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122	481	10 AUGUST 1944
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125	486	12 AUGUST 1944
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128	501	17 AUGUST 1944
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131	513	26 AUGUST 1944
132	515	27 AUGUST 1944
133	517	28 AUGUST 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
FOURTH AIRBORNE COMBAT BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

APC 140, U. S. Army.
6 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Combat Mission.

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

SEP 6 1944 #138

116th Bombardment Group (L),
138th Combat Mission, 6 September 1944,
97th GS FC 304 - 132.

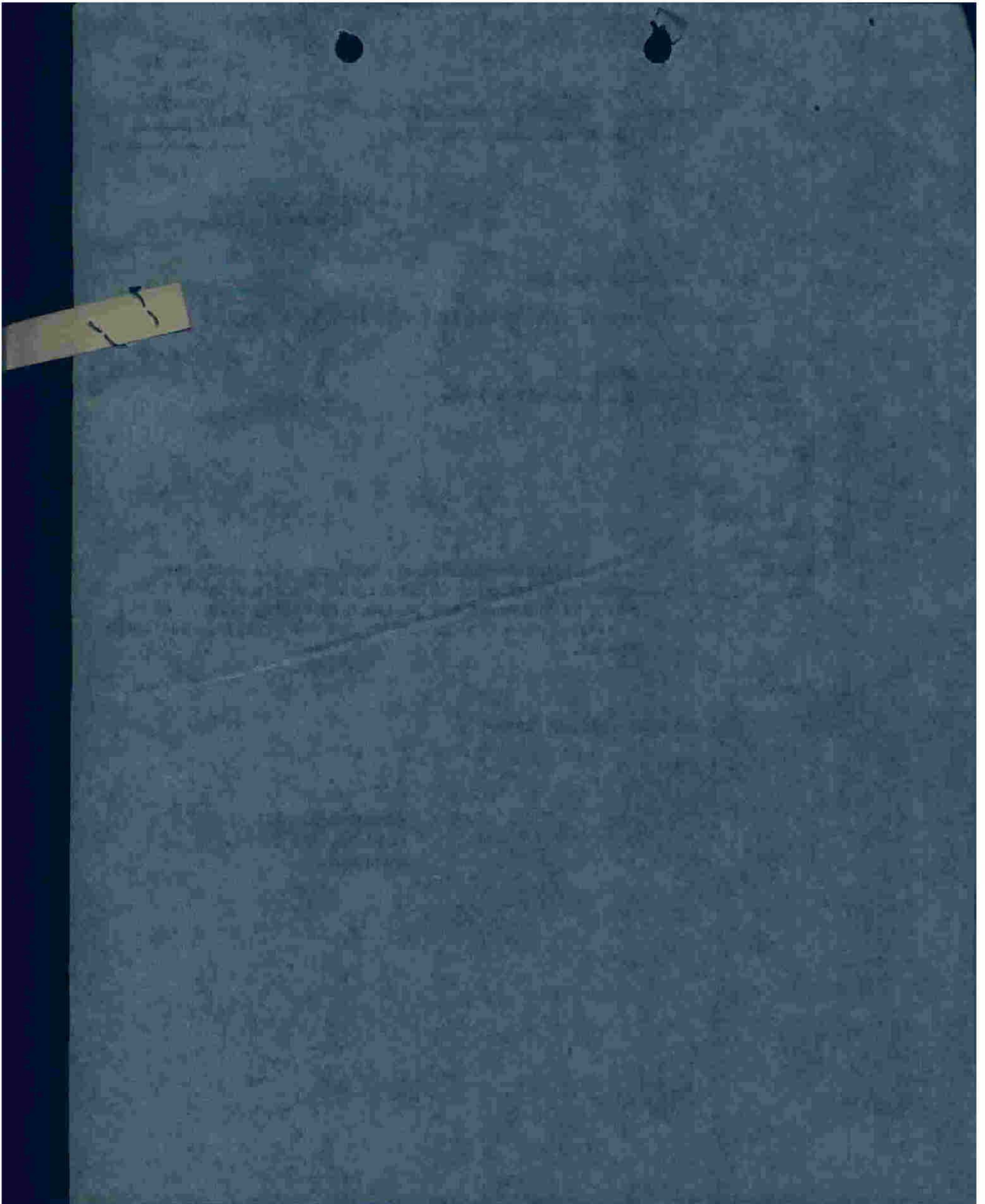
- 1. 30
- 2. 36
- 3. 36
- 4. 2 (spares)
- 5. None
- 6. 2 spares
- 7. 15-1900

1 bomb released prematurely when bomb-bay doors were opened at beginning of bomb run. Pilot's release button stuck in the energized position affecting release of No. 1 station when bomb master switch was turned on and doors opened.

B. None.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.



S E C R E T

ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 532BOX 1, Pit 1 GROUP 416 DATE 6 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Great Strongpoints.

1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach 242°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire ~~(bomb)~~ (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO _____

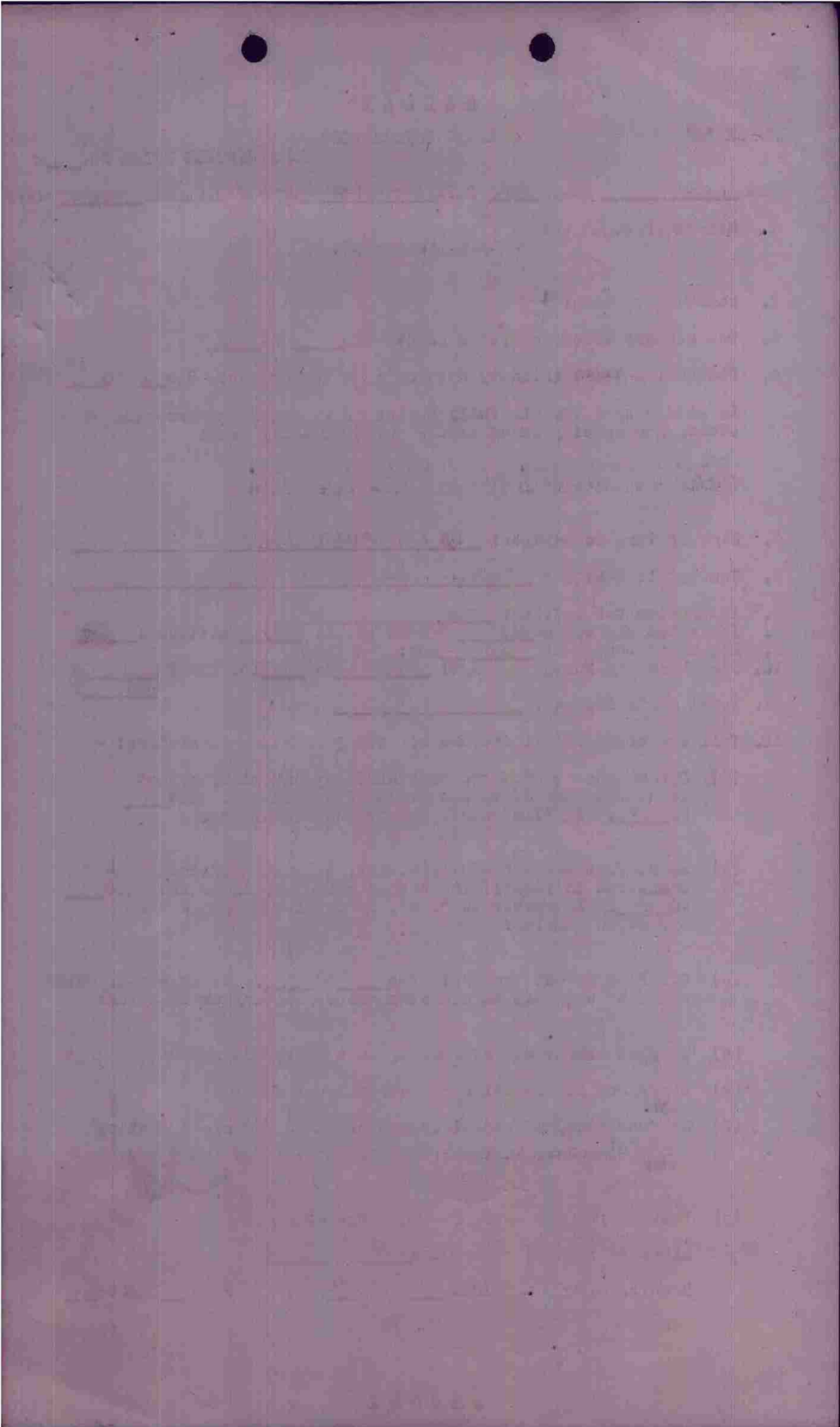
In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

Pre-set with corrections. Aimed at briefed Aiming Point.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. V. H. Powell6. Name of lead Pilot: Major L. F. Dunn7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 197 Altitude: 95009. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N
1/40 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 36

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

- (a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES _____ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.
- (b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES _____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:
- (c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES _____ NO X. If answer is "YES" state to what extent did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:
- (d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?
None
- (e) State any difficulties on bombing run:
None.
- (f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:
None
- (g) Bombing results as reported by crews:
Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____
Results claimed: EXCEL X GOOD _____ FAIR _____ POOR _____ GROSS _____

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 592BOX 1, 2 GROUP 416 DATE 6 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Great Strong-
points.

