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MISSION NO. 186

LOADING LIST  
BOX I  
FLIGHT I

15 JANUARY 1945

1. 089 R  
Lt. Col. D.L. Willetts ✓ 3:40  
Lt. P.G. Royalty ✓  
Cpl. J.W. Rose  
S/Sgt. D.L. MacElhattan 6:00  
*H\**

4. 265 V  
Lt. A.E. Herman ✓ 3:55  
S/Sgt. R.W. Chevront 6:20

2. 234 P  
Lt. D.A. Fero ✓ 3:40  
S/Sgt. T.W. Skelton 6:25

5. 237 D  
Lt. A.E. Hlivko ✓ 3:50  
Cpl. L.J. Farmer 6:00

3. 208 L  
Lt. J.H. Miller ✓ 3:40  
S/Sgt. J. Galender \* 6:00

6. Lt. L.W. Edstrom no aircraft  
Cpl. P.A. Fompa available  
*omit from Gen Report*

FLIGHT II

1. 173 W  
Captain P.G. Atkinson ✓ 4:10  
Lt. D.G. Ackerson  
Sgt. L. R. Friday  
Sgt. J.L. Collier \* 5:55

4. 315 L-1  
Lt. D.L. Grunig  
S/Sgt. M.E. Dias \* 4:10  
6:00

2. 307 N-1  
Lt. J.A. Cook ✓ 7:00  
Sgt. W.B. Jackson 4:15

5. 222 S  
Lt. J.C. Sewell ✓ 4:00  
S/Sgt. J.A. Humer 6:20

3. 334 G  
Lt. J.R. Warren ✓ 4:05  
S/Sgt. S.M. Turpin \* 6:50

6. 224 E  
F/O J.A. Green ✓ 7:50  
Cpl. R.J. Kamischke 5:20

FLIGHT III

1. 381 P-1  
Lt. C.C. Hish ✓  
Lt. R.B. Shaft ✓  
S/Sgt. J.W. Felkel 3:45  
Sgt. R.P. Windisch 5:40  
*H\**

4. 219 E-1 3:55  
Lt. F.W. Harris ✓  
Sgt. C.W. Williford 6:45

2. 188 R-1  
Lt. O.F. Jacobsen ✓ 5:60 3:45  
Sgt. A. Pettinicchi

5. 233 F 3:50  
Lt. W.W. Annin ✓  
Sgt. C.J. Rivard 7:25

3. 290 L-2  
Lt. L.K. Wright  
Sgt. D.W. Van Gelder  
*Aircraft went  
out of  
communication  
for generator  
before this time*

6. 259 H 3:50  
Lt. A.S. Matheson ✓  
Cpl. C.J. Kaminski 8:00

19 3142

MISSION NO. 185

LOADING LIST  
BOX II  
FLIGHT I

15 JANUARY 1945

1. 023 X  
 Lt. R.F. Pair ✓  
 Lt. J.L. Corum ✓  
 S/Sgt. H.S. Fessler ✓  
 S/Sgt. R.J. Brown ✓  
*5:00*  
*4:40*

4. 250 A  
 Lt. D.L. Withington ✓  
 S/Sgt. C.F. Huss ✓  
*3:45*  
*6:40*

2. 235 M  
 Lt. M. Wallman  
 Cpl. A. Belt  
*Ret'd Early*  
*lets to know*  
*could not catch formation*

5. 264 I  
 Lt. S. Mooney  
 Cpl. R.C. Schumacher  
*3:45*  
*6:90*

3. Lt. J.G. Gary  
*and you from report*  
*aircraft went out*  
*of Commission*  
*low Bomb Rack*  
*before this time*

6. 244 I-1  
 Lt. G.L. Milhorn ✓  
 Sgt. D. Chest ✓  
*3:40*  
*7:20*

FLIGHT II

1. 614 A-1  
 Lt. Col. J.G. Napier ✓  
 Lt. D.L. Moore ✓  
 S/Sgt. R.W. Carstens ✓  
 S/Sgt. R.P. Sharp ✓  
*4:80*  
*3:40*

4. 238 M-1  
 Lt. R.L. Behlmer ✓  
 Lt. C.E. Weinert ✓  
 S/Sgt. A.J. Burland ✓  
*3:35*  
*6:00*

2. 252 D-1  
 Lt. M.W. DuBose ✓  
 S/Sgt. J.H. Walters ✓  
*5:50*  
*3:35*

5.  
 6. Lt. E.R. Hayter  
 Cpl. A.A. Dalton  
*Smith from report*  
*no aircraft available*

3. 241 F  
 Lt. R.M. Johnson ✓  
 Cpl. H.E. Brandt ✓  
*5:45*  
*3:40*

FLIGHT III

1. 075 J  
 Captain E.E. DeMun ✓  
 Lt. R.J. McQuade ✓  
 S/Sgt. W.W. Donnelly ✓  
 Sgt. O.J. Kruger ✓  
*3:50*  
*5:80*

4. 296 N  
 Lt. J.F. Allen  
 S/Sgt. L.R. Getzen  
*Ret'd Early*  
*Engine trouble*  
*no fuel would not return*  
*low in Bomber*

2. 271 R  
 Lt. D.E. Smith ✓  
 Cpl. R. DeStefano ✓  
*3:50*  
*6:50*

5. 229 B  
 Lt. R.W. Van Rope  
 Cpl. W.H. Klingman  
*6:10*

3. 292 H  
 Lt. L.E. Foundstone  
 Cpl. L.L. Richardson  
*not airborne*  
*could not get*  
*drop down*  
*Ret'd out of formation*  
*out, jumped out*  
*jumped out*

6. Lt. E.C. Martin  
 Cpl. W.R. Sumner Jr.  
*No aircraft available*  
*Smith from report*

SECRET

ADTD: CG, A-55

17 Jan 45

INITIAL:

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

R-4-1

AFD 140, U.S. ARMY,  
17 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

TO : Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (L), AFD 140, U.S. Army.  
(Attn: A-4 Section)

I. 16 January 1945, T.O. 1112, Sismern R.R. Bridge, F.O. 133-708.

II. 45-22292 Wing flaps would not lower. Batteries were low and pilot failed to turn on generator switches. Pilot error.  
(Lt L.E. Poundstone)

III. 45-22509 Right engine rough. No 11 and No 10 cylinder spark plugs dead. Time on spark plugs was 1 hour and 45 minutes. These were new plugs.  
(Lt J.F. Allen)

41-59235 Pilot took off too late to find formation. The late take-off was due to a bomb rack malfunction on preflight which was corrected, although it delayed the take-off and consequently the pilot could not find the formation.  
(Lt M. Ballman)

IV. 45-22507 All bombs returned. The pilot failed to turn up intervalometer counter knob which does not permit intervalometer to receive current for operation.  
(Lt J.A. Cook)

V. 41-39235 Right wheel would not retract. Main landing gear down lock had 1/8" excessive overlap on retracting cam causing failure to unlock. This discrepancy should have been found on the daily inspection. Ground personnel error.  
(Lt M. Ballman)

VI. 1 - 3:40 - 600  
2 - 3:40 - 625  
3 - 3:40 - 600  
4 - 3:55 - 620  
5 - 4:10 - 585  
6 - 5:50 - 600  
7 - 4:15 - 700  
8 - 4:05 - 650

1 - 4:00 - 560  
2 - Returned early  
3 - 3:45 - 640  
4 - 3:45 - 690  
5 - 3:40 - 720  
6 - 3:40 - 680  
7 - 3:55 - 550  
8 - 3:40 - 545

