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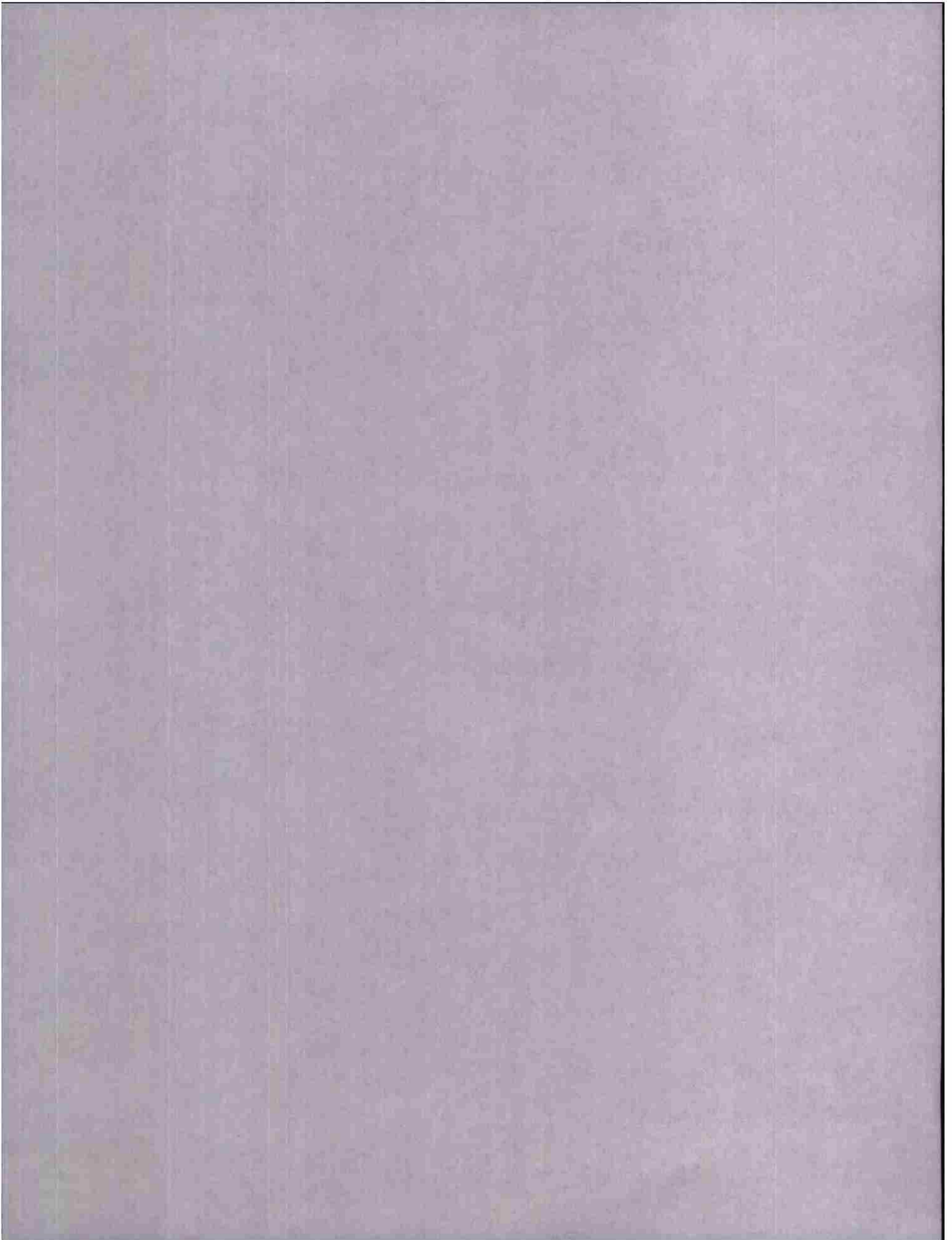
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NUMPAGE 12**Title Extensions:****Abstract****Descriptive Notes:** CONTAINS FIELD ORDERS, OPERATIONAL REPORTS, LOADING LISTS, NAVIGATIONAL DATA WITH CHARTS, TACTICAL DATA WITH PHOTOGRAPHS, TECHNICAL DATA, INTERROGATION FORMS AND REPORT OF CASUALTIES.**Title** MISSION FOLDER (TARGET: LA HAVRE, FIELD ORDER NUMBER 261)**Added****Entries****Author:****Subject:****Major Command:****Administrative Markings**

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60 Apr 1944

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FO 261

10/4/44

P.R.C.

X1/A/73

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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.C. _____
 (Secondary _____ (Secondary _____ D.C. _____)

ORDERS RECEIVED
 IX B.C.W.O. (V.TMX) _____ 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'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 (74)
 A/D Tracings A12b (T/F & 9/3/3B) _____ Index Cards F.L.O. (33)
 RAF 2 Group Reports (9/3/16) _____ Maj. Brett Flak Rpt. (9/3/15)
 A1 on Harbour Vessels (9/3/8) _____ Form White Cards (71)
 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.

