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LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

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1. 501 W
CAPT D STEBBINS
LT A S CALLOWAY
LT V H POWELL
S/S W J BROWN

2. 490 X
LT J J LAGROVICH
LT R C MUIR
PVT R M BARRY

3. 224 E
LT E O TURNER
S/S J SIENKIEWICZ

1. 508 Z
CAPT C S STANLEY
P/O J H BLOUNT
SGT J C EDENBURN

2. 335 W-1
LT W W ANNIE
SGT J L FAURER

3. 385 D
LT J W HLEVINS
S/S P G EUGA

1. 523 N
LT O F JACOBSEN
P/O R W HARVEST
SGT H I GOOCH

2. 389 Z-1
LT L E CANNON
S/S J W ROBINSON

3. 361 M
LT J P KENNY
S/S L V METZLER
S/S F W ELLIOTT

SPARE

249 F
LT J A GREEN
SGT R R ROBBACKEN

383 V
LT D W SORRELS
SGT H I TRIBER
SGT V A MALARA

1. 481 P
MAJOR R F PRICE
SGT A B STEWART
SGT N M GRAHAM
LT A R HAND

4. 9315 F
LT M ERROTABERS
SGT E A BOWIE

5. 416 O
LT R FORD
SGT D J MURRO

6. 334 G
LT J F WALLACE
SGT J G KRANTZ

4. 321 T
LT W H ROBERTS
SGT A R HOOD

5. 305 U
LT W H LASETER
SGT D W VAN GALDER

6. 325 L
LT A V EVANS
CPL O D FAGAN

FLIGHT III

4. 213 A
LT T D McCREADY
S/S W E LEMMONS

5. 264 I
LT R J LACKNER
SGT W H FIDLER

6. 259 H
LT A S NATRANSON
SGT C M HIGGS

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LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

13 MARCH 1945

43-7
1. 528 T 500
MAJOR C H FERRIS
LT P G ROYALTY
LT O R KOCH
S/S D J RIO

12-7
2. 507 Q 500
LT R B HALL
LT T L GOSS
S/S H A MAJEWSKI

13-7
3. 330 P 1500
LT W MUSGROVE
S/S H O SEIGHMAN

41-39
4. 223 B 1620
LT H POPENEY
S/S H O S CANDLER

41-39
5. 205 M 500
LT J F STANKOWSKI
SGT A E KIMBALL

41-39
6. 215 R 400
LT A R TURMAN
S/S C D HARMON

FLIGHT II

41-39
1. 498 R-1 500
CAPT H F PAIR
LT J L CORUM
S/S H S FESSLER
CAPT G B LUNDBERG (INFANTRY)

41-39
2. 332 R-1 500
LT J H MILLER
S/S H R DAVIS

43-7
3. 313 R-1 475
LT A REMISZEWSKI
S/S J H MIGUEZ

41-39
4. 300 K 500
CAPT S M HIXON
S/S A H HINSON

41-39
5. 297 T-1 650
LT T E GRAEBER
SGT M APPLEMAN

41-39
6. 237 D 500
LT G L MILHORN
SGT D CHEST

FLIGHT III

43-7
1. 492 J 500
LT J E BLONGREN
LT G G JOHNSON
S/S L R FLEMING

43-7
2. 351 F 435
LT J A WILLARD
S/S G V HINKER

13-7
3. 354 S 520
LT D S WEINERT
SGT R D FRANCIS

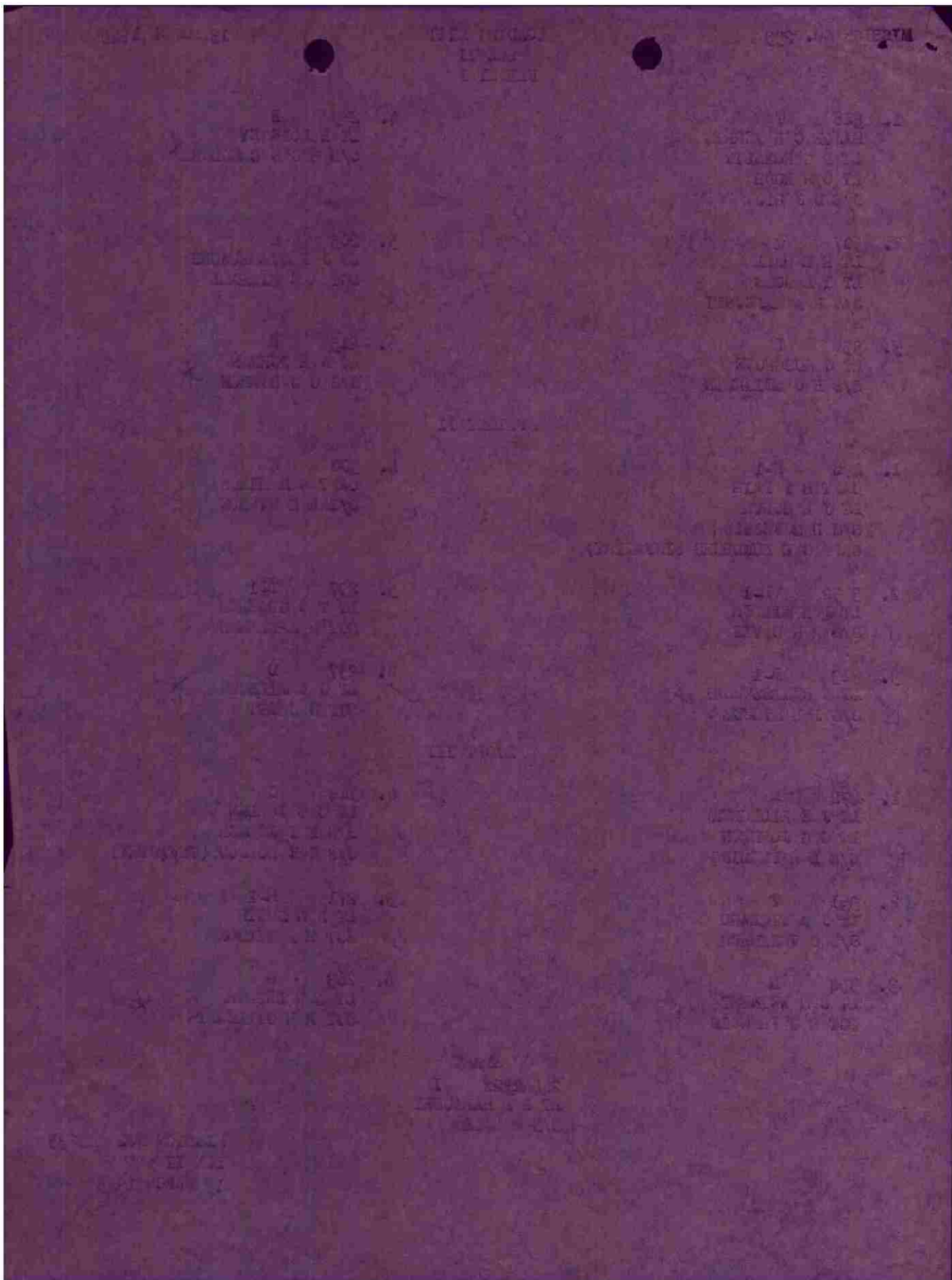
13-7
4. 344 C
LT G S JORDAN
S/S K F JENSEN
S/S E E BOLTON (INFANTRY)

41-39
5. 271 R-2 475
LT B A SMITH
SGT R P WILSON

41-39
6. 263 G 525
LT A W DEPNER
SGT R H GILLESPIE

41-39
244 252x I
LT P P BARAUSKY
S/S M HALL

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BOX II
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SECRET
 AUTH: CO, A-89
 17 Mar 46
 INITIAL

HEADQUARTERS
 418TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
 Office of the Commanding Officer

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

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 18 March 1945, F.O. 1015, Rhino Airfield, F.O. 202-799.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 41-39816 Station 9 and 10
 (Lt E. Errotabere) failed to release.

Release arm on station 9 caught on A-4 unit on station 9A blocking transfer to stations 9 and 10. The A-4 unit was moved to a lower station to prevent re-occurrence.

45-22384 Station 9 and 10
 (Lt J.F. Wallace) failed to release.

Jumper plug improperly installed in station 9A causing failure to transfer current to stations 9 and 10. Ground personnel error.

45-22544 Belly landed at
 (Lt C.F. Jordan) station A-70.

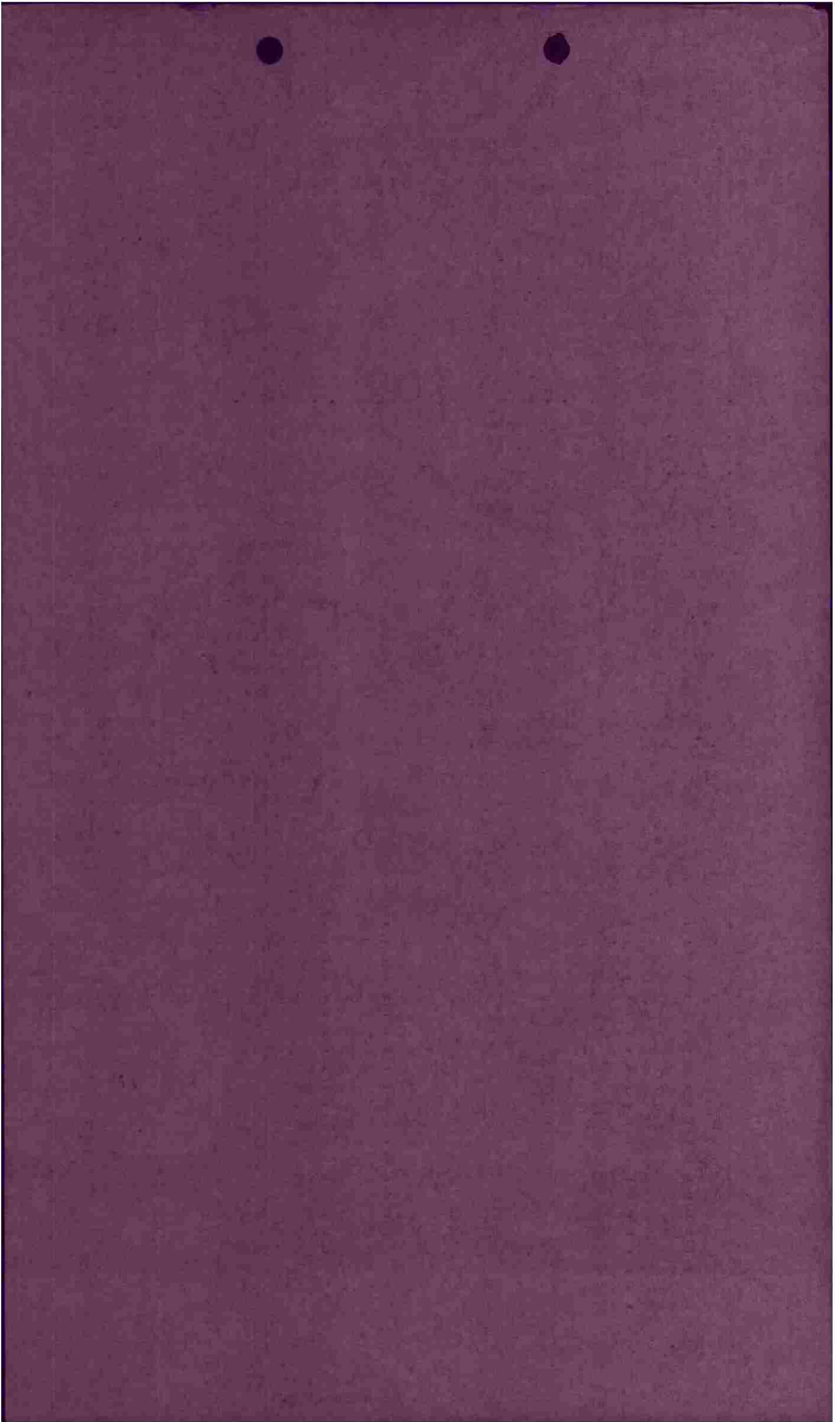
Fal-function was caused by excessive overlap on the main landing gear locks. It is suspected that hard landings and rough taxi way are causing this sudden change of adjustment of the landing gear locks. This aircraft had just completed a 100 hour inspection and test hop.

