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HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

APC 638, U. S. Army,
21 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Reports.

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

1. Transmitted herewith are the A-3 Bombing Information Reports and inclosures on operational mission 19 March 1944, submitted in compliance with IX Bomber Command Memorandum 15-9D.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENFELT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

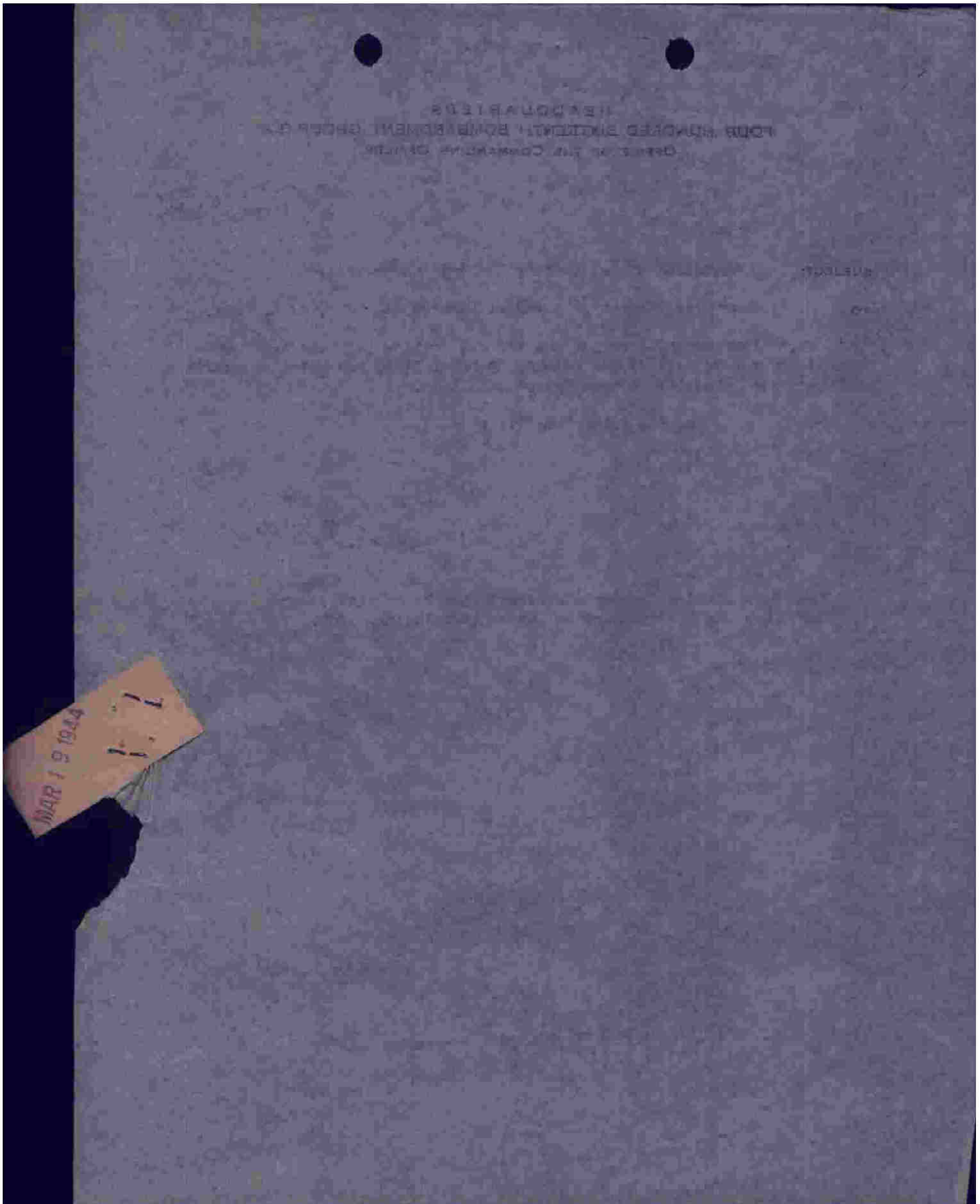
2 Incls:

Incl #1 - Bombing Information Report (Box I) and incl.

Incl #2 - Bombing Information Report (Box II) and incl.

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MAR 19 1944

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S E C R E T

BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 242BOX I GROUP 416 DATE 19 Mar 44 TARGET ATTACHED St. Omar1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set attempt at synchronous. Target observed too late for run.2. Bombing approach: 025° - 035° mag.3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X4. 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: Target observed to left - quick turn for deflection - no range corrections used. Fast bomb release line when bombs away. W.P.I. used as aiming point by subtracting 30 mils - 360 feet.

5. Name of lead bombardier: 1st Lt. William L. Smith6. Name of lead pilot: Major Clarence S. Towles, Jr.7. Intervalometer setting: Nil8. Indicated Air Speed: 290 Ground Speed: 290 Altitude: 12000 ft.9. Length of bomb run: 5 Sec: _____10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 126 (24000) X 500 lb FUSED 1/10 N 1/40 T

11. Total Bombs Dropped: _____

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing? YES X NO ____ If "YES" state conditions: 16/16 clouds on line with target and south and north of target and 3/10 ft. haze cut visibility 3 to 5 miles. Time of attack also affected visibility.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or APT? YES X NO ____ If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES X NO ____ 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? Nil.

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: Because of haze and clouds unable to locate target until crossing bomb release line.

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: See Inclosure 1.

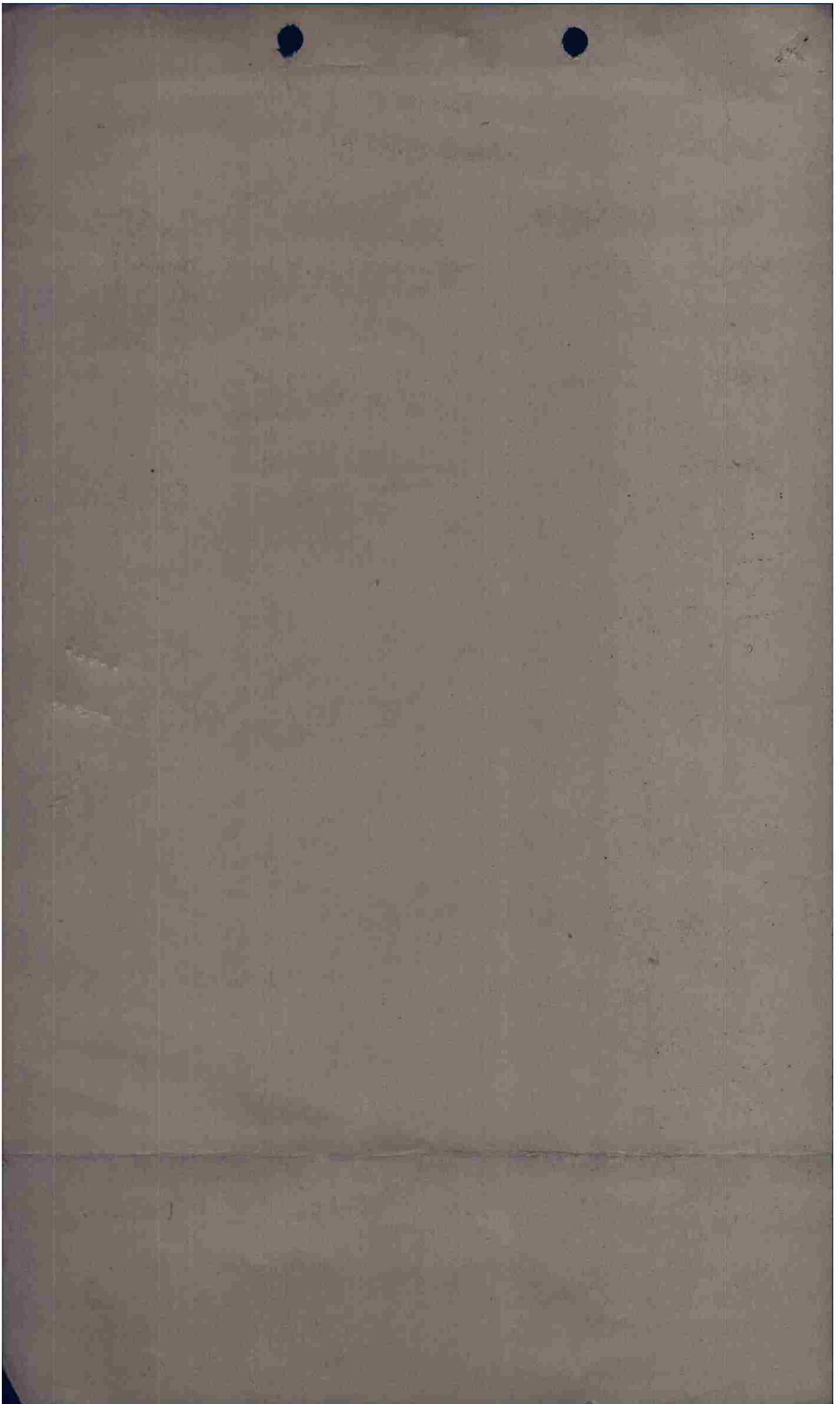
(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO ____

Results claimed: GOOD FAIR POOR BAD MISS

Unobserved due to poor visibility.

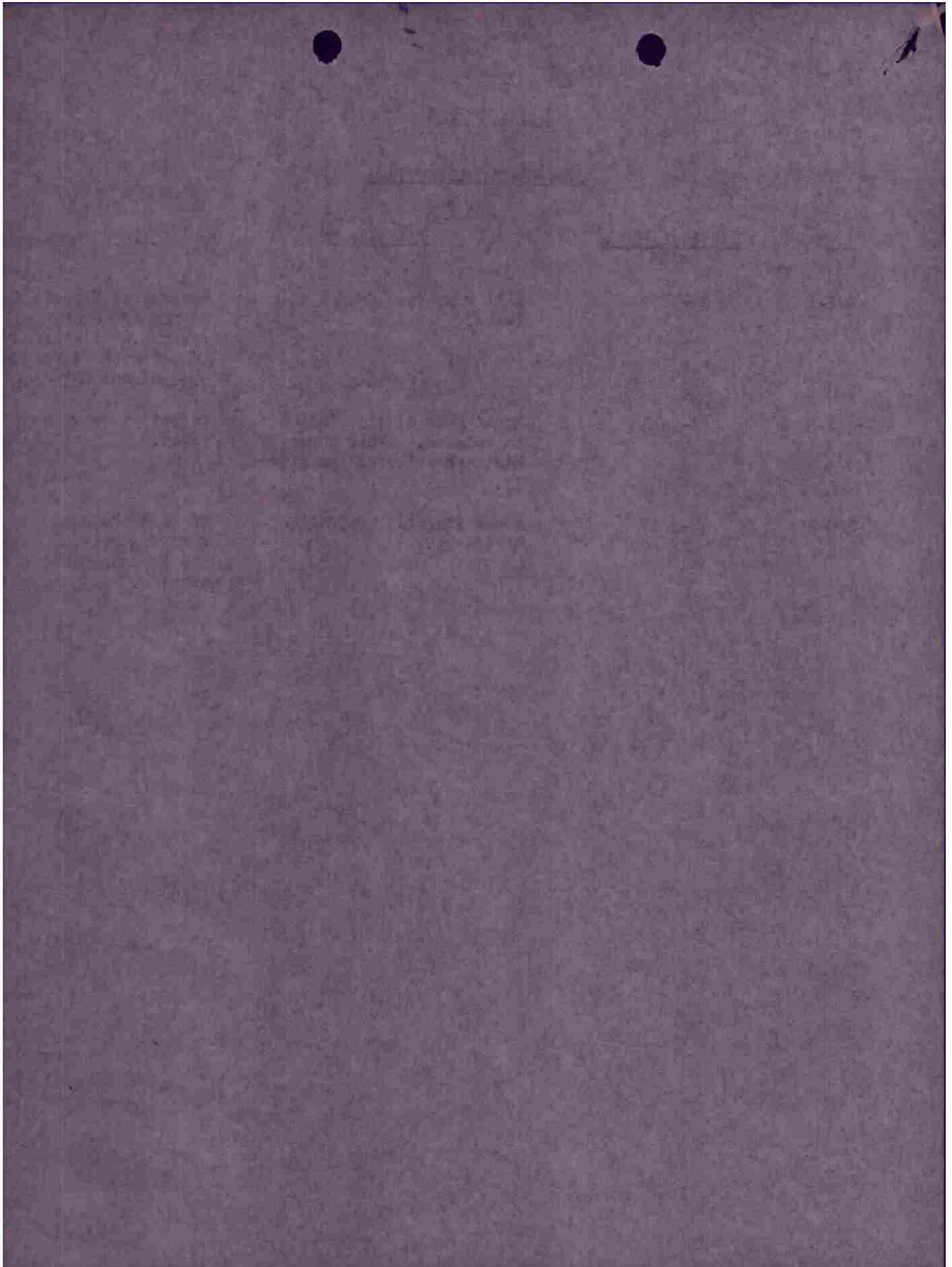
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INCLOSURE 1REPORT OF MALFUNCTIONSBOX 1

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AAF SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>
A-20J-5	43-9439	Left rear rack failed to release.	Bombardier failed to release on bombing run. Pilot released other three on Quadrant release.
A-20J-5	43-9444	Right rear station failed to release. Other three stations released prematurely.	Defective salvo relay.
A-20G-25	43-9207	Lower flexible gun failed to charge.	Charging handle striking rear of the E-8 gun mount adaptor.



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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.O. FIELD ORDER NO. 242BOX II GROUP 416 DATE 19 MAR 44 TARGET ATTACHED St. Clair

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set synchronous.
2. Bombing approach: 060° - 070° mag.
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: Target on left - picked up in telescope too late for range or deflection corrections. Bombs released on pre-set data. No strike observed. Sight set up with same data as lead bombardier except for disc speed setting which was set for 11,500 indicated. Magnetic heading 060° - 070° mag. - second pass over target.

