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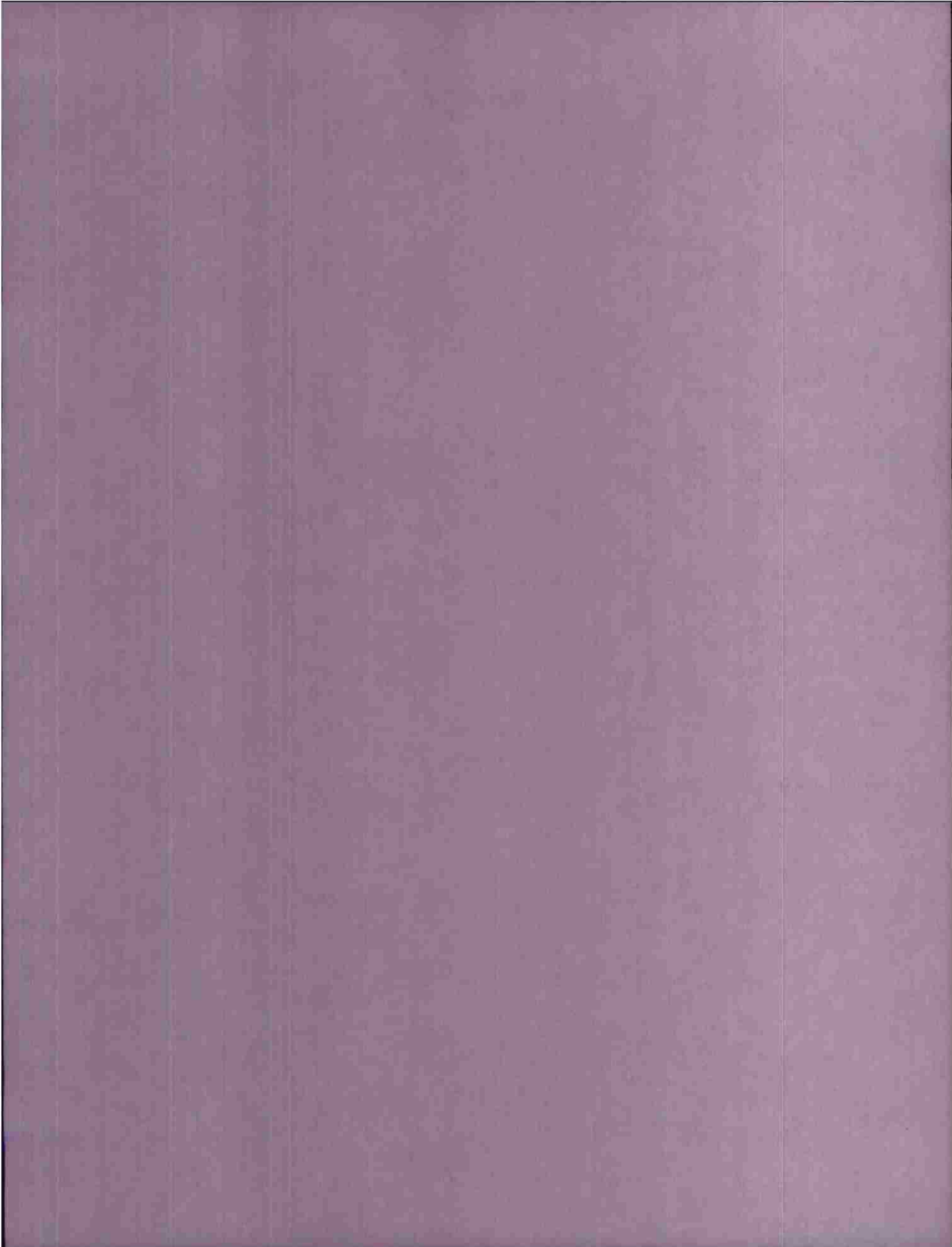
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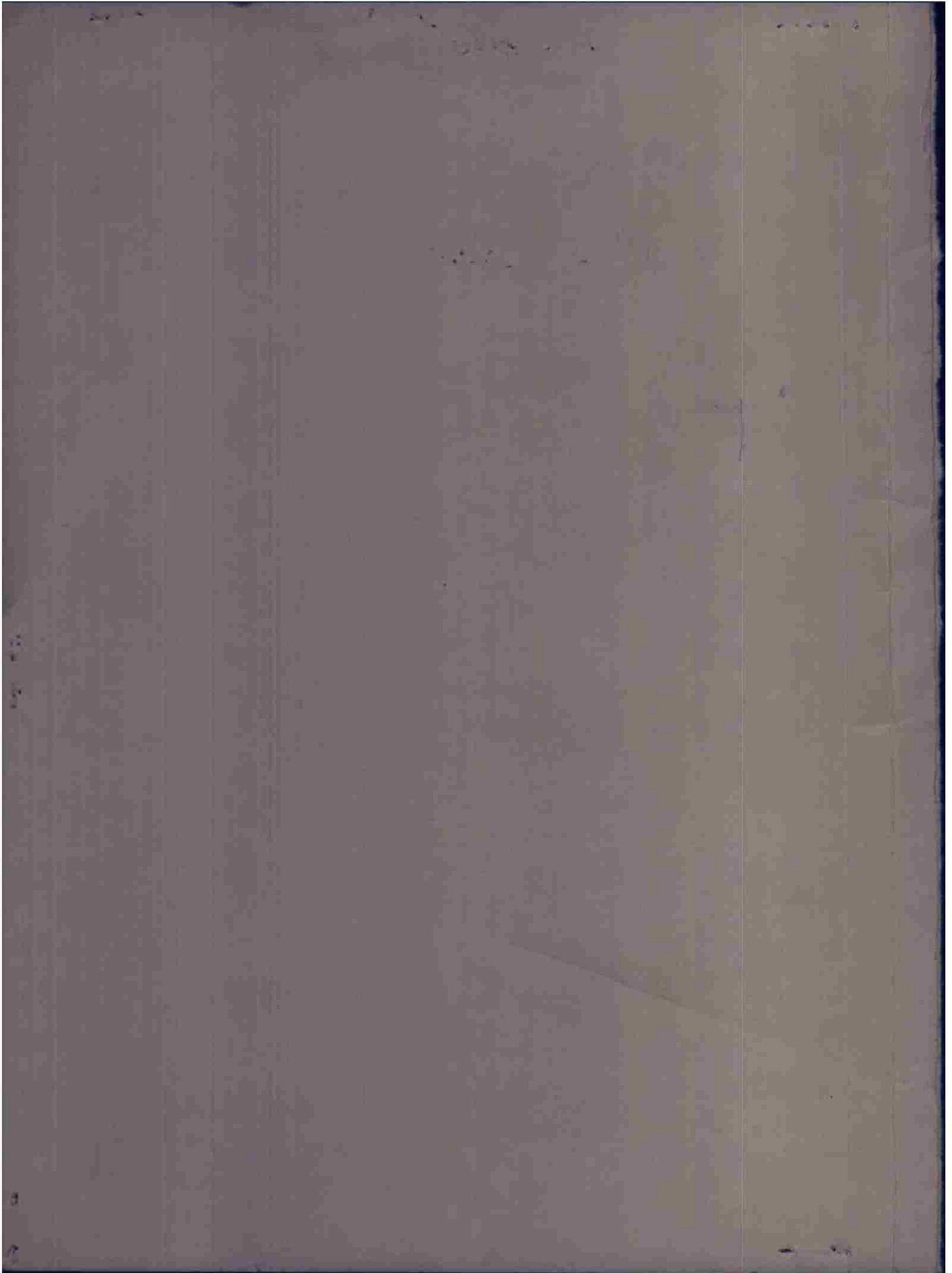
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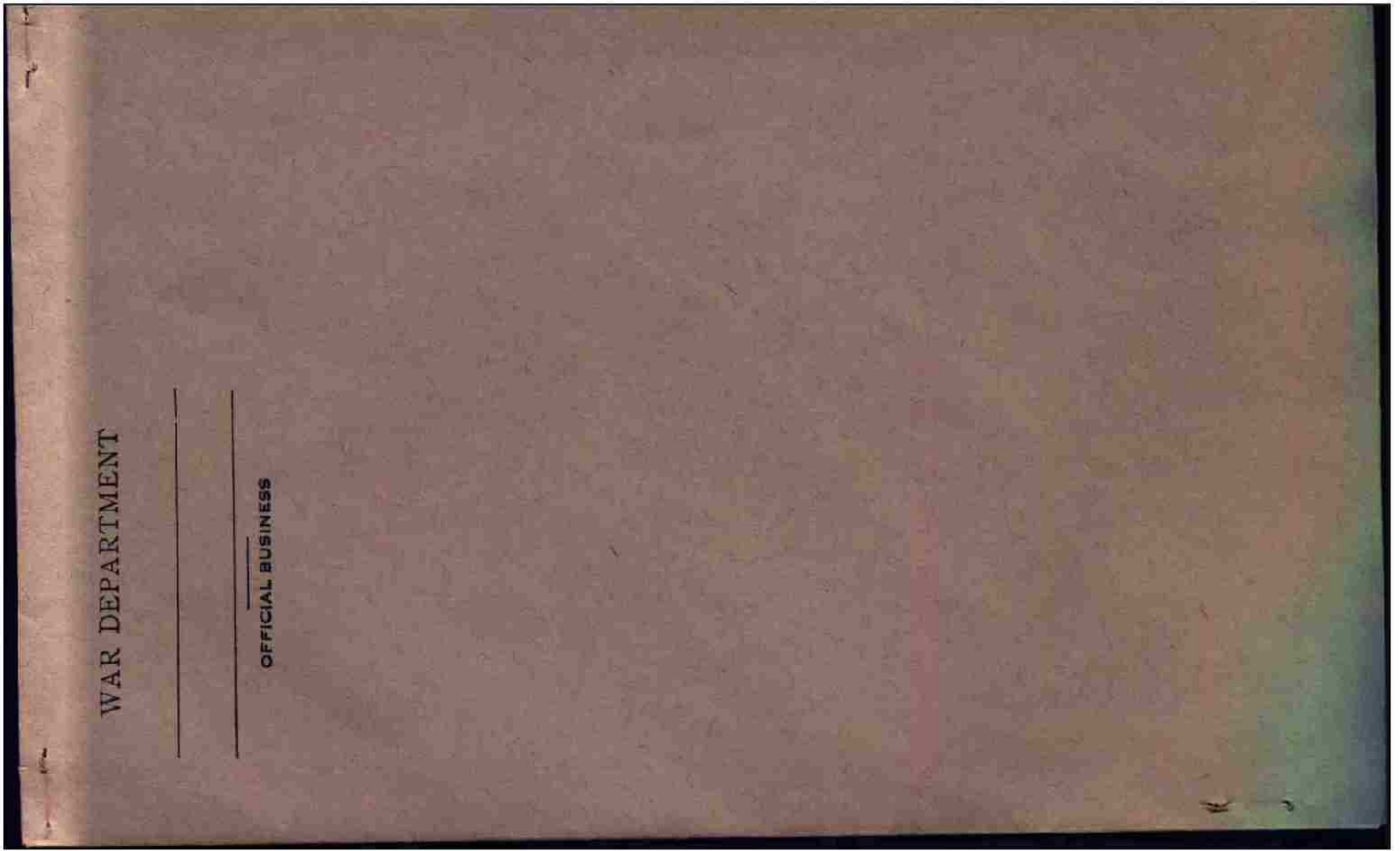
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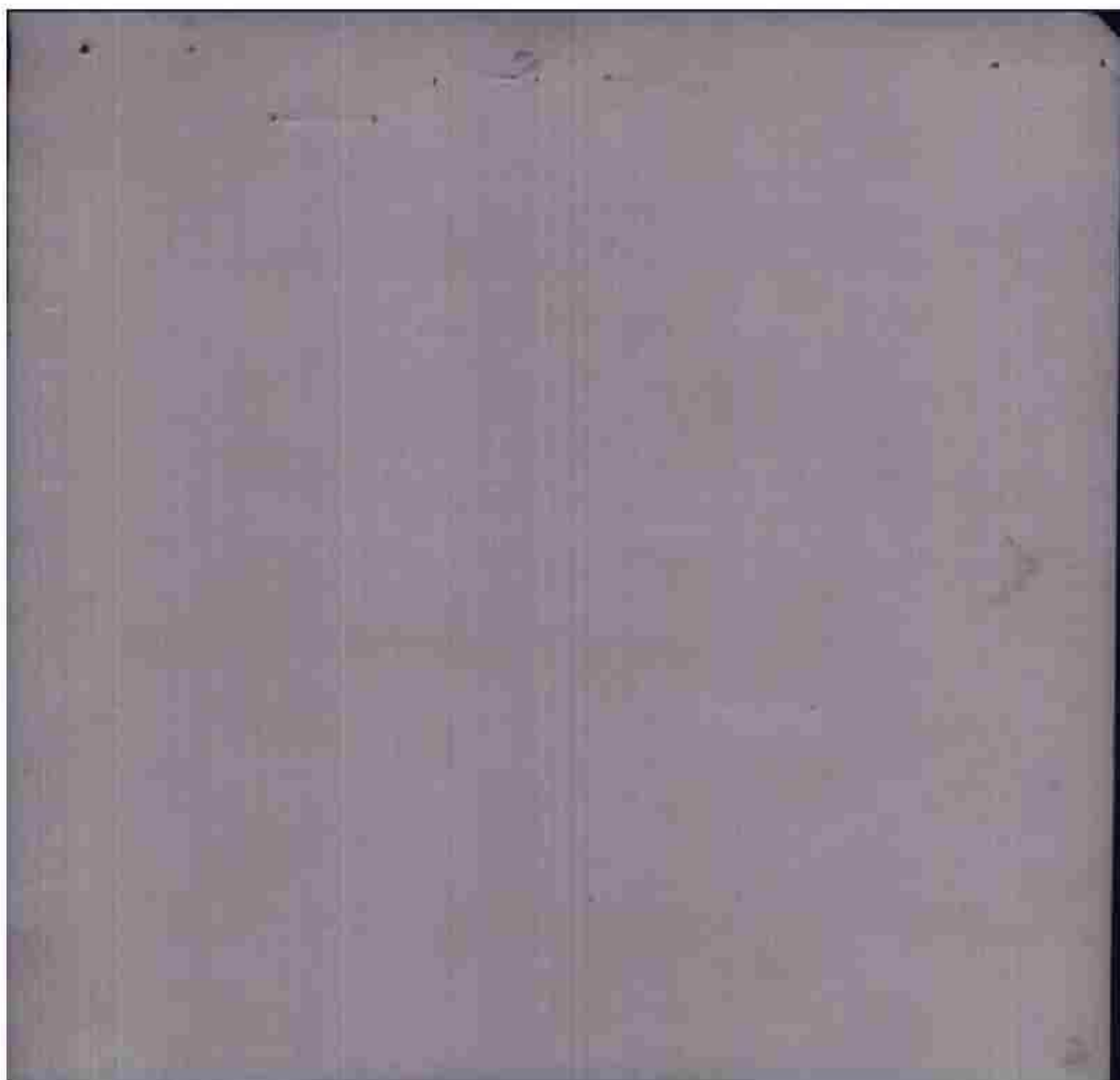
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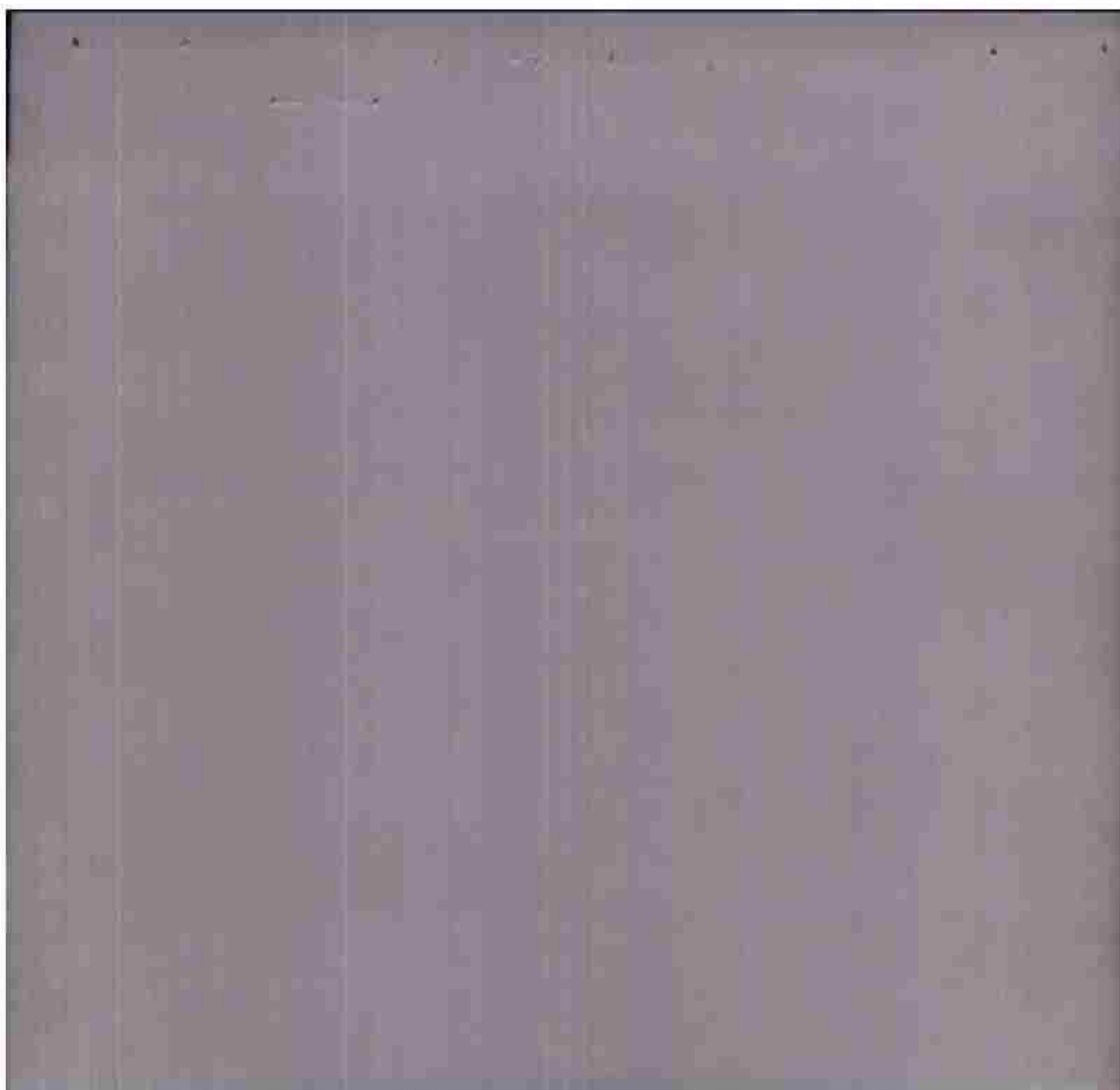
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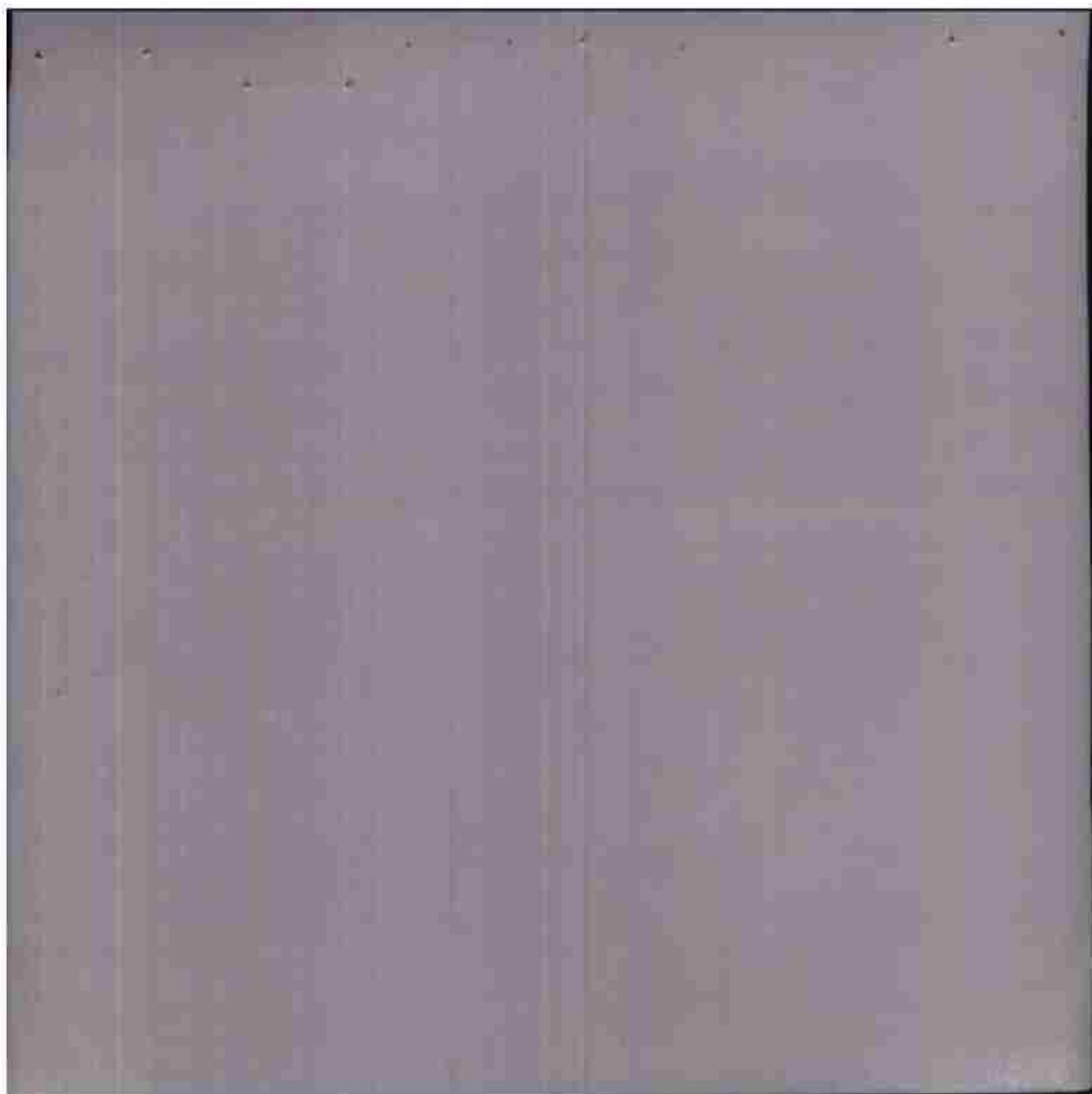
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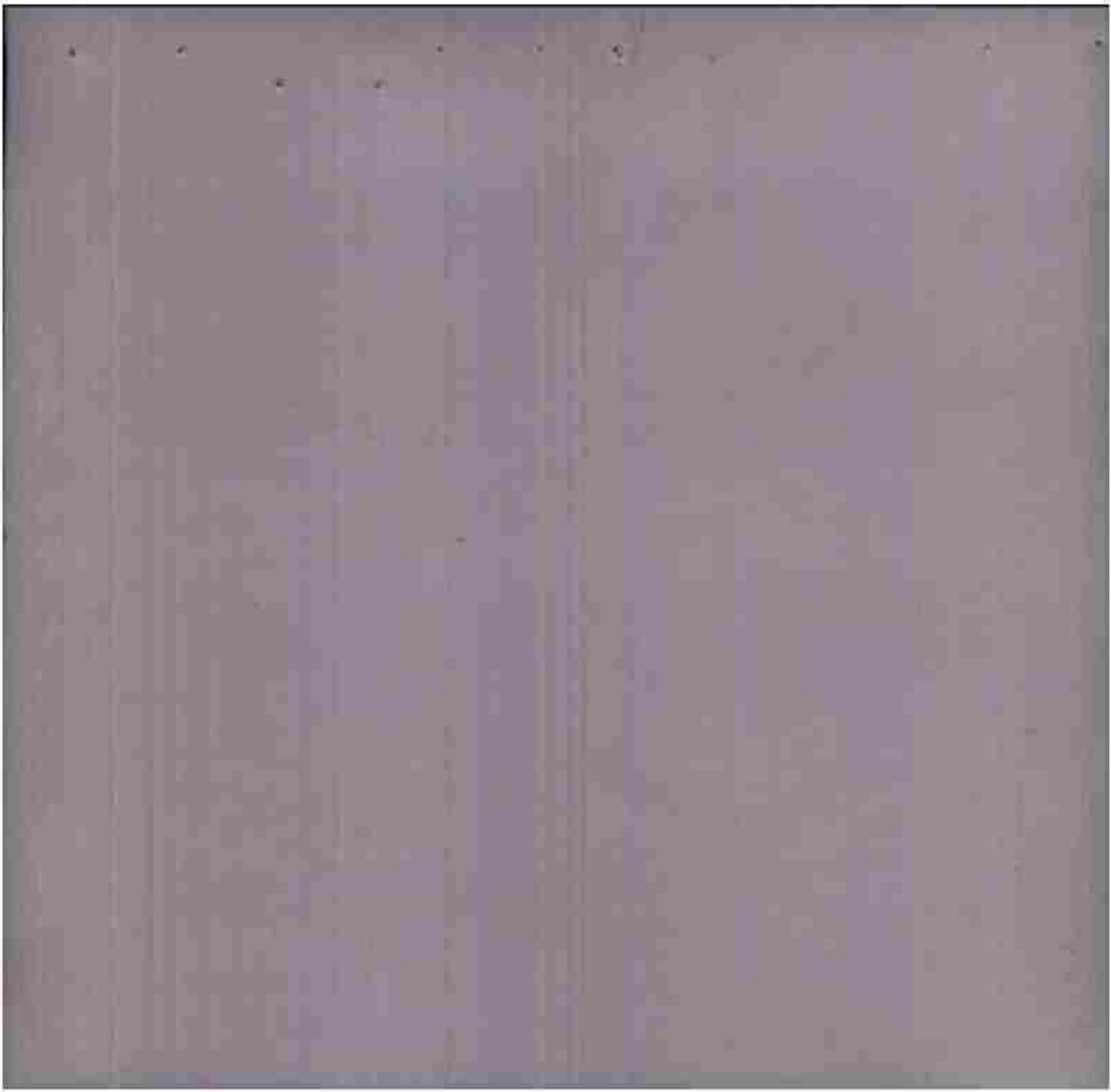
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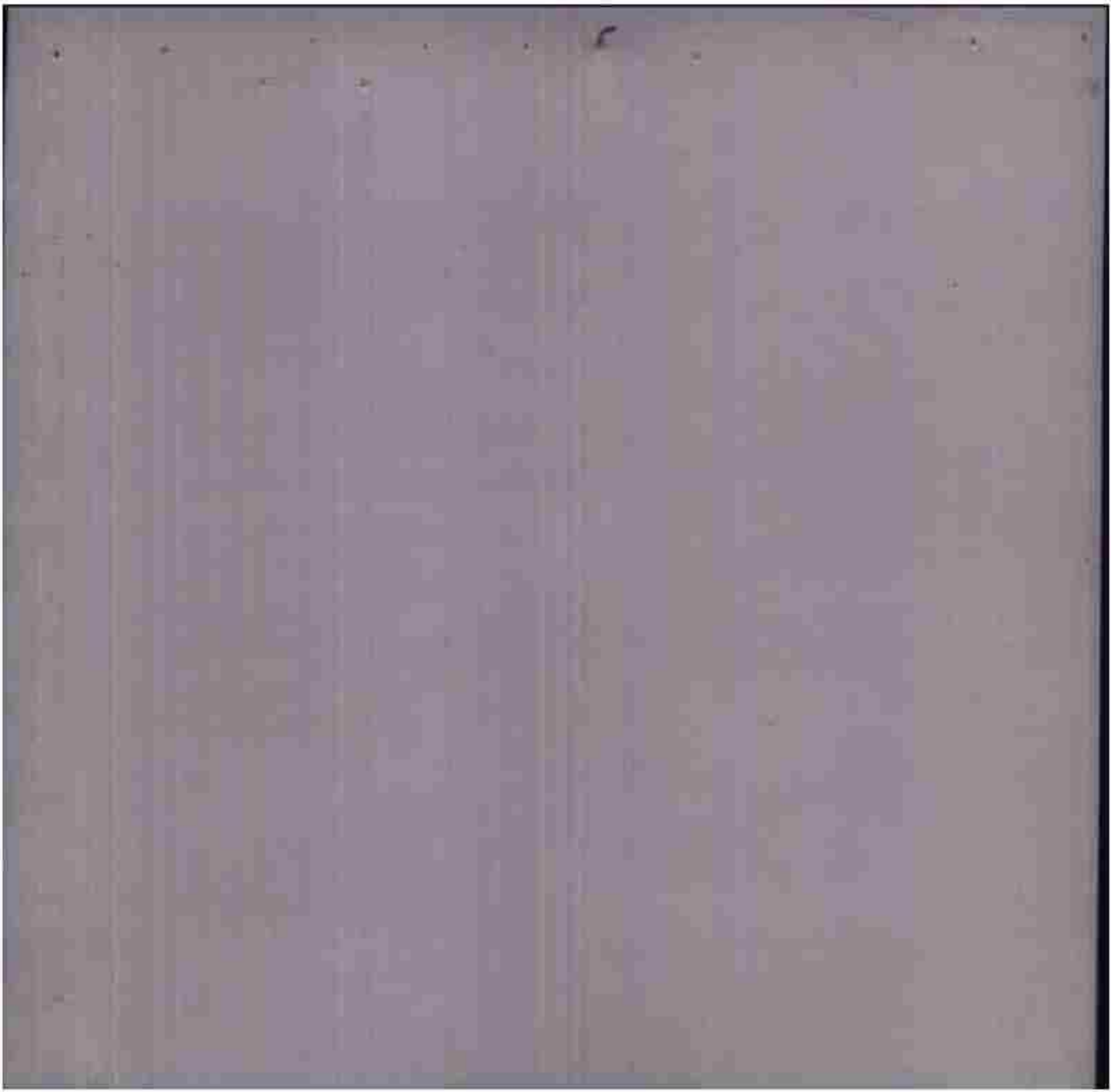
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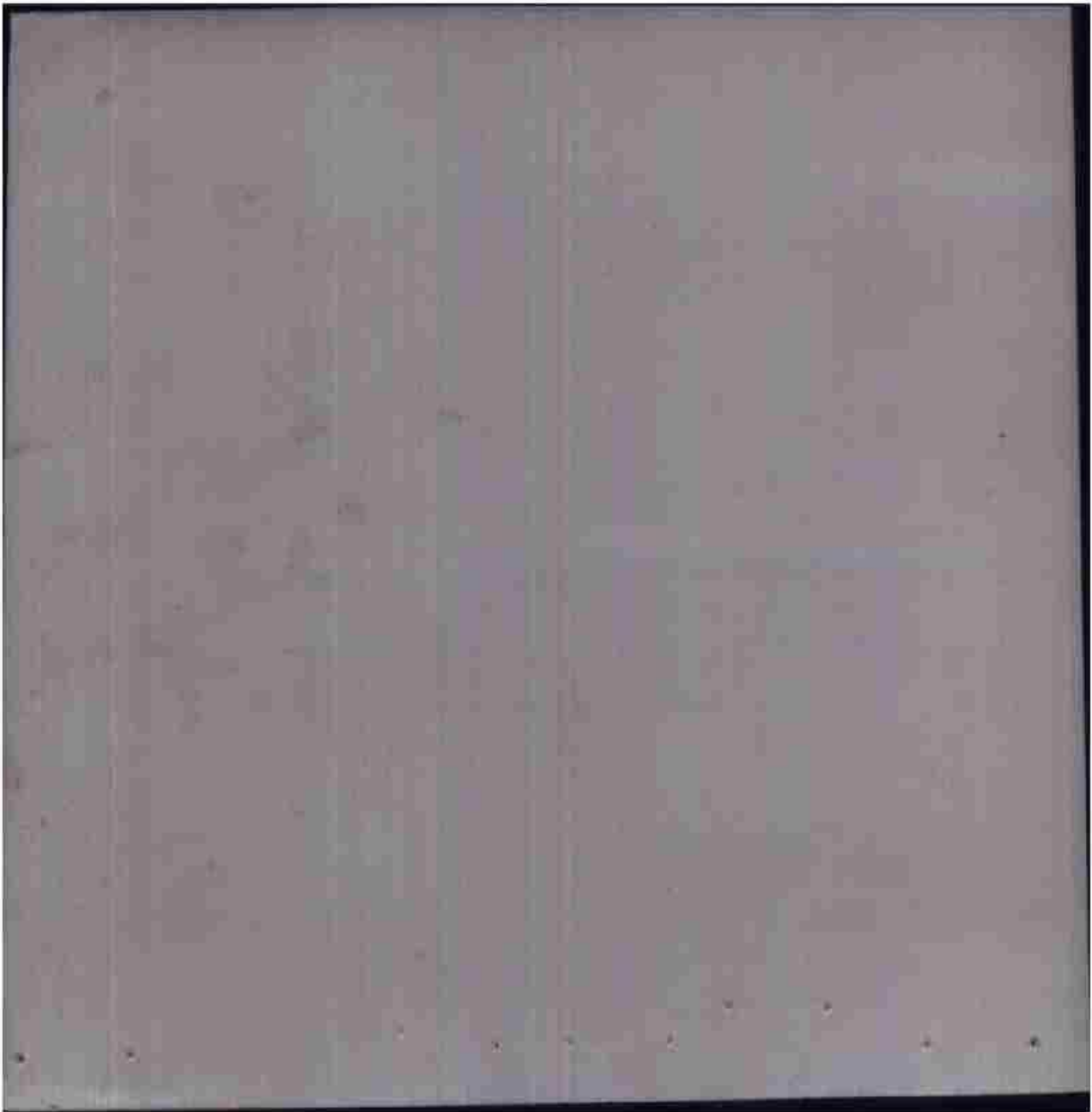
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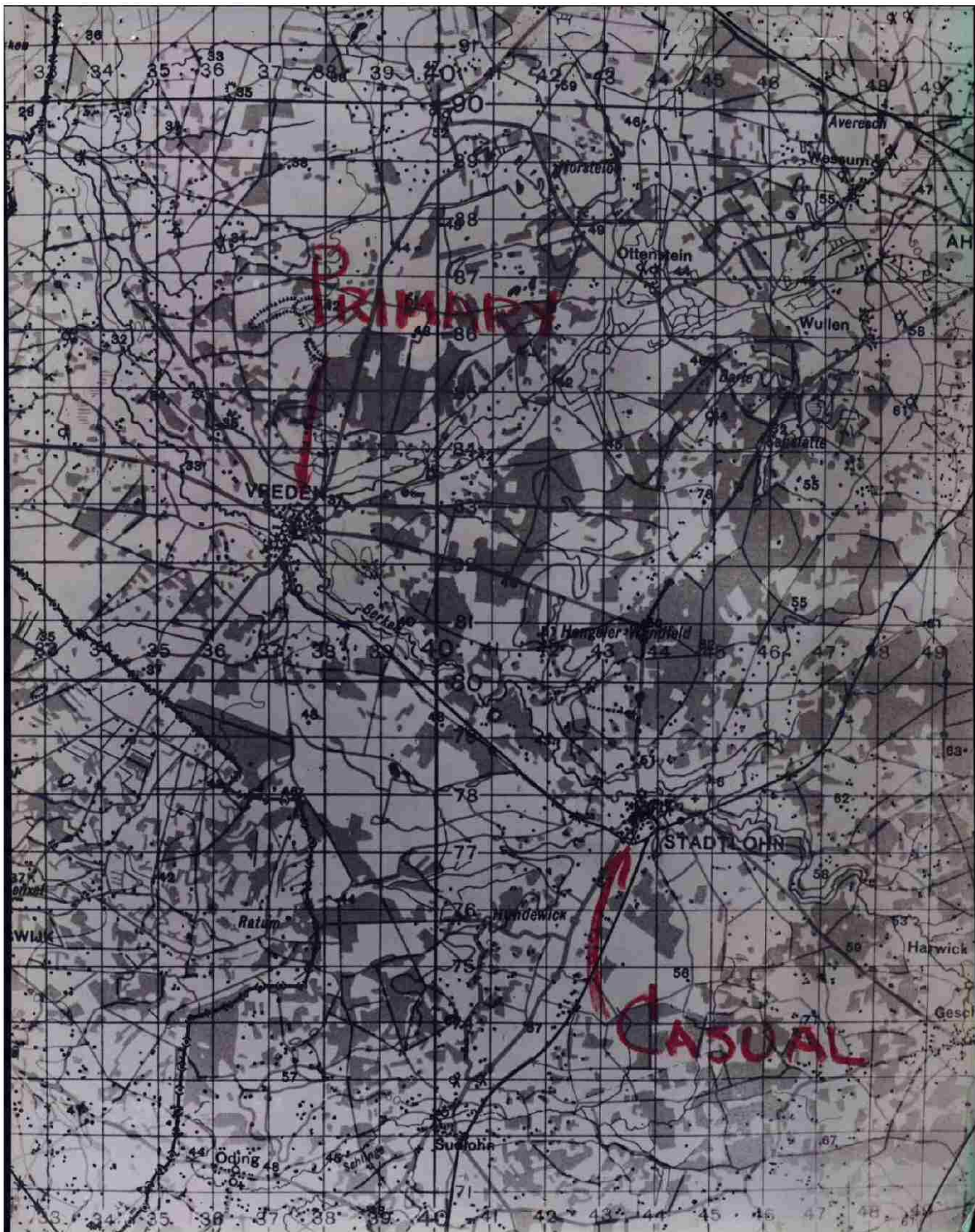
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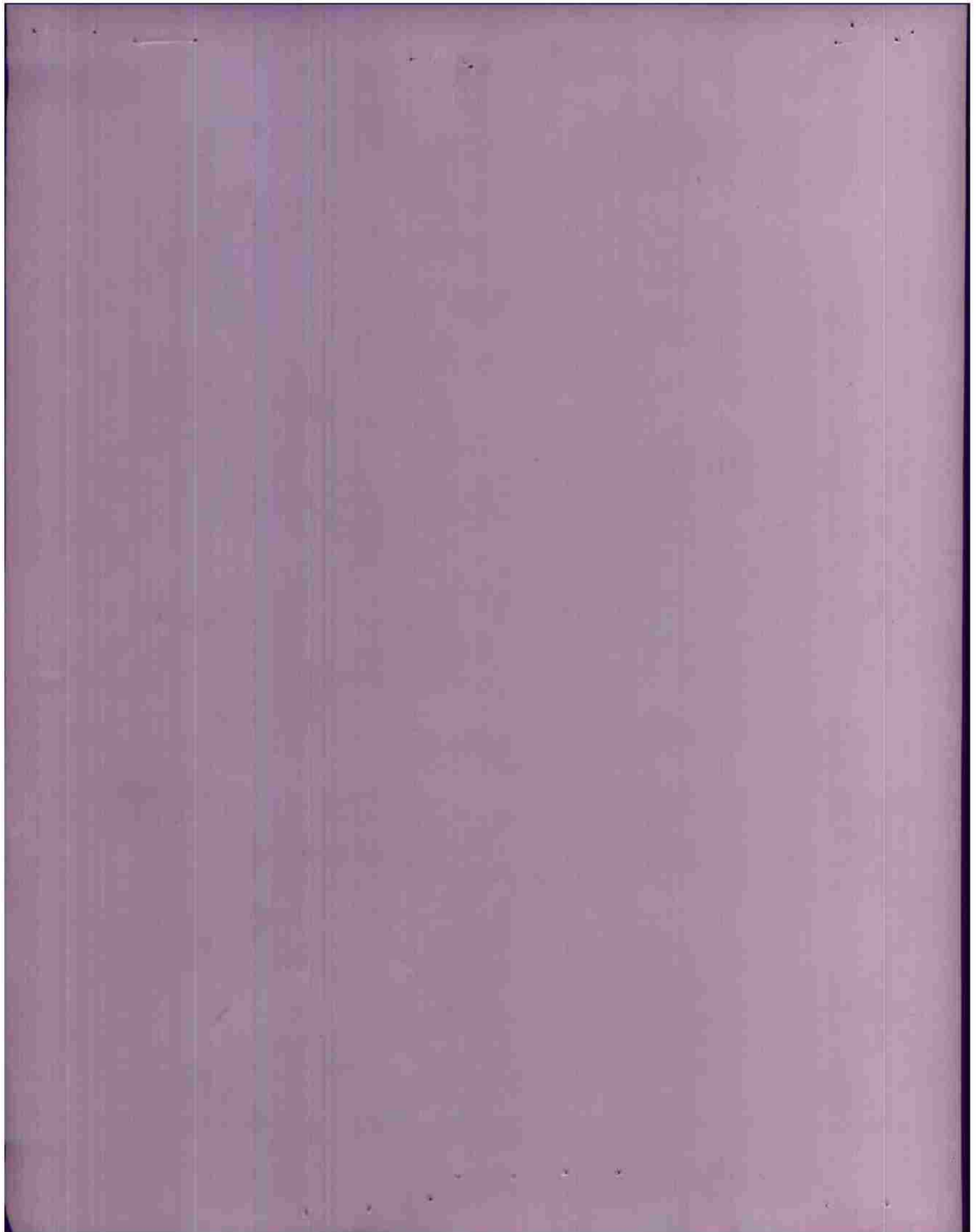


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Mission #246 - Target - Vreden Road Junctions
21 March 1945

Box I - Flt A - DMPI - EXCEL: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 500 ft SW of DMPI hits on bldgs and roads.

