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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

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AFPO 638,
5 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of B-3 Tactical Mission Report.

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

1. Transmitted herewith is the B-3 Tactical Mission Report, (in quadruplicate), of the 416th Bombardment Group (L) on Field Order No. 221, Target Peix Airdrome, on 3 March 1944.

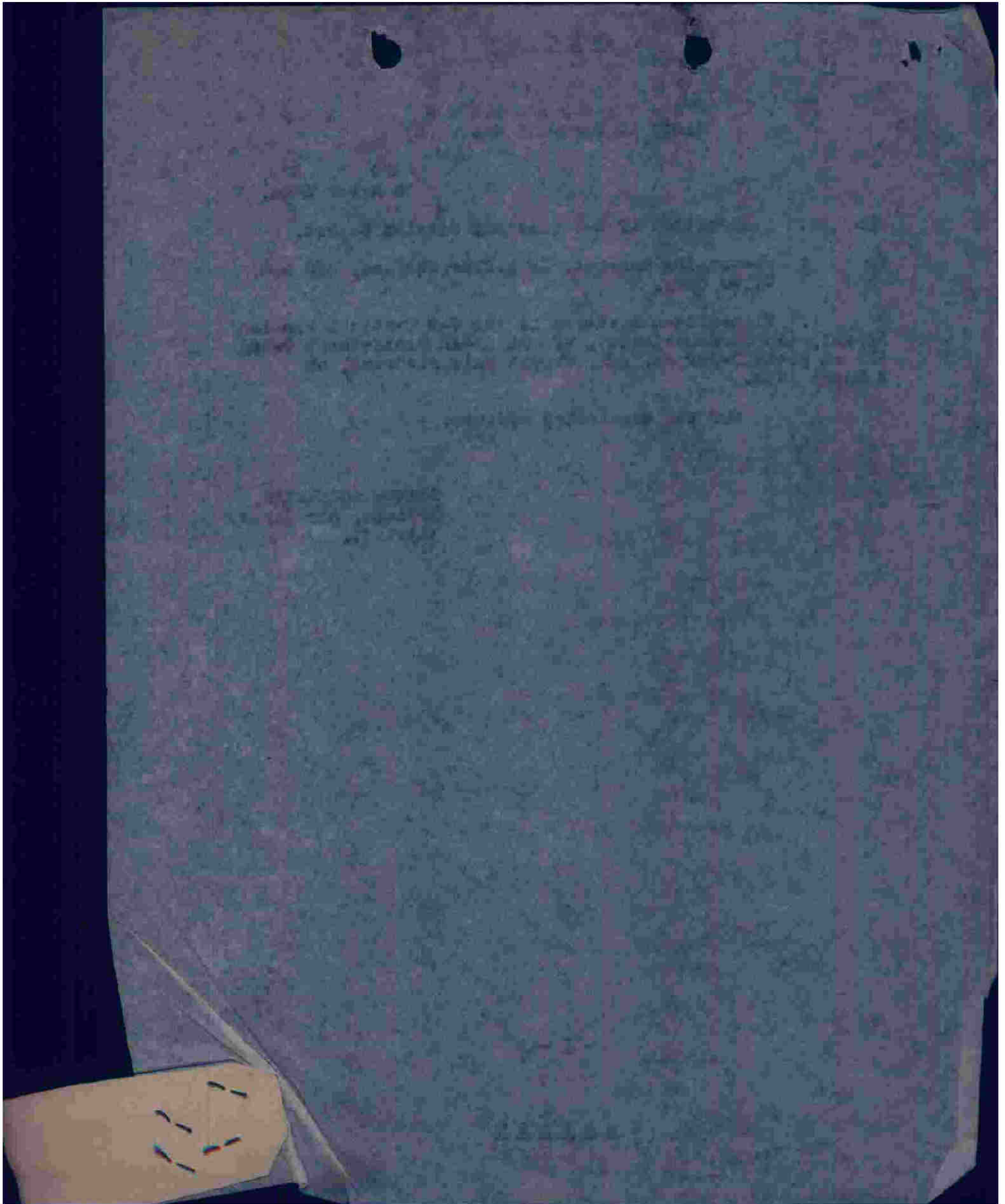
For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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SECRETHEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

E - F - 5

APO 638,
5 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of 416th Bombardment Group (L), IX Bomber Command Field Order No. 221, Target Peix Airframe on 3 March 1944.

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

I. Route:

a. Chart showing track actually flown and track briefed attached. (See Annex "A".)

b. The box was composed of eighteen (18) ships with number 2 flight flown high and number 3 flight flown lower than the lead flight. It was necessary for the box leader and deputy box leader to change positions in the formation due to receiver and interphone failure in the box leader's aircraft. Formation was recalled by Bomber Command Control before reaching target.

II. Bombing: Mission recalled.

III. Enemy Air Opposition: Nil.

IV. Anti-Aircraft Defenses: Nil.

V. Report of Airplanes Lost, Damaged, and Abortive on Operations: No losses or battle damage; mission recalled.

VI. Weather:

a. Weather Chart attached. (See Annex "B".)

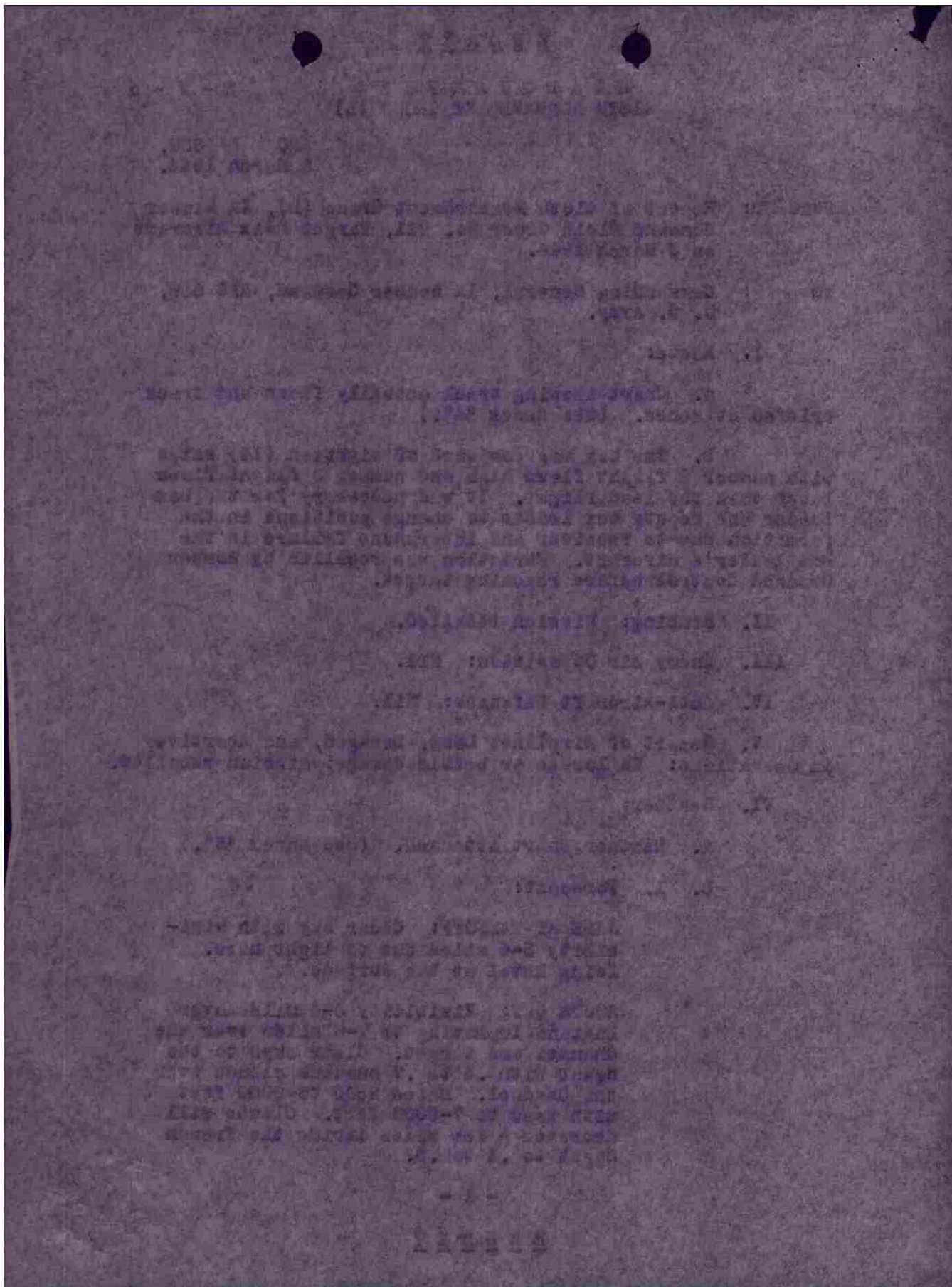
b. 1. Forecast:

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Clear sky with visibility 3-4 miles due to light haze. Icing level at the surface.

ROUTE OUT: Visibility 5-4 miles over England improving to 7-8 miles over the Channel and target. Clear skies to the coast with .4 to .7 cumulus clouds over the Channel. Bases 2500 to 3000 feet with tops to 7-8000 feet. Clouds will decrease a few miles inside the French Coast to .4 to .6.

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ROUTE BACK: Clouds over Channel decreasing to .5 to .5 with cumulus beginning to form over England. .2 to .3 cumulus with bases 2500 to 3000 feet with tops to 4-5000. Visibility 4-5 miles.

BASE ON RETURN: .2 to .3 cumulus with bases 2500 to 3000 feet with tops to 4-5000 feet. Visibility 4-5 miles due to light haze. Surface wind 280 degrees 20 mph.

ICING LEVEL: Surface at start of route rising to 1000 feet over target and 1000 feet over base on return. Light icing in clouds.

2. Interrogation:

WEATHER AT TAKEOFF: Clear sky with visibility 4 miles due to light haze. The surface wind was 280 degrees 15 mph.

ROUTE OUT: No clouds until the Channel was reached. Visibility was unlimited above haze which extended to 4000 feet. Clouds were scattered over English side of the Channel increasing to .8 to 1.0 at the French Coast. Bases were 3-4000 feet with tops to 8000 feet. Cloud layer seemed to be continuous into France but with large breaks visible. Flight was recalled while over French Coast. No winds were checked but the formation was on course using dead-reckoning navigation.

ROUTE BACK: No change.

BASE ON RETURN: No clouds with visibility 4 miles due to light haze. Surface wind was 280 degrees at 25 mph.

VII. Communication Equipment - Use and Malfunctions.

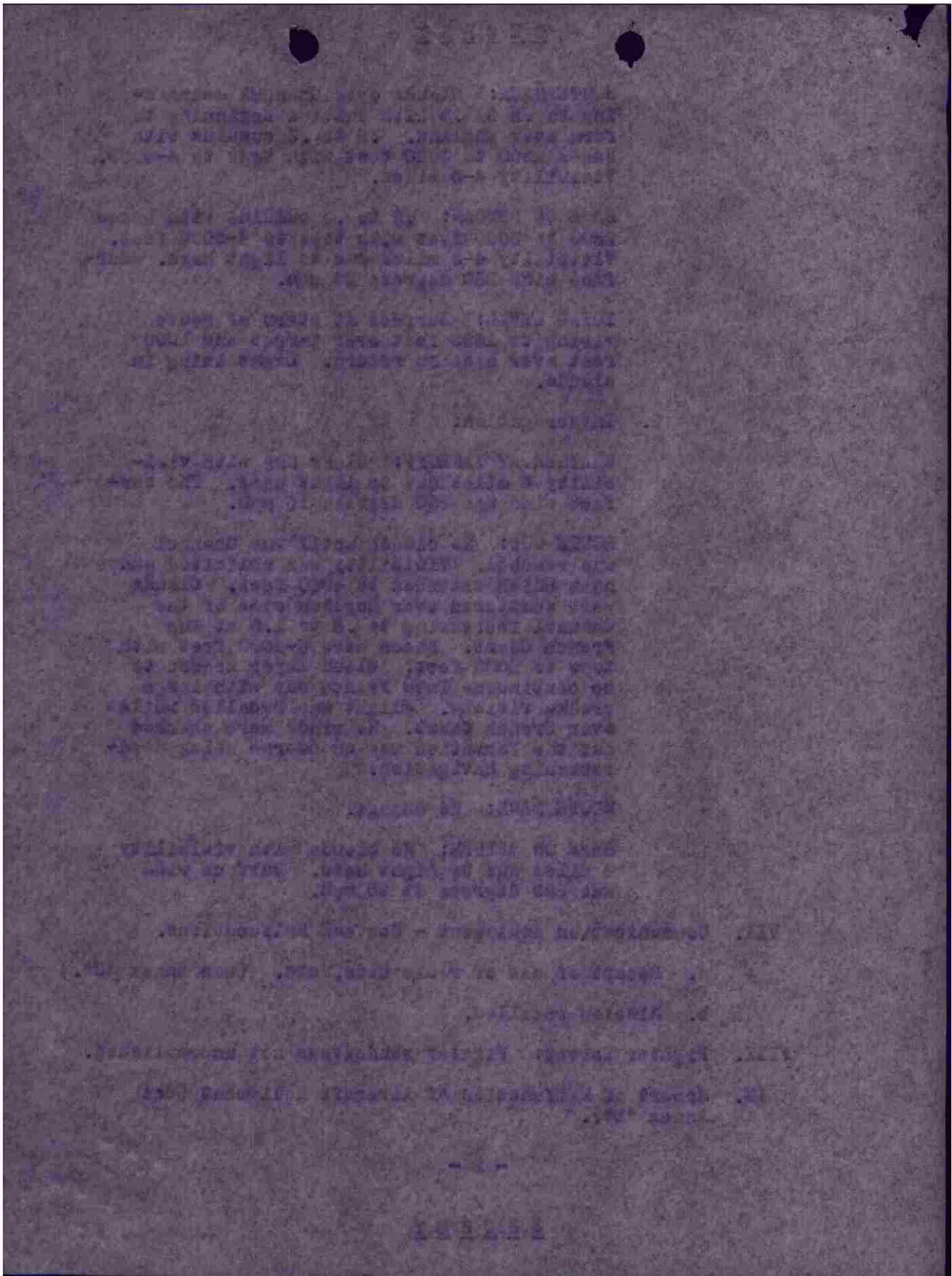
- a. Report of use of radio aids, etc. (See Annex "C".)
- b. Mission recalled.

VIII. Fighter Escort: Fighter rendezvous not accomplished.

IX. Report of Malfunction of Aircraft Equipment (See Annex "D").

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For the Commanding Officer:

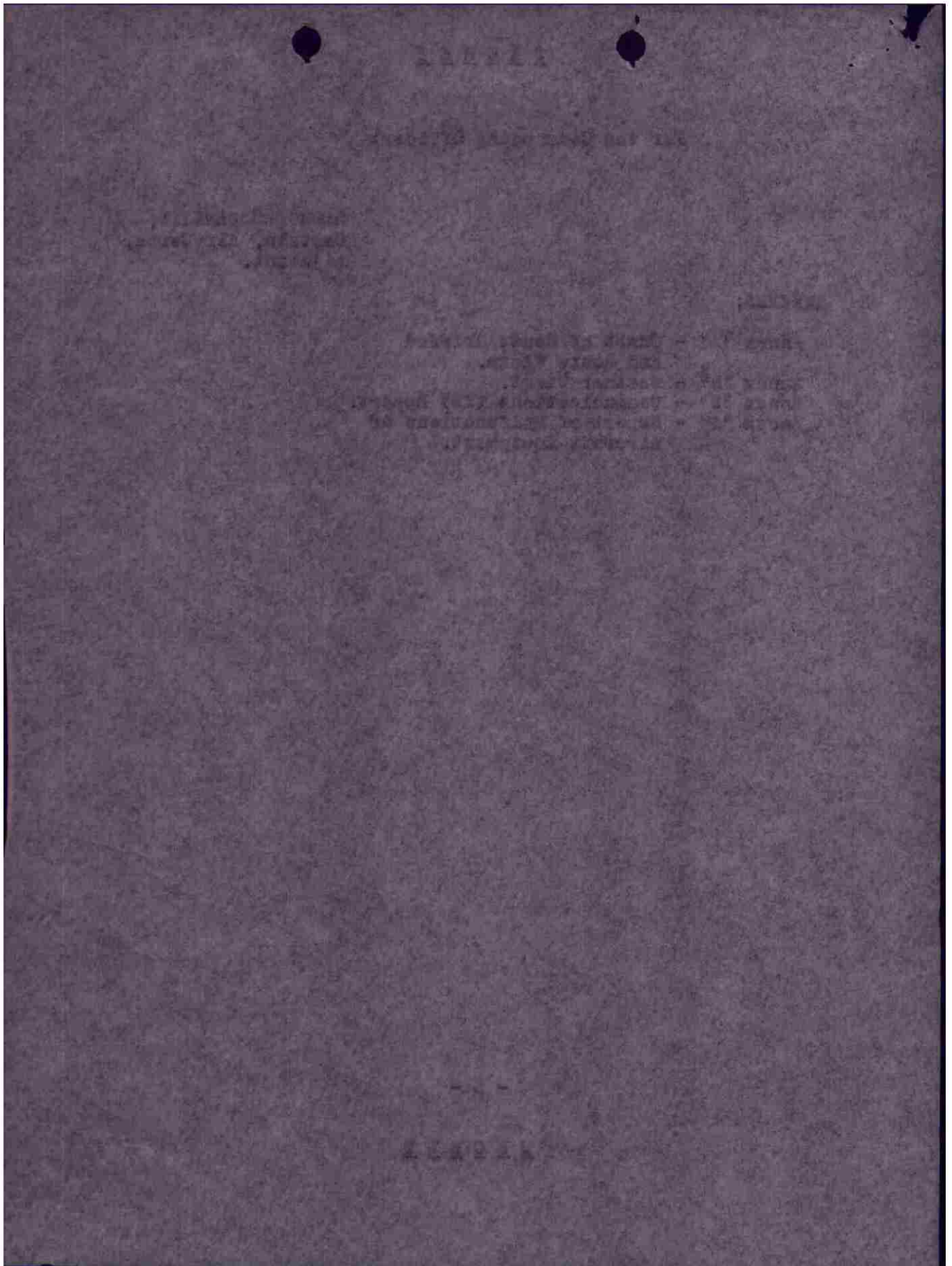
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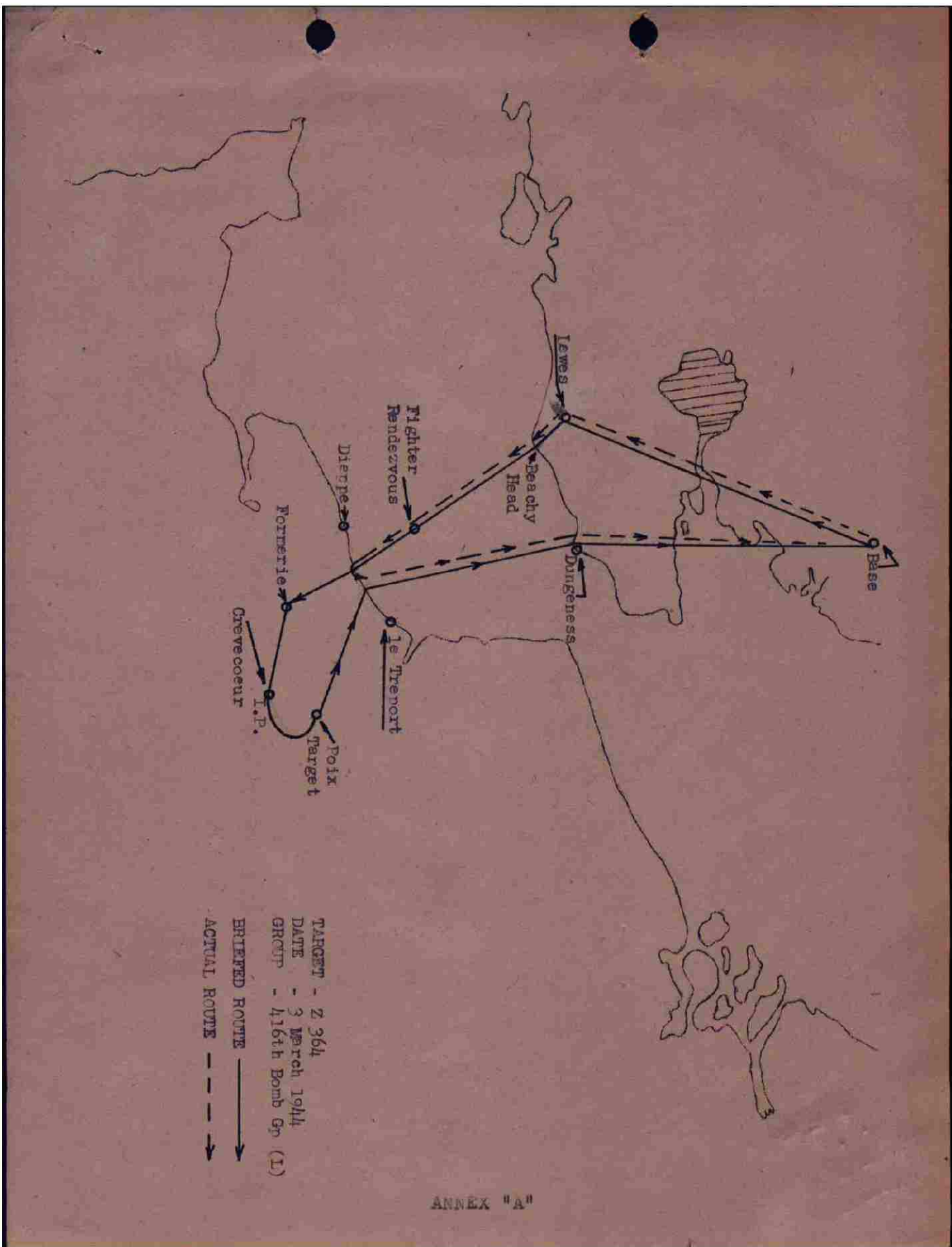
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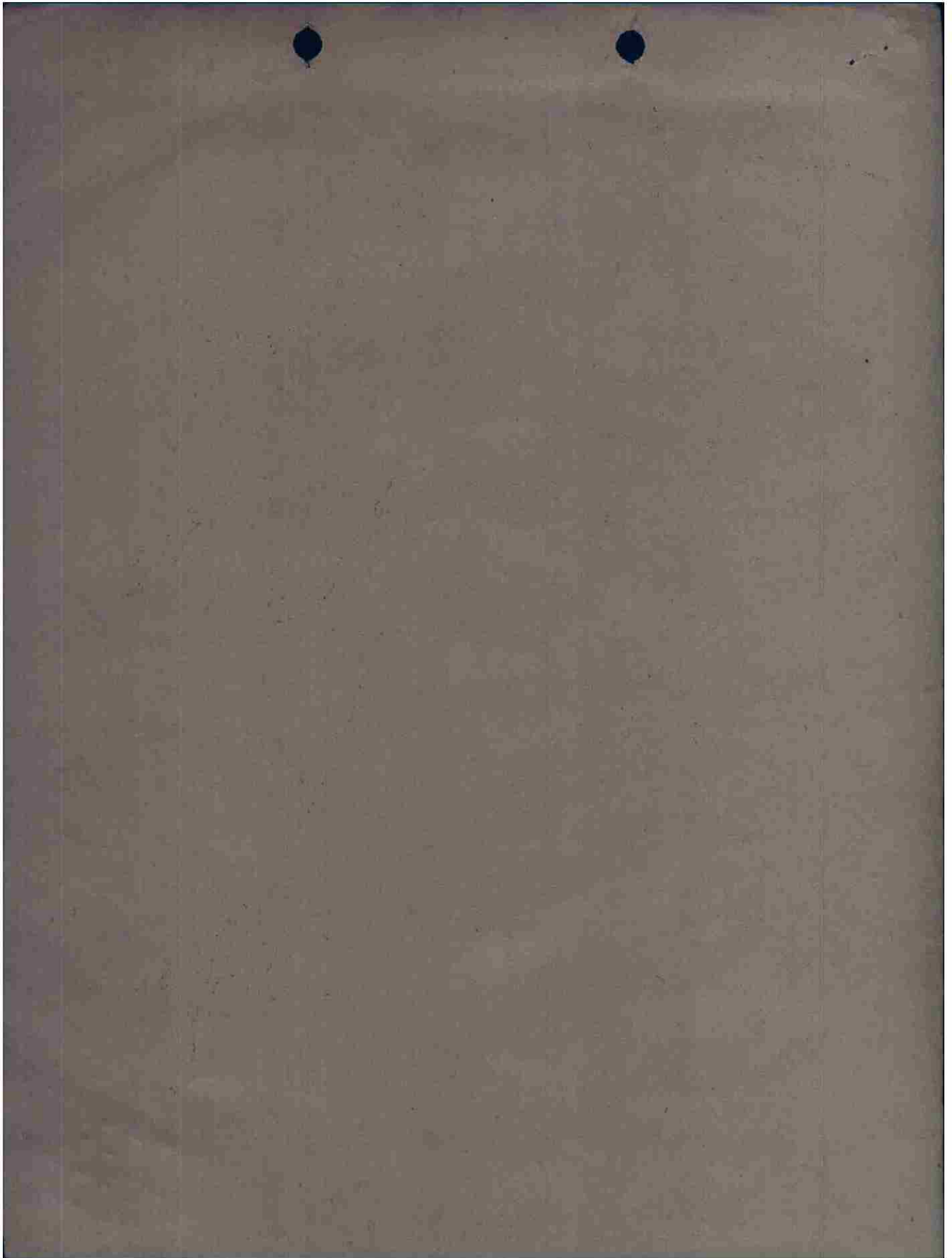
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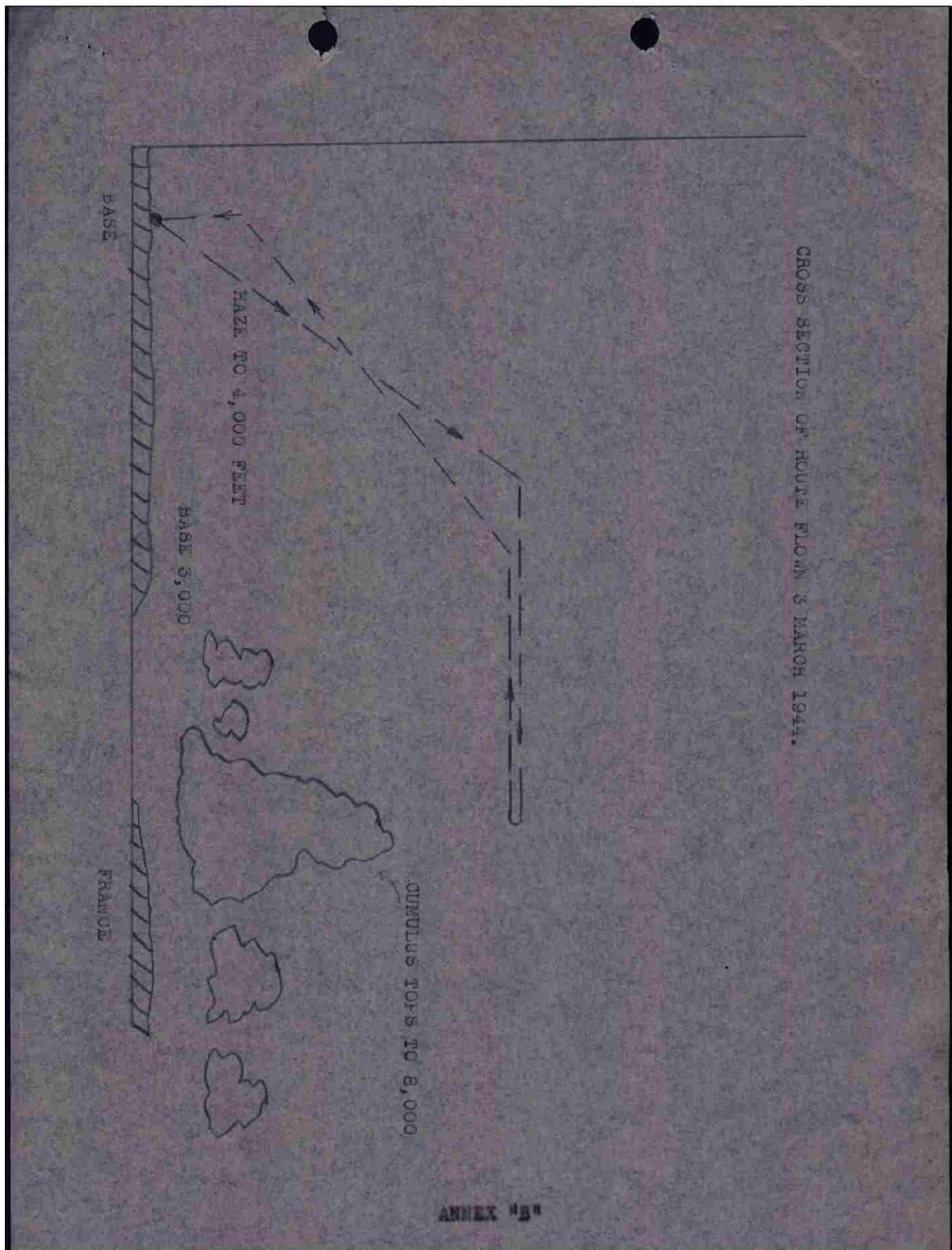
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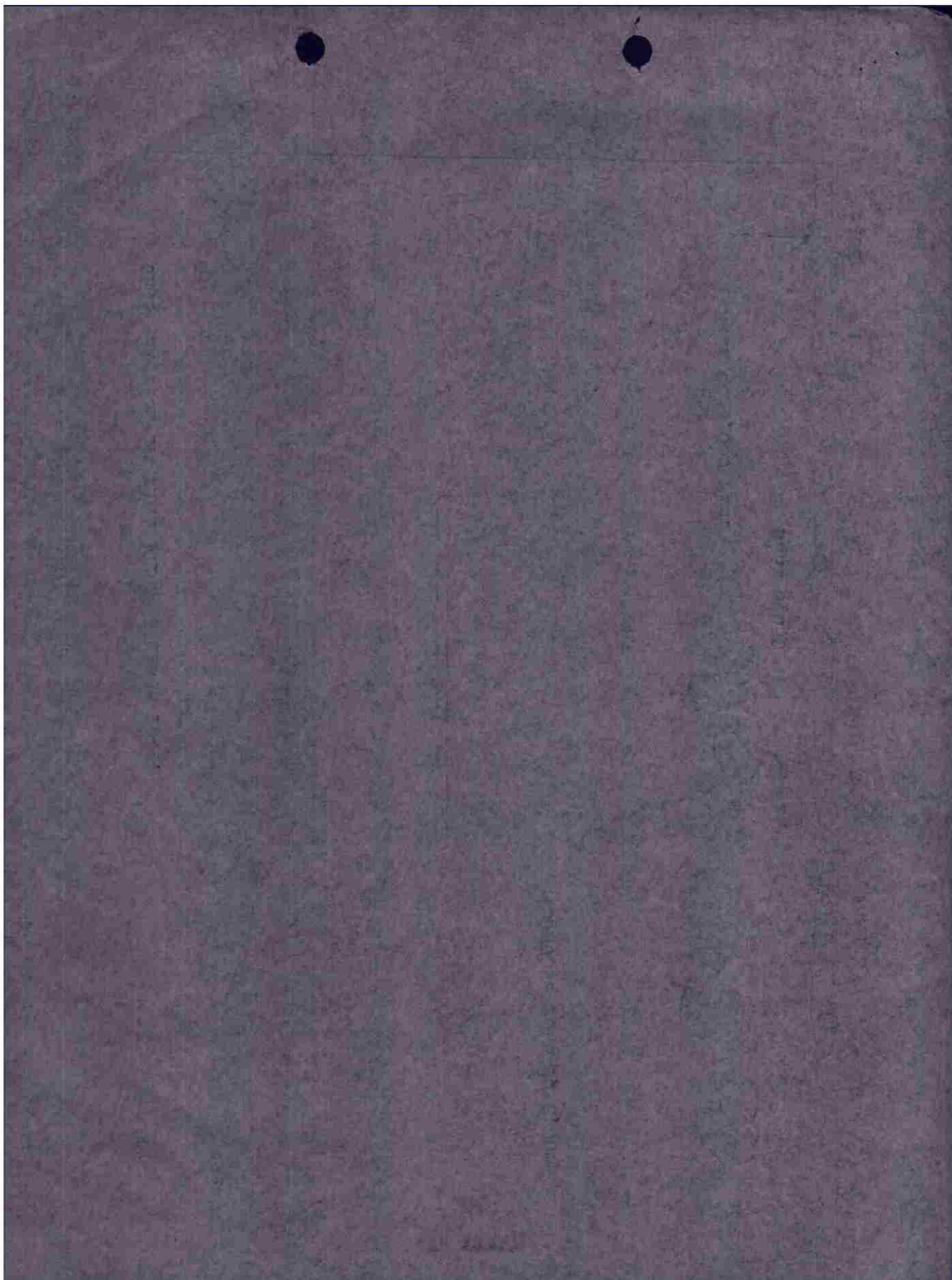
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

COMMUNICATIONS (YS) REPORT

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

FROM : 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

FORM "YS" NO. A - YS - 3

DATE AND TIME OF OPERATIONS B - 3 MARCH 1944 0832-1019

SQUADRONS & A/C DETAILED C - 658 (7) FGHJKS; 669 (3) DEF;
570 (4) ABCT; 671 (4) INOC-
Total 18

EQUIPMENT FAILURES AND CAUSE D - 670-A No reception, headset
lead broken; 671-Q very noisy
VHF receiver, improper adjust-
ment of relay; 668-S no VHF
reception, ship checked okay
upon landing; 668-F inter-
phone out, faulty control box.

NAVIGATIONAL AIDS USED E - NONE

MF FIXES F - NOT APPLICABLE

HG BEARINGS G - NOT APPLICABLE

SBA H - NOT APPLICABLE

VHF PERFORMANCE I - NOT APPLICABLE

A/C TRANSMITTING ON COMMAND BOMBER
TO BOMBER (TYPE OF MESSAGE) J - NONE

A/C RECEIVING ON COMMAND BOMBER
(TYPE OF MESSAGE) K - NONE

A/C TRANSMITTING ON VHF (TYPE
OF MESSAGE) L - 671-O Acknowledged recall by
Bomber Command; 668-A instr-
ucted Deputy Leader to take
over; 671-O told leader that
flight had been recalled
(leader did not hear trans-
mission).

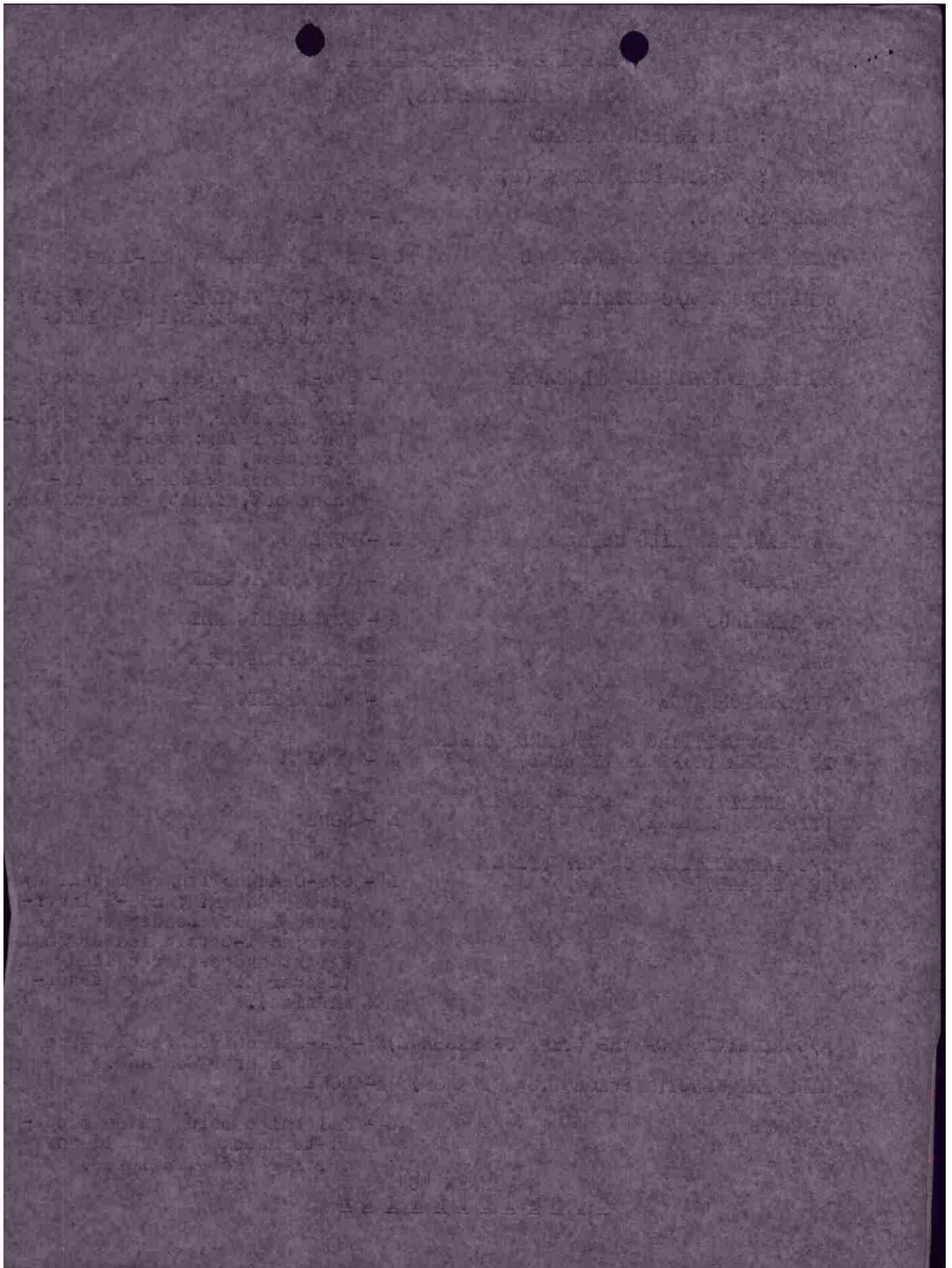
A/C RECEIVING ON VHF (TYPE OF MESSAGE) M - 671-O Received recall from
Bomber Command.