5. Name of lead bombardier: 2nd Lt. Robert J. Barnett
6. Name of lead pilot: Major David L. Willette
7. Intervalometer setting: M41
8. Indicated Air Speed: 225 Ground Speed: 285 Altitude: 11500 ft.
9. Length of bomb run: 5 Sec: _____
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED 1/10 N 1/10 T
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 126 (2 Boxes)
12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

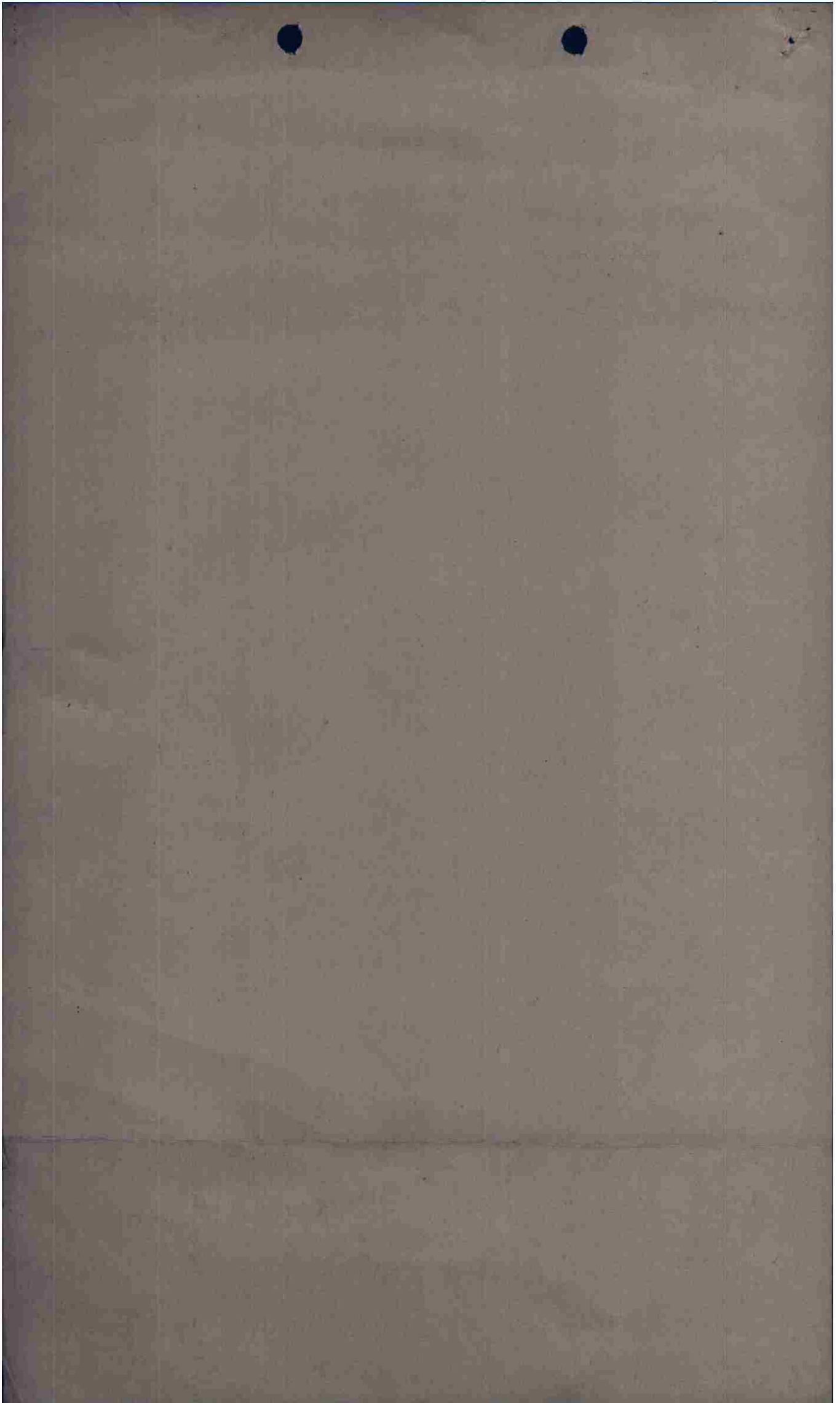
- (a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES X NO _____. If "YES" state conditions and effect. Bad haze and poor visibility, 8/10 to 10/10 clouds. Time of attack also affected visibility.
- (b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IF or AF? YES X NO _____. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:
- (c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES X NO _____. 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? None
- (e) State any difficulties on bombing run Because of haze and clouds had to pick up target in sight.
- (f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: See Inclosure 1.
- (g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES _____ NO _____

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

Unobserved due to poor visibility.

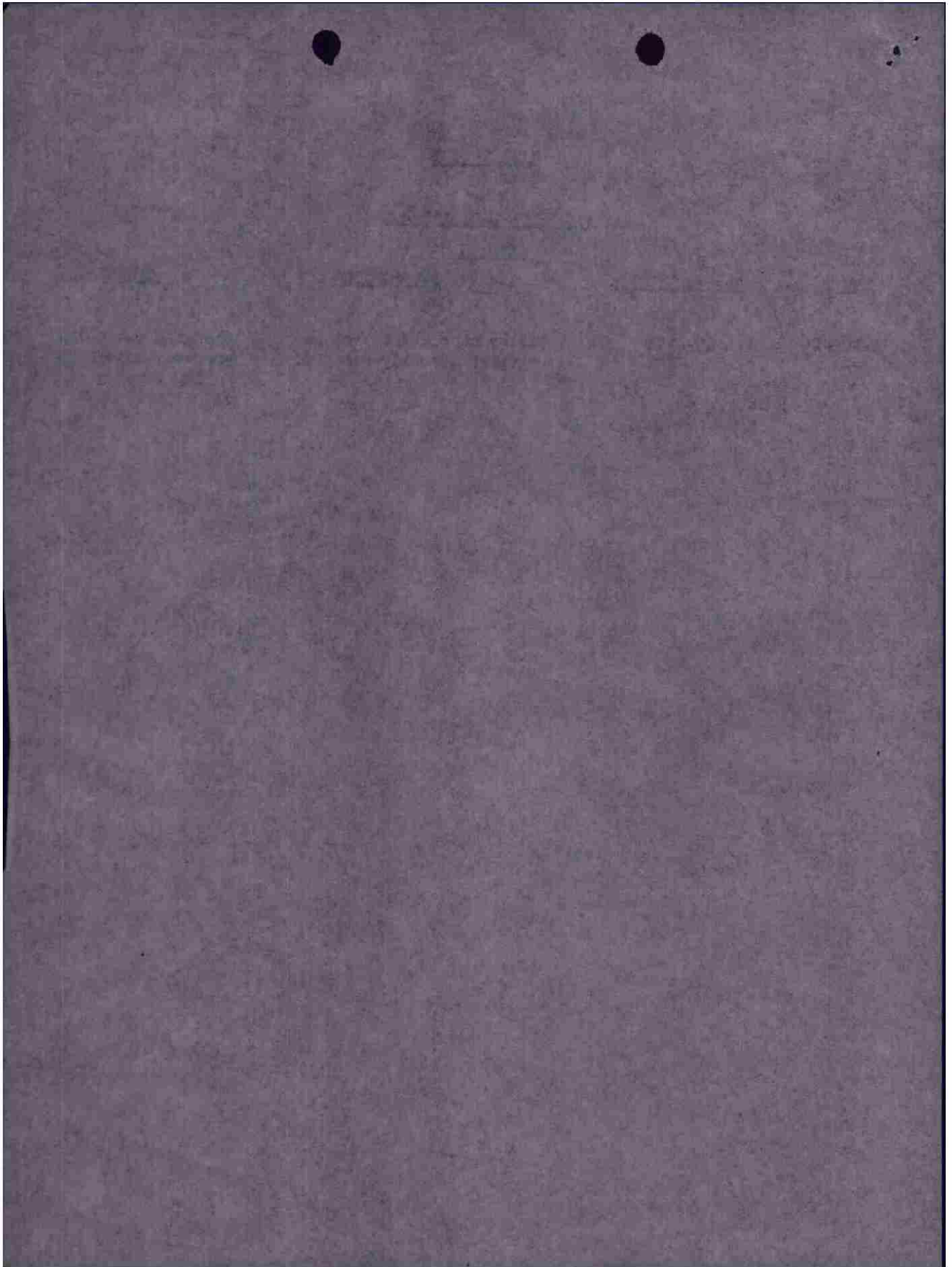
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INCLOSURE IREPORT OF MALFUNCTIONSBOX II

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AAP SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>
A-200-25	43-4390	Pulley on right turret gun charging assembly damaged.	Charging cable improperly seated on pulley causing damage to pulley.



**HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)**

APO 698, U. S. Army,
21 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Lost, Damaged, and Abortive Report.

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

Target: St. Omer

Date : 19 March 1944

IX Bomber Command Field Order No. 242

1. Summary.

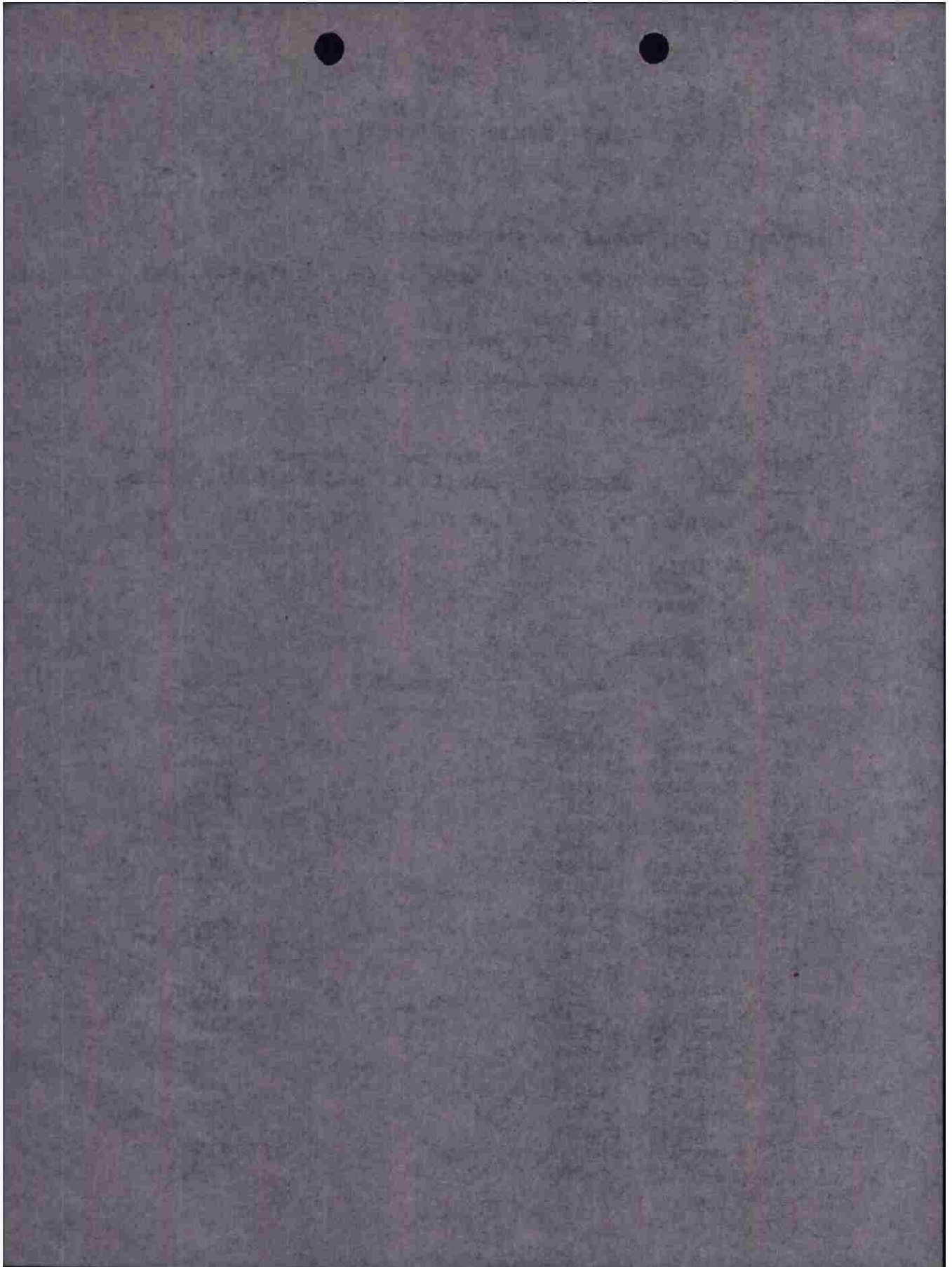
Group	Type A/C	A/C Dispatched	Abortive		Damaged			Attached Target
			Mech	Other	A	AC	R E	
416	A-200's & J's	33	0	1	31	0	0	32

2. Lost.

None.

