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

AFD 140, U.S. Army.
27 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Reports.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, AFD 140, U. S. Army.

1. Transmitted herewith are the A-3 Bombing Information Reports and inclosures on operational mission 25 March 1944, submitted in compliance with IX Bomber Command Memorandum 10-80.

For the Commanding Officer:

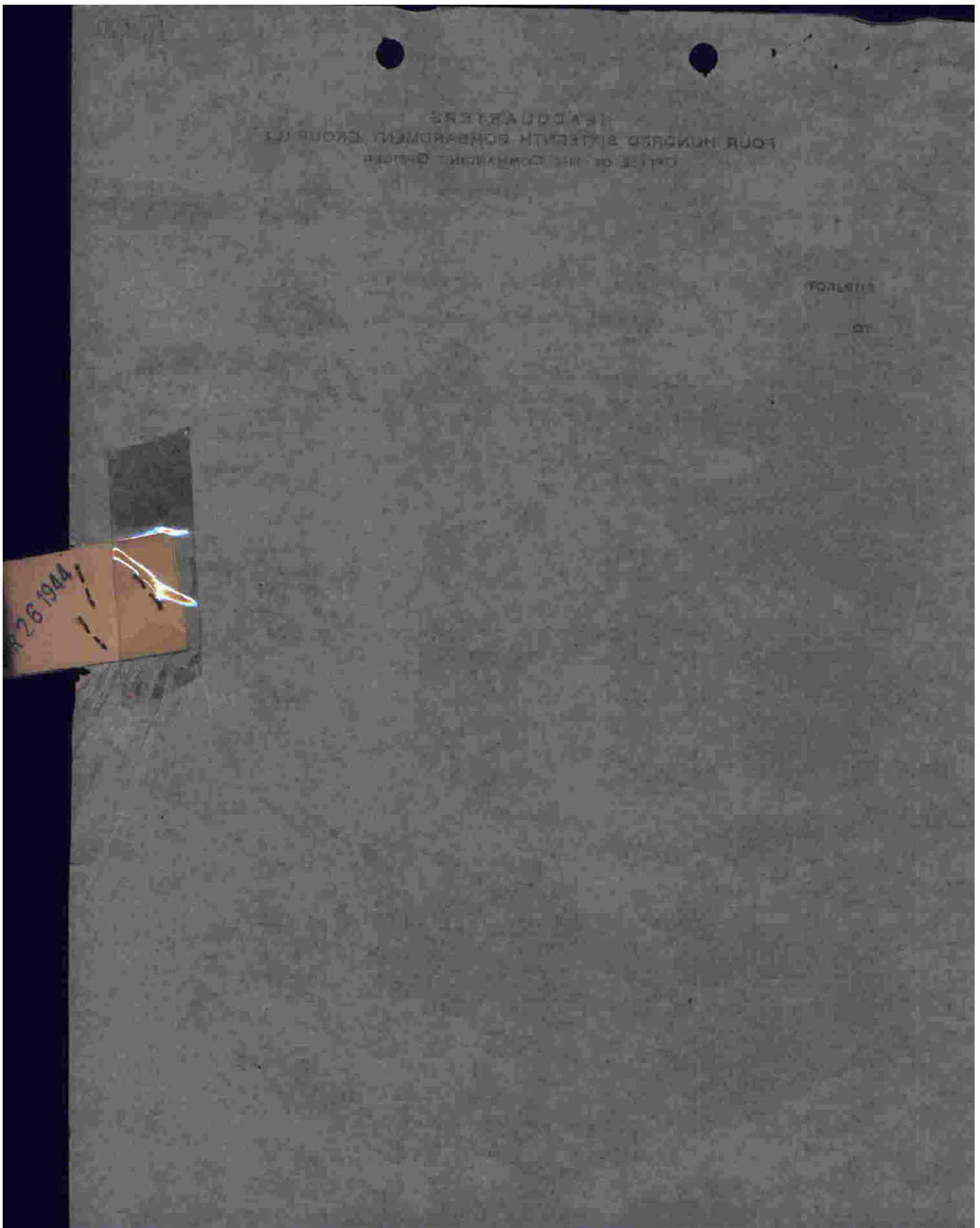
GEORGE SCHNEIDER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

2 Incls:

- Incl #1 - Bombing Information Report (Box I) and inclosure.
- Incl #2 - Bombing Information Report (Box II) and inclosure.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 280BOX 1 GROUP 418 DATE 28 Mar. 44 TARGET ATTACKED Vauquerlette1. Method of Sighting: Synchronous, Pre-set.2. Bombing approach: 110° N. G.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:

Pre-set synchronous. Aiming point mean point of impact, subtracted 20 miles of trail.

5. Name of lead bombardier: 1st Lt. Peter G. Royalty.6. Name of lead pilot: Lt. Col. Thomas H. Ford.7. Intervalometer setting: none8. Indicated Air Speed: 285 Ground Speed: 288 Altitude: 12,000 ft.9. Length of bomb run: 90 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED Delay 1/10-1/4011. Total Bombs Dropped: 40

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

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES _____ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.

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

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES _____ NO X. 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? No enemy aircraft.

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None.

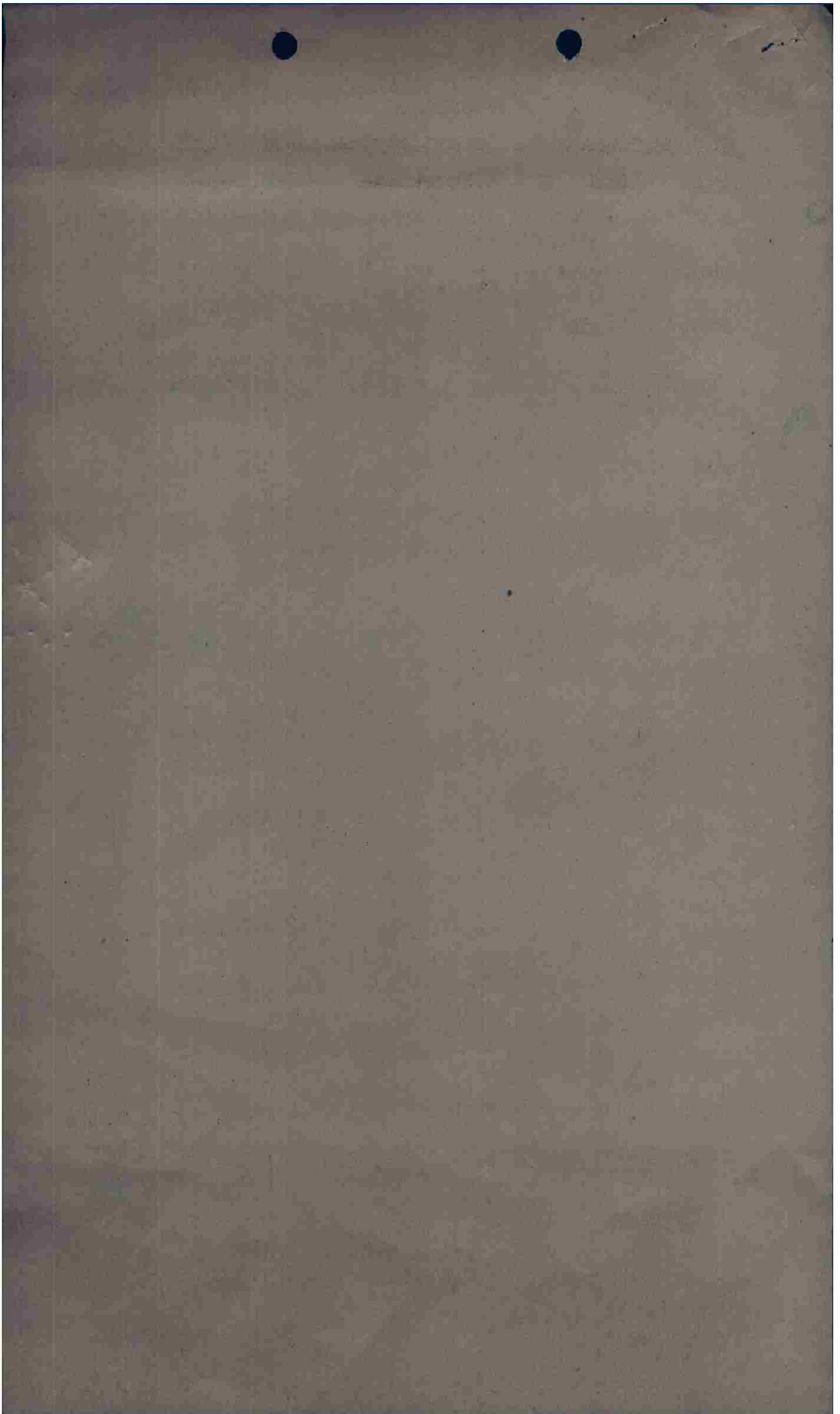
(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: None, pre-set. (see enclosure #1)

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

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

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SECRETINCLOSURE #1MALFUNCTIONS, PERSONNEL ERRORS OR OTHER FACTORS AFFECTING BOMBING.

<u>Type</u>	<u>ACEN</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cause</u>
A-20G-2b	43-9219	Premature release of bombs.	Faulty bomb salvo release relay.
A-20G-2b	43-9225	One bomb failed to release.	Release solenoid burned out.
A-20G-2b	43-9181	One bomb failed to release.	Bumpy braces too tight, causing binding in release mechanism.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 250BOX II GROUP 416 DATE 25 Mar. 44 TARGET ATTACKED Vaquerolette1. Method of Sighting: Synchronous, Pre-set.2. Bombing approach: 110° N. G.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:

Pre-set synchronous. Aiming point mean point of impact, subtracted 20 mile of trail.

5. Name of lead bombardier: 2nd Lt. Vernon H. Powell6. Name of lead pilot: Major William J. Heng7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed: 280 Ground Speed: 285 Altitude: 11,000 ft.9. Length of bomb run: 50 Sec: 500 Delay 1/10 T 1/4010. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 70 X 500 lb FUSEL N T 1/40

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 NO. If "YES" state conditions and effect.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IF or A/C? YES NO. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES 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? No enemy aircraft.

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None

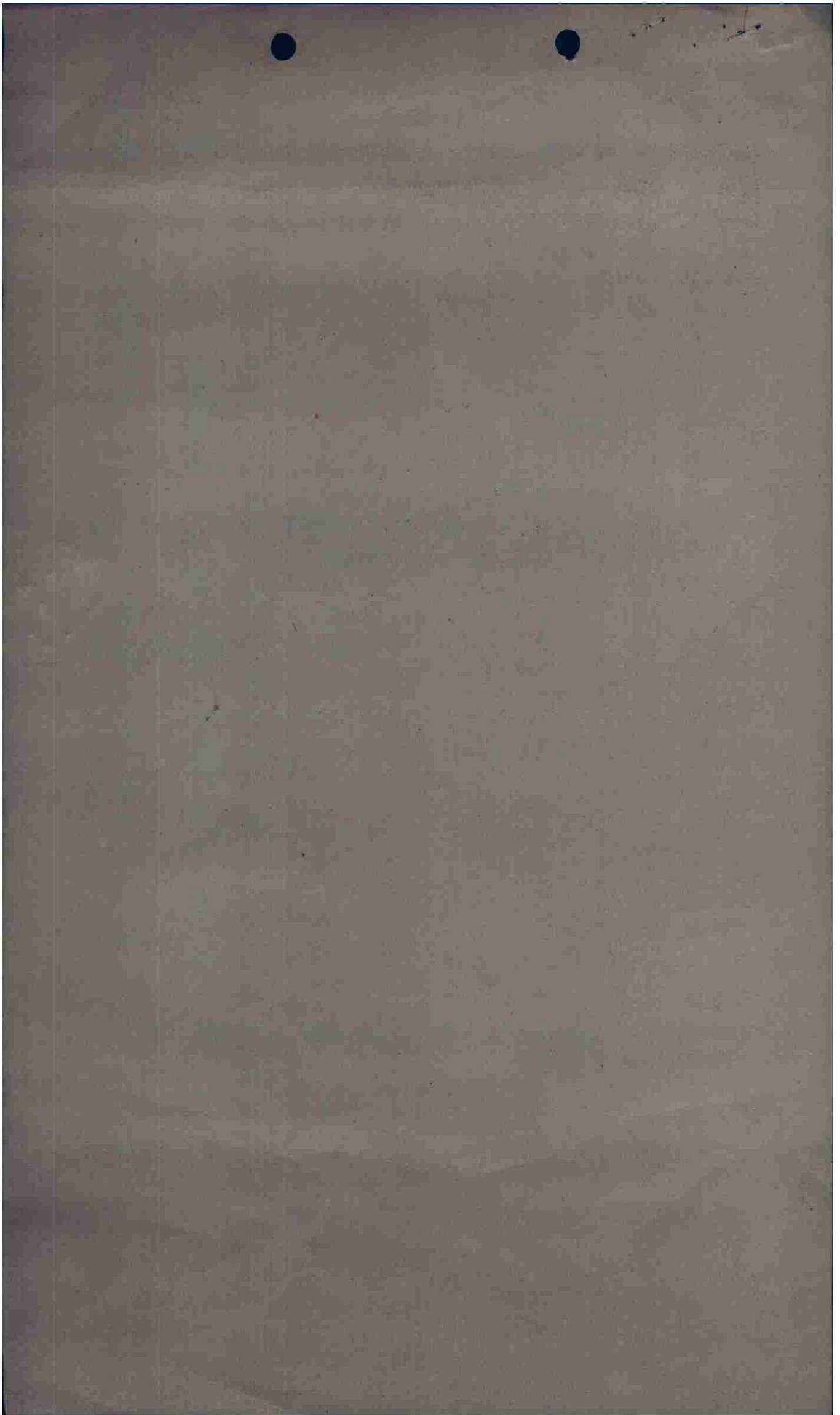
(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: Latent trouble off to left. (See enclosure #1)

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

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

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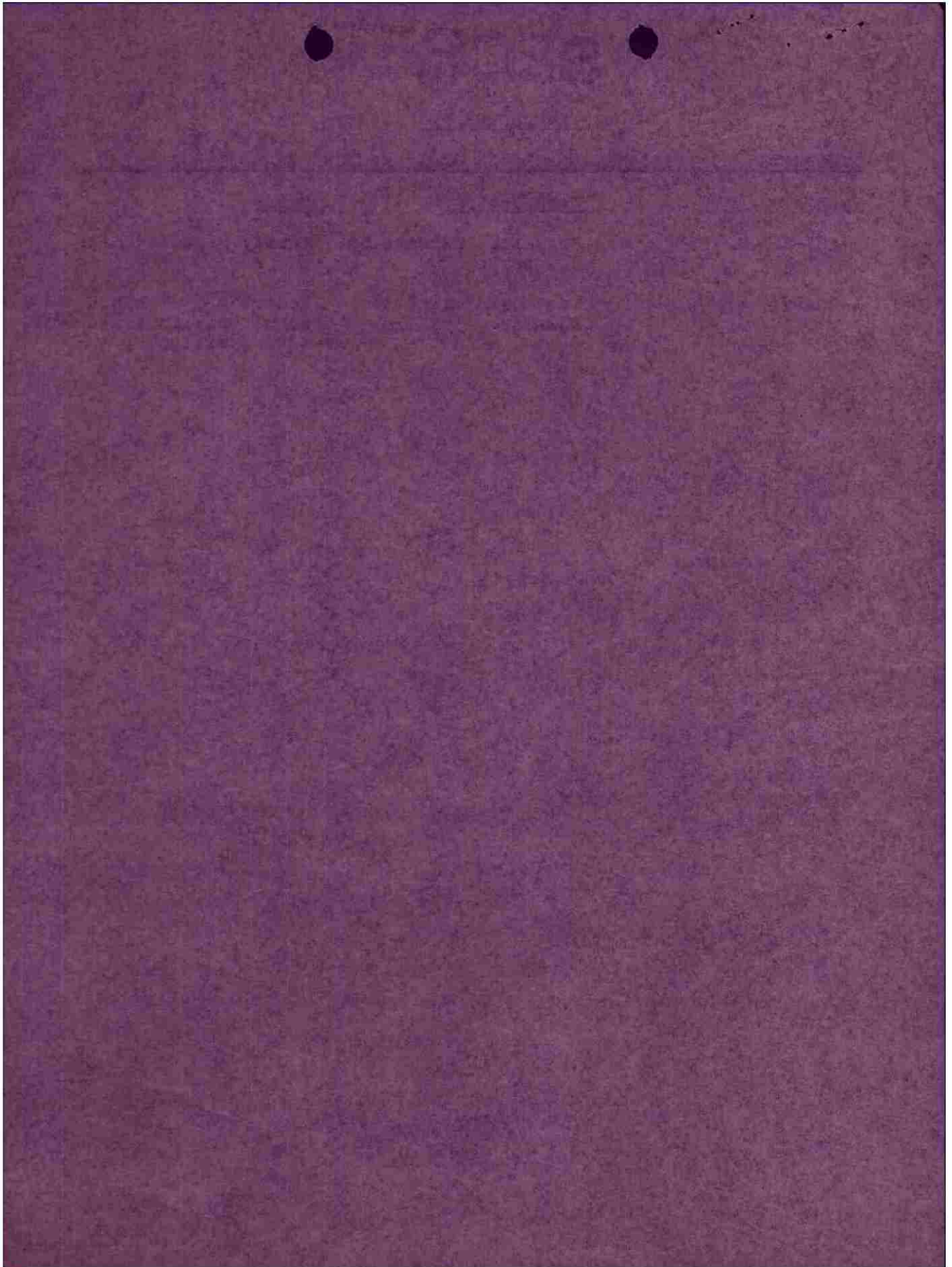


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INCLOSURE #1HALFORDICOMB, PERSONNEL ERRORS OR OTHER FACTORS AFFECTING BOMBING.

