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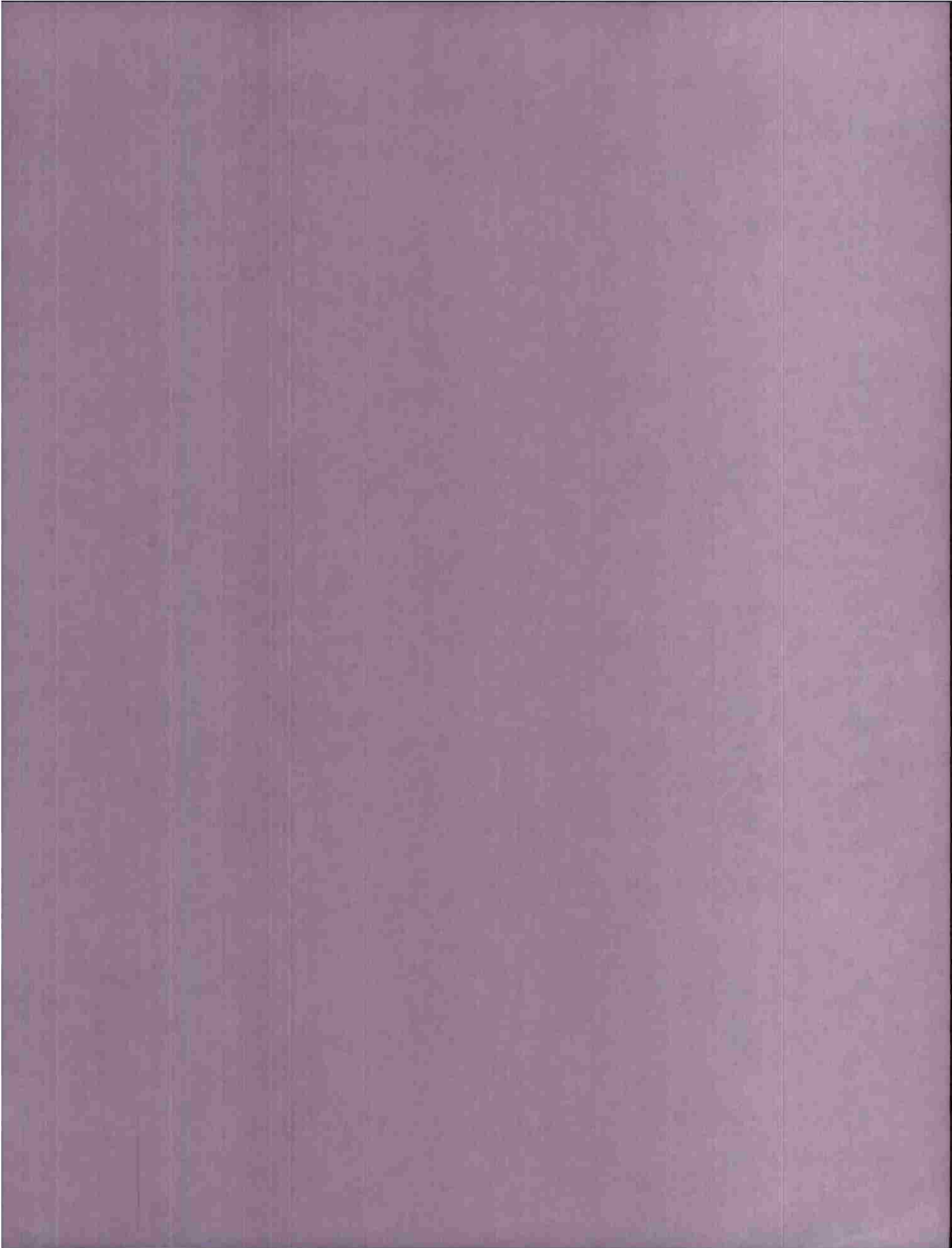
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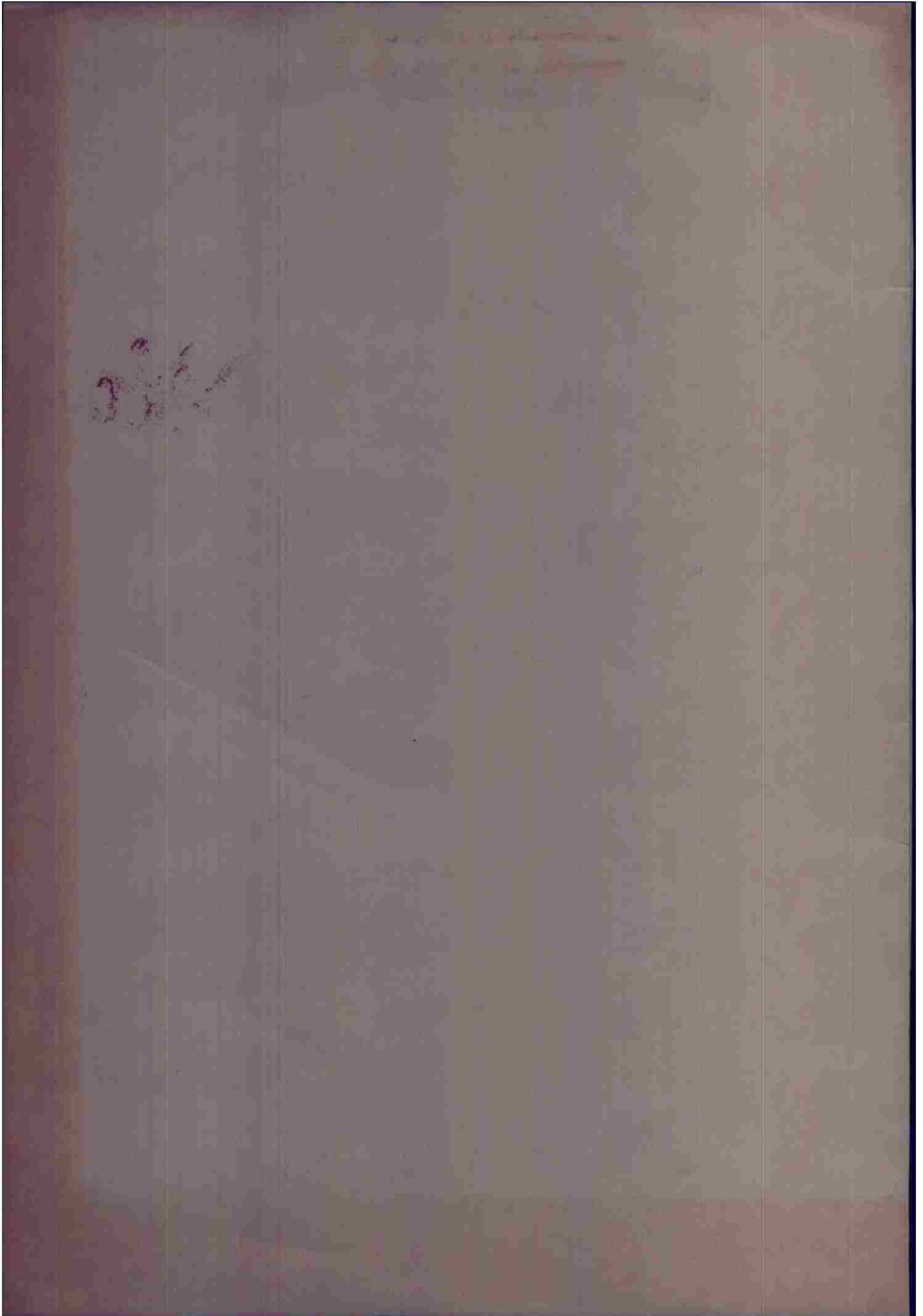
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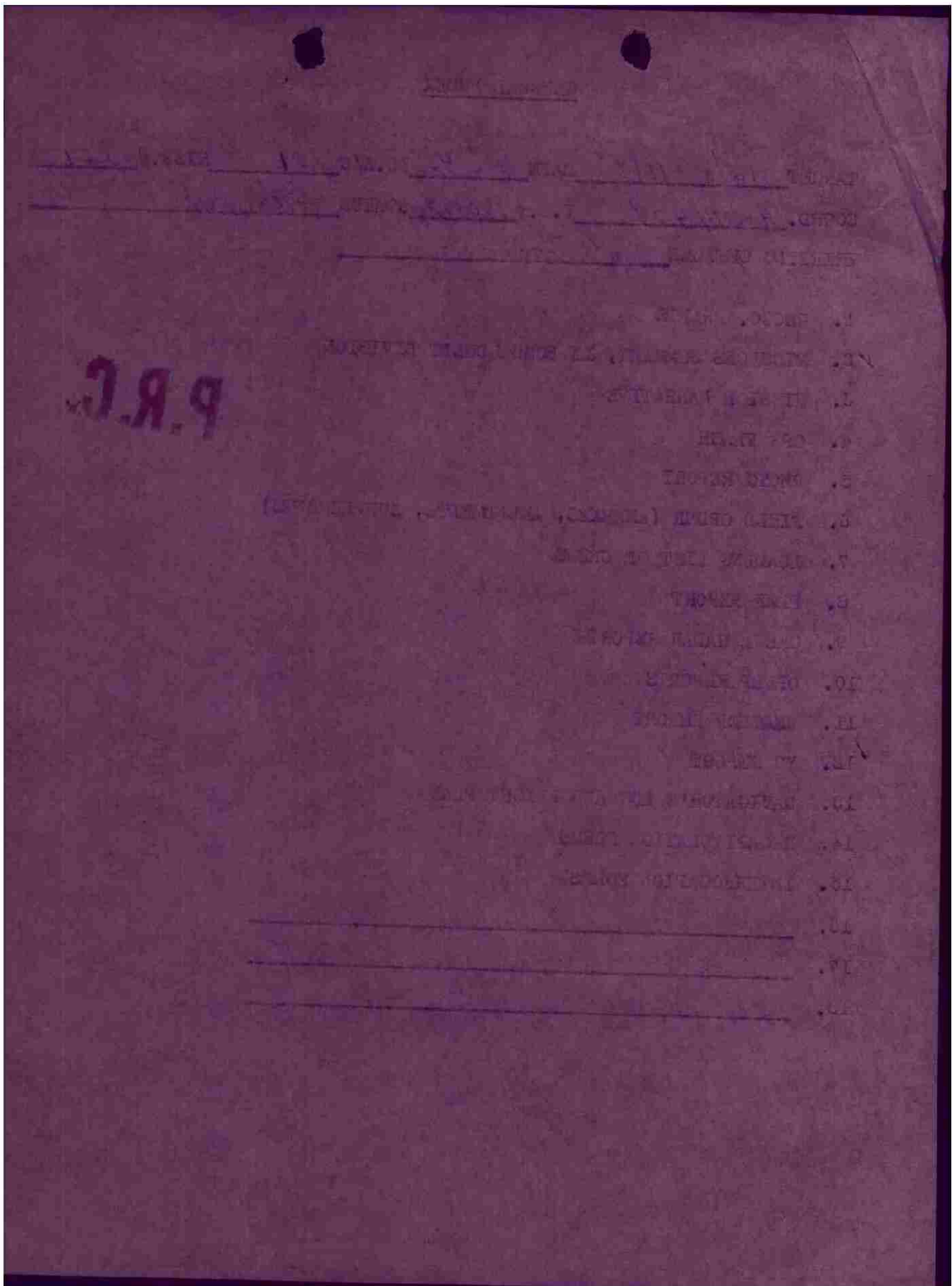
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 COORD. A-614408 F.O.# 190-226 STATUS Attacked  
 BRIEFING OFFICER Capt Anderson

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HEADQUARTERS  
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)APO # 140  
5 March 1945MISSION SUMMARY #60

4 March 1945

Section IField Order 774  
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<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
322 BG	Recklinghausen (A-645336) Marshalling Yard	Undet. (FFF)
323 BG	Recklinghausen (A-645336) Marshalling Yard	Poor (FFF)
391 BG	Recklinghausen (A-645336) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flt. A - Superior Flt. B - Superior (AMPI) Flt. C - NAO (FFF Gee)
386 BG	Bruhl (F-416485) Communication Center	Undet. (FFF)
387 BG	Bruhl (F-416485) Communication Center	Undet. (FFF)
397 BG	Bruhl (F-416485) Communication Center	Undet. (FFF)
344 BG	Sechtem (F-447435) Communication Center	Undet. (FFF)
416 BG	Lenkerbeck (A-614408) Marshalling Yard	NAO (FFF ETA)
409 BG	Lenkerbeck (A-614408) Marshalling Yard	Undet. (FFF)
410 BG	Rheinbach (F-440259) Communication Center	Box I - Flt. A - No Attack Flt. B - NAO (Gee) Flt. C - NAO (ETA)
394 BG	Leaflet Missions Euskirchen (F-3329) Weilerswist (F-3640) Ahrweiler (F-5416) Gelsdorf (F-5021) Rheinbach (F-4425) Sinzig (F-6515) Gerolstein (L-2381) Hillesheim (L-2488) Wittlich (L-3955) Cocher (L-5972) Bullay (L-5661) Kaisersesch (L-5781) Mayen (L-6392) Koborn (L-8090) Kirchberg (L-7749) Wolfersweiler (L-5918) Ottweiler (Q-5989)	Satisfactory

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Window 4/C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage as film stuck in camera. Crews report dropping as briefed.

Box I - HFF - POOR. 20% of bombs fell within 1000 ft. of DMPI in a very elongated pattern. Bombs fell across eastern choke point of M/Y with approximately 6 bombs on tracks with others falling in open fields on both sides of M/Y with several bombs on roads, south of target. 6 late salvoes hit approximately 4000 ft. SSE of DMPI, falling near road and railroad leading from industrial area. Although crews reported bombs across western choke point as well as eastern choke point, available photos do not show such bombs.

323 BG: 19 a/c dispatched (including 1 HFF), 14 dropping 108 X 500 GP on primary. 3 window a/c dropped 30 X 100 GP, on bomb run every 15 seconds beginning 10 miles from target. 2 a/c failed to bomb: weather. No losses, 4 a/c battle-damaged, no casualties. No call made for fix due to operations within TAR area. Bombing by box on HFF lead from 13,500 feet.

Window 4/C - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Borken (4-400610) was a briefed sea target for the window a/c and the run was made on sea; however, a break in the clouds gave the bombardier an opportunity to make a visual sighting. The course was off on sea run and there was no time to aim at the town center so the road and railroad crossing were selected. About 50% of the bombs hit within 1000 ft. of the SMPI, centering approximately 1000 ft. to the east. A concentrated pattern fell across a main road destroying or damaging probably 10 houses at 4-406607, slightly over 1/2 mile SE of the center of Borken.

322 BG: 18 a/c dispatched (including 1 HFF), 15 dropping 116 X 500 GP on primary. 3 window a/c dropped 24 X 500 GP on window primary (Borken Defended Town, 4-400610). No losses, damage, casualties. No call made for fix due to operations within TAR area. Bombing by box on HFF lead from 12,000 - 13,500 feet. Box I - HFF - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Recklinshausen (marshalling yard)

One box from each of seven groups attacked two marshalling yards and two communication centers while two boxes from each of two other groups attacked two secondary targets. One box attacked other target. Results recorded were SUPERIOR to UNDETERMINED. One group flew level missions.

GROUP NARRATIVE

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391 BG: 19 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 9 dropping 68 X 500 GP on Secondary, 6 dropping 48 X 500 GP on OTHER; 3 (window a/c) dropping 24 X 500 GP on OTHER. Bomb disposition unknown of one a/c which landed at Merville (H-400400).

No losses, damage, casualties.

No call made for fix due to operations within TAF area.

Bombing by flights on PFF (Gee) and Group lead (visual) from 13,000 - 13,500 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. (Briefed Secondary) Because of no contact being made with escort at fighter rendezvous formation elected to bomb Secondary, Winterswijk M/Y Choke Point (A-300750), 3 1/2 miles NW of Primary target. All bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPI. Center of tight pattern 200 ft. SE of DMPI across choke point at S. end of M/Y cutting all sidings and scoring near hits on roundhouse and hits on 3 railway wagons, 5 small factory buildings, and 1 main roadway. 2 runs made.

Flt. B - AMPI - SUPERIOR. Cloud cover at briefed Secondary prevented bombing Secondary. Leader selected Bocholt Town (A-227608), 32 miles NW of Primary target. All bombs within 1000 ft. of AMPI with tight pattern 200 ft. NE of AMPI with hits on 30 residential buildings, 4 roadways, and 1 factory building. 2 runs made on Secondary and 1 on AMPI.

Flt. C - NAO (PFF Gee). This flight bombed, on PFF, the Secondary Winterswijk (A-300750). No bomb bursts visible on cloud obscured photographs; crews report fair results. 1 run made.

Window A/C - AMPI - UNDETERMINED. Primary target area was not bombed because rest of formation elected to bomb Secondary, as no contact was made with escort at fighter rendezvous. Leader elected to bomb Borsculo (A-170920). No photo coverage due to cloud cover, but crews report excellent results.

Note: Flights A & B were unable to get their bomb bay doors open in time to drop on PFF on first run over Secondary. With 7/10 clouds they made another run hoping to be able to bomb visually.

Bruhl (Communications Center)

386 BG: 17 a/c dispatched (16 A-26, 1 PFF), 15 dropping 84 X 500 Comp B, 4 X 500 GP on Primary.

2 (A-26) a/c failed to bomb: weather.

No losses, damage, casualties.

PFF contacted "Roselee" on entering tactical area and obtained desired fix.

Bombing by box on PFF lead from 14,200 feet.

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

387 BG: 21 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 17 dropping 130 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical.

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409 BG: 23 a/c dispatched (15 A-26, 7 A-20, 1 F4U), 20 dropping 108 X 500 GP on Primary. 2 window a/c. 1 a/c failed to bomb: personnel.

Box I - NAO (F4U). F4U had personnel error. Pilot was off course. F4U elected to bomb OTHER target, rail junction and marshalling yard (A-634266). No photo coverage due to partial cloud cover, smoke and haze. Crews on basis of visual observation report excellent results with good pattern on M choke point and mid-marshalling yard area.

Bombing by box on F4U (F4U) from 13,500 feet.

No call made for fix due to operations within F4U area. It is considered missing in the absence of any information. No losses, damage. One crewman baled out of one a/c which was in steep spiral during descent through overcast near Leon/athies (0-030160) and

416 BG: 22 a/c dispatched (21 A-26, 1 F4U), 18 dropping 106 X 500 GP on OTHER, rail junction & M/T west of Horne (A-634266). Bomb disposition unknown of one a/c which landed at Diego/Blarset. 3 window a/c.

Loukerbeck (Marshalling Yard)

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

Bombing by box on F4U lead from 14,500 - 17,700 feet.

F4U called "Roseloe" on entering tactical area and obtained desired fix.

No losses, damage, casualties.

374 BG: 20 a/c dispatched (including 1 F4U), 17 dropping 129 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

Seethem (Communication Center)

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

Bombing by box on F4U lead from 13,700 - 17,000 feet.

F4U called "Roseloe" 1 minute after entering tactical area and obtained desired fix.

No losses, damage, casualties.

6 a/c failed to bomb: weather.

397 BG: 21 a/c dispatched (including 1 F4U), 10 dropping 72 X 500 GP on Primary. 1 a/c dropped 4 X 500 GP (3, armed; 1, unknown as to arming) in Primary territory (R-225538) due to rack malfunction. 3 window a/c, 2 a/c.

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

Bombing by box on F4U lead from 13,600 feet.

F4U called "Roseloe" on entering tactical area and obtained desired fix.

No losses, damage, casualties.

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No losses, 3 a/c (2 A-26, 1 A-20) battle-damaged, no casualties.

No call made for fix due to operations within TAF area.

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

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

Rheinbach (Communications Center)

410 BG: 21 a/c dispatched (20 A-20, 1 PFF), 12 dropping 72 X 500 GP on Secondary.

9 a/c failed to bomb: Other - 1 (PFF), no release signal received; 1, bombardier unable to align his signals and as he did not drop, 6 other a/c in his flight failed to drop; 1, could not keep up with formation.

No losses, damage, casualties.

PFF called "Ripsaw" on entering the tactical area. "Roselee" answered and gave desired fix.

Bombing by flights on Group lead (Gee and ETA), from 13,500 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - NO ATTACK. PFF a/c made run on Primary but failed to bomb because it did not receive release signal. Lead flight bombardier attempted to bomb OTHER target on Gee but was unable to align signals in target area.

Flt. B - NAO (Gee). After PFF a/c failed to bomb flight leader bombed OTHER target, Bullay RR Bridge (L-568612). No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Flt. C - NAO (ETA). After PFF a/c failed to bomb flight leader bombed OTHER target, Bullay RR Bridge (L-568612). No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Leaflet Missions - Cologne Area

394 BG: 17 a/c dispatched, all dropping 323 X 20 FP - 50 leaflet bombs - on 17 targets in the Cologne area.

No losses, damage, casualties.

No call made to ground station for fix.

Drops were by individual a/c on Gee, ETA and by visual method, from 7500-16,000 feet.

Crews report that all drops were satisfactory.

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0	Claims
0	Injured
1	Missing
0	Wounded
0	Killed
7 (3.50%)	A/C Battle Damaged
0	A/C Crash-Landed
0	A/C Missing
0	A/C Lost

117,523.83

277.75

Bombs on Enemy Territory  
Total Bombs to Date

218

Total

Bombs of 2 A/C Unaccounted for 18

Spare 2

Window 14

Other

A/C Recalled (Weather) 10

A/C Failing to Bomb 11

A/C Bombing 179

218

A/C Off

Section II

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FAILURES TO BOMB

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. A/C</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASONS</u>
387	1	Mechanical	Rack malfunction.
409	1 (A-26)	Personnel	Pilot ill.
410	8	Other	1 - Could not keep up with formation. 1 - Bombardier unable to align signals at target. 6 - Failed to bomb when flight leader did not bomb.
	1 (FFF)	Other	No release signal received.

S/A PHOTO REPORT

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING</u>	<u>MECHANICAL FAILURES</u>		<u>PERSONNEL FAILURES</u>	
		<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
322	100%	0	0	0	0
323	57%	3	43%	0	0
391	83%	0	0	1	17%

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Recklinghausen 322 BG: 9/10 to 10/10 multilayered cloud top 13-14,000 ft. Visibility above cloud unlimited.

323 BG: 5/10 to 7/10 stratocumulus top 6000 ft. Visibility 6 miles.

391 BG: 7/10 low cloud top estimated 7-8000 ft. Visibility 6 to 8 miles.

Bruhl 386 BG: 10/10 multilayered cloud top 13,500 ft. 10/10 solid cloud base estimated 18-20,000 ft. Visibility 5 miles at altitude.

387 BG: 10/10 cumulus top 13,000 ft. 8/10 altostratus base 15-16,000 ft. Visibility 5 miles between layers.

397 BG: 10/10 low cloud top 13,000 ft. 10/10 medium cloud base 14,500 ft. Cloud layers seemed to converge on bomb run. Visibility 3 miles between layers.

Sechten 344 BG: 10/10 layered cloud top 13,500 ft. 10/10 altostratus base 14,000 ft. Visibility 6 to 8 miles between layers.

Lenkerbeck 416 BG: 7/10 multilayered cloud top 10-11,000 ft. Air to ground visibility 3 to 5 miles. Air to air visibility 3 to 5 miles in haze.

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The 409 Gp. encountered weak inaccurate heavy flak 4 miles NE of the target (A-6747) and at 3 miles N Dülmen (A-6863). The 416 Gp. encountered no flak.

416, 409 Gp.	A/C Lost to Flak	0
	A/C Battle Damaged	3
	% A/C Battle Damaged	6.97%

The 323 Gp. encountered weak to moderate heavy flak on the last part of the bomb run and on the turn off target. The 322 Gp. reported weak inaccurate heavy flak 5 miles SW of Goersfeld (A-5767), at Borken (A-4061) and at Dülmen (A-7059). The 391 Gp. reported no flak. Weather conditions and the surprise element of not having previously attacked this target from medium level, probably kept the gunners from engaging the formations effectively. There are no known defenses at Goersfeld, Borken or Dülmen. However, formations using this route to and from targets have been engaged by heavy flak at these points previously. The flak was probably being fired from railway guns in the area.

322, 323, 391 Gp.	A/C Lost to Flak	0
	A/C Battle Damaged	4
	% A/C Battle Damaged	7.36%

The only flak reported was by the 397 Gp. This formation encountered weak inaccurate heavy flak at the target and at the front lanes near F-3345. Artillerymen of the III Corps fired a total of 372 rounds of ammunition to give us cover on Brühl and Sechtam. This action took place between 1425 and 1525.

386, 387, 397 Gp.	A/C Lost to Flak	0
	A/C Battle Damaged	0
	% A/C Battle Damaged	0
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397 Gp.	Rheinhart Communications Center	394 Gp.
410 Gp.	Rheinhart Communications Center	410 Gp.
397 Gp.	Rheinhart Communications Center	397 Gp.

200	A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	200
0	A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
7	A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	7
	% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	3.50%

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

409 BG:	10/10 stratospheric tops 8000 ft. Building cumulus tops to 12,000 ft. 10/10 altocumulus base 14-15,000 ft. Visibility air to air unlimited between layers.	Lentherbeck
410 BG:	10/10 cloud top 17,000 ft. Visibility 10 miles plus above cloud.	Rheinhart
397 BG:	3/10 to 4/10 cirrus base 20,000 ft. 9/10 to 10/10 multi-layer cloud top 17,000 ft. Visibility un-limited above cloud.	Area S. of Cologne

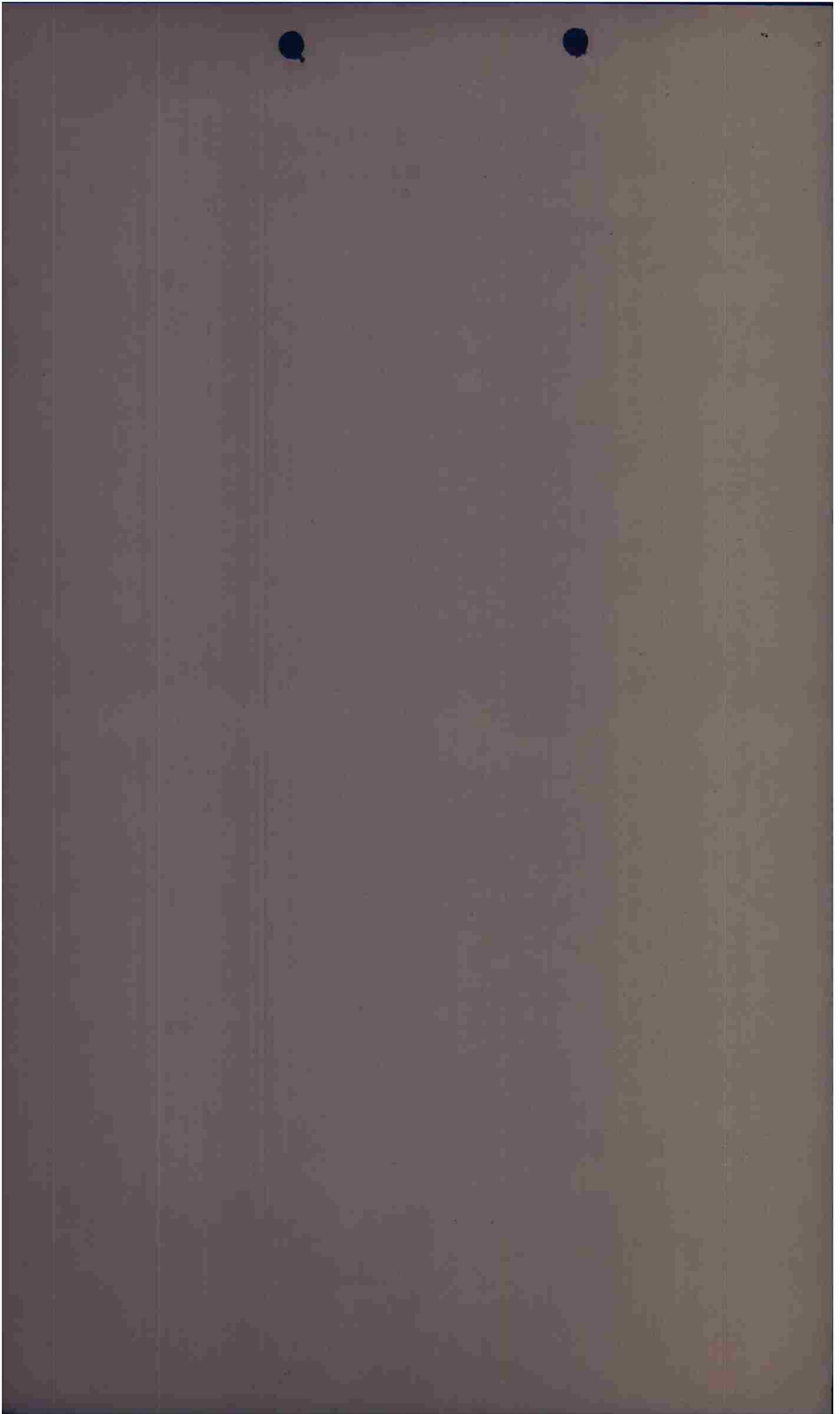
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ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.T.'s: 1428 to 1551  
1303 to 1358 (Leaflets)

No e/a encountered during mission.