3. Damaged.

Group	Type A/C	ACSN	Category	Cause
416	A-200-5	43-9439	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9587	A	Flak
416	A-200-30	43-9696	A	Flak
416	A-207-5	43-9444	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9560	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9194	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9227	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9217	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9224	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9200	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9203	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9207	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9223	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9216	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9379	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9182	A	Flak
416	A-200-30	43-9745	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9195	A	Flak
416	A-207-10	43-9914	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9220	A	Flak
416	A-200-30	43-9707	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9225	A	Flak



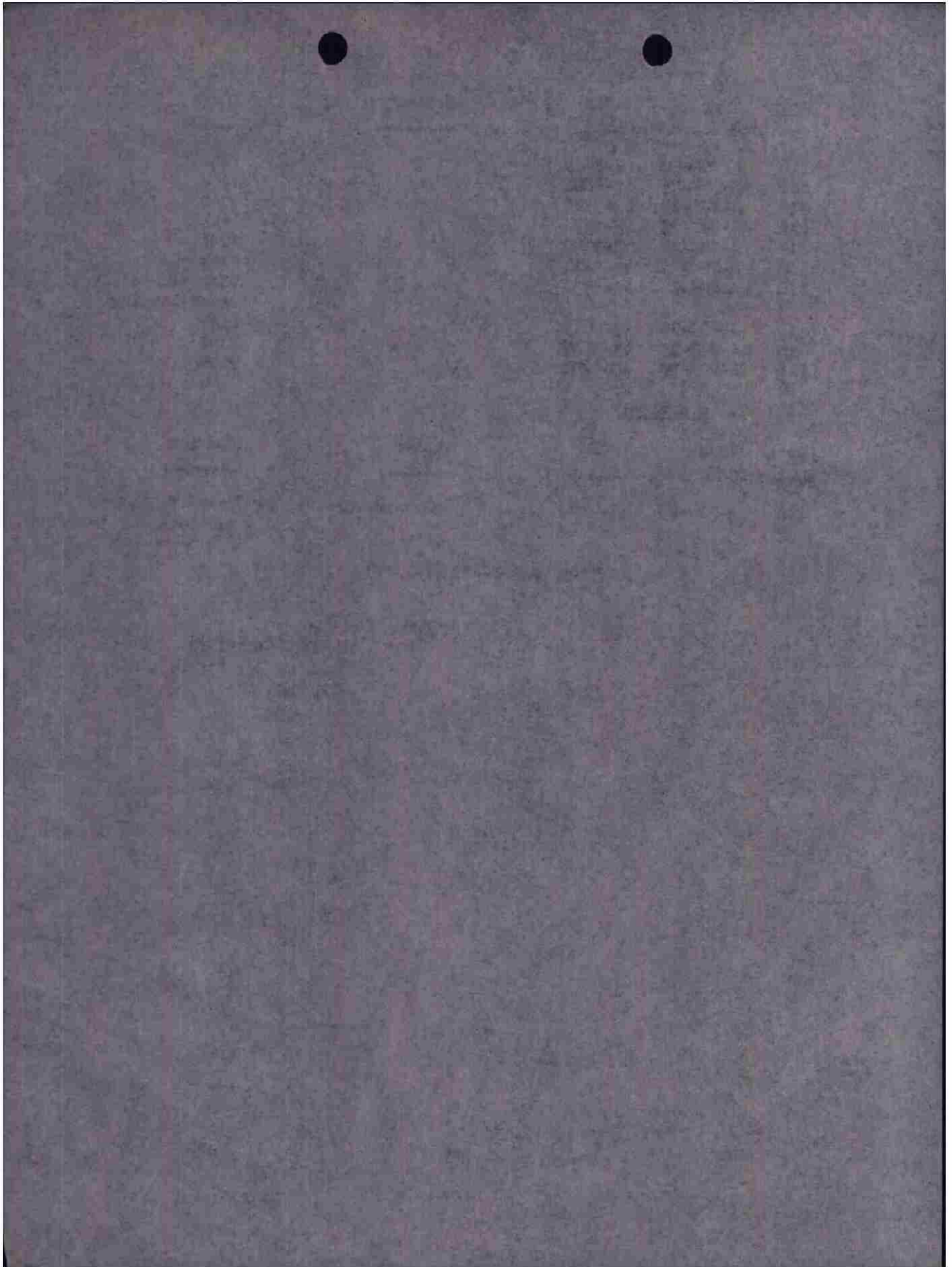
<u>Group</u>	<u>Type A/C</u>	<u>ACSN</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Cause</u>
416	A-200-30	43-9699	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9202	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9226	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9370	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9390	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9211	A	Flak
416	A-200-30	43-9751	E	Flak caused crash landing
416	A-200-30	43-9673	A	Flak
416	A-200-25	43-9219	A	Flak
416	A-200-30	43-9701	A	Flak

4. Abortive:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Type A/C</u>	<u>ACSN</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
416	A-200-25	43-9182	No bombs dropped	Pilot failed to see loader release.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.



E - B - 4

HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)APO 638, U. S. Army,
21 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 : 19 March 1944
 Number of Aircraft Scheduled : 33
 Number of Aircraft Alerted : 33

II. Scheduled Aircraft Failing to Become Airborne.

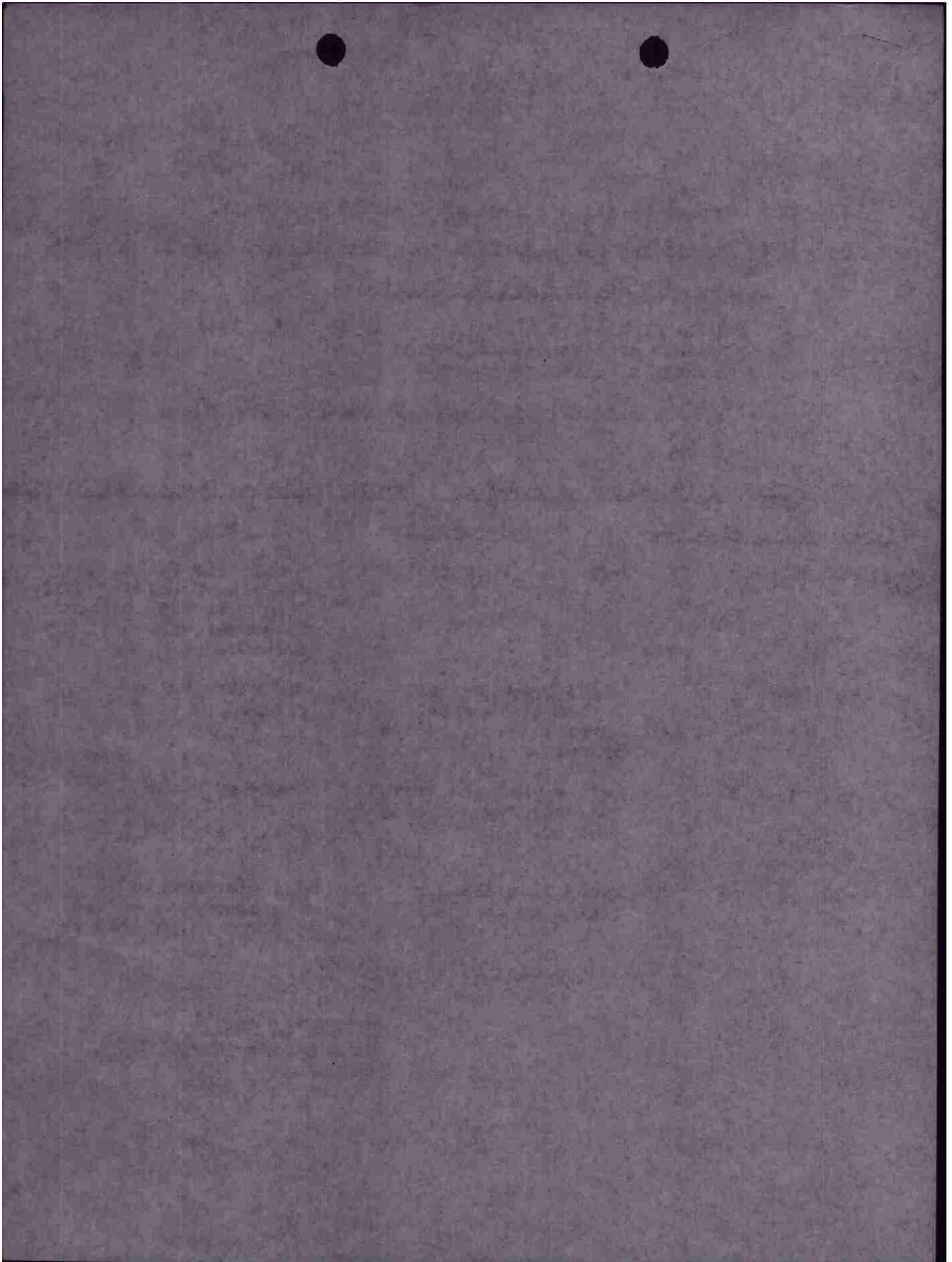
None.

III. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Affecting Success of Mission.

Type	AAF Serial No.	Description	Cause
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A-20J-5	43-9444	Right rear station failed to release. Other three stations released prematurely.	Defective salvo relay.
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A-20G-25	43-9207	Lower flexible gun failed to charge.	Charging handle striking rear of the E-8 gun mount adapter.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.



FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

97TH COMBAT WING - AAF STATION 165

99TH COMBAT WING

416 BG R _____ E

CONFIDENTIAL IN THE CLEAR

AUTH: MAJOR WALTER W. FARMER

"J" FORM

CLEARANCE F-3

19 MARCH 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR JOHN G. NAPIER

1. BOX I

670 8 T H G F D E A B

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

671 1 A-1

GROUP LEADER 670 T

DEPUTY 668 J

BOX II

671 7 X E H G I C D-1

669 7 B E-1 D G-1 C-1 H-1 I-1

668 1 H-2

BOX LEADER 671 X

DEPUTY 671 G

2. BOX I Z3061 BOX II Z3061

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

4. 1721 BASE TONBRIDGE DUNGENESS

5. 1745 12,000 DUNGENESS

6. 1752 12,000 3 MILES SOUTH HARDELOT

7. 1808 11,000 3 MILES SOUTH HARDELOT

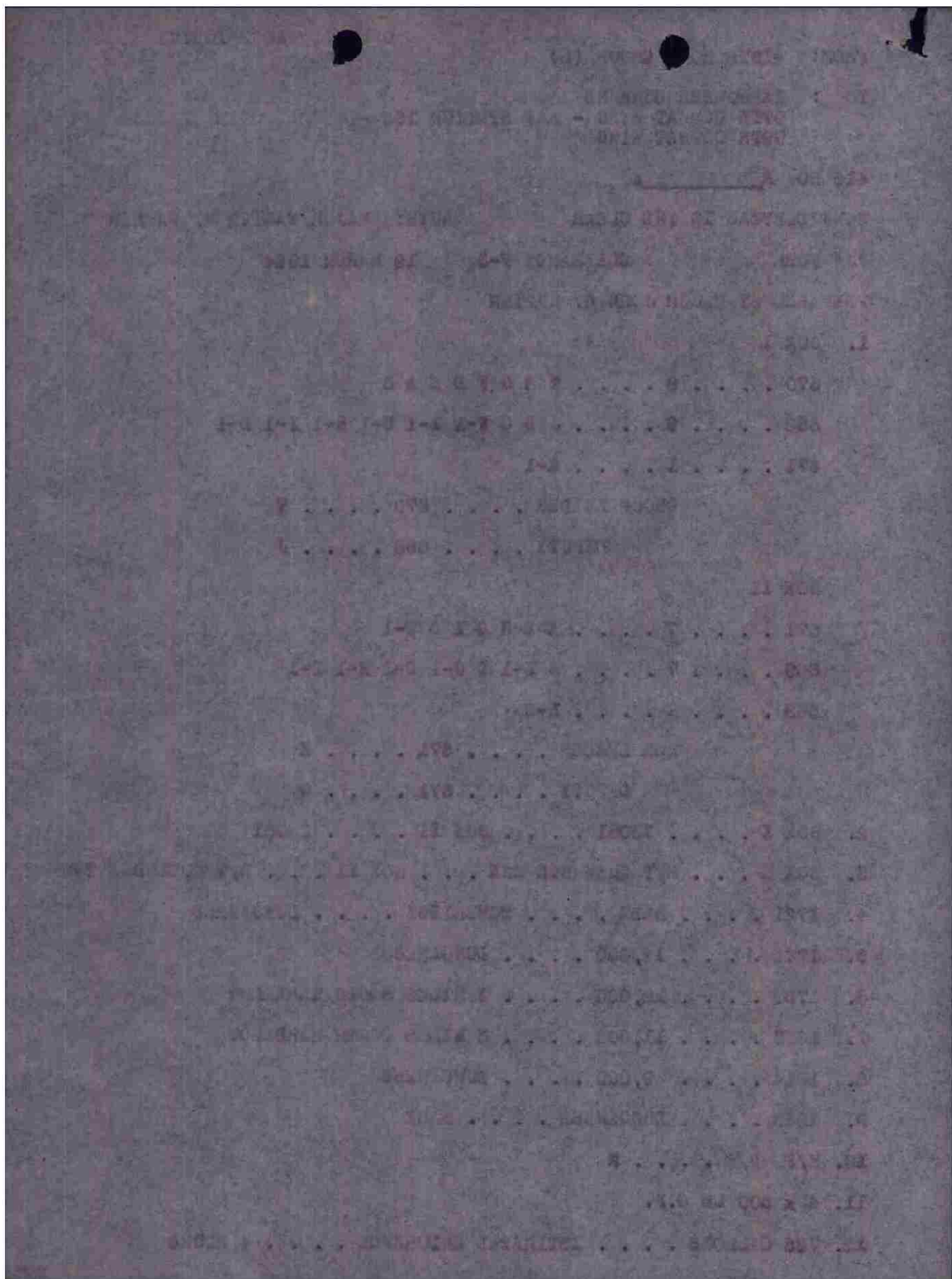
8. 1814 9,000 DUNGENESS

9. 1833 DUNGENESS BASE

10. M/F D/F N

11. 4 x 500 LB G.P.

