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MISSION NO. 247

LOADING LIST  
BOX I  
FLIGHT I

22 MARCH 1945

43-22  
 1. 490 X  
 MAJOR L F DUNN ✓  
 LT E W BREWER ✓  
 F/O A J LEFNEIS ✓  
 SGT J W ROSE ✓  
 550

41-39  
 2. 332 D  
 LT D A BERO ✓  
 S/S A A ROJAS ✓  
 Landed y-55-1 engine out  
 550

43-22  
 3. 356 O  
 LT H M VAN NOORDEN ✓  
 S/S G THOMPSON ✓  
 500

43-22  
 4. 313 B  
 LT W H AMES ✓  
 S/S H S FESSLER ✓  
 500

43-22  
 5. 352 J  
 LT G L MILBORN ✓  
 SGT D W McNEILLIS ✓  
 450

41-39  
 6. 209 M  
 LT T E GRABER ✓  
 SGT M APPELMAN ✓  
 600

FLIGHT II

43-22  
 1. 304 T 430  
 LT C S JORDAN ✓  
 LT R P MULGREW ✓  
 S/S K T JENSEN ✓

41-39  
 2. 244 I 500  
 LT R W VAN ROBE ✓  
 S/S W H KLINGMAN ✓

43-22  
 3. 381 Q 530  
 F/O F W SWAP ✓  
 SGT M SANTANDREA ✓

41-39  
 4. 252 D 530  
 LT G W ANDERSON ✓  
 S/S J K DEATHERAGE ✓

41-39  
 5. 271 R 480  
 LT R B HARPER ✓  
 CPL R M BLACK ✓

41-39  
 6. 229 E 540  
 LT C H HOUSLEY ✓  
 CPL P J BLOCK ✓

FLIGHT III

43-22  
 1. 492 B 490  
 capt w f DuFault ✓  
 F/O O A CARDINALE ✓  
 S/S K E VORJE ✓

43-22  
 2. 351 F 575  
 LT J K WILLARD ✓  
 S/S V HINKER ✓  
 S/S F W ELLIOTT ✓

41-39  
 3. 314 H 560  
 LT E C MARTIN ✓  
 S/S L B DRAFT ✓

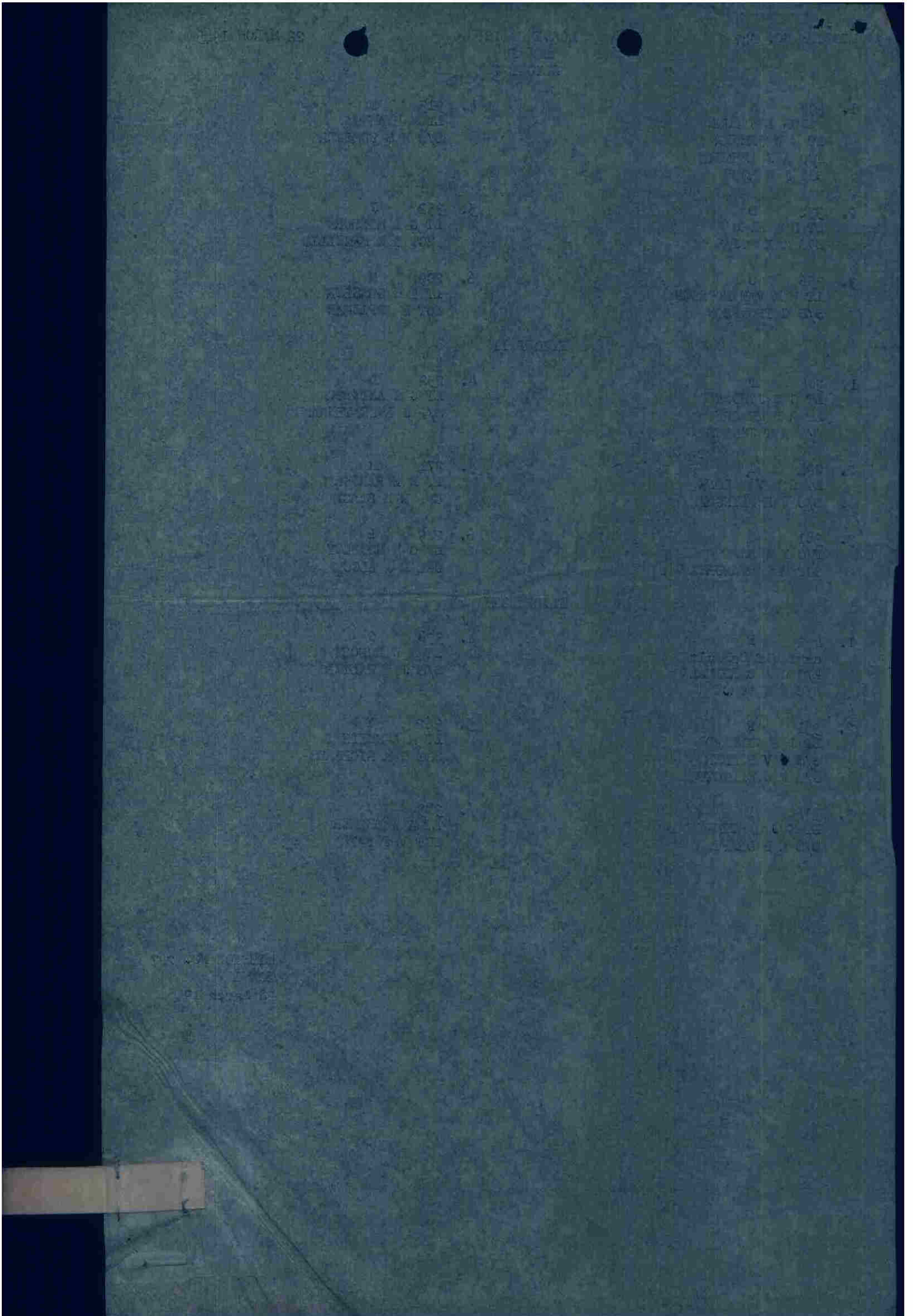
43-39  
 4. 338 O 425  
 LT M W DUBOIS ✓  
 S/S J H WALKERS ✓

41-39  
 5. 362 Y 500  
 LT B A SMITH ✓  
 SGT D A RICHARDS ✓

43-22  
 6. 383 V 510  
 LT A W DEINER ✓  
 SGT V F FAIR ✓

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MISSION NO. 247

LOADING LIST  
BOX II  
&  
EXTRA FLIGHTS

22 MARCH 1945

FLIGHT I

13-22  
1. 499 G 500  
LT O J BROWN ✓  
LT JE KERNS ✓  
S/S H E SINDERLAND ✓

43-22  
2. 320 S 520  
LT L W EDSTROM ✓  
S/S R J BROWN ✓

41-39  
3. 360 L 500  
LT D L WITHINGTON ✓  
S/S G F HOSS ✓

41-39  
4. 250 A 425  
CAPT S M HIXON ✓  
SGT K W SCHMIDT ✓

41-39  
5. 297 T 450  
LT A J F WINN ✓  
S/S G G STEPHENSON ✓

41-39  
6. 223 B 610  
LT J W SPIRES ✓  
SGT R W MESSINGER ✓

FLIGHT II

43-22  
1. 528 T 550  
CAPT C S STANLEY ✓  
F/O J H BLOUNT ✓  
LT M P SCHLEIFER ✓  
S/S C B COLLIER ✓

41-39  
2. 299 H  
LT J K GELBERT ✓  
S/S C M MOHR ✓  
*atc out of commission before take off.*

