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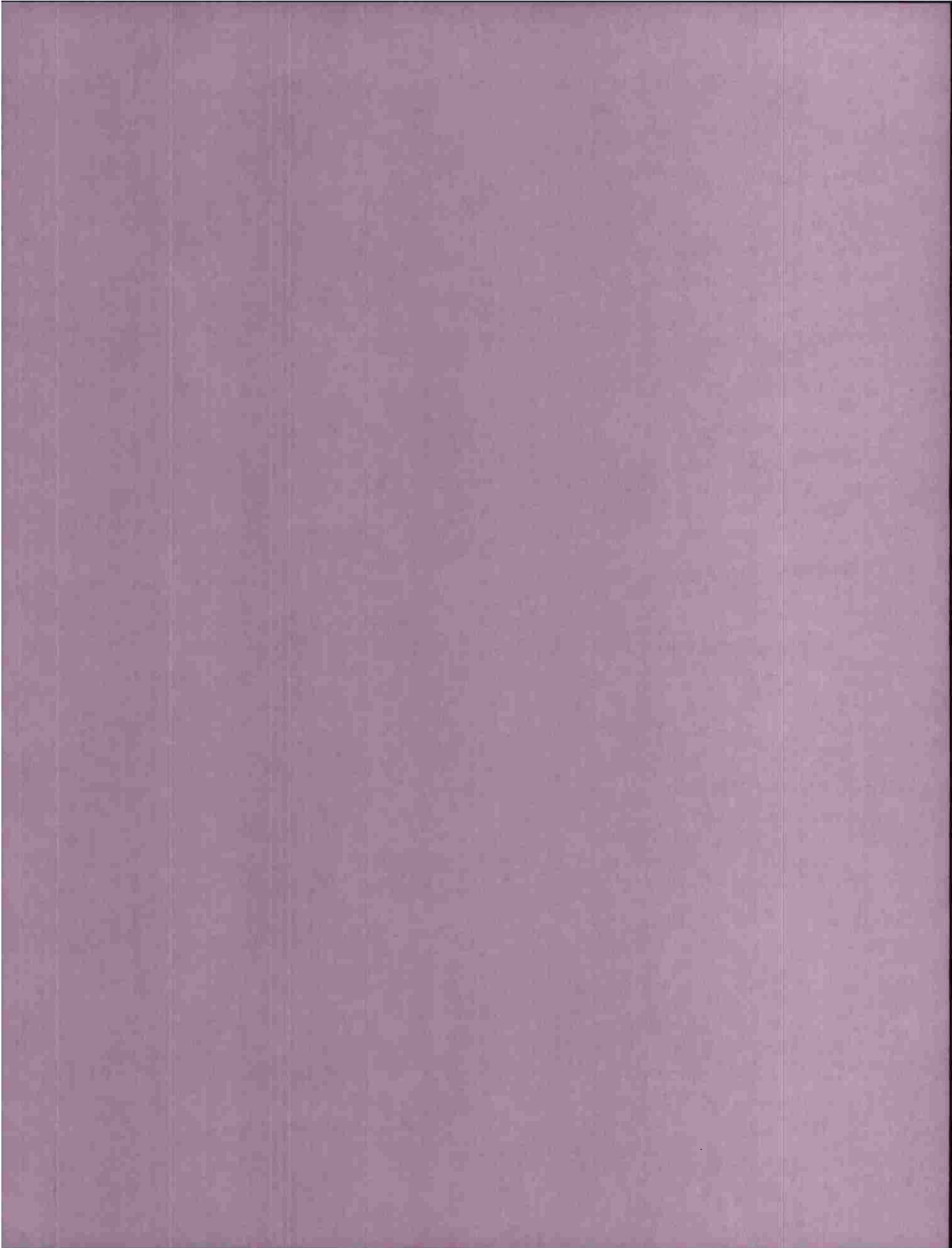
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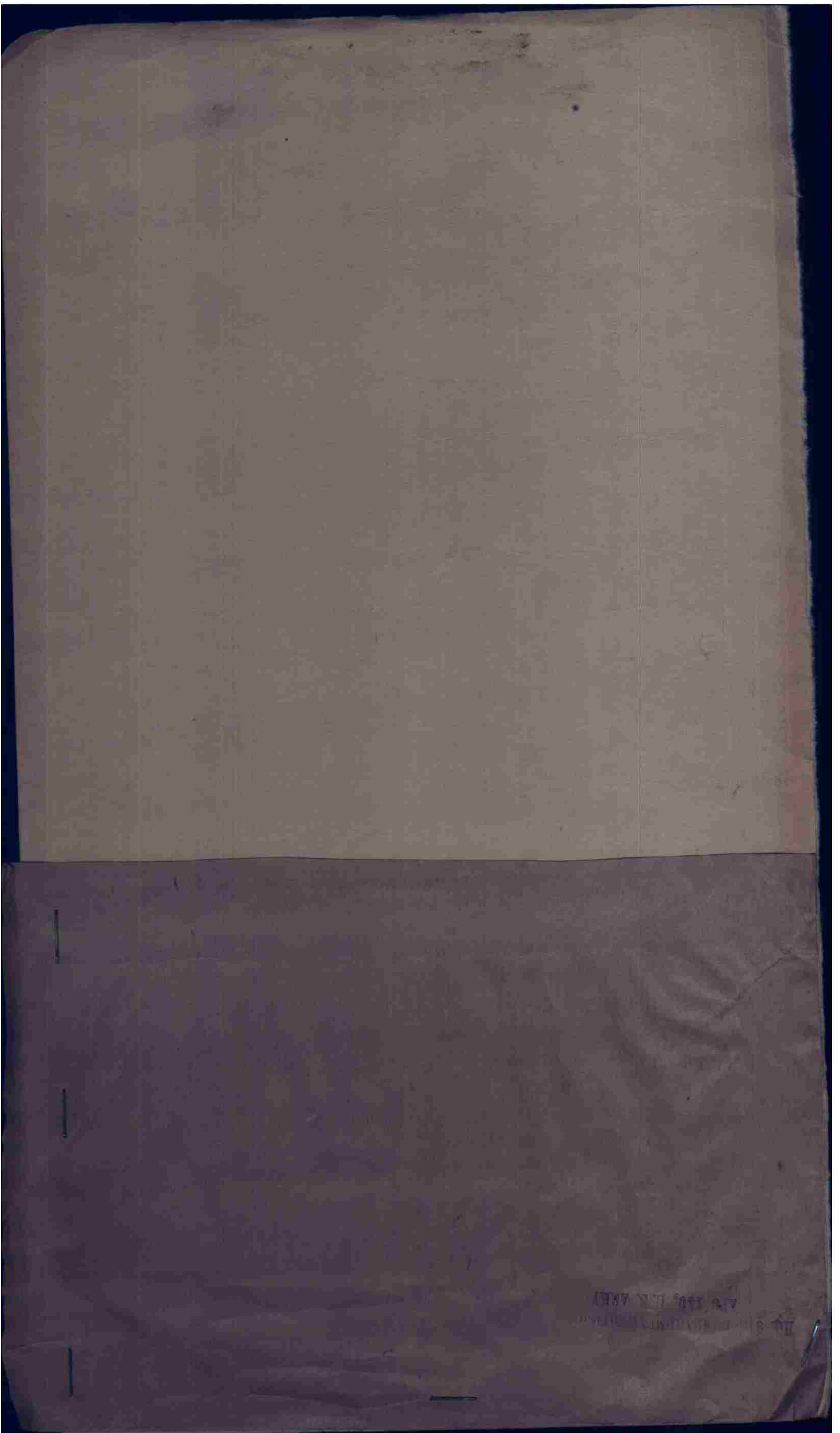
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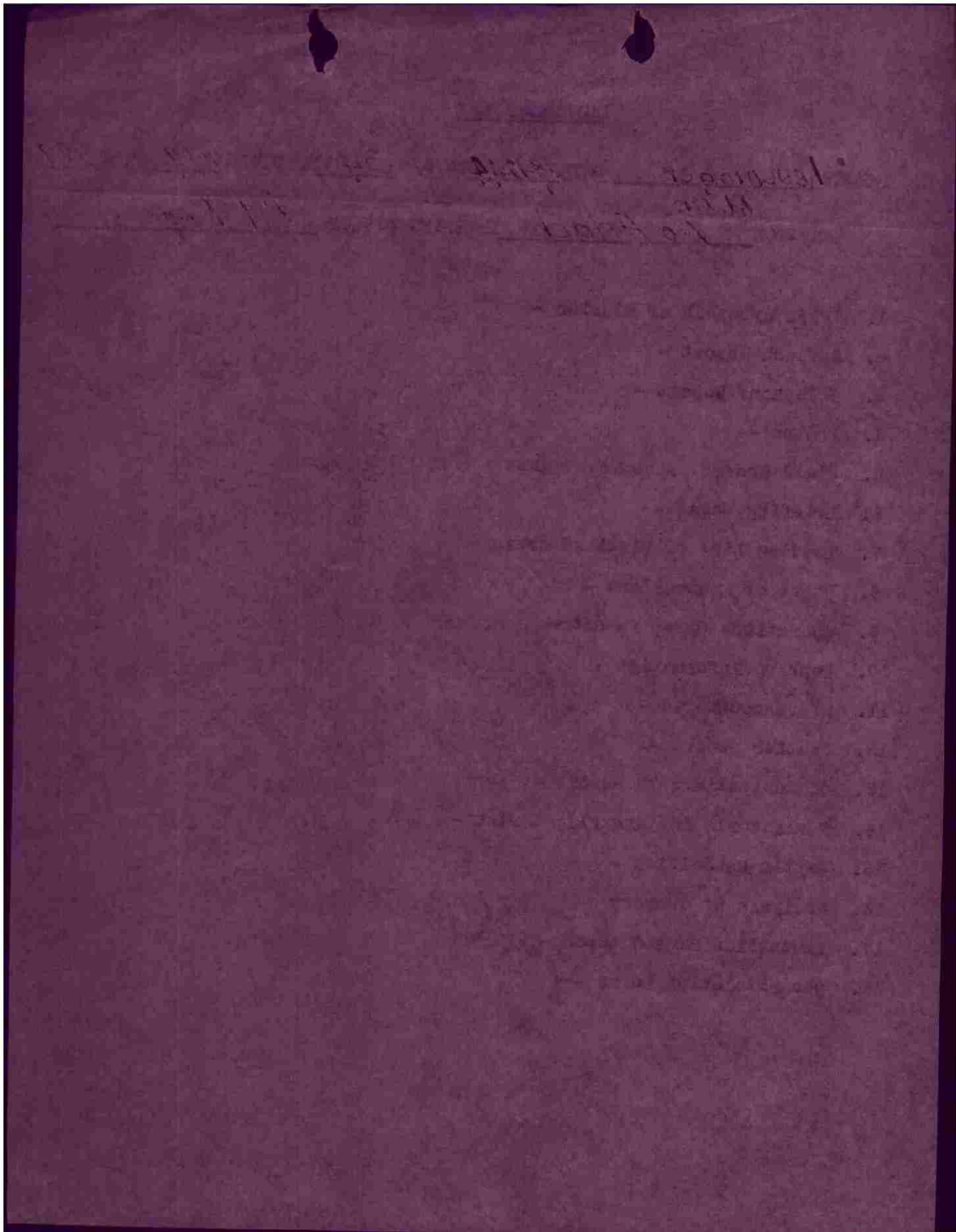
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TARGET Keuchinger DATE 29-12-44 NO a/c 34 MISSION# 179 F.O# 689
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 STATUS No Attack BRIEFING OFFICER Lt Rogers

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 29/1500A

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TO CG 9TH BOMB. DIVISION, ATT:- A-2
CG 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING, ATT:- A-2

CONFIDENTIAL BT

D-457-D

OPFLASH FOR 29 DECEMBER 1944.

A. 416 BOMB GROUP

B. KEUCHINGEN (ROAD BRIDGE)

C. 6 A-20K
28 A-26

D. NO ATTACK

E. 6 A-20K, 27 A-26 - WEATHER PREVENTED VISUAL BOMBING OF THE TARGET.
1 A-26 MECHANICAL - GAS LEAK - EARLY RETURN

F. 24 X 500 GP RETURNED (A-20K)
102 X 1000 GP RETURNED (A-26)

G. NO ATTACK

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NIL

K. NIL

L. 11,500 - 12,000 FEET

M. FIRST RUN - 1212
SECOND RUN - 1232

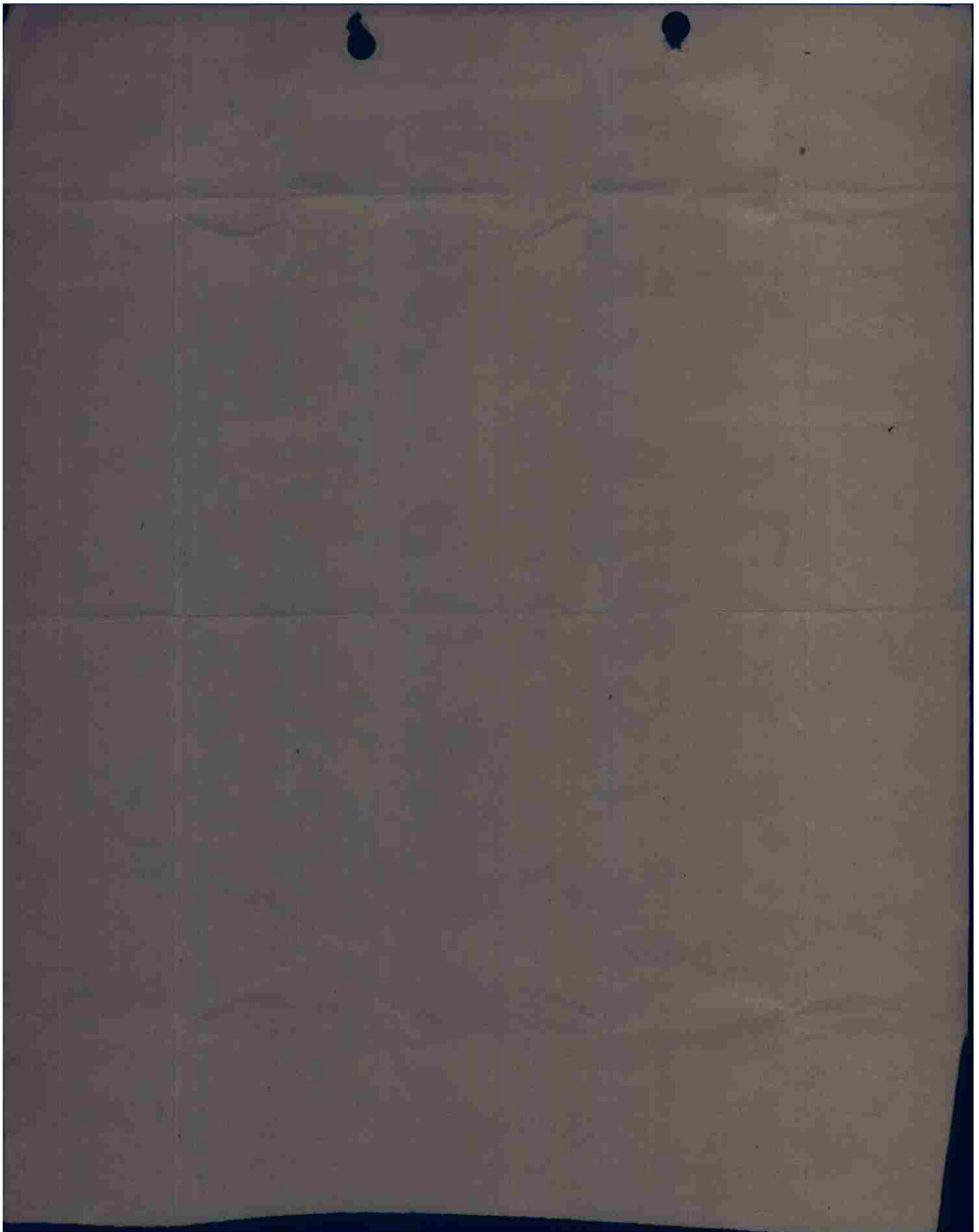
OBSERVATIONS: CONTRAILS OBSERVED IN TARGET AREA AT APPROXIMATELY 13,000 FEET ALTITUDE.

FORMATION WAS FOLLOWED BY S/E INLINE-ENGINE FIGHTER TO WITHIN 3 MINUTES FROM HOME BASE (REPORTED BY ONE A-26 CREW), BELIEVED TO BE ME-109.

BT 1500A
WFC BBBB

JEA FOR ITA R.....29/1510A FK KKKKK

Hoppe-Rogers



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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 28/2300A D-224-E
 TO : 416TH BOMB GROUP
 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
 SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: LT. COL. MC AFEE

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INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER 111-669

- (1) TARGET: KEUCHINGER ROAD BRIDGE AT G-169999. IT HAS 3 SPANS AND A STEEL GIRDER SUPERSTRUCTURE, WITH STONE AND MASONRY ABUTMENTS. OVER ALL LENGTH IS 360 FEET, AND TOTAL WIDTH IS 33 FEET, ROAD BEING 25 FEET WIDE. THIS TARGET HAS NOT BEEN ATTACKED PREVIOUSLY.
- (2) SEE GSGS 4416 SHEET U-1 AND GSGS 4471 SHEET XXXV-11 ALSO ILLUSTRATION NINTH A.F. 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT OS 12/T354 AND SORTIE US 7/1636 PRINT NO. 8225 AND 8226.
- (3) KNOCKING OUT THIS BRIDGE WILL PREVENT THE ENEMY FROM USING IT FOR A COUNTER ATTACK ON OUR TROOPS WHO ARE ATTACKING THE SOUTHERN FLANK OF THE ENEMY BREAK-THROUGH. THERE IS NO USE IN SAVING ANY BRIDGES OVER THE SAAK RIVER. THE GERMANS USE THEM UNTIL WE REACH THERE, AND THEN BLOW THEM JUST IN FRONT OF US. BY BLOWING THEM, WE PREVENT THEM FROM USING THESE BRIDGES TO BRING UP SUPPLIES OR TO WITHDRAW ACROSS.
- (4) FLAK: PLOTTE POSITIONS.
- (5) BOMBLINE PASSES THROUGH TARGET, BUT TROOPS ARE A SAFE DISTANCE FROM TARGET.

Patrol back 7 miles to the SW

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BT 28/2300A

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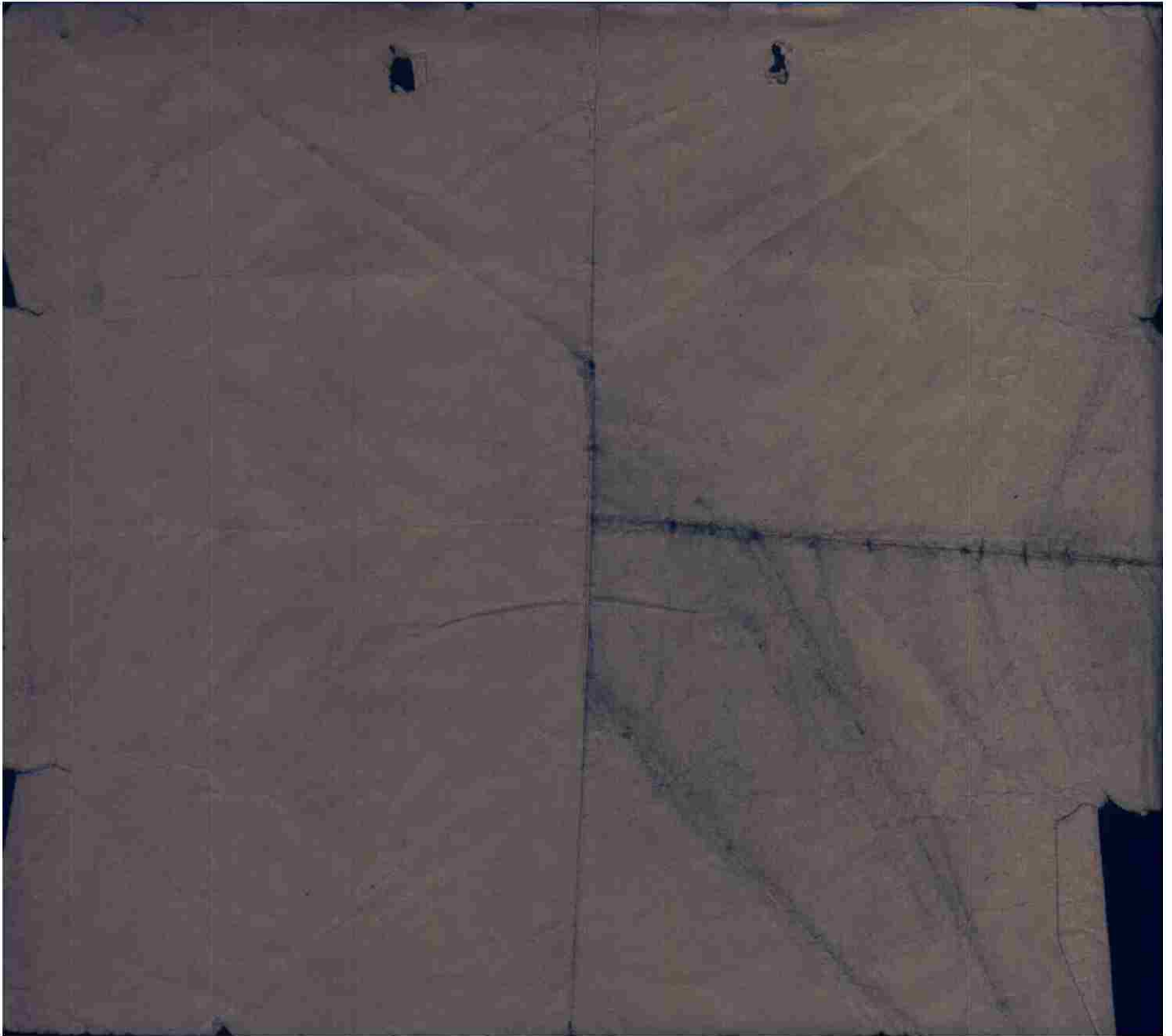
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 29/1330A D-234-E
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

D-746

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S-3
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: LT. COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
29 DECEMBER 1944



ANNEX NO. 4 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 111-689:

CANCEL PAR. 3.A AND 3.B. REPEAT: CANCEL PAR. 3.A AND 3.B.

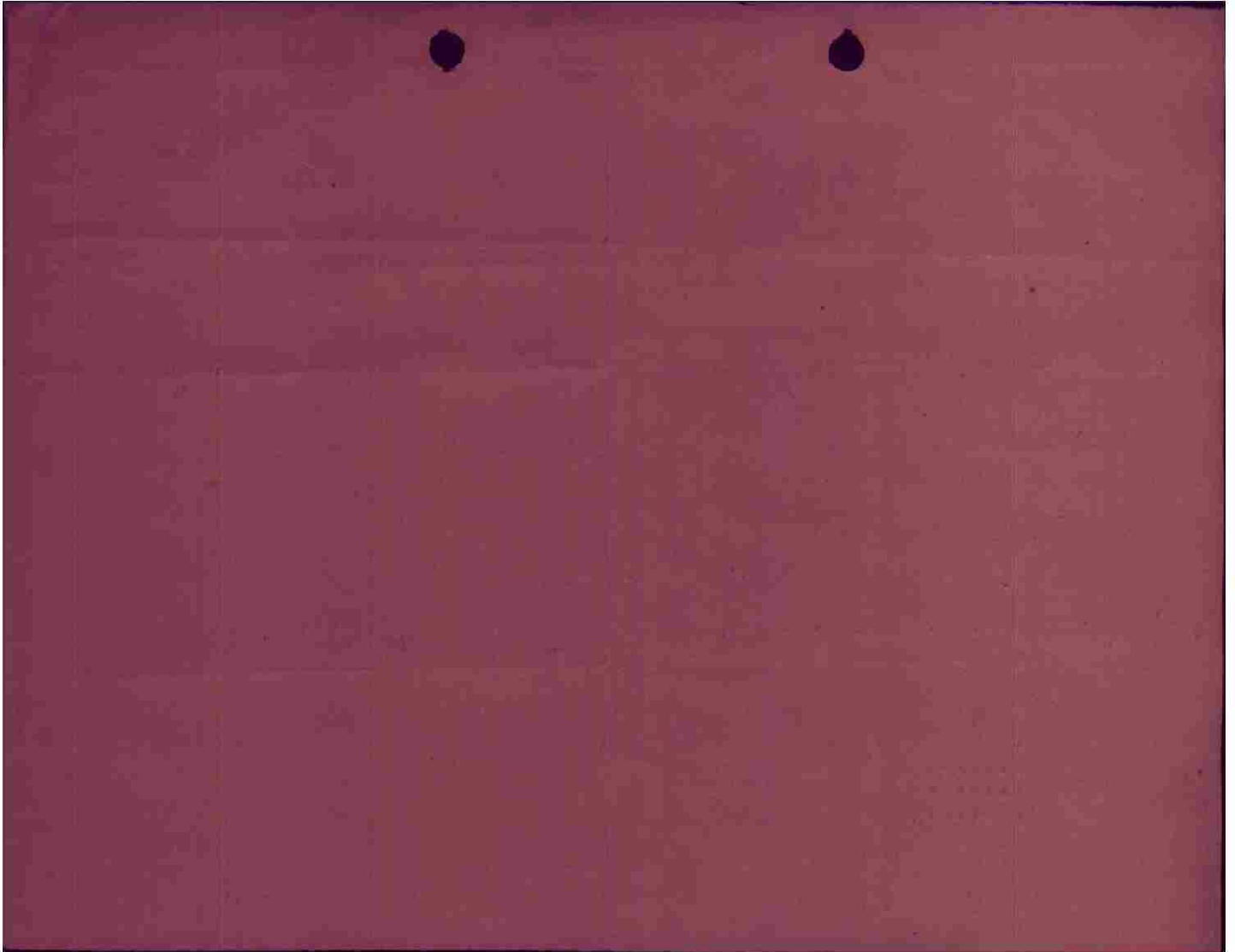
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T-(OIITA PASS TO OIJJF)

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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 29/1030A D-233-E
TO : IX BOMBER DIV.
409TH BOMB GROUP.
410TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.
1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV.)

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S-3

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



97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
29 DECEMBER 1944

ANNEX NO. 3 TO F.O. NO. 111-689

(FOR 416TH GROUP ONLY) PLAN "A" IS IN EFFECT WITH ZERO HOUR
29/1200A.

(FOR 409TH AND 410TH GROUPS ONLY) DELAY ZERO HOUR ONE HOUR
NEW ZERO HOUR TO READ: 29/1300A

THE XIX T.A.C. WILL FURNISH AREA COVER FOR THIS WING.

