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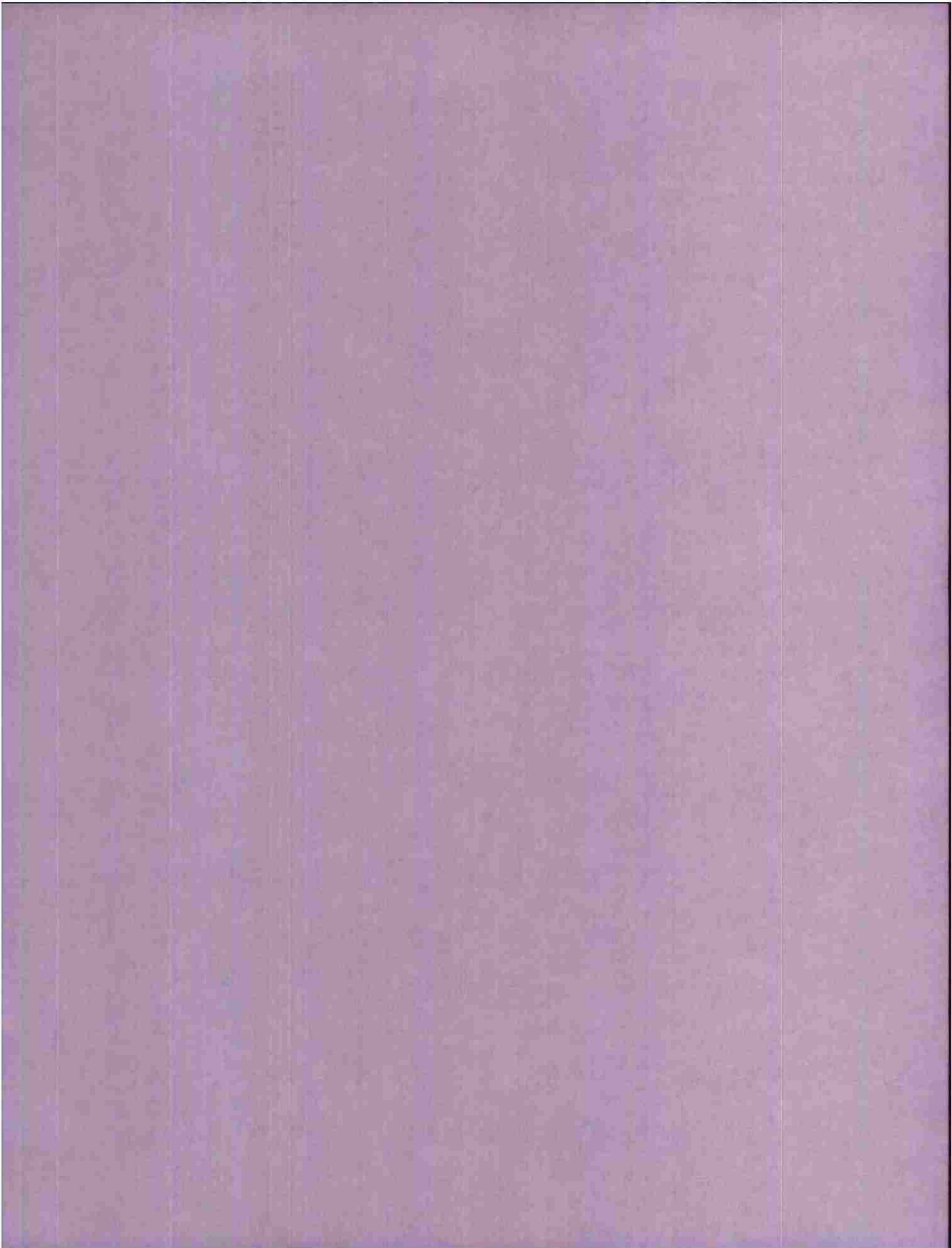
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TARGET: CONCHES A/
Z-661

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7 Mar 1944

GROUP: 416

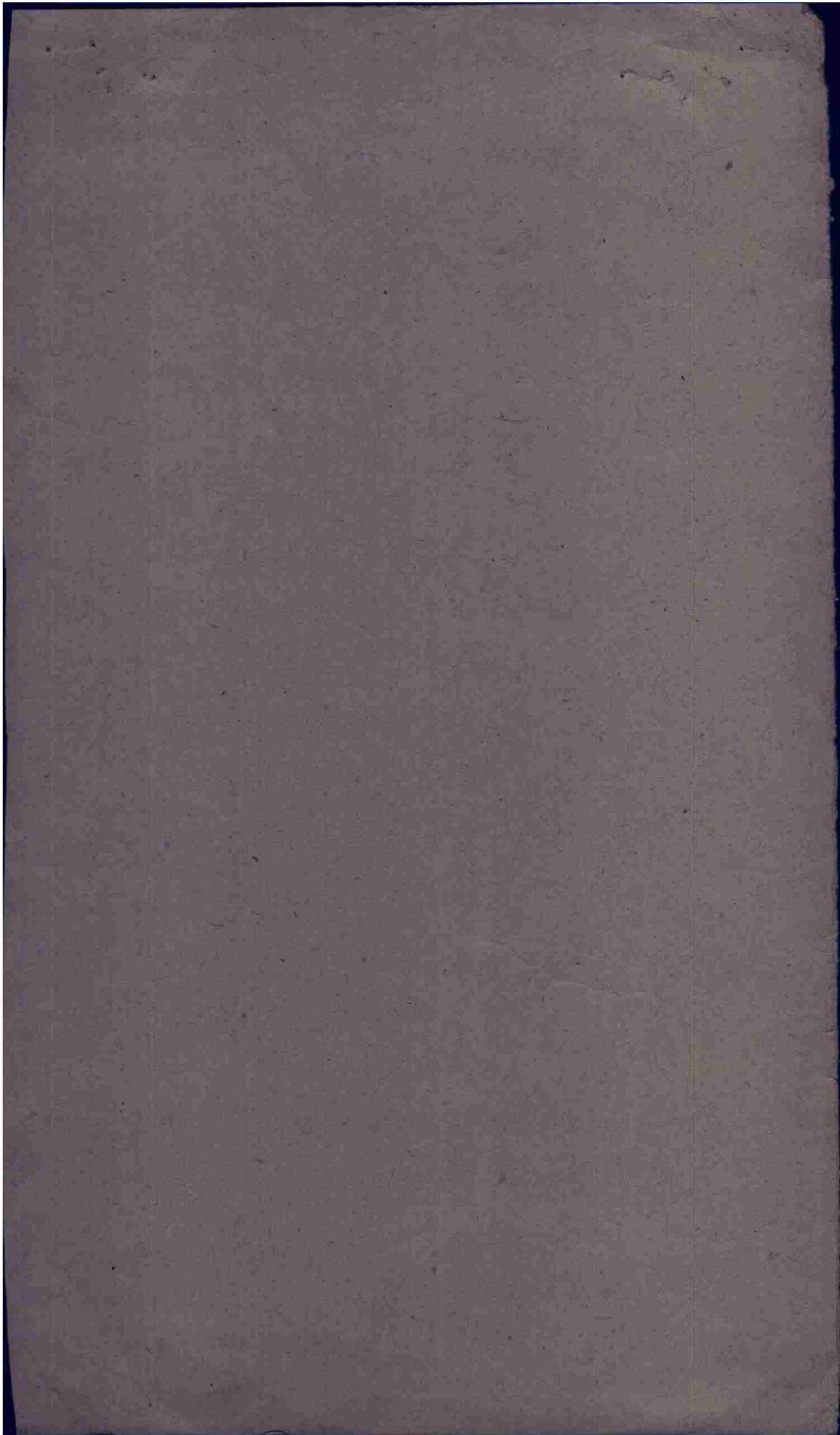
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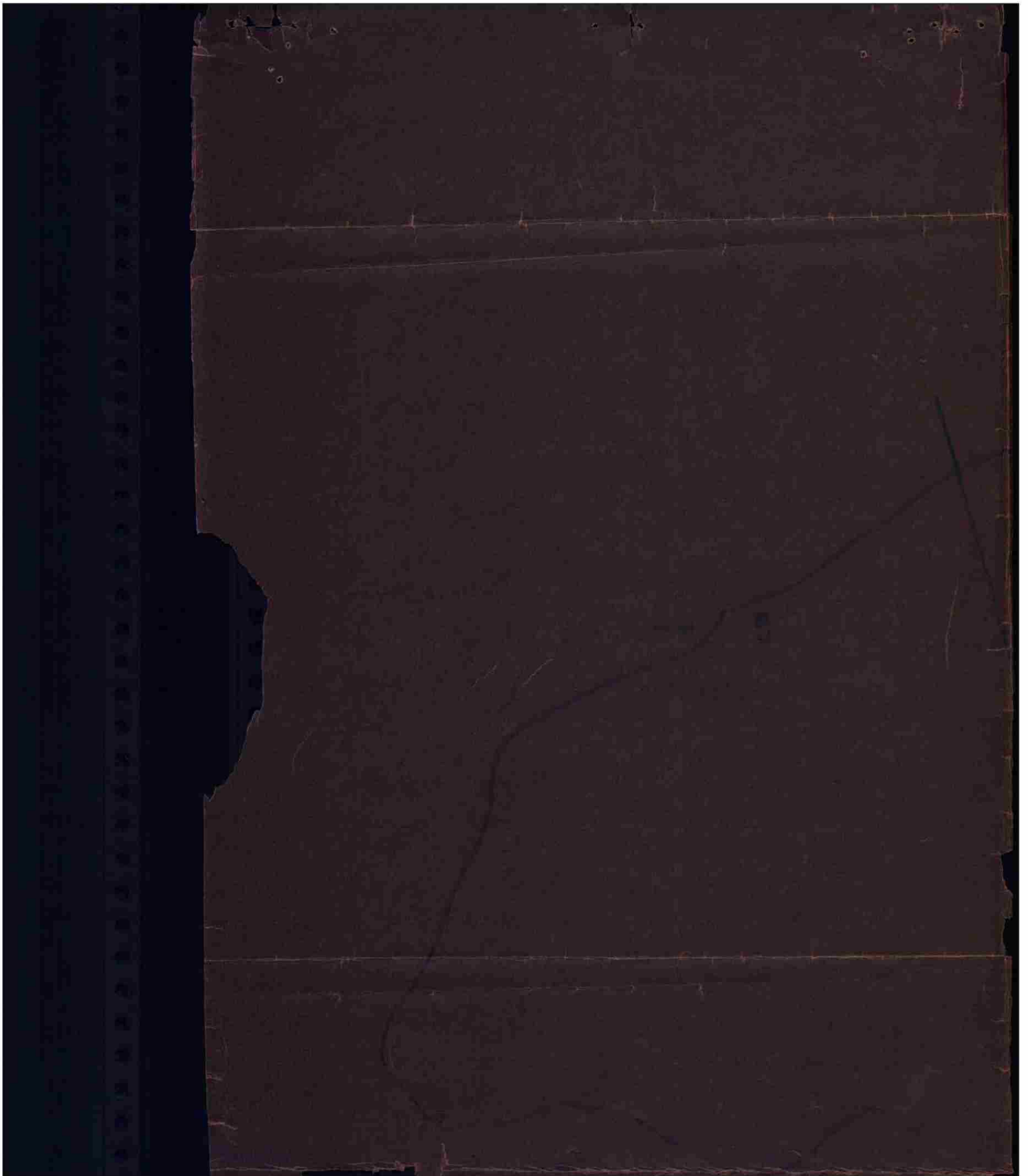
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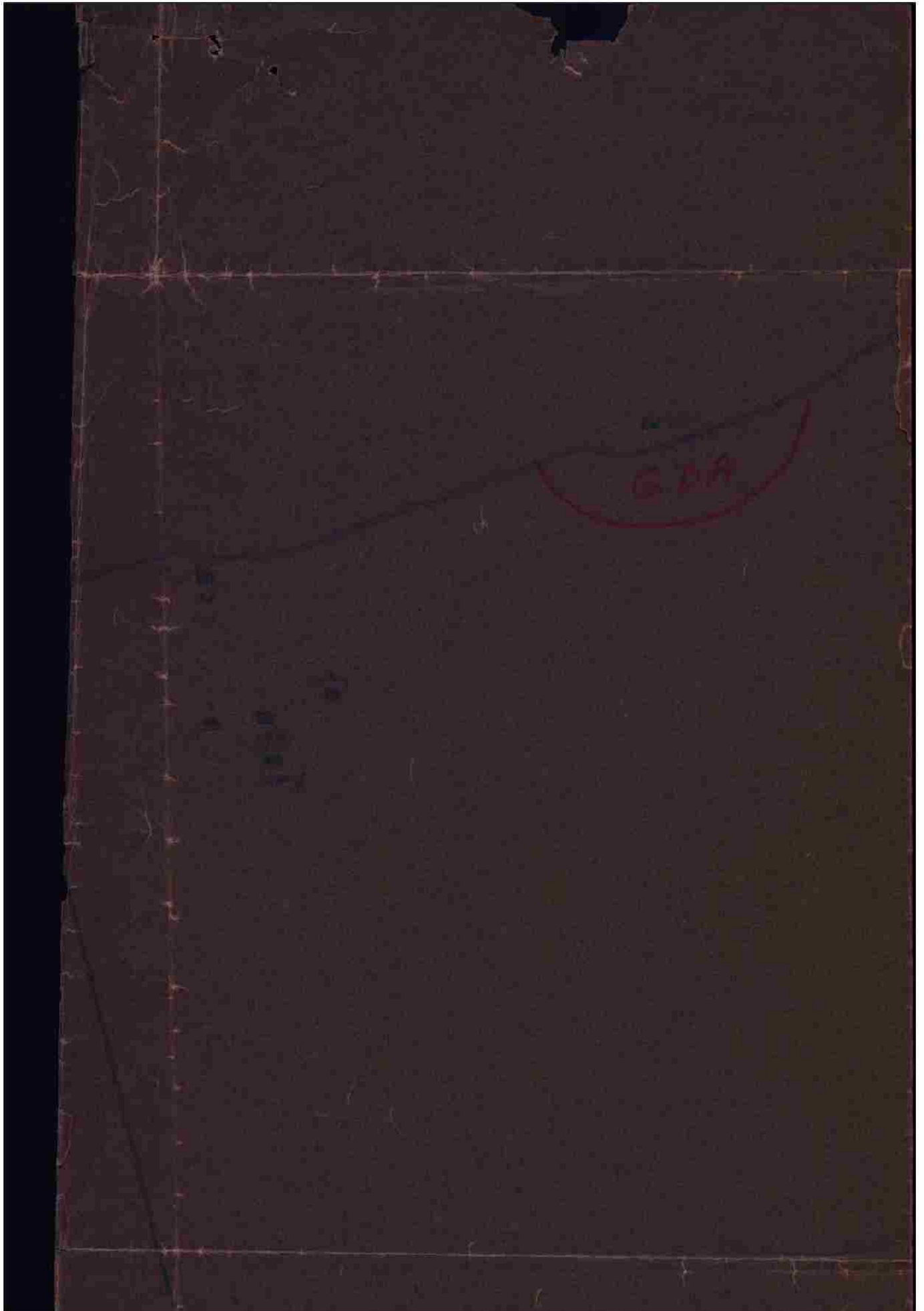
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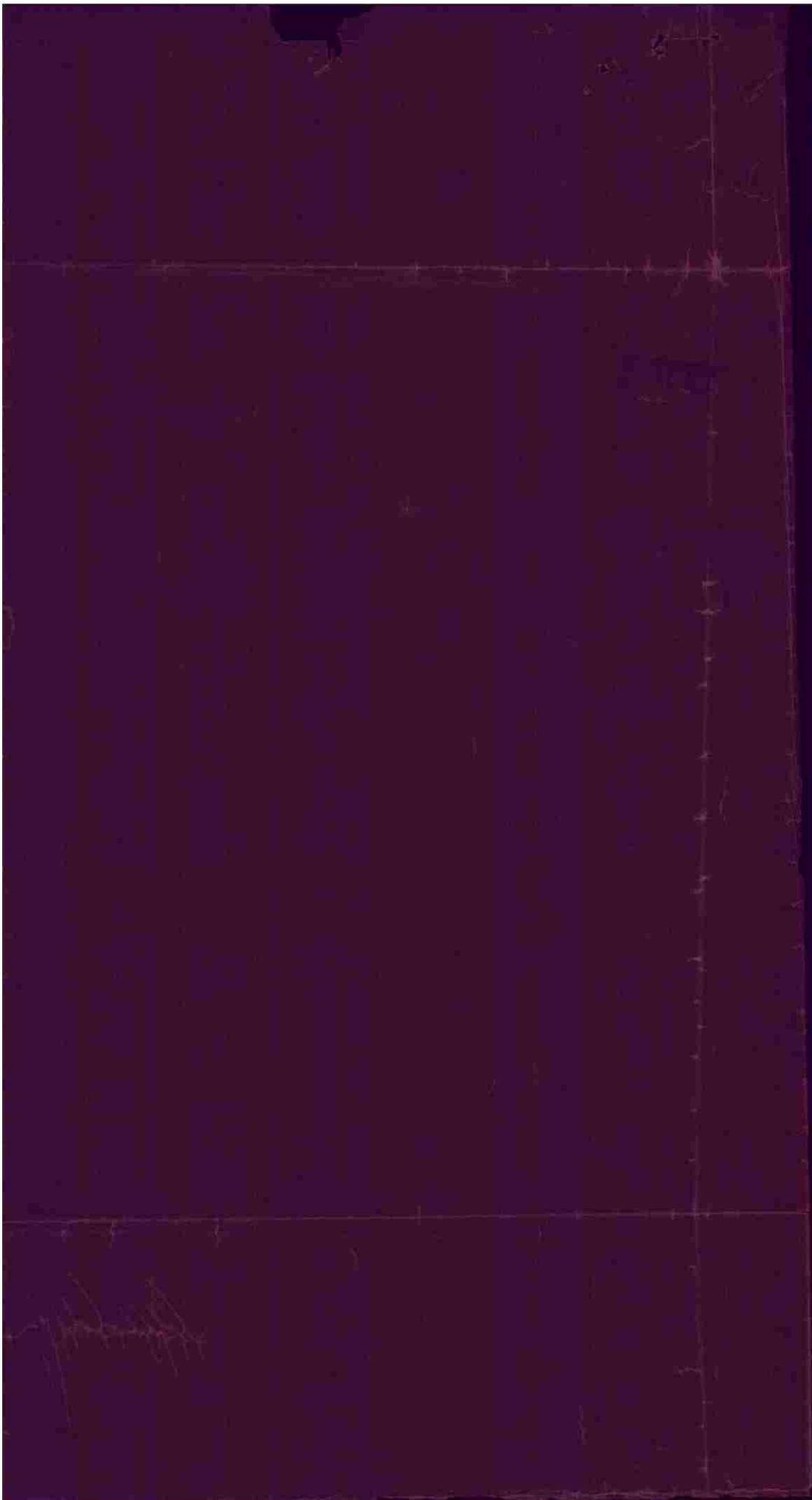
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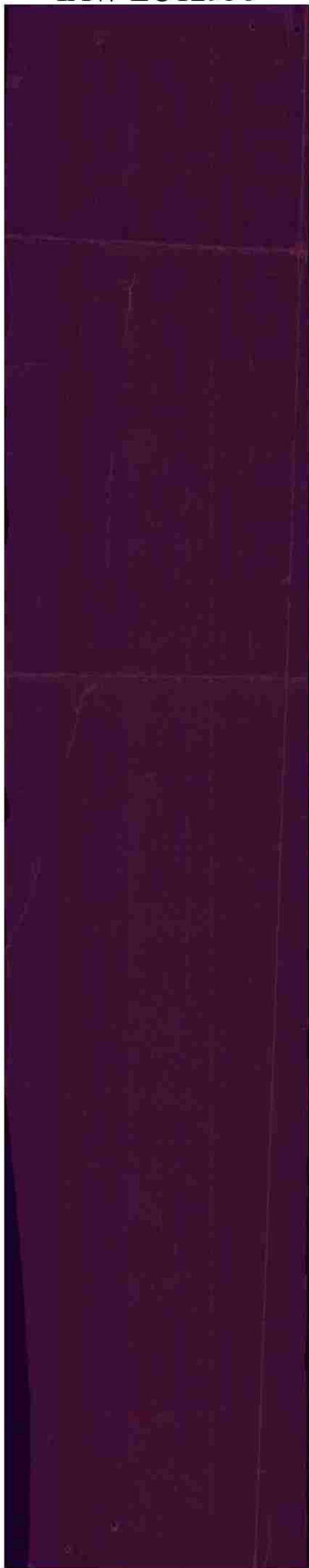
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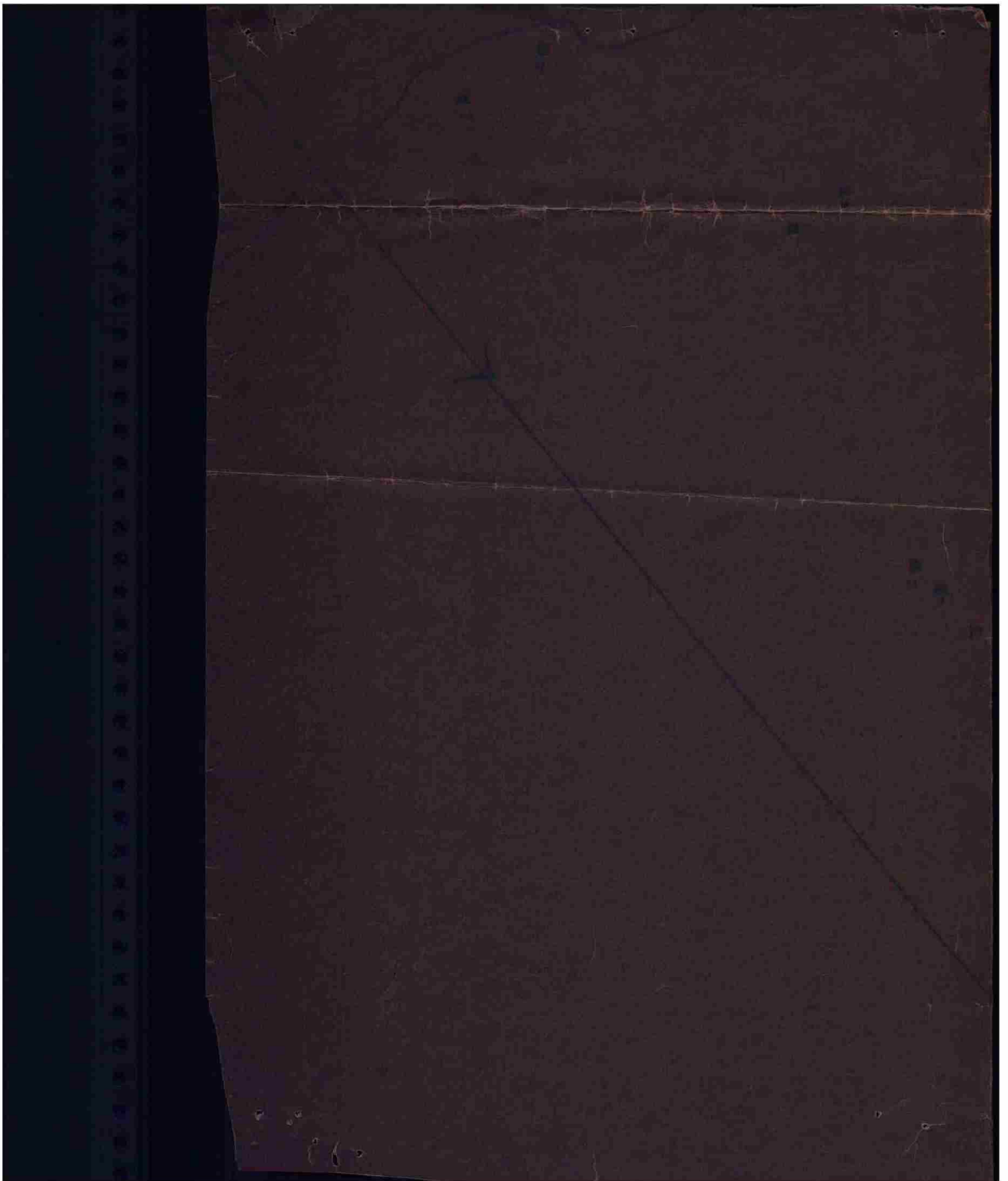


