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10 AUG 1944

# MISSION REPORTS

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121	480	10 AUGUST 1944
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HEADQUARTERS  
116TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)  
Office of the Commanding Officer

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By authority  
CG, Dts. 170  
27 August 1944  
Init. \_\_\_\_\_

AFD 110, U. S. Army,  
27 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Combat Mission.

TO : Commanding General, 97th Combat Wing, AFD 110, U. S. Army.

116th Bombardment Group (L)  
129th Combat Mission, 25 August 1944.  
97th CG FO 191 - 511.

1. 40
2. 39
3. 38
4. 1 (apart)
5. 7
6. 43-9452

Capt. C. R. Jackson      Attempt to release bombs over target failed. Investigation revealed the following: short in circuit to release relay and a short in circuit to No. 2 station causing an overload on bomb rack circuit breaker. Relay replaced and short circuit corrected.

43-9455      Leader (43-9452) failed to release.  
Lt. F. J. Harrold

43-9729      Leader (43-9452) failed to release.  
Lt. W. E. Hall

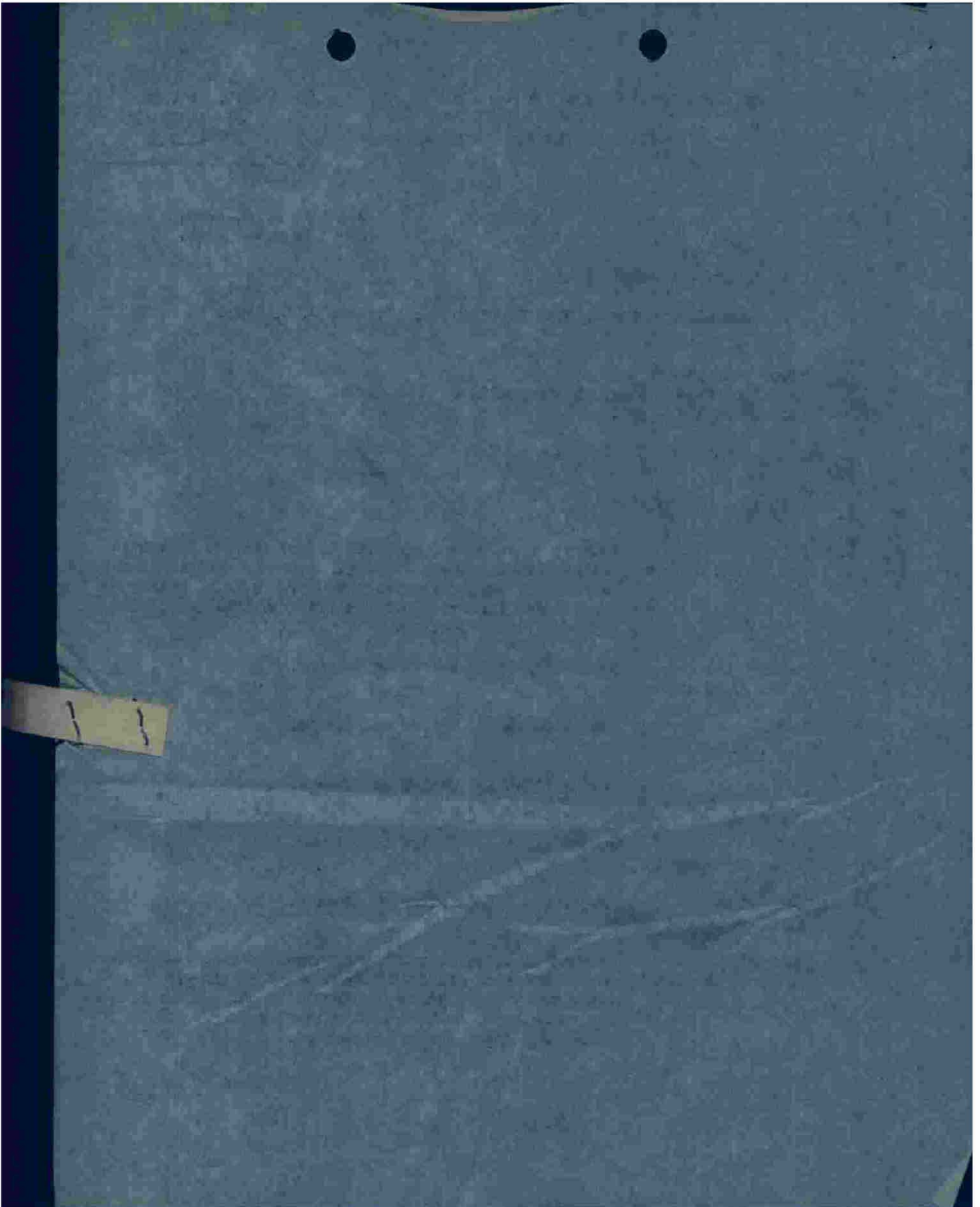
43-9474      Leader (43-9452) failed to release.  
Lt. D. F. Shea

43-9217      Leader (43-9452) failed to release.  
Lt. E. J. Leonard

43-10011      Leader (43-9452) failed to release.  
Lt. T. A. Murphy

43-9956      Attempt to release bombs over target failed. Investigation revealed the following: short in circuit to release relay and a short in circuit to No. 2 station causing an overload on bomb rack circuit breaker. Relay replaced and short circuit corrected.  
Lt. D. H. Eastman

AUG 25 1944



## Report of Combat Mission.

(Cont'd.)

7. A3-9452 Same as paragraph 6.  
 A3-9455 Same as paragraph 6.  
 A3-9720 Same as paragraph 6.  
 A3-9678 Same as paragraph 6.  
 A3-9217 Same as paragraph 6.  
 A3-10211 Same as paragraph 6.  
 A3-9956 Same as paragraph 6.
- A3-9900 Lt. W. H. Land 2 bombs failed to release over target. Tight sway braces caused a delayed release on doors. Both bombs jettisoned in channel on return trip.
- A3-9929 Lt. W. F. Tripp 1 bomb failed to release. Tight sway braces caused a delayed release on doors.
- A3-9448 Maj. J. G. Napier 1 bomb failed to release. Damp weather caused moisture on points of salvo relay to No. 4 station, resulting in incomplete circuit to station.
- B. 39 a/c landed at St. Nawgan A/D to refuel as briefed. Copy of fuel consumption report attached hereto.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEL,  
 Captain, Air Corps,  
 Adjutant.

1 Incl: Fuel Consumption Report.

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

SECRET  
By auth  
CO, Sta 170  
28 Aug 1944  
Init. \_\_\_\_\_

APC 140, U. S. Army,  
28 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Reports.

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

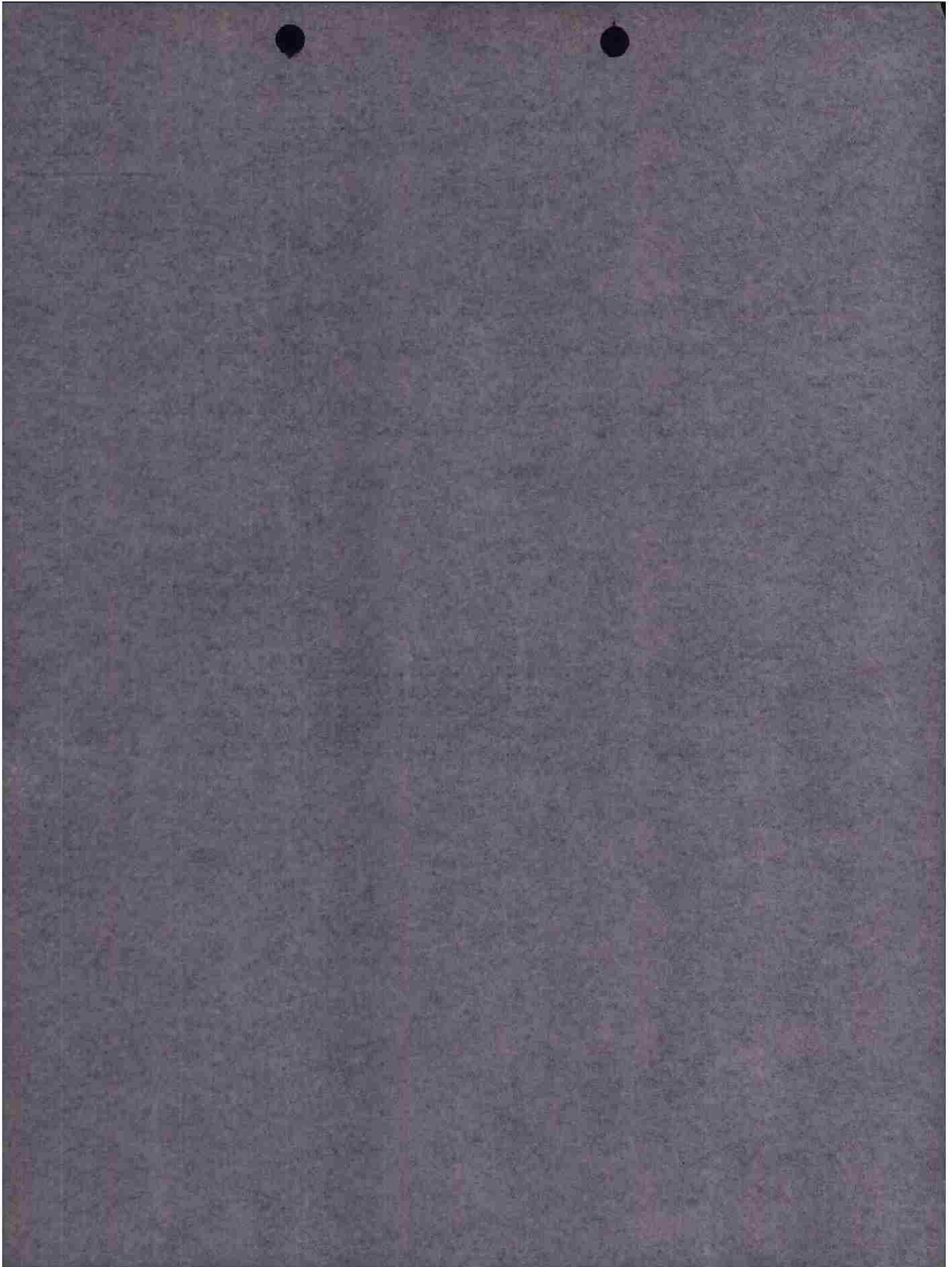
Transmitted herewith are the A-3 Bombing Information Reports  
on operational mission 25 August 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

5 Incls:

- 1 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Box 1, flt 1)
- 2 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Box 1, flt 2)
- 3 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Box 1, flt 3)
- 4 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Box 2, flt 1)
- 5 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Box 2, flt 2)



## S E C R E T

ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 511BOX 1, flt 1 GROUP 418 DATE 25 Aug 44 TARGET ATTACKED Pte Des

1. Method of Sighting:

Esagnols - Pte Robert -  
Kervibou Gun Position.Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 3003. 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 AP.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. A. R. Hand6. Name of lead Pilot: Major R. F. Price7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 254 Altitude: 12,0009. Length of bomb run: 45 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N  
non - delay T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 24

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

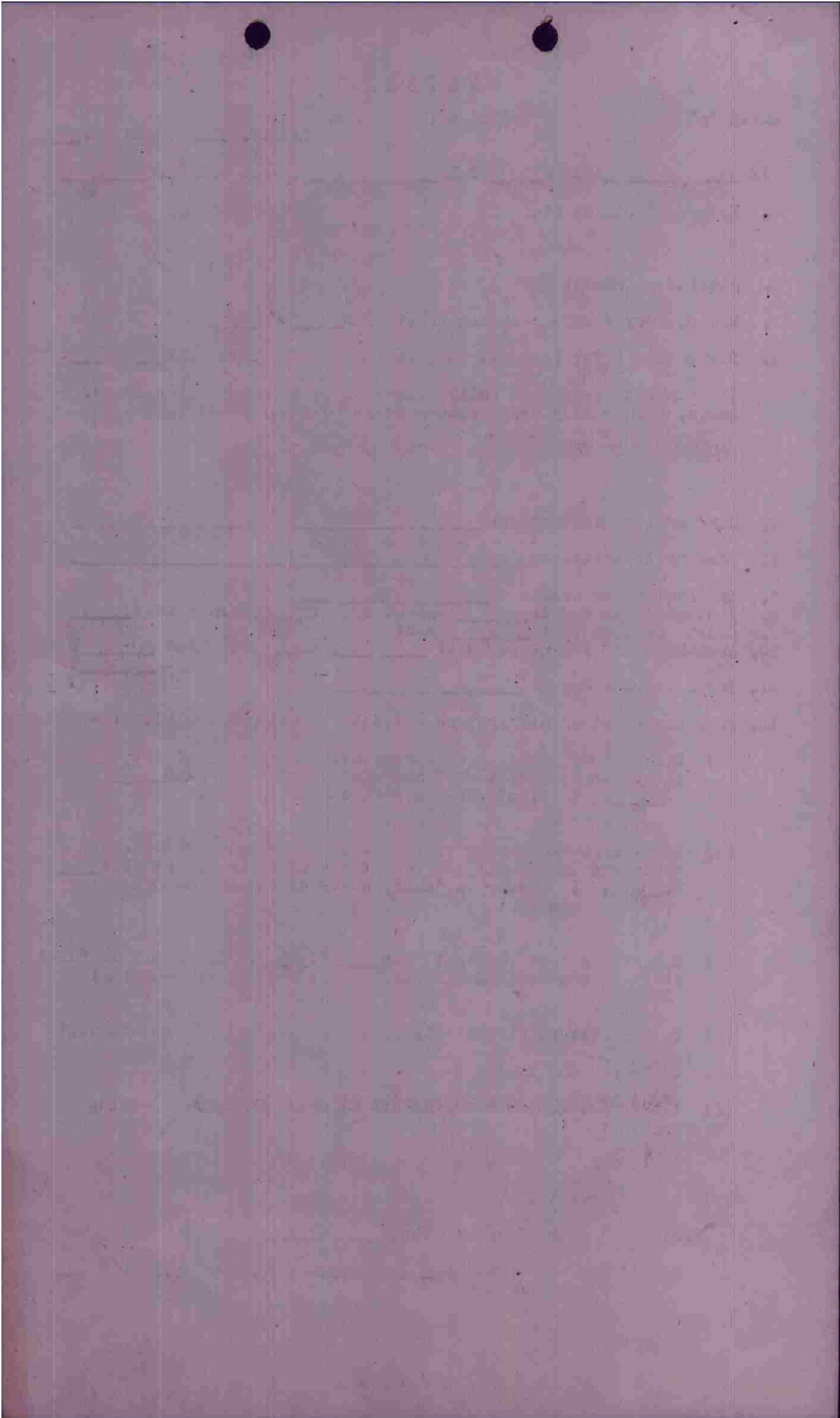
(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

