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

SECRET
By Authority
OF, S.W. 170
3 May 1944.
Info. _____

AFC 140, U. S. Army,
2 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Reports.

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

1. Transmitted herewith are the A-3 Bombing Information Reports on operational mission 1 May 1944 submitted in compliance with IX Bomber Command Memorandum 15-9D.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHWARTZ,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

2 Incls:

- 1 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Box I)
- 2 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Box II)

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 293BOX 1 GROUP 116 DATE 1 May 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Charlottesville N/T1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set syn.2. Bombing approach: 355° 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 syn - 20 miles subtracted from trail - N/T used as aiming point.

5. Name of lead bombardier: 1st. Royalty6. Name of lead pilot: Major Villette7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 205 Ground Speed: 232 Altitude: 11,5009. Length of bomb run: 25 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED Delay N1/10 T1/10011. Total Bombs Dropped: 72

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, IV or AT? 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) 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 X FAIR _____ POOR _____ BAD MISS _____

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1. 6 to 8 miles.
2. No low clouds.
3. Ships located on land only.
4. Very mild.
5. Target located by cannot on southern edge of target.
6. No identification.
7. Good.
8. Nil.

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

Formation consisted of two boxes. In ships in box I and 19 ships in box II. Take off time was 0830. Target - Charleston - coordinates N/V. Time over target 1045. Box I, at 11,000 feet dropped a total of 75 bombs in the target area with good results. Box II, at 11,000 feet, dropped a total of 75 bombs in the target area with poor results, bombs landing on buildings and fields approximately 3000 feet east of target. Visibility was 6 to 8 miles in target area. No low clouds. Anti-aircraft fire was nil. Bombs landed at 1210.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 292BOX 21 GROUP 416 DATE 1 May 44 TARGET ATTACKED Charleroi-Montigny N/V1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set syn.2. Bombing approach: 005° mag.3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO _____

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs; and specify exact aiming point actually used: pre-set data-- attempt to synchronize on aiming point but no response from Pilot on P.D.I.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Jones6. Name of lead pilot: Capt. Clark7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 205 Ground Speed: 230 Altitude: 11,0009. Length of bomb run: 95 Sec: _____10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X500 1b FUSE Delay N/10 N/10011. Total Bombs Dropped: 74

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 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: Radio interference out on bomb run.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

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

(Over)

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1. Description of route from I.P. to target:
2. Clear.
3. Close formation.
4. Good evasive action.
5. Turn identified first, then exact location determined by sighting a large mine pile near target.
6. None
7. Poor
8. No I.P.I. corrections, Interphone out on bomb run.

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By authority
Co. Cts. 170
2 May 1944.
Init. _____

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

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

File

Mission Report - Aircraft.

SUBJECT:

Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, AFG 140, U. S. Army.

TO :

Part I.

- (1) 1 May 1944 - C859 - Charleroi-Montignies N/Y.
- (2) 96 (SB alerted)
- (3) 37

Part II.

None.

Part III. (1)

<u>ACFT</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cause</u>
43-9579	rough engine.	sparkplugs.

Part III. (2)

<u>ACFT</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Result</u>
43-9696	right and left rear boots failed to release.	Undetermined.	Yes

Part III. (3)

None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHWARTZ,
Captain, Air Corps,
adjutant.

MISSION NO. 34

LOADING LIST

1 MAY 1944

BOX IFLIGHT I

1. 914 "X"
Major D.L. Willetts✓
Lt. P.G. Royalty✓
T/S F.H. Larronde
S/S H.A. Lempka

2. 129 "I"
Lt. L.A. Marzolf✓
Lt. R.J. Basnett✓
S/S H.E. Wellin
S/S L.G. Kutzer

3. 225 "G"
Lt. E.T. Platter✓
S/S K.L. Johnson
S/S J.L. Czech

1. 640 "Z"
Lt. L.J. Siracusa✓
Lt. R.T. McBrien✓
S/S J.N. Hume
S/S F.E. Brown

2. 223 "F-1"
Lt. J.F. Meagher✓
S/S R. Bankston
S/S E.S. Dickenson

3. 377 "W"
Capt. H.F. Conant✓
S/S J.R. Orr
S/S J.E. McCreery

1. 455 "T"
Lt. R.F. Shaefer✓
Lt. W.M. Lytle✓
S/S E.R. Judd
S/S J.A. Fejes

2. 963 "N"
Lt. L.E. Hill✓
S/S C.H. Yost
S/S R.W. Burch

3. 893 "P"
Lt. G. F. Bartmus✓
S/S B.C. Sieg
S/S J.C. Burkhalter

STANDBY

696
493

FLIGHT II

4. 393 "K"
Lt. R.E. Stockwell✓
S/S H.A. Foster
S/S E.W. Rust

5. 711 "M"
Lt. M. Zubon✓
T/S J.R.L. Tanner
S/S W.C. Russell

6. 221 "F"
Lt. R.V. Wheeler✓
S/S J.S. Brower
S/S E. Corrin

4. 217 "D"
Lt. B.H. Bradford✓
S/S R.W. MacDonald
S/S A.A. Hill

5. 379 "G-1"
Lt. L.G. Reede
S/S G.L. Hibbs
S/S M. Daugherty

6. 182 "B"
Lt. E.B. Kreh✓
S/S C.F. Love
S/S F.L. Adair

FLIGHT III

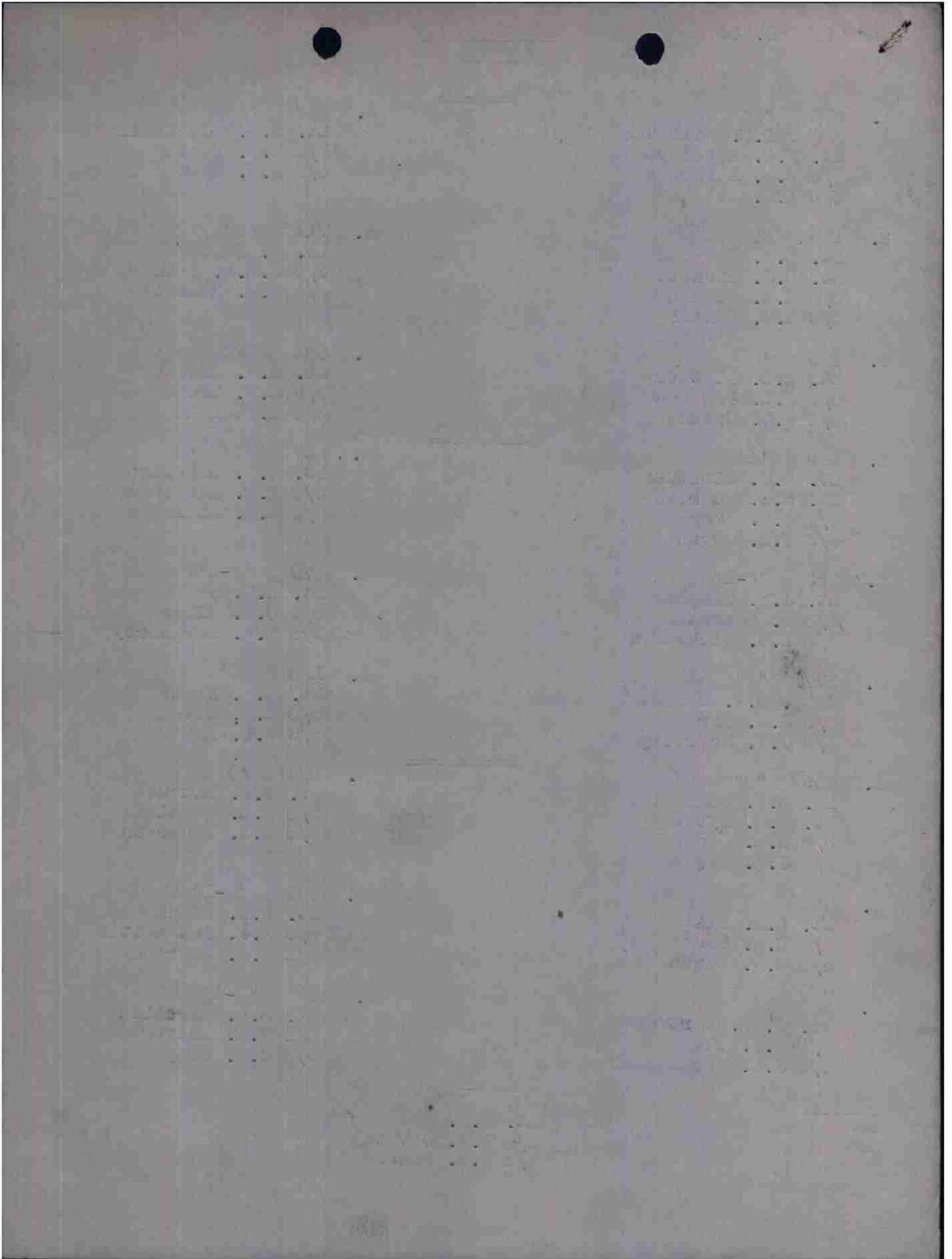
4. 194 "C"
Lt. S.B. Ritchie✓
S/S A.W. Newkirk
S/S E.A. Anderson

