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

APO 140, U. S. Army,
20 May 1944.

Subject: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Reports.

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

Transmitted herewith are the A-3 Bombing Information Reports on operational mission 20 May 1944, submitted in compliance with IX Bomber Command Memorandum 50-2.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEIN,
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. 319

BOX I GROUP 416 DATE 20 May 44 TARGET ATTACKED Montdidier A/D
TARGET ASSIGNED Beauvais/Tille A/D

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set syn.

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: Corrections for synchronization. AP used as MPI. Bombardier not certain where AP was.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Royalty

6. Name of lead pilot: Major Willets

7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 - Ground Speed: 280 Altitude: 11,500
9. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED _____ N 1/10 T 1/100
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 76

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES X NO ___. If "YES" state conditions and effect. Haze cut visibility. Bombardier unable to locate IP.

(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 X NO _____. If answer is "YES", state to what extent Flak affected bombing or bomb run: Intense accurate flak. Cut bomb run to minimum.

(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: Bombed wrong target.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES _____ NO X

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

Poor results on target attacked.

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Formation consisted of 8 boxes, 19 ships each box. Take off time was 1010. Time over target 1200. Target - Beauvais/Tille Airdrome. Box 1, at 11,500 feet, attacking wrong target dropped a total of 76 bombs on Montdidier A/D with poor results. Good concentration of bursts in fields and on roads 2000 feet southeast of southeast corner of dispersal area. Box 2, at 11,000 feet attacking wrong target dropped a total of 74 bombs on Montdidier A/D with excellent results. Bombs fell in good concentration on selected MPI. Hits were scored on 3 dispersal points. Visibility was 4 miles down sun and 1 mile up sun. Anti-aircraft fire was intense accurate HFF from Montdidier A/D and weak inaccurate HFF at Albeur, 22 ships receiving category A damage, 7 ships receiving category AC damage, 2 ships lost over enemy territory and 1 crash landing resulting in category E damage. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 1557.

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

1. 4 miles down sun and 1 mile up sun.
2. 1/10 altocumulus at 11000 feet.
3. 2 boxes 19 each.
4. Mild evasive action from I.P.
5. Attacked wrong target.
6. None
7. Poor
8. None

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A" IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 319

BOX II GROUP 416 DATE 20 May 44 TARGET ATTACKED Montdidier A/D
TARGET ASSIGNED Beauvais/Tille A/D

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set syn.

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 with corrections for synchronization. AP used as MPI. No trail subtracted. Dispersal area on southern edge of field used as AP.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Arrington

6. Name of lead pilot: Captain Dunn

7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 240 Altitude: 11,000
9. Length of bomb run: 16 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10 T 1/100
11. 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 X NO ___. If "YES" state conditions and effect. Haze made I.P. difficult to identify

(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 X NO _____. If answer is "YES", state to what extent Flak affected bombing or bomb run: Intense accurate flak- cut bomb run to minimum.

(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: Bombed wrong target.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES ____ NO X

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

Excellent results on target attacked.

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

1. 4 miles down sun and 1 mile up sun.
2. 1/10 altocumulus at 11,000 feet.
3. 2 cons in each
4. Mild evasive action from IP.
5. Attacked wrong target.
6. None
7. Excellent results on target attacked.
8. None

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HEADQUARTERS
41ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

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

SUBJECT: Mission Report--Aircraft.

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

PART I.

(1) 20 May 1944--1007--Beaumis-Fille.

(2) 36 (36 alerted)

(3) 35

PART II.

A&P SERIAL NO	DESCRIPTION	CAUSE
42-9211	Flak	Unknown (Enemy territory)
42-9216	Flak	Unknown (Enemy territory)
42-9225	Flak	Unknown (Landed at another station)

PART III. (1)

None

PART III. (2)

A&P SERIAL NO	DESCRIPTION	CAUSE
42-9466	One bomb failed to release.	Arming wire binding against arming wire retainer.
42-9717	One bomb failed to release.	Unknown.

PART III. (3)

None

For the Commanding Officer:

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GEORGE ROSENKEIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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

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

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APO 140, U.S. Army. (Attn: A-4 Officer).

1. In compliance with IX Bomber Command Memorandum 65-44, dated 15 May 44, the following report is submitted for operational mission 20 May 1944. Time of take-off was 1010:

a. 43-9640--Hydraulic failure, projectile hit the bomb bay door open line on left side of ship just below batteries. Emergency operation of all parts of hydraulic system except bomb bay doors was satisfactory.

b. 43-9689--Hydraulic failure. Projectile hit the landing gear down line at the landing gear selector valve. Emergency operation of hydraulic system was satisfactory to all parts of hydraulic system.

c. 43-9225--Crash landing at another field. Actual malfunction unknown.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEIN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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MISSION NO. 50 — LOADING LIST — 20 MAY 1944

BOX I

FLIGHT I

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

2. 442 D
Lt. H.L. Sommers ✓
Lt. R.J. McQuade ✓
S/S J.S. Kasper
S/S H.E. Boyer

3. 220 E
Lt. M. Zubon ✓
T/S J.R.L. Tanner
S/S W.C. Russell

4. 221 F
Lt. R.V. Wheeler ✓
S/S E. Corrin
S/S J.S. Brower

5. 493 V
Lt. R.H. Smith ✓
S/S A.A. Stockham
Sgt R.J. Mahoney

6. 711 M
Lt. J.D. Adams ✓
S/S P.L. Clearman
Sgt A.J. Zeikus

FLIGHT II

1. 135 T
Capt. M.J. Huff ✓
Lt. J. Kupits ✓
S/S J.B. Thompson
S/S H.F. Hatch

2. 181 A
Lt. W.H. Land ✓
S/S A.E. Bergeron
S/S R.L. Ballinger

3. 390 G
Lt. P. Dontas ✓
S/S A.L. Nielsen
S/S W.E. Fields

4. 840 V-1
Lt. P.F.E. MacManus ✓
S/S J.L. Rogers
S/S G.I. Fleischman

5. 743 W
Lt. W.C. Siggs ✓
S/S N. Radlich
Sgt R.W. Nicks

6. 189 P
Lt. T. Boukamp ✓
S/S R.J. Colosimo
S/S J.S. Wing

FLIGHT III

1. 978 S
Lt. R.S. Rudisill ✓
S/S R.K. Riley
Sgt D.S. Blackford

2. 380 N
Lt. E.L. Johnson ✓
S/S W.J. Donahue
Sgt J.L. Johnson

3. 224 E-1
Lt. H.A. Monroe ✓
S/S W.L. Kidd
S/S S. Risko

4. 750 M-1
Lt. W.J. Greene ✓
S/S J.A. Ochaba
S/S W.F. Colbert

5. 227 F-1
Lt. N.G. Brown ✓
Sgt D.E. Burns
Sgt C.W. Maziasz

6. 892 L
Lt. R.O. Gruetzemacher ✓
S/S E.L. Griffin
Sgt L.C. Burger

SPARE

684 K
Lt. A.W. Nordstrom ✓
S/S J.D. Gossett
S/S R.L. Miller

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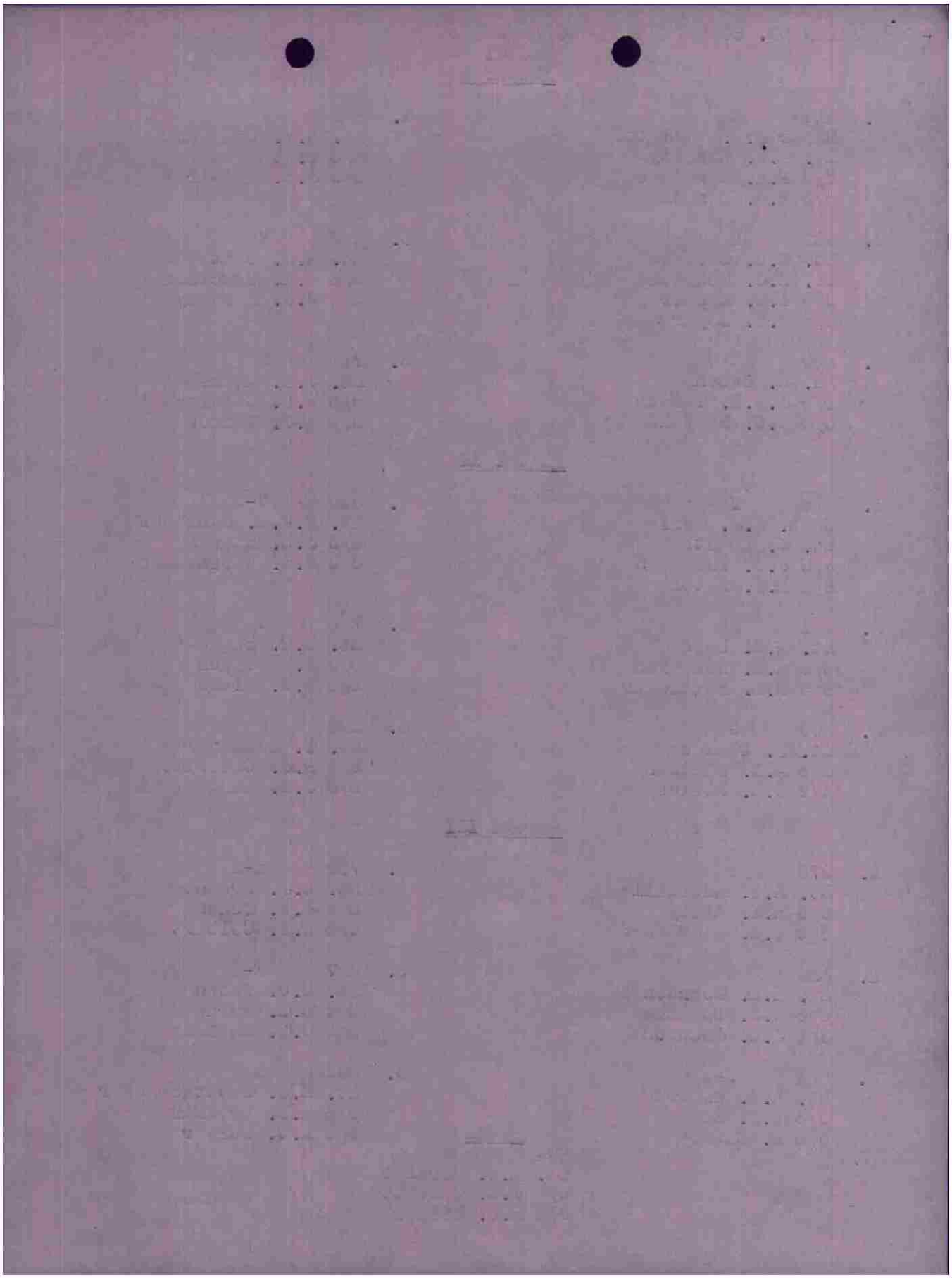