43-22  
3. 321 T 550  
LT L R ZELST ✓  
S/S E P BRZEZINSKI ✓

41-39  
4. 274 S 575  
LT W H ROBERTS ✓  
S/S A R HOOD ✓

43-22  
5. 378 O 550  
LT A S NATHANSON ✓  
SGT C J KAMINSKI ✓

41-39  
6. 325 L 530  
LT A V EVARIS ✓  
S/S J W ROBINSON ✓  
S/S D W JORDAN ✓

FLIGHT III

13-22  
1. 469 A 490  
LT D B GRUNIG ✓  
LT B C MORRIS ✓  
S/S H J NOWOSIELSKI ✓

41-39  
2. 416 O 525  
LT W D CHITTY ✓  
SGT P E RIGGS ✓

43-22  
3. 2315 L 500  
CAPT R O GRUETZMACHER ✓  
S/S J J RICKETSON ✓

41-39  
4. 224 E 600  
LT E O TURNER ✓  
S/S J O BELCAS ✓

43-22  
5. 307 N 615  
LT W M BALCH ✓  
S/S D V PALADINO ✓

41-39  
6. 232 K 600  
LT A G HENSON ✓  
SGT D B NEAL ✓

BOX III

FLIGHT I

43-22  
1. 505 Y 620  
LT O F JACOBSEN ✓  
F/O R W HARVEST ✓  
LT R L MARTIN ✓  
SGT A PETTINICCHI ✓

41-39  
2. 264 I 600  
LT S B DRUM ✓  
S/S W F FUHRER ✓

43-22  
3. 385 D 550  
LT J H MONTROSE ✓  
S/S R S CANDY ✓

43-22  
4. 495 G 630  
LT T D MCCREADY ✓  
S/S W F LEMMONS ✓

41-39  
5. 233 F 600  
LT G J PARKHURST ✓  
SGT F NEWMAN ✓

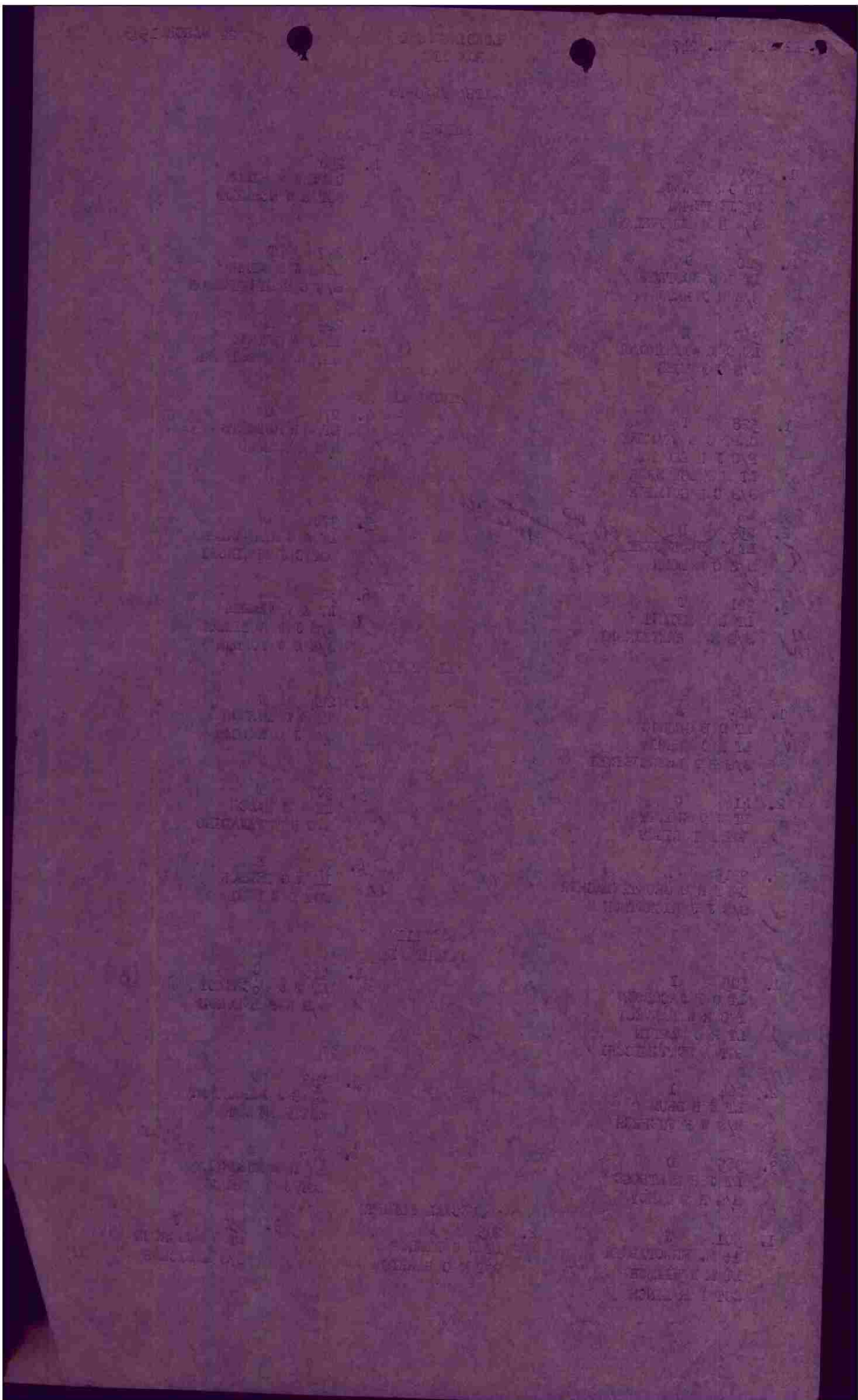
41-39  
6. 395 W 635  
LT R A RUSSELL ✓  
SGT J I SPENCE ✓

SPECIAL FLIGHT

43-22  
1. 501 W 575  
1st M. ERROTAESRE ✓  
LT M F WILBUR ✓  
SGT P R LYNCH ✓

41-39  
2. 205 M 665  
LT E G BISHOP ✓  
SGT M C HARRIS ✓

43-22  
3. 390 P 600  
LT W MUSGROVE ✓  
S/S M LICKER ✓



SECRET  
 AUTH: CO, A-69  
 24 Mar 45  
 INITIAL  
 U-2-2

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

AFD 140, U.S. Army,  
 24 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 22 March 1945, T.O. 0752, Broken Built up Area, F.O. 218-803.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 43-22304  
 (Lt C.S. Jordan)

Two bombs released on bomb-  
 sight. All others delayed  
 3 or 4 seconds.

Aircraft thoroughly checked on  
 ground and found OK. Aircraft  
 being flight checked to more  
 accurately simulate exact condi-  
 tion under which malfunction  
 occurred.

41-39260  
 (Capt E.S. Nixon)

Aft bombay failed to  
 release. Gunner salvoed  
 on second run.

Rotary solenoid in A-4 release  
 unit faulty failing to release  
 station and relay current to  
 succeeding stations.

43-22469  
 (Lt P.S. Gruing)

First four stations  
 released on intervalometer  
 others salvoed.

The aircraft was checked thorough-  
 ly and no defects found. It is  
 possible that the bomb doors were  
 not fully open allowing inter-  
 valometer to partly run down be-  
 fore safety switches completed  
 circuit. Personnel error be-  
 lieved because aircraft bombed  
 OK on second mission.

V. 41-39352  
 (Lt H.A. Pero)

Belly landing at  
 another station.

Flak.

VI. 1 - 3:15 - 550  
 2 - landed away from base.  
 3 - 3:05 - 500  
 4 - 3:05 - 500  
 5 - 3:05 - 450  
 6 - 3:10 - 600  
 1 - 3:05 - 450  
 2 - 3:05 - 500  
 3 - 3:10 - 530  
 4 - 3:15 - 530  
 5 - 3:10 - 450  
 6 - 3:10 - 540  
 1 - 2:50 - 450  
 2 - 2:50 - 575  
 3 - 2:55 - 560  
 4 - 2:50 - 425  
 5 - 2:50 - 500  
 6 - 2:45 - 510

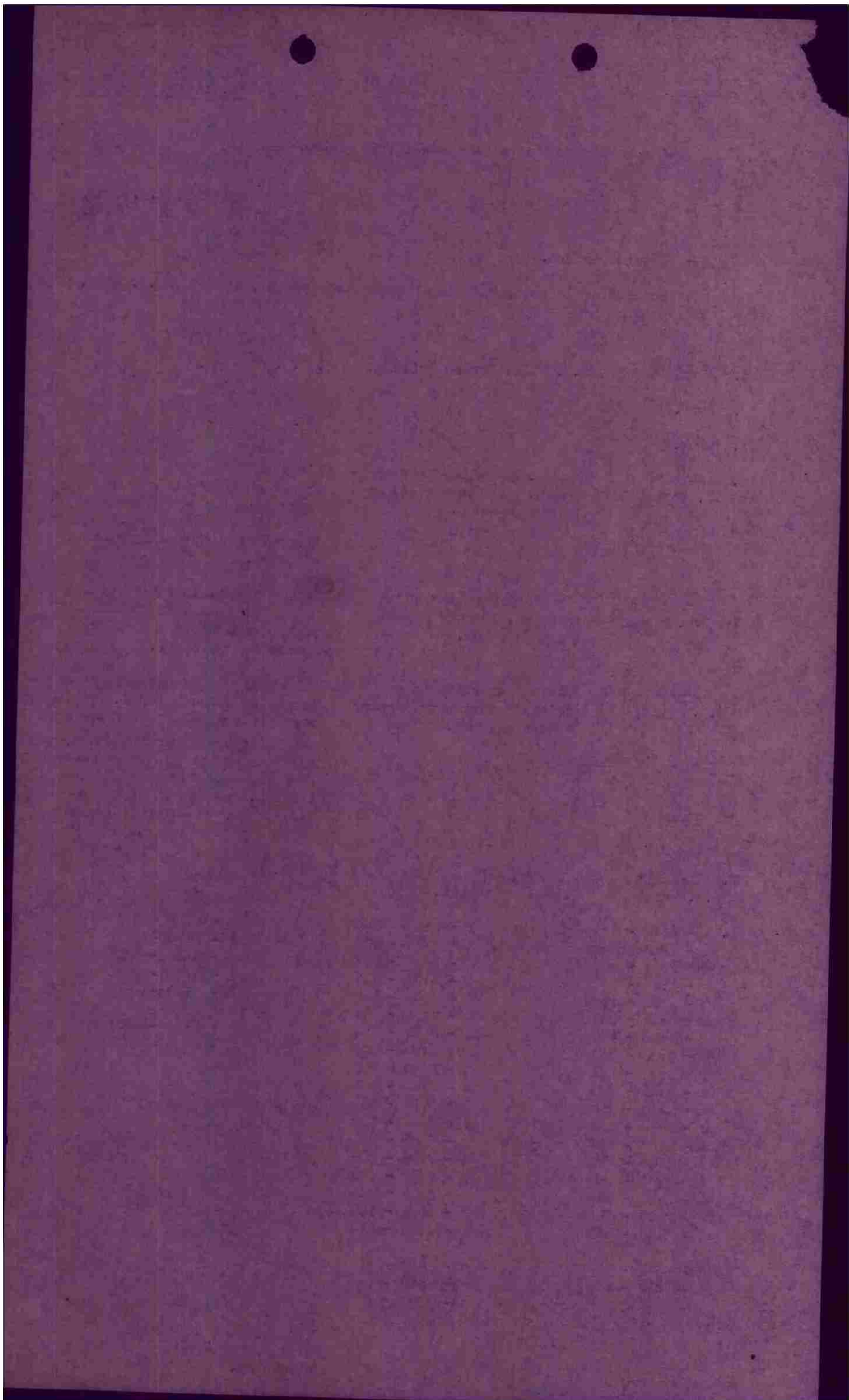
1 - 3:05 - 500  
 2 - 3:05 - 520  
 3 - 3:05 - 500  
 4 - 3:05 - 425  
 5 - 3:05 - 450  
 6 - 3:05 - 610  
 1 - 3:10 - 550  
 2 - 3:10 - 550  
 3 - 3:10 - 525  
 4 - 3:10 - 550  
 5 - 3:10 - 530  
 6 - 3:05 - 490  
 1 - 3:05 - 525  
 2 - 3:05 - 500  
 3 - 3:05 - 600  
 4 - 3:05 - 615  
 5 - 3:05 - 600  
 6 - 3:10 - 620

