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1. 508 Z
MAJOR R F SHAEFER
LT A R HANDE
LT F A REEVES
S/S J H ROBERTS

2. 305 U
LT W H LAETTER
S/S R M CROSS

3. 335 W
LT J W WRIGHT
S/S D W VAN CALDER

378 O
LT W H ROBERTS
S/S R P WINDISH

5. 259 H
LT E T PLAMER
SGT C W WILLIFORD
CAPT R A FONTAINE

6. 264 I
F/O H G GUNKEL
SGT L J GRZONA

1. 464 A
LT D B GRINIG
LT E C MORRIS
S/S R J NOWOSIELSKI
SGT D B RICHARDS

2. 224 E
LT E O WURNER
S/S J STEMIENICZ

3. 205 M
LT J F STANIMOWSKI
SGT J R VELLINGA

2. 0315 F
LT W MISSROVE
S/S L R FRIDAY

3. 116 V
LT W M PALCE
SGT E R TANGLEY
W/O C BASSCHERMAN

6. 232 K
LT J V O'BRIEN
SGT H T WRIGHT

1. 301 T
CAPT W F DU FAULT
F/O O A CARDINALE
S/S K E VORCE

338 O
LT M W DU ROSE
S/S D J GRIFFIN

3. 362 Y
LT A W DEINER
SGT R H GILLISPIE

4. 263 G
LT C M ANDERSON
S/S J H DEATHERAGE

5. 244 I
LT R B HARPER
CPL R M BLACK

6. 351 F
LT C H FODSLEY
CPL P J BLOCH

1. 490 K
LT J J LACKOVICH
LT R C MUIR
S/S T CONNERY

2. 239 J
LT D A FERRO
S/S A A FOJAT

3. 313 B
LT D L WITHINGTON
S/S I D MCELROY
LT ROBERTSON

2. 226 F/W
LT J C CARY
CPL A E SCHROEN

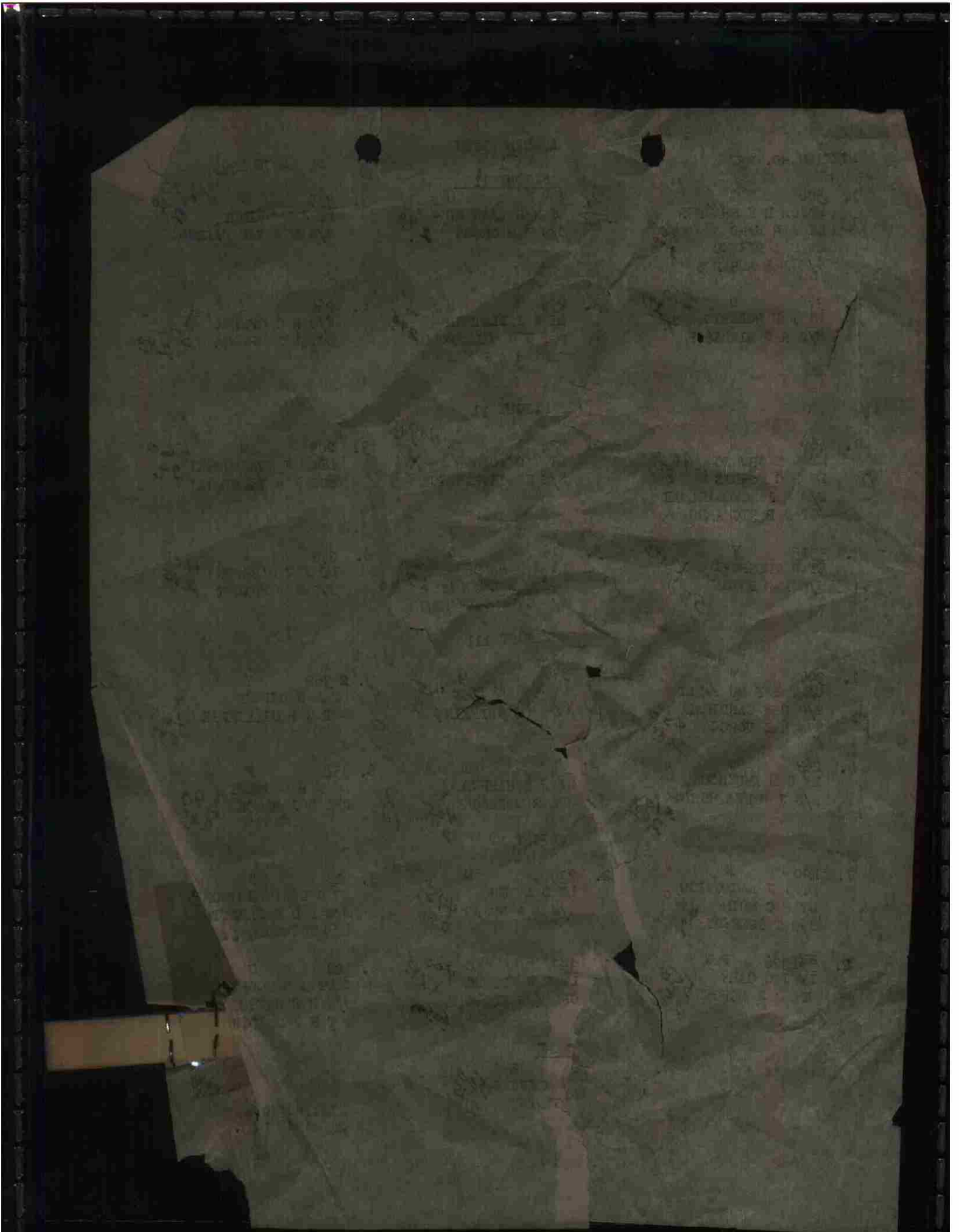
3. 156 C
PL W EDSTROM
S/S R ELLIOTT

6. 328
CAPT E R M
S/S H R DAVIS
SGT S J SNE

2315 L
LT J EVINS
SGT F JURY

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21 MARCH 1945

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21 Mar '45



SECRET
ATTN: CO, A-89
26 Mar 45
INITIAL:

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

U-11-1

APO 140, U.S. Army,
26 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 24 March 1945, F.O. 1452, Colbe RR Bridge, F.O. 223-315.

