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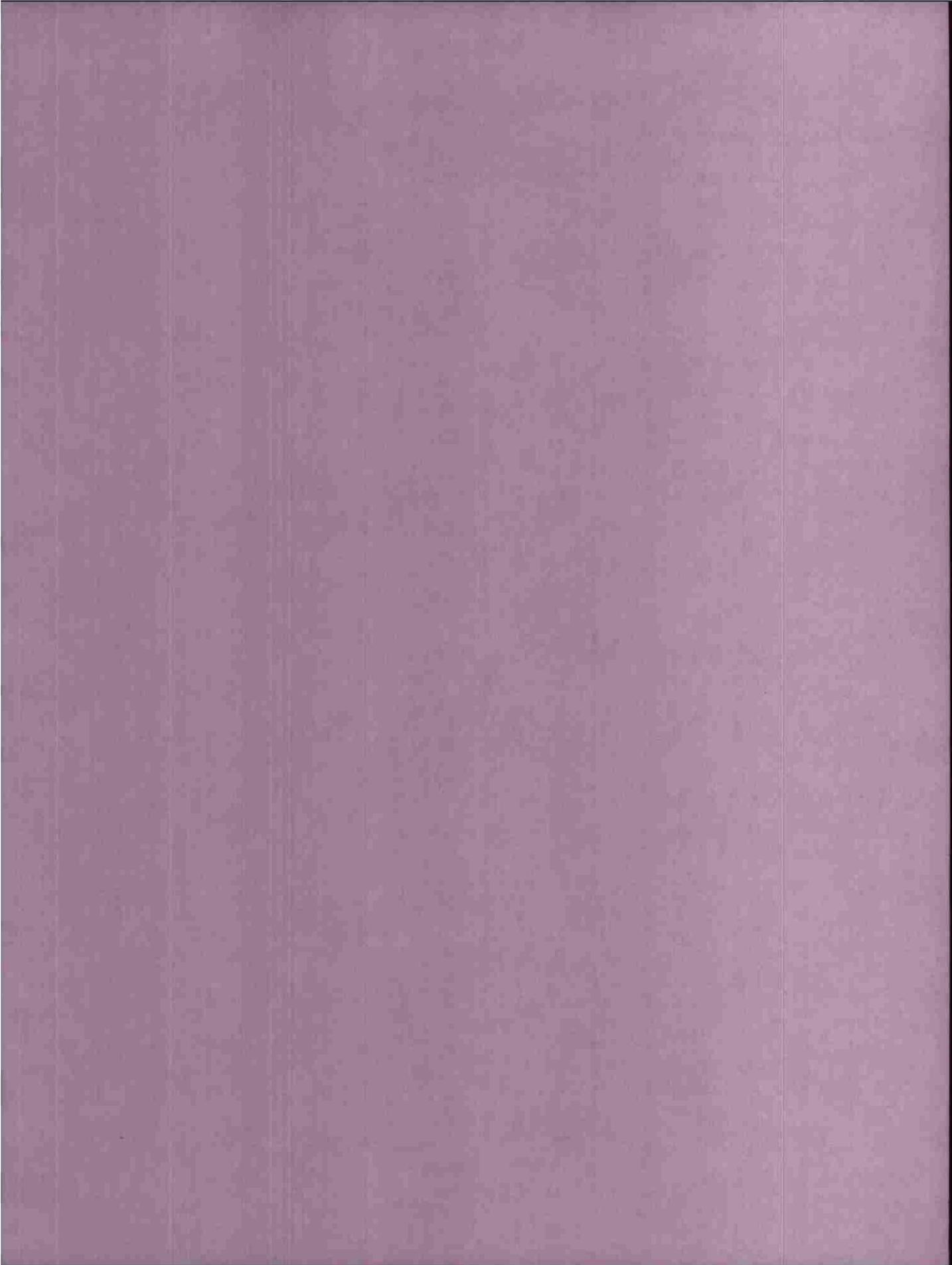
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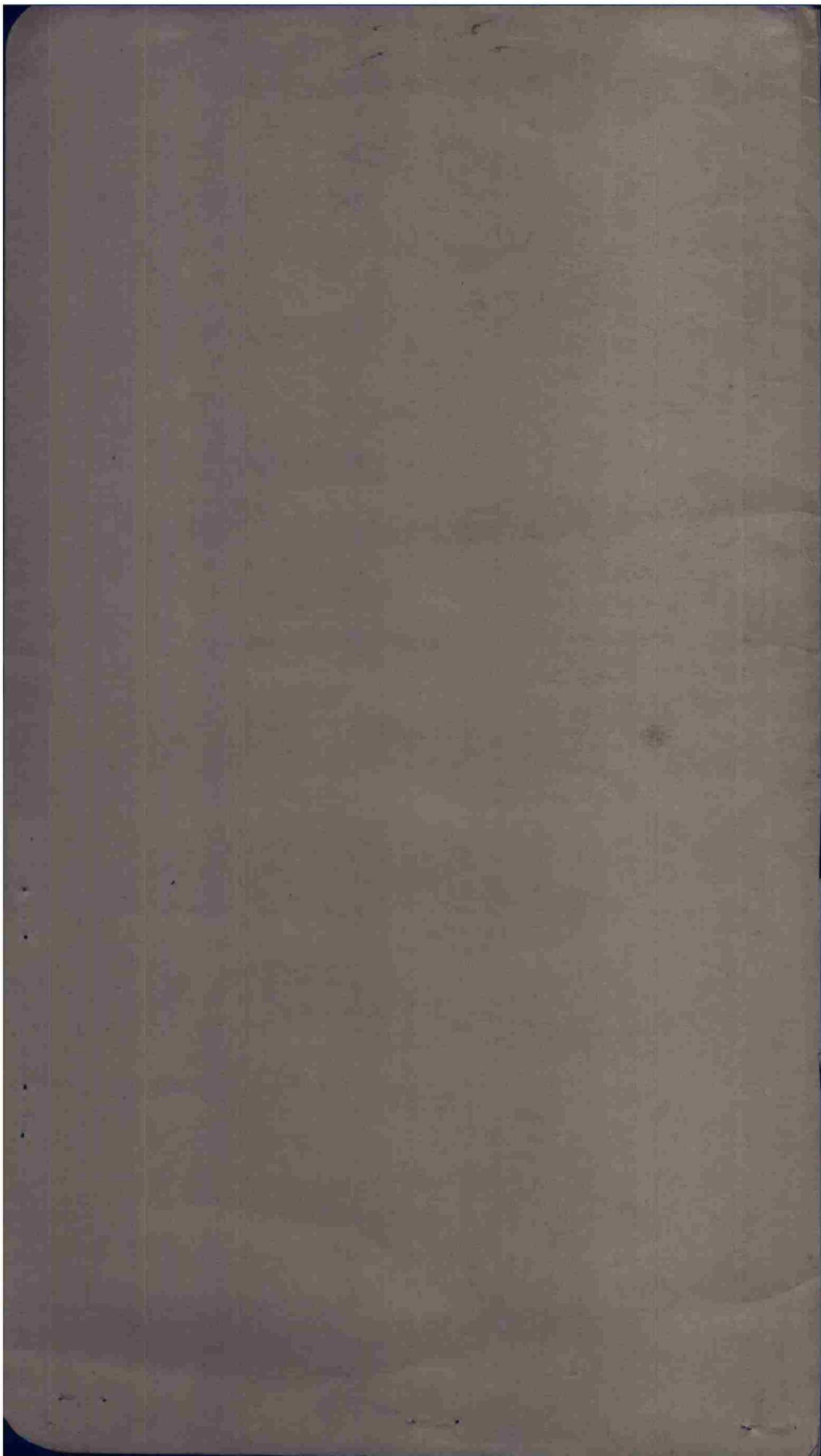
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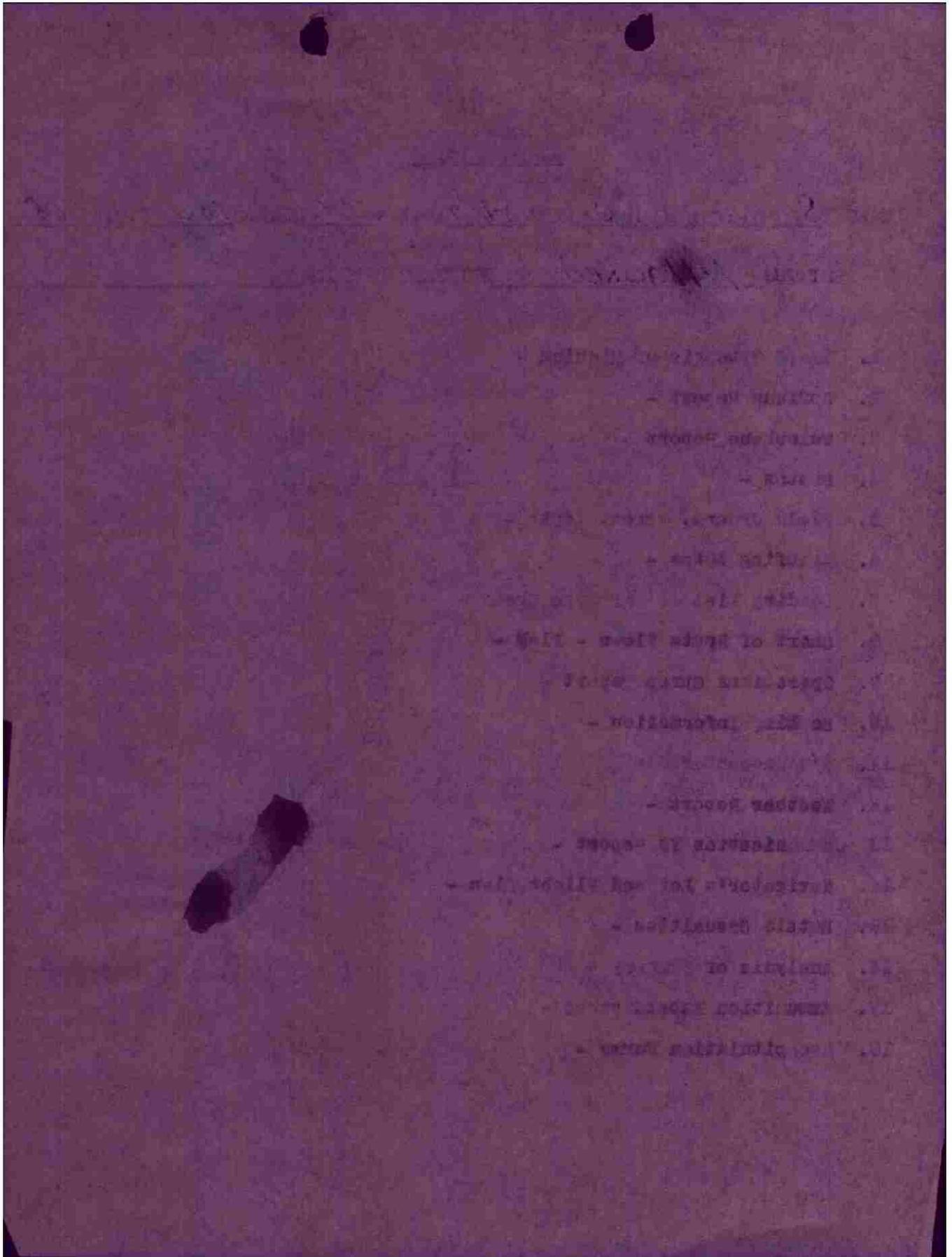
TARGET Simmern R.R./B. DATE 15-1-45 No. a/c 29 MISS. # 186 F.O. # 708

STATUS Attacked BRIEFING OFFICER _____

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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)APO # 140
16 January 1945MISSION SUMMARY #10

15 January 1945

Section I

Field Order 708

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
416 BG	Simmern (L-839530) Railroad Bridge	Undetermined

GROUP NARRATIVESimmern (Railroad Bridge)

416 BG: 29 a/c dispatched (including 23 A-26, 6 A-20), 16 (including 13 A-26, 3 A-20) dropping 12 x 500 GP, 52 x 1000 GP on Primary.

13 a/c failed to bomb: 2 mechanical; 11, other--1 took off late and could not catch formation; 2, (flight leaders), box leader did not drop; 8, flight leaders did not drop.

No losses, casualties, battle damage.

Bombing by flights from 12,000 feet on "Gee".

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

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0	Claims
0	Injured
0	Missing
0	Wounded
0	Killed
0	A/C Battle Damaged
0	A/C Crash-Landed
0	A/C Missing
0	A/C Lost

100,075.87

29.00

Bombs on Enemy Territory
Total Bombs to Date

29

29

0	Other	Total
0	A/C Recalled (Weather)	
13	A/C Falling to Bomb	
16	A/C Bombing	
	A/C Off	

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FAILURES TO BOMB

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. A/C</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASON</u>
416	2	Mechanical	1 A-26, nose wheel would not retract.
			1 A-20, failure of "CEE" equipment (Box loader).
	11	Other	1 A-26, late take-off. Could not catch formation.
			2 A-20, (flight leaders), box leader did not drop.
			3 A-26, flight leaders did not drop.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Simmern 416 BG: 9/10 - 10/10 startus, tops 3,000-4,000 feet. Nil high and medium cloud. Visibility 6-8 miles.

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/U OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	27
A/C MISSING	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGE	0
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGE	0
<u>Simmern Railroad Bridge</u> 416 Gp.	
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
% A/C Battle Damaged	0

No flak was encountered either at the target or enroute.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.T. 1332 to 1356

No enemy aircraft were encountered during this mission.

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15 January 1945: Phoned to Paris 1600,
Press Camp 1625.

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HEADQUARTERS NINTH CORPS AREA DIVISION, France—a small number of
4-26 Invaders bombed the Simeron Railway bridge, 26 miles south of Koblenz,
in the only operation by Ninth Bombardment Division today.
Grows reported that they were unable to see the results of their
attack because of clouds. The four-span bridge carries a single hoblenz
to Trier line over the Simeron River.
No enemy aircraft nor tank was encountered and all of the bombers
returned.

PRIME MINISTER
PRESS RELEASE

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 15/15 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GP 15/1730A
 TO CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION ATT. A-2
 CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATT. A-2

CONFIDENTIAL BT

J-201-D

OPFLASH FOR: 15 JANUARY 1945

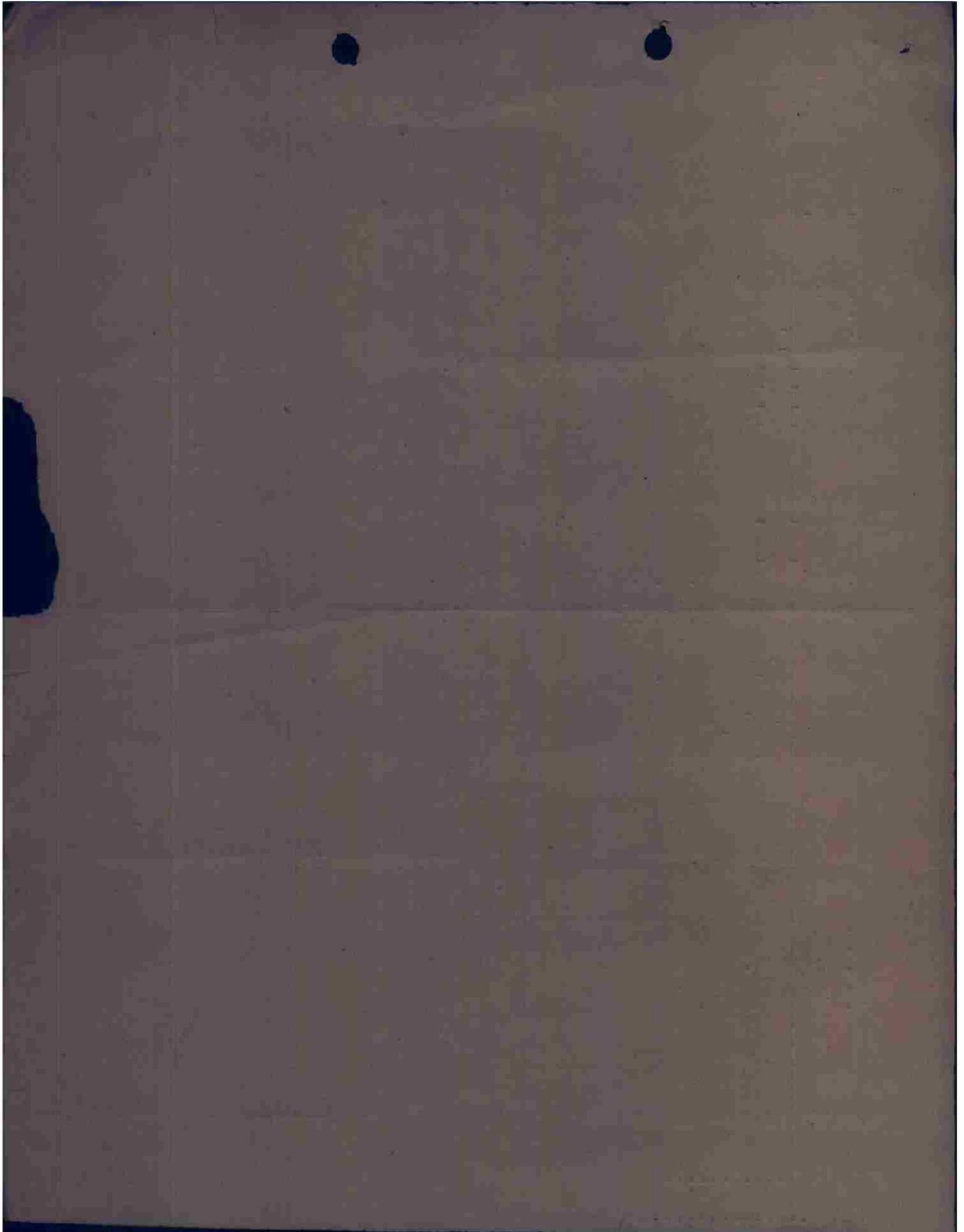
- A. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 B. SIMMERN RR BRIDGE
 C. 23 A-26
 6 A-20
 D. 13 - A-26 DROPPED ON FLIGHT LEADER.
 3 - A-20 DROPPED ON GEE SIGNAL
 E. 8 - A-26 DID NOT DROP. FLIGHT LEADER DID NOT DROP.
 3 - A-20 DID NOT DROP. LEADER OF BOX II DID NOT DROP
 BECAUSE GEE EQUIPMENT DID NOT OPERATE PROPERLY. DUE TO
 10/10 CLOUD COVER HE COULD NOT LOCATE VISUAL I.P. TO DROP
 ON E.T.A. LEADERS OF FLIGHTS 2 AND 3 OF BOX 2 DID
 NOT BOMB BECAUSE BOX LEADER DID NOT BOMB.
 1 - A-26 RETURNED EARLY. NOSE WHEEL WOULD NOT RETRACT. FIRE
 IN BOMBAY SECTION.
 1 - A-26 TOOK OFF LATE COULD NOT CATCH UP WITH FORMATION.
 F. 12 X 500 LBS. G.P. BOMBS ON PRIMARY.
 52 X 1000 LBS. G.P. BOMBS ON PRIMARY.
 12 X 500 LBS. G. P. BOMBS RETURNED.
 40 X 1000 LBS. G.P. BOMBS RETURNED
 G. BOX I.
 FLT I - UNKNOWN. BOMBED THROUGH CLOUDS USING C GEE SIGNAL FOR
 RATE FLYING BRIEFED COURSE FROM I.P. TO TARGET.
 FLT II - DROPPED ON GEE ON THIRD RUN. RESULTS UNOBSERVED.
 FLT. III - BOMBED ON GEE ON FOURTH RUN. RESULTS UNOBSERVED.
 BOX II.
 DID NOT BOMB. FORMATION LEADER DROPPED ON FIRST RUN USING GEE
 AND BRIEFED COURSE. SECOND BOX LEADER COULDN'T SEE FORMATION
 LEADERS BOMBS AWAY, GEE BOX NOT OPERATING SATISFACTORILY. THOUGHT
 FORMATION LEADER HAD NOT BOMBED AND WAS HEADING FOR GEE I.P. UN-
 ABLE TO LOCATE HIS EXACT POSITION BY GEE OR VISUALLY (10/10 CLOUD
 COVER) AND SO COULD NOT RETURN TO I.P. FOR E.T.A. RUN. RETURNED
 TO BASE WITH FORMATION LEADER. FLTS 2 AND 3 DID NOT BOMB BECAUSE
 BOX LEADER DID NOT BOMB.
 H. NO A/C LOST, MISSING, CRASHED OR DAMAGED.
 I. NO PERSONS KILLED, WOUNDED OR MISSING, OR INJURED.
 J. NO FLAK.
 K. NO ENCOUNTERS.
 L. 12,000 FEET.
 M. FLT. I 1332
 FLT. II 1350
 FLT. III 1356

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BT 15/1730A
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HQS. 97TH COMBAT WING (L) ATT: A-2 DUTY OFFICER

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416BG J-204-D

B. SIMMERN

J. NO ~~SIXXX~~ STRIKE PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

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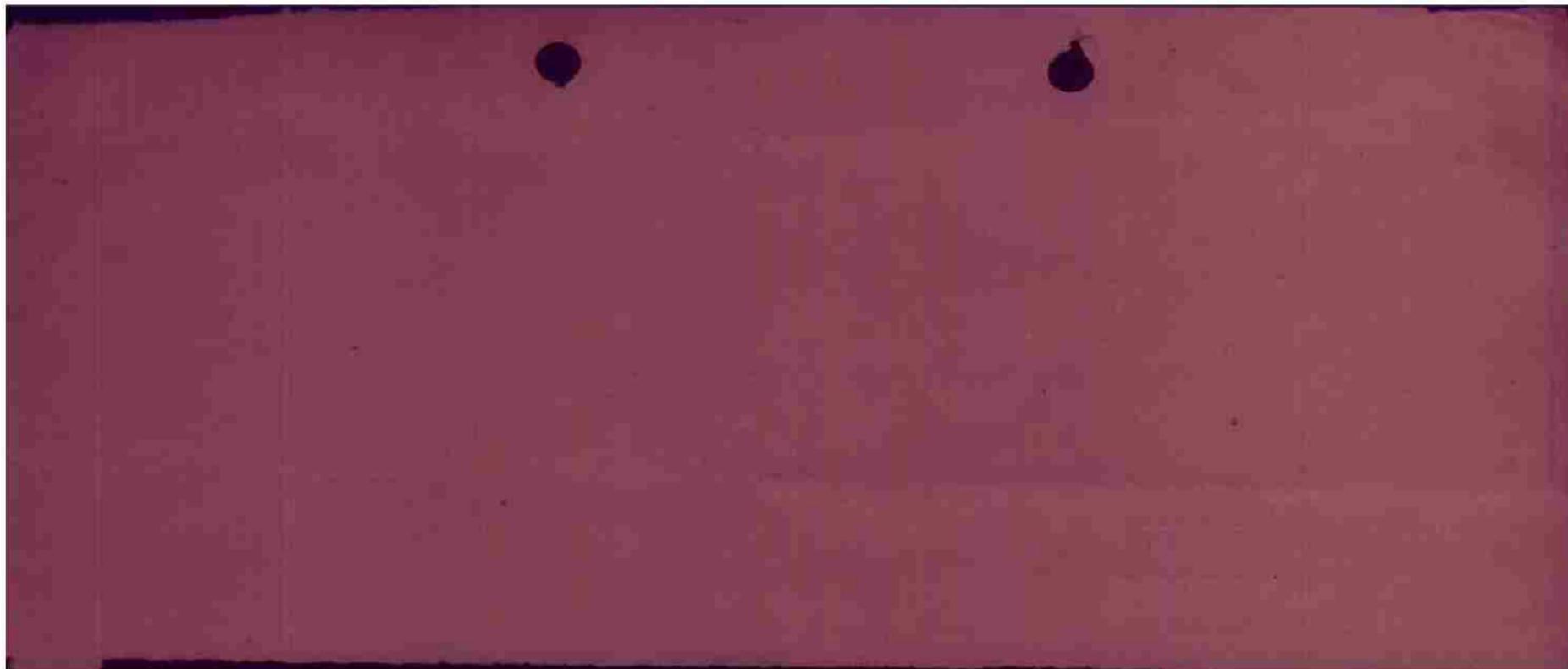
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T (OIITA PASS TO OIJJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 15/1200A
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.