VI. 1 - 3:15 - 525
 2 - 3:15 - 625
 3 - 3:15 - 525
 4 - 3:15 - 550
 5 - 3:15 - 600
 6 - 3:15 - 525
 7 - 3:10 - 525
 8 - 3:15 - 575
 9 - 3:15 - 500
 10 - 3:15 - 610
 11 - 3:15 - 475
 12 - 3:15 - 525
 13 - 3:10 - 600
 14 - 3:15 - 525
 15 - 3:10 - 525
 16 - 3:20 - 570
 17 - 3:15 - 575
 18 - 3:10 - 575
 19 - 3:05 - 450
 20 - 2:50 - 550
 21 - 2:45 - 480
 22 - 2:50 - 450

1 - 3:10 - 540
 2 - 3:10 - 500
 3 - 3:10 - 500
 4 - 3:10 - 620
 5 - 3:10 - 500
 6 - 3:10 - 550
 7 - 3:10 - 500
 8 - 3:15 - 500
 9 - 3:15 - 475
 10 - 3:15 - 500
 11 - 3:15 - 650
 12 - 3:15 - 500
 13 - 3:05 - 500
 14 - 3:05 - 485
 15 - 3:10 - 620
 16 - landed at A-70.
 17 - 3:10 - 475
 18 - 3:10 - 525
 19 - 3:10 - 570

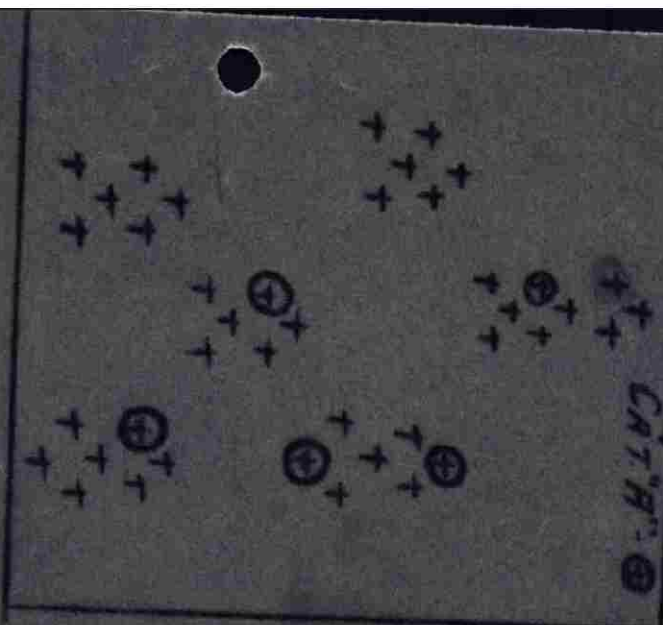
VII. None.

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



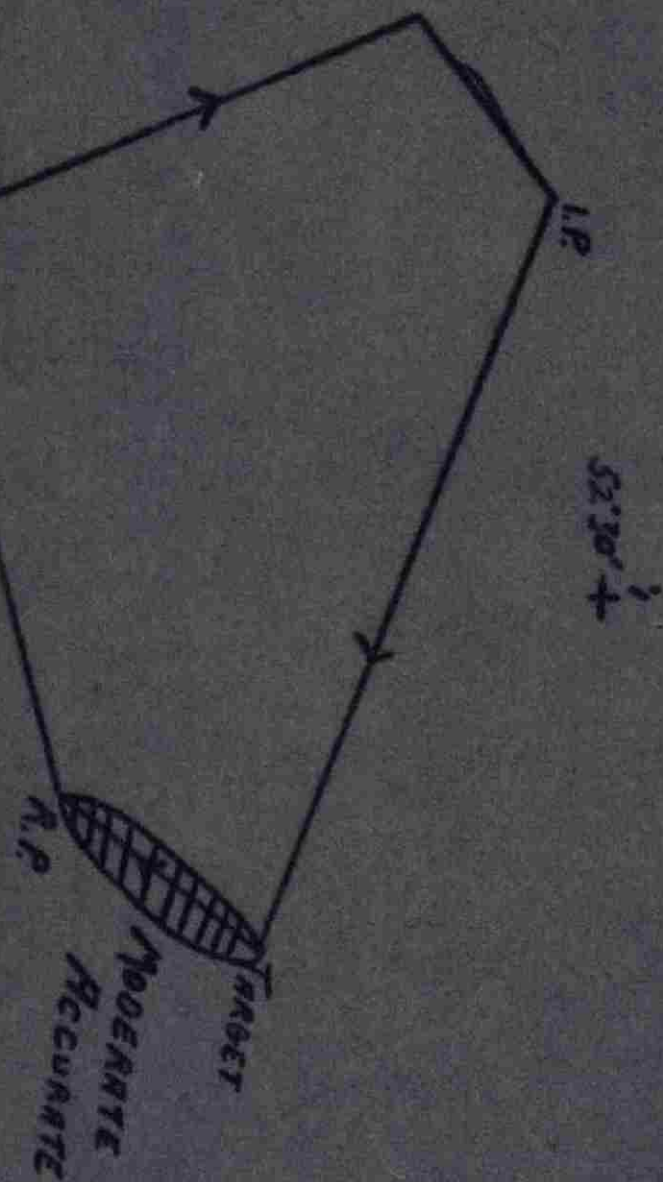
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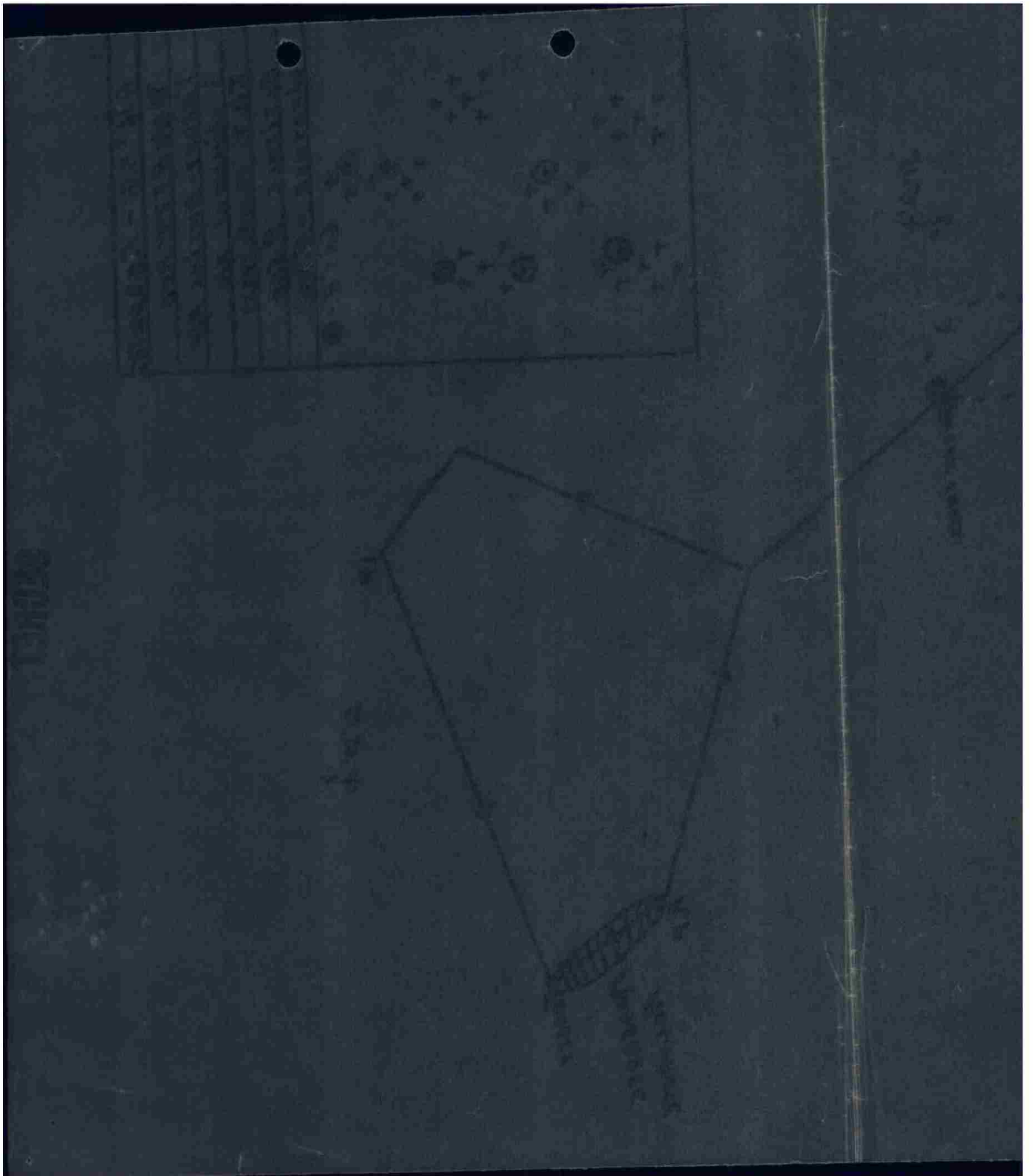
416th B.G. - F.O. 2202789
 30 A/C ATTACHED
 TARGET - RHINE R/F
 3 WINDOW A/C
 T.O.T. 1212 $\frac{1}{2}$:1215
 ALTITUDE 9,500
 WEATHER - 2/100
 CR77H⁺



51°50' +
6°

WEAR LINE.





PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO: 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) INFO COPY
 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) INFO COPY
 CG 1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (PROV)

416 BG R _____ B

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13 MARCH 1945 1600

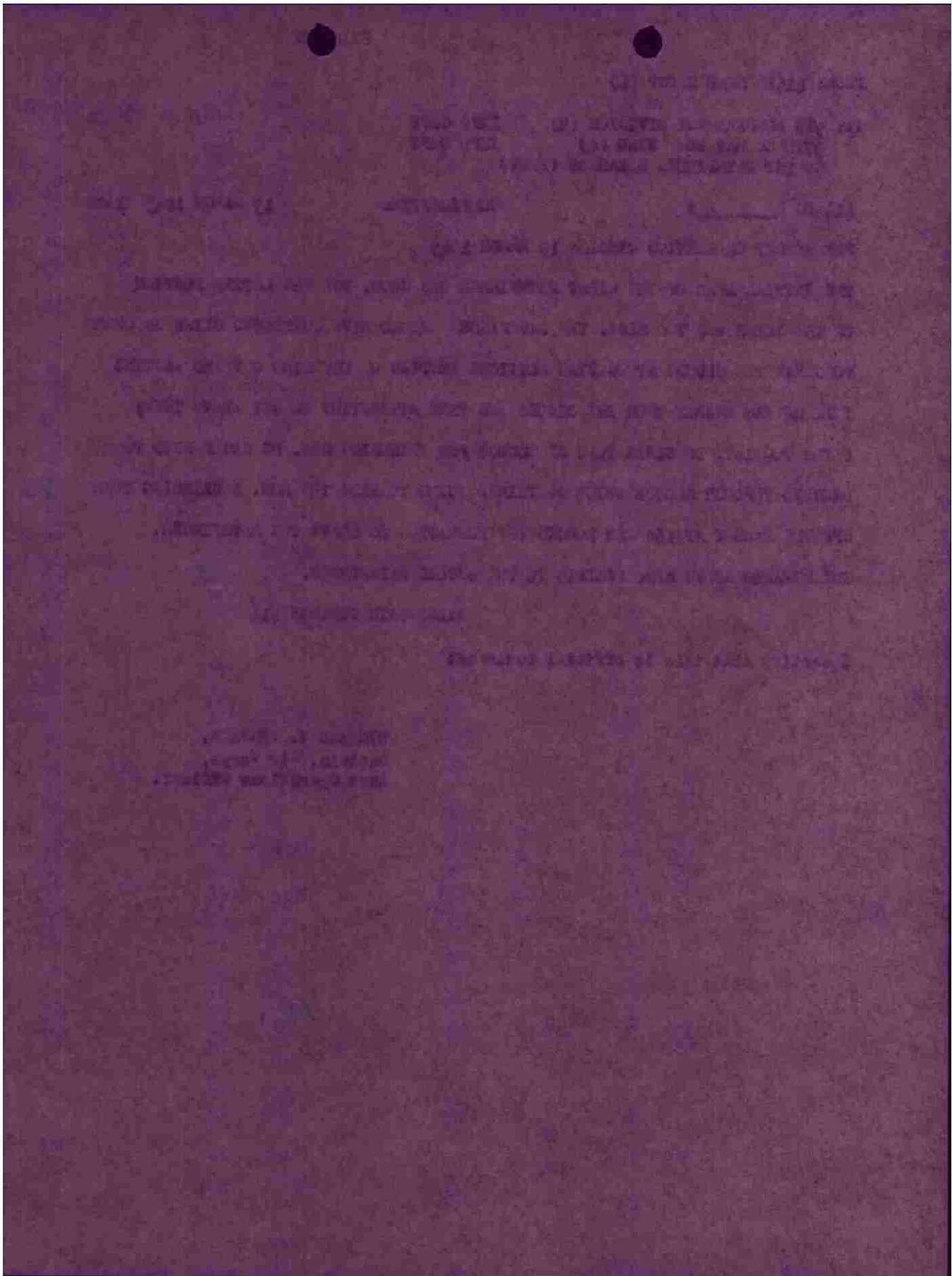
REF REPORT ON MORNING MISSION 13 MARCH 1945

