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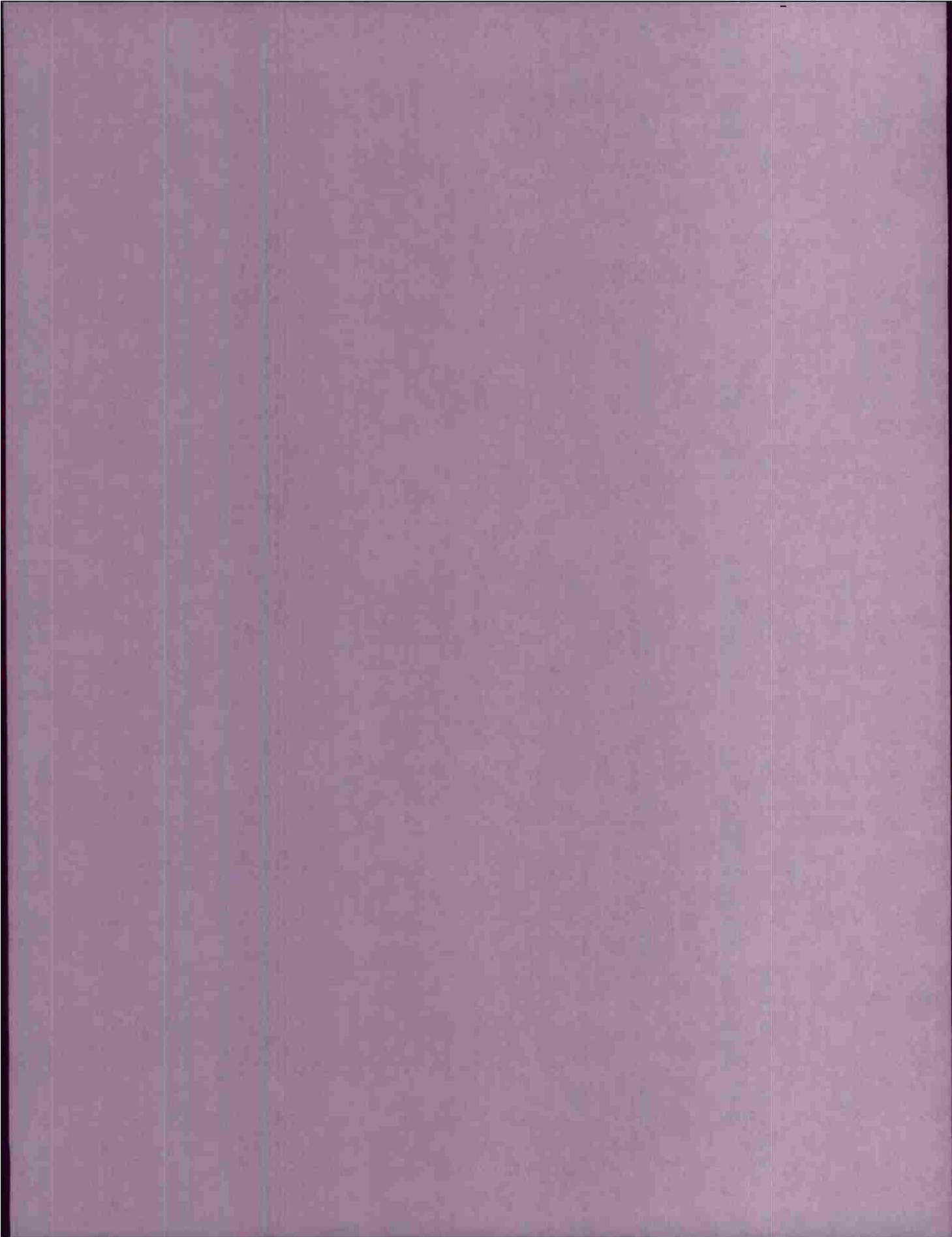
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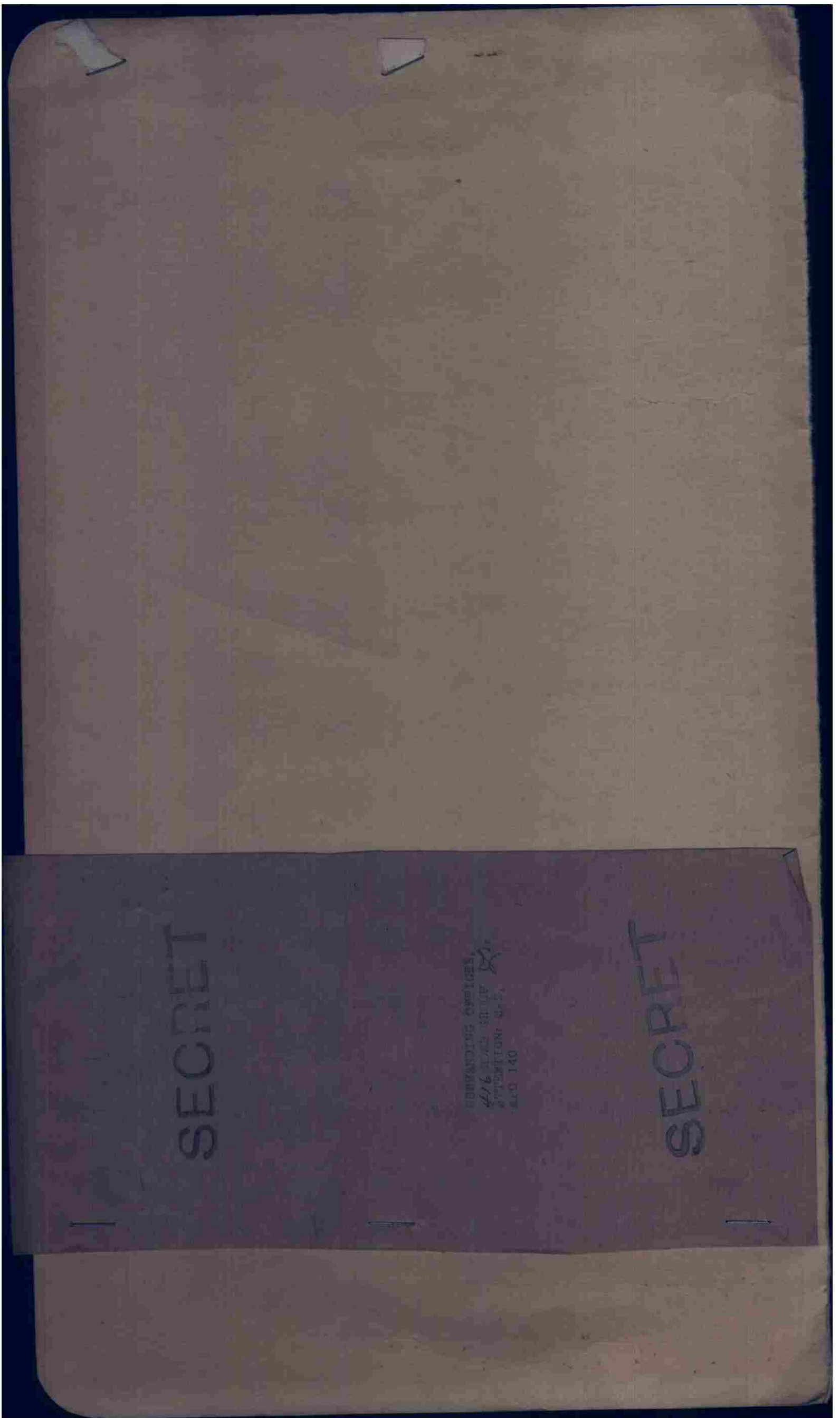
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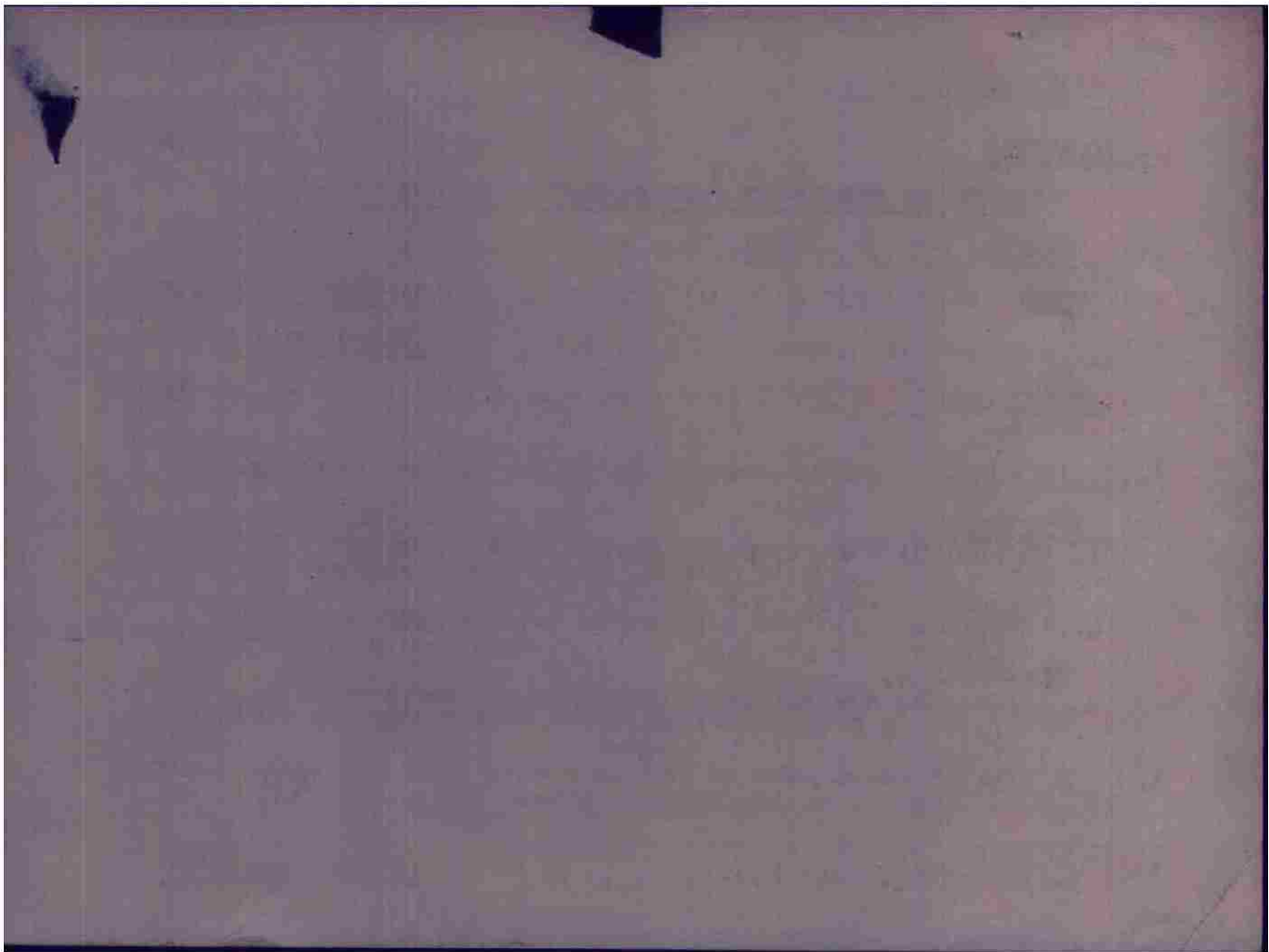
- (a) LOCALITY: BERG GLADBACH (GSGS 4416/R1).
- (b) SORTIE: US 31/4136 - 1108-11, 2008-11 SORTIE SCALE: 9,000
- (c) TOT: 14 Feb 45, 1600A F.L. 24" ANNOTATED PRINT: None
- (d) PERIOD UNDER REVIEW: This report covers all damage to the target to date.
- (e) COVER: The target is covered on prints of good quality.
- (f) STATEMENT:
1. (F/573658) A factory has been slightly damaged. Three large buildings show roof damage, one moderate and two slight. The factory is still operational.
 2. (F/567652) The double track RR between BERG GLADBACH and ROSRATH has been cut by 3 direct hits and thru traffic is impossible.
 3. (F/566649) A secondary hard surfaced road has been cut in 4 places by 6 direct hits. Road traffic is bypassing this section.
- (g) ACTIVITY: A short rake of wagons headed by a loco in steam is seen pulling out of the factory site.

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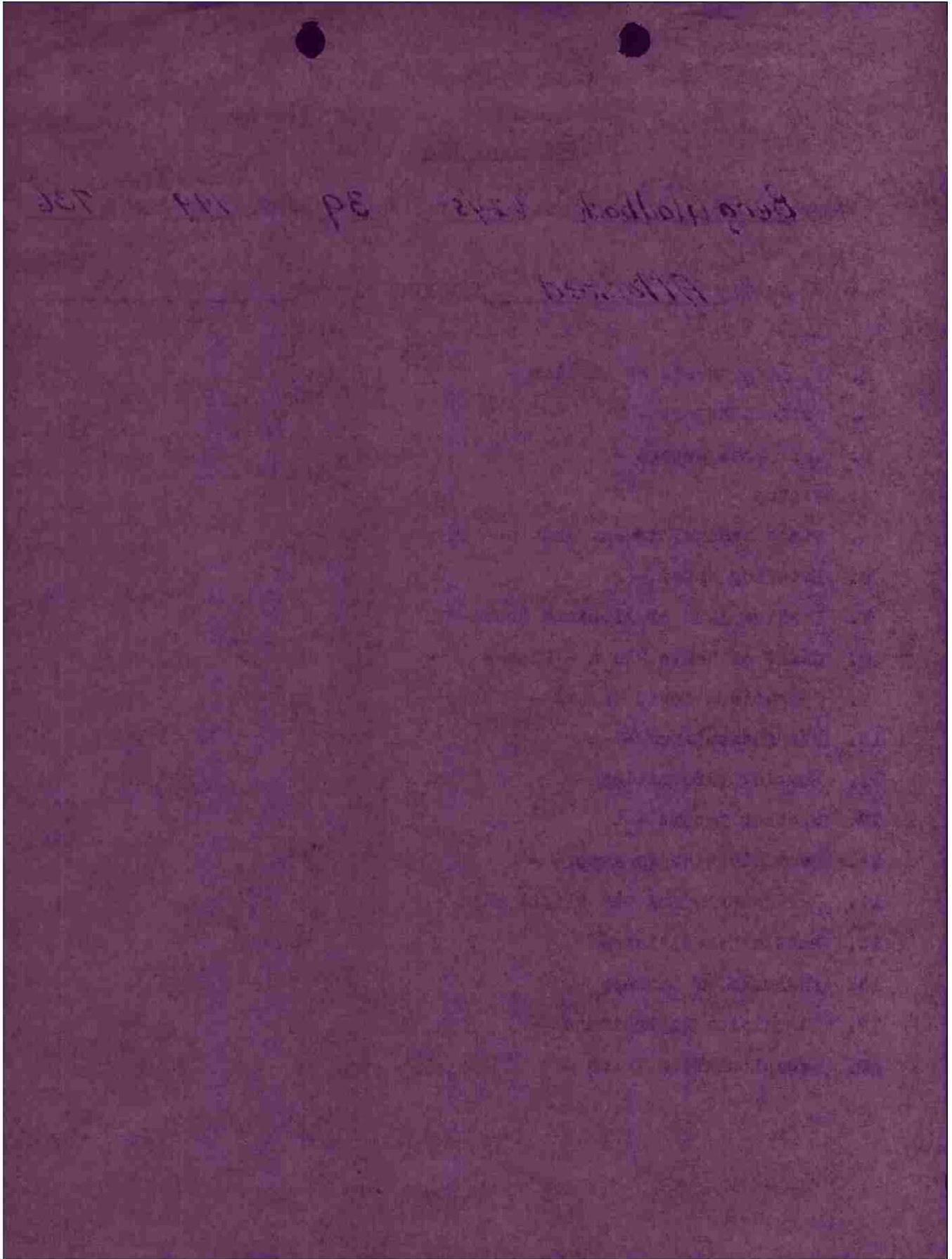
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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)14 February 1945
APO # 140MISSION SUMMARY NO. 34

13 February 1945

Section I

Field Order 736

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
397 BG	Schwelm (A-703001) M/T Park	Undet. (PFF)
394 BG	Schwelm (A-703001) M/T Park	Undet. (PFF)
387 BG	Sinzig (F-658172) Railroad Bridge	Box I - Excel. (PFF) Box II - Excel. (PFF)
323 BG	Sinzig (F-658172) Railroad Bridge	Box I - Flight A - Undet. Flight B - P.N.B. Flight C - Undet. Box II - Undet
322 BG	Iserlohn, Area B (A-999087) M/T Depot	Undet. (PFF)
416 BG	Iserlohn, Area D (A-992085) M/T Depot	P.N.B. (Gee)
409 BG	Iserlohn, Area D (A-992085) M/T Depot	P.N.B.
410 BG	Iserlohn, Area F (A-991098) M/T Depot	P.N.B. (Gee)
386 BG	Neuwied-Irlich (F-794047) Railroad Bridge	Undet. (PFF)
344 BG	Euskirchen (F 343295) Railroad Bridge	Box I - Unsat. Box II - Unsat.
391 BG	Euskirchen (F-343295) Railroad Bridge	Box I - Unsat. (PFF) Box II - Good (PFF)
416 BG	Iserlohn, Area D (A-992085) M/T Depot	No attack
409 BG	Iserlohn, Area D (A-992085) M/T Depot	No attack

Two groups were recalled while in process of taking off because Pathfinder aircraft failed to make rendezvous.

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Bombing by boxes on HFF lead from 11,300 - 12,200 feet.

HFF called "Sweepstakes" on entering tactical area, but did not receive desired information.

No losses, casualties, 1 a/c battle damaged.

35 a/c dispatched (including 2 HFF), 29 dropping 54 x 2000 GP, 8 x 500 GP on primary; 3 dropping 6 x 2000 GP on other. 3 window a/c.

Box II - EXCELLENT: Of bursts seen, all appear inside 1000 foot radius. One direct hit appears on north end of bridge.

Box I - EXCELLENT. Large majority of bursts inside 1000 foot radius, blanketing southern end and southern approach, scoring hits to approach and near masses to bridge.

Bombing by boxes on HFF lead from 12,000 - 12,500 feet.

HFF contacted "Sweepstakes" on entering tactical area and obtained desired information.