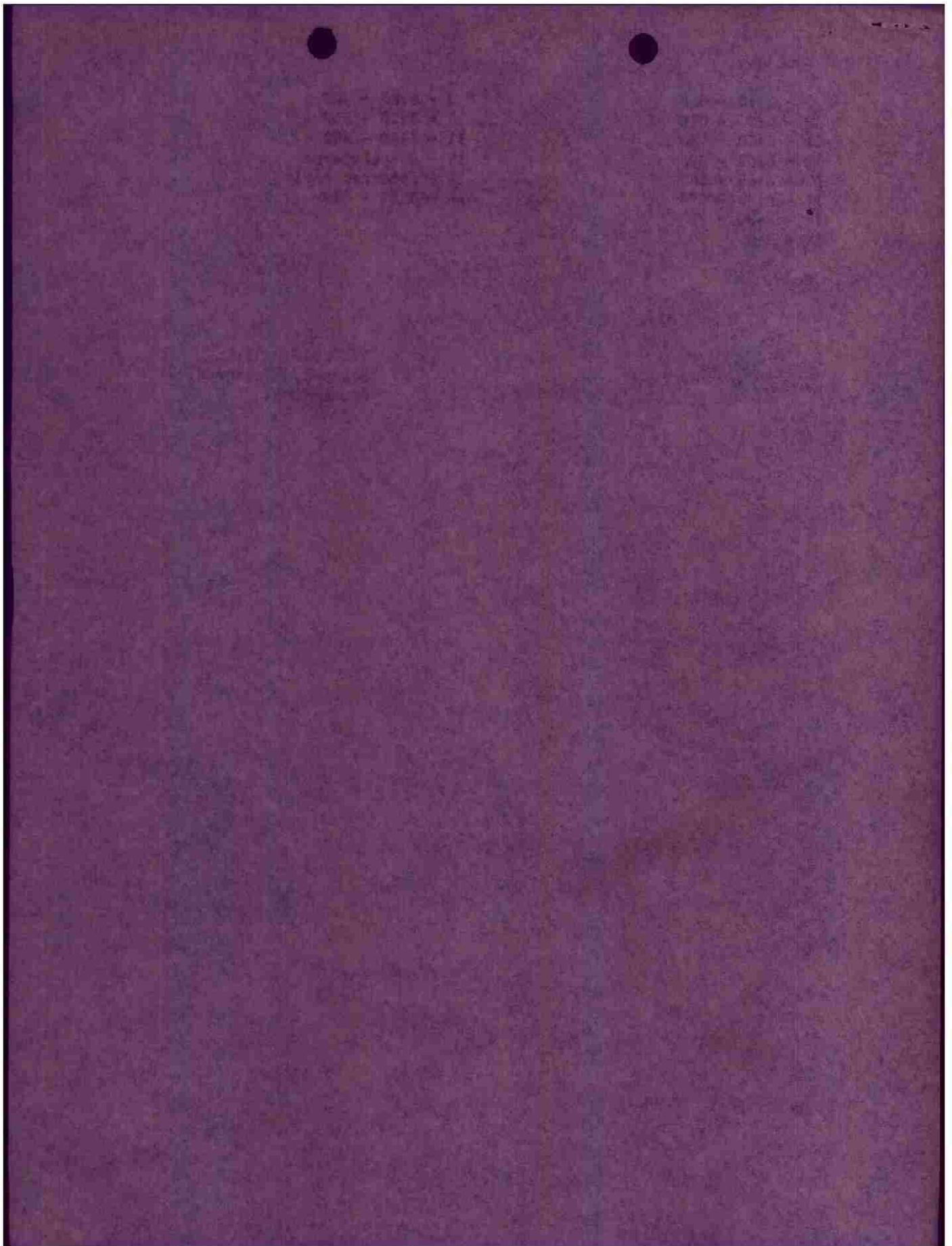
VI. Cont'd.

9 - 4:10 - 600  
10 - 4:00 - 620  
11 - 5:20 - 750  
12 - 3:45 - 590  
13 - 3:45 - 560  
14 - 3:55 - 675  
15 - 3:40 - 725  
16 - 3:50 - 800

9 - 3:25 - 800  
10 - 3:50 - 550  
11 - 3:50 - 680  
12 - Not airborne  
13 - Returned early  
14 - 3:50 - 610