PARA. 5. (COMMUNICATIONS) SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (2) COURAGE
 - (3) BISHOP
 - (4) RIPSAW

- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (2) PRODUCT
 - (3) BISHOP
 - (4) RIPSAW

- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (2) REDBROWN
 - (3) SHOWDOWN
 - (4) RIPSAW

- X. GENERAL INFORMATION
 - (2) PARADE D/D RIPSAW C/C

- - - COMCBTWIG 97 - - -

BT 29/1030A

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STNS Q FOR R

OIJES K WITH R

OIJES / OIJE A R.29/1115A DJP AR

OIJPO K WITH R

OIJPO / OIJE A R.29 29/1115A MW AR

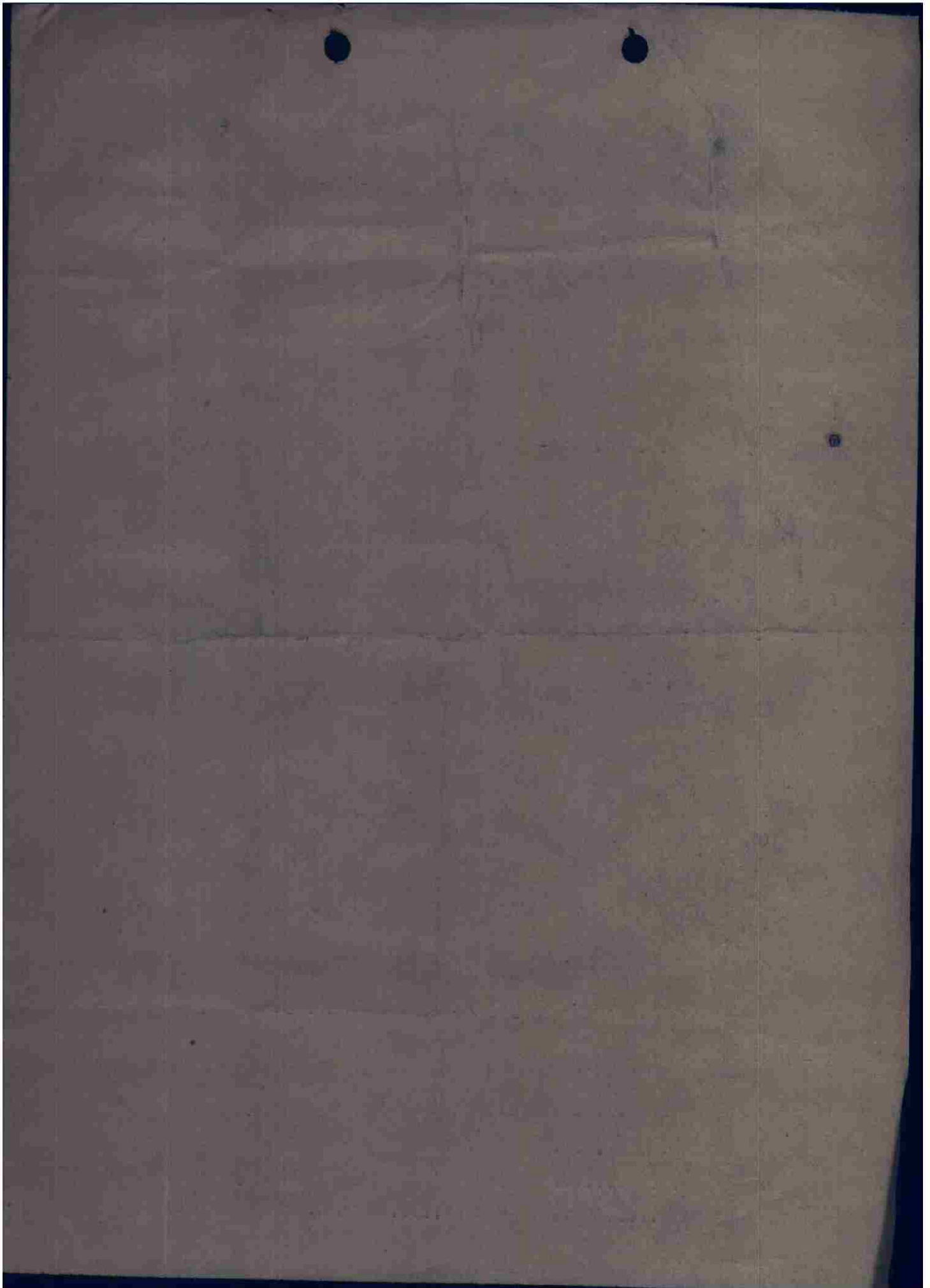
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OIITA K WITH R

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28/2340

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 28/2300A D-224-E
 TO : 416TH BOMB GROUP
 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
 SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: LT. COL. MC AFEE

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INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER 111-689

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BT 28/2300A

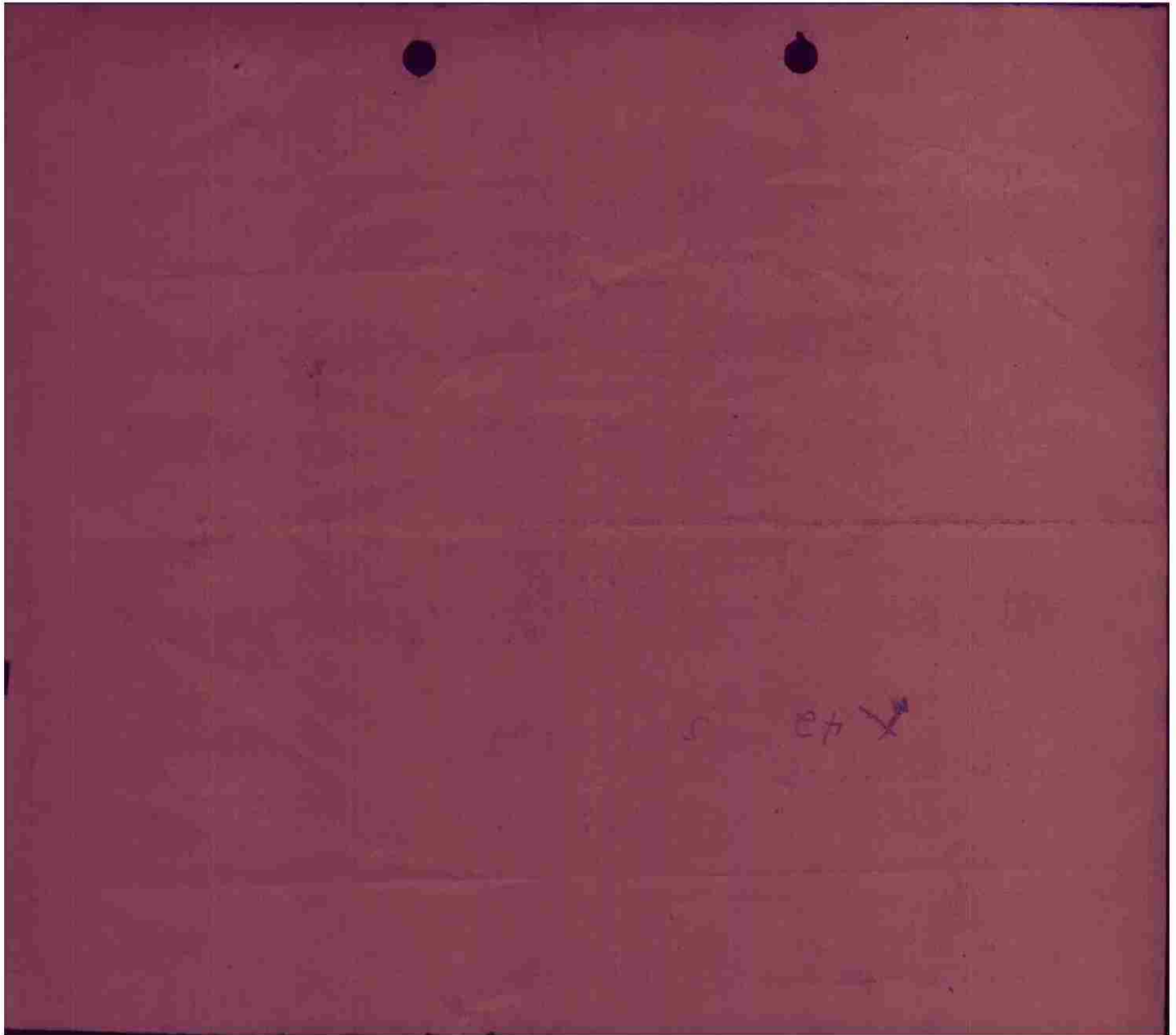
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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 29/0235A D-229-E

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

ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 111-689

CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3. C. (9) ON PLAN "A" TO READ:

3. C. (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES GSGS 4471 SHEET XXXV-11 GRID. COORD.
16959990 CENTER OF BRIDGE. INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.

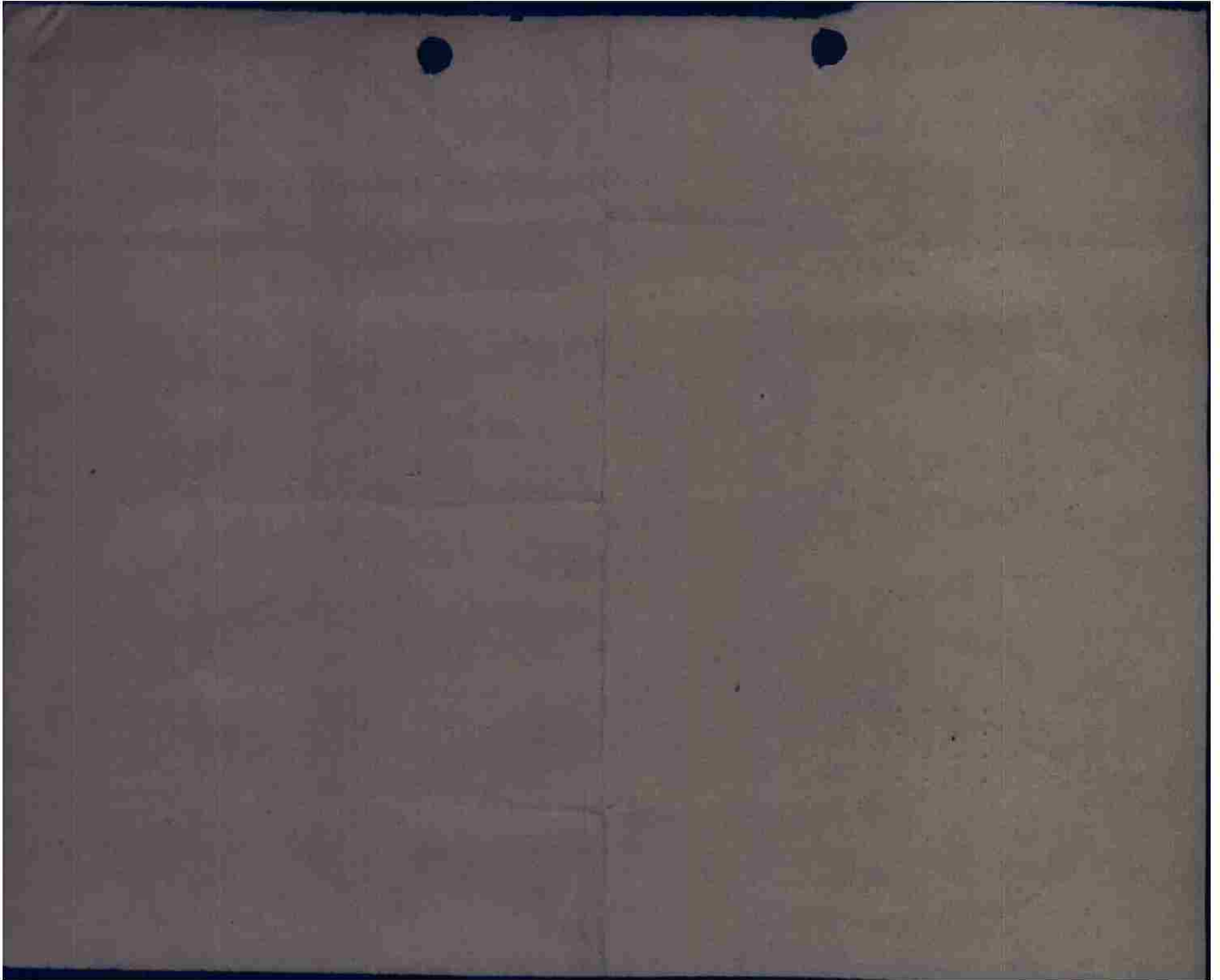
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BT 29/0235A

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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 29/0215A D-228-E
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
409TH BOMB GROUP
410TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

ANNEX NO. 1 TO F.O. 111-689

CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3. C. (12) TO READ:

3. C. (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 10 MIN.

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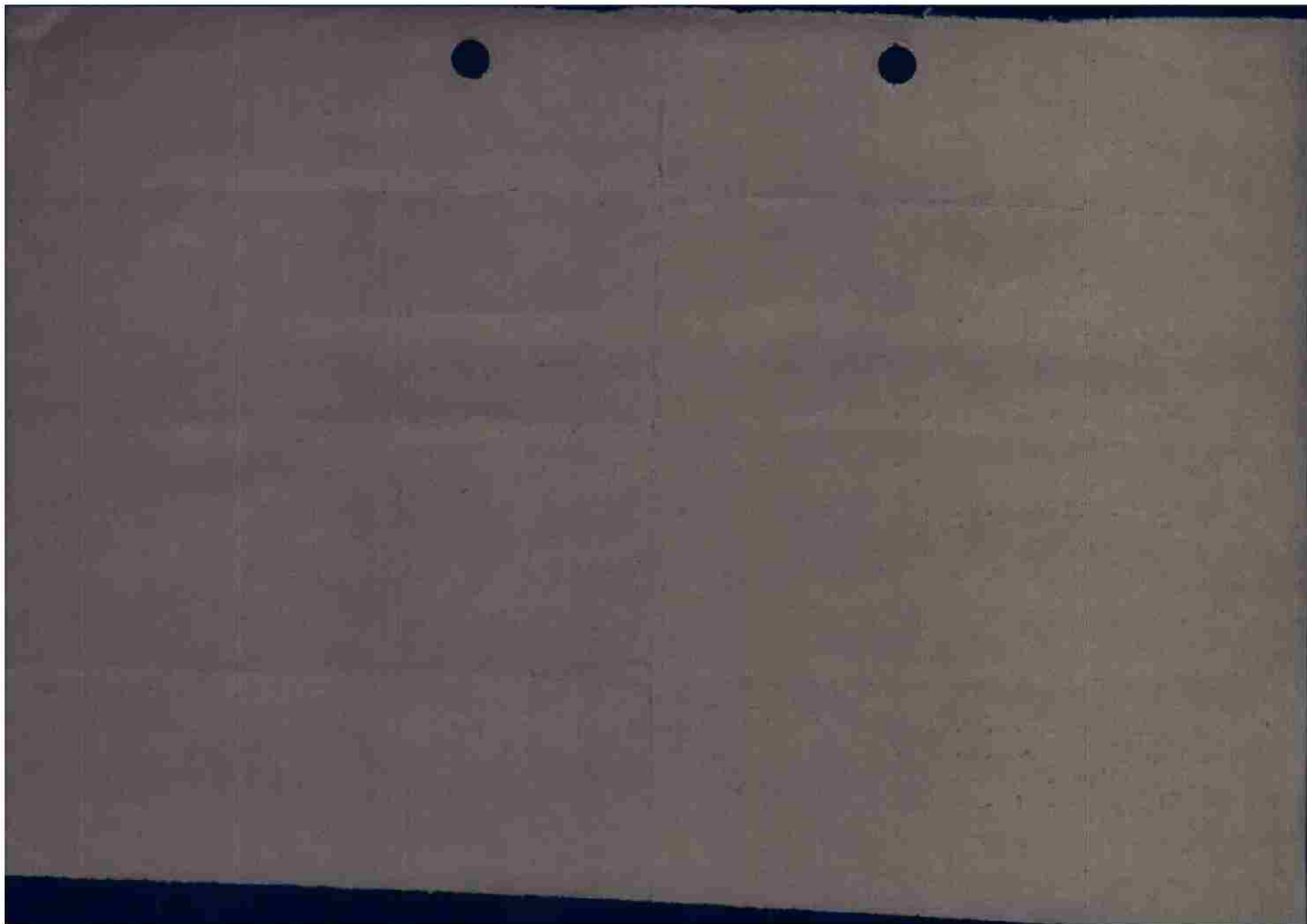
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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 29/005050A D-227-E
 TO : COMBOMDIV IX
 409TH BOMB GROUP
 410TH BOMB GROUP
 416TH BOMB GROUP
 1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQD.

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 29 DEC, 1944.

FIELD ORDER NO. 111-689

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE
 (2) 2 T.A.F. WILL PROVIDE SPITFIRE AREA COVER FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN BELGIUM AND GERMANY.

ZEOR HOUR PLAN "A" ZERO 29/1200A
 ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" 29/1300A

PLAN "A"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

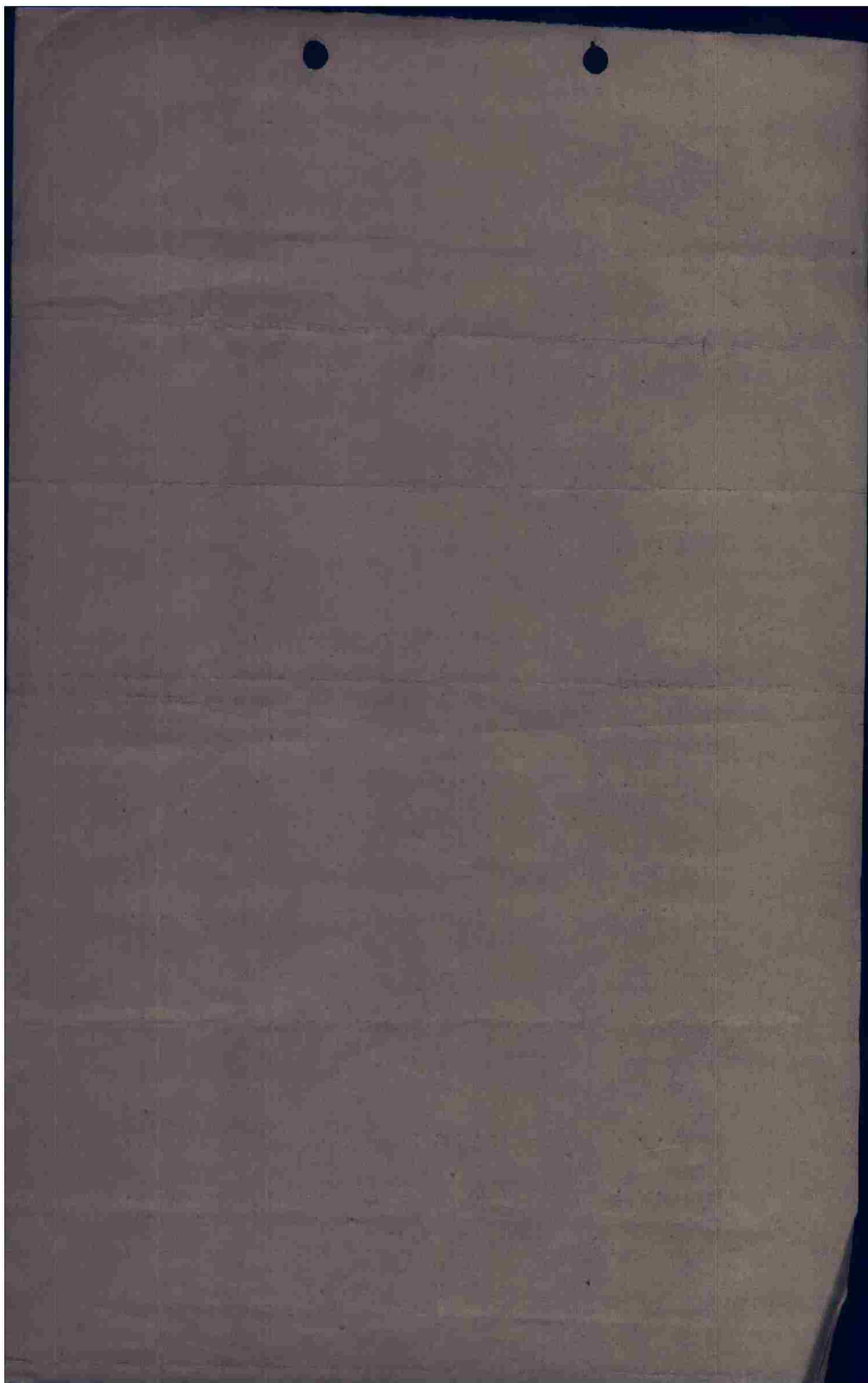
- (1) SALMCHATEAU (ROAD JUNCTION) P-696868.
- (2) 54 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (4) BASE TO 5032N 0520E TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BASE
- (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET.
- (7) 5028N 0541E
- (8) GEN. NW TO SE
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4040 SHEET 93 GRID COORD 696868 INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
- (10) 4 X 1000 L.B. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL. 20 PERCENT OF THE BOMBS WILL BE FUSED WITH DELAY FUSES UP TO 24 HOUR DELAY.
- (11) 5028N 0541E
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR
- (13) NO LATERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION.
- (14) PRIMARY TARGET WILL NOT BE ATTACKED BY USE OF "GEE".

3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) LAROCHE (ROAD JUNCTION) P-458779
- (2) 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (4) BASE TO 3X I.P. TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET.
- (7) 5031N 0514E
- (8) GEN. NW TO SE
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4040 SHEET 106 GRID COORD 458779.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) 5031N 0514E
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR
- (13) NO LATERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION.
- (14) PRIMARY TARGET WILL NOT BE ATTACKED BY USE OF "GEE".

3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) KEUCHINGEN (ROAD BRIDGE) Q-169999
- (2) 54 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (4) BASE TO 4907N 0611E TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET.
- (7) 4922N 0610E



- (8) GEN. S W 10 10 20
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES GSGS 4471 SHEET XXXV-11. GRID COORD. 1695999 CENTER OF BRIDGE. INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
- (10) 4 X 1,000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) 4922N 0610E
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 15. MIN.
- (13) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION.
- (14) PRIMARY TARGET WILL NOT BE ATTACKED BY USE OF "GEE".

PLAN "B" PATHFINDER

3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) KEUCHINGEN (ROAD BRIDGE) Q-169999
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 15 A/C WITH 1 P.P.F. A/C FOR EACH BOX.
- (3) WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER THE FIELD.
- (4) BASE TO 4925N 0546E TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT: 1ST BOX 12,500, 2ND BOX 12,000 MINIMUM ALTITUDE. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 5,000 FEET.
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES GSGS 4471 SHEET XXXV-11 GRID. COORD. 16959990 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL. P.P.F. M.P.I. 16959990
- (10) 4 X 1,000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 30 FEET.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 75 MIN.
- (13) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION.
- (14) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT TARGET, BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT.
- (15) IF IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE GROUP TO MAKE A SECOND RUN FOR VISUAL BOMBING, GROUP WILL RETURN TO 4922N 0610E TO BEGIN RUN
- (16) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AND PATHFINDER EQUIPMENT FAILS, GROUP WILL NOT BOMB PRIMARY TARGET ON OWN "GEE" EQUIPMENT.
- (17) DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.

X. (1 - 4) NO CHANGE.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A"

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP: 696870
- (2) COURAGE
- (3) SWEEPSTAKE ON "C"

PLAN "A"

- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP: 458777
- (2) PRODUCT
- (5) SWEEPSTAKE ON "C"

PLAN "A" AND "B"

- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP: 169999
- (2) REDBROWN
- (5) SWEEPSTAKE ON "C"

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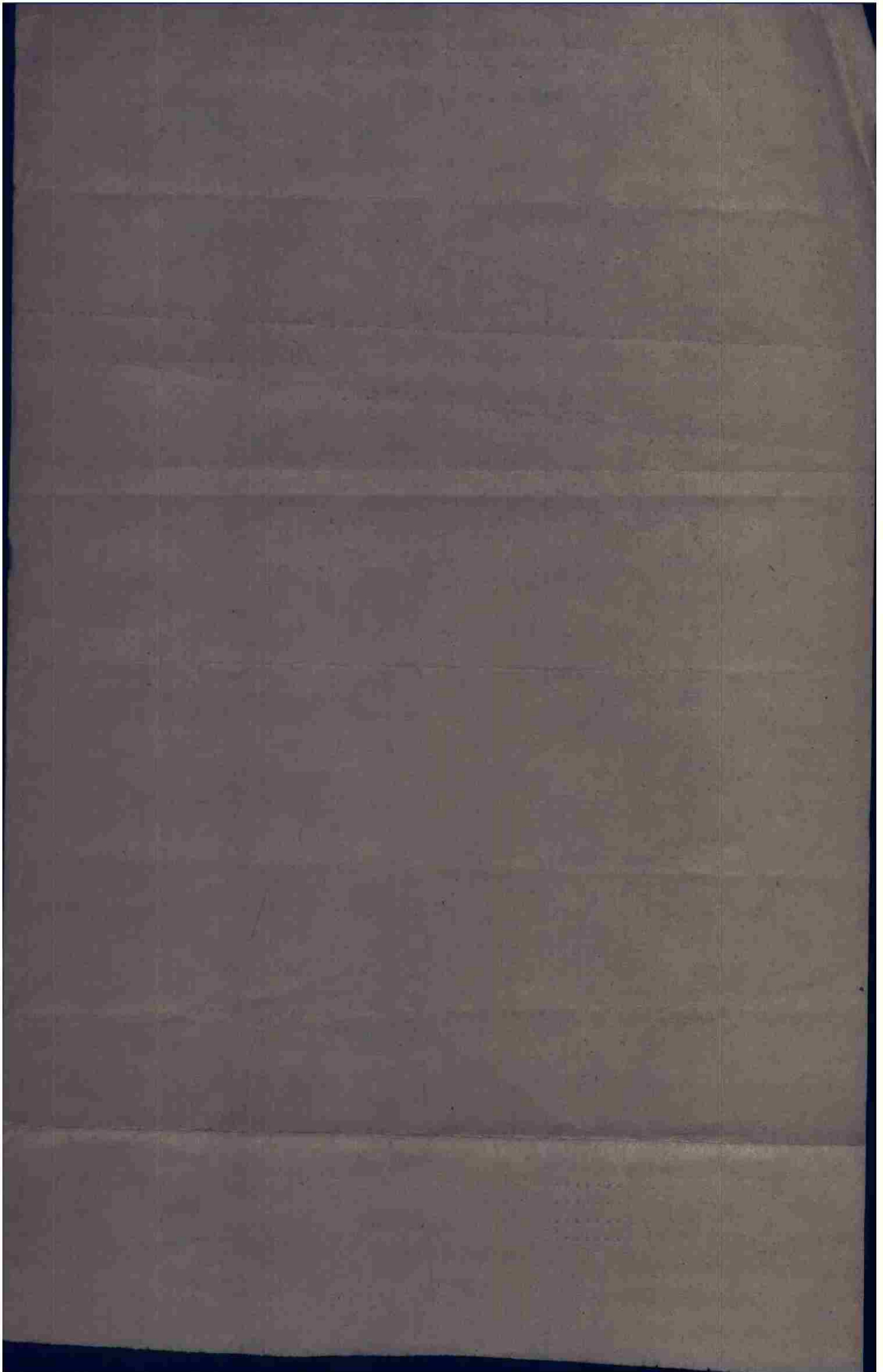
- (2) PARADE ON "D" SWEEPSTAKE ON "C"

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 OIJES / OIJE A R.....29/0143A IDR AR
 OIJKI / OIJE A R.....29/0143A WJF AR
 OIJPO / OIJE A R.....'29/0143A CEN AR
 VT



MISSION NO. 179

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

29 December 1944

44-173
Lt. Col. W.J. Beng
Lt. V.H. Powell
S/Sgt. H.F. Meadert
Sgt. L.A. Elliot

2. 43-22334
Major C.H. Ferris
S/Sgt. E.J. Rio
Brig. Gen. W.M. Sachus

3. 43-22315 L.
Captain H.O. Grubitzemacher
S/Sgt. D.J. Balckford

1. 44-176 L-1
Captain R.V. Morton
Lt. D.L. Moore
S/Sgt. T.P. Esford
S/Sgt. A.L. Hodgson