Recent Raid Experience. Flak _____ E/L _____ Misc. _____
 Analysis Dept. Blue Books and Status & Activity Cards (72).
 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 (TMX 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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Field Order _____ :	Filed with <u>322</u> Group, Mission Folder <u>Le Havre</u>
Ramrod _____ :	
P.R.U. _____ :	<u>416</u>
Intelligence Annex _____ :	<u>window at Le Havre.</u>
Teletype Synopsis _____ :	<u>10/4/44</u>
Plan of Attack _____ :	

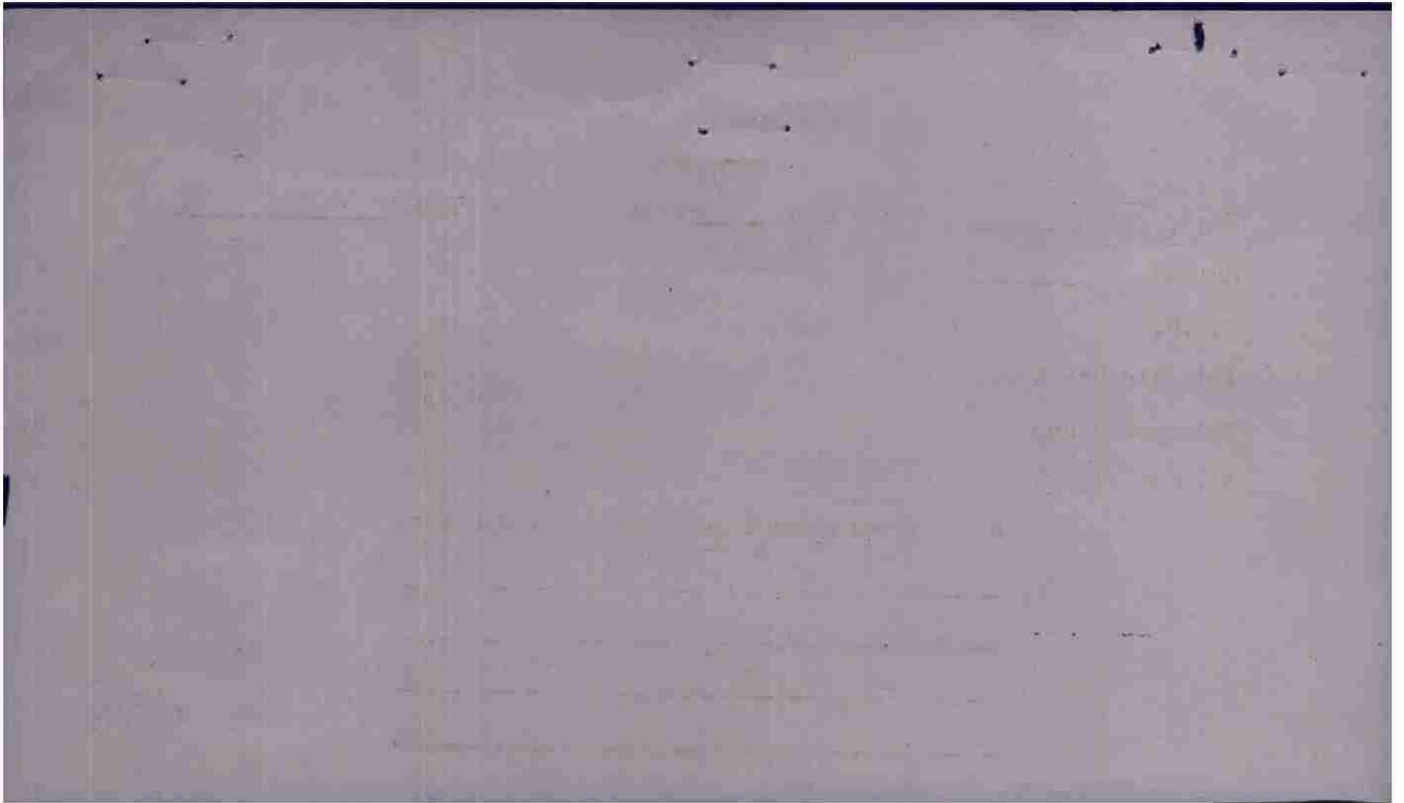
Other Groups and Targets This Field Order:

386, 394, 323, 387, 322 ~~(416)~~

391, 344 - Le Havre

416 - X1/A/73 ~~(416 window at Le Havre)~~

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OICOG 97CBW V YAA YAA 35/10 OP

T - ADDRESSEE

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 10/2320B

APR 10 1974 23-49

TO IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A2 DUTY OFFICER
97TH COMBAT WING ATTN : A2 DUTY OFFICER

BT

P-212-D

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY CONFIDENTIAL OP FLASH

A - 1- LE HAVRE - WINDOW

11- SAME

B - 1- 416

11 - 12- FLIGHTS OF 3 TO EACH OF FOUR B26 GPS.