<u>Type</u>	<u>ACSR</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cause</u>
A-200-2b	43-9182	Premature release of one bomb.	Faulty release unit.
A-200-2b	43-9316	One bomb failed to release.	Selector switch not completely in selective position.

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

AFD 140, U.S. Army,
26 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Malfunction of Aircraft Equipment.
TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, AFD 140, U. S. Army.

I. Summary of Aircraft Operating.

Date of Mission : 25 March 1944.
Number of Aircraft Scheduled : 38
Number of Aircraft Altered : 38

II. Scheduled Aircraft Failing to Become Airborne.

None.

III. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Affecting Success of Mission.

<u>Time</u>	<u>ACN</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cause</u>
A-200-25	43-9219	Premature release of bombs.	Faulty bomb salvo release relay.
A-200-25	43-9220	One bomb failed to release.	Release solenoid burned out.
A-200-25	43-9181	One bomb failed to release.	Sway braces too tight, causing binding in release mechanism.
A-200-25	43-9182	Premature release of one bomb.	Faulty release unit.
A-200-25	43-9216	One bomb failed to release.	Selector switch not completely in selective position.

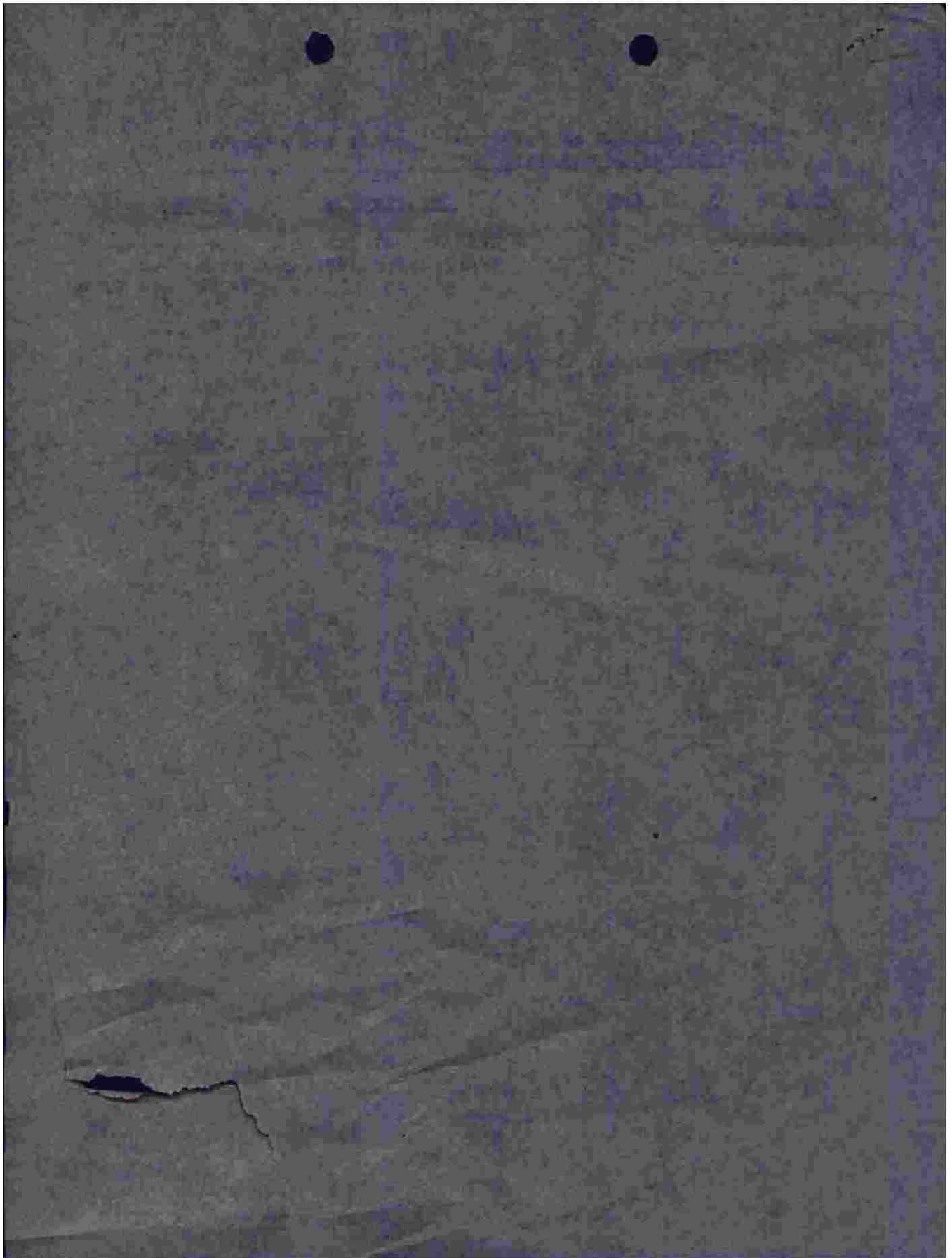
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IV. Malfunction of Airborne Aircraft Not Affecting
Success of Mission.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Case</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Action</u>
1-27-44	43-9211	Left turret gun would not charge.	Cause undeter- mined. Gun checked and found to function properly.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE ROBERTSON,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.



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

AFG 140, U.S., Army,
26 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Loss, Damaged, and Abortive Report.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, AFG 140, U.S. Army.

Target : Vacqueriette
Date : 26 March 1944

IX Bomber Command Field Order No. 280.

1. Summary.

Group	Type A/G	A/G Disseminated	Abortive Nash Other	Damaged A A E E E	Lost	Attacked Target
416	A-20 G's & J's	36	4 1	0 0 0 0 0	0	35

2. Loss.

None.

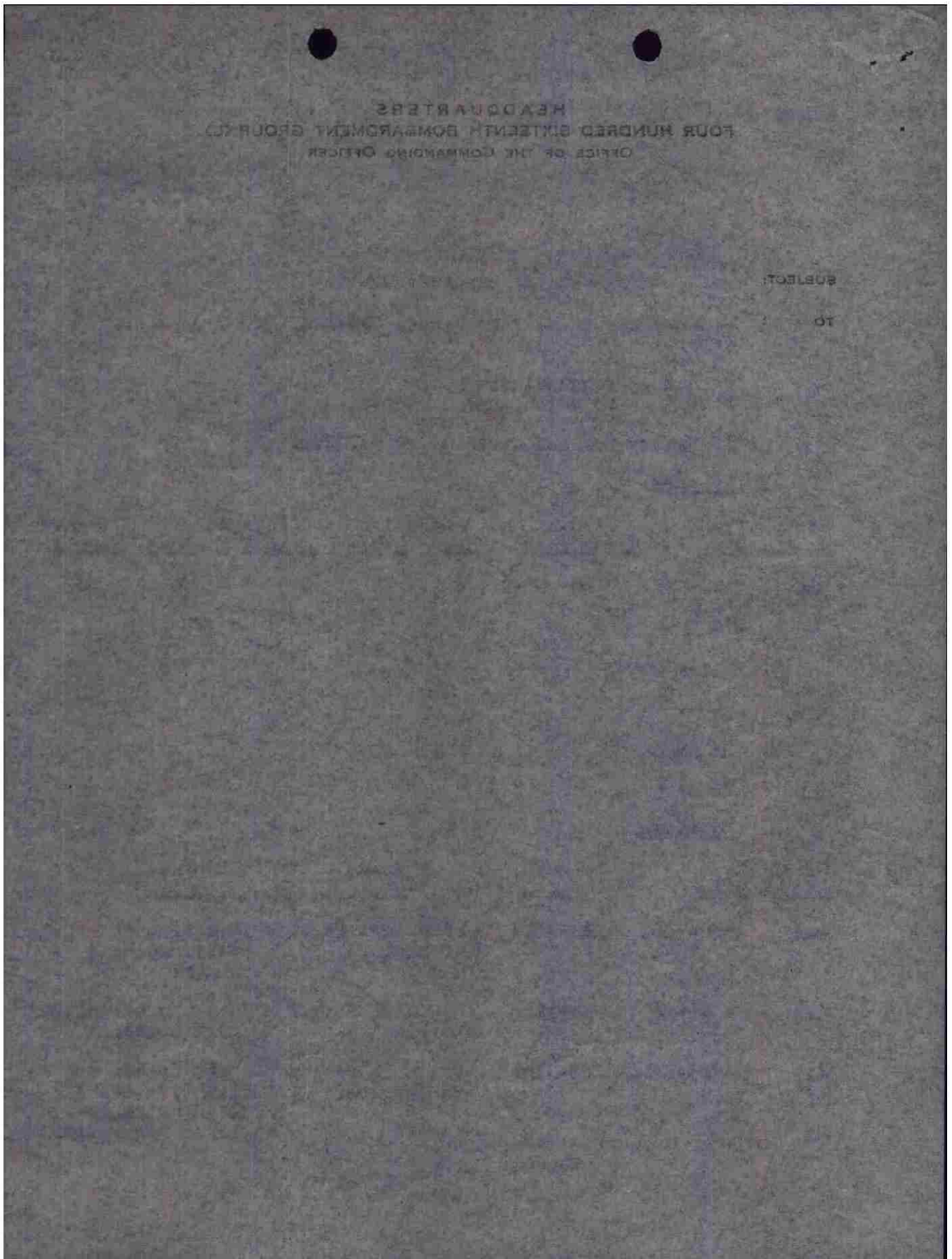
3. Damaged.

None.

4. Abortive.

Group	Type A/G	AGSN	Cause	Remarks
416	A-20G-25	43-9219	Premature release of bombs.	Facility bomb salvo release relay.
416	A-20G-25	43-9225	One bomb failed to release.	Release mechanism burned out.
416	A-20G-25	43-9161	One bomb failed to release.	Sway braces too tight, causing binding in release mechanism.

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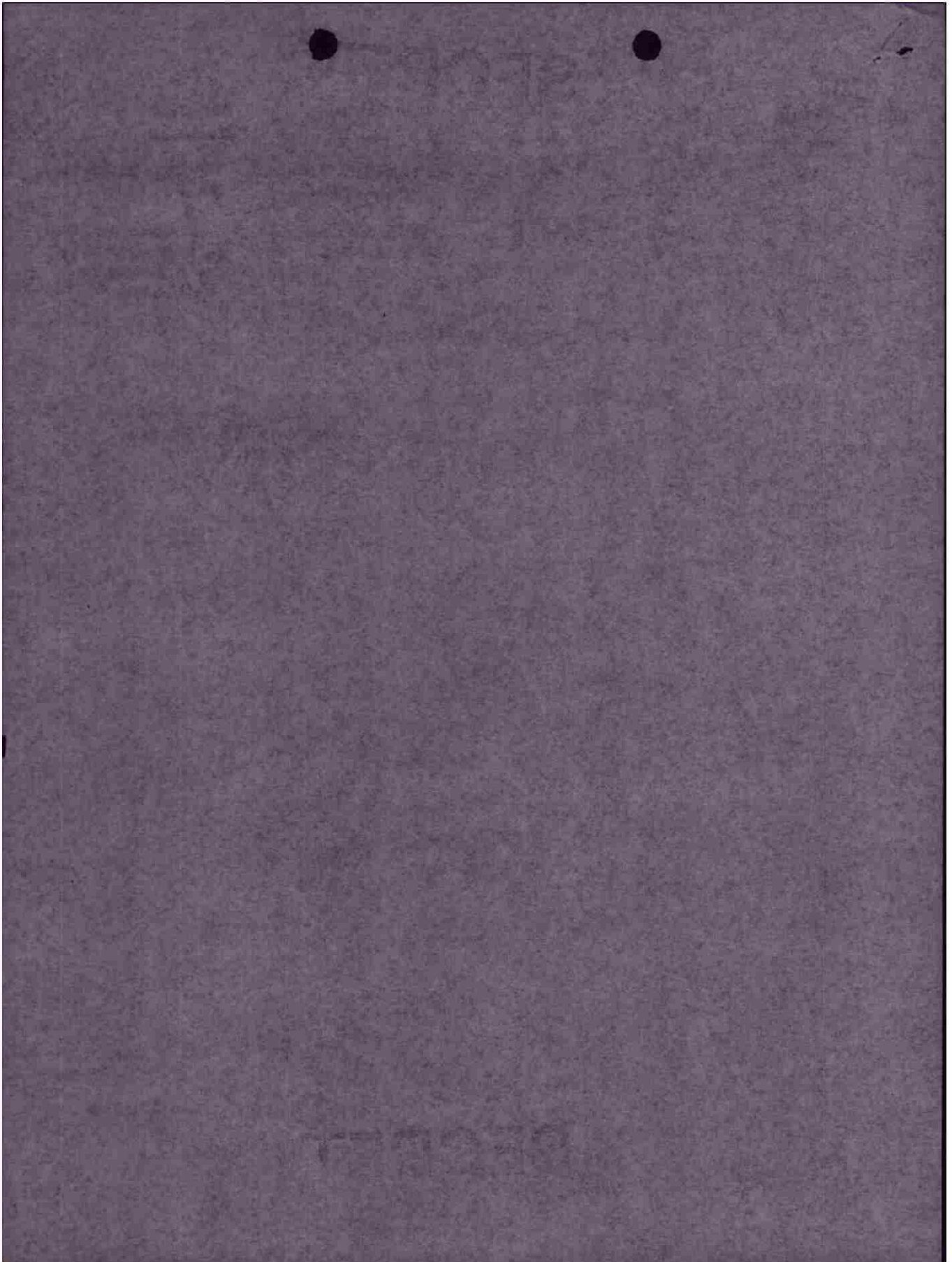
Group	Type A/B	ACSB	Cause	Remarks
418	A-208-29	43-9182	Premature release of one bomb.	Faulty release unit.
418	A-208-29	43-9216	One bomb failed to release.	Selector switch not completely in selective position.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHWABER,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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INTERNATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 216TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND

27TH COMBAT WING

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AUTH: MAJOR WALTER S. FARMER

"J" FORM

CLEARANCE F-2

26 MARCH 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR JOHN G. NAFFER

1. BOX I

571 . . . 9 . . . X N M H I D A-1 G-1 V

669 . . . 9 . . . S U H-1 A C B F E G

GROUP LEADER . . . 571 . . . X

DEPUTY . . . 669 . . . S

BOX II

570 . . . 8 . . . J F R T G A (H-1 E-1 SPARES)

