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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

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APO 638, U.S. Army,
8 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of S-3 Tactical Mission Report.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APO 638, U. S. Army.

1. Transmitted herewith is the S-3 Tactical Mission Report, (in quadruplicate), of the 416th Bombardment Group (L) on Field Order No. 225, Target Conches, on 6 March 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEIN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

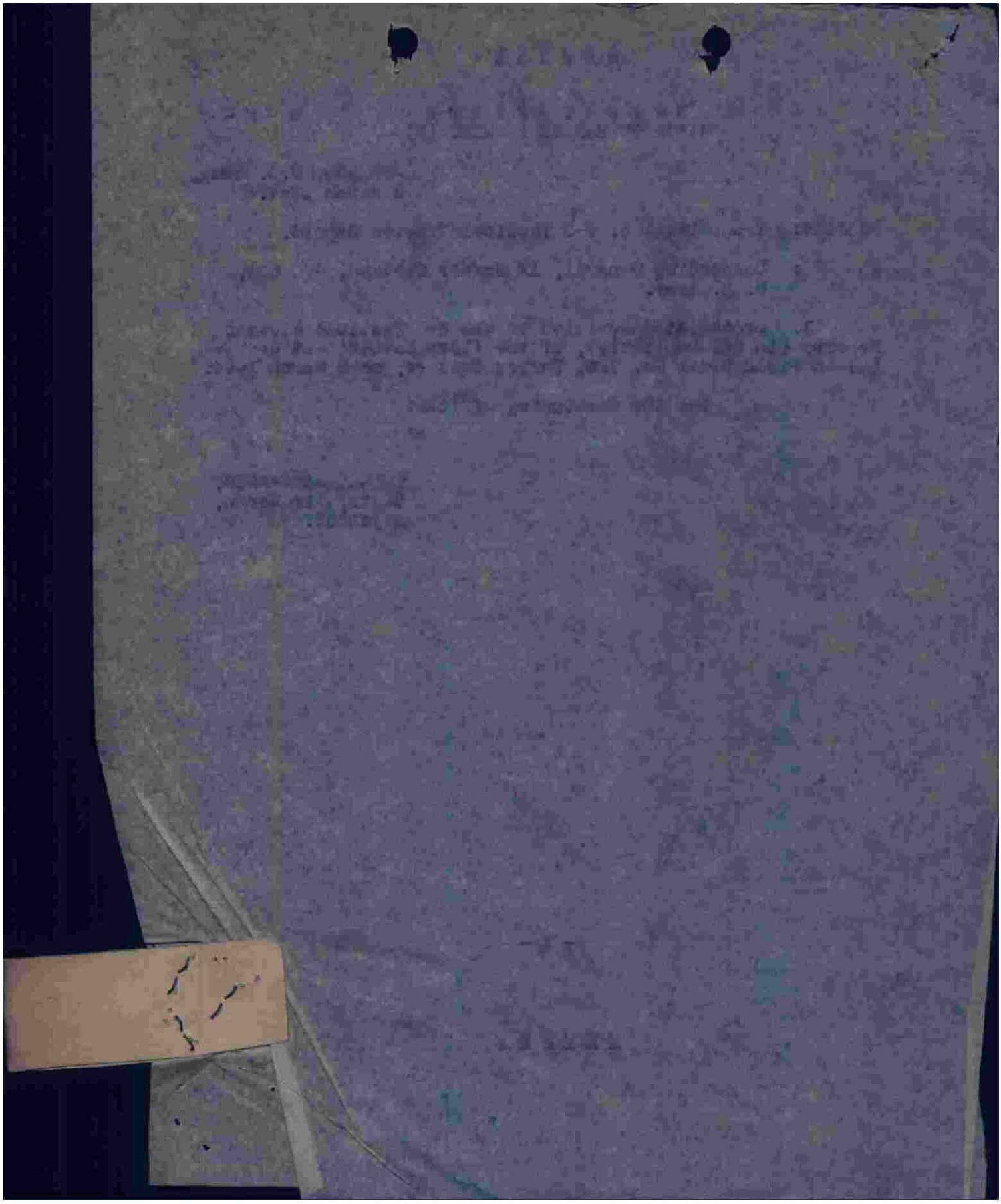
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HEADQUARTERS E-F-S
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

APO 638, U.S.Army,
8 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of 416th Bombardment Group (L), IX Bomber Command Field Order No. 225, Target Conches, on 6 March 1944.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APO 638, U. S. Army.

I. Route:

a. Chart showing track actually flown and track briefed. (See Annex "A").

b. The formation consisted of a box of twenty-one (21) ships; three flights of seven, with number 2 flight flown high and number 3 flight flown lower than lead flight. The formation made normal assembly and remained the same throughout the mission. Formation turned back because fighter rendezvous was not made.

II. Bombing: No bombs dropped.

III. Enemy Air Opposition: Nil.

IV. Anti-Aircraft Defenses: Nil.

V. Report of Airplanes Lost, Damaged, and Abortive on Operations:

None.

VI. Weather:

a. Weather Chart. (See Annex "B").

b. 1. Forecast:

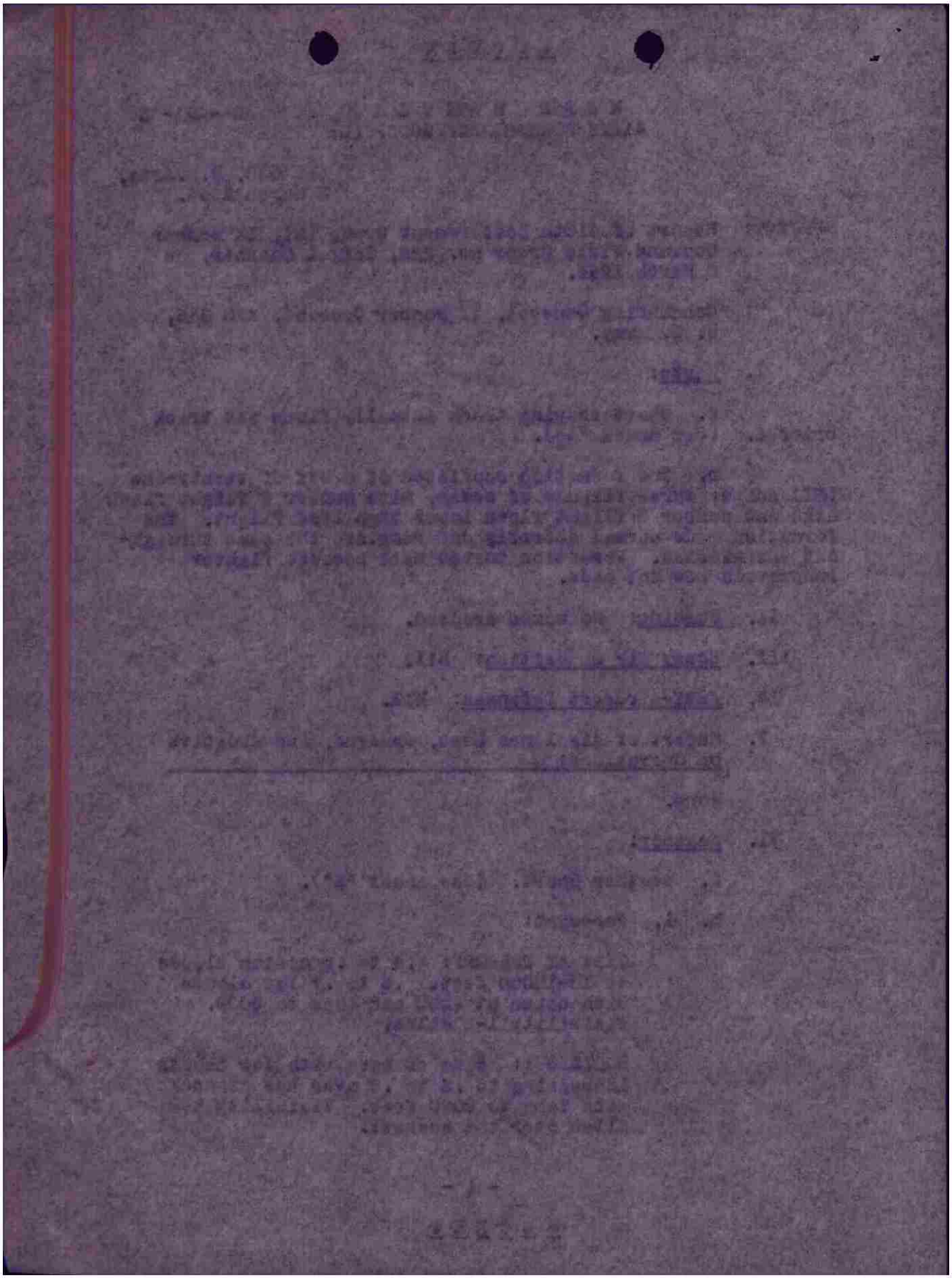
BASE AT TAKEOFF: .4 to .6 medium clouds at 10-12000 feet. .6 to .7 low clouds with bases at 2000 and tops to 5000. Visibility 1-2 miles.

ROUTE OUT: Same as base with low clouds increasing to .6 to .8 over the channel with tops to 8000 feet. Visibility 5-8 miles over the channel.

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TARGET: .2 to .3 low clouds with bases 2500 feet and tops to 5000. No low or middle cloud. Visibility 4-6 miles, light haze.

ROUTE BACK: .4 to .5 middle clouds at 10-12000 feet .6 to .8 low clouds with bases at 3000 feet and tops to 5500. Visibility 4-5 miles in light haze.

ICING: Light to moderate icing in all clouds.

2. Interrogation:

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 4 miles. .8 cumulus with bases at 3000 feet. Wind 04-7 MPH.

ROUTE OUT: Climbed through overcast of .6-.8 cumulus with bases 4000 and tops to 7000. Visibility 4-5 miles under clouds and unlimited above them. Clouds increased to .7-.8 over channel with tops to 8-9000 feet. Decreased over France to .5-.6 with tops still to 8000. Turned back at French coast.

ROUTE BACK: Came down through break in clouds just off the English coast. Tops 5-6000 bases 3000. Clouds were .8-1.0 and condition existed on in to base. Visibility was 4-5 miles.

BASE ON RETURN: Visibility 3 miles. .9-1.0 stratocumulus with bases 3000. Surface wind 07 at 7 MPH.

WINDS: No wind checks were made but the formation was on course using the winds given.

VII. Communications Equipment:

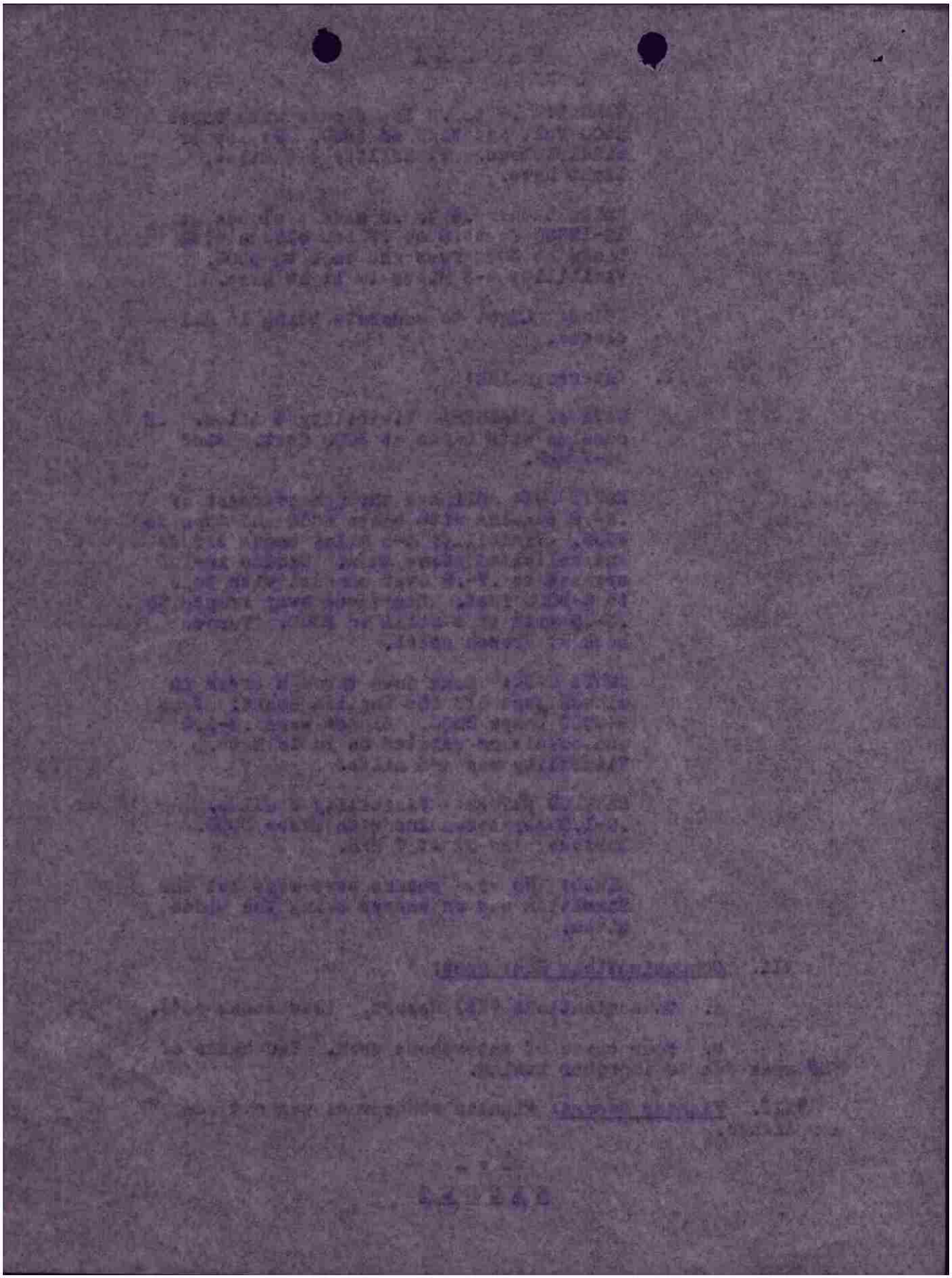
a. Communications (YS) Report. (See Annex "C").

b. Four cases of interphone weak. Two cases of VHF weak due to improper tuning.

VIII. Fighter Escort: Fighter rendezvous was not accomplished.

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IX. Report of Malfunctions of Aircraft Equipment:

(See Annex "D").

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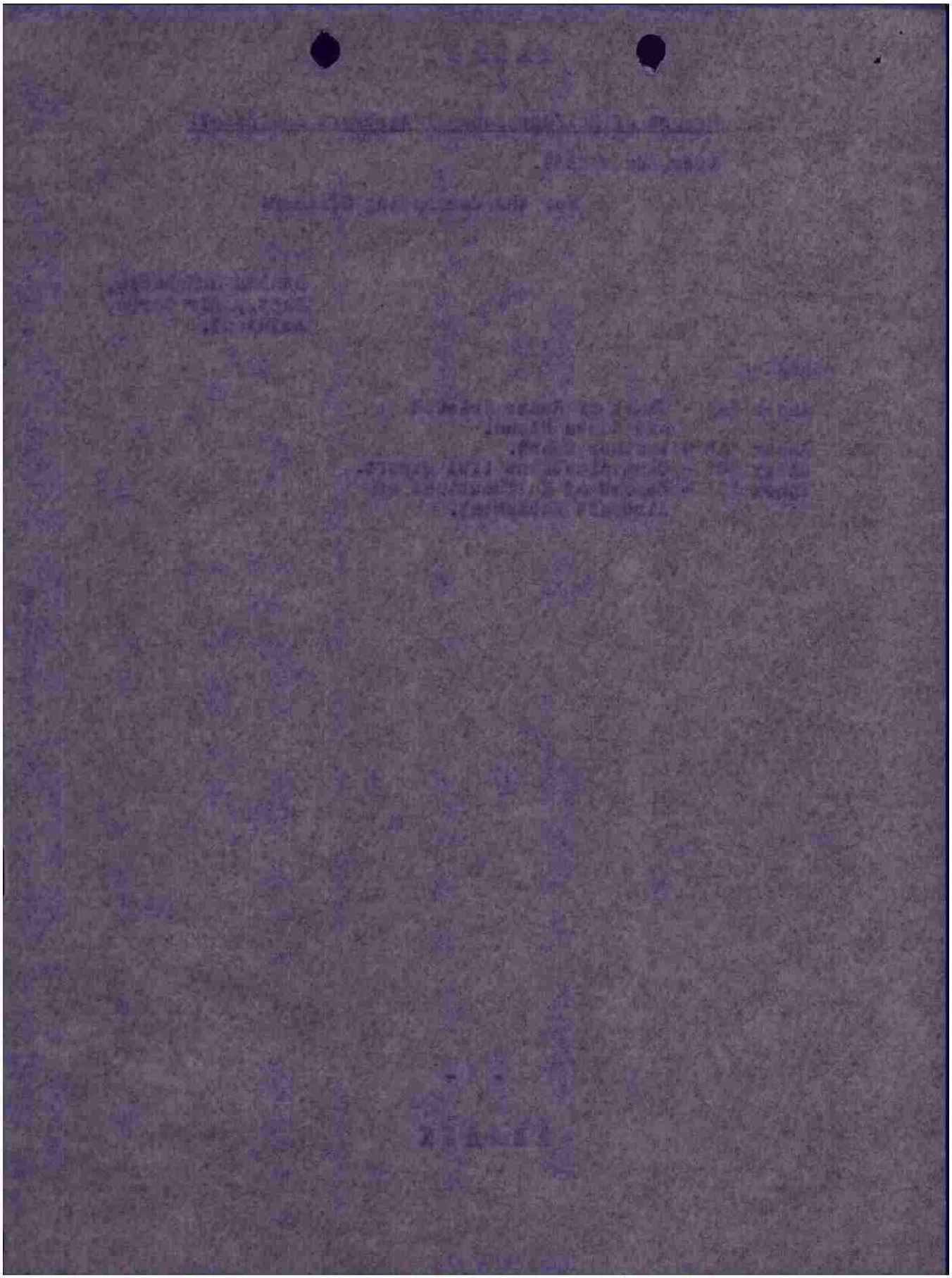
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Adjutant.

ANNEXES:

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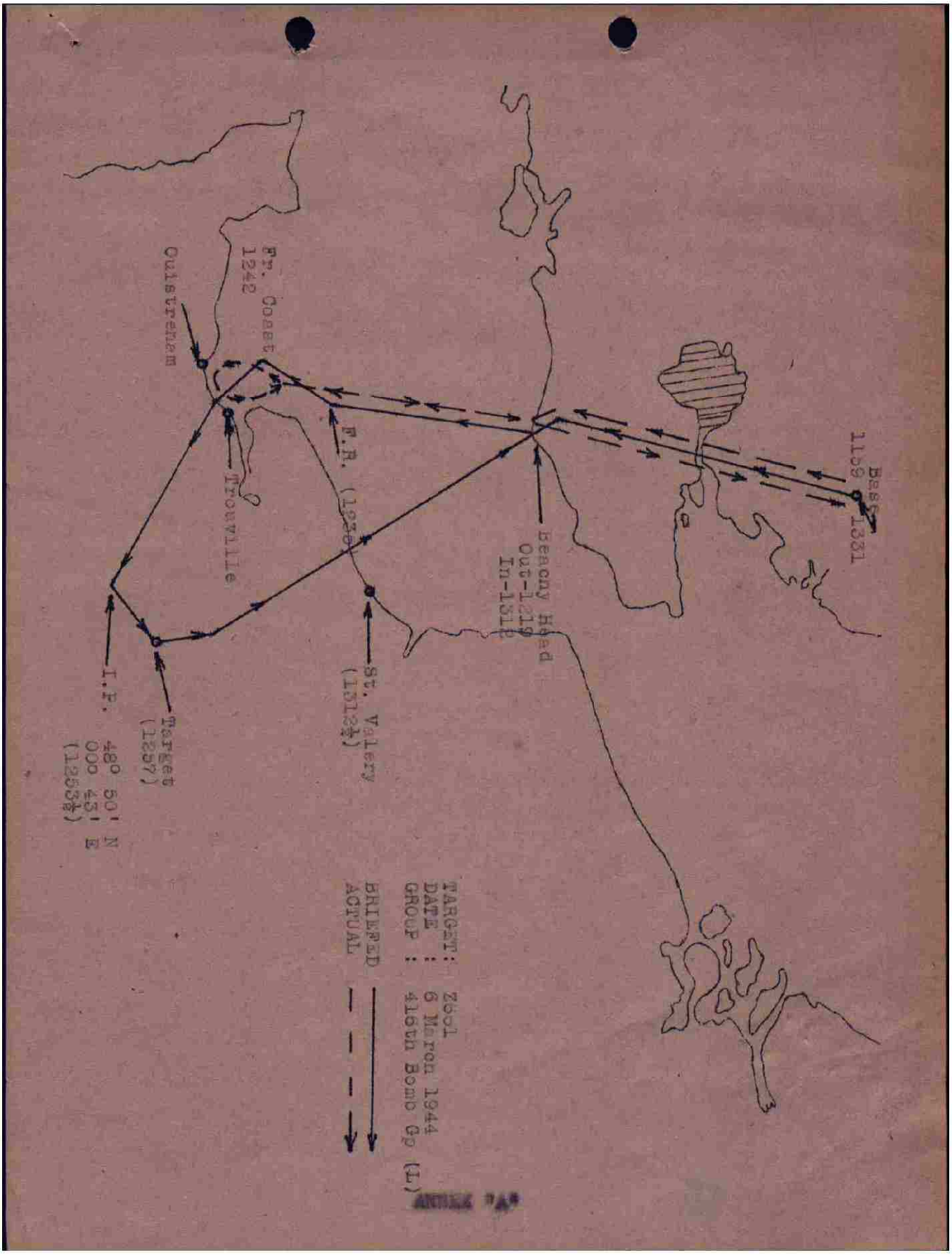
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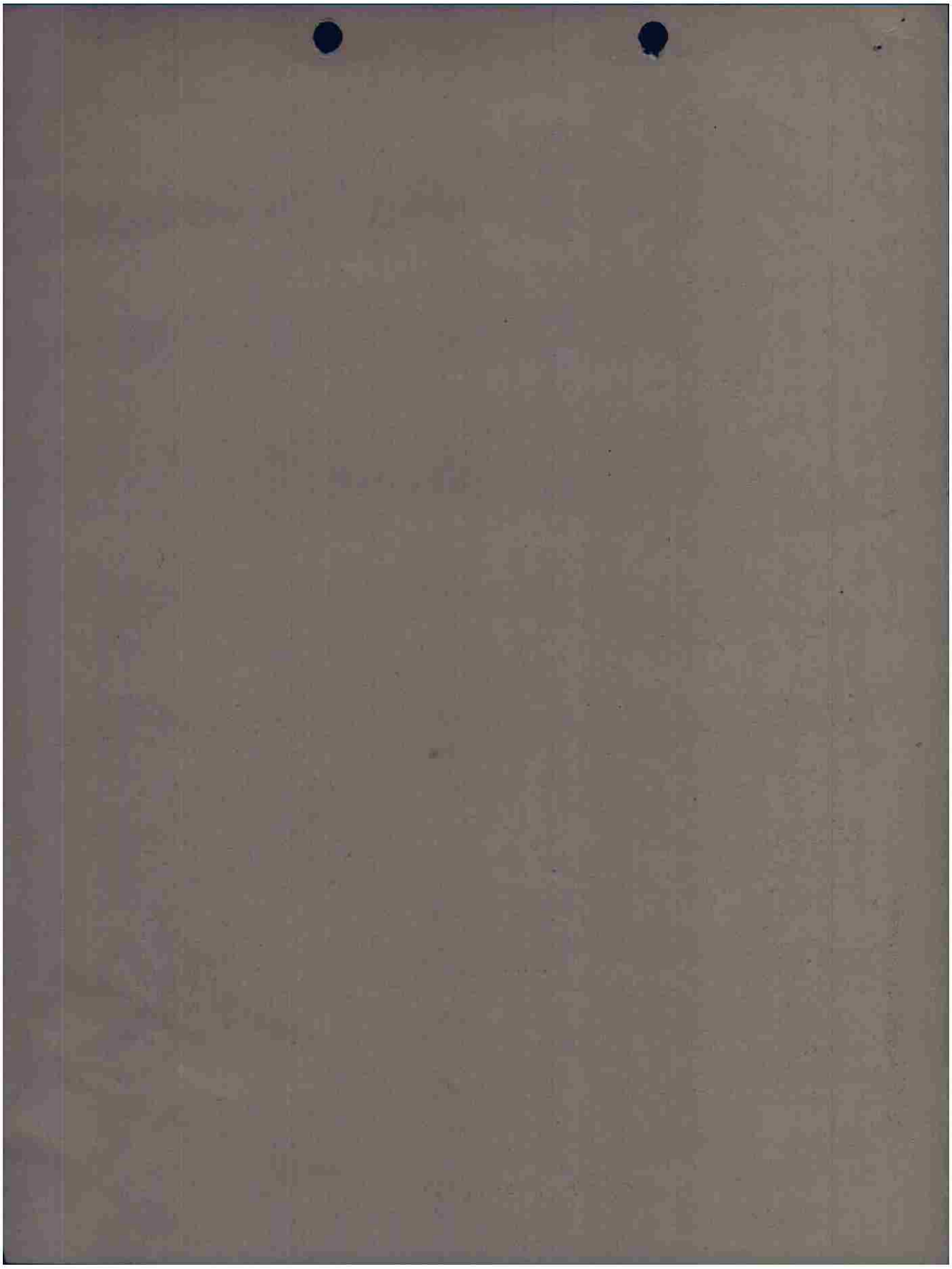
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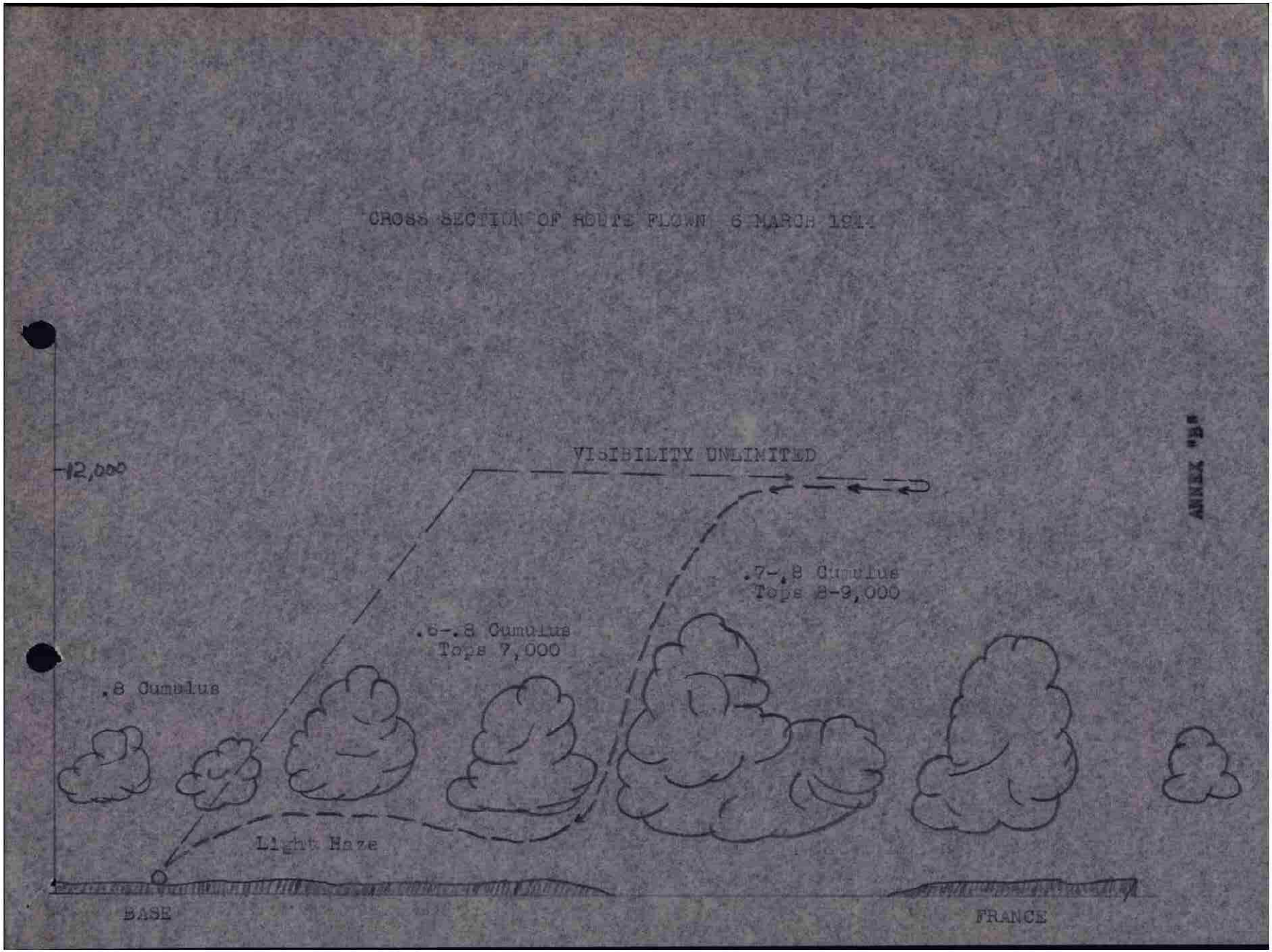