VII. Name.

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



POST MISSION REPORT

MISSION NO. 186  
DATE 15 Jan. 45

1. NUMBER OF MEN WOUNDED: None

2. MISSING MALFUNCTIONS: None

3. CAMERA MALFUNCTIONS: None

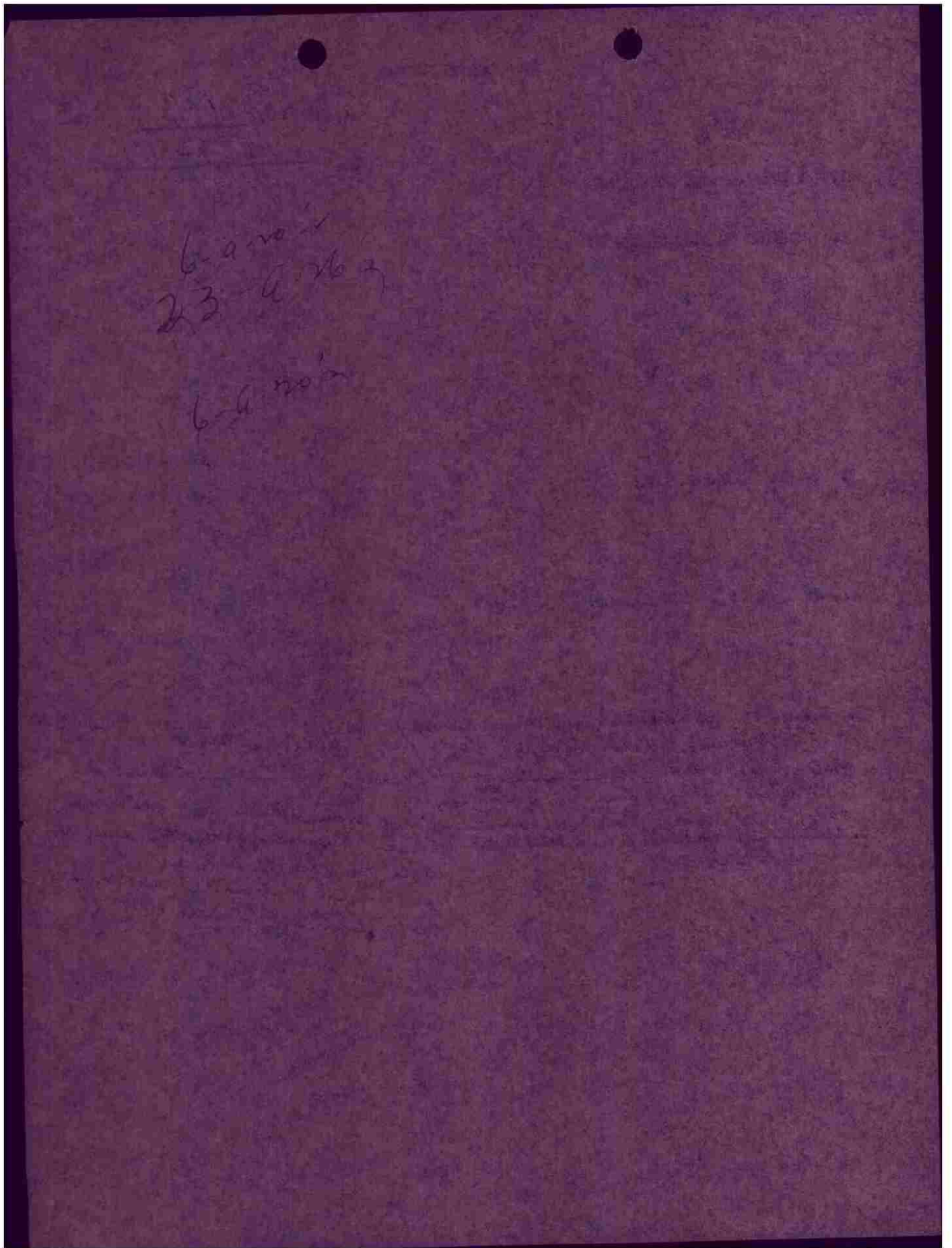
4. NUMBER OF BATTERIES DAMAGED: None

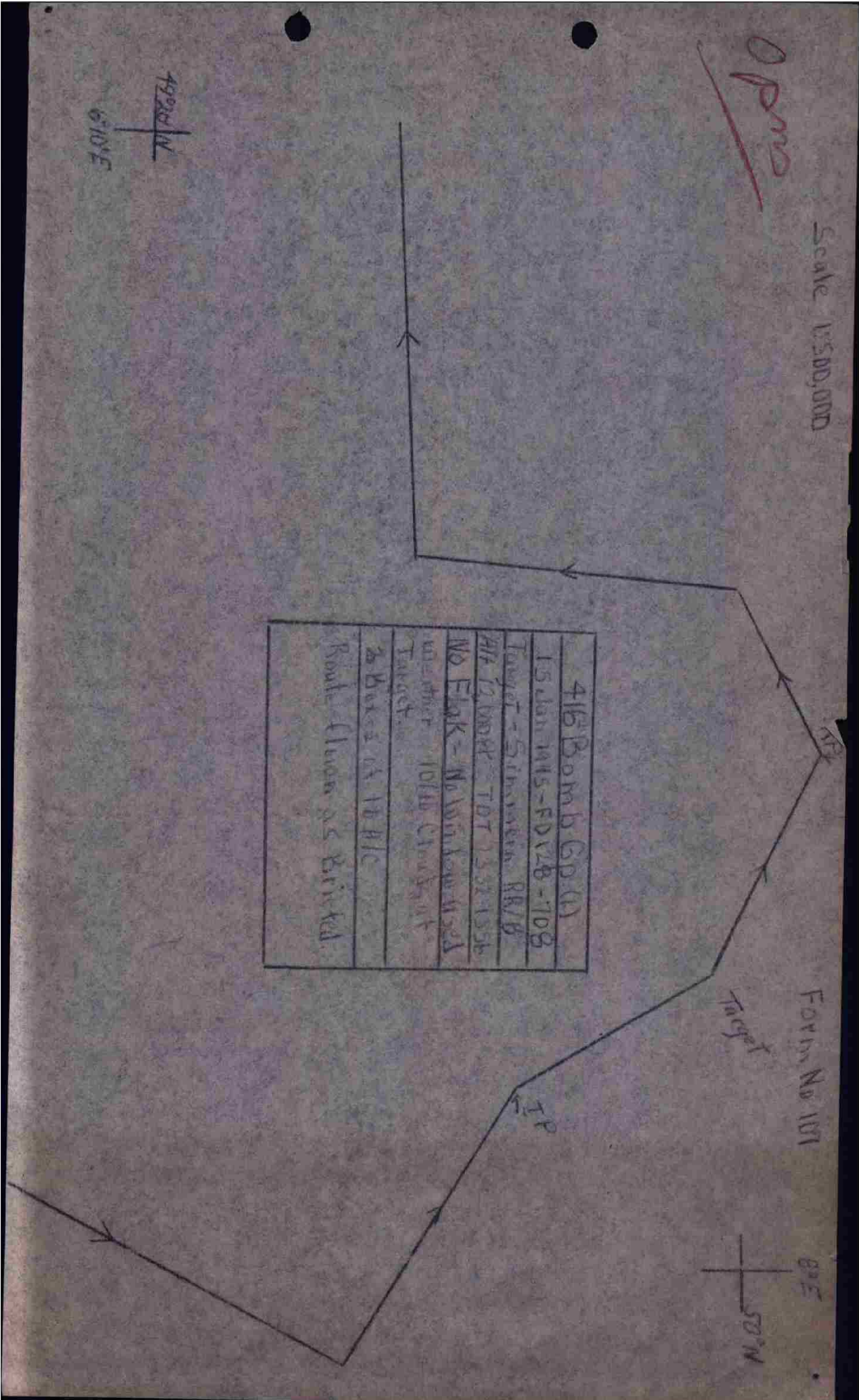
5. PLAINS FAILING TO ESCAPE AIRBORNE OR ESTABLISHING BASES:

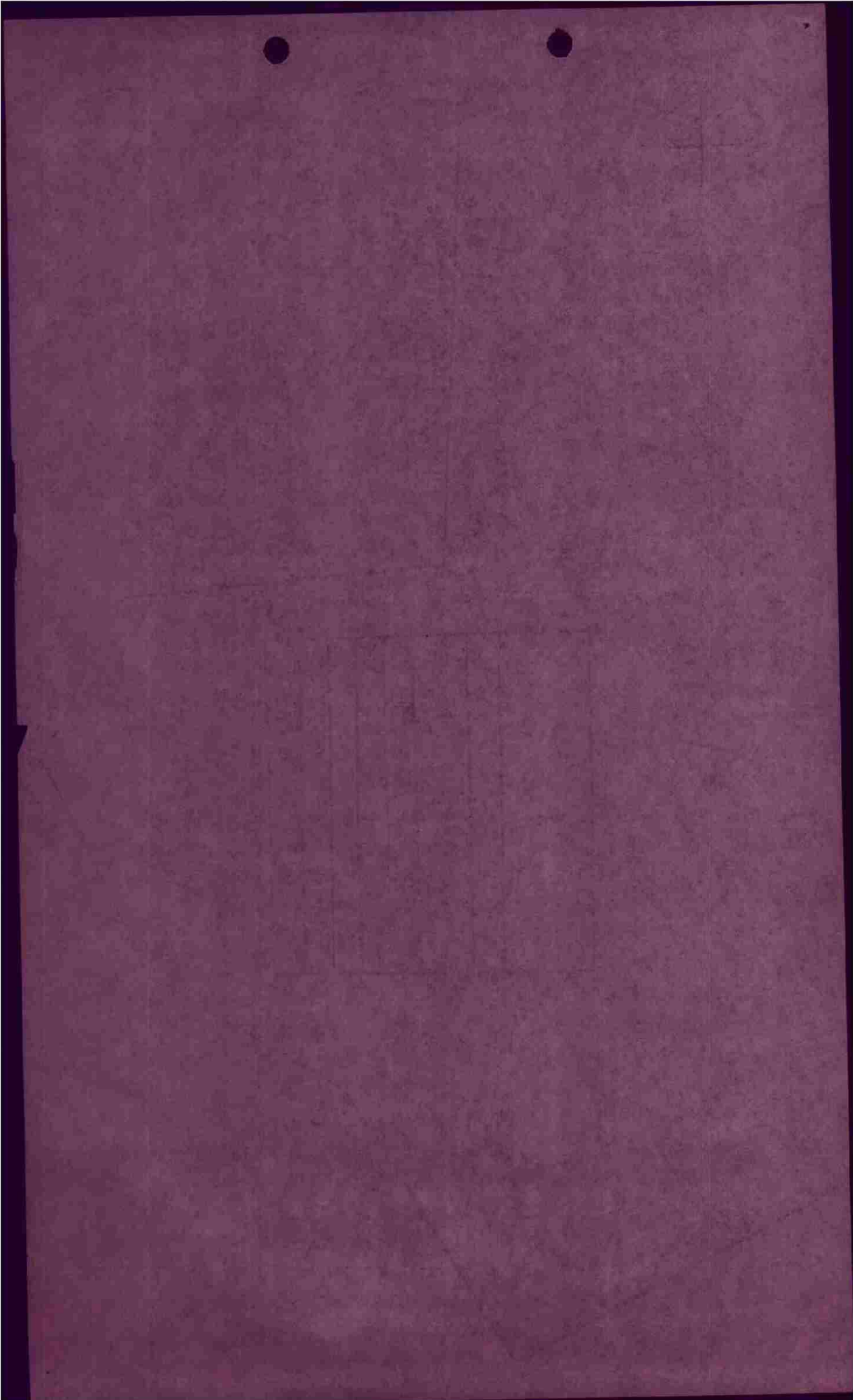
- 235 - Wallman - Kild early. Late takeoff. Could not catch formation.
- 306 - Kild early - attempt to turn back, noise when would not retreat and give in boundary.
- 377 - Penderstone - flat airframe - Pilot error. Could not get flaps down because generator switches were off. Circuit wires cut due to frozen solder and radio & interphone were cut.