2. 43-22300 F
Lt. G.S. Butler
S/Sgt. W.S. McCaughey

3. 43-22301 OJ-1
Lt. R. H. Heckley
Cpl H. A. Koons
Pfc G. S. Stindt

FLIGHT II

4. 43-22337 O
Lt. H.B. Hall
S/Sgt. L.J. Burger

5. 41-39282 S
Lt. M. Errolabere
Cpl. M.A. Lewis

3. 41-39284 S
Lt. A.R. Turman
Pvt. S.C. Young

4. 41-39289 B
Lt. G.C. Van Meter
Cpl. B.J. Kirk

5. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 41-39280 D
Lt. D.E. Smith
Cpl. R. DeStefano

6. 41-39280 ~~XXXX~~ E
Lt. G. G. Van Meter
Cpl. S. J. Kirk

*with R.L. Johnson
Cpl. G. Brant*

FLIGHT III

1. 43-9439 J
Lt. C. B. Stanley
P/O J. H. Albunt
Sgt. C. B. Collier
Sgt. J. W. Robinson

2. 41-39219 E-1
Lt. E. J. Lackner
Cpl. A. J. Lusana *with Dickman*

3. 41-39283 K
Lt. J. J. Chalmers
Sgt. K. Forner

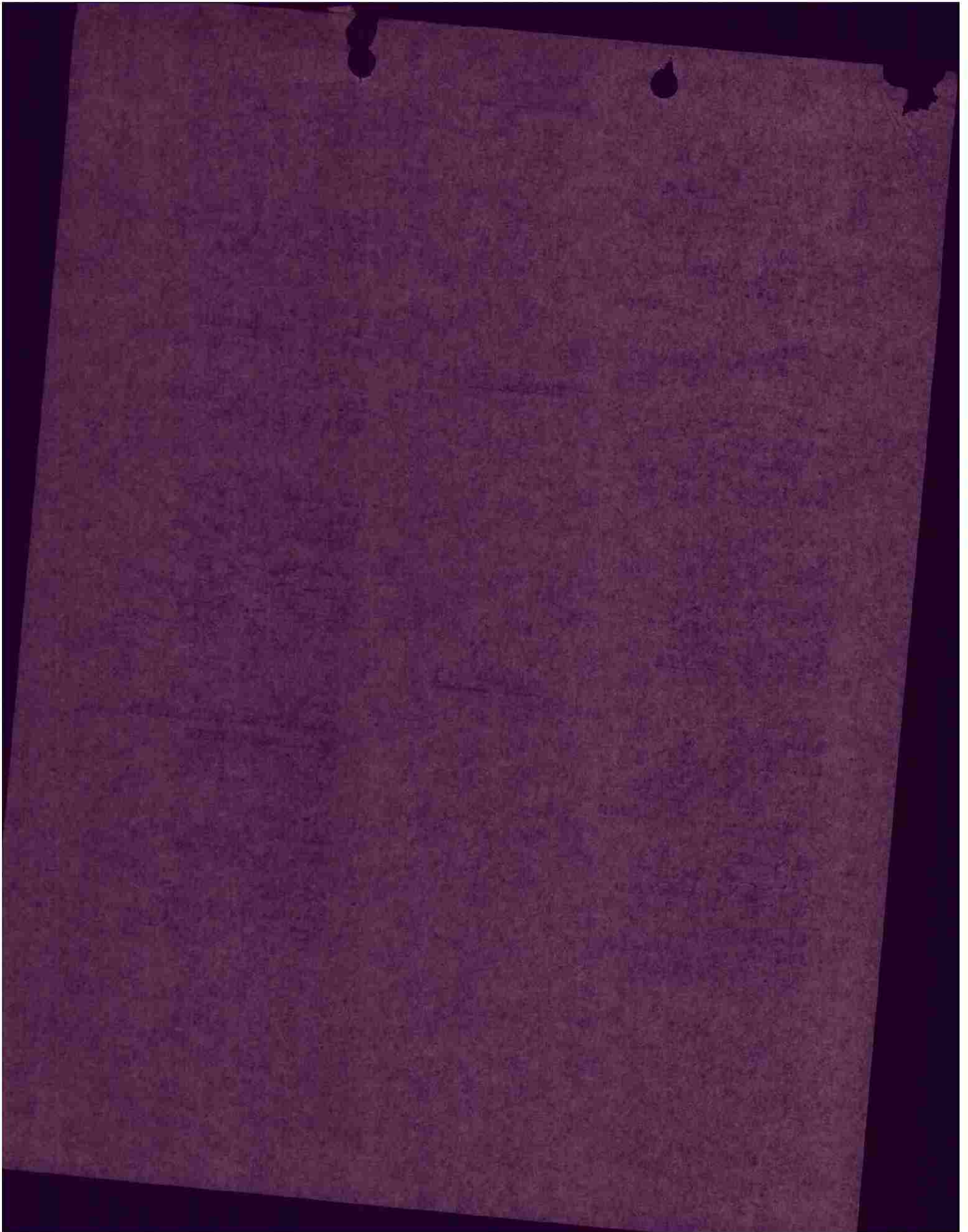
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Lt. J. W. Wright
S/A P. J. Profita

5. 41-39283 F
Lt. G. J. Parkhurst
Sgt. B. Nelson

6. 43-22280 L-1
Lt. J. W. Carver
Sgt. W. E. Graham

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MISSION NO. 179

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FLIGHT I

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1. 44-073 J
Capt. F. B. Atkinson
Lt. D. G. Anderson
Sgt. J. L. Fridgen
Sgt. L. R. Collier

4. 41-39259 H
Lt. W. E. Downing
Cpl. F. R. Lynch

2. 41-39218 G
Lt. T. S. Merritt
Sgt. A. J. Basile

5. 41-39264 I
Lt. J. A. Cook
S/S W. E. Jackson

*Refer to index
for results*

5. 41-39188 B
Lt. D. S. Grunig
Sgt. H. J. Nowosielski

6. 41-39297 D
Lt. E. G. Bishop
Sgt. L. W. Hudnutt

FLIGHT II

1. 44-088 R-1
Lt. R. A. Greenley
Lt. R. J. Bennett
S/S R. S. Fassler
S/S R. J. Brown

4. 41-39250 A
Lt. A. J. P. Winn
S/S G. C. Stephenson

2. 41-39208 L
Lt. J. G. Dary
S/S R. W. Chauvront

5. 43-22313 B
Lt. L. W. Edstrom
Cpl. P. A. Poppa

3. 41-39210 J-1
Capt. R. J. Nutt
Cpl. D. Schwartzapel

6. 43-28388
Lt. J. H. Miller
S/S J. Galander

FLIGHT III

1. 44-106
Lt. G. J. Brown
Lt. J. E. Karns
S/S H. E. Sunderland
S/S G. A. Orvold

4. 41-39284 G
Lt. F. W. Henderson
S/S P. L. Coulembé

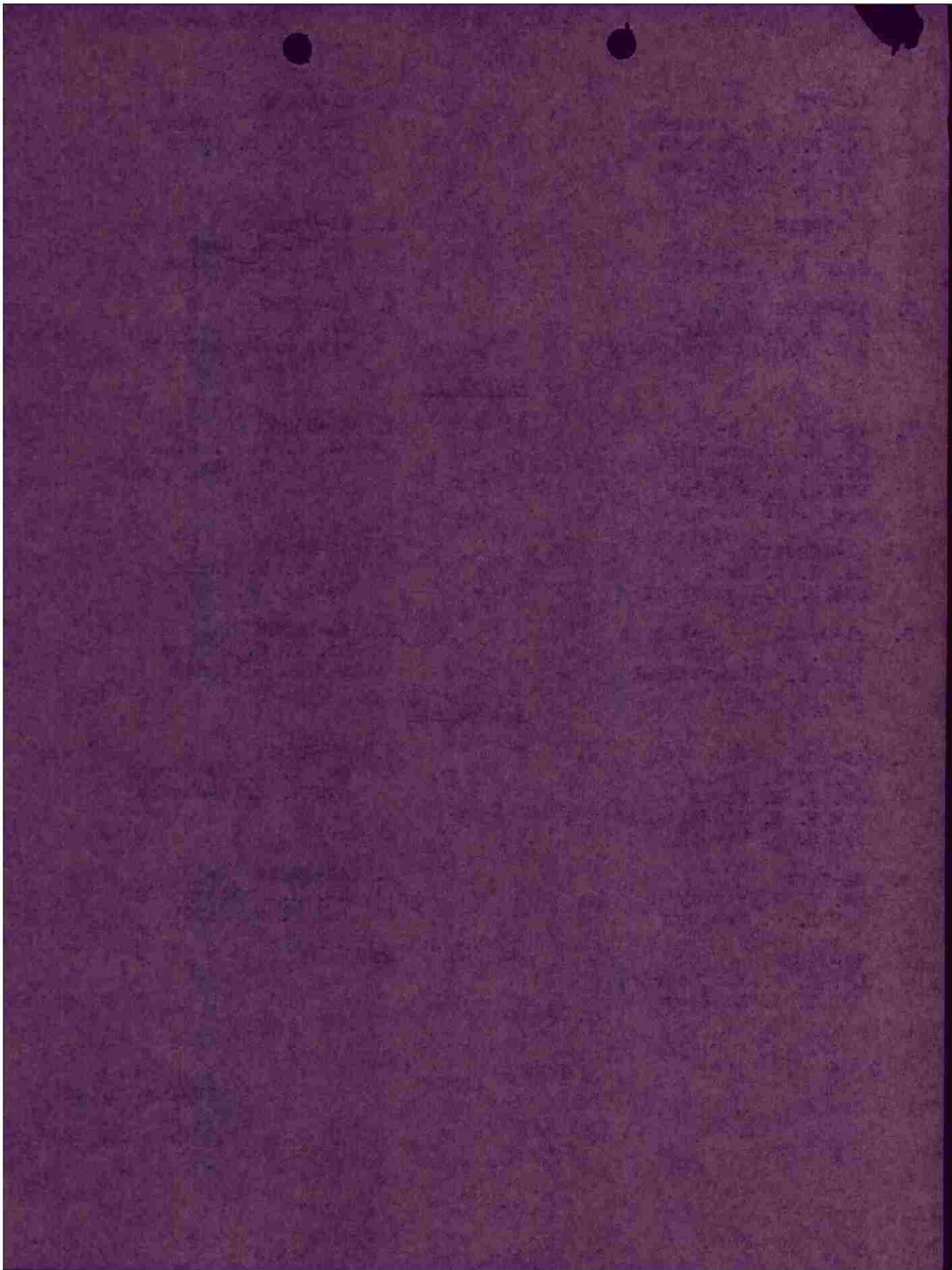
2. 41-39800 M
Lt. T. J. Murray
S/S D. W. Rehower

5. 41-39258 V
Lt. M. Wallman
Cpl. F. F. Hardin

3. 41-39834 P
Lt. H. E. Van Noorden
S/S R. I. Sheffey

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29 December 1944

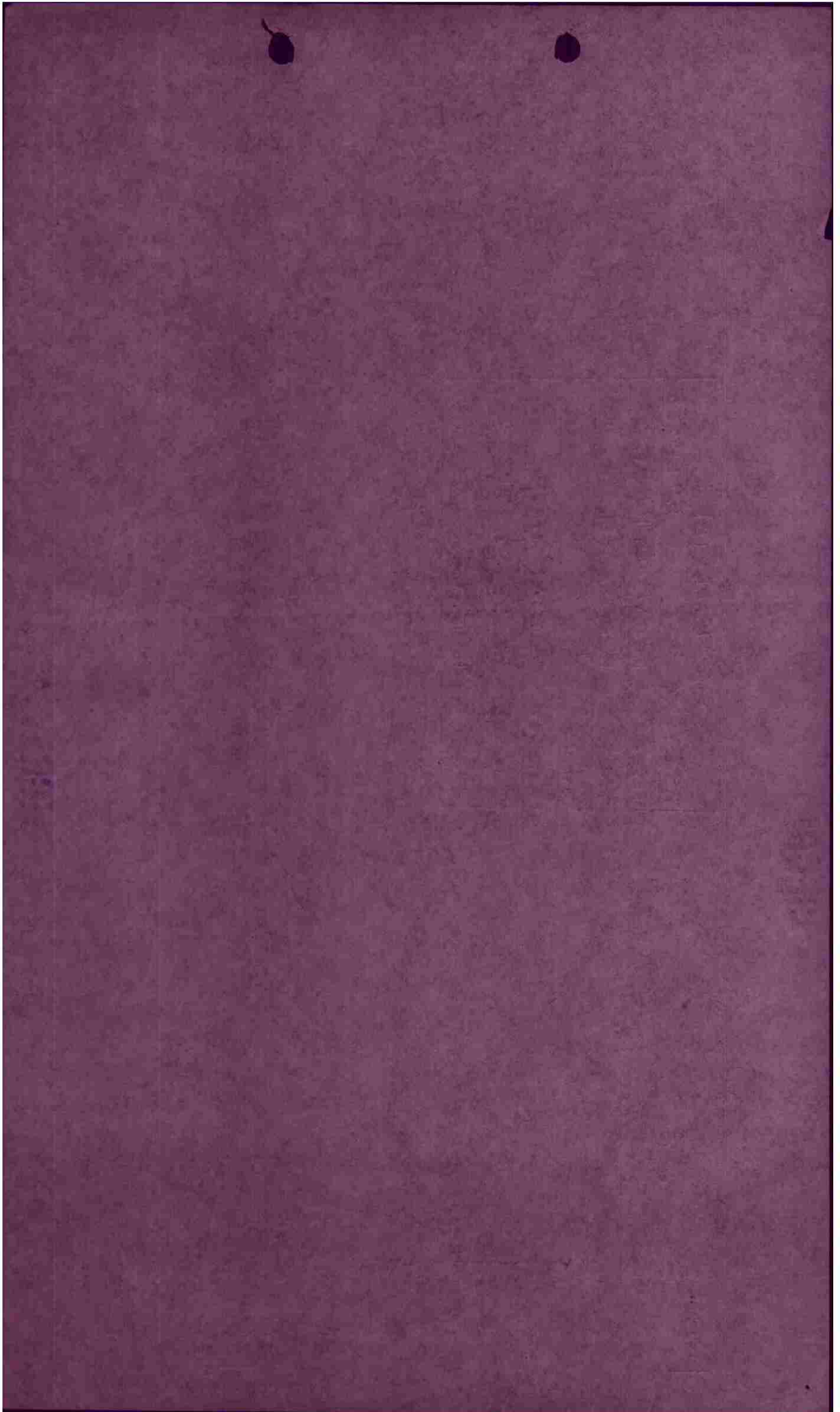


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29 Dec. 44	416 th BomGR (L)	F.O. III-689
TARGET	Kewchingen Rd. Br.	
T.O.T.	1212 and 1232	
WINDOW	No	
WEATHER	10/10 over target	
SORTIES	33 by 6's	
	No FLAK	

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AUTH: CO STA
DATE: 29 Dec. 1944
INIT:

HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

File

TO:

From: 416th Bombardment Group (L), APO 140, U.S. Army.

Ref: Oprep A No. 873 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 29 Dec. 1944
Mission or Operation No. 873 - 97th CGP S.G. 2111-29

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Washington Road Bridge
Place of take-off AAF Station 4-25
Place of landing AAF Station 4-25
Take-off time 1842 Landing time 1900
Time over target 1848 and 1852 Bombing Altitude None
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather 1 to 6/10 patches - 1 directly over target
Results No attack due to weather
Enemy opposition None

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 6 A-20
27 A-20
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
None
3. Abortive due to:
 - (1) Weather: 6 A-20's and 27 A-20's
 - (2) Personnel: None
 - (3) Mechanical: 1 A-20 returned early - gas leak
 - (4) Other: None
4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None
5. Destroyed - before reaching target None
giving cause where known
6. Destroyed - over or after leaving None
target giving cause where known
7. Damaged (give category & cause) None
8. Sorties 6 A-20's
27 A-20's

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 Capt. 1st Air Corps
 1st Air Corps

For the Commanding Officer:

- a. Destroyed
- b. Prop. Dam
- c. Damaged

H. Enemy aircraft by type or description (tentative entries):-

Type of	Pilot	Co-pilot	NAV	Bomb	H. Gun	H. Gun	H. Gun	Wounded
Destroyed								
Prop. Dam								
Damaged								
Killed in Action								
Missing in Action								
Wounded								
Slightly Wounded								

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

- a. Killed
- b. Expended on operations: (List targets separately)
- c. Wounded
- d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c
- e. Total Returned

F. Bombs, Flares, etc. used:
 a. Total carried into air:
 b. Total carried into air:
 c. Expended on operations:
 d. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c

E. Ammunition by caliber:
 a. Total carried into air:
 b. Expended on operations:
 c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c

- a. Day (Sunset to sunset)
- b. Night (Sunset to sunrise)
- D. Total operational flying hours

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BOMBARDIER'S LOG

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TARGET

DATE

Pressure Altitude of Target: -70	Train Ind. Salvo
Altimeter Setting: 29.92	Type of Release:
Ind. Alt. : 11500 True Alt. : 11150	Length of Run : Time of Release:
Ground Speed : Drift :	Mag. Head. Ordered : 66° Actual:
Eat. : 216 Act. : Est. : 3 R.ct.	Aircraft Number :
Ind. Air Sp. : 210 True Air Sp. : 250	Pilot :
Tan. Dropping Angle : .725	Navigator :
Disc Speed : 196.4 Trail : 47	Bombardier :
Sighting: Toggled : Bomb sight :	

BOMBS AND FUELS

Types: Number: Nose: Tail:

LEFT			APPROXIMATE DRIFTS AND TRAIL FOR HEADING LEFT AND RIGHT OF OBSERVED READINGS.	RIGHT		
HEADING	DRIFT	TARGET		HEADING	DRIFT	TARGET
10°				10°		
20°				20°		
30°				30°		
40°			40°			

MINUS			APPROXIMATE DISC SPEEDS AND TRAIL FOR PLUS OR MINUS ALTITUDES.	PLUS		
ALTITUDE	DISC SPEED	TRAIL		ALTITUDE	DISC SPEED	TRAIL
500 1000	201	46		500 1000	254.1	41
1000 1500	211	45		1000 1500	274.6	40
1500 2000	223.1	44		1500 2000		
2000 1000	237	42	2000			

Box #	Operl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
I		29/2/44				MEN G	TOT	
A/G	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	Target	A/G Dam	E/A	L/D	
Pos. No.	Reason	T E O	P S T	F R	M D A L O B W E	D P D K W M		
173				+				
334				+				
315				+				
337				+				
332				+				
324				+				
178				+				
300				+				
301				+				
329				+				
352				+				
344				+				
439				+				
219		No		+				
369				+				
314				+				
333				+				
390				+				

459 253
214

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173 MEN G
 315 GRUETZMACHER FERDIS
 337 HALL
 334
 224 TURMAN ERRIABERE
 439 STANLEY
 178 MORTON
 369 CHALMERS LACKNER
 301 HACKLEY
 300 BUTLER
 214 WELIGHT
 229 VAN METER
 390 CARVER PARKHURST JOHN SON SHITH, D E
 233
 244
 252
 6-A-20 - 4x500
 A-26 - 4x1000
 29 = 24x500
 = 108x1000

Box #	Opstl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
II		29/3/44				ATKINSON	TOT L/D	
A/C	Fell to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pets.		
Pos No.	Reason	F S O	T S J P R	M D A G B E D P D K W M				
1 073			4					
2 218			4					
3 188			4					
4 259			4					
5 264			4					
6 237			4					
1 089			4					
2 208			4					
3 210			4					
4 250			4					
3 318			4					
6 326			4					
1 106			4					
2 209			4					
3 234			4					
4 284			4					
5 265			4					

No. 206

16
35
47

073
ATKINSON
188
GRONIG, MERRITT
359
DWINING
337
BISHOP COOKE
364

106
BROWN, C.I.
234
VAN MANSMA MURRAY
209
TUTT
210
GARY
208

089
GREENLEY

284
HENDERSON
265
WADSWAN
326
MILLER
318
ERSTEN
WINN

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PILOT MENG L/O# 173 BOX 1

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :	X	ON	REPAIRS	REMARKS	"B-C"	"E"
	X	RETURNED		n		
	X	JAMMED				

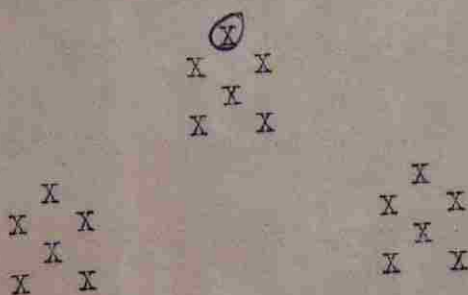
FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: two runs 1212 - 1232

5 to 6. at 4000 - 4500 completely covered
tops at 6000 ft -
viz 8 miles or more -

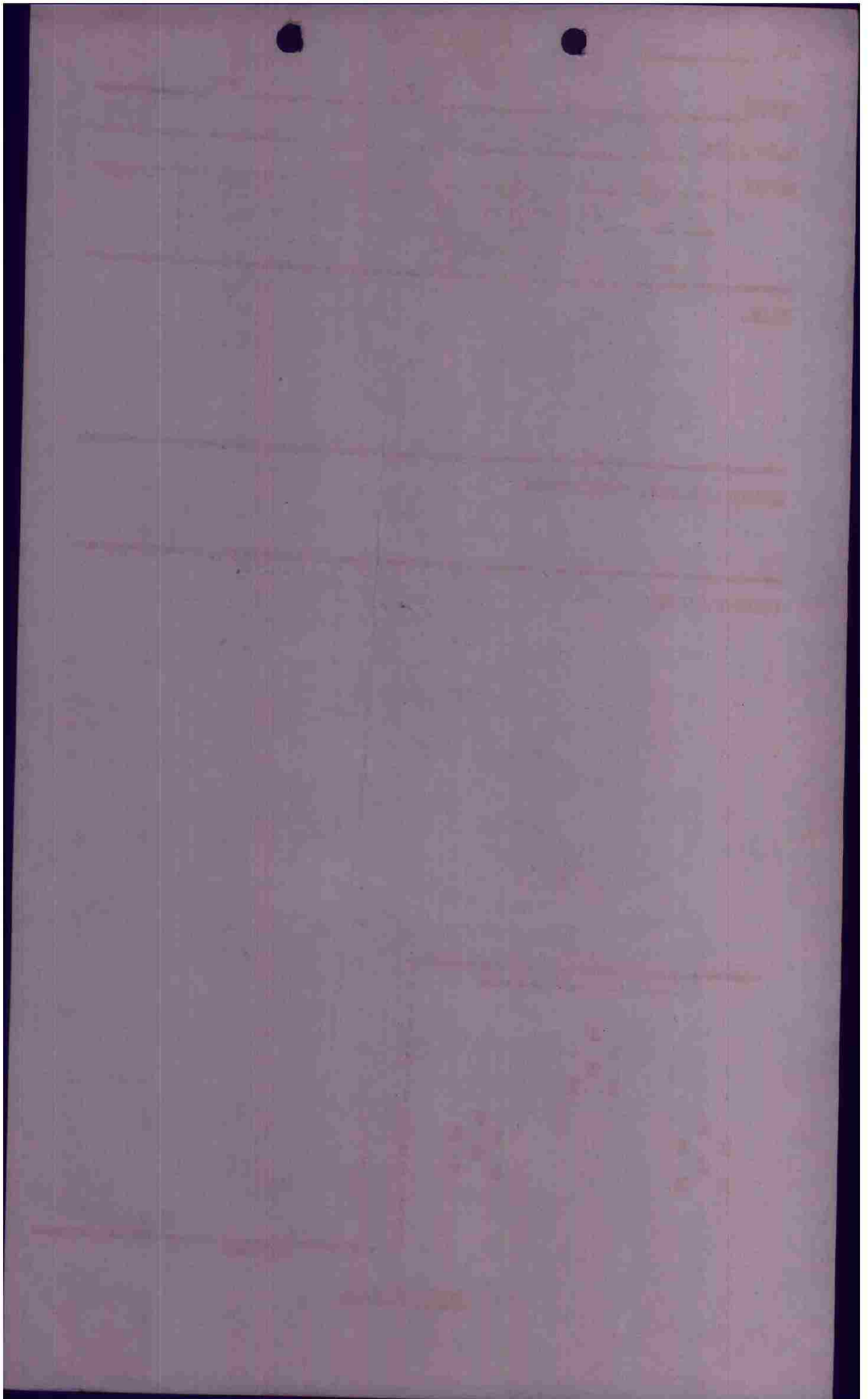
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PILOT CARVER A/C# 790 BOX 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"B"	"E"
	X	RETURNED			
	X	JETTISONED			

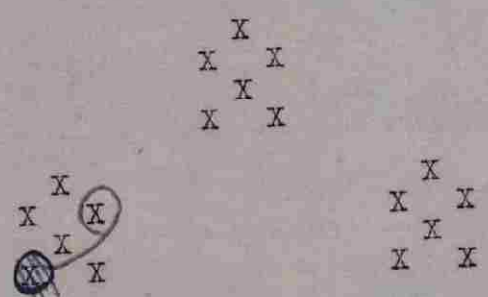
FLAK: _____

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

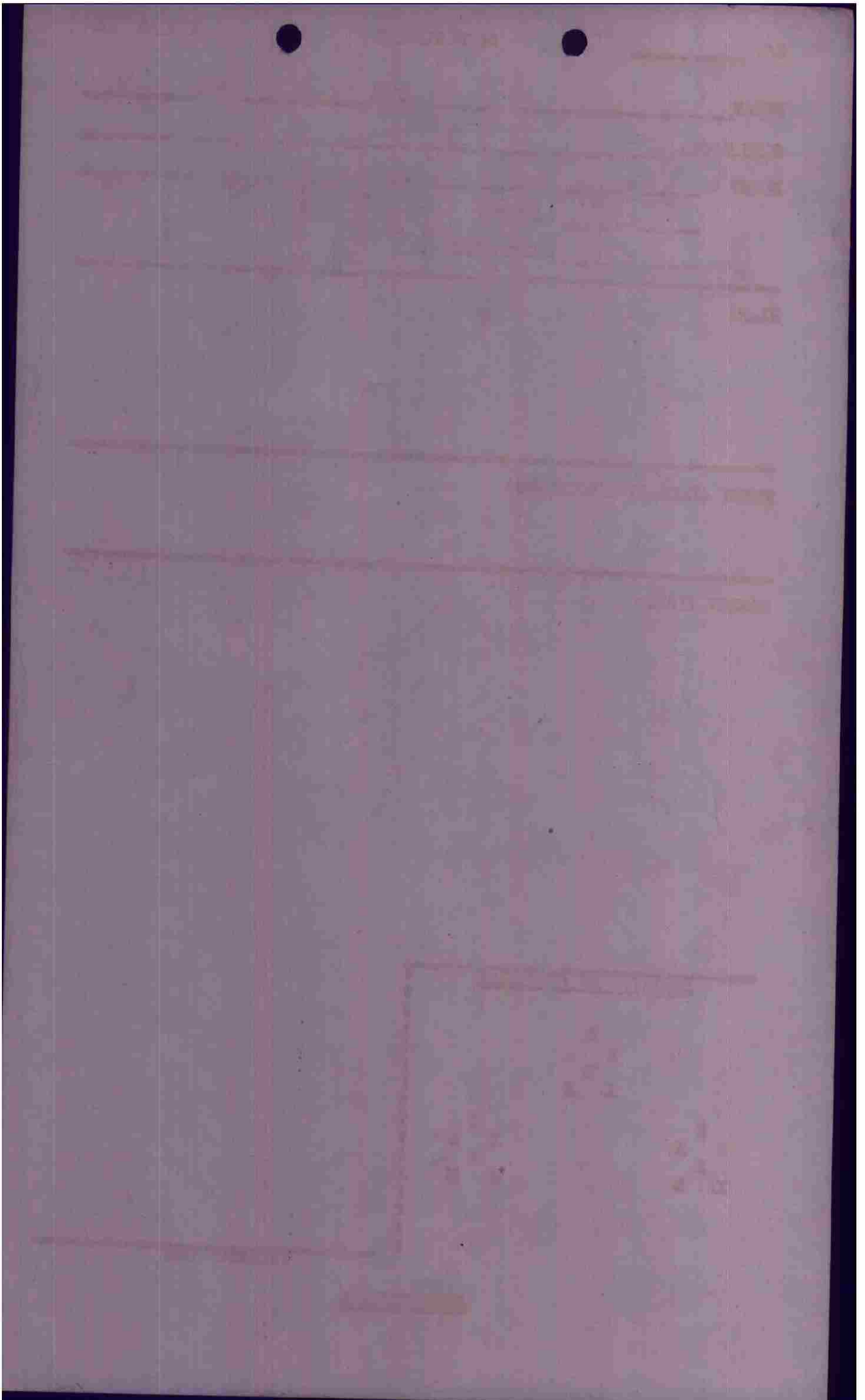
7/10 at T/A.