5. 684 "K-1"
Lt. W.E. Downing✓
S/S A.J. Antanaitis
S/S H.R. Hedrick

6. 689 "I-1"
Lt. R.G. Meredith✓
S/S V.E. Molver
S/S C.M. Gray

SPARE

220 "E"
Lt. H.P. Cole✓
S/S F.R. Chvetal
S/S B.G. Fandre



MISSION NO. 34

LOADING LIST
BOX 11
FLIGHT 1

1 MAY 1944

1. 135 "T"
CAPT R. A. CLARK ✓
T/S W. J. KELLY
S/S W. G. FERGUSON
LT. C. W. JONES ✓
2. 450 "S"
LT. H. L. SOMMERS ✓
LT. R. J. MCQUADE ✓
S/S J. B. THOMPSON
S/S H. L. HATCH
3. 209 "K"
LT. R. L. BEHLMER ✓
S/S J. L. ROGERS
S/S V. P. ADAMS

4. 717 "N"
LT. T. BOUKAMP ✓
S/S R. J. COLOSIMO
S/S J. S. WING
5. 376 "O"
LT. W. H. LAND ✓
S/S S. F. ALDEN
S/S R. L. BALLINGER
6. 189 "P"
LT. A. W. GULLION ✓
S/S C. L. WEBB
S/S G. L. COFFEY

FLIGHT 11

1. 900 "Q"
LT. R. J. MORTON ✓
S/S D. H. SIMPSON
T/S L. G. ROBBINS
2. 679 "R"
LT. M. S. STREET ✓
S/S CHARLES A. PRINDLE
S/S F. M. CITY
3. 211 "C"
LT. E. E. DEMUN ✓
S/S M. ROSENSTEIN
S/S H. O. CARNEY

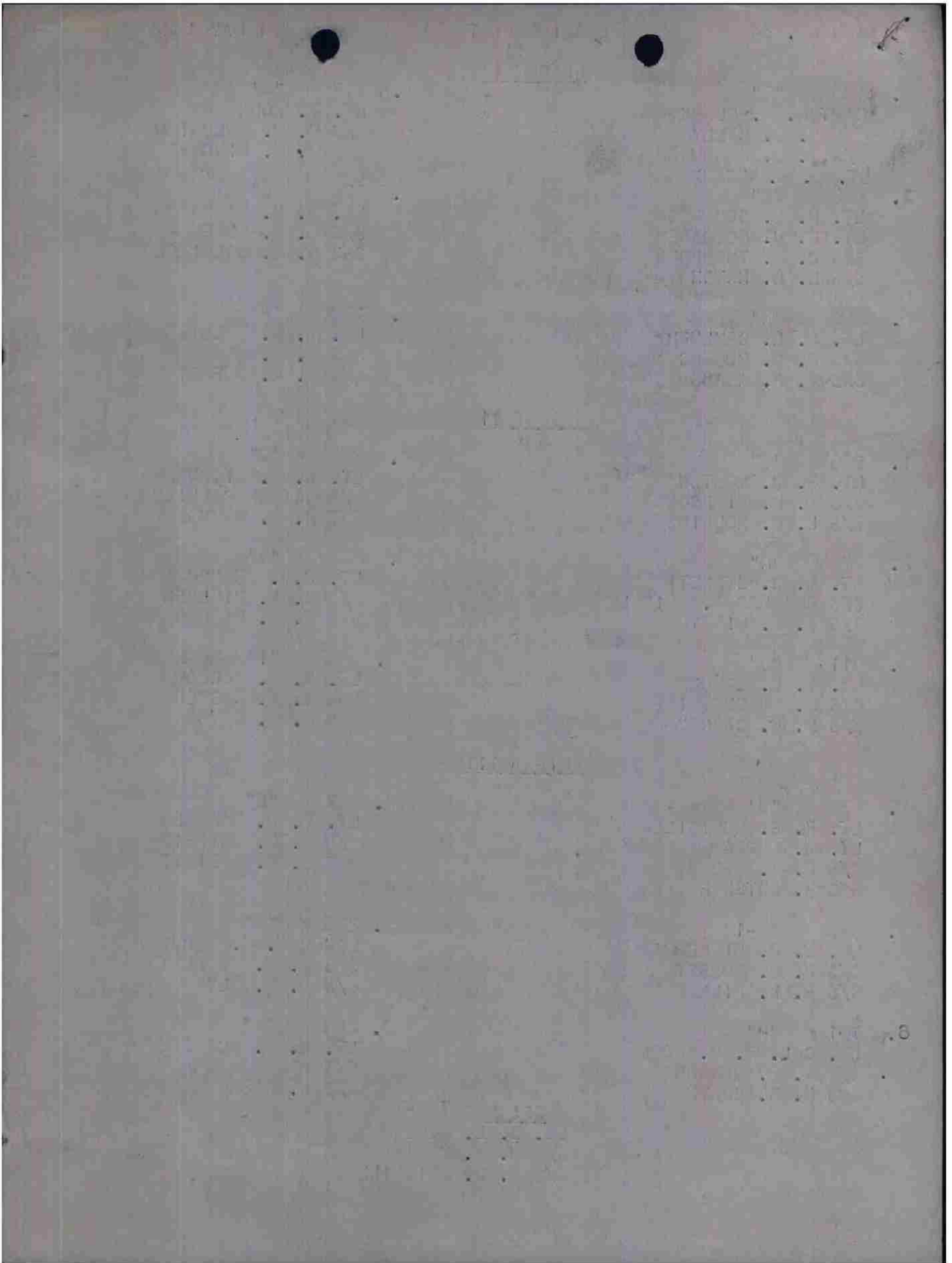
4. 743 "W"
LT. W. C. SIGGS ✓
S/S NATHAN RADLICH
SGT R. W. NICKS
5. 493 "V"
LT. J. S. CONNOR ✓
S/S A. L. NIELSEN
S/S W. E. FIELDS
6. 673 "I"
LT. H. E. HEWES ✓
S/S J. F. KASPER
S/S H. E. BOYER

FLIGHT 111

1. 439 "J"
LT. R. S. RUDISILL ✓
LT. W. FORMA ✓
S/S R. K. RILEY
S/S R. EUTSLER
2. 680 "R-1"
LT. J. P. HILLERMAN ✓
S/S J. D. GOSSETT
S/S R. L. MILLER
3. ~~696~~ "G"
LT. COL. T. H. FORD ✓
S/S W. J. DONAHUE
S/S M. R. BRAYN

4. 207 "B"
LT. F. J. HARROLD ✓
S/S E. L. GRIFFIN
SGT C. W. MAZIASZ
5. 227 "F"
MAJOR W. J. MENG ✓
S/S R. F. STOBERT
S/S F. P. GLYNN
3. 224 "E"
LT. L. R. MCBRIDE ✓
PVT MCKEE
S/S S. RISKO

SPARE 387 H-1
LT. C. L. MCGLOHN ✓
S/S J. W. MORAN
S/S P. B. DRISKILL



OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

416BG H ✓ E

CONFIDENTIAL IN THE CLEAN AUTH: LT COL WALTER W FARMER

"J" FORM

CLEARANCE F-2

1 MAY 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR HAROLD A. RADETSKY

A .