111 - NONE

IV - 12 - DROPPED WINDOW

C - TIMES NOT NOTED BY CREWS - REACHED TARGET ABOUT 1/2 TO 1
MINUTE BEFORE EACH B26 OUTFIT. FLIGHT WITH 387 BOMB GP
DELAY IN T/O BY MECHANICAL DEX DIFFICULTIES. CAUGHT
FORMATION OVER CHANNEL

D - 1 - NIL

11 - NIL

111- NIL

E - NO BOMBS CARRIED

F - 1-A. NIL

B. NIL

11-A. WEAK - INACCURATE- LOW MND ~~XXXXXX~~, BEHIND, ~~SEE~~ BETWEEN
A20'S AND B26'S

B. NIL

G.- NIL

H - 1. THIN HAZE BUT TARGET EASILY SEEN.

11. CLEAR

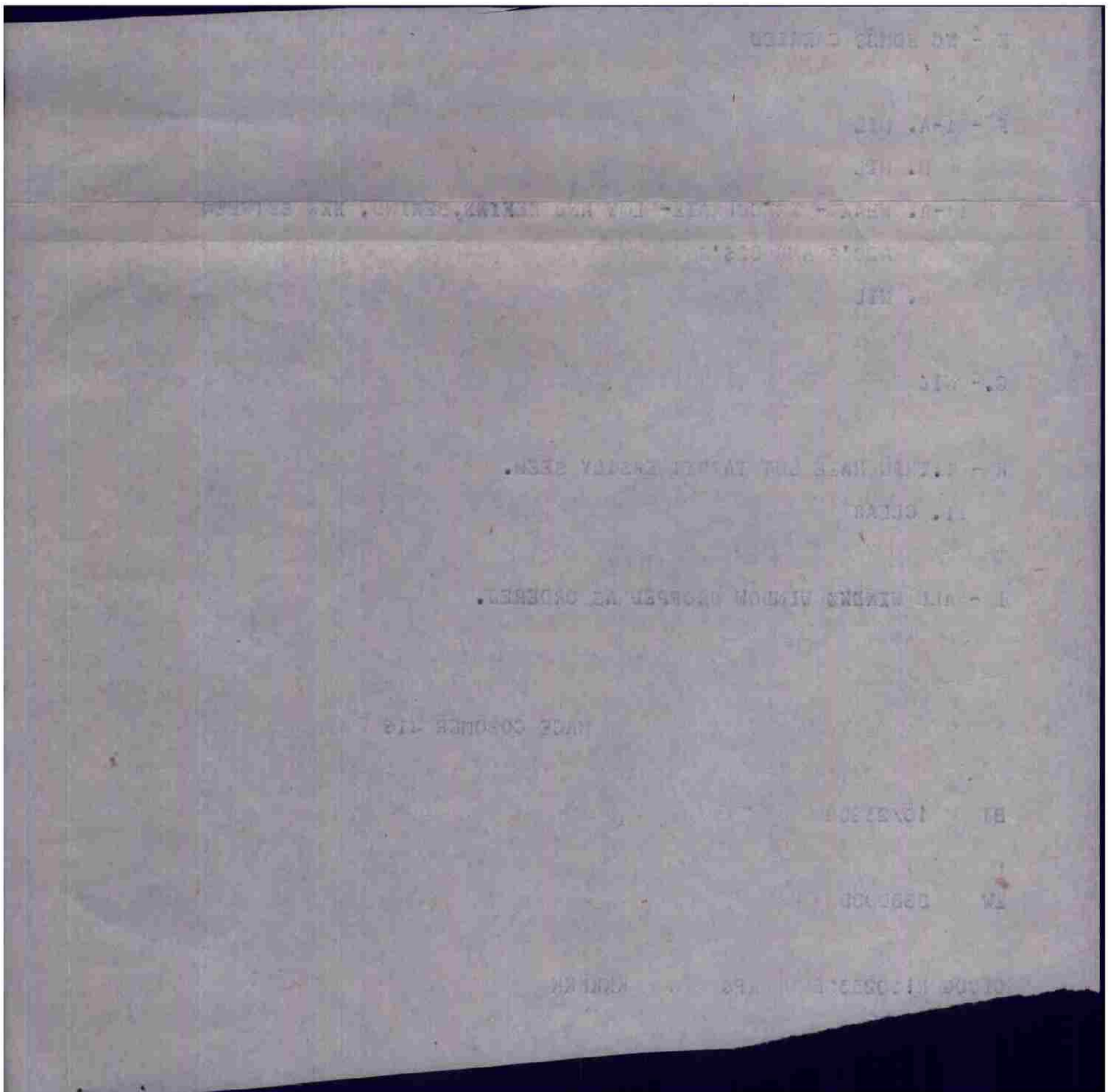
I - ALL ~~WINNEX~~ WINDOW DROPPED AS ORDERED.