Flt B - DMPI - UNDET: No photos due to evasive action. Visual reports state results excellent.

Flt C - AMPI - EXCEL: Due to similarity of target and surrounding terrain bombardier mistook target for primary and bombed Stadthohn 6 miles SE of primary (1:100,000 Map Pl Coord; 436778) Due to smoke conditions bombardier selected HR/J as AMPI. 85% of bombs within 1000 ft of AMPI with center of pattern 780 ft W of AMPI on tracks.

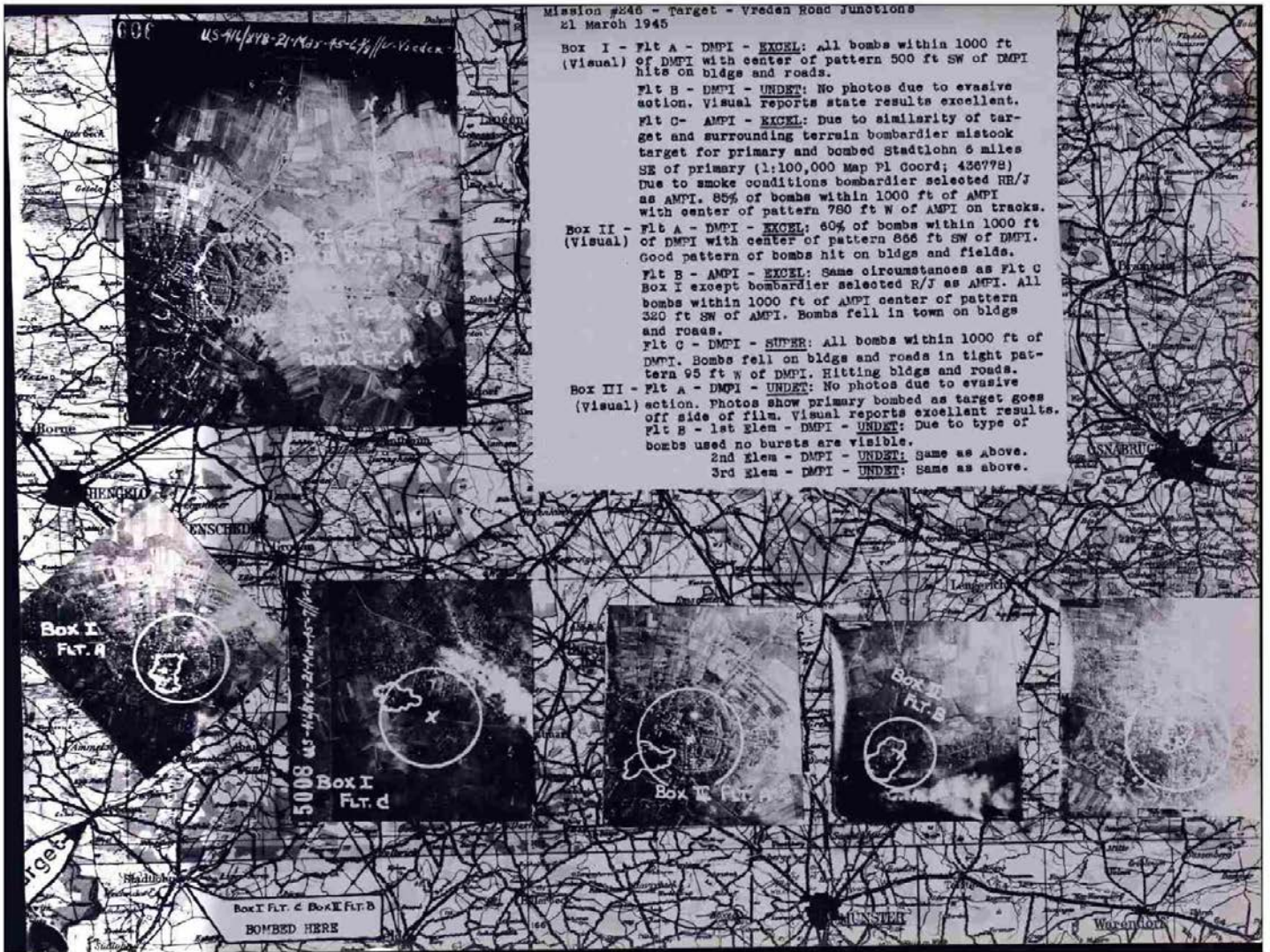
Box II - Flt A - DMPI - EXCEL: 60% of bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 866 ft SW of DMPI. Good pattern of bombs hit on bldgs and fields.

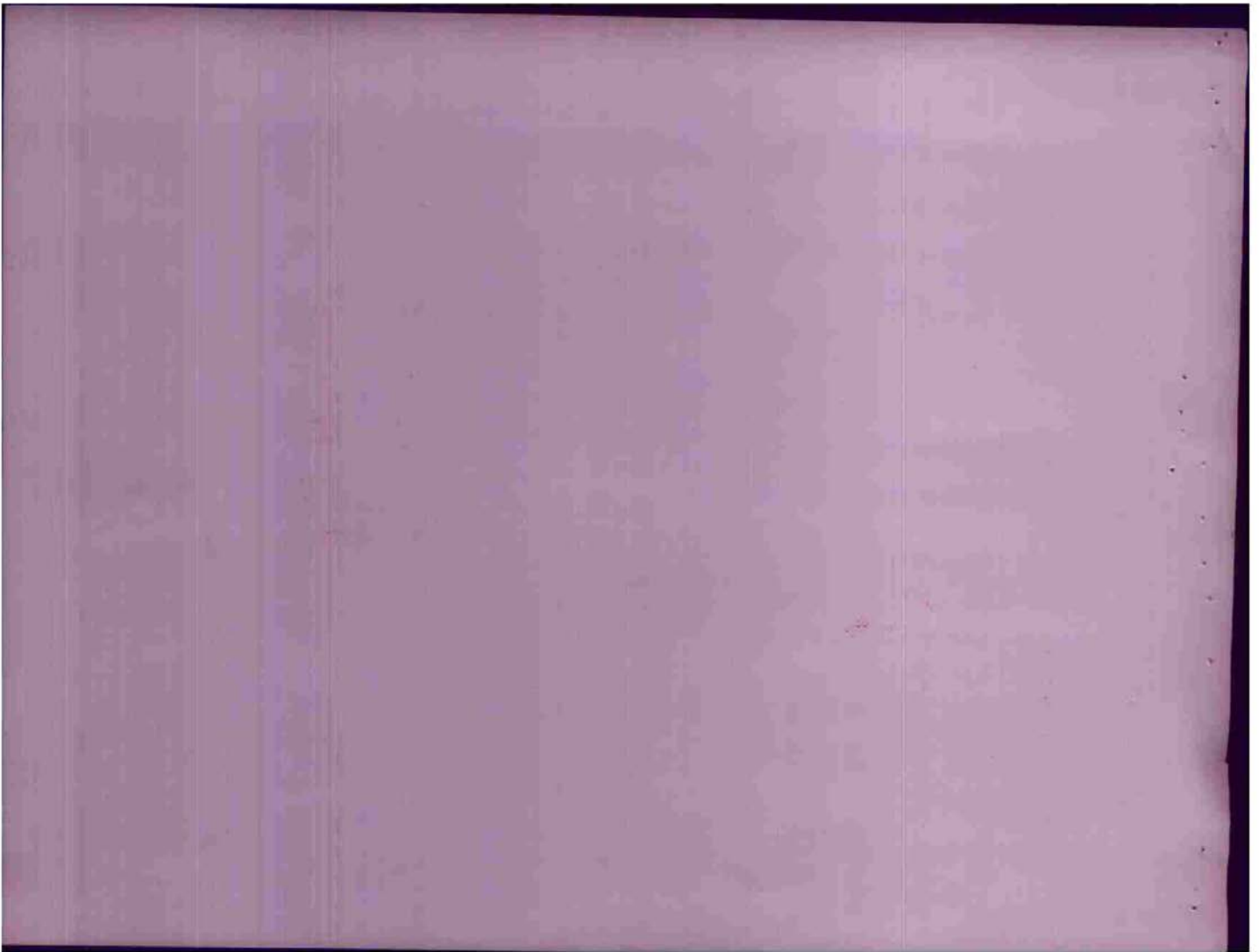
Flt B - AMPI - EXCEL: Same circumstances as Flt C Box I except bombardier selected R/J as AMPI. All bombs within 1000 ft of AMPI center of pattern 320 ft SW of AMPI. Bombs fell in town on bldgs and roads.

Flt C - DMPI - SUPER: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI. Bombs fell on bldgs and roads in tight pattern 95 ft W of DMPI. Hitting bldgs and roads.

Box III - Flt A - DMPI - UNDET: No photos due to evasive (visual) action. Photos show primary bombed as target goes off side of film. Visual reports excellent results.

Flt B - 1st elem - DMPI - UNDET: Due to type of bombs used no bursts are visible.
2nd elem - DMPI - UNDET: Same as above.
3rd elem - DMPI - UNDET: Same as above.





CONFIDENTIAL

NINTH AF CONSOLIDATED REPORT 9TH B.D. / SA 1108

- (A) TARGET: VREDEN COMM/CENTER 4416/P1 - RA/374827
(ALTERNATE) STADTLOHN COMM/CENTER 4416/P1 - RA/430778
- (B) SORTIE: US 416/895 THRU 898
- (C) DATE: 21 MAR 45 TIME: 1651 - 1700 A
- (D) ATTACKING A/C: 45 A-26's BY 6's
- (E) BOMBS: 167/1000 GP 1/10 H., 1/40 T.
72/260 M&I T-50E-4.

- (F) COVER: TARGETS COVERED ON PRINTS OF GOOD QUALITY.
- (G) RESULTS OF BOMBING: THE BOMBS OF THREE FLTS FELL IN THE RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF VREDEN PROBABLY DAMAGING MANY BUILDINGS AND ROADS. BOX III FLT-B ATTEMPTED TO DROP FRAG BOMBS ON VREDEN FLAK POSITIONS BUT HAD NO PHOTO COVER. BOX I-B AND BOX III-A HAD NO PHOTO COVER.

TWO FLTS MISIDENTIFIED TARGET AND BOMBED STADTLOHN 6 MILES SE OF THE PRIMARY. ONE PATTERN EXTENDED ACROSS BUILDINGS IN THE TOWN AND THE OTHER IS IN OPEN FIELDS S OF THE SELECTED TARGET. SEVERAL FIRES ARE SEEN BURNING IN THE RESIDENTIAL AREA.

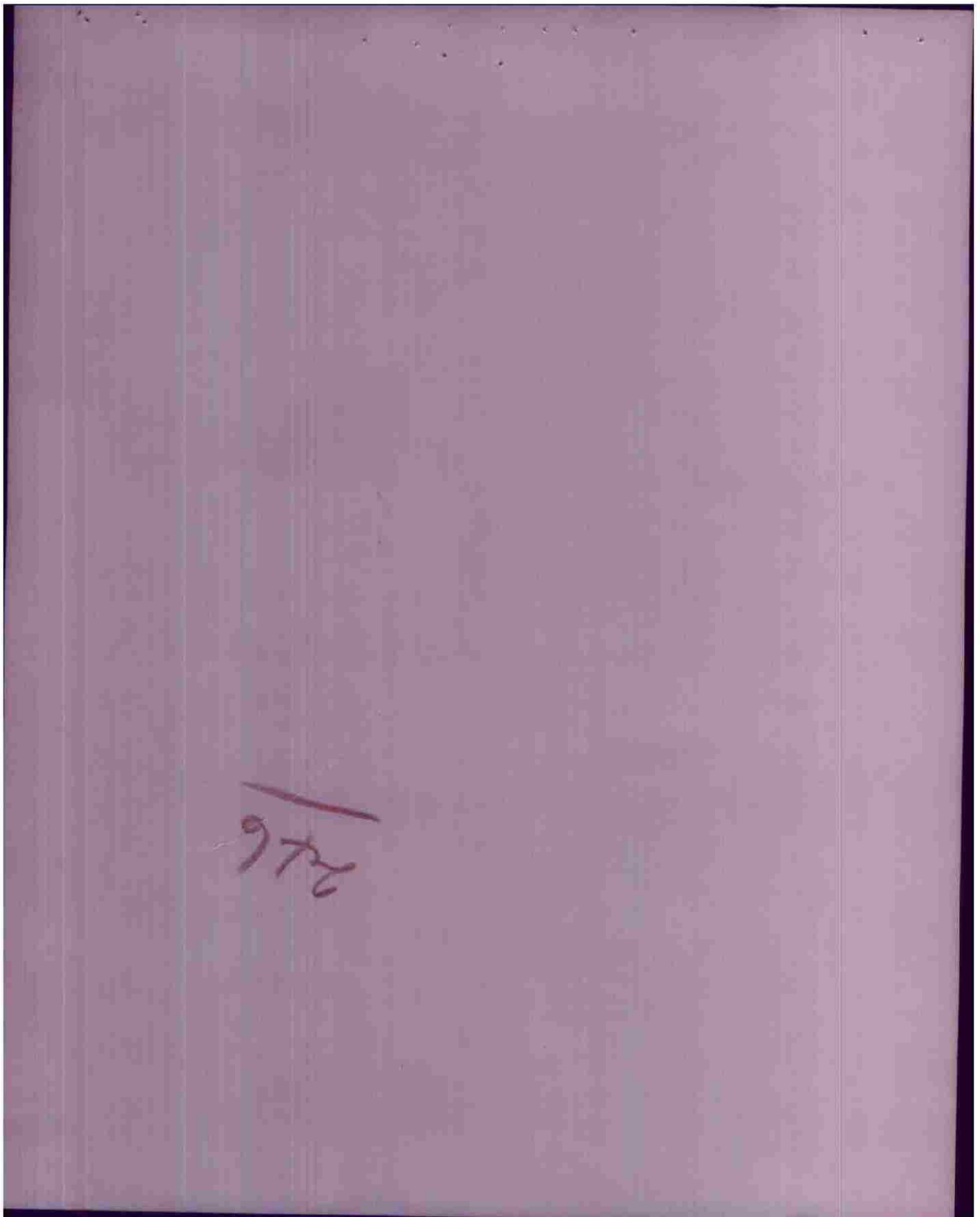
- (I) ANNOTATED PRINT: 5007, 5011 SORTIE: US 416/898
5007 US 416/896

NOTE: RECTANGLE ENCLOSES BOMB PATTERN AREA.

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DET "C" 20th FID
AT HQ. 9TH B.D.

DISTRIBUTION: 3/A





416 TH	8th B.D. (10) WING 97th	B
GROUP	DATE 21 MARCH 1945	
OTHER NOTES: TARGET		VREDEN ROAD JUNCTIONS
		3 FLAK POSITIONS
	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION	STADTLOHN (CASUAL)
		TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED VREDEN ROAD JUNCTIONS PRIMARY

(1 FLT) 3 FLAK POSITIONS IN VICINITY ~~XXXXXX~~ OF TARGET

M.T.I. 2 ROAD JUNCTIONS IN CENTER OF TOWN.

A.P.

C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 51 A-26 (3 WINDOW) % OF A/C ATTACKING 48

D. BOMBING BY 2's, 6's, 12's, 18's 6's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 8,4,6,3,1,7,5.
72 X 260 MBL T-50E-4

E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 167 X 1000 1/10 -- 1/40

F. HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED

BOX I	FLT A	- 40° - 1657½
	B	- UNKNOWN
	C	- 50° - 1656

G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED

BOX II	FLTA	- 55° - 1651
	B	- 60° - 1700
	C	- 55° - 1651

H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

BOX III	FLT A	- 50° - 1658
	B	- 50° - 1647½

J. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

BOX I - FLT A - DMPI - EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI. BOMBS FELL IN GOOD PATTERN 500 FT SW OF DMPI WITH HITS ON BLDGS AND ROADS CAUSING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE. (VISUAL)

FLT B - DMPI - UNDET: NO PHOTOS DUE TO EVASIVE ACTION. TARGET GOES OFF SIDE OF FILM BUT SHOWS PRIMARY WAS BOMBED. VISUAL REPORTS STATE BOMBS HIT IN TOWN WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS.

FLT C - AMPI - EXCEL: DUE TO SIMILARITY OF TARGET AND SURROUNDING TERRAIN BOMBARDIER MISTOOK TARGET FOR PRIMARY AND BOMBED TOWN OF STADTLOHN, 6 MILES SE OF PRIMARY (1:100,000 MAP P1 COORD 436778) DUE TO SMOKE COVERING TARGET, BOMBARDIER SELECTED RR/J AS AMPI. 85% OF BOMB BURSTS WITHIN 1000 FT OF AMPI, WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 780 FT W OF AMPI. BOMBS FELL ACROSS TRACKS AND IN FIELDS PROBABLY CUTTING TRACKS.

BOX II - FLT A - DMPI - EXCEL: 60% OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 866 FT SW OF DMPI. GOOD PATTERN OF BOMBS HIT ON BLDGS AND IN FIELDS ON SW (VISUAL) EDGE OF TOWN DESTROYING SOME BLDGS.

FLT B - AMPI - EXCEL: DUE TO SIMILARITY OF TARGET AND SURROUNDING TERRAIN, BOMBARDIER MISTOOK TARGET FOR PRIMARY TARGET AND BOMBED TOWN OF STADTLOHN 6 MILES SE OF PRIMARY (1:100,000 MAP P1 COORD. 436778) DUE TO SMOKE COVERING TARGET BOMBARDIER SELECTED R/J AS AMPI. ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF AMPI CENTER OF PATTERN 320 FT SW OF AMPI. BOMBS FELL IN TOWN ON BLDGS AND ROADS CAUSING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE.

OVER

IX B.C. 9-2 Form No. 1081-B Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

OTHER UNITS: TARGET	IX BC 97TH WING	416TH
DATE		GROUP
ATTACKING UNITS		
FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION:	TARGET HIT	

A. TARGET BRIEFED _____ PRIMARY
 _____ SECONDARY
 _____ CASUAL

M.P.I. _____

A.P. _____

B. TARGET ATTACKED _____ MILES FROM PRIMARY _____
 DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY _____

C. COORDINATES _____ ON 1:50,000 MAP NO. _____

D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED _____ A-20'S NO. OF A/C ATTACKING _____

E. BOMBING BY _____ IN FOLLOWING ORDER _____

F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED _____	FUSING _____	NOSE _____	TAIL _____
	FUSING _____	NOSE _____	TAIL _____

G. HEADING OF A/C WHERE BOMBS DROPPED _____ DEGREES MAG.

F. TIME BOMBS DROPPED _____

J. ACTIVITY AT TARGET:

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

LLOYD H. PERKINS
 2nd Lt, 4th Corps
 Asst Photo Intelligence Officer.

BOX II - ILL C - DMP1 - SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMP1. BOMBS
 (VISUAL)
 HIT ON BLDGS AND ROADS IN TIGHT PATTERN 95 FT
 WEST OF DMP1, DESTROYING AND SEVERELY DAMAGING
 A NUMBER OF BLDGS AND CUTTING ROADS.
 BOX III - ILL A - DMP1 - UNDER: NO PHOTOS DUE TO EVASIVE ACTION. TARGET
 SOLELY OFF SIDE OF FILM. PHOTOS SHOW PRIMARY WAS
 BOMBED. VISUAL REPORTS STATE BOMBS HIT IN TOWN
 ON BLDGS AND ROADS.
 ILL B - ILL B - DMP1 - UNDER: DUE TO TYPE OF BOMBS USED NO
 BURNING ARE VISIBLE ON PHOTOS.
 2ND ILLM - DMP1 - UNDER: SAME AS ABOVE.
 3RD ILLM - DMP1 - UNDER: SAME AS ABOVE.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

CAMERAS INSTALLED 16 GROUP 416th. Bomb Gp.
 CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING 16 100 % WING 97th. C.B.
 CAMERA FAILURES 0 0 % DATE 21 March 45
 PERSONNEL FAILURES 0 0 %
 OTHERS 0

TARGET VREDEN
2315
9315
355 ALTITUDE 12000 FEET
259 TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
264 GROUND SPEED 260 MPH
305

TARGET VREDEN
224
351 ALTITUDE 11000 FEET
362 TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
209 GROUND SPEED 261 MPH
356 297

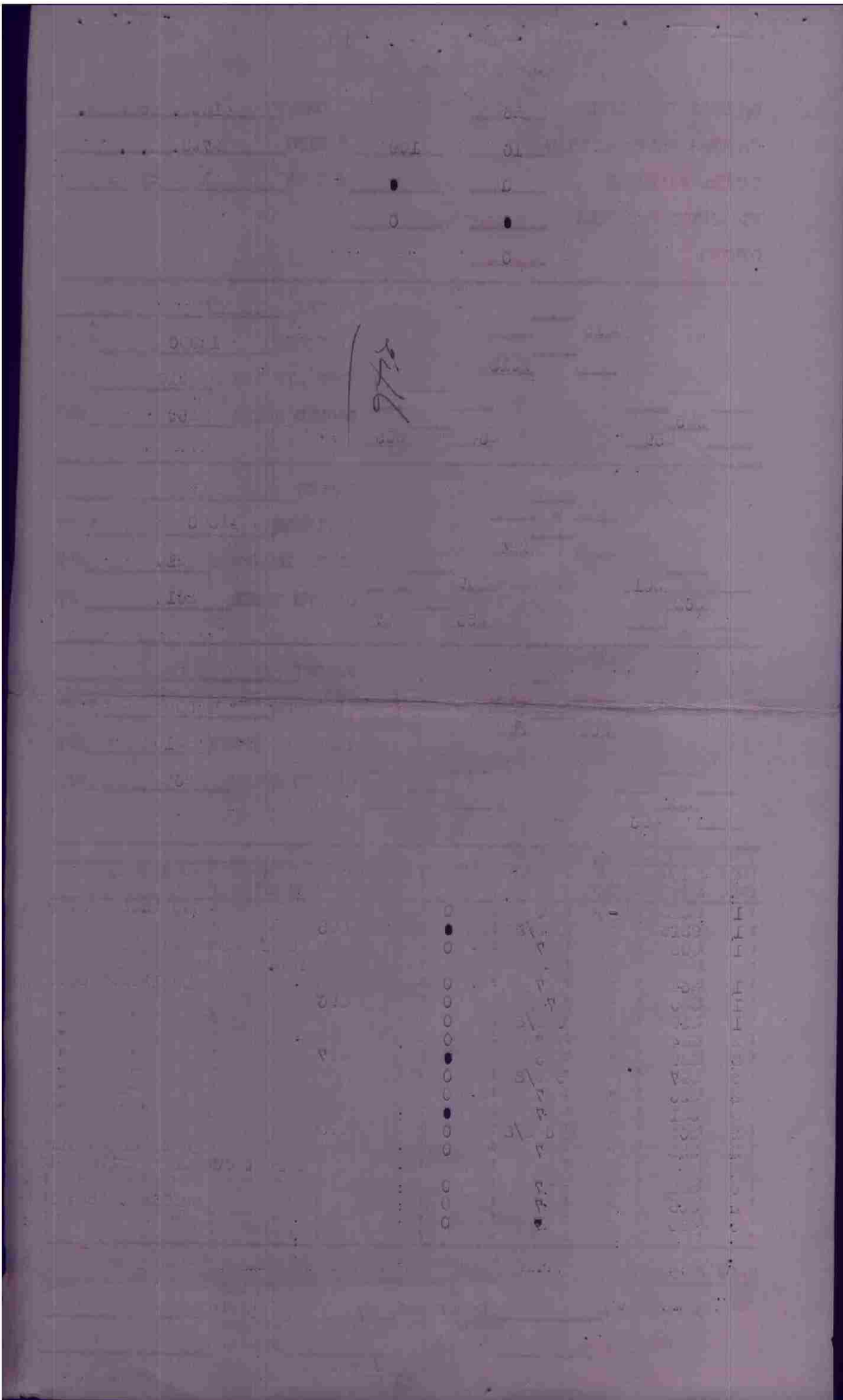
TARGET VREDEN
352 ALTITUDE 10500 FEET
332 TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
338 GROUND SPEED 262 MPH
496

STRIKE ATTACK CAMERAS:

BOX NO.	A/C NO.	CAM. TYPE	F.L.	INT.	PRINTED SORTIES	UNPRINT SORTIES	EXPLANATION
1	2315	K-24	5	0			Duplicate coverage
1	9315	"	6 3/8	0	895		
1	305	"	7	0			No pictures due to evasive action.
1	264	"	7	0			Duplicate coverage
1	335	"	7	0	896		" "
1	259	"	6 3/8	0			" "
2	224	"	"	0			" "
2	209	"	5	0	897		" "
2	297	"	6 3/8	0			" "
2	356	"	7	0			" "
2	351	"	7	0			" "
2	362	"	6 3/8	0	898		" "
3	332	"	7	0			Bomb bursts run off target due to evasive action
3	352	"	7	0			" " " " " "
3	338	"	7	0			Duplicate coverage
3	496	"	7	0			" "

K-20 CAMERAS

Sortie No. _____ Camera man _____ Reason Failure _____
 Sortie No. _____ Camera man _____ Reason Failure _____



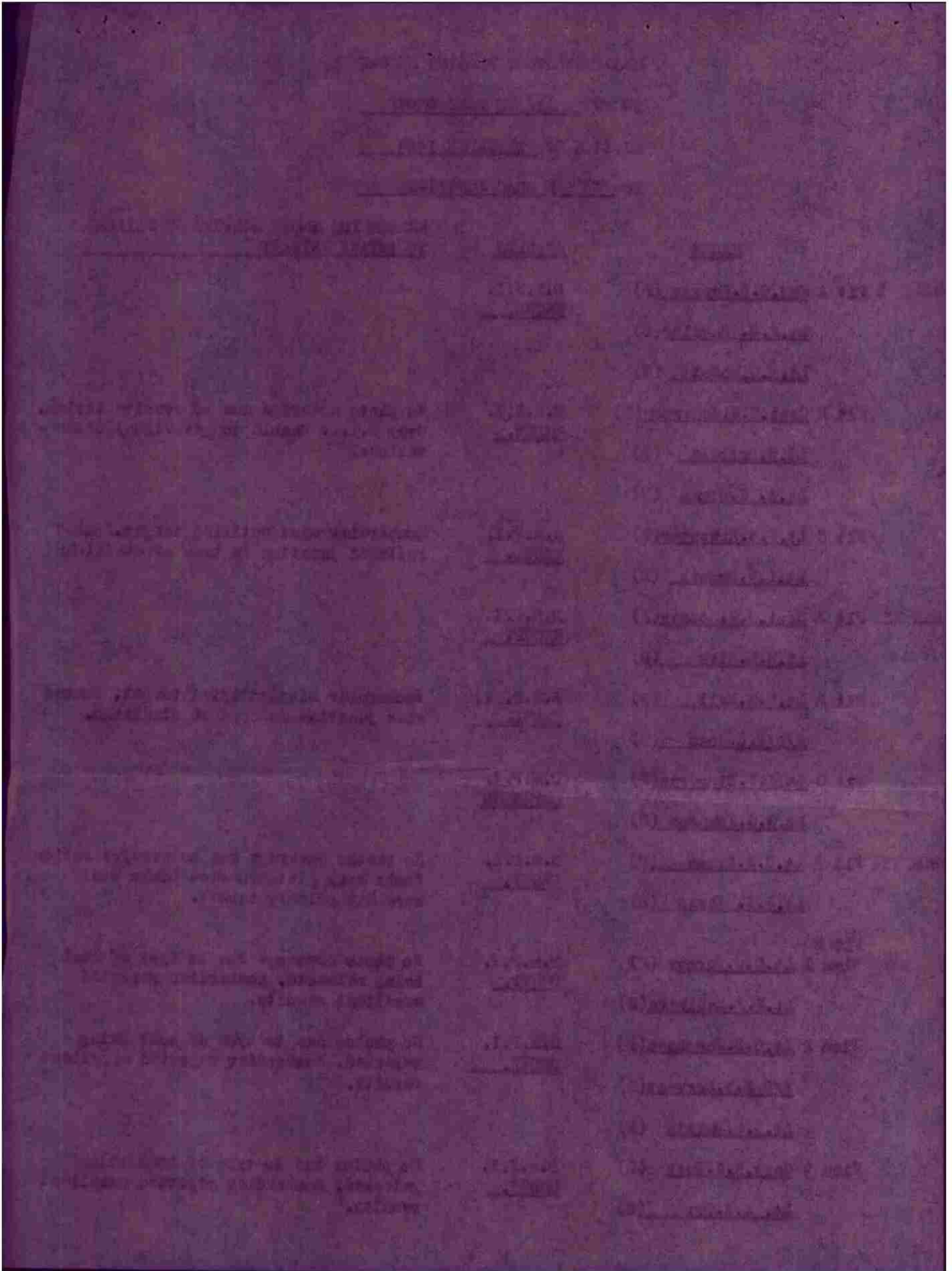
Box II Flight A and C . Box III elements 1,2 and3 bombed on first run. All other flights bombed on second run.

OTTO R. MOON
2ND LT. AIR CORPS.,
GROUP BOMBARDIER.

UNSATISFACTORY BOMBING REPORT

GROUP 116 TH BOMB GROUPMISSION OF 21 MARCH 1945TO VIEREN ROAD JUNCTION

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>REASON FOR GROSS BOMBING OR FAILURE TO ATTACK PRIMARY</u>
BOX I	Flt A <u>Maj. C. H. Ferris</u> (P)	D.M.F.I. <u>EXCEL.</u>	
	<u>Lt. F. G. Rowley</u> (B)		
	<u>Lt. M. C. McMill</u> (N)		
Flt B	<u>Capt. C. J. Anderson</u> (P)	D.M.F.I. <u>UNDET.</u>	No photo coverage due to evasive action. Crew M.I.A. Unable to get visual observations.
	<u>Lt. W. Babbs</u> (B)		
	<u>Lt. L. J. Brown</u> (N)		
Flt C	<u>Lt. F. S. Brewster</u> (P)	A.M.F.I. <u>EXCEL.</u>	Bombardier misidentified target. Bombed railroad junction in town of Stadlohn
	<u>Lt. L. S. Dennis</u> (B)		
BOX II	Flt A <u>Capt. R. J. Rooney</u> (P)	D.M.F.I. <u>EXCEL.</u>	
	<u>Lt. R. L. Kirk</u> (B)		
Flt B	<u>Lt. R. B. Hall</u> (P)	A.M.F. I. <u>EXCEL.</u>	Bombardier misidentified target. Bombed road junction in town of Stadlohn.
	<u>S/O Lt. L. Goss</u> (B)		
Flt C	<u>Lt. J. E. Blosser</u> (P)	D.M.F.I. <u>SUPERIOR</u>	
	<u>Lt. G. G. Johnson</u> (B)		
BOX III	Flt A <u>Lt. S. J. Brown</u> (P)	D.M.F.I. <u>UNDET.</u>	No photos coverage due to evasive action Bombs away pictures show bombs would have hit primary target.
	<u>Lt. J. E. Harris</u> (B)		
Flt B	Elem 1 <u>Lt. D. C. Turner</u> (P)	D.M.F.I. <u>UNDET.</u>	No photo coverage due to type of bomb being released. Bombardier reported excellent results.
	<u>Lt. F. J. McGivern</u> (B)		
Elem 2	<u>Lt. O. F. Jacobsen</u> (P)	D.M.F.I. <u>UNDET.</u>	No photos due to type of bomb being released. Bombardier reported excellent results.
	<u>S/O R. W. Harvat</u> (B)		
	<u>Lt. J. L. Martin</u> (N)		
Elem 3	<u>Capt. R. J. Dutt</u> (P)	D.M.F.I. <u>UNDET.</u>	No photos due to type of bomb being released. Bombardier reported excellent results.
	<u>Lt. L. A. Orr</u> (B)		



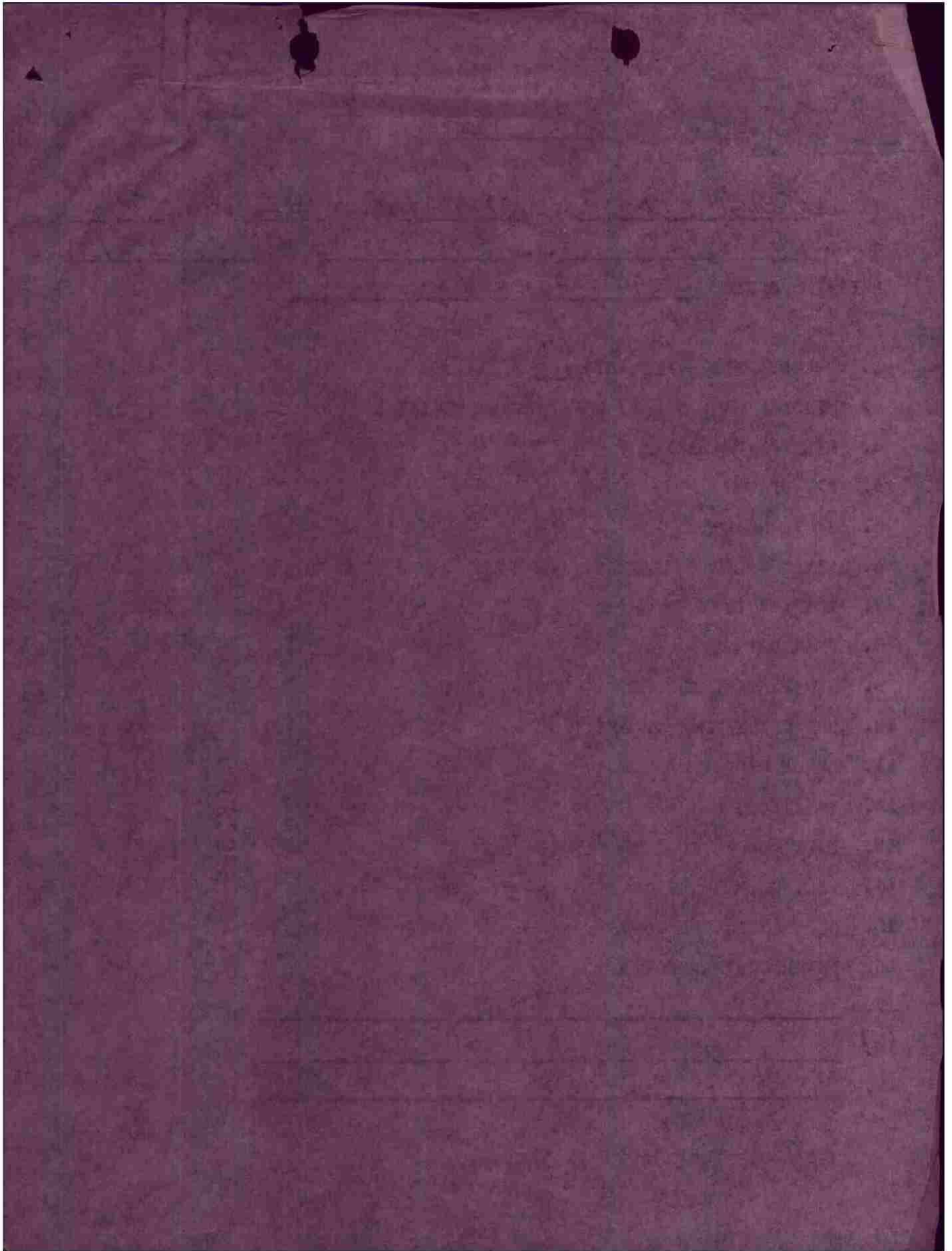
GENERAL INDEX

TARGET VREDEN RD. JctS. DATE 21 MAR 45 NO. 10 ⁵¹ ~~47~~ MISS. # 346
COORD. A-374 827 F.O.# 217-807 STATUS ATTACKED.
BRIEFING OFFICER CAAT ANDERSON

1. RECCO. PRINTS (IF ANY) _____
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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)LPO # 140
21 March 1945MISSION SUMMARY #35
(Afternoon Missions)

Field Order 795, 807

Section I

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
387 BG	Stadtlahn (A-438778) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Superior Flt. C - Superior Box II - Excellent
386 BG	Stadtlahn (A-438778) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Excellent (SMPI) Flt. C - Excellent Box II - Flt. A - NAO Flt. B - Undot. Flt. C - Excellent (AMPI)
322 BG	Stadtlahn (A-438778) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Superior Flt. B - Excellent Flt. C - Superior Box II - Flt. A - Superior Flt. B - Superior Flt. C - Undot.
397 BG	Haltorn (A-620498) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Unsatisfactory Flt. B - NAO Flt. C - Unsatisfactory Box II - Flt. A - Superior
323 BG	Haltorn (A-620498) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Undot. Flt. B - Undot. Flt. C - Undot. (AMPI) Box II - Undot. Box III - Flt. A - Undot. (AMPI)
<u>416 BG</u>	Vredon (A-374827) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Undot. Flt. C - Excellent (AMPI) Box II - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Excellent (AMPI) Flt. C - Superior Box III - Flt. A - Undot. Flt. B - Undot.
409 BG	Vredon (A-374827) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent (SMPI) Flt. B - Unsat. Flt. C - Excellent Box II - Flt. A - Excellent (AMPI) Flt. B - Excellent (SMPI) Flt. C - No Attack
344 BG	Ahaus (A-499869) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Undot. (SMPI) Flt. B - Unsat. (AMPI) Flt. C - Good (AMPI) Box II - Flt. A - Undot. Flt. B - Undot. (SMPI) Flt. C - Undot. Box III - Flt. A - Superior (SMPI)

A - 2

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B-2

Subfactory

Leiter Mission
Kerben (H-09070)
Wasser (H-070910)
Mentebaur (G-07070)

397 BG

Flt. A - Haupt. (HGR-587)

Bleichen/Stockhausen (G-416156)
Marshalling Yard

397 BG

MISSION

TARGET

GROUP

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Eight groups, plus one flight of a ninth group, attacked four communications centers and a marshalling yard, recording SUPERIOR to UNDETERMINED results. A tenth group dropped leaflets on three communities.

Stattlohn (Communication Center)

387 BG: 28 a/c dispatched, all dropping 112 X 1000 GP on Primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,500 - 12,500 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern, centered 680 ft. SE of DMPI, scoring hits to building and road network.