## PUBLIC RELATIONS

## PRESS RELEASE

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, France: The Rocklinghausen, Lenkerbeck and Bickel railroad yards northwest of Dortmund, in the Ruhr valley —reported jammed with military traffic brought up from central Germany— were attacked in force Sunday by B-26 Marauders and A-26 Invaders of the Ninth Bombardment Division.

At the same time, other B-26 formations smashed at roads and rail centers in three German towns and a defended village inside the Holland border. Havocs rounded out the day's offensive with an attack against the Bullay railway bridge, 22 miles northeast of Trier. All bombing was through heavy cloud cover, and results were almost totally unobserved.

Four Marauder and Invader forces participated in the attacks on the Ruhr valley railroad yards. At Rocklinghausen, 12 miles northwest of Dortmund, late reconnaissance had revealed that seventy per cent of the yards were occupied by upwards of one thousand railroad cars. Damage to the yards, situated on a rail line between Hamm, Rocklinghausen and the Ruhr, would cause the destruction of reinforcements being moved to the Ruhr from points east of the Rhine. The Lenkerbeck yards, 3 miles farther north, on a rail route running southwest from Munster, via Dulmen, to Rocklinghausen, also had been reported crowded with Ruhr-bound traffic. Assessment of damage to both objectives awaits weather suitable for air reconnaissance.

Only observations of the afternoon were made by Invader crews attacking the yards at Bickel. An A-26 bombardier-navigator reported seeing bombs tear up sections of track and cause possible damage to a string of tank cars. The brief observation was possible due to a quick opening in the clouds over the target area.

Marauders attacking communications centers south of Cologne singled out the towns of Bruhl and Saechtem, both within a 10-mile radius of the Rheinland capital. Key roads and rail centers on the south flank of the U. S. First Army's advance were the specific targets for the mediums, which used 500-pound bombs to block roads by deep cratering. The attacks were requested by the First Army to disorganize enemy communications in the area. While these attacks raged, other Marauders hit communications in the town of Berlo, 5 miles northeast of Bocholt, near the Holland border, and the defended village of Winterswyk, 5 miles farther north, inside Holland.

Earlier Sunday afternoon, B-26 "flying newsboys" scattered more than 4 million copies of the psychological warfare newspapers, Front Post, over the German towns of Buskirchen, Reinbach, Ahrweiler, Sinzig, Bullay, Meyen, Wittlich and ten other villages and towns inside the Reich.

Throughout the entire operations, the bomber formations were unopposed by the Luftwaffe, although flak of varying intensity met the Ninth's bombers over several of the day's targets. None of the bombers is missing.

It was the twelfth successive day of the Ninth Bombardment Division's current offensive, and upwards of 175 bombers were dispatched over the day's multiple targets.

The Sunday attacks marked the 12th consecutive day the medium and light bombers have been in operation. Damage assessment figures are very incomplete due to limited strike photo coverage. Dense clouds prevented taking of photographs.

218	Aircraft dispatched
200	Aircraft over enemy territory
0	Bomber losses
274.75	Drop tonnage
3	Marshalling yards attacked
6	District communication centers hit
1	Railroad bridges attacked
10	Railroad cars damaged
6	Railroad cuts
11	Highway cuts
42	Buildings damaged or destroyed
6	Factories damaged or destroyed
3 1/2 million	Leaflets dropped

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, France, March 4 - Following are operational statistics, including preliminary damage assessment figures, for combat missions of B-26 bombers, A-20 Havocs and A-26 Invaders of the Ninth Bombardment Division Sunday:

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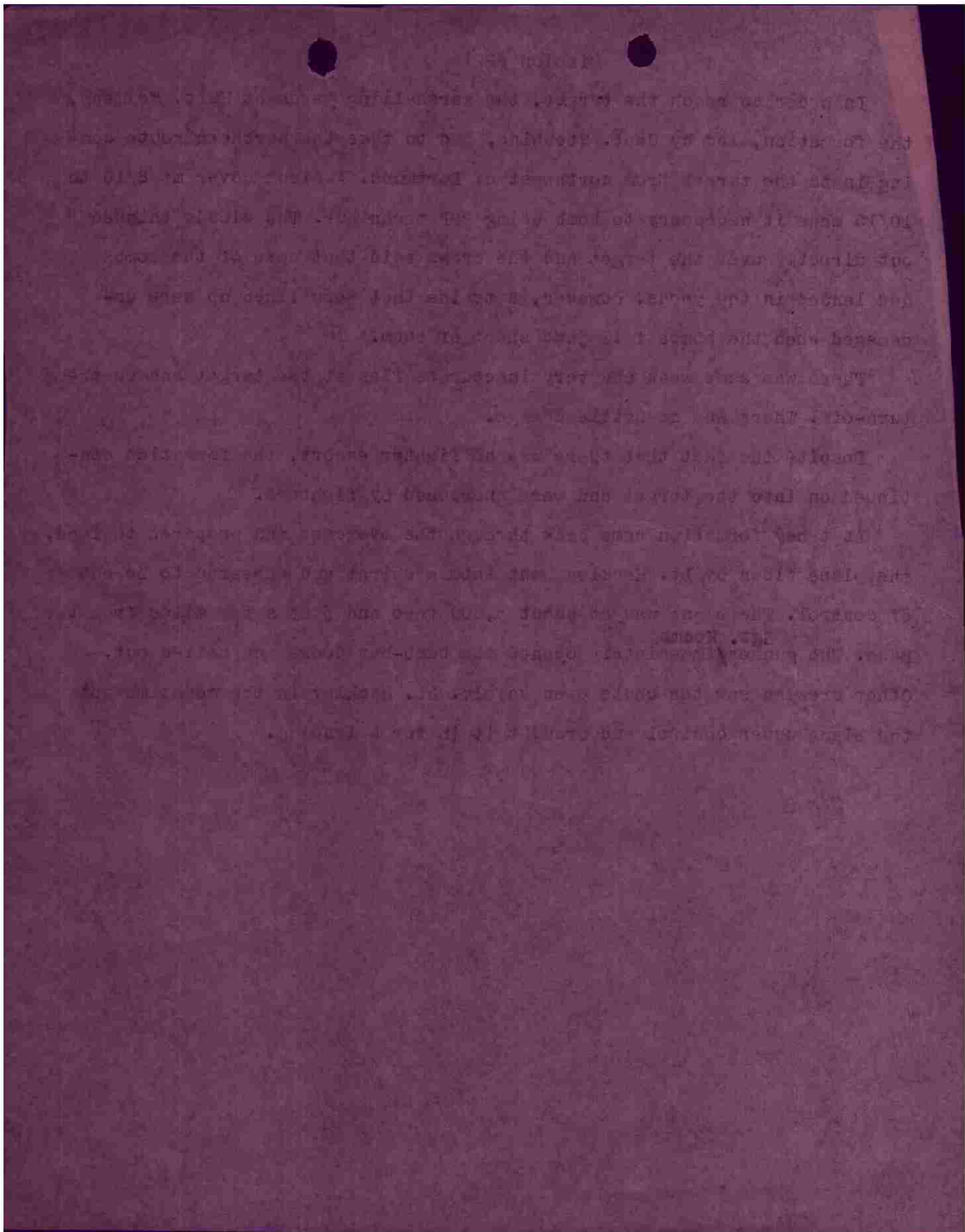
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In order to reach the target, the marshalling yards at Huls, Germany, the formation, led by Capt. Stebbins, had to take the northern route coming in to the target from northwest of Dortmund. A cloud cover of 8/10 to 10/10 made it necessary to bomb using PPF technique. The clouds thinned out directly over the target and the crews said that some of the bombs had landed in the yards, however, 8 trains that were lined up were undamaged when the bombs fell just short of them.

There was some weak and very inaccurate flak at the target and on the turn-off. There was no battle damage.

Despite the fact that there was no fighter escort, the formation continued on into the target and were unopposed by fighters.

As the formation came back through the overcast and prepared to land, the plane flown by Lt. Hackley went into a spiral and appeared to be out of control. The plane was at about 5,000 feet and just a few miles from the Base. The Sgt. Kooms gunner immediately opened the bomb-bay doors and bailed out. Other crewmen saw the chute open safely. Lt. Hackley in the meantime got the plane under control and brought it in for a landing.



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C G 97 BOMB WING  
C O 416 BOMB GROUP  
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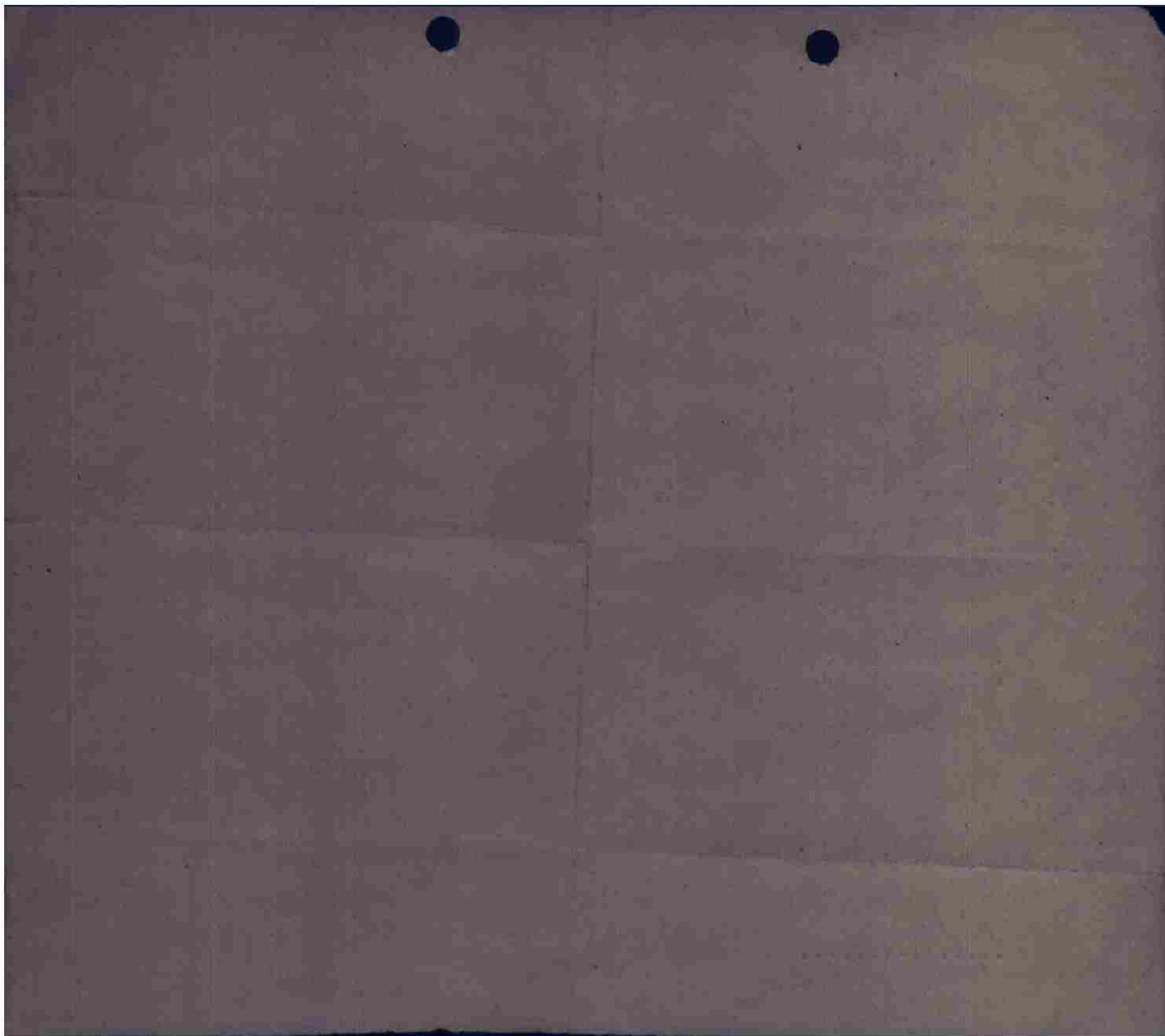
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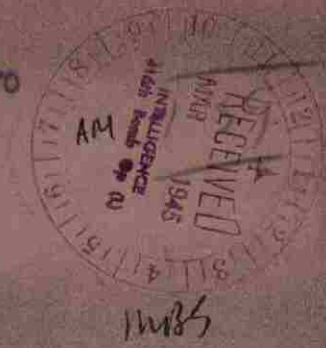
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ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICERS

ADV. INFO COPY OF SIGNALS OF PARA. 5. OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW

5. COMMUNICATIONS

PLAN A OR B

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (614408)
  - (2) PARSLEY
  - (5) ROHELEE
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (400359)
  - (2) DANBOOK
  - (4) RIPSAN
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (614408)
  - (2) MORRIS
  - (5) ROHELEE

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
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04 MARCH 1945

ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 190-776:

CHANGE ZERO HOUR ON PLAN "B" TO READ: 04/1430A

IN PLAN "B" CHANGE PARA. 3. A. (2) TO READ:  
(2) ONE BOX OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON ONE P.P.F. A/C.

CHANGE PARA. 3. B. (2) TO READ:  
(2) ONE BOX OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON ONE P.P.F. A/C.

CHANGE PARA. 3. C. (2) TO READ:  
(2) ONE BOX OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON ONE P.P.F. A/C.

CHANGE PARA. 1. B. (2) TO READ:  
(2) THE 8TH A.F. WILL FURNISH FIGHTER AREA COVER FOR THE  
409TH AND 416TH GROUPS.

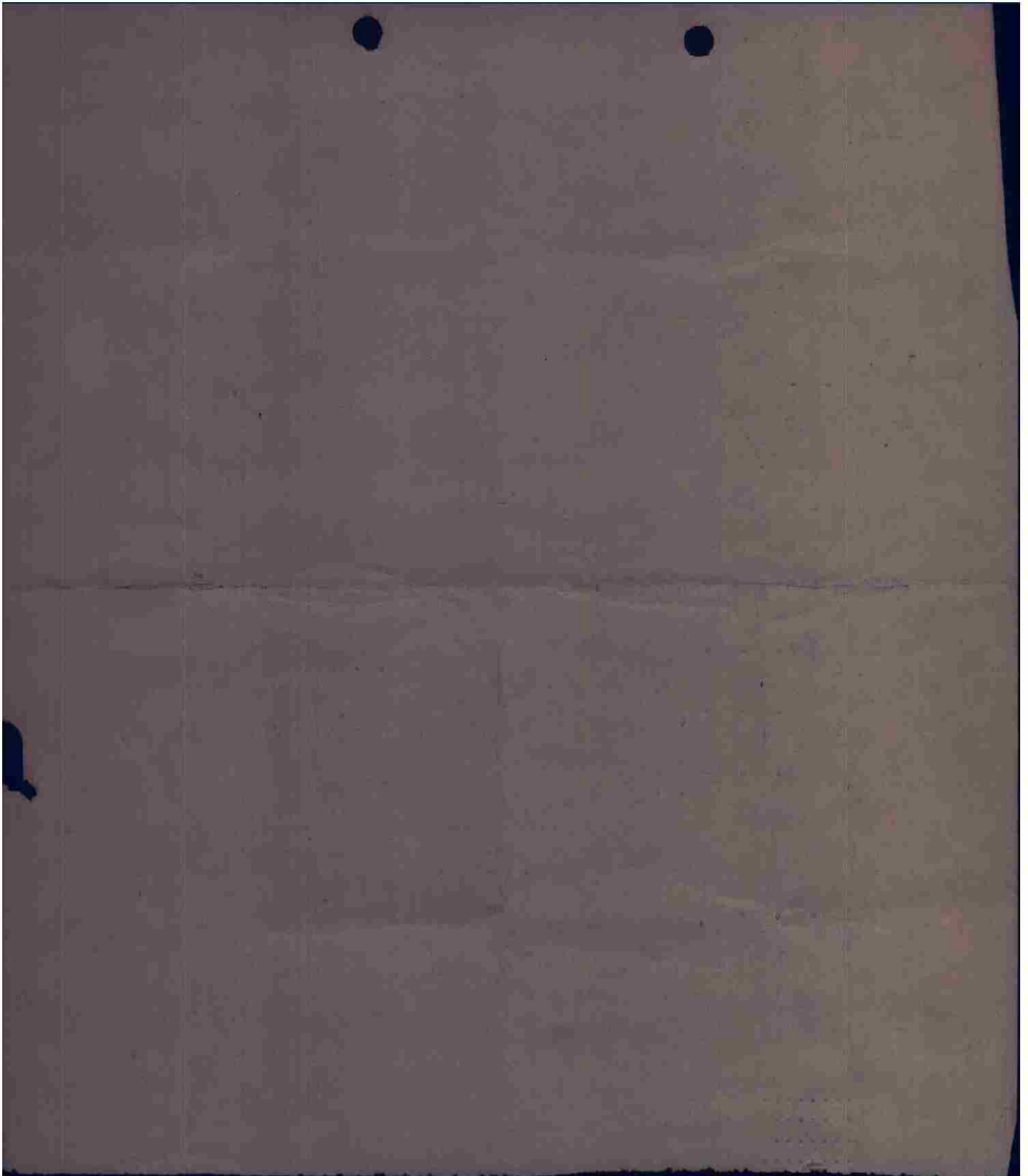
IN PLAN "B": CANCEL PARAGRAPHS 3. A. (3)  
" " " 3. C. (3)

ADD PARA. 5. X. (10):  
(10) IF IMMEDIATE FIGHTER PROTECTION IS NEEDED THE 409TH  
BOMB GROUP AND 416TH BOMB GROUP WILL CONTACT  
"BEARSKIN" THROUGH "ROSELEE".

COMCBTWIG 97  
BT 1300A  
RL AR K

JES R.....04/1315A DC K  
JPO R.....04/1415A SL AR  
JKI R.....04/1515A EJ K AR  
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) 04/0015A  
TO COMBOMDIV NINE  
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQD.  
409TH COBOMGP  
410TH COBOMGP



BT

SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH. LT. COL. MC AFEE R-38-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 2 FIELD ORDER NO. 190-779

- (1) TARGET: HULS M/Y A-614408
- (2) PHOTO: 5107E/4309/C/7  
MAP : GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4309

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(3) PW CAMPS: BOCHOLT IS NEAR DUTCH BORDER AND LEFT OF ROUTE IN  
DORSTEN IS ABOUT 6 MILES WEST OF TARGET.  
GELSENKIRCHEN BUER IS ABOUT 5 MILES SOUTHWEST OF TARGET  
AND THERE ARE ALSO 3 OTHER PW CAMPS ABOUT 10 MILES TO  
THE EAST.

(4) FLAK:- SEE CURRENT PLOTS.

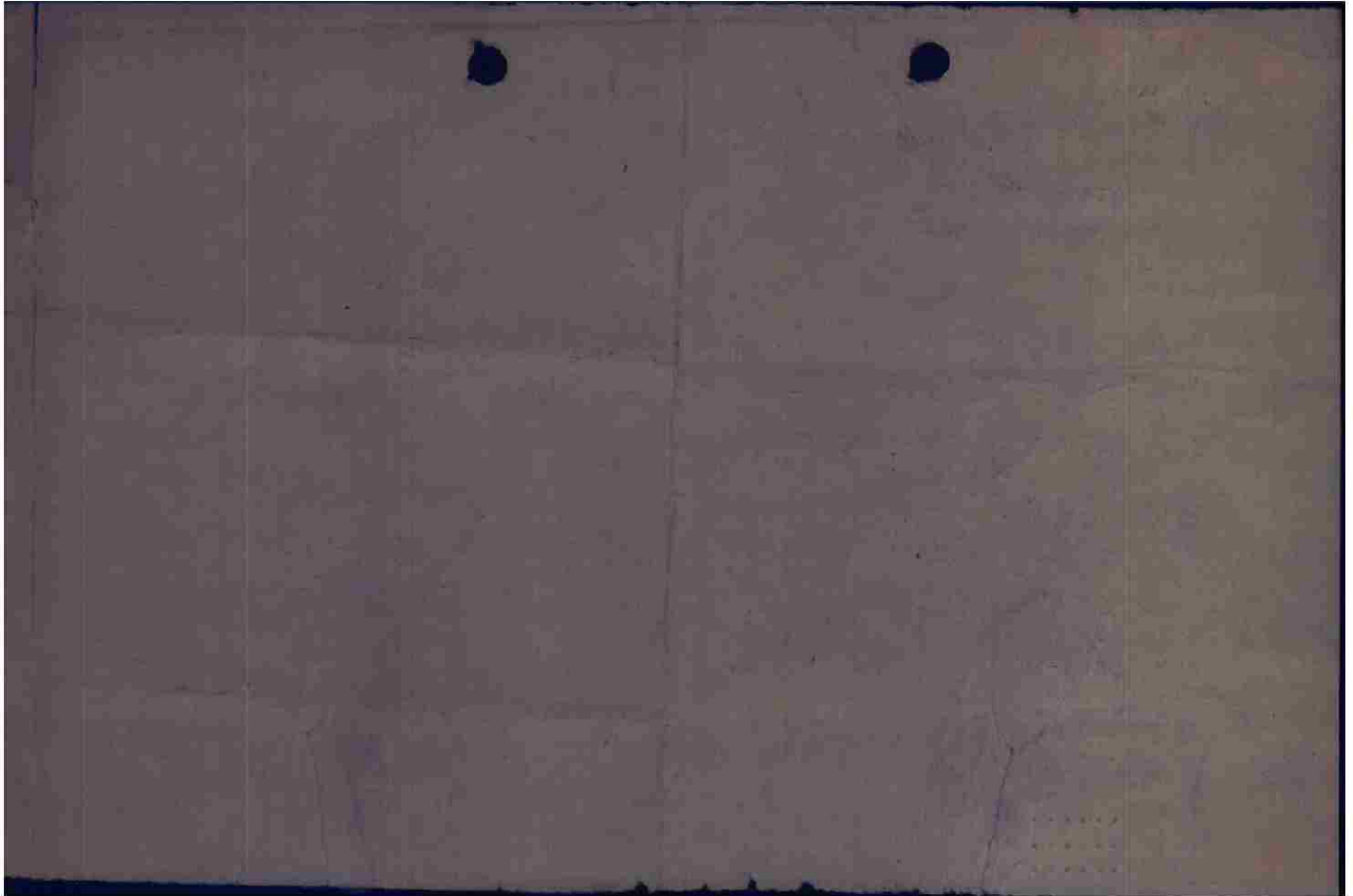
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AR JMB

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JES R.....04/0040A	IDR	AR
JKI R.....04/0040A	WJF	AR

*Summary 0620  
Pre-Brief 0530*

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 42/34 OP-OP  
 FROM 416BOMB GROUP (L) 04/1820A  
 TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION ATTN: A-2  
 CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2  
 BT

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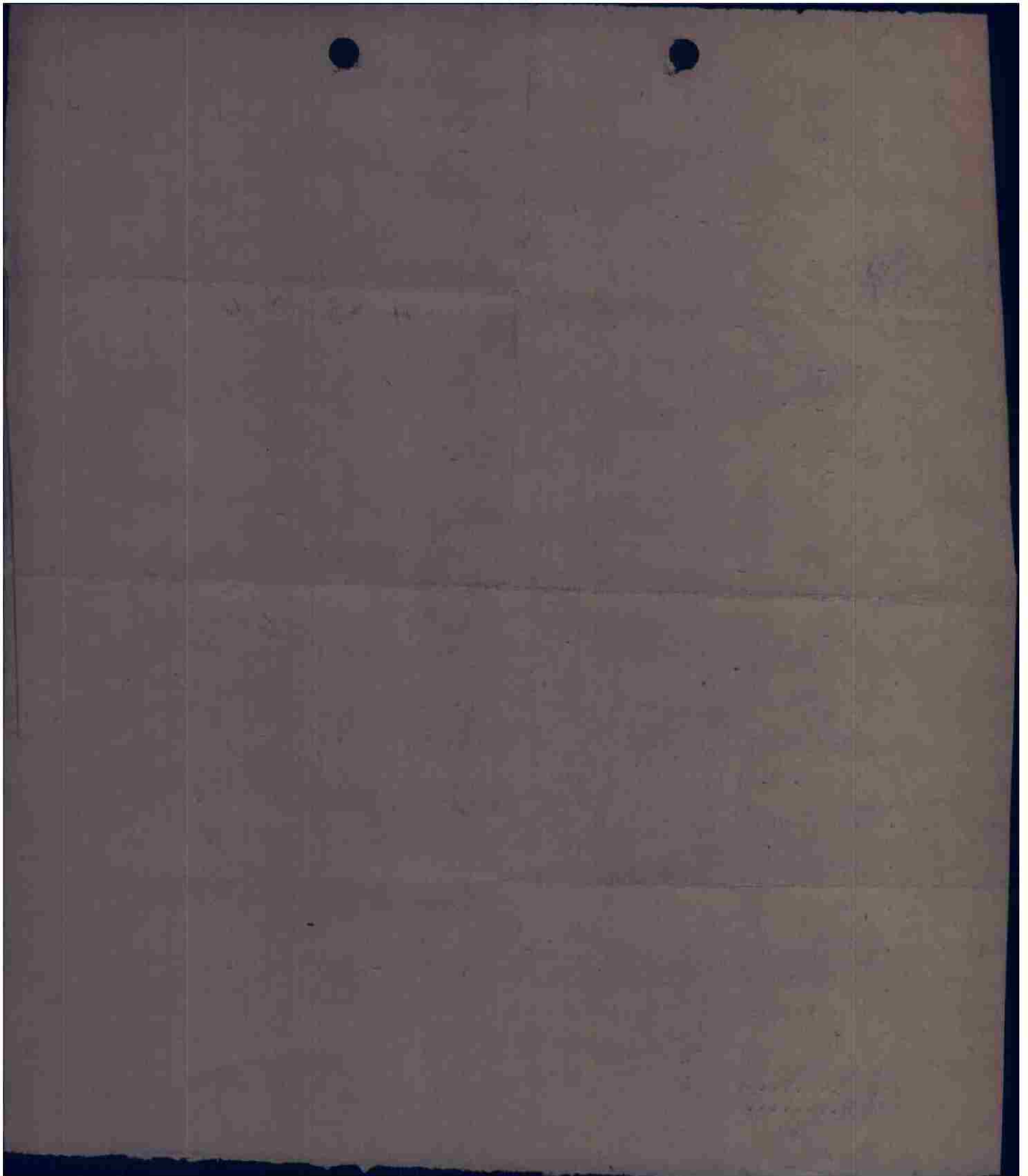
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 For Reid of Bombay to  
 say 100 reports dropped on