II. None.

III. None.

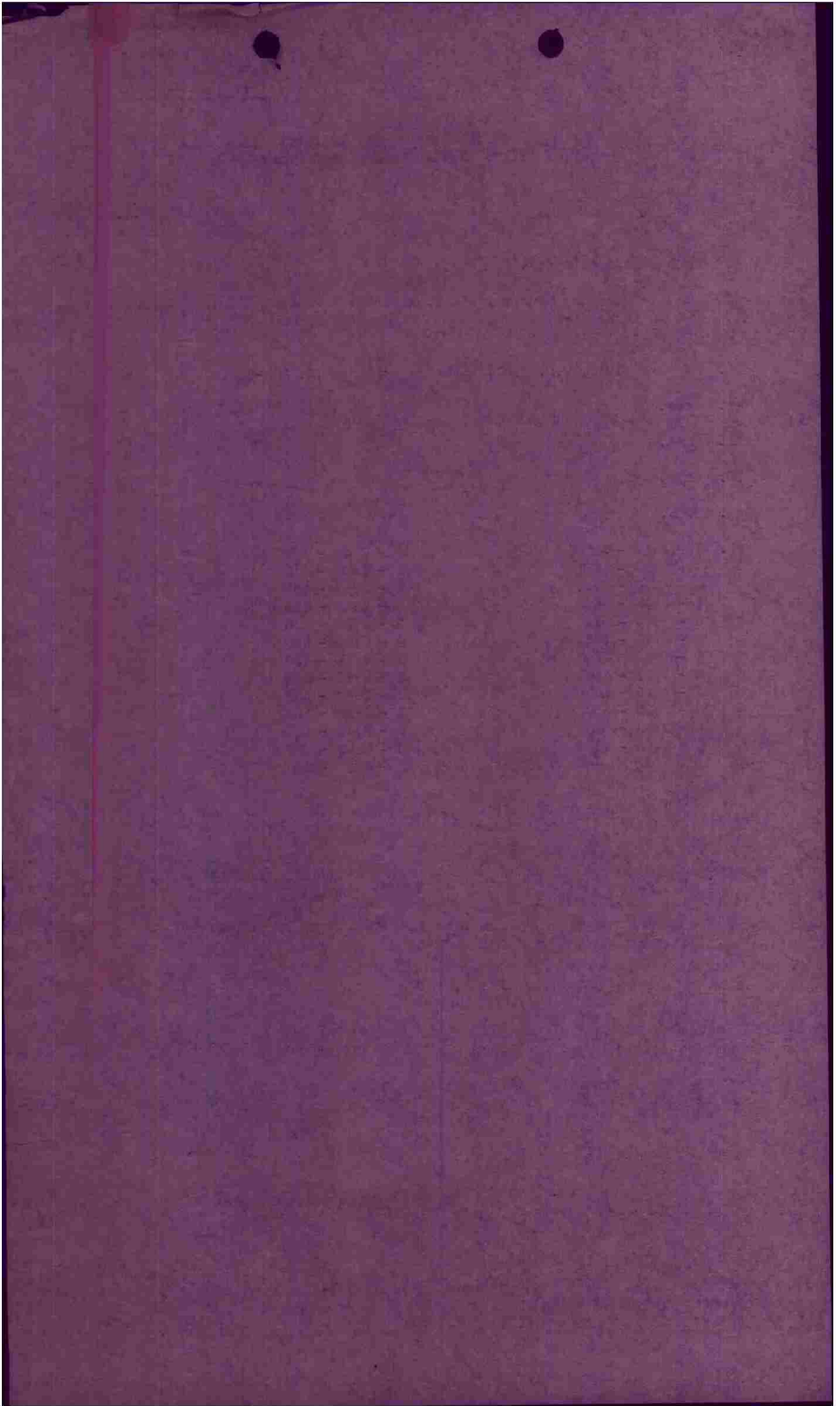
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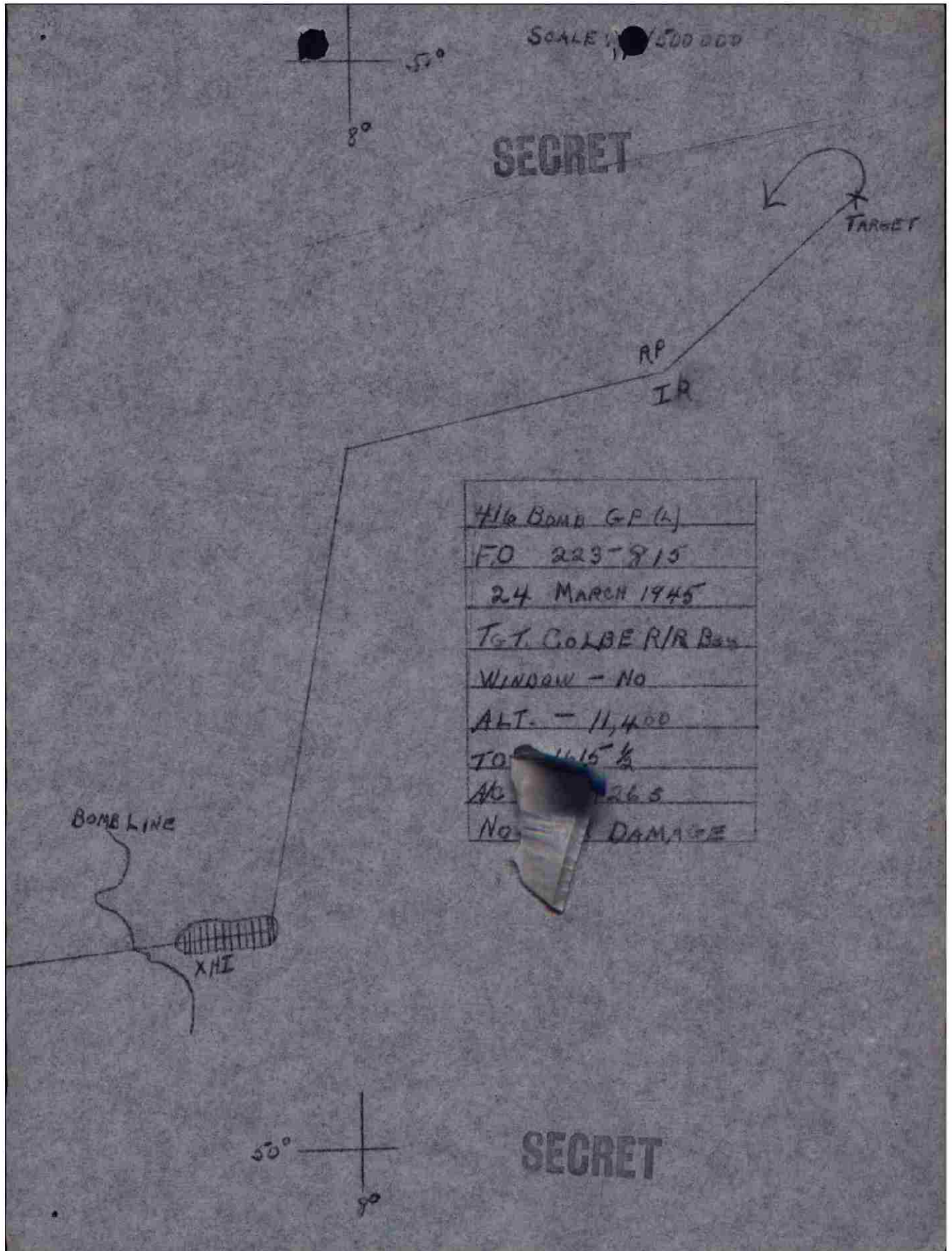
