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

By authority
GO, Sta 170
28 Sept 1944
Init. _____

APO 140, U. S. Army,
28 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Combat Mission.

TO : Commanding General, 97th Combat Wing, APO 140, US Army.

416th Bombardment Group (L),
147th Combat Mission, 28th September 1944,
97th CW PO Number 3 - 571.

- 1. 38
- 2. 36
- 3. 8
- 4. 2 (spares)
- 5. 30
- 6. 30 a/c abortive due to weather - 8/10 cloud cover over target area.
- 7. 30 a/c due to weather.
43-9353 1 bomb fell out on bomb run when bomb doors
Lt. R. W. York were opened. Defective salvo bomb release
relay.
- 8. None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

#147
SEP 28 1944



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S E C R E T

ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B. C. FIELD ORDER NO. 571BOX 1, 215 1 GROUP 416 DATE 28 Sept 44 TARGET ATTACKED Secret de X Parroy1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 290°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:

G-1 autopilot was not used. Pre-set with corrections. Aimed at briefed AP.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. P. C. Royalty.6. Name of lead Pilot: Major R. L. Willetts.7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 205 Altitude: 11,0009. Length of bomb run: 45 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED Inst N
1/100 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 35

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.
Cloud cover over target area.(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:

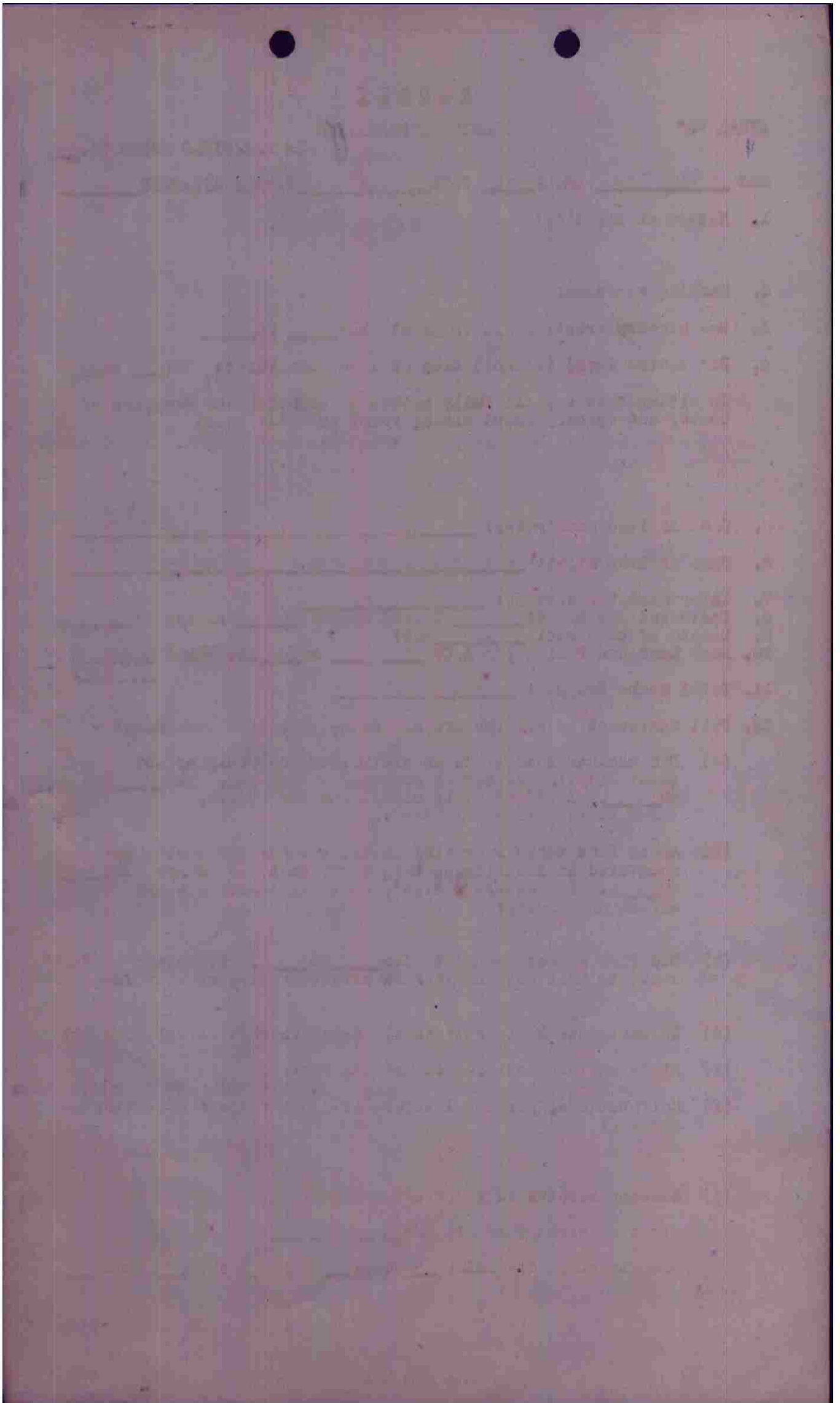
Unable to synchronize over long period of time due to cloud cover.(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:
None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

