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# A-26 MISSION REPORTS

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 By authority  
 CG, AFR 4-50  
 20 November 1944  
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W. L. A. VAN DER...  
 418th Bombardment Group (L)  
 Office of the Commanding Officer

AFS 140, U.S. Army,  
 20 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Combat Mission.

TO: Commanding General, 97th Combat Wing, AFS 140, U.S. Army.

418th Bombardment Group (L)  
 182nd Combat Mission, 19 November 1944.  
 97th S. TG 51-397.

1. 5 A-20K  
 28 A-20B
2. 5 A-20K  
 28 A-20B
3. 1 A-20K  
 6 A-20B
4. 1 A-20B
5. 5 A-20K  
 28 A-20B
6. 41-38213  
 Lt. T.L. McGready

Returned early. Pilot claimed engine  
 cut out at 12,000 feet but at low  
 altitude was O.K. Inspection did not  
 reveal any malfunction. Weather  
 permitting, test log will be made and  
 results submitted in future reports.

5 A-20K's and 28 A-20B's abortive due to weather - 10/10 solid  
 overcast from 5,000 feet, ceiling unknown.

7. Same as paragraph 6.

8. 45-22292  
 Lt. H. S. Dattar

Landed at A-5B because of inclement  
 weather.

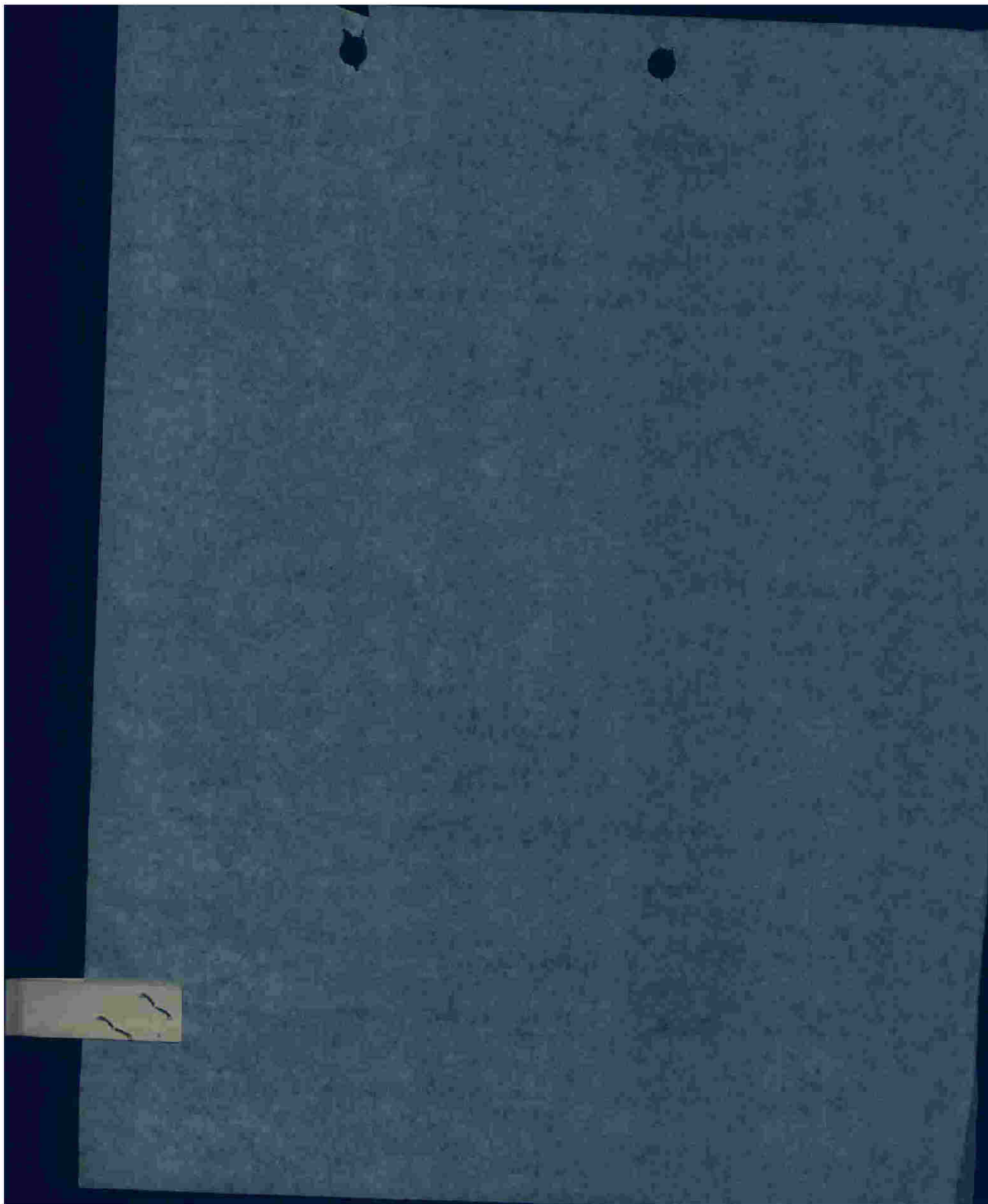
41-38240  
 Major J. G. Aspler

Landed at A-5B because of inclement  
 weather.

44-275  
 Capt. H. A. Peck

Landed at A-71 because of inclement  
 weather.

NOV 19 1944  
 #16244



41-39244

Lt. J.E. Blomgren

Landed at A-71 because of inclement weather.

43-28344

Capt. B.D. Stebbins

Landed at A-71 because of inclement weather.

43-12324

Lt. J.F. Smith

Landed at A-71 because of inclement weather.

