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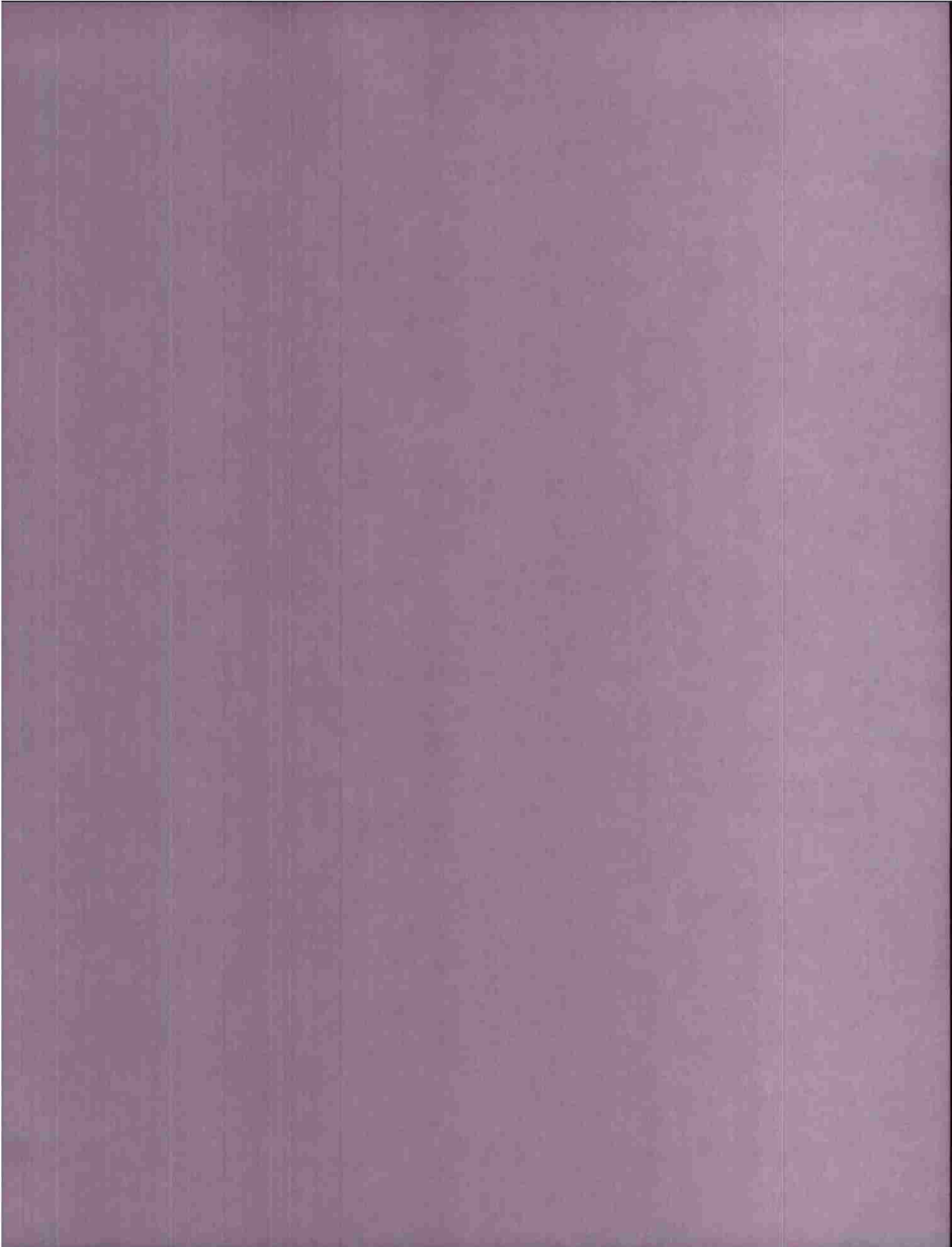
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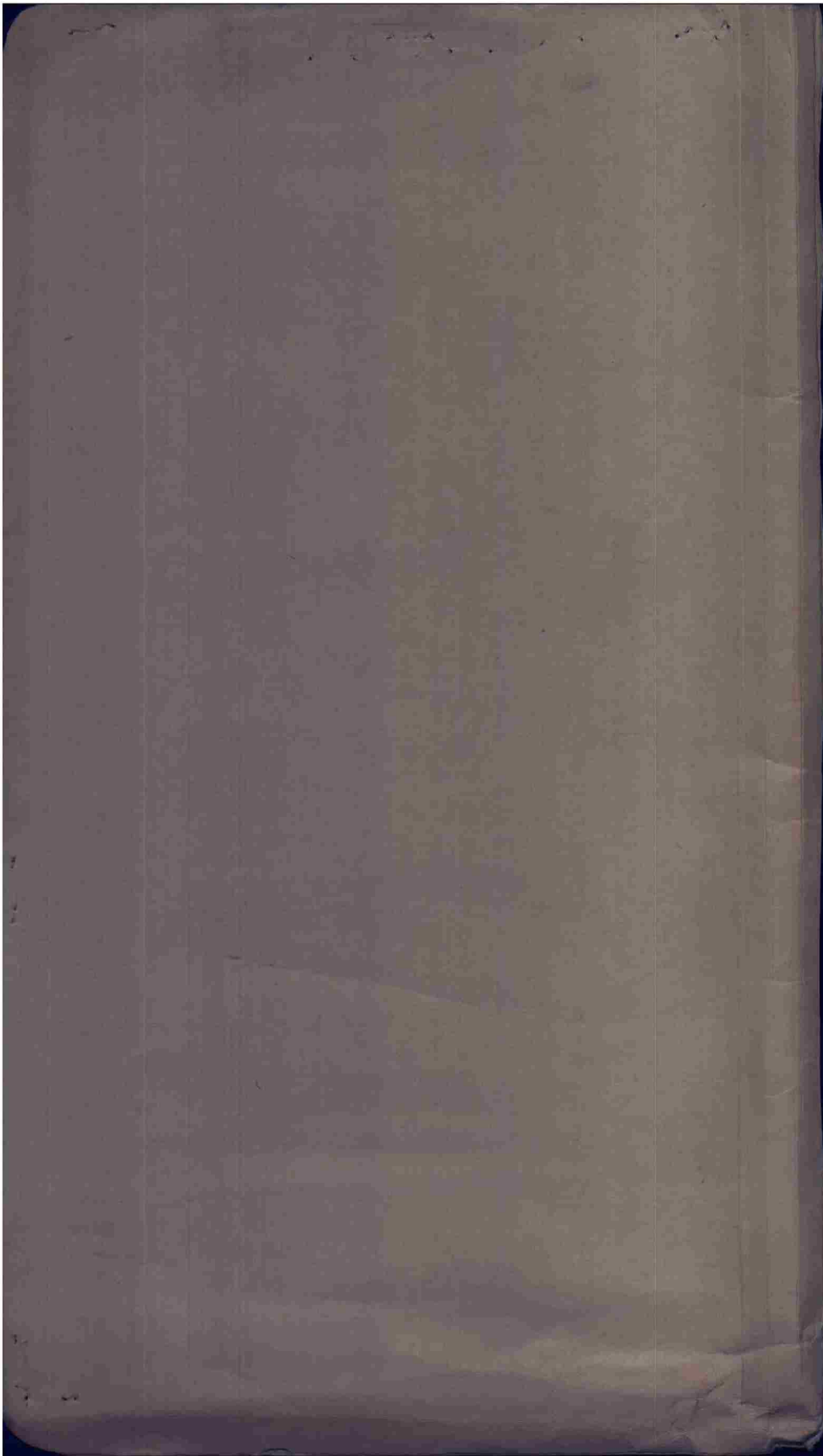
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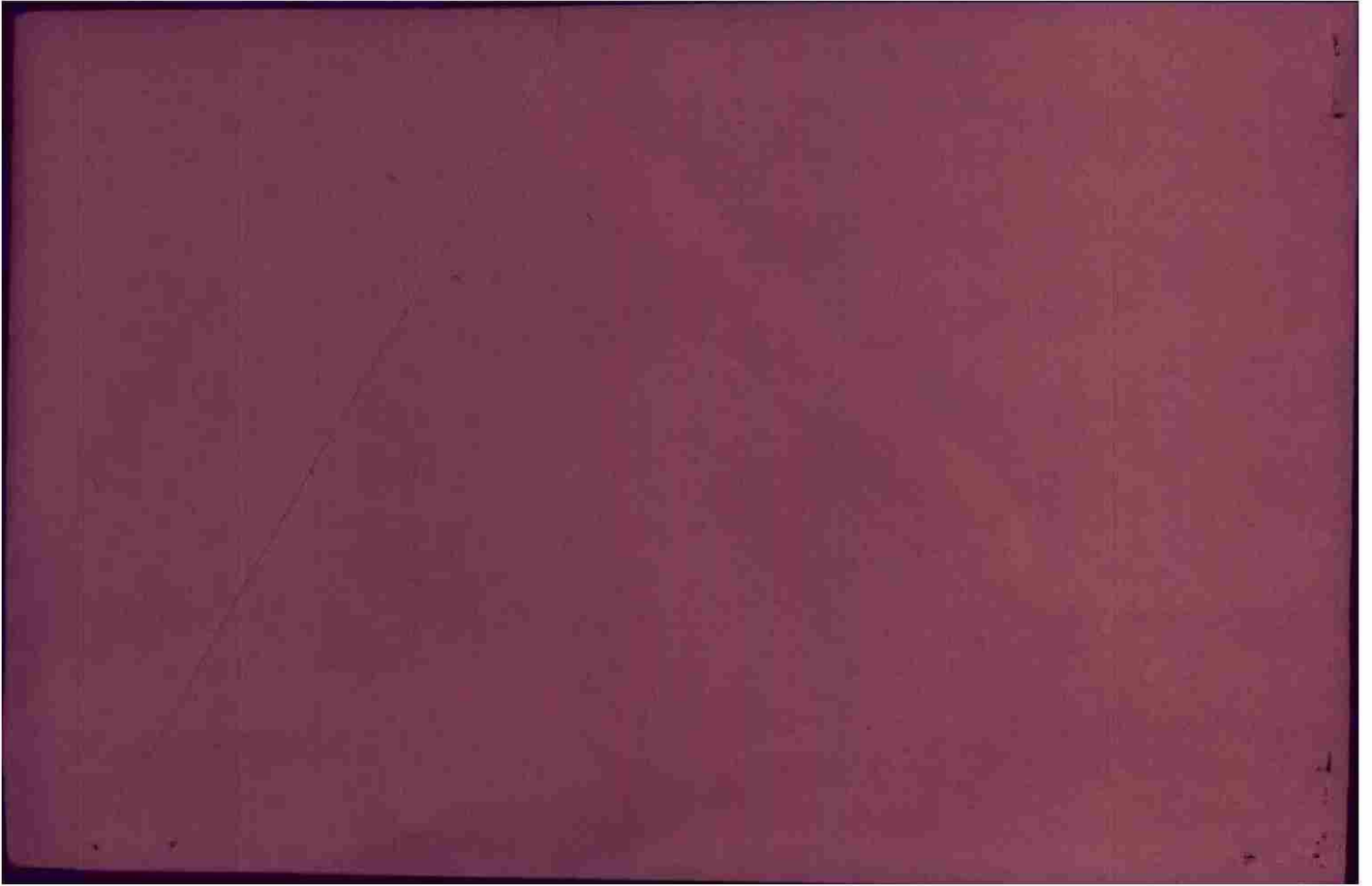
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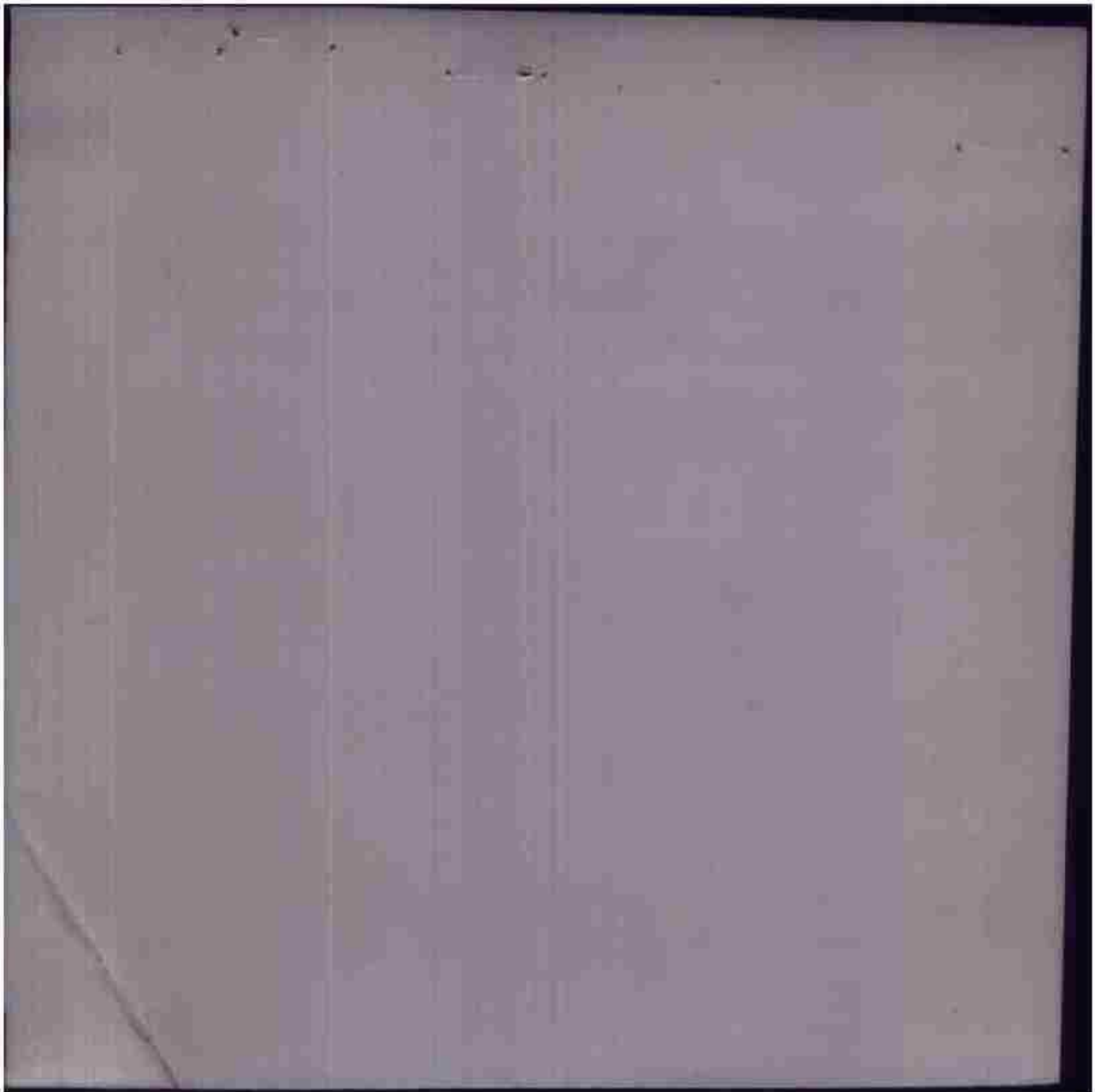
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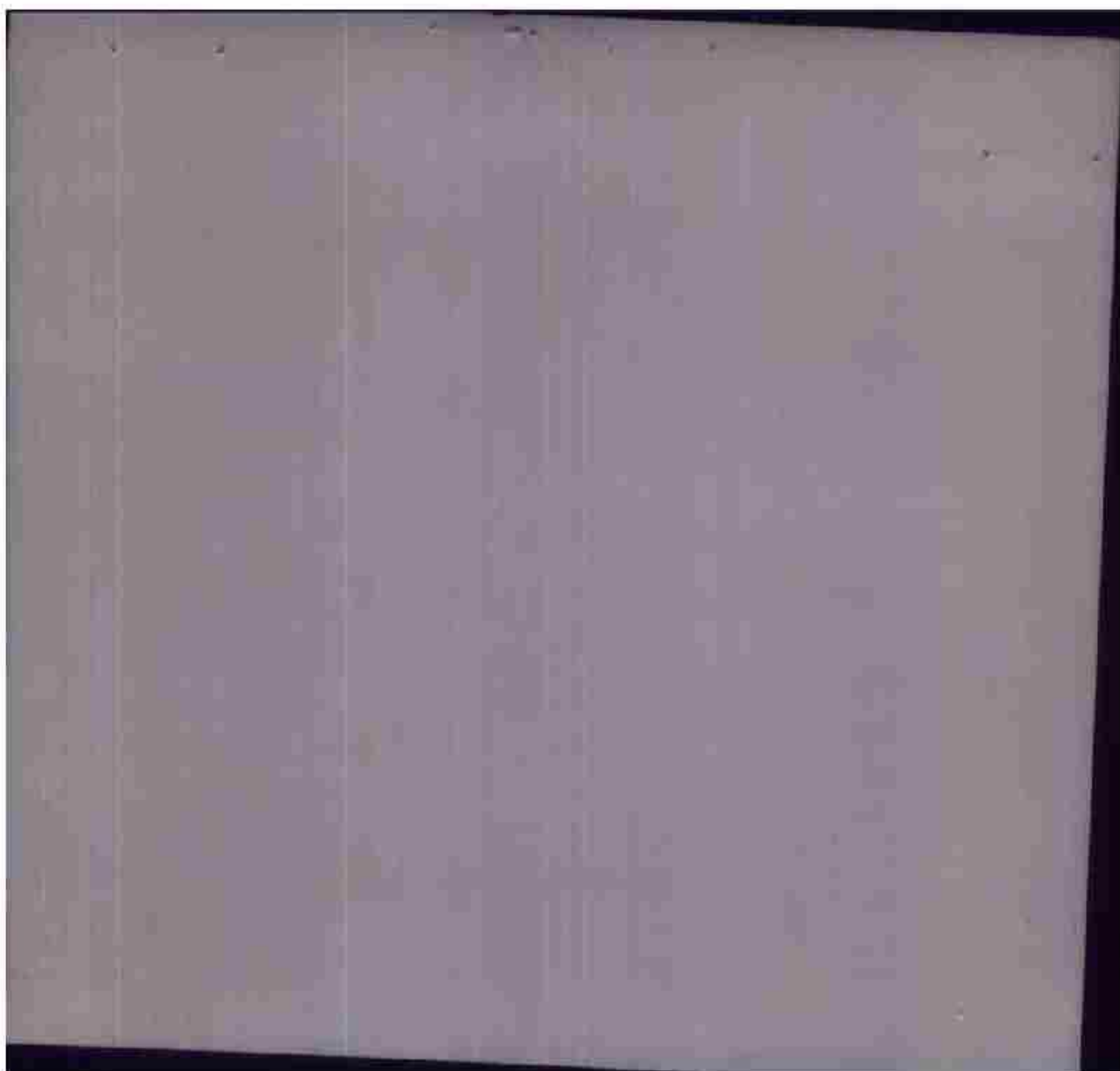
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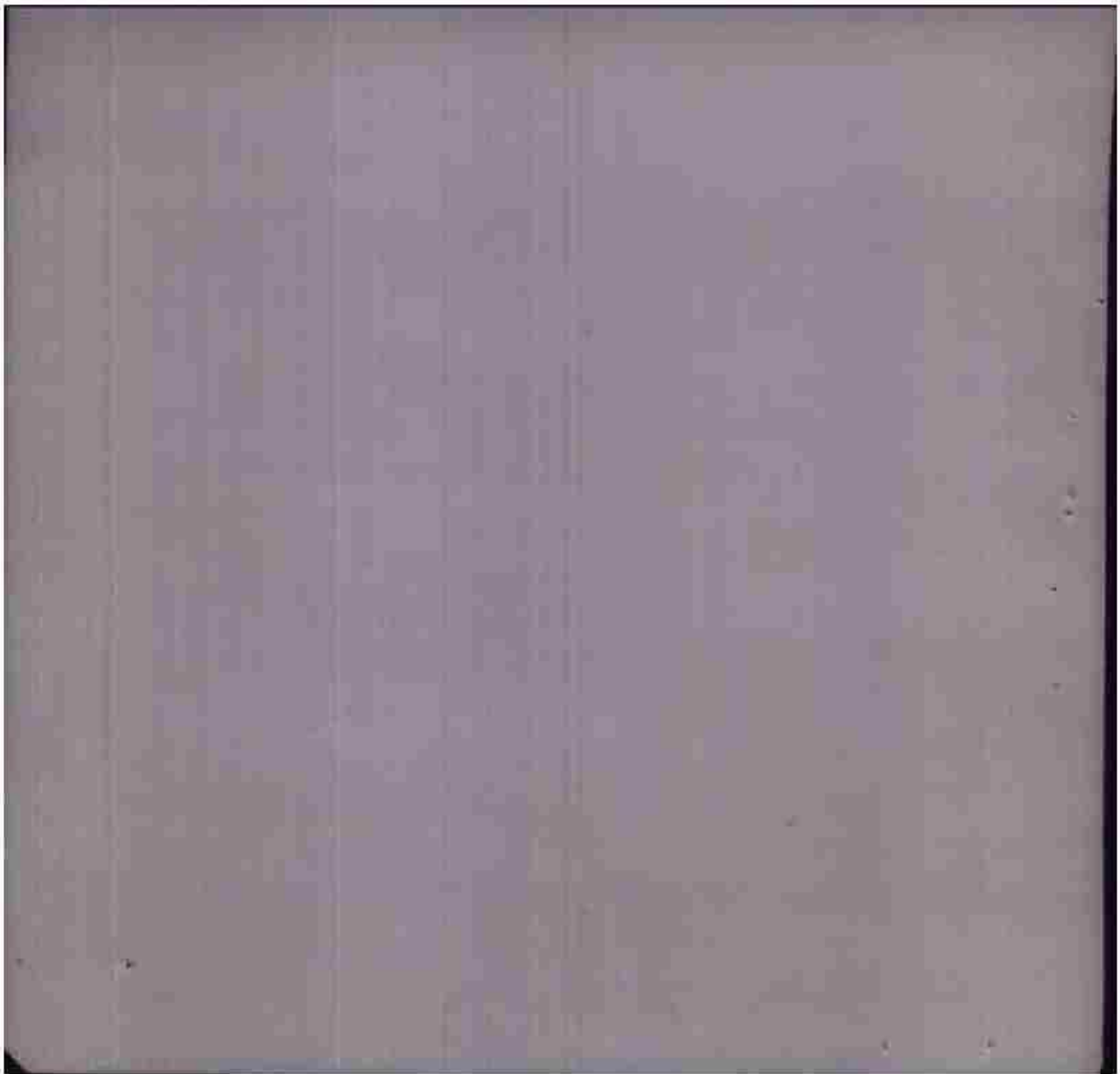
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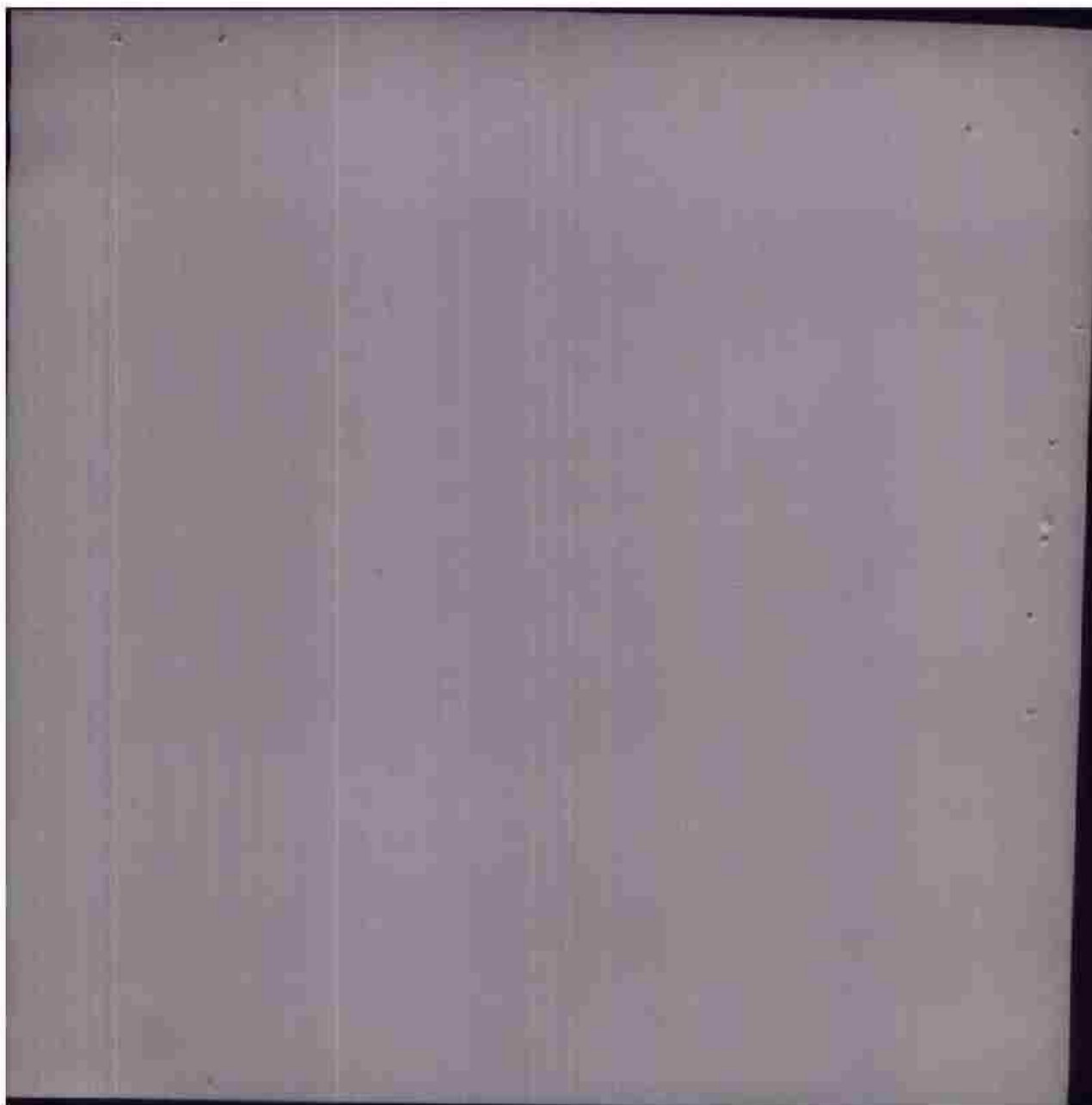
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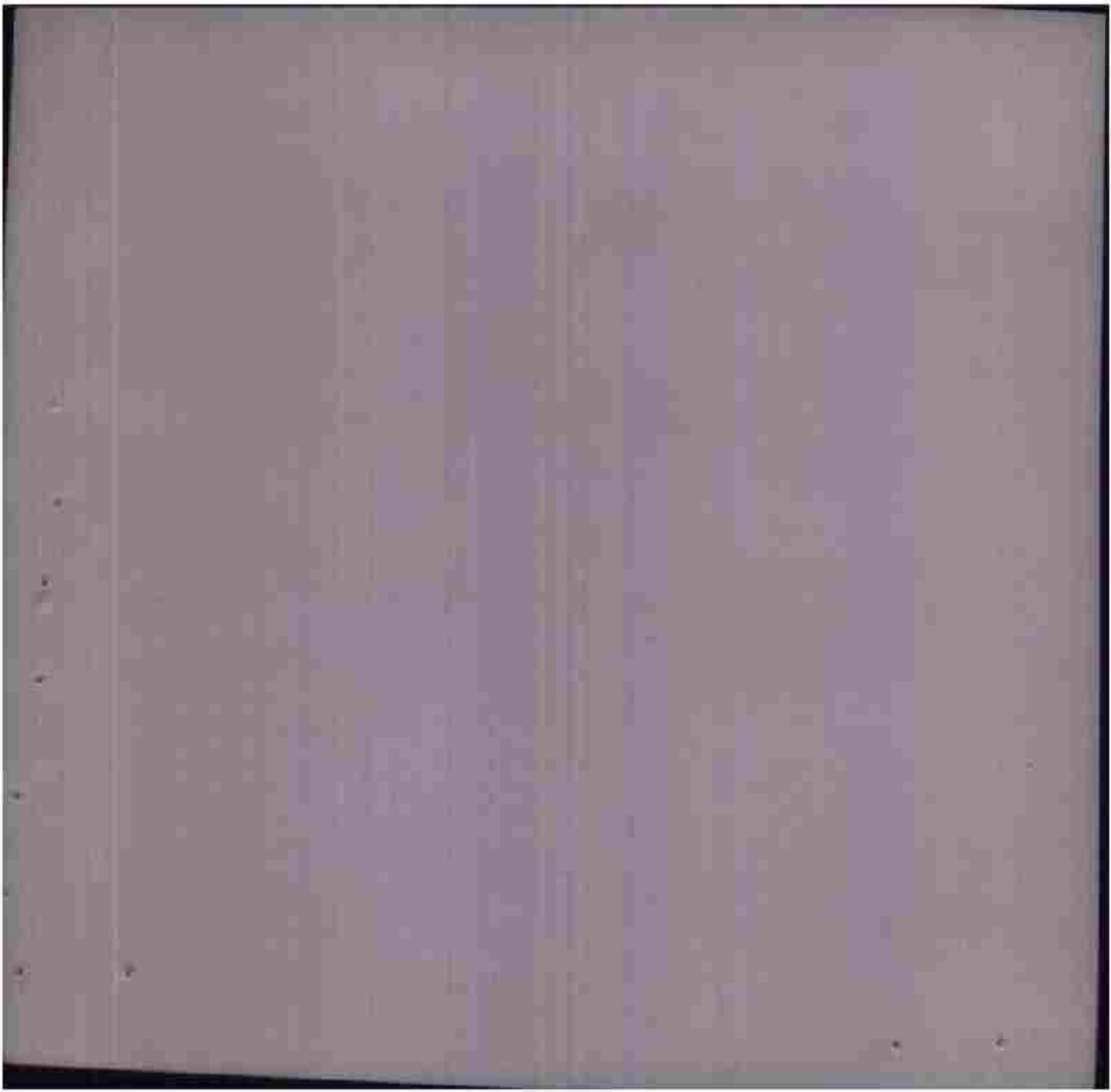
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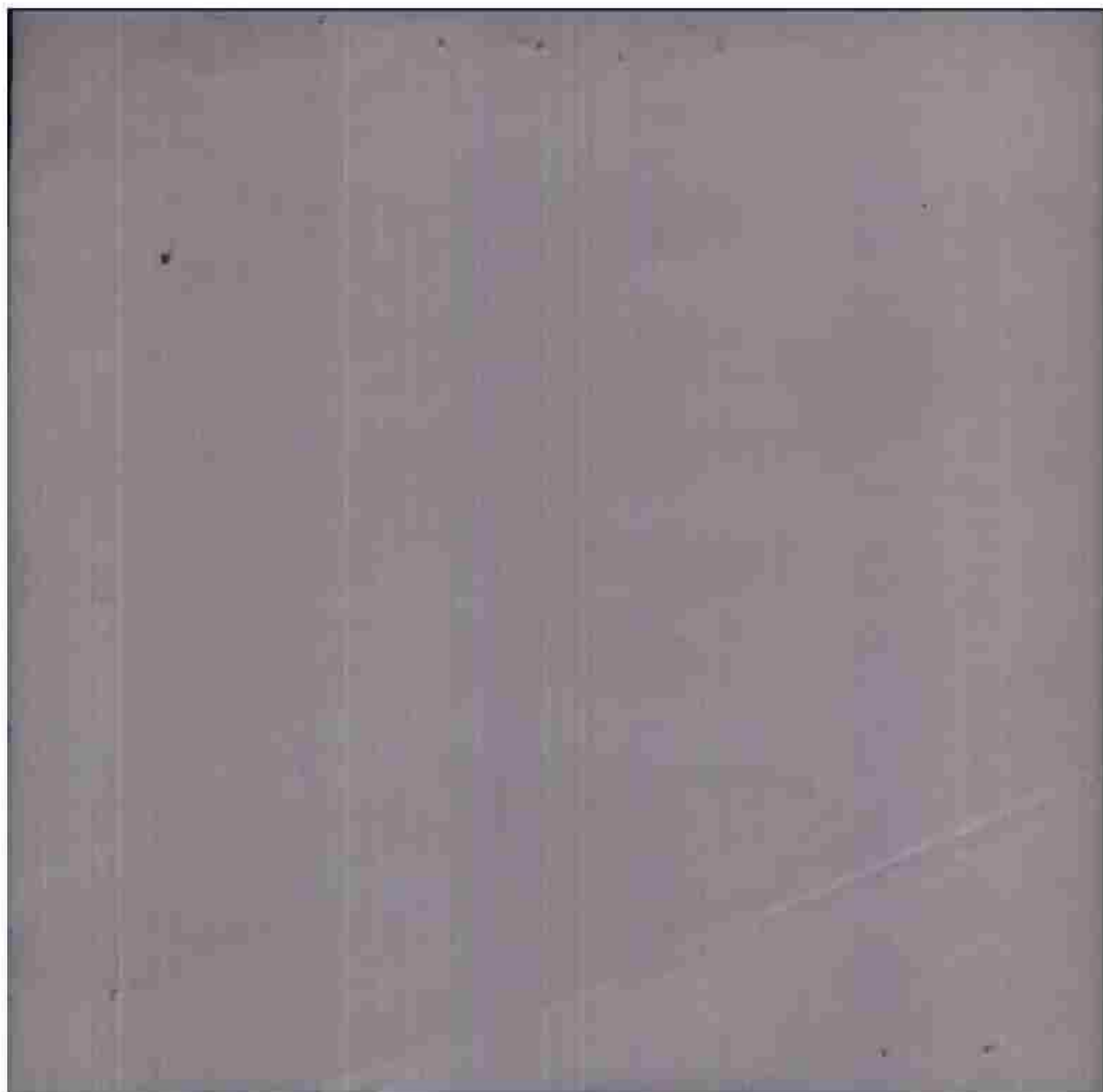
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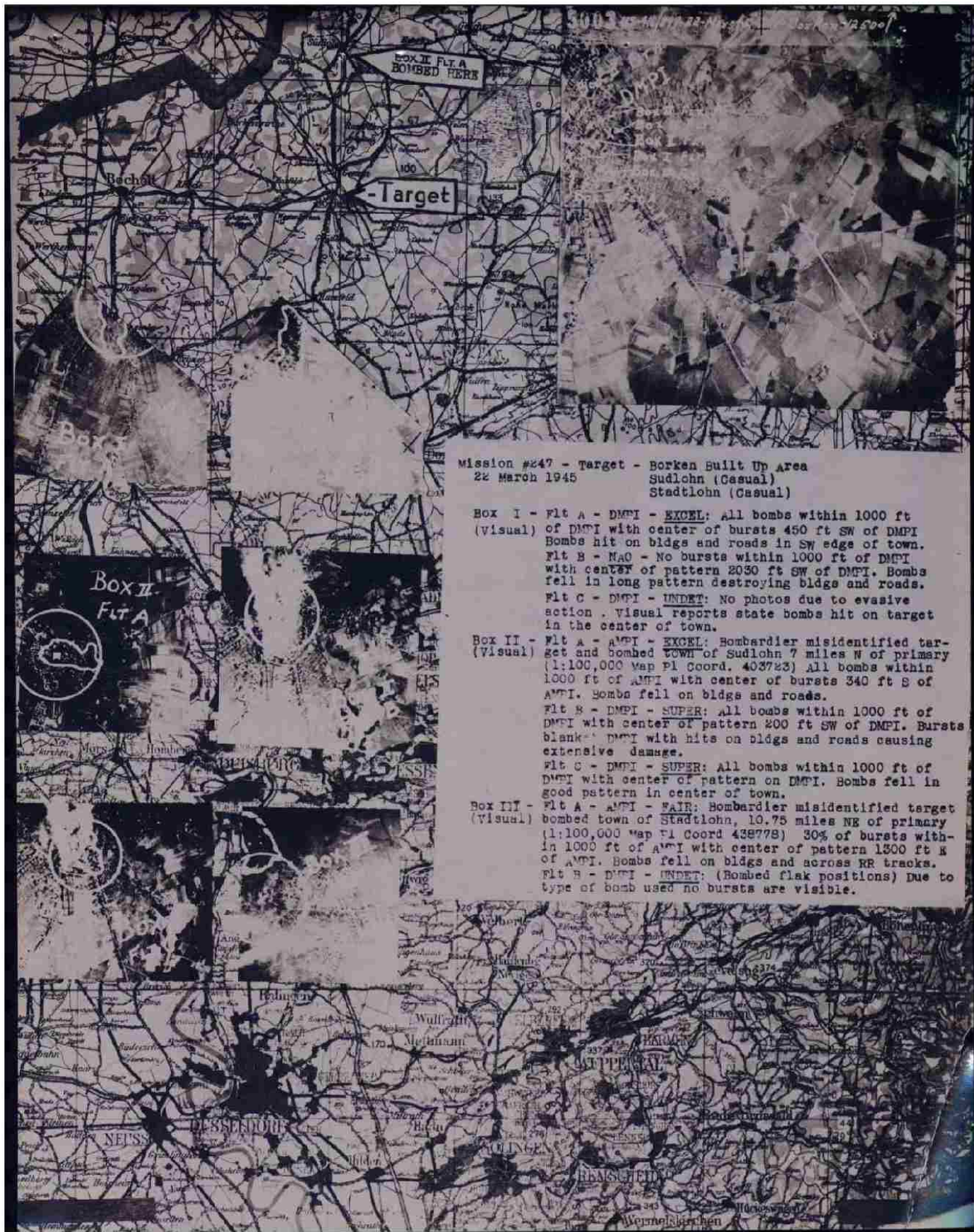
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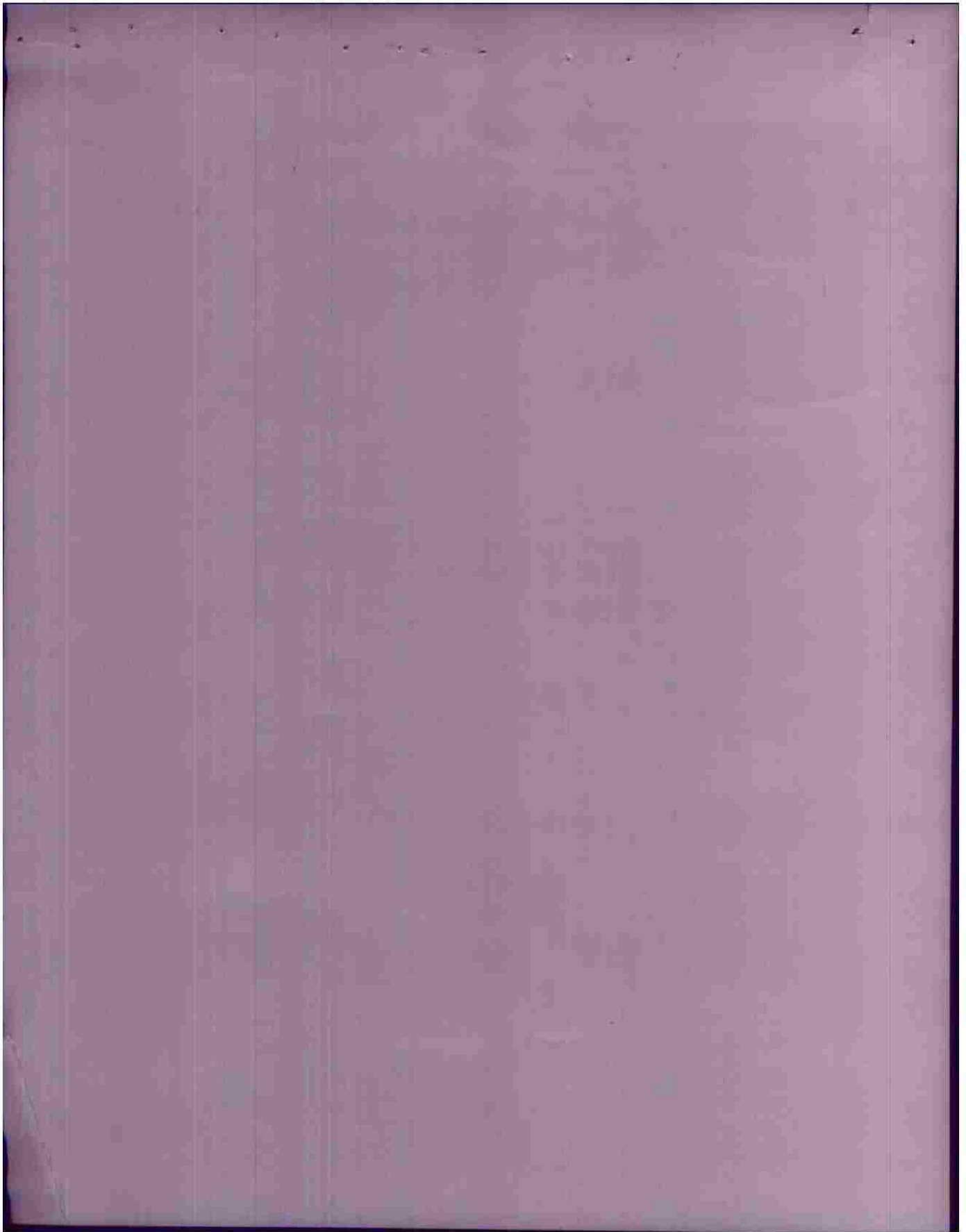


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Mission #247 - Target - Borken Built Up Area
 22 March 1945
 Sudlohn (Casual)
 Stadlohn (Casual)

- Box I - Flt A - DMPI - EXCEL: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of bursts 450 ft SW of DMPI. Bombs hit on bldgs and roads in SW edge of town. Flt B - MAC - No bursts within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 2030 ft SW of DMPI. Bombs fell in long pattern destroying bldgs and roads. Flt C - DMPI - UNDET: No photos due to evasive action. Visual reports state bombs hit on target in the center of town.
- Box II - Flt A - AMPI - EXCEL: Bombardier misidentified target and bombed TOWN of Sudlohn 7 miles N of primary (1:100,000 Map Pl Coord. 403723) All bombs within 1000 ft of AMPI with center of bursts 340 ft S of AMPI. Bombs fell on bldgs and roads. Flt B - DMPI - SUPER: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 200 ft SW of DMPI. Bursts blank DMPI with hits on bldgs and roads causing extensive damage. Flt C - DMPI - SUPER: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern on DMPI. Bombs fell in good pattern in center of town.
- Box III - Flt A - AMPI - FAIR: Bombardier misidentified target bombed town of Stadlohn, 10.75 miles NE of primary (1:100,000 Map Pl Coord 438778) 30% of bursts within 1000 ft of AMPI with center of pattern 1300 ft E of AMPI. Bombs fell on bldgs and across RR tracks. Flt B - DMPI - UNDET: (Bombed flak positions) Due to type of bomb used no bursts are visible.



PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

CAMERAS INSTALLED 14 GROUP 416th. Bomb Gp.
 CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING 14 100 % WING 97th. C.B.
 CAMERA FAILURES 0 0 % DATE 22 March 45
 PERSONNEL FAILURES 0 0 %
 OTHERS 0

356 _____ TARGET BORKEN
313 _____ ALTITUDE 12500 FEET
 _____ _____ TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
351 381 _____ GROUND SPEED 240 MPH
362 _____

_____ _____ TARGET BORKEN
 _____ _____ ALTITUDE 12000 FEET
 _____ 297 _____ TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
2315 416 321 _____ GROUND SPEED 243 MPH
224 _____

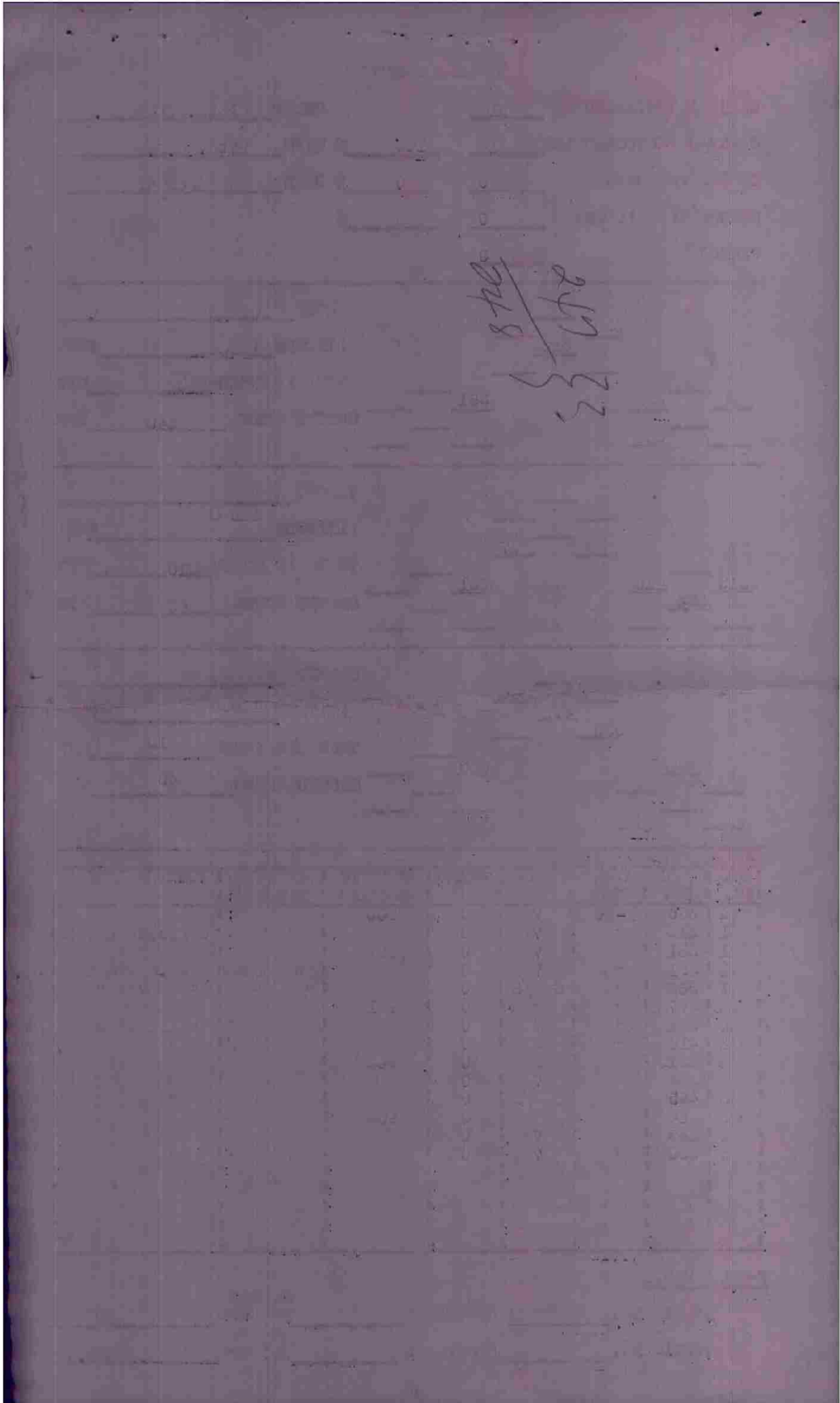
_____ 264 _____ TARGET BORKEN
495 _____ ALTITUDE 11000 FEET
335 _____ TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
 _____ 330 _____ GROUND SPEED 245 MPH

STRIKE ATTACK CAMERAS:

| :BOX : :NO. : | A/C : : NO. : | CAM. : : TYPE : | F. L. : : | INT. : : | PRINTED : : SORTIES : | UNPRINT : : SORTIES : | EXPLANATION : |
|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| : 1 : | : 356 : | : K-24 : | : 7 : | : 0 : | : 900 : | : | : |
| : 1 : | : 313 : | : " : | : 7 : | : 0 : | : | : | : duplicate coverage : |
| : 1 : | : 381 : | : " : | : 7 : | : 0 : | : 899 : | : | : |
| : 1 : | : 351 : | : " : | : 7 : | : 0 : | : | : | : No photos due to evasive act. : |
| : 1 : | : 362 : | : " : | : 6 3/8 : | : 0 : | : | : | : " " " " " " " " : |
| : 2 : | : 297 : | : " : | : " : | : 0 : | : 901 : | : | : |
| : 2 : | : 321 : | : " : | : 7 : | : 0 : | : | : | : Duplicate coverage : |
| : 2 : | : 416 : | : " : | : 5 : | : 0 : | : | : | : " " " " " " " " : |
| : 2 : | : 2315 : | : " : | : 5 : | : 0 : | : 902 : | : | : |
| : 2 : | : 224 : | : " : | : 7 : | : 0 : | : | : | : " " " " " " " " : |
| : 3 : | : 495 : | : " : | : 6 3/8 : | : 0 : | : | : | : |
| : 3 : | : 264 : | : " : | : " : | : 0 : | : 903 : | : | : |
| : 3 : | : 335 : | : " : | : 7 : | : 0 : | : | : | : " " " " " " " " : |
| : 3 : | : 350 : | : " : | : 7 : | : 0 : | : | : | : " " " " " " " " : |
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K-20 CAMERAS

Sortie No. _____ Cameraman _____ Reason Failure _____
 Sortie No. _____ Cameraman _____ Reason Failure _____



BOX III FLT B Lt. M. Errotshere (P)

D.M.F.I.
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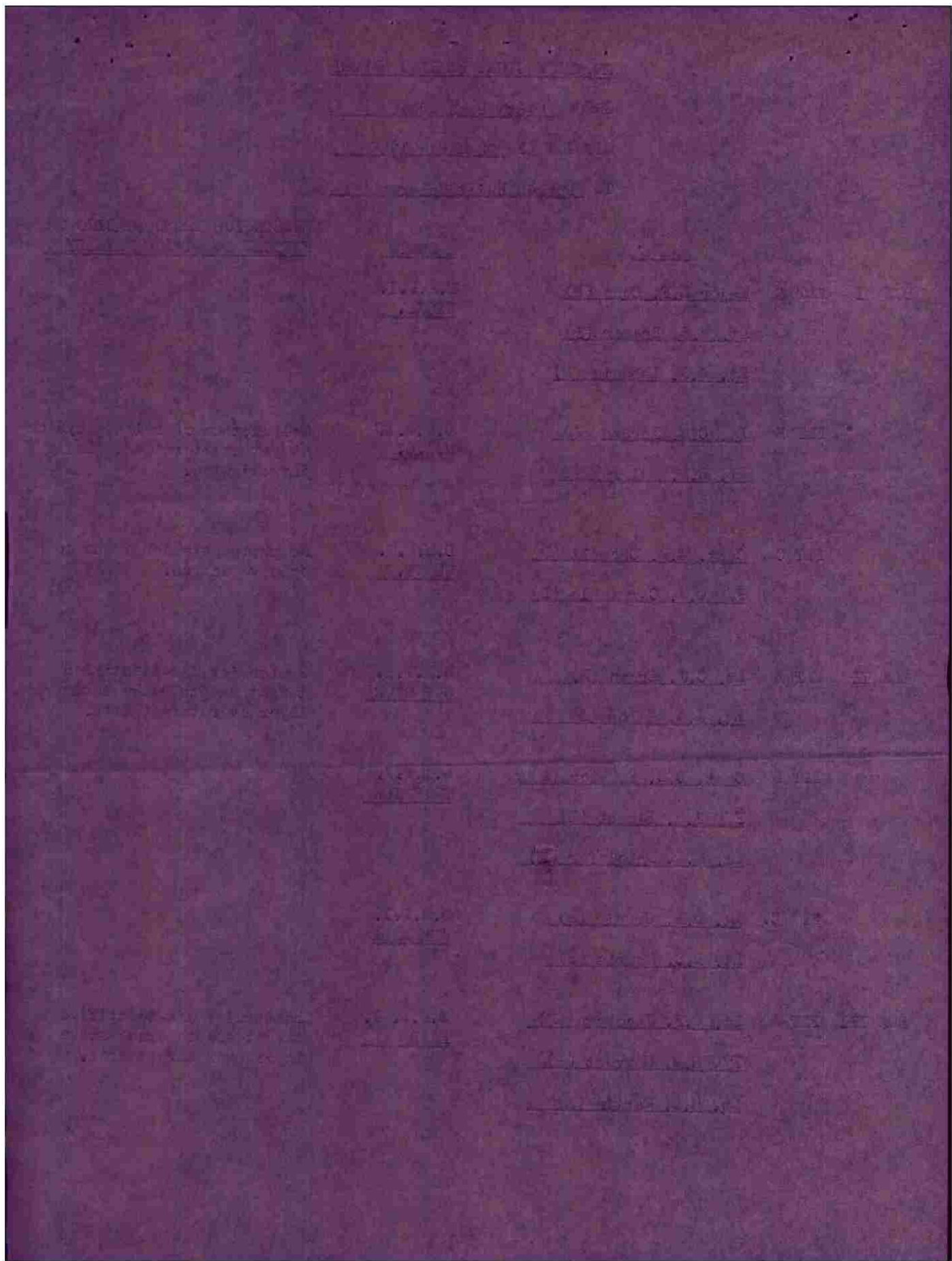
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bomb used.

Lt. M.F. Wilbur (B)

OTTO R. KOCH,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Group Bombardier.

UNSATISFACTORY BOMBING REPORTGROUP 416th Bomb GroupMISSION OF 22 March 1945TO Berlin Built Up Area

| | <u>NAMES</u> | <u>RESULTS</u> | <u>REASON FOR GROSS BOMBING OR FAILURE TO ATTACK PRIMARY</u> | |
|---------|--------------|-------------------------------|--|---|
| BOX I | FLT A | <u>Major L.F. Dunn (P)</u> | D.M.P.I. <u>EXCL.</u> | |
| | | <u>Lt. W.E. Brewer (P)</u> | | |
| | | <u>Lt. A.J. Lehnis (N)</u> | | |
| • | FLT B | <u>Lt. C.S. Jordan (P)</u> | D.M.P.I. <u>N.A.O.</u> | Malfunction of release system as yet undetermined. Being investigated. |
| | | <u>Lt. R.E. Mulcray (B)</u> | | |
| | FLT C | <u>Capt. W.F. DeFault (P)</u> | D.M.P.I. <u>UNDET.</u> | No photos available due to evasive action. |
| | | <u>F/O O.A. Cardinale (B)</u> | | |
| BOX II | FLT A | <u>Lt. C.J. Brown (P)</u> | A.M.P.I. <u>SUPERIOR</u> | Bombardier mis-identified target due to dense smoke layer over target area. |
| | | <u>Lt. J.A. Kerns (B)</u> | | |
| | FLT B | <u>Capt. O.S. Stanley (P)</u> | D.M.P.I. <u>SUPERIOR</u> | |
| | | <u>F/O J.H. Blunt (B)</u> | | |
| | | <u>Lt. M.F. Schelefer (B)</u> | | |
| | FLT C | <u>Lt. D.B. Grunic (P)</u> | D.M.P.I. <u>SUPERIOR</u> | |
| | | <u>Lt. B.C. Morris (B)</u> | | |
| BOX III | FLT A | <u>Lt. O.F. Jacobsen (P)</u> | A.M.P. I. <u>FAIR</u> | Bombardier mis-identified target due to dense smoke layer over target area. |
| | | <u>F/O R.W. Harvest (B)</u> | | |
| | | <u>Lt. R.L. Martin (N)</u> | | |



9th B.D. 'S-2 Report 100A

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|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 416 TF | 9TH B.D. (IC) WING 97th | B |
| GROUP | DATE 22 MARCH 1945 | BORKEN BUILT-UP AREA |
| OTHER INITIALS: TARGET | | AND FLAK POSITION |
| | | SUDLOHN (CASUAL) |
| | FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION | STADTLOHN (CASUAL) |
| | | TARGET HIT |

A. TARGET BRIEFED: BORKEN BUILT-UP AREA PRIMARY
AND FLAK POSITION SECONDARY

M.P.I. ROAD JUNCTIONS IN TOWN

A.P.

C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C-DISPATCHED 44 A-26 NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 43

D. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 6's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 2,3,1,5,7,4,6.
880x 100GP 1/10 1/40

E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 36x260 MBL TRAGE. T50-E-1

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|--------------------------------------|---------|--------|----------|----------|
| F. HEADING ON A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED | BOX I | FLT. A | 220 Deg. | 0947 |
| | | FLT. B | 250 | 0943 |
| | | FLT. C | 230 | 0943 1/2 |
| G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED | BOX II | FLT. A | 230 | 0951 |
| | | FLT. B | 260 | 0948 |
| H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET | | FLT. C | 230 | 0952 |
| | BOX III | FLT. A | 300 | 0949 |
| | | FLT. B | 210 | 0945 |

J. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

BOX I FLT.A-DMPI-EXCEL: All bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPI with center of bursts 450 ft. SW of DMPI. Bombs hit on buildings, roads and fields in SW edge of town destroying buildings and cutting roads.

FLT.B-NAO: No burst within 1000 ft. of DMPI with center of pattern 2030 ft. SW of DMPI. Bombs fell in long pattern in fields and across small buildings and road, destroying buildings and cutting roads.

FLT.C-DMPI-UNDET: No photos of bomb bursts due to evasive action. Visual reports state bombs hit on target in town.

BOX II FLT.A-AMPI-EXCEL: Bombardier misidentified target and bombed town of SUDLOHN 7 miles N of primary. (Sheet Pl Coord. 403723) All bombs within 1000 ft. of AMPI with center of bursts 340 ft. S of AMPI. Bombs fell on buildings and roads.

FLT.B-DMPI-SUPER: All bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPI with center of pattern 200 ft. SW of DMPI. Bursts blanket DMPI with hits on buildings and roads causing extensive damage.

FLT.C-DMPI-SUPER: All bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPI with center of bursts on DMPI. Bombs fell in good pattern in center of town destroying and severely damaging a number of buildings and roads.

BOX III FLT.A-AMPI-FAIR: Bombardier misidentified target and bombed town of STADTLOHN, 10.75 miles NE of primary. (Sheet Pl Coord. 438778) 30% of bursts within 1000 ft. of AMPI with center of pattern 1300 ft. E of AMPI. Bombs fell on buildings and across RR destroying bldgs. and cutting tracks.

FLT.B-DMPI-UNDET: (Bombed flak position) Due to type of bombs used no bursts are visible on photos.

CLAYTON W. ZESIGER
CAPTAIN AIR CORPS
PHOTO INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

IXFB, S-2-Form No. 106-B Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

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|--------------|----------|-----------------------------|------------|
| OTHER UNITS: | TARGET : | IX BC 97TH | WING |
| : | : | : | 416TH |
| : | : | DATE | GROUP |
| : | : | ATTACKING UNITS | |
| : | : | FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION: | TARGET HIT |

A. TARGET BRITED _____ PRIMARY
 _____ SECONDARY
 _____ CASUAL

M.P.I. _____

A.P. _____

B. TARGET ATTACKED _____ FILES FROM PRIMARY _____
 DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY _____

C. COORDINATES _____ ON 1:50,000 MAP NO. _____

D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED _____ A-20's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING _____

E. BOMBING BY _____ IN FOLLOWING ORDER _____

| | | | |
|--|--------|------|------|
| F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED _____ | FUSING | NOSE | TAIL |
| | FUSING | NOSE | TAIL |

G. HEADING OF A/C WHERE BOMBS DROPPED _____ DEGREES MAG.

F. TIME BOMBS DROPPED _____

J. ACTIVITY AT TARGET: _____

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING: _____

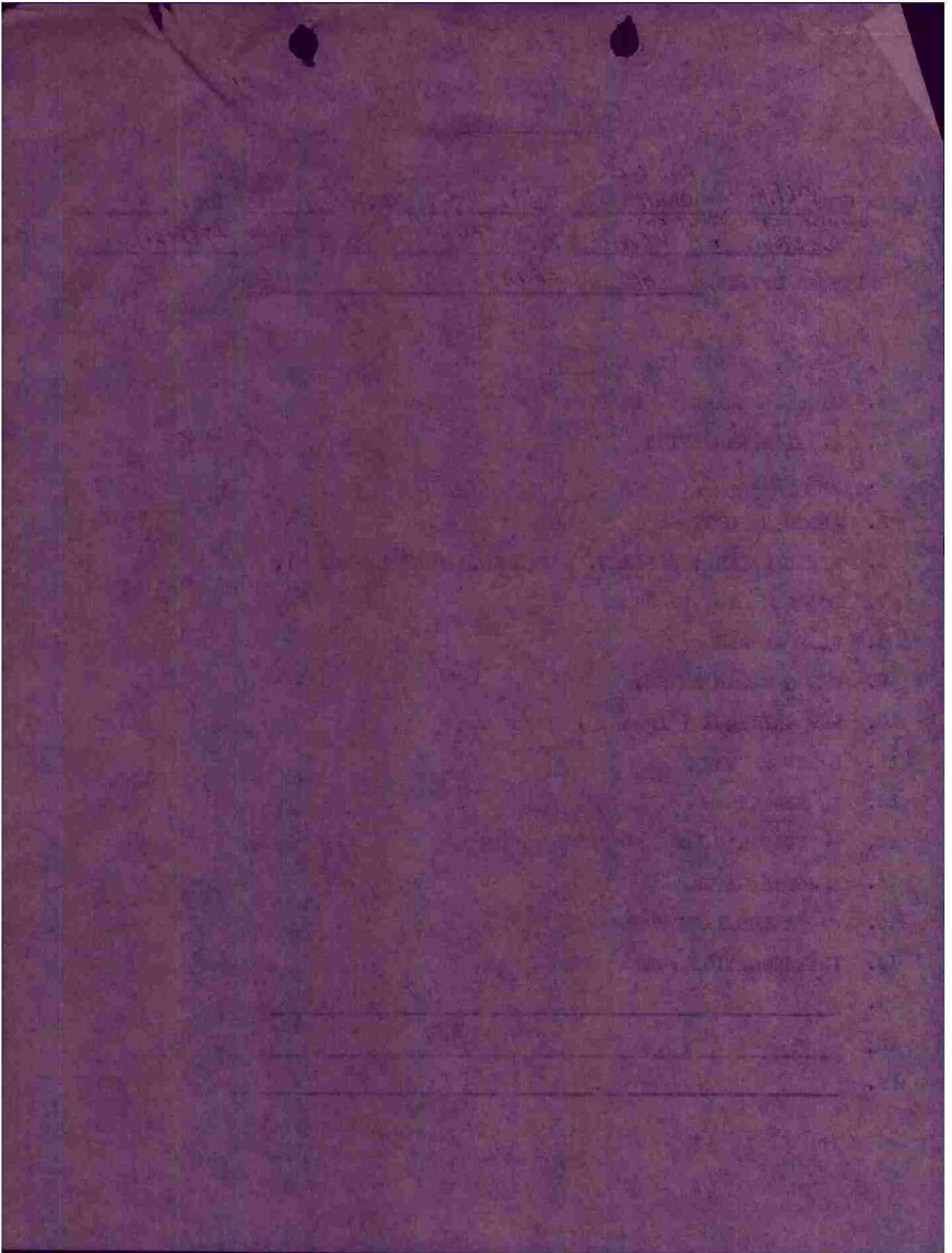
GENERAL INDEX

TARGET BORKEN ^{BUILT UP} AREA DATE 22 MAR 45 NO. 1/C 44 IBS. # 247
also FLAK POSITIONS
 COORD. A-39661V + A-3685601V F.O. # 808 / 1/18 STATUS ATTACKED
 BRIEFING OFFICER CAPT. SHERIDAN

P.R.C.

1. RECCC. PRINTS (IF ANY) _____
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10. PPF CRITIQUE (IF ANY)
11. GPREP REPORT
12. YS REPORT
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Mission Order.

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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)



Field Order 808

MISSION SUMMARY #86
(Morning Mission)

MO # 140
22 March 1945

| <u>GROUP</u> | <u>TARGET</u> | <u>MISSION RESULTS</u> |
|--------------|---|--|
| 386 BG | Stadlohn (A-438778) Communications Center | Box I - Flt. A - Good Flt. B - Excellent Flt. C - Excellent Box II - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Undetermined Flt. C - Undetermined |
| 322 BG | Sudlohn (A-402721) Communications Center | Box I - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Excellent (AMPI) Flt. C - Excellent (AMPI) Box II - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Excellent Flt. C - Unsatisfactory |
| 416 BG | Borken (A-396612) Communications Center | Box I - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - MaO Flt. C - Undetermined Box II - Flt. A - Excellent (AMPI) Flt. B - Superior Flt. C - Superior Box III - Flt. A - Fair (AMPI) Flt. B - Undetermined |
| 409 BG | Gross Reken (A-523599) Communications Center | Box I - Flt. A - Good Flt. B - Excellent Flt. C - Excellent Box II - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Unsatisfactory Flt. C - Excellent |
| 323 BG | Schornbeck (A-405445) Communications Center | Box I - Flt. A - Good (AMPI) Flt. B - Excellent (AMPI) Flt. C - Excellent Box II - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Undetermined Flt. C - Good (AMPI) |
| 397 BG | Ahaus (A-500865) Communications Center | Box I - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Superior Flt. C - Excellent Box II - Flt. A - Fair Flt. B - Excellent Flt. C - Good |
| 394 BG | Haltern (A-620489) Communications Center | Box I - Flt. A - Undetermined Flt. B - Superior Flt. C - Unsatisfactory (AMPI) Flt. D - Undetermined Box II - Flt. A - Superior (AMPI) Flt. B - Superior Flt. C - Superior (AMPI) |

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Box II - Ft. A - AMPI - EXCELLENT. Bomber target identified; bombed street-
to smoke and bombed town of end of town. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI. Bombs
hit on buildings and roads.

Ft. C - AMPI - EXCELLENT. Bomber target identified; bombed street-
to smoke and bombed town of end of town. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI. Bombs
hit on buildings and roads.

Ft. B - AMPI - EXCELLENT. Bomber target identified; bombed street-
to smoke and bombed town of end of town. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI. Bombs
hit on buildings and roads.

Box I - Ft. A - AMPI - EXCELLENT. Bomber target identified; bombed street-
to smoke and bombed town of end of town. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI. Bombs
hit on buildings and roads.

Visual bombing by lights from 12,000 feet.

No losses, 7 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

476 BC: 47 (A-26) a/c dispatched, 34 dropping 748 x 100 lb on primary, 6 drop-
ping 132 x 100 lb on OPIA, 3 dropping 36 x 260 lb on AMPI position
at A-36605. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which crashed-landed at
Vents. Reason is undetermined; however, it is known to have been battle
damaged.

Bomber (Communications Center)

Ft. C - AMPI - EXCELLENT. Bomber target identified; bombed street-
to smoke and bombed town of end of town. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI. Bombs
hit on buildings and roads.

Ft. B - AMPI - EXCELLENT. Bomber target identified; bombed street-
to smoke and bombed town of end of town. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI. Bombs
hit on buildings and roads.

Box II - Ft. A - AMPI - EXCELLENT. Bomber target identified; bombed street-
to smoke and bombed town of end of town. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI. Bombs
hit on buildings and roads.

Ft. C - AMPI - EXCELLENT. Bomber target identified; bombed street-
to smoke and bombed town of end of town. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI. Bombs
hit on buildings and roads.

Ft. B - AMPI - EXCELLENT. Bomber target identified; bombed street-
to smoke and bombed town of end of town. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI. Bombs
hit on buildings and roads.

Box I - Ft. A - AMPI - EXCELLENT. Bomber target identified; bombed street-
to smoke and bombed town of end of town. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI. Bombs
hit on buildings and roads.

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S E C R E T

Flt. B - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of pattern 200 ft. SW of DMPI. Bursts blanket DMPI with hits on buildings and roads.

Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI with center of pattern on DMPI. Bombs fell in good pattern in center of town destroying and severely damaging buildings and roads.

Box III - Flt. A - AMPI - FAIR. Bombardier misidentified target due to smoke and bombed town of Stadtlehn, 10.75 miles NE of Primary. 30 percent of bursts within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI, 1300 ft. E. of AMPI. Bombs fell on buildings and across R.R., cutting tracks

Flt. B - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. (Flak Positions) Due to type of bomb used, no bursts are visible on photos.

Gross Reken (Communications Center)

409 BG: 47 a/c dispatched (including 34 A-26, 13 A-20), 37 (29 A-26, 8 A-20) dropping 630 X 100 GP, 32 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 (2 A-26, 1 A-20) dropping 28 X 260 frags on flak position at A-519559. 1 a/c jettisoning 22 X 100 GP at A-765763 when a gunner was seriously wounded. 1 jettisoning 22 X 100 GP at V-295115 when one engine was knocked out by flak. 3 window a/c.

2 a/c (1 A-20, 1 A-26) failed to bomb: mechanical.

No losses, 19 a/c battle damaged, 1 crewman wounded.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,000 - 12,500 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - GOOD. Approximately 40 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Probable center of dispersed pattern approximately 1040 ft. ENE of DMPI. Main weight of bombs in open fields with several direct hits or near misses to a main road running out of Gross Reken NE. Three buildings in the area of the strikes were probably damaged.

Flt. B & C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombs from both flights hit the ground simultaneously and cannot be separated. Approximately 95 percent of combined pattern within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of excellent combined pattern approximately 290 ft. SSW of DMPI. Pattern reaches to or blankets the DMPI and cuts across a main road and two smaller roads leading S, SW and SE from Gross Reken. One burst hit a building immediately W of DMPI and it appears to have exploded. Later photos show a great deal of white smoke coming from this building. Other buildings in this area have probably been damaged.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. Approximately 95 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of excellent concentration approximately 330 ft. ENE of DMPI. Pattern blankets DMPI and approximately 700 ft. of street in center of town. Pattern also covered and probably damaged many buildings adjacent to this street. One burst landed on buildings and on street intersection just W of main pattern.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. Approximately 5 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of main pattern, which is in excellent concentration, approximately 1190 ft. SE of DMPI. Pattern blankets about 400 ft. of main road running S. out of Gross Reken and also covers several buildings in SE portion of town. Bombardier was not completely synchronized for drift when he approximated center of town after 3 runs.

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S E C R E T
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No losses, 17 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

due to engine failure.
Jettisoning 4 X 500 frags at Z-934091, N of Doverton (enemy territory)
ping 20 X 500 frags on flak positions 4-480742, 4-481117, 4-481471, 1
36 (A-20) a/c dispatched, 30 dropping 173 X 500 G on Primary, 5 drop-

Witten (Communications Center)

Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. A/C banked off target too steeply
to pick up bursts.
Flt. B - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Bomber had difficulty picking
DMPI due to smoke cover on bomb run. Bombs disappeared into
smoke column over target and do not show in photos.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 90 percent of bursts within 1000 ft.
radius of DMPI centered 100 ft. S of DMPI in excellent pattern.
Bursts blanket DMPI and track across center causing damage to
roads and buildings.
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radius of DMPI centered 100 ft. S of DMPI in excellent pattern.
Bursts blanket DMPI and track across center causing damage to
roads and buildings.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Three a/c of this flight dropped
on flak positions. Bursts located near gun positions at 4-
550768. The other three planes dropped on enemy positions along
stream from which gun flashes were observed in area of 4-638497.
Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 90 percent of bursts within 1000 ft.
radius of DMPI centered 100 ft. S of DMPI in excellent pattern.
Bursts blanket DMPI and track across center causing damage to
roads and buildings.

Flt. B - NO ATTACK. Gee was out in this flight and neither
navigator nor bombardier could keep himself pinpointed due to
heavy concentration of smoke and haze which obscured check
points.
Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Three a/c of this flight dropped
on flak positions. Bursts located near gun positions at 4-
550768. The other three planes dropped on enemy positions along
stream from which gun flashes were observed in area of 4-638497.

Box I - Flt. A - NAO. No photo coverage. Cameras ran and showed bombs
away of accidental release but did not pick up bursts.
Visual bombing by flights from 12,000 - 14,100 feet.
No losses, 2 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.
Flt. B - NO ATTACK. Gee was out in this flight and neither
navigator nor bombardier could keep himself pinpointed due to
heavy concentration of smoke and haze which obscured check
points.
Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Three a/c of this flight dropped
on flak positions. Bursts located near gun positions at 4-
550768. The other three planes dropped on enemy positions along
stream from which gun flashes were observed in area of 4-638497.

387 BG: 36 a/c dispatched, 23 dropping 643 X 100 G on Primary, 5 dropping 80 X
260 frags on flak positions at 4-551471, 4-576476. 1 a/c jettisoned 16
X 250 frags at V-115065 (enemy territory) when 1 engine cut out.
7 a/c failed to bomb: 1, mechanical; 6, other (1, flight leader's Gee
was out and could not make certain of his position; 5, leader did not
drop).
No losses, 2 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.
Visual bombing by flights from 12,000 - 14,100 feet.
Box I - Flt. A - NAO. No photo coverage. Cameras ran and showed bombs
away of accidental release but did not pick up bursts.

Flt. C - AMPI - SUPERIOR. (This flight was off course and
could not correct on Primary in time to synchronize so placed
N/V at Dorsten (4-471415) as usual, approximately 11 miles SW
of DMPI. Long pattern approximately 75 ft. N of DMPI and covering
it. Bursts on built-up area of town, striking on road junction
and several small roads with heavy damage.
Flt. B - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of
DMPI. Long pattern approximately 75 ft. N of DMPI and covering
it. Bursts covered entire N/V and several rows of cars with heavy
damage.

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Visual bombing by flights from 11,000 - 13,000 feet.

- Box I - Flt. A - NAO. Bombs did not go away when indices crossed. Pilot closed bomb bay doors to make a second run. When pilot banked off target wing bombs fell off and remainder of flight bombed on these bombs. 85 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Pattern centered 900 ft. NNE of DMPI with one a/c dropping approximately 1400 ft. N of DMPI. Bombs fell in open fields and across two secondary highways.
- Flt. B - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered 100 ft. S of DMPI. Pattern blanket heavily built-up area and road net. Possible hits were scored on NNE/SSE highway SW of DMPI.
- Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100 percent of visible bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Visible pattern centered 775 ft. W of DMPI. Bombardier could not synchronize on DMPI on first run due to heavy haze at T/A and took a second run. On his second run the target was covered with smoke so he bombed into the smoke. Bursts are visible on rail line and extend across highway W of line.
- Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 85 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Pattern centered 650 ft. N of DMPI. Bursts extend across railway and highway intersection and into built-up area of town.
- Flt. B - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Bombardier made two runs on target. No photo coverage due to evasive action and smoke over target.
- Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered on built-up area 200 ft. W of DMPI. Bursts blanket buildings and several hundred ft. of main highway and extend across highway to rail lines W of town.

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391 BG: 44 a/c dispatched, 41 dropping 770 X 150 GP, 44 X 100 GP, 4 X 1000 GP on Primary. 3 dropping 48 X 250 frags on Letta (A-619678) after being unable to catch formation after late take-off. Were unable to locate flak position.

No losses, 6 a/c battle damaged, 1 crewman wounded.

Visual bombing by flights from 9,100 - 12,000 feet.

- Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Dispersed pattern fell about 200 ft. SW of DMPI across main street and 3 intersections in center of town and hitting at least 30 buildings in built-up sector.
- Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPI. Dispersed pattern fell about 400 ft. NW of DMPI across RR tracks and hitting 2 main roadways and at least 12 residential type buildings.
- Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. Over 50 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPI. Bursts were partially obscured by smoke. The visible bursts fell in a dispersed pattern about 600 ft. NW of DMPI hitting 3 main roadways and at least 20 residential type buildings.

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114. C - SMI - EXHIBIT. Smoke observed DMI. Selected road junction (A-6075222) 1800 ft. E of DMI, approximately 60 per cent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of SMI. Long pattern SMI. Strikes on NE part of city. Smoke obscures assessment.

114. B - SMI - EXHIBIT. Smoke covered DMI. Selected road junction (A-61307235) just beyond street, 890 ft. NE of DMI. Approximately 95 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of SMI. Good pattern NE of SMI. Strikes across 2 rd lanes, main road junction and residential buildings in NE side of city.

114. A - SMI - EXHIBIT. Smoke observed DMI. Selected road junction (A-60817208), 2800 ft. NE of DMI. Approximately 95 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of SMI. Good pattern NE of SMI. Strikes across 2 rd lanes, main road junction and city covering a main road intersection.

114. C - SMI - EXHIBIT. Smoke and haze observed DMI. Selected road (A-61027198), 700 ft. E of DMI. Approximately 60 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of SMI. Good pattern 680 ft. NE of SMI. Strikes in eastern built-up part of city covering a main road intersection.

114. B - SMI - UNDETERMINED. 114. C was below on bomb run so bombs could not be released without risk of hitting them. Since bomb bay doors would not close, usual target was selected. Hazed area in Warden (A-375827), 16 miles E of DMI. Bombs did not operate since bombs released by salvo. Green report excellent hit.

114. A - DMI - FAIR. Electrical system cut and had to salvage to release bombs. 30 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMI. Long pattern 1170 ft. S of DMI. Strikes on rail line, across a large factory and main road, several residential buildings and in open.

114. D - DMI - EXHIBIT. More than 50 percent of bombs in 1000 ft. radius of DMI. Dispersed concentration fell about 800 ft. N of DMI cutting 2 eastbound and 2 northbound lanes, 1 main roadway, and damaging at least 12 small buildings.

114. C - DMI - UNDETERMINED. Bombs fell into lanes smoke of previous flights making assessment impossible.

114. B - DMI - UNDETERMINED. Poor synchronization due to smoke over target. All bombs more than 1000 ft. from DMI. Dispersed concentration fell about 1600 ft. N of DMI cutting 2 rd lanes and hitting 3 farm type buildings and in open fields.

114. A - DMI - EXHIBIT. Over 50 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMI. Bombs fell into smoke of previous flights making assessment difficult. The bursts that are visible in a dispersed pattern about 900 ft. E of DMI across 2 main roadways and hitting at least 8 residential type buildings.

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344 Pg:

77 a/c dispatched, 34 dropping 847 X 150 on primary. 6 dropping 150 X 150 on OMB. 3 dropping 36 X 260 frage on the positions of A-606997. 1 a/c jettisoning 25 X 150 on open fields 4 miles N of Warden (A-150069) (stranded territory) due to loss of power in one engine.

No losses, 2 a/c battle damaged, no casualties. Visual bombing by flights from 9,500 - 12,600 feet.

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880 ft. N of SMPI. Strikes across main road and residential buildings just north of city.

Box III - Flt. A - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Haze and smoke obscured DMPI. Selected road junction (A-60627190) 3000 ft. SW of DMPI. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of SMPI. Strikes in built-up area in SW part of city hitting across 3 main roads.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. Approximately 80 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Good pattern 560 ft. SW. of DMPI. Bombs hit in open just west of flak position with possible hit on one emplacement.

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| 0 | Claims | |
| 0 | Injured | |
| 12 | Missing | |
| 4 | Wounded | |
| 0 | Killed | |
| 84 | A/C Battle Damaged | 20,828 |
| 1 | A/C Crash-Landed (416 - 4-26) | |
| 0 | A/C Missing | |
| 2 | A/C Lost (322 BG; 394 BG) | |
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| 607.33 | Bombs on Enemy Territory | |
| 131,765.01 | Total Bombs to Date | |
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| 429 | TOTAL | |
| 6 | Bombs of 3 A/C Unaccounted for | |
| | Other | |
| | Window | 3 |
| 0 | A/C Recalled (Weather) | |
| 14 | A/C Falling to Bomb | |
| 409 | A/C Bombing | |
| 429 | A/C DFW | |

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FAILURES TO BOMB

| <u>GROUP</u> | <u>NO. A/C</u> | <u>CLASSIFICATION</u> | <u>Reason</u> |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|---|
| 286 | 1 (A-26) | Mechanical | Main gear would not retract. |
| 409 | 2 | Mechanical | 1 (A-20) - Electrical malfunction. 1 (A-26) - Undetermined. Bombs hung up at target. |
| 323 | 1 | Mechanical | Rack failure. |
| | 1 | Other | Leader did not drop. |
| 397 | 1 | Mechanical | Engine cut out. |
| 387 | 1 | Mechanical | Gas leak in main tank. |
| | 6 | Other | 1 - Flight leader's "Gee" was out and could not determine his exact location. 5 - Leader did not drop. |
| 344 | 1 | Mechanical | Gas leak in bomb bay. |

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Stadtlohn 386 BG: Mil cloud. Visibility 4 miles up sun, 10-15 down sun.

Sudlohn 322 BG: Clear, visibility 4-5 miles up sun, 7-8 miles down sun.

Borken 416 BG: Heavy haze and smoke over target. Visibility 4-5 miles up sun, 8-10 miles down sun.

Gross Baken 409 BG: No low cloud. Visibility 8-10 miles.

Scherrbeek 323 BG: 3/10 cirrus. Visibility 4 miles up sun and 8 miles down sun, with smoke locally obscuring the ground.

Ahaus 397 BG: 2/10 cirrus. Visibility 10 miles in light haze.

Haltern 394 BG: 3/10 cirrus. Thick haze and smoke to 4-5000 ft. Visibility on bomb run from NE-SSW 4-5 miles. After first box dropped, target partially obscured for remaining flights.

387 BG: 4/10 cirrus. Town visible 9-10 miles away but aiming point visible 5 miles away. Considerable smoke and haze in area.

Wulfen 410 BG: No low or medium cloud. Broken thin high cloud. Haze, visibility generally 5-10 miles down sun, 2-3 miles up sun, but 3-4 on bomb run.

Coesfeld 391 BG: Weather good, bombed visually.

344 BG: Moderate haze. Smoke obscuring objects in target area.

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Plak at the target was weak inaccurate. Moderate accurate heavy Plak was encountered from Pragshtal (4-730950) to Balaban (4-740930). It is possible that this Plak was being fired from the defenses of Mawter. However, several command- cations centers are along this route and a few guns are probably located around them.

4/0 Lost to Plak 0
4/0 Battle Damaged 19
5/0 Battle Damaged 41,328

Station Communications Center 498 Gm.

Most accurate heavy Plak was encountered near Station and moderate accurate heavy Plak near Zhalle (2-900350). It is not probable that all of the guns in the Zhalle defense were in action as Plak would probably be intense in this area normally.

4/0 Lost to Plak 0
4/0 Battle Damaged 7
5/0 Battle Damaged 15,908

Station Communications Center 416 Gm.

There was no Plak at the target, however, at Sandhan (2-870220) intense but inaccurate heavy Plak was encountered. Other reports that about 150 bursts were fired. This Plak probably came from the defenses of Zhalle. This point is within the defenses of Devener. Most accurate Plak was encountered at Lee and moderate accurate Plak was encountered at Mawter on route out. The loss of Plak in this area is 2 miles east of the ridge near 4-131582. 3 and possibly 4 centers were seen to open and some of the remaining crews thought that the Chinese might have drifted to friendly territory.

4/0 Lost to Plak 1
4/0 Battle Damaged 7
5/0 Battle Damaged 13,887

Station Communications Center 322 Gm.

The only Plak encountered was weak inaccurate from the defenses of Devener.

4/0 Lost to Plak 0
4/0 Battle Damaged 0
5/0 Battle Damaged 0

Station Communications Center 385 Gm.

4/0 OVER TARGET TERMINATED 419
4/0 Lost to Plak 2
4/0 BATTLE DAMAGED 84
5/0 BATTLE DAMAGED 20,821

Station Communications Center 385 Gm.

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| <u>Scherbech Communications Center</u> | <u>323 Gp.</u> |
| A/C Lost to Flak | 0 |
| A/C Battle Damaged | 4 |
| % A/C Battle Damaged | 11.11% |

Weak but accurate heavy flak was encountered on the bomb run and during the turn off target. En route out weak accurate heavy flak was encountered at Bocholt. The flak position in defense of the target was not bombed as scheduled as the leader did not drop.

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| <u>Ahaus Communications Center</u> | <u>397 Gp.</u> |
| A/C Lost to Flak | 0 |
| A/C Battle Damaged | 4 |
| % A/C Battle Damaged | 12.12% |

12 bursts of very inaccurate heavy flak was encountered at the target. At Groenlo weak inaccurate heavy flak was experienced. En route from the target, moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered in the Rees area.

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| <u>Haltern Communications Center</u> | <u>394, 387 Gp.</u> |
| A/C Lost to Flak | 1 |
| A/C Battle Damaged | 21 |
| % A/C Battle Damaged | 30.55% |

The 394 Gp. encountered moderate accurate heavy flak at the target. The 387 Gp. reported weak inaccurate flak that stopped when the bombs on the flak position exploded.

The 394 Gp. reported weak inaccurate fire from the Deventer defenses and weak to moderate inaccurate flak from the Munster defenses. The 387 Gp. reported weak inaccurate flak at Zwolle and moderate accurate flak at Zutphen. The lost a/c left the formation of the 394 Gp. soon after the target after being hit by flak. 3 chutes were seen.

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| <u>Milfon Communications Center</u> | <u>410 Gp.</u> |
| A/C Lost to Flak | 0 |
| A/C Battle Damaged | 17 |
| % A/C Battle Damaged | 47.22% |

The defenses at Deventer engaged the formation with weak accurate heavy flak. Weak inaccurate heavy flak was encountered at Neunkirchen (V-7606) and Altonburg (A-8384). This flak probable came from the Rhine and Munster defenses. At Haltern moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered. This flak was probably being fired from the outer Ruhr defenses.

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| <u>Goesfeld Communications Center</u> | <u>391, 344 Gp.</u> |
| A/C Lost to Flak | 0 |
| A/C Battle Damaged | 8 |
| % A/C Battle Damaged | 9.2% |

The 391 Gp. encountered weak accurate to inaccurate heavy flak at the IP (A-724845). Crews reported that the fire seemed to be coming from 6 guns that would fire 2-3 bursts at each flight as it went into the bomb run. The IP was a communication point (Laer) and is probably protected with an unknown 6 gun battery.

The 344 Gp. encountered weak inaccurate heavy flak at the target. A 6-gun battery

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| PERSONNEL NUMBER | NO. | PERSONNEL NUMBER | NO. | CARRIER | PHOTOPERCENT | GROUP |
|------------------|-----|------------------|-----|---------|--------------|-------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80% | 10% | 386 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100% | 0 | 322 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100% | 0 | 416 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 93% | 0 | 409 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 73% | 2 | 321 |
| 10% | 1 | 20% | 2 | 70% | 2 | 397 |
| 0 | 0 | 11% | 1 | 89% | 1 | 394 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100% | 0 | 387 |
| 0 | 0 | 23% | 2 | 47% | 2 | 410 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100% | 0 | 391 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100% | 0 | 347 |

S/A PHOTO REPORTS

The 391st Group sighted the PW 190's and an A-193 between 0400 (Z-809185) and 0415 (Z-809185) at 15,000 feet, 0945 hours.

T.O.L. is: 0935 to 1039

B-17K AIRCRAFT REMOVAL

The absence of B-17K at most of the targets can probably be attributed to the bombing of known B-17K positions within range of the target.

Summary:

is plotted south of the target about 3 miles. PW was also encountered at Rhine, west Inco, and Darscamp, west Inco. The latter points are on the outer edge of the German defenses.

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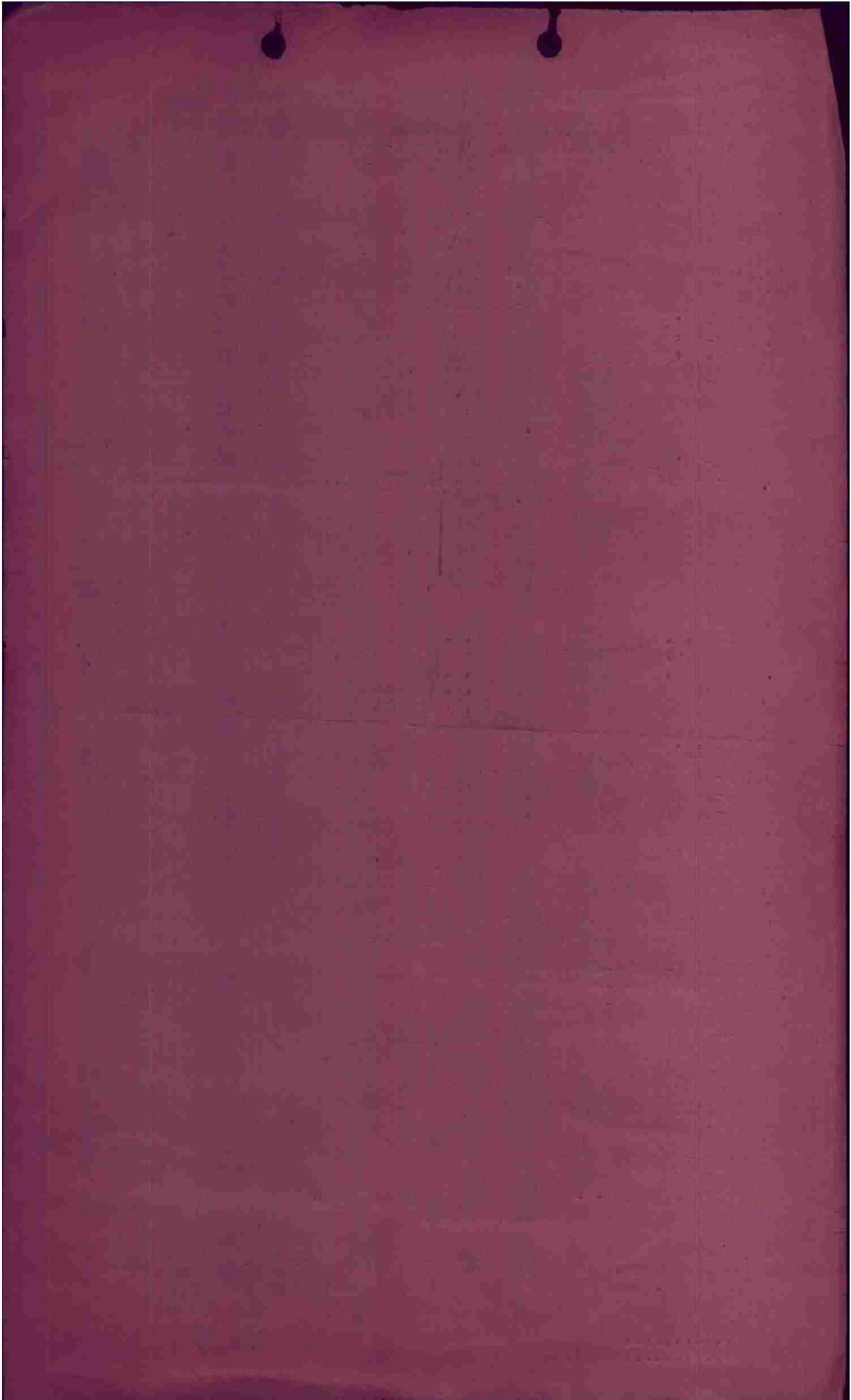
CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-491-D OPSFLASH FOR 22 MARCH 1945 (MORNING MISSION)

- A. 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
- B. BORKEN BUILT UP AREA (A-396612)
 FLAK POSITIONS (A-36856055)
- C. 44 A-26'S
- D. 34 A-26'S ATTACKED PRIMARY (BORKEN A-396612)
 6 A-26'S ATTACKED CASUAL TARGET RAMSDORF (A-440660) DUE TO SMOKE AND HAZE AT PRIMARY WHICH MADE SYNCHRONIZATION EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. OF THESE SIX (6) A/C ONE (1) A/C SALVOED TWELVE (12) BOMBS WHICH DID NOT RELEASE AT RAMSDORF . THESE BOMBS HIT SUDLOHN A-400710. PILOT DROPPED BOMBS ON SIXXX INSTRUCTION FROM LEAD B/N ON FLIGHT.
- E. 3 A-26'S ATTACKED PRIMARY (FLAK POSITIONS A-36856055)
 1 A-26 A/C INFORMATION LACKING FROM ON E(1) A/C WHICH CRASH LANDED AT Y55.
- F. 748 X 100 LB GP ON PRIMARY (BORKEN A-396612)
 120 X 100 LB GP ON CASUAL (RAMSDORF A440660) SEE PARA D.
 12 X 100 LB GP ON SUDLOHN A400710. SEE PARA D
 36 X 260 LB FRAGS ON PRIMARY, FLAK POSITION AT A36856055.
 22 X 100 LB GP UNACCOUNTED FOR . ONFORMATION LACKING FROM A/C WHICH CRASH LANDED AT Y55.
- G. BOX I
 FLT .A. EXCELLENT
 B. EXCELLENT
 C. EXCELLENT
- BOX II
 FLT.A. BOMBED CASUAL RAMSDORF A440660 WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS
 FLT.B. FAIR
 FLT.C. EXCELLENT
 FLT.D. EXCELLENT
- BOX III
 FLT.A. EXCELLENT ON FLAK POSITION
 3 A/C ONLY
- H. 1 A-26 CRASH LANDED AT Y55, BELIEVED TO BE DAMAGED CAT.E(FLAK)
 5 A-26 A/C DAMAGED CAT.A (FLAK)
 1 A-26 A/C DAMAGED CAT. AC (FLAK)
- I. INFORMATION LACKING FROM PILOT AND GUNNER OF A/C THAT CRASH LANDED AT Y55.
- J. WEAKK HEAVY ACCURATE FLAK FROM (A440770)
 MODERATE ACCURATE HFF FROM ZWOLLE AREA (Z900350)
- K. NIL
- L. 12000 FEET ON BORKEN (A-396612) AND RAMSDORF
 10000 FEET ON FLAK POSITIONS (A36856055)
- M. BOX I
 FLIGHT XXXX 1-0947 TWO RUNS
 2-0943 ONE RUN
 3-9043 1/2 ONE RUN
- BOX II
 FLIGHT A 0951 ON CASUAL (RAMSDORF A440660) AFTER 6 MAKING ONE RUN ON PRIMARY.
 FLIGHT B 9048 TWO RUNS
 FLIGHT C 0952 TWO RUNS
 FLIGHT D 0949 TWO RUNS
- BOX II
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
- BOX III
 FLIGHT A 0945- -ONE RUN OF FLAK POSITION A36856055)



BT 22/1405A
 AS IN CCC: ON M . BOX I THIRD FLIGHT SHOULD BE XXX 3-0943 1/2 ONE RUN
 CCC : IN M . BOX II FLIGHT B SHOULD BE B 0948 TWO RUNS

WJF BBB TO ITA ONLY
 ITA R..... 221434A DD KK
 JEA R.....S 221434A DJP K AR



J. Weak heavy accurate flak from (A 440770)
Moderate accurate HF from Zwolle Area (Z 900350)

K. Nil

L. 12000 feet on Borken (A396612) And Ramsdorf
10000 feet on flak positions (A 36856055)

M. Box I

Flight 1 - 0947 two runs
2 - 0943 one run
3 - 0943 $\frac{1}{2}$ one run

Box II

Flight A 0951 on casual (Ramsdorf A 440660) after
making one run on primary.