WING FREQUENCY (MESSAGES TO AND FROM) N - NONE

REMARKS O - All ships being given a com-
plete checkup to avoid any
further radio failures.

ANNEX "C"

C O N F I D E N T I A L



HEADQUARTERS
41ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

E - F - 5

APO 638,
6 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 : 3 March 1944
Number of Aircraft scheduled : 18
Number of Aircraft alerted : 18

II. Scheduled Aircraft Failing to Become Airborne.

None.

III. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Affecting Success of Mission.

None.

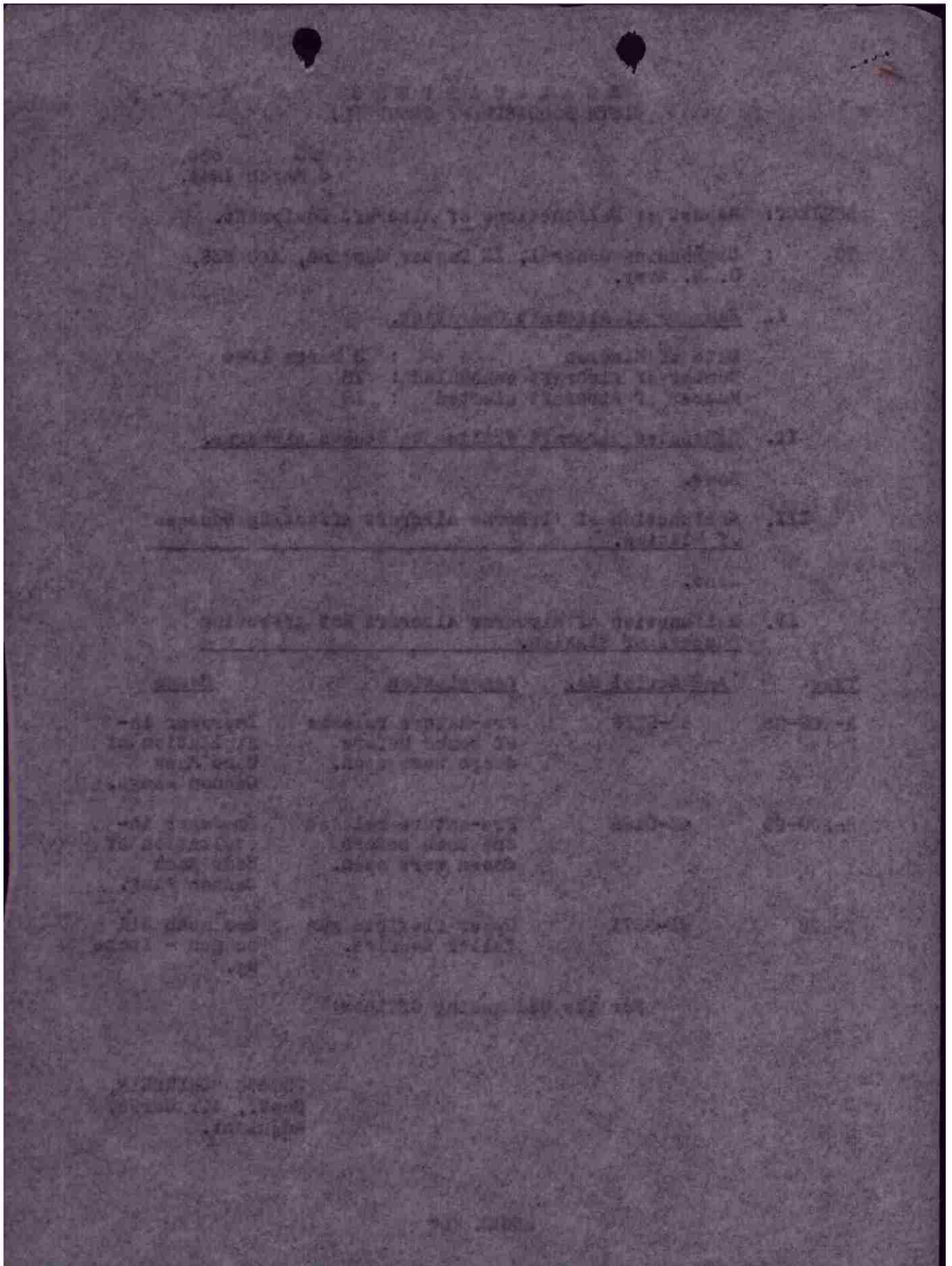
IV. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Not Affecting Success of Mission.

| <u>Type</u> | <u>AAF Serial No.</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Cause</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| A-20G-25 | 43-9218 | Pre-mature release of bombs before doors were open. | Improper installation of Bomb Rack Cannon Plugs. |
| A-20G-25 | 43-9182 | Pre-mature release one bomb before doors were open. | Improper installation of Bomb Rack Cannon Plug. |
| A-20B | 41-3371 | Upper flexible gun failed to fire. | Too much oil on gun - froze up. |

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKLEIN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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SECRETHEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

E - F - 5

APO 638,
5 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of 416th Bombardment Group (L), IX Bomber Command Field Order No. 221, Target Poix Airbase on 3 March 1944.

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

I. Route:

a. Chart showing track actually flown and track briefed attached. (See Annex "A".)

b. The box was composed of eighteen (18) ships with number 2 flight flown high and number 3 flight flown lower than the lead flight. It was necessary for the box leader and deputy box leader to change positions in the formation due to receiver and interphone failure in the box leader's aircraft. Formation was recalled by Bomber Command Control before reaching target.

II. Bombing: Mission recalled.

III. Enemy Air Opposition: Nil.

IV. Anti-Aircraft Defenses: Nil.

V. Report of Airplanes Lost, Damaged, and Abortive on Operations: No losses or battle damage; mission recalled.

VI. Weather:

a. Weather Chart attached. (See Annex "B".)

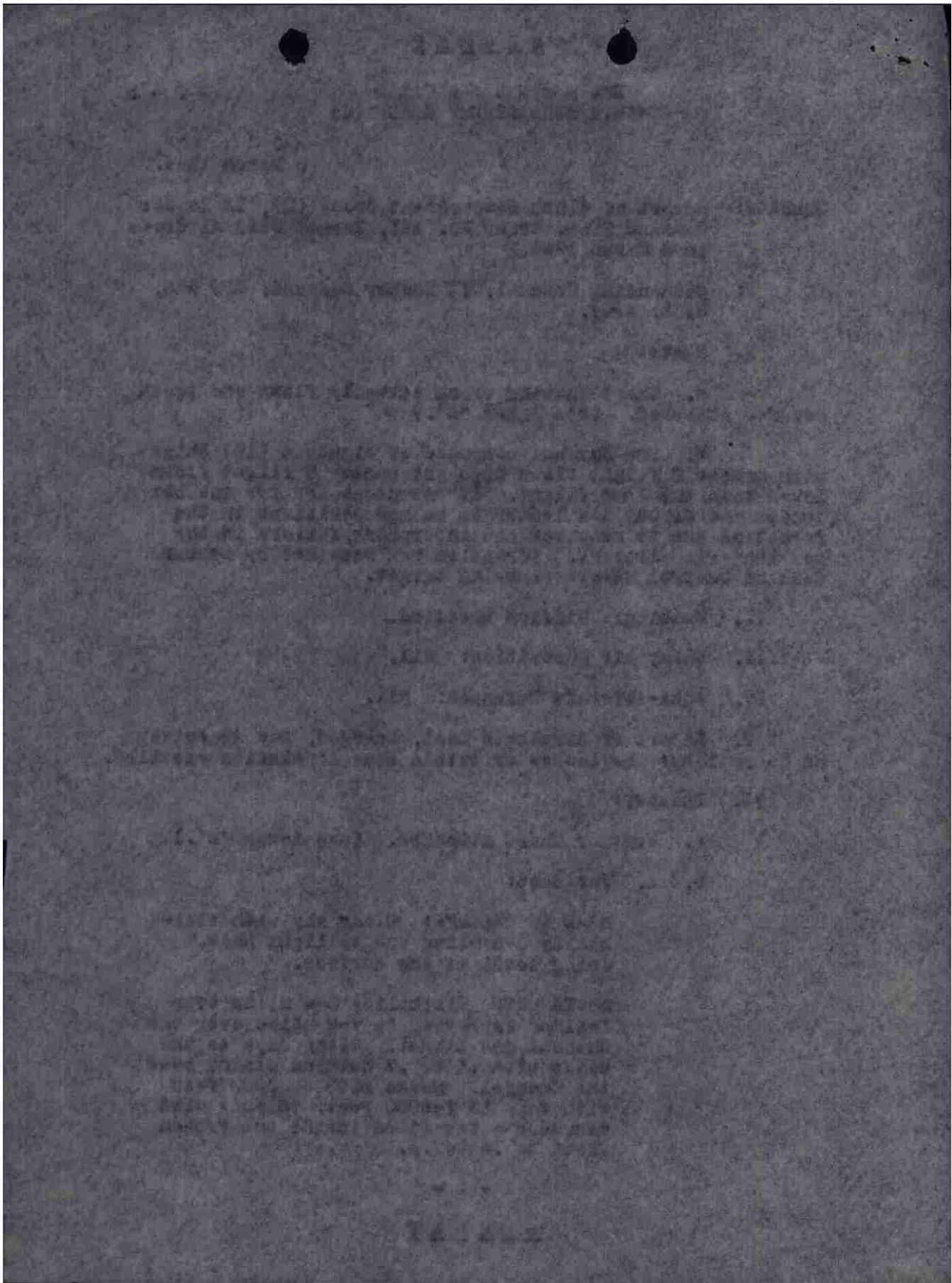
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ICING LEVEL: Surface at start of route rising to 1000 feet over target and 1000 feet over base on return. Light icing in clouds.

2. Interrogation:

WEATHER AT TAKEOFF: Clear sky with visibility 4 miles due to light haze. The surface wind was 280 degrees 15 mph.

ROUTE OUT: No clouds until the Channel was reached. Visibility was unlimited above haze which extended to 4000 feet. Clouds were scattered over English side of the Channel increasing to .8 to 1.0 at the French Coast. Bases were 3-4000 feet with tops to 8000 feet. Cloud layer seemed to be continuous into France but with large breaks visible. Flight was recalled while over French Coast. No winds were checked but the formation was on course using dead-reckoning navigation.

ROUTE BACK: No change.

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VII. Communication Equipment - Use and Malfunctions.

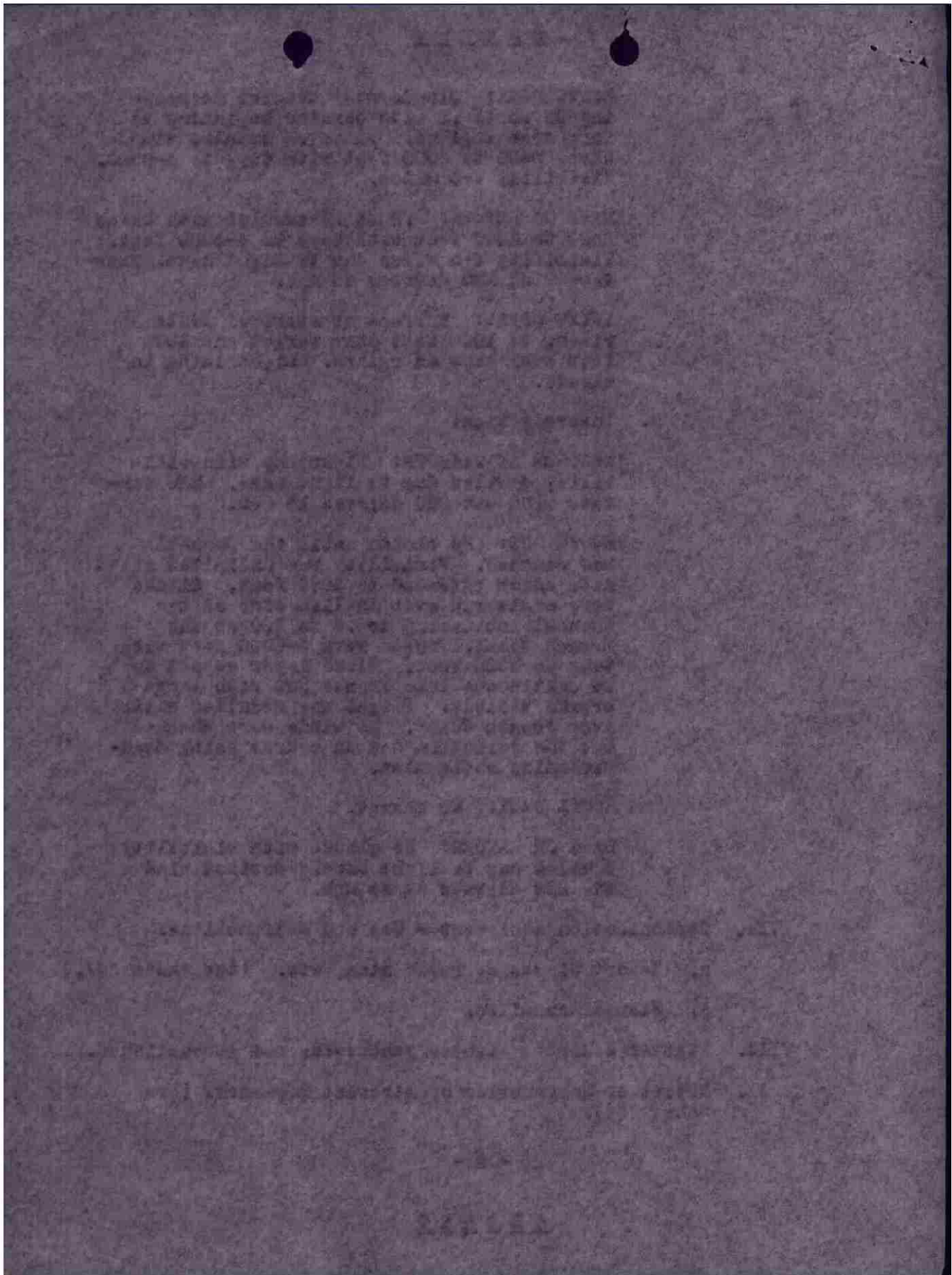
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- b. Mission recalled.