Flt. B - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Superior pattern, centered 250 ft. SW of DMPI, scoring direct hits to sawtooth factory building and other buildings contingent to it.

Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern, centered 150 ft. S of DMPI, probably damaging bridge and blanketing closely built section of town S of stream, and severing main road in several places.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Superior pattern, centered 330 ft. S of DMPI. Bursts severed main road in center of town and blanketed built houses in this area.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern, centered 300 ft. NW of DMPI, severing road junction and blanketing closely built central portion of town.

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern, centered 330 ft. NW of DMPI, blanketing suburban residential section along main east-west road.

386 BG: 31 (A-26) a/c dispatched, 29 dropping 116 X 1000 Comp B on and in vicinity of Primary.

2 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failures.

9 a/c flak battle-damaged; 3 crewmen wounded. No losses.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,600 - 12,000 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Concentrated pattern centers 320 ft. S of DMPI, blanketing numerous residential type buildings. Also possible hits on road junction.

Flt. B - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Smoke obscured DMPI. Bombardier selected road junction 900 ft. NE of DMPI as MPI. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of SMPI. Good concentration centers 350 ft. SW of SMPI, blanketing houses and streets. Smoke prevents exact damage assessment.

C - 2

S E C R E T

S E C R E T
D - 2

Visual bombing by flights from 11,500 - 13,500 feet.

12 a/c flak battle-damaged; 1 crewman wounded. No losses.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

397 BG: 26 a/c dispatched, 22 dropping 88 X 1000 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

Haltern (Communication Center)

Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. This was last flight to bomb into smoke of earlier releases in S. half of town. did not show I/A. Crew observations indicate good results, after making 3 runs. One camera malfunctioned and other cameras with bombs in N. end of town.

Flt. B - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Pattern is centered about 100 ft. S of DMPI, and fell into smoke of earlier releases in S. half of town. Additional fires started by this flight.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI, pattern centered 200 ft. S of DMPI, across center of town. half of town and starting many fires.

Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Pattern is centered 275 ft. N of DMPI, covering northern center of town and starting many fires. DMPI. Pattern centered 300 ft. SE of DMPI, extending across center of town, causing that part of town to burn furiously.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Pattern centered 205 ft. N of DMPI. Bombs fell in smoke of other bombs in built-up areas of town.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Pattern is centered 205 ft. N of DMPI. Bombs fell in Visual bombing by flights from 10,900 - 12,350 feet.

13 a/c flak battle-damaged; no losses, casualties.

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. Bomberdier evidently misidentified Primary. He was wounded before bombs away and bombed town of Wreden (A-375827), 5 miles NW of Primary. More than 50 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI. Long pattern centers 975 ft. SE of AMPI. Bursts blanket about 15 residential type buildings and several streets.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage due to camera malfunction. Crews report excellent results.

Flt. A - MAO. Bomberdier was unable to synchronize on DMPI because of an inoperative stabilizer-gyro on bombsight. Flight dropped on Flt. B, Box II. No photo coverage due to sharp turn off target by camera a/c. Crews report bomb pattern is together with that of Flight B.

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of concentrated pattern 400 ft. SE of DMPI. Bombs fell in a previously bombed area. However, severe damage is possible to houses that remain in area, also possible hits on near masses to streets.

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Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Good pattern 4800 ft. NW of DMPI. Bombs hit in open area at edge of woods. Bombs went away before indices crossed, possibly due to accidental release of toggle switch.

Flt. B - NAO. Bombsight developed short. Bombs went away while a/c was in left turn. Bombs hit RR tracks 7000 ft. NE of DMPI, at A-635522, possibly cutting tracks and hitting roads at same point.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Good pattern 2000 ft. SW of DMPI, hitting across main road and among buildings. Flight leader abandoned. Deputy took over and bombardier was not properly synchronized.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI, hitting 45 ft. W of DMPI. Fair pattern. Bombs hit road junctions and houses in town.

323 BG: 39 a/c dispatched, 21 dropping 168 X 500 IB on Primary. 13 a/c dropped 114 X 500 IB on Other targets. 3 window a/c.

2 a/c failed to bomb: 1, mechanical failure; 1, other (damaged by flak at bomblines on way in).

1 a/c is missing. Upon returning to base one landing gear would not come down. All the crew except pilot bailed out over base. Pilot was instructed by Group Flying Control to fly to Channel and abandon just short of the coast. Nothing further is known of this a/c. The pilot is missing.

20 additional a/c flak battle-damaged; 2 crewmen wounded. No losses.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,500 - 13,300 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. ORS camera ran off on first run over target. Negatives from one K-21 camera are too thin to show land and camera did not turn on in second a/c when bombs were salvaged.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Bursts not plainly visible on prints. Negatives show bombs away, and Primary target is visible on film when bombs should be striking ground.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Bombardier misidentified target. Bombs fell in southern section of town of Dulmen (A-684593), 5 miles NE of Primary. Type of bombs employed prevents assessment.

Box II - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Bombs from all flights fell in southern section of Primary target, causing fires in vicinity of M/Y and factory district. Type of bomb employed prevents assessment.

Box III - Flt. A - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Flight leader's bombs would not release at Primary. Made run on Gossfeld (A-610721), 10 miles N. of Primary, dropping into smoke of previous bombings. Bombs fell in town, causing undetermined damage, due to type of bomb employed.

Vreden (Communication Center)

416 BG: 51 (A-26) a/c dispatched, 42 dropping 167 X 1000 GP on Primary. 6 a/c dropped 72 X 260 frags on 3 flak positions. 3 window a/c.

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Visual bombing by flights from 10,000 - 11,200 feet.
Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. Poor visibility prevented identification of DMPI. Bomber selected DMPI along a road on SE outskirts of Warden, approximately 710 ft. SE of DMPI. Probably 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of pattern is approximately 775 ft. SE of DMPI. Bombs in open fields, with some possible damage to minor roads and buildings in area of strikes.

8 a/c flak battle-damaged; 1 crewman wounded. No losses.
5 a/c failed to bomb: other 1 (A-20) flight leader's compass out and since bomber's compass was out also, he could not pinpoint his position; 4 (A-26) leader did not drop.
3 A 500 GP on other target.
1000, 16 X 500 GP on primary. 5 (3 A-26, 2 A-20) dropped 12 X 1000, 8 X 709 BG: 35 a/c dispatched (28 A-26, 7 A-20), 25 (21 A-26, 4 A-20) dropping 84 X

Flt. B - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. This flight attacked 3 flak positions at A-058658, A-088579 and A-072631. No bombs are visible due to type of bomb employed.
Visual reports indicate bombs hit in town.
Box III - Flt. A - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photos due to evasive action.

Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Bombs fell in tight pattern 95 ft. N of DMPI, hitting buildings and roads.
Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. Bomber selected target. Bombed stadium, using road junction as AFI. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AFI. Pattern centered 320 ft. SE of AFI. Bombs fell in town, on buildings and roads.
Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 60% of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of pattern is 866 ft. SE of DMPI. Bombs hit on buildings and in fields on SE edge of town.

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. Due to similarity of targets and surrounding terrain, bomber selected street and bombed town of Stadlheim, 6 miles SE of primary (A-436778). 85% of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AFI. Pattern centered 780 ft. west of AFI. Bombs fell across tracks and in fields, probably cutting tracks.
Visual reports indicate bombs fell in town.
Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Pattern is centered 500 ft. SE of DMPI, on buildings and roads.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,800 - 12,000 feet.
7 a/c flak battle-damaged; 1 crewman wounded, 7 missing.
2 a/c lost. Lead a/c of Box II, and lead a/c of Flight B, Box I, col- lided in mid-air as the latter was attempting to regain position in Box I. Reason for crash is undetermined. Both a/c are known to have com- pleted operations and had returned from enemy territory. The a/c crashed and burned 25 miles NNE of St. Trond at 800 (A-405870). The bomber- navigator of lead a/c, Box II, bailed out and is at Feltz Drogel.

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Flt. B - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 3750 ft. SSE of DMPI. Pattern blankets approximately 330 ft. of single track railroad and two paralleling minor roads. These are either cut or severely damaged. Pilot did not follow last PDI correction because of presence of a B-26 group in area. Bombs went away before bombardier realized he was not getting corrections.

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 360 ft. W of DMPI. Pattern blankets most of west-central portion of Vreden, and the streets in this area are probably impassable because of rubble.

Box II - Flt. A - AMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier misidentified target and bombed town of Winterswijk (A-297758), approximately 6.4 miles SW of target. 55 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI. Center of pattern is approximately 915 ft. E of AMPI. Pattern blankets approximately 300 ft. of main highway leading NW to Groenlo, as well as a main town street crossing highway at this point. Buildings adjacent to this intersection have probably received blast and splinter damage.

Flt. B - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Poor visibility prevented identification of DMPI. Bombardier selected MPI at a road intersection approximately 745 ft. NE of DMPI. 95 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of SMPI. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 750 ft. NNW of SMPI. Bombs in open fields with no apparent military damage.

Flt. C - NO ATTACK. Both pilot's and bombardier's compasses were inoperative, therefore no attack was made.

Ahaus (Communication Center)

344 BG: 42 a/c dispatched, 28 dropping 112 X 1000 GP on Primary. 11 a/c dropped 44 X 1000 GP on Other targets. Bomb disposition unknown of 3 a/c which landed at St. Trond.

6 a/c flak battle-damaged; no losses, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 9,250 - 12,800 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - SMPI - UNDETERMINED. Clouds over T/A necessitated several runs for this and all flights. After three unsuccessful runs on briefed heading, fuel was running low. Box leader ordered final run on way out, although up sun. Bombardier could not see DMPI and aimed at M/Y 2100 ft. NE of DMPI, at A-507874. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Flt. B - AMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. Bombardier misidentified target and bombed R/J in Coesfeld, 11 miles SE of Primary, at A-604726. Good concentration covered built-up area in NW part of city, and 2 main roads.

Flt. C - AMPI - GOOD. Bombardier was too far south on run. Picked up town of Billerbeck (A-695758), 18 miles SE of Primary, aiming at main road. Approximately 40 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI. Good concentration 880 ft. S of AMPI. Strikes in open and across secondary road. Salvos appear 2600 ft. and 3400 ft. S of AMPI.

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397 BG: 3 a/c dispatched, all dropping 54 leaflet bombs on Pirmasies.
No losses, damage, casualties.
Visual bombing by individual a/c from 12,000 - 12,500 feet.
Crews report satisfactory results on basis of visual observation.

Northam, Nassau, Westport (Leaflet Mission)

396 BG: 7 a/c dispatched (including 1 F-100), all dropping 52 X 500 GP on Pirmasies.
No losses, damage, casualties.
Bombing by flight on 52 lead (F-100 dropped on 52-584) from 12,300 feet.
F-100 A - 52-584 - WEAK MISS/NOT HIT. No bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMFI. Long pattern approximately 3500 ft. S of DMFI. Bombs fell in fields and forest with no apparent damage. 52 bombs fell across 2 small roads, with probable damage.

Blackburn/Stochthunson (Morpholine Target)

Box III - F-100 A - 52-584 - SUPERIOR. After two unsuccessful bomb runs on Pirmasies due to clouds, lead a/c developed engine trouble. Flight leader left Pirmasies and bombed Goodfield H/I (A-604726), 11 miles SE of Pirmasies. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMFI. Strikes extend across H/I, cutting tracks and damaging rolling stock.
F-100 C - DMFI - UNDETERMINED. Bombed through break in clouds. No photo coverage due to clouds. Crews reported good hits.
F-100 B - DMFI - UNDETERMINED. Bombed through break in clouds. No photo coverage. One camera a/c aborted and one landed away from base. Crews reported good hits.
F-100 A - DMFI - UNDETERMINED. Could not pick up DMFI because of clouds over P/A. On fourth run selected R/T 1200 ft. S of DMFI. No photo coverage. One camera a/c aborted and one landed away from base. Crews reported good hits.
Box II - F-100 A - DMFI - UNDETERMINED. Clouds over target necessitated several runs. Bombed through break in clouds. No photo coverage due to clouds. Bomber crew reported good hits.

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SECTION II

A/C CFF			298
	A/C Bombing	276	
	A/C Failing to Bomb	10	
	A/C Recalled (Weather)	0	
	Other		
	Window 9		
	Bombs of 3 A/C unaccounted for	12	
TOTAL			298
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	Bombs on Enemy Territory		539.86
	Total Bombs to Date		131,298.20
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	A/C Lost 416 BG (A-26)	2	
	A/C Missing 323 BG	1	
	A/C Crash-Landed	0	
	A/C Battle Damaged	76	26.12
	Killed	0	
	Wounded	8	
	Missing	8	
	Injured	0	
	Claims	0	

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397 BG: 1-3/10 stratocumulus tops 4,000 feet. Visibility 7-8 miles.

386 BG: 2-3/10 stratocumulus tops 5,000 feet. Visibility air to ground 6-8 miles down sun, 2-3 miles up sun.

322 BG: Clear. Visibility air to ground 5-10 miles, but reduced locally in battle smoke.

397 BG: 2-3/10 stratocumulus tops 4-5,000 feet. Visibility 8 miles.

323 BG: 3/10 stratocumulus tops 5,000 feet. Visibility 1 mile up sun, 4 miles down sun.

416 BG: 2/10 cumulus tops 4-5,000 feet. Visibility 6- miles down sun, 3-4 miles up sun.

409 BG: 4/10 thin altostratus tops 9,000 feet. Visibility 5 miles on bomb run in heavy haze, 1 mile into sun. Smoke on ground.

377 BG: 4-5/10 stratocumulus tops 6-7,000 feet. Visibility 6-10 miles in haze.

394 BG: 4-1 to 3/10 stratocumulus base 5,000 feet, tops 6,000 feet. Visibility 6-8 miles up sun, 10-15 miles down sun.

394 BG: 4-1 to 3/10 stratocumulus base 5,000 feet, tops 6,000 feet. Visibility 6-8 miles up sun, 10-15 miles down sun.

Leaflet Mission

OBSERVATIONS

GROUP	NO. A/C	CLASSIFICATION	REASONS
386	2 (A-26's)	Mechanical	1 - Oil leaks 1 - Bomb-bay door malfunction
397	1	Mechanical	Engine cut out
323	1	Mechanical	Engine cut out
409	5	Other	1 (A-20) - Leader's compass out and could not pinpoint his position. Bombarrier's compass also out. 4 (A-26's) - Leader did not drop.
	1	Other	Damaged by flak before target

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FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	288
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C MISSING	1
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	76
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	26.12%

Stadtlohn Communications Center 387, 386, 322 Gps

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	22
% A/C Battle Damaged	21.36%

Weak inaccurate to accurate heavy flak was encountered at the target. However, enroute flak was encountered at points where flak was experienced on the attack carried out earlier in the day. At most points the flak was not as intense as that encountered on the morning mission. All groups reported flak at the bomblines both enroute to the target and enroute out. The fire was moderate accurate at Emmerich. N of Emmerich the flak was nil to weak inaccurate. It is believed that the bombing with air burst fuzes was effective in counteracting the flak.

Haltern Communications Center 397, 323 Gp.

A/C Missing	1
A/C Battle Damaged	32
% A/C Battle Damaged	50.79%

The 397 Gp. encountered weak accurate heavy flak in the immediate target area. Moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered at Rees enroute in, Groenlo (A-2383) and from Valen to the target and back again. The 323 Gp encountered flak at Vessecke (A-4068), Haldvlen (A-4867), Racken (A-5255) and Borken (A-4161). This experience also followed that encountered on the morning mission.

Ahaus Communications Center 344 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	6
% A/C Battle Damaged	13.88%

Flak was only encountered at Elten (E-915650) and Aalten (A-205710). The flak at Elten was weak but accurate and that at Aalten was weak inaccurate.

Vreden Communications Center 416, 409 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	15
% A/C Battle Damaged	17.44%

Both groups reported that the target area was free of flak. However, the 416 Gp. encountered weak to moderate accurate heavy flak from Haldren (A-1353) to Masseum (A-2059). The 409 Gp. reported moderate accurate flak from 5 miles SE of Emmerich to Haltern.

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GROUP	CAMERA PHOTOGRAPHING	NO. OF FILMS	PERCENT	PERSONAL FILMS	NO. PERCENT
387	100%	0	0	0	0
386	90%	1	10	0	0
322	91%	1	9	0	0
397	67%	2	33	0	0
320	100%	0	0	0	0
416	100%	0	0	0	0
409	100%	0	0	0	0
347	100%	0	0	0	0
394	100%	0	0	0	0

S/A PHOTO REPORT

The 34th Group sighted two F-190's two miles North of Wreden (N-370830), crossing under the formation headed South at 1725 at approximately 1626, path- under on bombing mission with the 394th Group observed an F-109 at 12,000 feet crossing under formation near the target.

L.O.F.'s: 1617 to 1730
1612 to 1614 (Leifers)

EMPTY JOURNAL REACTION

On the morning mission 5 heavy Flak positions were bombed with fragment- ation bombs. On the afternoon mission the same positions were bombed with airburst fuzes. The positions bombed are between Emmertich and Jellen, Flak in this area on this mission was less in intensity and accuracy than during the attack carried out during the morning. By the time that the 409 Gp. flew over this area the gunners probably had recovered from the bombing and were able to engage. It is believed that the bombing was instrumental in reducing the amount of Flak from these guns.

SUMMARY:

Flak was not encountered enroute or at the target.

Blidtrecken/Stockhausen N/I
394 Gp.
Leifer Mission
A/C Lost to Flak
A/C Battle Damaged
A/C Battle Damaged
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PUBLIC RELATIONS

PRESS RELEASE

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, France, March 21 --Medium and light bombers of Maj. Gen. Samuel E. Anderson's Ninth Bombardment Division Wednesday attacked communications in the Munster area to weaken enemy defenses east of the Rhine opposite the U. S. Ninth Army.

Spacing their attacks from early morning up to the noon hour, more than 300 Marauders, Invaders and Havocs fanned out over the German towns of Coesfeld and Dulmen to crater roads and destroy supplies and personnel en route to the defense area. Weather was clear over both objectives, and despite intense flak opposition, crews pin-pointed specific targets to leave large sections of both towns enveloped by fires.

The Invaders and one Marauder failed to return.

-30- News room 1430, Press Camp 1500

PUBLIC RELATIONS

PRESS RELEASE

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, France, March 21 --Bringing the Division's total sorties up to 550, Major General Samuel E. Anderson sent his medium bombers out a second time today to continue their offensive against a network of German communications between Munster and the Rhine river.

Upwards of 250 Marauders and Invaders took part in the afternoon's operation, attacking the towns of Ahaus, Vreden, Stadthorn and Haltern, forming a 25-mile arc running northwest to southeast, about 25 miles west of Munster and an equal distance from the Rhine.

Perfect weather continued over the target area this afternoon, and objectives in all four towns were well saturated with high explosive and incendiary bombs. At Stadthorn crews observed large fires and two explosions resulting from direct hits. At Vreden, Haltern and Ahaus, bomber crews reported many direct hits on military installations and road intersections in the heart of the towns.

The formations encountered flak of varying intensity over all the objectives, but no bombers were lost to the enemy. There was no attempt at fighter interception.

TACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE

With their program for the isolation of the Ruhr valley virtually completed, Ninth Bombardment Division medium and light bombers today (Wednesday) shifted their offensive to the Munster area, across the Rhine from the U. S. Ninth Army.

Twice within eight hours, the bombers carried their aerial offensive to this sector, attacking a total of six important communications centers in a 25-mile arc midway between Munster and the Rhine. More than 1100 tons of high explosives and incendiaries were rained on main road junctions, factory buildings and supply stores in the key communications centers.

In addition to the afternoon attacks, the towns of Coesfeld and Dulmen were heavily hit earlier in the day. All towns are key links in the enemy's chain of communications leading to the Rhine in this sector.

Purpose of the offensive is to destroy communication points through which the Germans must move reinforcements and equipment up to this northern defense area. Recent reconnaissance showed main roads in all six towns heavily-trafficked.

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-30- News room, 2100, Press Camp 2130

Robber crews returned to their bases late Wednesday with eye-witness reports of large fires covering the target areas, where road networks and highway intersections were cratered and blocked and a large area of fact-ory buildings were demolished.

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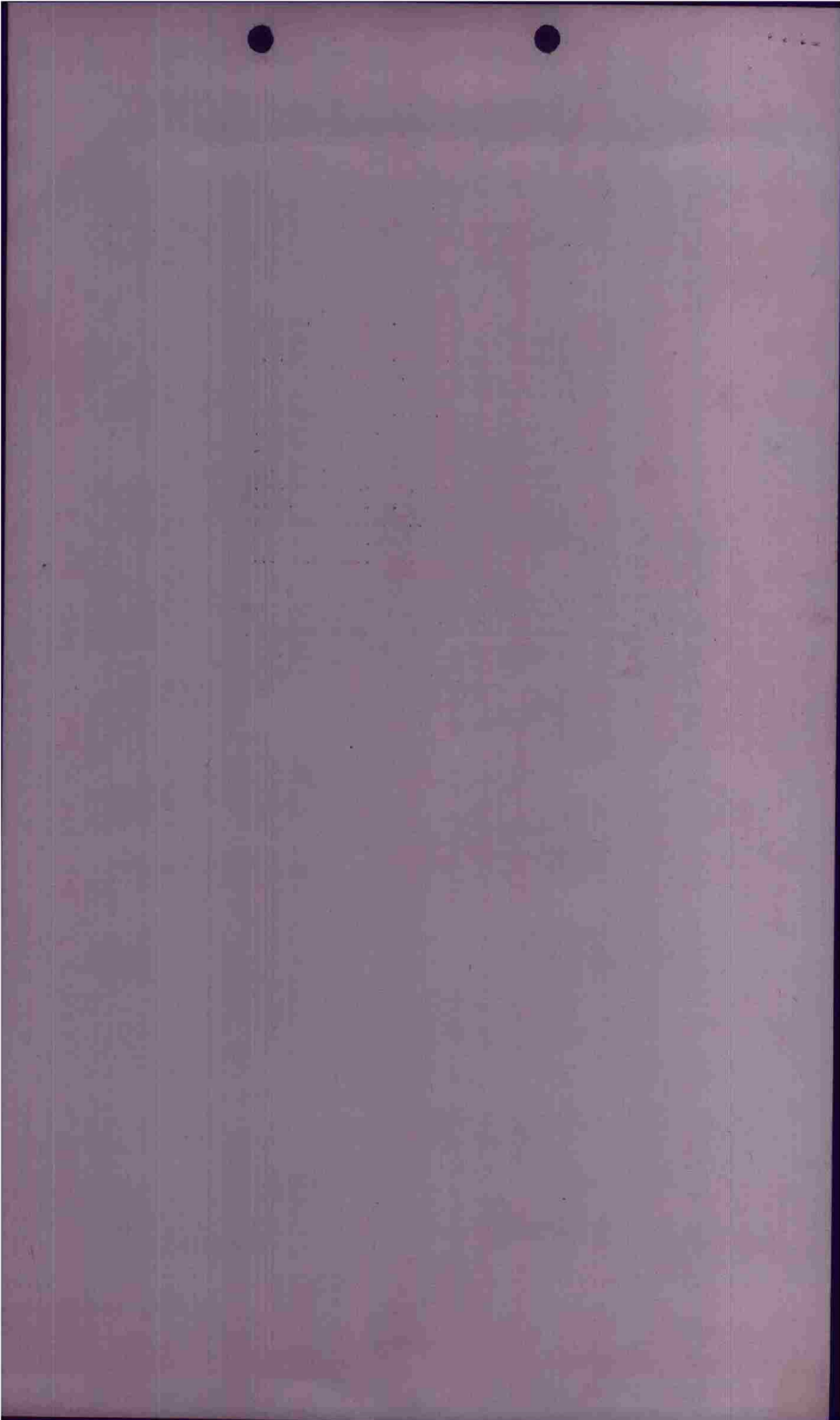
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PRESS RELEASE

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE, March 21- Following are operational statistics, including preliminary damage assessment figures for combined missions of B-26 Marauders, A-26 Invaders and A-20 Havocs of the Ninth Bombardment Division Wednesday:

Aircraft dispatched	636
Aircraft over enemy territory	623
Bomber losses	2
Bomb tonnage	1102
Communications centers attacked	7
Marshalling yards hit	1
Highway bridges damaged	1
Gun positions hit	3
Railroad cuts	9
Highway cuts	100
Goods wagons destroyed	12
Warehouses damaged	30
Buildings destroyed	600
Buildings damaged	500

It was the 14th straight day of operations for the medium and light bombers. Operating 20 out of 21 days this month, division aircraft have dropped 16,521 tons of bombs to surpass their record total of 15,226 tons dropped during the invasion month of June. Approximately two-thirds of March's total tonnage has been dropped on railway yards and communications centers in a continuous offensive aimed at sealing off western front battle areas to enemy troop and supply movement. Since March 1, the division's B-26s, A-26s and A-20s have hit 48 railway yards with nearly 6,000 tons of bombs and 65 communications centers with more than 4,000 tons of high explosives.



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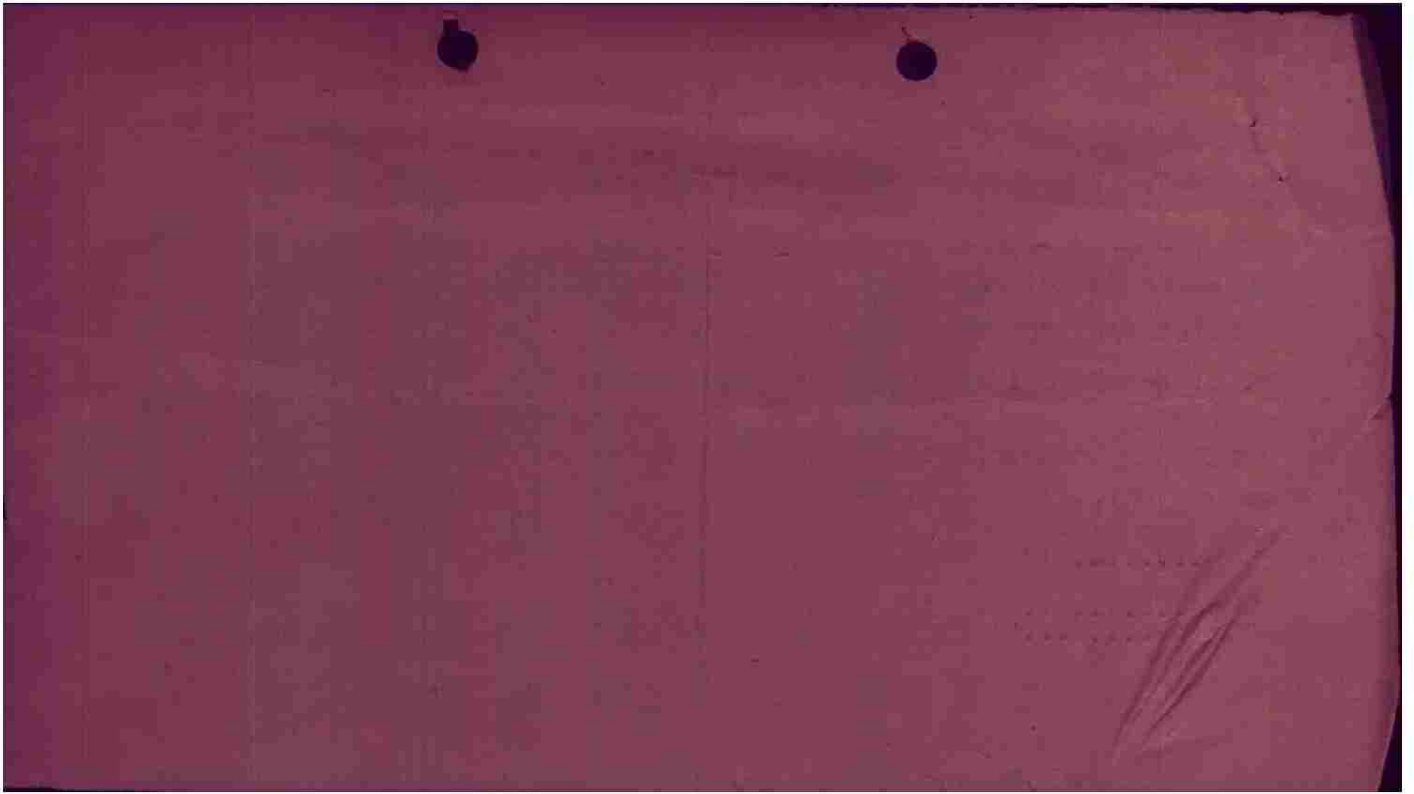
C. 51 A-26 A/C INCLUDING 3 A-26 A/C CARRYING WINDOW ONLY.

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- A. 416TH BOMB GRP. (L).
 B. VREDEN ROAD JCTS. (A-374827)
 FLAK POSITIONS AT A-25806580, A-28835793, AND A-27206310.
 C. 41 A-26 A/C INCLUDING 3 A-26 A/C CARRYING WINDOW ONLY.
 D. 42 A/C ON PRIMARY (INCLUDING THE 2 A/C MISSING; WING MEN REPORT
 THESE TWO A/C BOMBED PRIMARY.
 6 A/C ON SPECIAL TGTS. 2A/C ELEMENTS ON EACH COORDINATE
 (A-25806580, A-28835793, A-27206310.)
 E. 3 A-26 A/C CARRIED WINDOW ONLY.
 F. 167 X 1000 CPS ON PRIMARY.
 1 X 1000 CP RETURNED. RACK NOT COCKED.
 72 X 260 FRAGS. ON SPECIAL TARGETS. (24 X 260 FRAGS. ON EACH OF
 THREE COORDINATES.)
 G. BOX 1 FLT. A. EXCELLENT 2 BOMB RUNS.
 FLT. B. UNKNOWN (FLT LEADER MISSING)
 FLT. C. EXCELLENT 2 BOMB RUNS.
 BOX 2 FLT. A. UNKNOWN (FLT LEADER MISSING)
 FLT. B. EXCELLENT BOX 2 BOMB RUNS.
 FLT. C. EXCELLENT BOMB RUN.
 BOX 3 FLT. A. EXCELLENT 2 BOMB RUNS.
 FLT. B. (SPECIAL TARGET).
 ELEMENT 1 EXC. 1 BOMB RUN.
 ELEMENT 2 EXC. 1 BOMB RUN.
 ELEMENT 3 EXC. 1 BOMB RUN.
 H. 2 A-26 A/C MISSING AFTER MID-AIR COLLISION IN AREA (K-350990)
 SEE PARAGRAPH X
 2 A-26 A/C AT. KN A/C (FLAK)
 5 A-26 A/C CAT. A. (FLAK)
 I. 8 CREW MEMBERS MISSING (MEMBERS OF MISSING A/C, 2 PILOTS, 2
 BOMBARDIERS, 1 NAVIGATOR, 2 GUNNERS, 1 OBSERVER.)
 J. MEAGER TO MODERATE ACCURATE HFF. (SIX A/C IN BOX 2 FLT. B AND 1 A/C
 IN BOX 1, FLT C RECEIVED ALL DAMAGE SUSTAINED BY FORMATION) IN
 AREA A-150532 TO A-200593.
 K. 1 CREW MEMBER WOUNDED. BY FLYING GLASS SHATTERED BY FLAK.
 L. BOX 1 FLT. A. 1657 1/2
 FLT. B. UNKNOWN FLT LEADER MISSING)
 FLT. C. 1656
 BOX 2 FLT. A. UNKNOWN (FLT LEADER MISSING)
 FLT. B. 1700
 FLT. C. 1651
 BOX 3 FLT. A. 1658 1/2
 FLT. B. (SPECIAL TARGET)
 ELEMENT 1 1647 1/2
 ELEMENT 2 1650
 ELEMENT 3 1649
 M. BOX 1 FLT. A. 12,000
 FLT. B. 11,800
 FLT. C. 11,800
 BOX 2 FLT. A. 11,500
 FLT. B. 11,300
 FLT. C. 11,300
 BOX 3 FLT. A. 10,000
 FLT. B. (SPECIAL TARGET) ALL 3 ELEMENTS WERE AT 10,000
 AND FLT 2 OF BOX 1 RESPECTIVELY AND COLLIDED AS 523 WAS OVER
 TAKING BOX 2 TO REGAIN POSITION IN BOX 1. ACCIDENT TOOK PLACE ON
 RETURN FROM K TARGET. REASON FOR COLLISION UNKNOWN.
 TWO BOMB RUNS WERE NECESSARY DUE TO A FLIGHT OF B-26'S FLYING
 INTO FORMATION ON COLLISION COURSE WHEN FORMATION THIS GROUP WAS
 COMMITTED ON BOMB RUN AFTER BOMB BAY DOORS WERE OPEN. NO ATTEMPT
 WAS MADE BY B-26'S TO ALTER COURSE OR AVOID COLLISION.
 CREWS OF A/CION SPECIAL TARGETS REPORT TWO (2) BOMBS BURST ABOUT
 100 FEET BELOW A/C AS BOMBS AWAY INX WITH NO RESULTING DAMAGE
 TO A/C. SEVERAL BOMBS BURST AT ABOUT 5000 FEET AND OTHERS
 APPEARED TO BURST BEFORE STRIKING GROUND. 1 CHUTE SEEN TO
 BLOSSOM OUT OF A/C 523 IN AREA K-350990

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BT 21/2115A

CC: IN PARA. "H". 2ND LINE:
 2 A-26 A/C CAT. AC (FLAK)

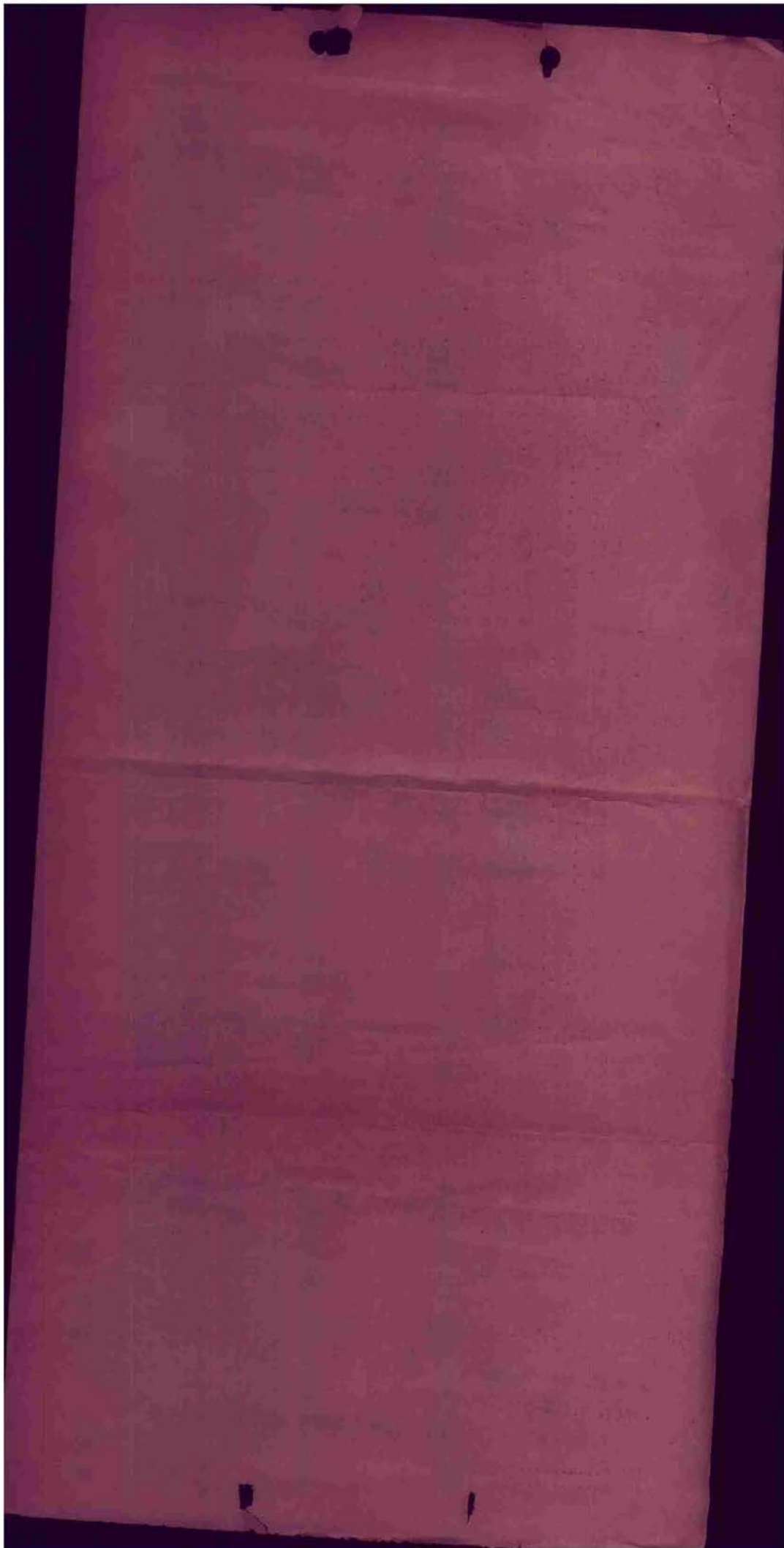
IN PARA. KNZ "M" BOX 3 :

FLT. A. 10,000

FLT. B. (SPECIAL TARGET) ALL 3 ELEMENTS WERE AT 10,000

EW BBBBBB TO ITA ONLY (OP)

ITA R.....21/2154A MILT KKK
 JEA R.....21/2154A LCB AR



no priority

To CG 9th Bomb Div. ATTN: - A-2
 CG 77th Combat Wing ATTN: A-2

From 416th Bomb Wing
 ops flash report for 21 March 1945, afternoon mission
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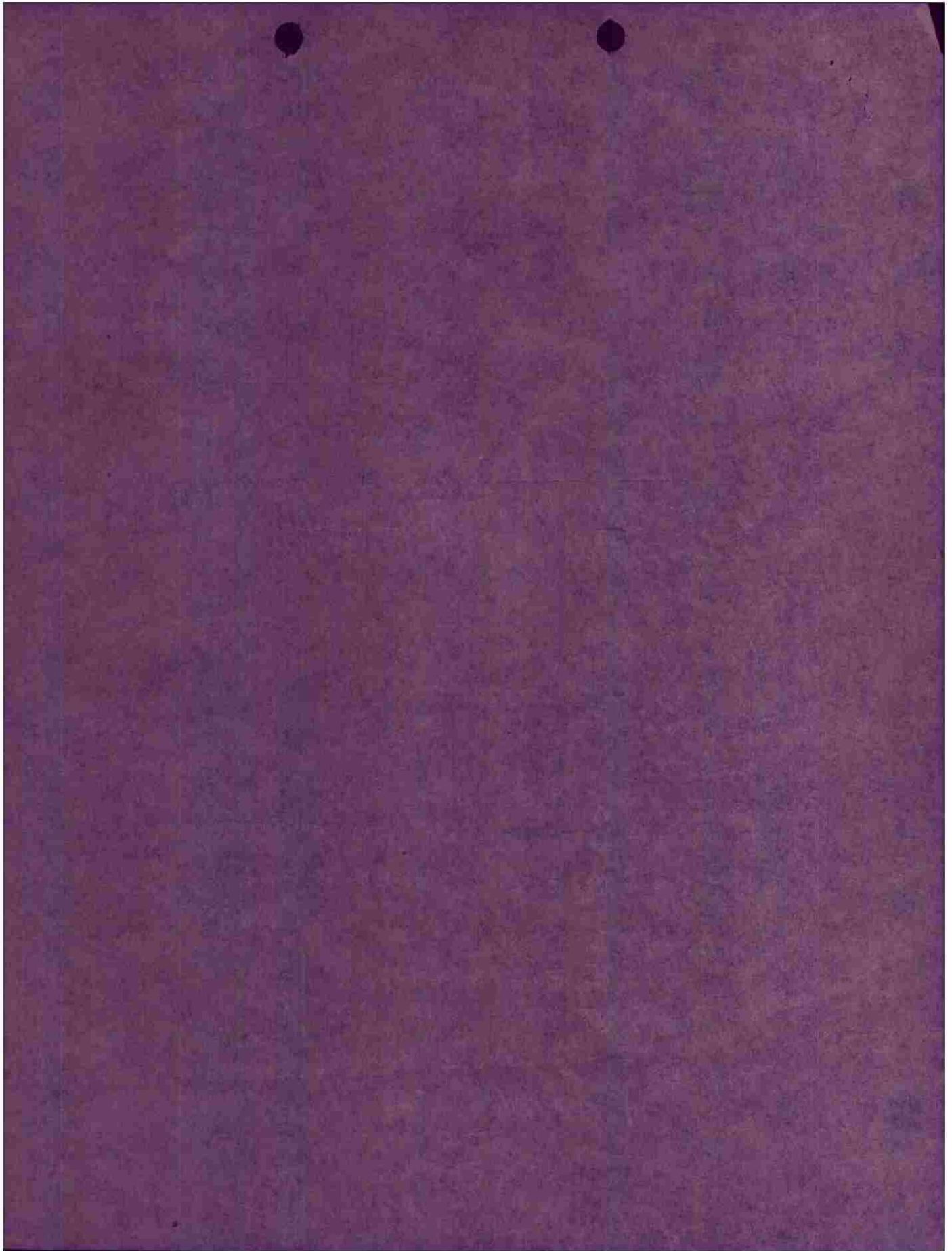
- A. 416th Bomb Wing (L)
- B. Vredan Road Jct. (A-374827)
- C. 57 A-26 o/c including 3 ~~A-26~~ o/c carrying window only,
- D. 42 o/c attached primary (A-374827)
 2 o/c attached special Jct (A-05806580)
 2 o/c attached special Jct (A-07206215)
 2 o/c attached special Jct (A-08535773)
- E. 3 A-26 o/c carried window only

