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HEADQUARTERS 116TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

AFD 698, U.S. Army,
9 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of 116th Bombardment Group (L), IX Bomber Command Field
Order No. 226, Target Conches Airfield, on 7 March 1944.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, AFD 698, U.S. Army.

I. Route:

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

b. The box of 30 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 250 mph, 160, with a heading of approximately 50°. Some 15 to 20 bombs burst along the center of the SS - NE Railway 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 lowfall was at Beachy Head at an altitude of 8,000 feet and the colors of the period were fired. At this point 3 A-20's dropped out and landed at Frinton for lack of gasoline. One A-20-25 landed at Hastings because of minor engine difficulty. The box closed up and continued on to base and landed without mishap at 1400.

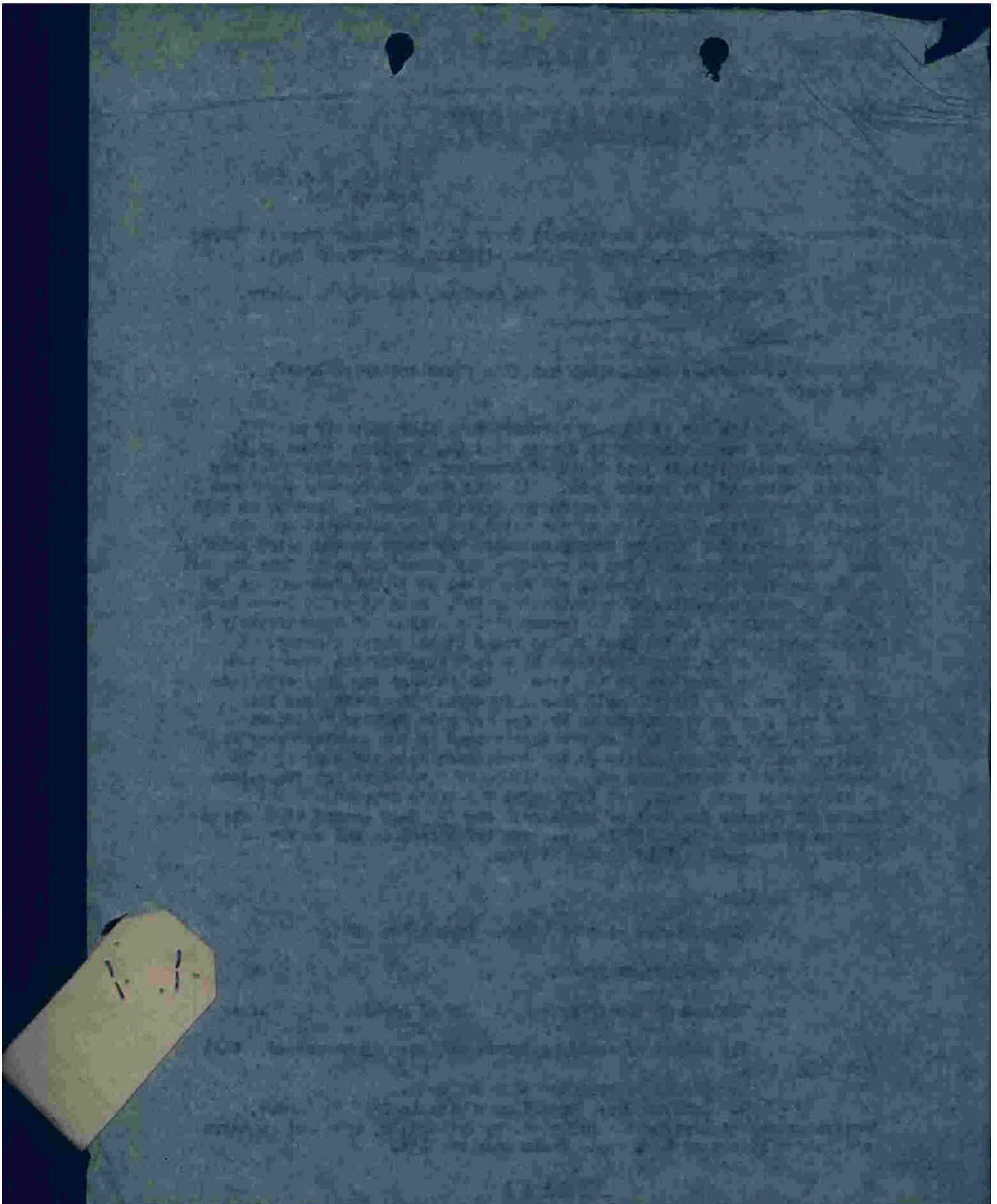
II. Bombing:

- 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 E-7.
2. 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.
- c. 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 Defense:

- a. 3 miles SE - Lissieux - Heavy, weak, inaccurate.
3 miles NW - Cochen A/D - Heavy, moderate, inaccurate.
9 miles N - Fort Authen - Heavy, weak, inaccurate.
- b. Normal evasive action carried out.

V. Report of Aircraft 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.

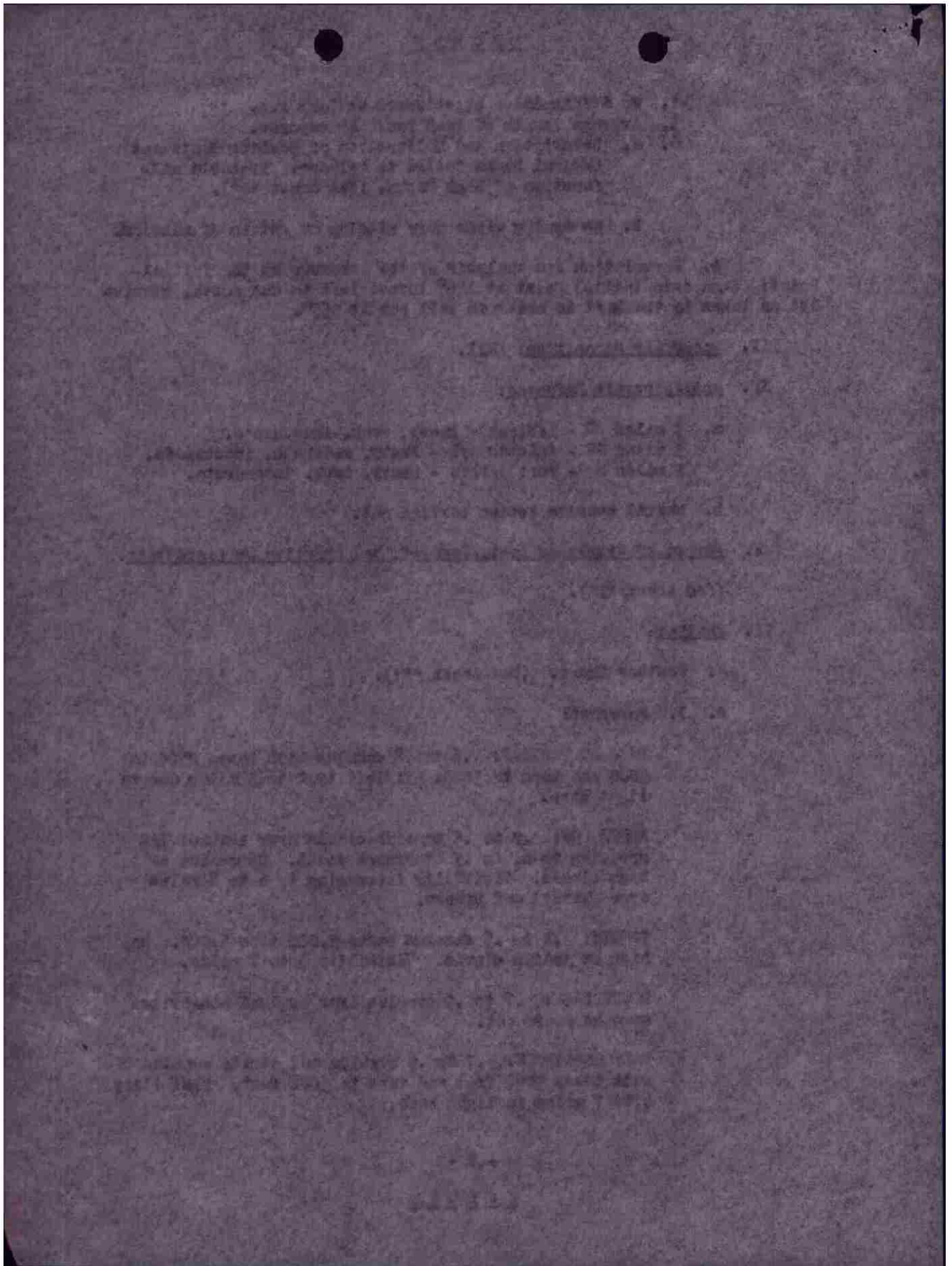
TARGET: .4 to .5 cumulus bases 3,000 tops 5,000. No high or medium clouds. Visibility 4 to 7 miles.

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.

THREAT: .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:

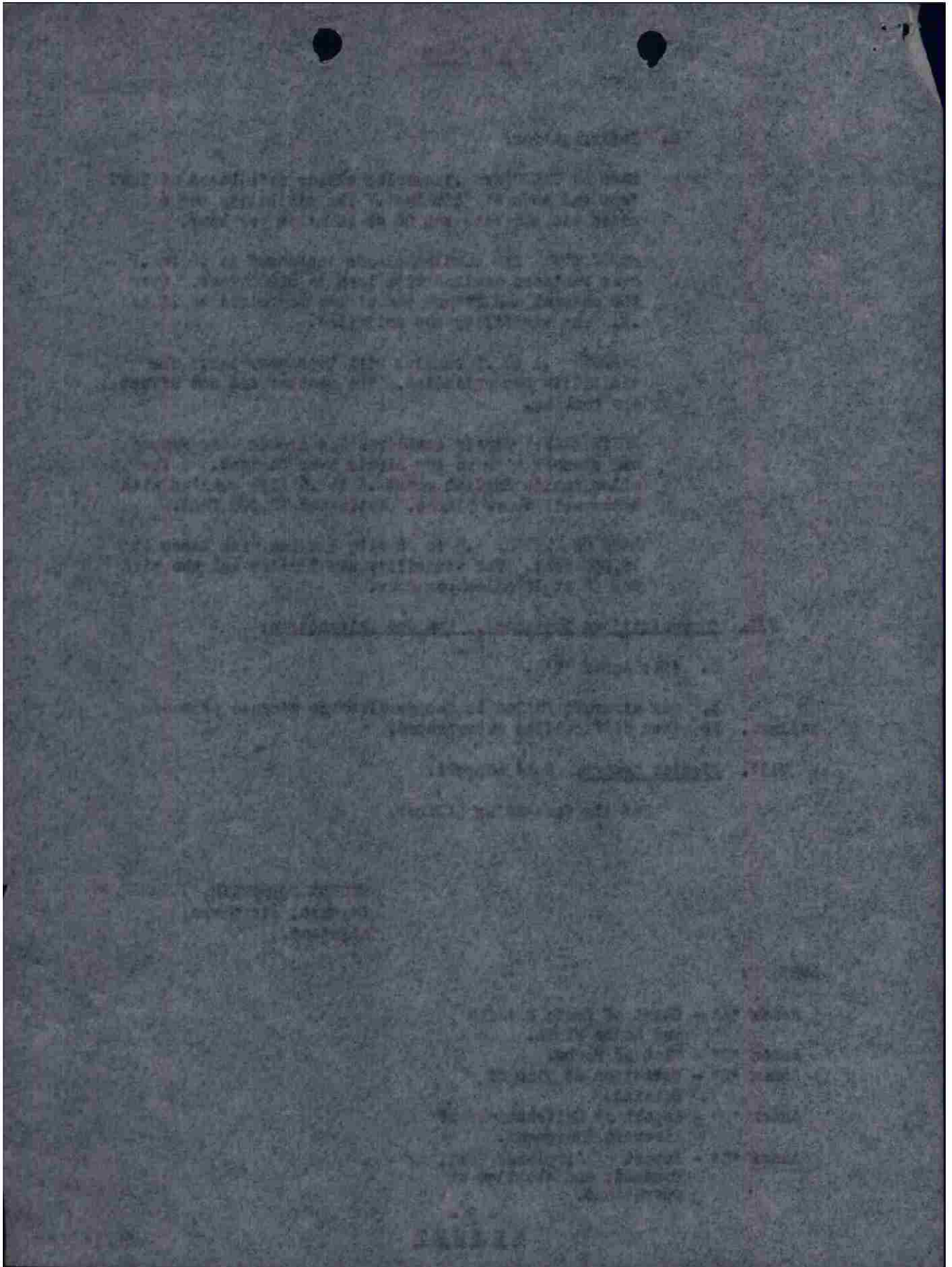
GEORGE SCHERKIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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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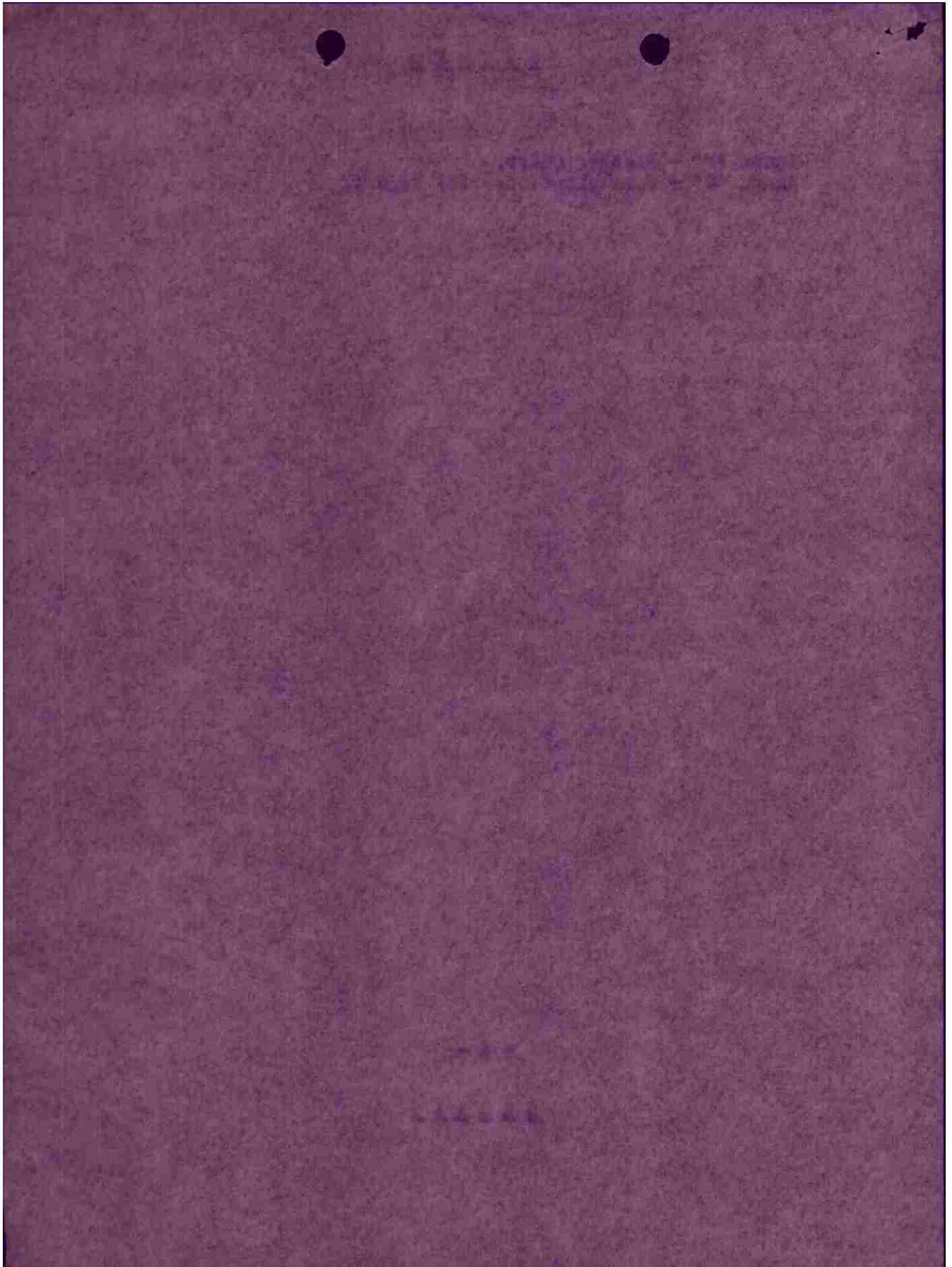


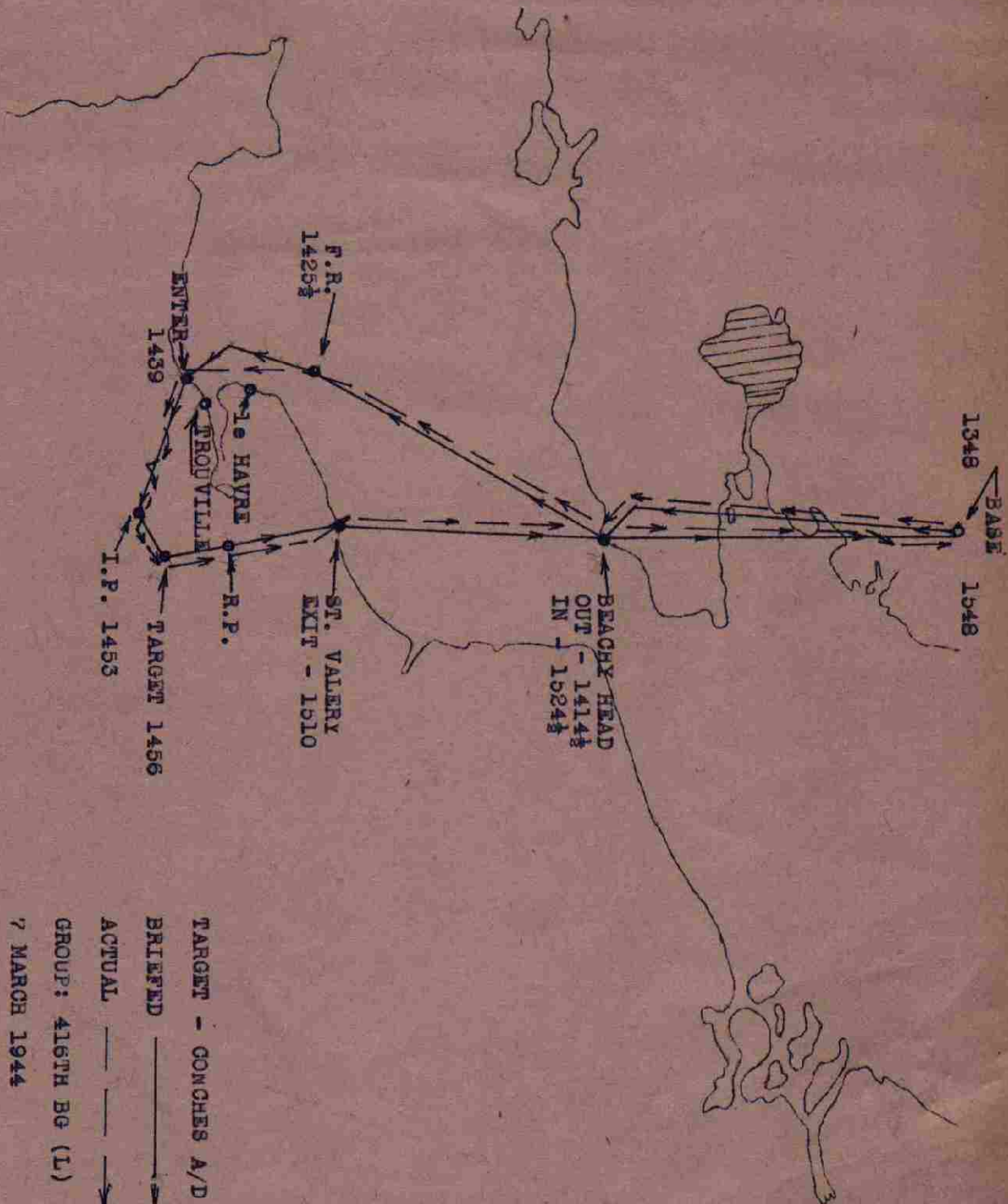
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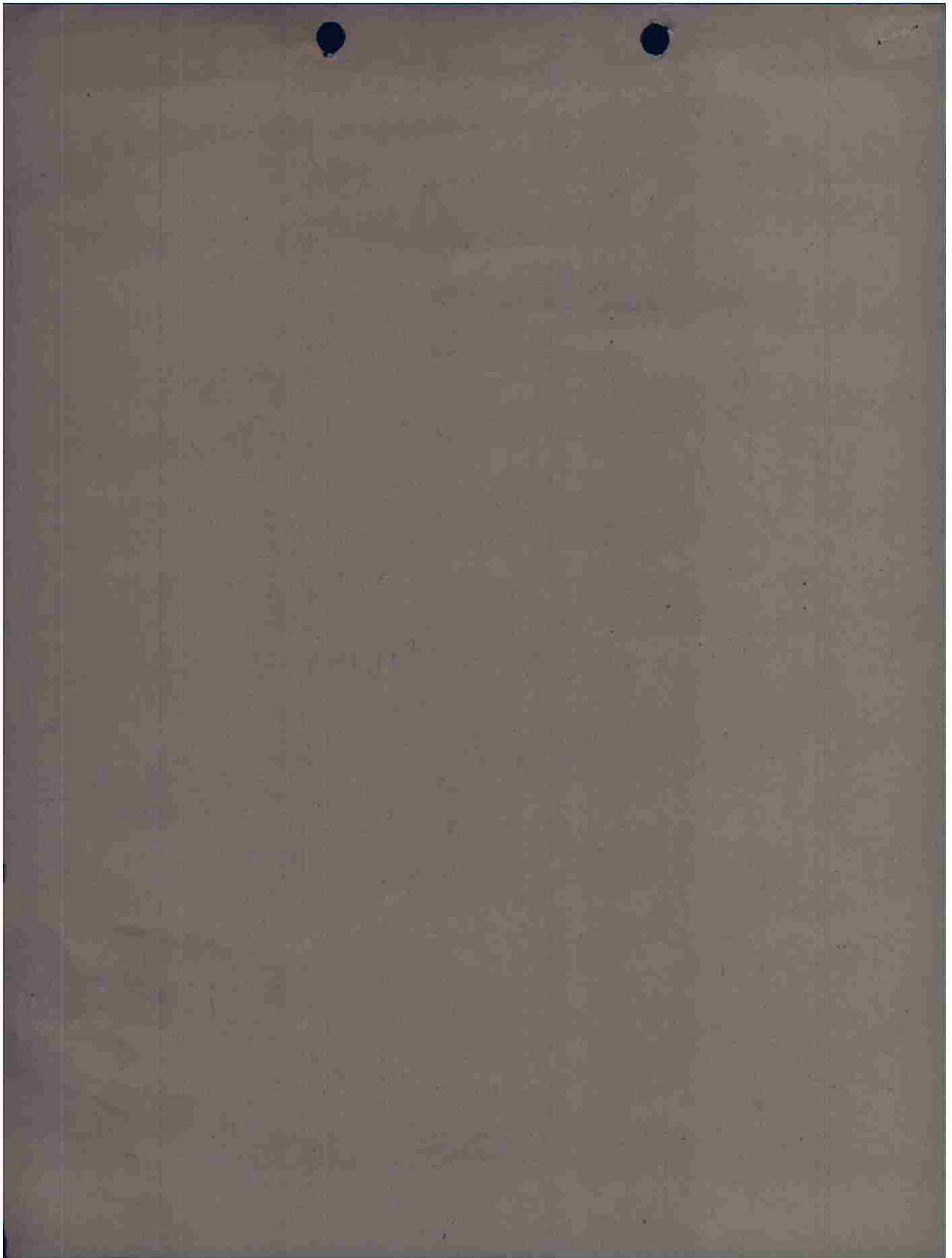
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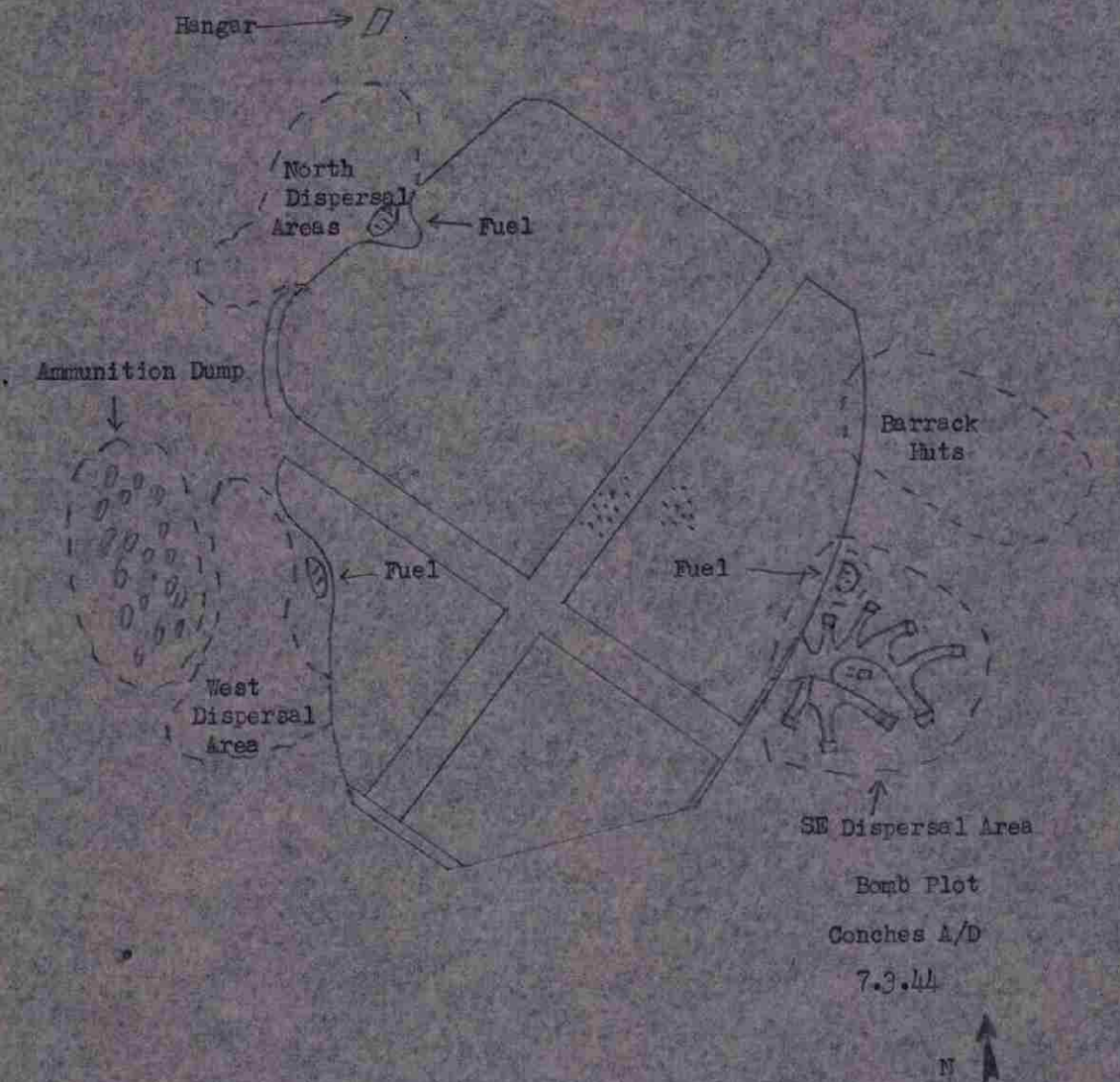
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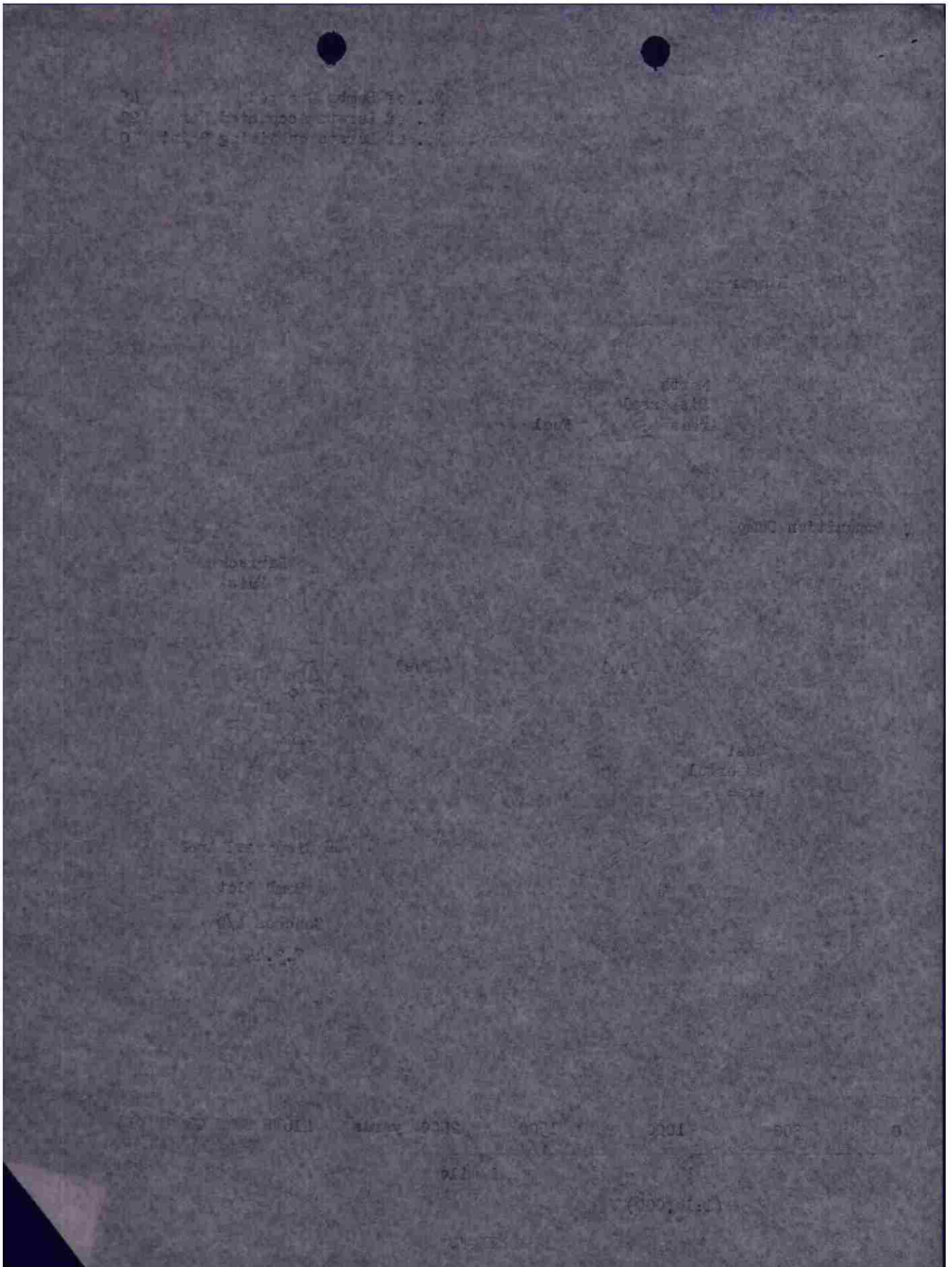