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PILOT ERROTABIERE A/C# 222 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			PA	MA-CB	EW
<u>4</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>1010</u>	RETURNED		
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED		

FLAK:

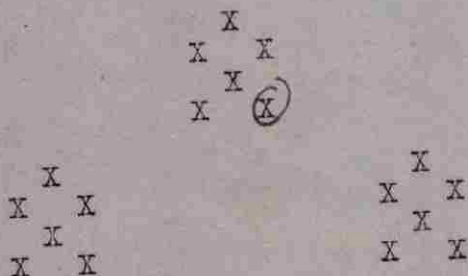
nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Saw unidentified a/c north of target approx 20 mi - looked like it was going down in spin trail of smoke (?)
10/10 over target - two runs

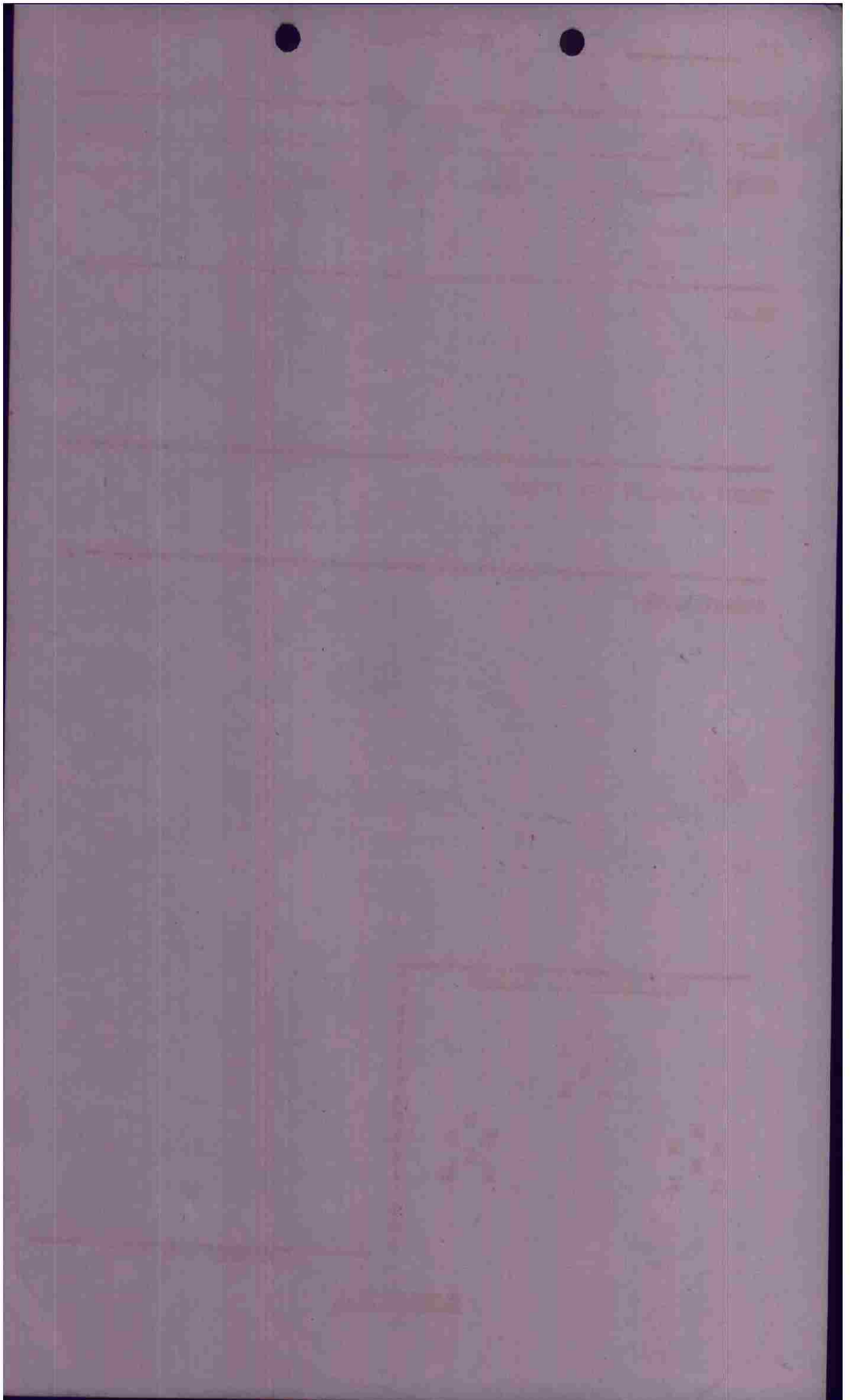
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PILOT PARKHURST A/C# 733 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	W/OUT	W/IN
<u>4</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>1000</u>	RETURNED		
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED		

FLAK:

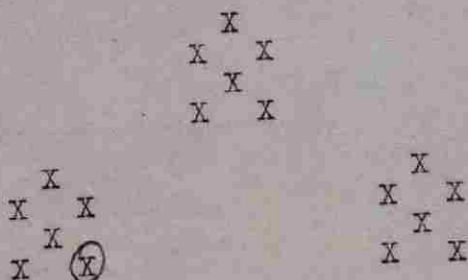
nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10 over target
7 ac with vapor trails headed
up 25,000 ft

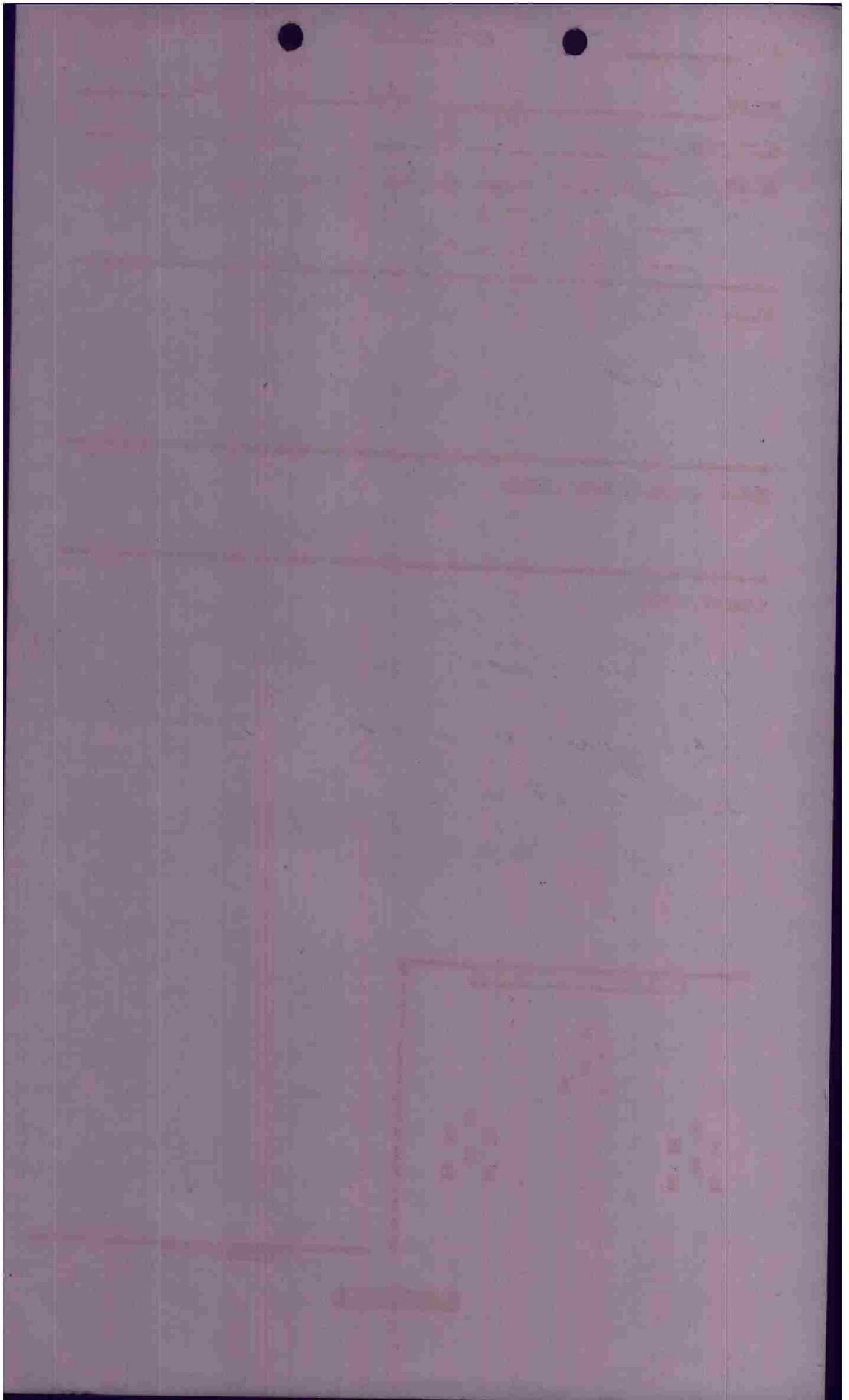
POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT JOHNSON

A/C# 244

BOX 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

X ON

WATER DAMAGE

4 1/00 RETURNED

X DESTROYED

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

*Saw o/c (?) going down in spiral,
emoking approx 5 mi. N of target
10/10 over target*

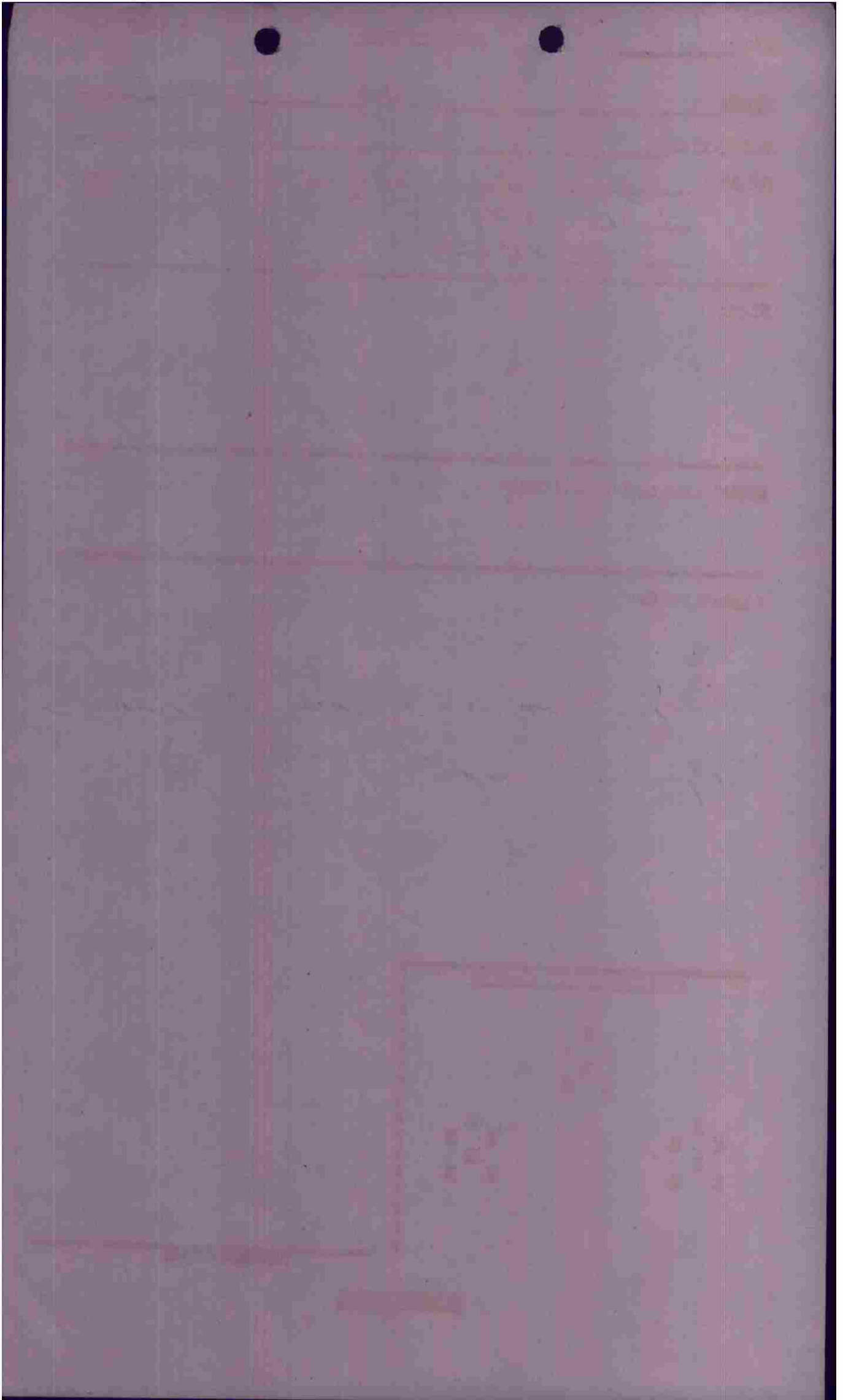
POSITION IN FORMATION

		X							
		X	X						
			X						
		X	X						
	X					X			
X	X					X	X		
	X					X			
X	X					X	X		

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PILOT VAN METER A/S# 229 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	ON	DAMAGED DAMAGE		
			"A"	"B"	"C"
<u>4</u>	<u>X/1000</u>	RETURNED	:	:	:
	<u>X</u>	JETWASHED	:	:	:

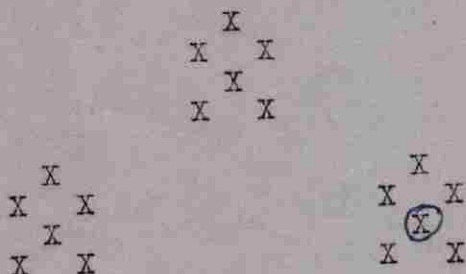
FLAK: X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X -

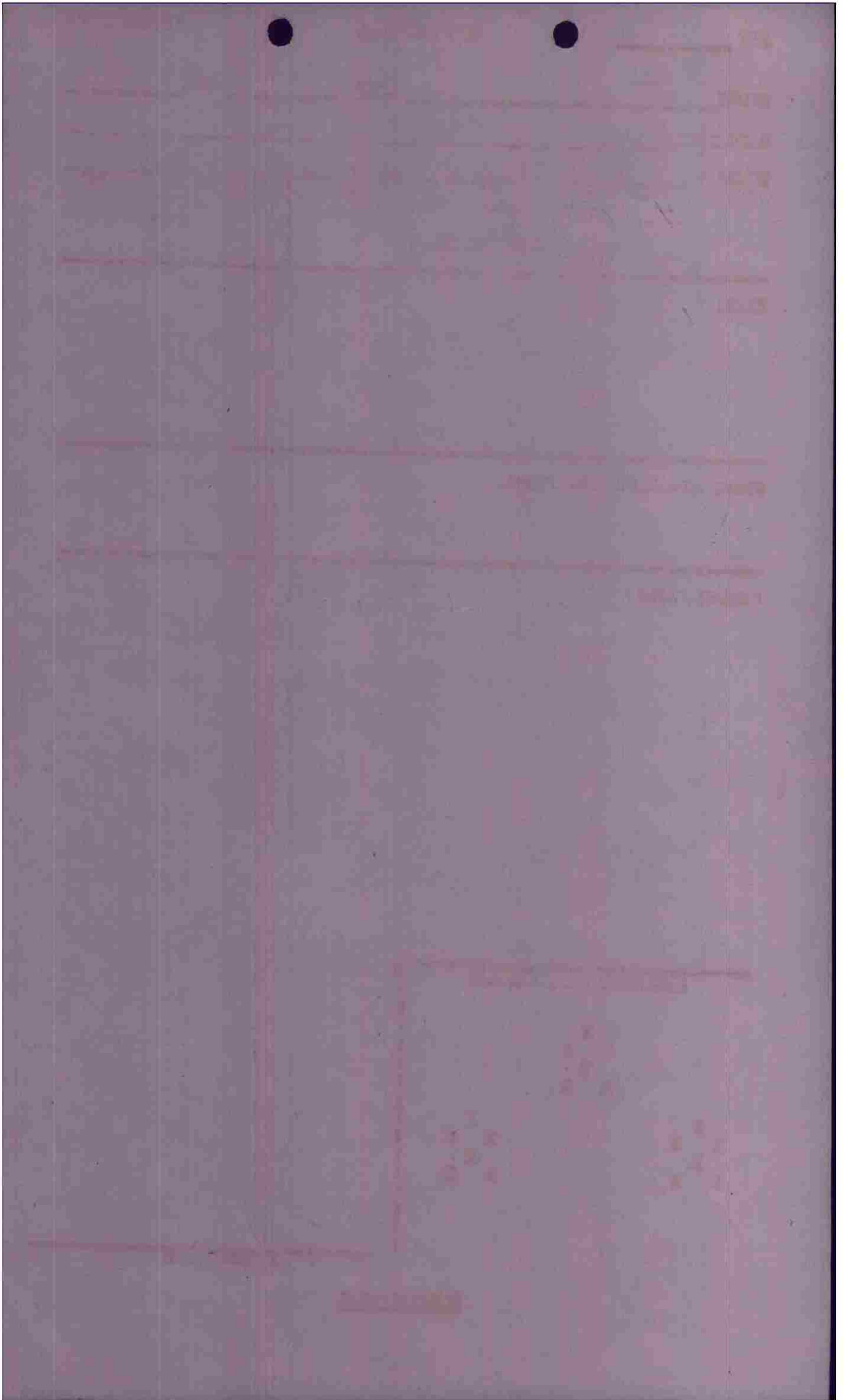
OBSERVATIONS: None - Cloud cover

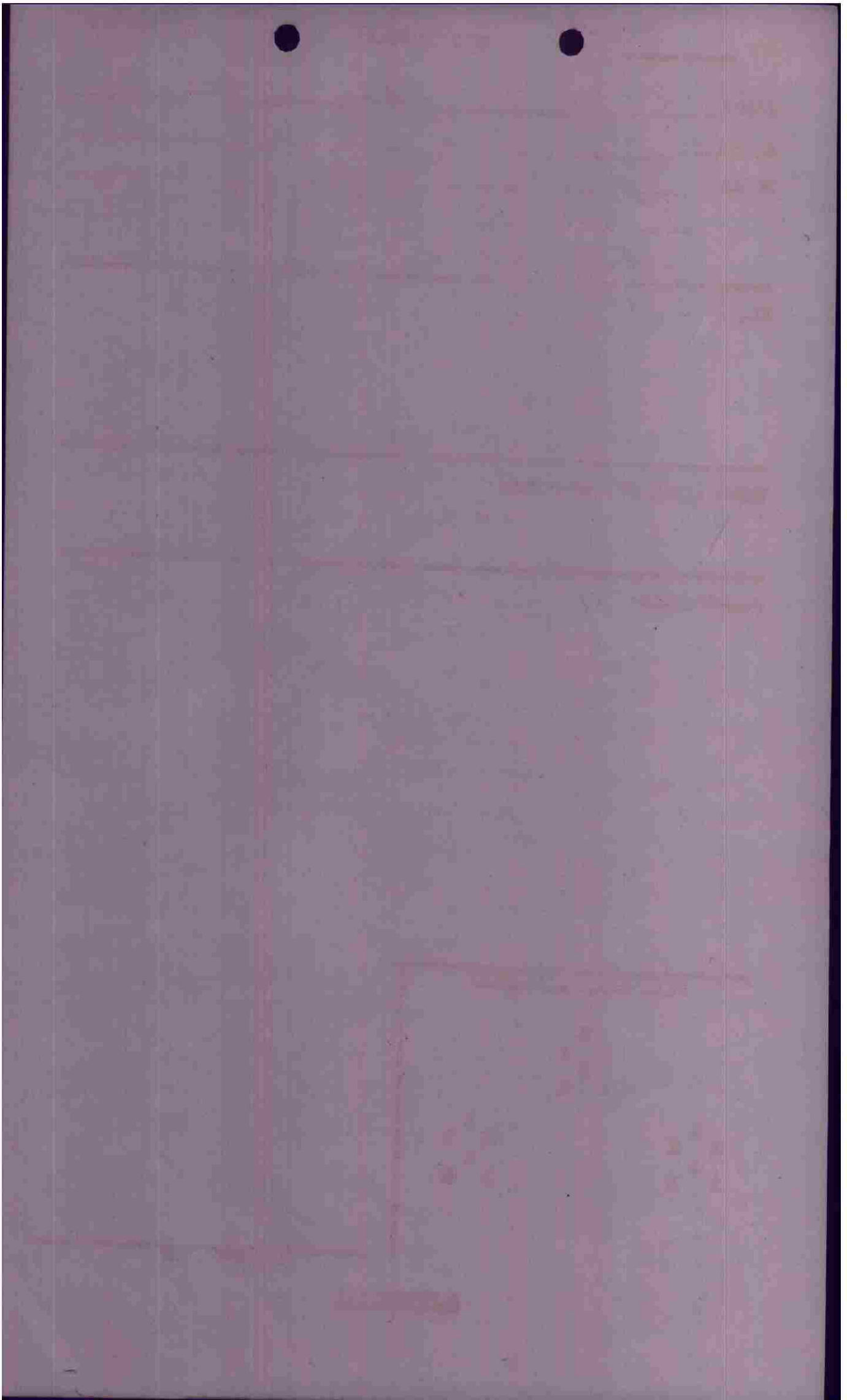
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PILOT HALL A/C# 337 BOX 1

CASUALTIES nil

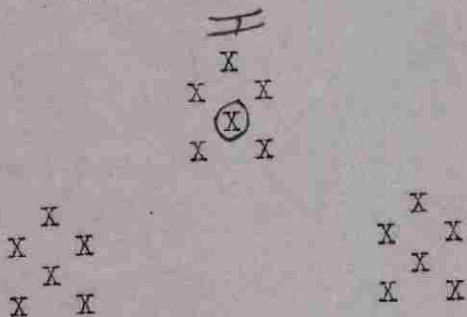
BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"B"	"C"
	<u>4</u>	<u>1000</u>	RETURNED		
	<u>X</u>		DESTROYED		

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: just after making second run saw smoke trail - irregular - hung in air for several seconds

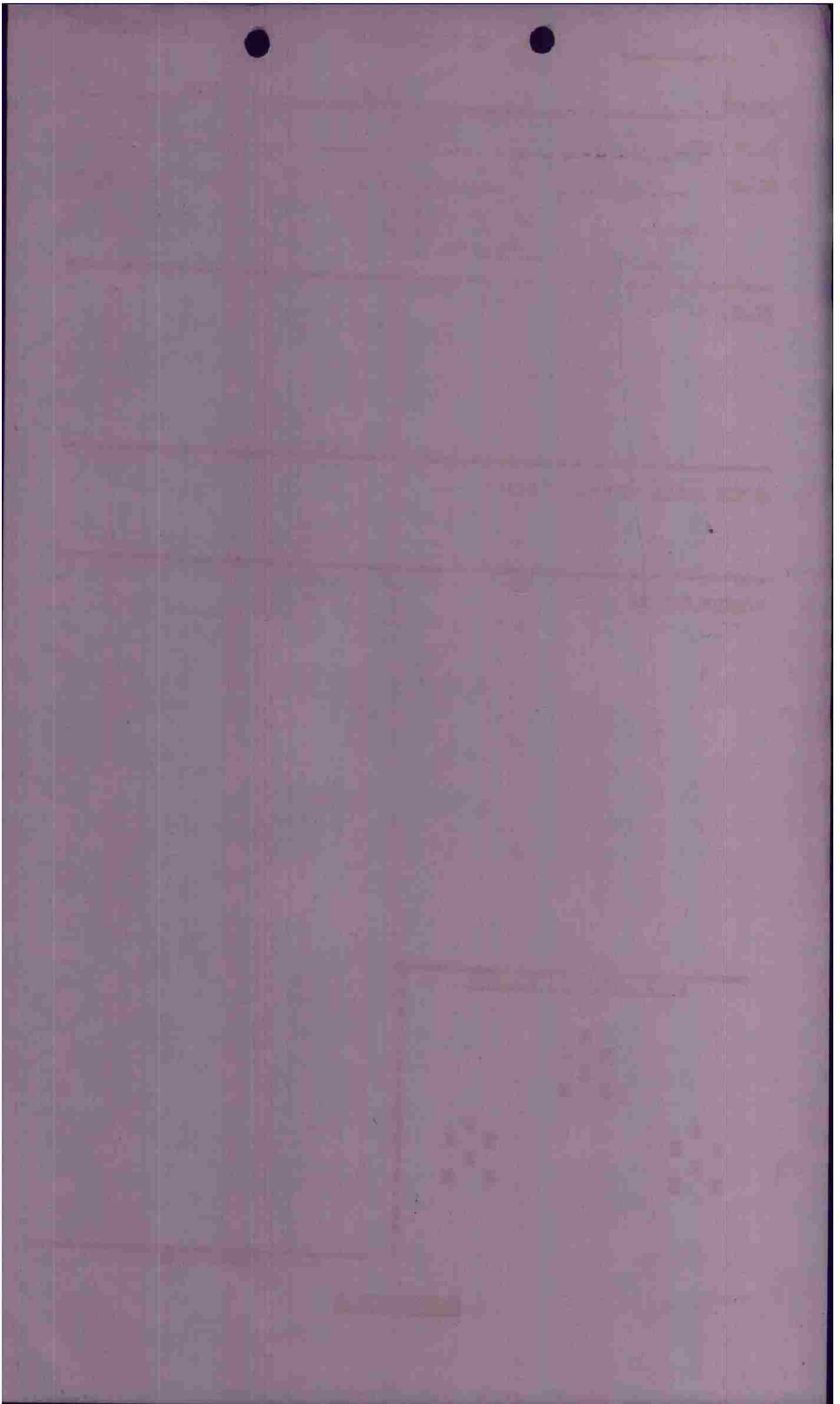
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PILOT TURMAN

A/C# 224

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CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :

X

ON

GRAIN DAMAGE

4 X 1000

RETURNED

X

REMARKS

nil

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

nil

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      X
     X X
      X
    (X) X
  