Flight B 0948 Two runs

Flight C 0952 Two runs

Flight D 0949 Two runs

Box III

Flt A 0945 - One run on flak position A 36856055)

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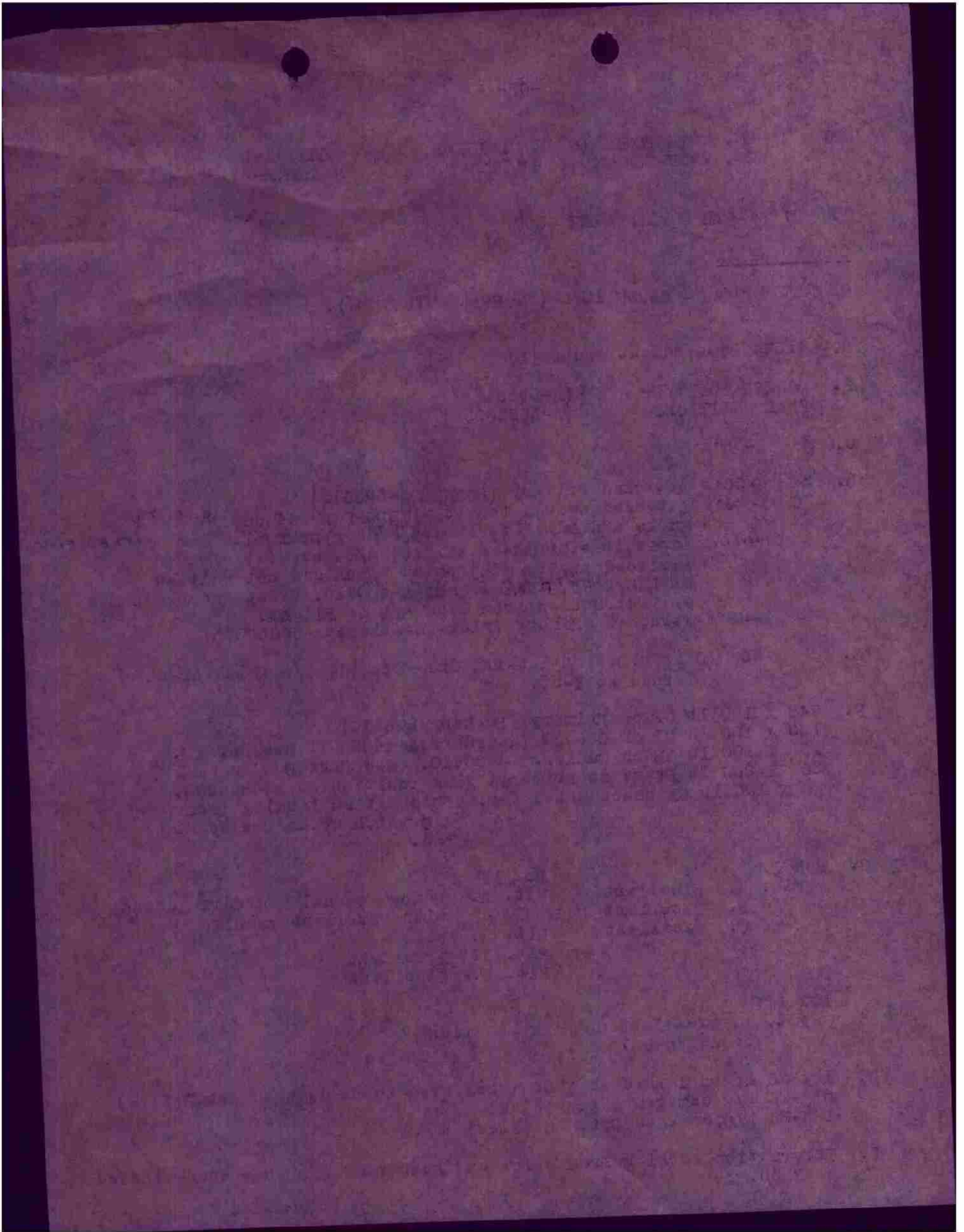
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- A. 416th Bombardment Group (L)
- B. BORKEN BUILT UP AREA (A-396612)
FLAK POSITIONS (A-36856055)
- C. 44 A-26's
- D. 34 A-26's Attacked Primary (BORKEN A-396612)
6 A-26's Attacked casual target RAMSDORF (A- 440660) *DUE TO*
Smoke and haze at Primary, *made synchronization EXTREMELY*
DIFFICULT impossible. Of these six (6) a/c, one (1) a/c
salvaged twelve (12) bombs which did not release
at RAMSDORF. *These bombs were salvaged* A-400710. Pilot dropped bombs
on instruction from Lead B/N of Flight.
- 3 A-26's Attacked Primary (Flak positions A-36856055)
- E. 1 A-26 A/C information lacking from one (1) a/c which crash
landed at Y-55.
- F. 748 X 100 lb GP on Primary (Borken A396612)
120 X 100 lb GP on Casual (Ramsdorf A 440660) See Para D.
12 X 100 lb GB on Sudlohn A400710. See Para D
36 X 260 lb Frags on Primary, Flak position at A36856055.
22 X 100 lb GP unaccounted for. Information lacking from
A/C which crash landed at
Y55.
- G. **Box I**
Flt. A. Excellent
B. Excellent
C. Excellent
- Box II**
Flt. A. Bombed casual Ramsdorf A440660
with excellent results
Flt. B. Fair
Flt. C. Excellent
Flt. D. Excellent
- Box III**
Flt. A. Excellent on Flak position
3 A/C only
- H. 1 A-26 crash landed at Y 55 , believed to be damaged Cat.E(Flak)
5 A-26 A/C damaged Cat.A (Flak)
1 A-26 A/C damaged Cat. AC (Flak)
- I. Information lacking from pilot and gunner of A/C that crash landed
at Y 55.



To. C.G. 9th Bombardment Division ATTA2

C.G. 91th Bombardment Wing ATTA2

From. 416th Bombardment Group

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A. 416th Bombardment Group (2)

B. Borken Built up area. (A396612)

Flak positions (A36856056)

C. 44 A26 A/C

D. ³⁴ ~~44~~ A26 A/C attached primary ^(Borken A396612) ~~target~~

6 A26 A/C attached ~~alternate~~ ^{casual} target Remsdorf ().

Smoke and haze ~~in area~~ ^{at primary} made synchronization impossible.

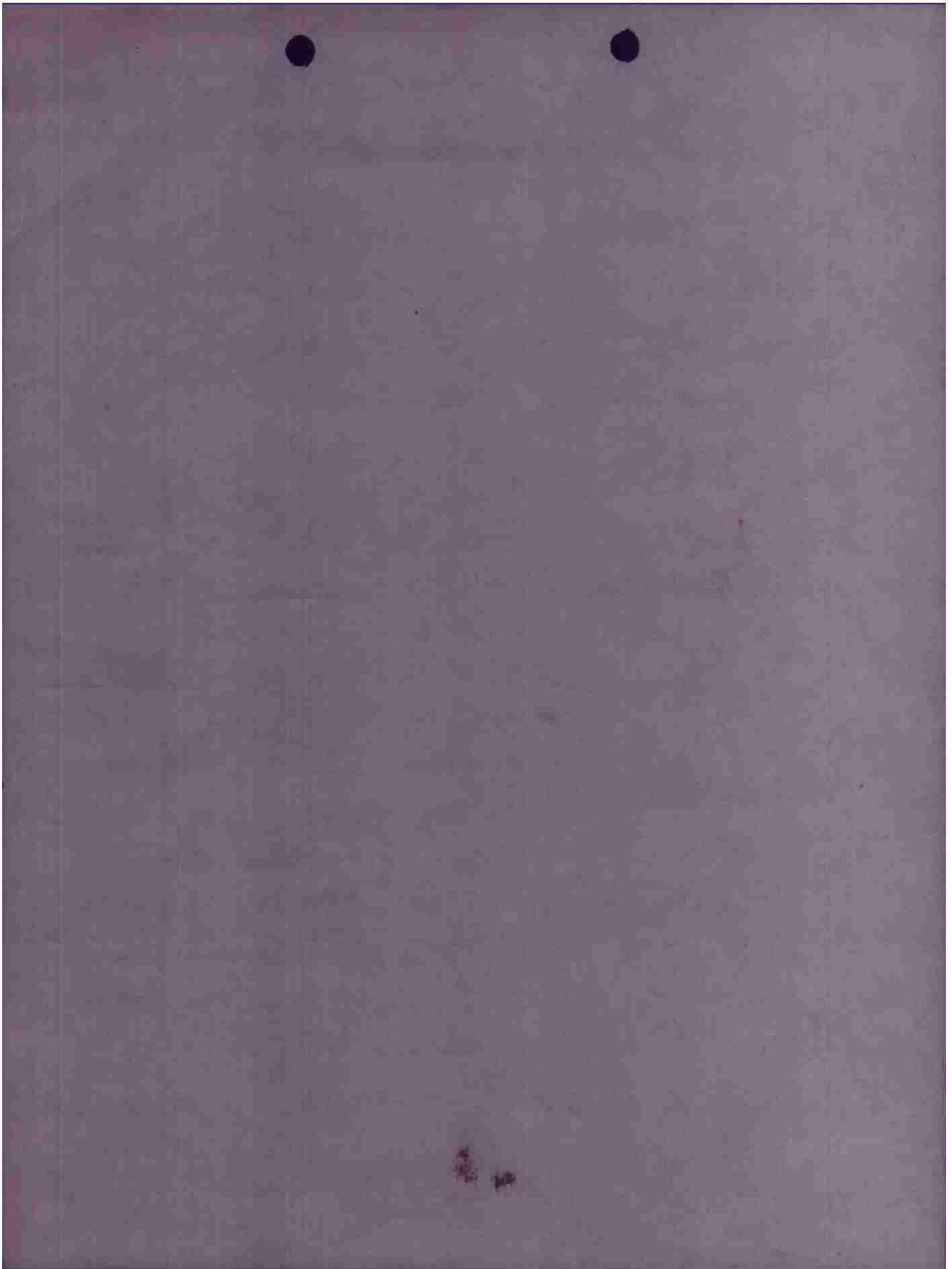
~~44 A26 A/C~~

of these six A/C one A/C salvaged 12 ~~to~~ bombs which did not release at Remsdorf. ^{one Sullyohn A400710} ~~the A/C~~

Pilot dropped bombs on instruction from lead B/V of flight.

3 A26 A/C attached Primary (Flak position A36856055)

E- 1 A26 A/C information lacking from 1 A/C which crash landed at Y55



- F- 748 X 100 lb G.P. on primary (Roshen ^{A396612})
 120 X 100 lb GP on casual (Romsday/A440660)
 See para D
 12 X 100 lb G.P. on Stadlohn A400710
 See para D.
 36 X 260 lb. Frags on primary Flak position
 at A36856055
 22 X 100 lb G.P. unaccounted for.
 Information lacking from
 A/C which ~~landed~~ ^{crash} landed at
 Y55.
- G. Box 1-
 S.M.A. Excellent
 B. Excellent
 C. Excellent
- Box 2
 S.M.A. Bombed casual Romsday
 with excellent results
 B. Fair
 C. Excellent
- Box 3-
 A. Excellent on Flak position
 3 A/C only.
- ~~D. Excellent~~ P. Excellent.
- H. 1 A26 A/C crashed landed at Y55. believed
 to be damaged cat. E. (Flak)
 5 A26 A/C damaged cat. A. (Flak)
 1 A26 A/C damaged cat AC (Flak)
- I. Information lacking from pilot and
 gunner of A/C that crash landed at Y55
- J. Weak heavy accurate flak from Stadlohn
 moderate to intense accurate flak from (A 440770)
 Zivolle area (2900350)
- K - nil
- L- 12000 feet on Roshen (A396612) & Romsday
 10000 feet on Flak position (A36856055)

M. Box 1

Flight 1 - 0947 ^{two} runs
 2 - 0943 ^{one} run
 3 - 0943½ ^{one} run

Box 2

F.U. A 0951 on casual (Romaday
 after making one run on primary A440660)
 B 0948 two runs.
 B - 0952 ^{two} runs
 D - 0949 two runs

Box 3.

~~Flight 1 0949 two runs~~

A. 0945 - one run on
 flat position A36856058

RKZNGG
TIC PSE

~~248~~
247

ITA JEA V JKI 22/22 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) A-2 P.I. 222300A
TO 9TH BOMB DIV. (M) ATTN: A-2 P.I.
97TH COMBAT WING ATT: A-2 DUTY OFFICER.

BT
SECRET 416BG R-506-D.

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B. BORKEN BUILT UP AREA

FLAK POSITION
SUDLOHN (CASUAL)
STADTLOHN (CASUAL)

G. ~~EXX~~ 0943 - 0952

J. BOX I FLT. A-DMPI: EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT. OF DMPI,
450 FT. SW. BOMBS HIT ON BUILDINGS AND ROADS ON SW EDGE OF TOWN.

FLT. B- NAO: UNSAT: NO BURSTS WITHIN 1000 FT. OF DMPI 2030 FT.
SW. BOMBS FELL IN LONG PATTERN IN FIELDS AND ON BUILD. & ROADS.

FLT. C-DMPI: ~~EXX~~ UNDET: NO PHOTOS OF BOMB BURSTS DUE TO EVASIVE
ACTION. VUSUAL REPORTS STATE BOMBS HIT IN TOWN.

BOX II FLT. A-AMPI; EXCEL: BOMBARDIER ~~NXXX~~ MIDIDENTIFIED TARGET
AND BOMBED TOWN OF SUDLOHN 7 MILES N OF PRIMARY. (SHEET P1 COORD.
403723) ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT. OF AMPI, 340 FT. S OF AMPI.
BOMBS HIT ON BLDGS. AND ROADS.

FLT B- DMPI: SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI, 200 FT.
SW BURSTS BLANKET DMPI WITH HITS ON BLDGS. AND ROADS.

FLT. C-DMPI-SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT. OF DMPI WITH
CENTER OF PATTERN ON DMPI. ~~EXX~~ BOMBS FELL IN GOOD PATTERN IN CENTER
OF TOWN DESTROYING AND SEVERELY DAMAGING BLDGS. AND ROADS.

BOX III FLT. A-AMPI-FAIR: BOMBARDIER MISIDENTIFIED TARGET AND
BOMBED TOWN OF STADTLOHN, 10.75 MILES NE OF MRIMARY. (SHEET P1 CORD.
438773) 30 PER-CENT OF BURSTS WITHIN 1000 FT. OF AMPI 1300 FT.
E. OF AMPI. BOMBS FELL ON BLDGS. AND ACROSS RR CUTTING TRACKS.

FLT. B-DMPI-UNDET: (BOMBED FLAK POSITIONS) DUE TO TYPE OF BOMB
USED NO BURSTS ARE VISIBLE ON PHOTOS.

K. BOX I FLT. B NAO MALFUNCTION OF RELEASE SYSTEM AS YET UNDETER-
MINED. BEING INVESTIGATED.

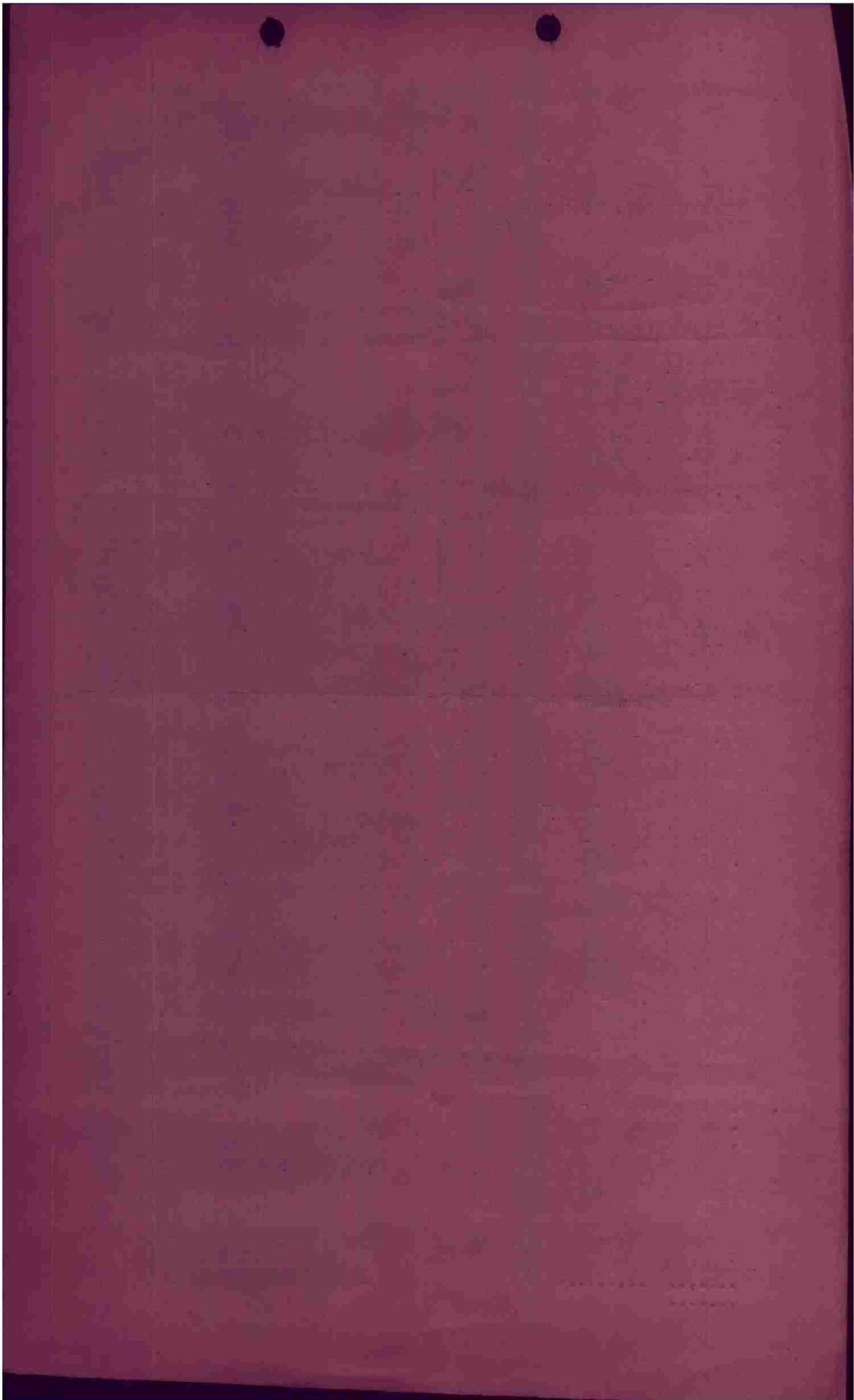
BOX II FLT. A - SUPER: BOMBARDIER MIS-IDENTIFIED TARGET DUE TO
~~HEMXX~~ AMPI. DENSE SMOKE LAYER OVER TARGET AREA.

BOX III FLT. A - AMPI - FAIR: BOMBARDIER MIS-IDENTIFIED TARGET
DUE TO DENSE SMOKE LAYER OVER TARGET AREA.

M. A. 14 100 PER-CENT.
B. 0 00
C. 0 00

N. 330 BUILDINGS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. 38 HITS ON TOXXX ROADS
CUTTING THEM, AND 5 HITS ON RR CUTTING TRACKS.

BT 222300A
DM BBBBBB
ITA R.....AS.....230013A IC B KKKKK
JEA R.....23/0015A LCB KKK



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 04/22 OP-OP
FROM 416TH BOMB GP (L) 22/0915A
TO CG IX BOMBER DIVISION
CG 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
BT

SECRET R-484-D
IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY THE FOLLOWING M.P.I'S
WILL BE USED:

G.S.G.S. NO. 4414 SHEET 4107

- 39596089 ✓
- 39546106 ✓
- 39556120 ✓
- 39716129
- 39796119
- 39756105

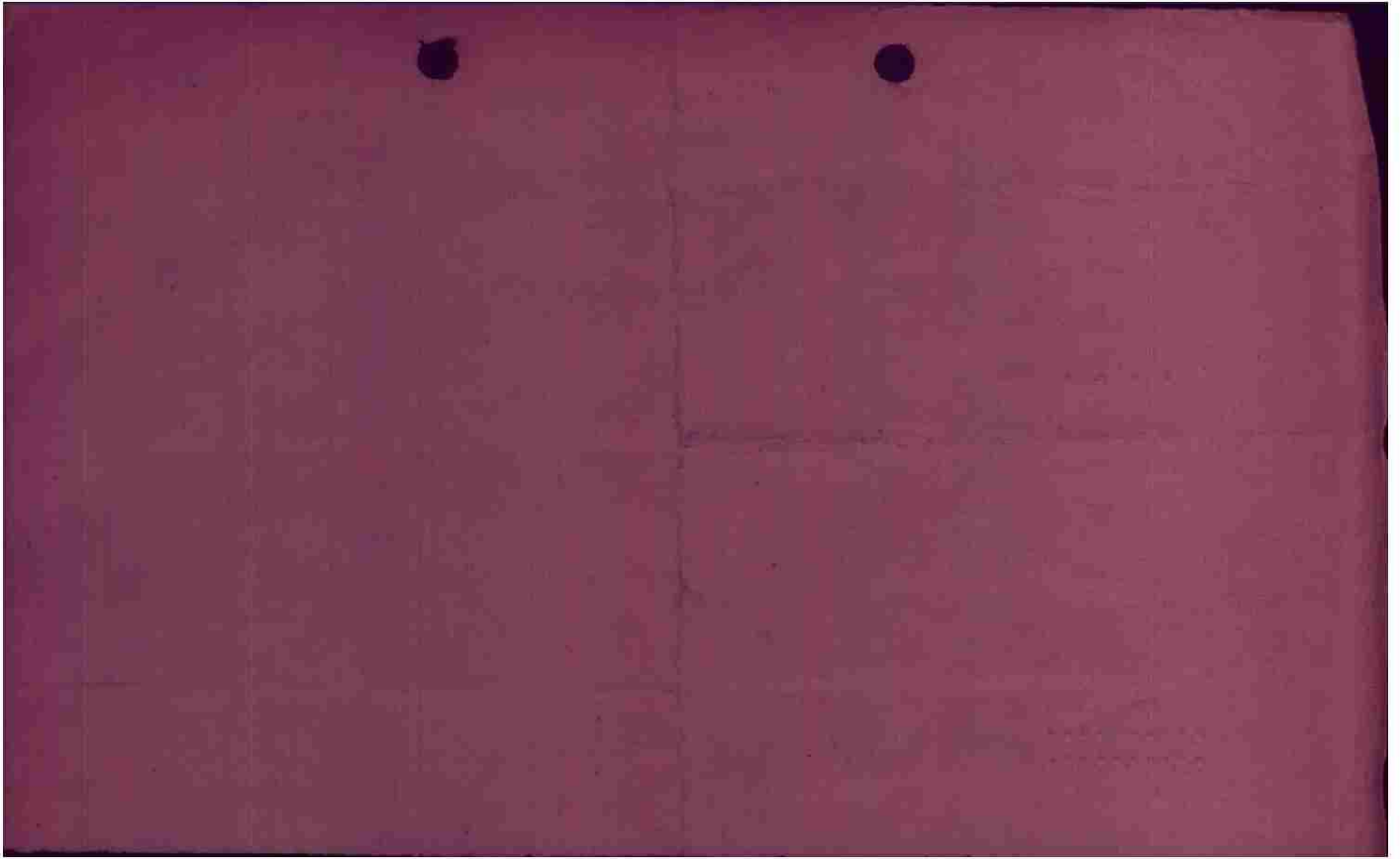
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SECONDARY TARGET IS NEEDED (A 229938)

BT 22/0915A

FD AR
ITA R.....220840A DWE AR
JEA R.....22/0840A JMB AR
E

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IF visual conditions exist at primary ~~the following~~
following MPI's will be used:

G.S.G.S. NO. 4414. Shot 4107

- * 39596089
- 2 39586106
- 39556120
- 39716129
- 39776149
- 39756105

Secondary Target is needed (A 229938)

506/4107

220360

ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 06/22 (INFO)
FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 22/0255A
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICER

747
1009

BT

REVISED INFO COPY OF PARA. 5 OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

PLAN "A" OR "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP. (523599)
(2) BESTMAN
(5) KENWAY (CHANNEL B/B)

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP. (502473)
(2) CIRCLE
(5) KENWAY (CHANNEL B/B)

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP. (396612)
(2) MARGO
(3) JUDITH (CHANNEL C/C)

X. GENERAL INFORMATION.

(2) EMERGENCY HOMING: PARADE D/D
SROSELEE C/C

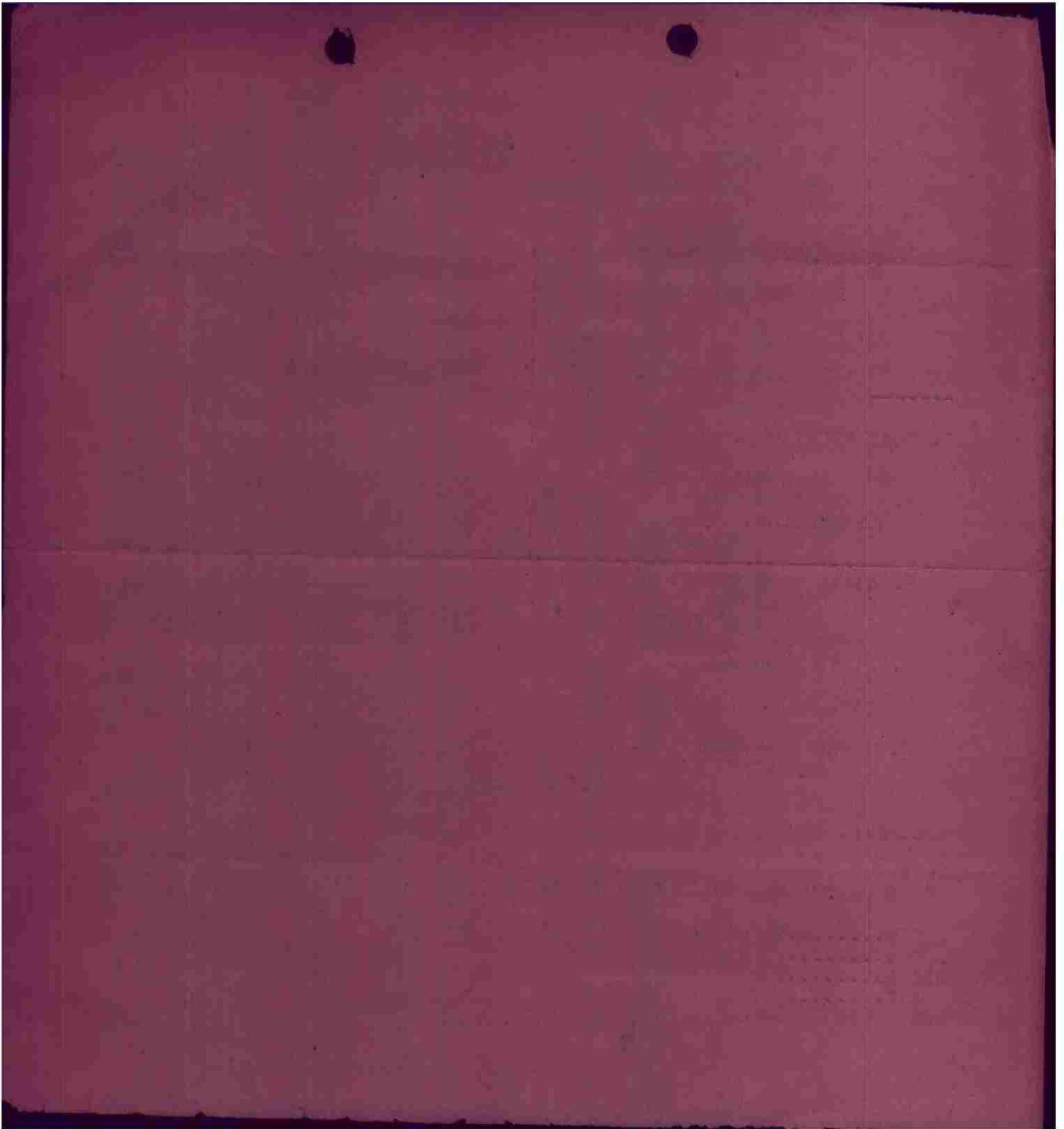
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BT 0255A

RL AR

CC UNDER "X" SECOND LINE FIRST GP "ROSELEE" RPT "ROSELEE"

JES R.....22/0305A JJH AR
JPO R.....22/0305A LB AR
JKI R.....22/0305A DM AR
ITA R.....22/0311A EH AR
VMM



ITA JJF JKI V JEA JEA 02/22 OP OP
T (ITA T JJF)

220500
1010

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 22/0130A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE (ATTN: A-2)
COBOMGP 416
1ST PPF SQ. (ATTN: S-2)

Value
21/07/45
XXA

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
22 MARCH 1945

R-237-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 218-808

4969

1. TARGET: BORKEN, BUILT UP AREA (A-396612)
4 R.R. GUNS AT A-36856055

2. PHOTO COVERAGE:

----- 5106E/4107
US7GR/3378 PRINT 3012

MAP COVERAGE:

----- 4414 SHEET 4107

3. TACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE: INTEL ANEX FROM REMAGEN NORTHWARDS THE ENEMY IS DEVELOPING THE RHINE DEFENCES WHILE HE REGROUPS HIS FORCES IN ANTICIPATION OF OUR NEXT ATTACK. THE FIRST PARACHUTE ARMY REMAINS THE TOUGHEST NUT, HAVING WITHDRAWN MORE OR LESS TIDY ACROSS THE RHINE. A NUMBER OF REGIMENTAL BATTLE GROUPS HASTILY SCRAPPED TOGETHER FROM DEMARK AND THE 715 INF. DIV. FROM ITALY ARE PROBABLY TRYING TO GET TO THE AID OF THIS ARMY WHICH HAS THE MISSION OF PROTECTING THE ALL IMPORTANT RHUR. IF WE CAN DENY THE ENEMY THE USE OF THESE COMM CENTER IT WILL DELAY OR STOP ENEMY REINFORCEMENTS FROM REACHING THE FRONT IN TIME TO BE OF MUCH USE TO THE HUN.

4. FLAK: EXPERIENCES OF THIS WING IN SAME GENERAL AREA, AS TODAY'S MISSION ON 22 MARCH ARE AS FOLLOWS: WEAK TO MOD., FAIRLY ACC. HFF FROM 5 MILES S E OF EMMERICH AT RA-030560 TO 1 MILE S OF HALTERN AT RA-200700. WEAK TO MOD. ACC. HFF IN AREA A-130532 TO A-200593. MOD. ACC. HFF AT A-685592. MOD. TO INTENSE FAIRLY ACC. HFF FROM RA-231832 TO RA-685592 WITH INTERMITTENT BREAKS. WEAK ACC. HFF AT A-130615. MOD. TO INTENSE ACC. HFF FROM A-205705 TO A-030542. MOD TO INT. AT V-081159. MOD. ACC. HFF AT A-225613.

581 P Q - 36956055

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 22/0130A
AR TO ALL
SS

ITA R 22/0320A EG AR
JKI R 22/0320A DM AR

21 590-7
 24 5396
 F-8119 Z
 C-0122 V
 H.P. R2394 H
 1047
 IP A1928
 R 2394 H
 G-0122 V
 F-7119 Z
 24 5396
 Mr. J.R. B 593-7

~~7-8119~~

ITA JJF JES JPO JKI VJEA JEA 07/22 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 22/0500A
 TO COMBOMDIV IX
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416
 1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN

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

97CBW R-240-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O 140
 22 MARCH 1945

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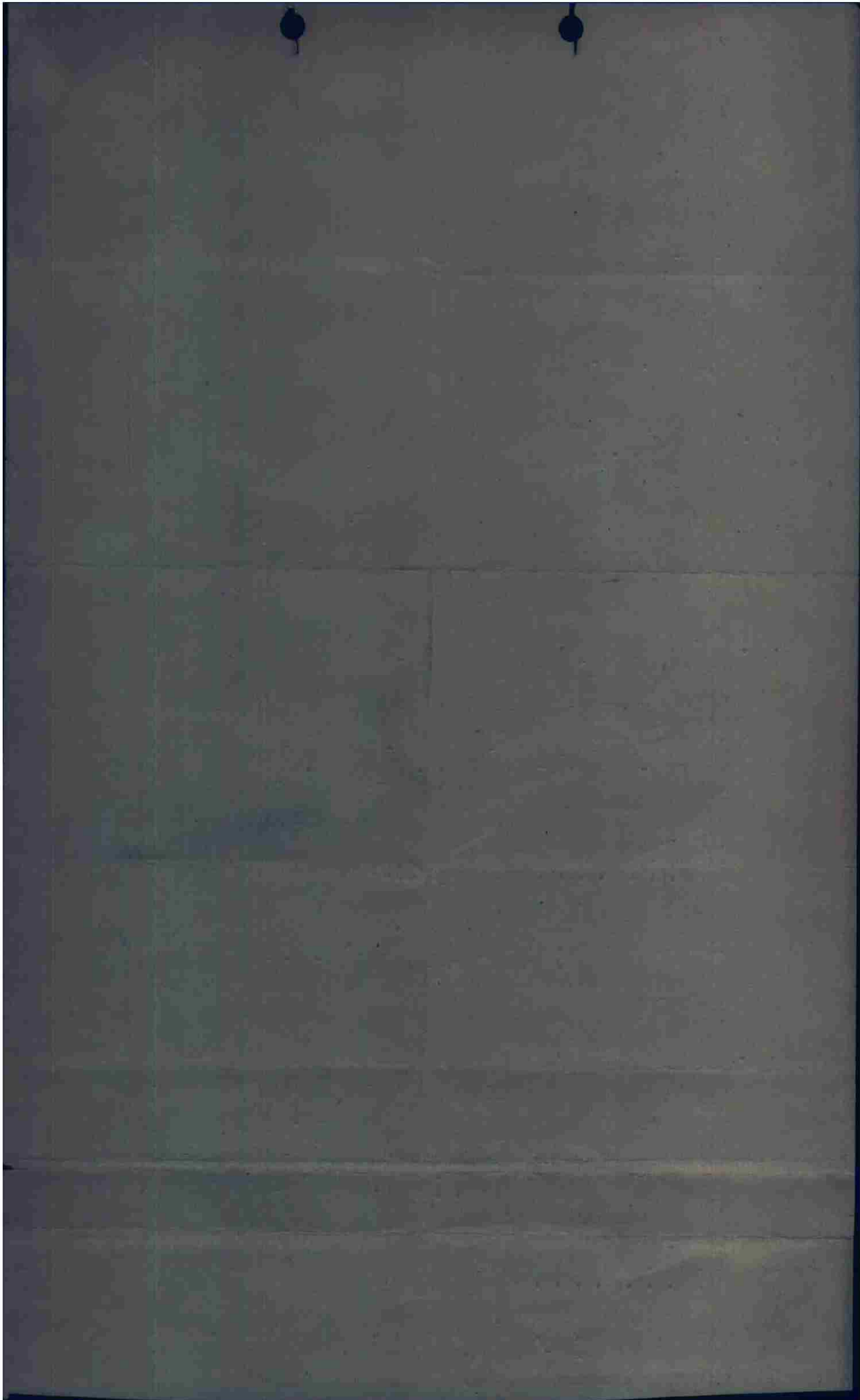
MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
 (2) 2ND T.A.F. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 409TH AND 410TH GROUP.
 P-47'S WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 416TH GROUP.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR: PLAN "A" 22/0930A
 ZERO HOUR: PLAN "B" 22/0930A

PLAN "A"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (1) GR. REKEN - BUILT UP AREA (A-523599)
 FLAK POSITION AT A-51945595
 - (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 3 A/C ON FLAK POSITION
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-4318 AT 12,000 FT. AT ZERO MINUS 20 MIN.
 - (4) BASE TO E-4318 TO E-5957 TO E-5396 TO Z-8118 TO V-4834
 TO V-6302 TO A-7395 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO A-1978 TO E-9143 TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FT. OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT
 NOT BELOW 8,000 FT. DROP 1,000 FT. AFTER BOMBING.
 - (7) A-7464
 - (8) GEN. ENE TO WSW
 - (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 4108
 COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY 51935930, 51905990,
 52625968, 52495945.
 INTERVALOMETER SETTING 70 FT.
 - (10) 22 X 100 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
 12 X 200 LB. M-81 FRAG FUSED WITH T-50-E-1 OR 4 ON FLAK
 POSITIONS.
 - (11) A-4478
 - (12) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (1) WULFEN - BUILT UP AREA (A-502473)
 FLAK POSITIONS AT A-48054425, A-48424472, A-48604415.
 - (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 6 A/C WITH 2 A/C ON EACH FLAK POSITION.
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-9832 AT 12,000 FT. AT ZERO MINUS 15 MIN.
 - (4) BASE TO E-9832 TO E-5957 TO E-5396 TO Z-8118 TO V-4834
 TO V-6302 TO A-7395 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO A-1978 TO E-9143 TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FT. OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT
 NOT BELOW 8,000 FT. DROP 1,000 FT. AFTER BOMBING.
 - (7) A-7655
 - (8) GEN. ENE TO WSW
 - (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 4208
 COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY 50034705, 50104750,
 50354745, 50404713.
 - (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
 4 X 500 LB. M-26 FRAG. FUSED INST. CLUSTER ON FLAK POSITIONS
 - (11) A4478
 - (12) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS



ITA JJF JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 08/22 OP OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 22/0555A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGPS 410, 409, 416
1 ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
22 MARCH 1945

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R-241-E

PART II TO FIELD ORDER 218-308

247

PLAN "B"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) GR. REKEN - BUILT UP AREA (A-523599)
FLAK POSITION AT A-51945595
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 P.P.F. A/C.
3 A/C ON FLAK POSITIONS.
FIGHTERS AT E-9832 AT 12,000 FT. AT ZERO PLUS 55 MIN.

3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) BORKEN: BUILT UP AREA A-396612
FLAK POSITION AT A-36856055
- (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C. 3 A/C ON FLAK POSITION.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-4318 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO MINUS 30 MIN.
- (4) BASE TO E-4318 TO E-5957 TO E-5396 TO Z-8118 TO V-4834 TO V-6112 TO IP TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO RP TO E-9143 TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (7) A5682.
- (8) GEN. N E TO S W.
- (9) MPI: GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4107. COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY 39406090, 39306112, 39726138, 39906120, 39606073. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 70 FEET.
- (10) 22 X 100 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
12 X 260 LB. M-81 FRAG. FUSED WITH T-50-E-1 OR 4 ON FLAK POSITIONS.
- (11) A1978.
- (12) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.

X. (1-4) NO CHANGE.

- (5) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET ON "GEE".
- (6) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE BOMBED AND ALTERNATE TARGET WILL BE BOMBED IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
A. VISUALLY.
B. GEE.
C. TARGET E.T.A.
- (7) FLIGHTS BOMBING FLAK POSITIONS WILL ACCOMPANY FORMATION ENROUTE TO TARGET AND WILL LEAVE TO BOMB JUST BEFORE FLAK POSITIONS ARE REACHED.
- (8) IN THE EVENT FIGHTERS ARE NOT MET AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS, GROUP WILL PROCEED ON COURSE TO TARGET. FIGHTERS WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED TO TARGET AND FURNISH AREA COVER.
- (9) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

PLAN "B" TO FOLLOW.

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BT 22/0500A

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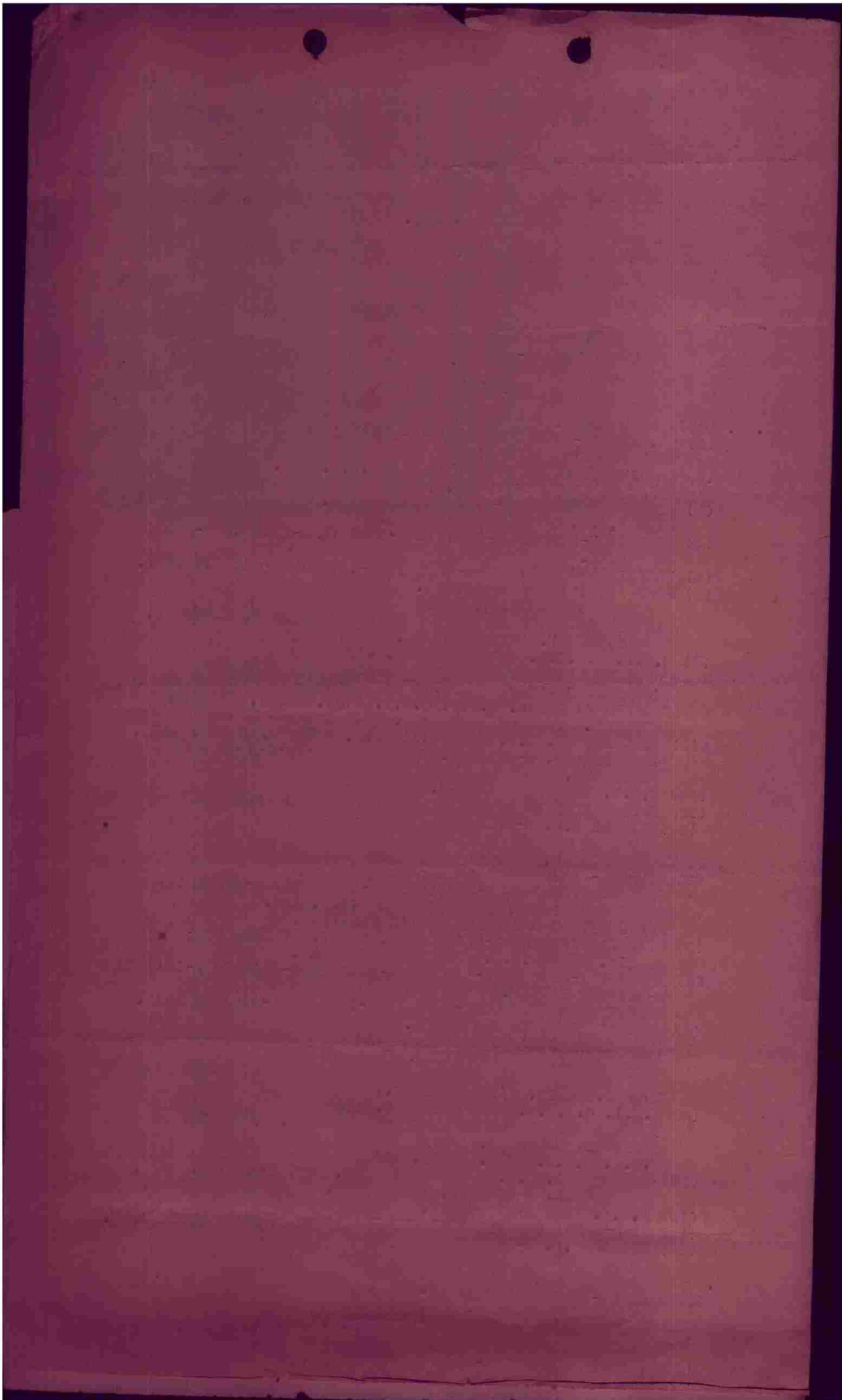
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JJF R 22/053XX 0547A WF AR K

JES R 22/0547A JW AR

JKI R 22/0547A DM ARK

JPO R 22/0547A LB AR



- (4) BASE TO E-5832 TO E-5957 TO E-5397 TO E-2119 TO E-1929 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO A-1978 TO E-9143 TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 13,000 FT. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 8,000 FT. DROP 1,500 FT AFTER BOMBING.
- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 4127
COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY 39406090, 39306112, 39726138, 39906120, 39606073 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID. COORD. 39506110
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 70 FT.
- (10) 22 X 100 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
12 X 250 LB. M-81 FRAGS. FUSED WITH T-50-E-1 OR 4 ON FLAK POSITIONS.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 60 MIN.
- (13) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
- (14) VISUAL I.P. A-3782

X. (1-4) NO CHANGE:

- (5) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 OR A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND WILL USE THE VISUAL IP'S DESIGNATED. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - A. PPF.
 - B. GROUP GEE.
- (6) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE BOMBED AN ALTERNATE TARGET WILL BE BOMBED IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
 - A. VISUALLY.
 - B. GROUP GEE.
 - C. TARGET E.T.A.
- (7) FLIGHT BOMBING FLAK POSITIONS WILL ACCOMPANY FORMATION ENROUTE TO TARGET AND WILL LEAVE TO BOMB JUST BEFORE FLAK POSITIONS ARE REACHED.
- (8) IN THE EVENT FIGHTERS ARE NOT MET AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS, GROUP WILL PROCEED ON COURSE TO TARGET. FIGHTERS WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED TO TARGET AND FURNISH AREA COVER.
- (9) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A" OR "B"

- A. 405TH BOMB GROUP: (523599)
 - (2) BESTMAN
 - (5) KENWAY (CHANNEL B/B)
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP: (502473)
 - (2) CIRCLE
 - (5) KENWAY (CHANNEL B/B)
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP: (396612)
 - (2) MARGO
 - (3) JUDITH (CHANNEL C/C)

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- (2) EMERGENCY HOMING: PARADE D/D
ROSELEE C/C

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 22/0555A

CC: UNDER B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (6) PLS MAKE THE THIRD LINE OF THAT PARA. READ AS FOLLOWS:

MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 8,000 FT.