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BOX II

FLIGHT I

1. 645 R
Capt. L.F. Dunn ✓
Lt. H.T. Arrington ✓
S/S H.A. Marion
S/S V.P. Adams

2. 455 T-1
Capt. C.R. Jackson ✓
Lt. A.H. Maltby ✓
S/S R.F. Stobert
S/S F.P. Glynn

3. 219 D
Lt. R.W. York ✓
S/S H.J. Wilds
Sgt L.F. Ashton

4. 363 L
Lt. H.P. Cole ✓
S/S B.G. Fandre
S/S F.R. Chvatal

5. 717 N
Lt. R.E. Greenley ✓
S/S H.C. Worden
S/S J.J. Rzepka

6. 714 N-1
Lt. F.W. Henderson ✓
Sgt. R.M. Griswold
Sgt. P.E. Coulombe

FLIGHT II

1. 0194 Q-1
Lt. R.F. Shaefer ✓
S/S J.A. Fejes
S/S E.R. Judd

2. 176 T
Lt. R.D. Poindexter ✓
T/S L.G. Robbins
S/S D.H. Simpson

3. 907 O
Lt. L.J. Siracusa ✓
S/S F.E. Brown
S/S J.N. Hume

4. 963 N-2
Lt. L.G. Peede ✓
S/S B.C. Seig
S/S C.L. Hibbs

5. 0203 R-1
Lt. W.E. Downing ✓
S/S E.S. Dickenson
Sgt K.E. Hornbeck

6. 689 I
Lt. G.F. Bartmus ✓
Sgt E. Shelton
S/S D.R. Schenck

FLIGHT III

1. 640 Z
Capt. R.B. Prentiss ✓
Lt. W.M. Lytle ✓
S/S J.R. Orr
S/S F.L. Flacks

2. 182 B
Lt. R.K. Cruze ✓
S/S E.A. Anderson
S/S A.W. Newkirk

3. 379 G
Lt. L.E. Hill ✓
S/S R.W. Burch
S/S C.H. Yost

4. 935 F
Lt. J.F. Meagher ✓
Sgt D. Hantske
S/S E.A. Damico

5. 216 E
Lt. B.L. Bradford ✓
S/S C.M. Gray
S/S V.E. Molver

6. 211 C
Lt. M.E. Kleopfel ✓
Sgt R. Bankston, Jr.
Sgt L. Shaw

SPARE

225 G-1
Lt. W.A. Merchant ✓
S/S C.J. Harp
S/S K.P. Brown

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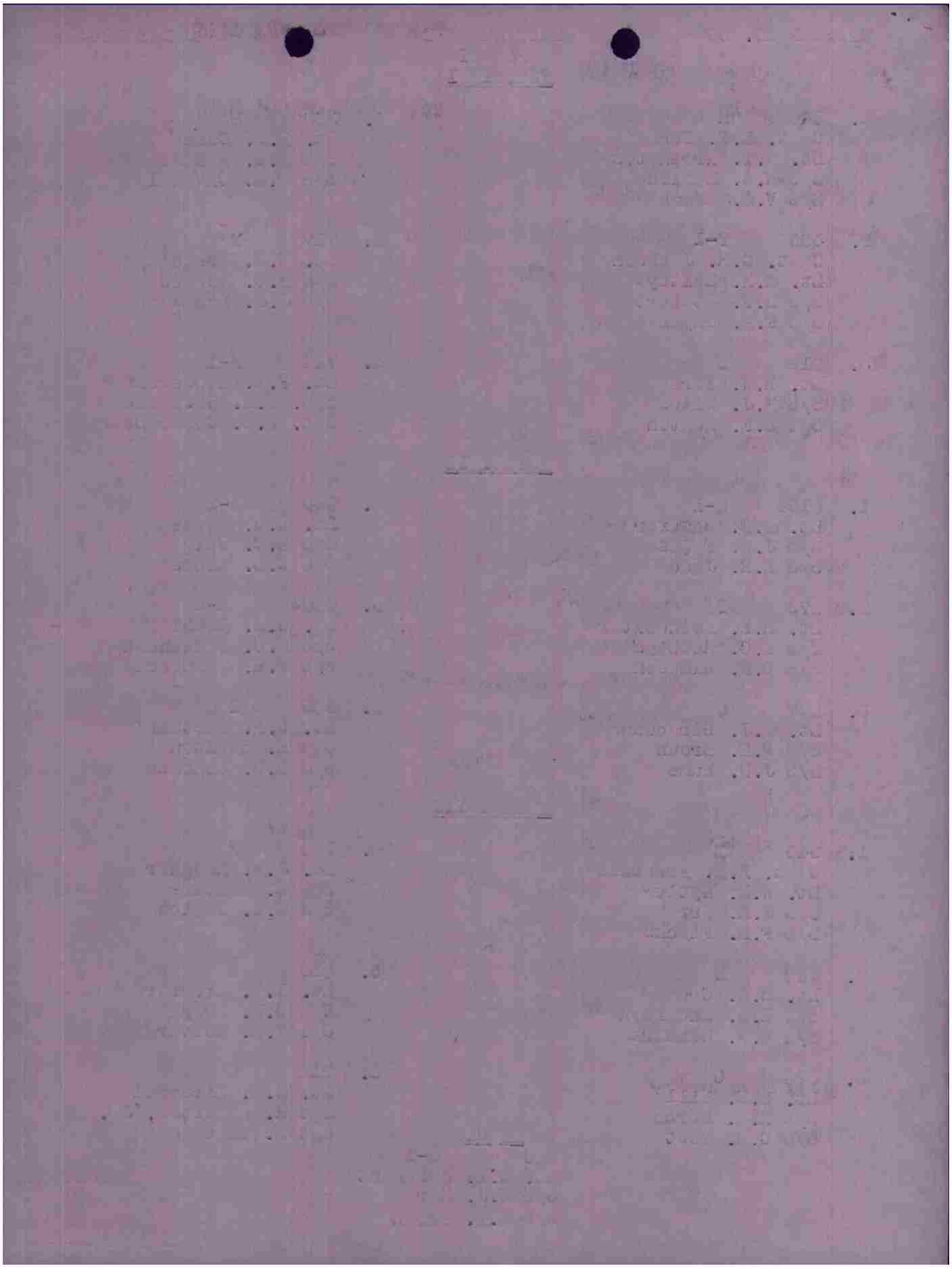

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FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

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"J" FORM OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE F-1 20 MAY 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR JOHN G NAPIER

A.

B. 0855

C. HASTINGS

D. BOX I R/T DASHDOWN ONE

671 . . . . 5 . . . . X E F V M

670 . . . . 6. . . . 5 N E-1 M-1 F-1 L

669 . . . . 7 , , , , D T A G V-1 W P

668 . . . . 1 . . . . SPARE K

GROUP LEADER . . . 671 . . . X

DEPUTY . . . 669 . . . D

BOX II R/T DASHDOWN TWO

671 . . . . 4 . . . . R D L N-1

670 . . . . 2 . . . . I T-1

669 . . . . 2 . . . . N

668 . . . . 10 . . . . G-1 T O N-2 R-1 Z Z B G F E

671 . . . . 1 . . . . SPARE G-1

SECOND BOX LEADER . . . 671 . . . R

DEPUTY . . . 670 . . . T-1

E. 11,500

F. KRRXXXAT ETRETAT

G. 0916

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H. 58 MINUTES

J. ETRETAT

K. BEACHYHEAD

L. 1030

M. 1. E.T.D. . . 0830 E.T.A. . .1050

2. 4 X 500 Lb G.P.

3. 4 HOURS

4. BOX I . . Z-154

BOX II. . Z-154

5. NONE

MACE COBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

HAROLD A. RADETSKY,
Major, Air Corps,
Asst Operations Officer.

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

APO 140
20 May 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: 2/10 to 3/10 cumulus at 3000 feet. Visibility 8000 yards.

ROUTE OUT: Nil to 3/10 cumulus at 3000 feet to French coast. 6/10 altocumulus at 11000 feet over continent becoming 10/10 in places. Visibility 2 miles in thick haze to 6000 feet.

TARGET: 1/10 altocumulus at 11000 feet. Visibility 4 miles down sun 1 mile up sun.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out except cumulus over England increasing to 4/10 to 5/10 and 7/10 to 8/10 altocumulus at 12000 feet. Visibility 2 to 5 miles.

BASE ON RETURN: 3/10 cumulus at 3500 feet. 7/10 altocumulus at 12000 feet. Visibility 5 miles.

WINDS: As forecast.

TIME OVER TARGET: 1156

Weather did not affect bombing.