THE INITIAL LEAD OF THE FIRST PATHFINDER WAS GOOD, BUT THE LATTER PORTION OF THE GLIDE WAS TOO SLOW. THE PATHFINDER SHOULD HAVE CONTINUED CLIMB IN ORDER TO CLEAR THE CLOUDS AT BOMBING ALTITUDE INSTEAD OF LEVELLING OUT AND WAITING TILL HE WAS NEARLY UPON THE CLOUDS AND THEN ATTEMPTING TO GET ABOVE THEM. BEING TOO LATE TO CLEAR TOPS OF CLOUDS FOR THE BOMBING RUN, HE WAS FORCED TO DESCEND THROUGH CLOUDS WHICH CONTAINED ICING TO MAKE THE RUN. A BELIMBING TURN OFF THE TARGET AT 160 MPH FORCED THE FORMATION TO LEAVE THE PATHFINDER. THE REMARKS ABOVE ALSO PERTAIN TO THE SECOND PATHFINDER.

AYLESWORTH WOBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business

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



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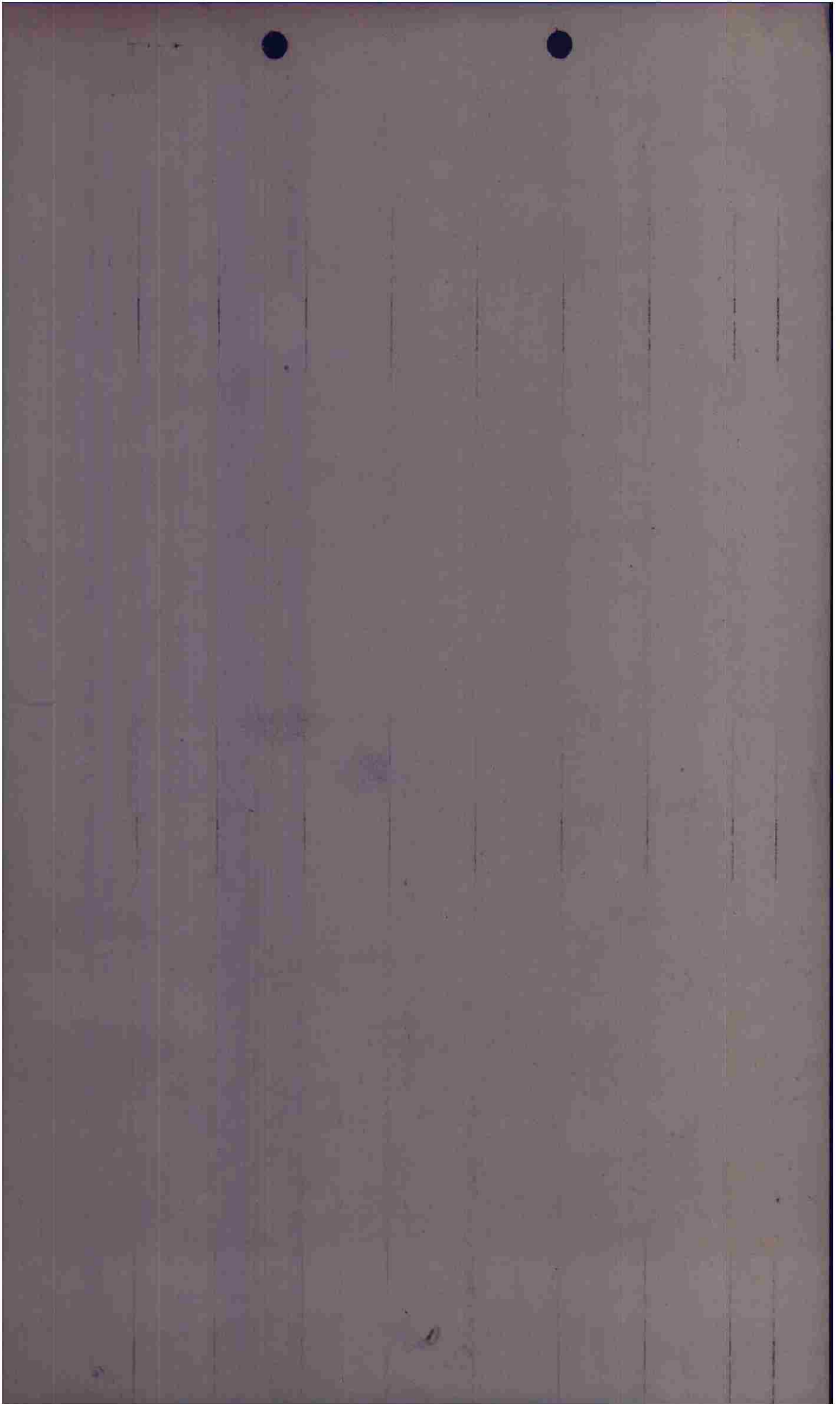
ARMAMENT INTERROGATION AND MALFUNCTIONS FORM

DATE 13 March 1945

22 X 100th G.P.

LIT/CR/LFT SERIAL NO.	SQUADRON	PILOT and/or BOMB/FPD ITR	GUNNERS	BOMBS		REMARKS	CAUSE
				DROPPED	REMOVED		
315	C EVIOTHAENE			19	3	Station 9 and 10 failed to release	Blower down on Station No. 5 Caught on H-4 unit on Station 5th blower transfer to Station No. 9 and 10.
334	C WALLACE			20	2	Station No. 9 and 10 failed to release	Blower legs improperly installed in Station No. 8th causing failure to transfer current to station No. 9 and 10.

William G. Unlance
Capt. A-4

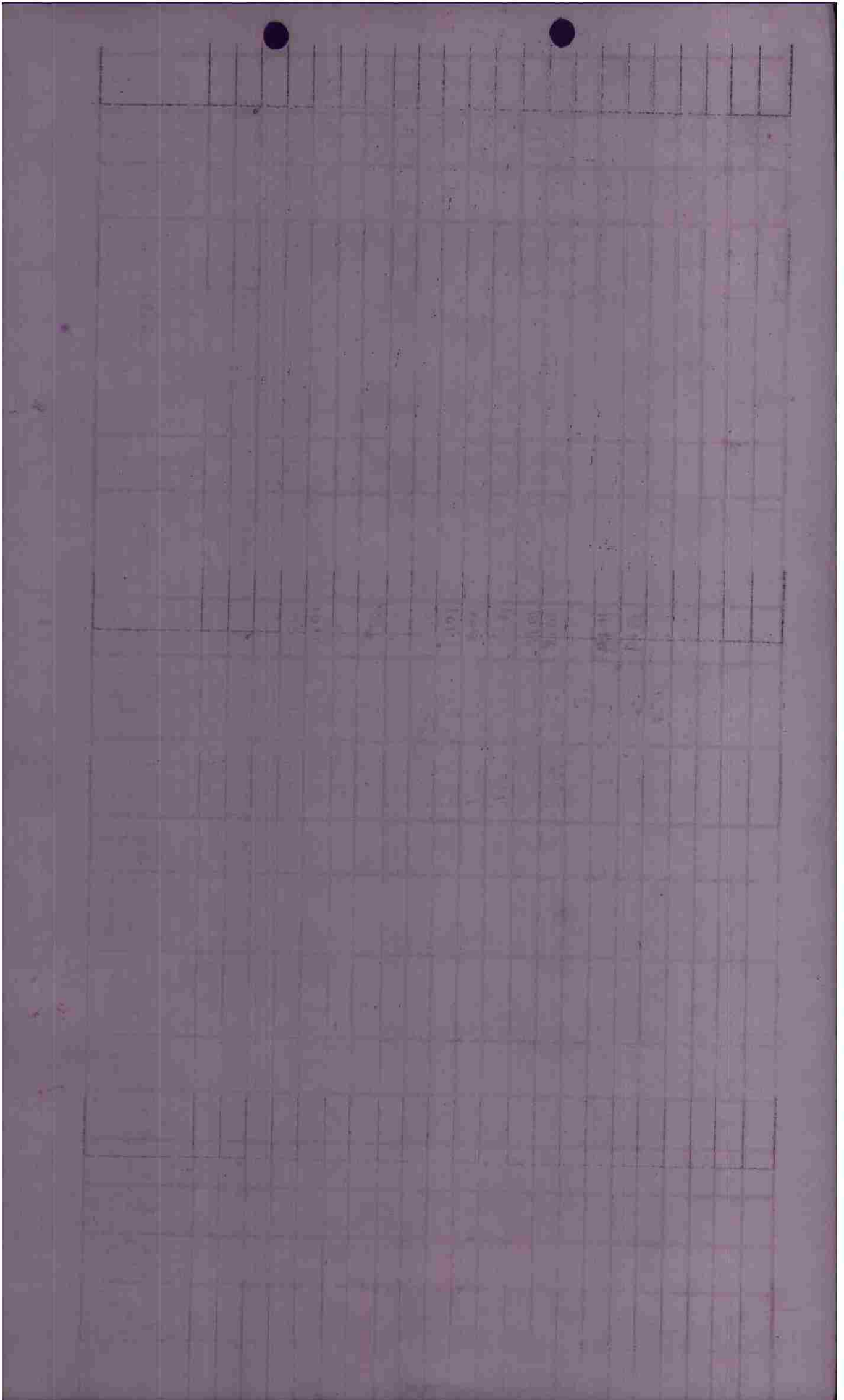


S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U L L O A D	B O M B O A D	E N D U R	L A N T I M E	R E M A R K S
C	X	501	Stacy STEBBINS			1015	1326	3:15									
R	Z	490	Jacobson			1015	1326	3:15									
C	E	224	E. Turner			1015	1327	3:15									
C	F	995	Ernstalove			1016	1331	3:15									
C	O	416	Frank			1016	1327	3:15									
C	Y	334	Shallace			1016	1326	3:10									
A	Z	508	Stanley			1011	1330	3:15									
A	N	335	Penning			1011	1331	3:15									
A	T	385	Blount Blount			1017	1334	3:15									
A	T	325	Robert Roberts			1017	1332	3:15									
A	N	305	Ernstalove			1018	1333	3:15									
A	T	325	Ernstalove			1018	1333	3:15									
A	N	523	Peaborn			1018	1328	3:10									
A	N-1	389	Common			1018	1329	3:15									
A	M	361	Fernut			1019	1329	3:10									
A	A	212	Mr. O'Leary			1019	1336	3:10									
A	D	264	Jacobson			1019	1330	3:15									
A	H	259	Mathanson			1020	1330	3:10									
D	F	449	Green		Prime	1020	1391	3:05									
A	F	481	Price		Prime	1031	1322	2:50									
B	T	283	Garrett		"	1033	1318	2:45									
A	M	352	Van Pope		"	1033	1322	2:50									