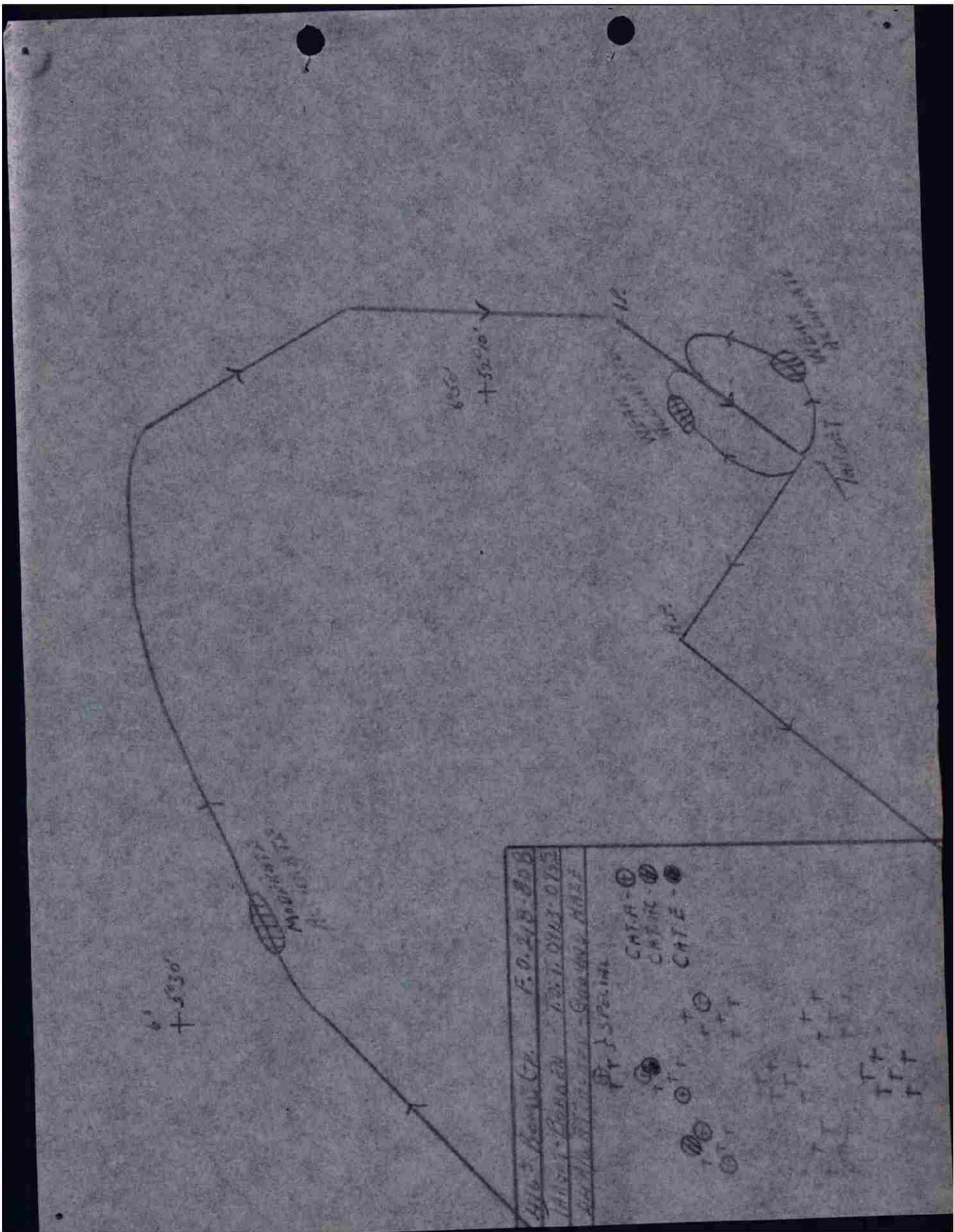
1 - 3:10 - 600  
 2 - 3:10 - 550  
 3 - 3:10 - 630  
 4 - 3:10 - 600  
 5 - 3:10 - 635  
 W - 2:50 - 675  
 E - 2:50 - 665  
 W - 2:50 - 600