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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## S E C R E T

ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B. C. FIELD ORDER NO. 511BOX 1, flt 2 GROUP 416 DATE 25 Aug 1944 TARGET ATTACKED None

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.
2. Bombing approach: 30°
3. Was mercury erection system used? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X
4. 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:

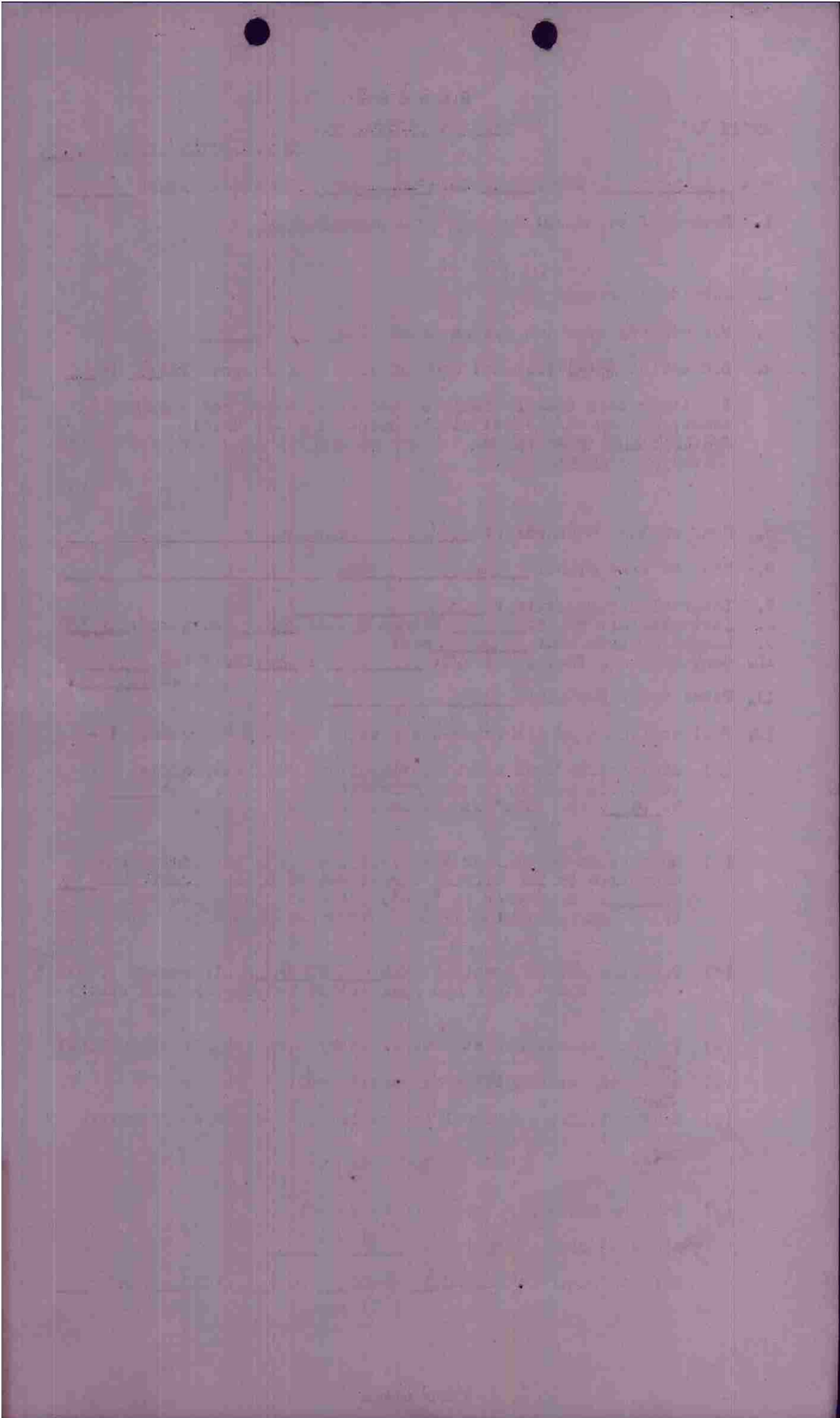
Pre-set with corrections. Aimed at briefed AP.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. G. M. Jones
6. Name of lead Pilot: Major J. G. Napier
7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 300 Ground Speed: 285 Altitude: 12,200
9. Length of bomb run: 50 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N  
non - delay T
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 21

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 Could not see bubbles in sight at release.
- (f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:  
None Bubbles not visible in sight.
- (g) Bombing results as reported by crews:  
Aimed at right Target: YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_  
Results claimed: EXCEL \_\_\_\_\_ GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR X POOR \_\_\_\_\_ GROSS \_\_\_\_\_

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## S E C R E T

ANNEX "A"

## BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 511BOX 1, C12 B GROUP 415 DATE 25 Aug 44 TARGET ATTACKED None1. Method of Sighting: **Pre-set with corrections.**2. Bombing approach: **32°**3. Was mercury erection system used? YES \_\_\_ NO **X**4. Did entire ~~(target)~~ (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES **X** NO \_\_\_

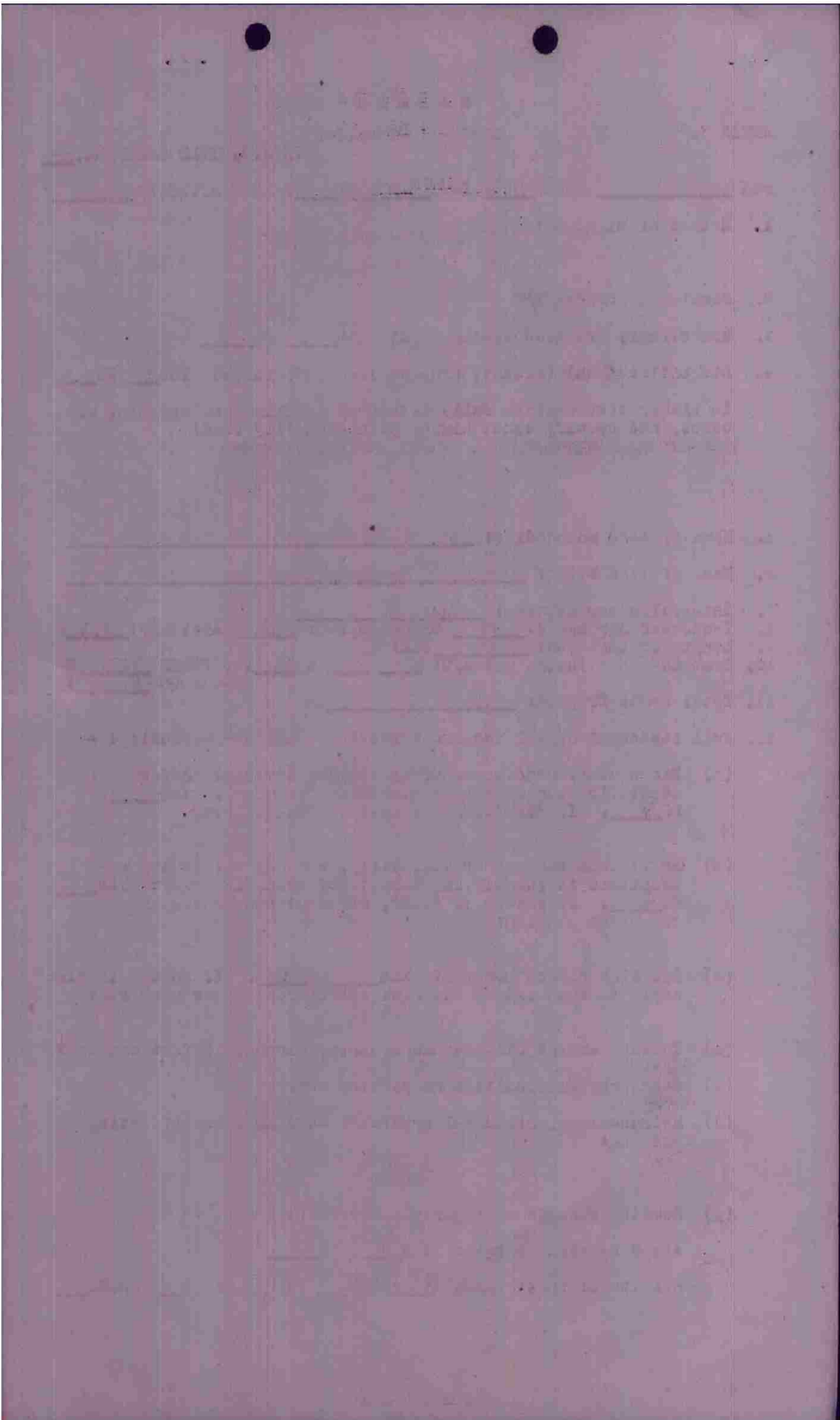
In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

**Pre-set with corrections. Aimed at AP of flt 1 because of cloud cover over briefed AP.**5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. R. J. McInade.6. Name of lead Pilot: Lt. E. E. DeHun7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 300 Ground Speed: 253 Altitude: 11,8009. Length of bomb run: 33 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N  
non-delay T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 23

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 **X** NO \_\_\_. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing: **Briefed AP obscured by clouds**
- (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. 511BOX 2, fls 1 GROUP 418 DATE 25 Aug 44 TARGET ATTACKED Same

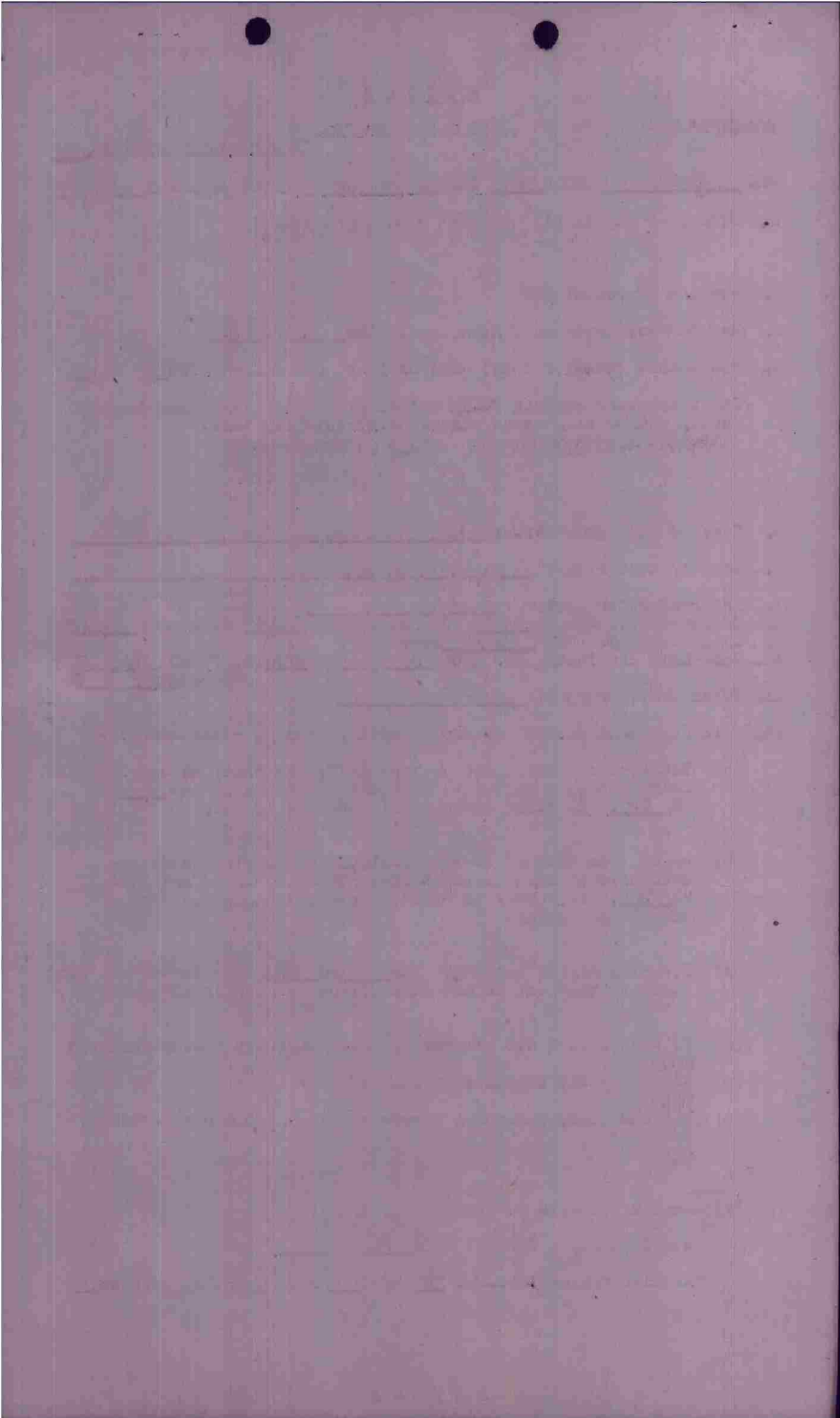
1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.
2. Bombing approach: 300
3. Was mercury erection system used? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X
4. Did entire ~~(bomb)~~ (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

