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HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

AFD 140, U. S. Army,
30 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Combat Mission.

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

413th Bombardment Group (L),
153rd Combat Mission, 29 November 1944.
97th Combat Wing Field Order Number 71-649.

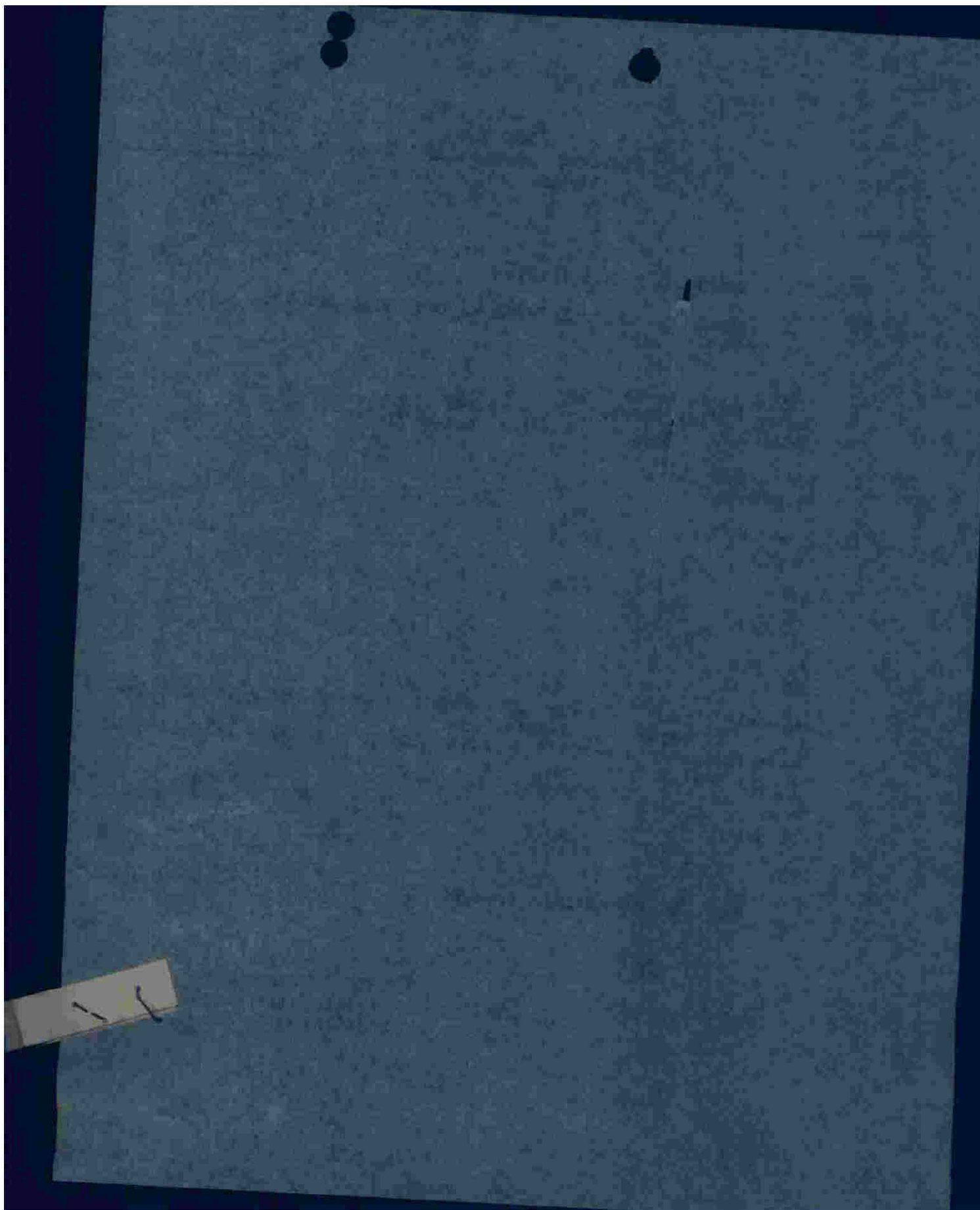
- 1. 8 A-20K
31 A-26B
- 2. 8 A-20K
31 A-26B
- 3. None
- 4. 1 A-45P
- 5. 8 A-20K
30 A-26B
- 6. 4A-229C
- 7. 8 A-20K
31 A-26B
- 8. None

Returned early. Airspeed and rate of climb indicator out.
8 A-20K's and 30 A-26B's abortive due to weather - 8/10 to 6/10 clouds over target area.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHINKEL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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29 NOVEMBER 1944

MISSION NO. 163

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

4. 235 M
C LT W B OSTRANDER *
S/S J E WILSON
5. 223 B
C LT N G BROWN
S/S P F GLYNN
6. 296 D
C LT E O TURNER
SGT J O BELGAS
1. 076 Q
C MAJOR L F DUNN
LT V H POWELL H*
S/S R F STOEBERT
S/S F P GLYNN
2. 215 R
C LT W H HEINKE
ERIG. GEN. E. N. BACKUS
S/S G R VAN WERT
3. 307 N
C LT E L JOHNSON *
T/S J T GOGGIN

FLIGHT II

4. 216 G-1
A LT R G MEREDETH
S/S R W MAC DONALD
5. 317 O
A LT R R SVENSON *
S/S P G FILD
6. 264 I
A LT P E PARKER
S/S A F GALLOWAY
1. 108 M-1
A CAPT R B PRENTISS
LT F H BURSTEL H*
S/S J C MC CREARY
S/S H J SYLVA
2. 219 E
A LT H M EVANS
LT B C MORRIS
SGT C N MERRITT
3. 269 K
A LT C S STANLEY
P/O J H BLOUNT *
SGT C B COLLIER