F. 167 x 1000 Gps on primary
 1 x 1000 Gps returned
 72 x 250 Traps on primary

G. Box I FLT A EXC 2 Bomb runs
 FLT B UNKNOWN FLT leader MISSING
 FLT C EXC 2 bomb runs

Box II FLT A UNKNOWN FLT leader MISSING
 FLT B EXC 2 bomb runs
 FLT C EXC 1 Bomb run

Box III FLT A EXC 2 bomb runs
 FLT B (special Jct)
 Element 1 2 o/c
 Element 2 - Exc
 " 3 o/c



H. 2 A-26 A/C missing after mid air collision in area
(K-350990)

2 A-26 A/C cat. 9C

3 A-26 A/C cat. A

I. 8 crew members missing (members of A/C missing) of which of whom were 2 Pilots, 2 Bombardiers, 1 Navigator, 2 Gunners

J. heavier to moderate Accurate HFF.
(Five of in Box II FLT B received all damage sustained by formation)

K. Nil.

L. Box I FLT A 1657 1/2 (2 runs)

FLT B UNKNOWN

FLT C 1656

Box II FLT A UNKNOWN

FLT B 1700

FLT C 1651

Box III FLT A 1658 1/2

FLT B (Special Sgt) Element 1 1647 1/2

" 2 1650

" 3 1649

M. Box I FLT A 12,000

FLT B -

FLT C 11,800

Box II FLT A

FLT B

FLT C

Box III FLT A 10,800

FLT B 10,000

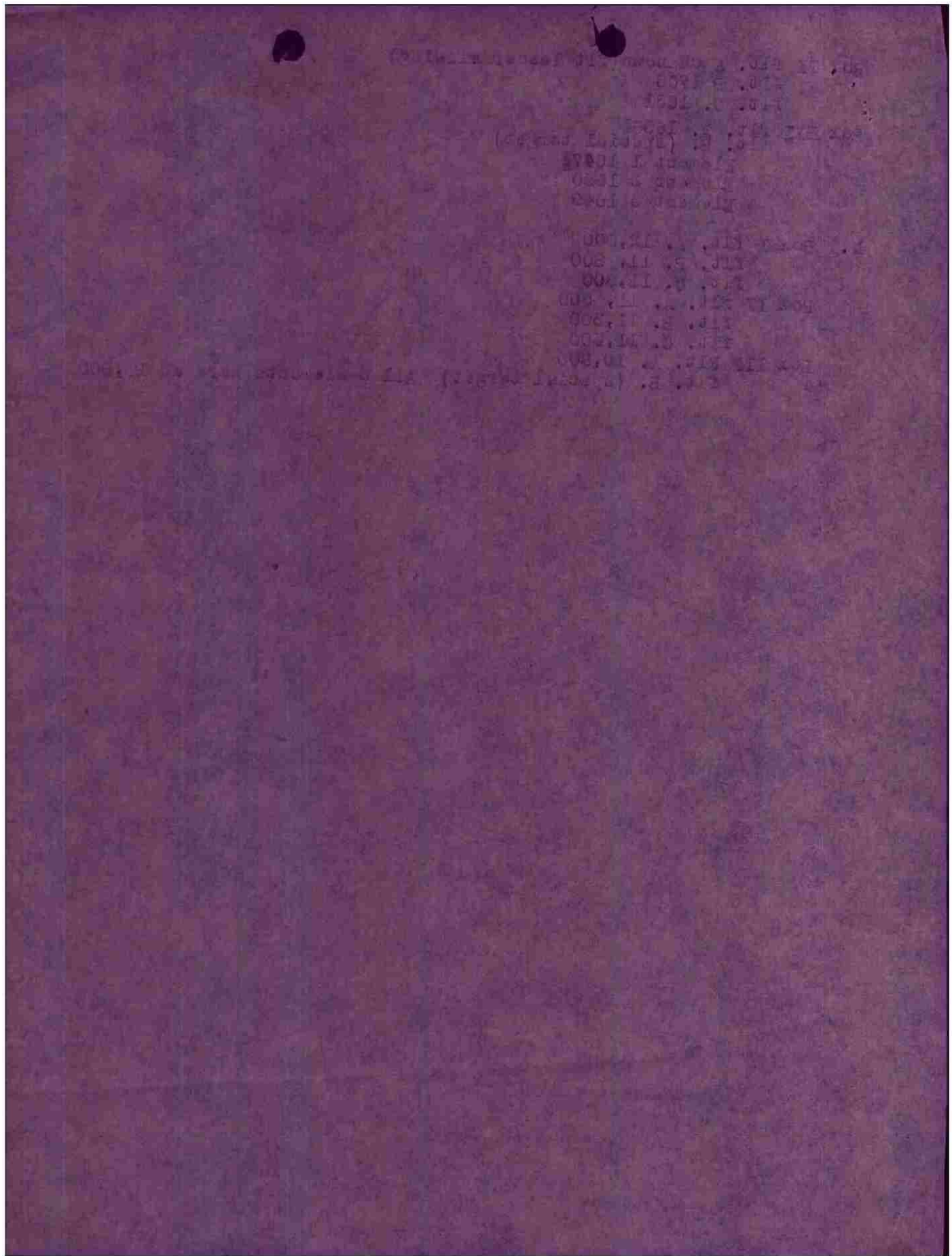
Box II flt. A unknown (flt leader missing)
flt. B 1700
flt. C. 1651

Box III flt. A: 1658¹
flt. B: (special target)
Element 1 1647¹
Element 2 1650
Element 3 1649

M. Box I flt. A. 12,000
flt. B. 11, 800
flt. C. 11,800

Box II flt. A. 11, 500
flt. B. 11,300
flt. C. 11,300

Box III Flt. A. 10,800
flt. B. (special target) All 3 elements were at 10,800



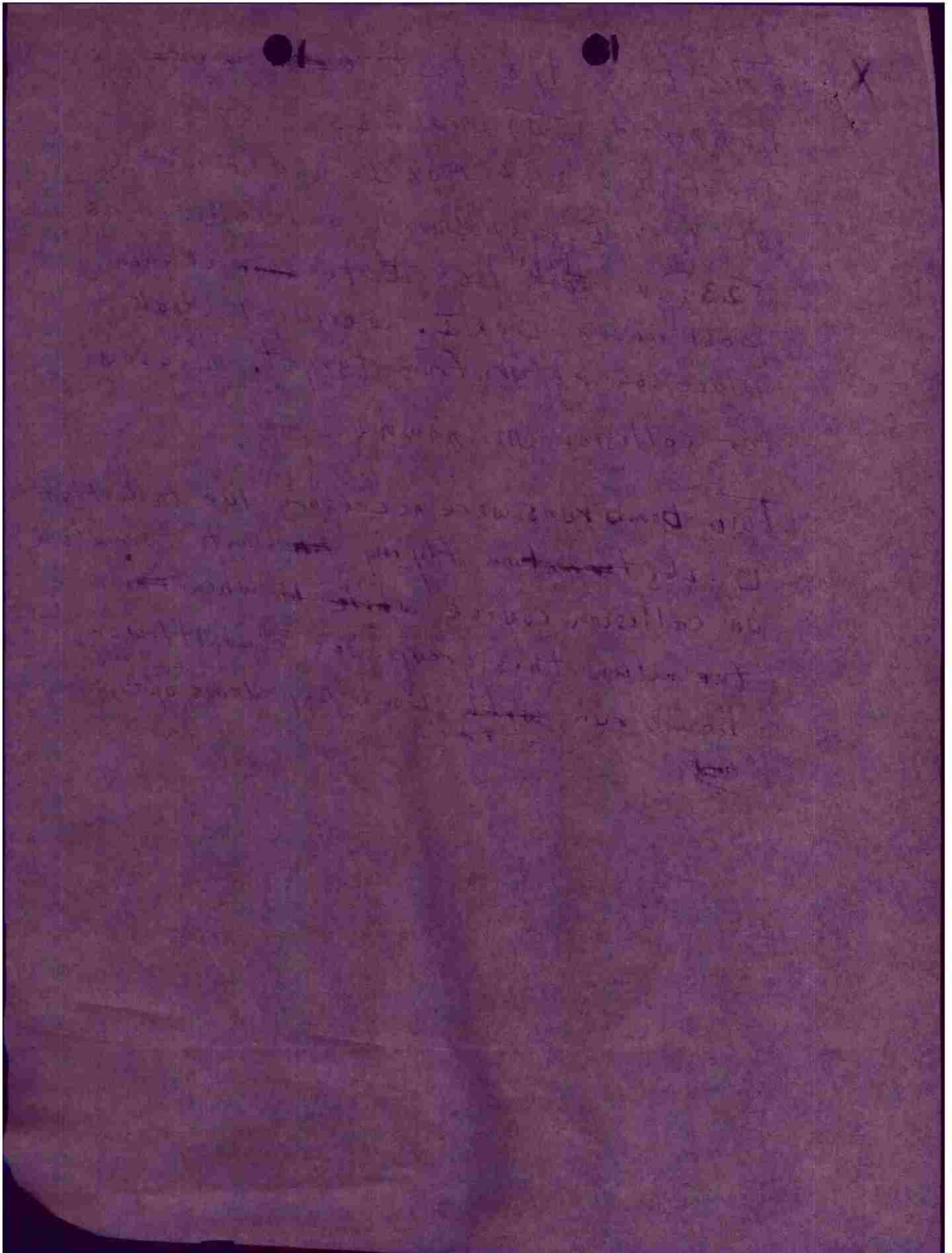
- X. The two a/c lost numbered 507 and 523 were the lead a/c of Box II and flt II of Box I respectively and collided as 523 was overtaking Box II to regain position in Box I. Accident took place on return from target. Reason for collision unknown.

Two bomb runs were necessary due to a flight of B-26s flying into formation ~~when~~ on collision course when formation this group was committed on bomb run after bomb bay doors were open. No attempt was made by B26s to alter course or avoid collision.

crews of A/c on special targets report two bombs burst about 100 feet below A/c as bombs away ~~several~~ with no resulting damage to A/c. Several bombs burst at about 5000 feet and others appeared to burst before striking ground.

X. - The two A/c last ~~seen~~ were numbered 507 and 523 were the lead A/c of Box II and Flight II of Box I respectively and collided as 523 ^{was} ~~was~~ ^{taking} ~~took~~ Box II to ~~join~~ regain position in Box I. Accident took place on return from target. Reason for collision unknown.

Two bomb runs were necessary due to a Flight of B-263 formation flying ~~to~~ into formation on collision course ~~while~~ ~~to~~ when ~~the~~ formation this group was committed on bomb run ~~with~~ Bomb bay doors ^{were} open ~~and~~ after



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 03/22 OP-OP

FROM HQ 416TH BOMB GP (L) S-2 PI 22/0515A
 TO HQ 9TH BOMBER DIVISION (M) ATTN: A-2 PI
 HQ 97TH WING (L) ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER

BT

SECRET R-483-D

B. VREDEN ROAD JUNCTIONS - 3 FLAK POSITIONS (CASUAL - STADTLOHN)

C. 1647 - 1700

J. BOX I - FLT A DMPI EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI. BOMBS FELL IN GOOD PATTERN 500 FT SW OF DMPI WITH HITS ON BLDGS AND ROADS.

FLT B DMPI UNDET: NO PHOTOS DUE TO EVASIVE ACTION.

FLT C AMPI EXCEL: DUE TO SIMILARITY OF TARGET AND SURROUNDING TERRAIN BOMBARDIER MISTOOK TARGET FOR PRIMARY AND BOMBED TOWN OF STADTLOHN 6 MILES SE OF PRIMARY (1:100,000 MAP PI COORD 436778) DUE TO SMOKE BOMBARDIER SELECTED RR/J AS AMPI. 85 PERCENT OF BURSTS WITHIN 1000 FT OF AMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 750 FT W OF AMPI.

BOX II - FLT A - DMPI - EXCEL: 60 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 (VISUAL) FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 866 FT SW OF DMPI. GOOD PATTERN OF BOMBS HITTING SW EDGE OF TOWN.

FLT B - AMPI - EXCEL: SAME CIRCUMSTANCES AS FLT C BOX I BOMBARDIER SELECTED R/J AS AMPI. ALL BOMBS HIT WITHIN 1000 FT OF AMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 320 FT SW OF AMPI. BOMBS FELL IN TOWN OF BLDGS AND ROADS.

BOX II FLT C DMPI SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI. BOMBS FELL ON BLDGS AND ROADS IN A TIGHT PATTERN 95 FT W OF DMPI.

BOX III FLT A DMPI UNDET: NO PHOTOS DUE TO EVASIVE ACTION. VISUAL REPORTS STATE BOMBS HIT IN TOWN.

FLT B 1ST ELEM DMPI UNDET: DUE TO TYPE OF BOMBS USED NO BURSTS ARE VISIBLE.

2ND ELEM DMPI UNDET: SAME AS ABOVE
 3RD ELEM DMPI UNDET: SAME AS ABOVE

K. NIL

M. A) 16 100 PERCENT
 B) 0 0
 C) 0 0

N. 100 TO 125 BUILDINGS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. 25 TO 30 HITS ON ROADS CUTTING. 5 STRIKES ON RAILROAD CUTTING IT.

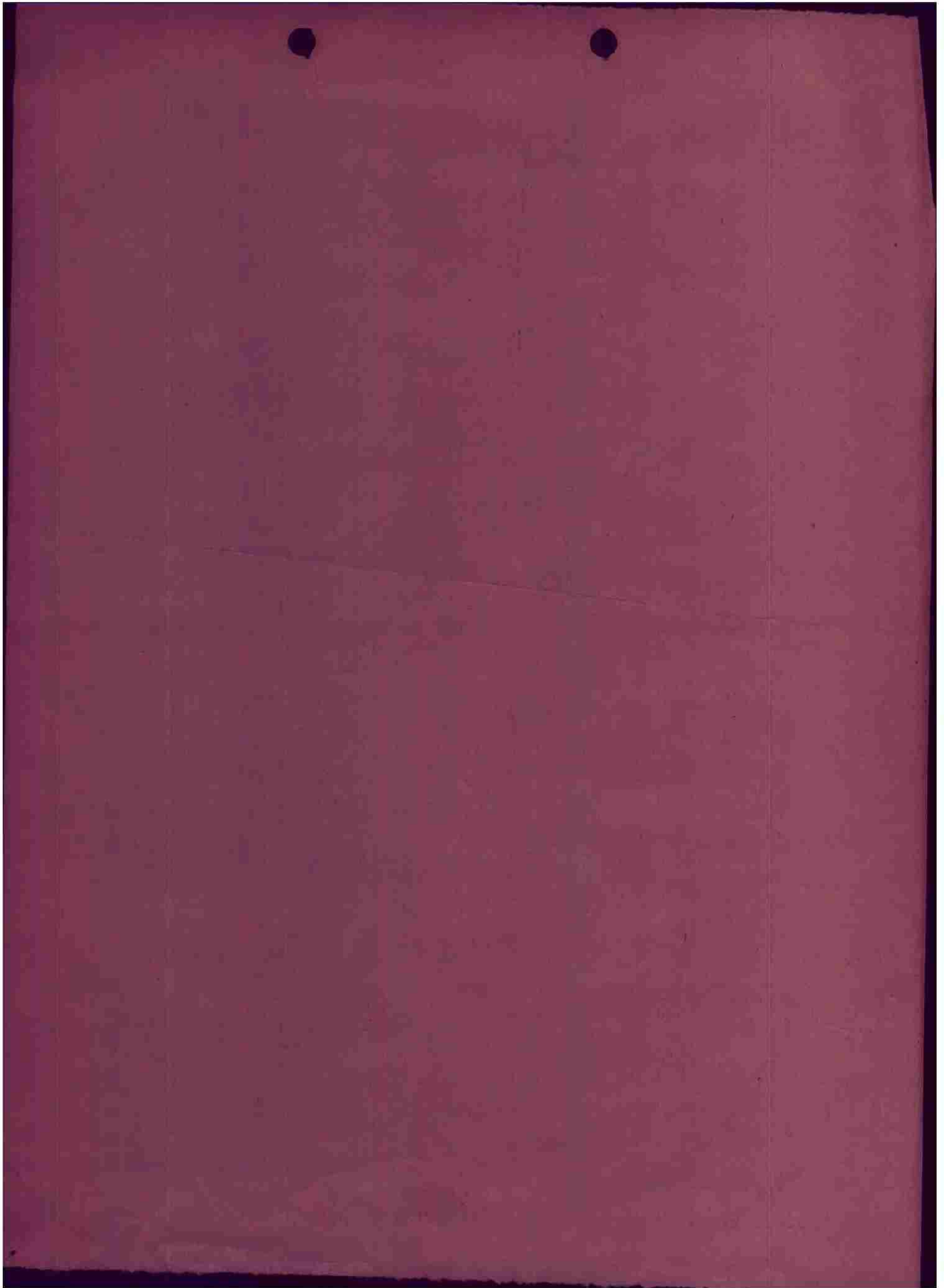
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FD BBBB

CORR: BOX I IS VISUAL I FORGOT TO PLACE THE WORD "VISUAL" UNDER BOX I

ITA R.....220510A WJC K

JEA R.....220510A JMB KKK



JEA V JKI JKI 15/21 OP OP

FROM: 416TH BGMB GROUP (L) 21/1745A
TO : CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATTN: A-2
BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416TH BG R-466-D PD

1. NPI'S FOR THE PRIMARY TARGET ARE AS FOLLOWS:

GSGS 4414, SHEET NO. 3906

COORDINATES - 37438261
- 37448250

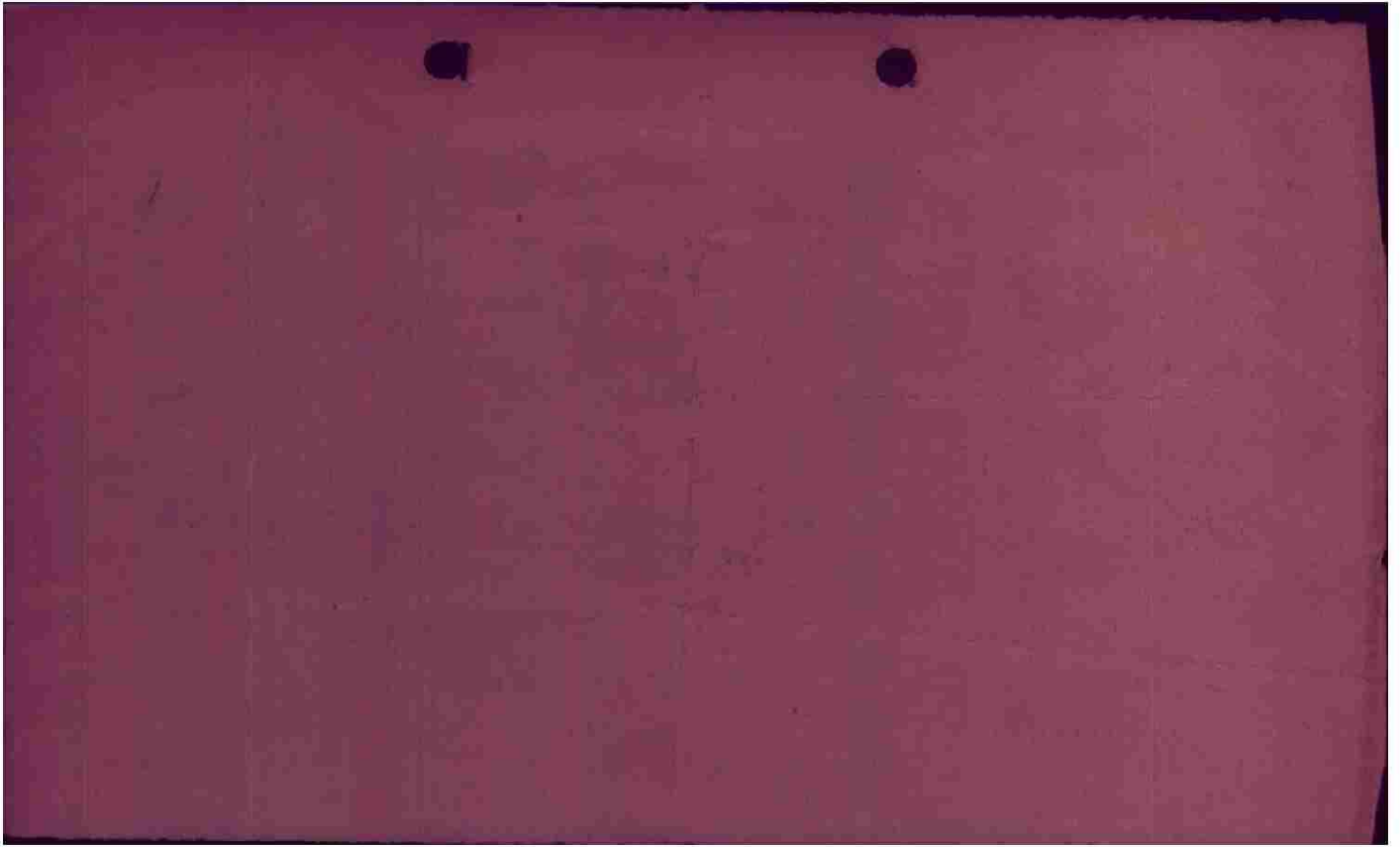
2. IF PRIMARY CANNOT BE ATTACKED, NEEDE (A-235945) WILL BE BOMBED.

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BT 21/211745A
EW BBBB

JEA R.....21/1835A CES KKKK

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ITA JES JKI V JEA JEA 10/21 (INFO) (INFO)

978

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) 21/1225A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
409TH COBOMGP
416TH COBOMGP

S-2
S-3
Sig

ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICER

BT

ADVANCED INFO COPY OF PARA. 5 COMMUNICATIONS OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (374827)
(2) WALLSTREET
(5) KENWAY B/B

21 March
1430
SAL

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP (374827)
(2) SKIPPER
(5) KENWAY B/B

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(2) PARADE D/D
ROSELEE C/C

COMCBTWIG 97

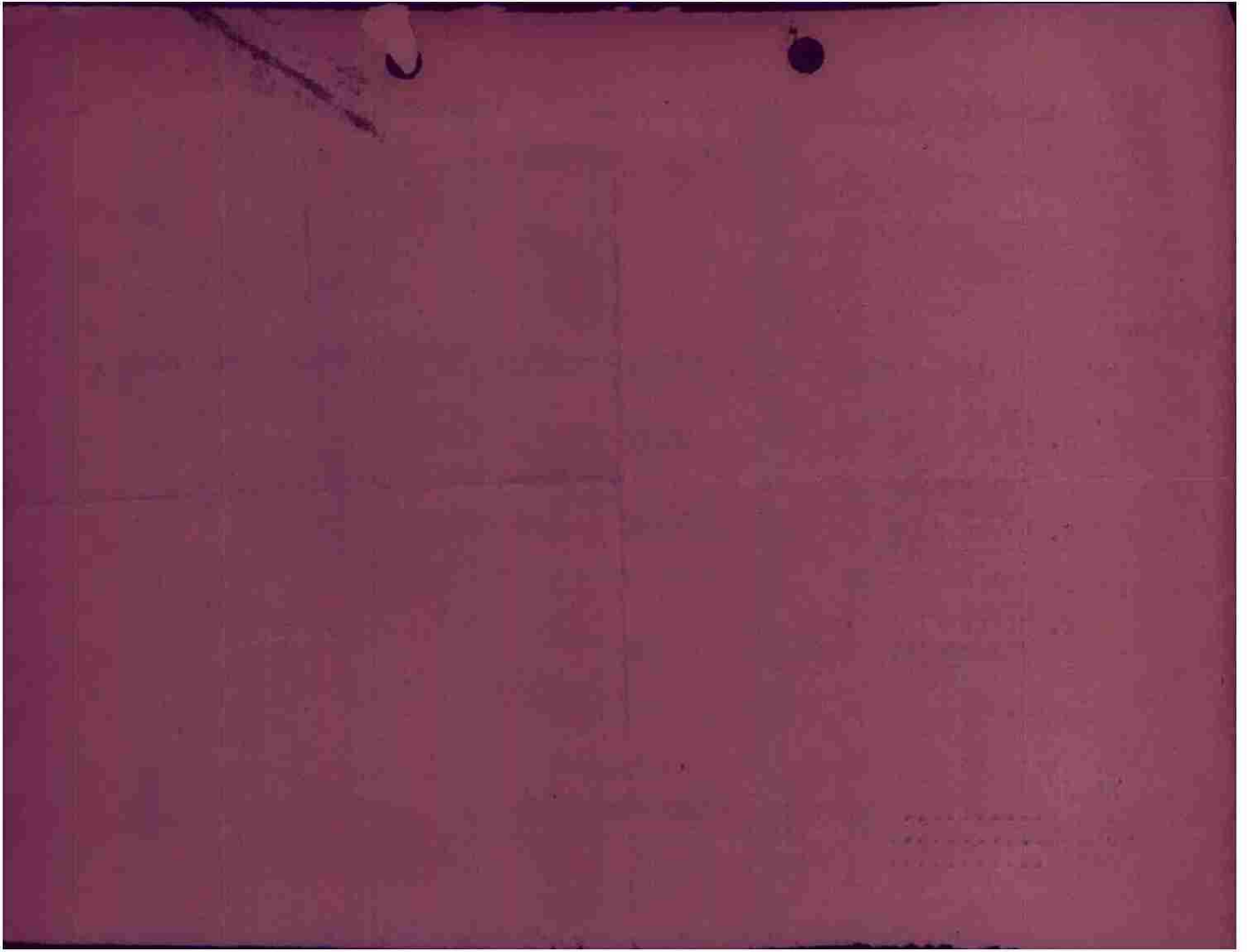
BT 21/1225A

AR JMB

ITA R..... 21/1236A LBC B

JES R.....21/1236A HO AR K

JKI R.....21/1236A RSS AR



ITA JES JKI JJF V JEA JEA 13/21 OP - OP
T-(ITA PASS JJF)

982

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 21/1310A
TO : IX BOMB DIV.
409TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.
1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (RROV)

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

97BBW R-232-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 217-807

PLAN "A"

*21 March
1430
SAC*

(1) TARGET: VREDEN ROAD JUNCTION A-374827

(2) MAP COVERAGE:
G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 3906

PHOTO COVERAGE:
TACTICAL TARGET ILL. 5206E/3906
U.S. 7GR/1476 PRINT NO. 7044

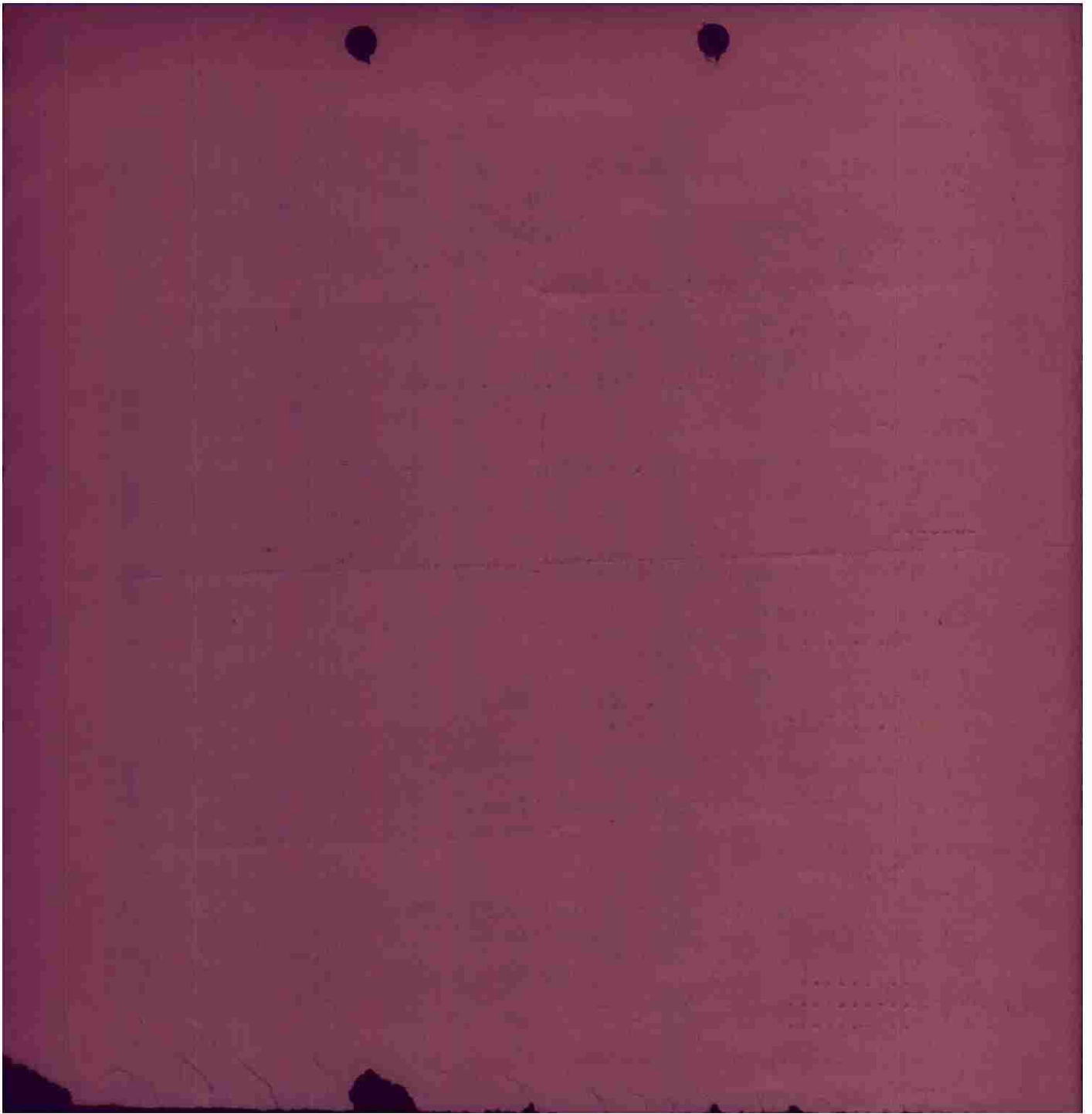
(3) TARGET IS WILL BEYOND CURRENT BOMBLINE.

(4) FLAK: SEE CURRENT PLOTTED POSITIONS.

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 21/1310A
FK-AS

CC: 4TH GROUP IN (1) SHOULD READ 'JUNCTIONS'
CC: 4TH GROUP IN (3) SHOULD READ 'BEYOND'

AR
ITA R..... 21/1328ZA ELC AR K
JES R..... 21/1328A EB AR
JKI R..... 21/1328(-A EJ AR



ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 14/21 OP - OP

285
21 Mar
1555
HHD

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 21/1455A
TO : IX BOMB DIV.
409TH BOMB GROUP.
410TH BOMB GROUP. (INFO)
416TH BOMB GROUP.

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

97CBW R-233-E

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

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 217-807

CHANGE PARA. 3. B. (12) TO READ:
(12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 35 MINUTES.

ADD TO PARA. 3. B. AS FOLLOWS:

PARA. (13) ONE FLIGHT OF 6 A/C WILL ACCOMPANY FORMATION ENROUTE TO TARGET AND LEAVE TO BOMB FLAK POSITIONS BY ELEMENTS OF 2 A/C JUST BEFORE MAIN FORMATION COMES WITHIN RANGE.

A/C REQUIRED: 6A/C BOMBING BY ELEMENTS OF 2 A/C

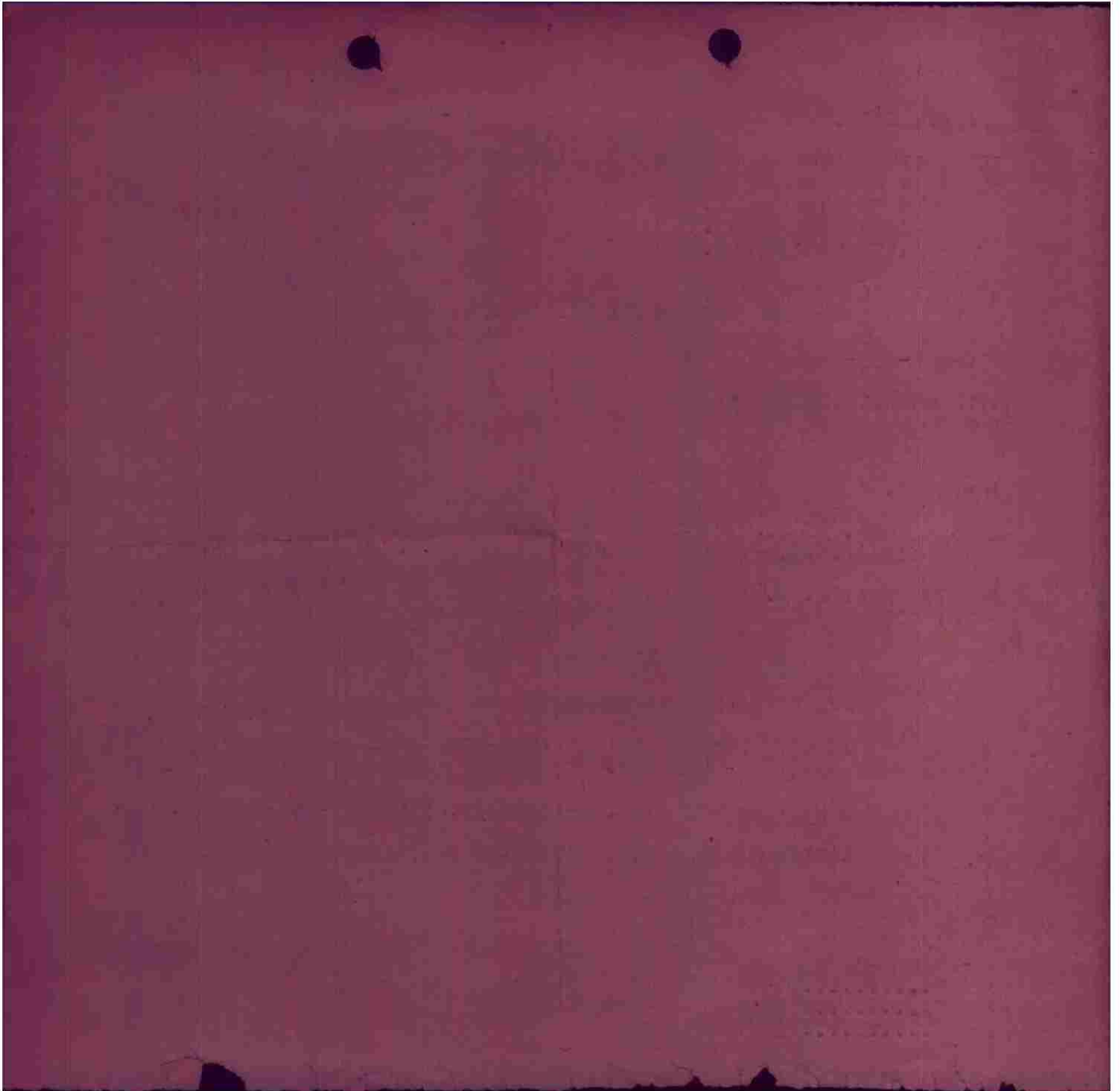
TARGET: FLAK POSITIONS AT A-05806580, A-07206310,
A-08835793

BOMBS: 20 X 260 LB. M-81 FRAGS. FUSED: T-50E-4 NOSE.

ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE, DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET.

GOMCBTWIG 97
BT 21/1455A
FK-AR

ITA R.....21-1520A MJS B T JES
JPO R.....21/1520A CEN KK
JKI R.....21/1520A EJ K



ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 12/21 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) 21/1255A
 TO COMBOMDIV NINE
 409TH COBOMGP
 410TH COBOMGP (INFO)
 416TH COBOMGP

98/3

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 SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH. LT. COL. MC AFEE

21 March
 1430
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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)
 A P O 140
 21 MARCH 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 217-807 R-231-E

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REFER. CURRENT BOMBLINE
 (2) 2ND TAF WILL PROVIDE AREA COVER FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN HOLLAND.

ZERO HOUR: 21/1615A

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 50 MINUTES.
- B. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 30 MINUTES.
- X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE.
 (5) TARGET VREDEN ROAD JUNCTIONS (A-374827)
 (6) A/C REQUIRED MAX. EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C
 (7) ROUTE OUT BASE TO E-9143 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 (8) ROUTE BACK TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO E-9143 TO BASE
 (9) ALTITUDE BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO
 BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. LOSE 1,500 FEET IMMEDIATELY
 UPON LEAVING TARGET.
 (10) I.P. A-2070
 (11) AXIS OF ATTACK GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST
 (12) M.P.I. GSGS 4414 SHEET 3906. FOUR FLIGHTS ON EACH
 OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD. 37438261 AND 37448250.
 (13) BOMBS 4 X 1000 G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SECOND NOSE, 1/40 SECOND
 TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
 (14) R.P. A-2070
 (15) GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY :
 (A) PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY
 (B) PRIMARY TARGET ON GROUP "GEE"
 (C) ALTERNATE TARGET ON VISUALLY
 (D) ALTERNATE TARGET ON GROUP "GEE"
 (E) ALTERNATE TARGET ON TARGET E.T.A.
 (16) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS
 WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS ARE NOT SELECTED.
 (17) SIX GROUPS OF A/C FROM OTHER WINGS WILL BE OPERATING IN THE
 GENERAL TARGET AREA. EXTREME CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED.