Results claimed: EXCEL _____ GOOD _____ FAIR _____ POOR _____ GROSS _____

Visual reports good to excellent.S E C R E T



MISSION 147

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

28 SEPT. 1944

1. ✓ 065 E
Major D.L. Willetts
Lt. P.G. Royalty
S/S J.S. Brower
S/S H.A. Lempka

4. ✓ 363 L
Lt. R.W. York
S/S L.A. Ashton
S/S H.J. Wilds

2. ✓ 645 R
Lt. H.F. Pa ir
Lt. J.L. Cer um
S/S H.A. Marion
S/S V.F. Adams

5. ✓ 937 E
Lt. A. Remiszewski
Cpl DiOrto
Sgt J.H. Miguez

3. ✓ 956 Z
Lt. F.W. Henderson
S/S R.M. Griswold
S/S P.E. Coulombe

6. ✓ 200 F
Lt. A.J.P. Wian
Cpl W.G. Davis
Sgt G.G. Stephenson

FLIGHT II

1. ✓ 442 D
Lt. W.A. Peck
Lt. J. Madenfort
S/S A.E. Bergeron
S/S H.E. Kelton

4. ✓ 197 F-1
Lt. J.S. Connor
S/S H.C. Rodgers
S/S J.S. Va n Duzac

2. ✓ 135 T
Lt. E.L. Miller
Lt. J.F. Conner
Sgt J.F. Malloy
S/S J.M. Pemberton

5. ✓ 943 Z
Lt. D.W. Serrels
Cpl V.A. Malara
Cpl H.I. Triber

3. ✓ 181 A
Lt. W.H. Land
S/S D.R. Abriola
Sgt J.F. Fair

6. ✓ 900 Q
Lt. H.B. Clark
S/S J.W. Sabadosh
S/S D.F. Floyd

FLIGHT III

1. ✓ 024 E
Lt. E.E. Demun
Lt. R.J. McQuade
S/S M. Rosenstein
S/S H.O. Carny

4. ✓ 961 P
Lt. T. Bouka mp
S/S R.J. Colosimo
S/S J.S. Wing

2. ✓ 202 E-1
Lt. R.E. Robertson
S/S M.W. Cheney
S/S G.E. Reiter

5. ✓ 692 M
Lt. R.H. Cornell
Pvt E.A. Reid
S/S A. Carter

3. ✓ 155 V
Lt. J.E. Blongren
Sgt L.R. Fleming
S/S H. Bockach

6. ✓ 743 W
Lt. W.F. Tripp
S/S J.O. Scott
S/S E. Mallory

SPARE

750 M-1
Lt. T.A. Murphy
Sgt J.T. Ricketson
Sgt L.W. O'Connell

MISSION NO. 147
28 SEP T. 1944
BOX I

MISSION NO. ~~143x~~ 147

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

28 September 1944

1. ✓ 1711 S
Capt L A Marzola
Lt J T Beck ✓
S/Sgt H C Wellin *w/a*
S/Sgt L G Kutzer

2. ✓ 719 J *w/a*
Lt C L Estes *
S/Sgt C R Crvold *
S/Sgt A E DiMartino

3. ✓ 9711 M
Lt T J Murray *w/a*
S/Sgt D H DeBower
S/Sgt R J Jones

4. ✓ 214 C
Lt R C Morehouse *w/a*
S/Sgt L A Zygiel
S/Sgt A J Burgess

5. ✓ 925 G *w/a*
Lt D M Eastman *
Cpl R J Johnson *
Cpl A B Eaton

6. ✓ 951 P *w/a*
Lt J H Miller *w/a*
S/Sgt R G Schrom
S/Sgt J Galender

FLIGHT II

1. ✓ 1719 V
Lt G F Bartmus
Lt J F Hardy *w/a*
S/Sgt J R Orr
S/Sgt F A Flacks

2. ✓ 125 M-1 *w/a*
Lt R V Miracle
F/O T M McCartney H X
S/Sgt B C Sieg
S/Sgt J C Burkhalter

3. ✓ 1717 P-1 *w/a*
Lt C J Anderson *w/a*
Lt W Baboage
S/Sgt P G Euga *
Sgt C Schafer

