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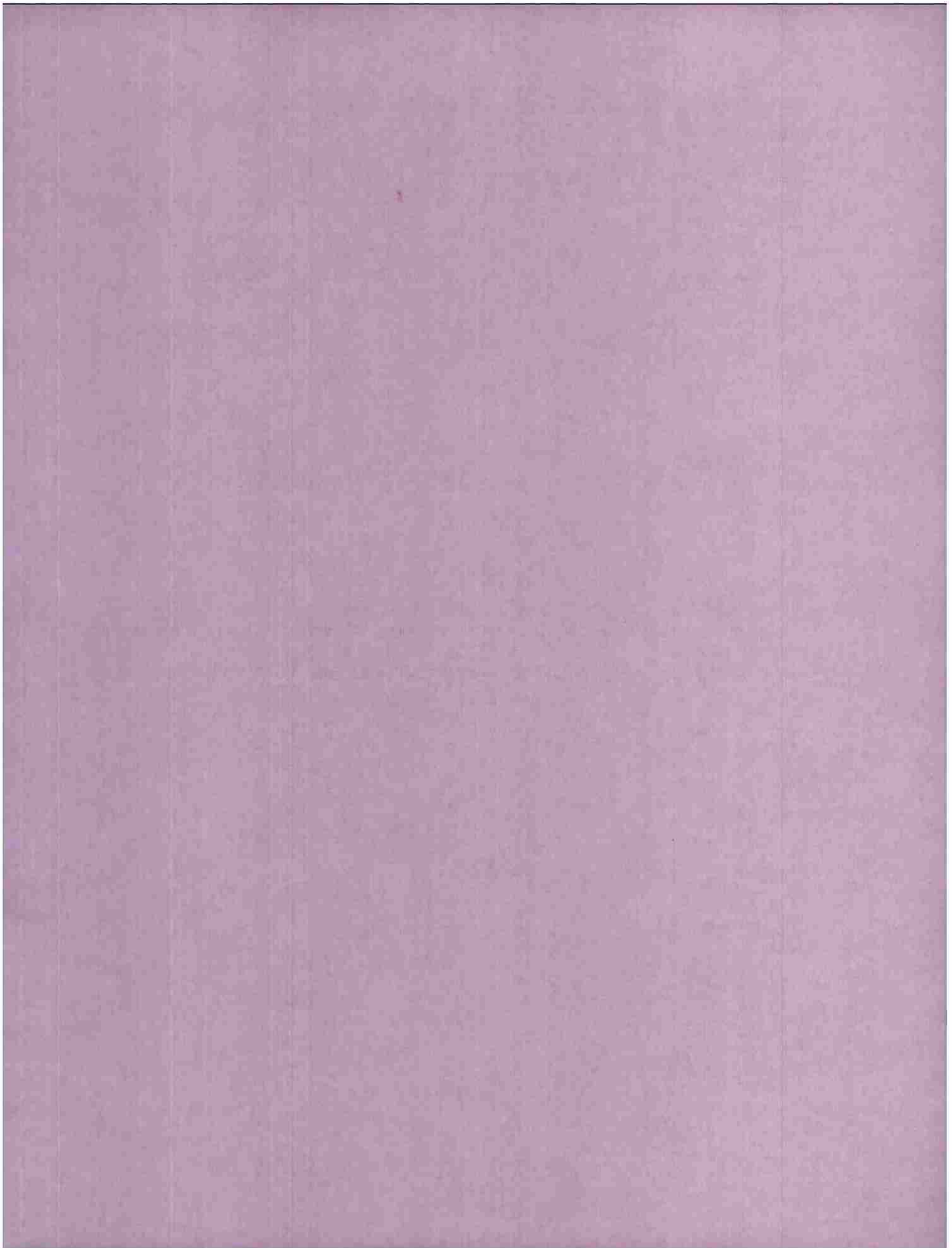
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VACQUERIE - 183
(2-3075)