MACE COBOMGR 416

BT 10/2320B

EW BBBBBBB

OICOG R1102330B RPG A KKKKKK



97THCBW OICOG V YAA YAA 10/10 OP

FROM HQ416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 101430B

TO HQ I. BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2

HQ 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

APR 10 1944 15 23

BT

REF. OPERATIONAL PRIORITY ; CONFIDENTIAL OP FLASH NO 1

FOR 10 APRIL 1944

A. XI/A/73

B. (I) 416 B. G.

(II) 38 A-20'S

(III) 7

4 FAILED TO SEE LEADER DROP

3 MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION OF BOMB RELEASE

MECHANISM.

(IV) 28 A/C ON ~~PRIMARY~~ *woods* INFORMATION LACKING FROM ONE A/C

CRASH LANDED BY PILOT AWAY FROM BASE,

AFTER TWO GUNNERS BAILED OUT SAFELY.

2 a/c missing

C. (I) 0844

(II) 0955 (1ST RUN) 1002 (2ND RUN)

(III) 1115

D. (I) TWO A/C MISSING. SEE PARA. G.

34 A/C CATEGORY "A"

TWO A/C CATEGORY "E" — ?

(II) NIL

(III) 0-3-6

E. NIL. TARGET CAME INTO VIEW TOO SUDDENLY AFTER FLIGHT

OVER OVERCAST TO IDENTIFY OR BOMB. SECOND RUN AND — ?

BOMBING WAS OVER UNIDENTIFIED AREA. PHOTOS TAKEN.

F. (I) NIL

(II) (A) ~~MODERATE AND INACCURATE HFF FROM AIRG~~ *MODERATE AND INACCURATE HFF FROM AIRG* BECOMING

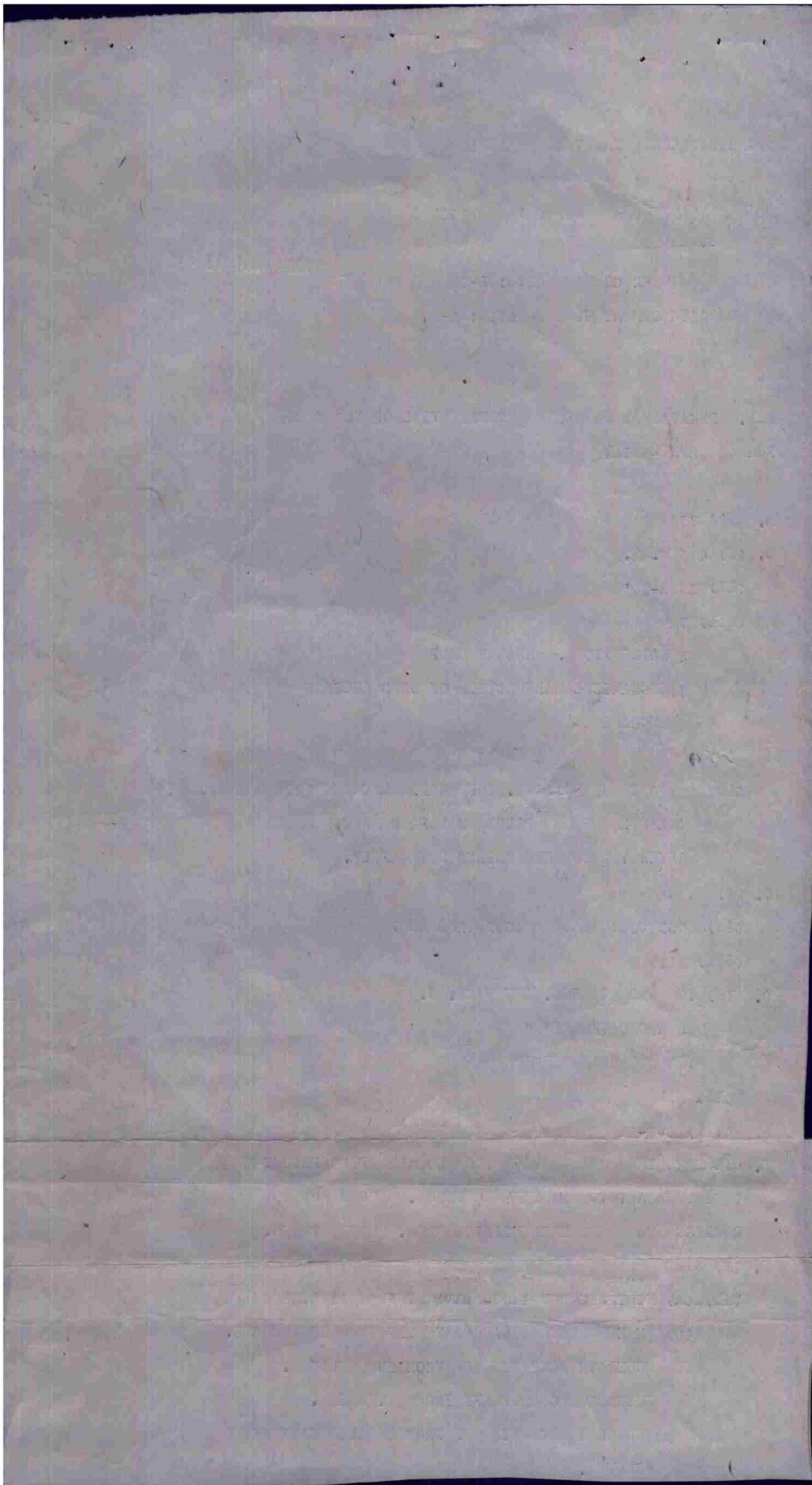
(B) UNSEEN MEAGER INACCURATE HFF FROM LE TOUQUET.