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 AP.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. J. T. Beck
6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. L. A. Harzolf
7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 300 Ground Speed: 282 Altitude: 11,800
9. Length of bomb run: 60 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N  
non - delay T
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 20
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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## S E C R E T

ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO 511BOX 2, File 2 GROUP 416 DATE 25 Aug 44 TARGET ATTACKED Same1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 30°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X4. Did entire (box) (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

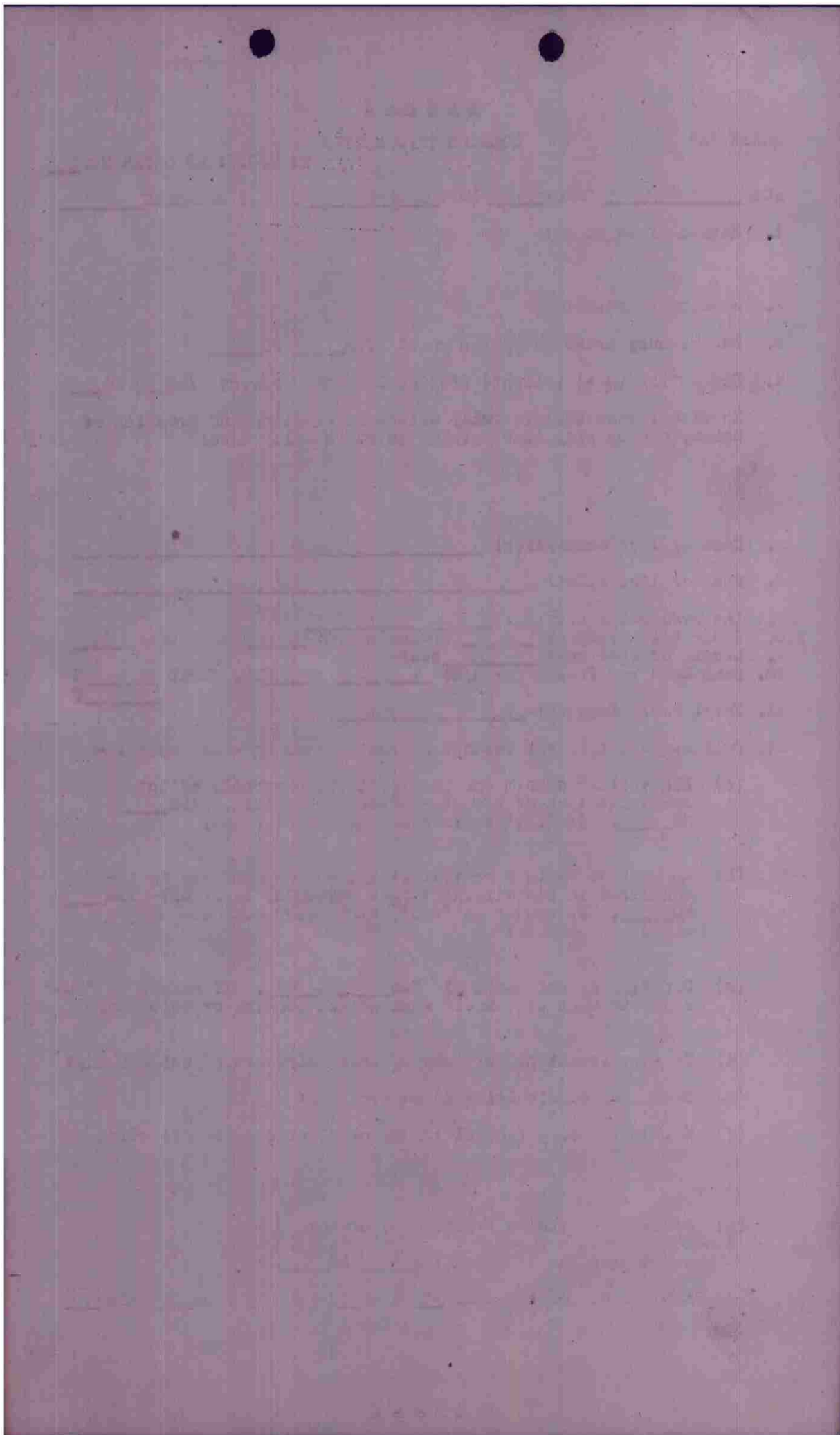
In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

Pre-set with corrections. Aimed at briefed AP.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. R. J. Hannon6. Name of lead Pilot: Lt. J. D. Adams7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 253 Altitude: 11,8009. Length of bomb run: 80 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N  
non-delay T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 24

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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MISSION NO. 129

LOADING LIST

25 AUGUST 1944.

BOX I  
FLIGHT I

1. ✓ 444 J  
Major R.F. Price ✓  
Lt. A.R. Hand ✓  
Sgt. J.H. Roberts ✓  
S/Sgt. F. Malfeh ✓
2. ✓ 480 B  
Lt. R.G. Meredith ✓  
S/Sgt. R.W. MacDonald ✓  
S/Sgt. A.A. Hill ✓
3. ✓ 907 O  
Lt. G. Ebenstein ✓  
S/Sgt. G.F. Love ✓  
S/Sgt. F.L. Adair ✓

4. ✓ 784 X  
Lt. L.G. Peede ✓  
S/Sgt. L.M. Daugherty ✓  
S/Sgt. C.L. Hibbs ✓
5. ✓ 176 T  
Lt. F.E. Parker ✓  
Sgt. A.F. Galloway ✓  
Sgt. S. Kochan ✓
6. ✓ 194 C  
Lt. J.K. Colquitt ✓  
Sgt. J.F. Geyer ✓  
S/Sgt. D.E. Raines ✓

FLIGHT II

1. ✓ 442 D  
Major J.G. Napier ✓  
Lt. C.W. Jones ✓  
Pvt. H.W. Perkins ✓  
Lt. G.E. Lindsay ✓
2. ✓ 9961 E  
Lt. D.W. Elliott ✓  
Sgt. J.J. McGuire ✓  
S/Sgt. J. Mani ✓
3. ✓ 900 C  
Lt. W.H. Land ✓  
S/Sgt. S.F. Alden ✓  
S/Sgt. R.L. Ballinger ✓

4. ✓ 155 V  
Lt. J.F. Allen ✓  
Sgt. L.R. Getgen ✓  
Sgt. C.W. Veazey ✓
5. ✓ 767 N  
Lt. E.R. Hayter ✓  
S/Sgt F.E. Malchoir ✓  
S/Sgt. R.C. Halloway ✓
6. ✓ 202 B-1  
Lt. J.F. Smith ✓  
S/Sgt. C. Vafiadis ✓  
S/Sgt. R.C. Hoffman ✓

FLIGHT III

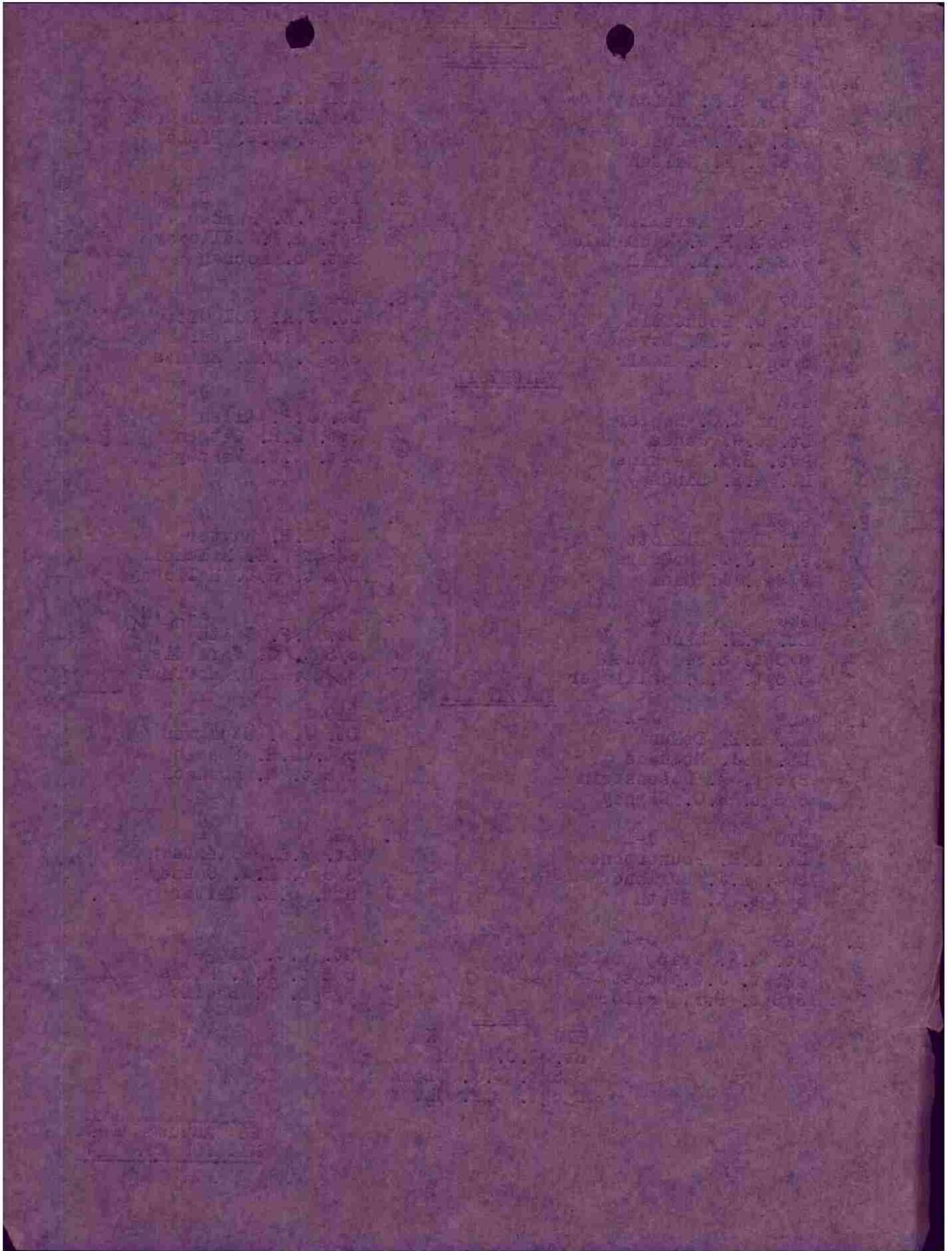
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Lt. E.E. DeMun ✓  
Lt. R.J. McQuade ✓  
S/Sgt. M. Rosenstein ✓  
S/Sgt. H.O. Carney ✓
2. ✓ 376 O-1  
Lt. L.R. Poundstone ✓  
Sgt. A.J. Burland ✓  
S/Sgt. K. Heath ✓
3. ✓ 929 C-1  
Lt. W.F. Tripp ✓  
S/Sgt. J.C. Scott ✓  
S/Sgt. D.F. Mallory ✓

4. ✓ 310 P  
Lt. J.E. Blomgren ✓  
Sgt. L.R. Fleming ✓  
S/Sgt. M. Bookach ✓
5. ✓ 483 L  
Lt. R.B. Robertson ✓  
S/Sgt. M.W. Cheney ✓  
Sgt. G.E. Reiter ✓
6. ✓ 743 W  
Lt. W.C. Siggs ✓  
S/Sgt. R.W. Nicks ✓  
S/Sgt. N. Radlich ✓