Gr-416 Sec-Op-5
18 Mar 1944

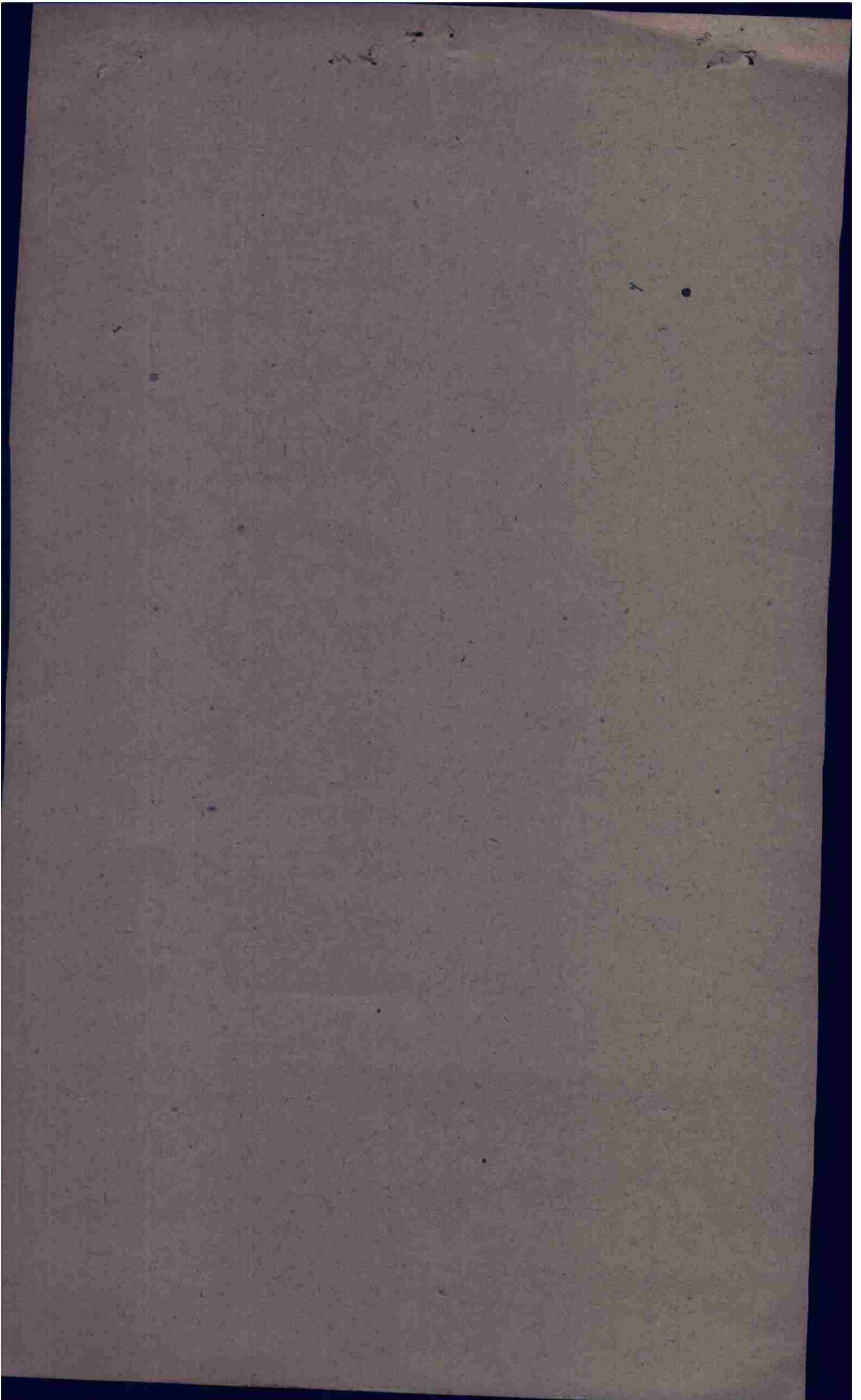
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