4. ✓ 226 E
Capt R B Prentiss *w/a*
S/Sgt H J Sylva
S/Sgt J E McCreary

5. ✓ 760 Z *w/a*
Lt C S S tanley
Sgt C C Holterfield *
Sgt R Collier

6. ✓ 894 R *w/a*
Lt J K Colquitt
S/Sgt D E Raines
Sgt D. Cavanagh

FLIGHT III

1. ✓ 467 W
Lt H A Monpoe
Lt L Kirk
S/Sgt W L Kidd *w/a*
S/Sgt S Risko

2. ✓ 810 P-2 *w/a*
Lt N G Brown
S/Sgt R F Addleman
XXSgt J F Siracusa

3. ✓ 580 N *w/a*
Lt H L Johnson H X
S/S W J Donahue
E/Sgt J F Goggin

4. ✓ 720 F *w/a*
Lt R B Hall *w/a*
S/Sgt D S Blackford
S/Sgt L C Burger

5. ✓ 217 D
Lt T J Leonard *w/a*
S/Sgt C D Evans *
S/Sgt T A Palmer

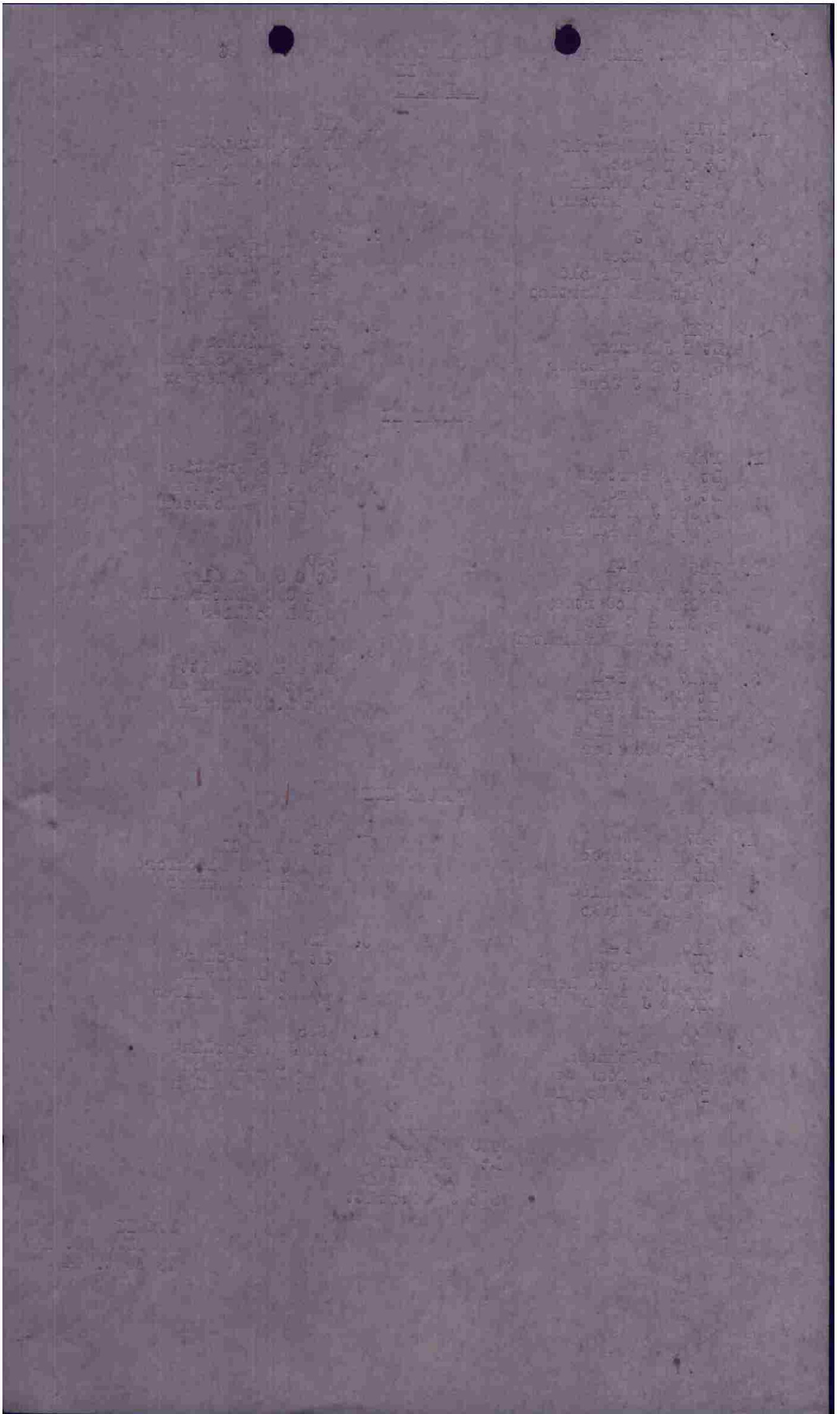
6. ✓ 905 K
Lt J R Sparling *w/a*
Sgt C D Harmon *
Sgt L L Leshigh

SPARE

~~430 B
Lt N M Evans
Sgt C L Skeens
Sgt C N Marritt *w/a*~~

*Redd Farley
as briefed*

BOX II
MISSION NO. 147
28 Sept. 44



POST MISSION REPORT

MISSION NO. 147

DATE 28 Sept 44

1. NUMBER OF MEN WOUNDED (MEDICAL - 16) None

2. BOMBING CASUALTIES (AIRBORNE - 92) One

First flight had one dropped. Other flights - no attacks due to cloud cover. Made 3 bomb runs.

363-Yards - 1 bomb fell into bomb runway. Runway was open. Defective attachment release relay.

