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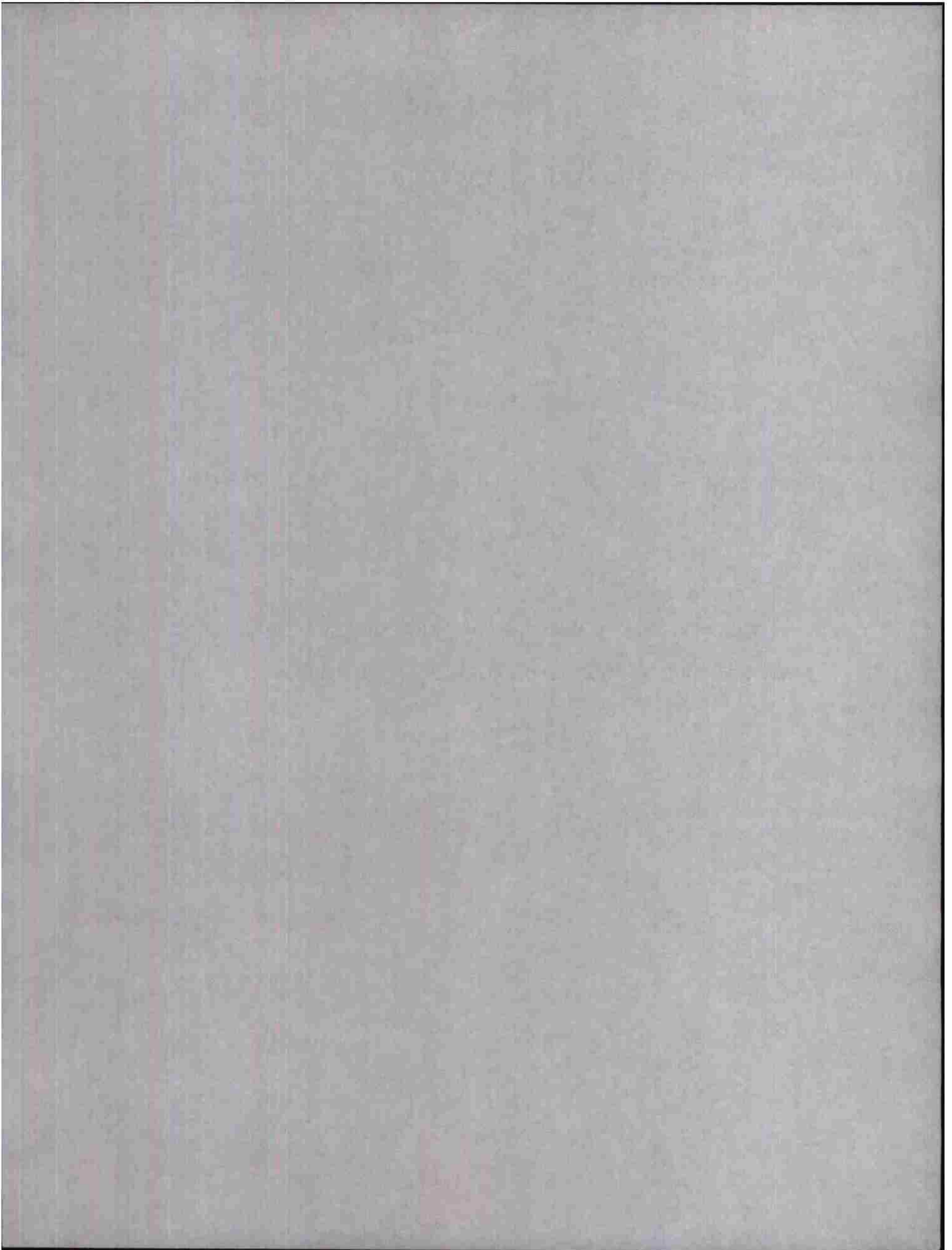
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19 Mar 1944

WISQUES - 96 P.R.C.

(X1/A/96) (Z3061)