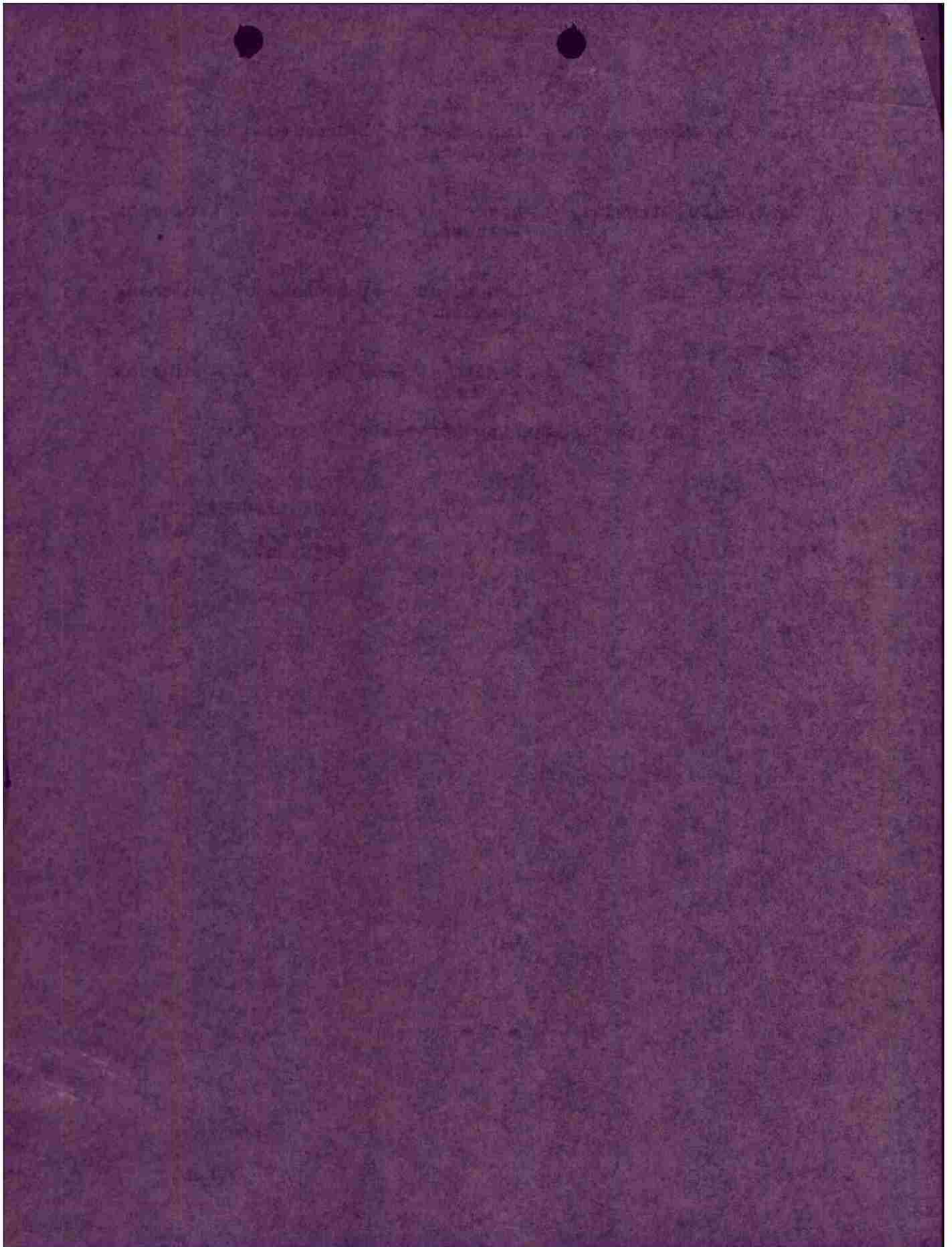
41-39224

Lt. D.A. Fero

Landed at A-69 because of inclement weather.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHERKIN,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.



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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 637BOX 1 Flt 2 GROUP A16 DATE 19 Nov. 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Lansau Ann Dump

## 1. Method of Sighting:

**Pre-set with corrections.**

## 2. Bombing approach:

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X4. Did entire ~~(box)~~ (flight) 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:

**Target was completely covered by clouds. Found a hole in the clouds and bombed a town and railroad between the I.P. and the Target on the second run. C-1 Auto pilot was not used.**5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. J.E. Burg6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. J.F. Magher7. Intervalometer setting: 50 ft8. Indicated Air Speed: 220 Ground Speed: 250 Altitude: 115009. Length of bomb run: 20 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 8 x 250 lb. FUSED \_\_\_\_\_ N 1/100 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 48

## 12. Full statement of all factors effecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_. If "YES" state conditions and effect.**To get completely covered by clouds. Bombed casual target. Very short run.**(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP 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 did flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?

**None**

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

**None**

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

**None**

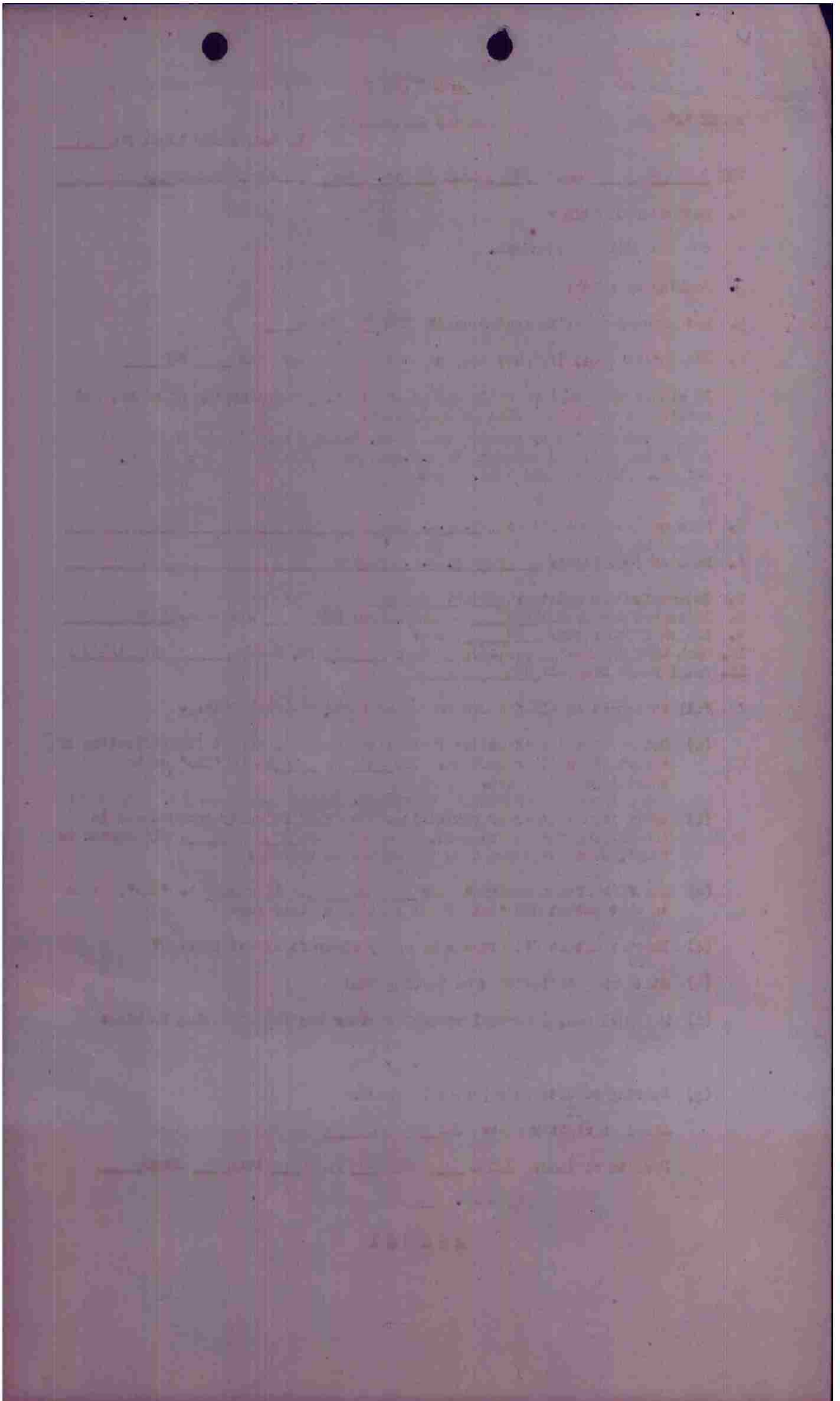
(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

**Casual**Aimed at ~~XXXX~~ Target: YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

Results claimed: EXCEL \_\_\_\_\_ GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR \_\_\_\_\_ POOR \_\_\_\_\_ GROSS \_\_\_\_\_

**Unobs. No photos**

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T SELF

12/19 OP-OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP  
TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIV.  
CG, 97TH COMBATWING

192125A  
ATTN: A-2  
ATTN: A-2

N-247-D

SECRET QOX BT  
OPFLASH FOR 19 NOV. 44 AFTERNOON MISSION

- A. 416TH BOMB GP.
- B. LANDAU AMMUNITION DUMP
- C. 32 A-26'S, 6 A-20K'S
- D. NIL ON PRIMARY
- E. 1 A-20 AND 5 A-26'S ON CASUAL TARGET AT R-0836  
1 A-26 JETTISONED 8 X 250 BOMBS IN ENEMY TERRITORY WHEN ENGAGED  
XLA AND XHA FLAK AND HE HAD BEN LOST FROM THE REST OF FORMATION.  
1 A-26 RETURNED TO BASE WITH BOMBS 2 BECAUSE OF ENGINE TROUBLE.  
4 A-20'S DID NOT BOMB (SOLID OVERCAST)  
25 A-26'S DID NOT BOMB (SOLID OVERCAST)  
1 A-20 AND 5 A-26'S LANDED AWAY FROM BASE COMPLETE INFORMATION LACKING.
- F. 4 X 250 G.P.S. ON CASUAL TARGET (R-0836) BY 1 A-20  
40 X 250 G.P. ON CASUAL TARGET (R-0836) BY 5 A-26'S  
8 X 250 G.P. JETTISONED IN ENEMY TERRITORY AT ABOUT R1355 BY 1 A26  
11 X 250 G.P. XXX JETTISONED ON ARBONNE RANGE BY 4 A-20'S ( )  
5 X 250 G.P. RETURNED BY 4 A-20'S ) WEATHER  
136 X 250 G.P. JETTISONED ON ARBONNE RANGE 17 A26'S )  
8 X 250 G.P. RETURNED BY 1 A-26 )
- G. NO ATTACK ON PRIMARY  
CASUAL TARGET (CLUSTER OF BUILDINGS) HIT WITH GOOD RESULTS.
- H. 7 AIRCRAFT LANDED AWAY FROM, REPORTED SAFE.  
1 A-26 CAT. "A" XX DAMAGE.
- I. NIL
- J. TGT. NIL  
XHI AT Q 5025  
XHI AT Q 1850
- K. NIL
- L. CASUAL TARGET 12,000 FEET.
- M. CASUAL XXX TARGET 1541

