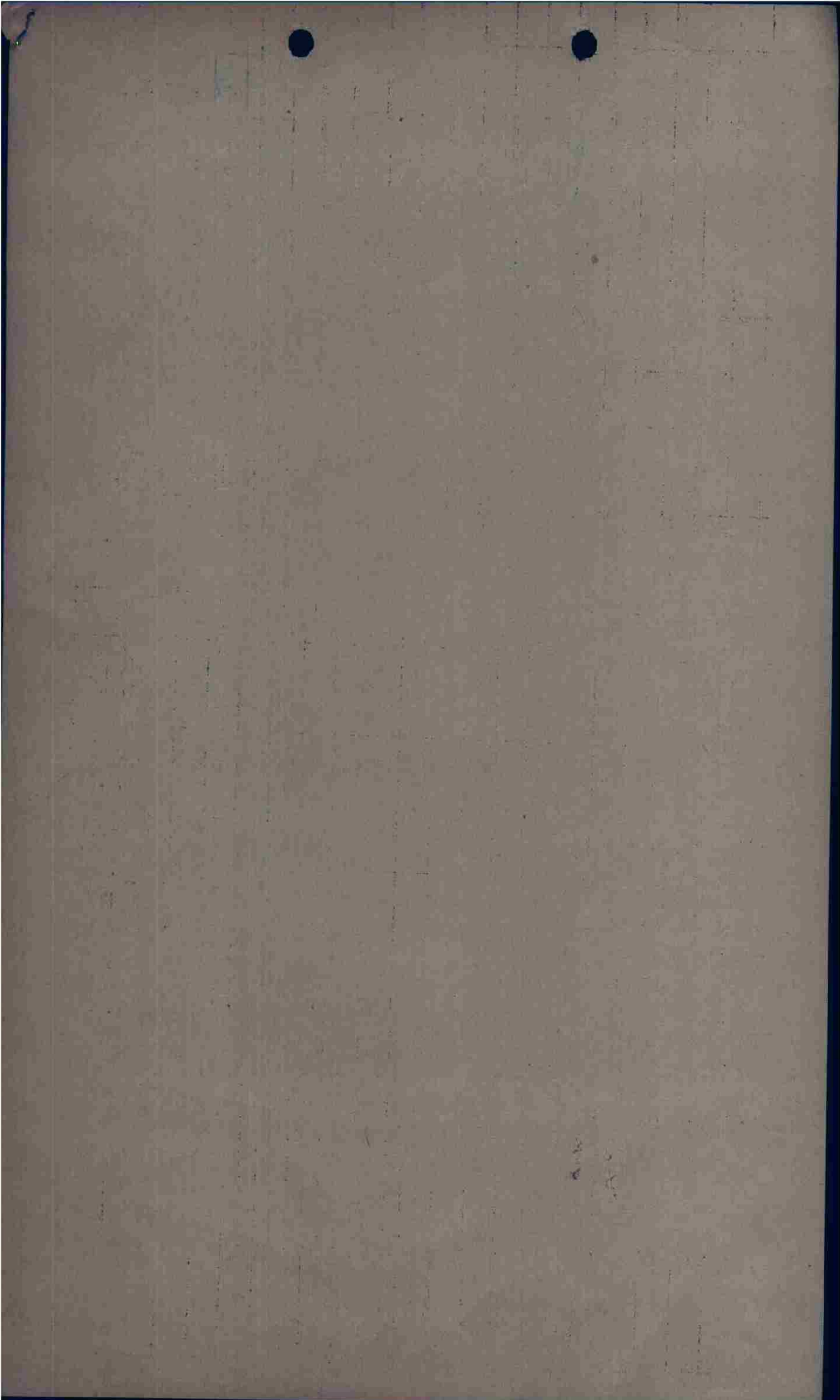
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T	135	B	CAMPBELL		0946	1096 Eggsby Heal	1040 Tocque- ville	1100	1108 Berey- sur-Mer	1141 Hastings	A-c	795	4X50 G.F.	H	1151	
S	450	B	CLARK		0946	12,000	14,000		12,000	9,000					1152	
N	143	410th Squadron B	HUGHEY	CM 1675	0946										1152	
E	226	B	RENTH		0947										1153	
P	189	B	GOLLION		0947						C				1154	
N	717	B	MORTON		0948										1155	
I	678	B	DONIAS		0948										1156	
O	376	B	HEWES		0949										1157	
P-1	951	D	DEMBARD		0949										1158	
M	711	D	DURANTE		0949										1159	
K-1	393	D	GREENLEY		0949										1159	spare
F	221	D	MERCHANT		0947						C					