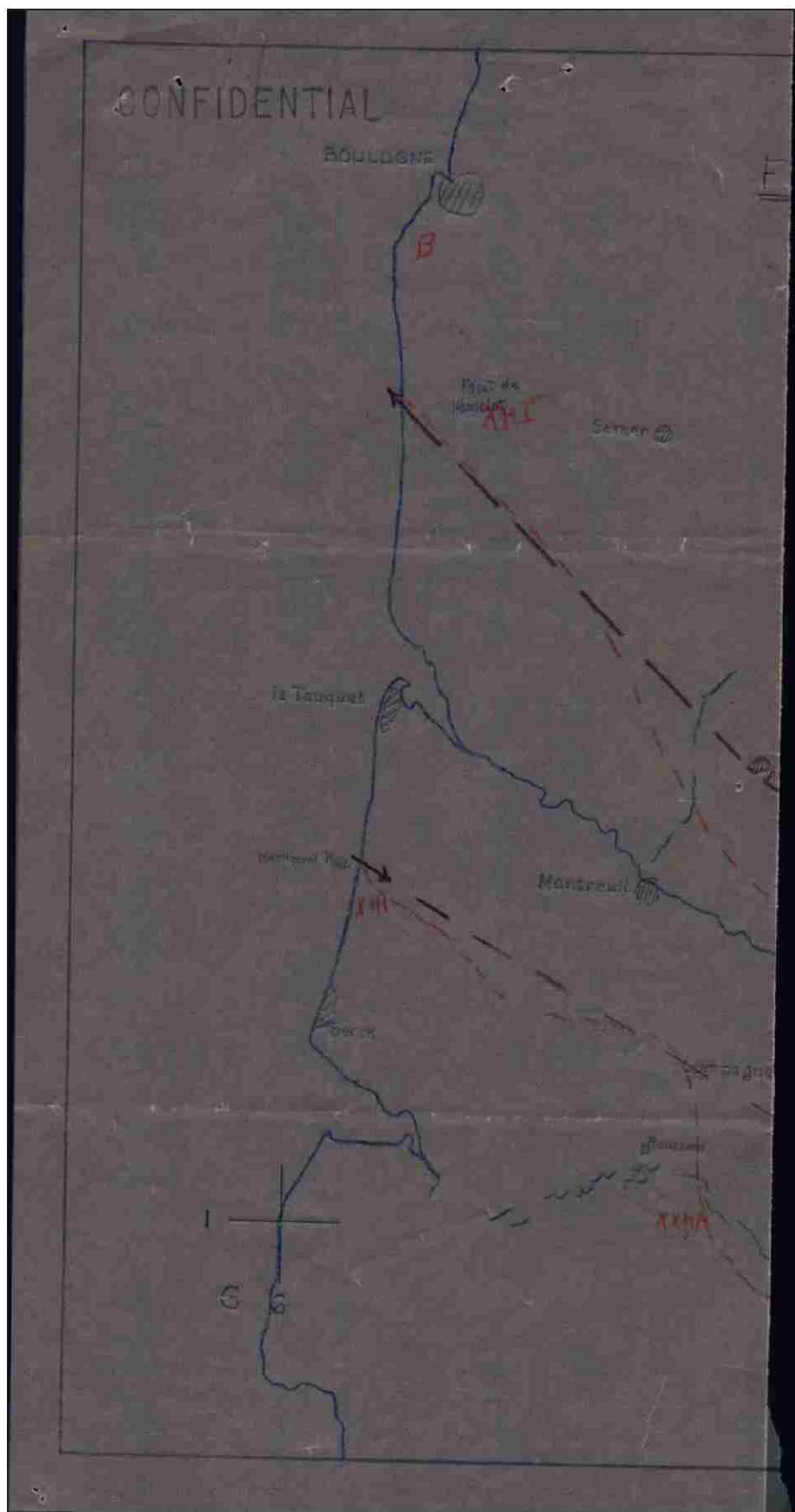
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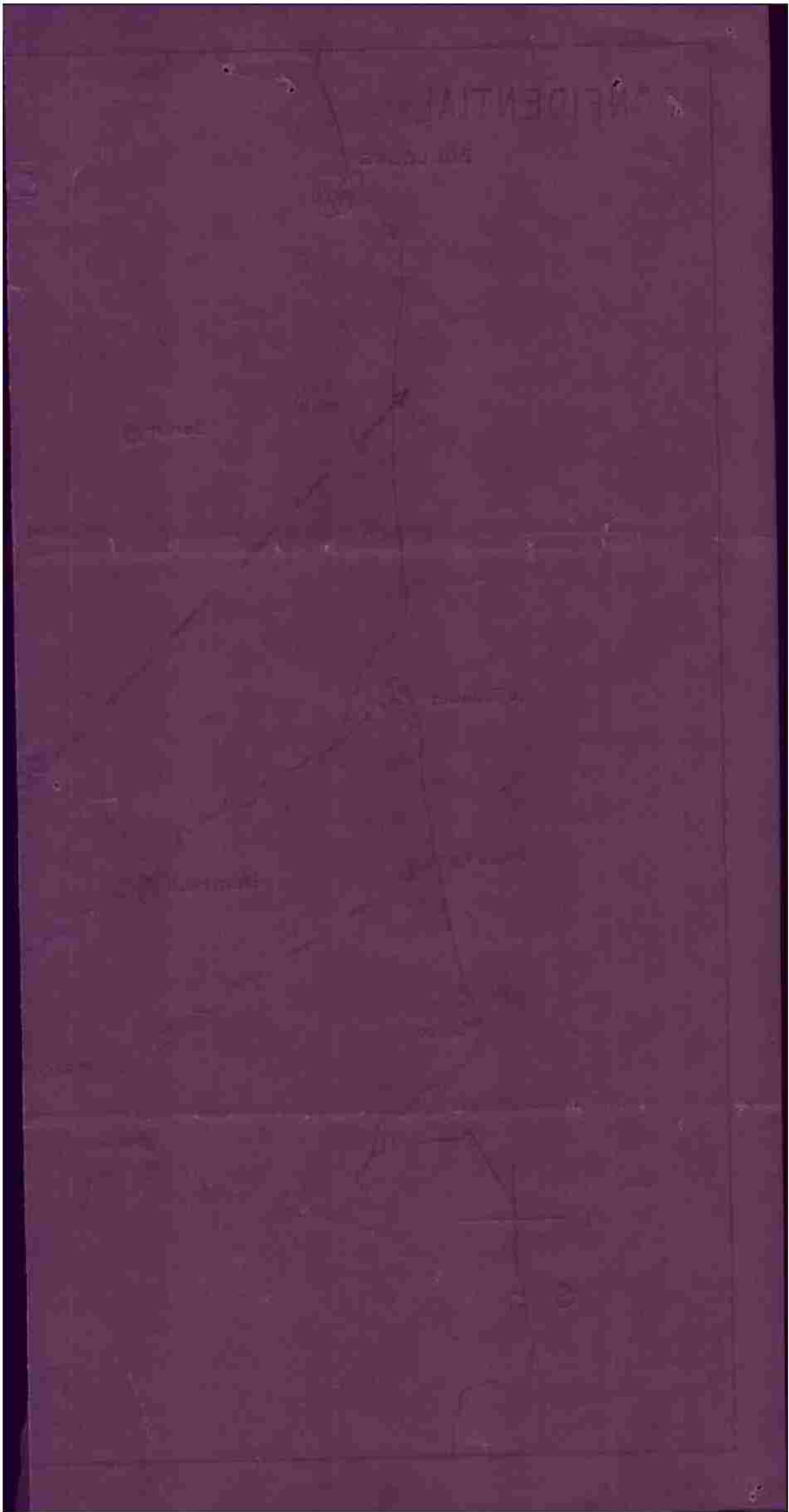