BT 192125A

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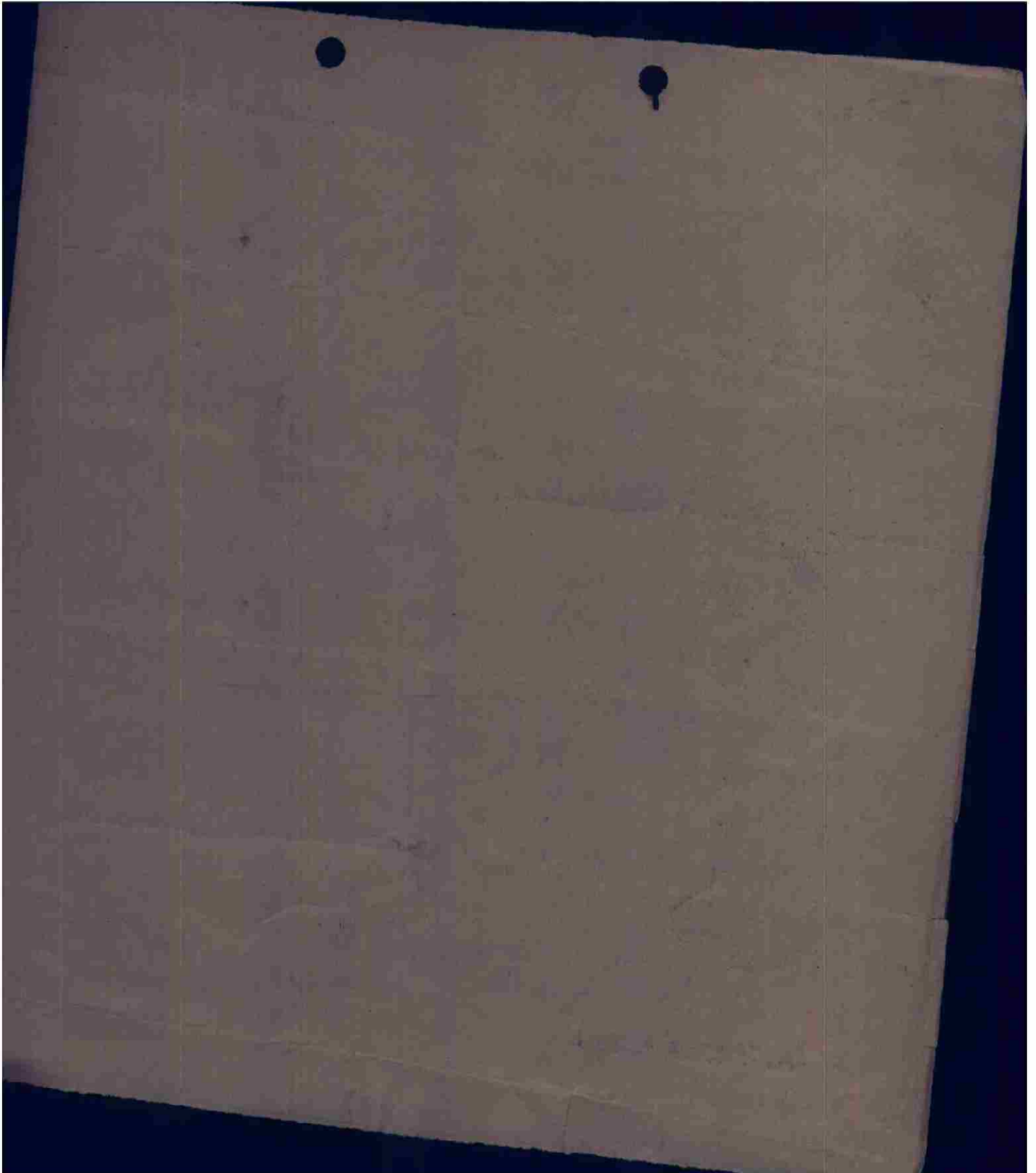
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ITA E.....19/2308A

JEAR.....

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LOADING LIST  
BOX I  
FLIGHT I

18 NOVEMBER 1944

1. 024 E  
B Capt. M.J. Huff  
Lt. J. Kupits  
Sgt K. Heath  
Sgt F.P. Basford

4. 229 B  
B Lt. D.W. Sorrels  
Sgt V.A. Malara \*

2. 292 H  
B Lt. E.E. DeMun  
Sgt C.J. Kruger

5. 232 A  
B Lt. J.W. Kahoe  
Lt. J.W. Britt  
S/S A.J. Burland

3. 300 F  
B Lt. P.F.E. MacManus  
Cpl A.A. Dalton

6. 240 K  
B Major J.H. Napier  
Cpl H.W. Perkins \*

FLIGHT II

1. 093 V  
A Capt. J.F. Meagher  
Lt. J.J. Burg  
S/S D.M. Brown H\*  
S/S F.L. Flacks

4. 216 Q  
A Lt. R.G. Meredith  
S/S R.W. MacDonald

2. 218 C  
A Lt. W.L. Hale  
Sgt J.F. Geyer

5. 264 I  
A Lt. P.E. Parker  
S/S S. Kochan

3. 269 K  
A Lt. O.F. Jacobsen  
Sgt H.I. Gooch

6. 235 M  
C Lt. F.W. Harris  
S/S D. Hantske

FLIGHT III

1. 108 M  
A Capt. G.F. Bartmus  
Lt. J.F. Hardy H\*  
S/S R.W. Burch  
S/S C.H. Yost