12. 725 GALLONS ESTIMATED ENDURANCE 4 HOURS



13. SUBMITTED IN LIEU OF GP F.O.:

- A. MAPS NORMAL
- B. ASSEMBLY 1,500 HOME A/D
- C. IP 3 MILES SOUTH HARDELOT
- D. AXIS OF ATTACK 55 DEGREES MAGNETIC
- E. TOT 1758
- F. METHOD OF BOMBING PATTERN

MACE COBOMGR 416

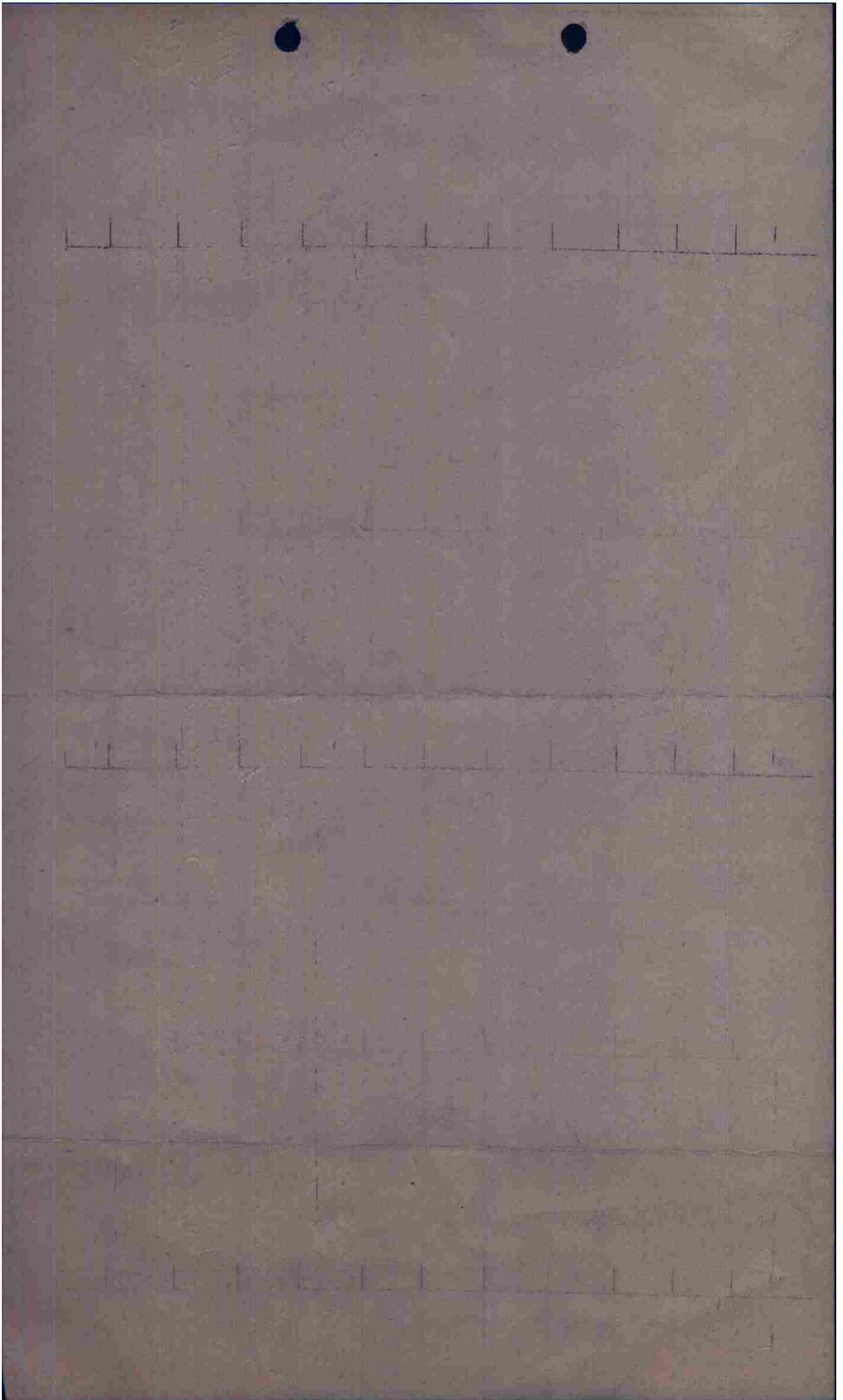
I certify that this is official business:

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

19 March 1948

SHIP NO	SQUADRON	PILOT and/or BOMBARDIER	GUNNER'S	NAIFUNCTIONS	CASES 3 OF 4, ILLUSTRATIONS
439	C	Smith (bombardier)		Port Gun. Machine gunned to Release -	Bombardier gunned to Release on Bombing Run. Pilot released after three minutes. Squadron not released -
444	H	Faulk		Flight near station gunned to Release - Other three stations released bombarding	Duplicate also making -
450	B	St. John		Helicopter flight released gun charging away. damaged	Charging entered harbor safely. Destroyed on landing. causing damage to battery.
207	C	McBride		Lower flexible gun gunned to charge	charging battle striking near of the E-S gun not a destroyer

William Collett Brown
Capt B.C.

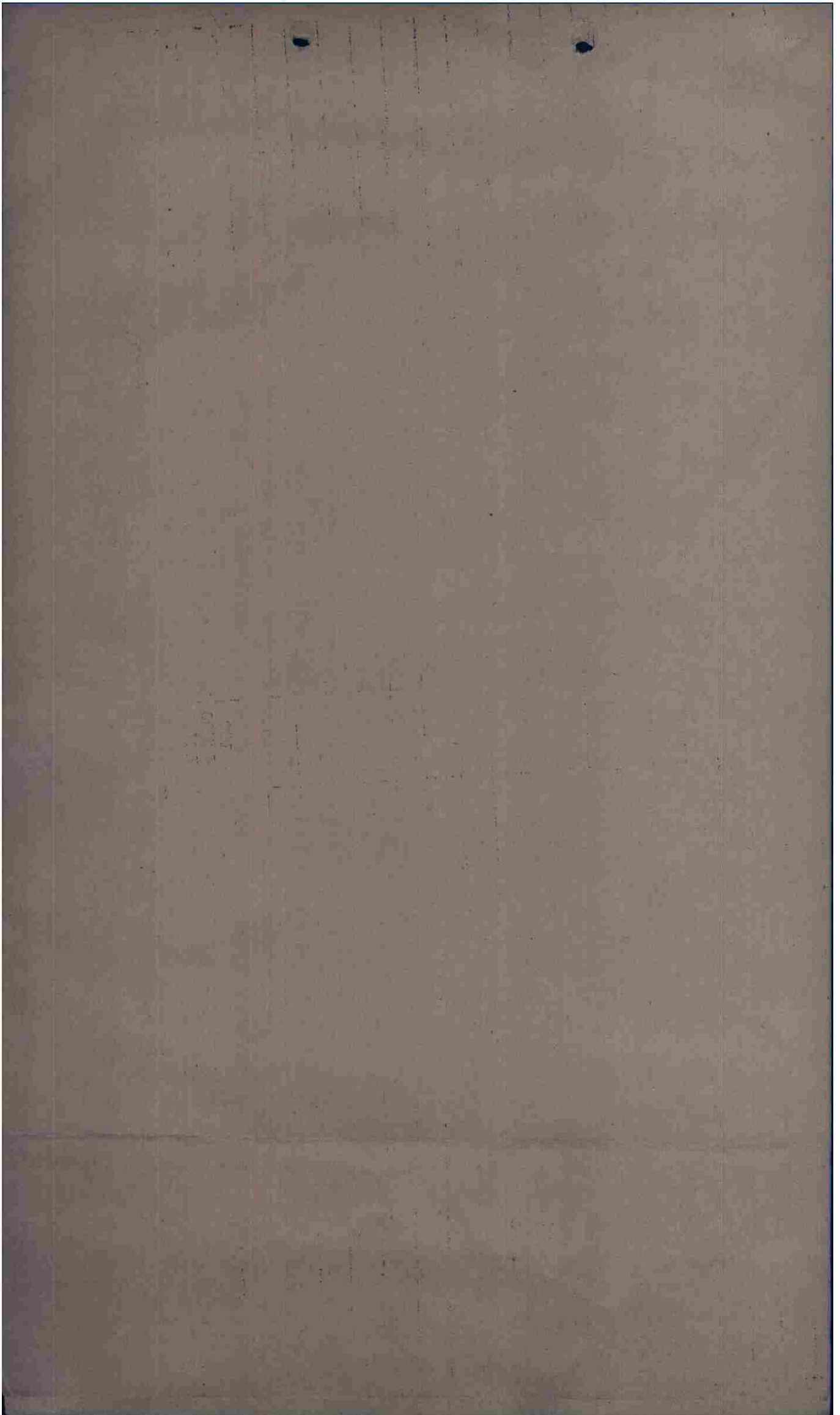


1. Brown - 194 - Heavy Battle Damage - three fuselage
2. Price - 222 - Parker weak - slight battle damage
3. Christen - 212 - Battle Damage - flak holes
4. Conant - 182 - Battle Damage - bomb - from the ship at sea
5. Harwood - 300 - Battle Damage - flak holes (slight)
6. Lechner - 745 - Battle Damage - slight
7. Monroe - 385 - Battle Damage - slight
8. Peede - 349 - Battle Damage - slight
9. Miller - 227 - Battle Damage - slight
10. Macdonald - 340 - Battle damage - light fire flat - hole in
left side - engine OK
11. Schuster - 699 - Battle damage - plane OK (slight)
12. Towler - 439 - Battle Damage - slight
13. Meng - 444 - Battle Damage - slight
14. Willotta - 914 - Battle Damage - flak in gas tank
15. Cole - 220 - Battle Damage - gas leak in left wing
16. Placher - 202 - Slight Battle Damage
17. Mehl - 145 - Battle damage - slight
18. Ormance - 218 - O.K. 1 hole
19. McPride - 207 - Battle Damage - slight
20. Smith - 704 - Flat tire right wheel
21. Ostremder - 203 - Battle Damage - slight - landing
gear warning lights out
22. Clark - 219 - Slight Battle Damage
23. Campbell - 673 - Battle Damage - slight
24. Farmer - 701 - Battle Damage - medium - right engine ?

- 25 Thursday - 21 - Battle damage - slight -
- 26 Perlman - 340 - Battle damage - slight
- 27 Dusen - 225 - Battle Damage, slight. right hand
fuel system check -
- 28 Christy machine - 696 - Battle damage, slight
- 29 Adams - 226 - Battle damage - slight
- 30 Richell - 209 - Battle damage - slight
machine work
- 31 Moore - 224 - Battle Damage - medium
- 32 Mulsow - 217 - Battle damage - one engine
all syst. shot out - left landing

Mission No. 6															19 March 1944	
W/O LTR	A/C NO.	SQDN.	PILOT	T A R G 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	D N D U R.	LAND TIME	REMARKS
T	439	C	LOWERS	56.0MEL	1700	Dunkirk 12,000	5 mi. South Humberkot 15,000	1758	5 mi. South Humberkot 11,000	Dunkirk 9,000	HC	725	4x500	4	1921	
H	387	C	MONROE		1700										1922	
G	696	C	GRUETZEMACHER		1700										1923	
J	444	A1	MENG		1700										1923	
S	360	A1	HARROLD		1701										1934	
C	194	A1	BROWN		1701										1912	
F	227	C	HURSE		1701										1924	
D	217	C	McGLOHN		1701						C				1930	Lowest AT Great Saline.
E	224	C	MOORE		1702										1927	
A	200	C	Rudisill		1702										1925	
A-1	203	D	OSTRANDER		1702										1930	
B-1	207	C	McBRIDE		1702										1929	
F-1	223	A1	PRICE		1703										1928	
E-1	216	A1	EBENSTEIN		1703										1926	
H-1	379	A1	PEROF		1703										1929	
B-1	182	A1	CONANT		1704										1930	
I-1	745	A1	KESHER		1704										1931	
D-1	195	A1	KREH		1704						C				1931	

19 March 1944



HEADQUARTERS
41stn BOMB GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE WEATHER OFFICER

APC 638
19 March 1944

SUBJECT: Operational Forecast

TO : Group Operations

BASE AT TAKEOFF: .4 to .6 cumulus with bases 2500 feet and tops to 6-7000 feet. Visibility 6-8 miles. .5-.6 cirrus above 20000 feet and patches of middle cloud at 8-10000 feet.

ROUTE OUT: Cumulus decreasing to .3 to .5 over the channel and enemy coast. Cirrus decreasing to .2 to .3 still with patches of middle clouds at 8-10000.

TARGET: .3 to .5 cumulus with bases 1500 to 2000 and tops to 8000 feet. .2 to .3 altocumulus at 8-10000 feet with patches of cirrus above 20000 feet.

ROUTE BACK: Same as route out with cumulus decreasing to .3 to .4 over England.

BASE ON RETURN: .3 to .4 cumulus with bases 2000-2500 feet and tops to 6-7000 feet. Visibility 6-8 miles.

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

HEADQUARTERS
416th BOMB GROUP(L)
OFFICE OF THE WEATHER OFFICER

APO 638
19 March 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

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

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 6 miles. .4 cumulus
with bases 2500 feet and tops to 4000 feet. .8
cirrostratus above 20000 feet.

ROUTE OUT: .3 to .4 cumulus with tops to 5-6000
feet over England. Cumulus increased to .5 to .6
over the channel and extended for 10 miles inland
over the continent. Cumulus then increased to
.7 to .8 with tops to 5-6000 feet. Visibility
over England was 3-4 miles lowering to 2-3 miles
over the channel and increasing to 5-6 miles over
France.

TARGET: .7 to .8 cumulus with tops to 6-7000 feet
No high or middle clouds reported. Low clouds were
solid to the southwest.

ROUTE BACK: Same as route out with low clouds over
England decreasing to .2 to .3.