VII. 41-39352 - B  
 43-22356 - A

43-22490 - A  
 43-22492 - A  
 43-22351 - A

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



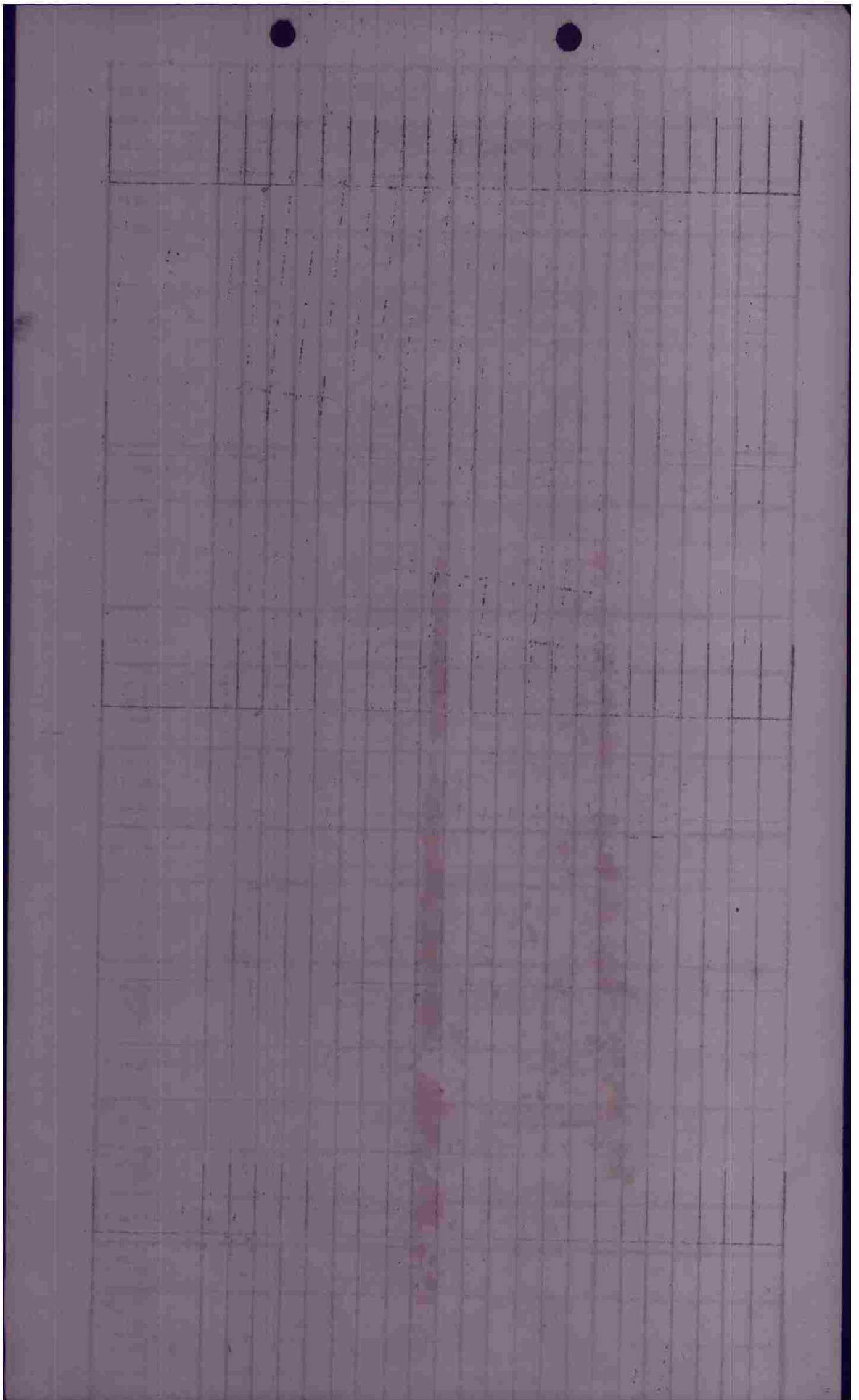


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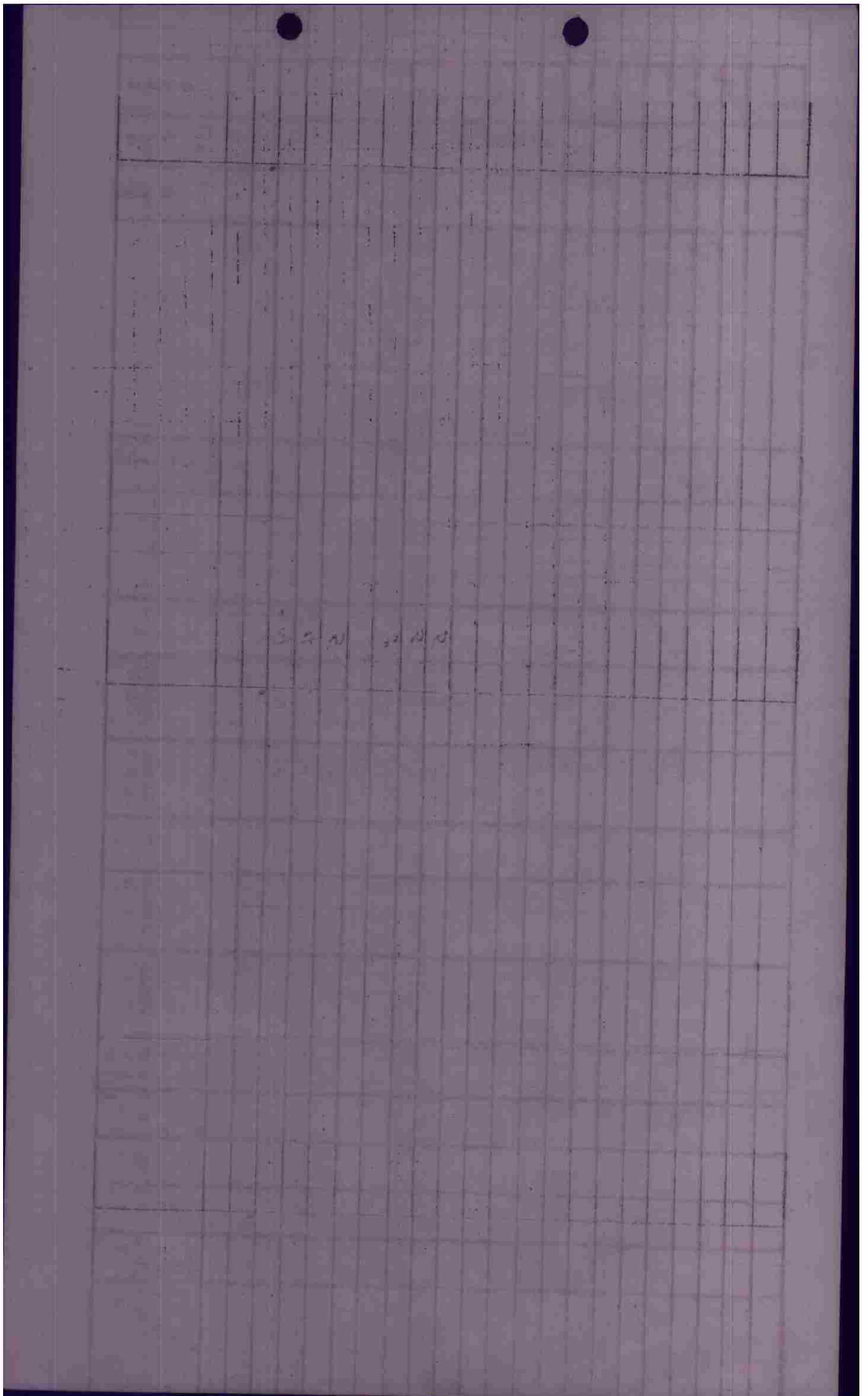
Part I.

S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U L L C O L O R	D I C T A M O N	E N D U R	L A N T I M E	R E M A R K S
D	X	490	Rosen			0958	1107	3:15									
D	P	332	Jew			0952											
D	C	356	Van Norden			0952	1057	3:05									
D	A	513	Ames			0953	1057	3:05									
D	J	352	Millman			0953	1057	3:05									
D	M	209	Burke			0953	1059	3:10									
B	T	304	Jordan			0954	1059	3:05									
B	I	244	Alan Lopez			0954	1100	3:10									
B	Q	381	Swamp			0954	1100	3:10									
B	D	252	Anderson C.M.			0954	1107	3:15									
B	R	271	Nager			0955	1101	3:10									
B	B	229	Hoback			0955	1101	3:10									
B	E	492	Russell			0955	1041	2:50									
B	F	351	Willard			0956	1042	2:50									
B	H	314	Martin			0956	1048	2:55									
B	O	338	De Rose			0956	1043	2:50									
B	Y	362	Smith, B.A.			0957	1043	2:50									
B	V	383	Supren			0957	1042	2:45									

4-55-1 Eng. Dist. Col. V. Gauder



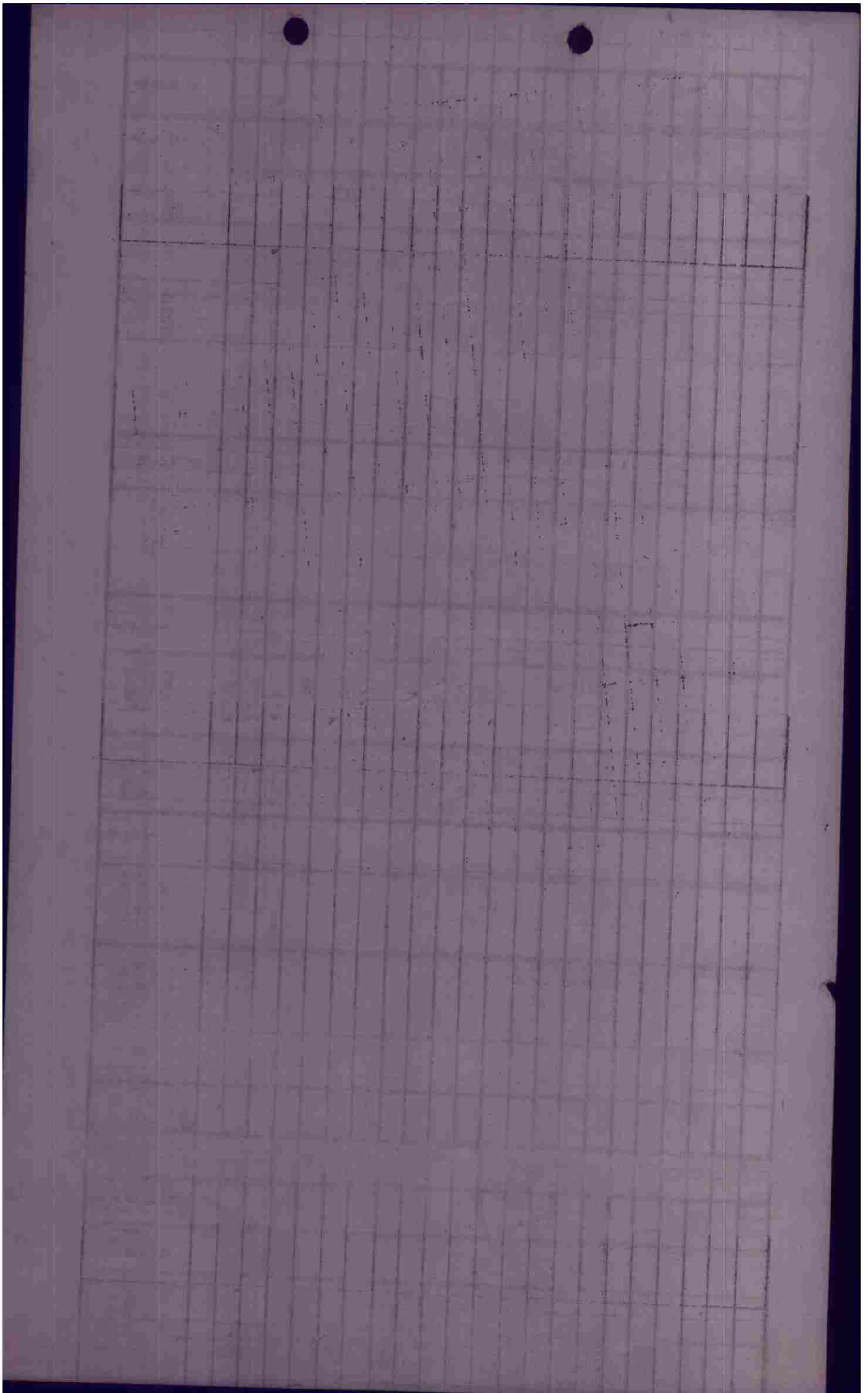




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*Box III*

S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U E L L O A D	C O M M A N D	E N D U R	L A N D I N G	R E M A R K S
A	Y	505	<i>Quotson</i>			0803	1110	3:10									
A	I	264	<i>Almont</i>			0803	1111	3:10									
A	D	385	<i>Montrose</i>			0804	1111	3:10									
A	A	495	<i>Mc Guddy</i>			0804	1111	3:10									
A	F	233	<i>Fairhurst</i>			0804	1111	3:10									
A	W	335	<i>Knoxall</i>			0805	1111	3:10									
			<i>Spec flight to attack Wake Isolation.</i>														
A	W	501	<i>Quotson</i>			0805	1111	2:50									
A	M	205	<i>Bielop</i>			0805	1051	2:50									
C	P	330	<i>Thompson</i>			0805	1051	2:50									



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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