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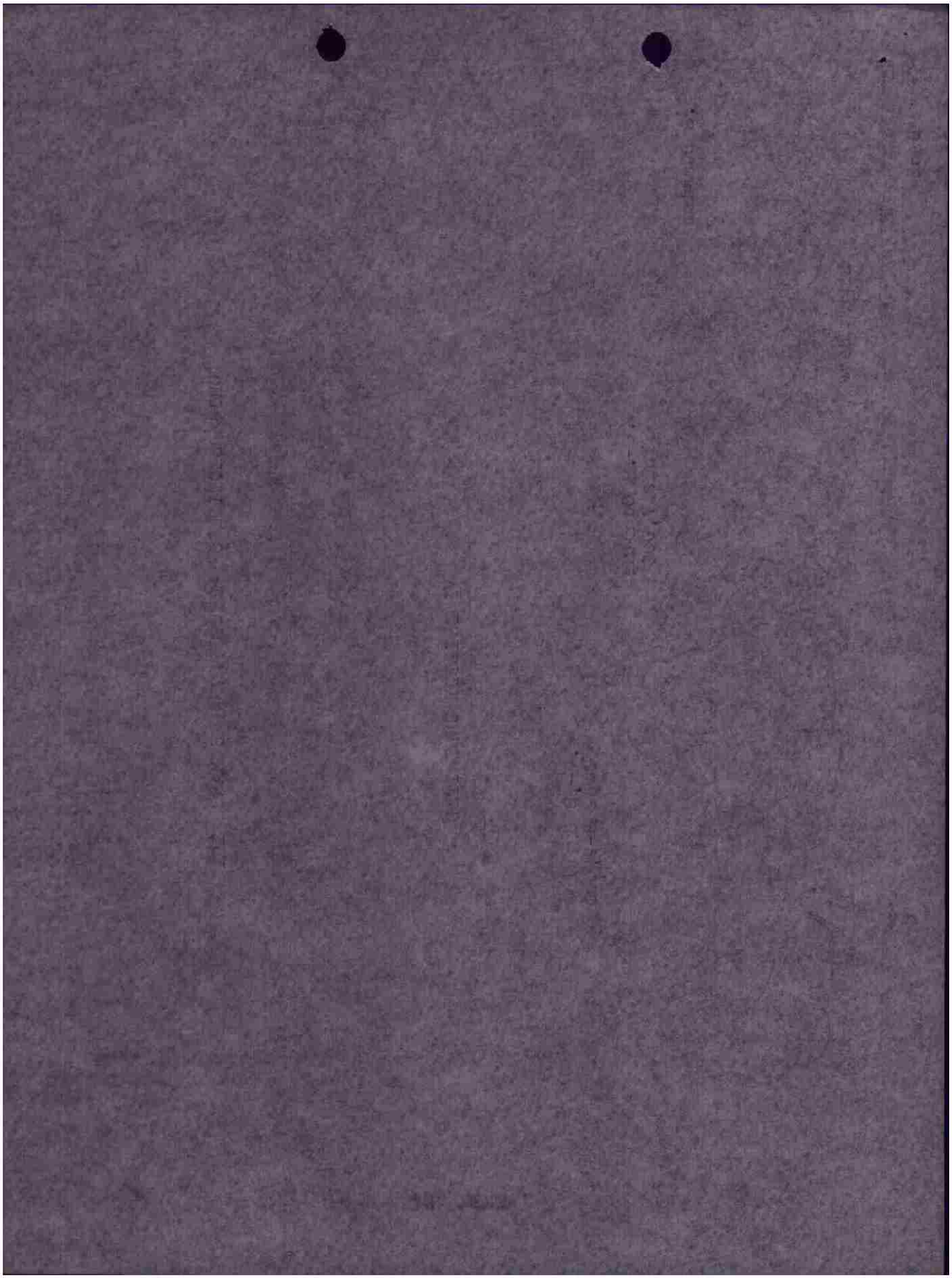
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COMMUNICATIONS (XS) REPORT

TO : IA BOMBER COMMAND.

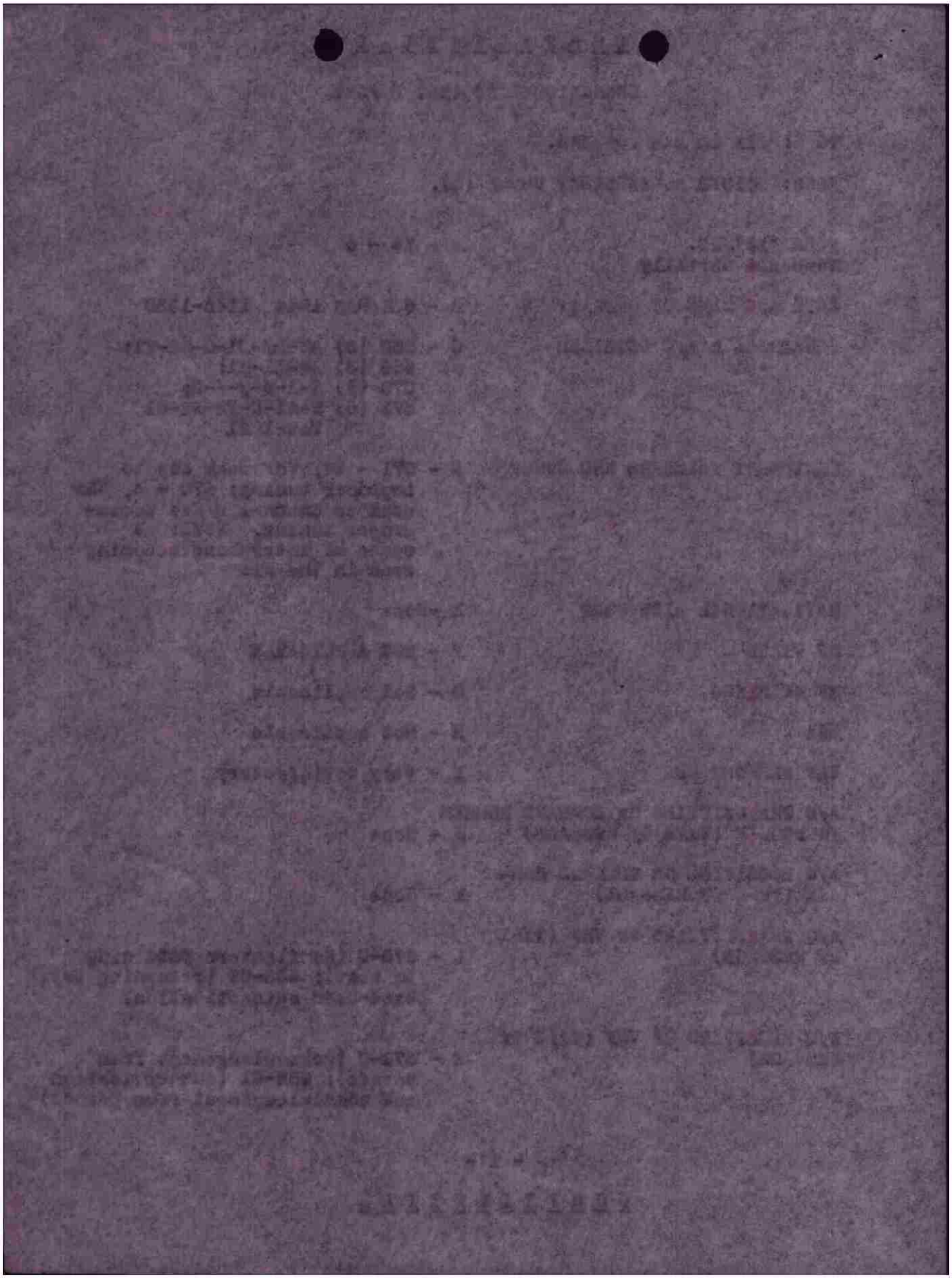
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EQUIPMENT FAILURES AND CAUSE	D - 671 - E2, VHF weak due to improper tuning; 670 - A, VHF weak on channel A due to improper tuning. NOTE: 4 cases of interphone becoming weak in the air
NAVIGATIONAL AIDS USED	E -None
MF FIXES	F - NOT APPLICABLE
MF BEARINGS	G - Not applicable
SBA	H - Not applicable
VHF PERFORMANCE	I - Very Satisfactory
A/C TRANSMITTING ON COMMAND BOMBER TO BOMBER (TYPE OF MESSAGE)	J - None
A/C RECEIVING ON COMMAND BOMBER (TYPE OF MESSAGE)	K - None
A/C TRANSMITTING ON VHF (TYPE OF MESSAGE)	L - 670-C (No fighters returning to base); 668-C1 (returning to base-used authentication)
A/C RECEIVING ON VHF (TYPE OF MESSAGE)	M - 670-C (acknowledgement from parade); 668-C1 (authentication and acknowledgement from parade)

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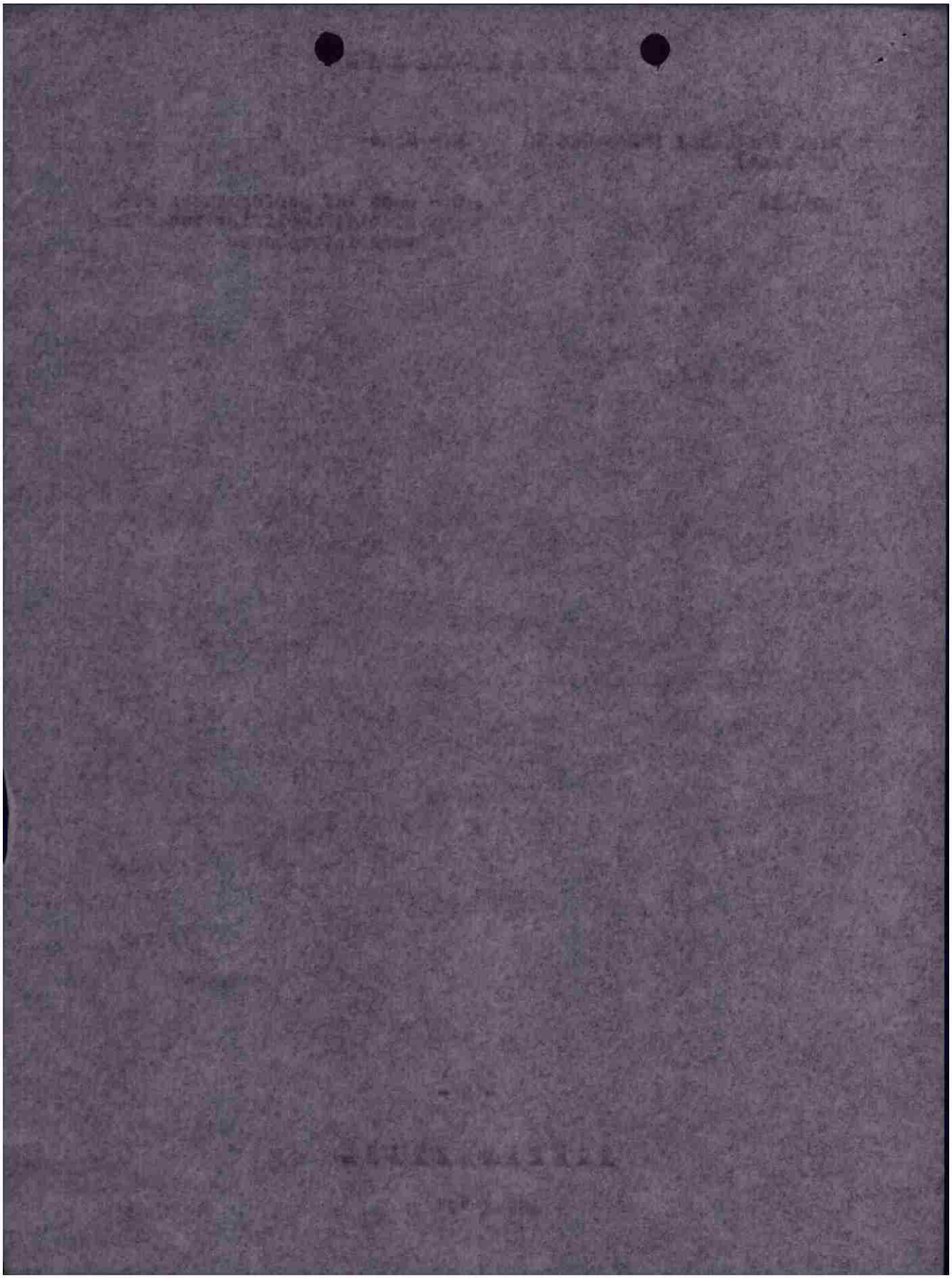
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WING FREQUENCY (MESSAGES TO AND FROM)	N - None
REMARKS	O - Good VHF performance; replacing amplifier tubes in weak interphones

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416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

E - F - S

APO 638, U.S. Army,
8 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Malfunctions of Aircraft Equipment.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APO 638, U. S. Army.

I. Summary of Aircraft Operating:

Date of Mission	:	6 March 1944
Number of aircraft scheduled	:	21
Number of aircraft alerted	:	21

II. Scheduled Aircraft Failing to Become Airborne.

None.

III. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Affecting Success of Mission.

None.

IV. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Not Affecting Success of Mission.

Type	AAF Serial No.	Description	Cause
A-20G	43-9220	Lower flexible gun trigger out of adjustment.	Trigger not adjusted properly at time of preflight.
A-20G	43-9181	Too much oil on guns in turret.	Working parts of gun not wiped free of oil before mission.

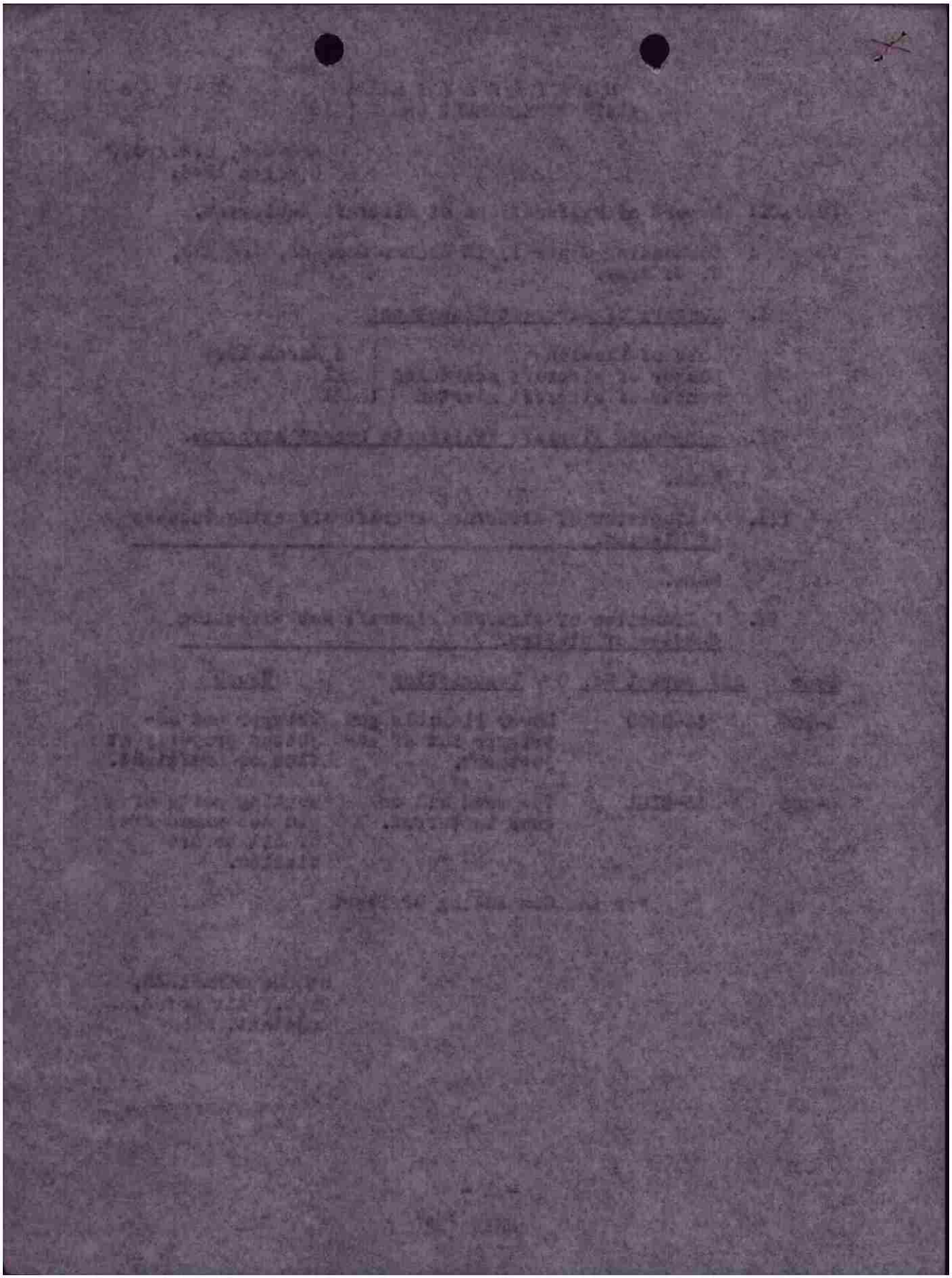
For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHANKEIN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

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APO 638, U.S. Army,
6 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of S-3 Tactical Mission Report.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APO 638, U. S. Army.

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For the Commanding Officer:

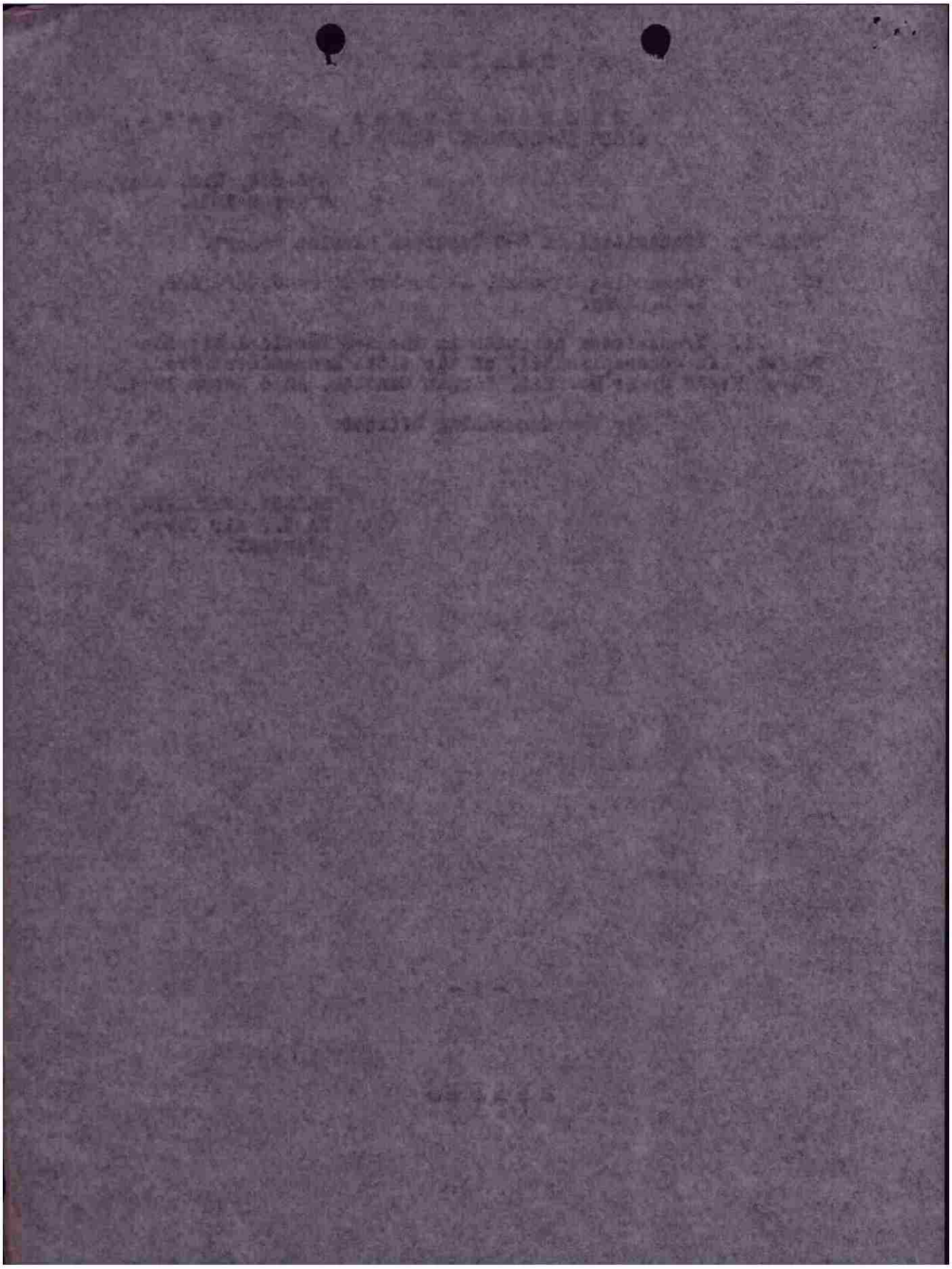
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HEADQUARTERS 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) E-F-5

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8 March 1944.

