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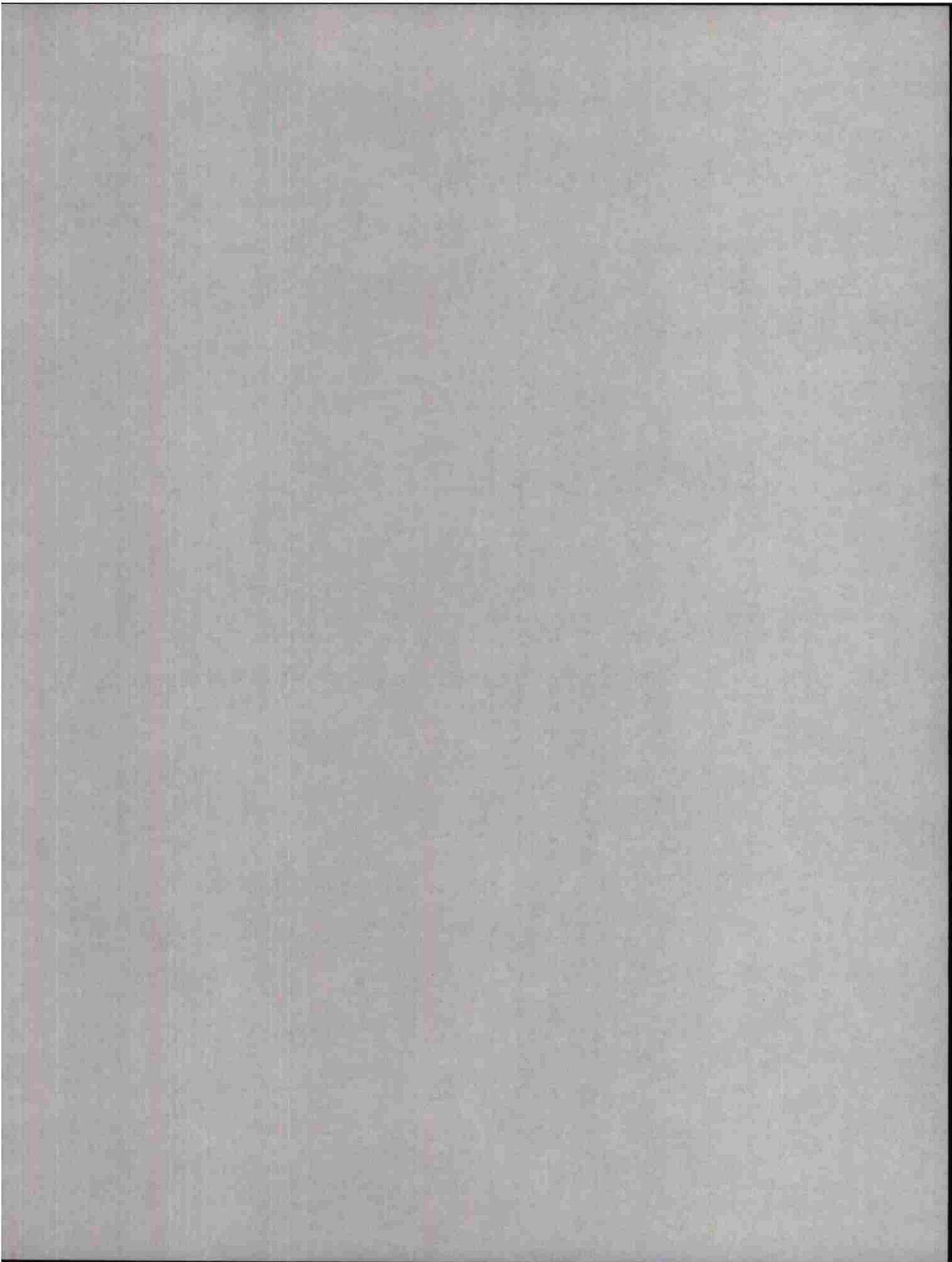
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Date: Mar. 23, 1944 - A.M.