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

FIELD ORDER NO. 218-808

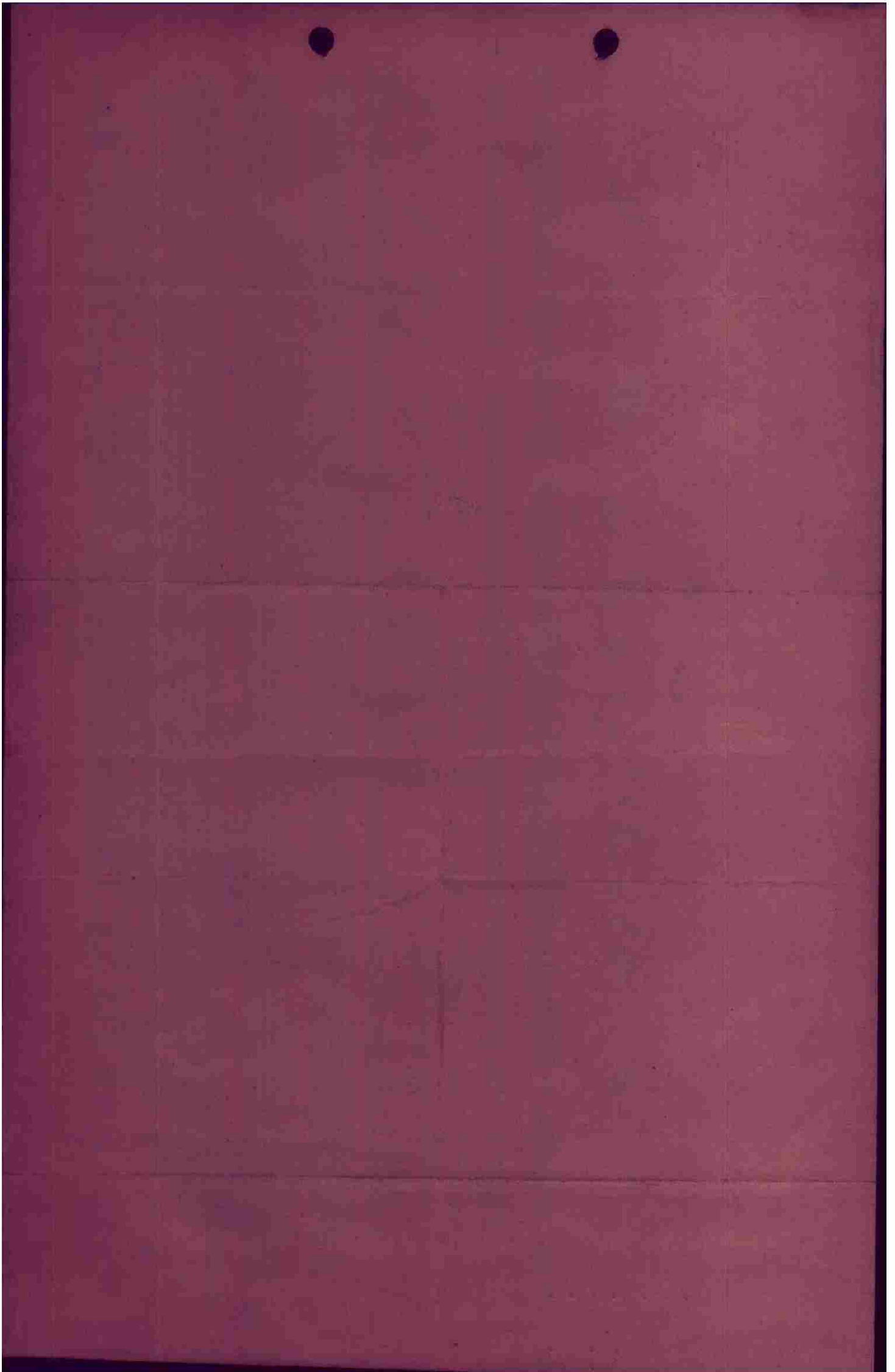
MAPS: NORMAL

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 USW
  - (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 USW
  - (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

## 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. 4127. 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 200 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.

## K. (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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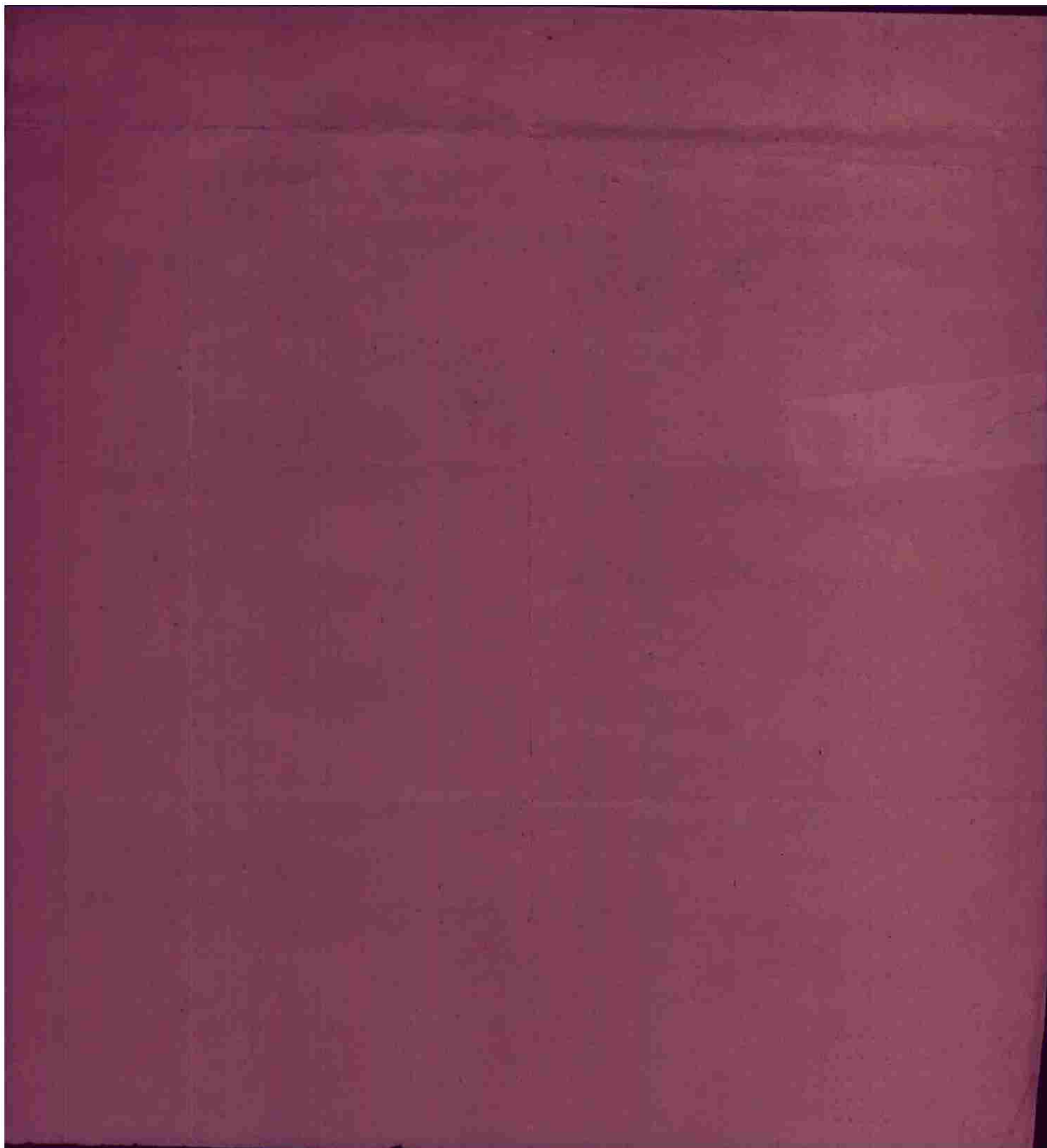
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JES R ..... 22/0547A JW AR

JKI R ..... 22/0547A DM ARK

JFO R ..... 22/0547A LB AR

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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 21/0030A  
 TO : COMBOMDIV NINE  
 COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416

BT

ATTENTION SIGNALS OFFICERS

ADV. INFORMATION COPY OF COMMUNICATIONS 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  
 (5) KENWAY (CHANNEL B/B)

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:  
 (2) EMERGENCY HOMING:  
 PARADE CHANNEL D/D  
 ROSELEE CHANNEL C/C

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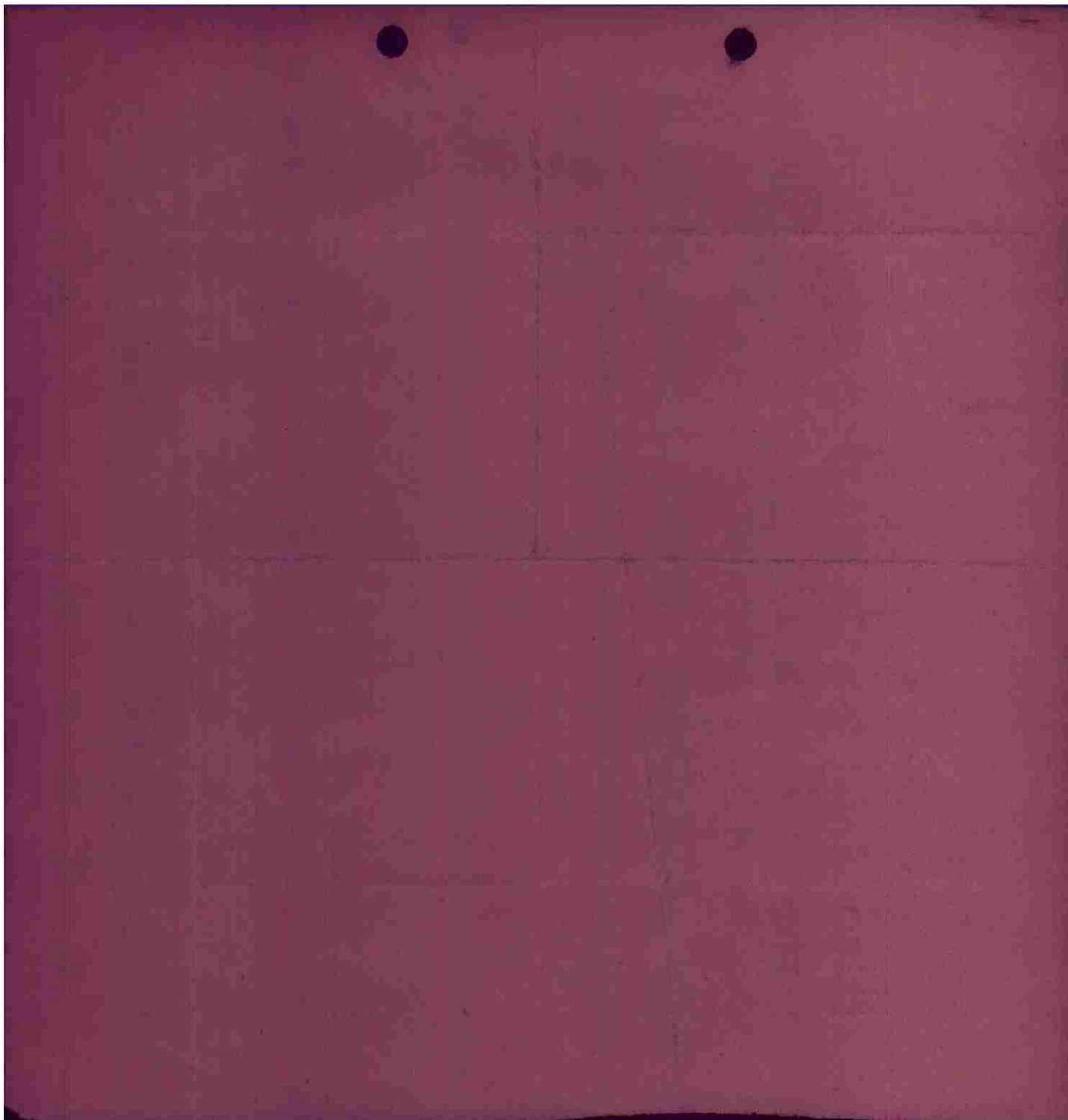
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JES R	.....	22/0042A	JW	AR
JKI R	.....	22/0042A	DM	AR
JPO R	.....	22/0042 A	LB	AR