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I. Route:

a. Chart showing track actually flown and track briefed. (See Annex "A").

b. The formation consisted of a box of twenty-one (21) ships; three flights of seven, with number 2 flight flown high and number 3 flight flown lower than lead flight. The formation made normal assembly and remained the same throughout the mission. Formation turned back because fighter rendezvous was not made.

II. Bombing: No bombs dropped.

III. Enemy Air Opposition: Nil.

IV. Anti-Aircraft Defenses: Nil.

V. Report of Airplanes Lost, Damaged, and Abortive on Operations:

None.

VI. Weather:

a. Weather Chart. (See Annex "B").

b. 1. Forecast:

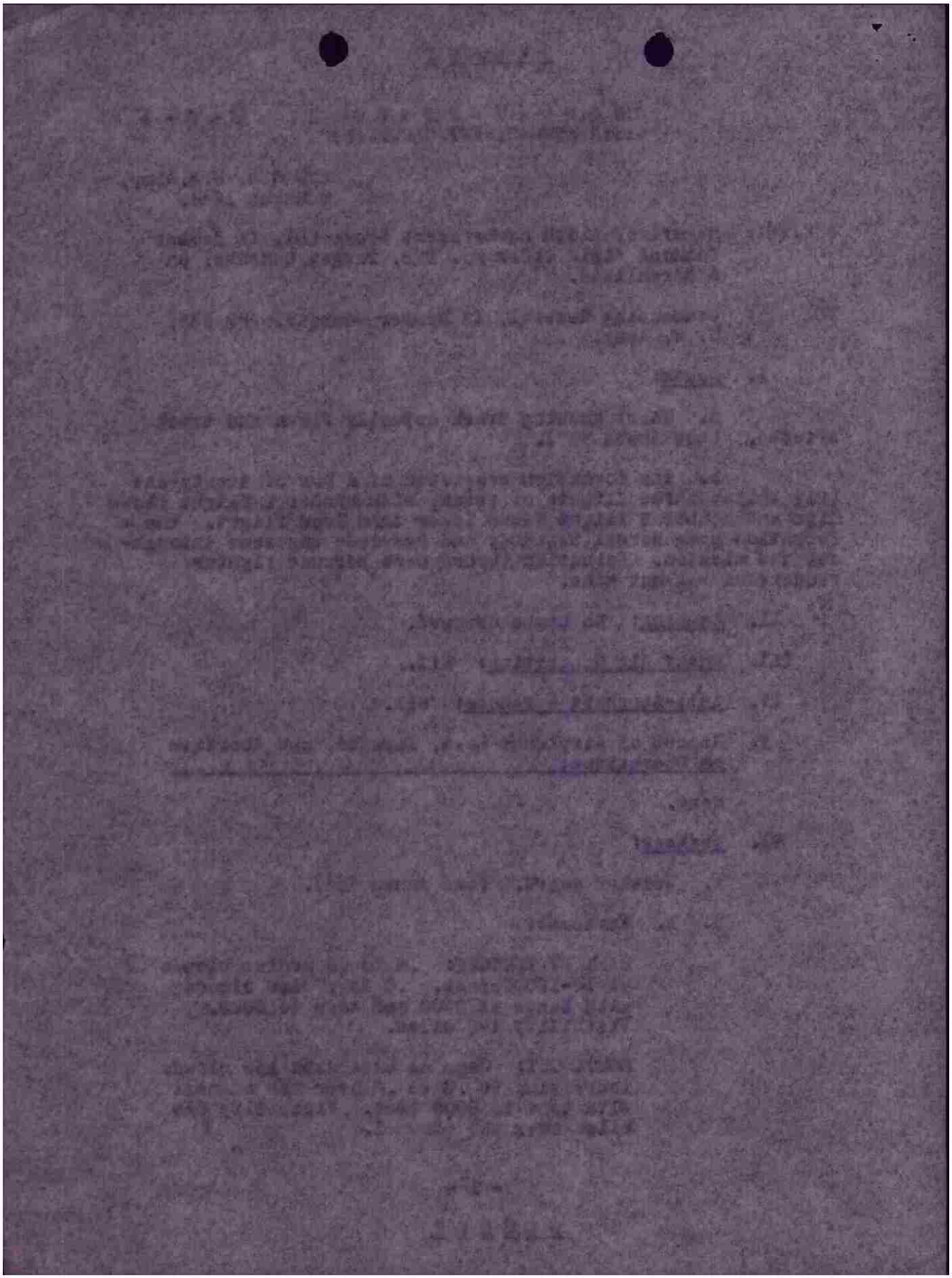
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WINDS: No wind checks were made but the formation was on course using the winds given.

VII. Communications Equipment:

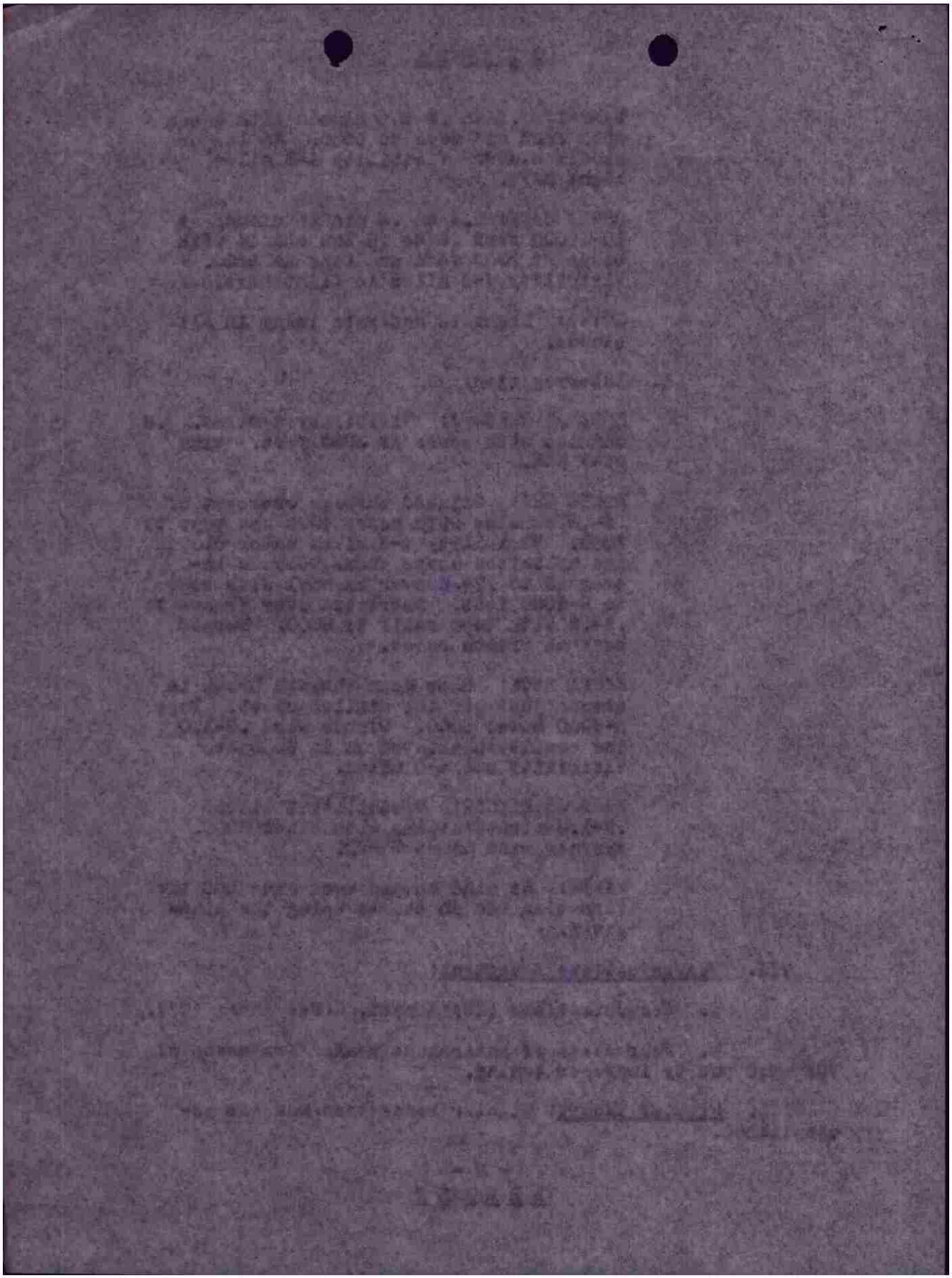
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VIII. Fighter Escort: Fighter rendezvous was not accomplished.

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IX. Report of Malfunctions of Aircraft Equipment:

(See Annex "D").

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHANKLIN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

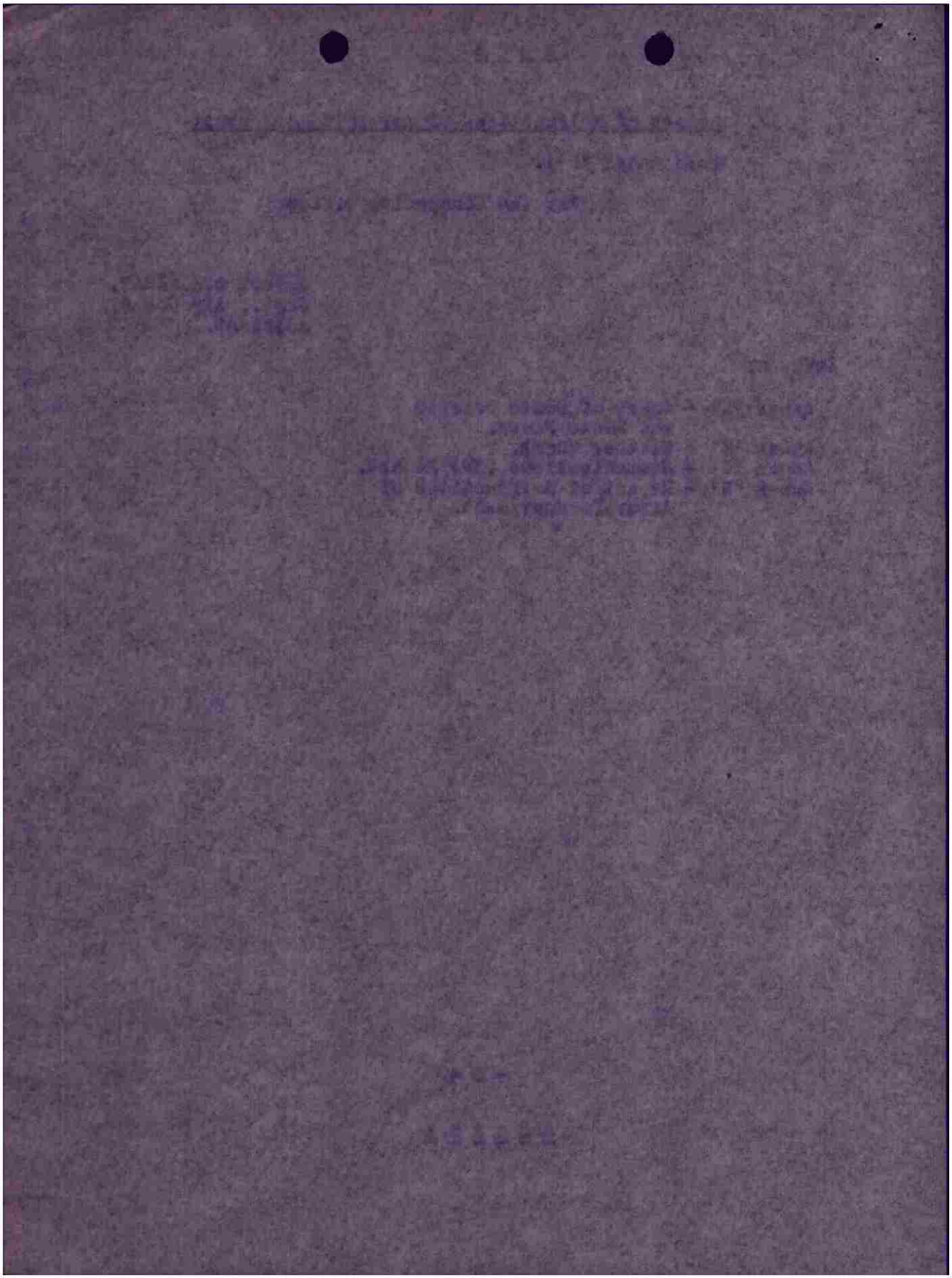
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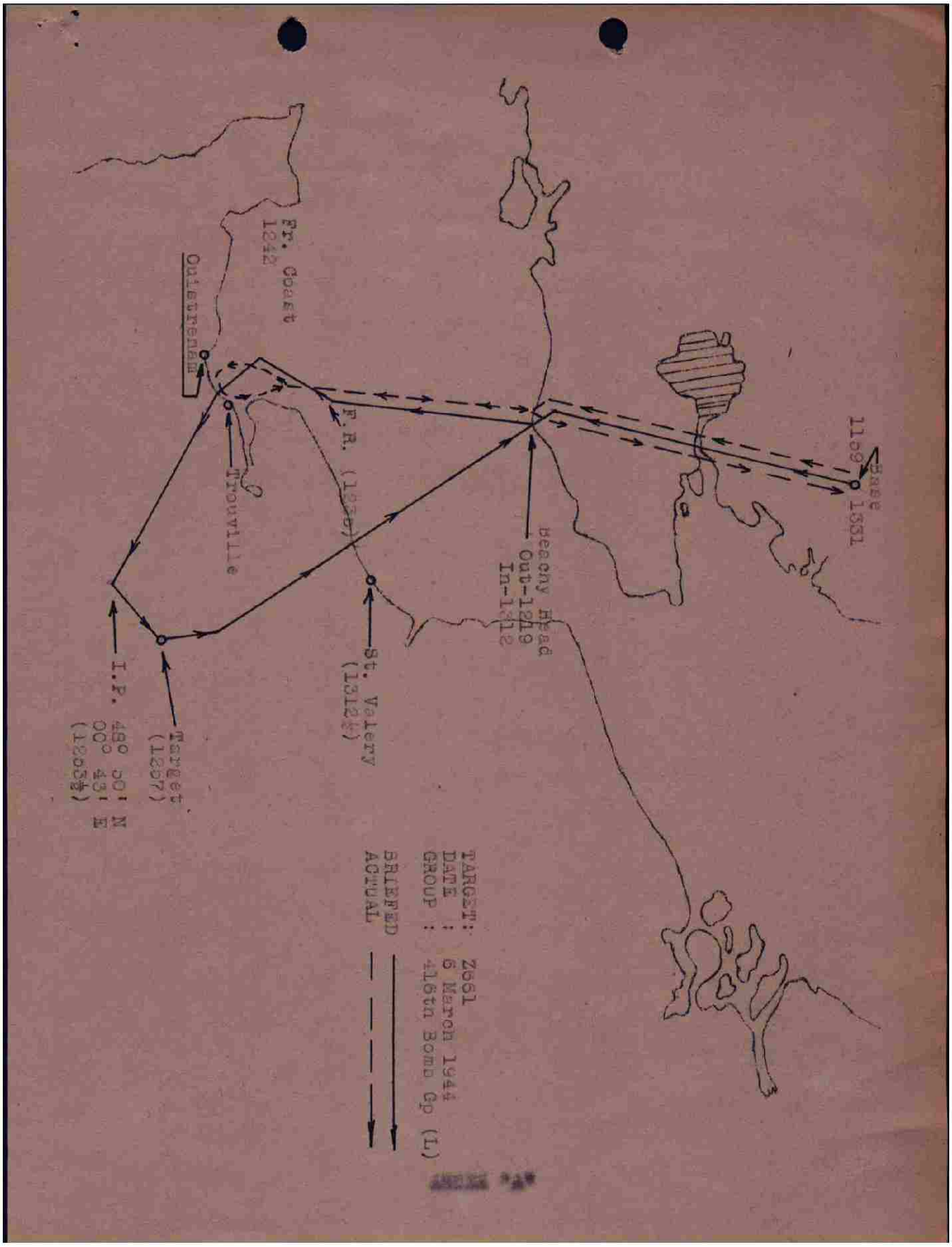
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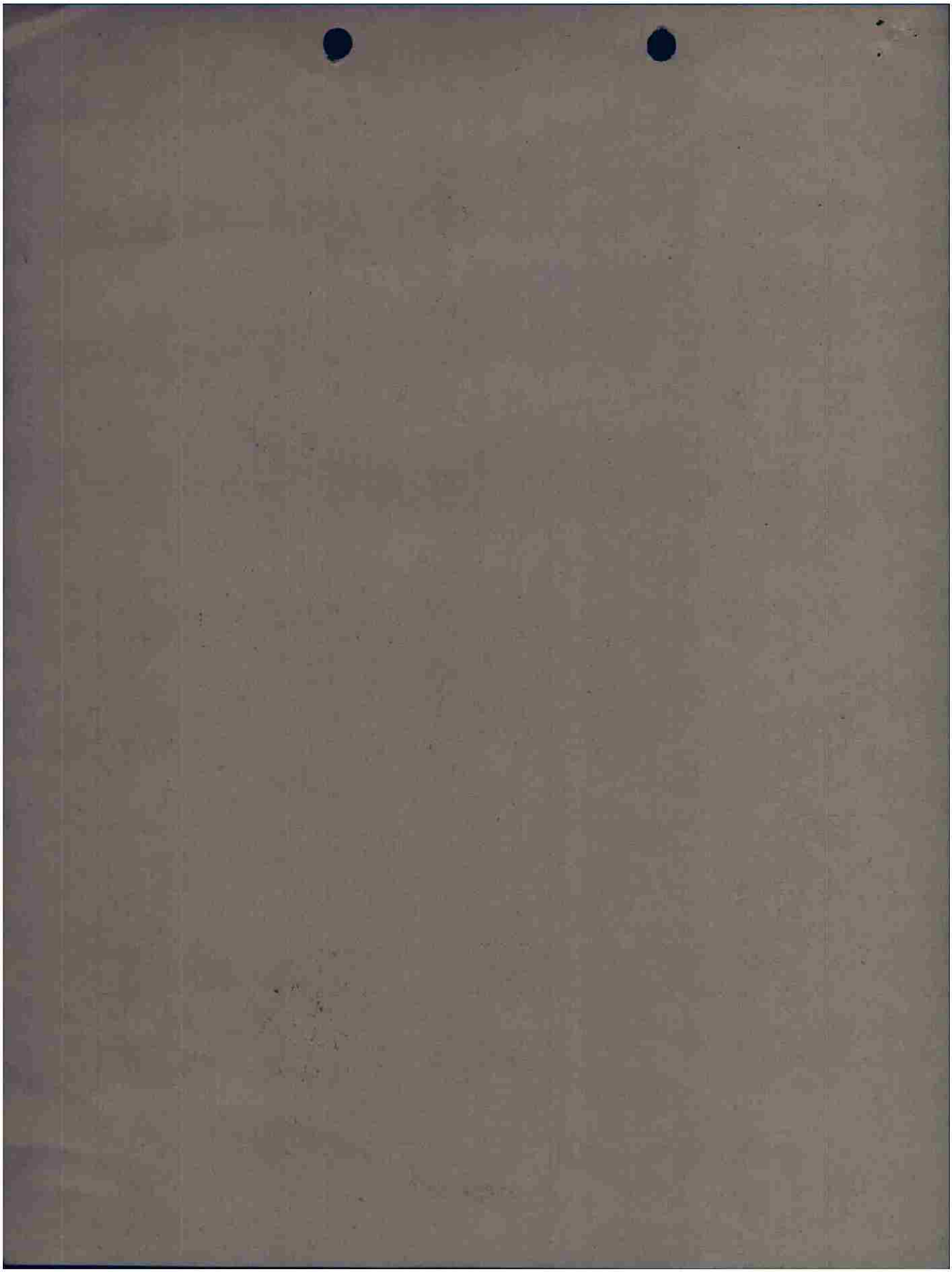
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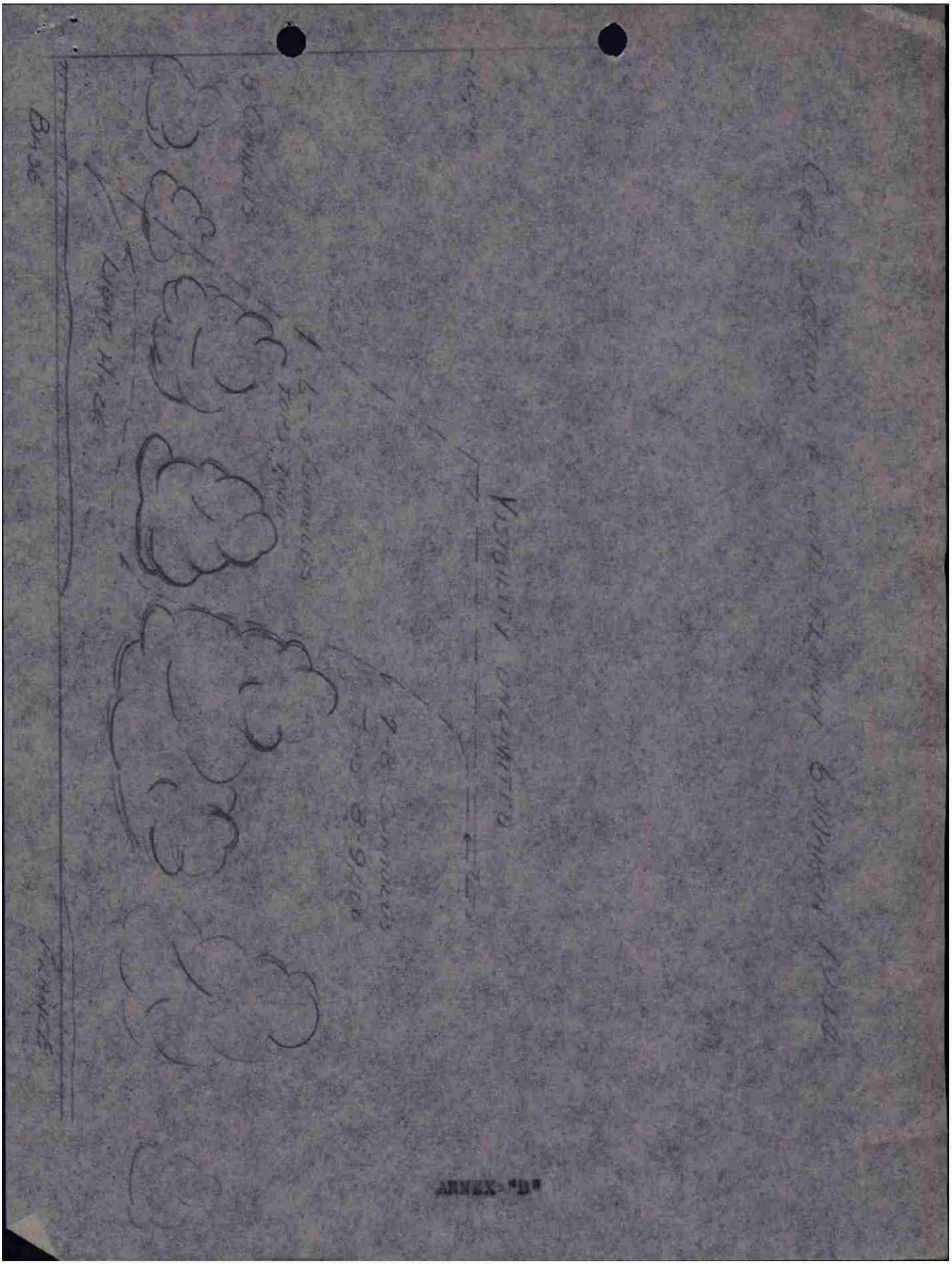
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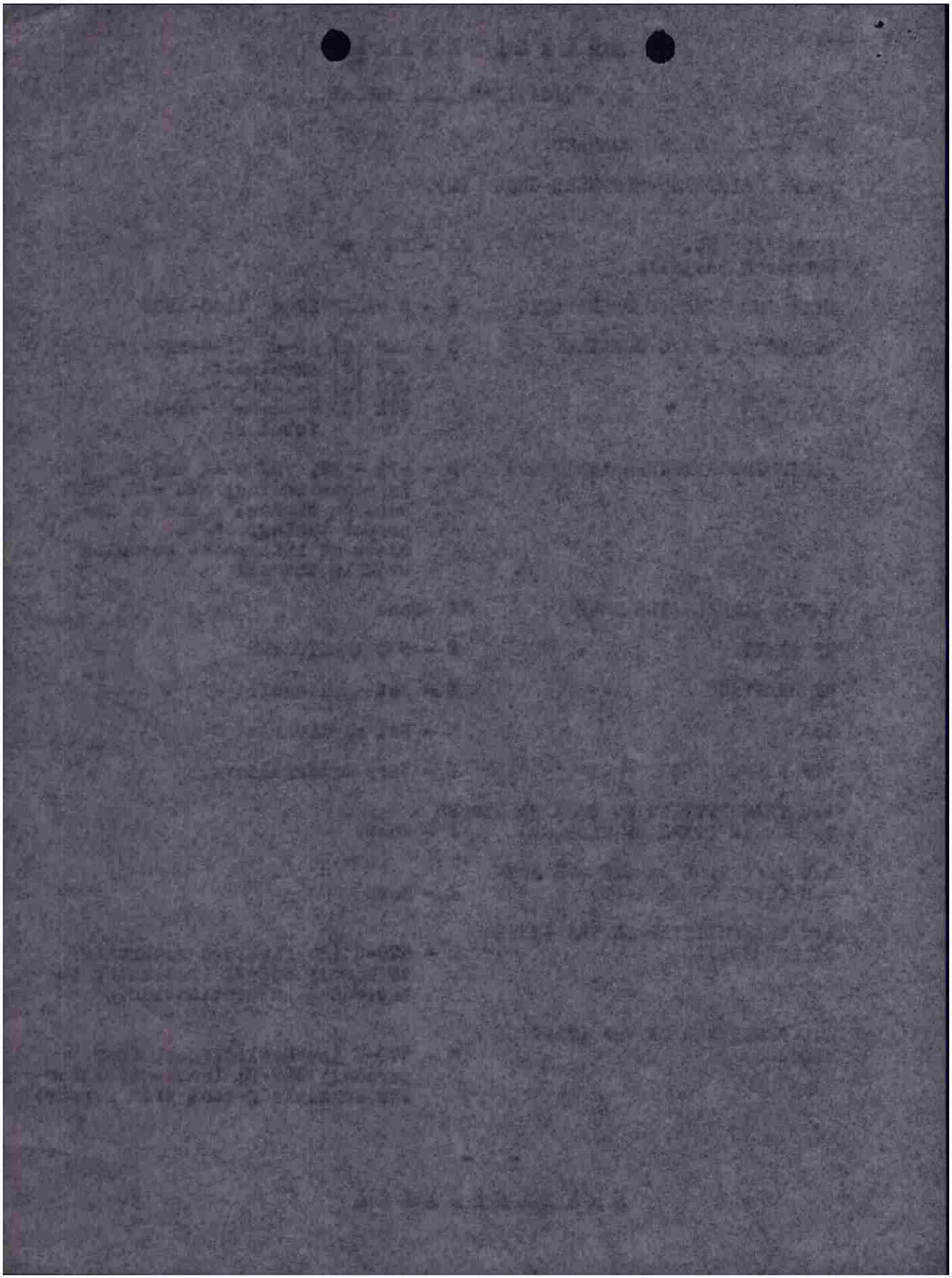
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EQUIPMENT FAILURES AND CAUSE	D - 671 - E2, VHF weak due to improper tuning; 670 - A, VHF weak on channel A due to improper tuning. NOTE: 4 cases of interphone becoming weak in the air
NAVIGATIONAL AIDS USED	E -None
HF FIXES	F - NOT APPLICABLE
HF BEARINGS	G - Not applicable
SBA	H - Not applicable
VHF PERFORMANCE	I - Very Satisfactory
A/C TRANSMITTING ON COMMAND BOMBER TO BOMBER (TYPE OF MESSAGE)	J - None
A/C RECEIVING ON COMMAND BOMBER (TYPE OF MESSAGE)	K - None
A/C TRANSMITTING ON VHF (TYPE OF MESSAGE)	L - 670-C (No fighters returning to base); 668-C1 (returning to base-used authentication)
A/C RECEIVING ON VHF (TYPE OF MESSAGE)	M - 670-C (acknowledgement from parade); 668-C1 (authentication and acknowledgement from parade)

