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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 241BOX I GROUP 416 DATE 18 Mar 44 TARGET ATTACHED Procurietto

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.
2. Bombing approach: 100° mag. Manual P. D. I.
3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X
4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO _____

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs; and specify exact aiming point actually used: Aiming point was center of target but due to malfunction of bomb release mechanism of the lead plane bombs left ship on turn on to target. Aiming point chosen 250 feet short of M.P.L., 20 miles southwest from trail and as result M.P.L. used as aiming point. All planes bombed on lead plane in first box. No bomb sight in second box.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. A. B. Reed
6. Name of lead pilot: Major E. P. Price
7. Intervalometer settings: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 250 Ground Speed: 250 Altitude: 12000 ft.
9. Length of bomb run: _____ Sec: _____
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: _____ X 200 lb FUSEL 1/10 1/10 T _____
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 120

12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

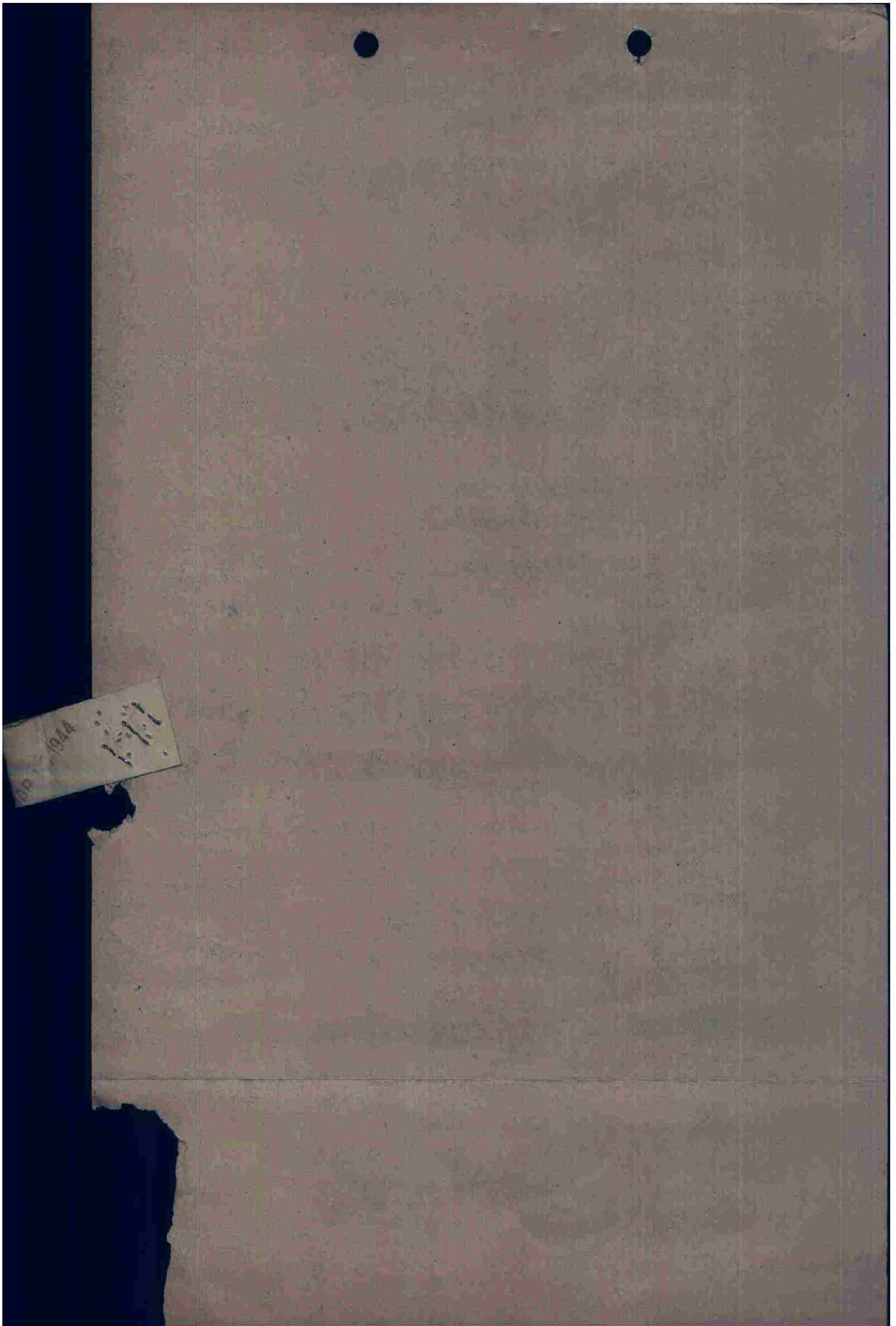
- (a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES _____ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.
- (b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IF or AP? YES _____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:
- (c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES _____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent Flak affected bombing or bomb run:
- (d) Directly extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? No enemy
- (e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None
- (f) No errors, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES _____ NO _____

Results claimed: GOOD _____ FAIR _____ POOR _____ BAD MISS _____

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 231BOX I GROUP A16 DATE 18 Mar 44 TARGET ATTACHED Vancouverette

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.
2. Bombing approach: 100° Mag. Manual P. D. I.
3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X
4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO _____

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs; and specify exact aiming point actually used: Aiming point was center of target but due to malfunction of bomb release mechanism of the lead plane bombs left ship on turn on to target. Aiming point chosen 240 feet short of H.P.L., 20 mile subtracted from trail and as result H.P.L. used as aiming point. All planes bombed on lead plane in first box. No bomb sight in second box.

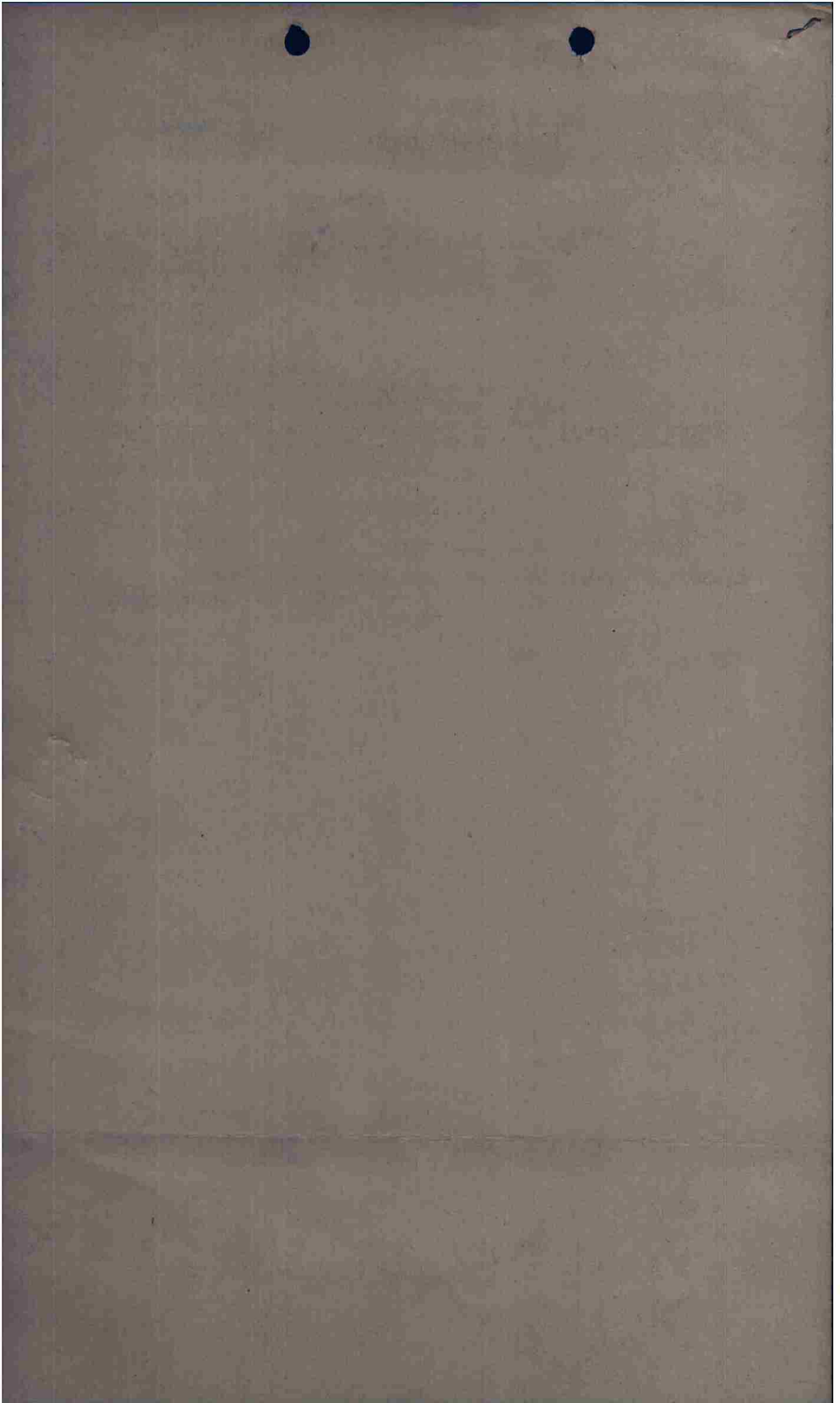
5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. A. R. Mund
6. Name of lead pilot: Major R. P. Price
7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 230 Ground Speed: 230 Altitude: 12000 ft.
9. Length of bomb run: _____ Sec: _____
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: A X 500 lb FUSED 1/10 N 1/40 T _____
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 120

12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

- (a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES _____ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.
- (b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IF or AF? YES _____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:
- (c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES _____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent Flak affected bombing or bomb run:
- (d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? No enemy aircraft.
- (e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None
- (f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: See annex B.
- (g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____Results claimed: GOOD _____ FAIR _____ POOR _____ BAD MISS X

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ANNEX BREPORT OF MALFUNCTIONS

<u>Type</u>	<u>AAF Serial No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cause</u>
A-20J-5	43-9444	Bombs salvoed armed when doors opened.	Racks were thoroughly checked and found to function properly but salvo relay switch leaks current under vibration.
A-20G-25	43-9379	Bomb rack on number 1 station failed to release.	Caused by pilot's failure to turn on all four selector switches.
A-20G-25	43-9220	Bomb rack on number 3 station failed to release.	Armament personnel failed to install cannon plug in rack.
A-20G-25	43-9203	Bomb rack on number 2 station failed to release	Faulty selector switch. Solenoid burned out on rack.
A-20G-25	43-9202	Bomb rack on number 3 station failed to release.	Faulty release mechanism in rack.

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HEADQUARTERS 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

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

SUBJECT: Lost, Damaged and Abortive Report.

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

Target: Vacqueriatte.

Date : 18 March 1944.

IX Bomber Command Field Order No. 241.

1. Summary

Group	Type A/C	A/C Dispatched	Abortive		Damaged			Lost	Attacked Threat
			Mech	Other	A	AE	RE		
416	A-20 G's & J's	34	1	0	1			0	33

2. Loss.

Note.

3. Material

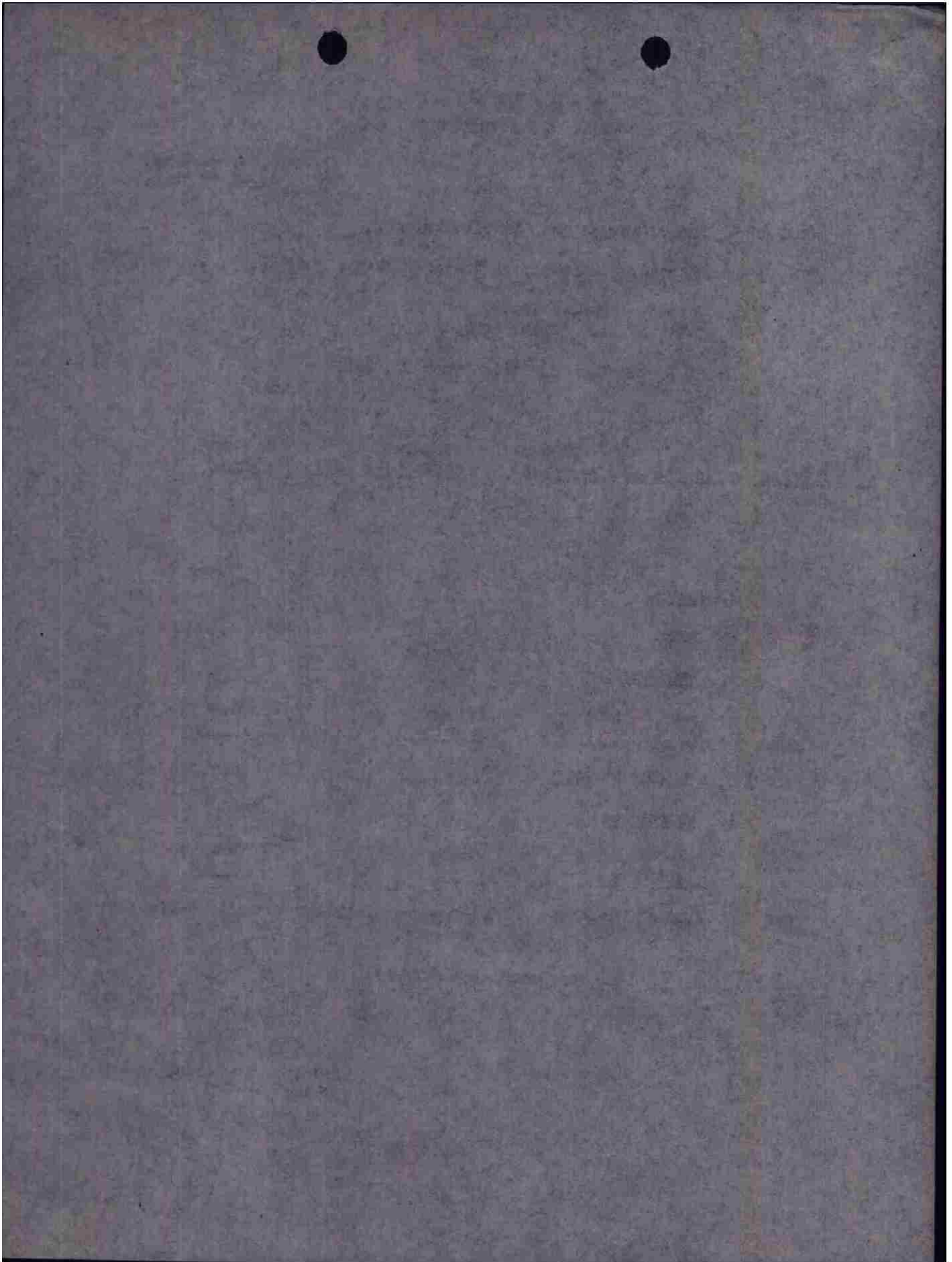
Group	Type A/C	ACSN	Category	Cause
416	A20J-30	43-9707	A	Flak

4. Abortives:

Group	Type A/C	ACSN	Cause	Remarks
416	A-20J-5	43-9439	Landing Gear failed to retract.	faulty control lever.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHEERIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.



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HEADQUARTERS 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

ATO 638, U. S. Army,
20 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Malfunctions of Aircraft Equipment.

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

I. Summary of Aircraft Operations.

Date of Mission : 18 March 1944
Number of Aircraft Scheduled : 34
Number of Aircraft Alotted : 34

II. Scheduled Aircraft Failing to Become Airborne.

None.

III. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Affecting Success of Mission.