No losses, casualties, 1 a/c battle damaged.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical.

37 a/c dispatched (including 2 HFF), 33 dropping 56 x 2000 GP, 24 x 500 Comp HB, 7 x 500 GP on primary. 8 window a/c.

Slutz (RR Bridge)

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Bombing by boxes on HFF lead from 12,150 - 12,900 feet.

HFF called "Ripart" on entering tactical area but failed to make contact.

No losses, casualties, battle damage.

3 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical.

38 a/c dispatched (including 1 HFF), 32 dropping 496 x 250 frags, 4 x 500 GP on primary. 3 window a/c.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Bombing by boxes on HFF lead from 12,200 - 13,500 feet.

HFF contacted "Ripart" on entering tactical area and obtained desired information.

No losses, casualties, 3 a/c battle damaged.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical.

34 a/c dispatched (including 1 HFF), 29 dropping 478 x 250 frags, 4 x 500 GP on primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 2 a/c which landed at Verdun. 2 window a/c.

Schwalm (M/T Park)

Eleven groups attacked one motor transport park, three railroad bridges, one motor transport depot and one town, recording EXCELLENT to UNDETERMINED results.

GROUP NARRATIVE

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Box I * Flight A. UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Flight B. P.N.B. Bombardier bombed casual target, road junction near town of Wehr at F632037. Bombs from 3 a/c hit near roadway. Cloud and haze photograph make further interpretation impossible. (These a/c unable to catch formation.)

Flight C. UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Box II - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Iserlohn (M/T Park)

322 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 33 dropping 257 x 500 GP on primary; 1 (lead window a/c) dropping 28 x 100 GP at Q-420920 when it was unable to obtain "GEE" fix at primary.

3 a/c failed to bomb: 1 - mechanical; 2 -(window a/c) - were not prepared to drop when lead window a/c bombed OTHER.

1 a/c salvaged 2 x 500 GP after turn off target at A-562145, 7 miles north of Iserlohn (enemy territory) when bombs failed to release at primary.

No losses, casualties, battle damage.

PFF contacted "Ripsaw" on entering tactical area and obtained desired information.

Bombing by boxes on PFF lead from 12,800 - 13,000 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

416 BG: 19 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 18 dropping 106 x 500 GP on OTHER.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical.

No losses, casualties, battle damage.

PFF contacted "Ripsaw" on entering tactical area and obtained desired information.

Bombing by box on PFF lead ("GEE") from 13,500 feet.

Group instructed by PARADE to bomb Wittlich (L-360270) when fighters and group formation failed to make contact at rendezvous point.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

409 BG: 19 a/c dispatched (including 12 A-26, 7 A-20), 12 (9 A-26, 3 A-20) dropping 64 x 500 GP on OTHER. 3 window a/c.

4 a/c failed to bomb: 2 (1 A-26, 1 A-20) - mechanical; 2 (A-26) - other - misunderstood flight leaders signals when he failed to bomb and returned to base with leader.

No losses, casualties, battle damage.

PFF (with 416 BG) contacted "Ripsaw" on entering tactical area and obtained desired information.

Bombing by box (without instruments or without sighting operation through solid clouds) from 12,500 feet.

This box dispatched to bomb as Box II in same formation with 416 BG, bombed approximately 6 miles N of Sobernheim at L-930435. Box leader, his radio transmitter and interphone out, elected to turn lead over to

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Box I - UNSUCCESSFUL: No bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Loose pattern 3010' N of DMPI. Strikes across rail line, with probable damage to tracks, and in open fields. Plane on left blew up

Bombing by boxes on group lead from 11,500 - 12,400 feet. (HFF dropped alone on equipment.)

HFF contacted "Sweepstakes" on entering tactical area. Was told to call "Roselee", tried to contact "Well Fed" but could not establish contact.

18 other a/c battle damaged, no further losses or casualties.

2 a/c lost - both hit by flak at target and seen to explode. No ejection seen. 12 crewmen missing.

1 a/c failed to bomb; mechanical.

37 a/c dispatched (including 1 HFF), 31 dropping 120 x 1000 GP, 4 x 500 GP on primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 2 a/c destroyed on bomb run. 3 window a/c.

344 BG:

Lusitron (RR Bridge)

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Bombing by boxes on HFF lead from 11,500 - 12,500 feet.

HFF contacted "Ripsaw" on entering tactical area and obtained desired information.

No losses, casualties, 2 a/c battle damaged.

A/c mentioned above crash-landed 5 miles E of Solsons (S-800960). Reason undetermined at time of this report.

2 a/c failed to bomb; mechanical.

37 a/c dispatched (including 2 HFF), 31 dropping 58 x 2000 GP, 8 x 500 GP on primary; 3 window a/c dropping 6 x 2000 GP on Dawn (I-365775). Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which crash-landed.

386 BG:

Neutral/Trich (RR Bridge)

Witch (I-360270) bombed because of HFF equipment failure at primary. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud.

Bombing by boxes on HFF lead ("GREEN") from 13,000 - 13,500 feet.

HFF a/c contacted "Ripsaw" on entering tactical area and obtained desired information.

No losses, or further casualties. 10 a/c battle damaged.

The a/c mentioned above as missing was last seen to leave formation near Luxembourg (F-842230) while enroute to target. A/c under control. 3 crewmen missing.

40 a/c dispatched (including 1 HFF), 36 dropping 206 x 500 GP on OTHER, 2 x 500 GP jettisoned "safe" - 1 at VF-472211, 1 mile SE of Ethalle; 1 at VF-096179, 8 miles SE of Sedan. (friendly territory). The latter bomb, though dropped "safe", was observed to explode. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which is missing. 3 window a/c.

410 BG:

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

the deputy. Failing to get signal, deputy and other a/c pulled off as leader relinquished lead. Debris of dropping bombs on enemy territory and with formation too scattered to resume proper run on briefed target, group leader dropped through solid cloud at above coordinates, the balance of formation dropping on him.

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SECTION II

A/C CFF		393
A/C Bombing	323	
A/C Failing to Bomb	16	
A/C Recalled (Weather)	0	
A/C Recalled (PFF failed to rendezvous)	25	
Other		
Window	23	
Bombs of 6 A/C Unaccounted for	29	
TOTAL		393

Bombs on Enemy Territory	598,870
Total Bombs to Date	107,127,905

A/C Lost (2-344 BG; 1-391 BG)	3	
A/C Missing (410 BG)	1	
A/C Crash-Landed (386 BG)	1	
A/C Battle Damaged	36	10.34%
Killed	0	
Wounded	0	
Missing	21	
Injured	0	
Claims	0	

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* When above groups were recalled from this early mission they were given a delayed TOR and executed the mission eventually covered in this summary.

No losses, casualties, damage.

All a/c recalled while forming because FFF a/c failed to arrive.

* 709 BG: 20 a/c dispatched (including 14 A-26, 6 A-20). None bombed.

No losses, casualties, damage.

to arrive.

All a/c recalled while in process of taking off because FFF a/c failed

* 716 BG: 5 A-26 dispatched, none bombed.

Israhim (M/I Depot)

Box II - GOOD. About 70% of bombs fell within 1000 feet of DMPI. Dispersed concentration fell about 1000 feet S of DMPI.

Zulphar at F-235330 in open fields.

Box I - UNSUCCESSFUL. Bombs fell in a split concentration about 15,000 feet NW of DMPI in open fields. Lead a/c had a bomb rack malfunction and bombs were accidentally released early. One other a/c bogged on this release and bombs fell NE of

Bombing by boxes on FFF lead from 11,700 - 12,500 feet.

Group leader contacted "Sweepstakes" upon entering tactical area and desired information obtained.

10 other a/c battle damaged, no further losses or casualties.

1 a/c lost; a/c was hit by flak in right engine after bombs away and was seen to break in half. 5 chutes seen, 6 crewmen missing.

undetermined. 3 window a/c.

35 a/c dispatched (including 2 FFF), 31 dropping 114 x 1000 GP, 8 x 500 GP on primary; 1 releasing 3 x 1000 GP on Fussenich (F-215345) approx- mately 10 miles NW of primary (enemy territory). Reason for release

in open fields.

Strikes across main road, unidentified building, in rear and

Box II - UNSUCCESSFUL. Approximately 02 per cent of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good concentration 1700' NW of DMPI.

synchronization.

less than ten seconds before bombs away, providing accurate

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Euskirchen 344 BG: 8/10 strato-cumulus, tops 6-7000' with a large break over target. Visibility 6-8 miles. 6-8/10 cirrus at 18-20,000'.

391 BG: Nil to 3/10 low cloud and medium 5-8/10 cirrus. Visibility 5 miles. Low cloud was thin and patchy estimated tops 7-8000' base estimated at 6-7000'.

S/A PHOTO REPORTS

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CAMERAS</u>	<u>CAMERA FAILURES</u>		<u>PERSONNEL FAILURES</u>	
	<u>PHOTOGRAPHING</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
397 BG	100%	0	0	0	0
387 BG	100%	0	0	0	0
323 BG	100%	0	0	0	0
322 BG	100%	0	0	0	0
410 BG	100%	0	0	0	0
344 BG	100%	0	0	0	0
391 BG	100%	0	0	0	0

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	354
A/C LOST TO FLAK	3
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	36
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	10.34%
<u>Schwelm M/T Depot</u>	<u>394, 397 Gp.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	3
% A/C Battle Damaged	4.68%

Weak and generally inaccurate heavy flak was encountered at several points. The most outstanding of this flak was at Nastatten. Photo reconnaissance of this area has been requested of this area by this headquarters and will probably give us the location of the guns that are delivering the fire. Flak was also encountered 3 miles east of Koblenz, 2 bursts at Wittlich, and weak inaccurate when crossing the front lines. This flak was all encountered by the 397th Gp. The 394 Gp. reported only a few bursts of weak inaccurate heavy flak at the target that did no damage.

<u>Sinzig RR Bridge</u>	<u>387, 323 Gp.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	2
% A/C Battle Damaged	2.81%

Both groups reported weak inaccurate heavy flak at the target. The flak only damaged one ship of each formation. At least moderate heavy flak is usually encountered at this target. However, weather conditions probably reduced the amount of flak that may normally be anticipated.

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386 BG: 10/10 strato-cumulus and cumulus, tops 9000', 5/10 strato-cumulus cloud above 18,000'. Visibility above cloud unrestricted.

410 BG: 10/10 strato-cumulus, tops 8000', base 6000', with small breaks. Visibility over cloud layer excellent.

409 BG: 10/10 strato-cumulus, base 15,000', 10/10 strato-cumulus with tops 8000'. Visibility 15 miles air-to-ground in breaks.

416 BG: 10/10 strato-cumulus, tops 6-7000', 3/10 to 4/10 cirrus estimated 18,000'. Visibility 8 miles.

322 BG: 9/10 to 10/10 thin strato-cumulus, tops estimated 7000'. Visibility above cloud unlimited.

323 BG: 9/10 plus of strato-cumulus 7000'. Breaks big but few. Visibility 15-20 miles down sun and 10 miles up sun.

387 BG: 9/10 plus cloud 7500' tops. 4/10 cirrus above 18,000'. Big break in NW. Visibility 15 mi.

394 BG: 10/10 strato-cumulus, base 6000'. Tops 65-7000'. 6-8/10 cirrus above 20,000'. Visibility by air-to-air unlimited. Air-to-ground visibility through thin parts of cloud cover.

397 BG: 10/10 strato-cumulus with few breaks and tops at 7000'. Scattered cirrus, base 18,000'. Visibility 15-20 miles air to air and air to ground 12 miles.

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WEATHER: Schwelm

OBSERVATIONS

GROUP	NO. A/C	CLASSIFICATION	REASONS
344 BG	1	Mechanical	Prop governor out.
386 BG	2	Mechanical	1-Right engine cutting out. 1-gas leak.
409 BG	1 A-26	Mechanical	Gas lines. Flots, misunderstanding signal from above a/c, followed it to a landing.
416 BG	1 A-26	Mechanical	Oil leak. Could not keep up with formation.
322 BG	1	Mechanical	Instruments out. Lead window a/c dropped too quickly for these a/c to prepare to drop.
387 BG	1	Mechanical	Nose wheel wouldn't retract.
394 BG	1	Mechanical	Tail guns out. Low on fuel.
397 BG	1	Mechanical	Broken oil line.

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Iserlohn M/T Depot 322, 416, 409, 410 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	1
% A/C Battle Damaged	0.92%

All groups reported weak but inaccurate heavy flak on the bomb run. Not more than weak flak was anticipated, under adverse weather, as the route flown took the formations at the extreme range of the defenses.

Neuwied/Irlich RR Bridge 386 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	2
% A/C Battle Damaged	5.72%

Flak at the target was much less than anticipated. From experience, at least moderate accurate flak may be anticipated even under adverse weather conditions.

Euskirchen RR Bridge 344, 391 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	3
A/C Battle Damaged	28
% A/C Battle Damaged	43.66%

Flak at the target was intense and accurate. Two of the lost a/c were from the 344 Gp. Both of these a/c received direct hits before bombs were released and blew up. The a/c lost from the other group received a hit in the right engine soon after bombs away. 5 chutes were seen from this a/c. The enemy has strengthened his defenses of this target considerably during the past few days and most of the new position plotted have been on the east side of the town. Our friendly artillery has been able to give us good cover on the approximately 80 guns that are enroute to the target. However, the guns that are located east of the target are out of range of our artillery.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.T.'s: 1054 to 1220 and
1340 to 1344

Several crews of the 410 Group report that what was believed to have been an Me 163 climbed almost vertically past the lead flight of Box I near Arnshofen (G-088158). The "Comet" apparently did not open fire on the bombers. The "Comet" is reported to have turned the jet engine on and off at 15-second intervals.

The 397th Group observed a S/E enemy aircraft being pursued by seven P-38's in the vicinity of Luxembourg.

13 February 1945: Phoned to Paris 1615, Press Camp 1645.

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HEADQUARTERS NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, France—Flying deep into The Reich, Ninth Air Force bombers attacked two motor transport depots east of Dusseldorf, while other bomber forces struck three railway bridges in western Germany today in spite of cloud cover.

More than 300 medium and light bombers of the Ninth Bombardment Division carried out the blows on the Germans' rail and motor transport systems, already crippled by continuous attacks.

B-26 Marauders bombed a huge motor transport depot at Iserlohn, 40 miles east of Dusseldorf. Stores of spare parts and facilities for large scale repairs on all types of motor trucks are believed housed in the depot.

A formation of 60 Marauders rained fragmentation bombs on a large motor transport park at Schwelm, 25 miles east of Dusseldorf.

Two formations, of 60 Marauders each, bombed railway bridges at Sinzig, 16 miles southeast of Bonn, and at Muckruchen, 16 miles west of Bonn. Two-thousand-pound bombs were directed against the Sinzig bridge, a single-span, double-track bridge over the Ahr River with believed excellent results. The Muckruchen bridge, already with four of its five tracks impassable before today's attack, spans the Ahr River and is on a direct route from Cologne and Bonn to the Western Front.

Thirty Marauders carried out the bombing of the Newstedt-Litch bridge, eight miles northwest of Koblenz, with 2000-pound bombs. It carries a two-track line across the Rhine River and is used for moving troops and supplies to resist the drive of the First and Third U. S. Armies.

A-20 Havocs and A-26 Invaders bombed the town of Wittlich, a communications and supply center 20 miles northeast of Trier. Other Invaders attacked the town of Sobernheim, 24 miles north of Kaiserslautern.

Flak defenses ranged from intense over the Muckruchen target, where three Marauders were lost, to none over Wittlich. No enemy aircraft were seen. Clouds prevented visual observation of bombing results.

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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)# 140
7 February 1945MISSION SUMMARY #28

6 February 1945

Section I

Field Order 736

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
344 BG	Rheinbach (F-427242) Ammunition Dump	Undetermined (FFF)
386 BG	Rheinbach (F-427242) Ammunition Dump	Undetermined (FFF)
397 BG	Sotenich (F-165147) Communication Center	Undetermined (FFF)
410 BG	Vlatten (F-160285) Defended Village	P.M.B.
394 BG	Berg/Gladbach (F-564655) M/T and AFV Center	Undetermined (FFF)
323 BG	Berg/Gladbach (F-567651) M/T and AFV Center	Undetermined (FFF)
416 BG	Berg/Gladbach (F-570663) M/T and AFV Center	Undetermined (FFF)
409 BG	Berg/Gladbach (F-572661) M/T and AFV Center	Undetermined (FFF)
387 BG	Berg/Gladbach (F-567664) M/T and AFV Center	P.M.B.
391 BG	Berg/Bladbach (F-566658) M/T and AFV Center	P.M.B.

Three groups failed to bomb primary targets, the principal reason being inclement weather.

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"Rosales" contacted 7 minutes prior to IP and desired information obtained.

No losses, 5 a/c battle damaged, 1 crewman wounded.

21 a/c failed to bomb: 1, mechanical; 20, weather. ("Gee" equipment jammed at secondary.)

43 a/c dispatched (including 1 RW), 1 (RW) dropping 4 x 500 GP/17 drop-
ping 92 x 500 on secondary. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which landed
at Floresme/Luzaine. 3 window a/c.

470 BG:

Watten (Defended Village)

No photo coverage or visual observation due to cloud cover.

Bombing by boxes on RW lead from 11,000-13,000 feet.

Failed.

"Sweepstakes" contacted 2 minutes prior to IP and desired information ob-

No losses, battle damage, casualties.

9 a/c failed to bomb: weather.

38 a/c dispatched (including 1 RW), 25 dropping 369 x 250 GP, 4 x 500 GP
on Primary. 3 window a/c. 1 spare a/c.

397 BG:

Botenich (Communication Center)

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Bombing by boxes on RW lead (equipment and "Gee") from 12,500 feet.

not receive fix.

"Sweepstakes" contacted 4 minutes prior to IP and 1 minute after IP but did

2 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical.

37 a/c dispatched (including 1 RW), 32 dropping 496 x 250 GP, 4 x 500 GP
on Primary. 3 window a/c.

386 BG:

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Bombing by boxes on RW lead from 12,000-13,000 feet.

Failed.

"Sweepstakes" contacted 3 minutes prior to IP and desired information ob-

No losses, battle damage, casualties.

38 a/c dispatched (including 1 RW), 35 dropping 541 x 250 GP, 4 x 500 GP
on Primary. 3 window a/c.

