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 418TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
 Office of the Commanding Officer

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APO 140, U.S. Army,
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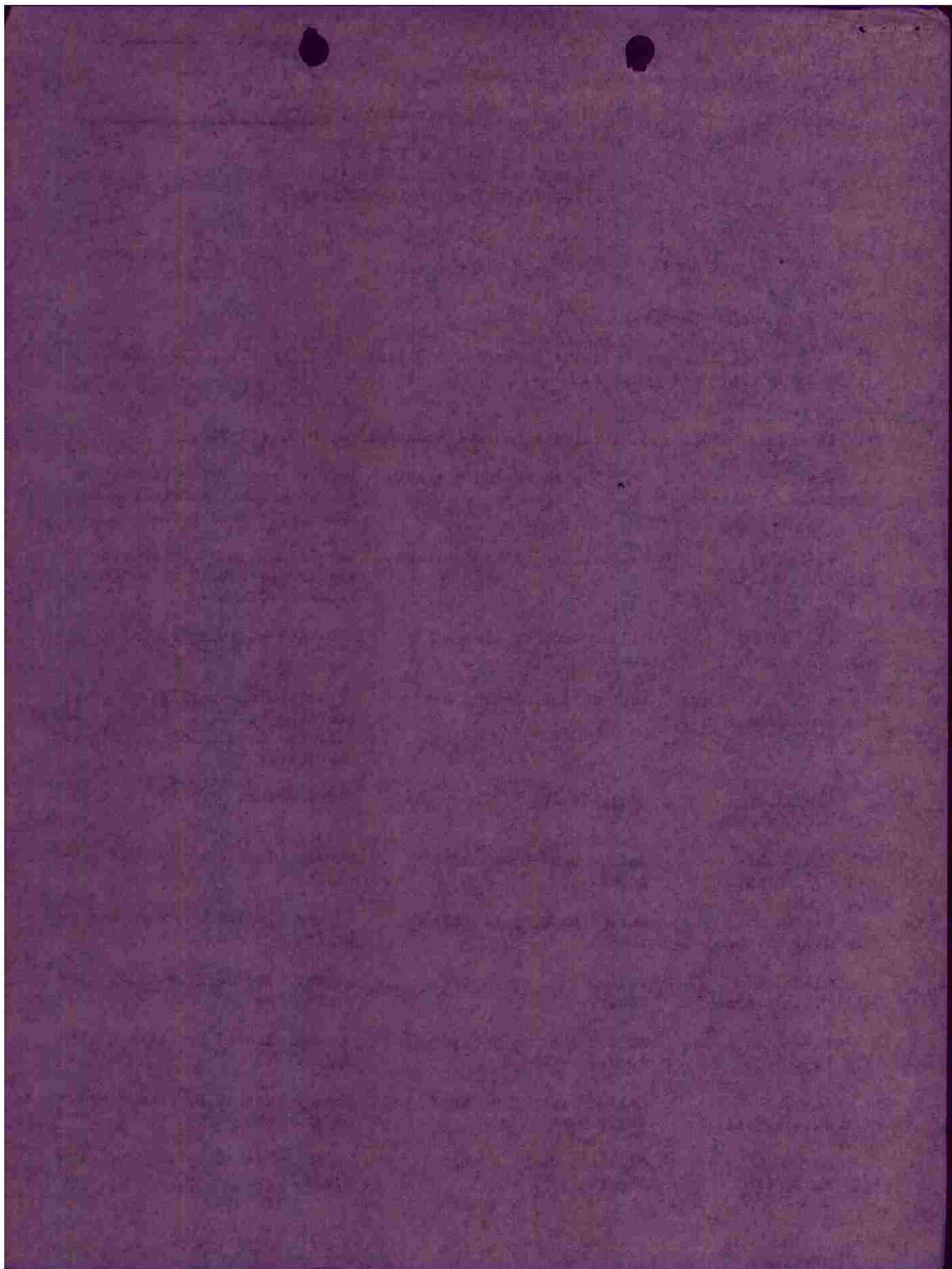
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SUBJECT: Mission Report.

TO : Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M), APO 140, U.S. Army.
 (Attn: A-2 Section)

I. 18 January 1948, T.O. 1241, Steinsbruck Road Bridge, P.O. 126-706.

II. 44-75 (Capt R.O. Atkinson)	Left engine wouldn't start.	Left starter motor burned out due to excessive cranking on preflight inspection.
41-39271 (Lt M.W. DeBose)	Neither engine would start.	Ice formation on spark plug electrodes caused by condensation after preflight.
41-39258 (Lt R.P. Sawyer)	Called back by control tower.	Aircraft blocking runway.
41-39319 (Lt R.L. Johnson)	Left engine cutting out.	Pilot fouled spark plugs before starting to taxi. Engine checked O.K. for crew chief immediately thereafter.
41-39204 (Lt J.H. Roberts)	Belly landed during take-off.	Pilot error.
41-39265 (Lt A.J. Vian)	Called back by control tower.	Runway blocked by crashed aircraft.
41-39254 (Lt G.L. Milhorn)	Called back by control tower.	Runway blocked by crashed aircraft.
41-39264 (Lt L.W. Edstrom)	Called back by control tower.	Runway blocked by crashed aircraft.
41-39237 (Lt R.S. Hall)	Called back by control tower.	Runway blocked by crashed aircraft.
41-39250 (Lt J.C. Sewell)	Called back by control tower.	Runway blocked by crashed aircraft.
43-22025 (Lt R.A. Pero)	Called back by control tower.	Runway blocked by crashed aircraft.



II. Cont'd.

41-39223 (Lt H.C. Brown)	Called back by control tower.	Runway blocked by crashed aircraft.
43-22315 (Capt R.C. Grunzmacher)	Called back by control tower.	Runway blocked by crashed aircraft.
41-39224 (Lt E.O. Turner)	Called back by control tower.	Runway blocked by crashed aircraft.
43-21467 (Lt F. J. Henderson)	Called back by control tower.	Runway blocked by crashed aircraft.
41-39222 (Lt P.F. Barausky)	Called back by control tower.	Runway blocked by crashed aircraft.
44-185 (Capt E.E. DeMun)	Called back by control tower.	Runway blocked by crashed aircraft.