Type	AAF Serial No.	Description	Cause
A-203-5	43-9444	Bombs salvoed armed when doors opened.	Bombs were thoroughly checked and found to function properly but salvo relay switch leaks current under vibration.
A-200-25	43-9379	Bomb rack on number 1 station failed to release.	Caused by pilot's failure to turn on all four selector switches.
A-200-25	43-9220	Bomb rack on number 3 station failed to release.	Armament personnel failed to install cannon plug in rack.
A-200-25	43-9203	Bomb rack on number 2 station failed to release.	Faulty selector switch. Solenoid burned out on rack.
A-200-25	43-9202	Bomb rack on number 3 station failed to release.	Faulty release mechanism in rack.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHERERIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OPERATION 1. PRIORITY

FROM: 415TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

TO: 99TH COMBAT WING

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AUTH: MAJOR WALTER W. FARMER

"J" FORM

CLEARANCE F-1

18 MARCH 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR JOHN G. NAPIER

1. BOX I

671 8 X I H G-1 F-1 E-1 D-1 A

668 9 J S C E G F B T-1 D

GROUP LEADER 671 X

DEPUTY 668 J

BOX II

670 8 T H G F E D B-1 A-1

669 8 A B E-1 C D-1 H-1 I G-1

668 1 H-2

BOX LEADER 670 T

DEPUTY 670 F

2. BOX I Z3075 BOX II Z3075

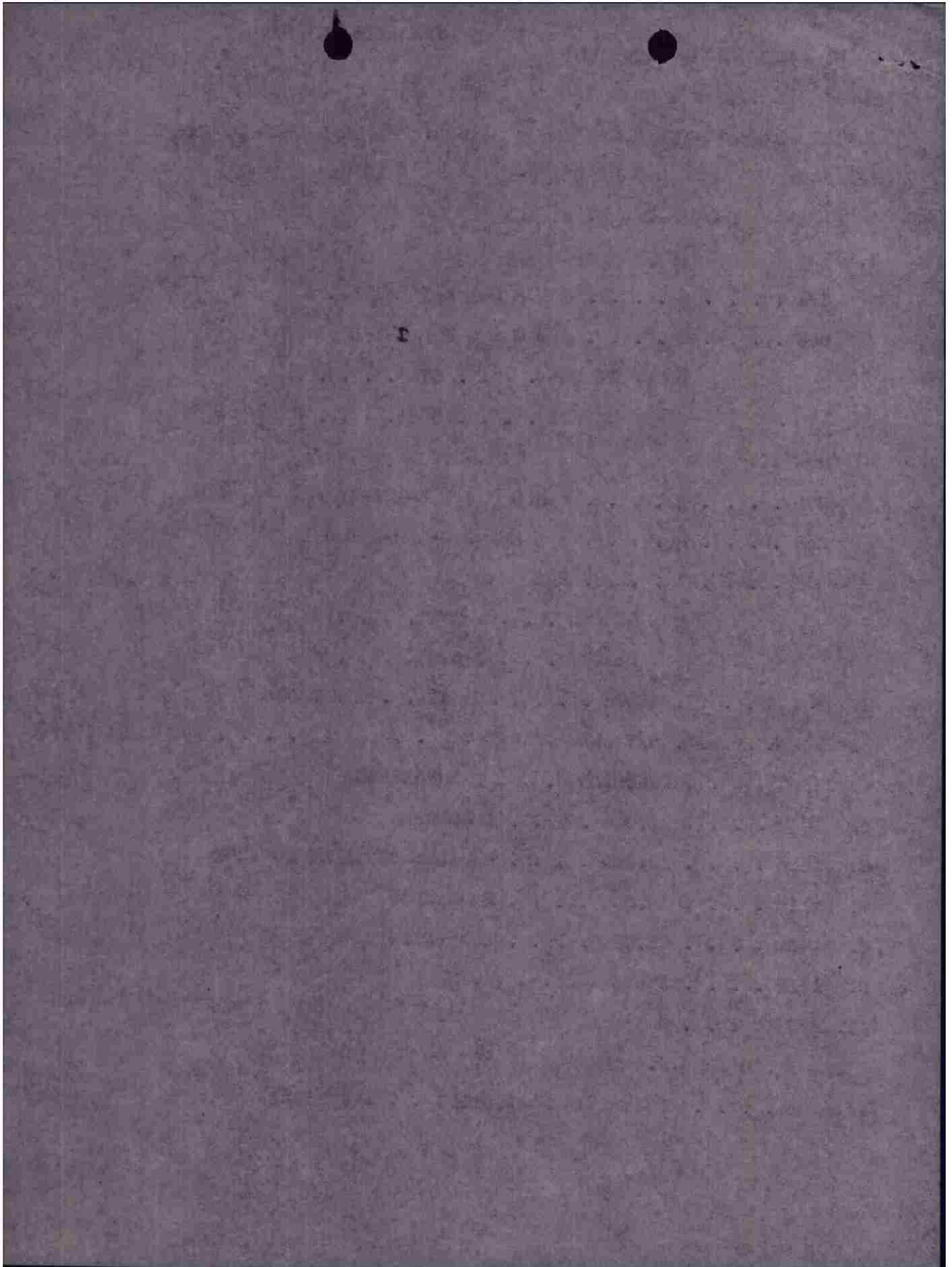
3. BOX I R/T OLDSHIP ONE BOX II R/T OLDSHIP TWO

4. ¹⁴⁵⁰~~1320~~ TONBRIDGE DUNGENESS5. ¹⁵¹⁵~~1345~~ 12,000 DUNGENESS6. ¹⁵²⁴~~1354~~ 12,000 6 MILES SOUTH LE TOUQUET7. ¹⁵³⁸~~1408~~ 12,000 HARDECLOT8. ¹⁵⁴⁵~~1415~~ 8,000 DUNGENESS9. ¹⁶⁰⁵~~1435~~ DUNGENESS BASE

10. H/F D/F N

11. 4 x 500 LB G.P.

12. 725 ESTIMATED ENDURANCE 4 HOURS



13. SUBMITTED IN LIEU OF GP F.O.

A. MAPS NORMAL

B. ASSEMBLY 1500 HOME A/D

C. LP 5 MILES SOUTH LE TOUQUET

D. AXIS OF ATTACK 100 DEGREES MAGNETIC

E. TOT ¹⁵³⁰1400

F. METHOD OF BOMBING PATTERN

MACE COBONGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

JOHN G. NAPIER,
Major, Air Corps,
Asst. Opns. Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
416th BOMB TROUP (L)
Office of the Weather Officer

APO 638
18 March 1944

SUBJECT: Operational Forecast

TO : Group Operations

BASE TO TARGET: .3 to .5 stratocumulus with bases 2000 feet and tops to 6000. .5 to .6 middle clouds at 8-9000 feet with patches of high clouds. Visibility 1-3 miles due to light haze.

TARGET: Visibility 3-5 miles. .3 to .5 low clouds with bases 2000 tops to 6000 feet. No middle clouds with .3 cirrus above 20000 feet.

TARGET TO BASE: Same as route out with .4 to .6 low clouds over England and base on return.

ICING: Icing level 4000 feet with light rime ice in the tops of the clouds above 4000 feet.

Walter D. Castle
2nd Lt. Air Corps
Staff Weather Officer

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

APC 638
18 March 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

TO : Staff Weather Officer, Headquarters IX
Bomber Command, APC 638, U. S. Army.

BASE AT TA KEOFF: Visibility 4-5 miles. .5 to .6
cumulus and stratocumulus with bases at 2000 feet
and tops to 4000 feet.

ROUTE OUT: Climbed thru breaks in clouds and came
out on top of cloud layer at 4000 feet. .3 to .4
thin cirrus above 20000 feet all along the route.
Low clouds decreased over the channel and continent
to .2 to .3 with tops estimated at 4000 feet.

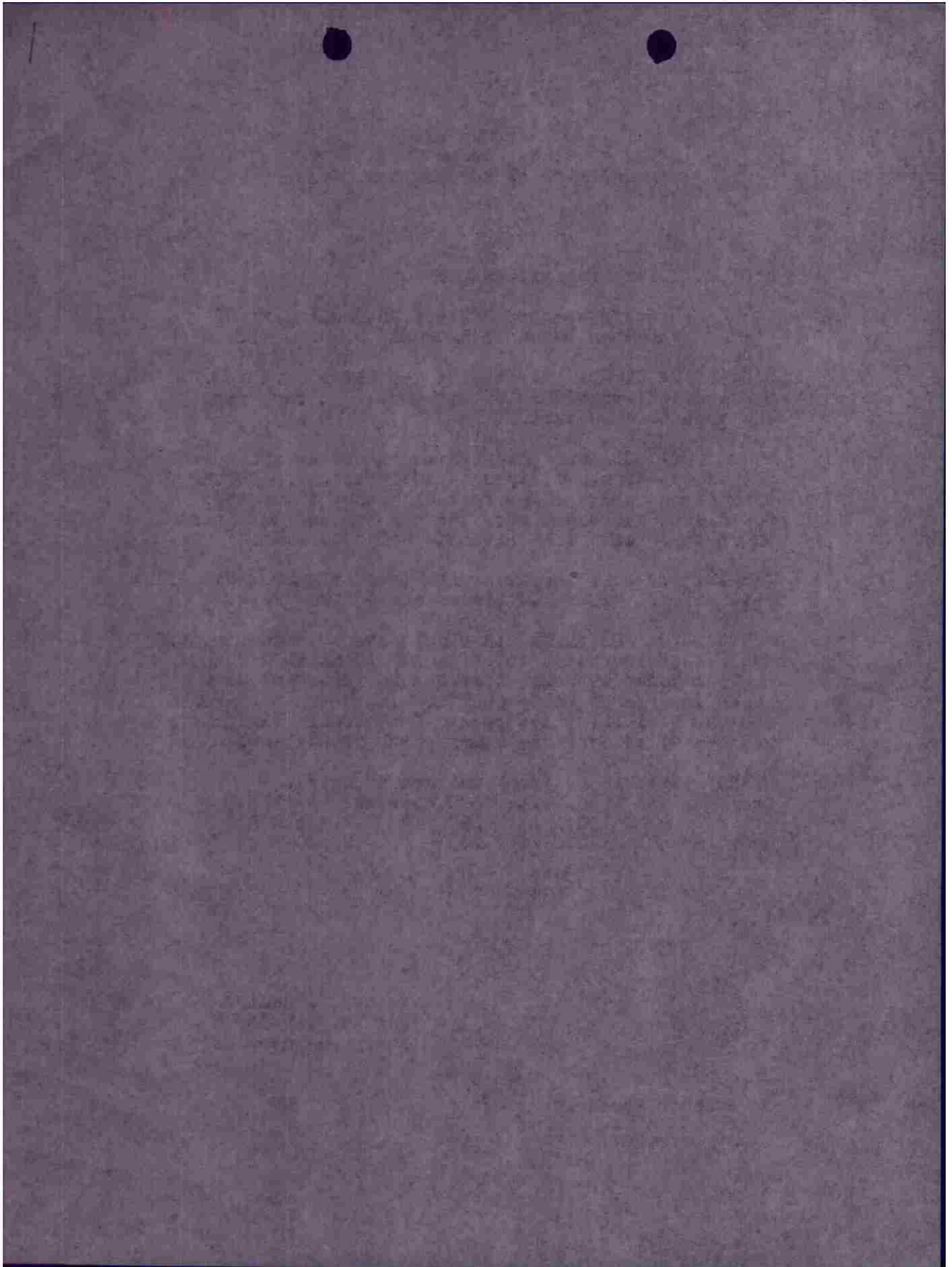
TARGET: .2 to .3 cumulus with tops at 4000. Visibility
8-10 miles. Scattered cirrus above 20000 feet.

ROUTE BACK: No change in clouds over the continent.
Low clouds increased to .5 to .6 10 miles off the
English coast with bases at 3-4000 feet. Cloud
bases lowered to 1500-2000 feet in the Thames area,
and the visibility lowered to 3-4 miles. Visibility
was 5-6 miles over all other parts of England.

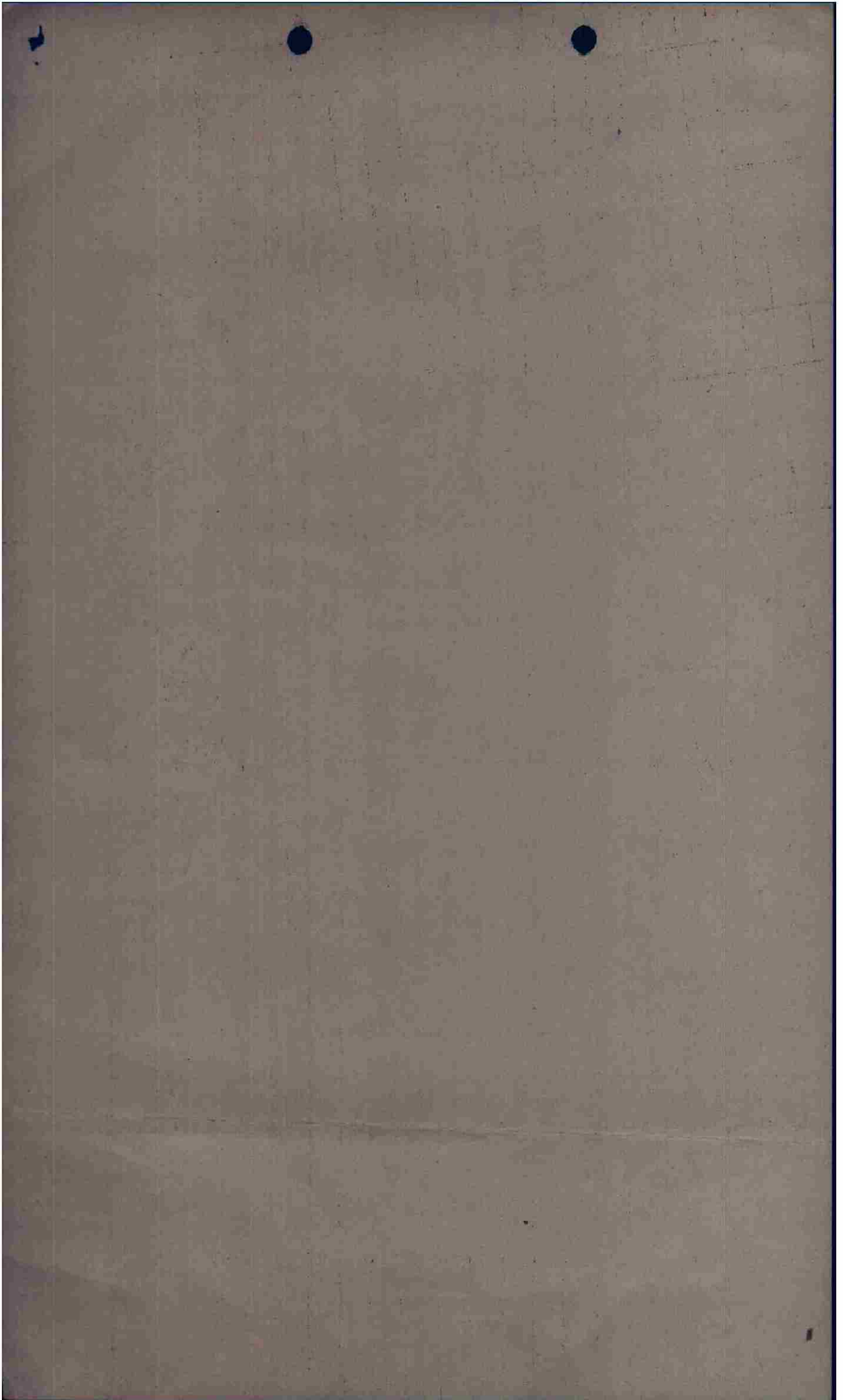
WINDS: Checked by track and ground speed.
Over England: 9000 ft 300 degrees 33 MPH
12000 ft 290 " 25 MPH
Over Target: 12000 ft 300 " 30 MPH

Walter D. Castle
2nd Lt. Air Corps
Staff Weather Officer

1 Incl.
2 Route Forecasts



MISSION OF 18 MARCH 1944													BOX I	
A/C NO.	SCDN.	PILOT	A TO	ENGLISH COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN	A M F R A	FUEL	BOMB LOAD	E N D U R.	LAND TIME	REMARKS
X 914	D	FARMER	1432	12,000' DUKENESS	12,000' 6 mi. 5 E. TORQUAY		12,000' BRIDELOT	6,000' DUKENESS	H-C	745	415006R	4	1628	
E 699	D	HILL	1432						C				1629	
H 707	D	POINDEXTER	1432										1629	
T 444	H	PRICE	1432										1626	
S 360	H	TRITCHIE	1433										1627	
C 194	H	MIRACLE	1433										1627	
E 216	H	BATTERSBY	1433										1632	
G 379	H	MENGER	1433										1633	
F 233	H	CRUISE	1434										1635	
B 182	H	SIRCUSSA	1434										1634	
E 1 745	H	KLEOPHEL	1434										1633	
D 195	H	ATKINSON	1435						C				1633	
E 1 235	D	PRENTISS	1435										1639	
E 1 218	D	MERIDETH	1435										1640	
E 1 230	D	BRAADFORD	1435										1641	
D 1 219	D	OSBORNE	1436										1642	
A 203	D	RONEY	1436										1642	