374 BG:

Rheindach (Ammunition Dump)

Ten groups attacked one ammunition dump, one
communications center, one M/T and RW center,
one defended village, and six towns with UMS-
LIMITED results.

GROUP MEMORANDUM

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Bombing by box on group lead from 12,000 feet.

Because of weather PFF and group failed to rendezvous at appointed location PFF continued to Primary and bombed on equipment. Box I bombed secondary, Munstereifel (F-314174) on "Gee".

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Berg-Gladbach (M/T & ATV Center)

394 BG: 34 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 31 dropping 426 x 250 GP, 4 x 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

No losses, battle damage, casualties.

"Roselee" contacted 2 minutes before IP but could not be read.

Bombing by boxes on PFF lead from 12,000-13,500 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

323 BG: 36 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 31 dropping 242 x 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

2 a/c failed to bomb: Mechanical.

No losses, 4 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

"Roselee" contacted 10 minutes prior to IP and desired information obtained.

Bombing by boxes on PFF lead from 12,700-14,000 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

416 BG: 40 a/c dispatched (including 27 A-26, 12 A-20, 1 PFF), 29 (including 20 A-26, 8 A-20, PFF) dropping 80 x 1000 GP, 36 x 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

8 a/c failed to bomb: 3 (including 2 A-26, 1 A-20), mechanical; 5, weather.

No losses, 2 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

"Roselee" contacted approximately 3 minutes before IP and desired information obtained.

Bombing by boxes on PFF lead from 13,500 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

409 BG: 42 a/c dispatched (including 30 A-26, 11 A-20, PFF), 23 (including 16 A-26, 6 A-20, PFF), dropping 64 x 1000 GP, 28 x 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

16 a/c failed to bomb: 2 (A-26), mechanical; 13, weather; 1 (A-26) other - undetermined as a/c landed away from base.

No losses, 6 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

"Roselee" contacted approximately 3 minutes before IP and desired information obtained.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

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Box II - No attack.

Flight C: PNB. Bombs fell in a split pattern in woods and open fields 3000 ft. E from edge of Mahpollebach (L-735240).
Flight B: No attack.

Box I - Flight A: PNB. No photo coverage due to cloud cover. Report bombing in vicinity of Borflak at L-580225.
Bombing by flights (2 flights of 2 a/c each) on group lead ("Gee").

"Gee" contacted 25 minutes prior to IP and desired information obtained.
No losses, battle damage, casualties.
28 a/c failed to bomb: 2, mechanical; 26, weather.

391 BG: 36 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFW), 5 dropping 36 x 500 GP on 3 other targets (inclement weather broke up formation, FFW, using "Gee" equipment, dropped on casual target, Oberstein, L 710220). 3 window a/c.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to clouds.
Because of weather FFW became lost in cloud shortly after take-off and could not join formation. 5 flights bombed Mittlach (L-390555) on "Gee" and 1 flight bombed Gutenthal (L-537290) on "Gee".
Bombing by boxes and flight on group lead ("Gee") from 11,000-12,500 feet.
"Roselee" contacted 7 minutes prior to IP and desired information obtained.
No losses, battle damage, casualties.

3 a/c failed to bomb: 1, mechanical; 2 (including FFW) weather.
397 BG: 39 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFW), 33 dropping 525 x 250 GP on 2 other targets. 3 window a/c.

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SECTION II

A/C OFF		383
A/C Bombing	262	
A/C Failing to Bomb	14	
A/C Recalled (Weather)	75	
Other		
Window	30	
Spare	1	
Bombs of 1 A/C Unaccounted for	32	
TOTAL		383

Bombs on Enemy Territory	505.375
Total Bombs to Date	104,495.670

A/C Lost	0	
A/C Missing	0	
A/C Crash-Landed	0	
A/C Battle Damaged	17	4.85%
Killed	0	
Wounded	1	
Missing	0	
Injured	0	
Claims	0	

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387 BG: 9-10/10 Se tops 9000 ft. Visibility 8 miles. There was another deck above the formation but no accurate estimate was given as to the height.

409 BG: Formation diverted to A-70 so not investigated. Two flights lost in heavy haze returned earlier but did not bomb.

416 BG: Not reached due to weather en route. reliable due to heavy haze.

323 BG: 8-10/10 C and OJ base 800 ft. tops 10000 ft. at 16000 ft. Visibility about 6 miles but un-

397 BG: 10/10 Se tops 5-7000 ft. 4-5/10 as base 15-16000 ft. Visibility 8-10 miles. With some breaks to north of target.

410 BG: Primary - 10/10 medium and high cloud / 15000. Secondary - 8/10 low cloud 8000/10. Visibility 10 miles air to air and 6 miles air to ground.

397 BG: 10/10 Se base unknown tops 6-7000 ft. with small breaks to south of target area. 10/10 as base 17000 ft. Visibility 8-10 miles air to air.

386 BG: 10/10 Se and OJ 5-7000. 8-10/10 med. cloud. 15000. Visibility above 10 miles.

344 BG: Visibility 5-10 miles aloft. 8-10/10 low cloud 115-15000. Visibility 10 plus miles. Few little breaks. 10/10 high cloud

OBSERVATIONS

GROUP	NO. A/O	CLASSIFICATION	REASON
391	2	Mechanical	1 - Air speed indicator out. 1 - Left engine cutting out.
387	1	Mechanical	Left engine cutting out.
	1 (A-26)	Other	Undetermined. Landed away from base.
409	2 (A-26)	Mechanical	1 - Smoke in cockpit. 1 - Right wheel would not retract.
416	3	Mechanical	1 (A-26) - Bomb rack malfunction. 1 (A-26) - Wheels would not retract. 1 (A-26) - Undetermined.
323	2	Mechanical	1 - Right engine cutting out. 1 - Runaway prop.
410	1	Mechanical	Hydraulic system out.
386	2	Mechanical	1 - Prop gave out. 1 - Loss of power.

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Berg/Gladbach 391 BG: Did not reach target. Planes attempted to penetrate medium cloud en route and had to turn back because they became scattered.

S/A PHOTO REPORT

GROUP	PHOTOGRAPHING	CAMERA FAILURES		PERSONNEL FAILURES	
		NO.	PERCENT	NO.	PERCENT
391	100%	0	0	0	0

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	350
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	17
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	4.85%
<u>Rheinbach Ammunition Dump</u>	<u>344, 386 Gp.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
% A.C Battle Damaged	0

The 386th Gp. reported nil flak while the 344 saw about 6 bursts at the target that did no damage.

<u>Sotenich Communications Center</u>	<u>397 Gp.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
% A/C Battle Damaged	0

On the turn off target, 8-10 bursts were fired at the formation. The enemy was probably putting forward a feeble attempt to interfere with the attack.

<u>Vlatten Defended Village</u>	<u>410 Gp.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	5
% A/C Battle Damaged	12.5%

Weak inaccurate heavy flak was encountered at the target. At Dorsel (L-3398), however, weak but accurate flak was encountered. There are two batteries of 4 guns each located north and south of the town. Both of these batteries were probably in action.

<u>Berg/Gladbach M/T & AFV Center</u>	<u>394, 323, 416, 409, 387, 391 Gp.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	12
% A/C Battle Damaged	5.92%

Flak at the target was mostly weak and inaccurate. However, the 409 Gp. reported

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Patrolman with the 323rd Group reported observing an He 262 fly under the formation in the area of Mundersbach (F-995236). The jetcraft did not attempt to make an attack.

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT REMOVAL

that the Flak was accurate for their formation. One group reported that the fire was accurate for the window a/c but inaccurate for the rest of the formation. This reaction would indicate that the gunners were probably using radar and that the operator was able to track the leading edge of the window cloud and the guns fired on this. This would be the normal procedure to follow when window is giving interference on the radar scopes. Three groups (387, 387 and 391) reported weak but inaccurate heavy Flak south of Trier. The 409 reported Flak in the area where the Rhine River was crossed. The Flak probably was fired from the two Flak barges that are on the river near St. Goar.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

PRESS RELEASE

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HQS, France: The Nazis' highly-important Berg Gladbach vehicle depot outside Cologne was hit for the second time in four days Tuesday by a force of more than 120 Marauders and Invaders, carrying out a greater-than-200 ton assault through heavy clouds with the aid of pathfinder bombing technique.

Only assembly and repair depot of its kind in the Cologne district of the Western Front, the vast, sprawling Berg Gladbach installation manufactures spare parts and maintains a repair depot for enemy tanks and motor transport. Ninth bomber crews had been told at Tuesday's briefing that heavy damage to the vital plant would seriously cripple the Germans' already-acute transportation problem.

Today's attack was centered on assembly, repair and storage facilities, and, despite weather, returning crews' reports indicate that a great part of the combined bomb loads fell within the target confines. Flak defenses were only moderate, and the Luftwaffe failed to appear. All the bombers returned safely.

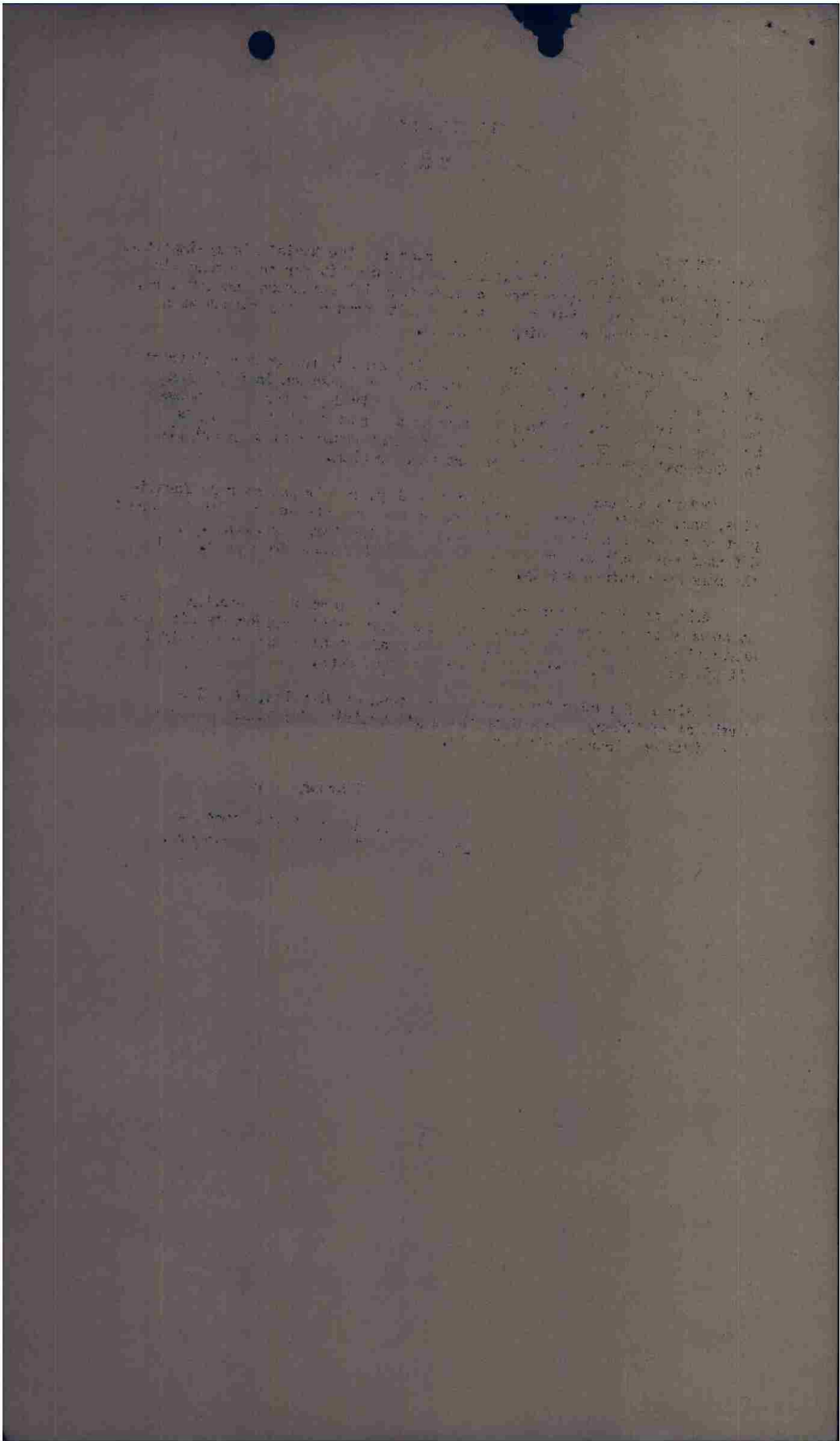
While the Berg Gladbach attack raged, two forces of Marauders struck at an ammunition dump at Rheinbach, and other B-26's and Havocs hit communications and enemy troops in the towns of Sotenich and Munstereifel, all within a 28-mile arc running southwest of Bonn.

A single Marauder force bombed the town of Wittlich, 20 miles northeast of Trier, to complete the day's activity for Ninth Bombardment Division aircraft without loss.

6 February 1945

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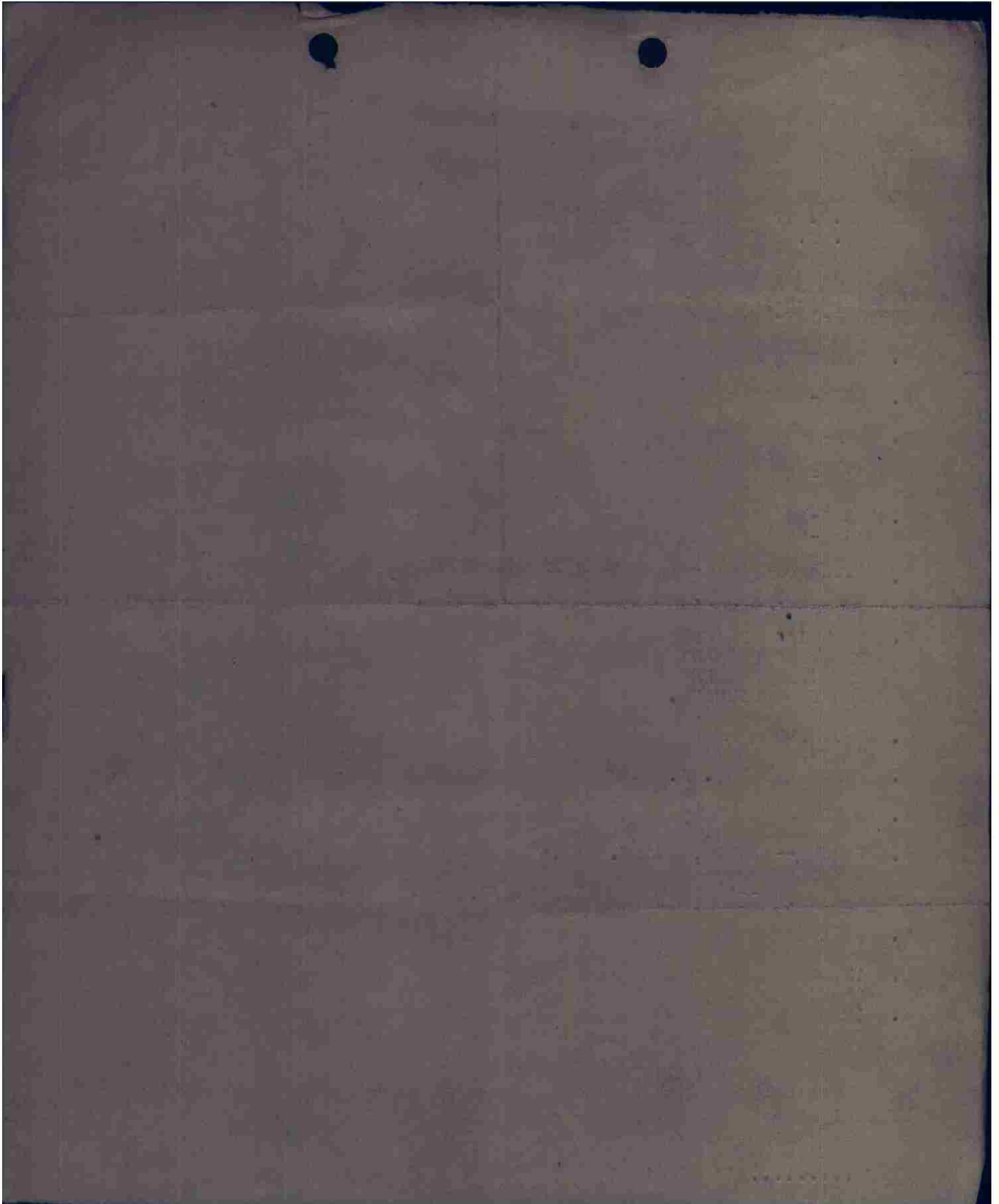
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- A. 416 BOMB GROUP
- B. BERG-GLADBACH
- C. 9 A-20
21 A-26
- D. 20 A-26
8 A-20
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ONE UNKNOWN.
- F. 80 X 1000 PRIMARY
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4 X 1000 RETURNED
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- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. 2 DAMAGED CAT. A. FLAK DAMAGE
- I. NONE
- J. TARGET--MEAGER, INACC. HFF.
ELSEWHERE--AT TRIER, MEAGER INACC. HFF.
- K. NONE
- L. 13,500
- M. 1230

