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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 01-580

BOX I File 1 GROUP 416 DATE 23 Dec 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Arion

1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach:

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X4. Did entire ~~group~~ (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

Pre-set with corrections. G-1 Auto-pilot not used.Bombardier misidentified target as a. Used river, railroad and town as check points. Thought he bombed primary. Bombed town of Arion southeast of briefed target area.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. D. L. Moore6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. R. J. Horton7. Intervalometer setting: Minimum8. Indicated Air Speed: \_\_\_\_\_ Ground Speed: 210 Altitude: 120009. Length of bomb run: 60 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 2-20 4 x 250 lb. GP FUSED 1/10 N  
A-26 8, 10, 12 x 250 lb. GP 1/40 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 52

12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing: No target pictures available for mission. Bombardier picked up town on 1:100,000 map which he thought was briefed target. Check points marked out and B/C bombed wrong target. GROSS NAVIGATION(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X. If answer is state to what extent did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

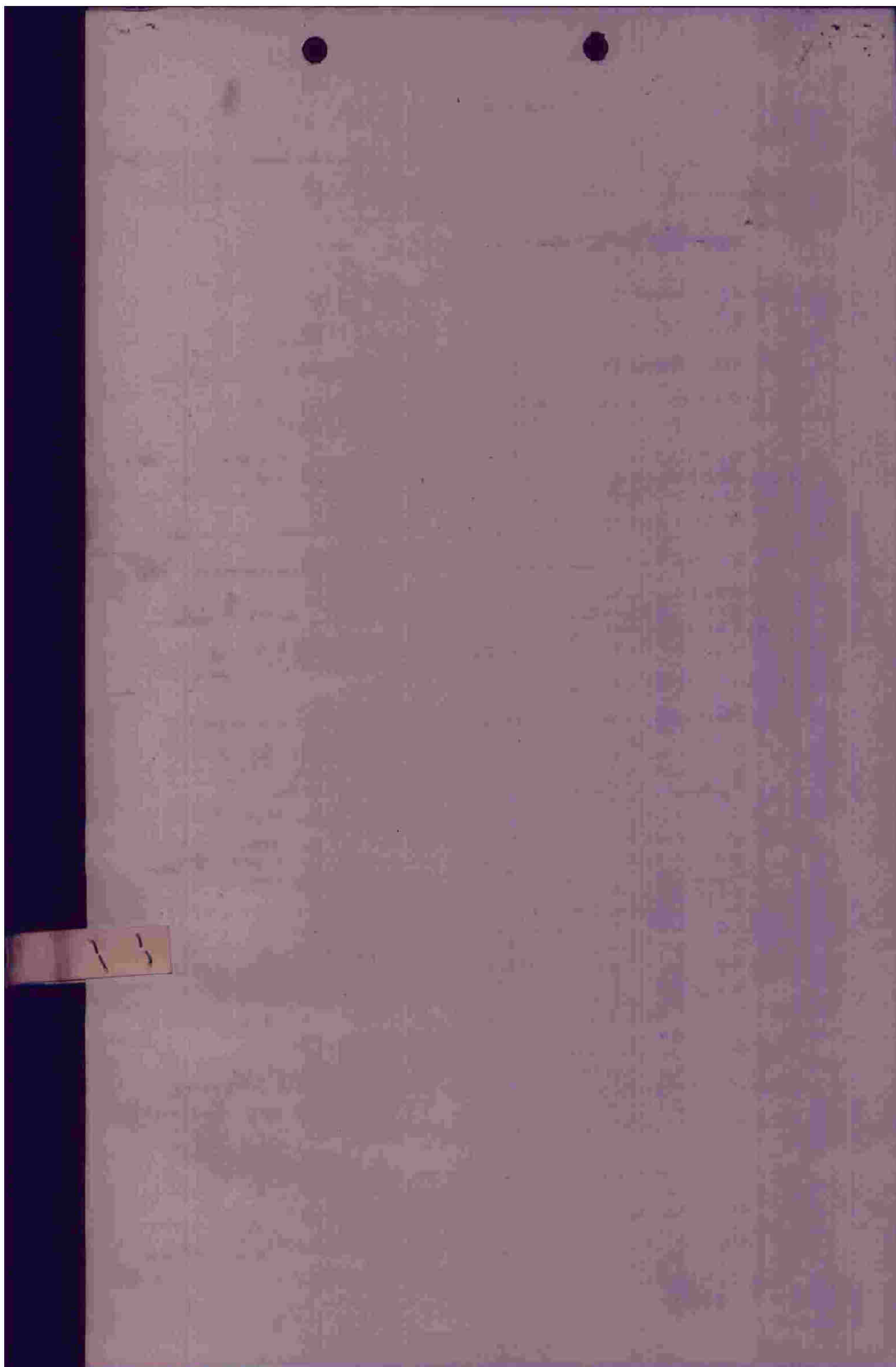
(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

Misidentification of target. Bombed wrong target.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO XResults claimed: EXCEL \_\_\_\_\_ GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR \_\_\_\_\_ POOR \_\_\_\_\_ GROSS PNB X

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## S E C R E T

ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BOX I Flt 2 GROUP 416 DATE 25 Dec 1944 TARGET ATTACKED 8 effern

1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach:

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X4. Did entire (box) (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

Pre-set with corrections. C-1 Auto-pilot not used.Bombardier unable to locate briefed primary target. Flew out time from I.P. to target and then bombed casual target past the briefed target area.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. R. J. Barnett6. Name of lead Pilot: Lt. R. E. Greenley7. Intervalometer setting: Minimum8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 215 Altitude: 122009. Length of bomb run: 25 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: A-20 4 x 250 lb. GP FUSED 1/10 NA-26 8, 10, 12 x 250 lb GP 1/40 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 64

12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X. If answer is "YES" state to what extent did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?

None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

None

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

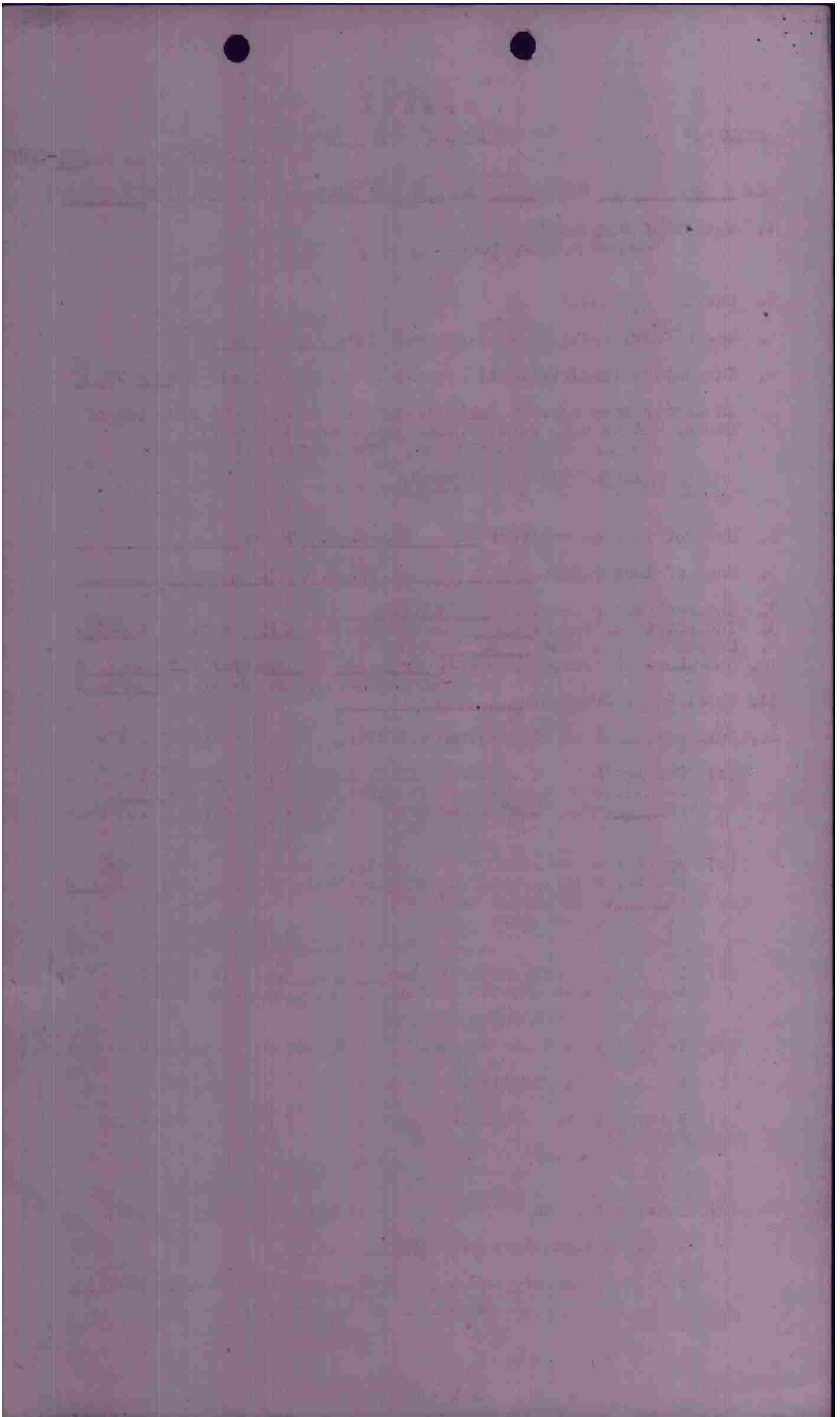
NoneNo strike photos.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

Results claimed: EXCEL \_\_\_\_\_ GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR \_\_\_\_\_ POOR \_\_\_\_\_ GROSS \_\_\_\_\_

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## S E C R E T

ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 101-680BOX II Flt 1 GROUP 413 DATE 23 Dec 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Maxweiler

## 1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set with corrections.

## 2. Bombing approach:

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES        NO X4. Did entire (box) (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO       