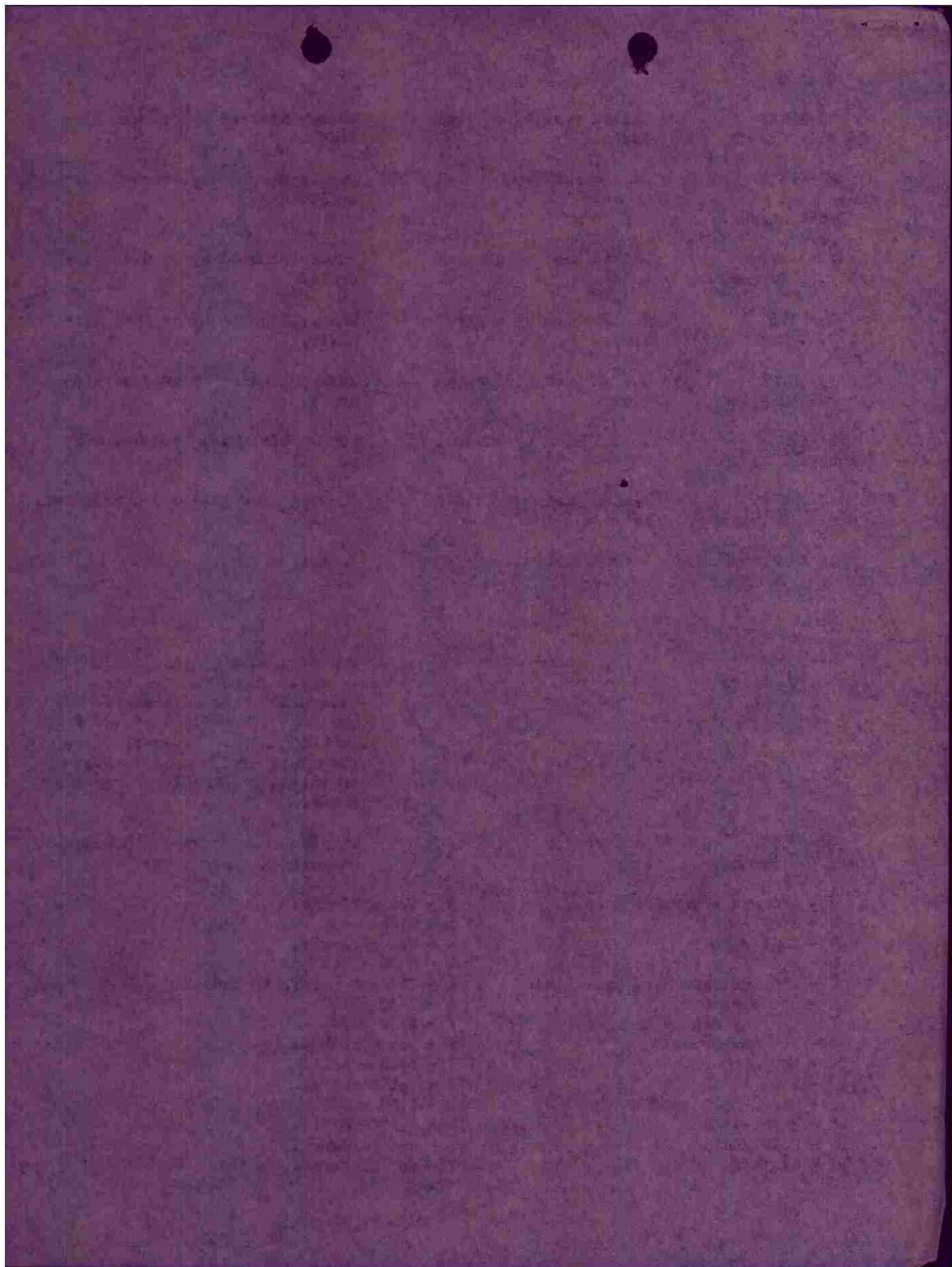
III. 43-22378 (Lt A.S. Mathanson)	Landing gear would not retract.	Landing gear solenoid burned out.
41-39333 (Lt G.C. VanHater)	Lost formation.	No malfunction.

IV. Note

V. 41-39210 (Capt A.C. Sears)	Belly landed.	One main landing gear would not extend. Cause has not been determined because aircraft was still on its belly at time of investigation. However, it is suspected that excessive over-travel on landing gear lock was cause.
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43-22357 (Lt A.N. Turman)	Left engine wouldn't start.	Starter relay burned out because solenoid plunger stuck.
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VI. 1 - Did not return to base.	1 - Not airborne.
2 - 2:50 - 450	2 - 2:25 - 515
3 - 2:45 - 600	3 - Not airborne.
4 - Did not return to base.	4 - 2:25 - 345
5 - Did not return to base.	5 - Did not return to base.
6 - Not airborne.	6 - 2:30 - 420
7 - Did not return to base.	7 - 2:50 - 600
8 - Not airborne.	8 - Not airborne.
9 - Not airborne.	9 - 2:30 - 625
10 - 2:45 - 655	10 - Not airborne.
11 - 2:50 - 600	11 - 2:30 - 655
12 - 2:45 - 560	12 - 2:30 - 575
13 - 2:45 - 670	13 - Not airborne.
14 - Crashed.	14 - Not airborne.

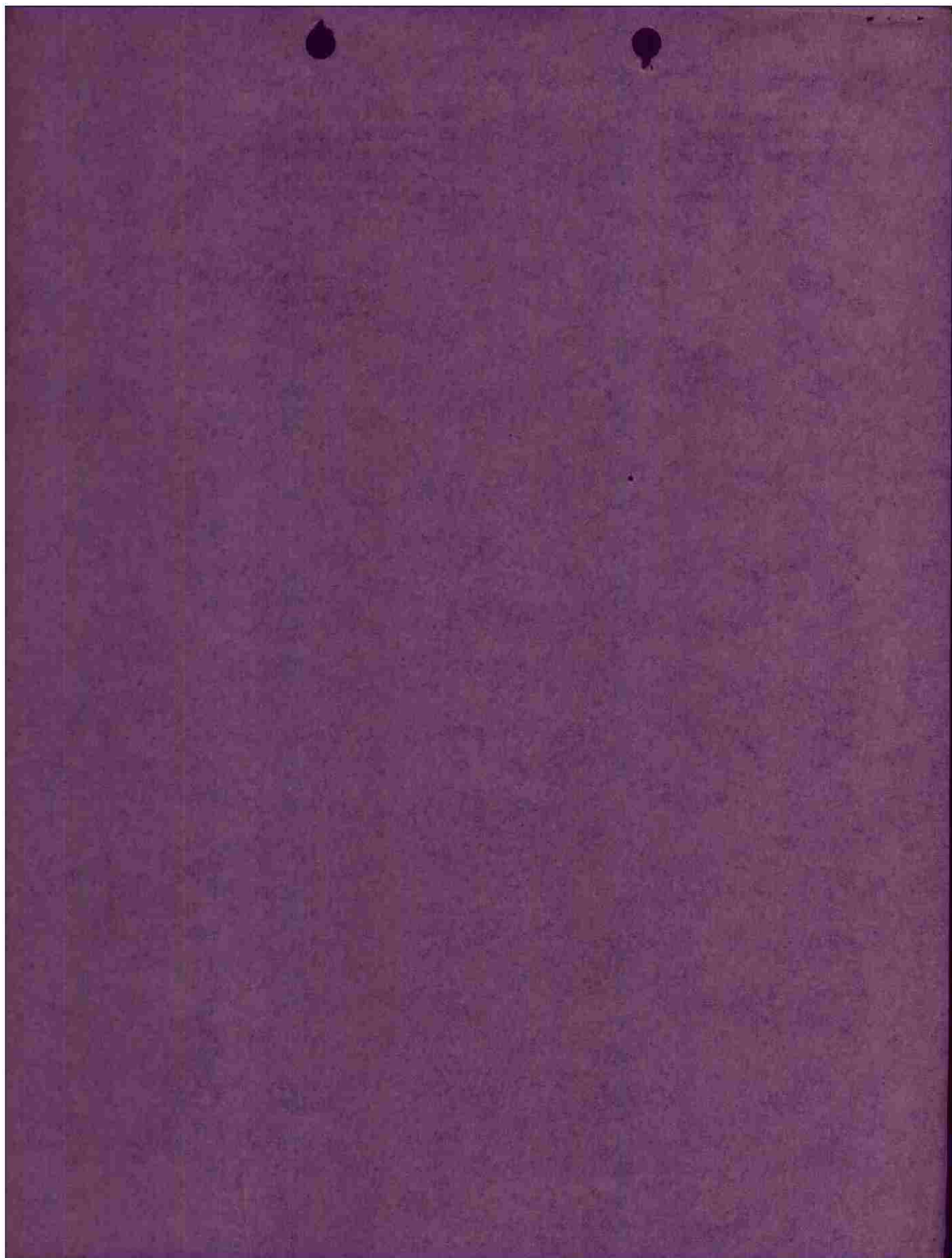


VI. Cont'd.

15 - Returned early.
8-16 - 2:35 - 540
N - Not airborne.
W - Not airborne.
V - Not airborne.