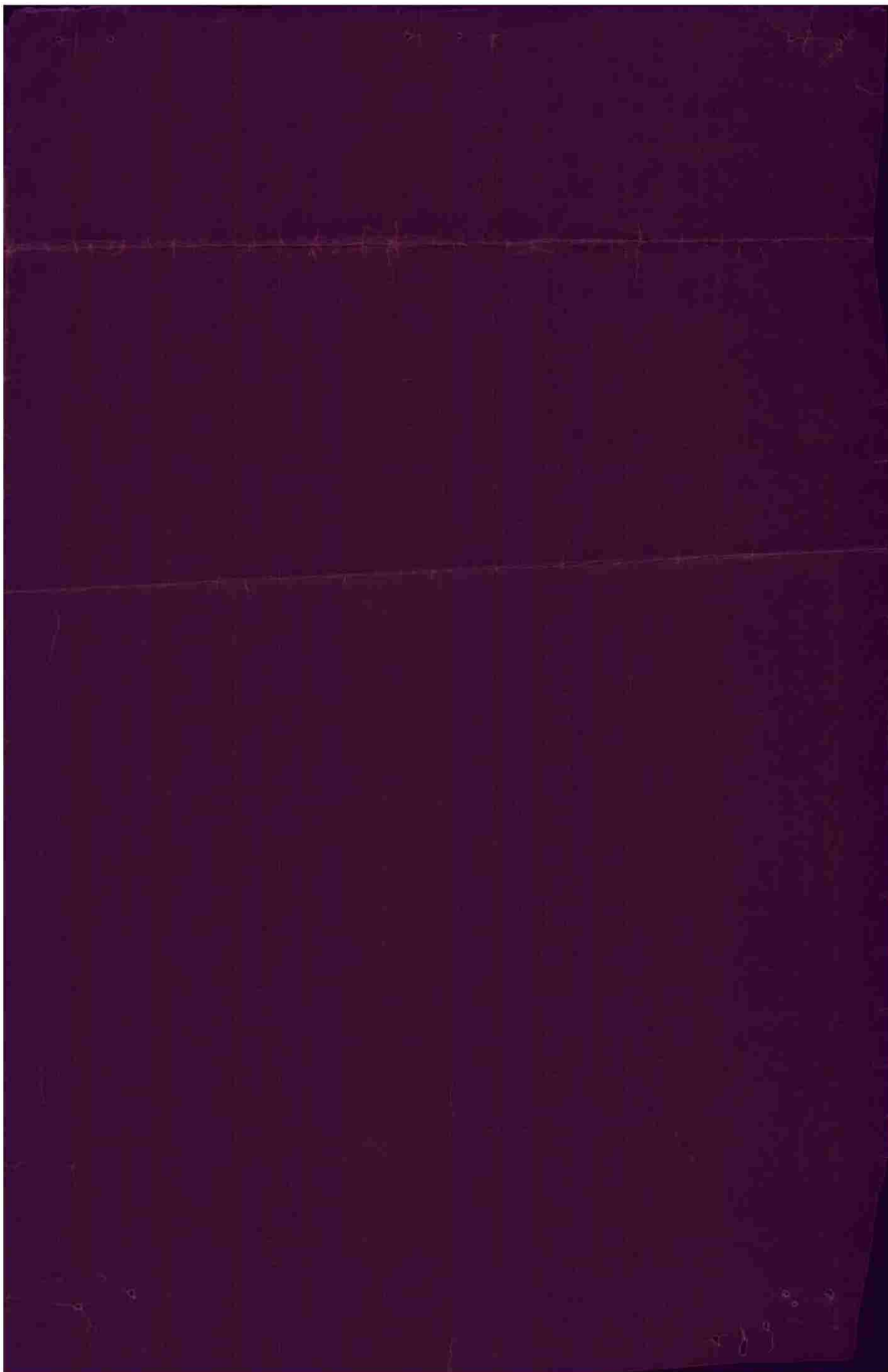
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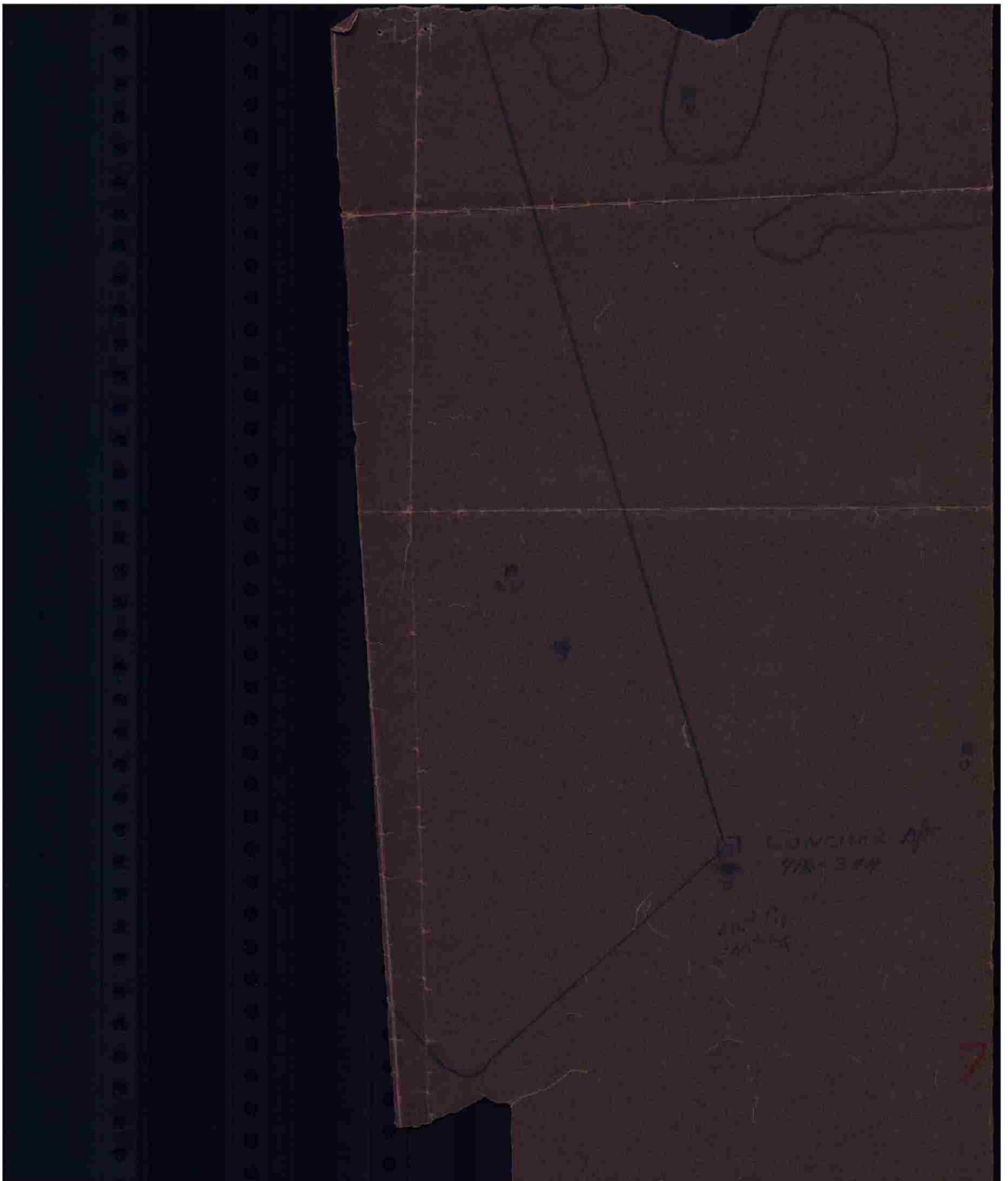