FLIGHT III

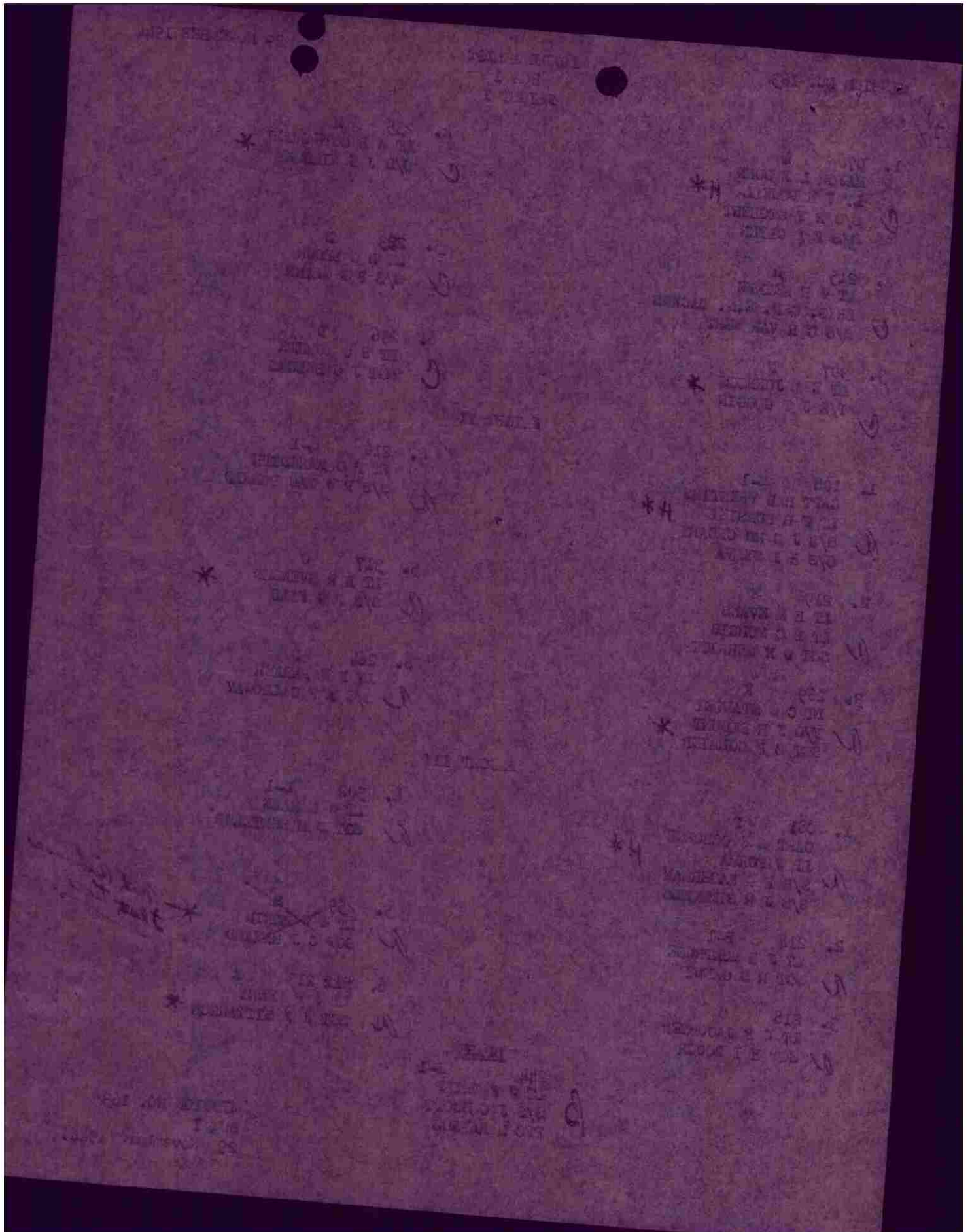
4. 302 D-1
A LT W L HALE
SGT D M BENZLER
5. 259 H
A LT W F ANNIN *
SGT C J REYARD
6. 212 213 A
A LT J P KENNY
SGT J J SITTAIRICH *
1. 081 P
A CAPT A E OSBORNE H*
LT W FORMA
S/S K G LAGERMAN
S/S J R SIMMONDS
2. 214 B-1
A LT J H MONFROSE
SGT R S GANDY
3. 218 C
A LT O F JACOBSEN
SGT H I GOOCH

SPARE

- B 214 L-1
LT W F TRIPP
S/S J O SCOTT
PFC H RAPAGE

MISSION NO. 163
BOX I
29 November 1944.

* Not Airborne
Flat Tire



29 November 1944

MISSION NO 163

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

1. 173 W
CAPT. R.S. RUDISILL
LT. R.H. JOOST
LT. J.B. LINDSAY
SGT. S.R. CAUDELL

2. 320 S
LT. D.F. SHEA
LT. C.R. KOCH
S/S F.G. FALK

3. 324 C
LT. L.R. MC BRIDE
S/S R. EUTSLER

1. 178 L-1
CAPTAIN D.A. HULSE
LT. R. CONTE
S/S F.D. ALLRED
S/S D.W. STEPHENS

2. 292 N
LT. M.B. STREET
S/S R.W. CARSTENS

3. 300 P
LT. P.F.E. MACMANUS
S/S G.L. FLEISCHMAN

1. 185 G
LT. H.F. FAIR
LT. J.L. CONUM
S/S H.A. MARION
S/S V.F. ADAMS

2. 239 N
LT. C.J. BROWN
LT. J.E. KERNS
S/S H.E. SUNDERLAND

3. 209 M
LT. T.J. MURRAY
S/S R.J. JONES

SPARE
210 J
LT. COL. W.J. HENG
SGT. T. ELLIOTT
NR SWAB (CORRESPONDENT)