VIII. Fighter Escort: Fighter rendezvous not accomplished.

IX. Report of Malfunction of Aircraft Equipment (See Annex "D").

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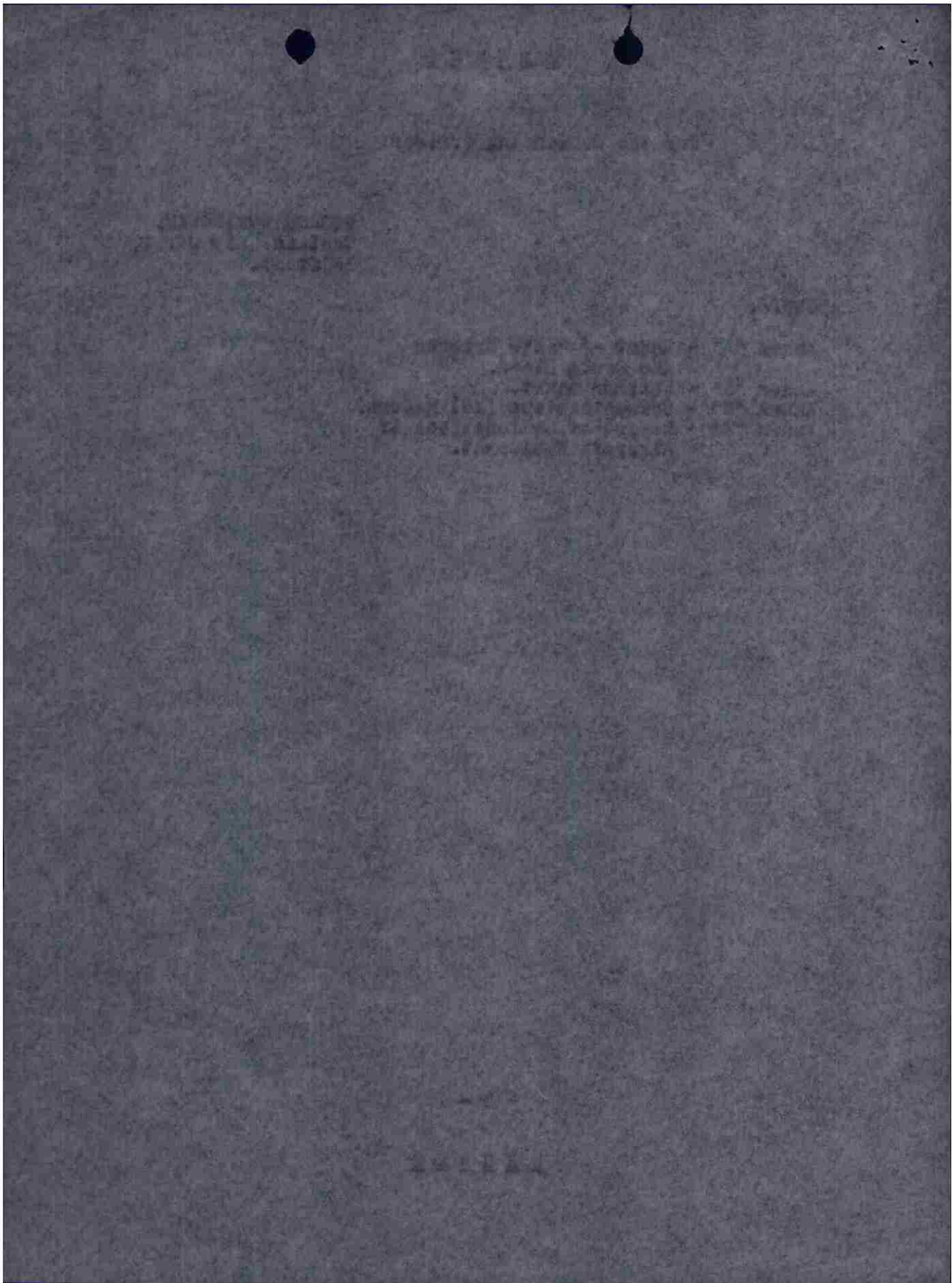
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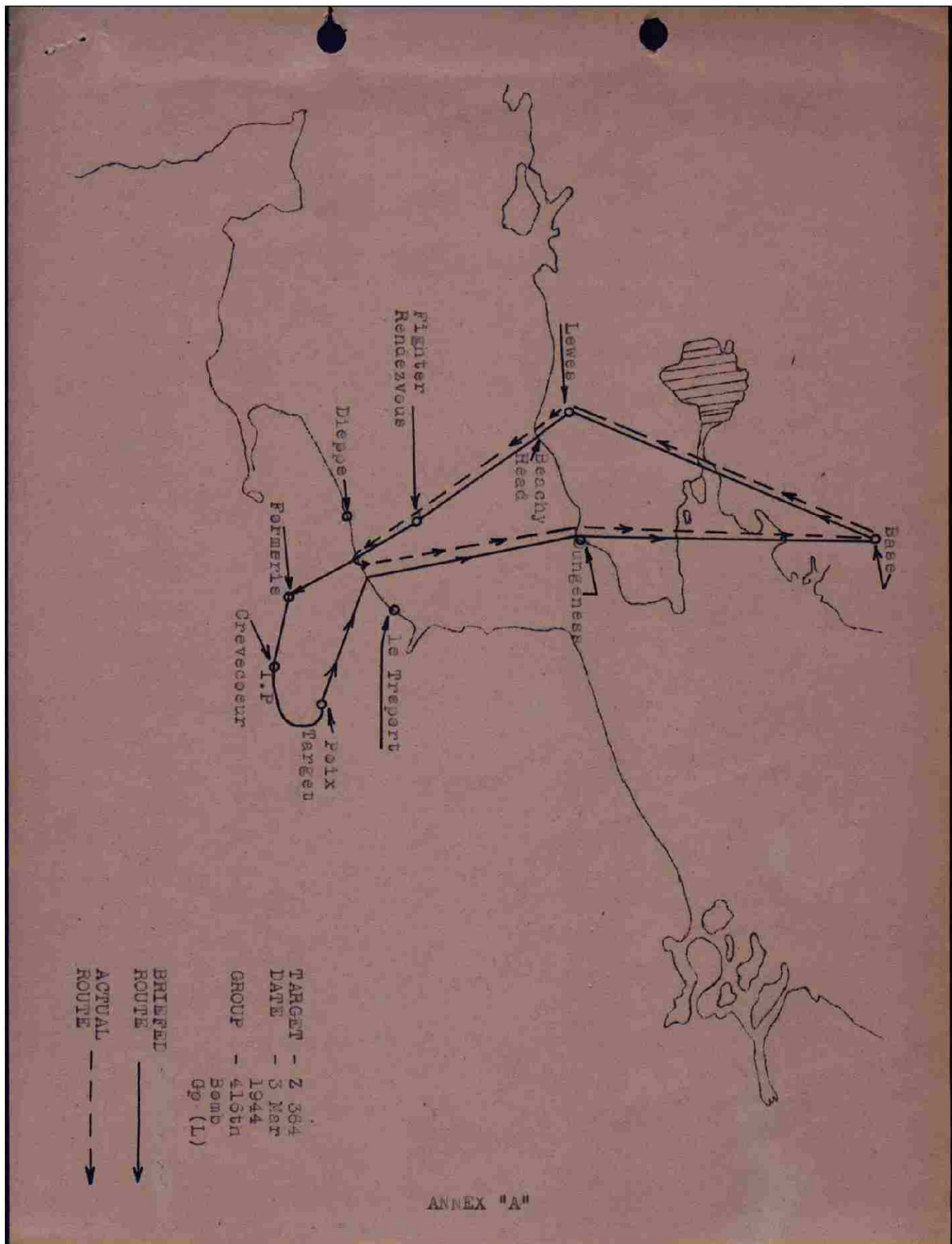
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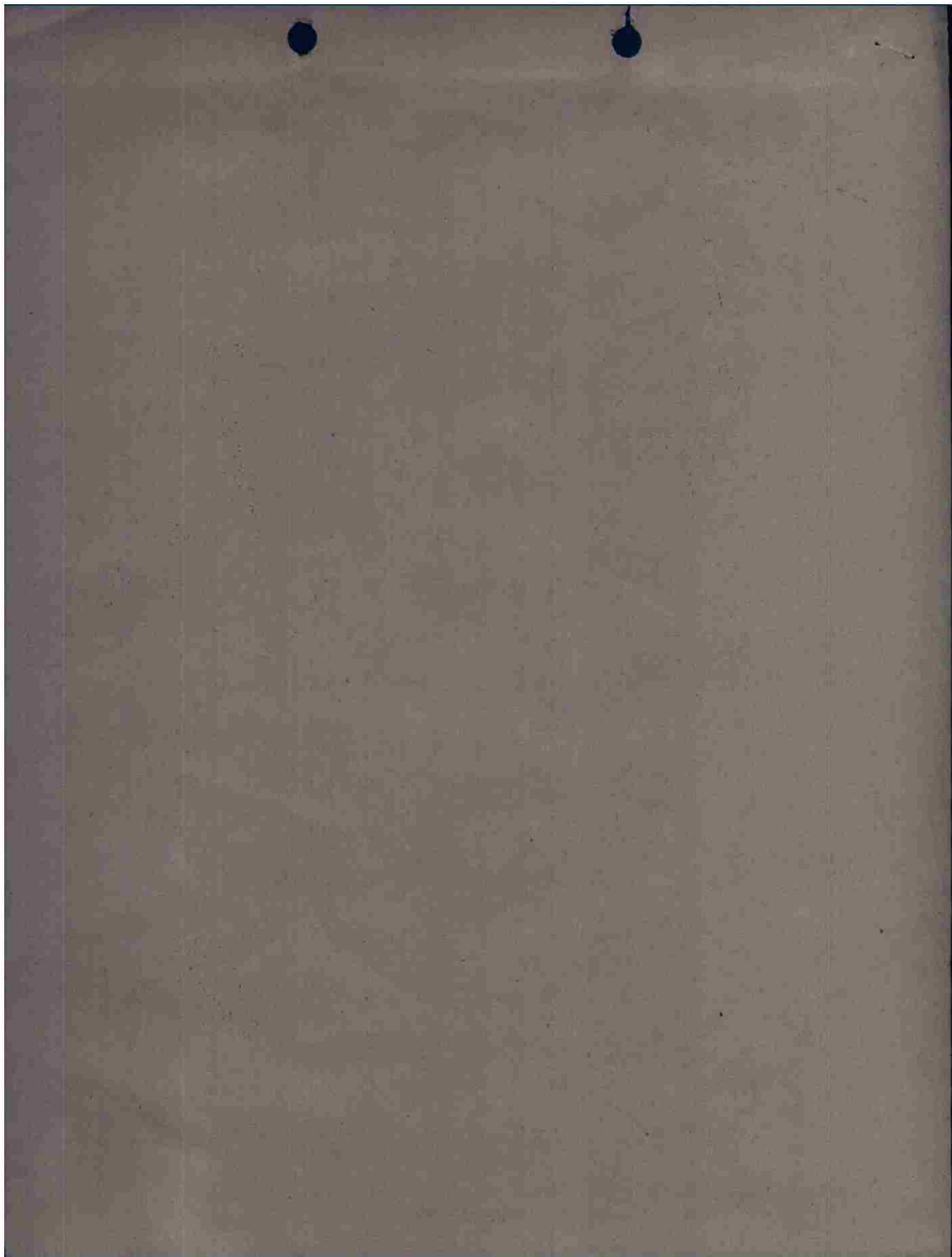
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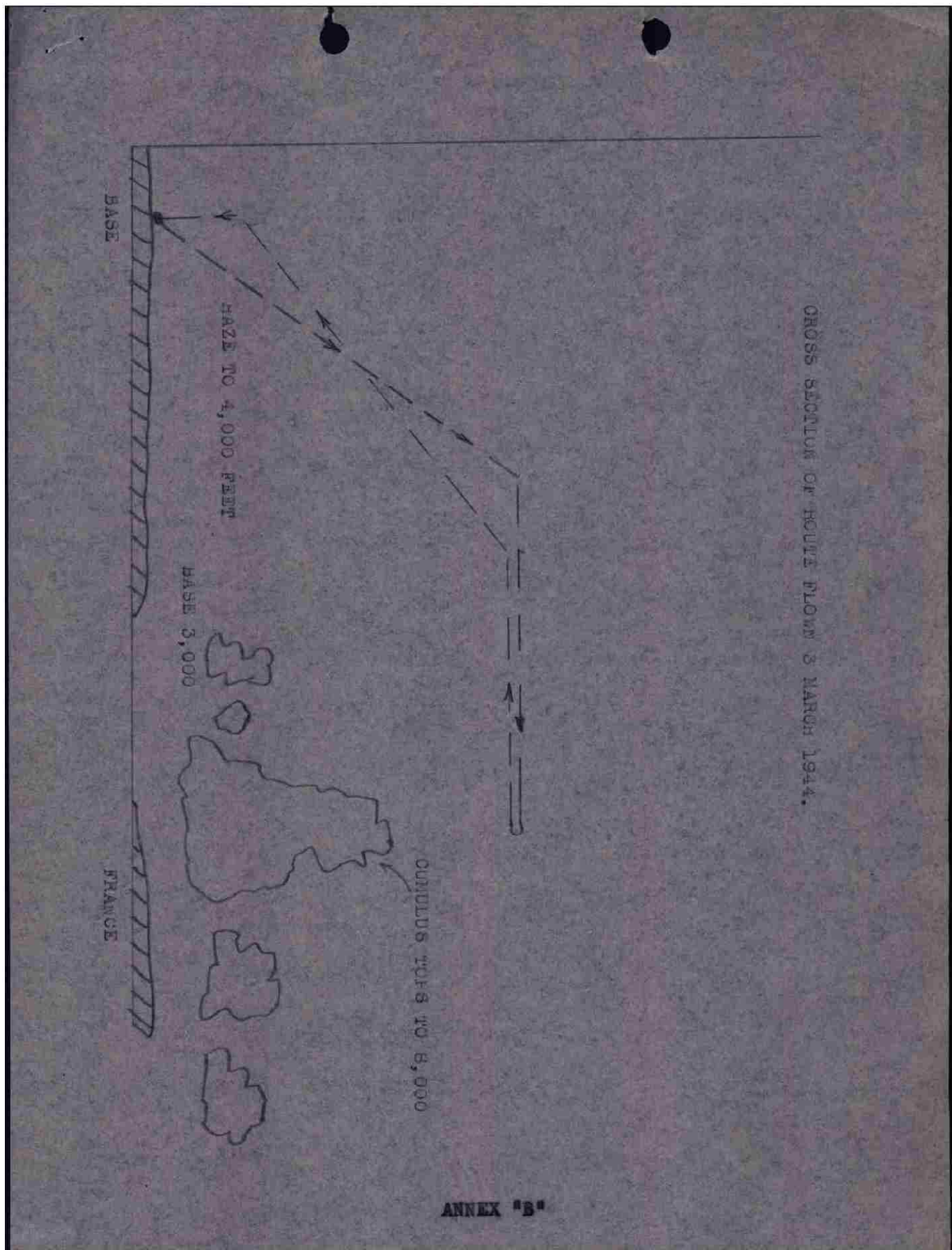
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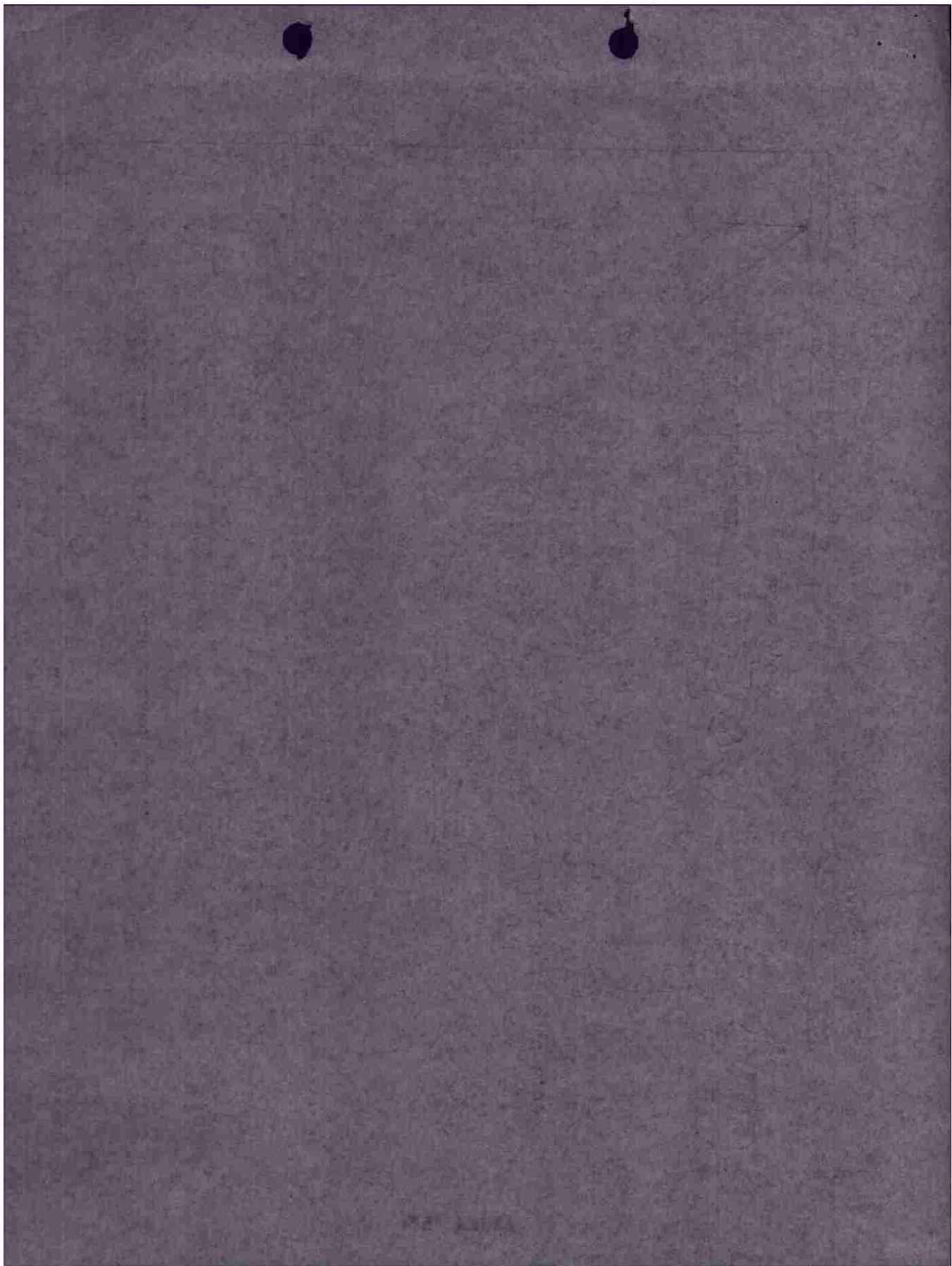


ANNEX "A"





ANNEX "B"



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COMMUNICATIONS (YS) REPORT

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

FROM : 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

FORM "YS" NO. A - YS - 3

DATE AND TIME OF OPERATIONS B - 3 MARCH 1944 0832-1019

SQUADRONS & A/C DETAILED C - 668 (7) FGHLJES; 669 (3) DEP;
670 (4) ABCT; 671 (4) INOC-Total 18

EQUIPMENT FAILURES AND CAUSE D - 670-A No reception, headset lead broken; 671-C very noisy VHF receiver, improper adjustment of relay; 668-S no VHF reception, ship checked okay upon landing; 668-F interphone cut, faulty control box.

NAVIGATIONAL AIDS USED E - NONE

MF FIXES F - NOT APPLICABLE

HQ BEARINGS G - NOT APPLICABLE

SBA H - NOT APPLICABLE

VHF PERFORMANCE I - FAIR PERFORMANCE

A/C TRANSMITTING ON COMMAND BOMBER TO BOMBER (TYPE OF MESSAGE) J - NONE

A/C RECEIVING ON COMMAND BOMBER (TYPE OF MESSAGE) K - NONE

A/C TRANSMITTING ON VHF (TYPE OF MESSAGE) L - 671-0 Acknowledged recall by Bomber Command; 668-A instructed Deputy Leader to take over; 671-0 told leader that flight had been recalled (leader did not hear transmission).