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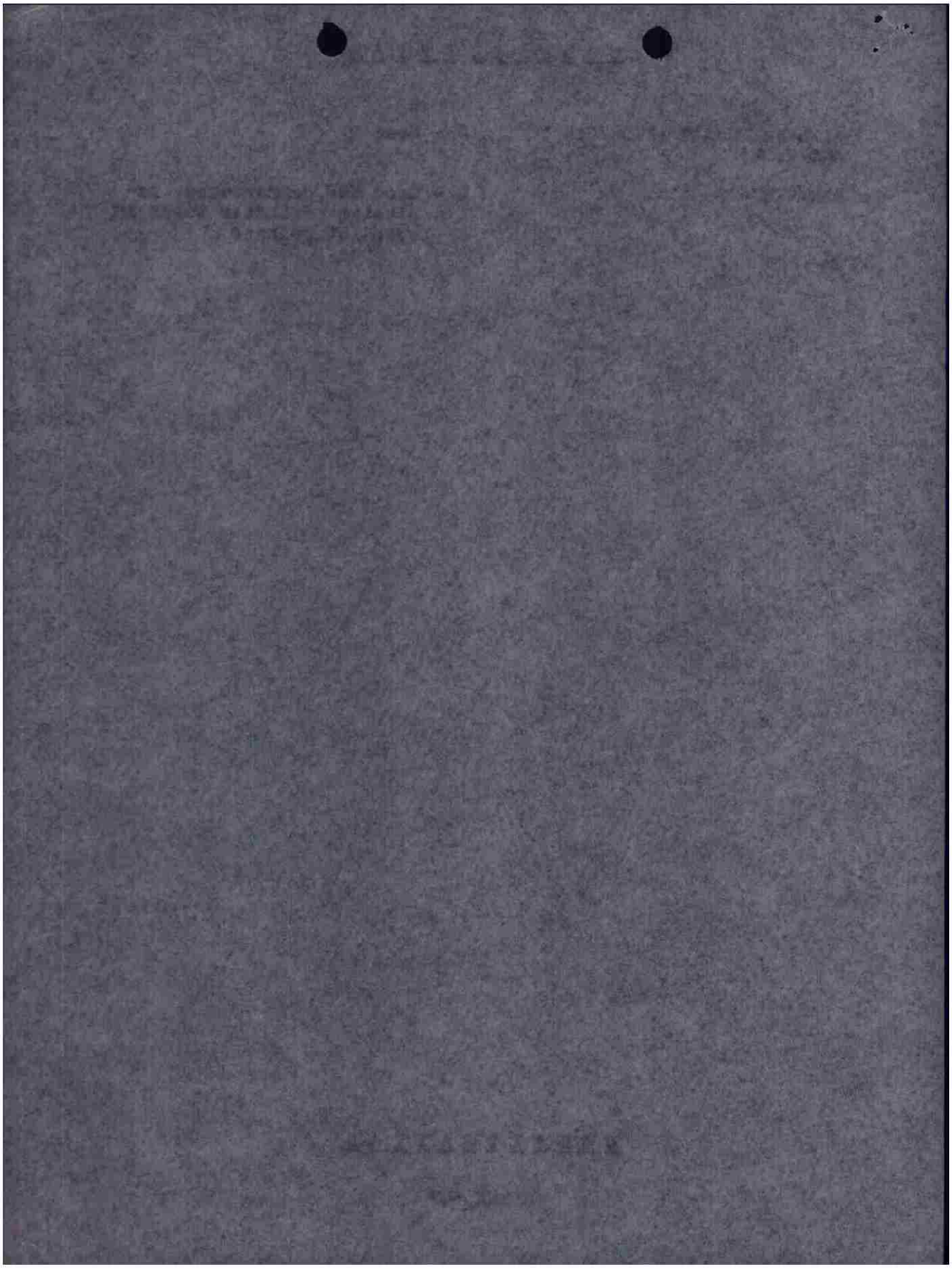
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8 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Malfunctions of Aircraft Equipment.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APO 638, U.S. Army

I. Summary of Aircraft Operating.

Date of Mission : 6 March 1944
Number of aircraft scheduled : 21
Number of aircraft alerted : 21

II. Scheduled Aircraft Failing to Become Airborne.

None.

III. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Affecting Success of Mission.

None.

IV. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Not Affecting Success of Mission:

Type	AAF Serial No.	Description	Cause
A-20G	43-9220	Lower flexible gun trigger out of adjustment.	Trigger not adjusted properly at time of preflight.
A-20G	43-9181	Too much oil on guns in turret.	Working parts of gun not wiped free of oil before mission.

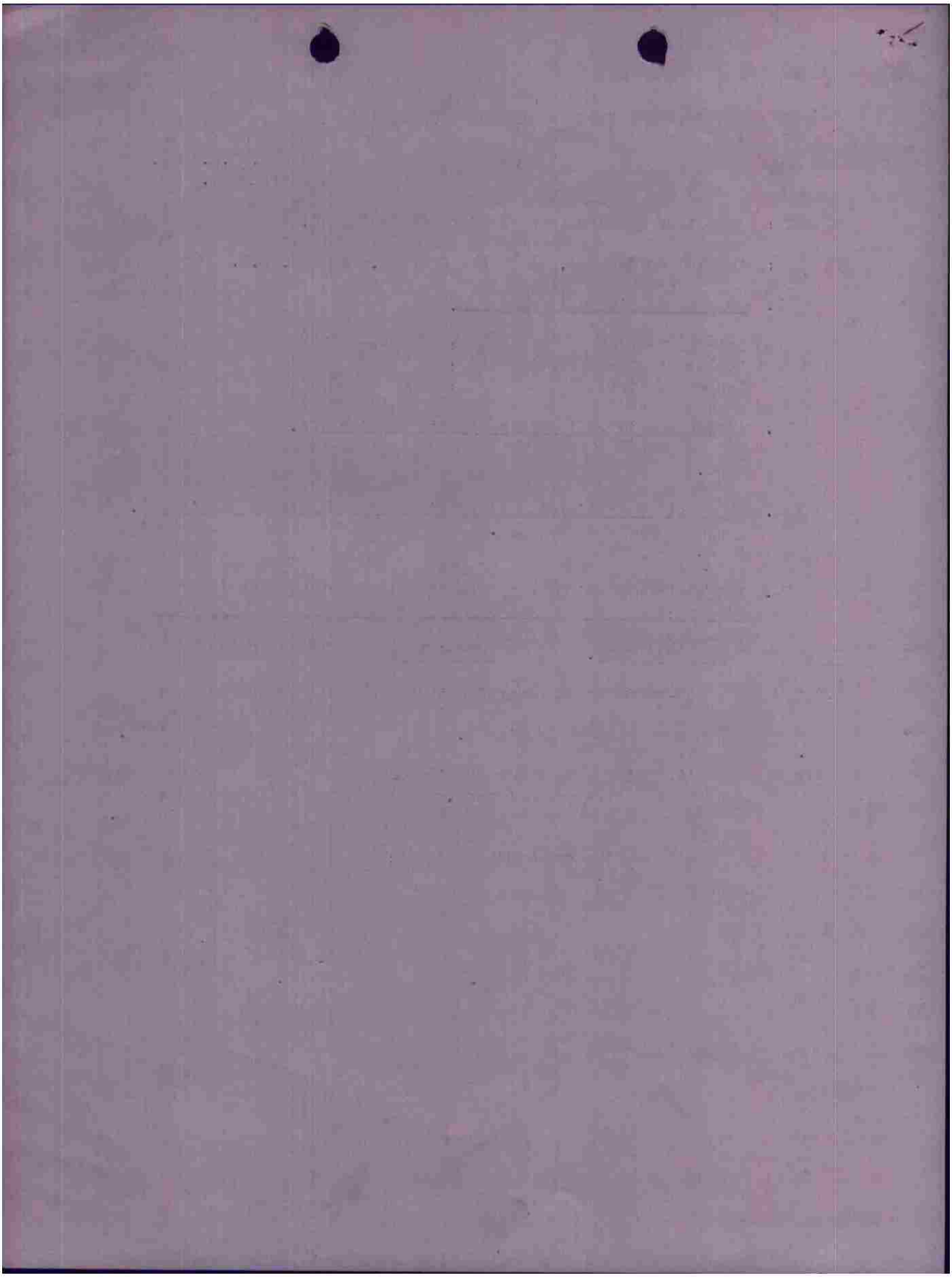
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670 . . . . 6 . . . . C A B M F E

671 . . . . 3 . . . . K A1 D (SPARES . . . F2 E2 G1)

669 . . . . 3 . . . . A2 E1 B1

668 . . . . 6 . . . . A3 D2 C1 G B2 F1

BOX LEADER . . . . 670 C

DEPUTY . . . . . 670 . . . . M

2. 2661

3. BOX 1 . . . . R/T DOROTHY

4. 1159 . . . BASE . . . LEWES . . . BEACHYHEAD

5. 1222 . . . 12000 . . . BEACHYHEAD

6. 1243 . . . 12000 . . . 4 MILES SW TROUVILLE

7. 1313 . . . 12000 . . . 6 MILES SW ST VALERY

8. 1329 . . . 12000 . . . BEACHYHEAD

9. 1351 . . . BEACHYHEAD . . . BASE

10. M/F D/F . . N

11. 4 X 500 LB G.P.

12. 400 GALLONS . . . ESTIMATED ENDURANCE . . . 3 HOURS PLUS

13. SUBMITTED IN LIEU OF F.C.

A. MAPS . . . NORMAL

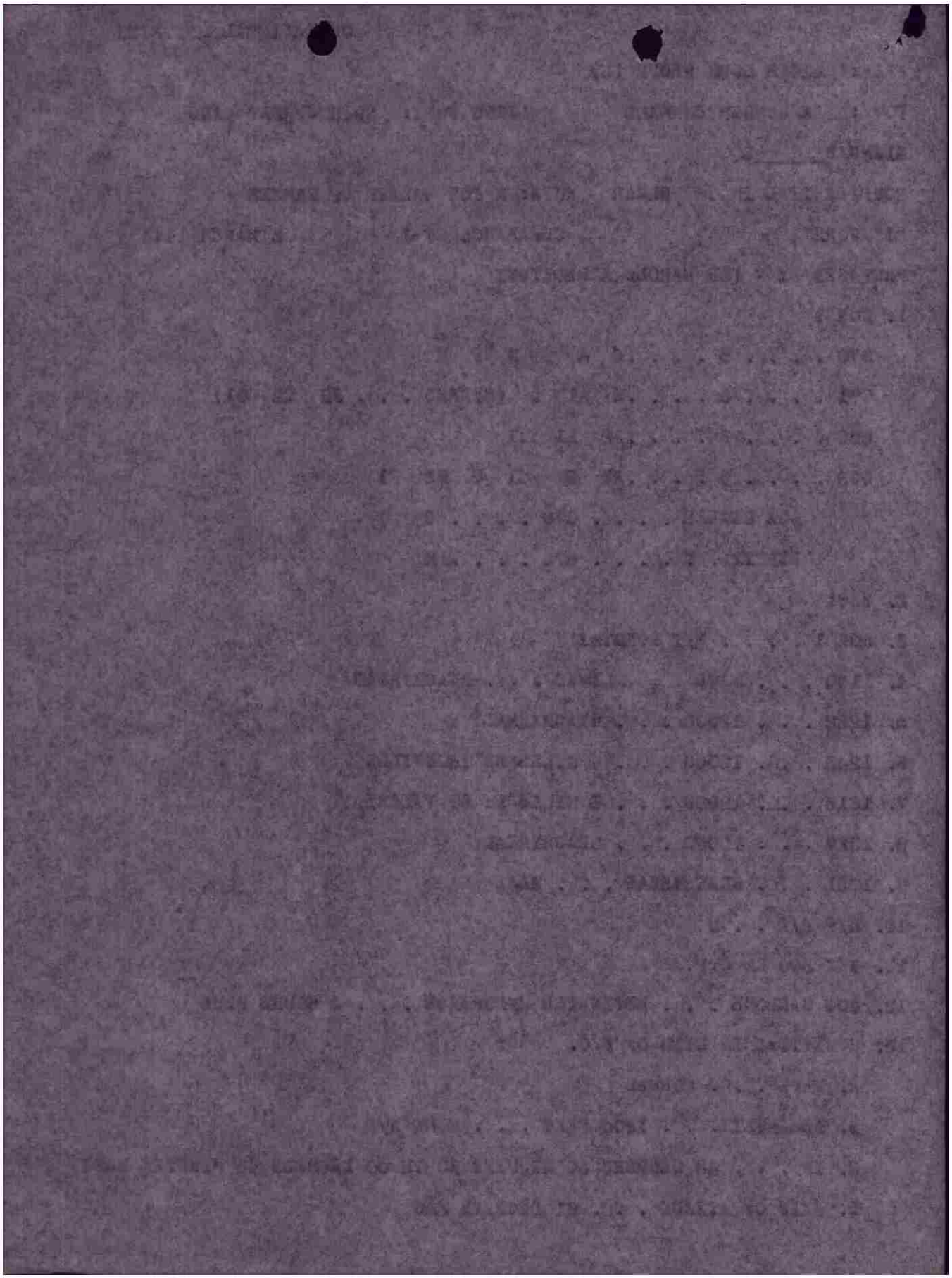
B. ASSEMBLY . . . 1500 FEET . . . HOME A/D

C. IP . . . 48 DEGREES 50 MINUTES NORTH 00 DEGREES 43 MINUTES EAST

D. AXIS OF ATTACK . . . 61 DEGREES MAG

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E. TOT . . . 1257

F. METHOD OF BOMBING . . . PATTERN

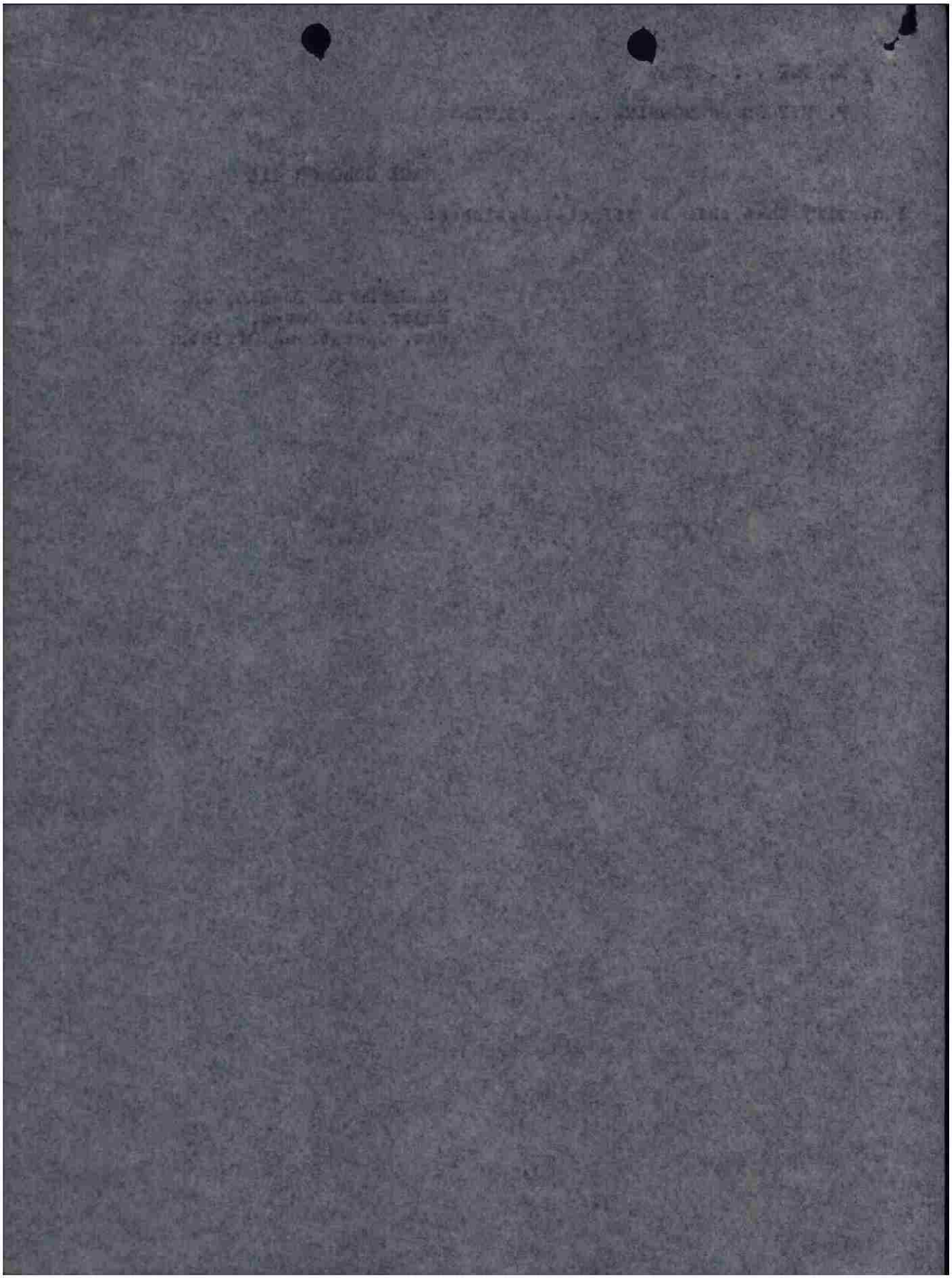
MACE COBONGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

CLARENCE S. TOWLES, JR.
Major, Air Corps,
Asst. Operations Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
416th Bomb Group (L)
Office of the Weather Officer
APO 638
6 March 1944

SUBJECT: Forecast for mission of 6 March, 1944

TO : Group Operations

BASE AT TAKEOFF: .4 to .5 medium clouds at 10-12000 feet. .6 to .7 low clouds with bases at 2500 and tops to 5000. Visibility 1-2 miles.

ROUTE OUT: Same as base with low clouds increasing to .6 to .8 over the channel with tops to 3000 feet. Visibility 6-8 miles over the channel.

TARGET: .8 to .3 low clouds with bases 2500 feet and tops to 5000. No low or middle cloud. Visibility 4-6 miles, light haze.