15 - Not airborne.
16 - Not airborne.
17 - Not airborne.
18 - Not airborne.
8-19 - Returned early.

THEODORE R. AYLESWORTH,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.



MISSION NO. 194

BOX I
FLIGHT I

13 JANUARY 1945

WINDOW

1. ⁴² 063 J
Major R.F. Price *xe*
Lt. A.R. Hand
a S/S J.H. Roberts
S/S J.C. Edenburn

2. ⁴⁴ 614 A *450*
Capt. H.A. Monroe
c Lt. R.L. Kirk
S/S W.L. KIDD
Cpl. R.J. Perujo

3. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 188 R *600*
a Lt. R.A. Russell
Cpl. J.I. Spence

1. ⁴⁴ 195 G
Capt. E.E. Demur
Lt. R.J. McCade *No take off due to crash on runway*
S/S W.W. Donnelly
Sgt. C.J. Kruger

2. ⁴³⁻²² 023 X
Lt. D.A. Fero *No take off due to crash on runway*
S/S T.W. Skelton
S/S A.A. Rojas

3. ⁴³⁻²¹ 467 W
c Lt. F.W. Henderson *No take off due to crash on runway*
S/S D.H. DeBower
S/S J.W. Calendar

FLIGHT II

1. ~~262 XXXX~~ ⁴⁴ 106 E-1
~~Lt. J.J. Lackovich~~
~~S/S C.R. Orvold~~
~~S/S R.W. Chevront~~
b Lt. J.J. Lackovich
Lt. R.C. Muir
S/S C.R. Orvold
S/S R.W. Chevront

2. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 210 J-1
Capt. A.C. Sears
M/S J.J. Wells
b

3. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 855 V *no take off due to crash on take-off*
b Lt. A.J.P. Winn
S/S G.G. Stephenson

4. ⁴³⁻²² 326 W
b Lt. T.J. Murray
S/S R.J. Jones

5. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 834 P *No take off due to crash on runway*
b Lt. G.L. Milhorn
Sgt. D. Chest

6. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 234 C *no take off due to crash on runway*
b Lt. L.W. Edstrom
Cpl. P.A. Pompea

FLIGHT III

1. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 269 K *665*
a Lt. J.J. Chalmers
Sgt. K. Fortner

2. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 259 H *600*
a Lt. J.K. Colquitt
S/S C.M. Mohr

3. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 253 F *560*
a Lt. R.C. Buchanan
Sgt. C.L. Calabrese

4. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 219 E *670*
a Lt. T.D. McGready
S/S W.E. Lemonds

5. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 204 G *Silly landed on take off*
a Lt. J.H. Roberts
Sgt. R.P. Windisch

6. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 378 O
a Lt. A.S. Nathanson
Cpl. G.J. Kaminski *Returned Early, wheels wheel not retract*

SPARE
⁴¹⁻³⁹ 244 I *540*
b Lt. R.W. Van Rope
Cpl. W.H. Klingman

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MISSION 184

BOX II
FLIGHT I

13 JANUARY 1945

1. ⁴⁴ 073 J
Capt. P.G. Atkinson
Lt. D.G. Ackerson *no take off due to crash on runway*
C Sgt. L.R. Friday
Sgt. J.L. Collier
2. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 235 M *✓ 515*
C Lt. H. Popeney
S/S H.C.S. Candler
3. ~~203 319~~ *no take off due to crash on runway*
Lt. E.E. Johnson
C ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ T/S J.F. Goggin

4. ⁴³⁻²² 334 G
C Lt. W.B. Heinke *✓ 445*
S/S J.J. Ricketson
5. 337 O
C Lt. A.R. Turman
Cpl. R.R. Rorbakken
6. ⁴³⁻²² 296 D *470*
C Lt. M. Errotabere
Cpl. E.A. Bowie

FLIGHT II

1. ⁴³⁻²² 024 E 600
Lt. R.H. Cornell *✓*
B Lt. R.E. Enman *✓*
S/S A. Carter
Sgt. K.A. Reid
2. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ ~~238~~ M-1 *no take off due to crash on runway*
B Lt. E.R. Hayter
Cpl. D.A. Dalton
3. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 252 D-1 *625*
B Lt. D.W. Sorrels *✓*
S/S V.A. Malara

4. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 871 R
B Lt. M.W. DuBose *no take off due to crash on runway*
S/S D.L. Griffin
5. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 229 B *635*
B Lt. R.K. Johnson
Cpl. H.E. Brandt
6. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ ~~204~~ 241 F *575*
B Lt. J.A. Willard *✓*
CPL. C.U. HINKER

FLIGHT III

1. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 237 D-2 *no take off due to crash on runway*
D Lt. R.B. Hall
S/S L.C. Burger
2. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 222 S
C Lt. P.P. Barausky *no take off due to crash on runway*
Pvt. B.R. Wilson
3. ⁴³⁻²² 315 L-1
C Capt. R.O. Gruetzemacher *no take off due to crash on runway*
S/S D.S. Blackford

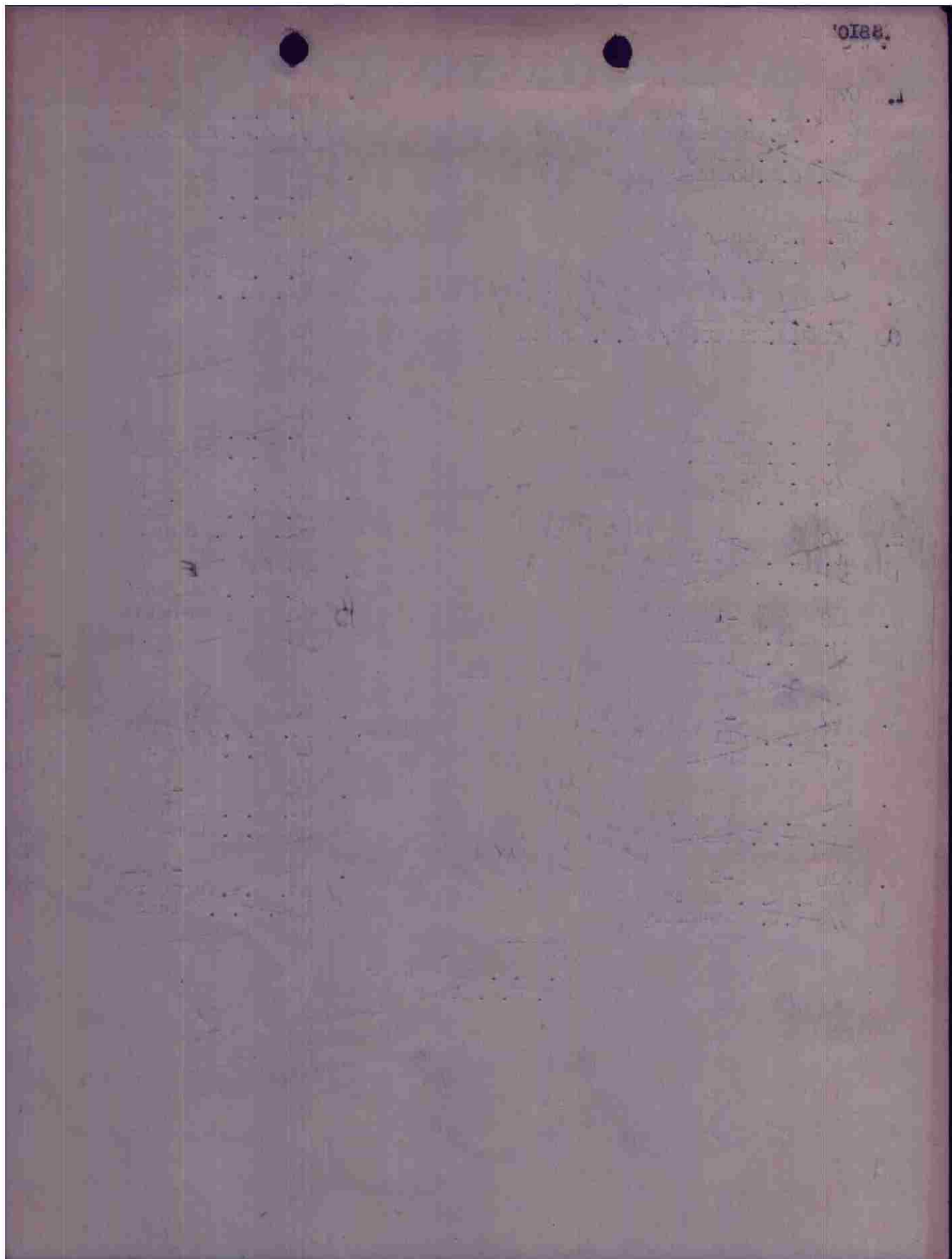
4. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 239 N
D Lt. J.C. Sewell *no take off due to crash on runway*
S/S J.A. Hummer
5. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 223 B-1
C Lt. N.G. Brown *no take off due to crash on runway*
S/S D.E. Burns
6. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 224 E-1
C Lt. E.O. Turner *no take off due to crash on runway*
Sgt. J.O. Belcas