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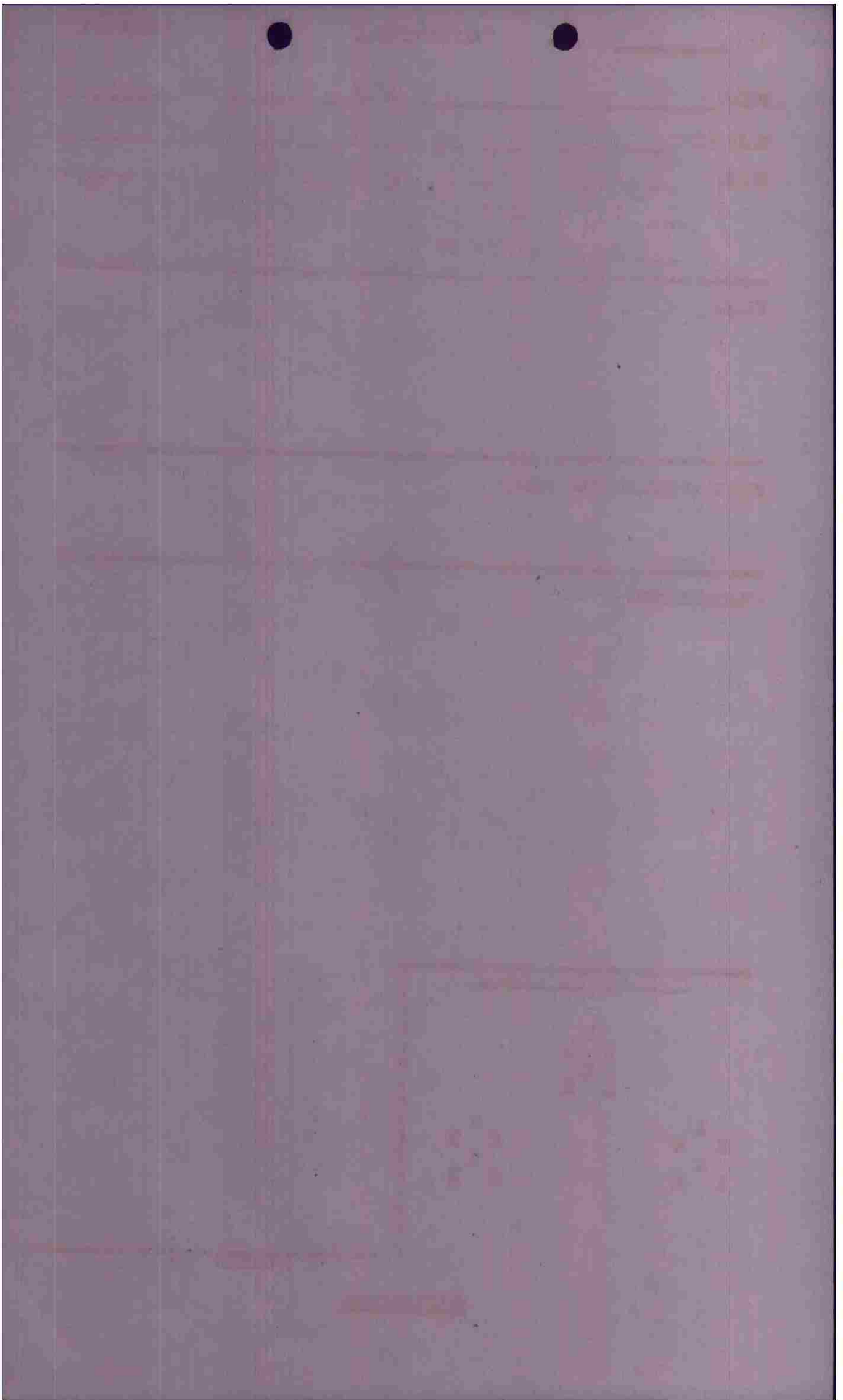
      X
     X X
    X X
  
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      X
     X X
    X X
  
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PILOT WRIGHT A/C# 214 BOX 1

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :	X	ON	RATINGS DAMAGE				
			"A"	"B-C"	"E"		
	<u>4</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>1000</u>	RETURNED	:	:	:
	<u>X</u>			JEFFERSONED	:	:	:

FLAK:

nil

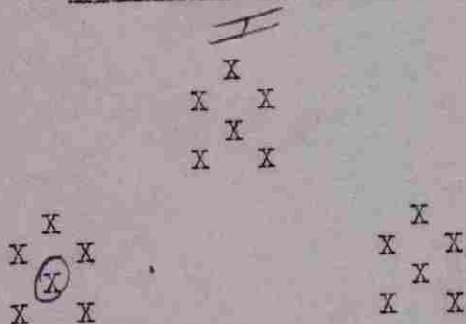
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

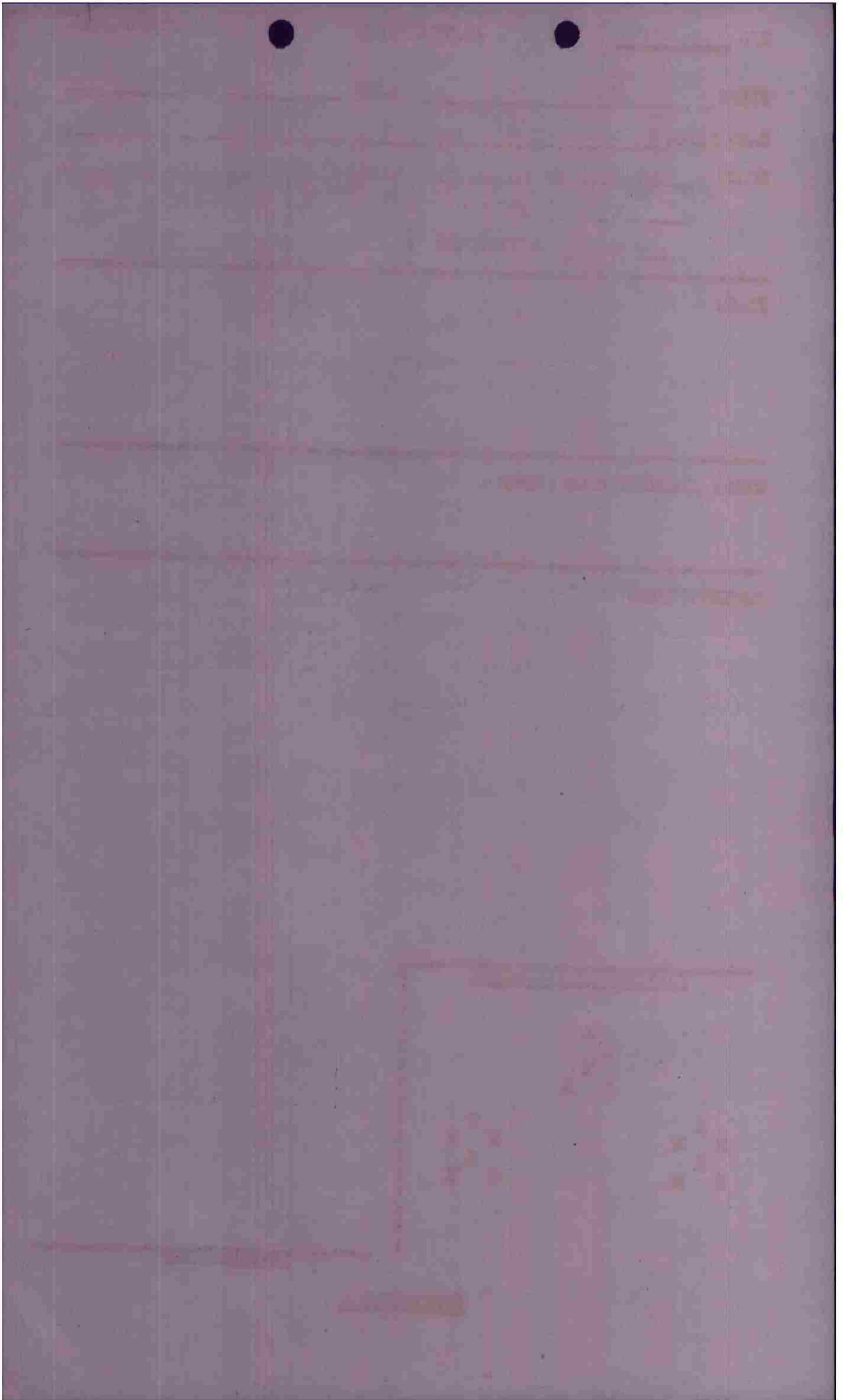
vapor trails going up - several thousand ft above formation. Large circle seen on ground with white cross in it several minutes from top on return

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PILOT HACKLEY

A/C# 301

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CASUALTIES nil

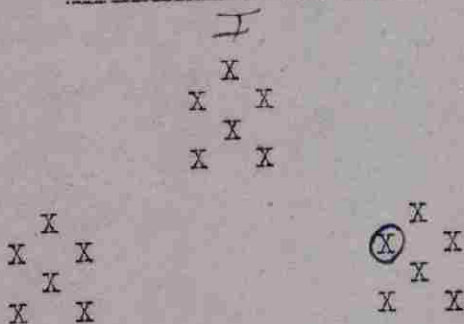
ECMBS :	X	DN	CAPTURE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"B"	"E"
	<u>4</u>	<u>1000</u>	RETURNED		
	X	JET-PROPULSION			

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

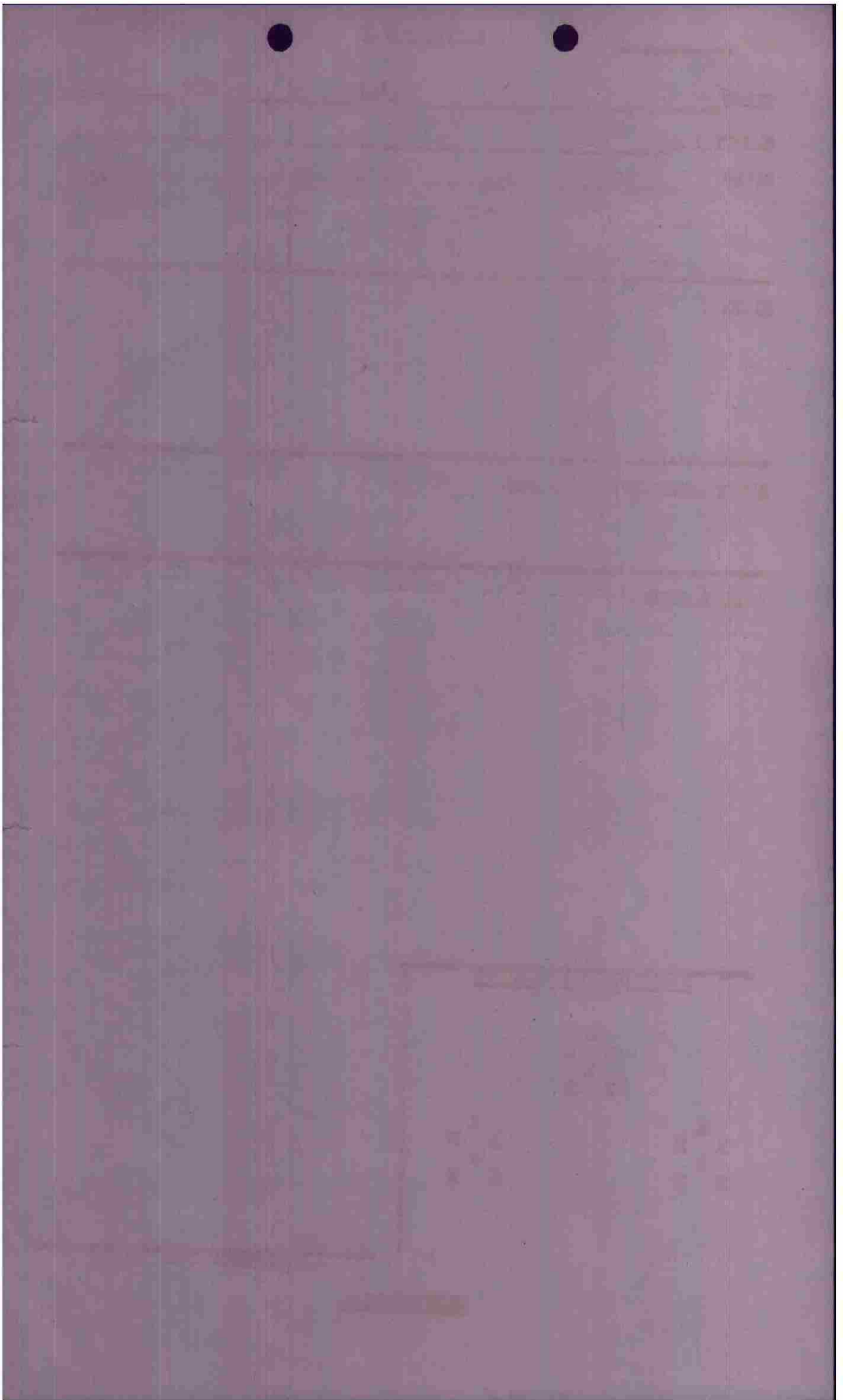
OBSERVATIONS: vapor trails about 500 ft in length in
by area - about 11,500 - 11,000 ft -

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PILOT LACKNER W/O# 219 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	SHATTER DAMAGE	"A-C"	"B"
X			X		
X		RETURNED			
X		JETTISONED			

FLAK:

Not Airborne

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

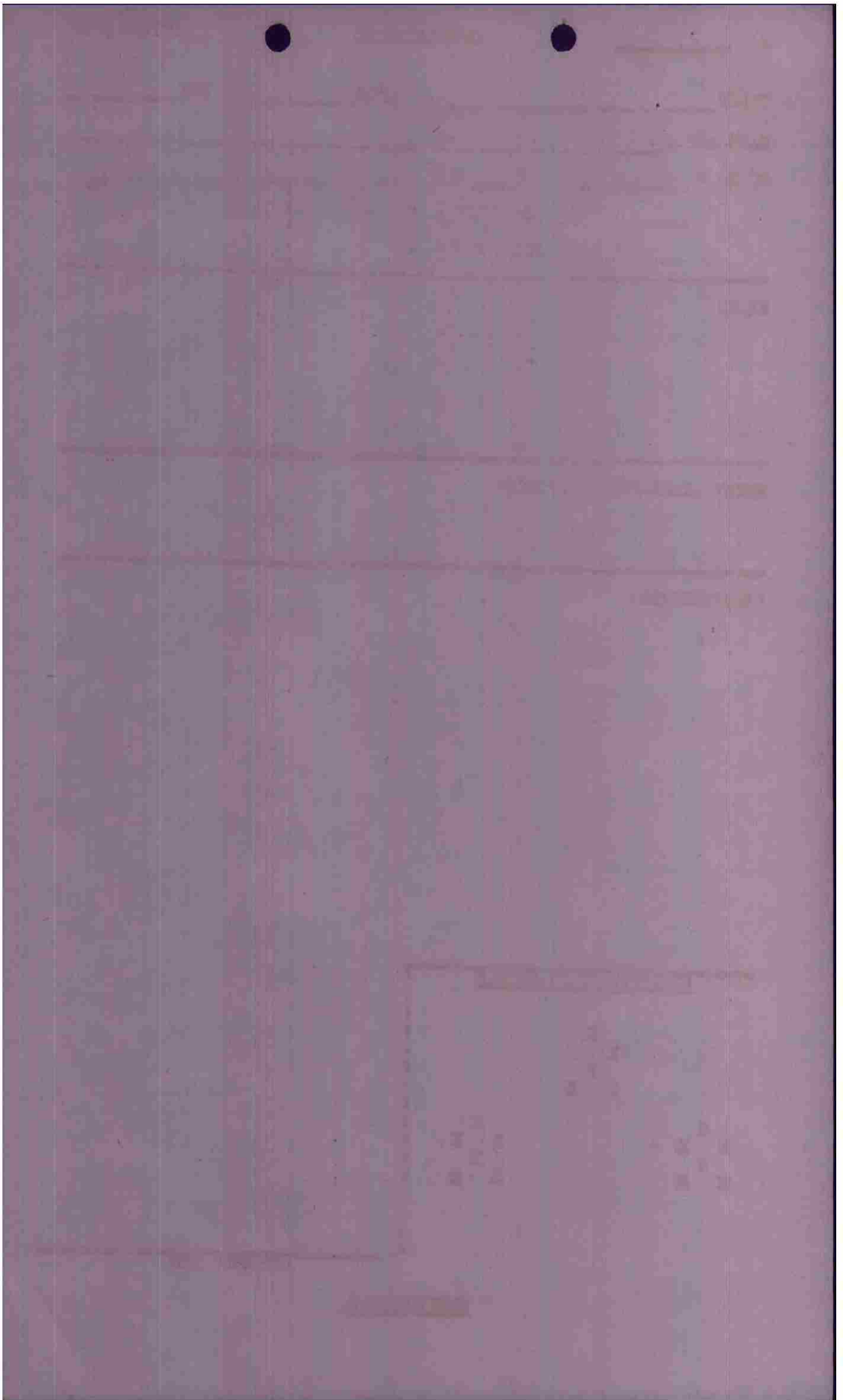
POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X
X   X   X
X   X   X
X   X   X
  
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PILOT GRUETMACHER

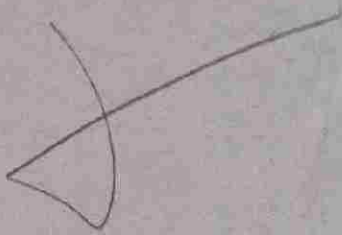
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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	GRADED DAMAGE	"A"	"B"
	X				
	<u>4</u>	<u>1/2000</u>	RETURNED		
	X		JETTY BOMBS		

FLAK:



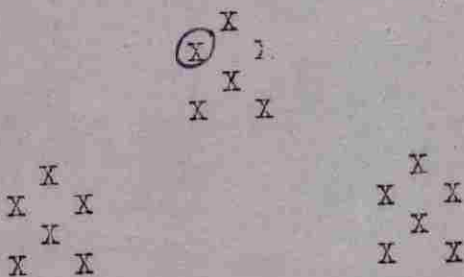
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:



OBSERVATIONS:

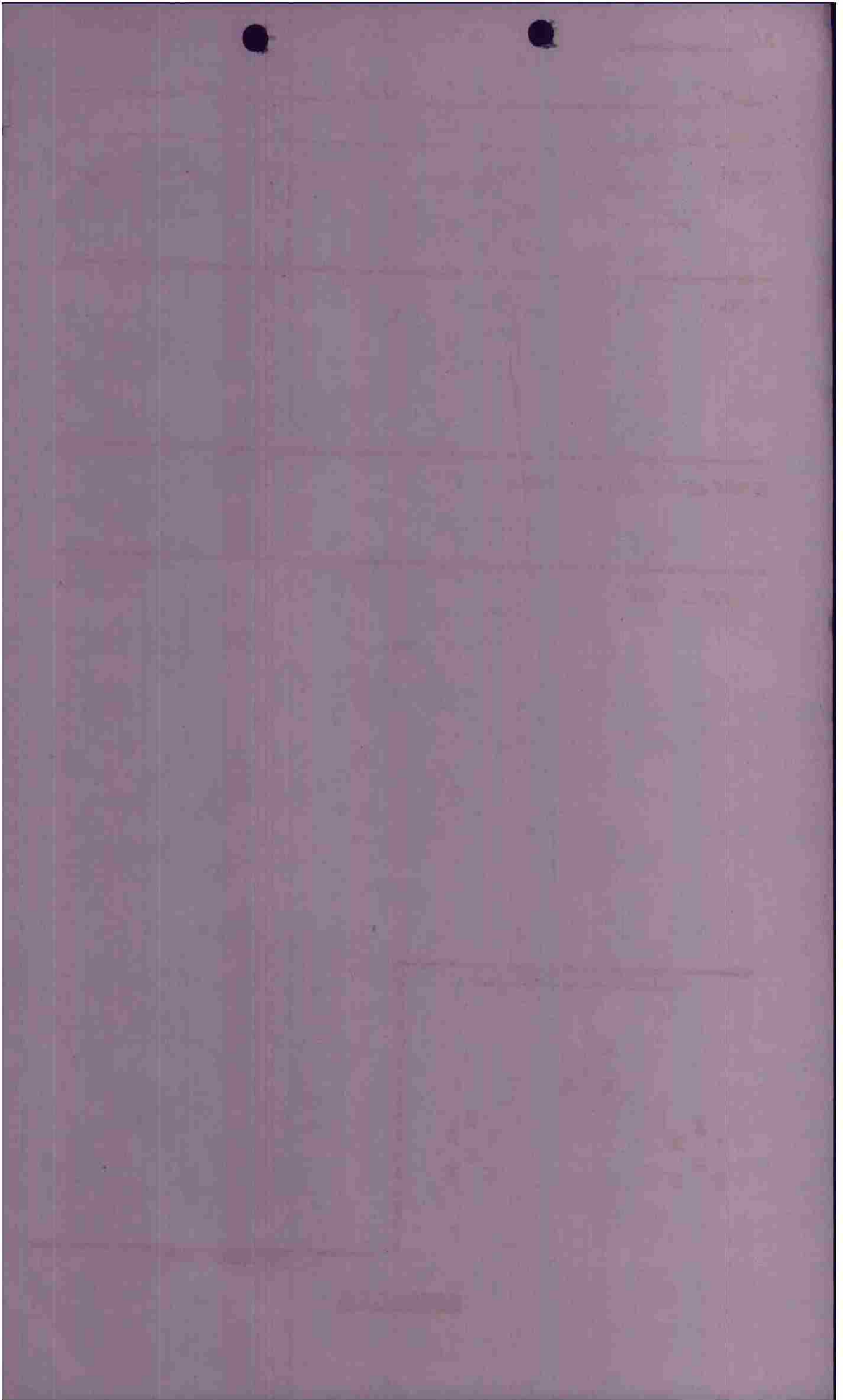
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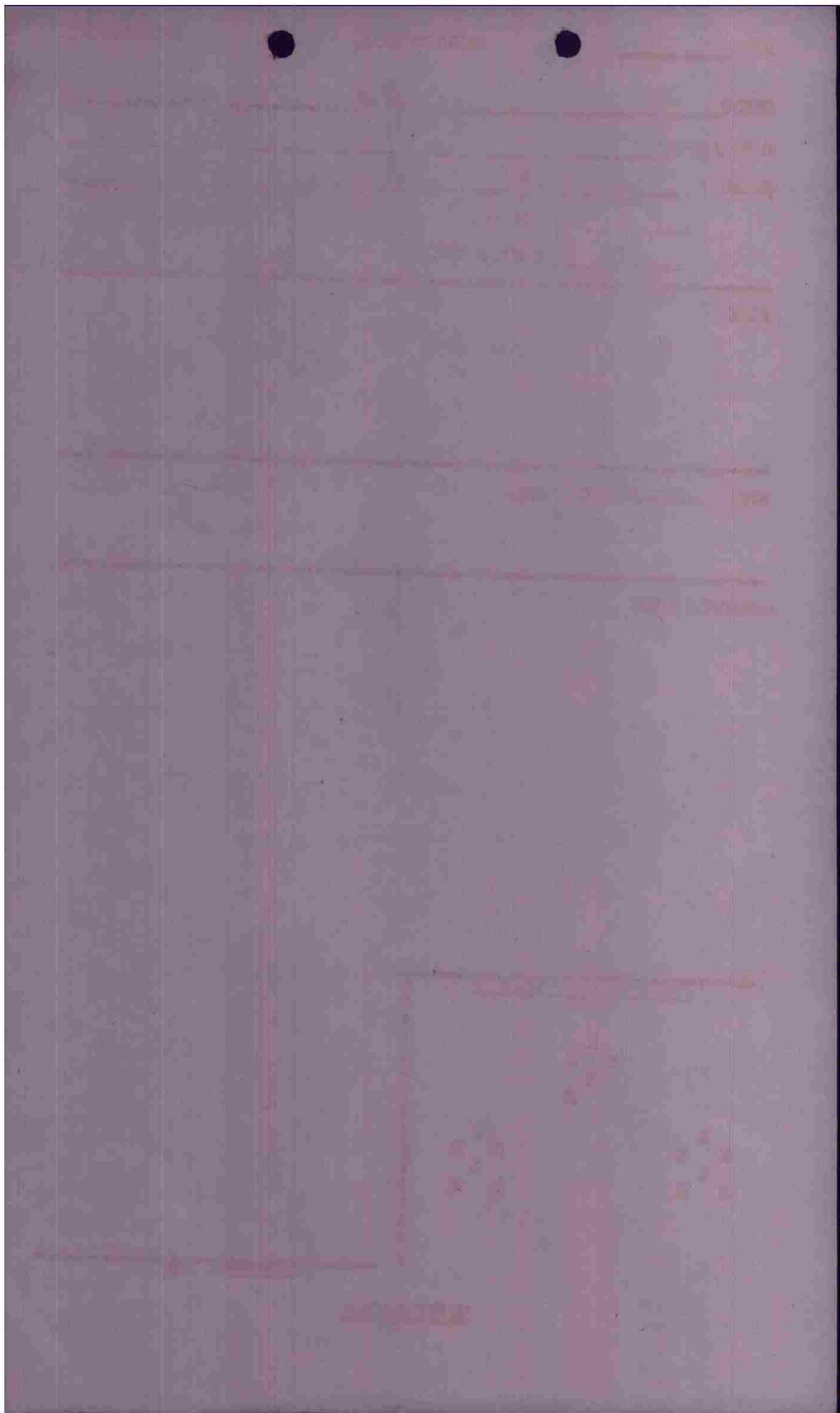
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A/C# 439

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	ON	PROPERTY DAMAGE	ATTACK	WE
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RETURNED	:	:	:
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DISMISSED	:	:	:

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT EI COUNTERS:

~~###~~ traces - short - after left Sgt. Chamberlain

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X X
     X X

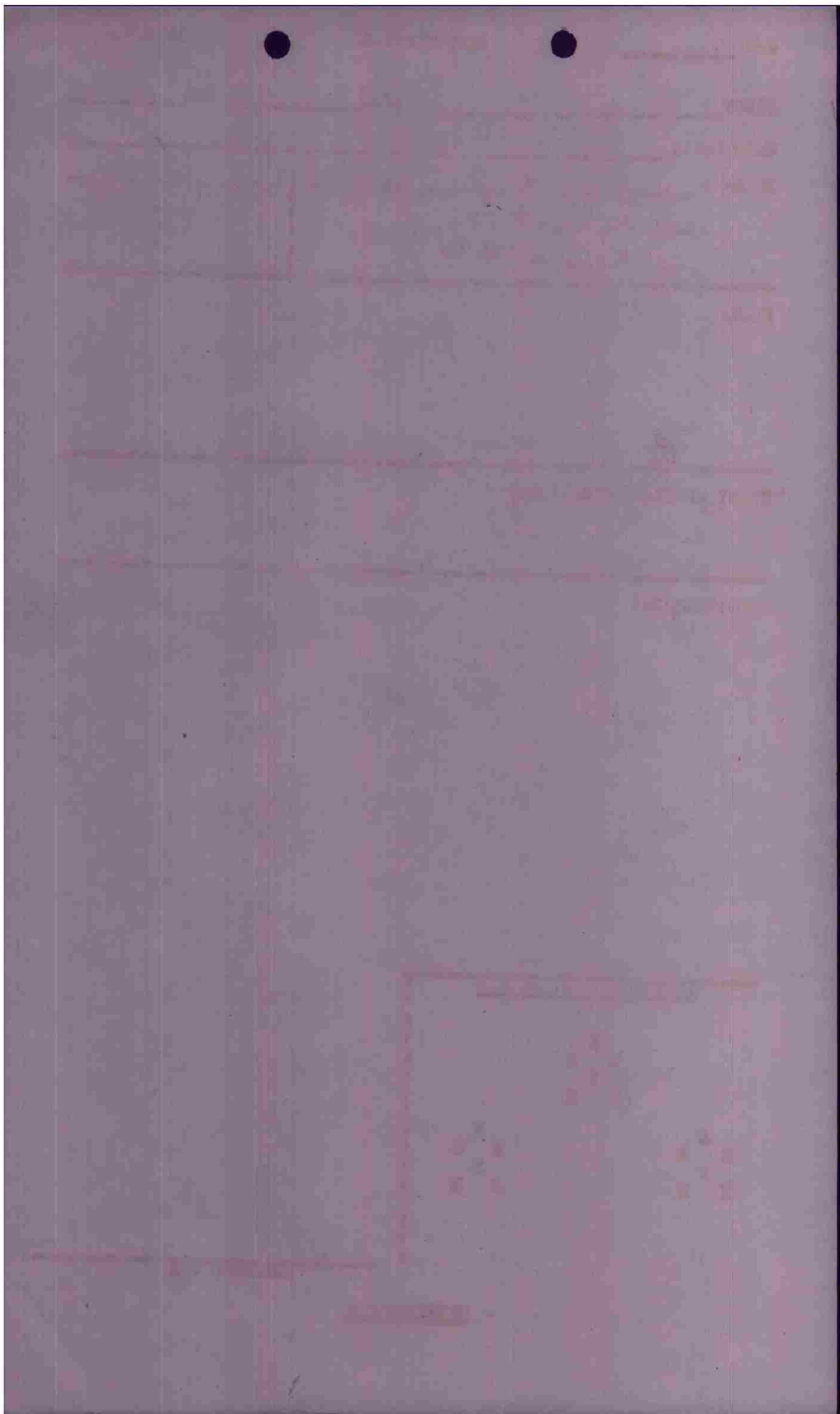
  (X)
 X   X
  X
 X   X

      X
     X X
      X X
     X X
  
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PILOT MORTON A/C# 178 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	DN	SERIOUS DAMAGE		
			"A"	"B"	"E"
	X		RETURNED	:	:
	X		JETTISONED	:	:

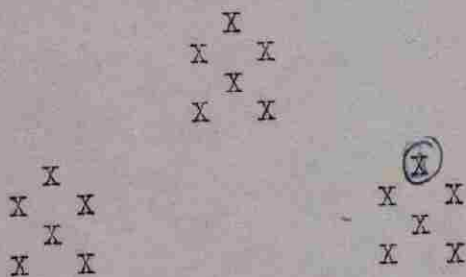
FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

contacts at 20,000'

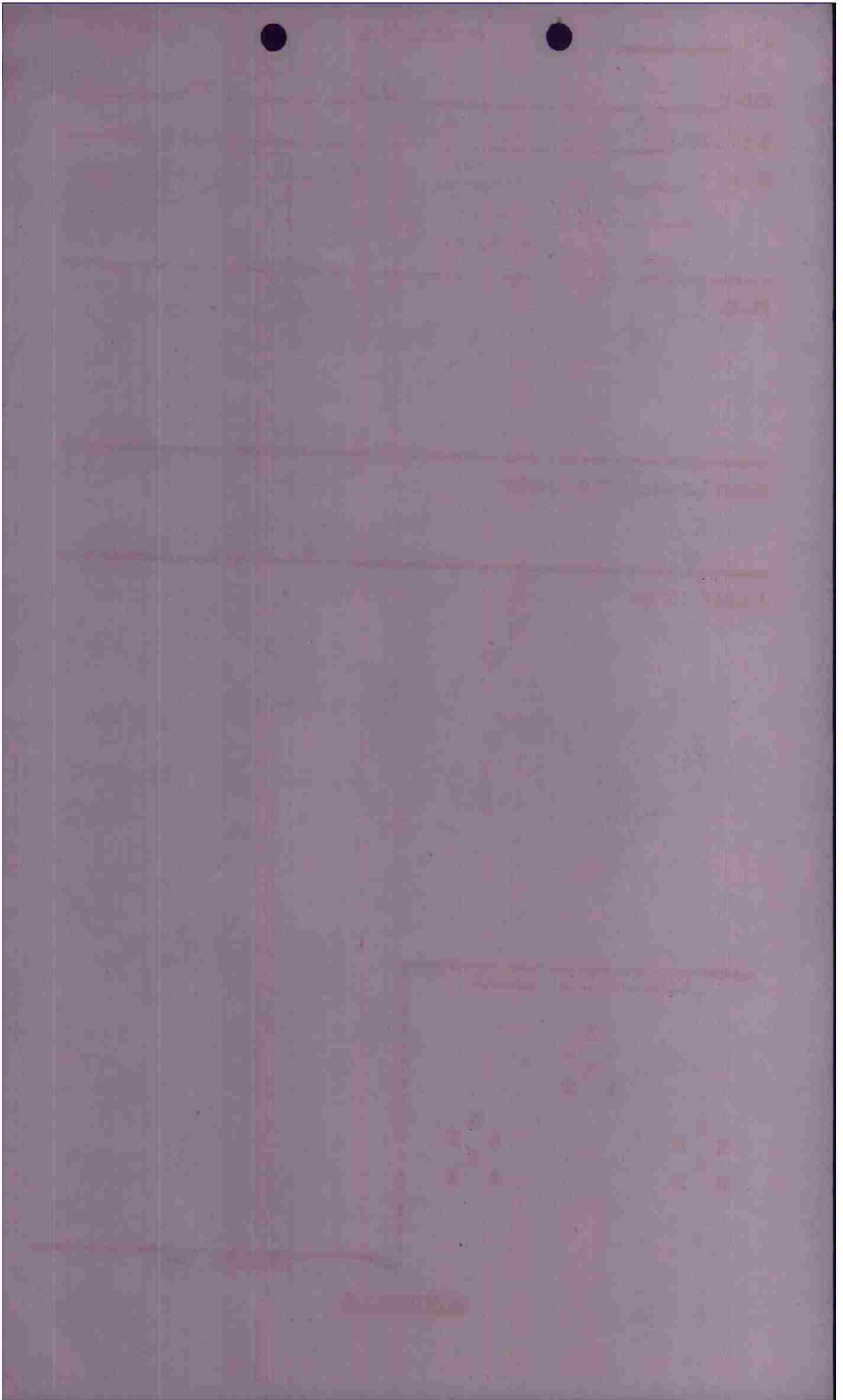
OBSERVATIONS:

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PILOT CHALMERS A/C# 269 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	W/T	A-C	RE
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RETURNED	:	:	:	:
	<input type="checkbox"/>	JEOPARDED	:	:	:	:

FLAK:

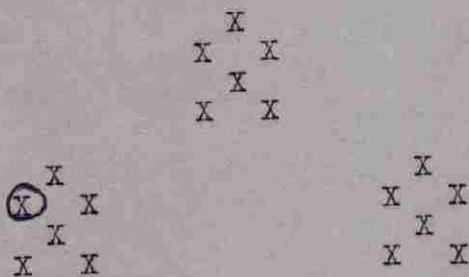
Nil.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

*solid piece
was target*

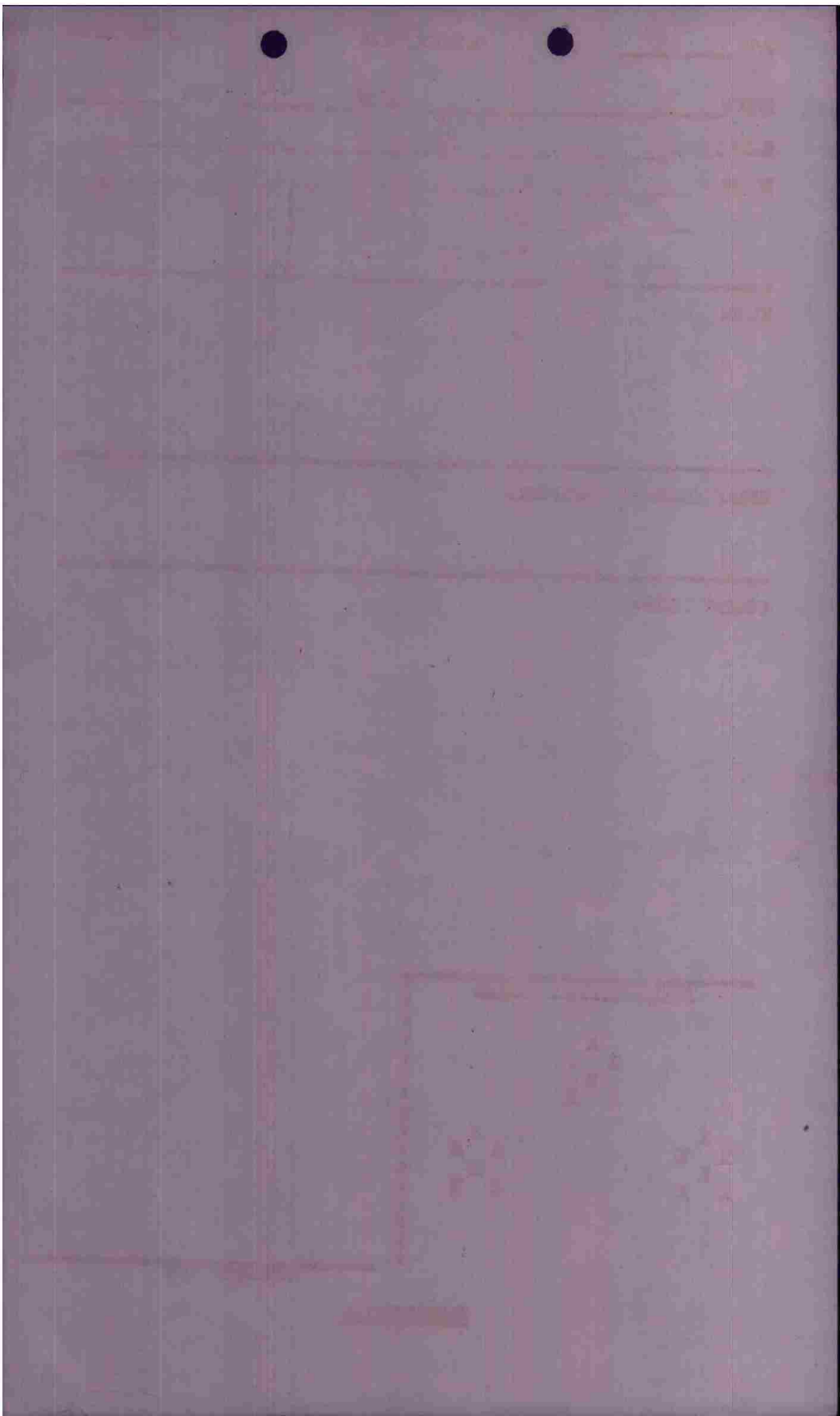
POSITION IN FORMATION

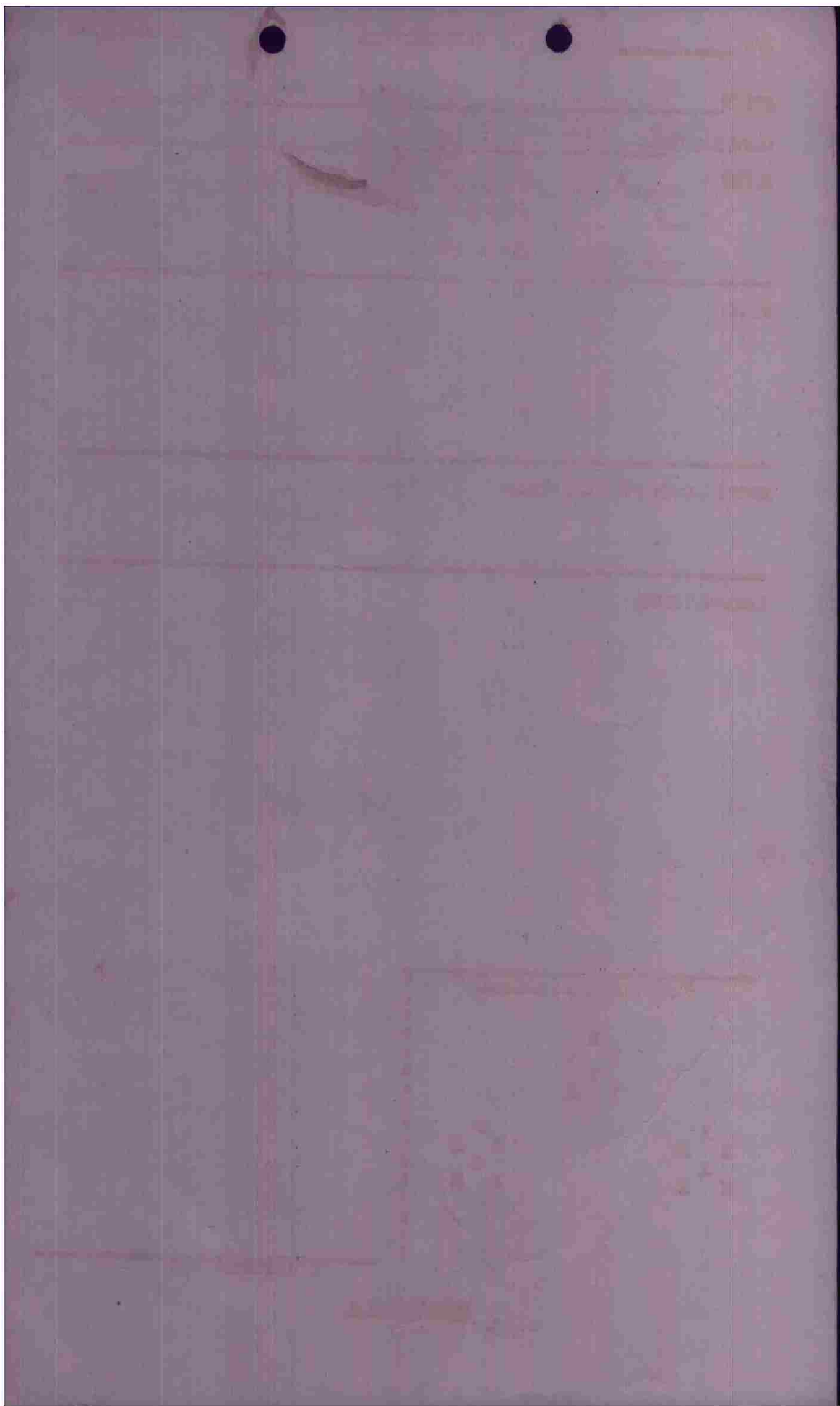


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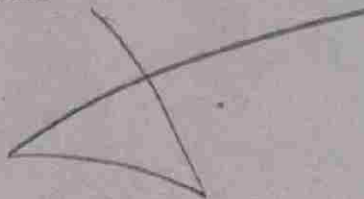
PILOT Atkinson A/C# 073 BOX II

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	X	ON	RATINGS	DAMAGE	REMARKS
	<u>4</u>	<u>A 500</u>	<u>RETURNED</u>	_____	_____
	X		<u>UNRECORDED</u>	_____	_____

FLAK:

*something on BR -
light flak or incision.*



ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: *8 - high - vapor trails,
on 2 down.*

OBSERVATIONS:

*B-26's seemed to be converging
on T/A at same time - true schedule(?)
closing in on 2nd run. scattered
high above E of T/A.*

*height 1211 return 11,500
base - 5000 ft.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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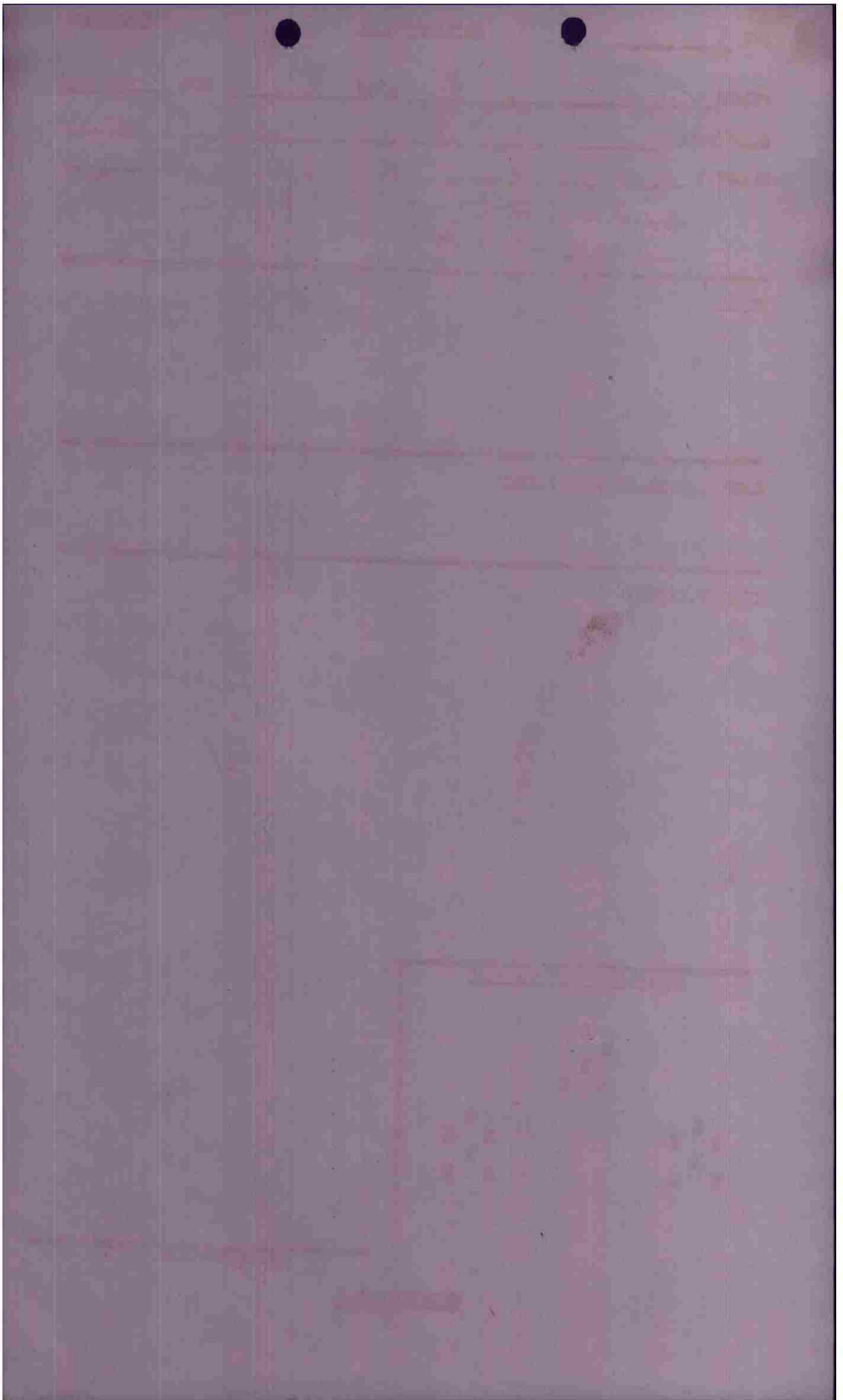
      (X)
     X  X
      X
     X  X

X      X
X  X
X  X

      X
     X  X
      X
     X  X
  
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PILOT WINN A/C# 750 BOX 7

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	X	ON	RETURNED	JETTISONED	REMARKS	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>RETURNED</u>				
	<u>X</u>		<u>JETTISONED</u>				

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

*Saw ships with vapor (?) track
SW of target going straight up
2 runs*

9/10 cloud cover

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X X
     X X

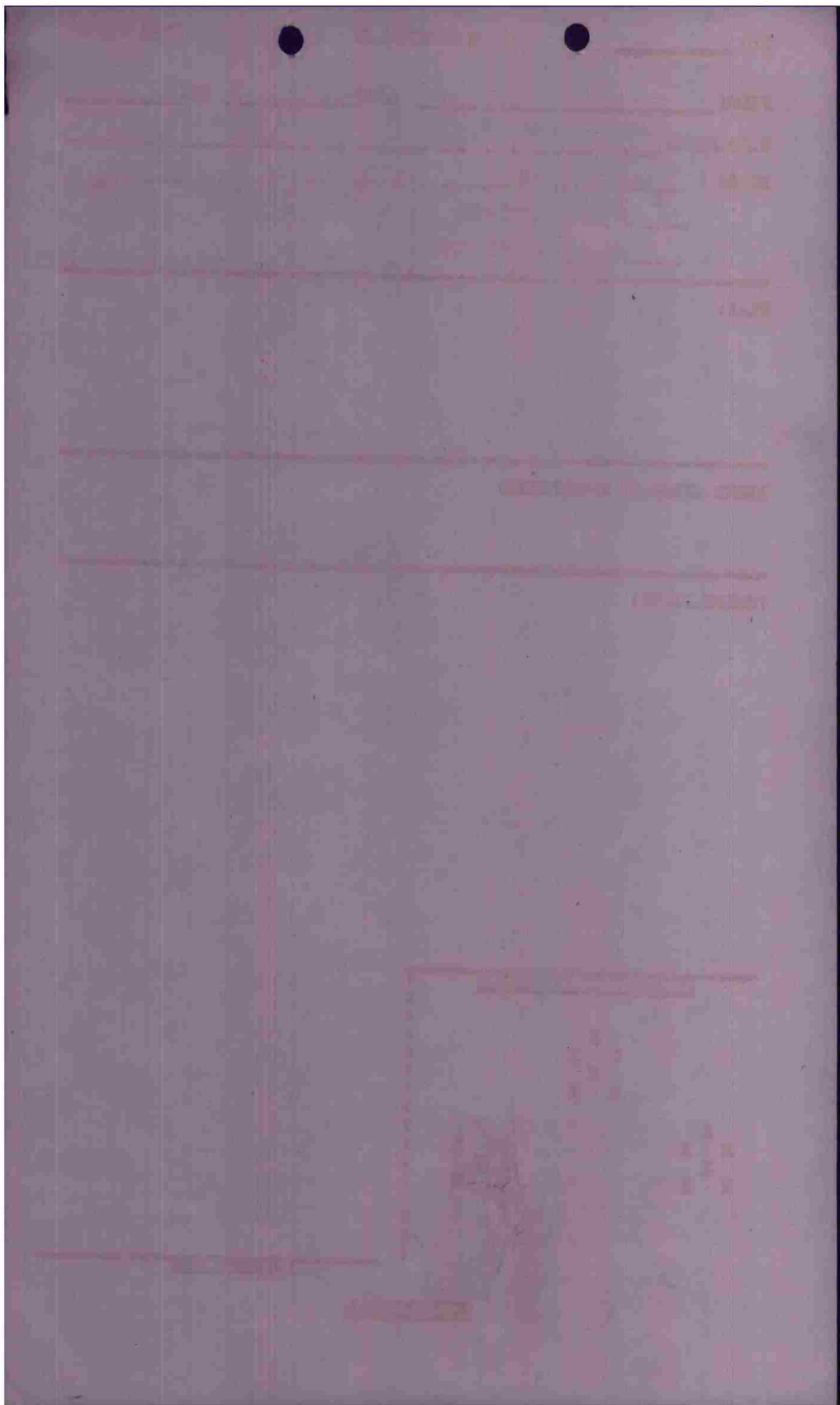
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X   X   X

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      X X
     X X
  
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PILOT GARY A/C# 208 BOX 2

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	X	ON	SCATTER DAMAGE		
	<u>4</u>	X <u>1000</u>	RETURNED		
	X		JETTISONED		

FLAK:

nil

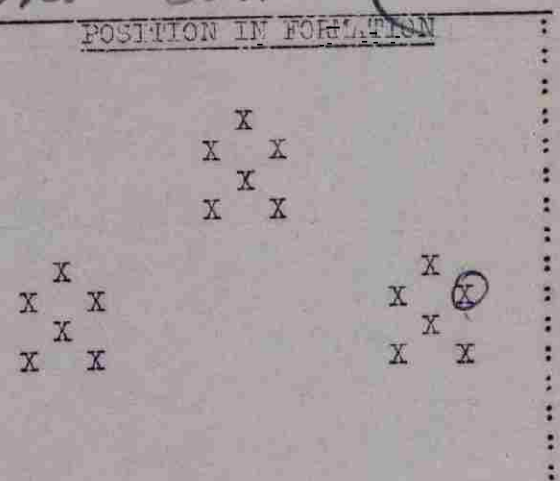
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

saw 5 jet 7c at turn off target - straight up

OBSERVATIONS:

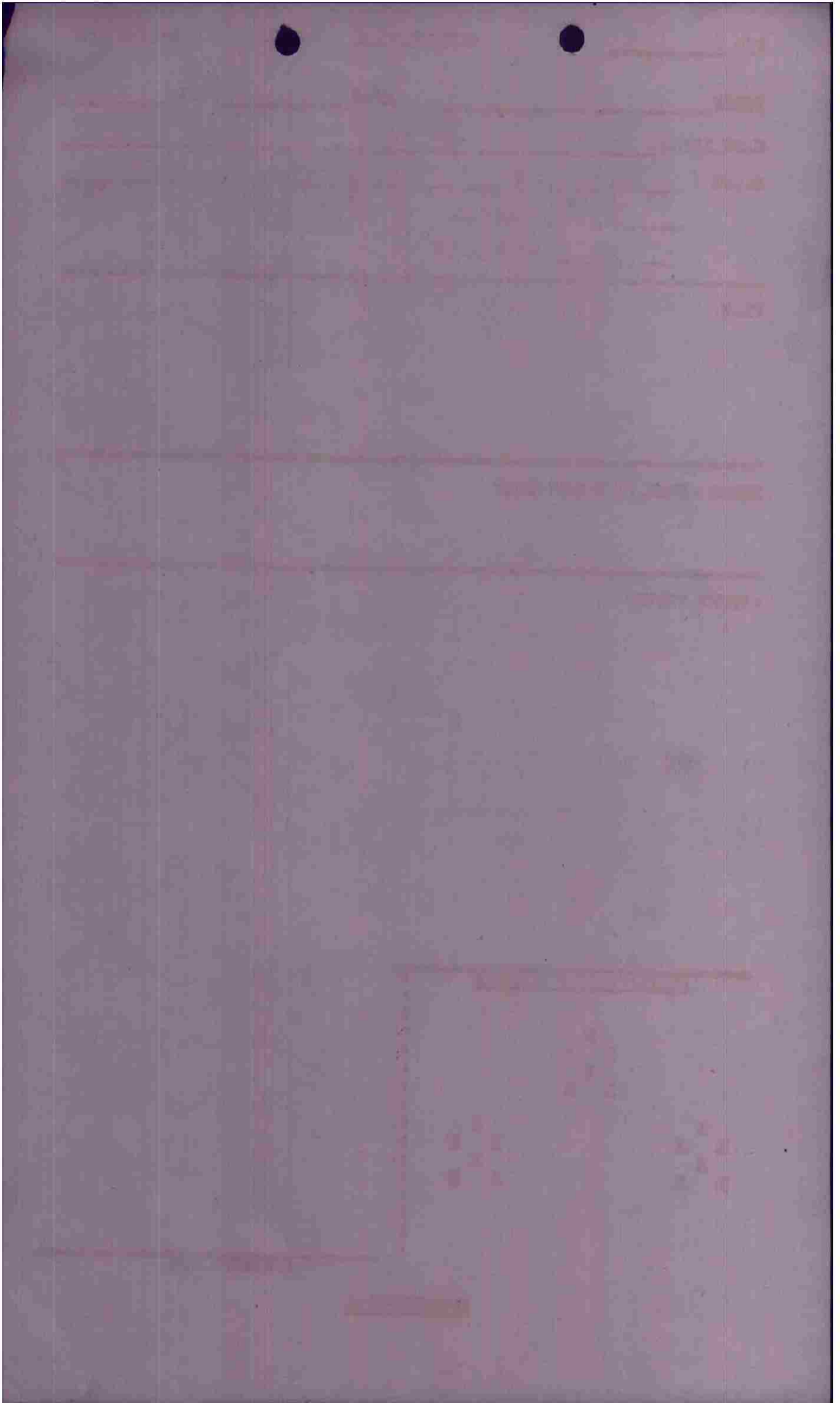
*saw 2 groups B26's
9/10 clouds at target*

no camera



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PILOT BROWN, C. J. A/C# 106 BOX 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	ON	CRATER DAMAGE	WATER	WRECK
<u>4</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>500</u>	RETURNED	:	:
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED	:	:

FLAK:

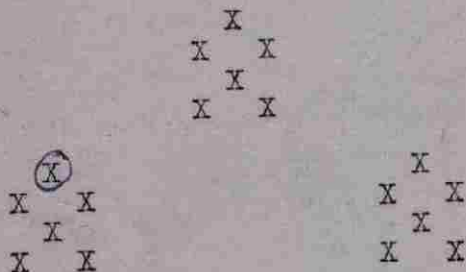
nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

two runs on targets
Saw B 26's
10/10 over target
Radio trouble

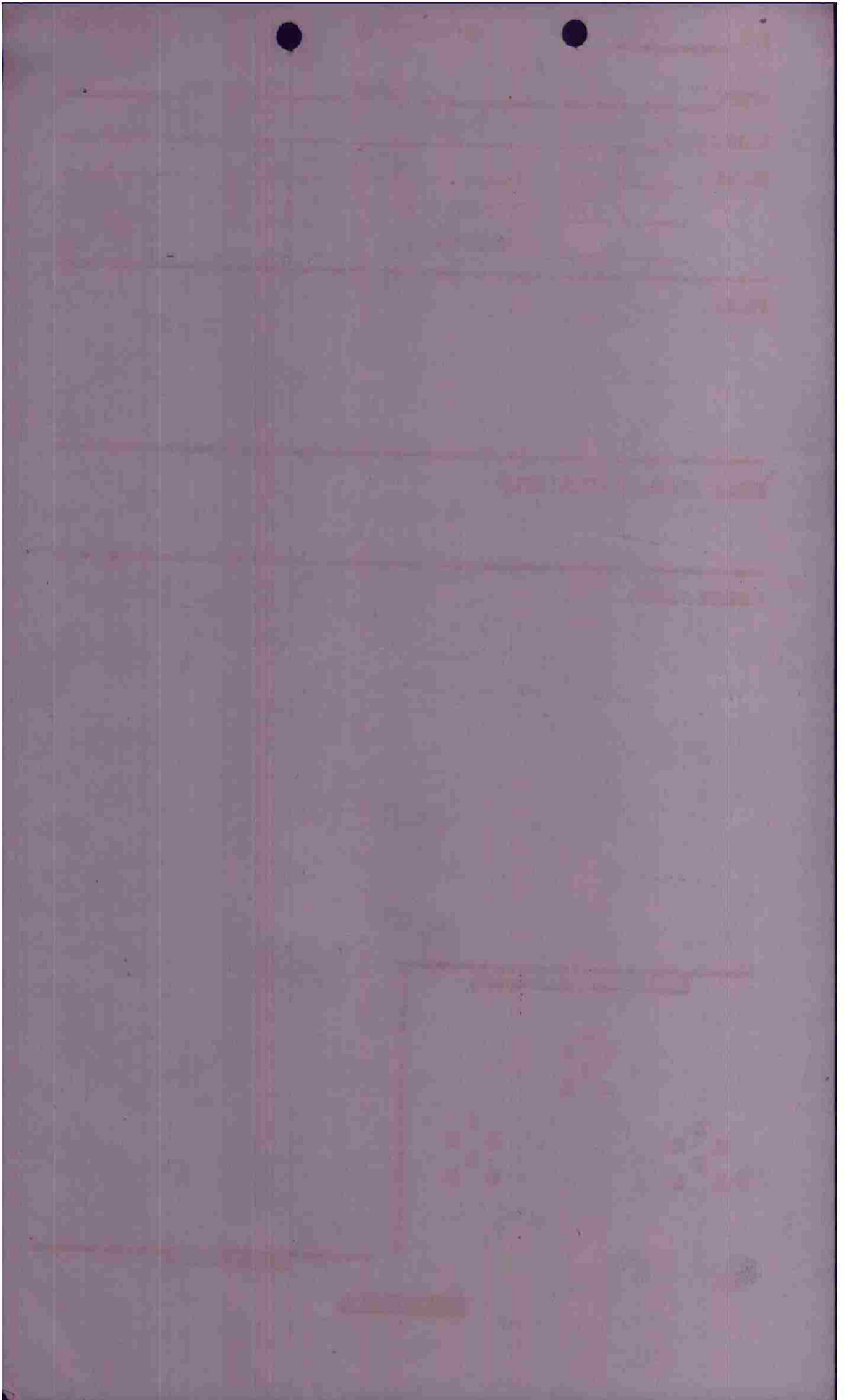
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PILOT DOWNING A/C# 259 BOX II

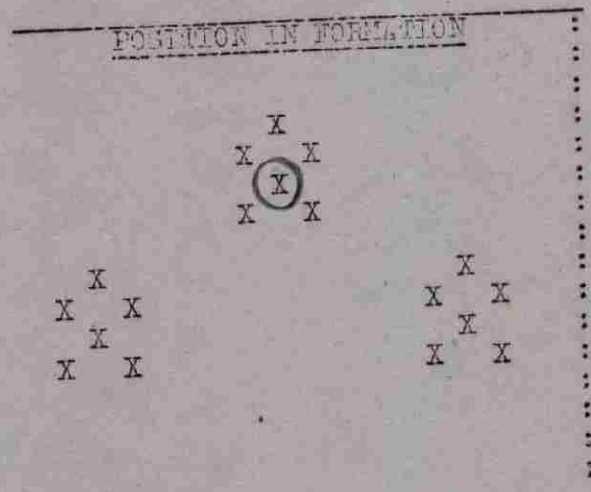
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	X	ON	REPAIRS	DAMAGE	REASON	REMARKS
	<u>4</u>	<u>X 1000</u>	RETURNED	_____	_____	_____
	<u>X</u>		REMISSIONED	_____	_____	_____

FLAK:
nil

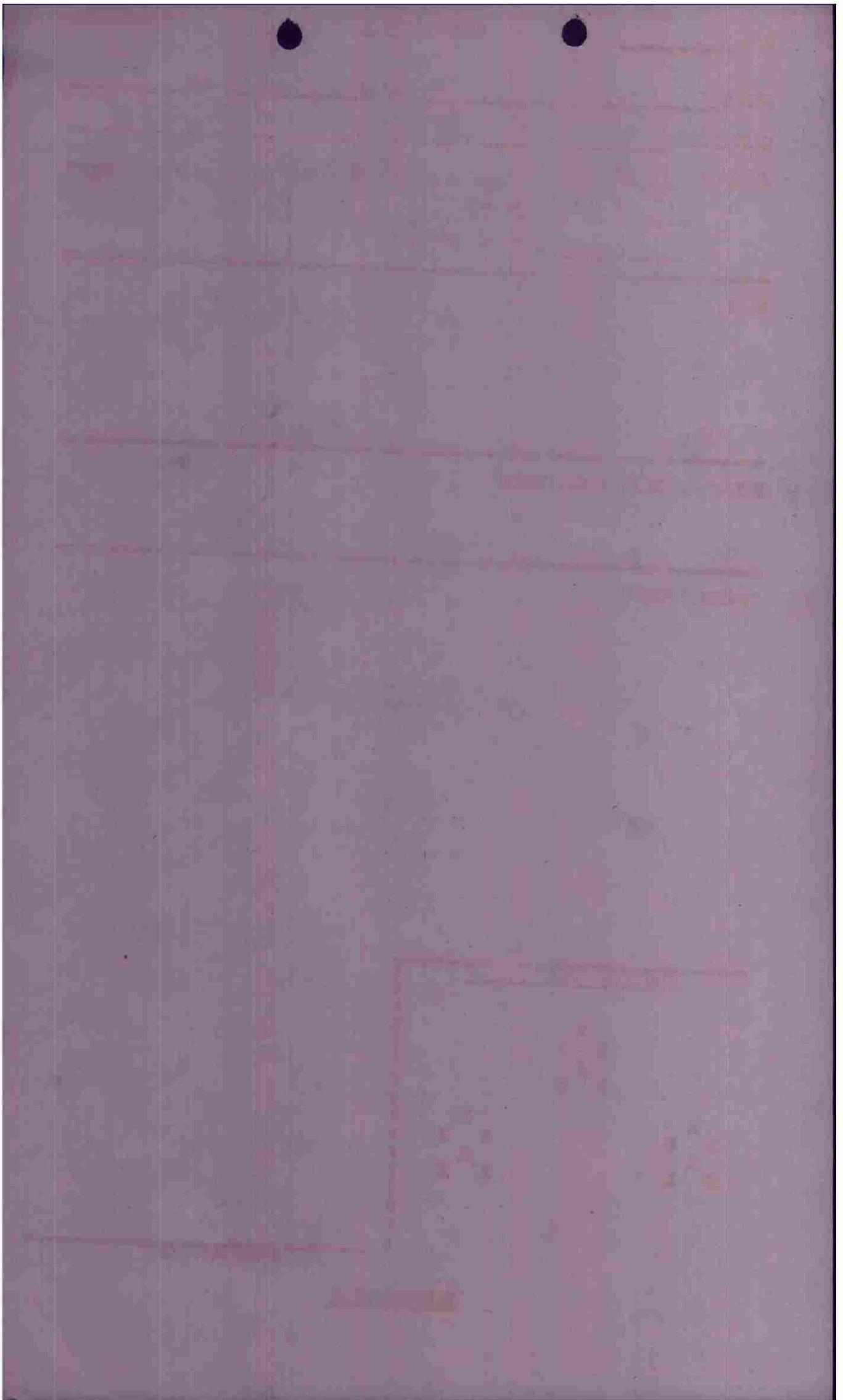
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

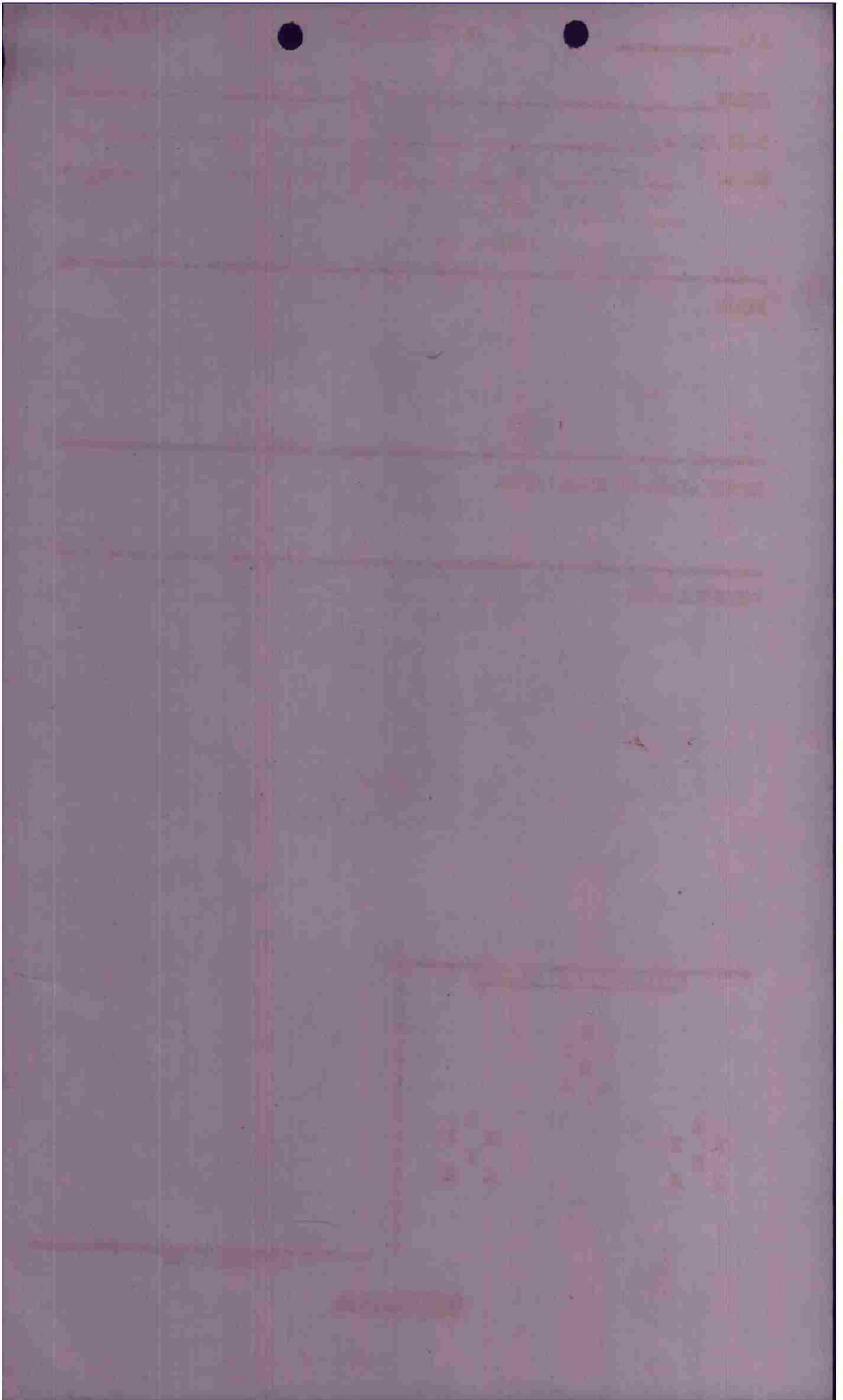
OBSERVATIONS:
10/10 over target

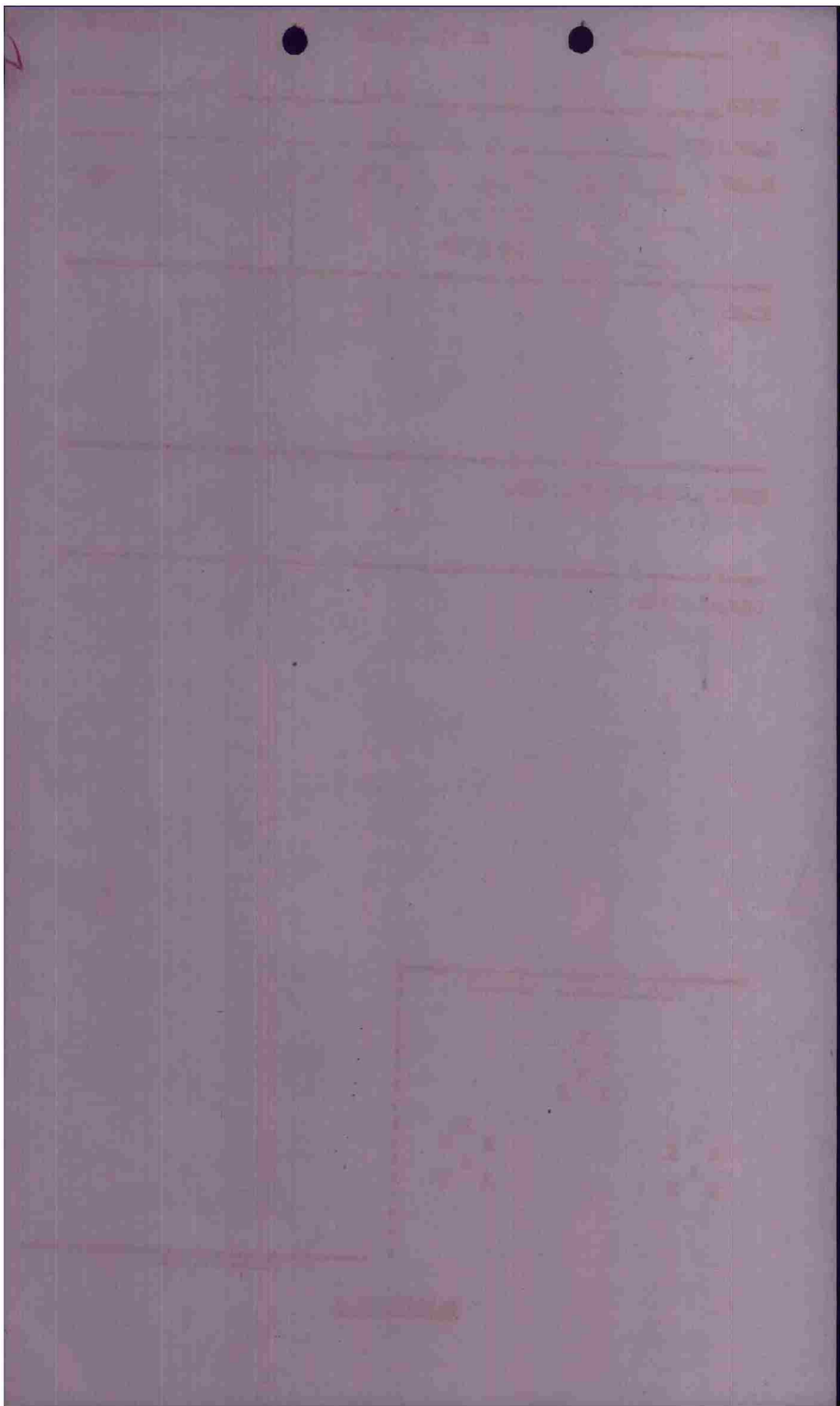


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PILOT MILLER A/C# 326 BOX 2

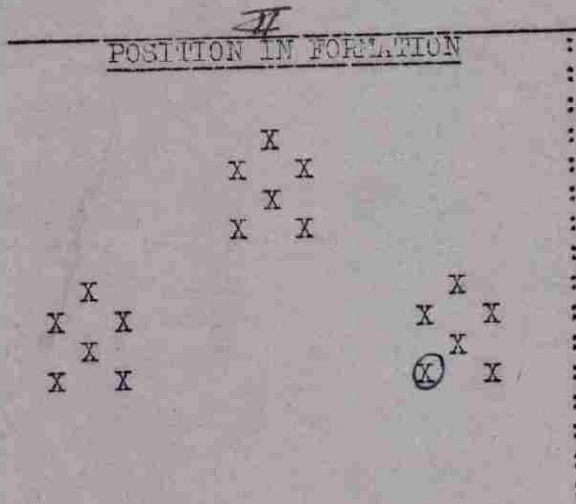
CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :	X	ON	PLANE DAMAGE		
			WING	TAIL	WHEEL
4 X/1000		RETURNED	nil		
X		JETTISONED			

FLAK: nil

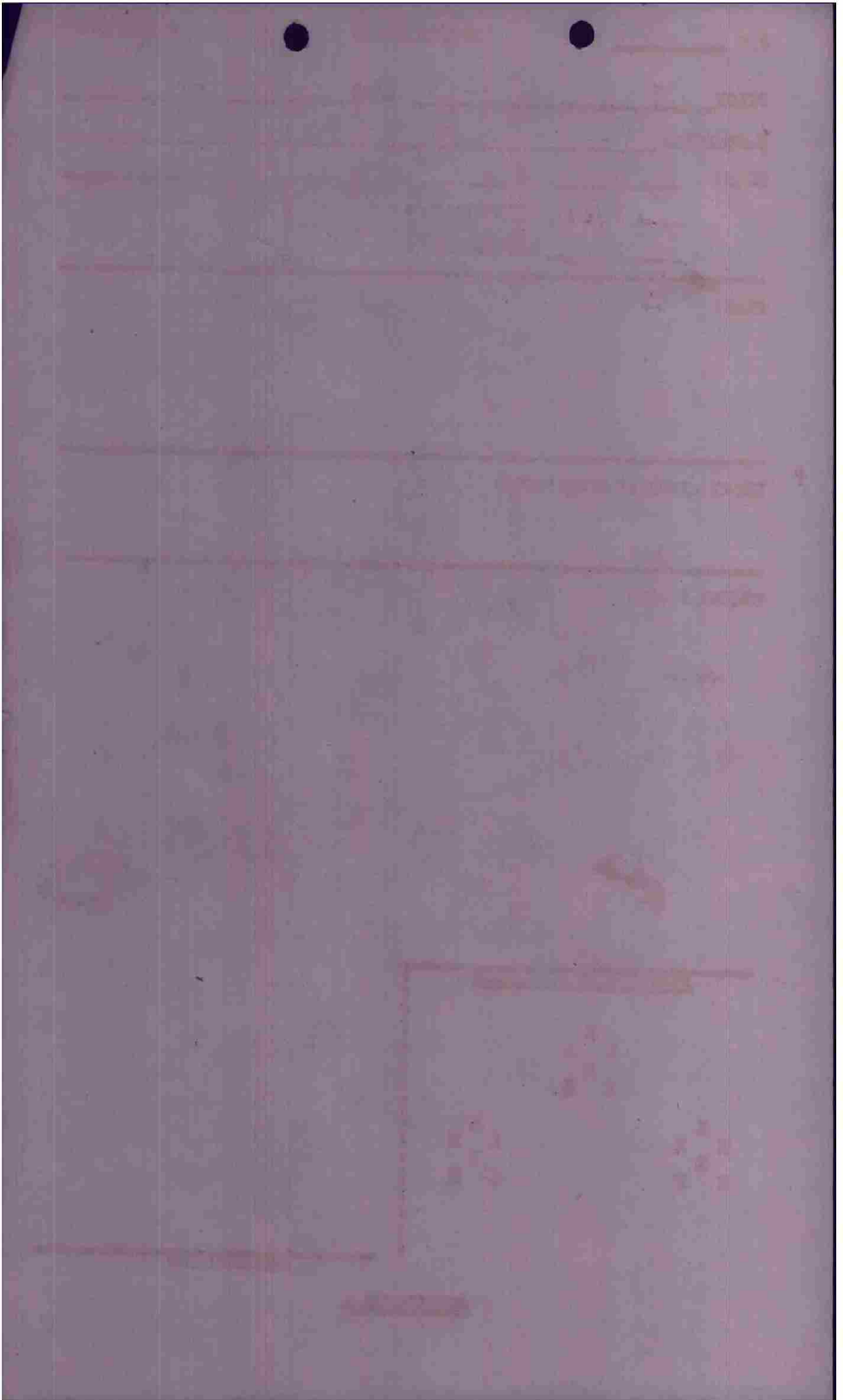
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: nil



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PILOT BISHOP A/C# 237 BOX II

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :	X	ON	DAMAGE		
			RETURNED	W-C	W-E
	X				
	X				

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

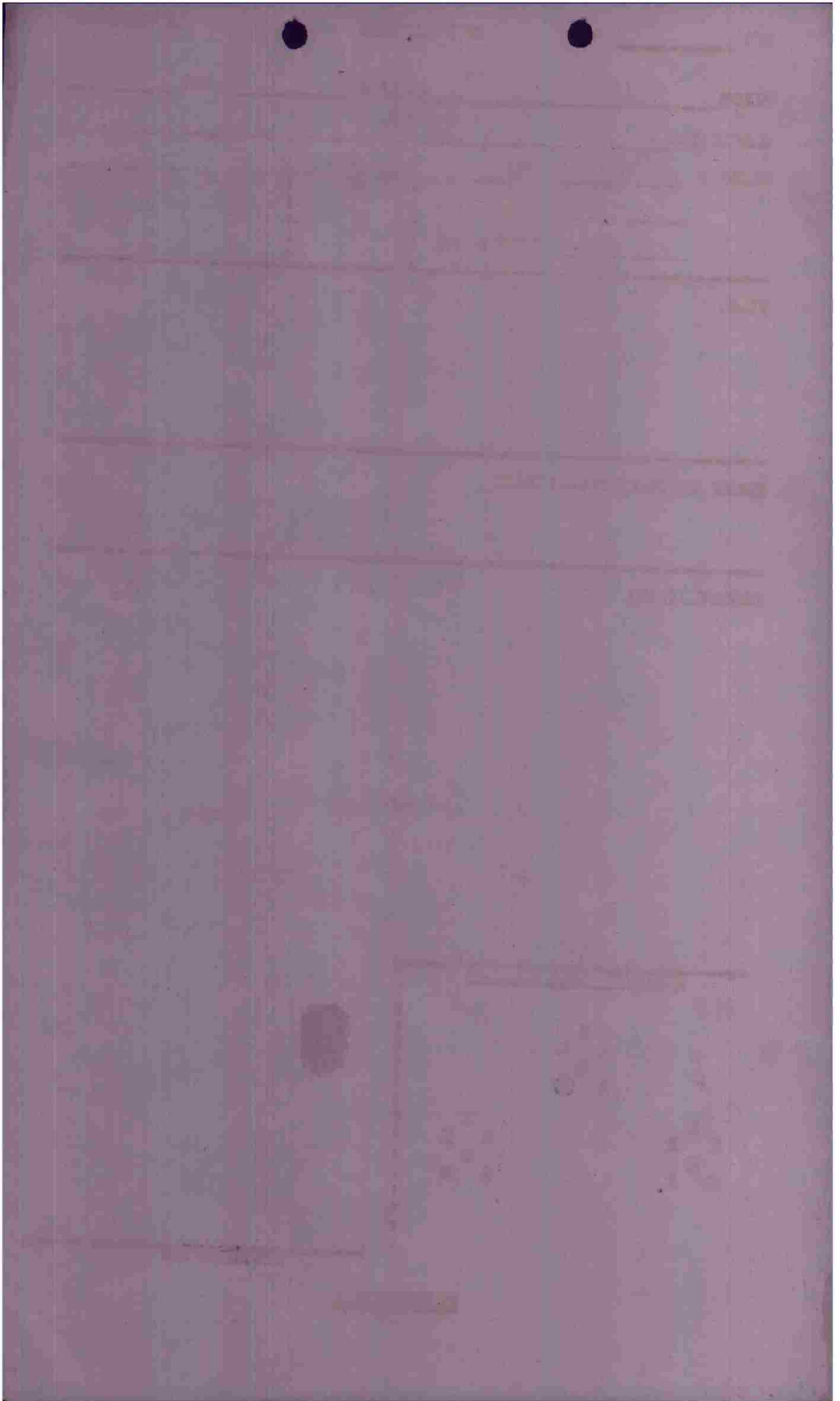
OBSERVATIONS: 2 runs - cloud cover over target - clear on both north & south -

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PILOT EDSTROM

A/C# 313

BOX 2

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :	X	ON	REPAIR DAMAGE	"A"	"B"	"E"
	<u>4</u>	X	RETURNED	:	:	:
	X		JETTISONED	:	:	:

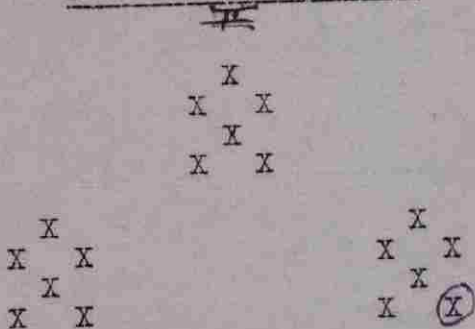
nil

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: 2gt obscured by cloud - made two runs