Robert D. Griffith

ROBERT D. GRIFFITH
2nd Lt. Air Corps,

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2 Route Forecast Forms

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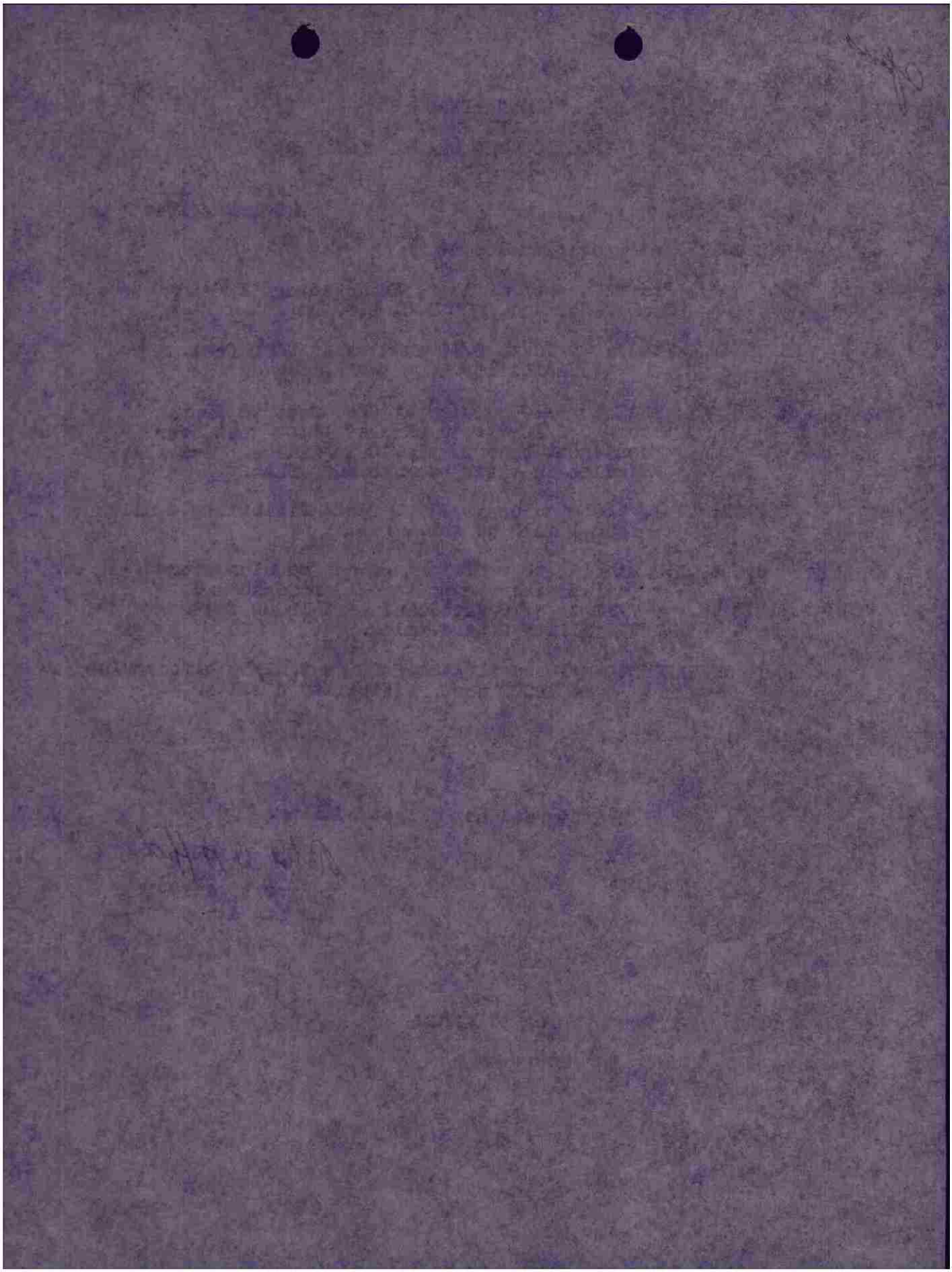

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ETHERS FIELD
16TH BOMB GROUP (H) Opns

TAKEOFF – 1007
RETURN – 1918

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 20 MAY 1944
PERIOD 0730 – 1130

Hq SOS USAPP 9-43/90M/15227

	A BASE TO TARGET	B TARGET	C TARGET TO BASE	D
1 WEATHER	THICK HAZE AND LIGHT SMOKE	PARTLY CLOUDY	THICK HAZE AND LIGHT SMOKE	
2 CLOUDS	4/10 HIGH CLOUDS ABOVE 20,000 FT DECREASING SOUTHWARD 6-7/10 MEDIUM CLOUDS BASE 9 TO 10,000 FT TOPS 10 TO 11,000 FT BREAKING SOUTH COAST NIL LOW CLOUDS	3/10 CIRRUS ABOVE 20,000 FT 2/10 MEDIUM CLOUDS BASES AT 10,000 FT NIL LOW CLOUD	SAME AS ROUTE OUT EXCEPT 4/10 MEDIUM CLOUDS. CUMULUS 3 TO 4/10 WITH BASES 2500 FT AND TOPS 5,000 FT.	
3 ICING	FREEZING LEVEL 5,000 FT MODERATE RIME ICE IN MEDIUM CLOUDS	SAME	SAME	
4 VISIBILITY	1/2 TO 1 MILE BECOMING 2 TO 4 MILES SOUTH OF THAMES AND OVER CHANNEL 4 MILES DOWN SON OVER CONTINENT	4 MILES	2 TO 4 MILES	

HEIGHT	DIRECTION (BASE)	VELOCITY	DIRECTION (TARGET)	VELOCITY	DIRECTION	VELOCITY	DIRECTION	VELOCITY
SURFACE	230	4	210	6				
5,000 FT	240	8	240	10				
10,000 FT	240	10	230	15				
12,000 FT	210	15	230	20				
15,000 FT	210	15	230	22				
FT								
FT								

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 29.93
TARGET SURFACE TEMP. +12°C
TEMP. AT 12,000 FT. –14
TARGET MEAN TEMP. –1°C
TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) +376

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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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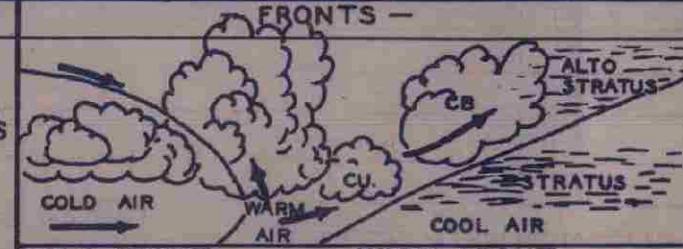

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Box I

Mission No. 50

SQDN	A/C LTR	A/C NO.	PILOT	DISTANCE	TARGET	ATO	ENG. COAST OUT 1055	ENEMY COAST IN 1116	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT 1212	ENG. COAST IN 1230	CAMERA	FUEL LOAD	BOMB LOAD	ENDUR	LANDING TIME	REMARK
D	X	914	WILLETTS	569	BEAUVAIS/TILLE	1007	HASTINGS 12,000	ETRETAT 11,500	1148	ETRETAT 11,500	BEACHHEAD 9,000	HC	725	4X500 GP	4	1324	
B	D	442	SOMMERS			1007										1325	
D	E	220	ZUBON			1007										1325	
D	F	221	WHEELER			1007						C				1327	
D	V	493	SMITH			1008										1328	
D	M	711	ADAMS			1008										1328	
B	T	135	HUFF			1008										1331	
B	A	181	LAND			1008										1328	
B	G	390	DONTAS			1009										1330	
B	V-1	840	MACMANUS			1009										1332	
B	W	743	SIGGS			1009										1332	
B	P	189	BOUKAMP			1009						C				1328	
C	S	978	RUDISILL			1010										1333	
C	N	380	JOHNSON			1010										1335	
C	E-1	224	MONROE			1010										1335	
C	M-1	750	GREENE			1011						C				1333	
C	F-1	229	BROWN			1011										1324	
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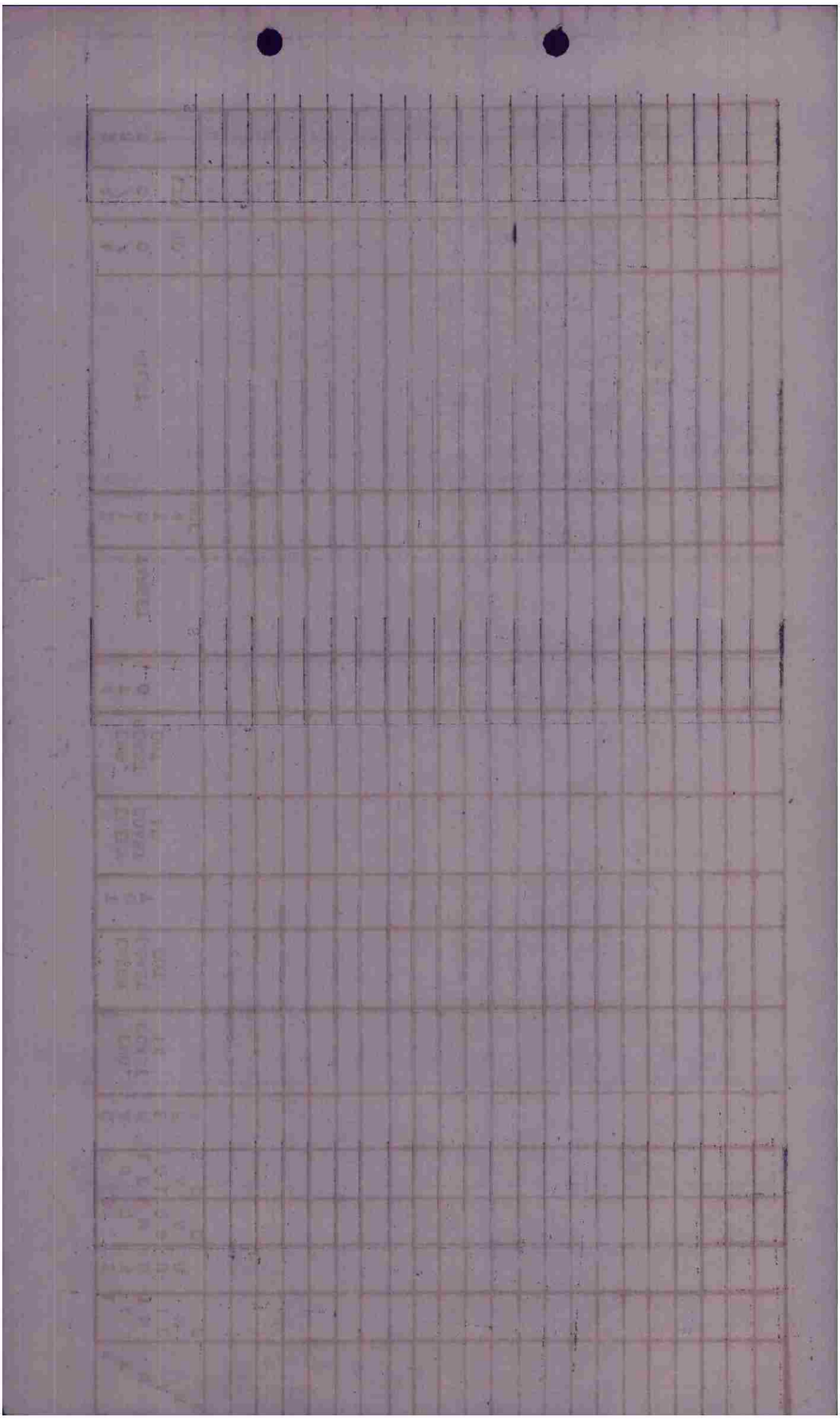

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Box II.