SPARE

- 819 K  
Lt. C.C. Mish ✓  
S/Sgt. C.J. Clark ✓  
S/Sgt. R.F. Chutz ✓

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LOADING LIST  
BOX II  
FLIGHT I

1. 1711 S  
Captain L.A. Marzoli  
Lt. J.T. Beck  
S/Sgt. H.E. Wellin  
S/Sgt. L.G. Kutzer

5:15

4. 493 V  
Lt. R.H. Smith  
S/Sgt. R.J. Mahoney  
S/Sgt. J.S. Brower

5:15  
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2. 914 X  
Lt. R.E. Greenley  
Lt. R.H. Mitchell  
S/Sgt. H.C. Worden  
S/Sgt. J.J. Rzepka  
719 J

5:10

5. 363 L  
Lt. J.C. Gary  
Sgt. A.E. Schoem  
Sgt. R.W. Chevront

5:15  
unread

3. Lt. W.H. Ames  
Sgt. H.S. Fessler  
Sgt. R.J. Brown

5:20  
X

6. Lt. D.M. Eastman  
Cpl. R.J. Johnson  
Cpl. A.B. Eaton

5:20  
unread

FLIGHT II

1. 645 R  
Lt. J.D. Adams  
Lt. R.J. Hanlon  
S/Sgt. P.L. Clearman  
S/Sgt. A.J. Zeikus  
165 H

5:10

4. 714 N  
Lt. H.F. Pair  
S/Sgt. H.A. Marion  
S/Sgt. V.P. Adams

5:05  
unread

2. Lt. C.L. Estes  
S/Sgt. C.R. Orvold  
S/Sgt. A.E. DiMartino

5:20  
HX

5. 395 K  
Lt. J.H. Miller  
S/Sgt. R.G. Schrom  
S/Sgt. J. Galender

5:20  
HX

3. 214 G  
Lt. R.W. York  
S/Sgt. H.J. Wilds  
S/Sgt. L.A. Ashton

5:25

6. 221 F  
Lt. D.L. Withington  
Sgt. C.F. Huss  
Sgt. L.D. McElhattan

unread  
5:05

FLIGHT III

1. 452 Q  
Captain C.R. Jackson  
Lt. A.H. Maltby  
S/Sgt. W.J. Daniel  
Sgt. D.H. Burns

5:30

4. 674 R-1  
Lt. D.F. Shea  
S/Sgt. H.E. Lee  
S/Sgt. L. Martinez

5:20  
X

2. 455 T  
Lt. F.J. Harrold  
Lt. W.E. Brewer  
S/Sgt. E.L. Griffin  
S/Sgt. C.W. Maziasz

5:20

5. 217 D  
Lt. T.J. Leonard  
Sgt. W.C. Arnett  
S/Sgt. T.A. Palmer

HX  
5:15

3. 720 F-1  
Lt. R.B. Hall  
S/Sgt. D.S. Blackford  
S/Sgt. E.C. Burger

5:25

6. 211 O  
Lt. T.A. Murphy  
S/Sgt. J.E. Wilson  
Sgt. L.W. O'Connell

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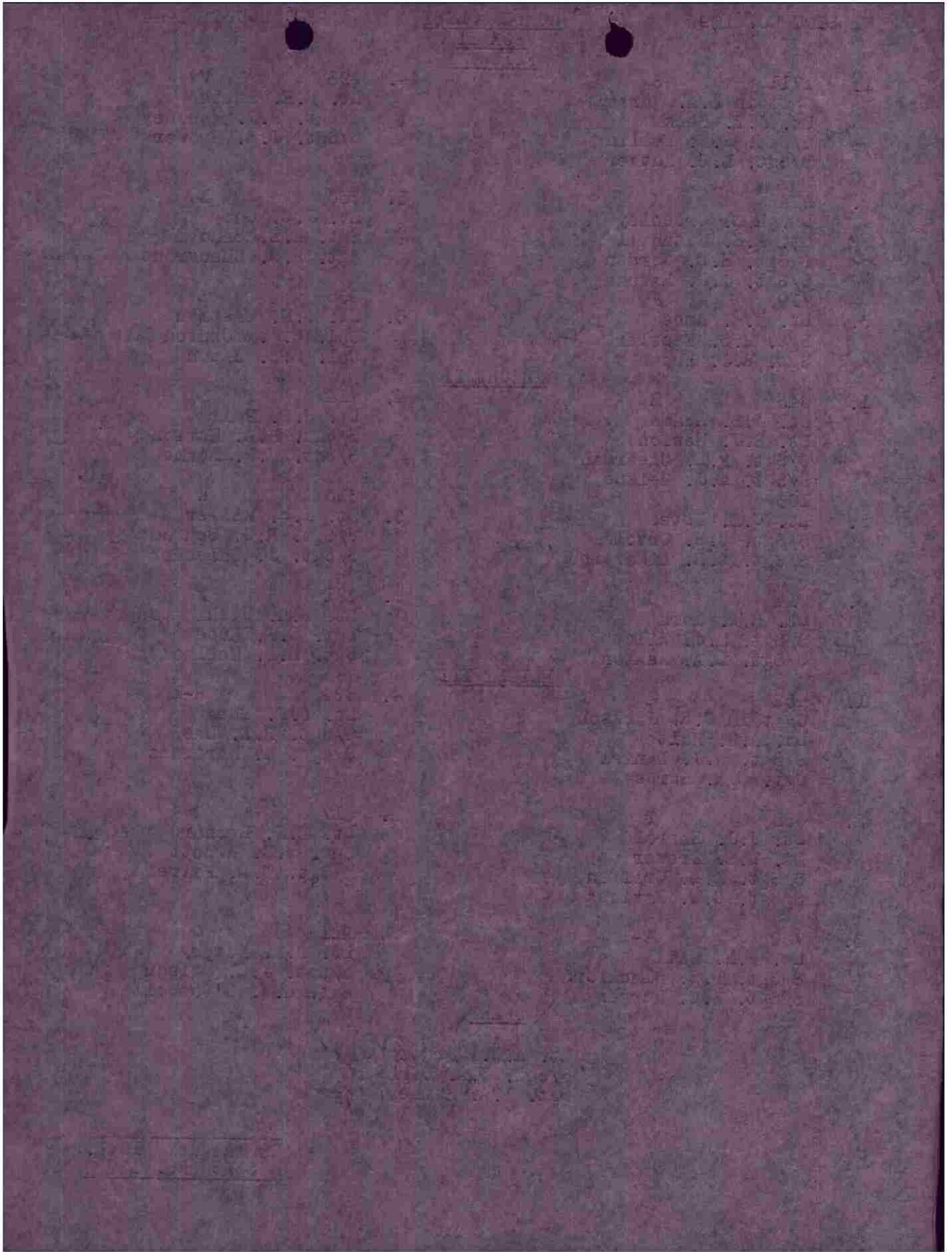
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759  
Lt. A.W. [unclear]  
S/Sgt. D.A. [unclear]  
Sgt. J.A. Hummer

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LOADING LIST  
BOX III  
WINDOW FLIGHT

25 AUGUST 1944

1. 136 T  
Lt. W.A. Peck ✓  
Lt. J. Madenfort ✓  
S/Sgt. A.E. Bergeron  
S/Sgt. H.E. Kelton

5:10

2. ~~319~~ 319 G  
Lt. W.E. Downing ✓  
S/Sgt. E.S. Dickenson  
S/Sgt. K.E. Hornbeck

5:00

3. 224 E  
Lt. D.B. Grunig ✓  
Sgt. M.E. Dias  
Sgt. H.J. Nowosielski

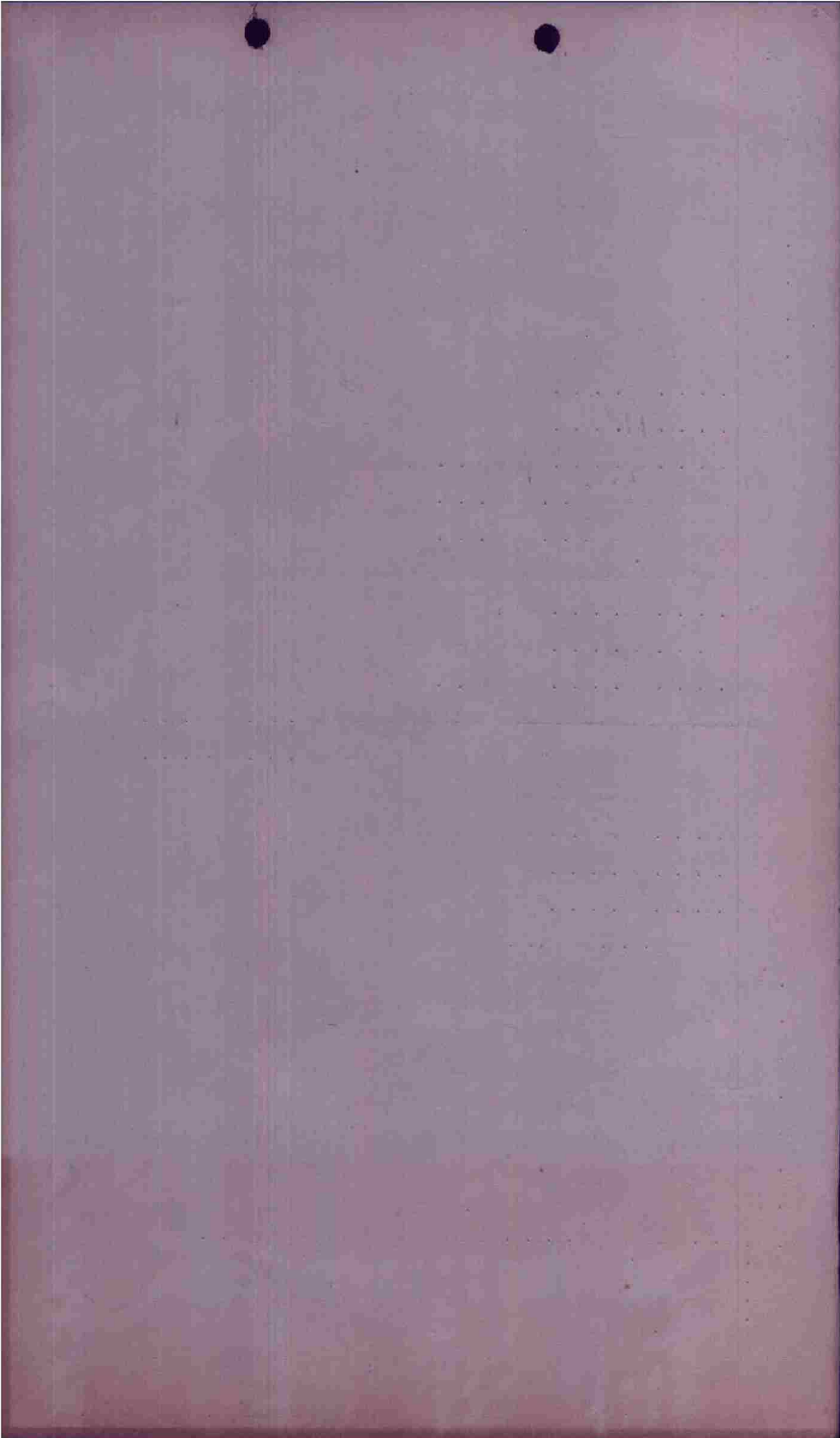
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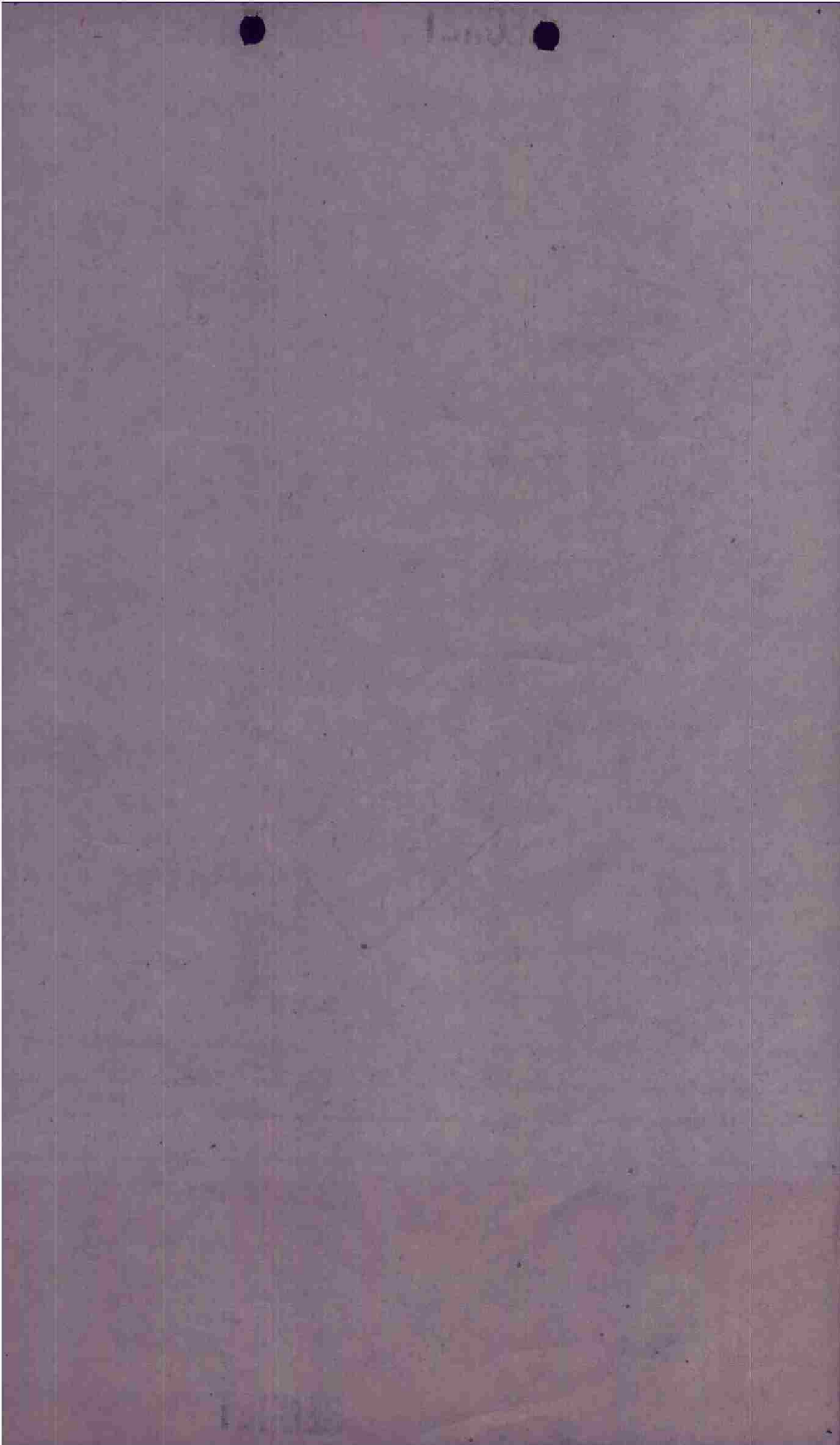
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POST MISSION REPORT