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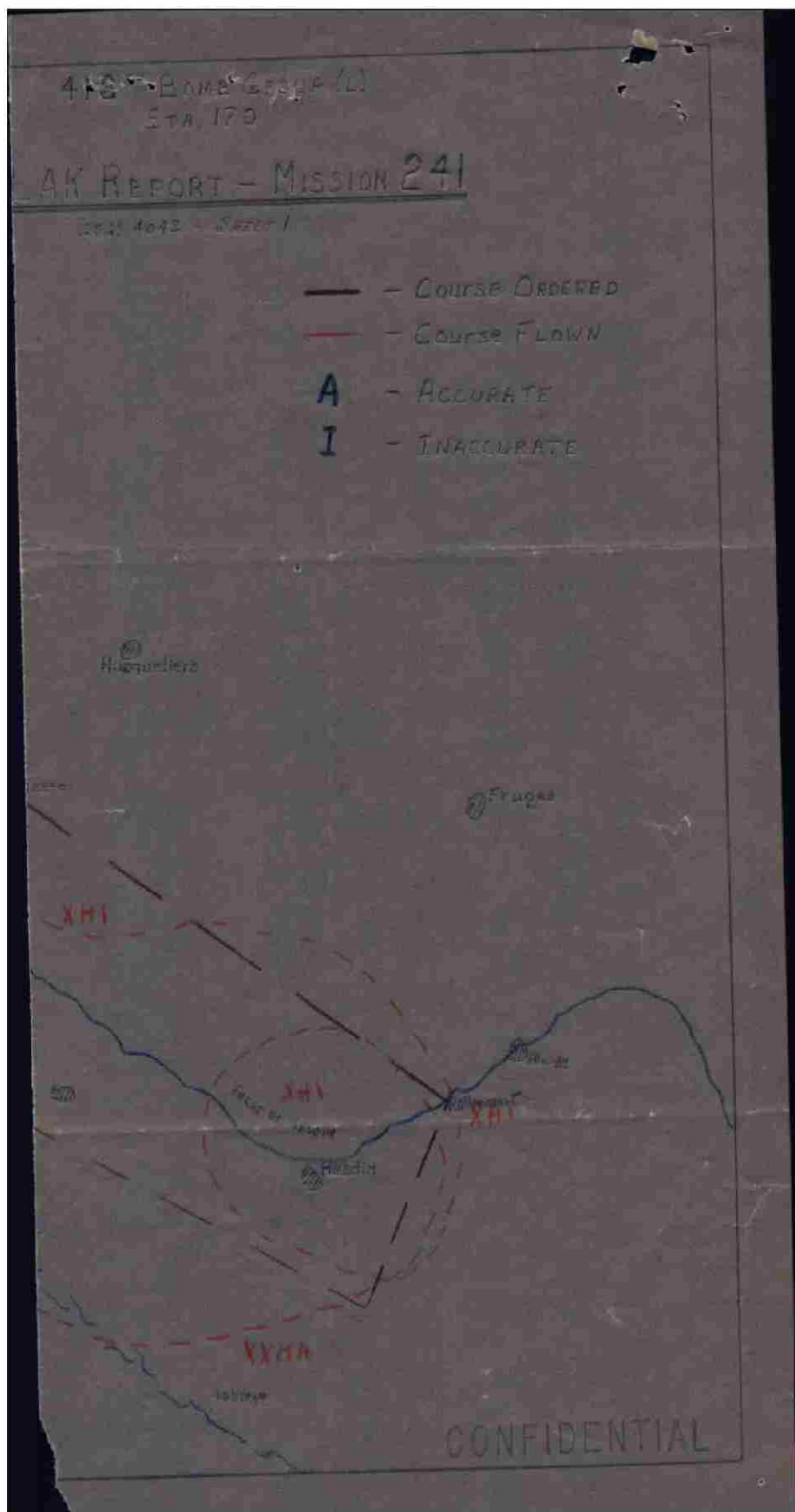
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