Group: 416th

Target: Montdidier A/D

F.O. 246

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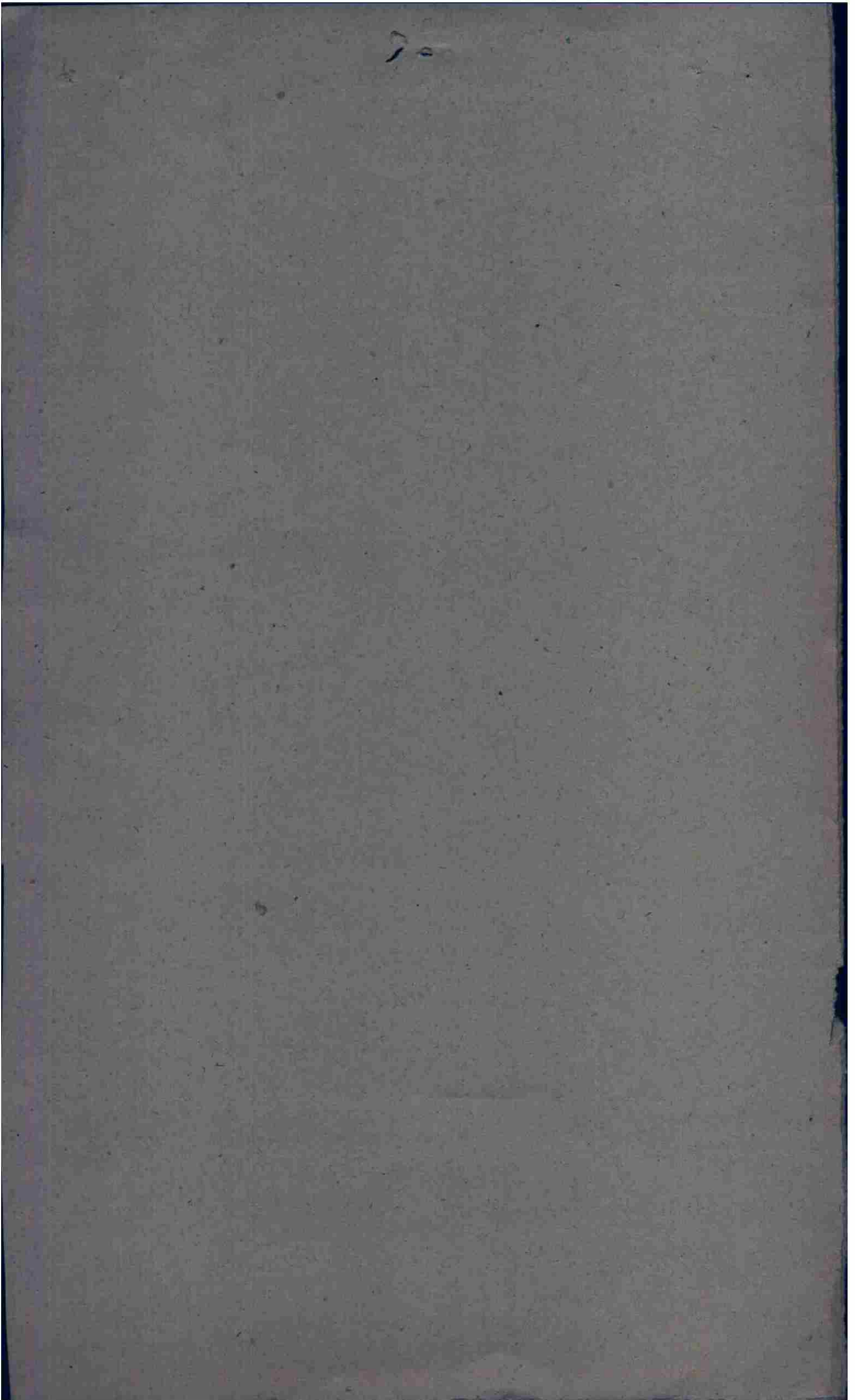
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F.O. NO. 246 SECRET DATE 23 Mar. 1944
 RAMROD NO. _____ PRE-TAKE-OFF CHECK SHEET

Duty Officers Initial All Items Checked GROUP 416th

Targets (Primary Montdidier A/O 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.O.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/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)
____ 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 E/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.

____ 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.

____ R/LF 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 G.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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416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Intelligence Officer

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24 March 1944.

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Field Order # 246.

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

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2. Damage: 28 Slight Category A, 2 Category A-C.
It is not possible to allocate damage to HFF areas.