3. AIRTEL CASUALTIES (GROUND LBS - 84) None

4. NUMBER PLACES OPERATIONAL: BOMB GROUP G'S F'S, GVS G'S F'S
WING OFFICER

5. NUMBER OF MEN IN DANGER (INTELLIGENCE - 68 - 17) None

6. PLACES PLANNED TO BECOME AIRBORNE OR RETURNING EARLY - REASON None
Spores with early as briefed.

7. PLACES LEFT OR LEAVING AWAY FROM BASE - REASON - LOCATION None

SIGNED BY Dorlan

S-3

CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: COBOMGR 416

TO : CG BOMWIG 97 ATT: SIG O

A - YS - 147

B - 28 SEPT 44

C - 36 A/C

D - NONE

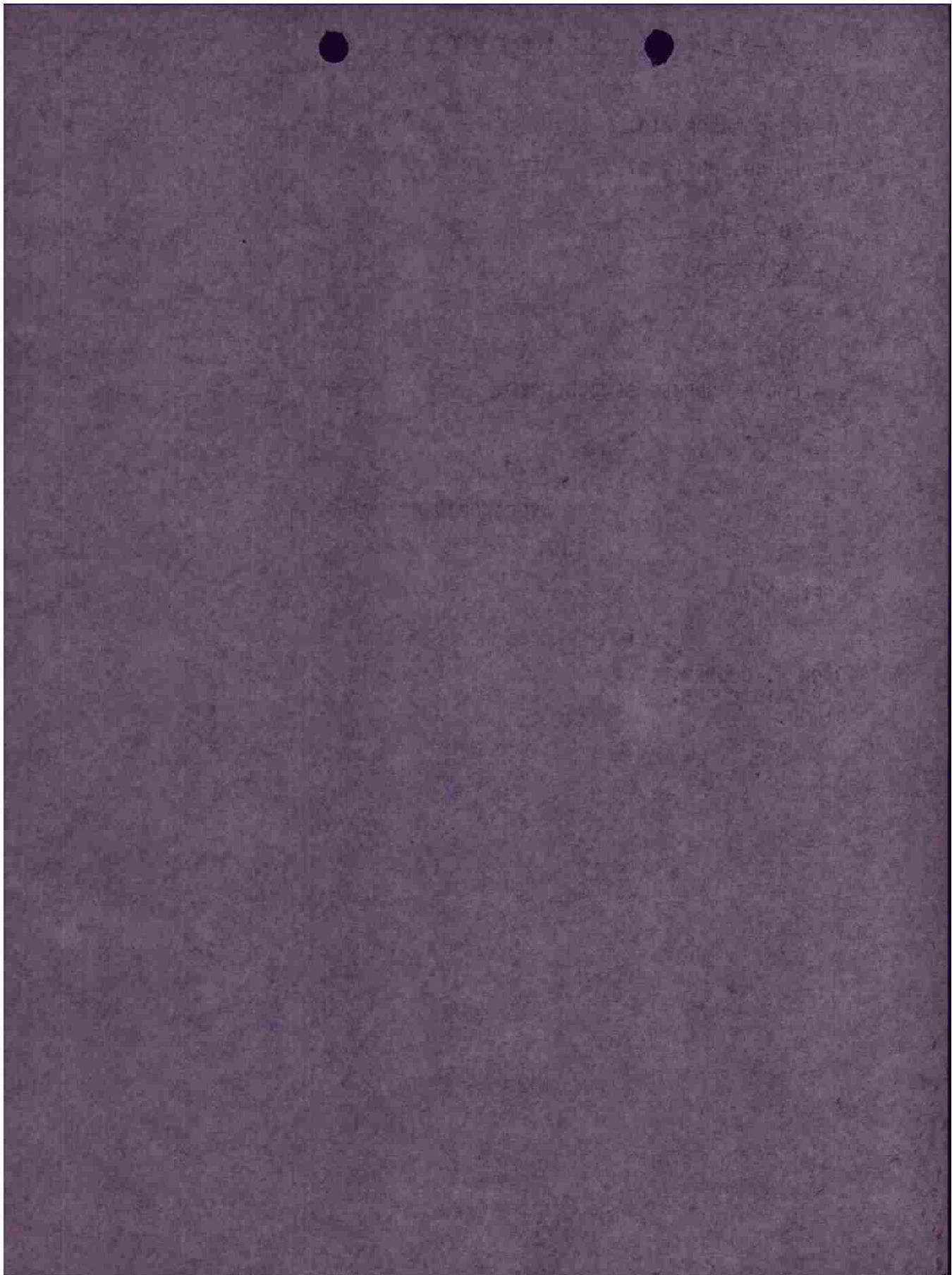
E - LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON USED.

F - NONE.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

OFFICIAL:

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



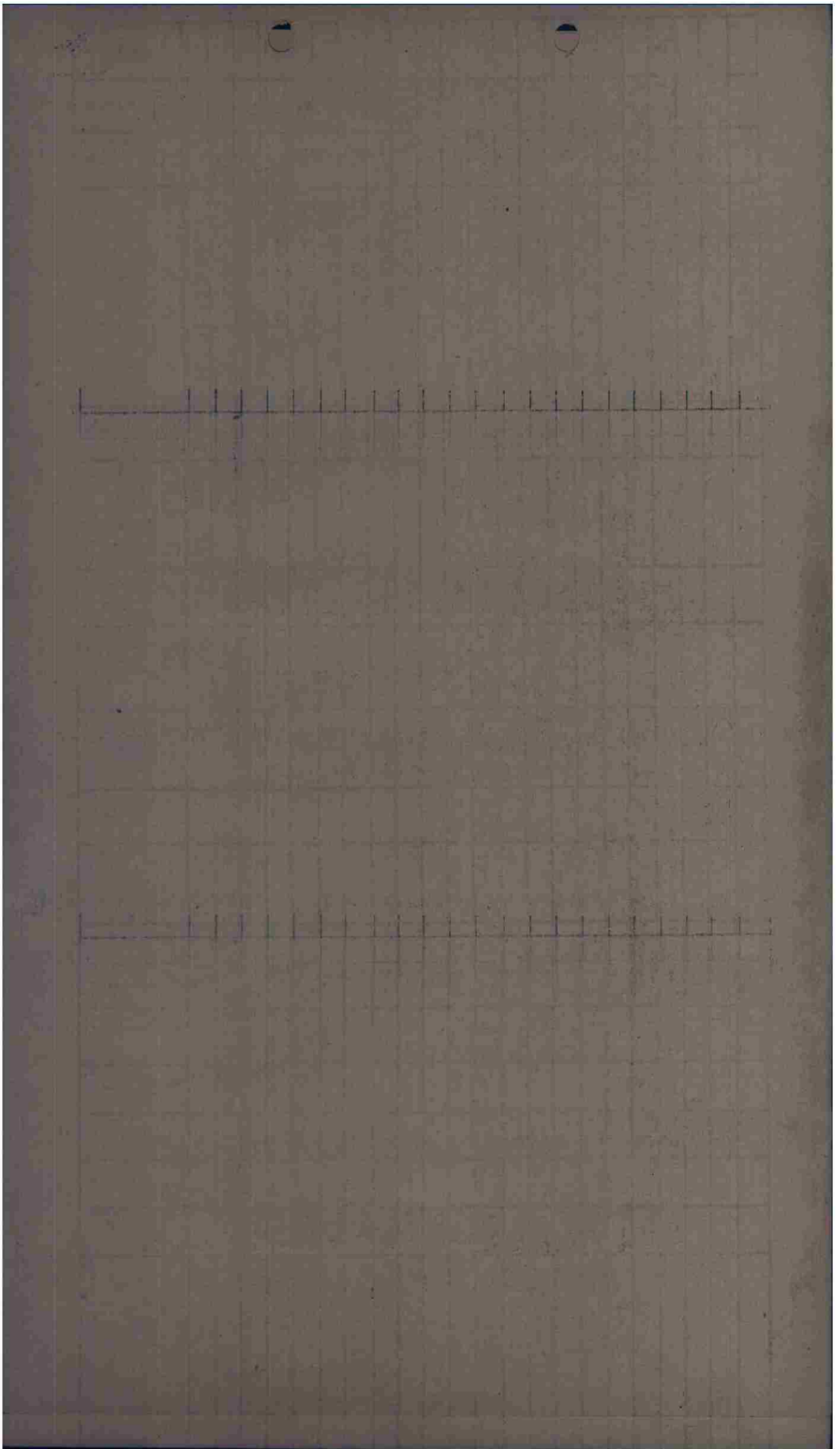
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MISSION NO 147

28 SEPT 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 A D | B O M B A D | E N D U R | L A N D I N G | R E M A R K S |
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| D | E | 865 | Willems | | | 0955 | | | | | | | | | | 1226 | 2:35 |
| D | R | 645 | PAIR | | | 0956 | | | | | | | | | | 1226 | 2:30 |
| D | Z | 956 | HENDERSON | | | 0956 | | | | | | | | | | 1226 | 2:35 |
| (D) | L | 363 | YORK | | | 0956 | | | | | | | | | | 1229 | 2:35 |
| D | B | 937 | REMISZEWSKI | | | 0956 | | | | | | | | | | 1229 | 2:35 |
| D | F | 200 | WINN | | | 0956 | | | | | | | | | | 1227 | 2:35 |
| B | D | 442 | PECK | | | 0957 | | | | | | | | | | 1230 | 2:35 |
| B | T | 135 | MILLER | | | 0957 | | | | | | | | | | 1231 | 2:35 |
| B | A | 181 | LAND | | | 0957 | | | | | | | | | | 1231 | 2:35 |
| B | F-1 | 197 | CONNOR | | | 0958 | | | | | | | | | | 1229 | 2:35 |
| B | Z | 943 | SORRELS | | | 0958 | | | | | | | | | | 1232 | 2:35 |
| B | Q | 900 | CLARK, H.B. | | | 0958 | | | | | | | | | | 1231 | 2:35 |
| B | E | 024 | DEMAN | | | 0959 | | | | | | | | | | 1227 | 2:30 |
| B | B-1 | 202 | ROBERTSON | | | 0959 | | | | | | | | | | 1228 | 2:30 |
| (B) | V | 155 | BLOMGRN | | | 0959 | | | | | | | | | | 028 | 2:30 |
| B | P | 961 | BOUKAMP | | | 0959 | | | | | | | | | | 1230 | 2:35 |
| B | M | 692 | CORNELL | | | 1000 | | | | | | | | | | 1230 | 2:30 |
| B | W | 743 | TRIPP | | | 1000 | | | | | | | | | | 1230 | 2:30 |
| C | M-1 | 750 | MURPHY | | | 1000 | | | | | | | | | | 1046 | |

Red hand written note: 1226-1230



OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL
HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON, D.C.
20334
27 SEP 44
CONCEPTUAL 97

CHANNEL D/D.
(11) IX DIVISION CONTROL AND EMERGENCY HOMING FUNCTIONS ARE ON
(12) VAD/VAD
E/B, LESS THAN 100 MILES CALL PARADE ON D/D.
(2) EMERGENCY HOMING 100 MILES FROM HOME BASE CALL NIPSAV ON

- X. GENERAL INFORMATION:
 - (2) SWEETSTAKE
 - (2) OAKLEAF
- G. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 - (2) SWEETSTAKE
 - (2) LATERON
- V. 409TH BOMB GROUP

4. NO CHANGE

- (14) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACK
- (13) R.P. 4837N 0600E
- (12) BOMB LOAD: 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED INST, NOSE AND NON-DELAY
- (11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY ESE TO WNW
- (10) I.P. 4837N 0700E
- NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING
- (9) ALTITUDES: BOMB AT 11,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BIT
- (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BASE.
- (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO 4837N 0600E TO 4837N 0657E TO I.P. TO
- (6) V/C REQUIRED: 36 BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6
- (5) TARGET: FORET DE PANNON