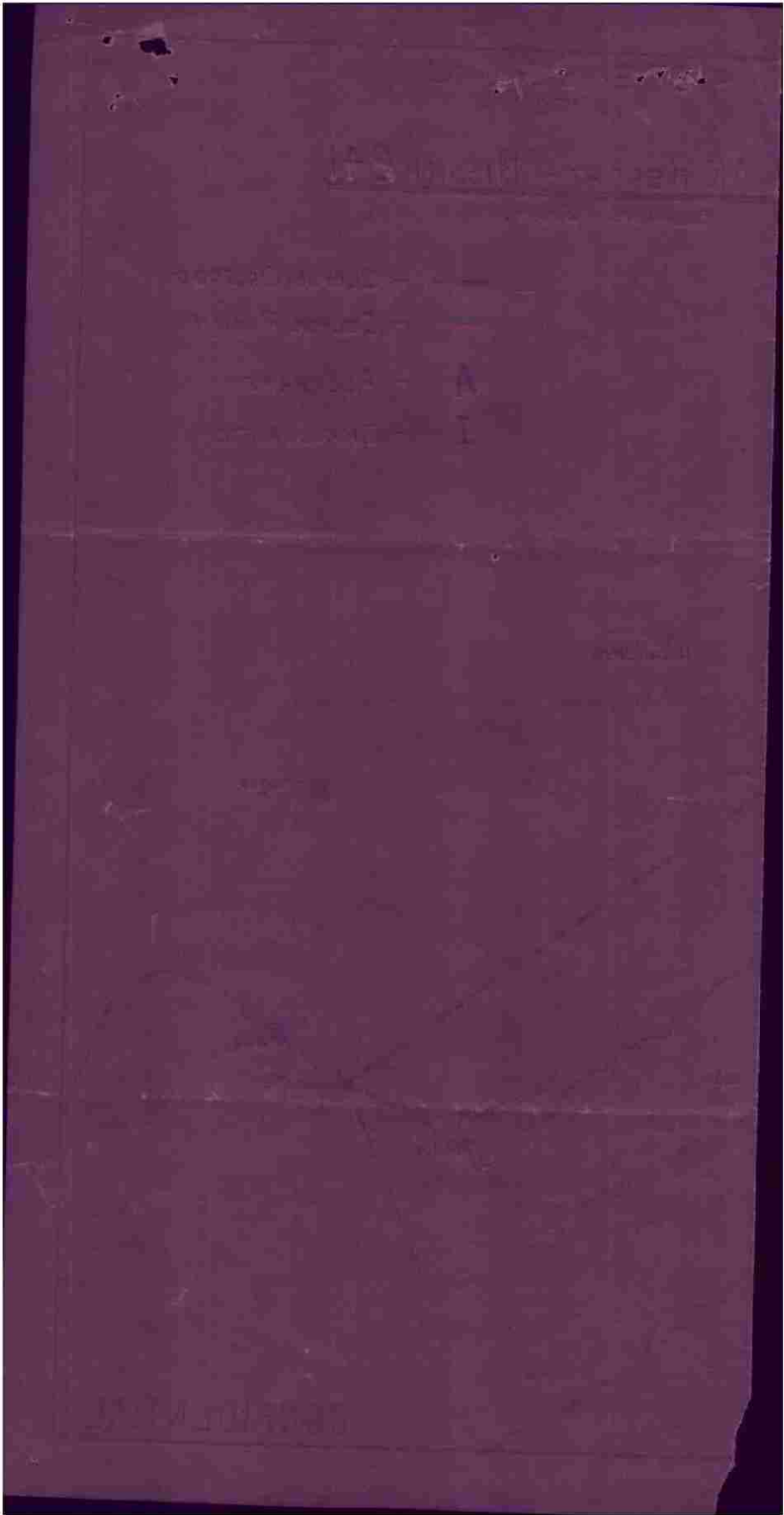
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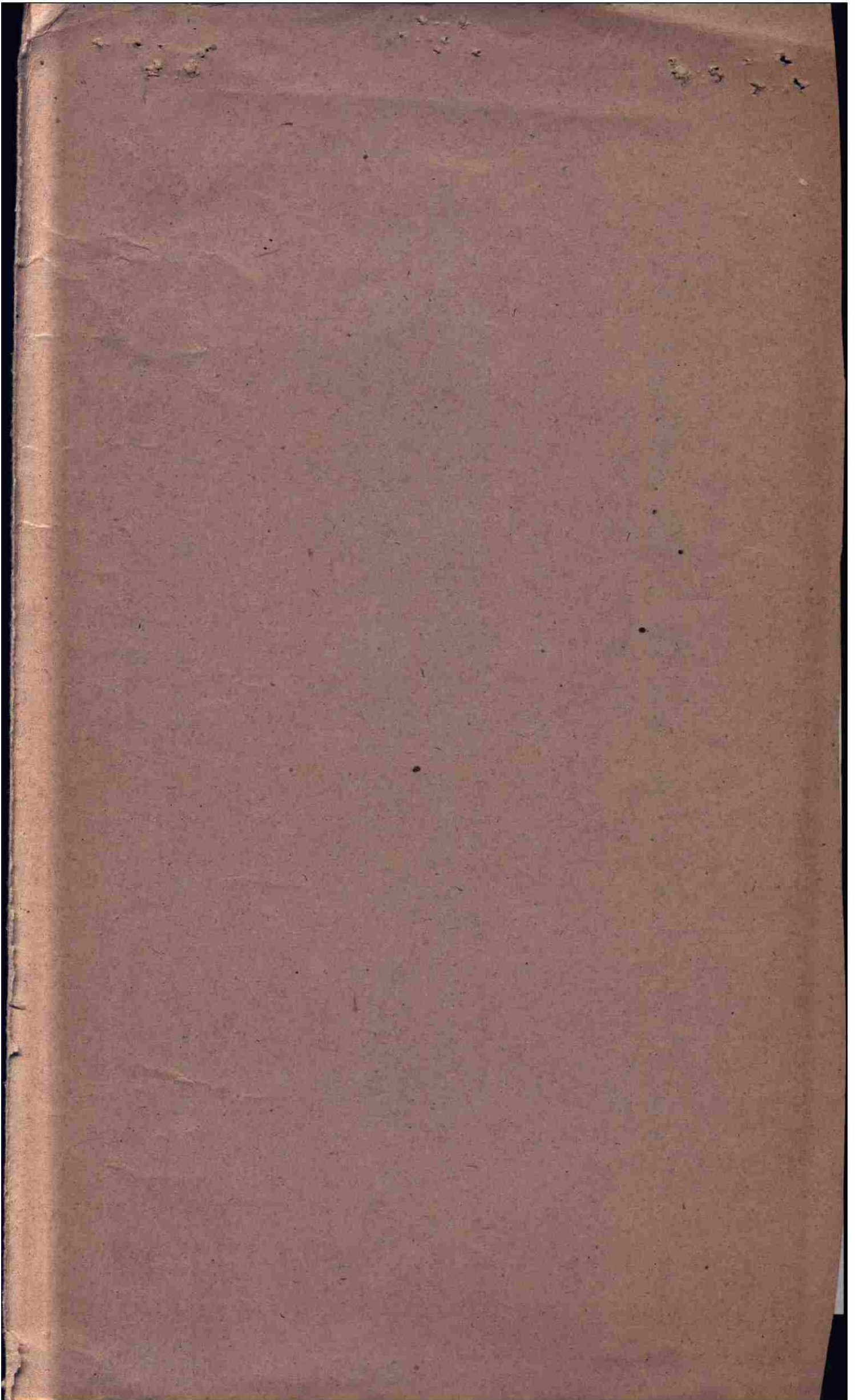