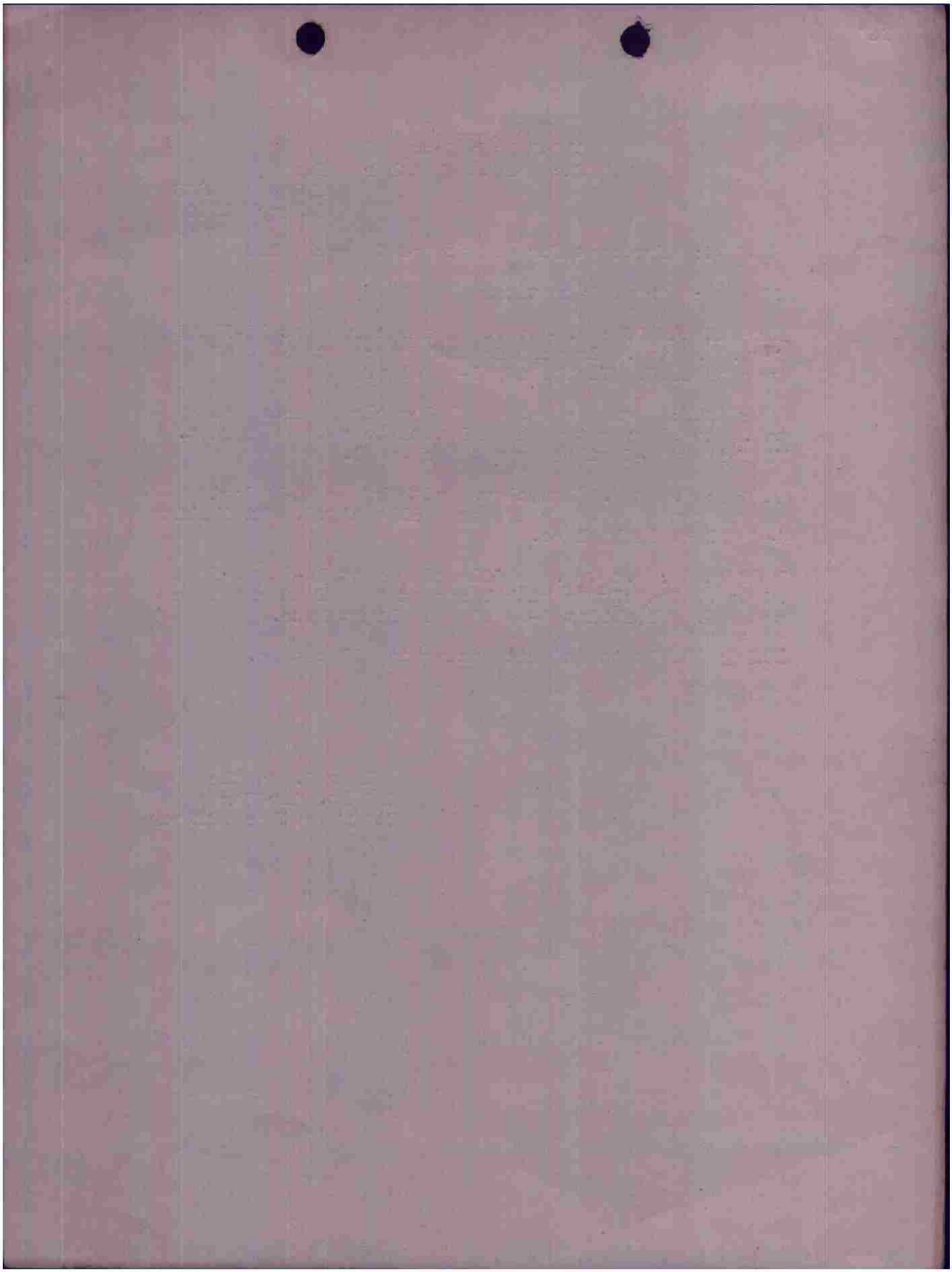
ROUTE BACK: .4 to .5 middle clouds at 10-12000 feet .6 to .8 low clouds with bases at 3000 feet and tops to 5500. Visibility4-5 miles in light haze.

ICING: Light to moderate icing in all clouds.

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HEADQUARTERS
416th BOMB GROUP (L)
Office of The Weather Officer

APO 638,
6 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report.

TO : Group Operations.

The target was No. Z661 and the takeoff time was 1147.

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 4 miles. .8 cumulus with bases at 3000 feet. Wind 04-7 MPH.

ROUTE OUT: Climbed through overcast of .6-.8 cumulus with bases 4000 and tops to 7000. Visibility 4-5 miles under clouds and unlimited above them. Clouds increased to .7-.8 over channel with tops to 8-9000 feet. Decreased over France to .5-.6 with tops still to 8000. Turned back at French coast.

ROUTE BACK: Came down through break in clouds just off the English coast. Tops 5-6000 bases 3000. Clouds were .8-1.0 and condition existed on in to base. Visibility was 4-5 miles.

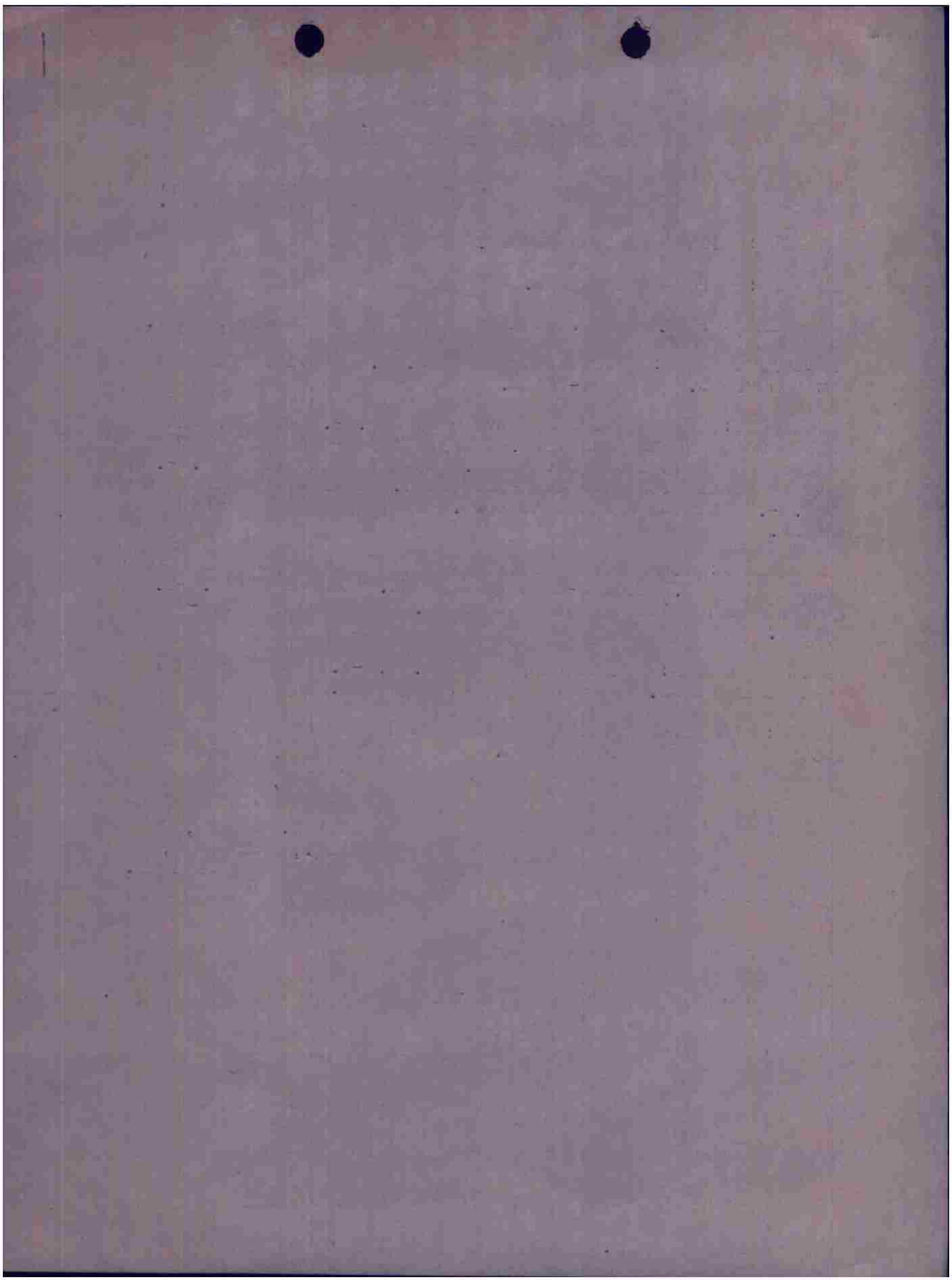
BASE ON RETURN: Visibility 3 miles. .9-1.0 stratocumulus with bases 3000. Surface wind 07 at 7 MPH.

WINDS: No wind checks were made but the formation was on course using the winds given.

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WALTER D. CASTLE,
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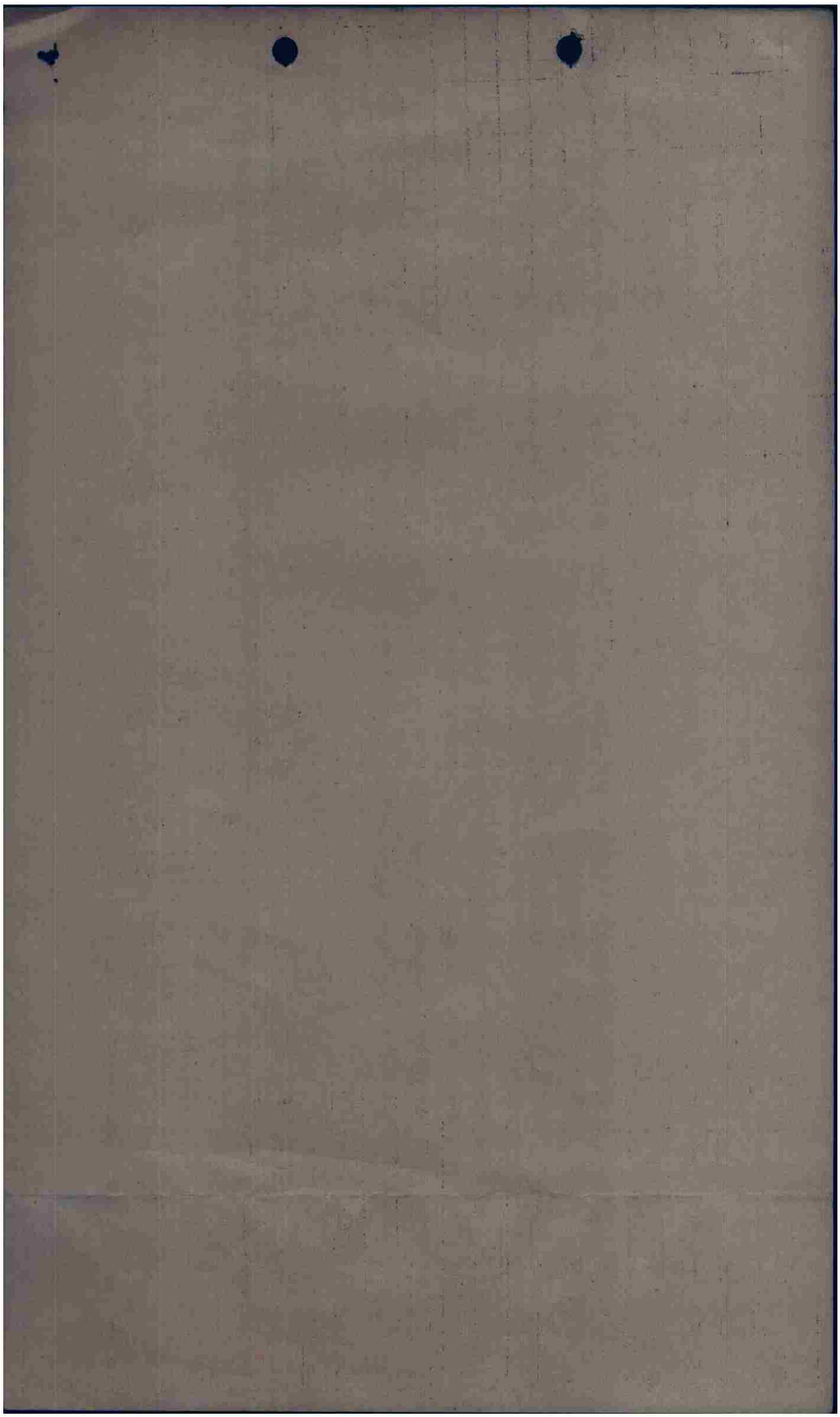
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MISSION OF 6 JANUARY 1944

A/C LTR	A/C NO.	SQDN.	PILOT	TARGET	A/D	ENGLISH COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN	CAMERA	FUEL	BOMB LOAD	ENDUR.	LAND TIME	REMARKS
C	380	C/	FORD	Z-661	1145	1222, 12,000', BERCHY HEAD	1243, 12,000', 4mi. S.W. TRAUVILLE	1257	1313, 12,000', 1mi. S.W. ST VALERY	1329, 12,000', BERCHY HEAD	C	400	4x500 G.P.	3+	1339	
A	200	C/	GULLION	"	1145	"	"	"				750	"	"	1339	
[illegible]	207	C/	MacMANUS	"	1145	"	"	"				750	"	"	1342	
M	387	C/	NAPIER	"	1145	"	"	"			C	400	"	"	1341	
F	227	C/	DONTAS	"	1146	"	"	"				750	"	"	1340	
E	224	C/	RAINES	"	1146	"	"	"				750	"	"	1342	
K	377	B/	CAMPBELL	"	1146	"	"	"			C	400	"	"	1354	
A-1	203	D/	PECK	"	1146	"	"	"				750	"	"	1347	
D	219	D/	STREET	"	1147	"	"	"				750	"	"	1347	
A-2	181	B/	MORTON	"	1147	"	"	"				750	"	"	1346	
E-1	226	B/	SIGGS	"	1147	"	"	"				750	"	"	1345	
B-1	202	B/	DEMUN	"	1148	"	"	"				750	"	"	1345	
[illegible]-3	386	A/	PRICE	"	1148	"	"	"			C	400	"	"	1346	
[illegible]-2	195	A/	KLEOPFEL	"	1148	"	"	"			C	750	"	"	1349	
[illegible]-1	194	A/	SCHAEFER	"	1148	"	"	"				750	"	"	1349	
G	379	A/	CONANT	"	1149	"	"	"				750	"	"	1350	
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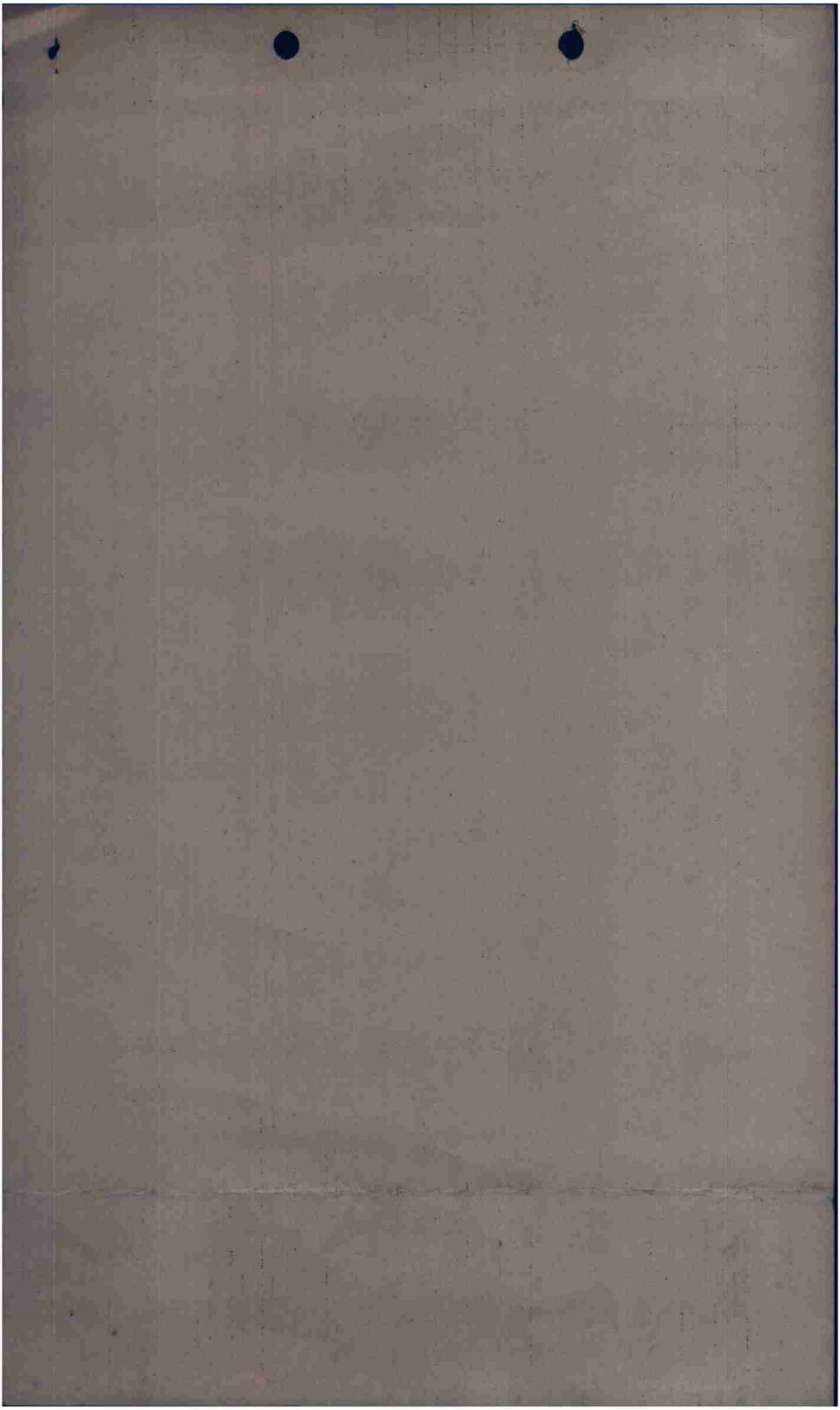
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E-2	221	D'	MACE	Z-661	1150	1222, 12,000, BEACHY HEAD	1243, 12,000 S.W. TROUVILLE	1257	1313, 12,000 S.W. ST VALERY	1329, 10,000, BEACHY HEAD		750	4x500 G.P.	3+	1357	
E-2	220	D'	BATTERSby	"	1150	"	"	"	"	"		750	"	"	1344	
G-	225	D'	SIRACUSA	"	1150	"	"	"	"	"		750	"	"	1351	

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LOADING LIST — MARCH 1944

FLIGHT I

1. A/C #380 "C"
   P Lt.Co. T. R. Ford
   B/N Lt. W. L. Smith
   G S/S J. D. Bresnak
   G S/S G. F. Cope

2. A/C #200 "A"
   P 1st Lt. A. W. Gullion
   G S/S C. L. Webb
   G S/S G. L. Coffey

3. A/C #207 "B"
   P 1st Lt. P.F.E. MacManus
   G S/S J. L. Rogers, Jr.
   G S/S G. I. Fleischman

4. A/C #387 "M"
   P Major John G. Napier
   B/N Lt. Lytle
   G S/S S. F. Alden
   G S/S R. F. Ballinger

5. A/C #227 "F"
   P 2nd Lt. P. Dontas
   G PFC R. W. Nicks
   G S/S W. E. Fields

6. A/C #224 "E"
   P 2nd Lt. A. A. Raines
   G S/S J. O. Nielsen
   G S/S G. J. Bender

FLIGHT II

1. A/C #377 "K"
   P Maj. M. W. Campbell
   B/N 2nd Lt. J. Kupits
   G S/S E. T. Epps
   G S/S J. J. Shields

2. A/C #203 "A-1"
   P 1st Lt. W. A. Peck
   G S/S A. E. Bergeron
   G S/S H. E. Kelton

3. A/C #219 "D"
   P 1st Lt. M. S. Street
   G S/S C. A. Prindle
   G S/S A. J. Huber

4. A/C #181 "A-2"
   P 1st Lt. R. J. Morton
   B/N
   G S/S C. Q. Norton
   G S/S E. M. Citty

5. A/C #226 "E-1"
   P 2nd Lt. W. C. Siggs
   G S/S H. I. Neilsen
   G S/S N. Radlich

6. A/C #202 "B-1"
   P 2nd Lt. E. E. DeMun
   G Sgt M. Rosenstein
   G S/S W. G. Ferguson

FLIGHT III

1. A/C #386 "A-3"
   P Major R. F. Price
   B/N 2nd Lt. A. R. Hand
   G Sgt V. E. Molver
   G T/S L. E. Robbins

2. A/C #195 "D-2"
   P 2nd Lt. M. E. Kleopfel
   G Sgt D. H. Simpson
   G Sgt R. Bankston

3. A/C #194 "C-1"
   P 1st Lt. R. F. Shaefer
   G S/S E. R. Judd
   G S/S J. A. Fejes

4. A/C #379 "G"
   P Capt. H. F. Conant
   B/N
   G S/S J. R. Herttua
   G S/S J. E. McCreery

5. A/C #182 "B-2"
   P 2nd Lt. B. H. Bradford
   G S/S R. W. MacDonald
   G S/S A. A. Hill

6. A/C #223 "F-1"
   P 2nd Lt. L. G. Peede
   G S/S C. L. Hibbs
   G S/S L. M. Daugherty

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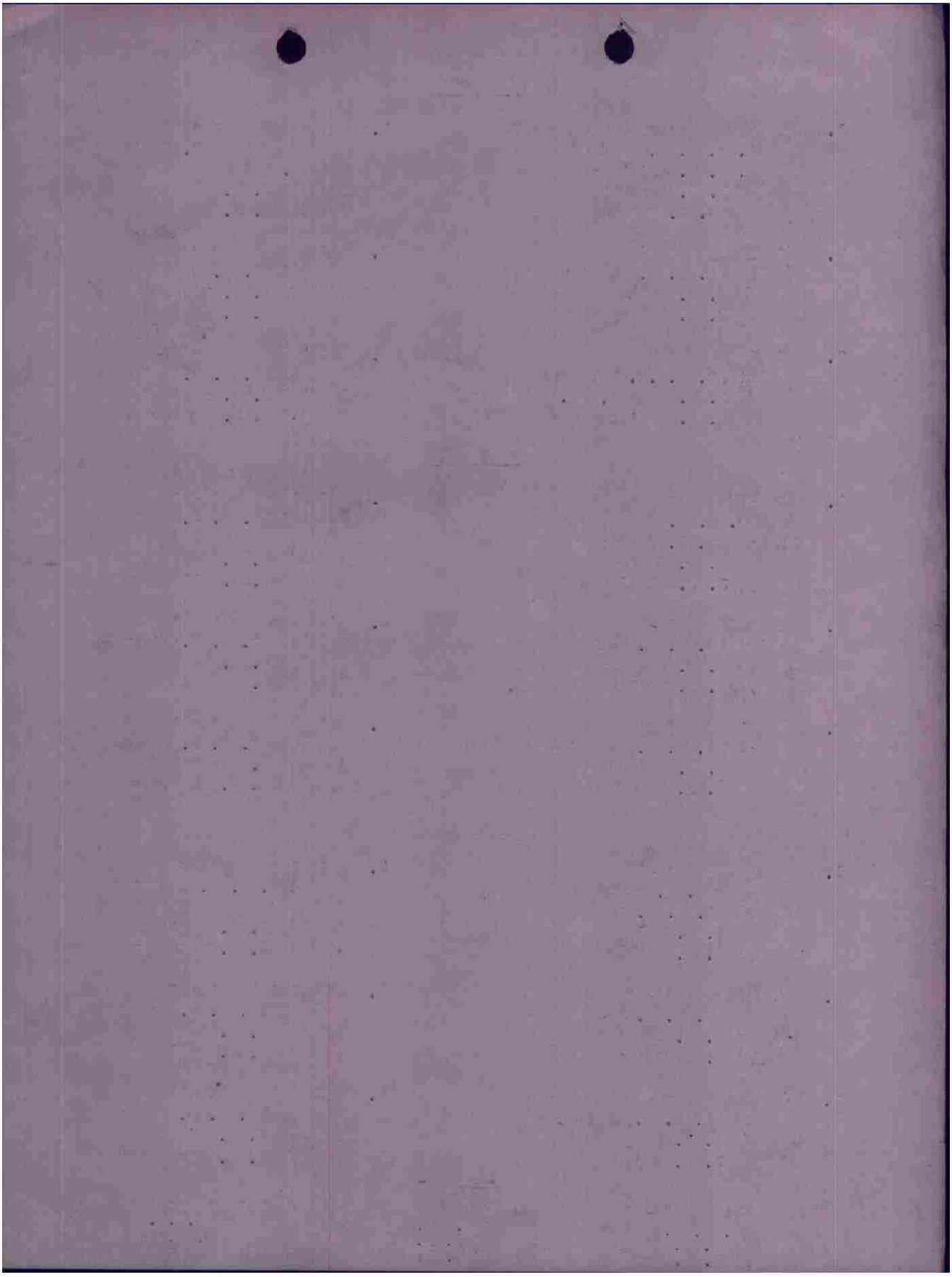
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G S/S B. C. Sieg
G S/S J. R. Orr

A/C #220 "E-2"
P Capt. Wm. Battersby
G S/S L. R. Shaw
G S/S C. M. Gray

A/C #225 "G-1"
P 1st Lt.L.J. Siracusa
G Sgt S. P. Newell
G S/S Holley Perkins

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

APO 638, US Army
6 March 1944

SUBJECT : Flak Report - Mission No. 225.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APO 638.
Attention : Major Brett.