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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
15 JANUARY 1945

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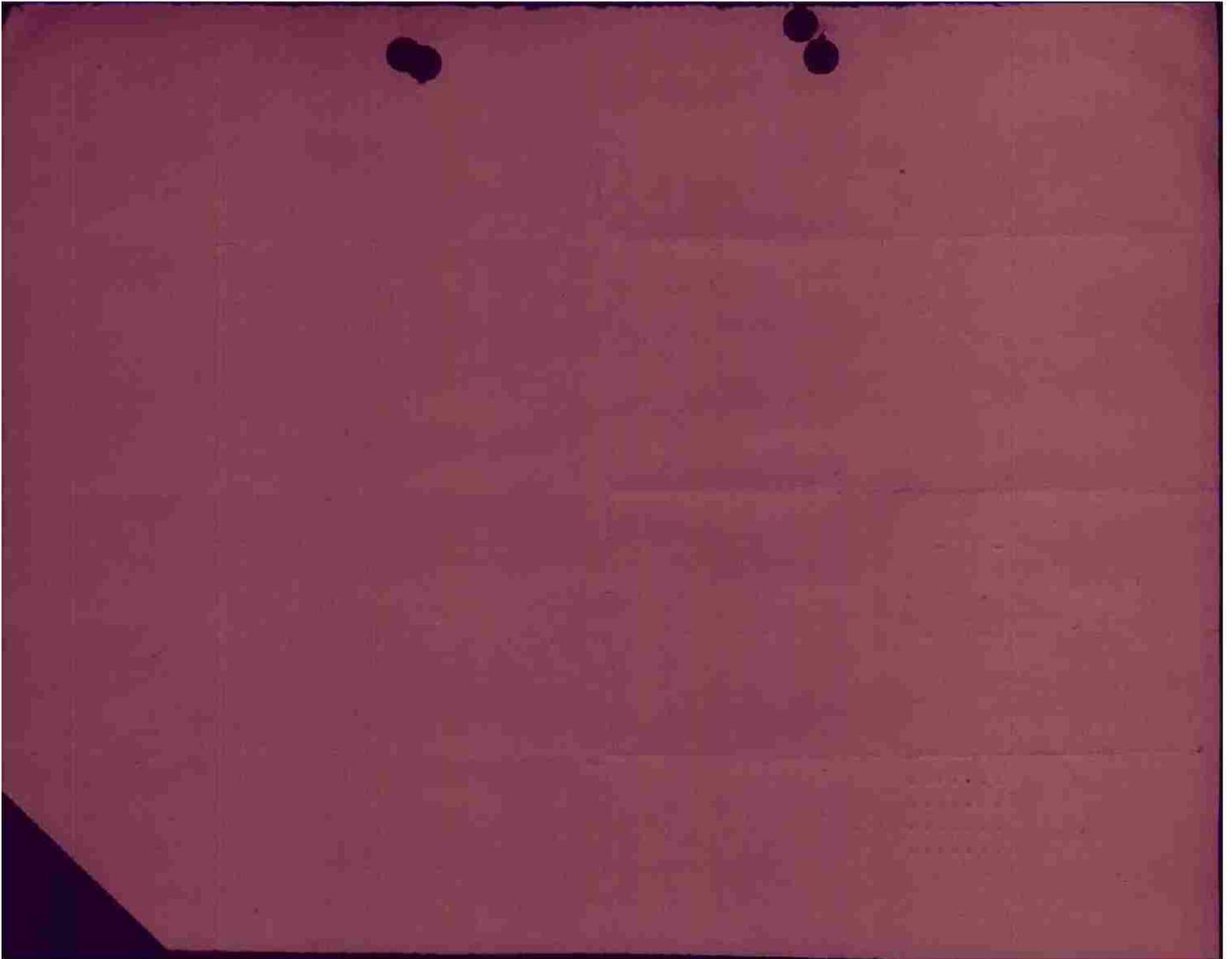
IN PLAN "A" AND PLAN "B" CANCEL PAR. 3. A. AND PAR. 3. B.

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BT 1200A
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 15/1115A
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409TH
COBOMGP 410TH
COBOMGP 416TH
1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV)

Rec 15/11/40

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ANNEX NO. 3 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 128-708.

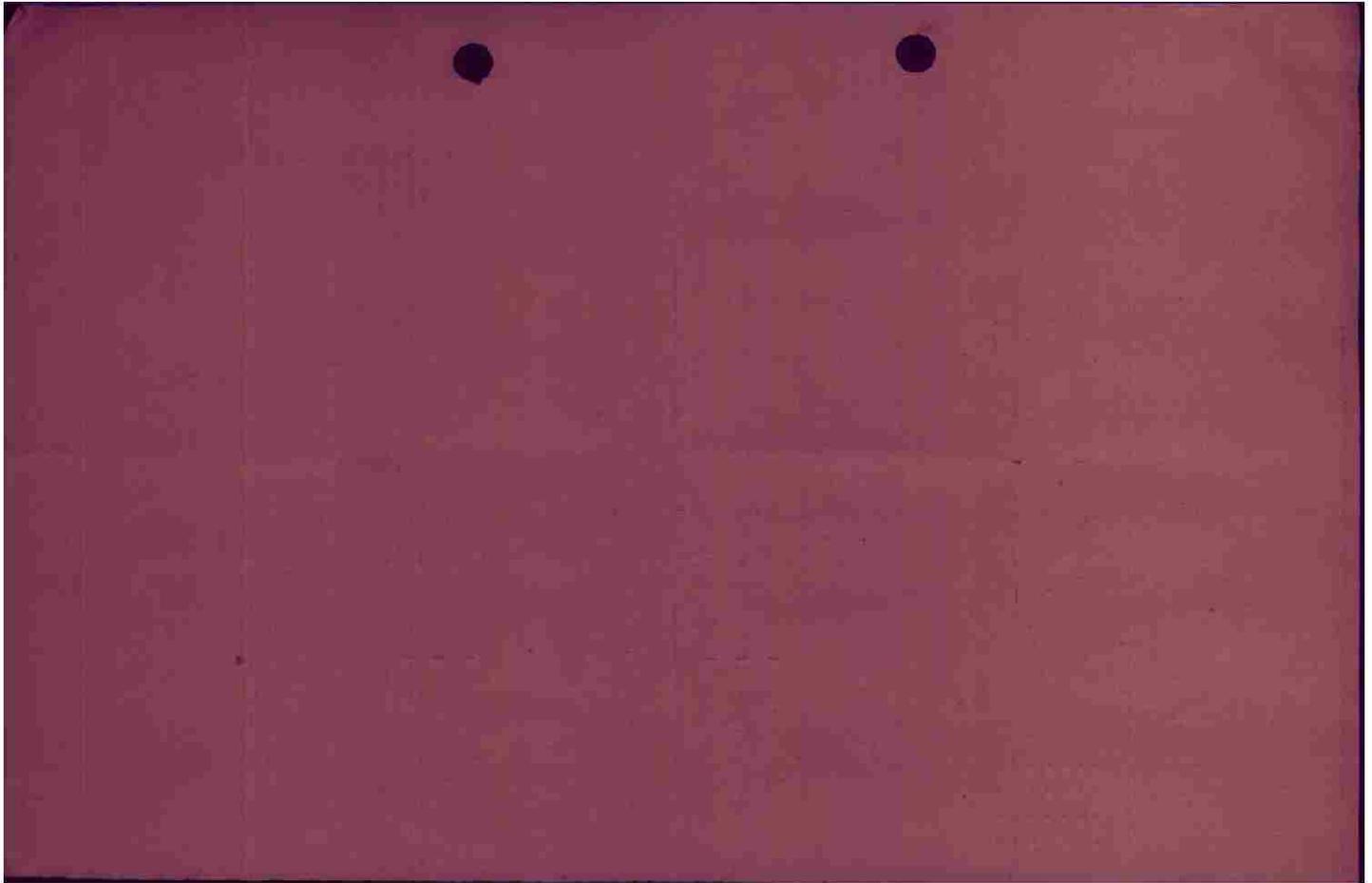
IN PLAN "B", CHANGE PARA. 3. B. (12) TO READ: T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 35 MIN.

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BT 15/1115A
LEG AR

OIJES R15/1130A	HO	AR	
OIJPO R15/1130A	WAC	AR	KK
OIJKI R15/1130A	EW	L	BBBBB
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T (OIITA PASS TO OIJJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 15/1027A
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
15 JANUARY 1945

97CBW J-160-E

ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 128-708.

IN PLAN "A" CHANGE PAR. 3. A. (3) TO READ:

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4854N 0602E AT 12,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR
PLUS 30 MIN.

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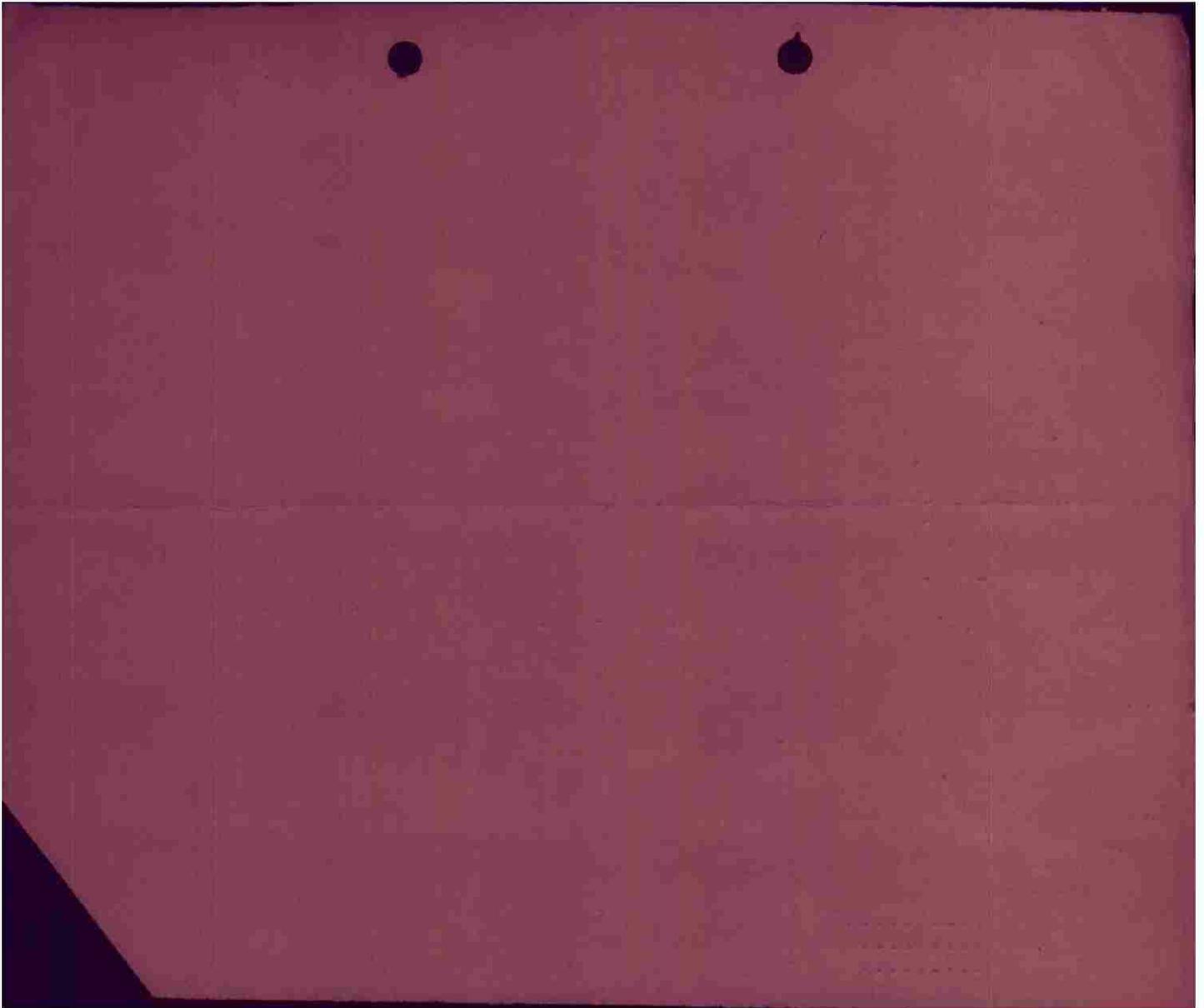
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 15/0935A
 TO COMBOMDIV IX
 COBOMGP 409TH
 COBOMGP 410TH
 COBOMGP 416TH
 1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV)



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97CBW J-159-E

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 128-708.

DELAY ZERO HOUR ON PLAN "A" AND PLAN "B" ONE HOUR. NEW ZERO HOUR ON PLAN "A" AND PLAN "B" TO READ: 15/1300A.

IN PLAN "A", CANCEL PARA. 3. B. (13), ADD NEW PARA. 3. B. (13) TO READ: IF CLOUD COVER PREVENTS VISUAL BOMBING AT TARGET, GROUP WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.

IN PLAN "B", CANCEL PARA. 3. B. (15). ADD NEW PARA. 3. B. (15) TO READ: IF PPF EQUIPMENT FAILS AND VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT TARGET, GROUP WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.

FOR 409TH GROUP AND 416TH GROUP, PLAN "A" IS IN EFFECT. CANCEL PLAN "B".

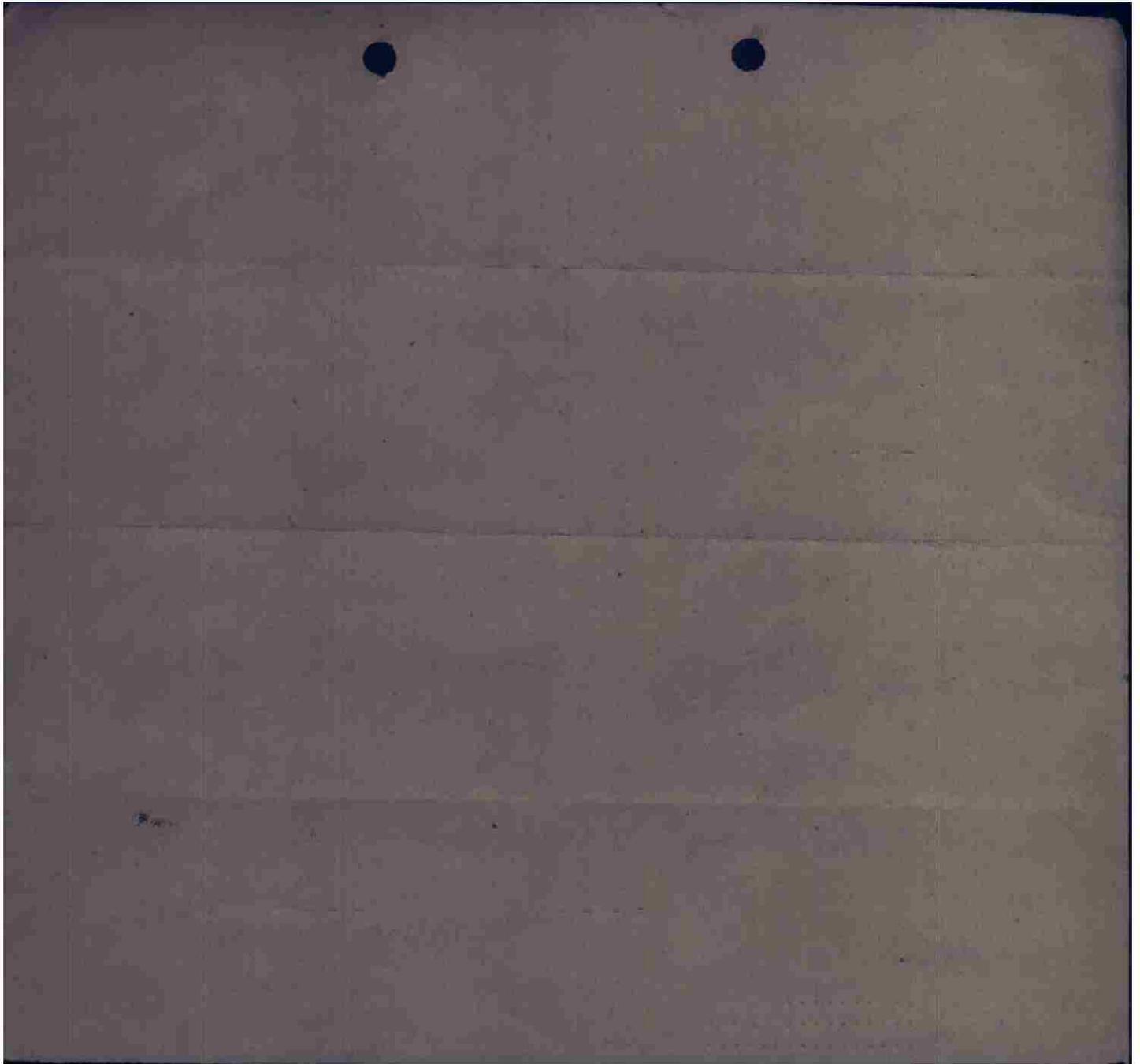
FOR 410TH GROUP, PLAN "B" IS IN EFFECT. CANCEL PLAN "A".

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BT 15/0935A
 LEG AR

OIJES R 28)) WILL HAVE TO IMI HAD POWER PXXXX FAILURE
 IJPO R;9...15/0955A WAC AR KK
 OIJKI R15/1000A EW AR
 OIITA R150955A SR CANT DELAY THIS

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T (OIITA T OIJJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 15/0230A J-158-E
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
409TH BOMB GROUP
410TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
15 JANUARY 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 128-708

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF CURRENT BOMBLINE
- (2) 19 TAC WILL FURNISH P-38 CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 409TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUP. 2ND TAF WILL FURNISH SPITFIRE AREA COVER FOR THE 410TH BOMB GROUP.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" 15/1200A
ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" 15/1200A

PLAN "A" VISUAL

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4854N 0602E AT 12500 FEET AT ZERO MINUS 30 MIN.
3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:
 - (1) PRUM. ROAD JUNCTION (L-064795)
 - (2) 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C
 - (4) BASE TO 5028N 0535E 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) 5026N 0602E.
 - (8) GEN. N W TO S E.
 - (9) MPI ILL. US10/T455 ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REFERENCES: 03800308, 04050358, 03650368, 03150375, 03950393 AND 04300396.
 - (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
 - (11) 5026N 0602E.
 - (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR.
 - (13) IF CLOUD COVER PREVENTS VISUAL BOMBING AT PRIMARY TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET BY USE OF "GEE" EQUIPMENT.
3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4854N 0602E AT 12500 FEET AT ZERO MINUS 20 MIN.

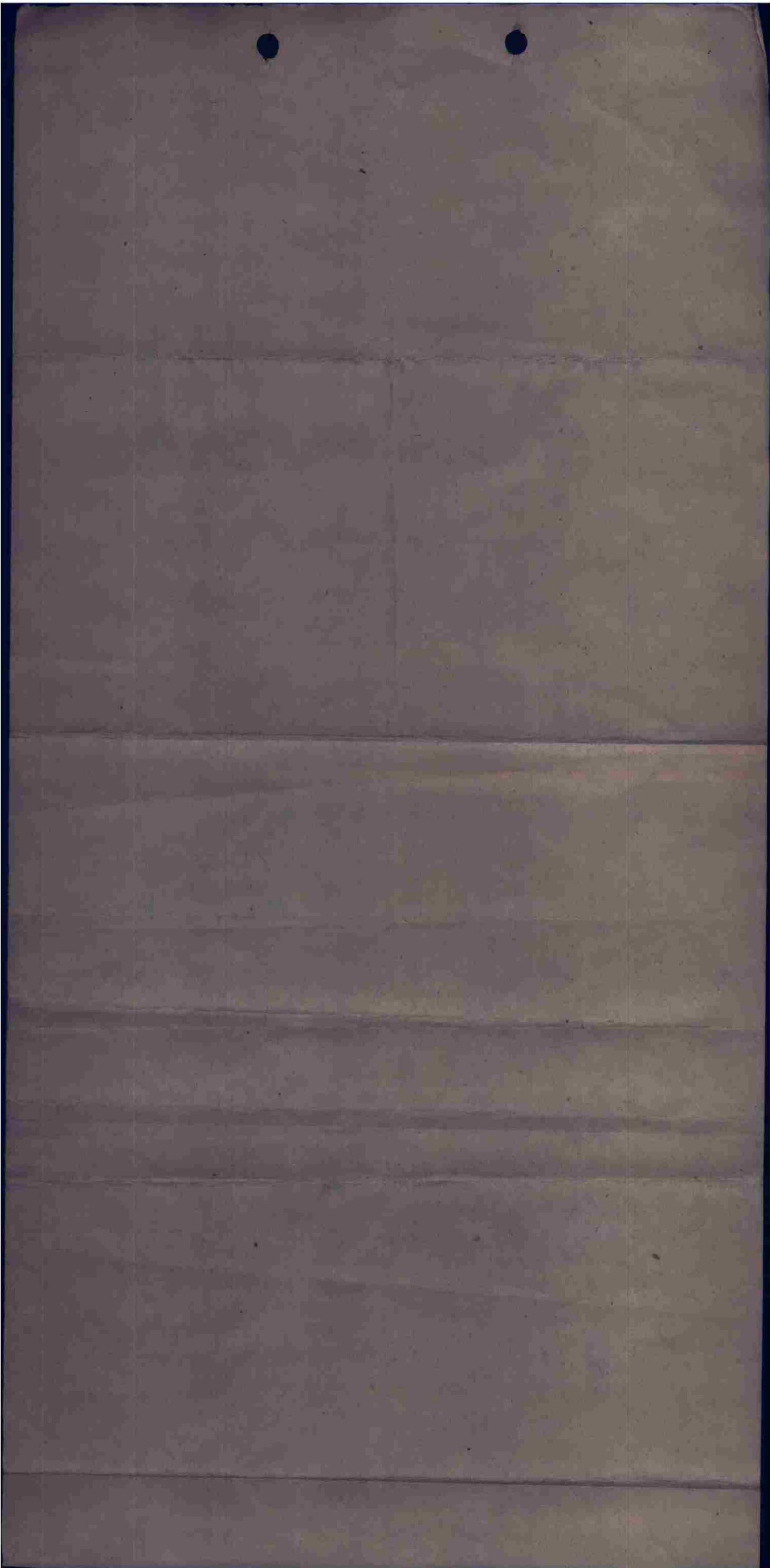
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FOR 409TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS

- (5) TARGET: SIMMERN. RAILROAD BRIDGE (L-839530)
- (6) A/C REQUIRED: 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C
- (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO 4854N 0602E TO 4856N 0740E TO 4934N 0809 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET LEFT TO R.P. TO 4959N 0653E TO 4938N 0651E TO 4937N 0608E TO BASE.
- (9) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET.
- (10) I.P. 4946N 0742E.
- (11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GEN. S E TO N W
- (12) MPI 9TH AF 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT US10/T374, ANNOTATED AREA 1. (CENTER OF BRIDGE) INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
- (13) BOMB LOAD: 4 X 1,000 LB GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (14) R.P. 5006N 0708E.
- (15) IF CLOUD COVER PREVENTS VISUAL BOMBING AT PRIMARY TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET BY USE OF "GEE" EQUIPMENT. IF "GEE" EQUIPMENT FAILS, GROUP WILL DROP BOMBS ON TARGET E T A.
- (16) DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.

PLAN "B" PATHFINDER

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:
 - (2) 2 BOXES OF 15 A/C WITH 1 PPF A/C FOR EACH BOX.
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4854N 0602E AT 13,500 FEET AT ZERO MINUS 43 MIN.
 - (6) BOMB AT: 1 ST BOX 13,500 FEET.
2ND BOX 13,000 FEET.
 - MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 5,000 FEET.
 - (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR.



3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:
 (1) PRUM. ROAD JUNCTIONS (L-064795)
 (2) 1 BOX OF 15 A/C AND 1 BOX OF 18 A/C WITH 1 PPF A/C.
 (4) BASE TO 4927N 0537E TO 4927N 0610E TO TARGET.
 (5) TARGET LEFT TO 5029N 0552E TO BASE.
 (6) BOMB AT 12,500 FEET MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 5,000 FEET.
 (9) MPI ILL US10/T455
 1 BOX ON REF. 04050358
 " " " " 03150375 TO BE USED
 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID COORD 06507960.
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR
 (13) 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.
 (14) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND RUN FOR VISUAL BOMBING GROUP WILL RETURN TO 5026N 0602E TO BEGIN RUN.
 (15) IF P.P.F. EQUIPMENT FAILS AND VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET BOMB PRIMARY TARGET BY USE OF GROUP "GEE" EQUIPMENT.

3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 (2) 1 BOX OF 15 A/C AND 1 BOX OF 18 A/C WITH 1 P.P.F. A/C.
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4854N 0602E AT 13,500 FT. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 5000 FT.
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 15 MIN.

- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE
 FOR THE 409TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS
 (5) TARGET SIMMERN - RAILROAD BRIDGE (L-839530).
 (6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO 4854N 0602E TO 4856N 0740E TO 4930N 0802E TO 4938N 0757E TO TARGET.
 (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET LEFT TO 5006N 0708E TO 4959N 0653E TO 4938N 0651E TO 4937N 0608E TO BASE.
 (8) M.P.I. 9TH A.F. 2ND PHASE INTERPERTATION REPORT US10/T374 ANNOTATED AREA 1.(CENTER OF BRIDGE) TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID COORD 83905305
 INTERVALOMENTER SETTING MINIMUM.
 (9) BOMB LOAD. 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
 (10) 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.
 (11) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND RUN FOR VISUAL BOMBING GROUP WILL RETURN TO 4946N 0742E TO BEGIN RUN.
 (12) IF P.P.F. EQUIPMENT FAILS AND VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET BOMB ON GROUP "GEE" EQUIPMENT. IF GROUP "GEE" EQUIPMENT FAILS DROP BOMBS ON TARGET E.T.A.