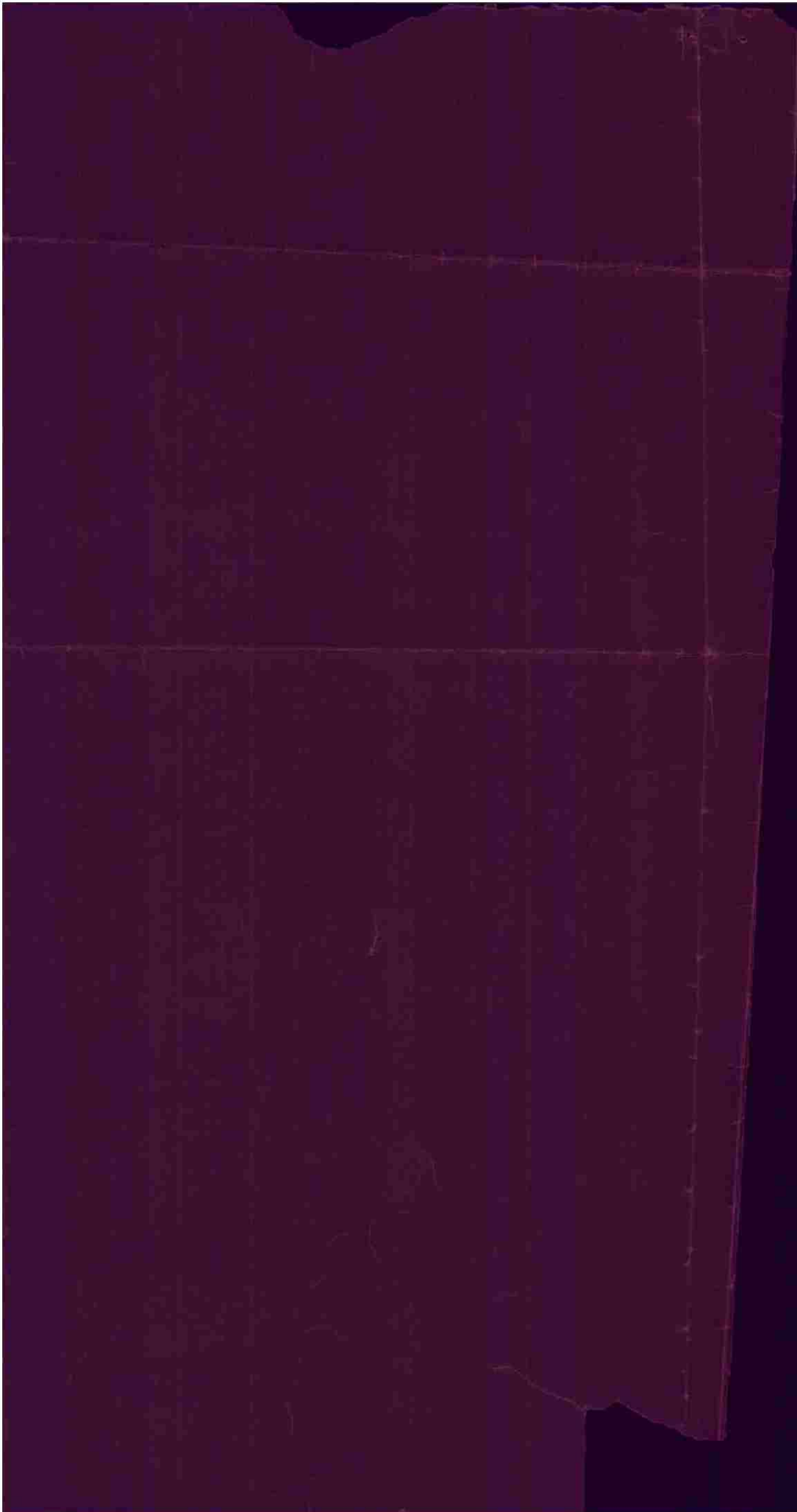












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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

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

SUBJECT : Flak Report - Mission No. 226

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

1. The attached overlay plots positions where Flak Puffs were seen.
2. Weather clear, but no ground flashes or gun positions were seen. No tracers seen.
3. Principle evasive action taken just after leaving target.
4. All Flak reported trailing, 5 to 7 o'clock, 1200 to 1300 ft.
5. Position detail :

Lisieux (3 miles SE) 20 puffs, white 12000 ft.

Conches (3 miles NW) 2 concentrations, 30 puffs each, white 13000 ft., believed to be aimed at fighter cover.

Pont Authou (3 miles NW) 30 puffs, black & white 13000 ft. Not believed to be aimed at formation.

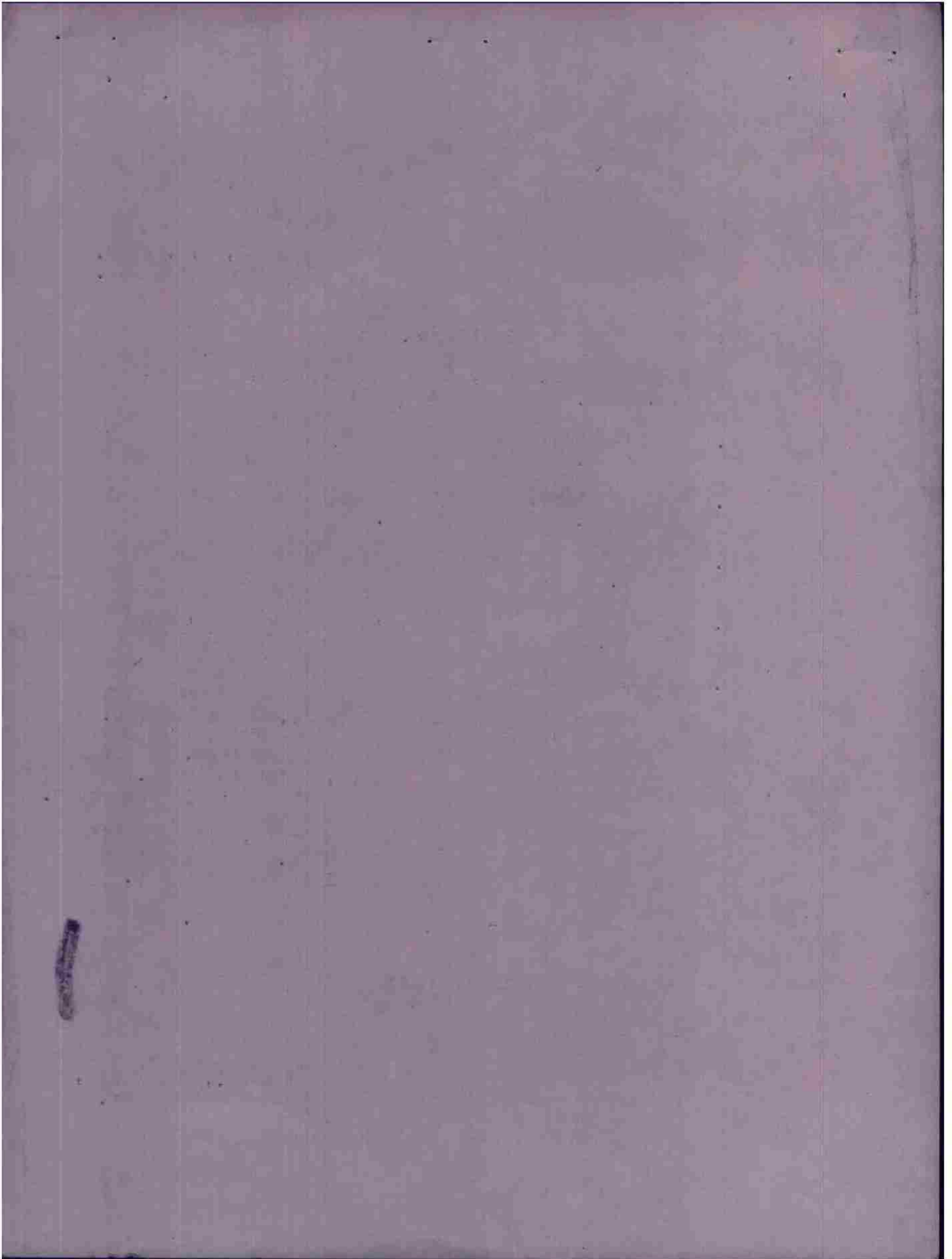
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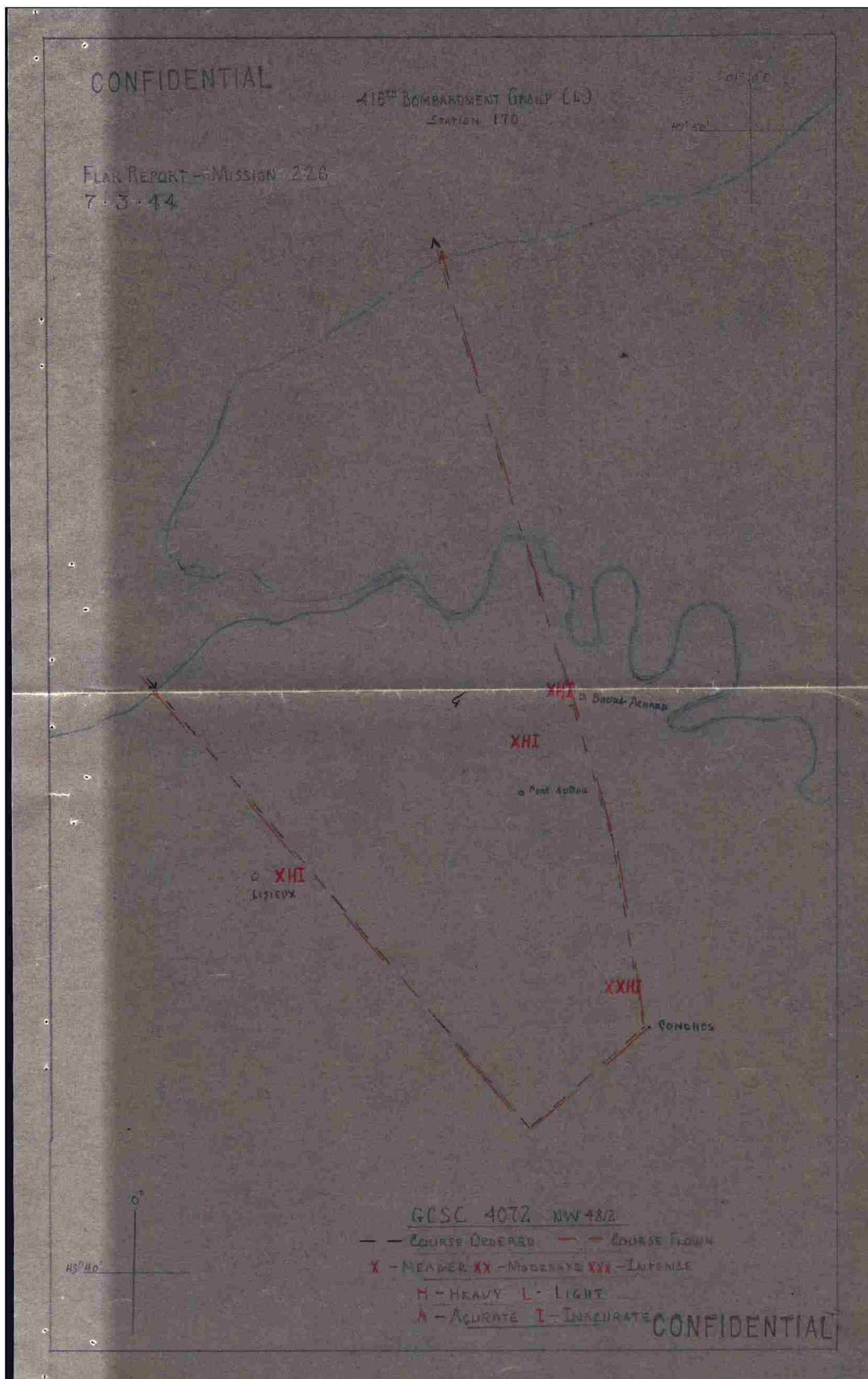
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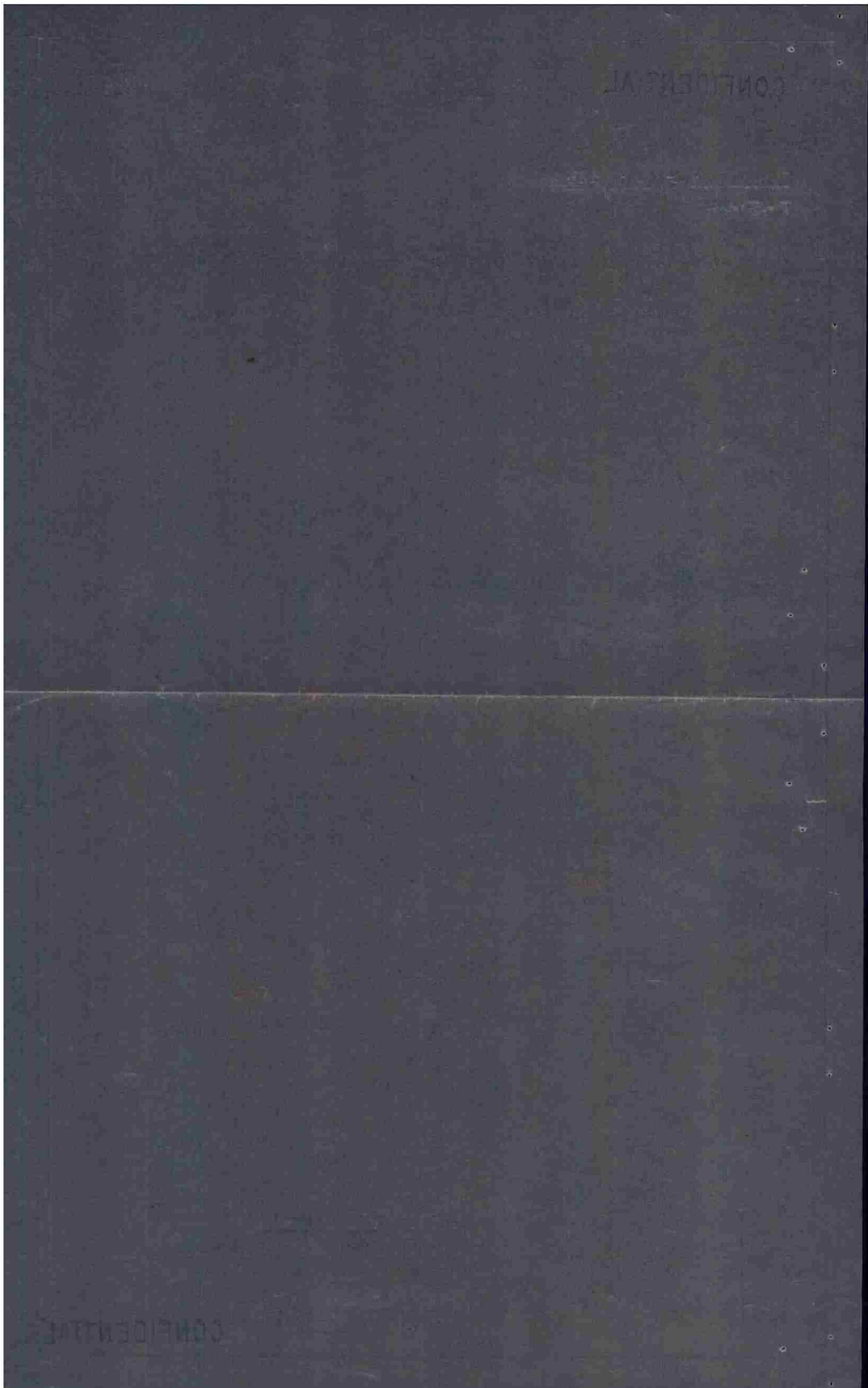
Harold J. Nussbaum
HAROLD J. NUSSEBAUM,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
S-2 Flak Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (I)

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APO 638, U.S. Army,
9 March 1944.Gp-416-Su-065
17 Mar 1944SUBJECT: Report of 416th Bombardment Group (I), IX Bomber Command Field
Order No. 226, Target Conches Airfield, on 7 March 1944. u

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 box of 20 A-20 aircraft scheduled took off at 1335, assembled and began climbing on course at 1346, leveling off at 12,000 feet indicated altitude just South of Gravesend. The English Coast was crossed (outbound) at Beachy Head. All rear guns and turrets were test fired approximately half way across the English Channel. Rendezvous with escorting fighters took place at the point and time scheduled and the formation proceeded on into France entering the coast at the point briefed on. Evasive action was taken on crossing the coast and until leveling out on the bombing run. The bombing run was level at 12,000 feet and at 230 mph, IAS, with a heading of approximately 50°. Some 15 to 20 bombs burst along the center of the SW - NE Runway with a cluster of approximately 8 bombs bursting 150 to 200 feet to the right of the first cluster. A left turn on to the target followed by a left turn off the target was completed. The formation at the time of the release was good with both the right and left flights well in and forward. The route from the target and leaving France was as briefed and mild evasive action was taken. Slight inaccurate flak was encountered on the completion of the bombing run and at two points on the route back from the target. The landfall was at Beachy Head at an altitude of 8,000 feet and the colors of the period were fired. At this point 3 A-20B's dropped out and landed at Friston for lack of gasoline. One A-20G-25 landed at Hawkinge because of minor engine difficulty. The box closed up and continued on to base and landed without mishap at 1600.