4. 224 E
LT. C.L. MC GLOHN
S/S E.F. PAULES

5. 217 I
LT. T.A. MURPHY
S/S J.T. O'CONNELL

6. 315 L
CAPT. R.O. GRUETZMACHER
S/S A. TERAN

4. 301 O-1
LT. M.W. DU BOSE
LT. B.K. BERGER
SGT. J.H. WALTERS

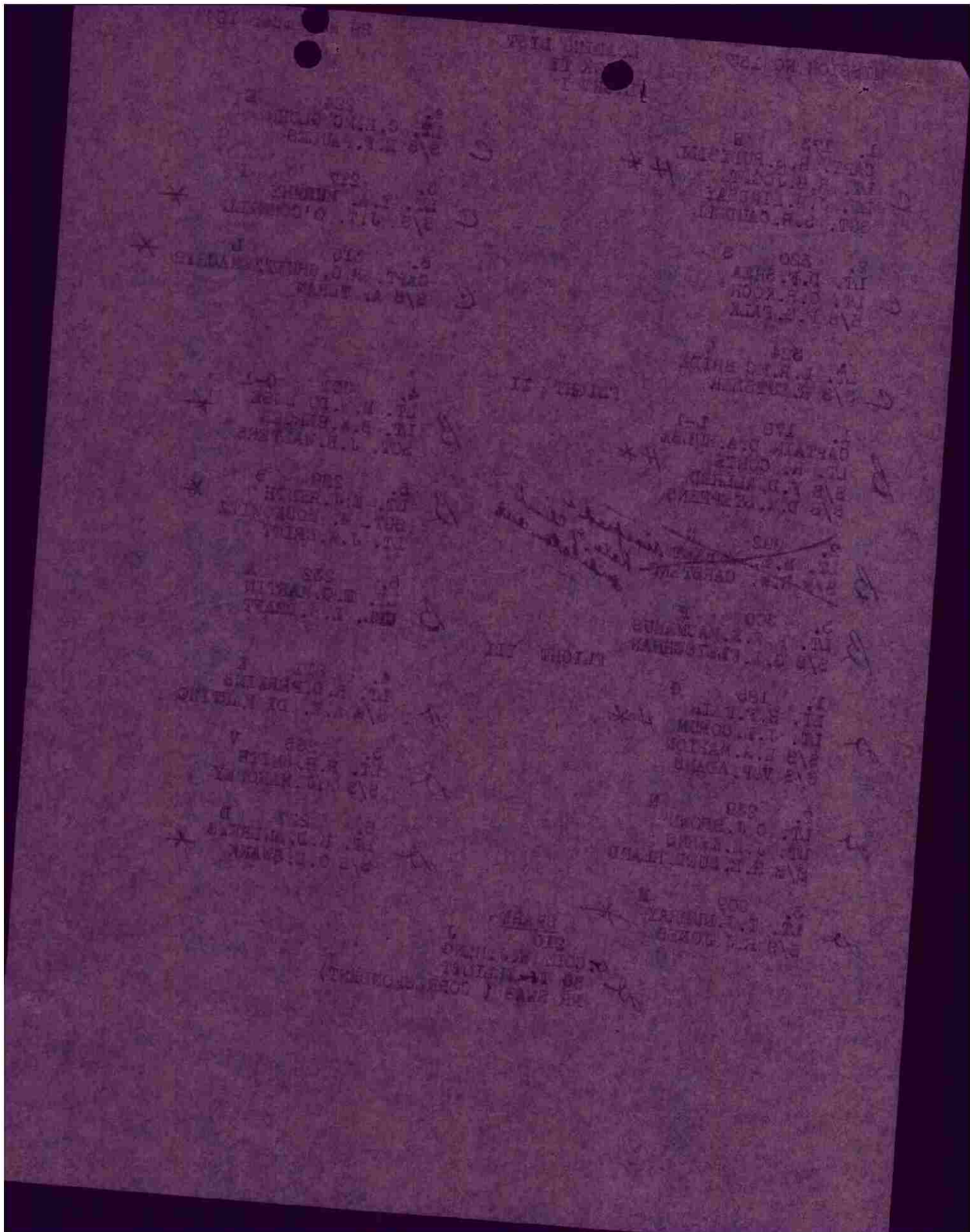
5. 229 B
LT. E.J. RENTH
SGT. M. MOSKOWITZ
LT. J.W. BRITT

6. 232 A
LT. E.O. MARTIN
CEL. L.B. DRAFT

4. 211 K
LT. R.D. PERKINS
S/S A.E. DI MARTINO

5. 265 V
LT. R.H. SMITH
S/S R.J. MAHONEY

6. 237 D
LT. H.D. ANDREWS
S/S O.E. SWANK



COMBAT MISSION REPORT

MISSION NO. 163DATE 29 Nov. 19441. NUMBER OF MEN WOUNDED (MEDICAL - 16) None2. BOMBING MALFUNCTIONS (ARMAMENT - 92) no bombs dropped

301- 1 bomb fell out safe when bomb doors opened and bomb went.
Defective G-2 release unit and station #3.

3. CAMERA MALFUNCTIONS (PHOTO LAB - 84) no bombs dropped4. NUMBER PLANES OPERATIONAL: BOMB GROUP 9th 7th SFG 9th 7th

WING OFFICER _____

5. PER CENT OF BATTLE DAMAGE (INTELLIGENCE - 69) 6 Category 'a' - 16 2/3%6. PLANES FAILING TO BECOME AIRBORNE OR RETURNING EARLY - REASON 1

259 - anniv - not Airborne - flat tire
292 - Street - Airspeed + climb indicator out
Did not leave area of field.

7. PLANES LOST OR LANDING AWAY FROM BASE - REASON - LOCATION 1

Mc Bride - 324 - Last seen in open
over target - Two chutes seen coming
from plane. Plane seen to burst into
flame and explode at 2000 feet. 1st chute
out at 10000' - 2nd chute out at 4000'.