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PILOT GRUNIG A/C# 188 BOX II

CASUALTIES nil

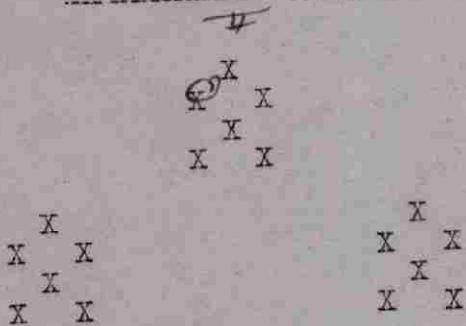
BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			DOWN	WRECK	REPAIR
	<u>1</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>RETURNED</u>	
	<u>1</u>		<u>DISPOSED</u>		

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

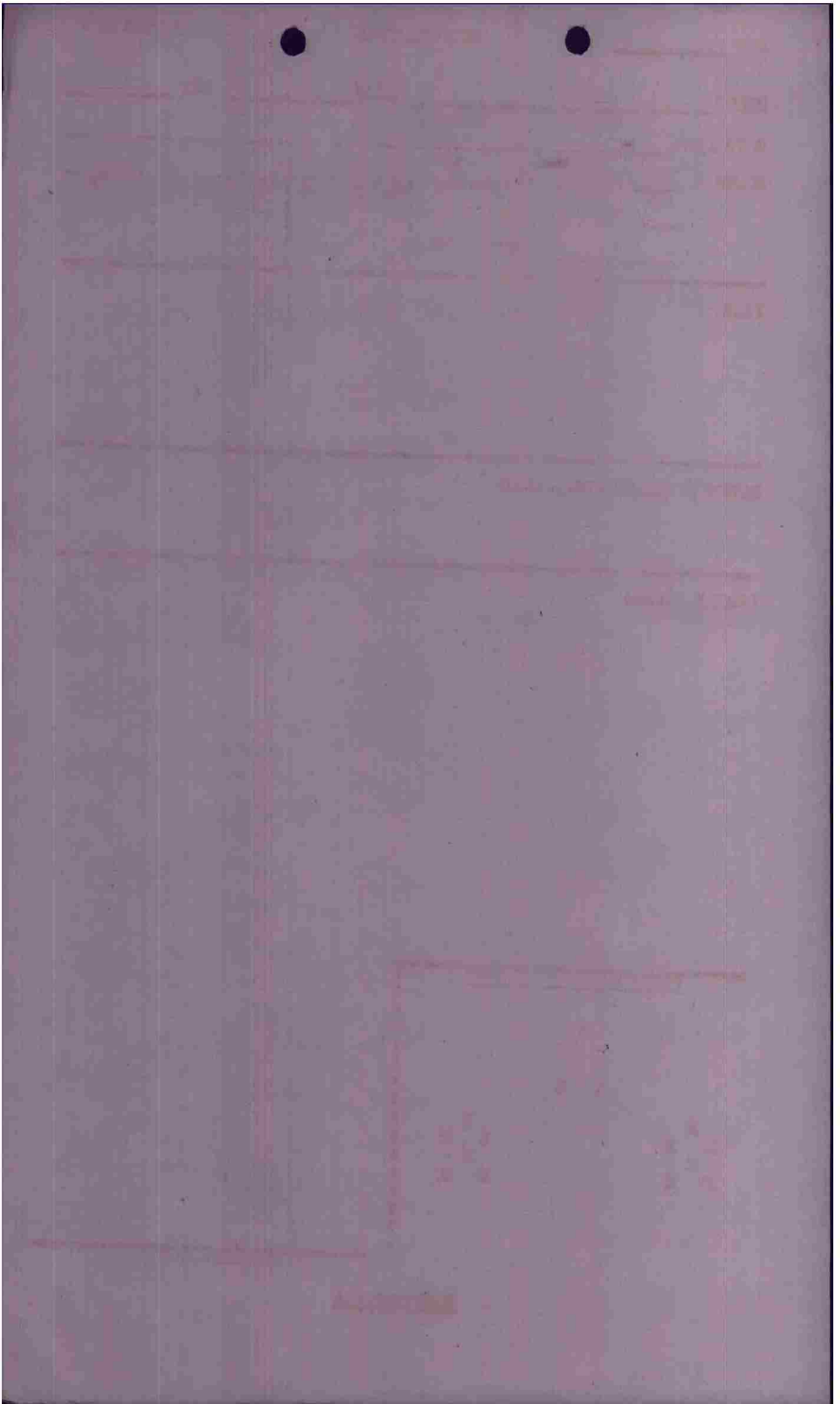
OBSERVATIONS: Snow
12,000 ft over target

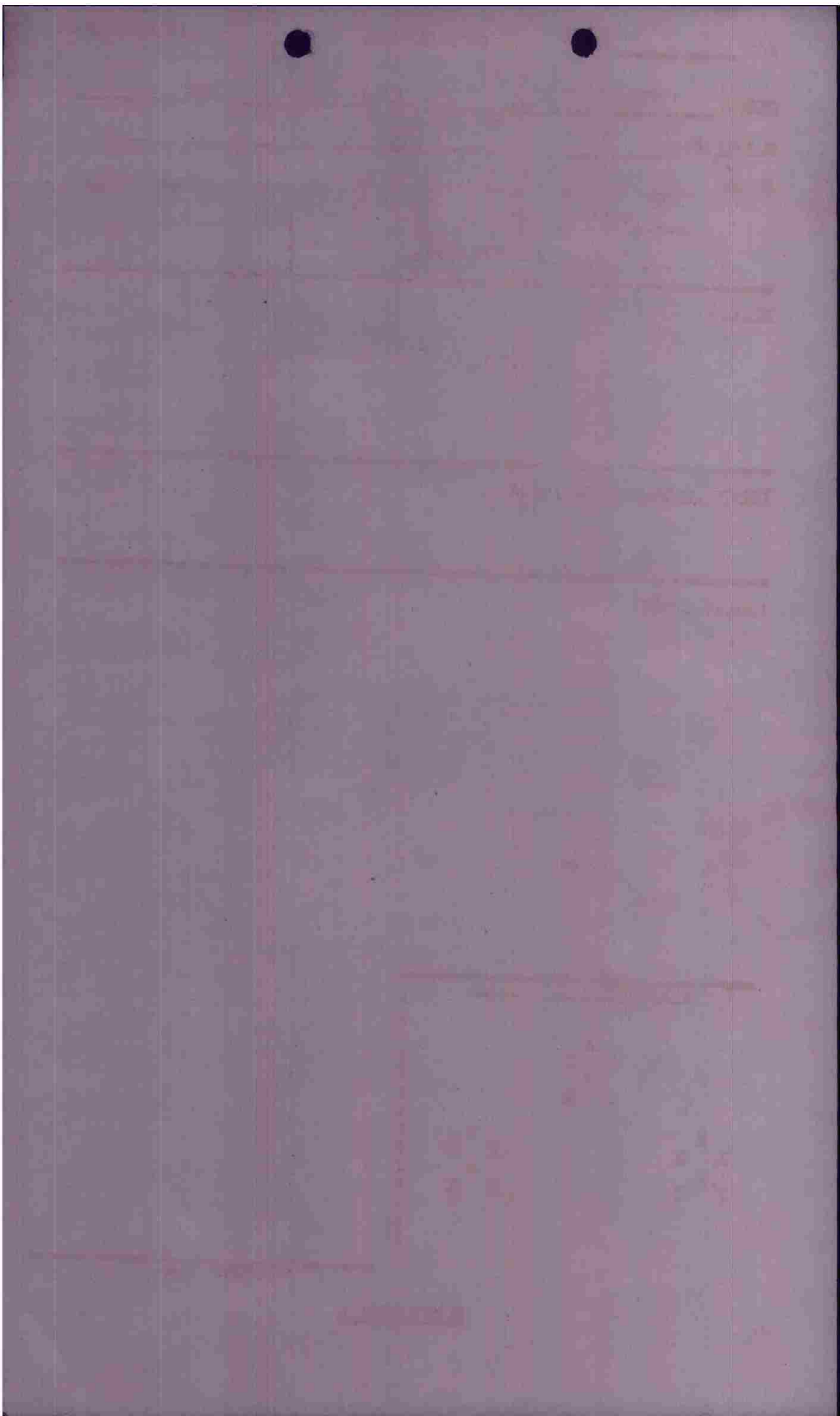
POSITION IN FORMATION

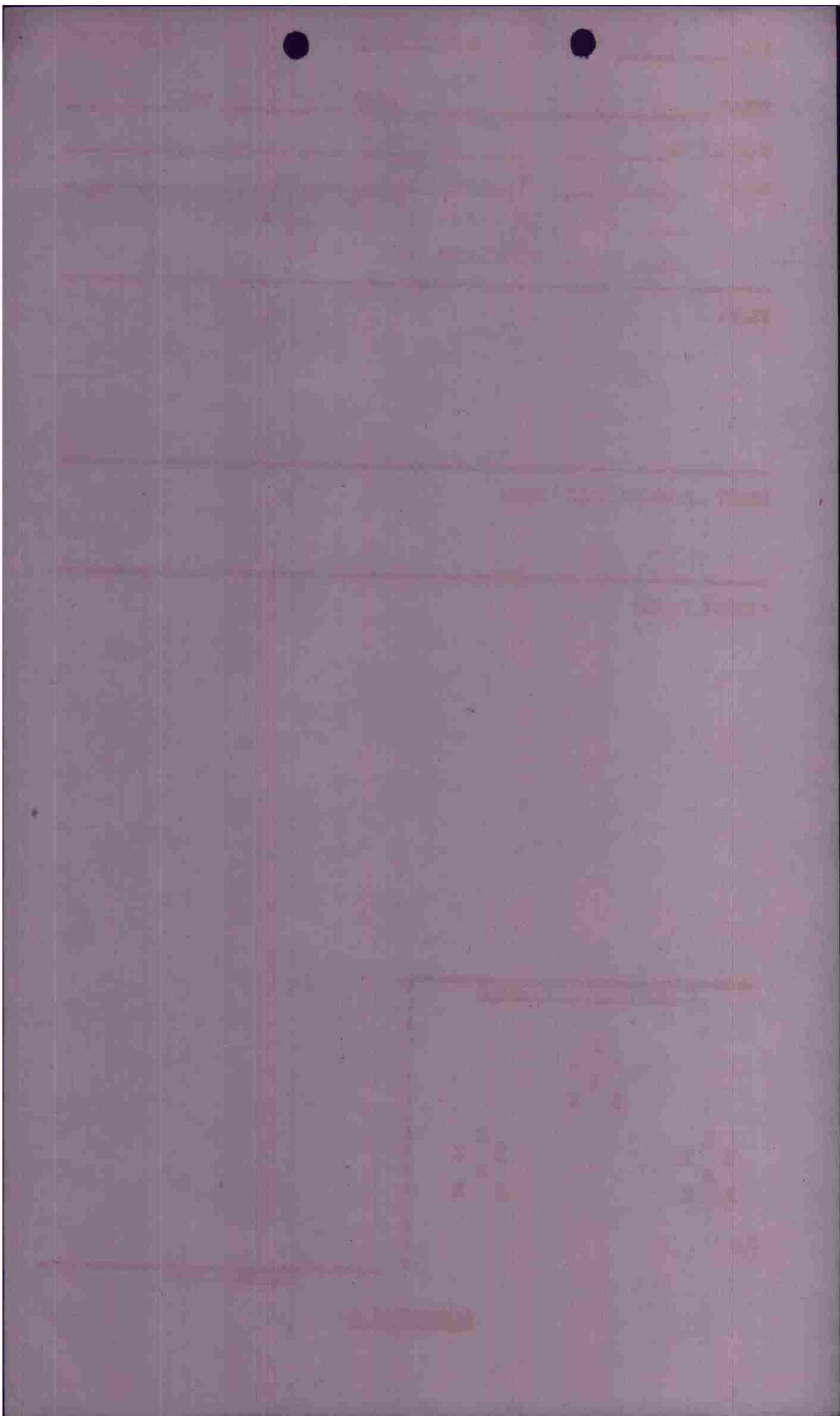


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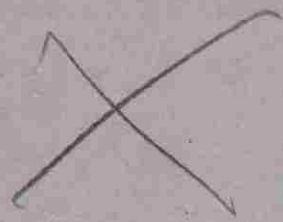
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PILOT GREENLEY NO 089 BOX 77

CASUALTIES _____

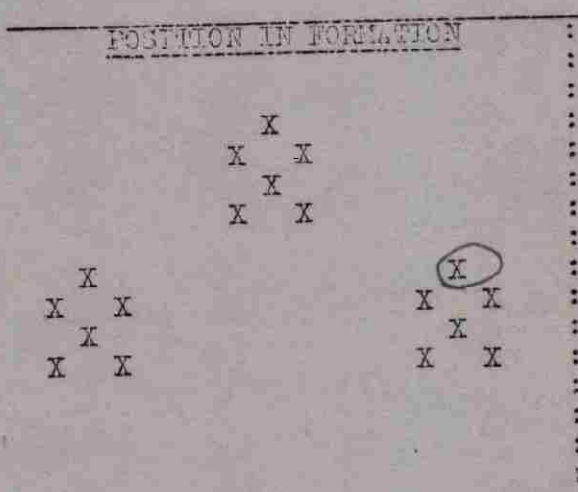
BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>4</u>	<u>500</u>	RETURNED	:	:	:
	X		DEFERRED	:	:	:

FLAK: 

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: 5 contacts str. up. NE of R.P. smoke
Spill

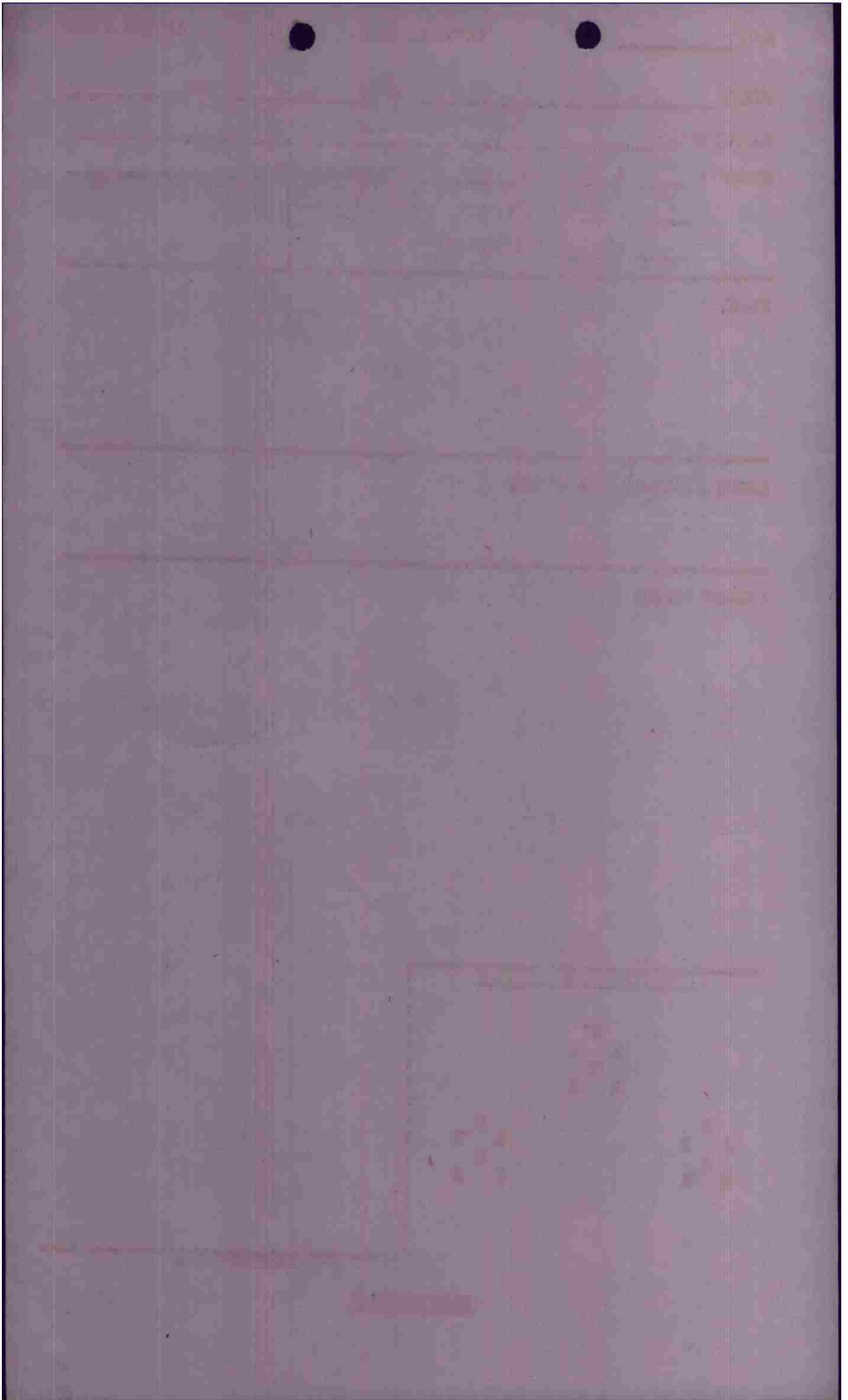
OBSERVATIONS:
smoke trail going down NE of R.P. may have been lost here - especially off the coast.
4 in 1st. cov. - cld. over top.

11,800 - 1214 + 1229.



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PILOT WALLOMAN A/C# 265 BOX 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	W-C	W-E
<u>4</u>	<u>X1000</u>	RETURNED	:	:	:
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK:

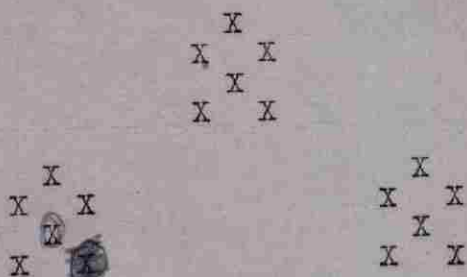
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

*8 contacts near ~~thru~~ville 25,000'
2 sets of four.*

OBSERVATIONS:

*silver colored things went through formation
very small in size*

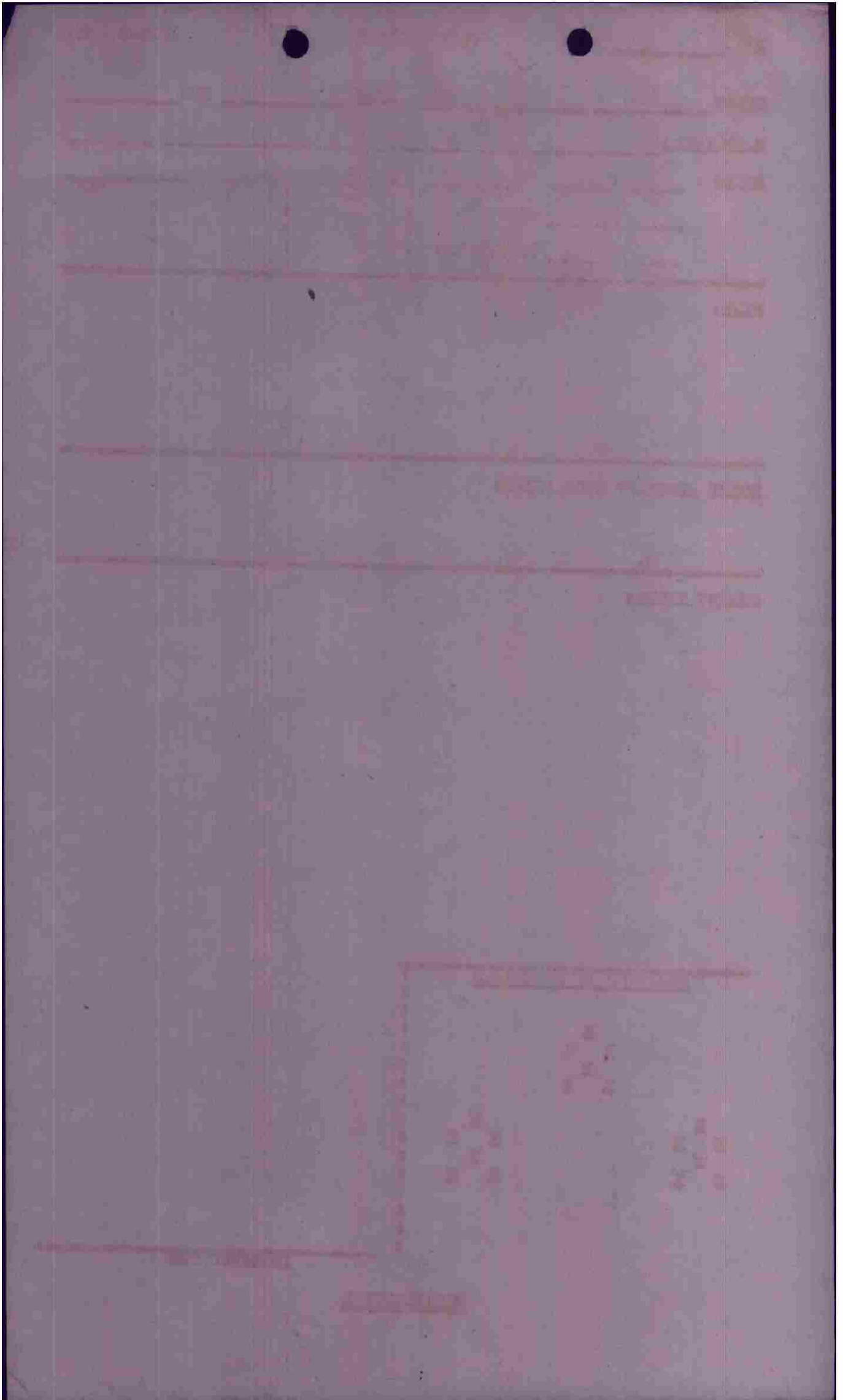
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PILOT HENDERSON A/C# 284 BOX 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	ON	RATTING DAMAGE		
			"A"	"B-C"	"E"
	<u>4</u>	<u>X/1000</u>	RETURNED	:	:
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED	:	:

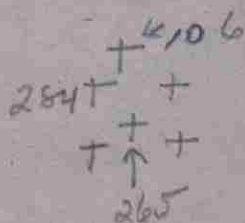
FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

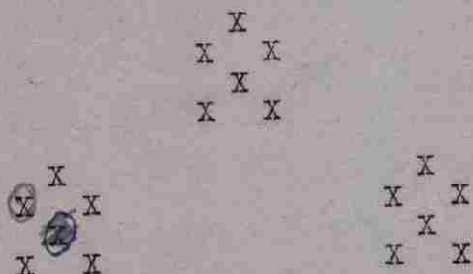
5 contrails near thisville 20000'

OBSERVATIONS:

*6-7/105 4000'-5000'
a dark colored object went through formation at high speed on horizontal flight*

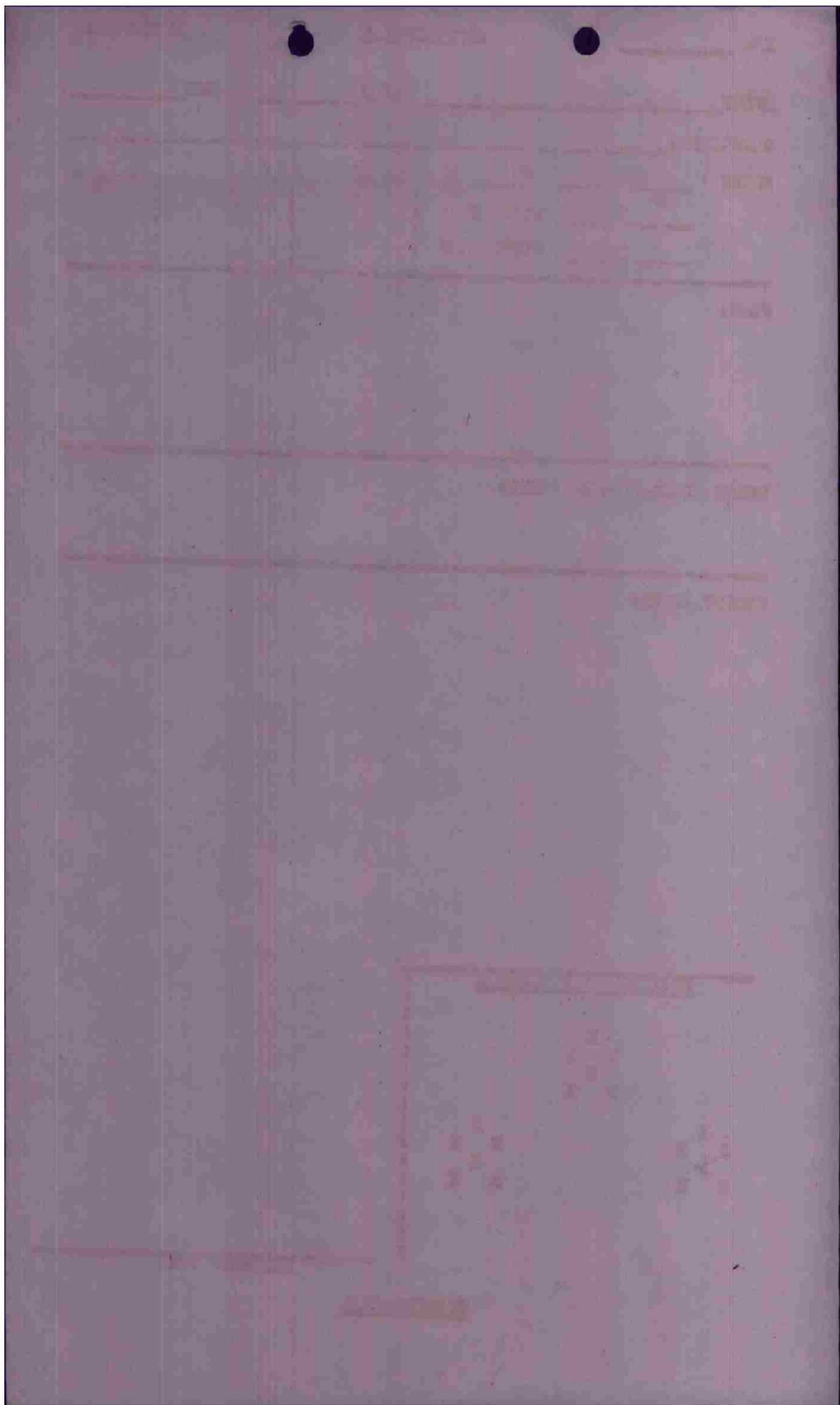


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PILOT MURRAY

A/C# 209

BOX J

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE				
			WIP	REPAIR	REPAIR		
	<u>4</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>1000</u>	RETURNED	:	:	:
	<u>X</u>			JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK: _____

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: _____

OBSERVATIONS:

4 contrails from subsonic jets believed to be jets seen at target at ~~10000~~ 12000 hours. Large round object looking like red ball giving off black & white smoke seen spiralling up to 10000 feet near target. Followed till three minutes from base by single engine plane. It was not a P-51. Believed to be me 109. No encounters. 5 fighters control reported fighters in area south of Lufemburg.

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X	X		
		X		
	X	X		
			X	X
X	X	(X)	X	X
	X		X	X
X	X		X	X

Hydraulic line broke. Wheels had to be pumped down with emergency system. Air bottles used but it grabbed only one wheel throwing it off runway. Oil required draining out by grease on way back.

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