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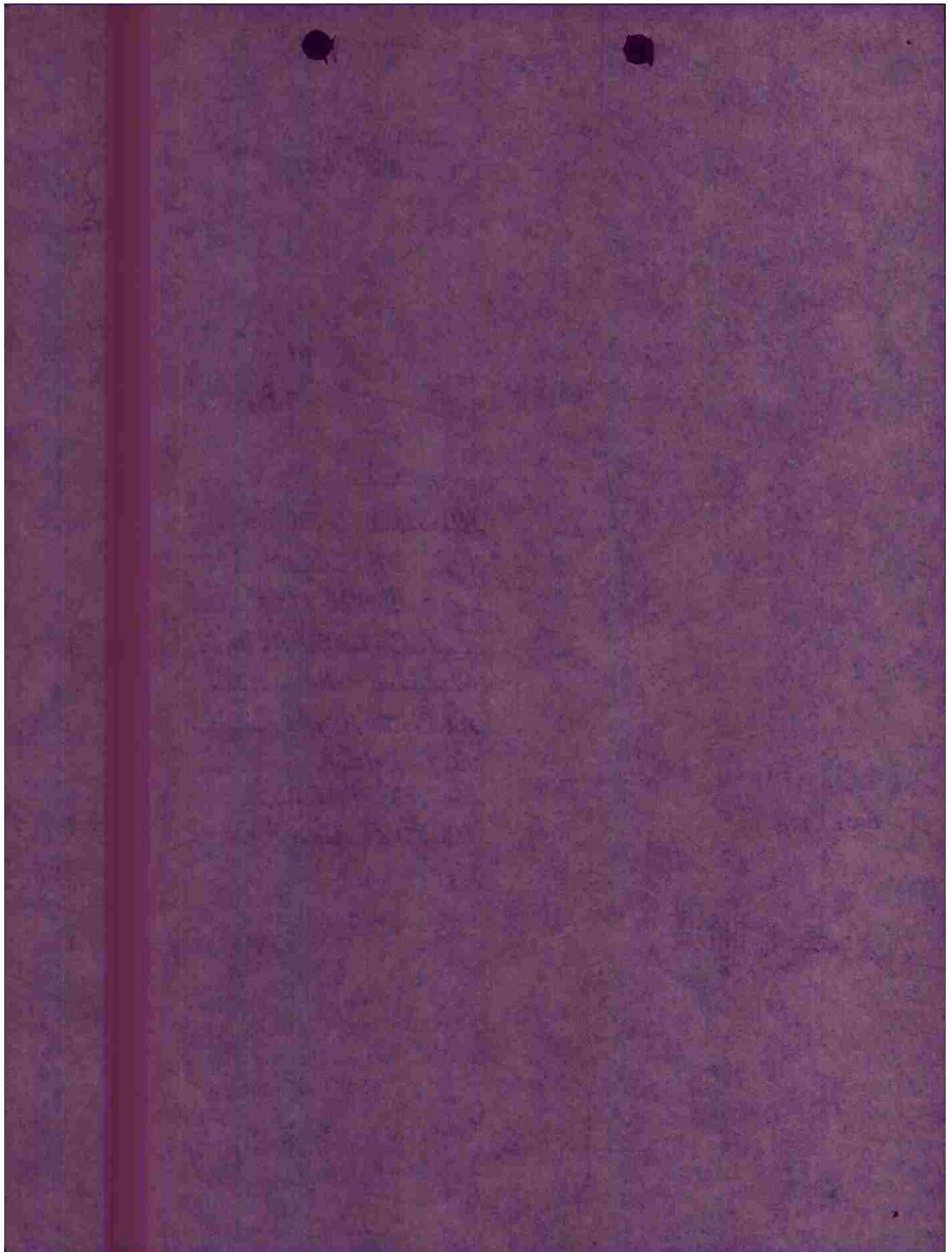
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VII. None.