4. 259 H  
A Lt. J.K. Colquitt  
S/S D.E. Raines \*

2. 213 A  
A Lt. T.D. McGready  
S/S D.R. Schenck

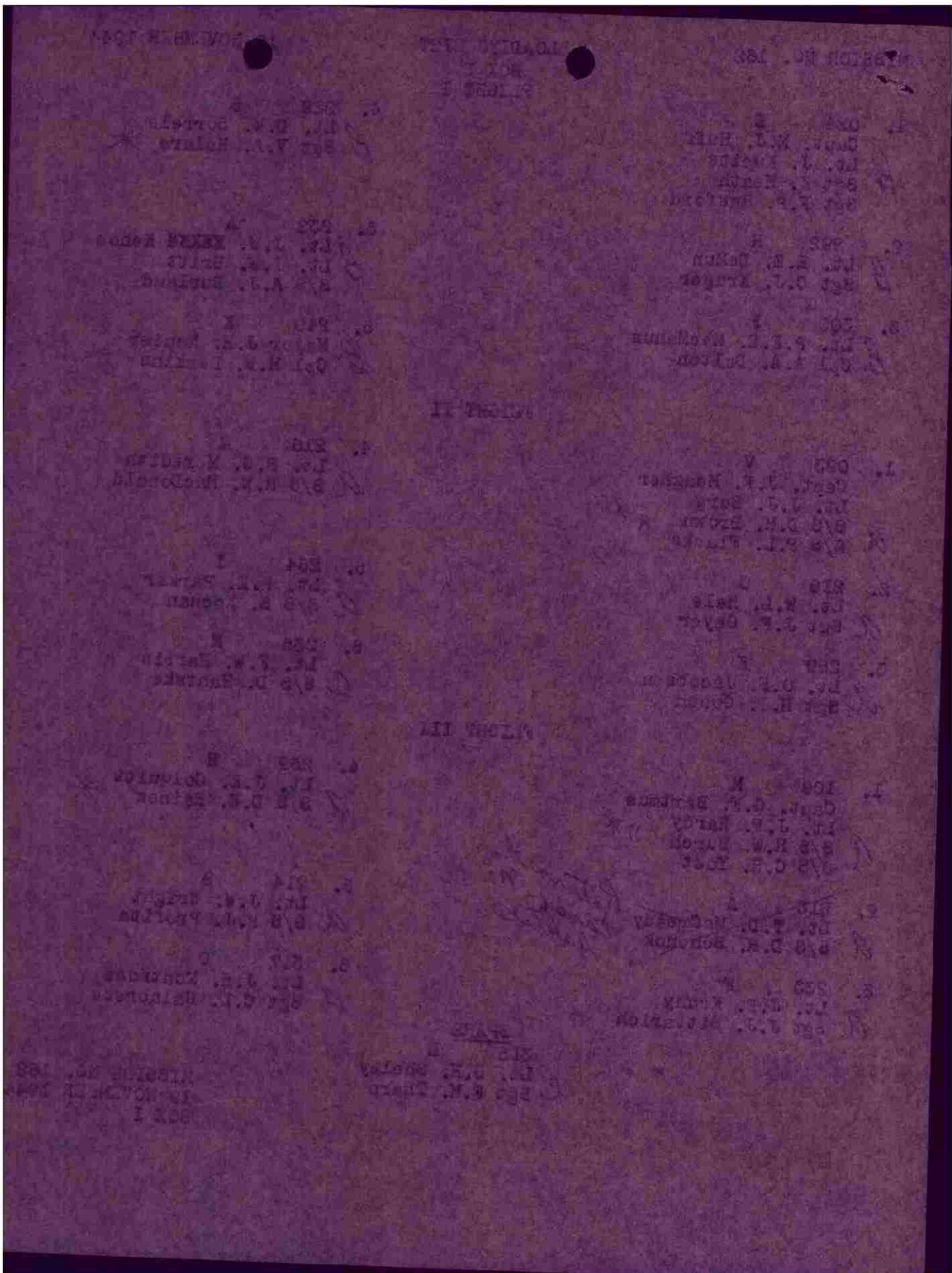
5. 214 B  
A Lt. J.W. Wright  
S/S P.J. Profita

3. 233 F  
A Lt. J.P. Kenny  
Sgt J.J. Sittarich \*

6. 317 O  
A Lt. J.H. Montrose  
Sgt C.L. Galabrese

SPARE  
315 L  
C Lt. S.H. Sheley  
Sgt F.M. Tharp

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19 NOVEMBER 1944  
BOX I



MISSION NO. 162

LOADING LIST  
BOX II  
FLIGHT I

19 NOVEMBER 1944

1. 075 J  
Capt. W.A. Peck ✓  
Lt. J. Madenfort ✓  
Sgt N.D. West ✓  
Sgt C.E. Tranchina ✓

4. 244 I  
Lt. J.E. Blomgren ✓  
Lt. G.G. Johnson ✓  
S/S M. Bookach \*

2. 344 G  
Capt. B.D. Stebbins ✓  
Lt. A.S. Calloway ✓  
S/S W.J. Brown ✓

5. 301 O  
Lt. W.F. Tripp ✓  
S/S D.F. Mallory ✓

3. 242 C  
Lt. M.S. Street ✓  
S/S R.W. Carstens ✓

6. 324 O  
Lt. J.F. Smith ✓  
S/S R.C. Hoffman ✓

FLIGHT II

1. 063 A  
Capt. H.A. Monroe ✓  
Lt. R.L. Kirk ✓  
S/S W.L. Kidd ✓  
S/S F.P. Glynn ✓

4. 334 G  
Lt. R.J. Rooney ✓  
S/S L.L. Leahigh ✓

2. 217 I  
Lt. T.J. Leonard ✓  
S/S ~~XXX~~ T.A. Palmer ✓

5. 223 B  
Lt. G.R. Heinke ✓  
S/S W.S. Van Wert ✓  
Col. T.R. Aylesworth ✓

3. 307 N  
Lt. E.L. Johnson ✓  
T/S J.F. Goggin ✓

6. 227 F  
Lt. H. Popeney ✓  
S/S W.E. Arnett ✓

FLIGHT III

1. 089 R  
Lt. R.E. Greenley ✓  
Lt. R.H. Mitchell ✓  
S/S H.C. Worden ✓  
S/S V.P. Adams ✓

4. 239 N  
Lt. C.J. Brown ✓  
S/S H.E. Sunderland ✓  
Lt. J.E. KEANS ✓

2. 284 C  
Lt. J.J. Lackovich ✓  
Lt. E.C. Francis ✓  
S/S T. Connery ✓

5. 234 P  
Lt. D.A. Fero ✓  
Sgt T.W. Skelton ✓

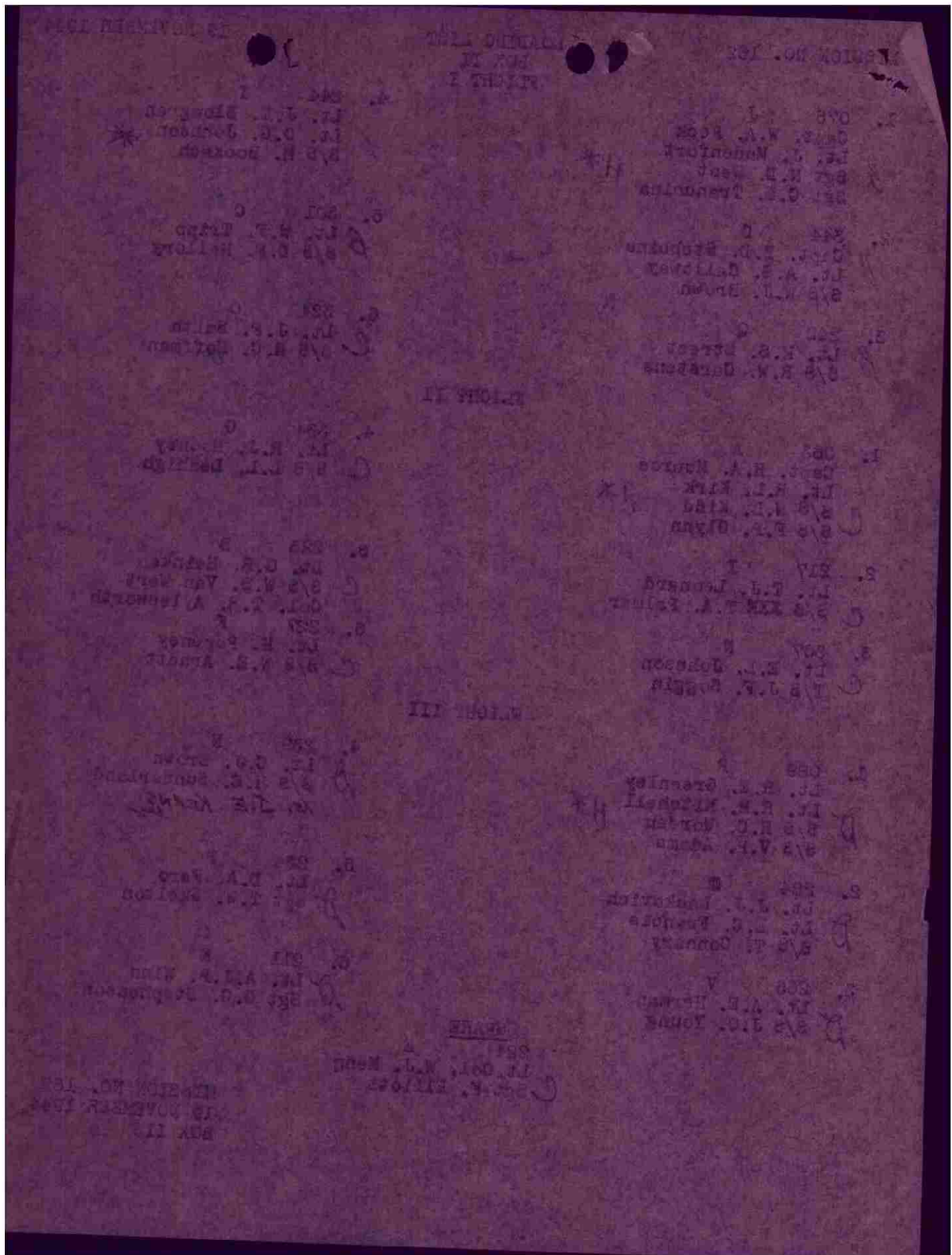
3. 265 V  
Lt. A.E. Herman ✓  
S/S J.O. Young ✓