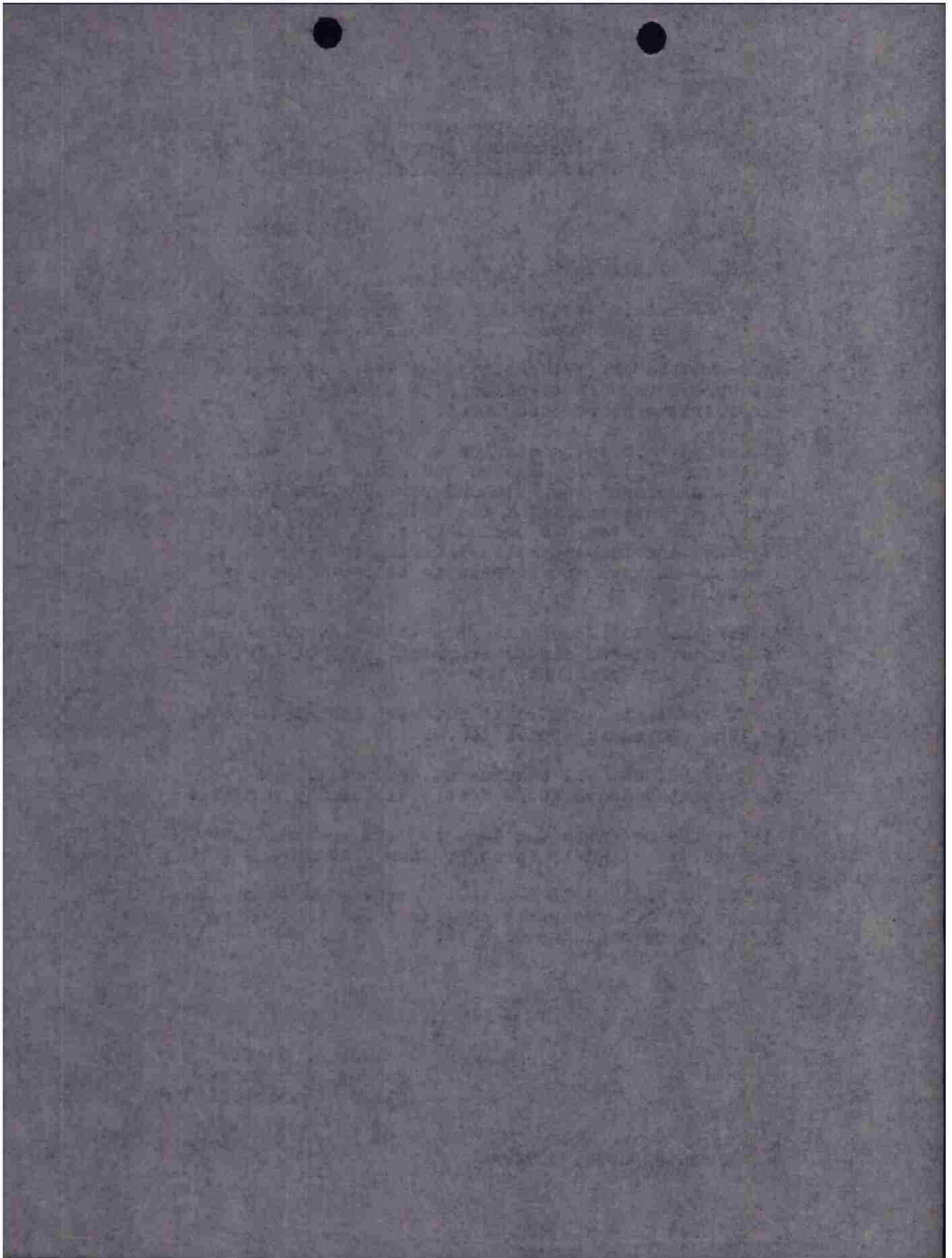
BASE ON RETURN: .1 cumulus at 4500 feet. .6
cirrostratus above 20000 feet. Visibility 5 miles.

WINDS: No definite checks were made but winds were
reported as slightly stronger than forecast.

EFFECT OF WEATHER ON BOMBING: Large amounts of low
clouds made it necessary to make three bombing runs
before bombs could be dropped.

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

1 Incl.
2 Route forecast Forms



Cross-Section For 19 March 1944.

.6-.8 Cirrostratus

Low Clouds Over England

DECREASED TO .2-.3 ON RETURN.

.7-.8 Cumulus
Tops To 6-7,000

.4 Cumulus
Bases 12,500
Tops 14,000

Vis. 5-6 MILES

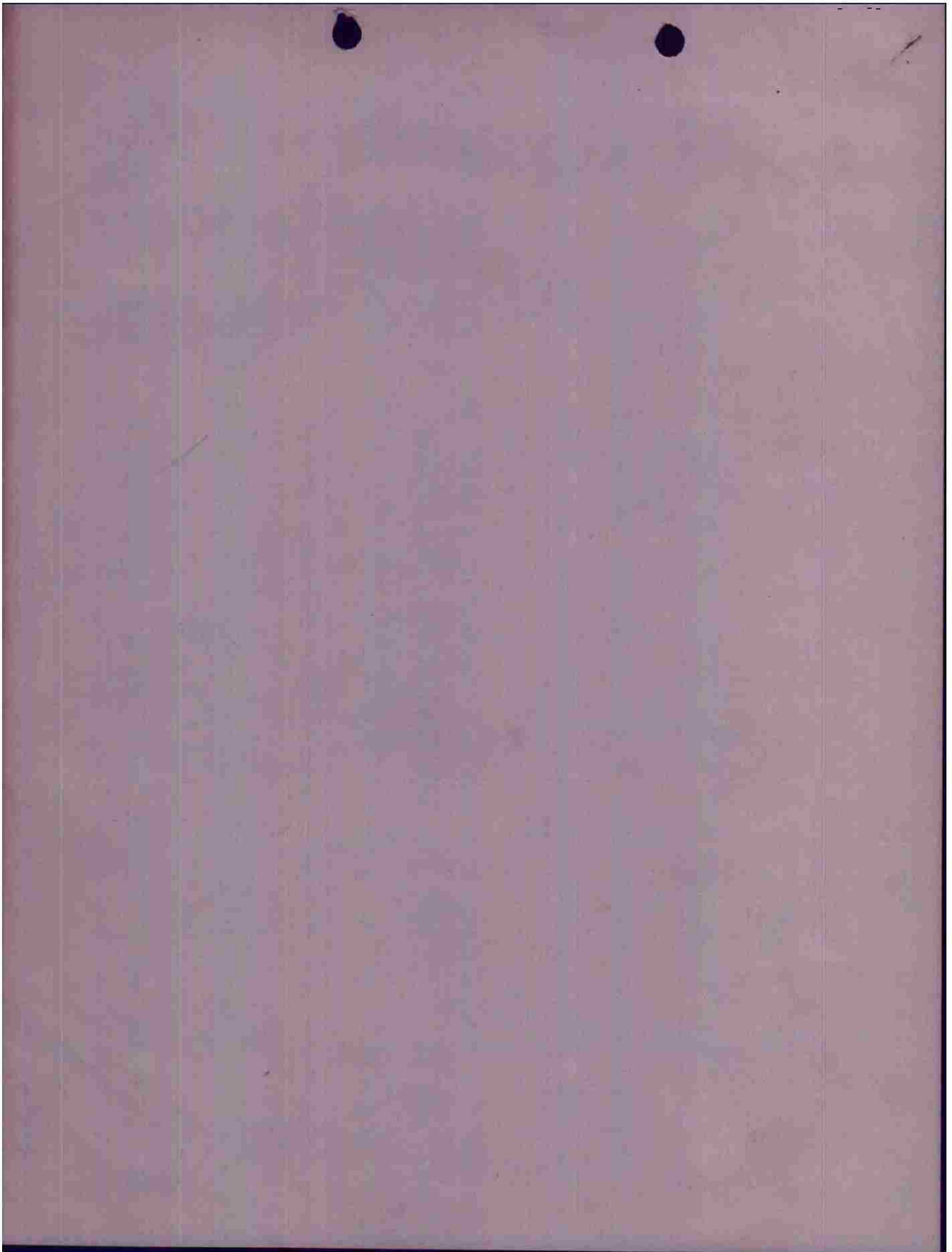
Vis. 2-3 MILES

Vis. 5-6 MILES

TARGET

CANAL

BASE



MISSION NO. 6LOADING LIST19 MARCH 1944BOX IFLIGHT I

1. A/C #439 "T"
Towles, C.S., Major ✓
Smith, W.L., 1st Lt. ✓
Hume, J.M., S/S ✓
Brown, F.E., S/S ✓
2. A/C #387 "H"
Monroe, H.A., Lt. ✓
Kidd, W.L., S/S ✓
Risko, S., S/S ✓
3. A/C #696 "G"
Gruetzemacher, R.E., Lt. ✓
Lee, R.F., S/S ✓
Falk, F.G., Sgt ✓

4. A/C #444 "J"
Meng, W.J., Major ✓
Powell, V.H., Lt. ✓
Stobert, R.F., S/S ✓
Glynn, F.P., Sgt ✓
5. A/C #360 "S"
Harrold, F.J., Lt. ✓
Griffin, E.L., S/S ✓
Maziasz, C.W., Sgt ✓
6. A/C #194 "C"
Brown, N.G., Lt. ✓
White, C.E., Sgt ✓
Addleman, R.F., Sgt ✓

FLIGHT II

1. A/C #227 "F"
Hulse, H.E., Capt. ✓
Swafford, J.O., Cpl. ✓
Glynn, F.F., Sgt ✓
2. A/C #217 "D"
McGlohn, C.L., Lt. ✓
Moran, J.W., S/S ✓
Driskill, P.B., Sgt ✓
3. A/C #224 "E"
Moore, V.R., Capt. ✓
Frey, J.A., S/S ✓
Miller, R. L., S/S ✓

4. A/C #200 "A"
Rudisill, R.S., Lt. ✓
Gossett, J.D., S/S ✓
Bonomo, A.J., Sgt ✓
5. A/C #203 "A-1"
Ostrander, W.B., Lt. ✓
Wilson, J.E., S/S ✓
Binney, I., S/S ✓
6. A/C #207 "B"
McBride, L.R., Lt. ✓
Friedlob, E.M., S/S ✓
Eutsler, R., Sgt ✓

FLIGHT III

1. A/C #223 "F-1"
Price, R.F., Major ✓
Love, C.F., S/S ✓
Adair, F.L., S/S ✓
2. A/C #216 "E-1"
Ebenstein, G., 1st Lt. ✓
Newell, S.P., Sgt ✓
Perkins, H., S/S ✓
3. A/C #379 "G-1"
Peeds, L.G., Lt. ✓
Hibbs, C.L., S/S ✓
Daugherty, L.M., S/S ✓

4. A/C #182 "B-1"
Conant, H.F., Capt. ✓
Kelly, E.E., S/S ✓
McCreery, J.R., S/S ✓
5. A/C #745 "I-1"
Iesher, R.D., 2nd Lt. ✓
Antanaitis, A.J., S/S ✓
Hedrick, H.R., S/S ✓
6. A/C #195 "D-1"
Kreh, E.B., Lt. ✓
Yost, C.H., S/S ✓
Burch, R.W., S/S ✓

MISSION NO. 6LOADING LIST19 MARCH 1944BOX IIFLIGHT NO. I

1. A/C #914 "X"
 Willetts, D.L., Major ✓
 Basnett, R.J., 2nd Lt. ✓
 Larronde, F.H., T/S ✓
 Lempka, H.A., Sgt ✓

2. A/C #220 "E"
 Cole, H.P., 1st Lt. ✓
 Chvatal, F.R., Sgt ✓
 Fandre, B.S., Sgt ✓

3. A/C #707 "H"
 Smith, R.H., 1st Lt. ✓
 Best, H.J., S/S ✓
 DeGiusti, I.R., Sgt ✓

4. A/C #225 "G"
 Dunn, L.F., Capt. ✓
 Foster, H.A., S/S ✓
 Rust, E.W., Sgt ✓

5. A/C #699 "I"
 Schouten, J.T., Lt. ✓
 Feistl, J.E., Pvt ✓
 Williamson, R.H., Sgt ✓

6. A/C #218 "C"
 Gramsie, W.E., Lt. ✓
 Brower, J.S., S/S ✓
 Corrin, E., Sgt ✓

FLIGHT NO. II

1. A/C #202 "B"
 Platter, E.T., Lt. ✓
 Johnson, K.L., S/S ✓
 Czech, J.L., Sgt ✓

2. A/C #226 "E-1"
 Adams, J.D., Lt. ✓
 Cook, G.M., Sgt ✓
 Werley, E.R., Sgt ✓

3. A/C #370 "D"
 Perkins, R.D., Lt. ✓
 Sherry, V.N., S/S ✓
 Linneman, R.H., Sgt ✓

4. A/C #390 "G-1"
 Stockwell, R.E., Lt. ✓
 Henshaw, C.R., S/S ✓
 Steward, J., Sgt ✓

5. A/C #211 "C-1"
 Greenley, R.E., Lt. ✓
 Worden, H.C., S/S ✓
 Rzepka, J.J., Sgt ✓

6. A/C #751 "H-1"
 Pair, H.F., Lt. ✓
 Marion, H.A., S/S ✓
 Adams, V.P., Sgt ✓

FLIGHT III

1. A/C #673 "I-1"
 Campbell, M.W., Major ✓
 Shields, J.J., S/S ✓
 Epps, E.E., S/S ✓

2. A/C #219 "D-1"
 Clark, R.F., Capt. ✓
 Kasper, J.F., S/S ✓
 Boyer, H.E., S/S ✓

3. A/C #701 "H-2"
 Farmer, W.W., Major ✓
 Orr, J. R., S/S ✓
 Malone, E.C., Sgt ✓

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R-328-J

A - VS - 7
B - 19 MARCH 1944
C - 668 (12) B1 C D1 E2 F1 G2 H2 I1 J S
669 (7) B C1 D E1 G1 H1 I2
670 (5) A B D E F G H Y
671 (8) A1 C2 D2 E3 G3 H3 I X
TOTAL 33

D - 668- I1 VHF RECEIVER WEAD ON CHANNEL B.
671- G2 VHF RECEIVER WEAK
671- E3 VHF NOISY AND INTERPHONE FUZZY.