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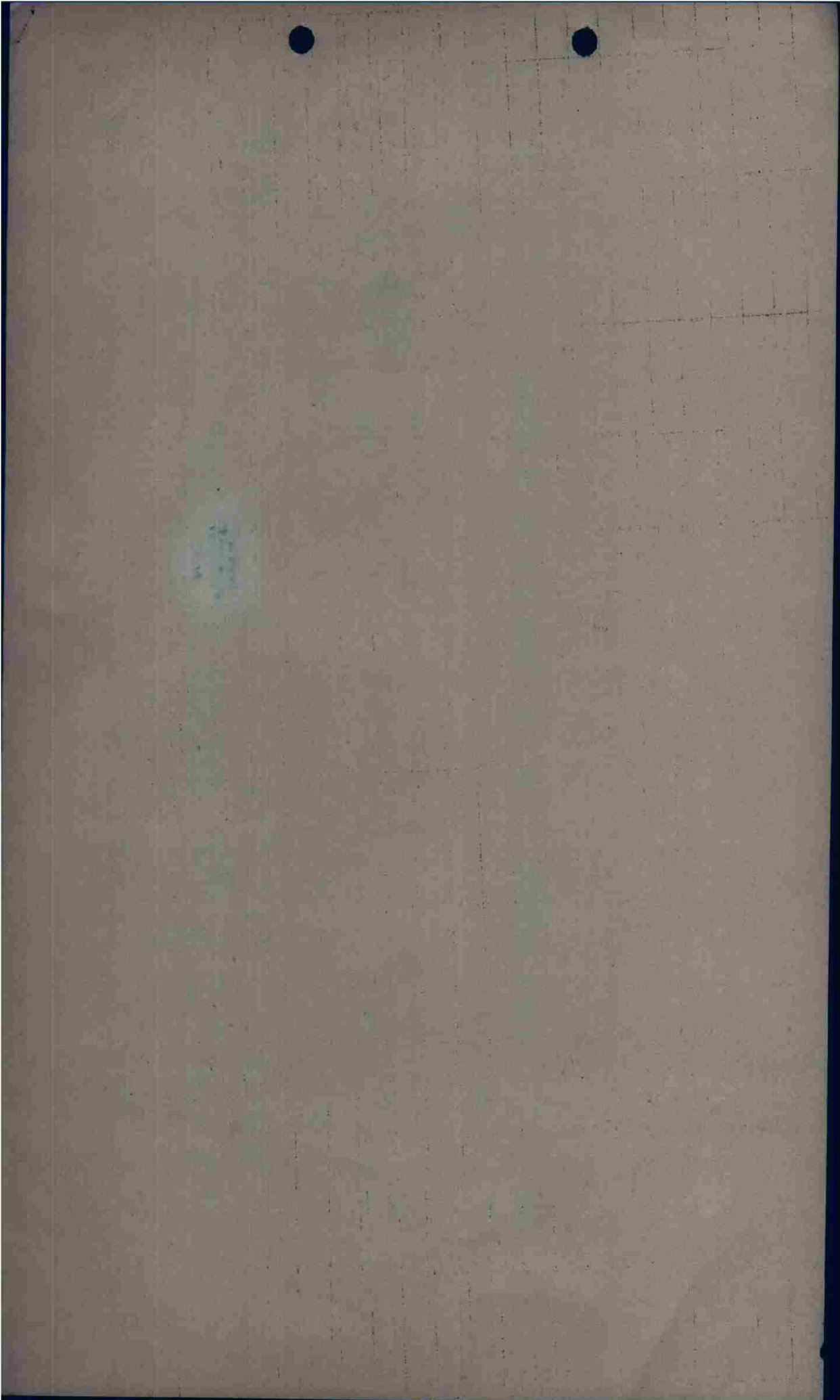
59. A/C NO.	PILOT	ATO	ENGLISH COAST IN	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT COAST	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN	C A M E R A	FUEL	BOMB LOAD	LAND TIME	REMARKS
A 640	Z N Battersby	0949	1076 Beech Head 19,000	1040 Tocagueville 19,000	1100 Beech Sw-Mex	1108 10,000	1191 Hackings 9,000	HC	795	HX 500# G.P.	1902	
C 439	J O Osborne	0950									1904	
A 187	B V Bradford	0951									1904	
A 684	K V Leopfel	0951									1904	
A 194	C V Ritchie	0951									1905	
A 745	F V Sirausa	0951									1905	
A 379	G V Peede	0952									1906	
A 195	D V Frenkiss	0952						C			1906	
C 455	T O McNulty	0952									1907	
C 387	H O Mc Glohm	0952									1908	
C 892	L C Gruetzemacher	0953									1909	
C 680	R C Hillerman	0957									1909	Spare