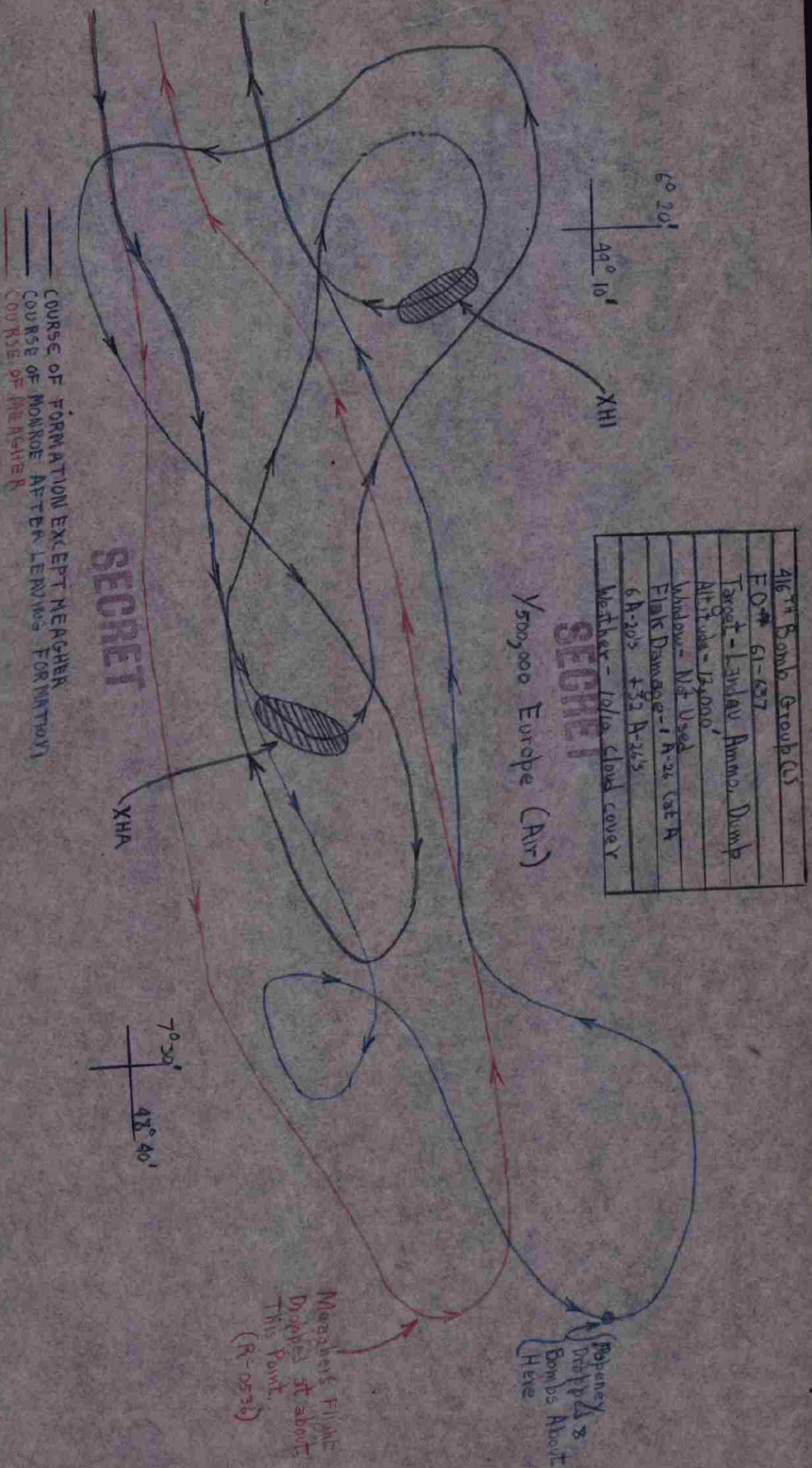
6. 211 K  
Lt. A.J.P. Winn ✓  
Sgt G.G. Stephenson ✓