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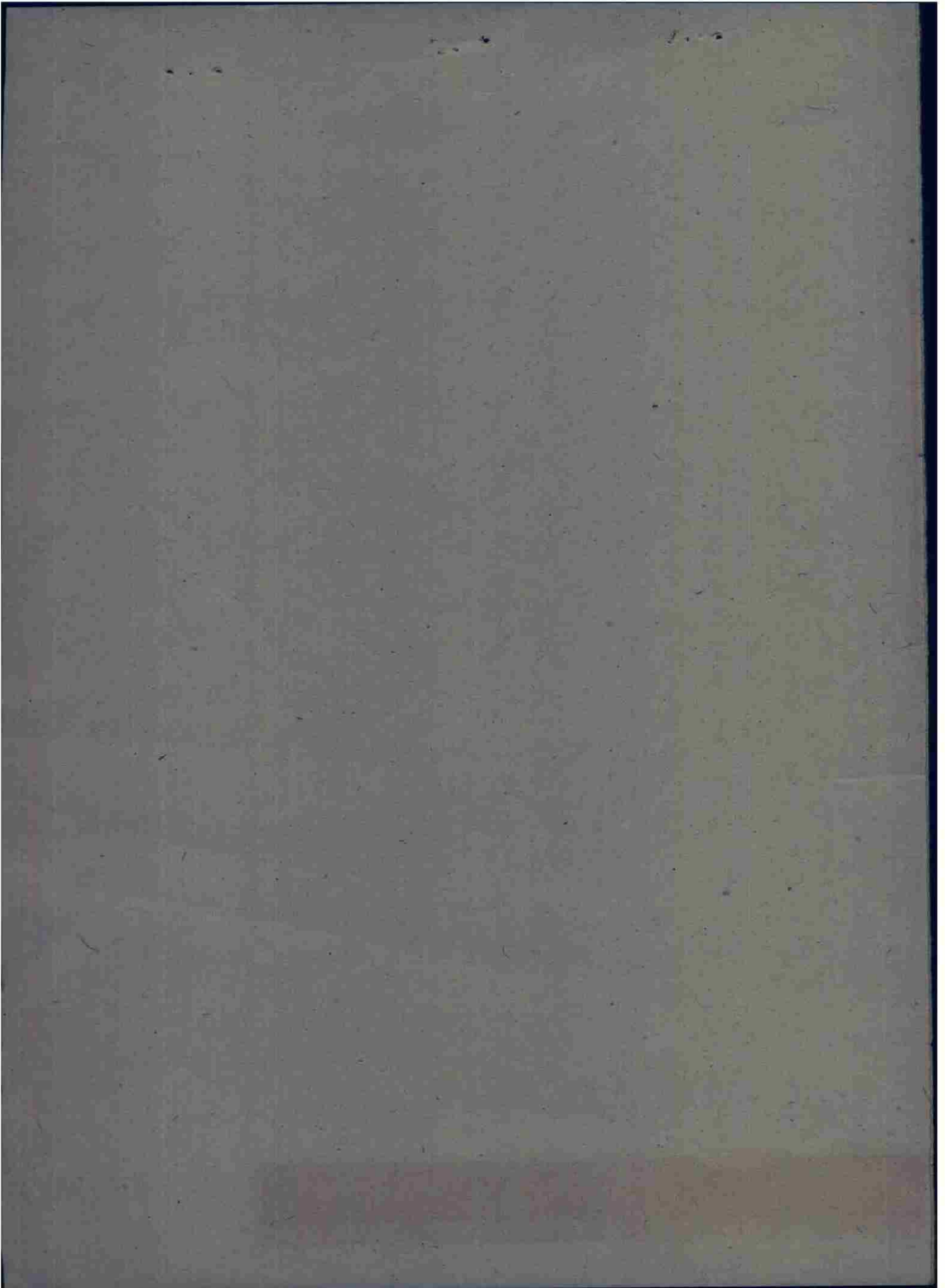
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F.O. NO. 242 **PRE-TAKE-OFF CHECK SHEET** DATE 19/3/44
 RAMROD NO. _____ Duty Officers Initial All Items Checked GROUP 416

Targets (Primary WISQUES Ops. No. (Primary X1/A/96 D.O. _____
 (Secondary _____ (Secondary Z-3061 D.O. _____)

ORDERS RECEIVED
 IX B.C.W.O. (V.TWX) 0100 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 1330 T.O. 1545 R-V Hr. 1645 T.O.T. 1700 DTR _____

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'vly 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.O. (#3)
 RAF 2 Group Reports (9/3/16) Maj. Brett Flak Rpt. (9/3/15)
 All 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.

0730 Recent Raid Experience. Flak E/L 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.

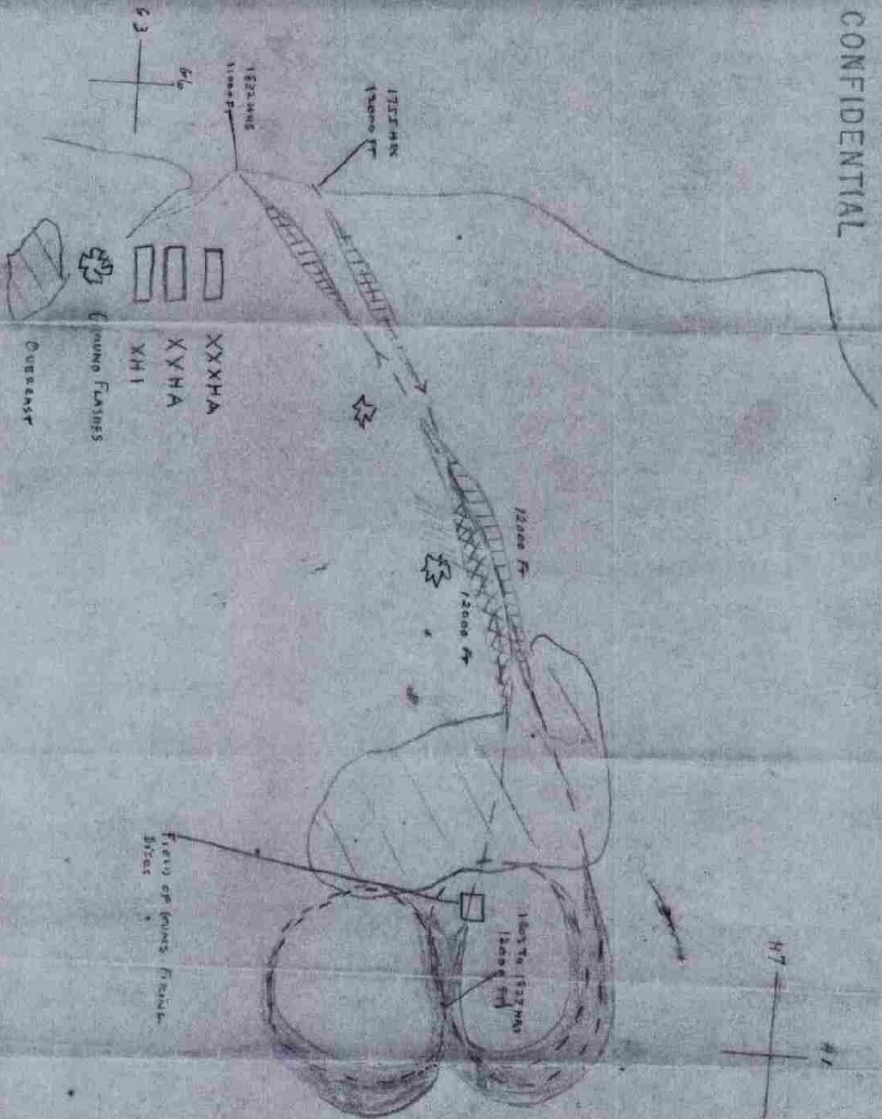
Enemy Convoys, Naval Vessels, Fishing Fleets, Etc. (Use "Scrambler").
 (Call RAF 16 Group - CG, NDO).
 Check for latest Target or Int. Material Received & its shipment to Groups.