No. of Bombs Dropped	45
No. of Bursts Accounted For	23
No. of Bursts on Aiming Point	0



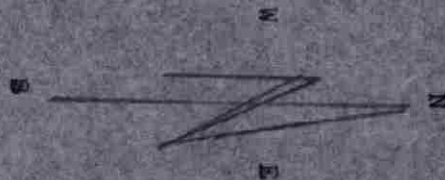
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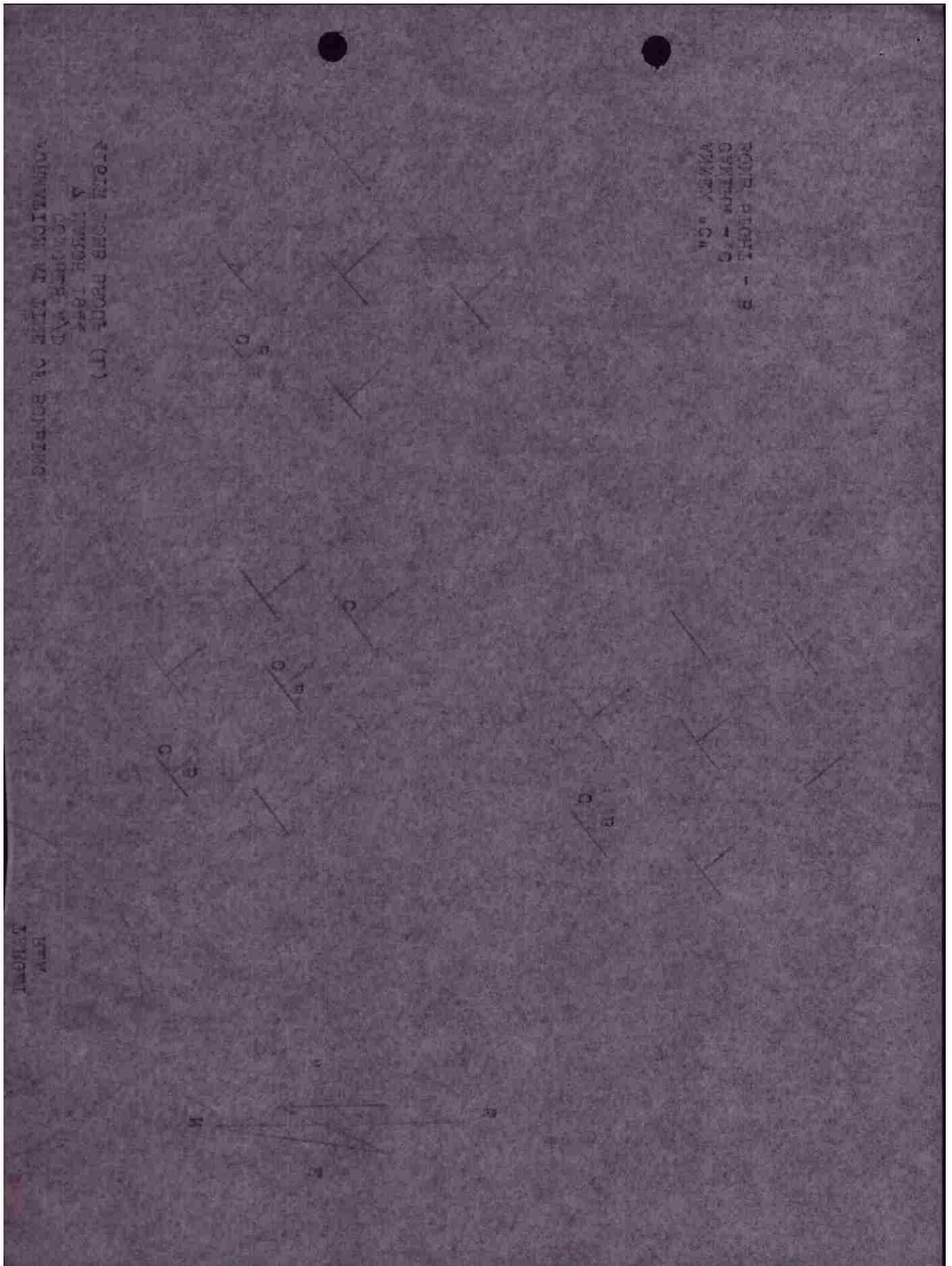


FORMATION AT TIME OF BOMBING
CONCHES A/D
7 MARCH 1944
416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

ANNEX "C"
CAMERA - C
BOMB SIGHT - B

TARGET
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HEADQUARTERS
418TH 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-26	43-9181	Radio Malfunction	PL 171 Damaged or broken.

III. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Affecting Success of Mission.

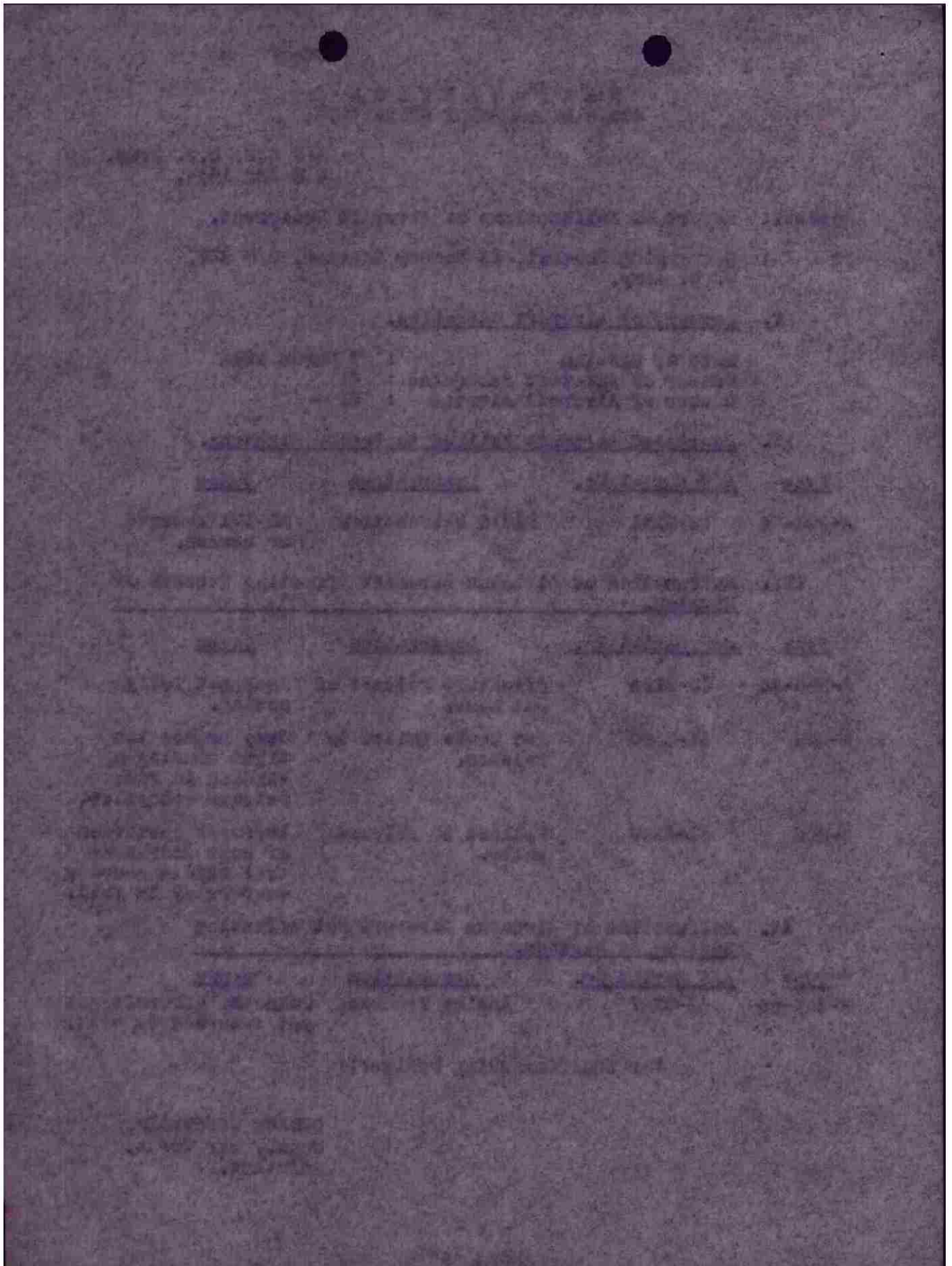
Type	AAF Serial No.	Description	Cause
A-20G-26	43-9184	Premature release of one bomb.	Rack not fully cocked.
A-20B	41-3380	Two bombs failed to release.	Sway braces too tight causing a binding in rack release mechanism.
A-20B	41-3389	Failure to release bombs.	Improper operation of bomb door control handle causing door relay to fail.

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

Type	AAF Serial No.	Description	Cause
A-20G-26	43-9297	Engine Trouble	Unknown, aircraft not yet returned to base.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE WOHENKAIN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.



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HEADQUARTERS 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

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

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

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

Target: Conches Airfield.
Date : 7 March 1944.

IX Bomber Command Field Order No. 226.

1. Summary:

Group	Type	A/C	Abortive	Over	Damaged	
	A/C	Dispatched	None	Target	A A C A E Lost	
416	A-20 B & G's	20	3	7	20	0 0 0 0 0

2. Lost:

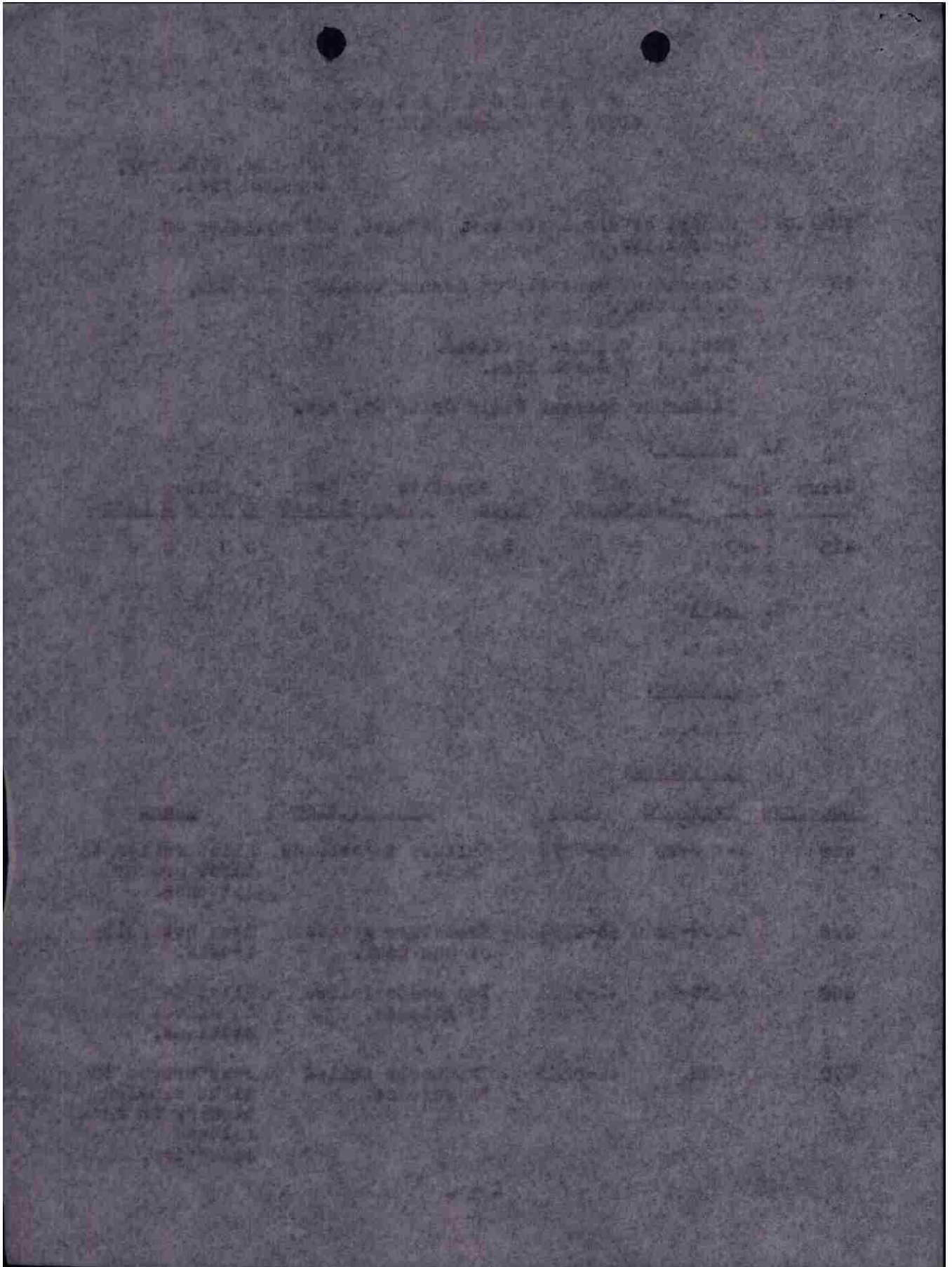
None.

3. Damaged:

None.

4. Abortives:

Squadron	Type	A/C	ACSN	Explanation	Cause
668	A-20G-25	43-9379		Failure to release bombs.	Pilot failed to throw proper switches.
668	A-20G-26	43-9194		Premature release of one bomb.	Rack not fully cocked.
668	A-20G-26	43-9223		Two bombs failed to release.	Pilot failed to select all stations.
670	A-20G	41-3380		Two bombs failed to release.	Sway braces too tight causing binding in rack release mechanism.



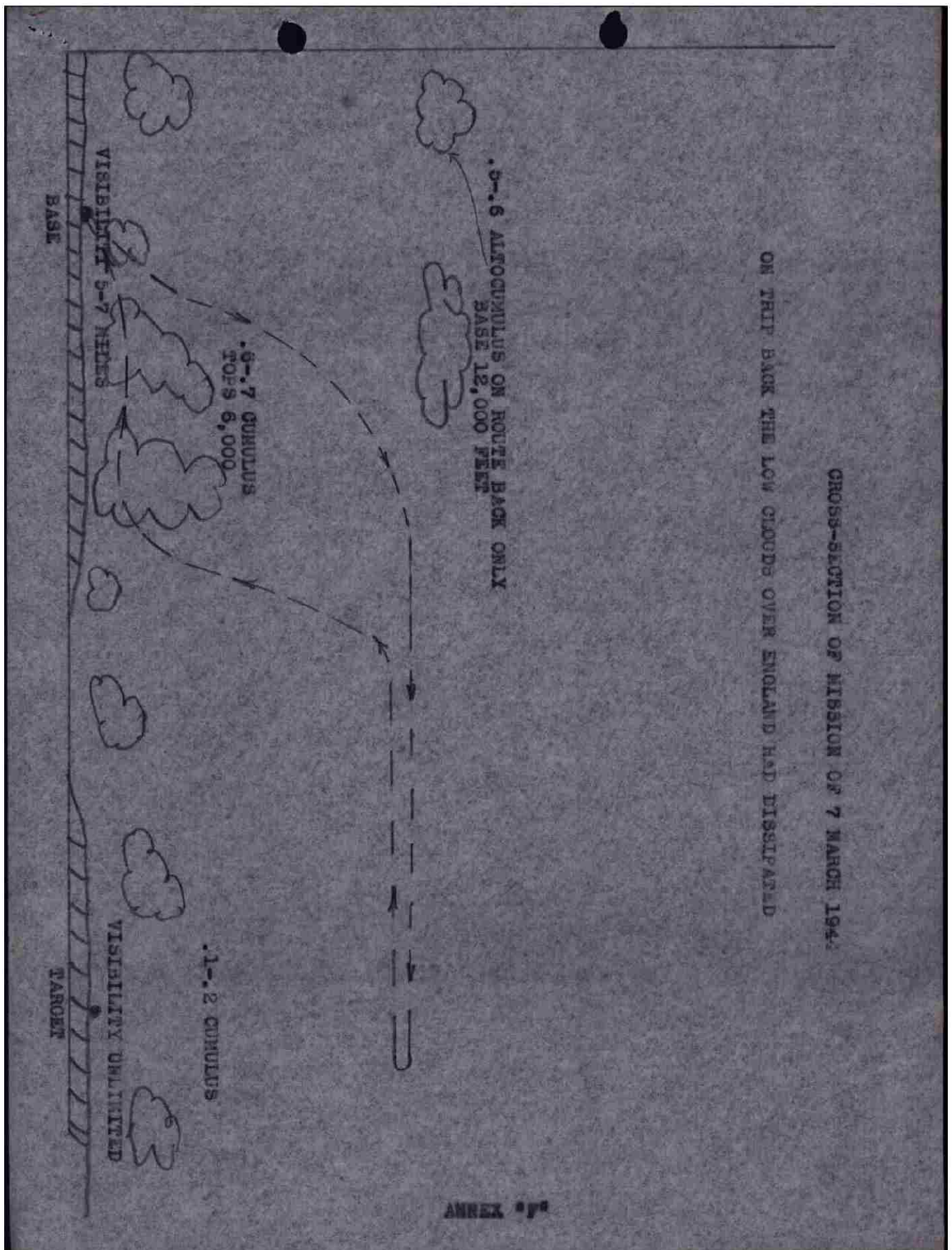
<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Type A/C</u>	<u>ACSN</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cause</u>
671	A-20B	41-3369	Failure to release bombs.	Improper operation of bomb door control handle causing door relay to fail.
668	A-20G-25	43-9218	Failure to release bombs.	Did not see leader drop bombs.
670	A-20B	41-3387	Failure to 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.

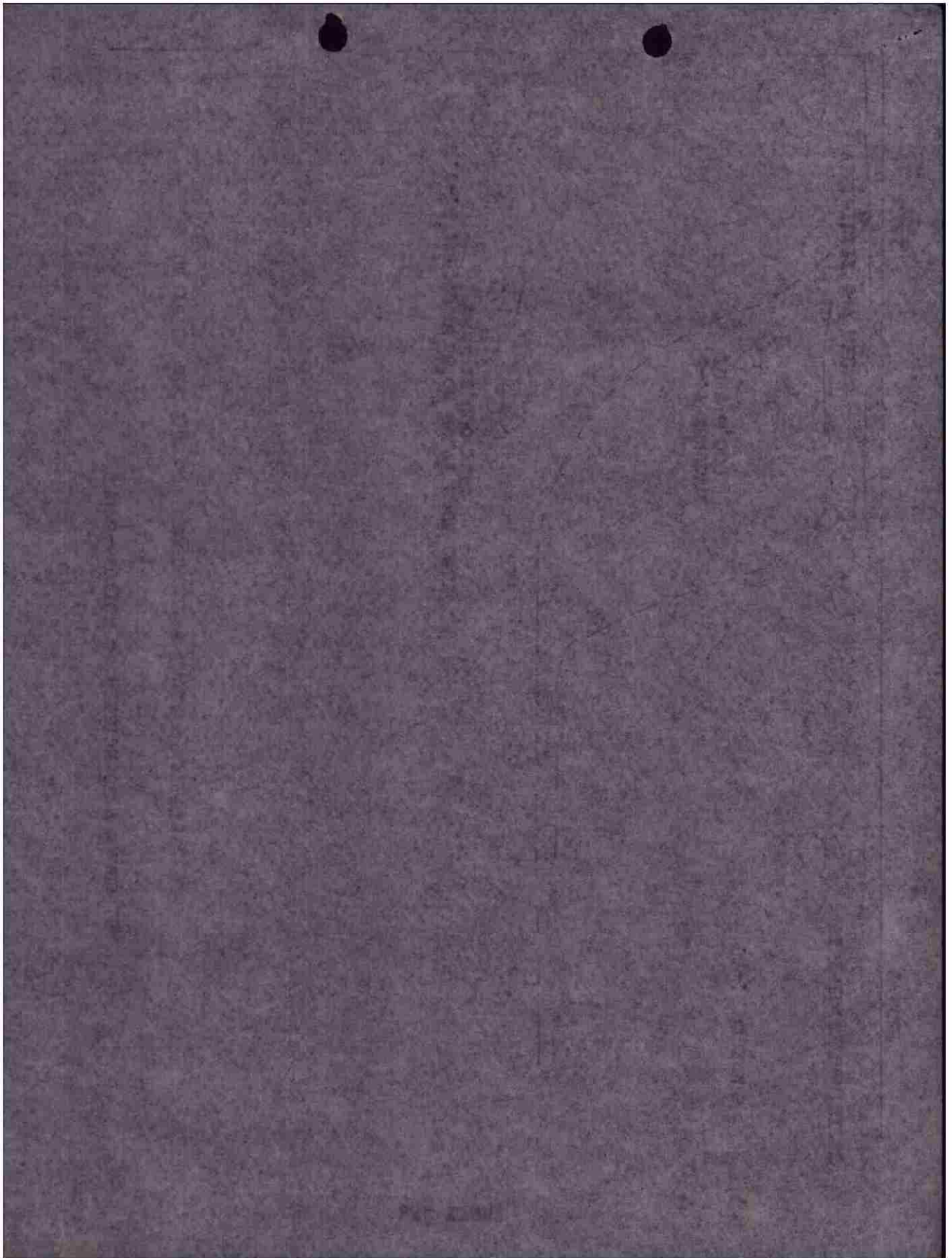
For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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COMMUNICATIONS (IS) REPORT

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND
 FROM : 418TH BOMB GROUP (L)

FORM "Y3" NO.

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DATE AND TIME OF OPERATIONS

B - 7 MARCH 1944

S QUADRONS & A/C DETAILED

C - 668 (5) A2-E2-B1-C1-C1-F2
 669 (2) E3-A2
 670 (7) C-A-B-X-E-F-D1
 671 (6) K-A1-D-E1-S-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 SOUND-
 ING INTERPHONE WEAR, RE-
 PLACING AMPLIFIER TUBE

NAVIGATIONAL AIDS USED

E - NONE

HF FIXES

F - NOT APPLICABLE

HF 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 HQ (FORMATION INSTRUCTIONS)

WING FREQUENCY (MESSAGES TO
 AND FROM)

N - NONE

REMARKS

O - TRAFFIC ON CHANNEL C NOT
 READABLE

ANNEX "G"
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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (1)

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

SUBJECT: Transmittal of S-3 Tactical Mission Report.