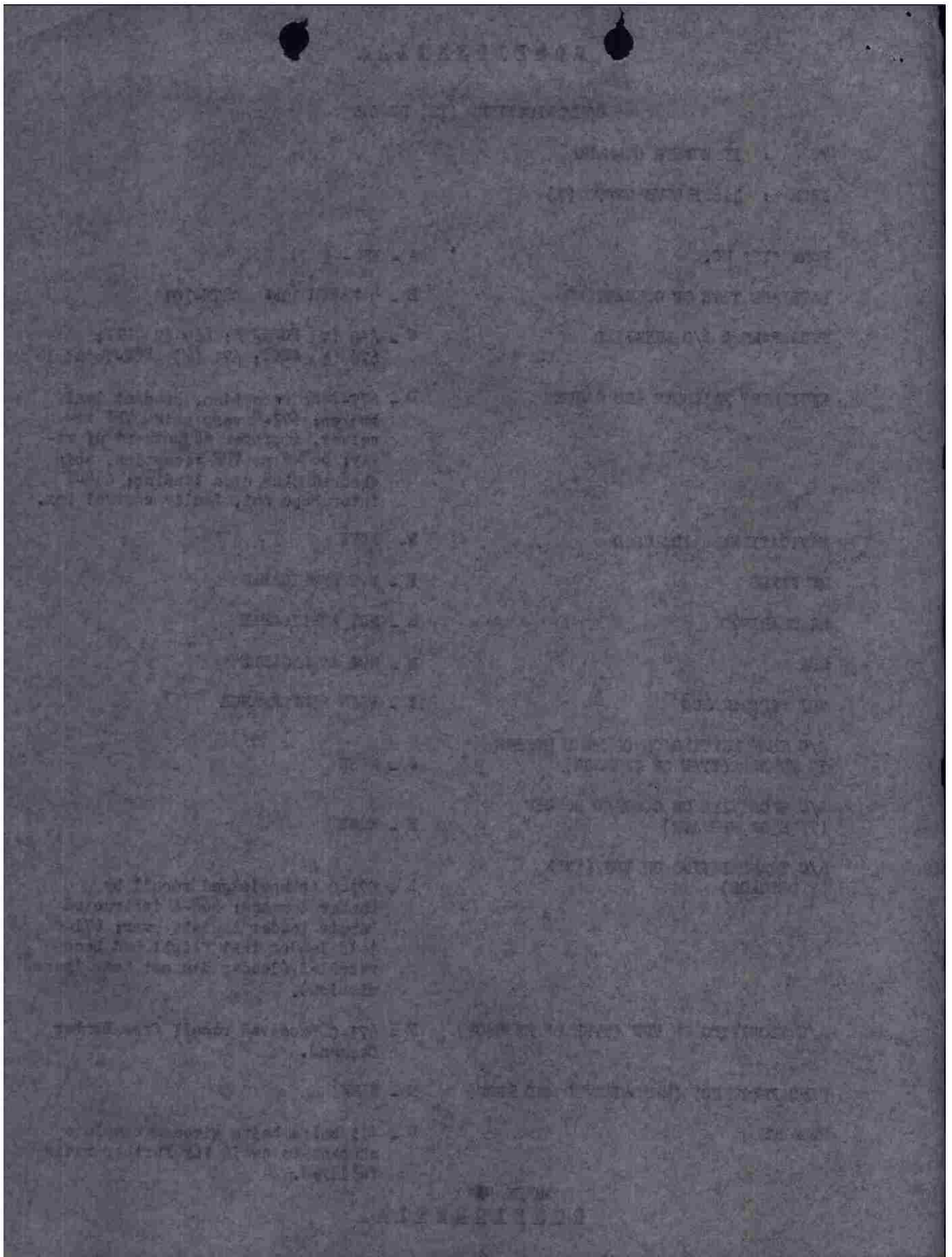
A/C RECEIVING ON VHF (TYPE OF MESSAGE) M - 671-0 Received recall from Bomber Command.

WING FREQUENCY (MESSAGES TO AND FROM) N - NONE

REMARKS O - All ships being given a complete checkup to avoid any further radio failures.

ANNEX "C"

CONFIDENTIAL



HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

E - F - 5

AFG 638, U. S. Army,
6 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Malfunctions of Aircraft Equipment.

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

I. Summary of Aircraft Operating.

Date of Mission : 3 March 1944
Number of aircraft scheduled : 18
Number of aircraft alerted : 18

II. Scheduled Aircraft Failing to Become Airborne.

None.

III. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Affecting Success of Mission.

None.

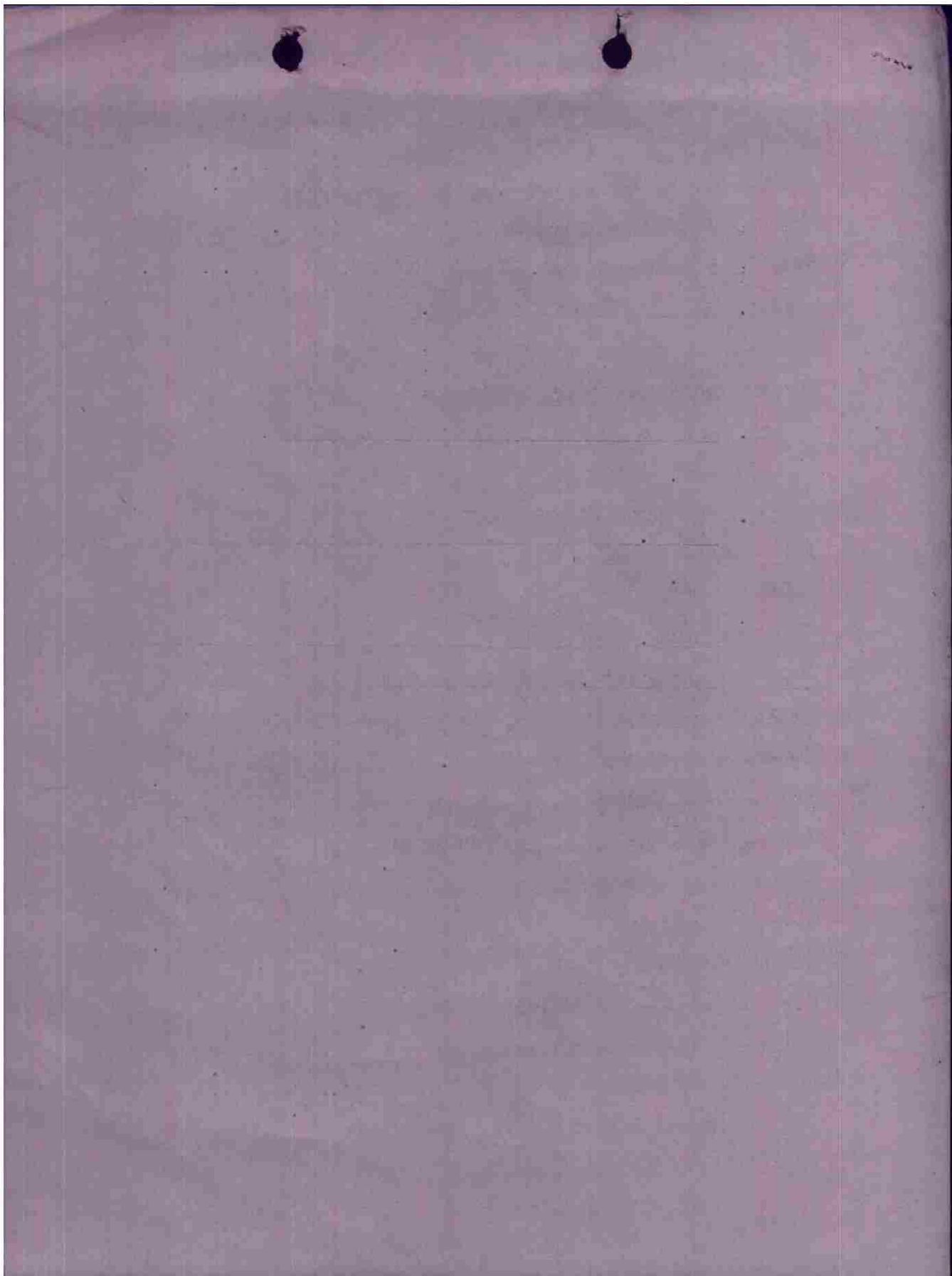
IV. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Not Affecting Success of Mission.

| <u>Type</u> | <u>AAF Serial No.</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Cause</u> |
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| A-20B | 41-3371 | Upper flexible gun failed to fire. | Too much oil on gun-froze up. |

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

ANNEX "D"



OPERATION PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND INFO COPY: 99TH COMBAT WING
416TH BG E

CONFIDENTIAL IN THE CLEAR: AUTH: MAJOR WALTER W. FARMER

"J" FORM CLEARANCE F-1 3 MARCH 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR JOHN G. NAPIER

1. BOX 1

670 3 ABC (SPARE T)
669 3 P D E (SPARE R)
668 6 F G H I J K (SPARE S)
671 6 L M N O P Q
BOX LEADER 670 A
DEPUTY LEADER 669 P

2. Z364

3. R/T FAMBROKE

4. 0847 BASE . . . LEWES . . BEACHYHEAD

5. 0910 12000 BEACHYHEAD

6. 0924 12000 6 MILES NORTHEAST DIEPPE

7. 0946 10000 TOCQUEVILLE

8. 1004 10000 DUNGENESS

9. 1024 DUNGENESS . . BASE

10. M/F D/F . . . H

11. 4 X 500 POUND GP

12. 400 GALLONS ESTIMATED ENDURANCE 3 1/2 HOURS

13. IN LIEU OF GROUP FIELD ORDER:

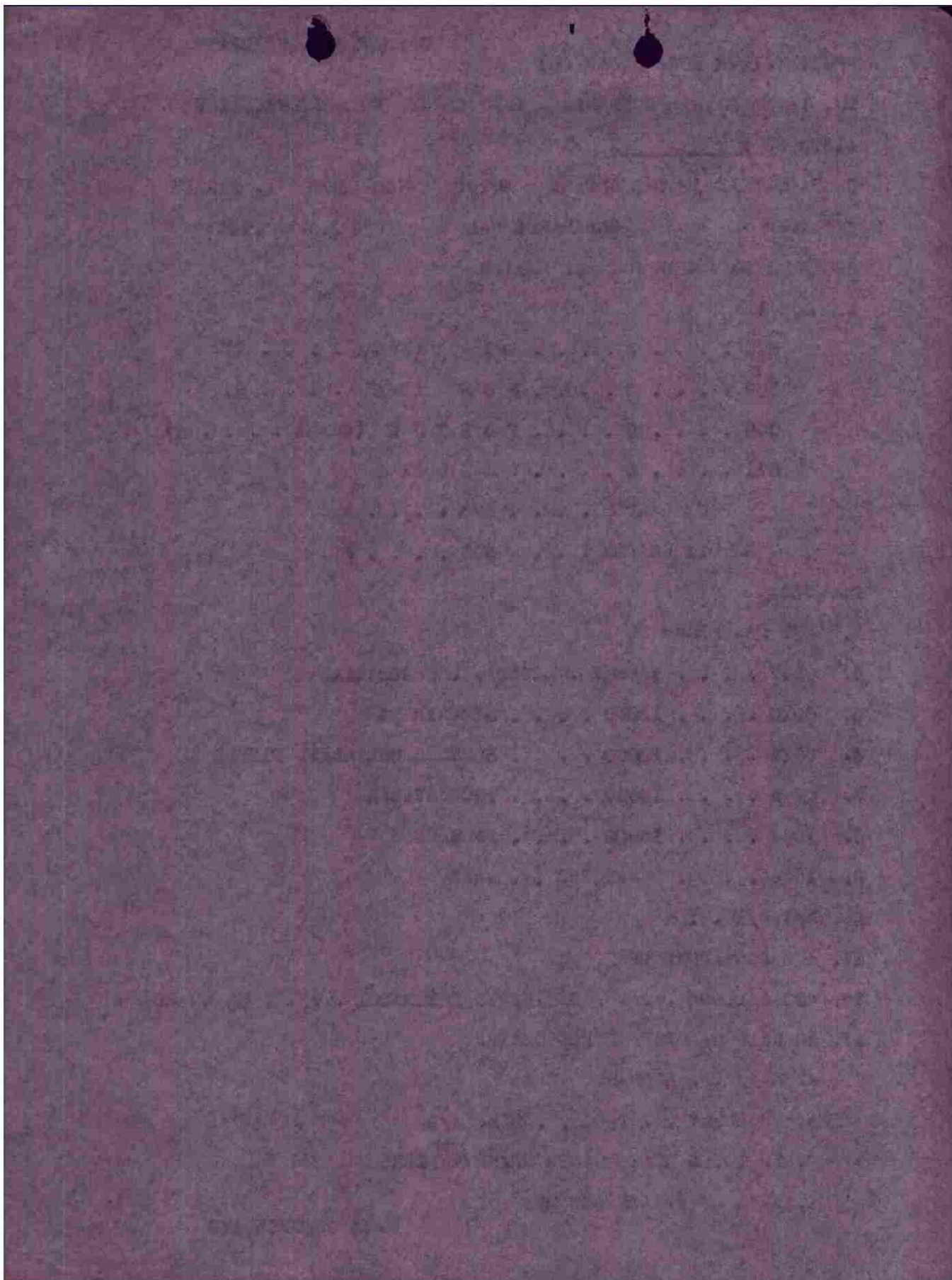
A. WAFS . . . NORMAL

B. ASSEMBLY . . 1500 . . HOME A/D

C. IP . . . 5 MILES SOUTH GRANDVILLIERS

D. AXIS OF ATTACK 330°N

WAGE COBOROR 146



LOADING LIST

3 MARCH 1944

BOX NO. I

FLIGHT I

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|---|---|
| 1. A-20B 41-3386 "F" P Radetsky, H. A., Maj. ✓ B/N McBrien, R. T., 2nd Lt. ✓ G Simpson, D. H., Sgt. ✓ G Bankston, Ray, S/Sgt. ✓ | 4. A-20B 41-3380 "A" P Towles, C. S., Maj. ✓ B/N Arrington, H. T., 2nd Lt. ✓ G Hume, J. N., S/Sgt. ✓ G Brown, F. E., S/Sgt. ✓ |
| 2. A-20G-25 43-9226 "D" P Ebenstein, G., 1st Lt. ✓ G Newell, S. F., Sgt. ✓ G Perkins, H., S/Sgt. ✓ | 5. A-20G-25 43-9207 "B" P Leshner, R. D., 2nd Lt. ✓ G Antanaitis, A. J., S/Sgt. ✓ G Hedrick, H. R., S/Sgt. ✓ |
| 3. A-20G-25 43-9214 "E" P Poindexter, R. D., 2nd Lt. ✓ G Molver, V. E., Sgt. ✓ G Robbins, L. G., T/Sgt. ✓ | 6. A-20G-25 43-9224 "C" P Hill, L. E., 2nd Lt. ✓ G Yost, C. H., S/Sgt. ✓ G Burch, R. W., S/Sgt. ✓ |

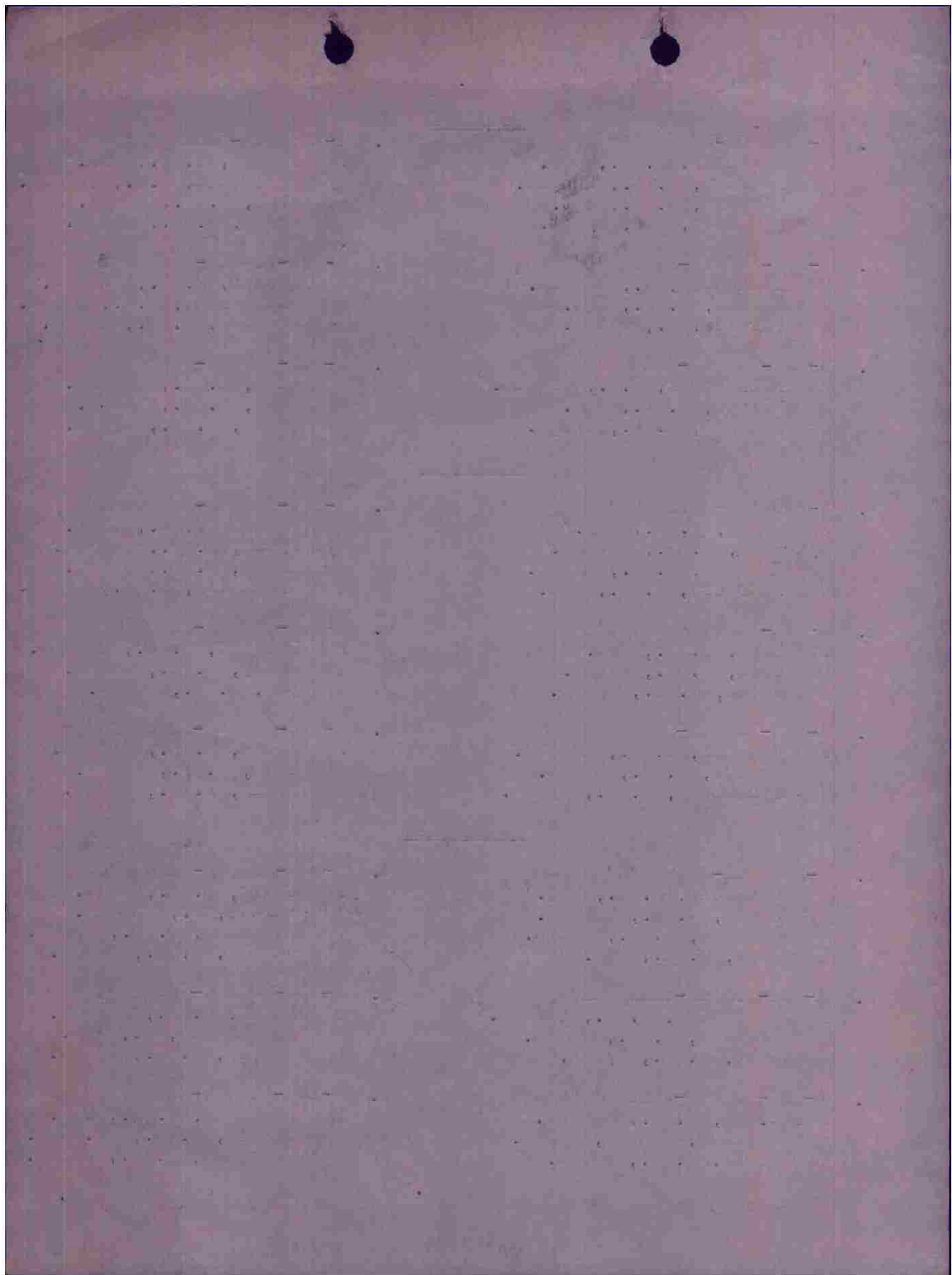
FLIGHT II

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| 1. A-20B 41-3371 "F" P Price, R. F., Maj. ✓ B/N Hand, A. R., 2nd Lt. ✓ G Harttua, J. R., S/Sgt. ✓ G McCreery, J. E., Sgt. ✓ | 4. A-20G-25 43-9202 "I" P Battereby, W., Capt. ✓ B/N Lytle, W. W., 2nd Lt. ✓ G Hibbs, C. L., S/Sgt. ✓ G Daugherty, L. M., S/Sgt. ✓ |
| 2. A-20G-25 43-9182 "G" P Mace, H. L., Col. ✓ G Judd, E. R., S/Sgt. ✓ G Fejes, J. A., S/Sgt. ✓ | 5. A-20G-25 43-9195 "J" P Osborne, A. E., 2nd Lt. ✓ G Kelly, E. E., S/Sgt. ✓ G Coe, W. H., S/Sgt. ✓ |
| 3. A-20G-25 43-9223 "H" P Meagher, J. F., 2nd Lt. ✓ G Damico, E. A., S/Sgt. ✓ G Dickenson, E. S., S/Sgt. ✓ | 6. A-20G-25 43-9216 "K" P Cruze, R. K., 2nd Lt. ✓ G Love, C. F., S/Sgt. ✓ G Adair, F. L., S/Sgt. ✓ |