ON RELEASE OF W.O. OR F.O. (V. or T.W.X.) to Group.
 Pass A-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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 41ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (1)
 OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

AFPO 636, U.S. Army
 20 March 1944

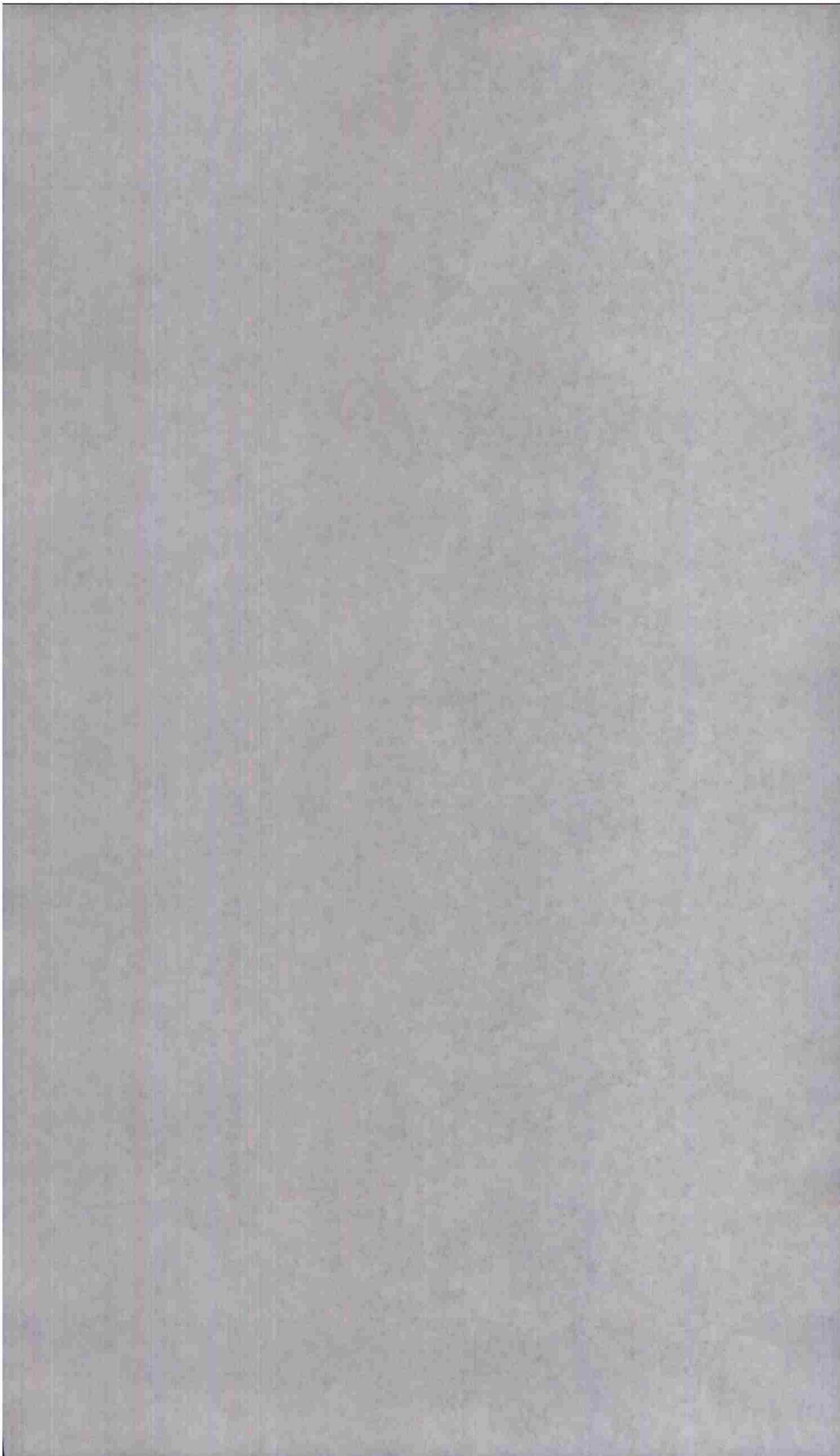
Flak Report - Mission 242

Messier inaccurate HFP experienced after coast in, and continued four to five miles and picked up again in HAVTE POINT area being moderate and accurate and lasting until approach to target area. Three 3600 turns were made over target, and intense accurate HFP was experienced before target and continued until leaving target area with interruptions in the west quadrants of the turn. Messier inaccurate HFP was experienced out in HAVTE POINT area and for approximately four to five miles before leaving coast. Course was flown at 12,000 feet dropping to 11,000 feet at coast out. Bursts generally were accurate for height in all sections but firing was "seen" and predictor controlled. Ground flashes were observed: bursts of four at SAMER, bursts of eight at SE corner of HAVTE POINT, and bursts of four NW of target area.

In a field north of LUMBERES, some twenty guns were observed to fire discs which fell away below formation level without explosion. Weather: poor, .8 cover.

Overlay on:
 GSGS 4042, Sheet No. 1

Wesley J. Muesbauer
 HAROLD J. MUESBAUM
 1st Lt., Air Corps
 G-3 - Flak Officer



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

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APC 638, US Army,
22 March 1944.

SUBJECT : Operations of 19 March 1944 - Field Order # 242.

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

1. Reference is made to Flak Report of 20 March in connection with the above.

2. From a minute examination of the photographs of this operation it has been determined that original route flown information was erroneous. Photographs locate the "Target" in the St. Pol area and show at coast out a route traveled from San Quentin en Tourment to Berck Sur Mer. Because of overcast all other photographs are unidentifiable.

3. This has the effect of placing the actual operations some 28 miles south of ordered operations and reported flak positions are in error and should be disregarded.