AR
RL/SS
ITA R..... 22/0726A CJD AR
JJF R..... 22/0726A JN AR
JKI R 22/0726A FD AR
JPO R 22/0726A LB AR

Street - 2 miles
 Co's equipment
 Budget by Hayes
 Bank & King at target
 Don't believe that target
 is a fact.
 Understood

MISSION NO. 247

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

22 MARCH 1945

Intel

1. 490 X
MAJOR L F DUNN
LT E W BREWER
F/O A J LEBENS
SGT J W ROSE

2. 392 D
LT D A FERRO
S/S A A ROJAS

3. 356 G
LT H M VAN NOORDEN
S/S G THOMPSON

4. 313 B
LT W H AMES
S/S H S VESLER

5. 352 J
LT G L MILBORN
SGT D E McWELLIS

6. 209 M
LT T E GRABER
SGT M APPELMAN

FLIGHT II

1. 304 T
LT C S JORDAN
LT R P MILLER
S/S K T JENSEN

2. 244 I
LT R W VAN ROBE
S/S W H KLINGMAN

3. 381 Q
F/O F W SWAP
SGT M SANTANDREA

4. 252 D
LT C M ANDERSON
S/S J K DEATHERAGE

5. 271 R
LT R B HARPER
CPL R M BLACK

6. 229 B
LT C H HOUSLEY
CPL P J BLOK

FLIGHT III

1. 492 B
capt w f DuFault
F/O O A CARDINALI
S/S K E VORON

2. 351 F
LT J H WILLARD
S/S G V HINER
S/S F W ELLIOTT

3. 314 H
LT E C MARTIN
S/S L B DRAFT

4. 338 O
LT M W DUBOSE
S/S J H WALTERS

5. 362 Y
LT B A SMITH
SGT D A RICHARDS

6. 383 Y
LT A W DEPPER
SGT V F FAIR

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MISSION NO. 247
BOX I
22 March 1945

MISSION NO. 247

LOADING LIST
BOX II
&
EXTRA FLIGHTS

22 MARCH 1945

FLIGHT I

- 1. 499 G
LT G J BROWN
LT JE KERNS
S/S H E SUNDERLAND
- 2. 320 S
LT L W EDSTROM
S/S R J BROWN
- 3. 360 L
LT D L WITHINGTON
S/S G F HISS

- 4. 250 A
CAPT S M HIXON
SGT K W SCHMIDT
- 5. 297 T
LT A J P WINN
S/S G G STEPHENSON
- 6. 223 B
LT J W SPIRES
SGT R W MESSINGER

FLIGHT II

- 1. 528 T
CAPT C S STANLEY
F/O J H BLOUNT
LT M F SCHLEIFER
S/S C B COLLIER
- 2. 259 H
LT J M COLLIER
S/S D M MOER
- 3. 321 T
LT L R EMMETT
S/S E P BRZDZINSKI

Not dispatched

- 4. 274 S
LT W H ROBERTS
S/S A R HOOD
- 5. 378 O
LT A S NATHANSON
SGT G J HAMINSKI
- 6. 325 L
LT A V EVARTS
S/S J W ROBINSON
S/S D W JORDAN

FLIGHT III

- 1. 469 A
LT D B GRUNIG
LT B C MORRIS
S/S H J NOWOSIELSKI
- 2. 416 O
LT W D CHITTY
SGT P H RIGGS
- 3. 2315 L
CAPT R O GRUENTZMACHER
S/S J J RICKETSON

- 4. 224 E
LT E O TURNER
S/S J O BELCAS
- 5. 307 N
LT W M BALCH
S/S D V PALADINO
- 6. 232 K
LT A G HENSON
SGT D E NEAL

BOX III
FLIGHT I

- 1. 505 Y
LT O F JACOBSEN
F/O R W HARVEST
LT R L MARTIN
SGT A PETTINICCHI
- 2. 264 I
LT E B DRUM
S/S W F FURRER
- 3. 385 D
LT J H MONTROSE
S/S R S CANDY

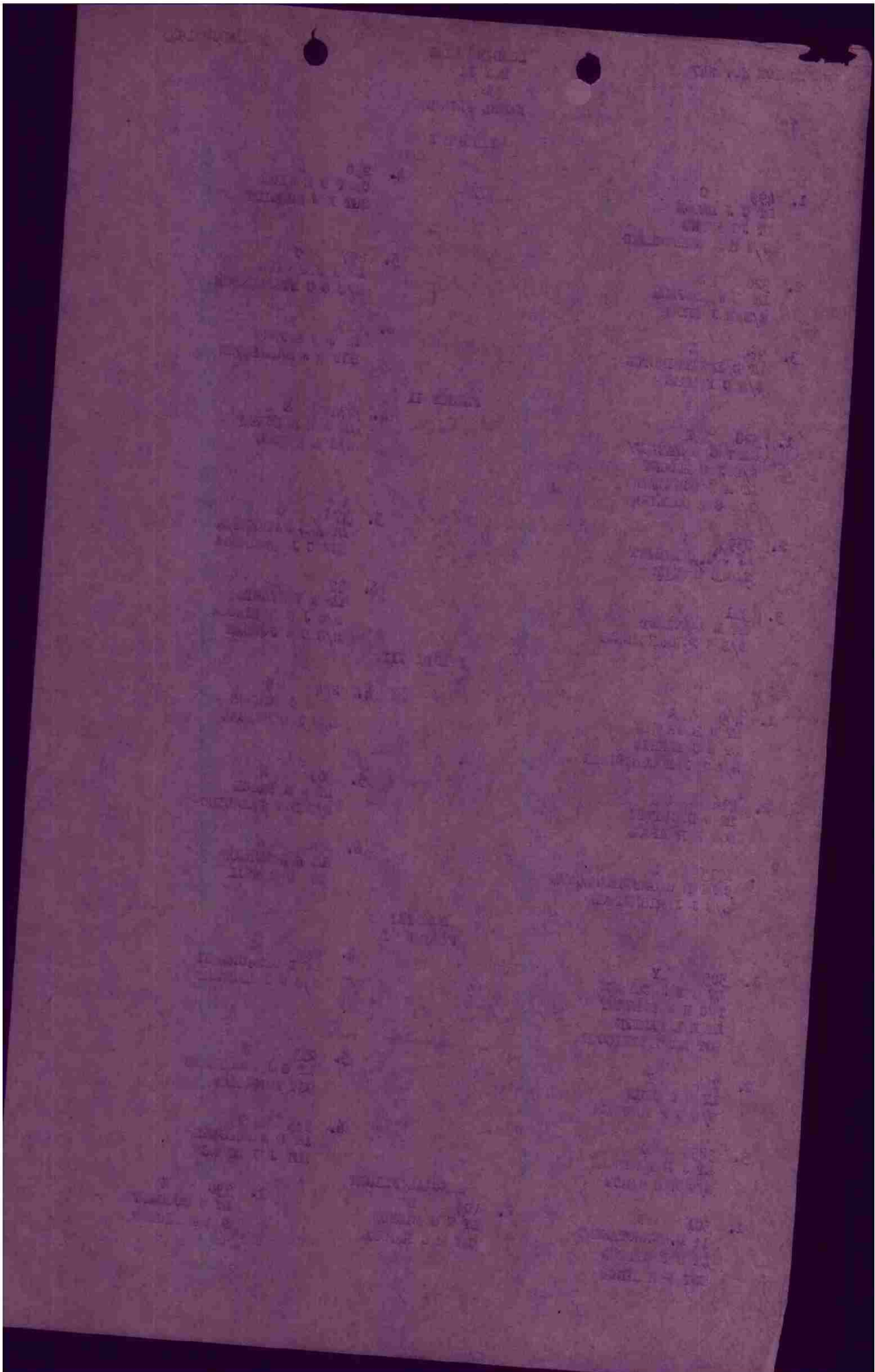
- 4. 495 O
LT T D McCREADY
S/S W F LEMMONS
- 5. 233 F
LT G J PARKHURST
SGT F NEWMAN
- 6. 335 W
LT R A RUSSELL
SGT J I SPENCE

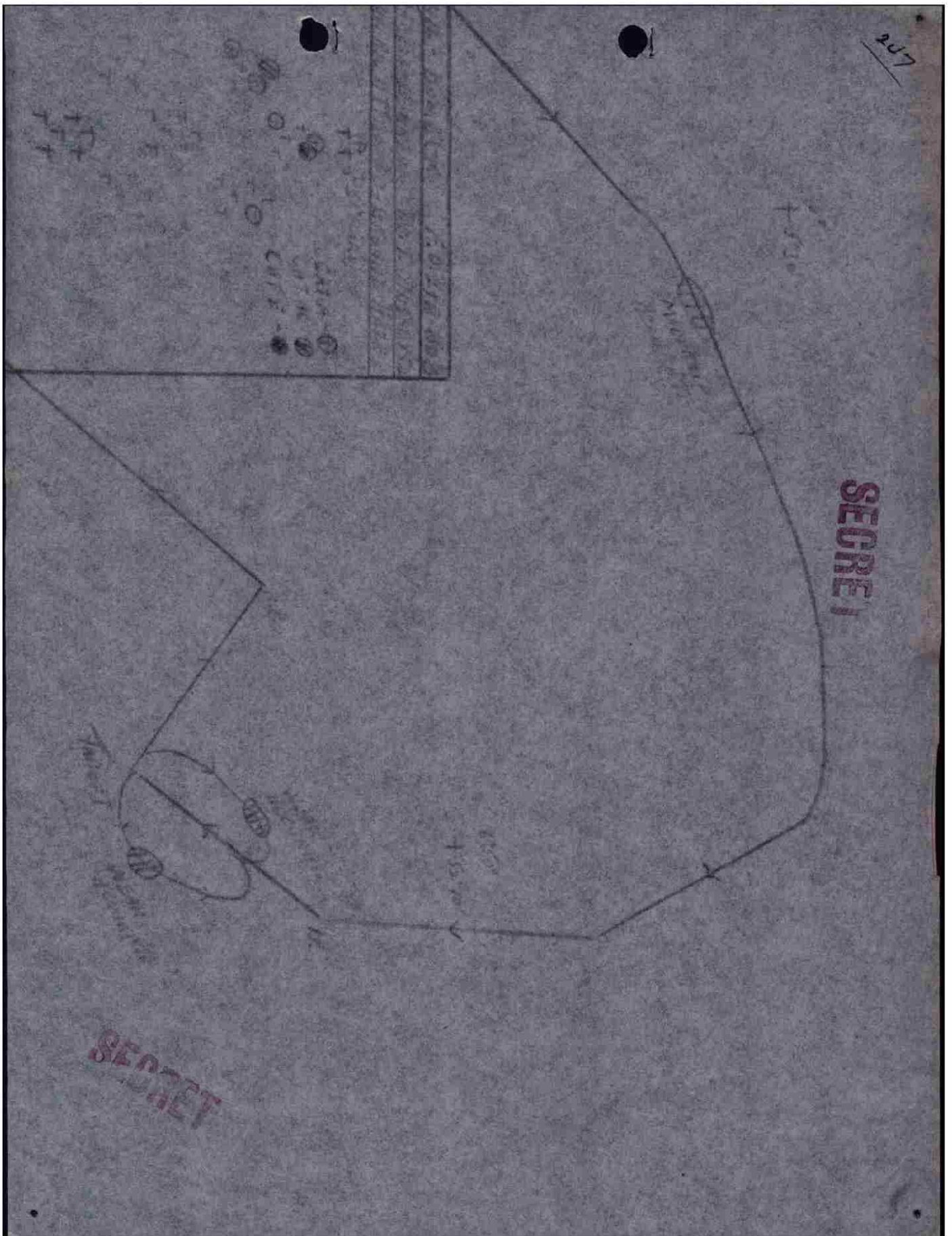
SPECIAL FLIGHT

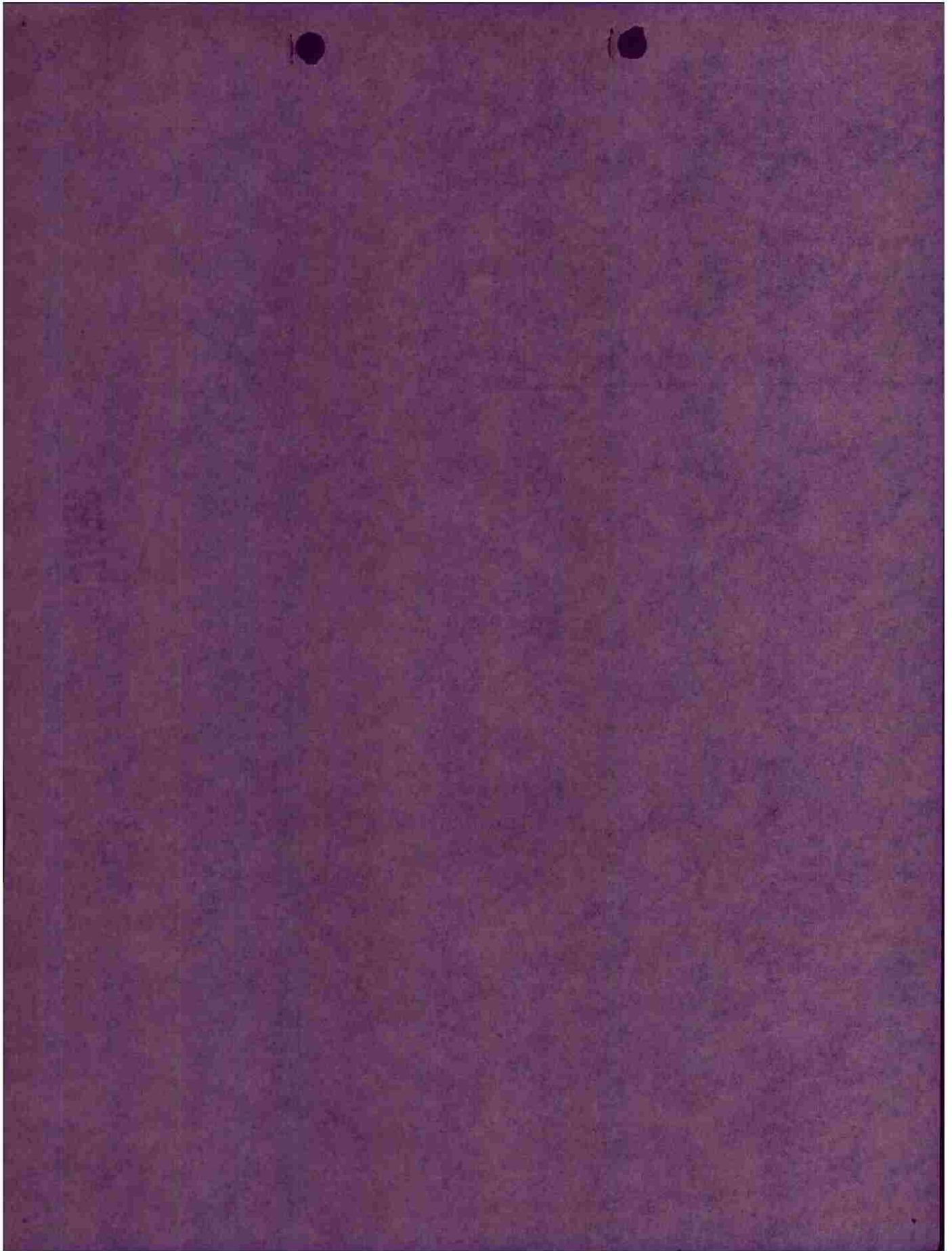
- 1. 501 W
1st Lt M. KRROTABERG
LT M F WILBUR
SGT P R LYNCH

- 2. 205 M
LT E G BISHOP
SGT M C HARRIS

- 3. 330 P
LT W MUGROVE
S/S M LICKER







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USAAF FORM 34A

SECRET

SECRET
AUTH: CO STA A-69
DATE: 23 March 1945
INIT:

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

TO: Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (H), APO 140, U. S. Army.
Attention Statistical Control.

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

Ref: Oprep A No. 353 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 22 March 1945
Mission or Operation No. 247. 97th CG TO / 2162003

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Berlin built up area and flak positions at A-3636055

Place of take-off Station A-69

Place of landing Station A-69. 1 a/c landed at Y-55.

Take-off time 0752 Landing time 1107

Time over target 0948-0952 Bombing Altitude 10000 - 12000

Nature of mission Bombing Other None

Weather Ground haze.

Results (No, unmet, undet) (Excel, Super, Super) (Fair, undet)

Enemy opposition Weak to moderate accurate flak.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 44 A-26's.

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.

| | |
|-----------|-------------------------------|
| <u>39</u> | <u>Berlin built up area.</u> |
| <u>6</u> | <u>Bombard (casual)</u> |
| <u>1</u> | <u>Flak pos. at A-3636055</u> |
| <u>0</u> | <u>Berlin (casual)</u> |

3. Abortive due to:

(1) Weather: None

(2) Personnel: None

(3) Mechanical: None

(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) 1 category 1 - crash landed at Y-55 - flak
1 category 4 - flak
3 category 4 - flak

8. Sorties 44

SECRET

(over)

FORM 97a (cont'd)

GEORGE SOHRENKIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

For the Commanding Officer:

- 5. Destroyed
- 6. Incap. Dam.
- 7. Damaged

II. Enemy aircraft by type or designation (restrictive claims):

| Type of | Pilot | Co-pilot | Nav | Bomb | H. Gun | F. Gun | T. Gun |
|------------|-------|----------|-----|------|--------|--------|--------|
| Killed in | | | | | | | |
| Action | | | | | | | |
| Heading in | | | | | | | |
| Action | | | | | | | |
| Sight | | | | | | | |
| Wounded | | | | | | | |
| Sight | | | | | | | |
| Wounded | | | | | | | |

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

- 1. Ammunition by caliber:
 - a. Total carried into air
 - b. Expended on operations
 - c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c
 - d. Duds, fuses, etc. used
 - e. Total carried into air
- 2. Total operational flying hours
 - a. Day (sunrise to sunset)
 - b. Night (sunset to sunrise)
- 3. Expended on operations:
 - a. Total carried into air
 - b. Total carried into air
 - c. Total carried into air
- 4. Retained
- 5. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c
- 6. Total Returned

FORM 97a

USAF FORM 97a (cont'd)

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FROM : COBOMGR 416 22/1200A
TO : COMBOMB DIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER
COMCBTWIG 97 (ONFO)

BT

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ATXXX

- A - YS-75
- B- 22 MARCH 1945
- D - X-RAY AND G- GEORGE REPORTED " OPS" COMPLETE TO PARADE.
- D- NOT NECESSARY TO CONTACT FIGHTER GROUND CONTROL CENTER ON THIS MISSION.
- E- NONE
- F- NONE
- G- NONE
- H- NONE
- I- NONE
- J* NONE
- K- NONE



AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 22/1200A

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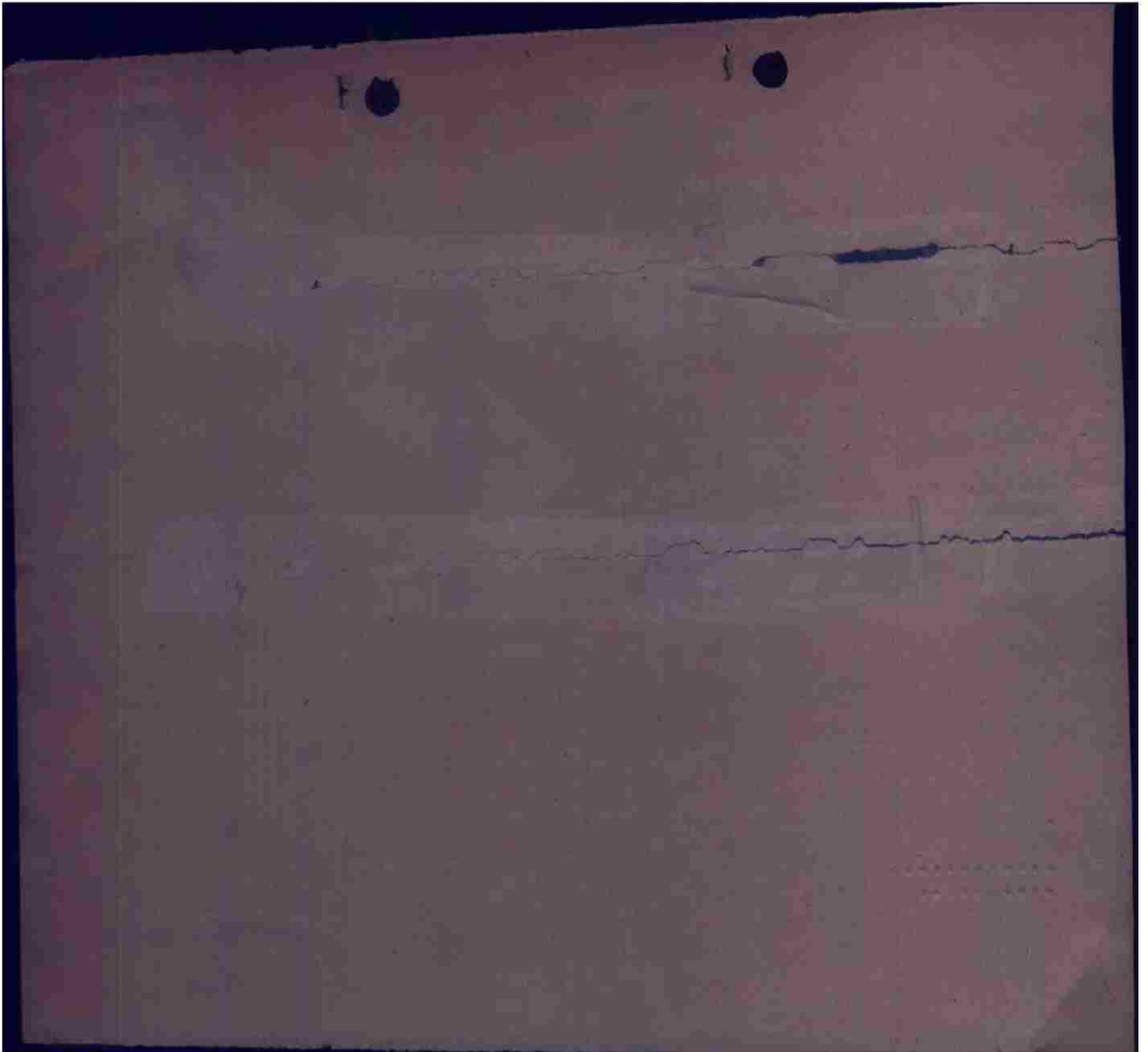
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|--------------------|----------|--------|
| ITA R.....AS | 22/1355A | LBC AR |
| JEA R.....22/1355A | FK | AR |

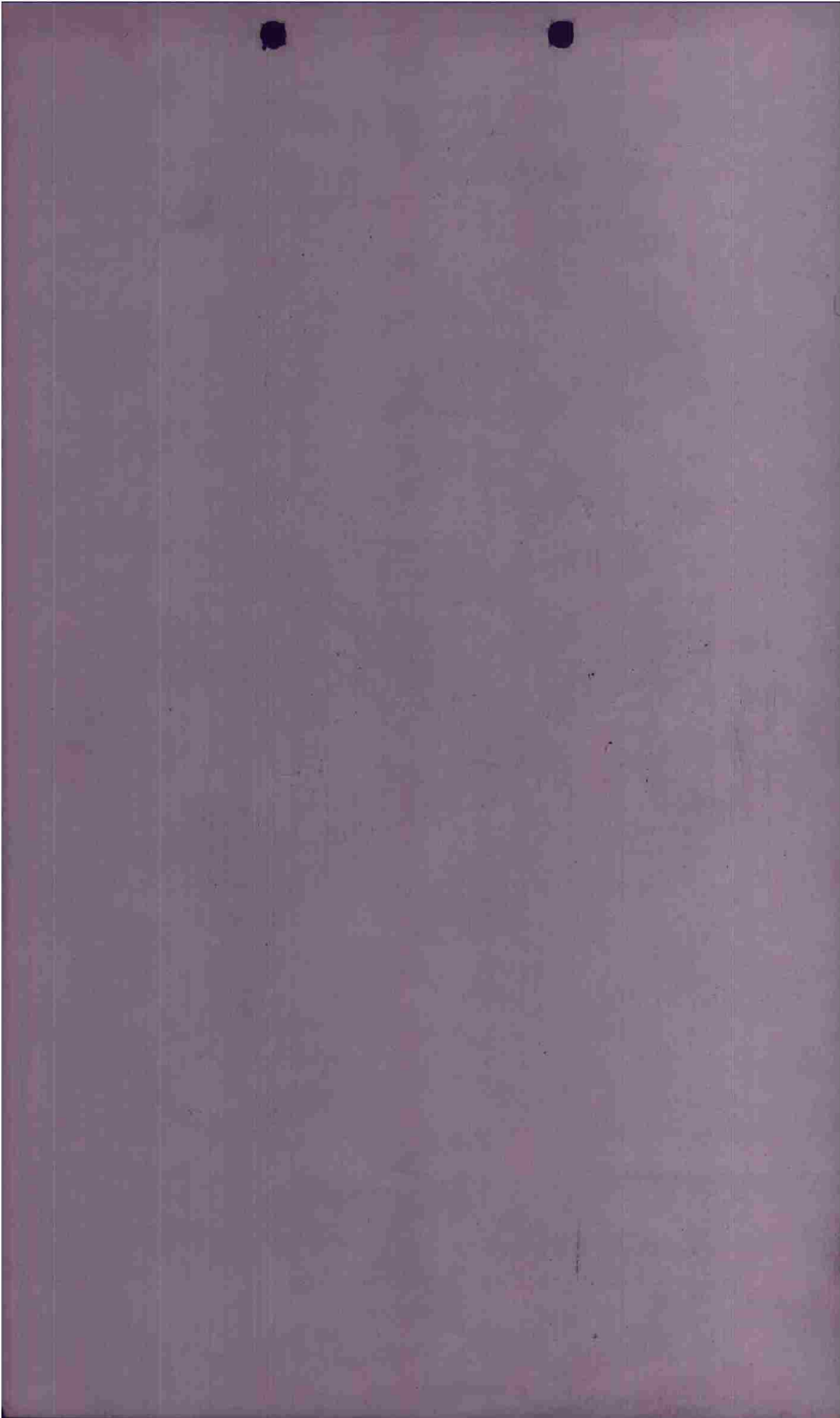
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22X100

| Box # | OPSTL | Date | F/C | Target | Alt. | Box Leader | T/O | 15 min. |
|-------|--------------|-------------|------------|---------|------|------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| I | | 02/03/45 | | | | Dunn | T/O T/O L/D | |
| A/C | Fall to Bomb | ATT | Squad List | A/C Dam | E/A | Items | | |
| 1 | 490 | | | | | | | 490 Dunn |
| 2 | 332 | Hubert YSS- | | | | | | 332 Van Noorden FERD |
| 3 | 356 | | | | | | | 313 Ames |
| 4 | 313 | | | | | | | 209 Graeber Munford |
| 5 | 352 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 209 | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 304 | | | | | | | 304 Jordan |
| 2 | 244 | | | | | | | 314 Dufault |
| 3 | 381 | | | | | | | 357 Martin Willard |
| 4 | 252 | | | | | | | 381 Swamp Van Rope |
| 5 | 271 | | | | | | | 244 Van Rope |
| 6 | 222 | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 492 | | | | | | | 338 Dunrose |
| 2 | 357 | | | | | | | 252 Anderson |
| 3 | 314 | | | | | | | 383 Depner Smith B.H. |
| 4 | 338 | | | | | | | 229 Mousley Harper |
| 5 | 362 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 383 | | | | | | | |

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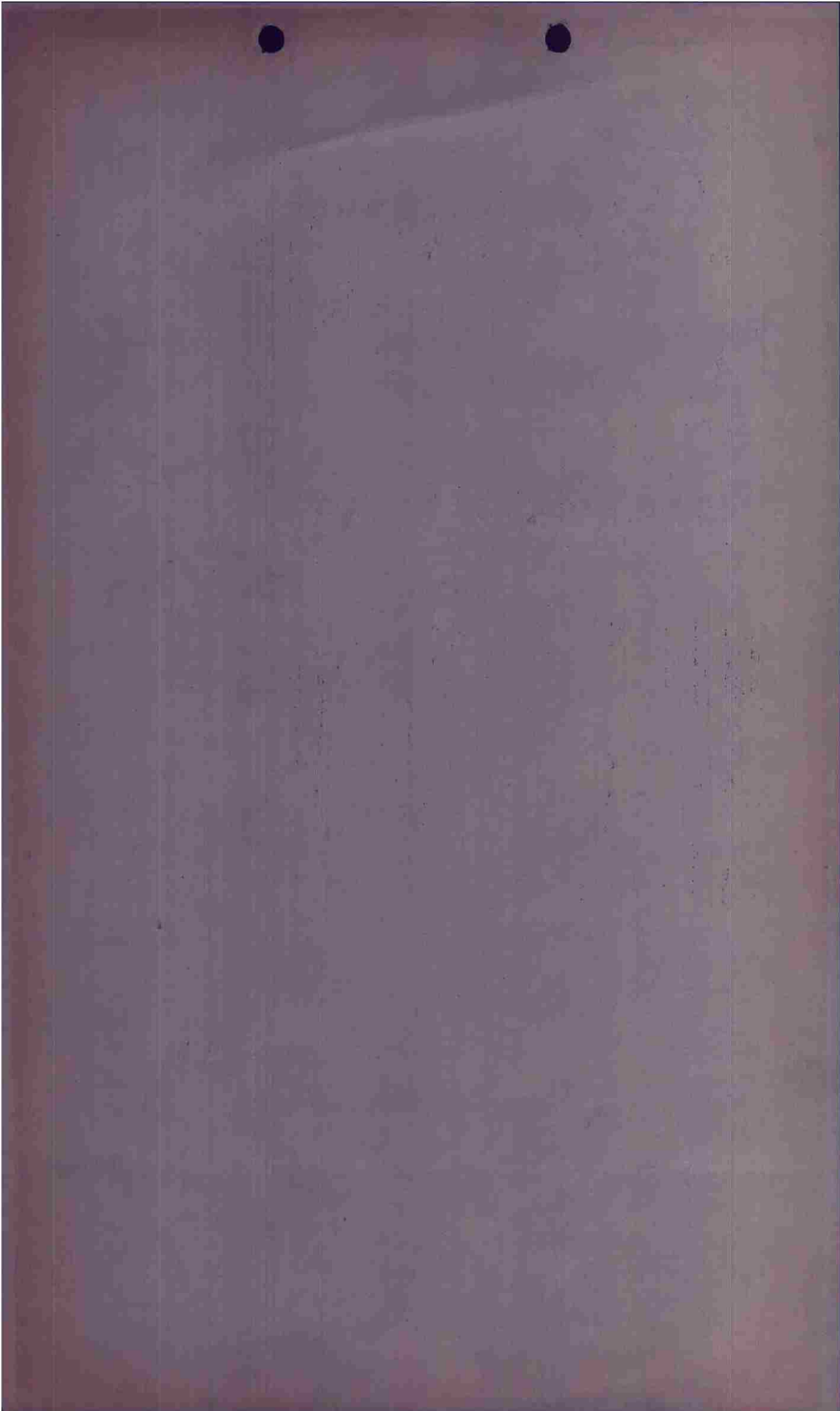
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|-------|---------|------|-----|-----------------|---------|------------|-------|---------|
| 499 | Henson | | 22 | T S O T S J P R | A/C Dam | E/A | Fers. | |
| 326 | | | 22 | | | | | |
| 366 | | | 22 | | | | | |
| 250 | Schmidt | | 22 | | | | | |
| 291 | | | 22 | | | | | |
| 223 | | | 22 | | | | | |
| 328 | | | 22 | | | | | |
| 274 | | | 22 | | | | | |
| 321 | | | 22 | | | | | |
| 328 | | | 22 | | | | | |
| 325 | | | 22 | | | | | |
| 469 | | | 22 | | | | | |
| 416 | | | 22 | | | | | |
| 2315 | | | 22 | | | | | |
| 224 | | | 22 | | | | | |
| 307 | | | 22 | | | | | |
| 232 | | | 22 | | | | | |

II

Brown

17/22:274

499 Brown
 360 W. Henson
 250 Hixon
 223 Spares
 297 Winn
 416 Cravie
 528 Stanley
 2315 Chitty
 321 Zimet
 224 Turner
 274 Roberts
 307 Branch
 326 Evans
 378 Nathanson



| Box # | CpsFL | Date | F/O | Target | Alt. | Box Leader | T/O | 15 min. |
|----------|--------------|------|------|--------|---------|------------|------------|---------|
| III | | | | | | JACOBSEN | TOT L/D | |
| A/G | Roll to Bomb | ATT | 3000 | 1150 | A/G Dam | M/A | Ports. | |
| Ass. No. | Reason | T | S | O | T | S | T | R |
| 505 | | | | | | | | |
| 264 | | | | | | | | |
| 385 | | | | | | | | |
| 195 | | | | | | | | |
| 233 | | | | | | | | |
| 335 | | | | | | | | |
| SPECIAL | | | | | | | | |
| 501 | | | | | | | | |
| 205 | | | | | | | | |
| 330 | | | | | | | | |

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505 - JACOBSEN
 385 - 264
 Monrose Drum
 195 - MacREADY
 335 - 233
 Russel Pannhousen
 501 - SBI
 EROTBERG
 330 - MARGRUB
 205 - BISHOP

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PILOT BY FAULT. A/C# 492 BOX 1 FLT 3

CASUALTIES _____

| | | | | | | |
|---------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------|-----|--|
| BOBBS : | <u>22</u> X <u>100</u> | ON <u>primary</u> | BATTLE DAMAGE | | | |
| | X | RETURNED | "A" | "A-C" | "E" | |
| | X | JETTISONED | XXXXXXXXXX | | | |

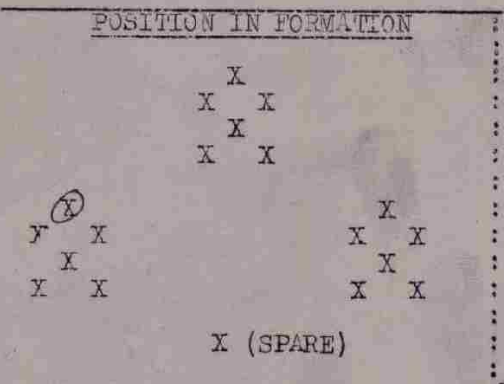
FLAK : XY-HA

A or A @
gas tank
being stabilized

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

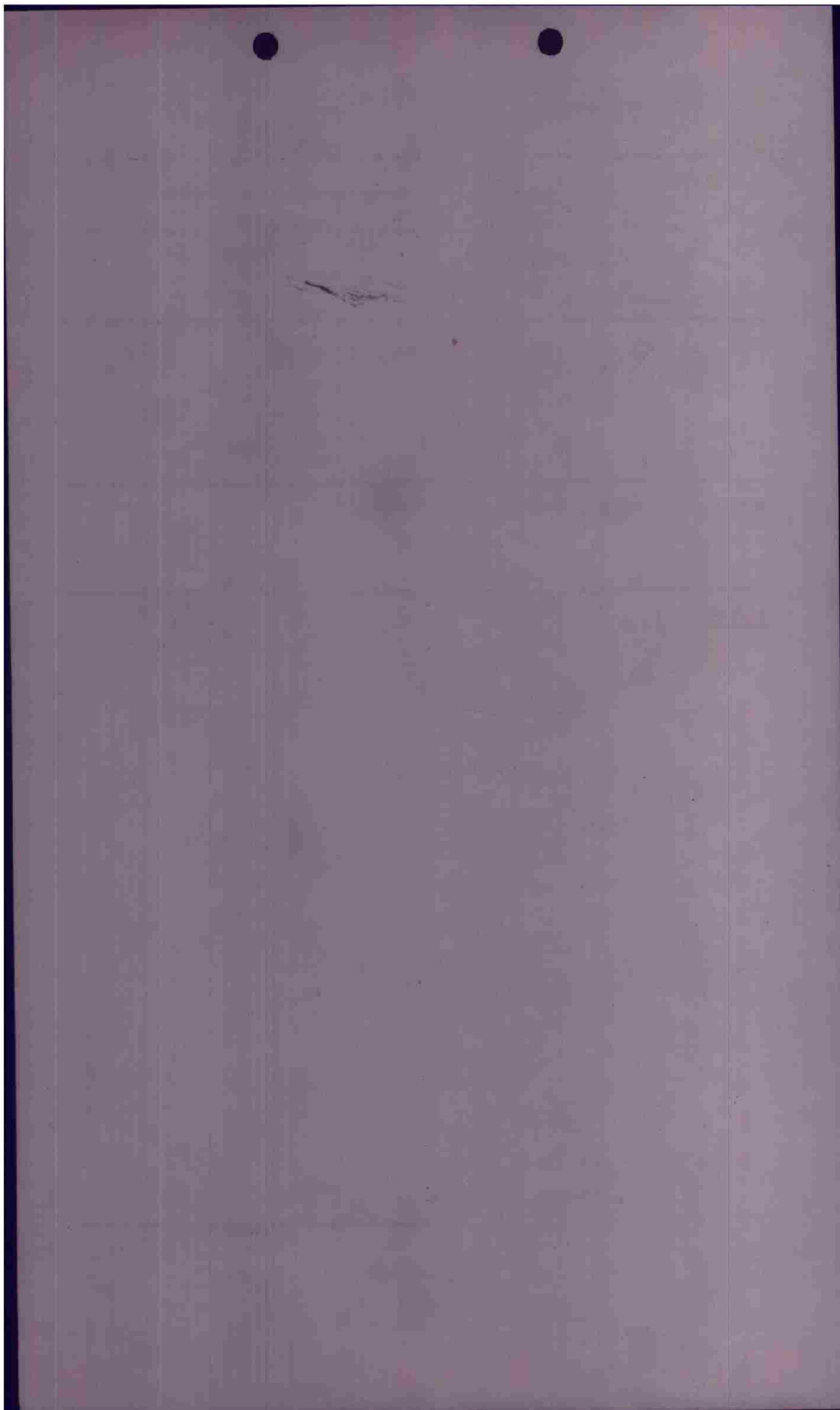
OBSERVATIONS : Pattern - Far side of town

TOT
alt



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PILOT TORDON A/C# 304 BOX 1 FLT 2

CASUALTIES nil

| BOMBS | ON | RETURNED | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
|-----------|--------------|----------|---------------|------------|-----|
| | | | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| <u>vr</u> | <u>X 105</u> | <u>X</u> | | <u>nil</u> | |
| | | <u>X</u> | | | |
| | | <u>X</u> | | | |

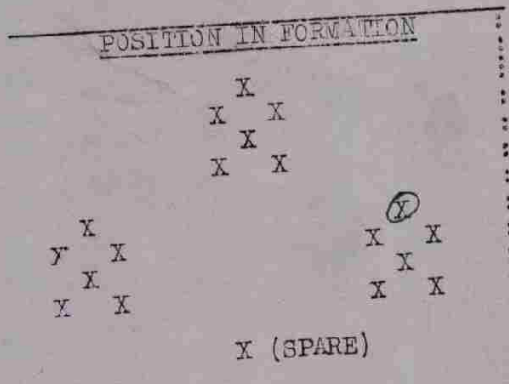
FLAK : XXHA-ZWOLLE
(off course)

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :
malfunction 2 out OK.
then 20 salvos

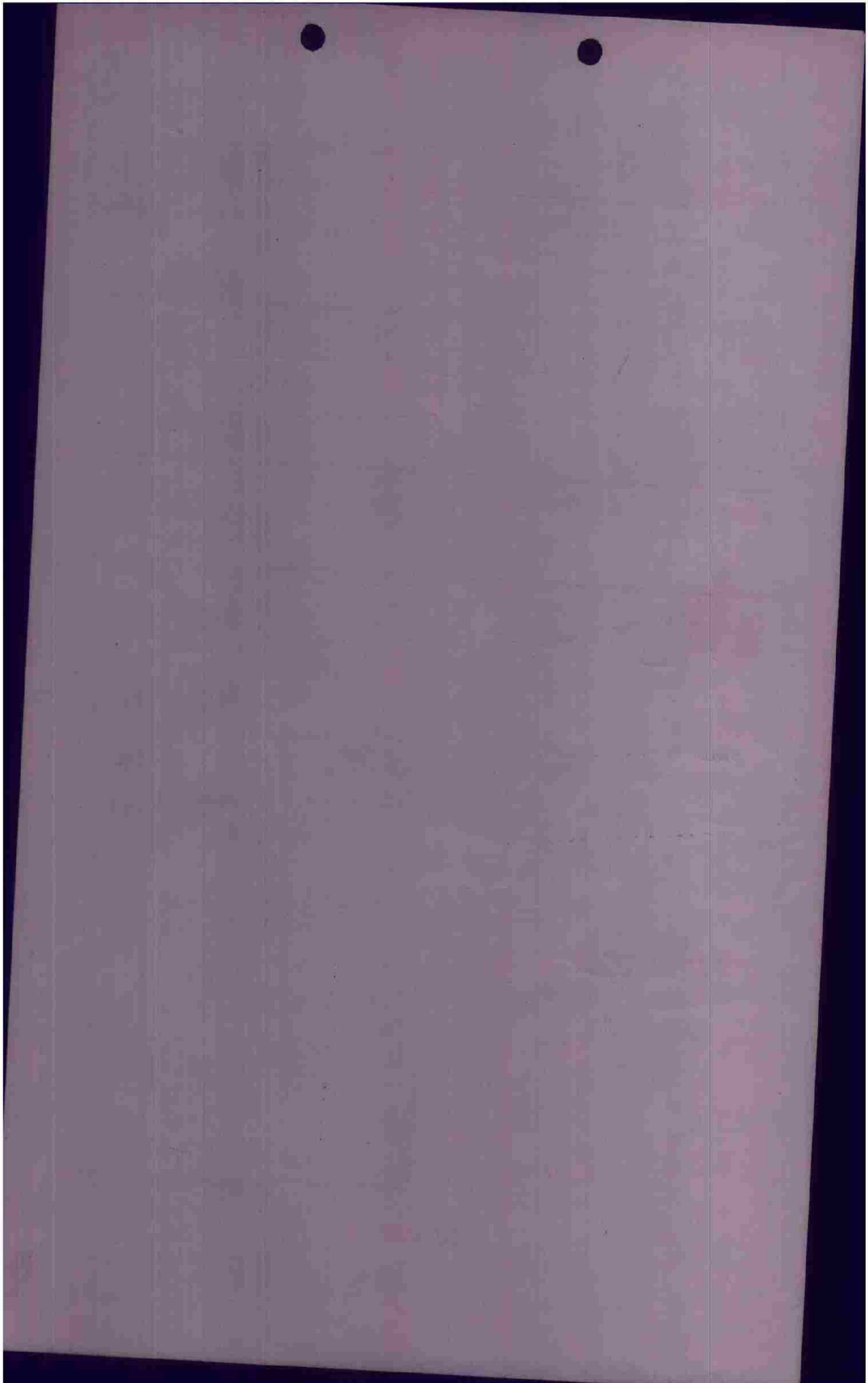
Saw unidentified
A/c blow up
3 mi N of Nijmegen

TOT - 09:43
alt - 12100
atls 230
IAS 210



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INDEX FORM

PILOT Dunn A/C# 490 BOX 1 FST 1

CASUALTIES Nil

| BOMBS : | ON | RETURNED | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|----------------|-------|-----|
| | | | "A" | "A-C" | "B" |
| <u>22</u> X <u>17</u> | <u>Prim</u> | | <u>3 holes</u> | | |
| X | | | | | |
| X | | JETTISONED | | | |