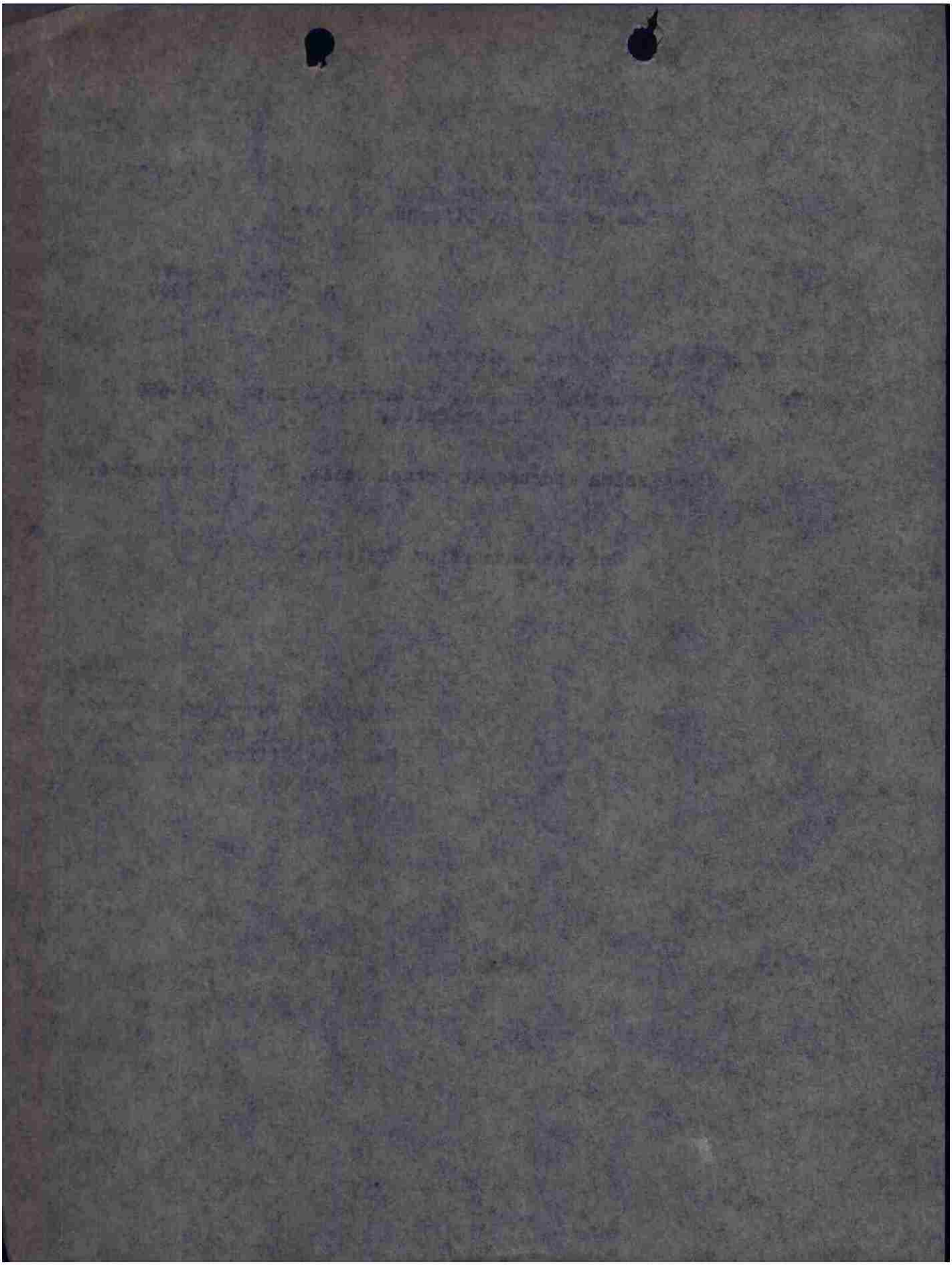
Mission aborted at French Coast. No Flak reported.

For the Commanding Officer :

HAROLD J. NUSSBAUM,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
S-2 Flak Officer.

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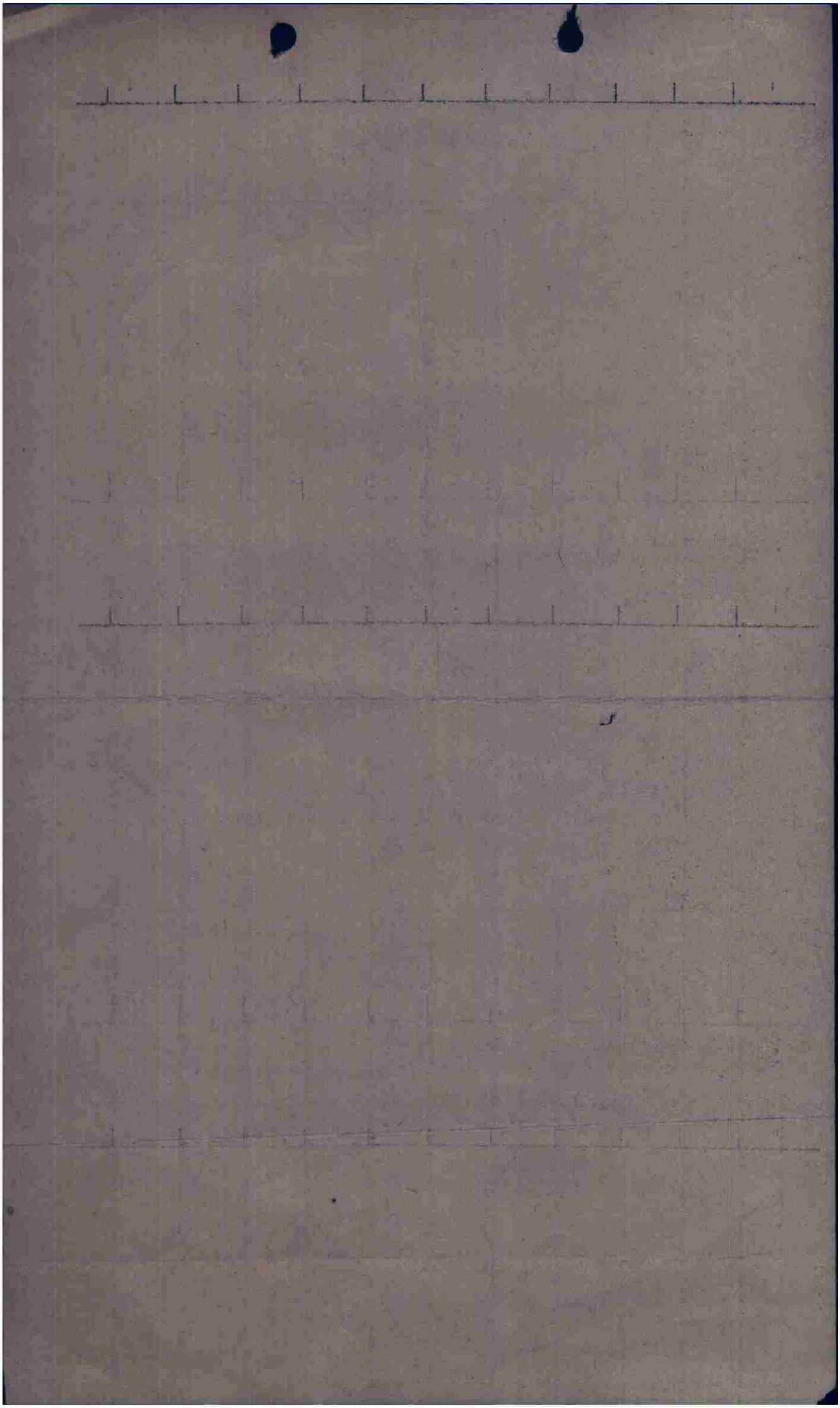
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A-20G 220	D	-NOT AFFCTG.	Success.	Lower Flex gun trigger out of adjustment.	TRIGGER NOT ADJUSTED PROPERLY AT TIME OF PREFLIGHT.
A20B 207	C	omit for 15-9A Report.		TURRET SEAT HARD TO RELEASE.	TURRET SEAT HOOKS NEED REWORKING.
A-20B 87	C			BELT FEED LEVER JAMMED	AMMUNITION PLACED IN CANS BACKWARDS.
A-20G 219	D			CHECK HEADSPACE	LOOSE HEADSPACE FOUND.
A-20-G 191	D	-NOT AFFCTG	Success.	Too MUCH OIL ON GUNS IN TURRET	WORKING PARTS OF GUN NOT WIPED FREE OF OIL BEFORE MISSION.

(15-9C Neg.)

William C. McDonald
Capt. A.C.
Gr. Armn. Officer

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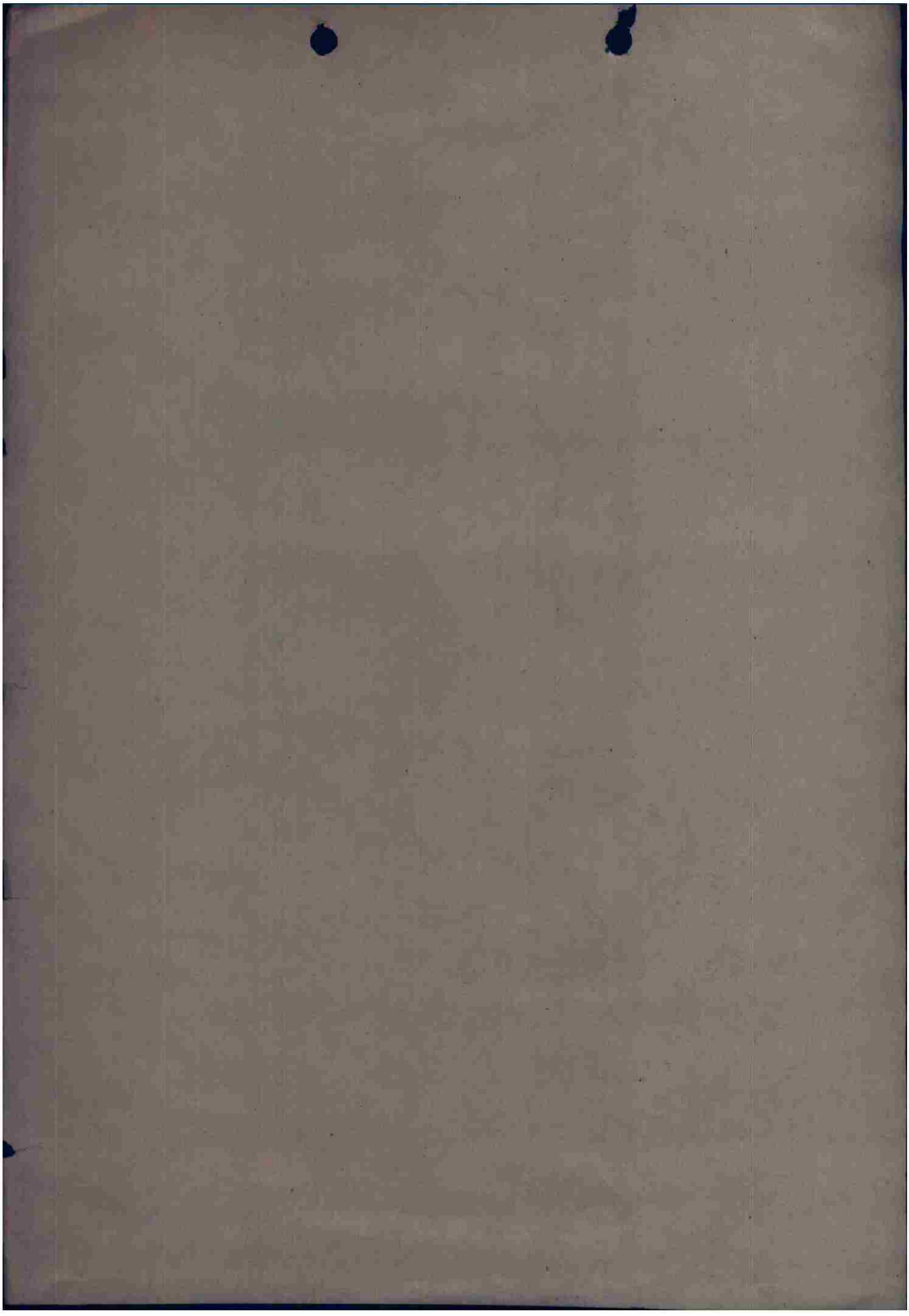
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B- 6 MARCH 1944 1143-1339
C- 668-(6)-A3-D2-C1-G-B2-F1
669-(3)-A2-E1-B1
670-(6)-C-A-B-M-F-E
671-(6)-T-Z// -A1-D-F2-E2-G1
TOTAL 21
D-671-E2, VHF WEAK DUE TO IMPROPER TUNING
670-A, VHF WEAK ON CHANNEL A DUE TO IMPROPER TUNING
NOTE: 4 CASES OF INTERPHONE BECOMING WEAK IN THE AIR
E- NONE
F- NOT APPLICABLE
G- NOT APPLICABLE
H- NOT APPLICABLE
I- VERY SATISFACTORY
J- NONE
K- NONE
L- 670-C(NO FIGHTERS RETURNING TO BASE)
668-C1 (RETURNING TO BASE- USED AUTHENTICATION)
M- 670-C (ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM PARADE)
668-C1 (AUTHENTICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM PARADE)
N- NONE
O- GOOD VHF PERFORMANCE
REPLACING AMPLIFIER TUBES IN WEAK INTERPHONES

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V OICOG 14/Ø6 OP
T (UGI PASS TO GPB)
(UBA PASS TO OIMIB)
(OIPNT PASS TO C.O.P.C. PINETREE)

FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND Ø61325A 9BC R2231E
TO: COBOMGP 322,323,386,387,344,391,416
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COCBTWIG 98,99
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NINTH BOMBER COMMAND
APO 638
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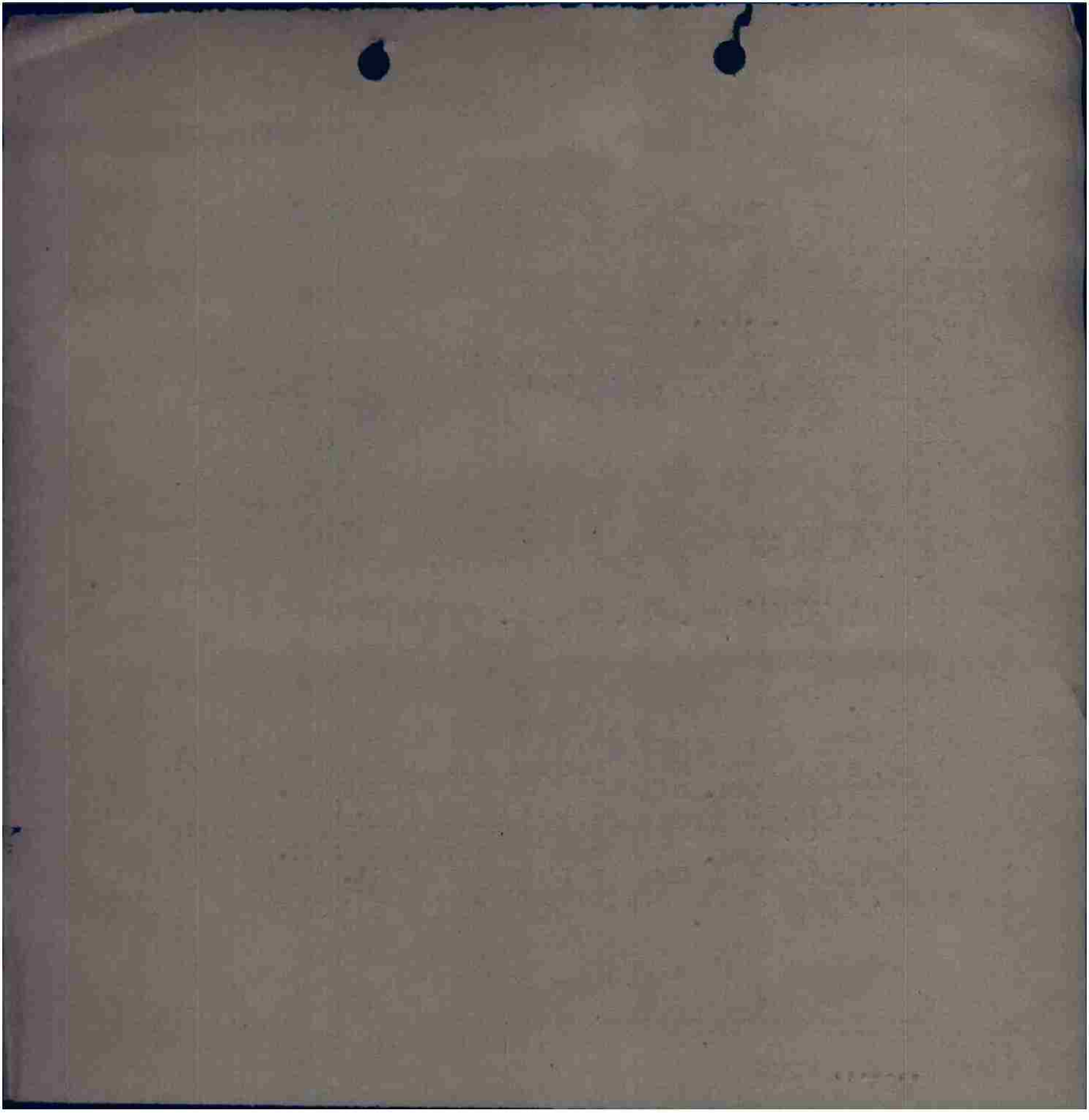
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CHANGE PAR. 3 A (8) TO READ AS FOLLOWS: MPI: ILLUSTRATION S5553/1, REFERENCE Ø35Ø51. INTERVALOMETER SETTING: MINIMUM. BOMBS FUSED 1/1Ø SECOND NOSE AND 1/1Ø SECOND TAIL.
CHANGE PAR. 3 B(8) TO READ AS FOLLOWS: MPI: ILLUSTRATION S5553/1, REFERENCE Ø36Ø56. INTERVALOMETER SETTING: 7Ø FEET. BOMBS FUSED 1/1Ø SECOND NOSE AND 1/1ØØ SECOND TAIL.
CHANGE PAR. 3 X (5) PARS G AND H TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 24 A/C PLUS ONE A/C FROM PFF SQDN.

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C/S: COACHRIDE.

TO WEST MALLING ON VHF CHANNEL D.

C/S: BIRDCAGE.

(2) SPLASHER BEACONS: 3A, 4B, 5C, 6D, 7E, 8F, 9G, 10H, 16I

ENTIRE MISSION.

(3) GEE INFORMATION: EASTERN WYOMING SOUTHERN CAROLINA GRADE A

ENTIRE MISSION.

(4) M/F D/F SECTION: N.

(5) CODE WORD FOR R/T BOMBER RECALL: ALL GROUPS: NEW HAMPSHIRE.

(6) BOX LEADERS OR DEPUTY WILL REPORT ON CHANNEL C AFTER CLEARING TARGET AREA.

(7) WEATHER CODE SEQUENCE, GROUND TO AIR: TAVB.

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AET/HAS/MC AR K

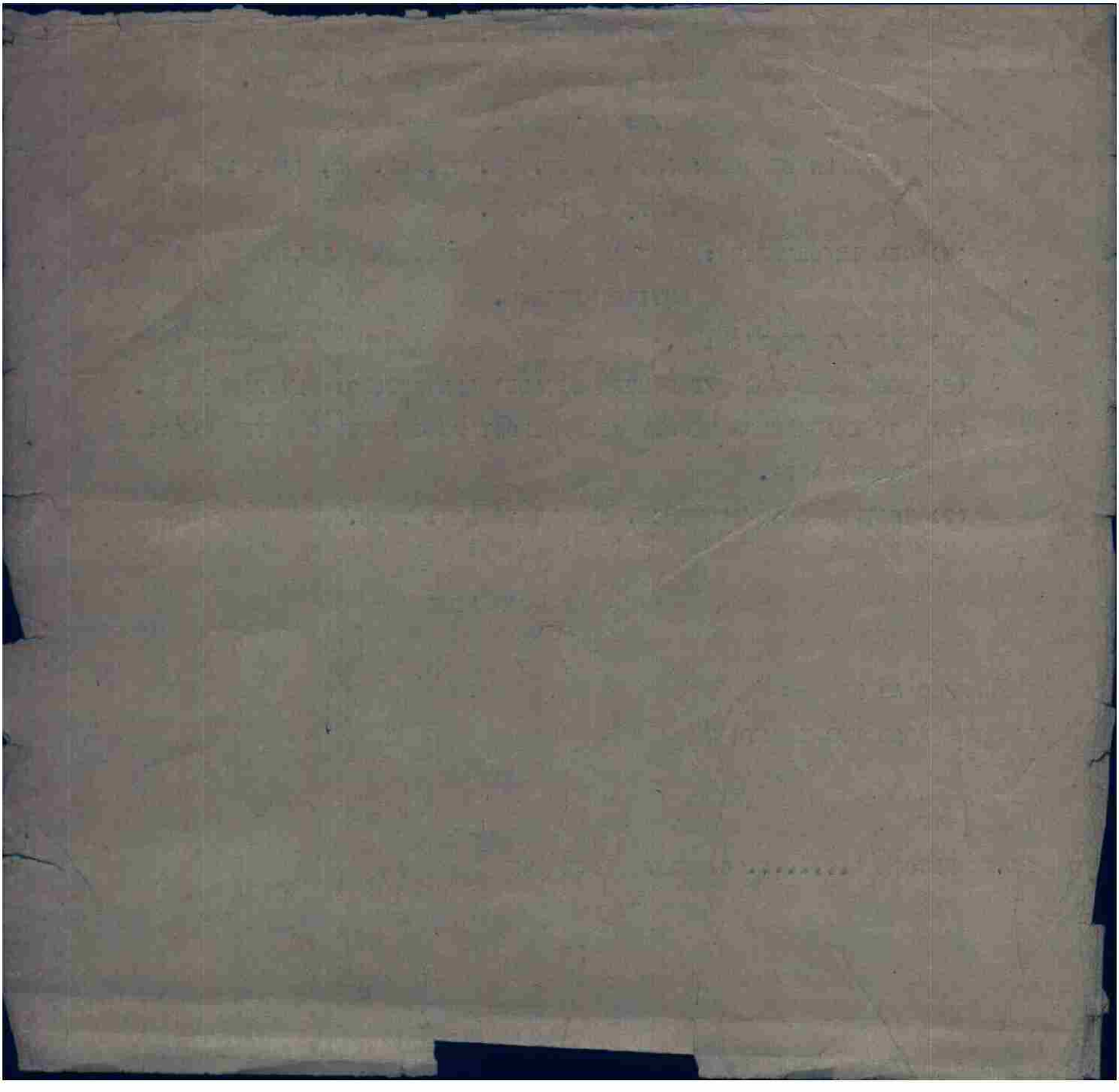
ALL STNS HOLD FOR K WITH R

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(3) BOMBER TO BOMBER FREQUENCY: VHF ~~channel~~ A.

(4) RECALL: DENVER.

(5) VERFICATION:

CHALLENGE:	REPLY:
KPT	GHY
BUA	XWF
MHR	CBL
YLO	YNH

G. 387TH GROUP: PFF SQDN. (73)

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: AERTEX.

(2) FIGHTER GROUND STATION CALL SIGN: FARMHAND

(3) RECALL: ASHTON.

(4) VERFICATION:

CHALLENGE:	REPLY:
NGN	MCF
JGW	FDU
AFR	YPR
TSJ	KFS

H. 387TH GROUP, PFF SQDN. (72)

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(2) FIGHTER GROUND STATION CALL SIGN: FARMHAND

(3) RECALL: OSLO.

