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MISSION NO. 257

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

30 MARCH 1945

- 1. ⁴³ 528 T
Major C.E. Ferris
Lt. P.G. Royalty
Lt. M.C. McNutt
S/S D.V. Rio
- 2. ⁴¹ 398 Q
Lt. J.R. Warren
Lt. T.M. Forbes
S/S S.J. Turpin
- 3. ⁴³ 394 G
Lt. A.G. Henson
S/S F.R. Ubancic

- 4. ⁴¹ 205 S M
Lt. R.B. Singletary
S/S H.G. Wiggins
- 5. ⁴¹ 286 D
Lt. J.C. Curtis
Sgt J.W. Matthews
- 6. ⁴¹ 223 B
F/O S.B. Boerner
Cpl K.A. Eady

FLIGHT II

- 1. ⁴³ 508 Sx Z
Capt. R.J. Tutt
Major L.F. Dunn
Lt. L.A. Orr
Sgt W. Wood
- 2. ⁴¹ 209 M
Lt. D.A. Fero
Sgt L.E. Davis
- 3. ⁴¹ 360 L
Lt. J.C. Gary
Cpl A.E. Schoen

- 4. ⁴¹ 249 F
Capt. A.C. Sears
S/S L.D. McElhatton
- 5. ⁴³ 352 J
Capt. R.V. Wheeler
Sgt C.W. Williford
- 6. ⁴¹ 239 N
Lt. T.E. Graeber
Sgt M. Appleman

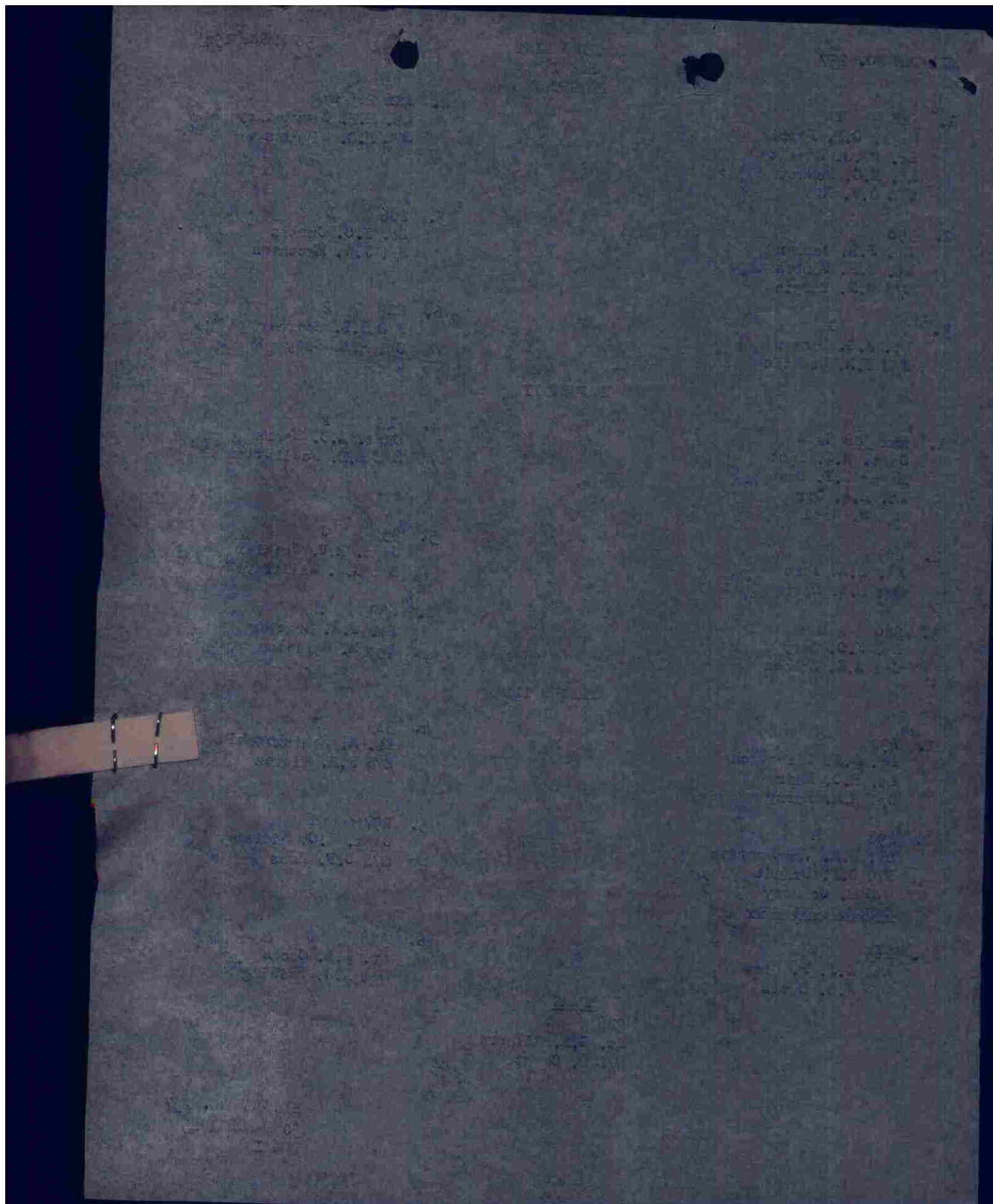
FLIGHT III

- 1. ⁴³ 490 X
Lt. J.J. Lackovich
Lt. R.C. Muir
Cpl R.M. Barry
- 2. ⁴³ 498 R
Lt. H.M. Van Noorden
F/O C.W. Brandt
S/S T. Connery
S/S B. [unclear]
- 3. ⁴¹ 265 V
Lt. A.J. P. Winn
S/S W.G. Davis

- 4. ⁴³ 313 B
Lt. A. Remiszewski
S/S J.H. Miguez
- 5. ⁴¹ 297 T
Capt. L.C. Nielsen
S/S C.F. Huss
- 6. ⁴¹ 328 D
Lt. J.B. Cocks
Sgt R.D. Redding

- 43 326 W
Lt. G.L. Milhorn
S/S D. Chest

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30 MARCH 1945
BOX I



N NO. 257

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

30 MARCH 1945

69 A
Lt. F.S. Brewster ✓
Lt. L.W. Dennis ✓
C P/O F.J. Conley ✓ 65
S/S W.D. Clark ✓ 345

2. 41 564 V
Lt. W. Masgrove ✓
C S/S J.J. Ricketson ✓ 45
345

3. 41 232 N
Lt. A.R. Turman ✓
C S/S O.D. Hamon ✓ 45
345

4. 41 224 E
C Lt. E.O. Turner ✓ 650
S/S J.O. Belcas * 345

5. 43 2315 L
C Lt. W.M. Balch ✓ 600
Cpl J.D. Brennan ✓ 345

6. 41 9915 F
C Lt. J.V. O'Brien ✓ 580
Sgt H.T. Wright * 345

FLIGHT II

1. 43 304 T
B Lt. J.E. Blangren ✓ 180
Lt. G.G. Johnson ✓ 345
S/S L.R. Fleming ✓

2. 43 381 Q
B P/O F.W. Swap * 650
Sgt M. Santandrea ✓ 345

3. 41 263 G
B Lt. R.W. Haskell ✓ 625
Sgt E.W. Lea ✓ 350

4. 41 229 B
B Lt. E.R. Hayter ✓ 700
S/S F.P. Basford ✓ 345

5. 41 314 H
B Lt. D.E. Smith ✓ 675
Sgt N.D. West * 330

6. 43 383 V
B Capt. J.M. Shepard ✓ 590
S/S J.J. McGuire ✓ 350

FLIGHT III

1. 43 640 N
A Lt. O.F. Jacobsen ✓ 620
P/O R.W. Harvest ✓ 345
S/S A. Pettinicchi ✓

2. 43 378 O
A Lt. J.H. Carver ✓ 575
S/S N.M. Graham * 340

3. 43 385 D
A Lt. J.H. Montrose ✓ 585
S/S J. Rivard ✓ 345

4. 41 233 F
A Lt. W.H. Laseter ✓ 625
S/S R.P. Windisch * 340

5. 41 188 R
A Lt. E.B. Drum ✓ 600
Sgt J.R. Schwartzko ✓ 340

6. 41 325 L
A Lt. J.P. Phillips ✓ 580
Sgt W.A. Miller ✓ 345

43- SPARE
321 T
A Lt. R.H. Long ✓ 775
Sgt D. Youlies ✓ 340

MISSION NO. 257
30 MARCH 1945
BOX II

SECRET

AUTH: CO, A-69

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INITIAL:

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

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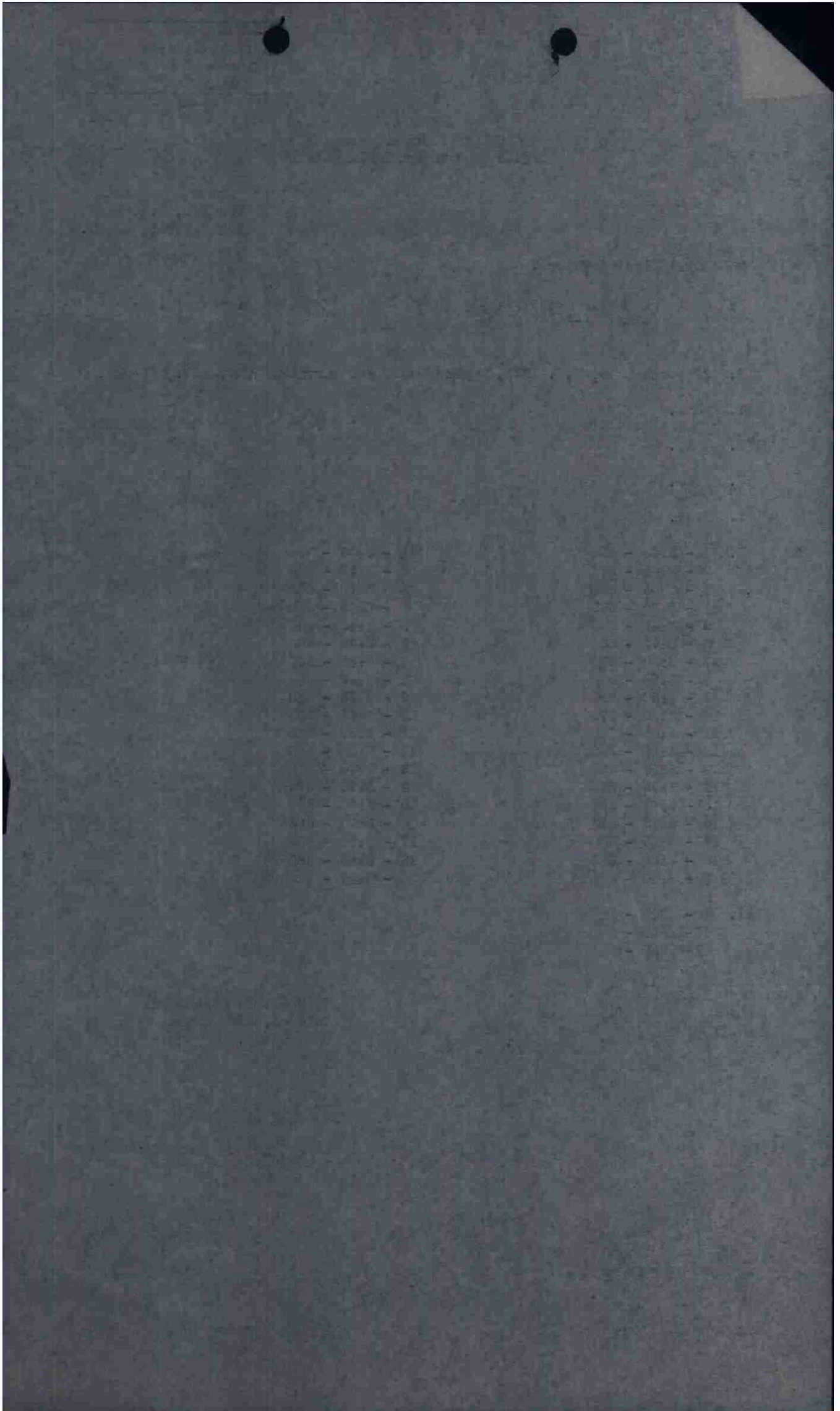
APO 140, U.S. Army,
1 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