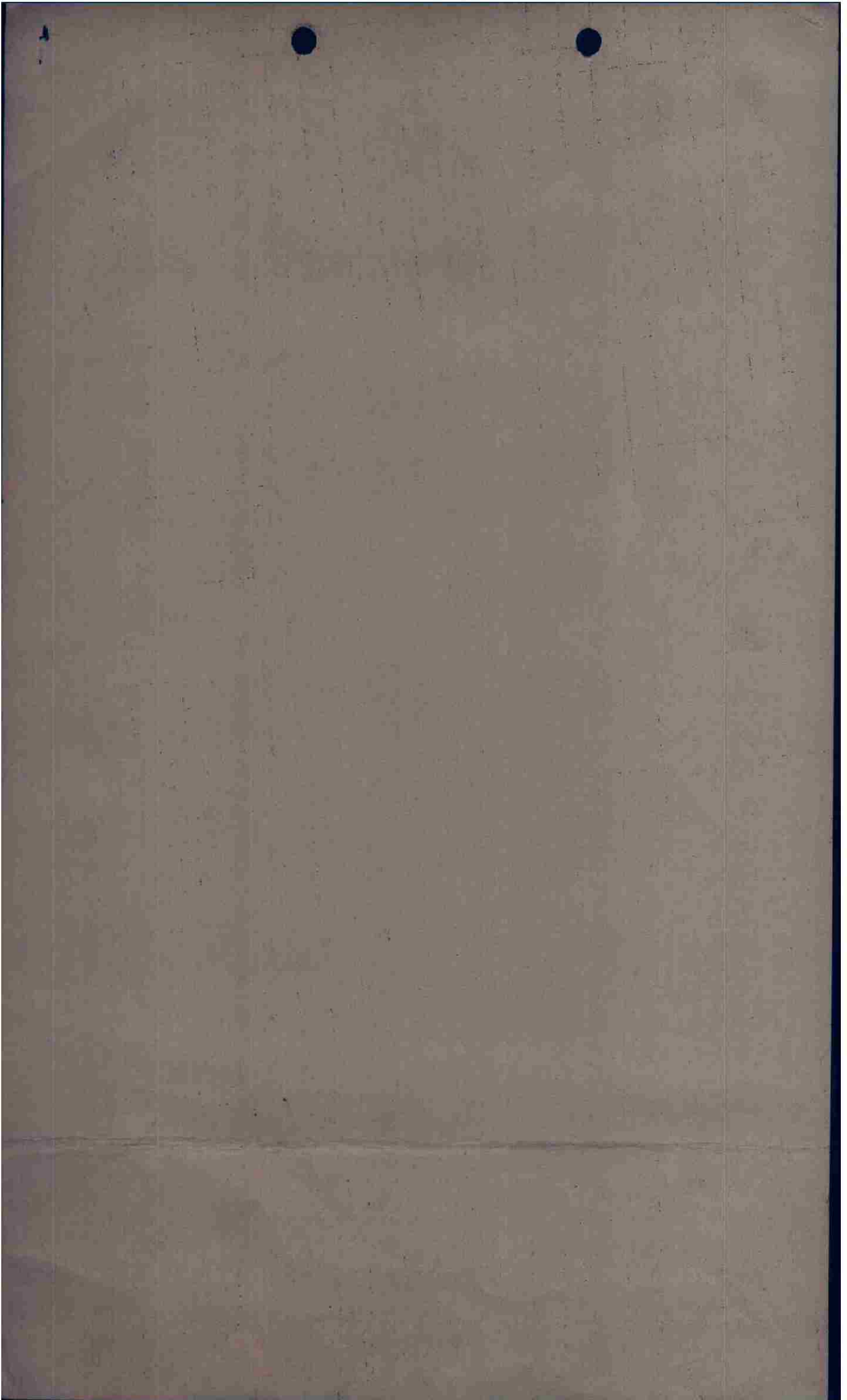


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Box II

A/C LTR	A/C NO.	SQDN.	PILOT	A R R G E T	AFO	ENGLISH COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN	C A M E R A	FUEL	BOMB LOAD	E N D U R.	LAND TIME	REMARKS
				RECOVER LETTER		13,000 DUNGENESS	13,000 ST. MICHAEL'S POINT	13,000 HARDELOTT	13,000 DUNGENESS						
I	439	C	CAMPBELL		1436					H-C	735	415006R	4	1646	Sho. Action
H	387	C	GULLION		1436									1646	
G	696	C	HEWES		1437									1646	
F	227	C	HUFF		1437									1648	
E	224	C	RAINES		1437									1644	
D	217	C	BOUYAMP		1438					C				1645	
A	181	B	PECK		1438										Handled at Alcock. Engine
B	202	B	SHAINBERG		1438									1648	
E-1	226	B	McDONALD		1439									1649	
C	211	B	SOMMERS		1439					C				1654	
B-1	207	C	MENG		1439									1646	
A-1	200	C	CONGILL		1440									1647	
D-1	370	B	MORTON		1440									1652	
H-1	751	B	SIGGS		1440									1653	
I	673	B	DE MUN		1441									1653	
E-1	390	B	MARZOLF		1441									1654	
H-2	701	H	FORD		1441					H-C				1643	



MISSION NO. 5

LOADING LIST

18 MARCH 1944

BOX NO. 1FLIGHT I

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| <p>1. A/C #914 "X"
Farmer, W.W., Major ✓
Pape, M.A., 2nd Lt. ✓
McClellan, A., Capt. ✓
Lanave, O.D., S/S "</p> <p>2. A/C #699 "I"
Hill, L.E., 2nd Lt. ✓
Yost, C.H., S/S "
Burch, R.W., S/S "</p> <p>3. A/C #707 "H"
Poindexter, R.D., 2nd Lt. ✓
Molver, V.E., Sgt "
Robbins, L.E., T/S "</p> | <p>4. A/C #444 "J"
Price, R.F., Major ✓
Hand, A.R., 2nd Lt. ✓
MacDonald, R.W., S/S "
Hill, A.A., S/S "</p> <p>5. A/C #360 "S"
Ritchie, S.B., 1st Lt. ✓
Newkirk, A.W., S/S "
Anderson, E.A., S/S "</p> <p>6. A/C #194 "C"
Miracle, R.V., 1st Lt. ✓
Sieg, B.C., S/S "
Burkhalter, J.C., S/S "</p> |
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FLIGHT II

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|--|---|
| <p>1. A/C #216 "E"
Battersby, W., Capt. ✓
Lytle, W.M., 2nd Lt. ✓
Simpson, D.H., Sgt "
Bankston, R., S/S "</p> <p>2. A/C #379 "G"
Meagner, J.F., 2nd Lt. ✓
Damico, E.A., S/S "
Dickenson, E.S., S/S "</p> <p>3. A/C #223 "F"
Cruze, R.K., 2nd Lt. ✓
Love, C.F., S/S "
Adair, F.L., S/S "</p> | <p>4. A/C #182 "B"
Siracusa, L.J., 1st Lt. ✓
Hume, J.N., S/S "
Brown, F.E., S/S "</p> <p>5. A/C #745 "I-1"
Kleopfel, M., 2nd Lt. ✓
Antanaitis, A., S/S "
Hedrick, H.A., S/S "</p> <p>6. A/C #195 "D"
Atkinson, P.G., 2nd Lt. ✓
Glynn, P.F., S/S "
Swafford, J.O., Sgt "</p> |
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FLIGHT III

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| <p>1. A/C #225 "G-1"
Prentiss, R.B., Capt. ✓
Hibbs, C.L., S/S "
Daugherty, L.M., S/S "</p> <p>2. A/C # 218 "F-1"
Meredith, R.G., 2nd Lt. ✓
Shaw, L.R., S/S "
Gray, C.M., S/S "</p> <p>3. A/C #220 "E-1"
Bradford, B.H., 2nd Lt. ✓
Judd, E.R., S/S "
Fejes, J.A., S/S "</p> | <p>4. A/C #219 "D-1"
Osborne, A.E., 1st Lt. ✓
Kelly, E.E., S/S "
Coe, W.H., S/S "</p> <p>5. A/C #203 "A"
Roney, K.T., Major ✓
Lee, R.E., S/S "
Falk, F.G., Sgt "</p> |
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MISSION NO. 5

LOADING LIST

18 MARCH 1944

BOX NO. IIFLIGHT I

1. A/C #439 "TH"
Campbell, M.W., Major
Jones, 2nd Lt.
Alden, S.F., S/S
Ballinger, R.L., S/S
2. A/C #387 "H"
Gullion, A.W., 1st Lt. ✓
Coffey, G.L., S/S
Webb, C.L., S/S
3. A/C #696 "G"
Hewes, H.E., 2nd Lt. ✓
Kasper, J.F., S/S
Boyer, H.E., S/S

4. A/C #227 "F"
Huff, M.J., Capt. ✓
Rogers, J.L., S/S
Fleischman, G.I., S/S
5. A/C #224 "E"
Raines, A.A., 2nd Lt. ✓
Nielson, J.O., S/S
Bender, G.J., S/S
6. A/C #217 "D"
Boukamp, T., 1st Lt. ✓
Kelly, W.J., S/S
Ferguson, W.G., S/S

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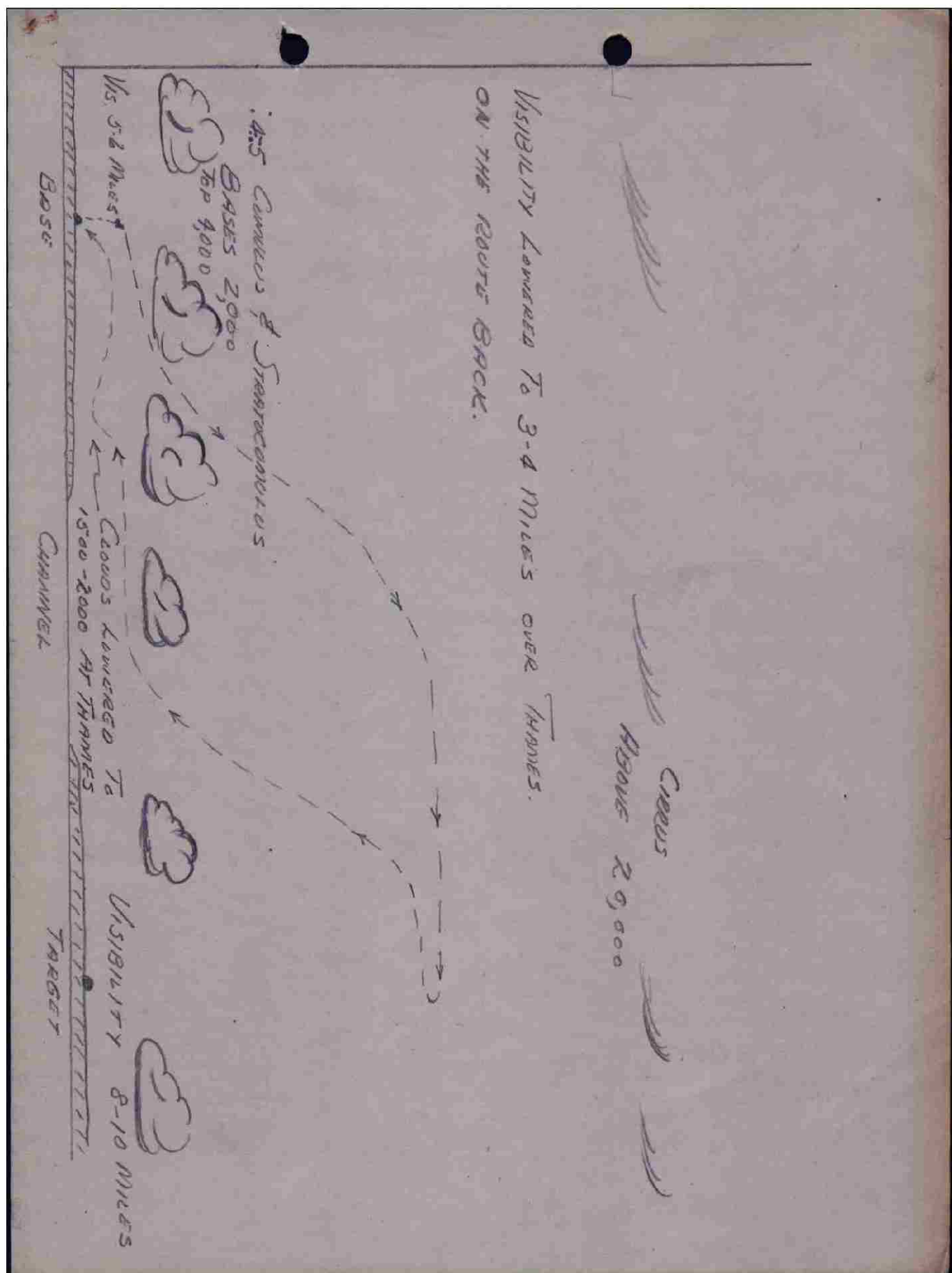
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Peck, W.A., 1st Lt. ✓
Bergeron, A.E., S/S
Kelton, H.E., S/S
2. A/C #202 "B"
Shainberg, N.V., 2nd Lt. ✓
Bresnak, J.R., S/S
Cope, G.F., S/S
3. A/C #226 "E-1"
McDonald, A.A., 2nd Lt. ✓
Shields, J.J., S/S
Epps, E.E., S/S

4. A/C #211 "C"
Sommers, H.L., 1st Lt. ✓
Prindle, C.A., S/S
Huber, A.J., S/S
5. A/C # 207 "B-1"
Meng, W.J., Major ✓
Stobert, R.F., S/S
Miller, R.L., S/S
6. A/C #200 "A-1"
Cowgill, G.L., 1st Lt. ✓
Foster, H.A., S/S
Rust, E.W., Sgt

FLIGHT III

1. A/C #370 "D-1"
Morton, R.J., 1st Lt. ✓
Norton, C.Q., S/S
Citty, F.M., S/S
2. A/C #751 "H-1"
Siggs, W.C., 2nd Lt. ✓
Nicks, R.W., Sgt
Radlich, N., S/S
3. A/C #673 "I"
DeMun, E.E., 2nd Lt. ✓
Rosenstein, M., S/S
Carney, H.O., S/S

4. A/C #390 "G-1"
Marzolf, L.A., 1st Lt. ✓
Wellin, H.E., S/S
Kutzer, L.G., S/S
5. A/C #701 "H-2"
Ford, T.R., Lt. Col. ✓
Clearman, P.L., S/S
Orr, J.R., S/S