6. PLAINS FAILING TO REACH OR HOLDING BACK FROM BASES:  
~~235 - Wallman~~







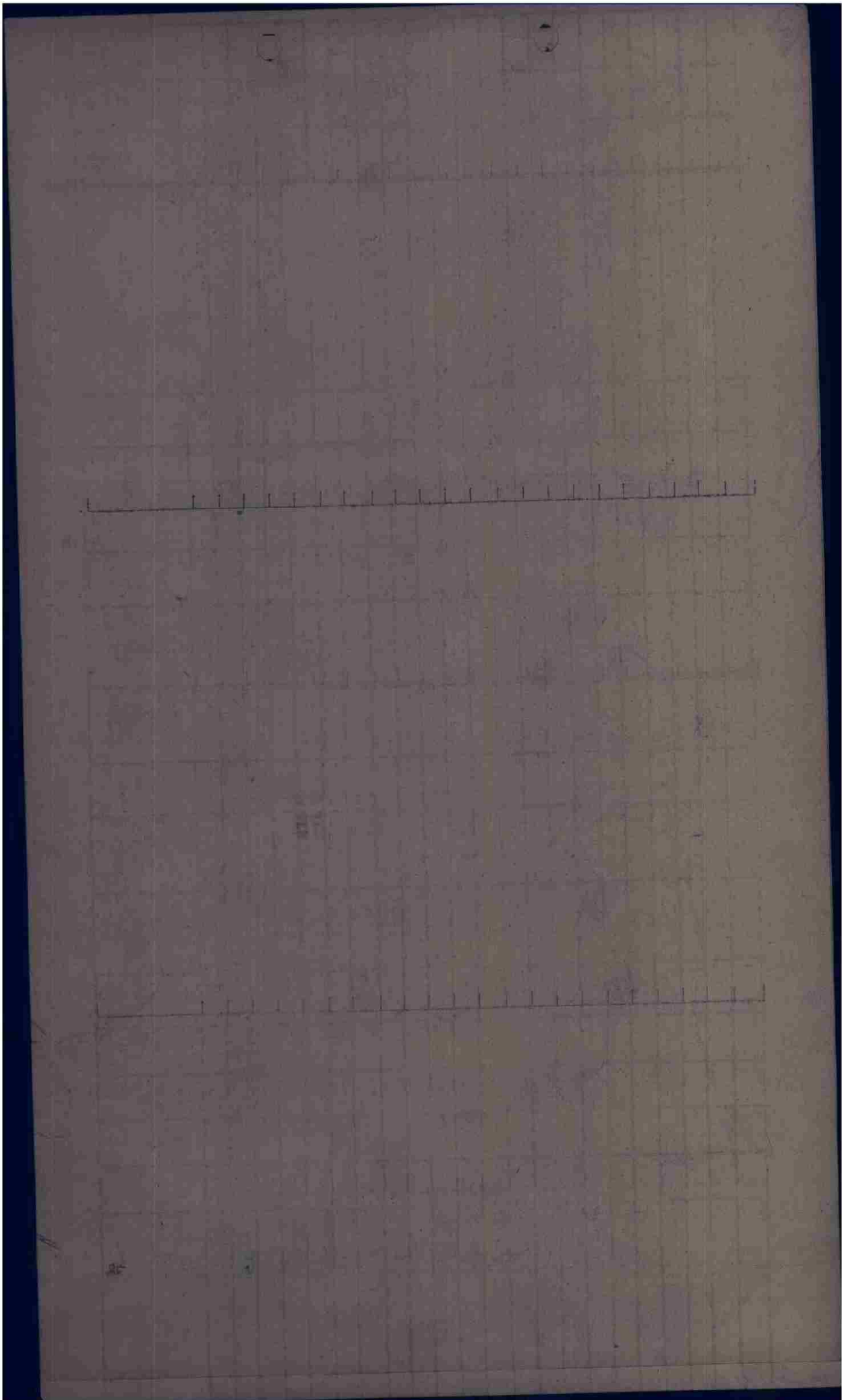


*Amerson to 1880*

*Box I*

*15 Jan 1945*

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D	R	089	Willeth	623		1112						HC			1448	3:40	
D	P	234	Fero			1112									1449	3:40	
D	L	208	Mullen			1113									1449	3:40	
D	V	265	Herman			1113									1501	3:50	
D	D	239	Hirke			1114									1501	3:50	
D	W	173	Ackerson			1114									1529	4:10	
D	N-1	309	Cook			1114									1529	4:10	
D	G	334	Warr			1115									1570	4:05	
D	K-1	315	Stunning			1115									1571	4:10	
D	S	222	Jewell			1116									1614	4:00	
D	E	224	Green			1115									1634	3:20	
D	P-1	081	Harsh			1121									1507	3:50	
D	R-1	188	Jacobson			1117									1507	3:50	
D	K-2	290	Wright			1117									1509	3:55	
D	E-1	219	Stadler			1117									1508	3:50	
D	F	233	Amern			1118									1507	3:50	
D	H	259	Matherson			1118									1507	3:50	
D	H	254	Matherson			1118									1507	3:50	



OIITA OIJES OIJKI OIJPO OIJJF V OIJEJ OIJEJ 04/15 OP-OP  
T (OIITA T OIJJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 15/0239A J-158-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

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

FIELD ORDER NO. 125-708

MAPS: NORMAL

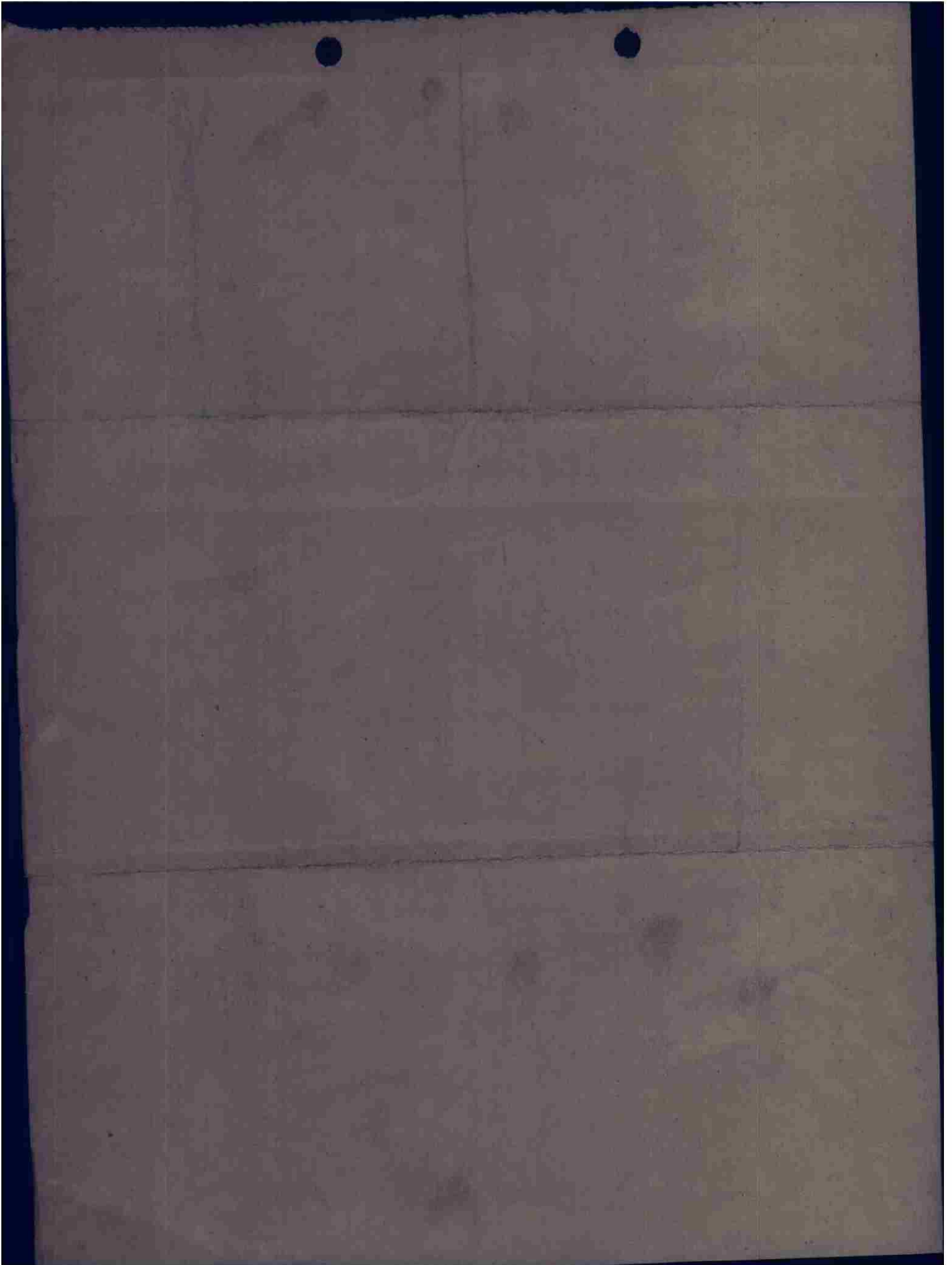
1. B. (1) REF CURRENT BOMBLINE  
(2) 19 TAC WILL FURNISH P-38 CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 409TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUP. 2ND TAF WILL FURNISH SPIRITFIRE AREA COVER FOR THE 410TH BOMB GROUP.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

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 5022N 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: 03600308, 04050350, 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.
- X. (1 - 4) NO CHANGE

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 4736N 0740E TO 4934N 0709 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET LEFT TO R.P. TO 4959N 0653E TO 4936N 0651E TO 4937N 0678E 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 8TH 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. 412TH 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 4947N 0616E TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET LEFT TO 5029N 0582E 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 0700E 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 INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
- (9) BOMB LOAD. 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSEDIX 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 "CEE" EQUIPMENT. IF GROUP "CEE" 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. 412TH BOMB GROUP (064725)
  - (2) BANKBOOK
  - 4,5) SWEEPSTAKE

- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (839530)
  - (2) BLIZZARD
  - (3) SLEEPY
  - (4) RIPSAW

CONCBTWIG 97

BT 15/0230A

WCB/SS/AS

CC: JUN UNDER PLAN B 416TH

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

OIITA R..... TIC			
OIITA R.....15/0400A	HW	A	G O
OIJES R.....15/1400A	JJH	AR	
OIJKI R.....15/0400A	WFC	AR	
OIJPO R.....15/0400A	DB	AR	
			T NZ



J 419

OIITA OIJES OIJPO OIJKI OIJJE V OIJE 26/15 OP OP  
T (OIITA PASS TO OIJJE)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 15/0935A  
TO COMBOMDIV IX  
COBOMGP 439TH  
COBOMGP 412TH  
COBOMGP 416TH  
1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV)

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

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

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. (15), ADD NEW PARA. 3. B. (15) 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.