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Part I

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S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENERGY COAST IN	T O T	ENERGY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U L L O A D	B O M B O A D	E N D U R	L A N D I N G	R E M A R K S
C	T	528	Frank			1077	1333	3:10									
C	Q	507	Steve			1077	1334	3:10									
C	P	330	Myrognone			1077	1334	3:10									
C	B	223	Speck			1077	1334	3:10									
C	M	205	Stanburaki			1078	1335	3:10									
C	R	215	Tyrimon			1078	1336	3:10									
D	K1	498	Fair			1079	1340	3:15									
D	P1	832	Miller			1079	1340	3:15									
D	B.1	313	Jemczajewski			1079	1340	3:15									
D	K	300	Flipon			1079	1340	3:15									
D	T-1	297	Broder			1079	1340	3:15									
D	B	237	Michon			1030	1341	3:15									
D	E	488	Stomgren			1031	1336	3:05									
D	F	351	Skidant			1031	1336	3:05									
D	S	354	Spint			1031	1337	3:10									
D	Q	344	Spidant			1030	1337	3:10									
D	R-1	271	Smith			1031	1337	3:10									
D	B	263	Deperet			1031	1338	3:10									
D	I	244	Blawsky			1031	1338	3:10									

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Part

3 March



ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 4/13 OP OP

T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 13/0040A
 TO COMBOMDIV NINE
 COBOMGP 409 (INFO)
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416
 1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN

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

R-128-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 13 MARCH 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 202-789

MAPS : NORMAL

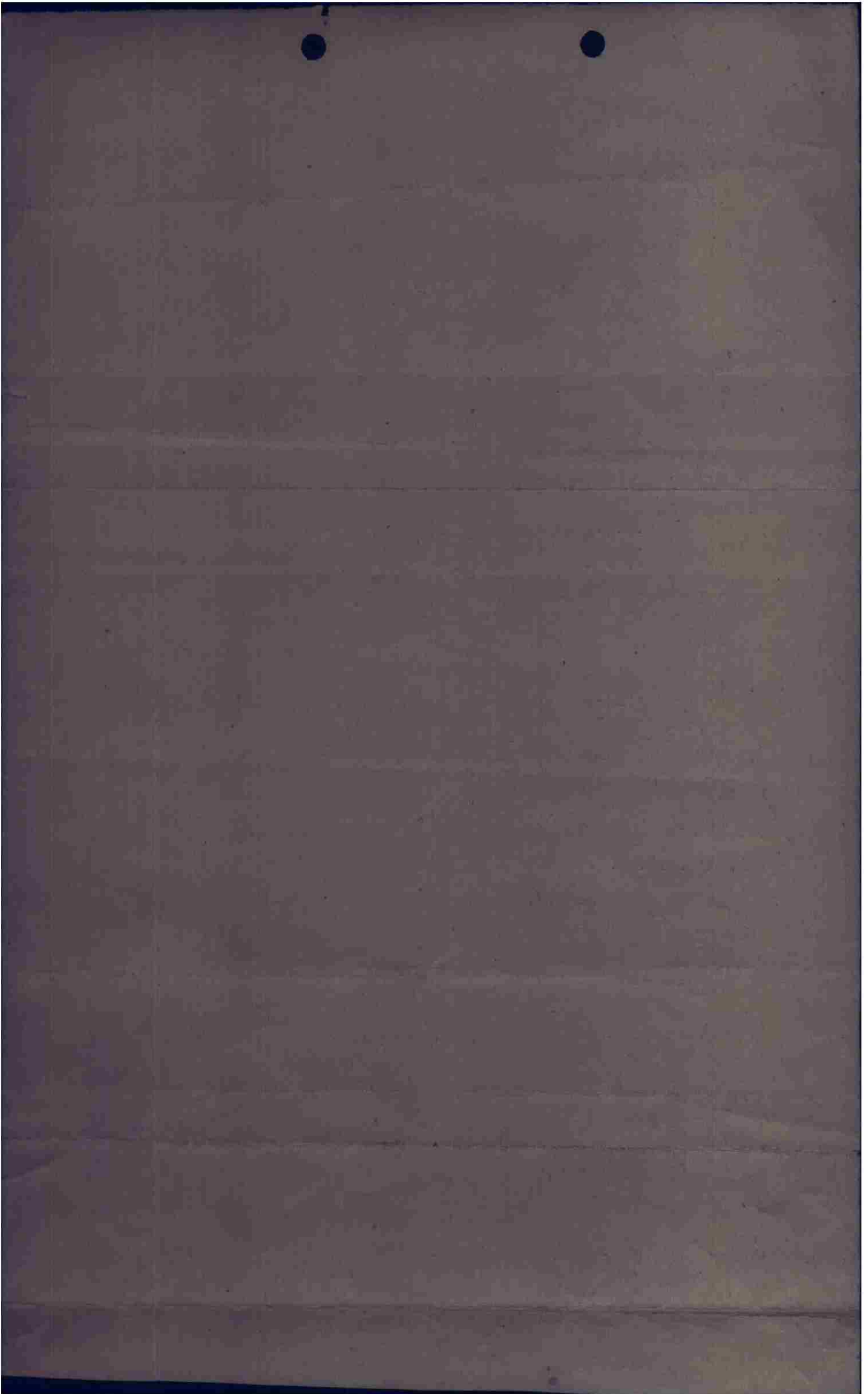
1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE
 (2) 2ND T.A.F. WILL FURNISH SPITFIRE CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 416TH GROUP.
 19TH T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 410TH GROUP.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" 13/1000A
 ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" 13/1000A

3. B. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 - (1) RHEINE - AIRFIELD (V-755105)
 - (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING BY BOXES.
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-9143 AT 13,000 FT. AT ZERO MINUS ~~12~~ 8 MIN.
 - (4) BASE TO E-9143 TO A-2383 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB AT 13,000 FT. OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FT. DROP 1000 FT. AFTER BOMBING.
 - (7) A-6494
 - (8) GEN. SW TO NE
 - (9) M.P.I. ILL. 3/AIR/214/6 REF. 061037
 INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FT.
 - (10) 22 X 100 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL
 - (11) A-6494
 - (12) PARADE WILL INSTRUCT GROUP LEADER BEFORE BOMBLINE IS REACHED WHETHER TO PROCEED ON VISUAL OR PATHFINDER ROUTE. IF PATHFINDER ROUTE IS USED P.P.F. A/C WILL LEAD. IF VISUAL ROUTE IS USED GROUP LEADER WILL LEAD. IF NO CONTACT IS MADE WITH PARADE GROUP WILL PROCEED ON PATHFINDER ROUTE.
 - (13) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED.
 - (14) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.
 - (15) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
 - A. GEE
 - B. TARGET E.T.A.

PLAN "B"

3. A. 410TH BOMB GROUP
 - (1) GRUNBERG - RAIL SIDINGS (G-867227)
 - (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 P.P.F. A/C.
 - (3) WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER THE FIELD. WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5658 AT 12,000 FT. AT ZERO MINUS 40 MIN.
 - (4) BASE TO P-5658 TO L-5972 TO M-2372 TO M-6281 TO TARGET
 - (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO G-6838 TO G-0729 TO M-0978 TO L-5972 TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB AT 1ST BOX 13,500 FT.



MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 5,000 FT
 DROP 1,000 FT. AFTER BOMBING.

(9) M.P.I. INTERPRETATION REPORT NO. F. 753 COVER SIDINGS FROM
 02300087 TO 05730059 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY
 FLIGHTS OR BOXES P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID. COORD. 86442260

(10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.

(12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR.

(13) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.

(14) 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 G-8200 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER
 OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING
 PRIORITY.

- A. P.P.F.
- B. GROUP "GEE"
- C. TARGET E.T.A.

- (15) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED AN ALTERNATE TARGET
 IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45)
 WILL BE ATTACKED.
- (16) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS
 WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) RHEINE AIRFIELD (V-755105)
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C
- (3) WITH PPF A/C OVER THE FIELD
 WITH FIGHTERS AT E-9143 AT 13,000 FEET AT ZERO MINUS 15 MIN.
- (4) BASE TO E-9143 TO A2383 TO V-0820 TO V-2230 TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO A-6494 TO A-2383 TO E-9143 TO BASE
- (6) BOMB AT 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET - 2ND BOX 13,000 FEET
 MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 6,000 FEET.
 DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING
- (9) MPI ILL. 3/AIR/214/6 REF. 061037 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS
 VISUAL AND BY BOXES. PPF MPI GRID COORD 75371153
 INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
- (10) 22 X 100 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MIN.
- (13) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS
- (14) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, BOMBING WILL
 BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE
 THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO
 SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING
 IS VISUAL GROUP WILL BOMB BY BOXES AND WILL USE A-6494 AS
 A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET
 GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.

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

- (15) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED AN ALTERNATE TARGET
 IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL
 BE ATTACKED
- (16) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS
 WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED
- (17) PARADE WILL INSTRUCT GROUP LEADER BEFORE BOMBLINE IS REACHED
 WHETHER TO PROCEED ON VISUAL OR PATHFINDER ROUTE. IF PATH-
 FINDER ROUTE IS USED PPF A/C WILL LEAD. IF VISUAL ROUTE IS
 USED GROUP LEADER WILL LEAD. IF NO CONTACT IS MADE WITH
 PARADE, GROUP WILL PROCEED ON PATHFINDER ROUTE.

K. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 416TH BOMB GROUP (867227)