MAY 20 1944

Mission No. 50

SQDN	A/C LTR	A/C NO.	PILOT	DISTANCE	TARGET	ATO	ENG. COAST OUT 1055	ENEMY COAST IN 1116	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT 1212	ENG. COAST IN	CAMERA	FUEL LOAD	BOMB LOAD	ENDUR	LATNIDME	REMARK
D	R	645	DUNN	569	BEAUVAIS / TILLE	1013	HASTINGS 12,000	ETRETAT 11,500	1148	ETRETAT	BEACHYHEAD	HC	725	4 x GP 500	4	1329	
C	T-1	455	JACKSON			1013										1326	
D	D	219	YORK			1013										1604	9120
D	L	363	COLE			1014										1329	
B	N	717	GREENLEY			1014						C				1329	
D	N-1	714	HENDERSON			1014	Landed earlier at West Malling.									1540	
A	Q-1	0194	SHAEFER			1015										1320	
A	T	176	POINDEXTER			1015										1321	
A	O	907	SIRACUSA			1015										1330	
A	N-2	963	PEEDE			1015										1322	
A	R-1	0203	DOWNING			1016										1323	
C	I	689	BARTMUS			1016						C				1357	
A	Z	640	PRENTISS			1016										1341	
A	B	182	CRUZE			1017										1318	
A	G	379	HILL			1017										1313	
A	F	935	MEAGHER			1017											
A	E	216	BRADFORD			1017											
B	C	211	KLEOPFEL.			1018						C					
D	G-1	225	MERCHANT.			1018											

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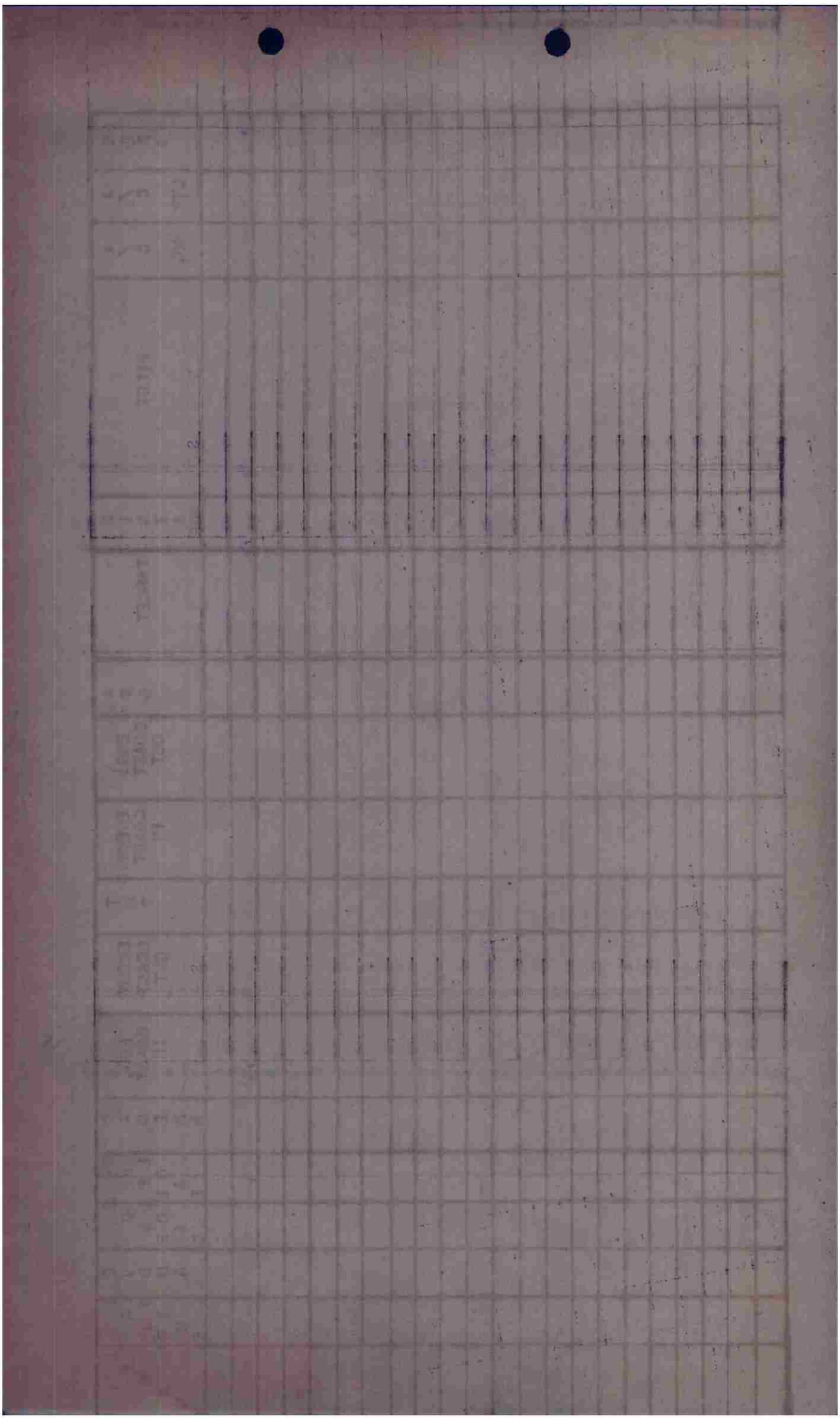

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Mission #1 — May 20 - 1944

SHIP NO	SQUADRON	PILOT and/or BOMBADIER	GUNNERS	MALFUNCTIONS	CAUSES OF MALFUNCTIONS
455	C	Jackson		1 bomb failed to release.	Arming wire binding against arming wire retainer, holding the pre-set points open in the release circuit.
717	B	Greenley		1 bomb failed to release.	Cause undetermined. Bomb released normally upon return.
194	A	Schaefer		Turret guns would not fire individually	Insufficient clearance in selector.

William G. McDonald
Capt. AC
Armament Officer

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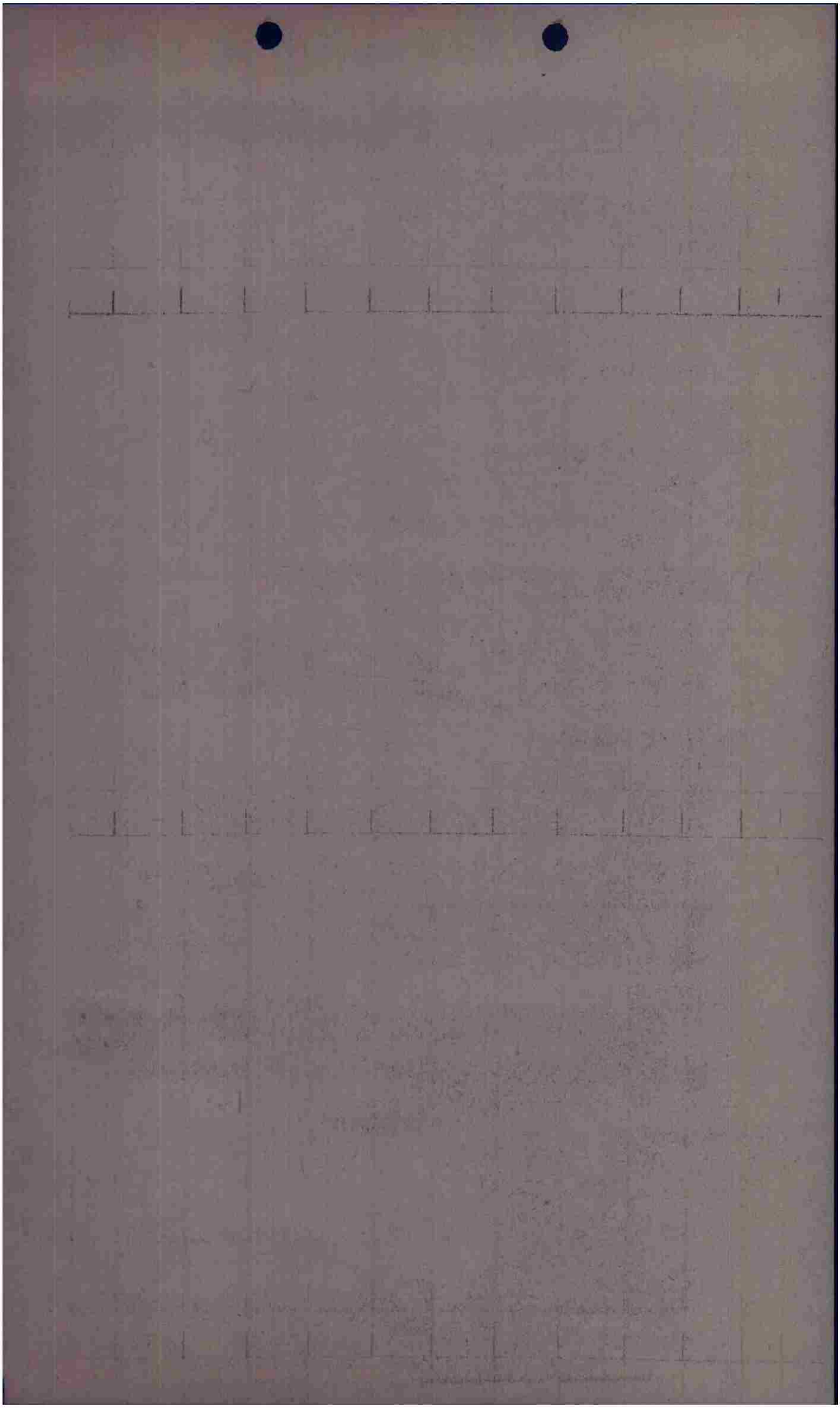

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8 4/3

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 19/2310B M-89-E
TO COMBOMCOM IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
19 MAY 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 44-319

MAPS: NORMAL

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

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE.
ZERO HOUR 200845B.