4. Transposing, XXXHA reported as experienced at target (Setques-St. Omer Area) would actually come from St. Pol Area and XHI reported on coast out (Point de Larnel Area) would probably come from Berck Sur Mer. Owing to the lack of identifiable photographs on coast in and enroute other flak positions cannot be transposed with any degree of accuracy, though it appears that Flak reported in the Haute Foret Area may have come from Foret de Hesdin XHI, Hesdin XXHA.

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

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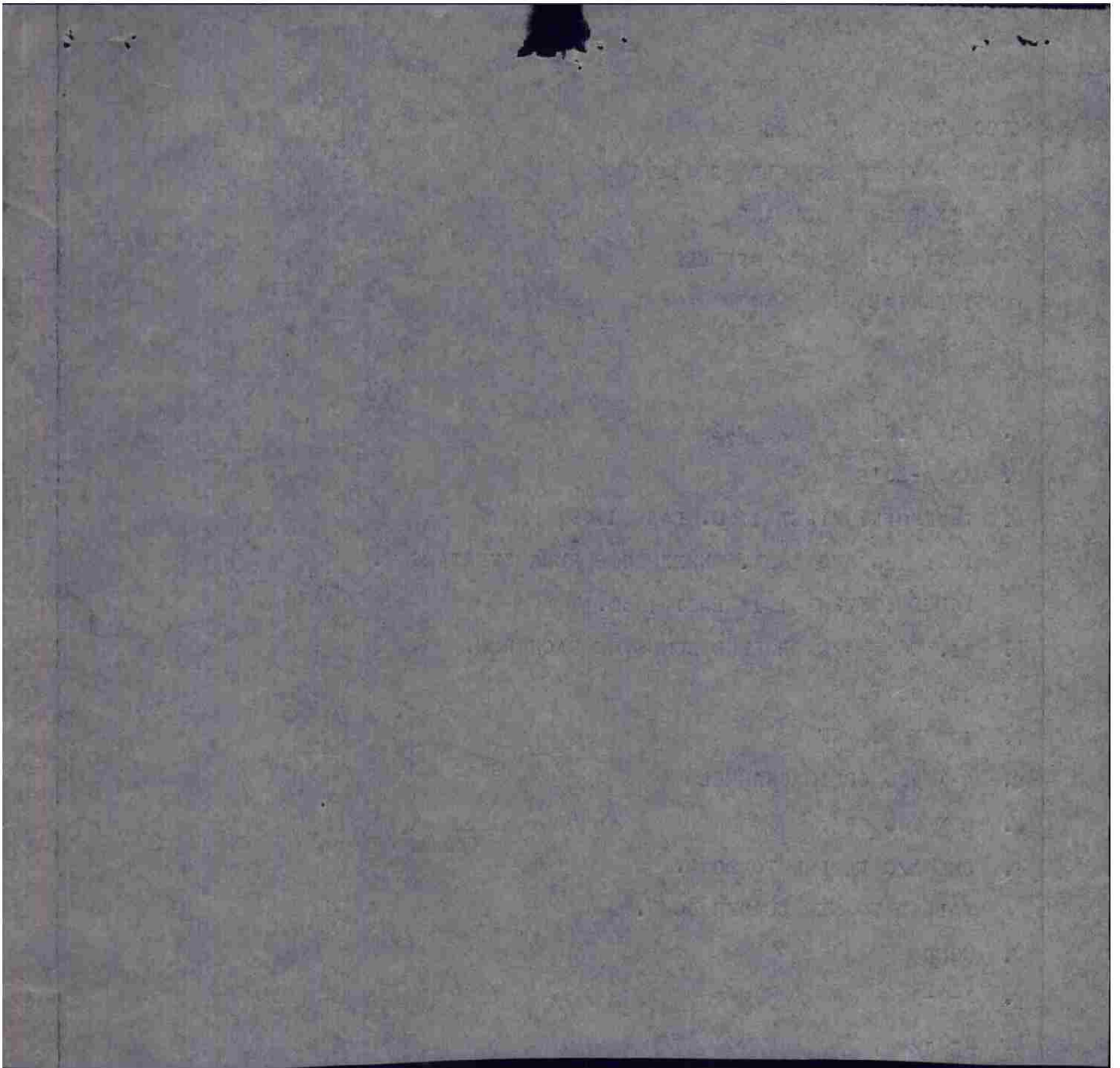
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FROM CO WEATHERSFIELD 200145A
TO IX BOMBER COMMAND

ATT: A-2 DUTY OFFICER

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- (14)
1-A-3
1-A-3
01502
- A. 416 B.G. FO 242
 - B. 33 A-20'S
 - C. TAKE OFF: FIRST 1700. LAST 1709
TOT: 1803 TO 1823. THREE BOMB RUNS OVERTARGET.
LANDED: FIRST 1913 LAST 1950.
 - D. 31. SOME A/C DROPPED BOMBS ON EACH RUN.
 - E. 12,000 FEET
 - F. 122 X 500 GP
 - G. 4 X 500 GP IN CHANNEL
 - H. 2 X 500 GP
 - I. ONE A/C FAILED TO BOMB.
FAILED TO SEE LEADER BOMB.
 - J. NONE
 - K. 0-0-5
 - L. 0-0-0



M. (A) NIL

(B) MEAGER INACCURATE ~~THE~~ HFF AREA THREE MILES SOUTH OF HARDELOT.
 MODERATE ACCURATE HFF HAUTE FORET AREA ON ROUTE IN:
 INTENSE ACCURATE HFF IN SETQUES-ST. OMER AREA.
 MEAGRE INACCURATE HFF IN HAUTE FORET AREA ON ROUTE OUT.
 MEAGRE INACCURATE HFF IN POINT DE LARNEL AREA.

(C) GOOD SUPPORT

(D) 4 B-26'S, 2 P-47'S AND A B-17^{SEEN} DESTROYED IN TARGET AREA.

TWO PERSONS OBSERVED TO BAIL OUT OF B-17. ~~ONE~~ ONE OUT OF B-26.

ALL THREE CHUTES OPENED. NO^{HE} BAIL OUT FROM P-47'S.