4. NO CHANGE

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5. COMMUNICATIONS

PLAN "A" AND "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (839530)

- (2) VISION
 (3) MUSTARD
 (4) RIPSAW

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (064795)

- (2) BANKBOOK
 4,5) SWEEPSTAKE

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (839530)

- (2) BLIZZARD
 (3) SLEEPY
 (4) RIPSAW

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BT 15/0230A

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CC: JMW UNDER PLAN B 416TH

X. (9) BOMB LOAD 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.

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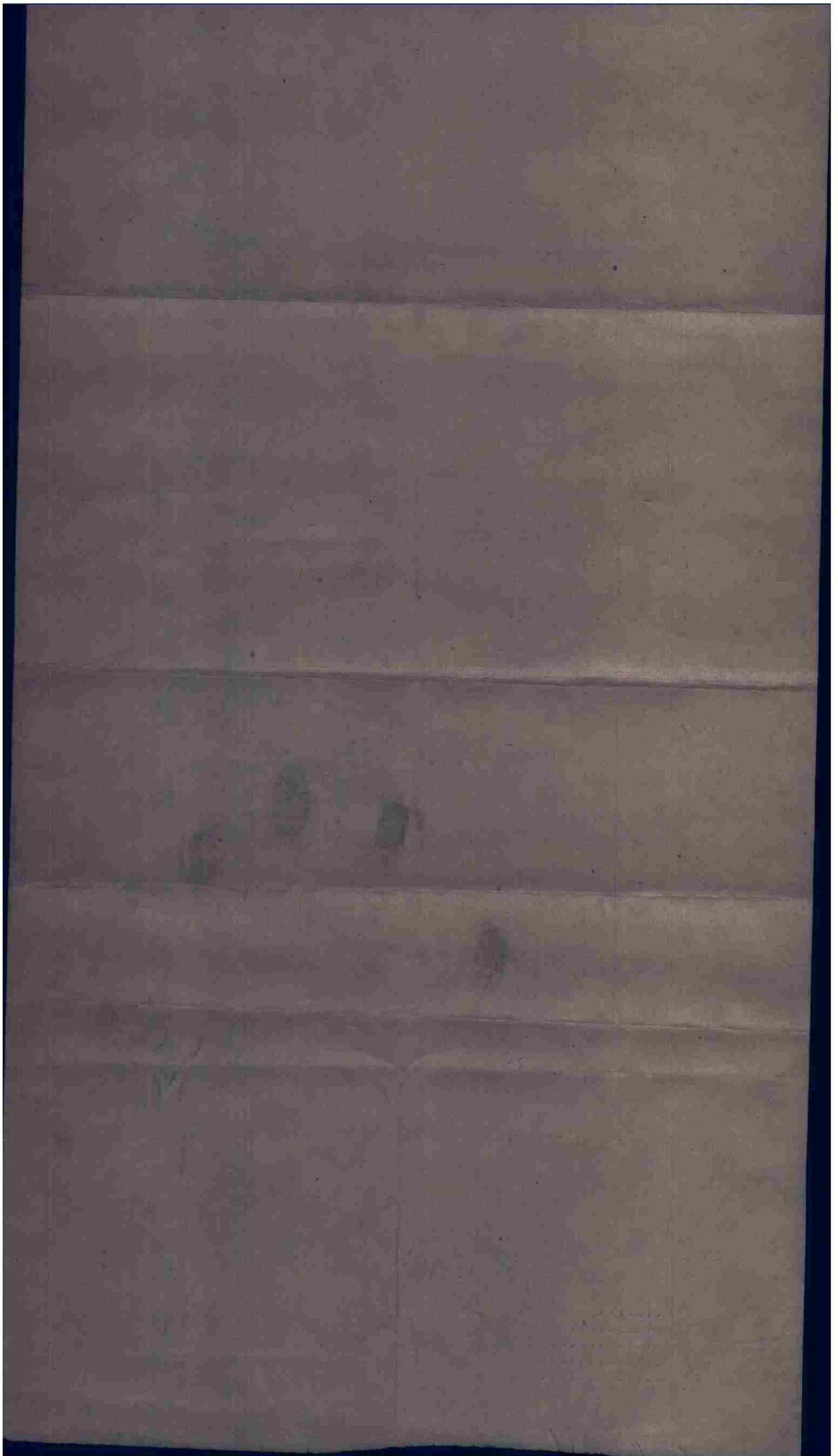
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OIJKI R.....15/0400A WFG AR

OIJPO R.....15/0400A DB AR

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MISSION NO. 185

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

15 JANUARY 1945

1. 089 R
Lt. Col. D.L. Willetts
Lt. P.G. Royalty
Cpl. J.W. Ross
S/Sgt. D.L. MacElhatten

4. 265 V
Lt. A.S. Farman
S/Sgt. R.W. Chevront

2. 234 F
Lt. D.A. Fero
S/Sgt. T.W. Skelton

5. 237 D
Lt. A.S. Hlivko
Cpl. L.J. Farmer

3. 208 L
Lt. J.H. Miller
S/Sgt. J. Galender

6. Lt. L.W. Edstrom
Cpl. P.A. Foupa

FLIGHT II

1. 173 W
Captain F.G. Atkinson
Lt. D.G. Anderson
Sgt. L. R. Friday
Sgt. J.L. Collier

4. 315 L-1
Lt. P.L. Grunig
S/Sgt. M.R. Dias

2. 307 N-1
Lt. J.A. Cook
Sgt. W.S. Jackson

5. 222 S
Lt. J.C. Sawell
S/Sgt. J.A. Hunter

3. 334 G
Lt. J.R. Warren
S/Sgt. S.M. Turpin

6. 224 E
F/O J.A. Green
Cpl. R.J. Kemischke

FLIGHT III

1. 081 P-1
Lt. C.C. Miah
Lt. R.E. Shaft
S/Sgt. J.W. Felkel
Sgt. R.P. Windisch

4. 219 E-1
Lt. F.W. Farris
Sgt. C.W. Williford

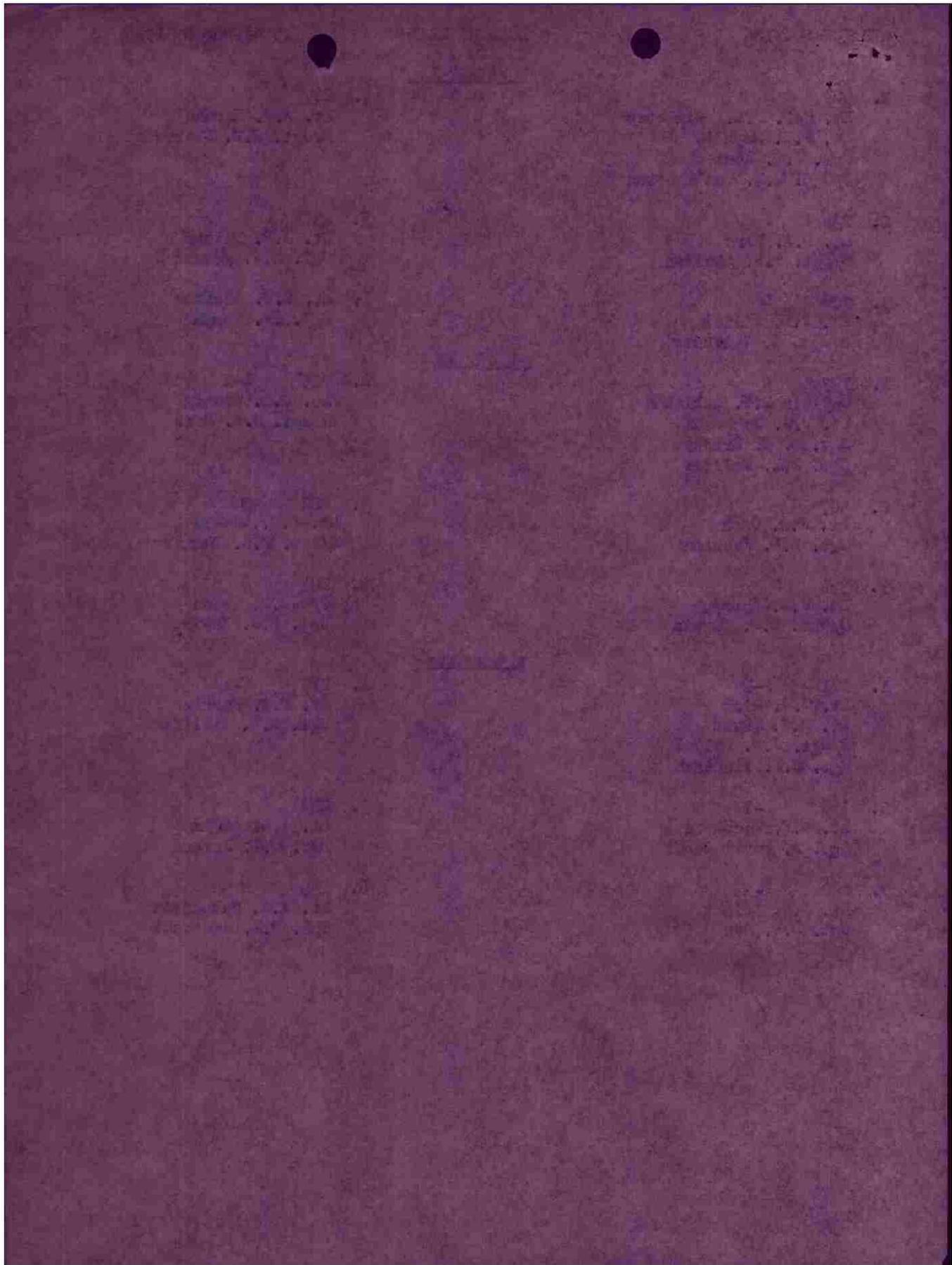
2. 188 R-1
Lt. O.F. Jacobsen
Sgt. A. Pettintochi

5. 233 F
Lt. W.W. Amin
Sgt. O.J. Rivard

3. 290 L-2 *1/2 out of line*
Lt. J.E. Wright *before Jan.*
Sgt. D.W. Van Galder

6. 259 H
Lt. A.S. Nathanson
Cpl. C.J. Raminiski

*23 - A 20 J took off
6 - D 20 J*



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BOX II

FLIGHT I

1. 023 X
Lt. H.F. Fair
Lt. J.L. Corum
S/Sgt. H.S. Fessler
S/Sgt. R.J. Brown

4. 250 A
Lt. D.L. Withington
S/Sgt. C.F. Huss

2. 235 M *Returned with
book of the late Lt.
from formation*
Lt. M. Wallman
Cpl. A. Helt

5. 264 I
Lt. S. Mooney
Cpl. R. Schumacher

3. Lt. J.C. Gary

6. 244 I-1
Lt. G.L. Milhorn
Sgt. D. Chest

FLIGHT II

1. 614 A-1
Lt. Cpl. J.G. Napier
Lt. D.L. Moore
S/Sgt. R.W. Carstens
S/Sgt. R.P. Sharp

4. 238 M-1
Lt. R.L. Behlmer
Lt. C.E. Weinert
S/Sgt. A.J. Burland

2. 252 D-1
Lt. H.W. DuBose
S/Sgt. J.H. Walters

5.

3. 241 F
Lt. R.K. Johnson
Cpl. H.E. Brandt

6. Lt. E.R. Hayter
Cpl. A.A. Dalton

FLIGHT III

1. 075 J
Captain E.E. DeLain
Lt. R.J. McQuade
S/Sgt. W.W. Donnelly
Sgt. C.J. Kruger

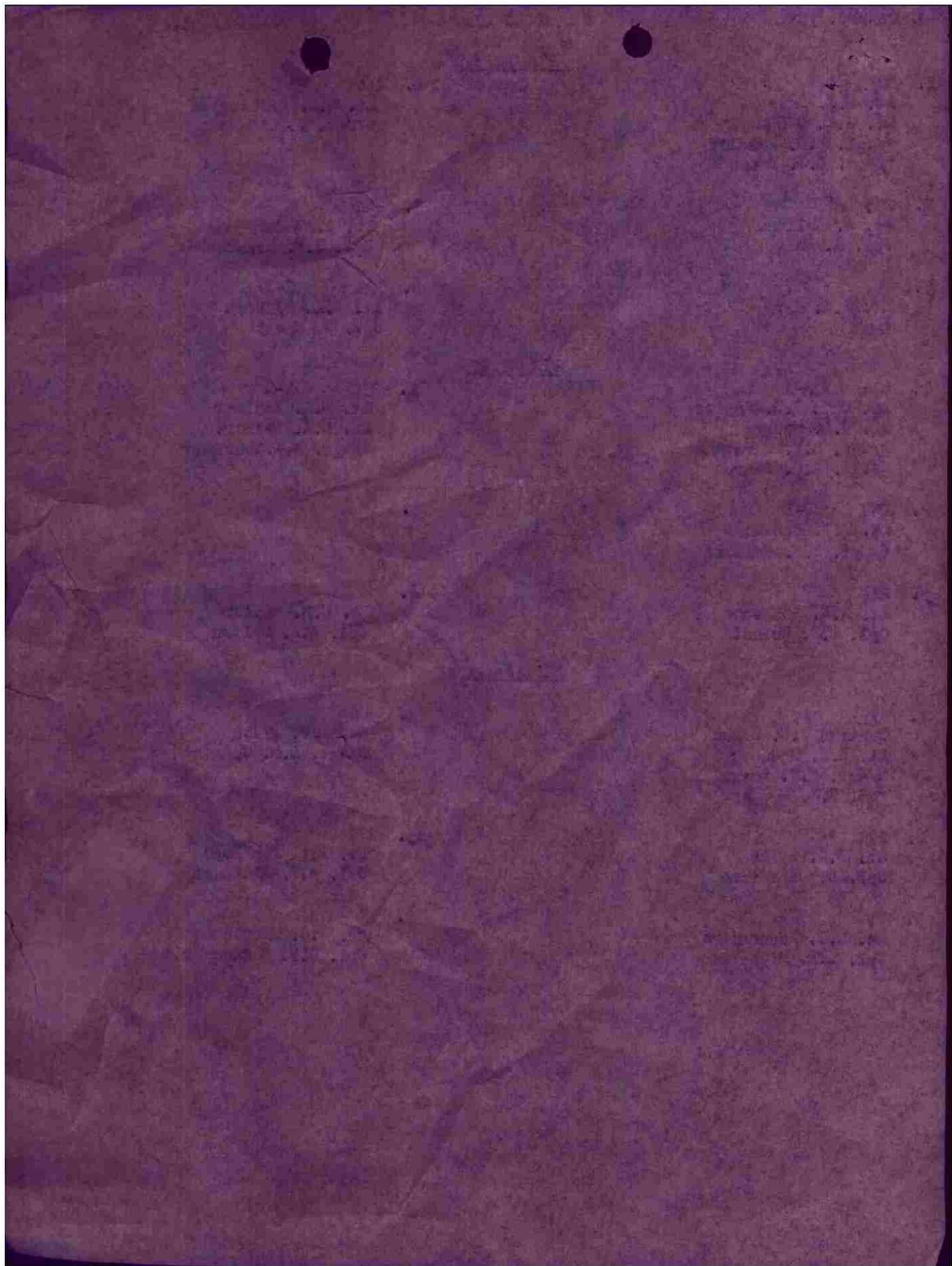
4. 306 N *Returned with
some trouble
rest of the crew
returned - for
some time*
Lt. J.F. Allen
S/Sgt. L.R. Getgen

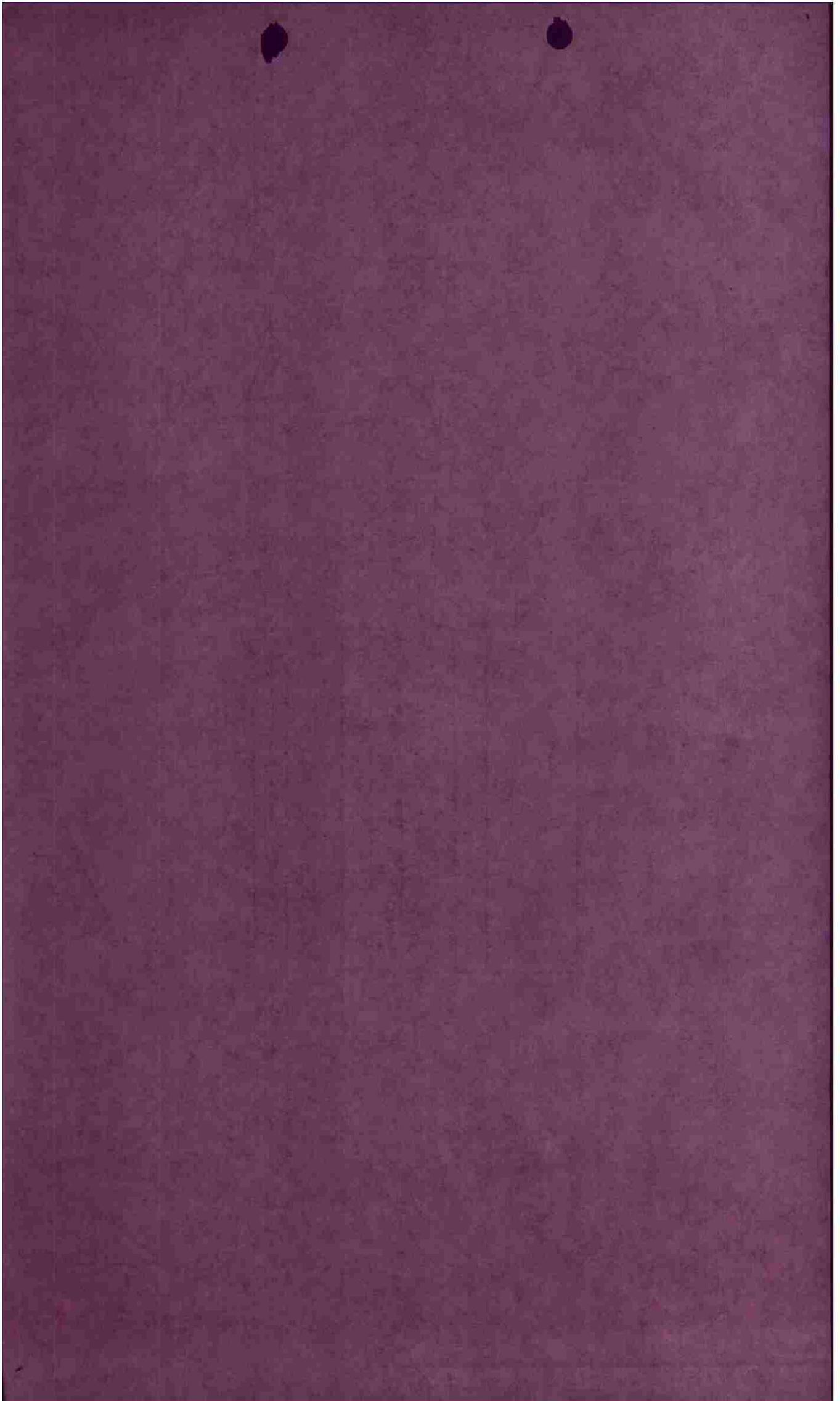
2. 271 R
Lt. D.E. Smith
Cpl. R. DeStefano

5. 229 E
Lt. R.W. Van Rope
Cpl. W.H. Klingman

3. 292 H *Not airborne
Sgt. wouldn't
go down - Det. crew*
Lt. L.E. Foundstone
Cpl. L.L. Richardson

6. Lt. E.C. Martin
Cpl. W.E. Sumner Jr.





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AUTH: CO STA 4-35
DATE: 17 Jan. 1945
INIT: _____

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

TO:

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

Ref: Cprep A No. 287 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 15 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 186 - 97 001 P. 0. 7128-700

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Station 4-35
Place of take-off Station 4-35
Place of landing Station 4-35
Take-off time 1112 Landing time 1159
Time over target 1138-1156 Bombing Altitude 12,000
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather 10/10 cloud cover over target area.
Results Observed.
Enemy opposition None

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 23 A-26
3 A-20

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission
23 A-26 Station 4-35
3 A-20 Station 4-35

3. Abortive due to:
(1) Weather: 8 A-26 and 3 A-20 - 10/10 cloud cover (see note below)
(2) Personnel: None
(3) Mechanical: 1 A-26 returned early - engine trouble
(4) Other: 1 A-26 low take-off - could not catch formation

4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None

5. Destroyed - before reaching target None
giving cause where known None

6. Destroyed - over or after leaving None
target giving cause where known None

7. Damaged (give category & cause) None

8. Sorties 23 A-26
3 A-20

NOTE: 8 A-26 and 3 A-20 (entire second box) did not bomb visually because of 10/10 cloud cover. Attempt to bomb on the equipment not successful - the box not operating satisfactorily.

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GEORGE SCHENKELIN
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

For the Commanding Officers:

- a. Destroyed
- b. Prob. Des
- c. Damaged

H. Enemy aircraft by type or description (contacting claims):-

Type of Casualty	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	R.Gun	B.Gun	T.Gun
Killed in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slightly Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

- a. Jettisoned
- b. Lost or wrecked on missing e/c
- c. Total Returned

b. Suspended on operations: (List targets separately)

f. Bombs, flares, etc. used: Total carried into air:

g. Lost on wrecked or missing e/c
 h. Expended on operations
 i. Total carried into air
 j. Ammunition by caliber:

k. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

l. Day (Sunrise to sunset)
 m. Total operational flying hours

Box #	CpsFL	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
I		1/15/45		SIMMERX		Mullatt	TOT L/D	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATI	Bomb Lisp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.		
1	Reason	F 30	F R	M D A C B E D F D K W M				
2	4X500	4	4					W. J. Letts 089 ✓
3			4					J. H. Miller Fero 208 ✓
4			4					Herman 265 ✓
5			4					Edstrom Hlukko 237 ✓
6	Not Quibome							
1	4X500	4	4					Atkinson 173 ✓
2			4					Misk 081 ✓
3			4					Wright Jacobsen 290 ✓ 198 ✓
4			4					Harvis 219 ✓ 271 ✓
5			4					Green Scwell 224 ✓ 282 ✓
6	Not a Bomb		4					Nathanson 269 ✓ 233 ✓
1	Reason	F 30	F R	M D A C B E D F D K W M				
2	4X500	4	4					Warner 334 ✓
3			4					Cook 307 ✓
4			4					Grung 319 ✓
5			4					
6			4					

W. J. Letts
089 ✓
J. H. Miller Fero
208 ✓
Herman
265 ✓
Edstrom Hlukko
237 ✓
Atkinson
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Misk
081 ✓
Wright Jacobsen
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Harvis
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Green Scwell
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Nathanson
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4X500 - Returned
12X500 - Drafted
444/1000 -

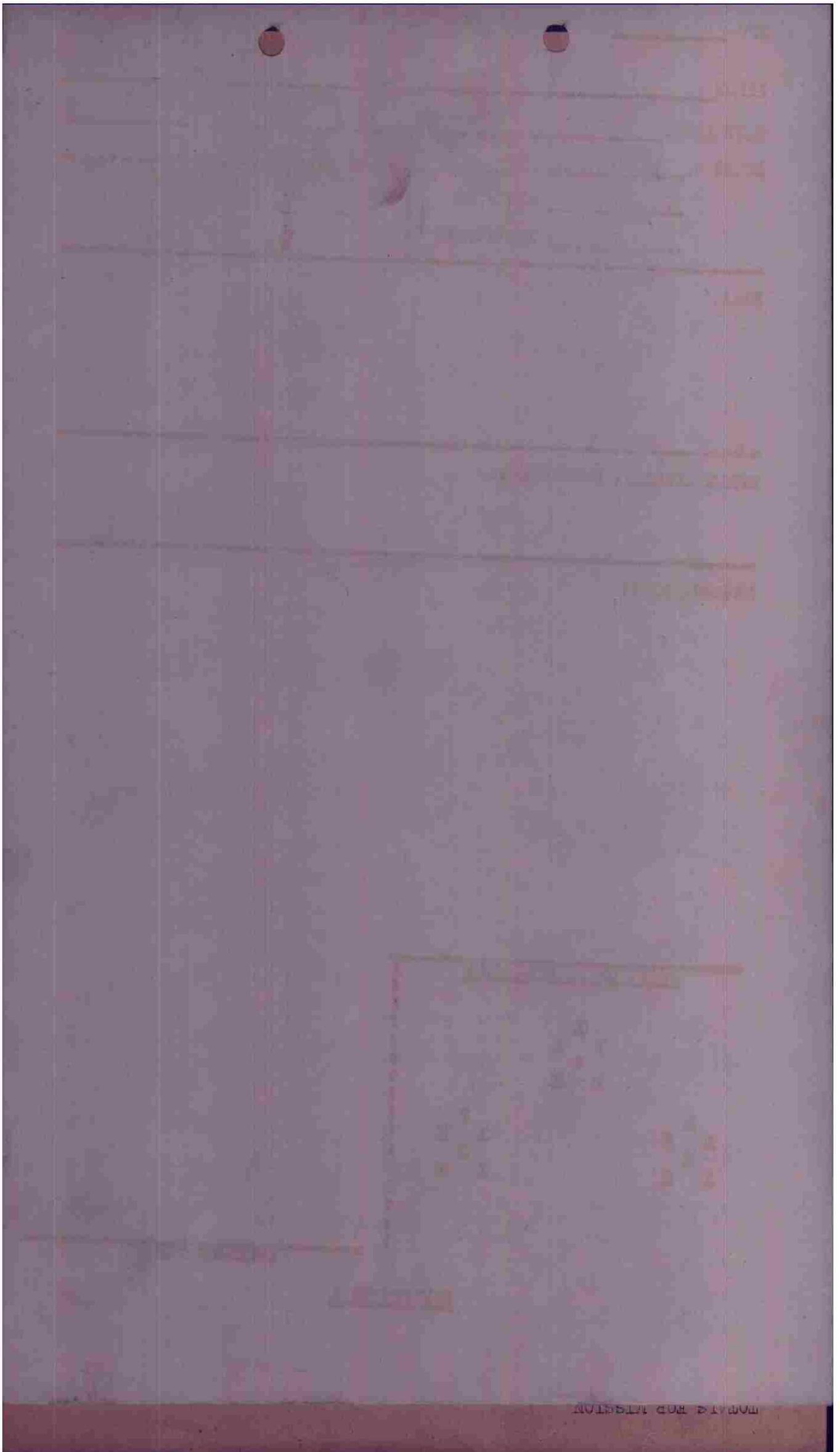
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Box #	OpsFL	Date	W/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
A/C	Reil to Bomb	ATT	Bomb I/isp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.	TOT	L/D
II		1/15/44		SIMMENA		Pair		
A/C								
1	023	4X500	P 30 P S J P E	M D A A C B E D F D K W M		Pair 023 Gary Wallman 235		
2	236	Not a/c. Not a/c				W. H. Kingdon 258		
3		Not a/c. Not a/c				Milhem Mooney 244		
4	256							
5	264							
6	244							
1	614	4X500						
2	252							
3	241							
4	238							
5								
6								
1	075	Not a/c. Not a/c				DeMun 075		
2	271	4X500				Napier 614		
3	292	Not a/c. Not a/c						
4	306	Not a/c. Not a/c						
5	229							
6								

12X500 Ret.
22X1000 - RRT

Powdysted E Smith R.K. Johnson R. Bose
 242 271A 241 252
 Allen 306 Behlmer 238
 Martin Van Roppe Hagler 229



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PILOT Wright A/C# 290 BOX 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	RATING	DAMAGE	"A"	"B"
X						
X		RETURNED				
X		JETTISONED				