⁴³⁻²² SPARE

- 353 Q
B Lt. C.C. Van Meter
Sgt. C.M. Kiker

*Returned Early
could not catch
formation due to
crash on runway*

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POST MISSION REPORT

MISSION NO. 184DATE 13 January 19421. NUMBER OF MEN WOUNDED: *Unknown*2. BOMBING MALFUNCTIONS: *Unknown**Dropped on PFF*

3. CAMERA MALFUNCTIONS:

Unknown

4. PERCENT OF BATTLE DAMAGE:

Unknown

5. PLANES FAILING TO BECOME AIRBORNE OR RETURNING EARLY:

See Summary side of report.

6. PLANES LOST ON LANDING AWAY FROM BASE:

Diverted to A-69.

1 plane could not get nose wheel down. If nose wheel could not be put down before field closed in, then pilot would be instructed to belly-land. Henry-210 belly landed at A-69. Swanson-337 back up on runway.

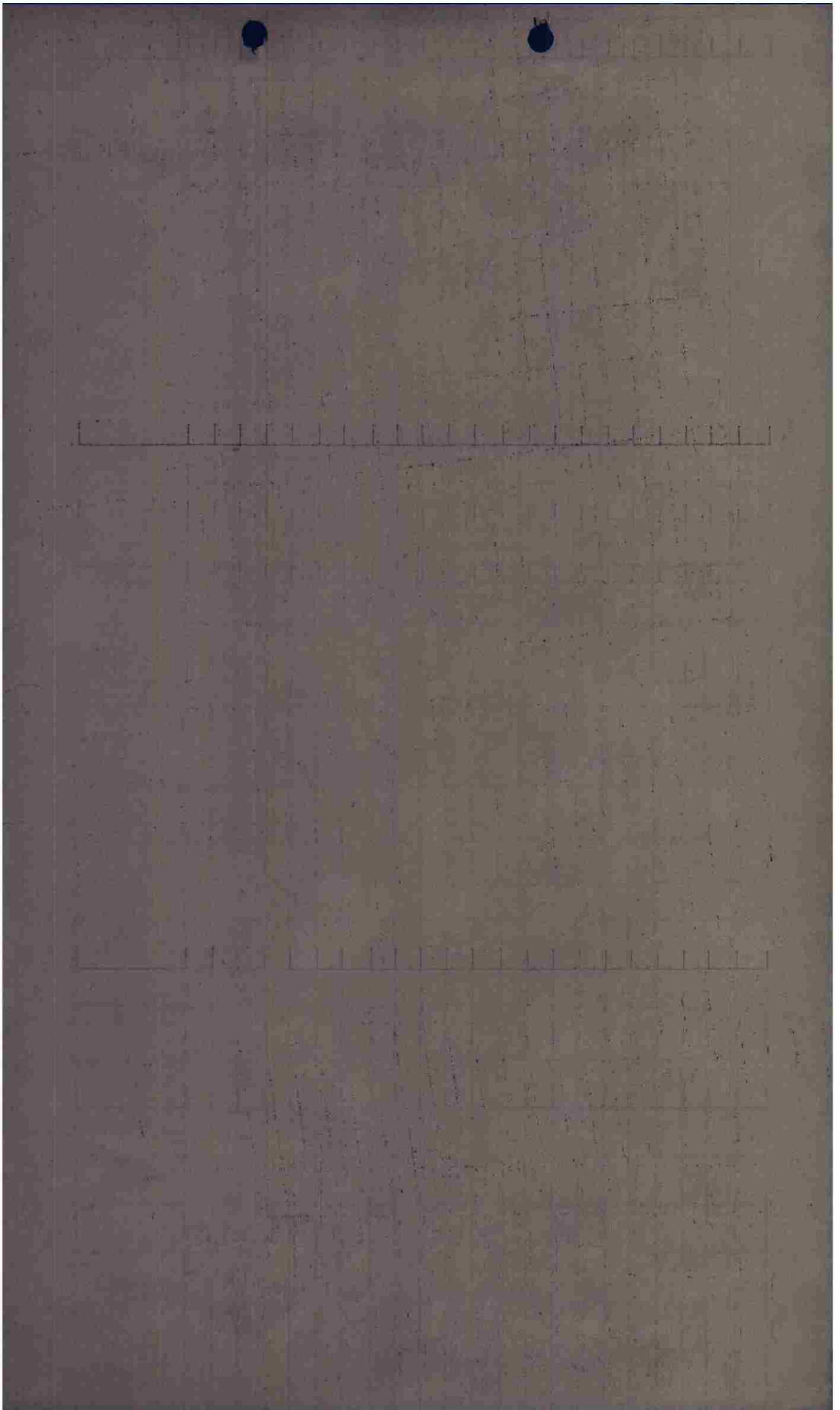
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A	F	063	Price			1241						HA				1531	2:40
C	Q	614	Monroe			1241										1537	2:50
	R	188	Russell			1242										1541	2:45
D	E-1	106	Lokovich			1242						HC				1542	3:00
D	D-1	210	Seares			1244										1545	3:05
D	V	265	Winn														
D	W	326	Murray			1245						C				1544	2:50
D	P	234	M. Lohorn														
D	Q	284	Eastrom									C					
A	K	269	Chalmers			1246										1529	2:45
A	H	259	Colquitt			1247						C				1540	2:55
A	F	233	Boehman			1248						C				1537	2:45
A	E	219	McGready			1249						C				1530	2:45
A	G	204	Roberts														
A	O	378	Nathison			1300										1345	
B	I	244	Van Roper			1302										1338	2:35
			Blunden														
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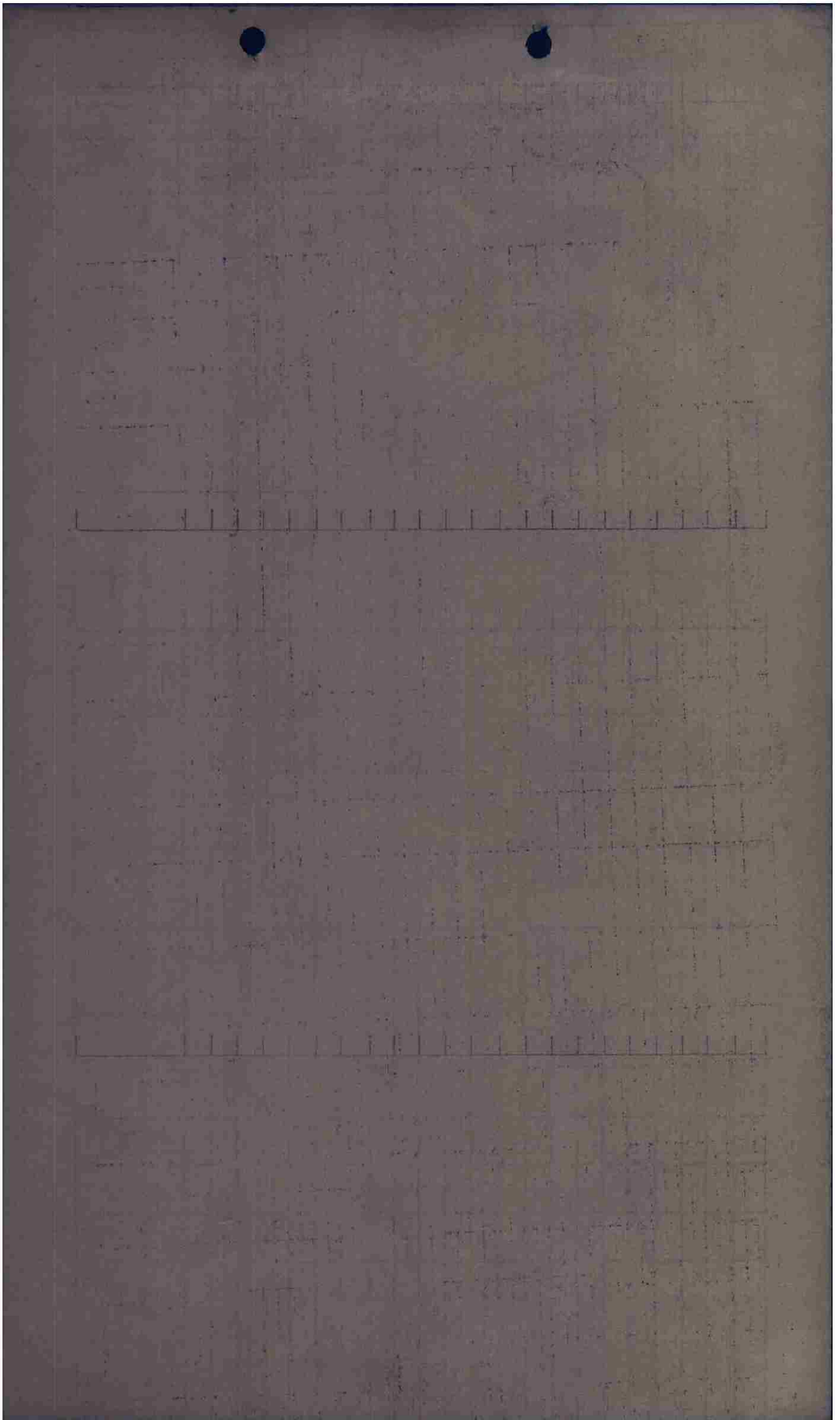