N. OVER TARGET: .7 TO .8 CLOUDS. LARGE AMOUNT OF LOW CLOUDS MADE IT
 NECESSARY TO MAKE THREE BOMB RUNS.

O. CATEGORY "A" - 32 A/C

CATEGORY "E" - 1 A/C, DAMAGED BY FLAK, CRASH LANDED AT BATTLE.

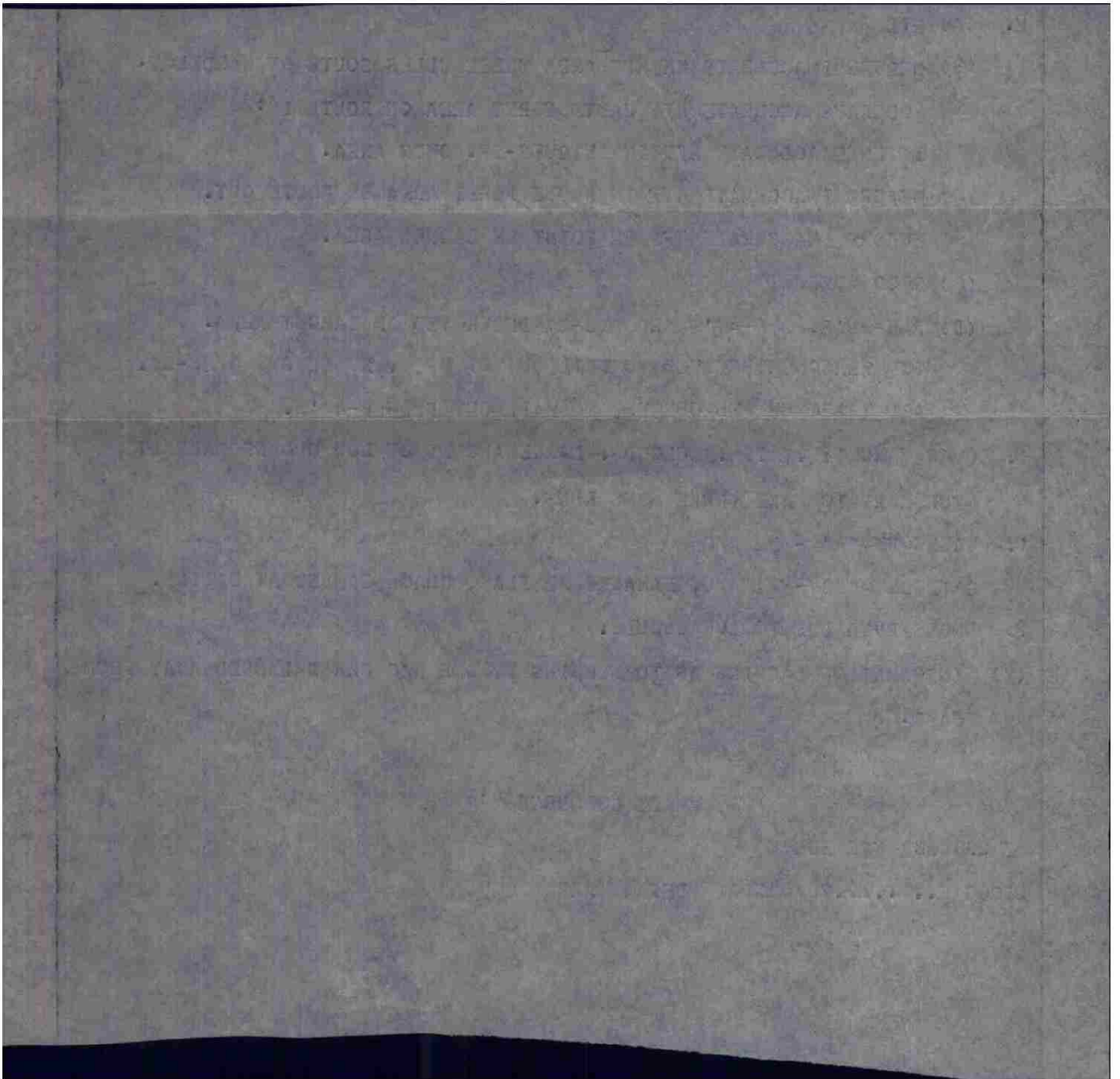
P. UNOBSERVED DUE TO LOW CLOUDS.

(X) INFORMATION LACKING AS TO BOMBING BY ONE A/C CRASH LANDED AWAY FROM
 BASE.

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BT 200230A WFG BBB

OICOG R.....20/0235A DEF KKKK



DETACHMENT "B"
21ST WEATHER SQUADRON
AAF STATION 160

AFG # 638
19 March, 1944

FLASH REPORT: 416th Target: 96 19 March, 1944 Time: 2110 hours

Base Conditions: 1700 hours -- Visibility 6 miles.
.4 cumulus, base 2500 feet, tops 4000 feet.
.8 cirrostratus, above 20,000 feet.

Route Out: .3 to .4 cumulus, tops 5000 to 6000 feet over England
increased to .5 to .6 over channel, held to 10 miles
inland then increased to .7 to .8.
Visibility over England 3 to 4 miles, over channel 2 to 3
miles and 5 to 6 miles over continent.