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

Pre-set with corrections. G-1 Auto-pilot not used.Aimed at briefed aiming point.5. Name of lead Bombardier:       Lt. R. Conte      6. Name of lead Pilot:       Capt. D. A. Hulse      7. Intervalometer setting:       Minimum      8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 213 Altitude: 115009. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec:       10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: A-26 8,10,12 x 250 lb GP FUSED 1/10 N30 x 250 lb GP 1/40 T11. Total Bombs Dropped:       30      

## 12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES        NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES        NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES        NO X. If answer is "YES" state to what extent did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

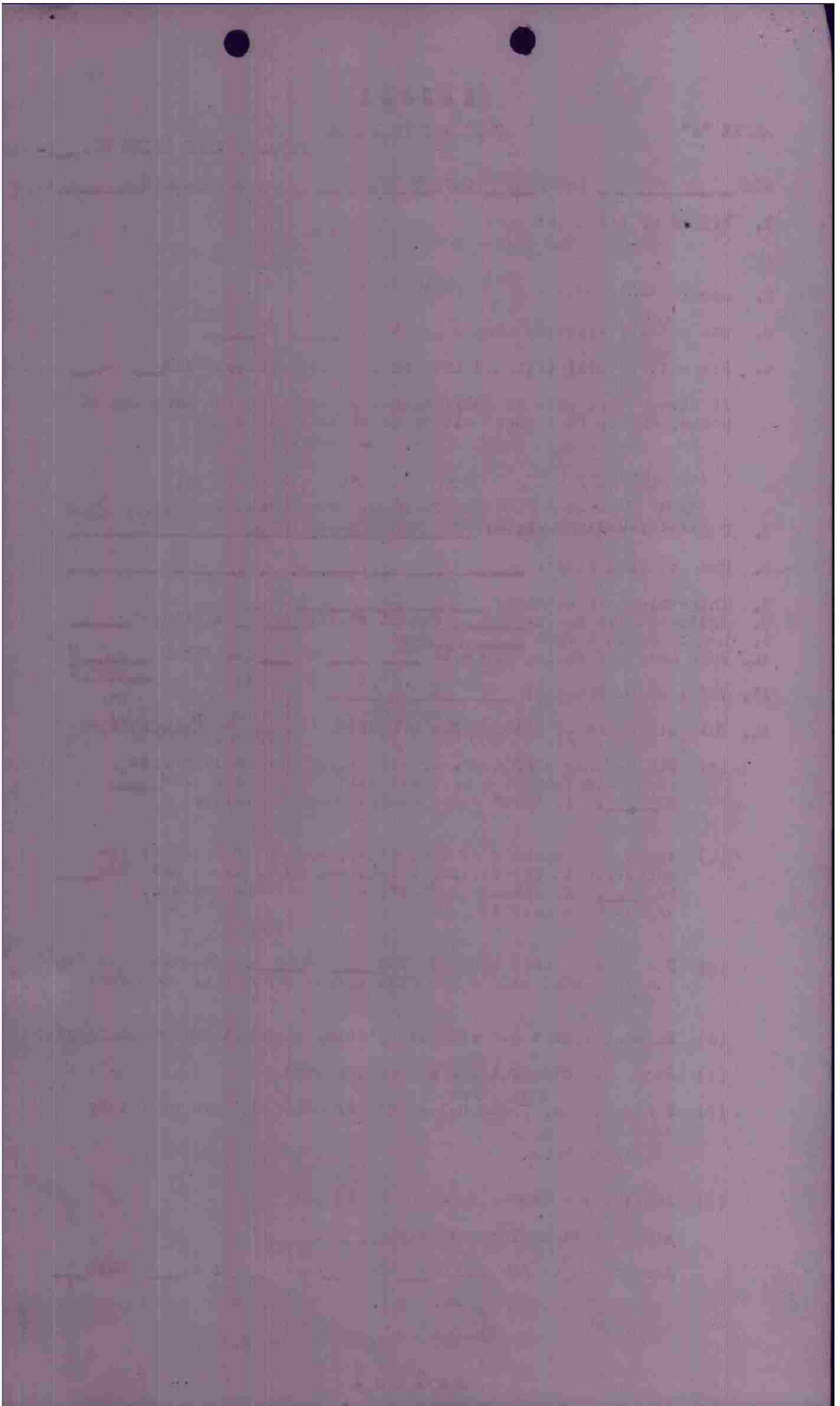
(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: NoneNo strike photos.

## (g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO       Results claimed: EXCEL        GOOD        FAIR        POOR        GROSS       SWIFT. X. No strike photos.

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## S E C R E T

ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C.FIELD ORDER NO. 101-680

BOX II Flt 2 GROUP 416 DATE 23 Dec 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Casual in  
Vicinity of Waxweiler

1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach:

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES        NO X4. Did entire (~~box~~) (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO       

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

Pre-set with corrections. G-1 Auto-pilot not used.Unable to locate briefed primary target. Flew out time from I.P. to target and bombed casual target beyond briefed target area.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. W. E. Brewer6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. F. J. Harrold7. Intervalometer setting: Minimum8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 214 Altitude: 117009. Length of bomb run: 25 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: A-20 4 x 250 lb. GP FUSED 1/10 NA-26 8, 10, 12 x 250 lb. GP 1/40 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 36-250 & 4-1000 A-26 4 x 1000 GP

12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES         
NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES         
NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES        NO X. If answer is "YES" state to what extent did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?

None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

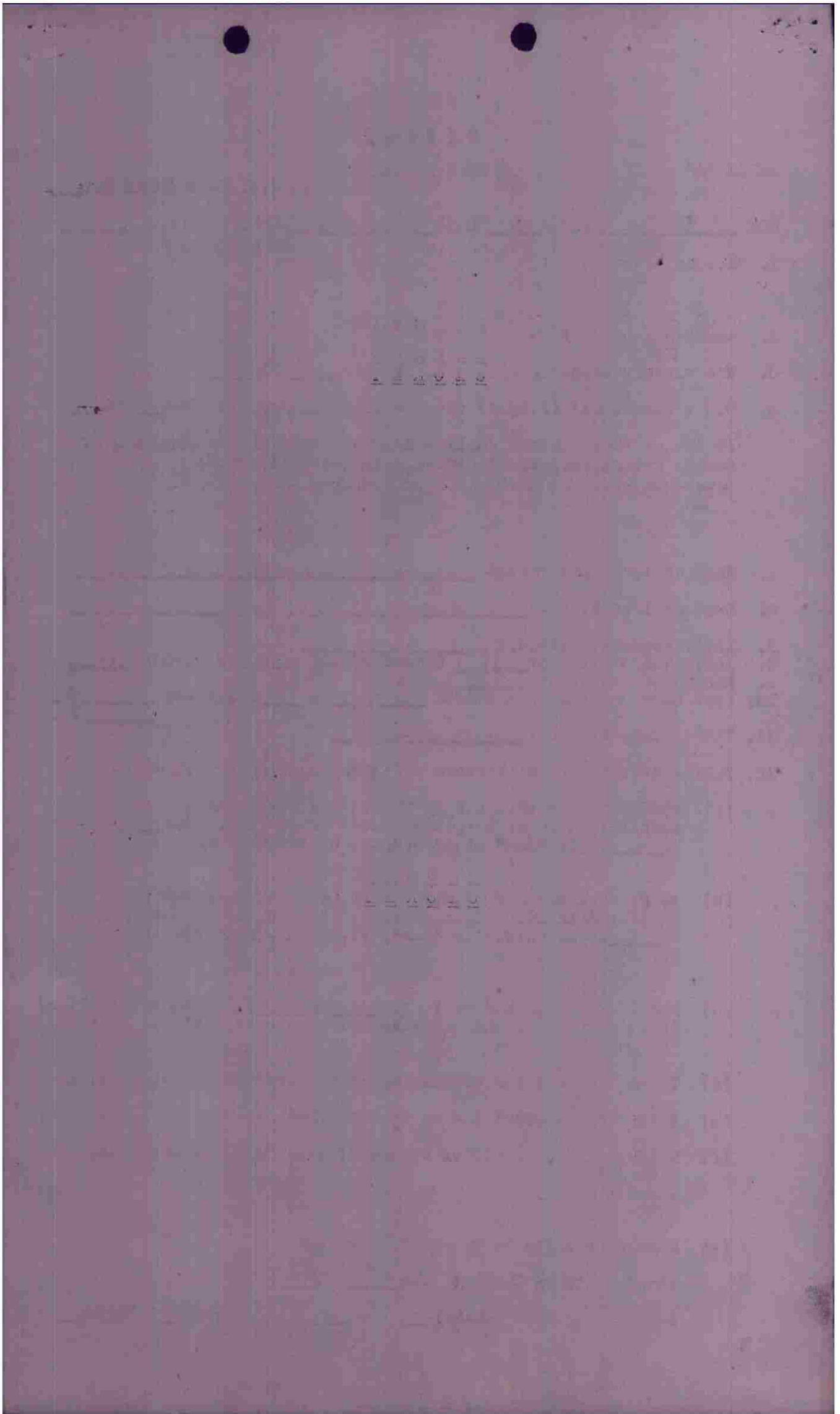
None

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

No strike photos.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES        NO XResults claimed: EXCEL        GOOD        FAIR        POOR        GROSS       PMB X UNDET. No strike photos.



## S E C R E T

ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 101-380BOX II Flt 3 GROUP 418 DATE 23 Dec 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Yes

## 1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set with corrections.

## 2. Bombing approach:

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES        NO x4. Did entire (box) (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES x NO       

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

Pre-set with corrections. C-1 Auto-pilot not used.Unable to locate briefed primary target. Flew out time from I.F. to target and bombed usual target North of briefed primary.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. J. J. Burg6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. R. V. Miracle7. Intervalometer setting: Minimum8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 232 Altitude: 113009. Length of bomb run: 15 Sec:       10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: A-26 8, 10, 12 x 250 lb. FUSED 1/10 N30 x 250 lb. OF 1/40 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 30

12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES        NO x. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES        NO x. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES        NO x. If answer is "YES" state to what extent did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?