B . ~~XXXXXX~~ 0949

C . NORTH FORELAND

D . BOX I R/T LADYMAN ONE

671XXX-6.X I G K M F XXX

66892 F-1 W G-1 B N P O K-1

6703D T I-1

6711(SPARE) E

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

GROUP LEADER671X

DEPUTY671I

BOX II R/T LADYMAN TWO

66910T S H O P Q R O W A I

6705E J R-1 B F E G

~~6681X~~

6701(SPARE) H-2

SECOND BOX LEADER669T

DEPUTY669S

E. 11500

F. NEWPORT

G. 1004

H. 804

J. NEWPORT

K. NORTH FORELAND

L. 1116 $\frac{1}{2}$

M. 1. E.T.D. . . 0919 . . . E.T.A. . . .1132

2. 4 X 500 G.P.

3. 4 HOURS

4. BOX I . . . ZB 115D

BOX II . . . ZB 115D

5. NONE

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I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

JOHN M. MONURA,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Opns. Stat. Officer.

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

AFPO 140
1 May 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

TO : Group Operations

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 3-5 miles over England
with scattered patches of cirrus
at 20000 feet.

ROUTE OUT: Visibility 3-5 miles over England and channel
with 6-8 miles over the continent. Light
haze to 5-6000 feet over entire route.
Cirrus increased to 6-8/10 over continent.
No low clouds along route.

TARGET: Visibility 6-8 miles in light haze. 6-8/10
cirrus above 20000 feet. No low clouds.

ROUTE BACK: Same as route out.

Base ON RETURN: Same as at takeoff with small cumulus
beginning to form at 5000 feet.

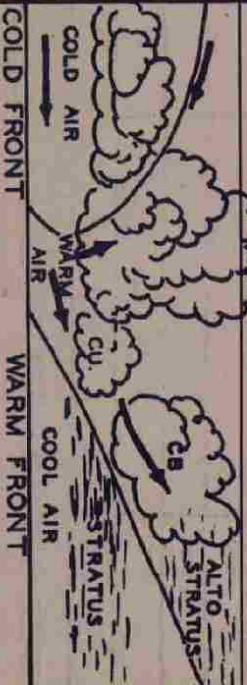
WINDS: As forecast.

TIME OVER TARGET: 10:42

Weather did not effect bombing.

Walter D. Castle

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

AIRCRAFT REPORT					
TIME		BASE TO COAST		OVER CHANNEL OR SEA	OVER CONTINENT & TARGET
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		FRONTS -	
		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			

DATE 1 May 1944
 PERIOD 0900-1300
 Hq SOS USAPP 9-43/90M/1922

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

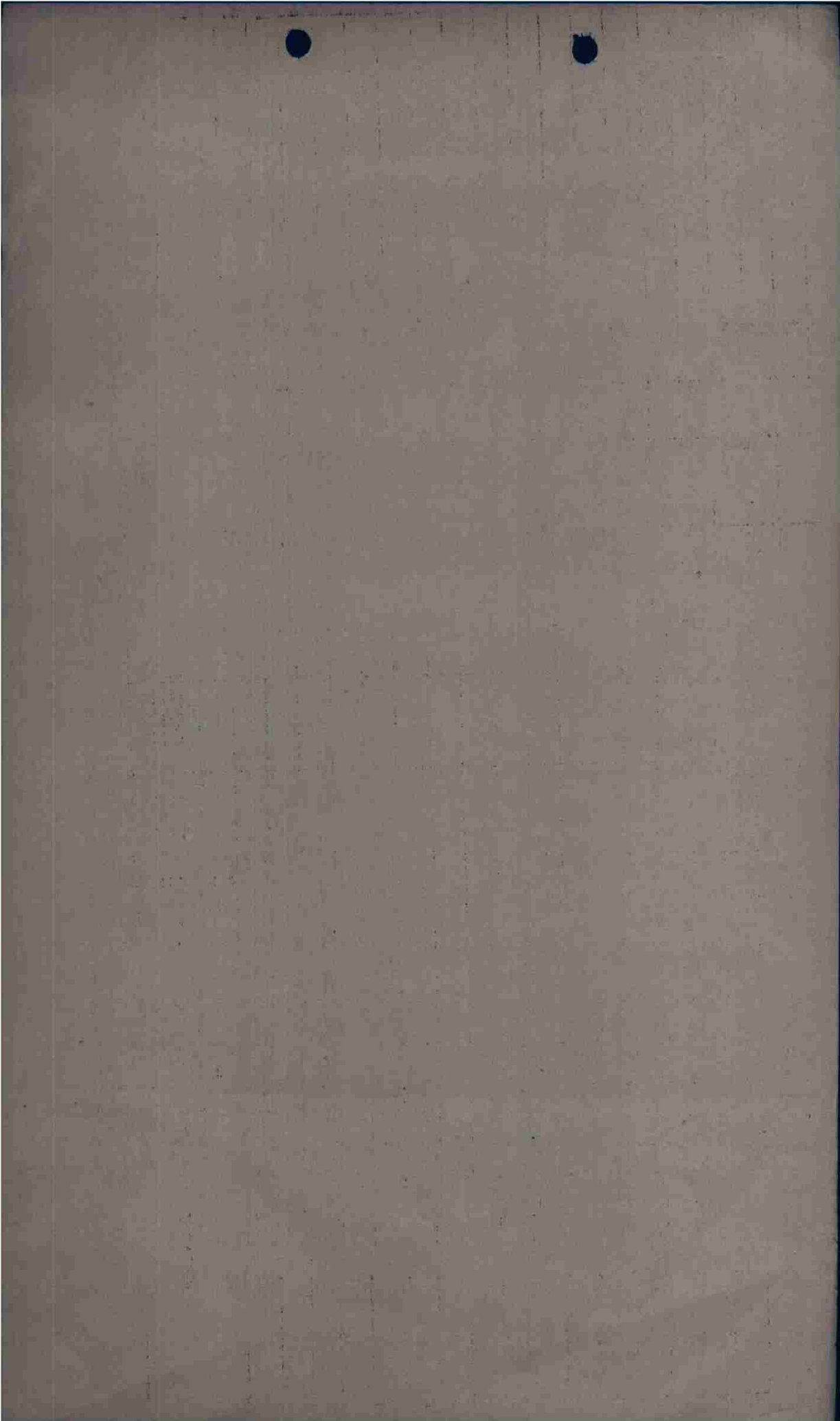
	A Base to Target	B Target	C Target to Base	D
1 WEATHER	Haze T. 4000 Feet	Haze T. 4000 Feet	Haze T. 4000 Feet	
2 CLOUDS	4-6/10 Cirrus above 20,000 feet Nil low cloud over England with patches of sea fog over North Sea	4-6/10 Cirrus above 20,000 feet. Nil medium Nil low cloud	Similar to route out	
3 ICING	Nil	Same	Same	
4 VISIBILITY	Freezing level 9000' 4-5 miles	5-10 miles	5-6 miles	
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	260°-280° 5-8			
5000 FT	295° 22			
10000 FT	305° 30			
12000 FT	310° 31			
15000 FT	310° 35			
FT				
FT				
BASE ALTIMETER SETTING <u>30.23</u>	TARGET SURFACE TEMP. <u>+12° C</u> TEMP. AT <u>2000</u> FT. <u>-5° C</u>	TARGET MEAN TEMP. <u>+5.5° C</u> TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) <u>+5.7</u>		