M/C NO.	A/C NO.	SQDN.	PILOT	TARGET	ATO	ENGLISH COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN	CAMERA	FUEL	BOMB LOAD	EN D U R.	LAND TIME	REMARKS
I	129	D	PRICE		0953	1026 1200 BEAUF- HEAD	1040 1000 THE VINE	1100	1108 1000 BERK-SUR HEAD	1121 900 HASTINGS	h/c	725	450000	4	1910	
X	914	D	PLATTER		0958						h/c				1910	
N	963	A	HILL		0953						c				1211	
B	207	C	HARROLD		0964						c				1212	
D	217	C	KEONARD		0954						c				1213	
K	209	C	MCBRIDE		0955						c				1214	
G	211	B	DEHUN		0959						c				1214	
A	181	B	LAND	BONNIFERS	0959										1215	
R	679	B	CONNOR		0964										1215	
V	493	D	MARZOLF		0955										1216	
Z	956	D	ADAMS		0955										1217	
N	714	D	CONGILL		0956										1218	
W	377	A	BARTMUS		0957										1219	SPARE

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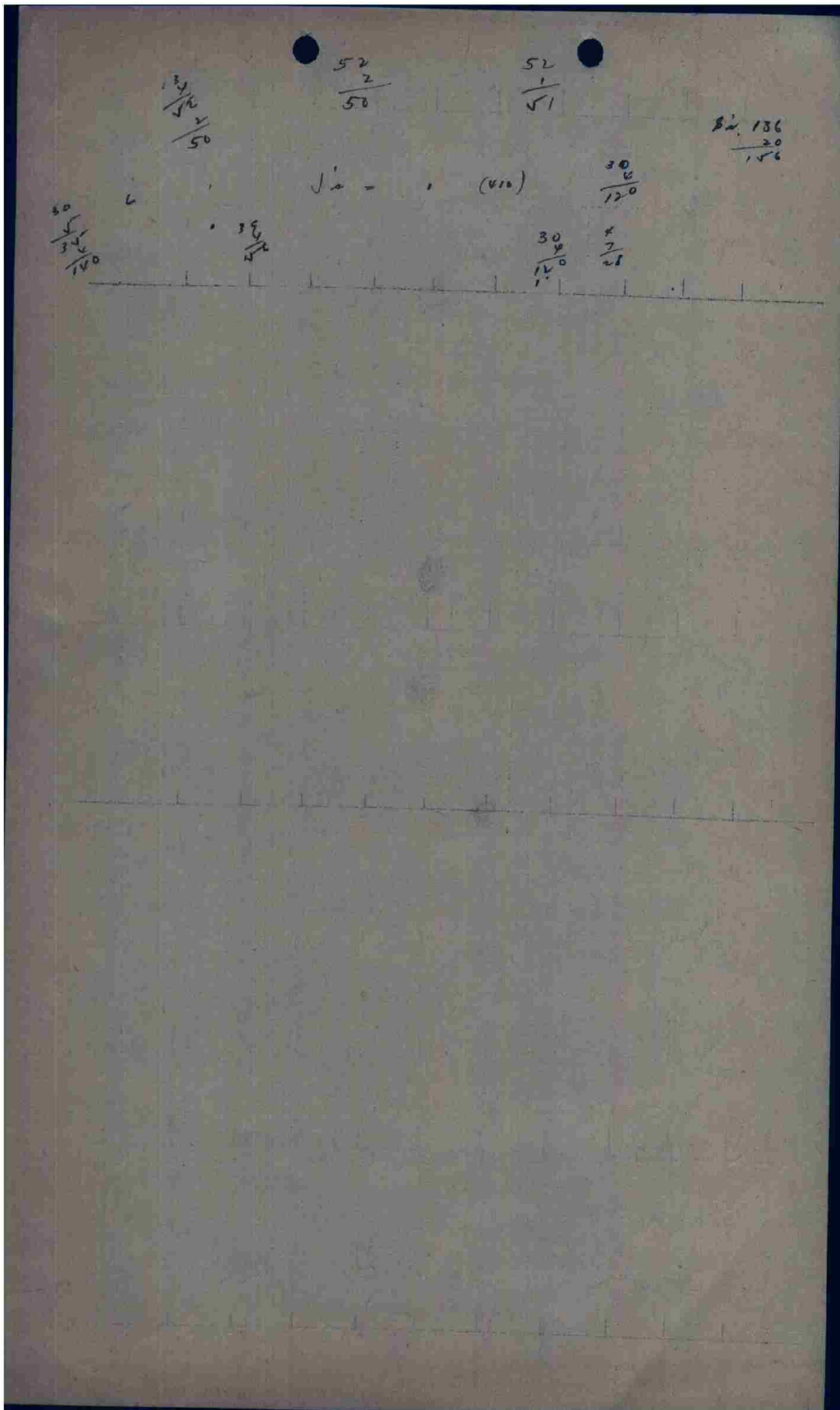


