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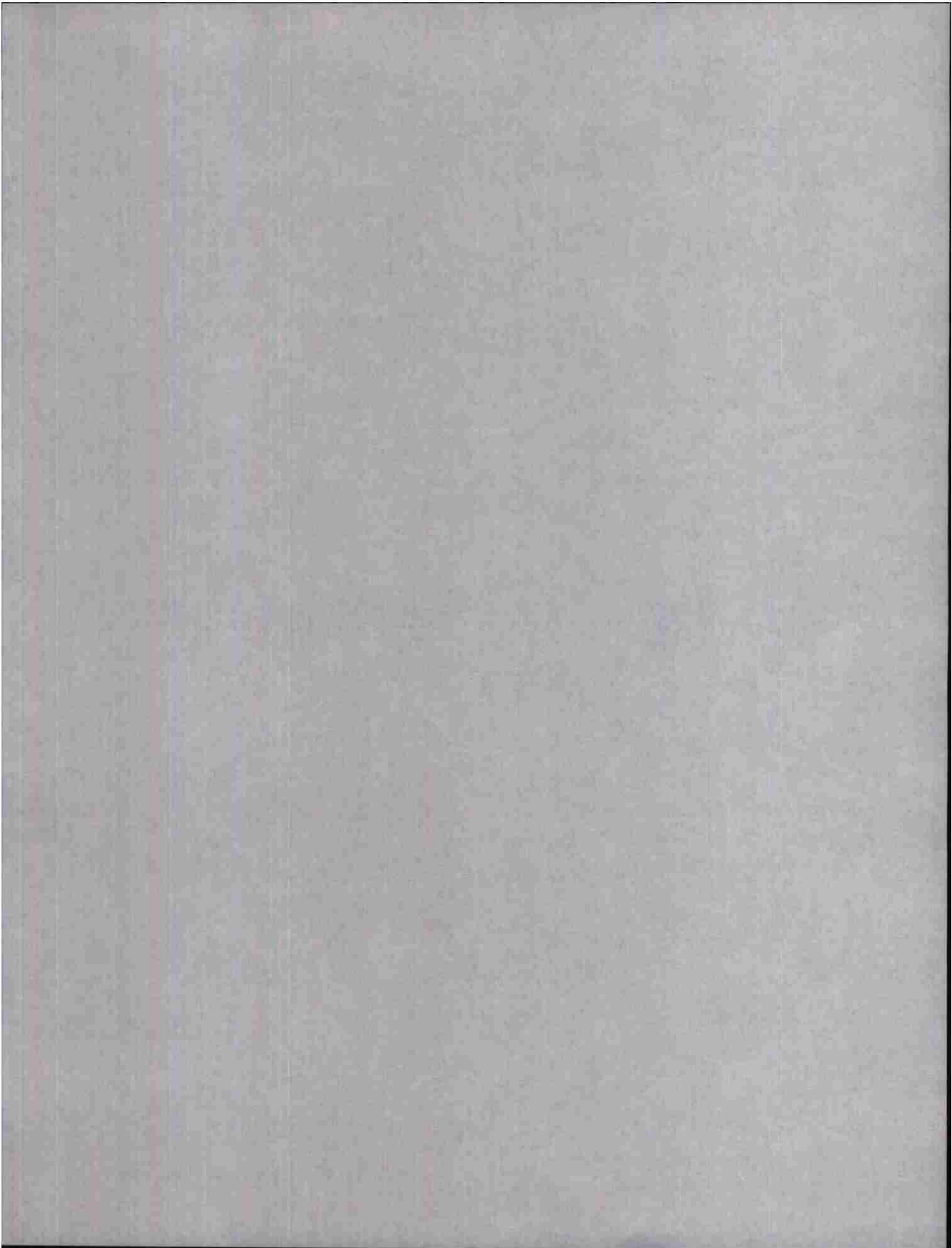
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Title MISSION FOLDER (TARGET: FORET NATIONALE, FIELD ORDER NUMBER 243)**Added****Entries****Author:****Subject:****Major Command:****Administrative Markings**

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DATE: MAR. 20, 1944

TARGET: FORET
NATIONALE

P.R.C.