1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 355°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire ~~group~~ (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO _____

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

Pre-set with corrections. Aimed at briefed Aiming Point.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. P. H. BUCKIN Burriel6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. G. M. Mahaly7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 300 Ground Speed: 230 Altitude: 97009. Length of bomb run: 90 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N
1/40 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 96

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?

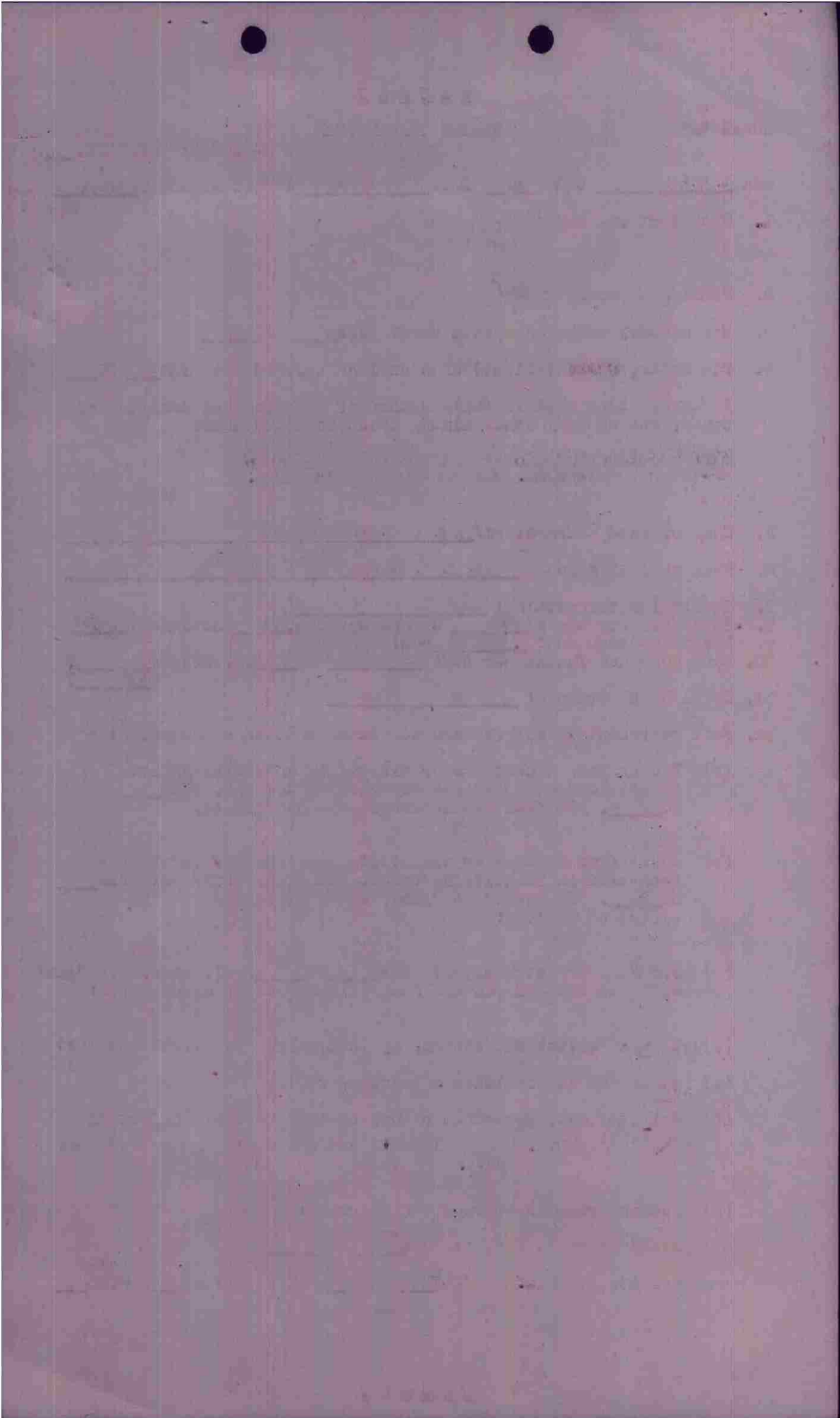
(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:
None on bombing. Cameras did not function and so no strike photos were gotten.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____Results claimed: EXCEL _____ GOOD X FAIR _____ POOR _____ GROSS _____
Unknown X

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX.B.C.FIELD ORDER NO. 532BOX 1, 212 GROUP 416 DATE 6 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED East Strong-
points.1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 280°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire ~~aircrew~~ (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO _____

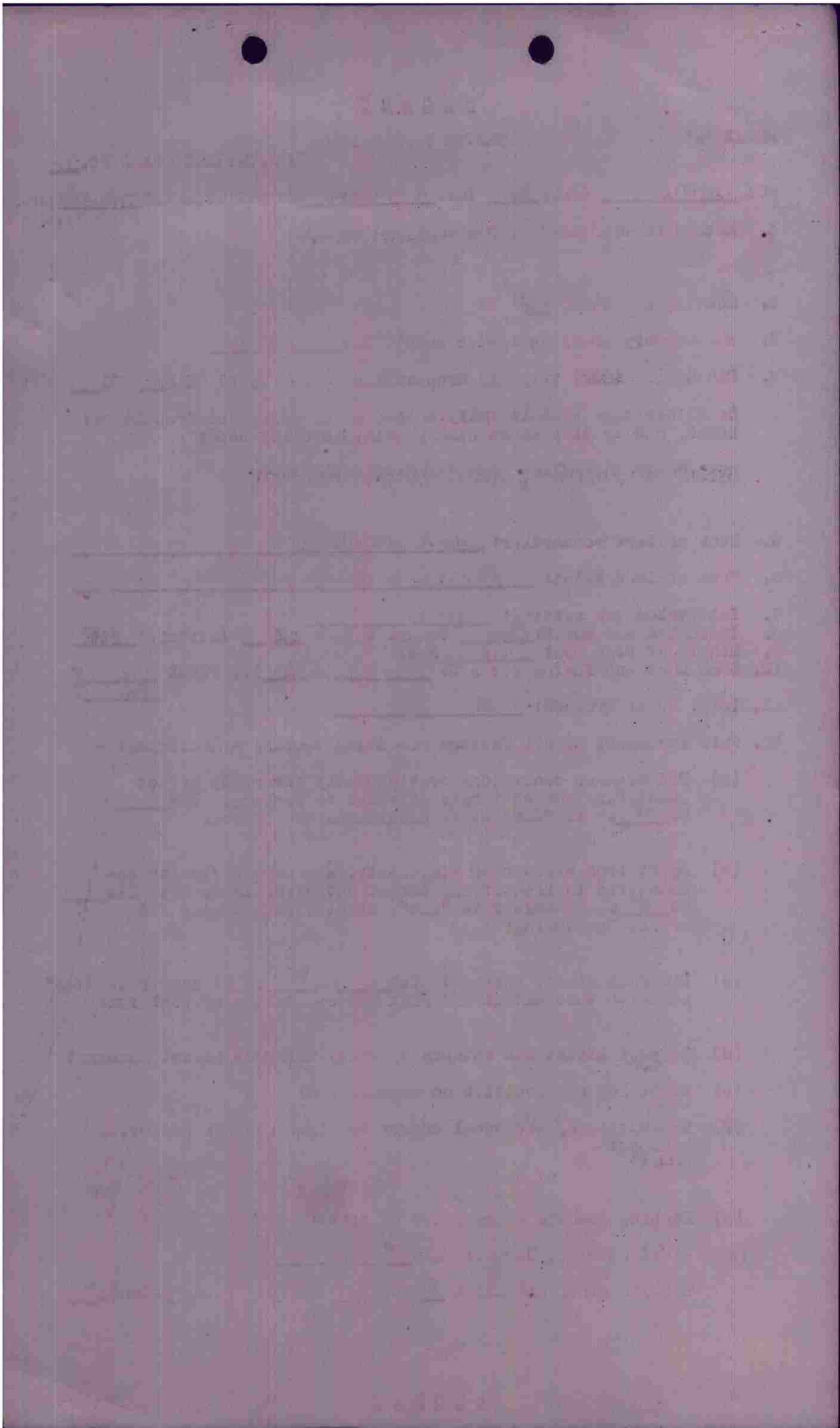
In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

Pre-set with corrections. Aimed at briefed Aiming Point.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: 190 Altitude: 93009. Length of bomb run: 90 Sec;10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N
1/10 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 36

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

- (a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES _____ NO 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) ~~None~~ To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?
- (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. 532BOX H. 214 1 GROUP A16 DATE 6 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Great Strong-
points.1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 235°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire ~~(bomb)~~ (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO _____

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

Pre-set with corrections, Aimed at briefed Aiming Point.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. A. H. Daltby6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. G. H. Jackson7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 260 Ground Speed: 205 Altitude: 90009. Length of bomb run: 120 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N1/30 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 32

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?