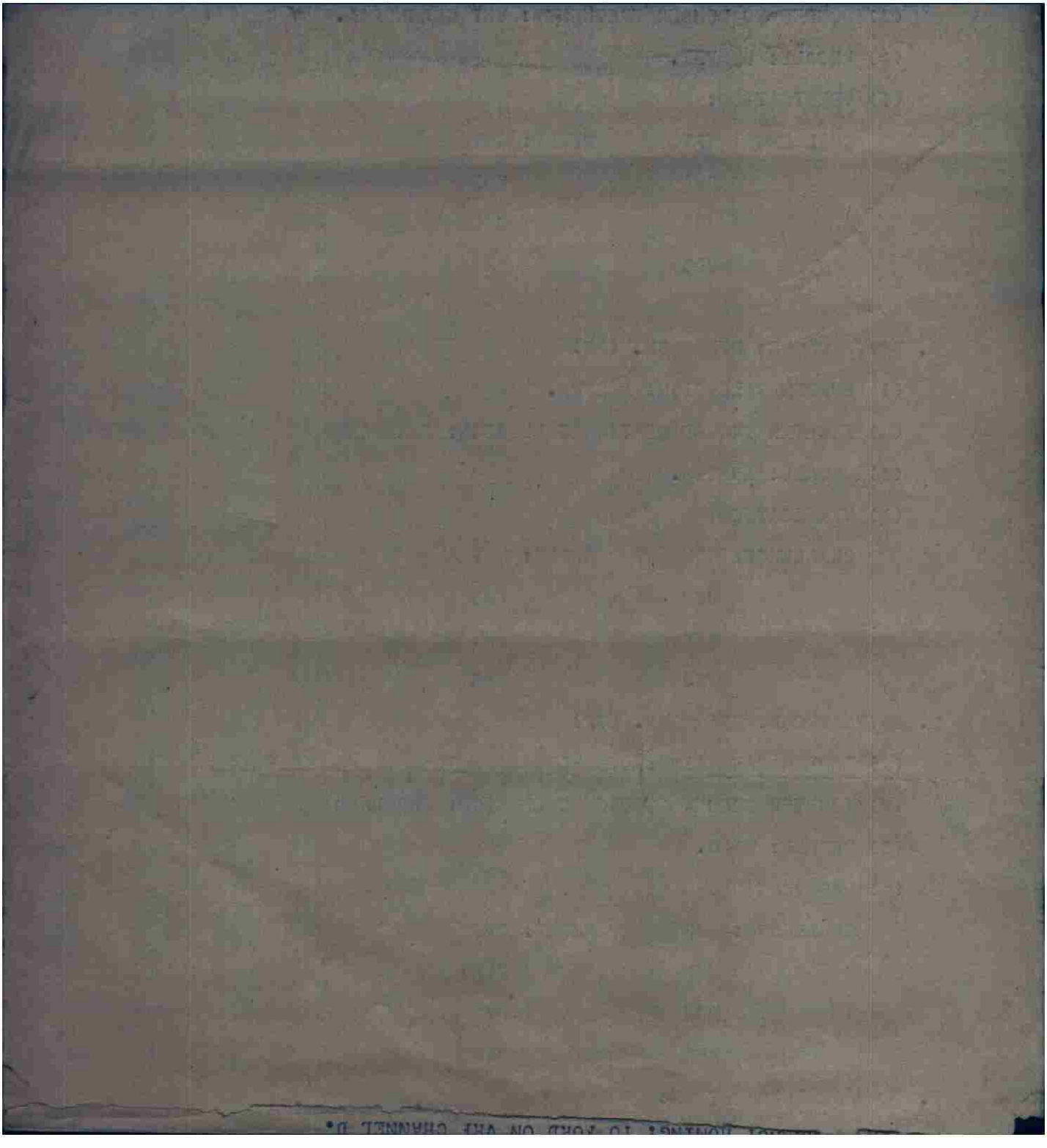
(4) VERFICATION:

CHALLENGE:	REPLY:
CQR	CUJ
JKP	CLU
EJJ	OVX
CVA	CFW

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D. 322ND GROUP: Z 601

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: REINDEER.

(2) FIGHTER GROUND STATION CALL SIGN: FARMHAND

(3) RECALL: RICHMOND.

VERIFICATION:

CHALLENGE: ABM REPLY: UJD

PAP DRI

BSC LYW

USM WCE

E. 344TH GROUP: Z661

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: SALLOW.

(2) FIGHTER GROUND STATION CALL SIGN: FARMHAND

(3) BOMBER TO BOMBER FREQUENCY: VHF CHANNEL A.

(4) RECALL: SYRACUSE.

(5) VERFICATION:

CHALLENGE: TEH REPLY: WJD

SHL BJW

FPS FVD

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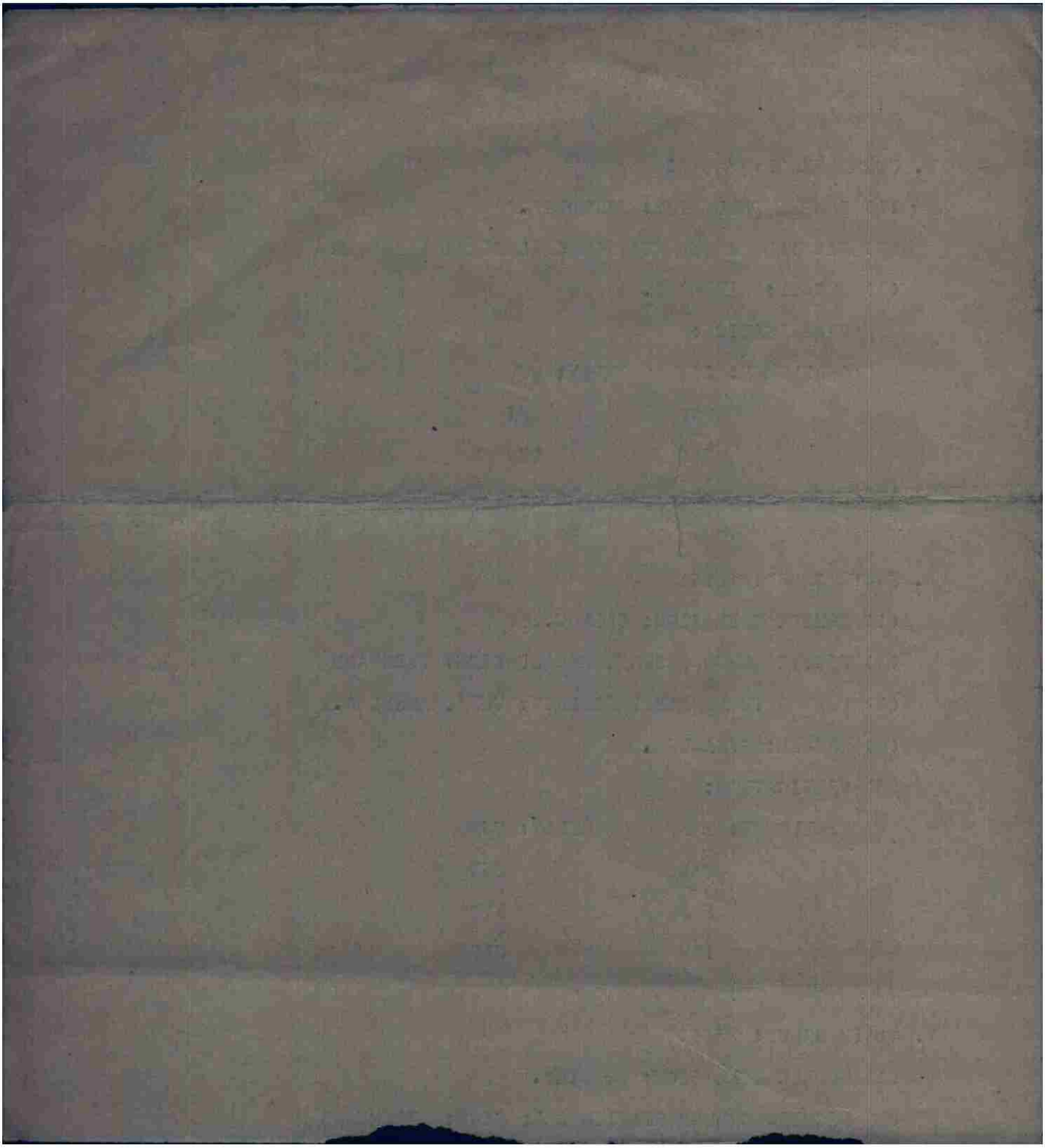
F. 416TH GROUP: Z661

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: DOROTHY.

(2) FIGHTER GROUND STATION CALL SIGN: FARMHAND

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5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 323RD GROUP: Z 603

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: PYRAMID.

(2) FIGHTER GROUND STATION CALL SIGN: FARMHAND.

(3) RECALL: PHILADELPHIA.

(4) VERIFICATION:

CHALLENGE:	BFY	REPLY:	MKH
	WUW		EPU
	DCK		BYI
	AQG		UHL

B. 391ST GROUP: Z 603

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: PUDDING.

(2) FIGHTER GROUND STATION CALL SIGN: FARMHAND.

(3) RECALL: PHILADELPHIA.

(4) VERIFICATION:

CHALLENGE:	BFY	REPLY:	MKH
	WUW		EPU
	DCK		BYI
	AQG		UHL

C. 386TH GROUP: Z 601

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: RAWFRUIT.

(2) FIGHTER GROUND STATION CALL SIGN: FARMHAND

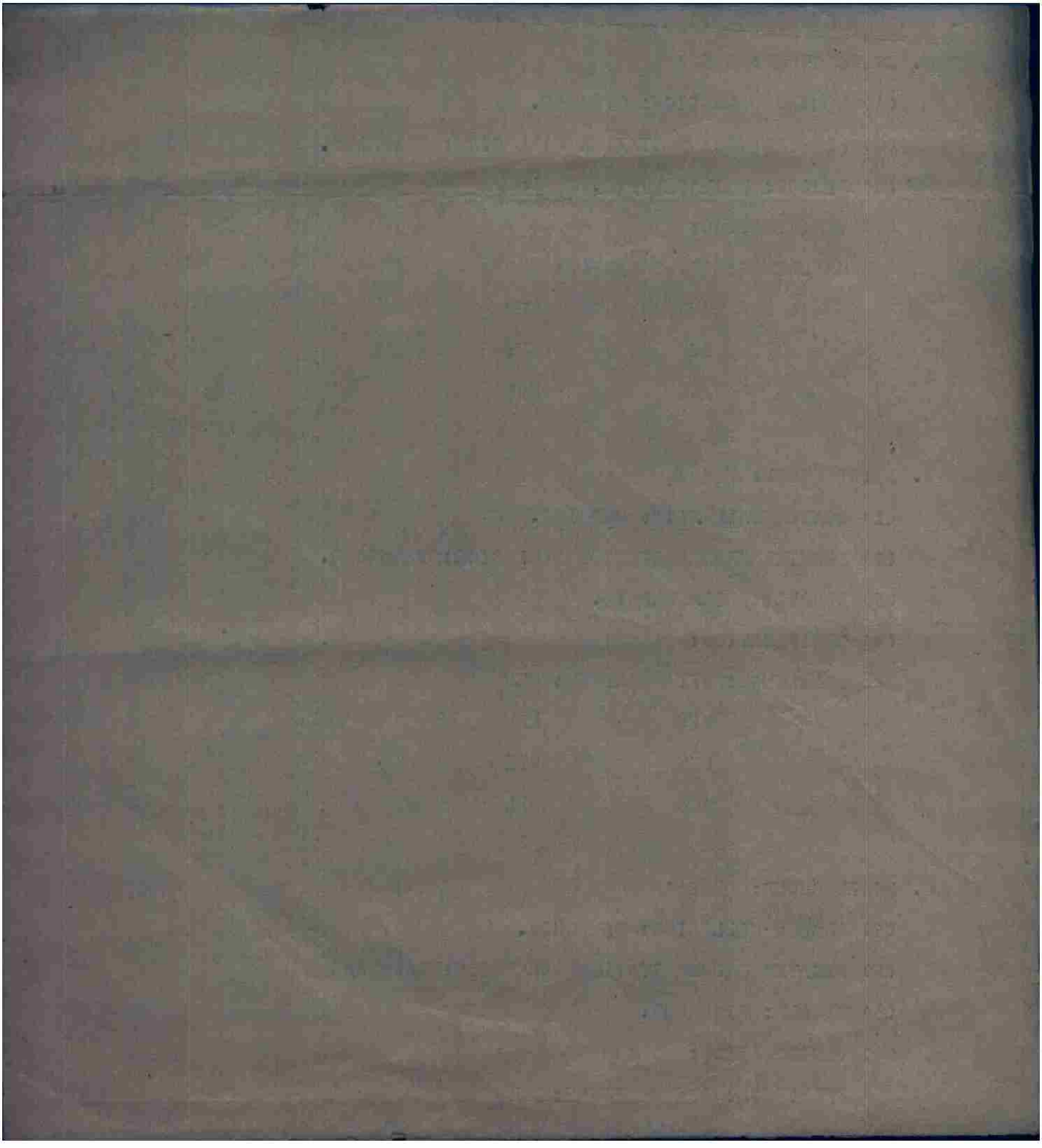
(3) RECALL: RICHMOND.

(4) VERIFICATION:

CHALLENGE:	ABM	REPLY:	UJD
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(3) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO THE NAZE TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO 3 MILES WEST NEWPORT TO TARGET.

(4) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO BERCK-SUR-MER TO DUNGENESS TO BASE.

(5) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET.

(6) INTIAL POINT: NONE

(7) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY NORTH EAST TO SOUTH WEST

(8) MPI ILLUSTRATION: A/72/2

REFERENCE: 023024

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: MINIMUM

BOMBS FUSED: 1/10 NOSE 1/40 TAIL

X. (1-4) NO CHANGE.

(5) A/C REQUIRED: PARAGRAPHS A B C AND D - 54 A/C

PARAGRAPHS E - 36 A/C

PARAGRAPHS F - 18 A/C

PARAGRAPHS G AND H - 24 A/C

(6) BOMB LOAD: PARAGRAPH A- 2 BOXES 14 X 250 LB. G.P.

1 BOX M47A1

PARAGRAPHS B, C, D, E, G, AND H - 14 X 250 LB. G.P.

PARAGRAPH F - 4 X 500 LB. G. P.

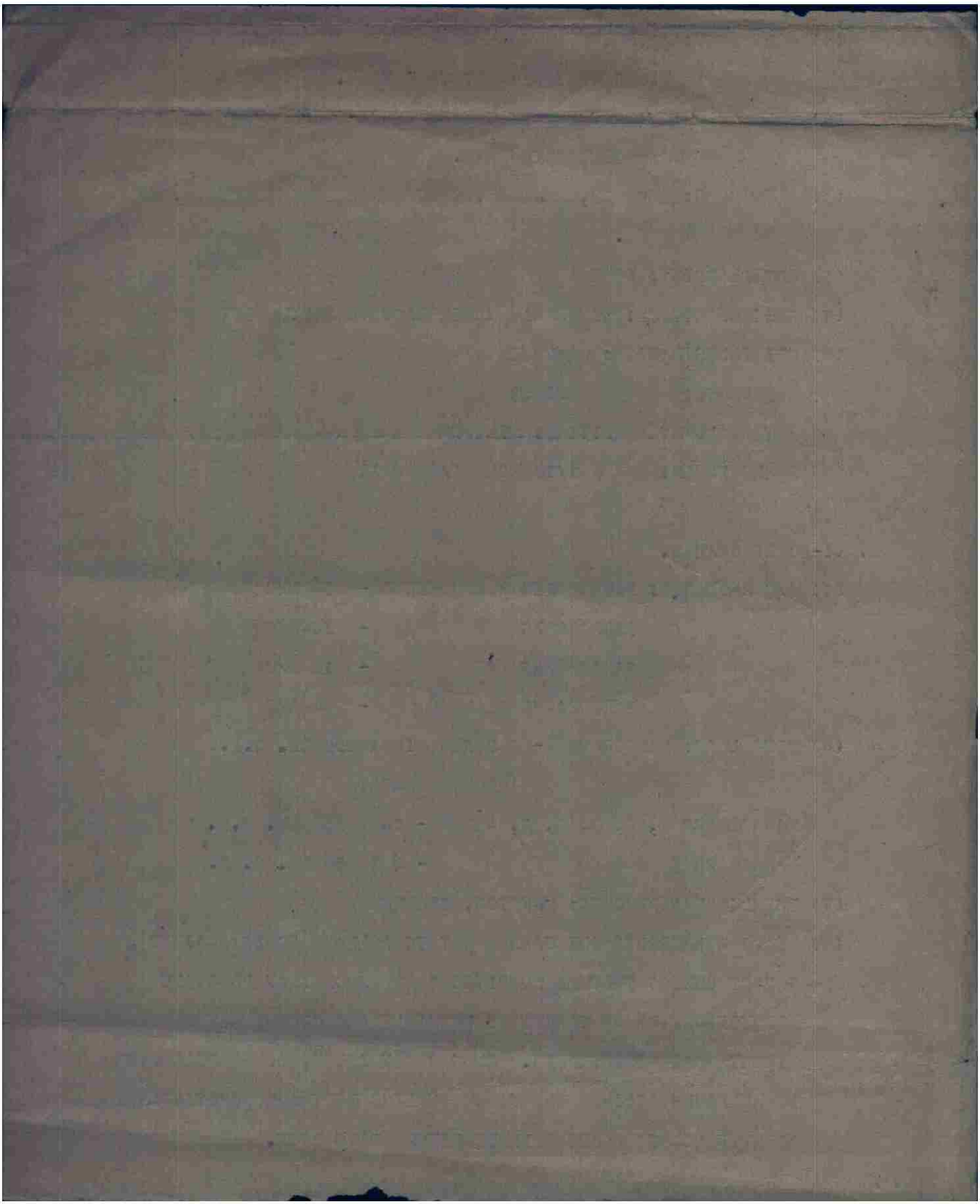
(7) EMERGENCY AIRDROMES: MANSTON, GRAVESEND

(8) WINGS AND GROUPS ARE WARNED NOT TO RELEASE BOMBS AGAINST A TARGET UNLESS WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE SUCH THAT POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF TARGET IS POSSIBLE AND GOOD BOMBING RESULTS CAN BE OBTAINED. IN CASE OF DOUBT, BOMBS WILL NOT BE RELEASED AGAINST ANY TARGET UNLESS THEY ARE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED BUT BOMBS WILL BE RETURNED TO BASE.

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REFERENCE: INTERSECTION OF RUNWAYS

BOMBS FUSED: 1/10 NOSE 1/40 TAIL

(9) RALLY POINT: 49 DEG 09 MIN NORTH, 00 DEG 54 MIN EAST.

G. 387 GROUP:

(1) TARGET: (A) XI/A/73

(2) RENDEZVOUS:

(A) WITH FIGHTERS AT 51 DEG 33 MIN NORTH, 02 DEG 30 MIN EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 90 MIN.

(3) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO THE NAZE TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO 5 MILES WEST NEWPORT TO TARGET

(4) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO BERCK-SUR-MER TO DUNGENESS TO BASE.

(5) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET.

(6) INTIAL POINT: NONE

(7) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY NORTH EAST TO SOUTH WEST

(8) MPI ILLUSTRATION: A/73/1

REFERENCE : 043034

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: MINIMUM

BOMBS FUSED: 1/10 NOSE 1/40 TAIL

(9) RALLY POINT: BERCK-SUR-MER

H. 387 GROUP:

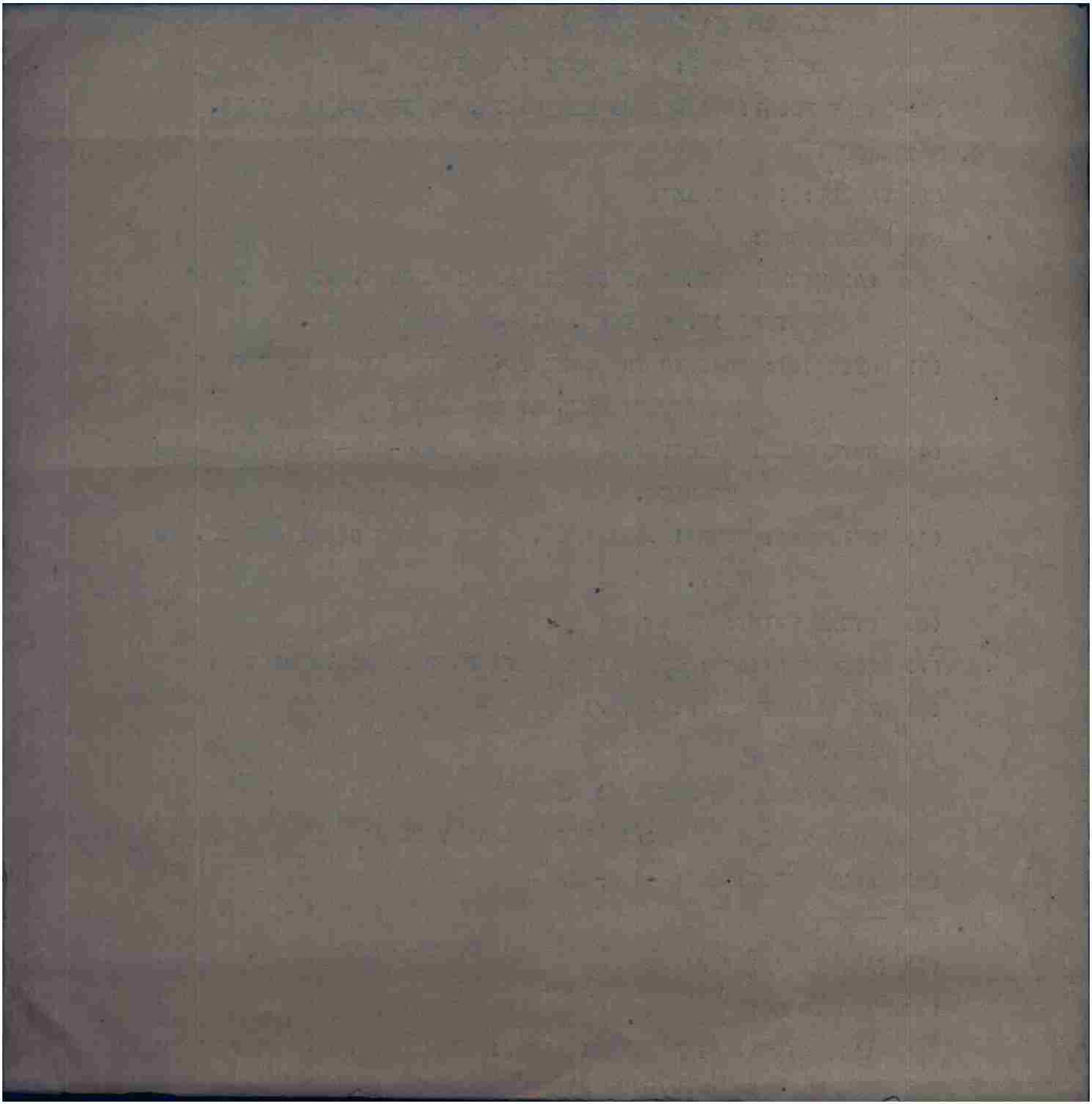
(1) TARGET: (A) XI/A/72

(2) RENDEZVOUS:

(A) WITH FIGHTERS AT 51 DEG 31 MIN NORTH, 02 DEG 35 MIN EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 120 MIN.

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NORTH, 00 DEG 43 MIN EAST.

(4) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO 6 MILES WEST ST. VALERY TO BEACHY HEAD TO BASE.

(5) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET.

(6) INITIAL POINT: 48 DEG 50 MIN NORTH, 00 DEG 43 MIN EAST.

(7) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST.

(8) MPI: ILLUSTRATION: S 5611/3
REFERENCE: 1ST BOX, 046068 2ND BOX 073043
INTERVALOMETER SETTING: 50 FEET.
BOMBS FUSED: 1/10 NOSE 1/100 TAIL

(9) RALLY POINT: 49 DEG 09 MIN NORTH, 00 DEG 54 MIN EAST

F. 416TH GROUP:

(1) TARGET: (A) Z 661

(2) RENDEZVOUS:
(A) WITH FIGHTERS AT 49 DEG 50 MIN NORTH, 00 DEG 05 MIN WEST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 35 MIN.

(3) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO BEACHY HEAD TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO 49 DEG 30 MIN NORTH, 00 DEG 10 MIN WEST TO 4 MILES SOUTHWEST TROUVILLE TO 48 DEG 50 MIN NORTH, 00 DEG 43 MIN EAST TO TARGET.

(4) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO 6 MILES WEST ST. VALERY TO BEACHY HEAD TO BASE.

(5) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET.