SEE ANNEX NO. 1.

3. A. 409TH BOMB GP.
(3) WITH 416TH GROUP AT 51 DEG 09 MIN NORTH 00 DEG 52 MIN. EAST AT 11,000 FEET AT 0 PLUS 4 MINUTES.
(6) BOMB 12,000 FT. CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET.
(9) ILL S/804/4 REF. 021011

B. 410 TH BOMB GP.
(1) Z3121
(2) 3 BOXES OF 14 A/C.
(3) WITH P-47 FIGHTERS AT 12,000 FEET AT DUNGENESS AT ZERO HOUR.
(4) BASE TO DUNGENESS TO BERCK SUR MER TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(5) TARGET TO 3 MILES WEST OF GRAVELINES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.
(6) BOMB 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,500 FEET.
(7) 50 DEG. 33 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 56 MIN. EAST.
(8) GENERALLY SOUTH TO NORTH.
(9) ILL A/88/4 REF. 014033.
(10) 4X500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE 1/40 SECOND TAIL.
(11) 3 MILES WEST OF GRAVELINES.

C. 416TH GROUP.
(3) WITH 409TH GROUP AT 51 DEG. 09 MINUTES NORTH, 00 DEG. 52 MINUTES EAST AT 11,500 FEET ~~EXCEPT~~ AT 0 PLUS 4 MINUTES.

SEE ANNEX NO. 1.

(6) BOMB: 11,500 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,500 FEET.
(9) ILL. S/804/4 REF. 022058
X. (1) TOH(4)HNO CHAMGE.9

PARAS

PLS DISREGARD X.
ABOVE WILL RESEND IT AGN PLS

X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE.
PARAS. 3A AND 3C.
(5) THE 410TH GROUP WILL TAKE OFF AT LEAST 15 MIN. BEFORE THE 416TH GROUP.
(6) TARGET: Z 154.
(7) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C EACH GROUP.
(8) RENDEZVOUS WITH P-47 FIGHTERS AT HASTINGS AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MIN.
(9) THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAD. THE 416TH GROUP WILL LEAVE BOMBER RENDEZVOUS POINT AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 4. MINUTES ON COURSE TO HASTINGS.

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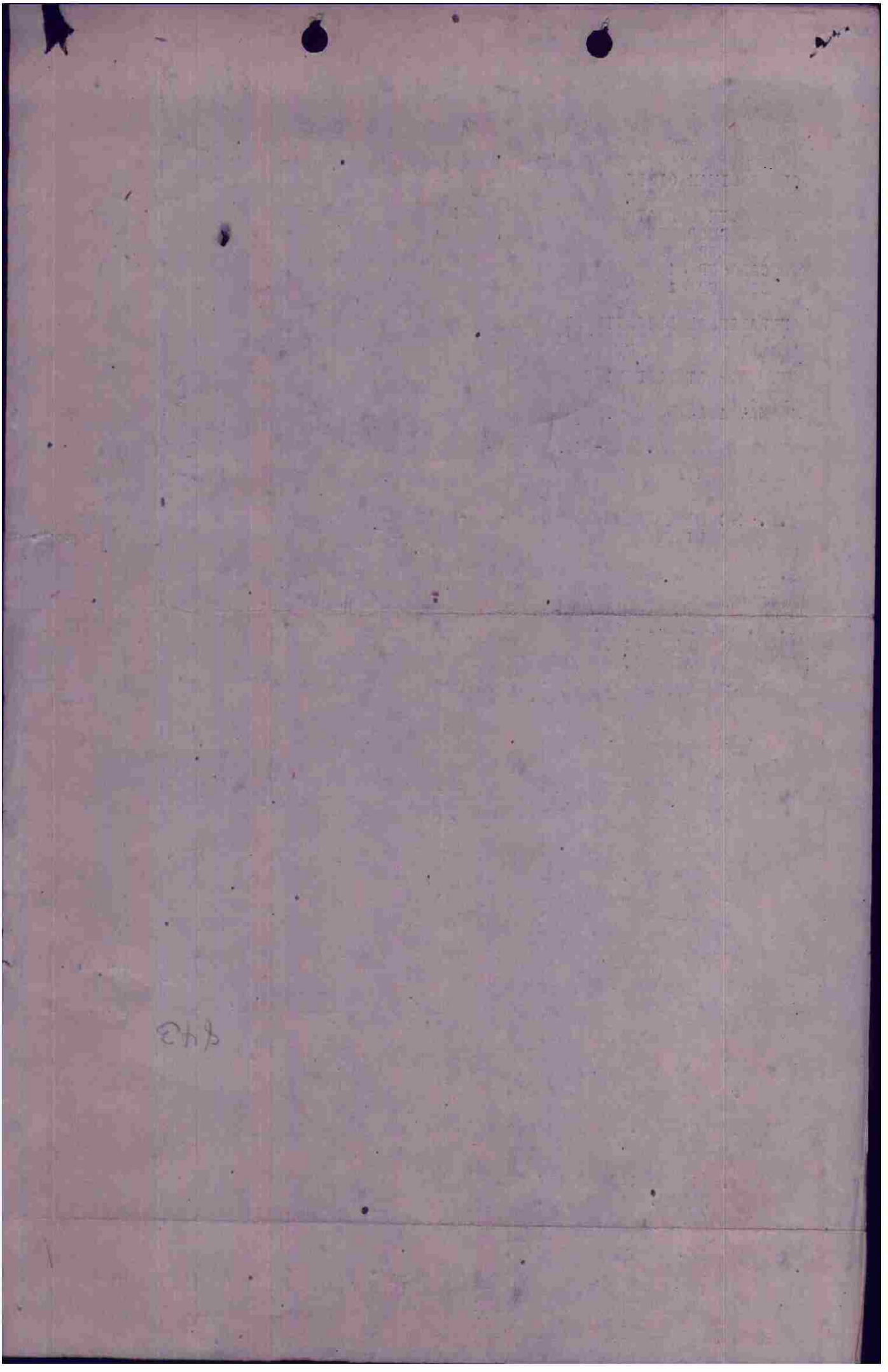

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(10) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO 51 DEG. 09 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 52 MIN. EAST TO HASTINGS TO ETRETAT TO 49 DEG. 14 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 56 MIN. EAST TO 49 DEG. 09 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG. 17 MIN. EAST TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(11) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO 49 DEG. 14 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 56 MIN. EAST TO ETRETAT TO BEACHY HEAD TO BASE.
(12) I.P. 49 DEG. 23 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG. 25 MIN. EAST.
(13) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHEAST TO NORTH WEST.
(14) BOMB LOAD: 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
(15) R.P. 49 DEG. 17 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 45 MIN. EAST.

4. NO CHANGE
5. COMMUNICATIONS:
A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:
(2) LADY MAN
(3) LOCK MAN
(9) 21/21
(10) 221/221
B. (2) FEET ACHE
(3) CHOPPER
(9) 38/38
(10) 238/238
C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:
(2) DASH DOWN
(3) LOCK MAN
(9) 21/21
(10) 221/221
X. GENERAL INFORMATION:
(2) WEST MILLING "D/D"
BRIGHTON AREA C/C C/S PARADE
(3) NO CHANGE
(10) B A T V / B A T V
(11) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL "C" WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA.