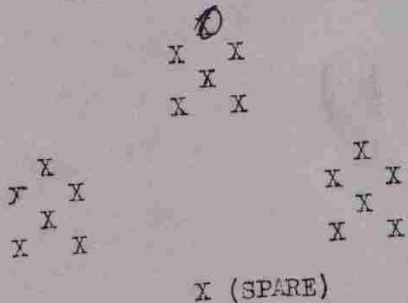
FLAK : 5221 N. 0603E XXHA near sea. XHA just about 2 miles S of run in.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Hit to Rt. of AP. Made 2 runs.

alt. 12500
Head 2200
AS 205
TIME 0947

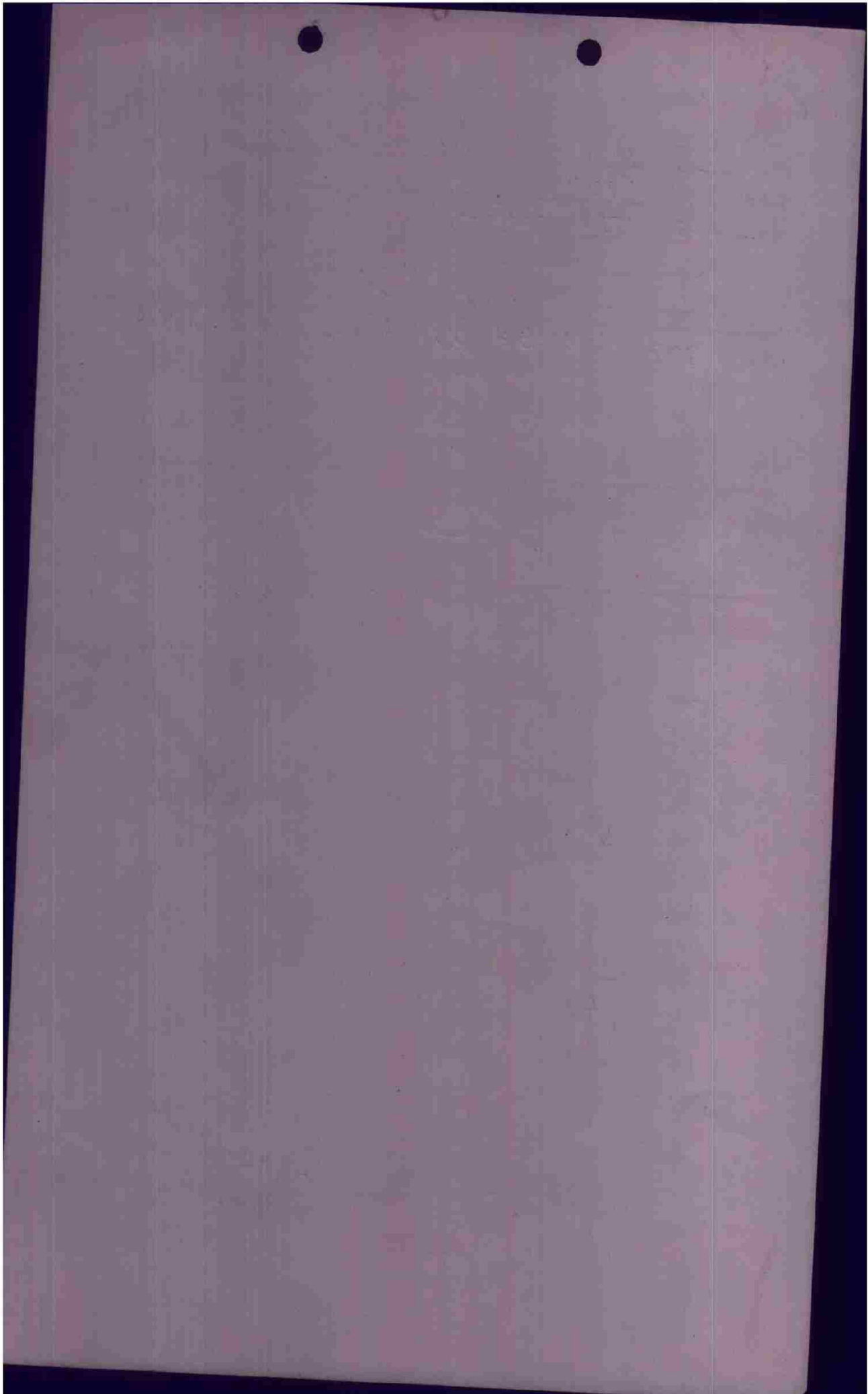
POSITION IN FORMATION



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INTERROG FORM

PILOT FERRO A/C# 332 BOX 1 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

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

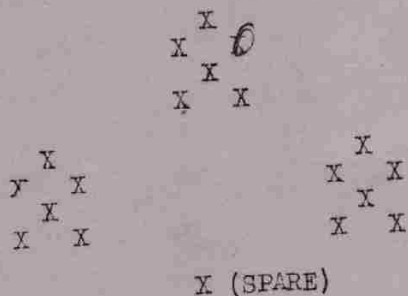
FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

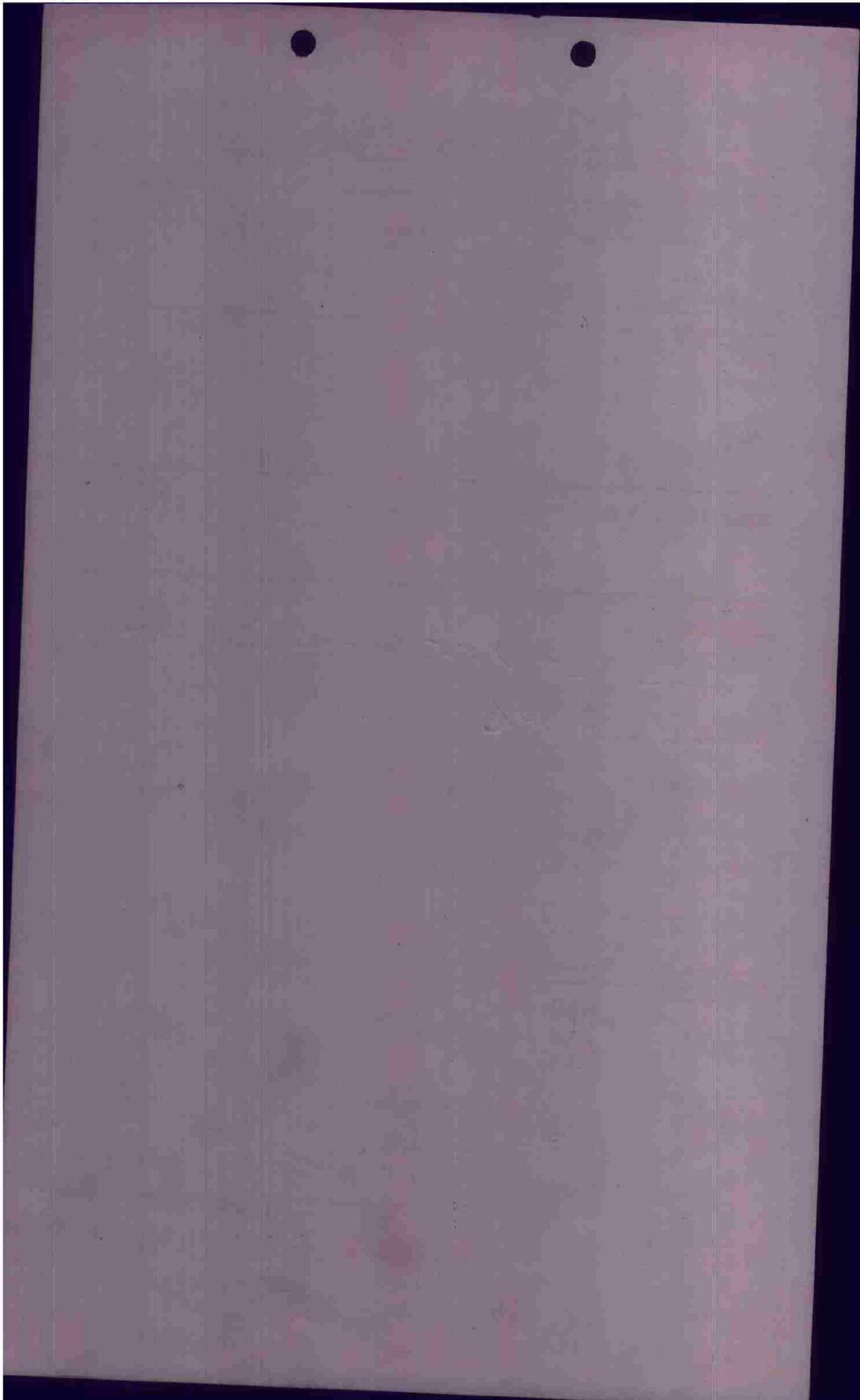
*Landed at Y55. One engine out
Worked out A/C*

POSITION IN FORMATION



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FORM 1

PILOT RUSSELL

A/C# 335

BOX 3

FLY 1

CASUALTIES

| | | |
|---------|----------------|------------|
| BOMBS : | <u>2</u> X 100 | ON |
| | X | RETURNED |
| | X | JETTISONED |

BATTLE DAMAGE

| | | |
|-----|------------|-----|
| "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| : | <u>nil</u> | : |

FLAK :

Same.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

On second run.

POSITION IN FORMATION

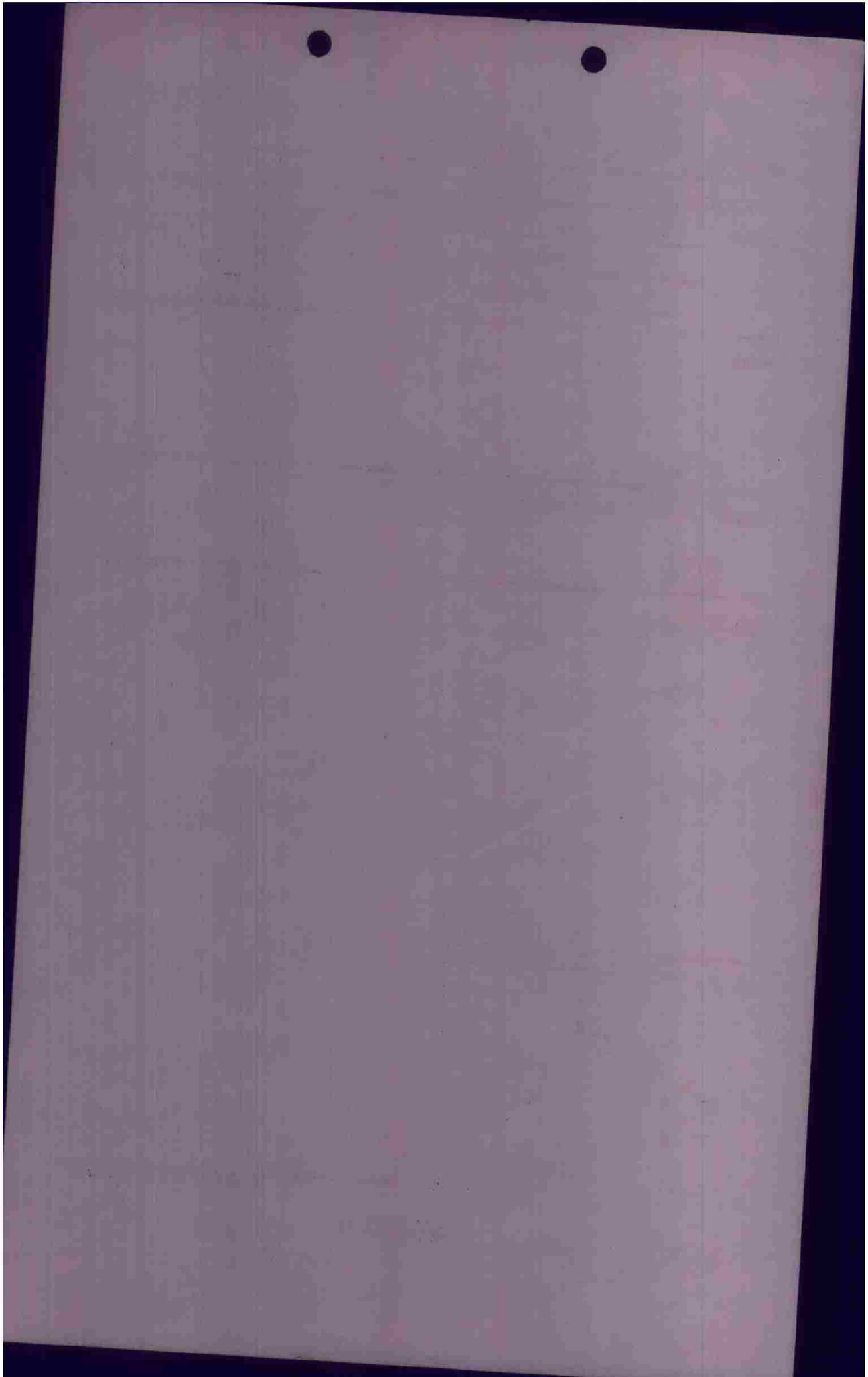
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      X
     X X
    X X
   X X
  X X
 X X
X (SPARE)

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PILOT BRUM A/C# 264 BOX 3 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

| BOMBS : | | ON | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
|----------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|-----|
| | | | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| <u>W</u> | X <u>100</u> | | | | |
| | X | RETURNED | | | |
| | X | JETTISONED | | <u>nil</u> | |

FLAK : XXXX1 — new coast

also a few bursts between IP & target

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Dropped on 2 down

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X @
      X
     X X

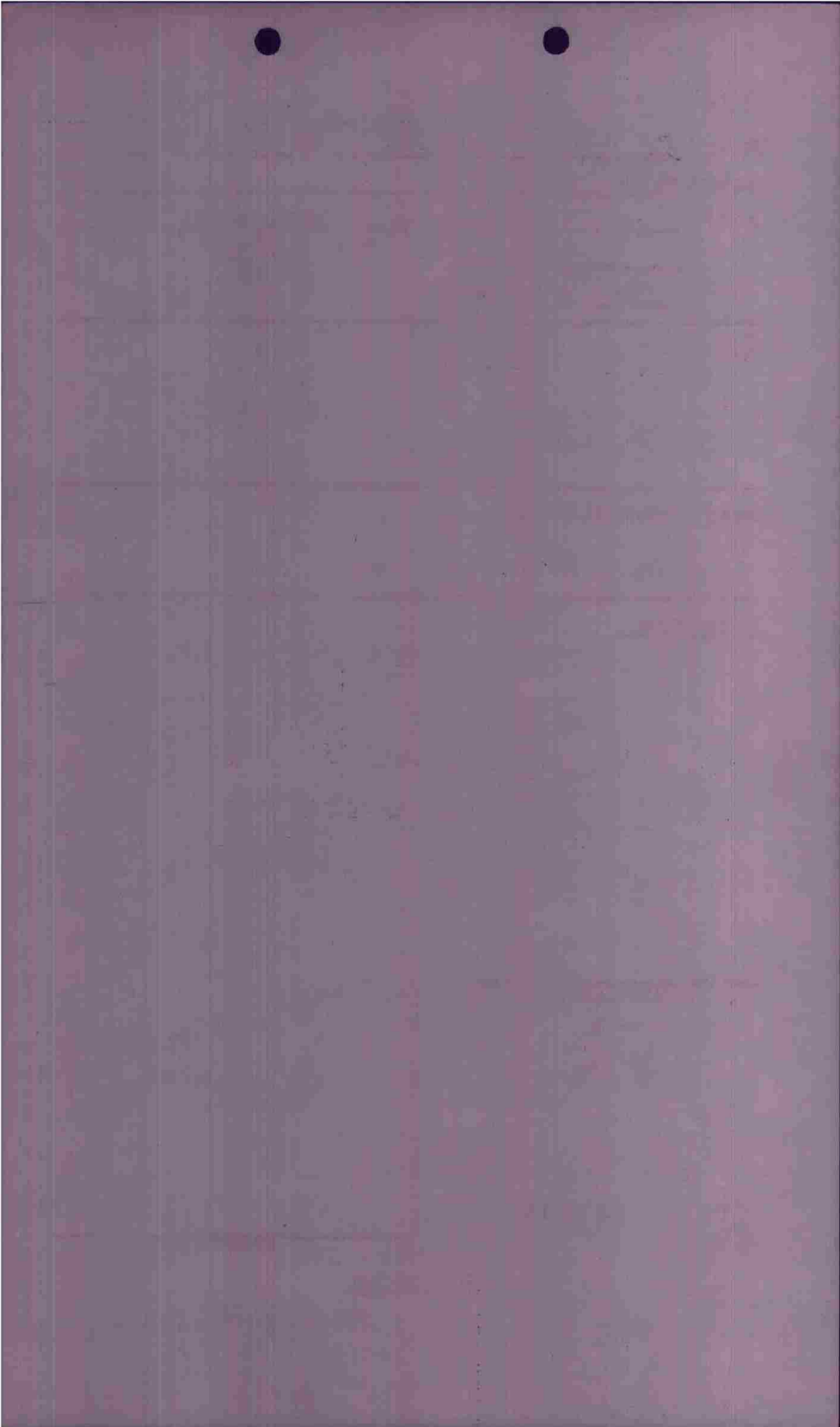
X      X
Y X   X
X      X
X      X

X (SPARE)

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INTELL FORM

PILOT DEPNER A/C# 383 BOX 1 FLT 3

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : 22 X 100 ON

BATTLE DAMAGE

| | | | | |
|----------------|------------|----------|-------|-----|
| <u>On Fl</u> X | RETURNED | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| <u>under</u> X | JETTISONED | <u>✓</u> | | |

FLAK : XX # A - guide flak area just before crossing river.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

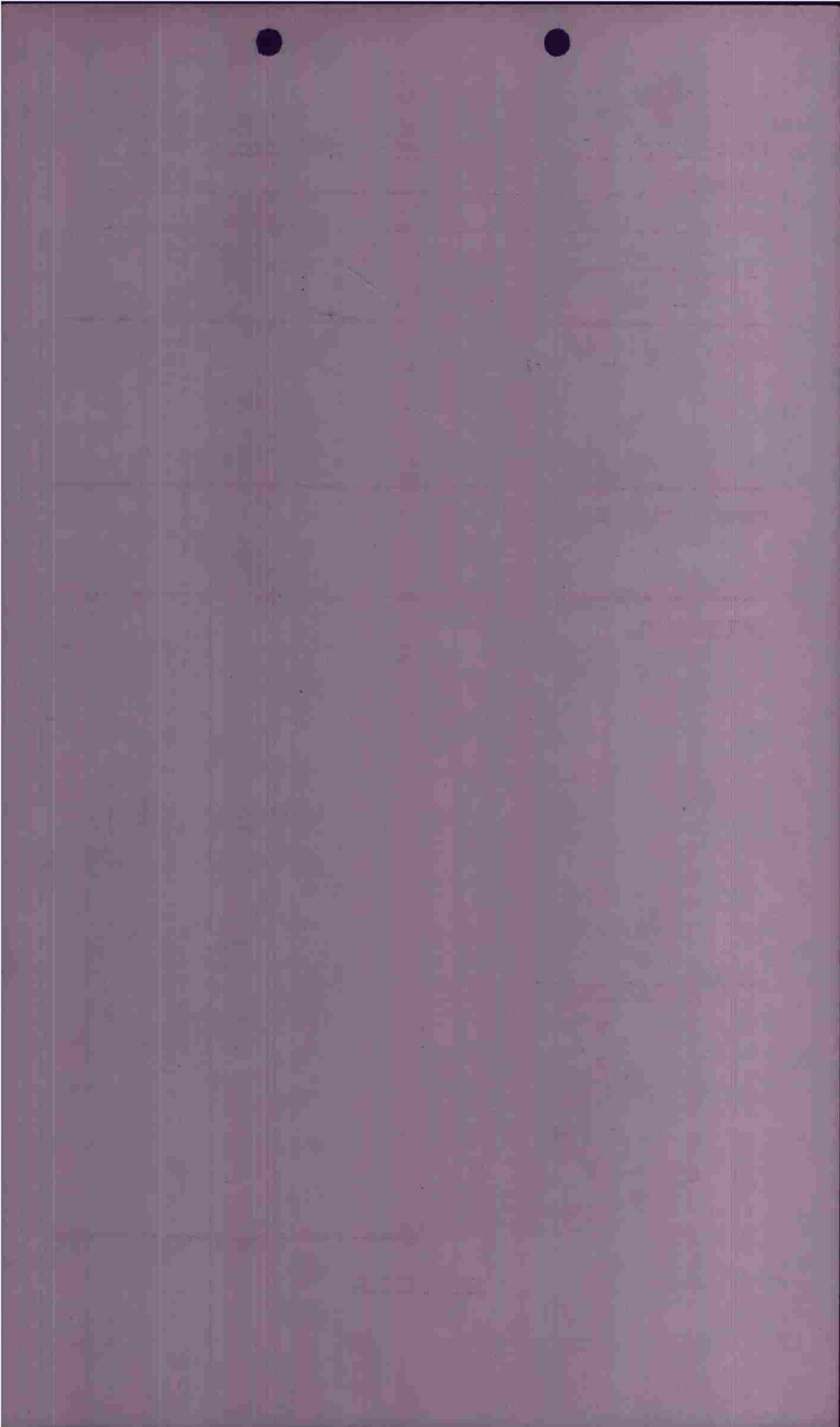
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      X
     X X
      X
     X X
X
X X
X X
X X
X X
X X
X (SPARE)

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PILOT SMITH, BA. A/C# 362 BOX 1 ~~362~~ FLP 3

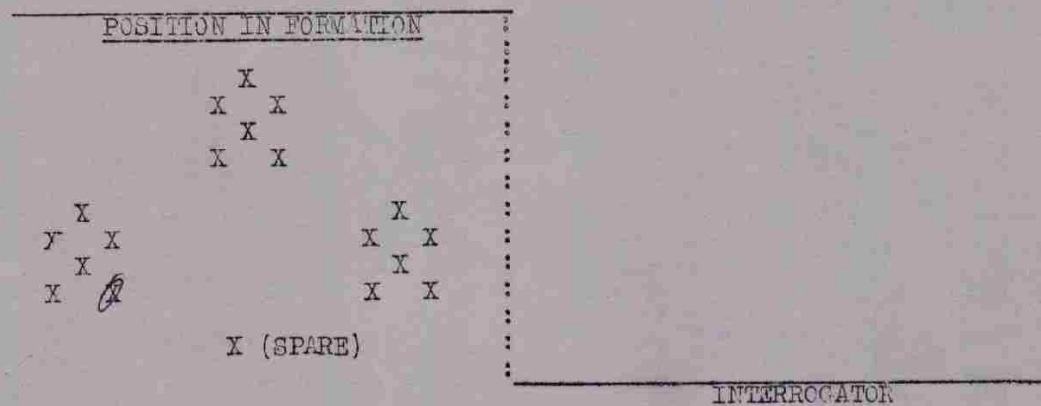
CASUALTIES nil

| BOMBS : | | ON | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
|-----------|---|------------|---------------|------------|-----|
| <u>22</u> | X | <u>100</u> | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| | X | RETURNED | | <u>nil</u> | |
| | X | JETTISONED | | | |

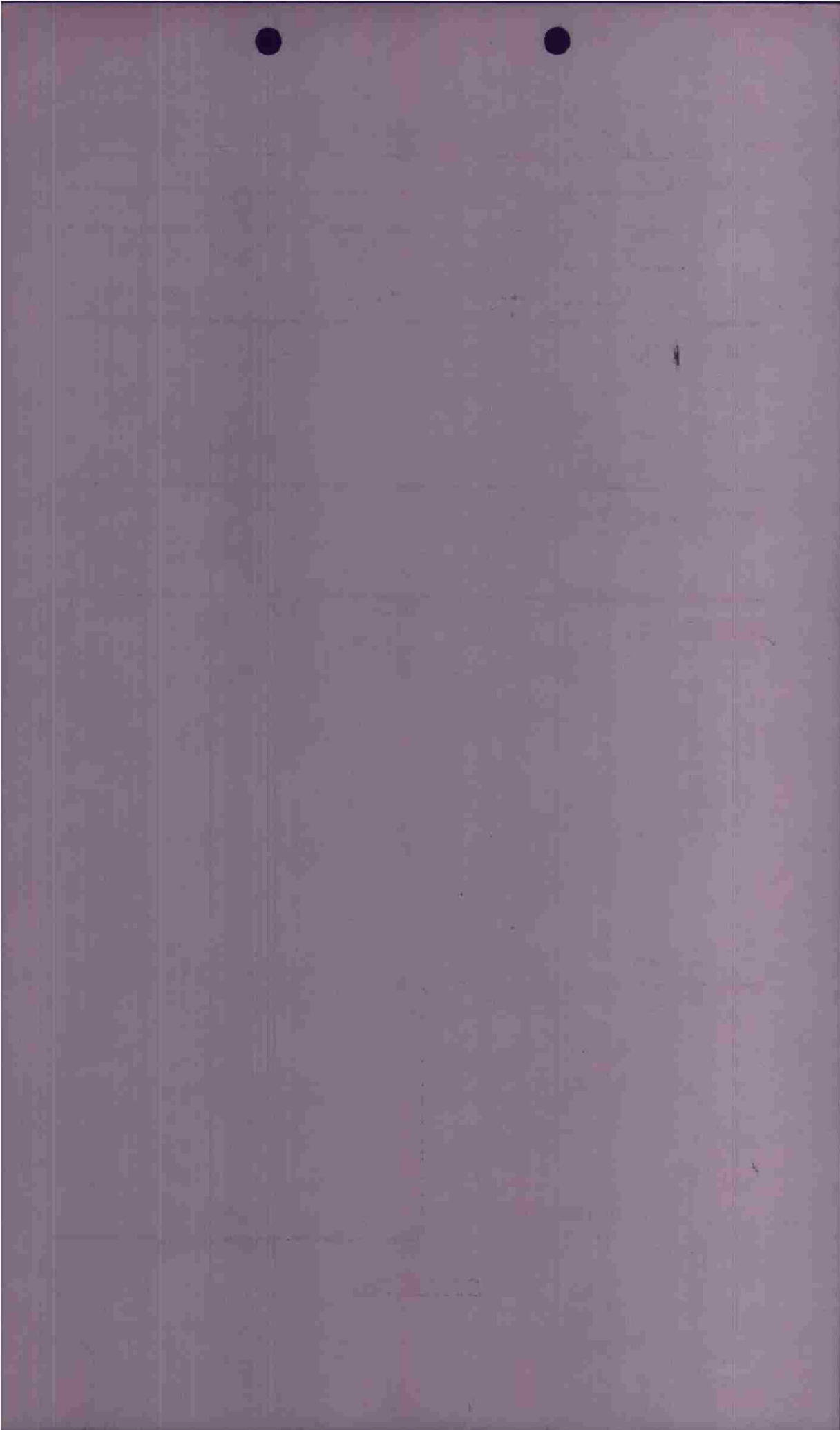
FLAK : 12 miles north of course XXH 1
at

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :



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TABLE FORM

PILOT MARTIN A/C# 314 BOX 1 FLT 3

CASUALTIES

| BOMBS : | ON | RETURNED | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
|---|----|------------|---------------|-------|-----|
| | | | "A" | "A-C" | "H" |
| <i>ou solo</i> <i>with</i> <i>fuel.</i> | X | | | | |
| | X | JETTISONED | <i>nil</i> | | |

FLAK :

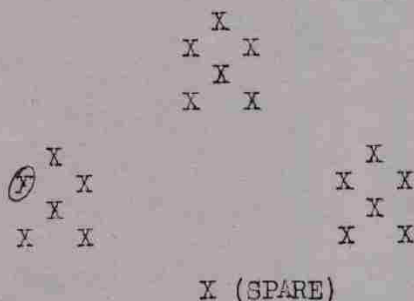
XXHA - same as BA Smith

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

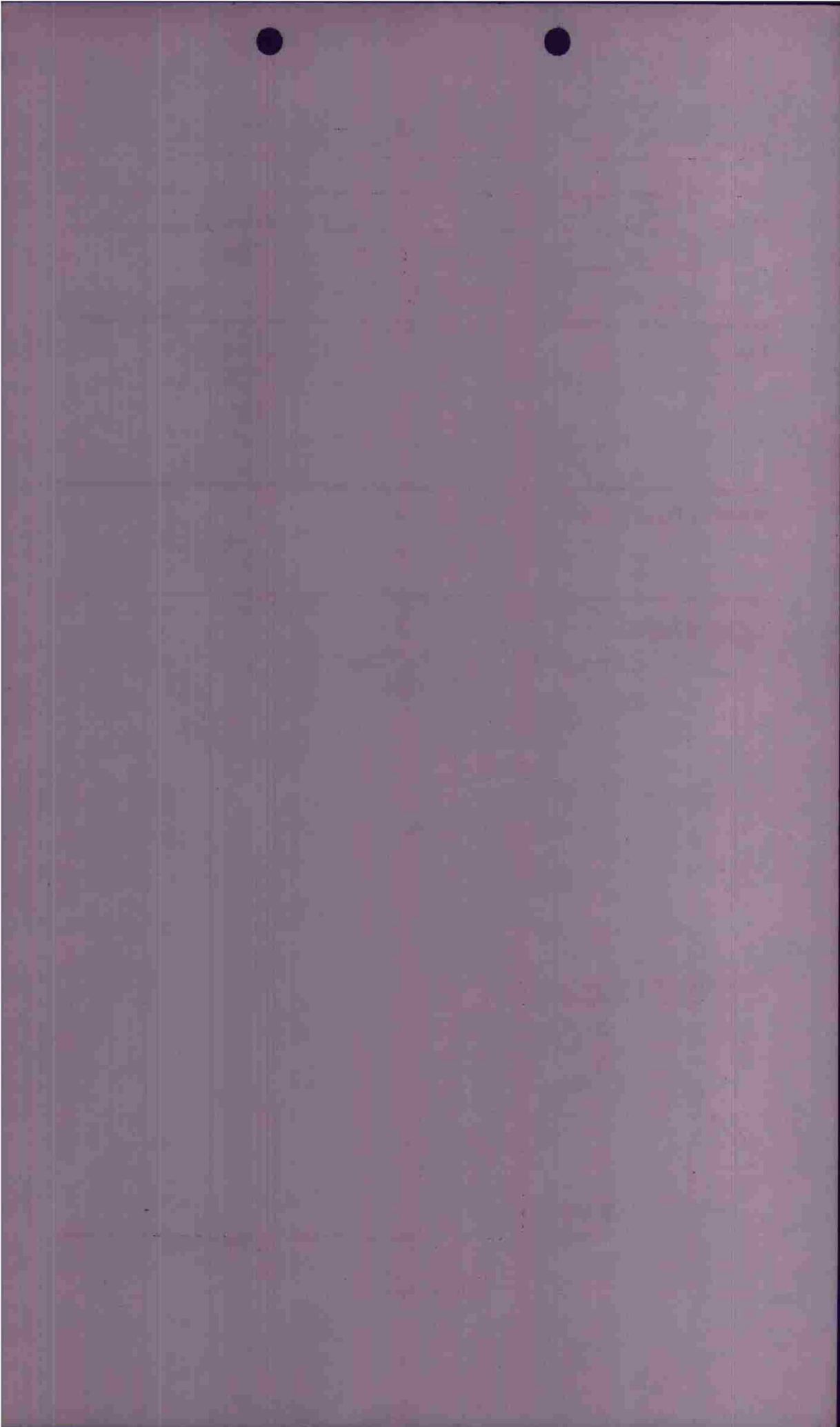
Lost formation at left turn just before IP - so made solo run & dropped into a smoke pattern on a town

POSITION IN FORMATION



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INTELL. FORM

PILOT SWAP A/C# 381 BOX 1 FLT 2

CASUALTIES

| BOMBS : | | ON | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
|---------|------------|----|---------------|-------|-----|
| | | | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| X | RETURNED | | | | |
| X | JETTISONED | | 2 holes | | |

FLAK : XXHA - Zivolle

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

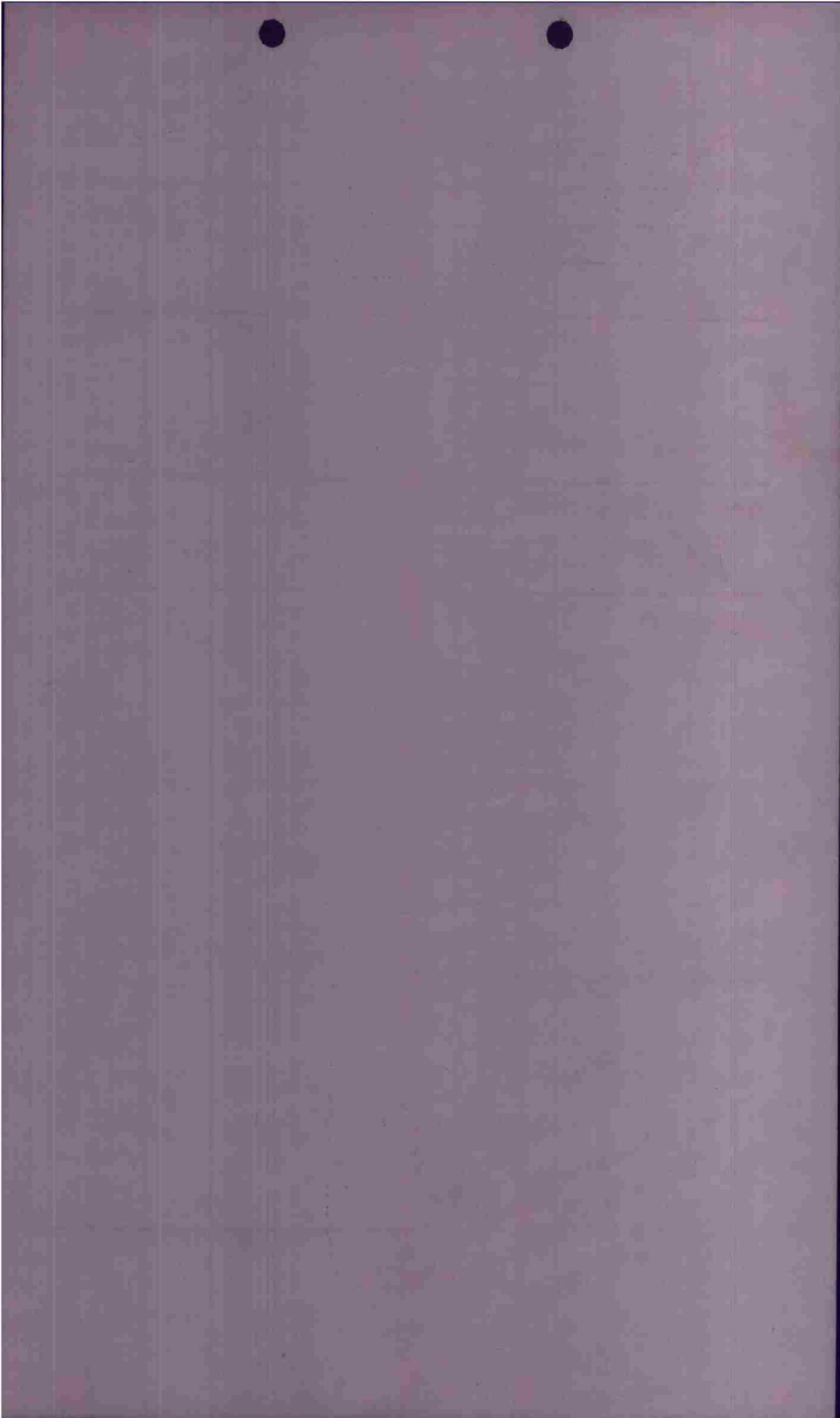
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      X
     X X
      X
     X X
X      X
Y      X
X      X
X      X
X (SPARE)

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INSTR. FORM

PILOT VAN ROPE A/C# 244 BOX 1 FLT 2

CASUALTIES

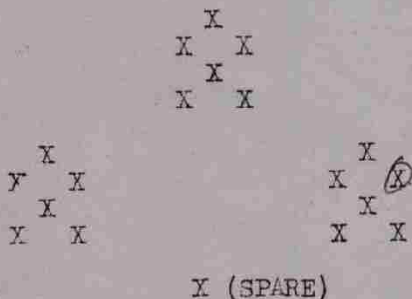
| BOMBS : <u>22</u> X <u>100</u> ON | | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|-----|
| | RETURNED | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| X | | | | |
| X | JETTISONED | | <u>nil</u> | |

FLAK : XHI - Zwolle.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

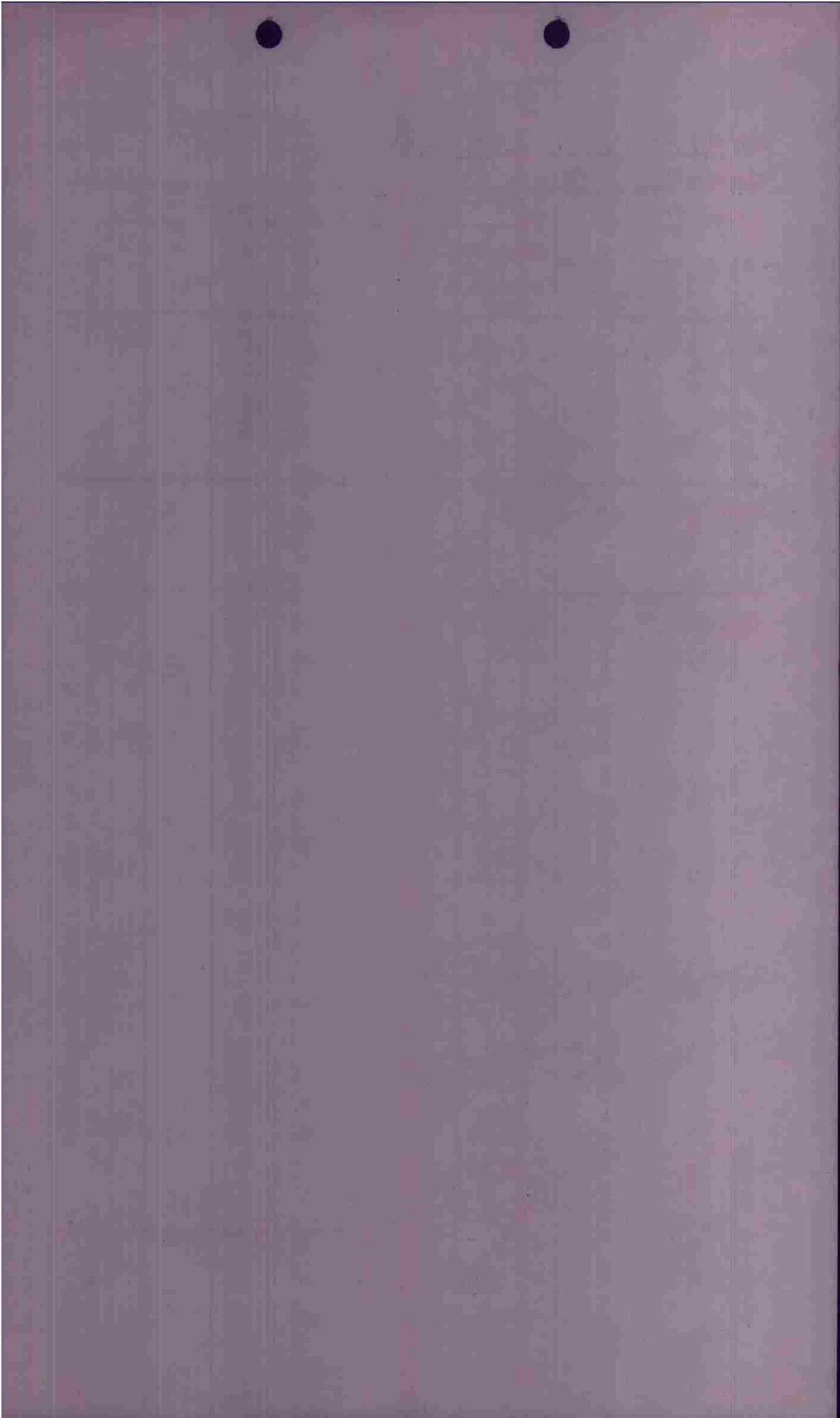
OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION



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INTELL FORM

PILOT ANDERSON A/C# 252 BOX 1 FLT 2

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : XXHA along leg paralleling coast.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombs hit on edge of town & followed along a road out of town. Bombed at 230'

POSITION IN FORMATION

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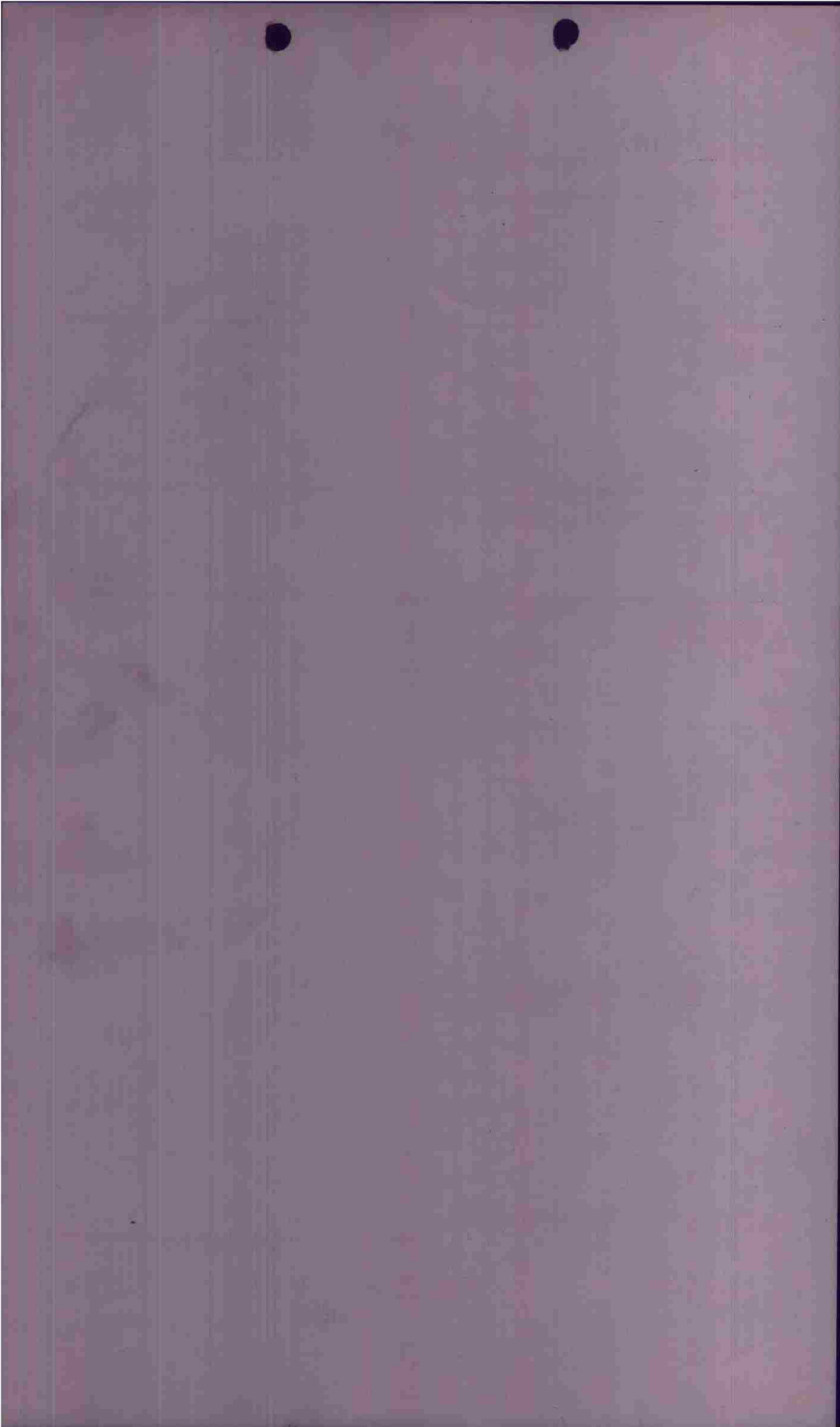
      X
     X X
      X
     X X
X      X
Y      X
X      X
X      X
X (SPARE)

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PILOT VAN NOORDEN A/C# 356 BOX 1 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

| BOMBS : <u>22 X 100</u> ON <u>P</u> | | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------|-------|-----|
| | | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| X | RETURNED | ✓ | | |
| X | JETTISONED | | | |

FLAK 1024 at heading 70° XXHA from rear XXHA on second run on target

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombs hit on far end of town from heading this flight made.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    Q X
      X
    X X

  X
Y X X
  X
Y X

      X
    X X
      X
    X X

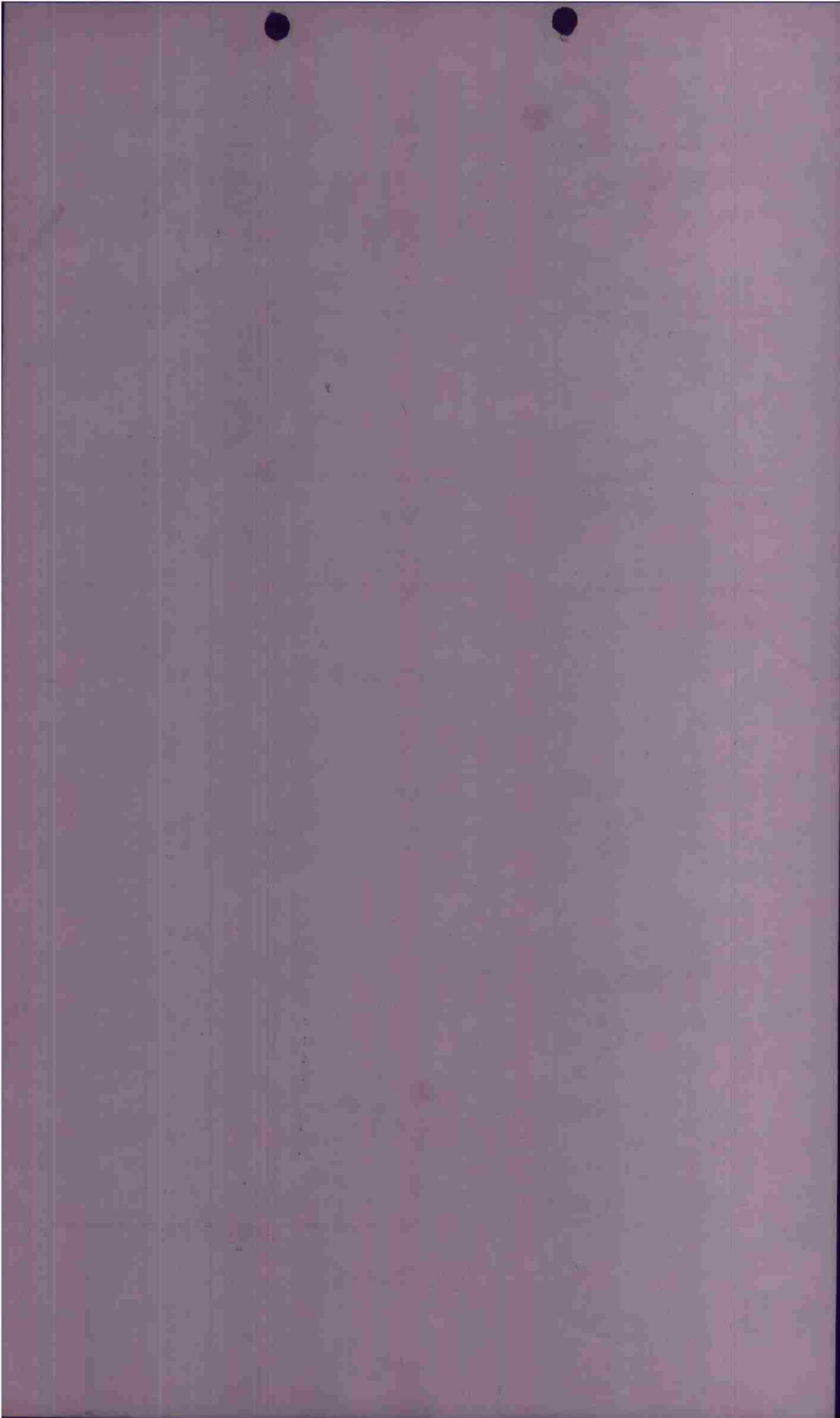
X (SPARE)

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PILOT AMES A/C# 313 BOX 1 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------|-----------|---|----------------|------------|----------|---------------|-------|-----|
| BOMBS : | <u>27</u> | X | <u>150</u> | ON | <u>P</u> | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
| | <u>4</u> | X | 150 | | | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| | | X | | RETURNED | | | | |
| | | X | | JETTISONED | | | | |

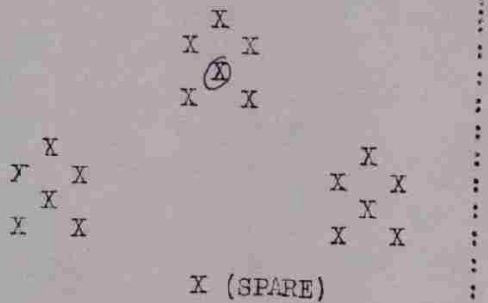
FLAK : 10 23 ^{XX} - XXXX at 2nd box - 10 minutes before or
XX-XXXXHA on first turn off target.
make two.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Town had been bombed.
This flight bombs hit from left-center of
town to outer edge.
Believed to have enough film to get
and run film picture.