E - INSNAP D/F TWO QDMS

F - NOT APPLICABLE

G - NOT APPLICABLE

H - NOT APPLICABLE

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I - VERY SATISFACTORY

J - NOT APPLICABLE

K - NONE

L - 670-T- MISSION COMPLETED AND FORMATION INSTRUCTIONS
669-H1- AIR SEA RESCUE PROCEDURE

M - 670 -T- QDM FROM INSNAP
669 -H1- CHANNEL D

N - NONE

O - 669-H1 LANDED AT BATTLE NEAR HASTINGS AFTER
COMPLETING AIR SEA RESCUE PROCEDURE AND
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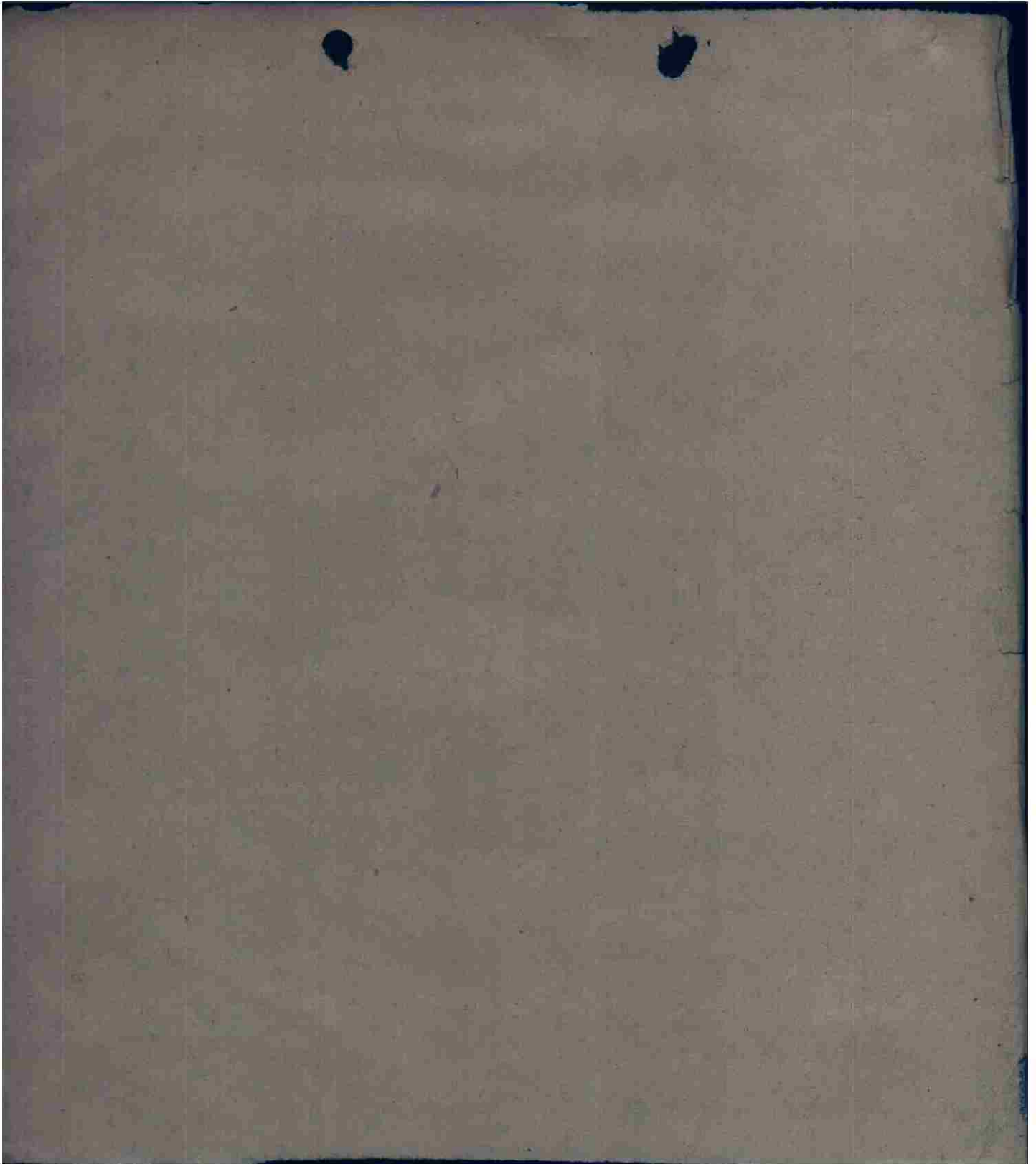
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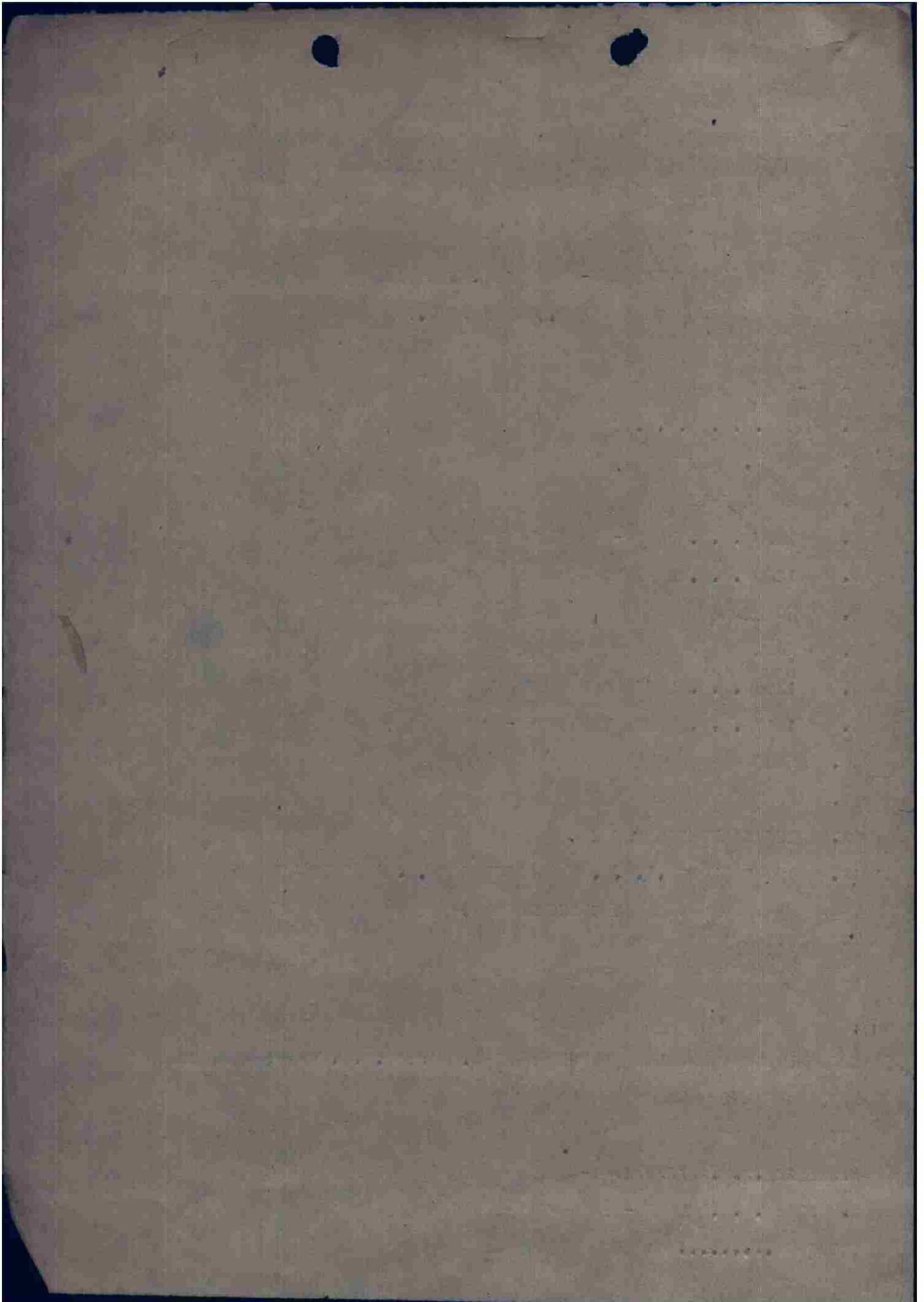
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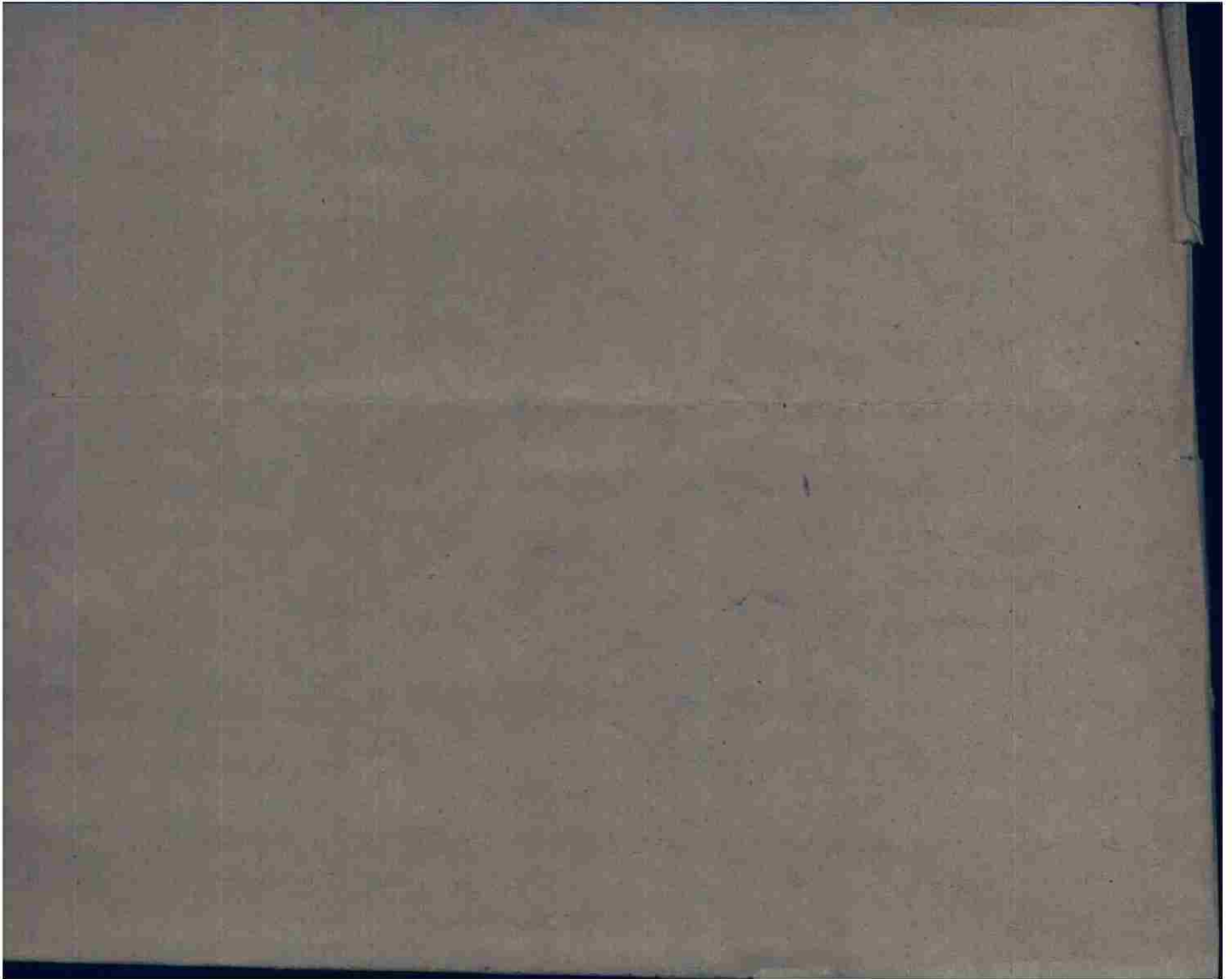


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- (10) THE FIGHTER UMBRELLA WILL PROCEED TO THE TARGET AREA WITH THE 387TH GROUP AND THE 344TH GROUP; AND WILL WITHDRAW WITH THE 322ND GROUP AND THE 416TH GROUP.
- (11) EMERGENCY AIRDROPPES: WEST HALLING, MANSTON, AND GRAVESEND.
4. NO CHANGE.
5. COMMUNICATIONS
- A. 387 GROUP: (28)
- (1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: OAKCHEST
- (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 21/21
- (3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 21/21
- B. 323 GROUP: (11)
- (1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: HATDRESS
- (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 63/63
- (3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 63/63
- C. 322 GROUP: (166)
- (1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: PINKSTONE
- (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 45/45
- (3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 45/45
- D. 344 GROUP: (73)
- (1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: COUNTERFOIL
- (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 106/106
- (3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 106/106
- E. 386 GROUP: (27)
- (1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: DOROTHY
- (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 92/92
- (3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 153/153
- F. 391 GROUP: (95)
- (1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: DEMOCRAT
- (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 4/4
- (3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 193/193
- G. 416 GROUP: (96)
- (1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: QUEENBEE
- (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 90/90
- (3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 90/90
- X. GENERAL INFORMATION:
- (1) BOX LEADERS OR DEPUTY WILL REPORT ON VHF CHANNEL C AFTER LEAVING TARGET AREA, REPEAT TARGET AREA
- (2) EMERGENCY MONITORING: TO HAWKINGE ON VHF CHANNEL D C/S: HOTPIPE
- (3) SPLASHER BEACONS: 4A 5C 6C 7D 8E 9F 10D 13M 16I
- (4) ENTIRE MISSION
- (4) CUT INFORMATION: PARTIAL ORIGINATING COMMANDER'S INFORMATION