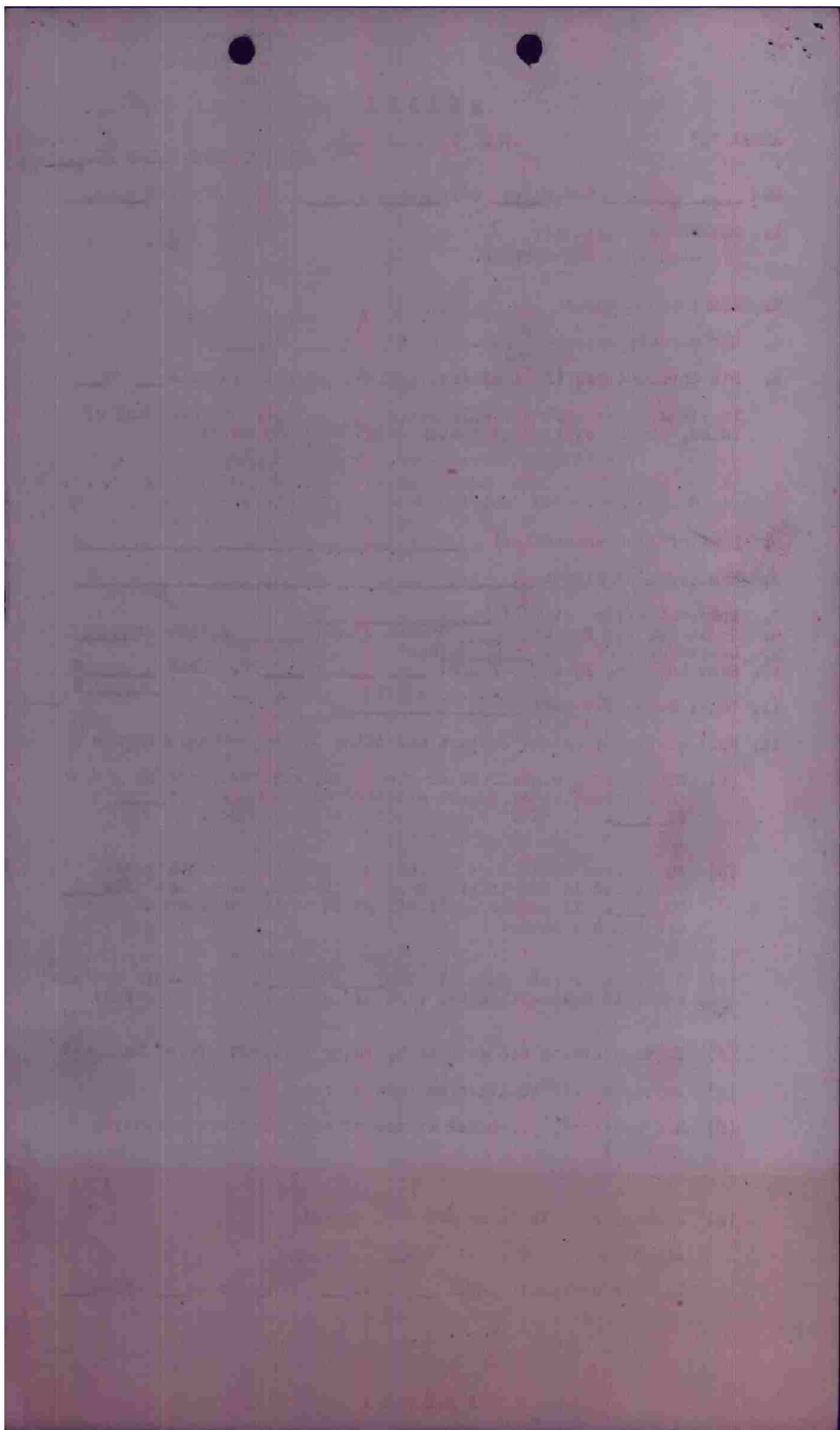
(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES        NO xResults claimed: EXCEL        GOOD        FAIR        POOR        GROSS       P.M.B. x

S E C R E T



SEC  
 AUTH: CO, A-65  
 26 Dec 44  
 INITIAL:

HEADQUARTERS  
 41ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)  
 Office of the Commanding Officer

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APC 140, U.S. Army,  
 26 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

TO : Commanding General, 95th Bombardment Division (M), APC 140, U.S. Army.  
 (Attn: A-4 Section)

- I. 25 December 1944, T.O. 1427, Warweiler (Defended Town), F.O. 101-380.
- II. 43-22544      Pilot reported right engine would only pull 30" Hg.      Engine was checked by ground personnel and it was discovered that the blower control was half way between "High" and "Low" causing blower clutch to be in neutral. Personnel error.
- III. None.
- IV. 43-23517      All bombs returned.      Ground wire to intervalometer had been broken from its connection to the intervalometer cannon plug causing complete failure of the unit. Wire apparently had been broken by the pilot getting into the cockpit or other personnel after mission preflight since intervalometer operated on preflight inspection. Wires are being secured to inside wall of cockpit by tape to prevent a recurrence of this type failure.
- 41-59215      Station 7A failed to release.      Armament personnel failed to trip release unit on station 7A and release arm on No 7 caught against the release arm base on station 7A, since stations are very closely positioned, and prevented release and consequent transfer of current through station No 7.
- 43-22501      All bombs returned.      Pilot did not attempt to release. Command pilot directed pilot to hold bombs when lead bombardier was bombing wrong target.

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| IV. Cont'd.        |                                       |                                                                                  |
| 43-22515           | All bombs returned.                   | Pilot did not see leader drop.                                                   |
| 44-89              | All bombs returned.                   | Lead ship. Bombardier could not identify primary target and chose to hold bombs. |
| 41-39211           | All bombs returned.                   | Flight leader (44-89) failed to drop.                                            |
| 41-39249           | All bombs returned.                   | Flight leader (44-89) failed to drop.                                            |
| 43-22291           | All bombs returned.                   | Flight leader (44-89) failed to drop.                                            |
| 41-39237           | All bombs returned.                   | Flight leader (44-89) failed to drop.                                            |
| 43-22313           | All bombs returned.                   | Flight leader (44-89) failed to drop.                                            |
| V. 41-39239        | Nose section of right engine damaged. | Flak damage to engine nose section.                                              |
| VI. 1 - 2:15 - 400 |                                       | 1 - 2:35 - 490                                                                   |
| 2 - 2:15 - 420     |                                       | 2 - 2:35 - 460                                                                   |
| 3 - 2:15 - 400     |                                       | 3 - Not airborne                                                                 |
| 4 - 2:20 - 410     |                                       | 4 - 2:35 - 500                                                                   |
| 5 - 2:15 - 435     |                                       | 5 - 2:10 - 420                                                                   |
| 6 - 2:15 - 420     |                                       | 6 - 2:35 - 480                                                                   |
| 7 - 2:55 - 500     |                                       | 7 - 2:25 - 410                                                                   |
| 8 - 2:55 - 425     |                                       | 8 - 2:30 - 475                                                                   |
| 9 - 2:55 - 450     |                                       | 9 - 2:25 - 450                                                                   |
| 10 - 2:55 - 400    |                                       | 10 - 2:25 - 450                                                                  |
| 11 - 2:55 - 450    |                                       | 11 - 2:30 - 410                                                                  |
| 12 - 2:55 - 475    |                                       | 12 - 2:30 - 425                                                                  |
| 13 - 2:50 - 400    |                                       | 13 - 2:50 - 475                                                                  |
| 14 - 2:50 - 400    |                                       | 14 - 2:50 - 475                                                                  |
| 15 - 2:50 - 425    |                                       | 15 - 2:50 - 525                                                                  |
| 16 - 2:50 - 400    |                                       | 16 - 2:50 - 550                                                                  |
| 17 - 3:50 - 480    |                                       | 17 - 2:55 - 560                                                                  |
| 18 - 3:10 - 500    |                                       | 18 - 2:50 - 375                                                                  |
| 3 - 2:50 - 530     |                                       | 3 - 2:50 - 450                                                                   |

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

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LOADING LIST  
BOX 1  
FLIGHT 1

23 December 1944

1. <sup>44</sup>085 T  
CAPT R J MORTON ✓  
LT D L MOORE ✓ 400  
S/S A J BURLAND  
S/S K HEATH 4

2. <sup>43-22</sup>301 T 420  
LT W F TRIPP ✓  
S/S D F MALLORN 0  
*Brig. Gen. E. N. Backus*

3. <sup>41-39</sup>229 B  
LT G S BUTLER ✓ 400  
S/S H B MCCLAIN

4. <sup>41-39</sup>252 D  
LT W J GREENE ✓ 410  
S/S J J MC GUIRE  
CAPT. G. D. MURPHY

5. <sup>43-22</sup>300 P 435  
LT G C VAN METER ✓  
CPL S J KIRIK

6. <sup>41-39</sup>244 I ✓  
LT R H HACKLEY 420  
CPL H A KOONS

## FLIGHT 11

1. <sup>44</sup>185 G ✓  
LT R E GREENLEY ✓ 500  
LT R J BASNETT  
LT D E LINDSAY 4  
S/S R G SCHROM

2. <sup>41-39</sup>239 N 425  
LT C L ESTES ✓  
LT A E HLIVKO ✓  
S/S C R ORVOLD

3. <sup>41-39</sup>250 A ✓ 450  
LT J C GARY  
PVT A E SCHOEN

4. <sup>41-39</sup>284 C  
LT J J LACKOVICH ✓ 400  
LT R G MUIR ✓  
S/S T CONNERY

5. <sup>41-39</sup>237 D 450  
LT G L MILHORN ✓  
SGT D CHEST

6. <sup>41-39</sup>209 M ✓ 475  
LT T J MURRAY  
S/S D H DE BOWER

## FLIGHT 111

1. <sup>44</sup>089 R ✓  
LT C J BROWN ✓ 400  
LT J E KERNS ✓  
S/SH E SUNDERLAND  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
S/S A E DIMARTINO