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

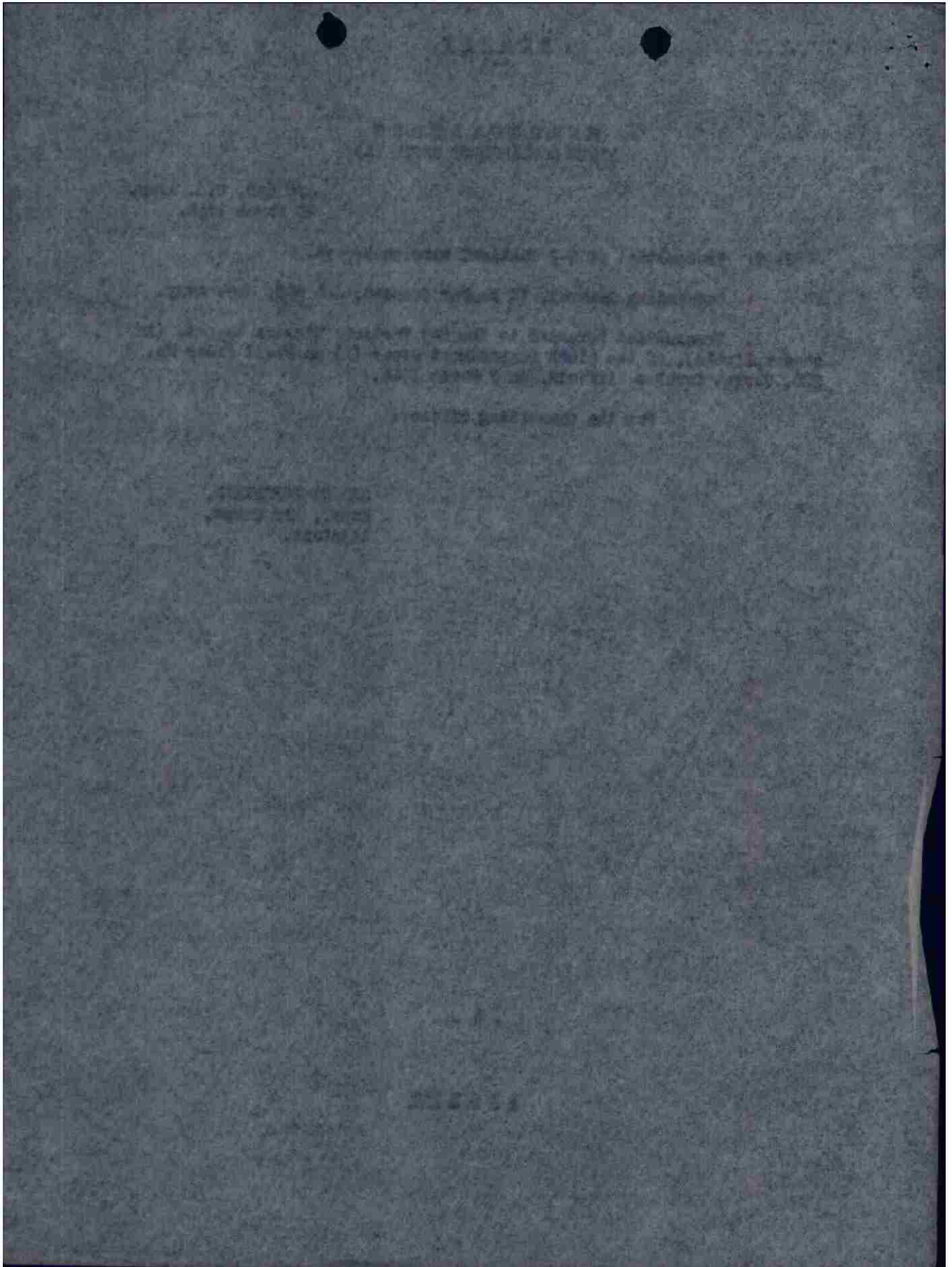
1. Transmitted herewith is the S-3 Tactical Mission Report, (in quadruplicate), of the 416th Bombardment Group (1) on Field Order No. 226, Target Couches Airfield, on 7 March 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEL,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (1)APO 638, U.S. Army,
9 March 1944.SUBJECT: Report of 416th Bombardment Group (1), IX Bomber Command Field
Order No. 226, Target Conches Airfield, on 7 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 box of 20 A-20 aircraft scheduled took off at 1935, assembled and began climbing on course at 1946, leveling off at 12,000 feet indicated altitude just South of Gravesend. The English Coast was crossed (outhound) 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 Hastings 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 Rack. (See Annex "D").
- b. No arming wires were missing on return of mission.
- c. 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 Composition: Nil.

IV. Anti-Aircraft Defenses:

- a. 3 miles SE - Liseux - 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.

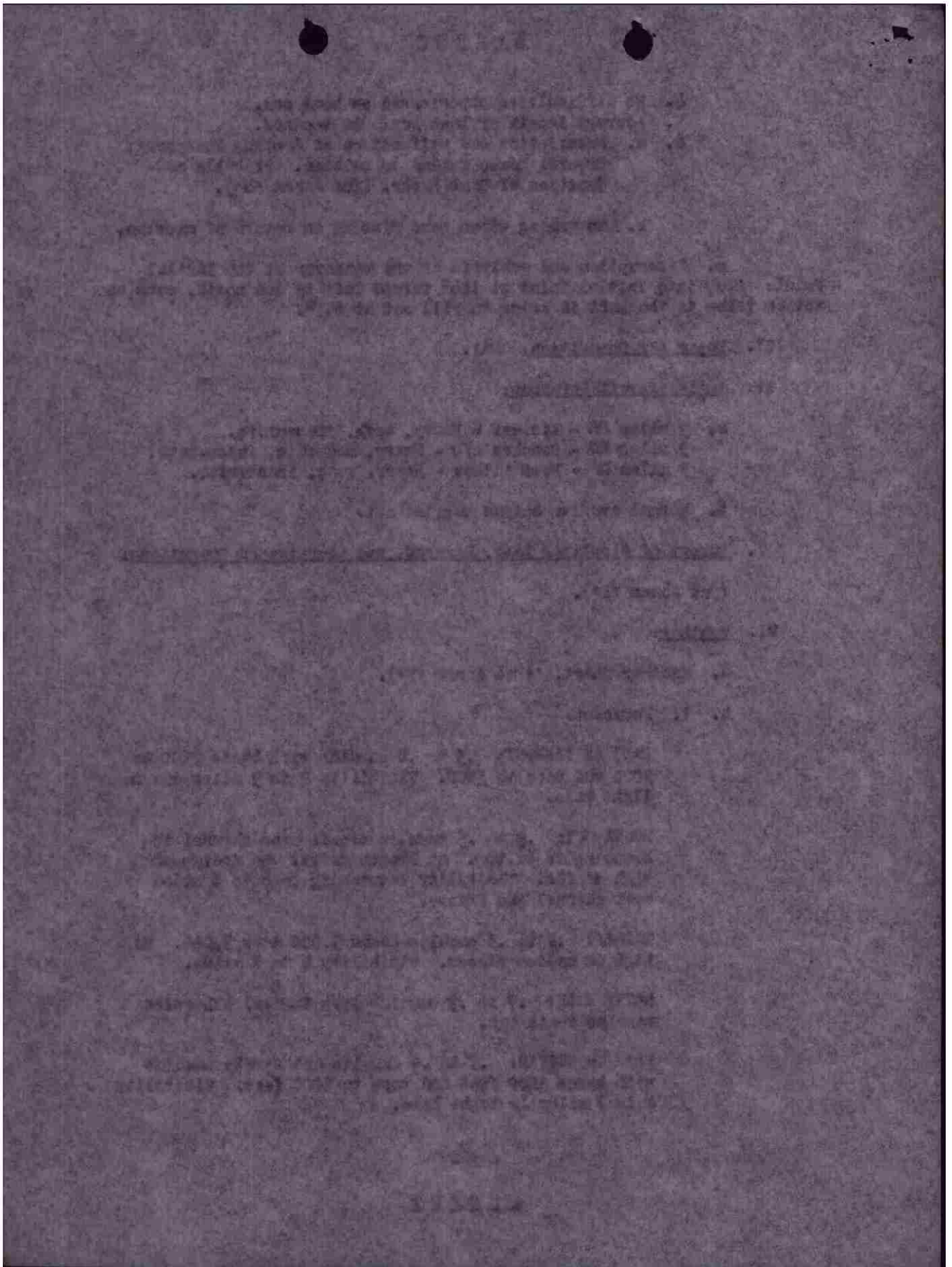
TARGET: .4 to .5 cumulus bases 3,000 tops 5,000. No high or medium clouds. Visibility 4 to 7 miles.

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

VIII. Fighter Escort: Good support.

For the Commanding Officer:

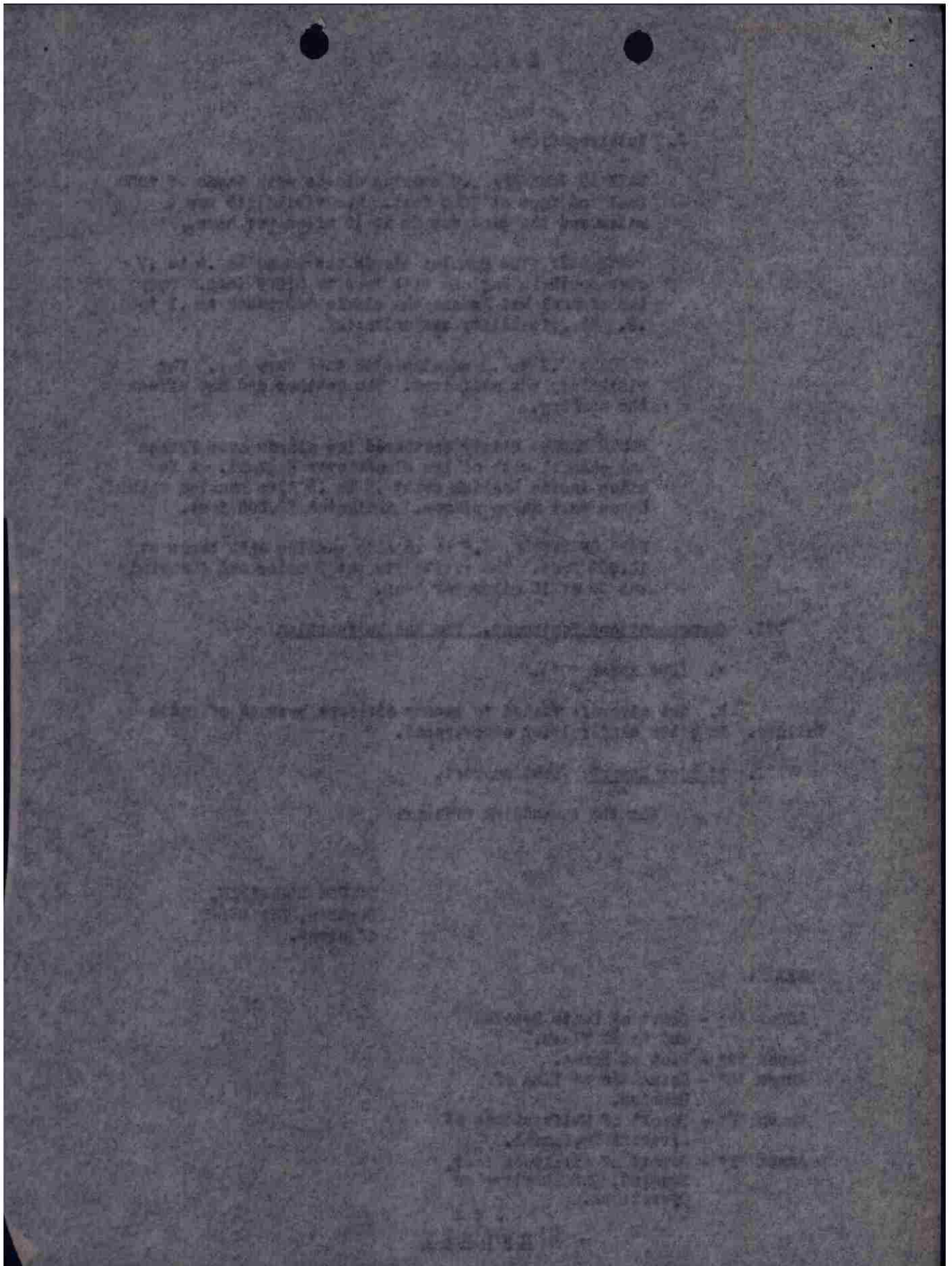
GEORGE SCHENKEL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

ANNEXES:

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- Annex "B" - Plot of Bombs.
- Annex "C" - Formation at Time of Bombing.
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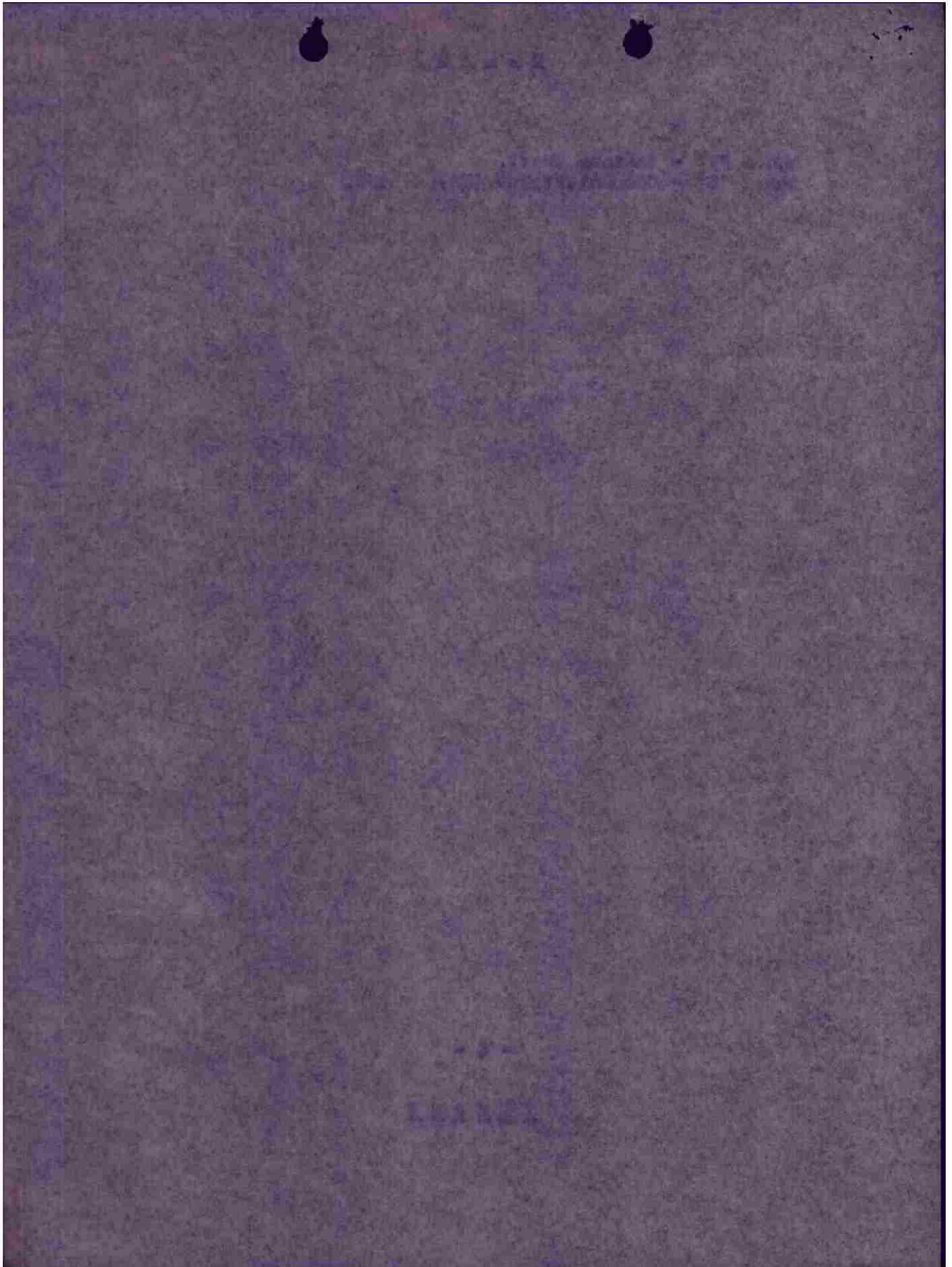


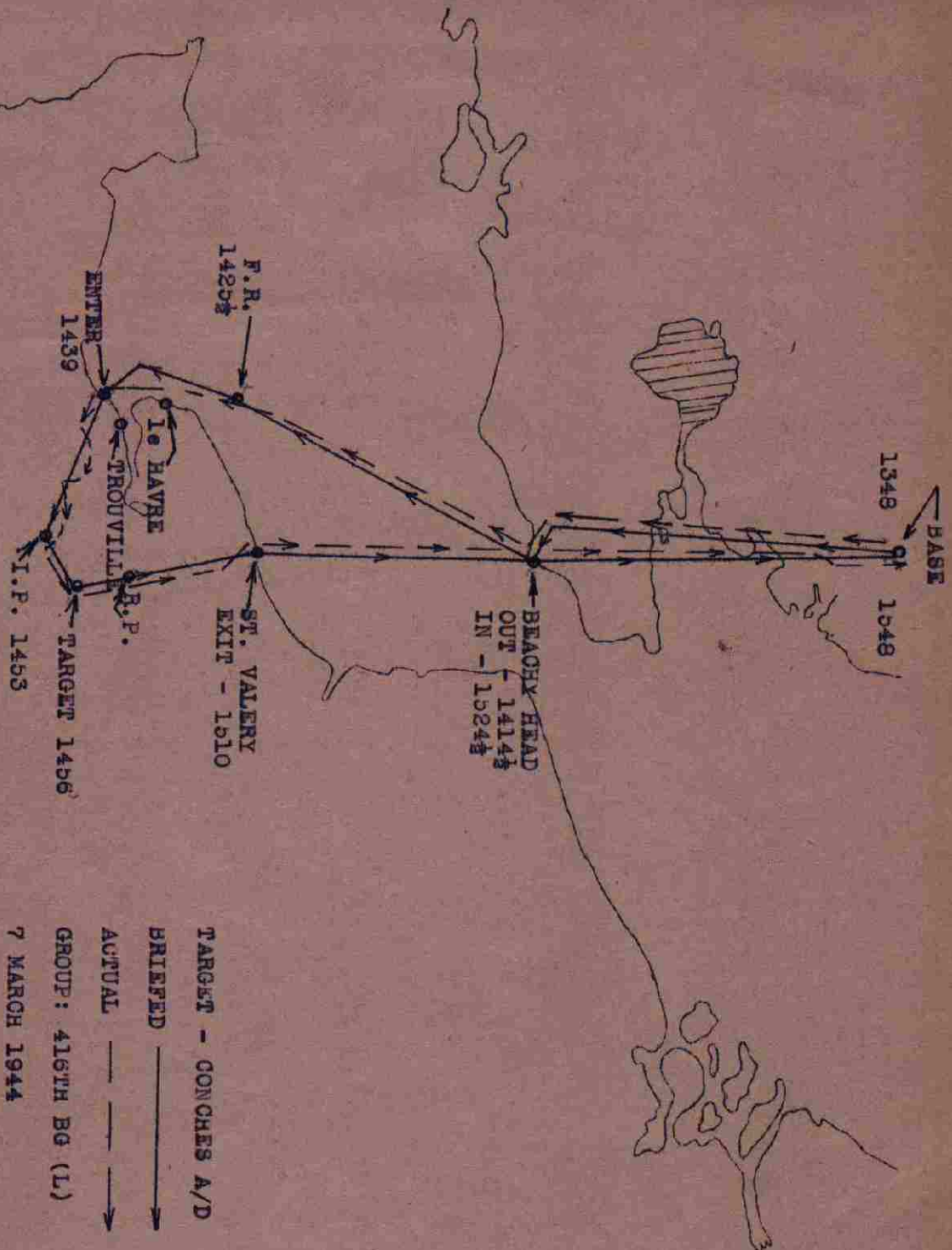
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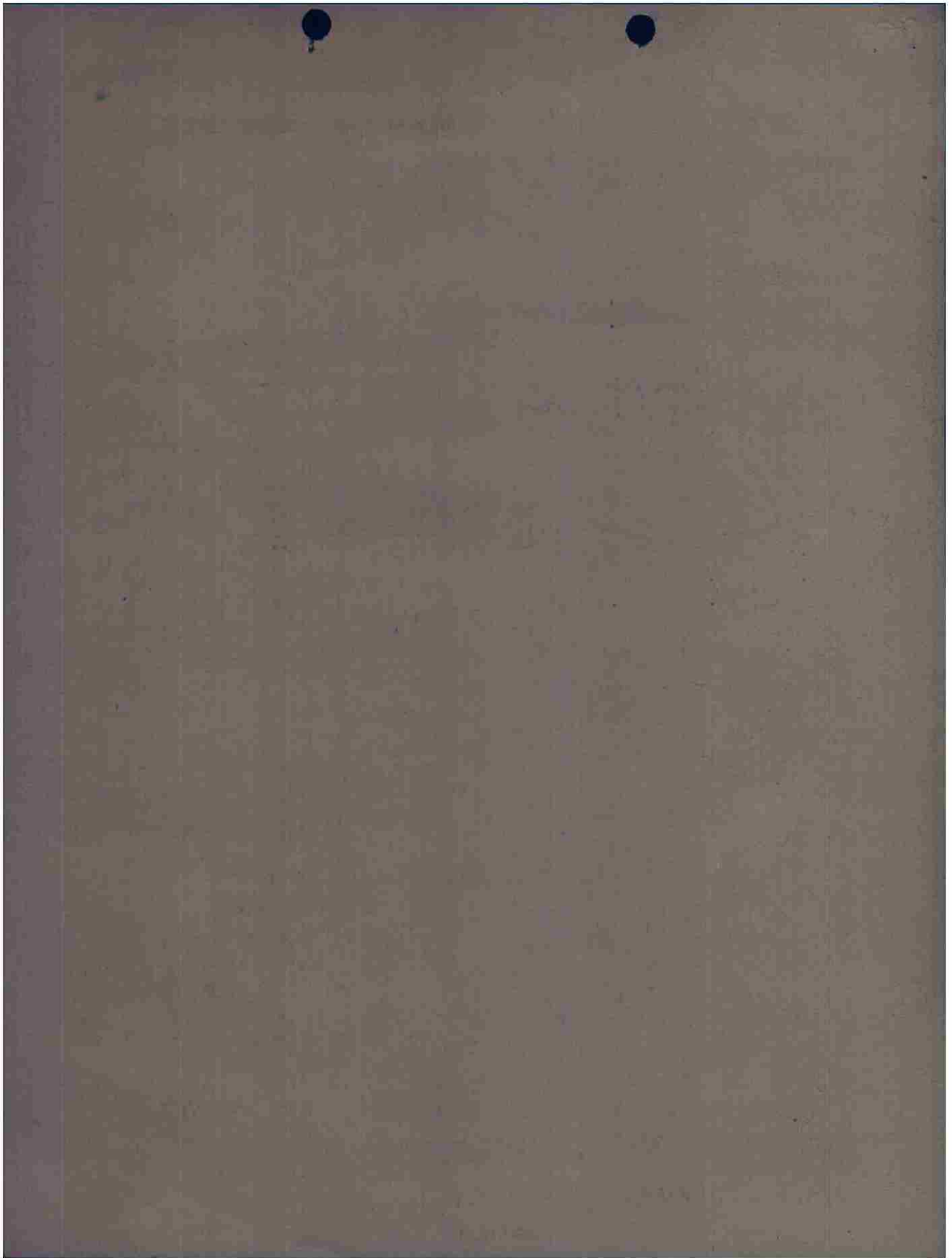
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Annex "G" - Communications (XS) Report.