FLIGHT III

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| 1. A-20B 41-3369 "L" P Campbell, M. J., Maj. ✓ B/N Jones, C. W., 2nd Lt. ✓ G Shields, J. J., S/Sgt. ✓ G Epps, E. T., Sgt. ✓ | 4. A-20G-25 43-9220 "O" P Clark, R. A., Capt. ✓ B/N Kapit, J., 2nd Lt. ✓ G Bergeron, A. E., S/Sgt. ✓ G Kelton, H. E., S/Sgt. ✓ |
| 2. A-20G-25 43-9219 "N" P Shainberg, N. V., 2nd Lt. ✓ G Breenak, J. D., S/Sgt. ✓ G Cape, G. F., S/Sgt. ✓ | 5. A-20G-25 43-9200 "T" P DeMun, E. E., 2nd Lt. ✓ G Rosenstein, M., Sgt. ✓ G Carney, H. O., S/Sgt. ✓ |
| 3. A-20G-25 43-9225 "Q" P Siggs, W. C., 2nd Lt. ✓ G Radlich, Nathan, S/Sgt. ✓ G Nicks, R. W., S/Sgt. ✓ | 6. A-20G-25 43-9194 "S" P Thatcher, H. B., Col. G Curtis, D. A., Lt. Col. G Colesimo, R. J., S/Sgt. ✓ |

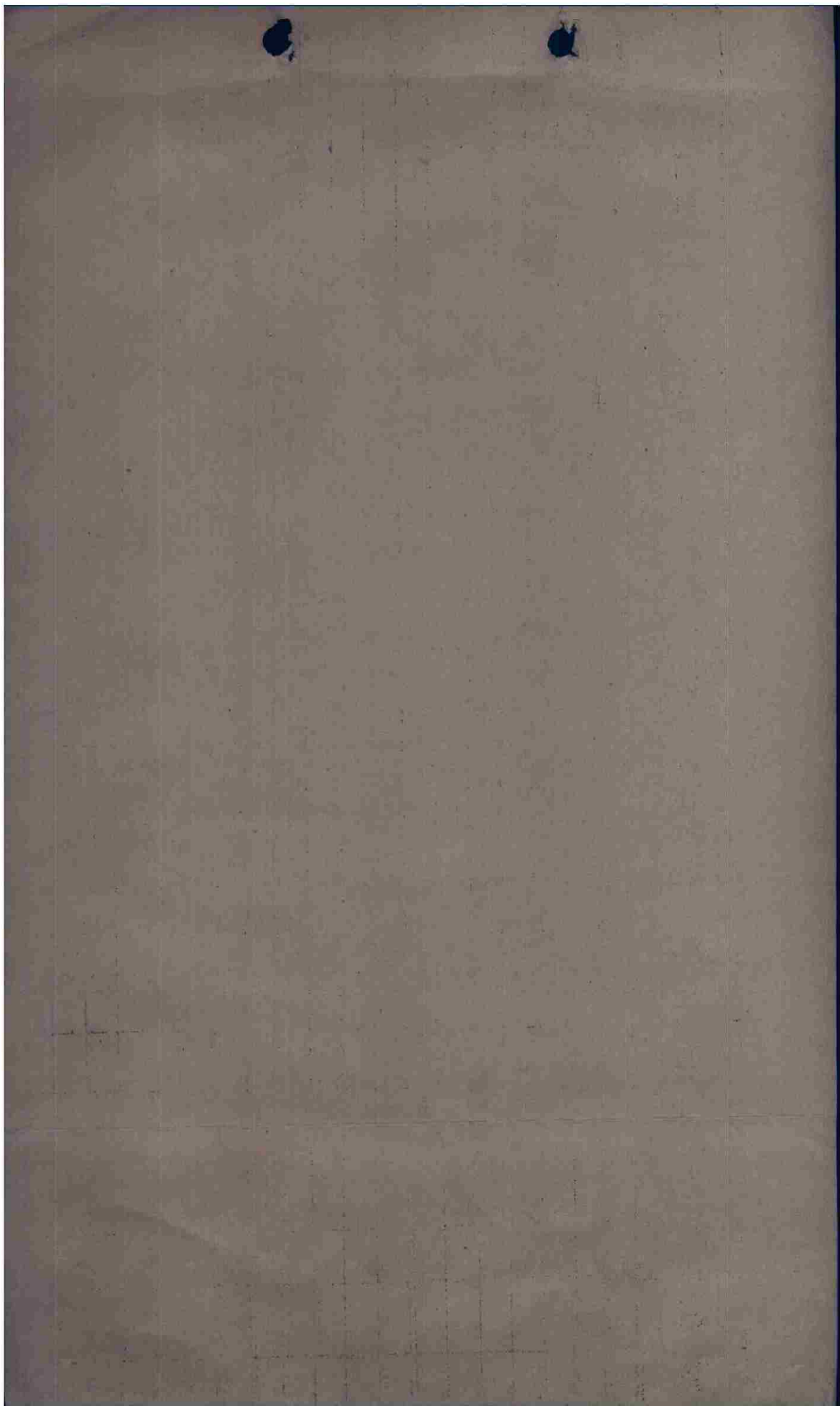
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Not over target

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| P 386 | Hq | Podetsky | 226X | 0831 | 0910 | 6MI-NE | | Recognizable | Dangerous | C | 400 | 4X500 GP | 3/2 | 1019 | |
| D 226 | B | Ebenskern | " | 0830 | " | " | | " | " | - | 750 | " | " | 1019 | |
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FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 03/0356 9BC R2183B

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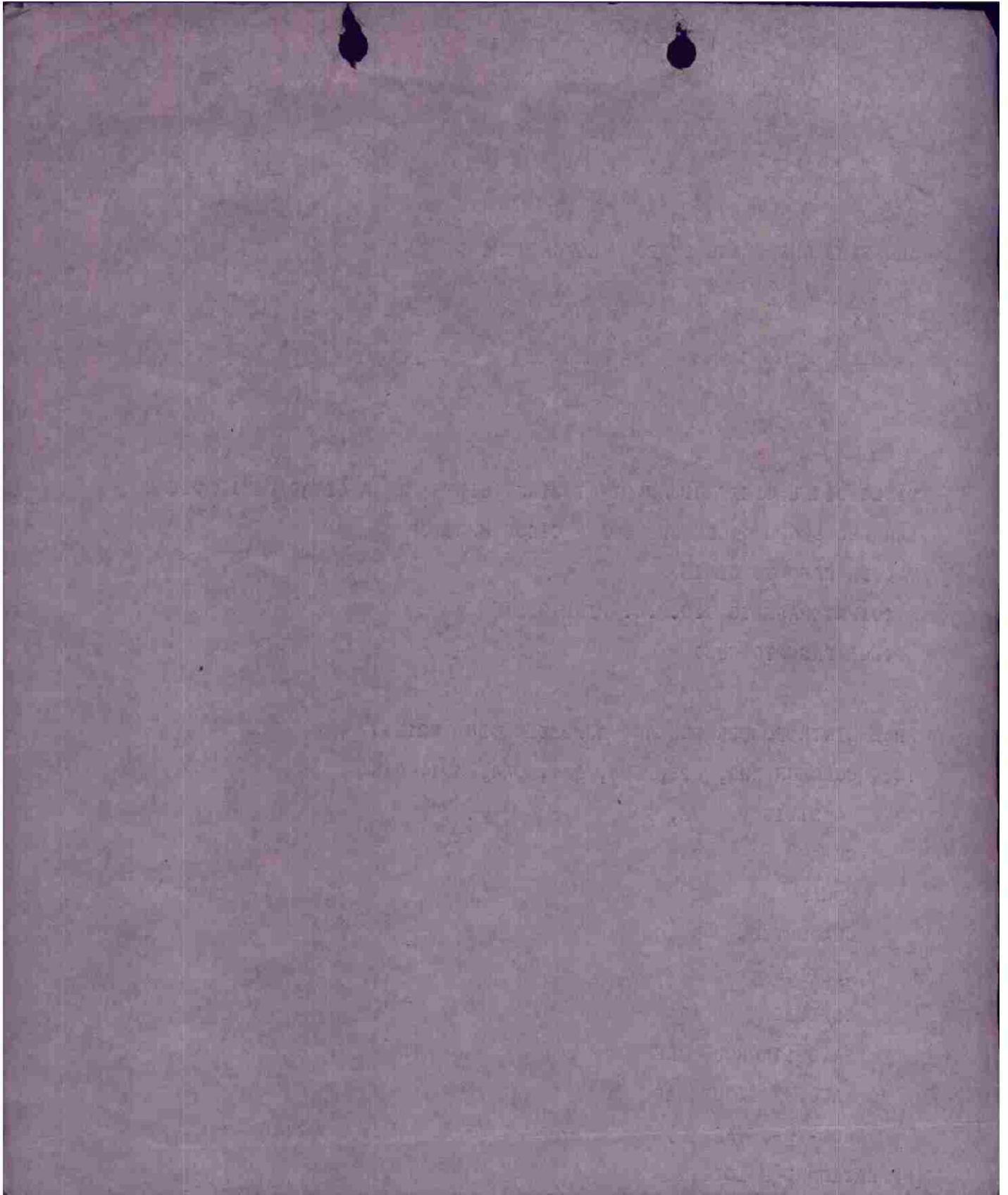
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ANNEX NUMBER 1 TO FIELD ORDER NUMBER 221.

CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3. (E) (4) AND 3. (F) (4) TO READ: TARGET TURN
RIGHT TO 6 MILE SOUTH MONTDIDIER TO 5 MILES SOUTH POIX TO 6 MILES
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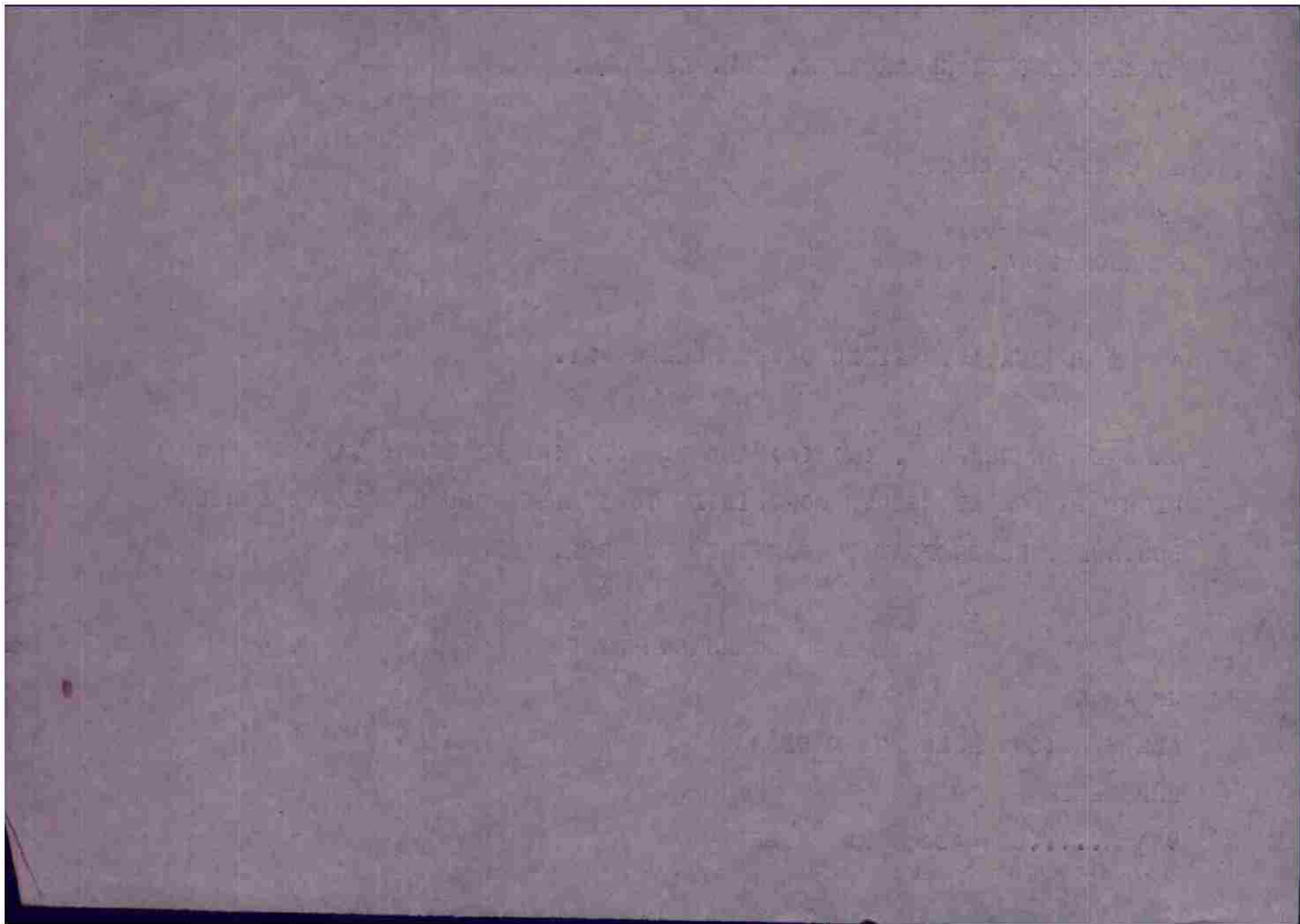
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FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 022331A 9BC R2178E

TO: COBOMGP 322,323,386,387,344,391,416

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F.O. NO. 221

MAPS: NORMAL

1. A.

B. (1)

(2) 8TH AIR FORCE IS ATTACKING GY 4684 LEAVING NORTH ENGLISH COAST AT 0930

11 GROUP RAF WILL FURNISH ESCORT AND SUPPORT FOR THIS COMMAND .

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

ZERO HOUR: 030900A

3. A. 386TH GROUP:

(1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: Z 260

(2) RENDEZVOUS:

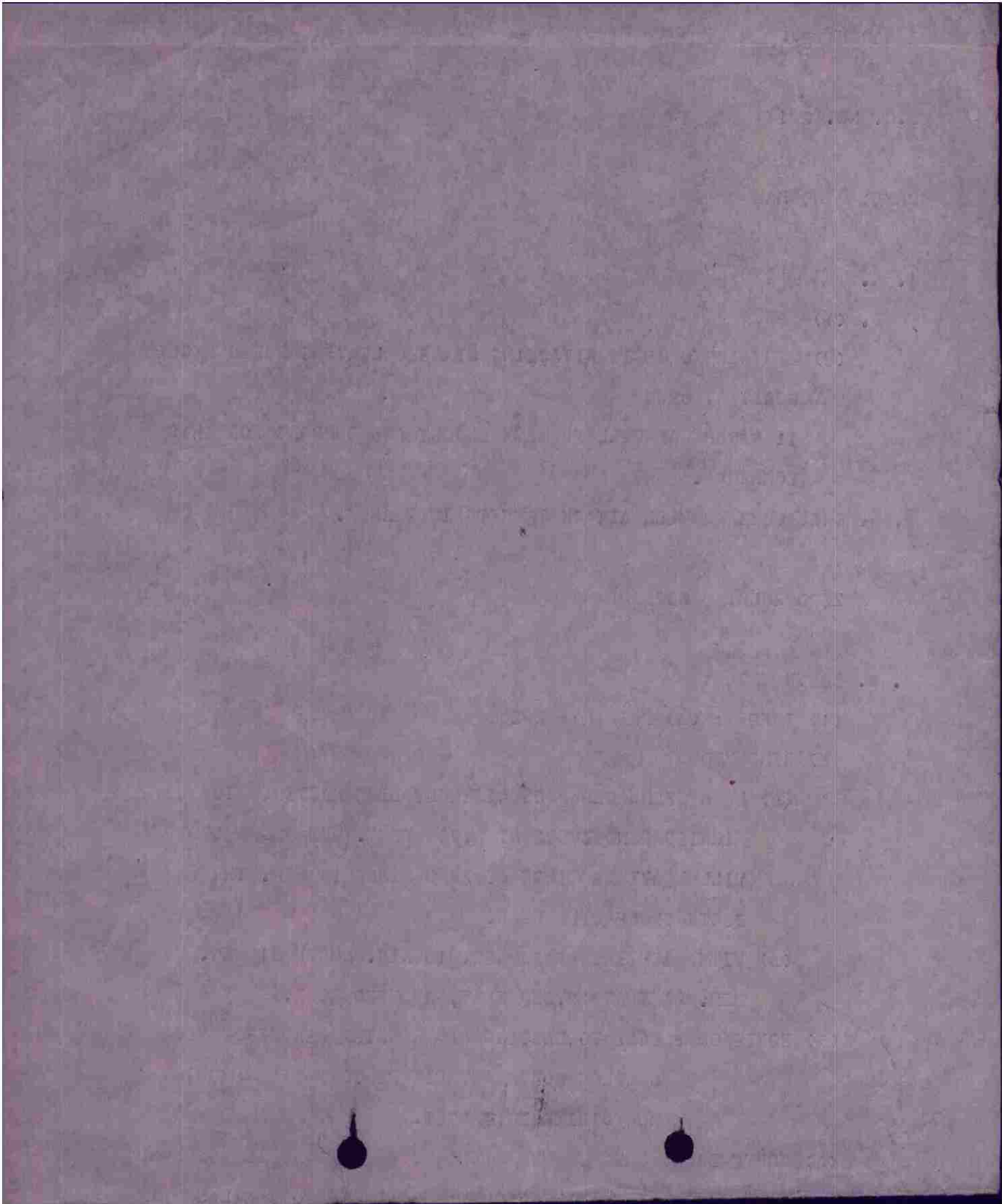
(A) WITH 322ND GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE HASTINGS TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AT 8,000 FEET. THE 322ND GROUP WILL LEAVE HASTINGS AT ZERO MINUS 15 MIN. THE 386TH GROUP WILL LEAD.