2. <sup>41-39</sup>211 K 400  
LT D A FERRO ✓  
S/S T W SKELTON

3. <sup>41-39</sup>249 F ✓  
LT F W HENDERSON  
S/S P E COULOMBE

2. <sup>43-22</sup>291 Z ✓ 400  
LT A E HERMAN  
S/S J O YOUNG

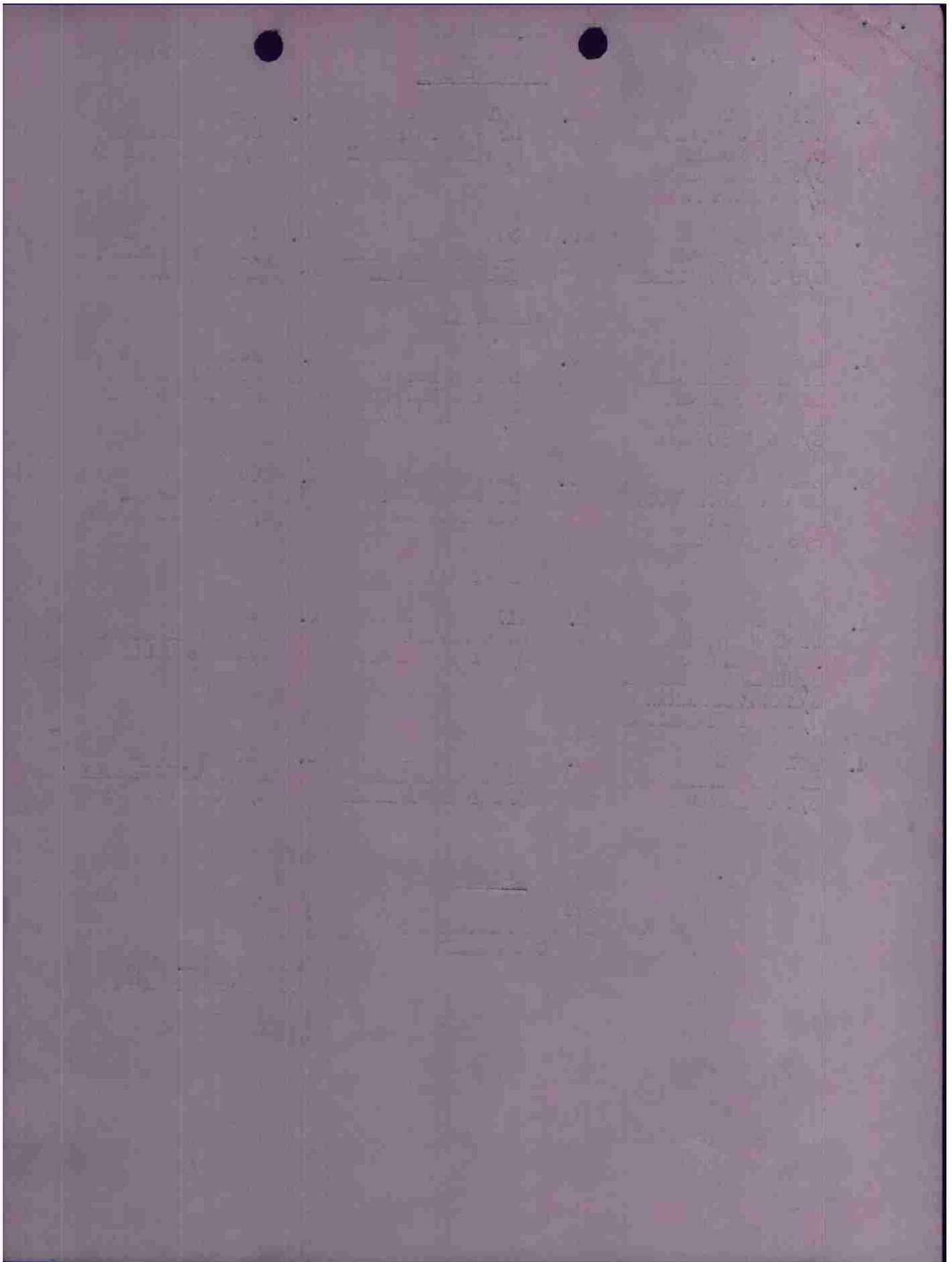
5. <sup>41-39</sup>234 P 480  
LT W R JOKINEN ✓  
CPL D E MCNELLIS

6. <sup>43-22</sup>313 B 500  
LT A REMISZEWSKI ✓  
S/S J H MIGUEZ

## SPARE

41-39  
271 R ✓ 530  
LT W A MERCHANT  
SGT C W JURKIN

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LOADING LIST  
BOX 11  
FLIGHT 1

23 December 1944

<sup>44</sup> 1. 178 L <sup>49°</sup>  
CAPT D A HULSE ✓  
LT R CONTE ✓  
S/S D W STEPHENS  
S/S W S MC GAUGHY

<sup>41-39</sup> 2. 238 M <sup>460</sup>  
LT R W VAN ROPE ✓  
CPL R F GRAHAM

<sup>43-22</sup> 3. 344 *not assigned to*  
LT J W KEMGE *C Pilot flying to*  
CPL L L RICHARDSON *with*

<sup>41-39</sup> 4. 232 A <sup>500</sup>  
CAPT W A PECK ✓  
LT J W BRITT  
S/S R W CARSTENS

<sup>43-22</sup> 5. 302 D <sup>420</sup>  
LT M S STREET ✓  
S/S R P SHARP

<sup>43-22</sup> 6. 290 L <sup>460</sup>  
LT E C MARTIN ✓  
CPL L B DRAFT

## FLIGHT 11

<sup>44</sup> 1. 076 Q <sup>410</sup>  
CAPT F J HARROLD ✓  
LT W E BREWER ✓  
SGT S R CAUDELL  
CPL R J KAMISCHKE

<sup>43-22</sup> 2. 337 O <sup>415</sup>  
LT T S MERRITT ✓  
S/S R J GATTI

<sup>43-22</sup> 3. 315 L <sup>450</sup>  
MAJOR H S CONANT ✓  
S/S S J MAJEWSKI

<sup>41-39</sup> 2. 212 K <sup>450</sup>  
LT W R HEINKE ✓  
S/S D S BLACKFORD

<sup>41-39</sup> 5. 223 B <sup>410</sup>  
LT N G BROWN ✓  
S/S J O OTTAVIANO

<sup>41-39</sup> 6. 217 I <sup>425</sup>  
LT LT H POPENEY ✓  
SGT H C CANDLER

## FLIGHT 111

<sup>44</sup> 1. 108 M <sup>475</sup>  
CAPT R V MIRACLE ✓  
LT J J BURG ✓  
S/S A F GALLOWAY  
S/S J R SIMMONDS

<sup>41-39</sup> 2. 218 G <sup>475</sup>  
LT T D MC CREADY ✓  
SGT W E LEMONDS

<sup>41-39</sup> 3. 214 H <sup>525</sup>  
LT J W WRIGHT ✓  
S/S P J PROFITA

<sup>43-22</sup> 4. 317 O <sup>550</sup>  
LT O F JACOBSEN ✓  
SGT H I GOOCH

<sup>41-39</sup> 5. 213 A <sup>560</sup>  
LT L J PRUCHA ✓  
SGT L C FERGUSON

<sup>41-39</sup> 6. 265 V <sup>375</sup>  
LT J W BLEVINS  
S/S G H PFENNING

## SPARE

<sup>41-39</sup> 227 F <sup>450</sup>  
LT P P BARAUSKY ✓  
SGT M HALL

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## POST MISSION REPORT

MISSION NO.

172

DATE

23 Dec. 1944

1. NUMBER OF MEN WOUNDED: None

2. BOMBING MALFUNCTIONS:

See Moment Malfunction Report

3. CAMERA MALFUNCTIONS:

None. Commencement unable to install sufficient number of cameras because of lack of time. Camera ship left flight shortly. No other cameras in front. None camera had not second stream of flight. 5th Flt. no photos seen to target men being off mission.