- I. 30 March 1945, T.O. 1233, Munden Depot and Barracks Area, F.O. 231-324.
- II. None.
- III. None.
- IV. None.
- V. None.
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THEODORE R. AYLESWORTH,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

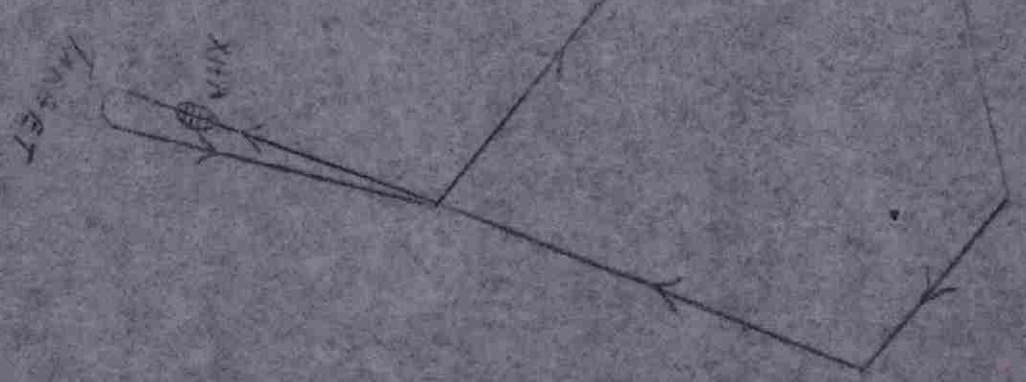


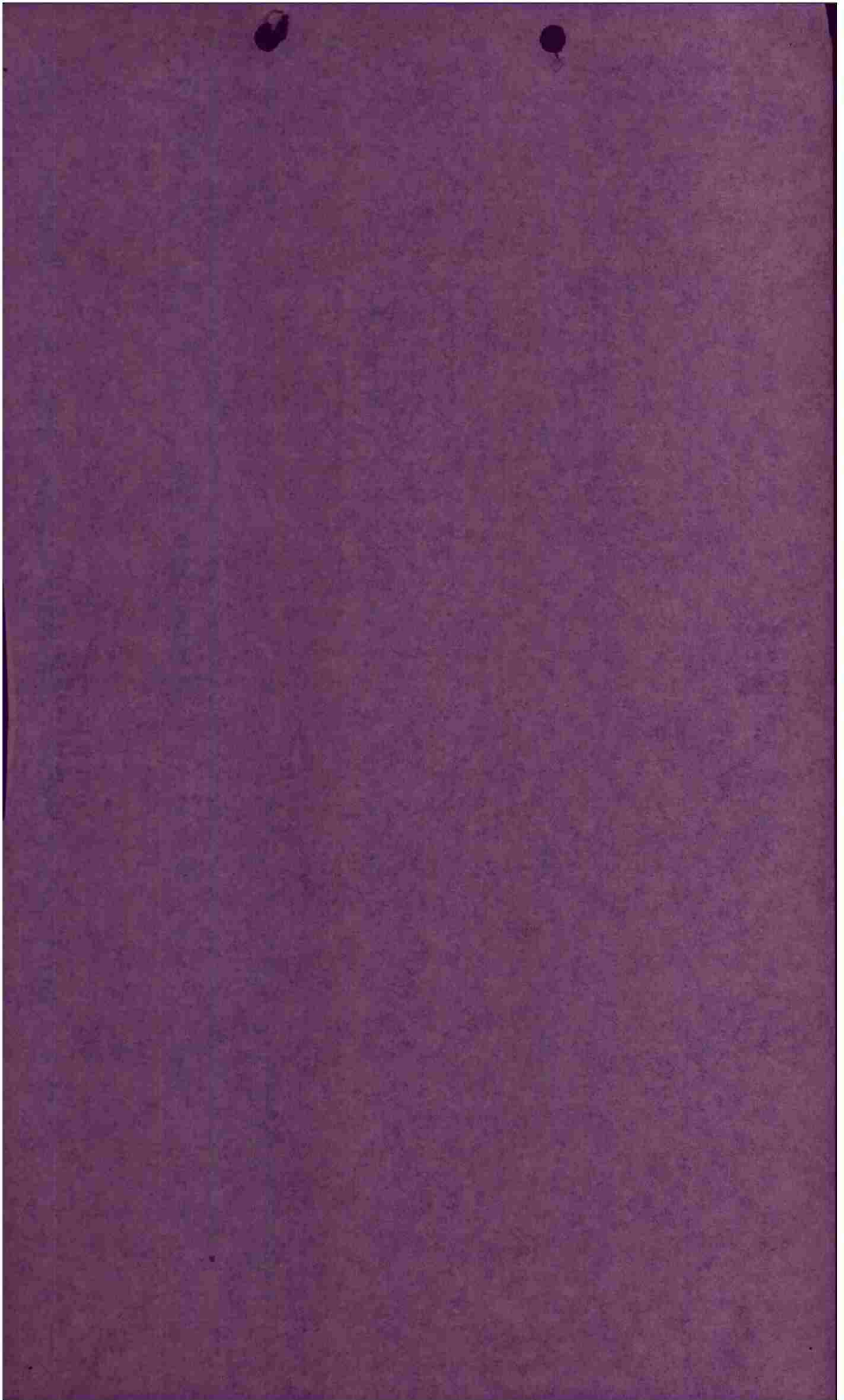
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416 th Bomb Grp (C)
30 March 1945
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PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (A)
TO : 9TH BOMB DIVISION (M)
97TH COMBAT WING (L)
1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON PROV.

416TH BG R _____ E

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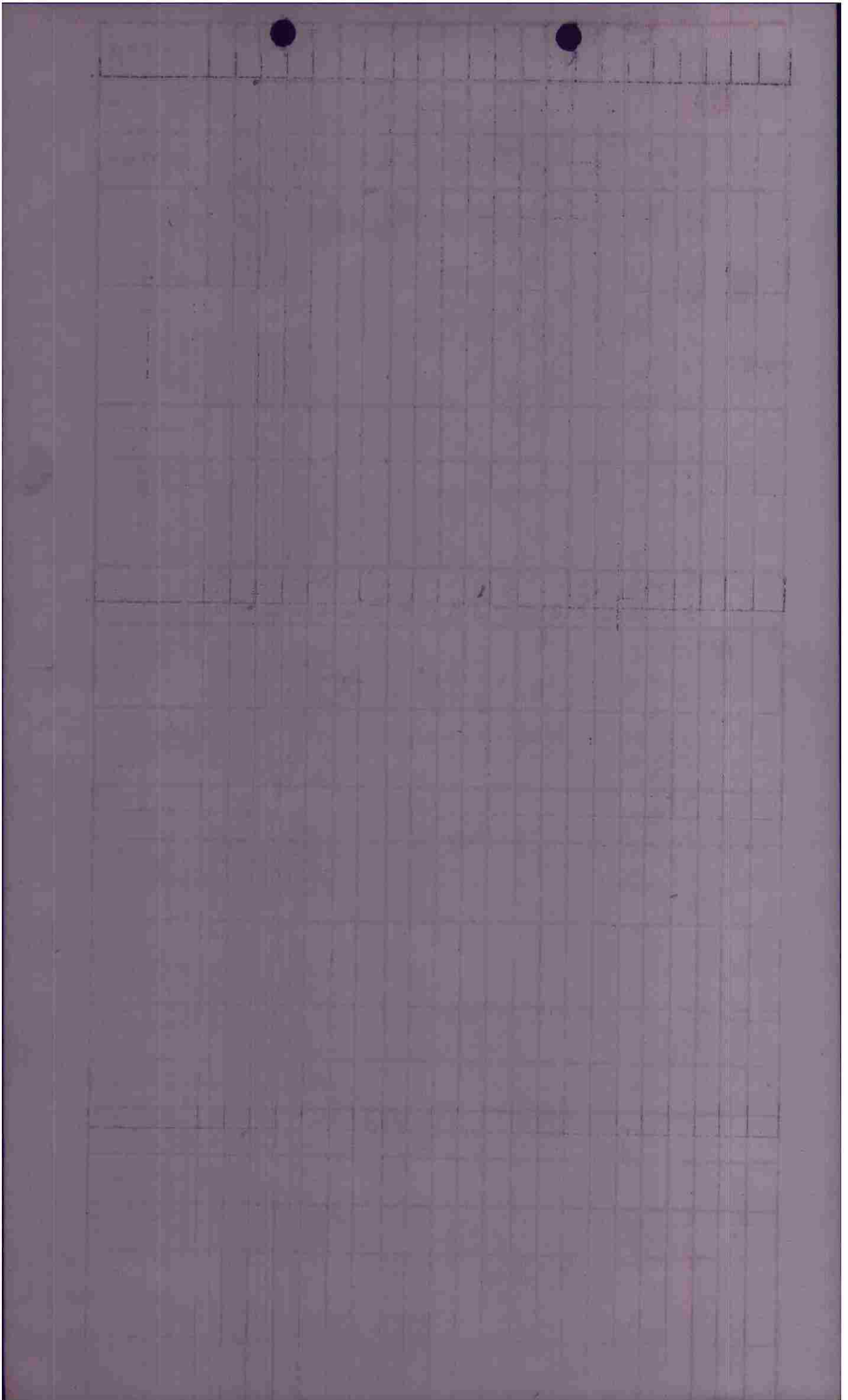
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Ops. Stat. Officer.

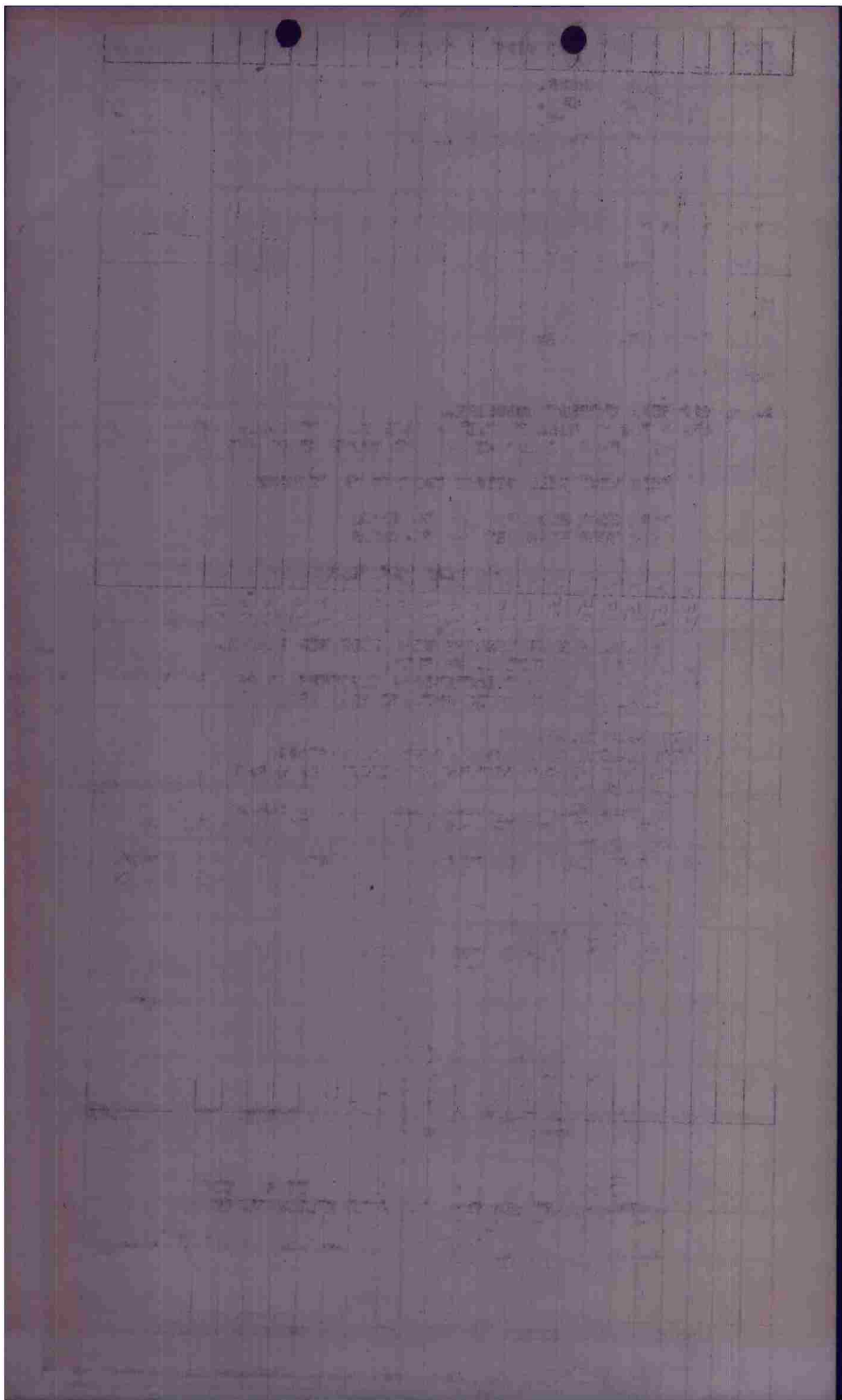
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Part I