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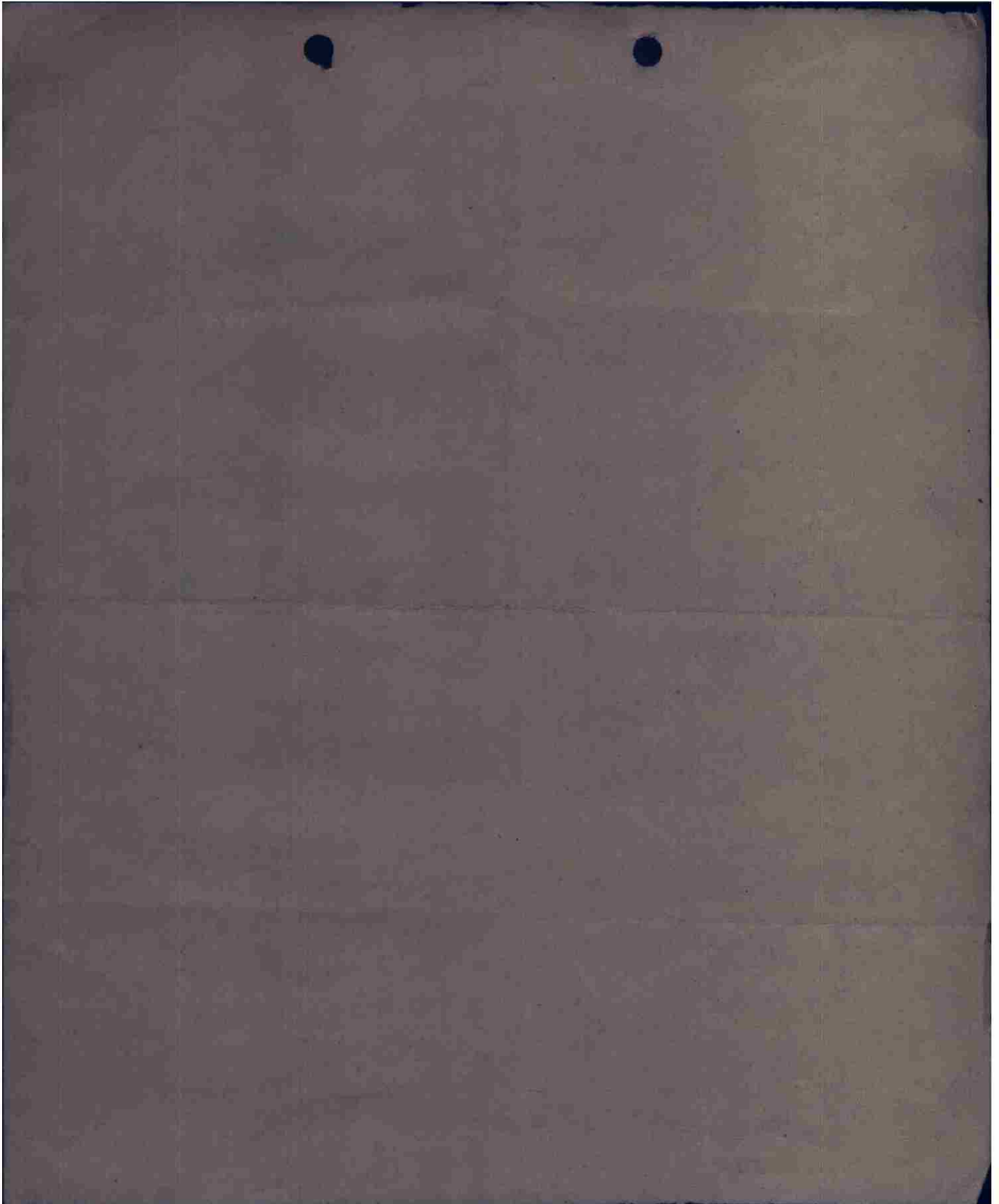
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TO 9TH BOMB DIVISION ATTN: A-2
97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATTN: A-2

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CONFIDENTIAL F-113-D

- A. CONSOLIDATED OPSFLASH FOR 6 FEBRUARY 1945
- B. BERG GLADBACH
- C. 12 A-20 A/C, 27 A-26 A/C INCLUDING 3 WINDOW A/C
- D. 8 A-20 A/C, 20 A-26 A/C ON PRIMARY
- E. ONE (1) A/C TYPE UNKNOWN DID NOT BOMB DUE TO BOMB RACK MALFUNCTION. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE AT A-69. -A-26

ONE (1) OTHER A/C TYPE UNKNOWN DID NOT BOMB FOR UNKNOWN REASON. LANDED AWAY FROM BASE AT A-69. *A-20 Broken lead to bomb master switch*

ONE (1) A-20 A/C FAILED TO BOMB. LOST FORMATION GOING THROUGH OVERCAST. JOINED ON TO B-26 FORMATION UNTIL THIS FORMATION TURNED BACK AT 1158 HOURS AT GRID COORDINATES L351251.

FOUR (4) A-26 A/C FAILED TO BOMB WHEN FLIGHT LEADER IN ABOVE MENTIONED A-20 LOST FORMATION.

ONE (1) A-26 A/C RETURNED EARLY. WHEELS WOULD NOT RETRACT.

THREE (3) A-20 A/C CARRIED WINDOW ONLY.

- F. 80 X 1000 GP ON PRIMARY BY A-26'S
- 28 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY BY A-20'S
- 28 X 1000 GP RETURNED BY A-26'S
- 8 X 500 GP RETURNED BY A-20'S

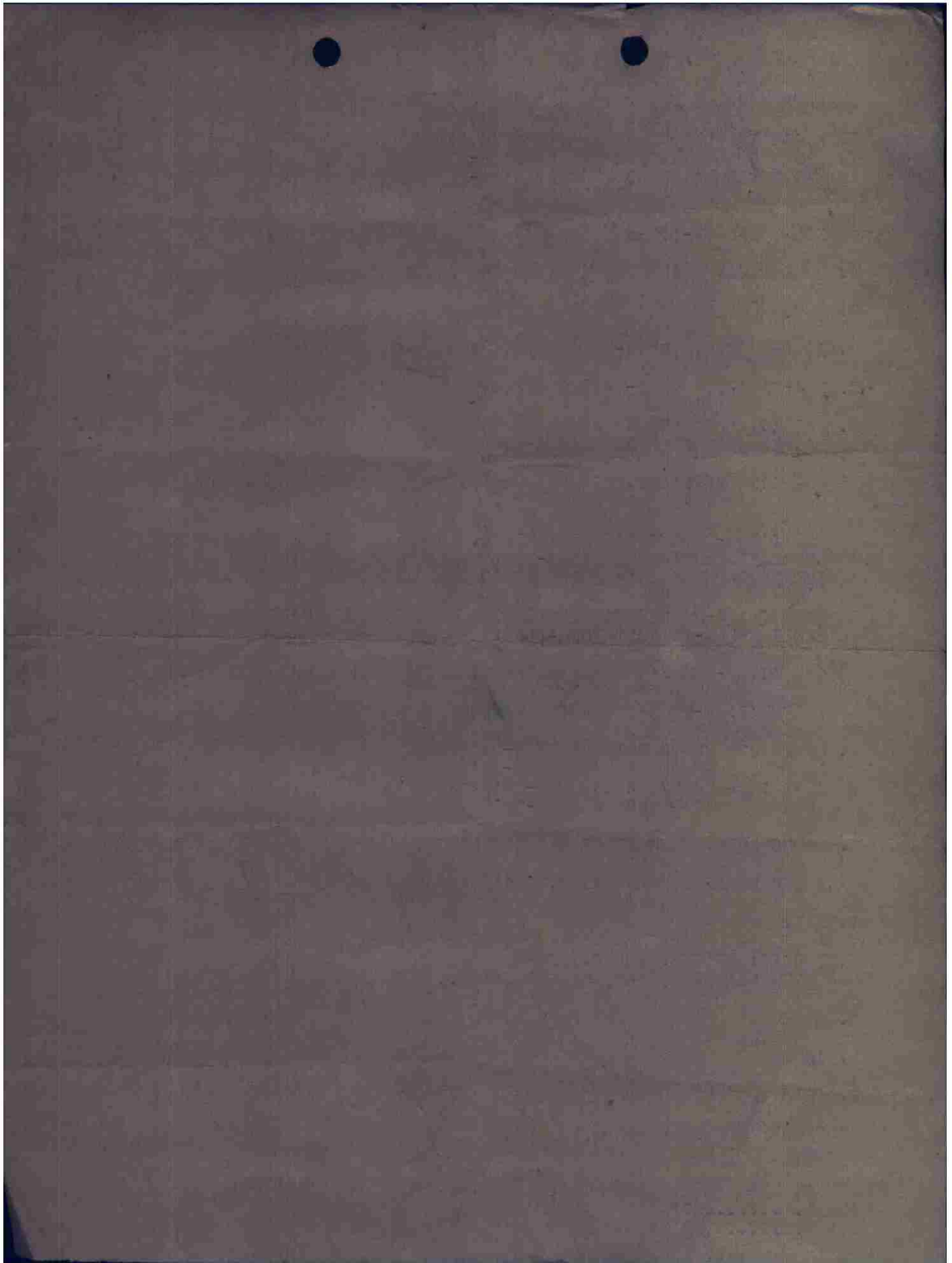
D. 7 A-20 - 21 A-26

*F. 84 x 1000
28 x 500
24 x 1000
8 x 500*

- G. UNOBSERVED. BOMBED BY PPF TECHNIQUE.
- H. 2 A/C DAMAGED CATEGORY A, FLAK DAMAGE.
- I. NIL.
- J. TARGET: MEAGER, INACC., HFF
ELSEWHERE: AT TRIER, MEAGER INACC., HFF.
- K. NONE
- L. 13500
- M. 1230

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CONFIDENTIAL F-120-D AMENDMENT TO OPSFLASH F-113-D FOR 6
FEBRUARY 1945
PAR. D. CHANGE TO READ: 7 A-20 A/C, 21 A-26 A/C.

E. SHOULD READ:

ONE A-26 DID NOT BOMB DUE TO BOMB RACK MALFUNCTION.

ONE (1) A-20 A/C DID NOT BOMB DUE TO BROKEN LEAD TO BOMB
MASTER SWITCH.

ONE (1) A-20 A/C FAILED TO BOMB. LOST FORMATION GOING
THROUGH OVERCAST. JOINED ON TO B-26 FORMATION UNTIL THIS
FORMATION TURNED BACK AT 1158 HOURS AT GRID COORDINATES
L351251.

FOUR (4) A-26 A/C FAILED TO BOMB WHEN FLIGHT LEADER IN ABOVE
MENTIONED A-20 LOST FORMATION.

ONE (1) A-26 A/C RETURNED EARLY. WHEELS ~~WHEX~~ WOULD NOT
RETRACT.

THREE (3) A-20 A/C CARRIED WINDOW ONLY.

F. CHANGE TO READ:

84 X 1000 GP ON PRIMARY BY A-26'S
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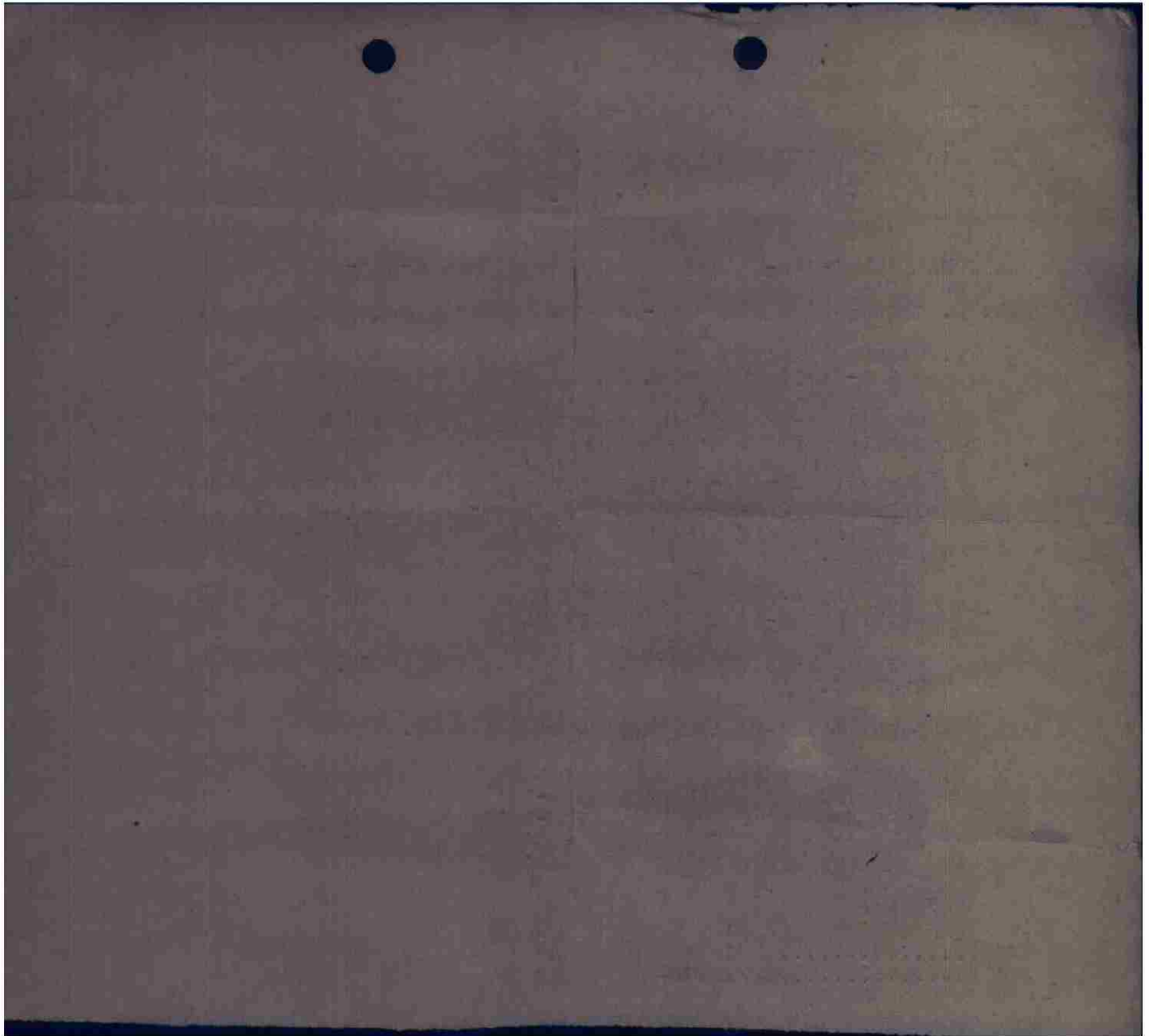
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CONFIDENTIAL 416TH BG F-104-D PD

A. OPSFLASH FOR 6 FEBRUARY 1945.

A. B. BERG. GLADBACH STORAGE BUILDING.

C. 12 A-20 A/C, 27 A-26 A/C.

D. INFORMATION FROM 33 A/C LACKING. DIVERTED TO A-69.

E. 1 A-20 FAILED TO BOMB. LOST FORMATION GOING THROUGH OVERCAST.
JOINED ON TO B-26 FORMATION UNTIL THIS FORMATION TURNED BACK AT
1158 HOURS AT GRID COORDINATE L351251.

4 A-26 A/C FAILED TO BOMB WHEN FLIGHT LEADER IN ABOVE MENTIONED
A-20 LOST FORMATION.

1 A-26 A/C RETURNED EARLY. WHEELS ~~W~~ WOULD NOT RETRACT.

INFORMATION LACKING ON 33 A/C DIVERTED TO A-69.

F. 20 X 1000 GP BOMBS RETURNED BY A-26'S.

4 X 500 GP BOMBS RETURNED BY A-20'S.

G. H, I, J, K, L, AND M. NIL AS PERTAINS TO 6 A/C THAT HAVE
RETURNED. INFORMATION LACKING ON 33
A/C DIVERTED TO ~~XXXX~~ A-69.

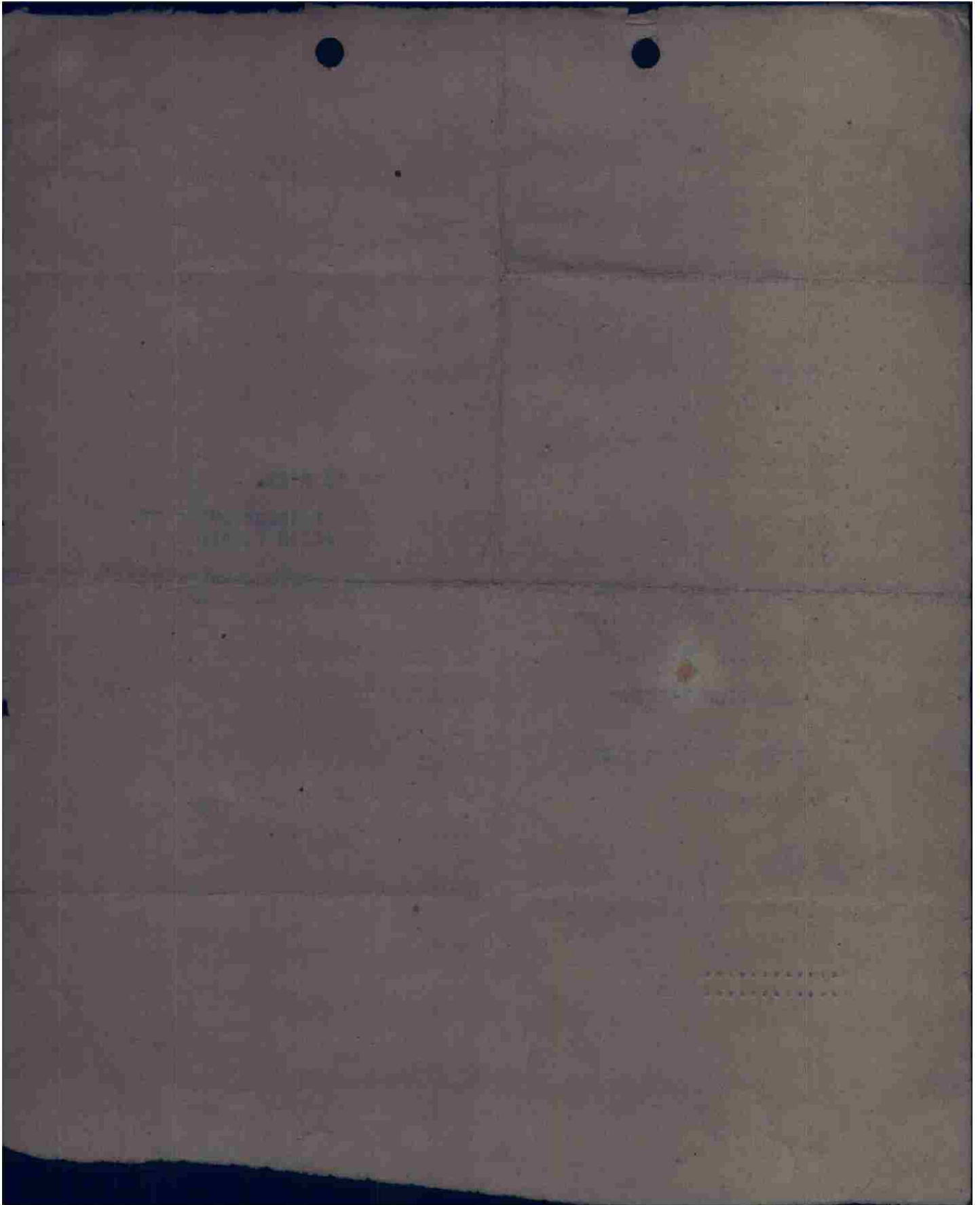
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TO COBOMGP 416
COBOMGP 409