GROUP: 416

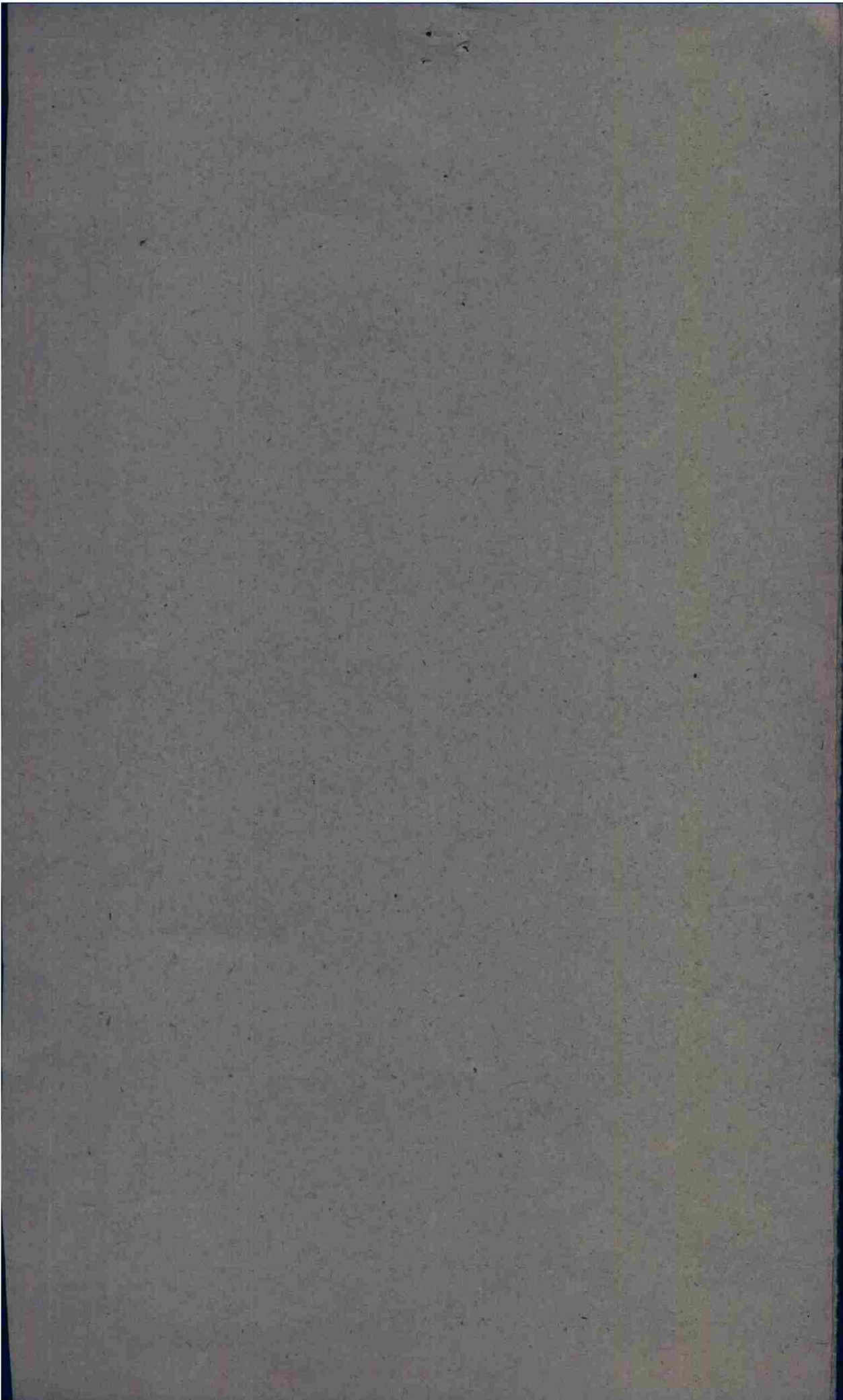
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F.O. NO. _____ DATE _____
 RAMROD NO. _____ **PRE-TAKE-OFF CHECK SHEET** GROUP _____
 Duty Officers Initial All Items Checked

Targets (Primary _____ Ops. No. (Primary _____ D.O. _____
 (Secondary _____ (Secondary _____ D.O. _____)

ORDERS RECEIVED
 IX B.C.W.O. (V.TWX) _____ 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 _____ T.O. _____ R-V Hr. _____ T.S.T. _____ ETR _____

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/T Act'v'y 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)
 AL 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 Wasts, Etc.
 PDIS (T/F) _____ Special 1/250,000 Maps.
 Recent Raid Experience. Flak E/I 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 - CC, 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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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Intelligence Officer

AFO 636, U.S. Army,
20 March 1944.