SUBMITTED BY _____

AAF STATION A-55
(PLACE)

28 NOVEMBER 1944
(DATE)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

Whereas I ERIC F. SCHWAB
(FULL NAME)

am about to take a flight or flights as a passenger in certain Army aircraft on 29 XT. 44; and whereas I am doing so entirely
(DATE OR DATES)

upon my own initiative, risk, and responsibility; now, therefore, in consideration of the permission extended to me by the United States through its officers and agents to take said flight or flights, I do hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, remise, release, and forever discharge the Government of the United States and all of its officers and agents, acting officially or otherwise, from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of action, on account of my death or on account of any injury to me which may occur by reasons of the said flight or flights.

The term "Flight or Flights" as used herein is understood and agreed to include the preparation for, continuation of flight or flights whether or not one or more than one aircraft is used throughout the entire flight or flights, as well as all ground and flight operations incident thereto. It is further understood and agreed that this release, among other things, extends to and includes negligence, faulty pilotage, and structural failure of the aircraft thereof.

The execution hereof does not operate to waive any statutory right conferred by act of Congress.

[Signature]
(SIGNATURE)

Ernest J. Platter 1st Lt AC
(WITNESS)

Robert A. Clark Major A.C.
(WITNESS)

William M. Little 1st Lt AC
(WITNESS)

(NAME OF PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED
IN EMERGENCY)

(ADDRESS OF PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED
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FRANCE-PRESSE - S^{te} Photo
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Paris

Mission No. 143

Part I

29 Nov. 1944

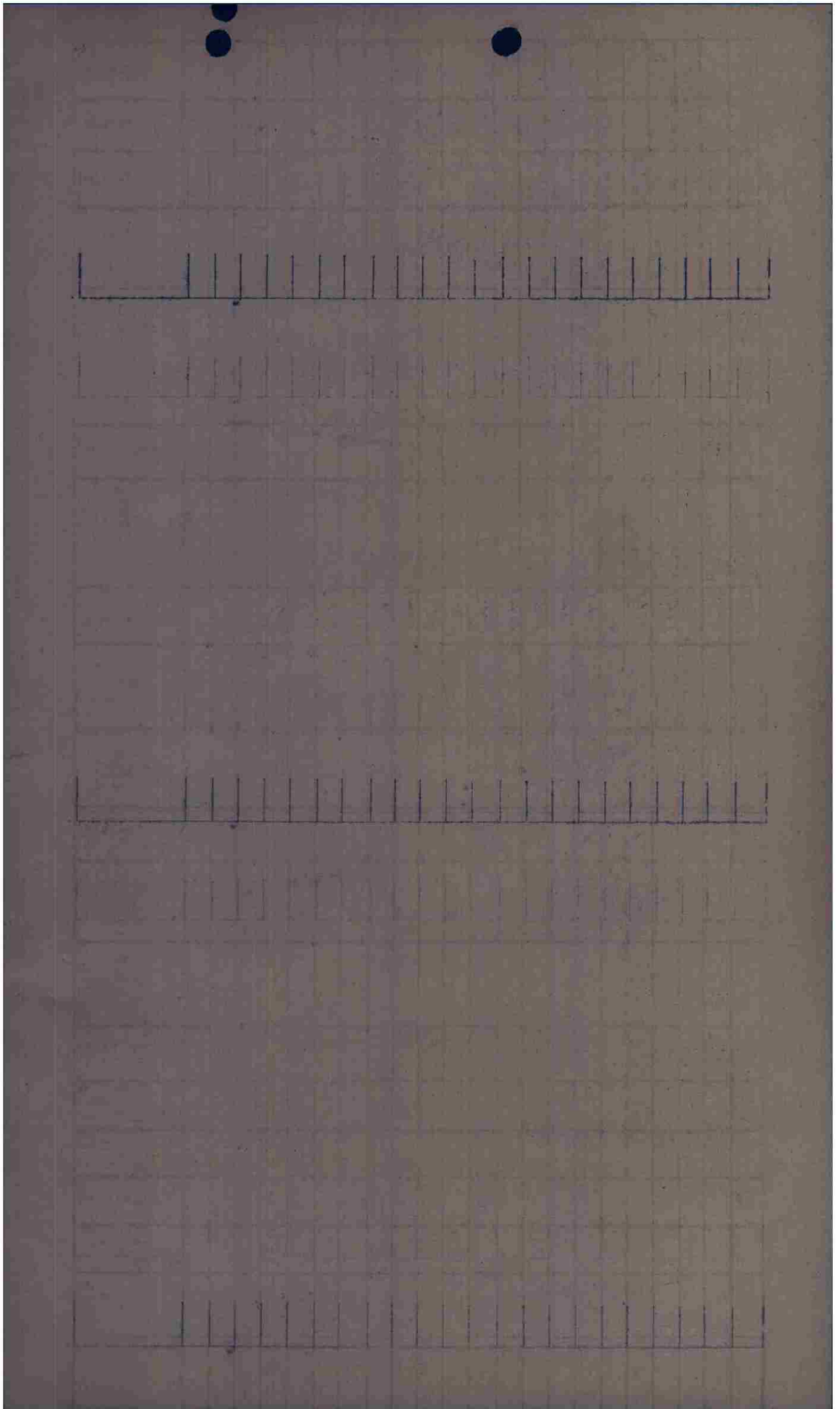
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C	Q	076	<i>Stinson</i>	456		1409			1530			HC		250 GP Fused 1000		1649	2:45
C	R	215	<i>Winkler</i>			1407						HC				1650	2:45
C	N	307	<i>Robinson</i>			1407						C				1649	2:45
C	M	235	<i>Robinson</i>			1407						C				1650	2:45
C	B	223	<i>Stinson J.S.</i>			1408						C				1651	2:45
C	D	296	<i>Turner</i>			1408						HC				1655	2:50
C	M-1	108	<i>Turner</i>			1409						HC				1656	2:50
C	F	219	<i>Turner</i>			1409						C				1657	2:50
C	K	269	<i>Turner</i>			1410						C				1912	3:05
C	A-1	216	<i>Turner</i>			1410						C				1659	2:50
C	O	317	<i>Turner</i>			1410						C				1659	2:50
C	I	264	<i>Turner</i>			1410						HC				1659	2:45
C	P	081	<i>Turner</i>			1410						HC				1659	2:45
C	B-1	214	<i>Turner</i>			1411						C				1653	2:45
C	C	218	<i>Turner</i>			1411						C				1653	2:45
C	D-1	302	<i>Turner</i>			1411						C				1653	2:45
C	H	259	<i>Turner</i>			1411						C				1654	2:40
C	A	213	<i>Turner</i>			1411						C				1654	2:45
C	I-1	244	<i>Turner</i>			1411						C				1654	2:45