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18 March 1944

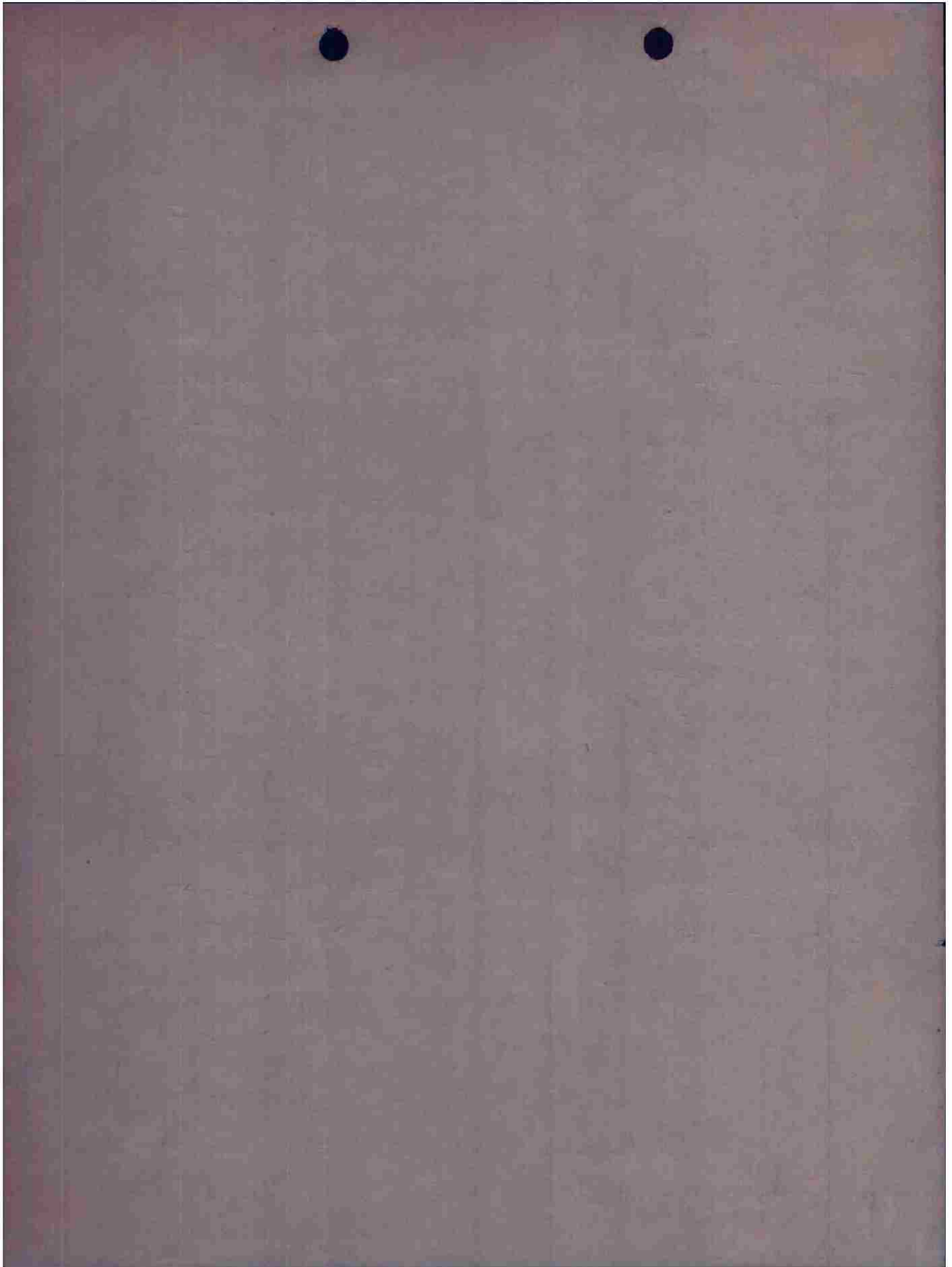
Position of Aircraft

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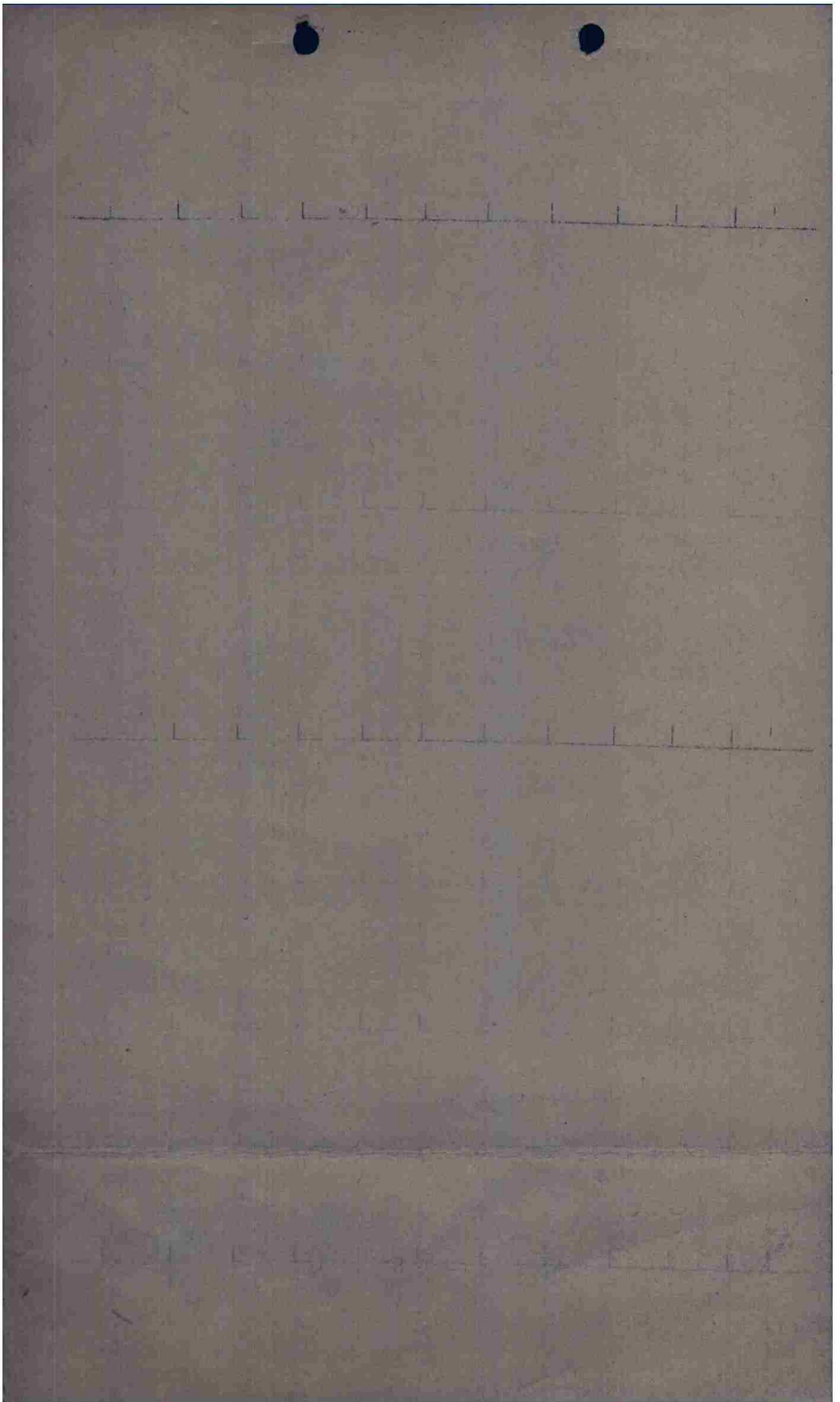
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3. Miracle - 194
4. Farmer - 914
5. Hill - 699
6. Paindexter - 707
7. Battusky - 216
8. Mesgher - 379
9. Atkinson - 195
10. Siracusa - 182
11. Kleppel - 745
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17. Roney - 203

1. Huff - 227
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3. Boukamp - 217
4. Hennes - 696
5. Gullion - 387
- 6.
7. Peck - 181
8. Schainberg - 202
9. MacDonald - 226
10. Summers - 211
11. Meng - 207
12. Cawgill - 200
13. Martin - 370
14. Liggs - 751
15. De Mun - 673
16. Margalf - 390
17. Ford - 701



SHEET NO	SQUADRON	PILOT and/or BOMBARDIER	GUNNER'S	ILLUSTRATIONS	CAUSES OF ILLUSTRATIONS
444	A	PRICE HARD		BOMBS SALVED ARMED WHEN DOORS OPENED	RACKS WERE THOROUGHLY CHECKED AND FOUND TO FUNCTION PROPERLY. — PREMATURE RELEASE OF BOMBS CAUSED BY PILOT OR BOMBARDIER DEPRESSING FIRING SWITCH AS DOORS OPENED.
379	A	MEACHER		BOMB RACK ON NO. 1 STATION FAILED TO RELEASE.	CAUSED BY PILOT'S FAILURE TO TURN IN ALL FOUR SELECTOR SWITCHES.
220	D	BRADFORD		BOMB RACK ON NO. 3 STATION FAILED TO RELEASE.	ARMAMENT PERSONNEL FAILED TO INSTALL CANNON PLUG IN RACK.
203	D	RONNEY		BOMB RACK ON NO. 2 STATION FAILED TO RELEASE.	FAULTY SELECTOR SWITCH.
202	B	SHAINBERG		BOMB RACK ON NO. 3 STATION FAILED TO RELEASE	FAULTY RELEASE MECHANISM IN RACK.

William A. M. Howard
Capt. H. C.
Barnum & Green



OICOG V YAA YAA 3/18 OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 181100A

TO IX BOMBER COMMAND (PASS TO 99TH COMBAT WING)

CONFIDENTIAL IN THE CLEAR AUTH: MAJOR WALTER W FARMER

416BG R294E

"J" FORM CLEARANCE F-1 18 MARCH 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR JOHN G NAPIER

1. BOX I

671....8.... X I H G-1 F-1 E-1 D-1 A

668....9.... J S C E G F B I-1 D

GROUP LEADER....671.....X

DEPUTY668.....J

BOX II

670....8.... T H G F E D B-1 A-1

669....8.... A B E-1 C D-1 H-1 I G-1

668....1.... H-2

BOX LEADER....670....T

DEPUTY670....F

2. BOX IZ3075.... BOX II.....Z3075

3. BOX I R/T OLDSHIP ONE.... BOX II.... R/T OLDSHIP TWO

4. 1320.... TONBRIDGE.... DUNGENESS

5. 1345....12,000.... DUNGENESS

6. 1354....12,000.... 6 MILES SOUTH LE TOUQUET

7. 1408....12,000.... HARDECLOT

8. 1415.... 8,000.... DUNGENESS

9. 1435.... DUNGENESS.... BASE

10. M/F D/F.. N

11. 4 X 500 LB G.P.

12 725.... ESTIMATED ENDURANCE.... 4 HOURS

13. SUBMITTED IN LIEU OF GP F.O.

A. MAPS.... NORMAL

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

C. IP..... 5 MILES SOUTH LE TOUQUET

D. AXIS OF ATTACK.....100 DEGREES MAGNETIC

E. TOT....1400

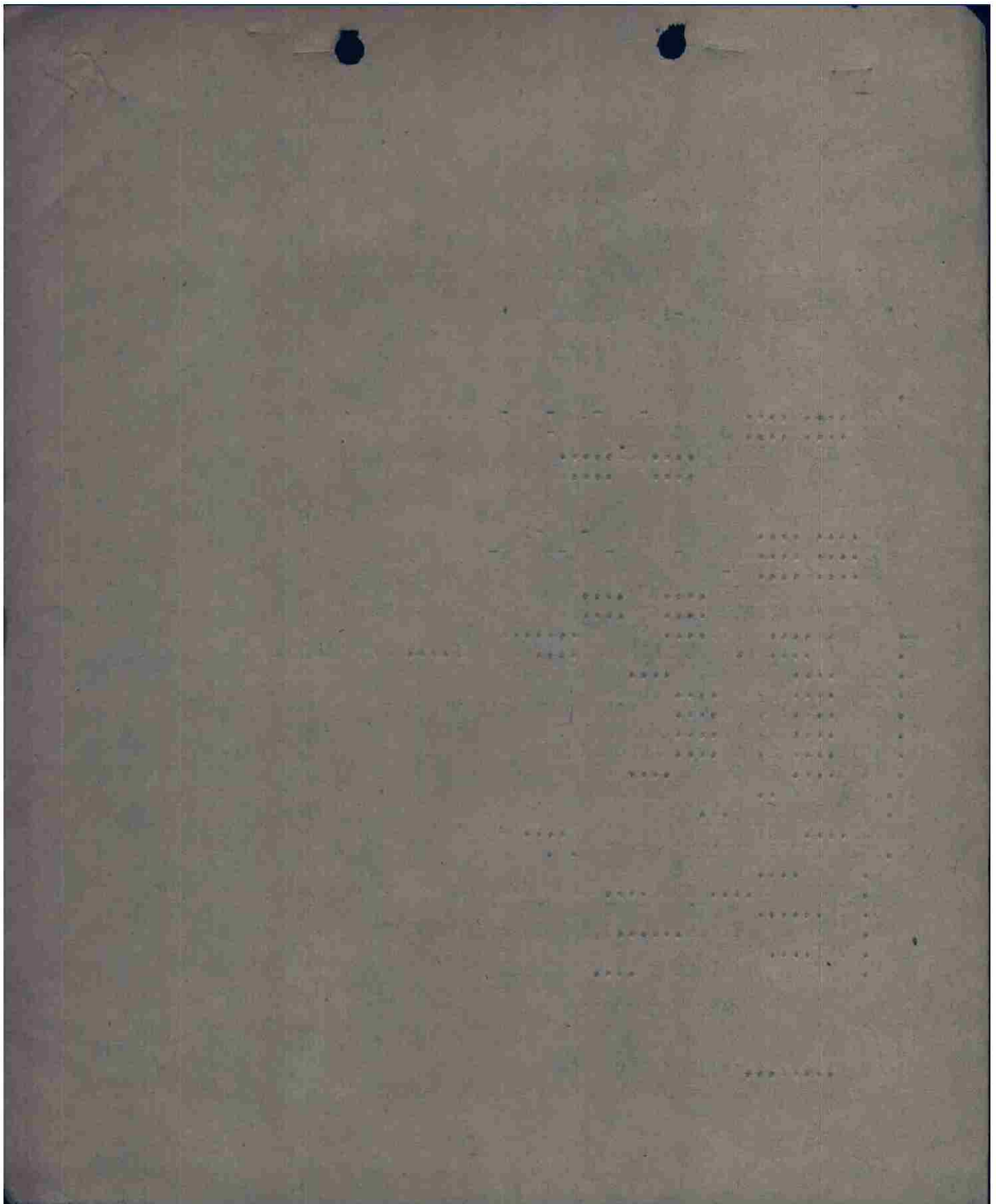
F. METHOD OF BOMBING PATTERN

MACE COBOMGR416

BT181100A

EJ AR

OICOG R.....181131A MWC AR





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 OIAJX OIETH OIPPF OIUBA IAN GPB UGI V OICOG 1/15 OF
 T (OIPHT PASS TO C.O.P.C. PINETREE)

(OIUBA PASS TO OIMIB)

(UGI PASS TO GPB)

FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 150209A 9DC R2356E
 TO: C.O. 1ST PFF SQUADRON (PROVISIONAL)

CODONGP 322, 323, 356, 357, 391, 344, 413

COCETWIC 98

COCETWIC 99

COMAF 9

COMAF 8

CONFICON 8

COFIWIC 67

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SASO 2 GROUP RAF

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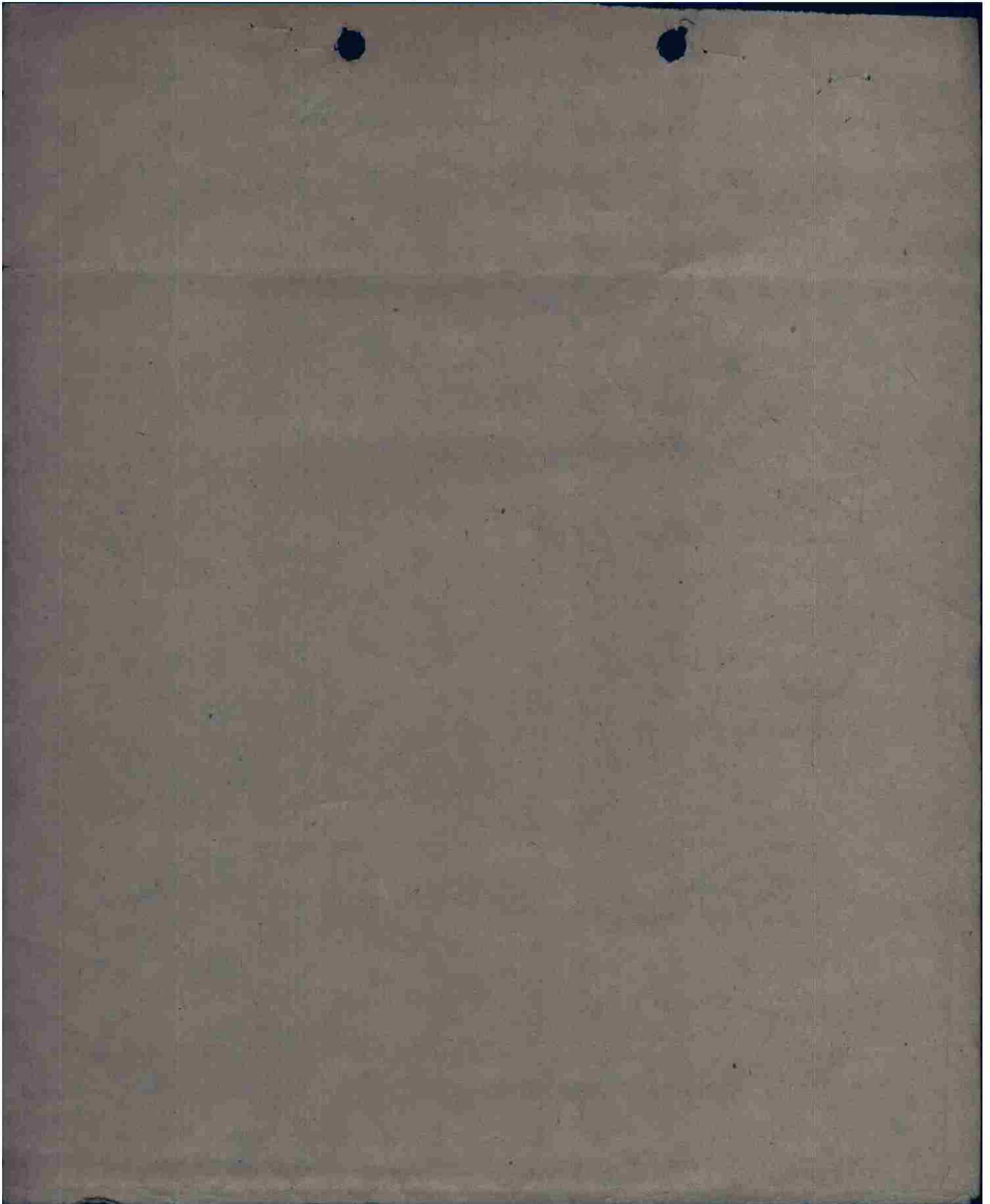
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F.O. 244

MAPS: NORMAL

1. A.

B. (1)

(2) VIII AAF ARE ATTACKING TARGETS IN GERMANY - ZERO HOUR
OF 181030A

P-47* WILL PROVIDE AN UMBRELLA IN BOTH TARGET AREAS
FOR IX BOMBER COMMAND.