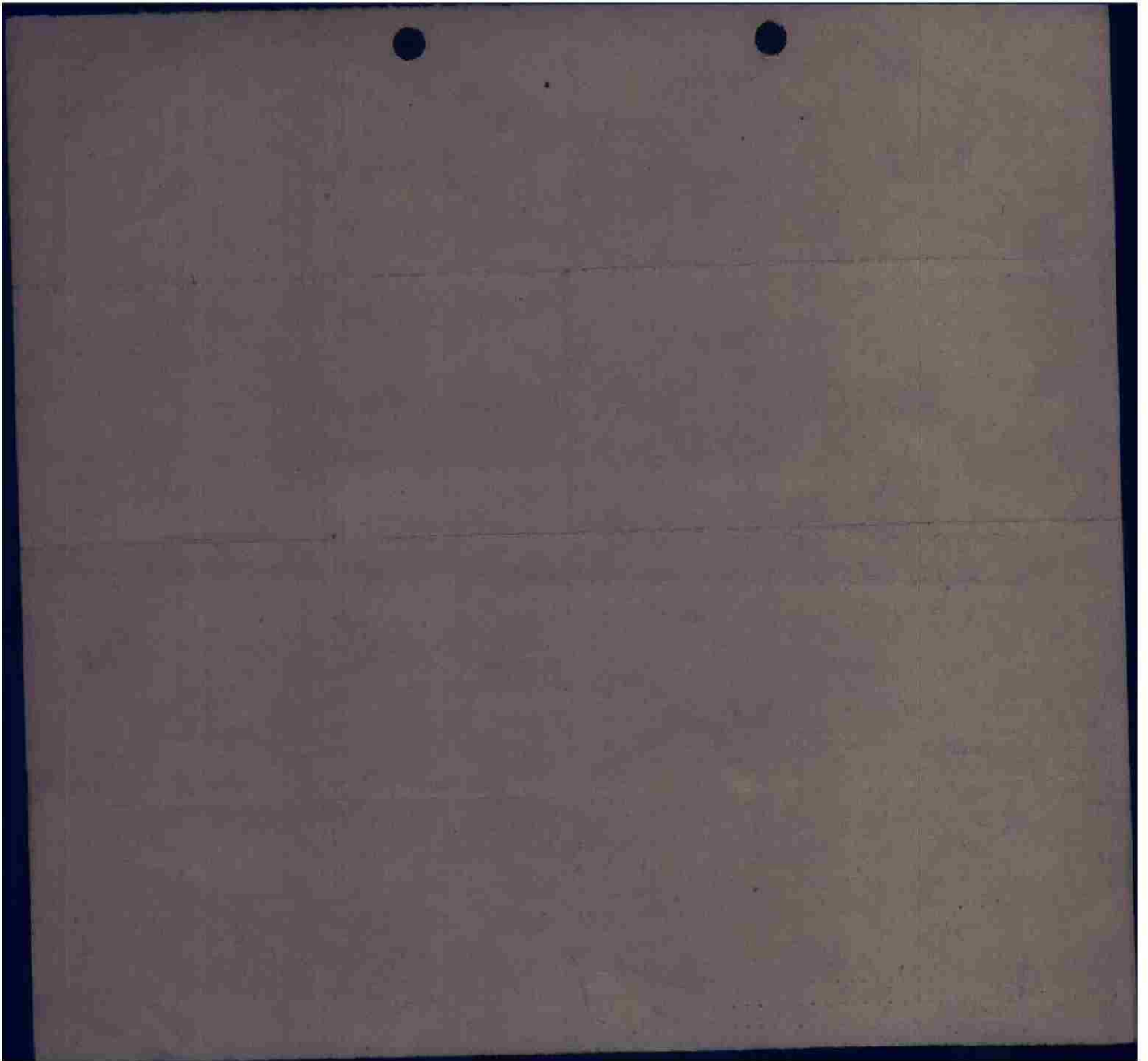
FOR 439TH GROUP AND 416TH GROUP, PLAN "A" IS IN EFFECT. CANCEL  
PLAN "B".

FOR 412TH GROUP, PLAN "B" IS IN EFFECT. CANCEL PLAN "A".

- - - COMCBTWIC 97 - - -

BT 15/0935A  
LEG AR

OIJES R ..... 28)) WILL HAVE TO IMI HAD POWER REAKK FAILURE  
IJPO R ..... 15/0955A WAC AR KK  
OIJKI R ..... 15/1300A EW AR  
OIITA R ..... 15/0955A CD CANT DELAY THIS



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OIITA OIJJF OIJES OIJPO OIJKI V OIJEA OIJEA 07/15 OP OP  
T (OIITA PASS TO OIJJF)

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

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

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:

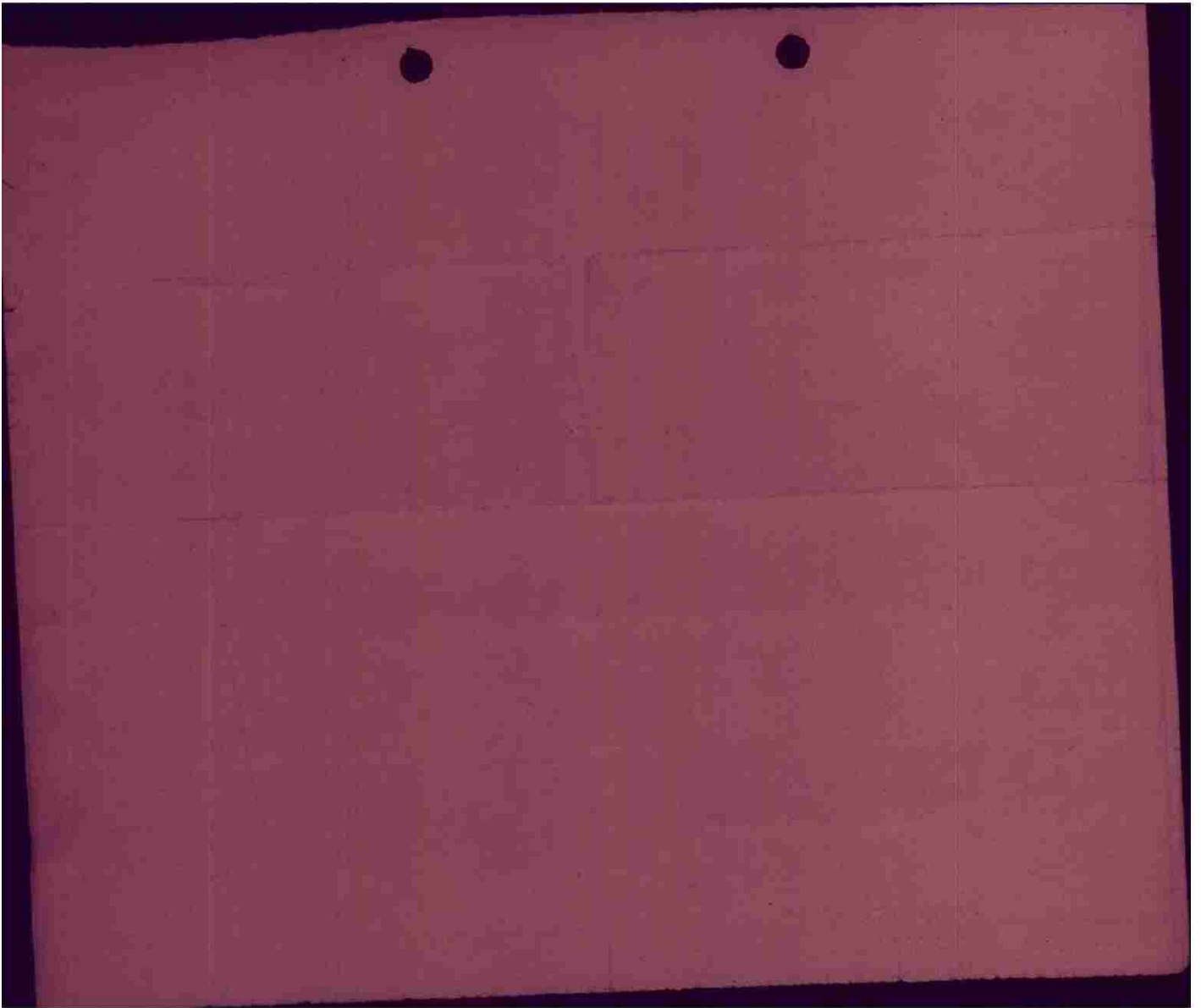
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4854N 0602E AT 12,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR  
PLUS 30 MIN.