Mission No. 163

Part II

29 Nov. 1944

S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U L L O A D	B O M B O A D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D E	R E M A R K S
C	W	173	Franklin			1413						HC				1659	2:45
C	S	320	Franklin			1413										1822	3:50
C	O	324	Mr. S. Green			1411				Just over target						1659	2:45
C	E	224	Mr. S. Green			1414										1659	2:45
C	I	217	Mr. S. Green			1414										1658	2:45
C	L	315	Mr. S. Green			1414										1710	2:55
B	L-1	178	Huber			1415						HC				1710	2:55
B	H	292	Huber			1415										1710	2:55
B	P	300	Mr. S. Green			1415										1710	2:55
B	O-1	301	Mr. S. Green			1416										1710	2:55
B	A	229	Mr. S. Green			1416										1711	2:55
B	A	232	Mr. S. Green			1416										1711	2:55
B	A	185	Mr. S. Green			1417										1711	2:55
B	N	239	Mr. S. Green			1417										1711	2:55
B	M	209	Mr. S. Green			1417										1711	2:55
B	K	211	Mr. S. Green			1418										1711	2:55
B	V	265	Mr. S. Green			1418										1711	2:55
B	D	231	Mr. S. Green			1418										1711	2:55
B	J	210	Mr. S. Green			1418										1711	2:55



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T-(OIITA PASS TO OIJJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 29/1438A N-257-E
TO IX BOMBER DIV.
489TH BOMB GROUP.
412TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.
1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV.)

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 148
29 NOVEMBER 1944

ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 71-649

CANCEL PLAN "A"

NEW ZERO HOUR FOR PLAN "C" TO READ: 29/1448A REPEAT 29/1448A

COMMUNICATIONS:
PARA. 5. C. (4) SHOULD READ: ROSELEE

NEW PLAN FOR 416TH GROUP AS FOLLOWS:

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

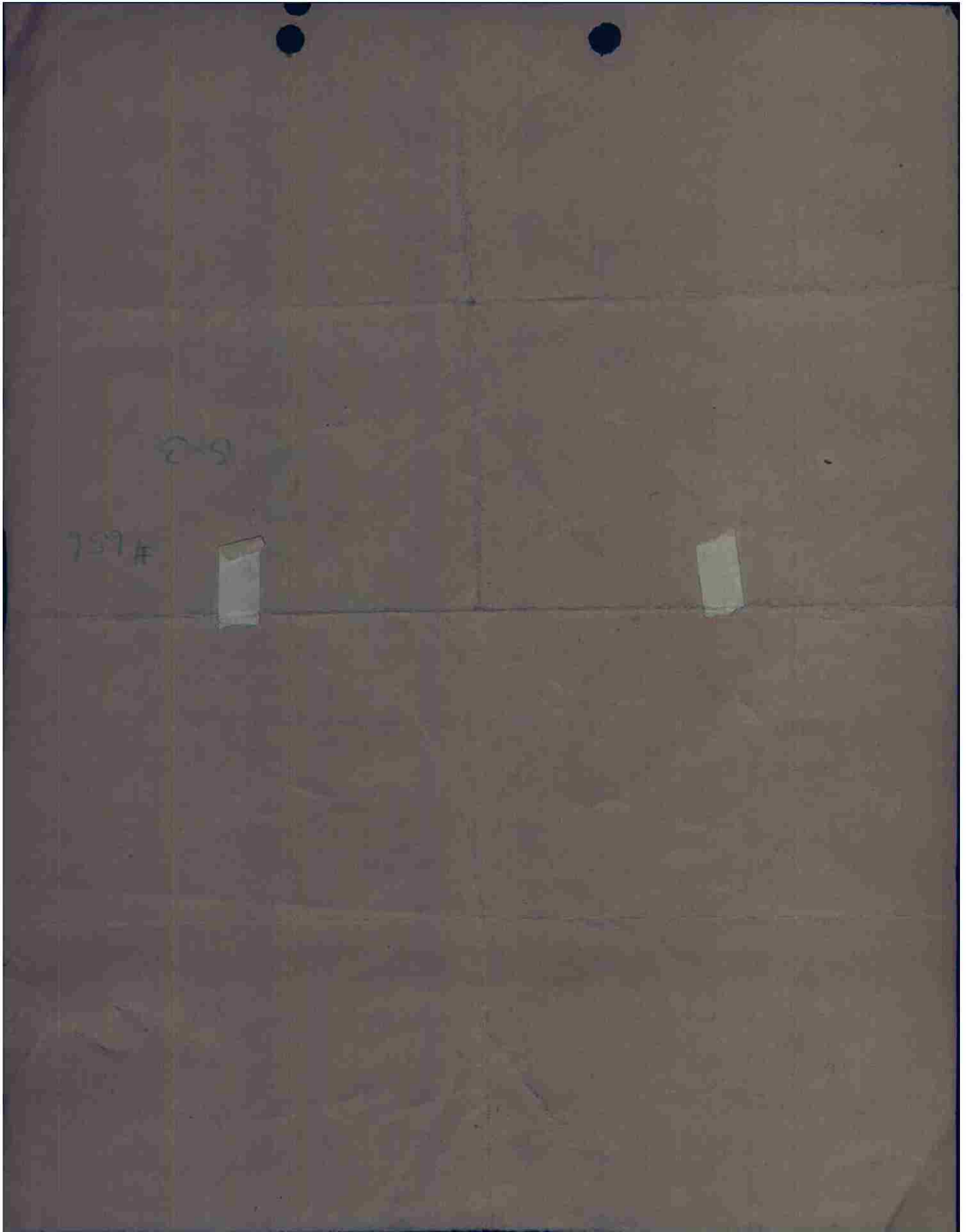
- (1) MARIANEILER (DEFENDED VILLAGE) F-391471
- (2) 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6
- (3) 29 T.A.C. WILL FURNISH AREA COVER.
- (4) BASE TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET.
- (7) 5847N 0605E
- (8) GENERALLY USW TO ENE
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. OPERATIONS PLAN "Q" AREA NO. 9. ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REFERENCES: 02250590, 0225051, 026056, 03050610, 031055, 03000575.
- (10) E X 250 C.P. FUSED 1/100 TAIL ONLY.
- (11) 5847N 0605E
- (12) ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL NOT BE ATTACKED.
- (13) T.O.T. 29/1538A