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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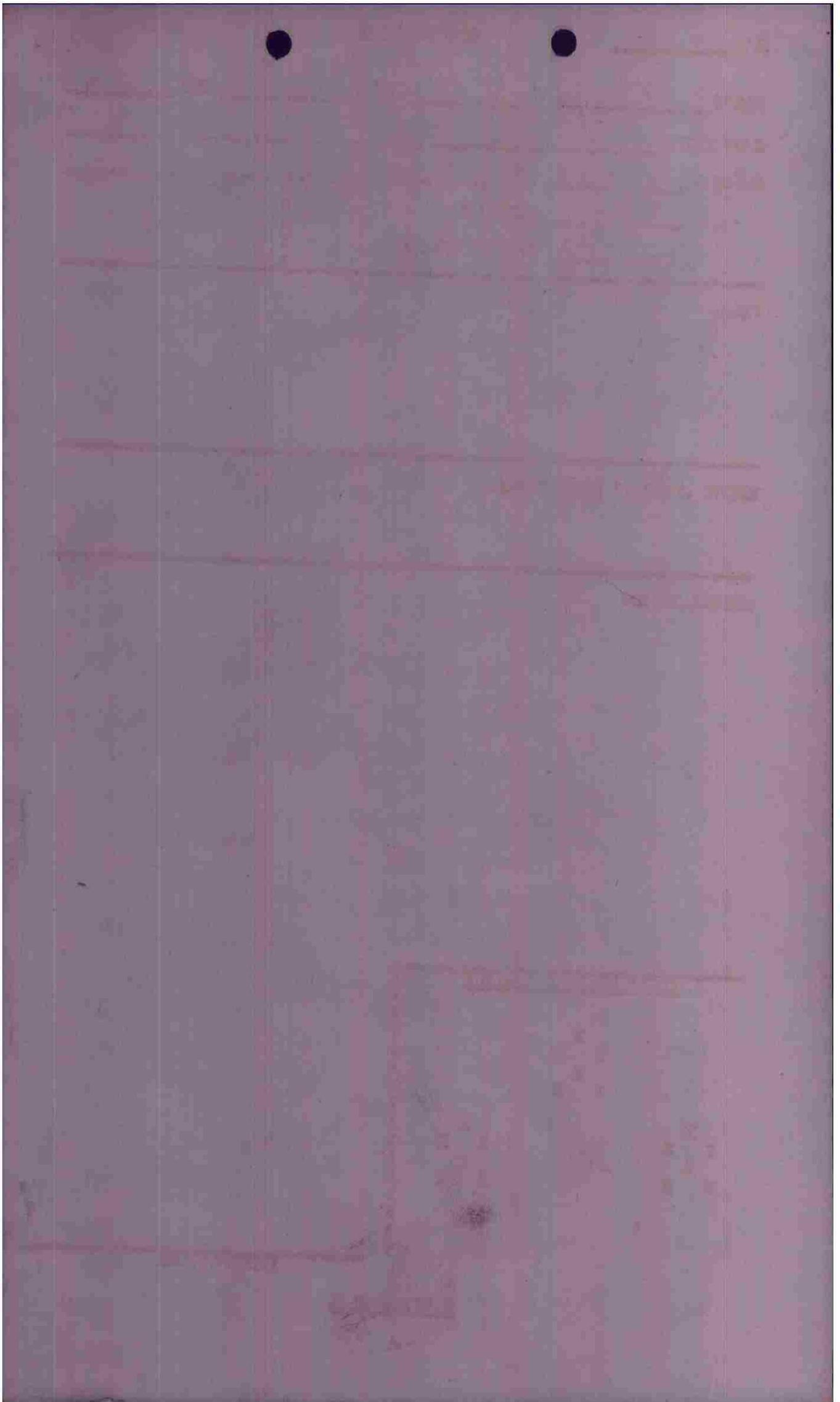
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     X X
      X
     X X

X   X   X
X   X   X
X   X   X

      X
     X X
      X X
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PILOT Nathanson A/C# 259 BOX 5

CASUALTIES

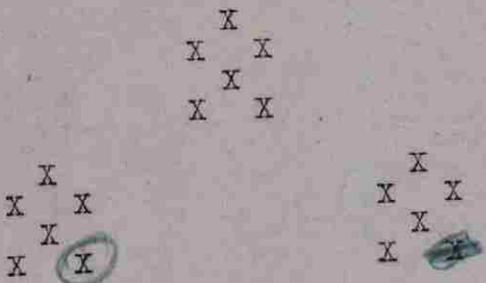
BOMBS :	QUANTITY	TYPE	RATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"B"	"E"
	<u>4</u>	<u>1000 GN</u>			
	X	RETURNED			
	X	INTENTIONED			

FLAK: _____

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: S/E fighters at 3 o'clock
12 - not identified

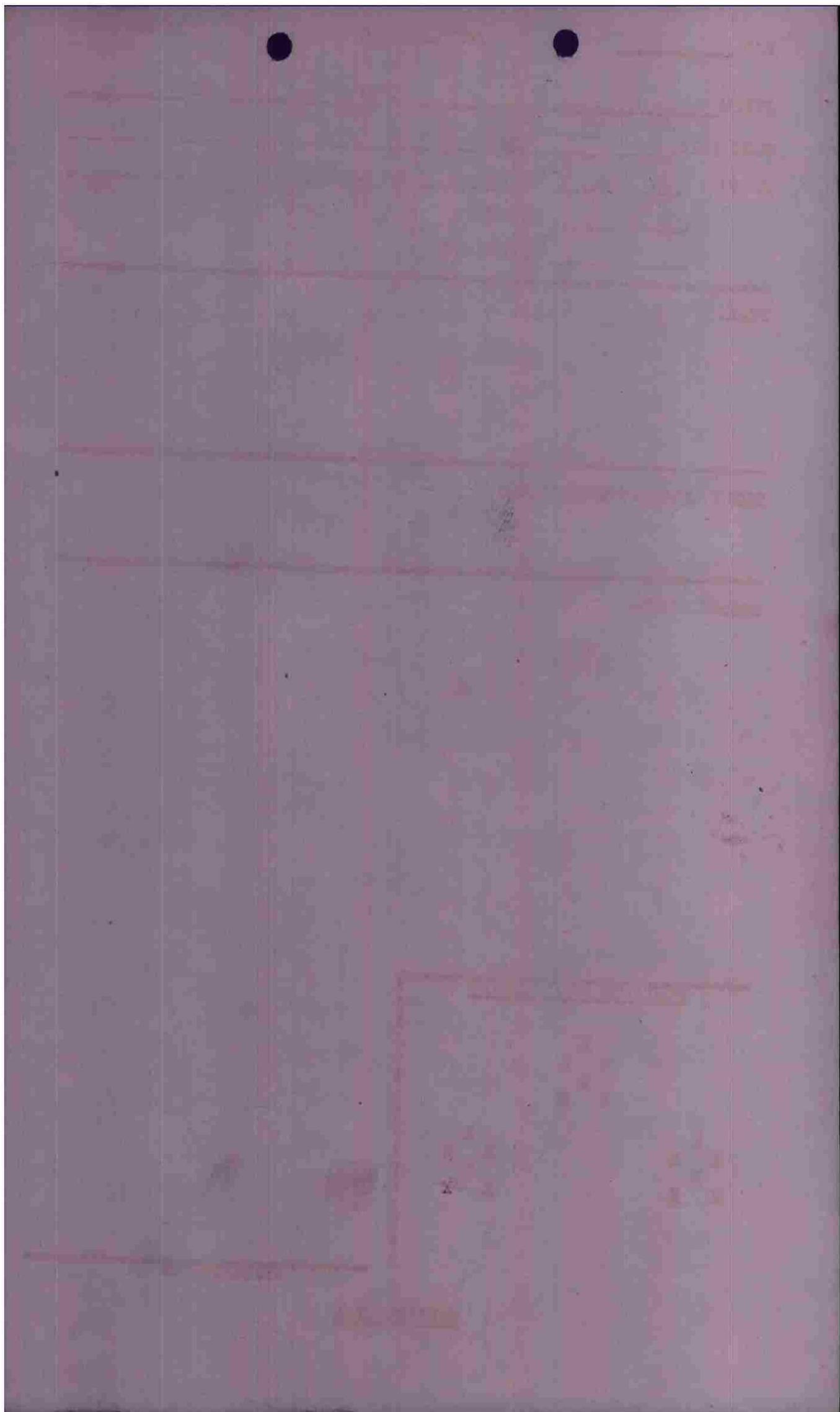
OBSERVATIONS: nil - overcast 10/10

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PILOT Annin A/C# 233 BOX 5

CASUALTIES _____

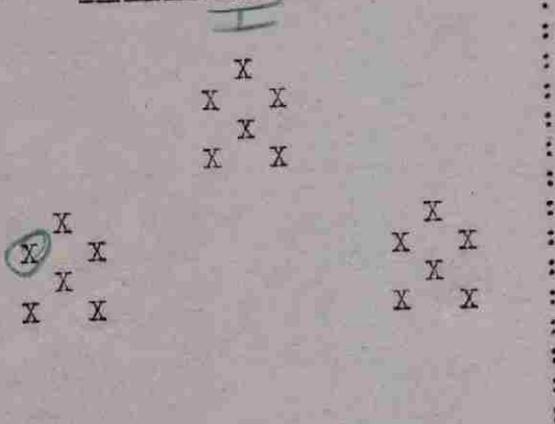
BOMBS :	ON PRIMARY		BATTLE DAMAGE		
	RETURND	JETTISONED	WING	ENGINE	TAIL
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u>					
X	RETURND				
X	JETTISONED				

FLAK: _____

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

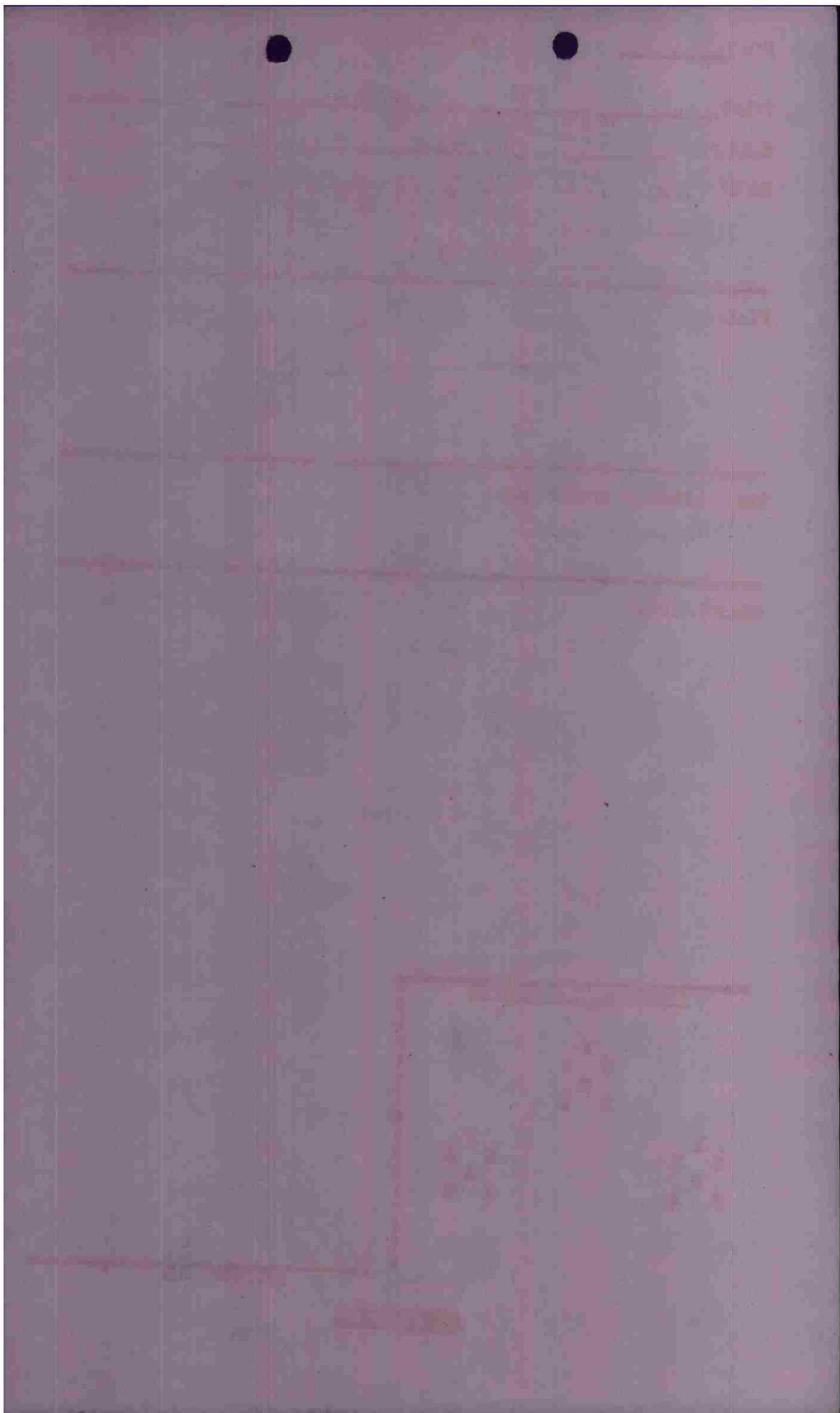
OBSERVATIONS: nil

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PILOT Harris A/C# 219 BOX 5

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	4	4000	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
				CRACK	CRACK	PER
	X		RETURNED	:	:	:
	X		REWORKED	:	:	:

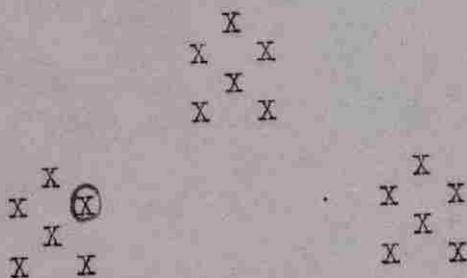
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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

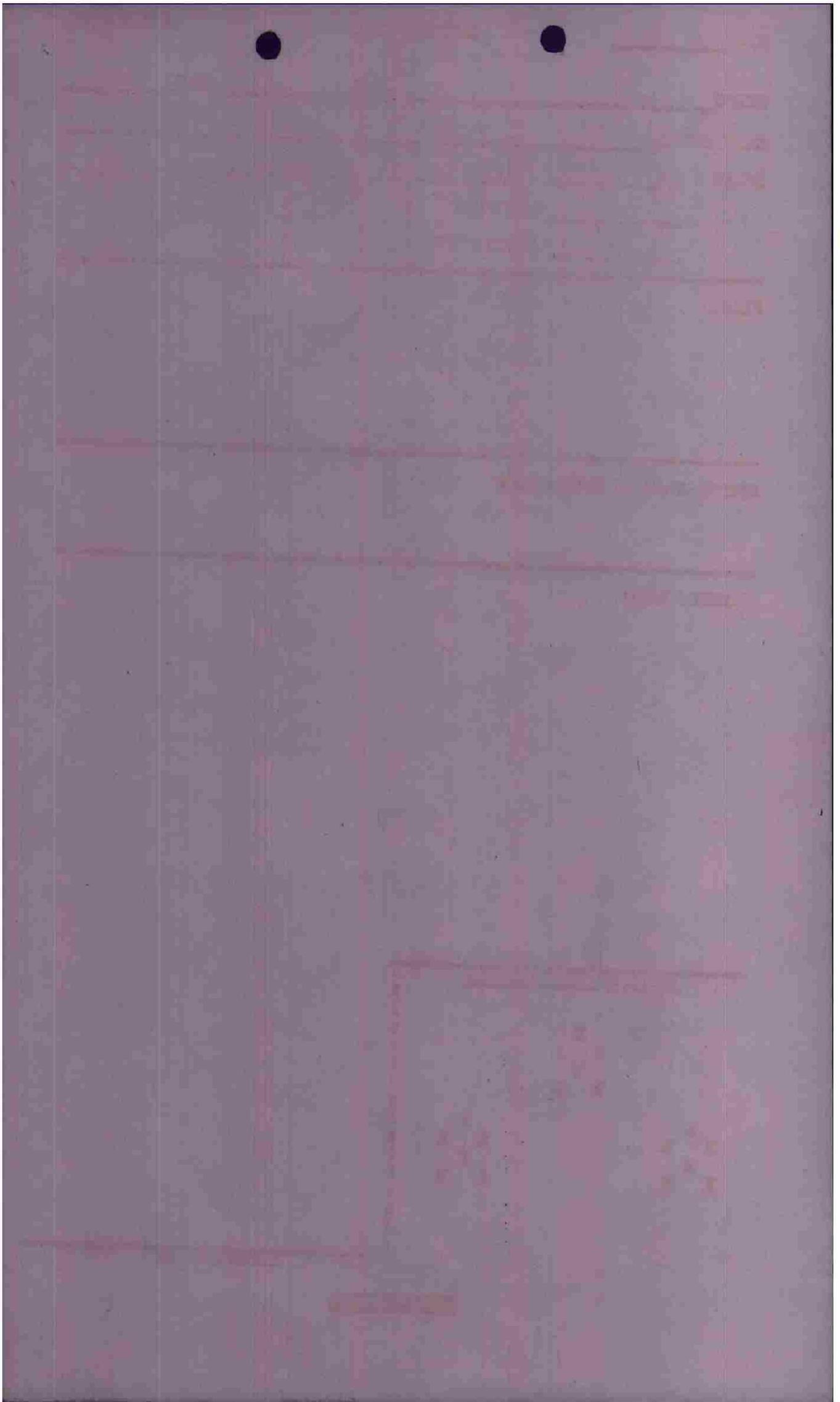
4 bomb runs

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PILOT Musk A/C# 081 BOX I

CASUALTIES 0
BOMBS : 4 X 100 ON ETA : RATTED DAMAGE
X RETURNED :
X JETTISONED :

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: _____

OBSERVATIONS:
4 unidentified Ftr. at 3 o'clock.
on turn off target at fighter level
made 4 passes at target.

9/10 - 10/10 cloud cover.

2 contacts of possible A/C for
15 minutes in steady trail then breaking
intermittently - going west. at 20-25000
ft. just after crossing B/L.

1 low B17 seen coming out of Germany at entry.

POSITION IN FORMATION : 1356 - dropped on B/L
at 70° heading.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:
X
X X
X
X X

CI (X) 134-113:
X X X
X X
X X

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PILOT Warren A/C# 334 BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK:

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10 dropped on 3rd pos on Gee

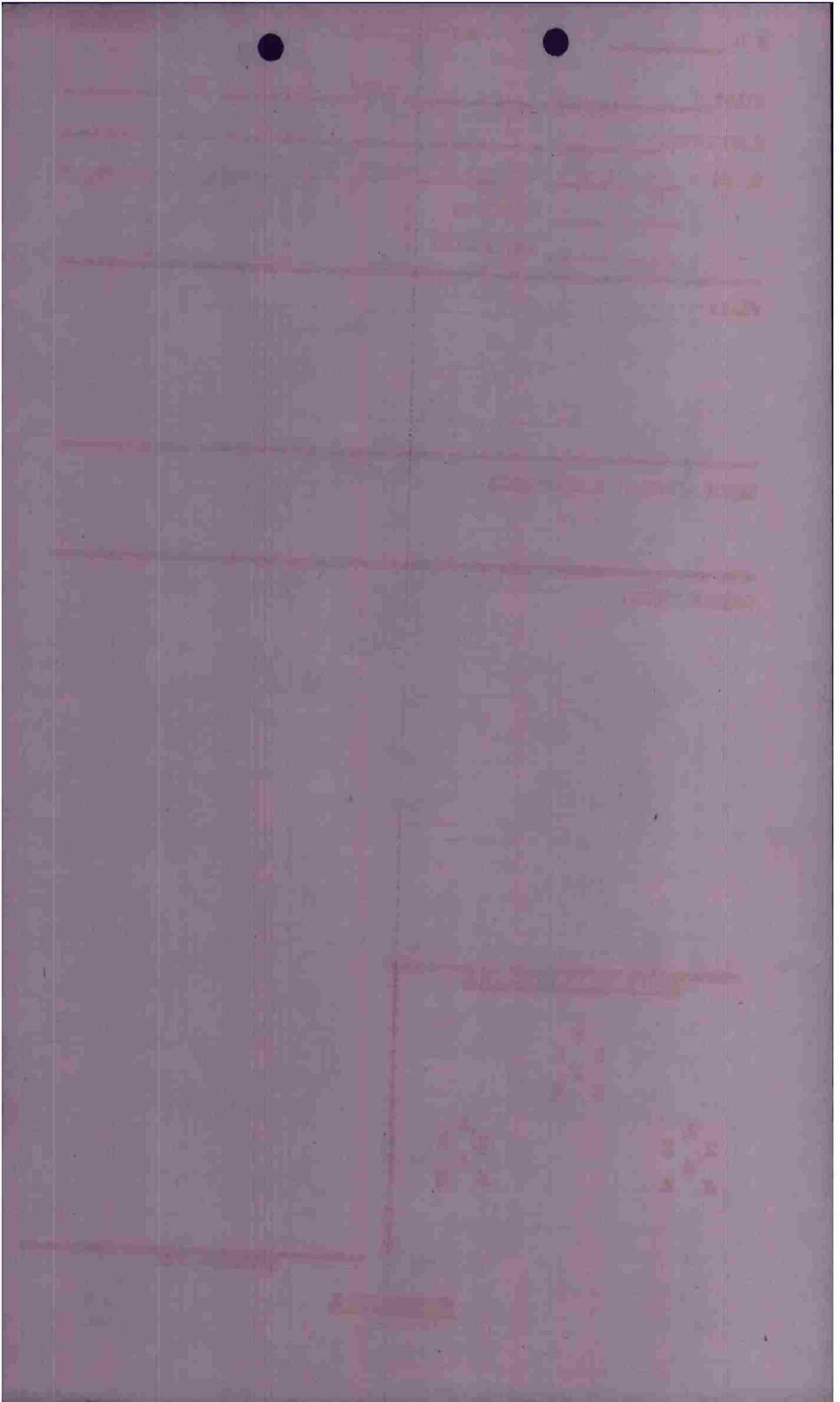
POSITION IN FORMATION

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS

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

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PILOT Atkinson A/C# 173 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	RETURNED	JETTISONED	REPAIRS	REMARKS
4 X 500					
X					
X					

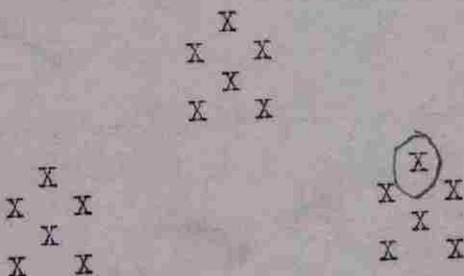
FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10 at target - thought they could have
 bombed at 8,800 ft, visually
 dropped on 3rd pass on Gee
 #6 ship dropped out of form. at bomb line
 nose wheel down during flight - was in
 contact with sweepstake
 hard camera - look per

POSITION IN FORMATION



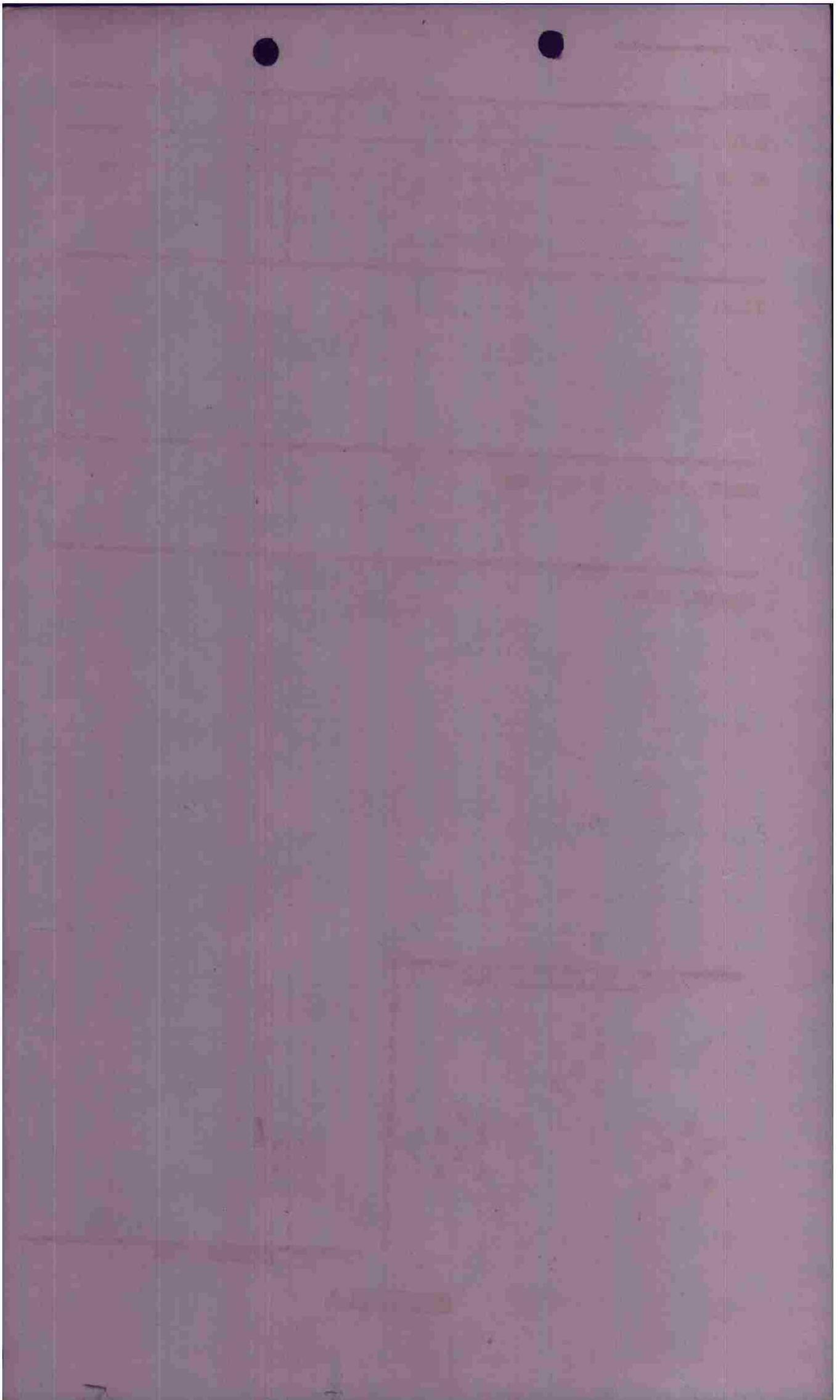
TOT 1350

TOT (1st pass) 1322

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PILOT Hlinks A/C# 237 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	RETURNED	JETTISONED	RASTER DAMAGE	"A"	"B"	"E"
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON <u>P</u>	X	X				
	X	X				
	X	X				

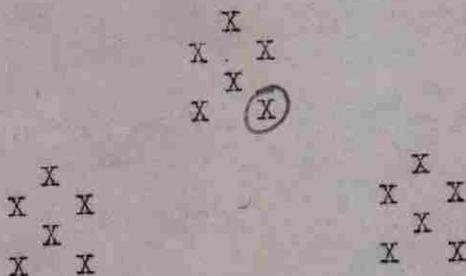
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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10