4. PER CENT OF BATTLE DAMAGE:

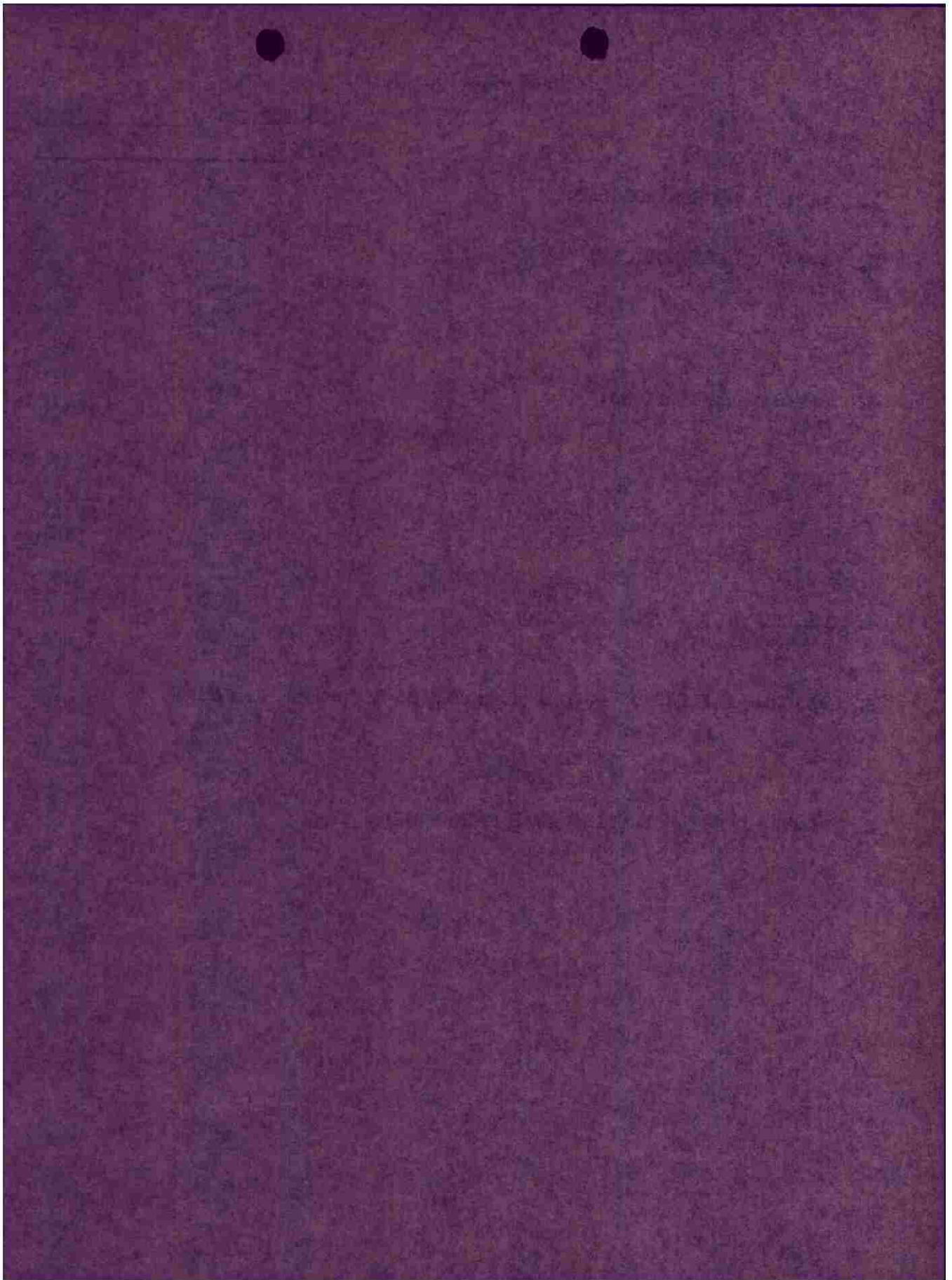
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1 category "B"

5. PLANES FAILING TO BECOME AIRBORNE OR RETURNING EARLY:

3rd. Kikar Pilot failed to put aircraft into low blow - could not obtain enough in the foreground.

6. PLANES LOST OR LANDING AWAY FROM BASE:

None.



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Box II -----

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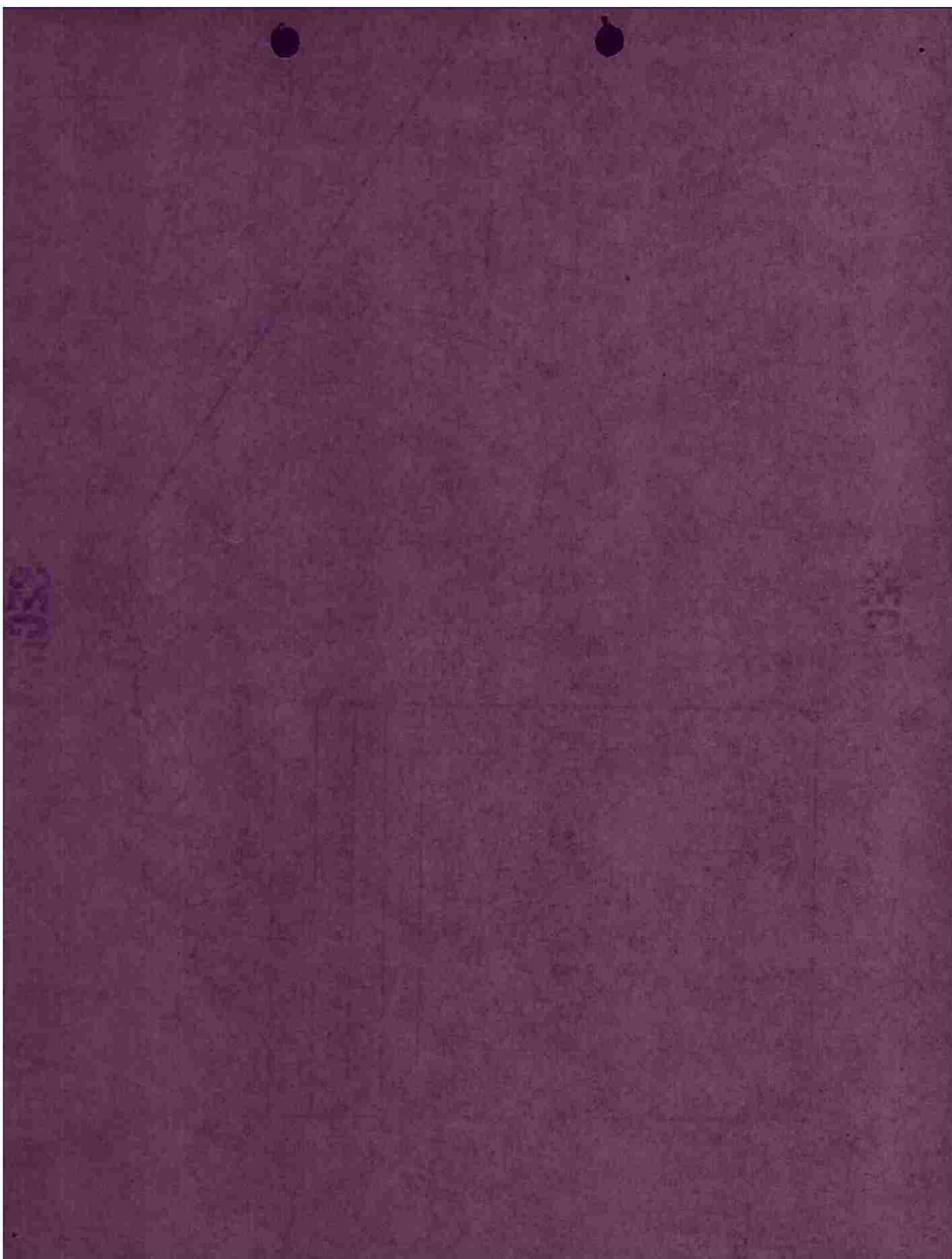
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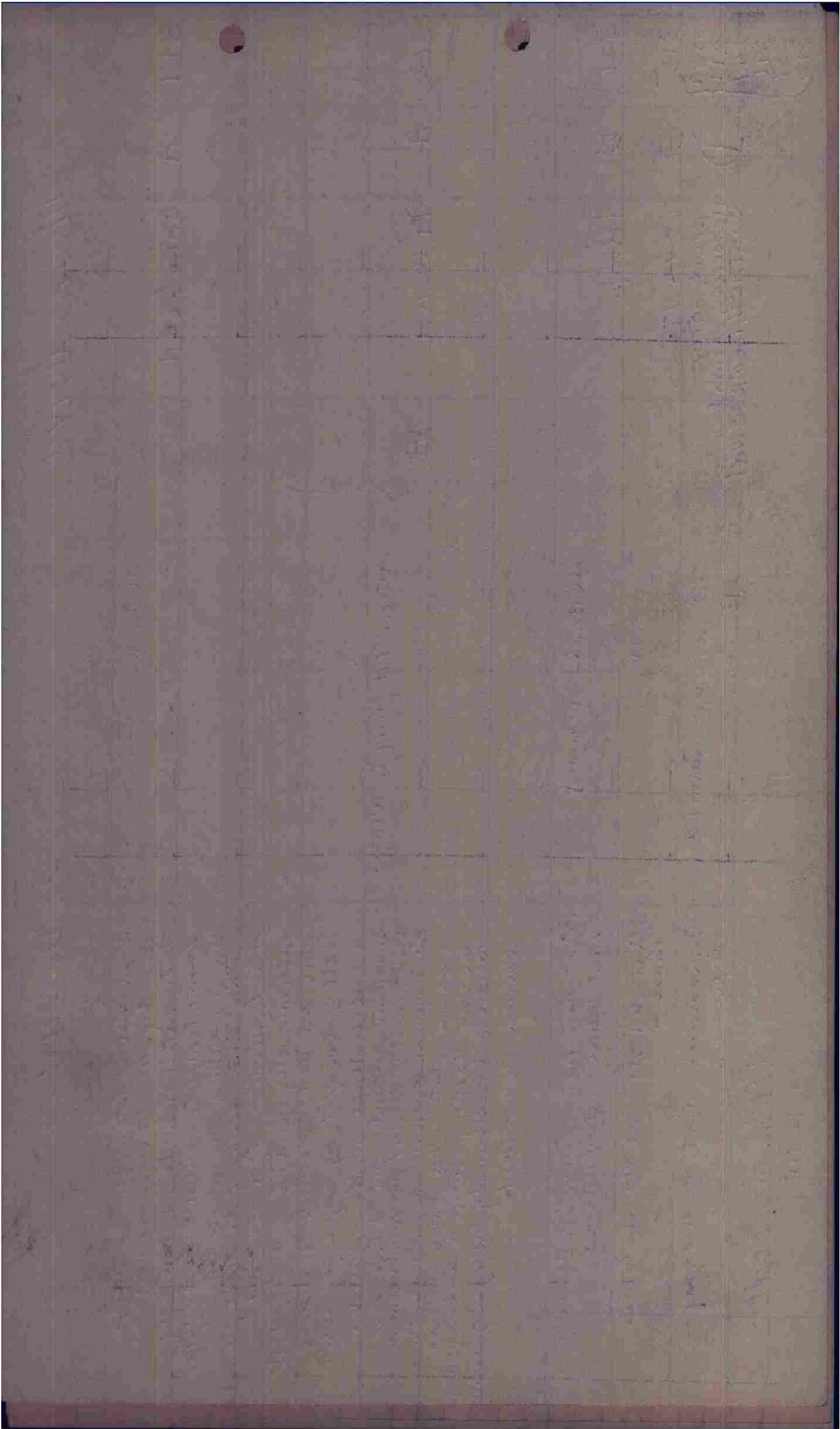


Shannon no-1714

Box 1.