- (2) LATEWORK
- (3) JUDITH
- (4) RIPSAW

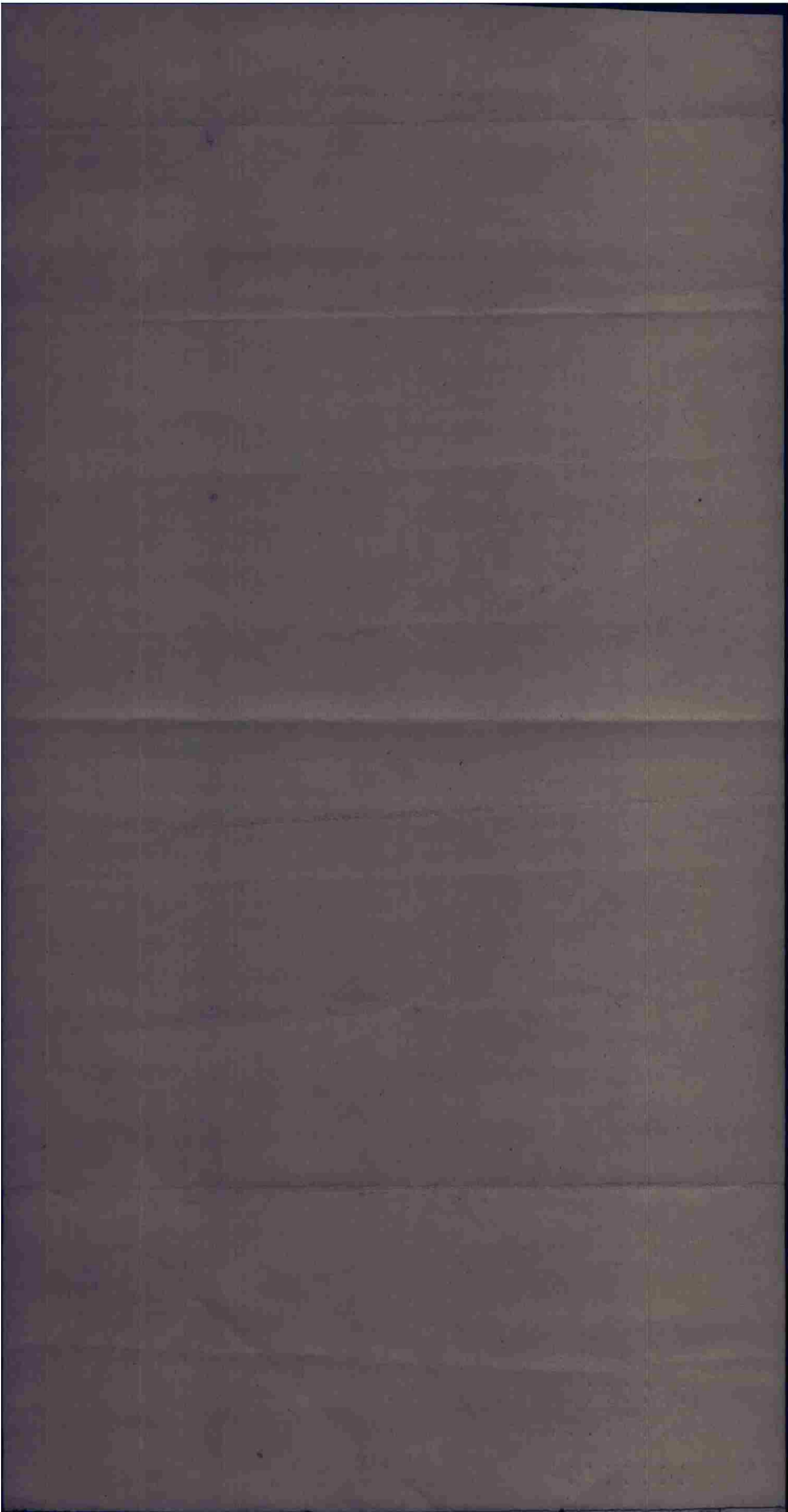
B. 416TH BOMB GROUP (755105)

- (2) OAKLEAF
- (5) ROSELEE (IF NO CONTACT, CALL KENWAY ON C/C)

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BT 13/0040A
 CES/LCB AR

ITA R. 13/0210A RB K
 JES R.
 A
 JES R. 13/0210A JABAX
 JPO R. 13/0210A DB AR
 JKI R. 13/0210A JF AR



ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 5/13 OP OP
T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 13/0315A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 409 (INFO)
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN

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

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
13 MARCH 1945

ANNEX NR.1 TO FIELD ORDER NR.202-789

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

3. B. (6) BOMB AT 13,500 FT. OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT
BELOW 8,000 FT. DROP 1,000FT. AFTER BOMBING.

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BT 13/0315A

CES AR
ITA R.....130331A JLPOPP AR
JES R.....1303ASPKV
JPO R.....13/0331A CEN AR
JKI R.....13/0331A JF AR
JES R.....IMI....

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TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 409 (INFO)
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
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APO 140
13 MARCH 1945

ANNEX NR.2 TO FIELD ORDER NR.202-789.

CHANGE THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS TO READ :

- 3. B. (3) ON PLAN "A"
(3) WITH FIGHTER AT E-9143 AT 13,000 FT AT ZERO PLUS 52 MIN.
- 3. A. (3) ON PLAN "B"
(3) WITH P.P.F. OVER THE FIELD. WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5658 AT 12,000 FT. AT ZERO MINUS 43 MIN.
- 3. B. (3) ON PLAN "B"
(3) WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER THE FIELD. WITH FIGHTERS AT E-9143 AT 13,000 FT AT ZERO PLUS 52 MIN.
- 3. B. (12) ON PLAN "B"
(12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 75 MIN.

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BT 13/0600A

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ITA R.....13/0622A DC AR

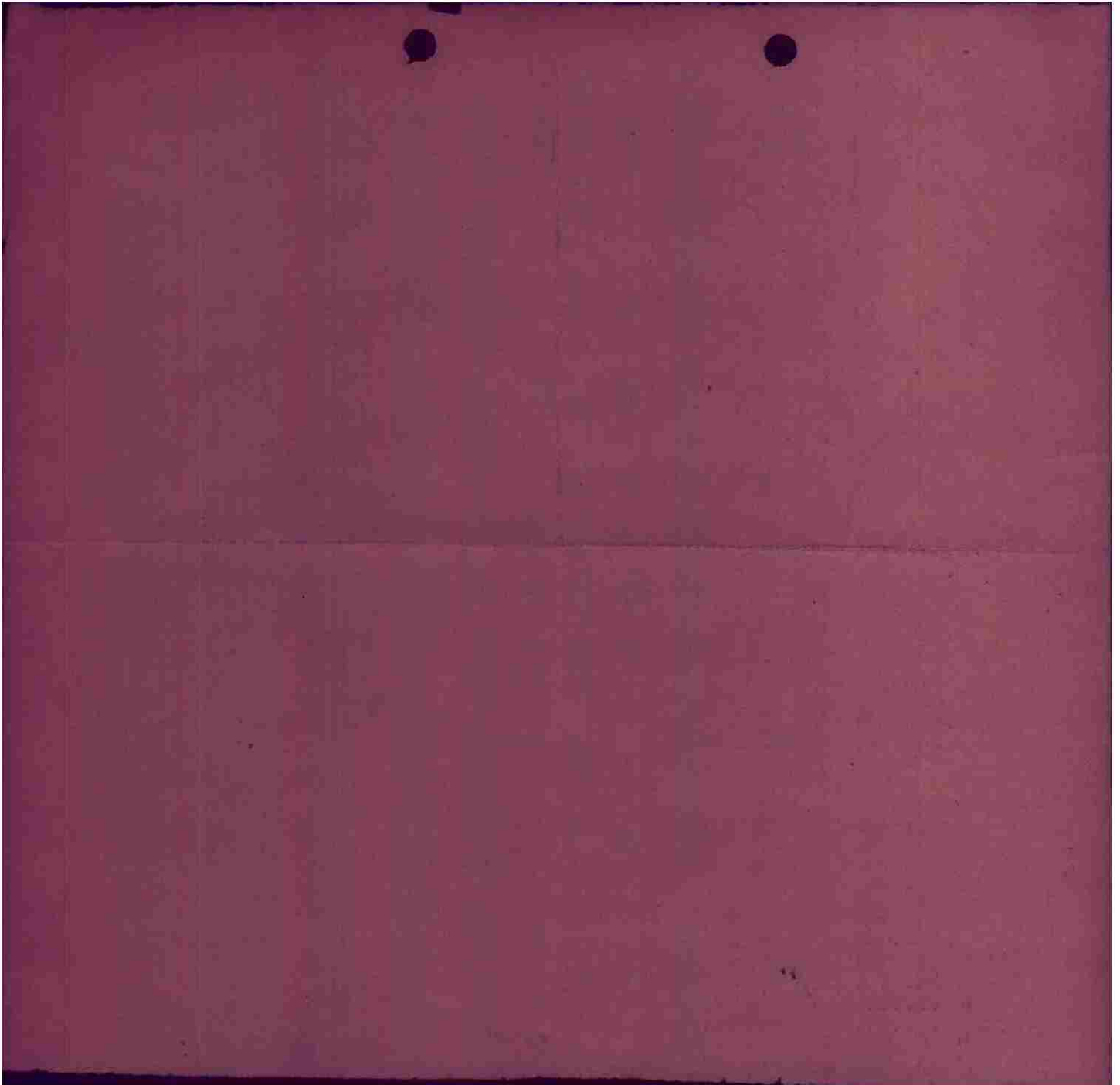
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JKI R.....13/1622A JF AR

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COBOMGP 416

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INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 202-789

PLAN "A" AND "B"

1. TARGET: RHEINE AIRFIELD (V-755105-GU 4203) (NORTH DISPERSAL AREA)
TACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE: THIS FIELD IS ONE OF NINE SATISFACTORY
JET OPERATED FIELDS IN N.W. GERMANY. IT HAS THE LONGEST RUNWAYS,
THE NE-SW RUNWAY BEING 1950 YARDS LONG WITH AN EXTENDING GRASS
STRIP MAKING A TOTAL OF 2500 YARDS. THIS FIELD HAS SHOWN A GREAT
DEAL OF ACTIVITY RECENTLY. FOUR OTHER GROUPS OF THE IX BOMB
DIVISION WILL BE ON THIS TARGET.

2. MAP COVERAGE:
GSGS 4414 SHEET 3610-28 3710
GSGS 4416 SHEET N-2

PHOTO COVERAGE:
3/AIR/214/4 AND 6
1066/1296 PRINTS 3104, 3105, 4104, 4105

3. TARGET IS WELL BEYOND CURRENT BOMBLINE

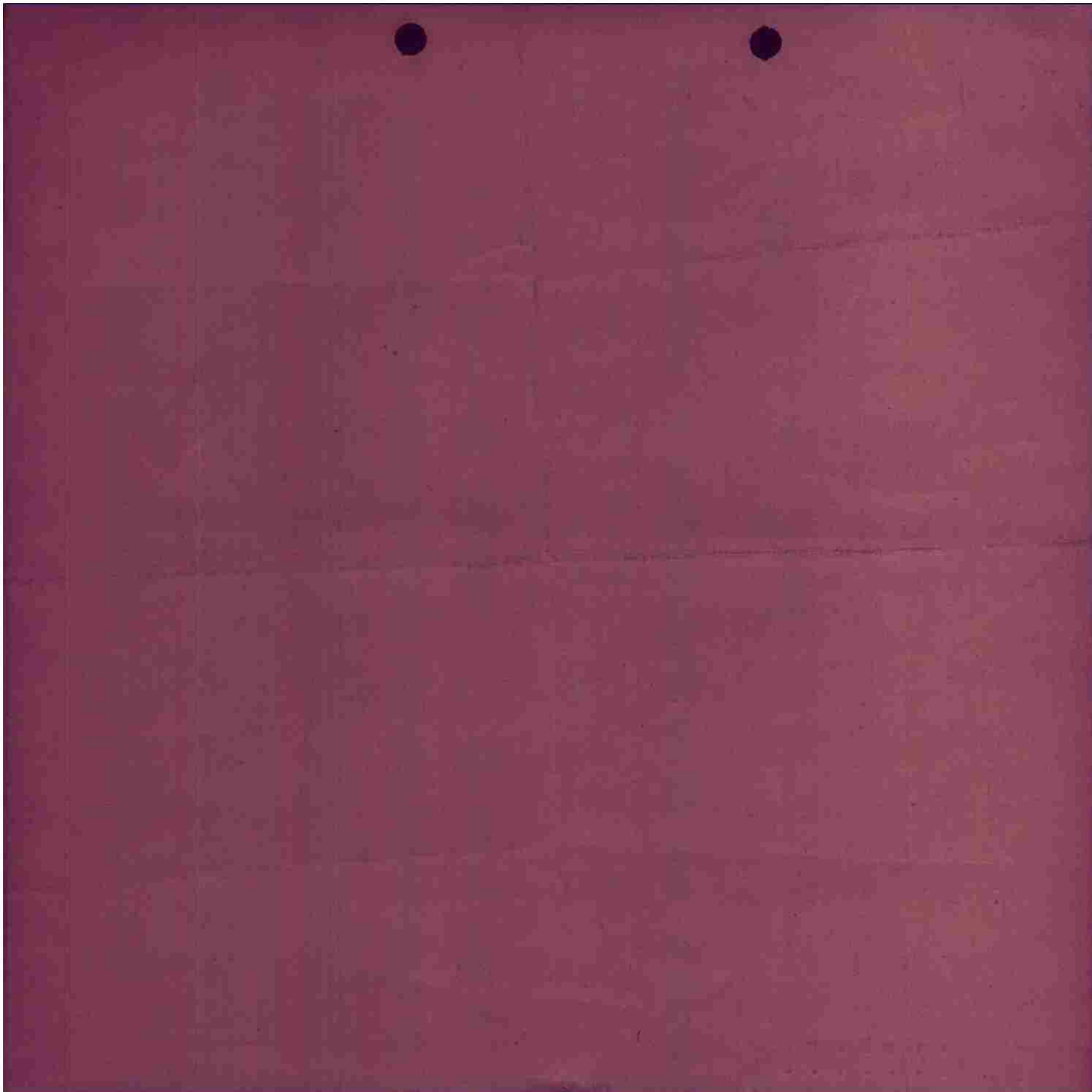
4. FLAK: SEE CURRENT PLOTTED POSITIONS.