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 22/0255A  
 TO COMBOMDIV IX  
 COBOMGP 409  
 COBOMGP 410  
 COBOMGP 416  
 ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICER

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REVISED INFO COPY OF PARA. 5 OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:  
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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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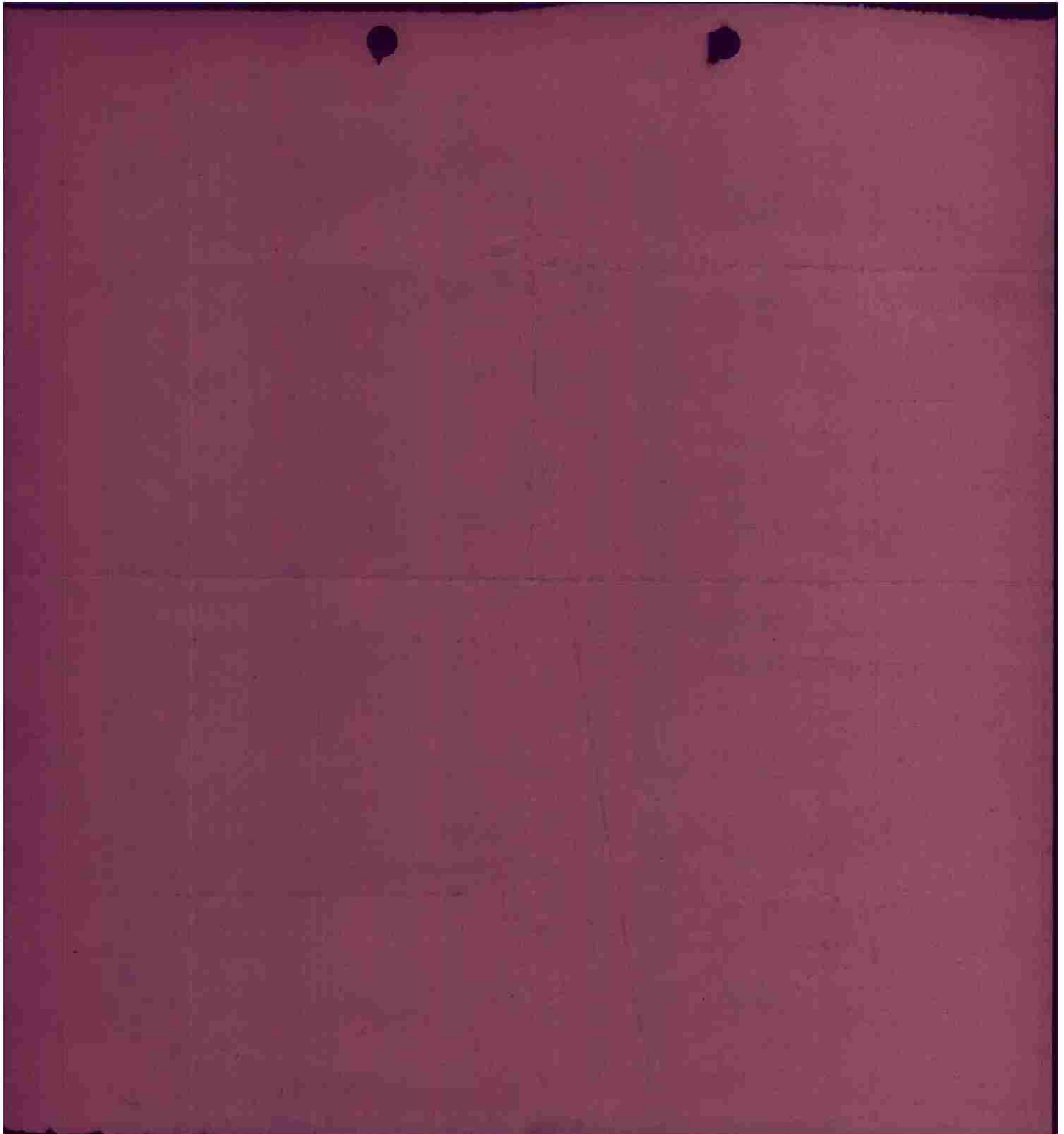
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JES R.....	22/0305A	JJH	AR
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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 22/0555A  
 TO : COMBOMDIV NINE  
 COBOMGPS 410, 409, 416  
 1 ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

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

R-241-E

PART II TO FIELD ORDER 213-808

## PLAN "B"

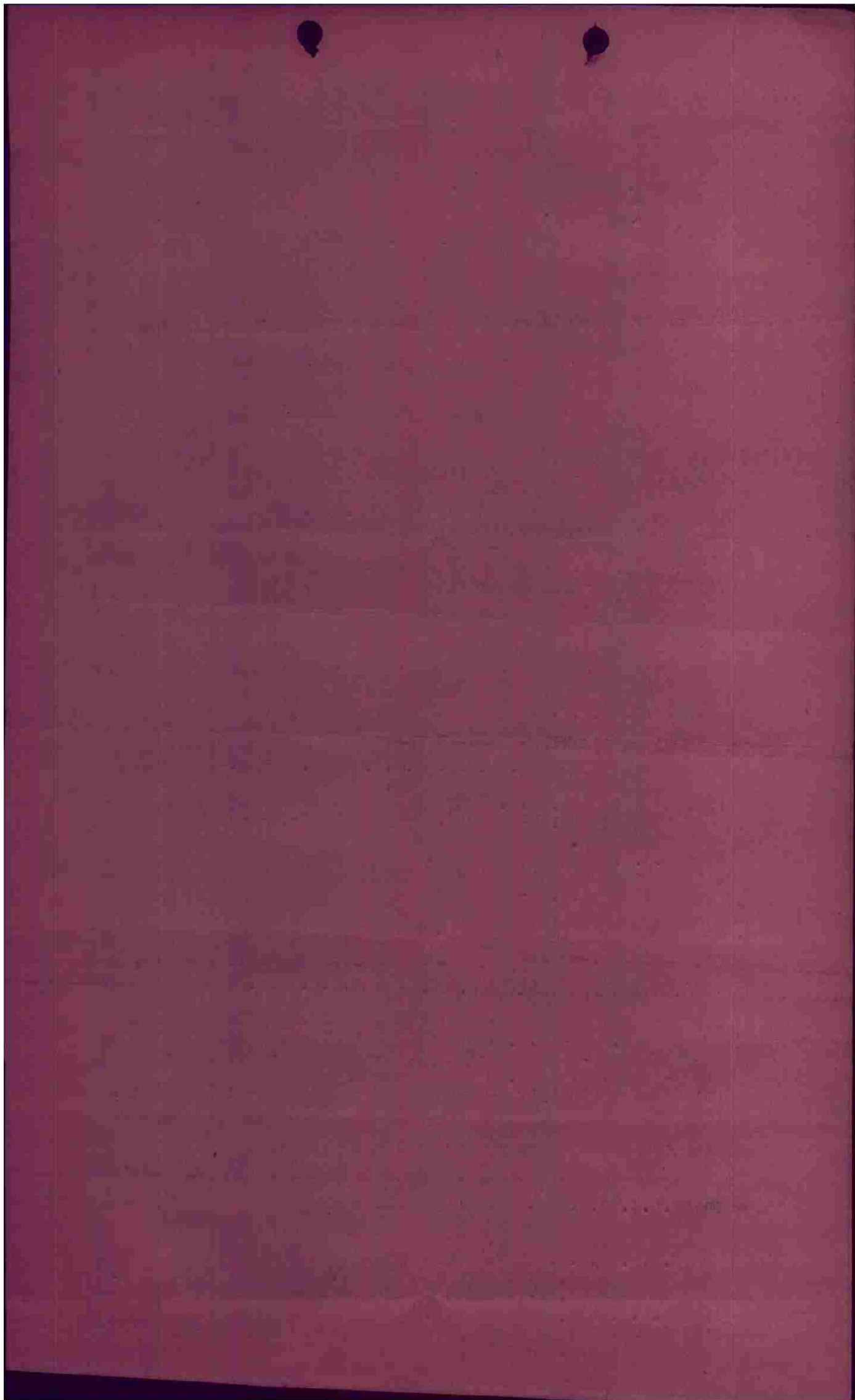
## 3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (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.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-9832 AT 12,000 FT. AT ZERO PLUS 50 MIN.  
WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER THE FIELD.
- (4) BASE TO E-9832 TO E-5957 TO E-5397 TO Z-8119 TO V-3703  
TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO A-4478 TO A-1978 TO E-9143 TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT: 1ST BOX 13,500 FT.  
2ND BOX 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. 4108  
COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY 51935930, 51905990,  
52625965, 52495945 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY  
FLIGHTS OR BOXES. P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID. COORD. 52105962  
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 70 FT.
- (10) 22 X 100 LB. G.P. 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.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 90 MIN.
- (13) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
- (14) VISUAL I.P. A-5085