- A. 416TH BOMB
- B. HULS M/Y (A-614408)
- C. 21 A-26'S (INCLUDING 3 WITH WINDOW ONLY)
- D. 17 A-26'S ON PPF (ON PRIMARY)
- E. 3 A-26'S CARRYING WINDOW ONLY  
 1 A-26 LANDED AWAY FROM BASE (AT A-93) INFO LACKING
- F. 102 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY  
 6 X 500 GP UNACCOUNTED FOR (IN A/C LANDED AT A-93)
- G. EXCELLENT - VISUAL REPORT INDICATES GOOD PATTERN ON NW CHOKE  
 POINT AND MID MARSHALLING AREA.
- H. 1 A-26 LANDED AWAY FROM BASE. INFO LACKING #351
- I. 1 PILOT, OF A/C LANDED AWAY. INFO LACKING  
 1 GUNNER IN A/C LANDED AWAY. INFO LACKING  
 1 GUNNER BAILED OUT OF A/C NEAR A-69. PILOT WAS IN SEVERE  
 SPIRAL DURING DESCENT THRU OVERCAST PILOT CALLED INTERCOM TO  
 REASSURE CREW, RECEIVED NO RESPONSE. GUNNER ALREADY HAD LEFT  
 A/C. WHERE ABOUTS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.
- J. WEAK INACCURATE HFF IN TURN OFF TARGET. NIL ELSEWHERE.
- K. NIL
- L. 13,500
- M. 1515
- X. REPORT 10 VEHICLE CONVOY HEADED SW AT A-608700 (AT 1508)

BT 04/1820A

FD AS BBBB ONE MORE  
 JEA R.....04/1853A LEG KK  
 ITA R.....04/1852A HAS KKKK

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T (ITA T JJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 04/0224A  
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE  
COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416  
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

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

R-39-E

FIELD ORDER NO . 190-776

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.  
(2) 2ND T A F WILL FURNISH SPITFIRE CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 409 AND 416 BOMB GROUPS
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

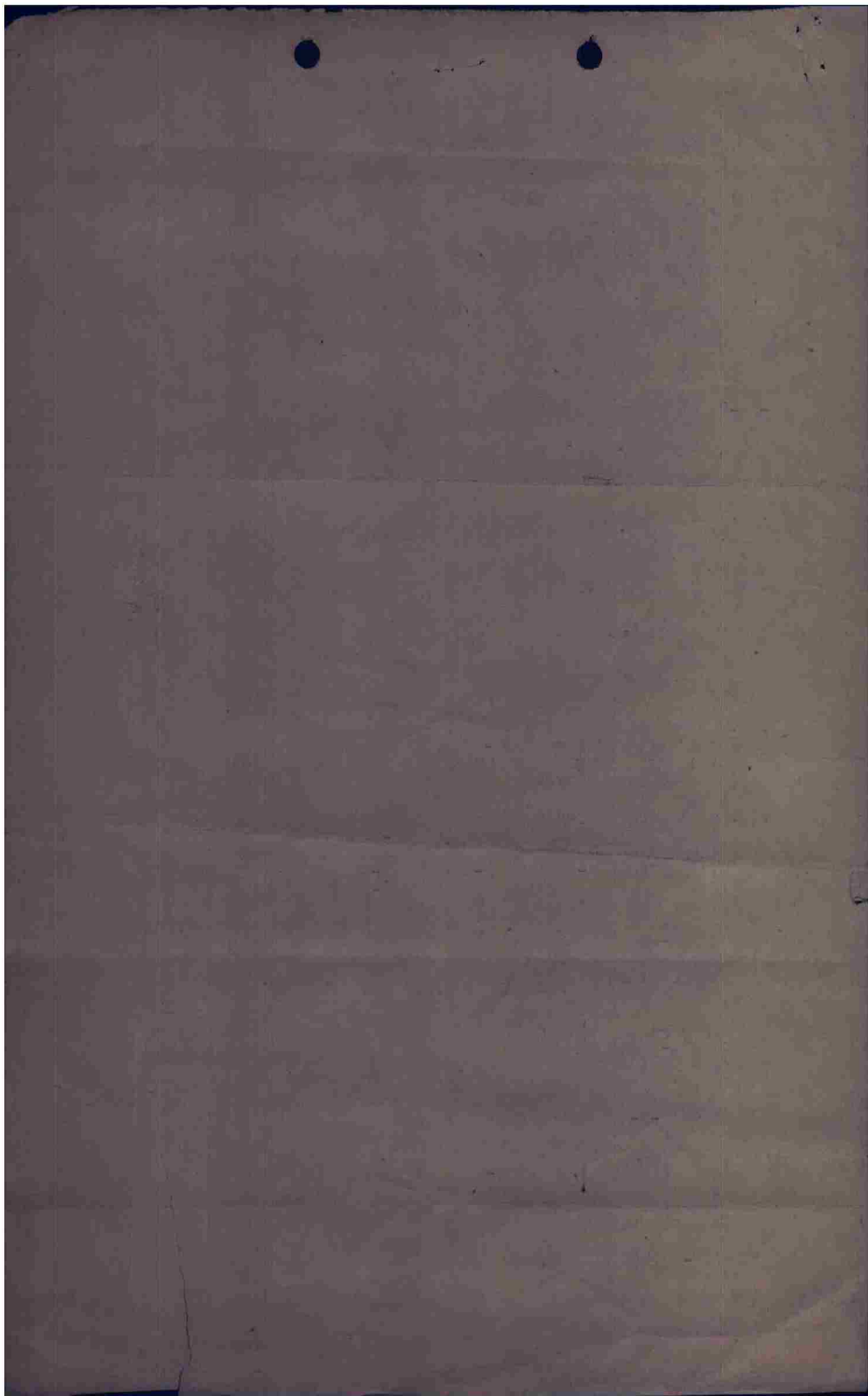
ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" 04/1000A  
" " " "B" 04/1000A

PLAN "A"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:
  - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-4318 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR.
  - (13) EACH FLIGHT LEADER WILL FIRE A SERIES OF RED FLARES 30 SEC. BEFORE FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS SO FIGHTERS CAN IDENTIFY FORMATION.
3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:
  - (1) RHEINBACH: ROAD JUNCTIONS (F-440259)
  - (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
  - (4) BASE TO P-3541 TO L-4270 TO L-6073 TO I P TO TARGET.
  - (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R P TO L-4270 AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
  - (6) BOMB AT 11,500 FEET OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
  - (7) F-4304
  - (8) GEN. S TO N.
  - (9) MPI: MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 5307. ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORDINATES: 44152572, 4427-2560, 44432555, 44572553, 44742552 AND 45072545.
  - (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
  - (11) F-4304
  - (12) TOT: ZERO PLUS 10 MIN.
  - (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED.
3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:
  - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-4318 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO MINUS 20 MIN.
  - (13) EACH FLIGHT LEADER WILL FIRE A SERIES OF GREEN FLARES 30 SEC. BEFORE FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS SO FIGHTERS CAN IDENTIFY FORMATION.
- X. (1 - 4) NO CHANGE.

FOR THE 409 AND 416 GROUPS

- (5) TARGET: HULS MARSHALLING YARD (A-614408)
- (6) A/C REQUIRED: MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- RVMKUL ROUTE OUT: BASE TO E-4318 TO A2077 TO A-6173 TO I P TO TARGET
- (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R P AND RETRACE ROUTE TO



- (9) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 13,000 FEET OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (10) I P: A-8054
- (11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GEN. N E TO S W.
- (12) MPI: MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4309. COVER MARSHALLING YARD FROM 61054135 TO 61654060. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (13) BOMB LOAD: 6 X 500 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (14) R P: A-8054
- (15) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, GROUPS WILL BOMB TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:  
A. GEE  
B. TARGET E.T.A.
- (16) IN THE EVENT PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED, OR FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS IS NOT MADE GROUP WILL ATTACK AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45)

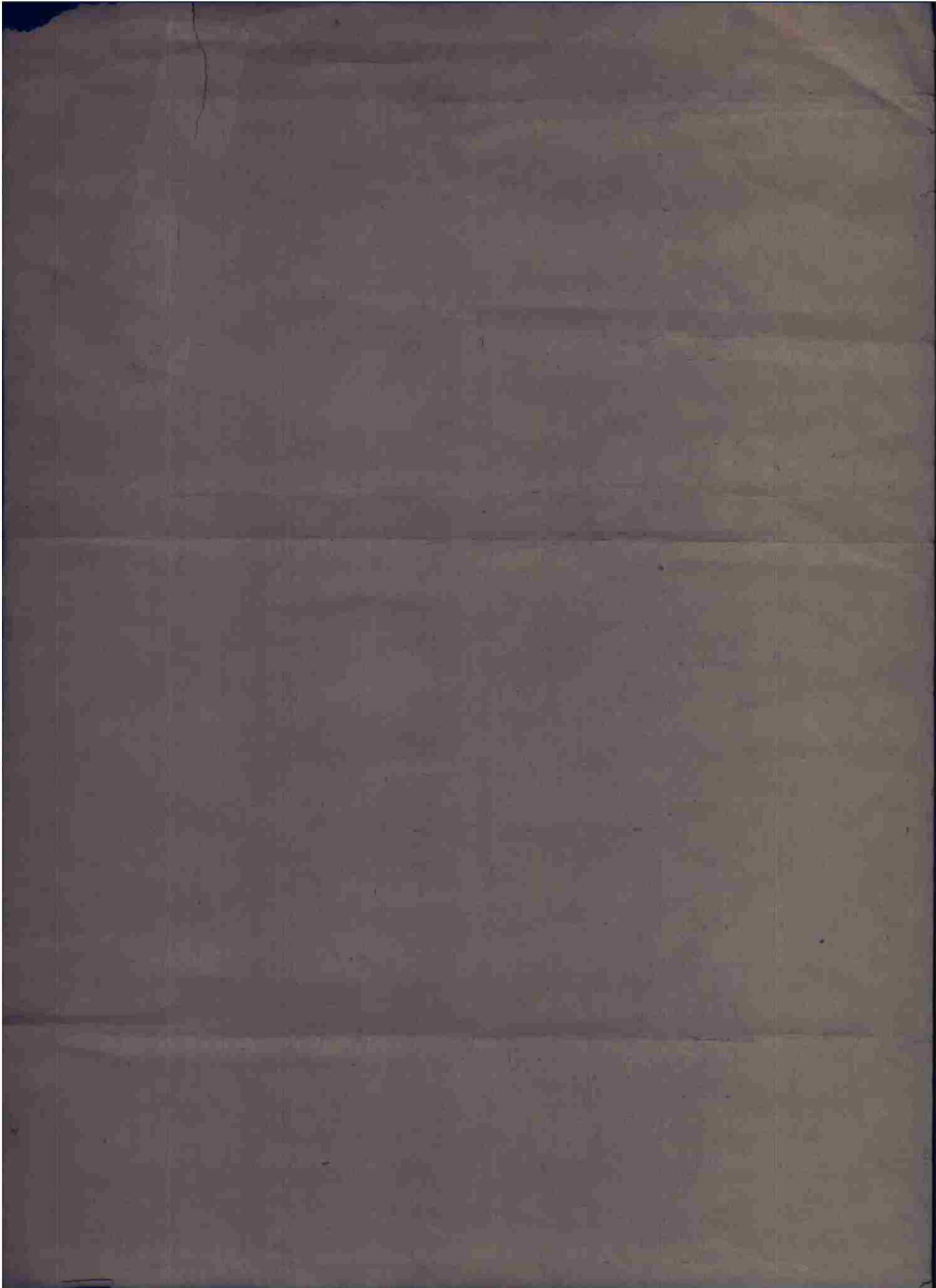
## PLAN "B"

## 3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C WITH 1 P P F A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-4318 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 28 MIN. WITH P P F A/C OVER THE FIELD.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 8,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 4309 COVER MARSHALLING YARD FROM 61054135 TO YQYTRPYP TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS OR BY BOXES  
P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID. COORD. 61374083  
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 60 MINUTES.
- (13) EACH FLIGHT LEADER WILL FIRE A SERIES OF RED FLARES 30 SECONDS BEFORE FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS SO FIGHTERS CAN IDENTIFY FORMATION.

## B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) RHEINBACH ROAD JUNCTIONS (F-440259)
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C WITH 1 P.P.F. A/C
- (3) WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER THE FIELD
- (4) BASE TO P-3541 TO L-4270 TO L-4979  
TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO L-4270 AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE
- (6) BOMB AT 12,500 FEET MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 8,000 FEET DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 5307 ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORDINATES: 44152572, 44272560, 44432555, 44572553, 44742552 AND 45072545 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS.  
ONE BOX ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORDINATES 44152572 AND 44572553 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES.  
P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID. COORD. 44452555
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE 1/40 SECOND TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 20 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 P.P.F. A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUP WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND WILL USE F-4304 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET AND P.P.F. EQUIPMENT FAILS AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED.



- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C WITH 2 P.P.F. A/C
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-4318 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 13 MINUTES WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER THE FIELD.
- (6) BOMB AT 1ST BOX 12,500 FEET  
2ND BOX 12,000 FEET MINIMUM ALTITUDE IS BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 8,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 4309 COVER MARSHALLING YARD FROM 61054135 TO 61654060 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES  
P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID. COORD. 61204100  
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 45 MINUTES.
- (13) EACH FLIGHT LEADER WILL FIRE A SERIES OF GREEN FLARES 30 SECONDS BEFORE FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS SO FIGHTERS CAN IDENTIFY FORMATION.

X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE

"FOR THE 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS"

- (5) TARGET HULS MARSHALLING YARD (A-614408)
- (6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO E-4318 TO A-2077 TO A-2394 TO A-4992 TO TARGET.
- (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO A-8054 TO A-6173 TO A-2077 AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE
- (8) BOMB LOAD: 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE 1/100 SECOND TAIL.
- (9) 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-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 WILL USE A-8054 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY  
A. P.P.F.  
B. GROUP "GEE"  
C. TARGET E.T.A.
- (10) IN THE EVENT THAT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS IS NOT MADE AND GROUP CANNOT REACH THE PRIMARY TARGET AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

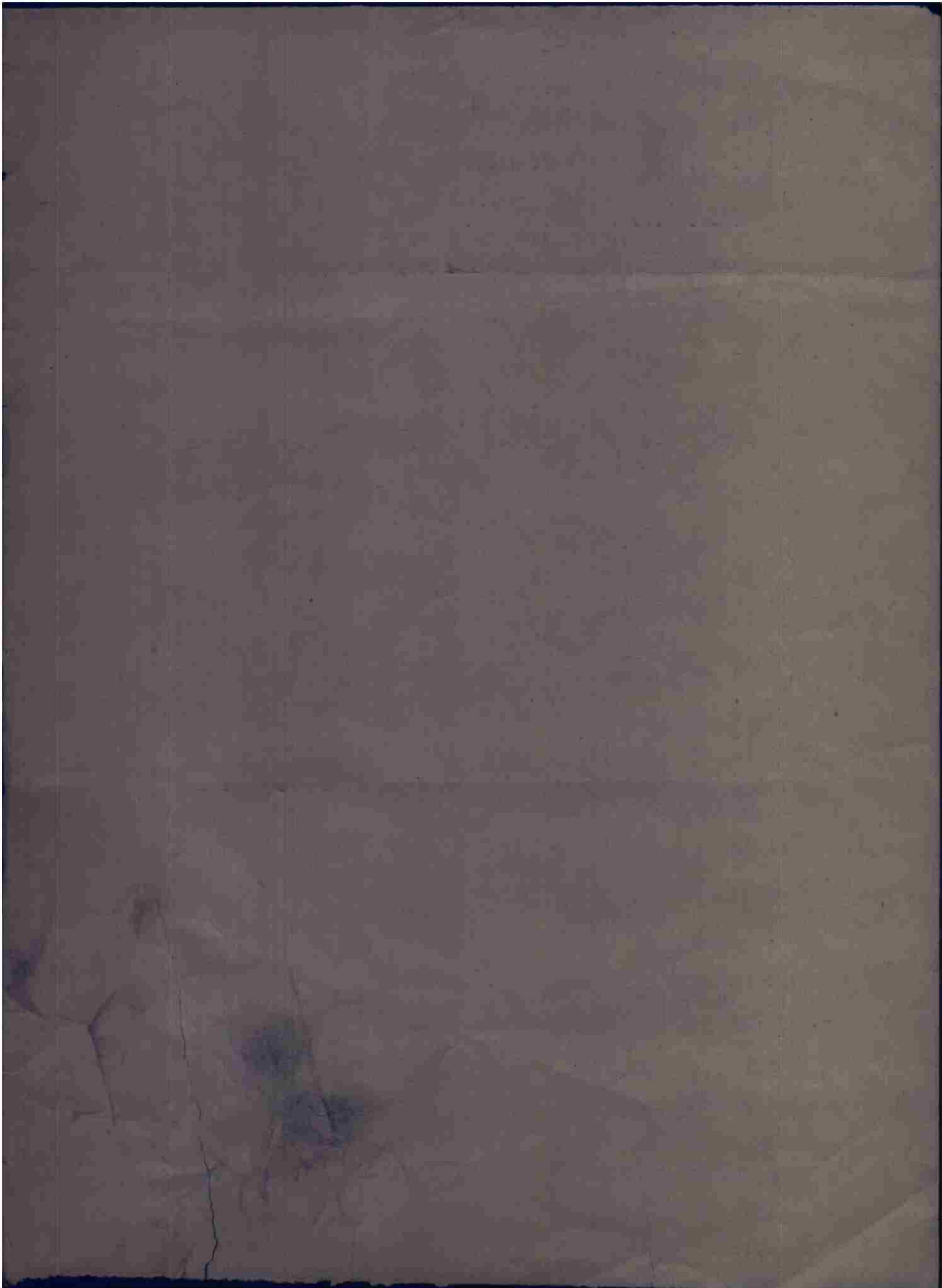
PLAN "A" OR "B"

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (614408)  
(2) PARSLEY  
(5) ROSELEE
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (440259)  
(2) BANKBOOK  
(4) RIPS AW
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (614408)  
(2) MORRIS  
(5) ROSELEE

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BT 04/0224A  
BBB TO GRPS  
SS/JMB  
ITA R.....;.9)

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Witness of (Morse)  
Tank # 351  
PON at A93.  
Had trouble getting  
vehicle up & could not  
join formation. Bored  
with a B26 group.  
(Crewmen) in our own tank.  
● Ask for landing hours  
from Parole. Their heads  
to A93 by upriver  
argued he was low on  
gas. Dropped at 1540  
TP by SAT to  
TP Ray at  
using  
5 marks

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HEADQUARTERS  
416TH BOMB GROUP (LIGHT)  
OFFICE OF THE RADAR OFFICER

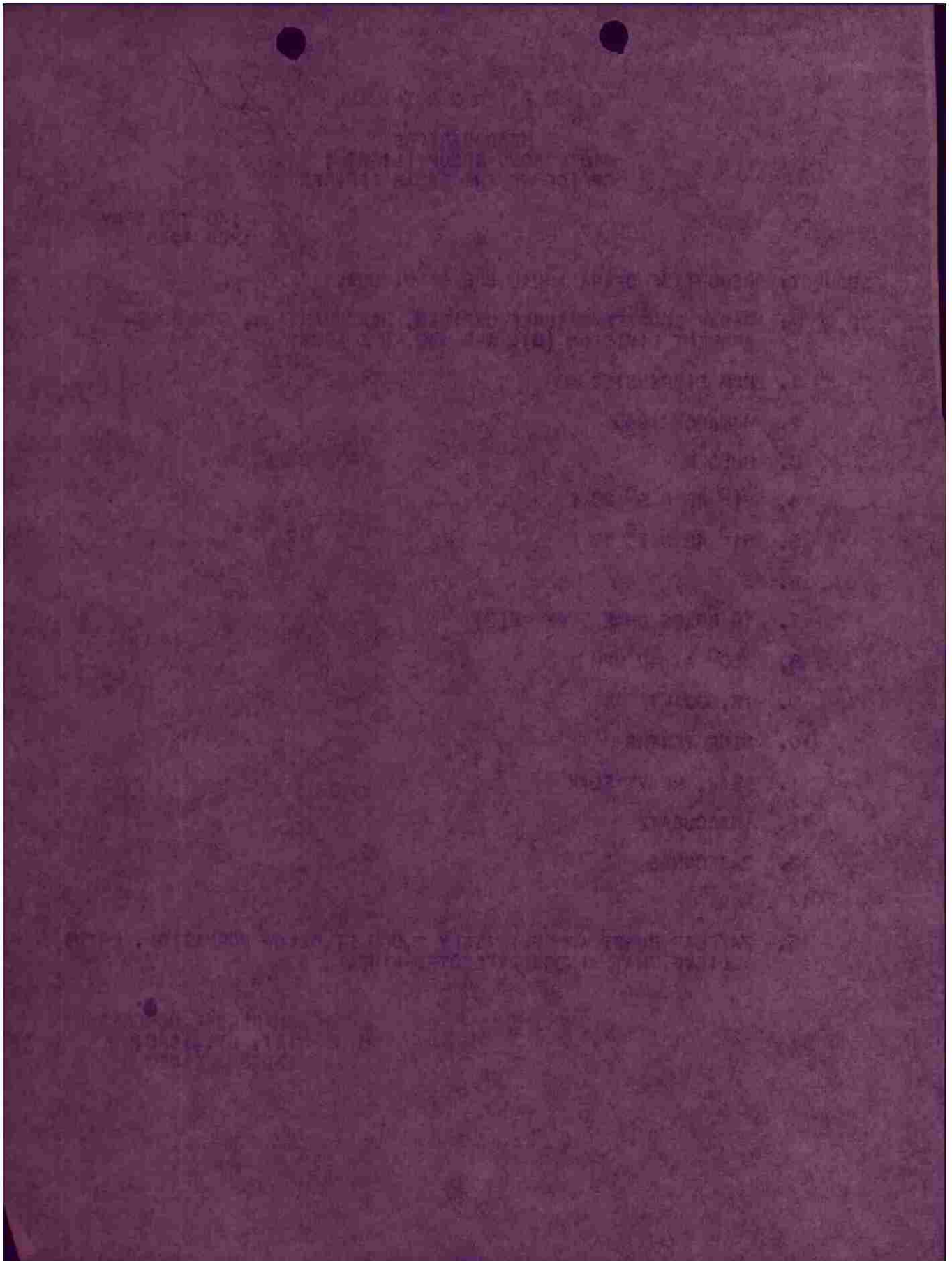
APO 140 U S ARMY  
5 MARCH 1945

SUBJECT: REPORT OF OPERATIONAL USE OF WINDOW.

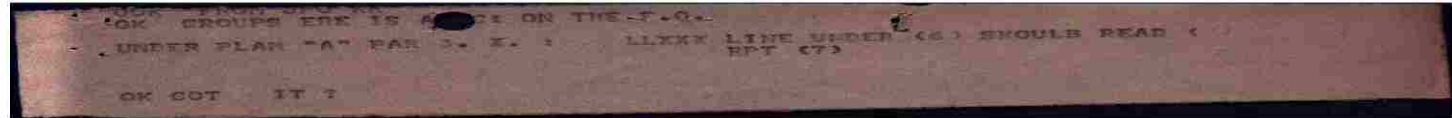
TO : RADAR COUNTERMEASURES OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS, 9TH BOMB-  
ARDMENT DIVISION (M), APO 140, U S ARMY.

1. RCM DISPENSING 49
2. 4 MARCH 1945
3. HULS M/Y
4.  $51^{\circ} 46' N 8^{\circ} 28' E$
5.  $51^{\circ} 42' N 7^{\circ} 10' E$
6. 3
7. 18 BOXES CHAE TYPE 28(3)
8.  $350^{\circ}$  AT 42 MPH
9. 13,500 FT
10. NINE TENTHS
11. WEAK, HEAVY ELAK
12. INACCURATE
13. 2 SECONDS
14. NONE
15. ~~VAV~~ FLAK BURST APPROXIMATELY 2,000 FT. BELOW FORMATION. CREWS BELIEVE THAT WINDOW DEFLECTED FIRE.