668 . . . 12 . . . J-1 I K F-1 B D C S K G-1 H

BOX LEADER . . . 570 . . . J

DEPUTY . . . 670 . . . T

2. BOX I . . . 23075 . . . BOX II . . . 23075

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

4. 1336 . . . BASE . . . HASTINGS

5. 1400 . . . 12000 . . . HASTINGS

6. 1411 . . . 12000 . . . BENCH SUR MEN

7. 1424 . . . 12000 . . . 4 MILES NORTH HARDELOT

8. 1435 . . . 9000 . . . DUNGENESS

9. 1450 . . . DUNGENESS . . . BASE

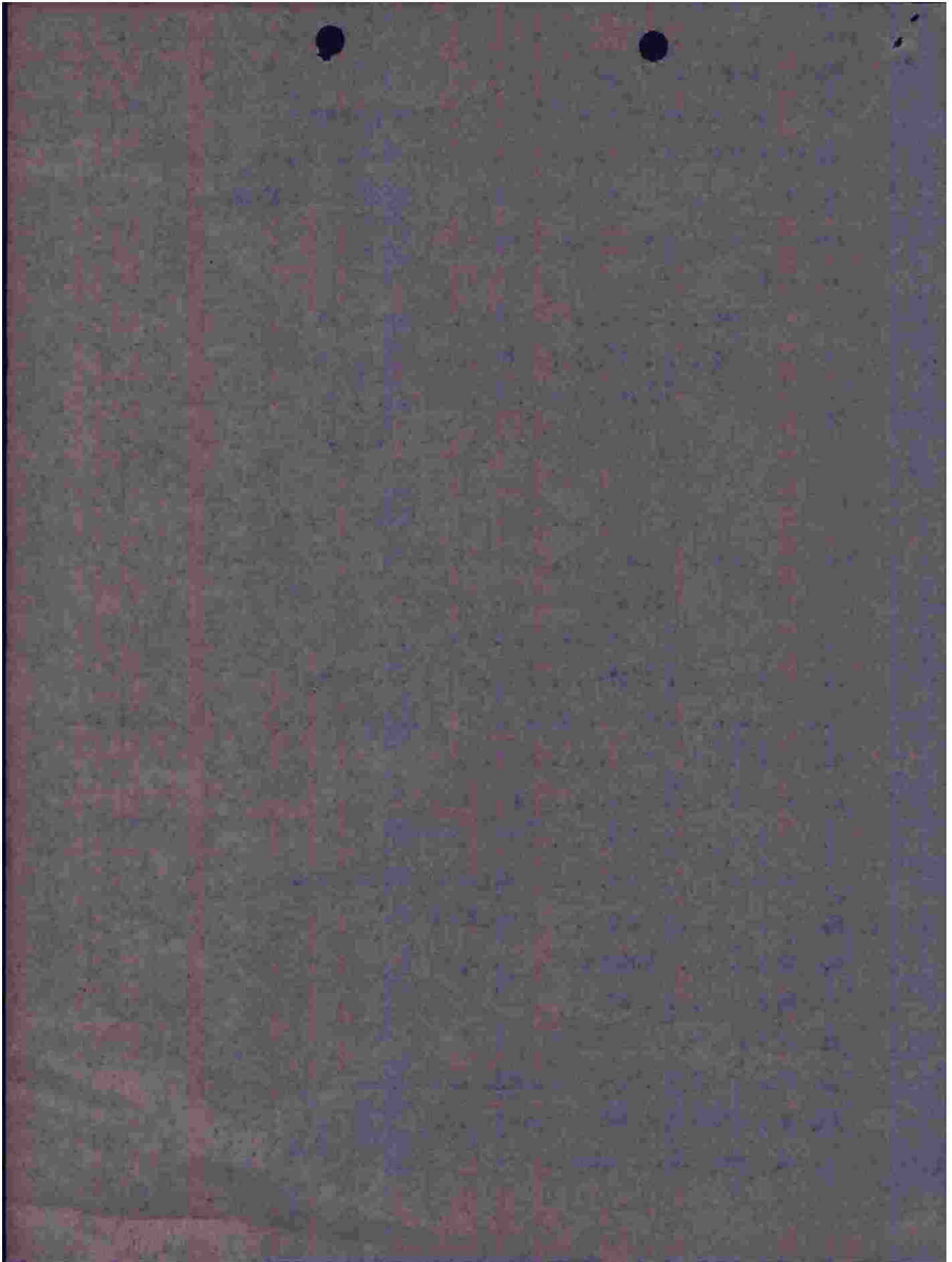
10. R/F D/F . . . R/R

11. 4 X 500 G.P.

12. 726 GALLONS . . . ESTIMATED ENDURANCE . . . 4 HOURS

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

A. MAPS . . . NORMAL



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

C. IP . . . BERCH SUR MER

D. AXIS OF ATTACK . . . 110° MAG.

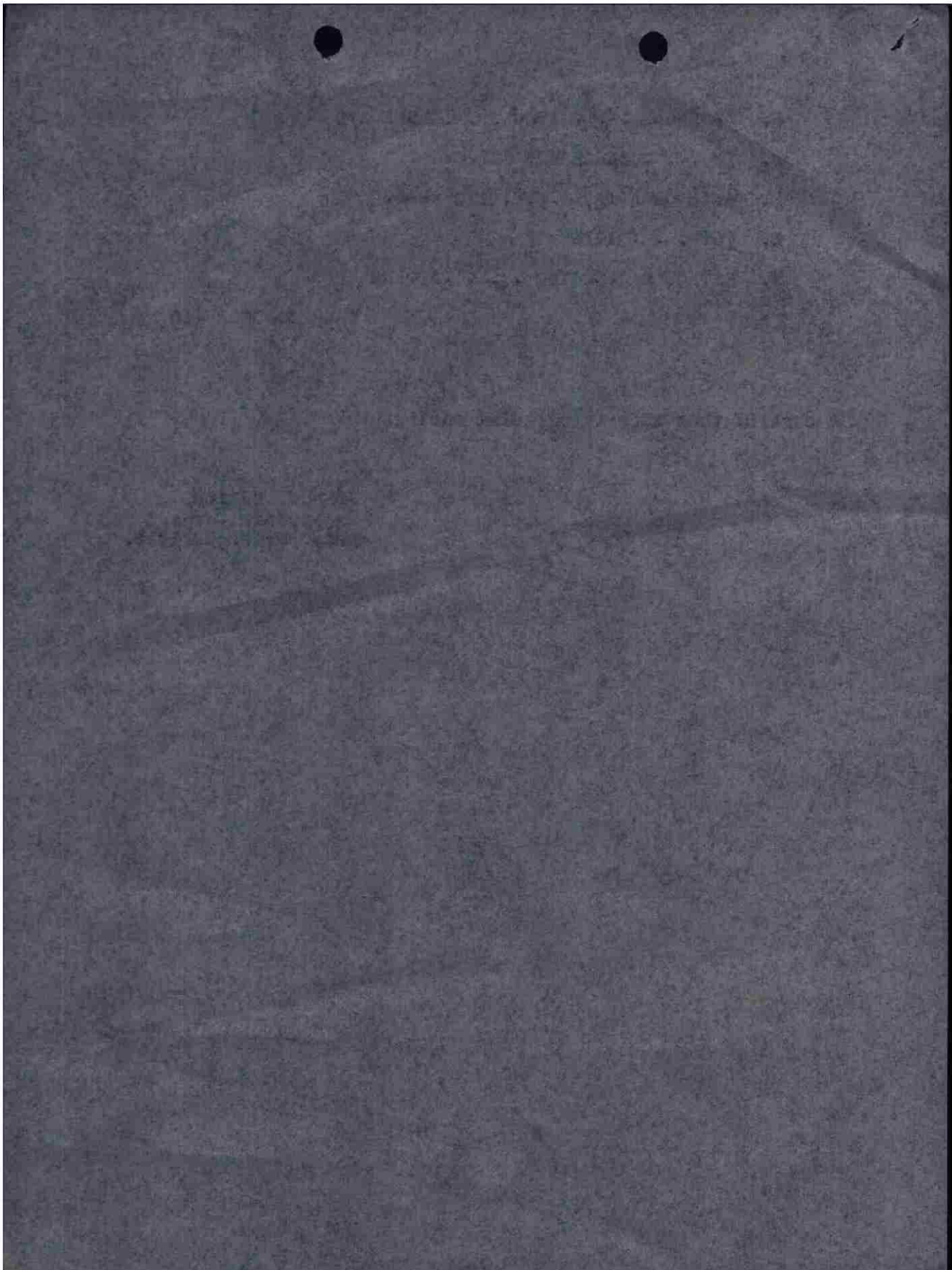
E. TOT . . . 1418

F. METHOD OF BOMBING . . . PATTERN

WAGE COBONGR 418

I certify that this is official business:

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



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

APO 638
26 March 1944

SUBJECT: Operational Forecast

TO : Group Operations

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Nil to 3/10 cumulus with bases 3500 feet and tops to 4500 feet. No middle clouds with scattered high clouds above 20000 feet. Visibility 2-4 miles.

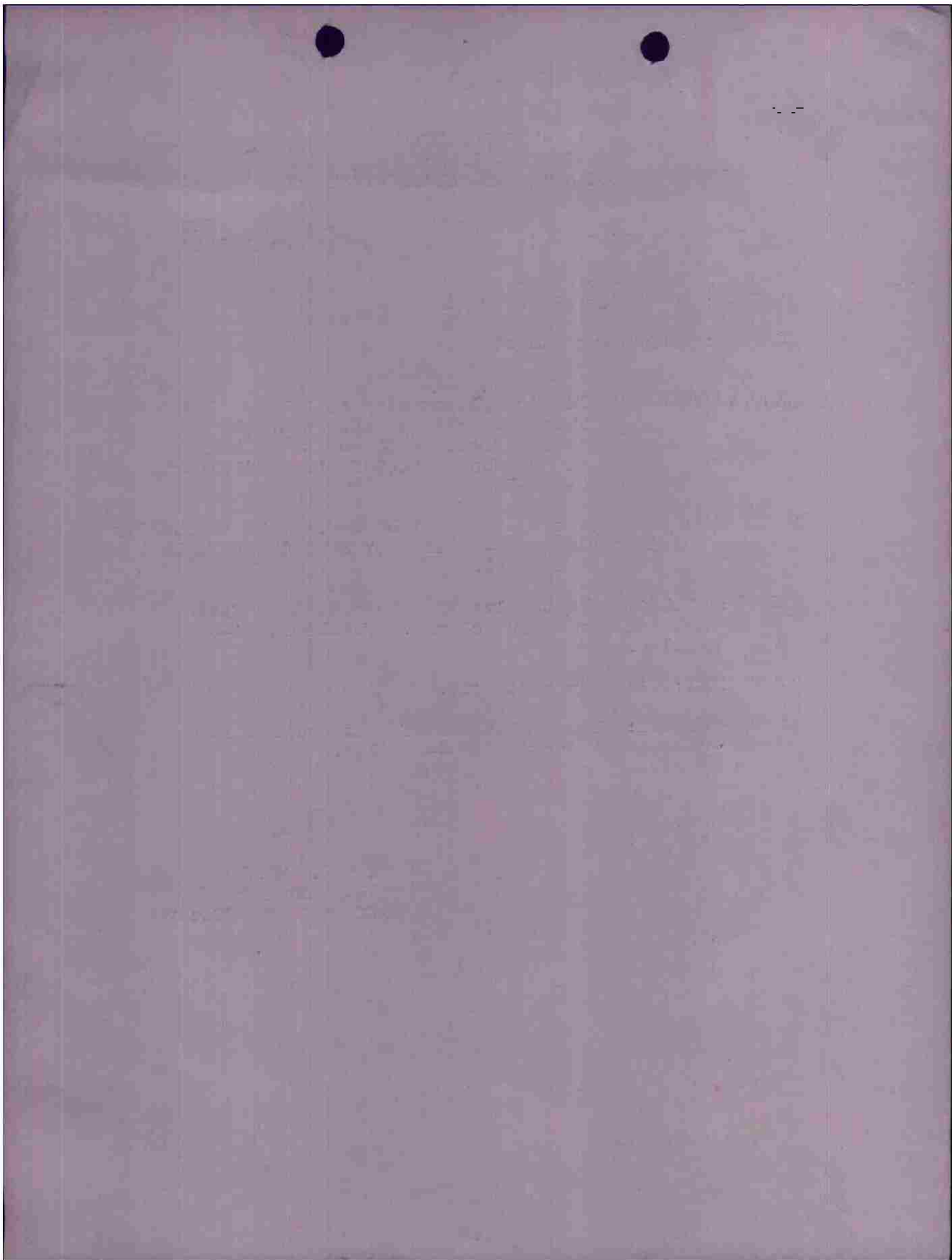
ROUTE OUT: Same as conditions at base with the visibility improving to 4-5 miles over southern England and the channel.

TARGET: Nil to 3/10 cumulus with tops to 4500 feet. No high or medium clouds. Visibility 4-5 miles.

ROUTE BACK: Same as route out.

BASE ON RETURN: Same as at takeoff with visibility improving to 4-5 miles.

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



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INTERVIEW REPORT
 (1)
 OF THE WITNESS OFFICER

NO 638
 26 March, 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

TO: Staff Weather Officer, Headquarters IX Bomber
 Command, APO 833, C. E. Army.

WENT AT 2100 HRS. 10000 ft. above 10000 ft. in low
 clouds. Visibility 5 miles.

WENT OFF AT 2100 HRS. 10000 ft. over inland training
 area. Visibility 5 miles. No low
 clouds seen on route.

WENT BACK AT 2100 HRS. Visibility 5-10 miles.

WENT BACK AT 2100 HRS. Visibility 5-10 miles.

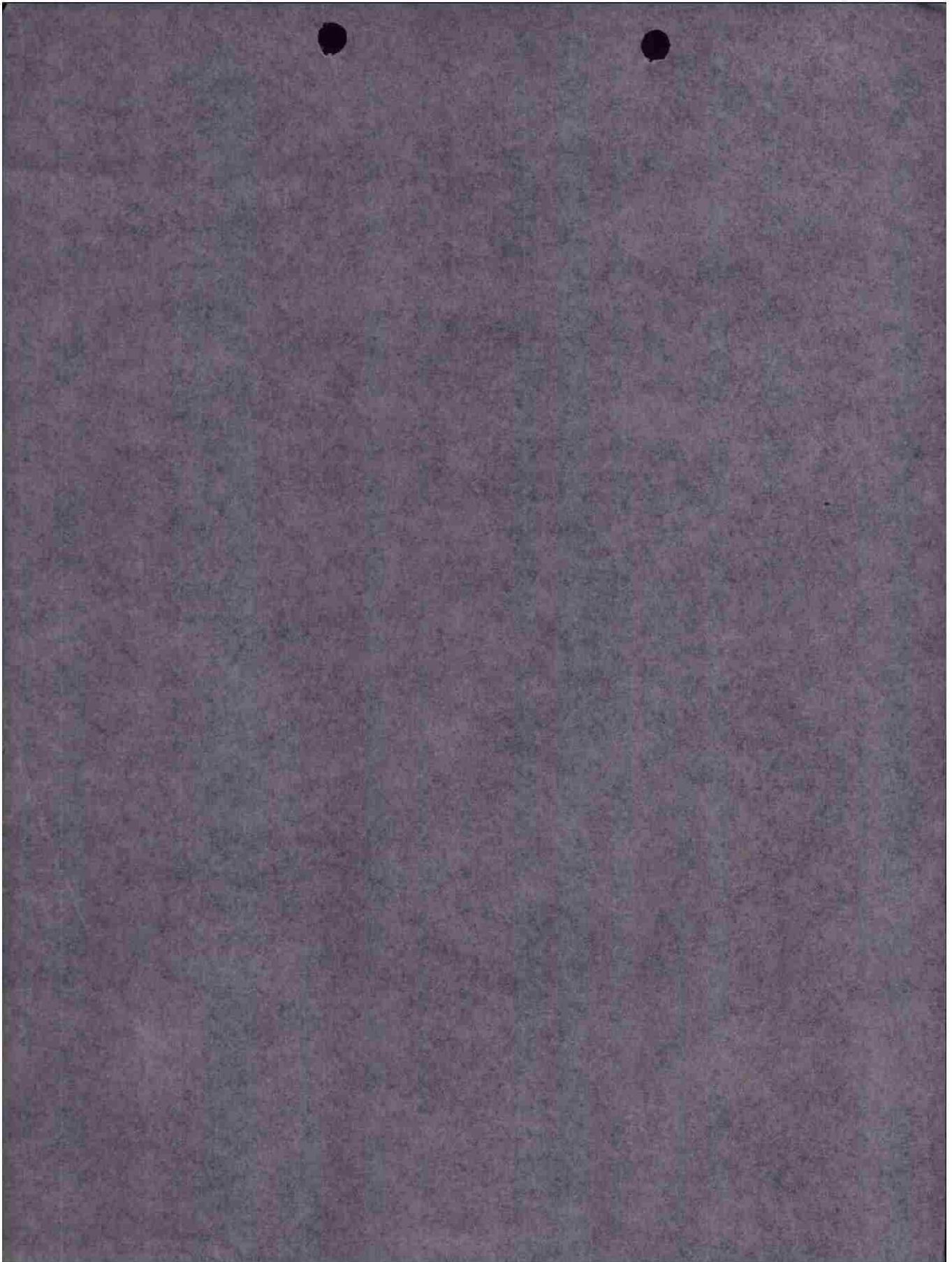
WENT ON AT 2100 HRS. 10000 ft. above 10000 ft. in low
 clouds. Visibility 5 miles.