(B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 50 DEG. 10 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 05 MIN. EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO HOUR.

(3) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO HASTINGS TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO 6 MILES NORTHEAST DIEPPE TO 5 MILES SOUTH MONTDIDIER TO TARGET.

(4) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 4 MILES NORTH SOISSONS

TO 5 MILES SOUTH MONTDIDIER TO 6 MILES



NORTHEAST DIEPPE TO HASTINGS TO BASE.

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

(6) INITIAL POINT: 5 MILES SOUTH LA FERRE

(7) AXIS OF ATTACK: WEST TO EAST.

(8) RALLY POINT: 4 MILES NORTH SOISSONS.

(9) M. P. I. ILLUSTRATION S. 1510/7

ONE BOX: 14 X 250 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 AND 1/100; 036018;
50 FOOT INTERVAL.

ONE BOX: 14 X 250 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 AND 1/100; 037034;
50 FOOT INTERVAL.

ONE BOX: 20 X 100 LB. FRAG CLUSTER; 021038; 200 FOOT
INTERVAL.

B. 322ND GROUP:

(1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: Z 260

(2) RENDEZVOUS:

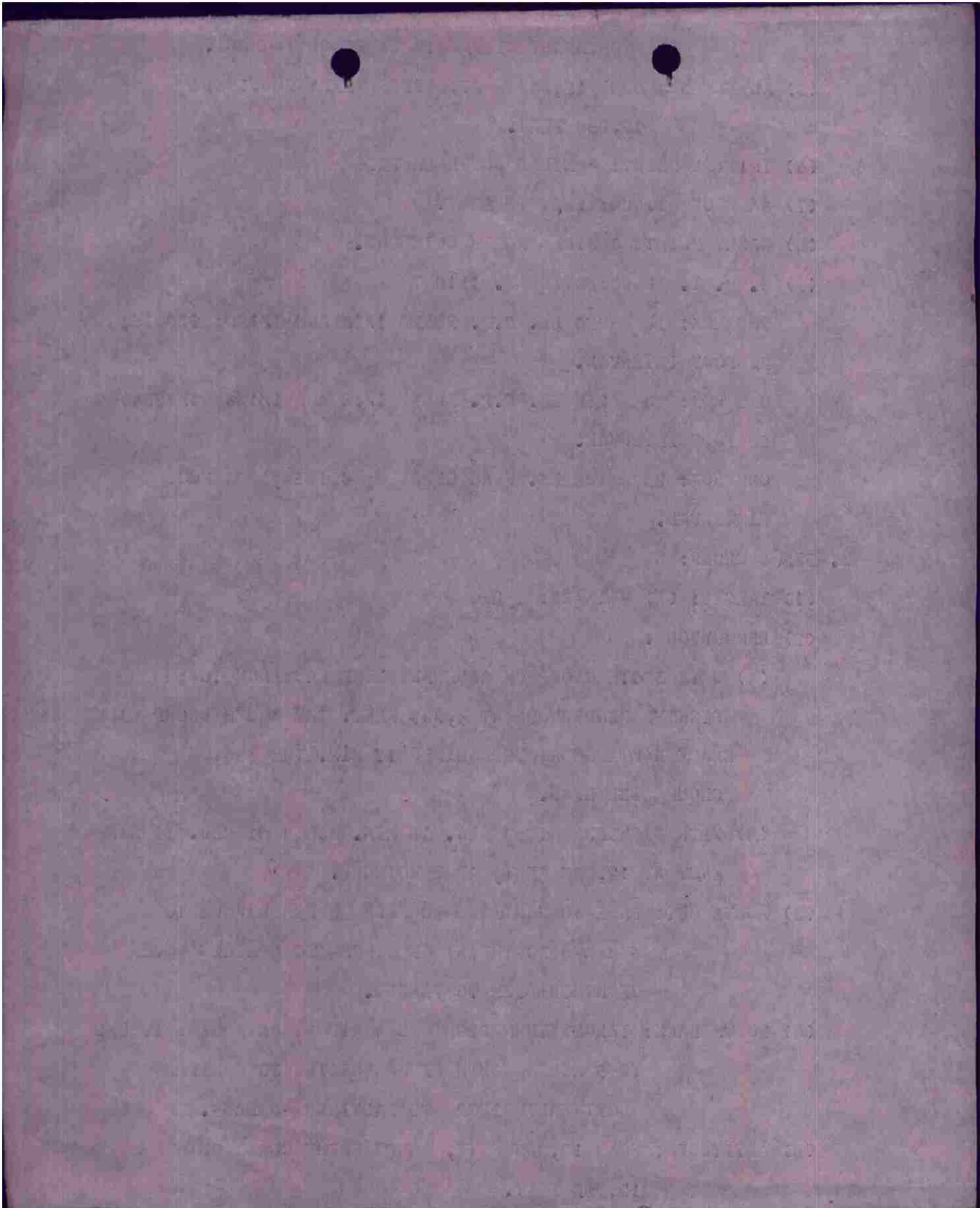
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GROUP WILL LEAD.

(B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 50 DEG. 10 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 05 MIN
EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO HOUR.

(3) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO HASTINGS TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO
6 MILES NORTHEAST OF DIEPPE TO 5 MILES SOUTH
OF MONTDIDIER TO TARGET.

(4) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 4 MILES NORTH OF SOISSONS
TO 5 MILES SOUTH OF MONTDIDIER TO 6 MILES
NORTHEAST DIEPPE TO HASTINGS TO BASE.

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



(6) INITIAL POINT: 5 MILES SOUTH OF LA FERRE

(7) AXIS OF ATTACK: WEST TO EAST.

(8) RALLY POINT: 4 MILES NORTH OF SOISSONS.

(9) M. P. I. ILLUSTRATION S. 1510/7

ONE BOX: 14 X 250 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 AND 1/100; 055040;
50 FOOT INTERVAL.

ONE BOX: 20 X 100 FRAG CLUSTERS 035052; 200 FOOT INTERVAL

ONE BOX: 14 X 250 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 AND 1/100; 009062;
50 FOOT INTERVAL.

C. 391ST GROUP:

(1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: Z 475

(B) SECONDARY: Z 446

(2) RENDEZVOUS:

(A) WITH FIGHTERS AT 50 DEG. 10 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG.

05 MIN. EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 10 MIN.

(3) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO HASTINGS TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO

6 MILES NORTHEAST DIEPPE TO 49 DEG. 38 MIN.

NORTH 01 DEG. 45 MIN. EAST TO 6 MILES SOUTH

BEAUVAIS TO 49 DEG. 28 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG.

40 MIN. EAST TO TARGET.

(4) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO 8 MILES SOUTH AMIENS

TO 5 MILES SOUTHWEST LE TREPORT TO DUNGENESS
TO BASE.

(5) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT

10,000 FEET.

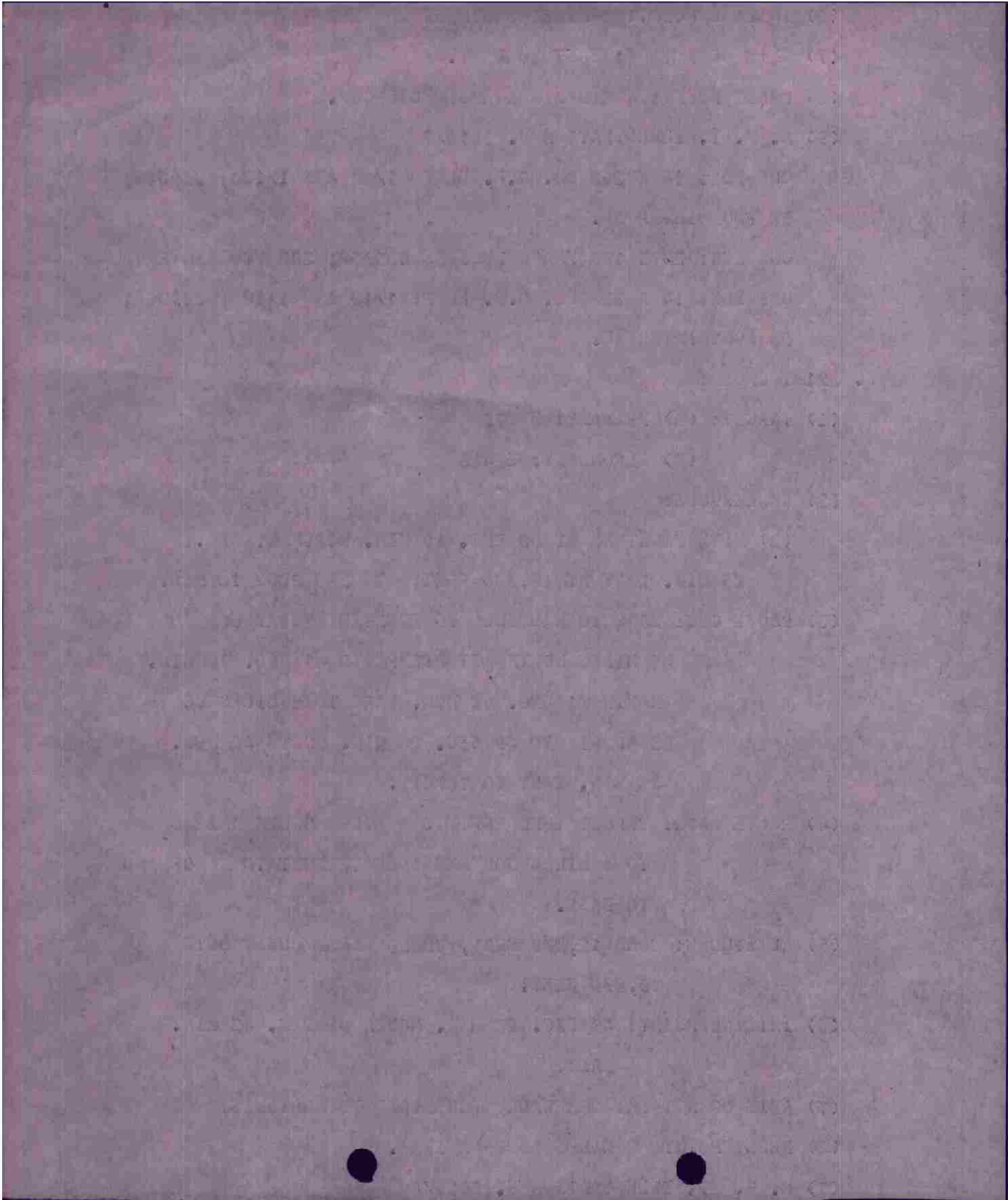
(6) INITIAL POINT: 49 DEG. 28 MIN. NORTH 02 DEG. 40 MIN.

EAST.

(7) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST

(8) RALLY POINT: 8 MILES SOUTH AMIENS.

(9) M. P. I. ILLUSTRATION S. 5425/4



GROUP WILL LEAD.

(B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 50 DEG. 10 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 08 MIN. EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 30 MIN.

(3) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO HASTINGS TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO 6 MILES SOUTHWEST LE TREPORT TO 5 MILES SOUTH POIX TO TARGET.

(4) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 6 MILES SOUTH MONTDIDIER TO 5 MILES SOUTH POIX TO 6 MILES SOUTHWEST LE TREPORT TO BASE.

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

(6) INITIAL POINT: 10 MILES SOUTHEAST AMIENS.

(7) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY WEST TO EAST.

(8) RALLY POINT: 6 MILES SOUTH MONTDIDIER.

(9) M.P.I. : ILLUSTRATION S. 1625/6

ONE BOX: 14 X 250 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 AND 1/100; 041047;
MINIMUM INTERVAL.

ONE BOX: 20 X 100 LB. FRAG CLUSTERS; 034052; 200 FEET INTERVAL

ONE BOX : 30 X 100 LB. G.P. FUSED INSTANTANEOUS; 021051;
50 FEET INTERVAL.

F. 387TH GROUP:

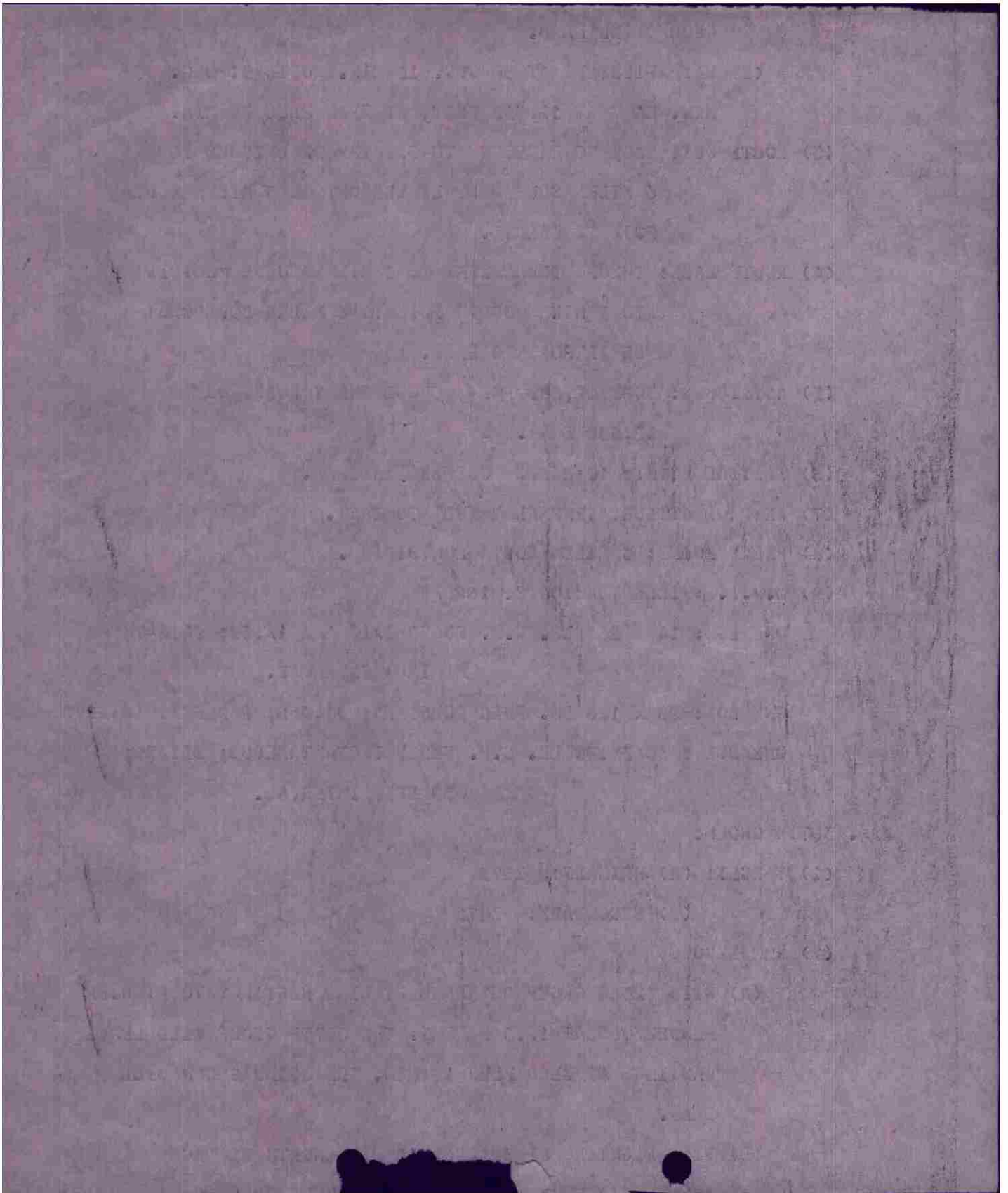
(1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: Z375

(B) SECONDARY: Z475

(2) RENDEZVOUS:

(A) WITH 323RD GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE HASTINGS TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AT 12,000 FEET. THE 387TH GROUP WILL LEAVE HASTINGS AT ZERO PLUS 18 MIN. THE 323RD GROUP WILL LEAD.

(B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 50 DEG. 10 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG



ONE BOX: 14 X 250 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 AND 1/100; 042080
MINIMUM INTERVAL.

ONE BOX: 20 X 100 FRAG CLUSTERS; 059079; 200 FEET INTERVAL.

ONE BOX: 14 X 250 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 AND 1/100; 010068;
50 FEET INTERVAL.

D. 416TH GROUP:

(1) TARGET: Z364

(2) RENDEZVOUS:

(A) WITH FIGHTERS AT 50 DEG. 10 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 58
MIN. EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 20 MIN.

(3) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO BEACHY HEAD TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS
TO 6 MILES NORTHEAST DIEPPE TO 49 DEG. 38 MIN.
NORTH 01 DEG. 45 MIN. EAST TO 5 MILES SOUTH
EAST GRANDVILLIERS TO TARGET.

(4) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO 6 MILES SOUTH WEST
LE TREPORT TO DUNGENESS TO BASE.

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

(6) INITIAL POINT: 5 MILES SOUTH GRANDVILLIERS.

(7) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTH TO NORTH.

(8) M.P.I. : ILLUSTRATION /614/5 - 039085

(9) BOMB LOAD: 4 X 500 LB. GP. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE
AND 1/40 SEC. TAIL.