CHARLES F. GUNDERSON  
1ST. LT., CAG,  
RADAR OFFICER



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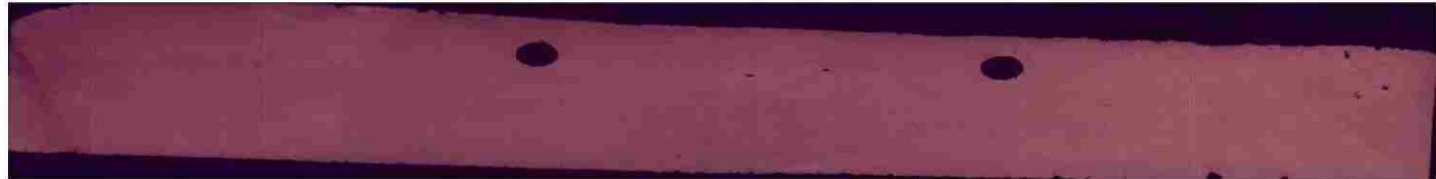
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5 March  
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JES JPO JKI VIA JEA V ITA JJF 38/04 OP OP  
FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 04/1830A  
TO C G IX BOMB DIVISION  
C G 99TH, 98TH, 97TH COMBAT WINGS  
C O 416, 418, 409, 397, 387, 386, 344, 323, 322, 391ST BOMB GROUP  
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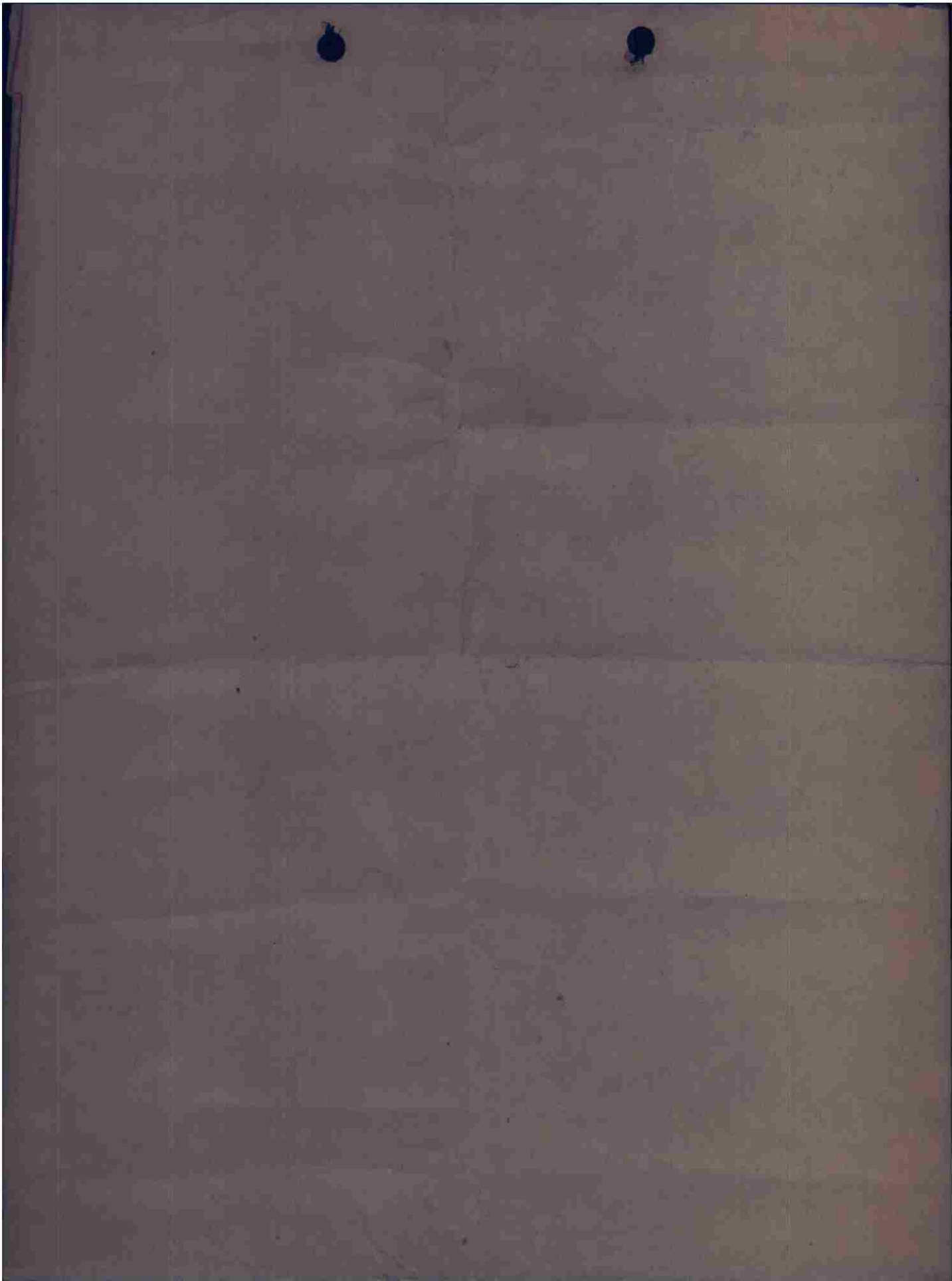
- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 386 GROUP
- B. BRUHL COMM. CENTER WF416485
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 14000 PRIMARY
- M. 1428 PRIMARYL

OBSERVATION: GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT GROUP BOMBED WITH ONLY ONE BOX.

ANNEX: PFF CALLED ROSALEE UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX 30 SECONDS LATER.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 391 BOMB GROUP
- B. RECKLENHAUSEN M/Y RA 650 335
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 CASUAL WINTERSWIJK RA 301 768 NO FIGHTERS AT F.R. SO GROUP INSTRUCTED PFF TO BOMB SECONDARY.
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP CASUAL
- G. UNOBSERVED 8/10'S
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13500 CASUAL
- M. 1429 CASUAL

OBSERVATIONS: LEAD FLIGHT AND LOW FLIGHT BOMBED ON PFF



ANNEX: BRIEFED NOT TO CALL IN 2ND TAF

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 387 BOMB GROUP
- B. BRUHL COMM. CENTER WF 416 485
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13500 PRIMARY
- M. 1444 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT

ANNEX: PFF CALLED ROSALLEE UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX  
1 MINUTE LATER.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 397 BOMB GROUP
- B. BRUHL COMM. CENTER WF 416 485
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. MOSERATE INACCURATE HEAVY IN TARGET AREA.
- K. NONE
- L. 13500 PRIMARY
- M. 1455 PRIMARY

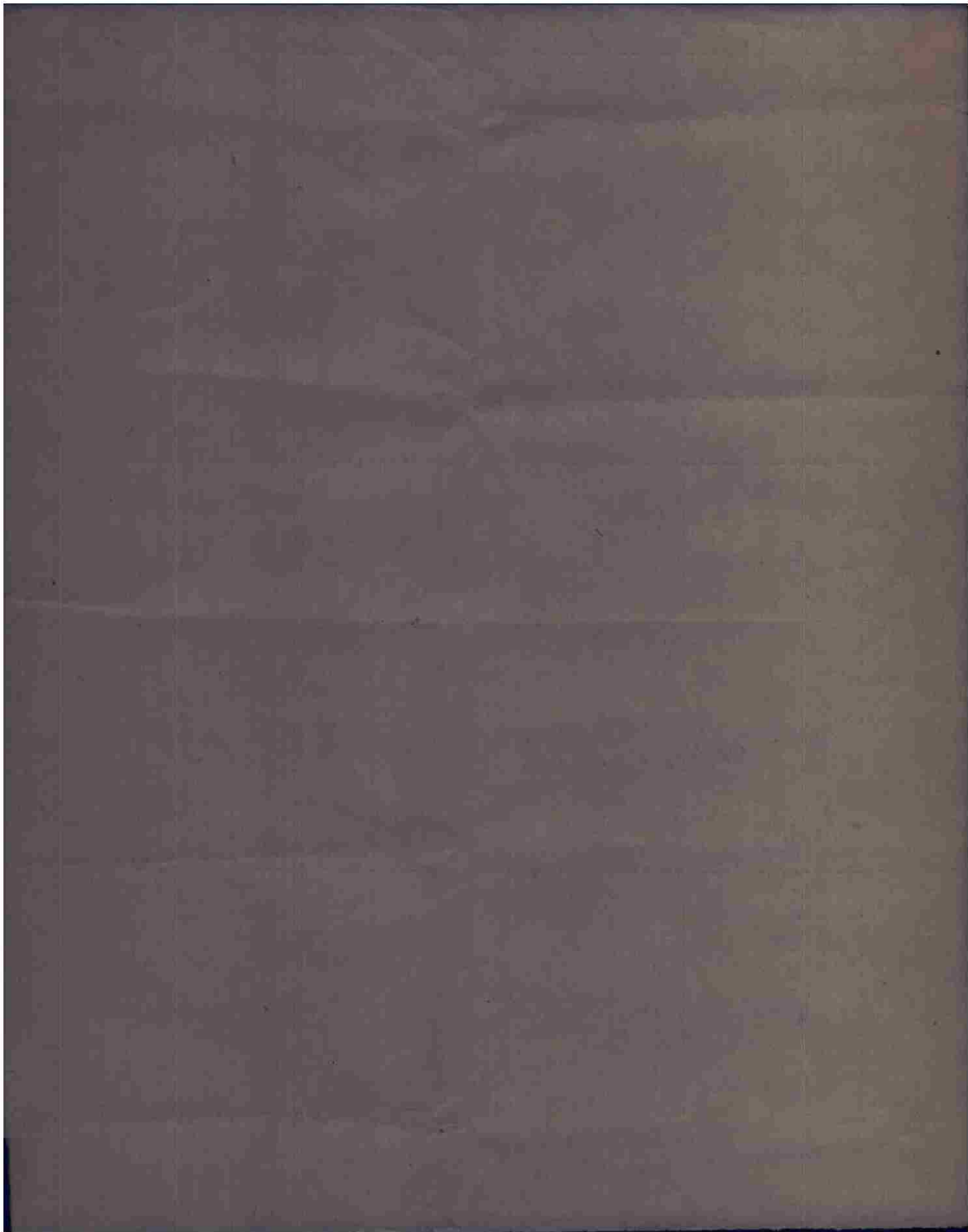
OBSERVATIONS: 2 FLIGHTS DROPPED ON PFF 1 SHIP DROPPED 95 SECONDS EARLY.  
L ONLY ONE BOX IN FORMATION.

ANNEX: PFF CONTACTED ROSALEE 1 MIN INTO AREA AND RECEIVED DESIRED FIX.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 410 BOMB GROUP
- B. RHEINBACH COMM. CENTER WF 444255
- C. 1 B-26
- D. NONE
- E. 1 B-26 EQUIPMENT FAILURE
- F. 4 X 500 GP RETURNED
- G. NONE
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13520 PRIMARY
- M. 1449 1/2

COMMENTS: CURRENT ON EQUIPMENT K FAILED ON THE BOMB RUN DROPPING TO  
ZERO FOR 10 TO 20 SECONDS AFTER "D".  
"J" OFF 30 SECONDS AFTER CURRENT CAME ON.



ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAP UPON ENTERING AREA, ROSALEE ANSWERED AND GAVE  
FIX 5 MINUTES LATER.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 344 BOMB GROUP
- B. SECHTEN COMM. CENTER WF 448 434
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 14000 PRIMARY
- M. 1503 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: WINDOW SHIPS IN GROUP FORMATION GOOD

ANNEX: PFF CALLED ROSALEE UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX  
30 SECONDS LATER.

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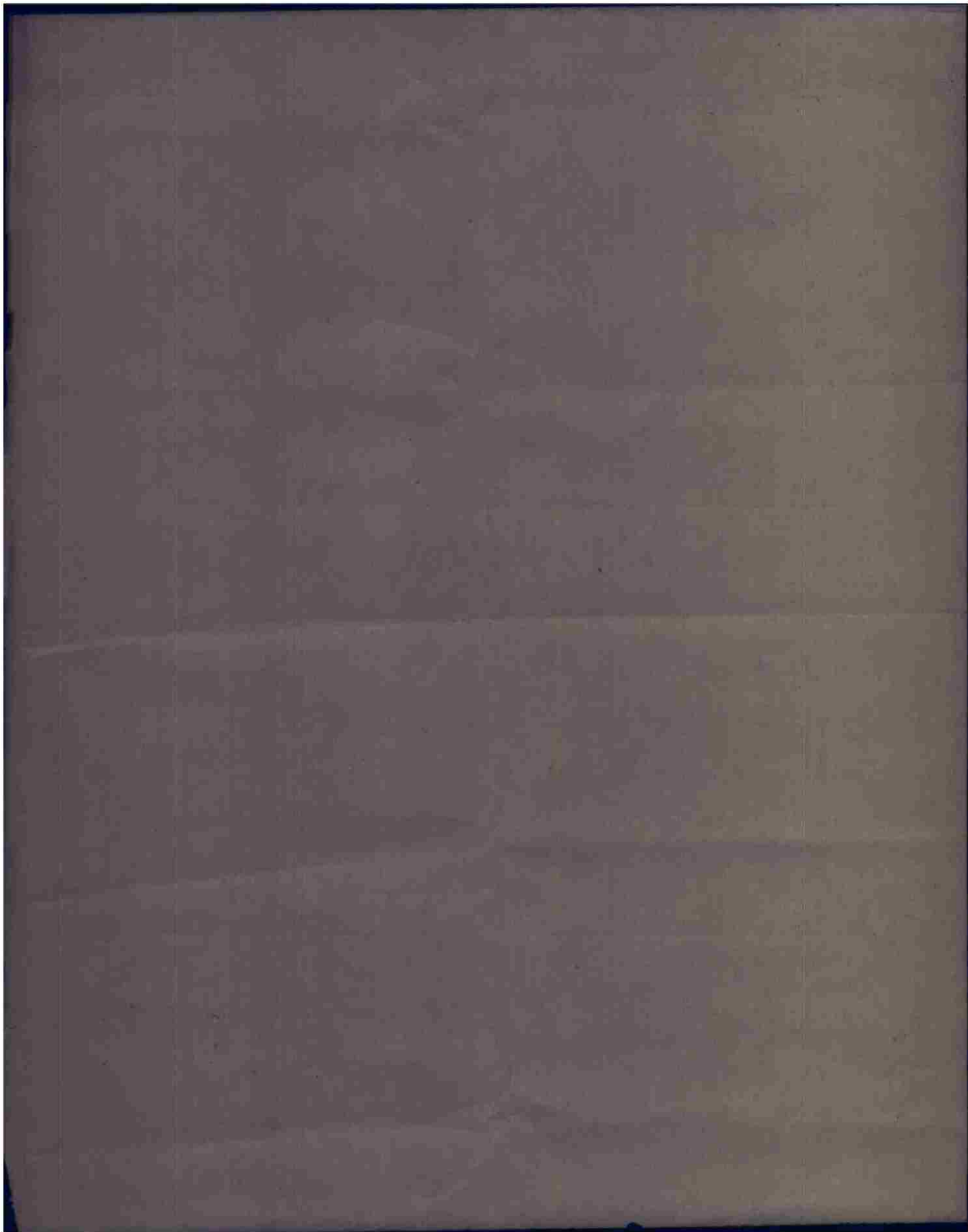
- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 322 BOMB GROUP
- B. RECKLENHAUSEN M/Y RA650 335
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY AT LETTE RA 623 680
- K. NONE
- L. 13500 PRIMARY
- M. 1429 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: SMOKE RISING FROM WINTERSWIJK RA 301 768  
NO FIGHTER ESCORT  
GROUP NAVIGATION AND FORMATION GOOD

ANNEX: NO CALL MADE 2ND TAF AREA.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 409 BOMB GROUP
- B. LENKERBECK M/Y RA 613408
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP ON EQUIPMENT
- G. UNOBSERVED 6/10'S - 7/10'S
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. WEAK INACCURATE IN TARGET AREA WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY
- K. NONE
- L. 13100 PRIMARY
- M. 1529 1/2 PRIMARY



OBSERVATIONS: NO FIGHTER ESCORT.  
GROUP AND WINDOW FORMATION GOOD

ANNEX: NO CALL MADE 2ND TAF AREA.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 323 BOMB GROUP
- B. RECKLENHAUSEN M/Y RA 65 335
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP
- G. SAW STRIKES STRIKES IN TARGET AREA
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. MODERATE INACCURATE HEAVY IN TARGET AREA.
- K. NONE
- L. 13500 PRIMARY
- M. 1507 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: WINDOW SHIPS EXCELLENT. NO FIGHTER ESCORT.

ANNEX: NO CALL MADE 2ND TAF

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 416 BOMB GROUP
- B. LENKERBECH M/Y RA 613408
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 CASUAL RAIL JUNCTION WEST OF HERNE RA 634 266 NORDEN  
FAILED TO BOMB PRIMARY BECAUSE PFF WAS ON WRONG BEAM NO  
TIME TO CORRECT ERROR.
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP CASUAL
- G. BOMBS FELL BETWEEN 2 MARSHALLING YARDS WITH BE BIG EXPLOSIONS  
FOLLOWING SHORTLY AFTERWARDS.
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. MODERATE INACCURATE HEAVY AT RECKLENHAUSEN RA 650 335
- K. NONE
- L. 13500 CASUAL
- M. 1516 CASUAL

OBSERVATIONS: NUMEROUS BARGES SEEN IN EMS CANAL HEADING EAST IN THE  
VICINITY OF SENDEN RA 825 620  
M/Y AT WANNEKEICKEL RA 605 260 FULL OF TRAFFIC

ANNEX: NO CALL MADE 2ND TAF AREA.

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 04/1830A

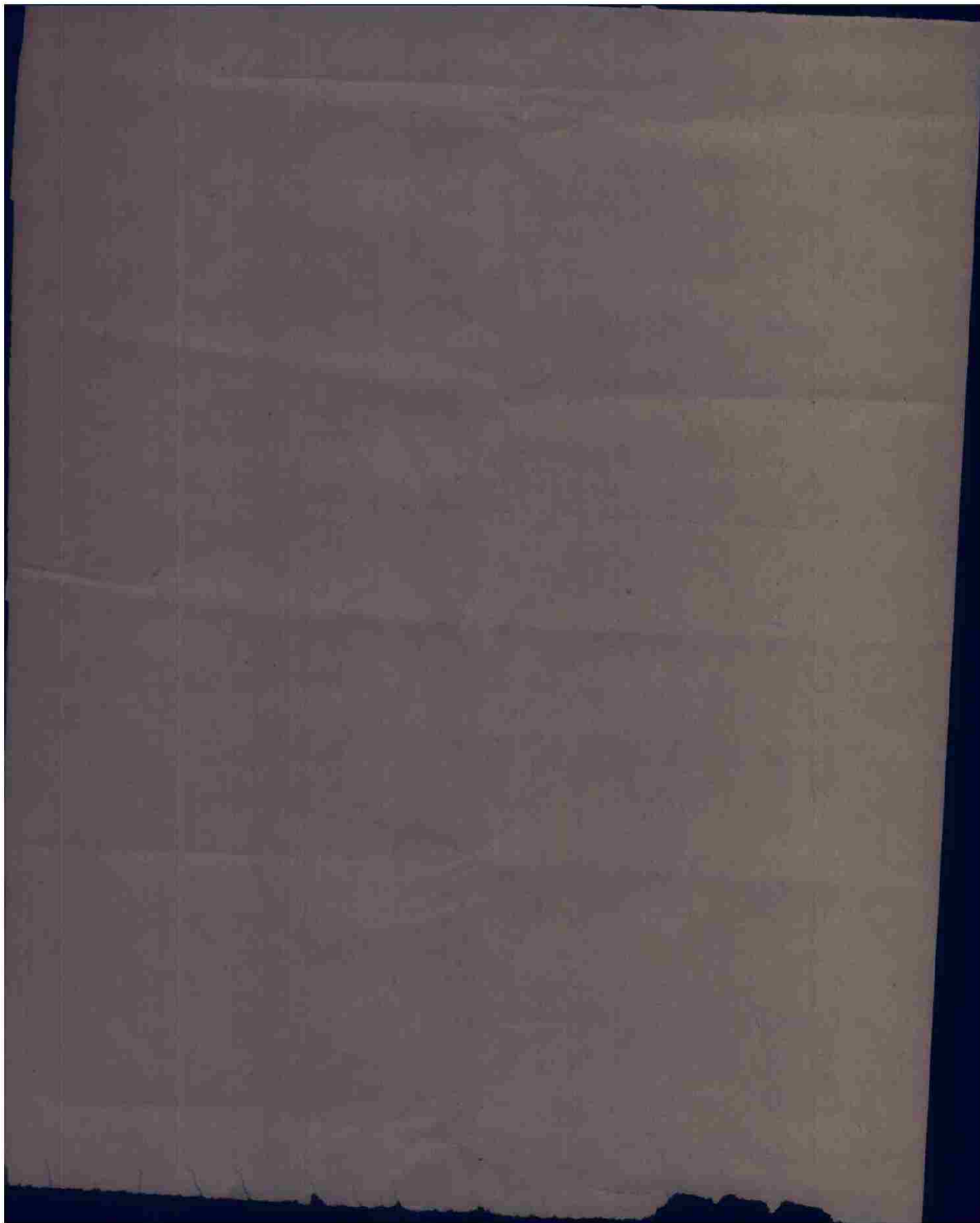
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JKI R.....04/2302A FD AR



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TO: 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) INFO COPY  
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COMMANDING OFFICER, 1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (PROV)

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PATHFINDER REPORT OPERATIONAL MISSION 4 MARCH 1945

PFF LEAD EXCELLENT.

AMLESBORTH COBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

RICHARD V. WHEELER,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Asst Operations Officer.

MISSION NO. 221

FLIGHT I  
BOX 1  
FLIGHT I

4 MARCH 1945

1. 381 W  
Captain R.D. Stebbins  
Lt. J.C. Callaway  
Lt. R.J. McQuade  
S/sgt. T.F. Brown

4. 381 G  
Captain F.L. Schlimmer  
S/sgt. H.E. McClain

2. 382 B  
Lt. J.P. Blomgren  
Lt. G.O. Johnson  
S/sgt. F.J. Debusch

5. 383 G  
Lt. W.J. Lenth  
Sgt. R.H. Brinkman

3. 384 B  
Lt. R.H. Haskley  
Sgt. R.A. Brown

6. 384 G  
Lt. D.F. Smith  
S/sgt. C.F. Floyd

FLIGHT II

1. 385 Y  
Lt. G.J. Anderson  
Lt. W. Lehmann  
S/sgt. T.R. Page

4. 385 W  
Lt. F.W. Harris  
Sgt. C.W. Hilliford

2. 385 C  
Lt. J.R. Contreras  
S/sgt. J.W. Tolmal

5. 385 B-1  
Lt. A.V. Swartz  
Cpl. C.D. Wagon

3. 389 X  
Lt. L.W. Ganten  
S/sgt. J.W. Robinson

6. 381 Y  
Lt. F.R. Yeak  
Cpl. R.L. Berens

FLIGHT III

1. 387 B-1  
Lt. G.J. Brown  
Lt. F.W. Ferris  
S/sgt. H.H. Sunderland

4. 389 B-1  
Captain R.M. Nixon  
Sgt. H.W. Schmidt

2. 388 A  
Captain J.C. Sears  
S/sgt. F.J. Wells

5. 389 Y  
Lt. D.M. Eastman  
S/sgt. R.J. Johnson

3. 388 X  
Lt. W.C. Van Noorden  
S/sgt. R.H. Nixon

6. 387 Y  
Captain J.R. Moore  
Sgt. C. Bolton

SPARE

384 X  
Lt. G.H. Anderson  
Sgt. C.V. Gilbert

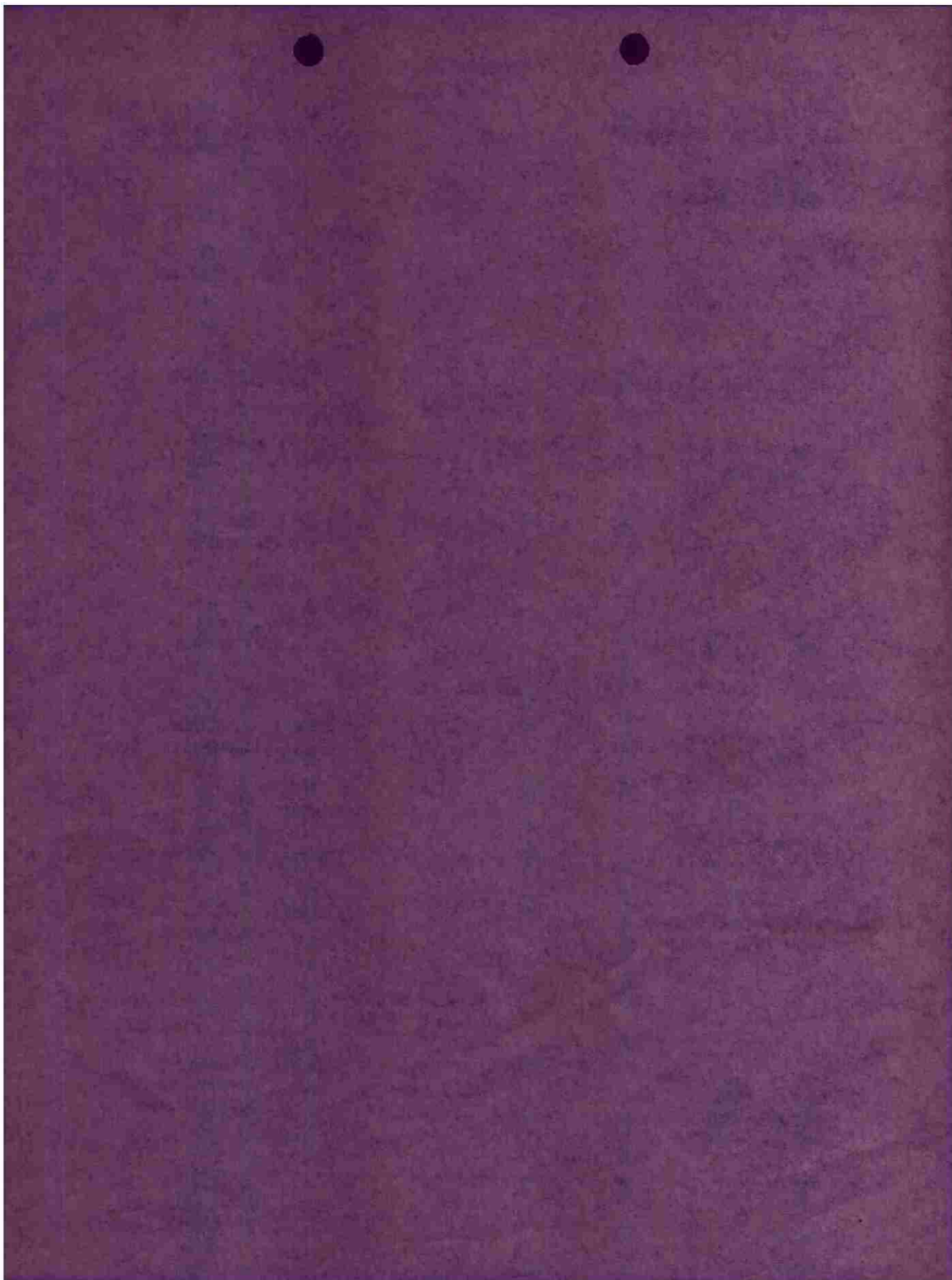
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Lt. Col. R.F. Price  
Lt. W. Shaft  
S/sgt. G. Payne  
S/sgt. J.H. Roberts

313 B  
Capt. W.F. Duffault  
S/sgt. R.E. Vance  
S/sgt. T.J. Ardat

251 F  
Lt. D.C. Turner  
S/sgt. H.H. Hayes  
S/sgt. J.J. McInire

BARROW AREA

MISSION NO. 221  
4 MARCH 1945  
19 4/0 plus 3 window  
BOX 1 - 747



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416 <sup>TH</sup> BOMB GR (L)	
4 MAR 44	FO. 190-976
HULLS M/H	
TOT 12715	ALT 13,500
WEATHER	9/10 CLEAR
WINDOM	USER
NO FLAK DAMAGE	