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97 CBW F-52-E BT

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NOM1 TO FIELD ORDER NO.158-736

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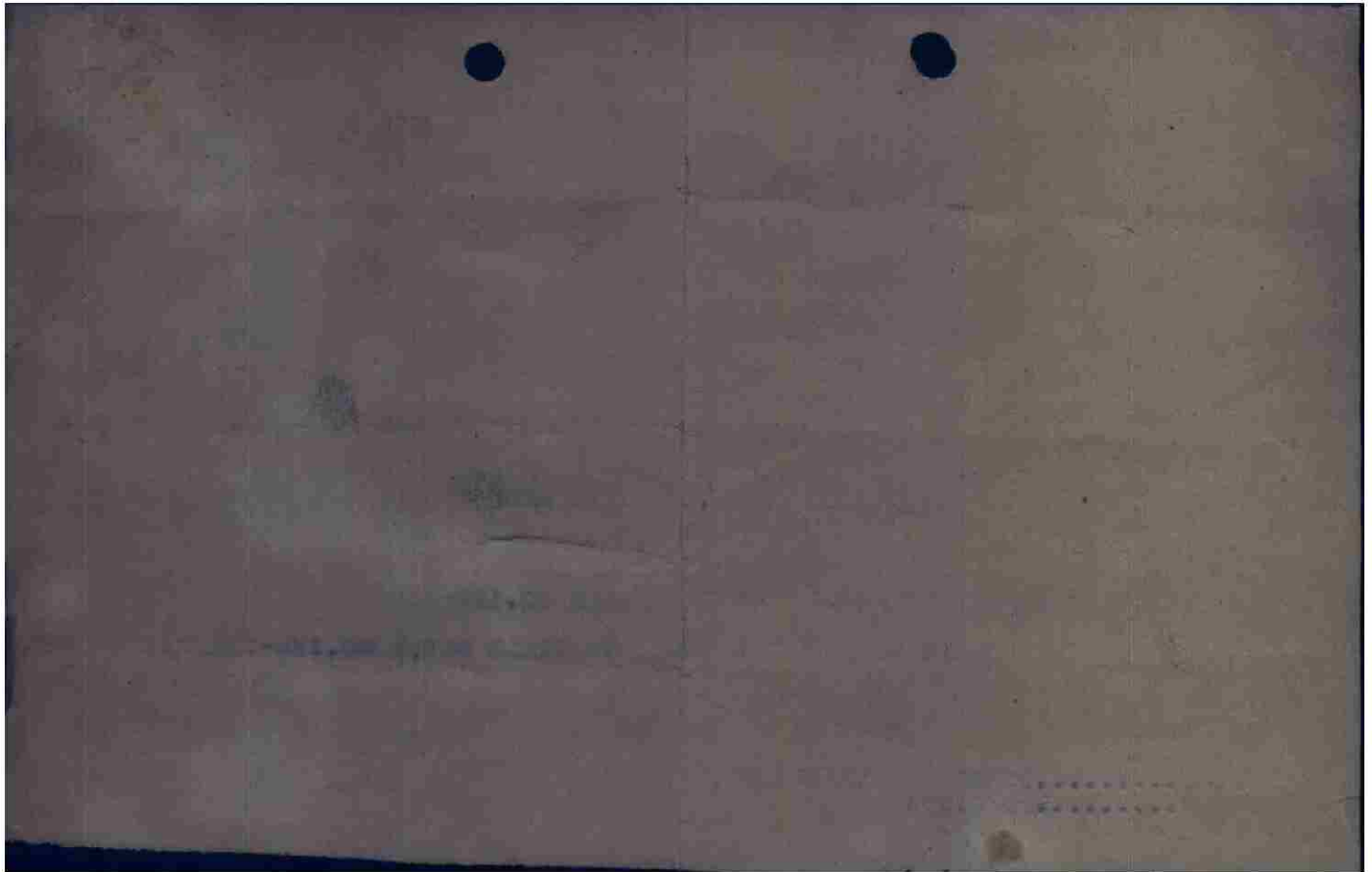
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 06/0050A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGR'S 409, 410, 416.
1ST PROV. PATH. SQDN.

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
06 FEBRUARY 1945

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 158 - 736. 97CBW F-55-E

IN PLAN "A" CHANGE PAR 3. X. (15) TO READ:

(15) 2 B-26 GROUPS WILL USE THE SAME ROUTE TO ATTECK TARGETS IN THE
SAME AREA. THEY WILL BE AT 10 MIN. INTERVALS AHEAD OF THE
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TURN.

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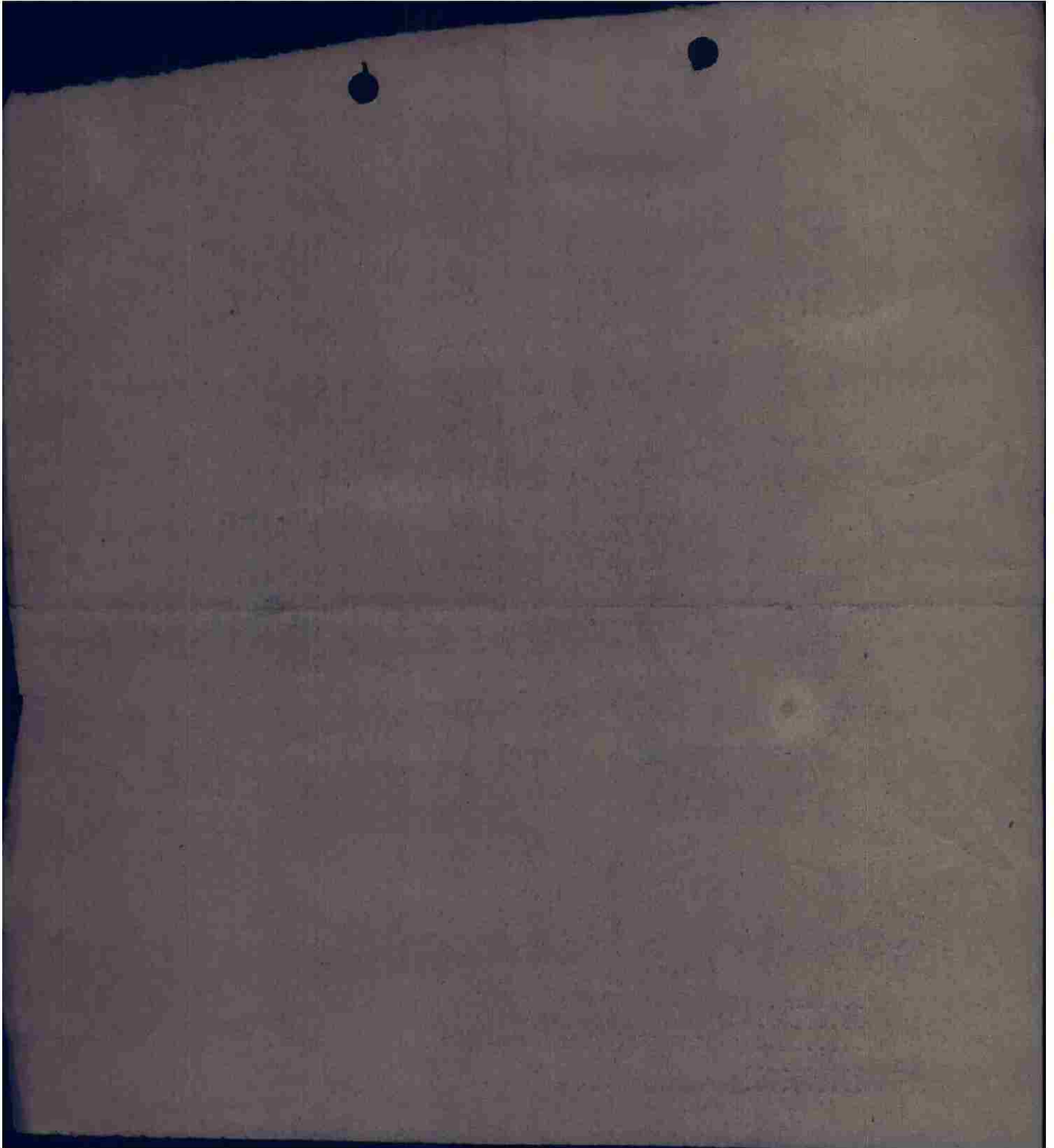
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416TH GROUP. CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED ENROUTE AND DURING
SECOND RUNS.

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 COBOMGP 410TH
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 1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV)

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O - 140
 05 FEBRUARY 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 158-736 - F-54-E

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
 (2) THE 2ND T.A.F. WILL FURNISH AREA COVER FOR 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

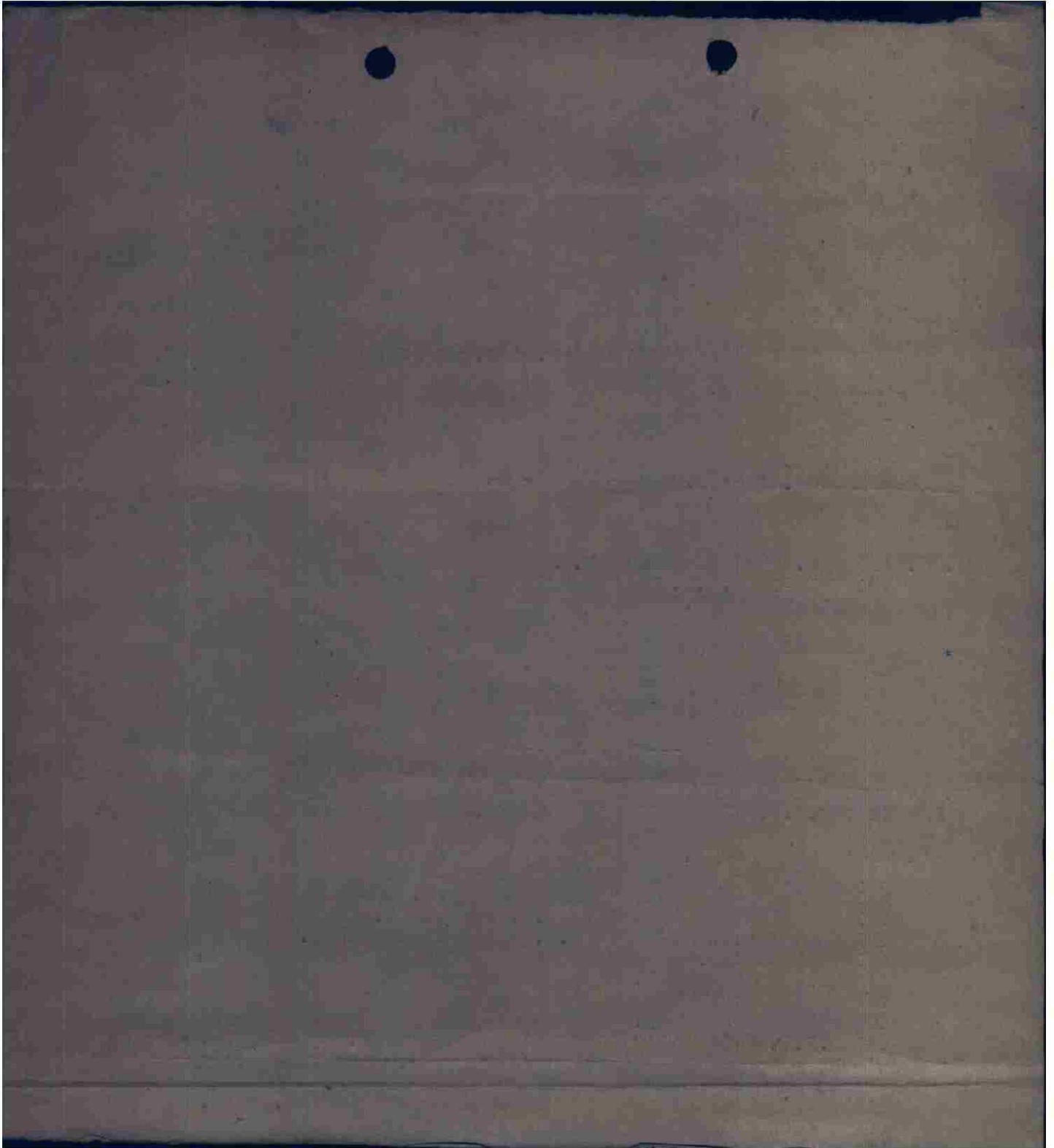
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---PLAN "A"---

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 30 MIN.
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
 (1) VLATTEN - DEFENDED VILLAGE (F-160285)
 (2) 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 (4) BASE TO 5032N 0513E TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE.
 (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET.
 (7) 5038N 0612E
 (8) GENERALLY W TO E.
 (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET 5305. ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID COORD: 15692800, 15752814, 15802830, 15962856, 15912873 AND 15952888.
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
 (11) 5038N 0612E
 (12) T.O.T. : ZERO HOUR

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- (13) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED, AN ALTERNATE 10 MILES OR MORE FROM THE BOMBLINE IN ENEMY HELD TERRITORY WILL BE ATTACKED.
- (14) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL ATTEMPT TO NEURTALIZE ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 70 MIN.

X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.

--FOR THE 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS--

- (5) TARGET: BERG. GLADBACH F-570663 AND F-572661.
- (6) A/C REQUIRED: 36 BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
- (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO 4936N 0608E TO 4941N 0654E TO 4959N 0653E TO 5006N 0708E TO 5012N 0752E TO 5034N 0749E TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. THEN RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (9) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS, DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
- (10) I.P. - 5058N 0730E
- (11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY E TO W.
- (12) M.P.I. GSGS 4414 SHEET 5008. 3 FLIGHTS EACH GROUP ON THE FOLLOWING GRID COORD: 57006632 AND 57206617. INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
- (13) BOMBLOAD AND FUSING: 4 X 1000 LB. GP. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC TAIL.
- (14) R.P. - 5058N 0730E
- (15) 2 B-26 GROUPS WILL USE THE SAME ROUTE TO ATTACK TARGETS IN THE SAME AREA. THEY WILL BE AT 10 MIN INTERVALS BEHIND THE 409TH GROUP. CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED ON ROUTE OUT AND RETURN.
- (16) IF CLOUD COVER PREVENTS VISUAL BOMBING, GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET IN FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - A. GROUP "GEE".
 - B. TARGET E.T.A.

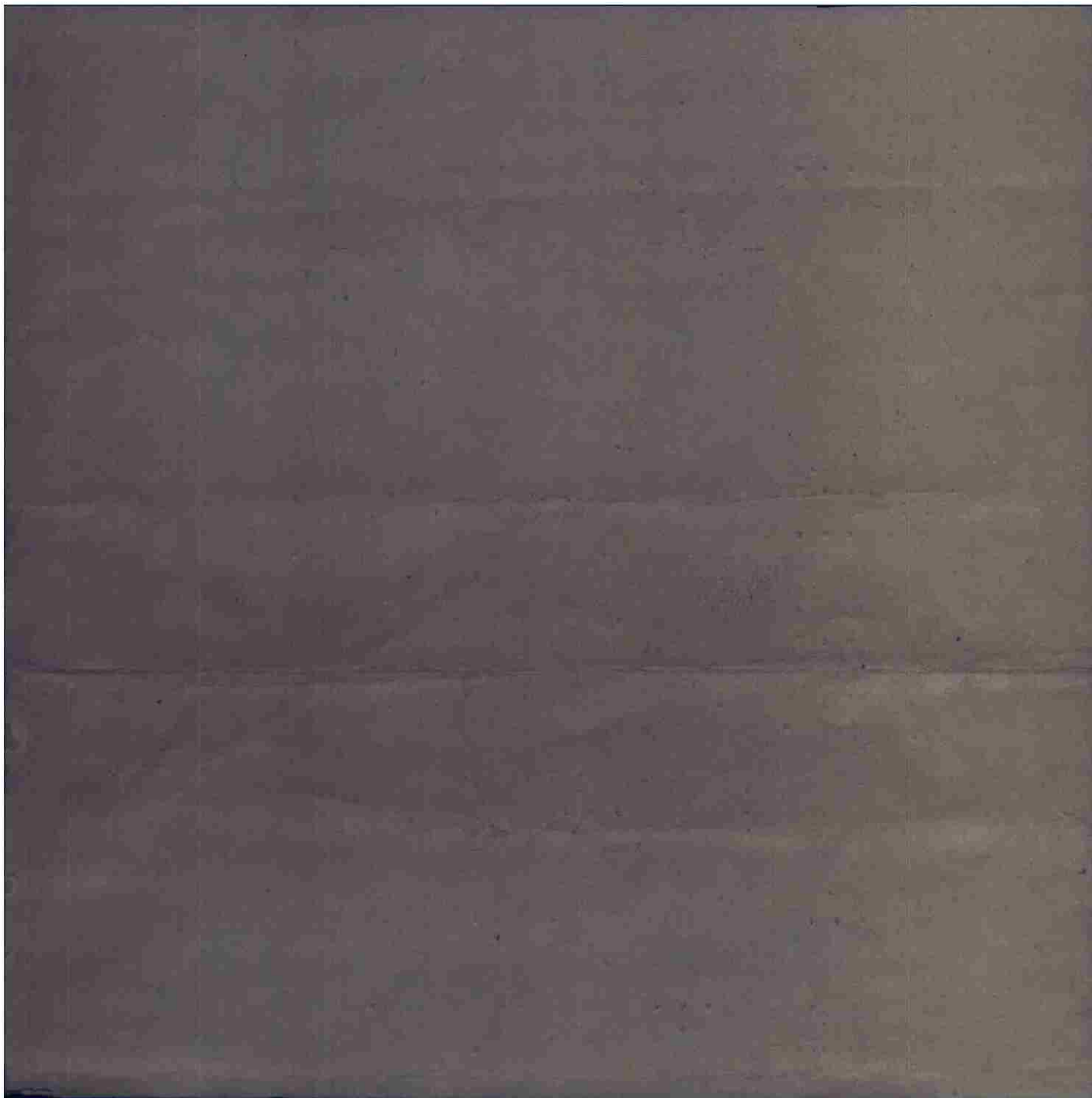
---PLAN "B"---

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (9) M.P.I. GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 5008. 3 FLIGHTS ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID COORD: 57006632 AND 57206617 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS. ONE BOX ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID COORD: 57006632 AND 57206617 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES. PPF M.P.I. GRID COORD: 57206617. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 70 MIN.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