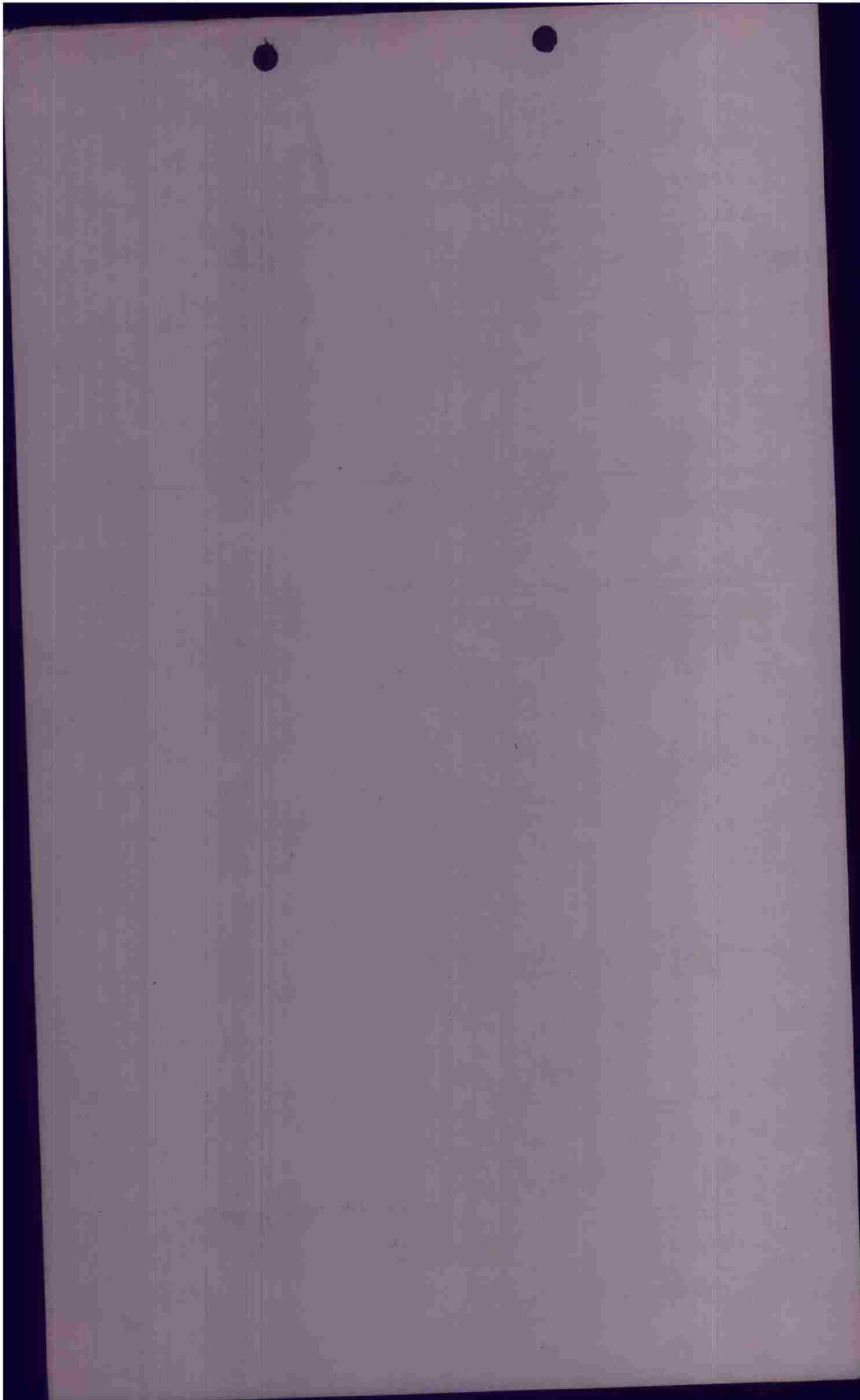
POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT WILLARD A/C# 351 BOX 1 FLT 3

CASUALTIES

| BOMBS : | | ON | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
|---------|------------|----|---------------|-------|-----|
| | | | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| X | RETURNED | | 5 holes | | |
| X | JETTISONED | | 10 dent | | |

FLAK : 0924 flying along Zunder Zee XXHA.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs hit over, past the town. May not be right town. about 0920 near coast saw what appeared to be 3 fighter strips.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X
  
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  X
Y X (X)
  X
X X
  
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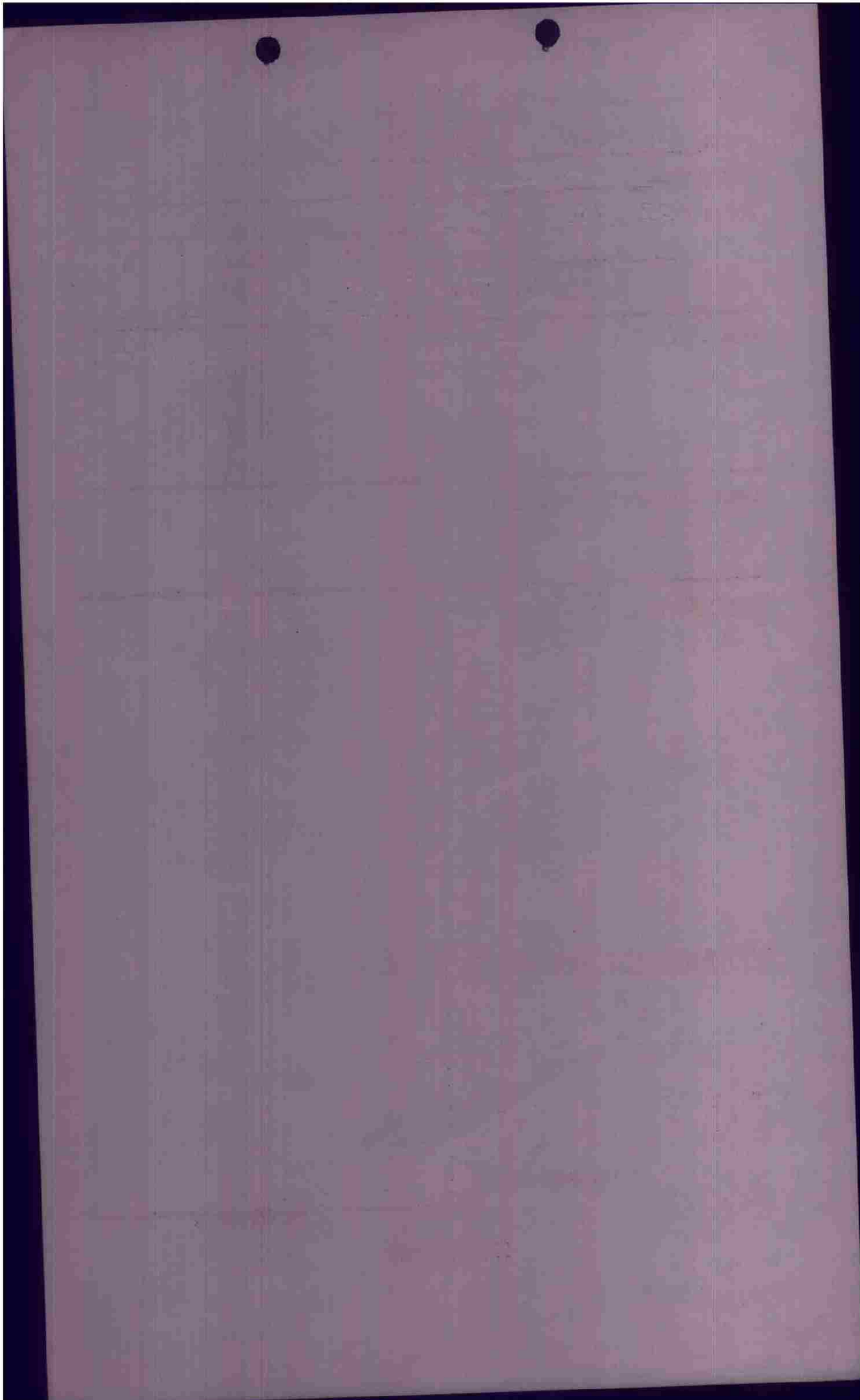
      X
     X X
      X
     X X
  
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X (SPARE)

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PILOT DeBose A/C# 338 BOX 1 FLT 3

CASUALTIES nil

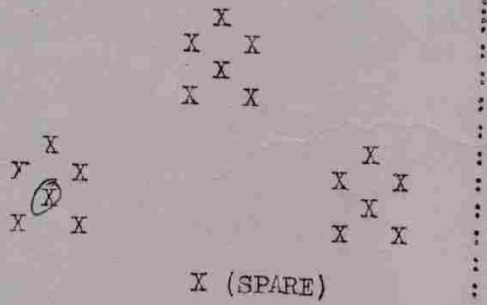
| BOMBS : <u>230</u> X <u>150</u> | ON <u>Prim.</u> | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------|-----|
| | | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| X | RETURNED | : | : | : |
| X | JETTISONED | <u>nil</u> | : | : |

FLAK : Firing in single guns. Over the sea. XX HZ

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

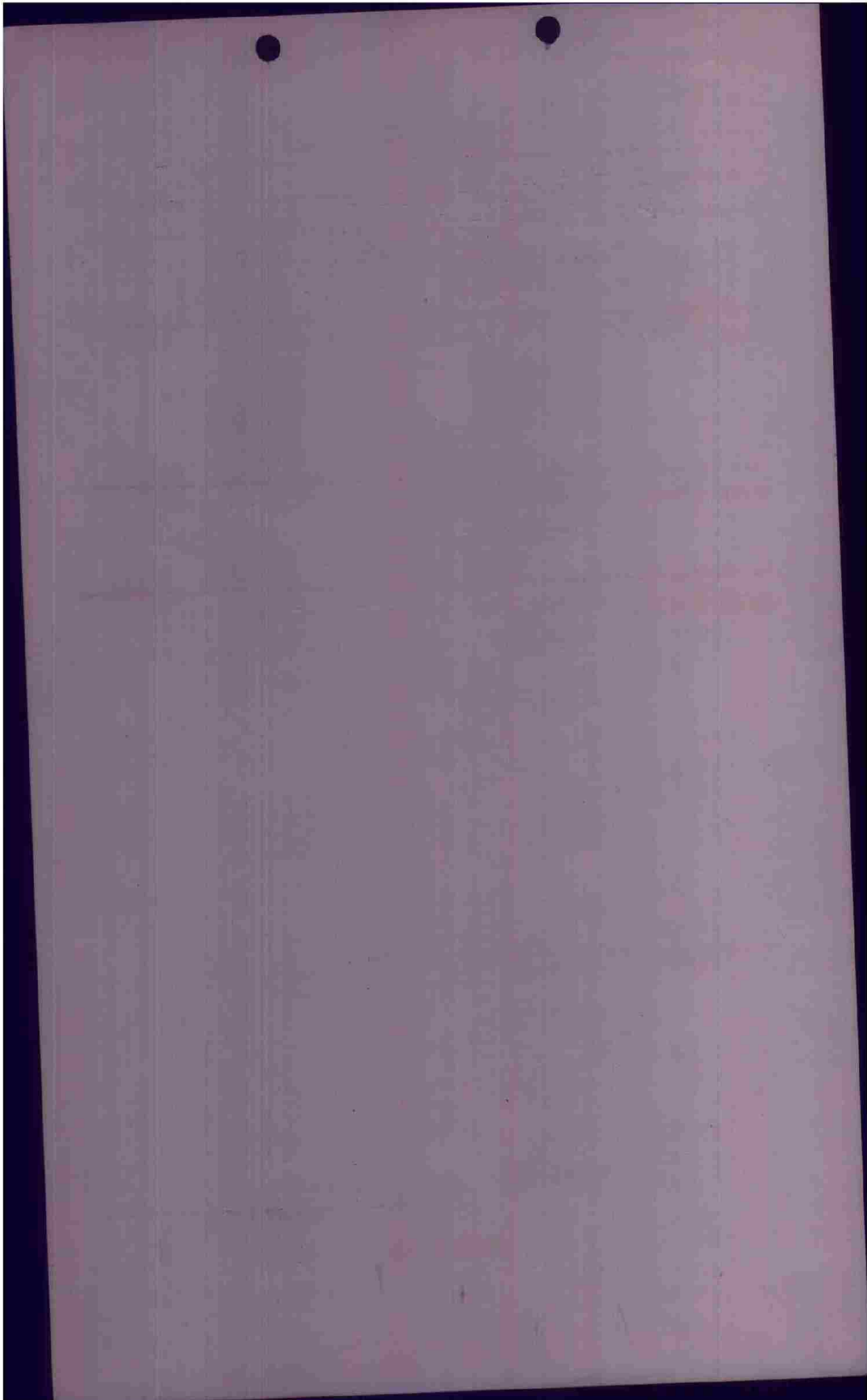
OBSERVATIONS : Bombs hit on target.

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PILOT MIL HORN A/C# 352 BOX 1 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

| BOMBS : | | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------|-----|
| <u>22</u> X <u>150</u> | ON <u>PT</u> | | | |
| X | RETURNED | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| X | JETTISONED | | | |

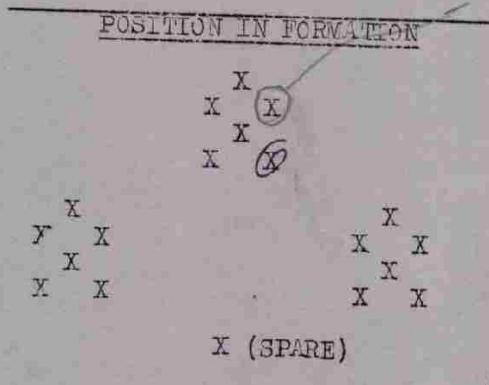
FLAK : XXHI along W-E leg, XXHA between target & IP going back for second run.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

town was burning, saw bombs hit in town.

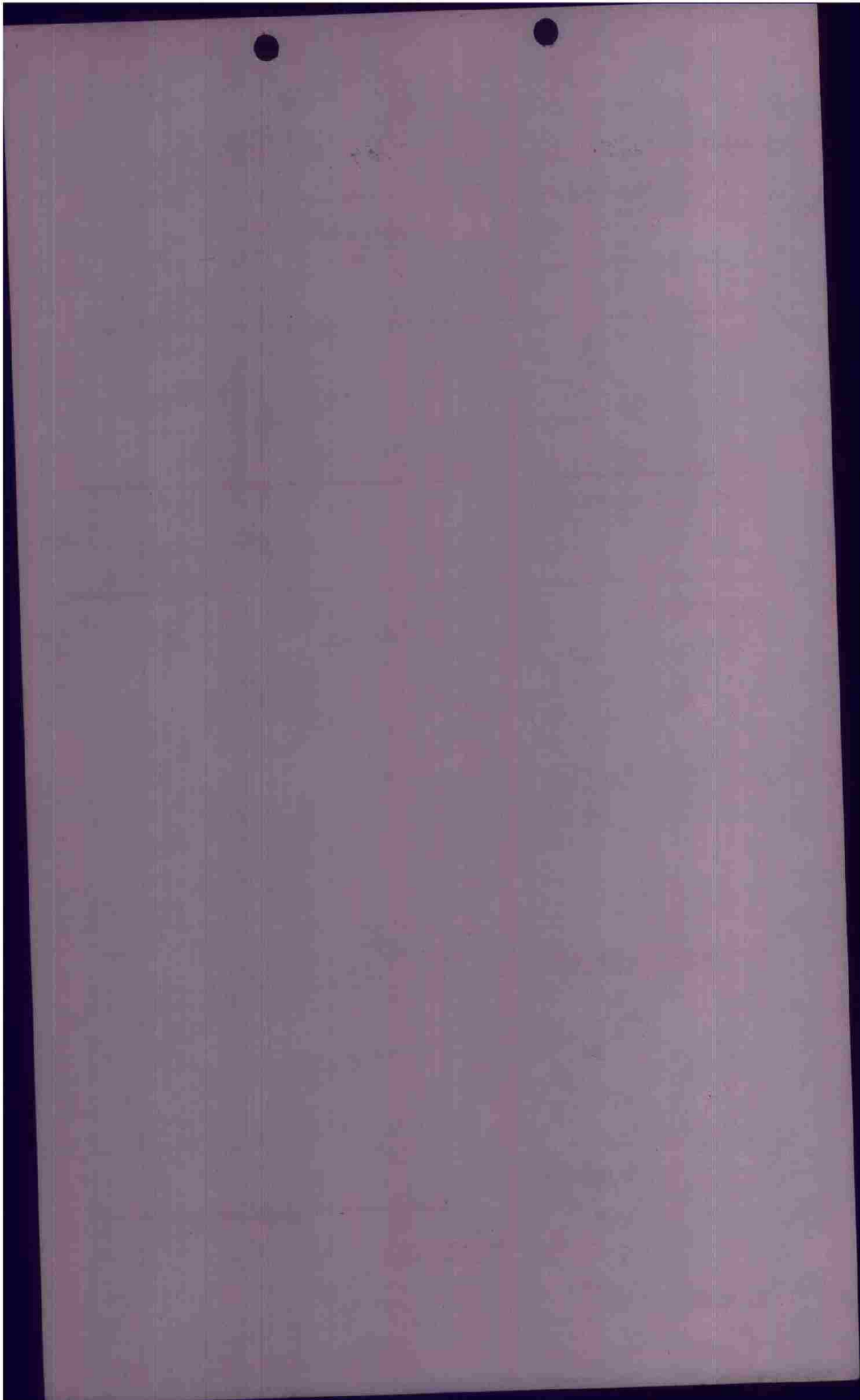
hit in right engine going back for second run.



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PILOT HOUSLEY A/C# 229 BOX 1 FLT 2

CASUALTIES None

| BOMBS : | | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------|---------------|-------|-----|
| <u>22</u> | X <u>100</u> ON <u>P.T.</u> | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| X | RETURNED | | | |
| X | JETTISONED | | | |

FLAK : 9.23 Moderate Accurate on left.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

None

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs on SE portion of town. Smoke all over town especially SE part.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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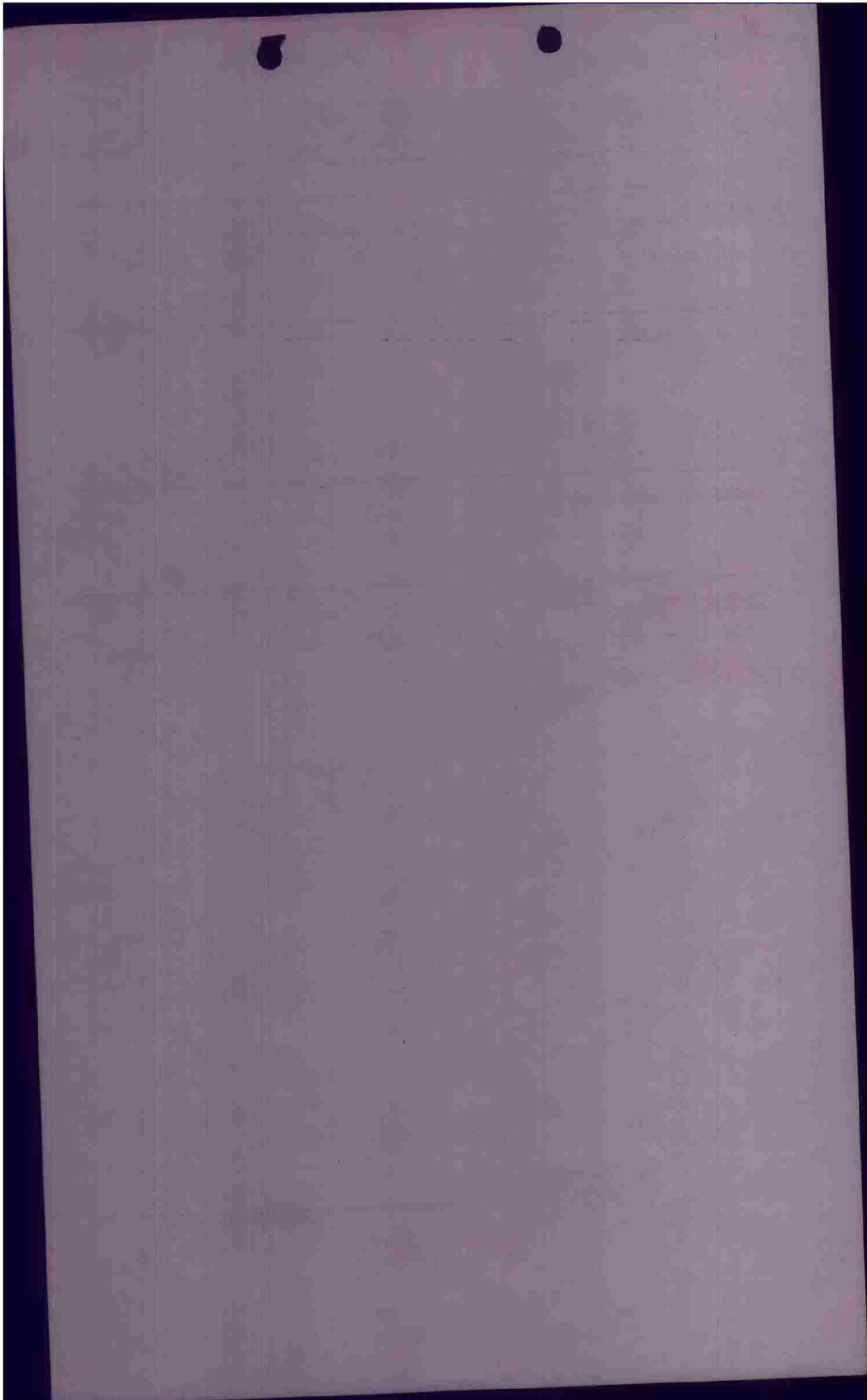
      X
      X X
      X
      X X
X      X
Y      X
X      X
      X
X (SPARE)

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INTERVIEW FORM

PILOT GRAEBER A/C# 209 BOX 1 FLT 1

CASUALTIES None

| BOMBS : | | ON | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
|-----------|--------------|------------|-----------------|-------|-----|
| <u>22</u> | <u>X 100</u> | <u>FT</u> | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| <u>X</u> | | RETURNED | : 1 Hole & loss | : | : |
| <u>X</u> | | JETTISONED | : above Head: | : | : |

FLAK : Moderate accurate. On downwind leg. on night. Also on turn to target.

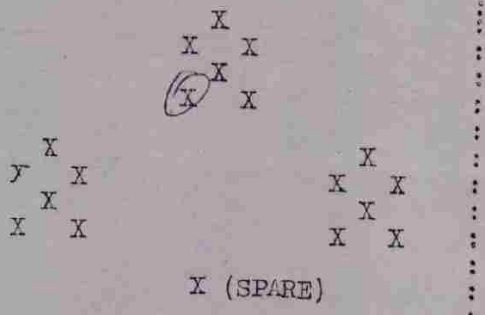
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

None.

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombs hit in N.W. end of town. Smoke all over town. Smoke screen on Rhine.

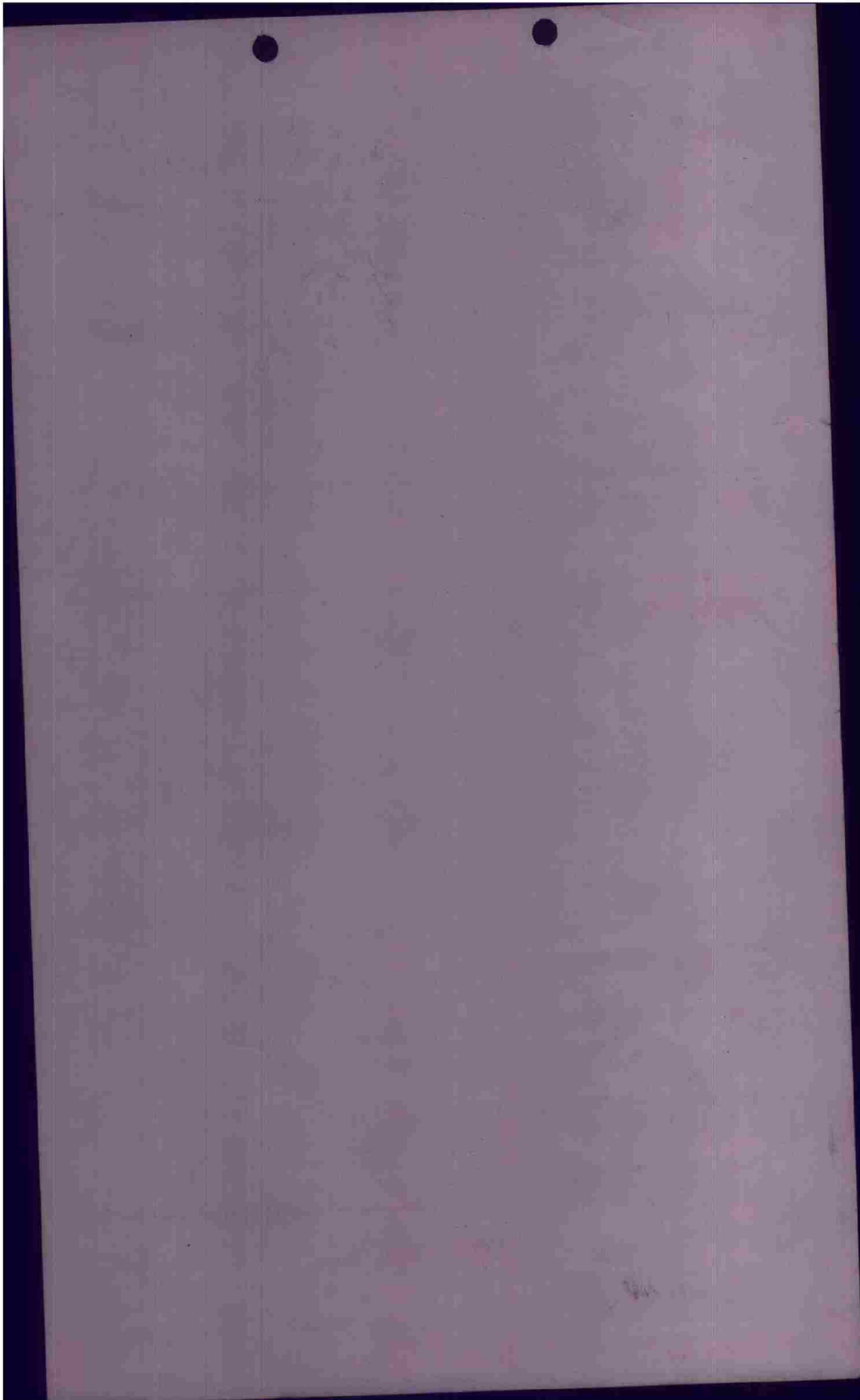
POSITION IN FORMATION



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IMBEL FORM

PILOT BALCH A/C# 307 BOX 2 FLT 3

CASUALTIES None

| BOMBS : | | ON | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------|-----|
| | | | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| <u>22</u> | X <u>100</u> | <u>P.T.</u> | | | |
| | X | RETURNED | | | |
| | X | JETTISONED | | | |

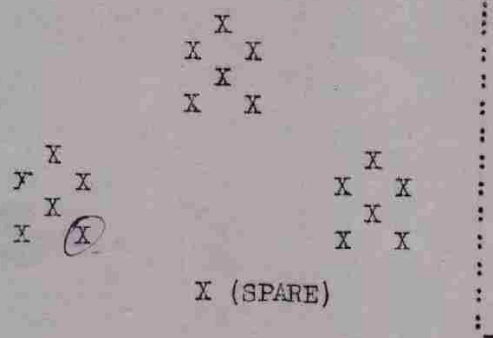
FLAK : 9.22 Midnight inaccurate shot in front of flight.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

None.

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs in center of town. Center of town in flames, smoke rising.

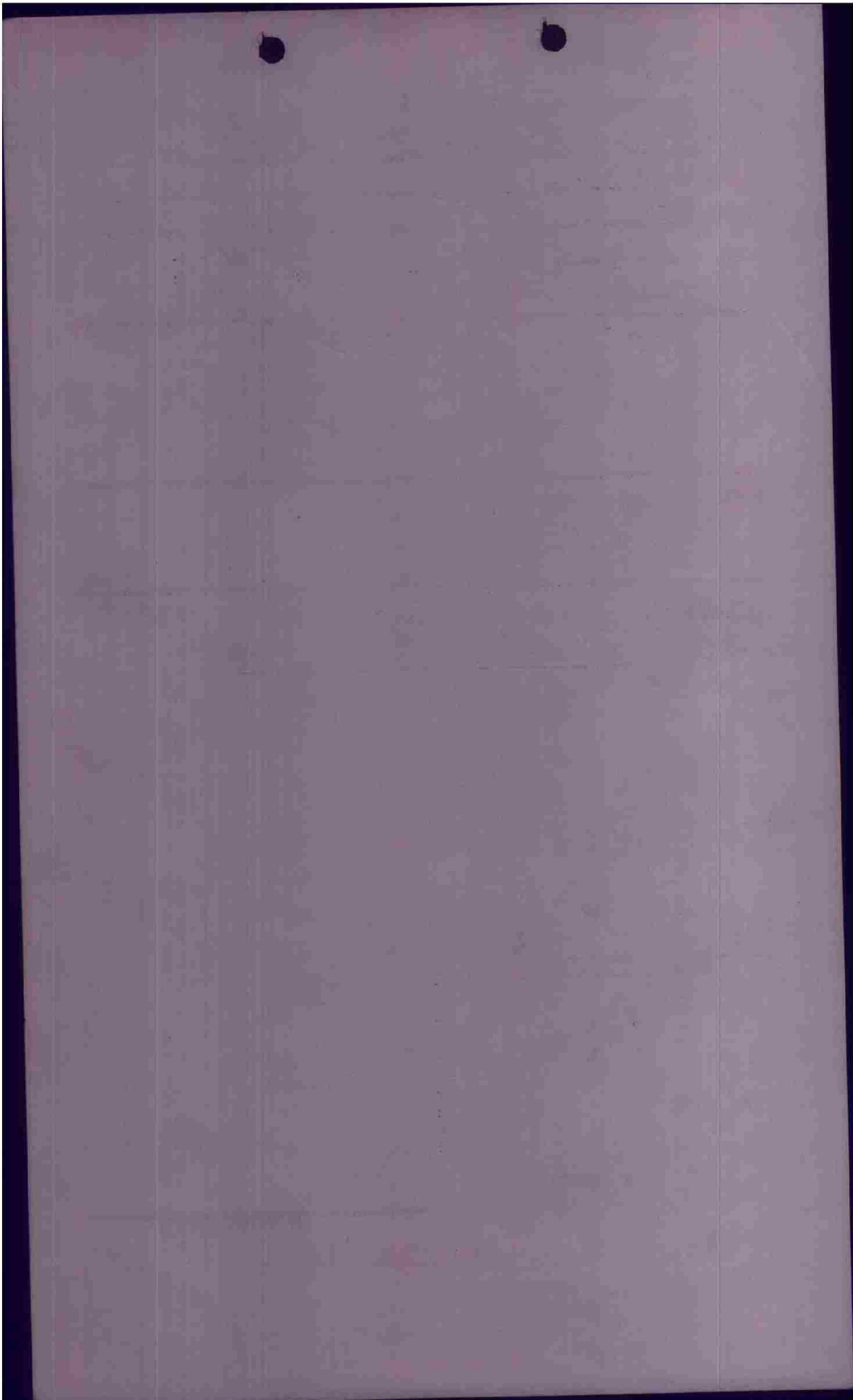
POSITION IN FORMATION

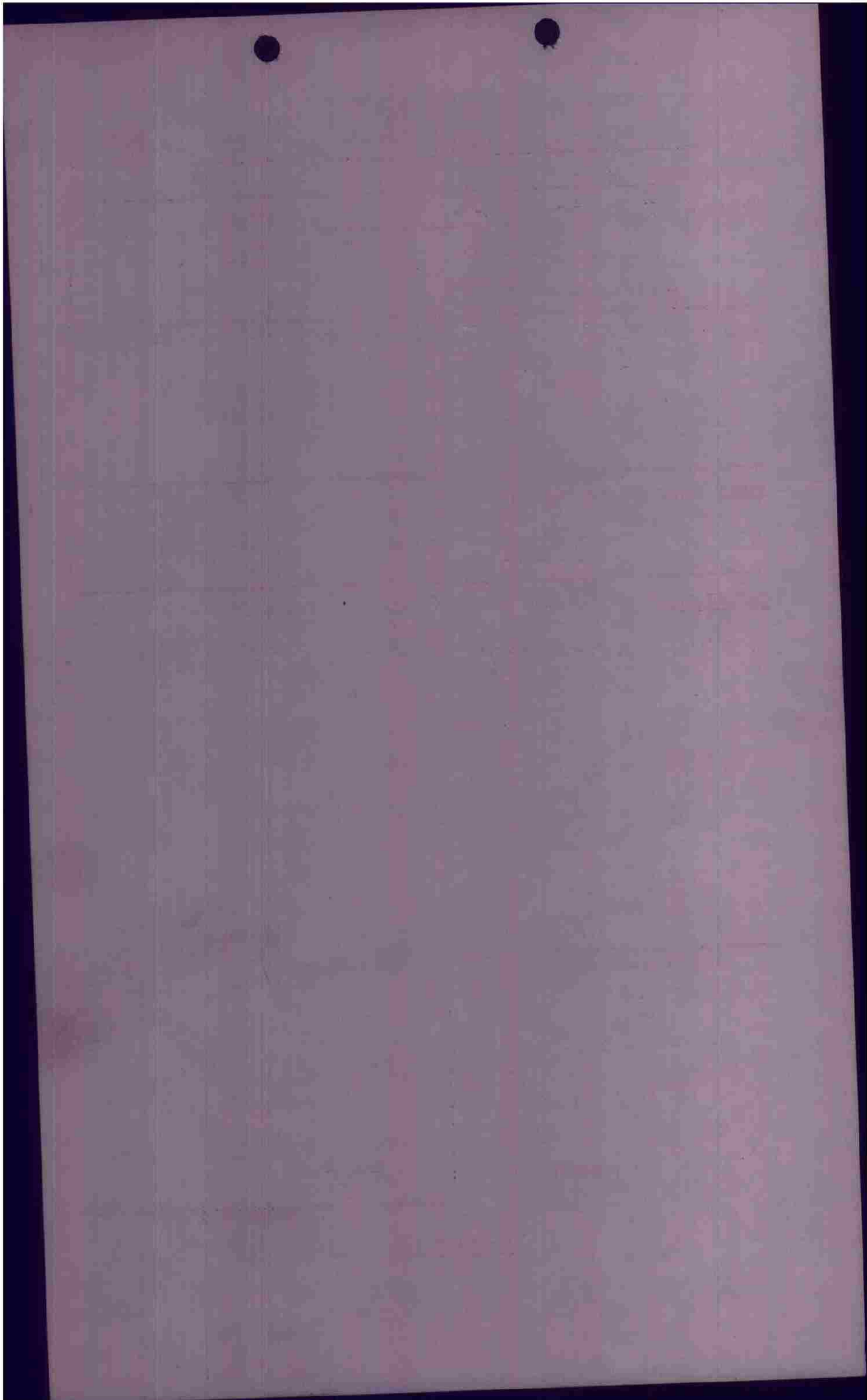


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PILOT ZEMET A/C# 321 BOX 2 FLT 2

CASUALTIES None

| BOMBS : | | ON | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
|-----------|--------------|------------|---------------|-------|-----|
| | | | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| <u>22</u> | X <u>100</u> | <u>PT</u> | | | |
| | X | RETURNED | | | |
| | X | JETTISONED | | | |

FLAK : Moderate inaccurate at 9:25 right after hitting the P.O.

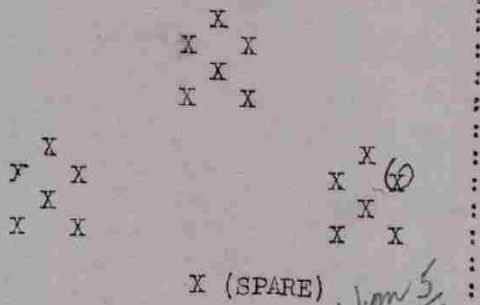
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

None.

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombs in center of town. Smoke all over.