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





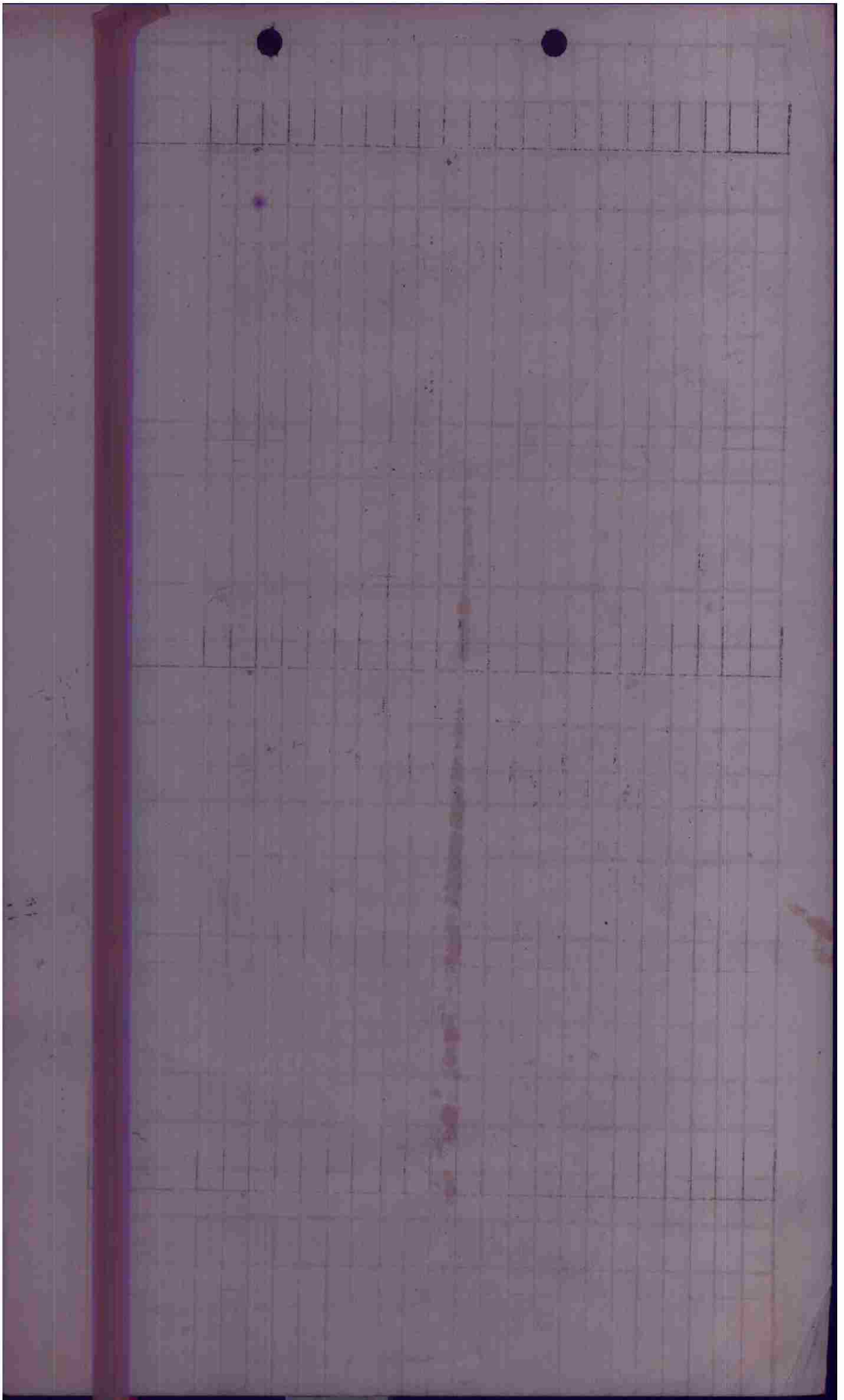


Mission No. 252

Part I

24 March 1945

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A	I	264	Gumbel			1453	1733	2:40									
A	A	469	Gunnig			1453	1736	2:45									
A	E	224	Spencer			1453	1736	2:45									
A	M	205	Stankowski			1454	1738	2:45									
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C	O	416	Boeck			1454	1738	2:45									
C	K	232	O'Brien			1454	1736	2:45									
A	T	304	Van Vault			1455	1733	2:40									
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A	W	326	Hardy			1457	1743	2:50									



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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) 24/0950A
 TO COMBOMDIV NINE
 1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQD.
 409TH COBOMGP
 410TH COBOMGP
 416TH COBOMGP

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)
 A P O 140
 24 MARCH 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 223-815 R-271-E

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMB LINE
 (2) 9 TAC WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" 24/1530A
 ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" 24/1500A

PLAN "A"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8587 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 30 MINUTES FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8587 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 10 MINUTES FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
- X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE
 (5) TARGET: COLBE RAILROAD BRIDGE (G-735527)
 (6) A/C REQUIRED: 24 A/C EACH GROUP BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C
 (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO P-8587 TO L-5972 TO M-2978 TO G-1618 TO G-1827 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
 (9) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET. DROP 1,500 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 (10) I.P. G-5234
 (11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST
 (12) M.P.I. GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 5118
 GRID. COORD. 73555278 (CENTER OF BRIDGE)
 INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
 (13) BOMB LOAD: 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE
 1/100 SECOND TAIL.
 (14) R.P. G-5234
 (15) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 (A) ALTERNATE TARGET VISUALLY
 (B) ALTERNATE TARGET GEE
 (C) ALTERNATE TARGET E.T.A.
 (16) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

PLAN "B"

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- (A-395611)
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 12 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C
 - (3) WITH PPF A/C OVER THE FIELD.
 - (4) BASE TO E-431E TO E-5957 TO E-5396 TO 2-8118 TO V-2122 TO V-2002 TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO A-2384 TO V-2122 AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB AT 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET.
2ND BOX 13,000 FEET.
MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 8,000 FEET.
DROP 1,500 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 - (9) M.P.I. GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4107 COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY 393613, 397614, 398608, 394608.
PPF GRID COORD. 39506110
 - (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE 1/40 SECOND TAIL
20 PER CENT FUSED UP TO 12 HOUR DELAY FUSE.
 - (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR
 - (13) 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 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUP WILL BOMB BY BOXES AND WILL USE A-2384 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
(A) PPF
(B) PRIMARY TARGET GROUP GEE
(C) ALTERNATE TARGET VISUALLY
(D) ALTERNATE TARGET GROUP GEE
(E) ALTERNATE TARGET E.T.A.
 - (14) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

PLAN "A"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) GIDDY
- (3) BISHOP
- (4) RIPSAW

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) FREEMAN
- (3) CABMAN
- (4) RIPSAW

PLAN "B"

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) PLUSHBIKE
- (11) EMERGENCY HOMING AND FIGHTER AID IF NECESSARY ROSELEE C/C

COMCBTWIC 97

BT 24/0930A

AR JMB

JJF R.....24/1030A WF AR K

ITA R.....24/1030A OEN AR

JES R.....24/1030A EB AR

JPO R.....