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

ZERO HOUR: 181330A

3. A. 323 GROUP:

(1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: ZH 1001

(B) SECONDARY: ZH 53

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

(3) T. O. T. : ZERO HOUR

(4) M.P.I. : ILLUSTRATION S 5351/8 REF - 015033

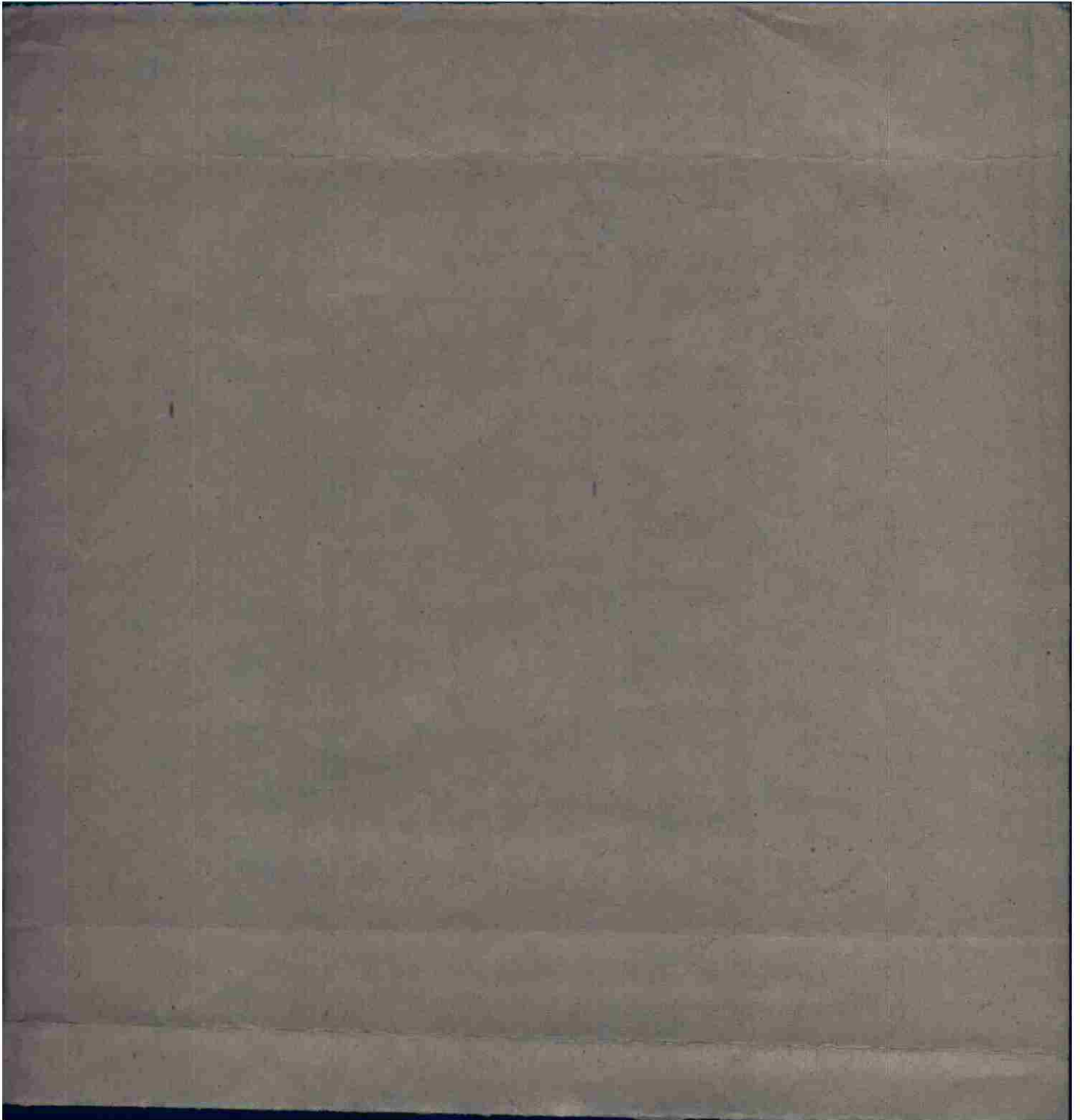
B. 386 GROUP:

(1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: ZH 1001

(B) SECONDARY ZH 53

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

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(3) T. O. T. : ZERO PLUS FIVE MIN

(4) M.P.I. : ILLUSTRATION S 9351/8 REF - 015033

C. 322 GROUP:

(1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: ZH 1001

(B) SECONDARY: ZH 53

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

(3) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 10 MIN.

(4) M.P.I. ILLUSTRATION S9351/8 REF. 015033

D. 344 GROUP:

(1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: ZH 1001

(B) SECONDARY: ZH 53

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

(3) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 15 MIN.

(4) M.P.I. ILLUSTRATION S9351/8 REF. 015033

E. 387 GROUP:

(1) TARGET:

(A) PRIMARY: Z 3026

(B) SECONDARY: Z 3069

(2) LEAVE DUNCENESS AT ZERO HOUR.

(3) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,500 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT
12,500 FEET.

(4) M.P.I.: ILLUSTRATION A/7/4 REF 032032

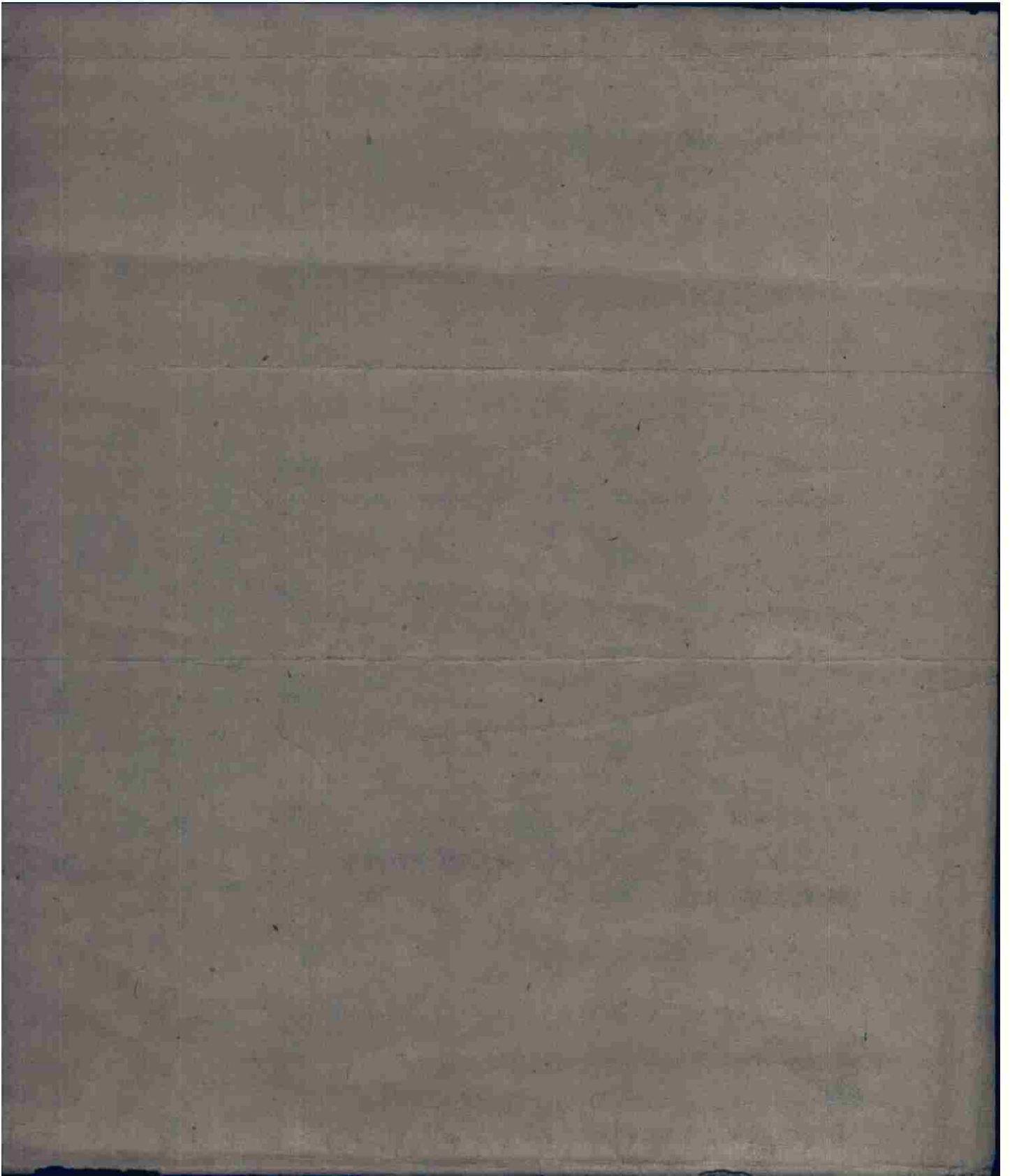
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F. 391 GROUP:

(1) TARGET:

(A) PRIMARY Z 3026

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(2) LEAVE DUNGENESS AT ZERO PLUS 3 MIN.

(3) ALTITUDES: BOMB 11,500 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT
11,500 FEET.

(4) M.P.I.: ILLUSTRATION A/7/4 REF 838832.

ILLUSTRATION A/15/1 REF 832018

C. 416 GROUP:

(1) TARGET: (A) Z 5075.

(2) LEAVE DUNGENESS AT ZERO PLUS 15 MIN.

(3) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT
12000 FEET.

(4) MPI: ILLUSTRATION A/83/1 REF 831026

X. (1-4) NO CHANGE.

(5) A/C REQUIRED: ALL GROUPS 36 A/C

(6) BOMB LOAD: PARAGRAPHS 3A, B, C, D, 4 X 1000 LB. G.P.
FUSED 1/10 SEC. TAIL

PARAGRAPHS 3E, F, 3 X 500 LB. G.P.
FUSED 1/10 X 1/40

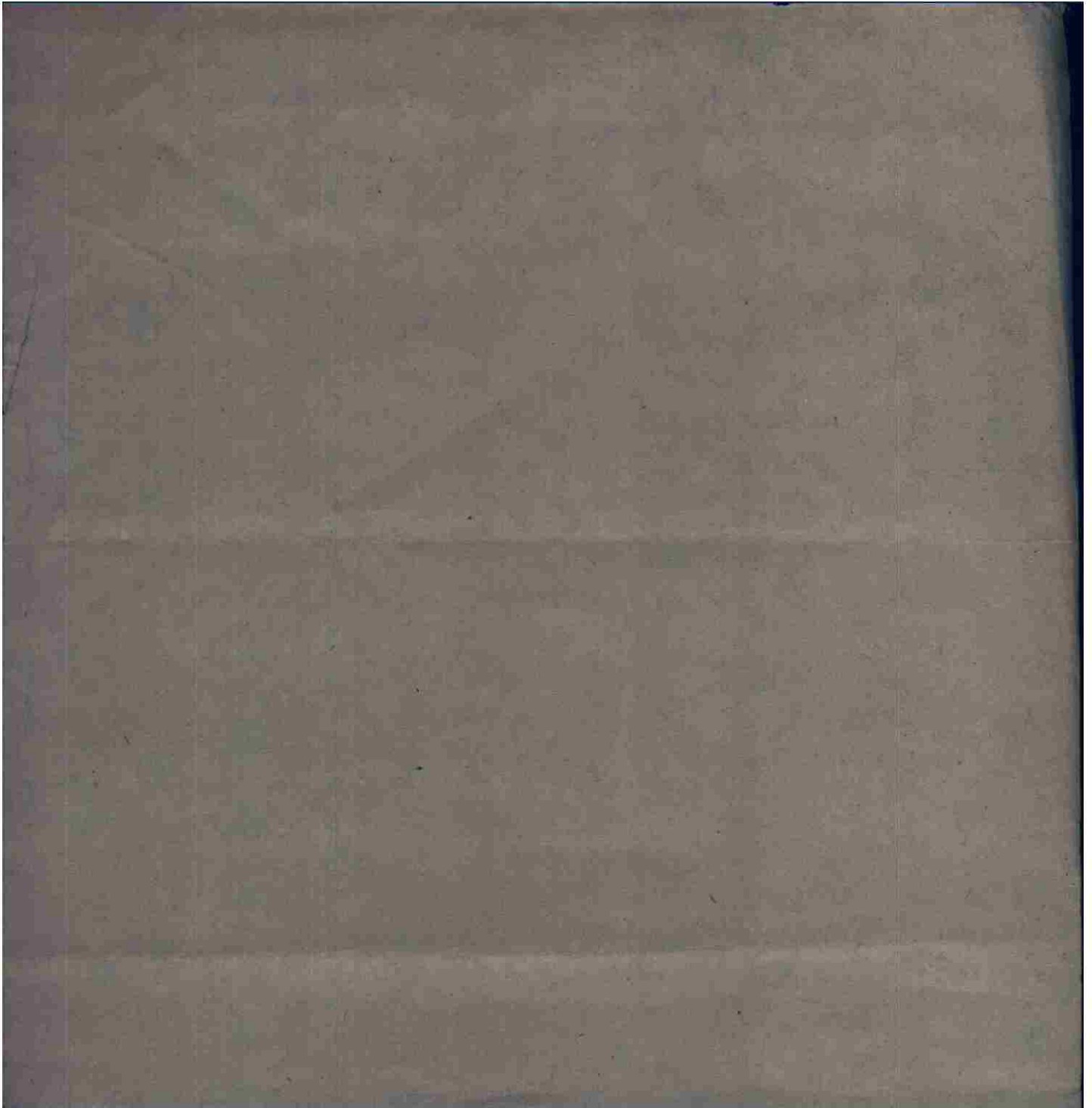
PARAGRAPH 3G, 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED
1/10 X 1/40

(7) INTERVALOMETER SETTING: MINIMUM

(8) ROUTE FOR PARAGRAPHS 3A, B, C, D: BASE TO SOUTHWOLD TO
TARGET, LEFT TURN TO
SOUTHWOLD TO BASE.

(9) ROUTE FOR PARAGRAPHS 3E, F, G: BASE TO DUNGENESS TO FIVE
MILES SOUTH LE TOUQUET TO

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HARDELOT TO DUNGENESS TO
BASE.

(10) INITIAL POINT: PARAGRAPHS 3E, F, G: FIVE MILES SOUTH
LE TOUQUET.