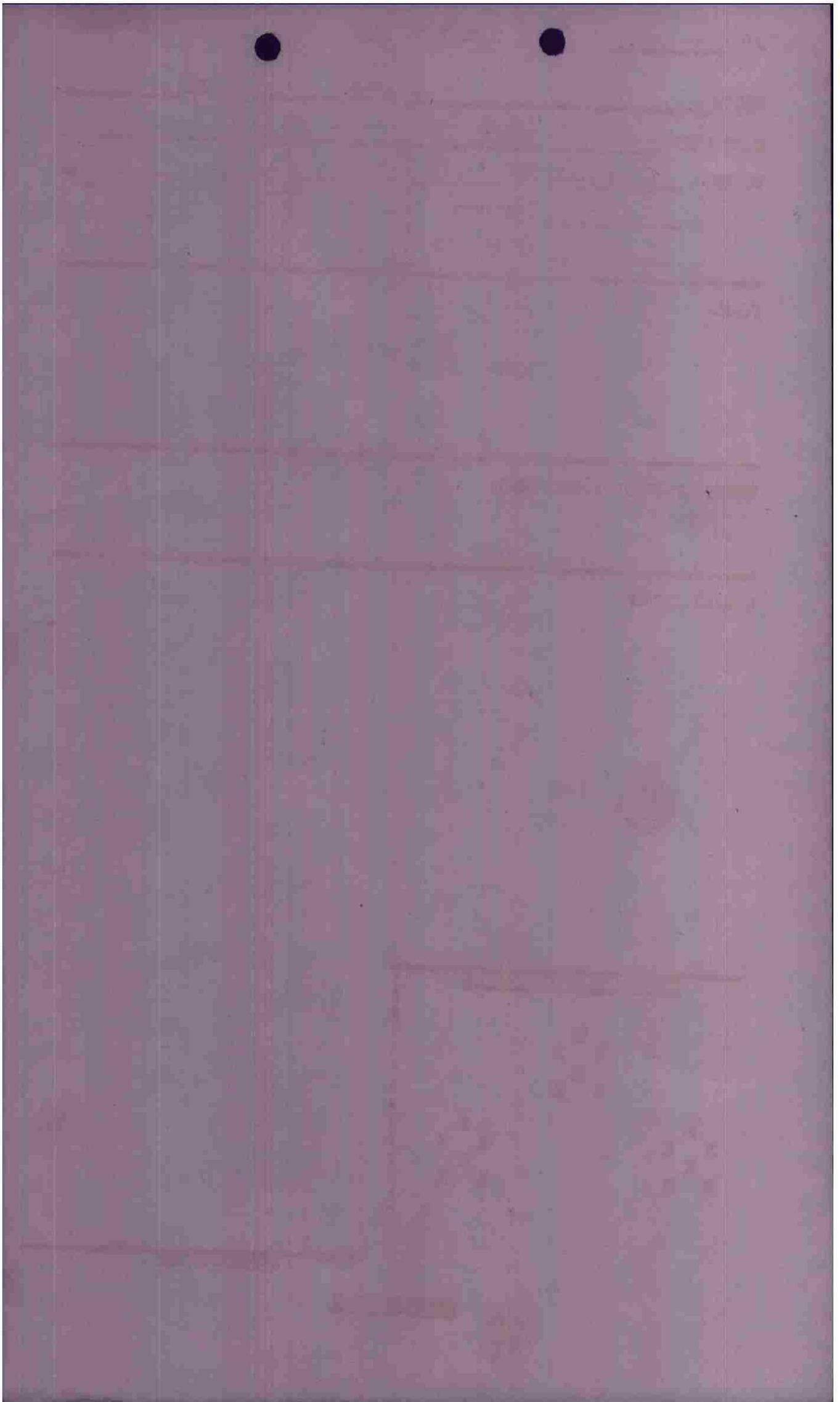
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PILOT Green A/C# 224 BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	X	<u>1000</u>	ON <u>Primary</u>	PARALLEL DAMAGE		
		X		RETURNED			
		X		DETTONED			

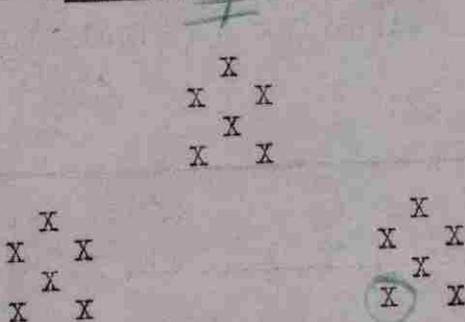
FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS:

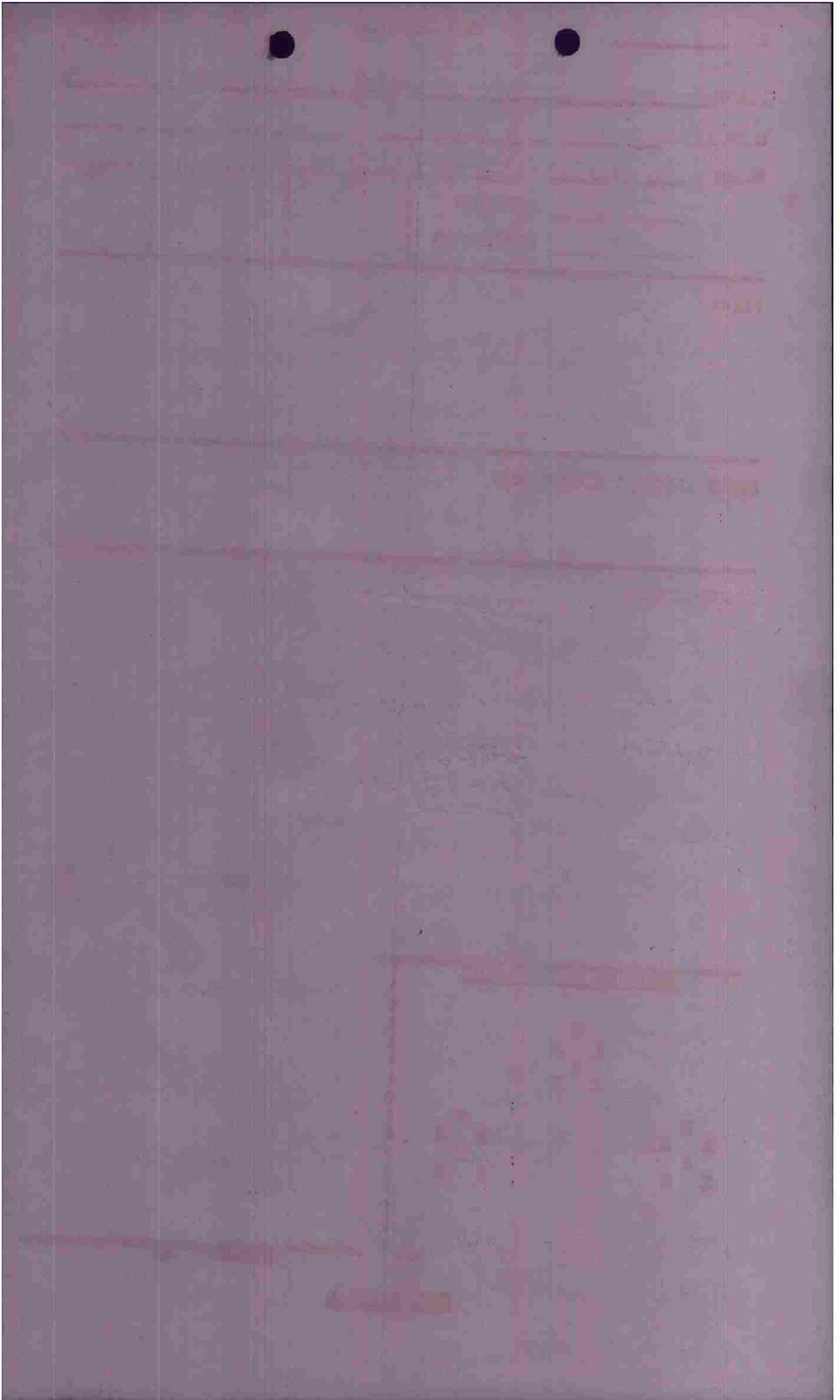
~~primary~~
 nose wheel would not retract —
 Pilot knew — continued with formation — left
 formation at 1356 near Lusenburg —
 Landed at (A-97) at 1400 for more
 gas —

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Lwell A/C# 222 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :			BATTLE DAMAGE		
4	X	1000 LB	E + A		
	X		RETURNED		
	X		JETTISONED		

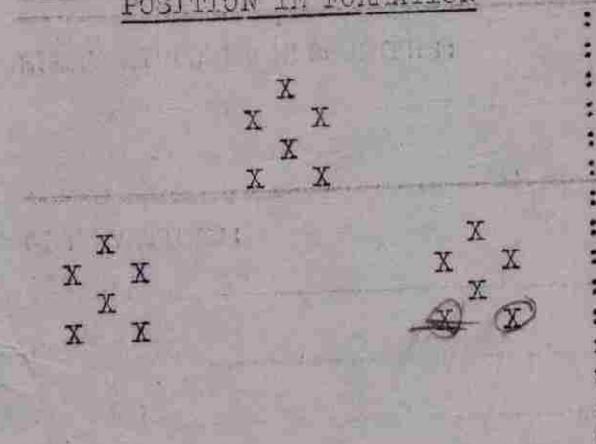
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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

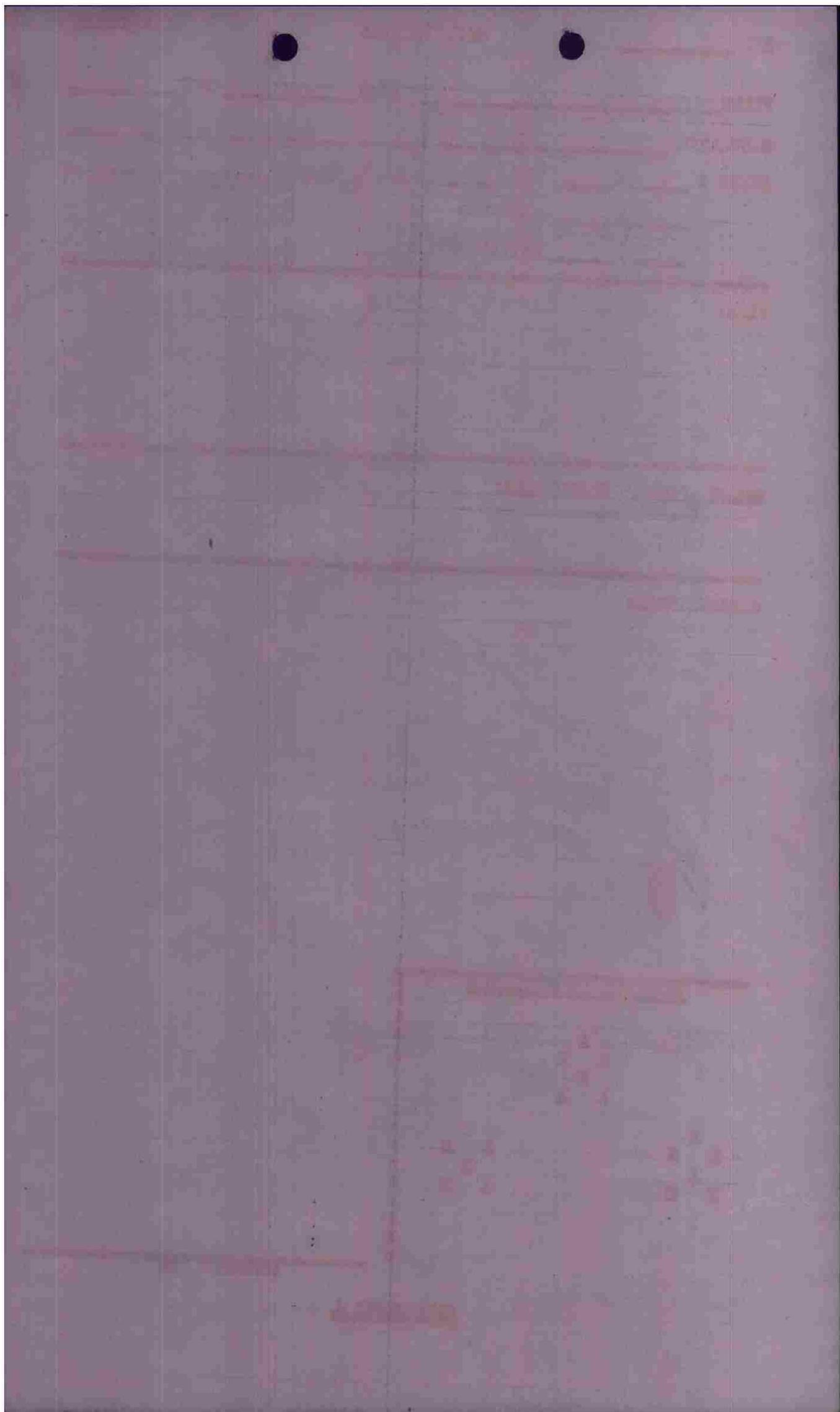
2 contacts of believed E/A seen above formation pathway between Loublerie and target.
 10/10 cloud cover.

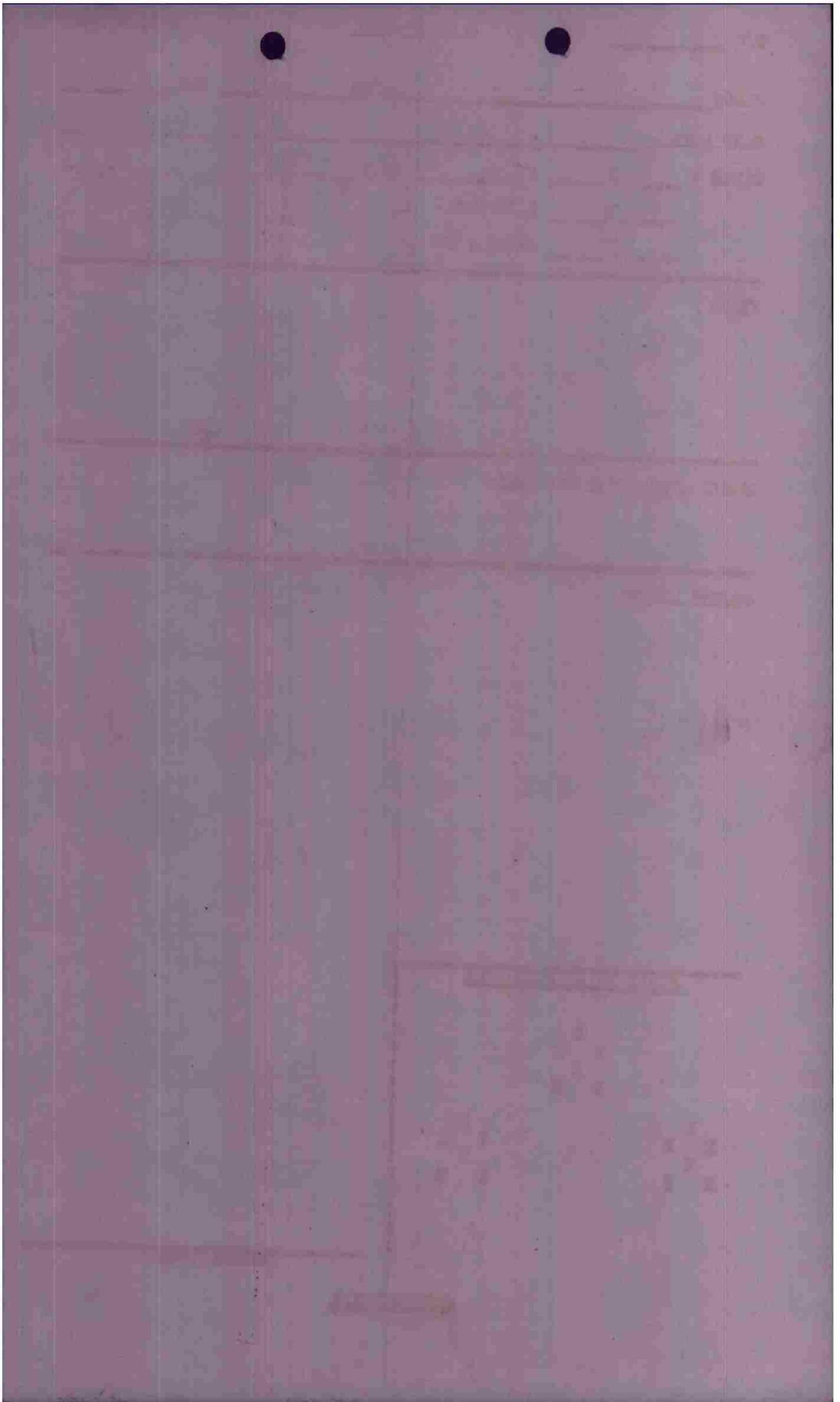
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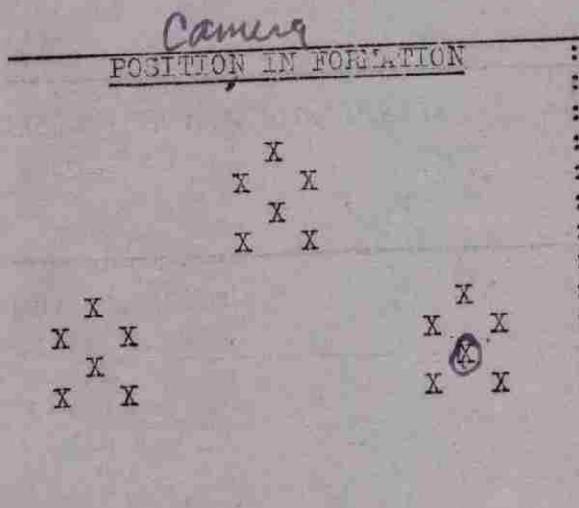
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-U"	"E"
<u>4</u> X					
	X	RETURNED			
	Y	JETTISONED			

FLAK:

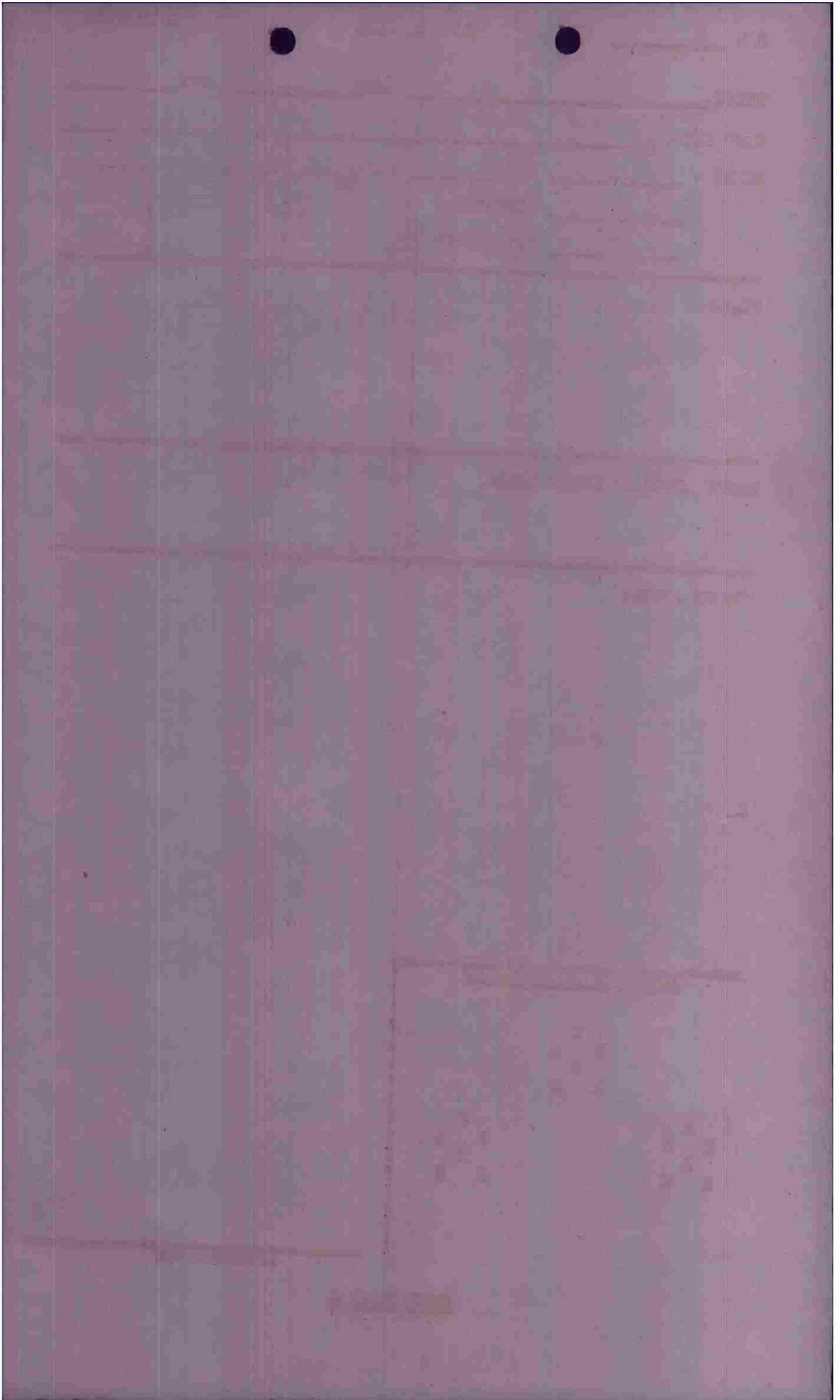
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:



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PILOT Herman A/C# 265 BOX I

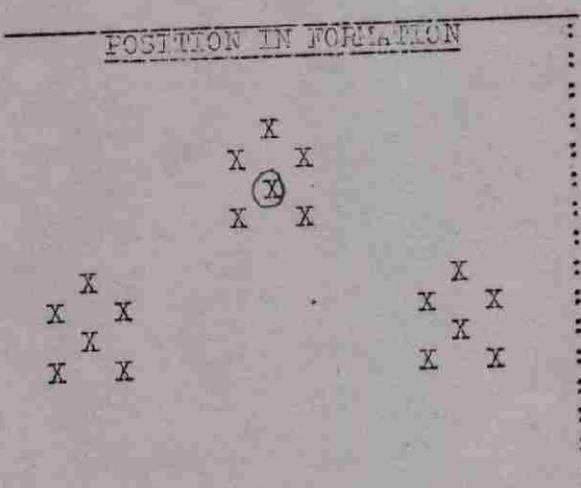
CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK: _____

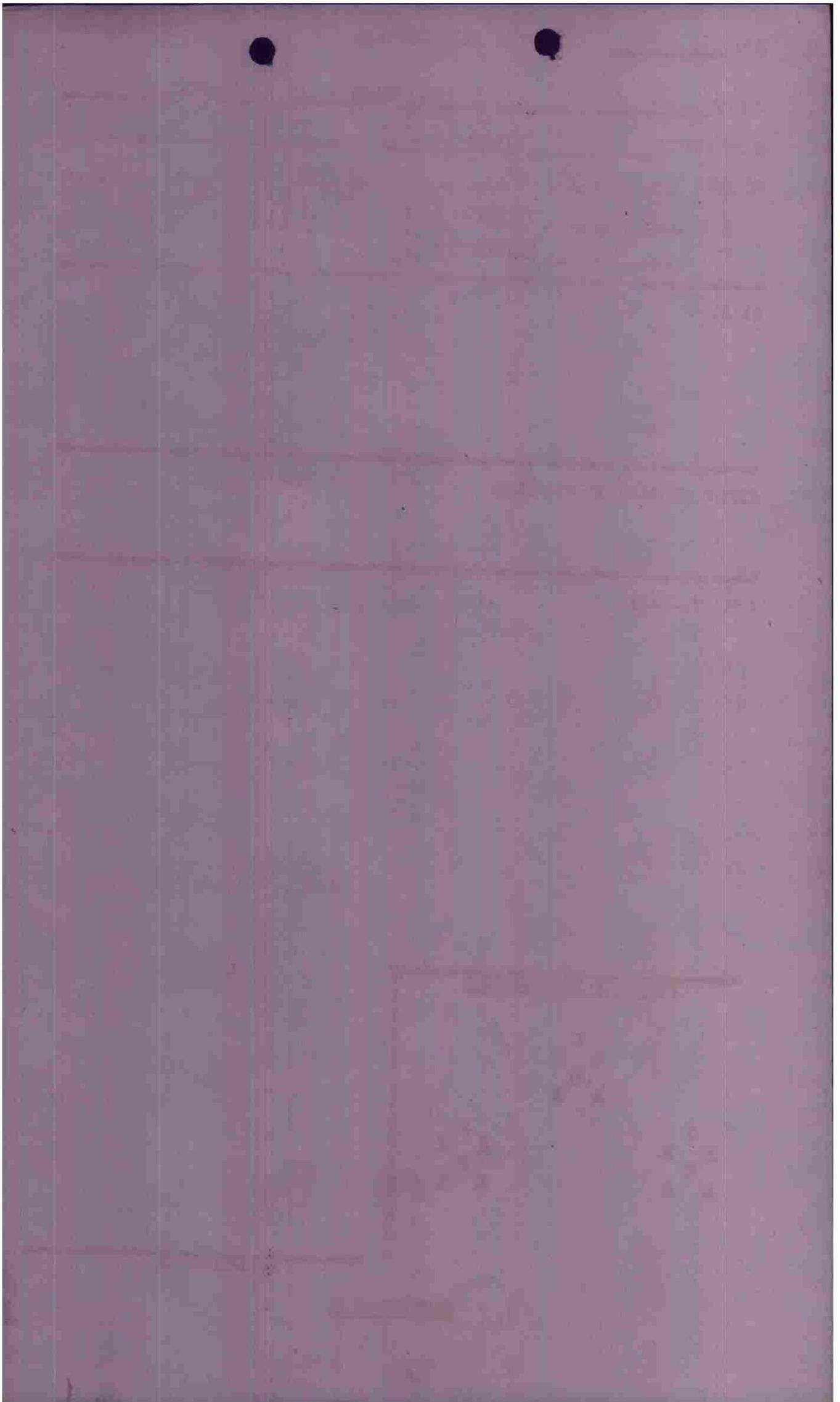
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: _____

OBSERVATIONS:
10/10



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PILOT Jacobsen A/C# 188 BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>1000</u>	ON	<u>P</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		<u>X</u>			RETURNED			
		<u>Y</u>			DETROINED			

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: _____

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10 dropped on Hee on 1st pass.