MISSION NO. 19/9  
DATE AUG 25 1944

1. Number of men wounded (Medics & 16) NONE

2. Bombing Malfunctions (Armsent - 92) FIVE

3. Camera Malfunctions (Photo Lab - 84) None

4. Number of Planes Operational: Bomb Group 62 Service Group J-3

Called to Wing G's - 54 J's - 18

5. Percent of Battle Damage (Intelligence - 68 or 17) NONE

6. Planes failing to become airborne or returning early - reason 202 - Sq. B. - Rt. Mag. Out.

7. Planes lost or landing away from base - reason None.  
Formation Landed at St. Mawgan.

(SUBMITTED BY \_\_\_\_\_)

REF 2 30

BOMBING MALFUNCTIONS:

SQ B: #900 LT LAND -

*Just*

FAILED TO RELEASE 2 BOMBS; THEY DROPPED ON DOORS AFTER BOMB RUN  
 CAUSE: TIGHT SWAY BRACES CAUSING A DELAYED RELEASE AFTER BOMB  
 DOORS WERE CLOSED AND AFTER BOMB RUN.

SQ B: #929 LT TRIPP

*f*

FAILED TO RELEASE 1 BOMB.  
 CAUSE: (SAME AS #900)

SQ B: #442 MAJOR MARIER

*f*

1 BOMB FAILED TO RELEASE.

CAUSE: MOISTURE CONDENSED ON POINTS OF SALVO RELAY TO NO. 4  
 STATION RESULTING IN INCOMPLETE CIRCUIT TO STATION.

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SQ B: #956 LT EASTMAN

RETURNED 4 BOMBS.

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CAUSE: MOISTURE & GRIT IN SELECTOR SWITCH TO NO. 1 STATION  
 OF BOMBAY CAUSING A FAULTY CONTACT. NO OTHER BOMBS COULD  
 BE RELEASED AS PILOT WAS DROPPING IN TRAIN RELEASE.

SQ G: #452 CAPT JACKSON

RETURNED 4 BOMBS.

CAUSE: SHORT IN CIRCUIT TO RELEASE RELAY & A SHORT IN CIRCUIT  
 TO NO. 2 STATION CAUSING AN OVERLOAD ON BOMB BACK  
 CIRCUIT BREAKER.

(NOTE:

A/C #455, 720 674, 217, 211 DID NOT BOMB BECAUSE # 452  
 - FLIGHT LEADER - DID NOT BOMB)

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FROM: COBOMGR 416

TO : COCBTWIG 97 ATT: SIG O

A - YS - 129

B - 25 AUGUST 1944

C - 36 A/C

D - 668 - J - TURRET INTERPHONE OUT, REPLACED SWIVEL AND CHECKED OKAY.  
668 - O - TUNNEL INTERPHONE OUT, REPAIRED AND CHECKED OKAY.  
669 - T - RECEIVER OUT, RETUNED AND CHECKED OKAY.  
670 - D - MIKE BUTTON THROTTLE, REPAIRED AND CHECKED OKAY.  
670 - E - TURRET INTERPHONE OUT, REPLACED SWIVEL AND CHECKED OKAY.  
671 - S - BOMBDR INTERPHONE OUT, REPAIRED AND CHECKED OKAY.  
671 - N - PILOT'S INTERPHONE BUTTON FAULTY, REPLACED AND CHECKED OKAY.

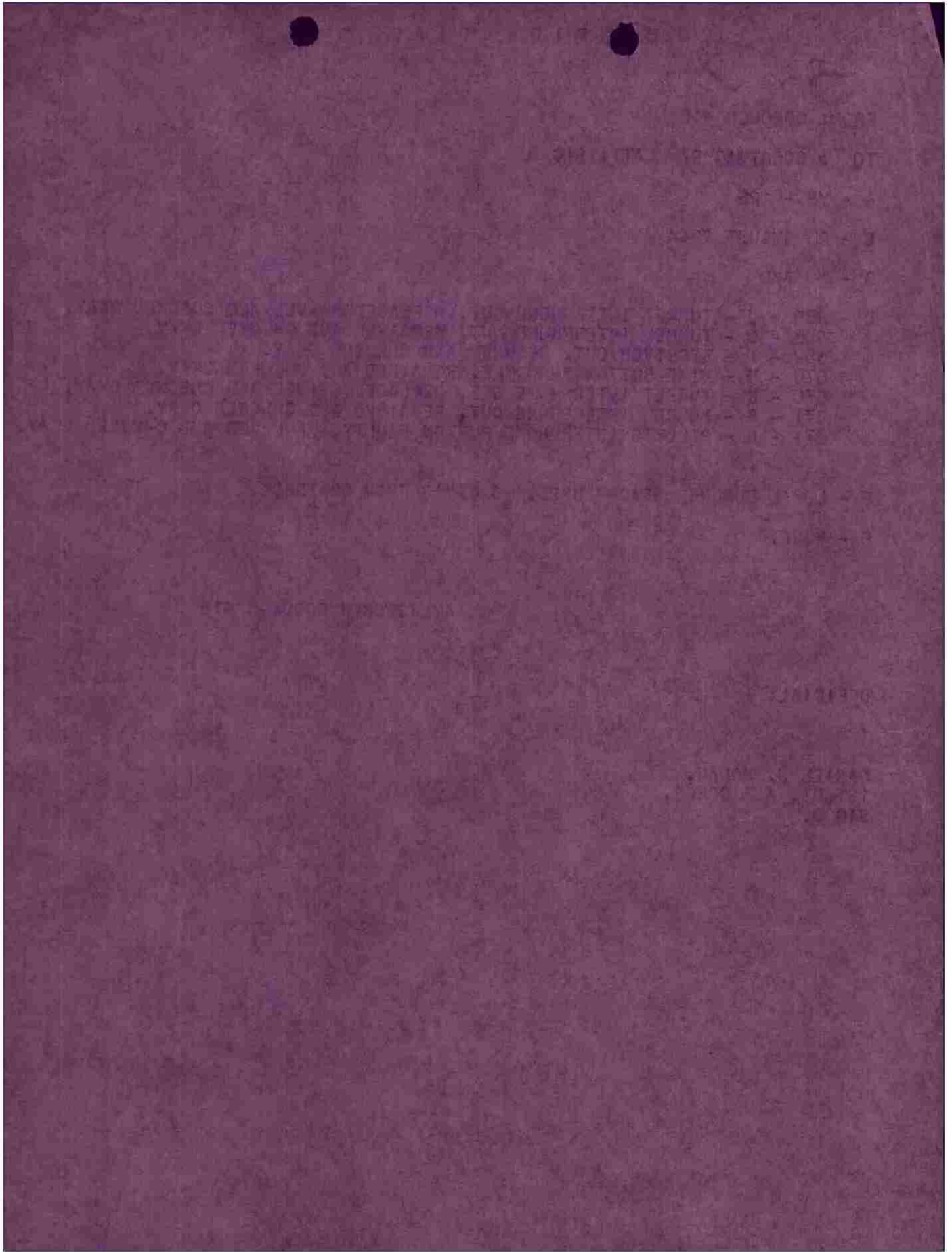
E - LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON USED. 6 QDM'S FROM BOATDECK.

F - NONE.

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DANIEL J. NOLAN,  
1ST LT, AIR CORPS,  
SIG O.

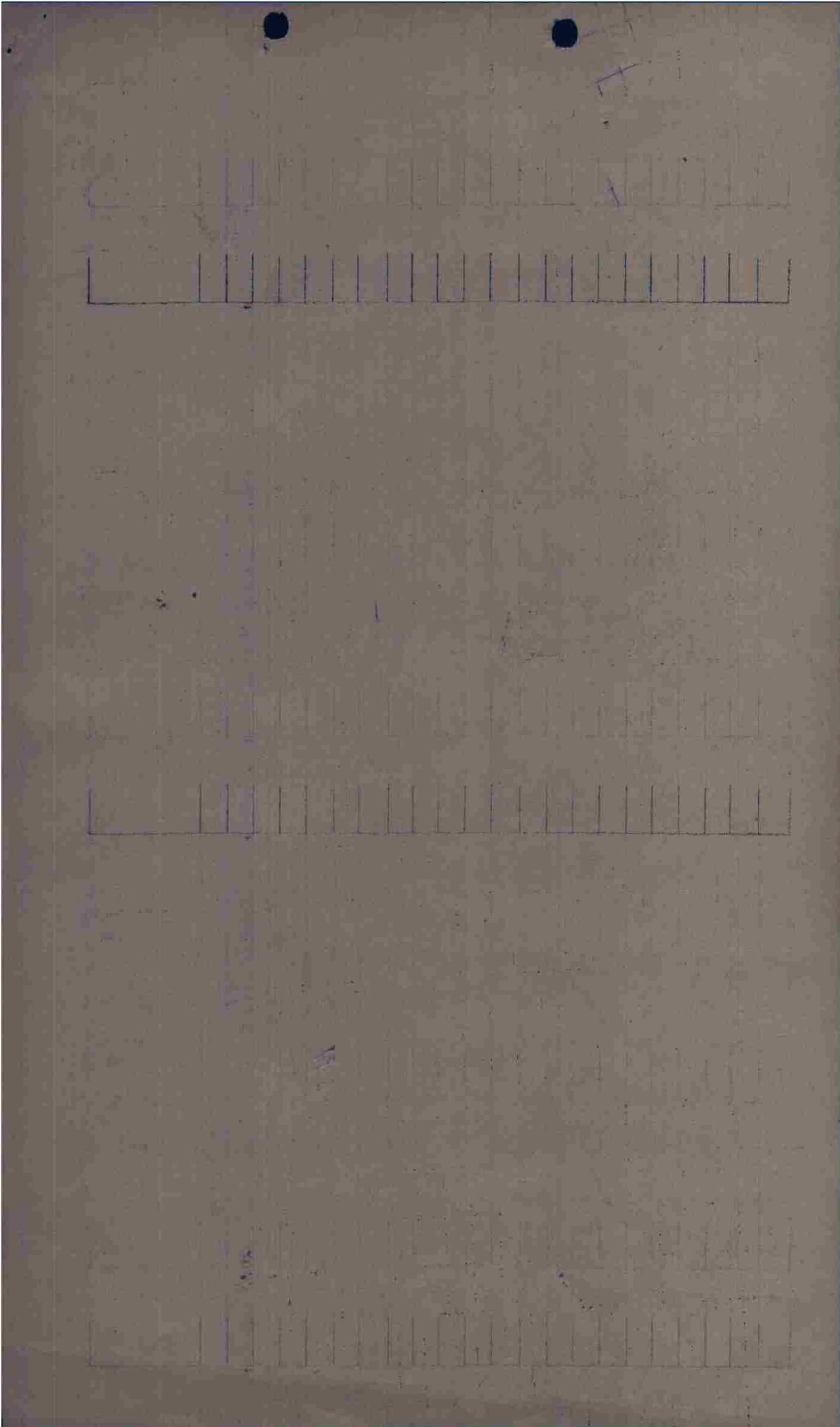


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*Box I*

*25 August 1944*

S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U L L O L O A D	B O M B O L O A D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D E	R E M A R K S
A	B	414	Price	832		1245	1356	1500	1510	1500	1553		735	450	2030		
A	B	480	Boeckel			1245	H.	Requis		Carpat	Point				2032		
A	O	907	Chenotain			1245	Point	14000		1500	1553				2020		
A	X	964	Reber			1246	Point			1504					2021		Widens Bank
A	T	176	Farkus			1246	12000					H-C			2021		
A	C	194	Calquitt			1246									2021		
B	D	412	Robier			1247									2022		
B	E	9961	Shmitt			1247									2033		
B	Q	900	Janck			1247									2047		
B	V	155	Wheat			1247									2034		Widens Bank
B	N	167	Wheat			1248									2024		
B	B-1	202	Orin H, D. F.			<del>1248</del>	Not	Point				H-C			2025		
B	D-1	469	Regreant			1248									2025		
B	D-1	378	Samuelstone			1248									2026		
B	C-1	929	Jagers			1249									2026		
C	F	810	W. Longman			1301									2027		Widens Bank
B	F	483	Faluttem			1249									2027		
B	F	443	Wiss			1249									2028		
A	X	819	Wiss			1249									2029		Widens Bank