TARGET



X IN FLAK NIL ELSEWHERE  
12-16 BUNSTS  
LOW + TRAILING FORMATION

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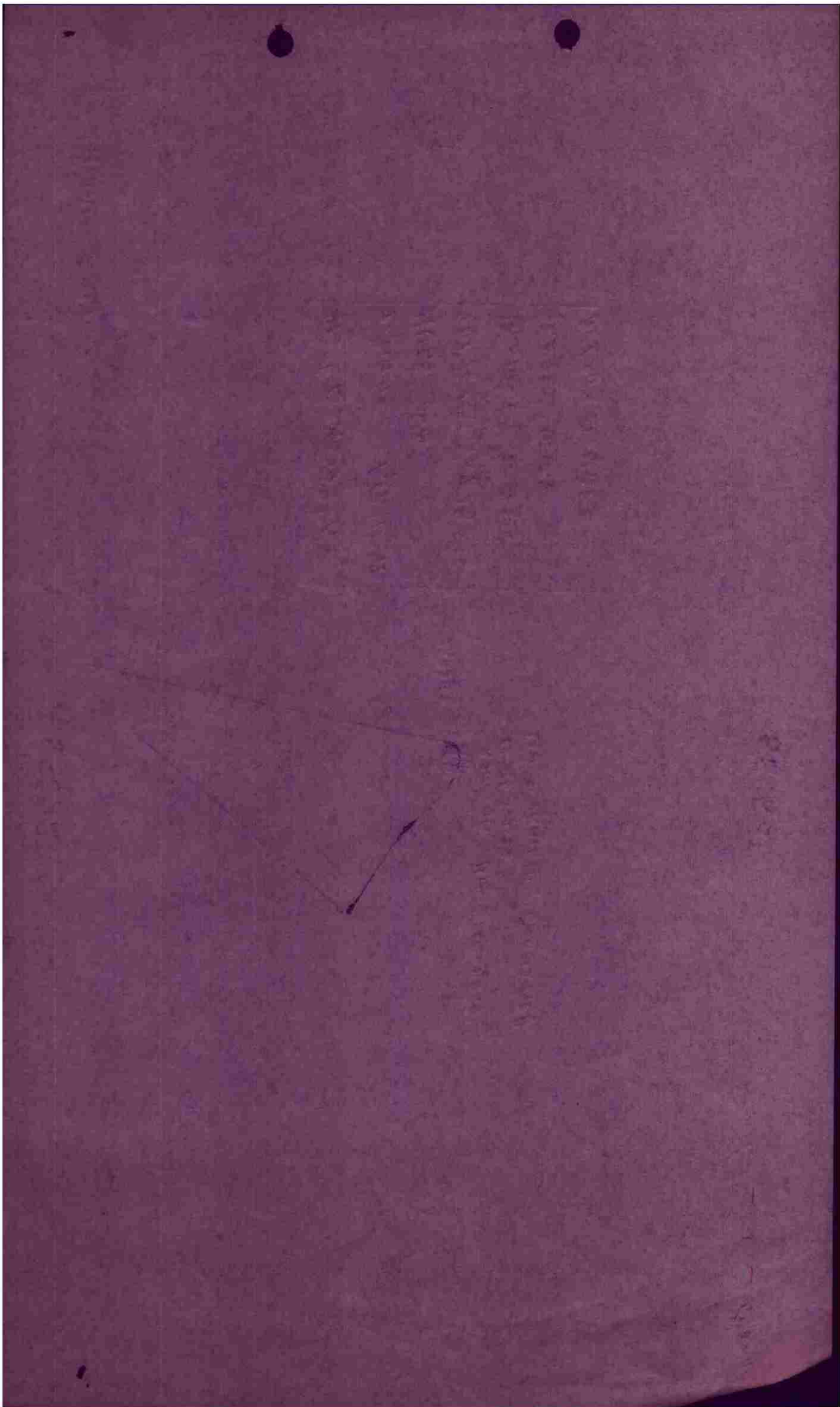
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57°20'



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

AUTH: CO STA *A-69*  
DATE: *6 March 1945*  
INIT:

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

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

Ref: Oprep A No. *335* for 24 hrs. ending midnight *4 March 1945*  
Mission or Operation No. *221 97th CW FOR 193-776*

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target *Bala Marshalling Yard*  
Place of take-off *Station A-69*  
Place of landing *Station A-69 1 A/C landed at A-93*  
Take-off time *1905* Landing time *1901*  
Time over target *1915* Bombing Altitude *13500*  
Nature of mission *Bombing* Other *None*  
Weather *9/10's clouds in target area.*  
Results *Visual observations good. No photo coverage.*  
Enemy opposition *Weak inaccurate IFF on turn off target.*

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched *21 A-26's*

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission  
*18 A-26's* *Bala Marshalling Yard*  
*3 A-26's* *window*

3. Abortive due to:  
(1) Weather: *None*  
(2) Personnel: *None*  
(3) Mechanical: *None*  
(4) Other: *None*

4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) *None*

5. Destroyed - before reaching target *None*  
giving cause where known \_\_\_\_\_

6. Destroyed - over or after leaving *None*  
target giving cause where known \_\_\_\_\_

7. Damaged (give category & cause) *None*

8. Sorties *21 A-26's*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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GEORGE SOHNKRIN,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

For the Commanding Officer:

- 3. Destroyed None
- 4. Prop. Dam. None
- 5. Damaged None

H. Enemy aircraft by type or description (including claims):

Type of	Pilot	Co-pilot	M.A.	Bomb	R.Gun	H.Gun	P.Gun
Killed in action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wounded seriously	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wounded slightly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

- D. Total operational flying hours
  - 5. Day (Sunset to sunset) 00:00
  - 6. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None
- E. Ammunition by caliber:
  - 7. Total carried into air 12000 lb. 50 calibre
  - 8. Expended on operations 500 lb. 50 calibre (training)
  - 9. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c None
- F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:
  - 10. Total carried into air: 114 x 500 lb. 1/1007
  - 11. Expended on operations: 114 x 500 lb. (List targets separately)
  - 12. Jettisoned None
  - 13. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c None
  - 14. Total Returned None

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(T-ADDRESSEE)

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4 March 45  
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TO 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) INFO COPY  
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COMMANDING OFFICER, 1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (PROV)  
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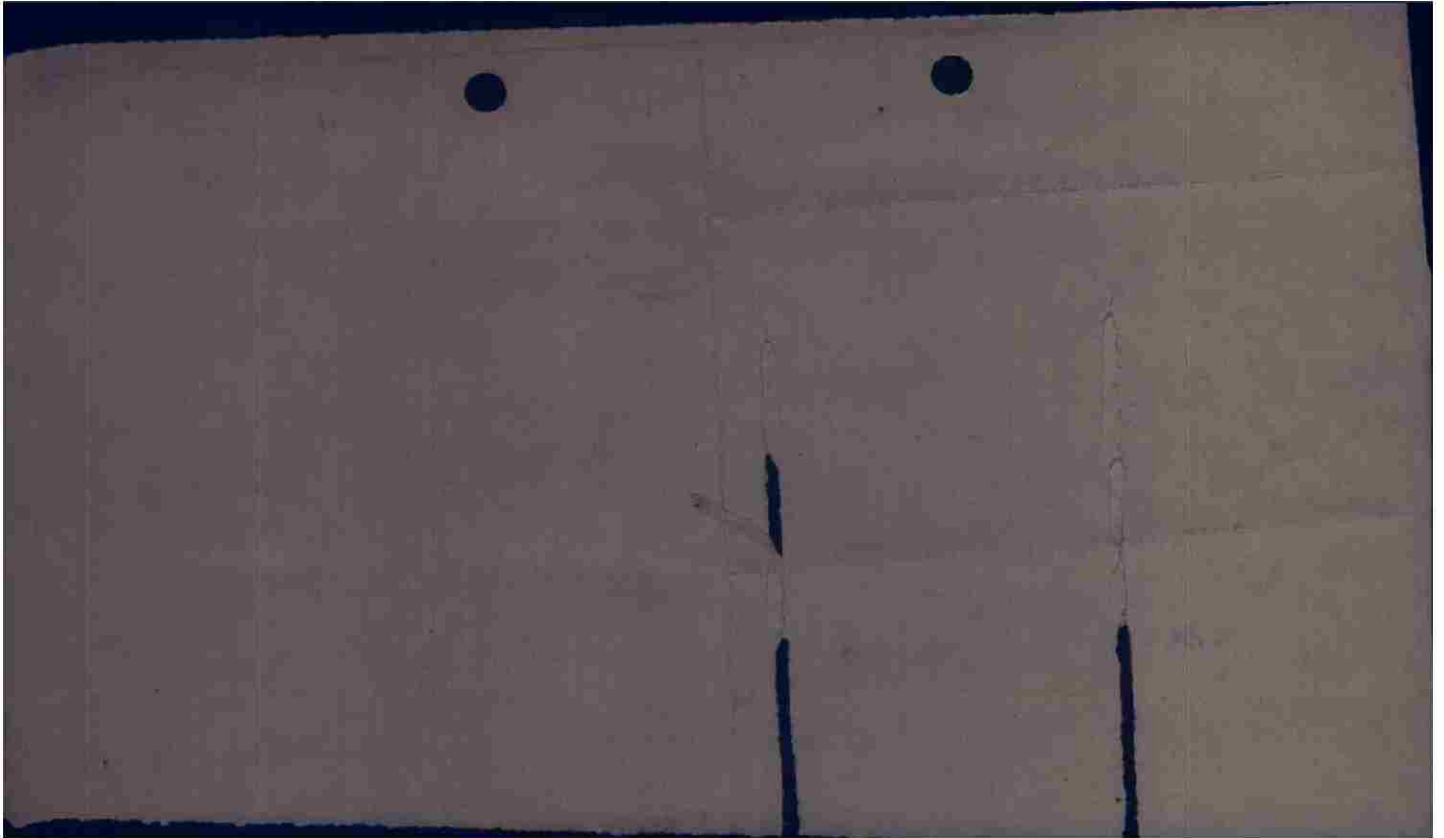
PATHFINDER REPORT OPERATIONAL MISSION 4 MARCH 1945  
PPF LEAD EXCELLENT.

RAWETSKY CQ60MGP 416

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AMM BBBB  
JEA R.....04/2025A CES KKKKKK

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TO CG 97TH BOMBARDMENT WING (L) ATT: A-2

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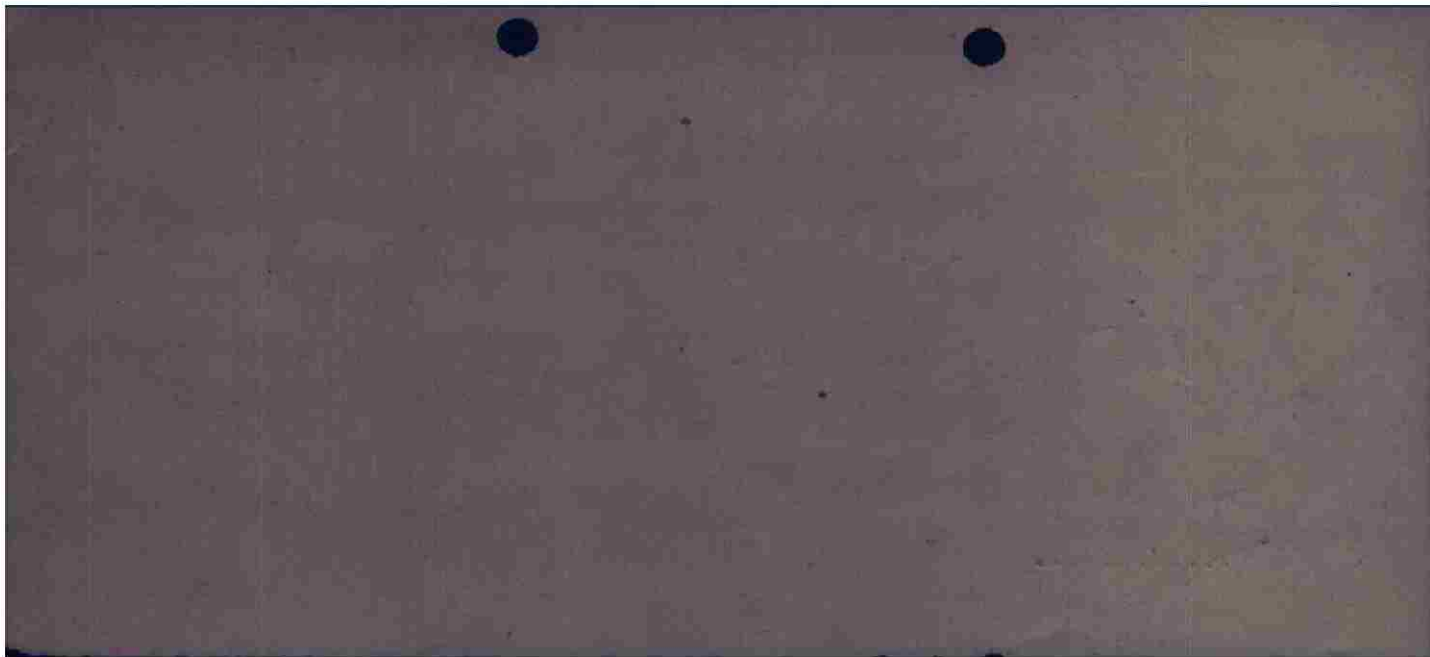
1. IF THE PRIMARY TARGET IS BOMBED VISUALLY THE MPI'S WILL BE AS FOLLOWS.
  - 2 FLIGHTS ON REF 038059 ILL. G(D) (VI) 26/2
  - 2 FLIGHTS ON REF. NY 046049 ILL. G(D) (VI) 26/2
  - 2 FLIGHTS ON REF. 054038 ILL. G(D) (VI) 26/2
2. IF THE PRIMARY TARGET CAN NOT BE ATTACKED THE SECONDARY TARGET, AALTEN A-205712 WILL BE ATTACKED.

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JEA R.....04/1430A RL AR

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4 March 45  
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TO HQS, 9TH BOMB DIV (M), APO 140, U.S. ARMY ATT: A2 - PI  
HQS, 97TH COMBAT WING, APO 140, U.S. ARMY ATT: A-2 DUTY OFFICER  
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B. HULS MARSHALLING YARD.

J. NO PHOTOS DUE TO PARTIAL CLOUD COVER AND SMOKE AND  
HAZE OBSCURING TARGET.

RADETSKY COBOMGP 466

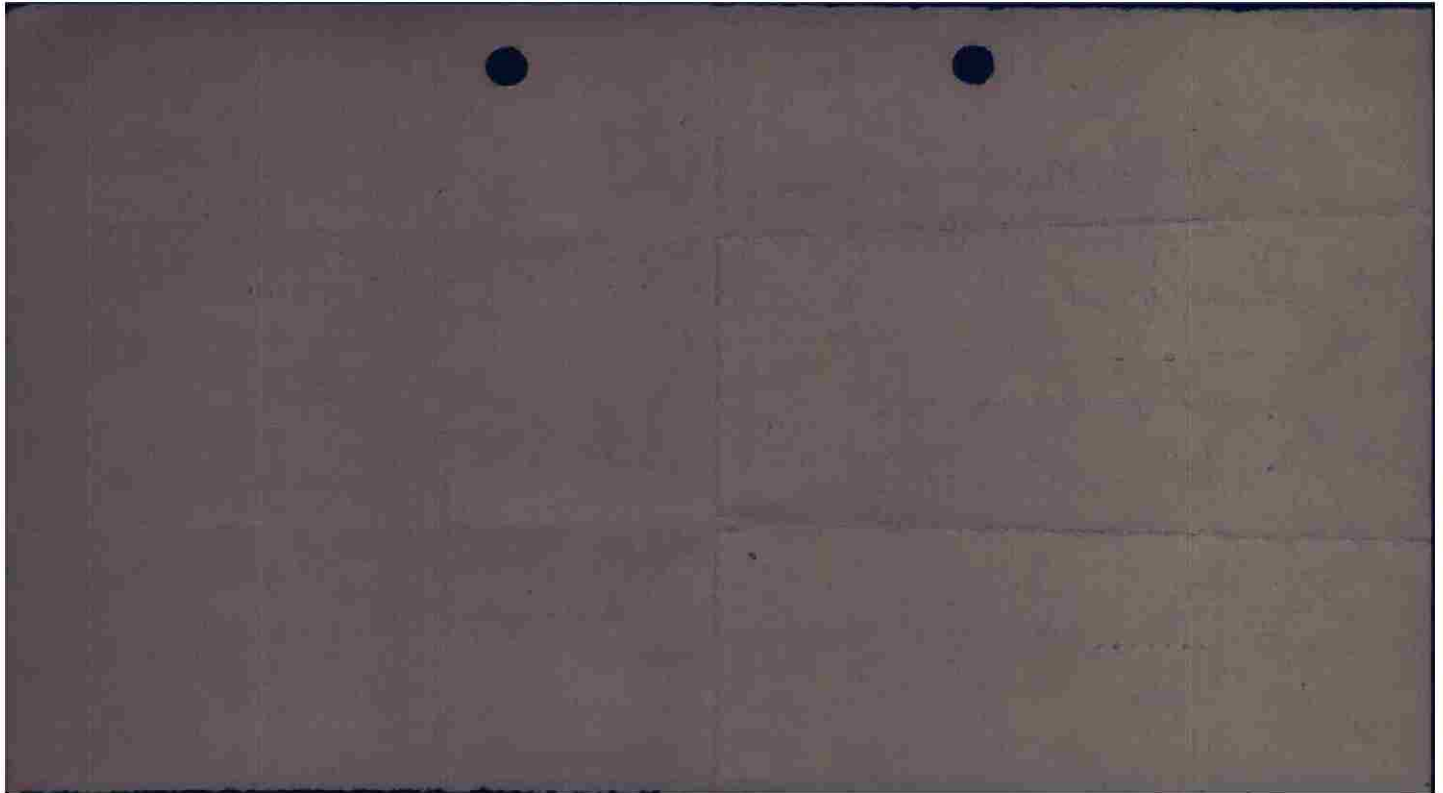
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JEA R.....04/2044A JMB AR

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TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER  
COMCBTWIG 97 (INFO)  
BT

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4 March 45  
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A - YS - 49

B - 4 MARCH 1945 (1385-1629)

C - N-MAN REPORTED "OPS" COMPLETE TO PARADE.

D - PPF MISSION

E - NONE

F - NONE

G - NONE

H - NONE

I - NONE

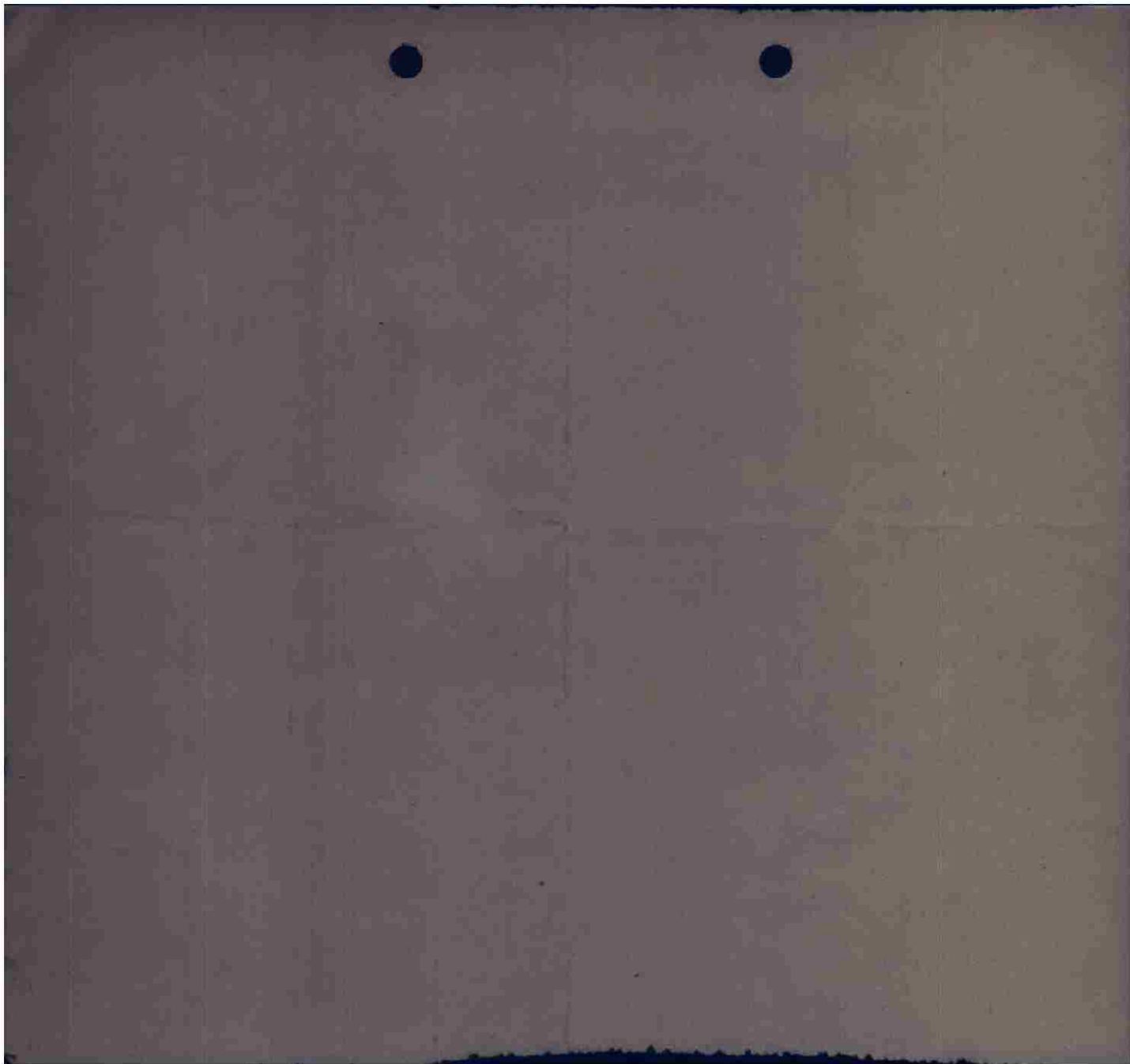
J - NONE

K - NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416  
BT 84/1886A

HE FD AR  
JEA R.....84/1855A CES AR  
ITA R.....84/1855A CLEV BBBB OP TO JKI  
GAM

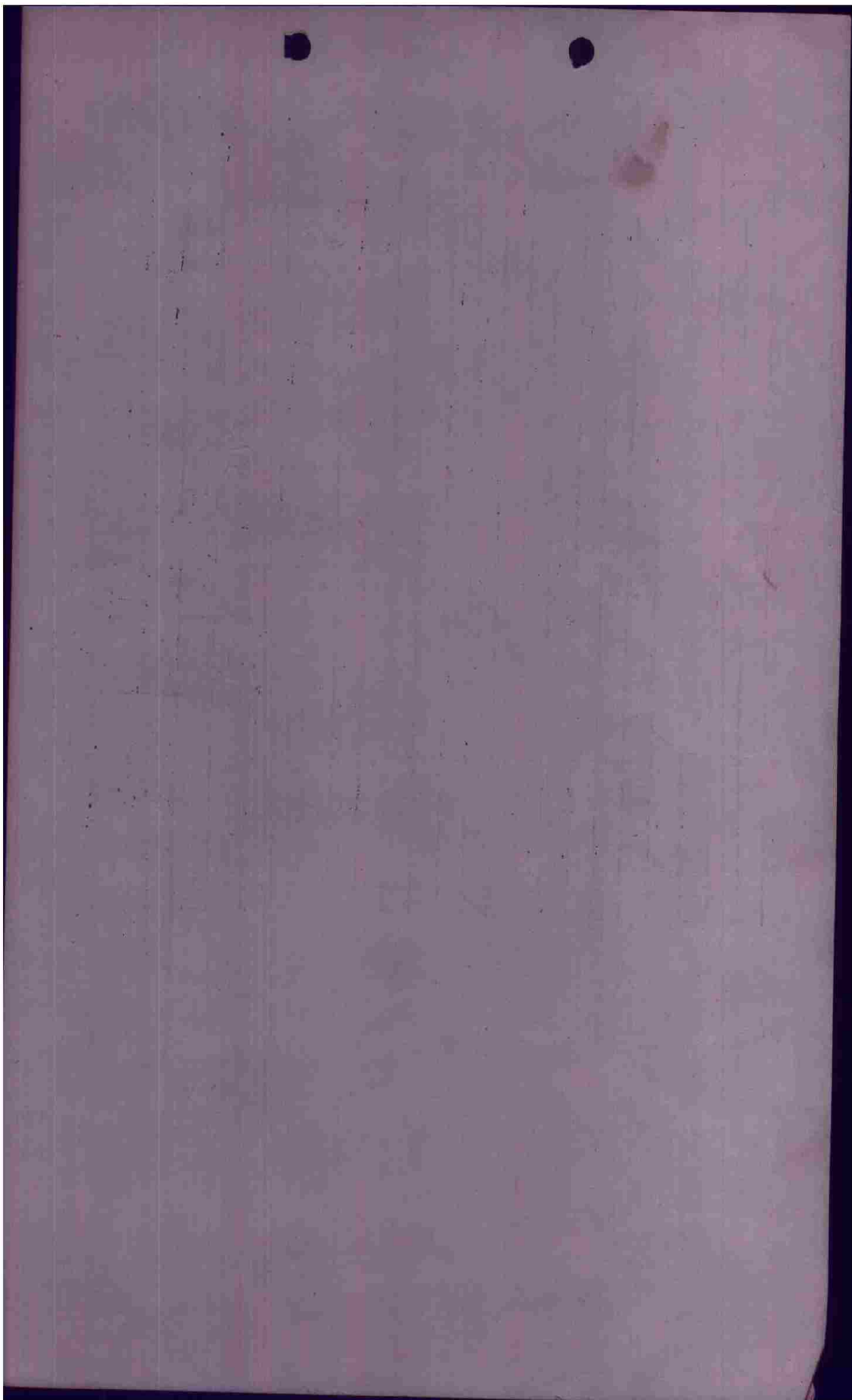
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				<i>Winkler</i>				
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Iisp	A/C Dam	E/A	FGTS.		
Res. No.	Reason							
1 481		<i>Q481</i>	T S J F R	<i>Q481</i>				
2 313								
3 351								

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*351 313*



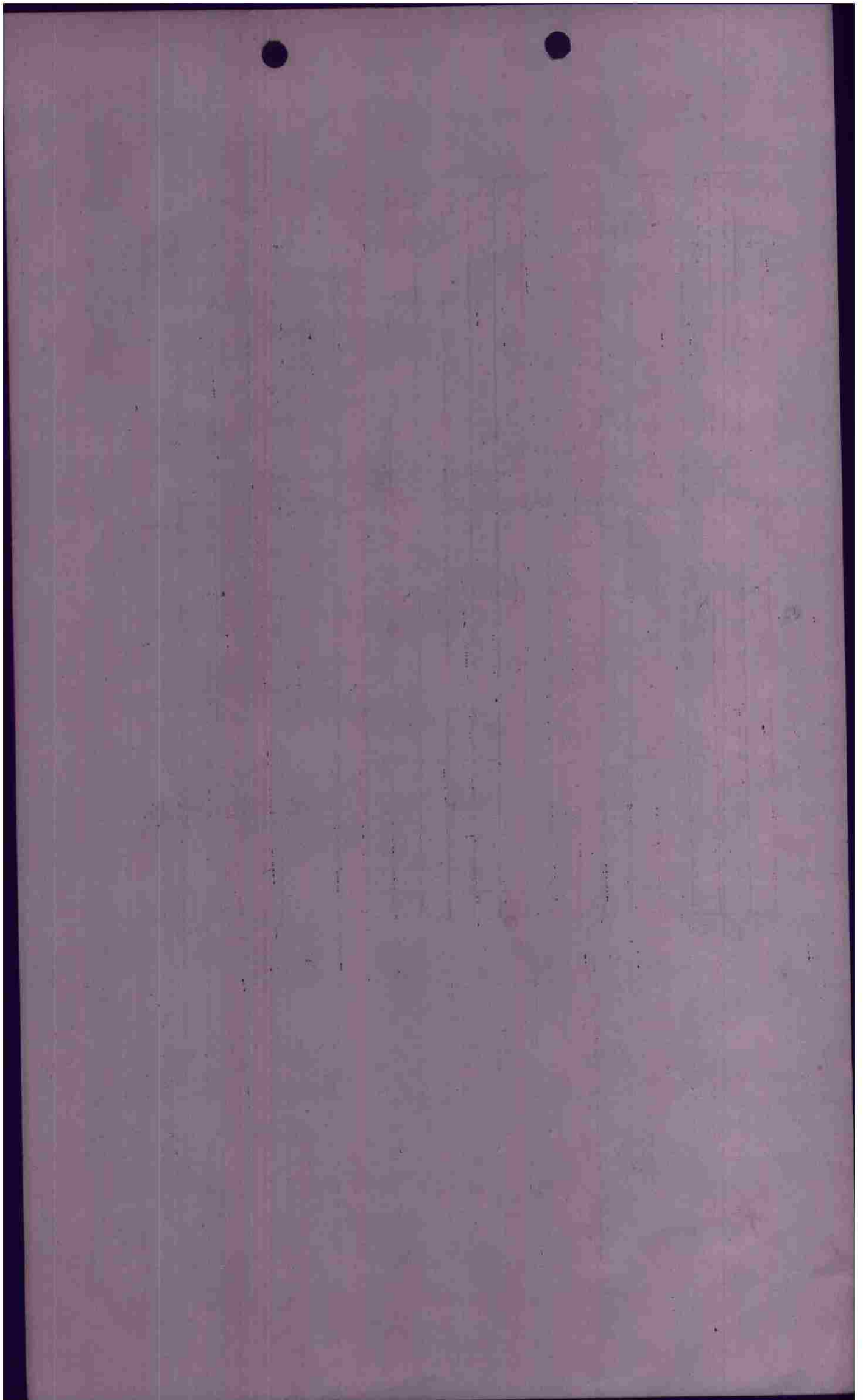
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							L/D	
A/C	Feil to Bomb	ATT	Bomb	Tisp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.	
Pass No.	Reason	0	T S J	R	M D A	A C B E D	P D K W M	
1 531		0	b.					
2 492			b.					
3 354			b.					
4 381	stand down from		b					
5 263	sharp turn.		b					
6 344			b					
1 505			b					
2 383			b					
3 309			b					
4 305			b					
5 495			b					
6 311 +	found at A. 93.		b.					
1 491			b					
2 250			b					
3 300			b					
4 239			b					
5 494			b					
6 191			b					
2 44			b					

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61500 BT.