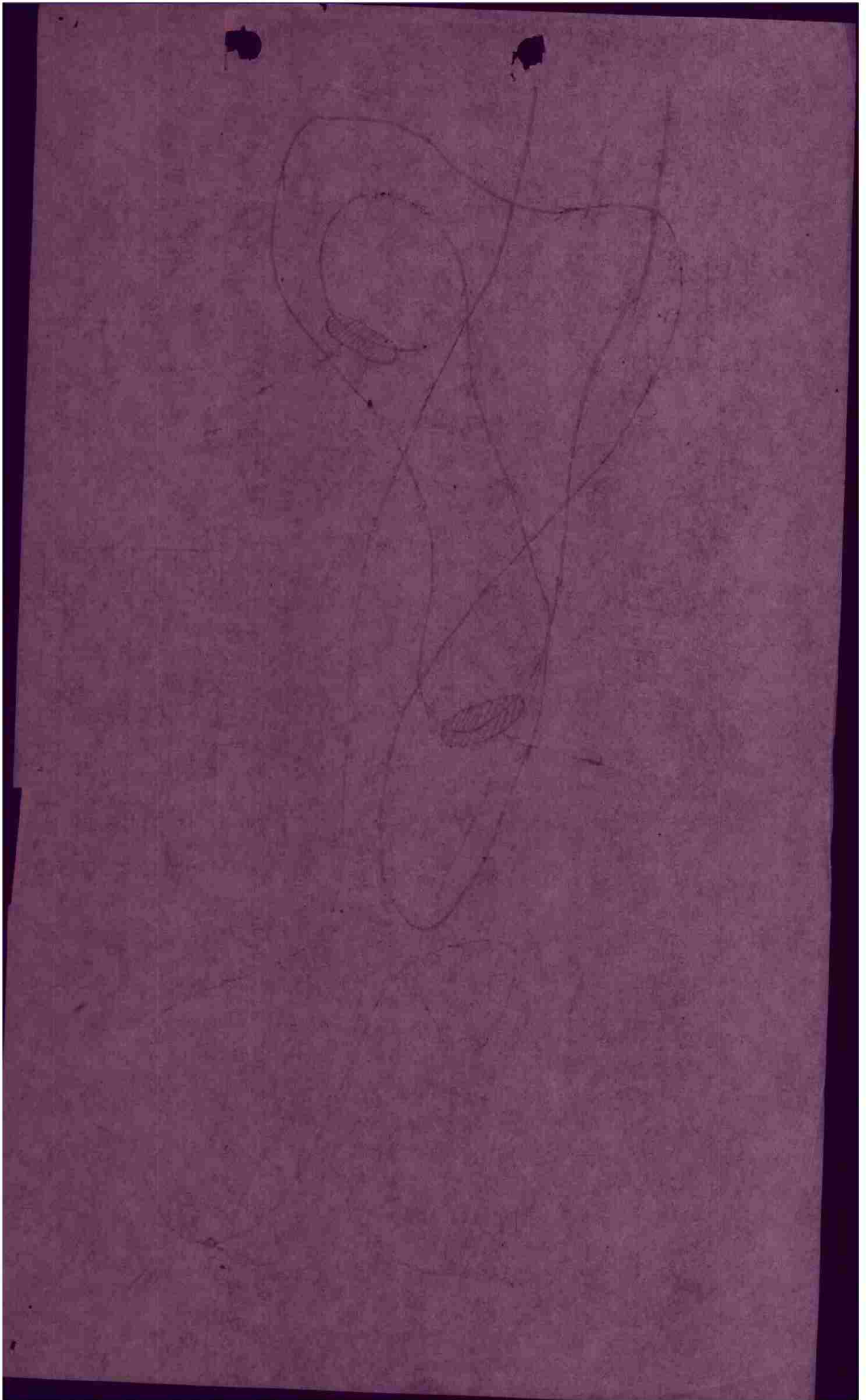
SPARE

224 E  
Lt. Col. W.J. Meng ✓  
Sgt F. Elliott ✓

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BOX II





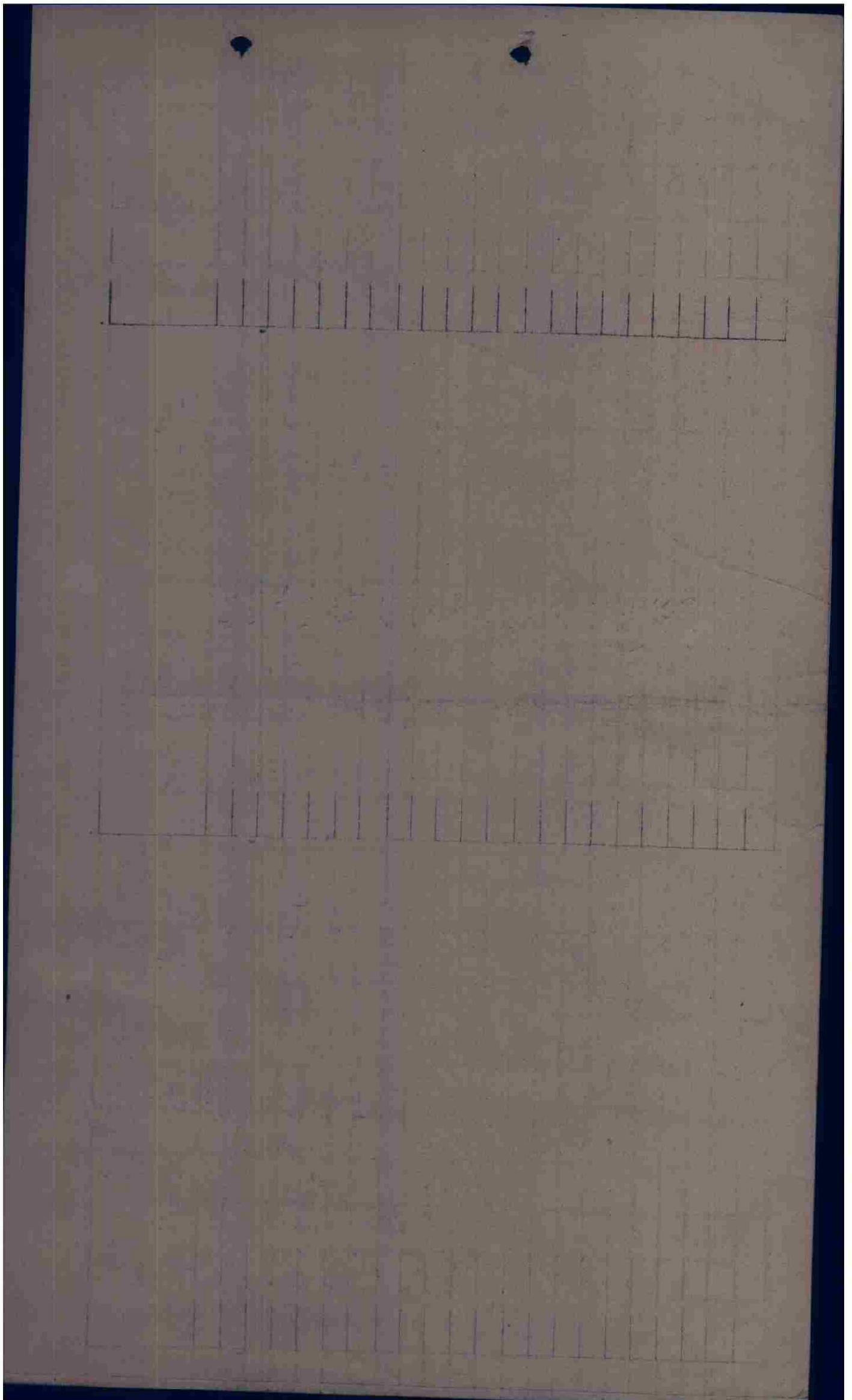


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B	E	294	Huffy	1415		OK											
B	H	292	Rehman	15		410	A-58										
B	F	300	MacMann	15		OK											
B	B	229	Laneta	15		OK											
B	A	232	Tehee	16		OK	A-58										
B	K	240	Majors	16		OK											
A	V	093	Mphokhor	16		OK											
A	C	218	Thall	26		OK											
A	X	269	Gooborn	17		OK											
A	Q	216	Myeredith	17		OK											
A	Q	264	Fisher	17		OK											
A	S	235	Harris	18		OK											
A	M	108	Bartman	18		OK											
A	A	213	McCready	18		OK											
A	F	233	Jenny	18		OK											
A	H	259	Coelbitt	19		OK											
A	B	214	Stalight	19		OK											
A	O	317	Mphokhor	19		OK											
C	Z	315	Shelley	26		OK											

*Box I*

*19 Nov 1944*



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JEA V JKI JKI 12/19 OP OP  
T SELF

FROM 416TH BOMB GP 192125A N-247-D  
TO 9TH BOMB DIV. ATTN: A-2  
97TH COMBATWG ATTN: A-2

SECRET OO X BT

OPFLASH FOR 19 NOV 44 NOV. AFTERNOON MISSION

- A. 416TH BOMB GP
- B. LANDAU AMMUNITION BUMP
- C. 32 A-26'S, 6 A-20'S
- D. NIL ON PRIMARY
- E. 1 A-20 AND 5 A-26'S ON EE CASUAL TARGET AT R-8836  
1 A-26 JETTISONED 8 X 250 BOMBS IN ENEMY TERRITORY WHEN ENGAGED BY XLA AND XHA FLAK AND HE HAD BEEN LOST FROM THE REST OF FORMATION.  
1 A-26 RETURNED TO BASE WITH BOMBS BECAUSE OF ENGINE RXXX TROUBLE  
4 A-20'S DID NOT BOMB (SOLID OVERCAST)  
25 A-26'S DID NOT BOMB (SOLID OVERCAST)  
1 A-20 AND 5 A-26'S LANDED RXXX AWAY FROM BASE COMPLETE INFORMATION LACKING.
- F. 4 X 250 G.P.S. ON CASUAL TARGET (R-8836) BY 1 A-20  
40 X 250 G.P. ON CASUAL TARGET (R-8836) BY 5 A-26'S  
8 X 250 G.P. JETTISONED IN ENEMY TERRITORY AT ABOUT R1355 BY 1 A-26  
11 X 250 G.P. JETTISONED ON ARBONNE RANGE BY 4 A-26'S )  
5 X 250 G.P. RETURNED BY 4 A-26'S )  
136 X 250 G.P. JETTISONED ON ARBONNE RANGE 17 A-26'S ) WEATHER  
3 X 250 G.P. RETURNED BY 1 A-26 )  
INFORMATION LACKING ON 7 AIRCRAFT LANDED AWAY FROM BASE. )
- G. NO ATTACK ON PRIMARY  
CASUAL TARGET (CLUSTER OF BUILDINGS) HIT WITH GOOD RESULTS
- H. 7 AIRCRAFT LANDED AWAY FROM BASE, REPORTED SAFE  
1 A-26 CAT. "-A" DAMAGE.
- I. NIL
- J. TGT. NIL  
XHI AT 0 5825  
XHI AT 0 1850
- K. NIL
- L. CASUAL TARGET 12,000 FEET.
- M. CASUAL TARGET 1541

BT 192125A

CC: SECOND LINE UNDER H. 59

TO READ: 1 A-26 CAT. "A" DAMAGE.