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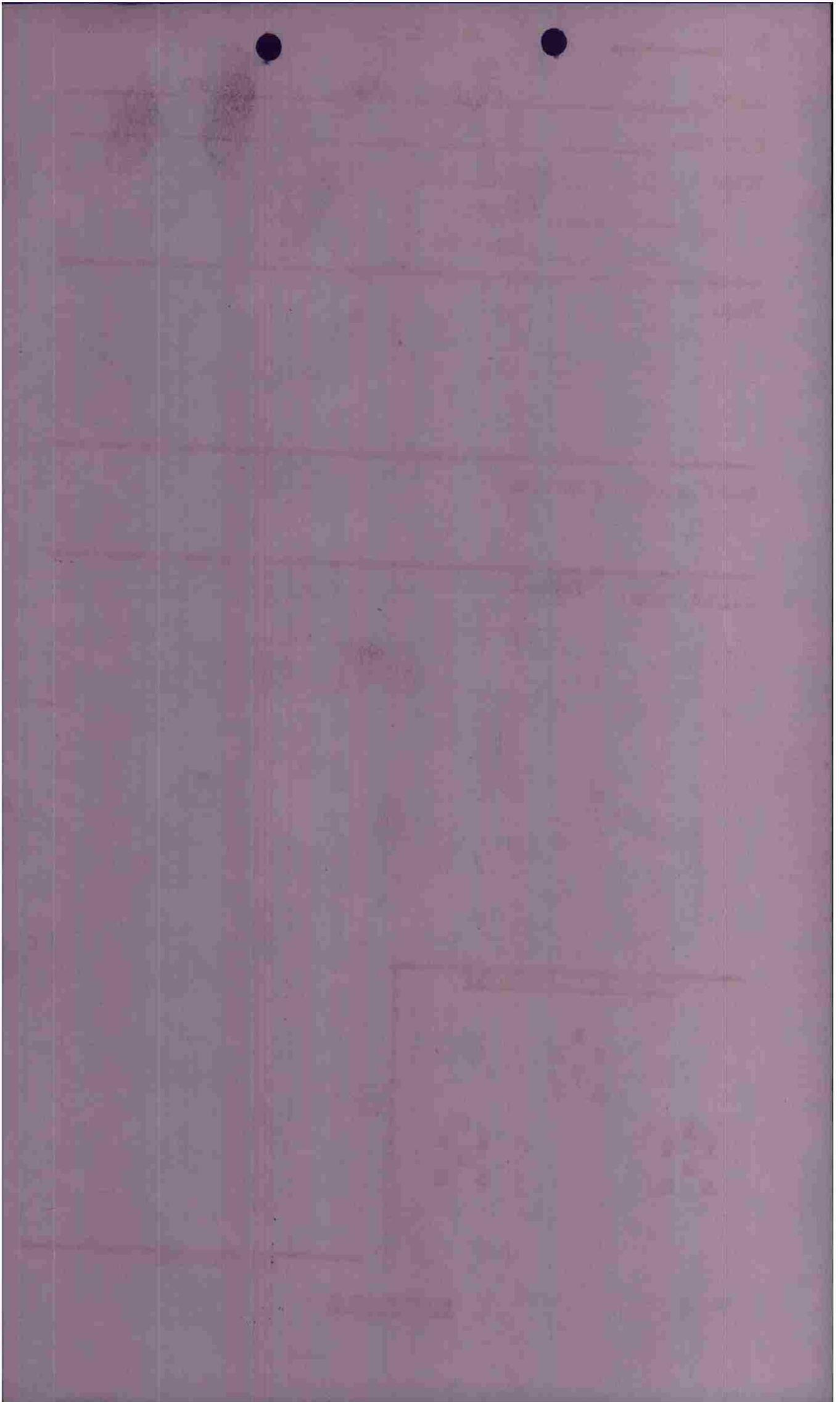
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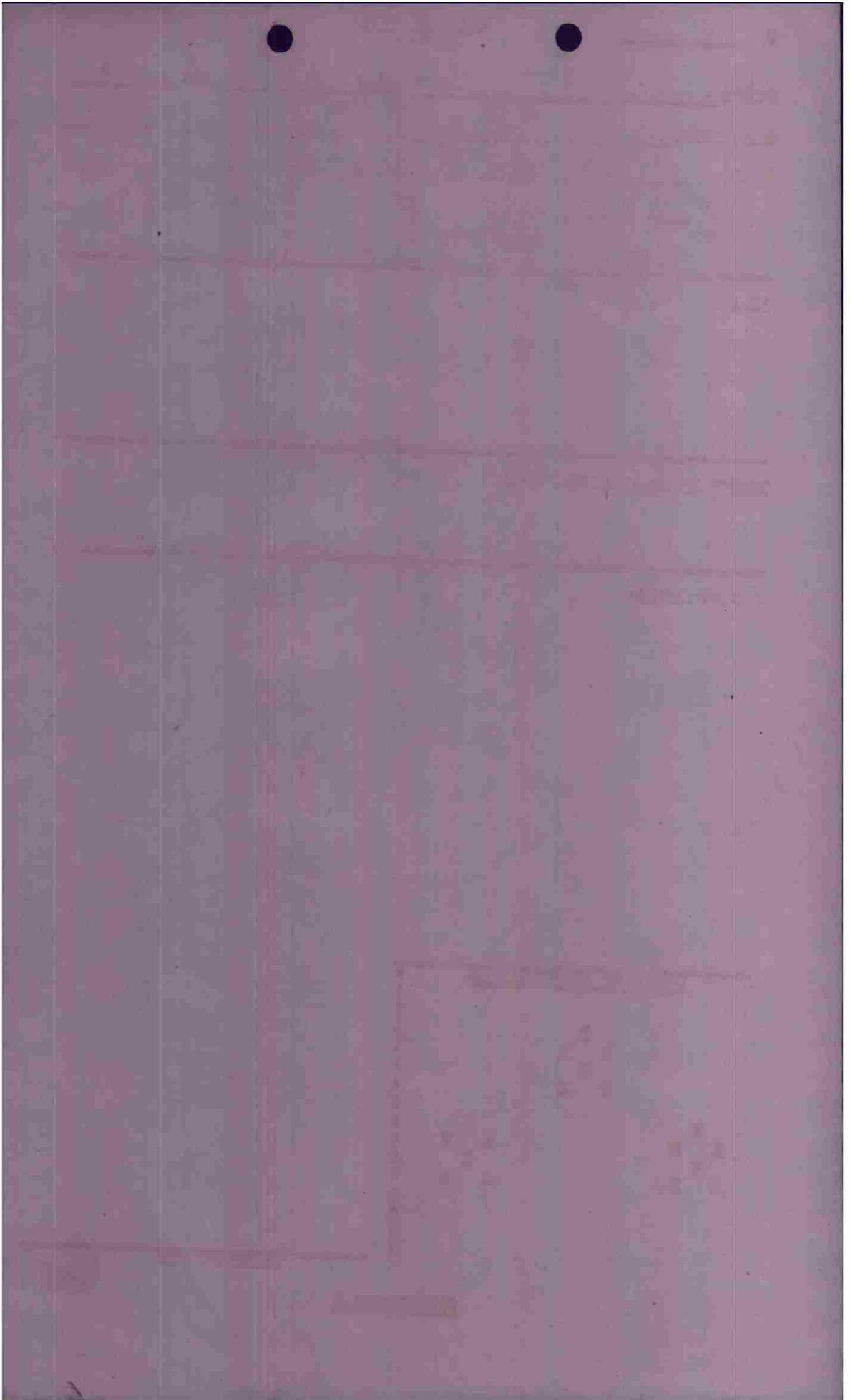
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  X   X   X
  X   X   X
  
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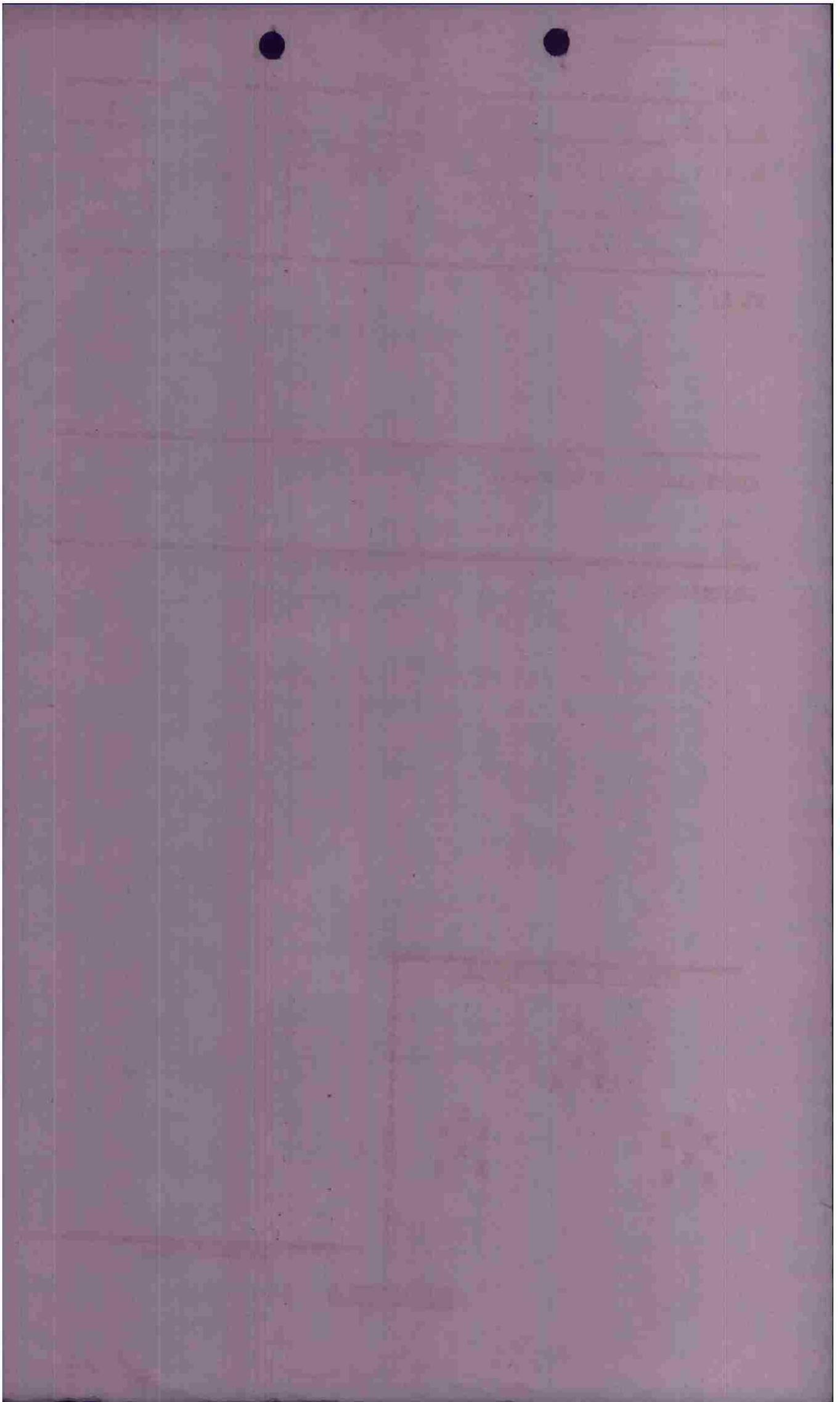
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PILOT Pain A/C# 023 BOX 11

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	ON	PROPERTY DAMAGE	WILSON	WEN
<u>4</u>	X	RETURNED	:	:	:
	X	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK:

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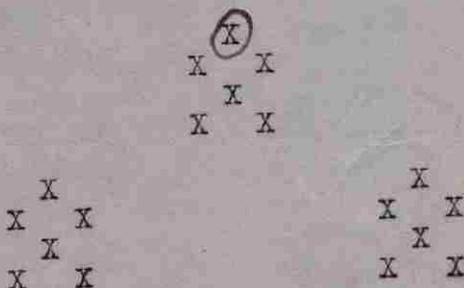
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

10/105 ^{is report} *See Box 11 went out*
~~and~~ *did not know that the 1st Box had bombed*
~~to~~ *did not bomb on ETA and came home with 1st Box*

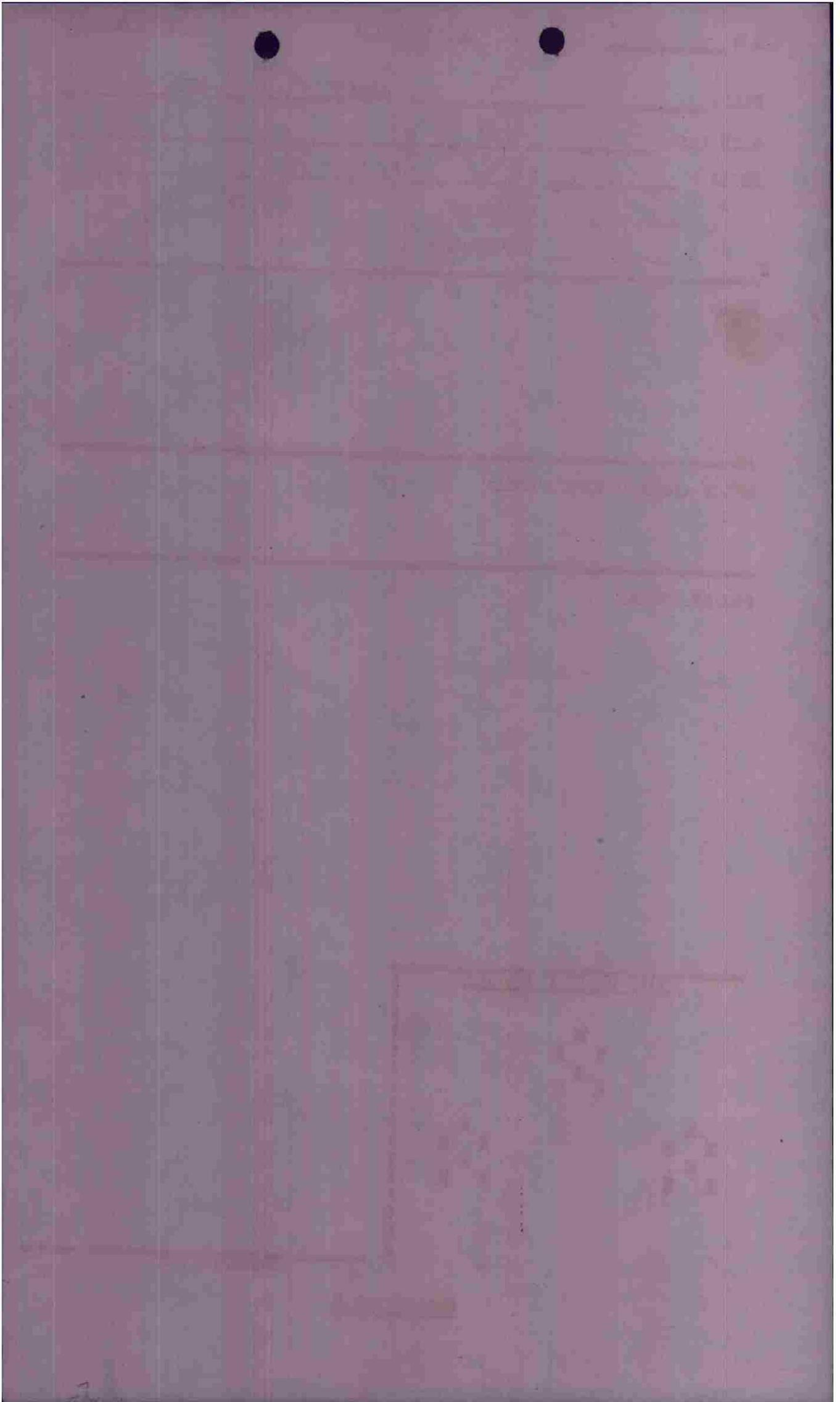
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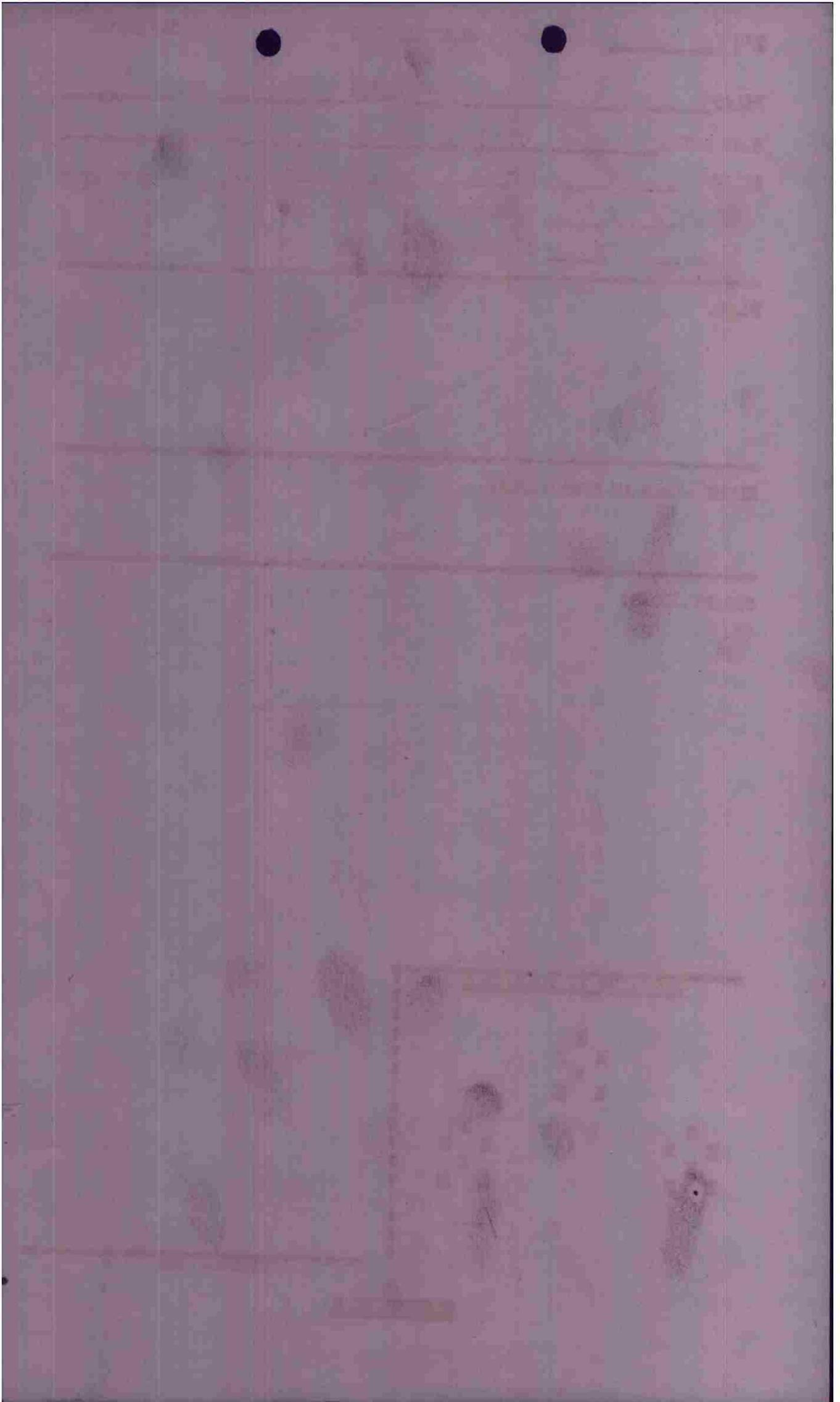
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PILOT Roundstone A/C# 292 BOX II

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Not airborne

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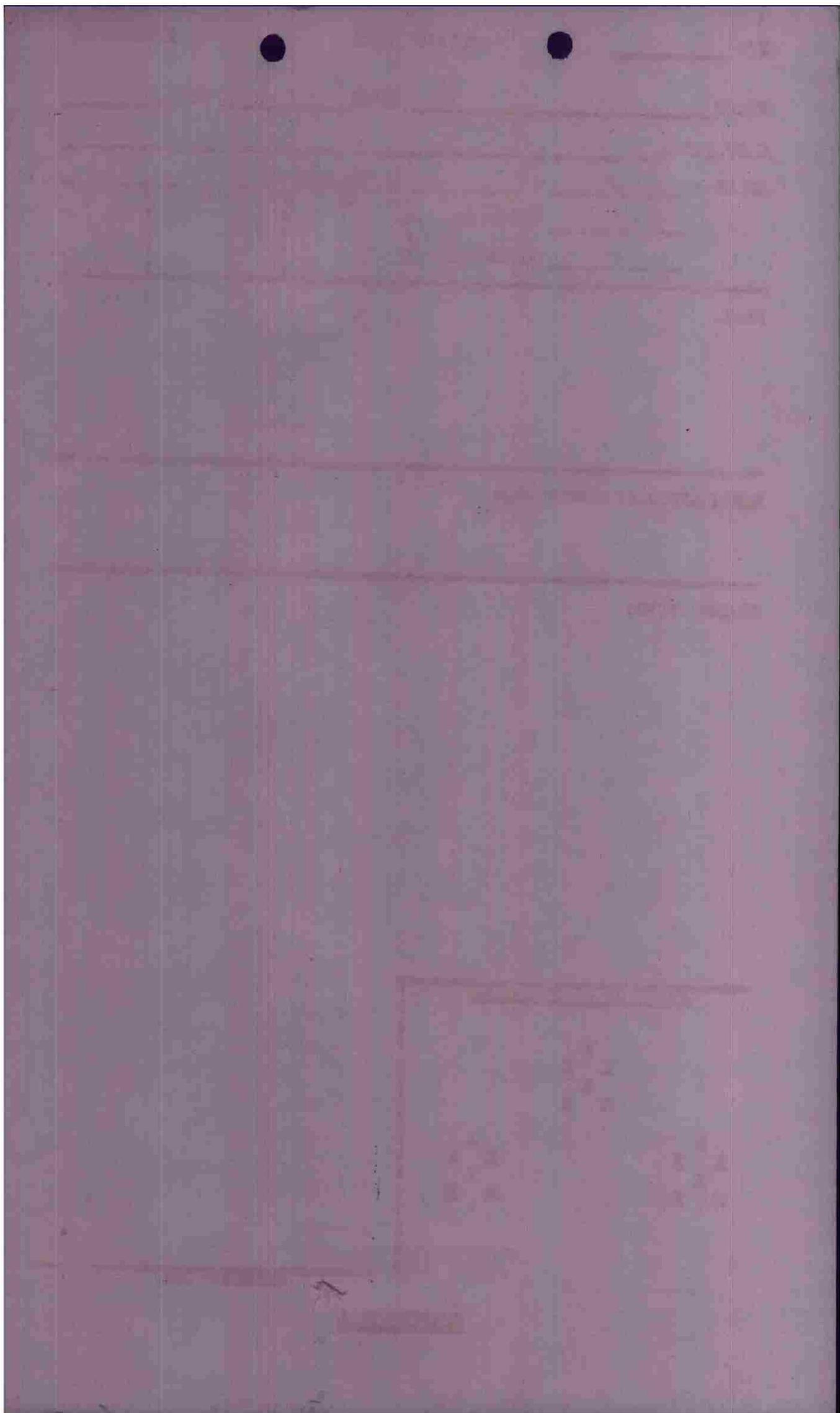
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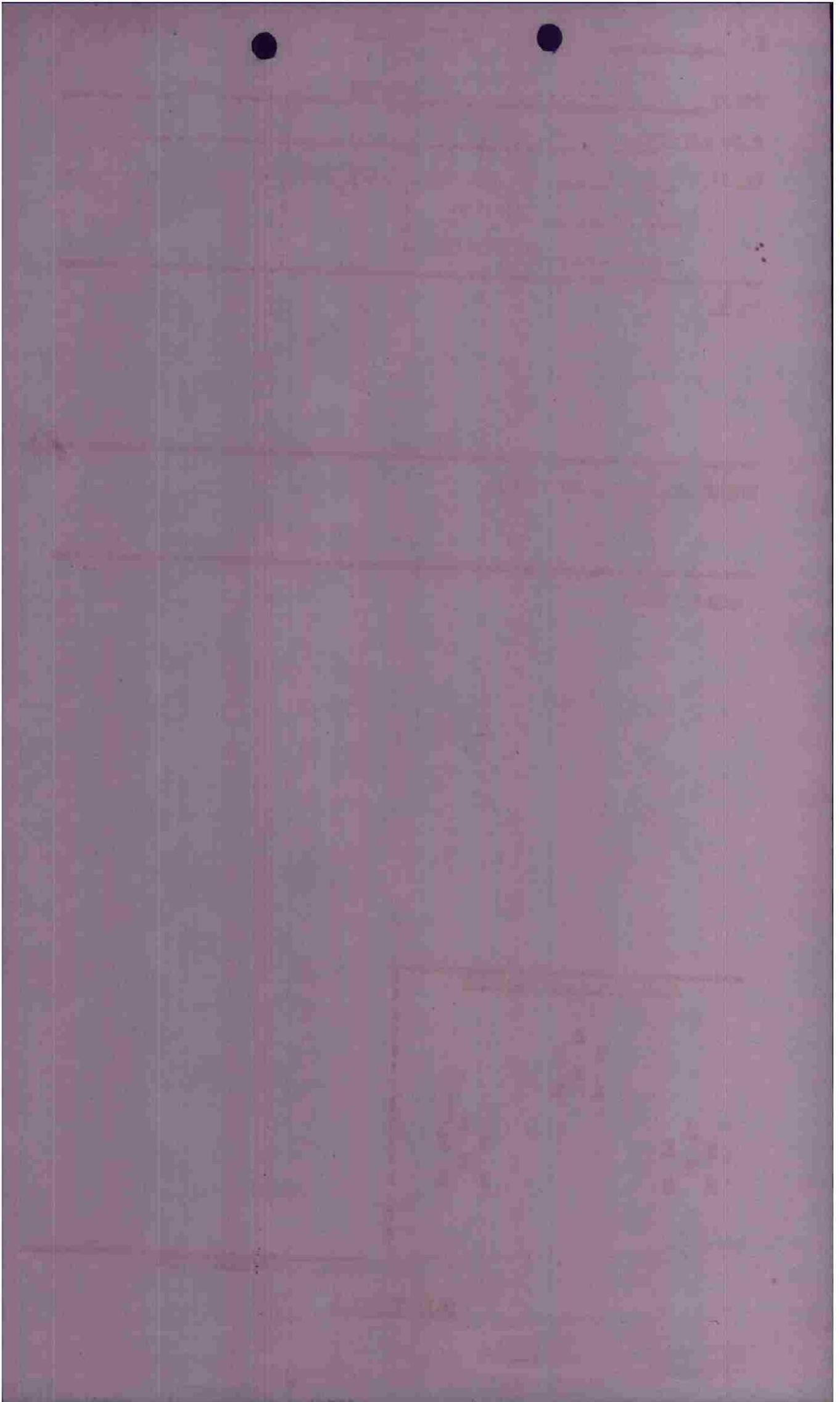
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X   X