MODERATE ACCURATE HFF FROM HUCQUELIERS.

INTENSE ACCURATE HFF FROM ST. OMER.

MEAGER INACCURATE HFF FROM 8 MILES EAST OF

BERGUES.



H. (I) 5/10 FROM ENEMY COAST IN TO TARGET AREA. CLEAR
IN IMMEDIATE AREA OF TARGET RESULTING IN EXTREMELY
SHORT BOMB RUN.

(II) CLEAR FROM TARGET TO EXIT.

I. BOMBS ON PRIMARY- ^{///}35 X 500 GP

BOMBS JETTISONED - ³1 X 500 GP

BOMB RETURNED ³⁰-32 X 500 GP

MACE COBOMGR416

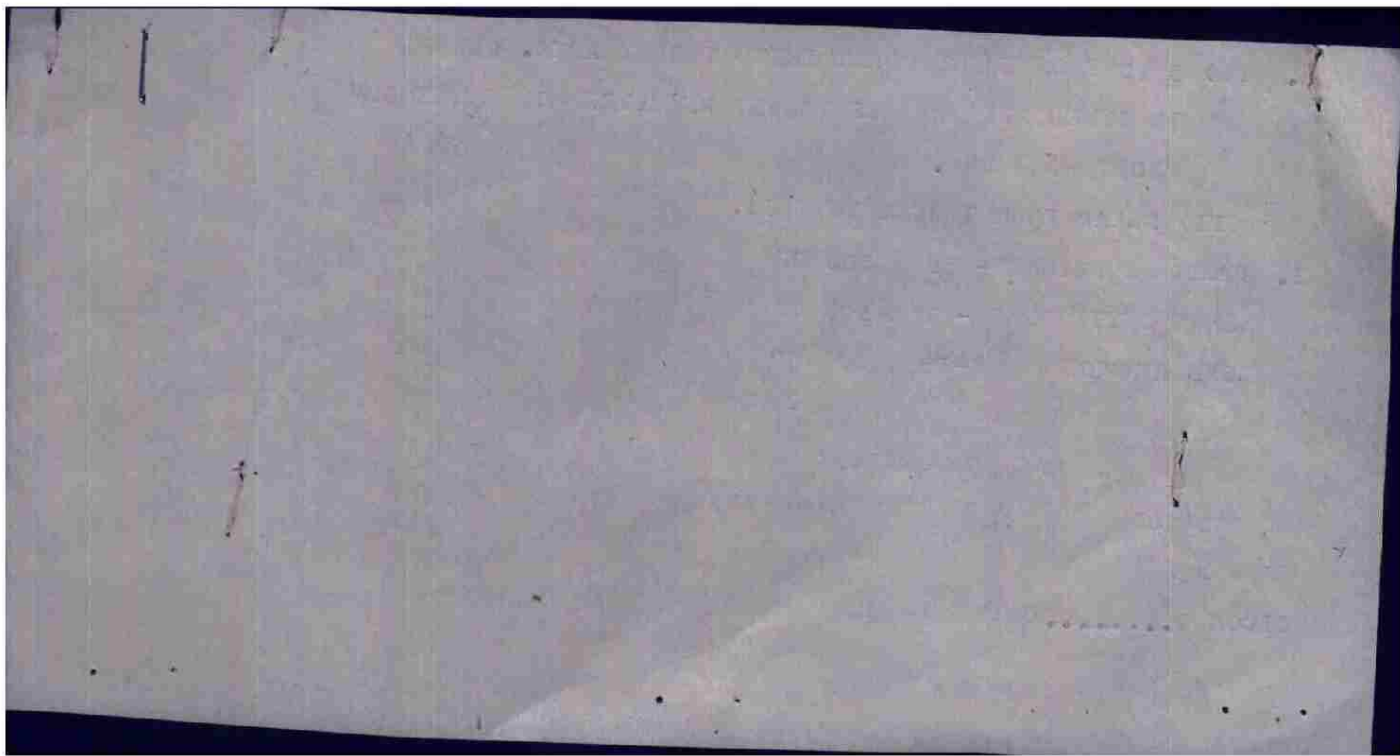
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G. TWO OF FOUR A/C PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS MISSING WERE HEARD TO
REQUEST BEARING AS FORMATION LEFT ENEMY TERRITORY NORTH OF

FURNES. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS HOTNEWS. TWO POSSIBLY THREE
A/C WERE OBSERVED TO LEAVE FORMATION WITH ONE ENGINE FEATHERED
AS FORMATION MADE EXIT FROM ENEMY TERRITORY.