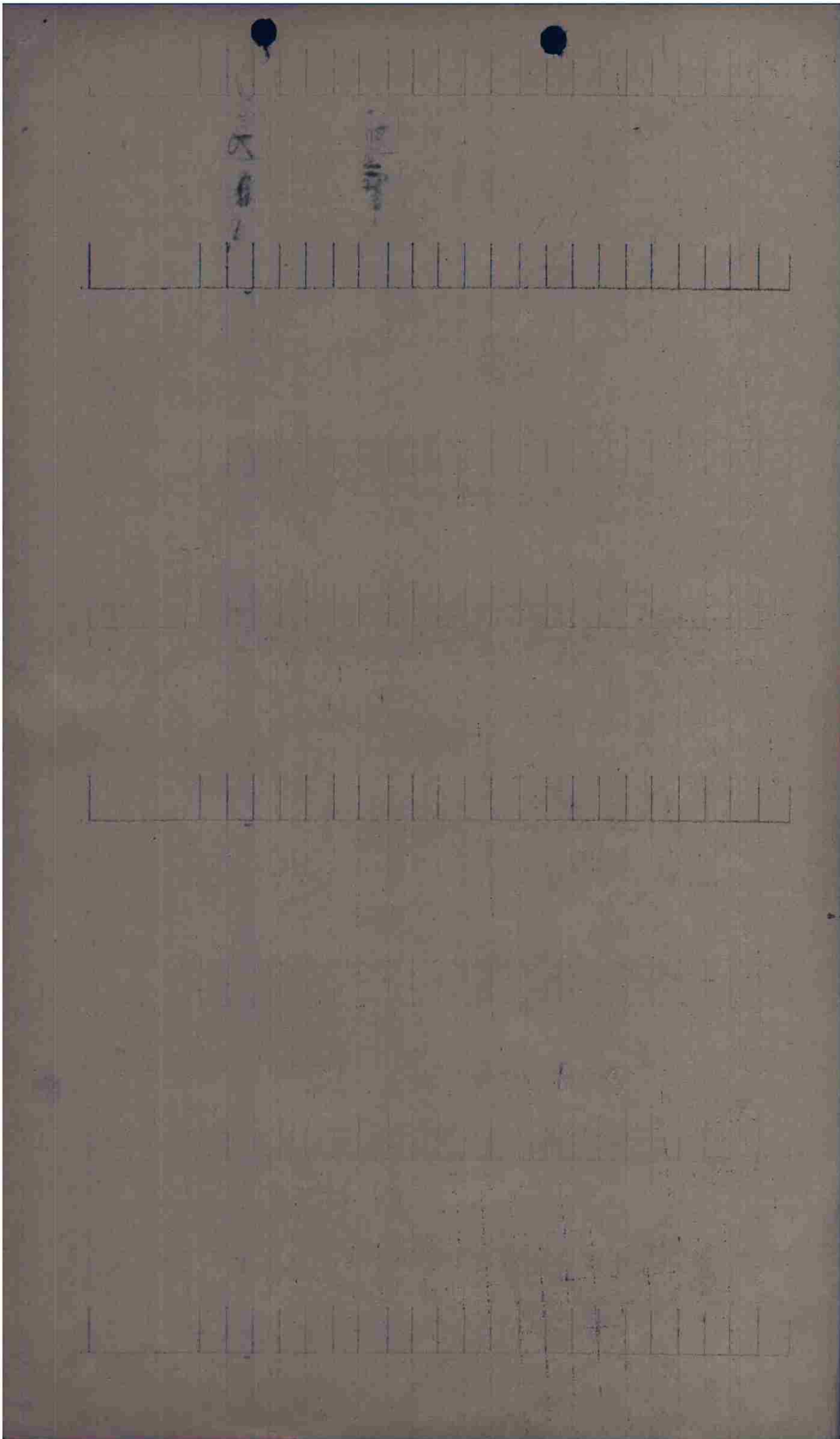


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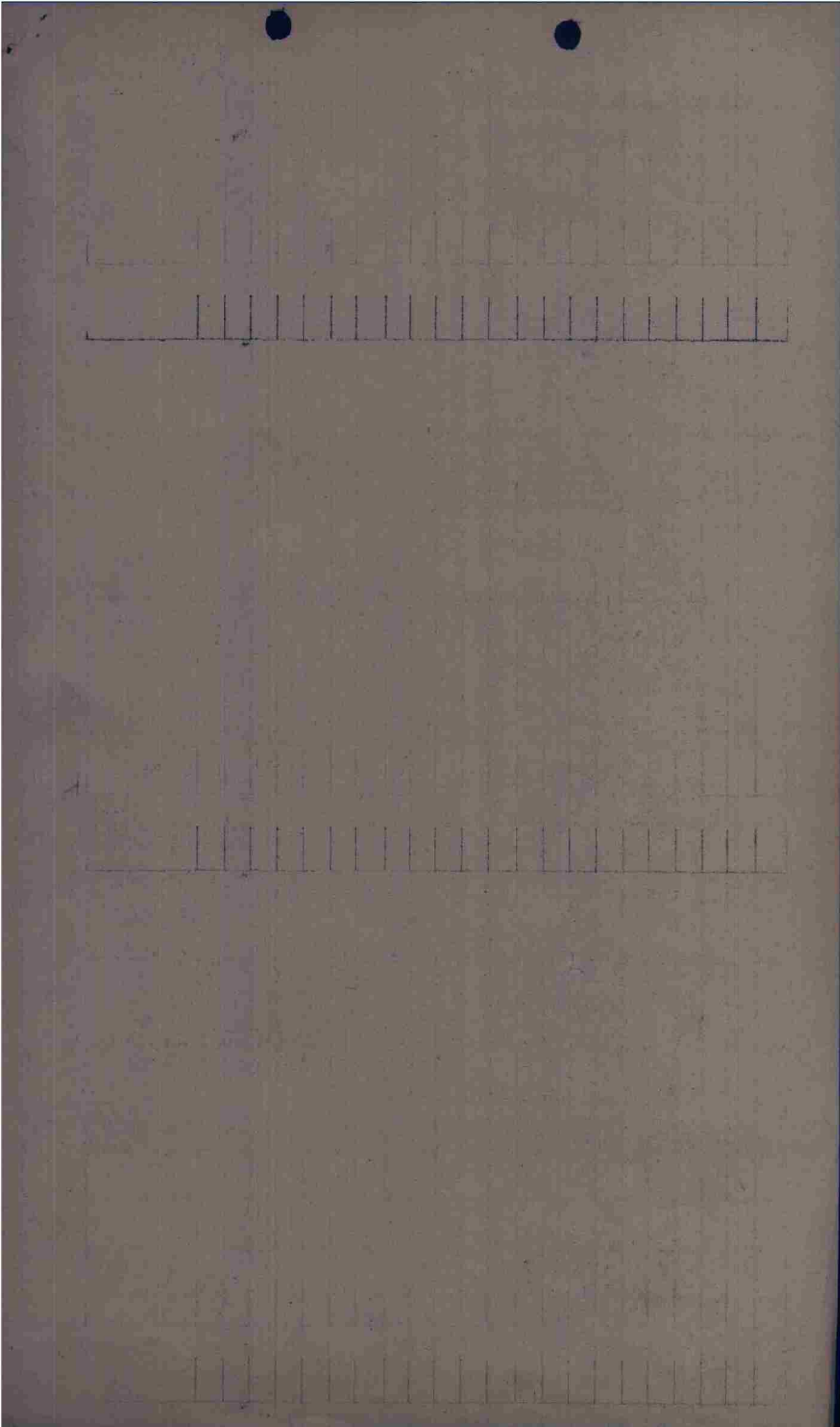
*Box II*

*25 August 1944*

S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	T A R G E T	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U L L A D	B O M B A D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D E	R E M A R K S
D	S	174	Morgan			1251										2058	
D	X R	119	Conroy			1251										2101	
D	Q	193	Quill, R. M.			1252										2057	Abandoned
D	J	363	Jany			1252										2057	✓ ✓ ✓
D	Z	956	Edstrom			1253										2058	✓ ✓ ✓
D	<del>R</del>	<del>119</del>	<del>Edstrom</del>			1251										2058	
D	A	165	Estes			1253						H.C.				2059	
D	C	214	Yank			1253										2059	
D	N	714	Paris			1253										2059	Abandoned
D	K	393	Prullen			1254						H.C.				2100	✓ ✓ ✓
D	F	221	St. Vincent			1254										2100	✓ ✓ ✓
D	Q	452	Adelstein			1254										2053	
C	T	455	Harold			1254										2053	
C	F-1	720	Steele, R.S.			1254										2055	
C	K-1	674	Chen			1255										2054	
C	D	217	Stearns			1255						H.C.				2055	
C	O	211	Murphy			1255										2053	
C	B	759	Walters			1255										1453	Spare







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 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 25/1235B A-146-E  
 TO COMBOMCOM IX  
 COBOMGR 409TH  
 COBOMGR 410TH  
 COBOMGR 416TH

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
 A P O - 148  
 25 AUGUST 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 191-511

WAPS NORMAL

1. B. (2) NINTH T.A.C. WILL FURNISH AREA COVER.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE.

ZERO HOUR: 25/1500B

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:
  - (10) 4 X 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
  - (12) TIME OVER TARGET: ZERO PLUS 30 MIN.
  - (13) ON RETURN LAND AT ST. EVAL TO REFUEL THEN RETURN TO BASE.
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:
  - (10) 4 X 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
  - (12) TIME OVER TARGET: ZERO PLUS 40 MIN.
  - (13) ON RETURN LAND AT DAVID STOW TO REFUEL THEN RETURN TO BASE.
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:
  - (10) 4 X 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE NON-DELAY TAIL.
  - (12) TIME OVER TARGET: ZERO PLUS 20 MIN.
  - (13) ON RETURN LAND AT ST. NAUGAN TO REFUEL THEN RETURN TO BASE.
- X. (1-3) NO CHANGE
  - (4) DAVID STOW, ST. NAUGAN AND ST. EVAL.
  - (5) TARGETS - 4805W/J/164, 4805W/J/155 AND 4805W/J/148.
  - (6) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
  - (7) AREA COVER.
  - (8) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO HAIDENHEAD TO ST. CATHERINES POINT TO 4750N 0422W TO I.P. TO TARGET.
  - (9) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO D.P. TO LIZARD POINT TO SHORT FIELDS TO BASE.
  - (10) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOW BELOW 8,000 FEET. LEAVE FRENCH COAST AT BOMBING ALTITUDE.
  - (11) I.P. 4802N 0442W
  - (12) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SSW TO NNE.
  - (13) N.P.I. ILL. 4805W/66 2 FLIGHTS ON REF. 104073  
 2 FLIGHTS ON REF. 049073  
 2 FLIGHTS ON REF. 121061