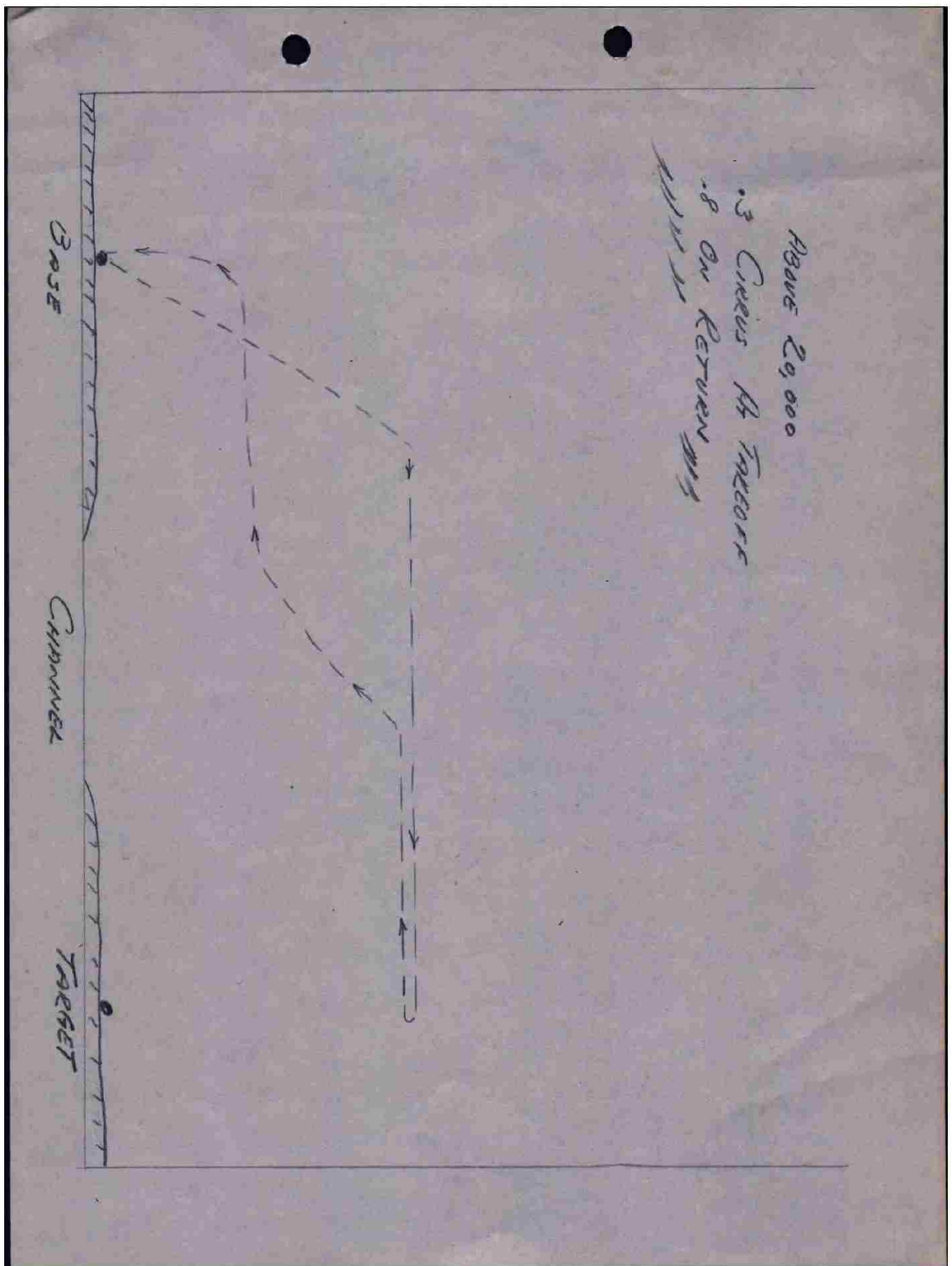
WENT ON AT 2100 HRS. Visibility 5-10 miles.

Weather did not affect the bombing.

Walter L. Castle
 Staff Weather Officer

1 Incl.
 1 Route Forecast Form





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LOADING LIST

26 MARCH 1944

BOX I

FLIGHT I

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|---|---|
| <p>1. A/C #914 "X"
Ford, T.R., Lt. Col. ✓
Royalty, P.G., Lt. ✓
Arrington, H.T., Lt. ✓
Thompson, J.R., S/S
Hatch, H.L., S/S</p> <p>2. A/C #714 "N"
Behlmer, R.L., Lt. ✓
Kelly, W.J., T/S
Ferguson, W.G., S/S</p> <p>3. A/C #711 "M"
McDonald, A.A., Lt. ✓
Shields, J.J., S/S
Epps, E.T., S/S</p> | <p>4. A/C #450 "S"
Campbell, M.J., Major ✓
Palin, W.H., Lt. ✓
Nielsen, J.O., S/S
Bender, G.J., S/S</p> <p>5. A/C #941 "U"
Boukamp, T., 1st Lt. ✓
Colosimo, R.J., S/S
Wing, J.S., S/S</p> <p>6. A/C #717 "N-1"
Street, M.S., Lt. ✓
Prindle, C.A., S/S
Huber, A.J., S/S</p> |
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FLIGHT II

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| <p>1. A/C #181 "A"
Sommers, H.L., Lt. ✓
Alden, S.F., S/S
Ballinger, R.L., S/S</p> <p>2. A/C #211 "C"
Roney, J.G., Major ✓
Worden, H.C., S/S
Sutliff, Lt.</p> <p>3. A/C #202 "B"
Peck, W.A., Lt. ✓
Bergeron, P.E., S/S
Kelton, H.E., S/S</p> | <p>4. A/C #189 "p"
Morton, R.J., Lt. ✓
Norton, C.Q., S/S
Citty, E.M., S/S</p> <p>5. A/C #226 "E"
Connor, J.S., 1st Lt. ✓
Rogers, J.L., S/S
Radlich, N., S/S</p> <p>6. A/C #390 "G"
Huff, Capt. ✓
Webb, C.L., S/S
Coffey, G.L., S/S</p> |
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FLIGHT III

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| <p>1. A/C #707 "H"
Dunn, L.F., Capt. ✓
Tanner, J.R.L., T/S
Russell, W.C., S/S</p> <p>2. A/C #699 "I"
Merchant, W.A., Lt. ✓
Harp, C.J., S/S
Brown, K.P., Sgt</p> <p>3. A/C #219 "D"
Cole, H.P., Lt. ✓
Sherry, V.N., S/S
Linneman, C.E., S/S</p> | <p>4. A/C #203 "A-1"
DeMand, F.W., Lt. ✓
Best, H.T., S/S <i>TROYER, R.J. S/S</i>
Middleton, C.W., S/S</p> <p>5. A/C #225 "G-1"
Smith, R.H., Lt. ✓
Corrin, E., S/S
Brower, J.S., S/S</p> <p>6. A/C #493 "V"
Adams, J.D., Lt. ✓
Wellin, H.E., S/S
Kutzer, L.G., Sgt</p> |
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BOX II
FLIGHT I

1. A/C #439 "J"
Meng, W.J., Major ✓
Powell, V.H., Lt. ✓
Stobert, R.F., S/S
Glynn, F.P., Sgt

2. A/C #227 "F"
Rooney, R.J., Lt. ✓
McGleary, H.M., S/S
DiNapoli, S.F., Sgt

3. A/C #680 "R"
Greene, W.J., Lt. ✓
Evans, O.D., S/S
Colbert, W.E., Sgt

4. A/C #455 "T"
Jackson, C.R., Lt. ✓
Conte, R., Lt. ✓
White, H.E., Sgt
Bonamo, A.J., S/S

5. A/C #689 "G"
Crispino, J.C., Lt. ✓
Walsh, T.I., S/S
Conopask, B.E., S/S

6. A/C #200 "A"
Johnson, E.L., Lt. ✓
Donahue, W.J., S/S
Brayn, M.R., Sgt

FLIGHT II

1. A/C #444 "J-1"
Price, R.F., Major ✓
Hand, A.R., 2nd Lt. ✓
Hume, J.N., S/S
Brown, F.E., S/S

2. A/C #74b "I"
Poindexter, R.D., Lt. ✓
Molver, V.E., Sgt
Yost, C.H., S/S

3. A/C #216 "E"
Ritchie, S.B., Lt. ✓
Newkirk, A.W., S/S
Anderson, E.A., S/S

4. A/C #223 "F-1"
Ebenstein, G., Lt. ✓
Newell, S.D., Pvt.
Perkins, H., S/S

5. A/C #182 "B"
Leshner, R.D., Lt. ✓
Antanaitis, A.J., S/S
Hedrick, H.R., S/S

6. A/C #195 "D"
Downing, W.E., Lt. ✓
Love, C.F., S/S
Adair, F.L., S/S

FLIGHT III

1. A/C #640 "Z"
Battersby, W., Capt. ✓
Maltby, A.H., Lt. ✓
Shaw, L.R., S/S
Gray, C.M., S/S

2. A/C #194 "C"
Kren, E.B., Lt. ✓
Damico, E.A., S/S
Dickenson, E.S., S/S

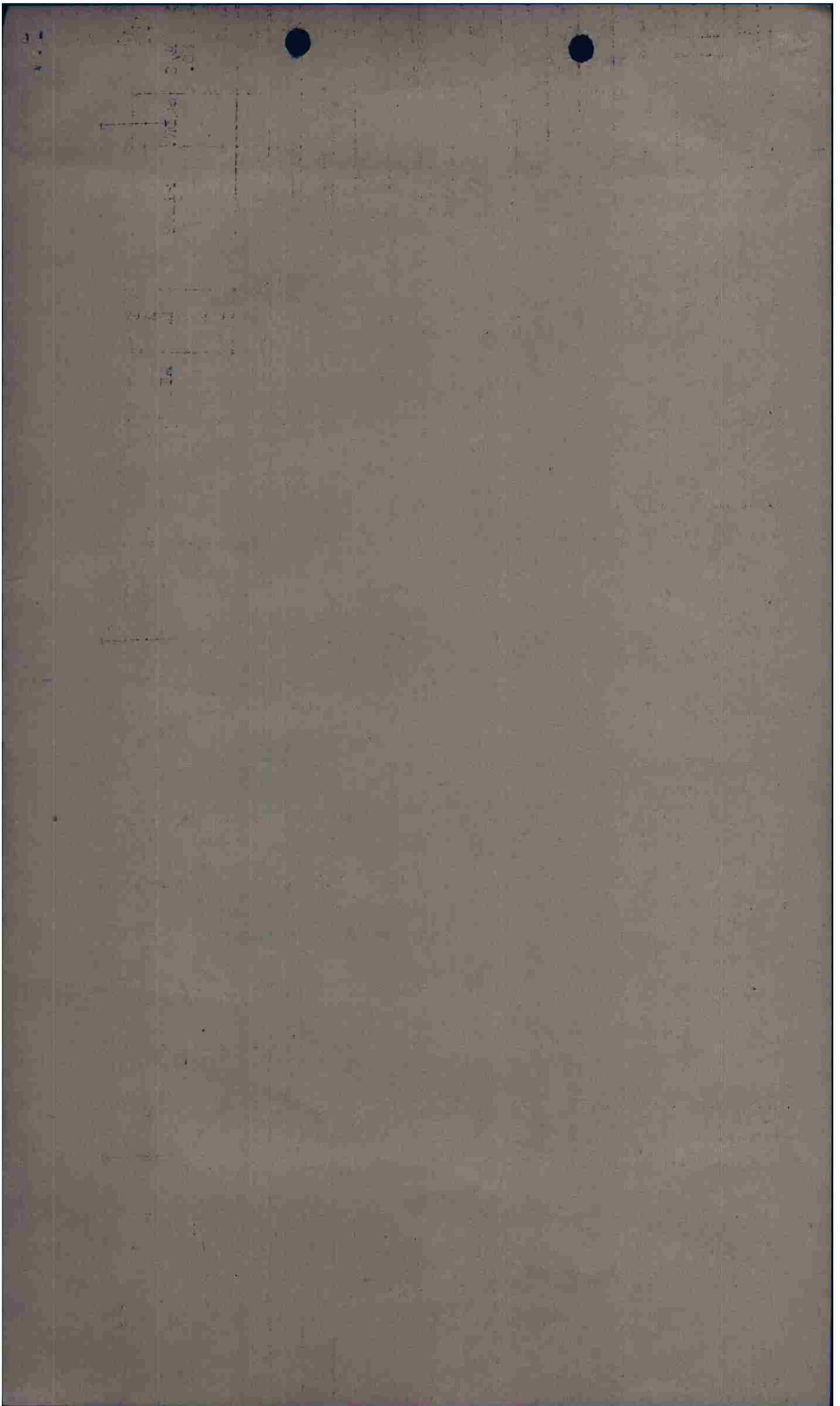
3. A/C #360 "S"
Miracle, R.V., Lt. ✓
Sieg, B.C., S/S
Burkhalter, J.C., S/S