COCBTWIG 97

BT 19/2310B
AR
AS
CC: UNDER COMMUNICATIONS 5. B SHOULD BE FOR THE 410TH BOMB GROUP
CC: THE MSG. CEN. NO. ON THIS MSG. IS M-99-E
AS
SS
OICOG R.....200023B JLP AR
OIHAK R.....
IIRL
OIGOF R.....200023B SK AR
OIYAA R.....20/0025B WJF AR

CC UNDER "X" LINE (15) IMI DEG E 35 L
IN LINE (15) THE NO. OF DEG. IS 45 RPT 45 PLS OK!
OK TBR

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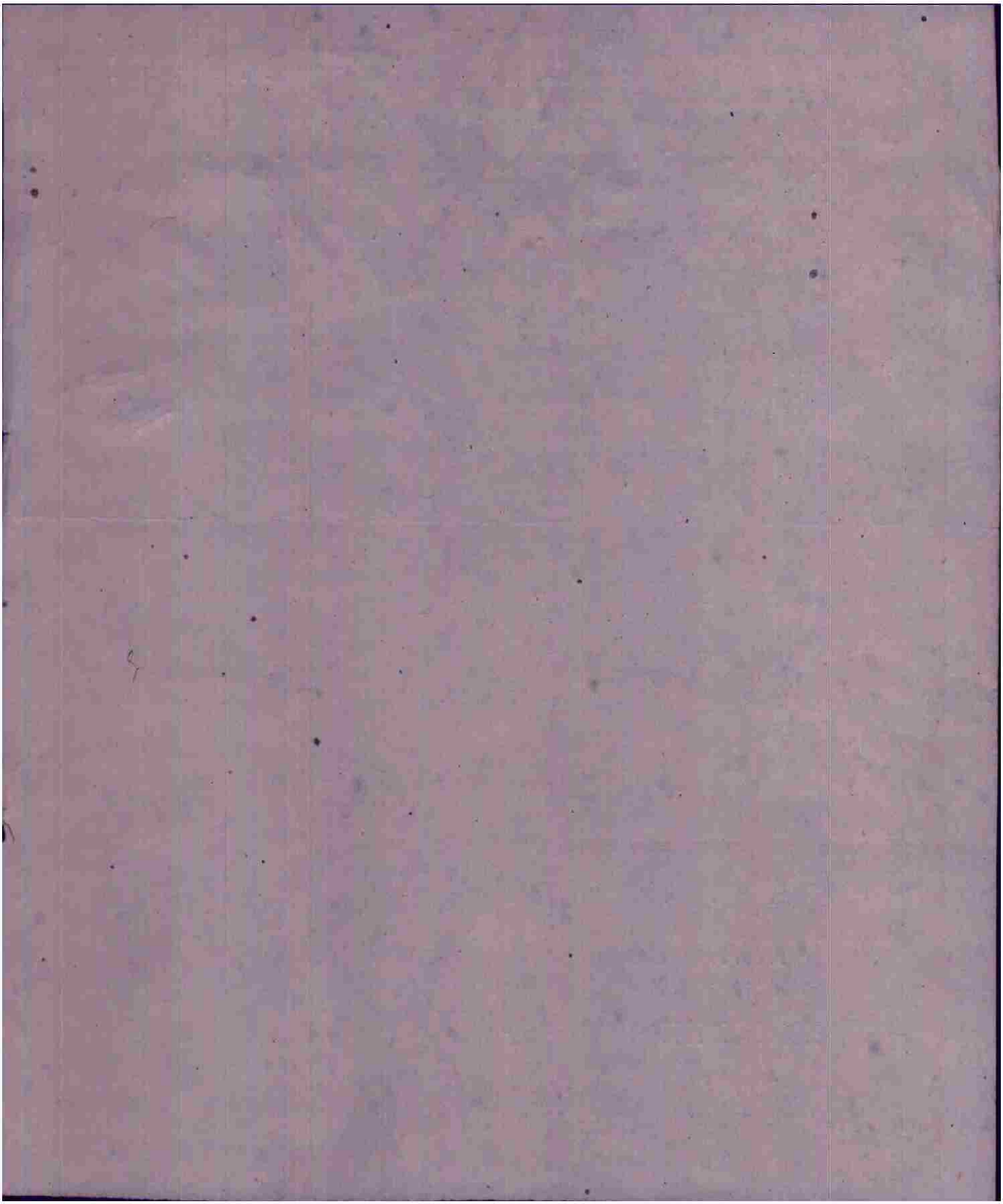

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OICOG OIYAA OIGOF OIHAK V OILAI OILAI Ø1/2Ø OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 2Ø/Ø12ØB M-99-E
TO COMBOMCOM IX
COMBOMGP 4Ø9
COMBOMGP 41Ø
COMBOMGP 416

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

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 44-319

ADD.
PAR 1. B (2) EIGHTH AIR FORCE IS ATTACKING Z 346, Z 2Ø4, Z 349
Z 8Ø2, Z B 928 AND Z B 891
CHANGE PAR. 3C (3) TO READ:
WITH 4Ø9TH GROUP AT 51 DEG. Ø9 MIN. NORTH, ØØ DEG. 52
MIN. EAST AT 11,ØØØ FEET. AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 4 MINUTES.

COCBTWIG 97

BT 2Ø/Ø12ØB
AR
AS
SS
OICOG R.....2Ø/Ø142B TLC AR
OIHAK R.....2Ø/ØØ Ø142B JAB AR
OIYAA R.....2Ø/Ø142B EJS AR
OIGOF R.....2Ø/Ø142B SK AR AR
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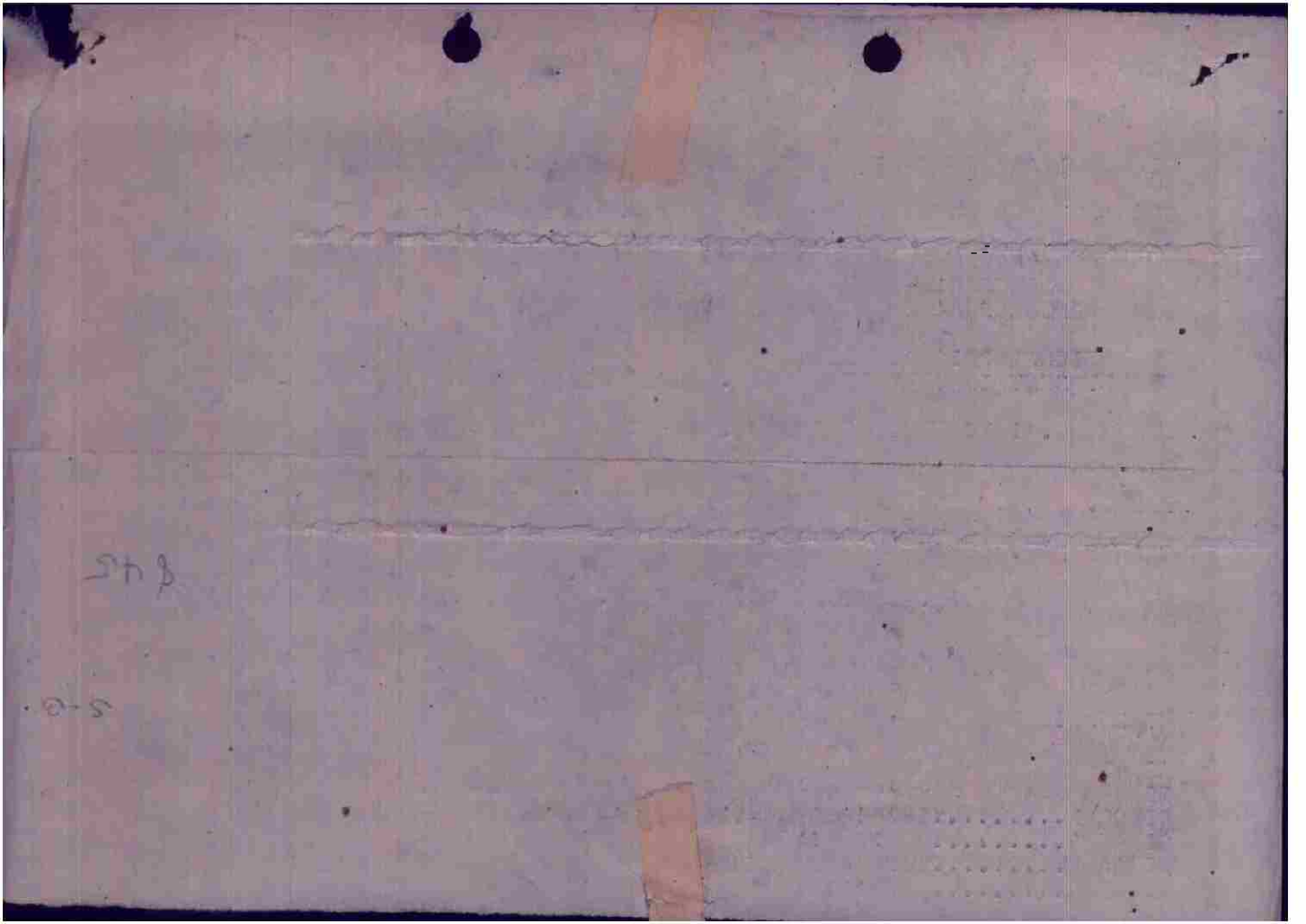

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OICOG OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI 2/20 OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 200805B M-100-E
TO COMBOMCOM NINE
409TH COBOMGP
~~KWK~~ 410TH COBOMGP
416TH COBOMGP

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A B O 140
20 MAY 1944

ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 44-319

ZERO HOUR NOW REEDS NM 200945B

COCBTWIG 97

BT 200805B
AR JMB
OILAI / OICOG R.....20/0807B MZ AR K
OILAI / OIHAK R.....20/0807B CML AR K
OILAI / OIGOF R...../20/0807B MC AR
OILAI / OIYDR.....20/0807B MT AR
AA