30 March 1945

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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 29/2135A
 TO : IX BOMB DIV.
 409TH BOMB GROUP.
 410TH BOMB GROUP.
 416TH BOMB GROUP.
 1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV)

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

97CBW R-333-E

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

FIELD ORDER NO. 231-824

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
 (2) 9 T.A.C. WILL PROVIDE ESCORT FOR THE 410TH GROUP. 29 T.A.C. WILL PROVIDE ESCORT FOR THE 409TH GROUP AND 416TH GROUPS.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" - 30/1200A
 ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" - 30/1200A

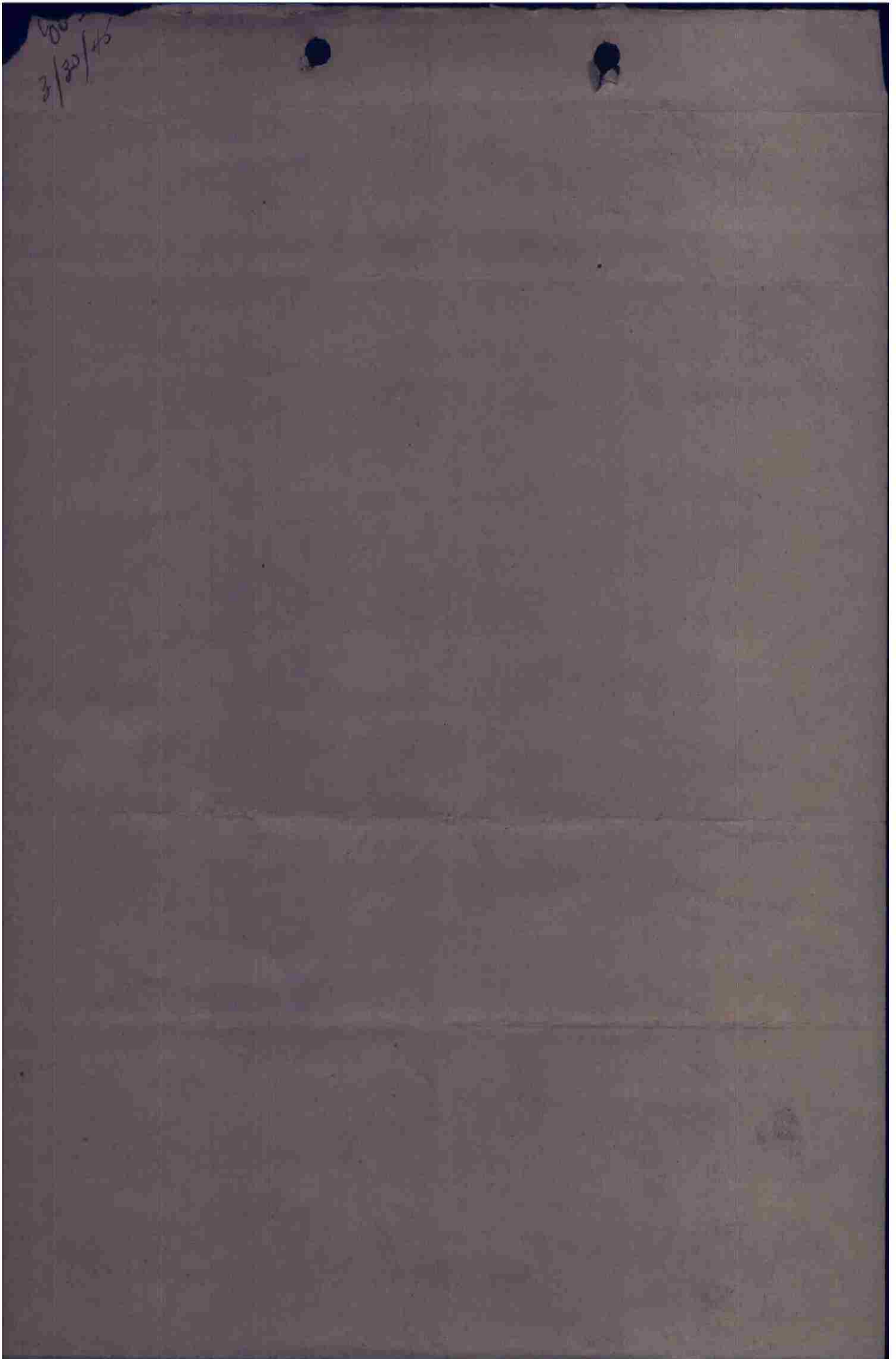
--- PLAN "A" VISUAL ---

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8588 AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 10 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES.
 (6) MINIMUM ALTITUDE 8,000 FEET.
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. M-17 INCINDIARY CLUSTERS TO OPEN AT 5,000 FEET. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.

- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
 (1) EBENHAUSEN OIL STORAGE DEPOT (N-707740)
 (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT F-6701 AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 35 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES.
 (4) BASE TO F-6701 TO G-3618 TO M-7297 TO N-0499 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO M-6642 TO L-8032 TO BASE.
 (6) BOMB 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 (7) N-4093
 (8) GENERALLY NW TO SE
 (9) ILL. 1(A)(V)26/2. COVER ANNOTATED AREA 2.
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
 (11) N-4064
 (12) IN THE EVENT CLOUDS OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 (A) ALTERNATE VISUALLY
 (B) PRIMARY ON "GEE"
 (C) ALTERNATE ON "GEE"
 (D) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.
 (13) GROUP IS CAUTIONED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8588 AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 30 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES.
 (6) MINIMUM ALTITUDE 5,000 FEET.
 (10) 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.

- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.
 (5) TARGET: HANN. MUNDEN DEPOT AND BARRACKS AREA (C-327162)
 (6) A/C REQ: MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.



- (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO P-8588 TO G-8629 TO G-7786 TO B-8821 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (9) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,000 FEET LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (10) I.P. C-1732
- (11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY NW TO SE.
- (12) M.P.I. ILL. IX BOMB. DIV. MED. T/A. COVER ANNOTATED DEPOT AND SURROUNDING BARRACKS.
- (13) R.P. C-1732
- (14) IF CLOUDS OBSCURES PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - (A) ALTERNATE VISUALLY
 - (B) BULLSEYE PROCEDURE
 - (C) PRIMARY OR ALTERNATE ON "GEE". IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GROUP LEADER TO DECIDE, CONSIDERING AMOUNT OF FUEL, FLAK SITUATION AND PROXIMITY OF TARGET, WHICH TARGET SHOULD BE ATTACKED.
 - (D) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.
- (15) GROUPS ARE CAUTIONED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE ATTACKED.

--- PLAN "B" PATHFINDER ---

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

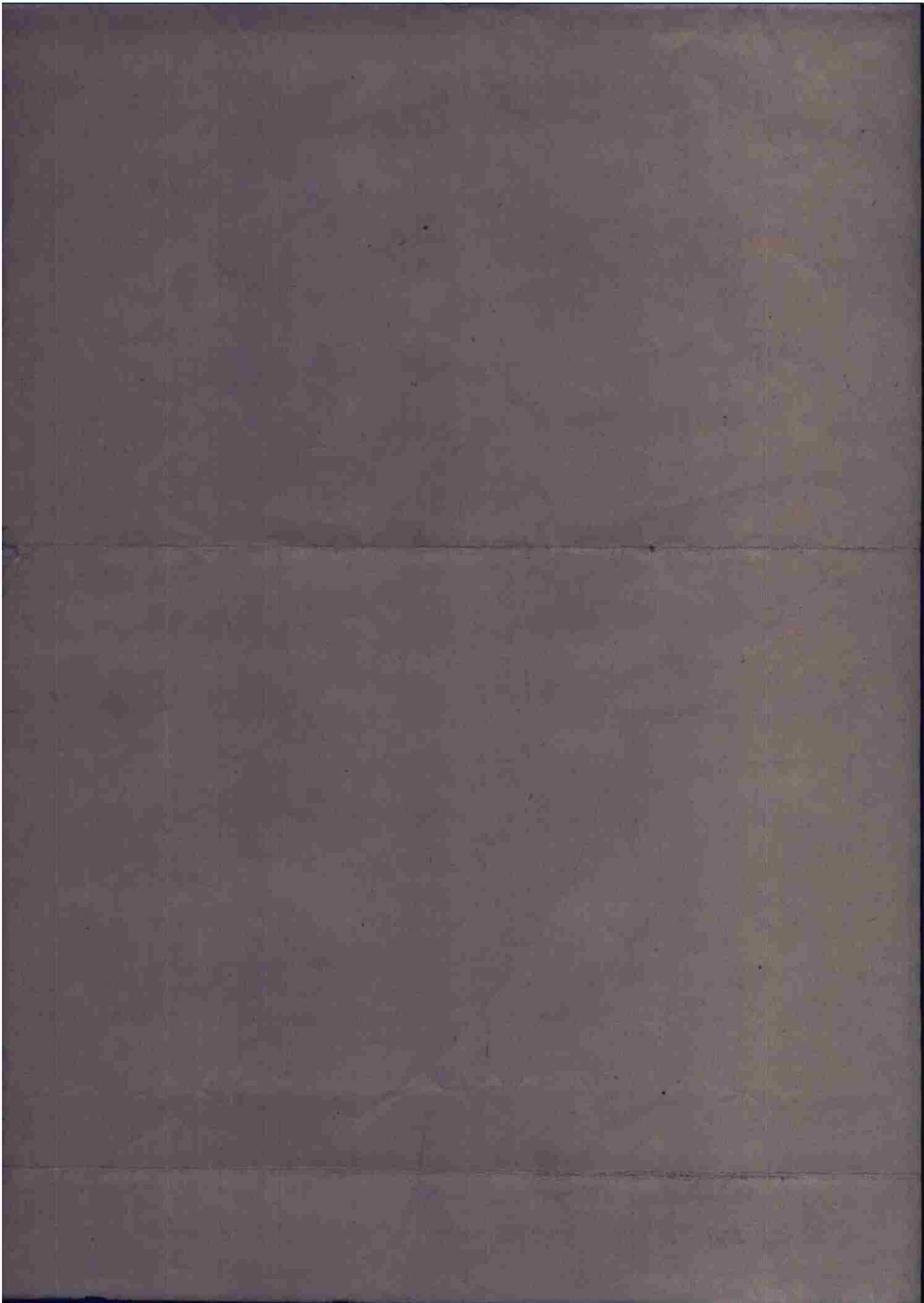
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8588 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 51 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES.
- (6) MINIMUM ALTITUDE IN EVENT OF VISUAL BOMBING IS 8,000 FEET.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. M-17 INCINDIARY CLUSTERS TO OPEN AT 5,000 FEET. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 100 MIN.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) EBENHAUSEN OIL STORAGE DEPOT N-707740.
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 12 A/C BOMBING ON 2 P.P.F. A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT F-6701 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 32 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES.
- (4) BASE TO F-6701 TO G-0618 TO M-7297 TO H-2510 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO N-4064 TO M-6642 TO L-8032 TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET, 2ND BOX 13,000 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING 5,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 1 (A)(V) 26/2. COVER ANNOTATED AREA 2 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
P.P.F. M.P.I. G.S.C.S. 4416 SHEET NO. T-4. COORD: 705739.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (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 P.P.F. A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND USE N-4093 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUDS OBSCURES TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - (A) PRIMARY ON P.P.F.
 - (B) ALTERNATE VISUALLY
 - (C) PRIMARY ON "GEE"
 - (D) ALTERNATE ON "GEE"
 - (3) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.
- (14) GROUP IS CAUTIONED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8588 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 41 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES.
- (6) MINIMUM ALTITUDE IN EVENT OF VISUAL BOMBING IS 5000 FEET.
- (10) 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.