X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE.

A. NO CHANGE.

- - - COMCBTVIC 97 - - -

BT 29/1438A
FK-AR
STNS Q FOR R
OIJKI K WITH R
OIJKI / OIJE A R.....29/1103A RSS AR



OIITA OIJES OIJKI OIJPO V OIJEÁ OIJEÁ 06/29 OP OP
T (OIITA T OIJJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 29/0453A N-254-E

TO COMBOMDIV NINE
409TH BOMB GROUP
410TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP

1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: LT. COL. MC AFEE

N-648

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

A P O 140

29 NOVEMBER 1944

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 71-649

ZERO HOUR ON PLAN "C" IS 29/1400A. ADD 50 FEET INTERVALOMETER SETTING TO PARAGRAPH 3. C. (10) ON PLAN "A".

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 29/0453A

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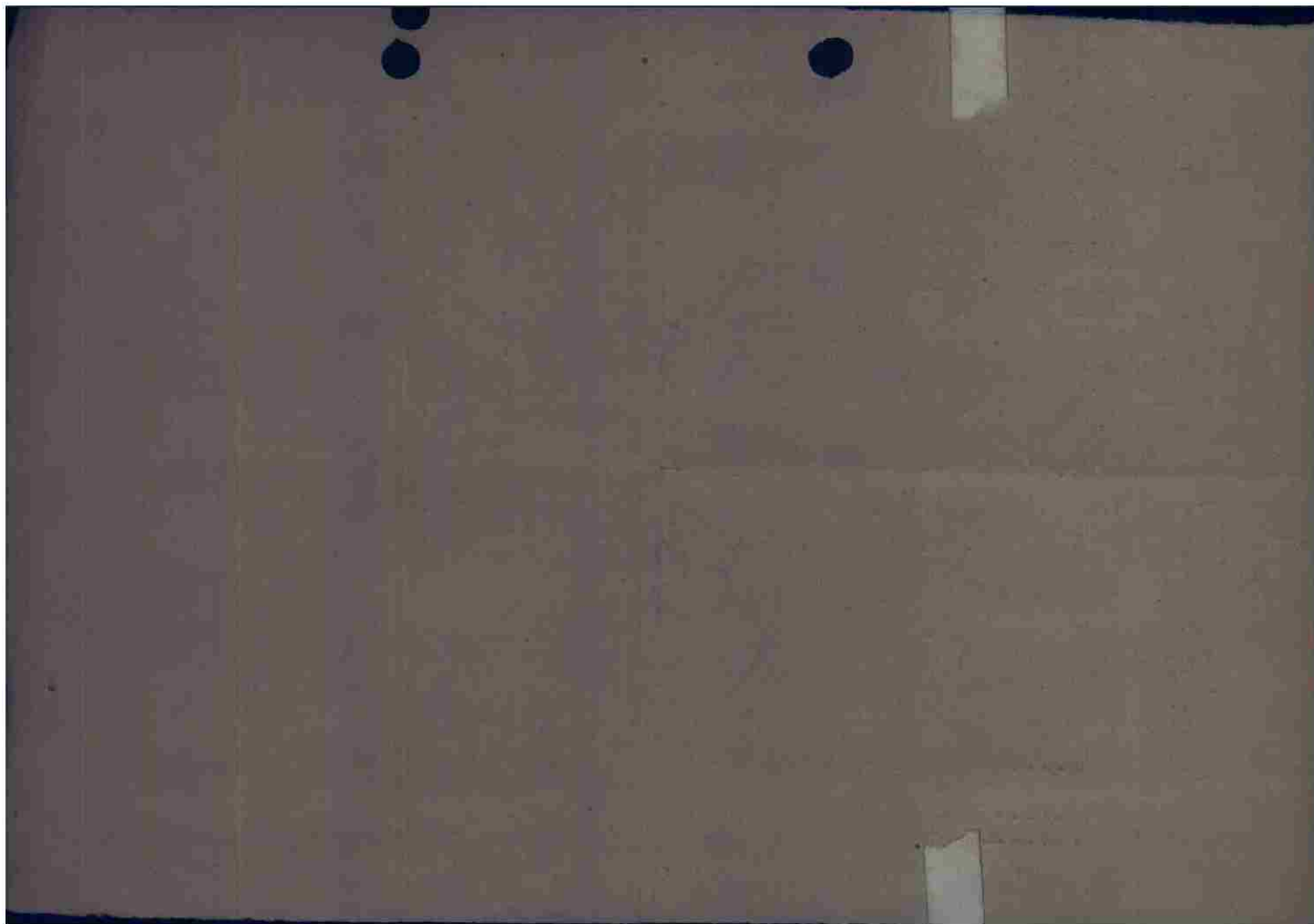
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OIJES R.....29/0510A JH AR

OIJKI R.....29/0510A FD AR

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P(OIITA PASS TO OIJJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 29/1145A N-258-E
TO : IX BOMBER DIV.
409TH BOMB GROUP.
410TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.
1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV.)