23 December 1944

| S | A   | A   | PILOT     | D   | TARGET | A    | ENG.  | ENEMY | T | ENEMY | ENG.  | C | F | B | E | L    | R    |
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| B | D   | 301 | Trapp     |     |        | 1433 |       |       |   |       |       |   |   |   |   | 1645 | 2:15 |
| B | B   | 229 | Butler    |     |        | 1428 |       |       |   |       |       |   |   |   |   | 1643 | 2:15 |
| B | D   | 252 | Greene    |     |        | 1429 |       |       |   |       |       |   |   |   |   | 1643 | 2:20 |
| B | P   | 300 | Van Meter |     |        | 1433 |       |       |   |       |       |   |   |   |   | 1645 | 2:15 |
| B | I   | 244 | MacKlay   |     |        | 1433 |       |       |   |       |       |   |   |   |   | 1645 | 2:15 |
| B | G   | 185 | Greenleaf |     |        | 1429 |       |       |   |       |       |   |   |   |   | 1721 | 2:55 |
| B | N   | 239 | Ester     |     |        | 1429 |       |       |   |       |       |   |   |   |   | 1722 | 2:55 |
| B | A   | 250 | Stary     |     |        | 1429 |       |       |   |       |       |   |   |   |   | 1722 | 2:55 |
| B | C   | 284 | Jackman   |     |        | 1430 |       |       |   |       |       |   |   |   |   | 1724 | 2:55 |
| B | D   | 237 | Palmer    |     |        | 1430 |       |       |   |       |       |   |   |   |   | 1724 | 2:55 |
| B | M   | 209 | Shannon   |     |        | 1430 |       |       |   |       |       |   |   |   |   | 1723 | 2:55 |
| B | R   | 089 | Shannon   |     |        | 1431 |       |       |   |       |       |   |   |   |   | 1718 | 2:50 |
| B | K   | 211 | Shannon   |     |        | 1431 |       |       |   |       |       |   |   |   |   | 1718 | 2:50 |
| B | E   | 249 | Shannon   |     |        | 1431 |       |       |   |       |       |   |   |   |   | 1718 | 2:50 |
| B | Z   | 291 | Shannon   |     |        | 1432 |       |       |   |       |       |   |   |   |   | 1719 | 2:50 |
| B | P   | 234 | Shannon   |     |        | 1432 |       |       |   |       |       |   |   |   |   | 1720 | 2:50 |
| B | B   | 313 | Shannon   |     |        | 1432 |       |       |   |       |       |   |   |   |   | 1741 | 3:10 |
| B | K   | 291 | Shannon   |     |        | 1434 |       |       |   |       |       |   |   |   |   | 1721 | 2:50 |



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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 23/1340A D-179-E  
TO COMBOMDIV NINE  
409TH BOMB GROUP (INFO)  
410TH BOMB GROUP  
416TH BOMB GROUP

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
APO 148  
23 DEC. 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 101-680

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE  
WL THE XIX T.A.C. WILL FURNISH AREA COVER FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY

ZERO HOUR 23/1530A

- A. 410TH BOMB GROUP
  - (1) LUNEBACH (DEFENDED VILLAGE) L-208720
  - (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4416 SHEET T-1. GRID COORD, 00857205.
  - (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL
  - (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MIN.
- B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
  - (1) WAXWEILER (DEFENDED TOWN) MXX L-219669.
  - (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 5904. 3 FLIGHTS ON EACH  
GRID. COORD. 01866683, 02136572. INTERVALOMETER SETTING  
MINIMUM.
  - (10) 14 X 250 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
  - (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN.
- X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE.
  - (5) A/C REQUIRED: 36 BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
  - (6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO I.P. TO TARGET.
  - (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO BASE. LOSE  
1,500 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
  - (8) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO  
BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET.
  - (9) I.P. - 5007N 0600E.
  - (10) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY W TO E.
  - (11) R.P. - 5007N 0600E.
  - (12) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE BOMBED, THE  
GROUPS ARE AUTHORIZED TO BOMB A SUITABLE ALTERNATE TARGET  
THAT IS AT LEAST 10 MILES FROM THE NEAREST POINT OF THE  
BOMBLINE. IF CLOUD COVER PREVENTS VISUAL BOMBING,  
ALTERNATE TARGETS MAY BE BOMBED ON "GEE." AREAS KNOWN  
TO BE HEAVILY DEFENDED BY FLAK WILL BE AVOIDED.

X. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS TO FOLLOW.

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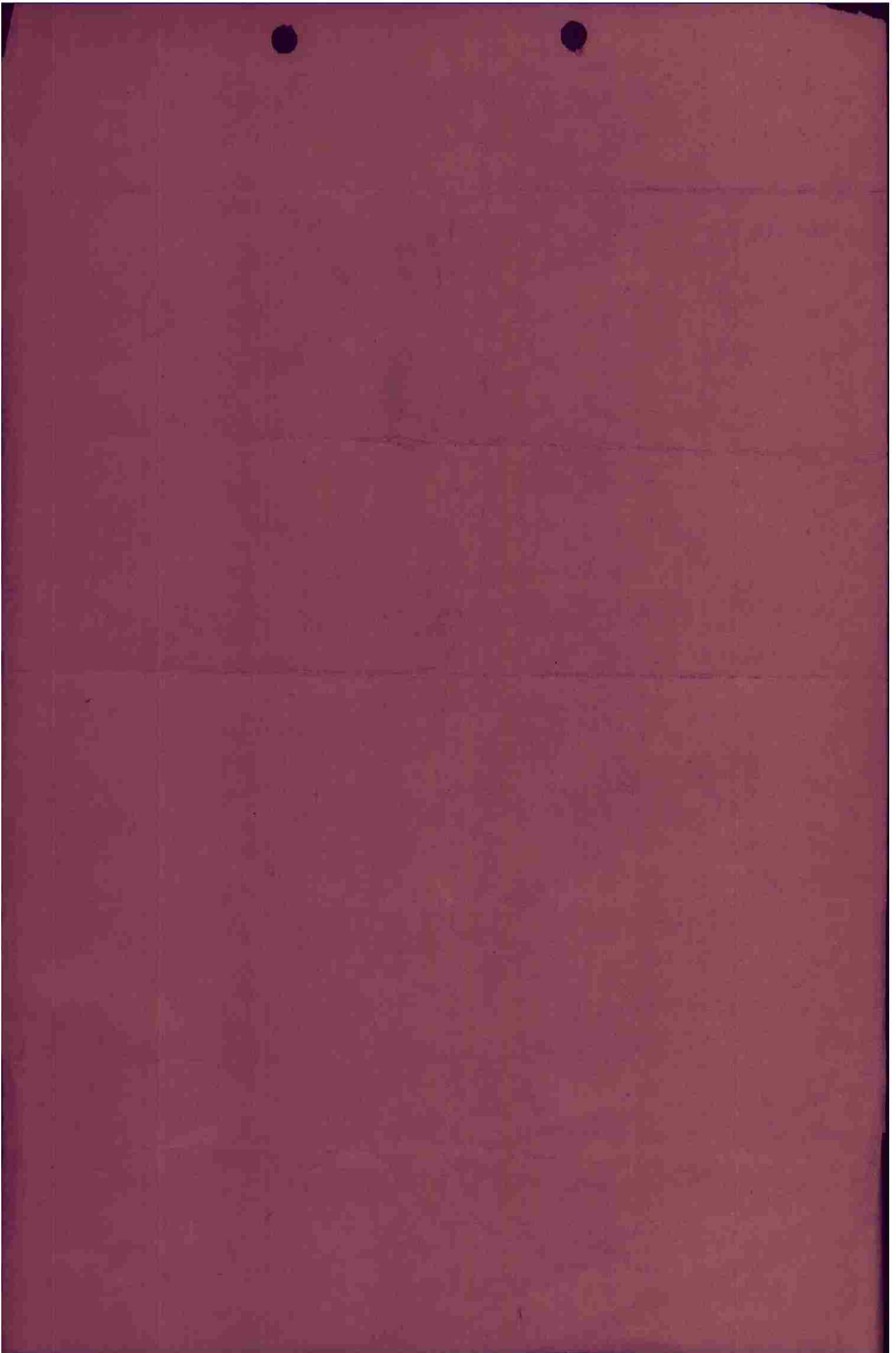
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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 23/2155A