II. Bombing:

a. Consolidated plot of bombs. (See Annex "B").

b. No photographs taken.

c. Diagram of the formation at time of bombing. (See Annex "C").

d. 1. Method of sighting for formation: Synchronized. Used Bomb Sight M-7.

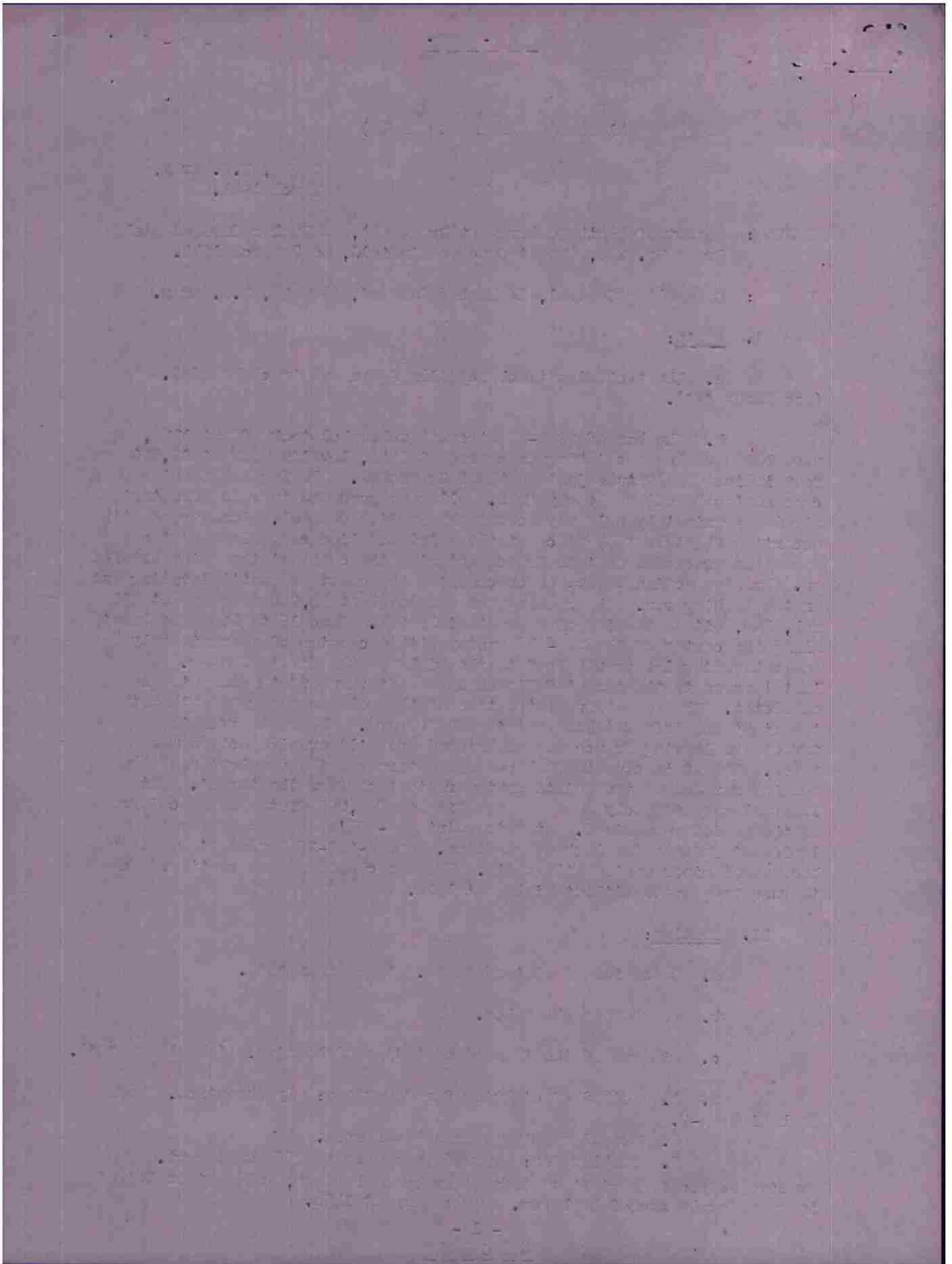
2. Manual bombing approach was used.

3. Bombing Run: Turned on course to 055° to target.

Evasive action from right to left given by Bombardier, roll out on target in time for 40 second bomb run. Bombs away at 1456.

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4. No difficulties experienced on bomb run.
5. Average length of bomb run: 40 seconds.
6. a. Description and Malfunction of Bombing Equipment:
Several bombs failed to release. Probable malfunction of Bomb Racks. (See Annex "D").

b. No arming wires were missing on return of mission.

e. Description and analysis of the maneuver at the Initial Point: Came into Initial Point at 146° turned left to due north, evasive action taken to the left in order to roll out at 055°.

III. Enemy Air Opposition: Nil.

IV. Anti-Aircraft Defenses:

- a. 3 miles SE - Lisieux - Heavy, weak, inaccurate.
3 miles NW - Conches A/D - Heavy, moderate, inaccurate.
3 miles N - Port Authou - Heavy, weak, inaccurate.

b. Normal evasive action carried out.

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

(See Annex "E").

VI. Weather:

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

b. 1. Forecast:

BASE AT TAKEOFF: .5 to .8 cumulus with bases 2500 to 3000 and tops to 5000. Visibility 2 to 3 miles due to light haze.

ROUTE OUT: .3 to .5 cumulus clouds over channel increasing to 6. to .7 at French coast. No medium or high clouds. Visibility increasing to 6 to 8 miles over channel and France.

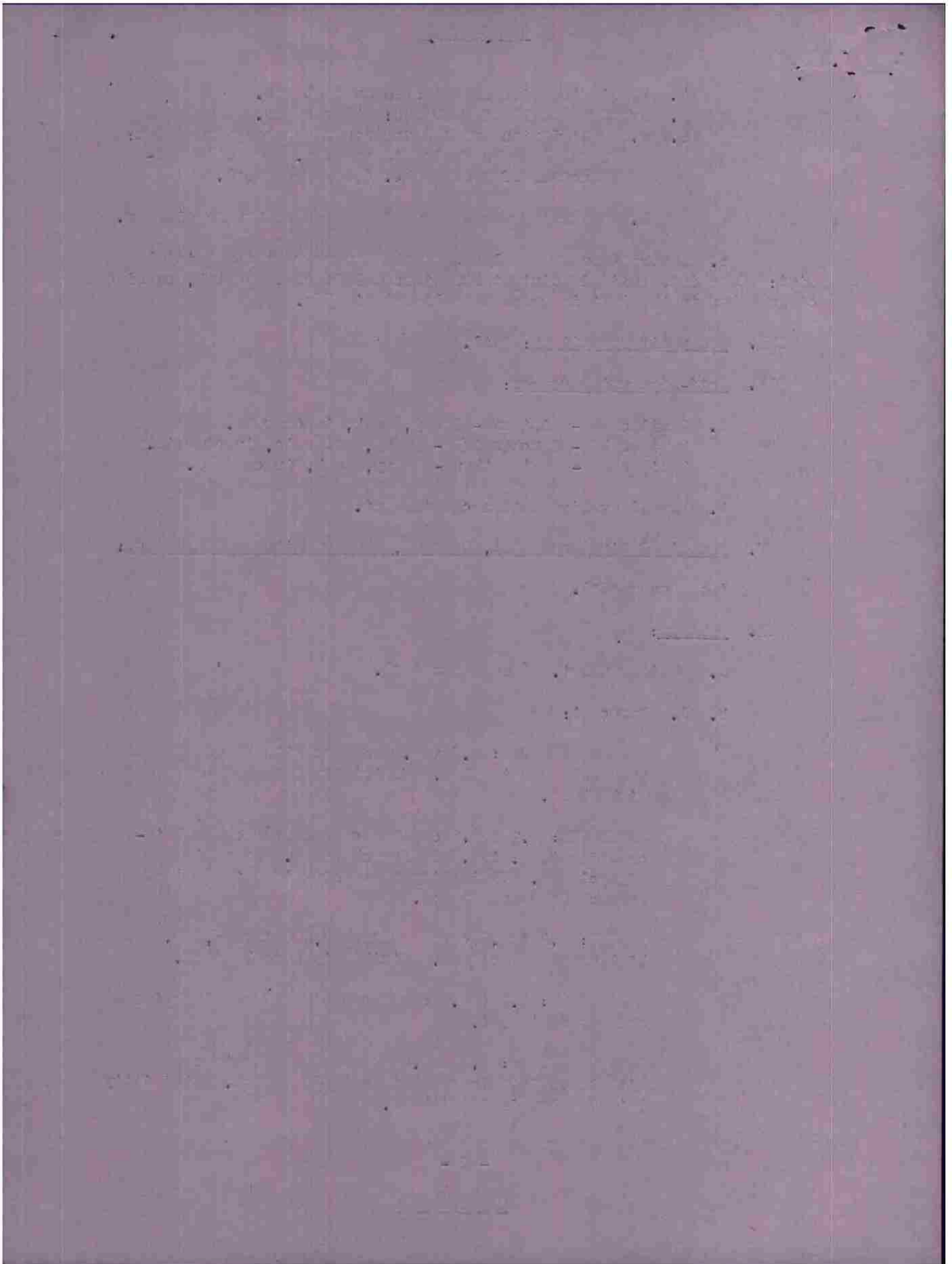
TARGET: .4 to .5 cumulus bases 3,000 tops 5,000. No high or medium clouds. Visibility 4 to 7 miles.

ROUTE BACK: .7 to .9 cumulus over England otherwise same as route out.

BASE ON RETURN: .7 to .9 cumulus and strato cumulus with bases 3000 feet and tops to 5000 feet. Visibility 4 to 7 miles in light haze.

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2. Interrogation:

BASE AT TAKEOFF: .3 cumulus clouds with bases at 3000 feet and tops at 5000 feet. The visibility was 6 miles and the wind was 06 at 10 miles per hour.

ROUTE OUT: The cumulus clouds increased to .6 to .7 over southern England with tops to 6,000 feet. Over the channel and France the clouds decreased to .1 to .2. The visibility was unlimited.

TARGET: .1 to .2 cumulus with tops very low. The visibility was unlimited. The weather did not affect the bombing.

ROUTE BACK: Widely scattered low clouds over France and channel with no low clouds over England. A few miles inside English coast .5 to .6 Alto cumulus with bases well above planes. Estimated 12,000 feet.

BASE ON RETURN: .5 to .6 Alto cumulus with bases at 10,000 feet. The visibility was 7 miles and the wind was 06 at 10 miles per hour.

VII. Communications Equipment. Use and Malfunction:

a. (See Annex "G").

b. One aircraft failed to become airborne because of radio failure. No other difficulties experienced.

VIII. Fighter Escort: Good support.

For the Commanding Officer:

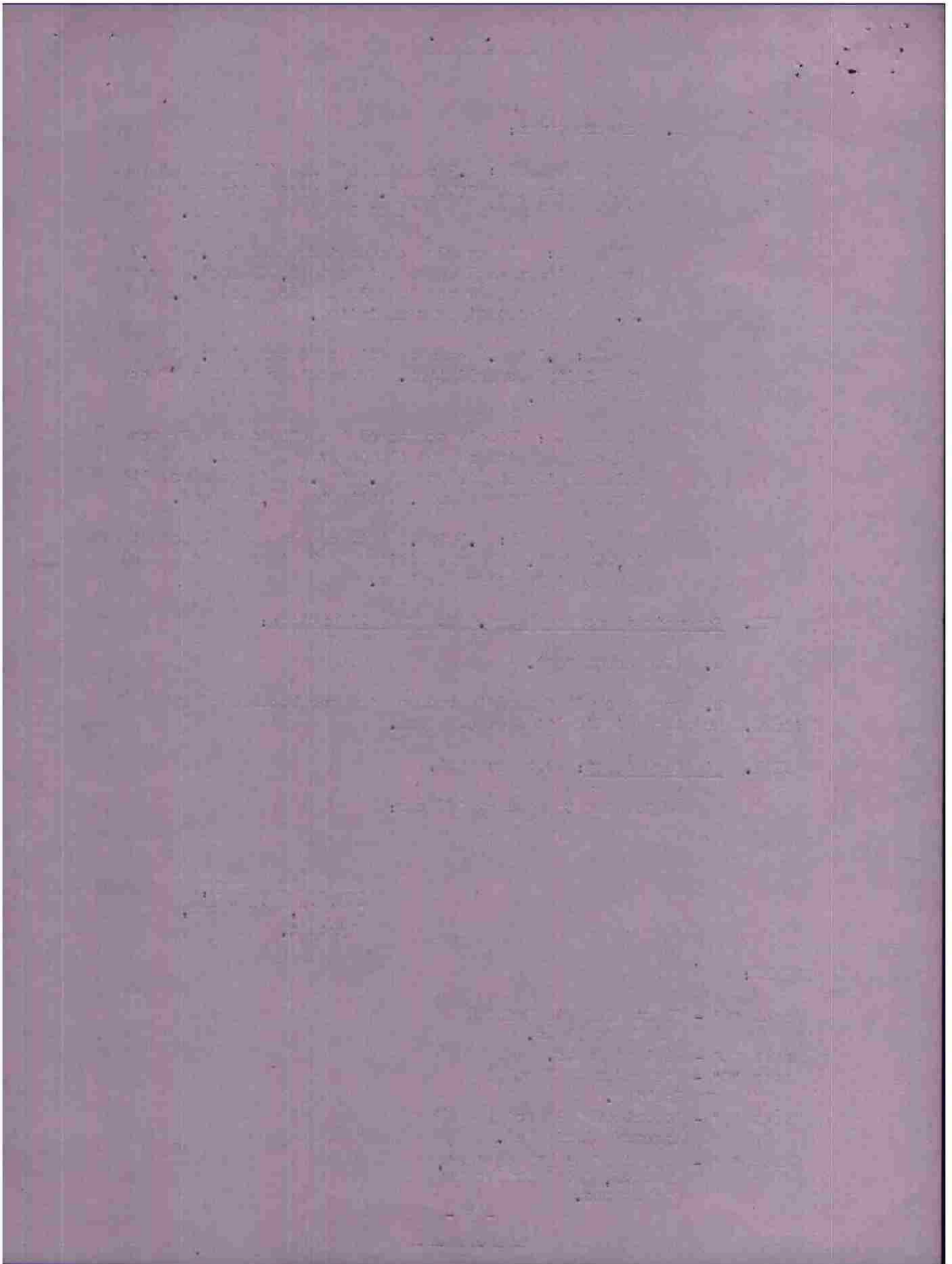
George Schenkein
 GEORGE SCHENKEIN,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

ANNEXES:

- Annex "A" - Chart of Route Briefed and Route Flown.
- Annex "B" - Plot of Bombs.
- Annex "C" - Formation at Time of Bombing.
- Annex "D" - Report of Malfunctions of Aircraft Equipment.
- Annex "E" - Report of Airplanes Lost, Damaged, and Abortive on Operations.