(11) AXIS OF ATTACK: PARAGRAPHS 3A, B, C, D: GENERALLY WEST
TO EAST
PARAGRAPHS 3E, F, G: GENERALLY WEST TO
EAST

(12) RALLY POINT: PARAGRAPHS 3E, F, G: FIVE MILES NORTHEAST
MONTREUIL

(13) EMERGENCY AIRDROMES: MALESWORTH, HORHAM, FRISTON, WEST
MALLING

(14) THE 387TH GP WILL DROP WINDOW FROM THE ENEMY COAST TO
THE TARGET

4. NO CHANGE.

5. SIGNALS TO FOLLOW

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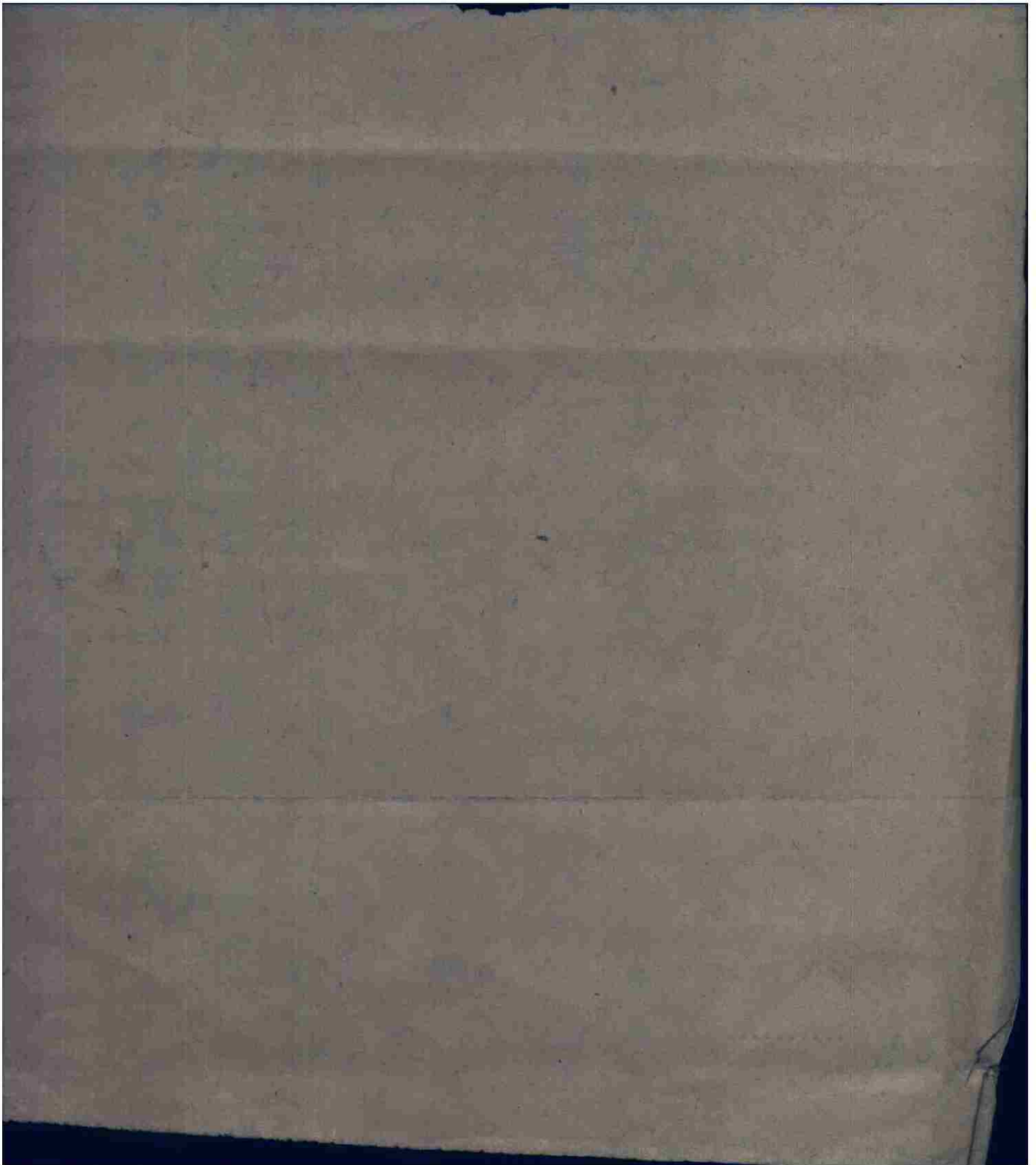
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 (OIUBA PASS TO OIMIB)
 (UGI PASS TO CPD)

FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 180316A 9BC R2337E
 TO: C.O. 1ST PWF SQUADRON (PROVISIONAL)

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

COCEWIG 98

COCEWIG 99

COMAF 9

COMAF 8

CONFICOM 8

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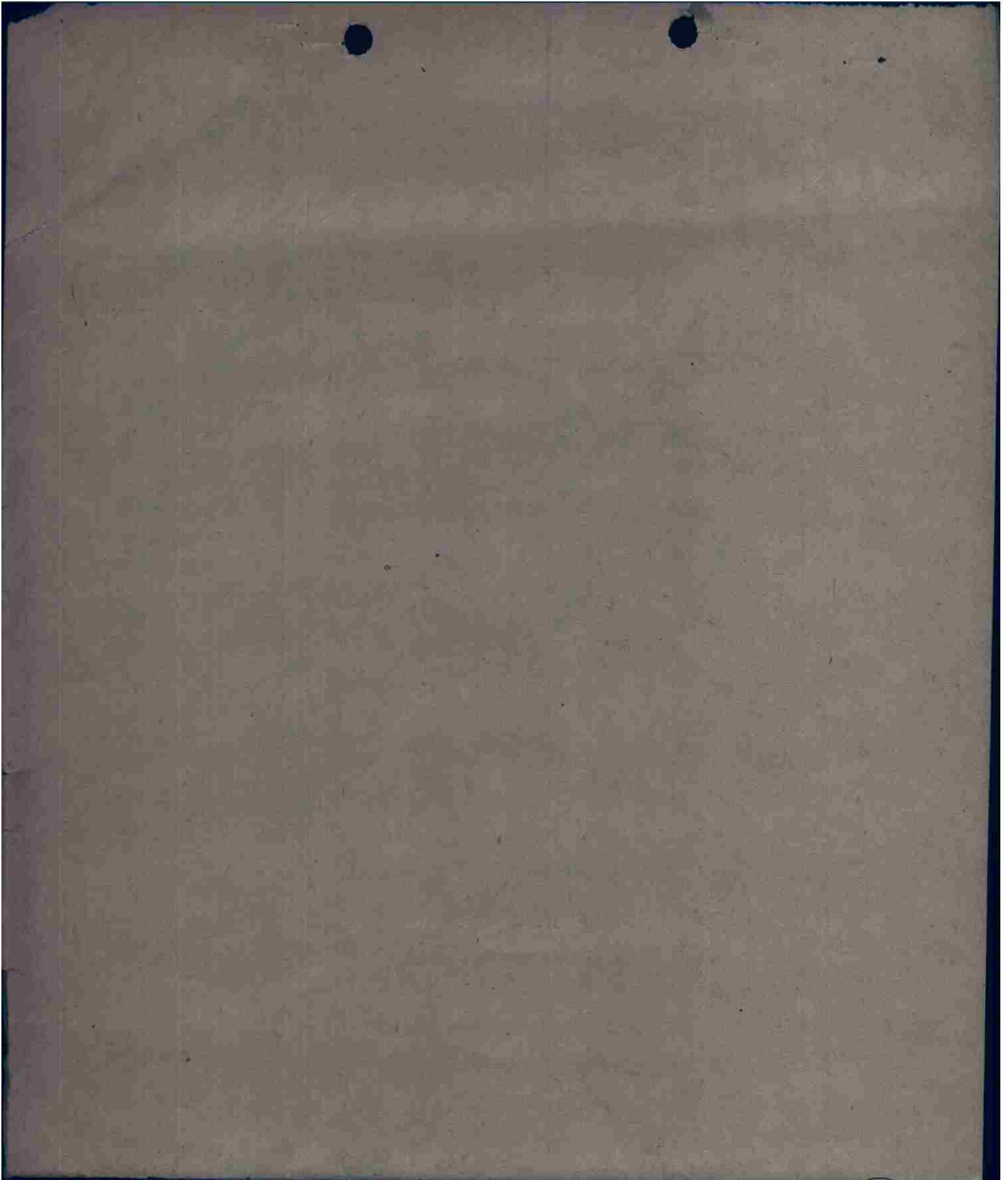
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B. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 323 GROUP:

- (1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: VIBRATE
- (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 32
- (3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 32
- (4) M/F D/F SECTION: H

B. 386 GROUP:

- (1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: SHERRY
- (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 55
- (3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 55
- (4) M/F D/F SECTION: H

C. 322 GROUP:

- (1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: EMBOSS
- (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 63
- (3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 63
- (4) M/F D/F SECTION: H

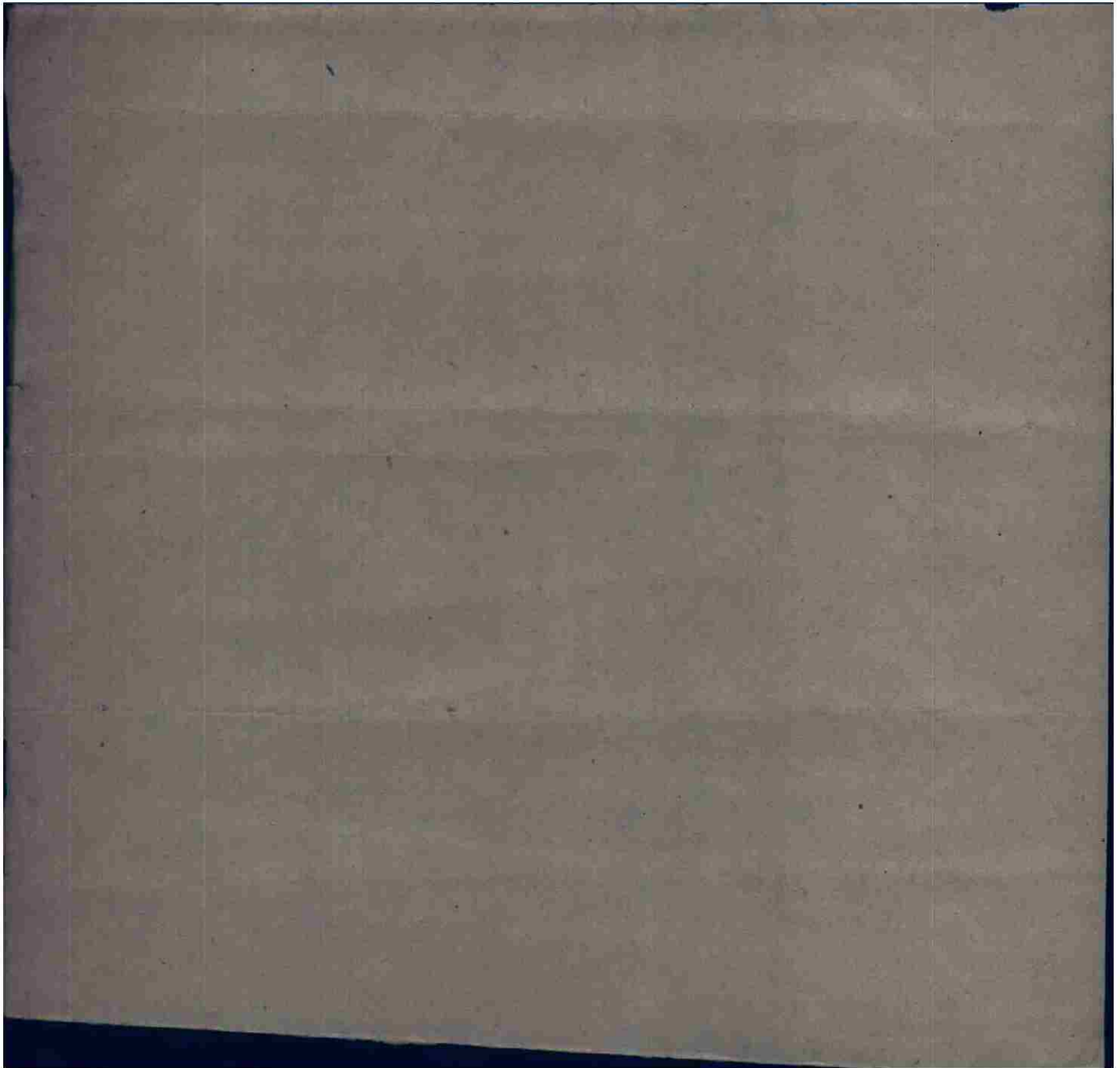
D. 344 GROUP:

- (1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: AERTEX
- (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 18
- (3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 18
- (4) M/F D/F SECTION: H

E. 387 GROUP:

- (1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: NEWBARK

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CODE WORD: NUMBER 19

(3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 19

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

F. 391 GROUP:

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: GOFAR

(2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 34

(3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 34

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

G. 416TH GROUP:

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: OLDSHIP

(2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 75

(3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 75

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

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(1) EMERGENCY HOMING PARAGRAPHS A,B,C,D: TO MARTLESHAM HEATH
ON VHF CHANNEL D

C/S: RECOUNT

(2) EMERGENCY HOMING PARAGRAPHS E,F,G: TO WEST MALLING ON VHF
CHANNEL D

C/S: BIRDCAGE

(3) SPLASHER BEACONS: 4A, 5B, 6C, 7D, 8E, 9F, 10G, 11H, 12I,
ENTIRE MISSION

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

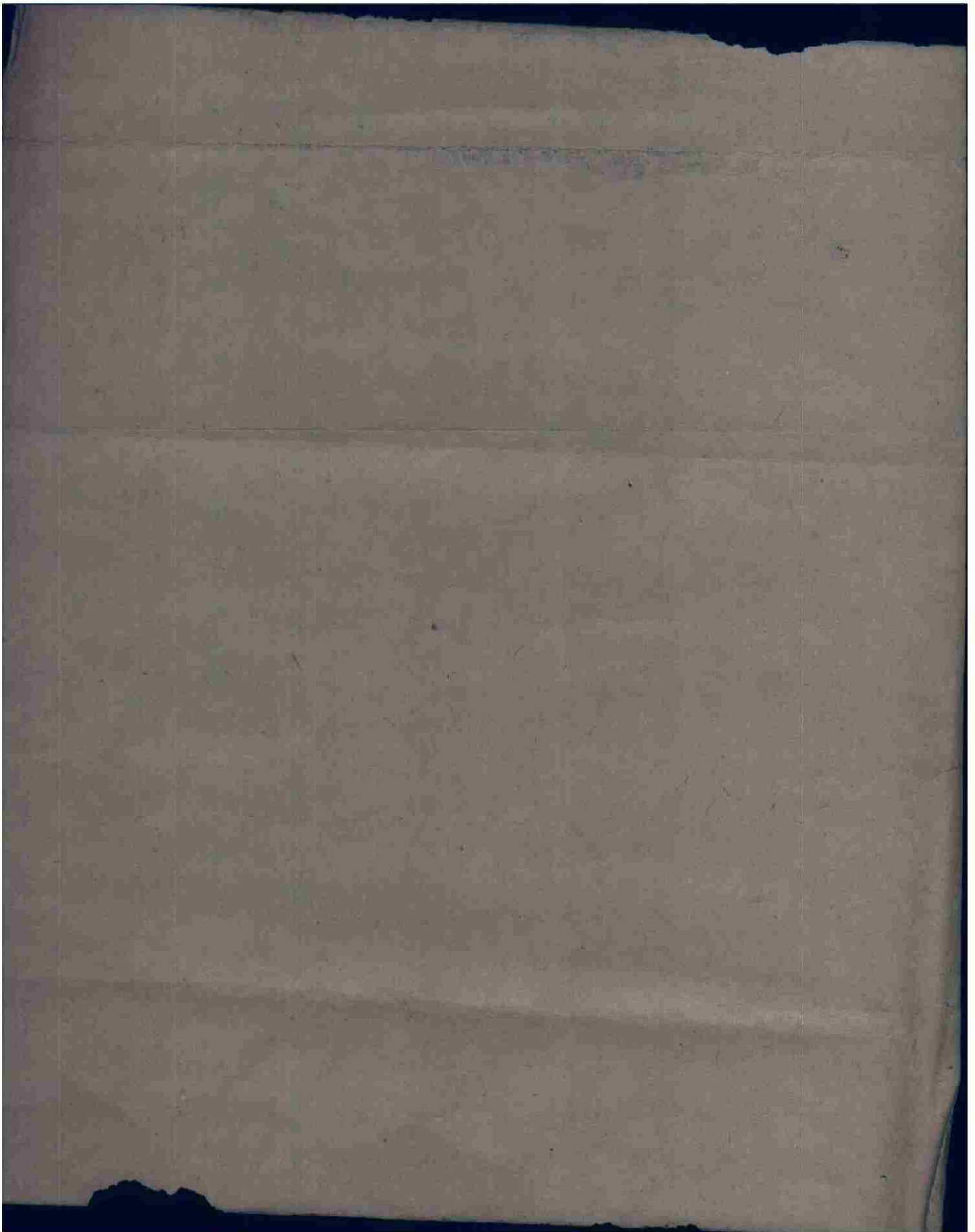
(5) FIGHTER GROUND STATION CALL SIGN: FARMHAND 1, PAR A, B,
C, D.

FARMHAND 2, PAR E, F,
G.

(6) WEATHER CODE SEQUENCE: DVTA.

(7) CODE WORD R/T BOMBER RECALL, ALL GROUPS: SS

(8) BOX LEADERS OR DEPUTY WILL REPORT ON VHF CHANNEL C



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LEAVING TARGET AREA.