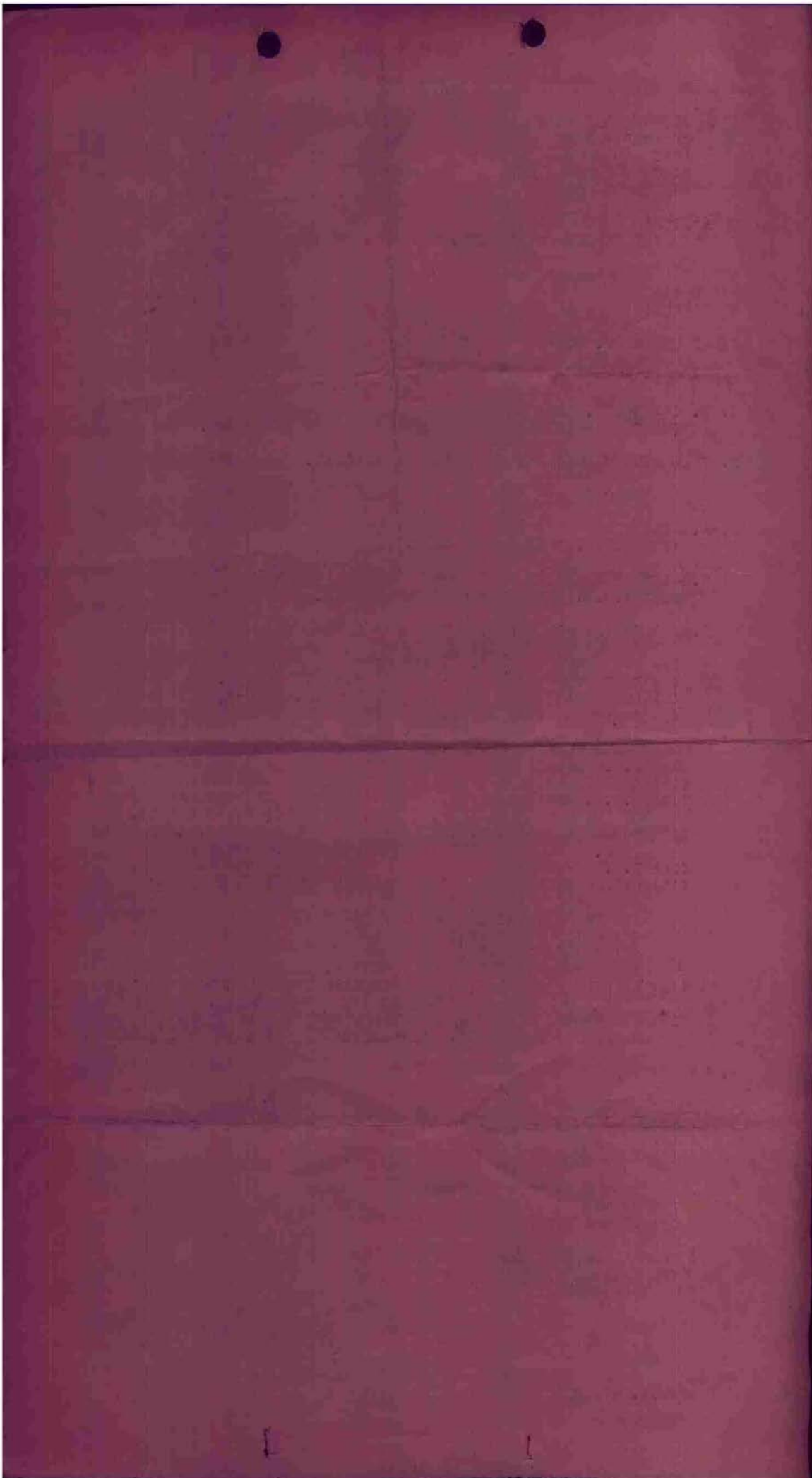
4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (374827)
 - (2) WALLSTREET
 - (5) KENWAY B/B
 - B. 416TH BOMB GROUP (374827)
 - (2) SKIPPER
 - (5) KENWAY B/B

X. GENERAL INFORMATION
 (2) PARADE D/D
 ROSELEE C/C

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 21/1255A
 AR JMB
 JKI R.....21/1405A EJ BBBB



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LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

21 MARCH 1945

1. 528 T
MAJOR G H HERRIS
LT P G ROYALTY
LT M C McNUFF
S/S D J RIO

2. 205 M
LT E G BISHOP
SGT L W HUDNUTT

3. 2315 L
LT R FORD
LT J C CURTISS
SGT D J MURRO

4. 416 O
LT R B SINGLETARY
CAPT R J KOCH (INF)
S/S H G WIGGINS

5. 9315 F
CAPT H W BORMAN
PFC D O FINNELL

6. 330 P
E/O S B BOERNER
S/S J A HUBBER

FLIGHT II

1. 523 N
CAPT G J ANDERSON
LT W BAEBAGE
LT L J ROMAN
S/S S L BITTELL

2. 389 K
LT W H LAMSTER
SGT F H OLIFE

3. 321 E-1
LT J H CARVER
S/S N M GRAHAM

4. 274 G
LT L J PRUCHA
S/S L C FERGUSON

5. 305 U
LT J W BLEVINS
SGT F GENTRY

6. 264 I
LT R J LACKNER
SGT A J MUSSARRA

FLIGHT III

1. 505 Y
LT F S BREWSTER
LT L W DENNIS
COL. T R ALLENBROUGH
S/S W O CLARK

2. 325 L-1
LT W L HALE
S/S J F GEYER
LT S NEANEY (INF)

3. 385 D
LT J H MONTROSE
S/S R S GANDY

4. 335 W
LT J W WRIGHT
S/S P J PROFITA

5. 259 H
LT R H LONG
S/S J H ROBERTS

6. 389 M-1
F/O H G GUNKEL
S/S G L CALABRESSE
SGT H K MILLER (671)

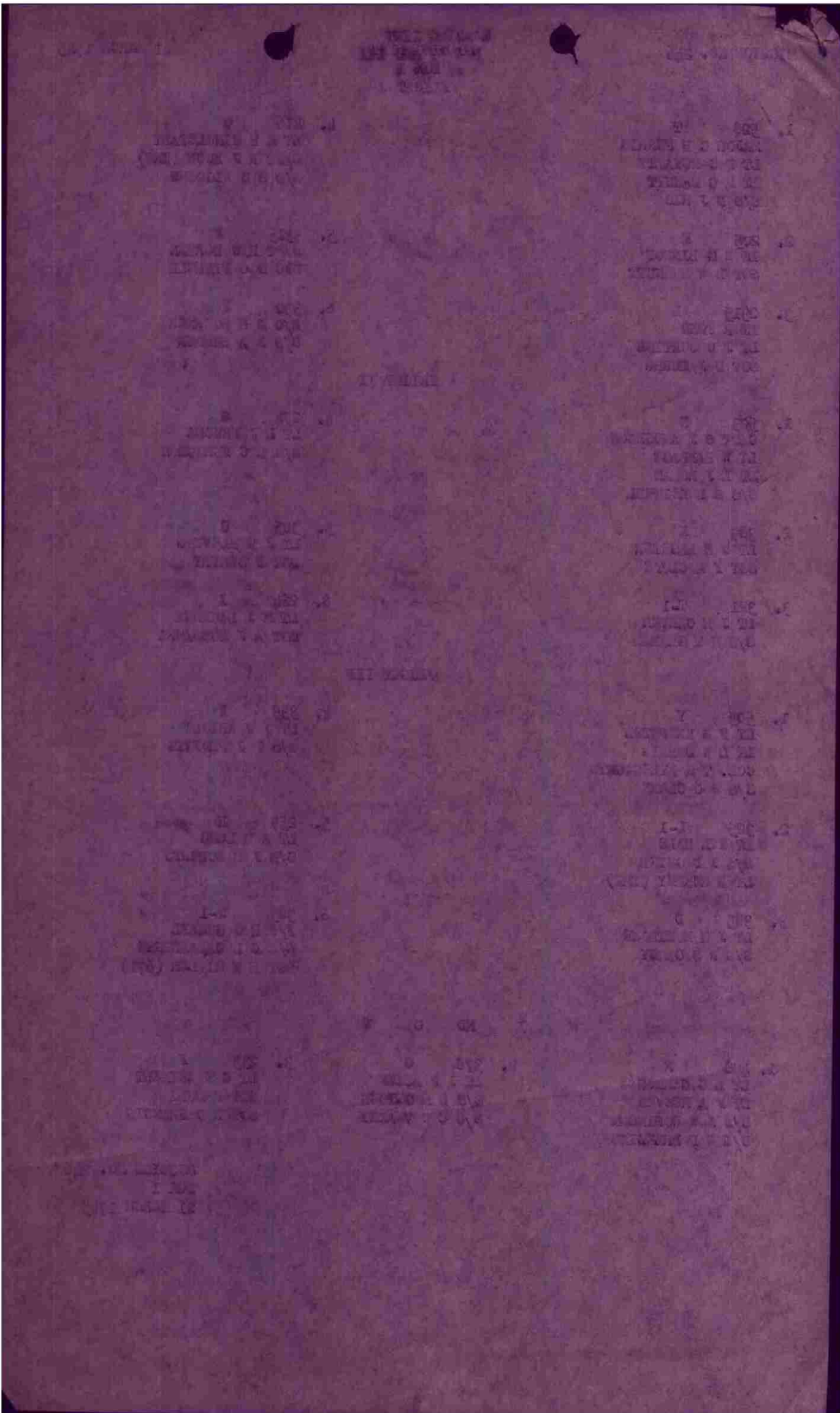
W I N D O W

1. 498 R
LT L E CANNON
LT F A REEVES
S/S J W ROBINSON
S/S E P BRZEZINSKI

2. 378 O
LT J F ALLEN
S/S L R GIBSON
S/S G W VEAZBY

3. 233 F
LT G E WEINERT
SGT R DUBI
SGT R D FRANCIS

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BOX I
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MISSION NO. 246

LOADING LIST
BOX II AND III
FLIGHT I

21 MARCH 1945

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|---|---|--|
| 1. 507 Q
CAPT R J ROONEY
LT R L KIRK
CAPT C C SLAUGHTER (INF)
SGT R J KAMISCHER | 2. 307 N
LT J F STANISWORE
SGT J R VELLINGA | 3. 223 E
LT R S BOWER
SGT N A PUSKAS |
| 4. 320 S
LT W E DOWNING
SGT A D EGROU | 5. 224 E
LT J F WALLACE
SGT R PLANT | 6. 229 B
LT J V O'BRIEN
SGT H T WRIGHT
S/S J O OTTAVIANO (6701) |

FLIGHT II

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| 1. 497 E-1
LT R B HALL
F/O T L GOSS
S/S S J MAJEWSKI | 2. 250 A
LT L W EDSTROM
SGT P A POMPA | 3. 209 E
LT T J MURRAY
M/S J J WELLS |
| 4. 239 N
LT W A MERCHANT
S/S H R DAVIS | 5. 297 T
CAPT Z R MOORE
SGT J J HUSTENWICH | 6. 356 O
LT A E BLIVED
SGT L J FARISH |

FLIGHT III

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|--|--|--|
| 1. 492 E-2
LT J E BLOMHERN
LT C G JOHNSON
S/S M BOCKASH
CAPT H W CHIDLEY (WEATHER) | 2. 951 F
LT J A WILLIAMS
S/S C B HINKER
LT H R TAIT (INF) | 3. 314 H
LT E C MARTIN
LT J W BRITT
SGT W R SUMNER, JR. |
| 4. 362 Y
LT E R HAYDEN
S/S F P BASFORD | 5. 244 I
LT D E SMITH
S/S S J KIRIK | 6. 328 U
LT R E HARPER
CPL R M BLACK |

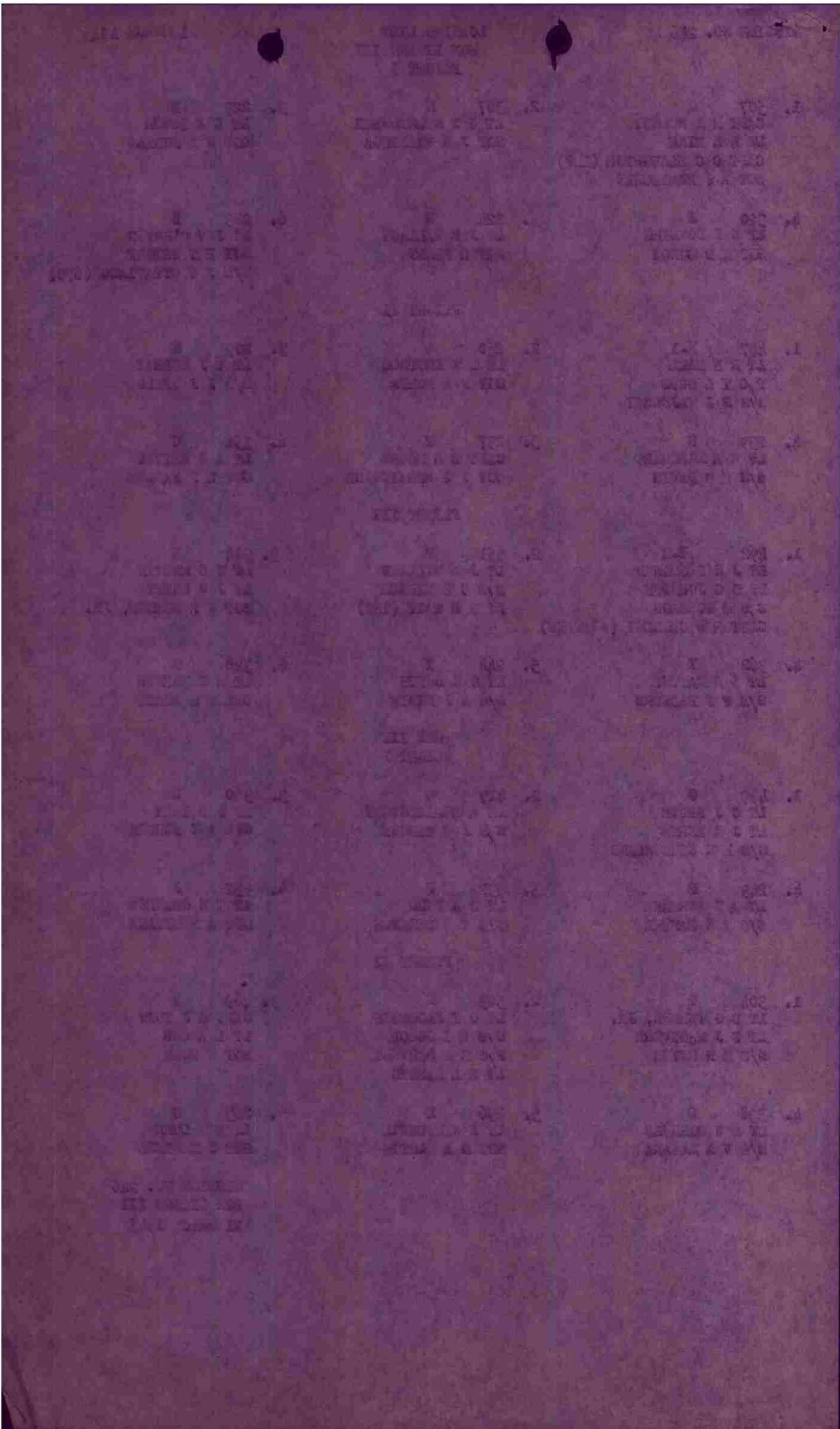
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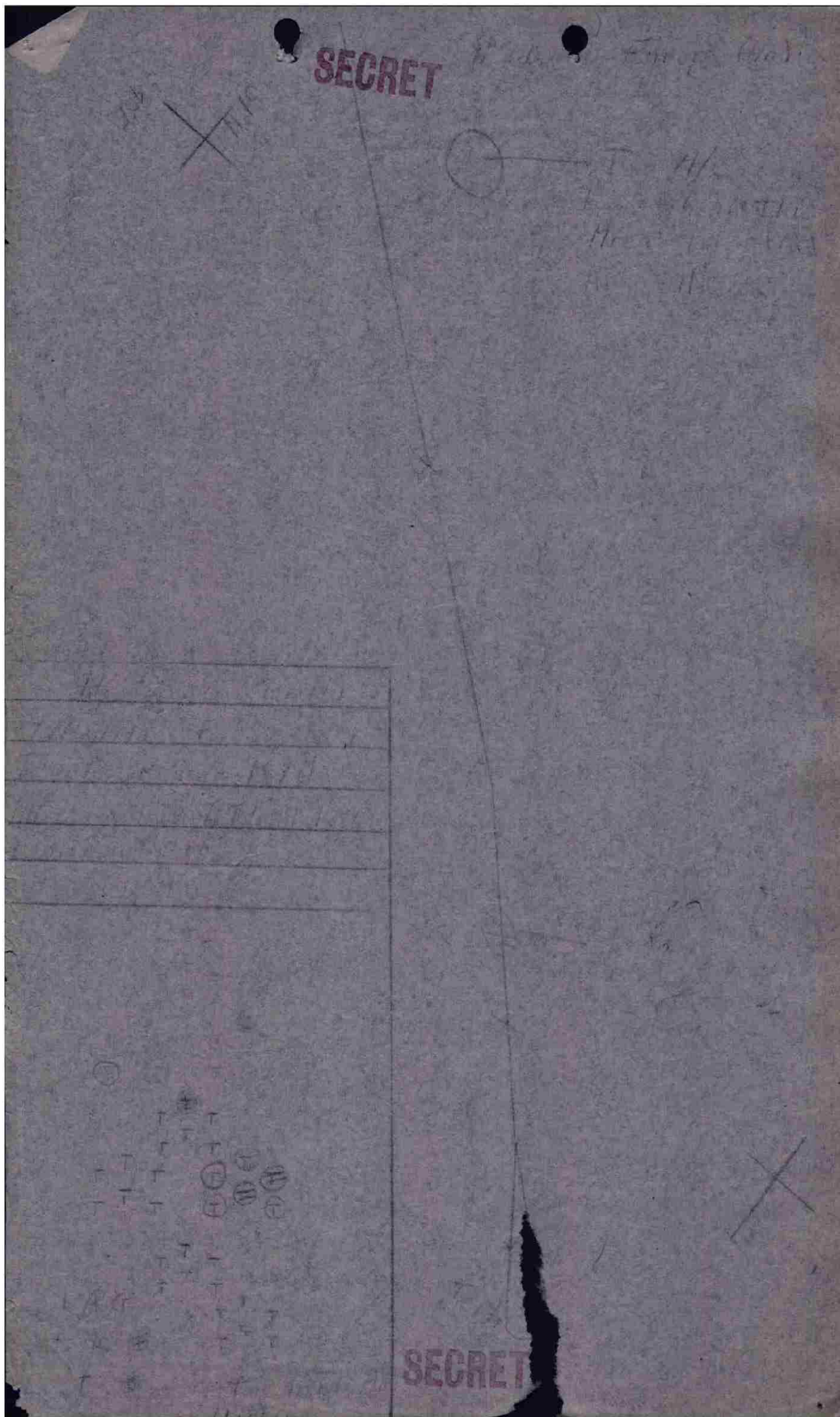
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| 1. 499 G
LT C J BROWN
LT J E KERNS
S/S H E SUNDERLAND | 2. 419 Z
LT A HEMISZEWSKI
S/S J H MIGUEZ | 3. 360 L
LT J C GARY
CPL A E SCHEN |
| 4. 249 F
LT A E HERMAN
S/S F E BARBER | 5. 332 P
LT D A FERRO
S/S T W SKELTON | 6. 352 J
LT T E GRASHER
SGT A H MILLER |

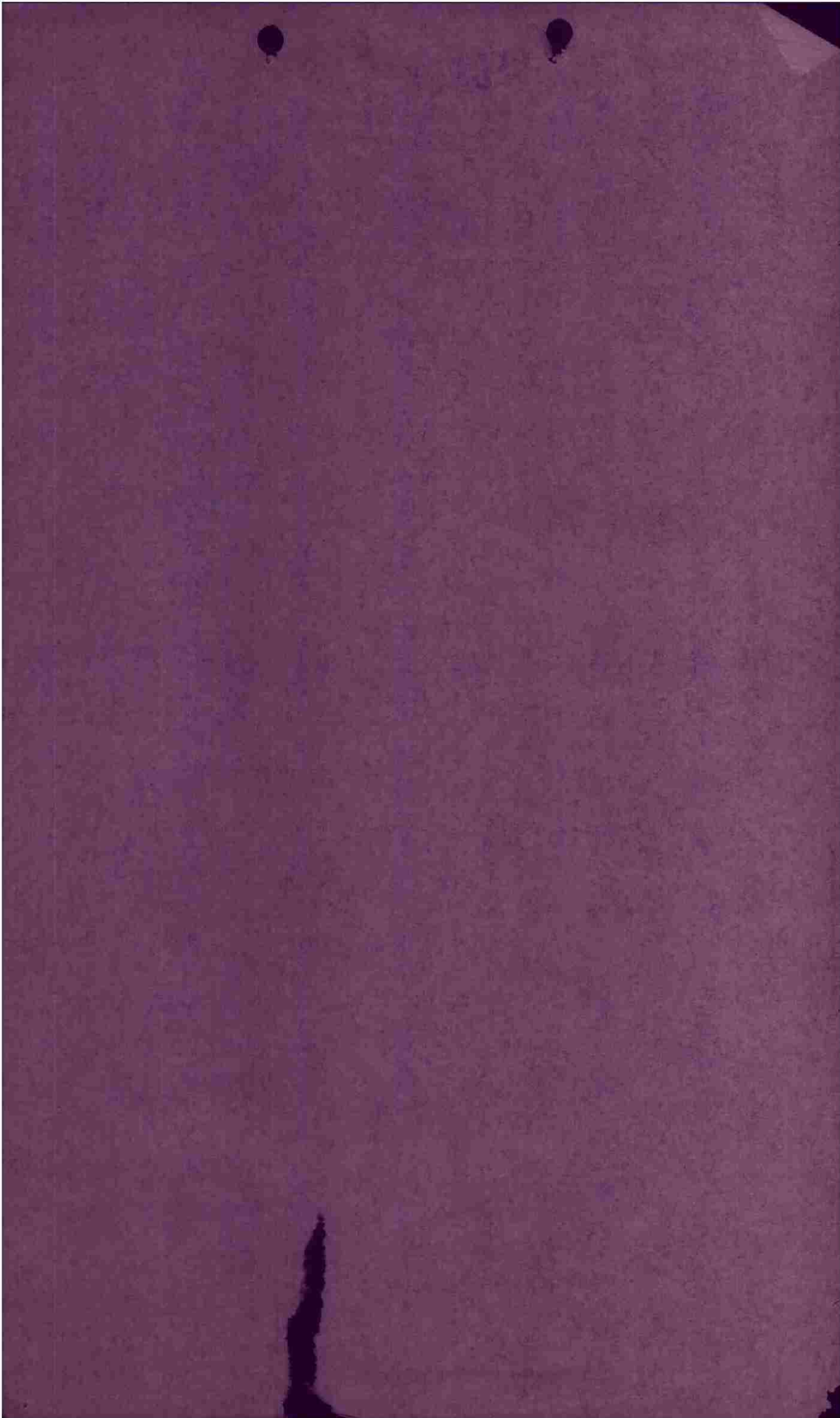
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| 1. 304 T
LT D O TURNER, JR.
LT P J McGIVERN
S/S H R REYES | 2. 503 X
LT O F JACOBSEN
S/S H I GOOCH
F/O R W HARVEST
LT R L MARTIN | 3. 469 A
CAPT R J TUTT
LT L A ORR
SGT W WOOD |
| 4. 338 O
LT D W SORRELS
S/S V A MALARA | 5. 496 L
LT R W HASKELL
SGT G A MARTIN | 6. 263 G
LT F G DUNN
SGT J M FISSEL |

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BOX II AND III
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416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE RADAR OFFICER

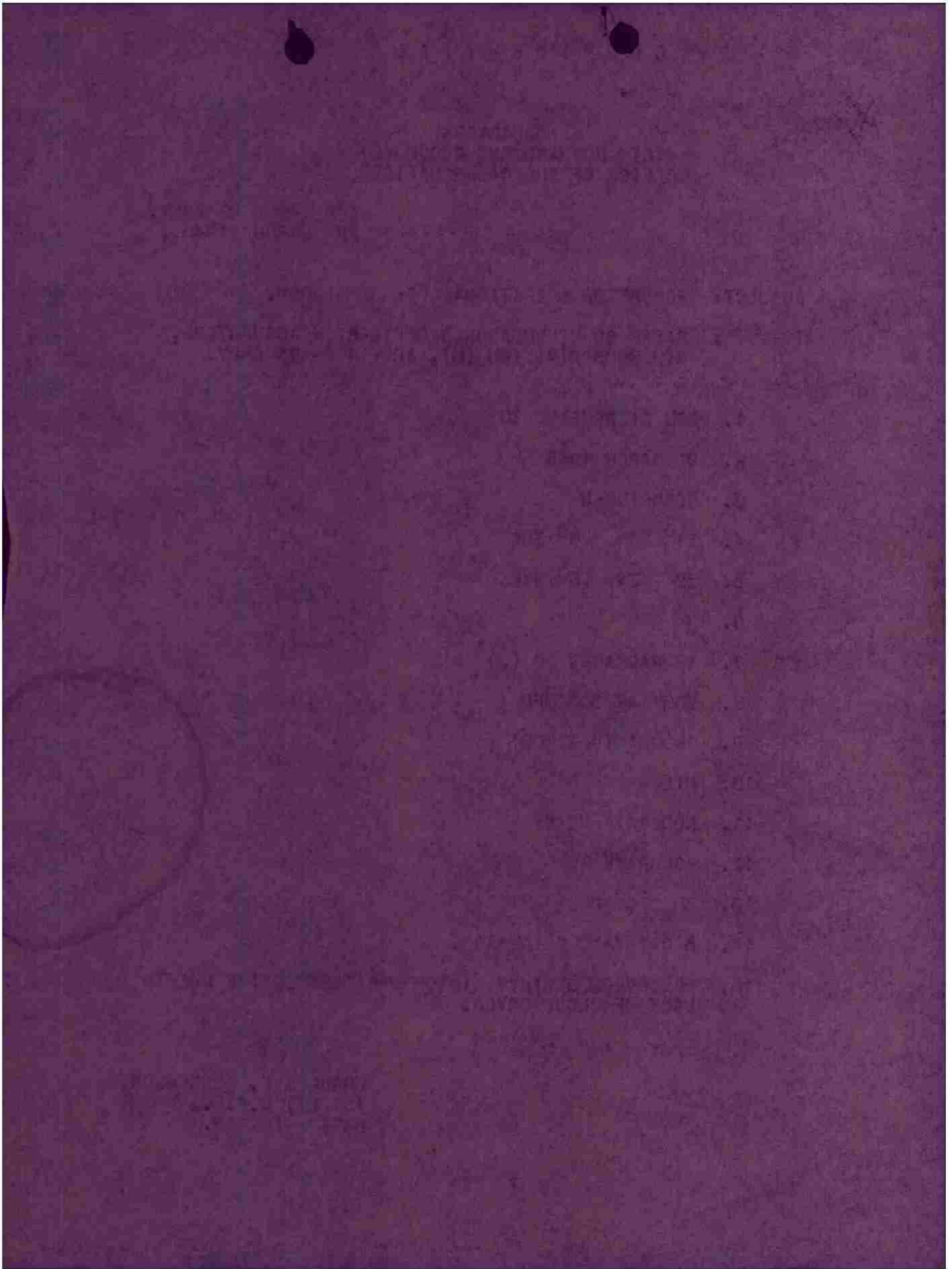
APD 140 - US ARMY,
22 MARCH 1945.

SUBJECT: REPORT OF OPERATIONAL USE OF WINDOW.

TO : 1. RADAR COUNTERMEASURES OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS,
9TH BOMB DIVISION (M), APD 140 - US ARMY.

1. RCM DISPENSING TO
2. 21 MARCH 1945
3. GENDRINGEN
4. 51° 56N 6° 35E
5. 52° 3N 6° 47E
6. 3
7. 18 PACKAGES 28 (3)
8. 300° AT 300 MPH
9. 10000' TO 12000'
10. NIL
11. MODERATE HEAVY
12. ACCURATE
13. 30 SECONDS
14. 5 CAT "A", 2 IN "AC".
15. OBSERVERS BELIEVE WINDOW WAS INEFFECTIVE DUE TO
LACK OF CLOUD COVER.

CHARLES F. GUNDERSON,
1ST LT, C.A.C.,
RADAR OFFICER.



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

AUTH: CG STA A-69
DATE: 23 March 1945
INIT:

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

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

Ref: Oprep A. No. 352 a for 24 hrs. ending midnight 23 March 1945
Mission or Operation No. 246 97th OWS T-2 217-307

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Vreden Road Junctions (1 flak, 3 elements on each of the following
Place of take-off Sta. A-69 coordinates A-05504500, A-08835793, A-07206310
Place of landing Station A-69
Take-off time 1524 Landing time 1825
Time over target 1640-1730 Bombing Altitude 10000-12000
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather Clear - all clouds.
Results Exp. Unknown, Exp (MPT), Exp, Exp (MPT), Super, Under, Under.
Enemy opposition Major to moderate concrete flak.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 51 A-26's

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
42 Vreden Road Junctions
5 Flak Positions (location A-05504500,
A-08835793, A-07206310)
3 Winds

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) 2 category "B" - mid air collision.

8. Sorties 51

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GEORGE SCHNEIDER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

For the Commanding Officer:

E. Destroyed _____
 F. Prop. Doc. _____
 G. Deleted _____

H. Enemy aircraft by type or description (with this column)

Type of	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	B. Gun	E. Gun	T. Gun
Killed in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in	2	0	0	2	0	1	1
Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slightly	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slightly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Infantry
Officers

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

a. Total Returned 1 x 1000 lb
 b. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c _____
 c. Detached _____
 d. Expended on operations: 167 x 1000 lb's (List targets separately) 22 x 500 lb's

E. Ammunition by caliber:
 a. Total carried into air: 168 x 1000 lb of Round 1/200 1/400
 b. Expended on operations: 167 x 1000 lb's (Total) 22 x 500 lb's
 c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c: 168 x 1000 lb's

F. Night (Sunset to sunset) _____
 G. Day (Sunrise to sunset) _____

H. Total operational flying hours _____
 I. _____
 J. _____

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FORM 974 (Rev. 4-1-41)

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 25/21 P P

FROM: CO, 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 21/1945A
TO : COMBONDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER.
: COMBTWIG 97TH (INFO)

BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416TH BG R-476-J PERIOD

A. VS - 1/2 7A

B. 21 MARCH 1945 (1524 - 1741)

C. T-TARE AND C-GEORGE REPORTED "OPS" COMPLETED TO PARADE AFTER LEAVING TARGET. SECOND BOX DID NOT REPORT TO PARADE; LEADER WENT DOWN IN COLLISION.

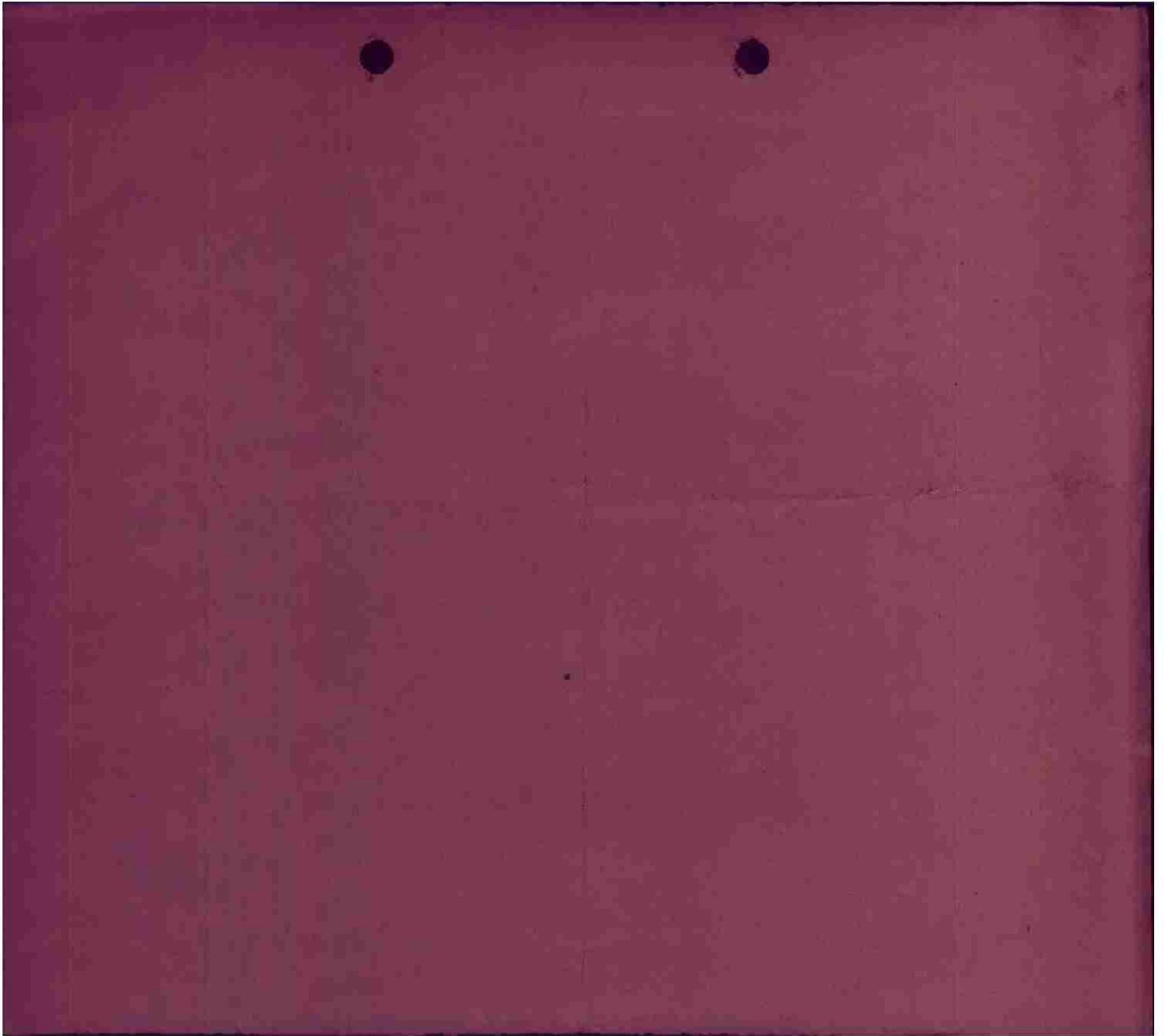
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- E. NONE
- F. NONE
- G. NONE
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE

AYLESWORTH COMBGR 416

BT 21/1945A
EW BBBB TO JEA ONLY

ITA R.....21/2006A MILT AR
JEA R.....21/39

2006A CES KKKKKK



Box #	Cpsnl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
507	Tolson	2/3/45						
307								
223								
320								
324								
229								
497								
250								
209								
239								
297								
356								
492								
351								
314								
362								
344								
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T/O TOT L/D

507 ROONEY X
 307 BOWEN STANBROWSKI
 320 DOWNING
 229 O'BRIEN WALLACE
 492 GLOMGEN
 351 HALL
 209 MURRAY EDSTROM
 239 MERCHANT
 362 HAYTER
 344 HARPER SMITH D.F.
 356 HILVERD MOORE
 297

TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

(2) No. a/c off by type: _____
A-20G's _____ A-20J's (obtained from Opns) _____

(3) No. of a/c failing to bomb _____ explain each failure.
Recall due to weather _____
Personnel _____
Mechanical _____
Other Reasons _____

(4) No. a/c bombing. _____
Primary. _____
Secondary. _____
Other. _____
(Obtained from recaps.)

C.

(1) Time up _____
T.O.T. _____ (Obtained from Tower).
Time Down _____

D.

(1) No. a/c _____
Missing _____
Destroyed _____
Damaged _____ (cat. B/C)
Damaged _____ (cat. A)

(3) No. Crew _____ Killed _____ Wounded _____ Missing _____
(Obtained from Recaps).

E. Results of Bombing. (Obtained from Group Bombardier).

	No.	Type
I. Bombs on Primary	_____	X _____
Bombs on Secondary	_____	X _____
Bombs on Other	_____	X _____
Bombs Returned	_____	X _____
Bombs Jettisoned	_____	X _____
(Obtained from Recaps)		Where _____

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(The NCO in charge should fill this out immediately finishing taking the recaps and hand to the Officer making up the Ops Report).

Box #	Cps#1	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O TOT	15 min.
		2/3/45						
A/C	Reason	ATT	300b Isp	A/C Dam	E/A	Parts.	L/D	
499		F S O	F S T F R					
419		V	4					
360		V	4					
249		V	4					
332		V	4					
352		V	4					
304		V	12					
338		V	12					
469		V	12					
503		V	12					
446		V	12					
263		V	12					

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24-0-0
72-0-0

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- 499 ✓
- 360 ✓
- 249 ✓
- 332 ✓
- 304 ✓
- 469 ✓
- 503 ✓
- 446 ✓
- 263 ✓
- 300 ✓
- 449 ✓
- 338 ✓
- 469 ✓
- 503 ✓
- 446 ✓
- 263 ✓
- 300 ✓
- 449 ✓
- 338 ✓
- 469 ✓
- 503 ✓
- 446 ✓
- 263 ✓

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B.

- (2) No. a/c off by type:
 - A-20G's _____
 - A-20J's (obtained from Ops) _____
- (3) No. of a/c failing to bomb _____ explain each failure.
 - Recall due to weather _____
 - Personnel _____
 - Mechanical _____
 - Other Reasons _____
- (4) No. a/c bombing.
 - Primary _____
 - Secondary _____
 - Other _____
 - (Obtained from recaps.) _____

C.

- (1) Time up _____ (Obtained from Tower).
- T.O.T. _____
- Time Down _____

D.

- (1) No. a/c
 - Missing _____
 - Destroyed _____
 - Damaged _____ (cat. B/C)
 - Damaged _____ (cat. A)
- (2) No. Crew
 - Filled _____
 - Wounded _____
 - Missing _____
 (Obtained from Recaps).

3. Results of Bombing. (Obtained from Group Bombardier).

	No.	Type	Where
I. Bombs on Primary	_____	X	_____
Bombs on Secondary	_____	X	_____
Bombs on Other	_____	X	_____
Bombs Returned	_____	X	_____
Bombs Retained	_____	X	_____
(Obtained from Recaps)			

(The NCO in charge should fill this out immediately finishing taking the recaps and hand to the Officer making up the Ops Report).

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Box #	CDSPI	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O TOT L/D	15 min.
		<i>2/3/43</i>				<i>CANNON</i>		
A/C	Rel to Bomb	ATT	3000 Hsp	A/C Dam	E/A	Parts.		
Box No.	Tossion	T S O	T S T P R	N D A A C B E D P D K W M				
<i>498</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
<i>378</i>								
<i>333</i>								

498
CANNON
~~*333*~~
~~*WEINERT ALLEN*~~

WINDOW 10M.

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PILOT CANNON A/C# 498 BOX _____ FLT _____

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : Accurate flak on ret. just over base just as plotted * (409th rec. down to Rt on one way out.) None from pos. on exit.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : Nil

OBSERVATIONS :

1500ft below
10,300
55°
windows fell below flight.