DETACHMENT "B"
21ST WEATHER SQUADRON
AAF STATION 160

AFD # 638
18 March, 1944

FLASH REPORT -- 416th Target: 53 18 March, 1944 Time: 1720 hrs.

Base Conditions: At takeoff at 1433 hours, visibility 5 miles.
.6 stratocumulus and cumulus, bases 2000 feet, tops 4000 feet. Scattered patches of thin cirrus above planes at all times.

Route Out: Low cloud decreased to .2 to .3 over channel and target.

Target: (.2 to .3 cumulus, tops hard to estimate.) They were
so far below.
(Visibility 8 to 10 miles)
Scattered cirrus above 20,000 feet.

Time over Target: 1536 hours.

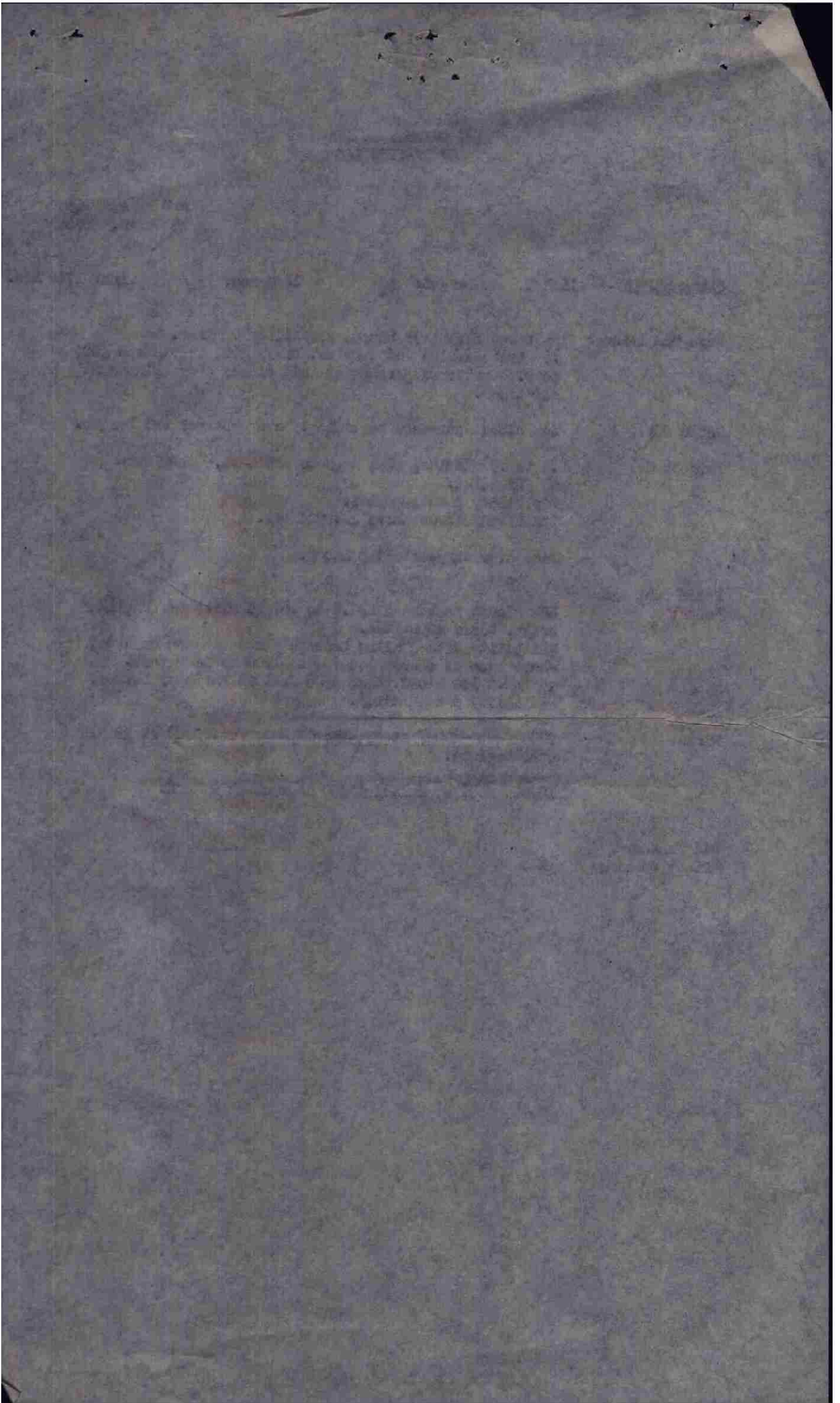
**Route Back and
Base:**

Low clouds increased to .5 to .6, 10 miles off English coast, bases 4000 feet.
Visibility 3 to 4 miles beneath clouds in London area, where base of clouds lowered to 1500 to 2000 feet.
.5 to .6 low cloud, base 3500 feet to north of London.
Visibility 5 to 6 miles.

Winds: 9000 feet - 300° at 33 MPH; 12,000 feet, 290° at 25 MPH over England.

12,000 feet over Target 300 degrees at 30 MPH.

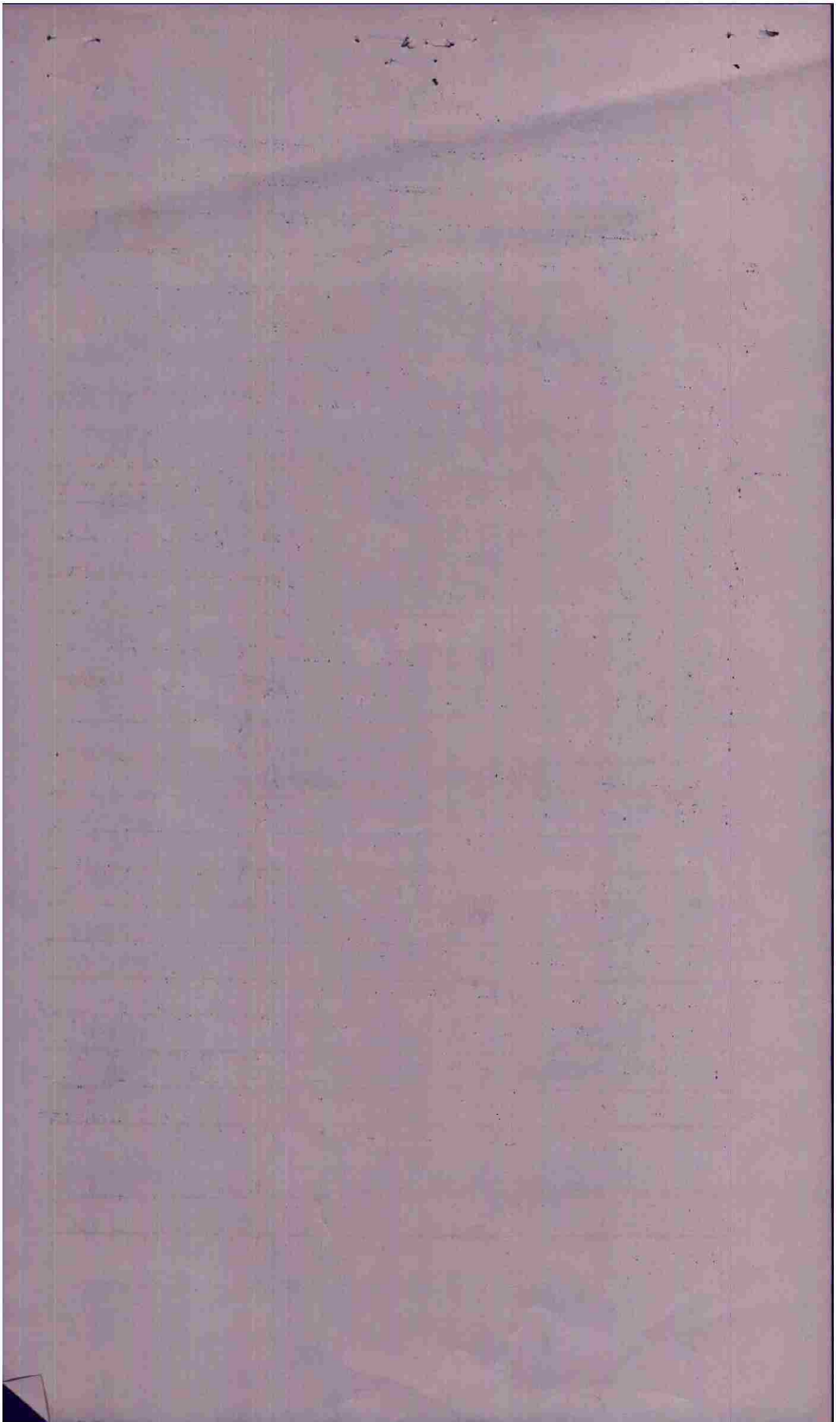
**Did Weather
Affect Bombing:** No.