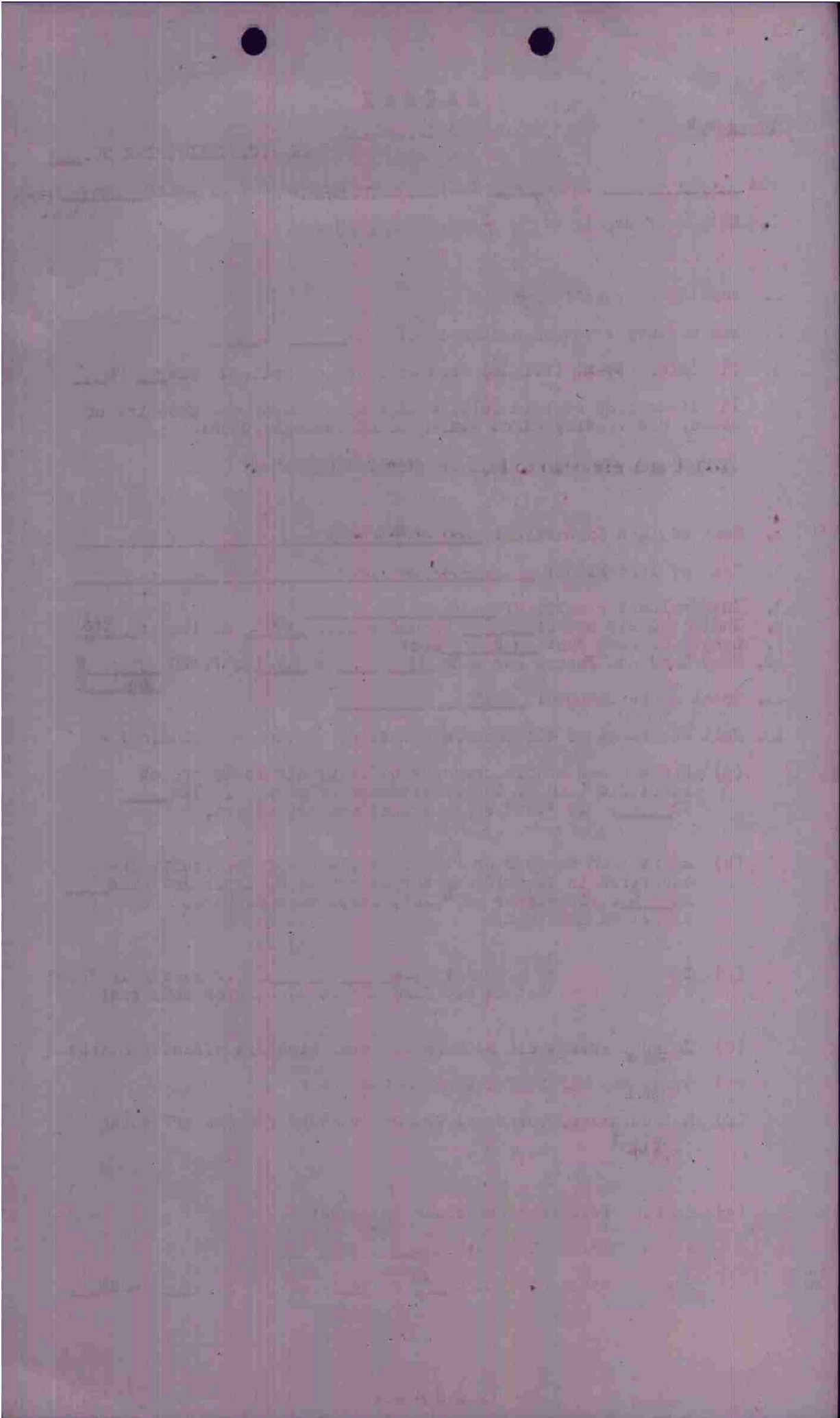
(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

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

(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. 532BOX 2, 018 2 GROUP 416 DATE 6 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Break through points.1. Method of Sighting: Eye-out with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 261°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire (bomb) (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO _____

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

Eye-out with corrections. Aimed at briefed Aiming Point.5. Name of lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. J. Moore6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. E. J. Horton7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 200 Altitude: 90009. Length of bomb run: 90 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N
1/20 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 31

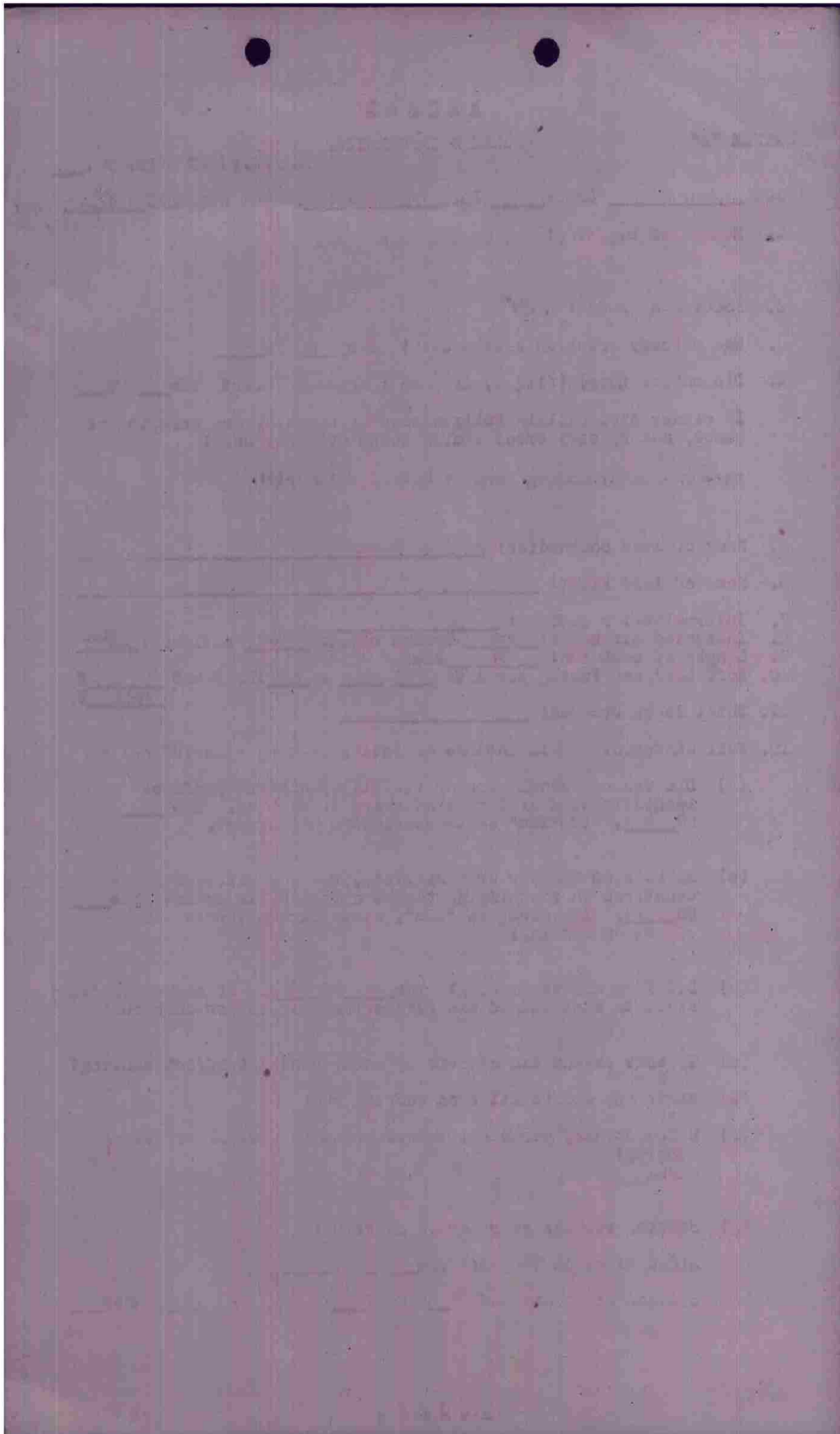
12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(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 _____ NO XResults claimed: EXCEL X GOOD _____ FAIR _____ POOR _____ GROSS _____

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 132BOX 2, 012 GROUP 116 DATE 6 Sept 1941 TARGET ATTACKED Exact aiming points.1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 241°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. Did entire (box) (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO _____