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0	J	023	ATKINSON			1305	Not available	Not available				HC				1329	2:25
0	M	285	POPAHEY			1305	Not available	Not available				C				1330	2:25
AK	BT	318	JOHNSON				Not available	Not available				C				1329	2:25
0	G	334	HEINKE			1306						C				1329	2:25
0	O	339	TURMAN			1306	Placed down on edge of runway									1329	2:25
0	D	296	ERROTBERRA			1307										1327	2:30
B	E	024	CORWELL			1308										1336	2:30
B	M-1	238	HAYTER				Not available									1339	2:30
B	D-1	252	SORELLS			1309										1339	2:30
B	R	271	DO ROSE				Not available									1339	2:30
B	B	229	JOHNSON, R.K.			1311										1338	2:30
A	I	241	WILLARD			1311										1338	2:30
B	D-2	239	HALL				Not available										
0	S	222	BRANSON				Not available										
0	L-1	315	GREENZMACHEK				Not available										
0	N	239	SEWELL				Not available										
0	B-1	223	BROWN				Not available										
0	E-1	224	TORVER				Not available										
0	Q	333	VAN METEN			1300	Returned early									1339	



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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 13/0015A J-134-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 AFEF

FIELD ORDER NO. 126-706

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
(2) 2ND T.A.F. WILL FURNISH SPITFIRE AREA COVER FOR THIS WING.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN BELGIUM.

ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" 13/1200A
ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" 13/1200A

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) AMEL. ROAD JUNCTIONS (P-887963)
- (7) 5035N 0552E.
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET 5603.
3 FLIGHTS ON GRID. COORD. 88709555
" " " " " 88639620
INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
- (10) 8 X 500 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T.: ZERO PLUS 30 MIN.
- (13) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION.
- (14) IF CLOUD COVER PREVENTS VISUAL BOMBING, BOMBS WILL BE RETURNED TO BASE.

3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:

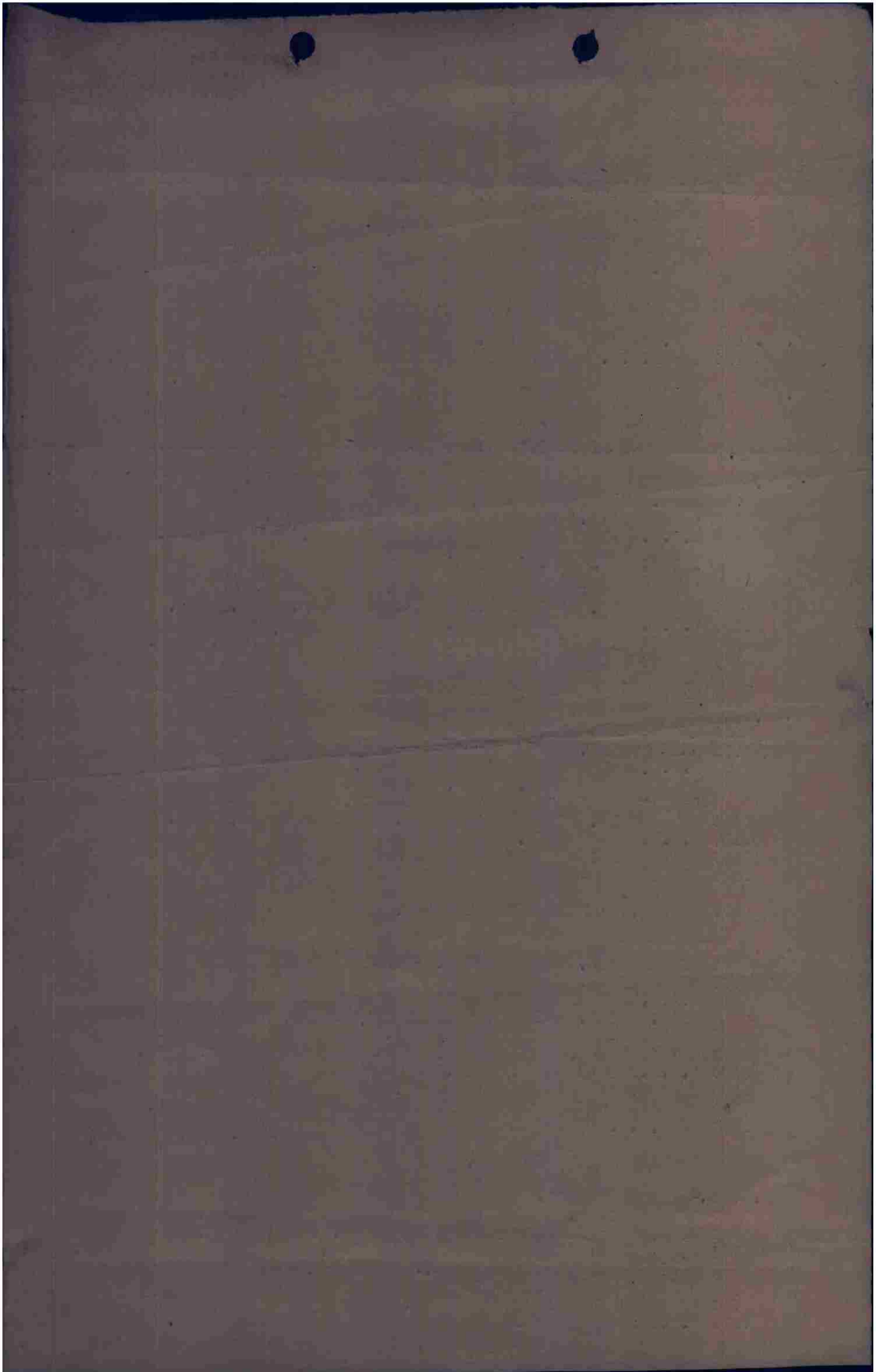
- (1) RECHT. ROAD JUNCTIONS (P-797946)
- (7) 5035N 0552E.
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES 4414 SHEET 5602.
3 FLIGHTS ON GRID. COORD. 79689455.
" " " " " 79609415.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T.: ZERO HOUR.
- (13) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION.
- (14) IF CLOUD COVER PREVENTS VISUAL BOMBING, BOMBS WILL BE RETURNED TO BASE.
- (15) DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.