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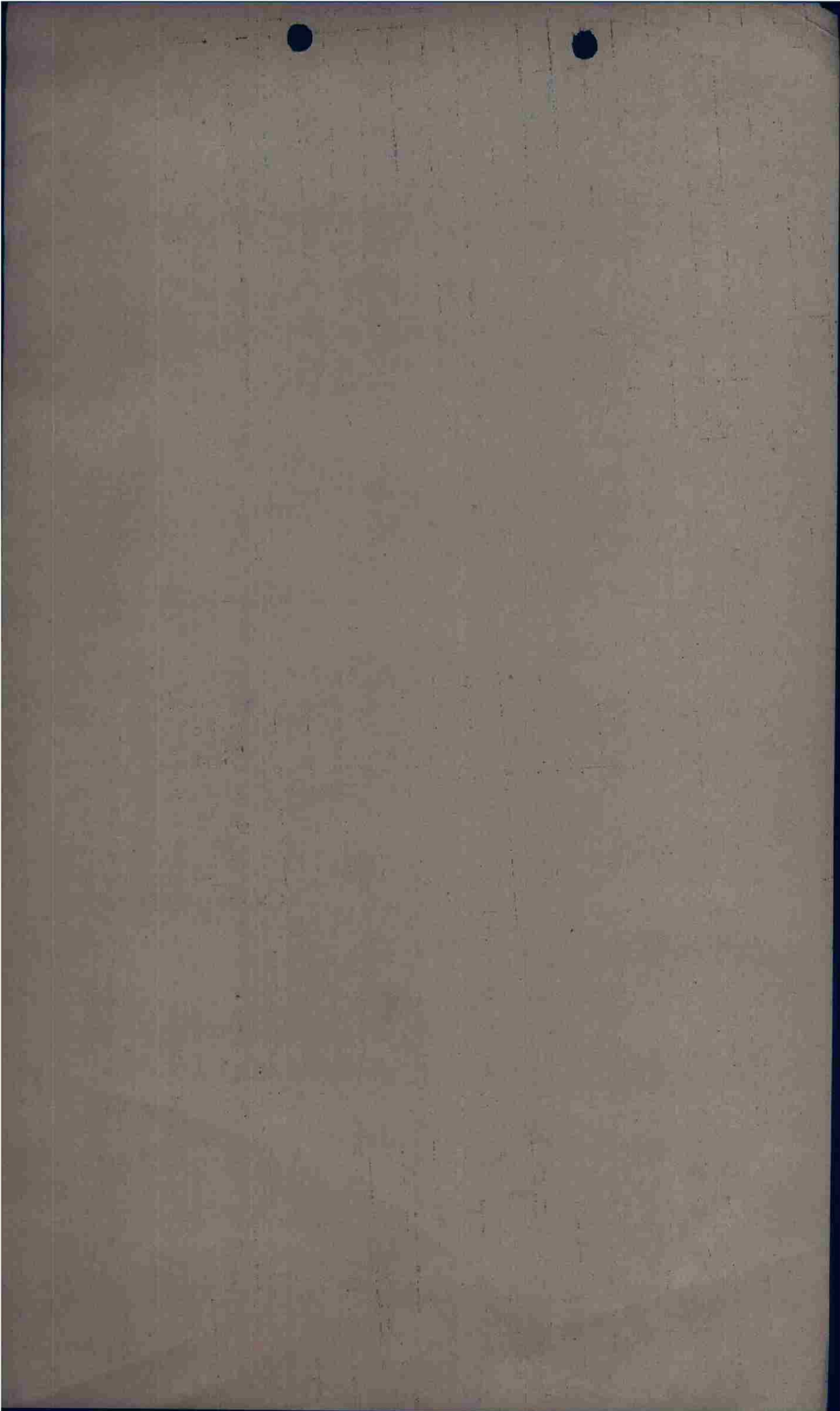
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W/C WTR	A/G NO.	SQDN.	PILOT	TIME	ATO	ENGLISH COAST IN	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN	C A M E R A	FUEL	BOMB LOAD	E N D U R.	LAND TIME	REMARKS
	914	D	Miller	0859	North Ireland	10,000	11,500	1034	11,000	11,160	HC	795	4x500 G.P.	H	1148	
	199	D	Mayrolf	0859											1148	
	925	D	Platner	0859											1148	
	393	D	Shochwell	0859											1149	
	711	D	Zuhom	0859											1150	
	991	D	Wheeler	0900											1150	
	640	A	Siracusa	0900											1151	
	993	A	Meagher	0900											1151	
	397	A	Conant	0900											1152	
	917	C	Bradford	0901											1152	
	399	A	Fette													Just Clearance
	189	A	Kreh	0901											1153	
	455	C	Shaefer	0901											1155	
	963	A	Hill	0901											1155	
	893	A	Baxman	0902											1156	
	194	A	Ritchie	0902											1156	
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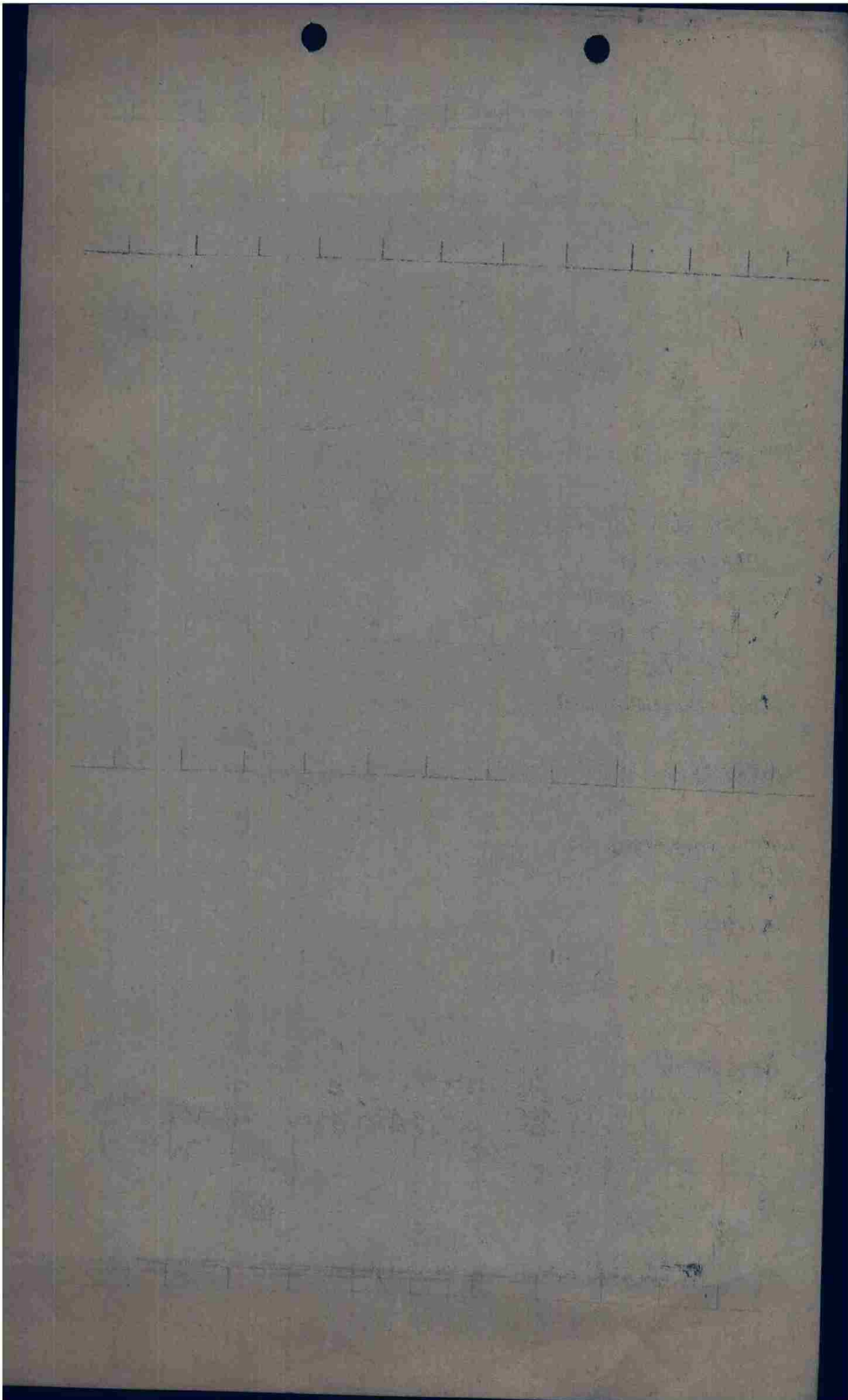