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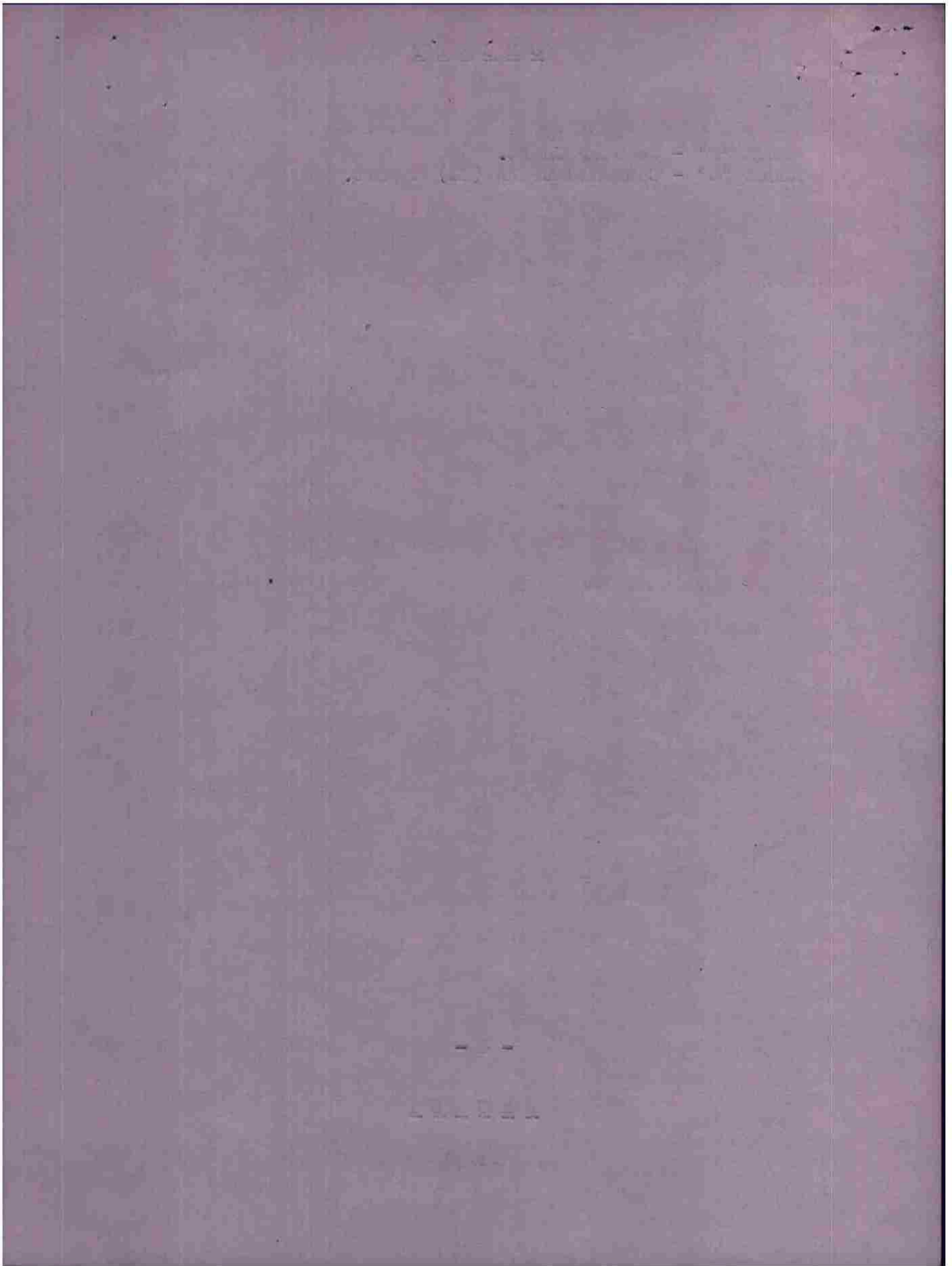
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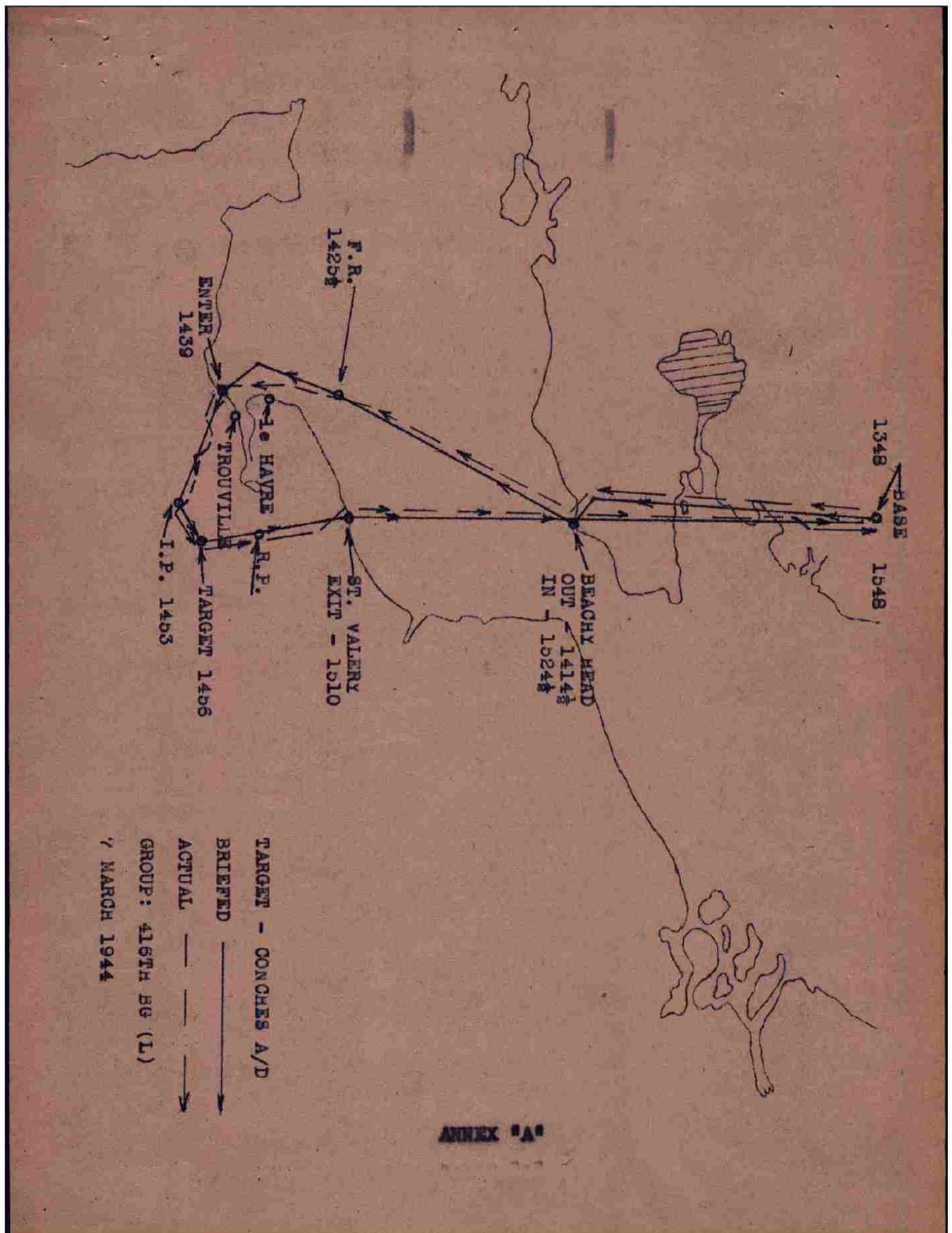
Annex "F" - Weather Chart.

Annex "G" - Communications (YS) Report.

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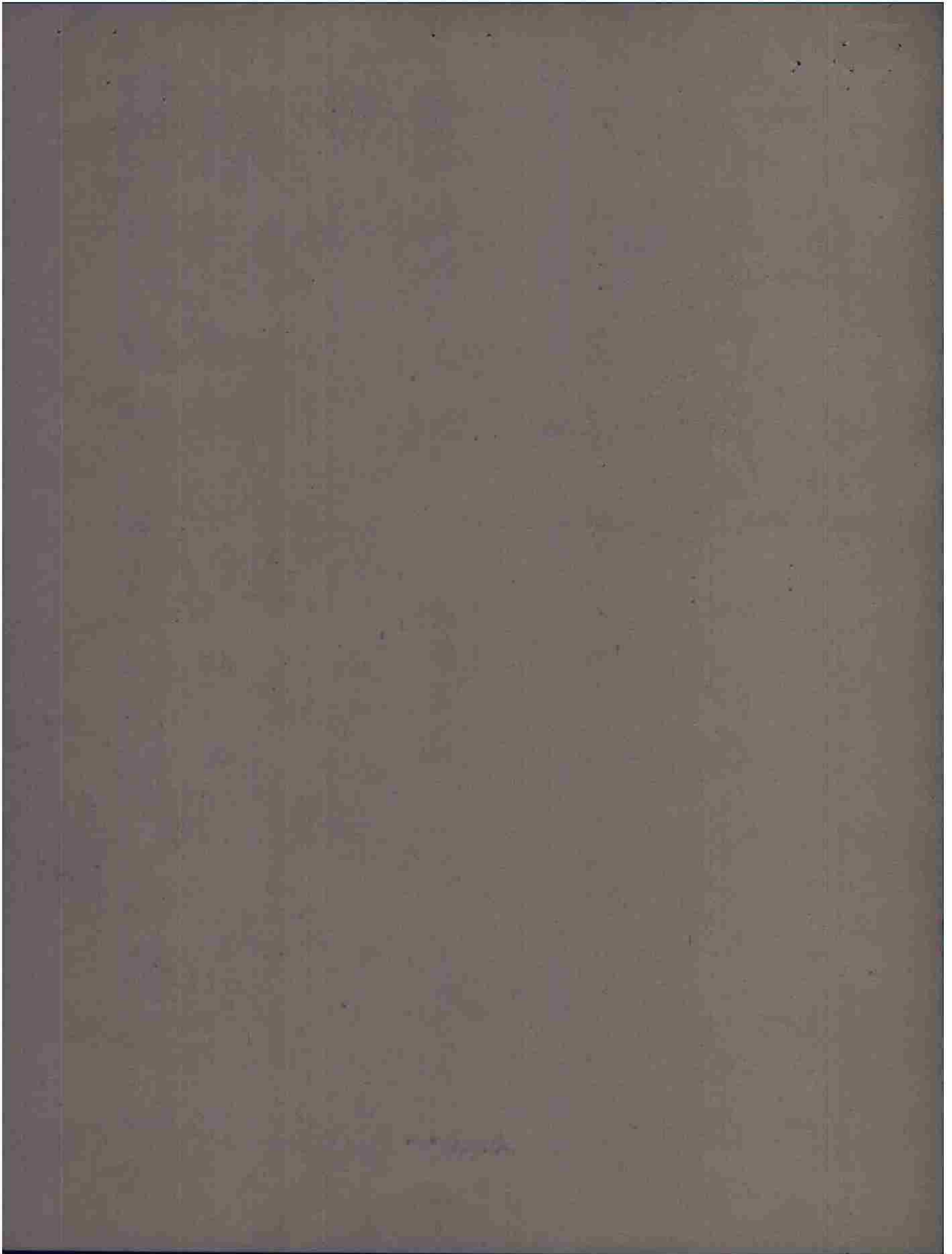
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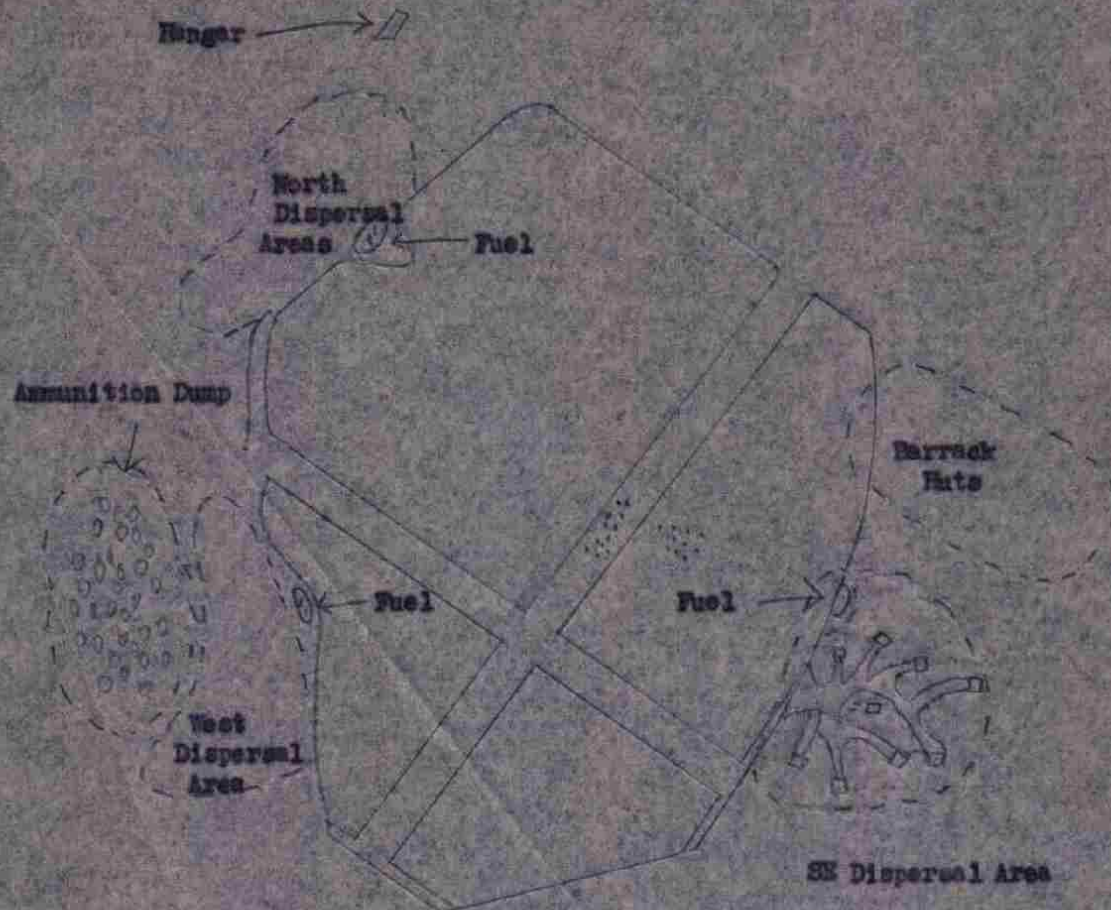


TARGET - CONCHES A/D
 BRIEFED —————→
 ACTUAL —————→
 GROUP: 416TH BG (L)
 7 MARCH 1944

ANNEX "A"



No. of Bombs Dropped	45
No. of Bursts Accounted For	23
No. of Bursts on Aiming Point	0