(12) 1.0.1. ZERO HOUR PLUS 90 MIN.

- X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE.
- (5) TARGET: HANN. MUNDEN DEPOT AND BARRACKS AREA C-327162.
- (6) A/C REQ.: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C.
- (7) ROUTE OUT : BASE TO P-8588 TO G-0629 TO G-6072 TO B-7850 TO B-9457 TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO C-1732 TO B-8021 TO G-6072 AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (9) ALTITUDES: BOMB 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET, 2ND BOX 13,000 FEET. LOSE 1000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (10) M.P.I. ILL. IX BOMB. DIV, MED. T/4. COVER ANNOTATED DEPOT AND SURROUNDING BARRACKS IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
P.P.F. M.P.I. G.S.G.'S. 4414 SHEET NO. 4523. COORD: 32761635
- (11) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT TARGET GROUPS WILL BOMB BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND USE C-1732 AS A VISUAL I/O/ I.P. IF CLOUDS OBSCURE PRIMARY TARGET. GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - (A) PRIMARY ON P.P.F.
 - (B) ALTERNATE VISUALLY
 - (C) BULLSEYE PROCEDURE
 - (D) PRIMARY OR ALTERNATE ON "GEE". IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GROUPS LEADER TO DECIDE, CONSIDERING AMOUNT OF FUEL, FLAK SITUATION, AND PROXIMITY OF TARGET, WHICH TARGET WILL BE ATTACKED.
 - (E) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.
- (12) GROUPS ARE CAUTIONED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. 409 BOMB GROUP
 - (2) CIRCLE
 - (3) SHOWDOWN
 - (4) SWEEPSTAKES
- B. 410 BOMB GROUP
 - (2) MANGO
 - (3) JUDITH
 - (4) SWEEPSTAKES
- C. 416 BOMB GROUP
 - (2) BESTMAN
 - (3) POKER
 - (4) SWEEPSTAKES

X. GENERAL INFORMATION.

- (11) SWEEPSTAKES AVAILABLE FOR BULLSEYE PROCEDURE.

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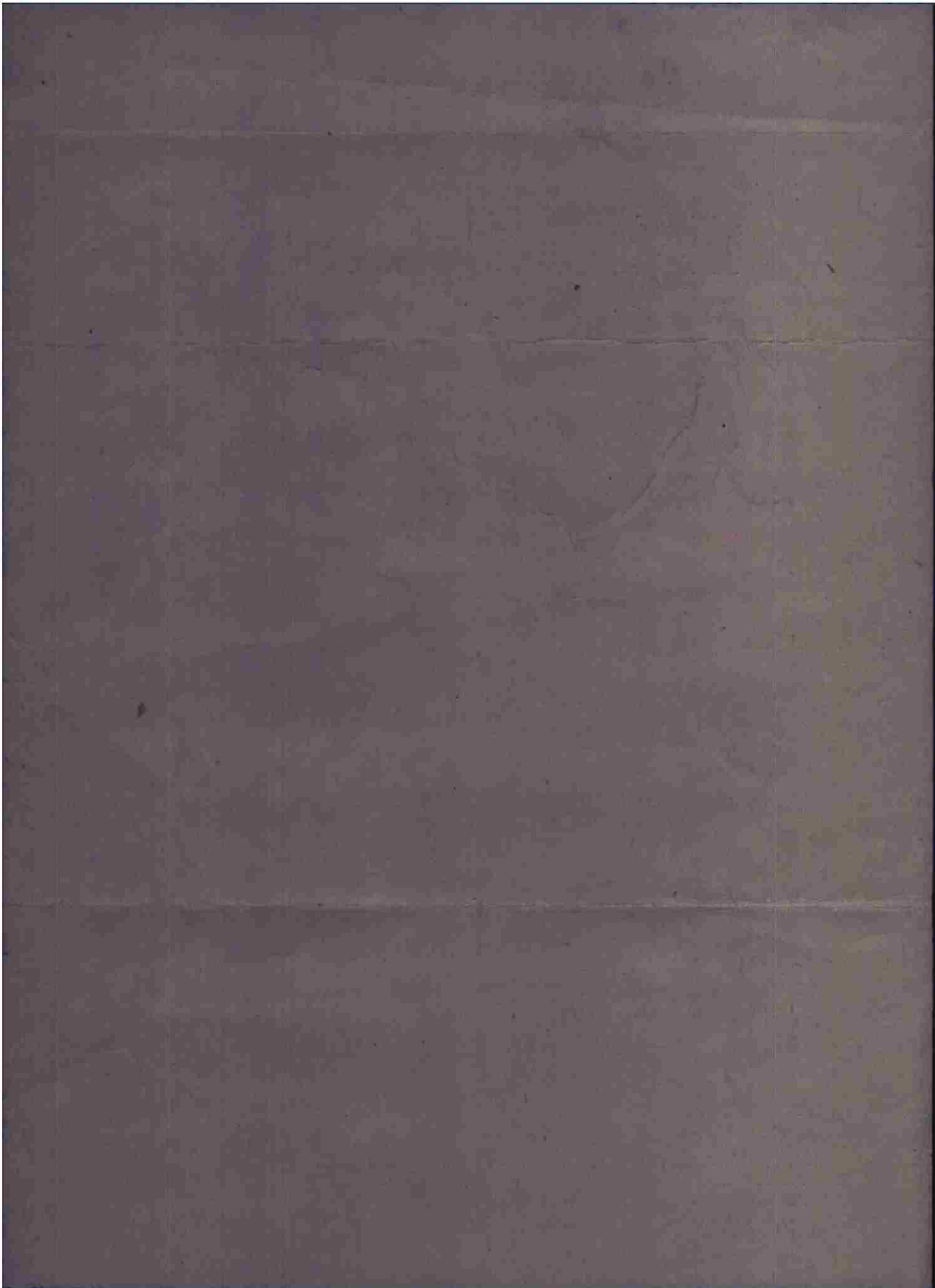
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 30/0455A
 TO COMBONDIV NINE
 COBONGP 409
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 1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 30 MARCH 1945

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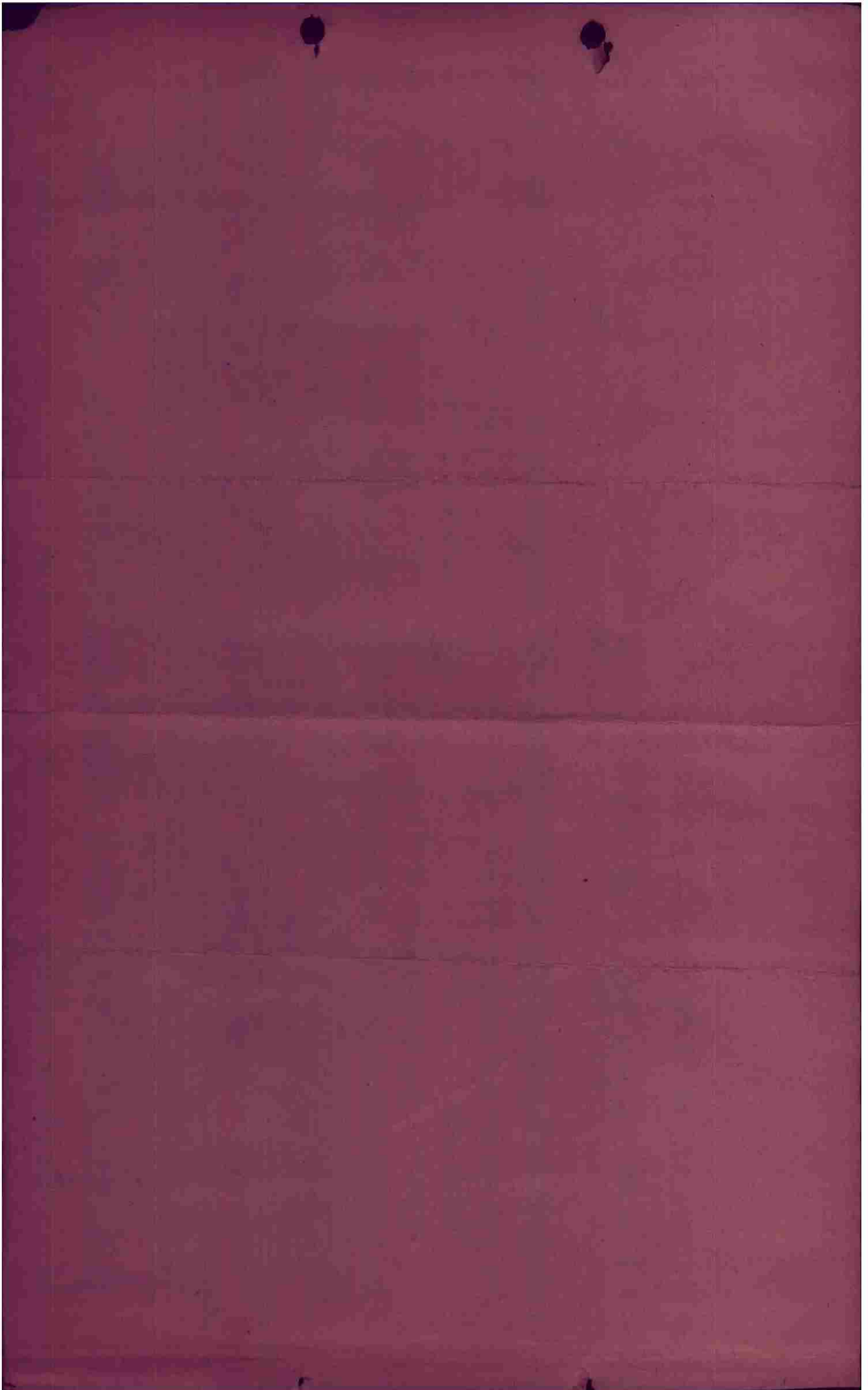
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PLAN "C" - VISUAL

3. A. 410TH BOMB GROUP:
- (1) BAD OEYNHAUSEN PROBABLE ASSEMBLY DEPOT (U-736025)
 - (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT F-1115 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 20 MINUTES.
 - (4) BASE TO F.R. TO F-2416 TO G-2055 TO B-5338 TO B-3990 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE, DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET, LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
 - (7) U-4901
 - (8) GEN W TO E
 - (9) ILL. 29 TAC T-177. COVER ANNOTATED AREA "A"
 - (10) 6 X 500 G.P. - FUSED : 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
 - (11) U-4901
 - (12) IN THE EVENT CLOUDS OBSCURE PRIMARY TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB IN FOLLOWING PRIORITY .
 - (A) ALTERNATE VISUALLY
 - (B) PRIMARY ON "GEE"
 - (C) ALTERNATE ON "GEE"
 - (D) ALTERNATE ON E.T.A.
 - (13) CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/U CAMPS ARE NOT SELECTED.