(14) R.P. 4822N 0422W

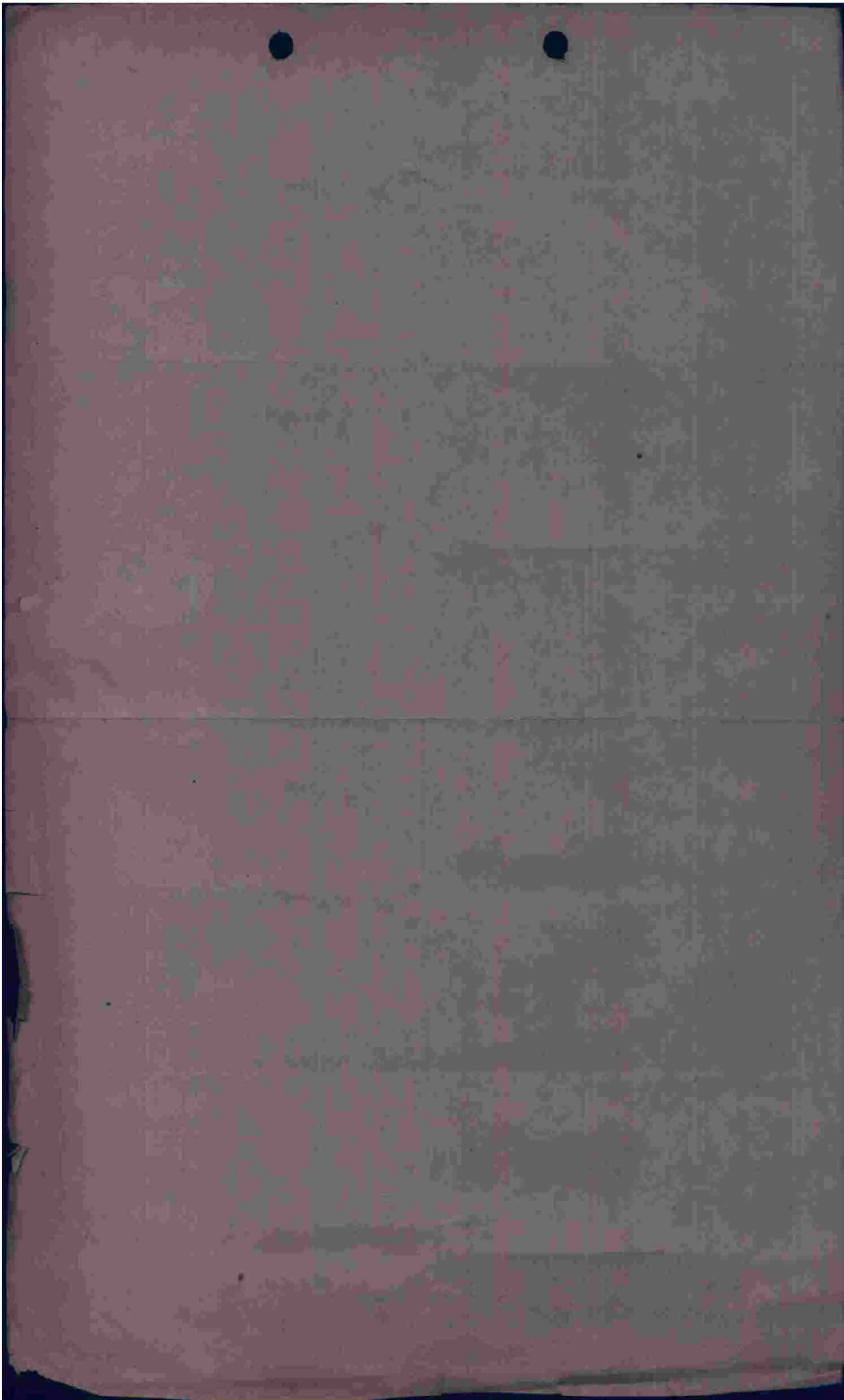
4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS:
  - A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
    - (2) HANGO
  - B. 410TH BOMB GROUP
    - (2) BESTMAN
  - C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
    - (2) CIRCLE
  - X. GENERAL INFORMATION:
    - (10) VABT/VABT

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OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI (INFO)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
TO COBOMGR 409TH  
COBOMGR 410TH  
COBOMGR 416TH

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ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER

ADVANCED INFORMATION OF PARA. 5 OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW

- 5. COMMUNICATIONS:
  - A. 409TH BOMB GROUP  
(2) MANGO
  - B. 410TH BOMB GROUP  
(2) BESTMAN
  - C. 416TH BOMB GROUP  
(2) CIRCLE
  - X. GENERAL INFORMATION:  
(10) VABT/VABT

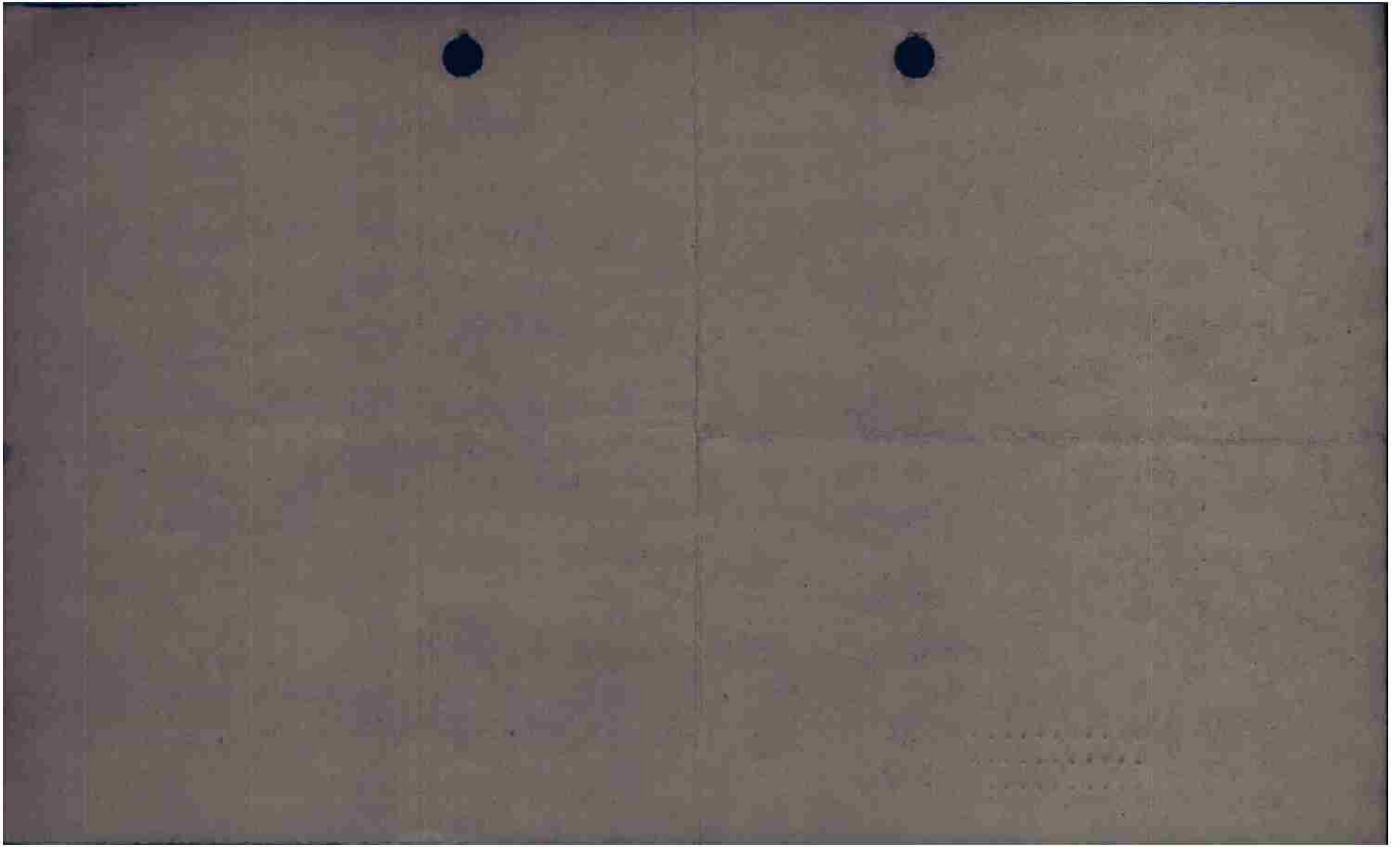
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 24/2335B A-143-E  
TO COMBOMCOM IX  
409TH BOMB GROUP  
410TH BOMB GROUP  
416TH BOMB GROUP

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
A P O 140  
24 AUGUST 1944

ANNEX NO. 1. TO FIELD ORDER NO. 190-510

CHANGE ZERO HOUR TO READ:

25/1100B REPEAT 25/1100B

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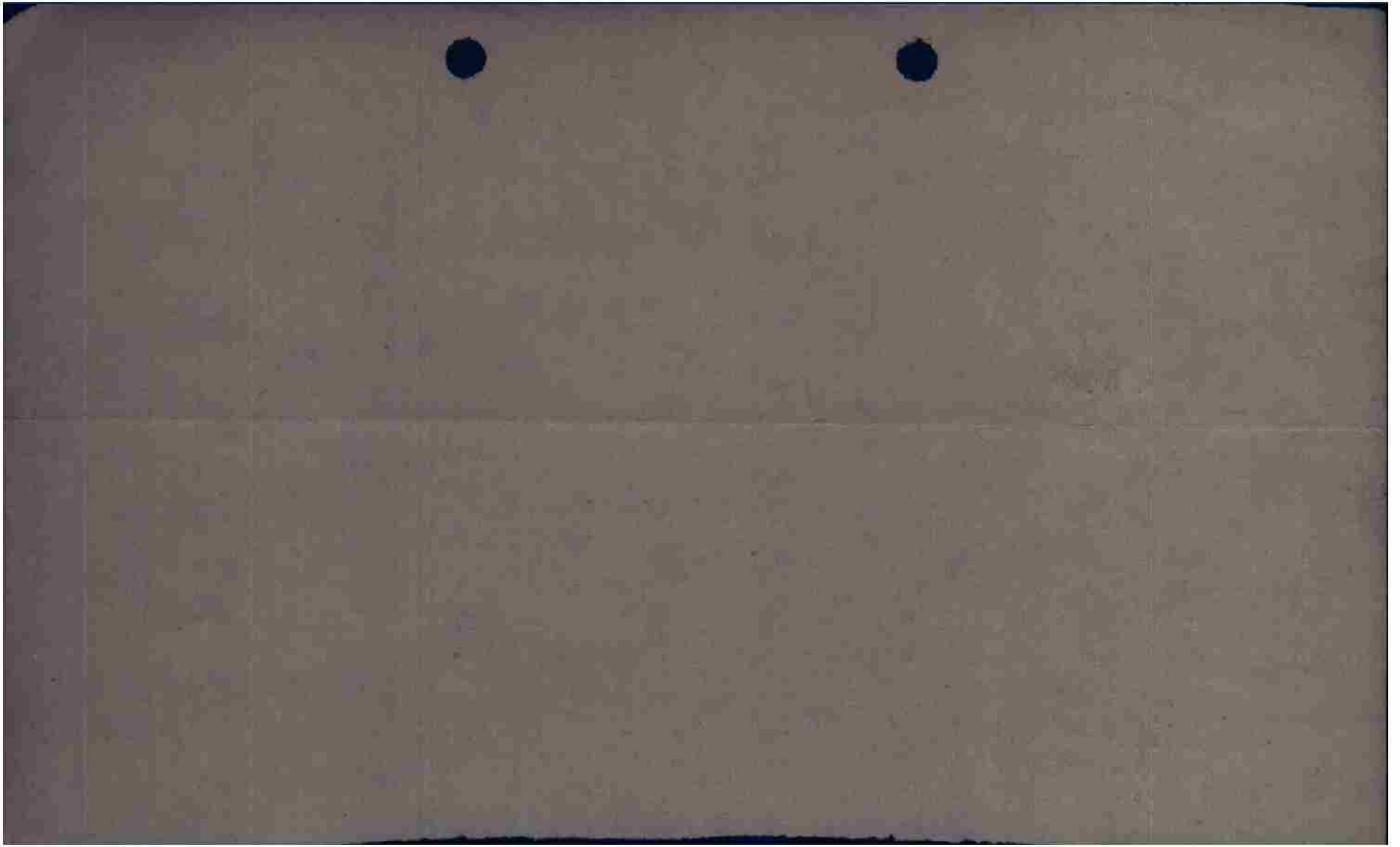
BT 24/2335B

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OICOG R...	242340B	DWE	AR
OIHAK R...	24/2340B	JB	AR
OIYAA R...	24/2340B	WJF	AR
OIGOF R...	24/2340B	JHS	AR

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 25/1000B A-145-E  
TO COMBOMCOM IX  
409TH BOMB GROUP  
410TH BOMB GROUP  
416TH BOMB GROUP

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SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH. LT. COL. MC AFEE

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APO 140  
25 AUGUST 1944

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ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER 190-510