(9) COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURE: IX BOMBER COMMAND MEMO 100-22

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

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

COCBTWIG 98

COCBTWIG 99

COMAF 9

COMAF 8

COMFICOM 8

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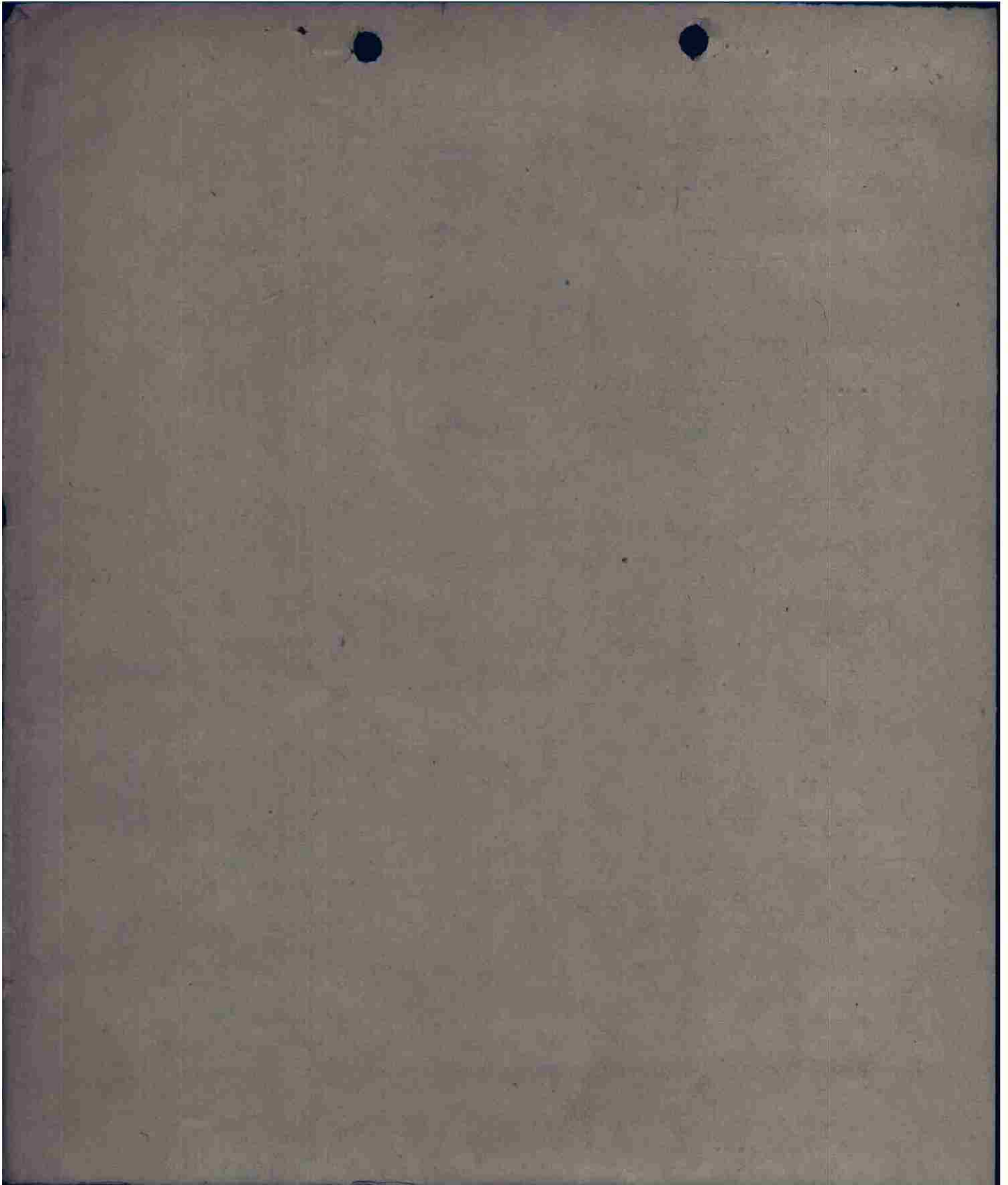
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PARAGRAPHS 3. E. AND F. (1) TARGET: CHANGE TO READ "Z3026" AND
"Z3069" AND NOT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY AS SENT. DELETE THE WORDS
"PRIMARY" AND "SECONDARY".

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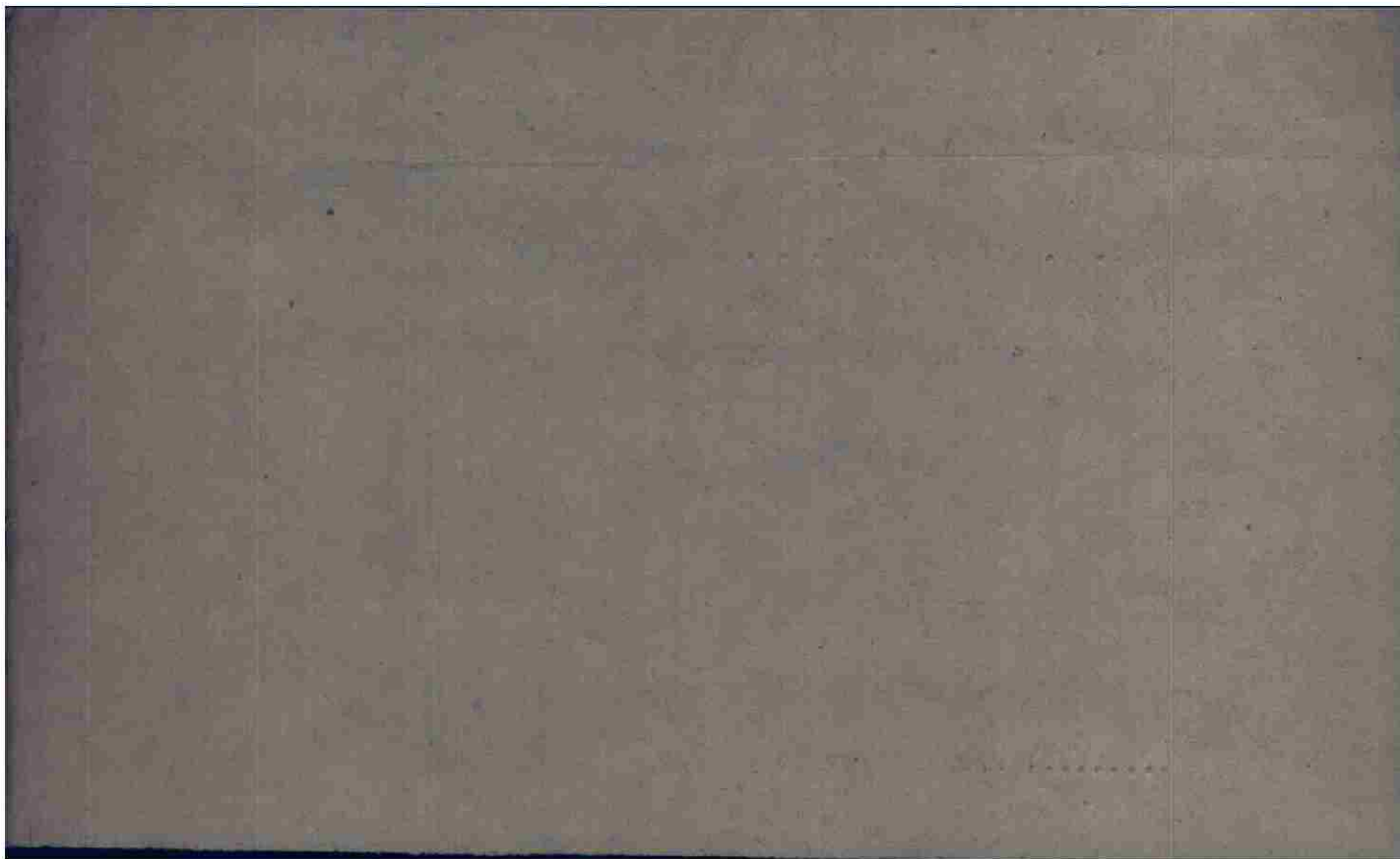
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TO: C.O.1ST PFF SQUADRON (PROVISIONAL)

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COMAF 9

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ANNEX NO 3 TO FIELD ORDER 241

CHANGE PAR 3 A (3) TO ZERO PLUS 10 MINS INSTEAD OF ZERO AS STATED,

FOR T.O.T.

CHANGE PAR 3 C (3) TO ZERO HOUR INSTEAD OF ZERO PLUS 10 MINS AS

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BT 180900A

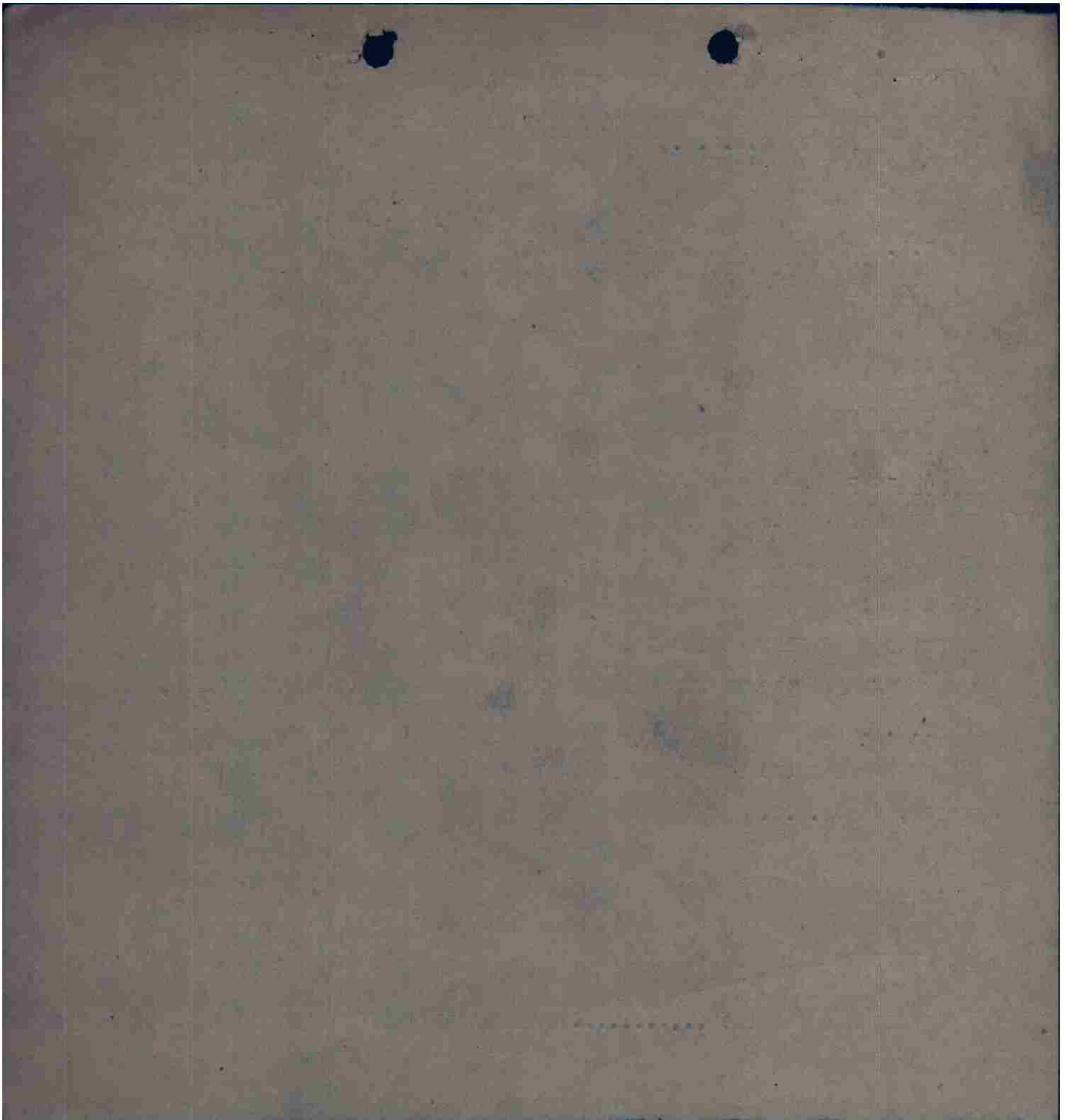
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TO: C.O. 1ST PFT SQUADRON (PROVISIONAL)

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COCBTWIG 99

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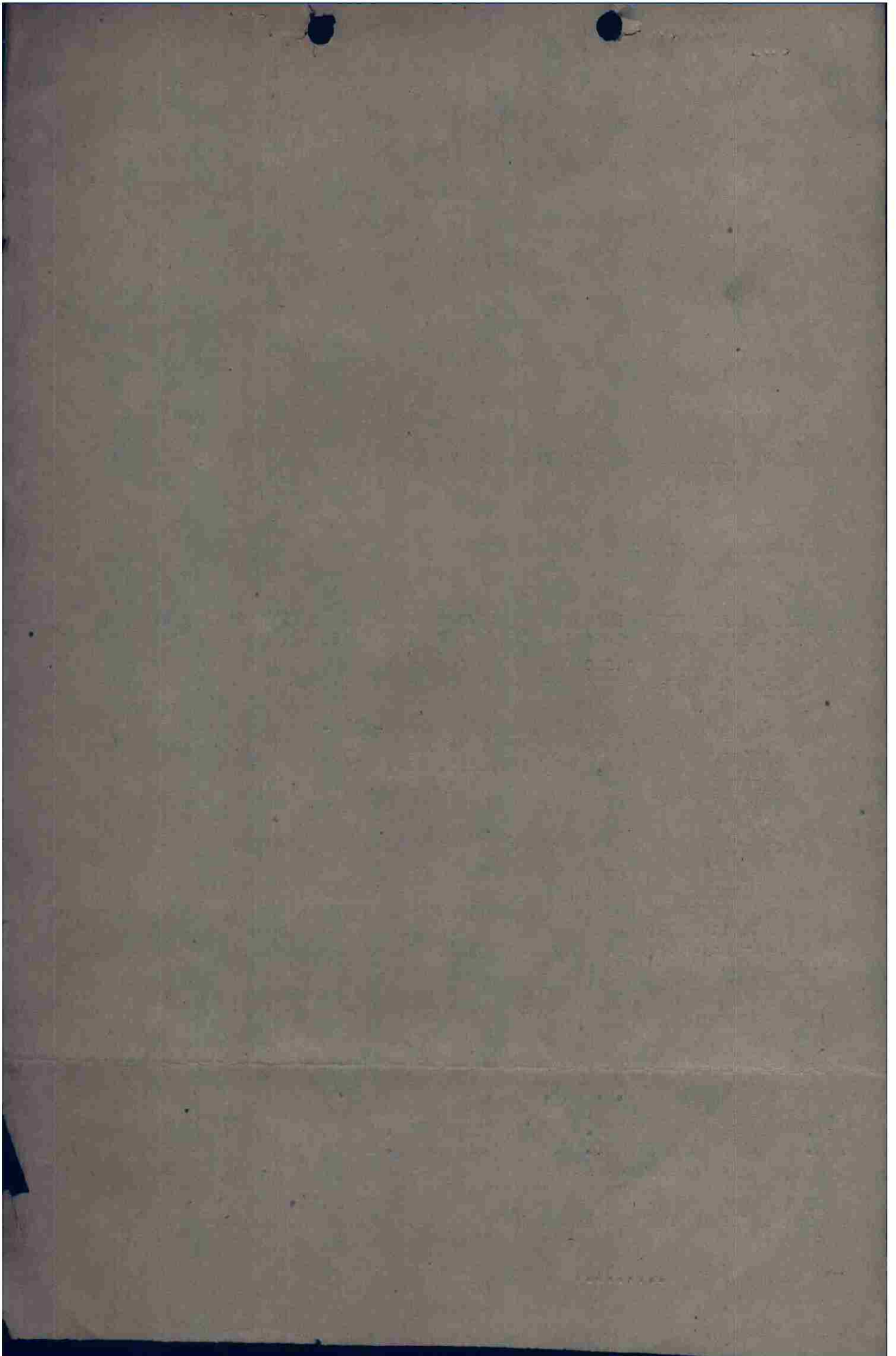
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1. CHANGE PARAGRAPH 5A. TO READ 322 GROUP.
2. CHANGE PARAGRAPH 5C. TO READ 323 GROUP.