Mission #1

April 50-1944

SNIP NO	SQUADRON	PILOT and/or BOMBARDIER	GRADE	DUTY	FUNCTIONS	CAUSES OF MALFUNCTIONS
0403	110th	Stumpkey			No. 1 Station failed to release.	Right wing failure.
376	B	Hansen			No. 4 station failed to release.	Base, wings in burning state causing short in the release circuit.
183	A	Bontas			2 bombs released (unknown sequence).	Cannon jammed, engine failed, bombs dropped when pilot turned in something overboard.
181	B	Lund			1 bomb fell into stream (no return task).	Cause undetermined.

*William A. McDowell
Capt. H. C. Bennett
Commander aircraft*



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OICOG OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI 1/30 OP
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 30/0800B P-117-E
 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 30 APRIL 1944

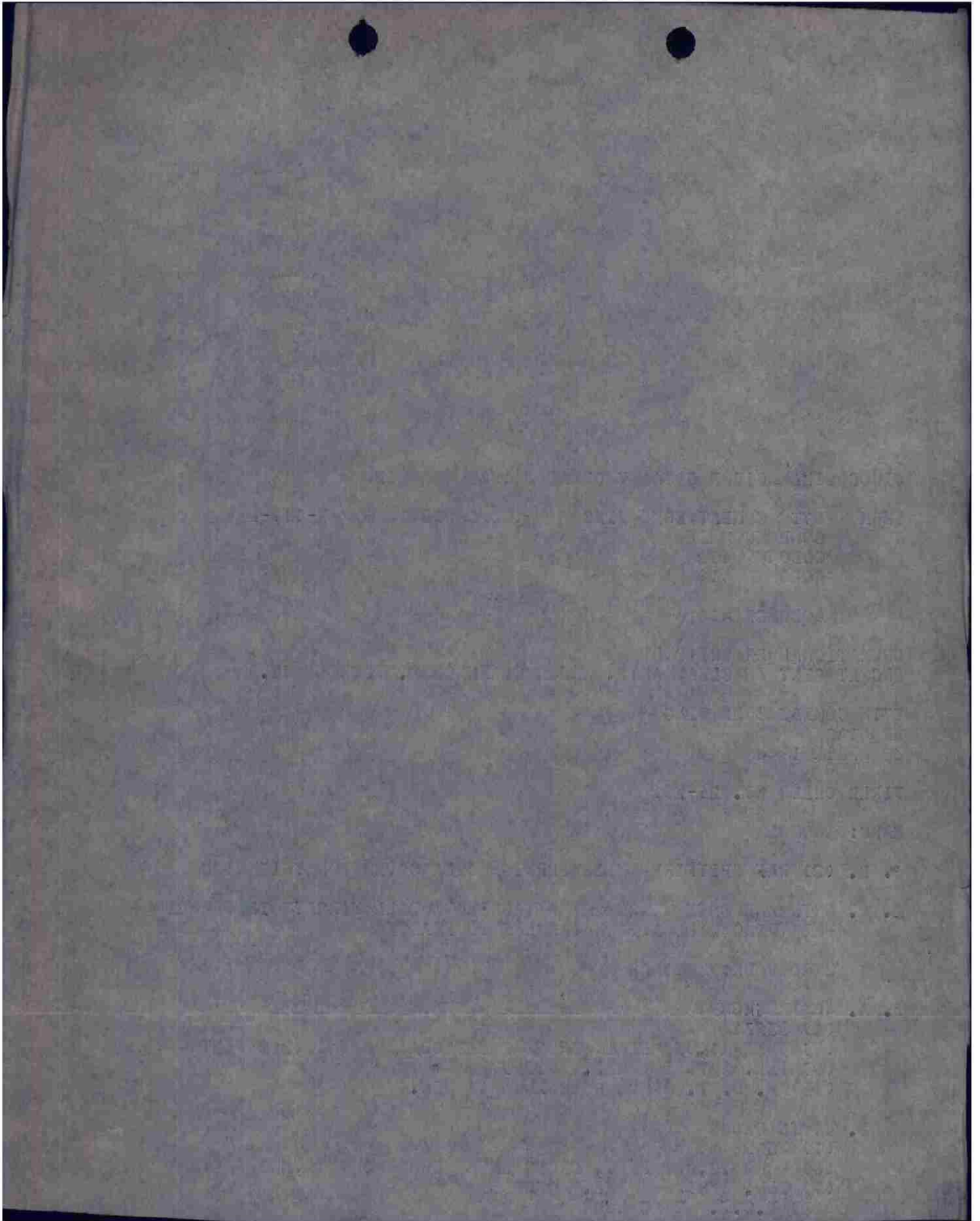
FIELD ORDER NO. 21-291

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) RAF SPITFIRES WILL FURNISH AREA COVER FOR THIS WING
2. A. 98TH AND 99TH WINGS ARE ATTACKING NOBALL TARGETS IN FRANCE
 THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE

ZERO HOUR: 301100B

3. A. 409TH GROUP
 - (1) Z3031A
 - (6) BOMB 11,500 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 10,000 FEET