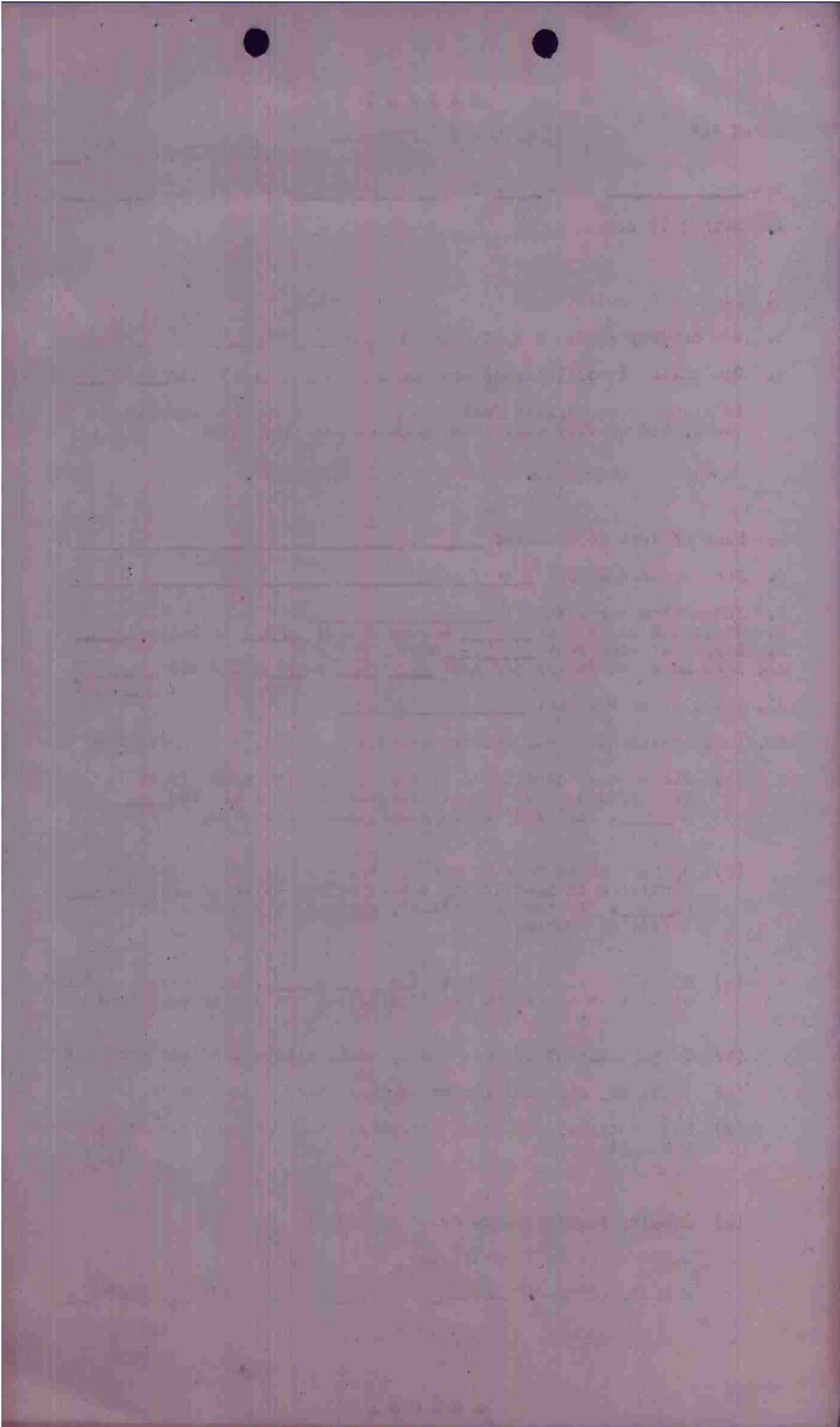
In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

Pre-set with corrections. Al med at briefed Aiming Point.5. Name of lead Bombardier: W. E. J. Hester6. Name of lead Pilot: L. J. R. Adams7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 194 Altitude: 31009. Length of bomb run: 60 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 5 x 300 lb. FUSED 1/10 N
1/10 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. 138

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

6 SEPT 1944

1. 063 A
MAJOR L.F. DUNN ✓
LT. V.H. POWELL ✓
S/S W.J. DONAHUE ✓
T/S J.F. GOGGIN ✓

4. 720 F
LT. J.P. HILLERMAN ✓
S/S E.F. PAULES ✓
S/S L. MARTINEZ ✓

2. 467 W
LT. D.F. SHEA ✓
LT. O.R. KOCH ✓
S/S R.E. LEE ✓
LT. G.F. LINDSAY ✓

5. 380 N
LT. T.A. MURPHY ✓
SGT J.J. RICKETSON ✓
SGT E.W. O'CONNELL ✓

3. 810 P
LT. N.G. BROWN ✓
S/S H.E. WHITE ✓
S/S R.F. ADDLEMAN ✓

6. 211 O
LT. H. POPENEY ✓
SGT W.E. ARNETT ✓
SGT H.C.S. CANDLER ✓

FLIGHT II

1. 1717 P-1
CAPT. G.M. MC NULTY ✓
LT. F.H. BURSIEL ✓
S/S J.A. FEJES ✓
S/S E.R. JUDD ✓

4. 907 O-1
LT. W.E. DOWNING ✓
S/S E.S. DICKENSON ✓
S/S K.E. HORNBECK ✓

2. 210 Q
LT. R.R. SVENSON ✓
S/S P.G. FILD ✓
S/S G.E. PFENNING ✓

5. 819 K
LT. C.S. STANLEY ✓
SGT C.O. HOLTERFIELD ✓
CPL C.E. COLLIER ✓

3. 764 X
LT. F.W. HARRIS ✓
S/S D. HANTSKE ✓
S/S E.A. DAMICO ✓

6. 760 Z
LT. J.H. WRIGHT ✓
SGT P.J. PROFITA ✓
SGT J.R. SIMMONDS ✓

FLIGHT III

1. 444 J
MAJOR R.F. PRICE ✓
LT. A.R. HAND ✓
S/S NAIFEH ✓
SGT ROBERTS ✓

4. 194 C
LT. L.G. PEEDE ✓
SGT D.M. BROWN ✓
S/S L.M. DAUGHERTY ✓

2. 894 R
LT. J.H. MONTROSE ✓
SGT R.S. GANDY ✓
SGT J. FELKEL ✓

5. 150 N-1
LT. J.B. SAIDLA ✓
CPL A.F. CAVANAGH ✓
CPL J.M. HARRIS ✓

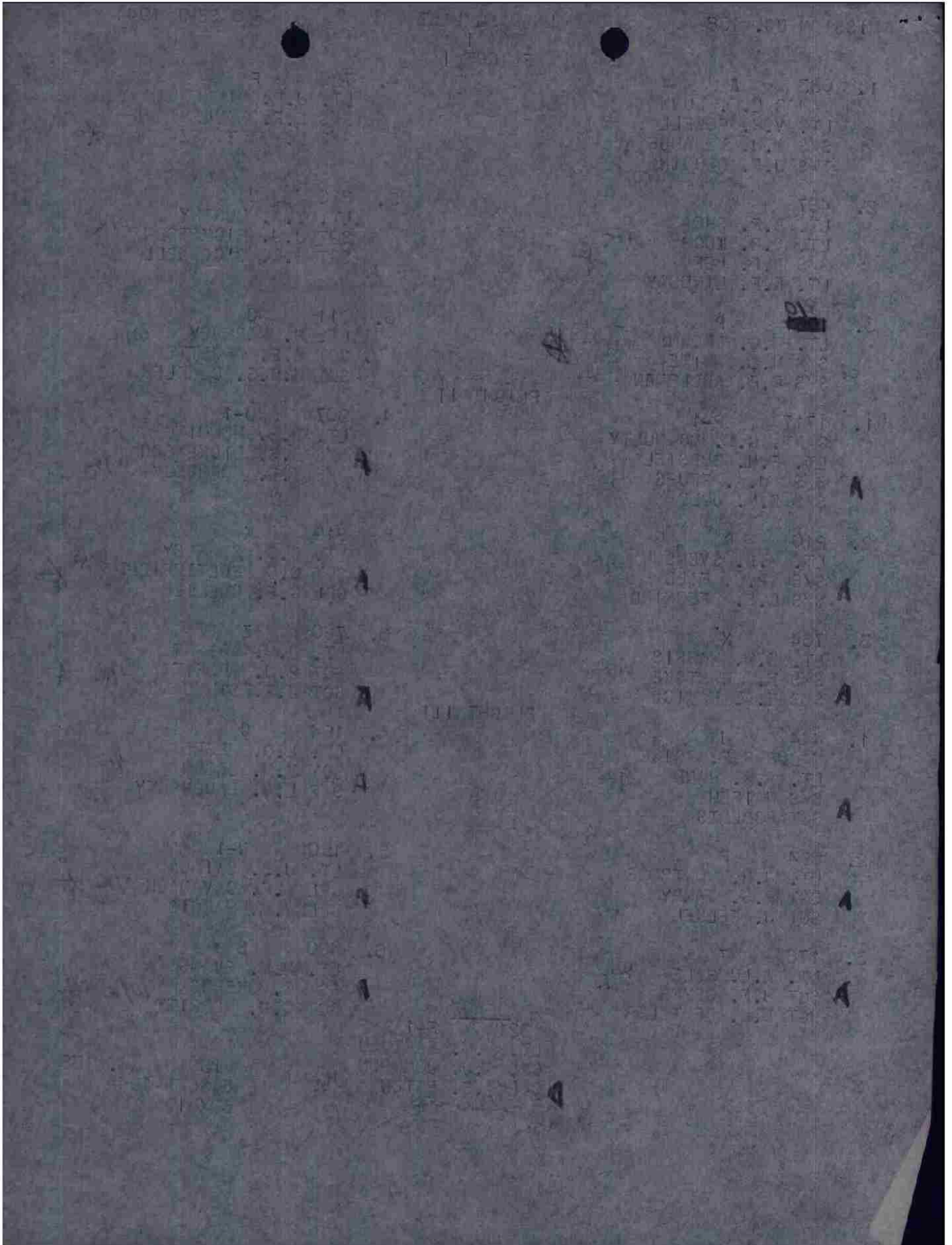
3. 176 T
LT. W.L. HALE ✓
SGT J.F. GEYER ✓
SGT D.H. BENTZLER ✓

6. 480 B
LT. H.M. EVANS ✓
SGT C. SKEENS ✓
SGT C.N. MERRITT ✓

SPARE

~~821 F-1
LT. D.M. EASTMAN
CPL R.J. JOHNSON
CPL A.B. EATON
Returned Empty~~

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6 SEPT 1944
BOX I



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LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