△ ONE PARACHUTIST OBSERVED BY ONE CREW AT 0952 HOURS
IN TARGET AREA. A/C FROM WHICH HE BAILED OUT WAS NOT
IDENTIFIED.

H. (I) 5/10 FROM ENEMY COAST IN TO ~~THE~~ TARGET AREA. CLEAR
IN IMMEDIATE AREA OF TARGET RESULTING IN EXTREEMELY
SHORT BOMB RUMT

OK GA LSE HPM KKKKK

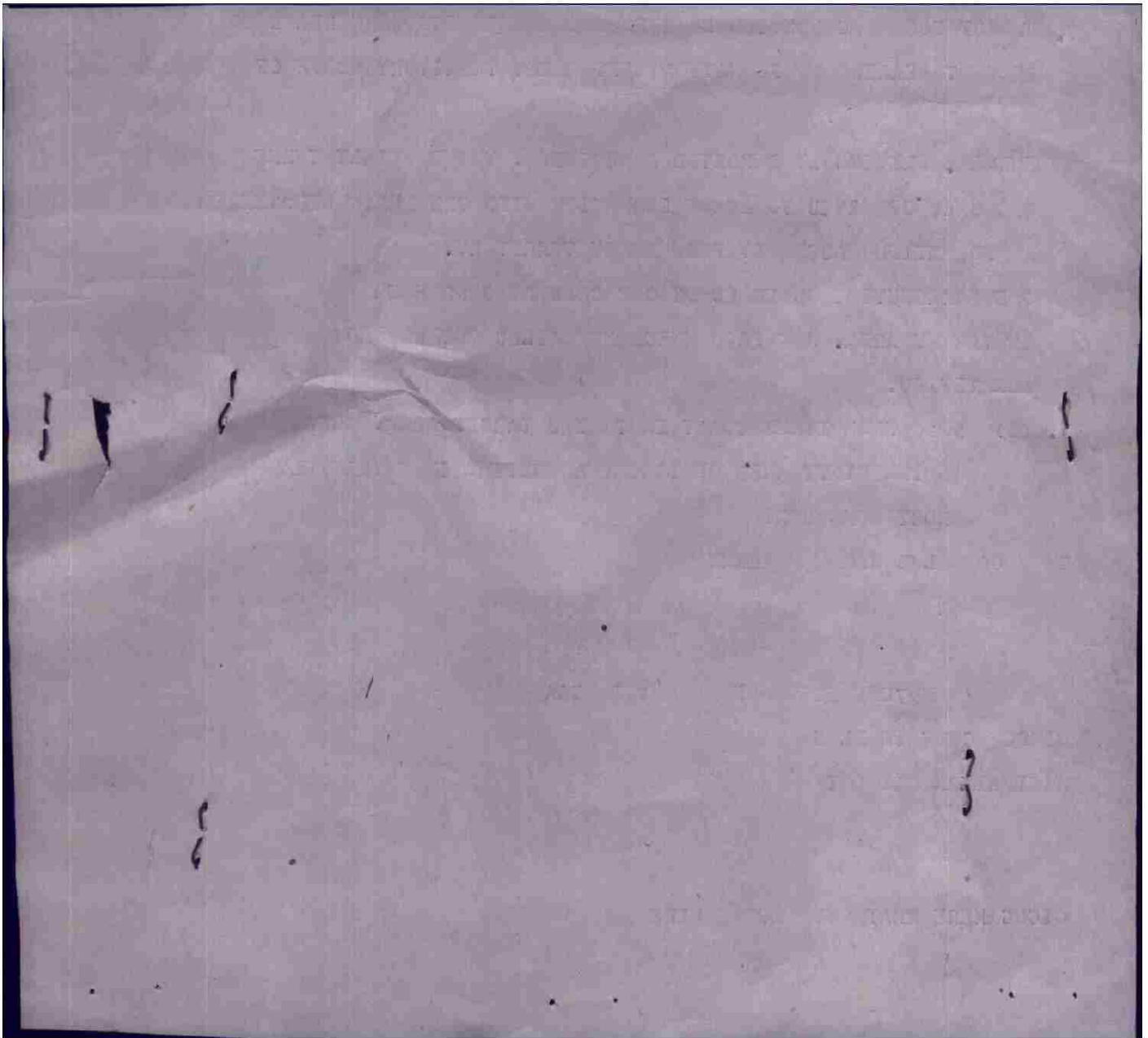
N97CBW ERE OK THIS YAA

OICOG COME IN PLSE

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OICOG HERE WHATS THE SCORE HERE

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DETACHMENT "B"
21ST WEATHER SQUADRON
AAF STATION 160

AFD # 140
10 April, 1944

FLASH REPORT -- 416th Target: 119 10 April, 1944 Time: 1150 hours

Base Conditions: 0845 hours -- Takeoff
Clear.
Light haze.
Visibility 1 mile.