21-H-26. Airframe.  
 P-26 RI 504  
 17-H-26 attached!  
 3-14-36 w/ND09  
 1028500 and 5 min  
 \*574 return to

381 *Blair*  
 304 *Burrows*  
 381 *Smith*  
 263 *Smith*  
 491 *Brown*  
 350 *Blair*  
 309 *Blair*  
 385 *Blair*  
 239 *Blair*  
 305 *Blair*  
 297 *Blair*  
 249 *Blair*  
 331 *Blair*  
 495 *Blair*  
 244 *Blair*



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PILOT John M. ... A/C# 300 BOX 5

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u> X <u>500</u>	<u>ON</u>			
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK: XHI behind on turnoff

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

couldn't see bursts  
4/10 clouds at target  
9-10/10 at target

See about gunner bailing out

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X H
      X
     X X
  
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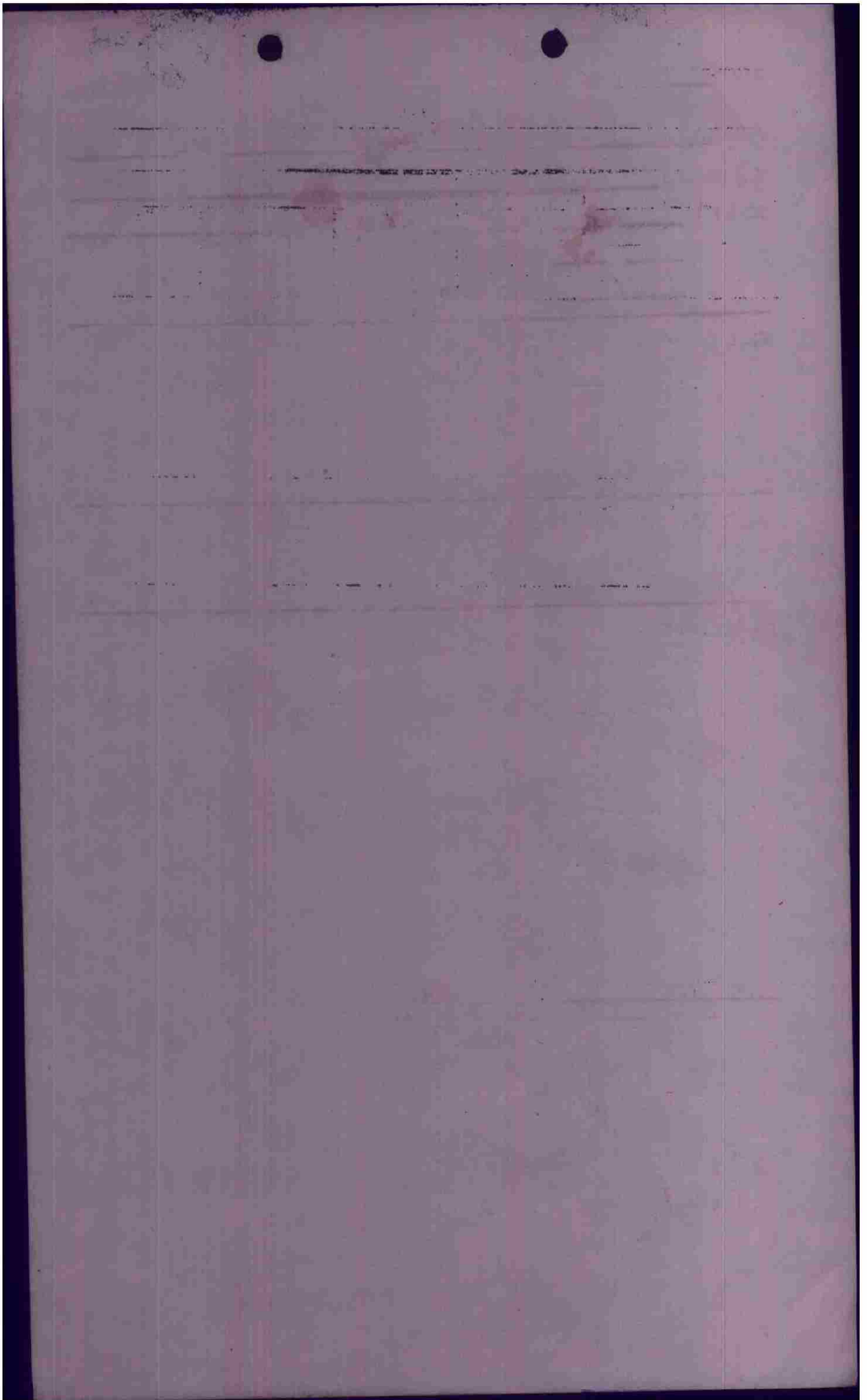
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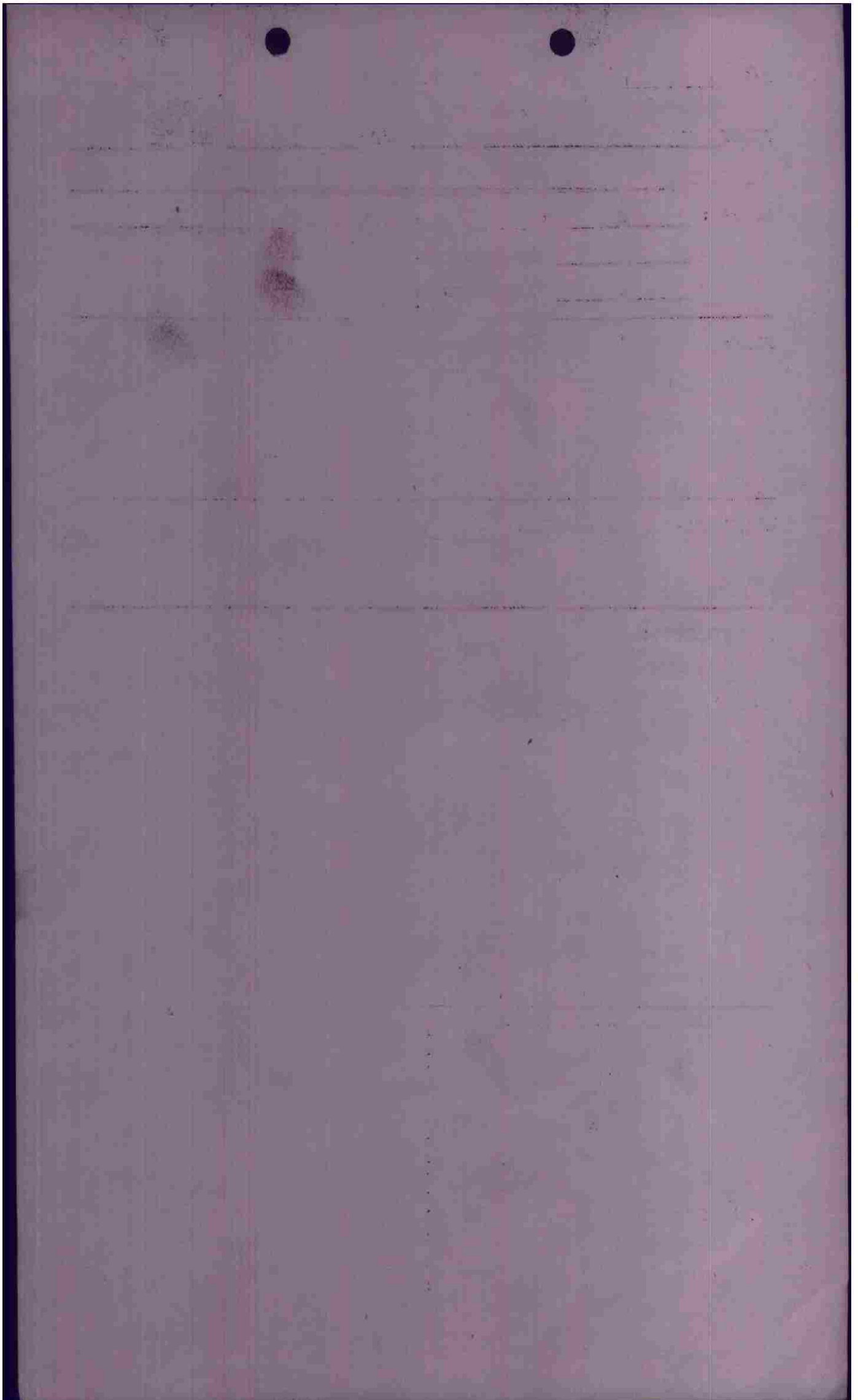
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PILOT W. Gault

A/C# 313

BOX Window

CASUALTIES

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

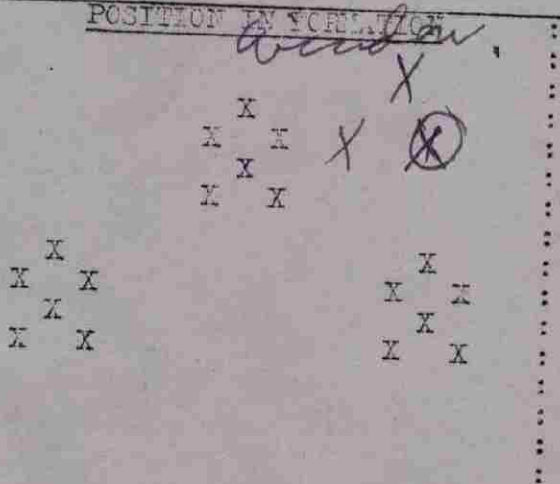
FLAK: XXHF - 15 bursts at target.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

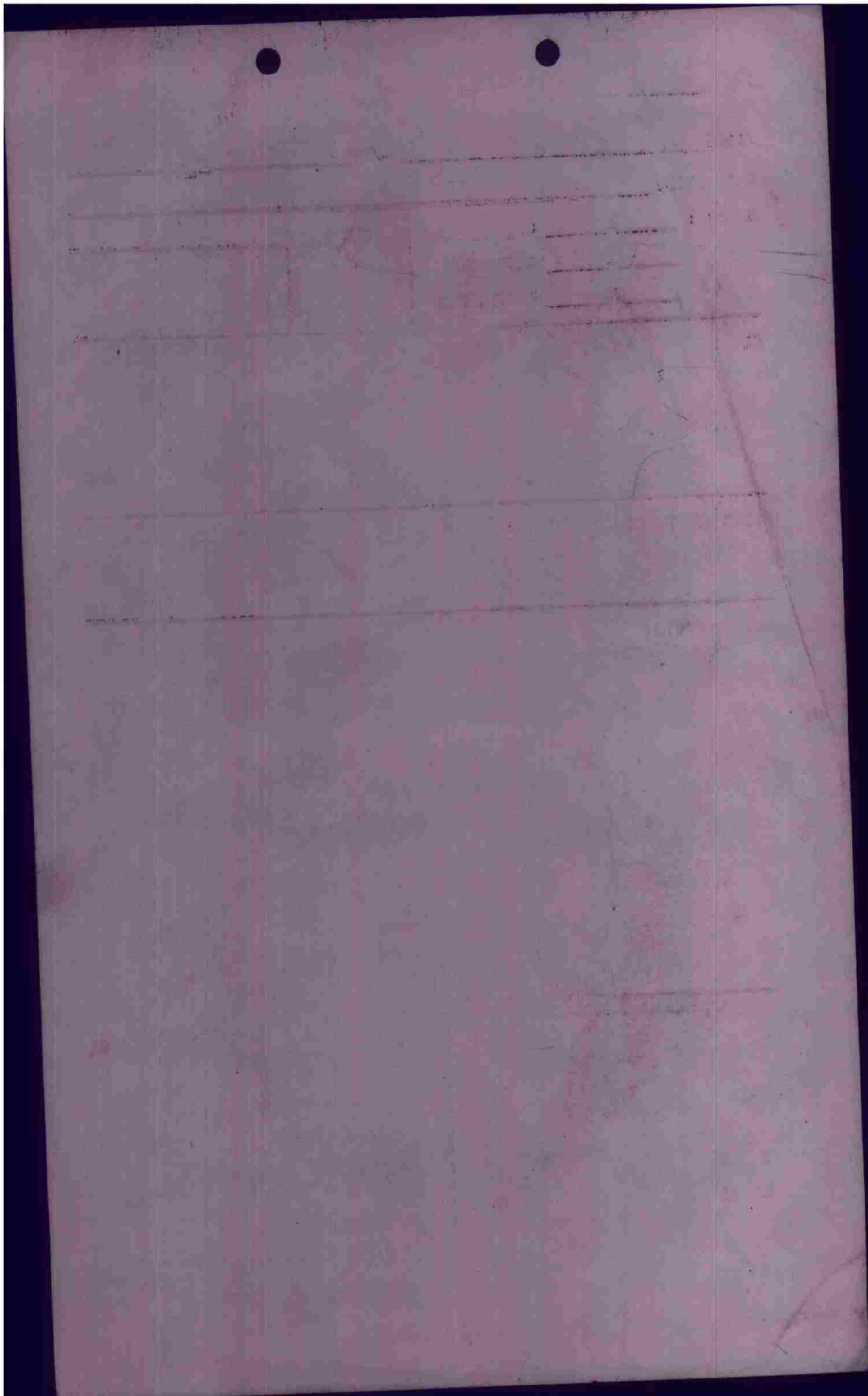
1/2 mile to mile ahead zigzagging in front - window went out ok. Believe window fell ahead of flight & below. Believe effective.

POSITION BY SYMBOL



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PILOT Martino A/C# 985 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>10</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>500</u>	ON	<u>PT</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:		:		:	
		<u>X</u>			RETURNED	:		:	"A-C"	:	"E"	:	
		<u>X</u>			JETTISONED	:		:		:		:	

FLAK:

X HI in turn off target

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Did not see bomb hit

POSITION IN FORMATION

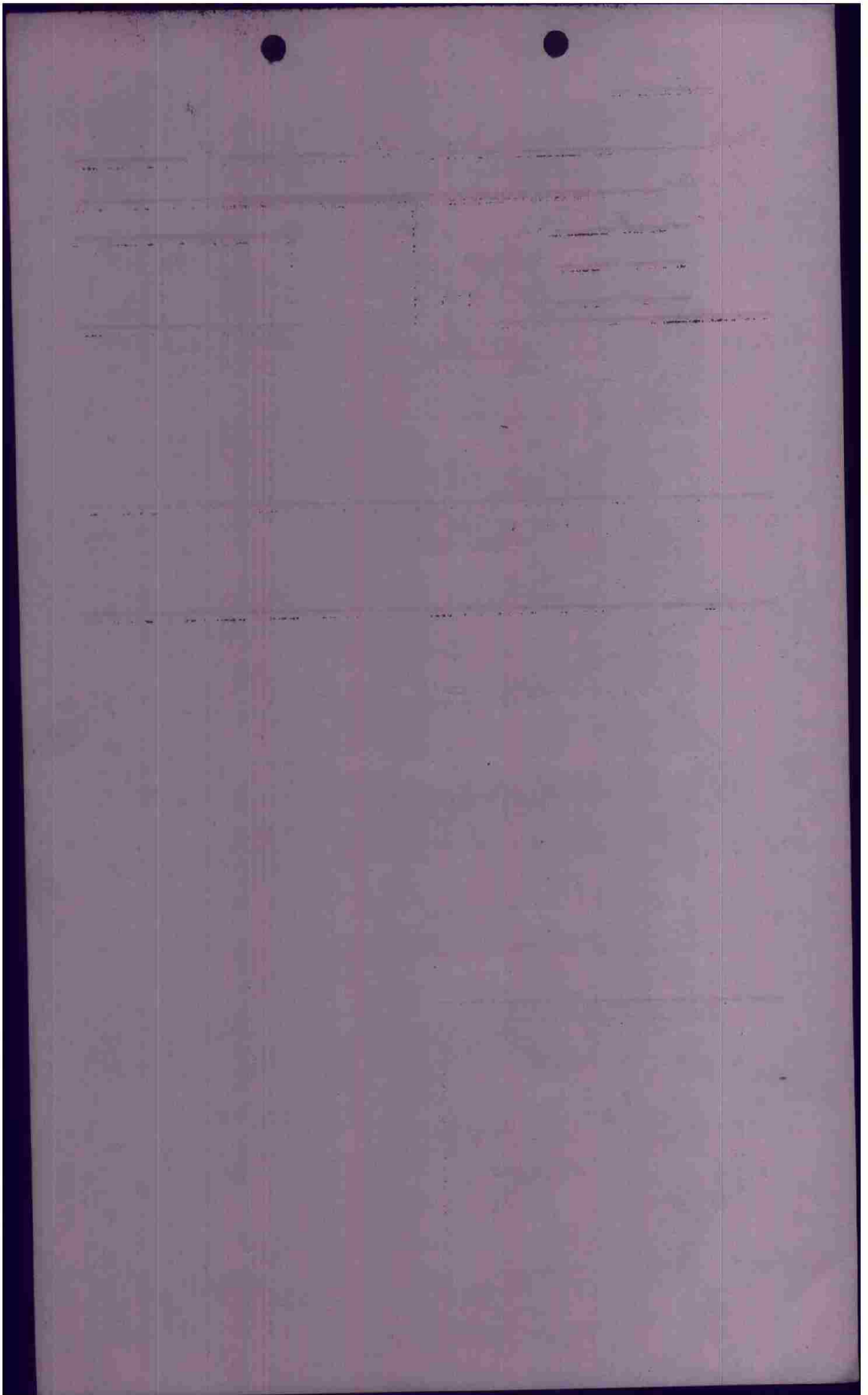
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X   X   X   X
X   X   X   X
X   X   X   X

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Dark  
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PILOT Brown A/C# 497 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOOMBS	<u>6</u>	<u>50</u>	ON	<u>P</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED				

FLAK: VHF at target.

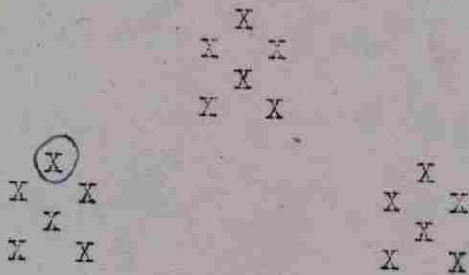
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

no obs. Believe bombs hit in target area.

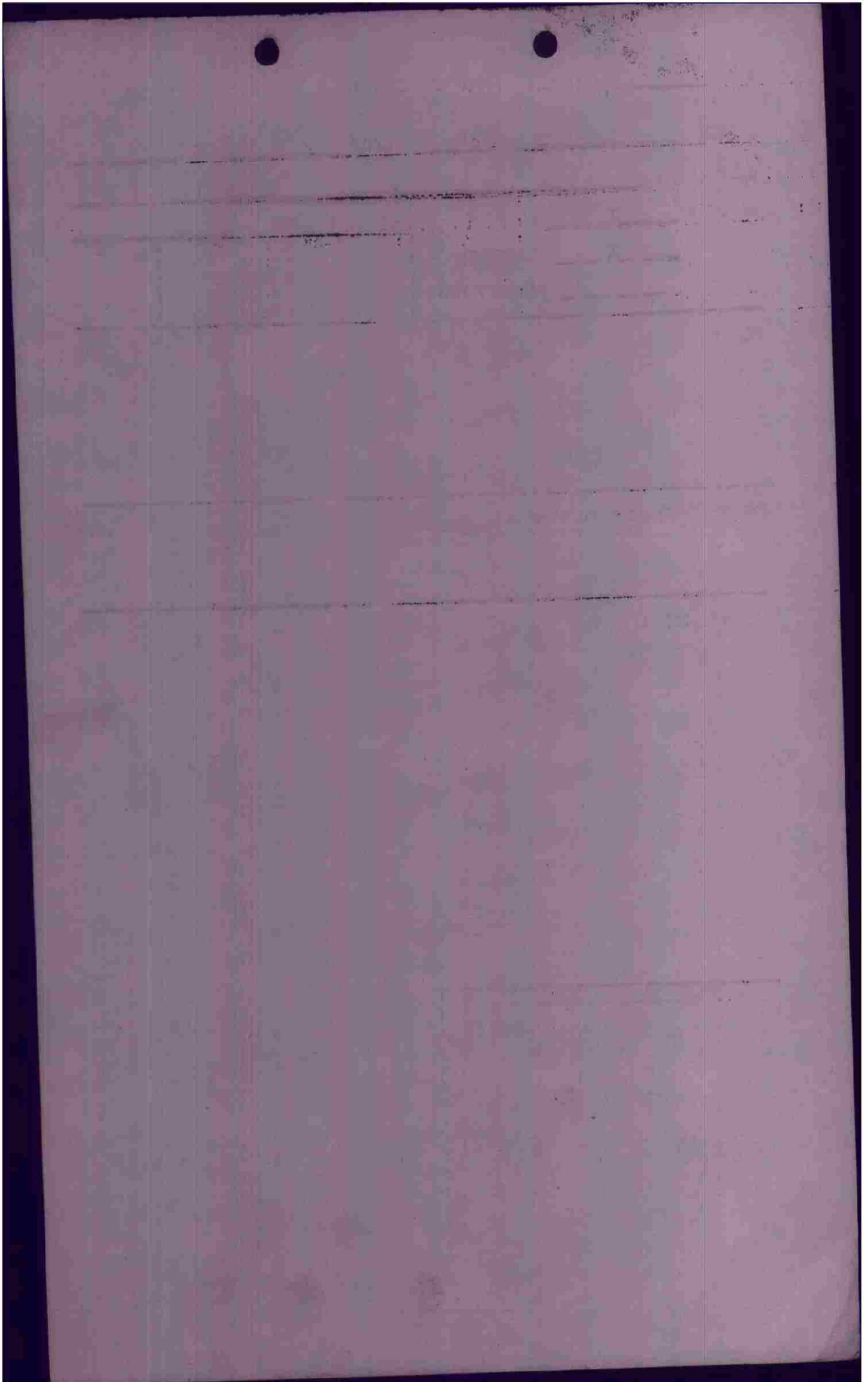
f.o.t. 1516  
alt - 13500  
Head - 180°  
IAS - 195

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Evans A/C# 495 BOX I

CASUALTIES

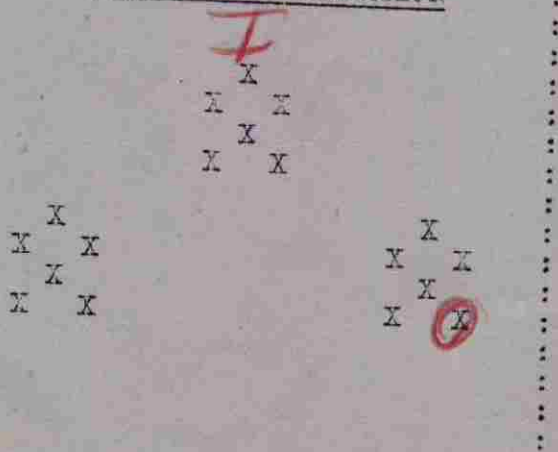
BOOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
<u>6 X 500</u>	<u>Primer</u>	<u>✓</u>		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK: 6 burst just after bomb bay closed.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