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- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C WITH 1 PPF A/C, 2ND BOX AS CLOSE TO 1ST BOX AS POSSIBLE IN TRAIL AND TO THE LEFT.
- (4) BASE TO 5027N 0452E TO 5046N 0543E TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 5038N 0612E TO 5032N 0513E TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 5,000 FEET.
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET 5305 ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID COORD: 15692800, 15752814, 15802830, 15962856, 15912873 AND 15952888 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS. ONE BOX ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID COORD: 15752814 AND 15912873 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES. PPF M.P.I. GRID COORD: 15752825.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO PLUS 05 MIN.
- (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 VISUALLY, GROUPS WILL BOMB BY FLIGHTS IF WEATHER PERMITS AND WILL USE 5038N 0612E AS A VISUAL I.P. IF BOMBING BY FLIGHTS IS IMPOSSIBLE BUT A SMALL BREAK IN THE CLOUDS PERMITS BOMBING BY BOXES OF 18 A/C, GROUP MAY CONTINUE ON PPF ROUTE TO TARGET OR RETURN TO 5038N 0612E TO BOMB VISUALLY. IF CLOUD COVER PREVENTS VISUAL BOMBING AND PPF EQUIPMENT FAILS AN ALTERNATE TARGET 10 MILES OR MORE FROM **THE BOMBLINE IN ENEMY HELD TERRITORY WILL BE ATTACKED.**
- (14) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL ATTEMPT TO NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

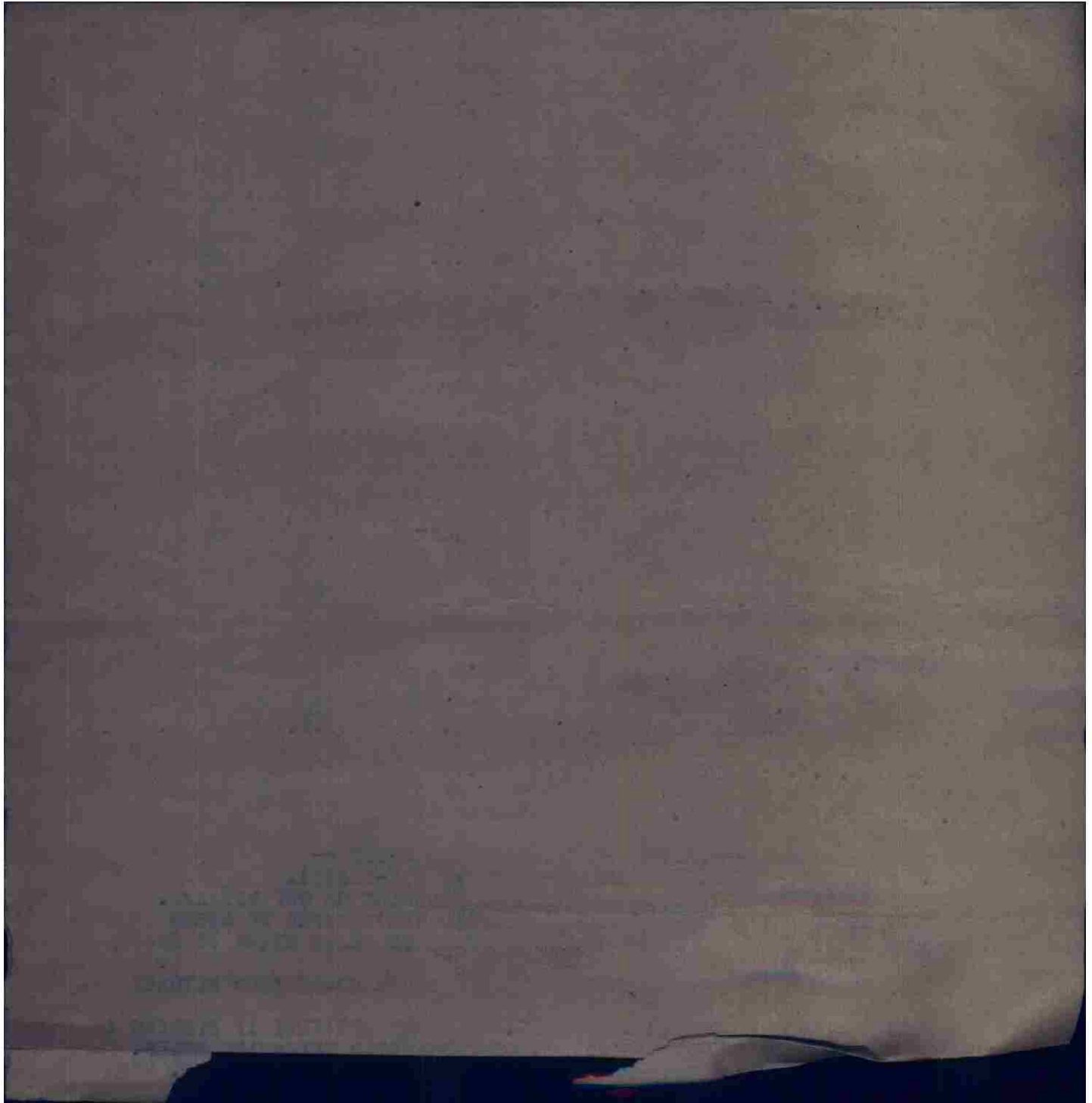
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- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MIN.

X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.

--FOR THE 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS--

- (5) TARGET - BERG. GLADBACH F-570663 AND F-572661.
- (6) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON ONE PPF A/C.
- (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO 4936N 0608E TO 4941N 0654E TO 4959N 0653E TO 5006N 0708E TO 5012N 0752E TO 5034N 0749E TO 5047N 0743E TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 5047N 0743E THEN RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (9) ALTITUDES: BOMB 13,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL 8,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
- (10) BOMBLOAD AND FUSING: 4 X 1000 LB. GP. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.

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- A. PPF
- B. GROUP "GEE"
- C. TARGET E.T.A.

(12) 4 B-26 GROUPS WILL USE THE SAME ROUTE TO ATTACK TARGETS IN THE SAME AREA. THEY WILL BE AT 10 MIN INTERVALS BEHIND THE 409TH BOMB GROUP. CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED ON ROUTE BACK AND DURING SECOND RUNS.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (572661)
(2) BROADCAST
(4 & 5) ROSELEE

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (160285)
(2) LIFEGUARD
(4) SWEEPSTAKE

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (570663)
(2) HOTEL
(4 & 5) ROSELEE

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

(11) LIFEGUARD LEADER CONTACT DECLINE ON "C" 15 MIN. PRIOR TO REACHING TROOPLINE, REPORTING HOW MUCH EARLY OR LATE. ALSO CALL WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA, STATING OPERATIONS COMPLETED.

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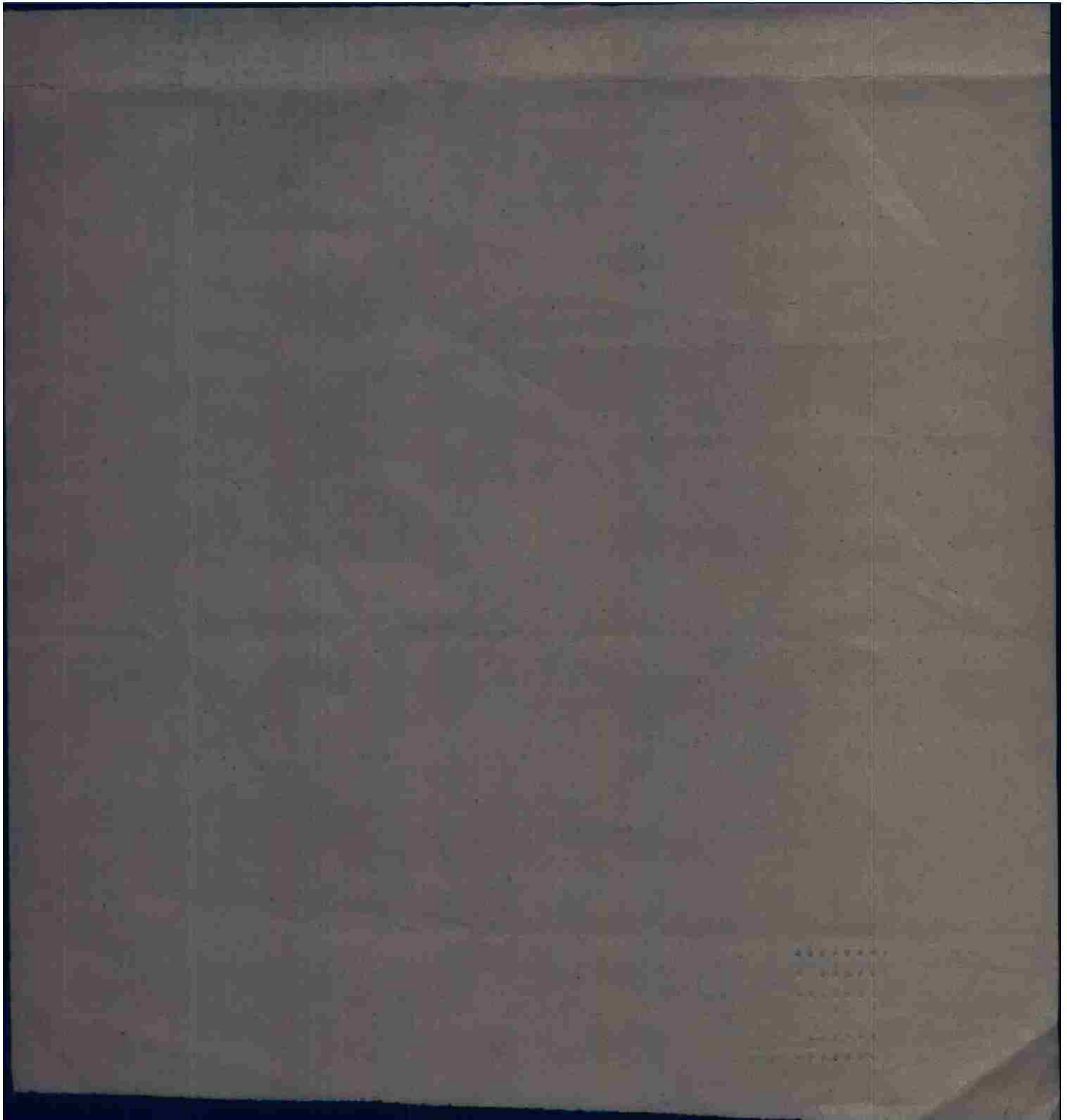
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CG 97 COMBAT BOMB WING ZTTN: A-2

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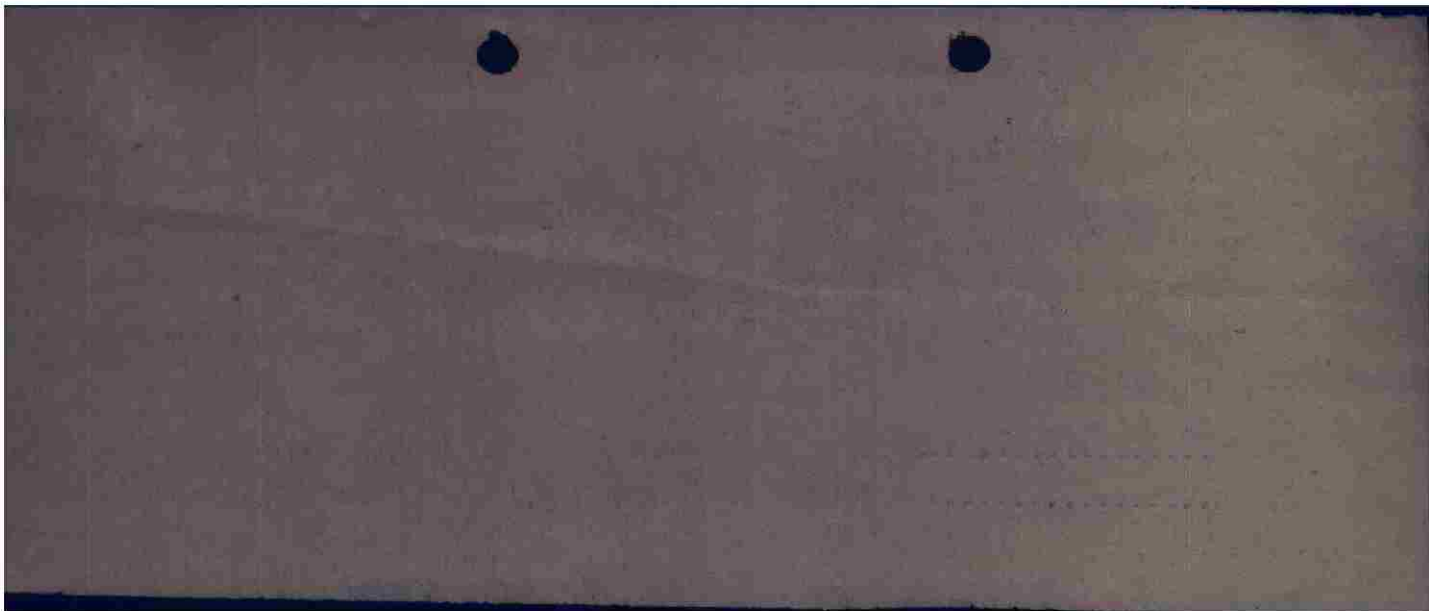
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BOX 1
FLIGHT 1

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1. 467 W
MAJOR L F DUNN
LT W E BREWER
S/S S J MAJEWSKI
S/S A TERAN

4. 222 S
LT W HUSKROVE
S/S B O SMITHMAN

2. 075 J
LT J E BOGDANSON
LT G G JOHNSON
S/S M BOGACH
S/S L R FERRING

5. 334 O
CAPT NORMAN
SGT F B COREY

3. 223 B
LT B POPPNEY
LT W H CHITTY
S/S W E ARNETT

6. 205 M
LT B G BISHOP
SGT L W HUNNITT

FLIGHT 11

1. 073 J
LT F B BREWSTER
LT L S DENNIS
S/S W O CLARK
SGT J R VELLINGA

4. 330 F
LT E O TURNER
S/S J SCHMIDTKE

2. 178 L
LT D B GRONIE
LT B C MORRIS
S/S M E DIAS
S/S H J NEWSSTELSKI

5. 286 D
LT A R TURMAN
SGT H T WRIGHT

3. 307 N
LT J R WARREN
S/S C C STROUP

6. 9315 F
S/O J A GIBBS
SGT R R MORBARICH

FLIGHT 111

1. 106 E
LT J A HERRICK
LT R C HANNA
S/S C H CORBITT
S/S O E SWANK

4. 208 L
~~LT J C GARY~~
~~PVT A E SCHON~~

2. 352 J
CAPT L J SUTLER
LT J R WRIGHT
S/S D C GILLIAN

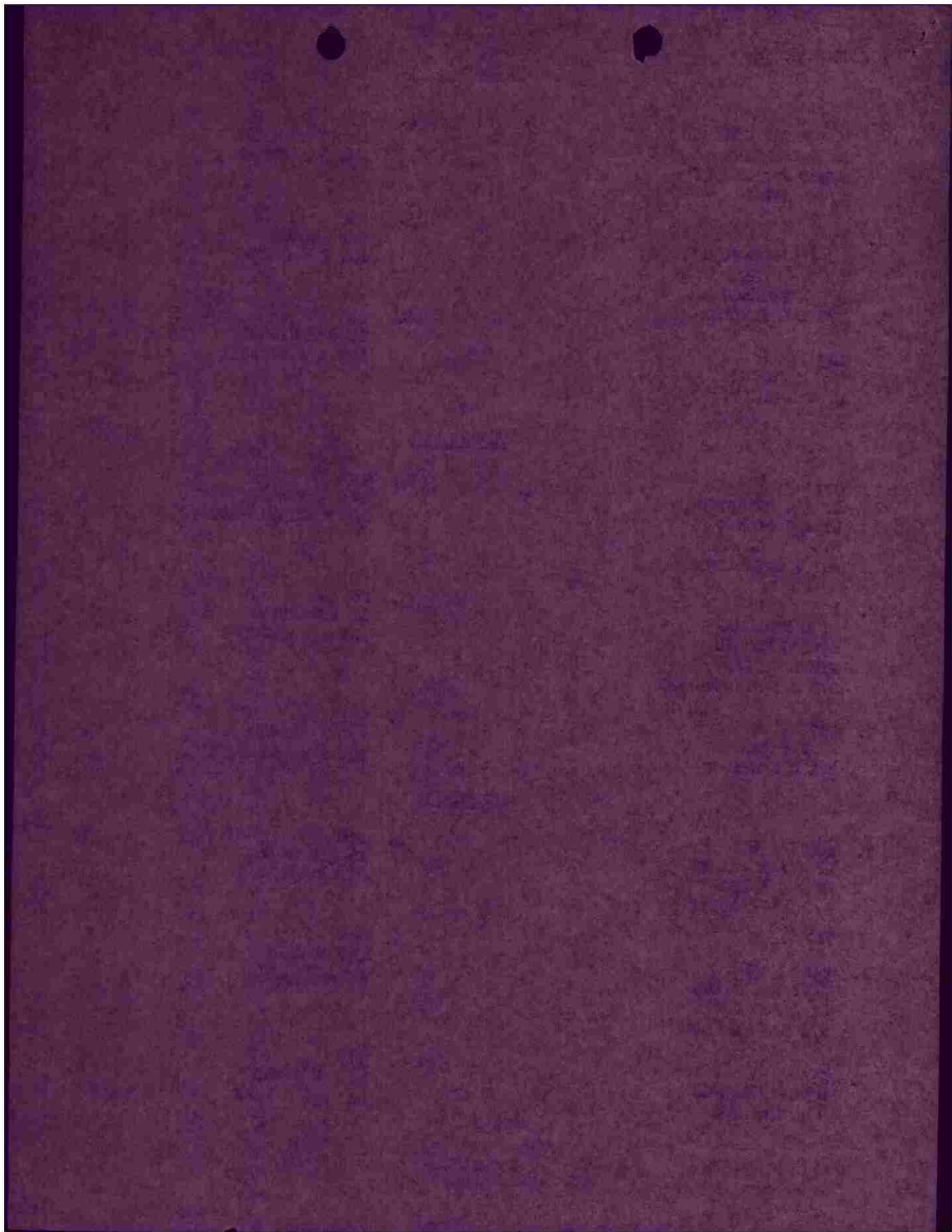
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LT J W SHINES
SGT L E DAVIS