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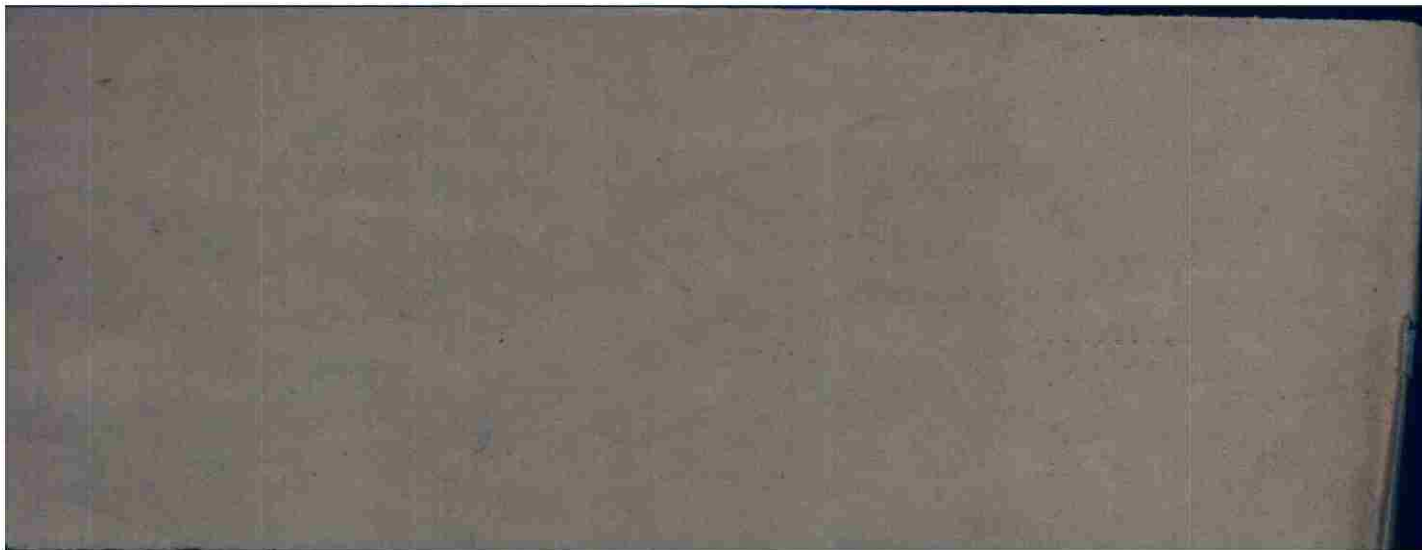
(5) WEATHER CODE: BAVT
(6) M/T D/T SECTION: N
(7) CODE WORD R/T BOMBER REGALL, ALL GROUPS: 100/100
(8) COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURE: IX BOMBER COMMAND MEMO 100-22
DATED 20 FEBRUARY 1944.

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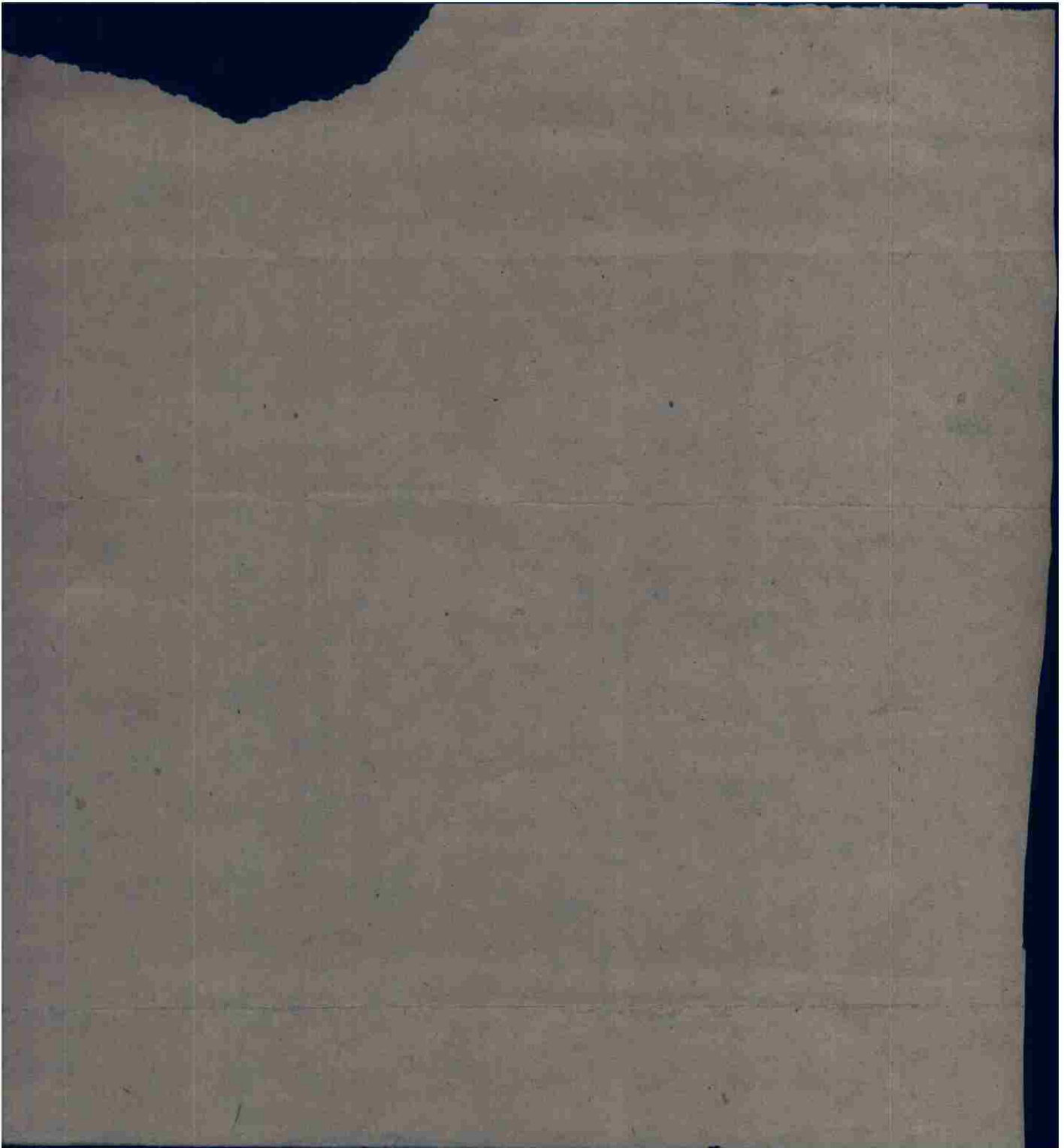
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- (2) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO DUNGENESS (AT ZERO PLUS 15 MIN.) TO 3 MILES SOUTH HARDELOT TO TARGET.
- (3) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO 4 MILES NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.
- (4) INITIAL POINT: 3 MILES SOUTH HARDELOT
- (5) M.P.I.: ILLUSTRATION A/100/1 REF. 028033
- D. 344 GROUP:
- (1) TARGET: (A) Z 3115
- (2) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO DUNGENESS (AT ZERO PLUS 15 MIN.) TO 3 MILES SOUTH HARDELOT TO 4 MILES NORTH FRUGES TO TARGET.
- (3) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO FURNES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.
- (4) INITIAL POINT: 4 MILES NORTH FRUGES
- (5) M.P.I.: ILLUSTRATION A/73/1 REF. 043034
- E. 356 GROUP:
- (1) TARGET: (A) Z 3094
- (2) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO DUNGENESS (AT ZERO PLUS 25 MIN.) TO THREE MILES SOUTH HARDELOT TO TARGET.
- (3) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO FOUR MILES WEST GRAVELINES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.
- (4) INITIAL POINT: THREE MILES SOUTH HARDELOT.
- (5) M.P.I.: ILLUSTRATION A/57/1 REF. 013026
- F. 391 GROUP:
- (1) TARGET: (A) Z 3054
- (2) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO DUNGENESS (AT ZERO PLUS 35 MIN.) TO THREE MILES SOUTH HARDELOT TO TARGET.
- (3) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO THREE MILES SOUTH HARDELOT TO DUNGENESS TO BASE.
- (4) INITIAL POINT: THREE MILES SOUTH HARDELOT.
- (5) M.P.I.: ILLUSTRATION A/95/2 REF. 048017
- (6) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 10,000 FEET.
- G. 416 GROUP:
- (1) TARGET (A) Z 3061
- (2) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO DUNGENESS (AT ZERO PLUS 45 MIN) TO THREE MILES SOUTH HARDELOT TO TARGET.
- (3) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO THREE MILES SOUTH HARDELOT TO DUNGENESS TO BASE.
- (4) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 11,000 FEET.
- (5) INITIAL POINT: THREE MILES SOUTH HARDELOT
- (6) M.P.I.: ILLUSTRATION A/96/1 REF 058045
- X. (1-4) NO CHANGE.
- (5) A/C REQUIRED: ALL GROUPS 36 A/C
- (6) BOMB LOAD: PARAGRAPHS 3 A, B, C, D, E, F: 2 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE AND 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- PARAGRAPHS 3 G : 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE AND 1/40 SEC TAIL.
- (7) ALTITUDES: PARAGRAPHS 3A, C, D, E, F: 12000 FEET FROM ENGLISH COAST UNTIL CROSSING ENEMY COAST OUT.
- (8) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST.

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FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 190530A SEC R2376E
 TO: COBOMCP 323, 322, 386, 387, 344, 391, 416
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NINTH BOMBER COMMAND
 APO 638
 19 MARCH 1944.

F. O. NUMBER 242.

MAPS: NORMAL.

1. A.

B. (1)

(2) P-47'S OF IX AIR SUPPORT COMMAND WILL PROVIDE AN — *SEE ANNEX 1.*
 UMBRELLA OVER TARGET AREA FOR IX BOMBER COMMAND.

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

ZERO HOUR: ~~191600A~~ 191700A. (*ANNEX No 1.*)

3. A. 387TH GROUP:

(1) TARGET: (A) Z 3121

(2) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO DUNGENESS (AT ZERO MINUS 15 MIN.)
 TO 3 MILES SOUTH HARDELLOT TO TARGET.

(3) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO 4 MILES WEST GRAVELINES
 TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.

(4) INITIAL POINT: 3 MILES SOUTH HARDELLOT.

(5) N.P.I. : ILLUSTRATION A/88/4 REF. 014033

B. 323RD GROUP:

(1) TARGET: (A) Z 510C

(2) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO DUNGENESS (AT ZERO MINUS 5 MIN.)
 TO 3 MILES SOUTH HARDELLOT TO TARGET.

(3) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 3 MILES SOUTH
 HARDELLOT TO DUNGENESS TO BASE.

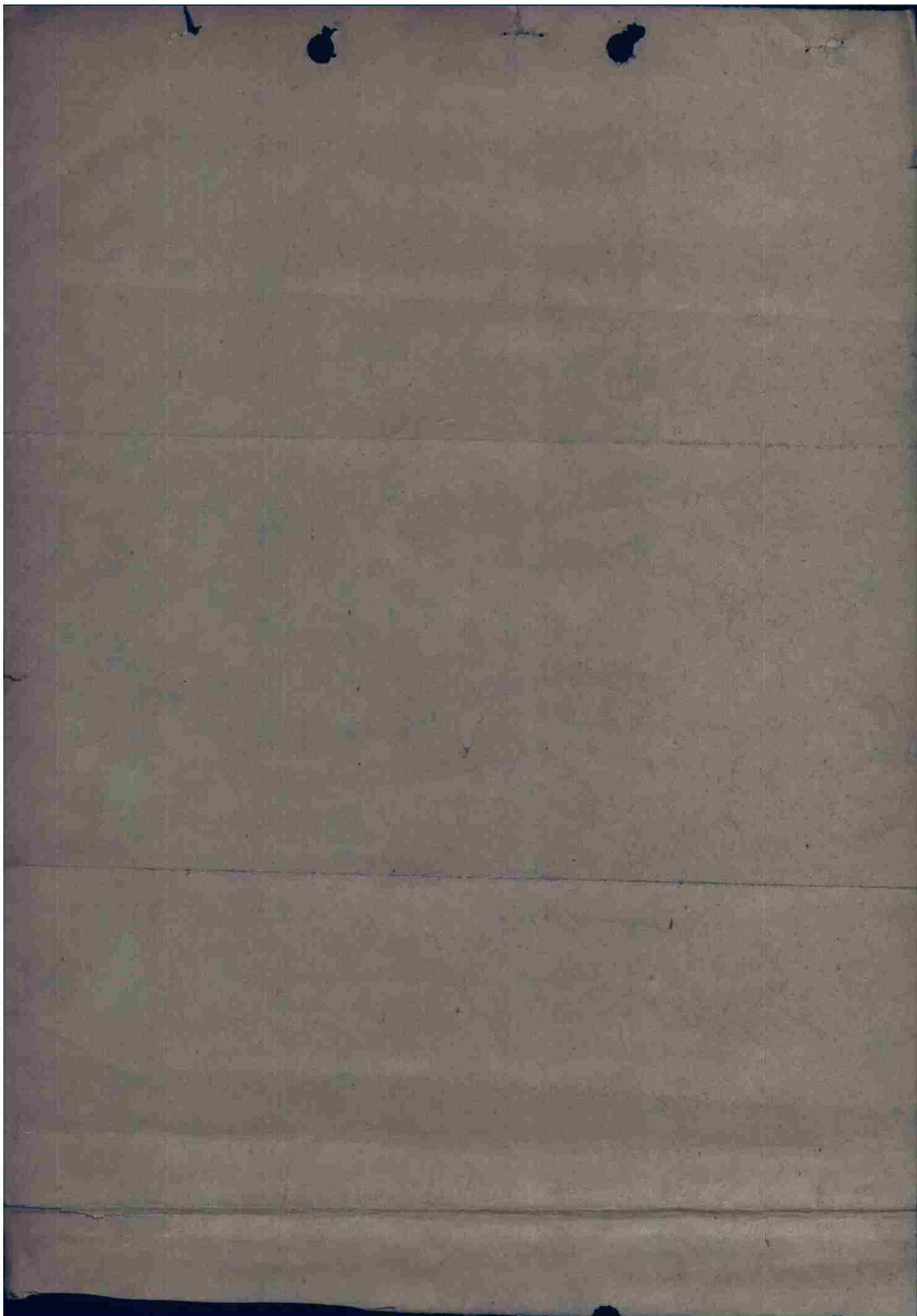
(4) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT
 10,000 FEET.