PLAN "D" PATHFINDER

- A. 410TH BOMB GROUP
- (1) BAD OEYNHAUSEN PROBABLE ASSEMBLY DEPOT (U-736025)
 - (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C.
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT F-1115 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 45 MINUTES. WITH PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
 - (4) BASE TO FR TO G-2621 TO G-7998 TO B-8555 TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO U-4901 TO B-3990 TO B-5338 TO G-2995 TO F-2416 TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB: 1ST BOX: 13,500 FEET.
 2ND BOX: 13,000 FEET.
 MINIMUM ALTITUDE IN EVENT OF VISUAL BOMBING IS 8,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
 - (9) ILL. 29 TAC T-177. COVER AREA "A" TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
 PPF MPI: MAP 441A, SHF. 3710, GRID. COORD.: 73630235.
 - (10) 6 X 500 GP. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
 - (12) TOT: 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, GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND USE EITHER B-5102 OR U-4901 AS A VISUAL IP. IF CLOUDS OBSCURE TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB IN FOLLOWING PRIORITY:



(C) PRIMARY ON "GEE"
(D) ALTERNATE ON "GEE"
(E) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.
(14) CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5
MILES OF P/W CAMPS ARE NOT SELECTED.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

"C" AND "D" SAME AS "A" OR "B" FOR 416 BOMB GROUP.

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BT 30/0455A

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CES/SS

ITA R 30/0525A P

JP

AR

JJF R 30/0532A

WF

AR K

JKI R 30/0525A

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TO COMBOMDIV NINE
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQD.
409TH COBOMGP
410TH COBOMGP

416TH COBOMGP

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)
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ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 231-824 97CBW R-336-E

CANCEL PLAN "A" AND PLAN "C" FOR ALL GROUPS

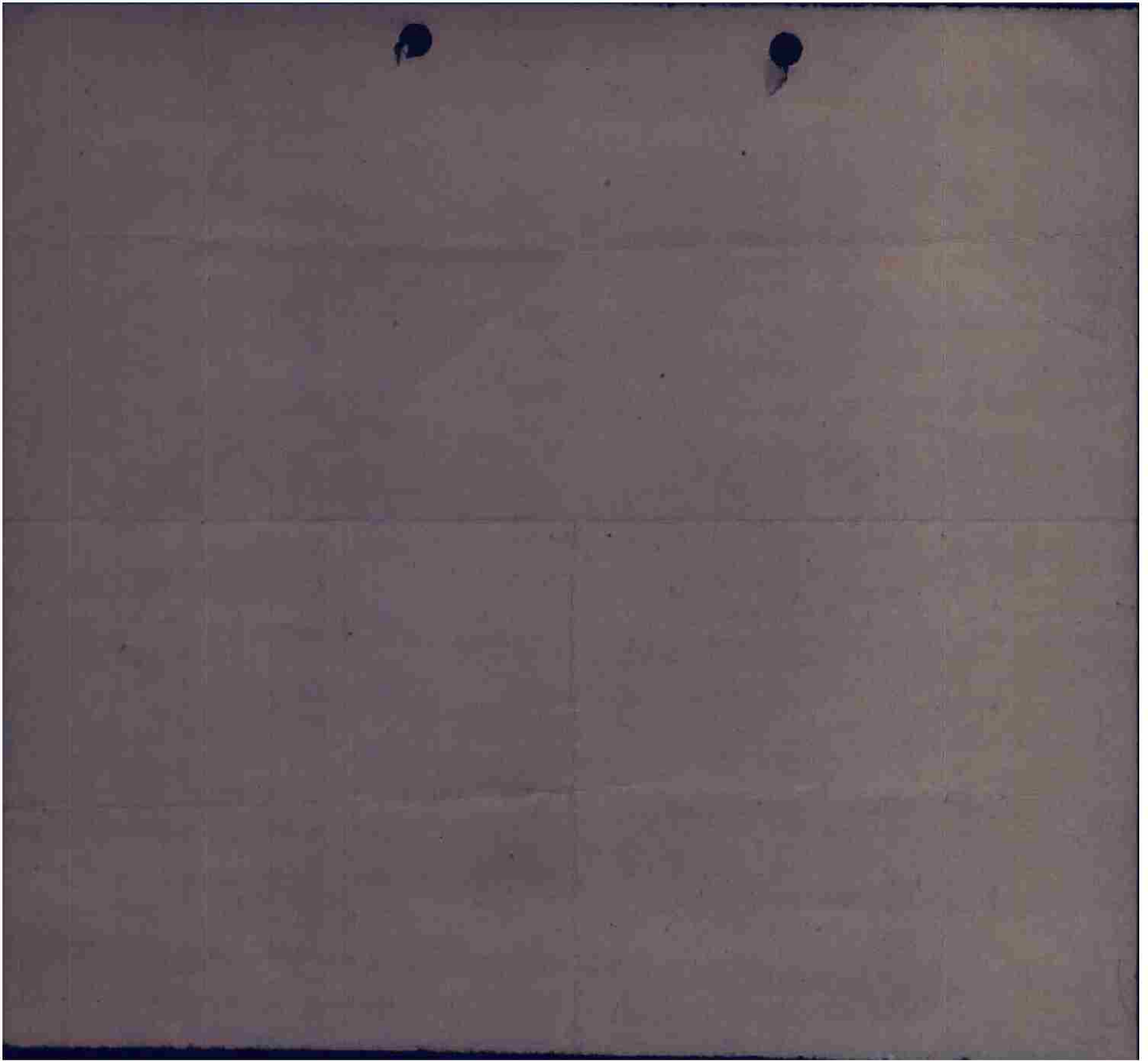
PLAN "B" IN EFFECT FOR 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS WITH ZERO HOUR:
30/1300A.

PLAN "D" IN EFFECT FOR 410TH GROUP WITH ZERO HOUR: 30/1300A. PLAN
"B" CANCELLED FOR 410TH GROUP ONLY.

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TO : COMBOMDIV IX
409TH BOMB GROUP
410TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP
1ST PROV,S PATHFINDER SQDN.

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
30 MARCH 1945.

ANNEX NO. 3. TO FIELD ORDER NO. 231-824 R-337-E

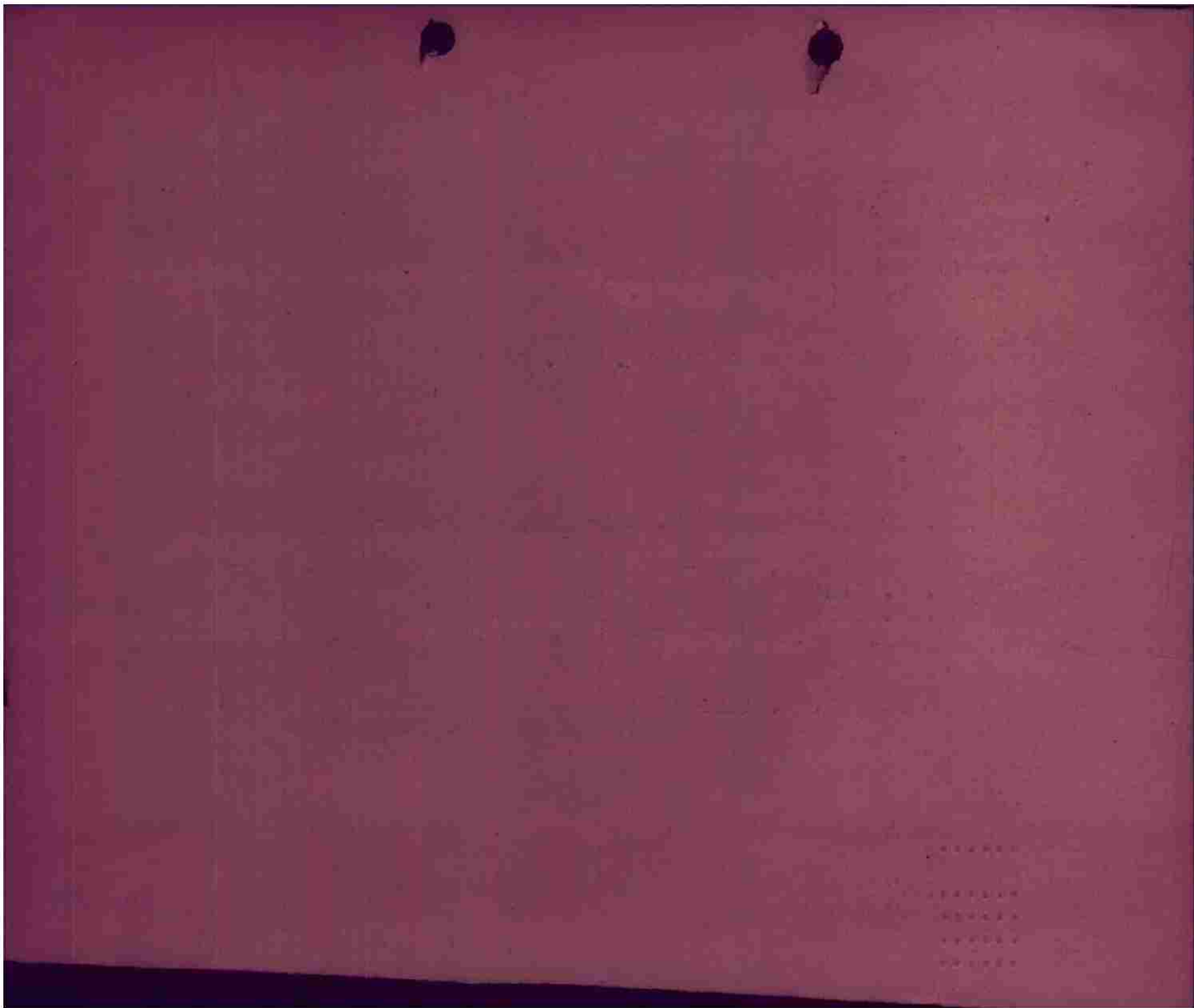
CHANGE FIELD ORDER NO. 231-824 TO READ FIELD ORDER NO. 231-825
ADD: PAR, 3. X. (13) FOR ALL GROUPS
3. X. (13) GROUPS WILL PROCEED TO TARGET WHETHER OR NOT
FIGHTERS ARE MET AT FIGHTER RNDV.