3. 250 A
LT L W EDSTROM
SGT O NELSON

6. 332 F
LT T E CRISBER
SGT A H MILLER

SPARE

356 O
LT G L MILLER
SGT D GIBSON



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BOX I

FLIGHT I

1. 444 J
CAPT R M EVANS
LT T M MCCORMICK
S/S O L BURNS
S/S O H MERRITT

2. 026 H
LT R B SINGLETON
LT A E ROSENQUIST
S/S J O OTTAVIANO
SGT R A FURAS

3. 305 U
LT J P KERRY
S/S J J BITTARICH

4. 264 I
LT E E PARTER
LT E B DRUM
S/S H J SILVA

5. 274 S
LT G J PARHURST
SGT F NEWMAN

6. 321 T
LT J H CARVER
SGT A B STRATH

BOX I

FLIGHT II

1. 091 P
CAPT C J ANDERSON
LT W BARRAGE
S/S P G BUDA
S/S E S SCHAFER

2. 259 H
LT J K OCLAQUIET
S/S C M MOIR

3. 331 G
LT F L HALE
S/S D H BEMZLER

4. 188 R
LT J H MONTGOMERY
LT R H LONG
S/SGT R S *Conroy*

5. 378 O
LT R G DUCHANAN
SGT W H FIDLER

6. 213 A
LT F D MOGHADY
S/S W E LEARDS

FLIGHT III

1. 085 T
CAPT E S DENEN
LT R J MCQUANE
S/S W W DOHERTY
SGT G J HUNGER

2. 229 B
LT D O TURNER
S/S W R KYLE

3. 301 G
LT C S JORDAN
S/SGT R F JENSEN

4. 344 G
LT J F SMITH
S/S G R KILPATRICK

5. 244 I
LT R W VANDORP
SGT W H KLINGMAN

~~6. 252 D
LT F C MARTIN
LT J W BRITT
SGT E E BRITT~~

1. 023 X
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LT R J BASKETT
S/S T CONERTY
S/S L B MCGHEE

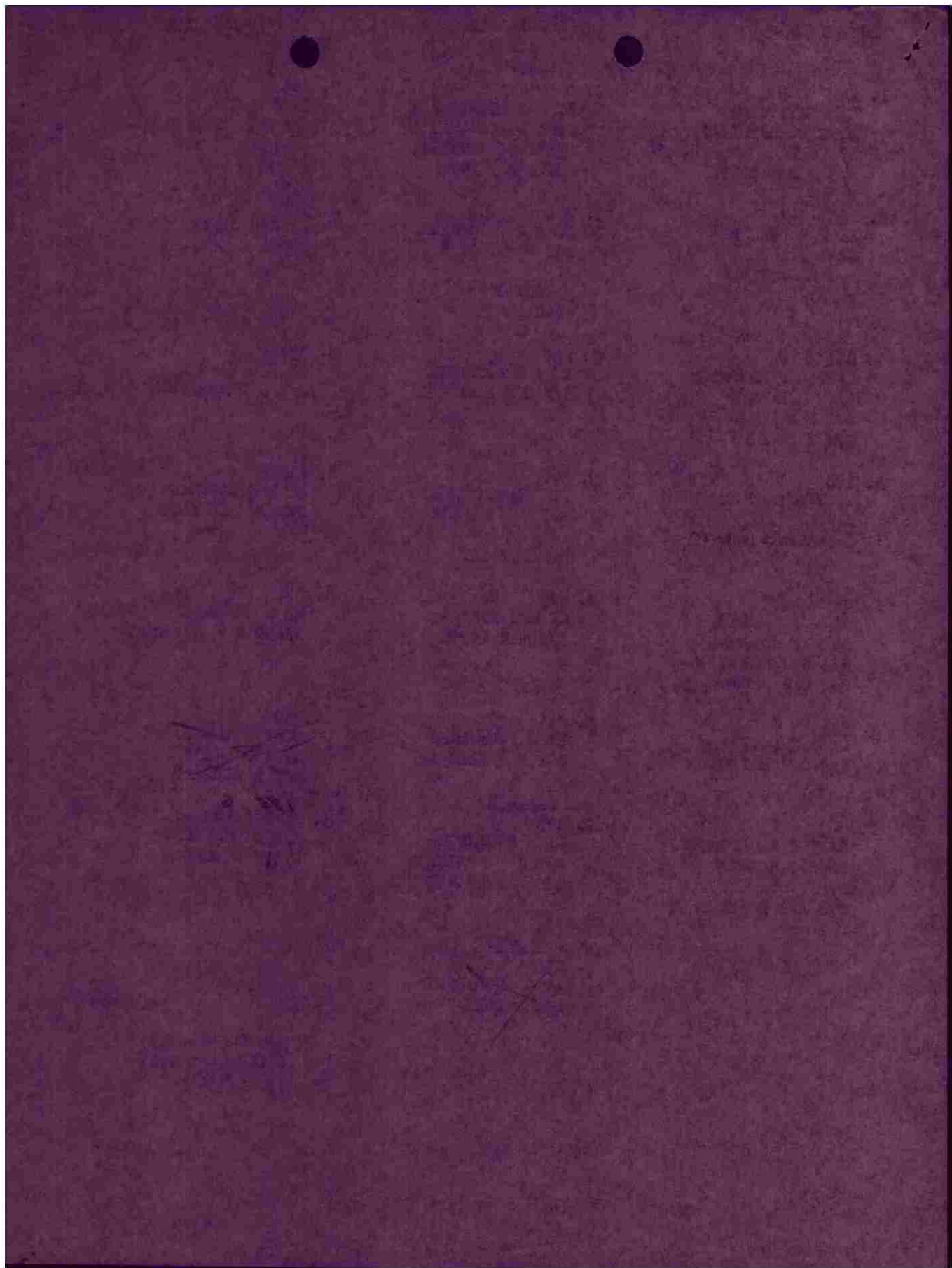
2. 173 W
LT L S GARDEN
S/S J W ROBINSON
S/S E P BRZDZINSKI

3. ¹⁸⁵ 6
LT T J MURRAY
S/S D H DEBOWER
S/S R G SCHROG

~~SEVEN~~

~~238 H
LT O E VINCENT
SGT R DUBI~~

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AUTH: CO STA **A-55**
 DATE: **8 Feb. 1945**
 INIT:

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

TO: **Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M), APO 140, U. S. Army.**
ATTN: Statistical Control.

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

Ref: Oprep A No. 309 for 24 hrs. ending midnight **6 Feb. 1945**
 Mission or Operation No. **199 97th CGR FO (A55-736)**

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target **Berg Gladbach**
 Place of take-off **Station A-55**
 Place of landing **Station A-55 (30 at A-69 - 3 at A-70)**
 Take-off time **1235** Landing time **1400**
 Time over target **1230** Bombing Altitude **13500**
 Nature of mission **Bombing** Other **None**
 Weather **10/10's cloud cover over target.**
 Results **Unobserved**
 Enemy opposition **Major inaccurate IFF.**

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched **12 A-20's**
27 A-26's

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

3 A-20's	Under
7 A-20's	Berg Gladbach
21 A-26's	Berg Gladbach

3. Abortive due to:
 (1) Weather: **1 A-26. Lost formation in overcast.**
 (2) Personnel:
 (3) Mechanical: **1 A-26 - bomb door safety switch malfunction. 1 A-26 - landing gear would not retract. 1 A-20 - broken lead to bomb master switch.**
 (4) Other: **4 A-26's - leader lost formation.**

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) **2 category "A" - flak**

8. Sorties **A-20's 12**
A-26's 29

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GEORGE SCHMIDT,
Capt and Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1. Total number of aircraft
2. Total number of personnel
3. Total number of bombs
4. Total number of fuel
5. Total number of other supplies

For the Commanding Officer:

- a. Destroyed
- b. Prob. Destroyed
- c. Damaged

H. Enemy aircraft by type or description (tentative entries):-

Type of Casualty	Pilot	Co-pilot	NAV	Bomb	R. Gun	E. Gun	F. Gun
Killed in Action							
Missing in Action							
Wounded Seriously							
Wounded Slightly							
Wounded							

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

- a. Total Returned
- b. Lost or wrecked on missing e/c
- c. Detained
- d. Expended on operations (List targets separately)
- e. Total carried into air
- f. Bombs, flares, etc. used
- g. Lost on wrecked or missing e/c
- h. Expended on operations
- i. Total carried into air
- j. Ammunition by caliber:
- k. Day (Sunrise to sunset)
- l. Night (Sunset to sunrise)
- m. Total operational flying hours

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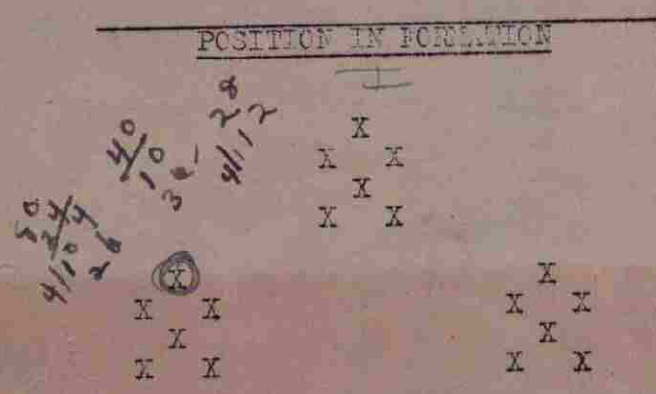
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	<u>4 X 5000</u>	RETURNED				
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED				

FLAK: Saw flak + tracer 10 miles off -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: Lost contact with formation when it entered overcast at Luxembourg - went above & couldn't find them then came back below & couldn't locate them - found (3912) (white triangle - group) and started to follow them - they turned around & came out without bombing.

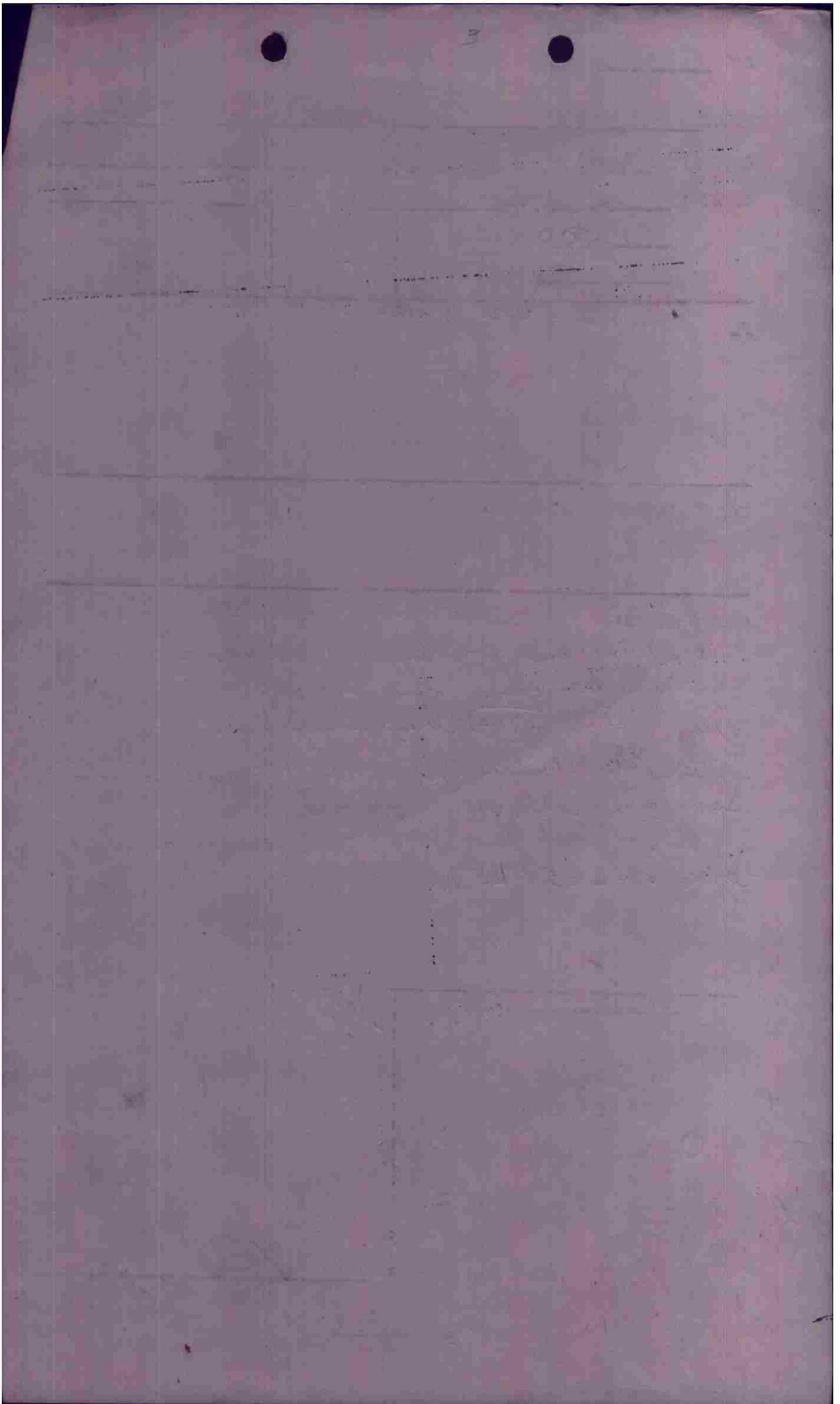
Turned back at 1158. Just see fog at point of turn at L 351 251.

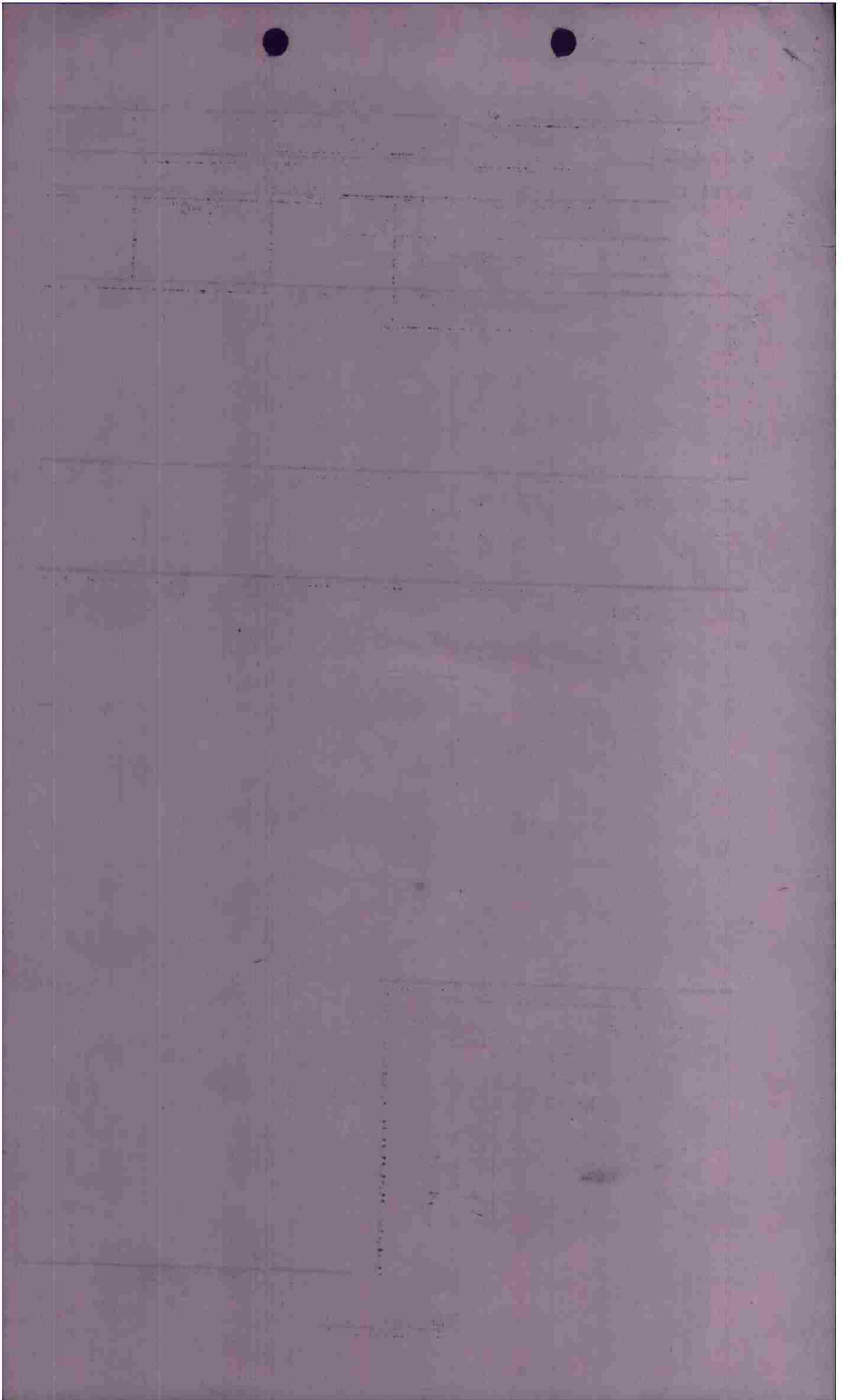


A-69 - all except 3 accounted for

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PILOT SMITH A/C# 344 BOX H

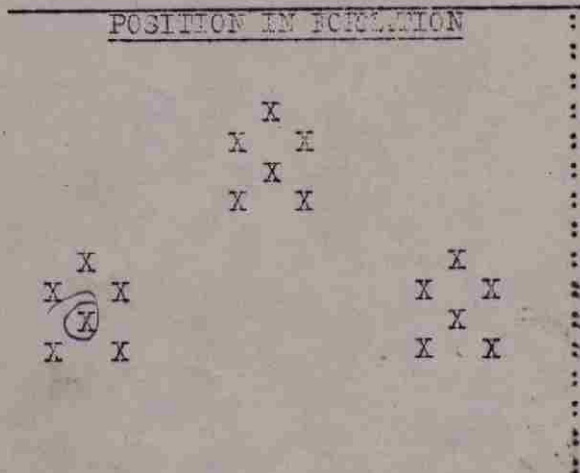
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	<u>4</u>	<u>X 1000</u>	RETURNED	<u>nil</u>	
	<u>1</u>	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED		