BT 1027A  
RL AR K

COMCBTWIG 97

OIJJE  
XXXX  
OIJES R.....15/1035Z  
OIJPO R.....15/1035A  
OIJKI R..... 1040A

JMB AR  
WAC AR KK  
EW AR



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OIITA OIJES OIJPO OIJKI OIJJF V OIJEA 08/15 OP OP  
T (OIITA PASS TO OIJJF)

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

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

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

97CBW J-161-E

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.

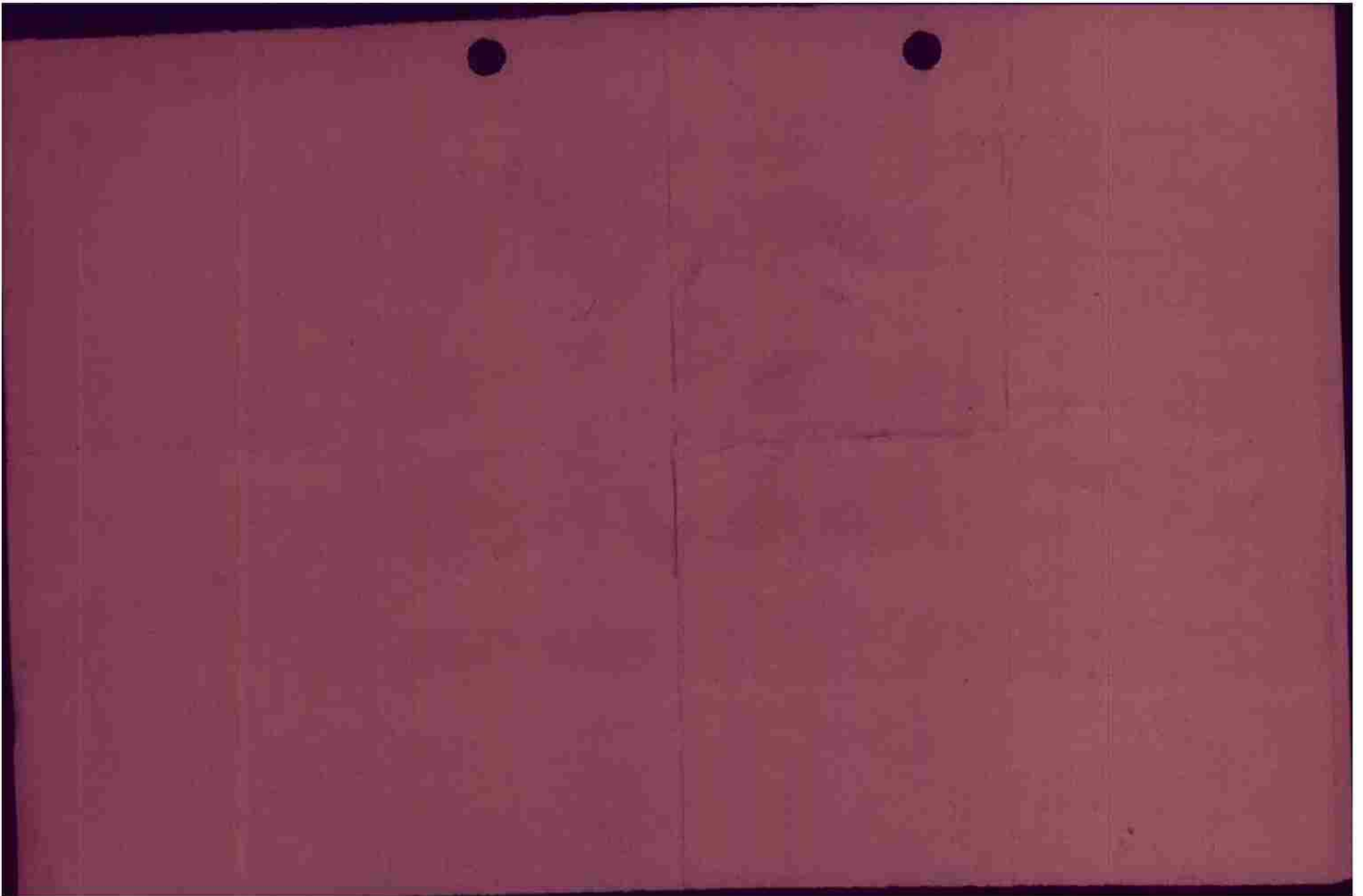
BT 15/1115A  
LEG AR

- - - COMCBTWIG 97 - - -

OIJES R	.....15/1130A	HO	AR	
OIJPO R	.....15/1130A	WAC	AR	KK
OIJKI R	.....15/1130A	EW	L	BBBBB
OIITA R	.....151126A	AL	AR	



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S-2  
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OIITA OIJJF OIJES OIJPO OIJKI V OIJE A OIJE A 09/15 OP OP  
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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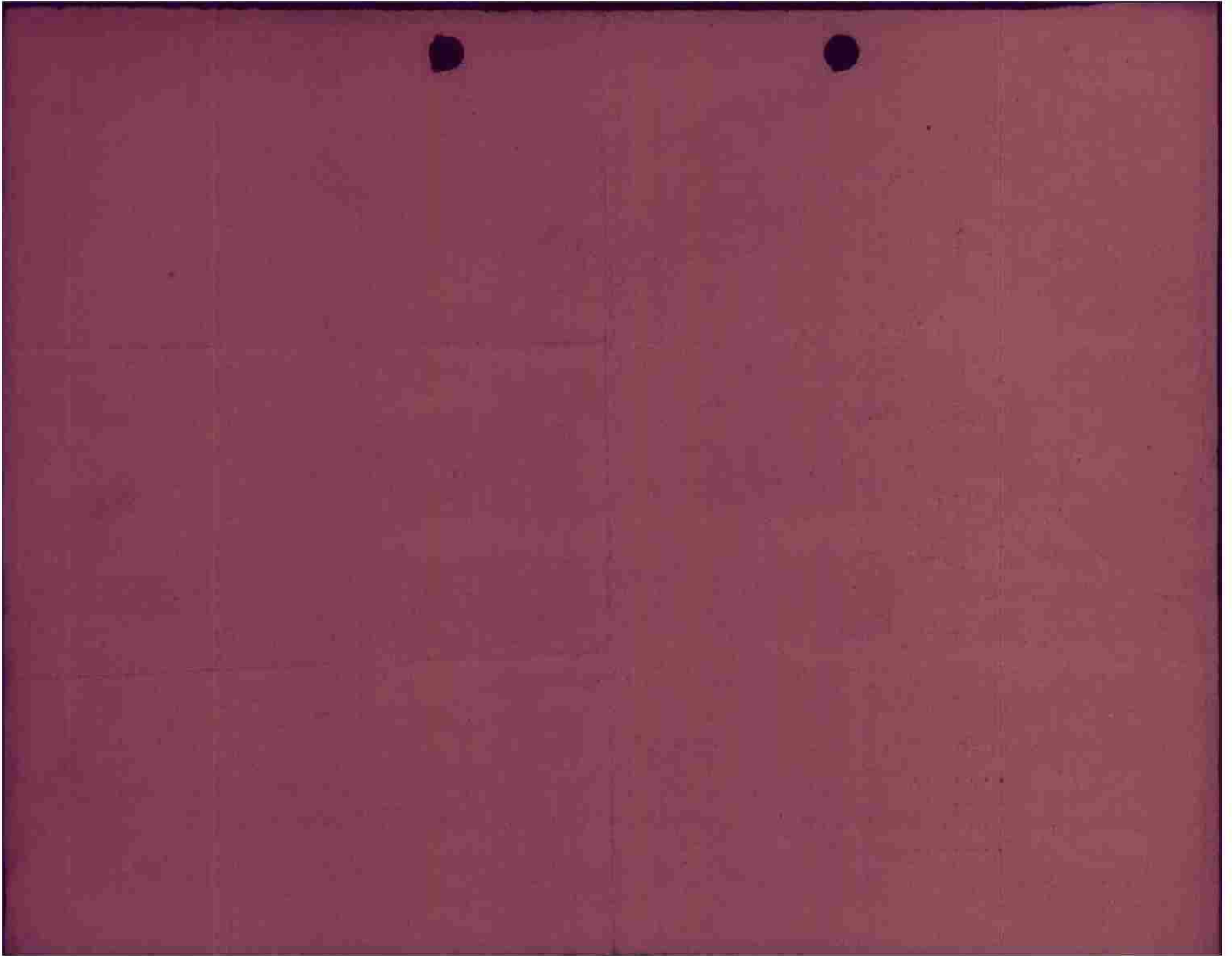
ANNEX NO. 4 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 128-708.