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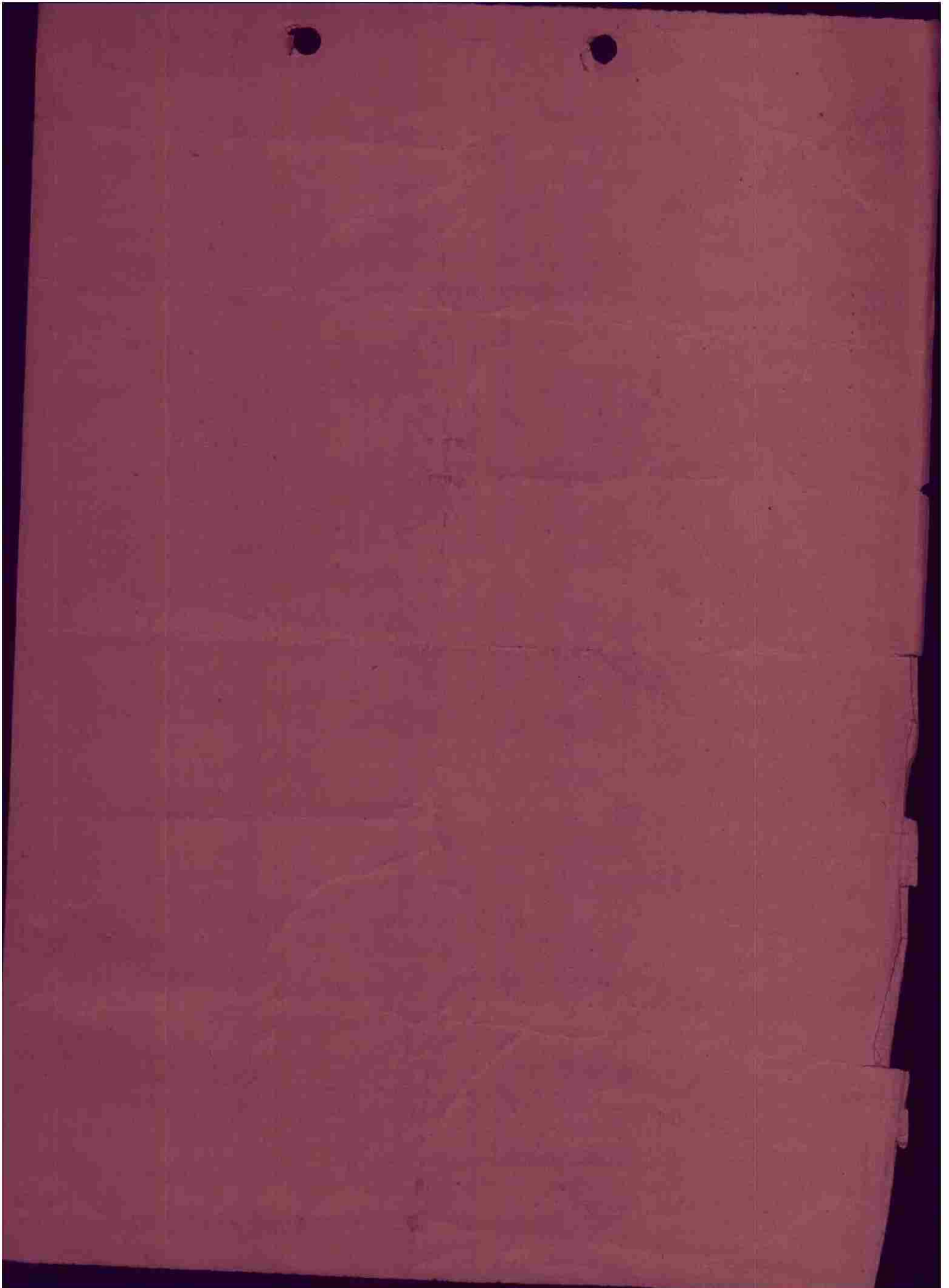
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- D. 1 A-20 AND 5 A-26'S ON CASUAL TARGET AT R-8836
- E. 1 A-26 JETTISONED 8 X 250 BOMBS IN ENEMY TERRITORY WHEN ENGAGED BY XLA AND XHA FLAK AND HE HAD BEEN LOST FROM THE REST OF THE FORMATION.  
1 A-26 RETURNED TO BASE WITH BOMBS BECAUSE OF ENGINE TROUBLE  
4 A-20'S DID NOT BOMB (SOLID OVERCAST)  
25 A-26'S DID NOT BOMB (SOLID OVERCAST)  
1 A-20 AND 5 A-26'S LANDED AWAY RXXX FROM BASE COMPLETE INFORMATION LACKING.



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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) 19/1225A N-175-E  
TO COMBOMDIV NINE  
409TH COBOMGP  
410TH COBOMGP (INFO)  
416TH COBOMGP

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT  
SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH. LT. COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)  
A P O 143  
19 NOVEMBER 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 61-637

MAPS: NORMAL

- 1. B. (1) REFER CURRENT BOMBLINE
- (2) 29 T.-.C. WILL PROVIDE AREA COVER FOR THE 409TH BOMB GROUP
- 19 T.A.C. WILL PROVIDE AREA COVER FOR THE 416TH BOMB GROUP

*TH BOMB GROUP*

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY

ZERO HOUR: 19/1530A

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) K-930718 (ROAD AND RAIL JUNCTIONS)
- (2) 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6
- (3) BASE TO I.P. TO TARGET
- (4) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BASE.
- (5) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 6,000 FEET.
- (6) I.P. 5051N 0541E
- (7) GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST
- (8) M.P.I. PHOTO SORTIE NO. U.S. 7 G.R./1430  
PICTURE NO. 5029. ONE FLIGHT ON EACH REF.  
059036, 054039, 064049, 073048.  
TWO FLIGHTS ON REF. 061042
- (9) 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SECOND NOSE, 1/100 SECOND TAIL
- (10) R.P. 5051N 0541E
- (11) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACK
- (12) T.O.S. ZERO HOUR

B. 416TH BOMB. GROUP

- (1) LANDAU AMMUNITION DUMP.
- (2) 36 A/C BOMB BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
- (3) BASE TO 4842N 0611E TO I.P. TO TARGET
- (4) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE TO BASE.
- (5) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE, DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET AND REMAIN AT THIS ALTITUDE TILL BOMB-LINE OUT.
- (6) I.P. - 4900N 0747E
- (7) GEN. - SW TO NE
- (8) M.P.I. - 9TH AIR FORCE 2ND PHASE REPORT, U.S. 10/T 70 - AREA 1. ~~5-11225-9, 5-1-431, 061032 AND 066029.~~
- (9) 8X 250 G.P. - FUSED: 1/100 SEC. TAIL ONLY. INTERVAL-OMETER SETTING: 50 FEET.
- (10) R.P. - 4900N 0747E
- (11) IF THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACK, ~~5-4235-91, 061032, 066029~~ VALUE ON ROUTE BACK FROM PRIMARY TARGET TO 4856N ~~061032~~ MAY BE ATTACK. ~~81 194, 559, 94 E, SE, 057-1 -/; 1-0) 59 43-1~~ ENEMY TERRITORY, THEY WILL RELEASE BOMBS "SAFE" ON ARBONNE BOMBING RANGE.
- (12) T.O.S. - ~~5-4235-974 077 10 MINUTES.~~ ZERO HOUR PLUS