JKI R.....24/1030A EJ AR



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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) 24/1150A
 TO COMBONDIV NINE
 1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQD.
 409TH COBOMGP
 416TH COBOMGP
 410TH COBOMGP

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)
 A P O 140
 24 MARCH 1945

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 223-815 R-273-E

CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3. B. (6) ON PLAN "B" TO READ:

(6) BOMB AT 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET
 2ND BOX 13,000 FEET
 MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 5,000 FEET
 DROP 1,500 FEET AFTER BOMBING.

ADD TO PLAN "B"

PARA. (15) UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL A/C USE THE FOLLOWING FIELDS.
 B-77, B-78, B-80, B-85, B-86, B-88, B-89, B-90, B-100, Y-10,
 Y-29, AND Y-32. IN EMERGENCY A/C MAY LAND ON CRASH STRIPS
 NEAR B-100 AT E-879352. THEY MAY ALSO USE OTHER FIELDS NOT
 LISTED ABOVE.

(16) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED AGAINST GROSS BOMBING
 ERRORS DUE TO PROXIMITY OF FRIENDLY TROOPS.

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BT 24/1150A

AR JMB

JES R.....24/1200A

EB AR

JPO R.....24/1200A

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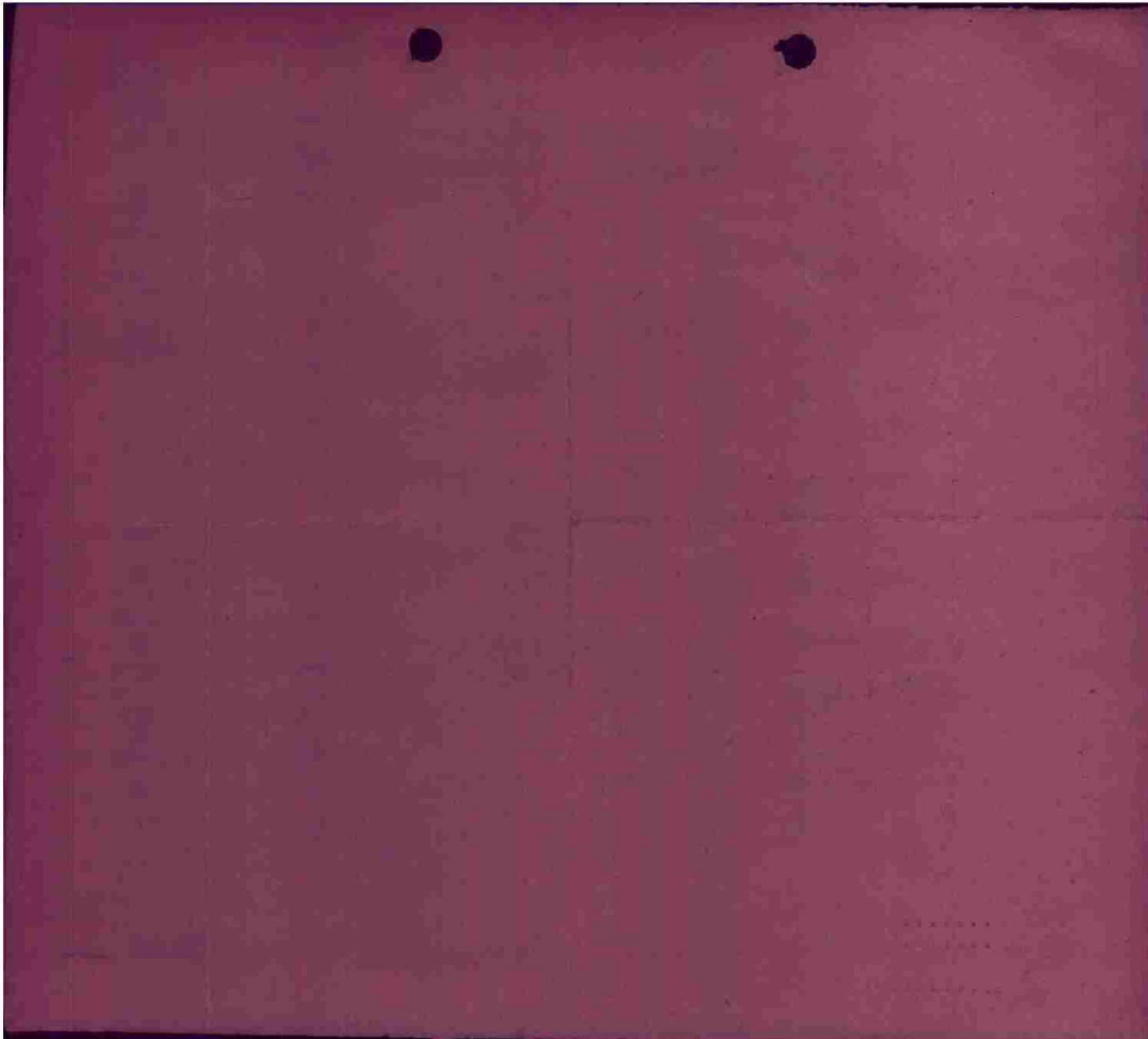
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 24/0940A
TO IX BOMB DIV ATT: A-2
COBOMGP 409 ATT: S-2
COBOMGP 416 ATT: S-2