3. Weather was good and visibility reported at 5 to 8 miles in France.

4. As analysis of Flak was not completed at the time, the foregoing Flak positions were not included in Teletype report.

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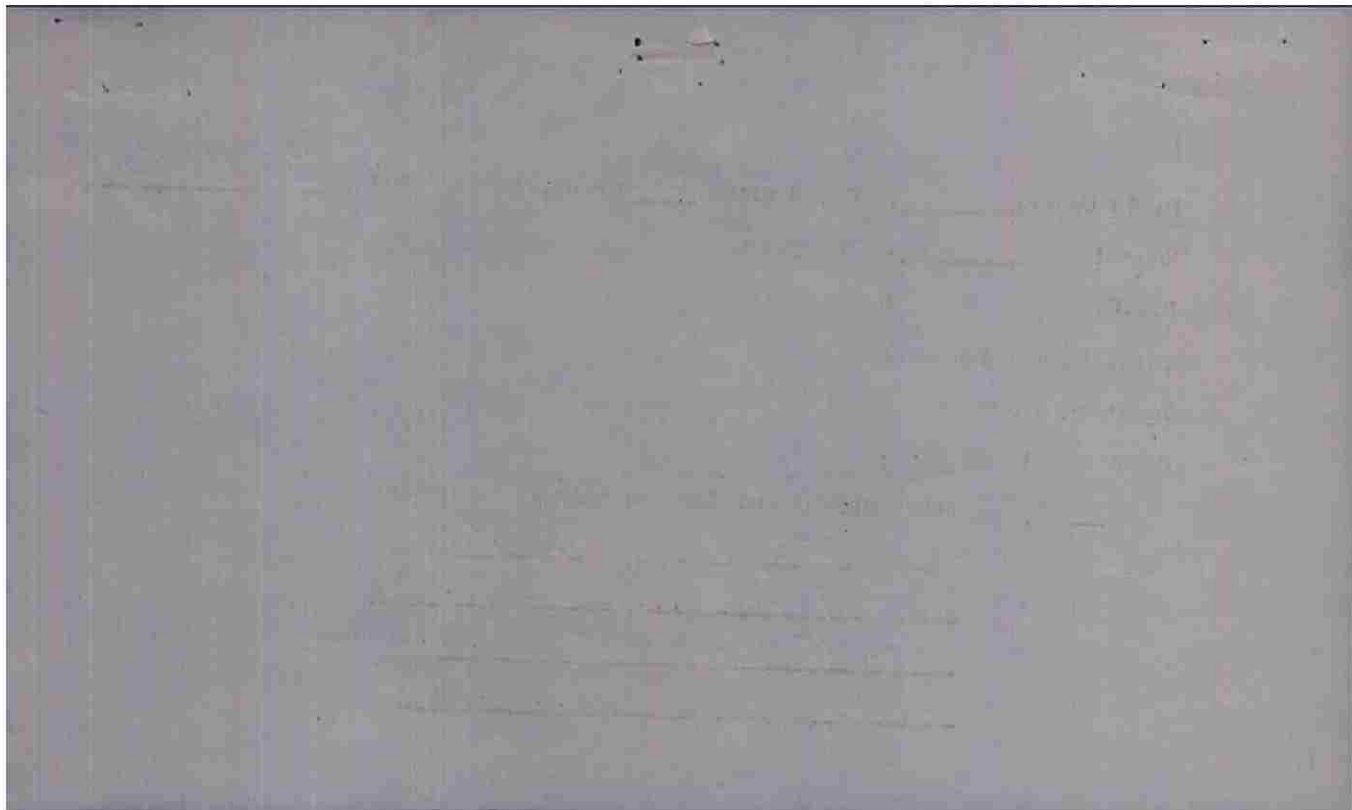
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Field Order: _____ : Filed with 322 Group, Mission Folder Creil m/y 23/3/44
Ranrod _____ :
P.R.U. _____ :
Intelligence Annex _____ :
Teletype Synopsis _____ :
Plan of Attack _____ :

Other Groups and Targets this Field Order:
323, 323, 344, 386, 387,
+ 391 to Creil m/y.
394 to Beaumont - Le-Roger.

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A-2
1 SENT A-3
170

COG V YAA YAA 11/23 P.

T ADDRESSEE.

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP WEATHERFIELDS 231840A

TO COG 9

BC ATT: A-2 DUTY OFFICER

BT CONFIND.