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FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 19/1038 A 9BC. R-2367E
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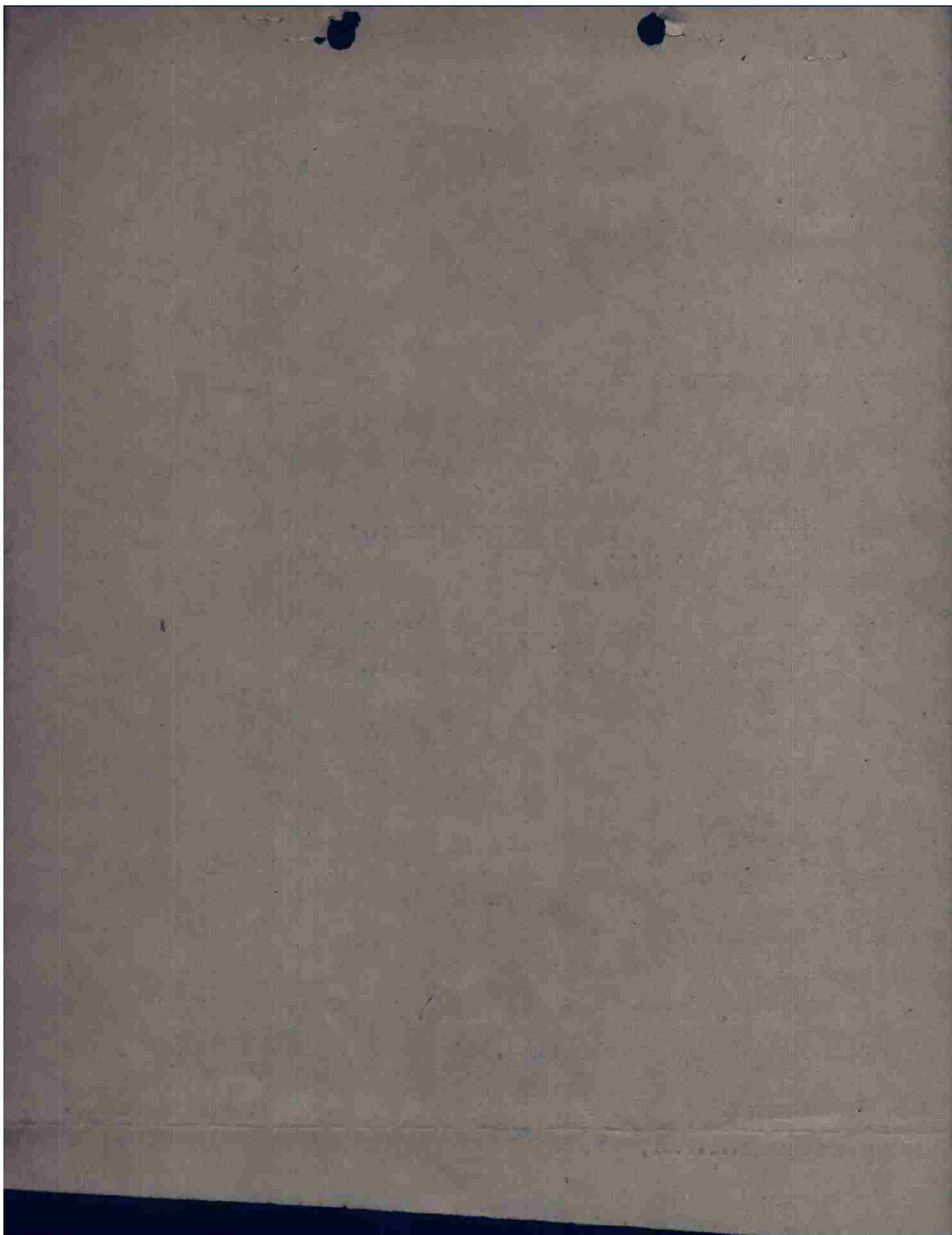
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OIYAA/OICOG R.....18/1103A EJ AR BBB



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FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 180544A 9BC R2359E

TO: OIEFF

OIMAG

OIYAA

98CBW

99CBW

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO F.O. 241.

1. TARGET.

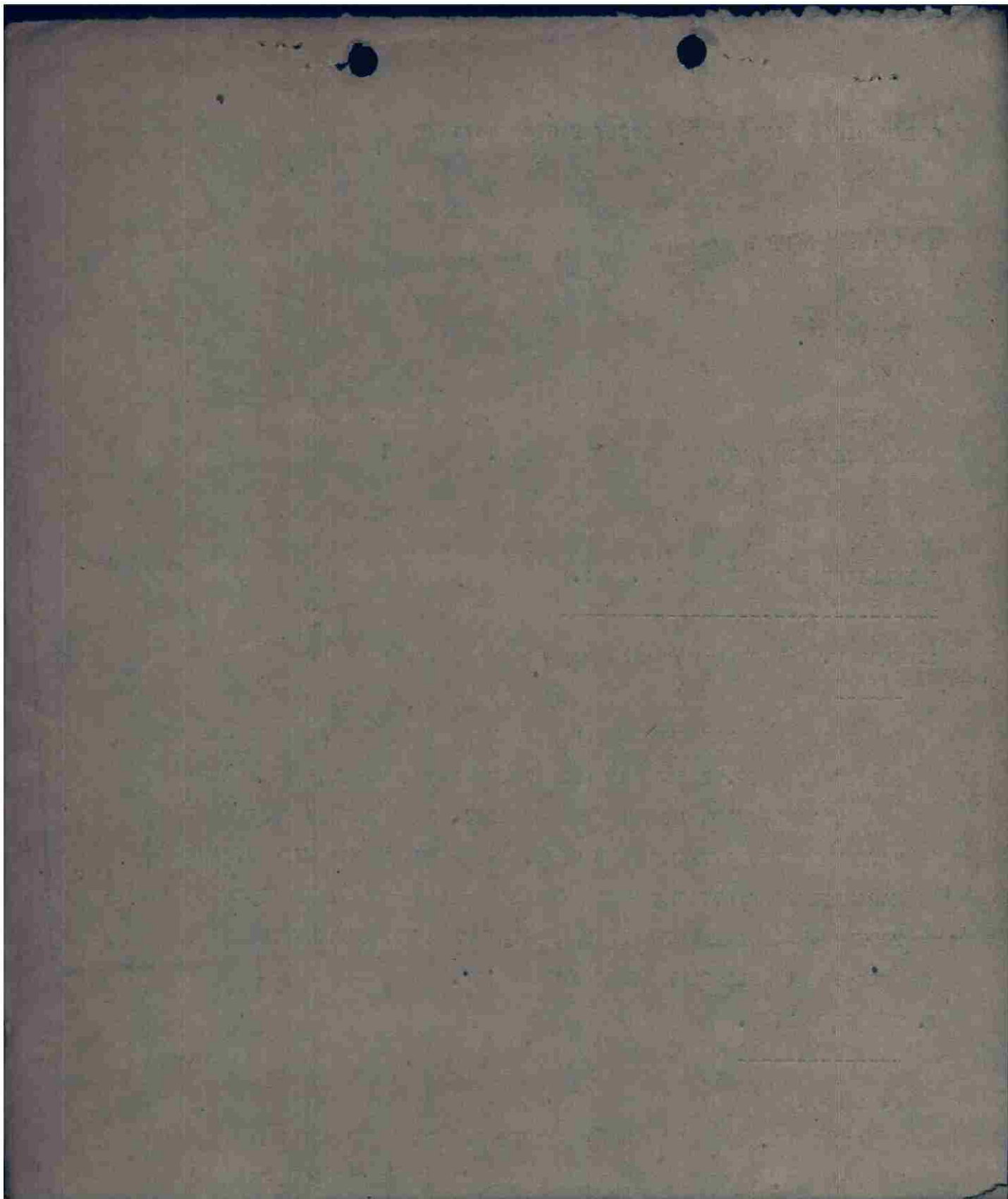
THE THREE NOBALLS CHOSEN FOR ATTACK BY THIS COMMAND ARE ALL VERY IMPORTANT ONES. Z 3069 IS ONE OF THE LARGE NOBALL SITES AND PARTICULARLY HIGH IN THE 'HIT PARADE'. SO FAR THIS MONTH MITCHELLS HAVE MADE TWO ATTACKS ON Z 3075, THE HEAVIES ONE ATTACK, AND MARAUDERS ONE ATTACK; WHILE THE MITCHELLS HAVE ONE ATTACK ON Z 3026 HOWEVER, ALL ARE RATED HIGH AND THE MARAUDERS CAN STILL BE THE ONES TO PUT ALL THREE IN CATEGORY 'A'.

2. THE SITUATION.

A. ENEMY.

(1) FLAK. (GROUPS HAVE RECEIVED LATEST AMENDMENTS).

(2) AIR. (REFER TO WEEKLY APPRECIATION NUMBER 133 PLUS



TTELETYPE CHANGES).

(3) GROUND. IN THE VICINITY OF MONTREUIL THERE IS REPORTED A
RESERVE INFANTRY DIVISION WHICH IS EQUIPPED FORTY-
EIGHT 20 MM AA/AT GUNS.

B. FRIENDLY. REFER TO F.O. 241.

3. OBSERVATIONS:

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- A. REQUEST OBSERVATIONS OF OTHER CONSTRUCTIONS IN THIS AREA.
 - B. REPORT CONVOYS, MOTOR PARKS, ENCAMPMENTS, AND RAIL ACTIVITY
PAST OBSERVATIONS OF CREWS HAVE INDICATED CONSIDERABLE RAIL
ACTIVITY IN THIS ENTIRE AREA.

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BT 130544A

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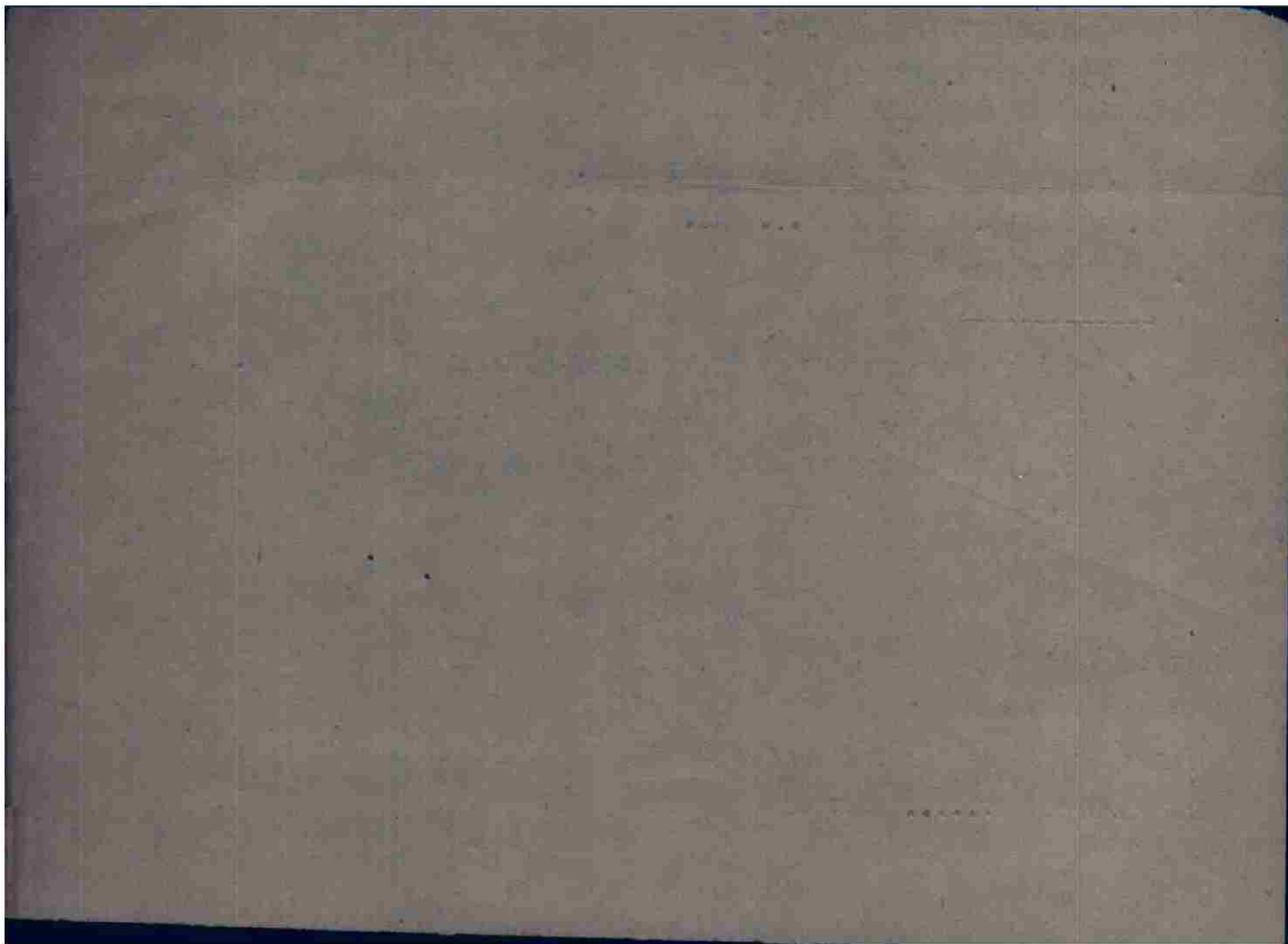
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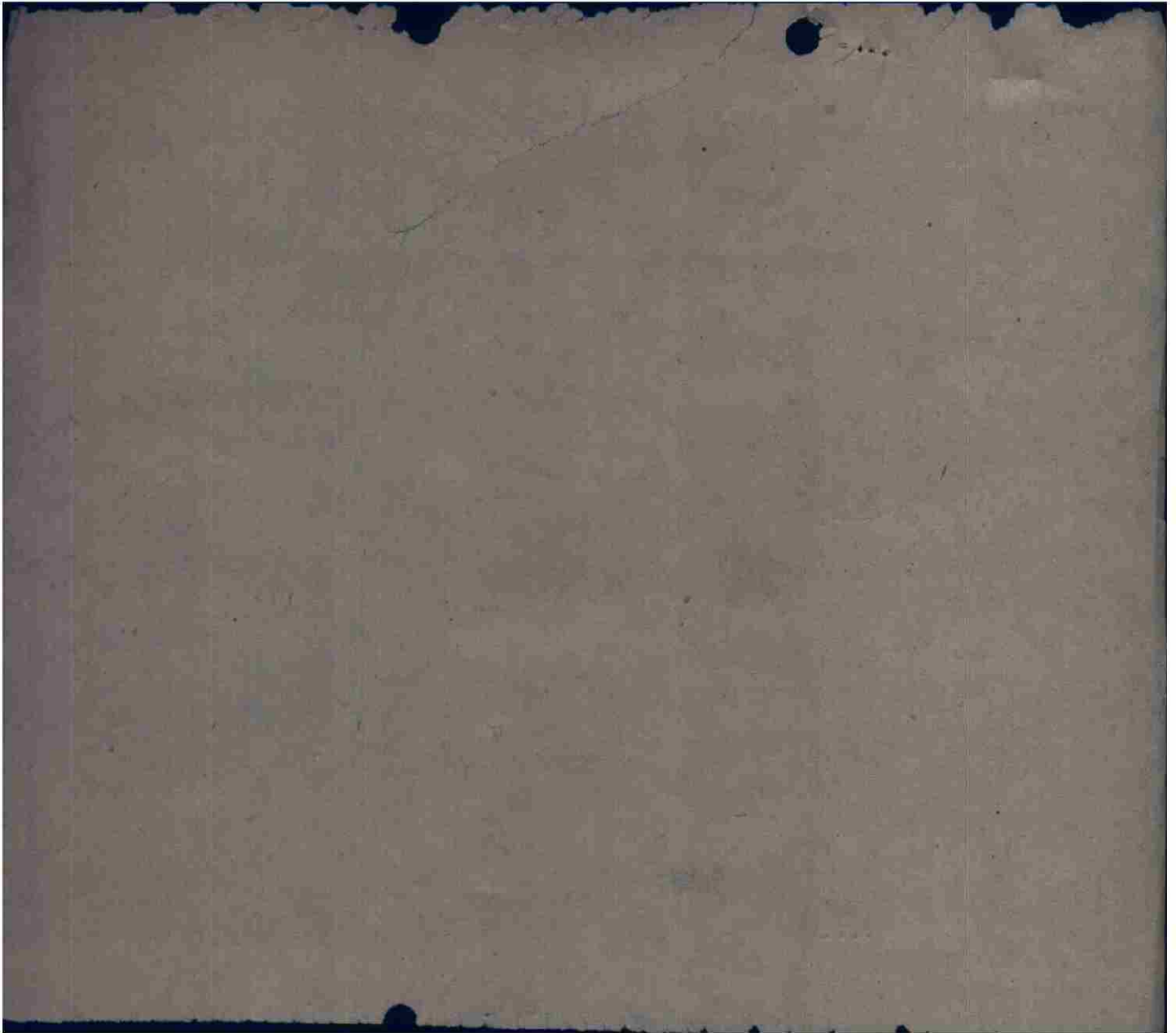
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