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

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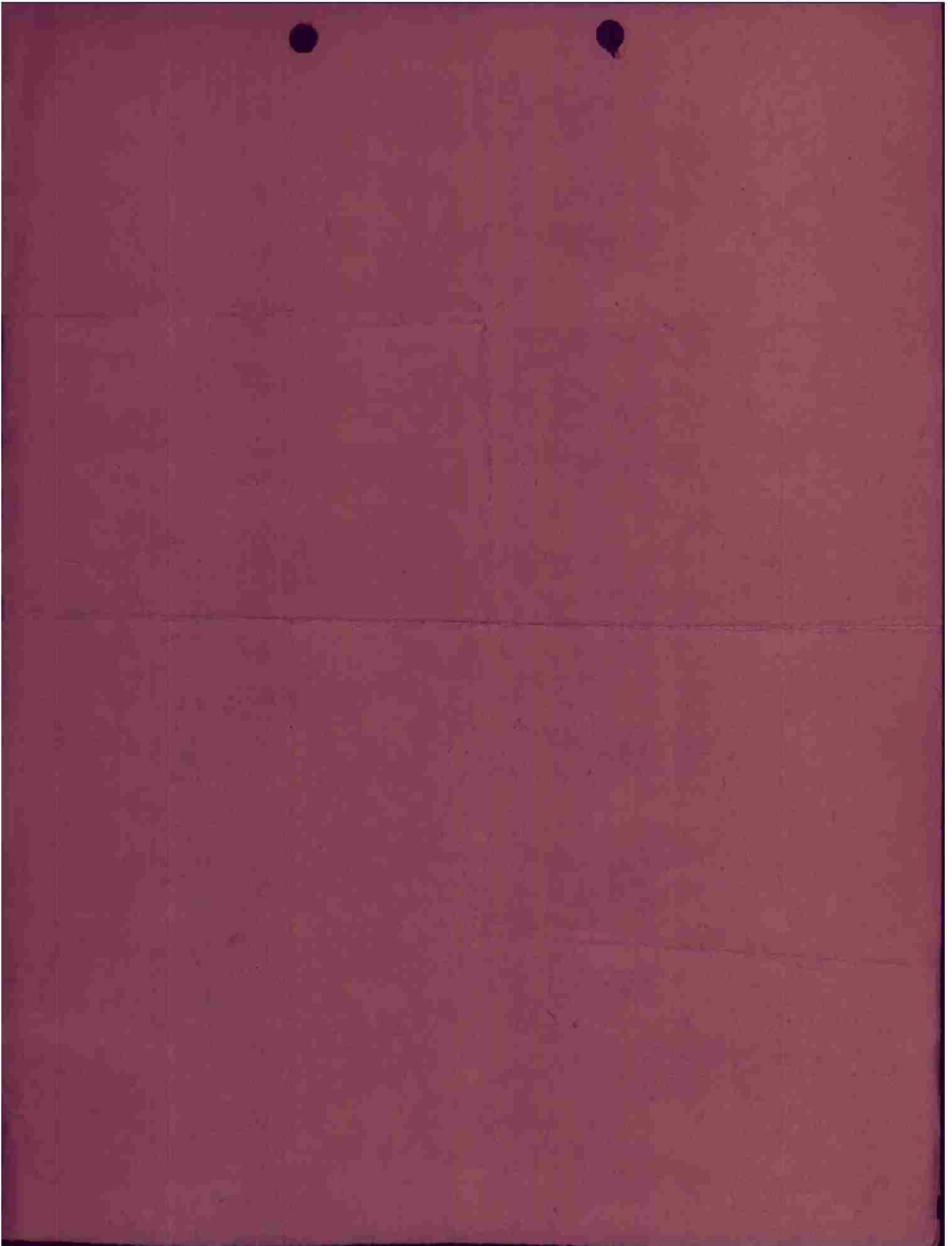
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- A. 416 BG
- B. WAXWEILER
- C. 6 A-20'S AND 31 A-26'S
- D. FLIGHT ONE ; 1 A-20 AND 5 A-26'S ATTACKED TARGET BELIEVED BY OTHERS' INFORMATION TO BE ARLO (P6125)  
FLIGHT TWO ; 1 A-20 AND 6 A-26'S ATTACKED TARGET IN VICINITY OF SEFFERN (L1264)  
FLIGHT THREE: NO ATTACK  
FLIGHT FOUR; 1 A-20 AND 4 A-26'S ATTACKED PRIMARY.  
FLIGHT FIVE; 1 A-20 AND 4 A-26'S ATTACKED PRIMARY.  
FLIGHT SIX ; 1 A-20 AND 4 A-26'S ATTACKED PRIMARY.
- E. 1 A-20 AND 8 A-26'S DID NOT BOMB FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:  
LEADER OF FLIGHT THREE DID NOT DROP DUE TO FROSTED SIGHT.  
OTHER 5 A/C IN FLIGHT DID NOT BOMB BECAUSE LEADER DID NOT.  
AN A-26 IN FIRST FLIGHT DID NOT DROP BECAUSE OBSERVER,  
ACTING COMMAND PILOT, ORDERED PILOT TO HOLD BOMBS.  
AN A-26 DID NOT DROP BECAUSE PILOT DID NOT SEE LEADER DROP.  
AN A-26 DID NOT DROP DUE TO INTERVALOMETER MALFUNCTION.
- F. 111 X 250 GP ON PRIMARY ~  
4 X 1400 GP ON PRIMARY ~  
52 X 250 GP IN ARLO AREA. ~  
54 X 250 GP IN EXX SEFFERN AREA. ~  
75 X 250 GP RETURNED.
- G. EXCELLENT RESULTS ON PRIMARY.  
OTHER RESULTS UNOBSERVED IN HAZE.
- H. 4 A/C DAM. CAT. "A"  
1 A/C DAM. CAT. "AC"
- I. NIL.
- J. MODERATE ACCURATE HFF FROM BITBURG.  
WEAK INACCURATE HFF FROM VICINITY OF HEINERSCHIED.
- K. NIL.
- L. 11,500 (PRIMARY)
- M. 1604 OVER PRIMARY.

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JEA R.....23/2205A RL AR



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 FROM HQ, 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 23/0005A D360D  
 TO HQ, 9TH BOMB DIV (M) ATTN: A-2 P/ I  
 HQ, 97TH COBAT WING (L) " A-2 DUTY OFF.

SECRET BT

B. WAXWEILER.  
 G. 1604  
 J. BOX I - FLT A - PNB : BOMBARDIER MISTOOK TARGET AND BOMBED TOWN  
 OF ARLOH, 38 MILES SW OF PRIMARY. BOMBS FELL ON MARSHALLING YARDS  
 ON EDGE OF TOWN.

FLT B - UNDET : BOMBARDIER COULD NOT LOCATE PRIMARY AND BOMBED  
 CASUAL TARGET. FLEW OUT TIME TO RACET AND BOMBED VILLAGE NEAR  
 BITBURG. NO STRIKE PHOTOS AS CAMERA SHIP ABORTED.

FLT C - UNDET : DID NOT BOMB . BOMB SIGHT FOGGED.

BOX II (VISUAL) - FLT A - UNDET : BOMBED PRIMARY. NO STRIKE  
 PHOTOS TAKEN OF TARGET ON HAND CAMERA.

FLT B - INDET : BOMBARDIER COULDN'T LOCATE PRIMARY AND BOMBED  
 CASUAL IN AREA OF PRIMARY, NO STRIKE PHOTOS DUE TO TARGET RUN  
 BEING OFF NEGATIVE.

FLT C - PNB : BOMBARDIER COULD NOT LOCATE TARGET. SELECTED TOWN  
 OF PRUM, 8.25 MILES NNE AND RR AND TOWN. BOMBS HIT ON RR AND  
 BUILDINGS.

NOTE: DUE TO THE FACT THAT THERE WAS ON 20 MINUTES TIME FOR INSTALL-  
 ATION OF CMERAS BETWEEN MISSIONS, ONLY SEVEN COULD BE INSTALL-  
 ED. OF THESE SEVEN, TWO FAILED TO TAKE OFF AND ONE DID NOT DROP  
 BOMBS. TWO OTHERS HAD NO PHOTOS OF BOMB BURSTS. THIS ACCOUNTS  
 FOR THE POOR PHOTO COVERAGE ON THIS MISSION.

K. BOX I - FLT A - PNB : PLANNING: NAVIGATION -- INSUFFICIENT TIME  
 FOR THOROUGH BRIEFING OF MISSION. NO TARGET PICTURES AVAILABLE.  
 BOMBARDIER BECAME LOST AND BOMBED WRONG TARGET.

BOX II - FLT C - PNB : UNABLE TO LOCATE PRIMARY TARGET. BOMBED  
 CASUAL TARGET NORTH OF PRIMARY, PRIMARY.

M. 1. 2 -- 100 PERCENT  
 2. 0 -- 0 PERCENT  
 3. 0 -- 0 PERCENT

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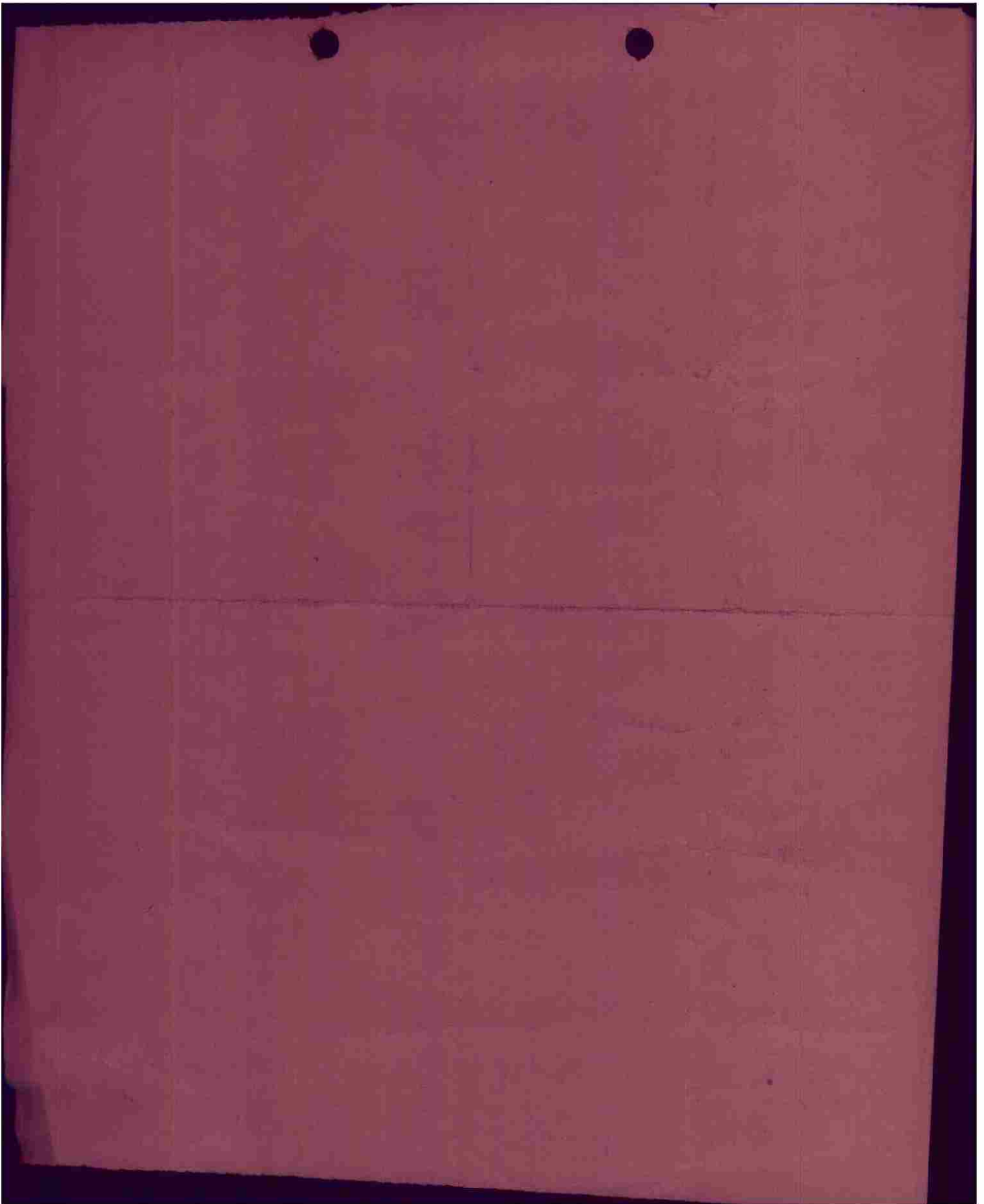
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FROM COBOMGR 416 23/1950A  
TO COMBOMDIV NINE  
COMCBTWIG 97 (INFO) ATTN: COM OFFICER