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BT 13/0002A
LCB AR

ITA R.13/0049 BIRD AR.
JKI R.13/0049A JF AR
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ANNEX NO. 3 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 202-789

CHANGE THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS TO READ:

3. D. (3) ON PLAN "A"
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-9143 AT 13,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 48 MIN.

3. D. (3) ON PLAN "B"
(3) WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER THE FIELD.
WITH FIGHTERS AT E-9143 AT 13,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 48 MIN.

CHANGE ZERO HOUR FOR THE 416TH GROUP TO READ 13/1140A

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BT 13/0800A

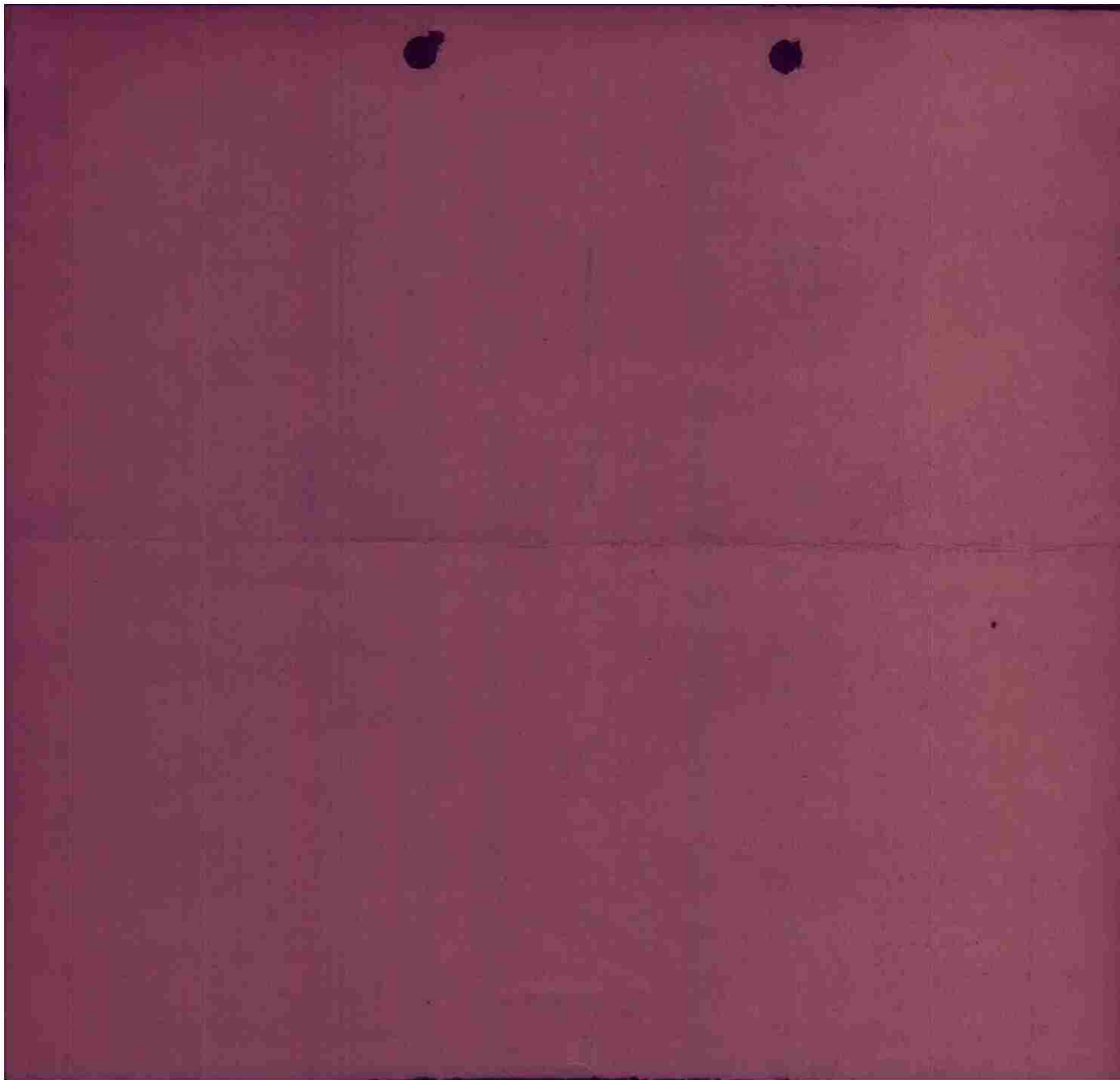
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ITA R	130820A	AL	AR
JES R	13/0820A	EB	AR
JKI R	13/0820A	DM	AR
JPO R.....	13/0820A	DB	AR

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TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGPS 409 (INFO), 410, 416
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ARHEX NO. 4 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 202-789

CANCEL PLAN "A".

CHANGE THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS TO READ:

3. B. (3) ON PLAN "B"
(3) WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER FIELD. WITH FIGHTERS AT E-9143 AT
13,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 108 MINUTES.

3. B. (12) ON PLAN "B"
(12) T.O.T.: ZERO HOUR PLUS 135 MINUTES.

OMIT PARAGRAPH 3. B. (17) ON PLAN "B".

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BT 13/0917A

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ITA R.....13/0946A MD AR

JES R 13/0946A FR AR

JES AGN PLS 13/0946A FR AR

JKI R 13/0946A UFG AR

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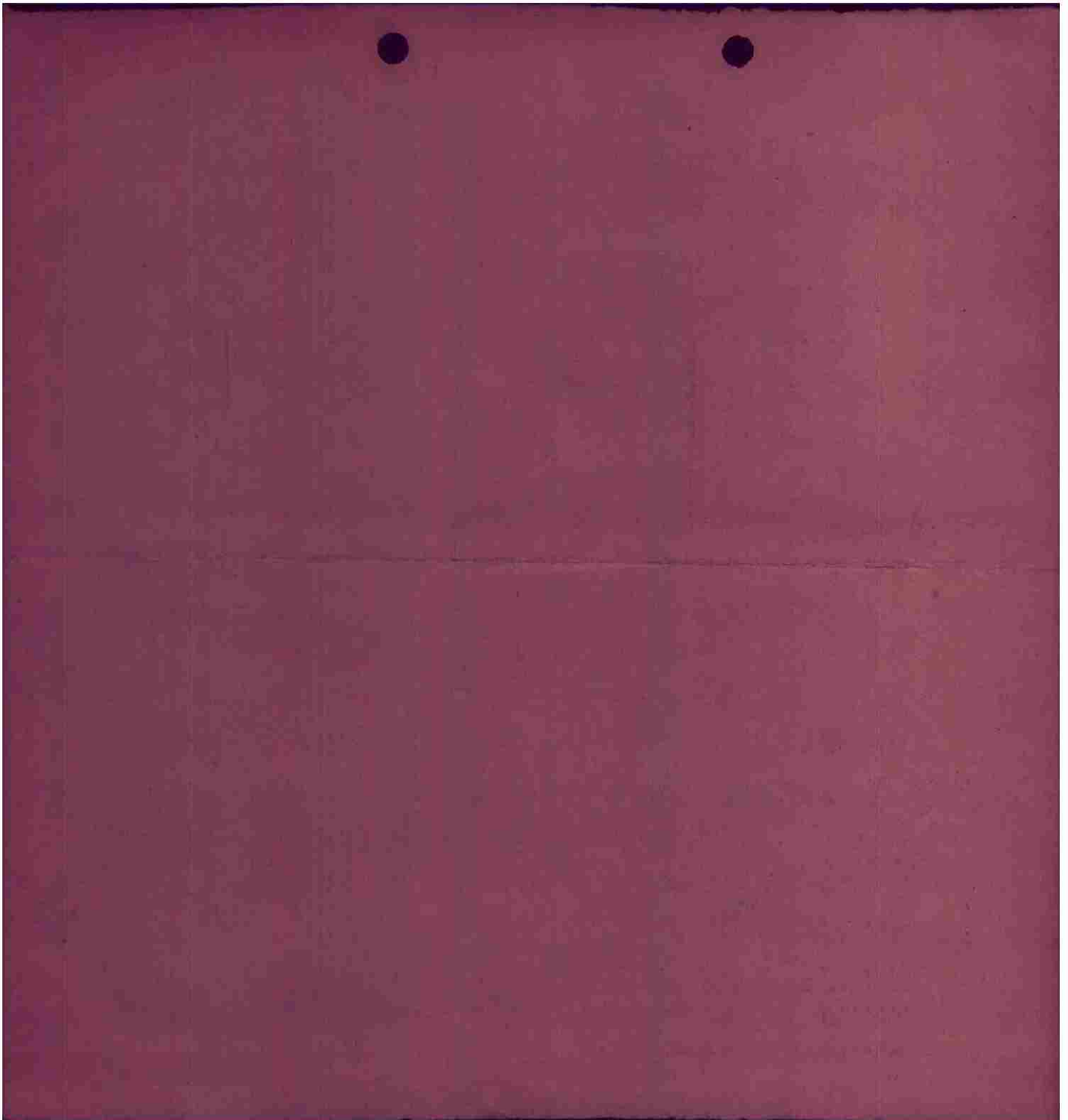
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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 12/13 OP OP
 FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 13/1605A
 TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION ATTN: A-2
 CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2
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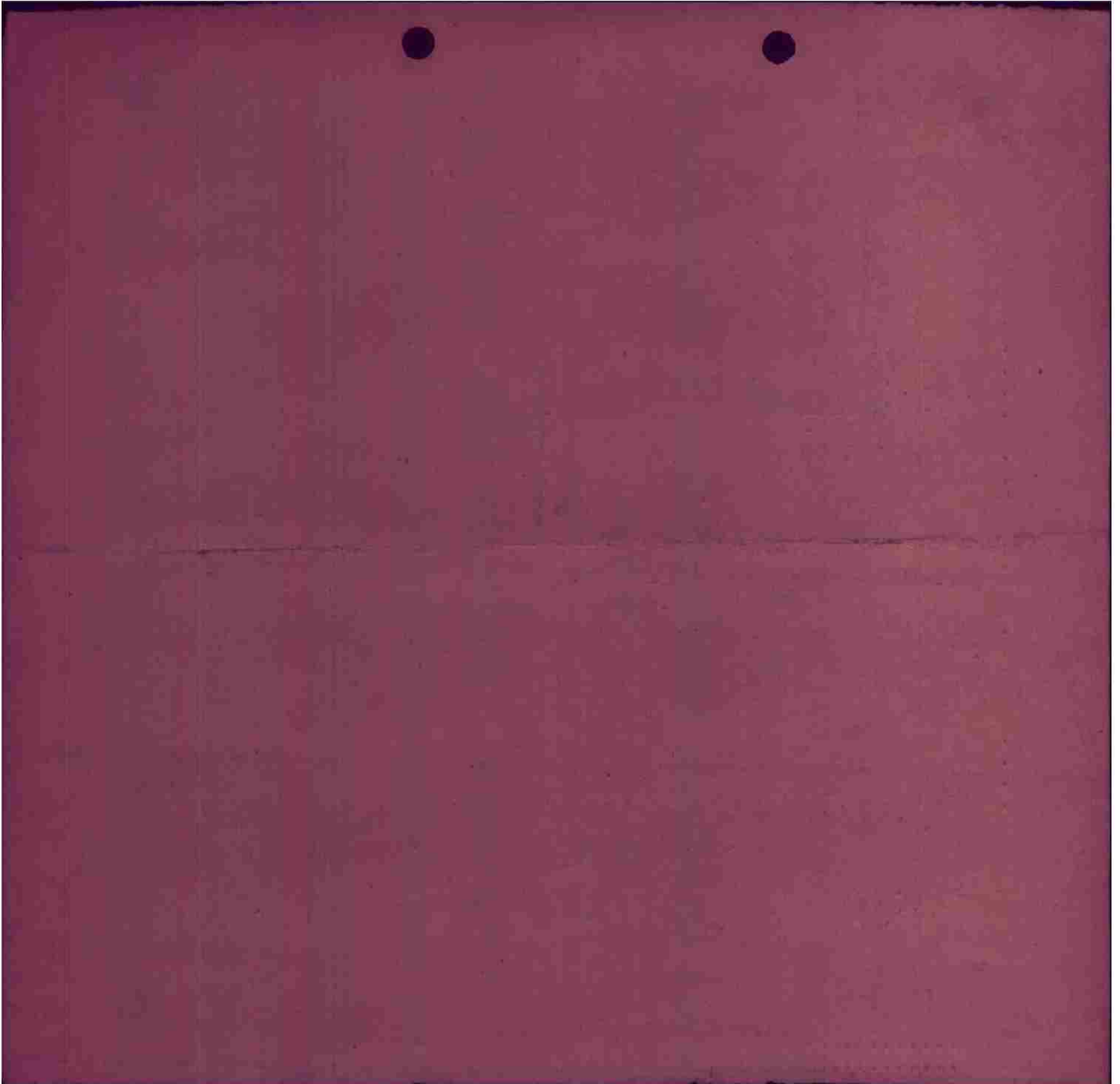
416BG R-268-D
 OPSFLASH 13 MARCH 1945