(5) INITIAL POINT: 3 MILES SOUTH HARDELLOT.

(6) N.P.I. : ILLUSTRATION A/11/2 REF. 017022.

C. 322 GROUP:

(1) TARGET: (A) Z 3121



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FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 190145A 9BC R2375E

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ATT: 1-2.

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO FG 242:

1. TARGET

ALTHOUGH THESE SIX NOBALLS HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY VARIOUS COMMANDS, THESE NOBALLS STILL REMAIN ON THE PRIORITY LIST AS IMPORTANT SITES. Z 3054. Z 3115. AND Z 3094 ARE OF PARTICULARLY HIGH IMPORTANCE, WITH THE OTHER THREE FOLLOWING AS CLOSE SECONDS.

2. THE SITUATION:

A. ENEMY

- (1) FLAK: (GROUPS HAVE RECEIVED LATEST AMENDMENTS).
- (2) AIR: WEEKLY APPRECIATION NUMBER 133 PLUS TELETYPE CHANGES.
- (3) GROUND: AN INFANTRY RESERVE DIVISION IS REPORTED IN THE AREA OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING PLACES: MONTREUIL, ST OMER AND CALAIS. THESE DIVISIONS ARE EQUIPPED WITH 45 20 MM AA/AT GUNS. ALSO IN DUNKERQUE AREA IS REPORTED A G.A.F. FIELD DIVISION. EQUIPPED WITH 36 20 MM AA/AT GUNS, 9 37 MM GUNS, AND 18 88 MM GUNS.
- (4) SEA: NO CONVOYS ARE REPORTED IN THE AREA: HOWEVER, FLAK SHIPS OFF THE COAST OF BOULOGNE HAVE FIRED AT OUR FORMATIONS.

B. FRIENDLY - SEE F.O. 242.

3. OBSERVATIONS: REQUEST OBSERVATIONS ON ANY NEW CONSTRUCTION WORKS, GUN POSITIONS, AND ANY CONCENTRATION OF GROUND FORCES IN COASTAL AREAS.

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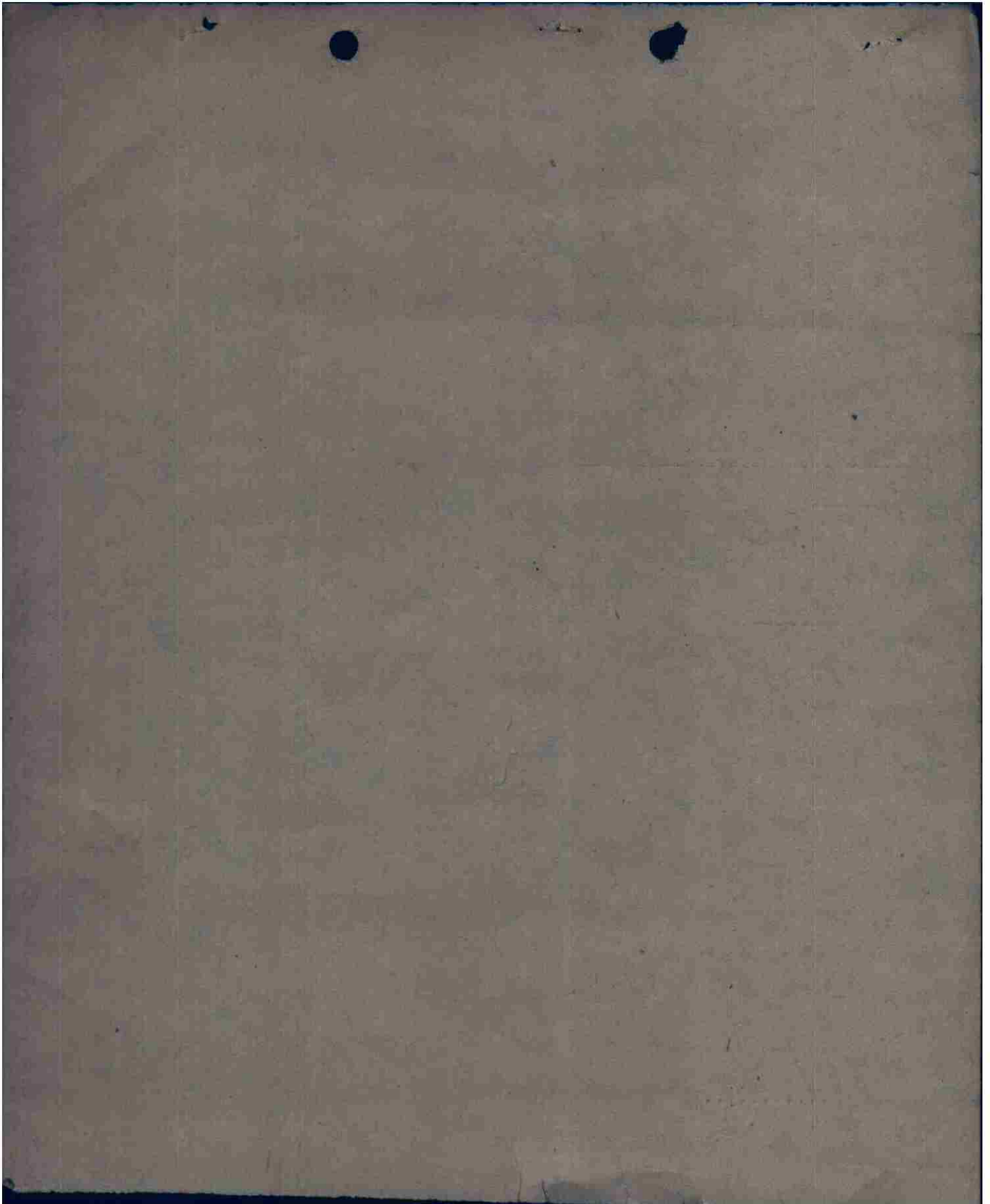
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FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 190956A 9BC R2377E

TO: CCBOMGP 322,323,386,387,344,319,416

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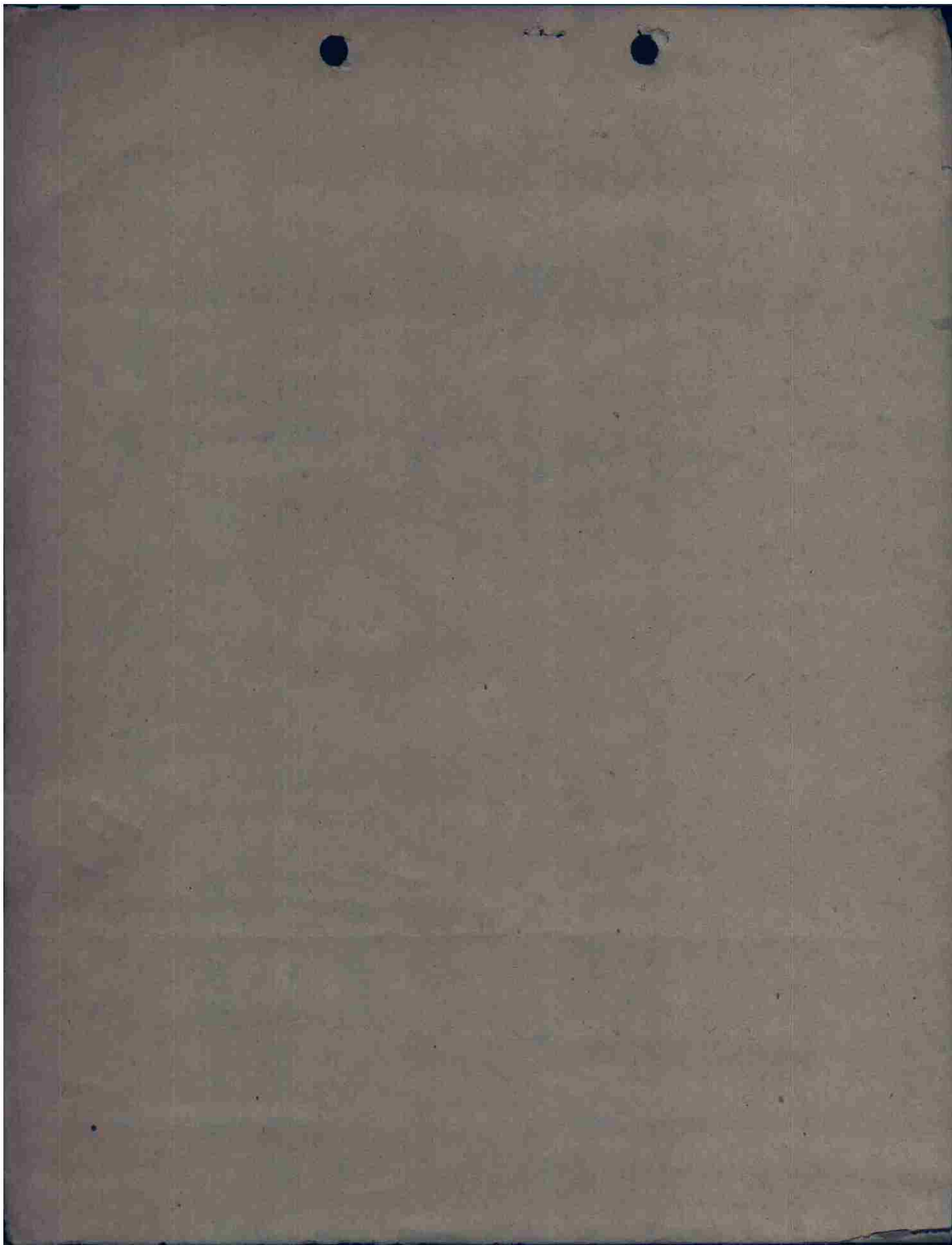
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ANNEX NO. 1 TO F.O. 242

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CHANGE ZERO HOUR TO: 191700A REPEAT 191700A

ADD TO PAR. 1.(D) (2):

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HEAVY BOMBERS ARE BOMBING TARGETS XI/A/1
XI/A/3, XI/A/9 AT 1730 TO 1735.

CHANGE PAR. 3 (D) (2) TO READ: BASE TO DUNGENESS AT ZERO PLUS
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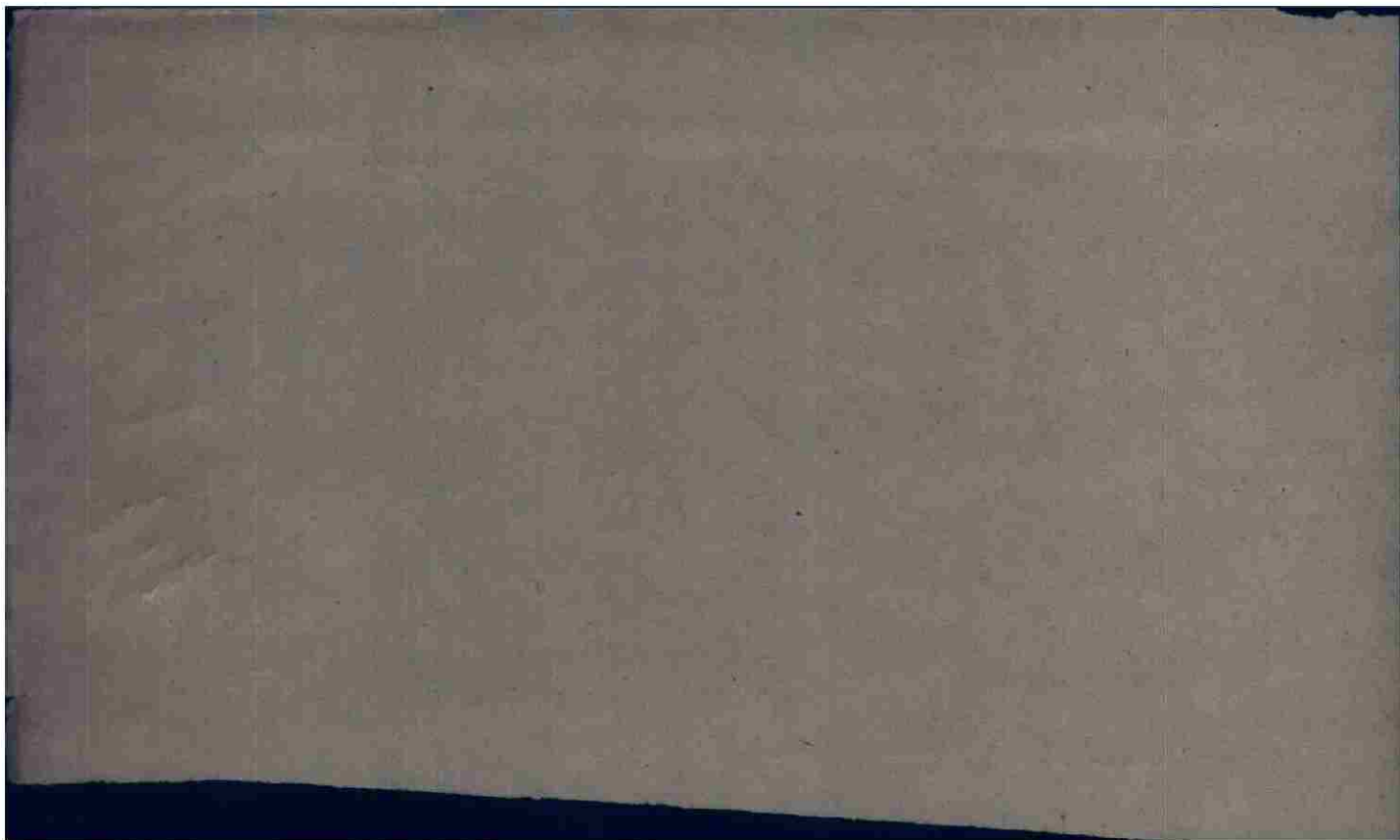
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