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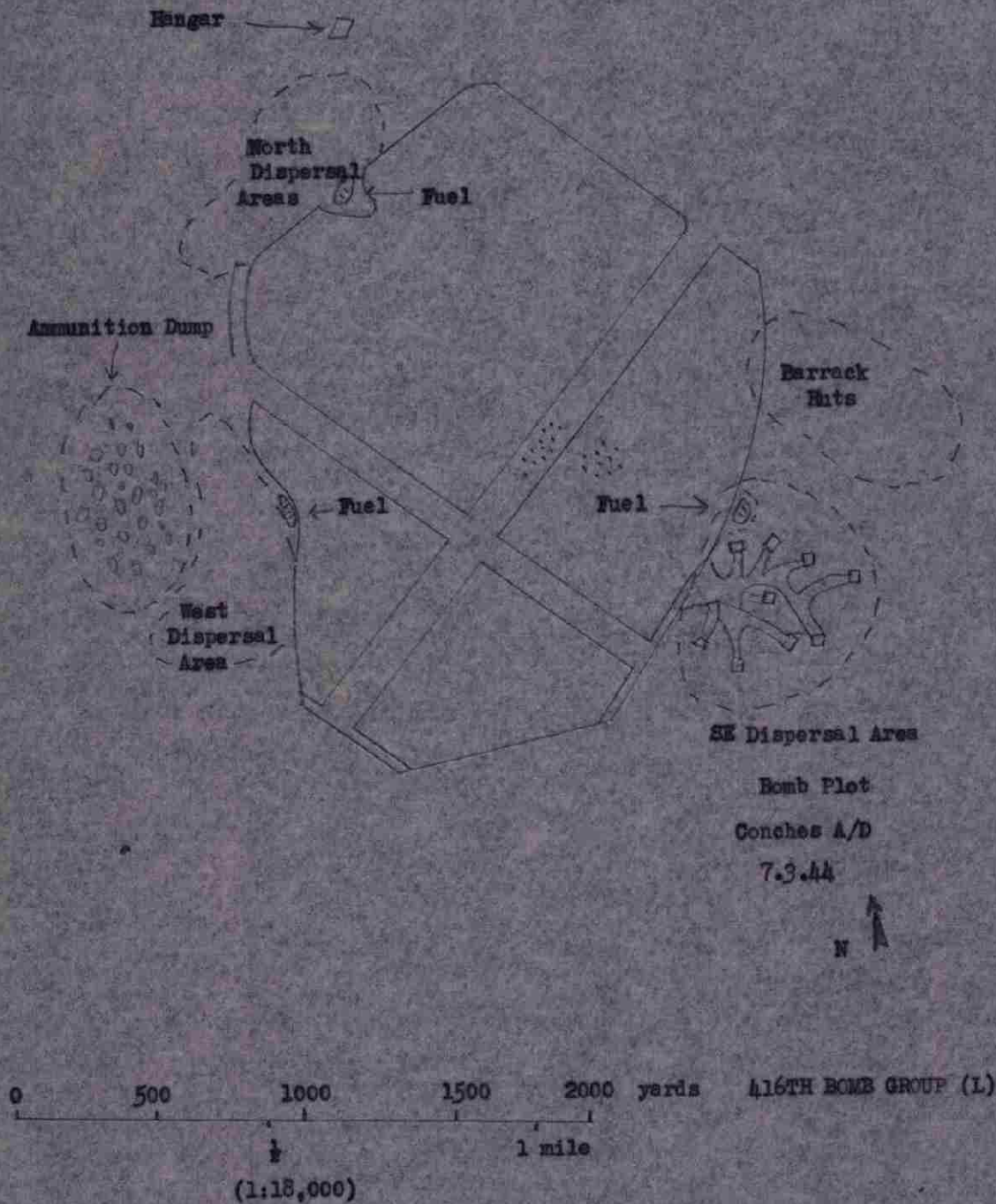
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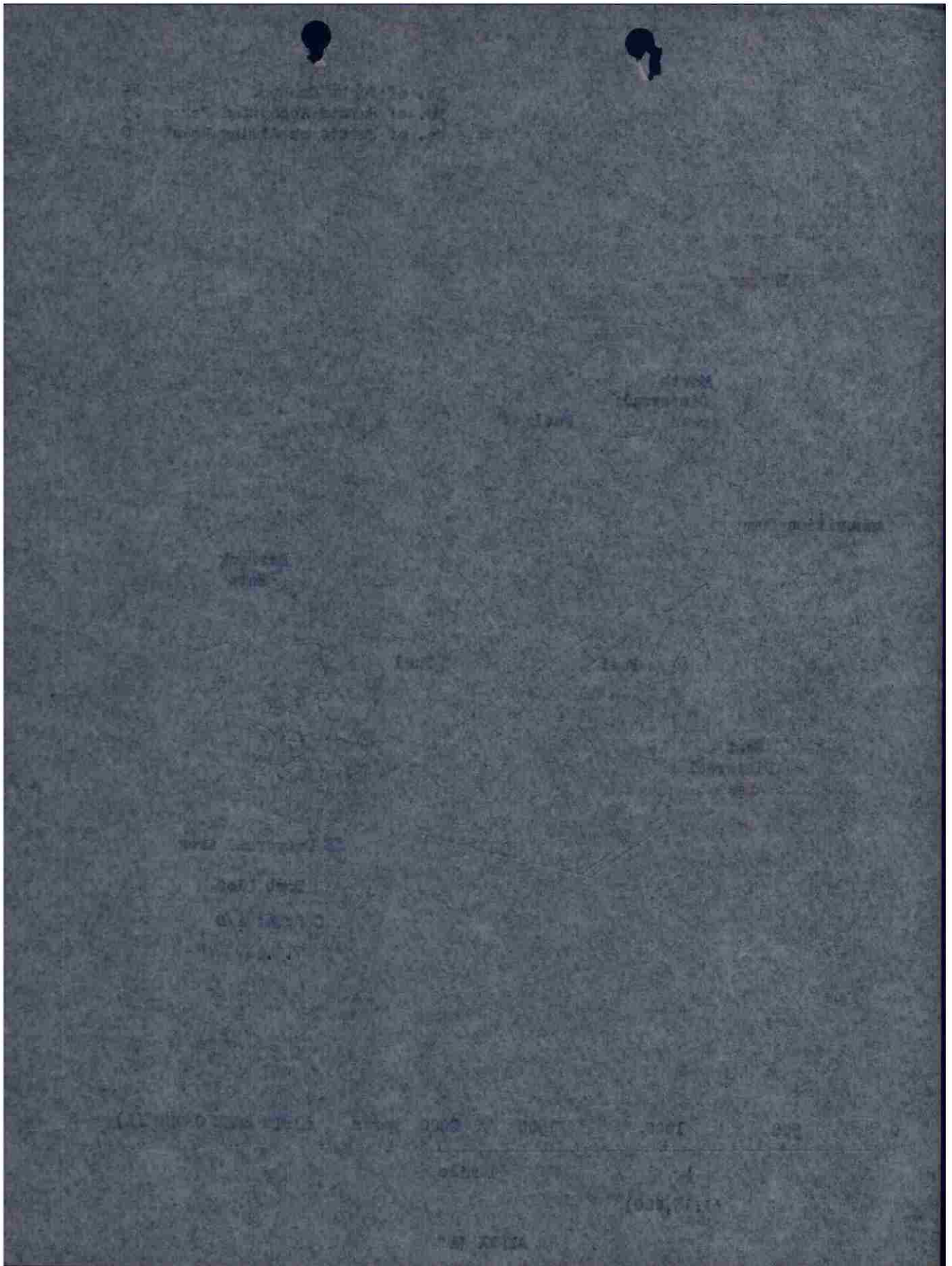






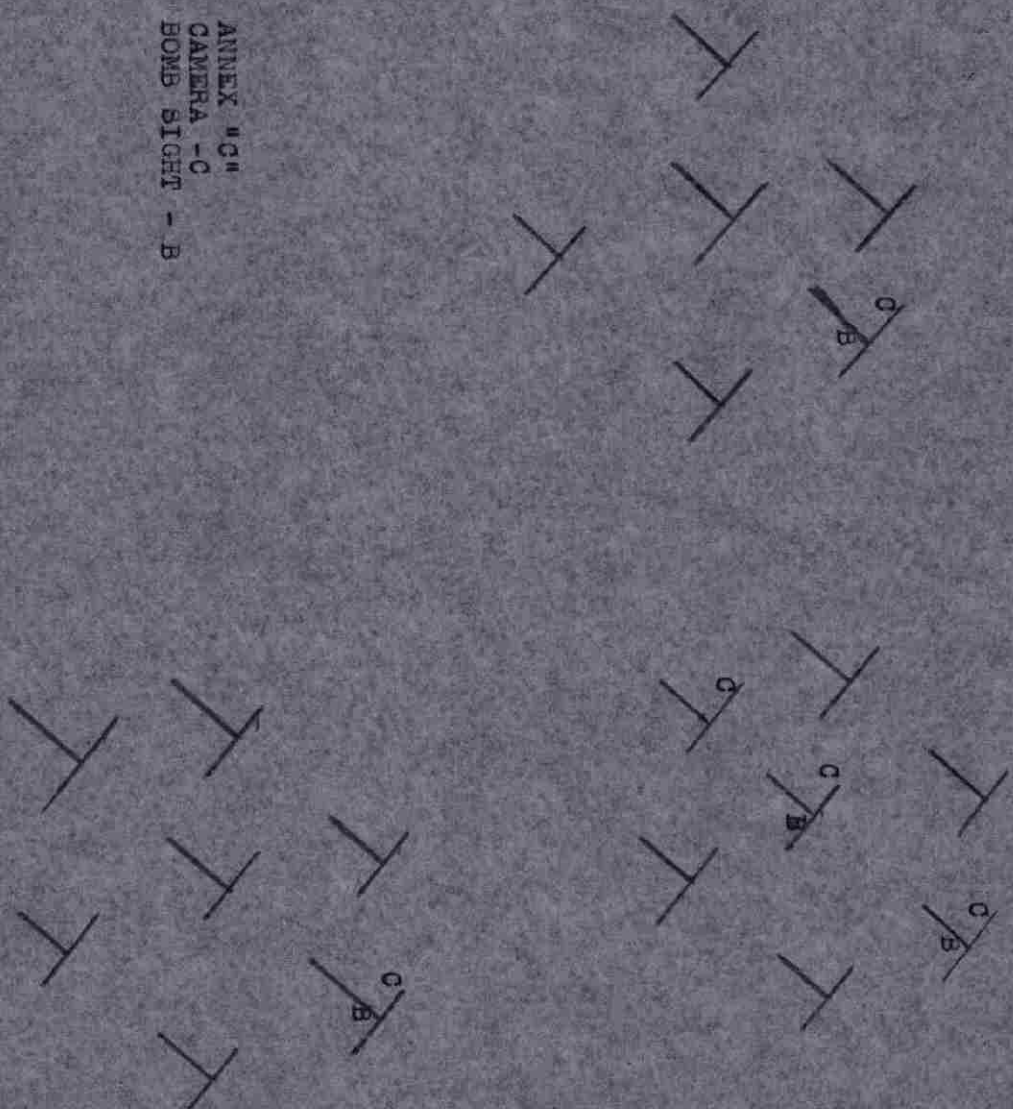
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No. of Bursts on Aiming Point	0





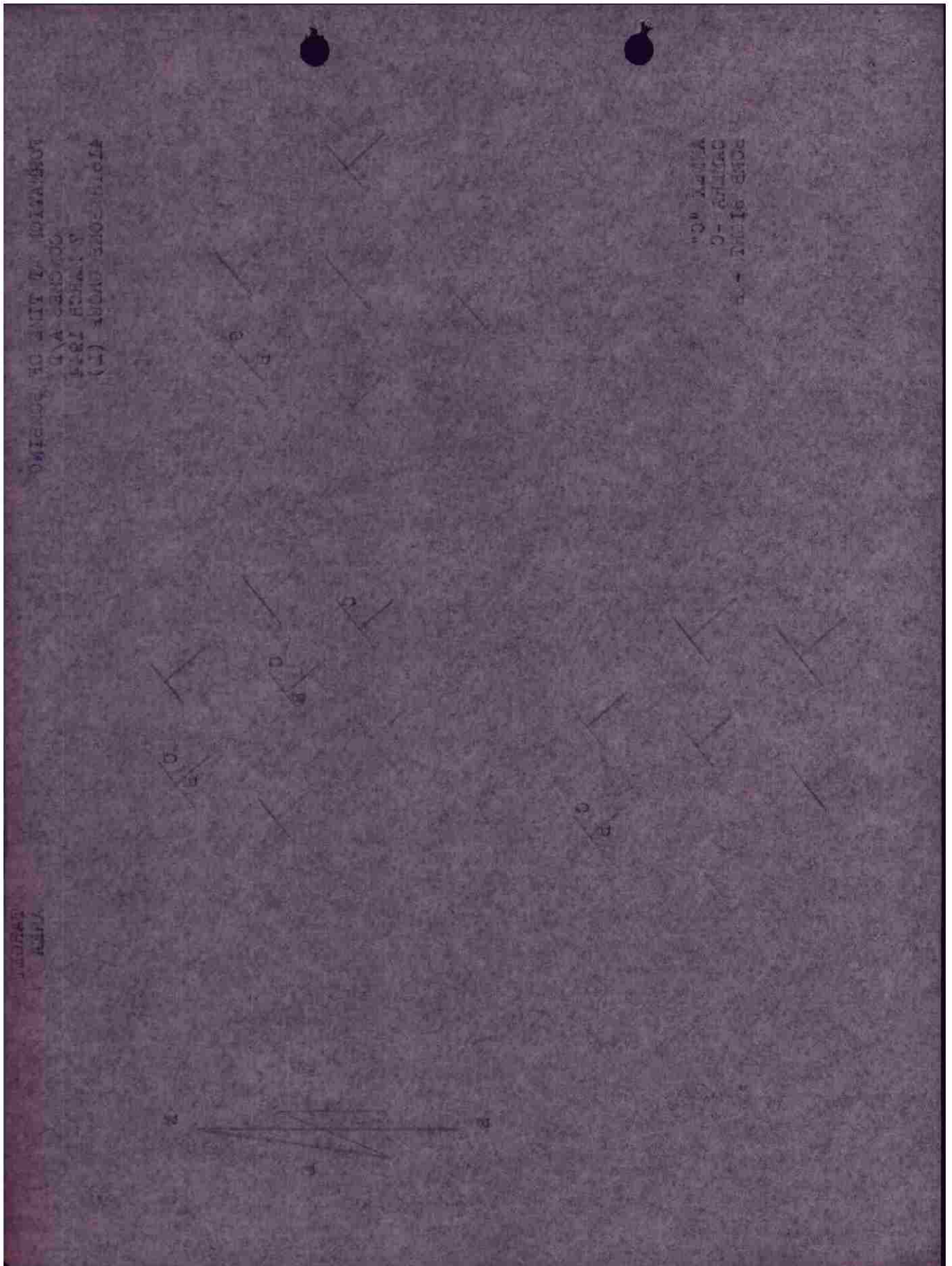
FORMATION AT TIME OF BOMBING
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7 MARCH 1944
416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

ANNEX "C"
CAMERA - C
BOMB SIGHT - B



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HEADQUARTERS
415TH 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 Altered : 21

II. Scheduled Aircraft Failing to Become Airborne.

Type	AAF Serial No.	Description	Cause
A-206-29	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-206-29	43-9194	Premature release of one bomb.	Rack not fully cocked.
A-208	41-3380	Two bombs failed to release.	Sway braces too tight causing a binding in rack release mechanism.
A-208	41-3869	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-206-29	43-9207	Engine Trouble	Unknown, aircraft not yet returned to base.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

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

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

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, AFPO 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 Nech	Other	Over Target	Damaged A A C E 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:

Squadron	Type A/C	ACSN	Description	Cause
668	A-20G-25	43-9579	Failure to release bombs.	Pilot failed to throw proper switches.
668	A-20G-25	43-9194	Premature release of one bomb.	Rack not fully cocked.
669	A-20G-25	43-9223	Two bombs failed to release.	Pilot failed to select all stations.
670	A-20B	41-3360	Two bombs failed to release.	Sway braces too tight causing binding in rack release mechanism.

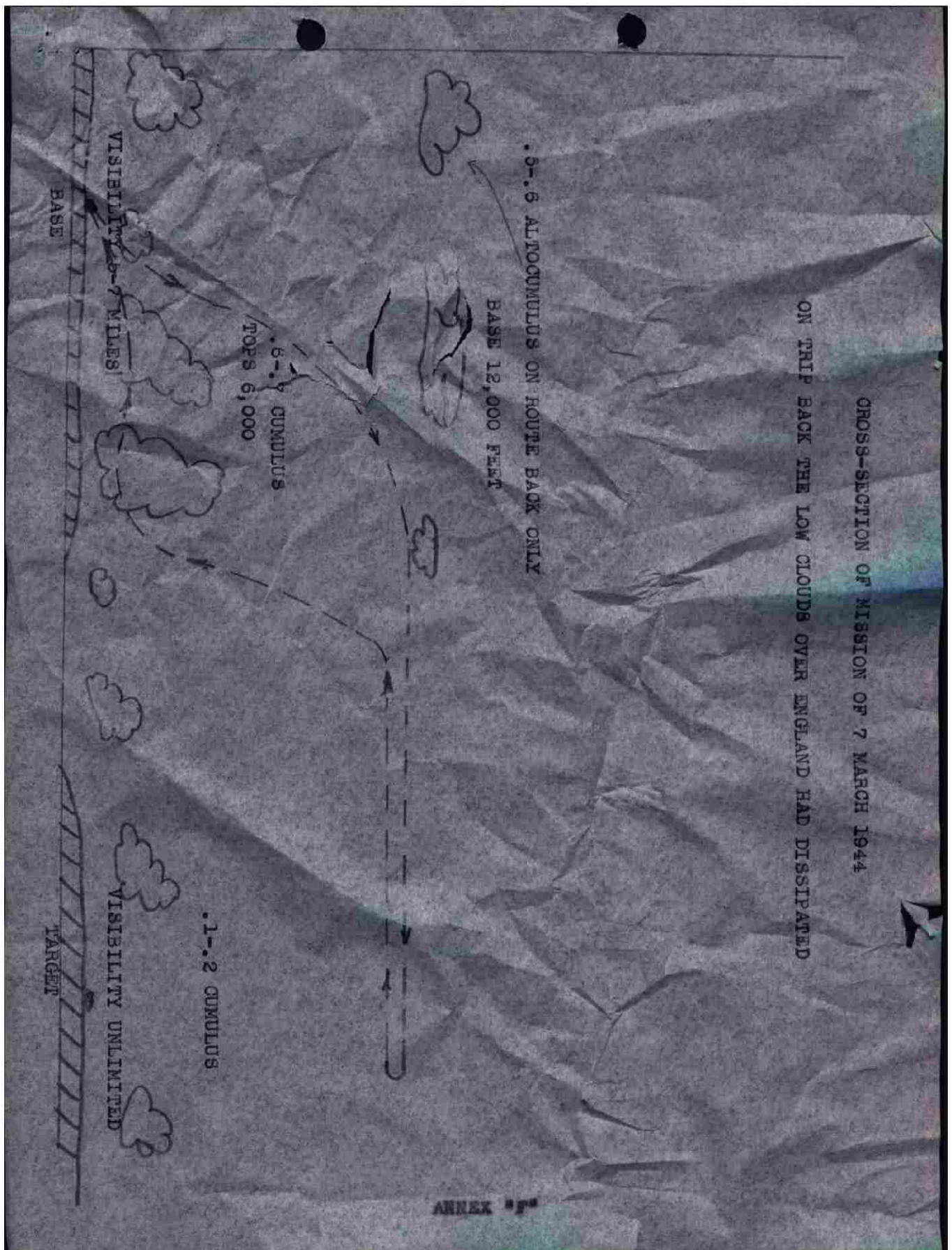
<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Type A/C</u>	<u>ACSN</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cause</u>
671	A-20B	41-3369	Failure to release bombs.	Improper operation of bomb door control handle causing door relay to fail.
668	A-20G-25	43-9216	Failure to release bombs.	Did not see loader drop bombs.
670	A-20B	41-3387	Failure to 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.

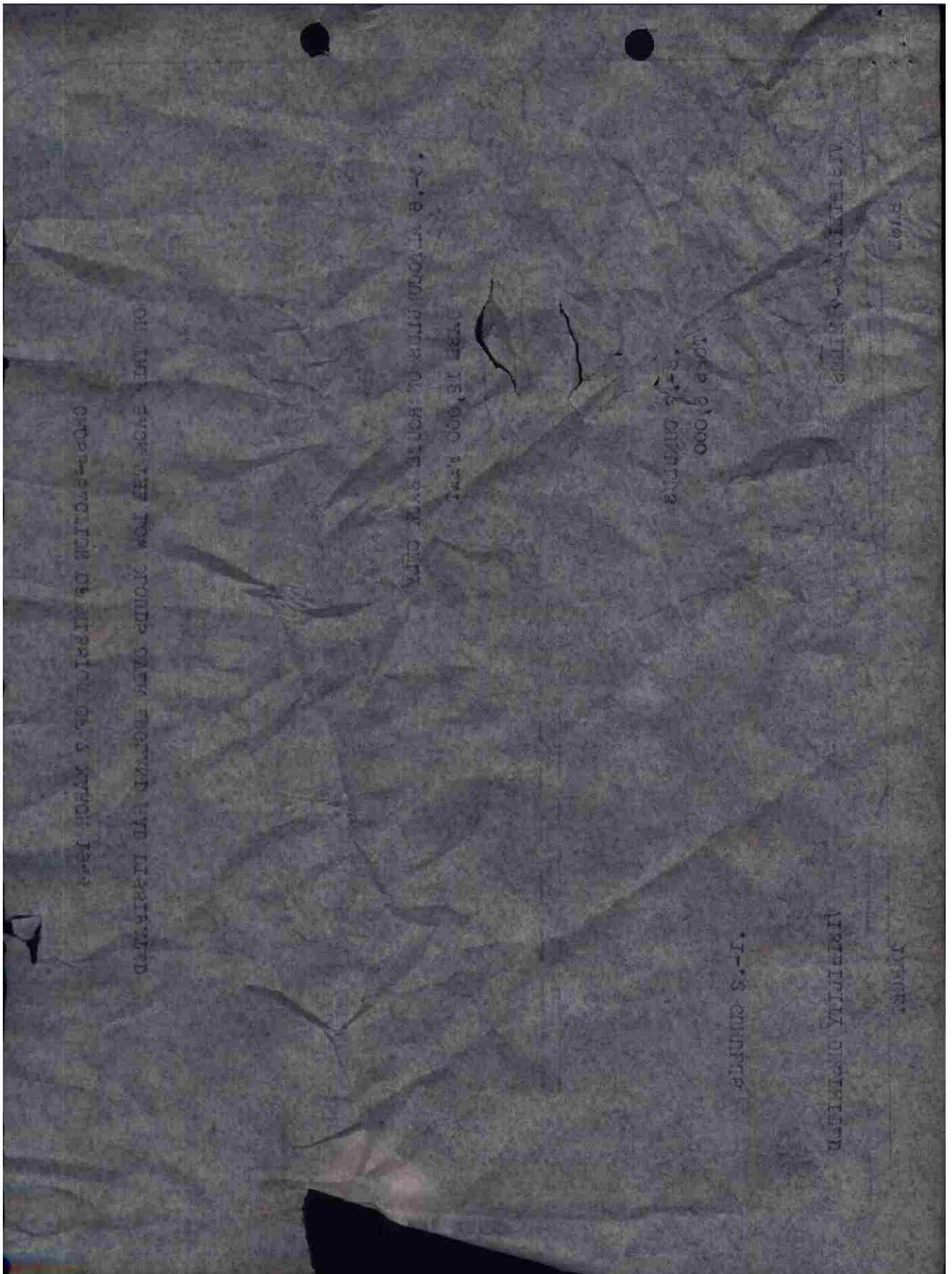
For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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ANNEX "E"





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COMMUNICATIONS (IS) REPORT

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND
FROM : 415TH BOMB GROUP (L)

FORM "IS" NO.

A - IS - 6

DATE AND TIME OF OPERATIONS

B - 7 MARCH 1944

S SQUADRONS & A/C DETAILED

C - 868 (6) A2-E2-B1-G1-G1-F2
869 (2) E3-A2
870 (7) C-A-E-N-E-F-B1
871 (6) K-A1-B-A1-G-F1-Total 21

EQUIPMENT FAILURES AND CAUSE

D - 868-C, VHF RECEIVER WEAK IN AIM
BEING RETURNED
869-E3, VHF RECEIVER WEAK IN,
BEING EXCHANGED
870-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 - 868-C (FORMATION INSTRUCTIONS)
868-C (UNABLE CONTACT COMMAND
CONTROL)

A/C RECEIVING ON VHF (TYPE OF
MESSAGE)

M - ALL NC (FORMATION INSTRUCTIONS)

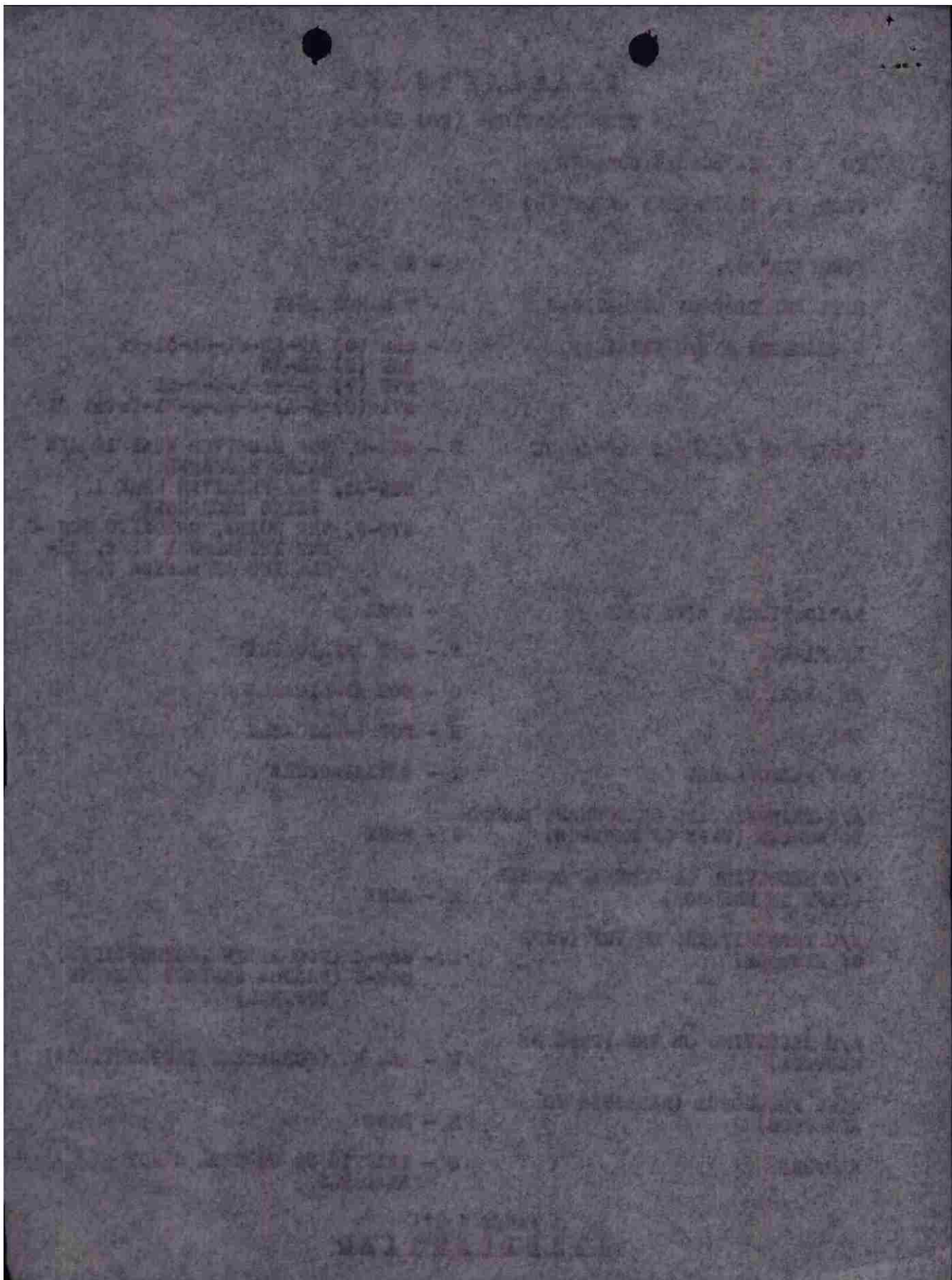
WING FREQUENCY (MESSAGES TO
AND FROM)

N - NONE

REMARKS

O - TRAFFIC ON CHANNEL C NOT
READABLE

ANNEX "G"
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FROM: 41ST BOMB GROUP (L)

OPERATION PRIORITY

TO: IX BOMBER COMMAND

INFO COPY: 99TH COMBAT WING

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AUTH: MAJOR WALTER W. FARMER

"J" FORM

CLEARANCE F-1

7 MARCH 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR JOHN G. NAPIER

1. BOX I

668 6 E2 B1 C1 C1 F2

669 3 A2 E5 N

670 7 C A B M E F

671 6 K A1 D E1 G F1

GROUP LEADER 670 C

DEPUTY 670 N

2. PRIMARY Z661

3. BOX I R/T PACKTIGHT

4. 11:35 BASE LEWES BEACHY HEAD

5. 12:11 $\frac{1}{2}$ 12000 BEACHY HEAD

6. 12:33 12000 4 MILES SW TROUVILLE

7. 13:03 12000 6 MILES SW ST. VALERY

8. 13:19 4000 BEACHY HEAD

9. 13:40 BEACHY HEAD BASE

10. M/F D/F NONE

11. 4 x 500 LB G.P.