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
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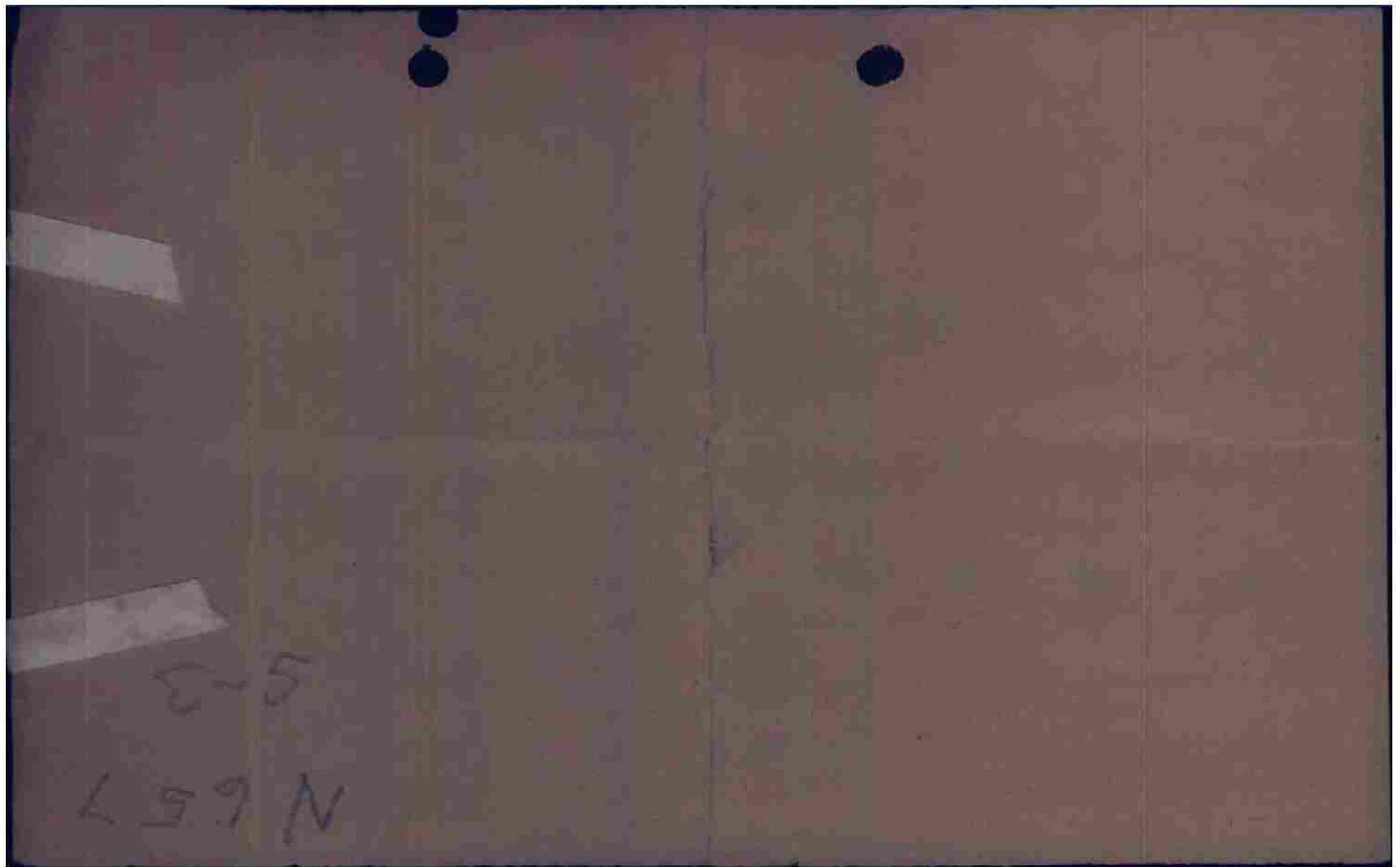
ANNEX NO. 3 TO F.O. NO. 71-649

CHANGE ZERO HOUR FOR PLAN "C" TO READ: 29/1510A REPEAT 29/1510A

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 29/1915A
 TO C.G. 9TH BOMB DIVISION
 C.G. 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 ATTN: A-2

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY
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416TH BG N-420-D