*THREE FLIGHTS ON EACH REF.*

*TARGETS OF MILITARY*

*IF FORMATION OR INDIVIDUAL A/C FAIL TO REACH*

4. NO CHANGE

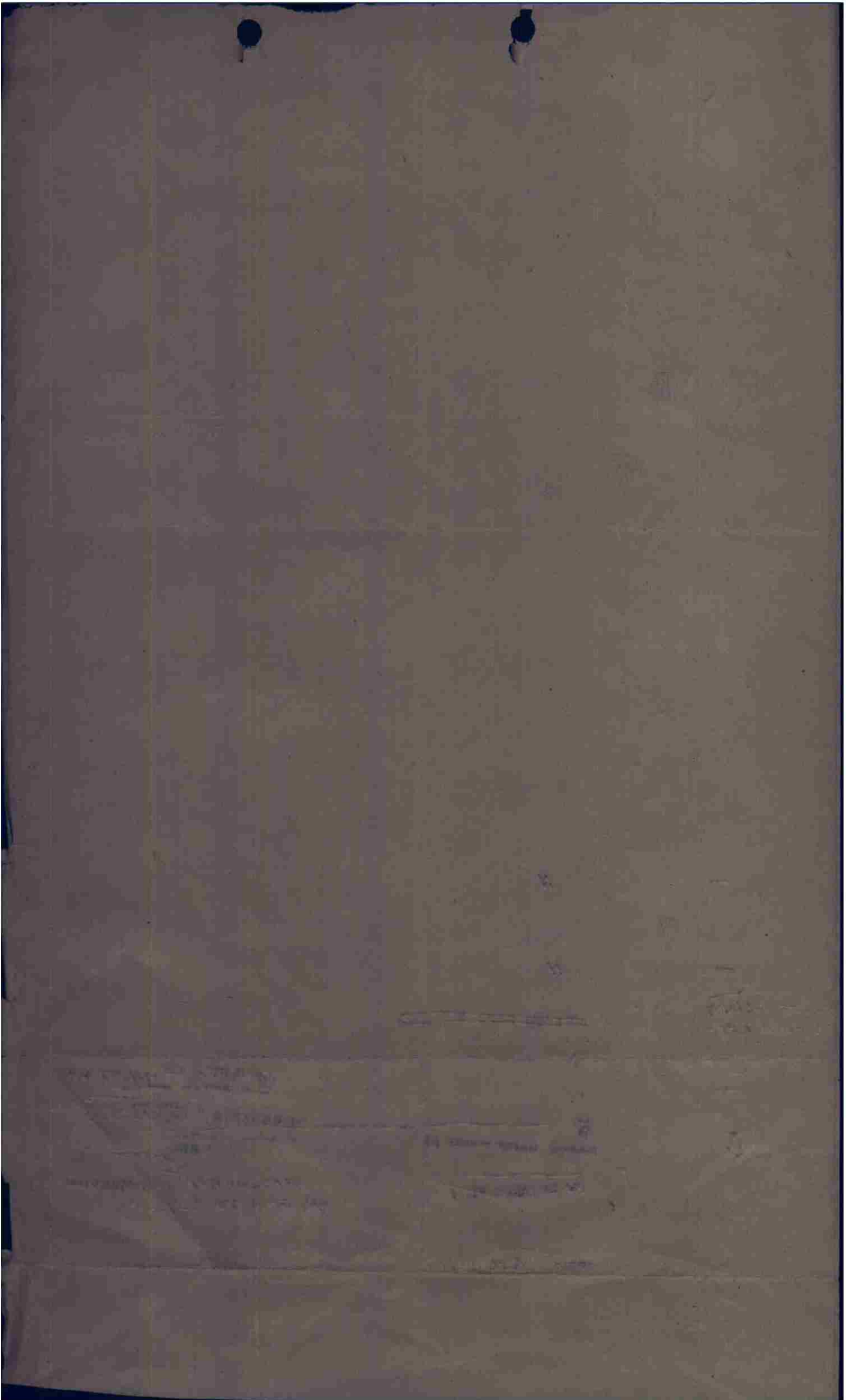
5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB. GROUP

- (2) TABLET
- (3) SLEEPY
- (5) ROSELEE

B. 416TH BOMB. GROUP

- (2) ROCKFISH
- (3) MUSTARD
- (5) BACCAGE



X. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

(11) BOXLEADERS WILL REPORT TO F.G.C. STATION 2 MIN. PRIOR TO I.P.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 19/1225A  
CW/JMB AR

DIJKI R .....19/1337A AMM AR

OK AR FOR NOW O

HAVE TO HAVE A FEW CC

UNDER B. (4) (7) (9) (12)

THAT WAS PARA B. 416TH BOMB GROUP

(4) BASE TO 4842N 0611E TO I.P. TO TARGET

(7) I.P. - 4900N 0747E

(9) M.P.I. - 9TH AIR FORCE 2ND PHASE REPORT, U.S. 10/T 70 -

AREA 1. 3 FLIGHTS ON EACH REF. 061032 AND 066029.

(12) IF THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED, TARGETS OF MILITARY

VALUE ON ROUTE BACK FROM PRIMARY TARGET TO 4856N 0721E MAY

L BE ATTACKED. IF FORMATION OR INDIVIDUAL A/1 1-5) 59 43-1

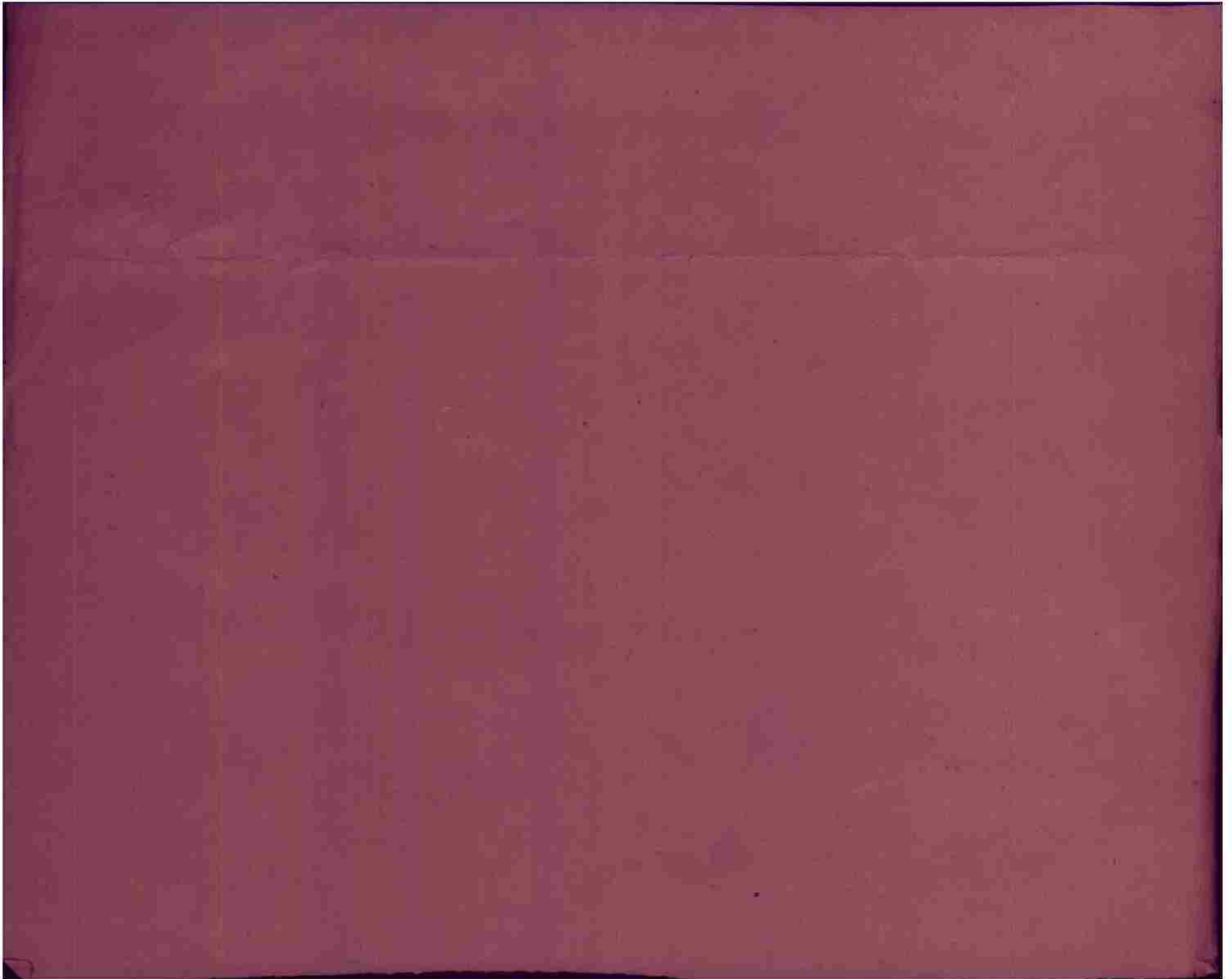
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INDIVIDUAL A/C FAIL TO REACH ENEMY TERRITORY, THEY WILL

RELEASE BOMBS "SAFE" ON ARBONNE BOMBING RANGE.

OK? OK THAT IS FINE T B F R

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