- X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE
- (12) I.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 30 MINUTES
- THE FOLLOWING GRID COORDINATES: 145042 AND 171020
- (9) MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4249 SHEET 15-G 3 FLIGHTS ON EACH OF

- B. 416TH BOMB GROUP
- (12) I.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 45 MINUTES
- THE FOLLOWING GRID COORDINATES: 133028 AND 141070
- (9) MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4249 SHEET 15-G 3 FLIGHTS ON EACH OF

ZERO HOUR 28/1045A

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE

- ZERO HOUR PLUS 70 MINUTES.
- ARE ATTACKING TARGETS IN THIS FOREST FROM ZERO HOUR TO
- (2) IX TAC WILL FURNISH AREA COVER FOR THIS WING. EIGHT GROUPS
- TO 024105
- 024105 RIVER EAST TO 017305 RAILROAD NORTH EAST TO 025505
- 1. D. (1) SPECIAL BOMBLINE 024105 ROAD WEST TO 027805 RAILROAD TO

MAPS: NORMAL

FIELD ORDER NO. 3-571

27 SEPT. 44

V P O 140

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

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

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

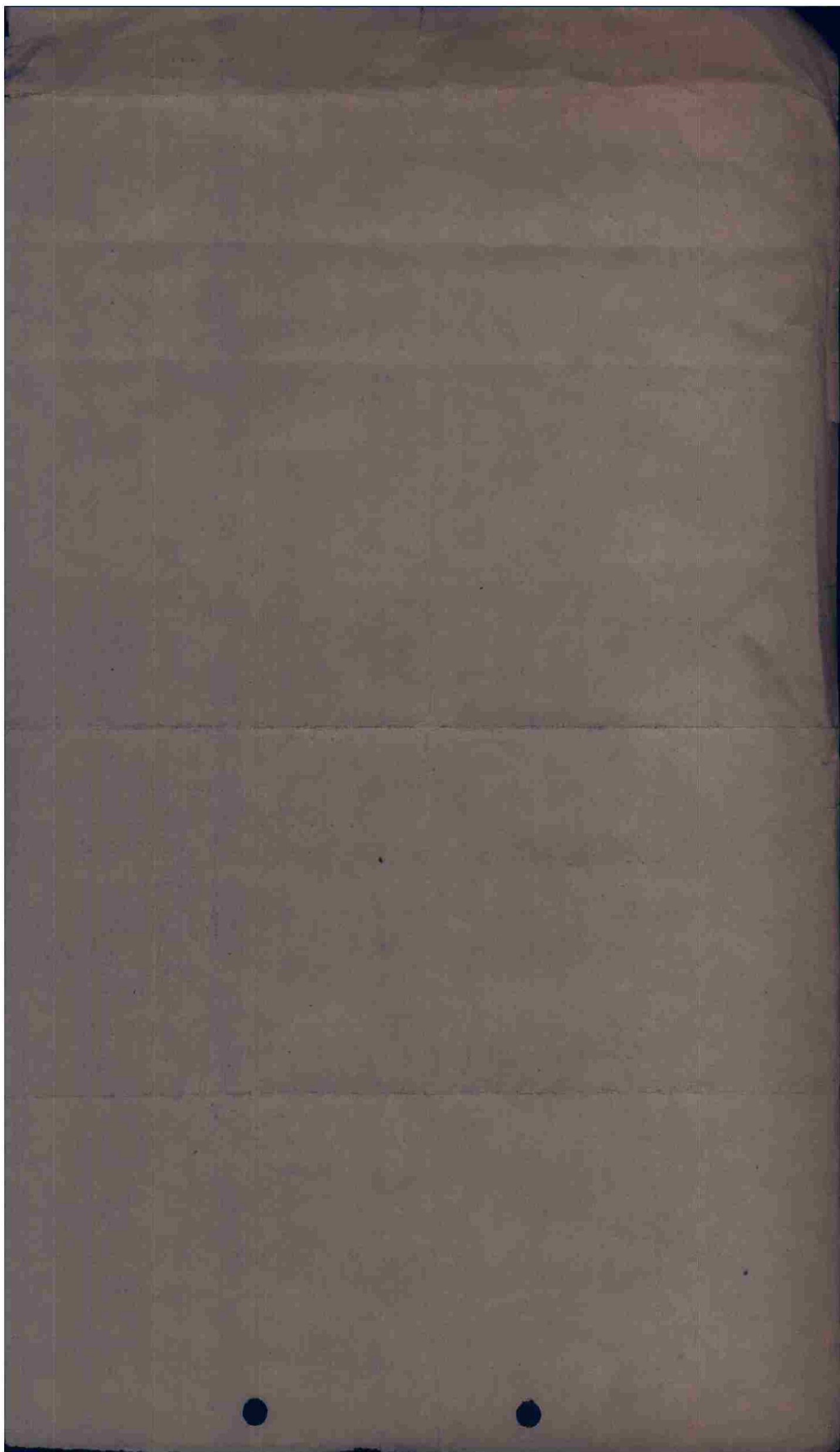
416TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP (INFO)
409TH BOMB GROUP