POSITION IN FORMATION



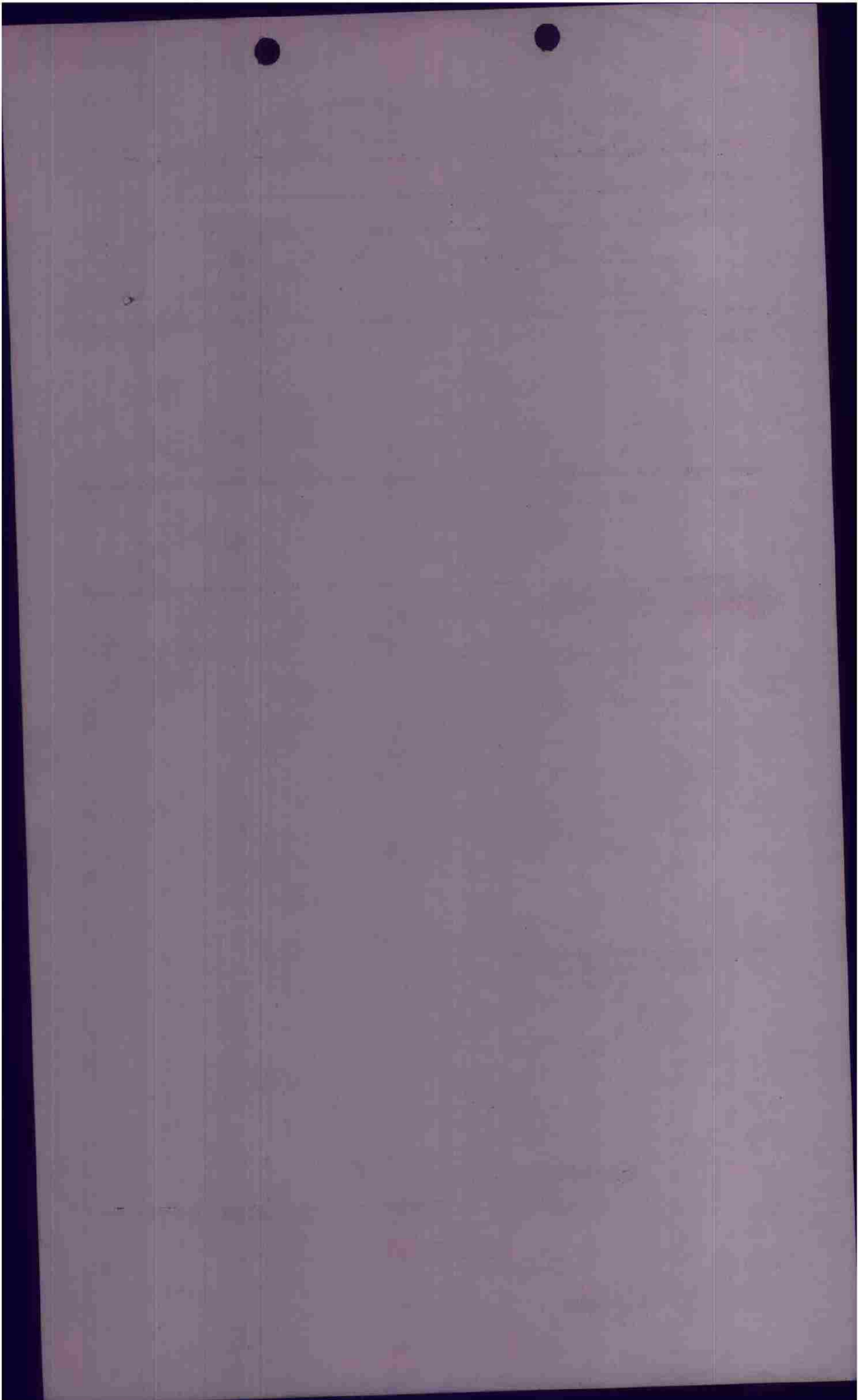
X (SPARE)

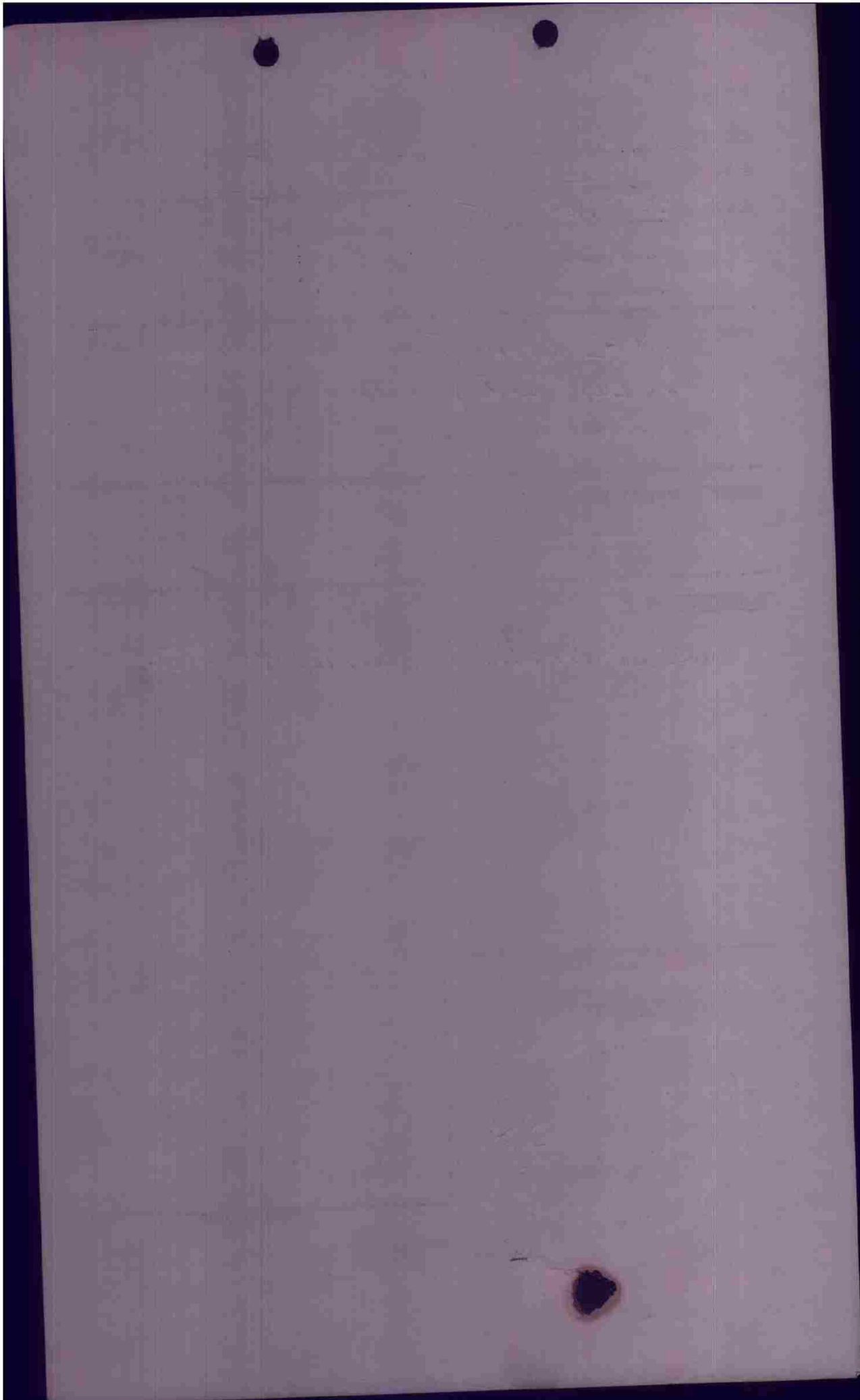
Bombed from 5

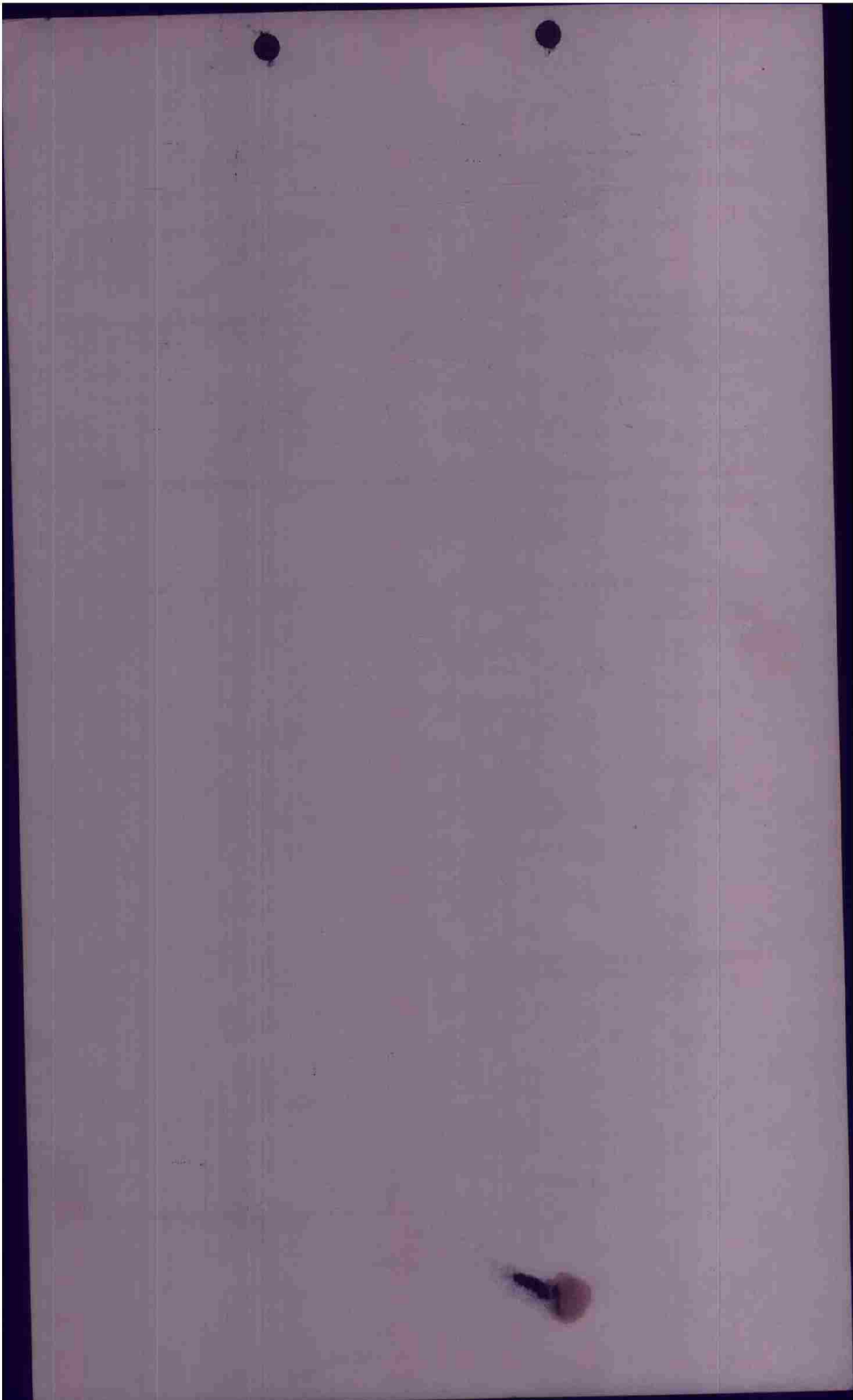
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INTER. FORM

PILOT SPIRES A/C# 223 BOX 2 FLT 1

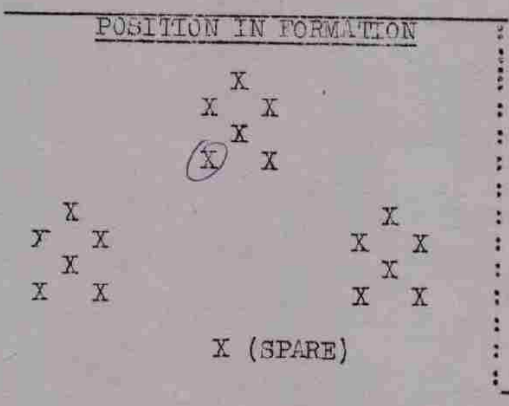
CASUALTIES Nil

| BOMBS : | | ON | RETURNED | JETTISONED | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
|-----------|---|------------|------------------|------------|-----|-------|-----|
| <u>20</u> | X | <u>150</u> | ON <u>Prunay</u> | | | | |
| | X | | | | | | |
| | X | | | | | | |

FLAK : 0920 off to the left XX HI.

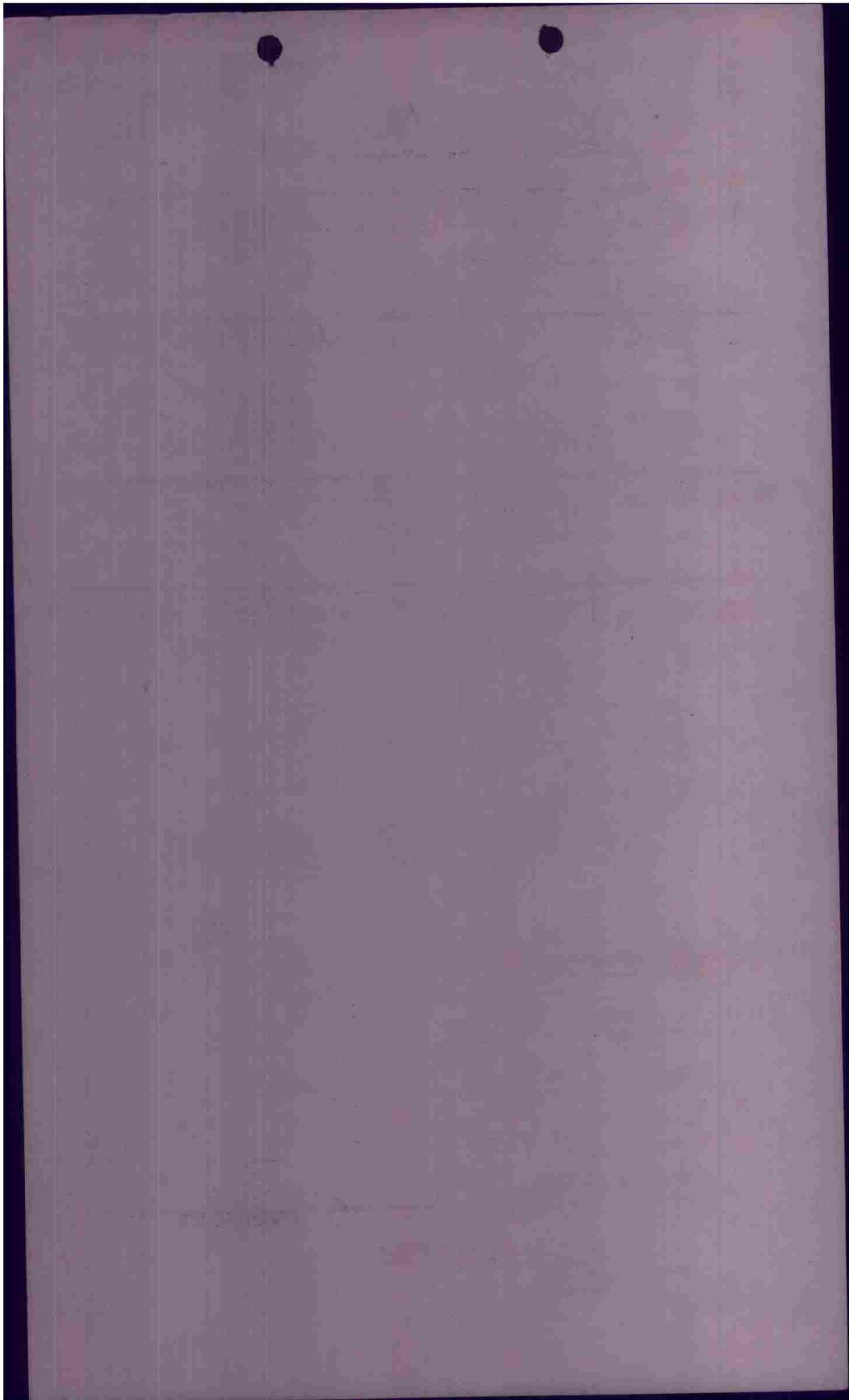
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs hit on target.



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PILOT TURNER A/C# 224 BOX 2 FLT 3

CASUALTIES _____

| BOMBS : | | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------|--------------|------------|
| <u>22</u> X <u>100</u> ON <u>D</u> | | | | |
| <u>X</u> RETURNED | : | <u>"A"</u> | <u>"A-C"</u> | <u>"E"</u> |
| <u>X</u> JETTISONED | : | _____ | | |

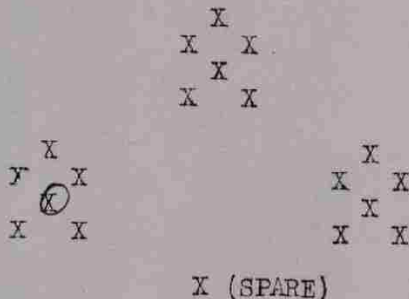
FLAK : VXHL from S of target
VXXHL along coastline to left of flight.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombs hit on far edge of town on
heading of flight - 230 heading

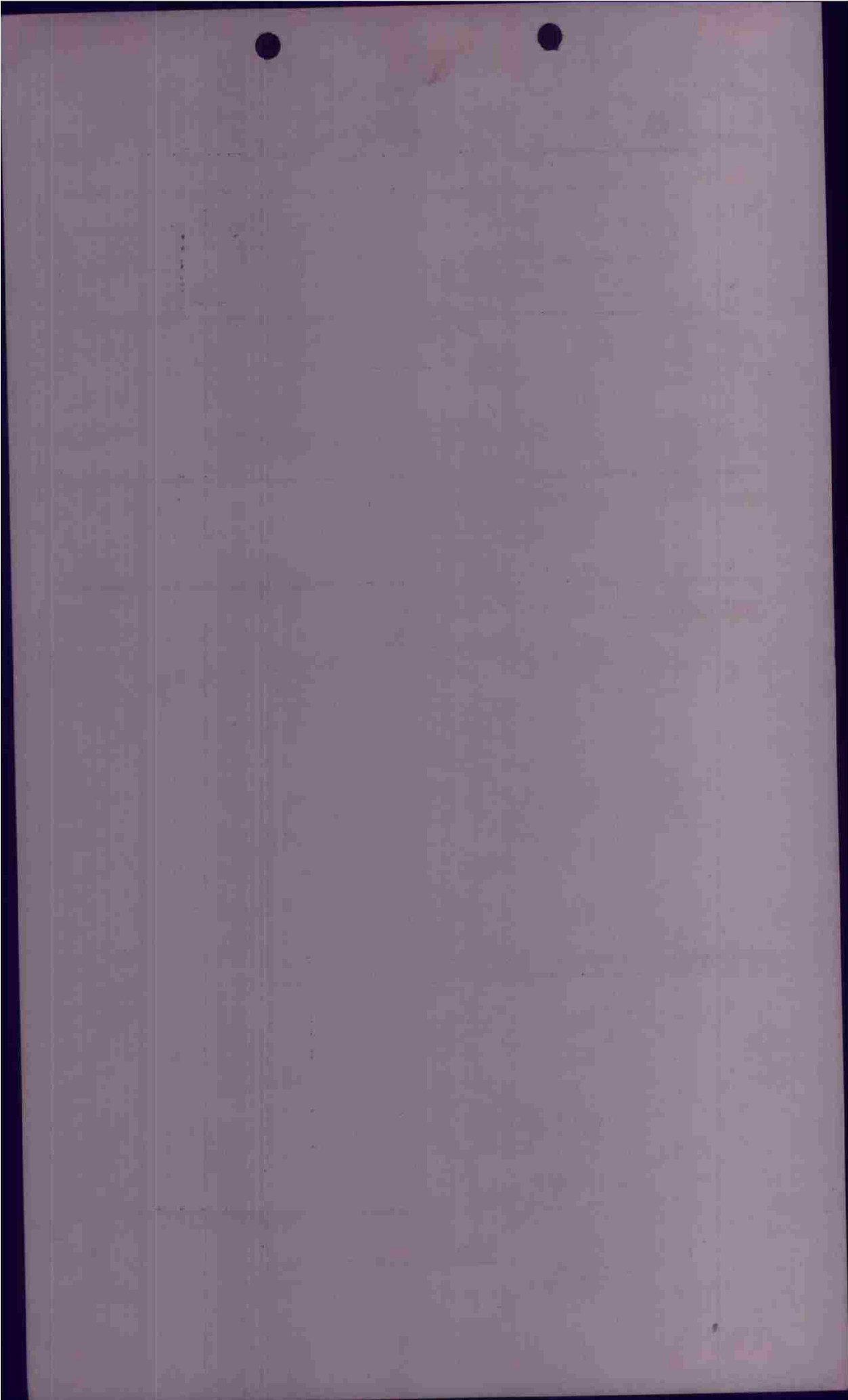
POSITION IN FORMATION



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IMMEDIATE FORM

PILOT WINN A/C# 297 BOX 7 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

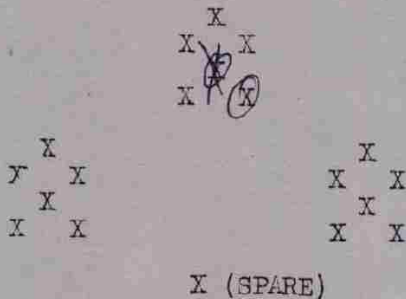
| BOMBS : | | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
|---------|------------|---------------|-------|-----|
| | ON | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| X | 100 | | | |
| X | RETURNED | | | |
| X | JETTISONED | nil | | |

FLAK : XXH1 - Zwolle.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

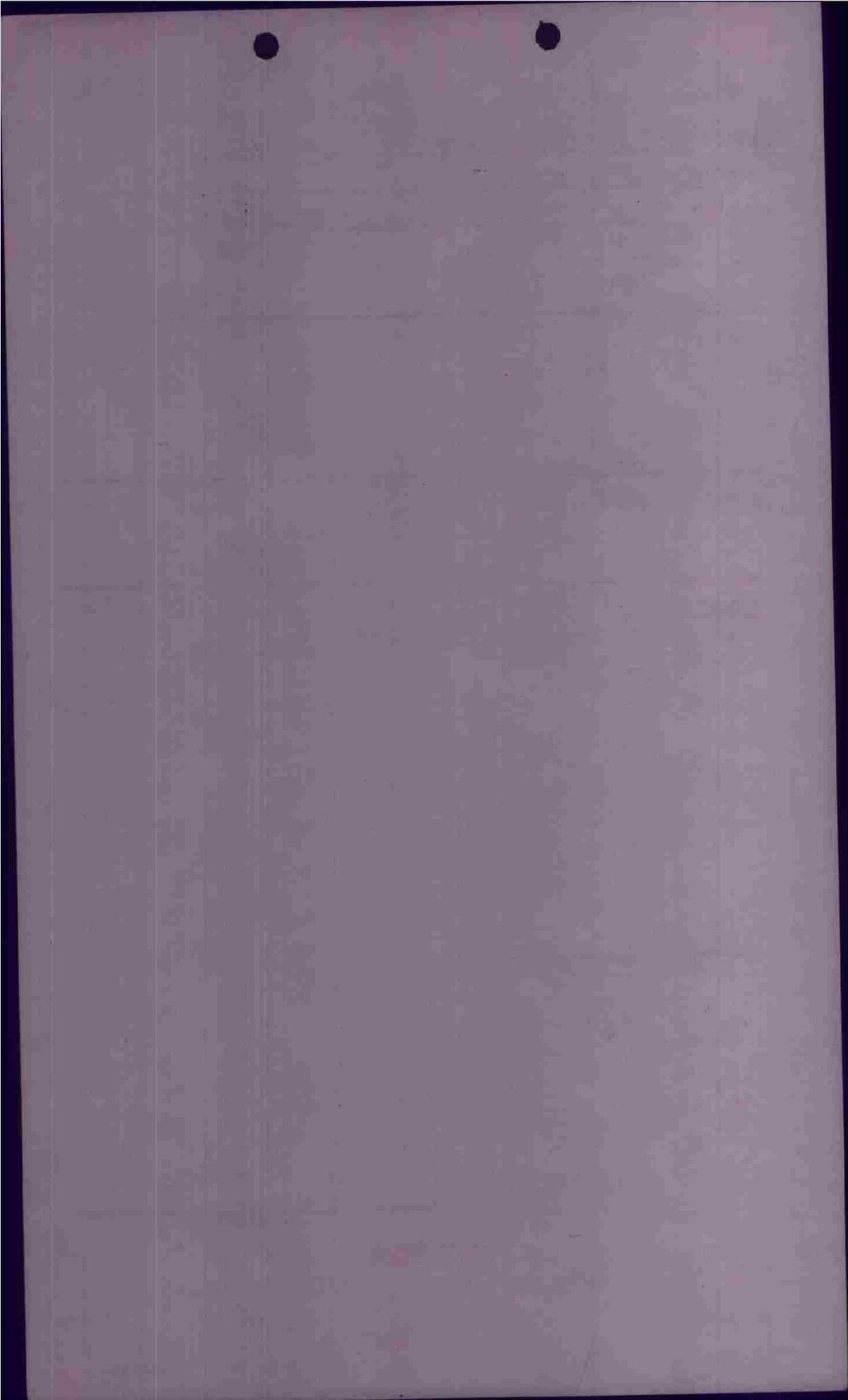
OBSERVATIONS :

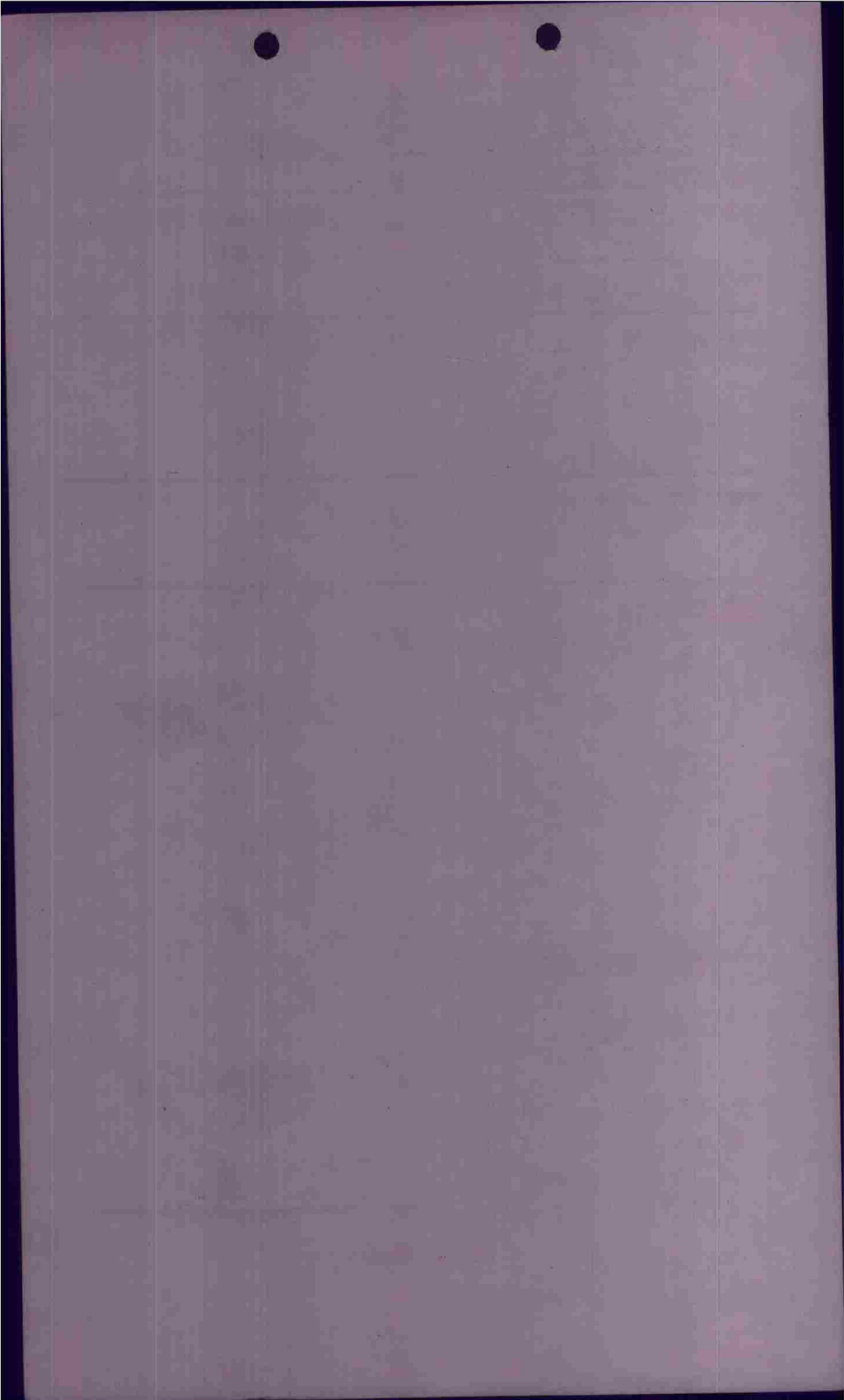
POSITION IN FORMATION

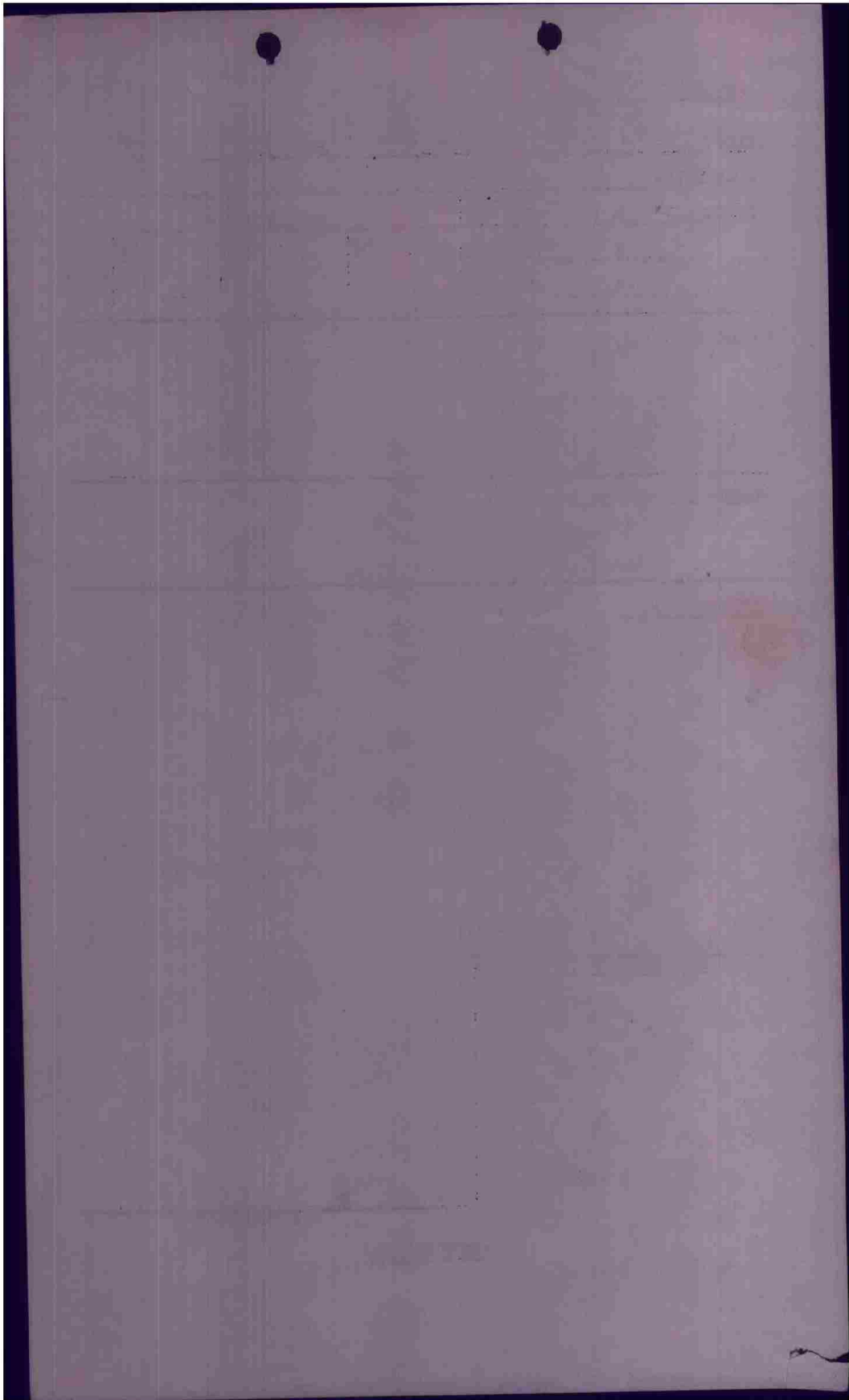


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PILOT GRUETZMACHER A/C# 2315 BOX 2 FLT 3

CASUALTIES

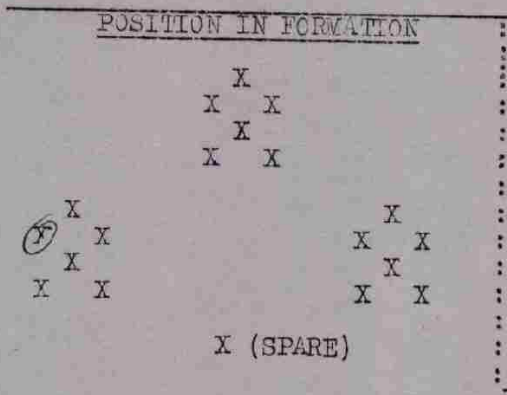
| | | | | |
|---------|--------------------------|---------------|-------|-----|
| BOMBS : | <u>25X 100 ON Bremen</u> | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
| | <u>X</u> RETURNED | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| | <u>X</u> JETTISONED | <u>nil</u> | | |

FLAK : ~~XH1~~ XH1 - 2nd run, just as we turned on I P for second run.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

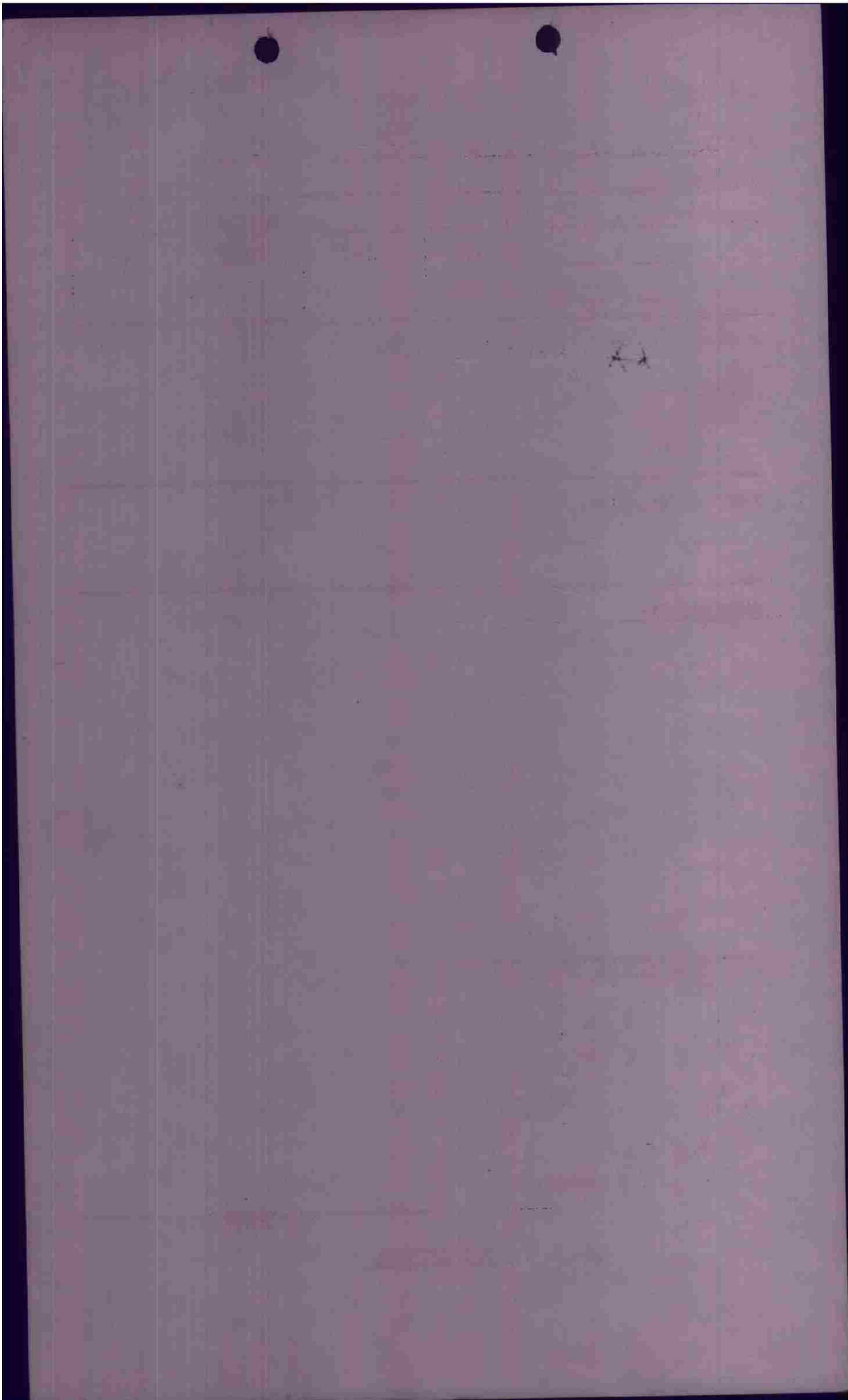
OBSERVATIONS : Two runs.

Fire in town at 0932 - right of course.



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PILOT ROBERTS A/C# 274 BOX 2 FILE 2

CASUALTIES

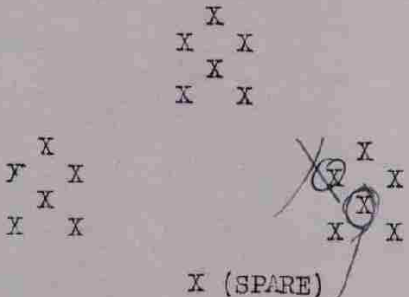
| | | | | |
|---------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| BOMBS : | <u>22</u> X 100 ON | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
| | <u>X</u> RETURNED | <u>"A"</u> | <u>"A-C"</u> | <u>"E"</u> |
| | <u>X</u> JETTISONED | | <i>mi</i> | |

FLAK : XXHA - up near coast under sea -
also 2 or 3 bursts on the.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

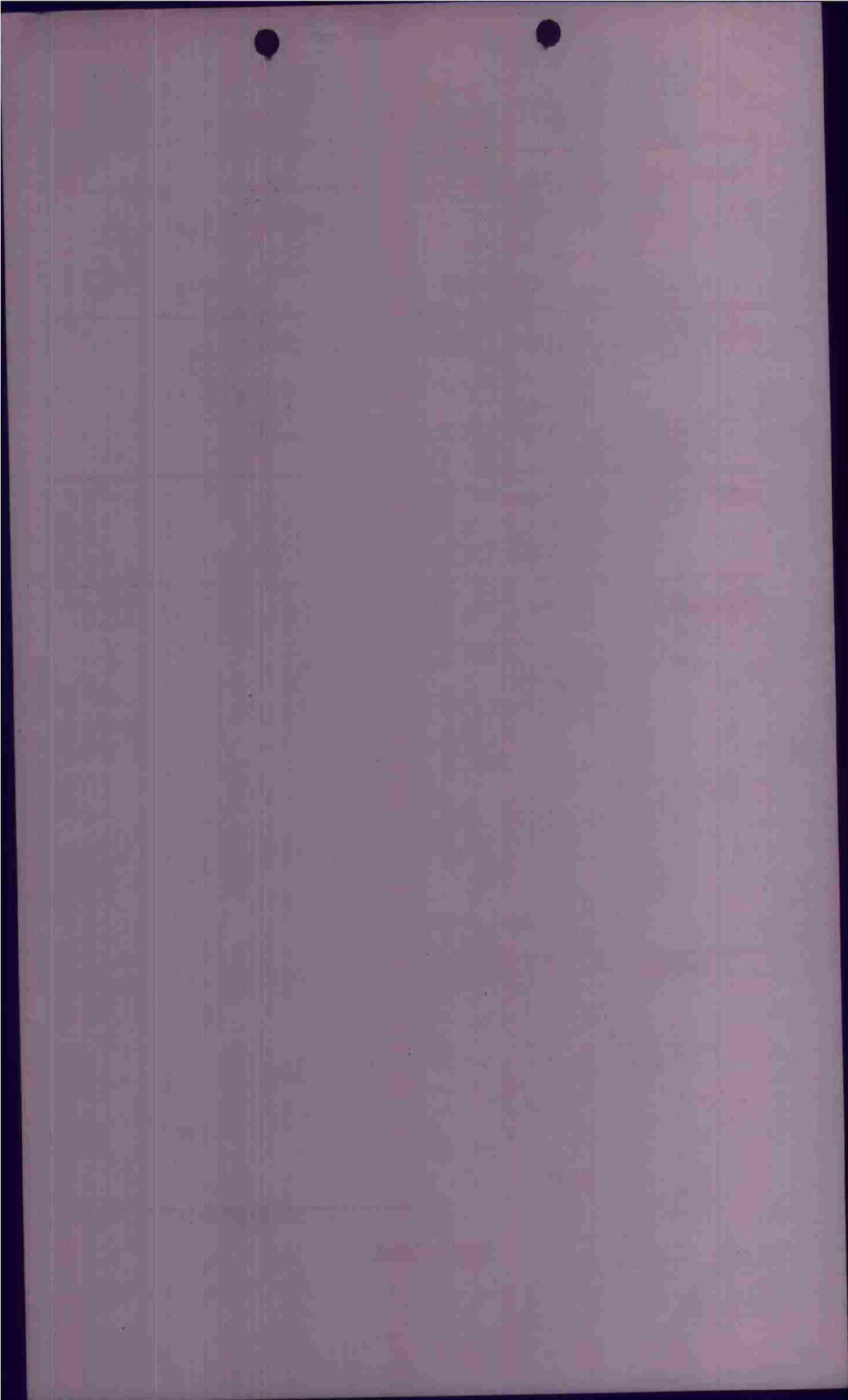
POSITION IN FORMATION



Dropped from this position

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PILOT NATHANSON A/C# 378 BOX 2 FLT 2

CASUALTIES

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| BOMBS : <u>22 X 100</u> ON | | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
| <u>X</u> | RETURNED | <u>"A"</u> | <u>"A-C"</u> | <u>"E"</u> |
| <u>X</u> | JETTISONED | | | |

FLAK :

XX41 - Zinder -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

1st run

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X
X     X
Y     X
X     X
X     X
X (SPARE)

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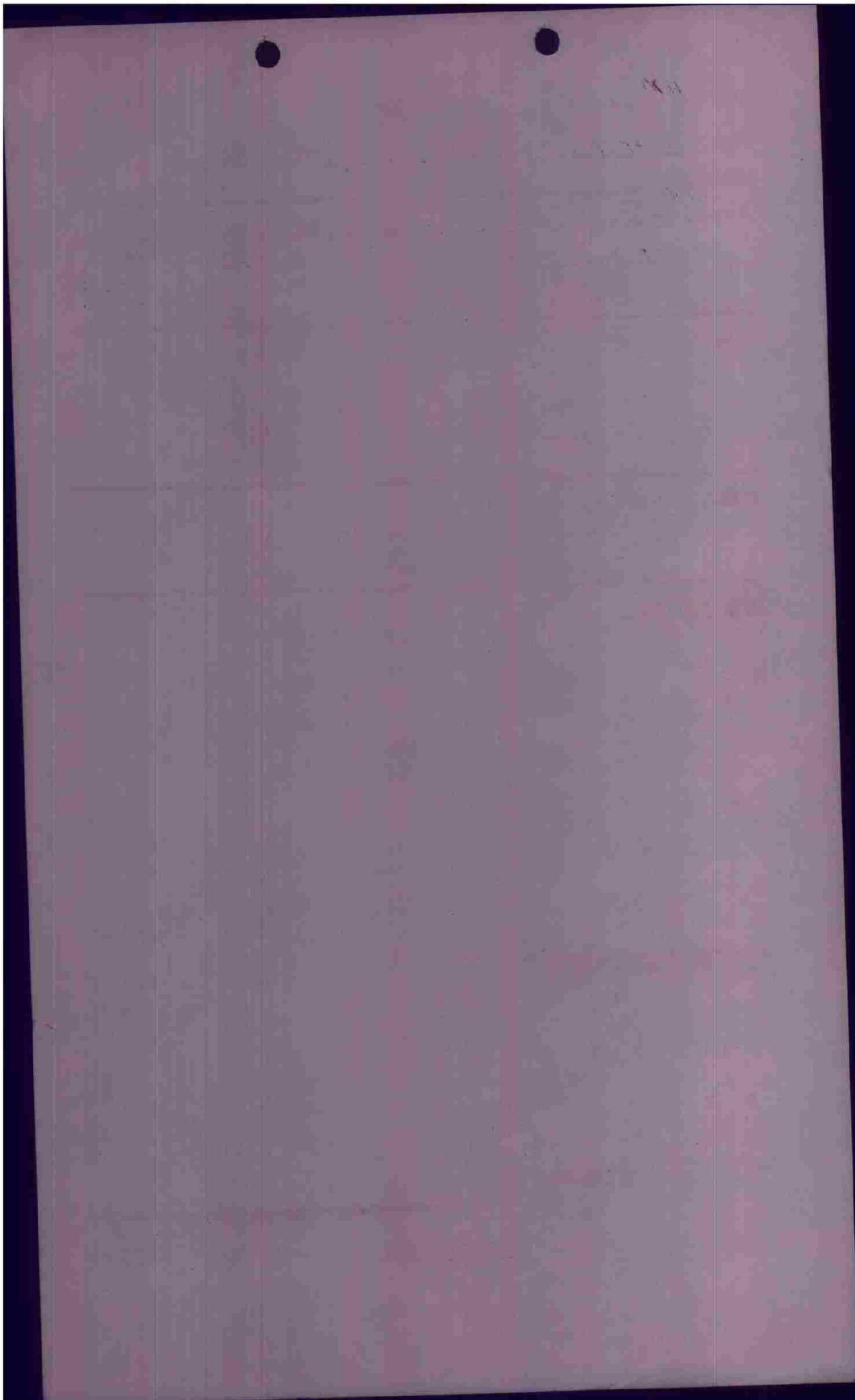
      X
     X X
    X X

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Bombes -

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FORM 1

PILOT HIXON A/C# 250 BOX III FLT 1

CASUALTIES

| BOMBS : | | ON | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
|------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------|-------|-----|
| <u>10</u> X <u>100</u> | | <u>Primary</u> | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| X | | RETURNED | : | : | : |
| X | | <u>On 2 gun</u> JETTISONED | : | : | : |

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

1/2 Salvoed - missed a town west of primary - SLDLOHN on radio instructions from Brown

100-150 truck convoy - HARDEN OR Worthwood ? this or other side of bombline. On east side of river.