SE Dispersal Area

Boat Plot

Conches A/D

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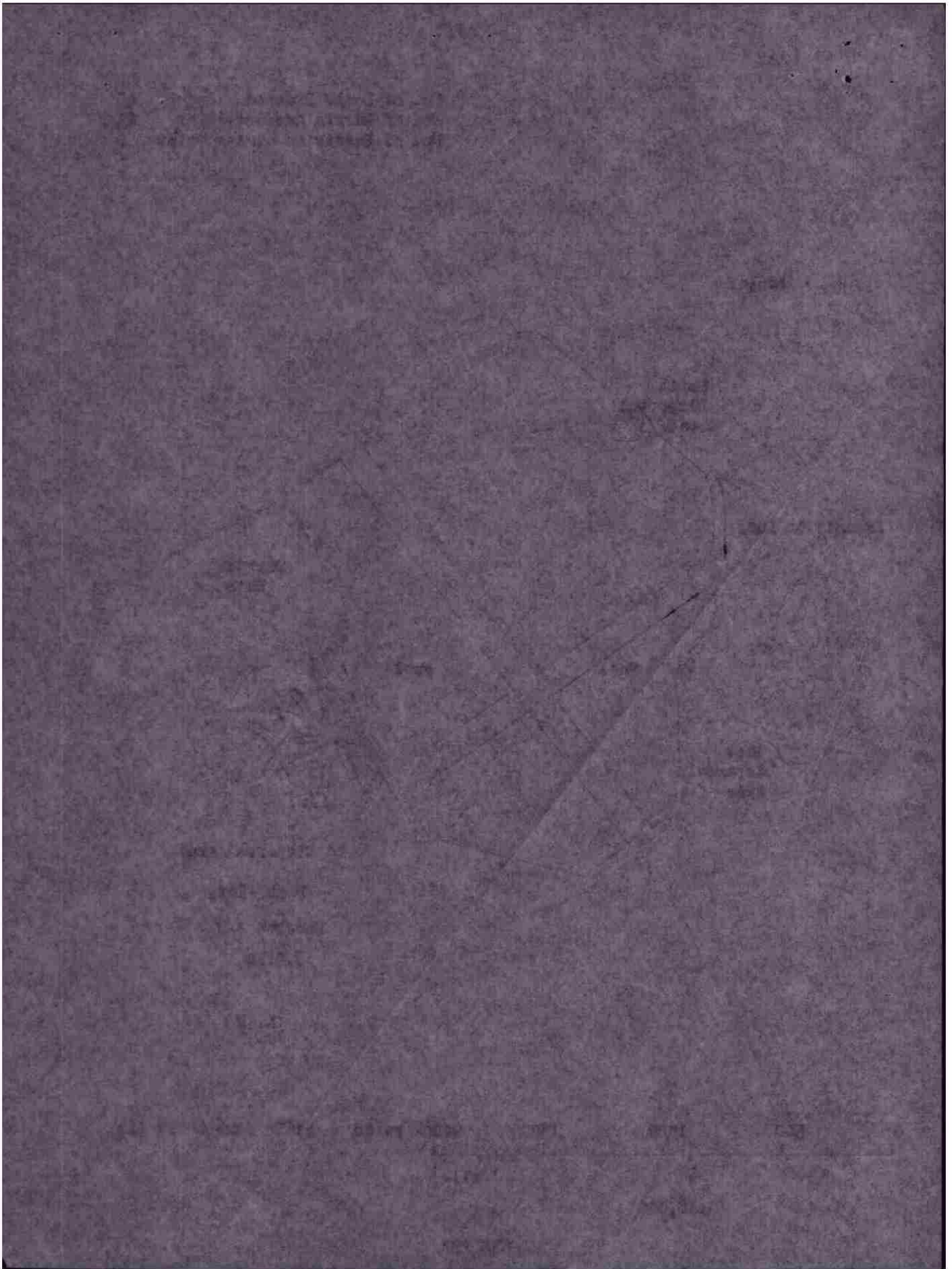


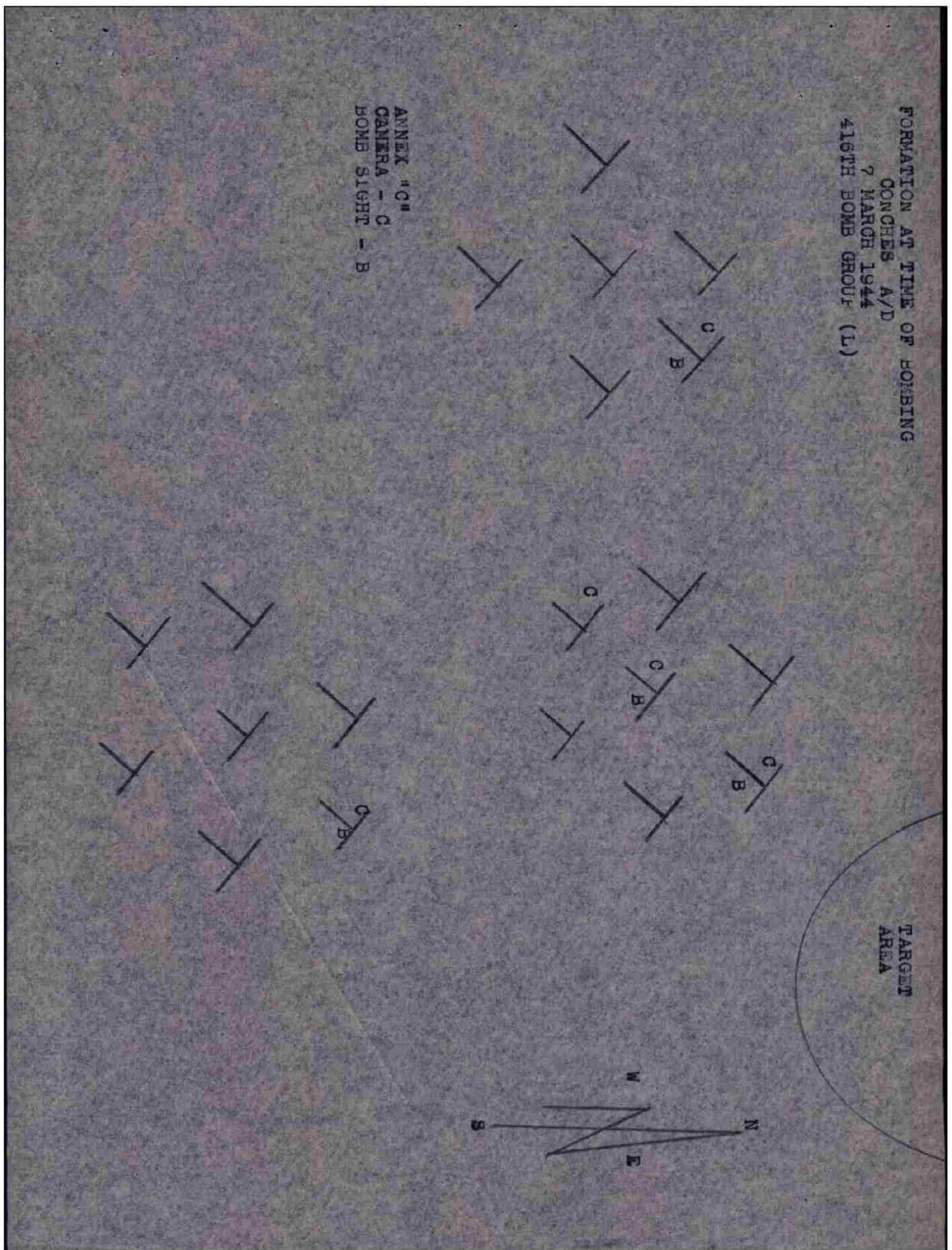
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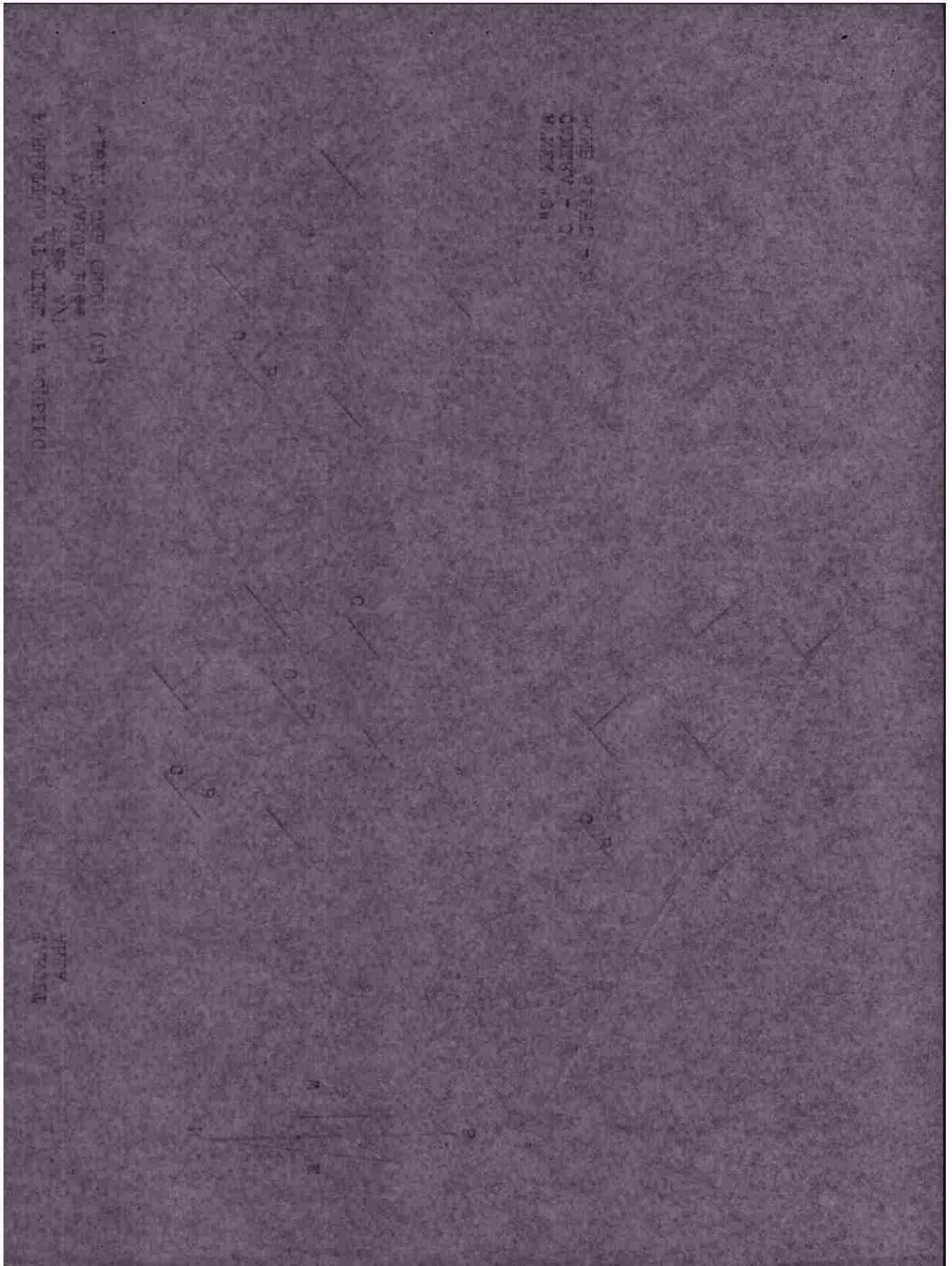
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ANNEX "B"







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416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

APO 638, U.S. Army,
9 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 : 7 March 1944
Number of Aircraft Scheduled : 21
Number of Aircraft Alerted : 21

II. Scheduled Aircraft Failing to Become Airborne.

Type	AAF Serial No.	Description	Cause
A-20G-25	43-9181	Radio Malfunction	PL 171 Damaged or broken.

III. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Affecting Success of Mission.

Type	AAF Serial No.	Description	Cause
A-20G-25	43-9194	Premature release of one bomb.	Rack not fully cocked.
A-20B	41-3380	Two bombs failed to release.	Sway braces too tight causing a binding in rack release mechanism.
A-20B	41-3369	Failure to release bombs.	Improper operation of bomb door control handle causing door relay to fail.

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

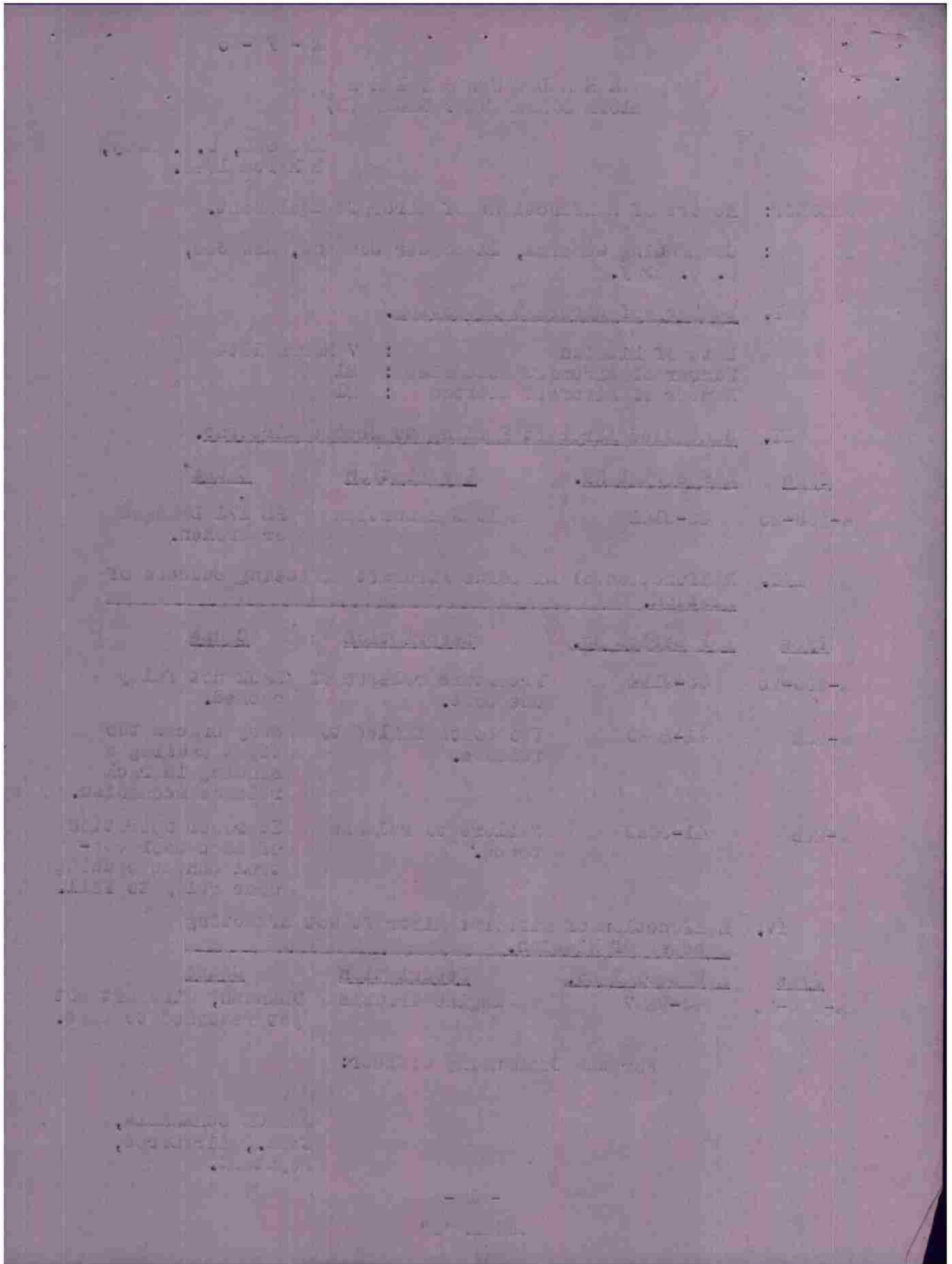
Type	AAF Serial No.	Description	Cause
A-20G-25	43-9207	Engine Trouble	Unknown, aircraft not yet returned to base.

For the Commanding Officer:

George Schenkein
GEORGE SCHENKEIN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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ANNEX "D"



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H E A D Q U A R T E R S
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

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

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

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

Target: Conches Airfield.

Date : 7 March 1944.

IX Bomber Command Field Order No. 226.

1. Summary:

Group	Type A/C	A/C Dispatched	Abortive		Over Target	Damaged				
			Mech	Other		A	AC	B	E	Lost
416	A-20 B & G's	20	3	7	20	0	0	0	0	0

2. Lost:

None.