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

97CBW R-270-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 223-815

1. TARGET - N OF COLBE, RAILWAY BRIDGE (G-736527) FOR DESCRIPTION OF
BRIDGE SEE NINTH AF 2ND PHASE REPORT IX TAC T/416.

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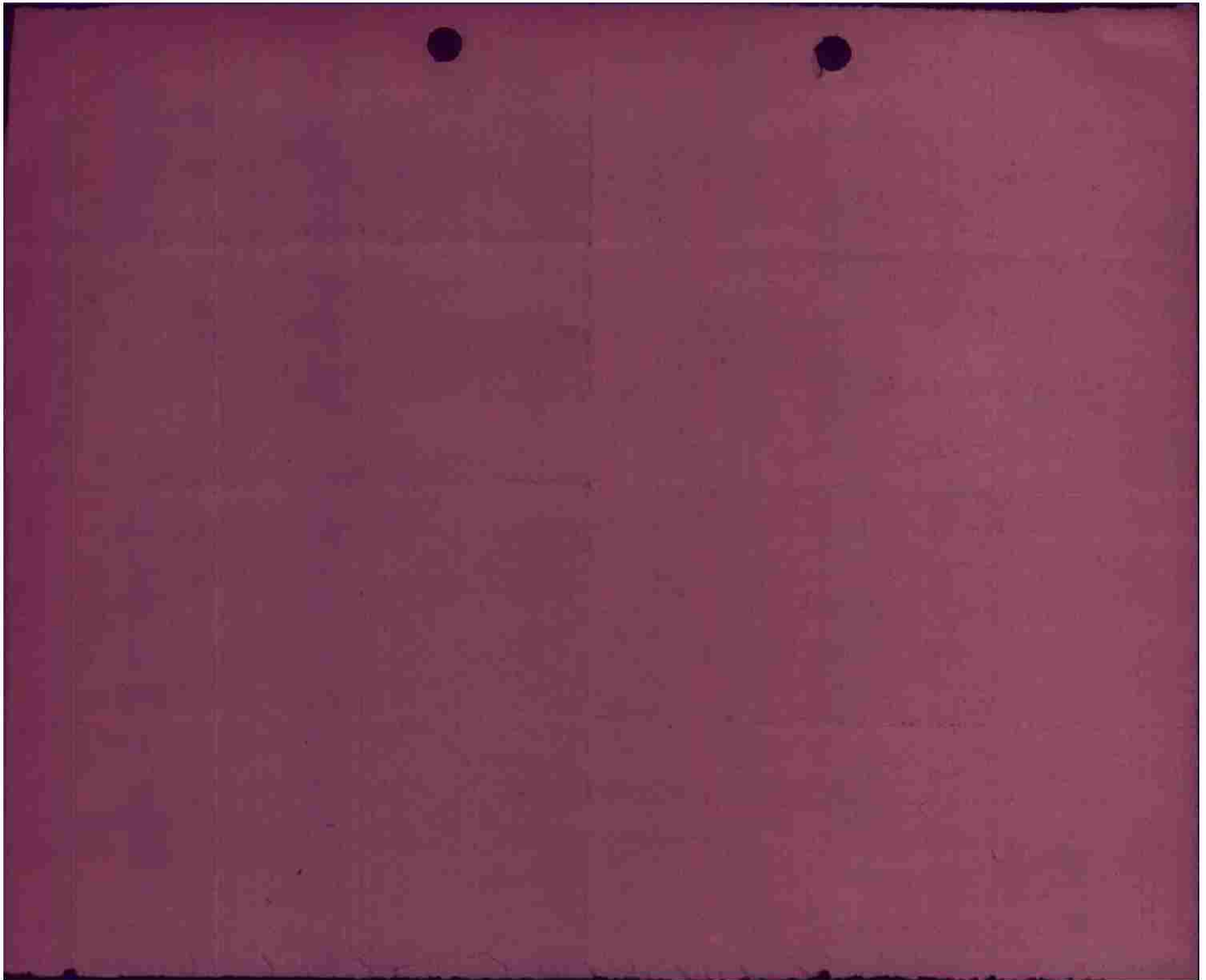
IX TAC T/416
500EE/5118
US 31/3816 PRINT 1007
US 7 GR/3291 PRINT 8003

MAP COVERAGE:

4414 SHEET 5118

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BT 24/0940A
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JKI R.....24/1000A EJ AR
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ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 07/24 (INFO)

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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 24/0910A
TO : IX BOMB DIV.
409TH BOMB GROUP.
410TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.

ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER:

ADVANCED COPY OF PARA. 5 (COMMUNICATIONS) OF F.O. TO FOLLOW

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

PLAN "A"

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (2) GIDDY
 - (3) BISHOP
 - (4) RIPSAW

- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (2) FREEMAN
 - (3) CABMAN
 - (4) RIPSAW

PLAN "B"

- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (2) PLUSHBIKE
 - (11) EMERGENCY HOMING AND FIGHTER AID IF NECESSARY ROSELEE C/C

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 24/0910A

FK-AR

BB GPS

ITA R.....24/0922A AT AR

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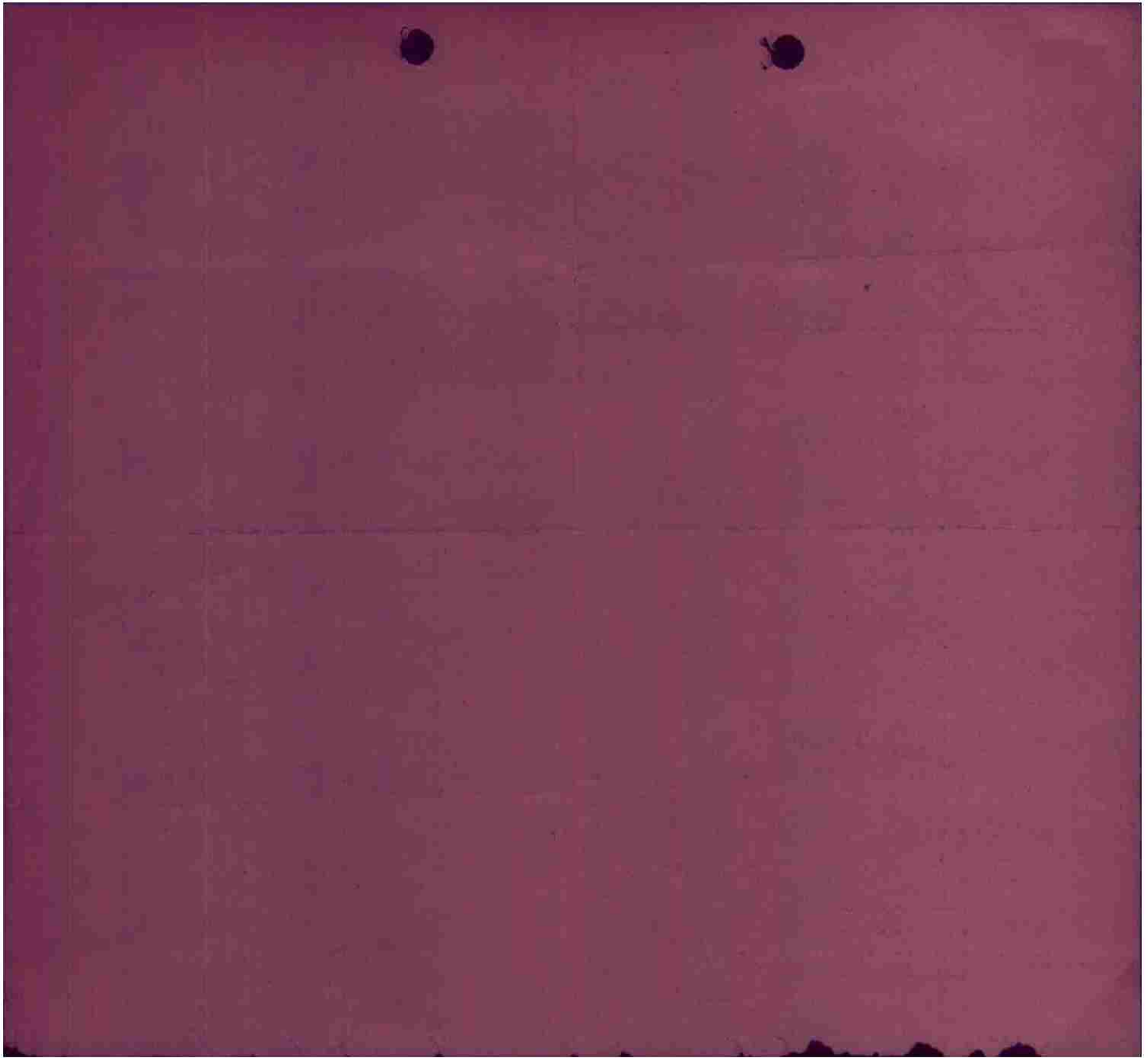
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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 25/24 OP - OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 24/1910A
 TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIV. (M) ATT: A-2
 CG, 97TH COMBAT WING (L) " "