## B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) WULFEN - BUILT UP AREA (A-502473)  
FLAK POSITIONS AT A-48054425, A-48424472, A-48604415.
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 P.P.F. A/C.  
6 A/C WITH 2 A/C ON EACH FLAK POSITION.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-4318 AT 12,000 FT. AT ZERO PLUS  
41 MIN. WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER THE FIELD.
- (4) BASE TO E-4318 TO E-5957 TO E-5397 TO Z-8119 TO V-1010 TO  
A-3499 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO A-4478 TO A-1978 TO E-9143 TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 1ST BOX: 13,500 FT.  
2ND BOX: 13,000 FT  
MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WI  
L BE 8,000 FT.  
DROP 1,500 FT. AFTER BOMBING.
- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 4208  
COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY 50034705, 50104750,  
50354745, 50404713.  
P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID. COORD. 50154726.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.  
4 X 500 LB. M-26 FRAG. FUSED INST. ON FLAK POSITIONS.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 75 MIN.
- (13) FLIGHT LEADER WILL FIRE RED FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
- (14) VISUAL I.P. A-5085

## C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.



- (1) BUNKER - BUILT UP AREA (A-386612)  
 FLAK POSITIONS AT A-38856055
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 1 P.P.F. A/C.  
 3 A/C ON FLAK POSITIONS.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-9832 AT 12,000 FT. AT ZERO PLUS 27 MIN.  
 WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER THE FIELD.
- (4) BASE TO E-9832 TO E-5957 TO E-5397 TO Z-8119 TO V-1909 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. 4107  
 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 260 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 EN-  
 ROUTE 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.

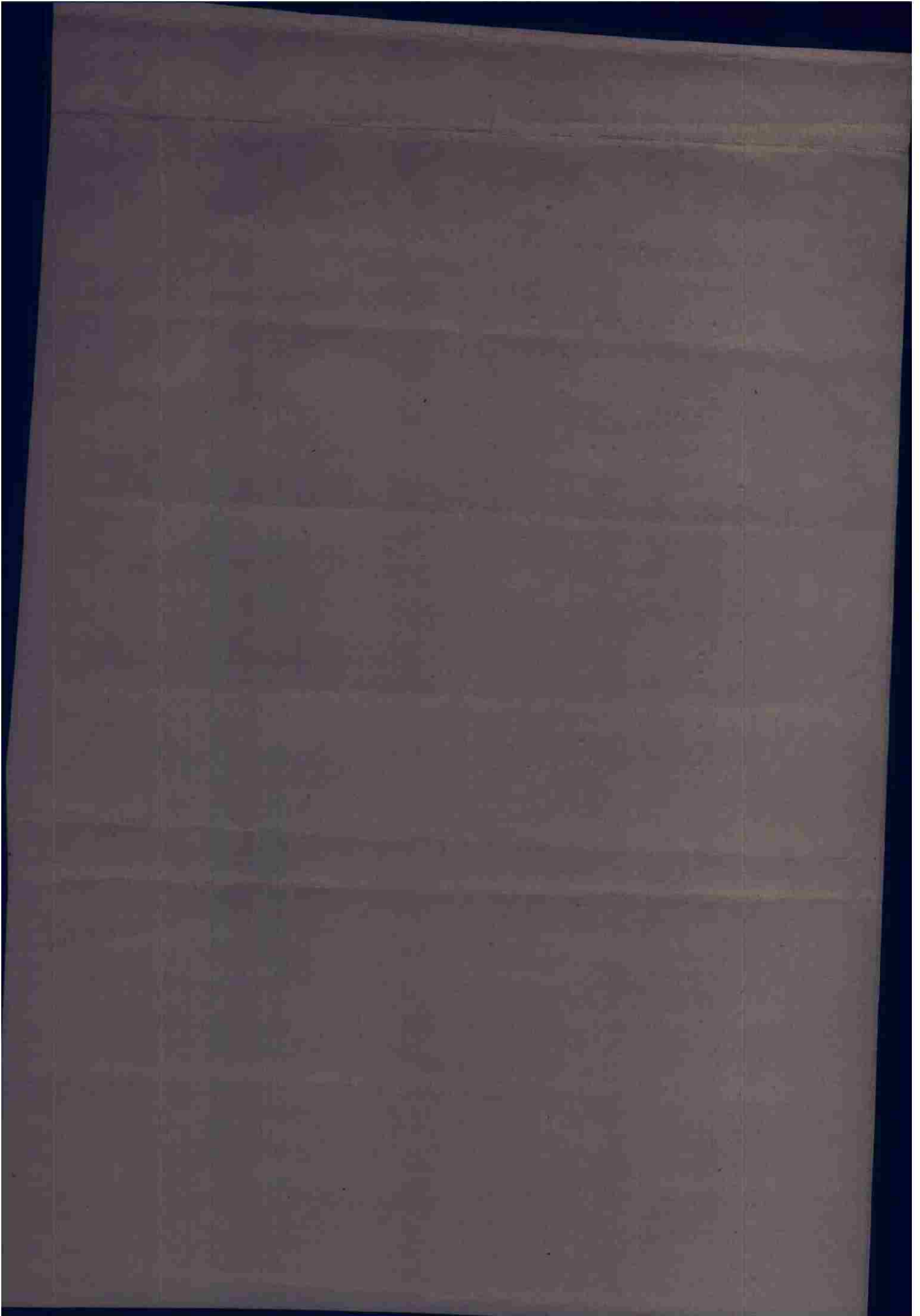
4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A" OR "B"

- A. 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  
 ROSELEE C/C



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BT 22/0555A

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

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

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

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

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

R-237-E

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

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

2. PHOTO COVERAGE:

----- 5106E/4107  
US76R/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 SCRAPED 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 INTER-MITTENT 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.

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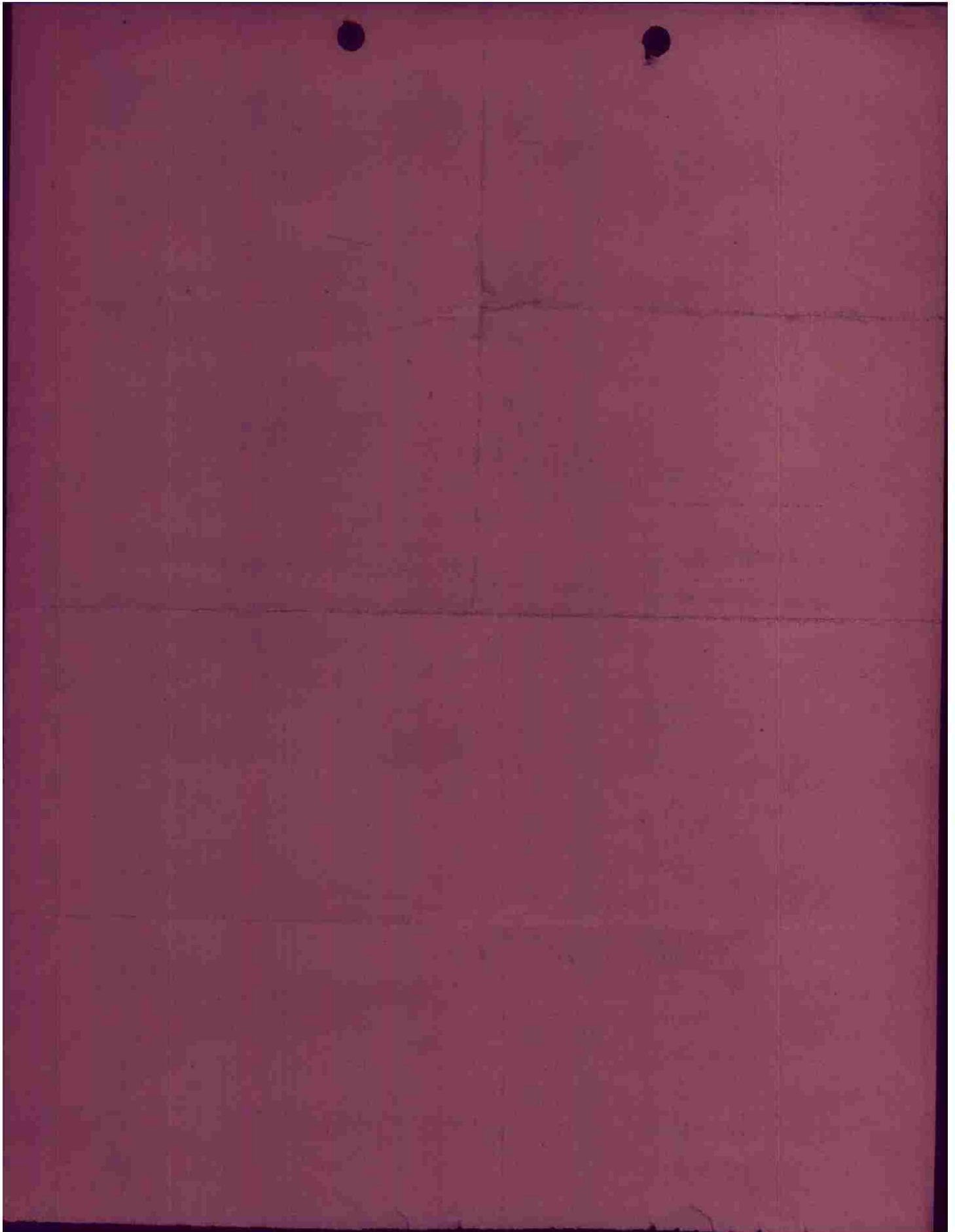
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ITA R ..... 22/0320A EG AR