6 SEPT 1944

1. 452 Q
CAPT. C.R. JACKSON ✓
C LT. A.H. MALTBY ✓
SGT D.E. BURNS
S/S F.G. FALK

XXX 4. 892 L
LT. T.J. LEONARD ✓
C S/S O.D. EVANS w/R
S/S T.A. PALMER

2. 439 J
LT. P.G. ATKINSON ✓
C LT. D.G. ACKERSON ✓
S/S J.O. SWAFFORD
S/S F.P. GLYNN

5. 224 E
C LT. C.L. MC GLOHN ✓ w/R
S/S J.W. MORAN
S/S P.B. DRISKILL

3. 689 I
LT. A.W. NORDSTROM ✓
C OPL L.R. FRIDAY w/R X
S/S R.L. MILLER

6. 207 B
C LT. P.P. BARAUSKY ✓ w/R X
SGT M. HALL
SGT B.R. WILSON

FLIGHT II

1. 469 J-1
CAPT. R.J. MORTON ✓
LT. D.L. MOORE ✓
B S/S C.L. WEBB w/R
S/S F.M. CITY

4. 767 N
B LT. M.S. STREET ✓ w/R X
S/S C.A. PRINDLE
S/S E.T. EPPS

2. 743 W
LT. E.R. HAYTER ✓
B S/S F.R. MELCHOIR
S/S R.C. HOLLOWAY

5. 900 Q-1
B LT. M.W. DU BOSE ✓ w/R
CPL D.L. GRIFFIN
CPL J.H. WALTER

3. 692 M
LT. J.F. SMITH ✓
B S/S C. VAFIADIS w/R H X
S/S B.O. HOFFMAN

6. 190 I-1
B LT. E.P. HALL ✓ w/R X
SGT R.W. CARSTENS
SGT R.P. SHARP

FLIGHT III

1. 1711 S
LT. J.D. ADAMS ✓
D LT. R.J. HANLON ✓ w/R
S/S P.L. CLEARMAN
S/S A.J. ZEIKUS

4. 9719 J-2
D LT. H.F. PAIR ✓ X
S/S H.A. MARION
S/S V.P. ADAMS

2. 914 X
LT. F.W. DE MAND ✓
D LT. A.C. BURNS ✓ w/R
S/S C.W. MIDDLETON
S/S R.J. TROYER

5. 219 D
D LT. D.A. FERRO ✓ w/R
CPL T.W. SKELTON
CPL A.A. ROJAS

3. 9711 M-1
D LT. T.J. MURRAY ✓ w/R H X
S/S R.J. JONES
S/S D.H. DE BOWER

6. 363 L-1
D LT. H.M. VAN NOORDEN ✓ X
CPL R.I. STEFFEY w/R
SGT G. THOMPSON

SPARE

202 B-1
LT. H.B. CLARK
B S/S J.W. SABADOSH w/R
S/S D.F. FLOYD
Returns early as
Briefed.

MISSION NO. 138
6 SEPT 1944
BOX II

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO: IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

416 BG S _____ E

SECRET IN THE CLEAR

"J" FORM OPERATIONAL

CLEARANCE F-1

6 SEPTEMBER 1944

PREPARED BY LT MA PAPE

A.

B. 0816

C. BILL OF PORTLAND

D. BOX I R/T KINGPIN ONE

670 6 A W P F N O

668 12 P-1 Q X O-1 K Z J R T C N-1 B

671 1 (SPARE . . F-1)

GROUP LEADER . . . 670 . . . A

DEPUTY . . . 668 . . . P-1

BOX II R/T KINGPIN TWO

670 6 Q J I L E B

669 6 J-1 W M G Q-1 I

671 6 S X M-1 J-2 D L-1

668 1 (SPARE . . B-1)

SECOND BOX LEADER . . . 670 . . . Q

DEPUTY . . . 669 . . . J-1

E. 12,000

F. PLOUENAN

G. 0901

H. 15 MINUTES

J. PLOUESCAT

K. BILL OF PORTLAND

L. 0951

M. 1. T.O. ⁰⁶⁵⁷ ~~0724~~ E.T.D. . . . 0724 E.T.A. . . . 1033

2. 33 A/C - 6 X 500 G.P. 5 A/C - 4 X 500 G.P.

3. 4 HOURS

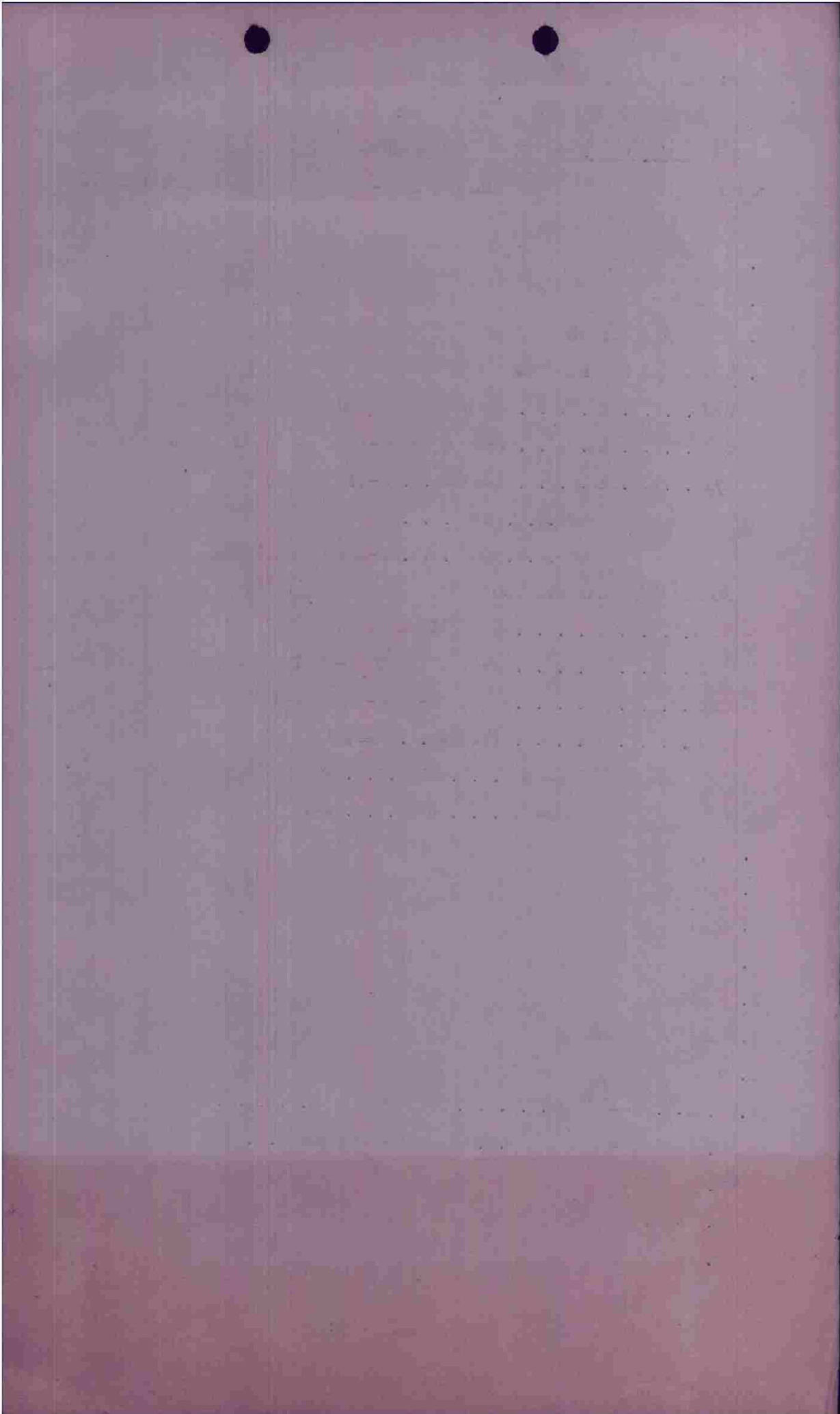
4. COOR. V939989 AND V914986

6. NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

JOHN M. BONURA,
1st Lieut., Air Corps.



CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: COBOMGR 416

TO : COMCBTWIG 97 ATT: SIG O

A - YS - 138

B - 6 SEPT 1944

C - 36 A/C

D - 671 - E - VHF WEAK, CHANNEL C, RETUNED AND CHECKED OKAY.

671 - C - VHF OUT - RETUNED AND CHECKED OKAY.