12. 400 GALLONS ESTIMATED ENDURANCE 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ HOURS

13. SUBMITTED IN LIEU OF F.O.

A. MAPS NORMAL

B. ASSEMBLY 1500 HOME A/D

C. IP 48 DEGREES 50 MINUTES N 00 DEGREES 43 MINUTES E

D. AXIS OF ATTACK 061 DEGREES

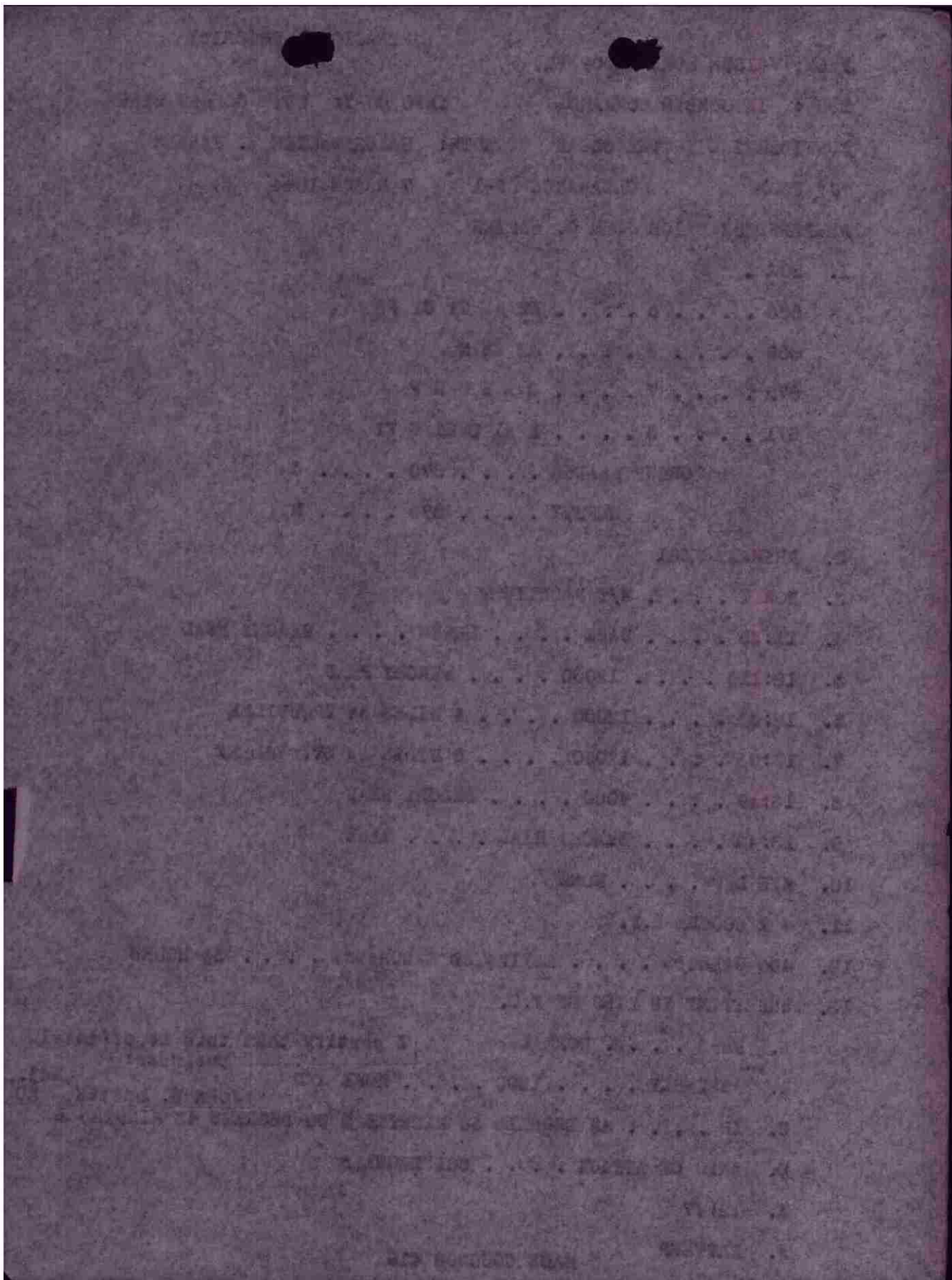
E. 12:47

F. PATTERN

I certify that this is official
business:

JOHN G. NAPIER, Maj., AC

MACE COBOMGR 416



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

APO 638
7 March 1944

SUBJECT: Weather Forecast

TO : Group Operations

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 .6 cumulus bases 3,000 tops 5,000. No high or medium clouds,
visibility 4 to 7 miles.

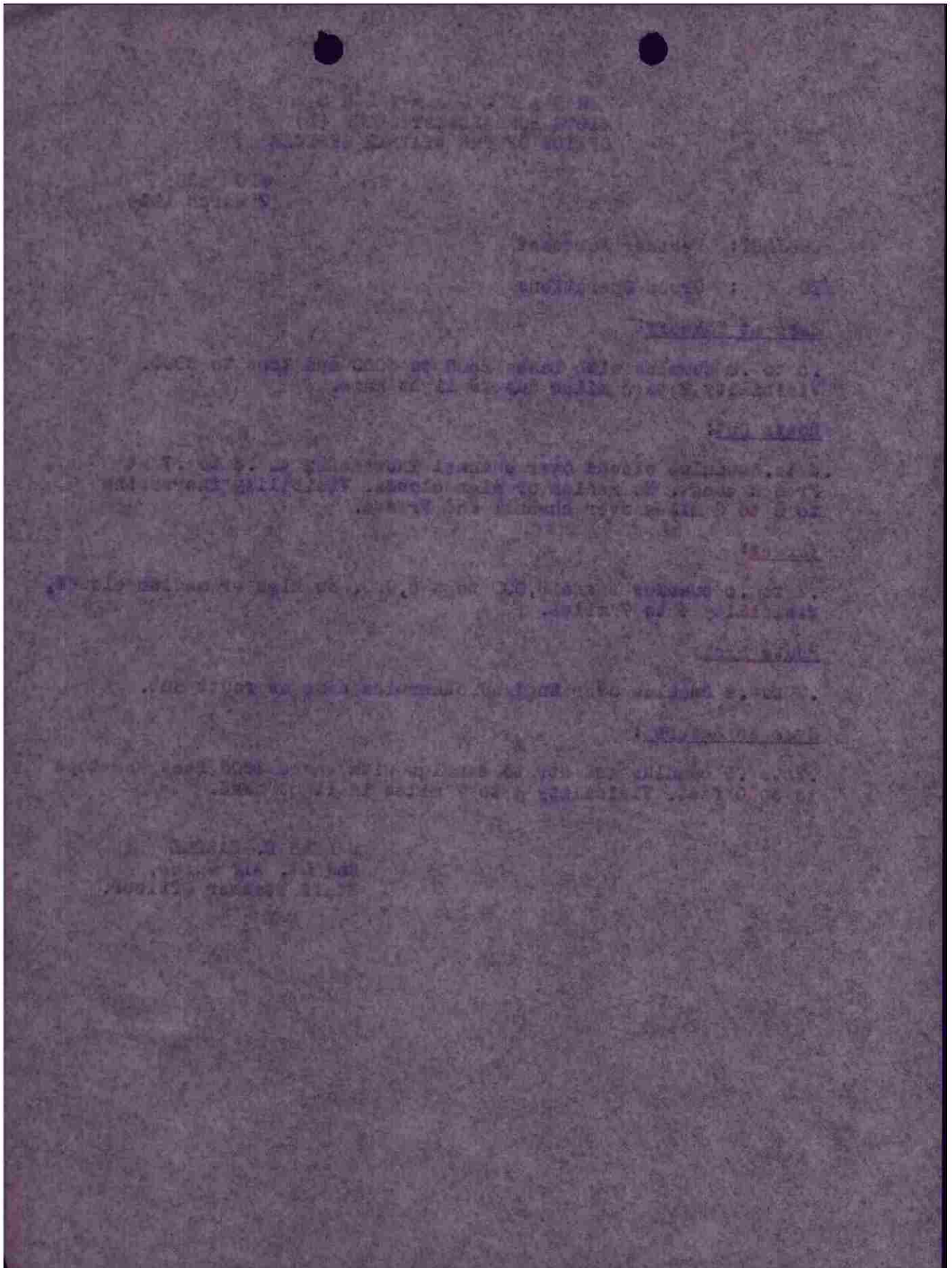
Route Back:

.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.

WALTER D. CASTLE
2nd Lt. Air Corps,
Staff Weather Officer.



MISSION NO. IV

LOADING LIST

7 MARCH 1944

FLIGHT I

1. A/C #380 "C"
 P Maj. C. S. Towles, Jr. ✓
 ✓ B/N 1st Lt. W.L. Smith ✓
 G S/S K.L. Johnson ✓
 G S/S J. L. Czech ✓

4. A/C #387 "M"
 P Capt. ~~X~~ F. Dunn ✓
 ✓ B/N Lt. P.G. Royalty ✓
 G S/S H. E. Wellin ✓
 G Sgt L. G. Kutzer ✓

2. A/C #200 "A"
 P Lt. Col. T.R. Aylesworth ✓
 G Sgt R.F. Addleman ✓
 G S/S J. D. Gossett ✓

5. A/C #224 "E"
 P Lt. R.V. Wheeler ✓
 G S/S J. S. Brower ✓
 G Sgt E. Corrin ✓

3. A/C #207 "B"
 P Lt. M. Zubon ✓
 G S/S W.C. Russell ✓
 G T/S J.R.L. Tanner ✓

6. A/C #227 "F"
 P Lt. J. T. Schouten ✓
 G Sgt R.R. Williamson ✓
 G Pvt J. E. Feistl ✓

FLIGHT II

1. A/C #369 "K"
 P Maj. D.L. Willetts ✓
 ✓ B/N Lt. A. ~~Jednak~~ Jedinak ✓
 G T/S F.H. Larronde ✓
 G S/S H. A. Lempka ✓

4. A/C #220 ~~"E-1"~~ "E-1"
 P Lt. R.E. Stackwell ✓
 B/N
 G S/S C.R. Henshaw ✓
 G S/S J. Steward ✓

2. A/C #203 "A-1"
 P Lt. A.R. Durante ✓
 G S/S H. T. Best ✓
 G S/S J. R. DeGuisti ✓

5. A/C #225 "G"
 P Capt. L. F. Huston ✓
 G Pvt A. J. Ziekus ✓
 G S/S Perry Clearman ✓

3. A/C #219 "D"
 P Lt. W. E. Cramsie ✓
 G S/S B. G. Fandre ✓
 G Sgt F. R. Chvatal ✓

6. A/C # 221 "F-1"
 P Lt. H. D. Andrews ✓
 G S/S G.M. Cook ✓
 G Sgt E. R. Werley ✓

FLIGHT III

1. A/C #403 "N"
 P Capt. W. J. Meng ✓
 ✓ B/N Lt. V. H. Powell ✓
 G Sgt ~~F.~~ P. Glynn ✓
 G S/S R.F. Stobert ✓

4. A/C #379 "G-1"
 P Lt. R.O. Gruetzemacher ✓
 ✓ B/N Lt. ~~P.H. Darsiel~~ ✓
 G S/S W. L. Kidd ✓
 G S/S S. Risko ✓

2. A/C #216 "E-2"
 P Lt. G.H. McNulty ✓
 G White ✓
 G Sgt T. A. Palmer ✓

5. A/C #194 "C-1"
 P Lt. J. R. Hillerman ✓
 G S/S E.M. Friedlob ✓
 G S/S R.J. Entsler ✓

3. A/C #182 "B-1"
 P Lt. C. L. McGlohn ✓
 G S/S J. W. Moran ✓
 G Sgt P. B. Driskill ✓

6. A/C #223 "F-2"
 P Lt. F. J. Harrold ✓
 G S/S E. L. Griffin ✓
 G Sgt C. W. Maziasz ✓

- SPARES -

A/C #217 "D-1"
 P Lt. C. R. Jackson ✓
 G S/S R.K. Riley ✓ G S/S A.J. Bonano ✓

A/C #226 "E-3" ^{Sgt}
 P Col. H.L. Mace ✓ ^{BRAYN, M.R.}
 G S/S W.J. Donahue ✓ ^{S/S J.D. Gossett}

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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.

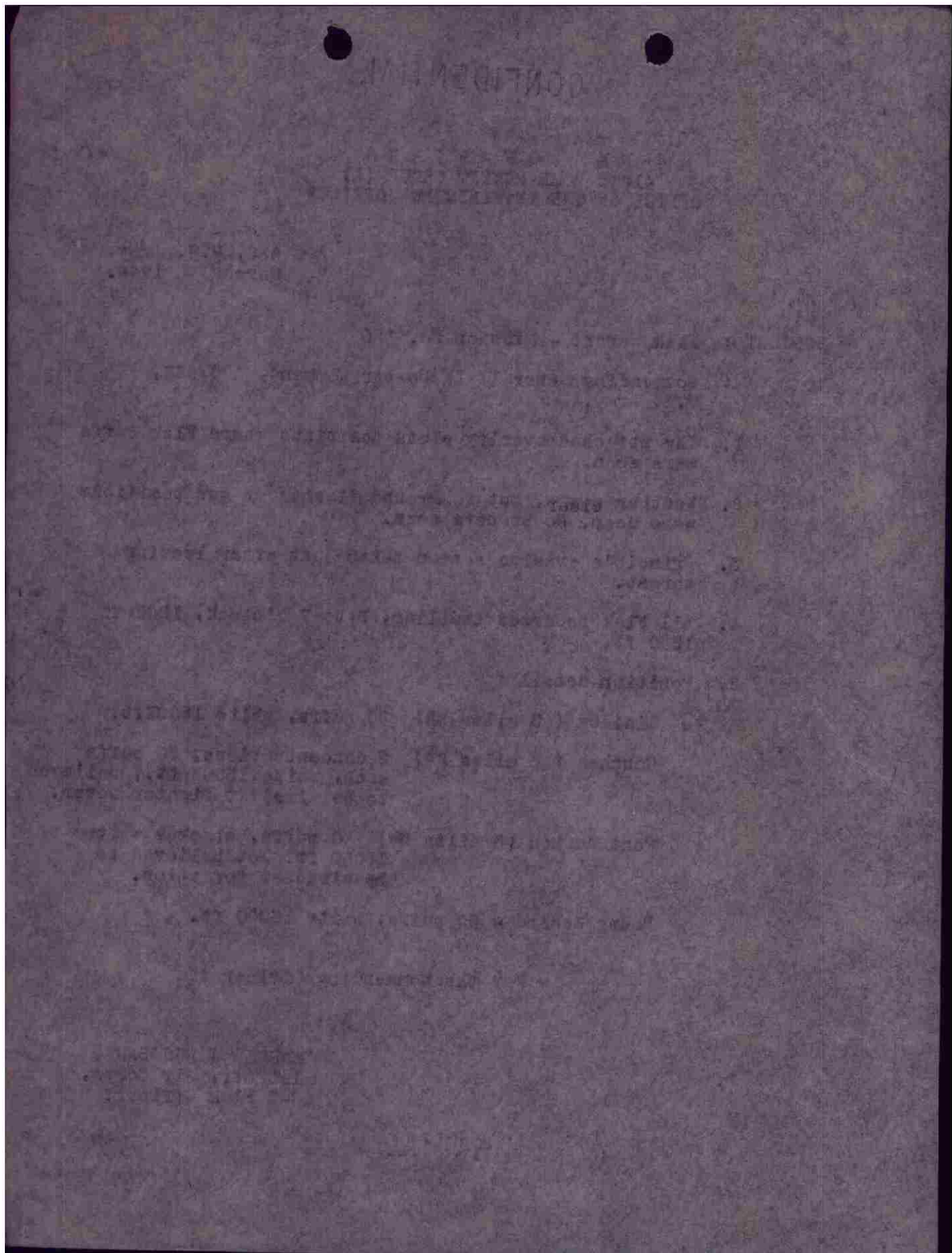
Pont Authou (3 miles NW) 30 puffs, black & white 13000 ft. Not believed to be aimed at formation.

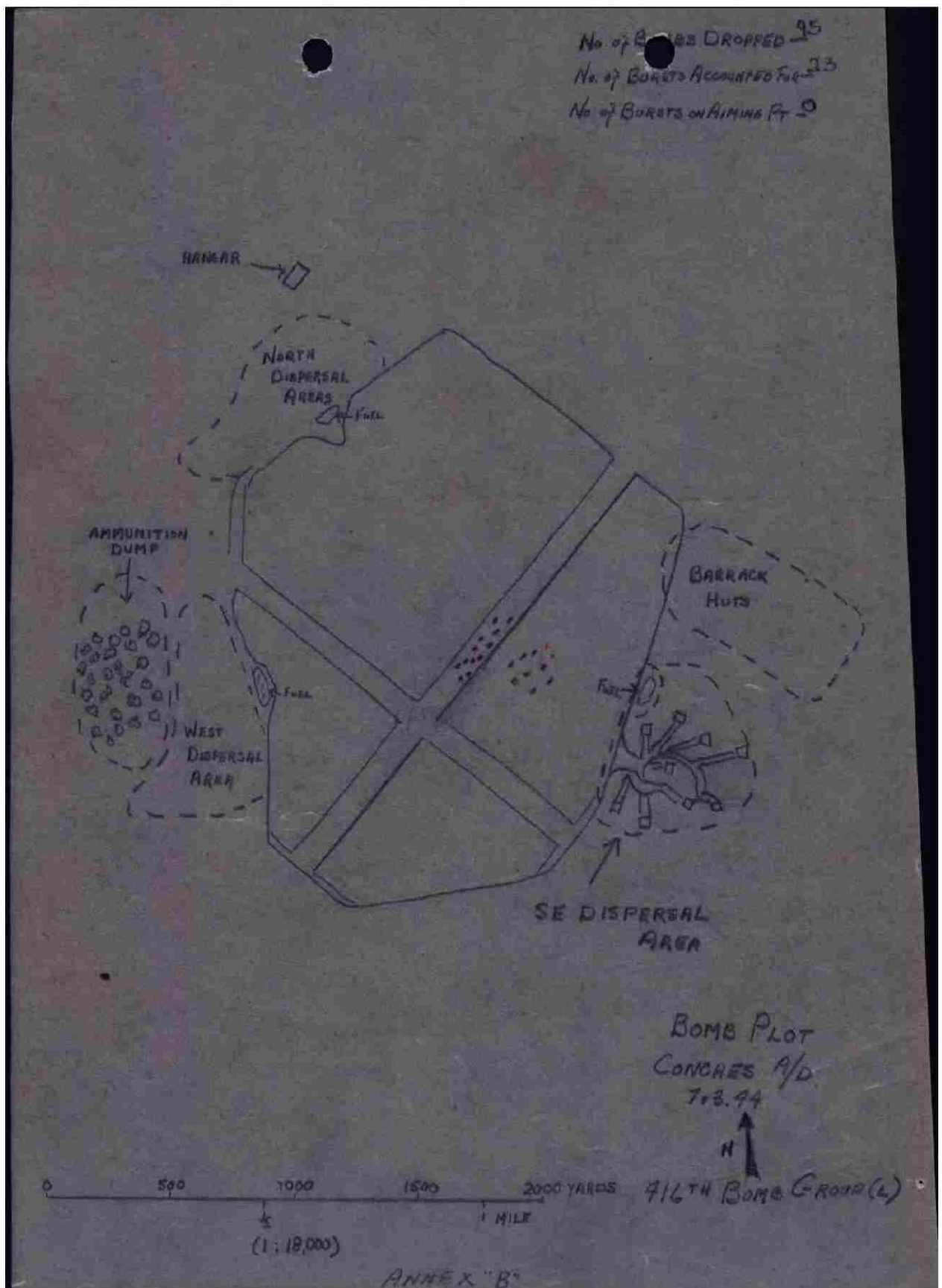
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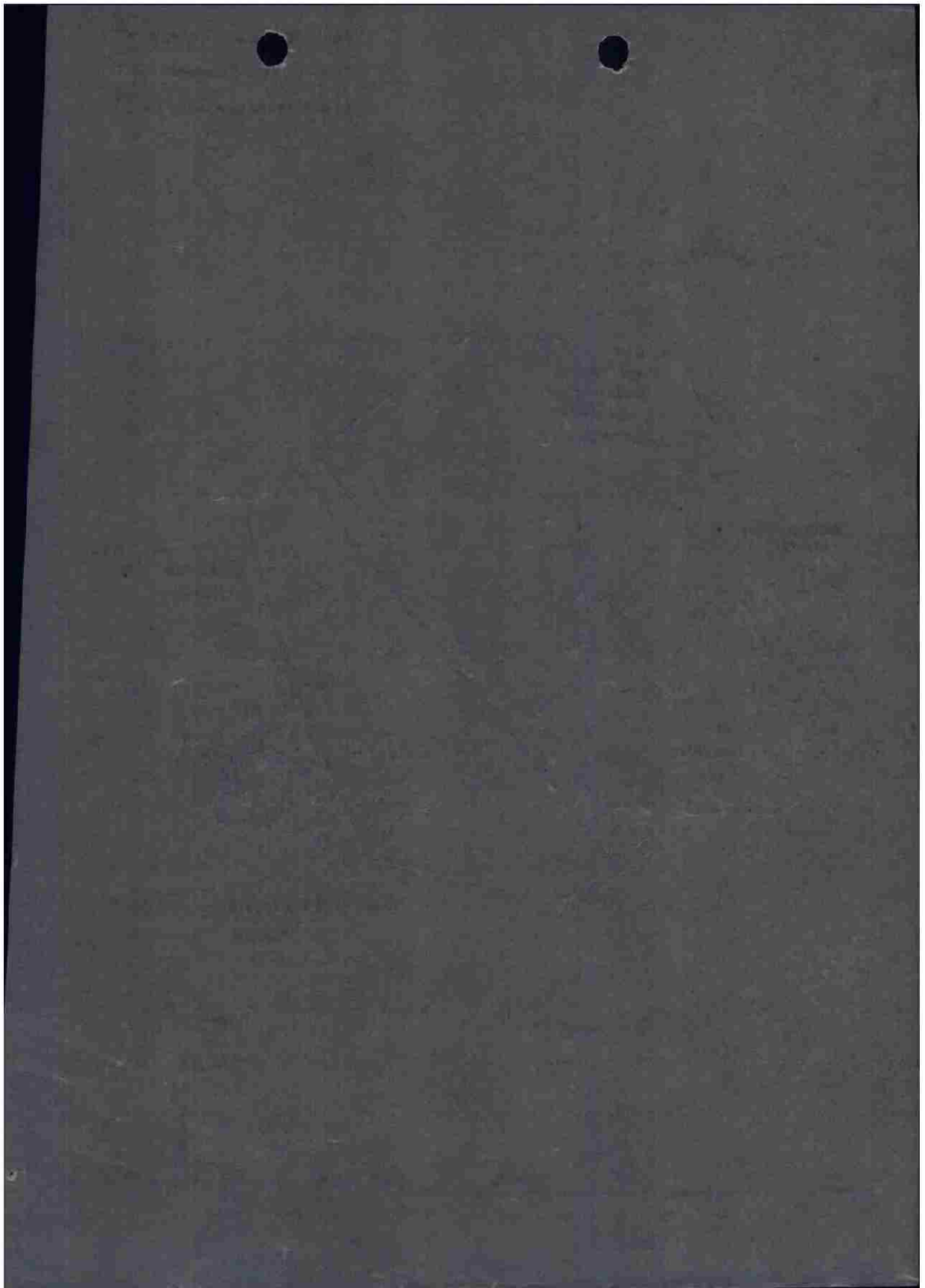
For the Commanding Officer :

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

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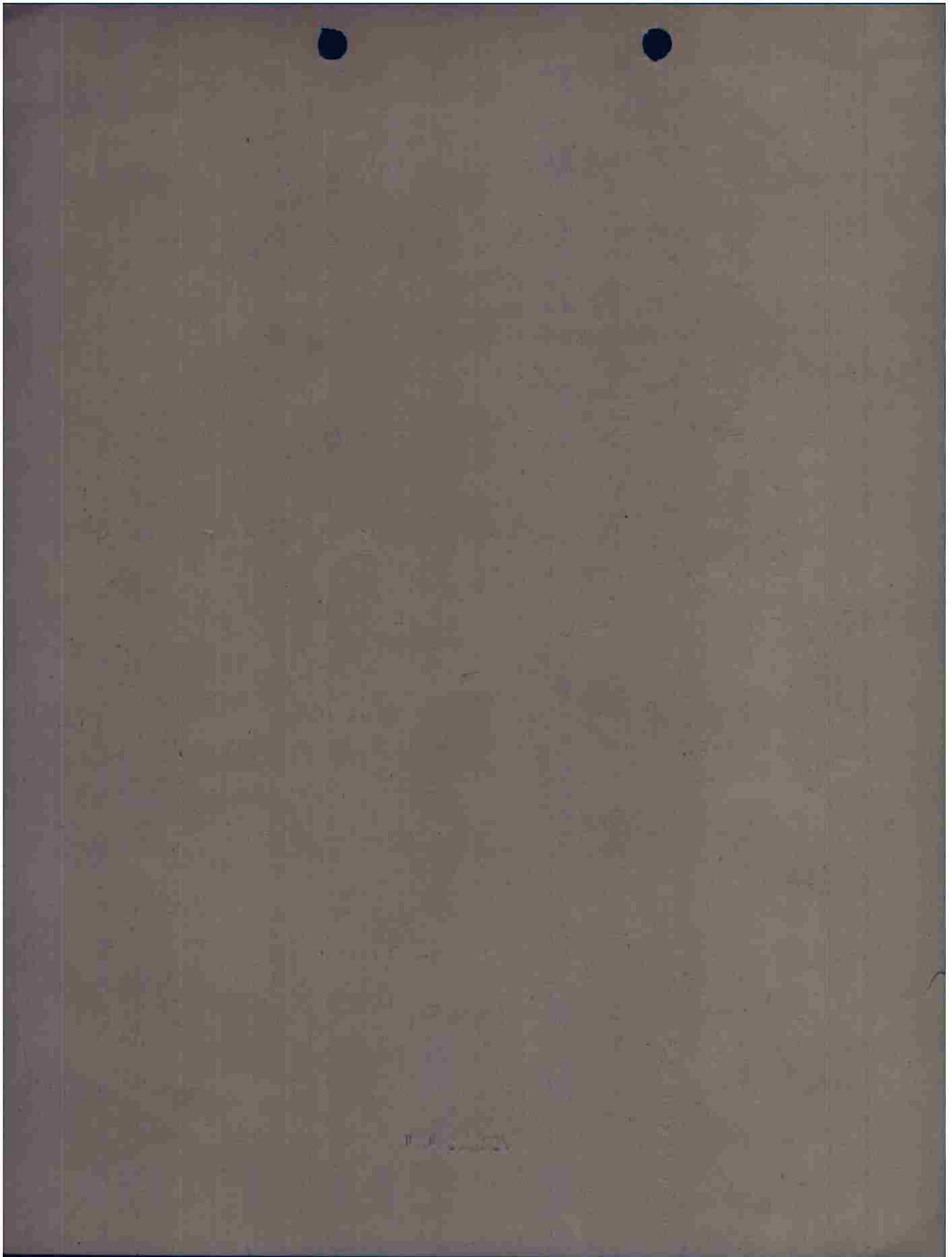