Target: Time over Target: 1203 hours

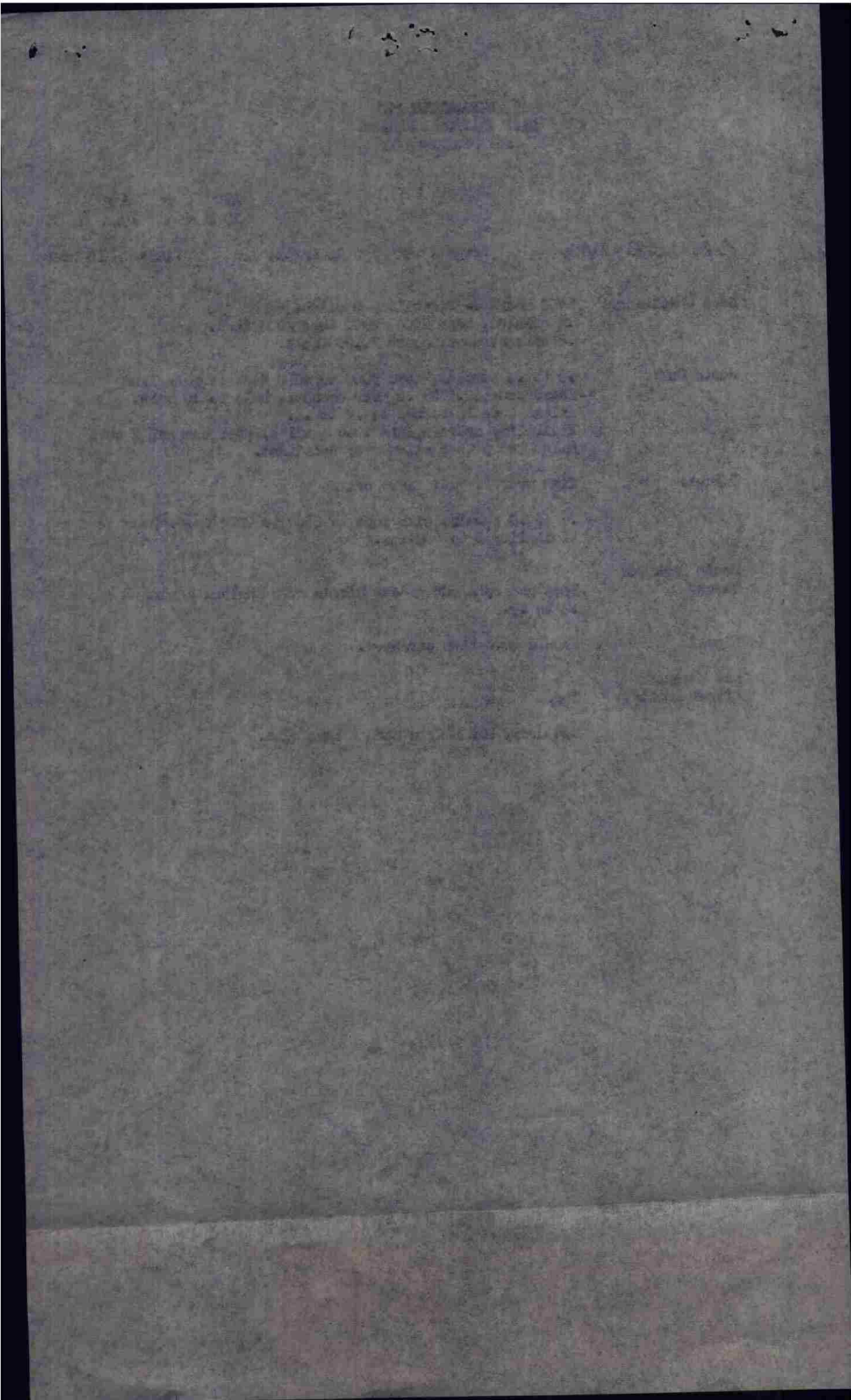
.7 to .8 cumulus with tops to 6000 to 7000 feet. MADE 3 BOMB
Visibility 5 to 6 miles. RUNS NECESSARY.

Route Back and
Base: Same as route out except clouds over England became
.2 to .3.

Winds: Should have been stronger.

Did Weather
Affect Bombing: Yes.

Did drop, but had to make 3 bomb runs.



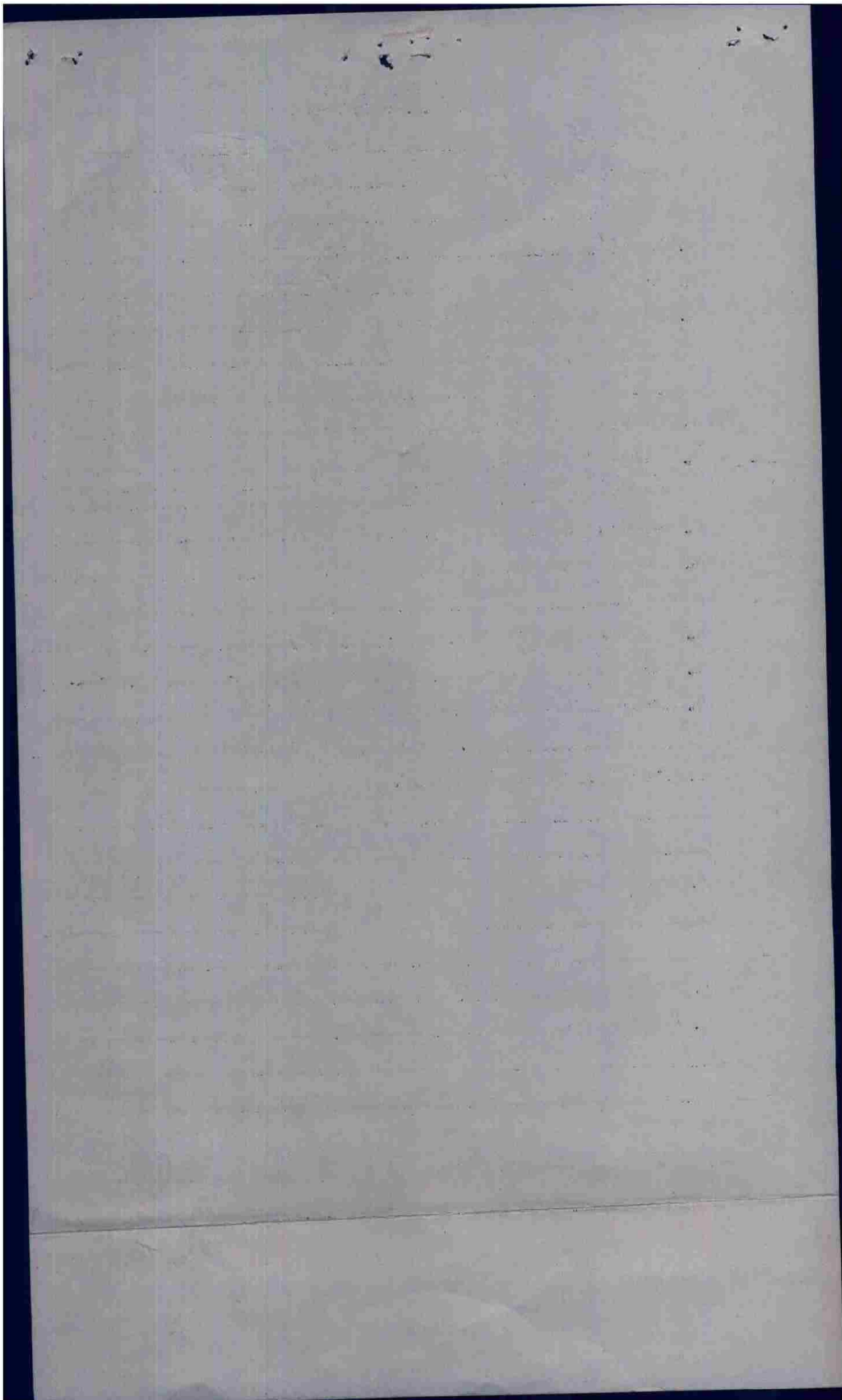
TELEPHONE REPORT
(For B.C. Use in Receiving)