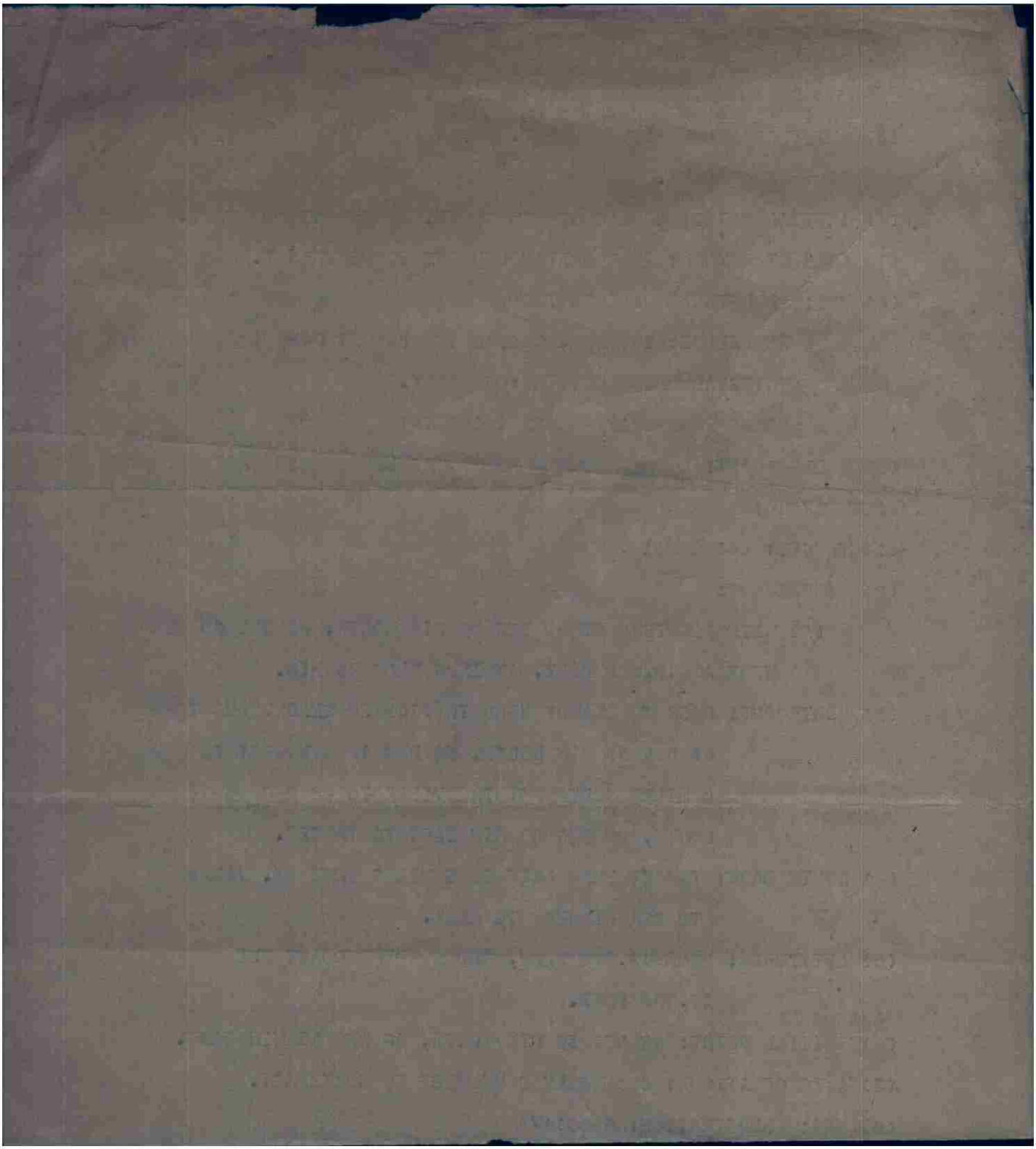
(6) INITIAL POINT: 48 DEG 50 MIN NORTH, 00 DEG 43 MIN EAST.

(7) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST.

(8) MPI: ILLUSTRATION: S 5611/3

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WILL LEAVE DUNGENESS AT ZERO PLUS 7 MIN. THE 386TH GROUP WILL LEAD.

(B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 50 DEG 10 MIN NORTH, 01 DEG 10 MIN EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 20 MIN.

(3) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO DUNGENESS TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO 6 MILES NORTHEAST DIEPPE TO 5 MILES SOUTHWEST SERQUEUX TO GIZORS TO 49 DEG 05 MIN NORTH, 02 DEG 20 MIN EAST TO TARGET.

(4) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO 7 MILES NORTHEAST BEAUVAIS TO TOCQUEVILLE TO DUNGENESS TO BASE.

(5) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET.

(6) INITIAL POINT: 49 DEG 05 MIN NORTH, 02 DEG 20 MIN EAST.

(7) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST.

(8) MPI: ILLUSTRATION: S 5551/1

REFERENCE: 056054 AND 061057

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: MINIMUM FOR 056054 AND 50 FEET FOR 061057

BOMBS FUSED: 1/10 NOSE 1/100 TAIL

(9) RALLY POINT: 7 MILES NORTHEAST BEAUVAIS

E. 344TH GROUP:

(1) TARGET: (A) Z 661

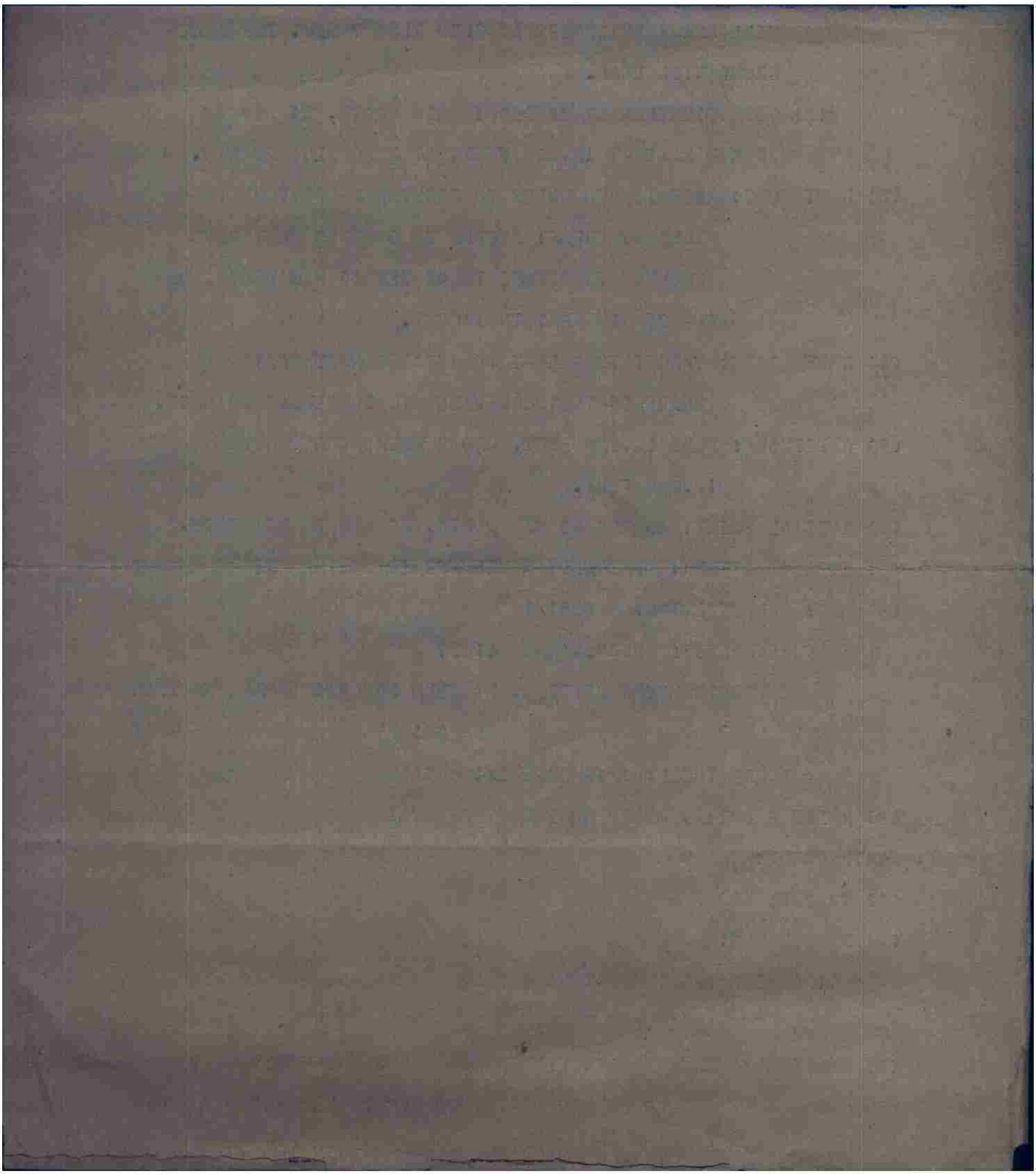
(2) RENDEZVOUS:

(A) WITH FIGHTERS AT 49 DEG 50 MIN NORTH, 00 DEG 05 MIN WEST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 20 MIN.

(3) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO BEACHY HEAD TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO 49 DEG 30 MIN NORTH, 00 DEG 10 MIN WEST TO 4 MILES SOUTHWEST TROUVILLE TO 48 DEG 50 MIN

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C. 386TH GROUP:

(1) TARGET: Z 601

(2) RENDEZVOUS:

(A) WITH 322ND GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE DUNGENESS TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AT 12,000 FEET. THE 386TH GROUP WILL LEAVE DUNGENESS AT ZERO PLUS 7 MIN. THE 386TH GROUP WILL LEAD.

(B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 50 DEG 10 MIN NORTH, 01 DEG 10 MIN EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 20 MIN.

(3) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO DUNGENESS TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO 6 MILES NORTHEAST DIEPPE TO 5 MILES SOUTHWEST SERQUEUX TO GIZORS TO 49 DEG 05 MIN NORTH, 02 DEG 20 MIN EAST TO TARGET.

(4) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO 7 MILES NORTHEAST BEAUVAIS TO TOCQUEVILLE TO DUNGENESS TO BASE.

(5) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET.

(6) INITIAL POINT: 49 DEG 05 MIN NORTH, 02 DEG 20 MIN EAST.

(7) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST.

(8) M.P.I. ILLUSTRATION S 5551/1
REFERENCE 054045 AND 051048
INTERVALOMETER SETTING - MINIMUM
BOMBS FUSED - 1/10 NOSE 1/100 TAIL

(9) RALLY POINT: 7 MILES NORTHEAST BEAUVAIS.

D. 322ND GROUP:

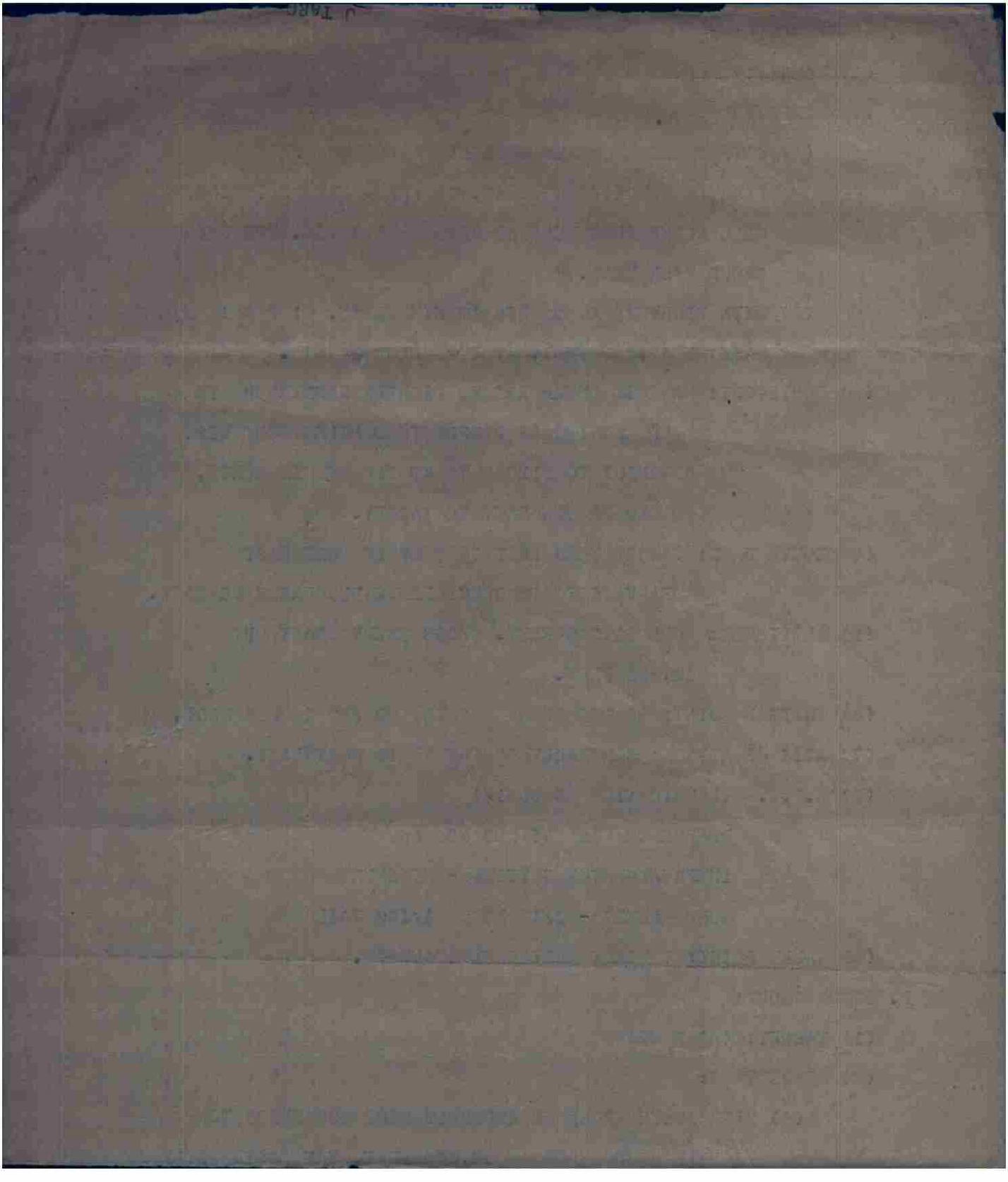
(1) TARGET: (A) Z 601

(2) RENDEZVOUS:

(A) WITH 386TH GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE DUNGENESS TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AT 12,000 FEET. THE 386TH GROUP

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REFERENCE: Ø34Ø18

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: MINIMUM

BOMBS FUSED: 1/1Ø NOSE 1/1Ø TAIL

(9) RALLY POINT: 5 MILES NORTH ST. QUENTIN

B. 391ST GROUP:

(1) TARGET: Z 6Ø3

(2) RENDEZVOUS:

(A) WITH 323RD GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE DUNGENESS TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AT 12,ØØØ FEET. THE 323RD GROUP WILL LEAVE DUNGENESS AT ZERO MINUS 13 MIN. THE 323RD GROUP WILL LEAD.

(B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 5Ø DEG 1Ø MIN NORTH, Ø1 DEG 13 MIN EAST AT 12,ØØØ FEET, AT ZERO HOUR.

(3) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO DUNGENESS TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO TOCQUEVILLE TO 5 MILES SOUTH MONTDIDIER TO 49 DEG 46 MIN NORTH, Ø3 DEG 56 MIN EAST TO TARGET.

(4) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO 5 MILES NORTH ST. QUENTIN TO 6 MILES S. AMIENS TO TOCQUEVILLE TO DUNGENESS TO BASE.

(5) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,ØØØ FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,ØØØ FEET.

(6) INITIAL POINT: 49 DEG 46 MIN NORTH, Ø3 DEG 56 MIN EAST.

(7) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST.

(8) M.P.I. ILLUSTRATION: S 5553/1

REFERENCE: Ø33Ø12

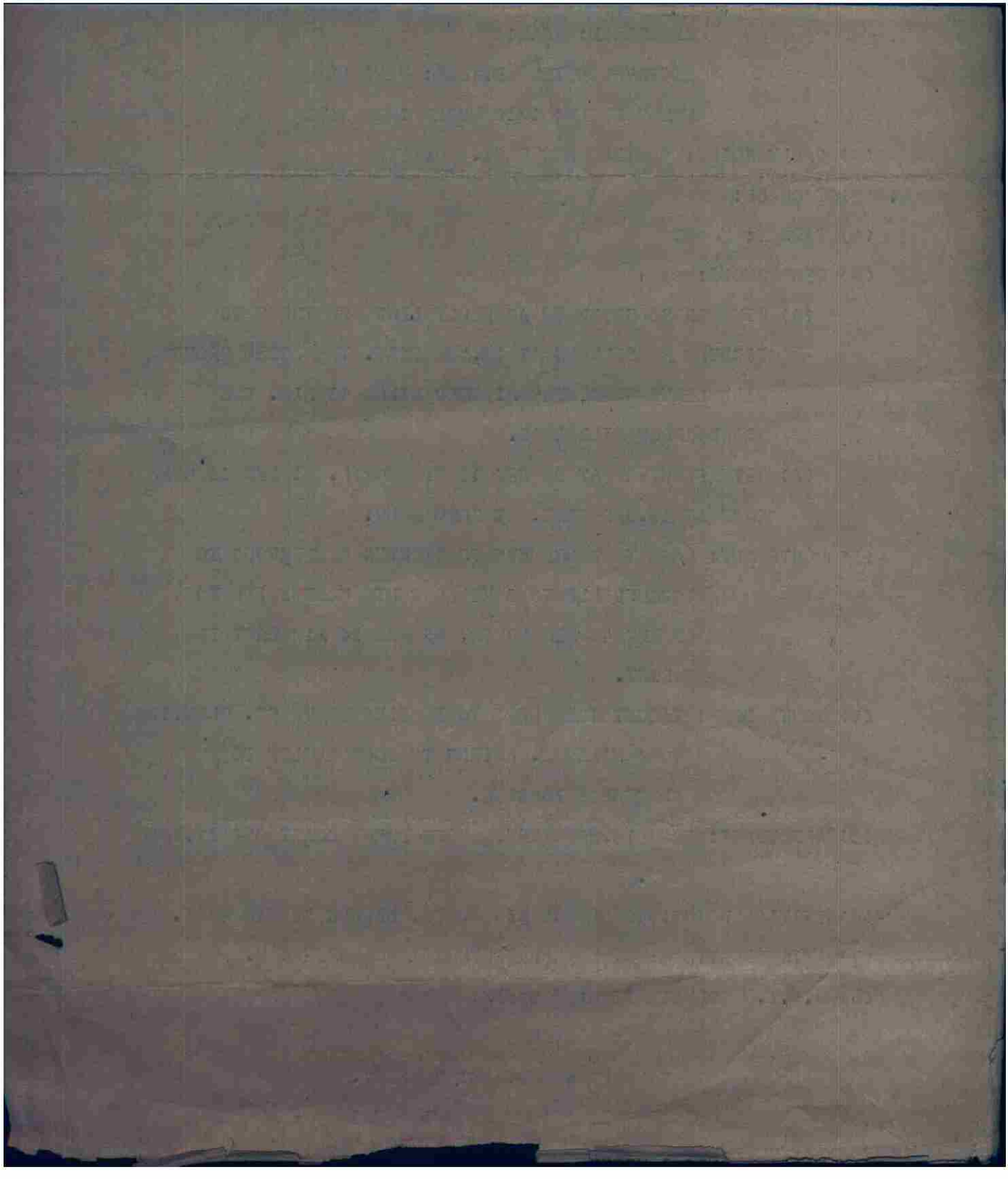
INTERVALOMETER SETTING: 7Ø FEET.

BOMBS FUSED: 1/1Ø NOSE 1/1ØØ TAIL

(9) RALLY POINT: 6 MILES NOR

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1. A.

B. (1)

(2) 11 GROUP RAF WILL FURNISH ESCORT AND SUPPORT FOR THIS COMMAND.

2. A. THIS COMMAND WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE.

ZERO HOUR: Ø611ØØA

3. A. 323RD GROUP:

(1) TARGET: Z-6Ø3

(2) RENDEZVOUS:

(A) WITH 391ST GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE DUNGENESS TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AT 12,ØØØ FEET. THE 323RD GROUP WILL LEAVE DUNGENESS AT ZERO MINUS 13 MIN. THE 323RD GROUP WILL LEAD.

(B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 5Ø DEG 1Ø MIN NORTH, Ø1 DEG 13 MIN EAST AT 12,ØØØ FEET, AT ZERO HOUR.

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(4) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO 5 MILES NORTH ST. QUENTIN TO 6 MILES SOUTH AMIENS TO TOCGUEVILLE TO TO DUNGENESS TO BASE.

(5) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,ØØØ FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,ØØØ FEET.

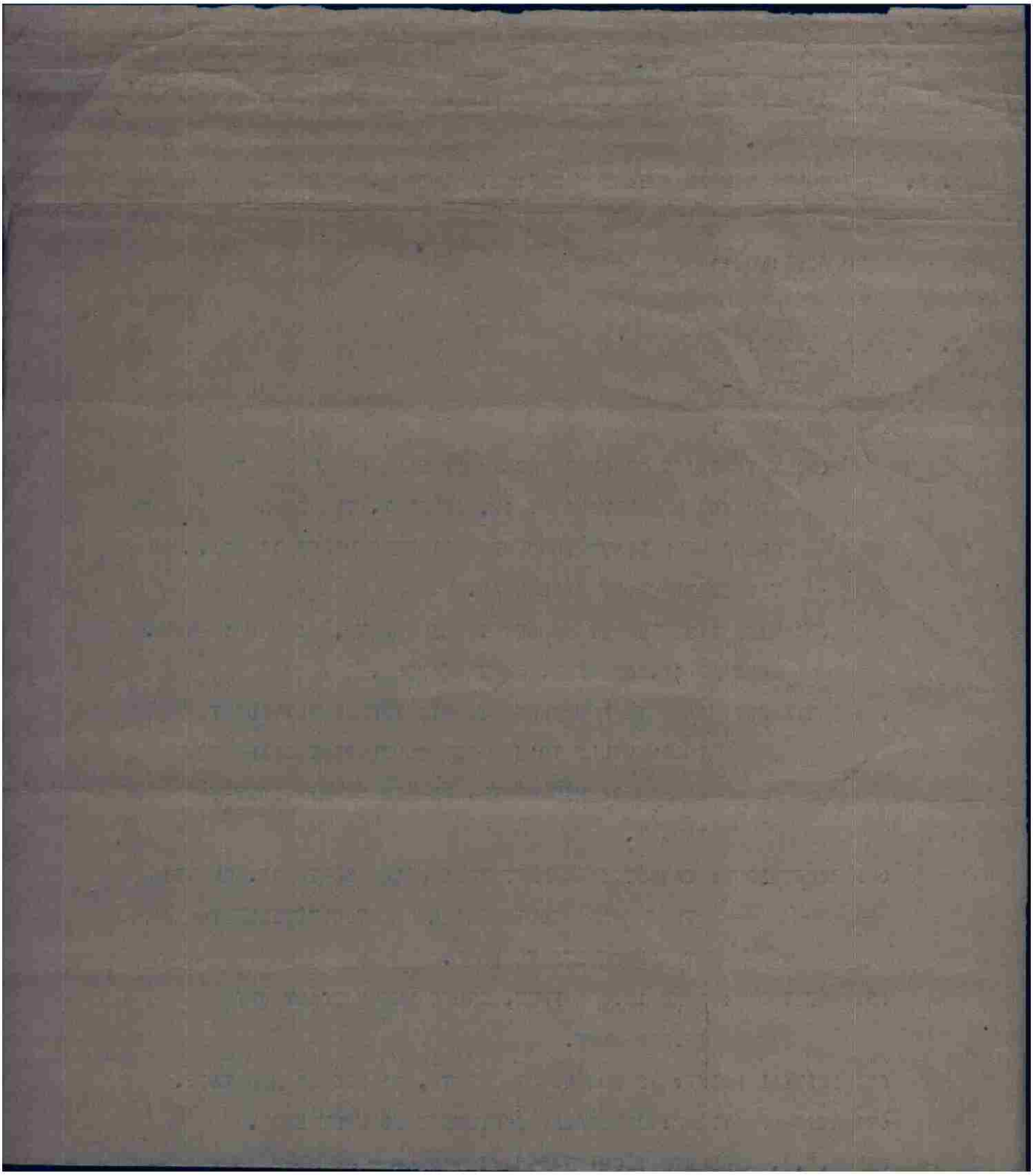
(6) INITIAL POINT: 49 DEG 46 MIN NORTH, Ø3 DEG 56 MIN EAST.

(7) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST.

(8) M.P.I. ILLUSTRATION: S 5553/1

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T (UBA PASS TO OIMIB)
(UGI PASS TO GPB)
(OIPNT PASS TO C.O.P.C. PINETREE)

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FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 060045A 9BC R2220E
TO: C.O. 1ST PRO

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