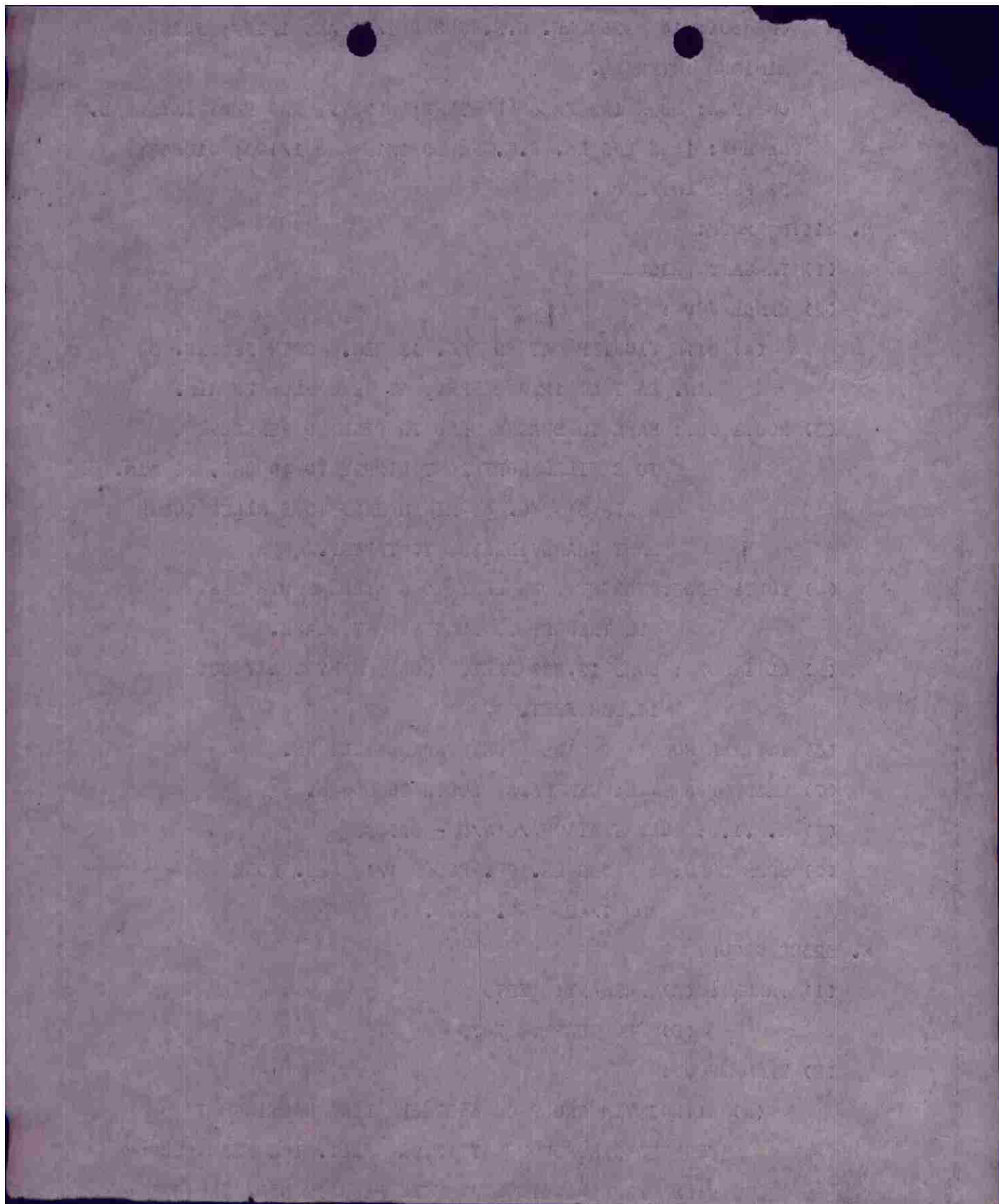
E. 323RD GROUP:

(1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: Z375

(B) SECONDARY: Z475

(2) RENDEZVOUS:

(A) WITH 387TH GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE HASTINGS TO
FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AT 12,000 FEET. THE 323RD GROUP
WILL LEAVE HASTINGS AT ZERO PLUS 18 MIN. THE 323RD



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FROM NINTH BOMBEC COMMAND 022144A 9BC R2177E

TO: COBOMGP 416

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WARNING ORDER TO FIELD ORDER NO. 221

YOU WILL ATTACK TARGET Z36A WITH 18 A-20S. ROUTE: BEACHY HEAD TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AT ~~0830~~ HOURS AT 50 DEG 10 MIN NORTH 00 DEG 58 MIN EAST TO 6 MILES NORTH EAST DIEPPE TO 49 DEG 38 MIN NORTH 01 DEG 45 MIN EAST TO 5 MILES SOUTH EAST GRANDVILLIERS TO TARGET, TARGET TURN LEFT TO 6 MILES SOUTH WEST LETREPORT TO DUNGENESS TO BASE. BOMB LOAD: 4 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE AND 1/40 SEC TAIL. AIMING POINT: ILLUSTRATION S1614/5--039085. ESCORT: SPITFIRES.

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*Call to Major Napier from
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Delay 30 minutes.*

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5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 386TH GROUP:

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: EASEL ONE - TWO - THREE

(2) RECALL CODE WORD: SHASTA

(3) IDENTITY GROUPS: CHALLENGE: UIR REPLY: FHJ

LMK IOK

QYU AFG

XDF SCZ

B. 322ND GROUP:

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: ANIMAL ONE - TWO - THREE

(2) RECALL CODE WORD: SHASTA

(3) IDENTITY GROUPS: CHALLENGE: UIR REPLY: FHJ

LMK IOK

QYU AFG

XDF SCZ

C. 391ST GROUP:

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: REVEAL ONE - TWO - THREE

(2) RECALL CODE WORD: BANGKOK

(3) IDENTITY GROUPS: CHALLENGE: ETY REPLY: WUI

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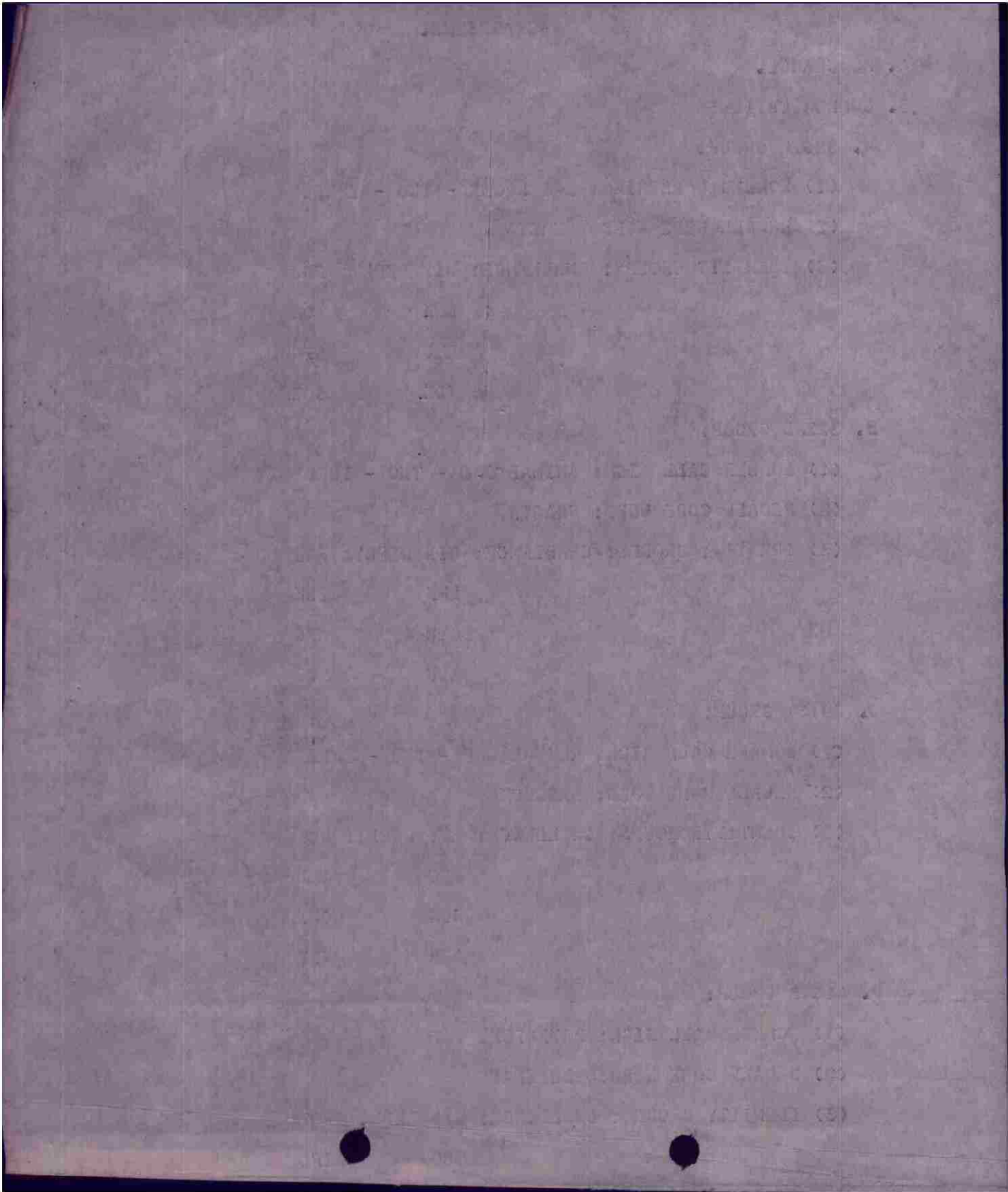
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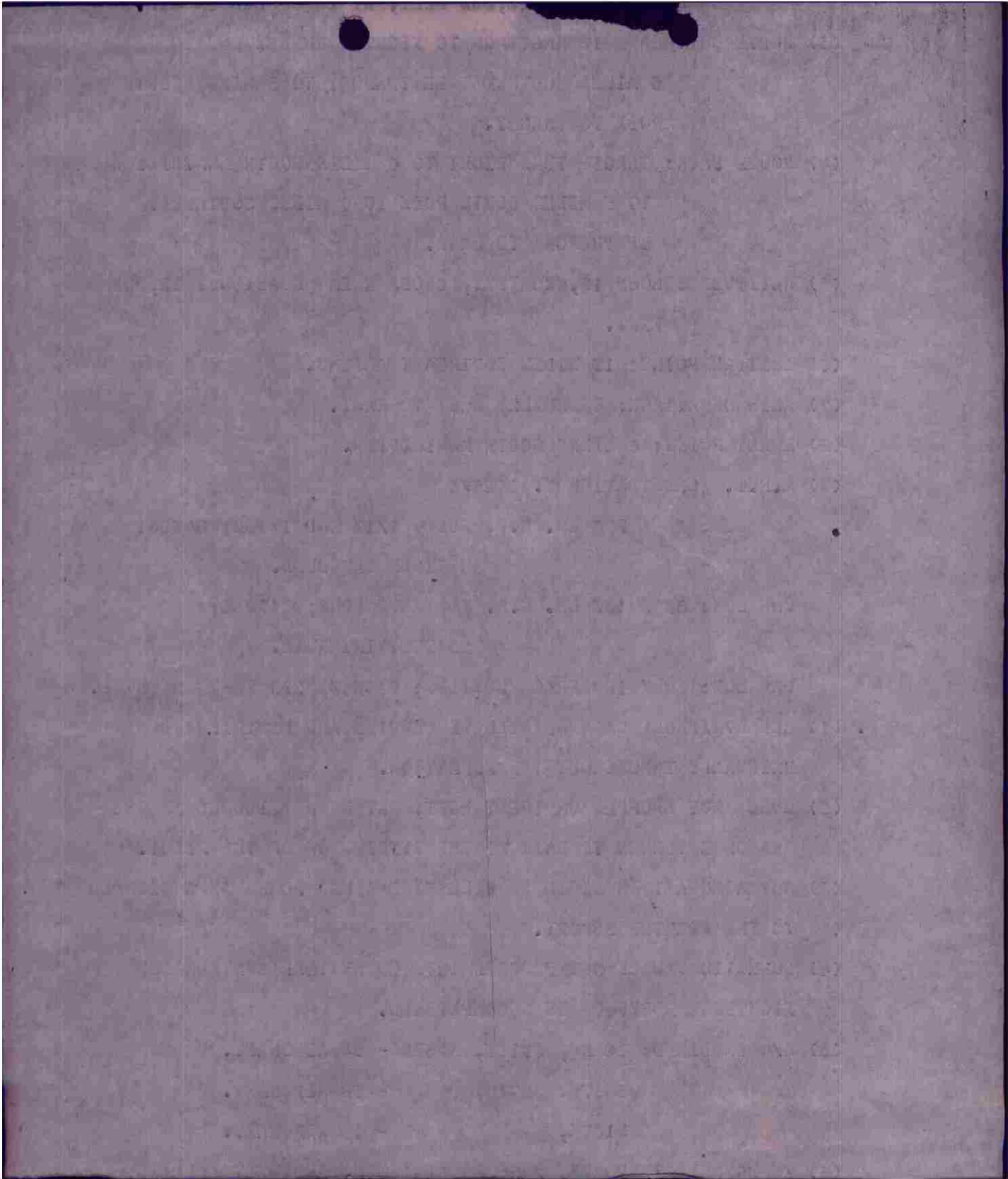
(2) RECALL CODE WORD: BLUEGRASS

(3) IDENTITY GROUPS: CHALLENGE: WIY REPLY: PGU

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6 MILES SOUTHWEST LE TREPORT TO 5 MILES SOUTH
POIX TO TARGET.
- (4) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 6 MILES SOUTH MONTDIDIER
TO 5 MILES SOUTH POIX TO 6 MILES SOUTHWEST
LE TREPORT TO BASE.
- (5) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,000 FEET, CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000
FEET.
- (6) INITIAL POINT: 10 MILES SOUTHEAST AMIENS.
- (7) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY WEST TO EAST.
- (8) RALLY POINT: 6 MILES SOUTH MONTDIDIER.
- (9) M.P.I. ILLUSTRATION S. 1625/6
- ONE BOX: 14 X 250 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 AND 1/100; 046061
MINIMUM INTERVAL.
 - ONE BOX: 30 X 100 LB. G.P. INSTANTANEOUS; 019066;
50 FEET INTERVAL.
 - ONE BOX: 20 X 100 FRAG CLUSTERS; 050080; 200 FEET INTERVAL.
- X. (1) ALL AVAILABLE CAMERAS WILL BE CARRIED AND DISTRIBUTED
UNIFORMLY THROUGHOUT THE FORMATION.
- (2) BOMB NOT DROPPED ON THE TARGET, MAY BE JETTISONED IN THE
SEA OR RETURNED TO BASE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PILOT.
- (3) ANY AIRCRAFT IN DISTRESS WILL FIRE A RED FLARE AS A SIGNAL
TO THE FIGHTER ESCORT.
- (4) FORMATIONS WILL NOT PROCEED INTO ENEMY TERRITORY UNLESS
FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS IS ACCOMPLISHED.
- (5) A/C REQUIRED: 322ND, 391ST, 323RD - 54 AIRCRAFT.
386TH, 387TH, - 50 AIRCRAFT.
416TH, - 18 AIRCRAFT.
- (6) EMERGENCY AIRDROMES: MANSTON, FRISTON, AND WEST MALLING.



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(9) WEATHER REPORT CODE SEQUENCE: BTVA.

(10) COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURE: IX BC MEMO. 100-22,

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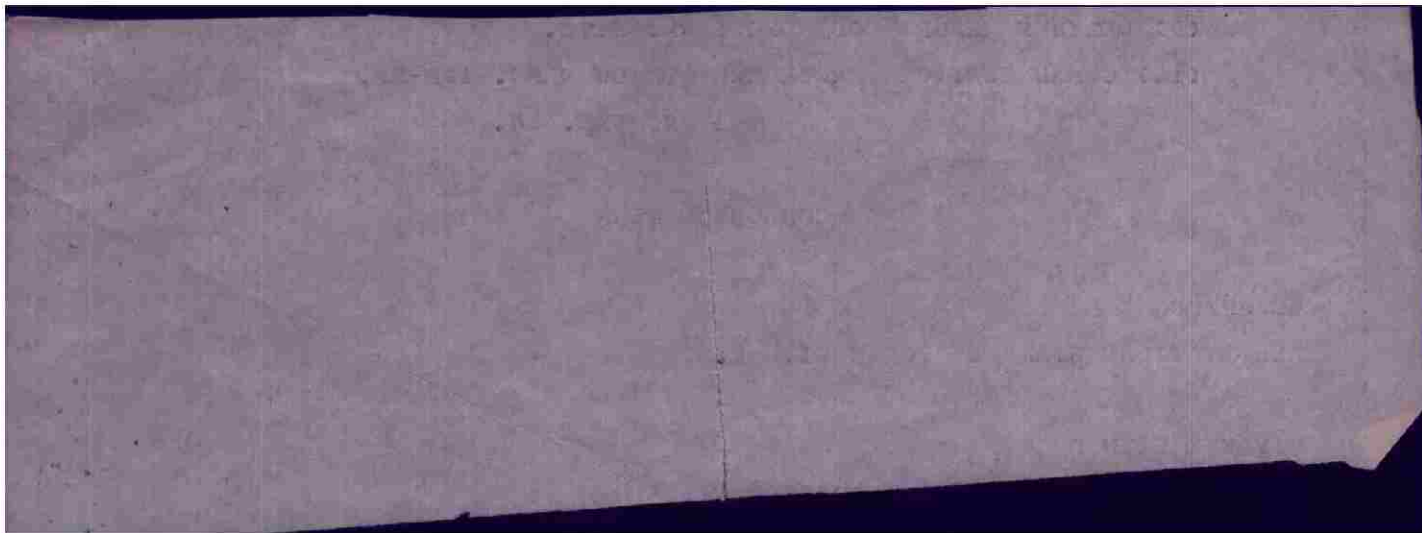
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E. 323 GROUP:

- (1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: BACKUS ONE-TWO-THREE.
 (2) RECALL CODE WORD: KAPOK.
 (3) IDENTITY GROUPS: CHALLENGE: TBF-REPLY: SRC
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| HON | UPM |

F. 387 GROUP:

- (1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: CUCKOO ONE-TWO-THREE
 (2) RECALL CODE WORD: KAPOK
 (3) IDENTITY GROUPS: CHALLENGE: TBF-REPLY: SRC
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| HON | UPM |

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- (1) AIR SEA RESCUE: VHF CHANNEL D
 (2) EMERGENCY HOMING: TO HAWKINGE ON VHF CHANNEL D
 C/S: HOTPIPE
 (3) SPLASHER BEACON : 4A 5B 6C 7D 8E 9F 11G 13H 16I
 ENTIRE MISSION
 (4) IX BC C/S: PARADE

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GQEWQ FIGHTER GROUND STATION C/S: GREENBOX

- (6) GEE INFORMATION: EASTERN WYOMING SOUTHERN CAROLINA
 GRADE A ENTIRE MISSION.
 (7) M/F D/F SECTION: N
 (8) NOTE: BOX LEADERS OR DEPUTY WILL REPORT ON COMMAND CONTROL.
 FREQUENCY AFTER CLEARING TARGET AREA.