- A. 416 BOMB GROUP
 B. RHEINE AIRFIELD X (V-755105)
 C. 41 A-26'S
 D. 37 A-26'S ATTACKED PRIMARY ON PPF. INFORMATION LACKING FROM
 1 A-26 CRASH LANDED AT A-70.
 E. 3 A/C CARRIED WINDOW ONLY
 F. 831 X 100 GP ON PRIMARY
 5 X 100 GP RETURNED.
 INFORMATION LACKING FROM A/C CRASH KN LANDED AT A-70.
 G. UNOBSERVED DUE TO HAZE AND CLOUD.
 H. 5 A-26'S DAMAGED BY FLAK. CAT. "A"
 1 A-26 CRASH LANDED AT A-70 UPON RETURN FROM MISSION. WHEELS
 WOULD NOT EXTEND. DAMAGE CATEGORY UNKNOWN.
 I. INFORMATION LACKING FROM PERSONNEL IN A/C CRASH LANDED AT A-70.
 J. TARGET: MODERATE ACCURATE HFF AFTER TURN OFF TARGET, TO RP.
 ELSEWHERE: X WEAK INACCURATE HFF FROM VICINITY OF DORNICK
 (A-120580) WHILE MAKING WIDE CIRCLE AT FR AND AGAIN
 UPON CROSSING BOMBLINE AT DORNICK ON COURSE TO TARGET.
 K. NIL
 L. 9600 - 8700
 M. 1213
 X. SNOWBALL FLAK PHENOMENON OBSERVED.
 TWO (2) VERY LARGE POSSIBLE XERE STORAGE TANKS OBSERVED AT
 DENEKAMP (V-510200). CAMOUFLAGED APPEARANCE.
 VEHICULAR TRAFFIC OBSERVED ON HIGHWAYS BETWEEN PPF IP AND TAREXXX
 TARGET.
 FIVE (5) BARGES OBSERVED IN CANAL NEAR IP AT 1201 HOURS.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416
 BT 13/1605A
 RSS KR BBBBBB

ITA R.....1316*3A REY KKUKKK
 JEA R.....13/1623A LEG KKKK

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 11/13 P P

FROM COBOMGR 416 13/1500A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER
COMCBTWING 97 (INFO)
CONFIDENTIAL BT

416BG R-267-J

A- YS - 61

B - 13 MARCH 1945 (1015-1311)

C - W-WILLIAM AND T-TARE REPORTED "OPS" COMPLETED TO PARADE.

D - PPF MISSION

E - NONE

F - NONE

G - NONE

H - NONE

I - NONE

J - NONE

K - TOWER COULD NOT RECEIVE SHIPS AT A DISTANCE OF 30 MILES, AT
4,000 KXX FEET. TOWER RECEIVER IS BEING CHECKED FOR PROPER TUNING.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

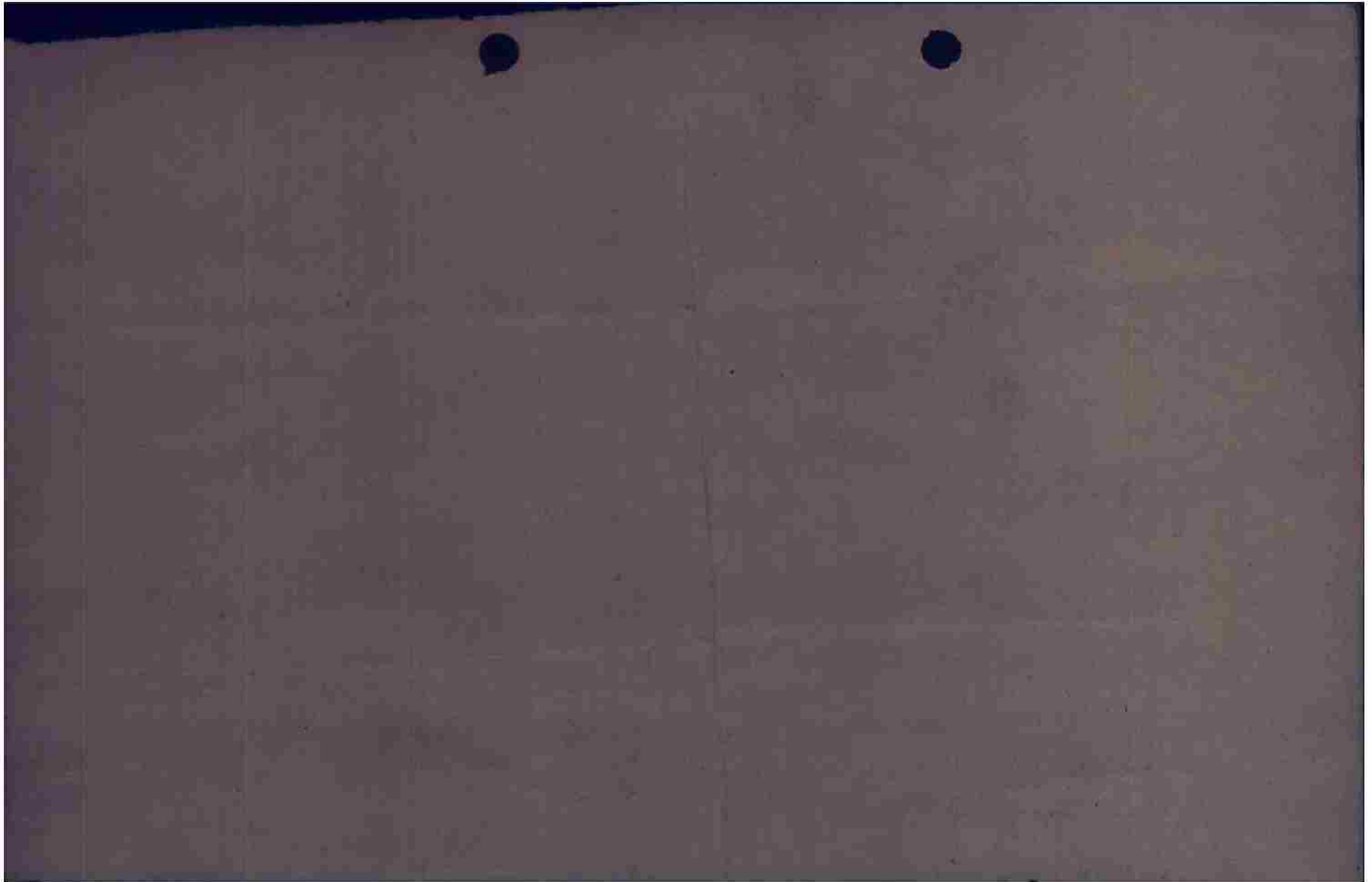
BT 13/1500A

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ITA R.....13/1555A BZD AR

HEA R.....13/1555A SS AR

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 7/14 F P

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) S-2 PI 13/1630A

TO HQ, 9TH BOMBER DIVISION ATTN: A-2 PI
HQ, 97TH WING ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER

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SECRET 416BG R-287-D

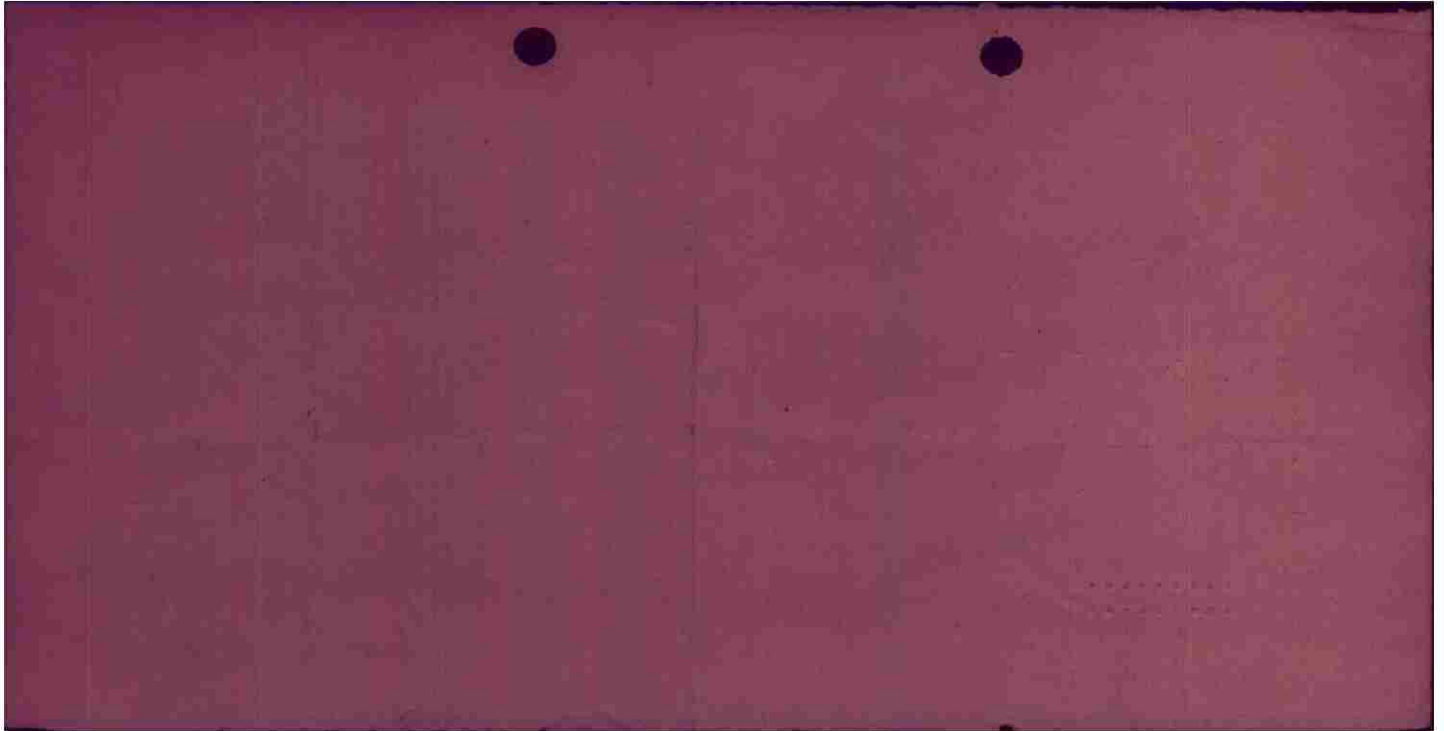
B. RHEINE AIRFIELD

J. NO PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

BT 1630A
WFG AR

ITA R.....14/1630A EG AR
JEA R.....14/1630A LEG AR

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JEA JKI V ITA JJF NR 34/13 OP OP

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TO : C G 9TH BOMB DIVISION
C O 97TH BOMB WING
N C O 416TH BOMB GROUP
CONFIDENTIAL BT

1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV R-363-E

PPF PILOT DE MOUCHE 2ND BOX
DATE TIME AM

A. FORMATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION : GOOD
2. REMARKS:

B. WINDOW SHIPS:

1. CLASSIFICATION: NONE
- N 2. REMARKS:

C. NAVIGATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION: PPF DID ALL
2. REMARKS:

D. INTERPLANENCOMMUNICATIONS : GOOD

E. BRIEFING:REND

F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS: PPF GAVE BOX POOR CLOUD LEAD. SUPERIOR
DROP AND FORMATION WHEN BOMB AWAY.