PLAN "B"
IN PAR, 3. X. (11) (FOR 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS ONLY)
OMIT SUB PAR. 3. X. (11)(C)

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 30/1240A
WCB AR
ITA R.....30/1300A DC AR

JJF R.....30/1300A PZ ARP
JES R.....30/1300A HO AR K
JKI R.....30/1300A JF A
JPO R.....30/1300A SK AR

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ITA JES JKI JJF V JEA JEA 29/29 OP - OP

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 29/2100A
TO IX BOMB DIV
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 416
1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV)

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

97TH CBW R-332-E

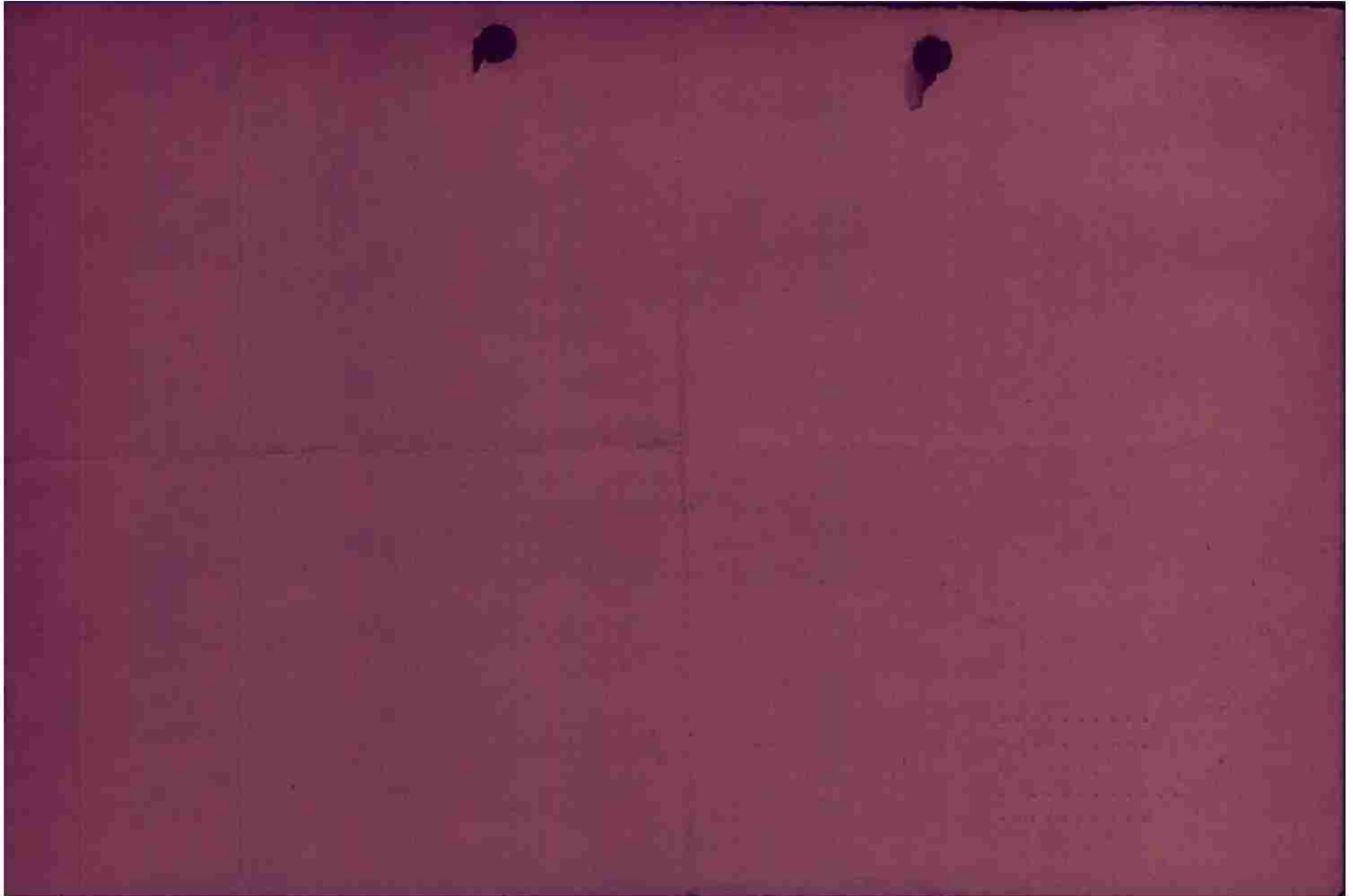
INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 2 FIELD ORDER NO. 231-825.

- 1. TARGET: HANN-MUNDEN M/T DEPOT AND BARRACKS AREA (C-327162) SEE INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 2 FIELD ORDER NO. 230-824.

COMBTWIG 97
BT 29/2100A

DJP AR
ITA R.....29/2130A RJS AR
JES R.....29/2135A PZ AR
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JKI.....29/2135A FAG AR
JES R.....29/2135A MC AR
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FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ 30/2110
TO CG IX BOMB DIV
CG 97 BOMB WING
CO 416 BOMB GROUP
SECRET BTO1ST PATHFINDER SQ R-705-E

PFF PILOT : VOORHIES
DATE : 30/3/45
TIME : P M

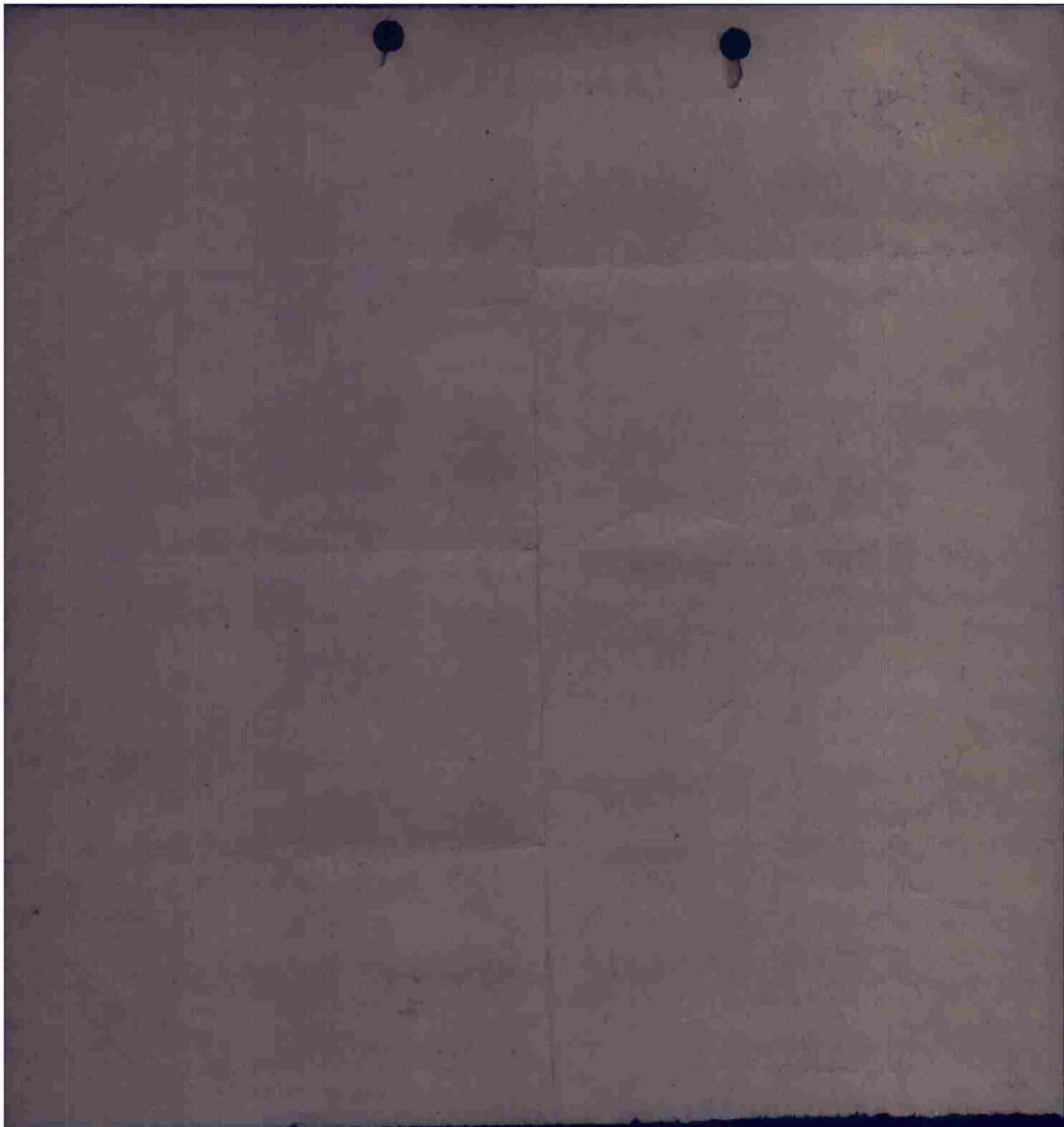
- A. FORMATION :
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION : GOOD
 - 2. REMARKS :
- B. WINDOW SHIPS :
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION : NONE
 - 2. REMARKS :
- C. NAVIGATION :
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION : GOOD
 - 2. REMARKS :
- D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS : GOOD
- E. BRIEFING : GOOD
- F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS : NONE

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ

BT 30/2110
SSR
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JKI R.....31/0611A

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TO CG IX BOMB DIV
CG 97 BOMB WING
CO 416 BOMB GROUP
SECRET BT

1ST PATHFINDER SQ R-704-E

PFF PILOT : MILLER R. W.
DATE : 30/3/45
TIME : P M

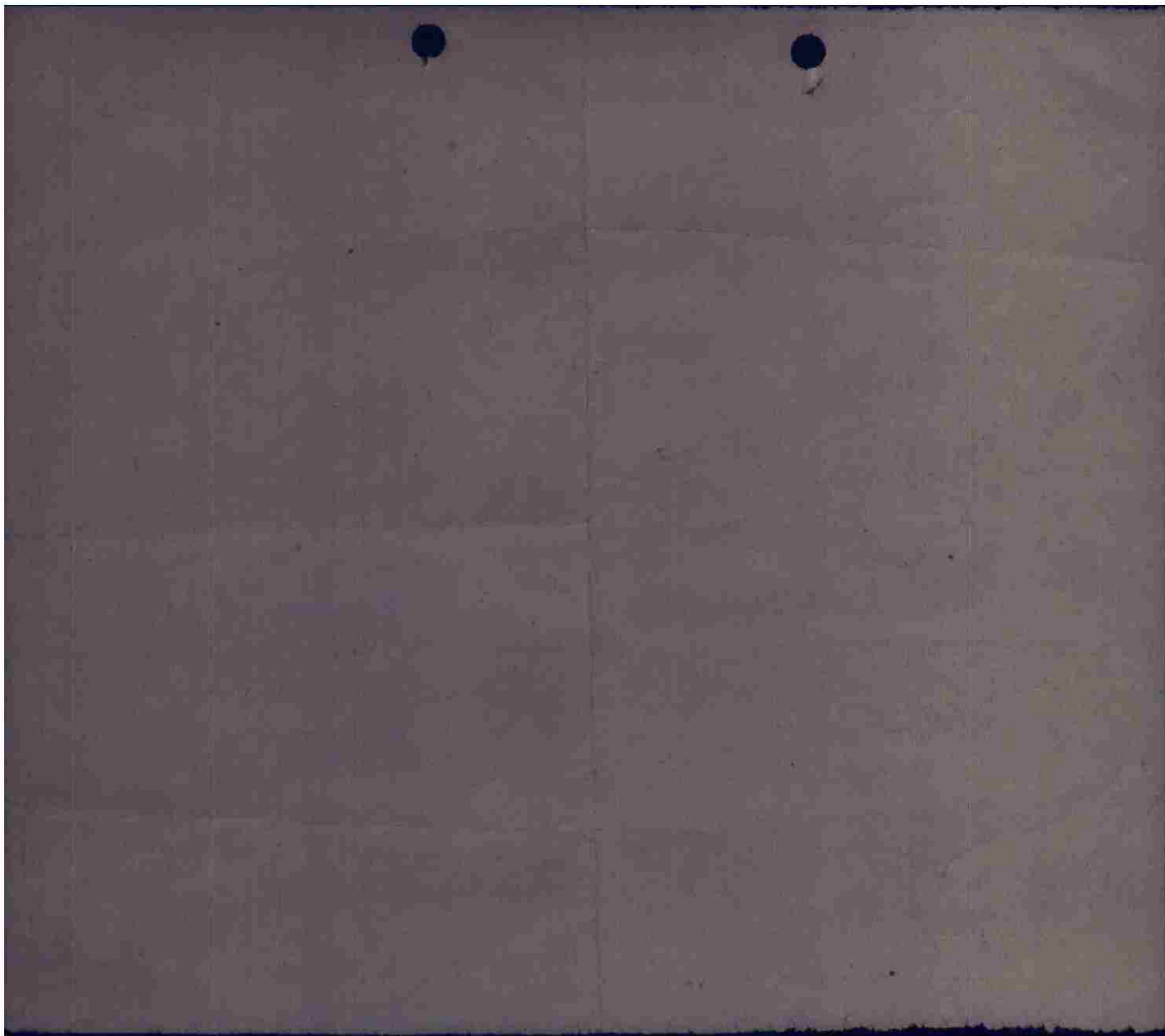
- A. FORMATION :
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION : VERY GOOD
 - 2. REMARKS :
- B. WINDOW SHIPS :
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION : NONE
 - 2. REMARKS :
- C. NAVIGATION :
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION : GOOD
 - 2. REMARKS :
- D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS : GOOD
- E. BRIEFING : VERY GOOD
- F. MISC. NONE

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ

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JKI R.....31/0607A
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JEA ITA V JKI 10/30 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) S-2 P.I. 301800A
TO 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIV. ATTN: A-2 P.I.
97TH COMBAT WING (L) ATT: A-2 DUTY OFFICER.