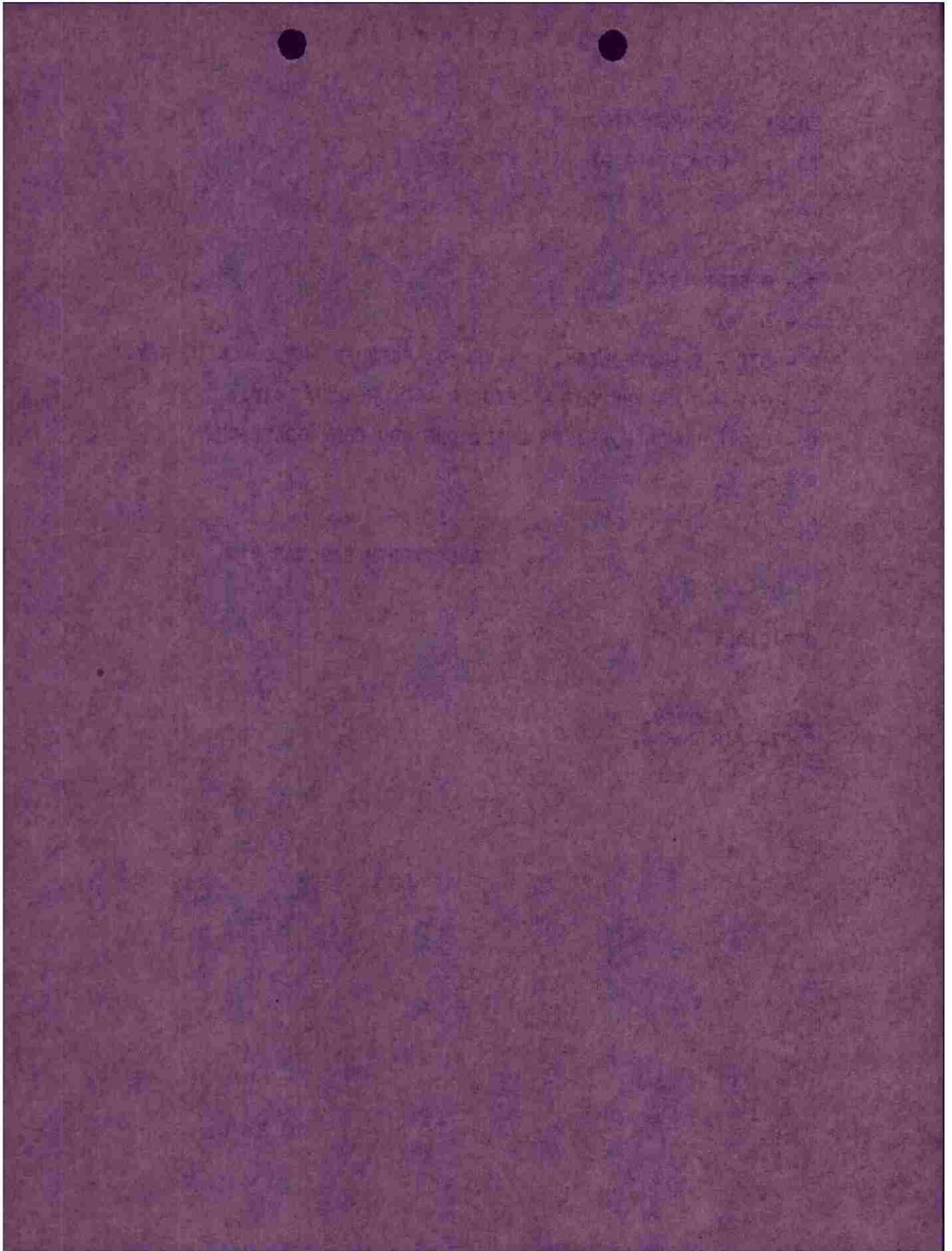
E - LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON USED, ONE QDM FROM BOATDECK.

F - NONE.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

OFFICIAL:

JACK B. COONEY,
CAPT, AIR CORPS,
SIG O.



POST MISSION REPORT

MISSION NO. 138

DATE 6 Sept.

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

2. BOMBING MALFUNCTIONS (ARMAMENT - 92)

900 - Sq. B. Lt. Dubose - 1 Bomb released prematurely when bomb bay doors opened on bombing run. Pilot's release button stuck in the energized effecting release of #1 Station when bomb master switch was turned on and bomb bay doors opened.

3. CAMERA MALFUNCTIONS (PHOTO LAB - 84)

~~None~~
 760 - Runaway camera
 819 - Intervalometer burned out.

4. NUMBER OF PLANES OPERATIONAL: BOMB GROUP 129-438 SERVICE OP 1-6

CALLED TO WING OK

5. PERCENT OF BATTLE DAMAGE (INTELLIGENCE - 69 OR 17) None

6. PLANES FAILING TO BECOME AIRBORNE OR RETURNING EARLY - REASON None

Spare returned early as briefed.

7. PLANES LOST OR LANDING AWAY FROM BASE - REASON None

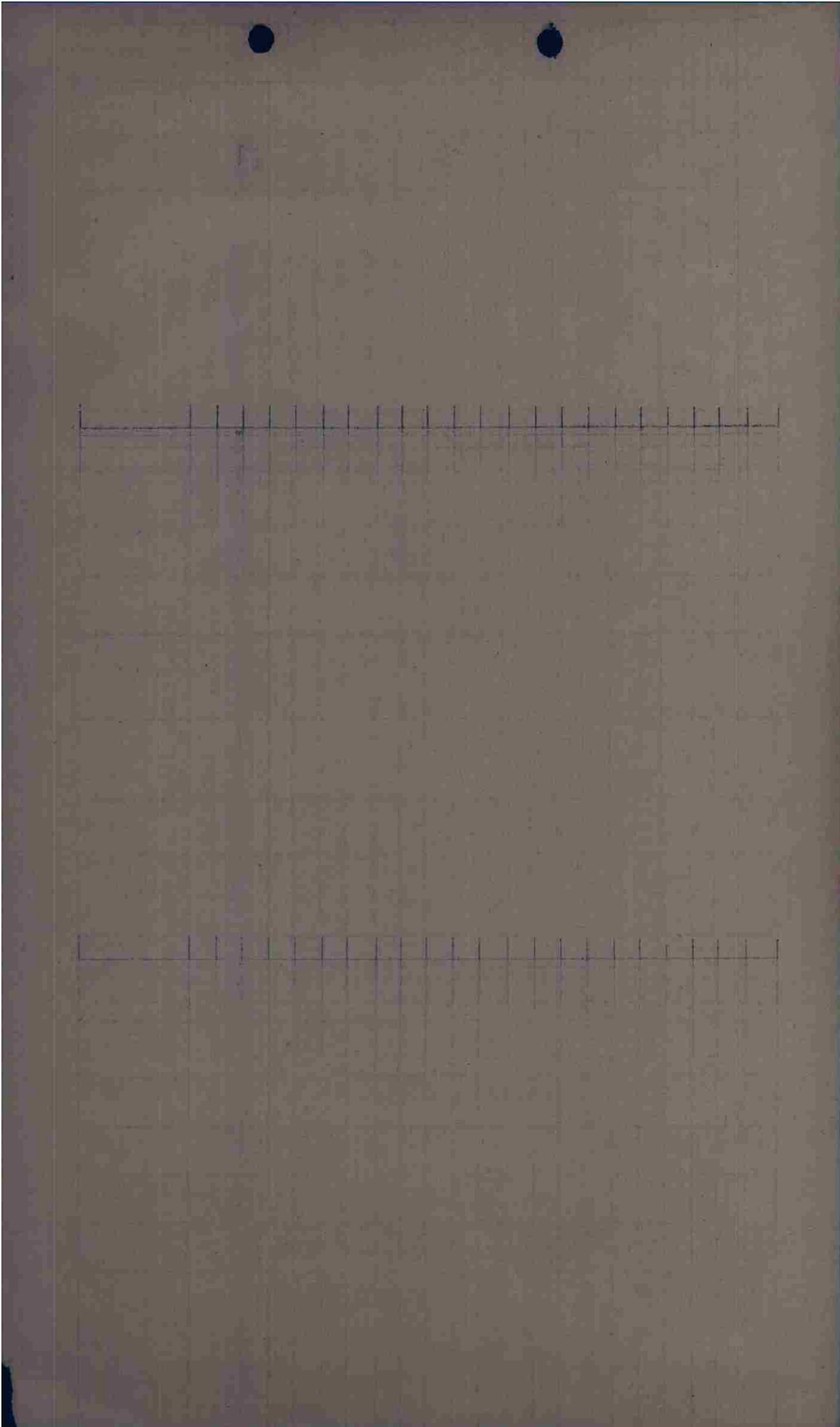
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Box I