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     X X
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PILOT DC Smith A/C# 271 BOX 11

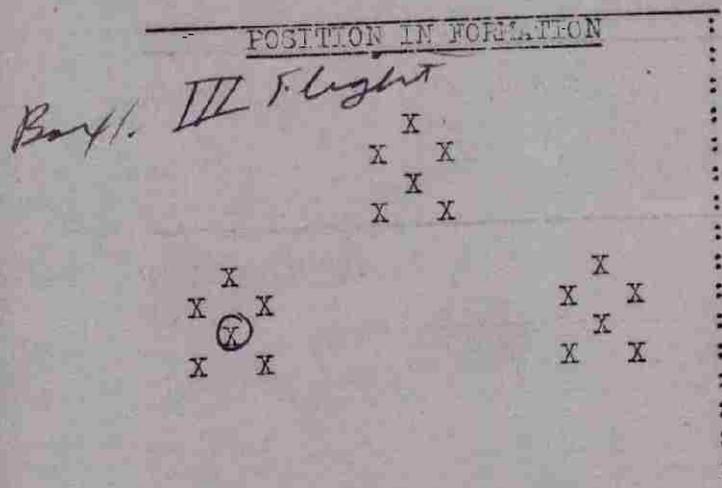
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	RETURNED	JETTISONED	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-10"	"E"
<u>4</u>	<u>X</u>					
		<u>X</u>				
			<u>X</u>			

FLAK:

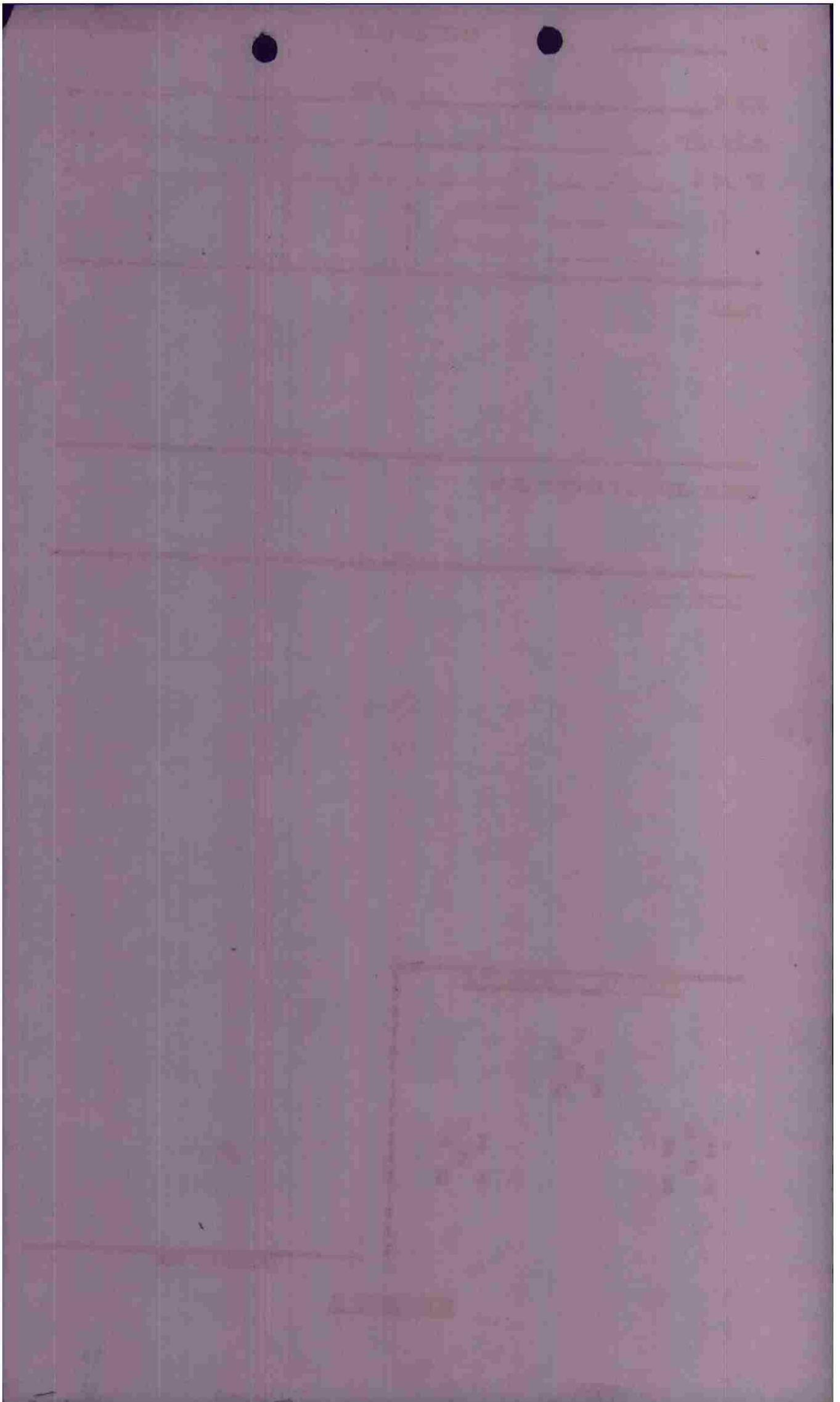
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:
made 3 runs



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PILOT Behlmer A/C# 238 BOX II

CASUALTIES _____

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

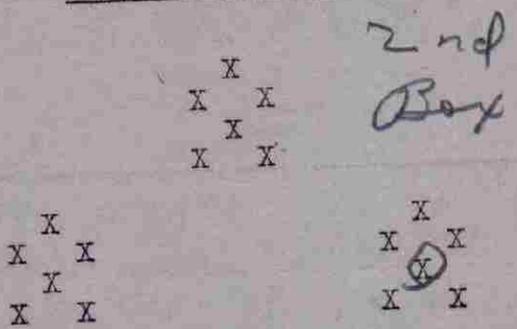
FLAK: 2 bursts behind 1408 + 1410

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS:

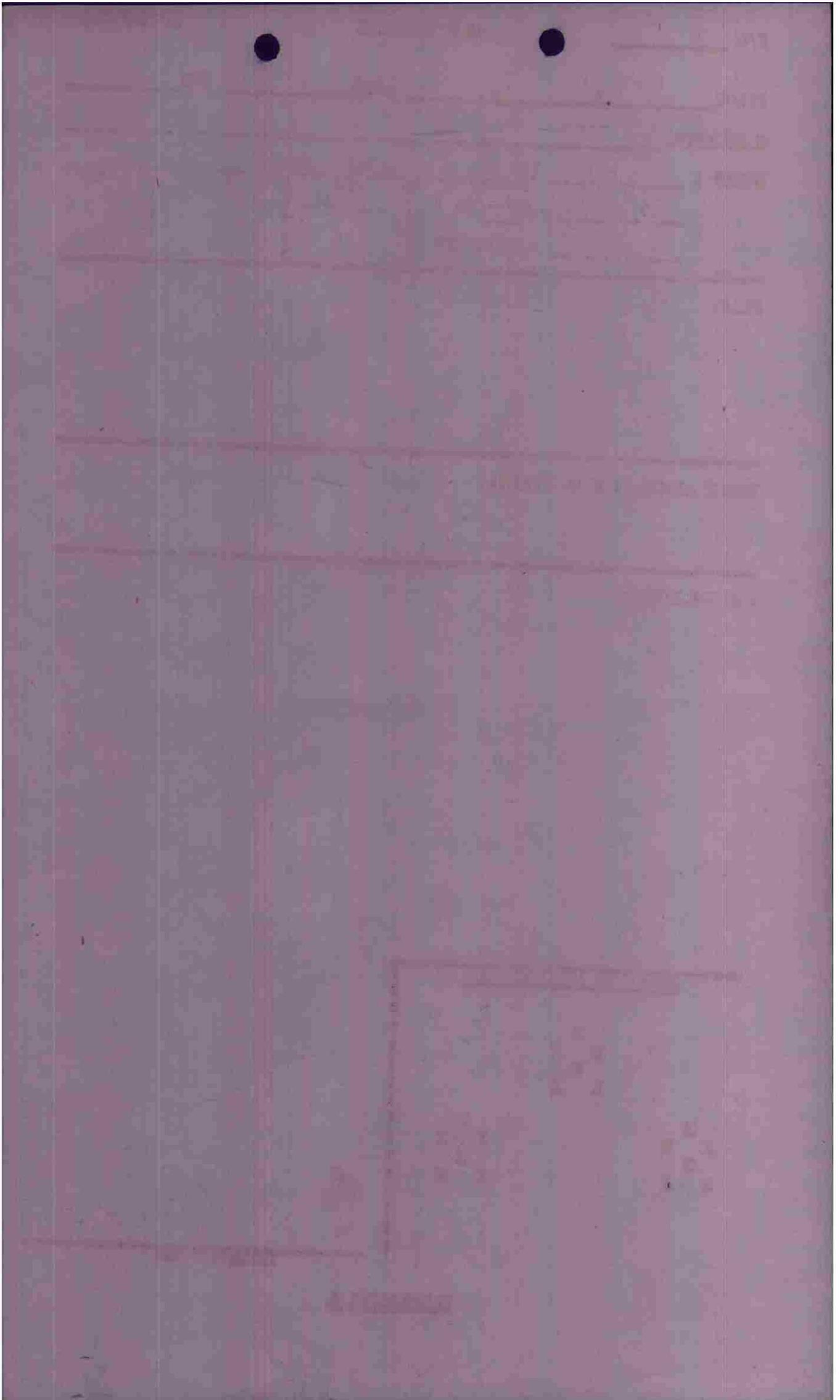
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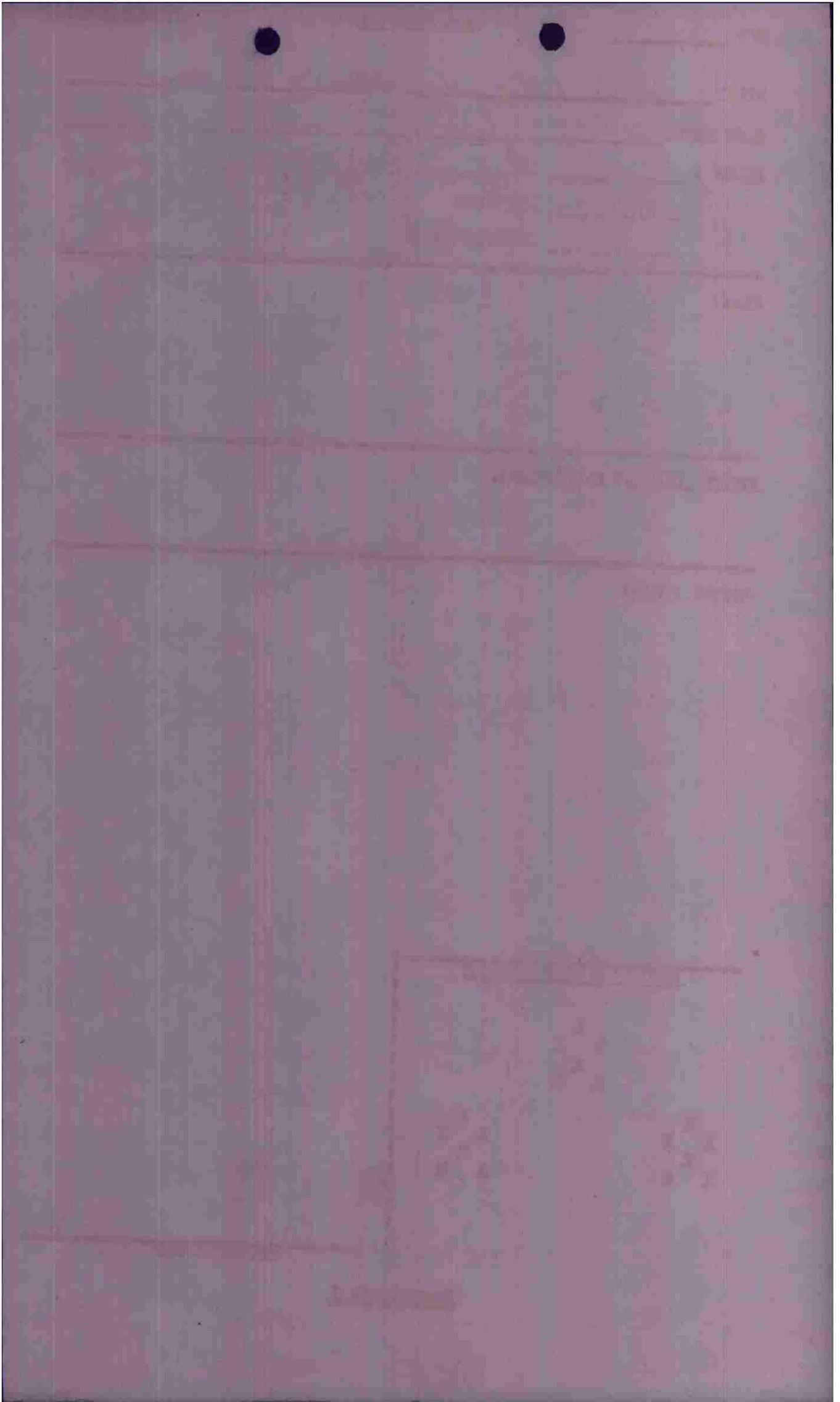


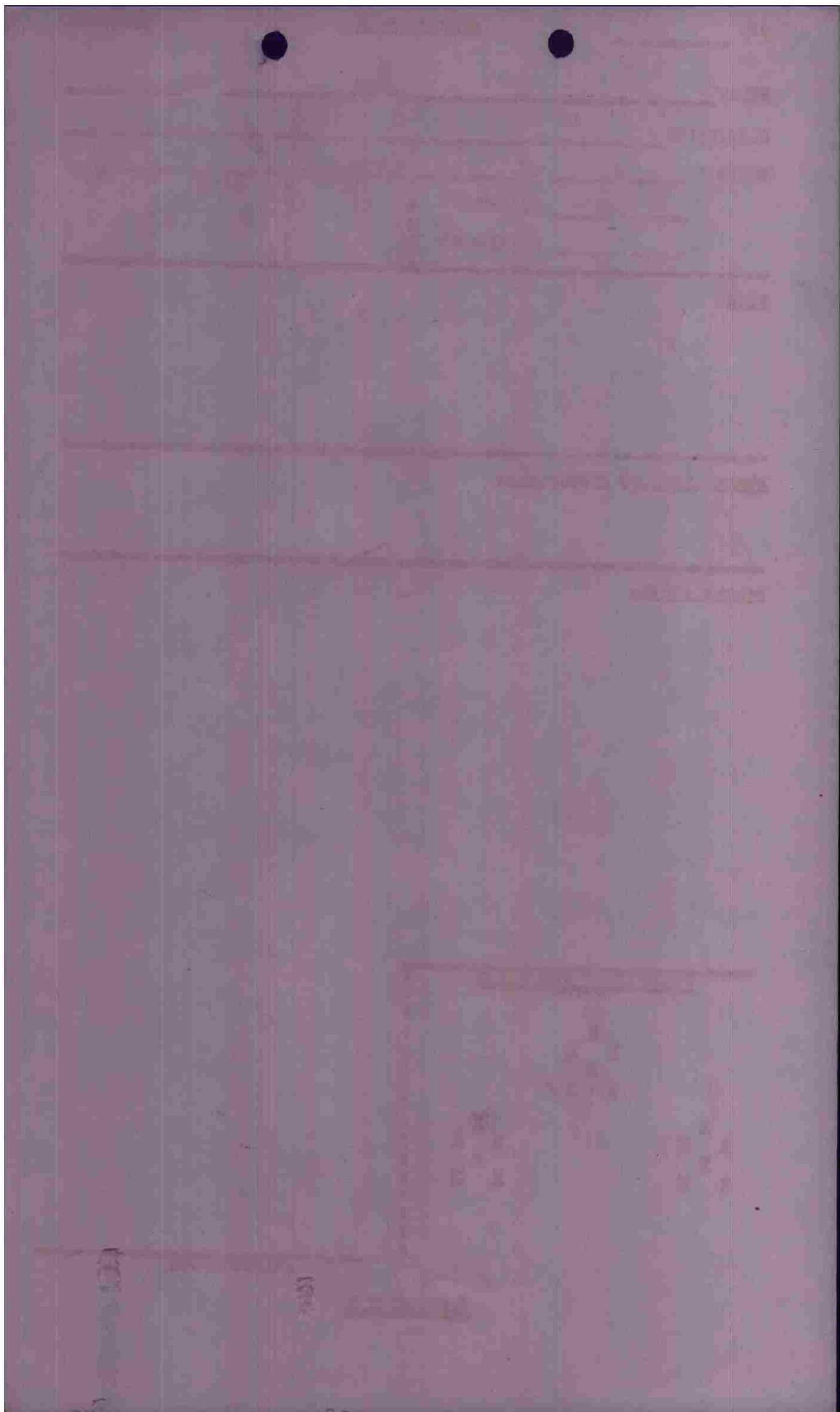
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PILOT R. K. Johnson L/O# 241 BOX 11

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>4</u>	X	RETURNED		
		Y	JETTISONED		

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

observed 15 minutes from top -
Sailed all the way in and out -
P-38 believed to have crashed at
point where fighters left us - saw two
circle down & shortly after saw smoke
and flame from open field - did not
see plane out of control -

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      X
     X X
      X X
     X X

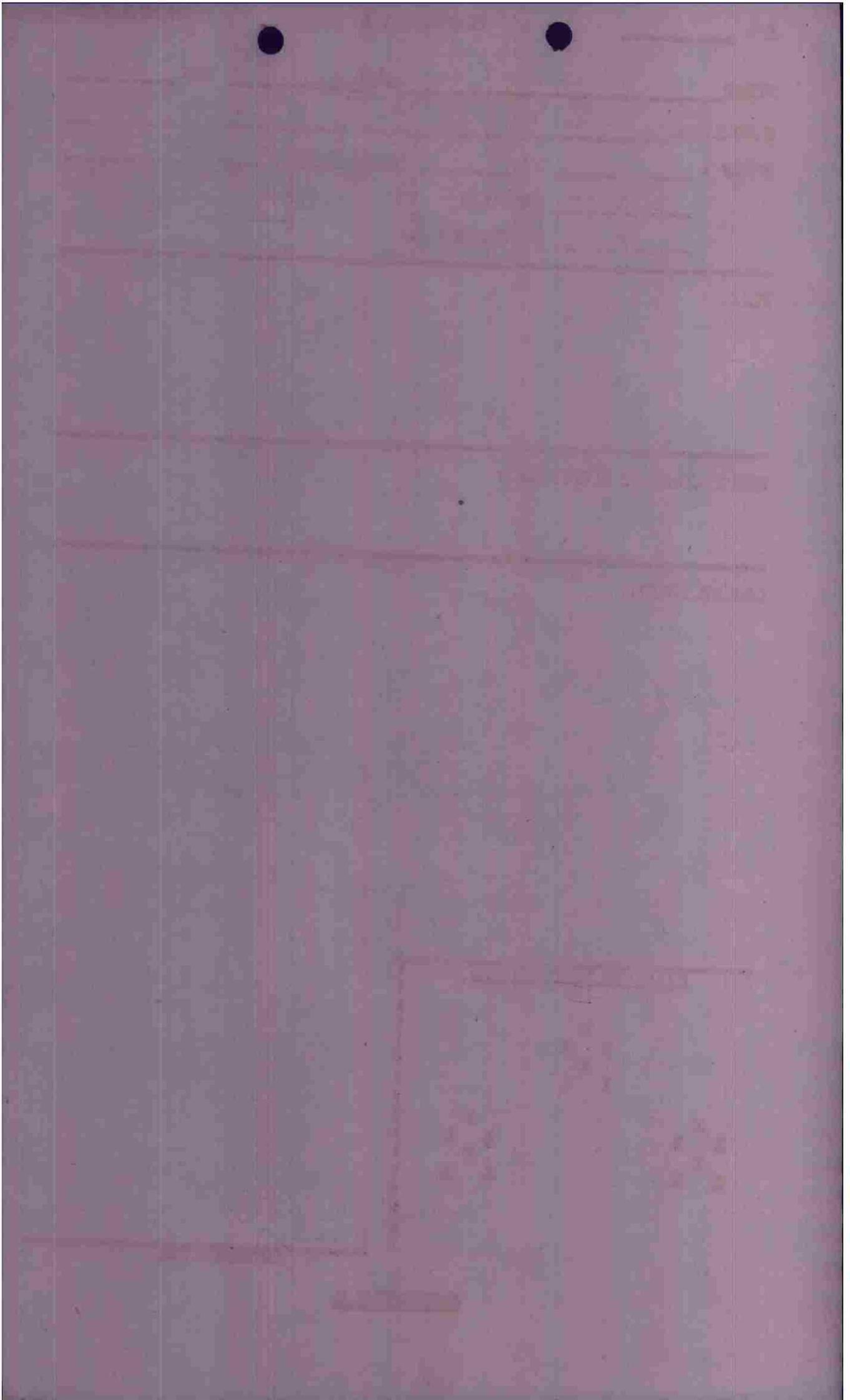
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 X  X X

      X
     X X
    X  X
  
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PILOT Wethington A/C# 250 BOX 5

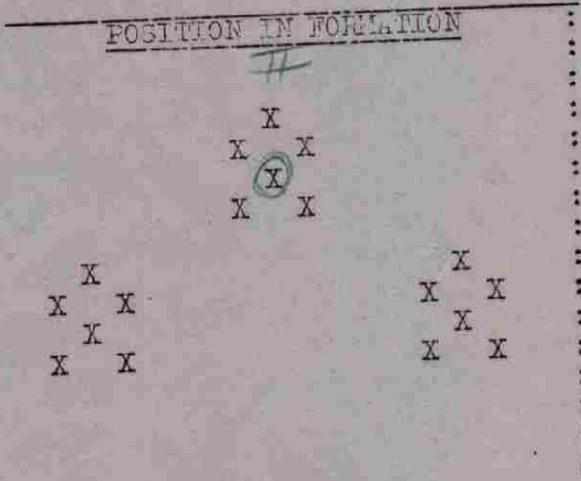
CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u>	X	RETURNED			
	X	RETIRED			

FLAK: nil

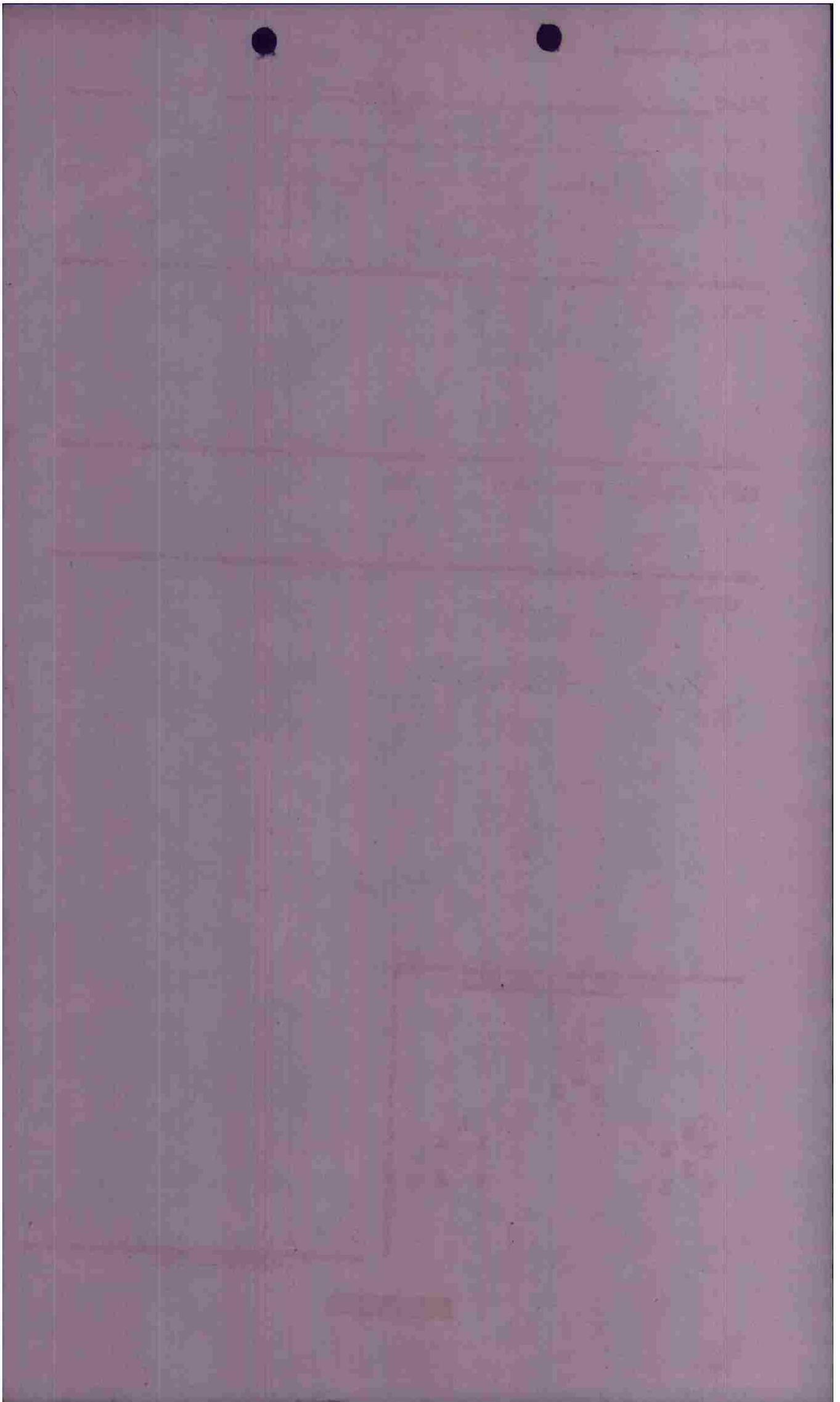
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: Becker did not drop
nil observations



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PILOT Mulhorn A/C# 244 BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	K	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"B"	"E"
<u>4</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>RETURNED</u>		
	<u>X</u>		<u>JETISONED</u>		

FLAK:

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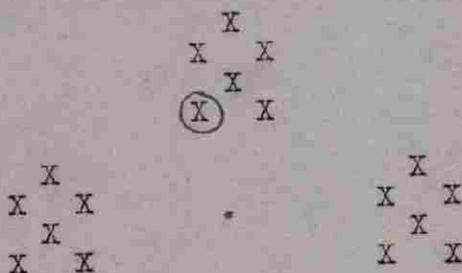
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

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OBSERVATIONS:

10/10 made 3 passes - did not drop because leader did not do so.