3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) STEINEBRUCK. ROAD BRIDGE (P-894832)
- (7) 5029N 0552E.
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET 5703.
GRID. COORD. 89378321 (CENTER OF BRIDGE)
INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
- (10) 4 X 1,000 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T.: ZERO PLUS 20 MIN.
- (13) DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (14) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION.
- (15) IF P.P.F. EQUIPMENT FAILS AND VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST, GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET BY USE OF "GEE" USING COLOGNE CHAIN, FRANKFURT CHART.

- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.
- (5) A/C REQUIRED. 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO 5027N 0452E TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO 5027N 0452E TO BASE.
- (8) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 12,000 FT. OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FT.
- (9) AXIS OF ATTACK: GEN NW TO SE.
- (10) R.P.: 5029N 0552E.

PLAN "B" - PATHFINDER.



3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) AMEL - ROAD JUNCTIONS (P-887963)
- (4) BASE TO 5052N 0542E TO 5046N 0556E TO TARGET.
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 5603
P.P.F. GRID. COORD. 88639625.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 35 MIN.
- (13) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION.
- (14) IF P.P.F. A/C DOES NOT BOMB, GROUP WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) RECHT. - ROAD JUNCTIONS (P-797946).
- (4) BASE TO 5052N 0542E TO 5046N 0548E TO TARGET.
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 5602
P.P.F. GRID. COORD. 79689455.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 75 MIN.
- (13) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION.
- (14) IF P.P.F. A/C DOES NOT BOMB, GROUP WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) STEINEBRUCK - ROAD BRIDGE (P-894832)
- (4) BASE TO 5052N 0542E TO 5039N 0602E TO TARGET.
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 5703 GRID COORD
89378321 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL.
P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID COORD 89378321
INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
- (10) 4 X 1,000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 85 MIN.
- (13) MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 5,000 FT.
- (14) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION.
- (15) 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.
- (16) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND RUN FOR VISUAL BOMBING GROUP WILL RETURN TO 5029N 0552E TO BEGIN RUN.
- (17) IF P.P.F. EQUIPMENT FAILS AND VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST GROUP WILL ATTACK PRIMARY TARGET BY USE OF "GEE" USING COLOGNE CHAIN, FRANKFURT CHART.

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

- (5) A/C REQUIRED: 1 BOX OF 15 A/C AND 1 BOX OF 18 A/C WITH 1 P.P.F. A/C.
- (6) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 5029N 0552E TO 5027N 0452E TO BASE.
- (7) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 12,500 FT.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP 887963

- (2) GOLDWAY
- (4 - 5) SWEEPSTAKE

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP 797946.

- (2) HOTEL
- (4 - 5) SWEEPSTAKE

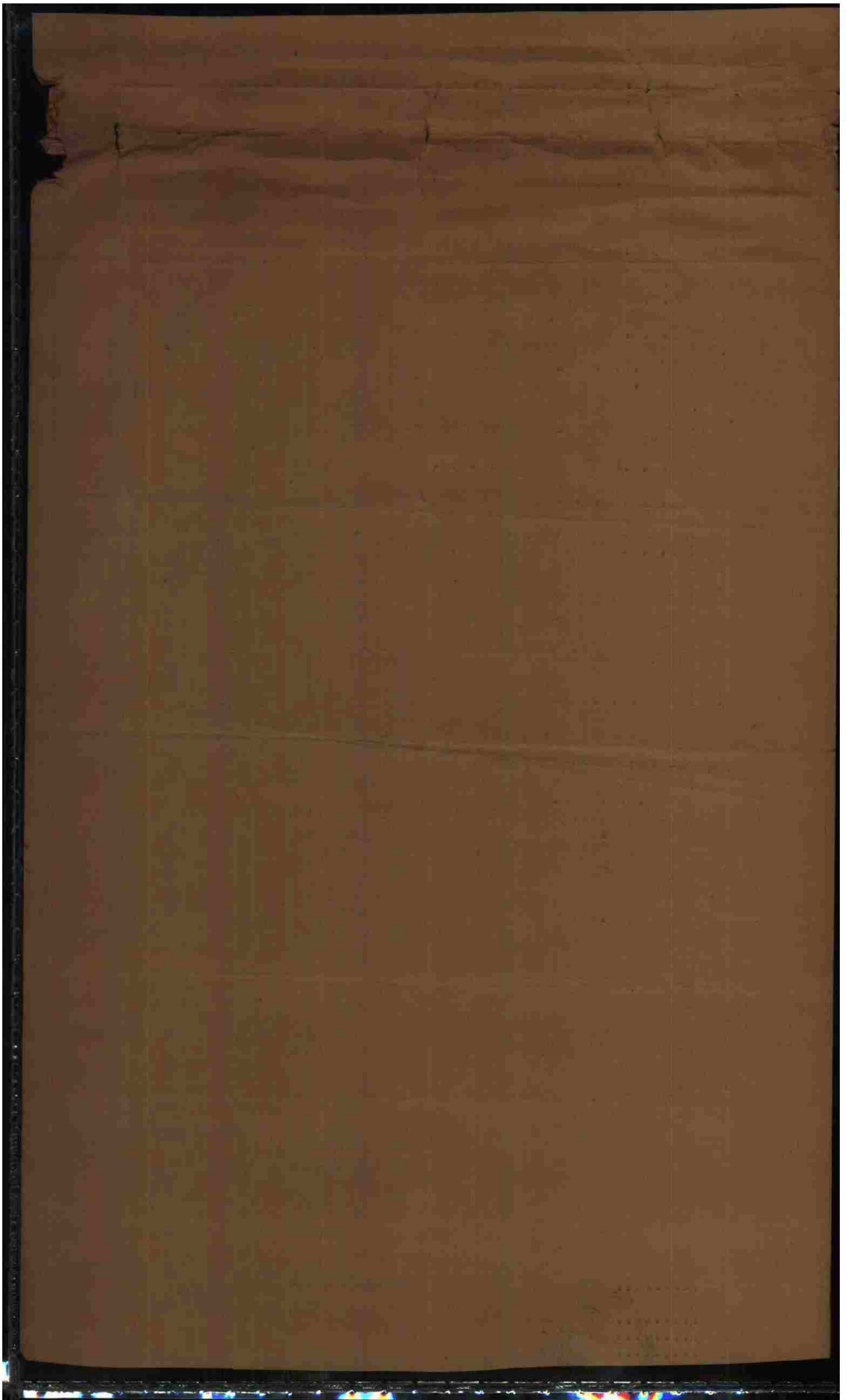
C. 416TH BOMB GROUP 884832

- (2) LIFEGUARD
- (4 - 5) SWEEPSTAKE

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BT 13/0015A
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OK LATER
OIJES R.....13/0001A JGN AR KKKKK
OIJPO R.....13/0110A SK AR
OIJKI R.....13/0110A WFG AR