6 Sept. 1944

S Q D M	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	T A R G E T	A T O	E N G. C O A S T O U T	E N E M Y C O A S T I N	T O T	E N E M Y C O A S T O U T	E N G. C O A S T I N	C A M E R A	F U L L O L O B A D	B O M B A D	E N D U R	I N T I M E	R E M A R K S
C	A	063	Burner	681	Bust	0657	0657	090	090	090	090	C	725	4	1043		
C	M	147	Shea			0657	0657					C	1044		1044		
C	P	170	Beaman			0657	0657					C	1044		1044		
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A	F.	1017	McNulty			0658	0658					C	1056		1056		
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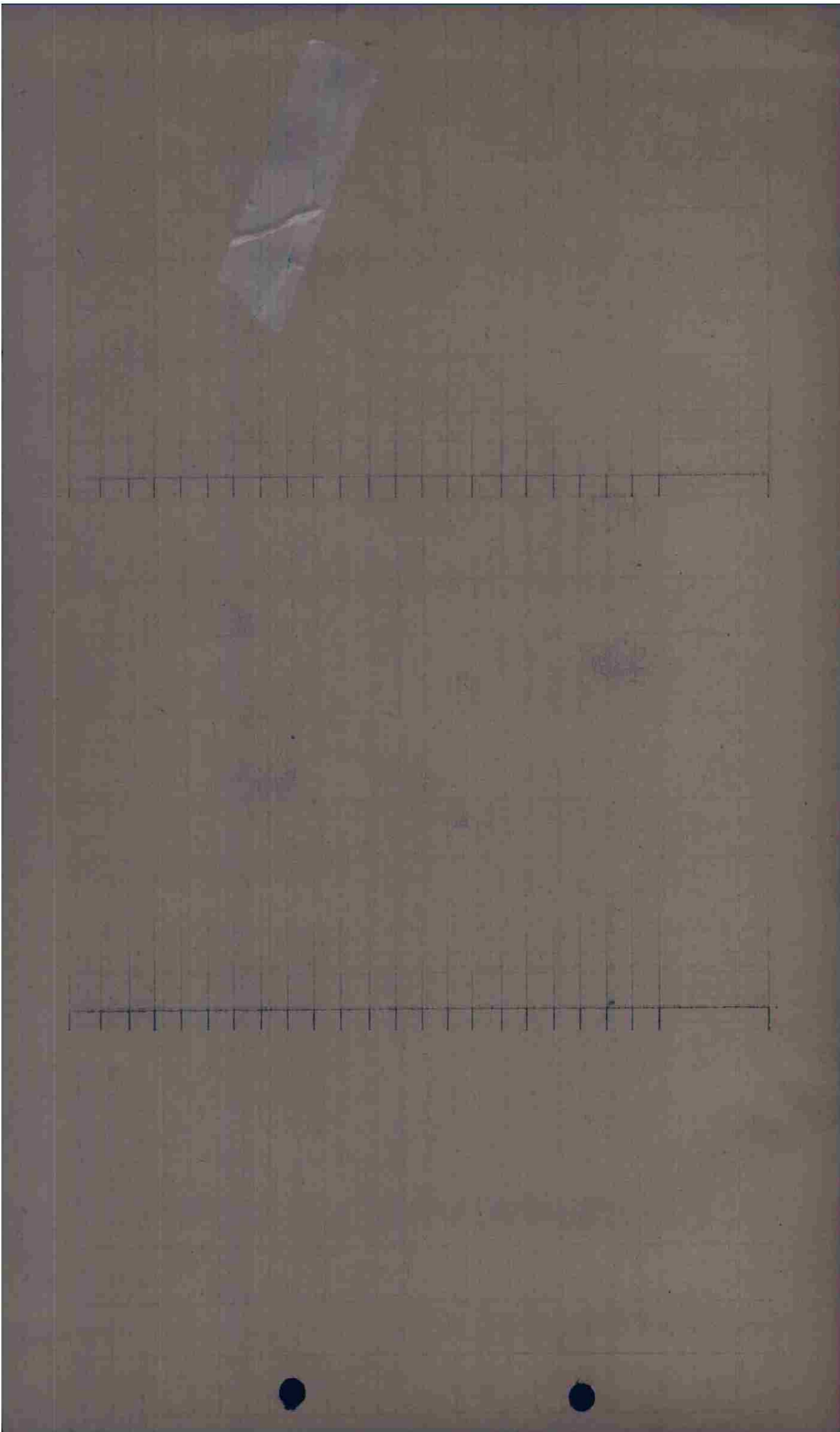


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C	L	689	Nordstrom			0703						C				1049		
C	L	892	Leonard			0704										1050		
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 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 05/2355B S-025-E
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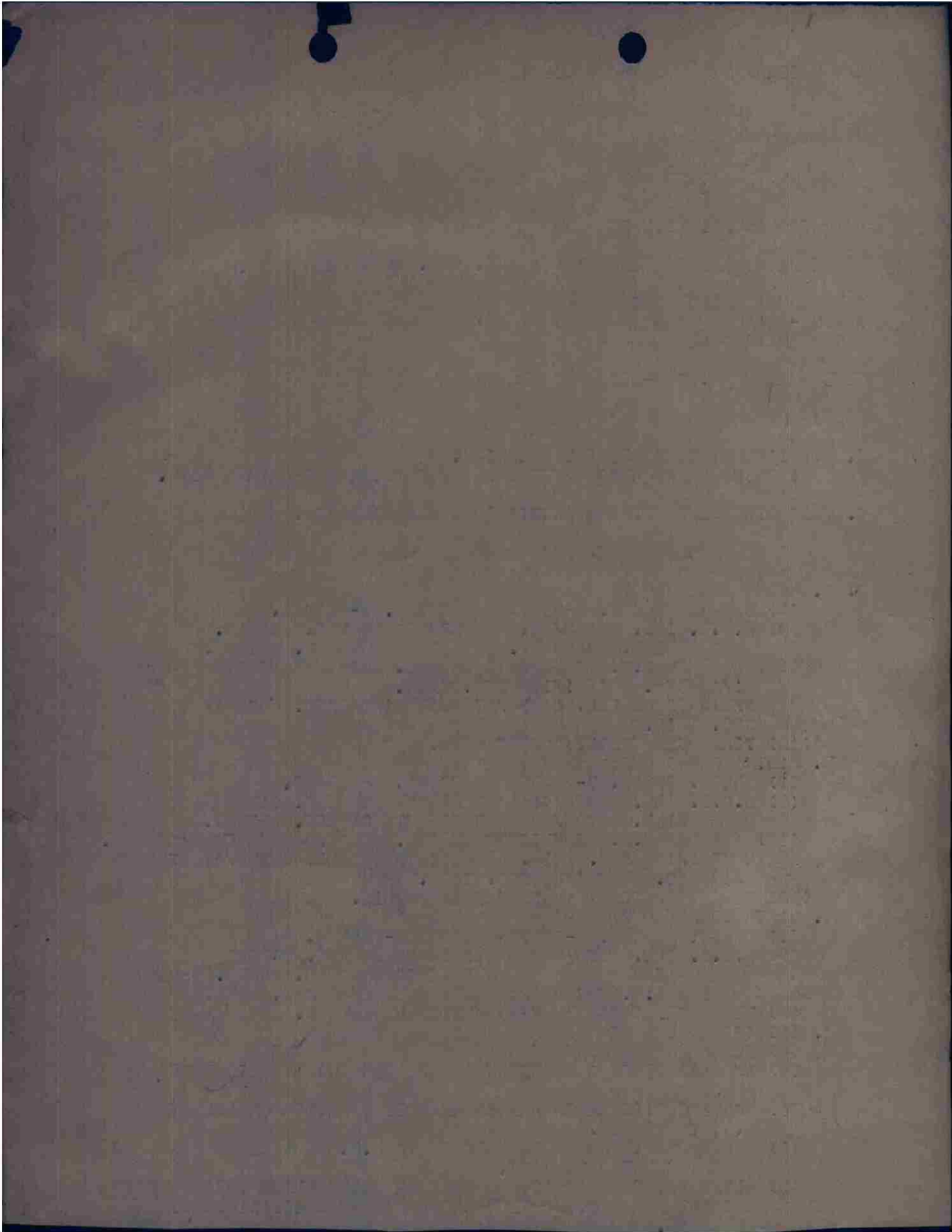
FIELD ORDER NO. 204-532

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REFERENCE SPECIAL BOMBLINE.
 (2) BEACHHEAD AREA COVER WILL BE FURNISHED FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN THE BREST AREA.

ZERO HOUR: 06/0900B

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:
 - (1) BREST: COORD. V-954992 COORD. V-923983.
 - (9) M.P.I. ILL. 4805W/56. 3 FLIGHTS ON REF. 118042.
 ILL. 4805W/57. 3 FLIGHTS ON REF. 057062.
 - (10) 6 X 500 G.P. 3 FLIGHTS ON ILL. 4805W/56, FUSED
 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
 3 FLIGHTS ON ILL. 4805W/57 FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40
 SEC. TAIL.
 - (12) TIME OVER TARGET: ZERO HOUR.
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:
 - (1) BREST. COORD. V-954992 COORD. V-923983.
 - (9) M.P.I. ILL. 4805W/56 3 FLIGHTS ON REF. 118042
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 NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL. 3 FLIGHTS ON ILL. 4805W/57, FUSED
 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
 - (12) TIME OVER TARGET: ZERO PLUS 20 MIN.
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:
 - (1) BREST: COORD. V-939989 COORD V-914986.
 - (9) M.P.I. ILL. 4805W/56 3 FLIGHTS ON REF. 078041
 XWP 3 FLIGHTS ON GRID. COORD. V-914986.
 - (10) 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
 - (12) TIME OVER TARGET: ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MIN.
- X. (1) (3) NO CHANGE
 (4) FORD AND TANGMERE
 (5) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF
 6 A/C
 (6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO MAIDEN HEAD TO BILL OF PORTLAND TO
 I.P. TO TARGET.
 (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO BILL OF PORTLAND
 TO MAIDEN HEAD TO BASE.
 (8) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO
 BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET LEAVE FRENCH COAST AT BOMBING
 ALTITUDE.