R434D

416

A. 416 B.G. F.O. 246

B. 36 A-20'S

C. 1102--NO ATTACK --1353

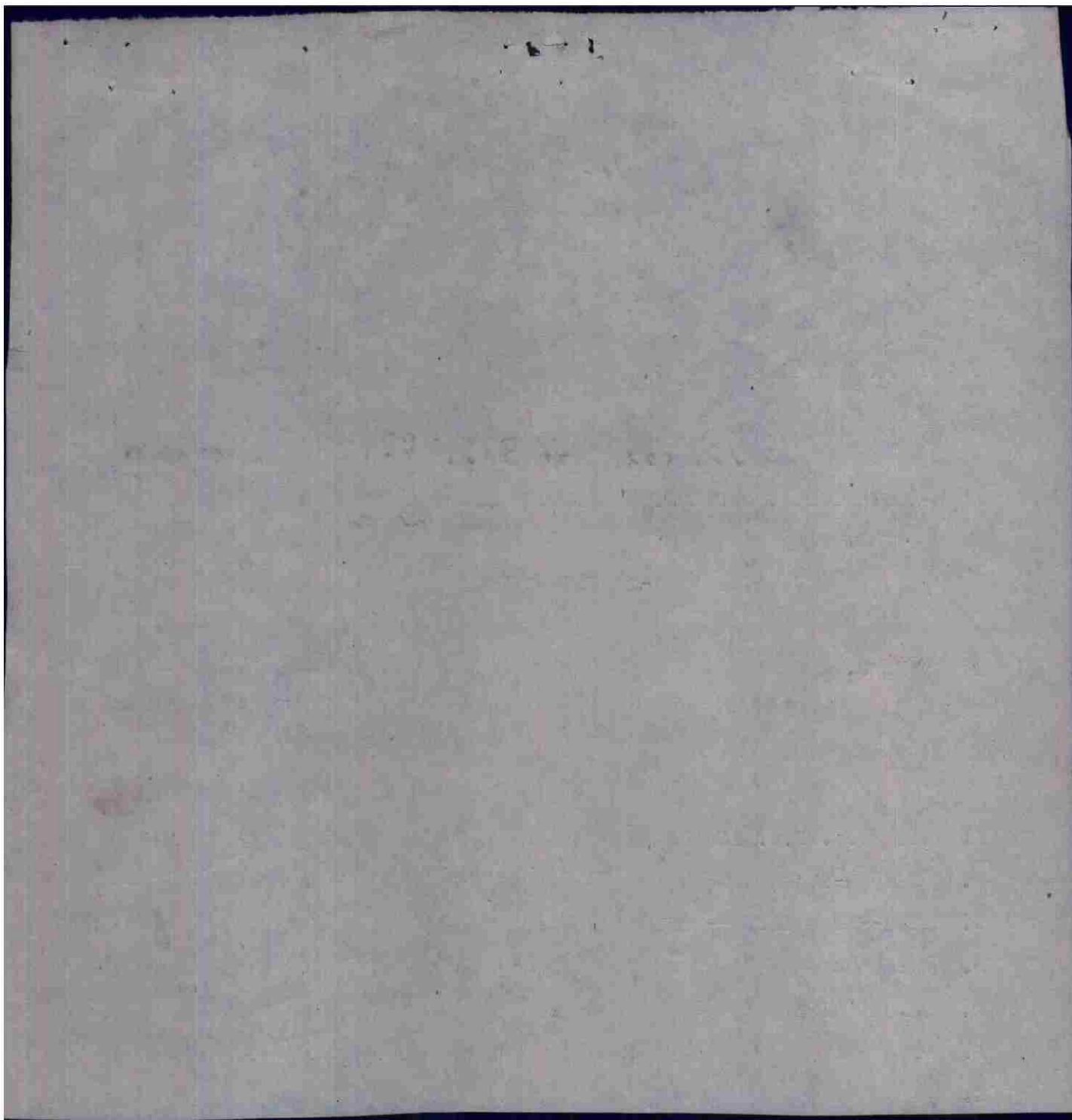
D. NIL

E. 12,000 FEET

F. NIL

G. NIL

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H. 144X500 GP'S

I. ⁵ NAVIGATIONAL ERROR (acc)

J. NIL *engine failure*

K. O-C-4

L. NIL

M. A. NIL

B. OBSERVATION INADEQUATE DUE TO NAVIGATIONAL ERROR .

C. EXCELLENT SUPPORT

D. FORMATION REACHED BEND IN SEINE RIVER AT OUTSKIRTS OF

~~H~~ PARIS AND ~~R~~ RETURNED TO BASE WITHOUT FLYING OVER EITHER

I. P. OR TARGETS

N. ONE TO TWO TENTHS LOW CLOUDS WITH TOPS TO 4000 FEET OVER

H ENEMY TERRITORY. VISIBILITY 8-10 MILES.