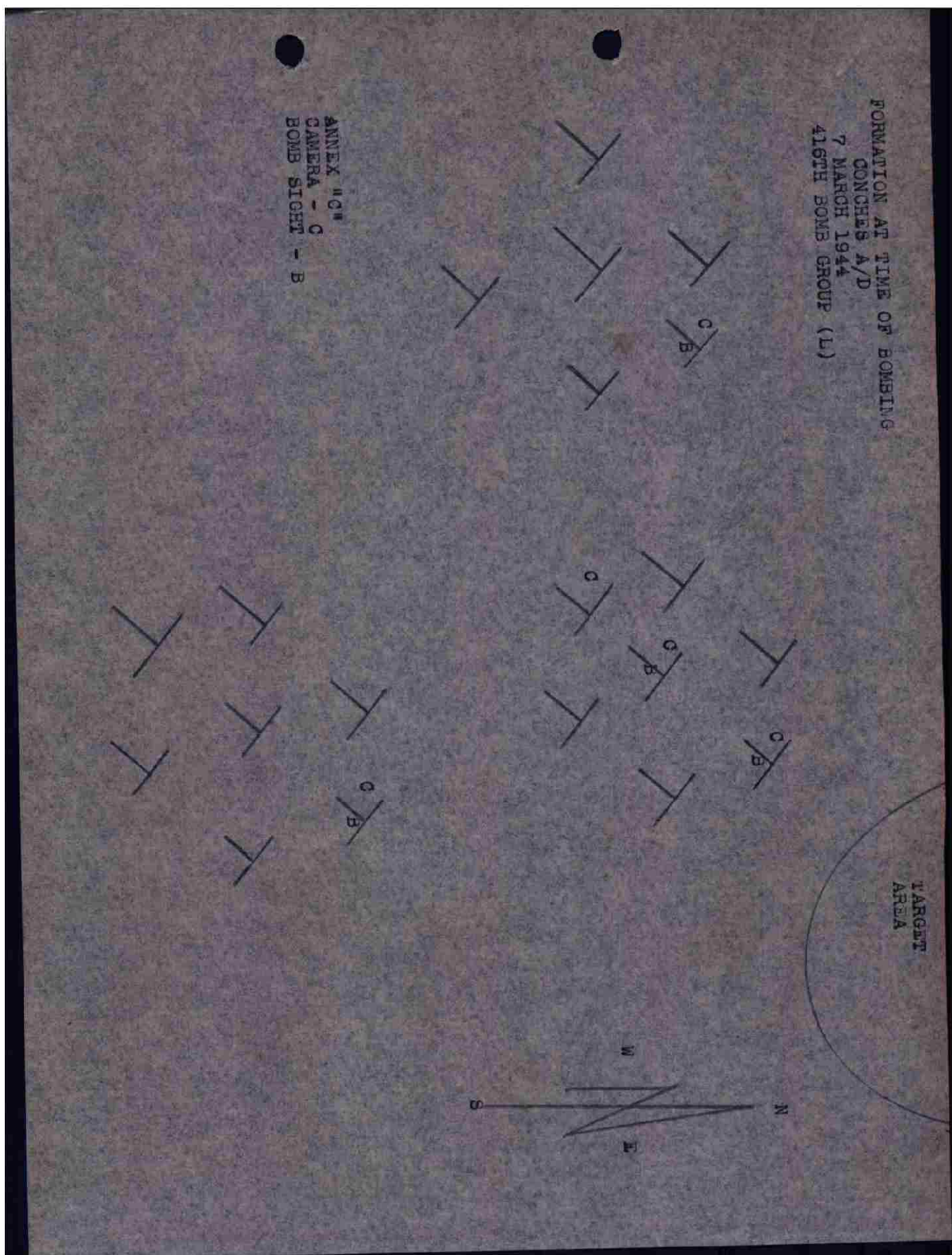


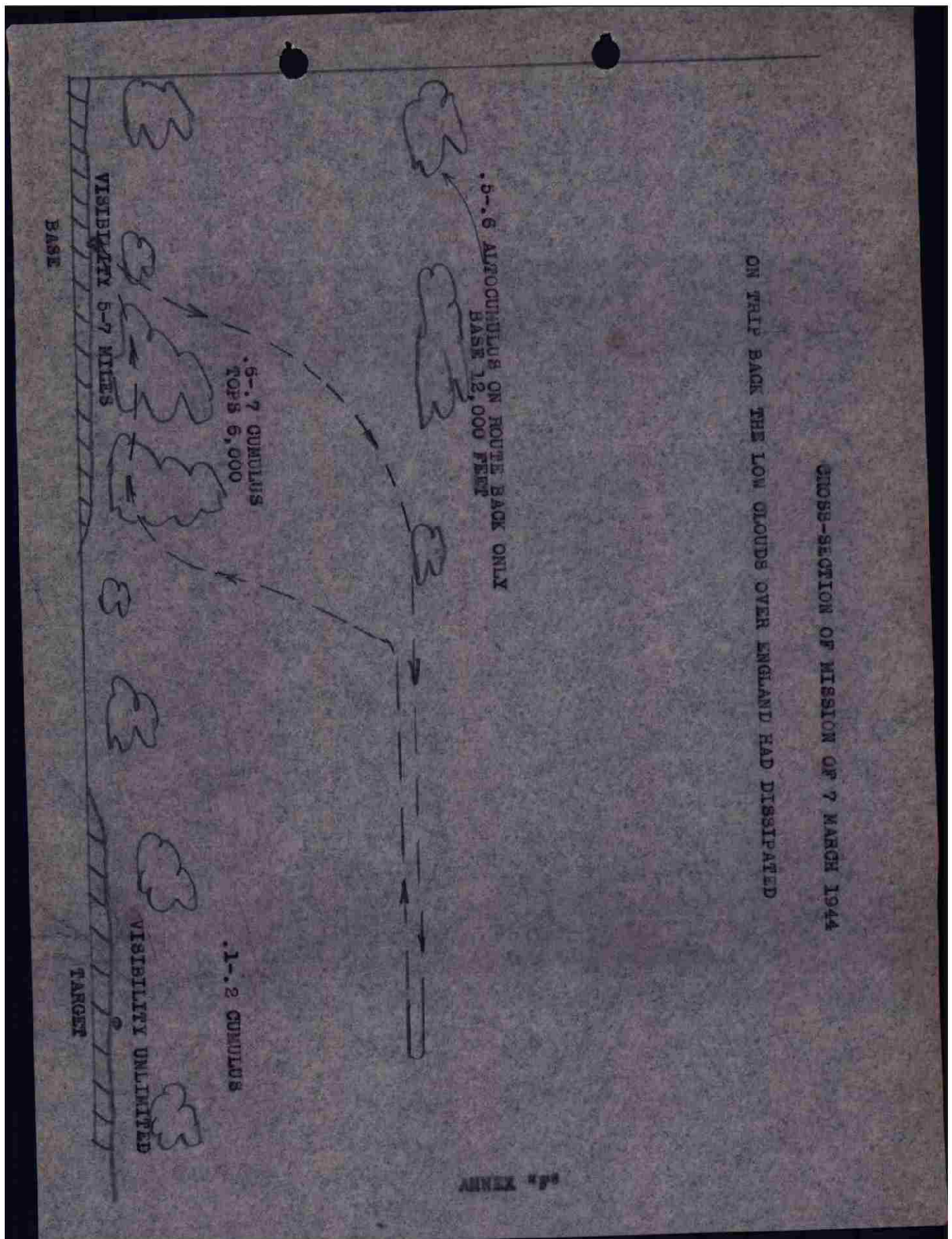


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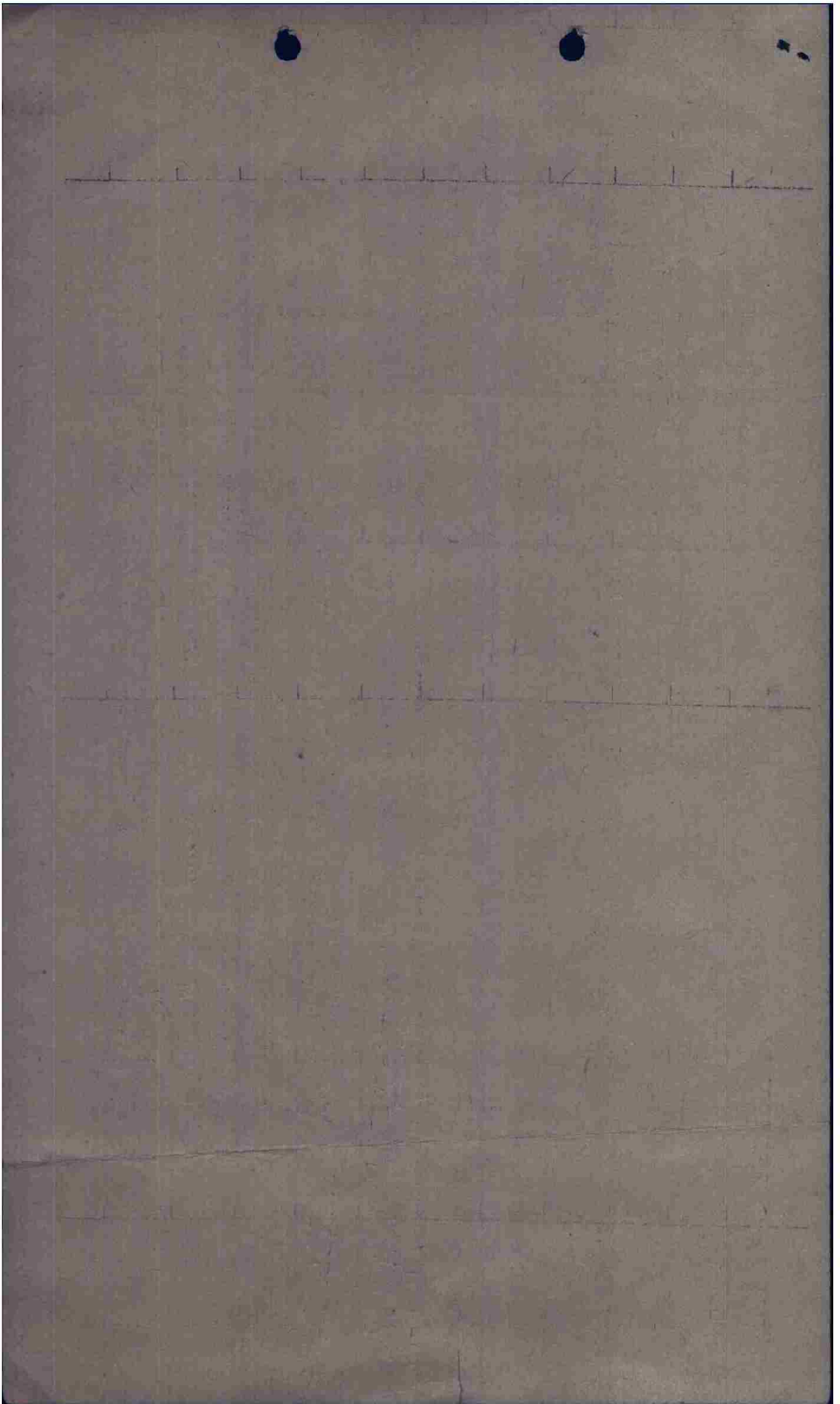
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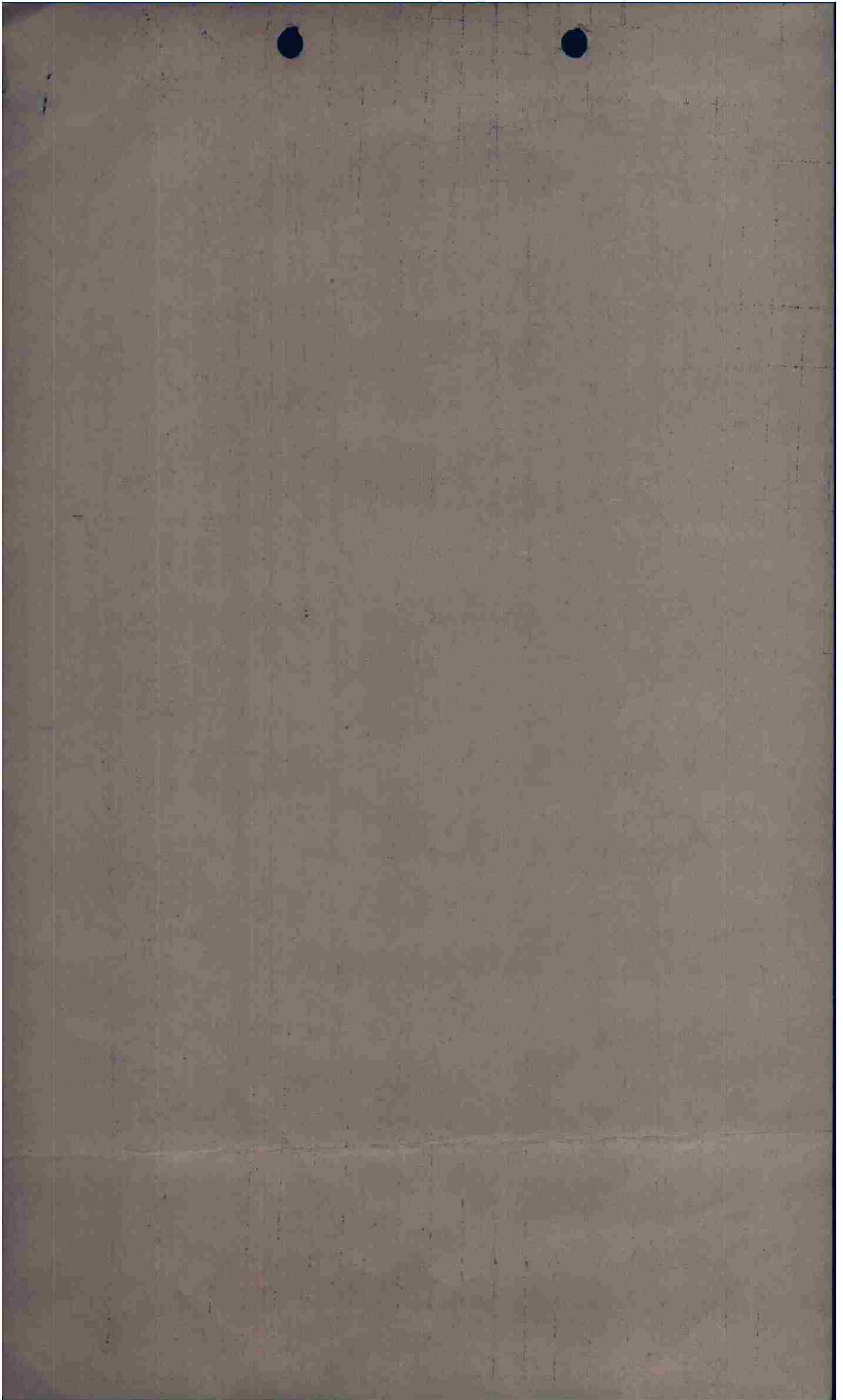


MALFUNCTIONS OF AIRBORNE AIRCRAFT AFFECTING SUCCESS OF MISSION. Nov 2/94				
SHIP NO	SQUADRON	PILOT and/or BOMBELIER	GUNNER S	MINUTIONS
A-20B 379				FAILURE TO RELEASE BOMBS
A-20B 194				PERMANENT RELEASE OF BOMB
A-20B 383				2 BOMBS FAILED TO RELEASE
A-20B 380				2 BOMBS FAILED TO RELEASE
A-20B 369				Bombs failed to release caused Failure To Release Bombs
No Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Not Affecting Success of Mission				
William C. McDonald Capt. U.S. Air Force Off. Arm. Officer				



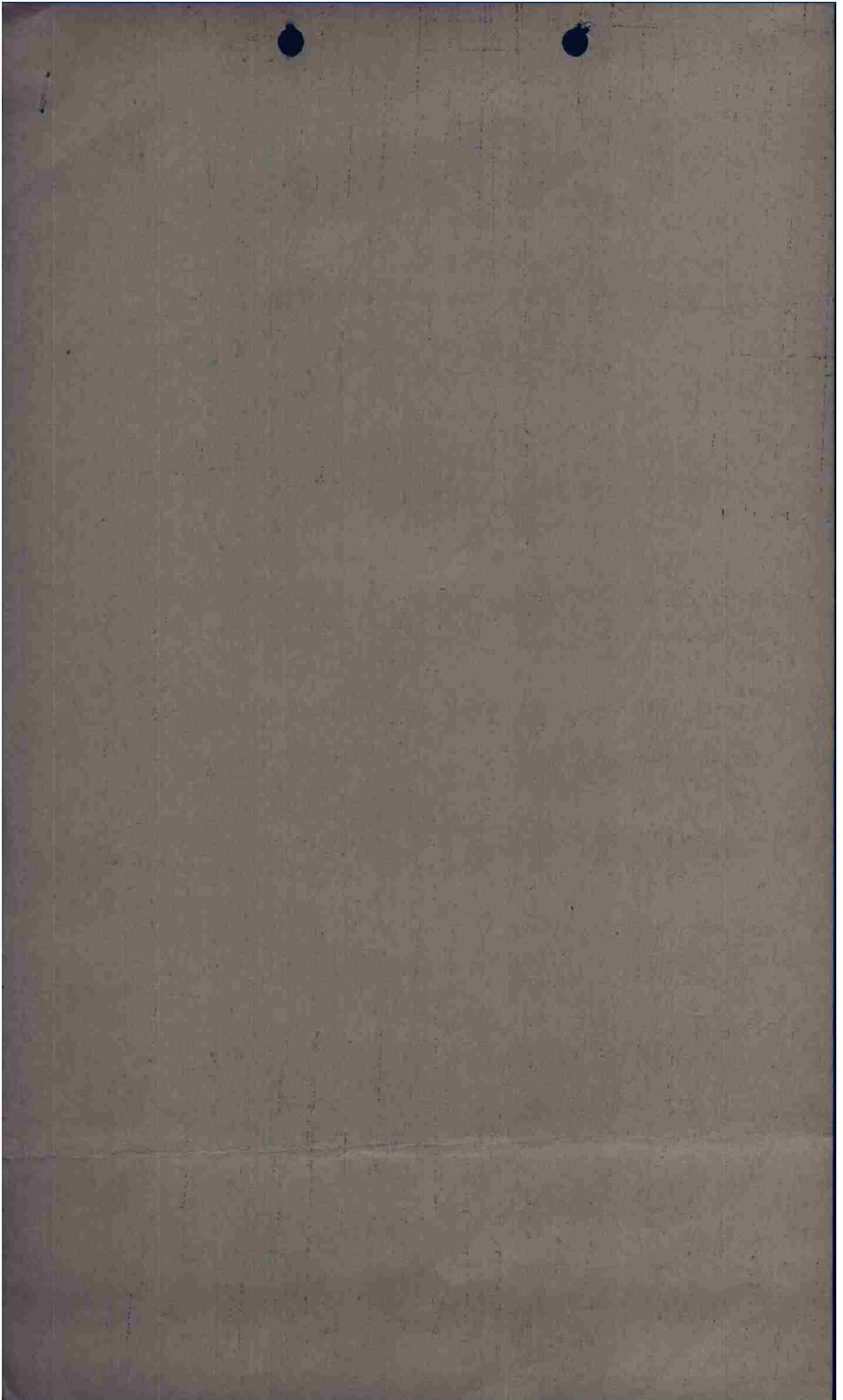
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A/C NO.	SQDN.	PILOT	TIME	ATO	ENGLISH COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN	C A M E R A	FUEL	BOMB LOAD	N D U R.	LAND TIME	REMARKS
C 380 *	C	TOWLES	1332	1332	1411 1/2	1433	1447	1503	1519	C	400	4x500 G.R.	3 1/2	1555	
H 200	C	AYLESWORTH	1332	1332	"	"	"	"	"		750	"	"	1555	
H 207	C	ZUBON	1332	1332	"	"	"	"	"		750	"	"	1631	HAWKING-E
M 387 *	C	DUNN	1333	1333	"	"	"	"	"	C	400	"	"	1621	FRISTON
E 224	C	WHEELER	1333	1333	"	"	"	"	"		750	"	"	1558	
F 227	C	SCHOUTEN	1333	1333	"	"	"	"	"		750	"	"	1600	
K 369 *	C	WILLETT	1333	1333	"	"	"	"	"	C	400	"	"	1621	FRISTON
H-1 203	D	DURANTE	1334	1334	"	"	"	"	"		750	"	"	1556	
D 219	D	GRAMSIE	1334	1334	"	"	"	"	"		750	"	"	1537	
E-1 220	D	STOCKWELL	1334	1334	"	"	"	"	"		750	"	"	1535	
G 225	D	HUSTON	1334	1334	"	"	"	"	"		750	"	"	1539	
● 221	D	ANDREWS	1335	1335	"	"	"	"	"		750	"	"	1559	
N 403 *	B	MENG	1335	1335	"	"	"	"	"	C	400	"	"	1621	FRISTON
E-2 216	A	MCNULTY	1336	1336	"	"	"	"	"		750	"	"	1603	
B-1 182	A	McGLOTHLIN	1336	1336	"	"	"	"	"		750	"	"	1604	
G-1 379	A	GRUETZEMACHER	1336	1336	"	"	"	"	"		750	"	"	1602	
E-1 194	A	HILLERMAN	1337	1337	"	"	"	"	"		750	"	"	1605	
E-2 223	A	HARROLD	1337	1337	"	"	"	"	"		750	"	"	1604	



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7 JANUARY 1944

A/C LTR	A/C NO.	SQDN	PILOT	A R G E E T	ATO	ENGLISH COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN	C A M E R A	FUEL	BOMB LOAD	E N D U R.	LAND TIME	REMARKS
D-1	217 *	C	JACKSON	2-668	1337	1411 1/2 12,000'	1433 4 mi. S.W. Troyville	1447	1503 12,000' 6 mi. S.W. St. Mary	1519 4,000'	C	750	4x500 G.P.	3 1/2	1605	
E-3	226	B	MACE	"	1337	"	"	"	"	"		750	"	"	1610	
A-1	181	B	PERRINS	"	—	"	"	"	"	"		750	"	"	1610	No T/O
* Designated Camera Ship																



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FROM 416 COBOMGR 071840A
TO CG LX BOM ATTN: COM OFFICER
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R-128-J
A-Y8-6
B- 7 MARCH 1944
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
D- 668-C, VHF RECEIVER WEAK IN AIR BEING RETUNED
669-E3, VHF RECEIVER RX WEAK IN, BEING EXCHANGED
670-F, EN VHF NOISY, CHECKING BONDING INTERPHONE WEAK, REPLACING
AMPLIFIER TUBE.
E- NONE
F- NOT APPLICABLE
G- NOT APPLICABLE
H- NOT APPLICABLE
I- SATISFACTORY
J- NONE
K- NONE
L- 668-C (FORMATION INSTRUCTIONS)
668-C(UNABLE CONTACT COMMAND CONTROL)
M- ALL NC (FORMATION INSTRUCTIONS)
N- NONE
O- TRAFFIC ON CHANNEL C NOT READABLE

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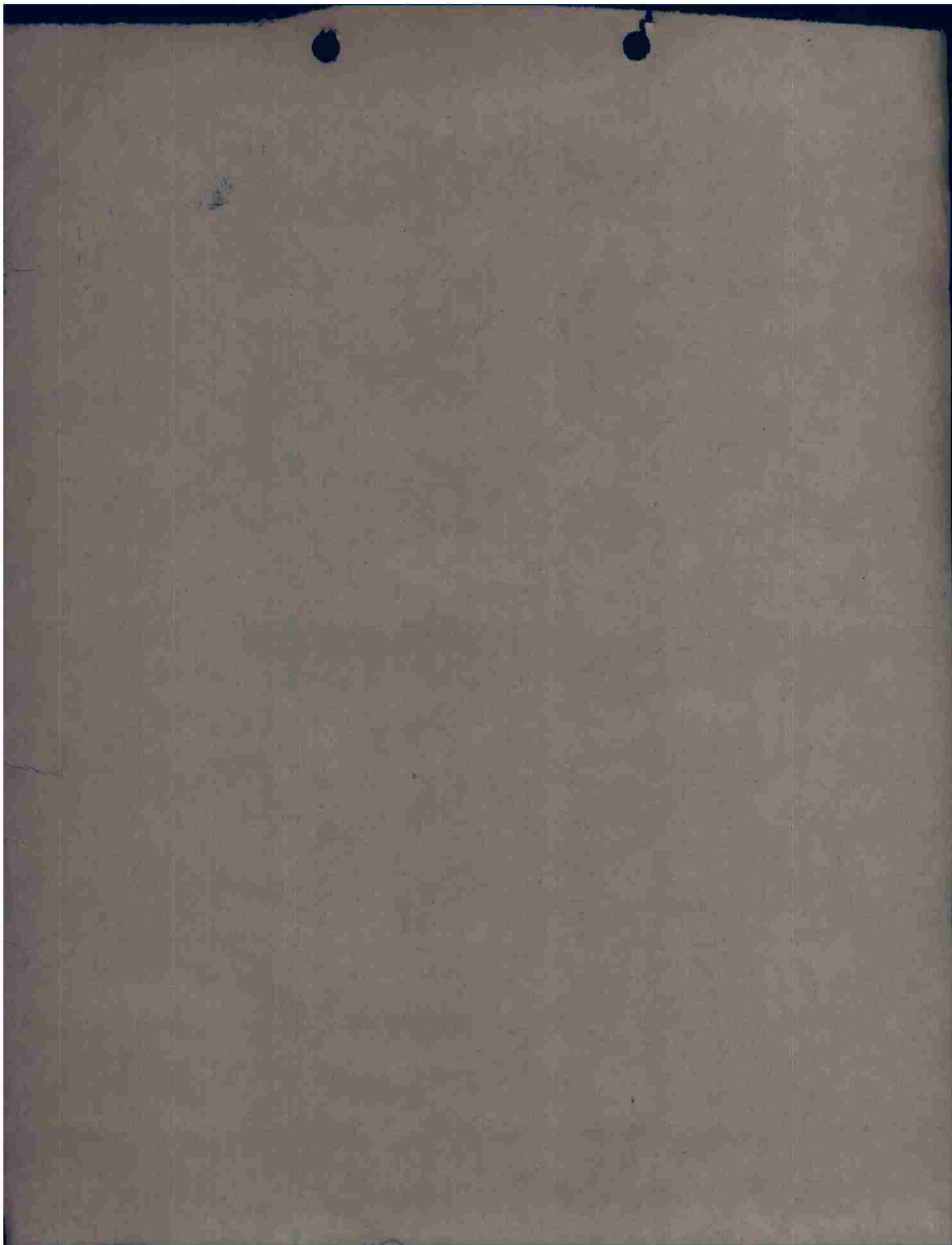
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 (UBA PASS TO OIMIB)
 (UGI PASS TO GPD)

FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 071023A 9BC R2249E

TO: COBOMCP 322,323,386,387,344,391,416

CO 1ST PROVISIONAL PFF SQUADRON

COMAF	9
COCBTWIG	98,99
COMAF	8
COMASPTCOM	9
COMFICON	8
COFIWIG	67
SASO 2 GROUP RAF	
SASO 11 GROUP RAF	
AOC-IN-C RAF	



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IX BOMBER COMMAND

APC 638

7 MARCH 1944

ANNEX NO. 4 TO F.O. 226

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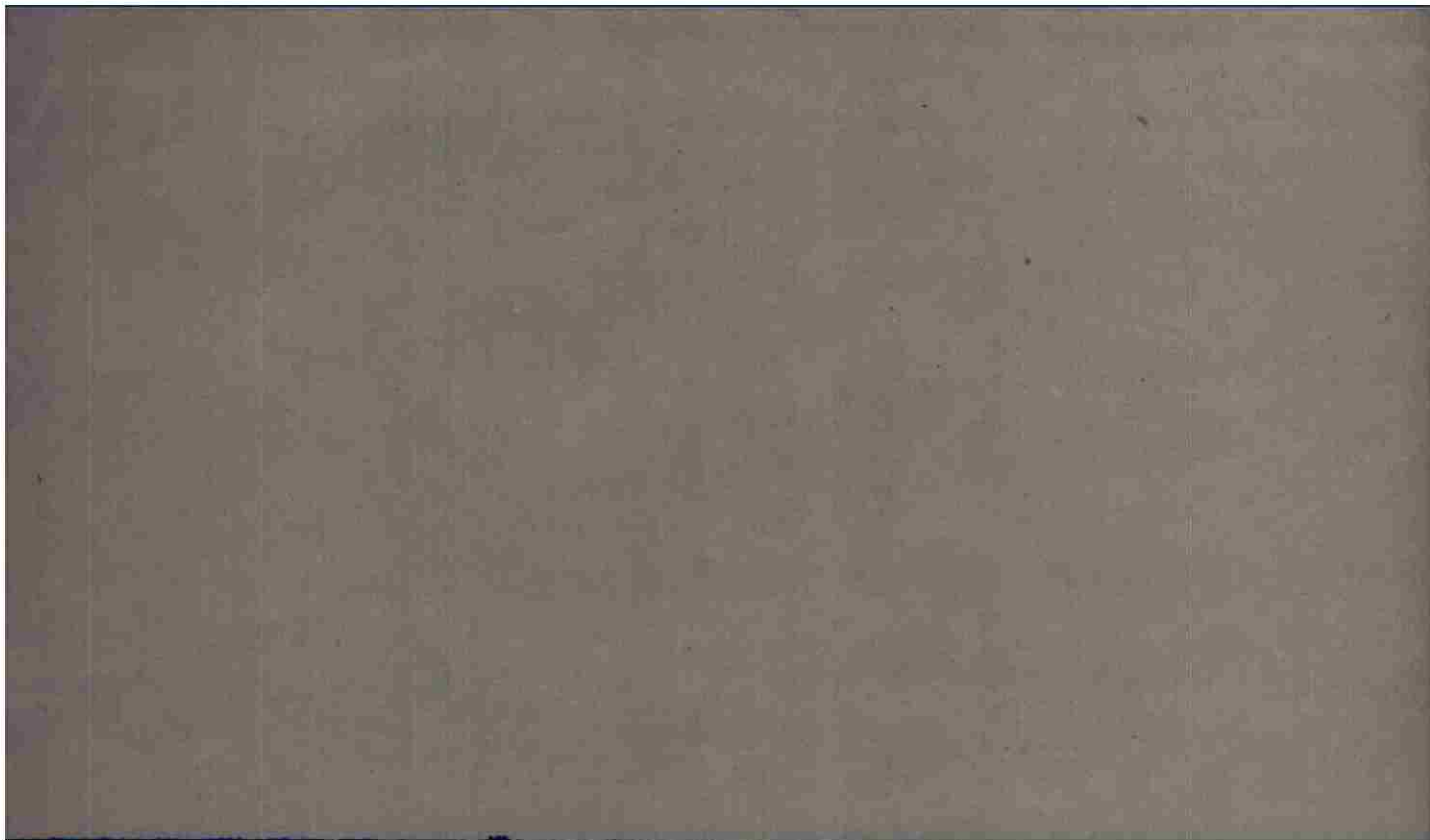
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(UBA PASS TO OIMIB)

(UGI PASS TO GPB)

FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 070825A 9BC R2245E

TO: CO 1ST PROVISIONAL PFF SQUADRON

COBOMGP 322, 323, 386, 387, 344, 391, 416

COCBTWIG 98, 99

COMAF 9

COMAF 8

COMASPTCOM 9

COMFICOM 8

COFIWIG 67

SASO 2 GROUP RAF

SASO 11 GROUP RAF

AOC-IN-C HQFC RAF

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IX BOMBER COMMAND

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7 MARCH 1944

ANNEX NO 3 TO FO 226

CHANGE PAR. 3 X (5) PARS G AND H TO READ: 24 A/C PLUS ONE A/C

FROM PFF SQUADRON.

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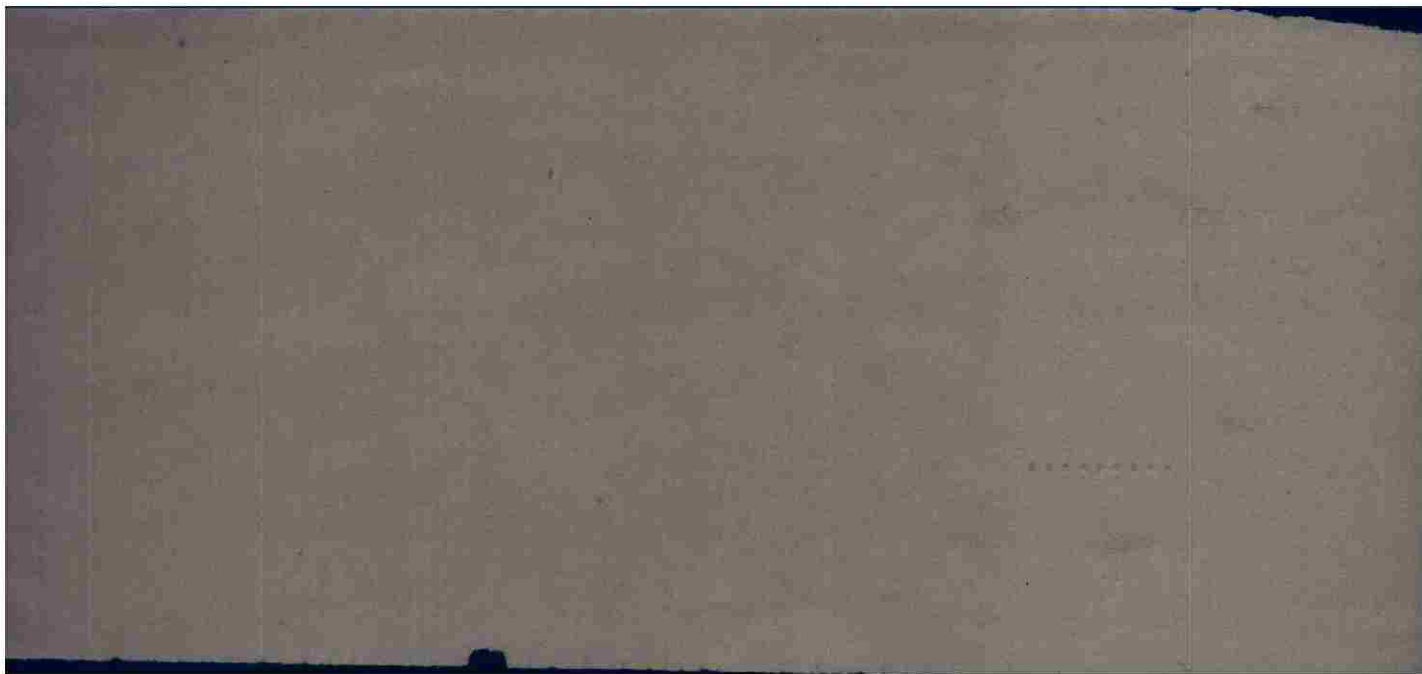
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FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 070120A 9BC R-2244-E

TO: C.O. 1ST PFF SQUADRON (PROVISIONAL)

COBOMGP 322, 323, 386, 387, 344, 391, 416

COCBTWIG 98 99

COMAF 9

COMAF 8

COMASPTCOM 9

COMFICOM 8

COFIWIG 67

SASO 11 GROUP RAF

SASO 2 GROUP RAF

AOC-IN-C RAF

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NINTH BOMBER COMMAND

APO 638

7 MARCH 1944

ANNEX 2 TO FIELD ORDER 226

IN PARAGRAPHS
MISSPELLED CHANGE TO READ GISORE.

CHANGE PARAGRAPH X (6) TO READ: BOMB LOAD: A, D, E, G, AND H - 14 X
250 LB. G.P. OR 14 X 300 LB. G.P. PAR. B. 6 X 500 LB. G.P. AND
2 X 600 LB. G.P. PAR. C. 1 BOX 14 X 250 LB. G.P. OR 1 BOX 14 X 300
LB. G.P. AND 2 BOXES 6 X 500 LB. G.P. AND 2 X 600 LB. G.P. PAR F.
4 X 500 LB. G.P.

CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3 C (8) BOMBS FUSED: CHANGE FROM BOMBS FUSED 1/10
NOSE 1/100 TAIL TO READ: BOMBS FUSED: 1/10 NOSE 1/40 TAIL.

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BT 070120A

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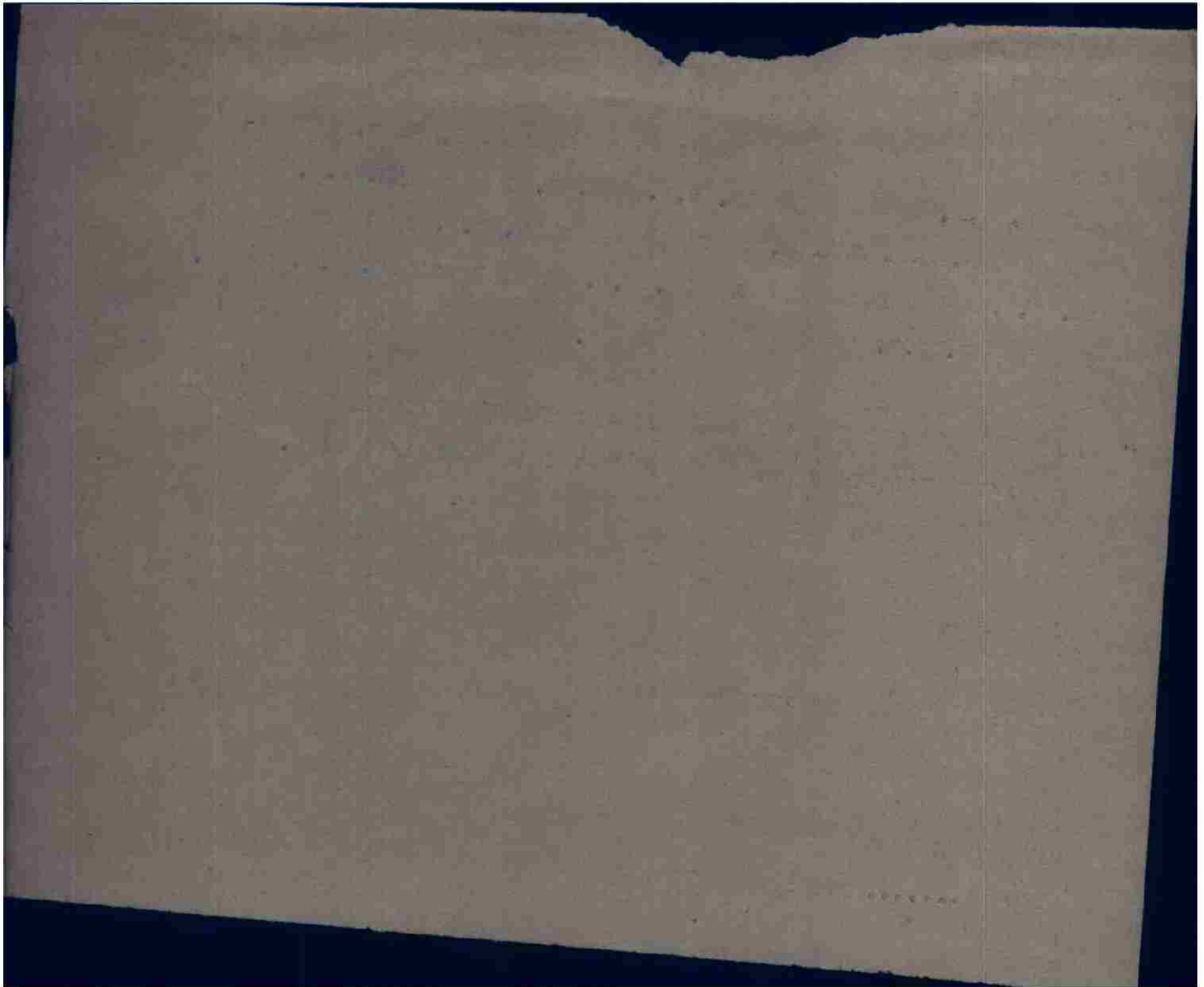
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(UGI PASS TO GPB)

FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAN 70022A 9BC R2242E

TO: C.O. 1ST PFF SQUADRON (PROVISIONAL)

COBOMGP 322, 323, 386, 387, 344, 391, 416

COCBTWIG 98 99

COMAF 9

COMAF 8

COMASPTCOM 9

COMFICOM 8

COFIWIG 67

SASO 11 GROUP RAF

SASO 2 GROUP RAF

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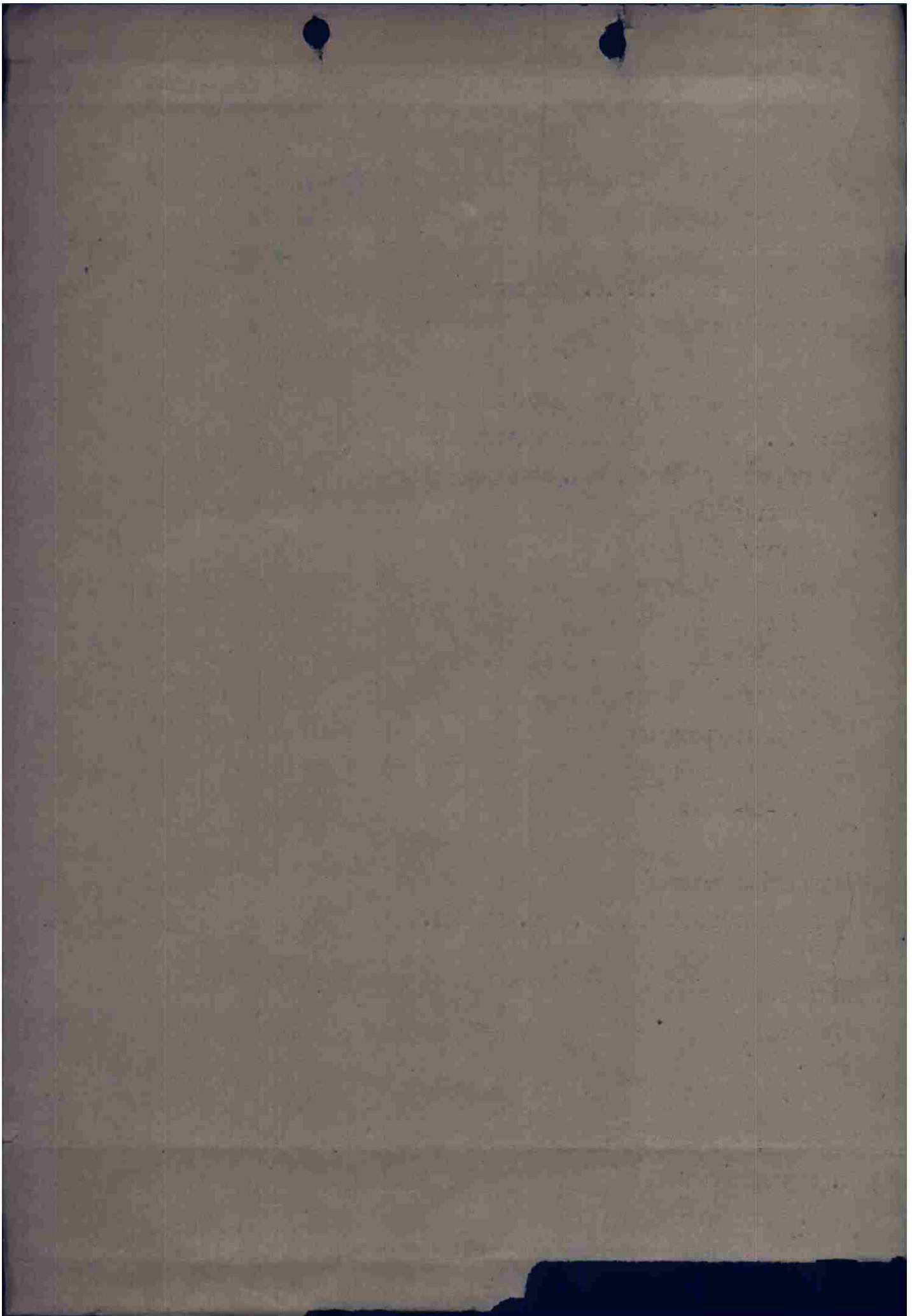
ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER 226

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 323RD GROUP:

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: OAKCHEST

ON CALL SIGN: FARMHAND



(4) VERIFICATION CODE: CHALLENGE: PKC REPLY: YPS

LFA XMW

PXO CAZ

BGN BWY

B. 387TH GROUP:

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: PINKSTONE

(2) FIGHTER GROUND STATION CALL SIGN: FARMHAND

(3) RECALL CODE WORD: BINGO

(4) VERIFICATION CODE: CHALLENGE: PKC REPLY: YPS

LFA XMW

PXO CAZ

BGN BWY

C. 322ND GROUP:

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: LAMPOST

(2) FIGHTER GROUND STATION CALL SIGN: GREENBOX

(3) RECALL CODE WORD: PITTSBURGH

(4) VERIFICATION CODE: CHALLENGE: SEL REPLY: NXU

AIG AVO

IRR CKM

MGR AJM

D. 391ST GROUP:

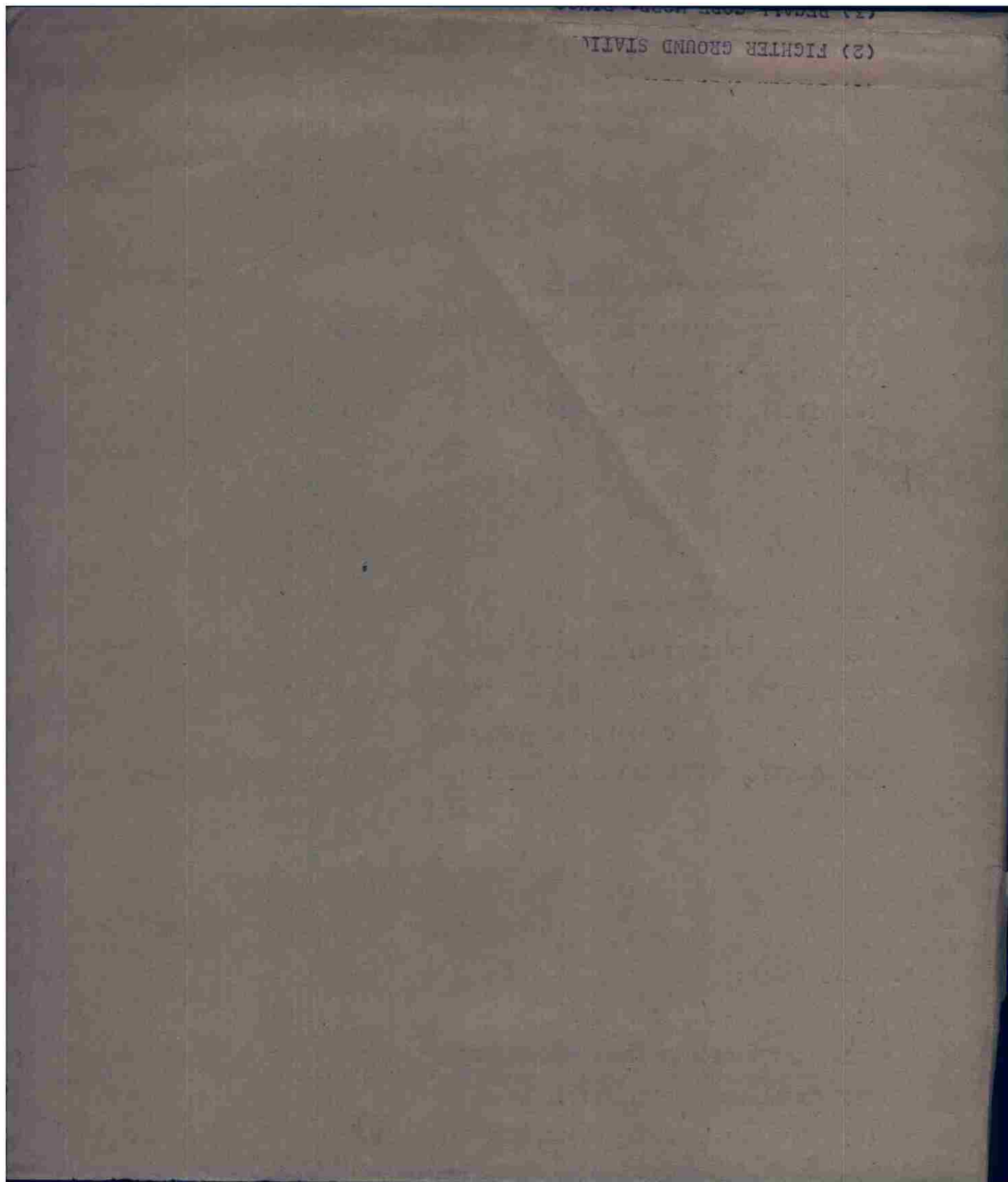
(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: GOFAR

(2) FIGHTER GROUND STATION CALL SIGN: GREENBOX

(3) RECALL CODE WORD: PITTSBURGH

(4) VERIFICATION CODE: CHALLENGE: SEL REPLY: NXU

AIG AVO



IRR CKM

MGR AJM

E. 344TH GROUP:

- (1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: DEMOCRAT
- (2) FIGHTER GROUND STATION CALL SIGN: GREENBOX
- (3) RECALL CODE WORD: ALLENTOWN
- (4) VERIFICATION CODE: CHALLENGE: YCV REPLY: IPR

JJV PTQ

FLX DBA

GSR KNE

F. 416TH GROUP:

- (1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: PACKTIGHT
- (2) FIGHTER GROUND STATION CALL SIGN: GREENBOX
- (3) RECALL CODE WORD: SING SING
- (4) VERIFICATION CODE: CHALLENGE: QFU REPLY: NTL

GSH CVB

MDF VJK

BHG AMW

G. 386TH GROUP: AND 1ST PATHFINDER SQ. (PROV):

- (1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: ALMUG
- (2) FIGHTER GROUND STATION CALL SIGN: GREENBOX
- (3) RECALL CODE WORD: LAKE GEORGE
- (4) VERIFICATION CODE: CHALLENGE: OYW REPLY: VHI

TZB YUG

PUI QGQ

ZHR SPF

H. 386TH GROUP AND 1ST PATHFINDER SQ. (PROV):

- (1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: MUGWORT
- (2) FIGHTER GROUND STATION CALL SIGN: OVATE

(3) RECALL CODE WORD: DARTMOUTH

(4) VERIFICATION CODE: CHALLENGE: NYG REPLY: CQN

FXU SSE

YCG XCL

MXG VTR

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(1) IX BC COLLECTIVE C/S W/T: PST

(2) EMERGENCY HOMING: TO FRISTON ON VHF CHANNEL D

C/S: SHELLPINK

TO EARLS COLNE ON VHF CHANNEL D

C/S: BOSSKIN

(3) SPLASHER BEACONS: 4A, 5B, 6C, 7D, 8E, 9F, 10G, 11H,
16I, ENTIRE MISSION.

(4) GEE INFORMATION: EASTERN WYOMING AND SOUTHERN CAROLINA
GRADE A ENTIRE MISSION.

(5) WEATHER CODE SEQUENCE: BVAT.

(6) BOMBER CODE IDENTITY GROUPS: SPARE GROUPS 16,21,23.

(7) M/F D/F SECTION: N

(8) CODE WORD R/T BOMBER RECALL, ALL GROUPS: PHILADELPHIA.

(9) BOX LEADERS OR DEPUTY WILL REPORT ON VHF CHANNEL C
AFTER LEAVING TARGET AREA.

(10) COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURE: IX BOMBER COMMAND MEMO
100-22 DATED 20 FEBRUARY 1944.

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MAPS: NORMAL

1. A.

B. (1)

(2) 8 AF IS ATTACKING TARGETS IN NORTH CENTRAL GERMANY.

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

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

ZERO HOUR: 071200A.

3. A. 323RD GROUP:

(1) TARGET: PRIMARY 2-599

SECONDARY 2B-50

(2) RENDEZVOUS:

(A) WITH 387TH GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE DUNGENESS TO
FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AT 12,000 FEET. THE 323RD
GROUP WILL LEAVE DUNGENESS AT ZERO MINUS 13 MIN.
THE 323RD GROUP WILL LEAD.

(B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 50 DEG. 10 MIN. NORTH, 01 DEG. 13 MIN.
EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO HOUR.

(3) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO DUNGENESS TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO
TOCQUEVILLE TO 5 MILES SOUTHWEST AMIENS TO
49 DEG. 55 MIN. NORTH, 03 DEG. 12 MIN. EAST TO



STAND BY YES I KNOW . THEN U ARE GOING TO RESEND
THE WHOLE THING FROM THE BEGINNING RITE
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OISLG OIEAL OIEFF OIENW OIPNT OIAJX OIPPF OIETH OIYAA OIMAG
OIMIB OISMC IAH UBA 98CBW 99CBW GPB UGI V OICOG 22/06 OP
T (UBA PASS TO OIMIB)
(OIPNT PASS TO C.O.P.C. PINETREE)
(UGI PASS TO GPB)

FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 062106A 9BC R-2238E

TO: C.O. 1ST PFF SQUADRON (PROVISIONAL)

COBOMGP 322, 323, 386, 387, 344, 391, 416

COCBTWIG 98 99

COMAF 9

COMAF 8

COMASPTCOM 9

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(4) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO WAEREGHEM TO 5 MILES
NORTH FURNES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.

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

(6) INITIAL POINT: 50 DEG. 03 MIN. NORTH, 03 DEG. 28 MIN. EAST.