 - (9) ILL. A/79/5 REF. 019057
 - (12) T. O. T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MIN.
- B. 416TH GROUP
 - (1) Z3096
 - (6) BOMB 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 10,000 FEET
 - (9) ILL. A/85/5 REF. 030035
 - (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR



- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE
- (5) BASE TO BEACHY HEAD TO TOCQUEVILLE TO 49 DEGREES 40 MIN NORTH 01 DEGREES 56 MIN EAST TO 50 DEGREES 13 MIN NORTH 02 DEGREES 34 MIN EAST TO TARGET
- (6) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BERCK-SUR-MER TO HASTINGS TO BASE
- (7) A/C REQUIRED 3 BOXES OF TWELVE EACH GROUP
- (8) I.P. 50 DEGREES 13 MIN NORTH 02 DEG 34 MIN EAST
- (9) AXIS OF ATTACK GENERALLY EAST TO WEST
- (10) R.P. 50 DEGREES 19 MIN NORTH 01 DEGREES 57 MIN EAST
- (11) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 NOSE 1/40 TAIL

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) PEELER
- (9) 46/46
- (10) 197/197

B. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) ANIMAL
- (9) 47/47
- (10) 198/198

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- (2) WEST MALLING CHANNEL "D"
- (3) NO CHANGE
- (10) AVTB
- (11) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL "C" WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA.