O. 28 A/C CATEGORY "A"

2 A/C CATEGORY "AC"

P. NIL

Q. NIL

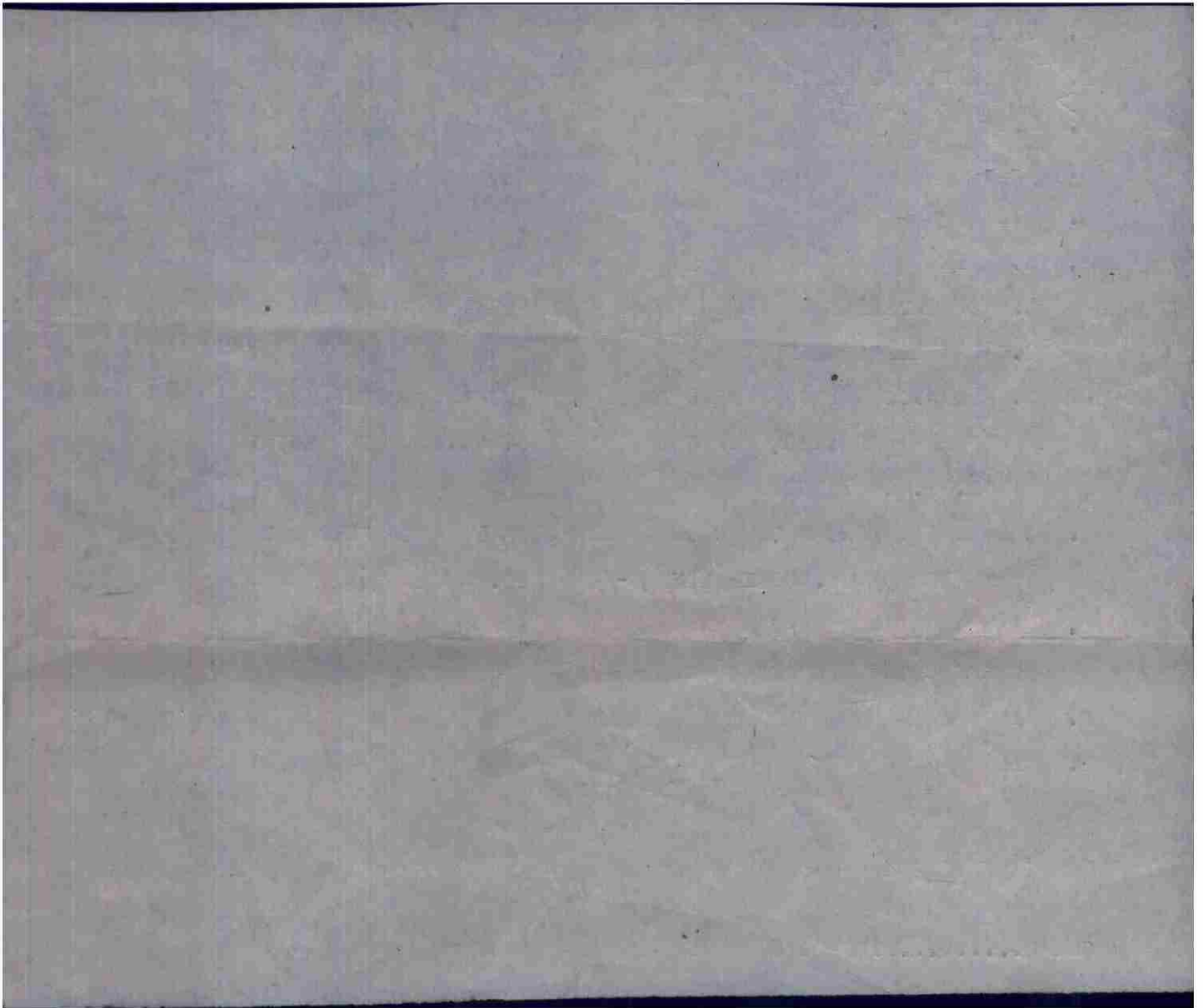
BT WE 23/1840A

JH AR

OEG R..W.....6..232217A MWC AR

THE ... DID NOT GET THAT LAST MSG OK???

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A-2 Duty Officer.

DETACHMENT "B"
21st WEATHER SQUADRON
USAAF STATION 160

23 March, 1944

FLASH REPORT: 416th Bomb Group

TARGET: 2475

TIME: 1435

Base Conditions: Take-off 1051. Vsky 4 miles. 4/10 cirrus above 20,000 ft.

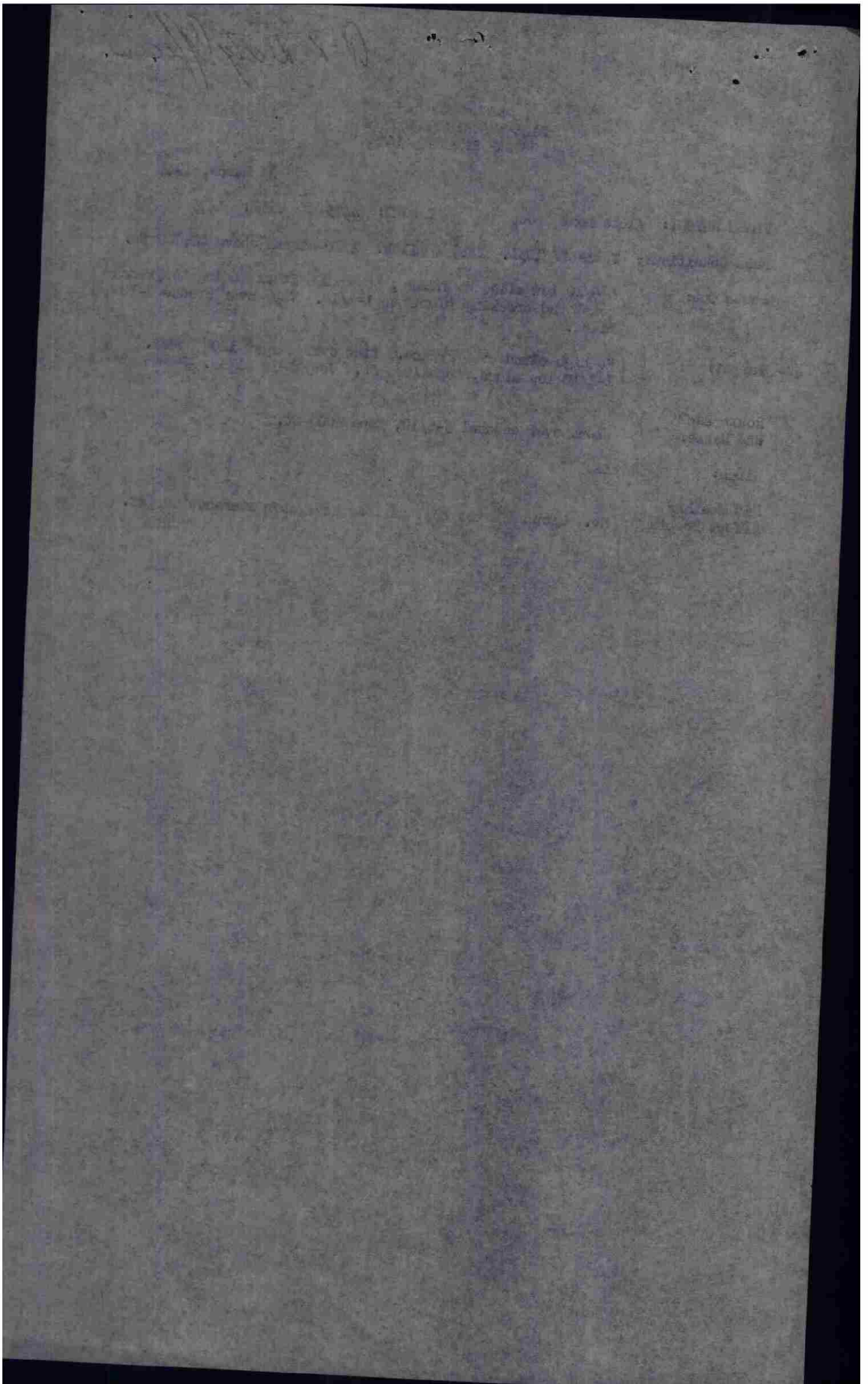
Route Out: 6-8/10 low cloud at Thames, tops 4000 ft extending to French coast and breaking inland to 1-2/10. Vsky over France 8-10 miles.