BT

SECRET 416BG R-556-D OPSFLASH FOR 24 MARCH 1945 (AFTERNOON MISSION)

A - 416TH BOMB GROUP

B - COLBE REXX RAILROAD BRIDGE (G-735527)

C - 25 A-26'S

D - 25 A-26'S ON PRIMARY

E - NIL

F - 100 X 1000 GP ON RXX PRIMARY

G - FLT. - A - SUPERIOR
 FLT : - B GOOD
 FLT - C - FAIR
 FLT - D - GOOD

H - NIL

I - NIL

J - TARGET : NIL
 ELSEWHERE : WEAK INCCURATE HFF FROM AREA OF NASTATTEN (M-090730)
 ON ROUTES IN AND OUT

K - NIL

L - 12000 - 11200 - 11700 - 11400

M - 1614 - XX 1616 - 1614 - 1616

X - FORMATION LEADER NOTIFIED CXXX FIGHTER CONTROL CENTER THAT
 FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS HAD BEEN MADE.

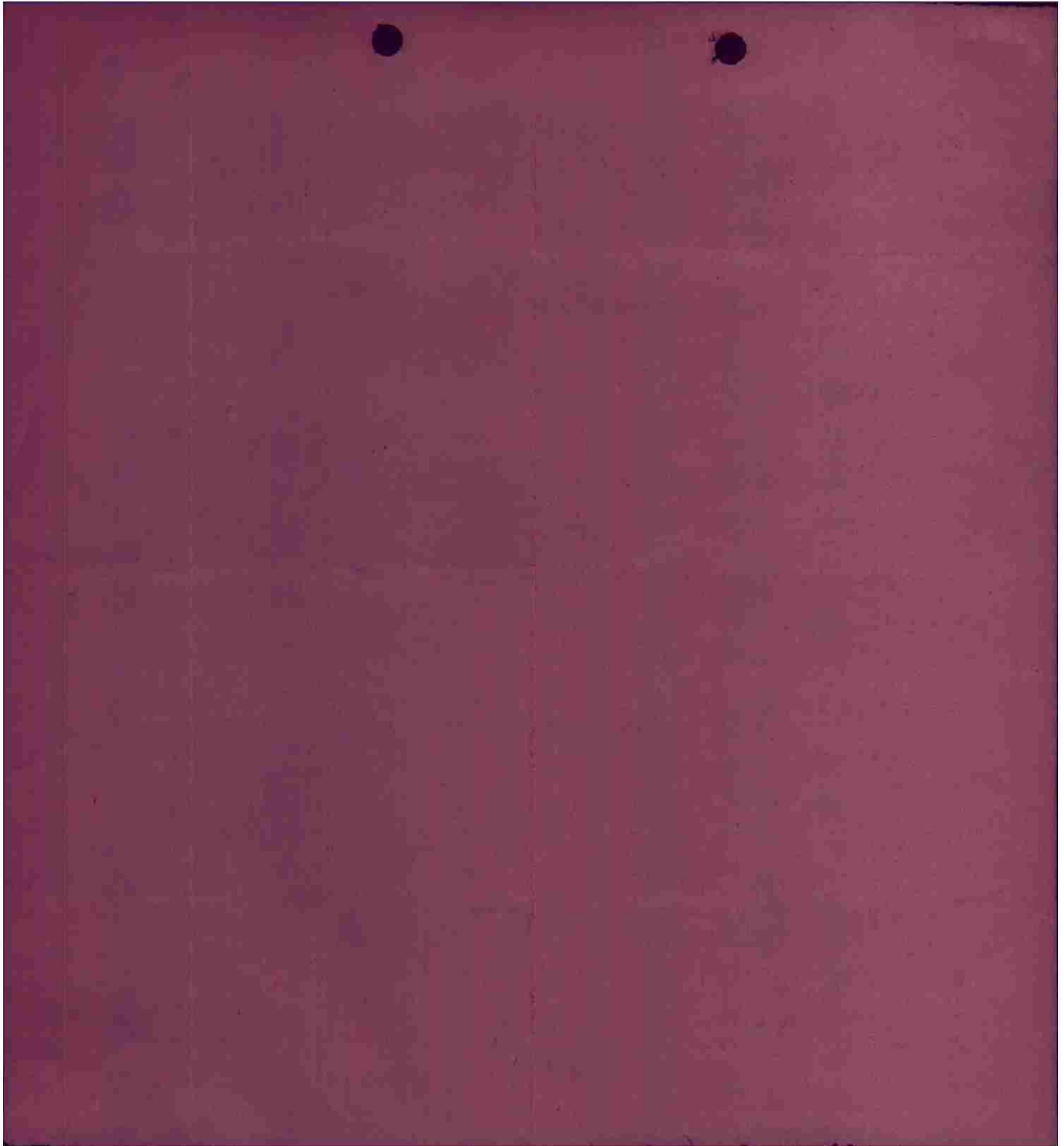
CAPTAIN LURIA,

BT 24/1910A

JF

ITA BBB R.....24/1945A MILT KKK
 JEA A R R.....24/1945A LEG AR KKKKK

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 30/24 OP - OP
 FROM HQ, 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) S-2 PI 24/2325A
 TO HQ, 9TH BOMB DIV. (M) A-2 PI
 HQ, 97TH WING (L) A-2 SUTY OFF.