Flak Report - Mission No 243

Meager inaccurate HTP experienced in following areas:

3 miles west of LAUTE FORET ANDREHEM
2 miles NE of ANDRES
2 miles west of DYE

"seen", predictor controlled firing--
Generally accurate for height

Time: Coast in - 0857
Target - 0902

Coast out - 0908

Altitude: 12000 ft. entire course

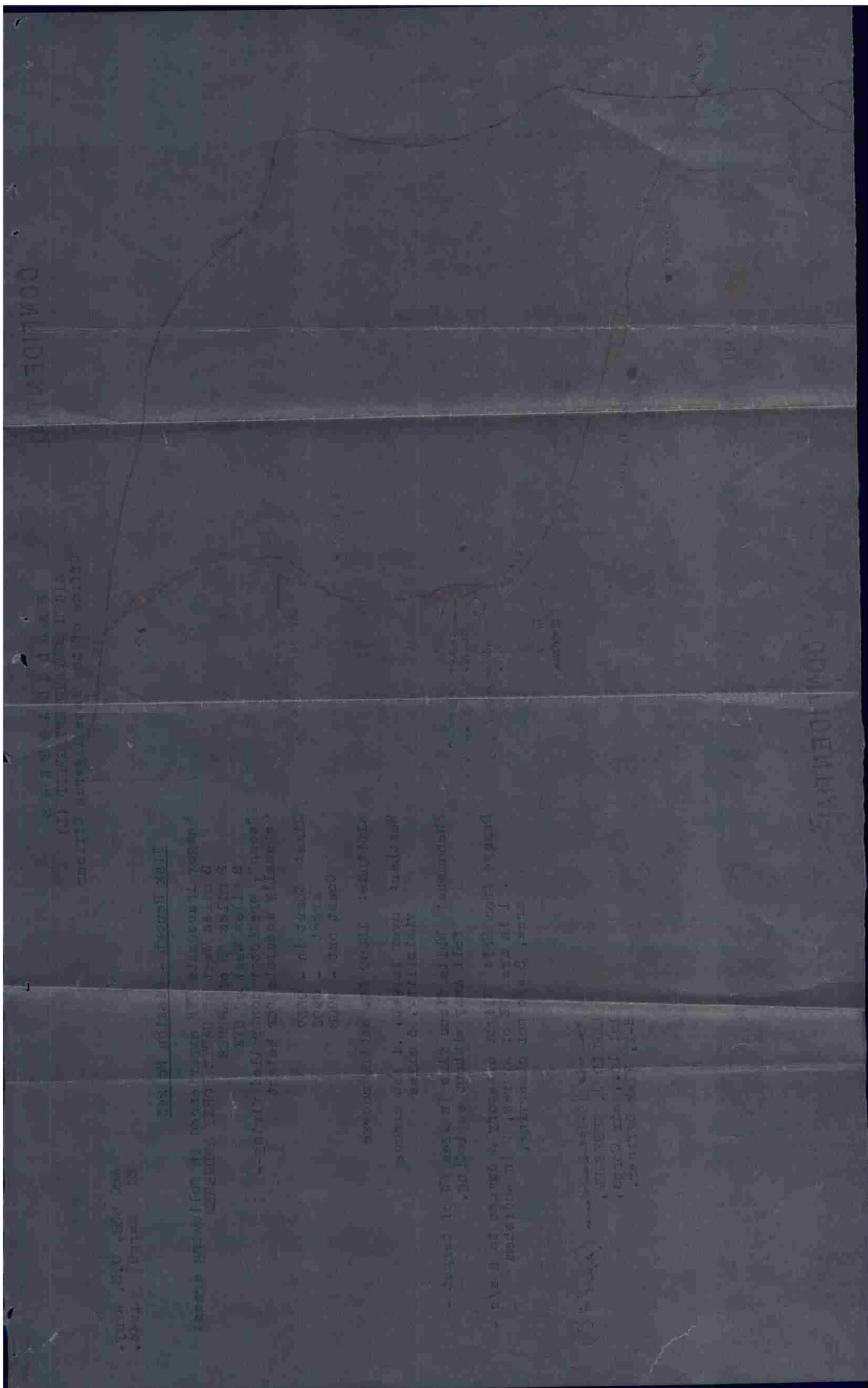
Weather: over target, .1 low clouds
visibility, 6 miles

Phenomena: White discs fire in area NW of target -
fell away without exploding.