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

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 1200A  
RL AR K

OIJES R.....15/1215A	JMB	AR
OIJPO R.....15/1215A	CRB	AR
OIJKI R.....15/1210A	WJF	AR
OIITA R.....15/1210A	MCB	AR



OIJES OIJKI V OIJ ● OIJEJ 01/15 OP - OP ●

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 15/0100A J-155-E  
 TO 409TH BOMB GROUP  
 416TH BOMB GROUP  
 (ATT: S-2)

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

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INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER 128-708

1. TARGET: SIMMERN RLY BRIDGE (L-039530)  
 FOR EXACT MPI, SEE F.O. 128-708  
 FOR DESCRIPTION OF TARGET, REFER TO IX AF 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION  
 REPORT US 10/T374.
2. THIS TARGET WAS BOMBED BY THE 387 BOMB GP. ON 13 JANUARY 1945 ON PPT  
 A/C WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. RECCE OF 14 JANUARY 1945 SHOWS BRIDGE  
 TO BE STANDING. THIS ATTACK IS A CONTINUATION OF A PROGRAM DESIGNED  
 TO ISOLATE THE BATTLE AREA BY THE CUTTING OF ALL RAIL LINES LEADING  
 TO THE FRONT.
3. PHOTO COVERAGE:
  - US 10/T374
  - US 10/D684
  - IX TAC T/187
  - US 12/3861 PRINT NO'S 5021,22,23
  - IX BD/5A 784

MAP COVERAGE: GSGS 4416 SHEET T-2
4. FLAK: REFER TO OWN FLAK MAP FOR PLOTTED POSITIONS. THE 387 GP. IN  
 ITS ATTACK ON 14 JANUARY 45, BOMBING THROUGH CLOUDS, EN-  
 COUNTERED NO FLAK.
5. BOMBLINE: TARGET IS WELL BEYOND BOMBLINE.

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BT 15/0100A

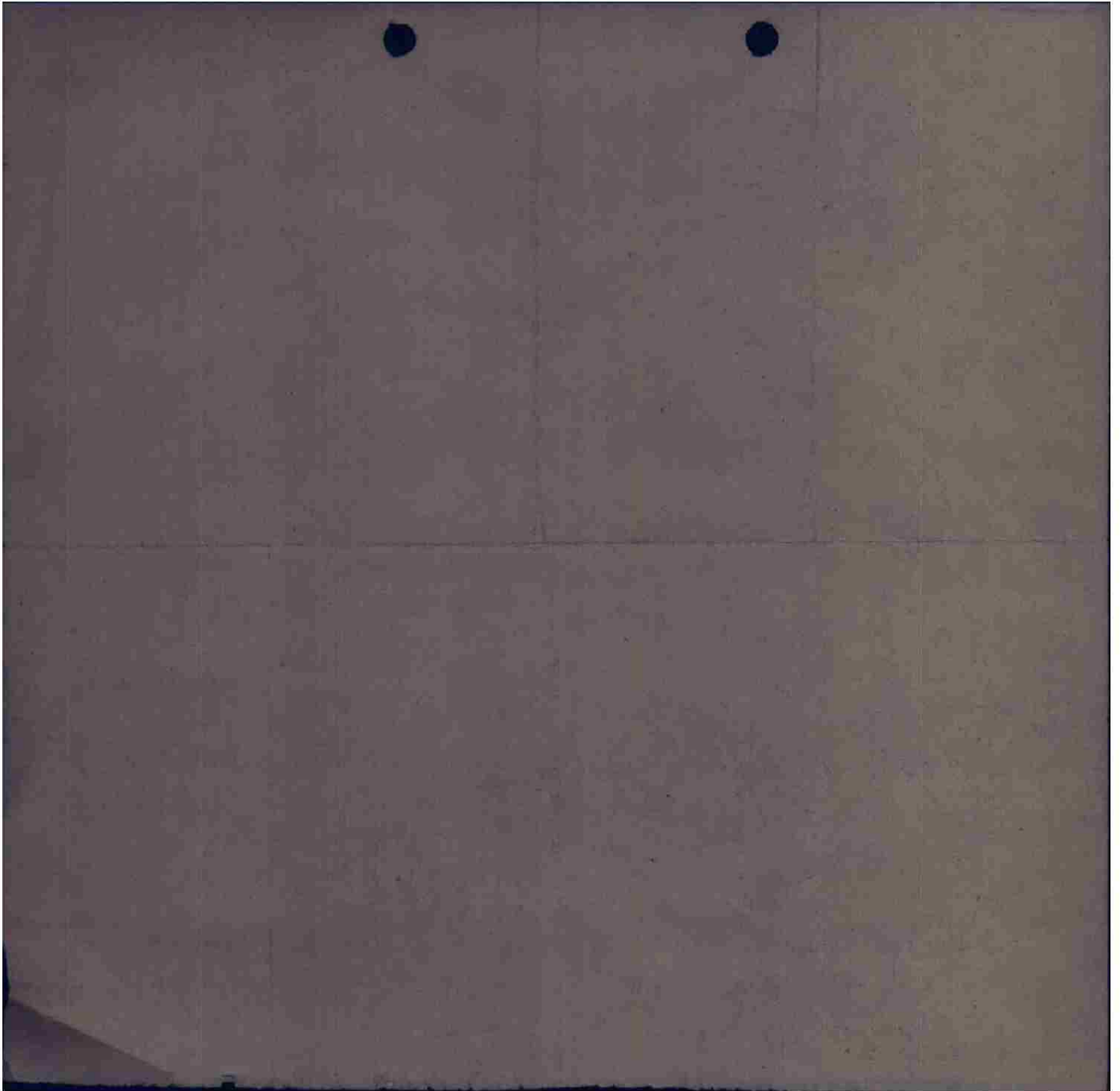
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OIJES R . . . . 15/0100A JH AR

OIJKI R . . . . 15/0100A WFC AR



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OIITA OIJES OIJKI OIJPO OIJJF V OIJE A OIJE A 05/15 OP OP  
T-OIITA PASS TO OIJJF

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 15/0510A (SIG SVC)  
TO : COMBOMB DIV IX  
409TH BOMB GROUP  
410TH BOMB GROUP  
416TH BOMB GROUP  
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