OIITA OIJES OIJKI OIJPO OIJJF V OIJE A OIJE A 02/13 OP-OP
T-OIITA PASS TO OIJJF

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 13/0830A J-135-E
TO : COMBOMDIV. IX
409TH BOMB GROUP
410TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
13 JANUARY 1945.

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 126-706

CANCEL PLAN "A" PLAN "B" IS IN EFFECT. RPT CANCEL PLAN "A"
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PLAN "B" ZERO HOUR 13/1300A RPT PLAN "B" ZERO HOUR 13/1300A

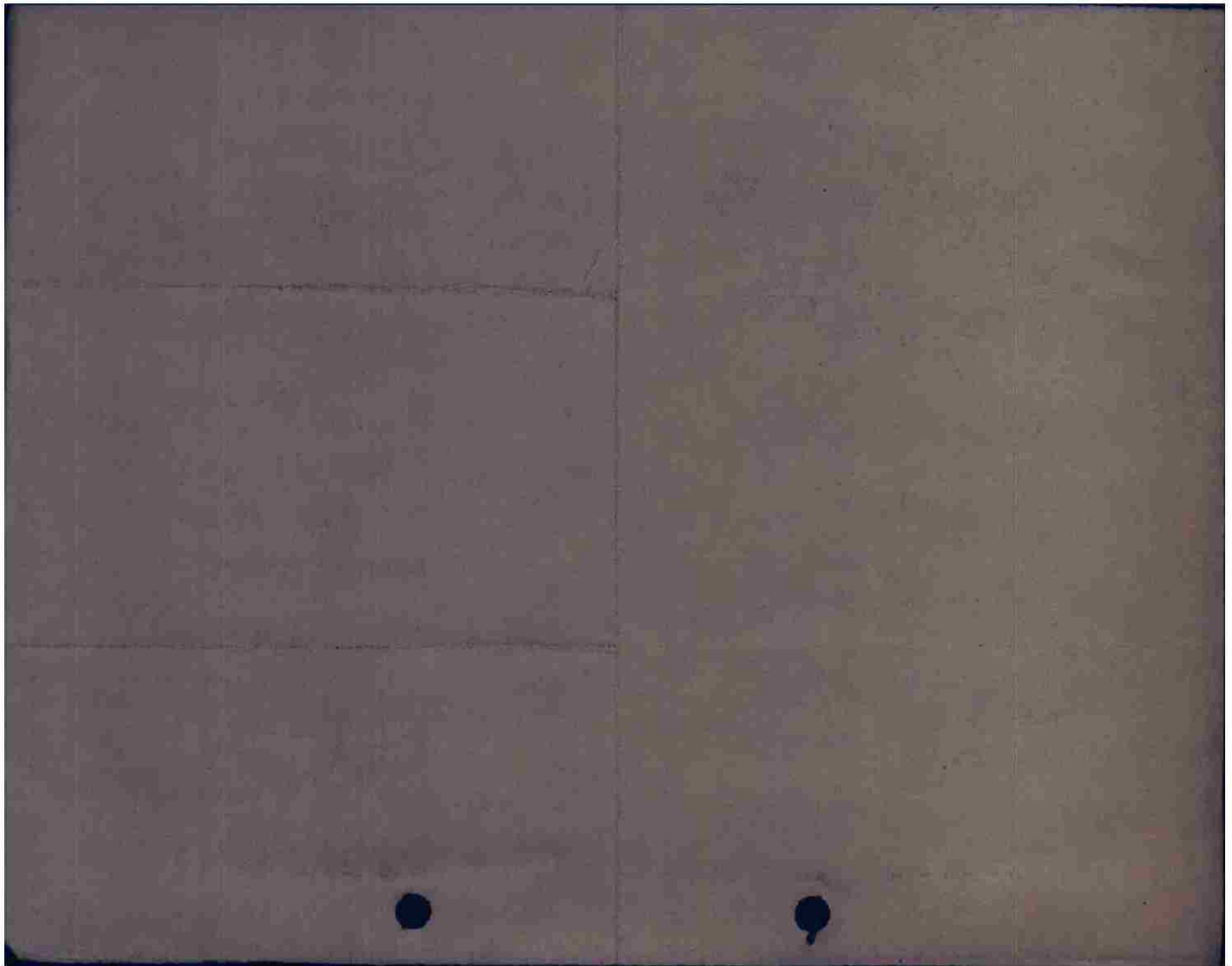
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OIITA R	13/0845A	PETE	AR
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OIITA OIJES OIJKI OIJPO OIJJF V OIJE A OIJE A 05/13 OP - OP
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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 13/1200A J-137-E
TO : IX BOMBER DIV.
409TH BOMB GROUP.
410TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.
1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV.)

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ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 126-706

IN PLAN "B", CHANGE PARA. 3. B. (1), (4), (9) AND (14) TO READ AS
FOLLOWS:

- (1) STEINEBRUCK - ROAD BRIDGE (P-894832)
- (4) BASE TO 5052N 2942E TO 5039N 2682E TO TARGET.
- (9) M.P.I. - MAP SERIES G.S.C.S. 4414 SHEET 5703, GRID.
COORD. 29378321 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL.
P.P.F. A/C M.P.I. - GRID. COORD. 29378321.
- (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-20 BOX LEADERS AND THEY
WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR
NOT.

IN PLAN "B", ADD TO PARA. 3. B.