4. A/C #684 "K"
Osborne, A.E., Lt. ✓
Kelly, E.E., S/S
Coe, W.H., S/S

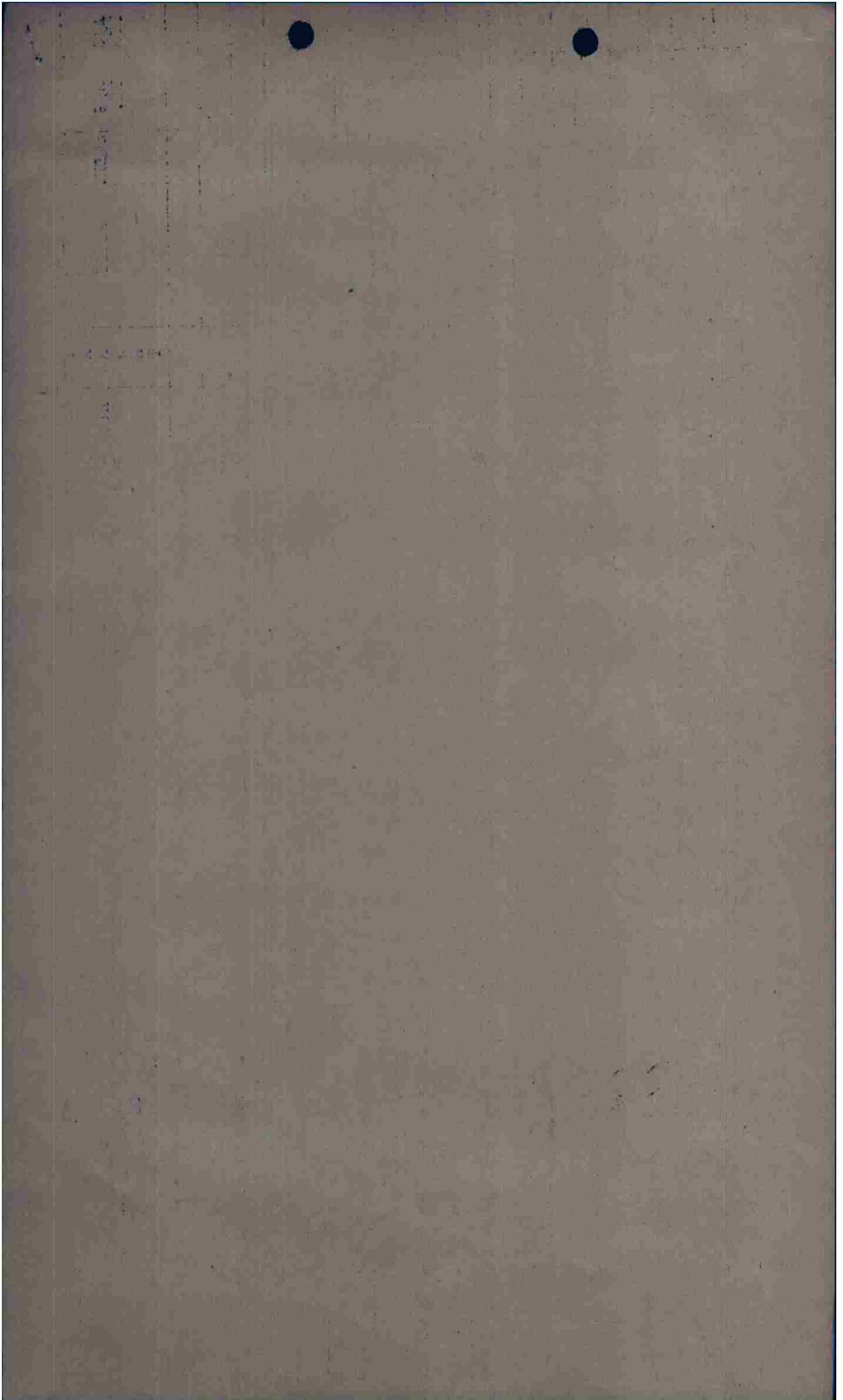
5. A/C #379 "G-1"
Bradford, B.H., Lt. ✓
McDonald, R.W., S/S
Orr, J.R., SSgt

6. A/C #701 "H"
Farmer, W.W., Major ✓
McClellan, A., Capt. ✓
Ochaba, J.S., Sgt

MISSION OF Box I																NUMBER-9	
MARCH 26, 1944																	
A/C LTR	A/C NO.	SCDN.	PILOT	I A R G E E T	ATO	ENGLISH COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN	C A M E R A	FUEL	BOHB LOAD	N D U R.	LAND TIME	REMARKS	
X	914	DX	FORD	IRACQUE RIETTE	1314	1400' 14,000' HASTINGS	1411' 14,000' DURCH SUR MER	1416	1424 14,000 mi. S. HARDEN	1433 14,000' DURCH RESS	HQ	725	4X500 G.R.	4	1459		
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M	711	DX	MCDONALD		1314										1501		
S	450	DX	CAMPBELL		1315										1503		
V	941	DX	BOUXAMP		1315										1502		
N-1	717	DX	STREET		1315										1504		
A	181	DX	SOMMERS		1316										1506		
C	211	DX	RONEY		1316										1507		
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G	390	DX	HUFF		1317										1509		
H	707	DX	DUNN		1318										1516		
I	699	DX	MERCHANT		1318										1512		
D	219	DX	COLE		1319										1513		
R-1	203	DX	DEMAND		1319										1510		
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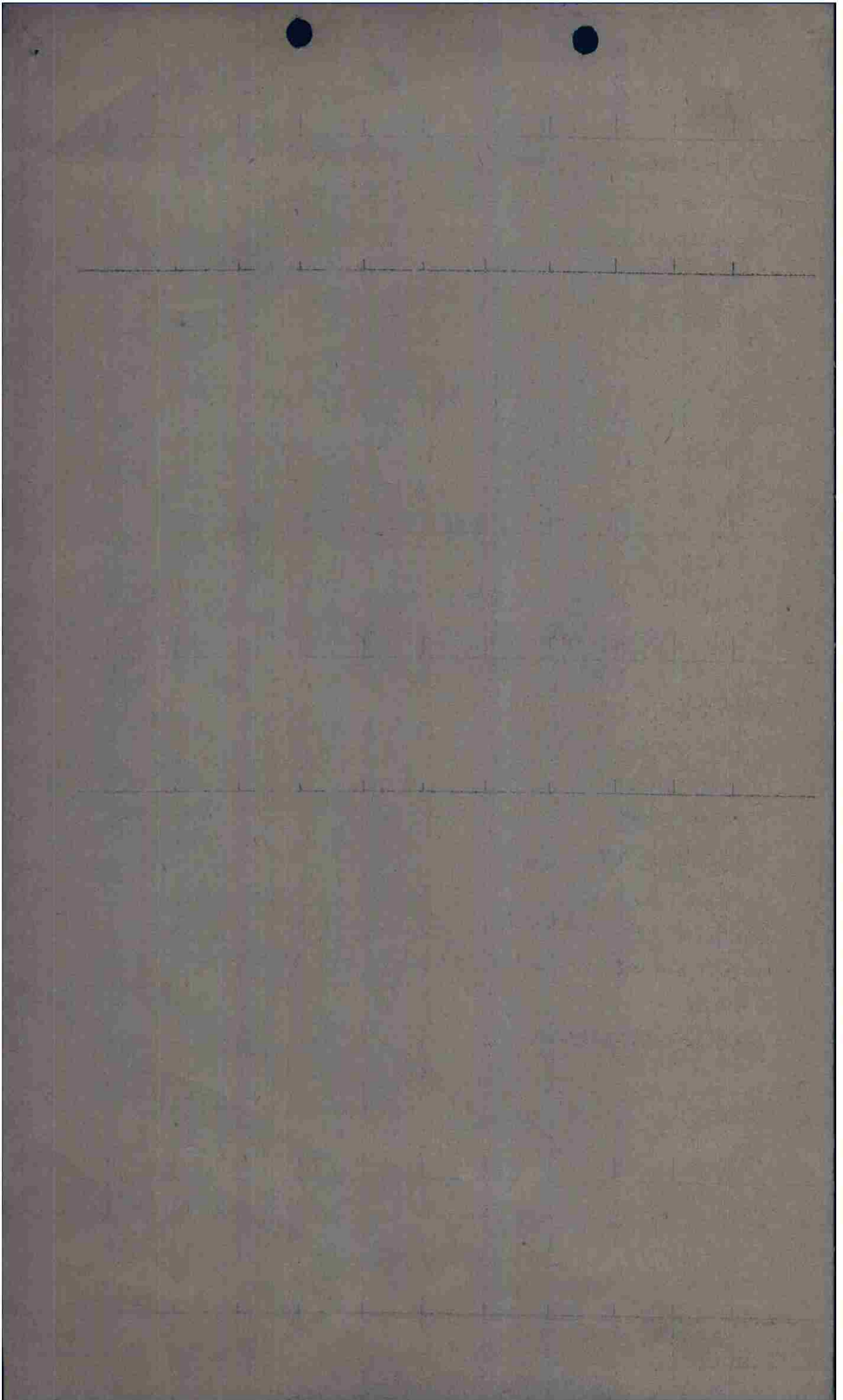


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MARCH 26, 1944																
A/C LTR	A/C NO.	SCDN.	PILOT	TARGET	ATO	ENGLISH COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENGLISH COAST IN	AMFRA	FUEL	BOMB LOAD	END U R.	LAND TIME	REMARKS
J	439	CX	MENG	VR000-RIETIE	1320	1400' 12,000' HASTINGS	1411' 12,000' BURN SURMER	1416	1424' 12,000' HASTINGS	1433' 9,000' DIVERNESS	HC	725	44500 G.R.	4	1514	
F	227	CX	ROONEY		1320										1515	
B	680	CX	GREENE		1320										1515	
I	455	CX	JACKSON		1320										1516	
G	689	CX	CRISPINO		1321										1517	
H	200	CX	JOHNSON		1321										1517	
J-1	444	AX	PRICE		1321										1518	
I	745	AX	POINDEXTER		1321										1519	
E	216	AX	RITCHIE		1321										1520	
F-1	223	AX	EBENSTEIN		1322										1521	
B	182	AX	LESHER		1322										1521	
D	195	AX	DOWNING		1322										1522	
Z	640	AX	BATTERSBY		1323										1525	
C	194	AX	KREH		1323										1526	
S	360	AX	MIRACLE		1323										1526	
K	684	AX	OSBORNE		1324										1527	
G-1	379	AX	BRADFORD		1324										1527	
H	701	AX	FARMER		1324										1528	
C	387	H-1	HILL		1325										1347	
C	224	E-1	HEWES		1325										1342	



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SHIP NO	SQUADRON	PILOT and/or BOMBARDIER	GUNNER'S	HAZARDIONS	CAUSES OF MALFUNCTIONS
219	D	Cole		Remanative release of bombs when doors opened.	Faulty bomb valve release relay. Has been replaced with serviceable unit.
225	D	Smith		No. 3 bomb rack failed to release	Release solenoid turned out;
181	B	Armstrong		No. 2 bomb rack failed to release	Heavy braces too tight on bomb causing binding in release mechanism.
211	B	Roney	WORDEN SUTLIF	Left bomb gun wouldn't charge	Apparent gunner error. Gunner was thoroughly checked and found to function properly.
216	A	Britcher		No. 3 bomb rack failed to release.	Apparent pilot error. Selector switch was not completely in selective position.
182	A	Shaker		Remanative release of No. 1 bomb rack valve doors were closed.	Faulty release unit.
212					
214					

William A. McDonald
Capt. H.C.
Commandant of Base



COG V YAA YAA 22/26

FROM CODOMGR 416 26/1700A

TO CG IX BOMCOM

ATT: COM O

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R-524-J

A - YS - 10

B - 26 MARCH 1944 1320 - 1450

C - 668 (12) B C D E F I G H I J K S Z

669 (9) A B C E G P S U N I

670 (6) A F G J R T

671 (9) A I G G I H I M N W X

D - 671 H - CHANNEL A INOPERATIVE, OUT OF TUNE.

E - NONE

F - NOT APPLICABLE

G - NOT APPLICABLE

H - NOT APPLICABLE

I - VERY SATISFACTORY

J - NOT APPLICABLE

K - NONE

L - 671 X - TO PARADE "MISSION COMPLETE RETURNING TO BASE".

M - 671 X - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ABOVE MESSAGE FROM PARADE.

N - NONE

O - GOOD RADIO PERFORMANCE.

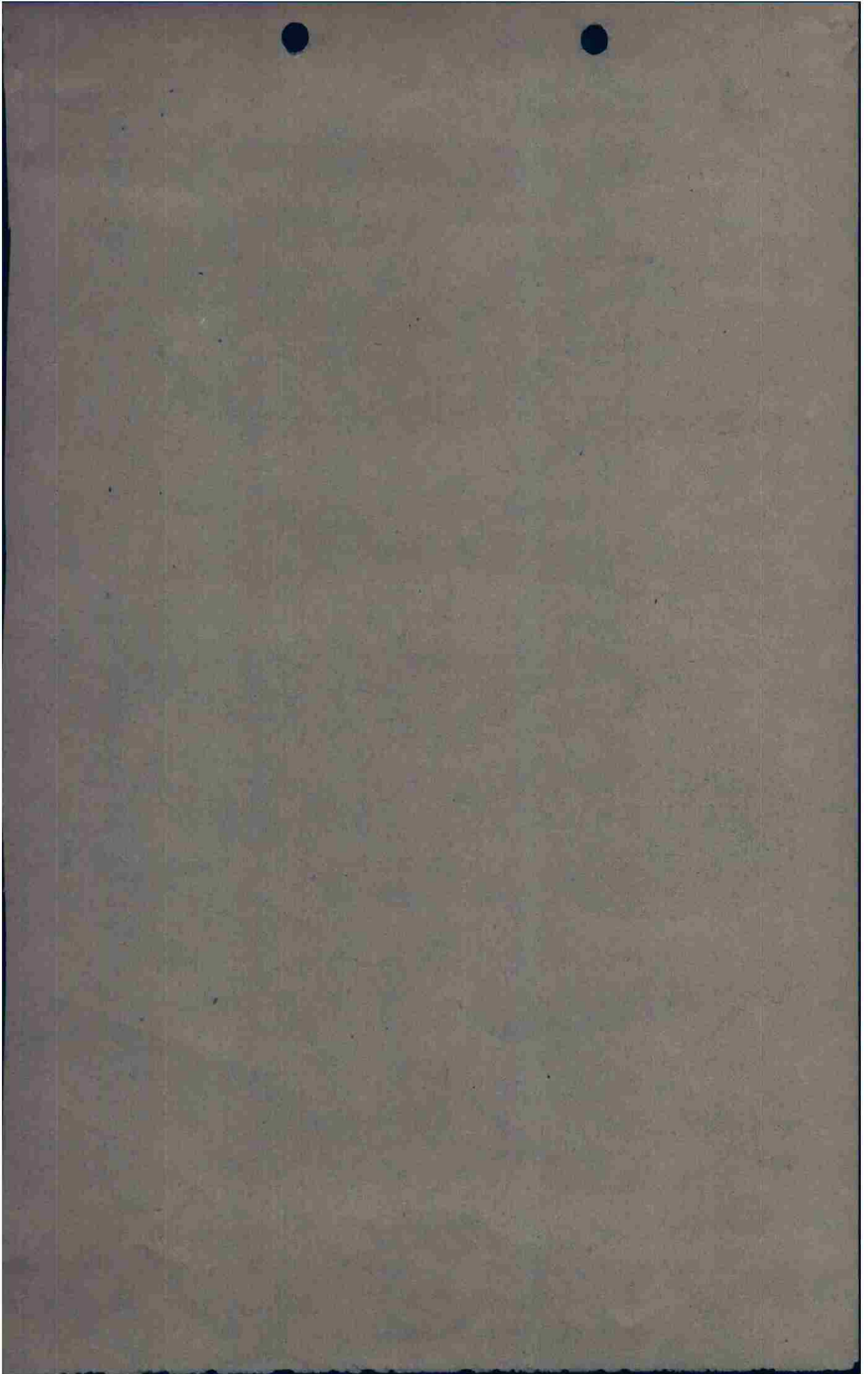
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OICOG HAK V YAA 28/26 P

FROM 416TH BOM GROUP (L) 262015A

TO IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICERS
97TH BOMBAT WING

CONFIDENTIAL BT

R-533-D

A-. 416 BG F.O. 250

B. 36 A-20'S

C. 1335-1416-1528

D. 35

E. 12,000 FEET

F. 136 X 500 G.P.

G. 3 X 500 G.P. IN CHANNEL

H. 3 X 500 G.P.

I. ONE DUE TO MECHANICAL ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ MALFUNCTION
OF BOMB RELEASE MECHANISM DURING BOMB BAY DOOR
CHECK OVER CHANNEL ON ROUTE IN

J. NIL

K. 0-0-0

L. 0-0-0

M

(A) NIL

(B) NIL

(C) EXCELLENT SUPPORT

(D) TRAIN HEADED NORTHWEST FROM MONTREVIL 30 TO 40
FREIGHT CAR SOUTHWEST OF BERCK-SUR-MER. 15 TO 30
FREIGHT CARS STOPPED ON TRACK AT DANNES.

3 STEAM SHOVELS ON HIGHWAY EAST OF BURCK-SUR-MER.

NE 3 IRREGULAR CONCRETE INSTALLATION UNDER CONSTRUCTION
NORTHEAST OF LE TOUQUET NEAR CAMIERS, EXXX PERIMETER
ROAD AROUND SITE . 2 LARGE AND SEVERAL SMALL
GUN EMPLACEMENTS TWO MILES NORTHEAST OF NAMPORT.
TWO GUN EMPLACEMENTS NEAR COAST NORTH OF BERCK-
SUR-MER.