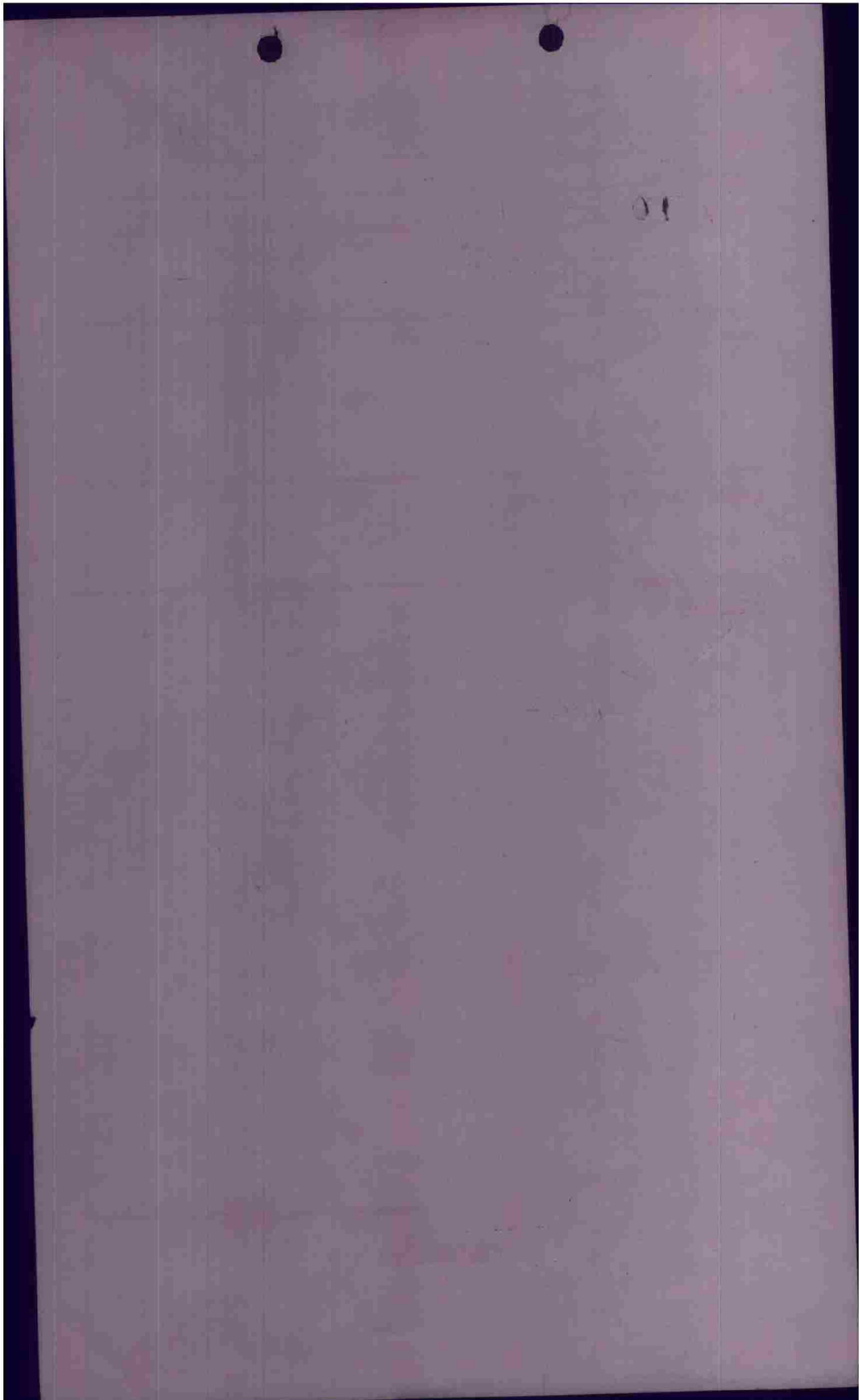
POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
    X X
  X
Y  X
  X
X  X
      X
      X X
      X X
      X X
      X (SPARE)
  
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FORM 8-60 (M)

PILOT STANLEY A/C# 528 BOX 2 FLT 2

CASUALTIES

| BOMBS : | | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------|-----|
| <u>22</u> X <u>150</u> | ON <u>PT</u> | | | |
| X | RETURNED | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| X | JETTISONED | | | |

FLAK : XX HI at town of Zwolle
X-XX HIA on this left going back to
IP for second run (left turn off target)

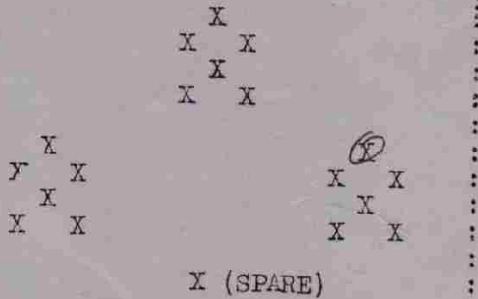
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombs hit town - long pattern

TOT 0948
Hd 260
alt 11400
IAS 207

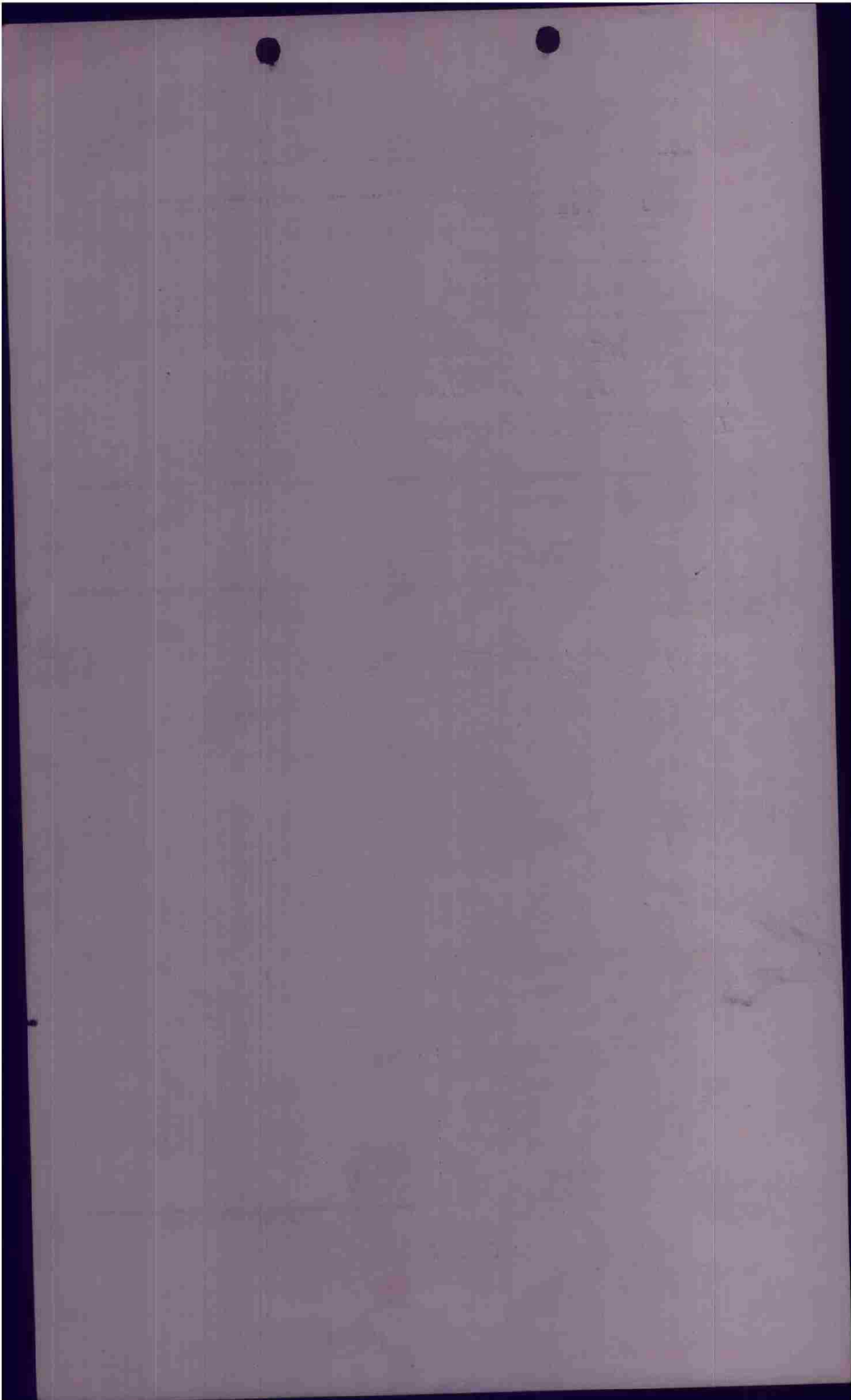
POSITION IN FORMATION



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INCIDENT FORM

PILOT E BUNIG A/C# 469 BOX 2 FLT 3

CASUALTIES

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------|-----|
| BOMBS : <u>228 x 150</u> | ON <u>Primary armed</u> | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
| <u>X</u> | RETURNED | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| <u>16 x 150</u> | JETTISONED | <u>Nil</u> | | |
| | <u>Salvaged</u> | | | |

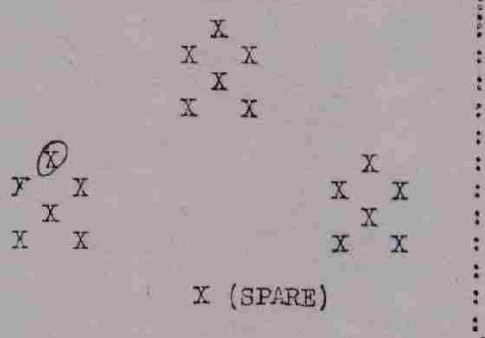
FLAK : XXHI near Zwolle. Some near Stadthagen
but not shooting at this formation.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs hit around A.P. Bombed on

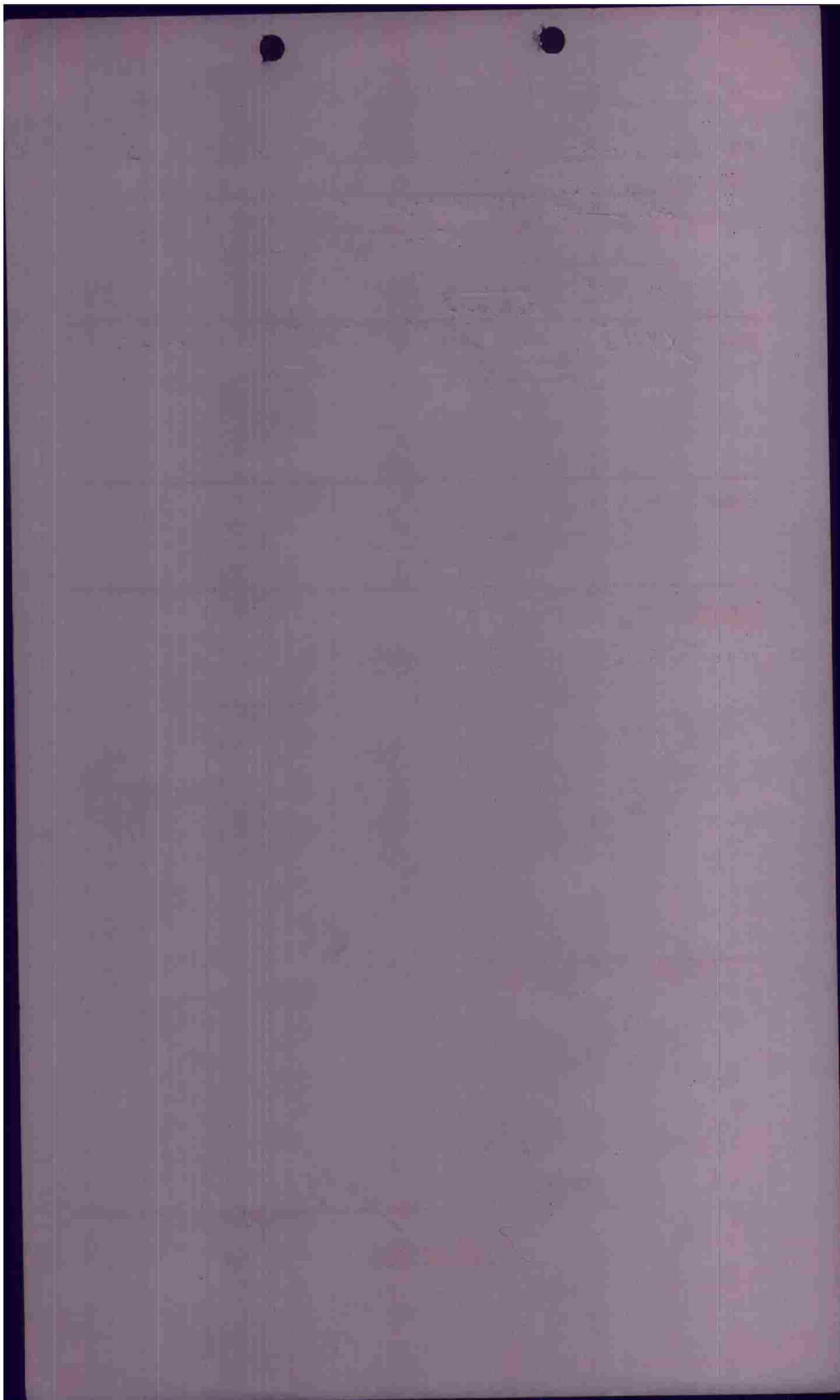
TIME 0952 mid run.
 Head 230°
 alt. 11000
 A.S. 210
G.S.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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INNER FORM

PILOT BROWN A/C# 499 BOX 2 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|----|---|-----|----|----------|------------|---------------|-------|-----|
| BOMBS : | 22 | X | 100 | ON | RETURNED | JETTISONED | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
| | | X | | | | | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| | | X | | | | | | | |

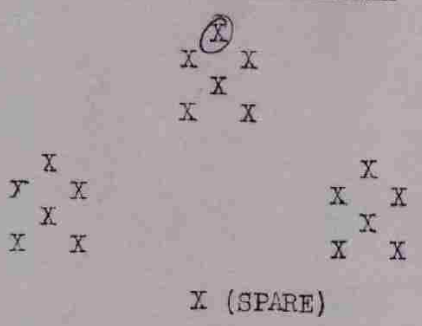
FLAK : ~~on left turn off target~~
 X HA from Stadtlohn on the left
 XX HA on leg along coastline ~~from~~ ^{from}
 of formation. Flak for 1 minute along coast

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Believe bombed Ramsdorf. Bombs hit ^(building explosion)
 in good pattern on selected A.P. all towns
 were smoking. Made 2nd run and synchronized
 on this town which ^{is on bomb run about 4 miles} ~~is on route to target~~
 from primary. Haze & smoke from front line
 smoke & smoke from other towns made positive
 identification of primary difficult. Made a
 run on road at about A4071 to drop ~~two~~

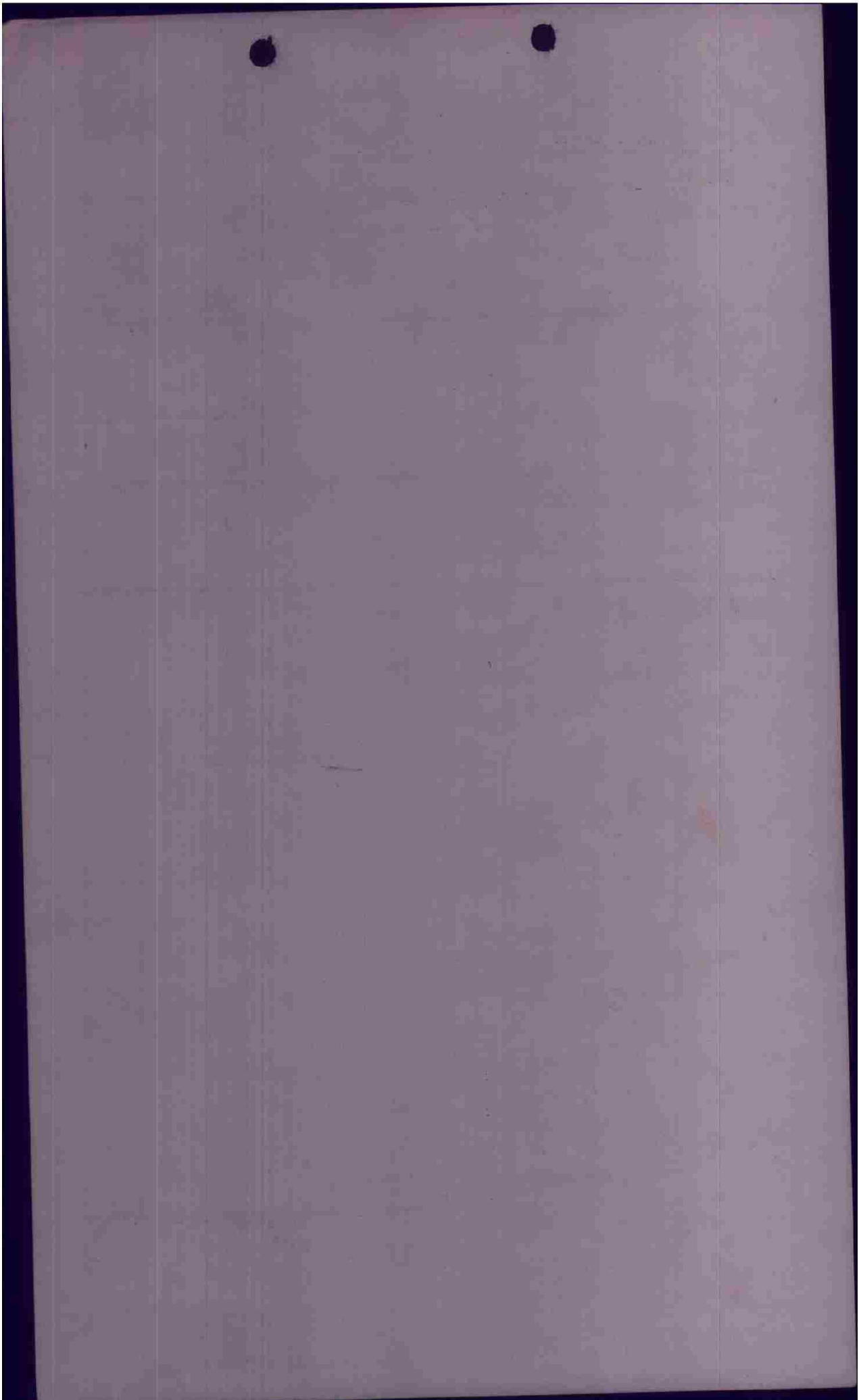
POSITION IN FORMATION



bombs from 1 A/C which
 had 2 bombs hung up.
 Dropped on radio call
 from ~~the~~ B/N
 +0. 0951
 alt. 11900
 IAS. 210
 head 230

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PILOT PARKHURST A/C# 233 BOX 3 FLT 1

CASUALTIES None

| | | | |
|---|---------------|-------|-----|
| BOMBS : <u>22</u> X <u>100</u> ON <u>PV</u> | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
| <u>X</u> RETURNED | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| <u>X</u> JETTISONED | <u>None</u> | | |

FLAK : XH-1 good aim above I-1

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

None

OBSERVATIONS :

Out from N.E Part
2 R miss
Right from 96 to 1

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X (X)

  X   X
 Y   X
 X   X

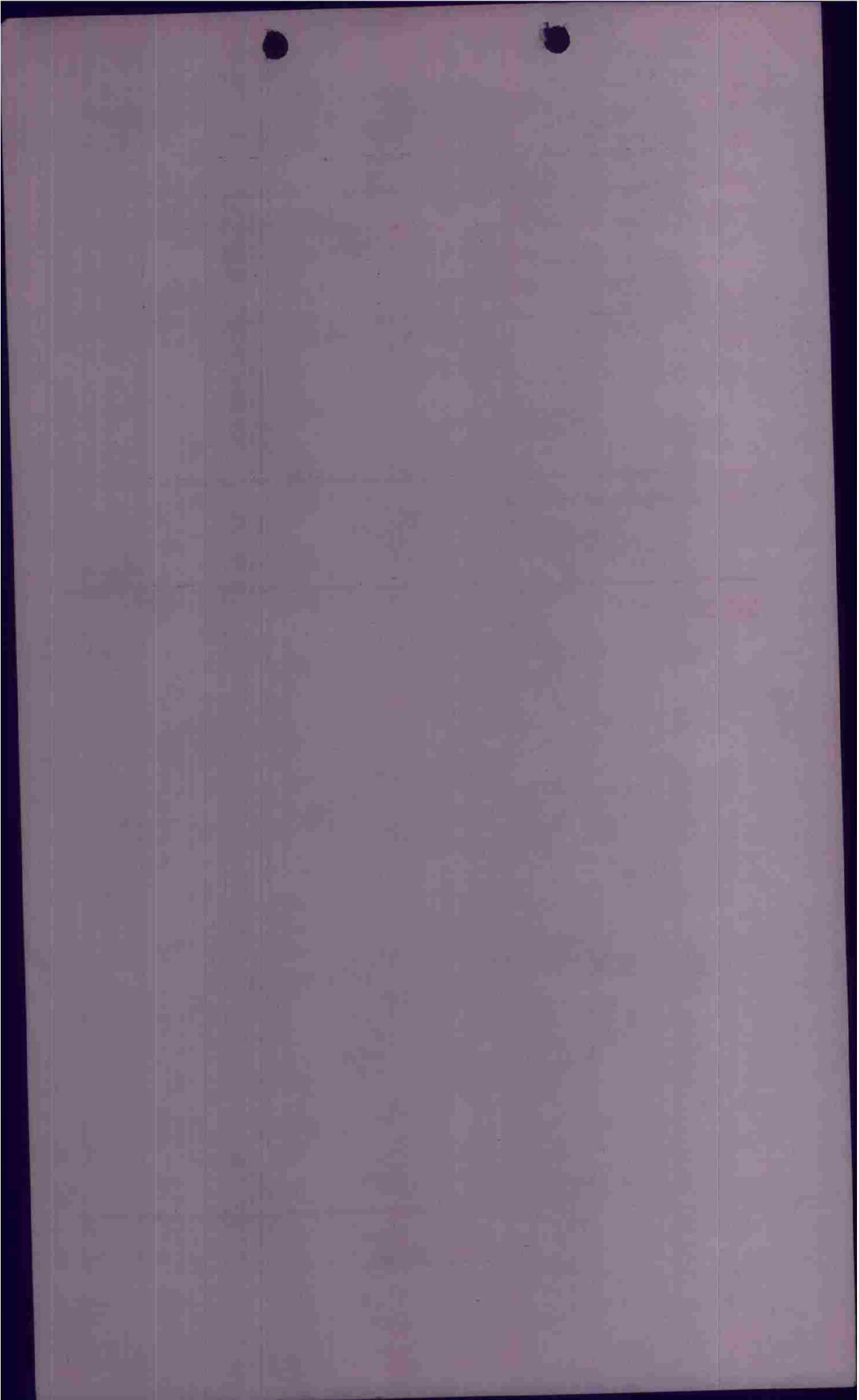
      X
     X X
      X X
     X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT MONTROSE A/C# 385 BOX 3 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

| BOMBS : | | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
|------------------------|------------|---------------|-------|-----|
| <u>22</u> X <u>100</u> | ON | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| X | RETURNED | : | : | : |
| X | JETTISONED | : | : | : |

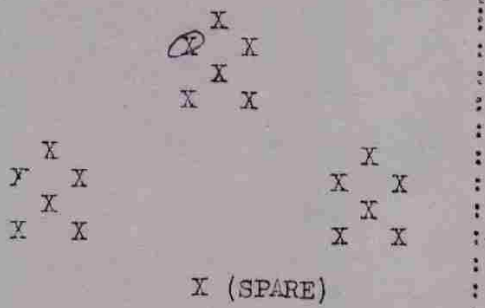
FLAK : X-XX HA from town of Zowolle (0923) made left turn off target got XHI in turn (on their right)

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombs hit on edge of town & short

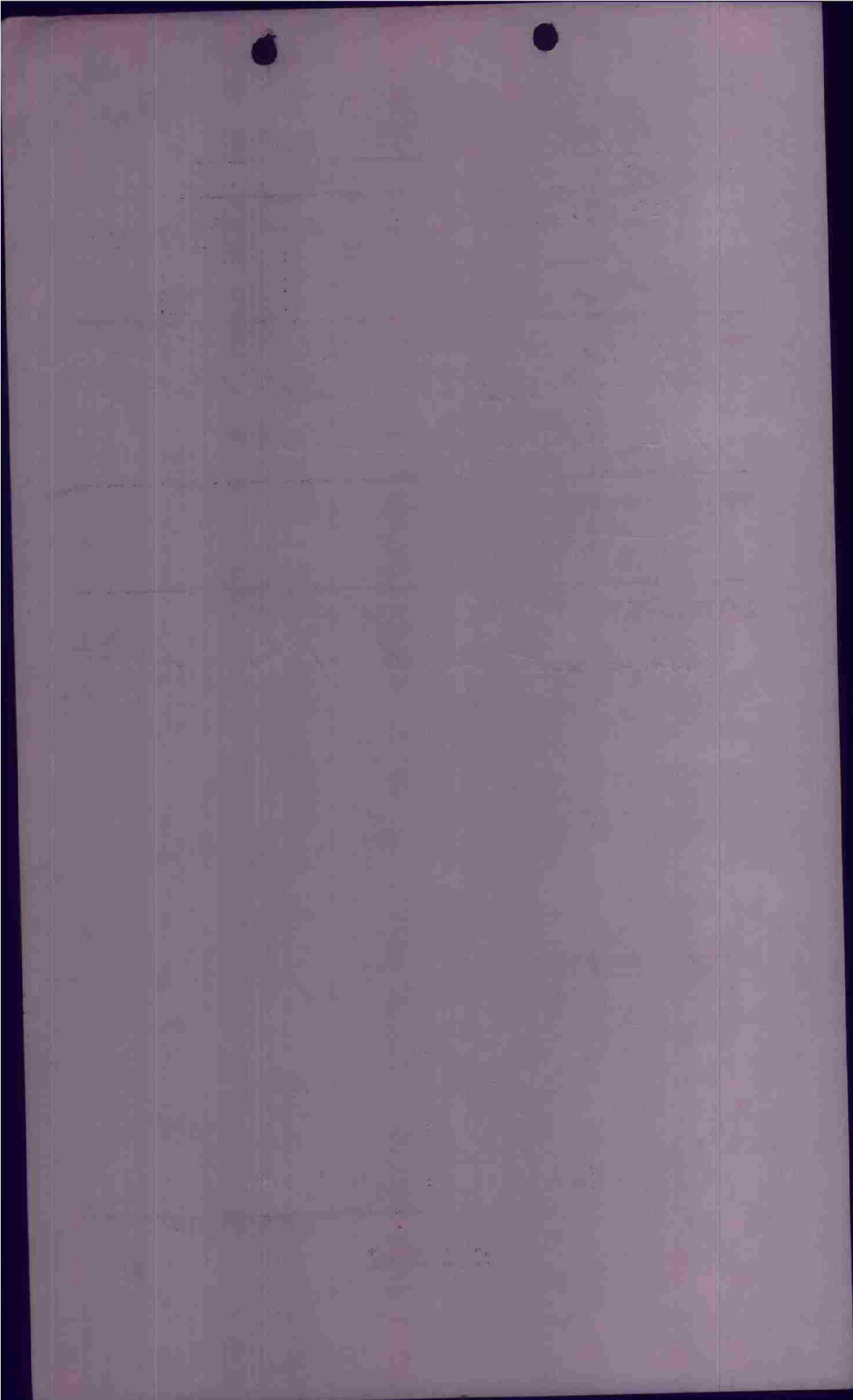
POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT M^oCREADY A/C# 495 BOX 3 FLT 1

CASUALTIES _____

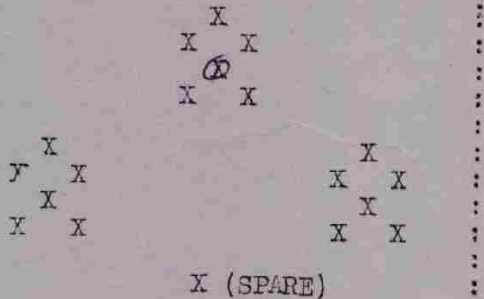
| BOMBS : | | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
|------------------------|------------|---------------|-------|-----|
| <u>22</u> X <u>100</u> | ON | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| X | RETURNED | | | |
| X | JETTISONED | <u>nil</u> | | |

FLAK : XXXX to left of this
fl. as we passed Zwickel Zee
& gun position near IP

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

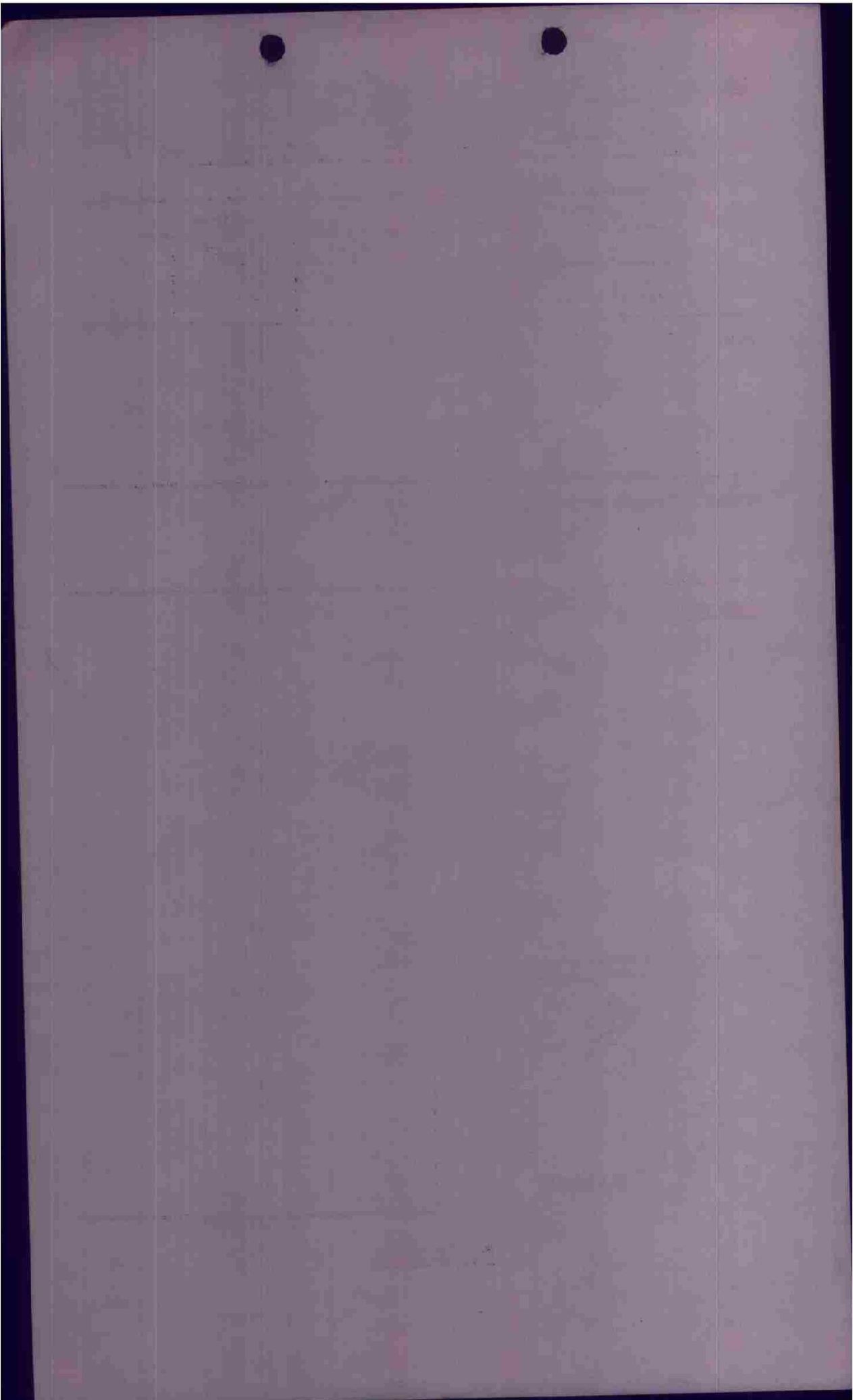
OBSERVATIONS : 2nd run

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT JACOBSEN A/C# 505 BOX 3 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

| | | | | | |
|---------|---------------------|------------|---------------|-------|-----|
| BOMBS : | <u>X</u> <u>100</u> | ON | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
| | <u>X</u> | RETURNED | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| | <u>X</u> | JETTISONED | <u>nil</u> | | |

FLAK : ~~NO~~ NEUENHAUS - OOLMAR SUM
XXXXH1

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

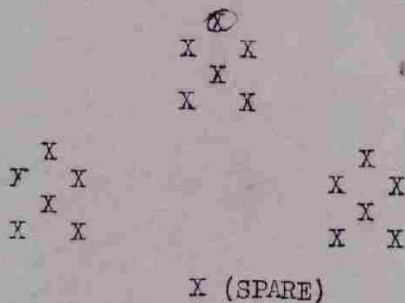
OBSERVATIONS :

1 A-16 of 6 ship formation hit in right eng. - left formation on bomb run

Made two runs. Bombs hit A.P. Briefly
A.P. obscured by smoke

used Colefield as IP (Colefield still burning)

POSITION IN FORMATION

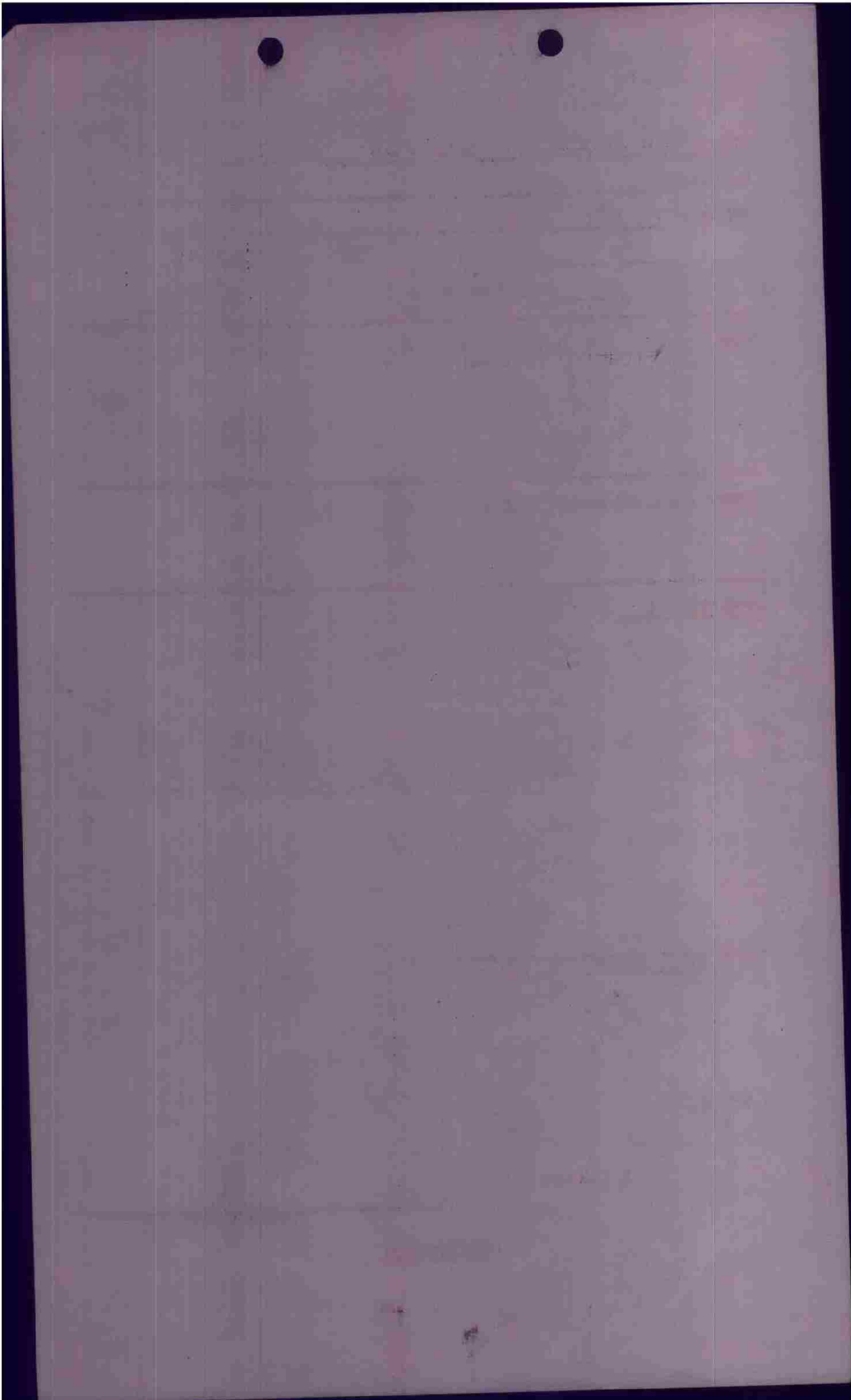


White phos. & XXXH1 at
GR REKEN.

TOT 0949
alt 11200
Ct 60 300
IAS 210

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FORM 100

PILOT MUSGROVE A/C# 330 BOX --- FLT ---

CASUALTIES Nil

| BOMBS : | ON | RETURNED | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
|-----------|----------|------------|---------------|-------|-----|
| | | | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| <u>10</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>260</u> | <u>Nil</u> | | |
| | <u>X</u> | | | | |
| | <u>X</u> | | | | |

FLAK : XX HA near Z. Zee. X HA just E of target,

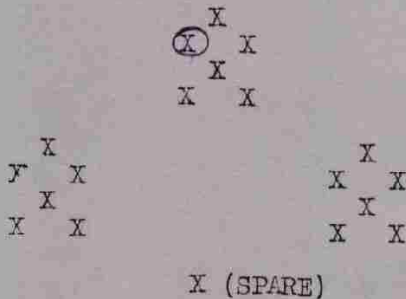
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil

OBSERVATIONS :

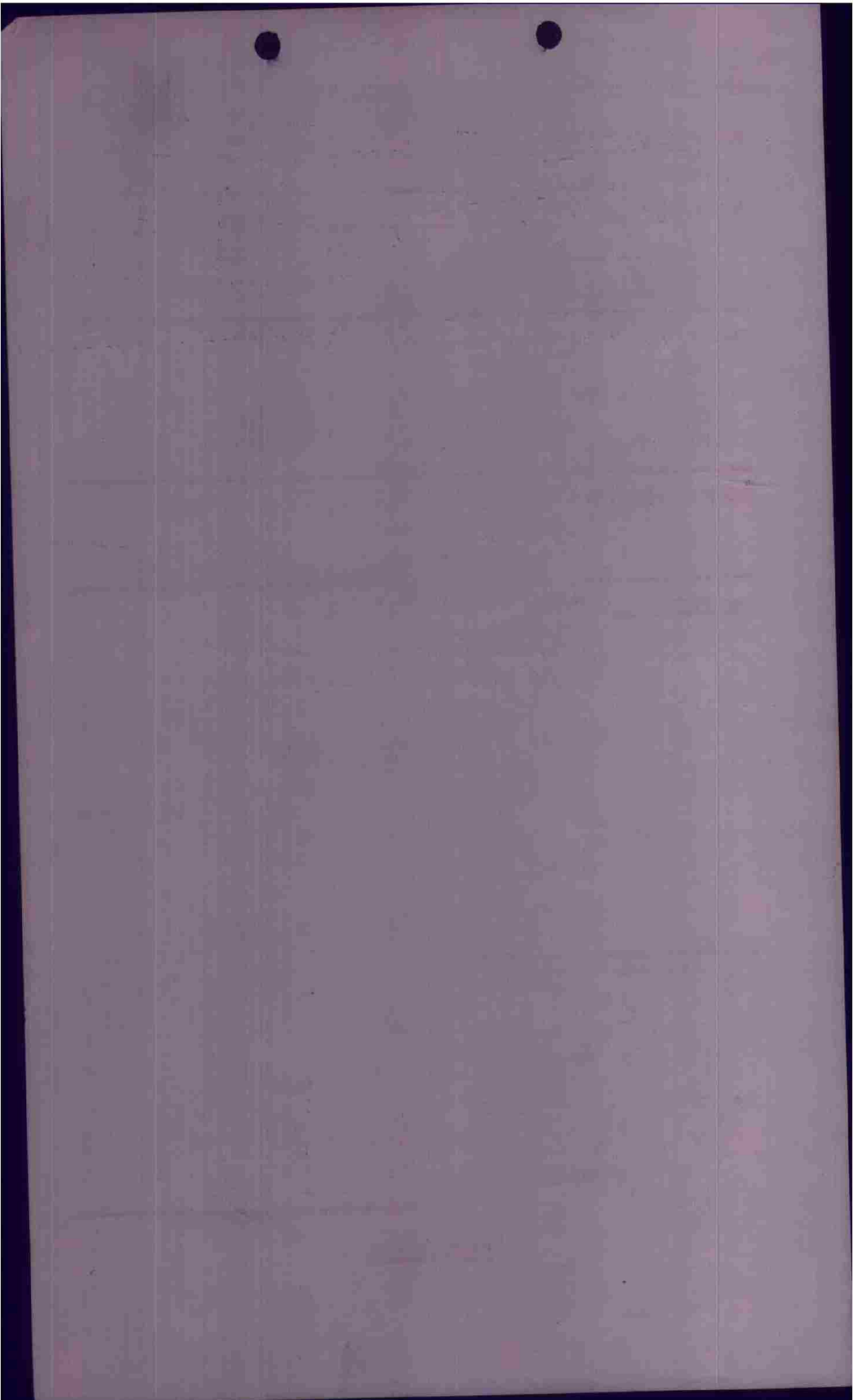
Saw them hit near edge of town
On river on bomb line saw smoke screen. Ran
for miles along S side of River.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT BISHOP A/C# 205 BOX _____ FLT _____

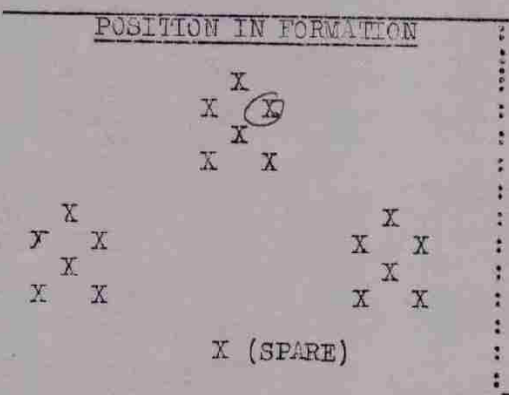
CASUALTIES _____

| | | | | |
|---------|---|---------------|------------|-----|
| BOMBS : | <u>10</u> X <u>260</u> ON <u>frags.</u> | BATTLE DAMAGE | | |
| | X RETURNED | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
| | X JETTISONED | | <u>nil</u> | |

FLAK : XX HA - Zwolle

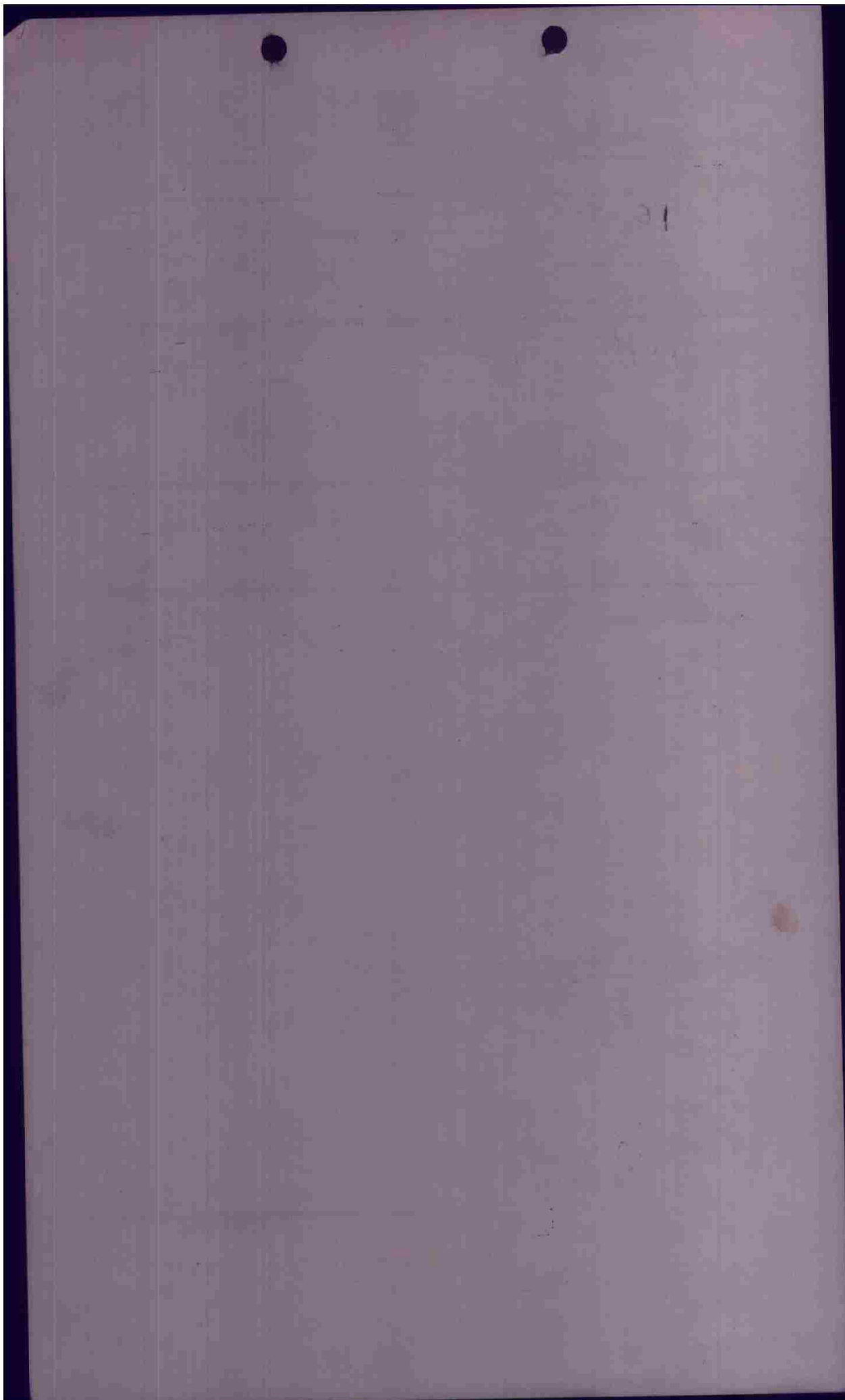
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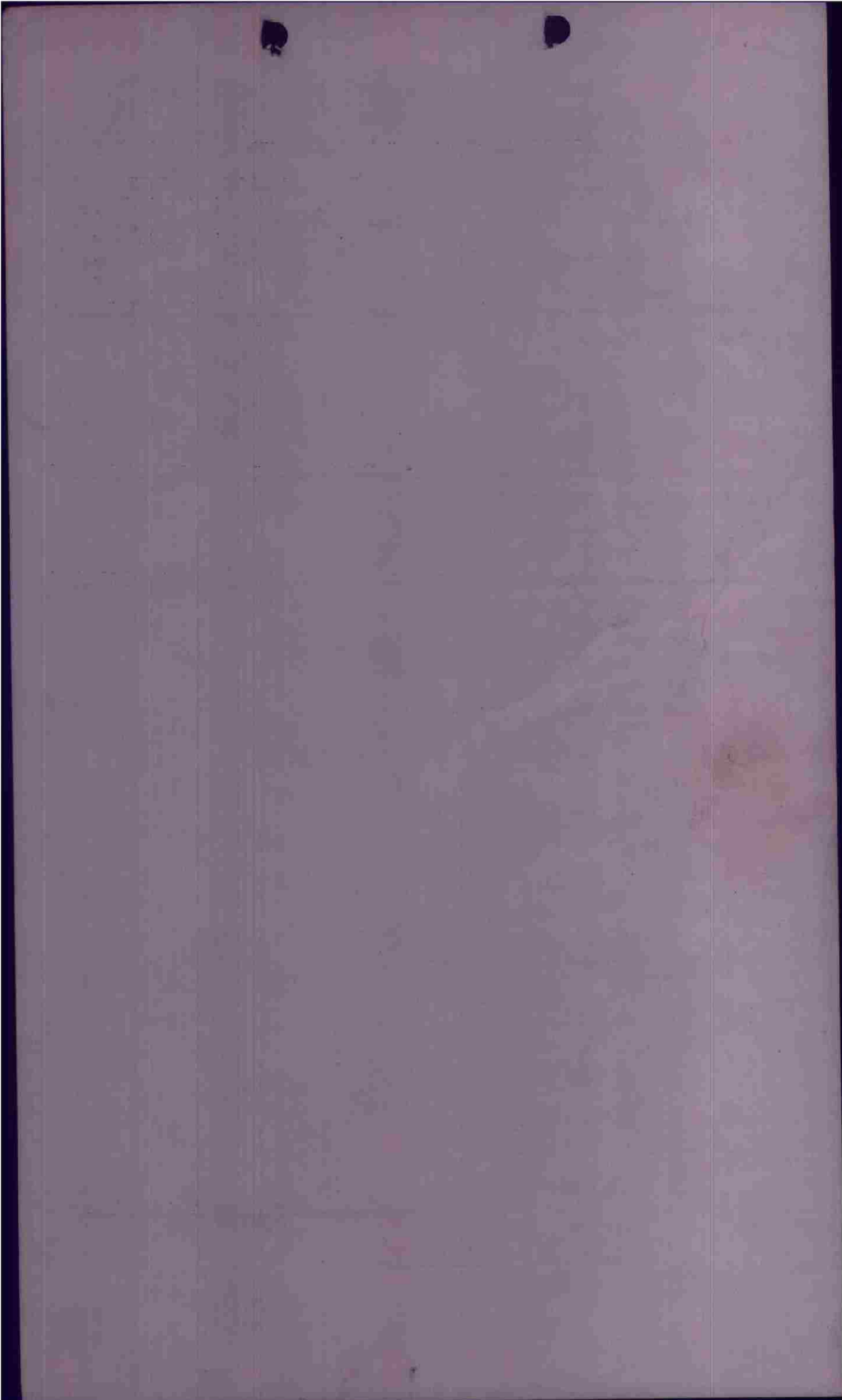
OBSERVATIONS :



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