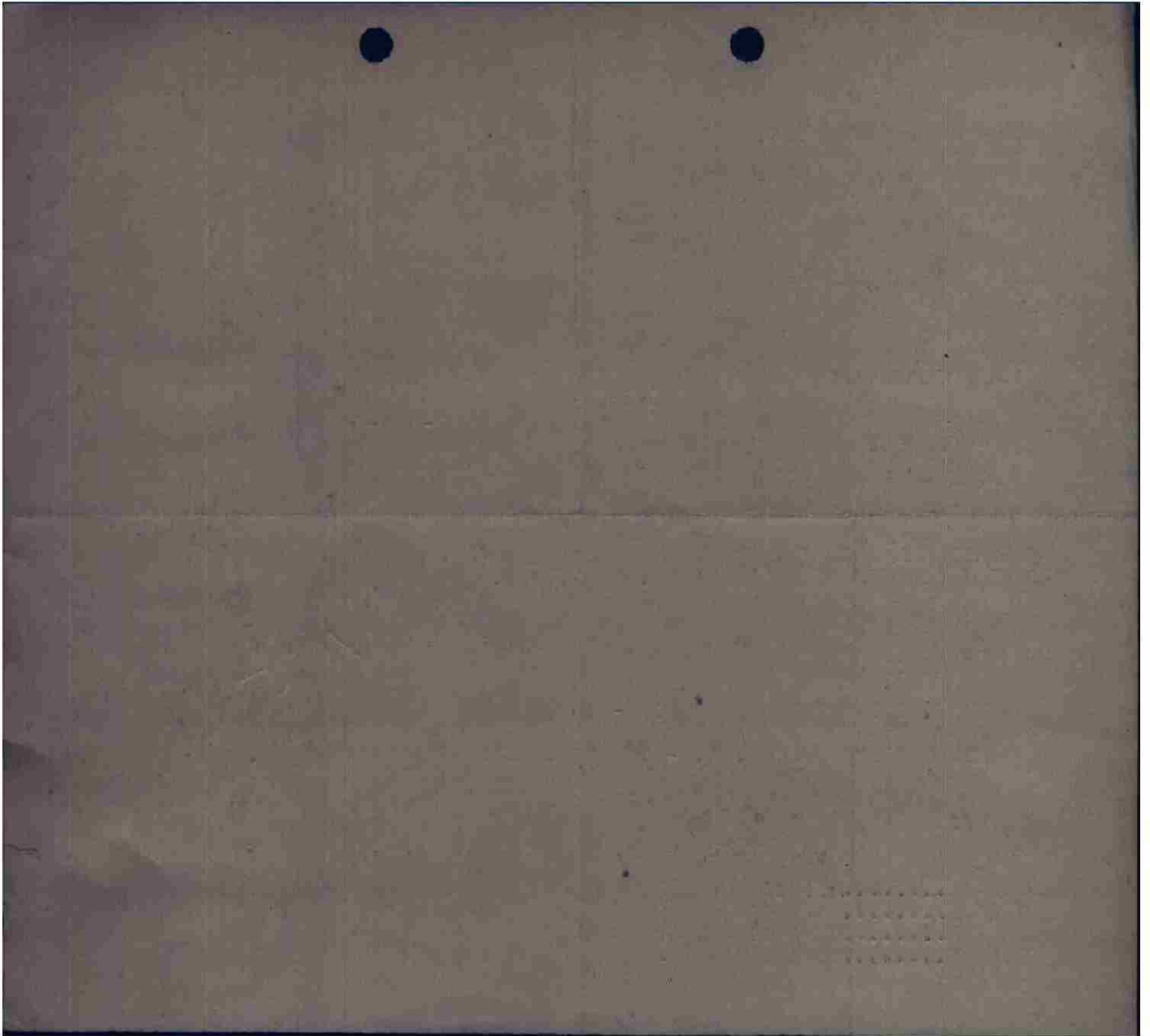
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BT 25/1000B  
WCB AR

OICOG R.....251011 B	JLP	AR
OIHAK R.....25/1011B	CML	AR
OIGOF R.....25/1011B	LB	AR
OIYAA R.....25/1010B	EW	AR

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OICOG OILAI V OIYAA OIYAA 29/25 OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 25/2213B 416BG A-696-D  
 TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2  
 97TH GBW ATTN: A-2

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OPTFLASH NO 135 FOR 25 AUGUST 44 1944.

- A. (1) PTE. DES ESPAGNOLS - PTE ROBERT - KERVIBOU GUN POSITIONS.  
 (2) PTE. DES ESPANGOLS - PTE ROBERT - KERVIBOU GUN POSITIONS.
- B. (1) 416TH BG  
 (2) 30 A-20G'S AND 9 A-20J'S - INCLUDING 3 A/C CARRYING WINDOW ONLY.  
 (3) 7 A/C FAILED TO BOMB, OF THESE ONE FLIGHT OF SIX DID NOT BOMB BECAUSE OF MALFUNCTION OF BOMB RACKS OF LEAD AIRCRAFT. CAUSE OF MALFUNCTION UNDERTERMINED. TWO BOMB RUNS WERE MADE BY THIS FLIGHT. ONE OTHER A/C DID NOT BOMB BEAAXXXXXX BECAUSE OF MALFUNCTION OF BOMB RELEASE MECHANISM.  
 (4) 29 A/C ON PRIMARY TARGETS.
- C. (1) 1245  
 (2) 1520  
 (3) 2101
- D. (1) NIL  
 (2) 0-0-0  
 (3) 0-0-0
- E. GOOD TO EXCELLENT RESULTS BY FIVE FLIGHTS WHICH BOMBED.
- F. (1) (A) NIL  
 (B) NIL  
 (2) (A) WEAK INACCURATE HFF  
 (B) NIL

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- G. ONE MERCHANT VESSEL HEADED SOUTH TOWARDS BREST OBSERVED AT 48 DEGREES 35' NORTH 04 DEGREES 45' WEST.  
 ONE MERCHANT VESSEL HEADED SOUTHEAST TOWARDS BREST OBSERVED AT 48 DEGREES 30' NORTH 05 DEGREES 00' WEST.  
 THREE SMALL BOATS IN HARBOR ON NORTH WEST COAST OF JERSEY ISLAND DINGHY REPORTED BY RADIO FROM A/C TO PARADE 1402 HOURS.  
 OBSERVED FROM 11,000 FEET PARADE ACKNOWLEDGE REQUEST TO PIN - POINT BY TAKING FIX ON A/C.
- H. (1) 1/10 CLOUDS AT 10,000 FEET.  
 VISIBILITY 6 - 8 MILES  
 (2) CLEAR OVER CHANNEL 7 - 10/10THS OVER BREST PENINSULA BASES AT 10,000 FEET.
- I. 112 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY TARGETS  
 2 X 500 GP JETTISONED  
 30 X 500 GP RETURNED
- J. 11,300 TO 12,500

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CC: IN A. (2) WA DES ESPAGNOLS RPT ESPAGNOLS

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 OICOG R.....25/2237B BCD AR  
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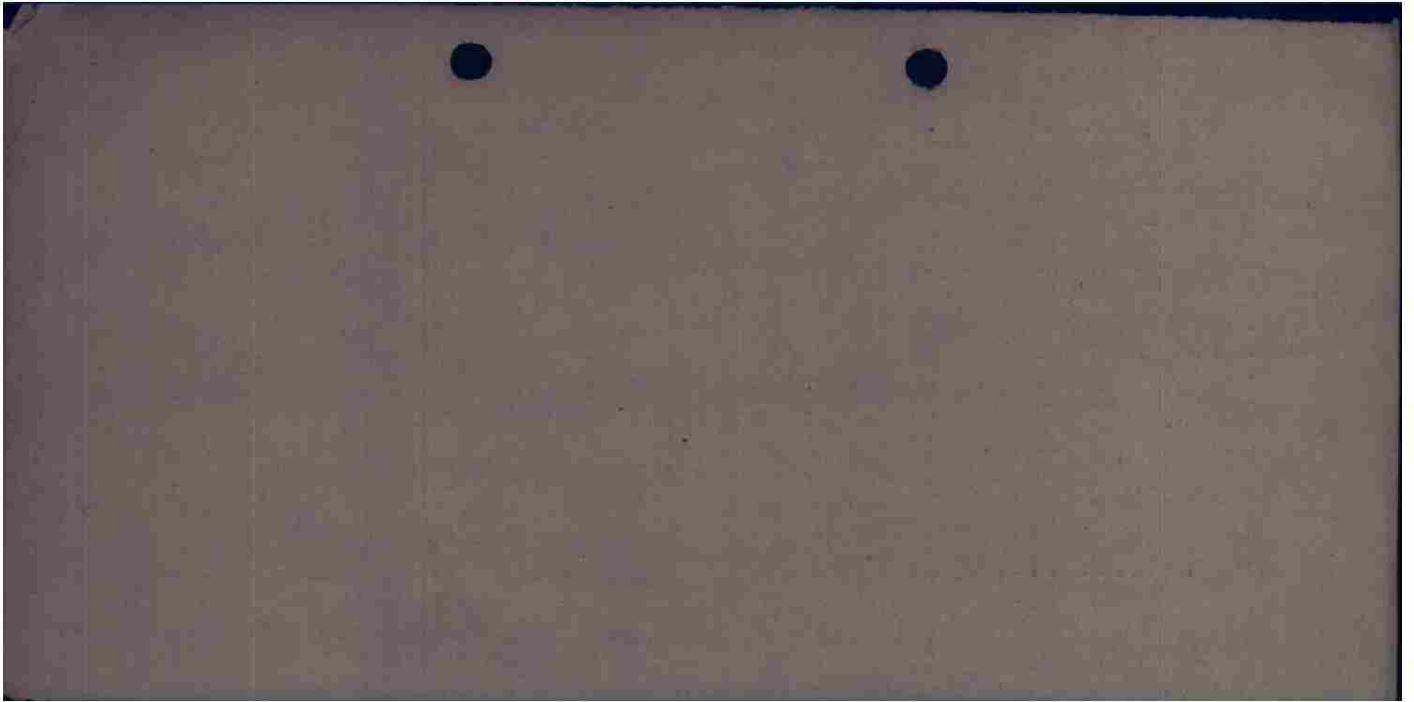
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T- OIUBA  
FROM : HQS. 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) 26/0153B  
TO : HQS. IX BOMBER COMMAND  
      HQS. IX AIR FORCE     ATT: A2  
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416BG A-695 D  
SECRET COX BT  
FIRST PHASE REPORT S/A PHOTOS   25/8/44

A. BREST GUN POSITIONS  
B. SAME AS A  
H. 1520  
K. TWO OF THREE THREE GUN BATTERIES BLANKETED WITH  
BURSTS. POSSIBLE HITS OR NEAR MISSES ON SEVERAL  
GUN POSITIONS.

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TO WEATHER FIELD GLOUCESTER  
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DEPARTURES FROM ST MAWGAN FOR WEATHER FIELD A-205 NBRS 125. 388.

135. 379. 224. 488. 987. 764. 176. 194. 444. 442. 961. 988. 155.

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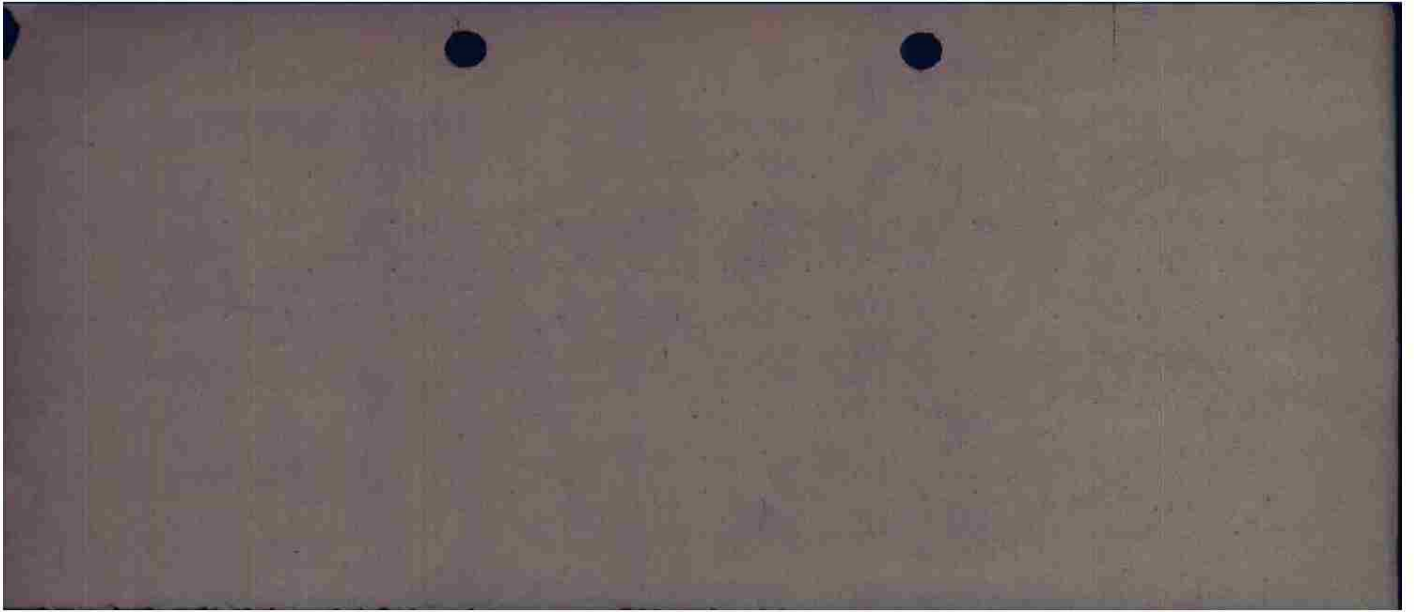
956. 645. 165. 214. 714. 393. 221. 452. 455. 211. 764. 217. 728.

AT 1656Z THROUGHOUT 1728Z SIGNAL ARRIVAL FROM HENRY.

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