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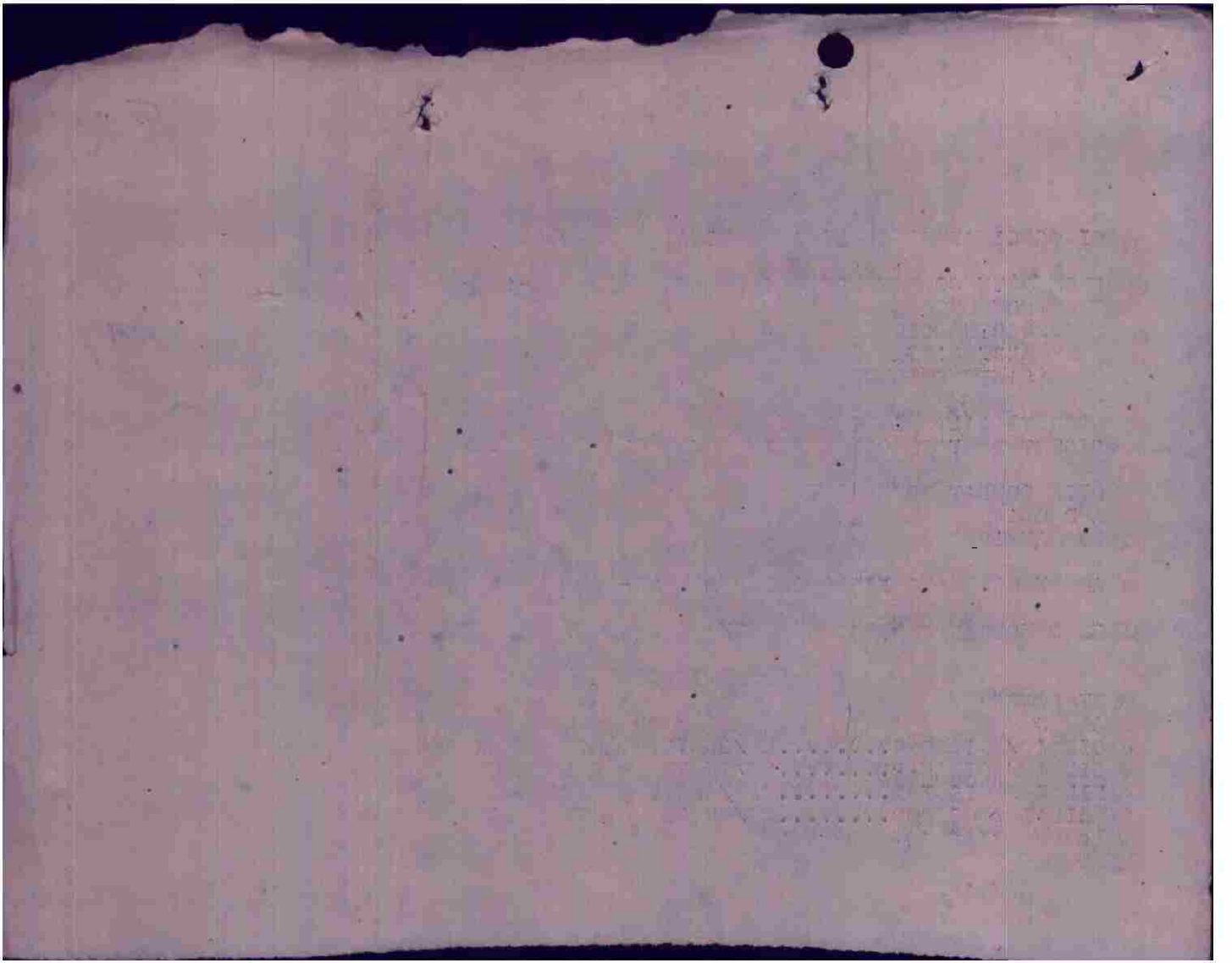

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FROM 97TH COMBAT COMBARDMENT WING 20/0850 W-101-E
TO COMBOMBM IX
COMBOMGP 409
COMBOMGP 410
COMBOMGP 416

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

ANNEX NO. 3 TO FIELD ORDER NO. ~~MA*3IX~~ 44-319

ZERO HOUR NOW READS: 20/1045B

COCBTWIG 97

BT 20/0850B
LEG AR
OILAI / OICOG R.....20/0907B MZ AR KK
OILAI / OIHAK R.....20/0907B CML AR KK
OILAI / OIGOF R.....
OILAI / OIGOF R.....20/0907B MW AR KK
OILAI / OIYAA R.....20/0907B CW AR
MV/H

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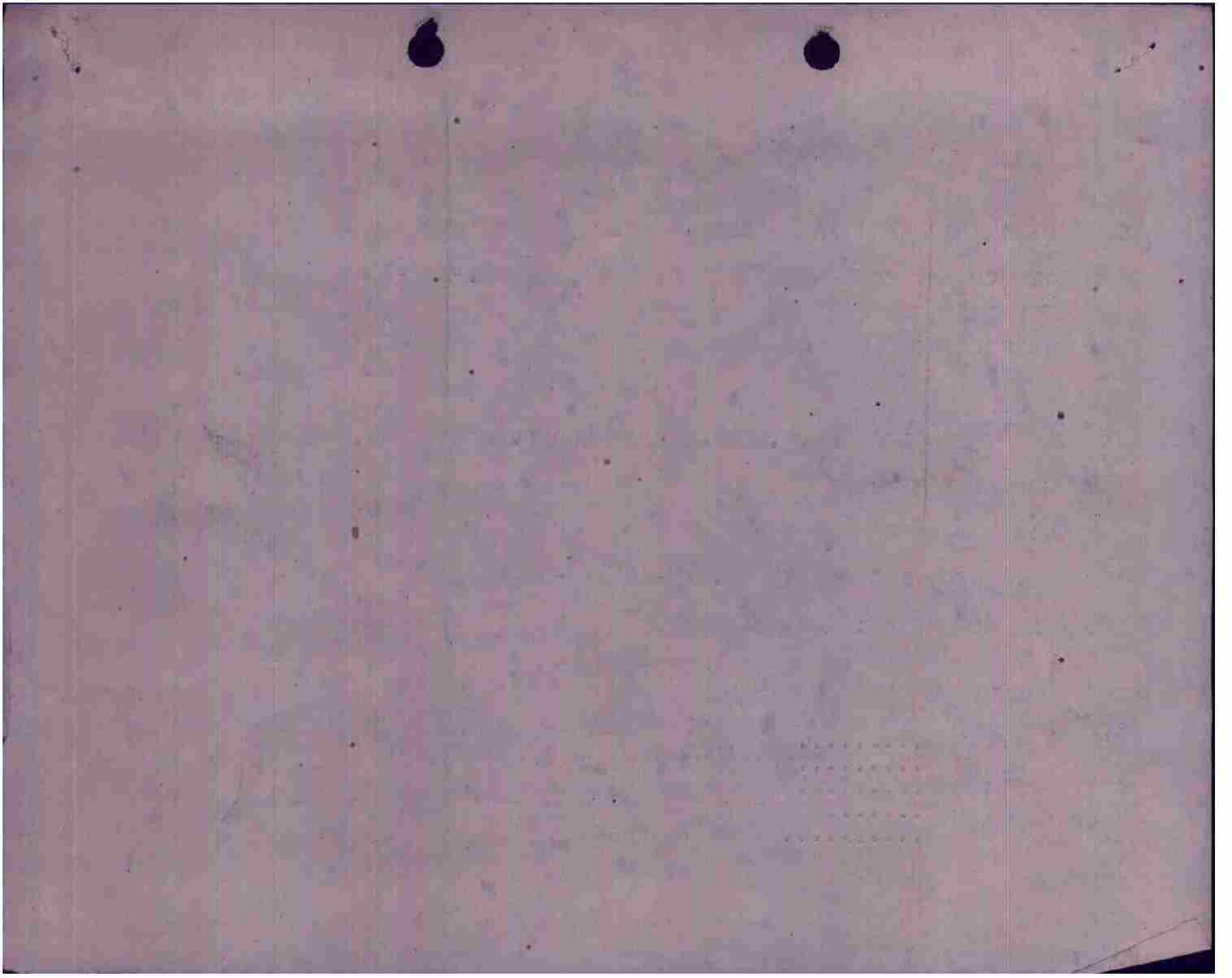

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OICOG OILAI V OIYAA YAA 9/20 OP

FROM 416TH BG 20/1613B
TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND
HQ 97TH COMBAT WING
CONFIDENTIAL BT

M-533-D
OPFLASH NO. 45 FOR 20 MAY 44

A. (I) BEAUVAIS/TILLE A/D.
(II) MOUTDIDIER A/D

B. (I) 416TH BG
(II) 36 A-20
(III) NIL
(IV) 35 ON OTHER THAN PRIMARY

C. (I) 1010
(II) 1200
(III) 1357

D. (I) 2 MISSING (SEE PARAGRAPH G.)
4 LANDED AWAY FROM BASE. INFORMATION LACKING ON ONE.
10 DAMAGE CAT. A/C
16 DAMAGE CAT. A
(II) NIL
(III) 6 CREW MEMBERS MISSING
4 CREW MEMBERS WOUNDED

E. UNOBSERVED

F. (I) (A) NIL
(B) NIL
(II) (A) INTENSE ACCURATE HEAVY CONTINUOUS POINTED FIRE FROM MONTDIDIER A/D.
(B) WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY FLAK AT ELBEUF.

G. OBSERVATIONS 20 MAY 44

AT 1211 FROM 11500 FT ALTITUDE ONE PLANE STARTED A SLOW ROLL LOSING ALTITUDE, THEN FELL STRAIGHT DOWN A OUT OF CONTROL. 2 CHUTES CAME OUT FIRST, FOLLOWED BY A THIRD CHUTE, 10 SECONDS LATER. SEEN IN LONDINIERS AREA

7 BARGES GOING TOWARD CHANNEL IN REGION OF TANCARVILLE.

ONE SHIP SEEN GOING DOWN WITH DINGHY FLYING LOOSE FROM COCKPIT. 2 CHUTES WERE SEEN TO OPEN BEFORE THE SHIP XXXX WAS LOST IN A CLOUD ABOUT 1000 FT BELOW THE FORMATION. THIS PLANE WAS XXXX SEEN AT 120[illegible] FROM 11500 FEET LOCATED AT ABOUT 49 DEGREES 40' N 02 DEGREES 34' E.

M/Y AT CLERMONT WERE ALMOST FULL OF GOODS CARS.
CRIEL M/Y EXXX WERE HEAVILY DAMAGED.

LARGE TRANSPORT SENXXX SEEN AT FE CAMP HARBOR INSIDE JETTY.

H. (I) ONE-TENTH CLOUD - VERY THICK HAZE
VIS. 3 MILES DOWN SUN. ONE TO TWO MILES UP SUN.
(II) 6 TO 7 TENTHS SCATTERED CLOUDS, TOPS 11,000 FEET. THICK HAZE. VIS. SAME AS ABOVE.

I. 138 X 500 ON OTHER THAN PRIMARY
3 X 500 RETURNED
INFORMATION LACKING ON ONE OF FOUR LANDED AWAY FROM BASE AND 2 A/C MISSING.