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BT "0/0800B

AR LCE/JMB

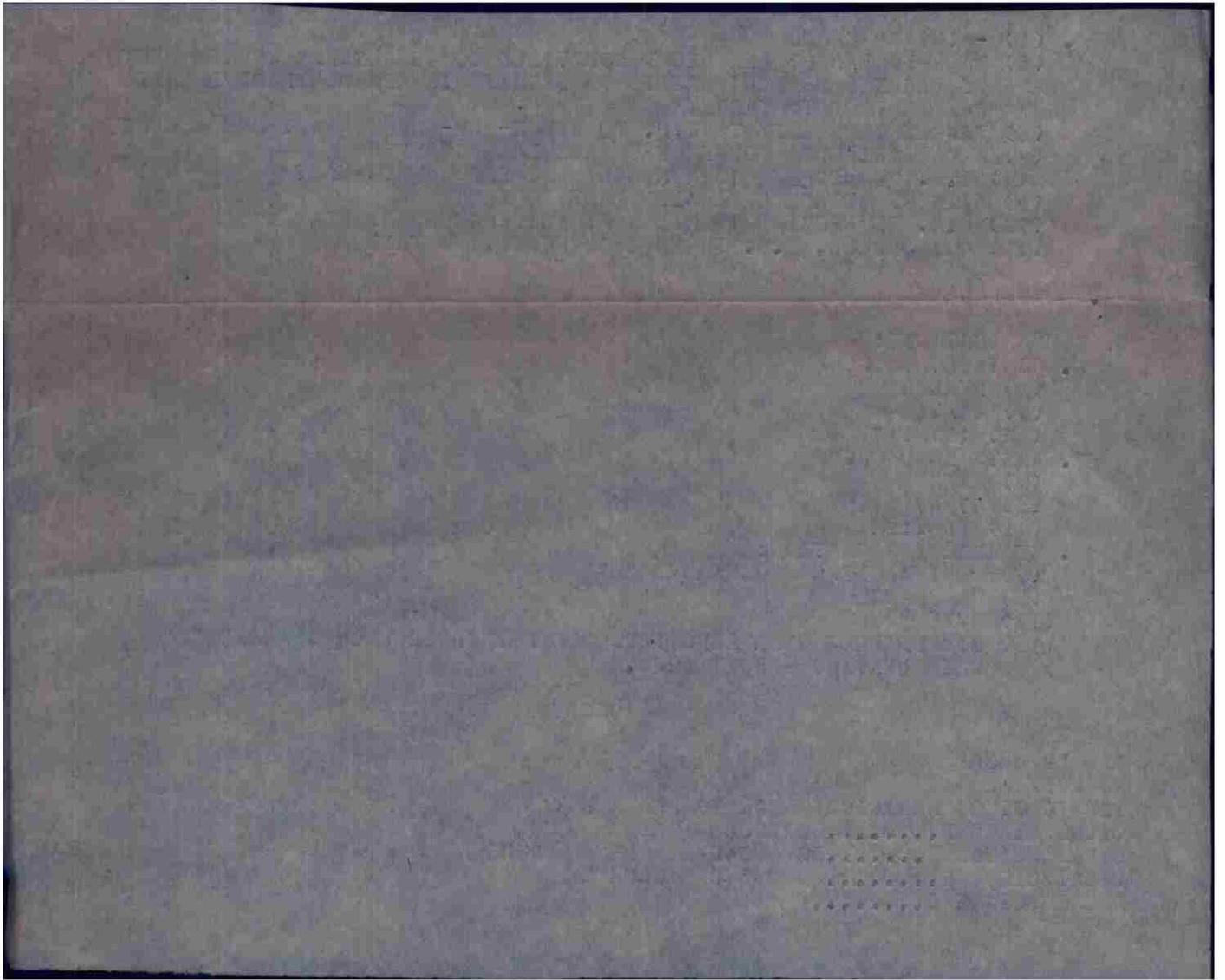
BBB TO OICOG AND OIGOF AR TO HAK AND YAA

OILAI/OIHAK R.....30/0834B AGA KKKK

OILAI /OIYAA R.....30/0834B LBS KKKKKK

OILAI/OICOG R.....30/0838B MC KKKK

OILAI /OIGOF R.....



LAI V YAA YAA 4/30

FROM COBOMGR 416 30/1330B
TO 97TH COMBAT WING ATT: COM O
CONFIDENTIAL BT

S. 3

P543J

A - YS - 30

B - 30 APRIL 1944 (1001 - 1140)

C - 668 (10) Z A I G D B K C N W
669 (12) T S K N I O Q E P C A R
670 (7) J T H L B D K
671 (10) D P-1 M K-1 R I X V Z N-1
TOTAL - 39

D - 671 - Z - INTERPHONE TO TURRET OUT BECAUSE OF BATTLE DAMAGE.
668 - C - BROKEN ANTENNA.
671 - X - VHF CHANNEL A NOISY. (PRESENCE OF SWEEP).