TWO SHIPS AT ANCHOR NEAR LE CROTOY.

N. CLEAR SKY WITH VISIBILITY 8 TO 10 MILES OVER TARGET.
NO LOW CLOUDS ON ROUTE.

O. NIL

P. FIRST BOX : HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF BURSTS IN EXCELLENT
PATTERN ON TARGET.
SECOND BOX: CLOSE CONCENTRATION DIRECTLY SOUTHWEST
OF MPL. TXXX PHOTOS TAKEN.

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Q. NIL

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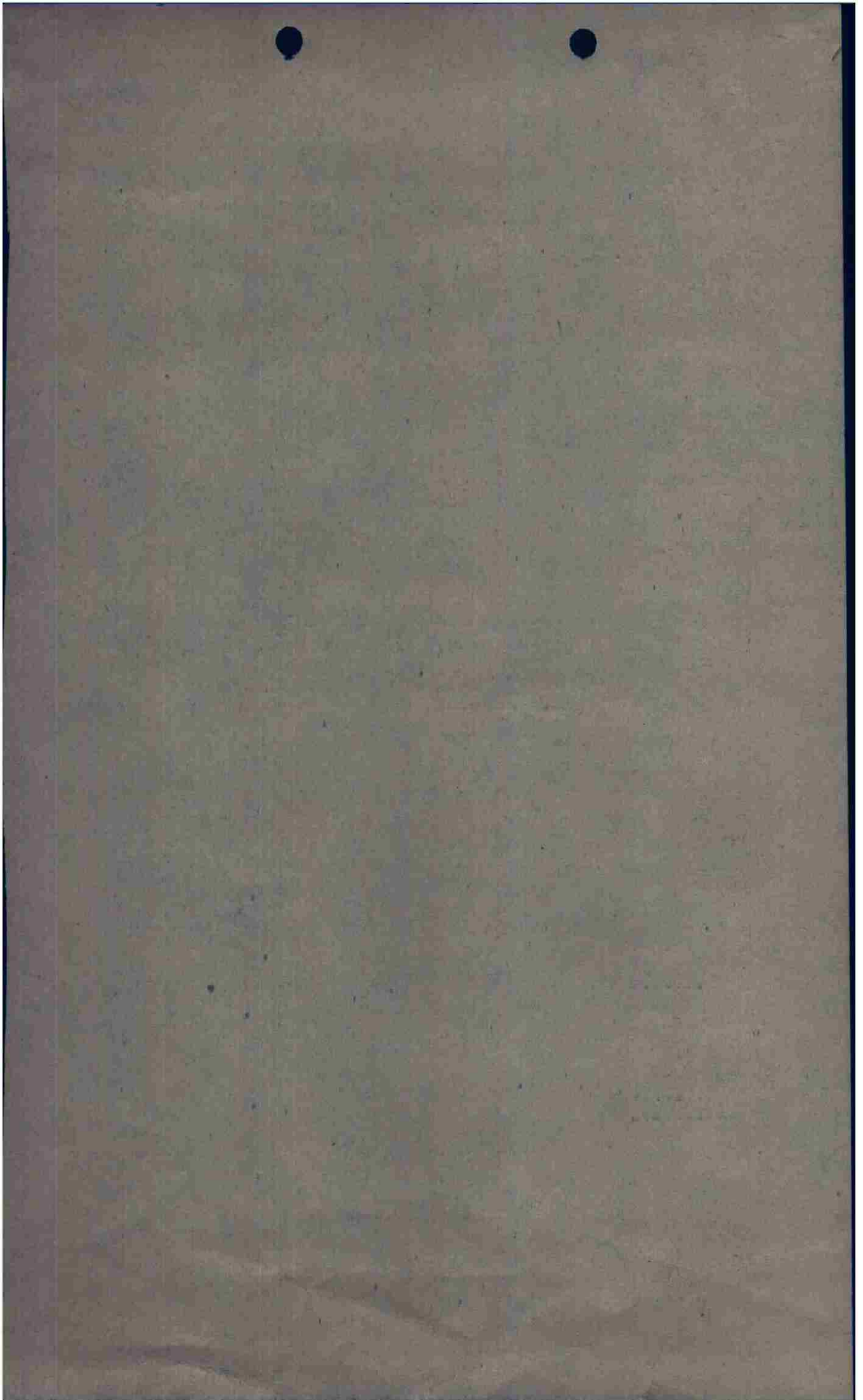
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FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 260514A 9BC R2468E
TO: COBOMGP 322, 323, 386, 387, 344, 391, 416, 394
COCBTWIG 98, 99, 97
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SASO 11 GROUP RAF

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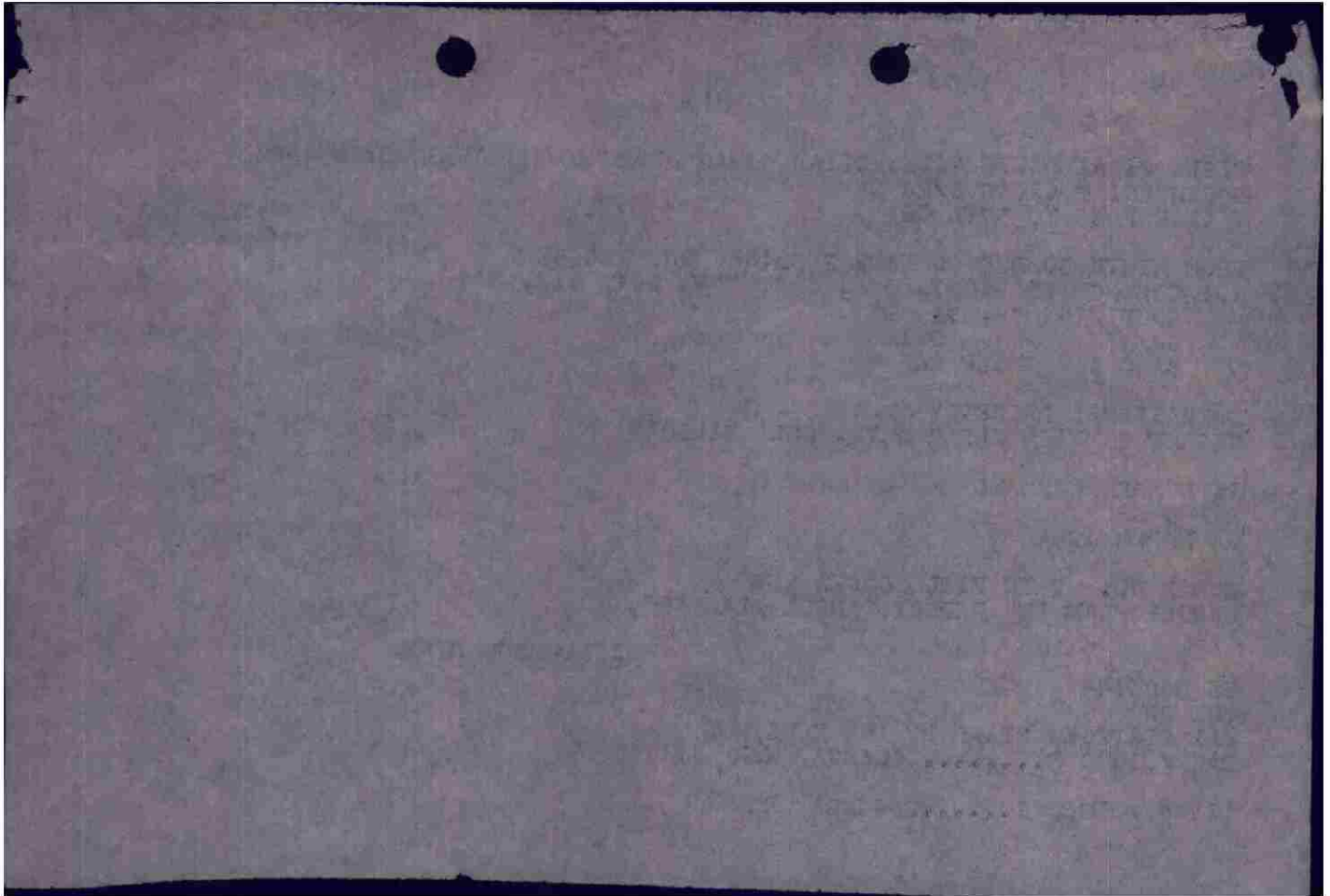
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A P O 638
26 MARCH 1944

ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER 250
CANCEL PLAN "B" REPEAT VANCEL PLAN "B".

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(4) M/F D/F SECTION: N/N
 N. 323 GROUP:
 (1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: PACIF
 S (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 49/49
 (3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 49/49
 (4) M/F D/X SECTION: H/H

O. 394 GROUP:
 QL BOMBER CALL SIGN: UGAND
 (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 49XX 59/59
 EL VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NKMBEG 59/59
 (4) M/F D/F SECTION: HQXH

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X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- (1) WEATHER CODE: AVBT
- (2) EMERGENCY HOMING: TO BRADWELL BAY ON VHF CHANNEL D/D
 C/S: GANGPLANK
- (3) SPLASHER BEACONS: RX 4A, 5G, 6C, 7D, 8E, 9F, 10B, 11H, 16I
 FOR ENTIRE MISSION.
- (4) GEE INFORMATION: GRADE A.
 EASTERN WYOMING
 SOUTHERN CAROLINA
 FOR ENTIRE MISSION.
- (5) BOX LEADERS OR DEPUTY WILL REPORT ON VHF CHANNEL C
 AFTER LEAVING TARGET AREA.

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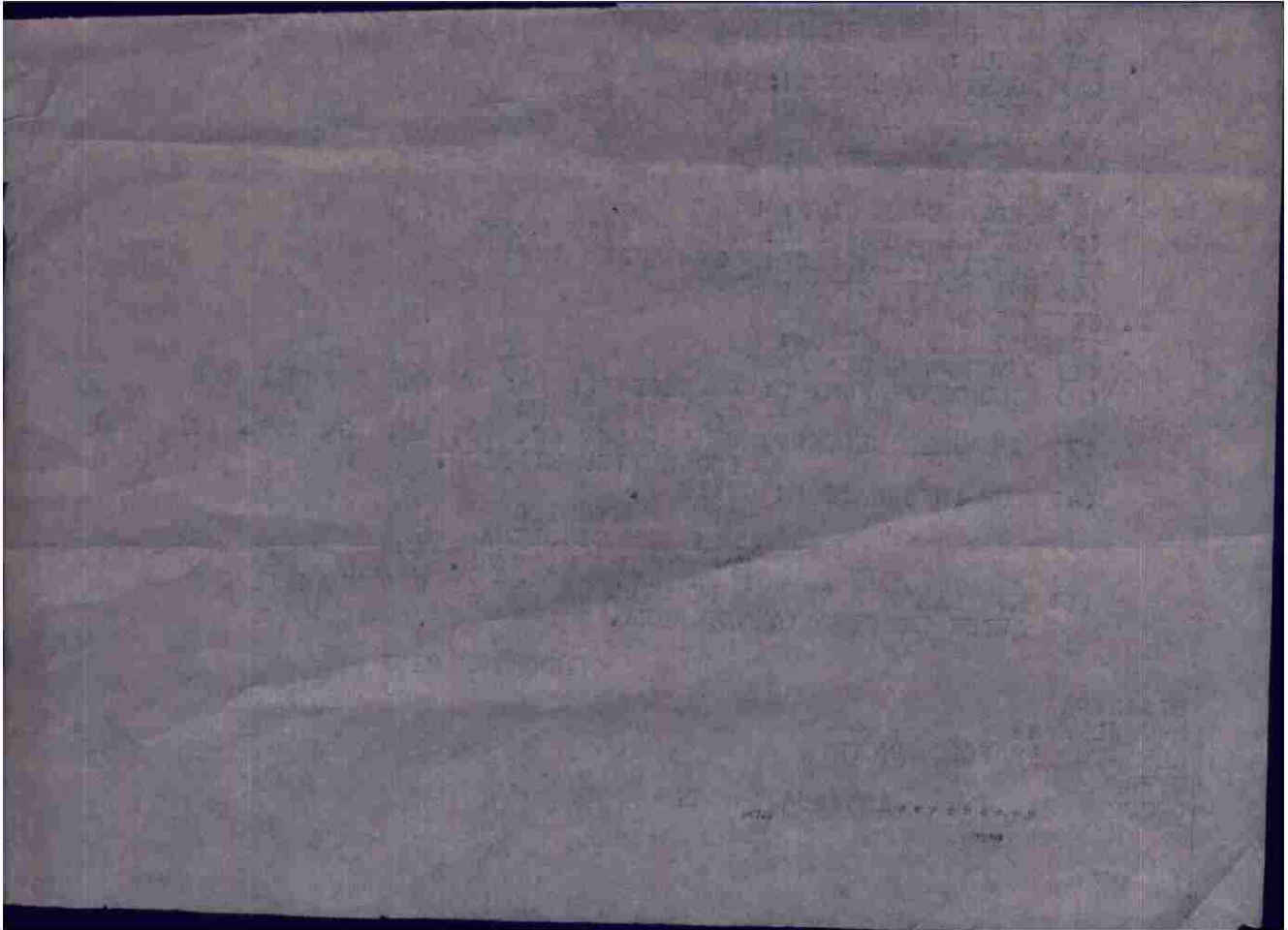
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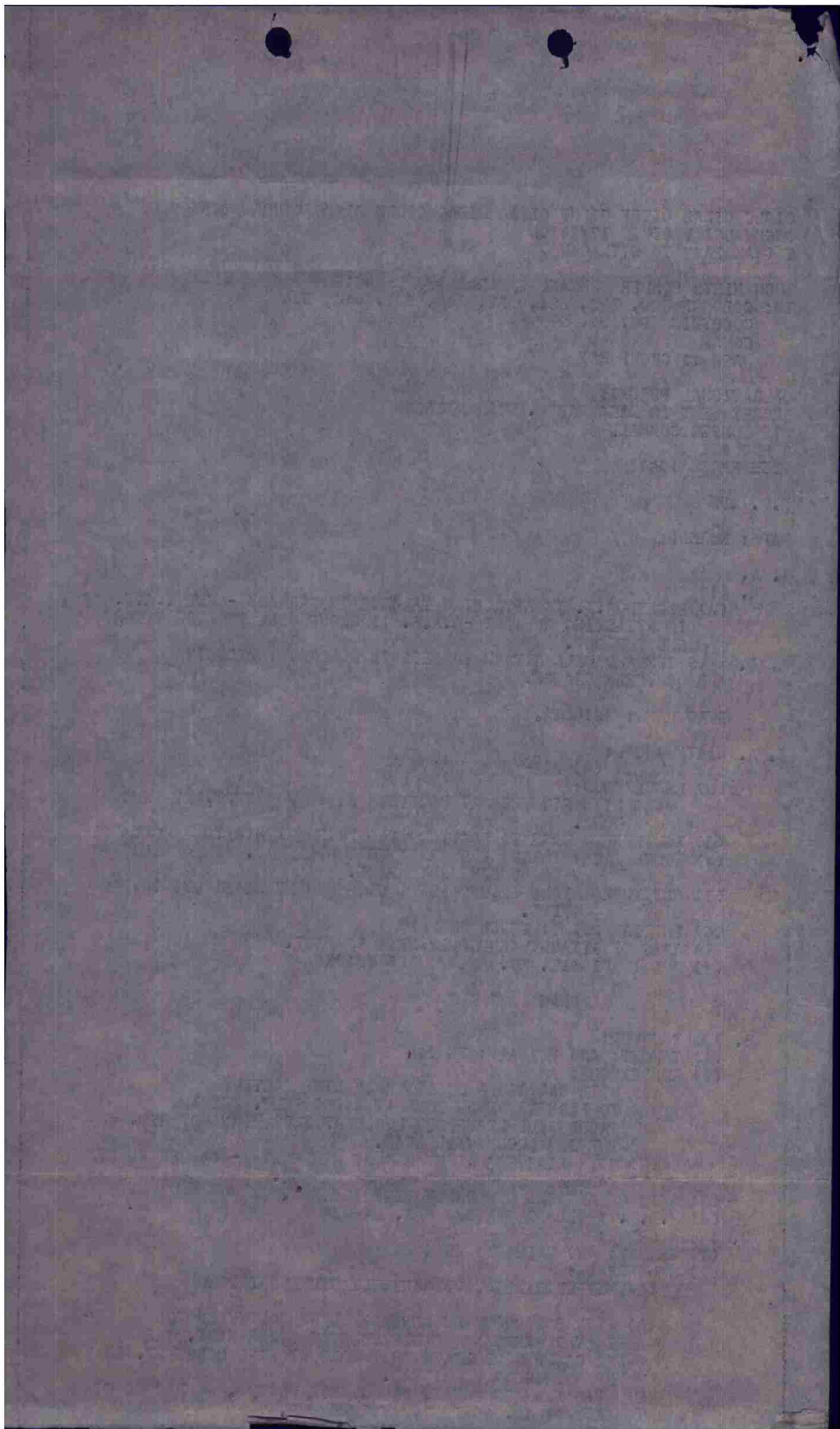
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- (3) ZXX AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY WEST TO EAST.
 (4) M.P.I. : ILL NO S5351/8 REF 016034
 D. 387TH GROUP:
 (1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: ZH 1001
 (2) RENDEZVOUS:
 (A) WITH FIGHTERS AT 57 DEG 27 MIN NORTH - 04 DEG 00 MIN
 EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 10 MIN.
 (3) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY WEST TO EAST.
 (4) M.P.I. : ILL NO S5351/8 REF 016034
 D. 386TH GROUP:
 (1) XXXXXX