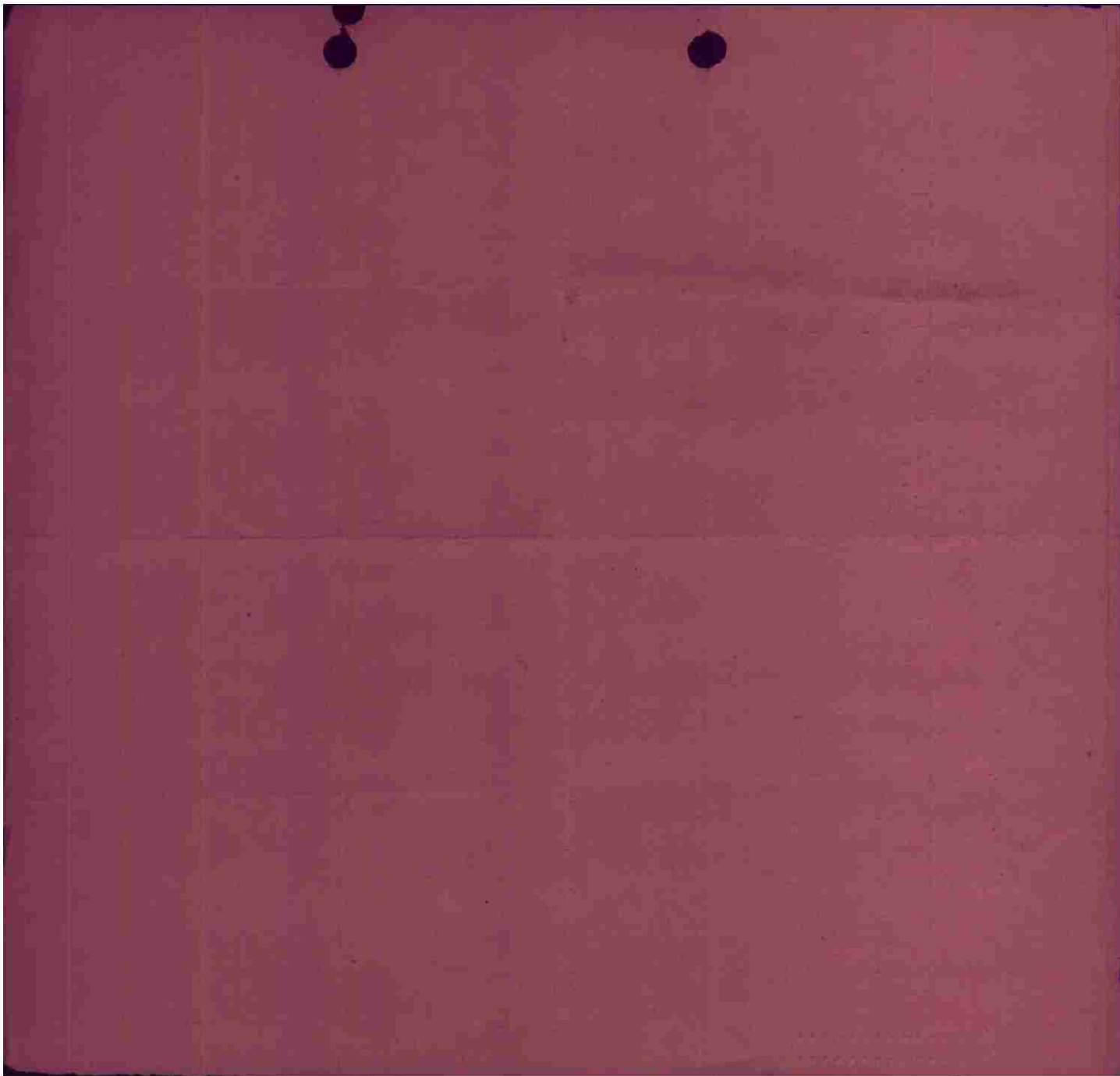
- A- 416TH BOMB GROUP
- B. MARIWEILLER (DEFENDED VILLAGE)
- C. 6 A-20K AND 31 A-26
- D. NO ATTACK
- E. 6 A-20K WEATHER
 30 A-26 LEADER DID NOT BOMB (INCLUDING CRASHED A/C
 1 A-26 RETURNED EARLY (MECHANICAL)
- F. 263 X 250 GP BOMBS RETURNED
 1 X 250 GP FELL OUT AT K 9044
 8 X 250 GP UNACCOUNTED. BOMBS OF A/C THAT CRASHED.
- G. NO ATTACK
- H. 1 A-26 BLEW UP AT 2000 FT. AT 0 9275.
 1 CHUTE SEEN 70 AT P 3895
 1 CHUTE SEEN AT P 0579
 6 A/C DAMAGED CAT. "A"
- I. 2 MISSING. 2 CHUTES SEEN LEAVING A/C BEFORE IT CRASHED.
- J. MODERATE HEAVY INACCURATE
 MODERATE TO INTENSE ACCURATE AT F 095485
 TO F 0754.95 FOR BOX 1. MODERATE TO INTENSE INACCURATE FOR BOX 2.
 SEEN IN BURSTS OF 70W FOUR TO RIGHT OF FORMATION ON TURN OFF
 TARGET.
- K. NIL
- L. NO ATTACK
- M. 1531 AT PRIMARY

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 29/1915A
 EW AR TO ITA

JEA R.....29/2145A RL AR
 ITA R.....29/2145A RB AR

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FROM BOMBAY
TO ALL WINGS AND GROUPS
OPERATIONAL FORECAST FOR PERIOD 1300-1600 29/11/44

BASE TO TARGET:
NIL MEDIUM CLOUD AT BASE BUT PATCHY 2/10 TO 3/10, BASE OF 6 DEGREES
EAST IN LIMBURG AREA BUT 4/10 TO 6/10 IN LANDAU AND RASTATT.
BASE 12000 TOPS 14000. LOW CLOUD AT BASE TO RUN 8/10 TO 7/10 BASETOPS 2500
TO 2000 AND LOW CLOUD IN TARGET AREA TO BE 8/10 SC AND CU BASE
1500 TOPS 7-8000 WITH LARGE BREAKS. VISIBILITY 2-4 MILES AT TAKEOFF
INCREASING TO 3-5 IN TARGET AREA WITH LIGHT MIST.

TARGETS:
PATCHY 8/10 TO 3/10 MEDIUM CLOUD EAST 12000 TOPS 13000 IN LIMBURG
TARGET 4/10 TO 6/10 MEDIUM BASE 12000 TOPS 14000 IN LANDAU AND
RASTATT 8/10 SC BASE 1500 TOPS 7-8000 WITH LARGE BREAKS IN AREA.
VIS. 3-5 MILES IN LIGHT MIST.

TARGET TO BASE:
AS OUT WITH LOW CLOUD DECREASING TO 3/10 TO 5/10 AT BASE ON RETURN
WITH BASE 3000 TOPS 5000.

HAZARDS TO FLYING:
LIGHT MIST TO 2000 - LIGHT CLEAR ABOVE IN CLOUDS ABOUT 4000.

FREEZING LEVEL: 4000 FOGING: LIGHT CLEAR

WINGS	BASES	TARGETS	TEMPERATURE
SURFACE	200-10	BASE	PLUS 5
5000	200-25	270-35	MINUS 2
10000	300-30	200-30	MINUS 6
15000	300-35	5-35	MINUS 10
20000	300-45	280-35	MINUS 5

MEAN TEMP. 0

FORECASTED PRE. WIND

LIMBURG 1001.5 - 2.4
LANDAU 1008.59 - 2.81
RASTATT 1024.0 - 2.93

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