A/C SERIAL	A/C NO.	SQDN	PILOT	T A H G E E F		ATO	ENGLISH COAST IN		ENEMY COAST OUT		C A M E R A	FUEL	BOMB LOAD	E N D U R.	LAND TIME	REMARKS
				North Coast	North Coast		North Coast	North Coast	North Coast	North Coast						
T	135	B	Cav	0903	10,000	1,500	1034	11,000	11,600	8,000	HC	79.5	4x500 G.P.	14	1158	
S	450	B	Sommers	0903											1154	
K	409	C	Behlmer	0904											1143	
N	717	B	Boukamp	0904											1200	
O	376	B	Land	0904											1200	
P	189	B	Gullion	0904											1154	
Q	900	B	Morton	0905											1202	
R	679	B	Street	0905											1202	
C	911	B	De Munn	0905											1203	
W	743	B	Sigs	0905											1203	
AV	1493	B	Conner	0906											1204	
F	679	B	Heuses	0906											1204	
D	439	C	Rudisill	0906											1207	
T-1	680	C	Hillerman	0907											1208	
E	224	C	McBride	0907											1209	
B	107	C	Harold	0907											1209	
F	227	C	Meng	0907											1210	
G	696	C	Ford	0908											1201	
H	387	C	McGlohn	0908												Spare

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 30/2330B P-125-E

TO COMBOMCOM IX

409TH BOMB GROUP

410TH BOMB GROUP INFO

416TH BOMB GROUP

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING

A P O 140

30 APRIL 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 23-293

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) 98TH WING IS ATTACKING ZB 906 WITH THE SAME ROUTE 10 MINUTES AFTER THIS WING. 99TH WING IS ATTACKING Z 830 WITH THE SAME ROUTE 20 AND 40 MINUTES AFTER THIS WING. RAF II GROUP (MUSTANGS) WILL FURNISH ESCORT AND SUPPORT FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN BELGIUM.

ZERO HOUR: 011000B ✓

3. A. 409TH GROUP:

3. (A) WITH 416TH GROUP AT SHEERNESS AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 17 MINUTES AT 10,000 FEET. THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAD. THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAVE SHEERNESS AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 17 MINUTES ON COURSE TO NORTH FORELAND.

(B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 51 DEG 13 MINUTES NORTH 02 DEG 20 MIN EAST AT ZERO HOUR AT 12,000 FEET.

(6) BOMB : 12,000 FEET THEN DROP TO 10,500 FEET AND CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT AT THAT ALTITUDE.

(9) ILL. NEG. 2011 DATED 28-12-42 REF. 035045

(10) 4 X 500 LB. G. P. FUSED INSTANTANEOUS NOSE ONLY.

B. 416TH GROUP:

(3) (A) WITH 409TH GROUP AT SHEERNESS AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 17 MINUTES AT 10,000 FEET. THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAD. THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAVE SHEERNESS AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 17 MINUTES ON COURSE TO NORTH FORELAND

(B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 51 DEG 13 MINUTES NORTH 02 DEG 20 MINUTES EAST AT ZERO HOUR AT 12,000 FEET.

(6) BOMB: 11,500 FEET THEN DROP TO 10,000 FEET. AND CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT AT THAT ALTITUDE.

(9) ILL. NEG. 2011 DATED 28-12-42 REF. 030046.

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

X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE.

(5) TARGETS: PRIMARY: ZB 115D
SECONDARY: ZB 909

(6) A/C REQUIRED: TWO BOXES OF 18 EACH GROUP.

(7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO SHEERNESS TO NORTH FORELAND TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO NIEUPORT TO DEYNZE TO 50 DEG 12 MINUTES NORTH 03 DEG 50 MINUTES EAST TO I. P. TO TARGET.

(8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO DEYNZE TO NIEUPORT TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.

(9) INITIAL POINT: 50 DEG 10 MINUTES NORTH 04 DEG 25 MINUTES EAST.

(10) RALLY POINT: 50 DEG 37 MINUTES NORTH 04 DEG 12 MINUTES EAST.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH GROUP.

(2) DASHDOWN

(9) 40/40

(10) 62/62

B. 416TH GROUP.

(2) LADYMAN

(9) 40/40

(10) 62/62

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(2) HAWKINGE CHANNEL D

(3) NO CHANGE

(10) TVAB/TVAB

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

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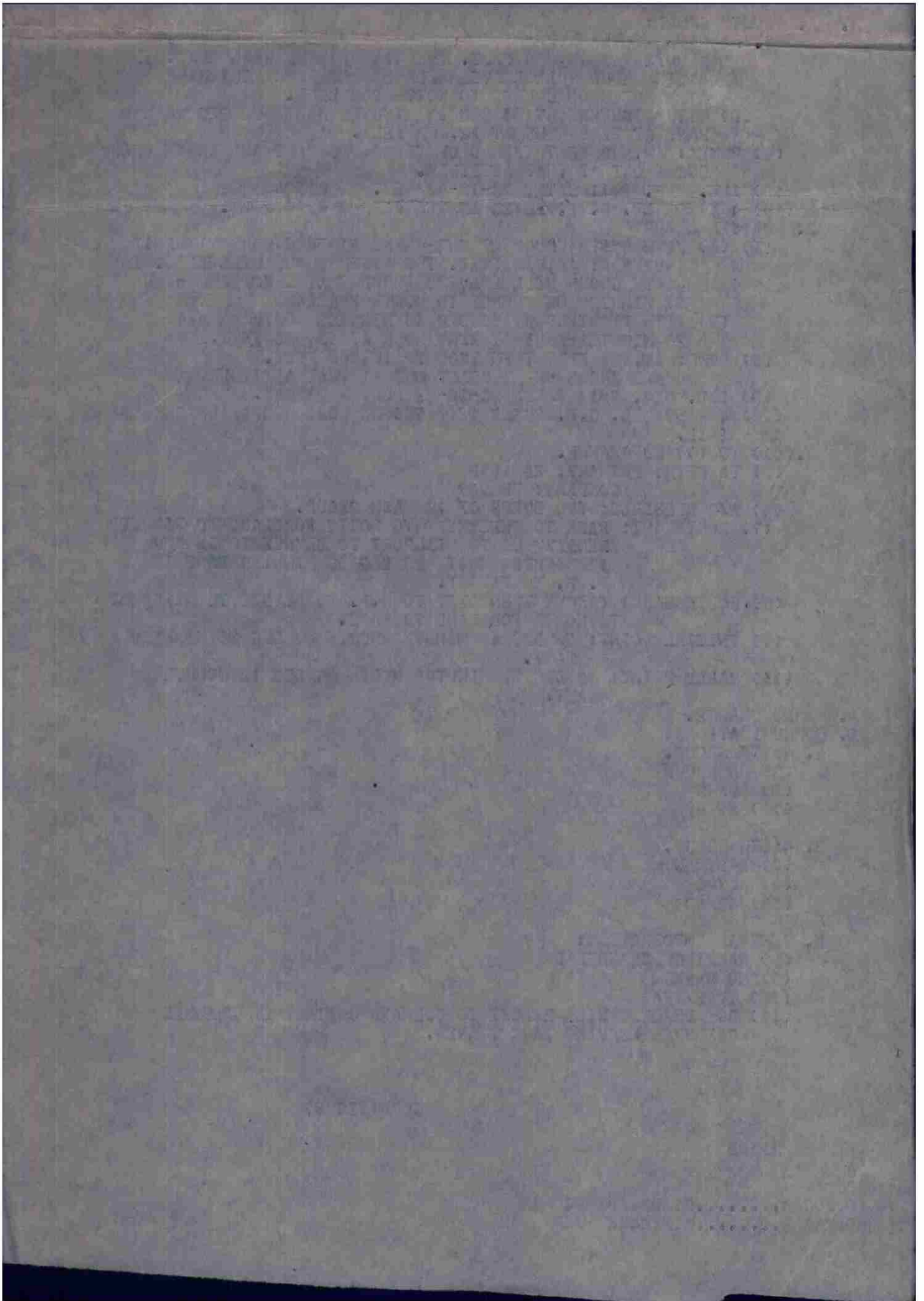
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OICOG R.....01/0047B BCD AR