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

Target 83 Estimated Due _____ Hour _____
 Received From _____ Bomb Group At _____ Hours _____ Date _____
 By _____ To _____
 A. Group 416 Fr. Gr. 241
 B. A/C Off 34 Type A-205
 C. A/C Failing to Bomb with reasons for each: 1 (much fuel on t.o. - nearly return)
 D. A/C Attacking Primary 32 (no landing on 1st - landed away from base) Secondary _____ Last Resort _____
 E. Bombs in Target Area 122 x 500 G.P. Tons _____
 Bombs Jettisoned 2 x 500 G.P. Where in channel
 Bombs Returned 4 x 500 G.P.
 F. Results of Bombing: Good (), Fair (), Poor (), Nil (X), propaganda release in 2nd D.R.
 G. A/C Lost or Missing 0 Approx. Location _____
 Reasons _____
 H. No. of A/C Suffering Battle Damage 1
 I. Personnel Casualties 0 Killed _____ Missing 0 Wounded _____
 J. E/A Opposition: Strong (), Mediocre (), Weak (), Nil (X), _____
 _____ Destroyed _____ Probably Destroyed _____ Damaged.
 K. Flak: Int. (), Mod. (), Weak (), Nil (), upper mid way between coast and target and just before 1st pass on target. Just after leaving target area and at end of enemy coast. mod. acc.
 L. Weather as it Affects Mission fair V at target - slight haze
 M. Altitude of Attack 12,000 ft.
 N. Other Information Fire in area E of Hardslot - 8 trucks in woods near Hardslot. 30 car train headed eastward from the target toward Hardslot. Ship flying bottom of Bay.

Forwarded to Operations Room, Ninth Air Force _____ Hours _____ Dat _____
 By _____ To _____



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FROM WEATHERFIELDS 182220A

TO COG 9TH BOMBER COMMAND ATT: A-2

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A. 416 B.G. F O 241

B. 34 A-20'S

C. T/O: FIRST A/C 1436. LAST A/C 1441

TOT: FIRST PASS 1527 1/2. SECOND PASS 1531

LANDING: FIRST A/C 1643. LAST A/C 1653

D. 33. X8/A/83

E. 12,000 FEET

F. ~~130~~ X 500 GP

G. 2 X 500 GP IN CHANNEL

H. 4 X 500 GP

I. ONE WHEELS FAILED TO RETRACT ON TAKE OFF. RETURNED ~~EARLY~~ ^{EARLY}

J. NONE

K. NONE

L. NONE

M.