Target X1/A/96 Estimated Due ~~19-3-44~~ Hour _____
 Received From 416 Bomb Group At _____ Hours 19-3-44 Date _____
 By _____ To _____
 A. Group 416 Frge 242
 B. A/C Off 33 Type A-205
 C. A/C Failing to Bomb with reasons for each: 1 (did not see leader drop)

 D. A/C Attacking Primary 31 Secondary _____ Last Resort 3
 E. Bombs in Target Area 138X500 Tons 34.5
 Bombs Jettisoned 4X500 Where in channel
 Bombs Returned 2X500
 F. Results of Bombing: Good (), Fair (), Poor (), Nil (), unobserved due to weather
 G. A/C Lost or Missing 0 Approx. Location _____
 Reasons _____
 H. No. of A/C Suffering Battle Damage 32 (33)
 I. Personnel Casualties 0 Killed 0 Missing 4 Wounded _____
 J. E/A Opposition: Strong (), Mediocore (), Weak (), Nil (X), _____
 _____ Destroyed _____ Probably Destroyed _____ Damaged.
 K. Flak: Int. (), Mod. (), Weak (), Nil (), weak in HFF ^{Scatter} ~~area~~ area -
mod. acc. HFF Haute-Forey area. Int. acc. on all 3 passes
over target - mod. in. from Haute Forey and route out.
 L. Weather as it Affects Mission .7 to .8 cumulus with tops to
6000 to 7000 ft. V-5 to 6 miles. (cloud cover - made
3 passes at target)
 M. Altitude of Attack 12,000
 N. Other Information 504 trucks coming SW toward La Tongue.
3 balloon ships in channel off Pargues 2 B-26s, 1 B-17,
3 P-47s seen destroyed in St. Omer area. at least
two parachutes seen.

 Forwarded to Operations Room, Ninth Air Force 2250 Hours _____ Dat _____
 By _____ To _____

Msg. lacking from one A/C - landed away from
base.



Last A/C Landed _____ hrs. Date 19-3-44 Group 416 Target 96

POST MISSION CHECK LIST

(Enter "Time Due" and "Accomplished" on wall chart)
USM OPERATIONS TIE LINE

Time Due <u>Estimated</u>	Time Due <u>Final</u>	(Phone Reports to 9 AF go to A-2 DO Ops Room)	<u>Accomplished</u>
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Notify P.I. upon receipt of word from
F.C. that target has been bombed

INITIAL I/A REACTION

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

INITIAL PRU REPORT

Due 15 min. after last a/c lands.
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 BG 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 FMS 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 FG (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. Loweke, 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. Loweke, A-1, A-4, News
Evaluator, and Adj. (Stamp "Confidential").