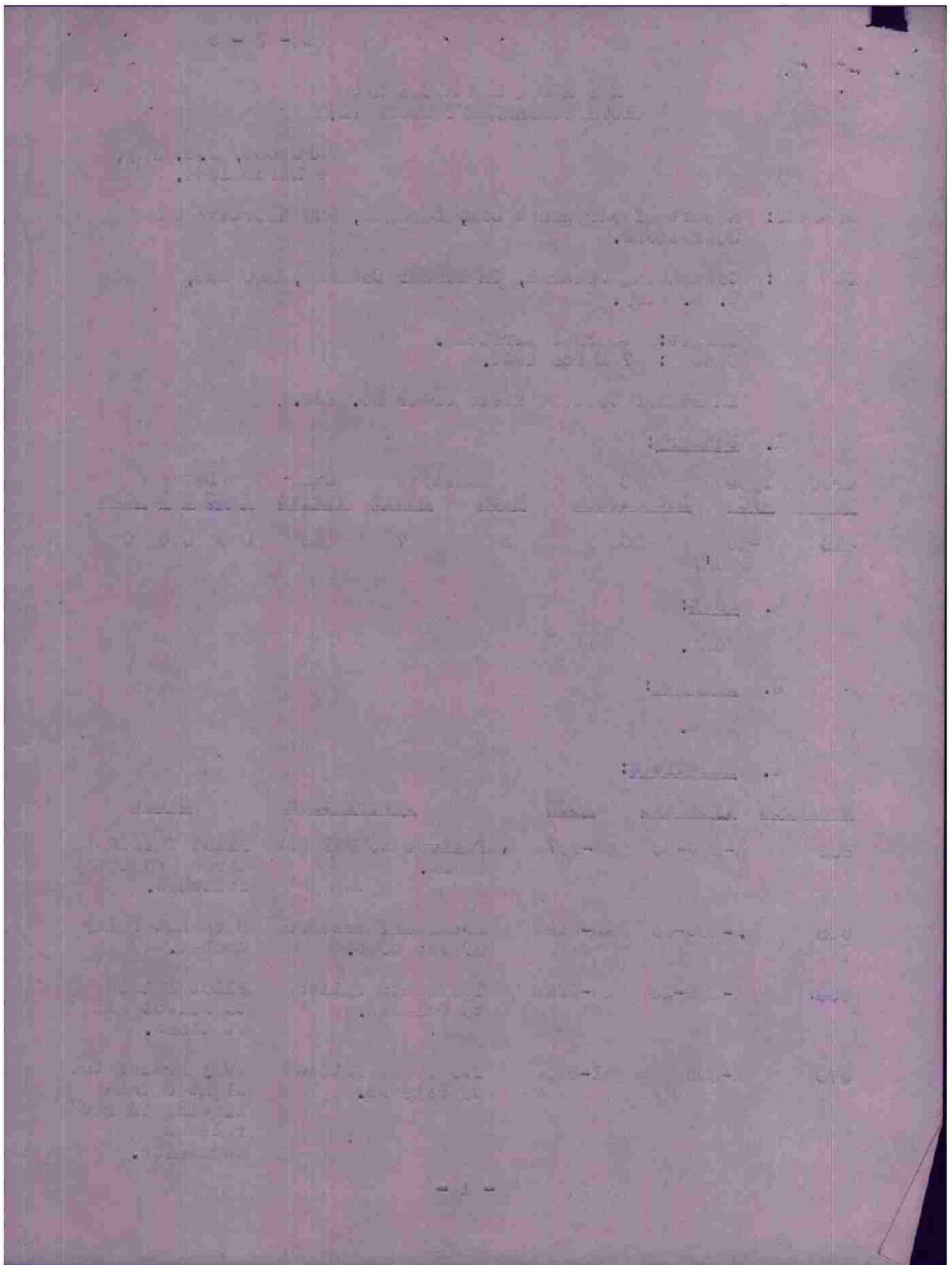
3. Damaged:

None.

4. Abortives:

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Type A/C</u>	<u>ACSN</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cause</u>
668	A-20G-2b	43-9379	Failure to release bombs.	Pilot failed to throw proper switches.
668	A-20G-2b	43-9194	Premature release of one bomb.	Rack not fully cocked.
668	A-20G-2b	43-9223	Two bombs failed to release.	Pilot failed to select all stations.
670	A-20B	41-3380	Two bombs failed to release.	Sway braces too tight causing binding in rack release mechanism.

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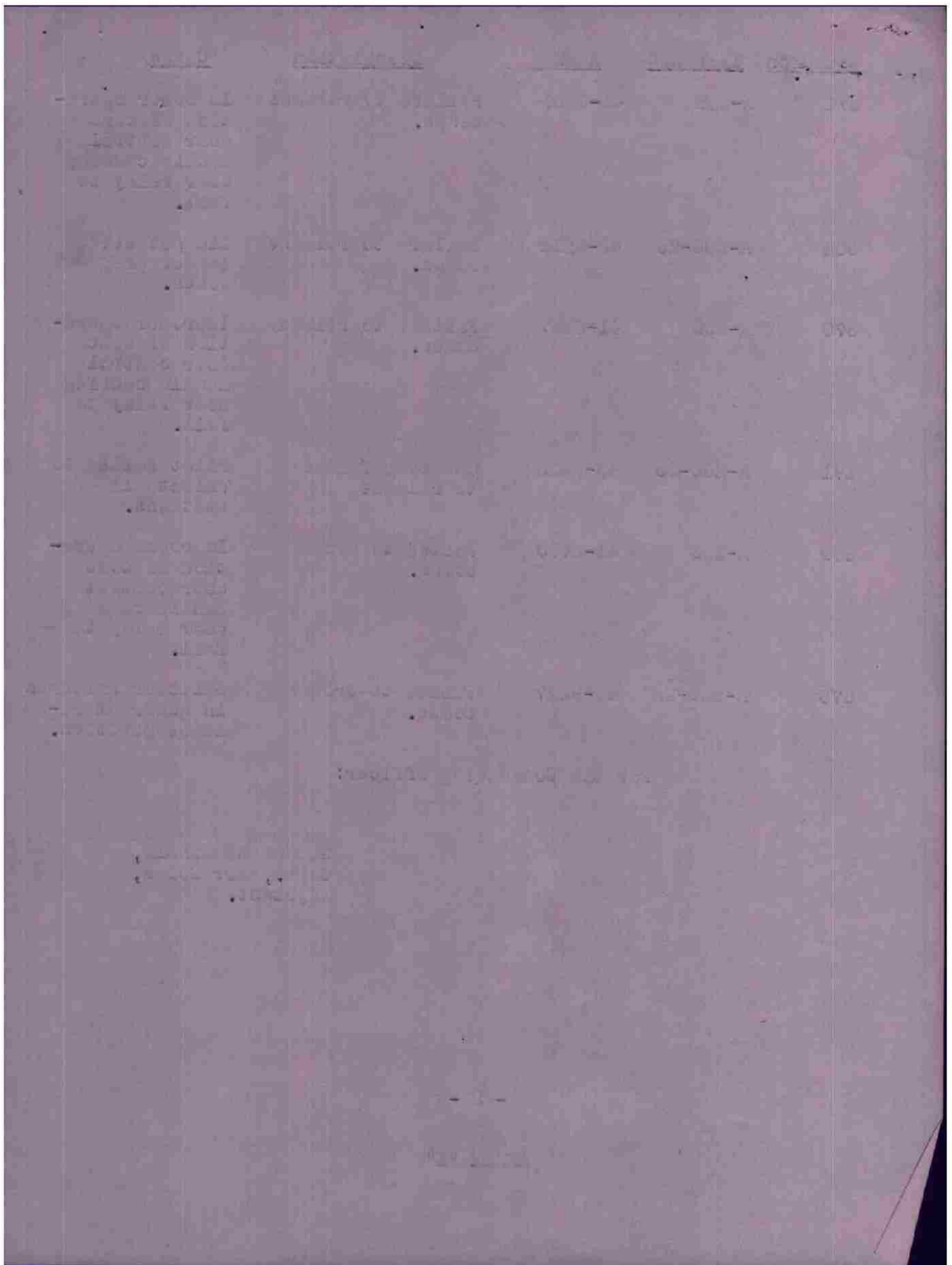
<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Type A/C</u>	<u>ACSN</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cause</u>
671	A-20B	41-3369	Failure to release bombs.	Improper operation of bomb door control handle causing door relay to fail.
668	A-20G-25	43-9216	Failure to release bombs.	Did not see leader drop bombs.
670	A-20B	41-3387	Failure to release bombs.	Improper operation of bomb door control handle causing door relay to fail.
671	A-20G-25	43-9203	One bomb failed to release	Pilot failed to select all stations.
669	A-20B	41-3403	Failed to drop bombs.	Improper operation of bomb door control handle causing door relay to fail.
670	A-20G-25	43-9227	Failed to drop bombs.	Selector switches in quadrant release position.

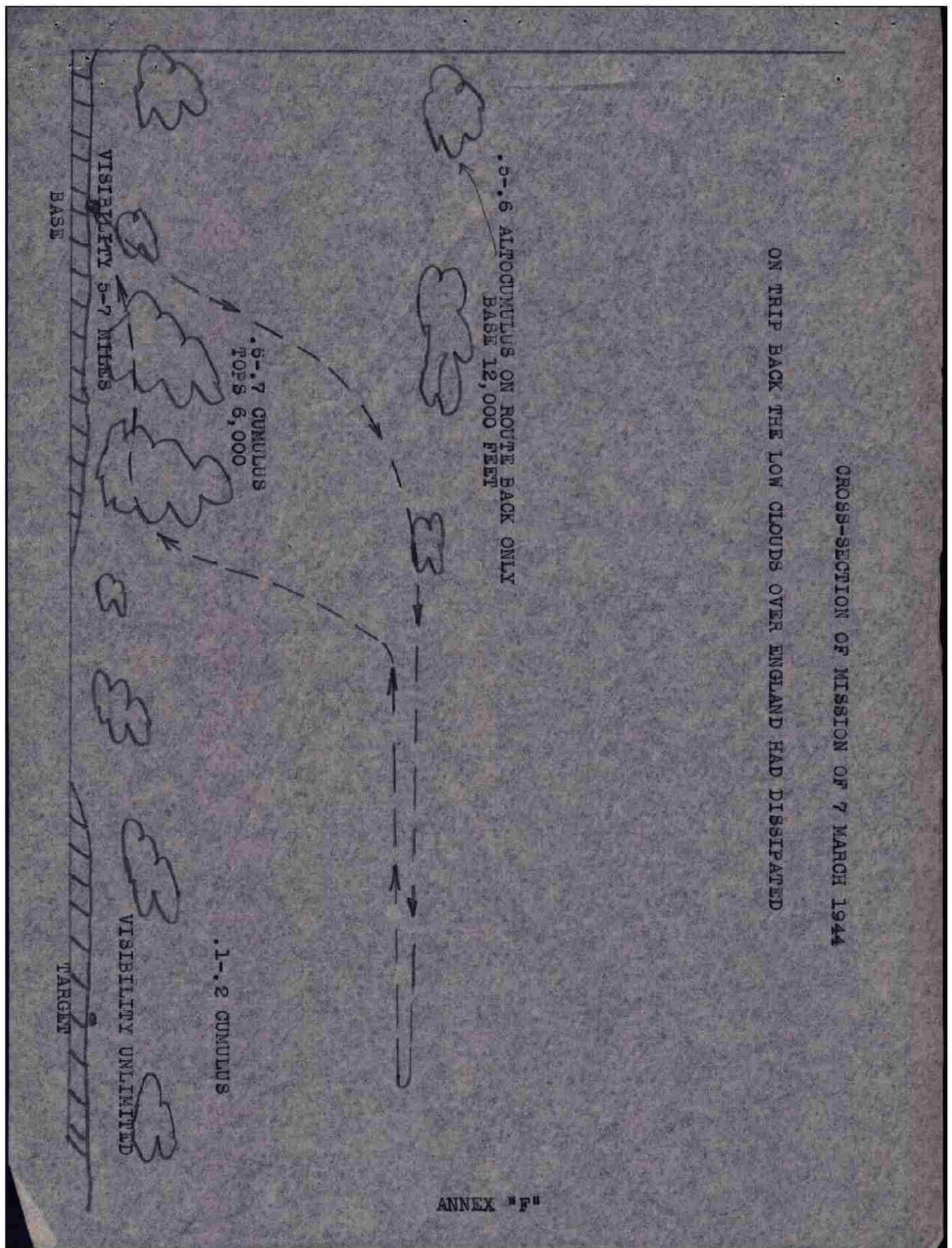
For the Commanding Officer:

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 GEORGE SCHENKEIN,
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ANNEX "E"





C O N F I D E N T I A L
COMMUNICATIONS (YS) REPORT

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND
FROM : 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

FORM "YS" NO.

A - YS - 6

DATE AND TIME OF OPERATIONS

B - 7 MARCH 1944

S QUADRONS & A/C DETAILED

C - 668 (6) A2-E2-B1-G1-C1-F2
669 (2) E3-A2
670 (7) C-A-B-N-E-F-D1
671 (6) K-A1-D-E1-G-F1-Total 21

EQUIPMENT FAILURES AND CAUSE

D - 668-C, VHF RECEIVER WEAK IN AIR
BEING RETURNED
669-E3, VHF RECEIVER WEAK IN,
BEING EXCHANGED
670-F, VHF NOISY, CHECKING BOND-
ING INTERPHONE WEAK, RE-
PLACING AMPLIFIER TUBE

NAVIGATIONAL AIDS USED

E - NONE

MF FIXES

F - NOT APPLICABLE

MF BEARINGS

G - NOT APPLICABLE

SBA

H - NOT APPLICABLE

VHF PERFORMANCE

I - 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 - 668-C (FORMATION INSTRUCTIONS)
668-C (UNABLE CONTACT COMMAND
CONTROL)

A/C RECEIVING ON VHF (TYPE OF
MESSAGE)

M - ALL NC (FORMATION INSTRUCTIONS)

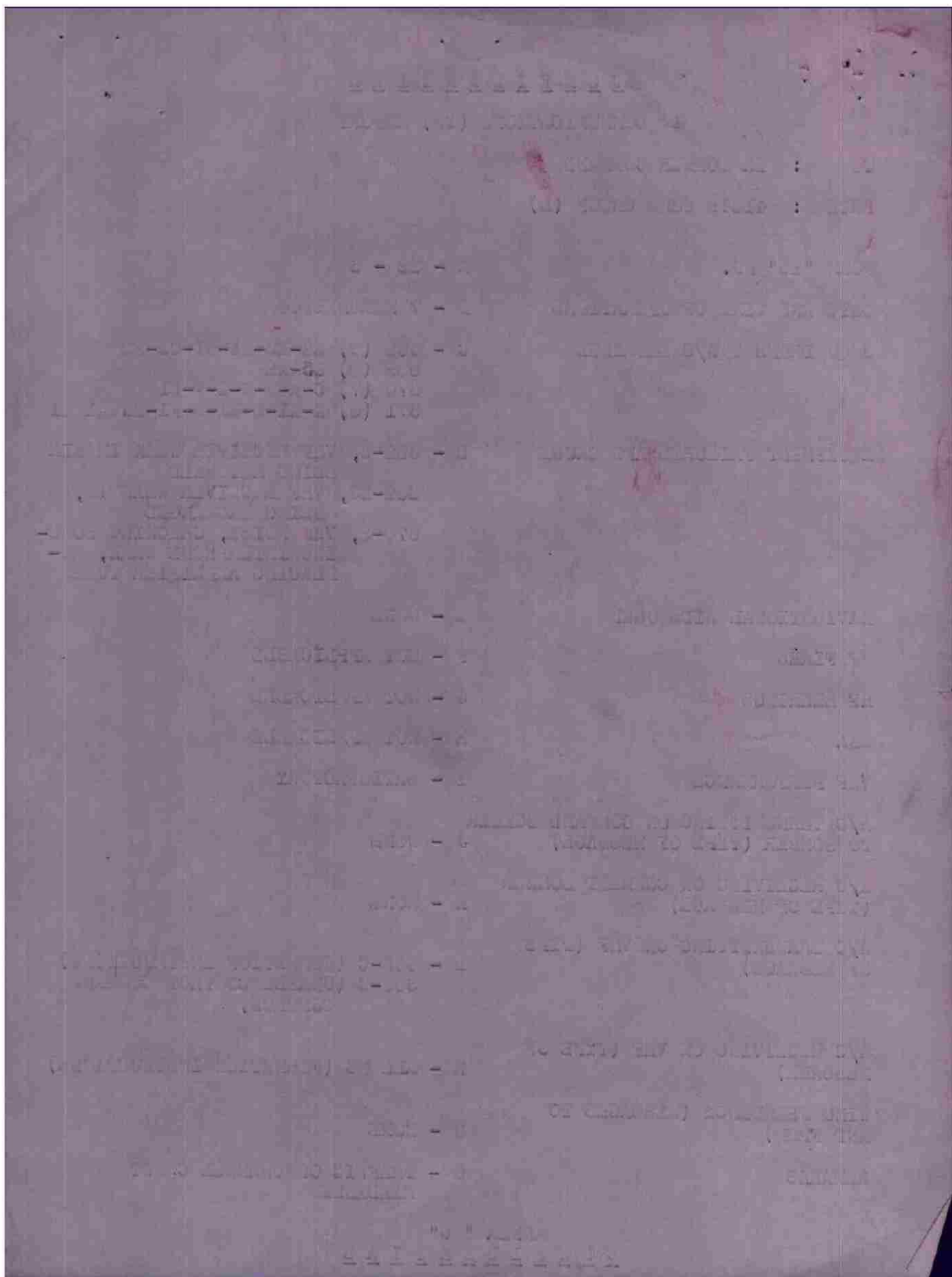
WING FREQUENCY (MESSAGES TO
AND FROM)

N - NONE

REMARKS

O - TRAFFIC ON CHANNEL C NOT
READABLE

ANNEX " G"
C O N F I D E N T I A L



S E C R E T

F.O. NO. 226
 RAMROD NO. 634

P R E - T A K E - O F F C H E C K S H E E T

DATE 7/3/44
 GROUP 1416

Duty Officers Initial All Items Checked

Targets (Primary CONCHES 102-664) Ops. No. (Primary _____) D.C. _____
 (Secondary Bonny St. Martin 7-659) (Secondary _____) D.C. _____

ORDERS RECEIVED

IX B.C.W.O. (V.TWX) _____ IX B.C.F.O. _____
 (Check route, place spellings, Ops. No., Aiming Points, etc., if incorrect advise A-3).