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

(8) M.P.I. ILLUSTRATION: S-5549/3

REFERENCE: 052055

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: 50 FEET

BOMBS FUSED: 1/10 NOSE 1/40 TAIL

(9) RALLY POINT: 50 DEG. 27 MIN. NORTH, 03 DEG. 41 MIN. EAST.

B. 387TH GROUP:

(1) TARGET: PRIMARY Z-599

SECONDARY ZB-50

(2) RENDEZVOUS:

(A) WITH 323RD GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE DUNGENESS TO
FIGHTER RENDEZVOUD AT 12,000 FEET. THE 323RD GROUP
WILL LEAVE DUNGENESS AT ZERO MINUS 13 MIN. THE
323RD GROUP WILL LEAD.

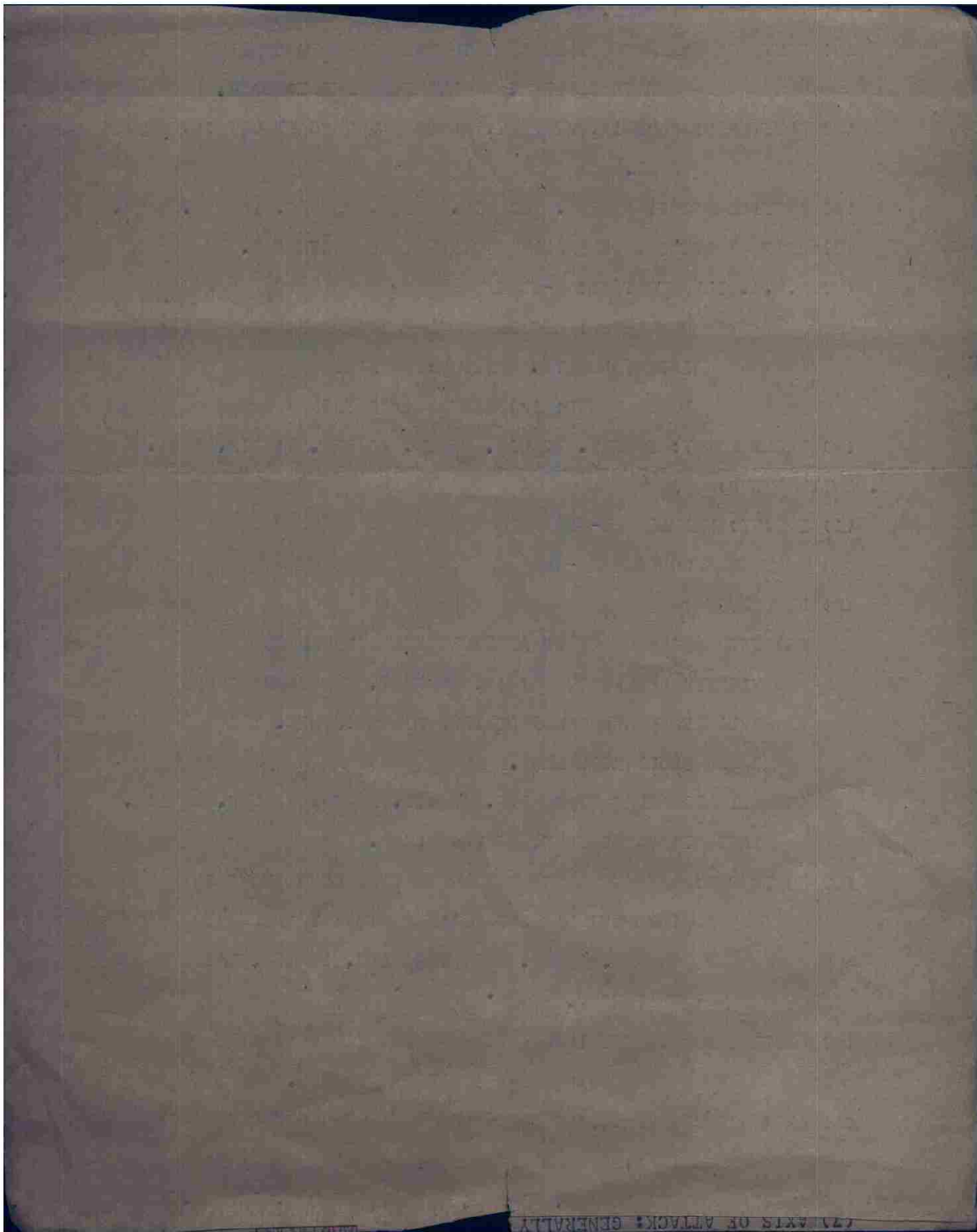
(B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 50 DEG. 10 MIN. NORTH, 01 DEG. 13 MIN.
EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO HOUR.

(3) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO DUNGENESS TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO
TOCQUEVILLE TO 5 MILES SOUTHWEST AMIENS TO
49 DEG. 55MIN. NORTH, 03 DEG. 12 MIN. EAST
TO TARGET.

(4) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO WAEREGHEM TO 5 MILES NORTH
FURNES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.

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

(6) INITIAL POINT: 50 DEG. 03 MIN. NORTH , 03 DEG. 28 MIN. EAST.



(8) M.P.I. ILLUSTRATION: S-5549/3

REFERENCE: 034018

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: MINIMUM

BOMBS FUSED: 1/10 NOSE 1/100 TAIL

(9) RALLY POINT: 50 DEG. 27 MIN. NORTH, 03 DEG. 41 MIN. EAST

C. 322ND GROUP:

(1) TARGET: PRIMARY Z-601

SECONDARY Z-154

(2) RENDEZVOUS:

(A) WITH 391ST GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE DUNGENESS TO
FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AT 12,000 FEET. THE 322ND GROUP
WILL LEAVE DUNGENESS AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 2 MIN. THE 322ND
GROUP WILL LEAD.

(B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 50 DEG. 10 MIN. NORTH, 01 DEG. 10 MIN.
EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 15 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.

(1) TARGET: PRIMARY Z 601

SECONDARY Z 154

(2) RENDEZVOUS:

(A) WITH 322ND GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE DUNGENESS TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AT 12,000 FEET. THE 322ND GROUP WILL LEAVE DUNGENESS AT ZERO PLUS 2 MIN. THE 322ND GROUP WILL LEAD.

(B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 50 DEG 10 MIN NORTH, 01 DEG 10 MIN EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 15 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.

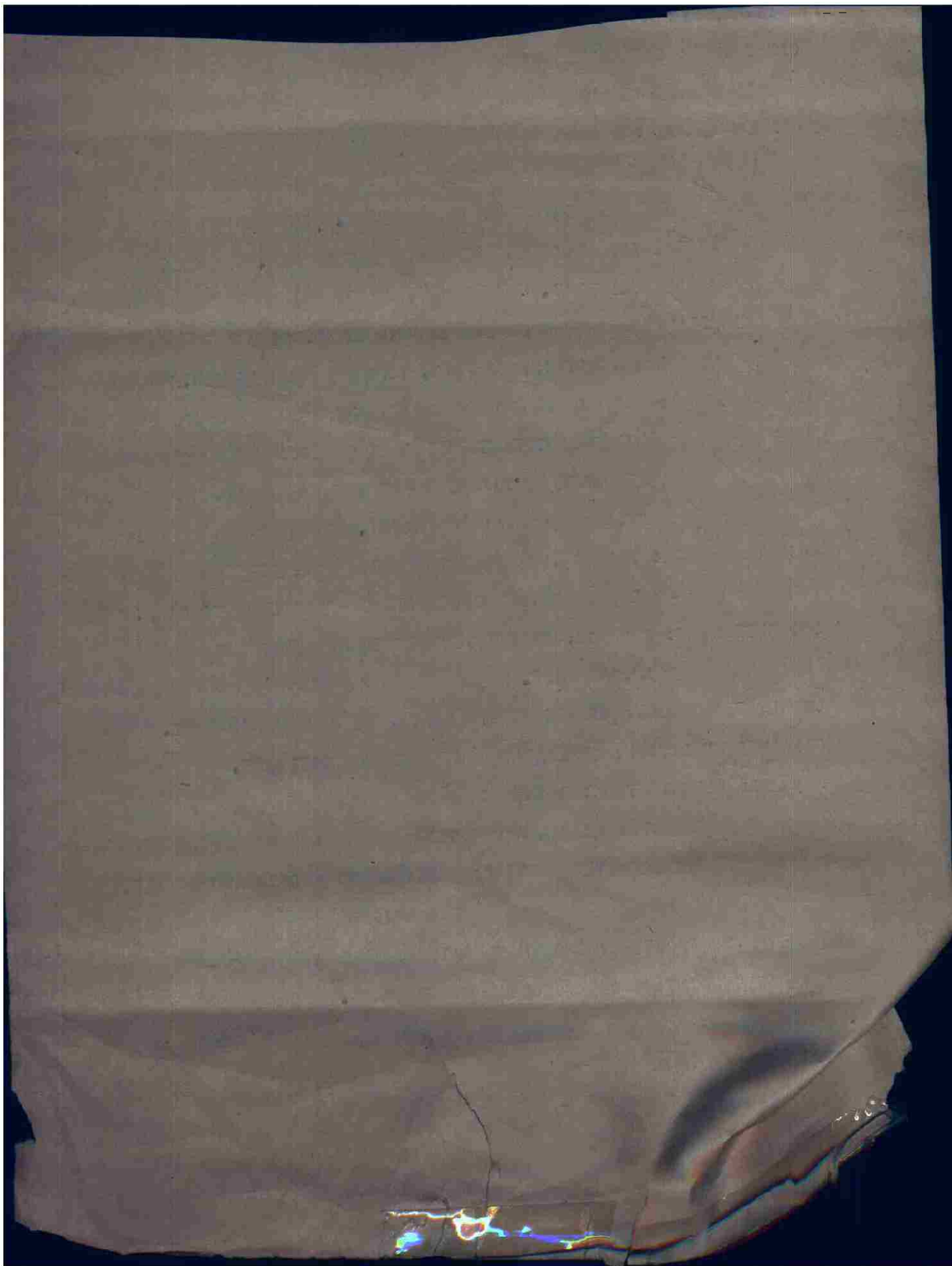
E. 344TH GROUP:

(1) TARGET: PRIMARY Z-661

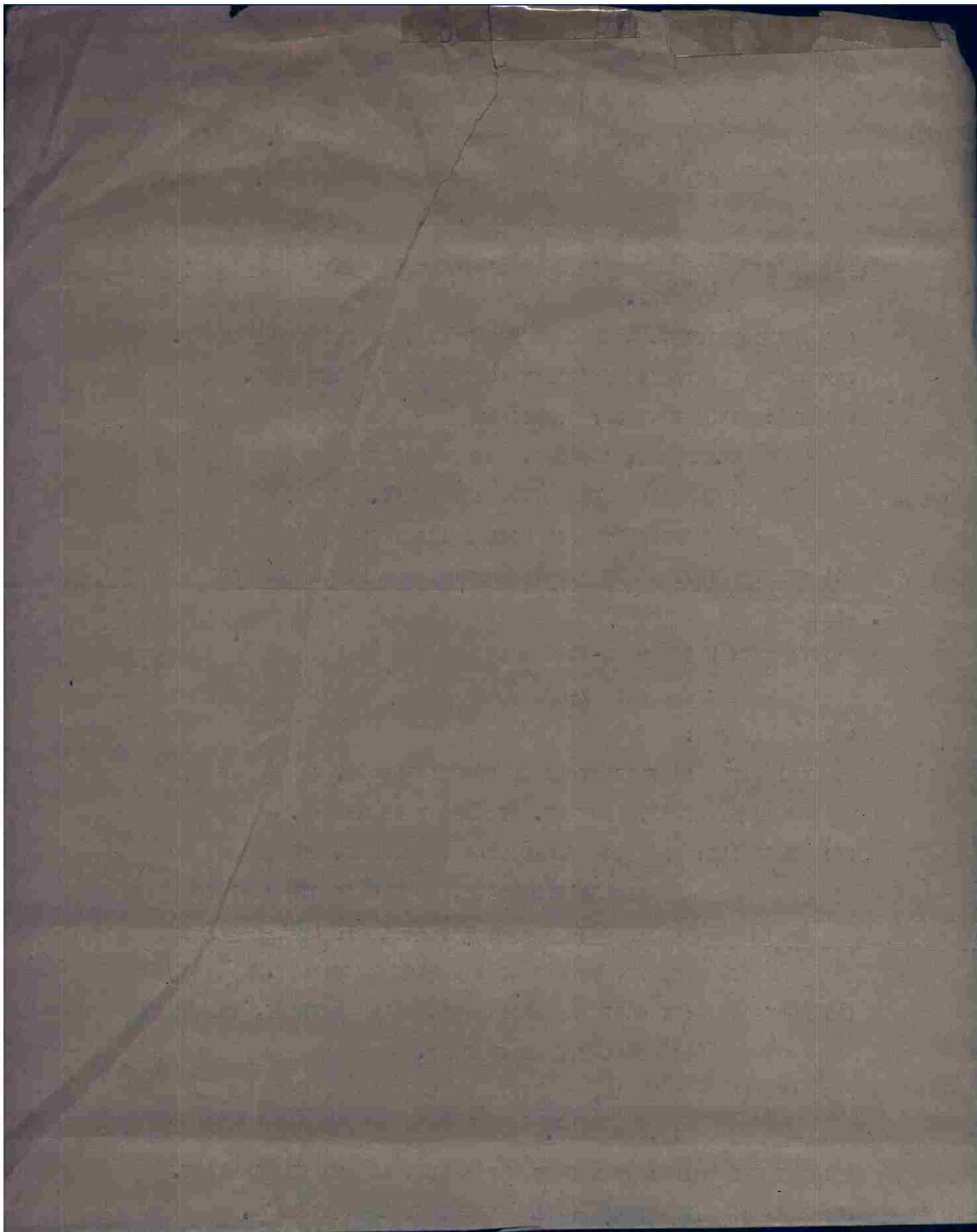
SECONDARY Z-659

(2) RENDEZVOUS:

(A) WITH FIGHTERS AT 49 DEG 50 MIN NORTH, 00 DEG 05 MIN WEST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 10 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
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: PRIMARY Z-661
SECONDARY Z-659
- (2) RENDEZVOUS:
- (A) WITH FIGHTERS AT 49 DEG 50 MIN NORTH, 00 DEG 05 MIN
WEST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 25 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

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. 386TH 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 HOUR.

(3) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO THE NAZE TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO 5
MILES WEST NIEUPORT 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) INITIAL 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

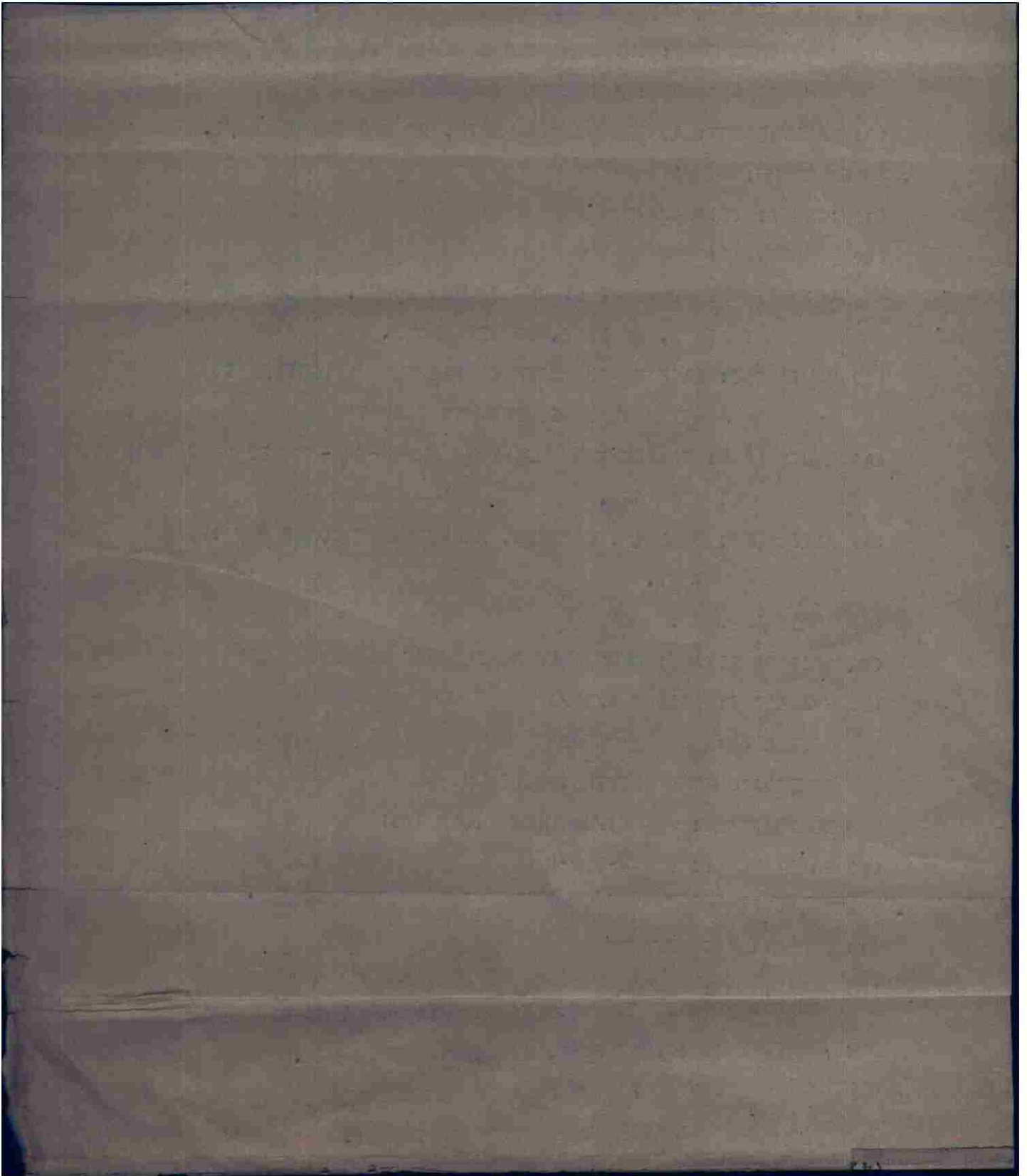
H. 386TH GROUP:

(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 30 MIN.

(3) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO THE NAZE TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO 3
MILES WEST NIEUPORT TO TARGET.



DUNGENESS TO BASE.

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

(6) INITIAL POINT: NONE

(7) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY NORTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST

(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: PAR- A, D, E, G, AND H - 14 X 250 LB. G.P.

OR 14 X 300 LB. G.P. PAR. B. 6 X 500 LB. G.P.

AND 2 X 600 LB G.P. PAR. C. 1 BOX 14 X 250 LB.

G.P. AND 2 BOXES 6 X 500 LB. G.P. AND 2 X 600 LB.

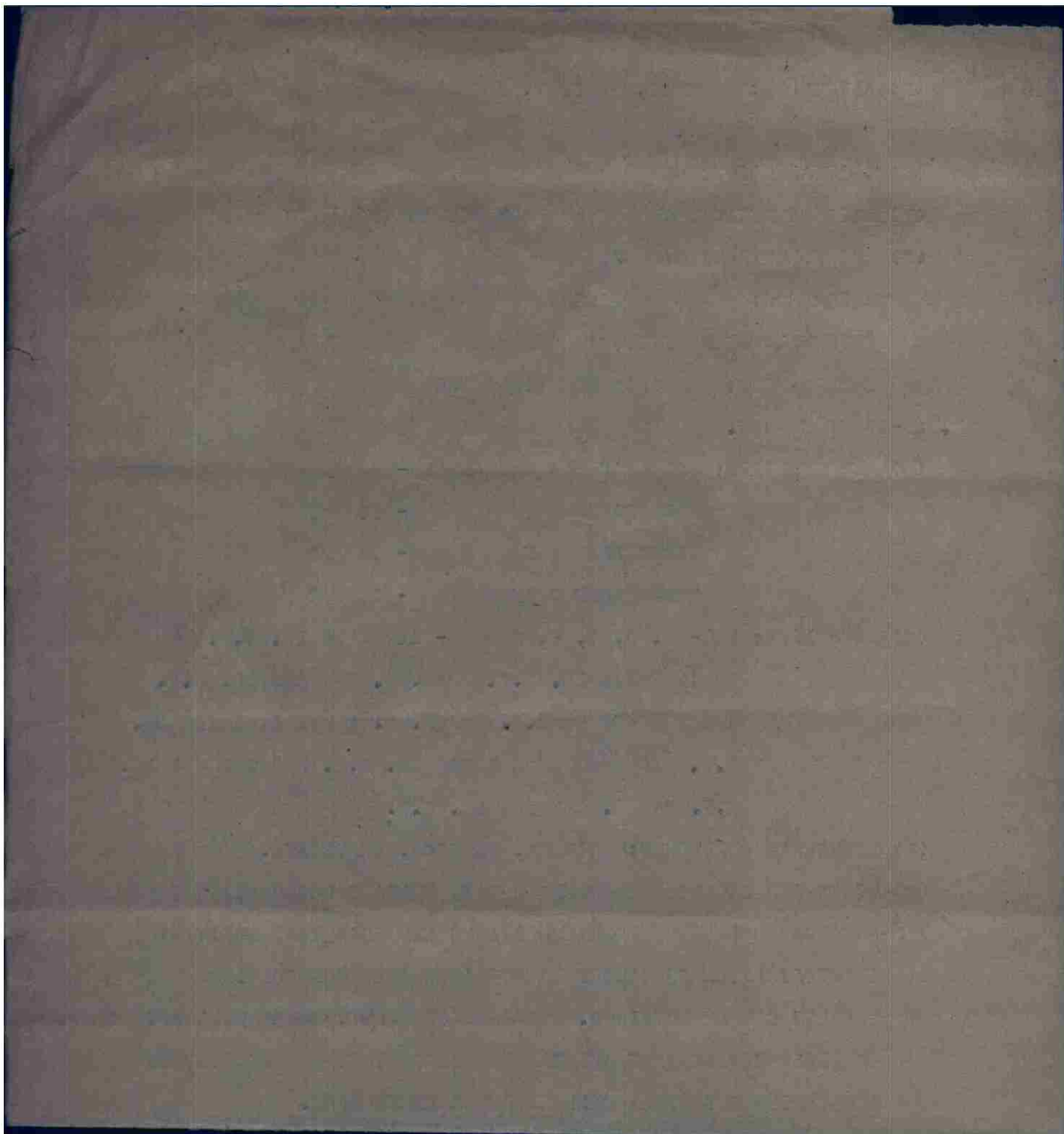
G.P. PAR F. 4 X 500 LB. G.P.

(7) EMERGENCY AIRDROMES: FRISTON, 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.



4. NO CHANGE.

5. TO FOLLOW

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ALL STATION STAND BY FOR K WITH R

CC UNDER B. 387TH GROUP:

(2) (A) LINE TWO WA FIGHTER SHOULD READ RENDEZVOUS NOT RENDEZVOUD

AS SENT

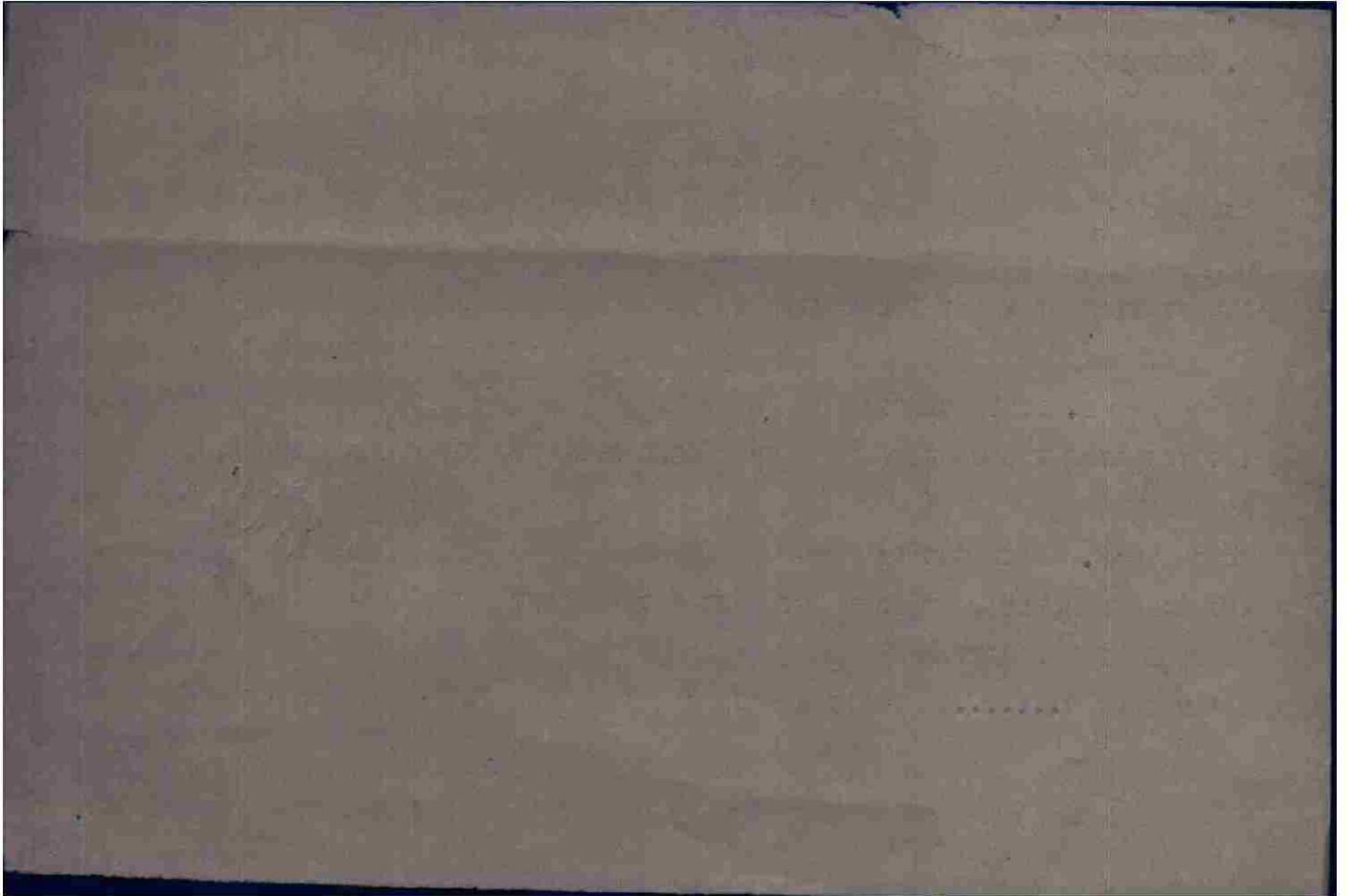
CC UNDER H. 386TH GROUP:

(7) WA GENERALLY NORTHEAST NOT NORTHEAST AS SENT

STAND BY FOR K WITH R

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