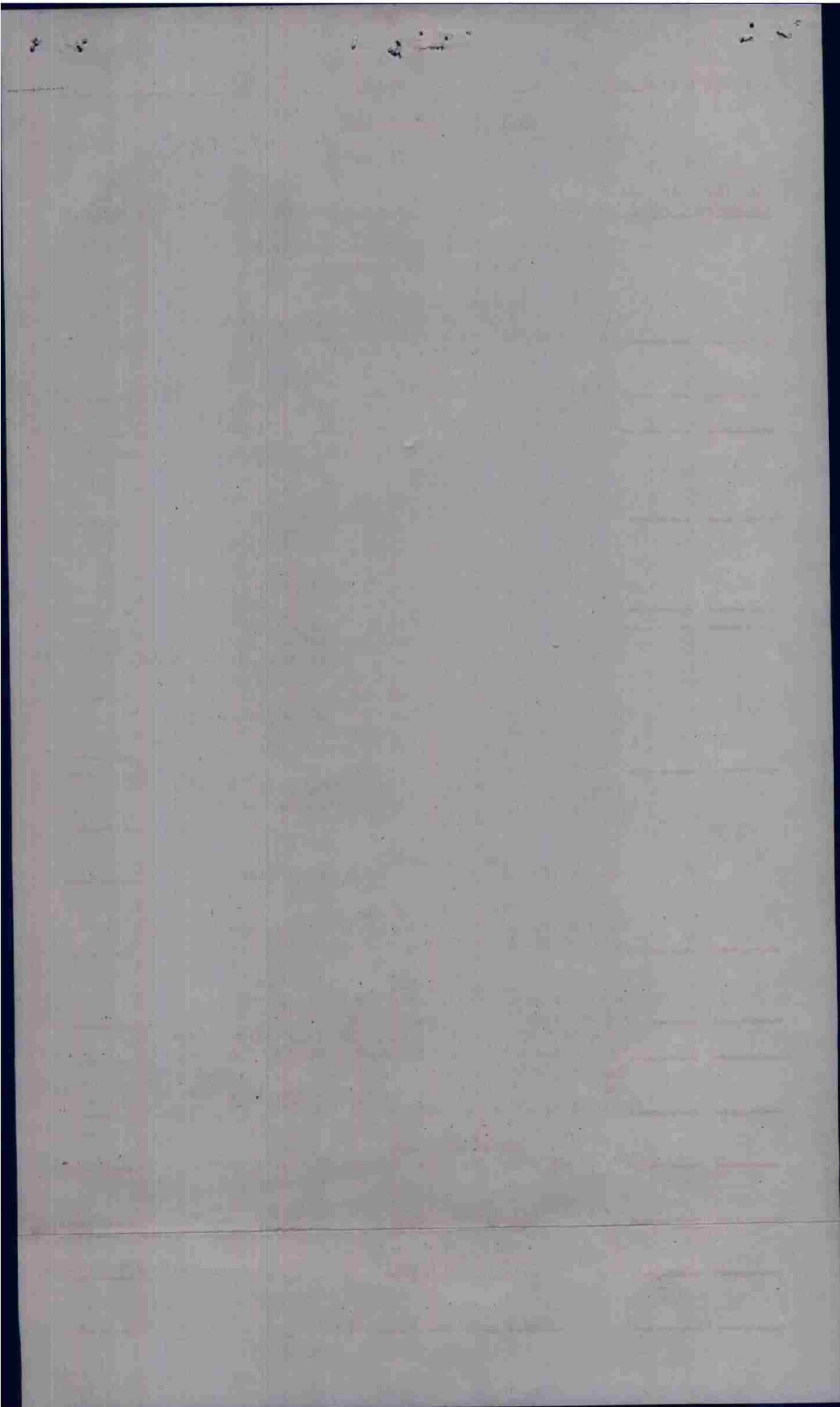
ENCOUNTER REPORT

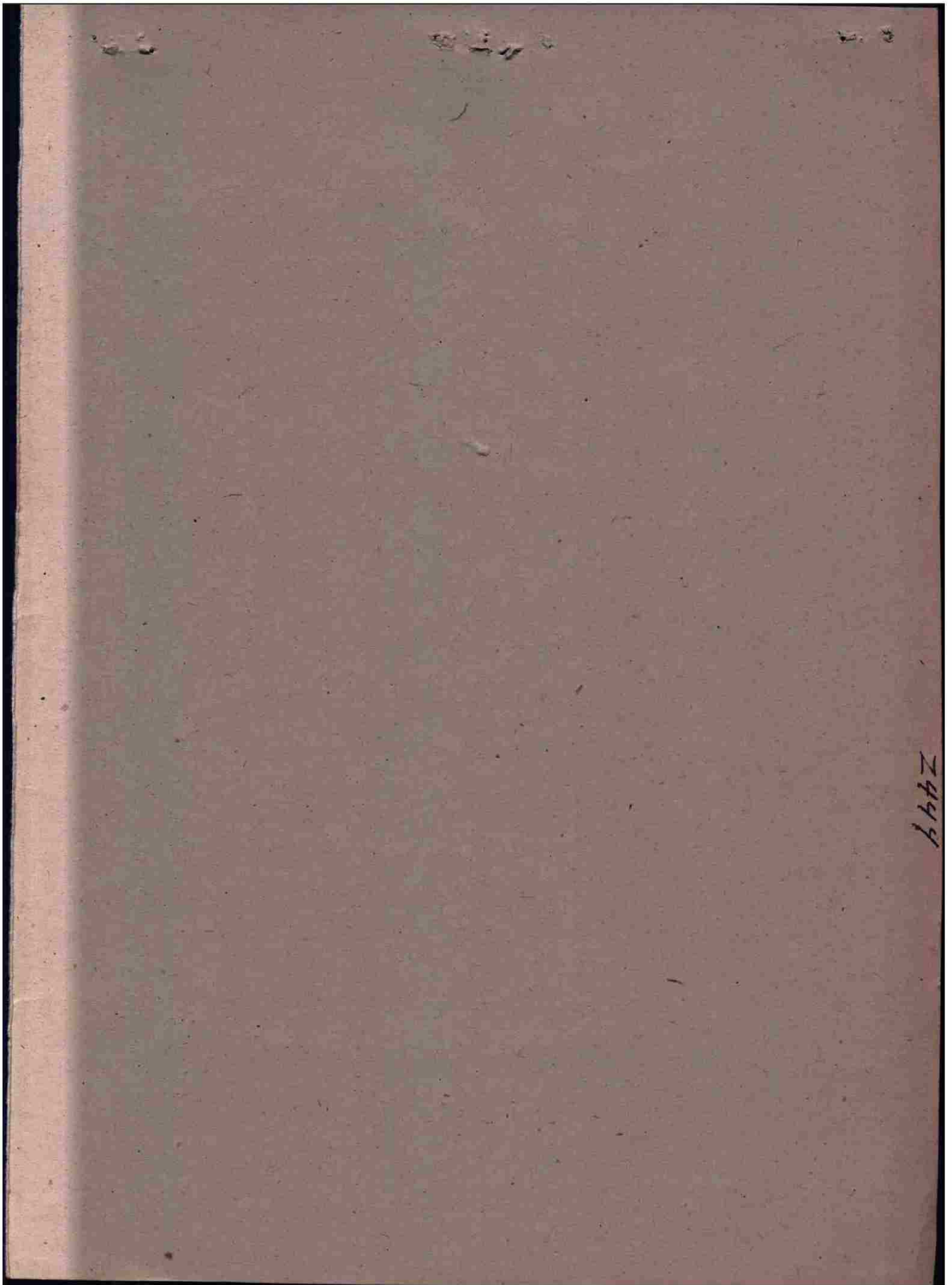
Due 2d day after mission. Deliver to Lt. Loweke

C.I.U.- SA REPORT

C.I.U.- PRU REPORT

SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT





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