BT
SECRET 416BG R-705-D

B. HANN MUNDEN DEPOT AND BARRACKS AREA.
J. NO STRIKE PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

BT 301800A
DM BBBB
JEA R.....30/8107A SS KKKK
ITA R.....XX...30/1800A ELC B OP K

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ITA JEA V JKI 12/30 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 3015XXXX 301750A
 TO 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION . ATTN: A-2
 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

BT

SECRET 416BG R-707-D OPSFLASH FOR 30 MARCH 1945.

- A. 416TH BOMB GP.
- B. HANN MUNDEN DEPOT AND BARRACKS AREA(C-327162)
- C. 38 A-26'S
- D. 38 A-26'S ATTACKING PRIMARY ON PPF BY BOXES.
- E. NONE
- F. 152 X 1000 G.P. ON PRIMARY.
- G. RESULTS UNOBSERVED, LARGE CLOUD OBSCURED TARGET. ONE RUN.
- H. 3 A/C DAMAGED - CAT. "A" FLAK.
- I. NONE
- J. TARGET - NONE.
 W.A.H.F.F. AT BEVERUNGEN (C 150400). ONE 4 GUN POSITION,
 MAY BE 105 MM, DUE TO VERY LARGE BLACK BURST.
- K. NONE.
- L. 13,400 FT - BOX I
 13,000 FT. - BOX II
- M. IXXXX 1430 HOURS BOX I M
 1430 1/2 HOURS BOX II.

THOMAS W. SAMPSON 1ST LT., AC.

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BT 301750A

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CC: PARA N. SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

M. 1430 HOURS BOX I. REPT 1430 HOURS BOX I.

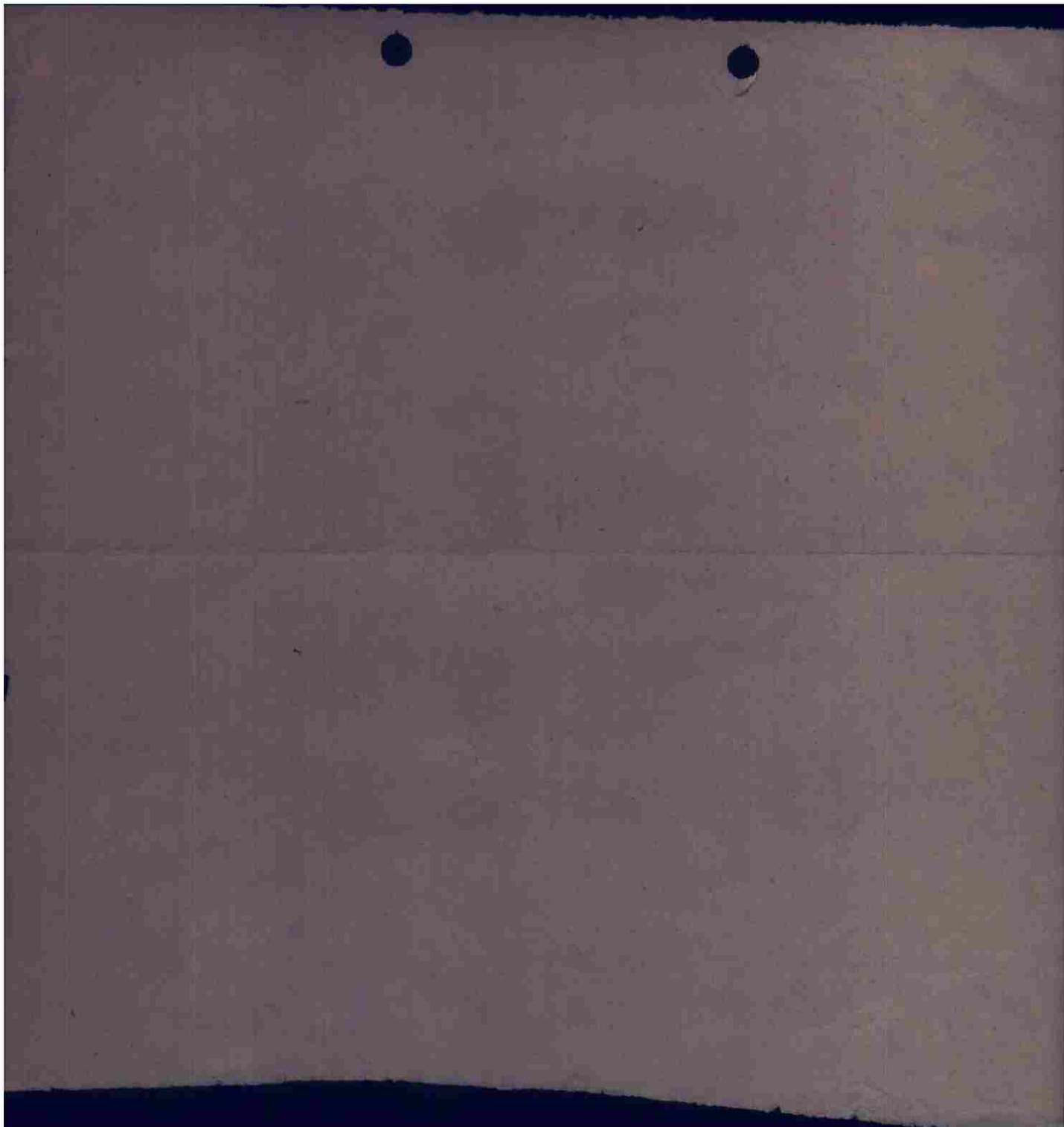
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FROM: CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 31/1125A
TO : CG, IX BOMB DIVISION ATT: A-2
CG, 99TH COMBAT WING, 98TH COMBAT WING, 97TH COMBAT WING.
CO, 391ST, 386TH, 344TH, 322ND, 410, 397TH, 387TH 394TH,
323RD, 416TH, 409TH, BOMB GROUPS.

SECRET BT

1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV R-719-D

THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS TO THE OPS FLASH FOR 30 MARCH 1945
FROM THIS ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN MADE: THESE CORRECTIONS WERE DUE
TO THE LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN GROUPS ASSIGNMENTS:

FIRST PATHFINDER WITH THE 391ST BOMB GROUP TO READ WITH 344TH BOMB GROUP

FIRST PATHFINDER WITH THE 386TH BOMB GROUP TO READ WITH 391ST BOMB GROUP

FIRST PATHFINDER WITH THE 410TH BOMB GROUP TO READ WITH 386TH BOMB GROUP

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 31/1125A

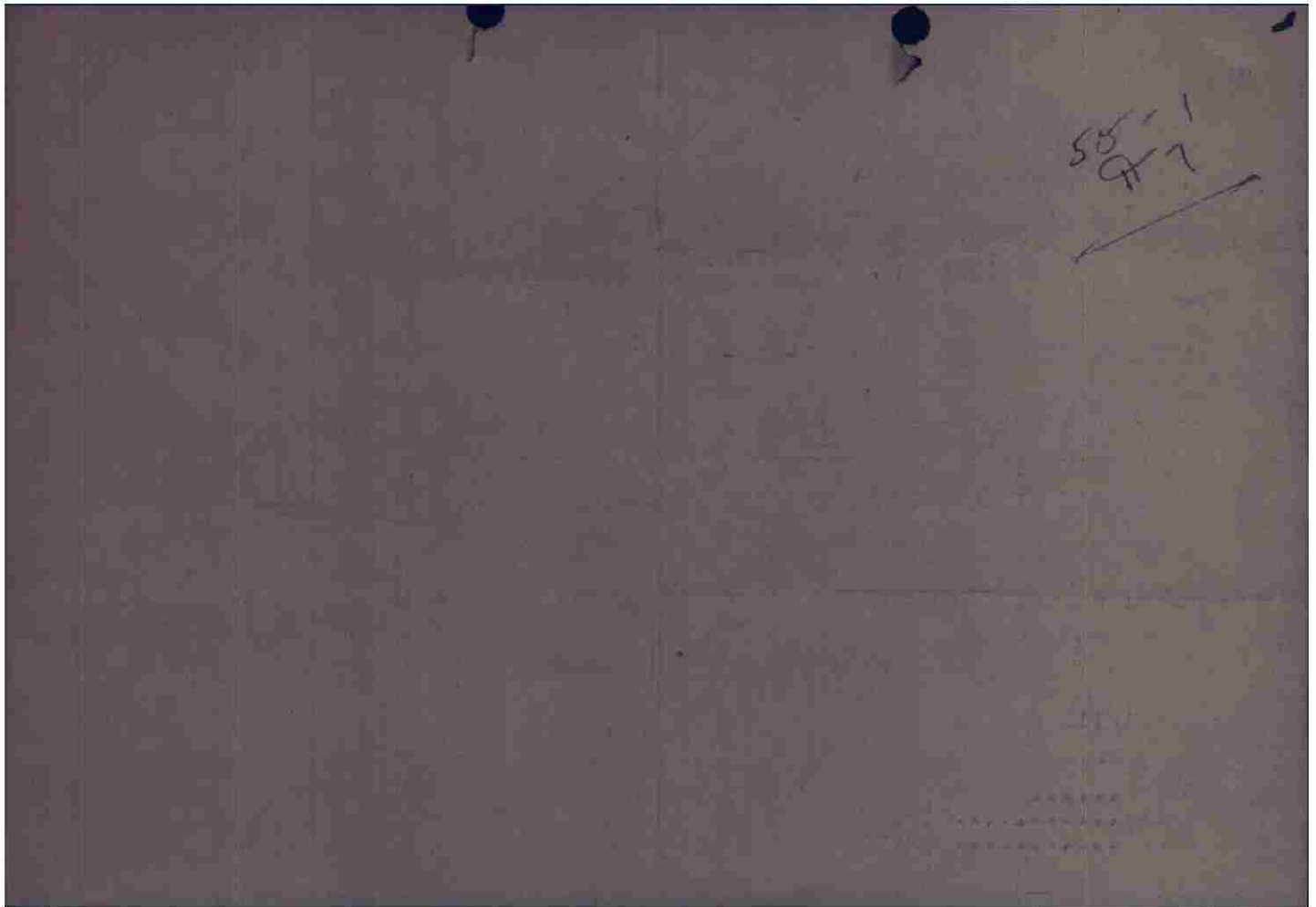
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ITA JEA V JKI 13/30 P P

FROM COBOMGR 416 301800A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER.
COMCBTWIG 97 (INFO)