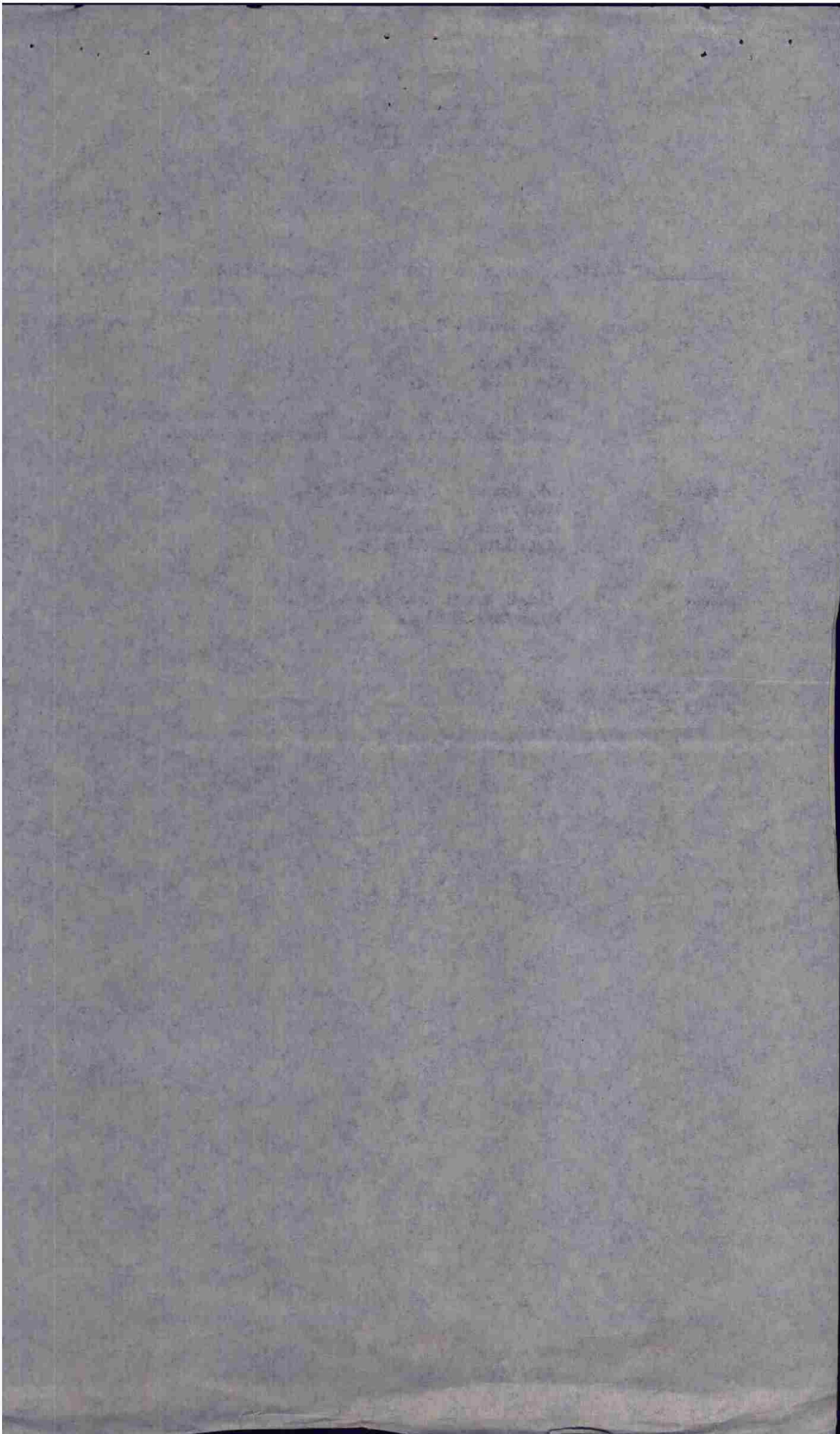
Route Out: Overcast south of London, tops 5000 feet estimated.
Continuous to French coast becoming scattered.

Target: 0955 hours -- Time over target.
Clear.
Cloud bank to southwest.
Visibility 8 to 10 miles.

Route Back and
Base: Similar but in base area .3 to .4 cumulus.
Visibility 3 miles.

Winds: O.K.

Did Weather Affect
Bombing: No.



416

May Thomas - to Lt Ritzmann - 1908

One plane piloted by Lt Street crash landed at Bradwell Bay. Runners baled out near Woodham. No injuries to any of crew. Plane a complete loss.