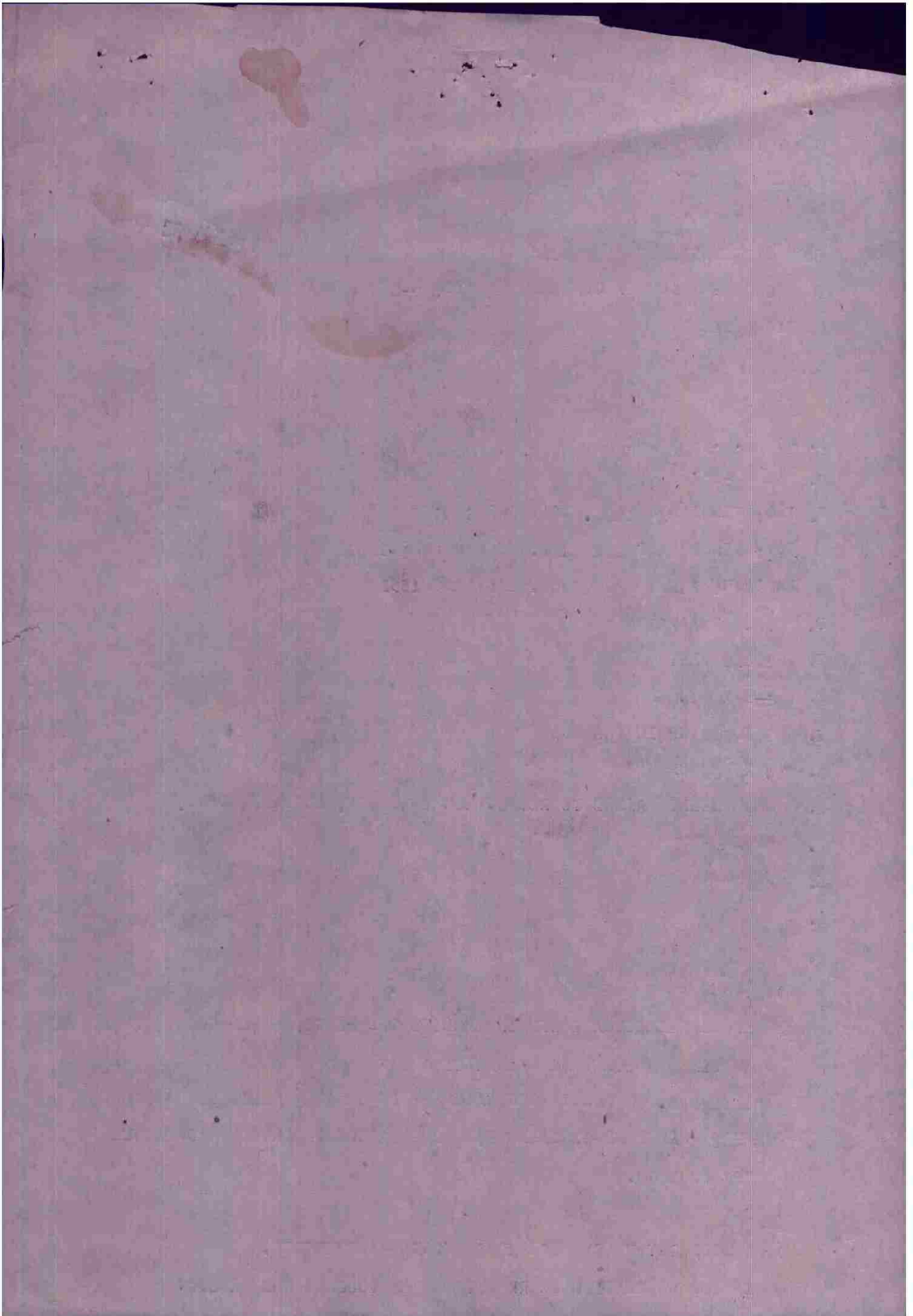
(A) NONE

(B) MEAGER INACCURATE HFF IN MERLIMENT - PLAGE, ROLLENCOURT, FORET DE HESDIN AND FORET DE HARDELLOT AREAS AND IN AREA 5 MILES WEST OF MONTREUIL. MODERATE ACCURATE HFF IN AREAS 3 MILES SE OF NAMPONT AND 2 MILES NE OF LABROYE. ONE BALLON OBSERVED IN BOULOGNE NEIGHBORHOOD.

(C) NONE OBSERVED

J (D) 3 MILITARY TRUCKS PARKED IN WOODS NEAR HESDIN.

J EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON RR BETWEEN LE TOUQUET AND HESDIN:



✓ CONSIDERABLE SMOKE AND FIRE IN LE TOUQUET - ETAPLES AREA

↓ ~~CONSTRUCTION~~ CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IN WOODS SW OF HUCQUE LIERS

N. ~~WEATHER OVER TARGET: 2 TO 3 CUMULUS WITH TOPS AT 4,000 FEET. VISIBLE~~
~~8 TO 10 MILES~~ ^{VISIBILITY}

O. ONE A/C BATTLE DAMAGE BY FLAK. CATEGORY A

P. ~~NO DAMAGE TO TARGET DUE TO PREMATURE RELEASE OF BOMBS ON SECOND~~
RUN

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Last A/C Landed _____ hrs. Date 18-3-48 Group 416 Target 83

POST MISSION CHECK LIST
(Enter "Time Due" and "Accomplished" on wall chart)
USE OP RATIONS TIL LINE

Time Due Time Due
Estimated Final (Phone Reports to 9 AF go to A-2 DO Ops Room) Accomplished

Notify P.I. upon receipt of word from
P.C. that target has been bombed

INITIAL E/A REACTION

1610 _____ (Lt. Lewke's section will furnish flash statement
for use at time PRU Report is given to C.G.) _____

INITIAL PRU REPORT

1620 _____ Due 15 min. after last a/c lands. _____
1625 _____ Pass immediately to FMS or Ass't. for use with C.G. _____
Phone to 9 AF (due 20 min. after last a/c lands) _____
Confirm by teletype - See S.O.P. _____

HOT NEWS

_____ Air Sea Rescue to IX BC Flying Control; rest phone to
_____ 9 AF (Spot possible HOT NEWS items and follow up.) _____

TELEPHONE REPORT

_____ Due within 2 hours after last a/c lands. _____
_____ (If it does not arrive promptly, call S-2 and take
_____ what they have ready. Pass rest on when available) _____
_____ Pass to Fik or Ass't. for use with C.G. _____
_____ Phone to 9 AF within 2 1/2 hrs. after last a/c lands. _____
_____ After this, call Int. Officer, RAF 11 Group, or A-2 Duty
_____ Officer, VIII PG (depending which escorted our forma-
_____ tion) and get fighter encounters, claims, losses, and
_____ observations of our bombing - add this and statement
_____ of e/a reaction (secured from Duty Controller) to end
_____ of teletype confirmation of telephone report _____
_____ Confirm by Teletype - See S.O.P. _____
_____ Rush copies to C.G., C. of S., A-3 and Major Stewart.
_____ Route copies to News Evaluator, A-1, A-4, Lt. Polk,
_____ Lt. Lewke, and Adj. (Stamp "Confidential"). _____

ROUTE OVERLAY

_____ Make overlay of route ordered and route flown _____

STRIKE ATTACK PHOTOS

_____ Due 6-8 hrs. after a/c return. If not received in time,
_____ check IX BC P/O or Gp P/O, on receipt, notify IX BC P/I _____

TELETYPE REPORT

_____ Due at IX BC 0900 hrs. day after mission. _____
_____ (If not received in time, call Gp S-2. _____
_____ Relay to 9 AF (Due at 9 AF 1600 hrs. day after mission) _____
_____ Prepare and hand to A-3 for coordination by 1200 hrs. _____
_____ Rush copies to C.G., C. of S., A-3 and Maj. Stewart. _____
_____ Route copies to Lt. Polk, Lt. Lewke, A-1, A-4, News
_____ Evaluator, and Adj. (Stamp "Confidential"). _____

ENCOUNTER REPORT

_____ Due 2d day after mission. Deliver to Lt. Lewke _____

C.I.U.- SA REPORT

_____ _____

C.I.U.- PRU REPORT

_____ _____

SPECIAL INT-ILLIGENCE REPORT

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