Damage from HTP: Slight category A damage to 6 a/c -
.1 in area NE of Andres, 2 in Andrehem
area, 3 a/c not observing.

Harold J. Muesbratt (AFO 1142)
HAROLD J. MUESBRATT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
3-8, Flak Officer.

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A. 416 BG FO 243

B. 28 A-20'S

C. 0812 - 0902 - 1005

D. 27

E. 12,000 FEET

F. 105 X 500 G P - 26.25 ton ✓

G. NONE

H. 7 X 500 G P

I. ONE - PERSONNEL ERROR

J. NONE

K. 0 - 0 - 0

L. 0 - 0 - 0

M. (A) NIL

(B) MEAGER INACCURATE HFF IN AREA 3 MILES WEST OF HAUTE FORET AND
 IN AUDREHEM AREA. MEAGER INACCURATE HFF IN AREA 2 MILES NORTH-
 EAST OF ARDRES. MEAGER INACCURATE HFF IN AREA TWO MILES WEST
 OF OYE.

(C) NONE OBSERVED

(D) ✓ 15 TRUCK CONVOY ON BOULOGNE - ST OMER HIGHWAY HEADED TOWARD
 BOULOGNE. 8 TO TEN TRUCKS HEADED SOUTHEAST OUT OF CALAIS TO-
 TOWARD ~~ANDRUICQ~~ ANDRUICQ. 2 LARGE BARGES AND NUMEROUS SMALL
 CRAFT NEAR FORT ~~PHILLIPE~~ PHILLIPE. FREIGHTER AND ESCORT OFF
 POINTE DE LORNEL AT 0850 HOURS HEADED SOUTH. 30 TO 40 CAR
 TRAIN ON RAILROAD HEADED SOUTH FROM CLAIS. ALSO 12 CAR TRAIN
 MOVING SOUTHEAST NEAR ANDRUICQ.

N. OVER TARGET .1 LOW CLOUDS WITH TOPS TO 4,000 FEET. VISIBILITY 4 TO
 6 MILES. SLIGHT HAZE OVER TARGET

O. 6 CATEGORY "A"

P. BOMB PATTERN APPROXIMATELY 1 1/2 TO TWO MILES WEST OF XI/D/4 BUT
 CONSIDERABLY SHORT OF XI/A/88. PREMATURE RELEASE OF BOMBS.

BT 20/1455A

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DETACHMENT "F"
21ST WEATHER SQUADRON
AAF STATION 160

AFPO # 633
20 March, 1944

FLASH REPORT -- 416th Target: 88 20 March, 1944 Time: 1025 hrs.

Base Conditions: 0808 Hours -- .2 altocumulus at 7000 feet, .8 cirrostratus above 20,000 feet. Nil low clouds.
Visibility 3 miles.

Route Out: Nil low cloud. High clouds decreasing to .2 to .3 over channel. Very few scattered low cloud over channel and continent, tops 4000 feet.
Visibility 4 to 6 miles.