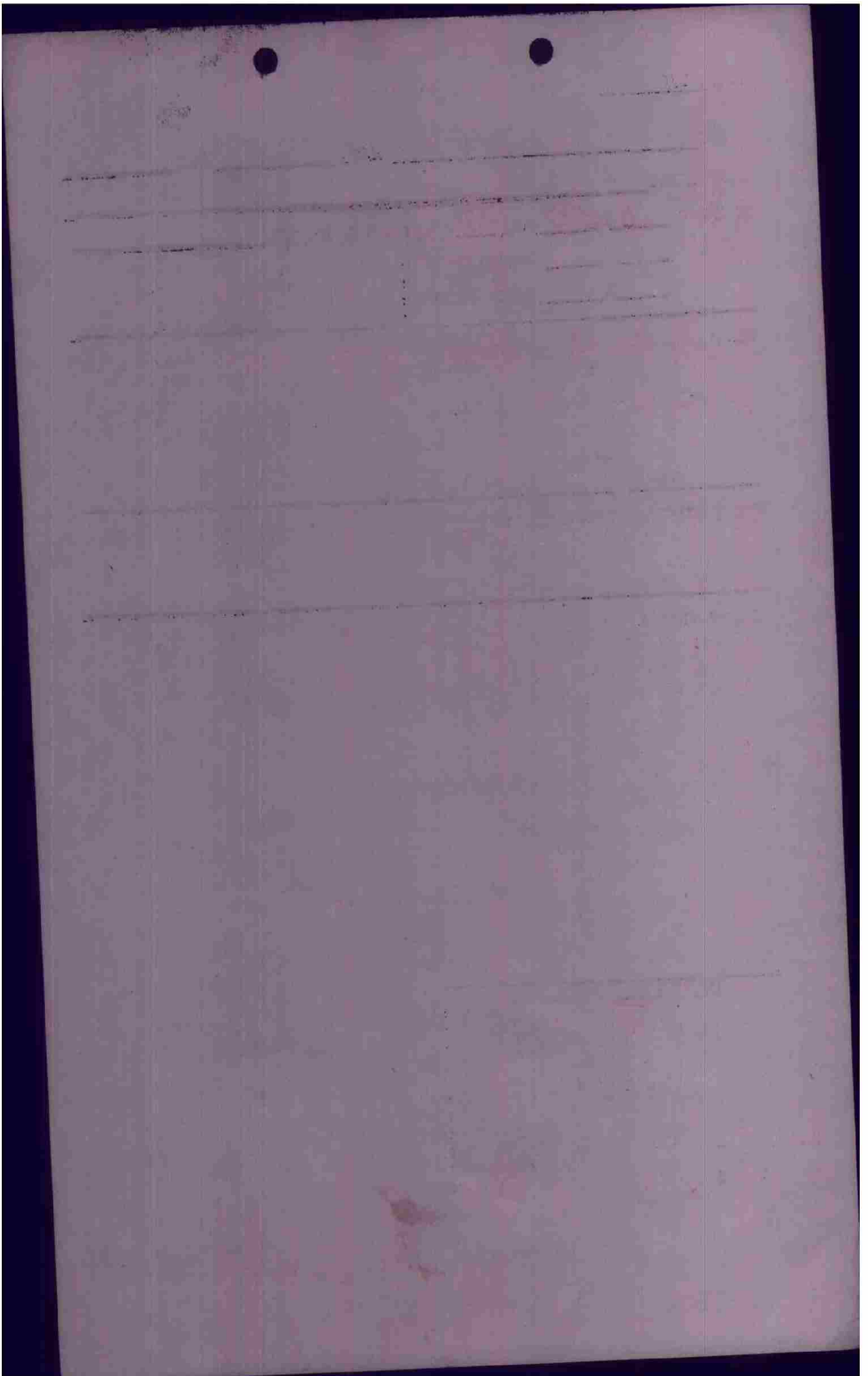
POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Thuria A/C# 365 BOX I

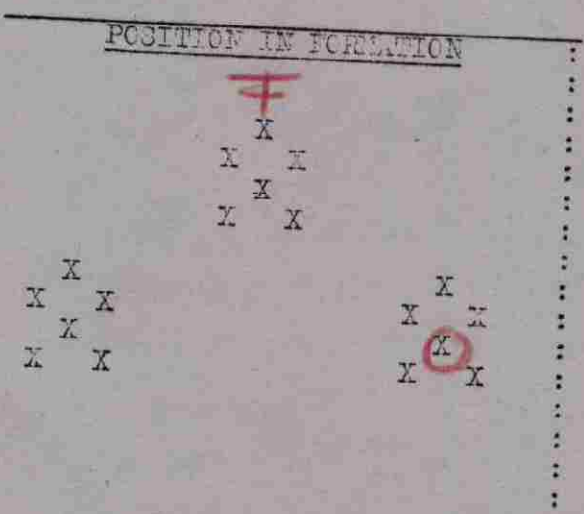
CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>6 X 500</u>				
	X				
	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK: 12 burst - 3 to 400 yards off - at top

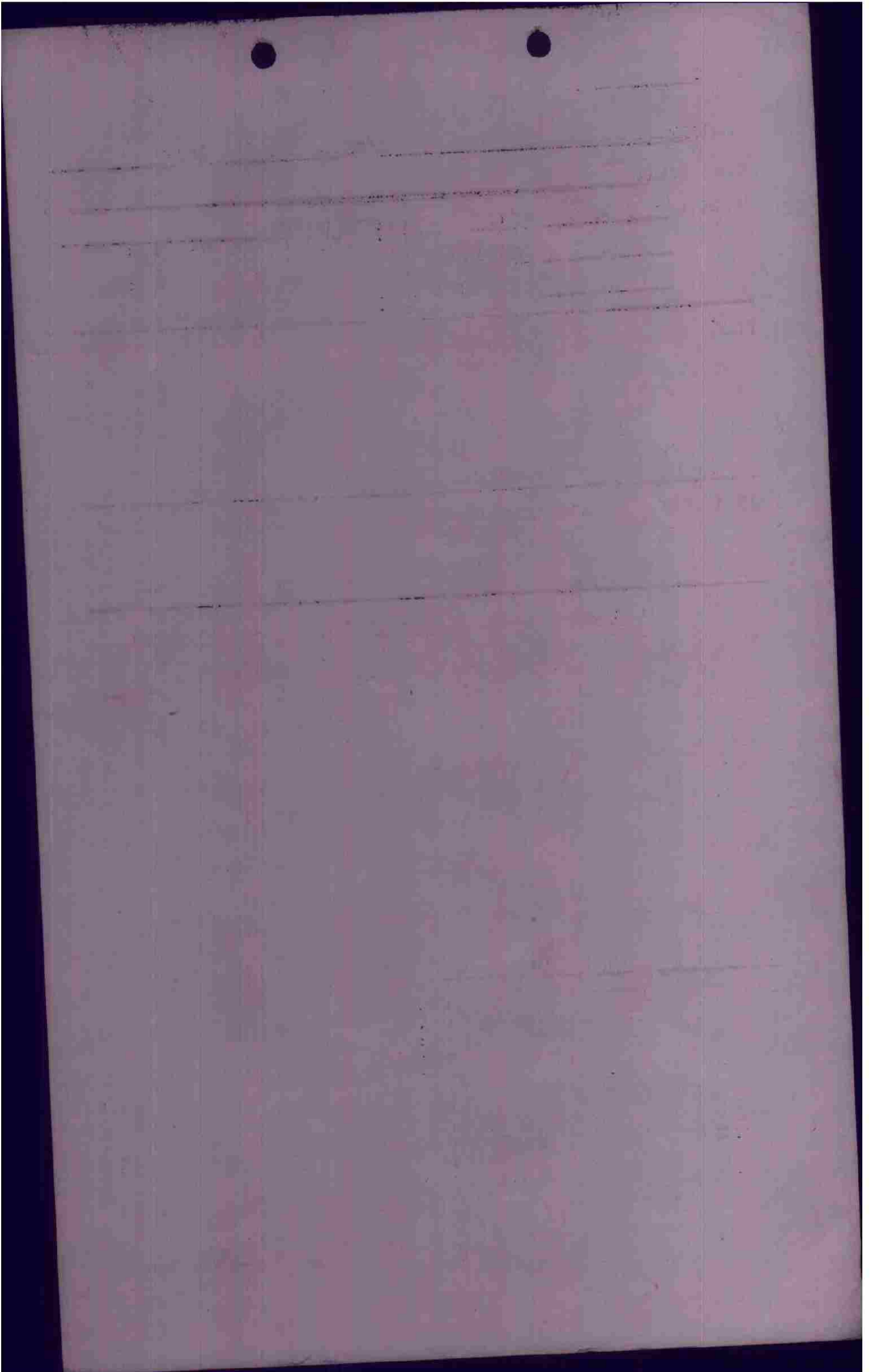
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil -

OBSERVATIONS: Saw big fire after bombing - mostly bombs hit main target



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PILOT B. Rogers A/C# 492 BOX 7

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> X <u>500</u>	ON <u>Prig. in</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"	
	X	JETTISONED				

FLAK: nil

10 bursts right after bomb away  
in air.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

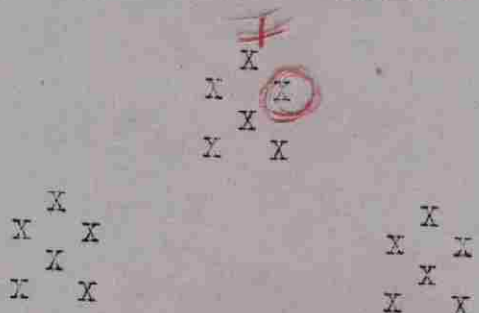
nil

OBSERVATIONS: one flight hit in yards other  
two along side. 10 locom seen in  
yard all of which were f ued up.  
9/10<sup>th</sup> clouds - top at 10,000 -

13,000 on way out -

TOT 1374 - alt, 13,500

POSITION IN FORMATION



Dead 172<sup>0</sup>

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PILOT Eastman A/C# 349 BOX 4

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

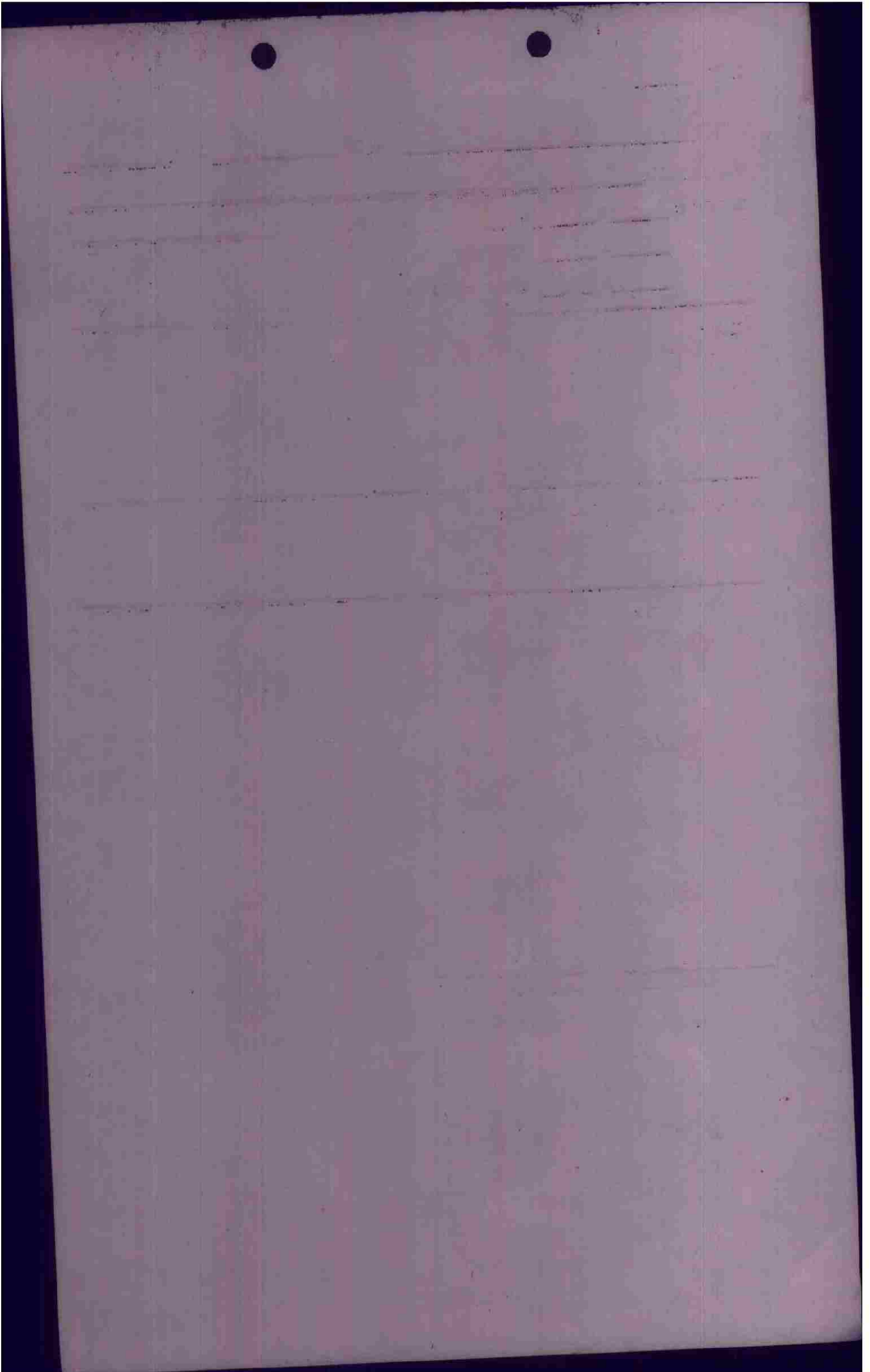
*Returned Early -  
Using. Warmer Gas.*

POSITION BY COORDINATION

		X			
	X		X		
		X			
	X		X		
X				X	
X	X		X	X	
X			X	X	

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PILOT Behlman A/C# 387 BOX T

CASUALTIES

BOBBS :		RETURNED	JETTISONED	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>P</u>		
	<u>X</u>					
	<u>X</u>					

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

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Reported some

low.

Camera - Should (a few thru breaks) have some film - also 3mm

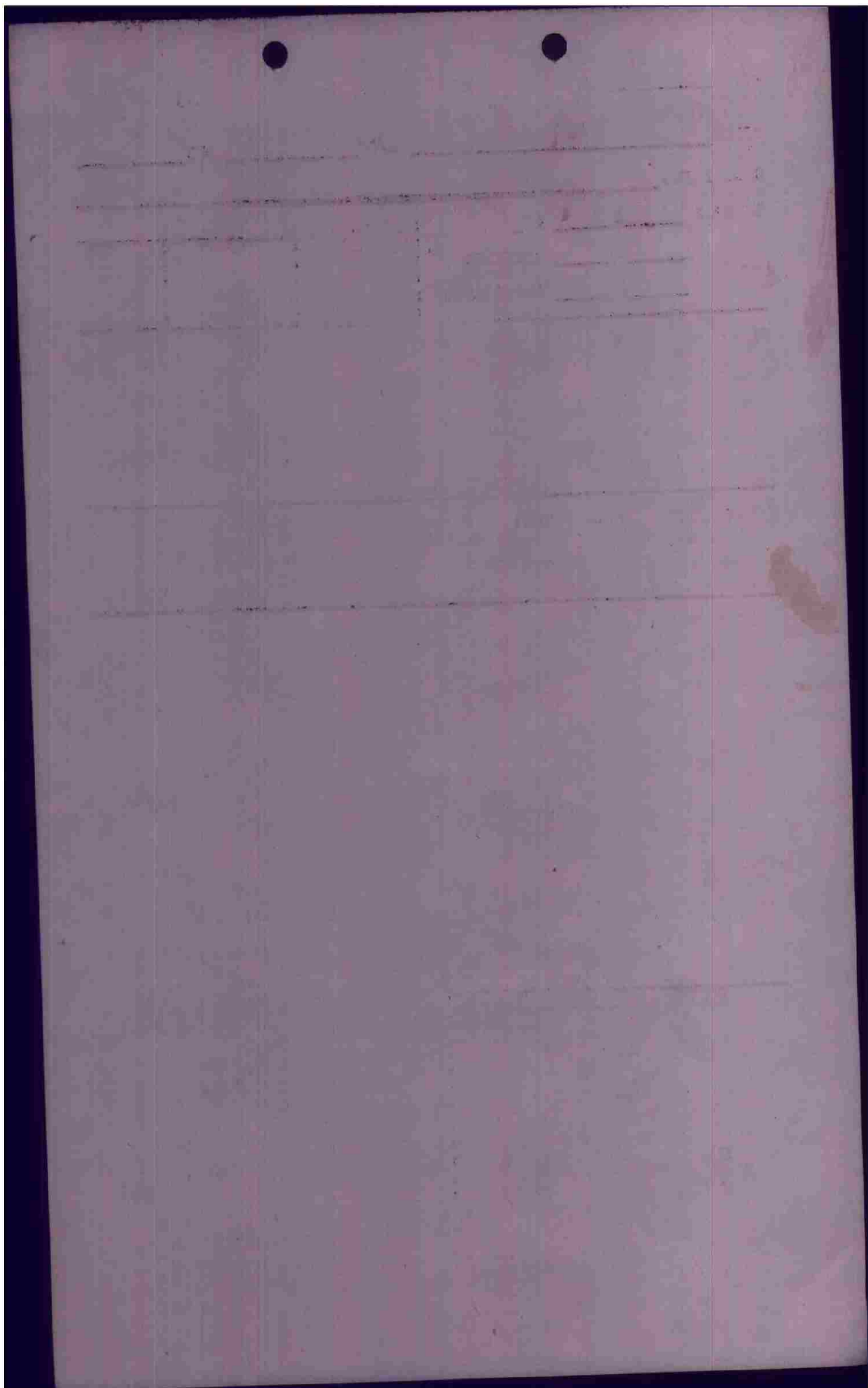
POSITION IN FORMATION

		X			
	X	X			
	X	(X)			
	X	X			
X	X		X	X	
X	X		X	X	
			X	X	

before ETD. OR

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PILOT Schroeder A/C# 2-1 BOX I

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

BOOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE			
	ON	"A"	"L-C"	"E"	
<u>6</u> X <u>500</u>	<u>FT.</u>	:	:	:	
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	:	:	
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:	:	:	

FLAK: Turn off - 3 bursts to it.  
Smoke at 7. from another unit.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

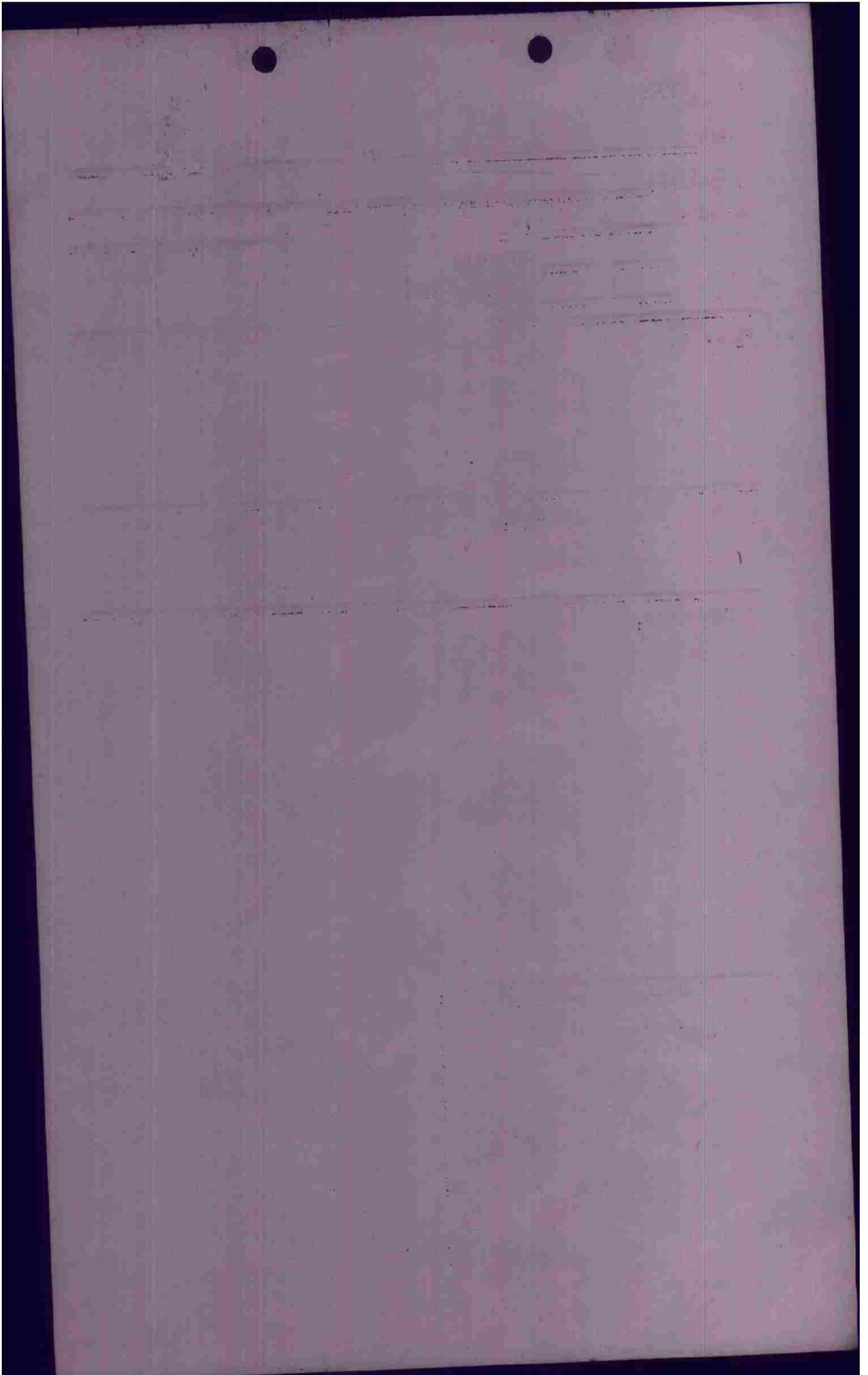
POSITION BY FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X
X     X
X     X
X     X
      X
     X X
      X X
     X X
    (X) X
  
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PILOT Smith A/C# 344 BOX I

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

BOMBS :	ON	PT.	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
<u>6</u> <u>X500</u>					
<u>X</u>	RETURNED				
<u>-X</u>	JETTISONED				

FLAK: T/A - XH 1 - below

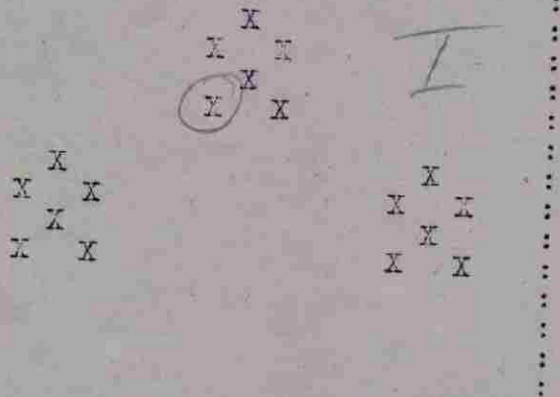
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:



OBSERVATIONS:

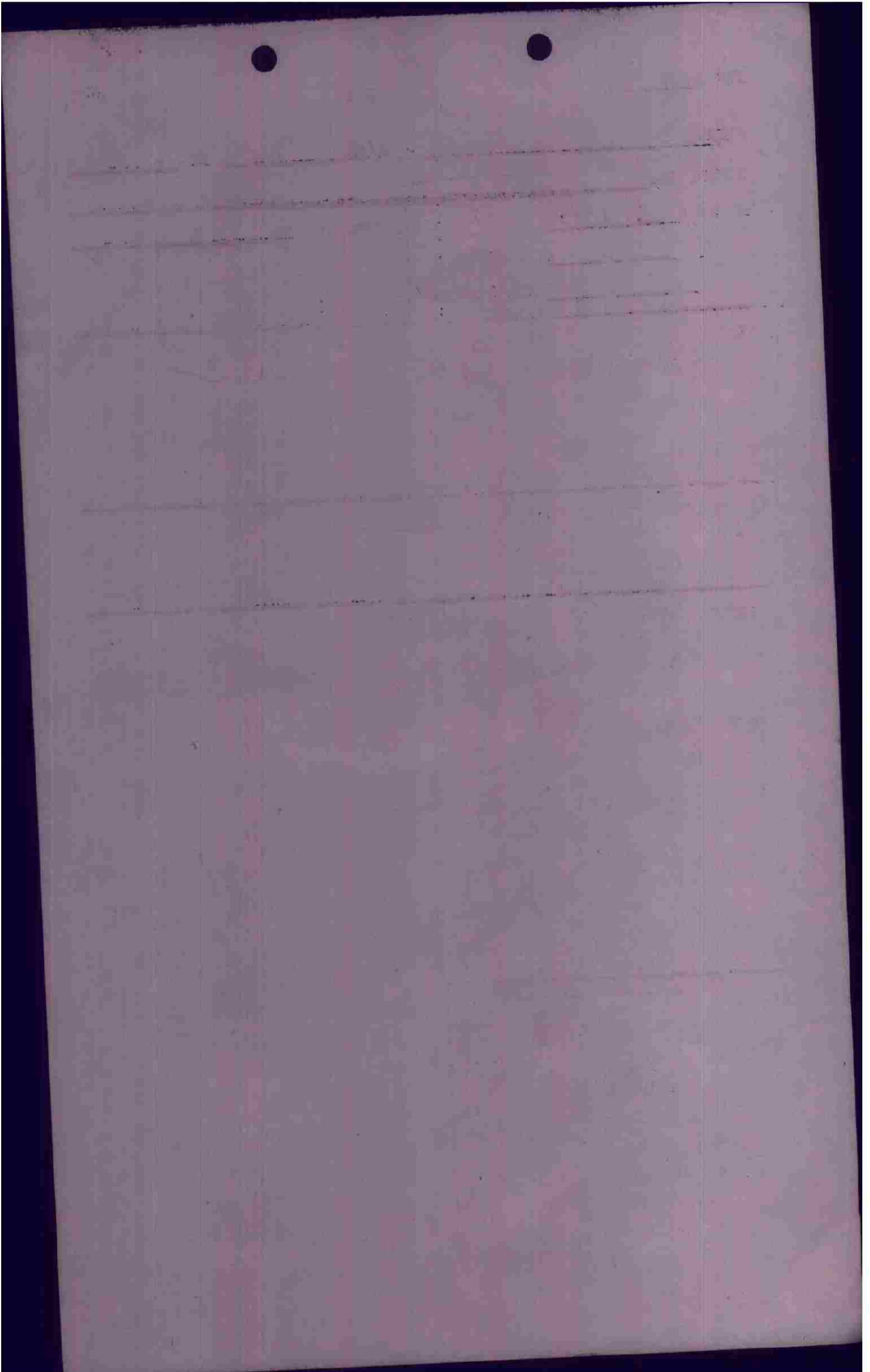
Big blaze where bomb hit.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Rentz A/C# 263 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6 X 500 ON P.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE	<u>1/2</u>		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED		"A-C"		"E"
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED				