OIYAA R.....01/0047B WJF AR



OICOG AND OILAI V YAA YAA
FROM 416TH BG

12/01

OP

TO IX BOMBER COMMAND
97TH COMBAT WING

ATTN: A-2
ATTN: A-2

BT

OP FLASH NO. 27 FOR 1 MAY 1944

A. (I) CHARLEROI - MONTIGNIES M/Y
(II) CHARLEROI - MONTIGNIES M/Y

B. (I) 416TH BG
(II) 37 A-20'S
(III) NIL
(IV) 37 A/C - PRIMARY
NIL - SECONDARY
NIL - OTHER

C. (I) 0859
(II) 1042
(III) 1210

D. (I) 8
(II) 0-0-0
(III) 0-0-0

E. FIRST BOX GOOD CONCENTRATION IN TARGET AREA
HITS ACROSS TRACKS AND FEW POSSIBLE HITS ~~MX~~ ON ENGINE ~~MX~~ SHED.
SEC. BOX CONCENTRATION AT NE CHOKE POINT OF M/Y.

F. (I) (A) NIL
(B)
(I) (A) NIL
(B) NIL

G. SHIPPING

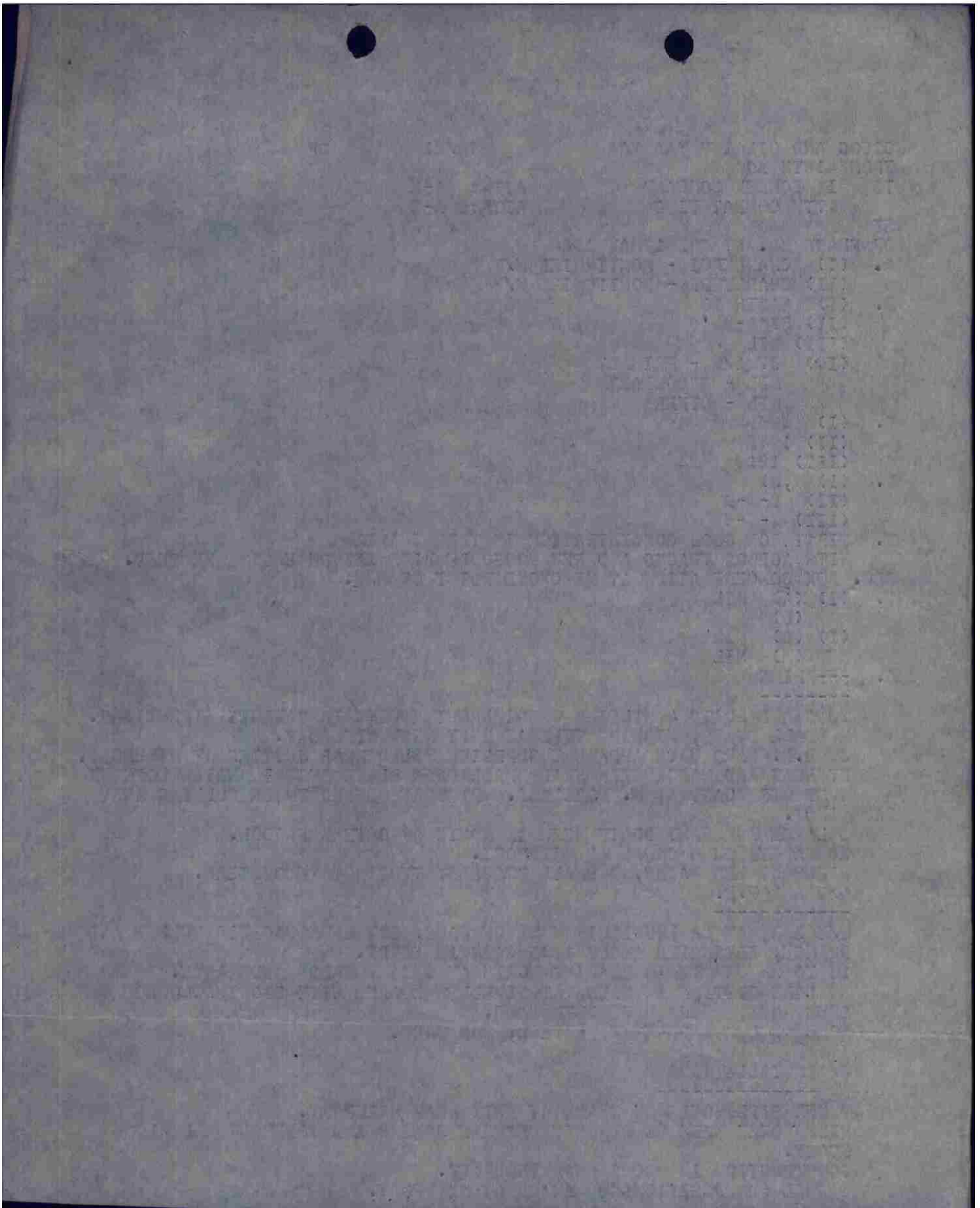
10 SMALL BOATS 4 MILES W OF NIEUPORT MOVING IN VARIOUS DIRECTIONS.
2 SMALL BOATS, FISHING TYPE AT EXIT NEAR NIEUPORT.
30 R.R. CARS WITH APPARENT SUPPLIES PILED NEAR JETTIES AT NIEUPORT.
PT BOAT AND BARGE SEEN NEAR SMALL ~~BLACK~~ BLACK SPOT IN WATER LOXXXXX
JUST OFF COAST AT N. FORELAND. PT BOAT SEEMED TO BE PULLING AWAY
FROM SPOT.

3 LARGE MERCHANT BOATS SEEN IN MOUTH OF OSTEND HARBOR.
24 BARGES ON N CANAL AT NIEUPORT.
NIEUPORT LES BAINS, 3 SMALL VESSELS, TYPE NOT RECOGNIZED.
M/Y AND R.R.

M/Y ~~KNEX~~ AT LA LOUVIERIE FULL OF CARS, BOX CARS PAINTED YELLOW AND
ORANGE, ESTIMATED ABOUT 1000 CARS IN YARDS.
15 TO 20 CAR TRAIN HEADING NORTH AT 1036 TOWARDS AUDENARDE.
60 CARS SITTING IN YARDS AT NIVELLES LOADED WITH LIGHT COLORED
SUBSTANCE, MIGHT HAVE BEEN SAND.
MONCEAU SUR SAMBRE M/Y FILLED, 300 CARS.

8/ INSTALLATIONS

7 ~~REX~~ PILL BOXES ON BEACH AT EXIT NEAR NIEUPORT.
PILL BOXES SEEN ON BEACHES BETWEEN OSTEND AND NIEUPORT ALL ALONG
COAST.
CONSTRUCTION IN WOODS NEAR THOUROUT.
4 SMALL GUN POSITIONS ON BEACH AT NIEUPORT.



MISC.

DINGHEY SEEN IN CHANNEL 51 DEG 15 MIN N 02 DEG 00 MIN E AT 1118 (043-
(PREVIOUSLYXRX REPORTED AS HOT NEWS.)

TRUCK WORKING ON A/D RUNWAYS AT OSTEND.

SEEMED TO BE AN UNESUAL AMOUNT OF ACTIVITY OF SMALL VEHICLES IN
GROUPS OF TWO AND THREE MOVING TOWARDS THE COAST. ALL SEEMED TO BE
PULLING TRAILERS.

BARRIER BLOCKS OPENING IN JETTY ENTRANCE AT NIEUPOT.