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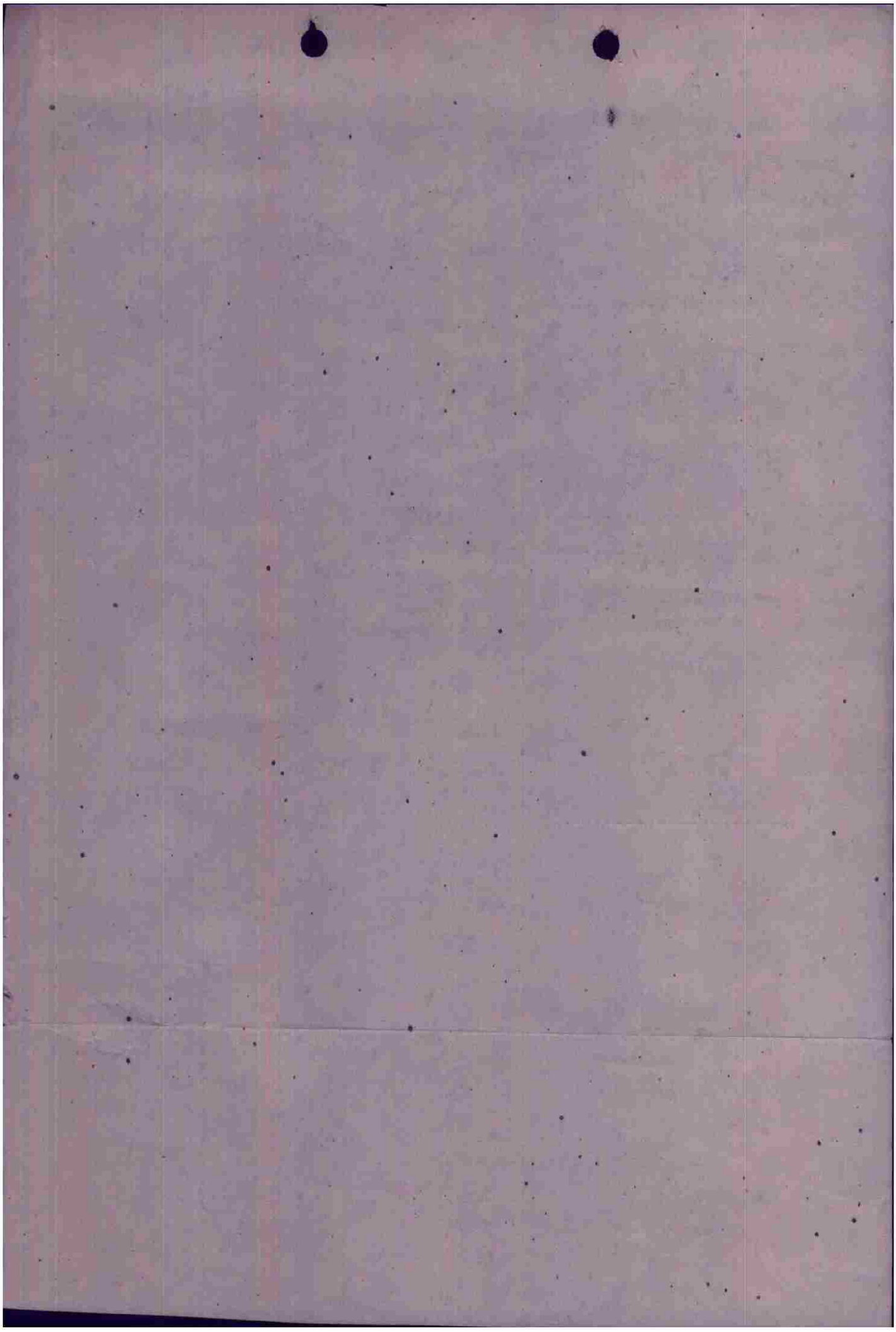

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J. 11,500 - 11,000

BT 20/1615D
AS
GP BBBB
OICOG R..... .....
OILAI R.....20/1705D UCB AR

AM I STILL CONNECTED TO OICOG PLS KK YES KK
OK ONE O MONE PLS

COME IN OICOG PLS TKTTN COME IN COIG OICOG PLS KKK
N

OICOG SVBD THIS IS YAA WASNT I CONECTED TO OICOG AWHILE AGO PLS KKK YES WHAT DO U WANT R
I WANT A R IF THEY GOT IT BUT COUN COULDNT GET THM TO ACK KKK
YES GOT IT ALL U DID SEND ANY CCC ID DID U ??
NO KK
OICOG R...MMM .....20/1630D HW AR
I WAN T ONE MORE FOR

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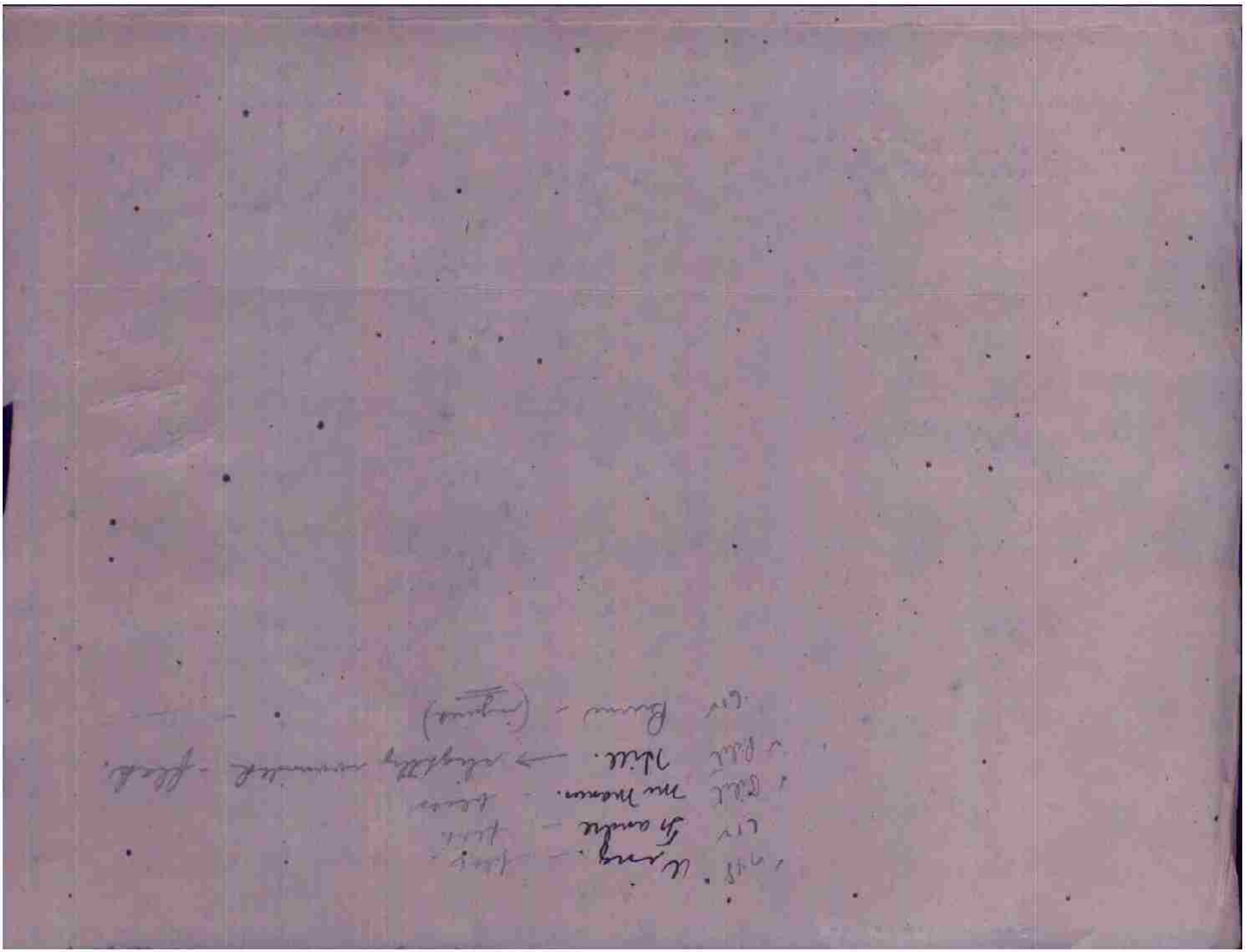

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FROM COBOMGR 416 28/1525B
TO COBOMCOBATWG 97 ATT SIG O
CONFIDENTIAL BT

M-532-J

A - YS - 48

B - 28 MAY 1944 (1030 - 1250)

C - 668(11) K Q-1 T O N-2 D-1 Z B G F E
669(9) N D T A G.V-1 U P F
670(8) I T-1 S N E-1 M-1 F-1 L
671(10) X E F V H G-1 R D L N-1
TOTAL A/C - 38

D - 671 - R - INTERPHONE FADING AT 12000 FT. COMMAND SET INOPERATIVE.
669 - T - TURRET INTERPHONE OUT.
668 - Q-1 - INTERPHONE SYSTEM INOPERATIVE.

E - 669 - G - THREE QDM'S FROM WETHERSFIELD.
670 - S - THREE QDM'S FROM WETHERSFIELD.
671 - D - TWO QDM'S FROM WETHERSFIELD.

F - NOT APPLICABLE

G - NOT APPLICABLE

H - NOT APPLICABLE

I - NONE

J - BOX LEADERS USED FOR FLIGHT AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS.

K - NONE

L - 671 - X - REPORTED TO BOMCOM AFTER LEAVING TARGET AREA.
671 - R - REPORTED TO BOMCOM AFTER LEAVING TARGET AREA.

M - NONE

N- NOT APELICABLE

O - RADIO PERFORMANCE SATISFACTORY.

MACE COBOMGR 416

BT 28/1525B
AS
GP AR
LAI R.....WPXQTEIB LWH AR
EPT PLS ALL LETTERS HER E
LAI R.....28/ 1538B LWH AR TNK
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