Target: (No high cloud over France.) Time over target 1204 hours.
(1-2/10 low cloud, tops 4000 ft. Vsky 8-10 miles. ~~is target area~~)

Route Back and Bases: Cloud over channel 5-6/10, tops 4000 ft.

Winds: OK.

Did Weather Affect Bombing? No. Group did not bomb as lead navigator overshoot target.



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

Target Montdidier Estimated Due _____ Hour _____
 Received From _____ Bomb Group At _____ Hours _____ Date _____
 By _____ To _____
 A. Group 476 Type 246
 B. A/C Off 36 Type A-203
 C. A/C Failing to Bomb with reasons for each: 35 missed target due to faulty navigation — 1 due to eng.
fuel line (only return)
 D. A/C Attacking Primary 0 Secondary _____ Last Resort _____
 E. Bombs in Target Area _____ Tons _____
 Bombs Jettisoned _____ Where _____
 Bombs Returned 144 x 500
 F. Results of Bombing: Good (), Fair (), Poor (), Nil (X)
 G. A/C Lost or Missing 0 Approx. Location _____
 Reasons _____
 H. No. of A/C Suffering Battle Damage 30 "flak"
 I. Personnel Casualties 0 Killed 0 Missing 4 Wounded _____
 J. E/A Opposition: Strong (), Mediocre (), Weak (), Nil (X), _____
0 Destroyed 0 Probably Destroyed 0 Damaged.
 K. Flak: Int. (), Mod. (), Weak (), Nil (), M.I. AFF ~~Billie~~ area
M.I. at Dieppe.
believed to be Rouen
 L. Weather as it Affects Mission good vis.
 M. Altitude of Attack 12,000
 N. Other Information 36 from 4 A-203s

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

Missed location on first leg, did not locate themselves until they were in Paris area — then took a heading home.

40	40	
36	36	56
36		80
37		36
24		70
		72
		68
		<u>38</u>
		2 tons
183 lb		
179 barrels		

HEADQUARTERS IX BOLITE CORRID

OUTGOING MESSAGE

MAR 23 1944 01 44

TO: CO BG 416 ATTENTION: S-2	CLASSIFICATION Urgent Priority xx	COORDINATION CG G of S	MESSAGE CENTER USE ONLY CR. 2423E NO. IX BC
FROM: COMBOMCOM NINE	Routine Deferred	DO of S A-1	SERIES NO. 1 REGISTERED Cleared
DATE: 23/3/44 TIME: 0200 SECT: A-2	Secret xx	A-2 A-3 A-4	
SIGNATURE: <i>Go Reed</i>	Conf. Rest. Clear		

SENT IN CLEAR BY AUTHORITY OF COLONEL KILBORN:

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO F.O. 246

1. TARGET:

THIS TARGET IS A FIRST PRIORITY A/D. THERE ARE THIRTY LONG RANGE BOMBERS CONSISTING OF JU 88's and JU 188'S BASED HERE AT THE PRESENT TIME. (SEE INFORMATION SHEET IN TARGET FOLDER).