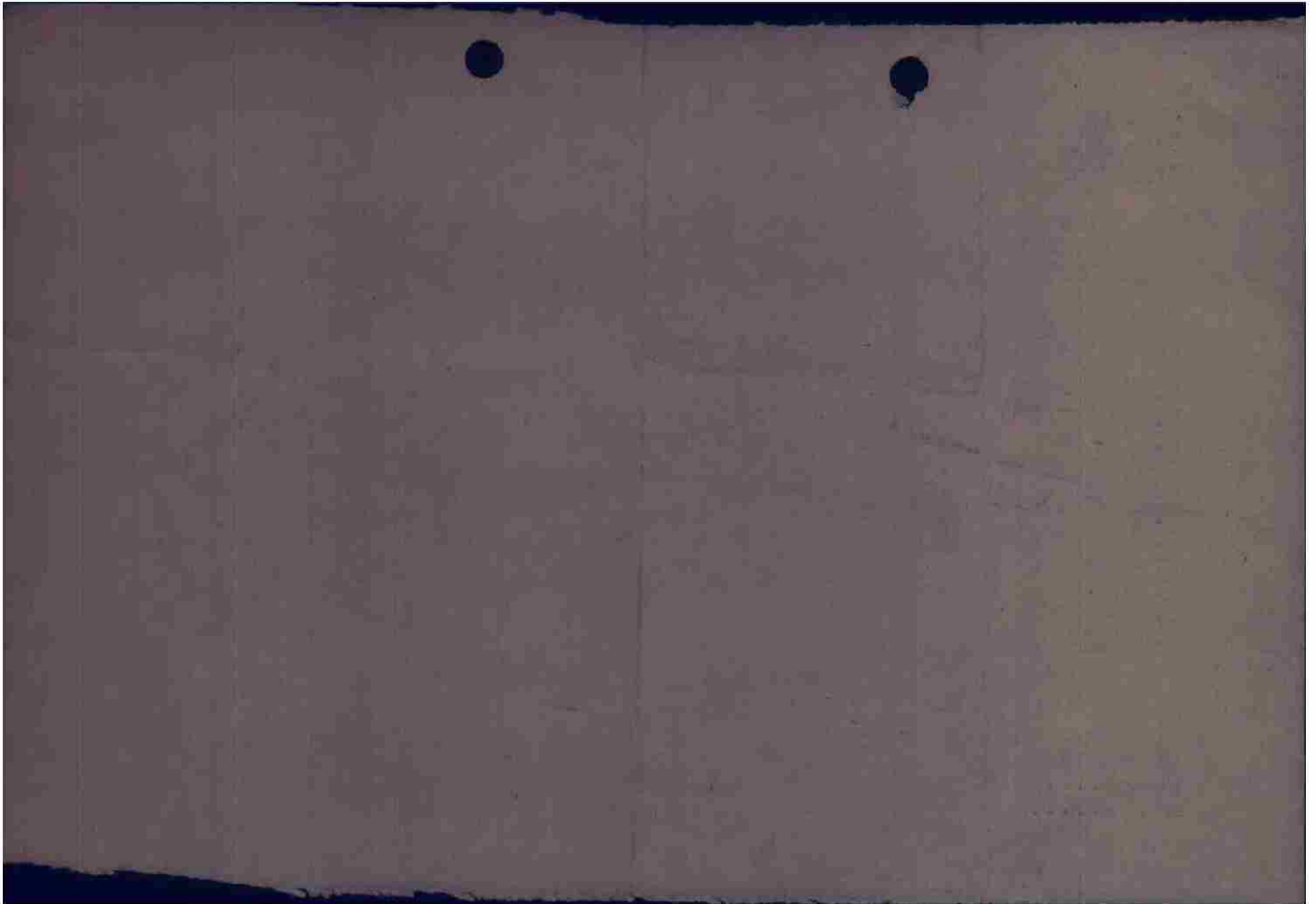
BT
CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-709-J

- A. YS - 84
- B. 30 MARCH 1945 (1233-1559)
- C. T-TARE AND A-ABLE REPORTED "OPS" COMPLETED TO PARADE.
- D. PPF MISSION.
- E. NONE
- F. NONE
- G. NONE
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE

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BT 301800A
DM BBBB
JEA R.....30/1827A SH KKK
ITA R.....30/1827A EG K

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 JES JKI JPO VIA JEA V ITA JJF 6/30 OP OP

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 30/1830A
 TO : CG IX BOMB DIVISION, ATT : A-2
 CG, 99TH COMBAT WING
 CG, 98TH COMBAT WING
 CG, 97TH COMBAT WING
 CO, 391ST, 386TH, 344TH, 322ND, 410TH, 397TH, 387TH, 394TH
 323RD, 416TH, 409TH BOMB GROUP'S

SECRET QOX BT

1ST PFF SQ PROV R-693-D

- 1449
 1449
 S-2
 S-3
- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 416TH BOMB GROB
 - B. HANN MUNDEN ORDNANCE DEPOT RC 327163
 - C. TWO B-26
 - D. ONE B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT AND GEE. EQUIPMENT FAILURE
 ONE B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT AND ETA AND FIRST BOX. EQUIPMENT FAILURE
 - E. NONE
 - F. 4 X 500 G.P. AND 4 X 260 FRAGS ON PRIMARY
 - G. UNOBSERVED 8/10 THE
 - H. ONE B-26 FIRST BOX "CAT" A DAMAGED (3 HOLE)
 - I. NONE
 - J. WAHFF HOXTER RC 140545
 WAHFF TREMDLEBURG RC 160321
 - K. NONE
 - L. 13500 AND 13000 PRIMARY
 - M. 1429 1/2 AND 1431 PRIMARY

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT.

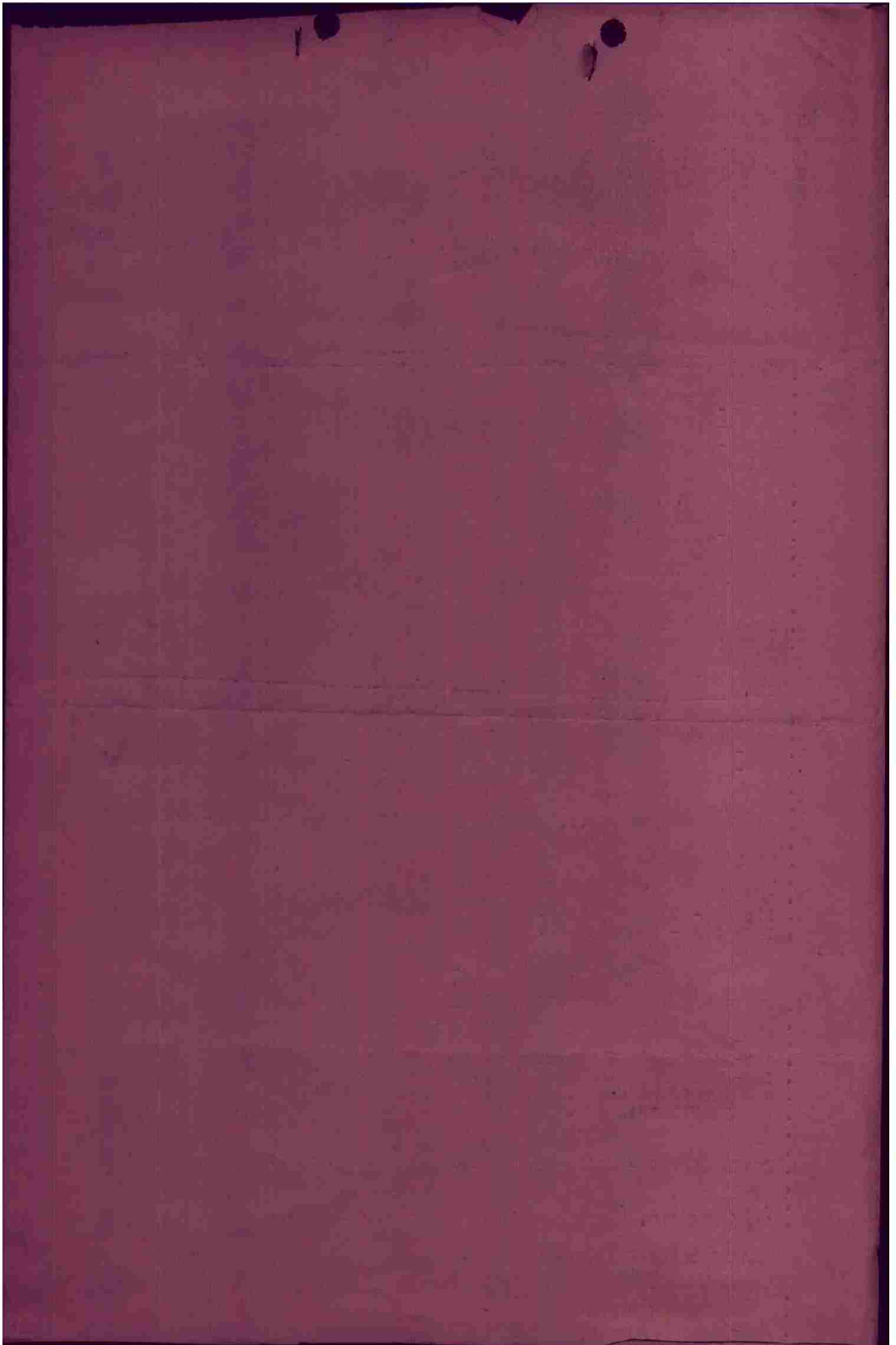
- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 391ST BOMB GROUP.
- B. EBENHAUSEN (OIL STORAGE) WN-705739
- C. 2 B-26
- D. 2 B-26 A CASUAL ON GEE. BAD WEATHER. TARGET WAS OLPE WG-078600
- E. NONE
- F. 8 X 500 ON CASUAL
- G. 1ST PFF UNOBSERVED... 2ND PFF BOMBS LIT IN WOODS AT WG-151570.
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 11,700 - 12,500 CASUAL.
- M. 1537 1/2 - 1540 CASUAL.

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION GOOD.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 323RD BOMB GROUP.
- B. HANN MUNDEN (ORDNANCE DEPOT) RC-327163
- C. 2 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT.
- E. 1 B-26 J OFF AFTER D AT 1422.
- F. 4 X 500 GP RETURNED. 4 X 260 FRAGS ON PRIMARY.
- G. UNOBSERVED 8/10 THS.
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. GOTTINGEN RC -540290 WIHFF
- K. NONE
- L. 13,500 PRIMARY.
- M. 1423 PRIMARY.

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION GOOD.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 397TH BOMB GROUP.
- B. EBENHAUSEN (OIL STORAGE) WN-708740
- C. 2 B-26
- D. NONE



- E. 1 B-26 1ST BOX OFF 1 B-26 WEATHER AND ENGINE TROUBLE.
- F. 2 X 500 GP RETURNED.
- G. NO ATTACK.
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. NO ATTACK.
- M. NO ATTACK.

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 387TH BOMB GROUP.
- B. EBENHAUSEN (OIL STORAGE) WN-708740
- C. 2 B-26
- D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT.
- E. NONE
- F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY.
- G. UNOBSERVED. 10/10THS.
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 14,000 - 12,400 PRIMARY.
- M. 1538 - 1538 1/2 PRIMARY.

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 394TH BOMB GROUP
- B. EBENHAUSEN (OIL STORAGE) WN-708740
- C. 2 B-26
- D. ~~IXZWNXYXNX~~ 1 B-26 WEATHER. TURNED BACK AT OBERTHULBA WN-591802 AT 1556.
- F. 4 X 500 GP RETURNED. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY.
- H. UNOBSERVED. 10/10THS.
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. WIFF SCHWEINFURT WN-785640 WIFF KARLSTADT WN-455545
- K. NONE
- L. 13,500 PRIMARY.
- M. 1558 PRIMARY

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH 409TH BOMB GROUP
- B. HANN MUNDEN (ORDNANCE DEPOT) RC-327163
- C. 2 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 CASUAL NORDEN AND GEE. EQUIPMENT FAILURE.
- E. 1 B-26 EQUIPMENT FAILURE. COULD NOT CONTACT GROUP, RADIO OUT.
- F. 4 X 500 GP CASUAL. 4 X 500 GP RETURNED.
- G. UNOBSERVED. 10/10THS.
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 12,000 CASUAL.
- M. 1432 CASUAL.

REMARKS : GROUP DID NOT LET PFF SHIP TAKE LEAD (2ND BOX)
1ST FORMATION GOOD.

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 30/1830A

EG BB
 RELAYED FK
 JES R.....30/2022//// 30/2028A HO K
 JKI R.....30/2022A DM K
 JPO R.....20/26A DB K