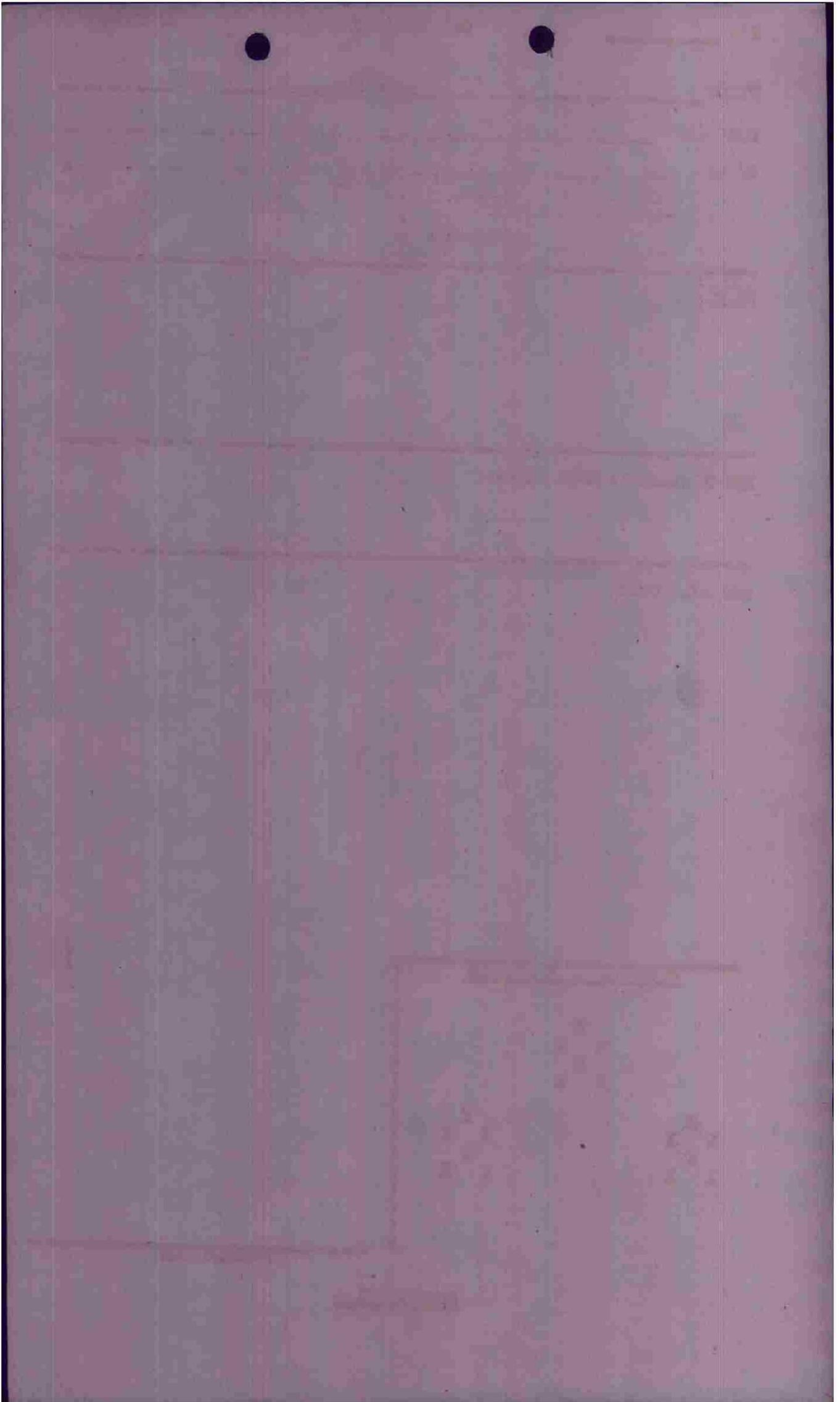
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PILOT De Mun

W/O# 075

BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	RETTAINED DAMAGE	"E"
4 X 4			
<u>4</u> X <u>500</u>	RETURNED		
<u>1</u>	JETTISONED		

FLAK:

1 2 2 2 2

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

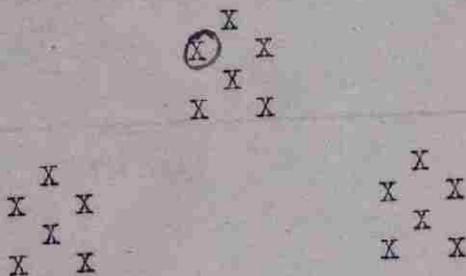
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OBSERVATIONS:

11300

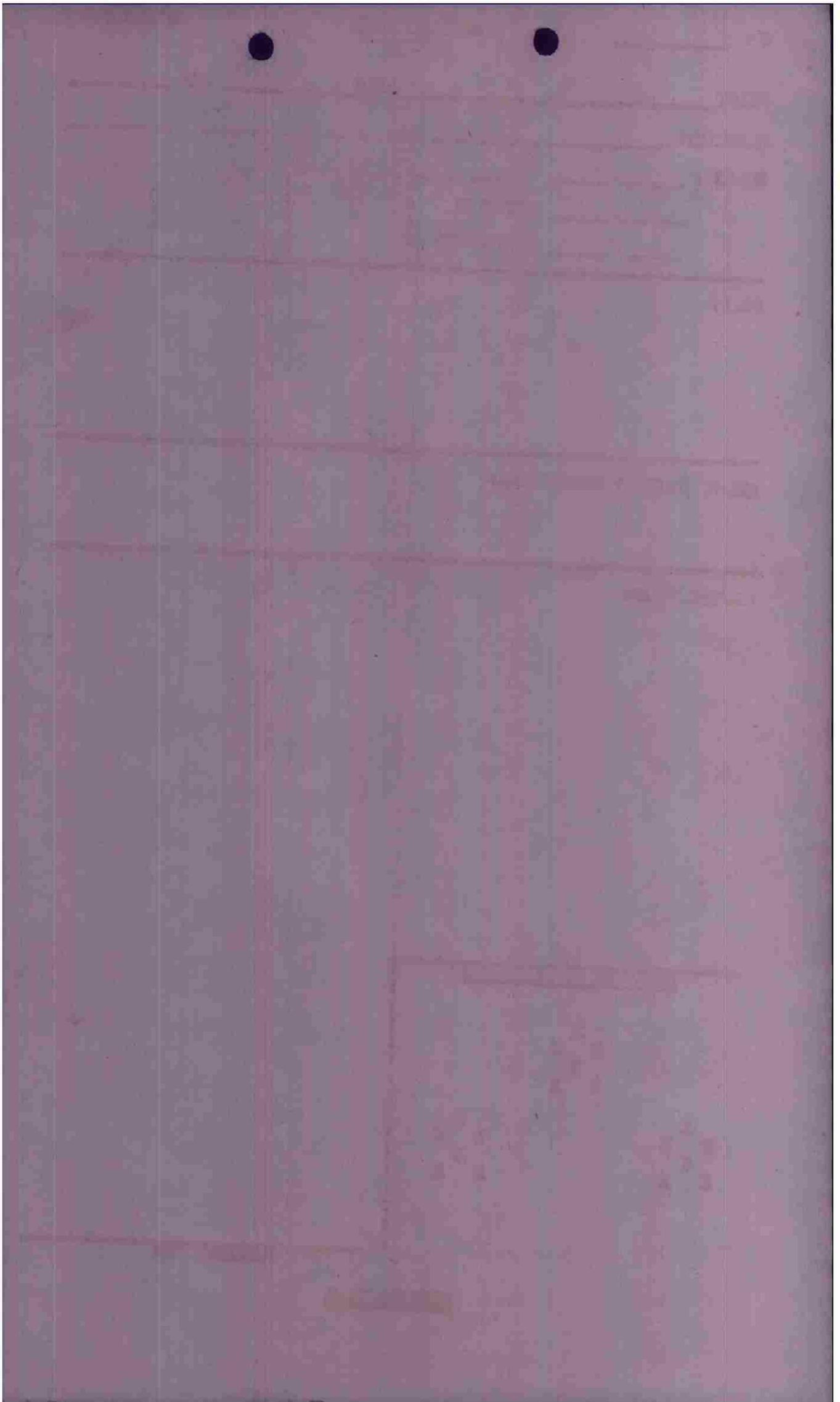
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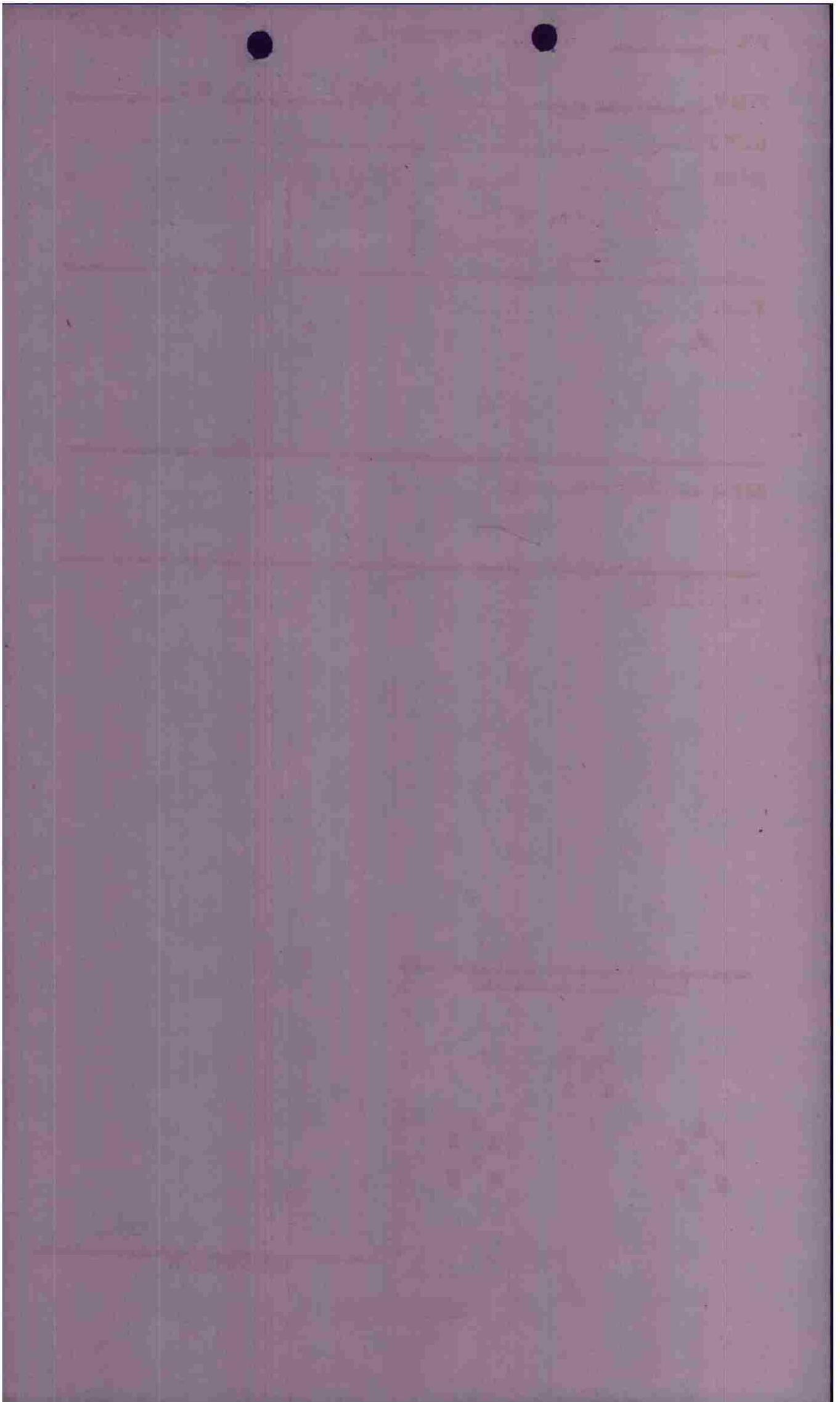
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PILOT Mooney

A/C# 264

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CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	X	ON	PROPERTY DAMAGE	"A-5"	"E"
<u>4</u>	X	<u>1550</u>	<u>RETURNED</u>	:	:
	X	JETTISONED	:	:	:

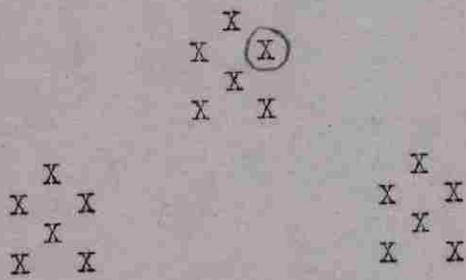
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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: _____

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10 - made 2 or 3 runs on target

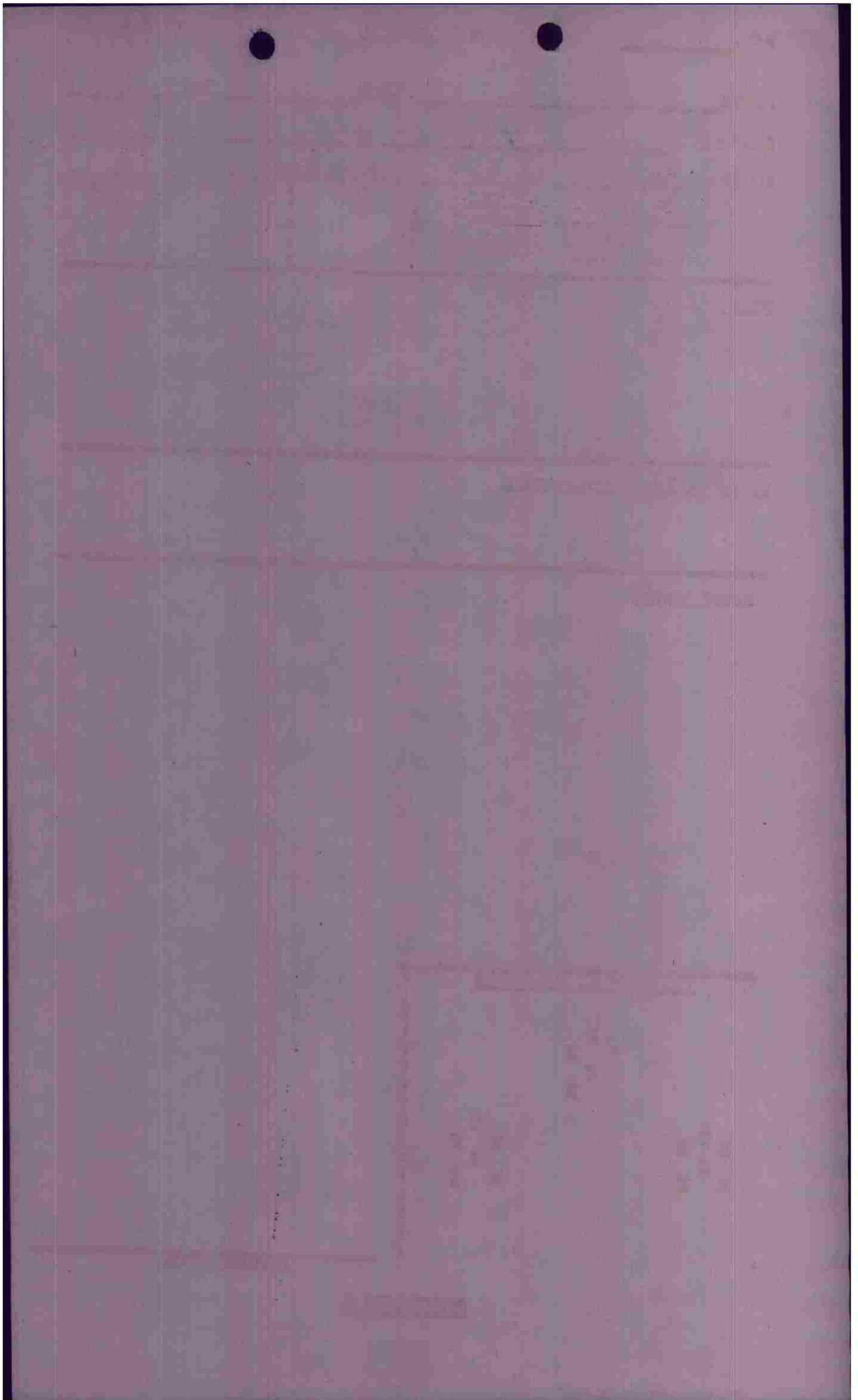
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PILOT Martin A/C# _____ BOX II

CASUALTIES

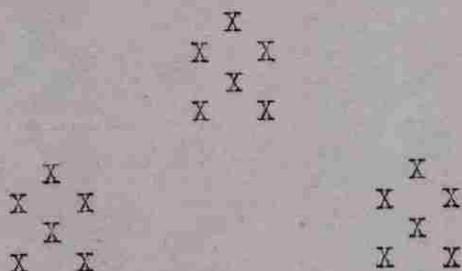
BOMBS :	X	ON	RATING DAMAGE		
			1	2	3
	X	RETURNED	:	:	:
	X	JETWASORED	:	:	:

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

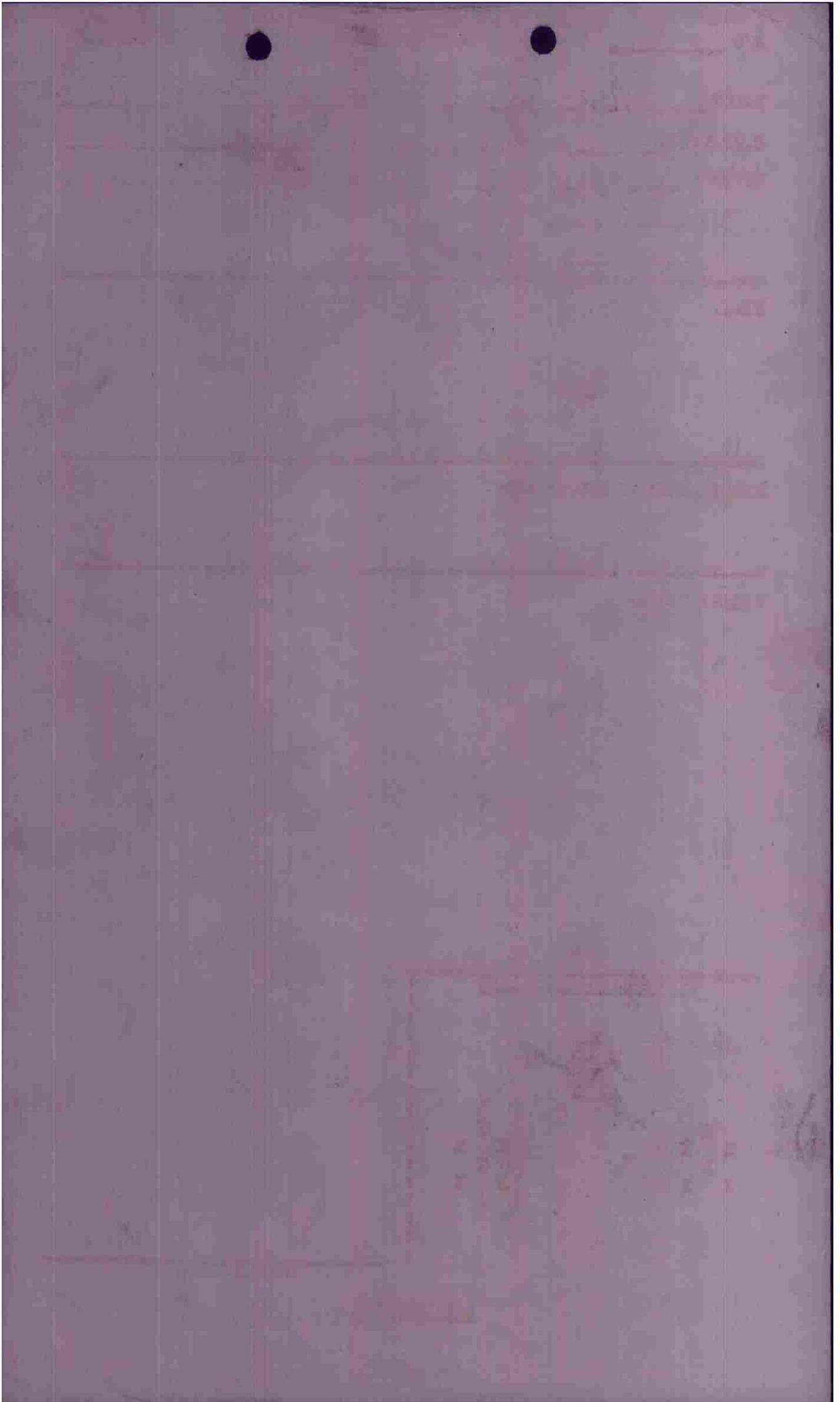
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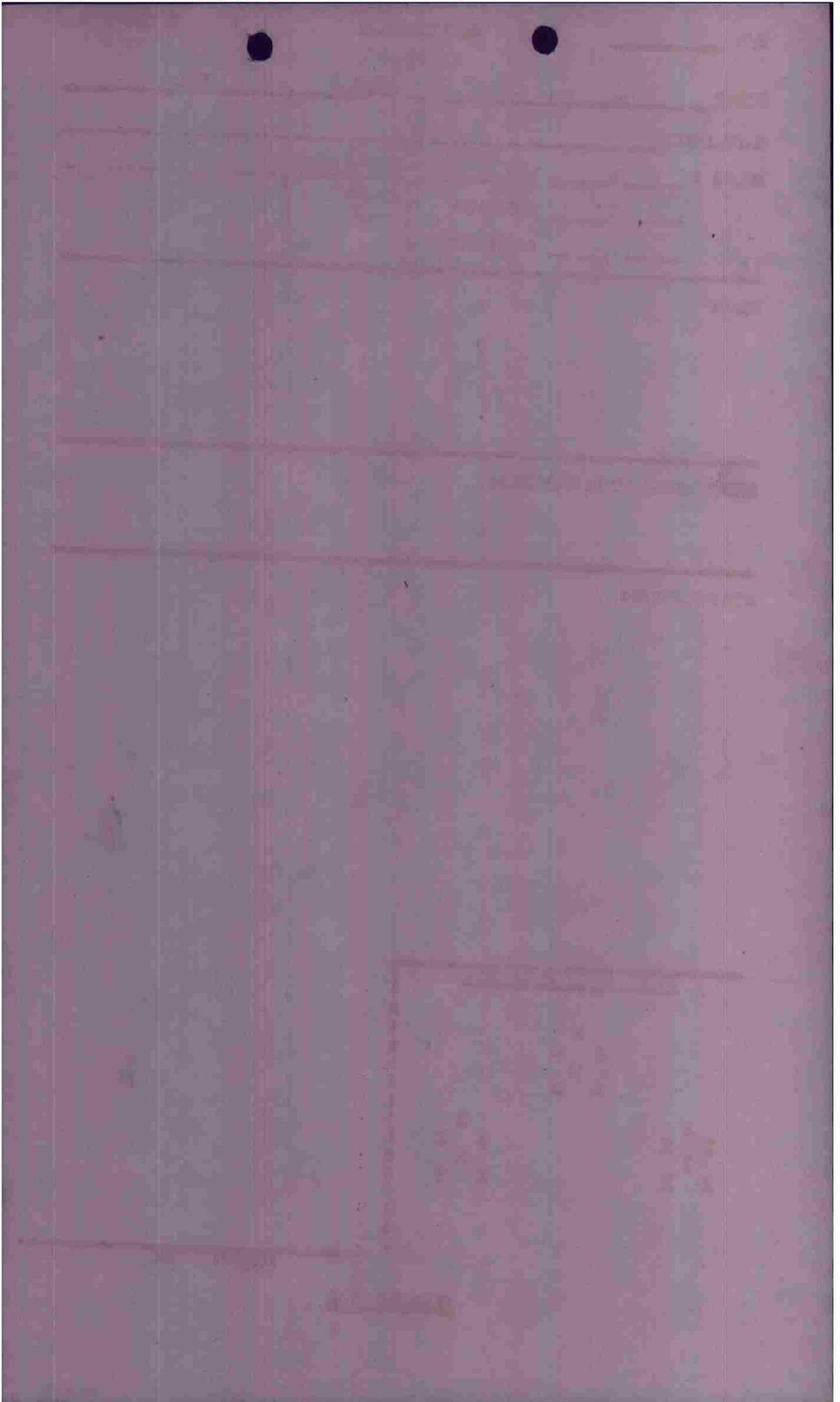
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PILOT Edstrom A/C# _____ BOX _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			WA	WA-CD	WE
	X	RETURNED	:	:	:
	X	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

1000

1000

1000

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1000

POSITION IN FORMATION

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

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

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