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6 MILES W OF FLORENNIS, 2 NEW CONCRETE RUNWAYS, LARGE TRUCKS WORKING
LARGE VEE SHAPED RUNWAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION E OF ROULERS NEAR BEND 1
CANAL.

EA

NONE SIGHTED- APPARENT FIGHTER ACTIVITY AT SECONDARY TARGET WITH OUT
ESCORT PLANES.

H. (I) VISIBILITY 6-8 MILES. .6-.8 CIRRUS AT 20,000 FEET

(I) VISIBILITY 6-8 MILES.

LIGHT HAZE UP TO 5/6000 FEET

I. BOMBS ON PRIMARY 145X 500 G.P.

BOMBS ON SECONDARY NIL

BOMBS RETURNED 2X 500 G.P.

BOMBS FELL (CHANNEL) 1 X 500 G.P.

J. 11/11,500

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BY 01/1430B

LBS

AS

CC IN D (I) NIL

CC FIRST LINE UNDER M/Y AND R.R.

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WA LOUVIRRIE IS FULL INSTEAD OF JULL INS SAME LINE WA CARS IS

PAINED INSTEAD OF PAONEDIN

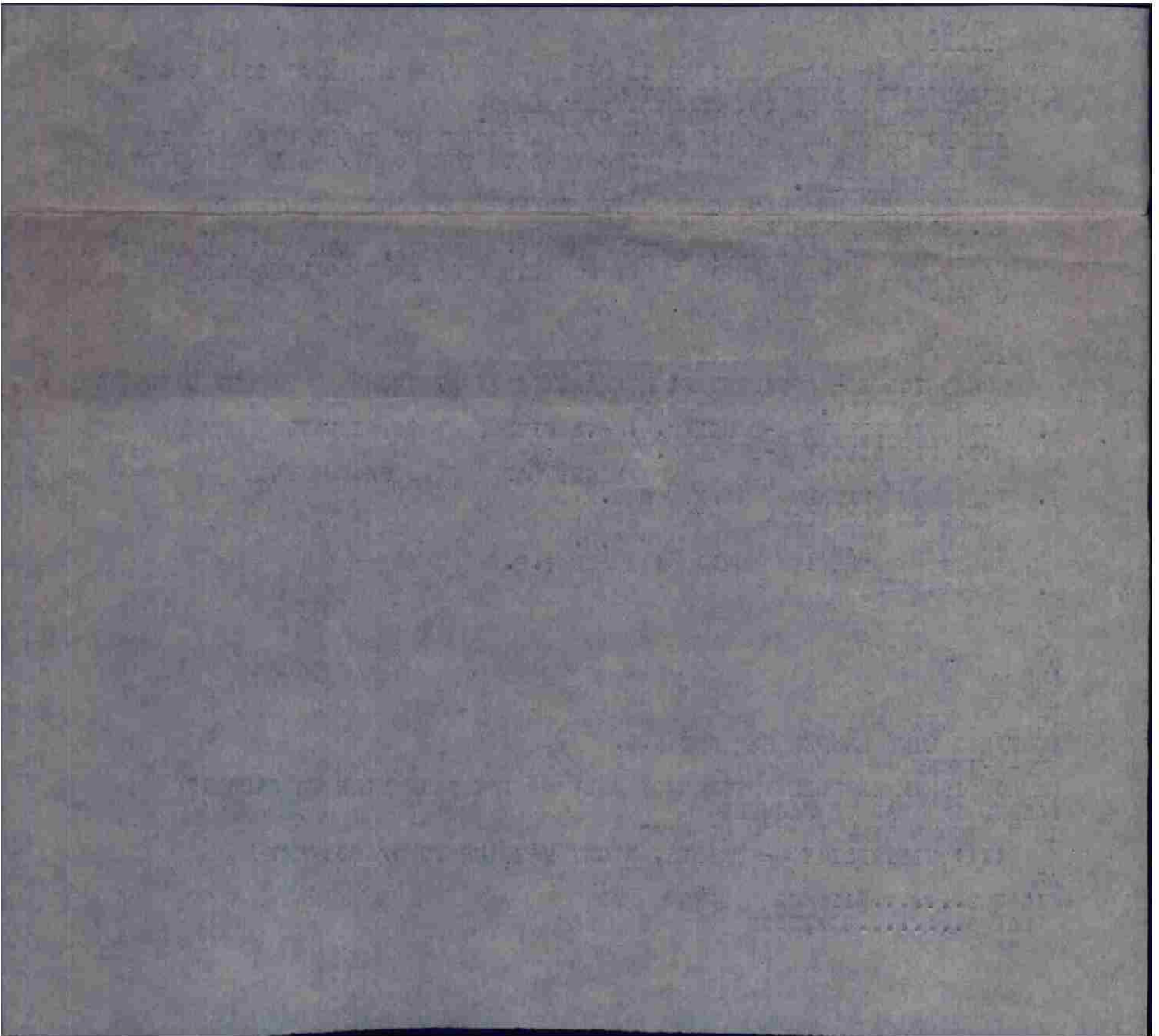
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(II) VISIBILITY 6-8 MILES. LIGHT HAZE UP TO 5/6000 FEET

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OICOG R.....011550B RPG AR

OILAI R.....01/1550B LCB AR



LAI V YAA YAA 21/30 R
T- SELF

FROM COBOMGR 416
TO 97TH COMBAT WING AT: COM. O.

CONFIDENTIAL B T
P-560-J

A YS 31
B 30 APRIL 1944 1812-2033
C 668(7) Z P-1 I-1 B-1 G E K-1
669(9) T-1 R W-1 Q N-1 I-1 P S N
670(12) J T N K E I S L V W G F
671(10) X C K M P H W F B I
TOTAL - 38

D 670 F TURRET INTERPHONE OUT, FAULTY ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ CONNECTION.
668 Z INTERPHONE WEAK, REPLACING AMPLIFIER TUBE.

E NONE

F NOT APPLICABLE

G NOT APPLICABLE

H NOT APPLICABLE

I NONE

J 670 J FORMATION AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS.

K 671 I FORMATION AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS.

L NONE

M 670 J REPORTED TO PARADE UPON LEAVING TARGET AREA.

N 671 I REPORTED TO PARADE UPON LEAVING TARGET AREA
CALLED 409TH TO REPORT BOMBS AWAY.

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O NONE

P NOT APPLICABLE

Q GOOD RADIO PERFORMANCE.