KEY TIMES (Keep in touch with A-3 to pick up time changes).
 Briefing _____ T.O. _____ R-V Hr. 1410 T.O.T. 1435 ETR _____

ON RECEIPT OF TARGET, verbal or otherwise, immediately.
 _____ Notify P.I. (Give him full information on mission). Time: _____
 _____ Notify Mount Farm (call via Pinetree) Intelligence Officer.
 _____ Assemble information for A-3 route planning. _____ Advise Lt. Leweke of mission.
 (Anytime before take-off.)

TIME **CHECK THE FOLLOWING**

_____ Photo Coverage (Coast Line _____; Target Area _____). From P/I.
 _____ Flak ---
 _____ A/F Act'v'y Reports A12b (T/F) _____ Faded Maps M.I. 15 (9/3/1)
 _____ Official List A12b (T/F) _____ Tracings M.I. 15 (9/3/4)
 _____ A/D Infor. Sheets A12b (T/F) _____ Index Cards M.I. 15 (#4)
 _____ A/D Tracings A12b (T/F & 9/3/3B) _____ Index Cards F.L.C. (#3)
 _____ RAF 2 Group Reports (9/3/16) _____ Maj. Brett Flak Rpt. (9/3/15)
 _____ AM on Harbour Vessels (9/3/8) _____ Form White Cards (#1)
 _____ Other Sources or VIII B.C./Pinetree NSO.
 _____ Check with Maj. Brett. (Called War Office _____ Yes _____ No).

_____ Make Flak Overlay showing gun ranges. _____ Determine Tides.

_____ Enemy Fighter A/C (Check W'kly App. (9/1/3a), Sit. Map & latest changes.)

_____ S/S, Dummies, Decoys, Camouflage, B/B, W/T Masts, Etc.
 _____ PDIS (T/F) _____ Special 1/250,000 Maps.

_____ Recent Raid Experience. _____ Flak _____ E/I _____ Misc.
 _____ Analysis Dept. Blue Books and Status & Activity Cards ('2).
 _____ Check basic sources indicated in Blue Book as required.
 _____ IX B.C. Mission Folders. _____ Group Narrative Reports.
 _____ RAF 2 Group Mission previous 2 days.

_____ Enemy Convoys, Naval Vessels, Fishing Fleets, Etc. (Use "Scrambler").
 (Call RAF 16 Group - CG, NDO).

_____ Check for latest Target or Int. Material Received & its shipment to Groups.

ON RELEASE OF W.O. OR F.O. (V. or T.W.X.) to Group.
 _____ Pass I.-Q Check List to Groups (TWX if time permits, if not phone).

_____ TWO HOURS BEFORE TAKE-OFF (call back C.C.N.S.O. - 16 Group).
 _____ Enemy Convoys, Etc. Ask new Info. in next 2 hrs. be phoned this B.C.
 _____ Pass "Any Changes" to Group.

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FIELD ORDER # 226

PRU

TELE SYNOPSIS

FILED IN MISSION FOLDER:
CRIEL M/V, 7/3/44, FO 226
(322 B.G.)

DETACHMENT "B"
21st WEATHER SQUADRON
USAAF STATION 160

7 March, 1944

FLASH REPORT: 416th Bomb Group TARGET: Conches TIME: 1700

Base Conditions: Take-off 1330. 3/10 cumulus, base 3000 ft, tops 5000 ft.
Vaby 6 miles. Winds 060 at 10 mph.

Route Out: Cumulus increased 6-7/10 over S England, tops 6000 ft. Over
channel and France cloud 1-2/10. Vaby unlimited.

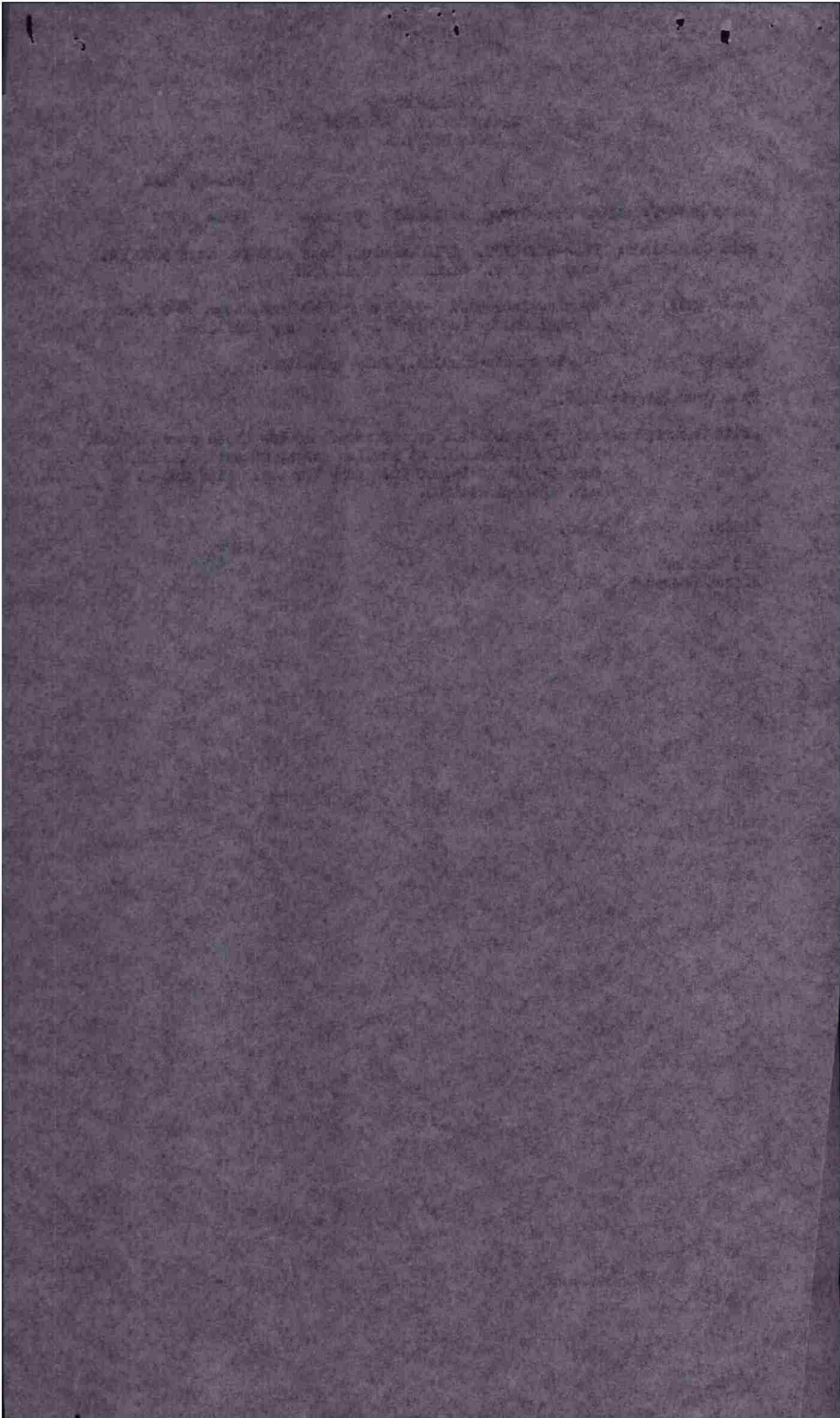
Targets: 1-2/10 strato-cumulus. Vaby unlimited.

Time Over Target: 1457.

Route Back and Bases: Scattered low over France. No low cloud over England.
5-6/10 alto-cumulus at English coast, at estimated 12,000 ft.
Base 5-6/10 at 10,000 ft. Vaby 7 miles. Wind 060 at 10
mph. Landed at 1600.

Winds: Good.

Did Weather
Affect Bombing? No.



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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

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TO CG IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER

CO 99TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER

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R-134-E TELETYPE REPORT

A-416TH BOMB GP F.O. 226

B. 16-A-20G'S 4-A-20B'S

C. T/O FIRST 1332 LAST 1337 TARGET ¹⁴⁵⁶ ~~1356~~ LANDED FIRST 1555 LAST 1610

D. PRIMARY 14 SECONDARY NONE

E. 12000 FEET

F. 45 X 500 GP

G. NONE

H. 31 X 500 GP

I. 5 A/C FAILED TO BOMB DUE TO MECHANICAL DIFFICULTY —

*3 personnel
2 amb release*

J. NONE

K. NONE

L. NONE

M. A. NONE

B. 3 MILES S E LISIEUX-XHFF INACCURATE

3 MILES NW CONCHES A/D - XXHFF INACCURATE

3 MILES N PORT AUTHOU XHFF INACCURATE

BOURG ACHARD- XH INACCURATE

C. GOOD SUPPORT

D. TWO ROWS OF 20 EACH BLACK SQUARE OBJECTS ON BEACH

4 MILES S W OF TROUVILLE WITH ONE SIMILAR OBJECT

FRONT AND CENTER . THE WHOLE PATTERN 1/4 MILES IN LENGTH

A/D WITH SAME RUNWAY PATTERN AS TARGET -1 1/2 MILES SOUTH OF TARGET

CONVOY OF TRUCKS HEADED SOUTH TOWARD TARGET.

X. (1) INFORMATION LACKING FROM ONE A-20G LANDED AT HAWKINGS DUE TO
ENGINE TROUBLE

(2) 3A-20B'S LANDED AT FRISTON FOR REFUELLING AS BRIEFED .

RETURNED TO HOME BASE AT 1709.

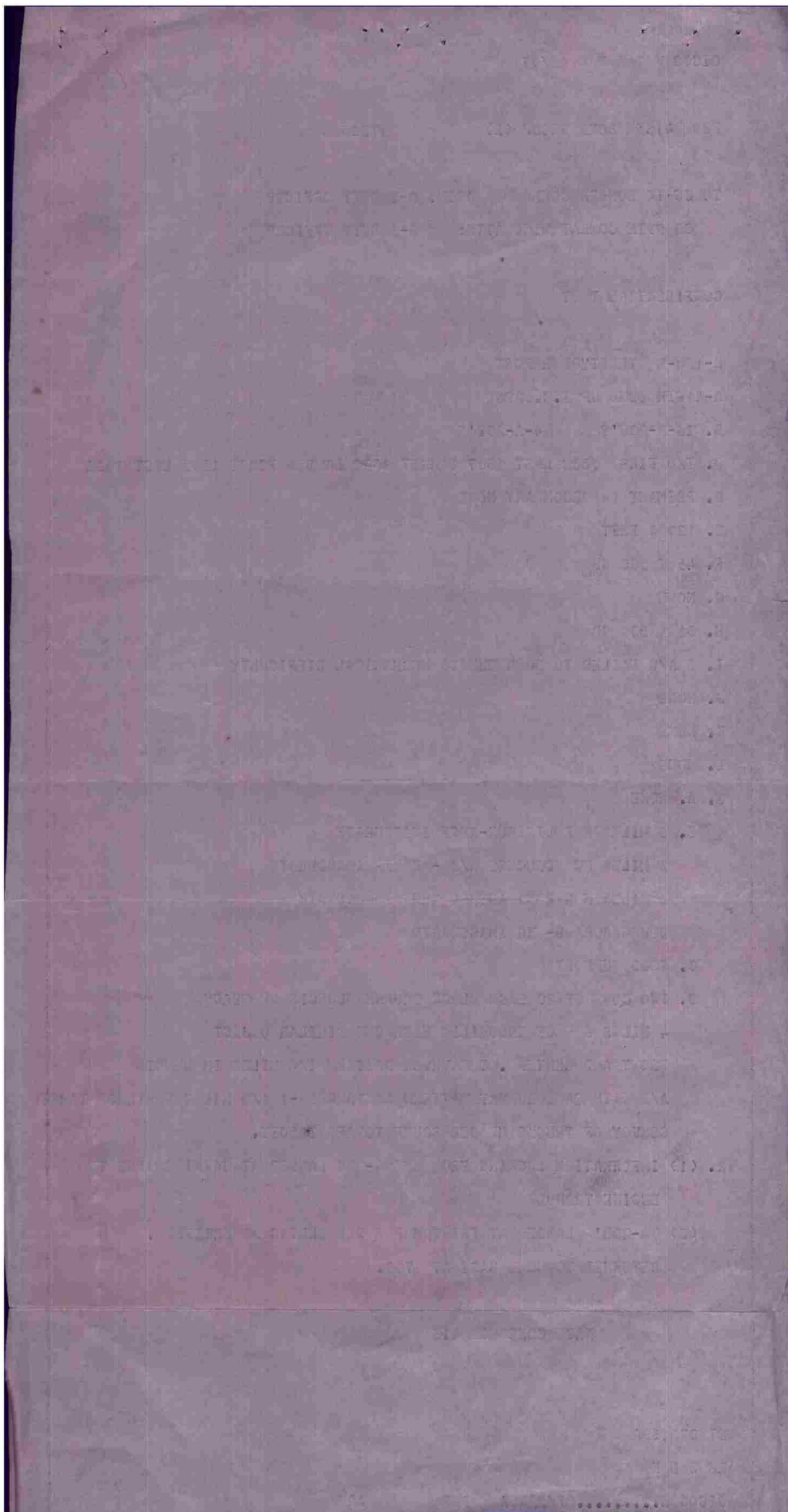
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TELEPHONE REPORT
(For B.C. Use in Receiving)

Target Conches A/P Estimated Due _____ Hour _____

Received From _____ Bomb Group At 1830 Hours 7-3-44 Dat _____

By _____ To Headstate

A. Group 416 Type 226

B. A/C Off 16-A-20G Type A-20G A-20B

C. A/C Failing to Bomb with reasons for each: 2 A/C's prob. malfunction of bomb rack (not sure because racks not checked as yet).

D. A/C Attacking Primary AB Secondary None Last Resort _____

E. Bombs in Target Area 45 X 500 G.P. Tons 11.25
Bombs Jettisoned _____ Where _____
Bombs Returned 31 X 500 G.P.

F. Results of Bombing: Good (), Fair (X), Poor (), Nil (), _____

G. A/C Lost or Missing ✓ Approx. Location _____
Reasons _____

H. No. of A/C Suffering Battle Damage ✓

I. Personnel Casualties 0 Killed 0 Missing 0 Wounded _____

J. E/A Opposition: Strong (), Mediocre (), Weak (), Nil (X), _____
0 Destroyed 0 Probably Destroyed 0 Damaged.

K. Flak: Int. (), Mod. (), Weak (X), Nil (), inacc. trailing upon leaving Target area.

L. Weather as it Affects Mission CAVU

M. Altitude of Attack 12,000'

N. Other Information _____

1 A-20G landing away from base due to engine trouble.

Forwarded to Operations Room, Ninth Air Force 1930 Hours 7-3-44 Dat _____

By Russ To 947