TO 97TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 27/2030A S-05-E

CLIA OLDS OLPO OLMI A OLDA OLDA 02/27 OP

10/27



ITA JEA V JKI 82/28 OP
T-

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) S-8-D 281408B
TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2
HQ 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

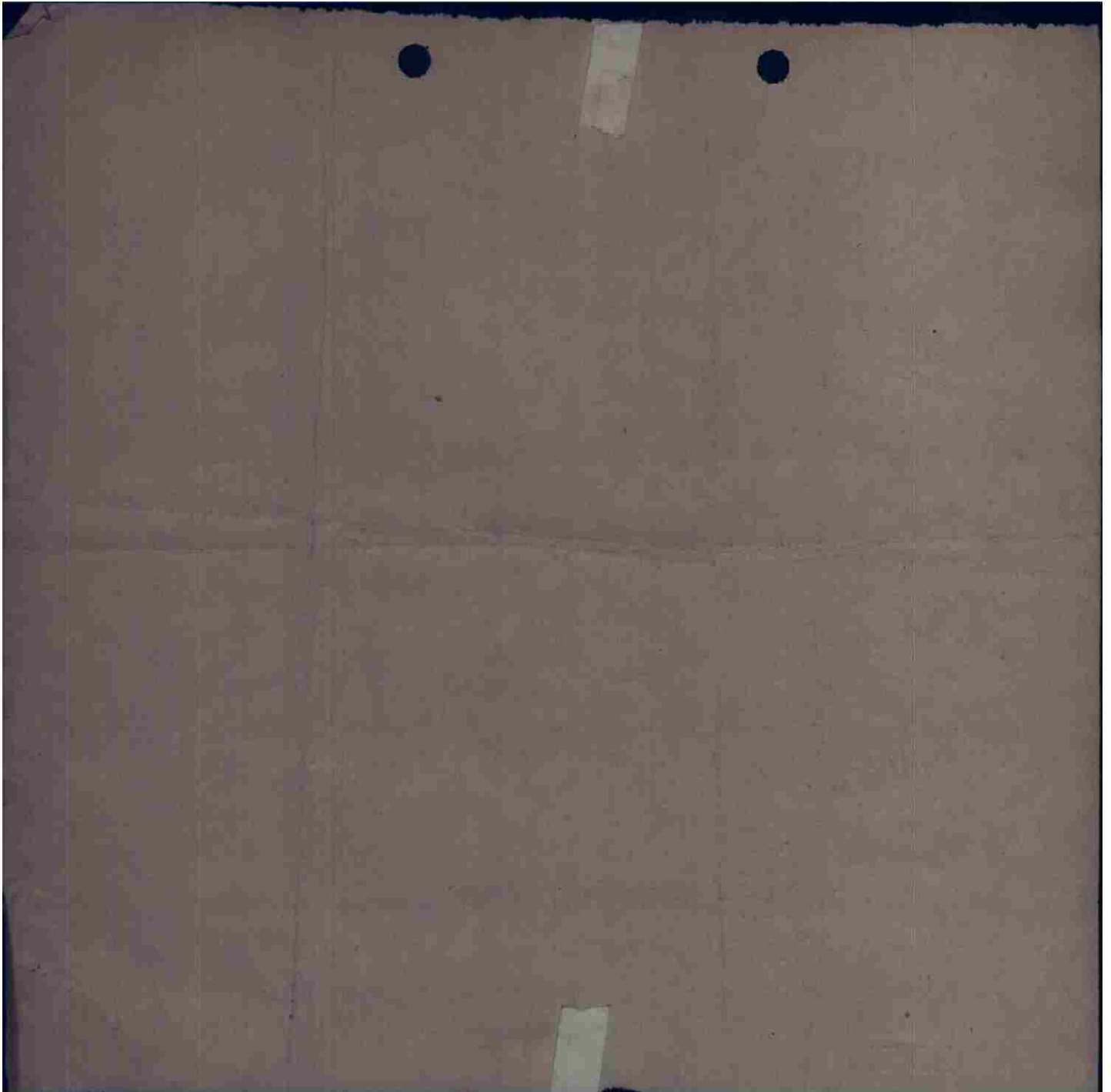
SECRET QGX BT
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OPFLASH NO. 153 FOR SEPTEMBER 28 1944

- A. (1) FORET DE PARROY
(2) FORET DE PARROY
- B. (1) 416TH BOMB GROUP
(2) 18 A-28-J'S 26 A-28G'S
(3) 38 A/C FAILED TO BOMB. TARGET COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED
DUE TO HEAVY CLOUD COVER. 3 BOMB RUNS WERE MADE.
(4) 6 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET THROUGH BREAK IN CLOUDS.
- C. (1) 0955
(2) 1119
(3) 1244
- D. (1) 8-8-8
(2) 8-8-8
(3) 8-8-8
- E. WOOD (CREW OBSERVATIONS)
- F. (1) (A) NIL
(B) NIL
(2) (A) FLAK.
(B) WEAK HEAVY HEAVY INACCURATE FLAK FROM Q2184 TO THE TARGET
- G. GUN POSITION OBSERVED NEAR THE JUNCTION OF R.R. AND HIGHWAY
AT Q2182.
- H. (1) 8/10 CLOUD COVER AT THE TARGET
(2) 8/10 TO 10/10 CLOUD COVER ENROUTE 8/10 CLOUD COVER AT TARGET.
- I. 35 X 500 G.P. BOMBS ON PRIMARY
176 X 500 G.P. BOMBS RETURNEDS

1 X 500 G.P. BOMBS FELL OUT ON BOMB FUN AS BOMB DORS WERE
OPENED.
- J. 11000 FEET.

BT 281408B
DM AR AR
ITA R.....28/1442A PETE ARL
JEA R.....28/1440B LCB AR

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JEA V ITA ITA 32/27 OP

FROM IX BOMBARDMENT DIVISION 271630A
TO ALL WINGS AND GROUPS ATT WEATHER OFFICER
GIGAFFE ATT AIR OPERATIONS OFFICER

BT

9BD OS-308-T

1600 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) PLANNING FORECAST FOR OPERATIONS ON
28/9/44.