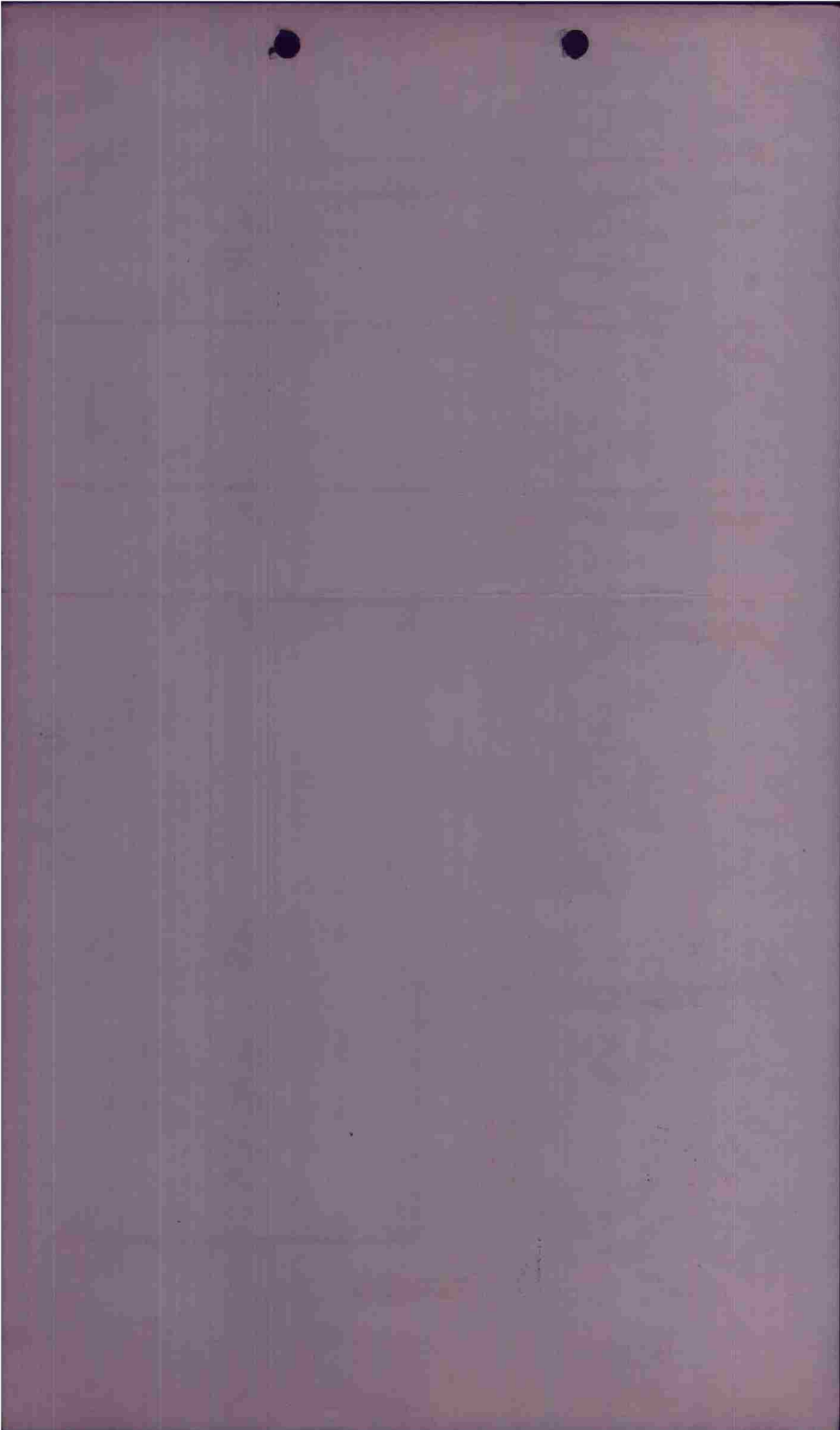
The flak pos to Rt of course was bombed as we went in.

POSITION & FORMATION

	X	
	X X	
	X	
	X X	
X		X
X X		X X
X		X
X X		X X
	X (SPARE)	

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PILOT WEINERT A/C# 733 BOX _____ FLT _____

CASUALTIES

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

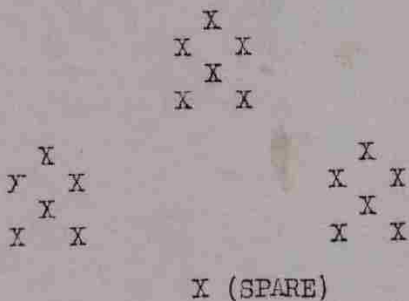
FLAK : X 1112 1/2 X 412 RA

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

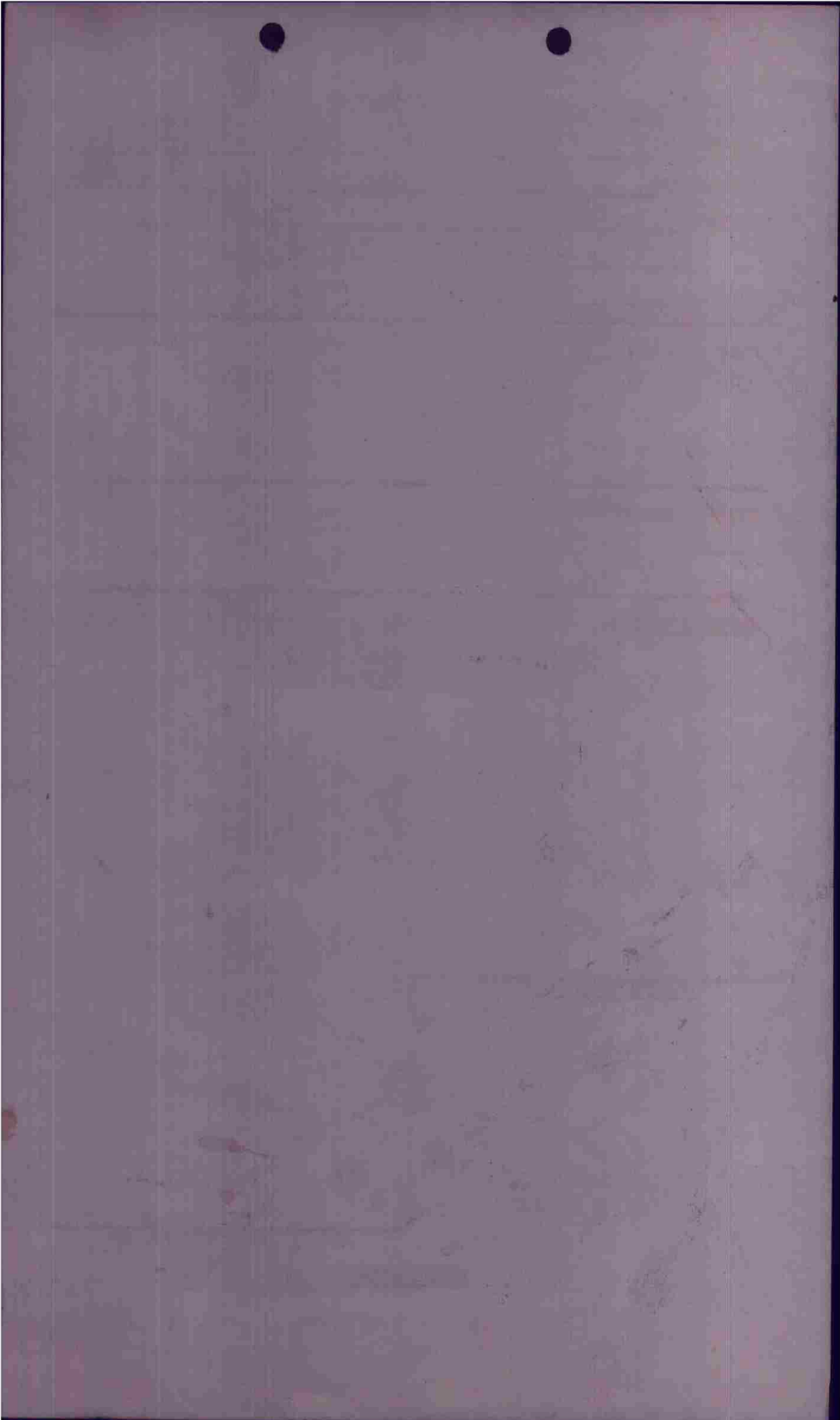
Tgt
1P dropped window
1500'
1-1 1/2 ahead
turn off 1500'

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PILOT ALLEN A/C# 378 BOX _____ FLT _____

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : XX HIA B/L
X HIA RP

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : IP - T91 (w/ot)
1800'
1 mile ahead
turn off

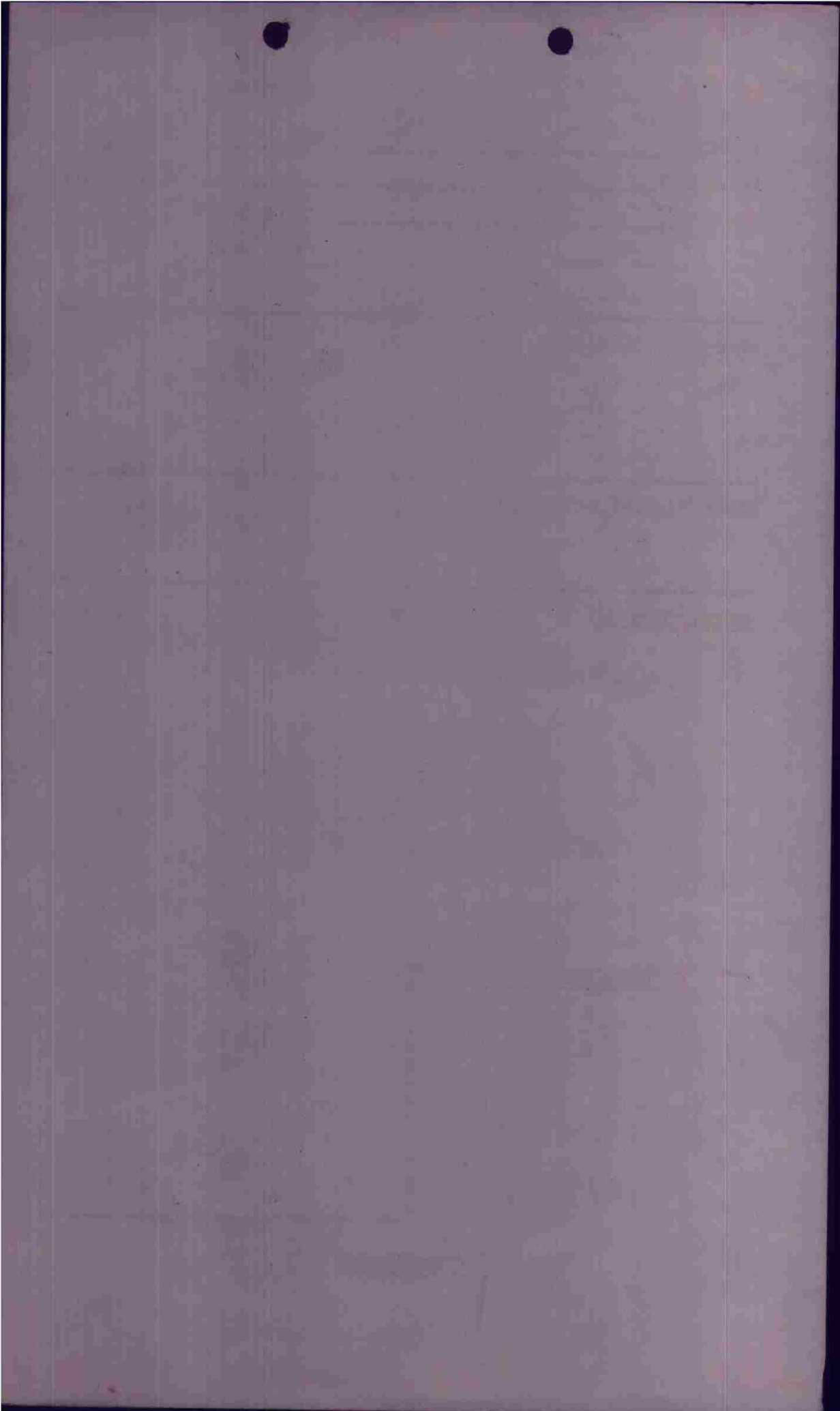
POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X
  X
 Y  X
  X
 Y  X
      X (SPARE)
  
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PILOT FERRIS A/C# 528 BOX 1 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

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

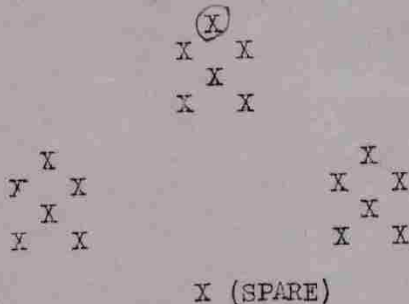
FLAK : KXHA Bombing abt of course
X the at Haultahn.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

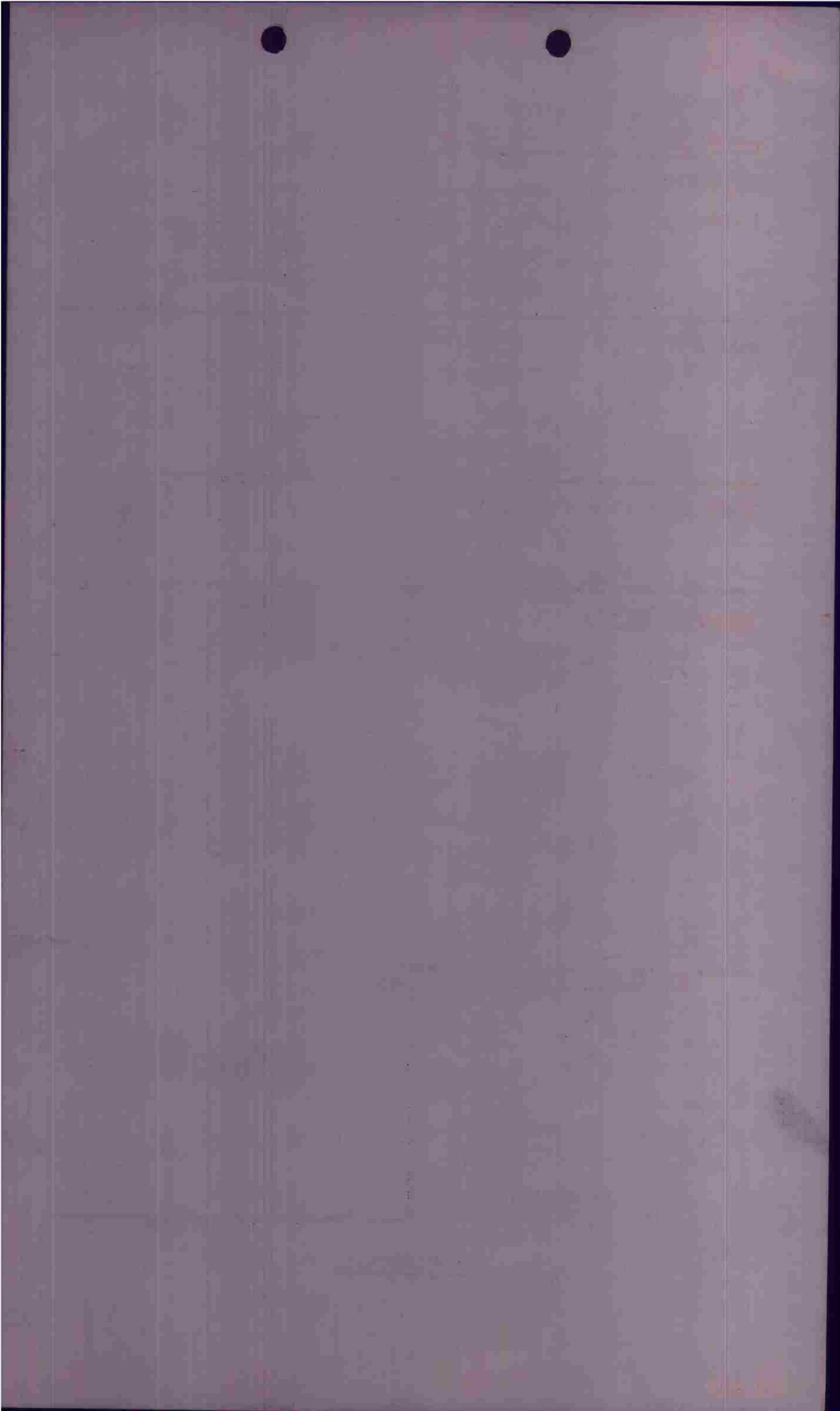
2 persons at 1700 Ex - sup bombed primary
TOT 1657 1/2
ALT. 12,000
d. 40°

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PILOT BISHOP A/C# 205 BOX 1 FLT 1

CASUALTIES None

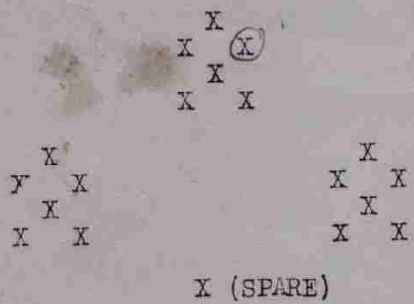
BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X1000	ON	<u>Pr</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED		<u>None</u>		

FLAK : as plotted and briefed
XH1

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : None

OBSERVATIONS : 2 Runs - fires +
lots of smoke

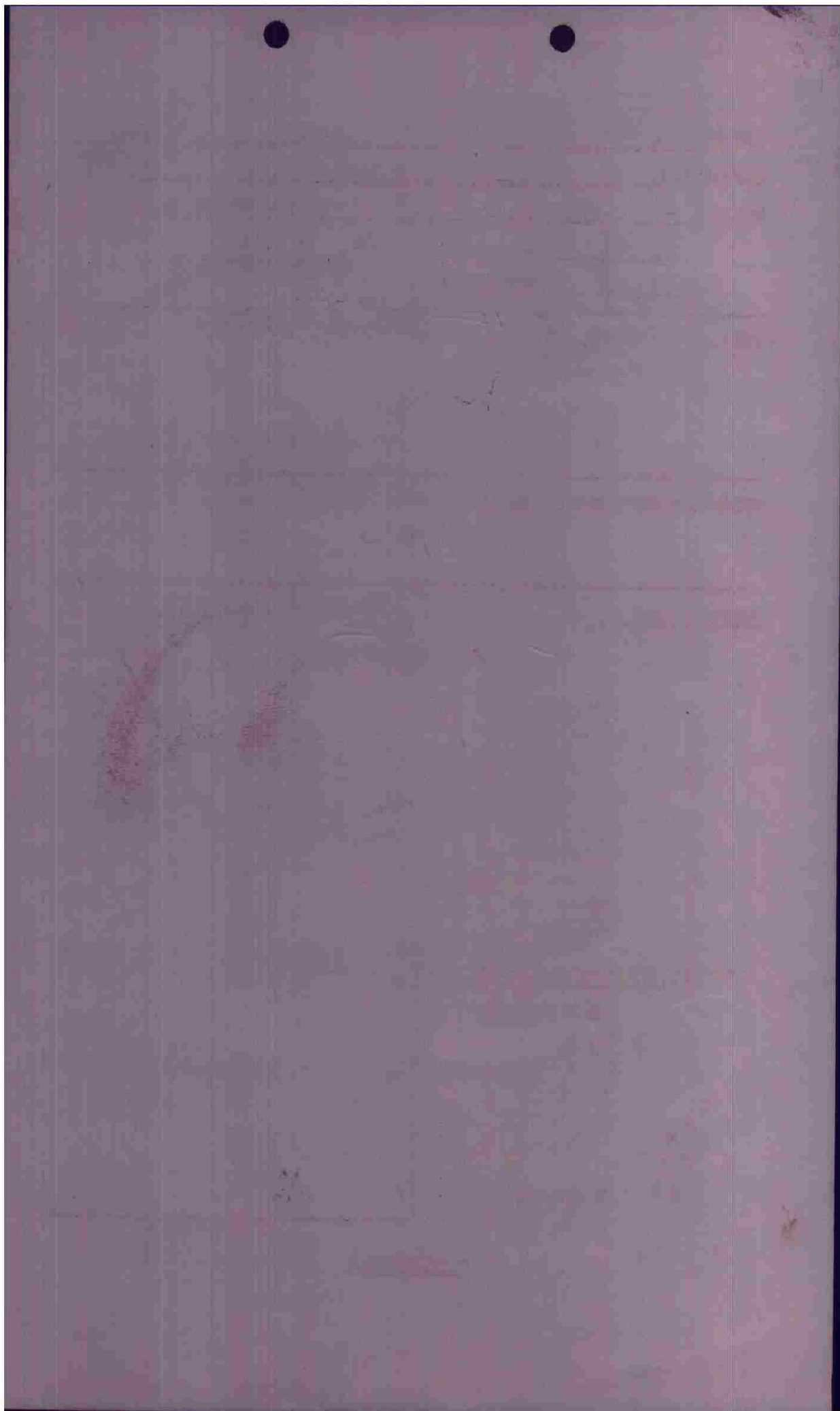
POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT FORD A/C# 2315 BOX 1 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : XH1 - at B L in + out.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Spitz

OBSERVATIONS :

big smoke screen from
mine in fog
good hits in town

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    (X) X
      X
      X X

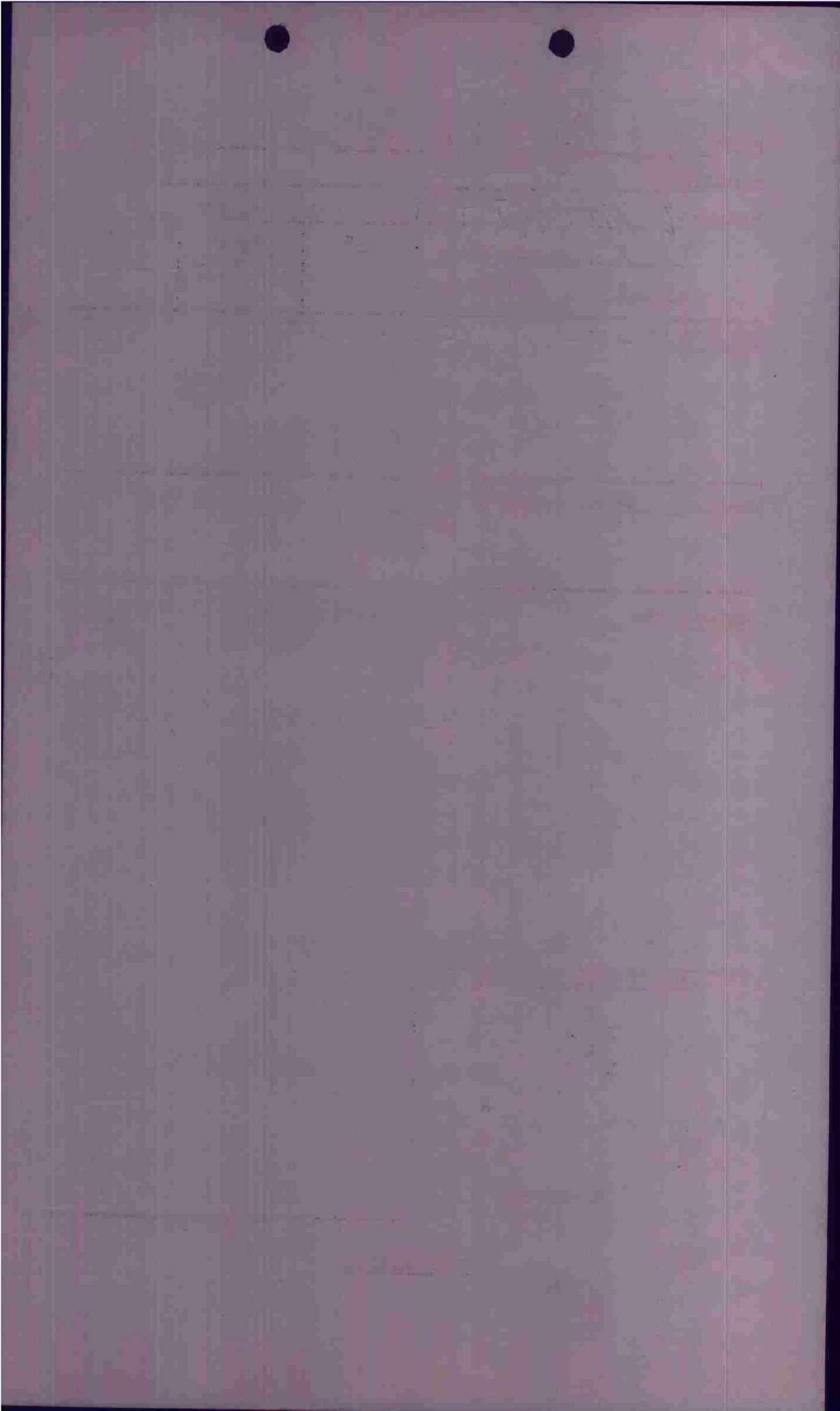
  X      X
  F X    X
  X      X
  X      X

      X
      X X
      X X
  X (SPARE)

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INTERNAL FORM

PILOT SINGLETARY A/C# 416 BOX 1 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

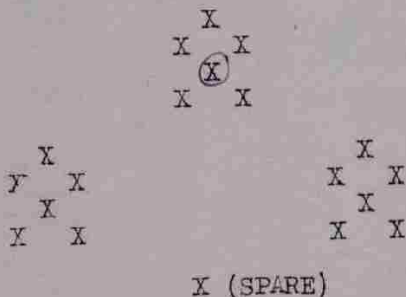
BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u> X/1000	ON <u>f</u>			
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : XXH I to right on way in. 3 gun position on way in in range.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

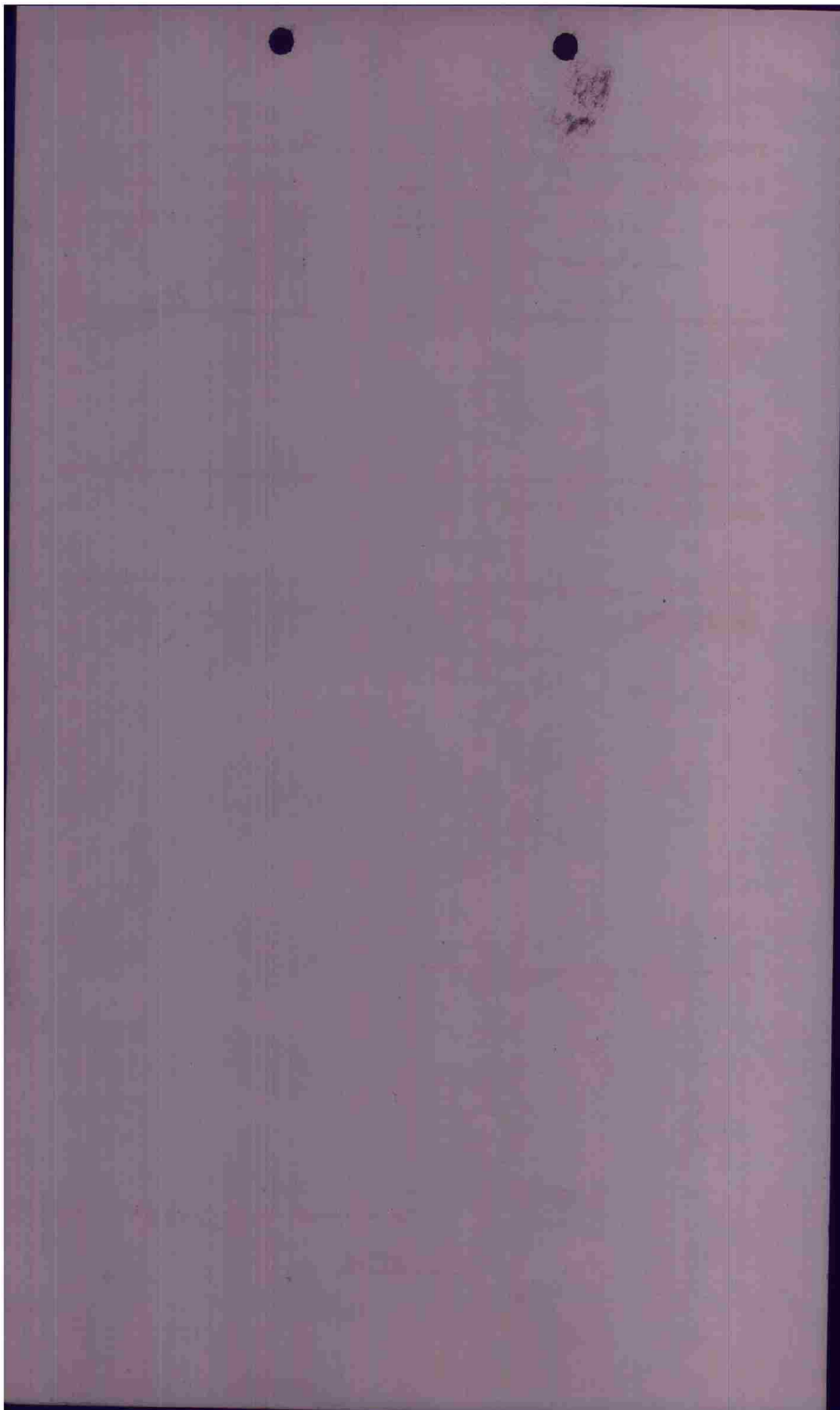
OBSERVATIONS : Smoke screen on our side of Rhine.
to N & L of flight
no activity on roads in Germany.
Bombs hit in north & central part of town.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT BORMAN A/C# 9315 BOX 1 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

None

BOMBS :	X 1000	ON	PR	BATTLE DAMAGE		
				"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X					
	X					

FLAK : On Bomb run - in area where had been briefed -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

2 Runs
First run broken up by B26s
1st Tgt - Superior results
for First Flight - First Box

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X (X)

  X
Y  X X
  X
X  X

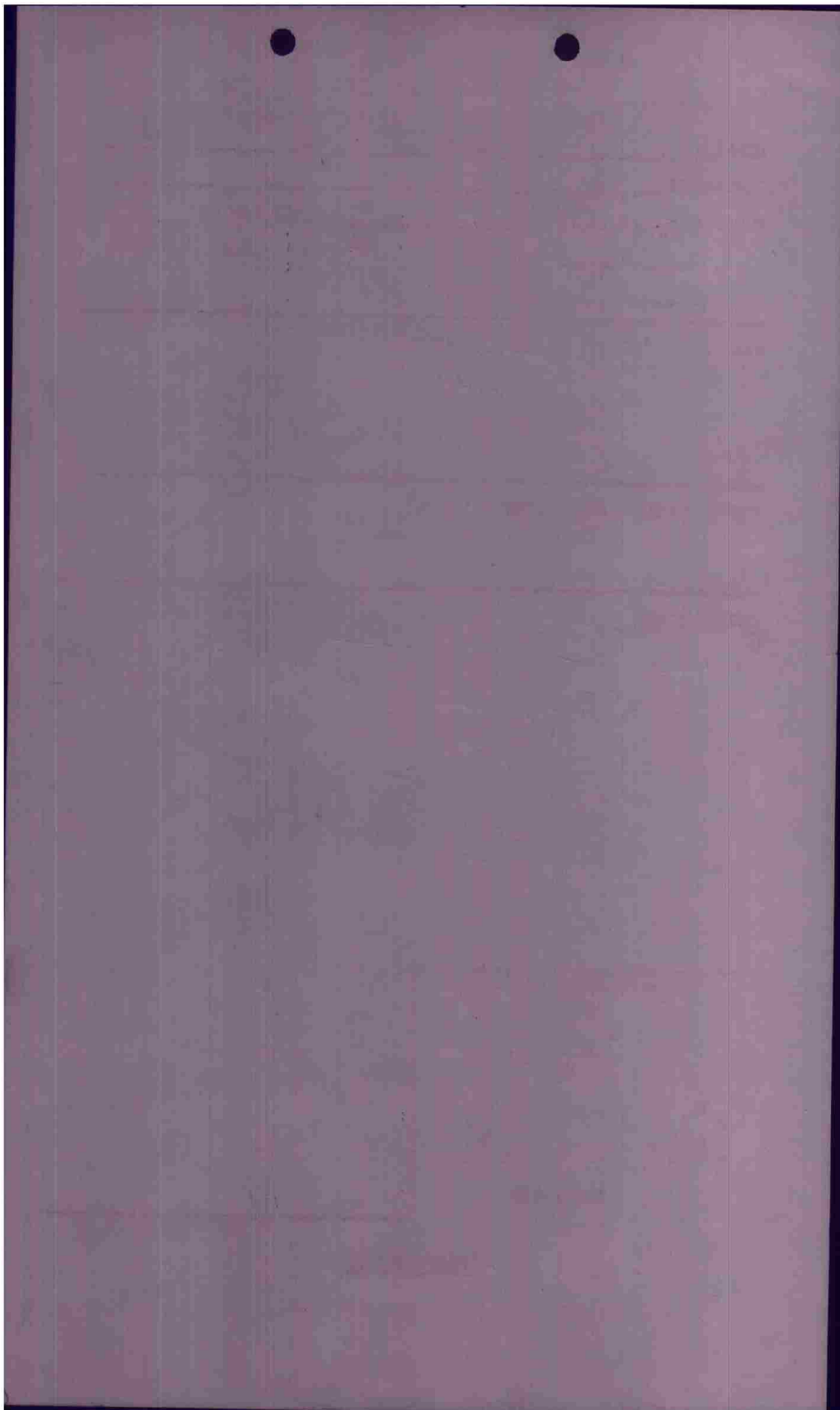
      X
     X X
      X
     X X

X (SPARE)

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INTERFORM

PILOT BOERNER A/C# 330 BOX 1 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : 4' 79T X 11/12 13/12

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

1 1 1

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombs in town

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
   (X) X

X      X
Y X   X X
X      X
X      X

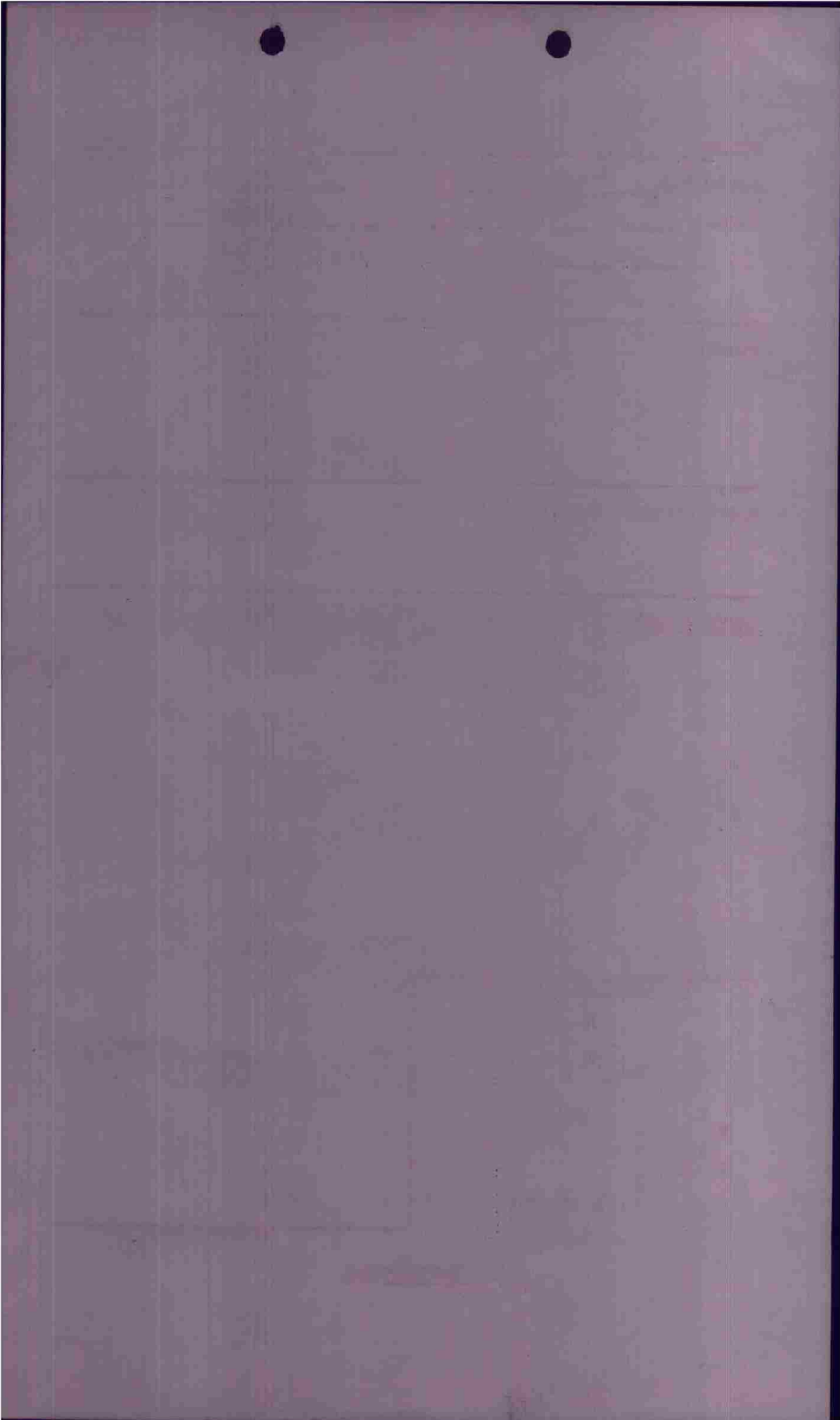
X (SPARE)

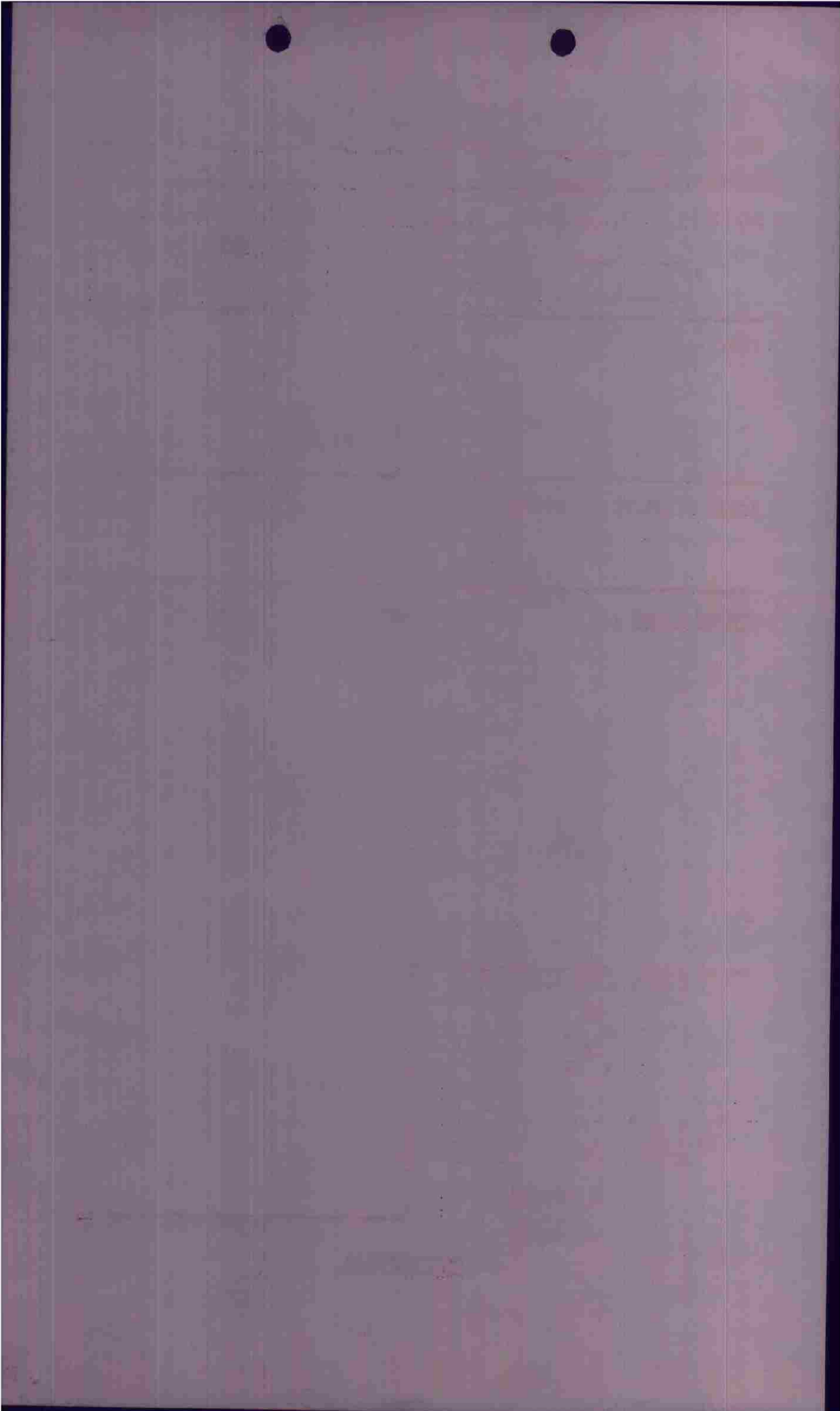
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INSTR. FORM

PILOT LASETER A/C# 389 BOX 1 FLT 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
<u>4</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>000</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED			

FLAK : B/L NVA
Tpt WHA.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

P Eng failed to operate on 1st run and forced to fall back off formation on 1st run but went on to catch up with formation and bombs. He saw 2 g/c ~~go down~~ spin down + 1 g/c went straight down no chutes observed.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X

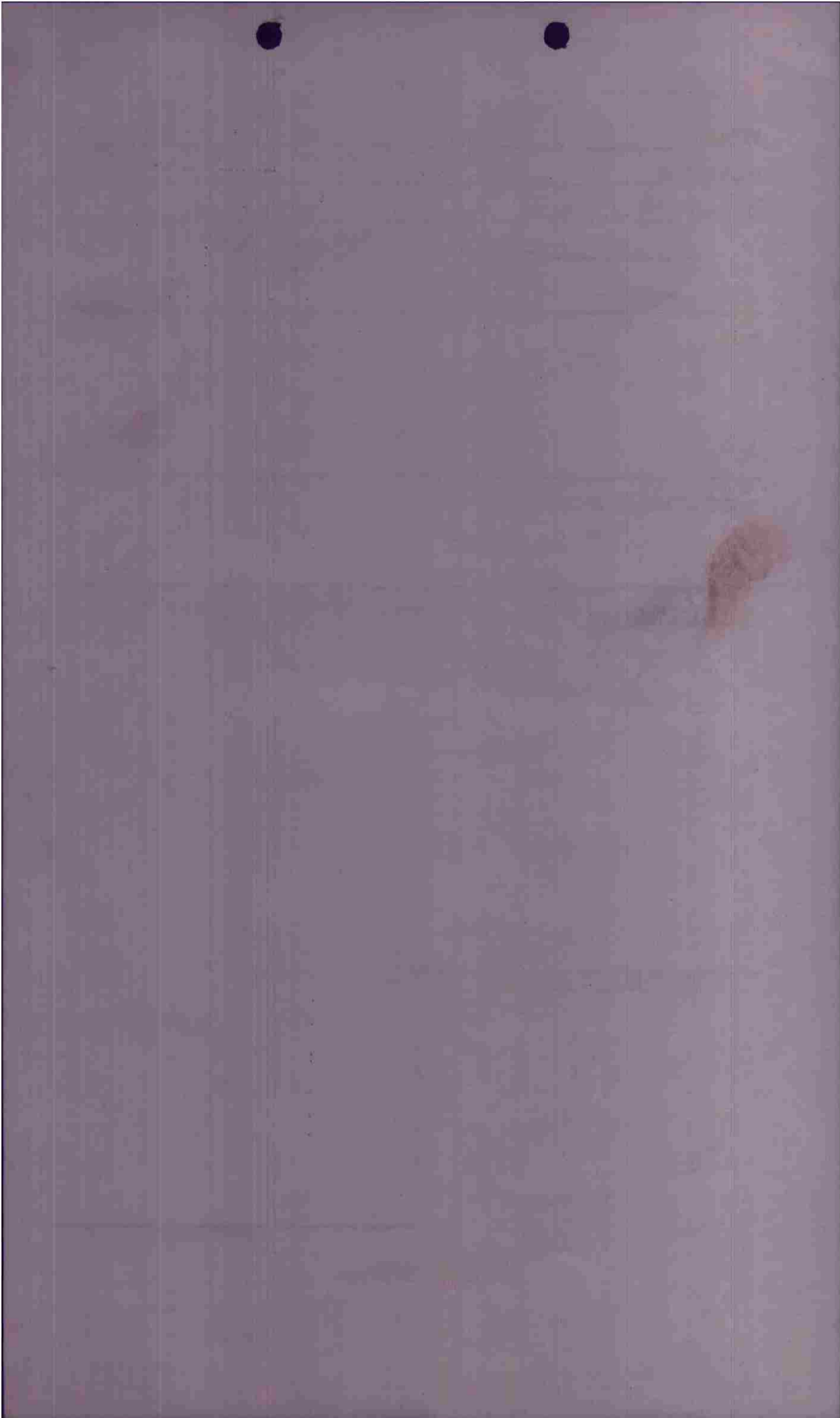
X      X
Y      X
X      X
X      X

      X
     X (X)
      X
     X X

X (SPARE)
    
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PILOT CARVER A/C# 321 BOX 1 FLT 2

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : after B.L. + ahead of us - XXH1
some before I.P. - XH1
Before B.L. end - XHA - close

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

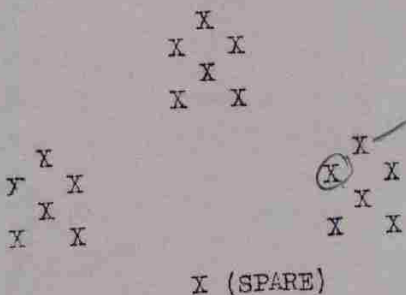
X P-47's
Spits.