IT IS HOPED BY THIS ATTACK TO DESTROY SOME OF THE ENEMY BOMBERS ON THE GROUND.

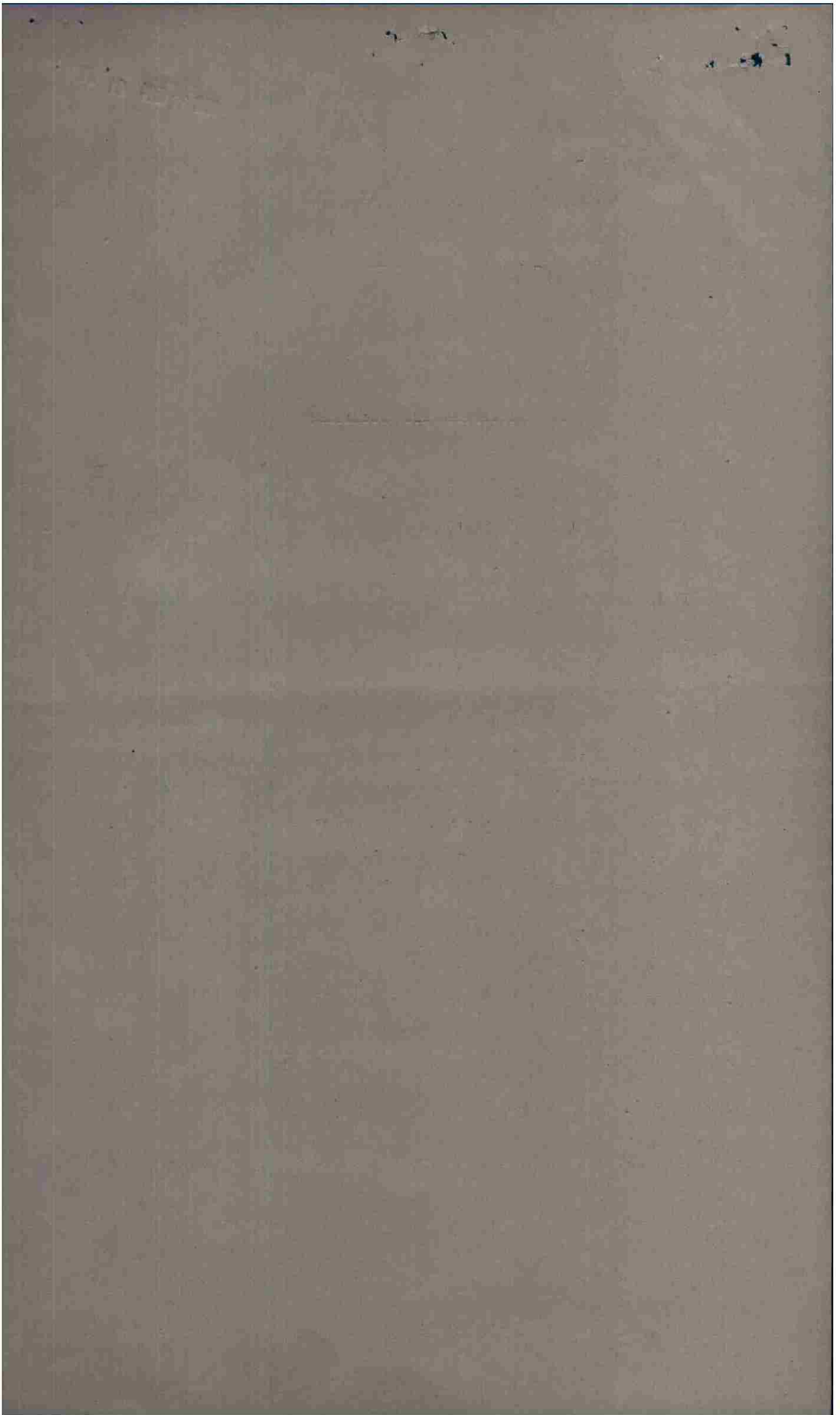
2. THE SITUATION:

A. ENEMY:

- (1) FLAK: (GROUPS HAVE RECEIVED ALL OF LATEST AMENDMENTS).
- (2) AIR: SEE WEEKLY APPRECIATION #133 PLUS TELETYPE CHANGES.
- (3) GROUND: ONE G.A.F. FIELD DIVISION IS REPORTED IN VICINITY OF LE TREPORT, EQUIPPED WITH THIRTY-SIX 20MM AA/AT GUNS, NINE 37MM GUNS, AND EIGHTEEN 88MM GUNS. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS OF CONCENTRATED GROUND UNITS IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF TARGET.
- (4) SEA: NO CONVOYS ARE REPORTED IN THE AREA.

3. OBSERVATIONS:

REQUEST OBSERVATIONS ON RAILROAD ACTIVITY AND ROAD ACTIVITY IN THE AREA. ALSO REQUEST OBSERVATIONS ON ANY CONCENTRATION OF TROOPS, PARTICULARLY IN COASTAL AREAS.