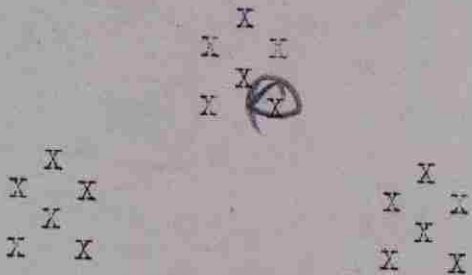
FLAK: Saw some low & behind XH1

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

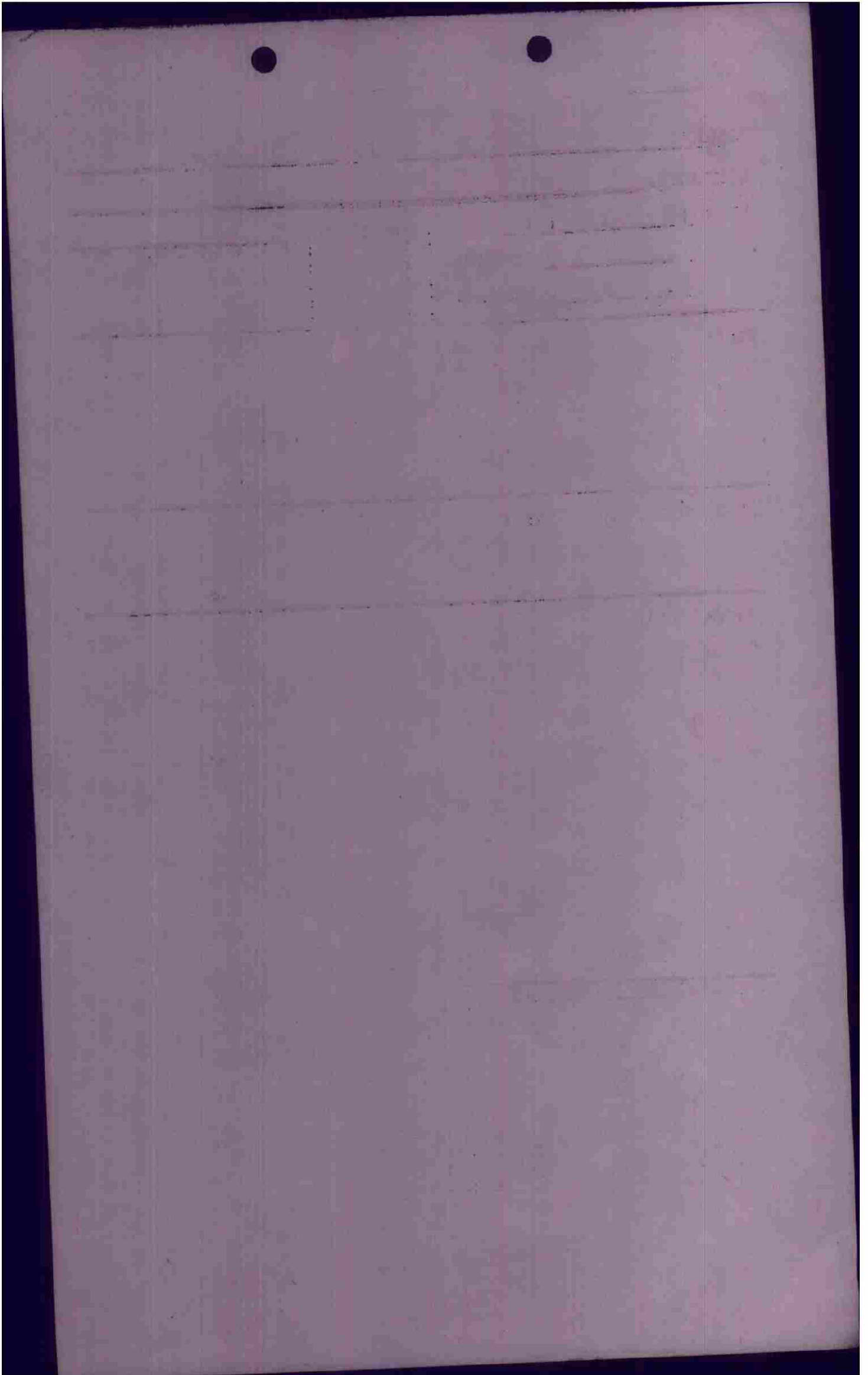
10 Truck convoy headed SW at A-6070 (COESFELD)

POSITION IN FORMATION

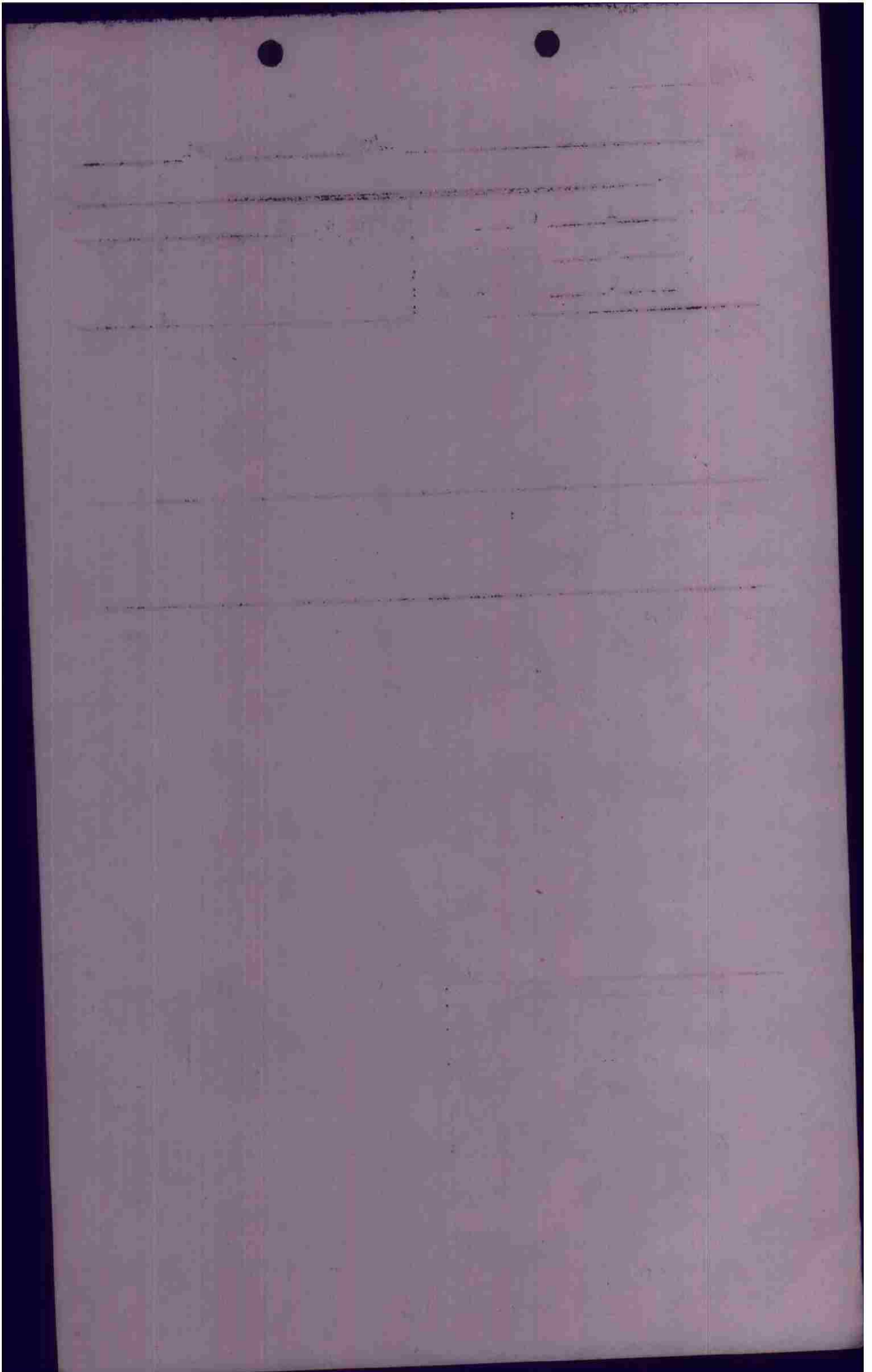


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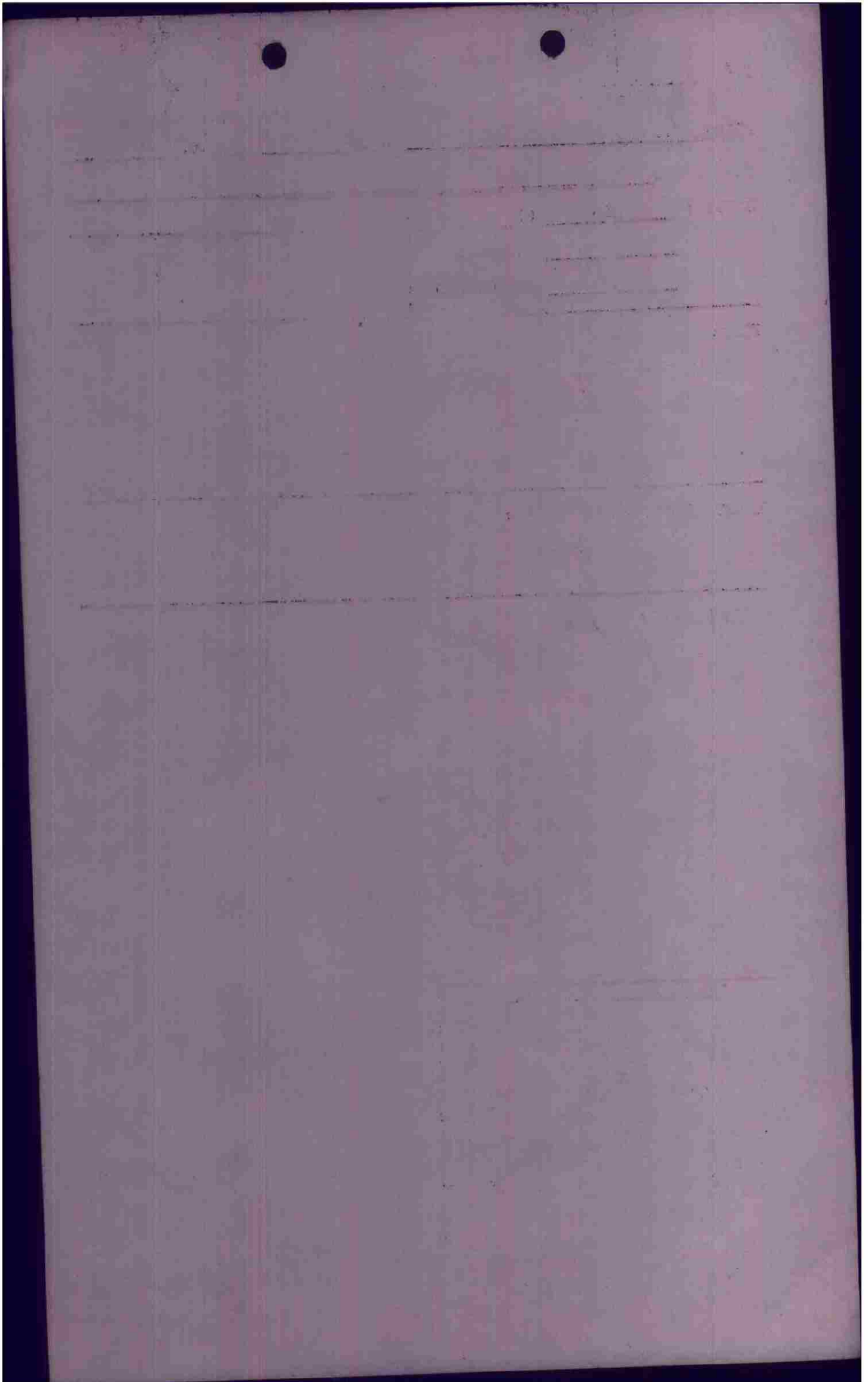
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PILOT Turner A/C# 351 BOX Window

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK:

*Window*

*Not on enemy*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

*Went in front of formation at IP dropped window for entire run.*

*Flew 500 ft below formation - 1 mile in front of same course*

POSITION IN FORMATION

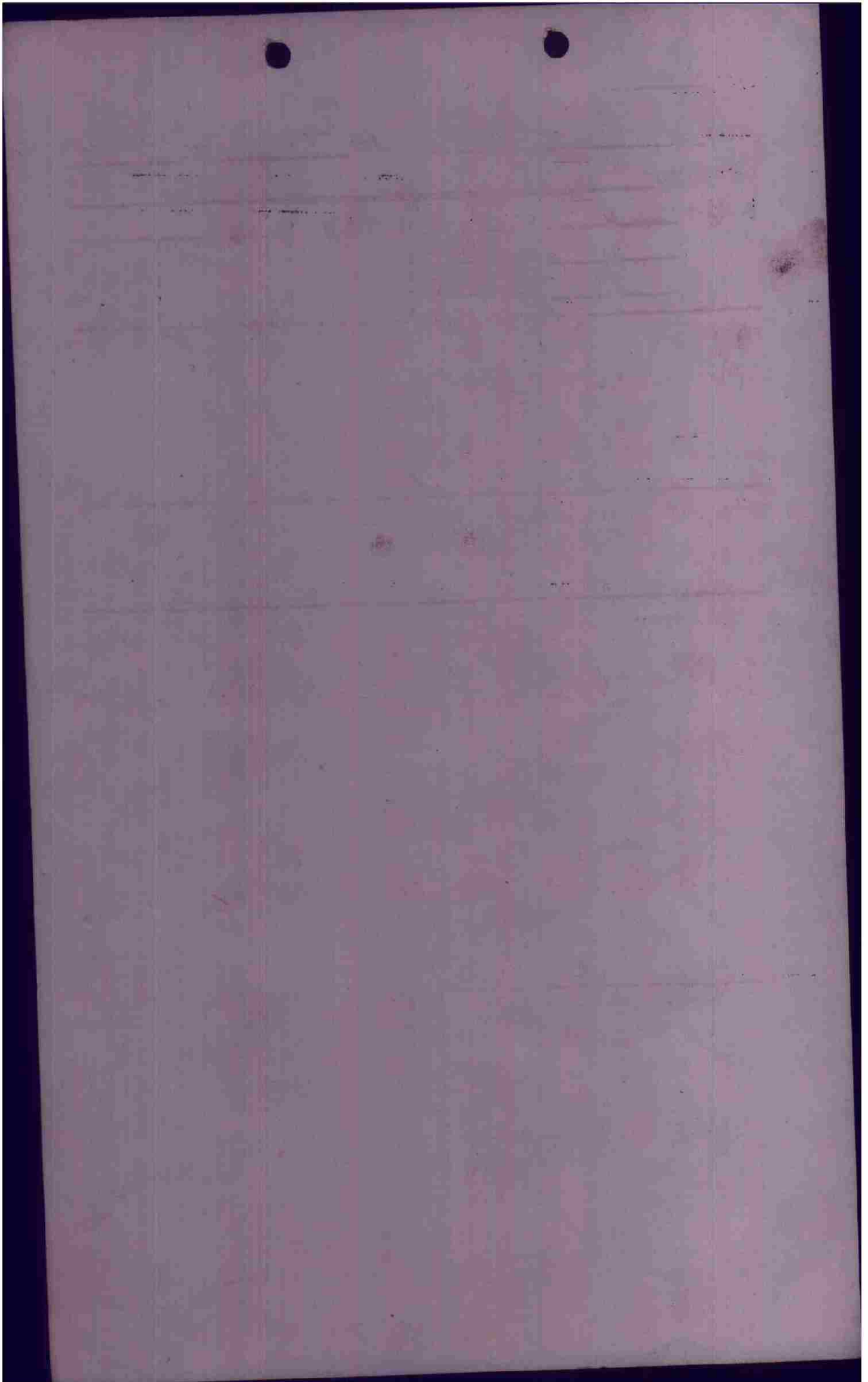
		X			
	X		X		
		X			
	X		X		
		X			
X	X			X	X
	X			X	X
X	X			X	X

*Turner absent from in tgt area*

*LLP*

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PILOT Hackby A/C# 354 BOX I

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

BOOMBS :	ON	PT	BATTLE DAMAGE	"L-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	RETURNED				
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED				

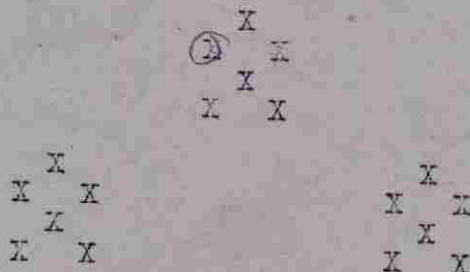
FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Plane was in spiral - pilot believed gunner bailed out thinking plane was out of control - Pilot called gunner to reassure him but got no response. Right near field, preparing to set down.

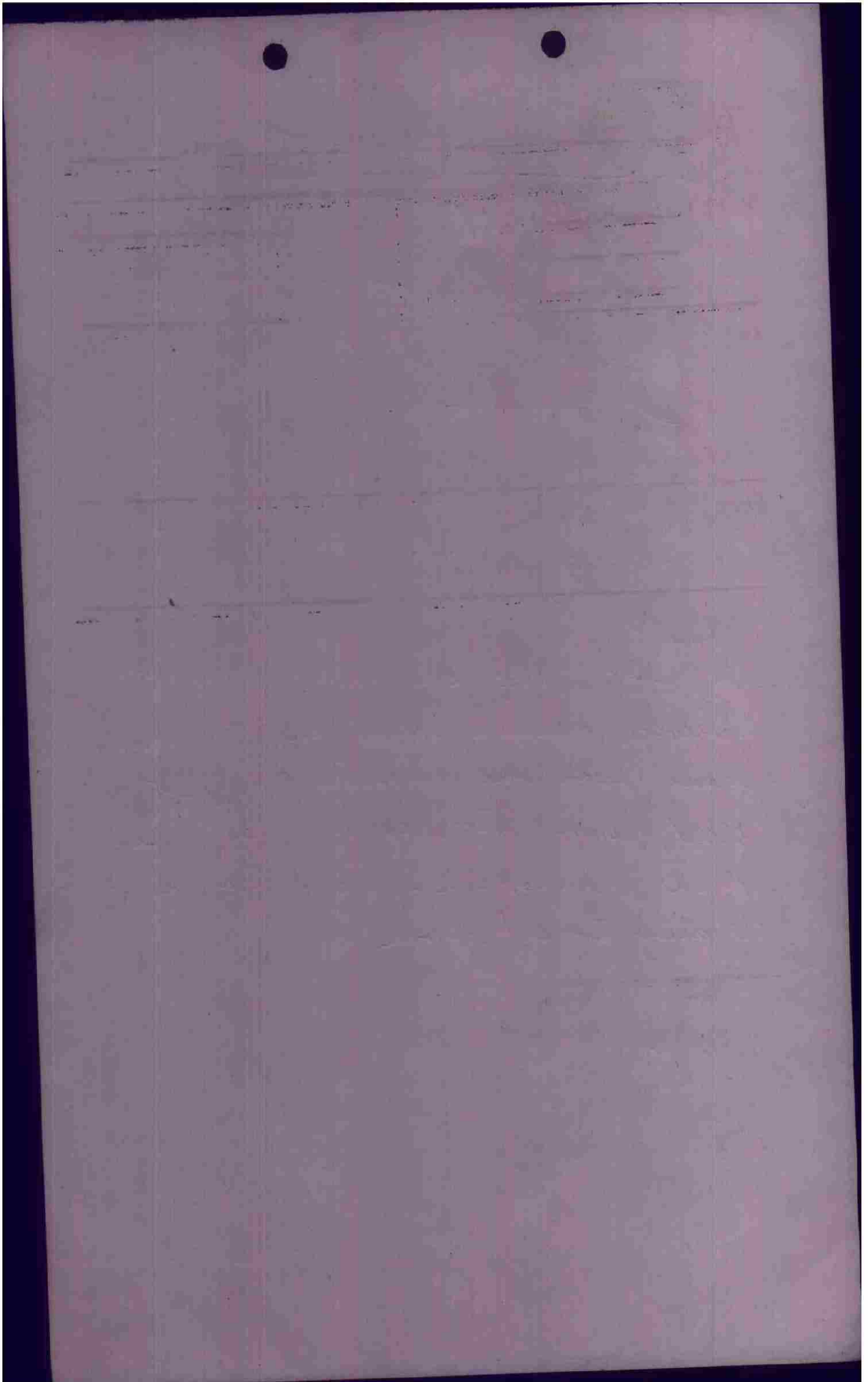
POSITION IN FORMATION



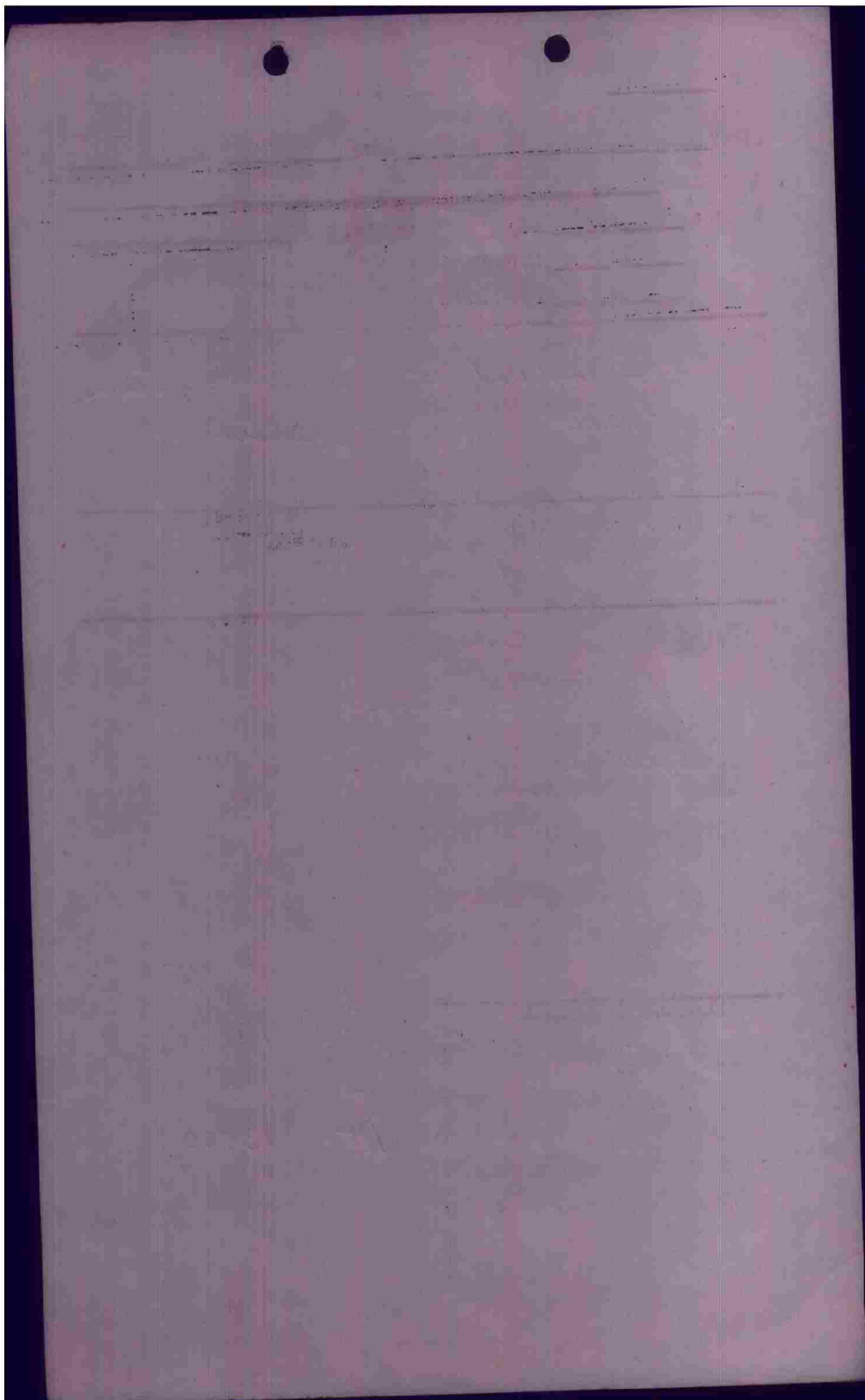
*Parker*

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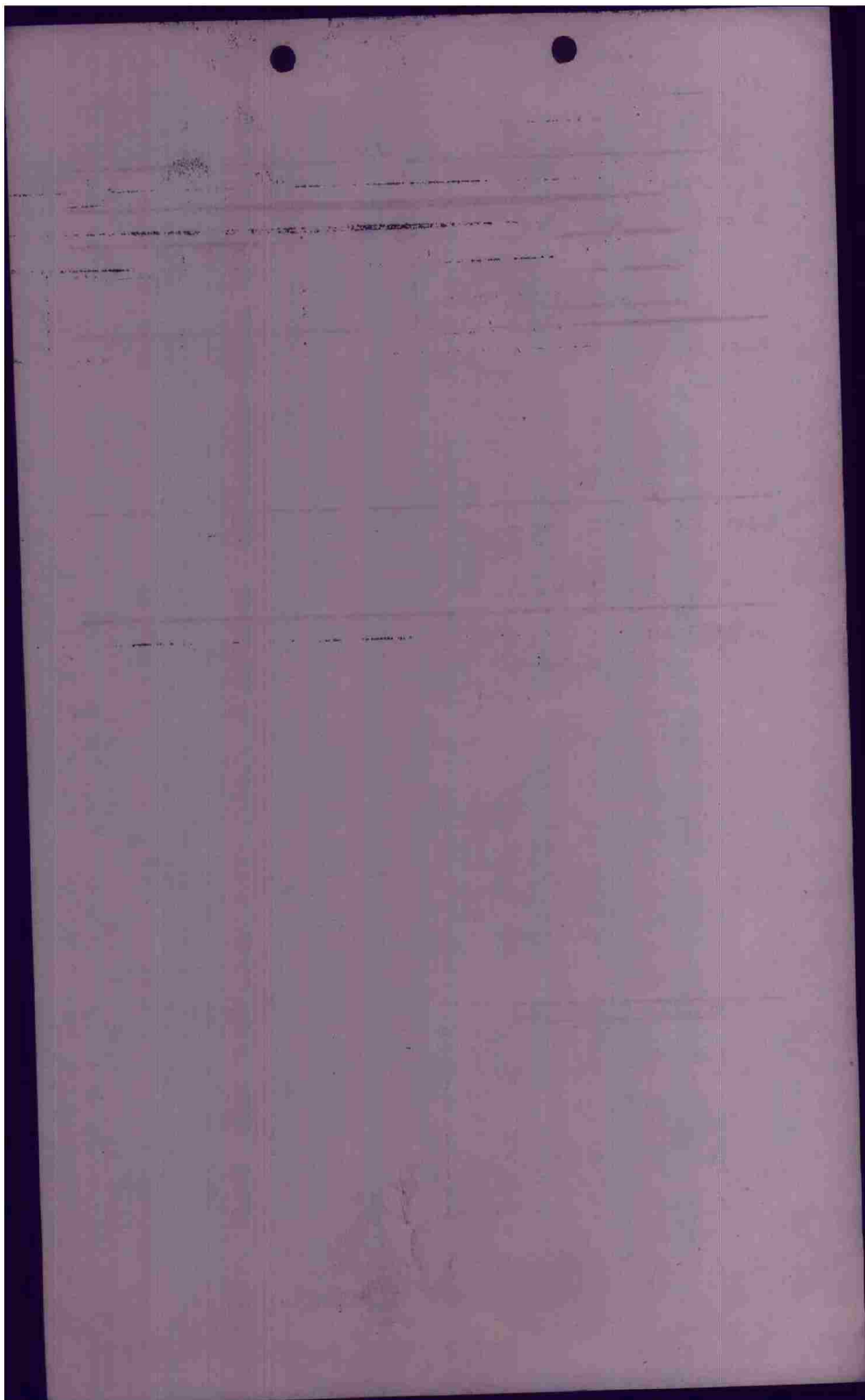
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PILOT Anderson A/C# 505 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	RETURNED	JETTISONED	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
<u>6</u>	<u>X 500</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>[scribble]</u>		

FLAK: X 107 to rear on turnoff.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

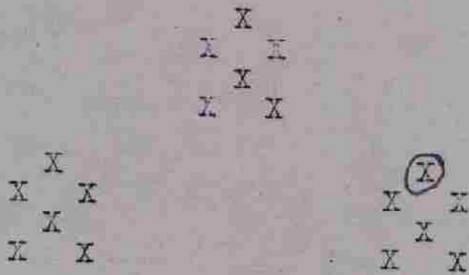
[Large scribble]

OBSERVATIONS:

bombes burst over truck. Burst of fire seen

h.o.f. - 1515-  
alt - 13500  
Head - 180°  
IAS - 195-  
PFF. ok.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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