OBSERVATIONS :

2 turns with lot of smoke
1 run on 7/A + made end.
Bombs dropped from 1 A/C shot in
field over B.P.

one plane off pt. moved down perhaps
to avoid plane. - wing off one plane +
tail head ship took Anderson's tail off as it
went by. - No chutes - plane went down

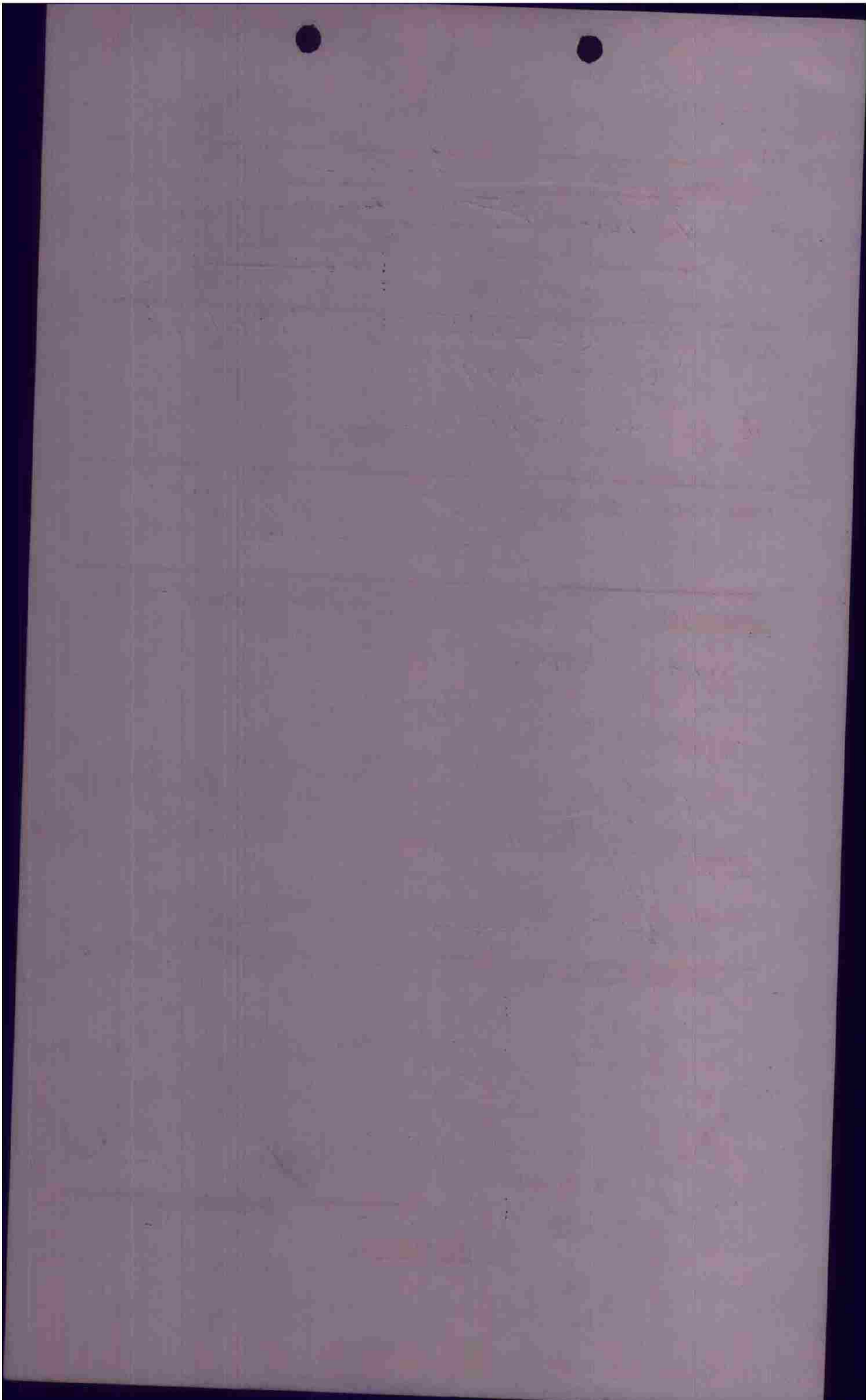
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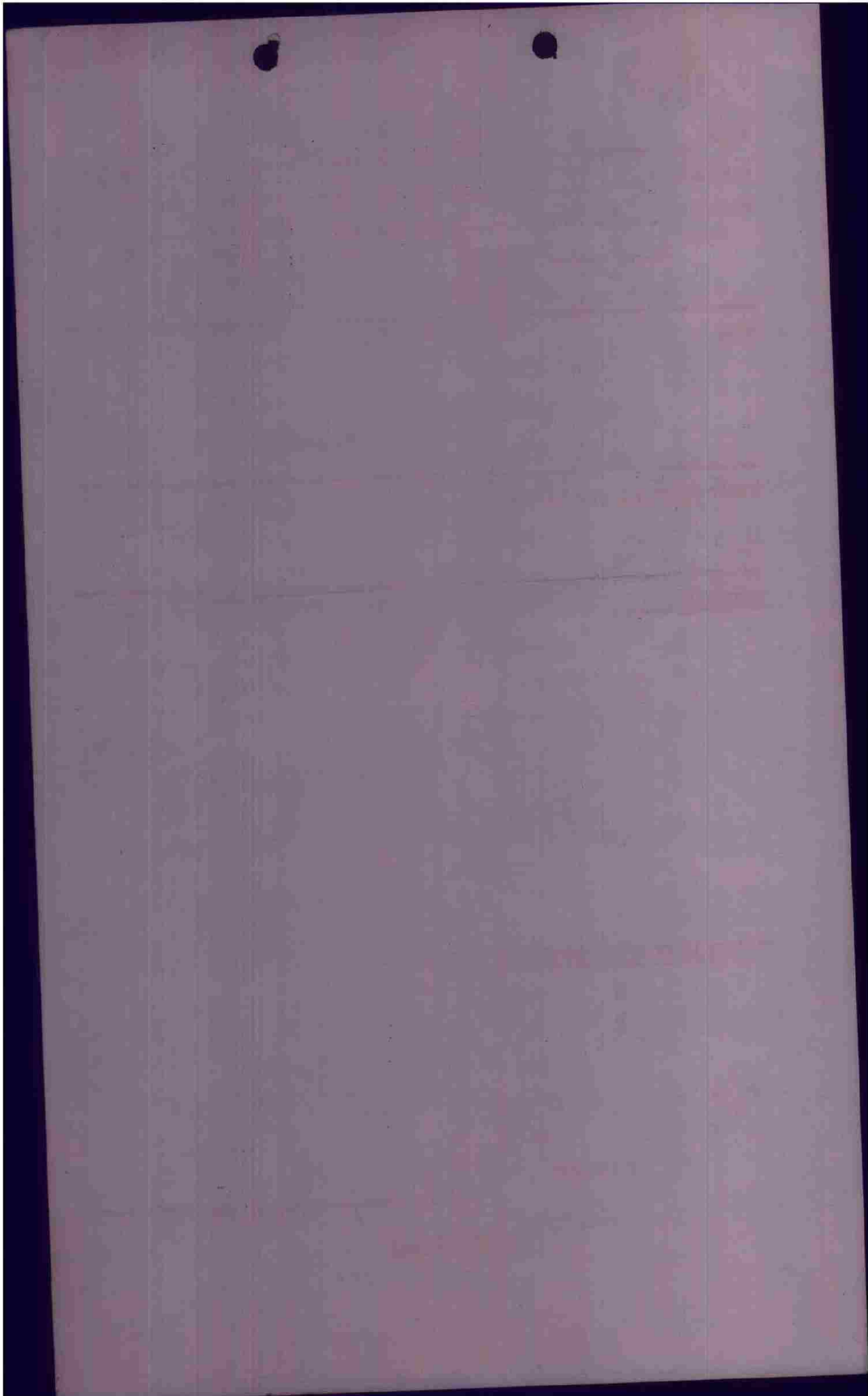


down to fast - seemed to
be in flat spin.

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PILOT Blevins A/C# 305 BOX 1 FLT 2

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : X NIA B/L

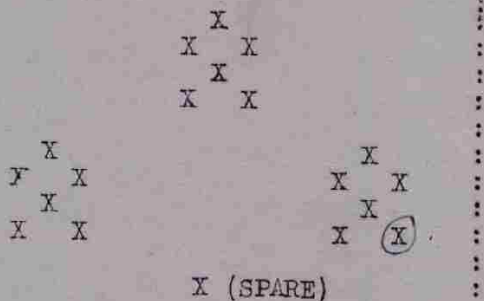
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

*bombs in tow
 this formation was flying back to gain box formation
 when he saw out of the corner of his eye another flight
 to the right,
 he immediately dove his g/c and pieces of g/c covered his
 g/c while he was diving after hushing out he could see
 back over his shoulder a g/c ~~splitting~~ ^{splitting} ~~over~~ ^{over} & splits
 down. no e-bots observed.*

cameq

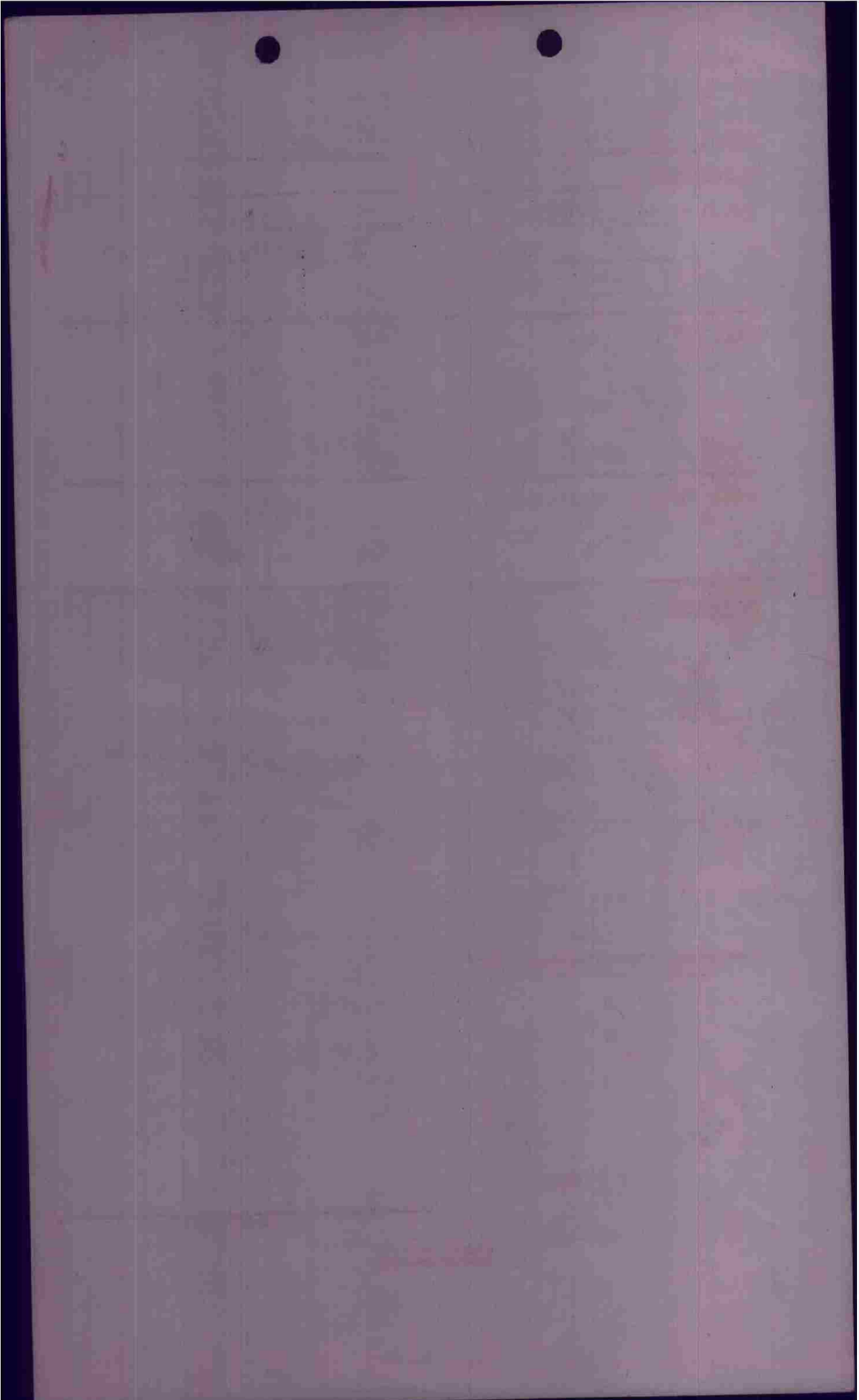
POSITION IN FORMATION

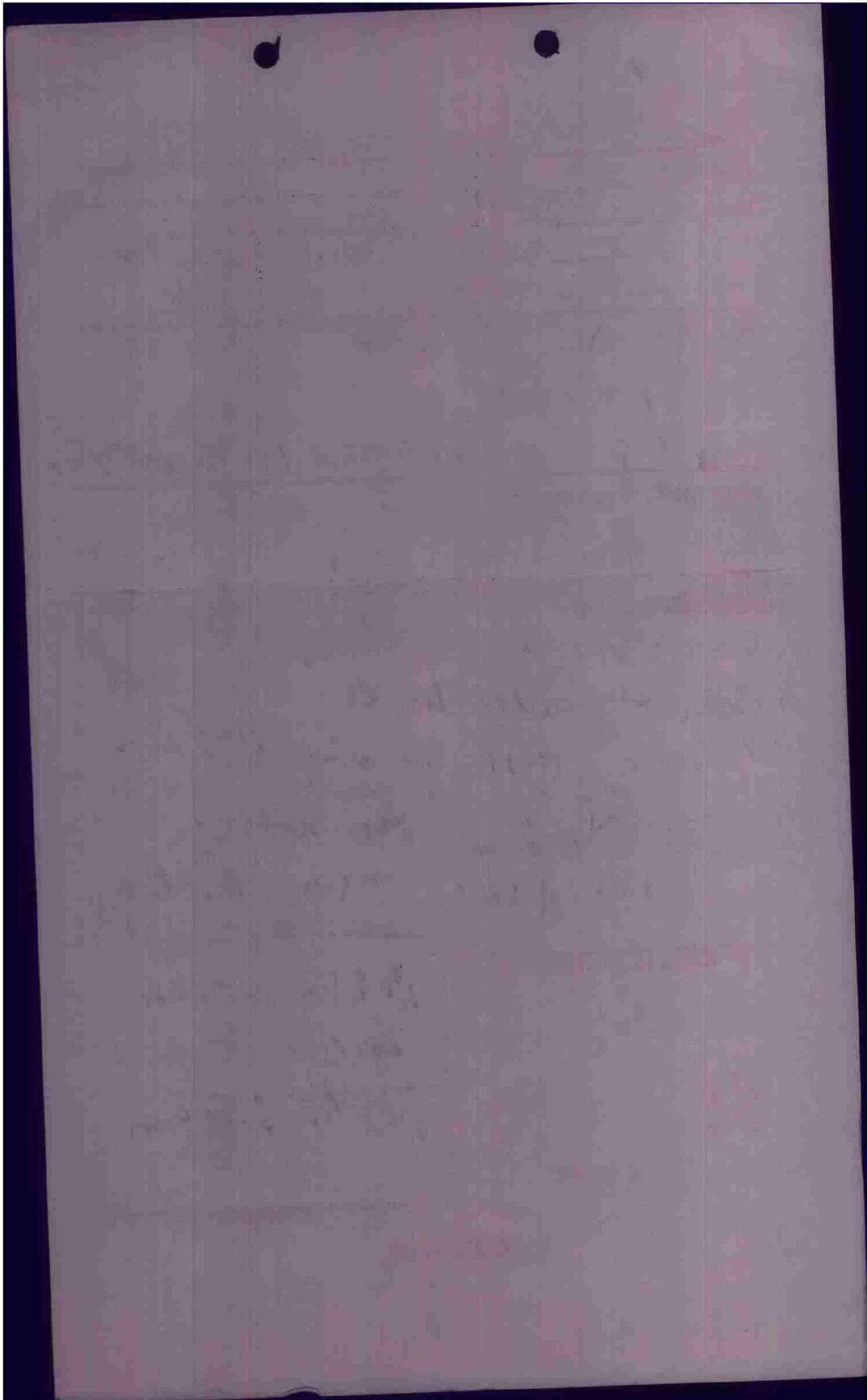


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INTER. FORM

PILOT BREWSTER A/C# 505 BOX 1 FILE 3

CASUALTIES

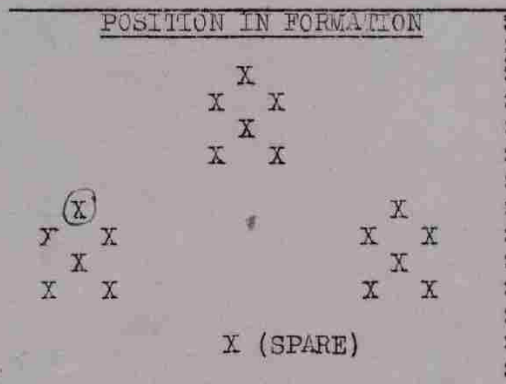
BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON <u>P.T.</u>		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED	:	:	:
X	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK : on B. h. out - XXHA - except for machine section
 some from Becker + XXHA
 Bosholt XXHA
 some to left of course XHA. (most seen from ground)

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : X Spills area cover

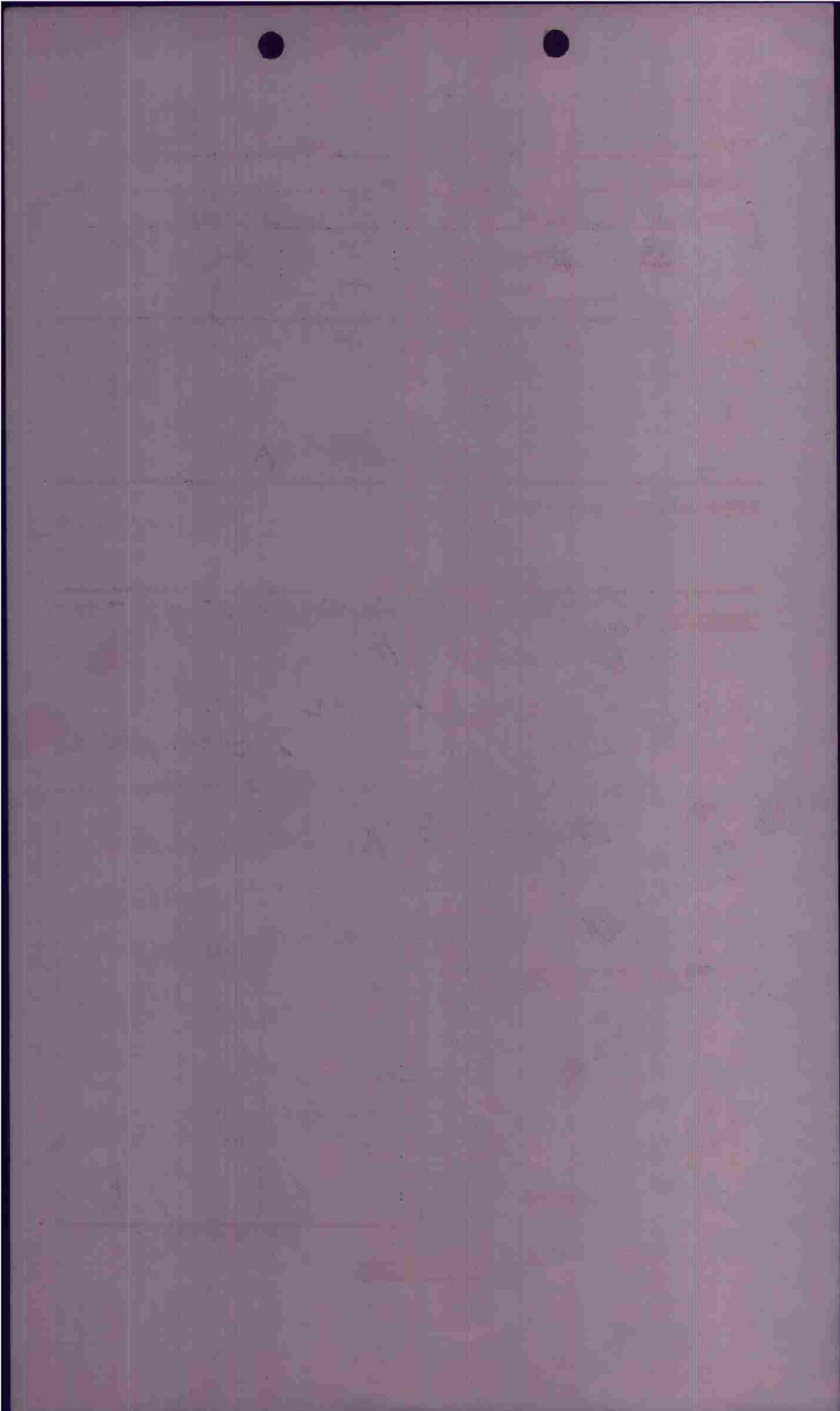
OBSERVATIONS : good results - 2 runs out T/A.
 on X roads in T/A.

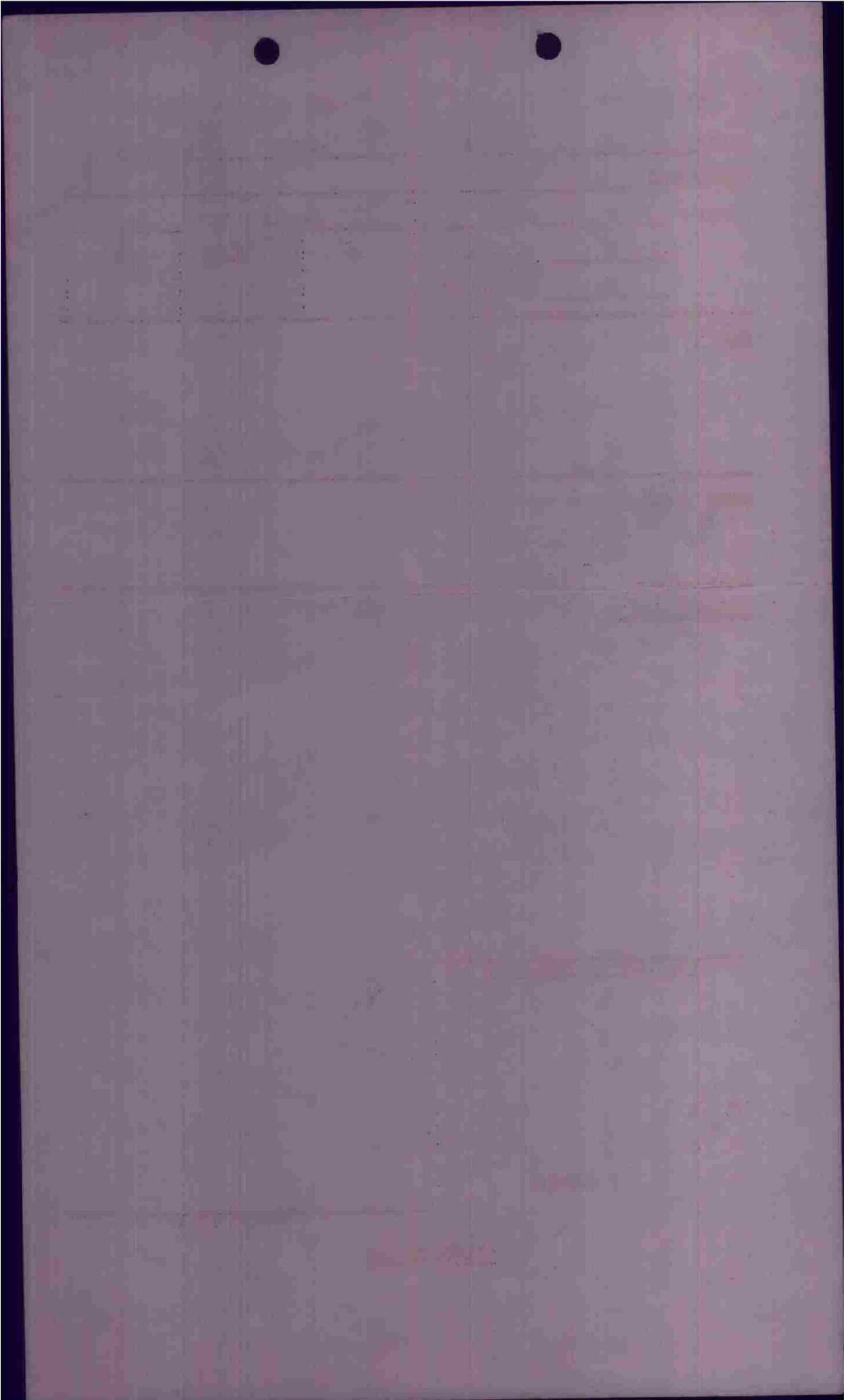
TOT - 1456 B-26 on collision
 AIL - 11,800 course with fdt as
 MH - 50° made 2nd run.
 IAS - 210 smoke only a low stream
 on west bank.



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PILOT MONTROSE A/C# 385 BOX 1 FLT 3

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : VAN IN A B/L 4 miles beyond

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

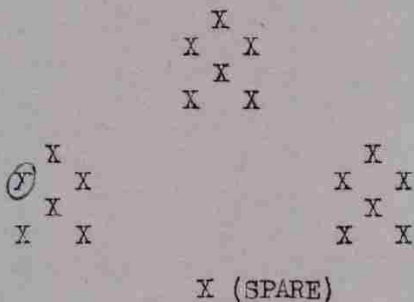
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OBSERVATIONS :

Bombs in tower 500

1 A/c in Fl spin near B/L + lost into hgt.

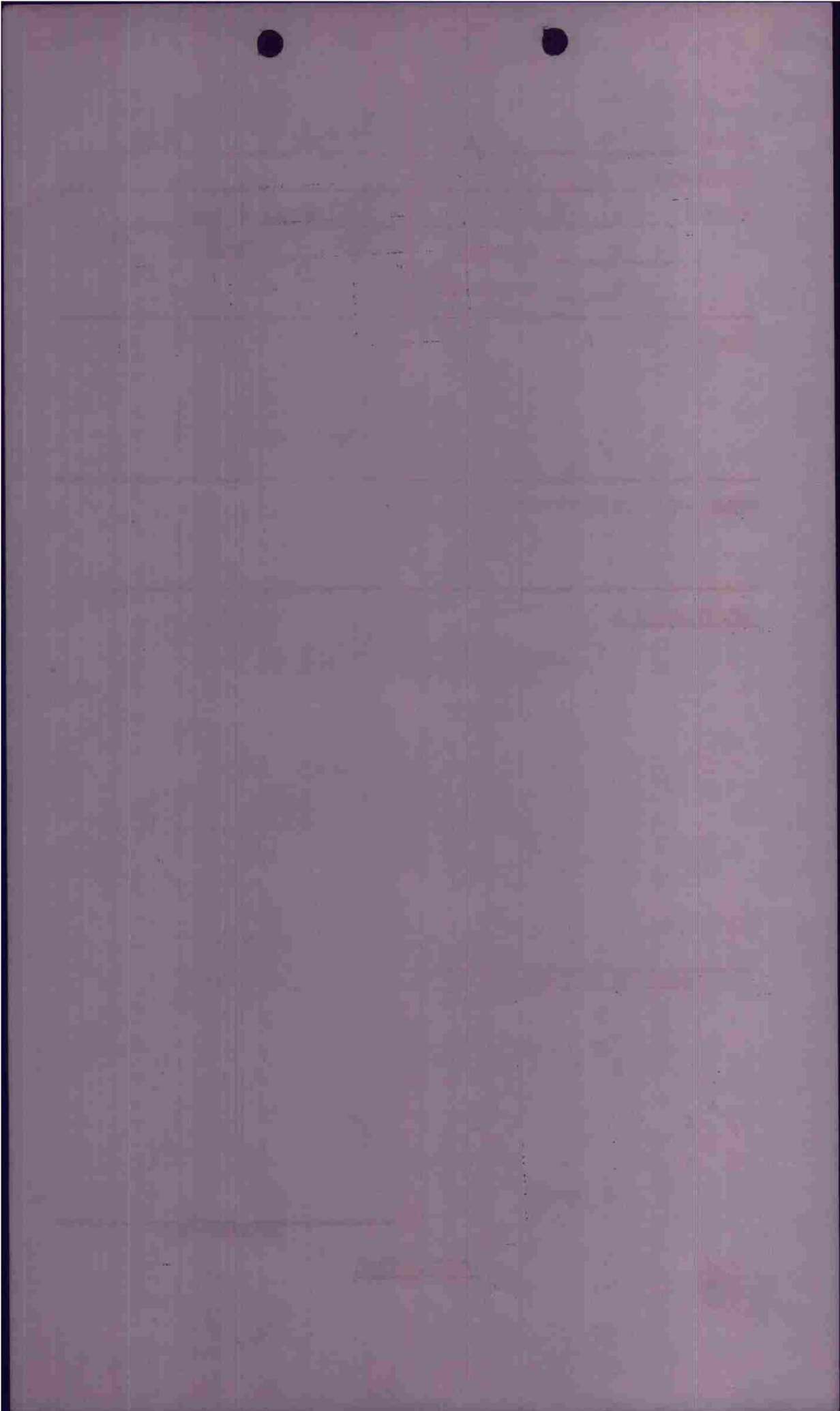
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PILOT WRIGHT A/C# 335 BOX 1 FILE 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u>	<u>X/000</u>				
<u>X</u>		RETURNED			
<u>X</u>		JETTISONED			

FLAK : XXHA B/L

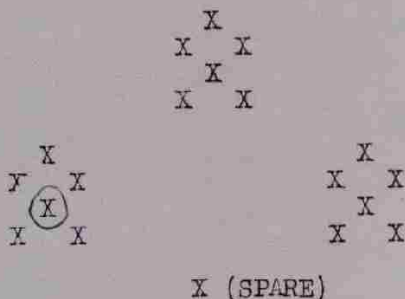
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombs on edge of town, nearest harbor.

Camera.