- E. 386TH GROUP:
 (1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY : ZH 1001
 (2) RENDEZVOUS:
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- E. 386TH GROUP:
 (1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY ; ZH 1001
 (2) RENDEZVOUS:
 (A) WITH 391 GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE SOUTHWOLD TO FIGHTER
 RENDEZVOUS AT 8,000 FEET. THE 386 GROUP WILL LEAVE
 SOUTHWOLD AT ZERO MINUS 2 MIN. THE 386 GROUP WILL
 LEAD.
 (B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 57 DEG 27 MIN NORTH - 04 DEG 00 MIN
 EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 25 MIN.
 (3) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY WEST TO EAST.
 (4) M.P.I. : ILL NO S5351/8 REF 016034
 F. 391ST GROUP:
 (1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: ZH 1001
 (2) RENDEZVOUS:
 (A) WITH 386 GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE SOUTHWOLD TO FIGHTER
 RENDEZVOUS AT 8,000 FEET. THE 386 GROUP WILL LEAVE
 SOUTHWOLD AT ZERO MINUS 2 MIN. THE 386TH GROUP WILL
 LEAD.
 (B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 57 DEG 27 MIN NORTH - 04 DEG 00 MIN
 EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 25 MIN.
 (3) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY WEST TO EAST.
 (4) M.P.I. ILL NO S5351/8 REF 016034
 G. 323RD GROUP:
 (1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: ZH 1001
 XXXXXXXXXX

- G. 323RB GROUP:
 (1) TARGET: A) PRIMARY: ZH 1001
 (2) RENDEZVOUS:
 (A) WITH 394 GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE SOUTHWOLD TO FIGHTER
 RENDEZVOUS AT 8,000 FEET. THE 323 GROUP WILL LEAVE
 SOUTHWOLD UT ZERO PLUS 13 MIN. THE 323 GROUP WILL LEAD
 (B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 57 DEG 27 MIN NORTH - 04 DEG 00
 MIN EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 40 MIN.
 (3) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY WEST TO EAST.
 (4) M.P.I. : ILL NO S5351/8 REF 016034
 H. 394 GROUP:
 (1) TARGET: (A) ZH1001
 (2) RENDEZVOUS: (A) WITH 323 GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE SOUTHWOLD
 TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AT 8,000 FEET.

ZERO PLUS 13 MIN. THE 323 GROUP WILL LEAD
 (B) WITH FIGHTER AT 57 DEG 27 MIN. N.
 04 DEG. 00 MIN AT 12,000 FEET, AT
 ZERO PLUS 40 MIN.

(3) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY WEST TO EAST.
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(4) M.P.M. : ILL NO S5351I REF :16034
 PLAN B.

I. 387 GROUP:

- (1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: Z 3069
- (2) RENDEZVOUS:
 - (A) WITH FIGHTERS AT HASTING AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 10 MIN.
- (3) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO HASTINGS TO BERCH-SUR-MER TO TARGET.
- (4) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO FOUR MILES SOUTH OF HARDELOT, TO DUNGENESS TO BASE.
- (5) INITIAL POINT: BERCH-SUR-MER
- (6) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY WEST TO EAST.
- (7) M.P.I. : ILLUSTRATION NO A/7/4 REF 030032

J. 322 GROUP:

- (1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: ZB 892
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ KB) SECONDARY: ZB 909
- (2) RENDEZVOUS:
 - (A) WITH 344 GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE NORTH FORELAND TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AT 12,000 FEET. THE 322 GROUP WILL LEAVE NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO MINUS SIX MIN. THE 322 GROUP WILL LEAD.
 - (B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 51 DEG 20 MIN NORTH, 02 DEG 00 MIN EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO HOUR.
- (3) INITIAL POINT: 50 DEG 18 MIN NORTH - 04 DEG 25 MIN EAST.
- (4) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTH EAST.
- (5) M.P. I. : ILLUSTRATION NO S5242/1 REF 046032
- (6) RALLY POINT: THREE MILES NORTH OF NIVELLES

K. 344 GROUP:

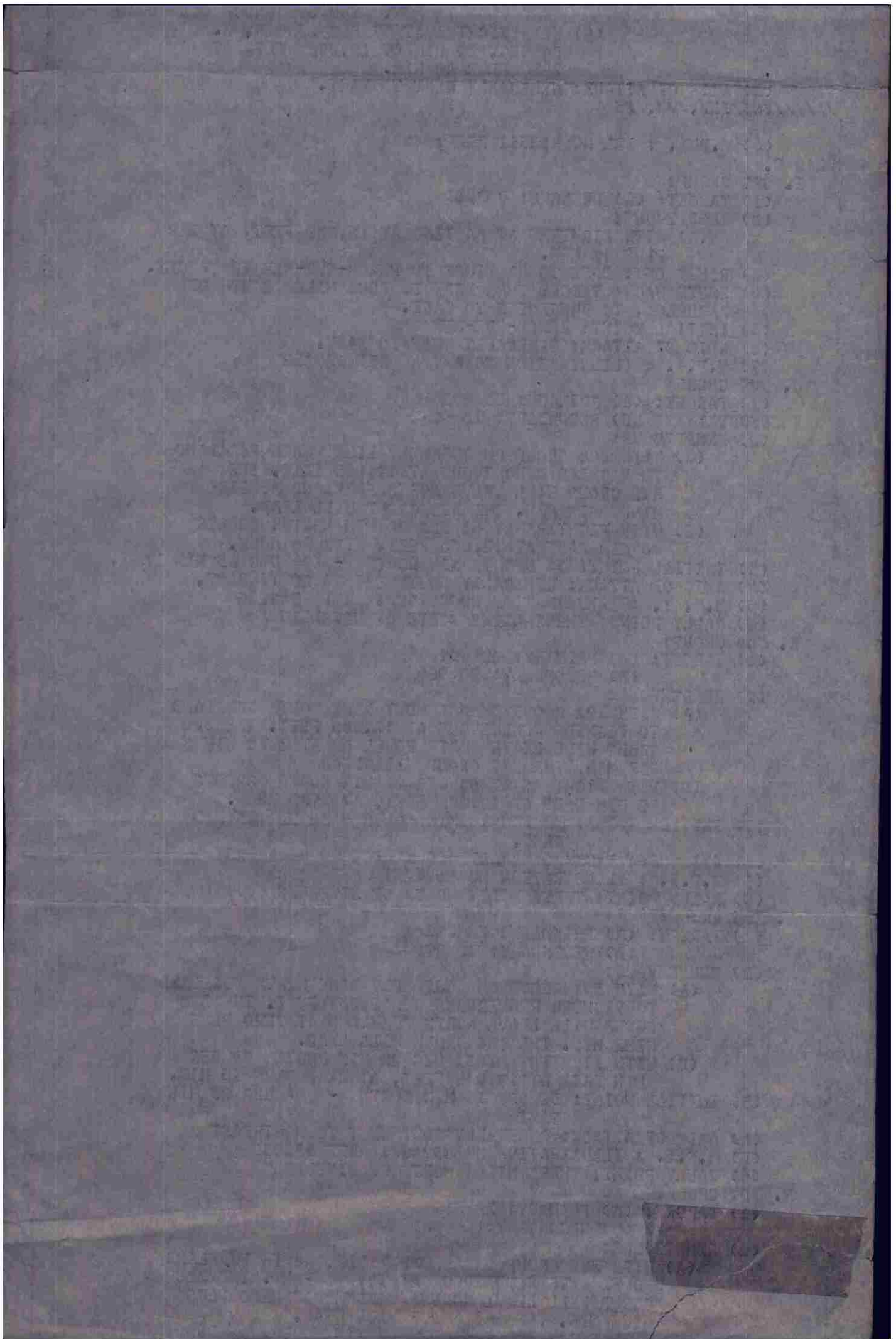
- (1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: ZB 892
 (B) SECONDARY: ZB 909
- (2) RENDEZVOUS:
 - (A) WITH 322 GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE NORTH FORELAND TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AT 12,000 FEET. THE 322 GROUP WILL LEAVE NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO MINUS SIX MIN. THE 322 GROUP WILL LEAD
 - (B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 51 DEG 20 MIN NORTH 02 DEG 00 MIN EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO HOUR.
- (3) INITIAL POINT: 50 DEG 18 MIN NORTH - 04 DEG 25 MIN EAST.
- (4) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST
- (5) M.P.I. : ILLUSTRATION NO S5242/1 REF 043035
- (6) RALLY POINT: THREE MILES NORTH OF NIVELLES

L. 386 GROUP:

- (1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: ZB 892
 (B) SECONDARY: ZB 909
- (2) RENDEZVOUS:
 - (A) WITH 391 GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE NORTH FORELAND TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AT 12,000 FEET. THE 386 GROUP WILL LEAVE NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO PLUS NINE MIN. THE 386 GROUP WILL LEAD.
 - (B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 51 DEG 20 MIN NORTH 02 DEG 00 MIN EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 15 MIN.
- (3) INITIAL POINT: 50 DEG 18 MIN NORTH - 04 DEG 25 MIN EAST
- (4) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST
- (5) M.P.I. : ILLUSTRATION NO S5242/1 REF 053035
- (6) RALLY POINT: THREE MILES NORTH OF NIVELLES

M. 391 GROUP:

- (1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: ZB 892
 (B) SECONDARY: ZB 909
- (2) RENDEZVOUS:
 - (A) WITH 386 GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE NORTH FORELAND TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AT 12,000 FEET. THE 386 GROUP WILL LEAVE NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO PLUS NINE MIN. THE 386 GROUP WILL LEAD.
 - (B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 51 DEG 20 MIN NORTH, 02 DEG