- (9) I.P. 4830N 0405W
- (10) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY N E TO S W
- (11) R.P. 4834N 0419W
- (12) NO ALTERNATE TARGET WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION. PRIMARY TARGETS WILL NOT BE BOMBED UNLESS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED.
- (13) THE 416TH BOMB GROUP WILL TAKE OFF AT LEAST 10 MIN. BEFORE THE 410TH BOMB GROUP.
- (14) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED DURING ATTACKS IN ORDER THAT HOSPITALS AT GRID. COORD. V-952989 AND V-957989 WILL NOT BE BOMBED.
- (15) ANY A/C SHORT OF FUEL ON RETURN MAY LAND AT FORD OR TANGMERE TO REFUEL THEN RETURN TO BASE.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
 - (2) BYLAW
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP
 - (2) FUTURE
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 - (2) KINGPIN
- X. GENERAL INFORMATION:
 - (10) TABV/TABV

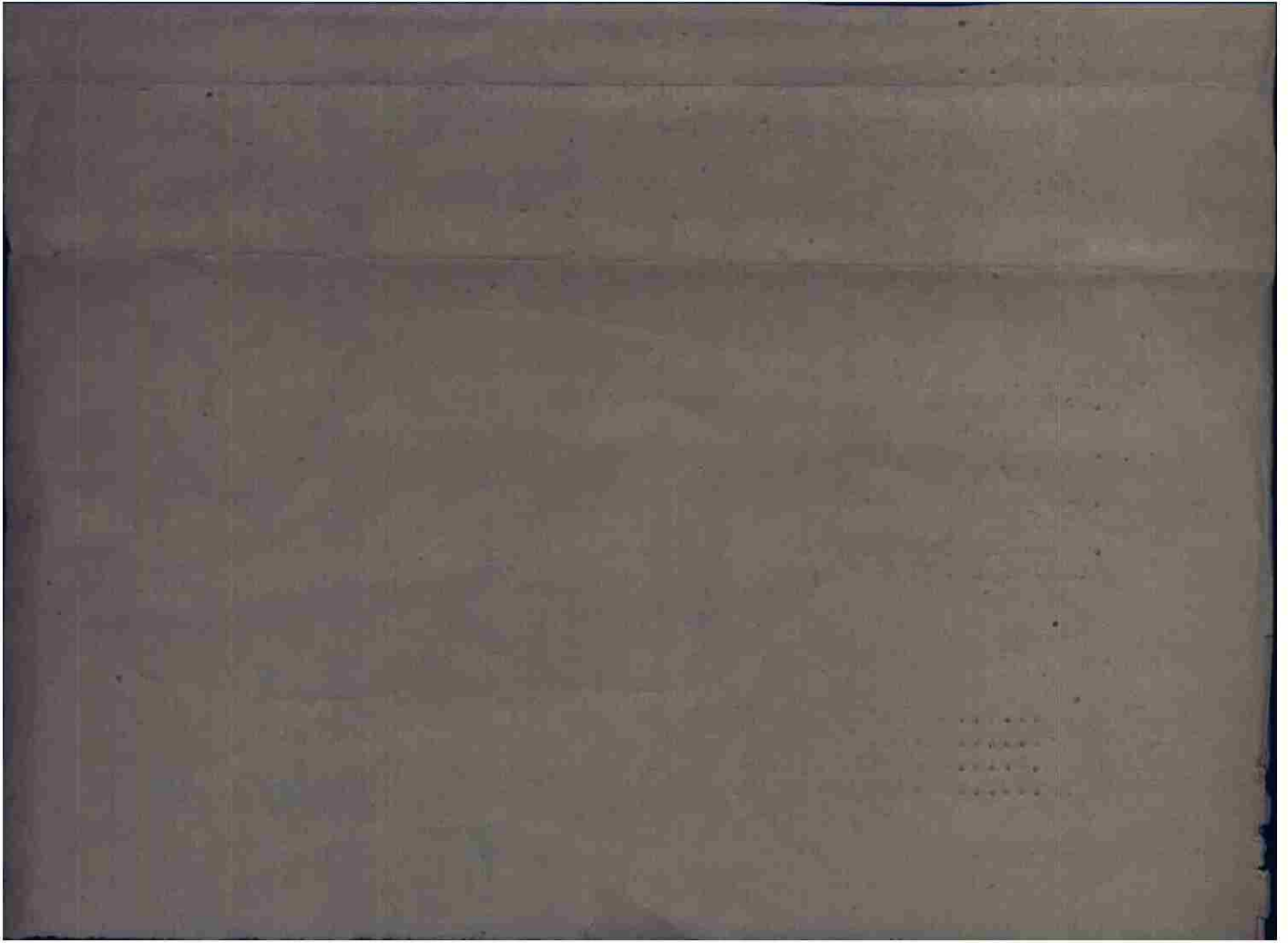
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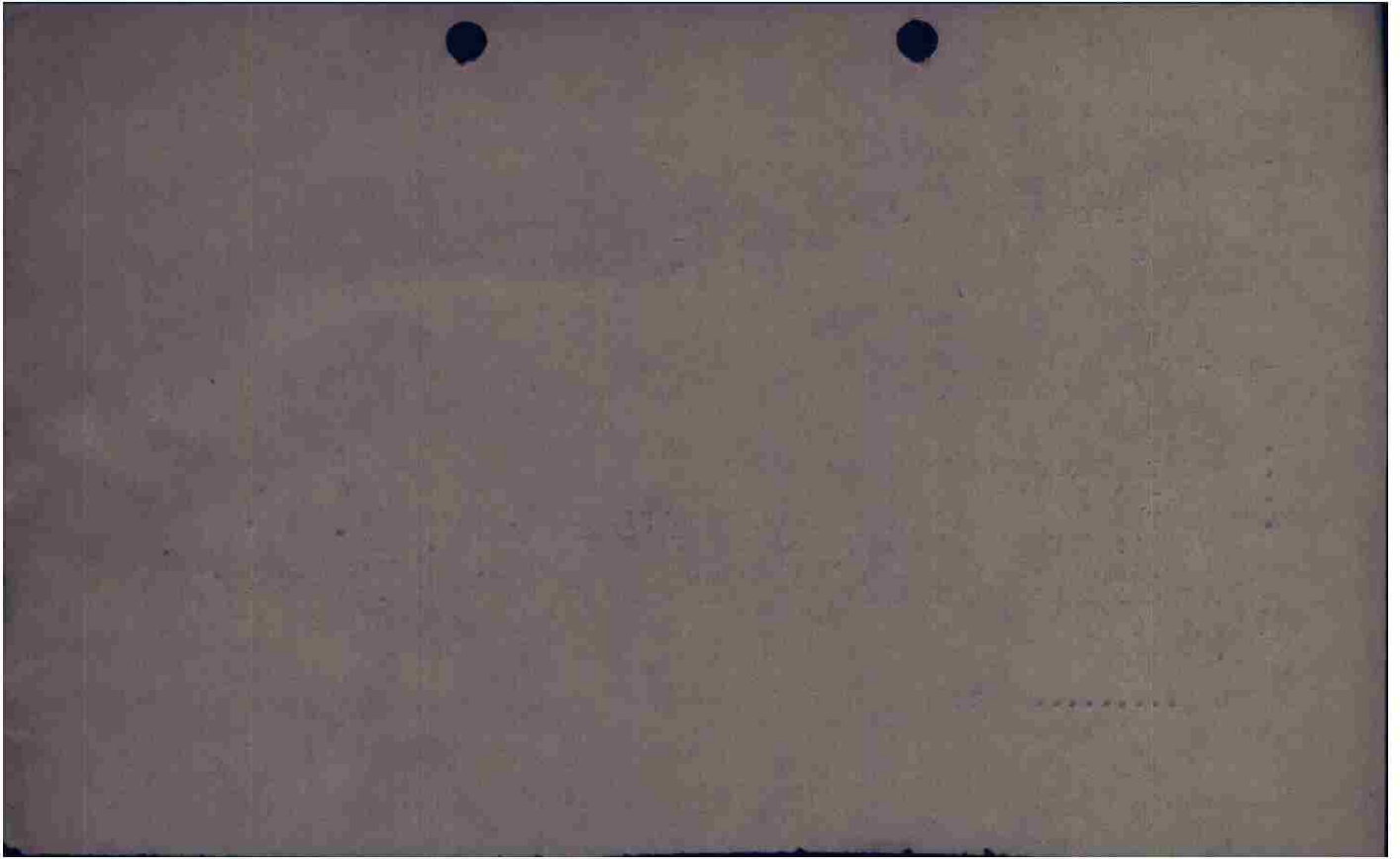
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S-118-D FIRST PHASE REPORT S/A PHOTOS 9/6/44

- A. BREST STRONG POINTS
- B. BREST STRONG POINTS
- H. 0909-0930
- K. BURST FROM TWO FLIGHTS BLANKETED DMPI, (ILL. 4805W/56 COORD. 078041) WITH CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO STRONG POINT.
- BURSTS FROM THREE FLIGHTS BLANKETED DMPI (ILL. 4805W/56 COORD. 027042) CAUSING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO STRONG POINT.

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 FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 061145B S-111-DE
 TO IX BOMBER COMMAND
 97TH COMBAT WING

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 OFFFLASH NO. 144 FOR 6 SEPT. 1944

- A. (1) BREST STRONG PTS
 (2) BREST STRONG PTS
- B. (1) 416TH BG
 (2) 27 A-20'S G AND 9 A-20J
 (3) NIL
 18 A-20'S ON V-939989
 18 A-20'S ON V-914986
- C. (1) 0657
 (2) 0909
 (3) 1109
- D. NONE
 NONE
 0-0-0
- E. EXCELLENT
- F. (1) (A) NIL
 (B) NIL
 (2) (A) NIL
 (B) NIL
- G. TWO A20'S SEEN TO COLLIDE OVER TARGET. BELIEVE BOTH WERE
 FROM FORMATION FOLLOWING OURS. NOTED LIGHT FLAK ENGAGING DIVE
 BOMBERS AT TARGET.
- H. (1) CLEAR-NO CLOUD. VIS. 8-12 MILES.
 (2) OVER CHANNEL PATCHY CLOUD 61-8/10 CUM.
 TOPS 3500-6000.
- I. BOX I - 106 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
 BOX II - 95 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
 1 X 500 FELL OUT ON BOMB RUN.
- J. 9500-10000

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BT 061145B
 EJ AR K
 CC H. (2) OVER CHANNEL PATCHY CLOUD 6-8/10 CUM.

DICOG R.....06/114B CLEV AR K
 OILAI R.....06/1214B FK AR
 NA