BT
 SECRET 416BG R-562-D

B - COLBE RR BRIDGE

G - 1614-1616

J - BOX I - FLT A - DMPI - SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 110 FT SW OF DMPI GOOD PATTERN OF BOMBS STARTED SHORT OF BRIDGE AND RAN UP OVER BRIDGE. LARGE FLASH INDICATES DIRECT HITS ON BRIDGE.

FLT B - DMPI - EXCEL: 80 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 900 FT SE OF DMPI. BOMBS FELL IN GOOD PATTERN IN WOODS AND ACROSS ROADS.

FLT C - DMPI - UNSAT: NO BOMBS WITHIN 1000FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTEN 2380 FT N OF DMPI. BOMBS IN A GOOD PATTERN IN FIELDS AND ACROSS ROADS N OF TARGET.

BOX II FLT A - DMPI - GOOD: 40 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 1000 FT SW OF DMPI. BOMBS HIT IN EXCELLENT PATTERN IN FIELDS AND ACROSS ROADS.

K - BOX I FLT C - DMPI UNSAT: SIZE OF TARGET MADE IT DIFFICULT TO LOCATE. DID NOT PICK UP AIMING POINT UNTIL LATE IN RUN. WAS NOT SYNCHRONIZED AT TIME OF RELEASE.

M - A) 8 - 100 PERCENT
 B) 0 - 0 "
 C) 0 - 0 "

N. 2 DIRECT HITS AND 8 NEAR MISSES ON RR BRIDGE PROBABLY DESTROYING IT. 3 HITS ON TRACKS CUTTING THEM. 7 HITS ON ROADS CUTTING THEM.
 CAPTAIN ZESIGER

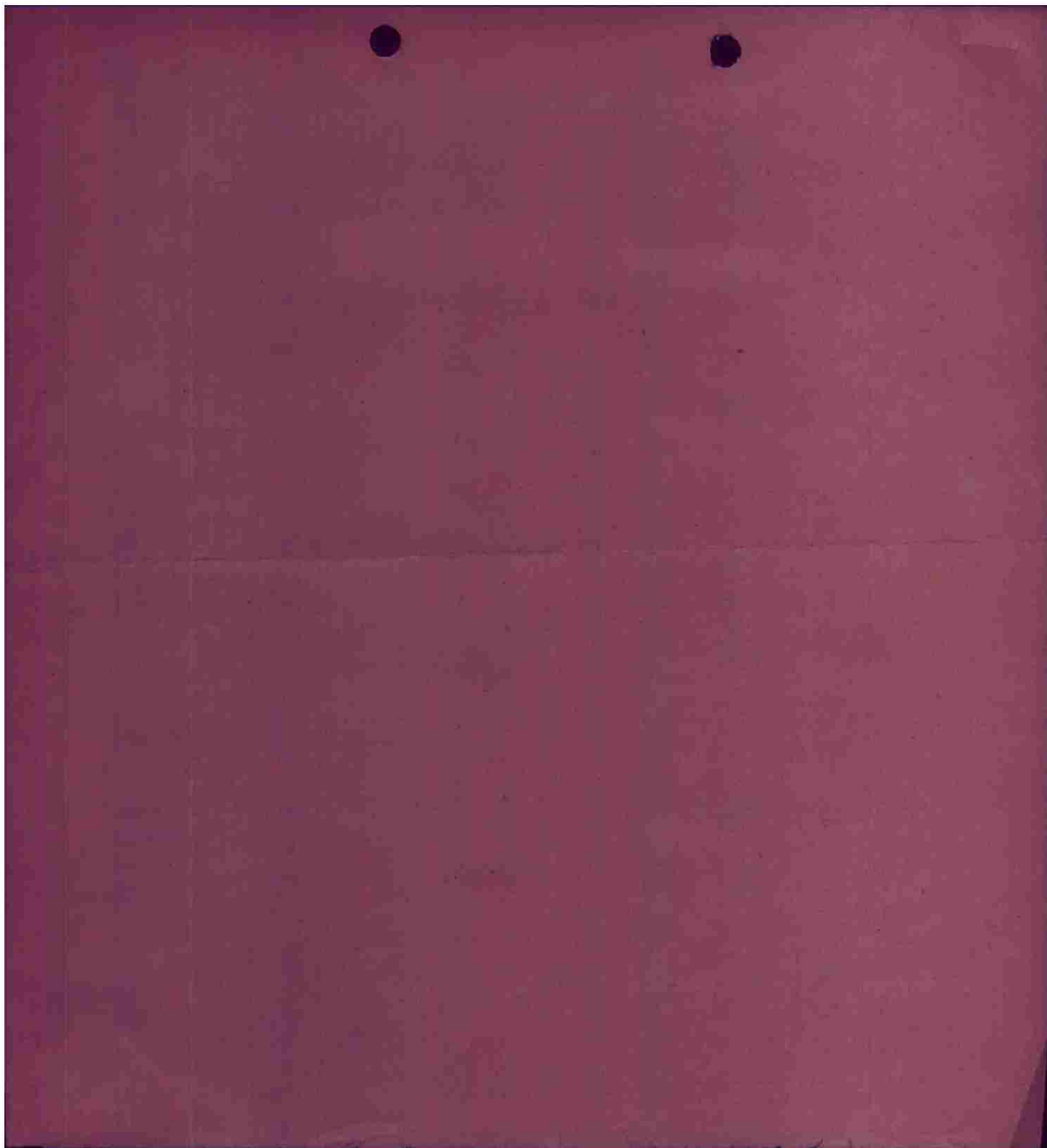
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