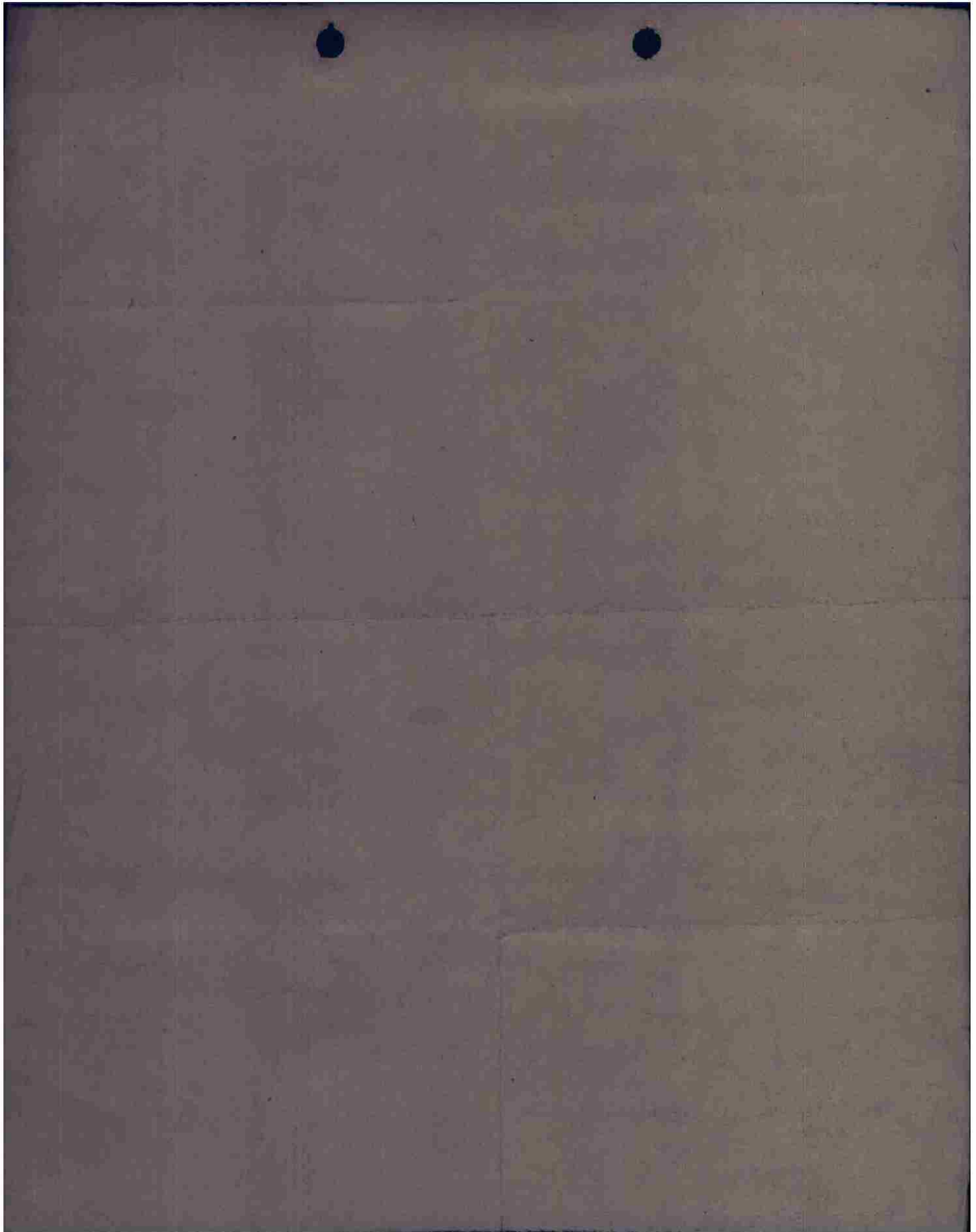
- (15) MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING IS 5,000 FEET.
- (16) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND RUN FOR VISUAL
BOMBING, GROUP WILL RETURN TO 5029N 2552E TO BEGIN RUN.
- (17) IF P.P.F. EQUIPMENT FAILS AND VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT
EXIST, BOMBS WILL BE RETURNED TO BASE.

IN PLAN "B", CHANGE PARA. 3. C. (17) TO READ:

- (17) IF P.P.F. EQUIPMENT FAILS AND VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT
EXIST, BOMBS WILL BE RETURNED TO BASE.

COMBATWIG 07

BT 13/1200A
FK-AR
OIITA K WITH R
OIITA / OIJE A R... (PASS TO OIJJF).....131227A AL AR
OIJES K WITH R
OIJES / OIJE A R...13/1227A JW AR
OIJPO K WITH R
OIJPO / OIJE A R...E/13/1227A CEN AR
OIJKI K WITH R
OIJKI / OIJE A R...13/1227A WJF AR



OIJKI V OIJEA OIJE 15/12 OP OP
FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 12/2340A J-133-E
TO COBOMCP 416TH

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3-2
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INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 3 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 125-705

REFERENCE INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 3 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 125-705.

TARGET IS ABOUT SEVEN MILES SOUTHEAST OF NORTHERN BOMBLINE AND
ABOUT TWELVE MILES EAST OR SOUTH OF NORTHERN TROOPLINE

TARGET IS ABOUT FOURTEEN MILES NORTH OF SOUTHERN BOMBLINE.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 12/2340A
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JKI R.....13/2001A VFC AR

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI /14
FROM 416TH BOMB GP 14/1315A J-171-D
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
97TH COMBAT WING

CONFID. BT

OPFLASH FOR 416TH BOMB GP FOR 13 JAN 1945

X- AMEND OPFLASH J-176-D TO READ.
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F. 50 X 1000 PRIMARY
16 X 500 PRIMARY

BT 14/1315A

TJF AR

ITA R.....14/1325A HCB AR

JEA R.....IMI PLS

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FROM JKI 14/1315A
TO JEA

SIGNAL SERVICE

BT

IN OUR J-171-D CHANGE THE SECOND LINE OF F. TO READ
16 X520 ON PRIMARY REPEAT 16 X 500 ON PRIMARY

BT 14/1315A

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JEA JES JKI VIA JEA V ITA JGF 25/13 OP OP

FROM: 1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (M) PROV 13/2309A
TO : CG, 9TH BOMB DIV
CG, 97TH COMBAT WING
CG, 98TH COMBAT WING
CG, 99TH COMBAT WING
CO, 410TH BOMB GROUP
CO, 416TH BOMB GROUP
CO, 387TH BOMB GROUP
CO, 397TH BOMB GROUP

J 385

SECRET BT
1ST P J-218-D

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 416TH GROUP.
- B. STEINEBRUCK RR BRIDGE
- C. ONE B-26
- D. ONE B-26 - PRIMARY
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP - PRIMARY
- G. TARGET AREA BLANKETED BY SMOKE FROM BURSTS - PATTERN WELL CENTERED ON TARGET
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. MEAGER AT TARGET
- K. NONE
- L. 12,500
- M. 1431

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 387TH GROUP
- B. SIMMERN RR BRIDGE
- C. TWO B-26'S
- D. ONE B-26 - PRIMARY
- E. ONE B-26 - HIGH BLOWER WOULD NOT WORK CORRECTLY - DID NOT DROP BOMBS
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY - 4 X 500 GP RETURNED
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13,450
- M. 1445

NOTE: - A/C NOT BOMBING WENT ACROSS TARGET ON WING OF LEAD A/C WITH BOMBAYS CLOSED IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH FORMATION.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 397TH GROUP.
- B. DASBURG ROAD BRIDGE
- C. ONE B-26
- D. ONE B-26 - PRIMARY
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP - 2 ~~500~~ 400 PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED - 5/ TO 7/10
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. WEAK ACCURATE HFF IN TARGET AREA
- K. NONE
- L. 12,500
- M. 1318

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 410TH GROUP
- B. STEINEBRUCK RR BRIDGE
- C. ONE B-26
- D. ONE B-26 - PRIMARY C-26
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP - PRIMARY
- G. GOOD
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. MEAGER INACCURATE AT TARGET - 2200 FT LEFT OF FORMATION
- K. NONE
- L. 12,500
- M. 1414

NOTE :- PFF ON WAY TO HOME BASE SAW ONE B-26 AT SLIGHTLY LOWER ALTITUDE ENGAGED BY GROUND FIRE 10 MI E OF NAMUR.

NOTE: - A/C TO LEAD 323RD (BOOKMARK) PREVENTED FROM TAKING OFF AT 397TH (BOWMAN) WHERE GROUP A/C BLEW TIRE BLOCKING RUNWAY UNTIL TOO LATE FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT OF MISSION.
CO 1ST PFF SQDN PROV

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AR
JNB (RELAY)
JES R. 140915A MC AF
JKI R. 140915A EV AR