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B - 23 DEC 1944 (1416-1633)

C - T-TARE AND L-LOVE SUCCESSFULLY CONTACTED PARADE AND REPORTED  
MISSION RESULTS.

D - T-TARE AND L-LOVE BOTH MADE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT  
F.G.C. (VERY HEAVY TRAFFIC REPORTED ON THIS CHANNEL).

E - NONE

F - NONE

G - NONE

H - NONE

I - NONE

J - NONE

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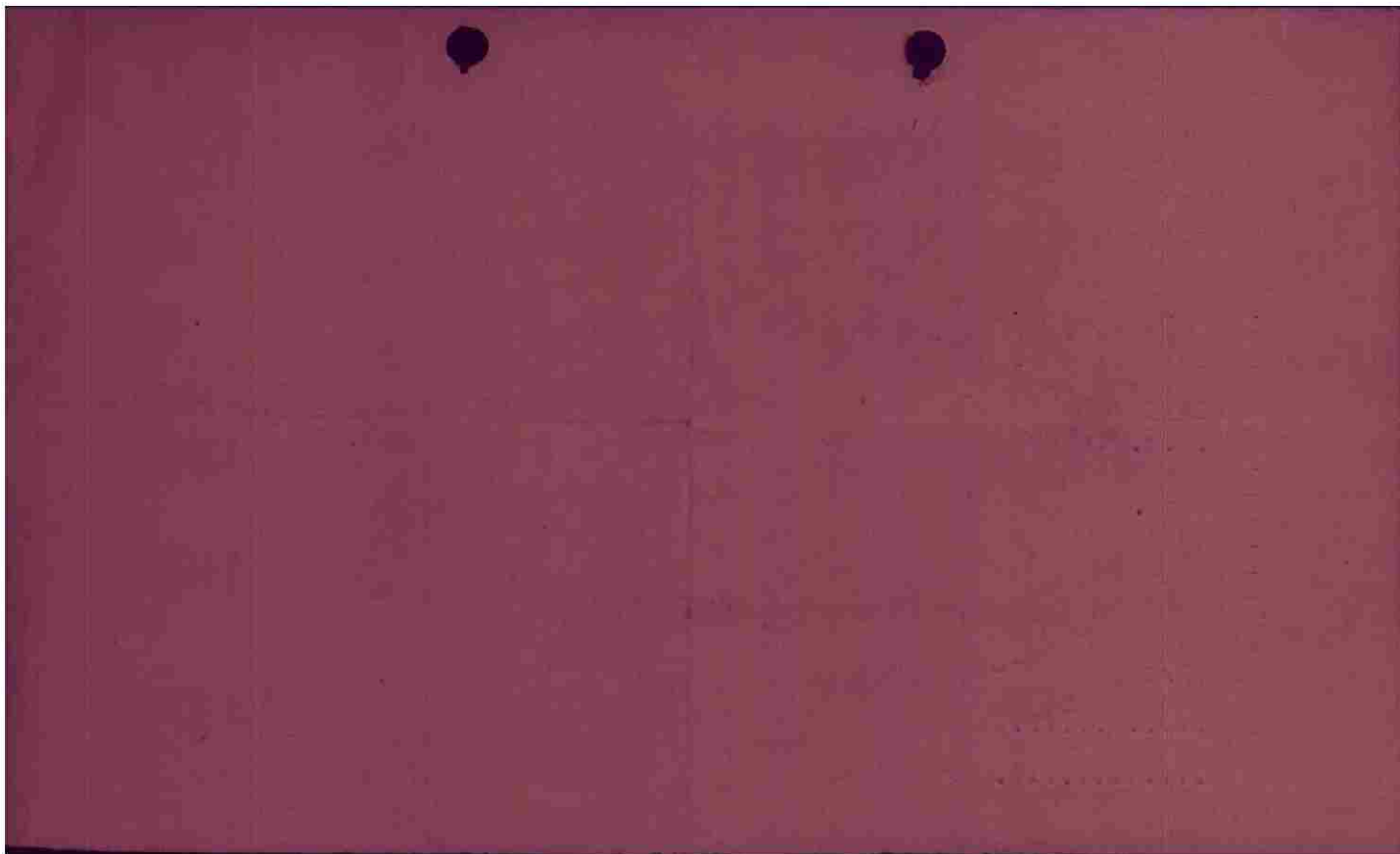
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ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. ~~101-680~~ 101-680

S. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 410TH BOMB GROUP (002720)

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

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP (019669)

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

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- (11) IF AREA COVER CANNOT BE CONTACTED CALL FIGHTER PATROL  
C/S BULLSEYE ON CHANNEL B/B

COMCBTWIG 97

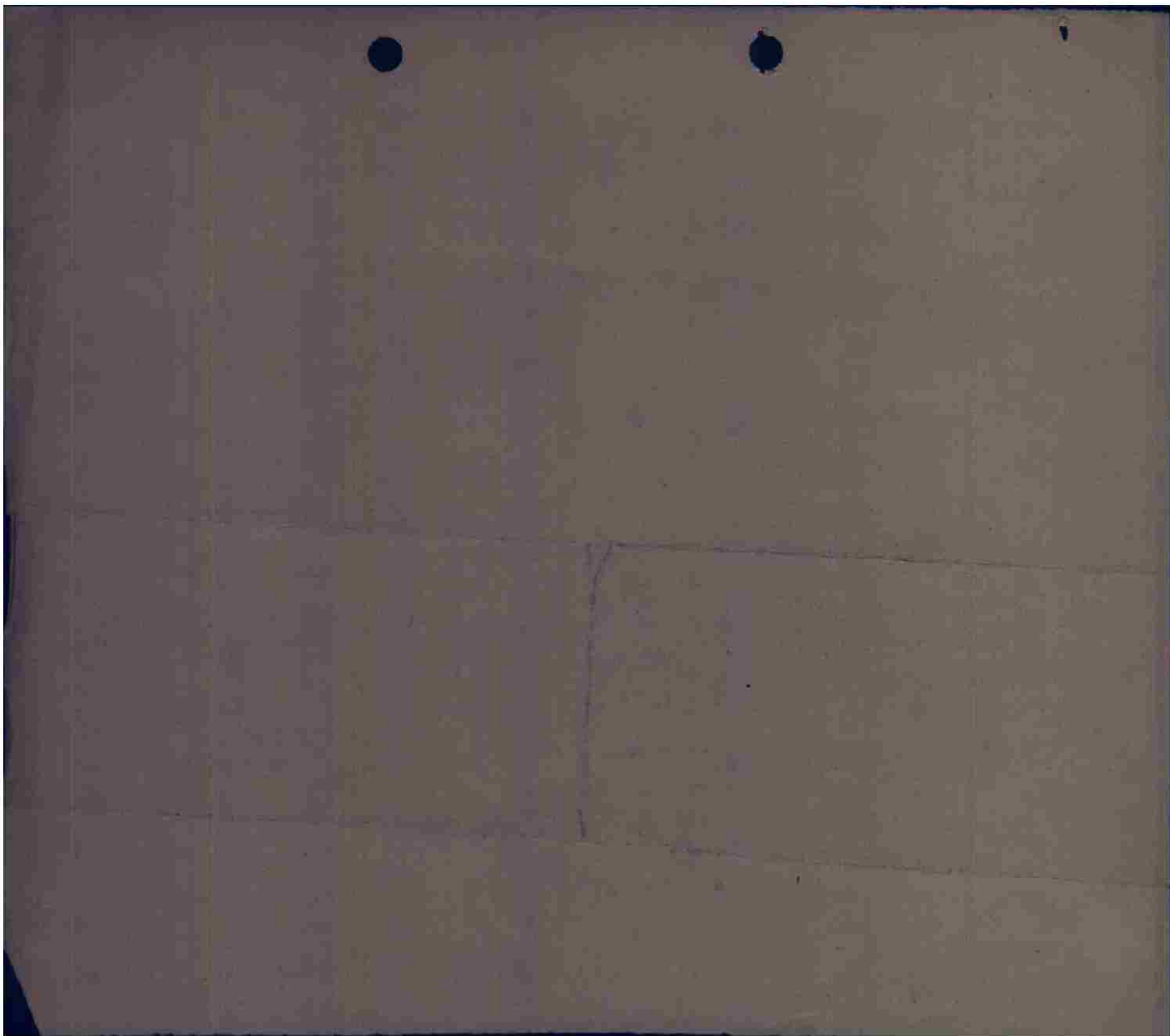
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