JKI R ..... 22/0320A DM AR



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 10/22 OP OP

FROM : 416TH BOMB GP (L) 22/1405A  
 TO : CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIV ATTN: A-2  
 CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WINGP ATTN: A-2

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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.  
 3 A-26'S ATTWCKED PRIMARY (FLAK POSITIONS A-36856055)
- E. 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	BOX II
FLT .A. EXCELLENT	FLT.A. BOMBED CASUAL RAMSDORF A440660 WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS
B. EXCELLENT	FLT.B. FAIR
C. EXCELLENT	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 CAMAGED 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 (2900330)
- 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

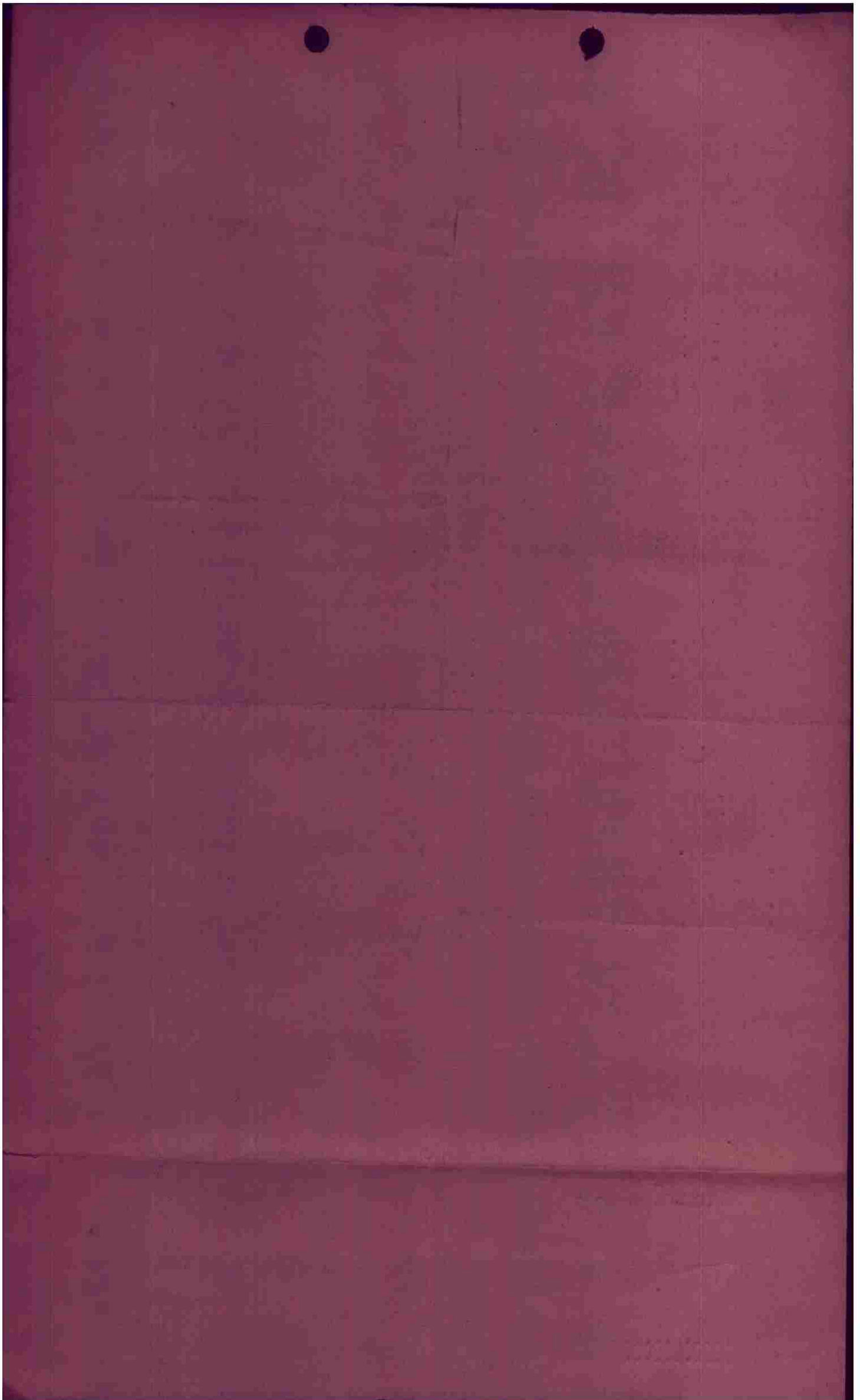
BOX II  
 FLIGHT A 0951 ON CASUAL ( RAMSDORF A440660) AFTER MAKING ONE RUN ON PRIMARY.  
 FLIGHT B 9048 TWO RUNS  
 FLIGHT C 0952 TWO RUNS  
 FLIGHT D 0949 TWO RUNS

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



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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. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ 0943 - 0932

*Handwritten notes in circles:  
- "checked and used all for use" (circled)  
- "log" (circled)  
- "sup" (circled)*

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: ~~XXXXXXXX~~ UNDET: NO PHOTOS OF BOMB BURSTS DUE TO EVASIVE  
ACTION. VUSUAL REPORTS STATE BOMBS HIT IN TOWN.

BOX II FLT. A-AMPI: EXCEL: BOMBARDIER ~~XXXX~~ 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. ~~XXX~~ 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 PRIMARY. (SHEET P1 CORD.  
438778) 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.

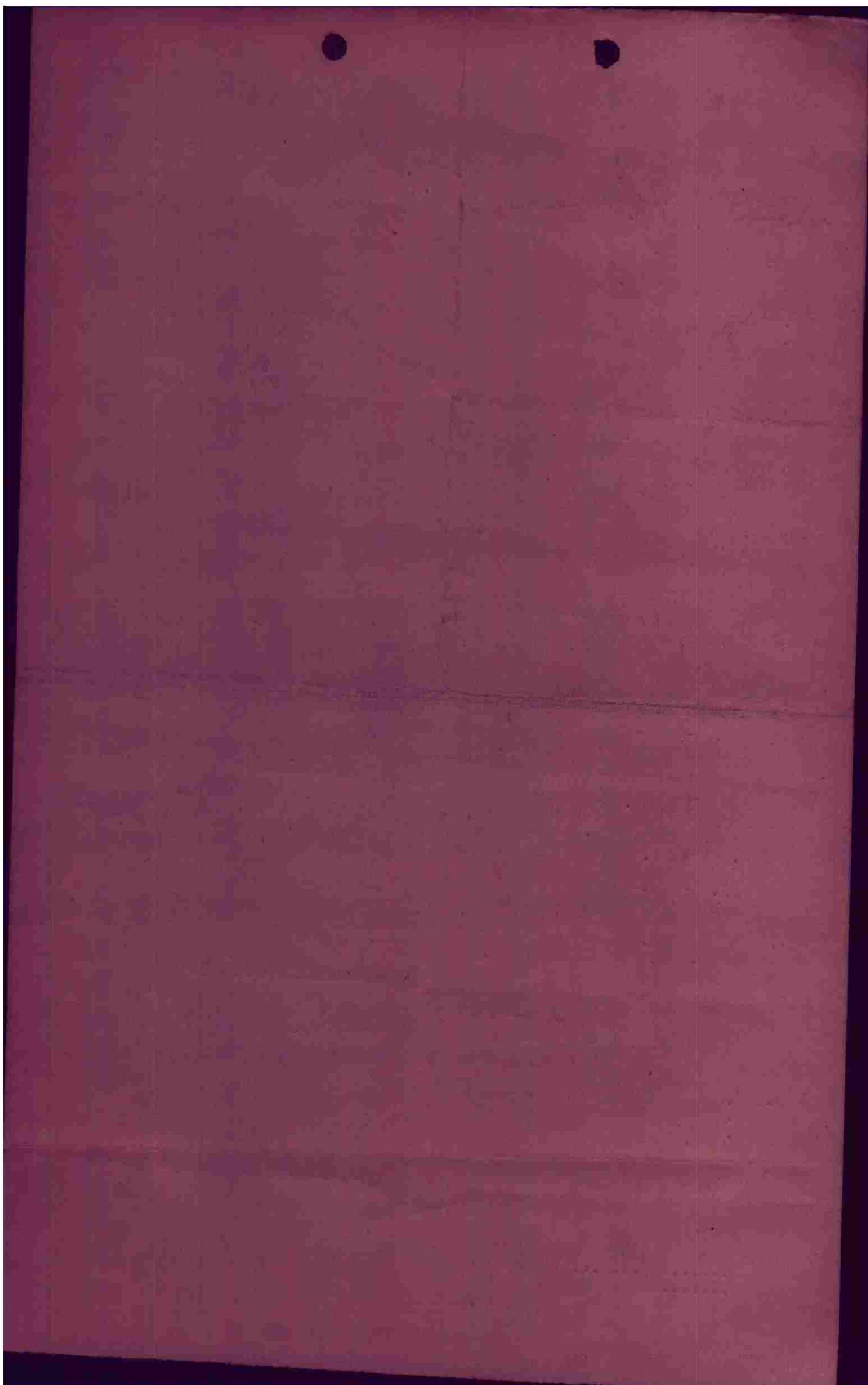
BOX II FLT. A - SUPER: BOMBARDIER MIS-IDENTIFIED TARGET DUE TO  
~~XXXXXXXX~~ AMPI. DENSE SMOKE LAYER OVER TARGET AREA.

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. 36 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.....23/0013A LCB KKK



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 9/22 P P

FROM : COBOMGR 416 22/1200A  
TO : COMCOMBIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER  
COMCBTWIG 97 ( INFO)

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CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-490-J

AMSKX

A - YS-79

B- 22 MARCH 1945

D - X-KRAY 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

JA- NONE

K- NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 22/1200A

AS CC: THE LINE ATXXX AFTER D- SHOULD BE C NOT D AS PRINTED

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JEV R.....22/1355A FK AR

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