FLAK: nil

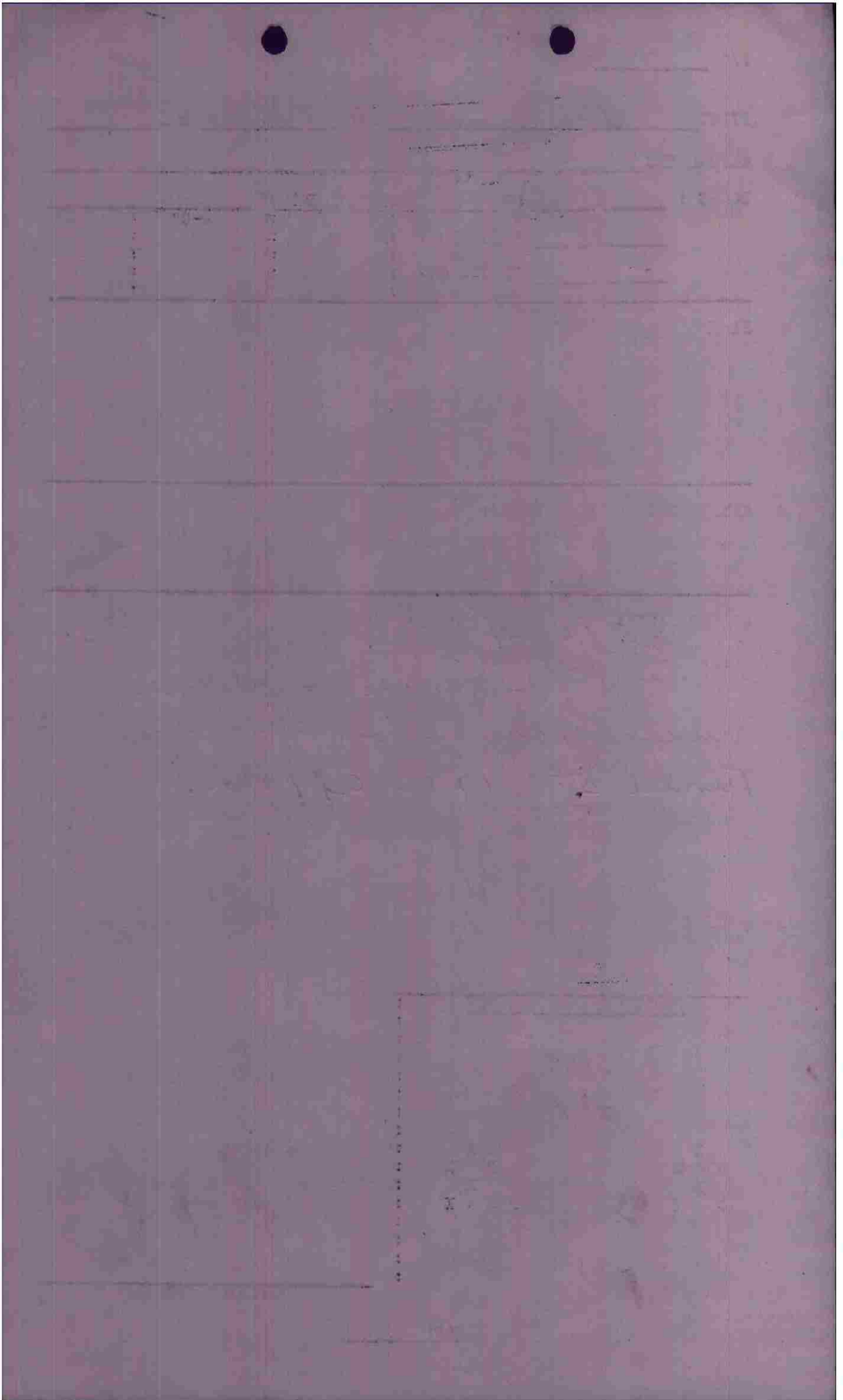
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: FLAK to left of our formation at another formation about 5 miles from us. - 1200 hrs Turned at 1210 approx.



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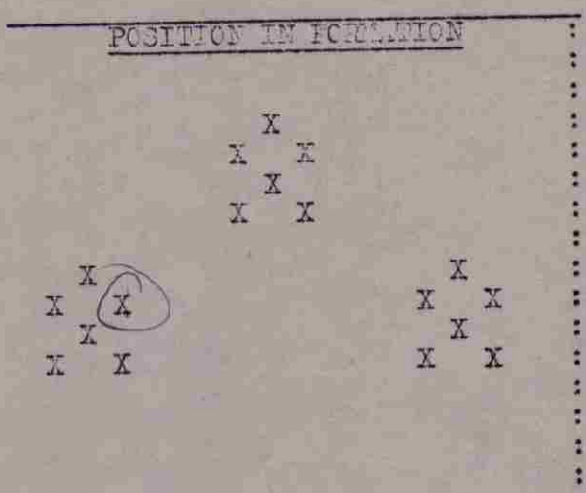
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BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> RETURNED				
X JETTISONED		<u>nil</u>		

FLAK: nil

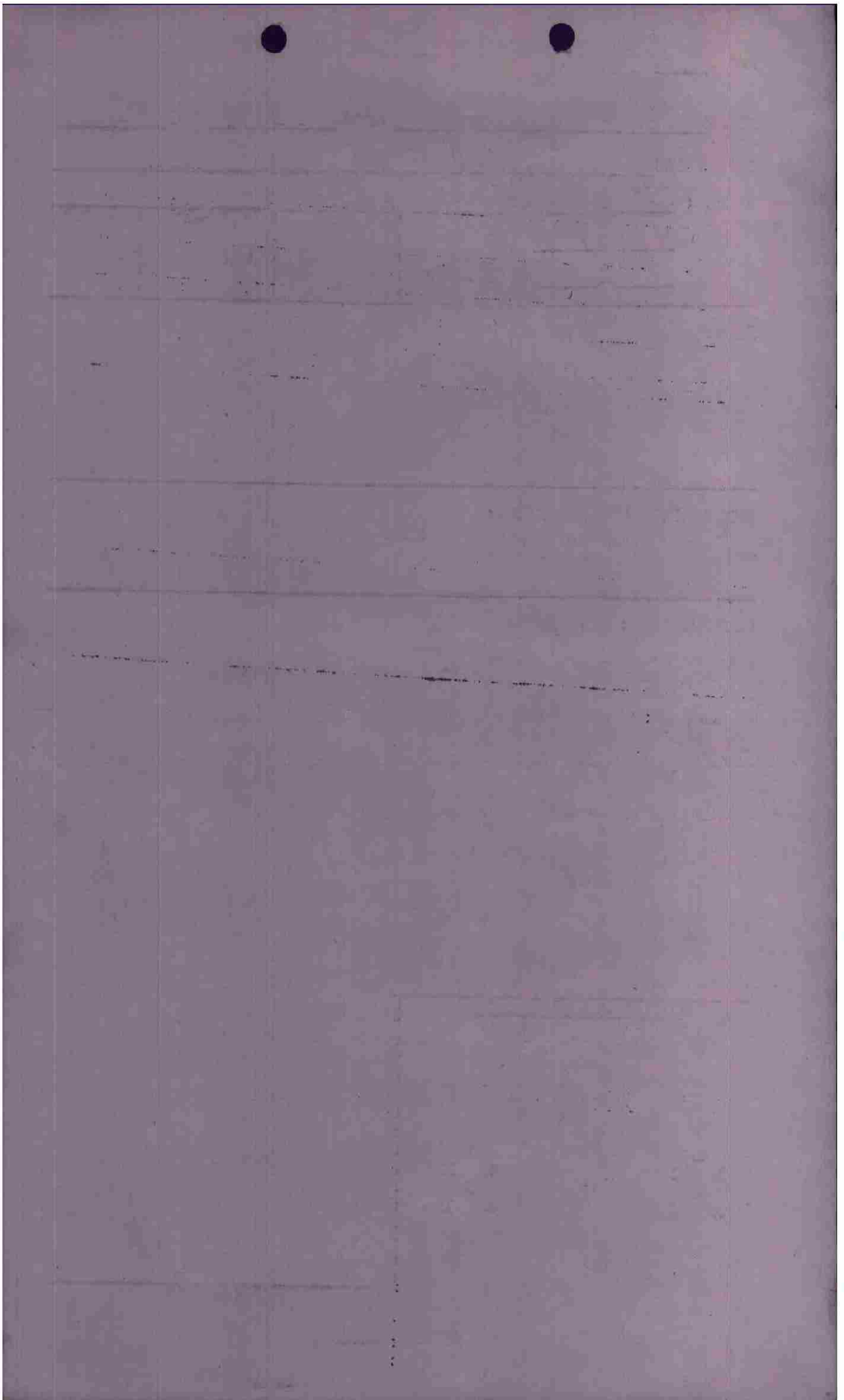
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: Returned from enemy territory - Saw B-26's getting flak in area from which we returned but don't know exactly where we were. Our flight was alone - lost balance of formation in weather - spent considerable time looking for them. Lost formation at 1215.



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PILOT VAN ROPE W/C# 244 BOX II

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK: X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS:

None Weather

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X

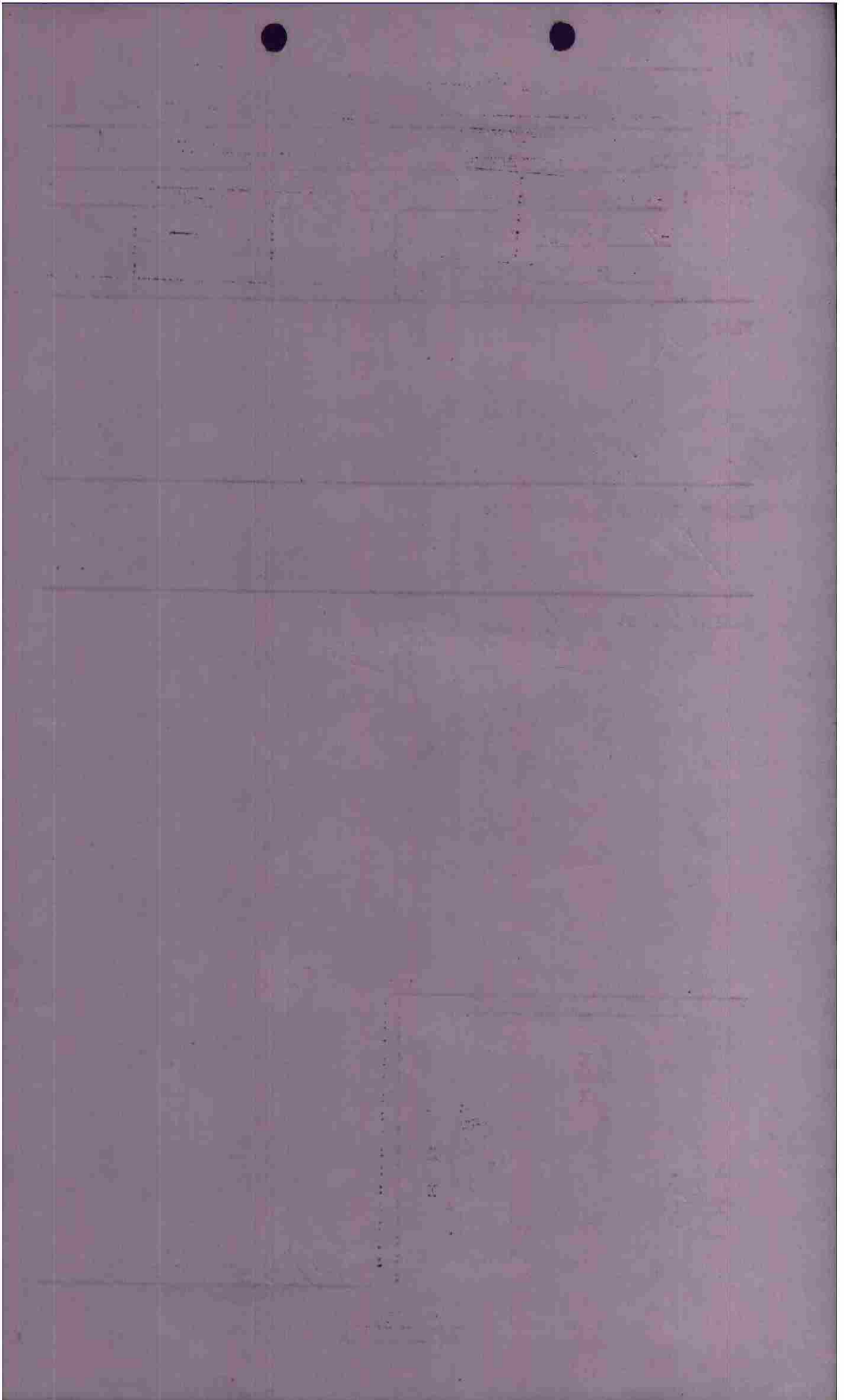
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PILOT JORDON A/C# 387 BOX II

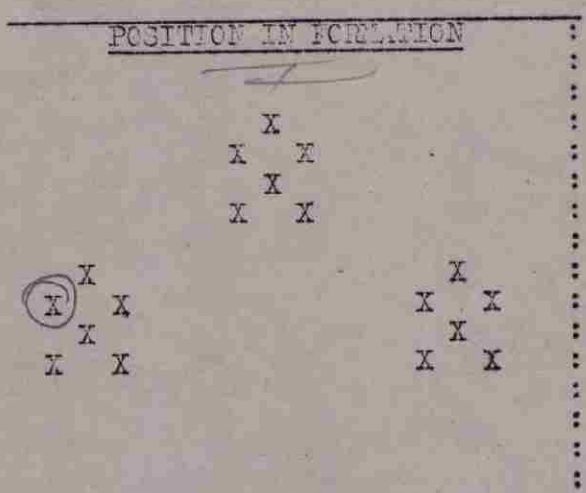
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BOMBS :	<u>X</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>4</u>	<u>X/000</u>	RETURNED		
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK: nil

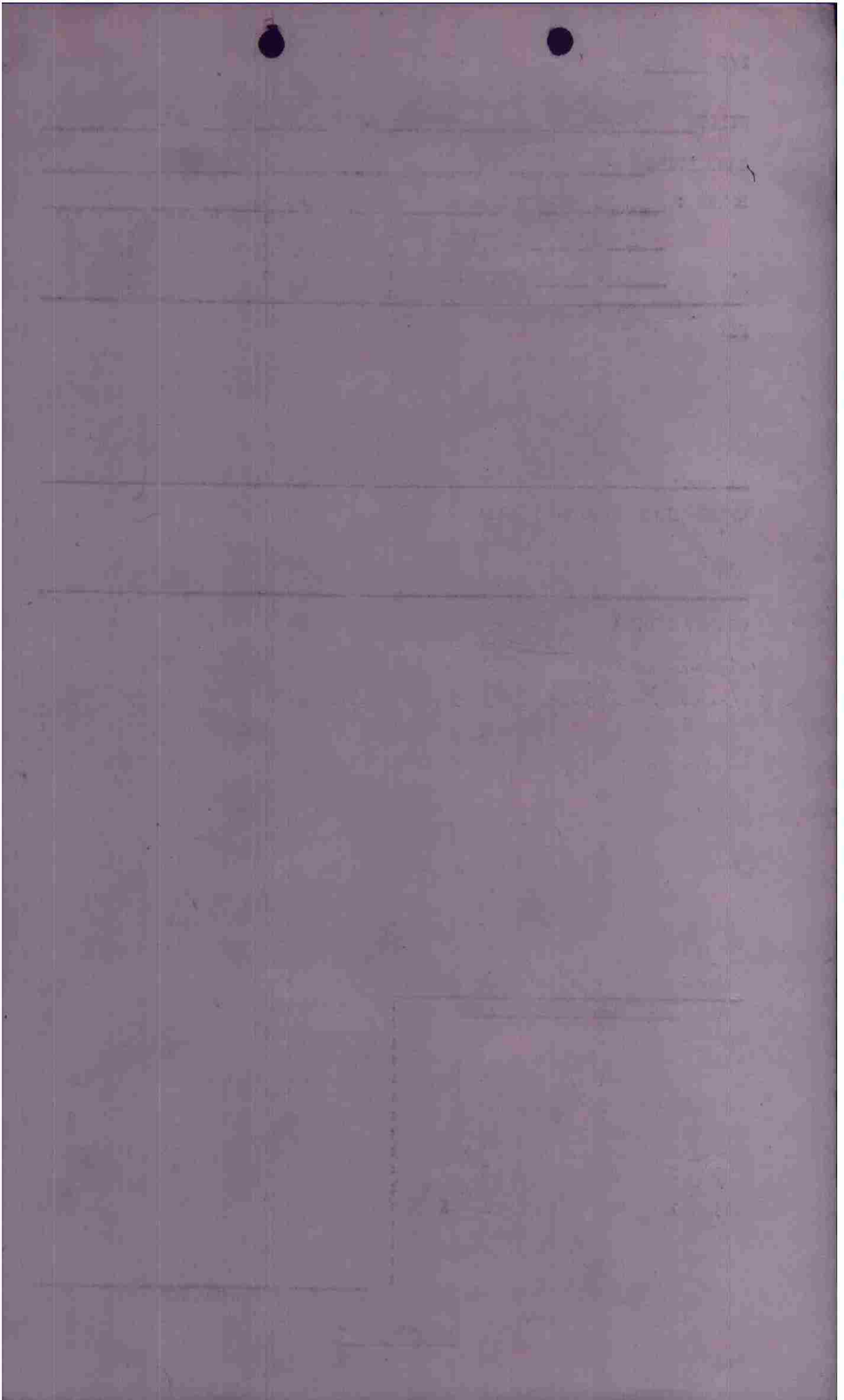
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: nil
send
 Cloud layer 10 to 13,000 ft - lost formation
 turned back at 1205 hrs.



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