E - NONE

F - NOT APPLICABLE

G - NOT APPLICABLE

H - NOT APPLICABLE

I - NONE

J - 669 - T - FORMATION AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS.
668 - Z - FORMATION AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS.
671 - I - FORMATION AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS.

K - NONE

L - 668 - Z - REPORTED TO PARADE UPON LEAVING TARGET AREA.
669 - T - REPORTED TO PARADE UPON LEAVING TARGET AREA.
671 - I - REPORTED TO PARADE UPON LEAVING TARGET AREA.

M - NONE

N - NOT APPDICABLE

O - GOOD RADIO PERFORMANCE.

MACE COBOMGR 416

BT 30/1330B

AS F C

GP AR

LAI R.....30/1425B

LCB

AR

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OICOG OILAI V YA A YAA 5/30 OP

FROM 416TH BG 30/1435B
 TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2
 HQ 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2
 CONFIDENTIAL BT

P544D

OPFLASH NO. 25 FOR 30 APRIL

- A. (I) A/85 BONNIERES - NOBALL
 (II) A/85 BONNIERES - NOBALL
 - B. (I) 416TH BG
 (II) 39 A-20'S
 (III) NIL
 (IV) 39 A/C ON PRIMARY
 - C. (I) 0946
 (II) 1100
 (III) 1218
 - D. (I) 8 A/C DAMAGED - CATEGORY "A"
 2 A/C DAMAGED - CATEGORY "AC"
 (II) NIL
 (III) NIL
 - E. BOX 1 - BOMBS DEOPPED 800 FEET SHORT OF TARGET.
 BOX 2 - BOMBS DROPPED IN OPEN FIELD 1/4 TO 1/2 MILE RIGHT OF TARGET.
 BOX 3 - GOOD CONCENTRATION OF BOMBS IN TARGET AREA.
 - F. (I) (A) NIL
 (B) NIL
 (II) (A) WEAK INACCURATE HFF ON BOMB RUN.
 (B) WEAK INACCURATE HFF AND LFF 10 N MILES NW OF AMIENS.
 WEAK INACCURATE HFF IN POIX AREA.
 - G. SHIPPING MINESWEEPER 4 MILES OFF COAST AT BERK SUR MER.
 4 FAIRLY LARGE VESSELS HEADED TOWARDS BERK SUR MER.
 8 NAVAL CRAFT MID CHANNEL OUT FROM BERK SUR MER.
 LARGE SHIP IN HARBOR AT DIEPPE.
- M/Y AND RR. 30 TO 40 AXXX CAR TRAIN HEADING NORTH TOWARDS FREVENT.
 15-20 CAR TRAIN RUNNING ALONG RIVER AT AMIENS.
- INSTALLATIONS 3 GUN POSITIONS SEEN 1 MILE INLAND AT BERK SUR MER.
 SEVERAL GUN POSITIONS SEEN ALONG RIVER VALLEY ABOUT 8 MILES NW OF AMIENS.
 BARBED WIRE ALONG BEACHES BETWEEN BERK AND LE CROTOY BAY.
 RED BLDGS. THOUGHT TO BE ARMY CAMP SEEN ON BOMB RUN TO RIGHT OF COURSE.
- MISC. BERCK A/F ALL BATTERED UP. NO ACTIVITY.
 2 PLANES SEEN IN FIELD TO RIGHT OF BOMT RUN.
 AREA FLOODED INLAND 5-8 MILES AT TOUQUET, APPEARS TO BE DRYING UP/
 AREA AT BERCK SUR MER FLOODED.
- H. (I) NIL
 (II) SLIGHT HAZE - VISIBILITH GOOD.
 - I. BOMBS ON PRIMARY - 151 X 500 GP
 BOMBS RETURNED - 2 X 500 GP
 BOMBS FELL OUT - 3X 500 GP
 - J. BOX 1 - 12000FT.
 BOX 2 - 11500 FT.
 BOX 3 - 12500 FT.

BT 30/1435B
 GP BBBB
 OICOG IR.....IIIIIIIV 3XQTPB CN KKK
 RPT PLS
 OICOG R.....30/1505B CN KK
 LAI R.....30/1505B LCB KK

CV IN : C. PARA BEGINING M/Y AND RR.
 LINE TWO FRIST AND CE SECOND WORDS
 15-20 CAR TRAIN OK OK T B G