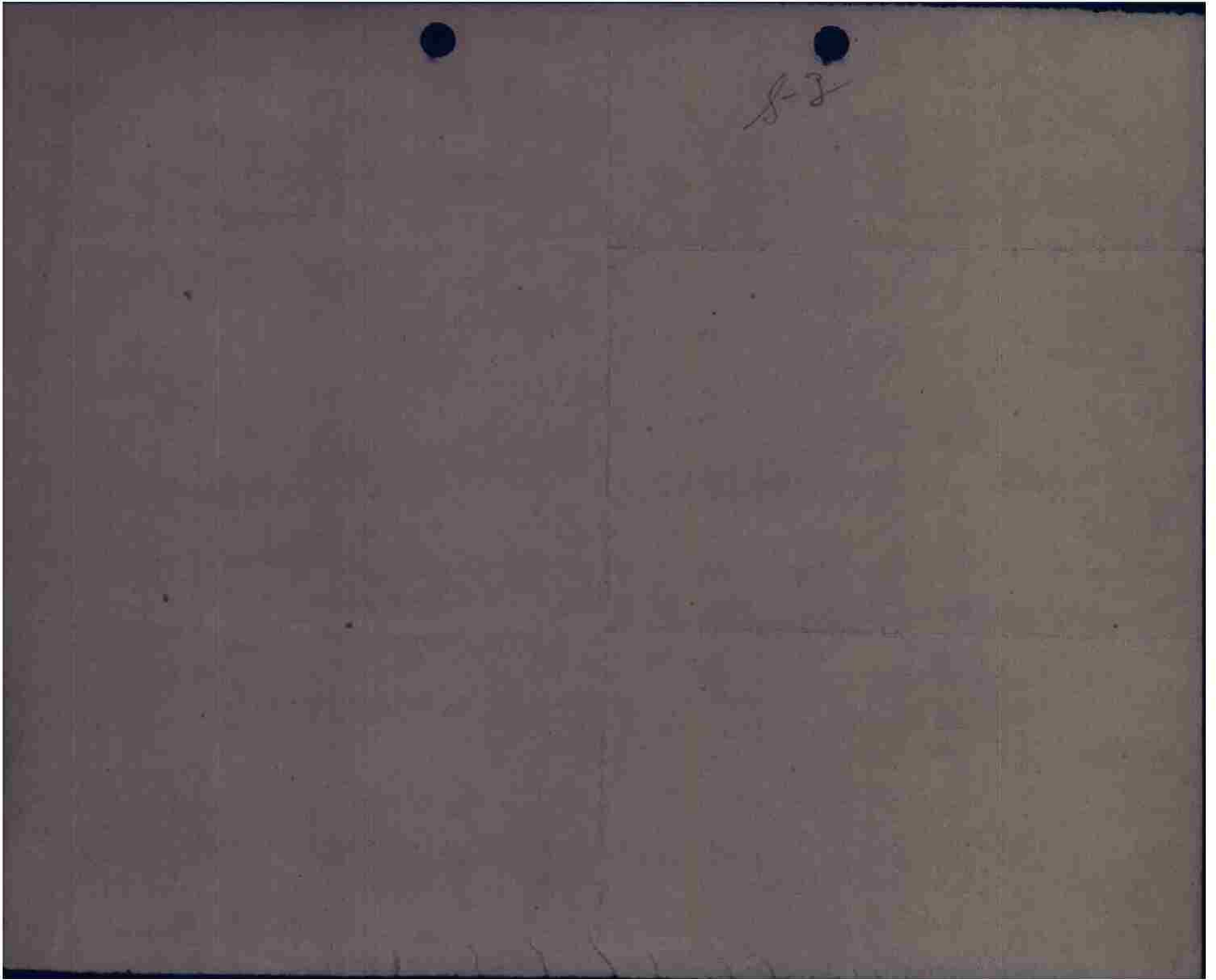
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SECRET SETN TIN THE CLEAR AUTH: LT. COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
APO 140  
15 JANUARY 1945.

UNDER PLAN "B" 3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:  
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4854N 0602E AT 13,500 FT.  
AT ZERO MINUS 20 MIN.  
(6) BOMB AT 13,500 FT. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF  
BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 5000 FT.

COMBOWIG 97

BT 15/0510A  
UCB AR  
OIITA R.....15/0543A MZ AR  
OIJES R.....15/0543-A JGN ARKK  
OIJKI R.....1/TREA MC AR IMI THATPLS  
OIJKI R.....15/0530A KWF AR K  
OIJPO R.....15/0547A MC AR



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

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OPSFLASH 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 1330  
    FLT. II 1350  
    FLT. III 1356

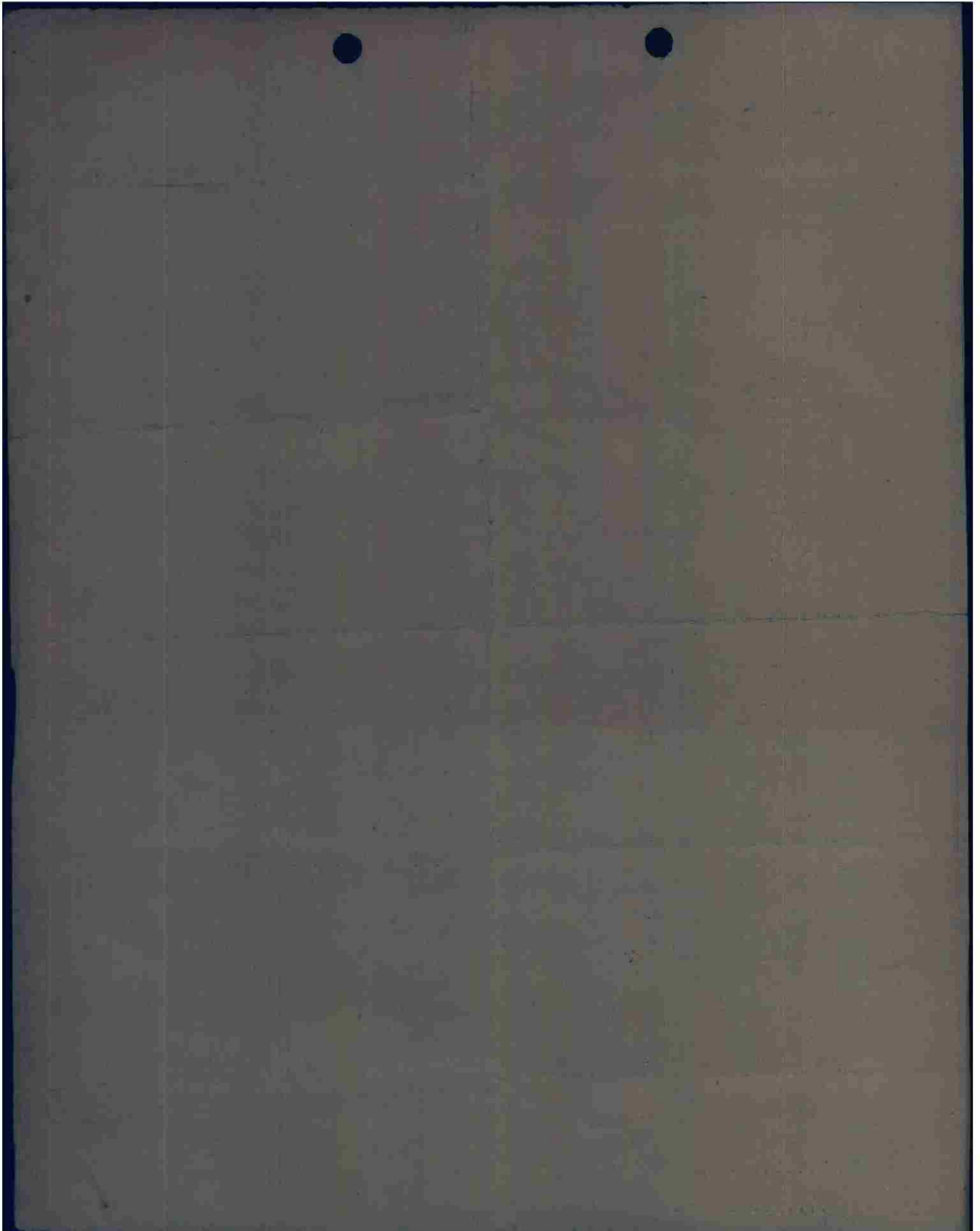
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BT 15/1730A  
 ANM BBBB

ITA R.....15193AA LBC K

JEA R.....15193AA CES KKKKK





ITA V JKI JKI 8/15 R R

FROM COBOMGR 416 15/1788A  
TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: COM OFFICER.  
COMBTWIG 97 (INFO)

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416BG J-199-J

- A. YS - 18
- B. 15 JANUARY 1945 (1184-1412)
- C. R - ROGER REPORTED RESULTS OF MISSION TO PARADE.  
D - DOC REPORTED "OPS COMPLETE" TO PARADE.  
W - WILLIAM CALLED PARADE FOR A FIX AND RECEIVED REPLY. ALSO CALLED TO ASK IF HOME FIELD WAS OPEN, WAS TOLD TO RETURN TO BASE.
- D. R - ROGER CALLED F.G.C. TO REPORT BUT RECEIVED NO REPLY.
- E. - NONE
- F. - NONE
- G. - NONE
- H. - NONE
- I. - NONE
- J. - NONE
- K. - "GET" SHIPS WERE UNABLE TO PICK UP "B" SIGNAL.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 15/1788A  
CC: D. 15 JANUARY 1945 (1184-1412)  
EJ AR K

*JE R --- 15/1788A CE K*  
ITA R.....15/1788A...15/1782A EG AR