Was hit by flak between Bruges and Hazebrouck on tail section. On second run over target one engine was knocked out. Followed formation over channel. Was flying No 3 in high flight 1st box dropped 4X500 G.P. No C.A. reaction.

Turned on IFF after leaving enemy coast and had no trouble contacting Bradwell Bay.

Heard Lt Cransier another plane call Bradwell Bay telling them he was flying at 300 ft. Saw an A.20 flying low 15 miles off English coast, flying a 320° course on a line from landfall out to N. Foreland

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

POST MISSION CHECK LIST

(Enter "Time Due" and "Accomplished" on wall chart)
USE OF RATIONS TIE LINE

Time Due	Time Due		Accomplished
Estimated	Final		
		(Phone Reports to 9 AF go to A-2 DO Ops Room)	

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 FMC 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 BC 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 FMC 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 EC (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. 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

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. Lewke, A-1, A-4, News
Evaluator, and Adj. (Stamp "Confidential").

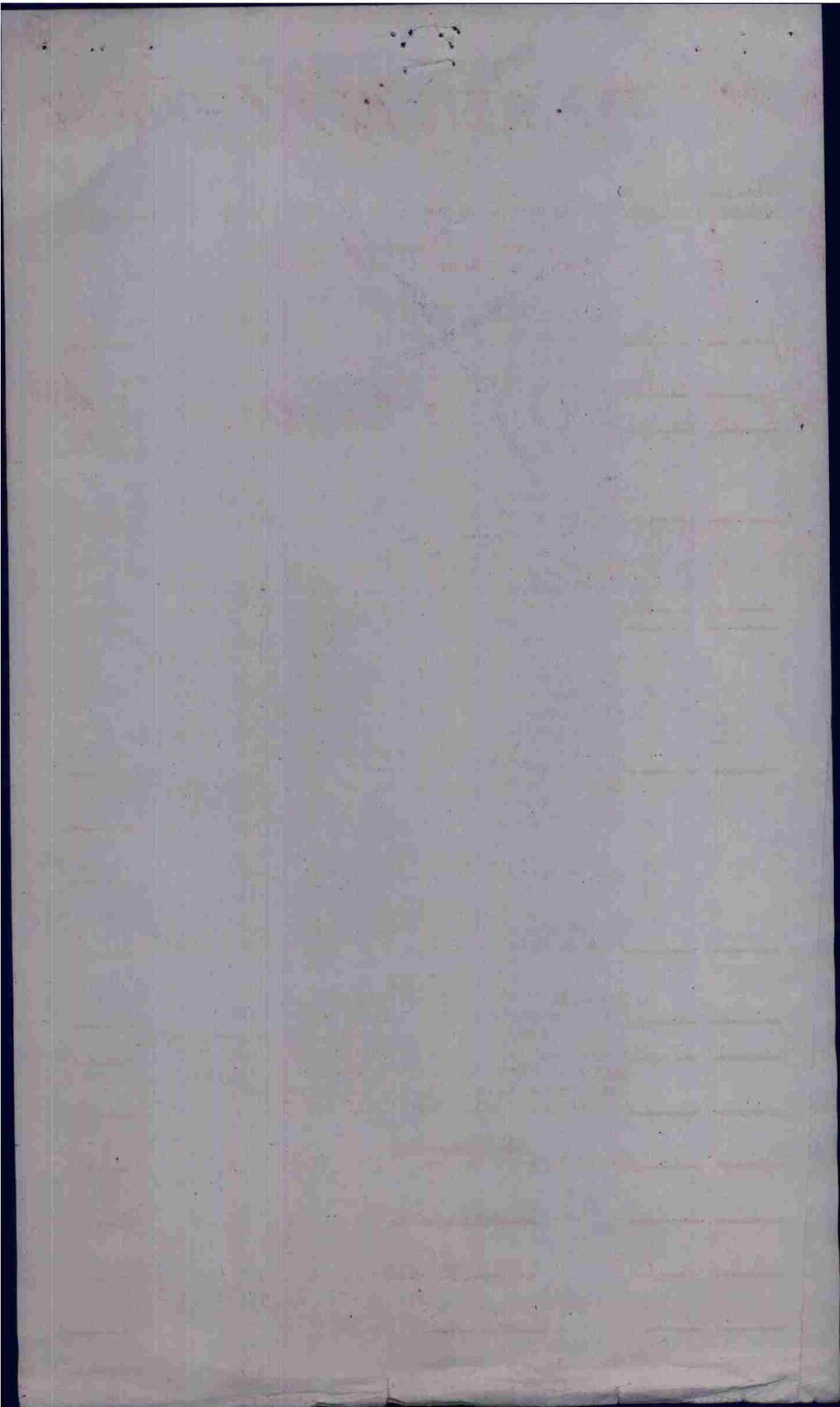
ENCOUNTER REPORT

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

C.I.U.- SA REPORT

C.I.U.- PRU REPORT

SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT



Date: Mar. 31, 1944 - A.M.

Group: 323 d.

Target: St. Philain M.Y.

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