OYAA V OICOG 1723 P

FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 231044A 9BC R-2423-E

TO: OYAA

PRIORITY SECRET

SENT IN CLEAR AUTH. COL. KILBORN.

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ATTENTION S-2

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2. THE SITUATION:

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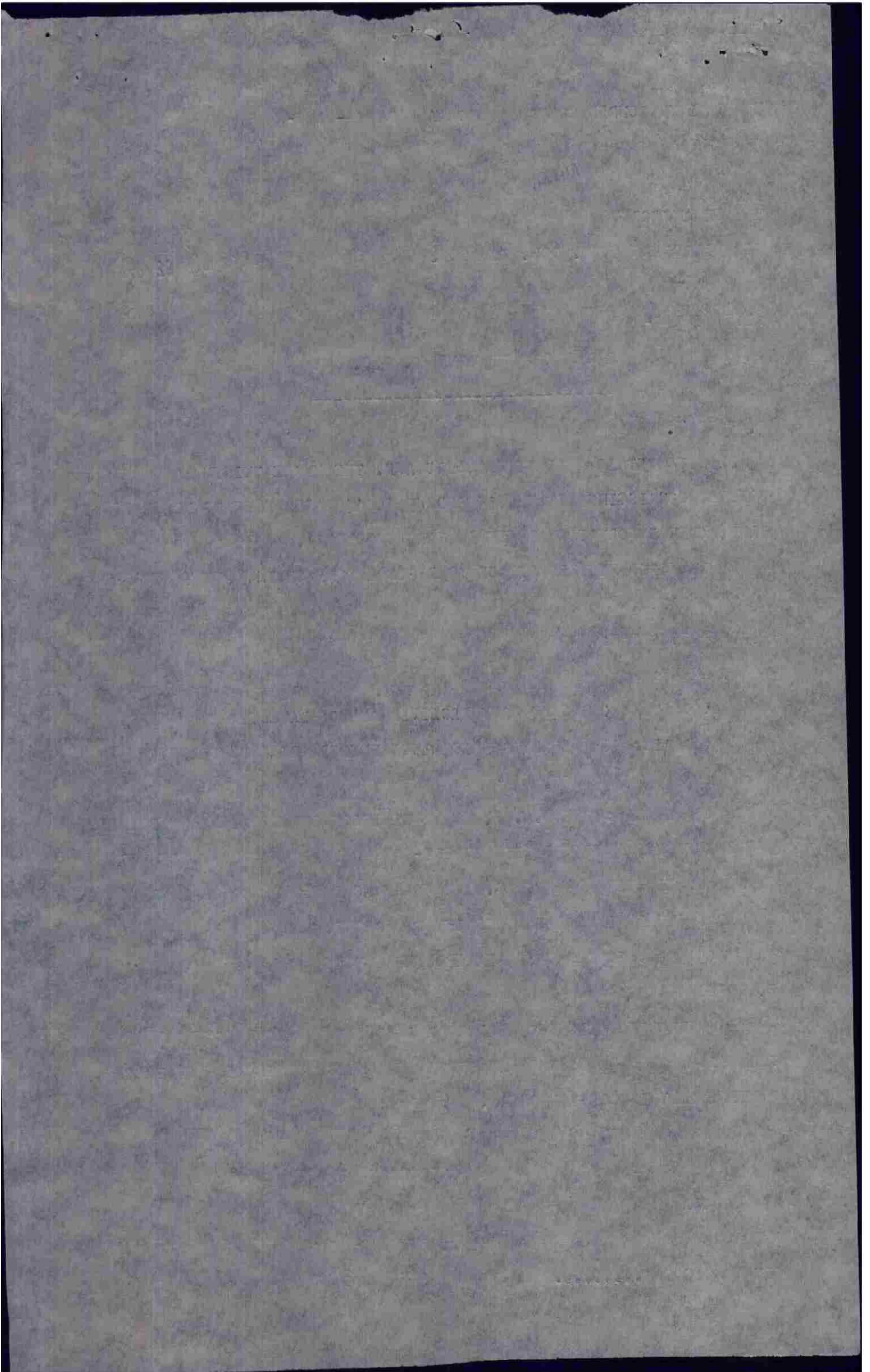
COMBONCOM NINE

BT 231044A

DWE AR

OYAA /OICOG R.....23/0305A

EW AR



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

POST MISSION CHECK LIST
(Enter "Time Due" and "Accomplished" on wall chart)
USO OPERATIONS TIME 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
F.C. that target has been bombed

INITIAL I/A REACTION

(Lt. Lewke'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 FC (depending which escorted our forma-
tion) and get fighter encounters, claims, losses, and
observations of our bombing - add this and statement
of s/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

T.E. TYPE 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 INTELLIGENCE REPORT