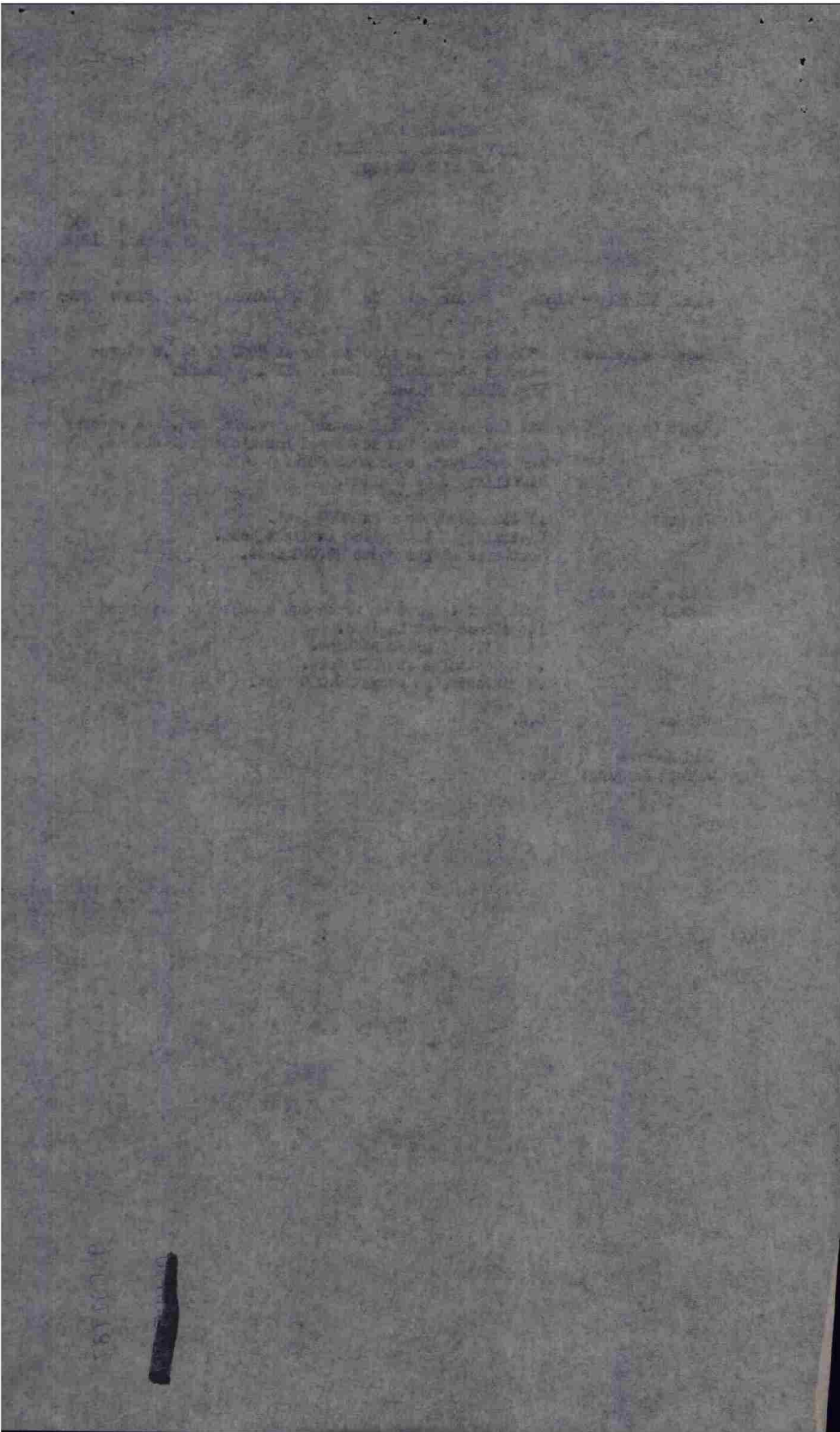
Target: .1 low cloud, tops at 4000 feet.
Visibility 4 to 6 miles in light haze.
Scattered cirrus above 20,000 feet.

Route Back and
Bases: 0902 Hours. Same as route out except few scattered low clouds over England.
Visibility 4 miles at base.
.4 altocumulus at 7000 feet.
.8 cirrostratus above 20,000 feet.

Winds: O.K.

Did Weather
Affect Bombing: No.

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

Target Fort Nationale Estimated Due 525 Hour _____

Received From 416 Bomb Group At 1139 Hours 52500 Date _____

By _____ To _____

A. Group 416 FyCo 243

B. A/C Off 28 A 20 Type _____

C. A/C Failing to Bomb with reasons for each: 1 personnel error
master switch off

D. A/C Attacking Primary 27 Secondary _____ Last Resort _____

E. Bombs in Target Area 105 X 500 GP Tons 26.25
Bombs Jettisoned 0 Where _____
Bombs Returned 0 7 X 500 1.75

F. Results of Bombing: Good (), Fair (), Poor (X), Nil (), _____

G. A/C Lost or Missing 0 Approx. Location _____
Reasons _____

H. No. of A/C Suffering Battle Damage 6 flak cat A

I. Personnel Casualties 0 Killed 0 Missing 0 Wounded _____

J. E/A Opposition: Strong (), Mediocre (), Weak (), Nil (X), _____
Destroyed _____ Probably Destroyed _____ Damaged _____

K. Flak: Int. (), Mod. (), Weak (), Nil (), Moderate HFF
3 mi W of Haute Foret - moderate at Audreham
Moderate to mod heavy 2 mi N of Audreham
Moderate 3 mi SW of