SYNOPTIC SITUATION : AT 0700 HRS BEPRESSION 980 MBU, CENTERED AT 62N
AND 15E, SLOWLY FILLING. OLD COLD FRONT LYING ALONG THE ALPS,
THROUGH 44N, 0, INTO AN OPEN WAVE CENTERED AT 54N, 27W, MOVING
ENE AT 25 - 30 MPH.

BASES AND TARGETS: .8 - 1.0 HI SC, BASE 4000 FT, TOPU 7000 FT
WITH CU FORMING AROUND NOON BENEATH THE SC. THE WE TWO LAYERS
TENDING TO MERG BCMG .6 - .9 CU AND SC IN THE PM, BASE 2500 FT,
TOPS 7000 FT. VIS 3 - 5 MI BCMG 6 PLUS MIS IN THE P.M.

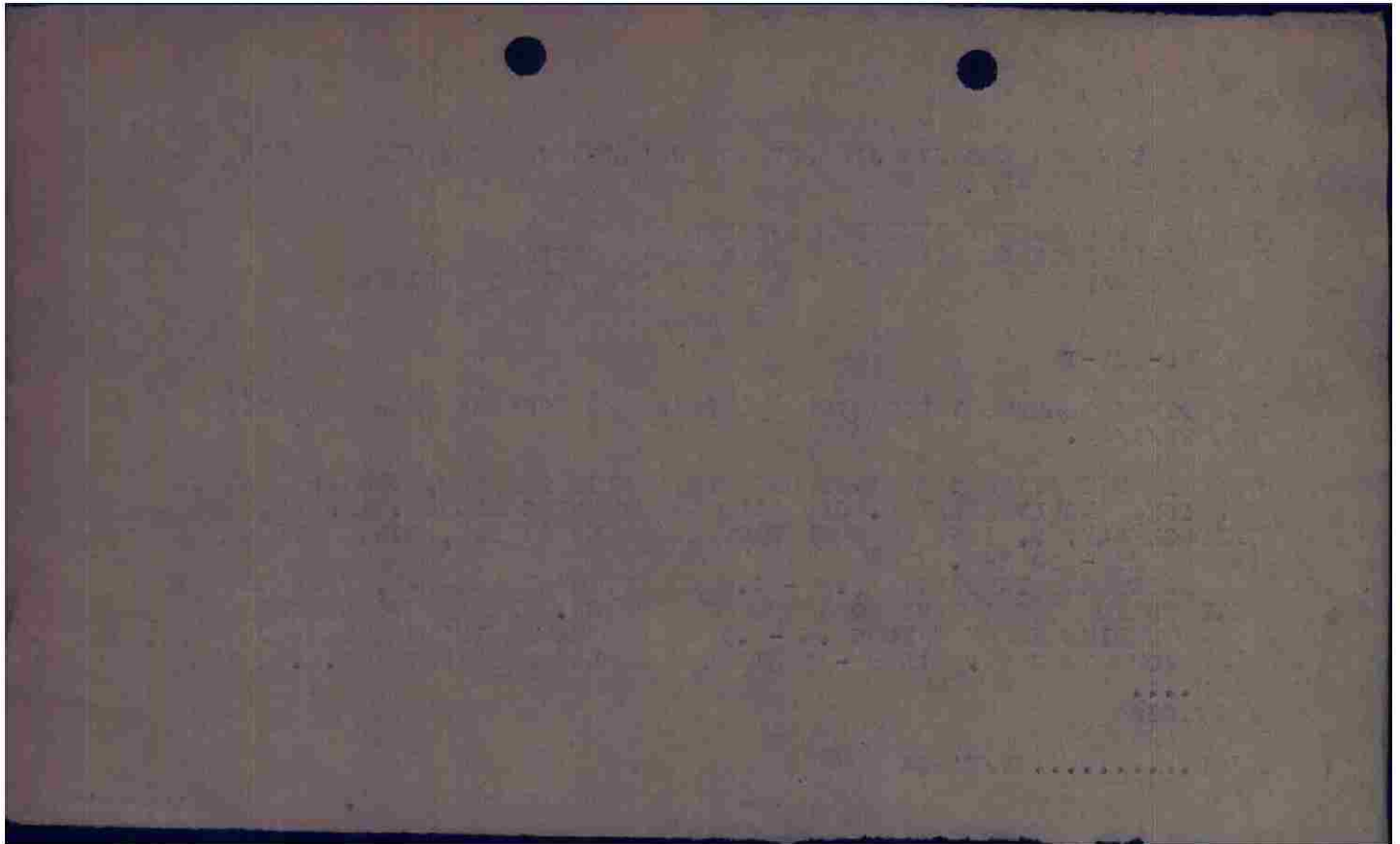
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