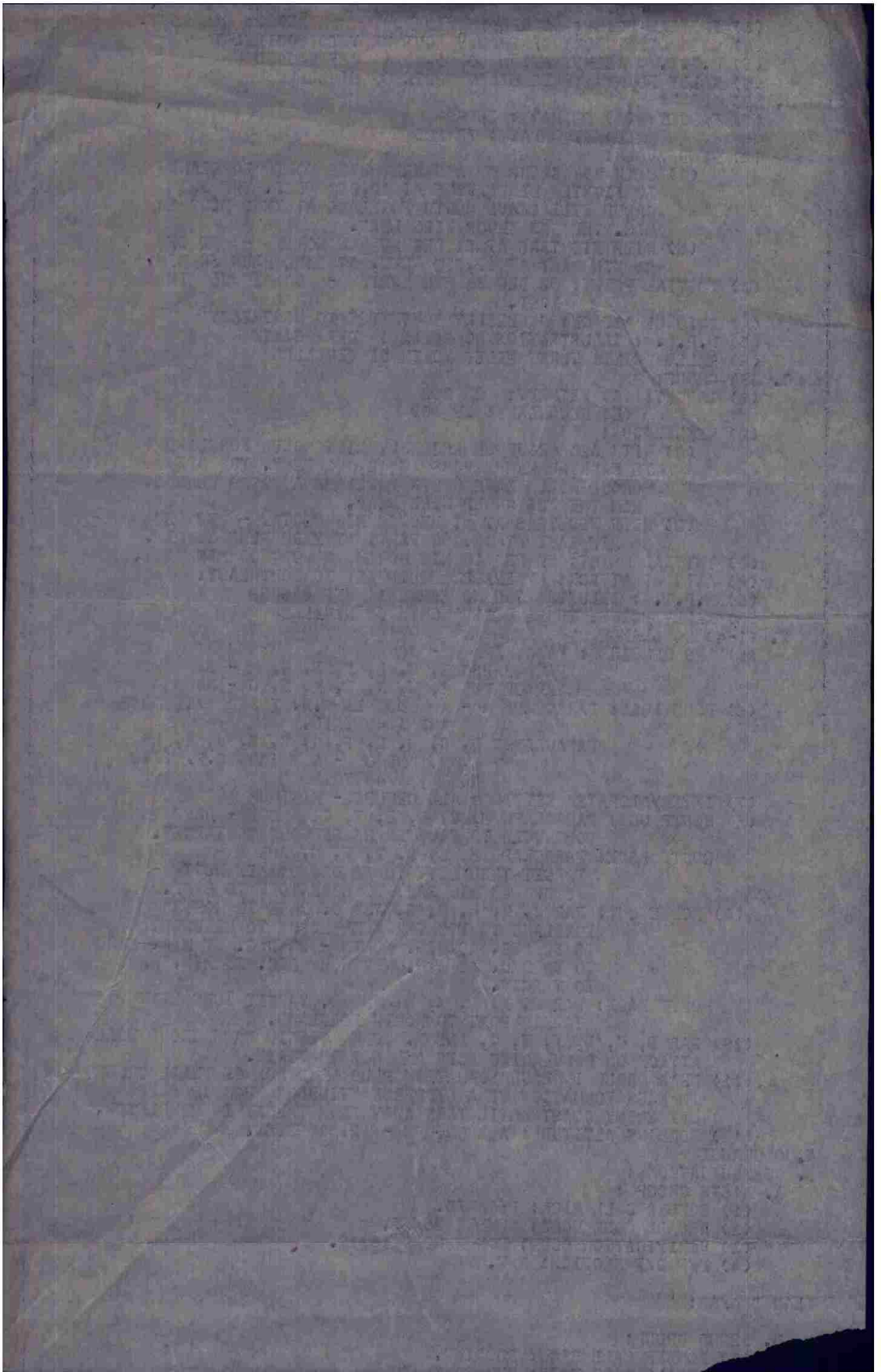


- (3) INITIAL POINT: 50 DEG 18 MIN NORTH 04 DEG 25 MIN EAST.
 (4) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST
 (5) M.P.I. : ILLUSTRATION NO S5242/1 REF 049035
 (6) RALLY POINT: THREE MILES NORTH OF NIVELLES
- N. 323 GROUP:
- (1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: ZB 892
 (B) SECONDARY: ZB 909
 (2) RENDEZVOUS:
 (A) WITH 394 GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE NORTH FORELAND TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AT 12,000 FEET. THE 323 GROUP WILL LEAVE NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO PLUS 24 MIN. THE 323 GROUP WILL LEAD.
 (B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 51 DEG 20 MIN NORTH - 02 DEG 00 MIN EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 30 MIN.
 (3) INITIAL POINT: 50 DEG 18 MIN NORTH - 04 DEG 25 MIN EAST.
 (4) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST
 (5) M.P.I. : ILLUSTRATION NO S5242/1 REF 051038
 (6) RALLY POINT: THREE MILES NORTH OF VIVELLES
- O. 394 GROUP:
- (1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: ZB 892
 (B) SECONDARY: ZB 909
 (2) RENDEZVOUS:
 (A) WITH 323 GROUP ON ASSEMBLY LINE NORTH FORELAND TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AT 12,000 FEET. THE 323 GROUP WILL LEAVE NORTH FORELAND AT ZERO PLUS 24 MIN THE 323 GROUP WILL LEAD.
 (B) WITH FIGHTERS AT 51 DEG 20 MIN NORTH - 02 DEG 00 MIN EAST AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO PLUS 30 MIN.
 (3) INITIAL POINT: 50 DEG 18 MIN NORTH 04 DEG 25 MIN EAST.
 (4) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST.
 (5) M.P.I. : ILLUSTRATION NO S5242/1 REF 046039
 (6) RALLY POINT: THREE MILES NORTH OF NIVELLES
- X. (1-4) NO CHANGE
- (5) A/C REQUIRED: PARAGRAPH A - 36
 PARAGRAPHS B, C, D, E, F, G, H - 54
 PARAGRAPHS I, J, K, L, M, N, O - 36
 (6) BOMB LOAD: PARAGRAPH A - 4 X 500 LB G.P. FUSED 1/10 NOSE AND 1/40 TAIL.
 PARAGRAPHS B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, AND O - 4 X 1000 G.P. 1/10 NOSE, 1/40 TAIL
 (7) INTERVALOMETER SETTING: ALL GROUPS - MINIMUM
 (8) ROUTE OUT: PARAGRAPH B, C, D, E, F, G, AND H - BASE TO SOUTHWOLD TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO TARGET.
 ROUTE BACK: PARAGRAPH B, C, D, E, F, G, AND H - TARGET TURN LEFT TO 52 DEG 35 MIN NORTH - 03 DEG 43 MIN EAST TO LOWESTOFT TO BASE.
 (9) ROUTE OUT: PAR J, K, L, M, N, AND O. BASE TO NORTH FORELAND TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO NIEUPOORT TO 50 DEG. 40 MIN. NORTH - 03 DEG. 57 MIN. EAST TO 50 DEG. 18 MIN. NORTH 04 DEG. 25 MIN. EAST TO TARGET.
 ROUTE BACK: PAR J, K, L, M, N, AND O. TARGET TURN LEFT TO NIEUPOORT TO NORTH FORELAND.
 (10) PAR B, C, D, E, F, G, AND H. BOXES WITHIN EACH GROUP WILL ATTACK ON CONVERGING AXES AND NOT IN TRAIL.
 (11) LEAD GROUP IN EACH FORMATION PLUS LEAD BOX OF TRAIL GROUP IN EACH FORMATION WILL DISPERSE "WINDOW" FROM 10 MILES OFF ENEMY COAST UNTIL TURN AWAY FROM TARGET IS COMPLETED.
 (12) BOMBING ALTITUDE: ALL GROUPS - 12,000 FEET.
4. NO CHANGE
5. COMMUNICATIONS:
- A. 416TH GROUP:
- (1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: PYRAMID.
 (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 25/25.
 (3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 19/19.
 (4) M/F D/F SECTION: N/N.

PLAN "A/A" :

B. 322ND GROUP:

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: PUDDING.



(2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 38/38.
 INIGATIONXXXXXXXXX

(3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 38/38.
 (4) M/F D/F SECTION: G/G.

C. 344TH GROUP:

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: BOXLY.
 (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 39/39.
 (3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 39/39.
 (4) M/F D/F SECTION: G/G.

D. 387TH GROUP:

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: AMFLY.
 (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 40/40.
 (3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 40/40.
 (4) M/F D/F SECTION: G/G.

E. 386TH GROUP:

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: MEATPASTE.
 (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 41/41.
 (3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 41/41.
 (4) M/F D/F SECTION: G/G.

F. 391ST GROUP:

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: LAMPOST.
 (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 47/47.
 (3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 47/47.
 (4) M/F D/F SECTION: G/G.

G. 323RD GROUP:

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: PACIF.
 (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 49/49.
 (3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 49/49.
 (4) M/F D/F SECTION: G/G.

H. 394TH GROUP:

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: UGAND.
 (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 59/59.
 (3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 59/59.
 (4) M/F D/F SECTION: G/G.

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I. 387TH GROUP:

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: AMFLY.
 (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 40/40.
 (3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 40/40.
 (4) M/F D/F SECTION: N/N.

J. 322 GROUP:

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: PUDDING.
 (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 38/38.
 (3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 38/38.
 (4) M/F D/F SECTION: H/H.

K. 344 GROKP:

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: BOXLY.
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 (4) M/F D/F SECTION: H/H.

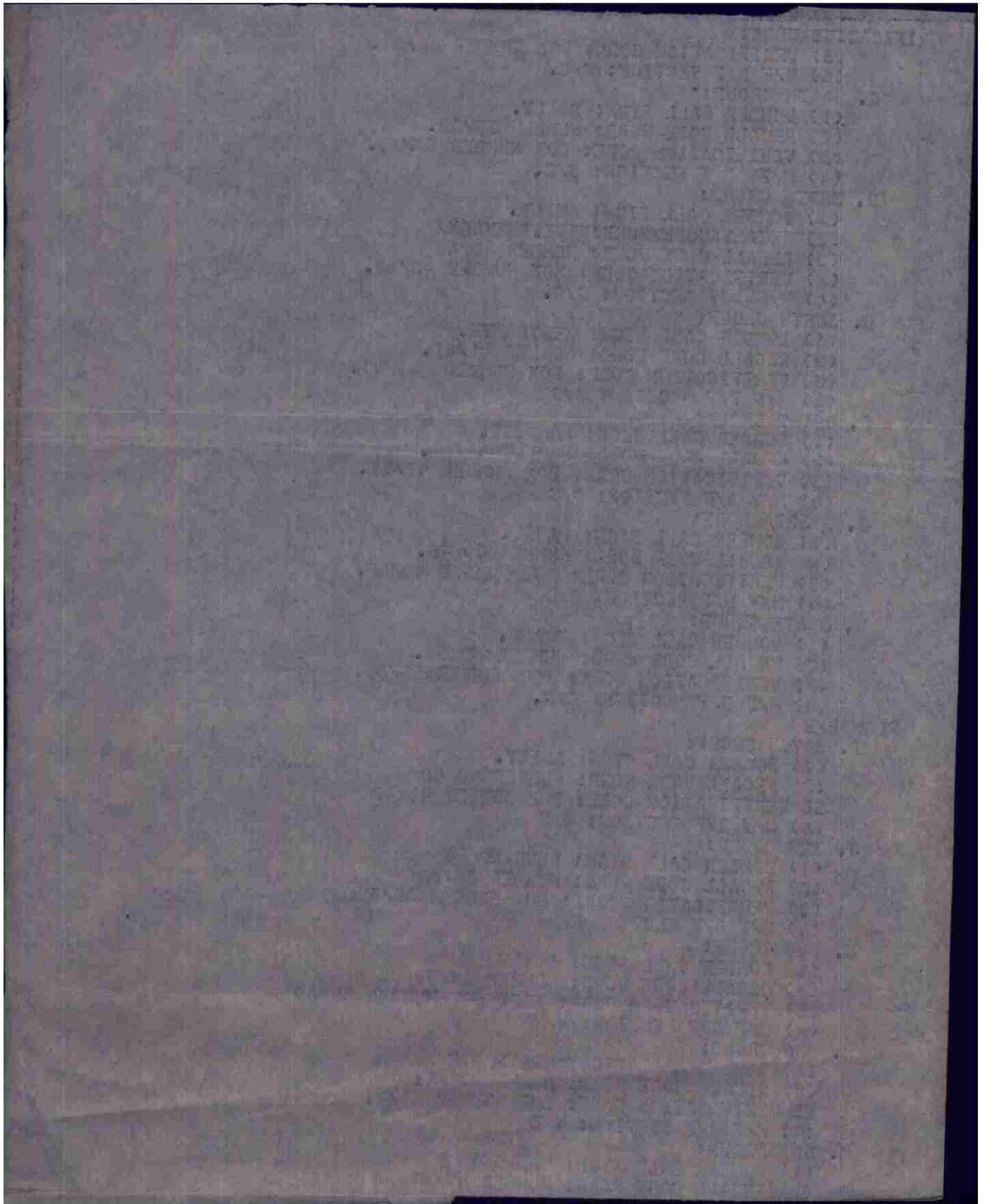
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L. 386 GROUP:

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: MEATPASTE.
 (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 41/41.
 (3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NUMBER 41/41.
 (4) M/F D/F SECTION: N/N.

M. 391 GROUP:

(1) BOMBER CALL SIGN: LAMPOST.
 (2) RECALL CODE WORD: NUMBER 47/47.



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 T (HAK PASS TO 97TH CBW)

FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 260115A 9BC R2462E
 TO: COBOMGP 322, 323, 366, 387, 344, 391, 416, 394
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IX BOMBER COMMAND
 A P O 638
 26 MARCH 1944

ANNEX NO 1 TO 9BC FO 250

AMMEND PARAGRAPHS 3 (B), (C), (E), (F), (G), AND (H) (2) (B) TO
 READ: WITH FIGHTERS AT 52 DEG 27 MIN NORTH - 04 DEG 00 MIN
 EAST.

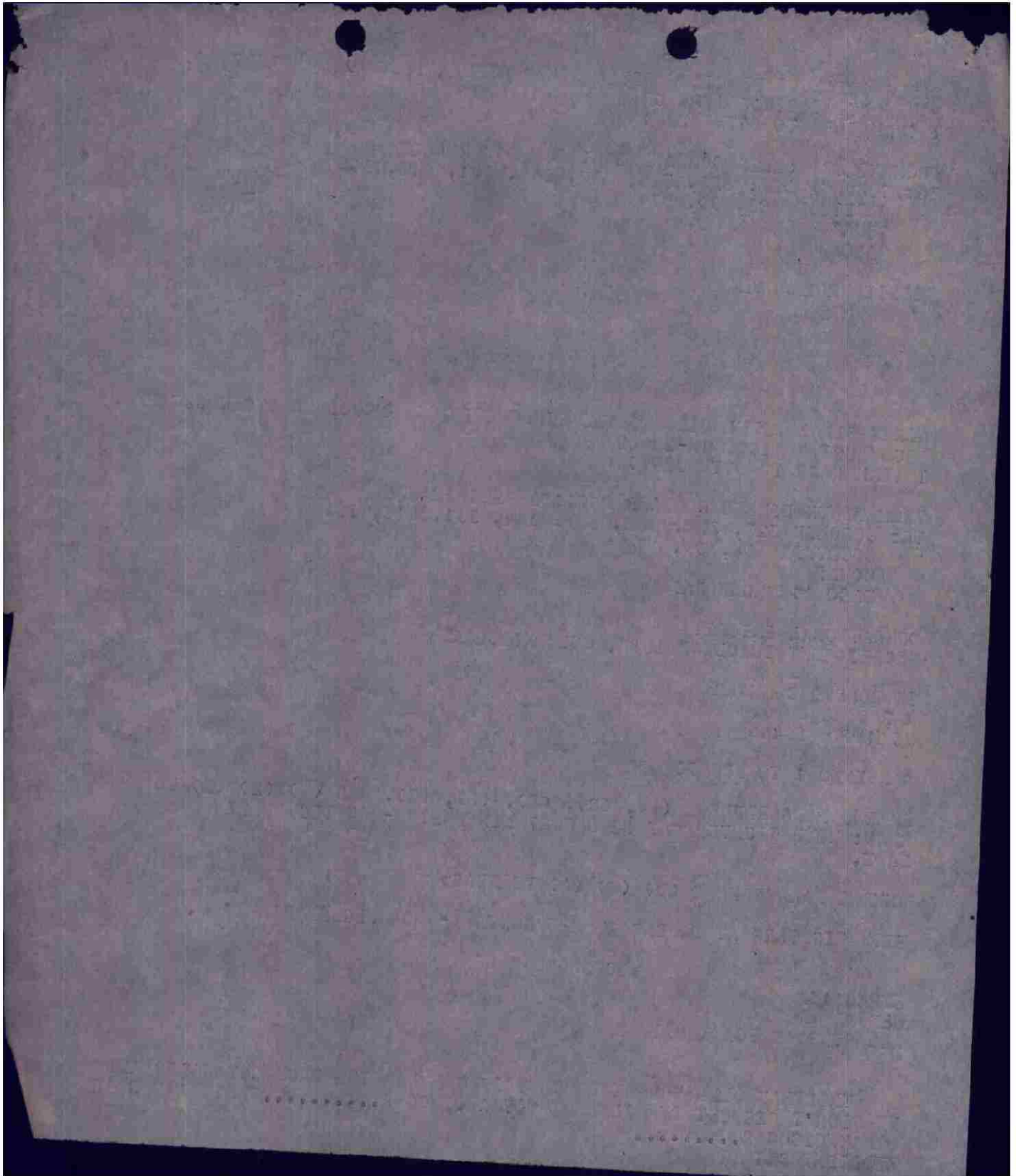
AMMEND PARAGRAPH 3 (D) (2) (A) TO READ:

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3. OBSERVATIONS:

A. REQUEST OBSERVATIONS OF OTHER CONSTRUCTION IN THIS AREA,
PARTICULARLY ALONG BEACHES.

B. ANY INSTALLATIONS OR ACTIVITY DENOTING PRESENCE OF TROOPS
SHOULD BE REPORTED. WATCH ESPECIALLY FOR TRUCK COVOYS, LARGE MOTOR
PARKS AND ENCAMPMENTS.

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 OICOG PLS THRK
 WHO IS THIS THIS IS OICOG SWBD TRYING TO GET OIYAA
 THIS IS OIYAA SWELL PAL SE HAVE A BCST FOR YOU OK TO SEND
 YES BUT LET ME SEND YOU SOMETHING AFTER THAT I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SEND
 TWESDKSPAL WHEN U R FOR THIS MESS SAY BBBB AND
 ILL LEAVE YOU IN IN THE MACH OK ?
 OK KKKK

OIYAA OIEFF V OICOG 4/26 P

FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND 260324A 9BC R-2465-E
 TO :OIYAA

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 PRIORITY SECRET
 SENT IN CLEAR AUTH. COL. KILBORN.

ATTENTION S-2
 INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO FIELD ORDER 250

1. TARGETS:

A. BOTH OF THESE TARGETS ARE HIGH ON OUR LIST OF PRIORITIES FOR
 ATTACK. ALTHOUGH SIRACOURT WAS ATTACK TWICE DURING THE PERIOD FROM
 5 MARCH TO 13 MARCH AND 139 TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED IT IS STILL IN
 CATEGORY Y. VACQUERLETTE HAS BEEN ATTACKED THREE TIMES DURING
 SAME PERIOD AND IS NOW IN CATEGORY B.

B. AS HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY POINTED OUT IN BULLETINS TO COMBAT
 CREWS, THE ENEMY IS EXPERIENCING INCREASING DIFFICULTIES IN
 SECURING LABOR TO REPAIR THESE SITES.

2. THE SITUATION:

A. ENEMY

- (1) FLAK: (GROUPS HAVE RECEIVED LATEST AMENDMENTS)
- (2) AIR : (REFER TO "THE GERMAN AIR FORCE ON THE WESTERN
 FRONT" NO. 1, AND AMENDMENT DATED 21.3.44)
- (3) GROUND: INDICATIONS ARE THE ONE G.A.F. RESERVE INFANTRY
 DIVISION IS STATIONED IN THE MONTREUIL AREA, EQUIPPED WITH FORTY-
 EIGHT 20 MM GUNS AND THAT ONE 2-REGIMENT RESERVE INFANTRY DIVISION IS
 STATIONED IN THE PREVENT AREA EQUIPPED WITH FORTY FOUR 20 MM AA/AT
 GUNS.
- (4) SEA : NO CONVOYS ARE REPORTED IN THE AREA.

B. FRIENDLY: REFER TO F.O. 250.