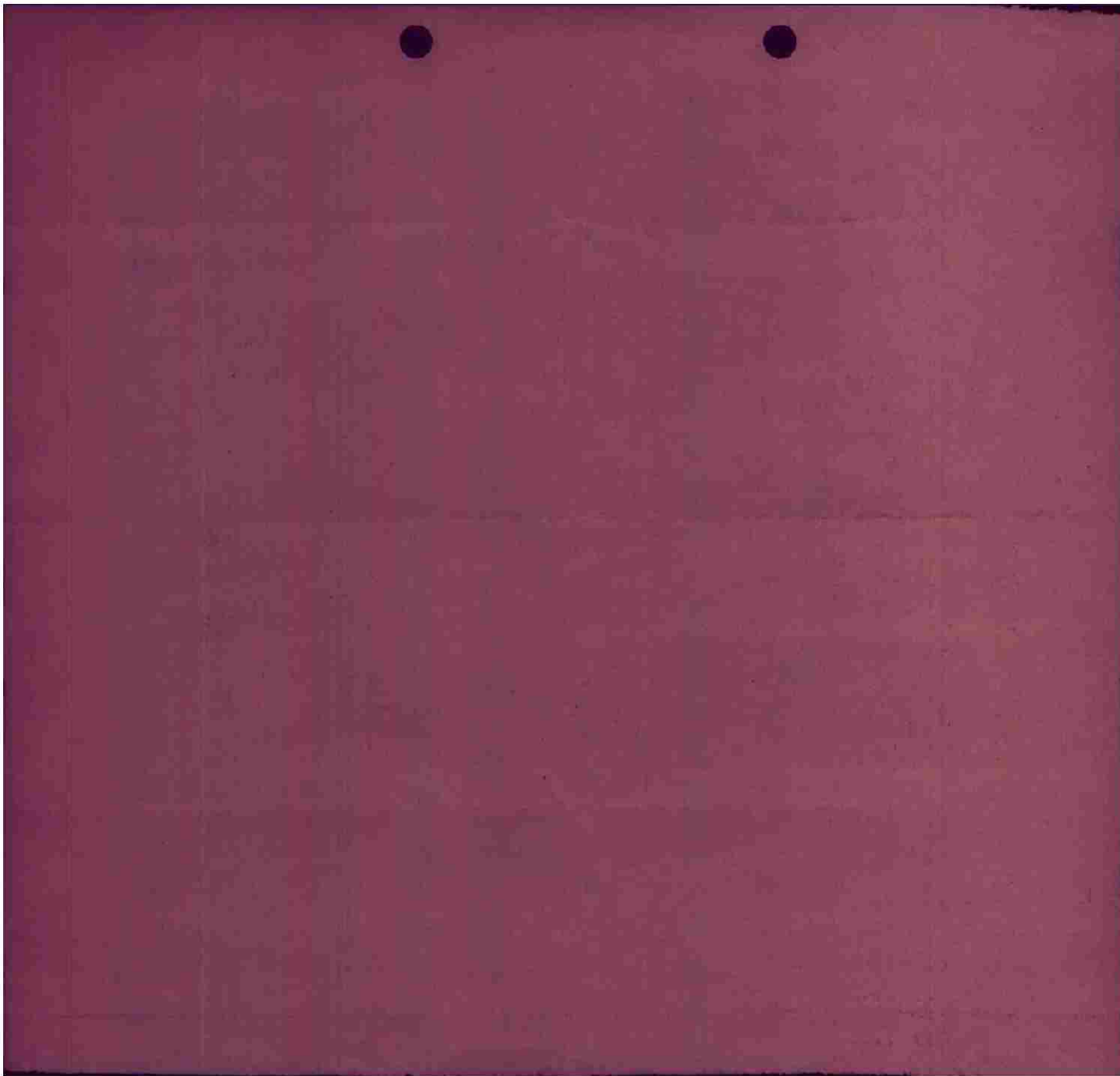
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BT 13/2230A
PZ GP BBB

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JKI R.....13/2359A JF KKK

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JEA JKI V ITA JJF NR 33/13 OP OP

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TO : C G IX BOMB DIVISION
C O 97 BOMB WING
C O 416 BOMB GROUP

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1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV R-362-E

PPF PILOT DAVIS 1ST BOX
DATE: TIME: AM

- A. FORMATION: E
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION: EXCELLENT
 - 2. REMARKS:
- B. WINDOW SHIPS:
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION: GOOD
 - 2. REMARKS:
- C. NAVIGATION:
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION: PPF DID ALL
 - 2. REMARKS:
- D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS: GOOD
- E. BRIEFING: REND
- F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS: CLOUD FLYING SUPERIOR
PPF CHANGE OF ALTITUDE TO AVOID CLOUDS WAS VIOLENT

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 13/2230A

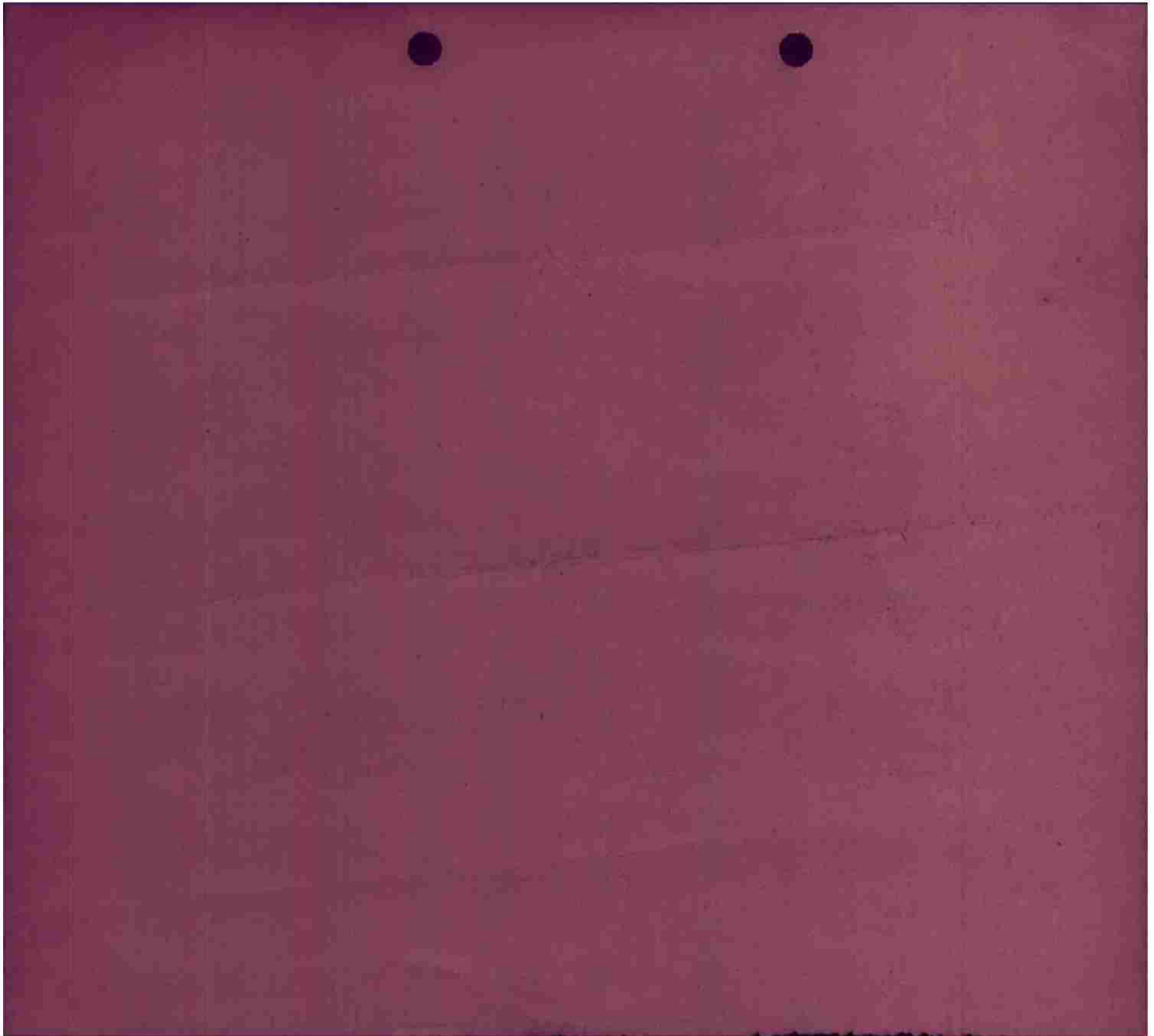
PZ/DEG B

JKI R.....13/2350A

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JPO JKI VIA JEA V ITA JJF 10/13 OP OP

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 13/1400A
 TO C G IX BOMB DIVISION ATTN: A-2
 C G 97, 98, 99 COMBAT WING
 C O 394, 416, 386, 344, 391, 410, 322, 387, 397 BOMB GROUP
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1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV R-339-D

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 410 BOMB GROUP
- B. GRUNBERG M/Y WG 864226
- C. 2 B-26
- D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 8 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10
- H. THRU K. NONE
- L. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 13500 13000
- M. 1133 1139

ANNEX: CALLED RIPS AW TWO MINUTES AFTER ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX.
 NOTE: GROUP FORMATION GOOD, WINDOW SHIPS TOO HIGH.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 394 BOMB GROUP
 - B. RHEINE M/Y RV 752180
 - C. 2 B-26
 - D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 - E. 1 B-26 ICING AND CLOUDS SCATTERED FORMATION, SO TURNED AROUND
 25 MILES BEFORE WAITING POINT RA171915 AT 1143.
 - F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
 4 X 500 GP RETURNED
 - G. BELIEVED GOOD
 - H. NONE
 - I. NONE
 - J. MODERATE ACCURATE IN TARGET AREA
 - K. NONE
 - L. 13500 PRIMARY
 - M. 1157 PRIMARY

ANNEX: NO CALL MADE 2ND TAF AREA.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 416 BOMB GROUP
 - B. RHEINE A/D RV 753115
 - C. 2 B-26
 - D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 - E. NONE
 - F. 8 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
 - G. STRIKES SEEN IN TARGET AREA
 - H. THRU I. NONE
 - J. MAHFF TARGET AREA WIFF DORNICK RA 020678
 - K. NONE
 - L. 10000 9000 PRIMARY
 - M. 1213 1/2 1214 1/2 PRIMARY

ANNEX: NO CALL MADE 2ND TAF AREA
 NOTE: GROUP FORMATION AND WINDOW SHIPS GOOD.

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 13/1400A
 ELC B OP
 RELAYED BY RL B TO JKI

JPO R VIA JEA.....13/1820A SL KKK

JKI R VIA JEA.....13/1820A WN KKKKKKKK

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