L. Weather as it Affects Mission vis generally good
slight haze

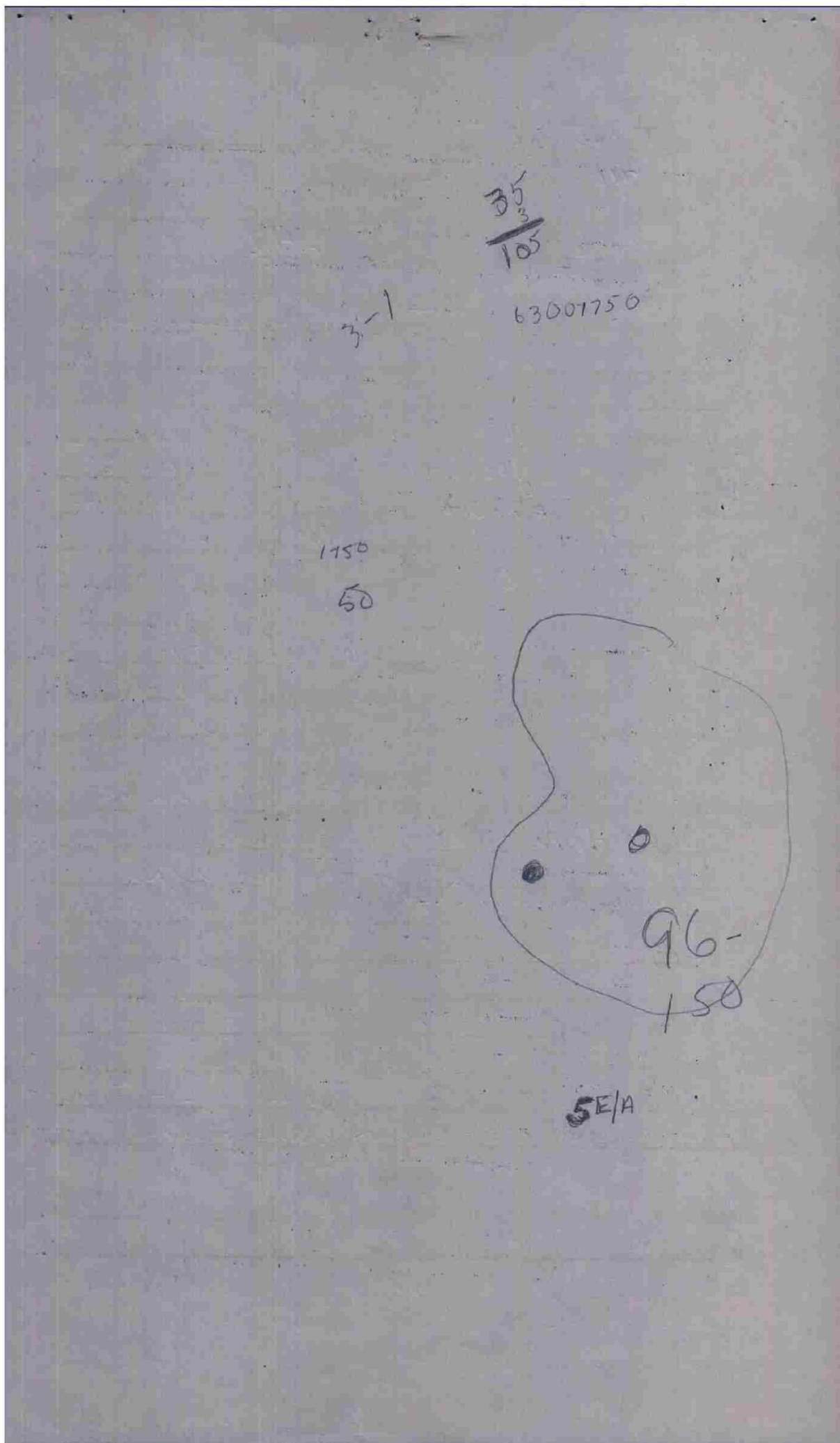
M. Altitude of Attack 12000

N. Other Information 15 trucks in convoy on Boulevard
St Omer Highway headed to Boulevard - 8 truck
convoy headed out of Calais and arriving
30 for forty car train headed 5 from Calais - 0

Forwarded to Operations Room, Ninth Air Force 1205 Hours _____ Dat _____

By _____ To _____

Cargo vessels with escort entering St. Laurent
12 car train going SE Audreham



Last A/C Landed _____ hrs. Date _____ Group _____ Target _____

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.O. that target has been bombed

INITIAL L/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 PMS 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 PMS 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