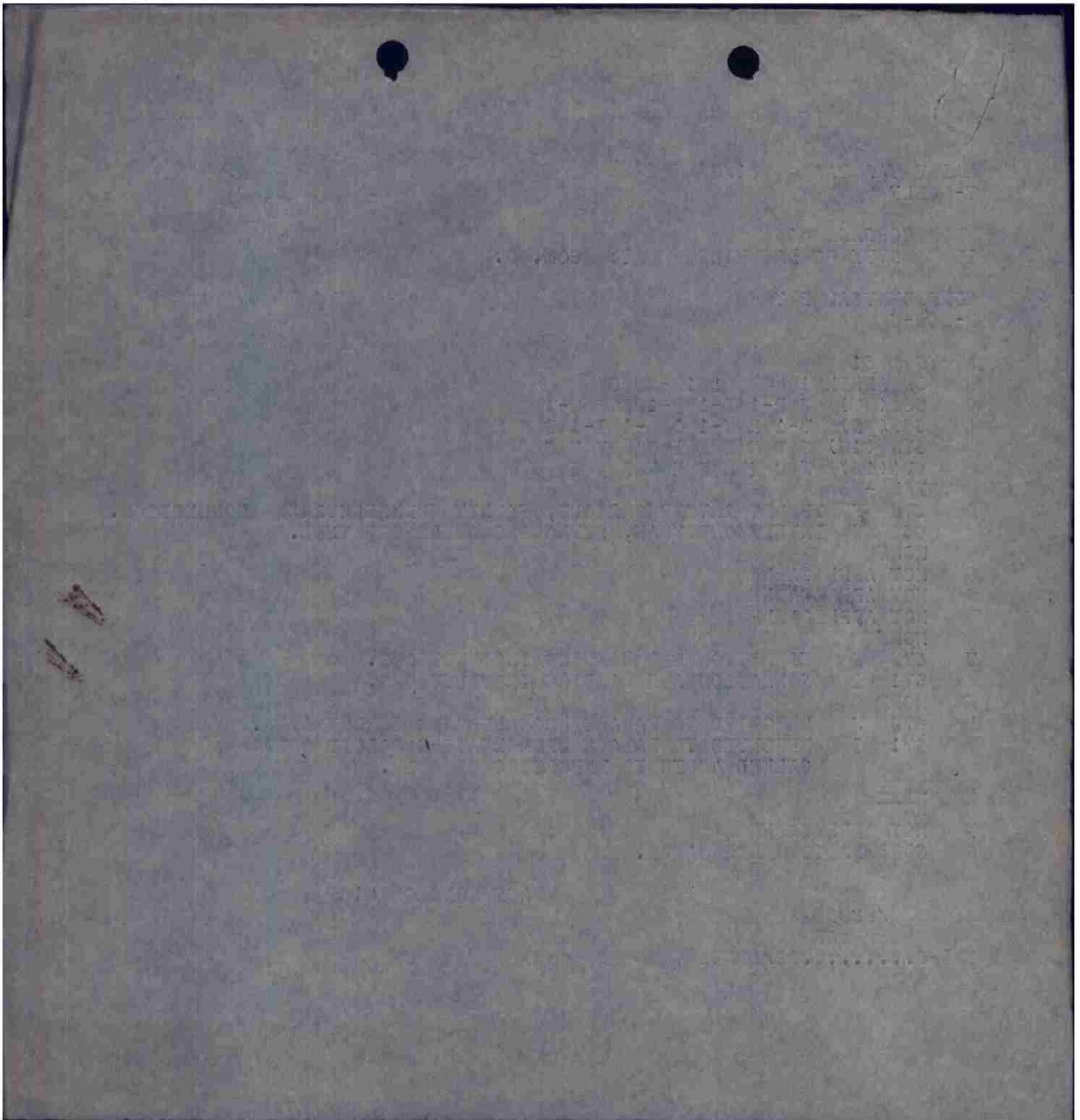
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SS AR



*Flak
Summary*
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HEADQUARTERS
416th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

ARO 140
1 May 1944

SUBJECT : Flak Report - Operations of 1 May 1944.
F.O. 23-293.

TO : IX Bomber Command, Att: A-2 Duty Officer.
cc - 97th Combat Wing, Att: A-2 Duty Officer.

Target : Charleroi-Montignies, M/Y.

Time : 1042.

Height : 11/11500.

Weather : 6-8 miles visibility, light haze at 5/6000 feet.

Damage : Nil.

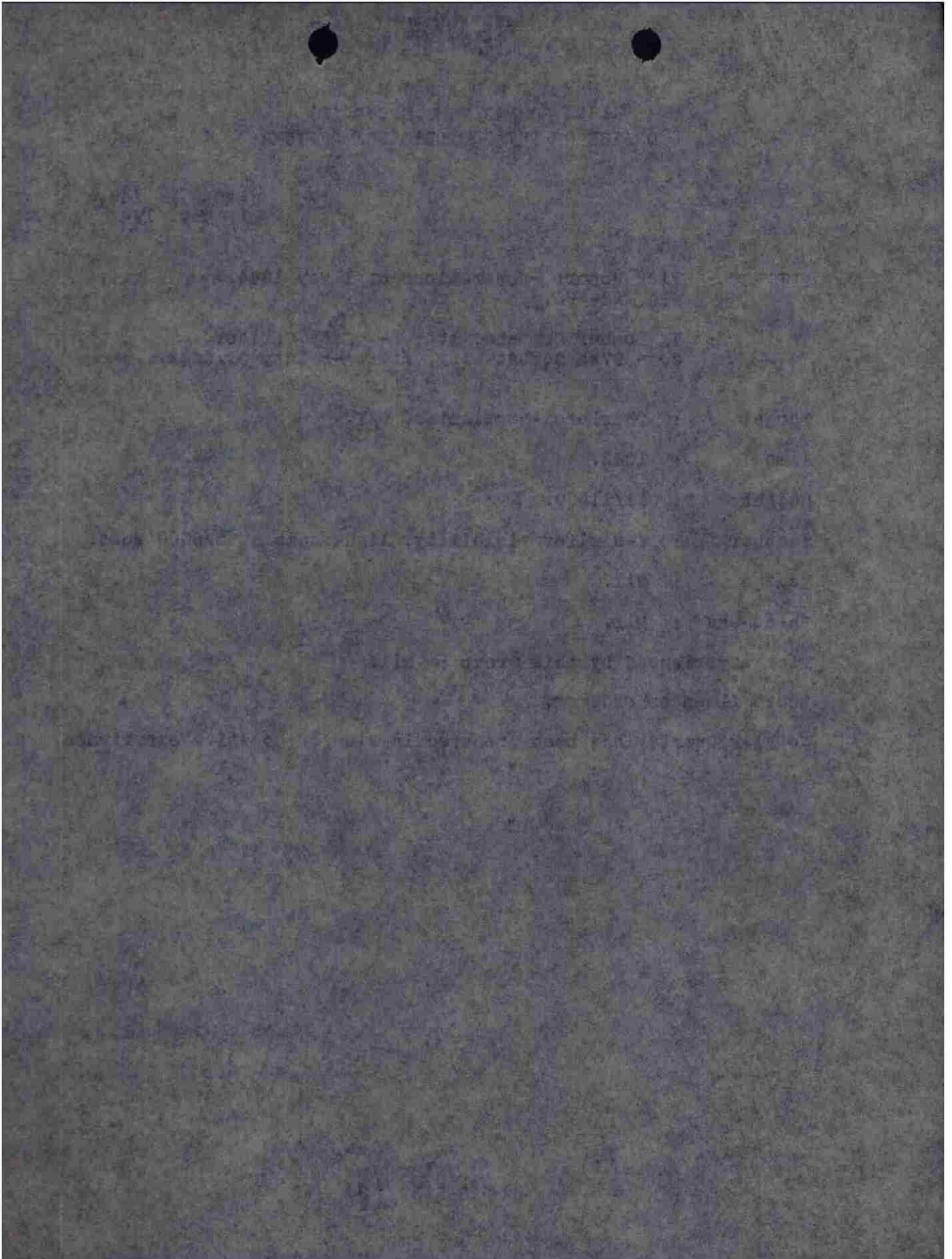
Phenomena : Nil.

Flak experienced by this Group : Nil.

Route flown as ordered.

No Flak Overlay has been prepared in view of negative experience.

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LAI V YAA YAA 9/01

FROM : COBOMGR 416 01/1330B
TO 97TH CBW
ATT: COM O

CONFIDENTIAL BT

M-9-J

A - YS - 32

B - 1 MAY 1944

C - 668 (10) Z F-1 W G-1 B N P C K-1 H
669 (11) T X N O P Q R C W A I
670 (10) D T I-1 K J R-1 B F E H-1
671 (7) X I G K M F E

TOTAL - 38

D - 671 - K - TURMET INTERPHONE INTERMITTENT, FAULTY CONNECTION.
670 - R-1 - INTERPHONE OUT

E - NONE

F - NOT APPLICABLE

G - NOT APPLICABLE

H - NOT APPLICABLE

I - NONE

J - 671 - X - TOLD FORMATION TO OPEN BOMB BAYS, USED FOR LANDING INSTRUCTIONS.

K - NONE

L - 671 - X - CALLED PARADE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT FIGHTERS AND ALSO REPORTED TO PARADE UPON LEADING TARGET AREA.

M - NONE

N - NOT APPLICABLE

O - GOOD RADIO PERFORMANCE .

MACE COBOMGR 416

BT 01/1330B

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CC B LINE SHD READ : B - 1 MAY 1944 (0919-1132)

CC 2 ND LINE IN C SHD READ:

669 (11) T S N O P Q R C W A I

CW AR K

LAI R 01/1340B JMB AR