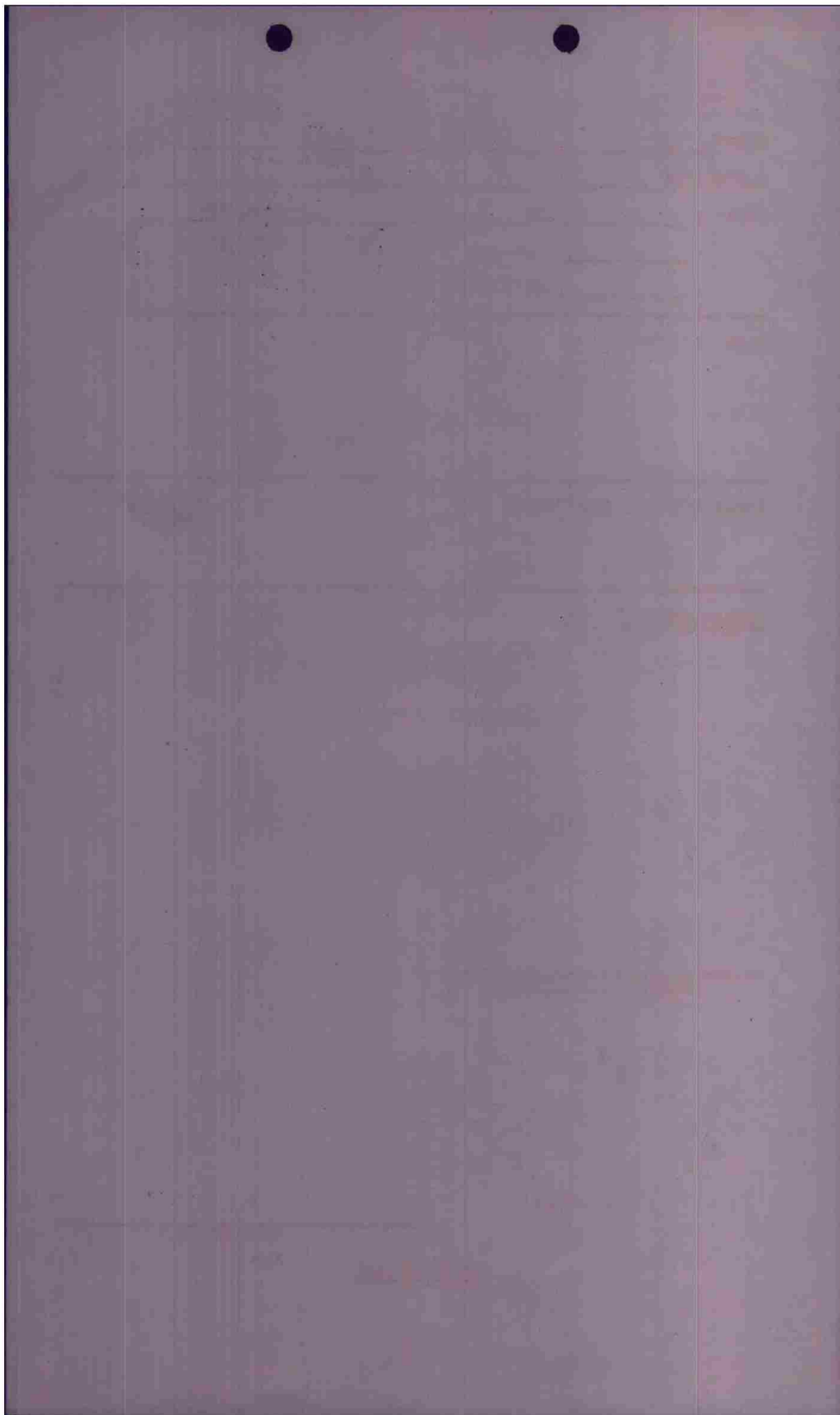
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PILOT LONG A/C# 259 BOX 1 FLT 3

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : NRNA 8/2

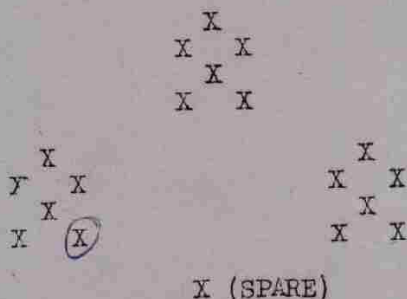
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombs in town

Camera

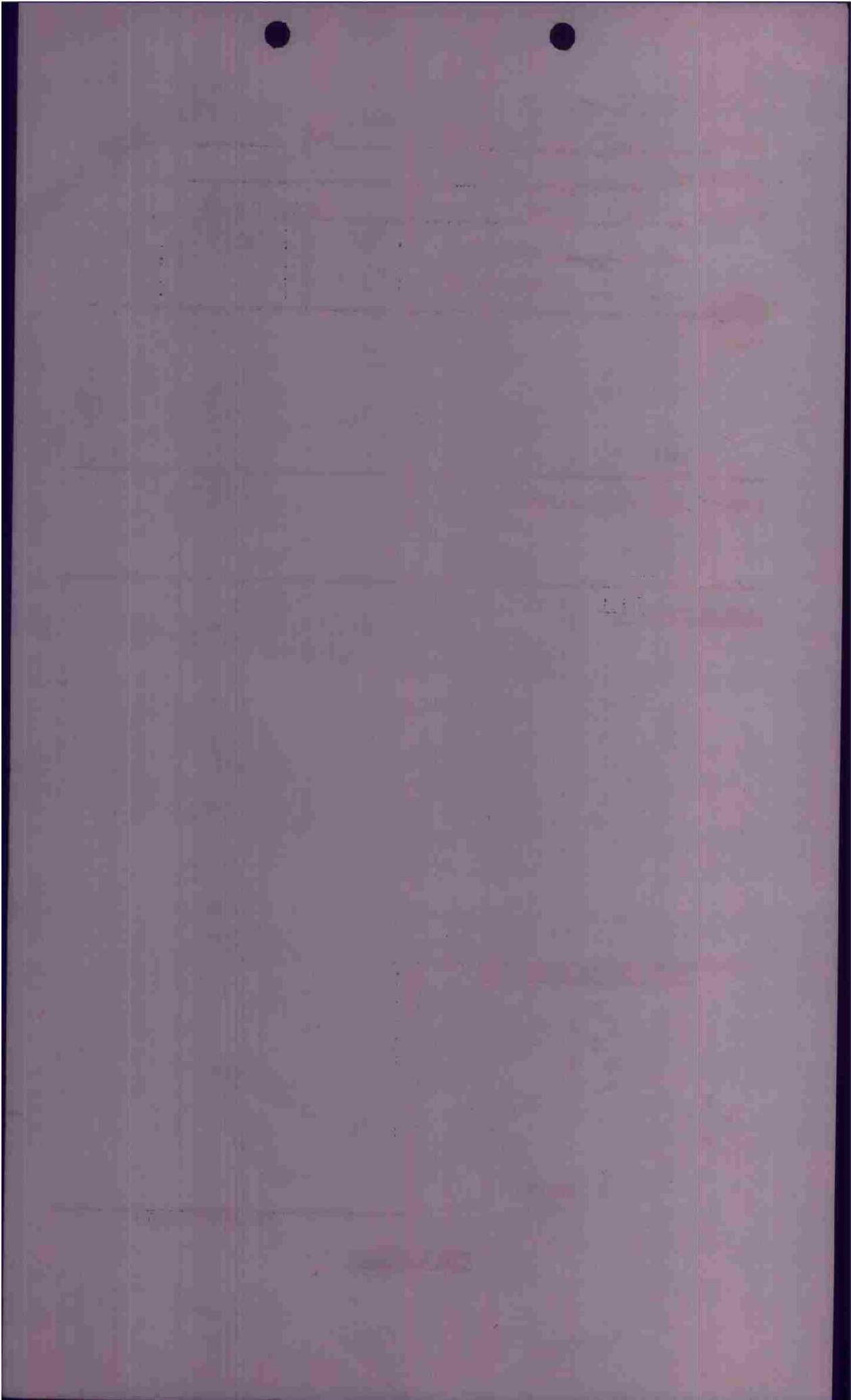
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PILOT GUNKE A/C# 383 BOX 1 FLT 3

CASUALTIES

None

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

FLAK :

Just as crossed Bomb line on
XHI - way in and on
way out -

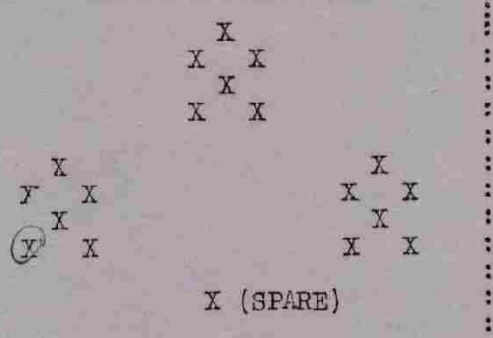
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

None

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombs landed before town
and to right,
2 Runs

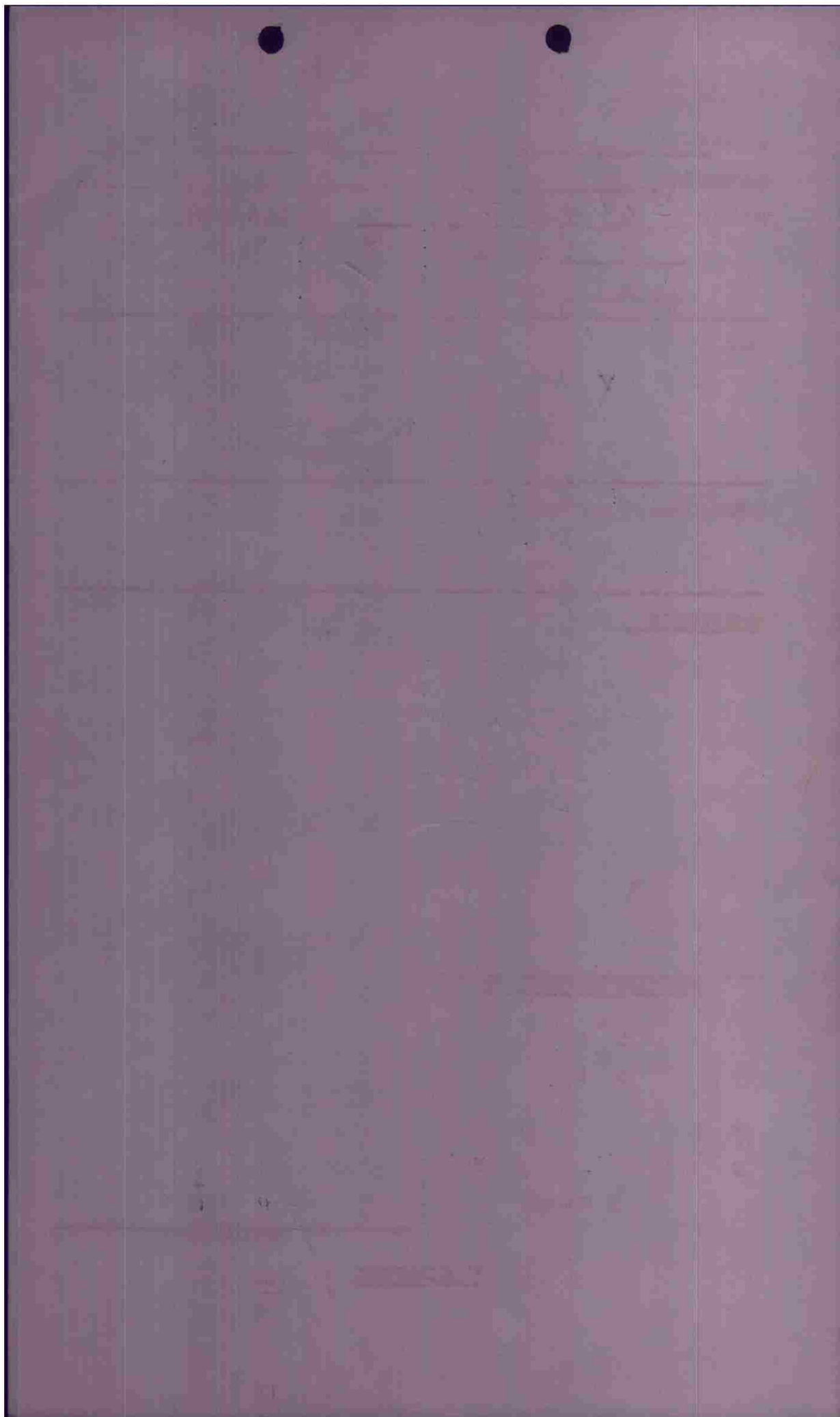
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PILOT HARPER A/C# 328 BOX 2 FLT 3

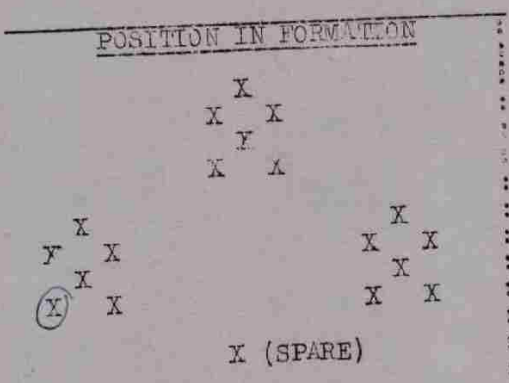
CASUALTIES None

BOMBS :	ON <u>PV</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u>			<u>None</u>		
X					
X		JETTISONED			

FLAK : at Bomb line - 20
Bursts fairly accurate

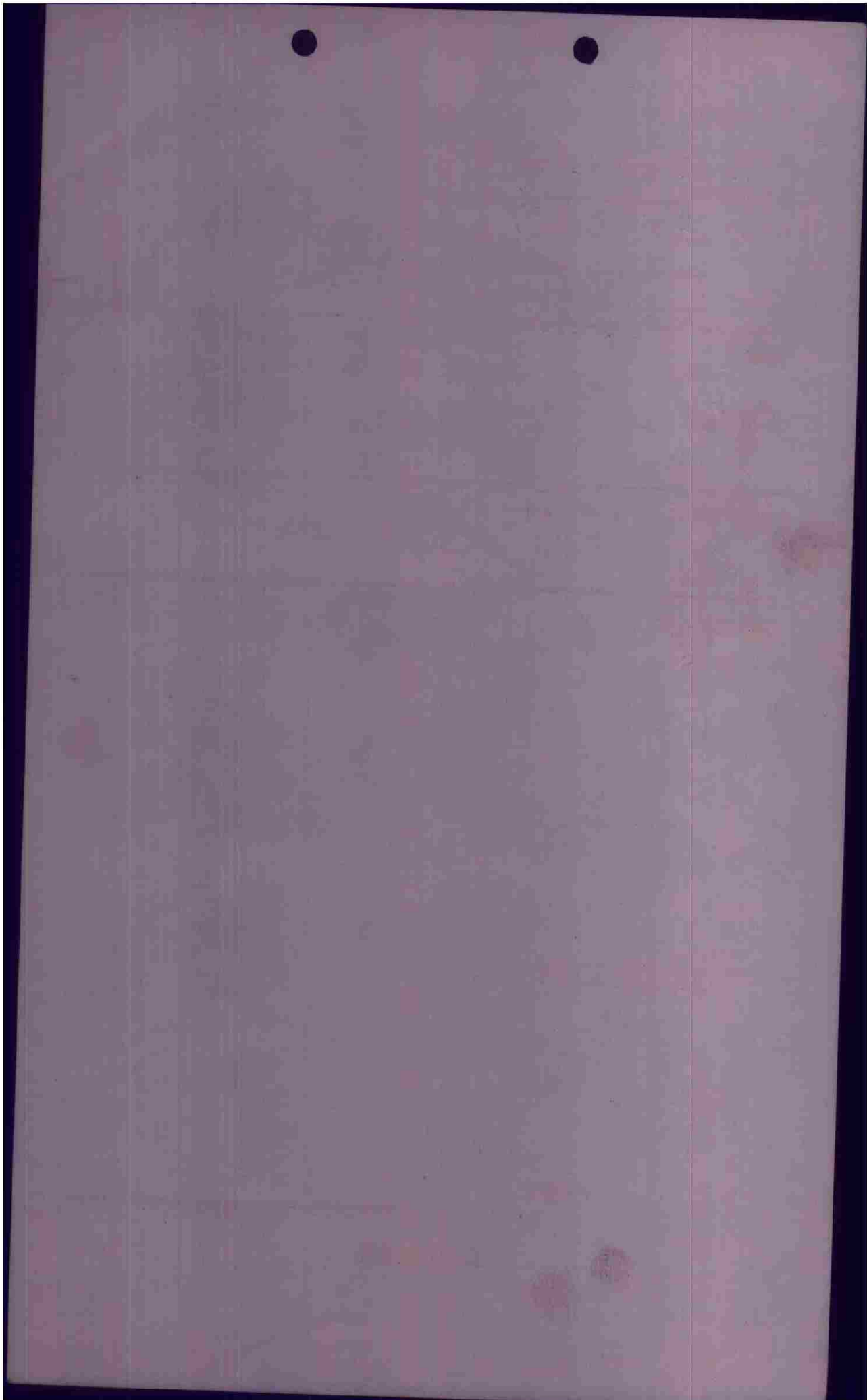
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
None

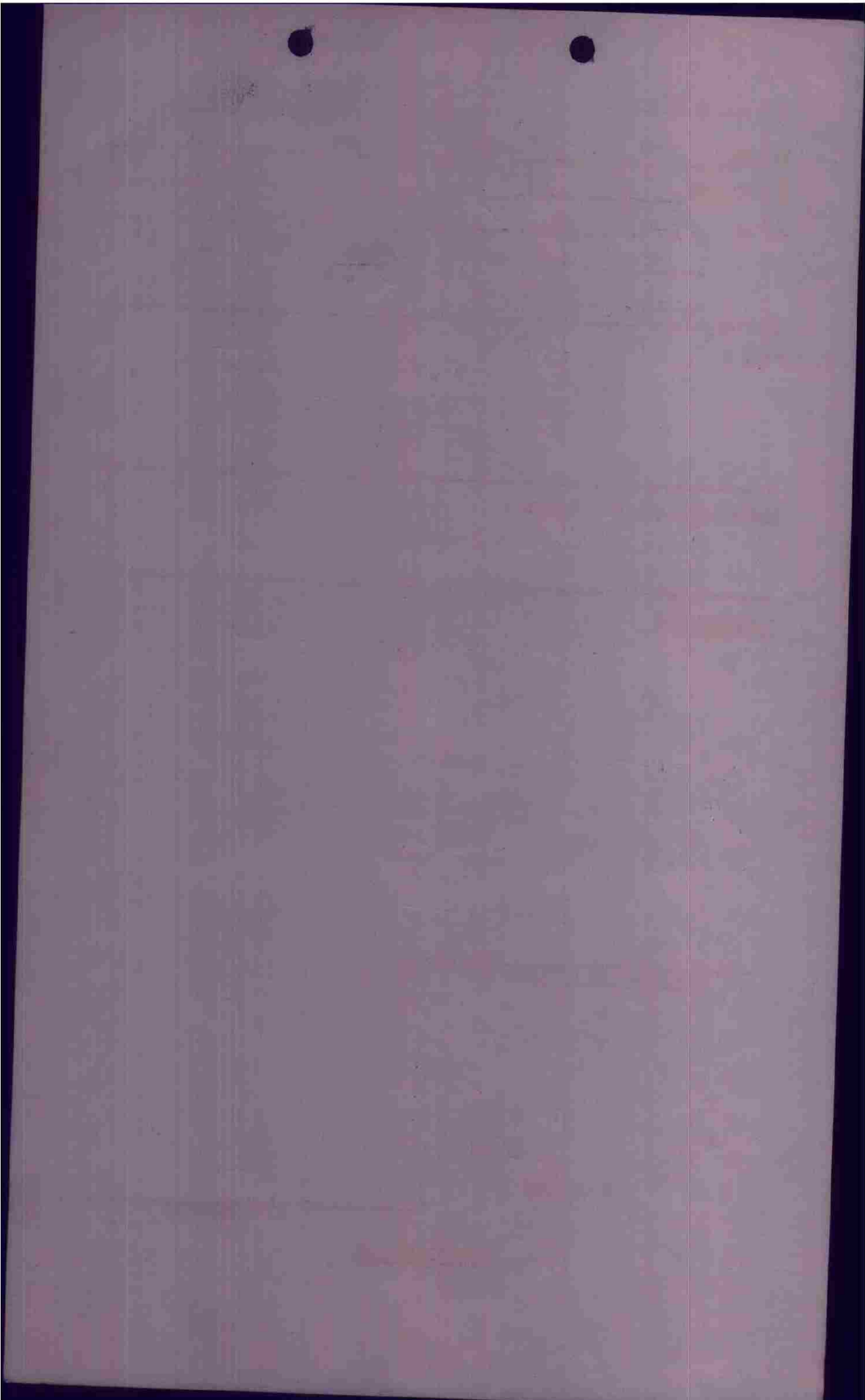
OBSERVATIONS :



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PILOT B) OMC REN A/C# 492 BOX 2 FLT 3

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : XXHL at bombline on both sides at Bocholt and Gendringen. nil ~~at~~ target.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

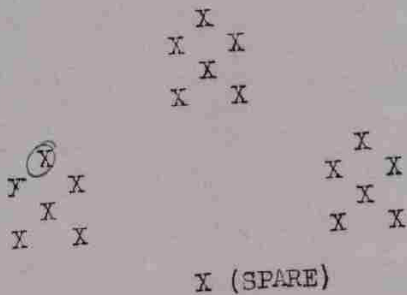
7.07 - 1451
alt. 10200
head - 55°

1 chute seen from A/C that was hit - smoke seen along line on our side.

IAS - 200

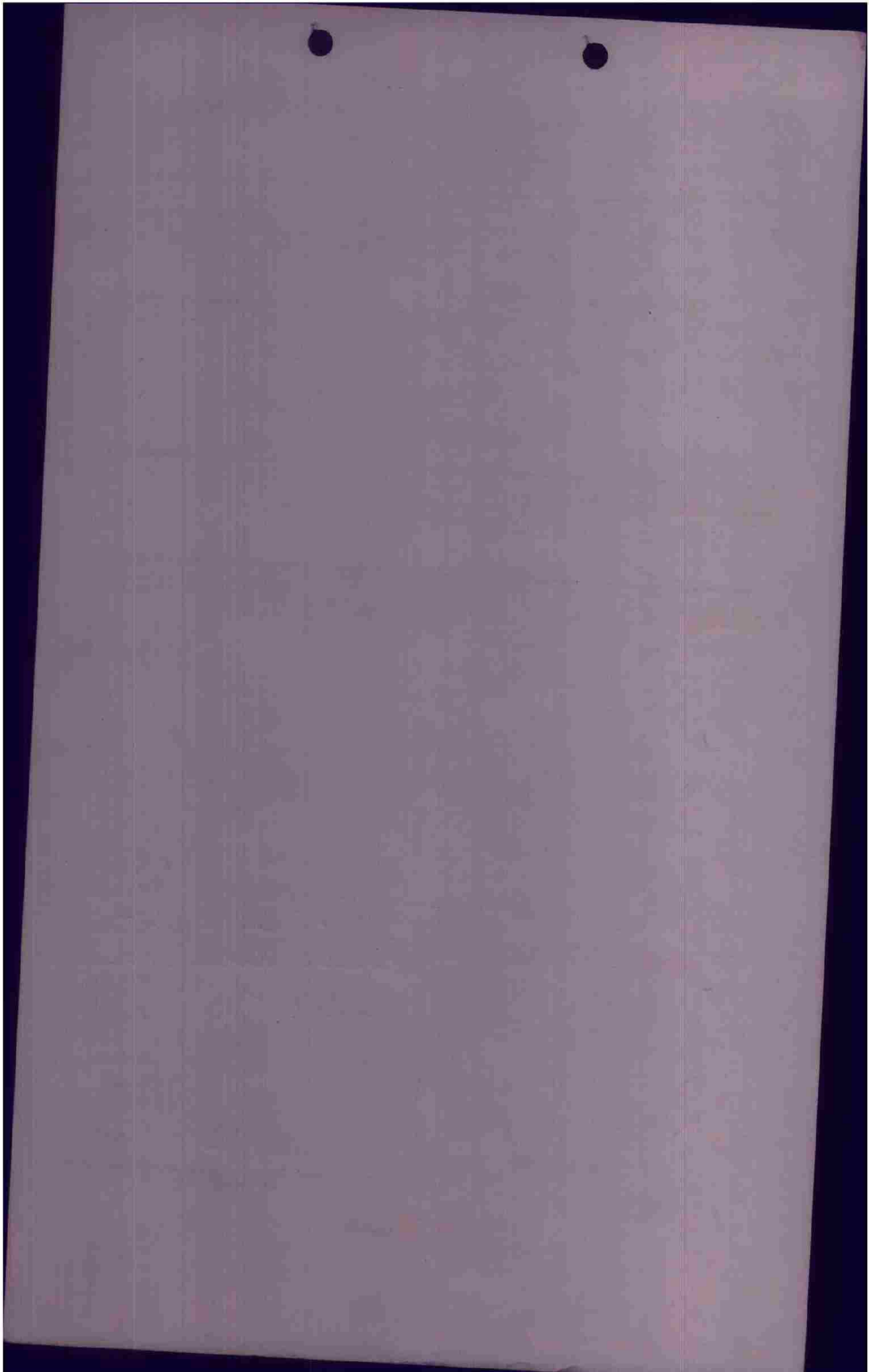
Bombs fell at time as #1 flight in 2nd box. Bombs hit in center of town and shortly to south of center. Was no. 100% to bomb. German reports this flight hit in center of town bombs falling after flight #1.

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PILOT MARTIN A/C# 314 BOX 7 FLT 5

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 2 X 1000 ON Pr

X RETURNED
2 X Salvaged JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE

"A" : None
"A-C" :
"E" :

FLAK : Over Flak positions as plotted

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Accident happened between St John & Hammer -
2 Bombs salvaged = Burned out selector unit -
hit in woods - 30 seconds after leveled out from turn

One run on target

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X X X
X X X
X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT HAYTER A/C# 362 BOX 2 FLT 3

CASUALTIES

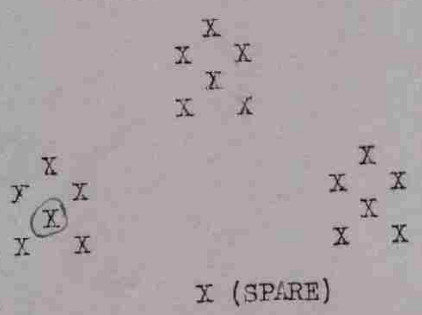
BOMBS :	X <u>1000</u> ON <u>P.T.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : *from wooded area to N. - XXH.1 same spot out little more north XXHA*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : *[Handwritten mark]*

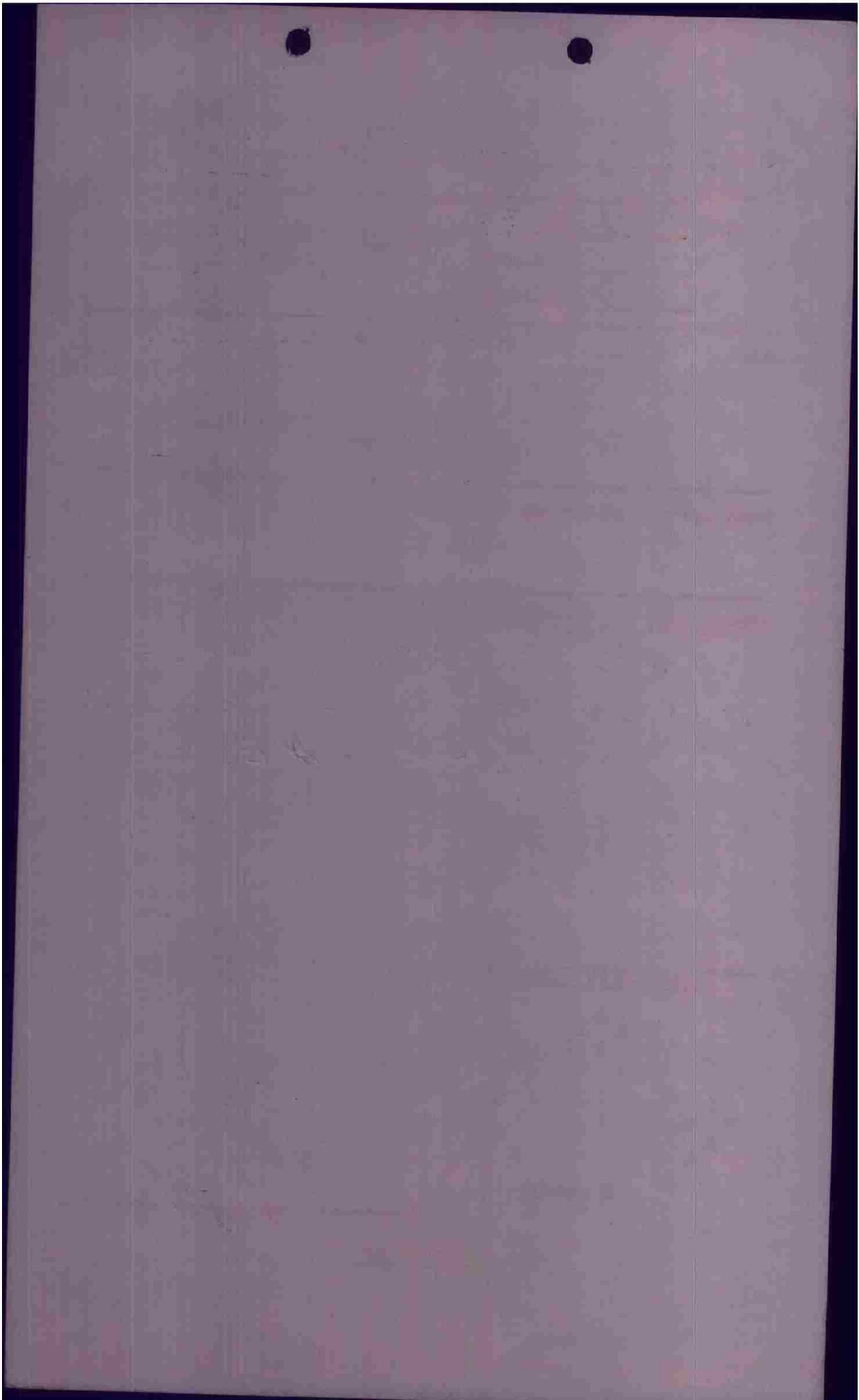
OBSERVATIONS : *#2 man peeled off + mixup of planes - Tail off one plane - looked like big white cloud - no chute (??) center of town to M.E.*

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PILOT ROONEY A/C# 507 BOX 2 FLT 1

CASUALTIES _____

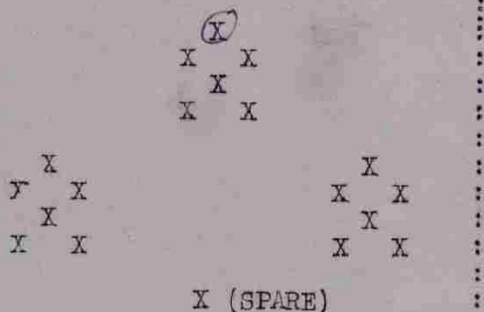
BOMBS :			BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u>	ON <u>Primary</u>	:	:	:	:
X	RETURNED	:	:	:	:
X	JETTISONED	:	:	:	:

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : *wingman report that FLT Leader chopped 4 1000 lbs on primary*

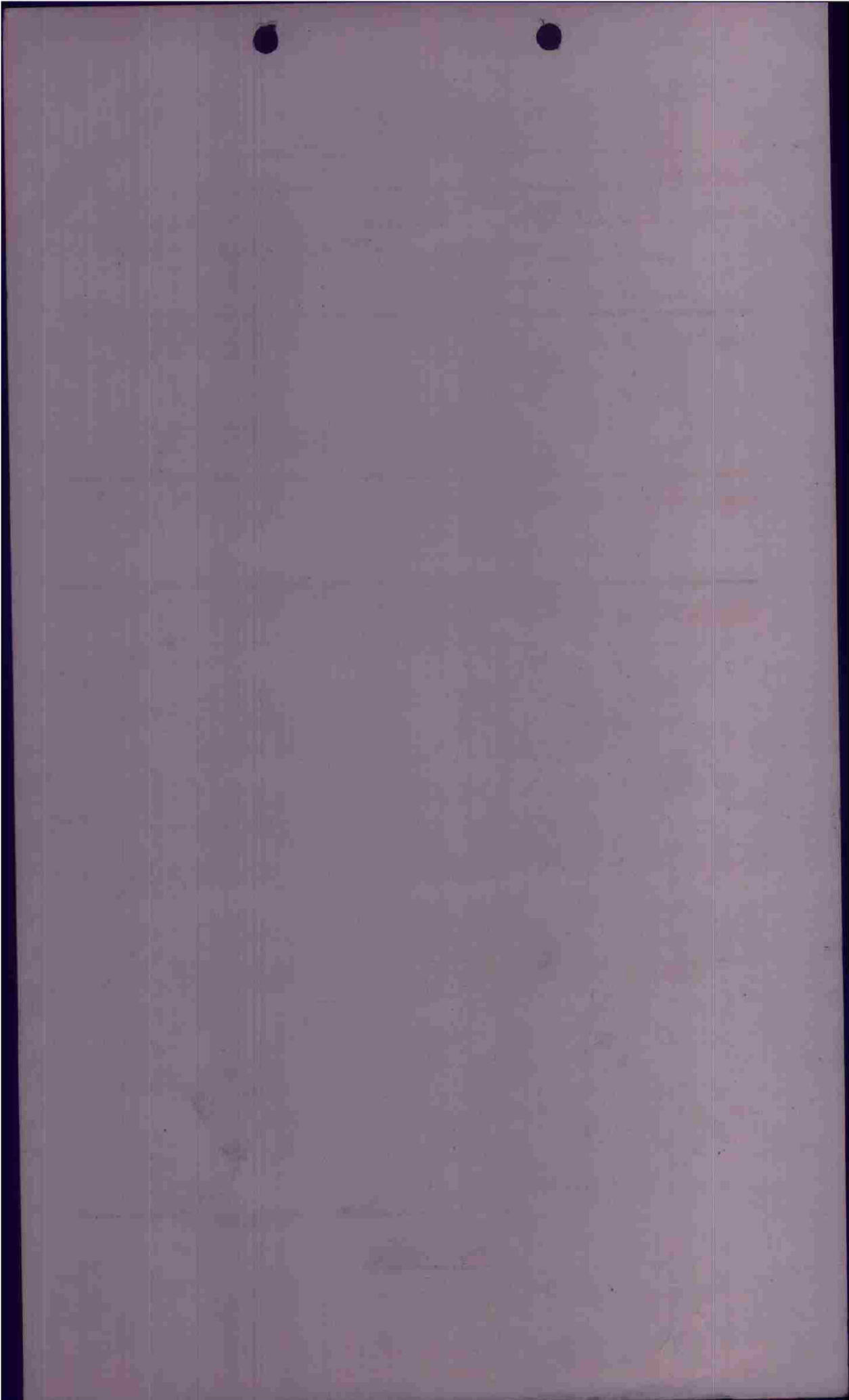
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PILOT STANKOWSKI A/C# 307 BOX 7 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : lot of flak whit discs,
not close, good casualty act

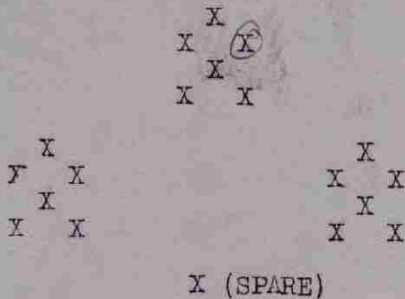
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil.

OBSERVATIONS :

Controlled choice Romey was hit
on our side of Bl. from left wing.
Some ~~ones~~ we worked them had started
from left a ship at 8000-8500 ft
Romey's wing hit his tail. Damaged
but not off. He
started spinning.
One chute came out
It was on A26
from below.

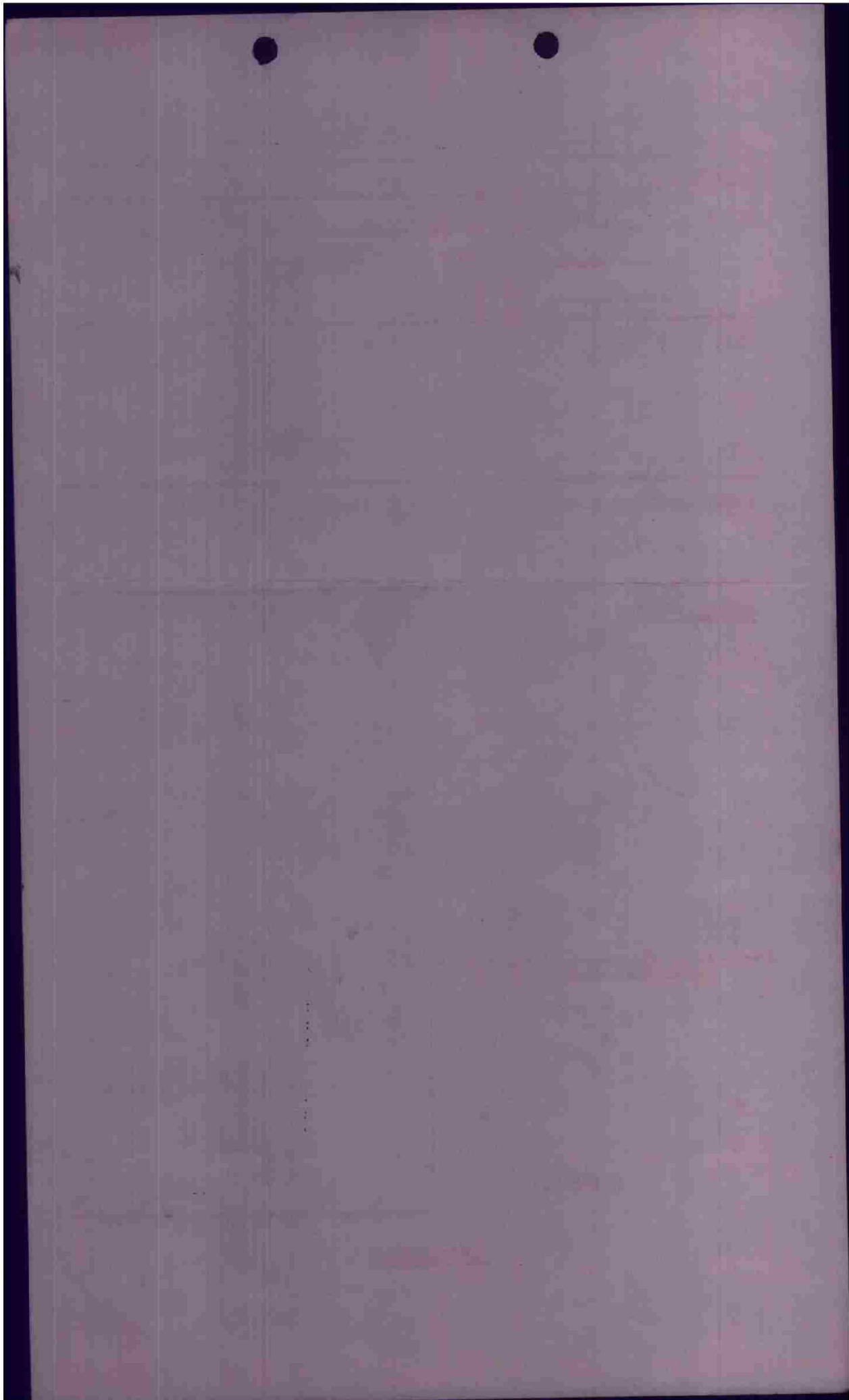
POSITION IN FORMATION



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Saw a tail come off.



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PILOT BOWER A/C# 323 BOX 2 FLT 1

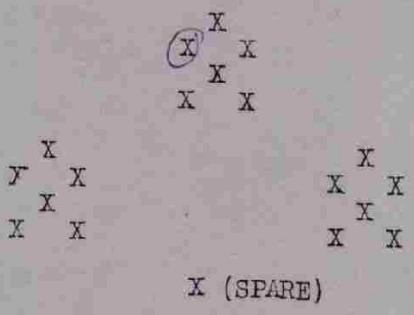
CASUALTIES
BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON T. None BATTLE DAMAGE
 X RETURNED "A" "A-C" "E"
 X JETTISONED None

FLAK : Inaccurate
at BL both times
also on run, 20 bursts to Rt. out of range
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

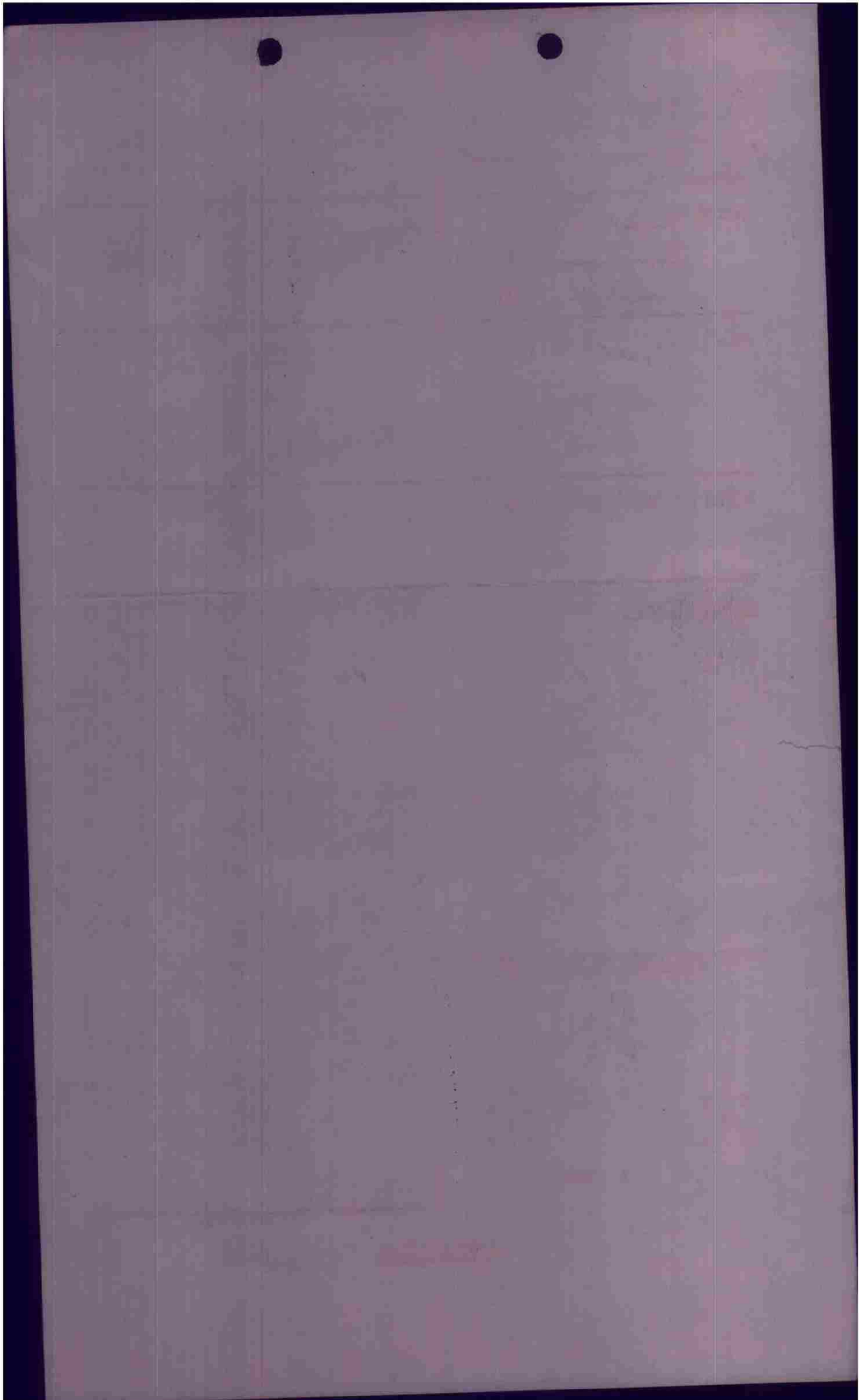
Good results It's strong on
Targets left of Crash.
target was down
at Run & down
on night down.

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Smoke pots
on Run
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PILOT Downing A/C# 320 BOX 2 TLT 1

CASUALTIES gunner - damaged legs on right column

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

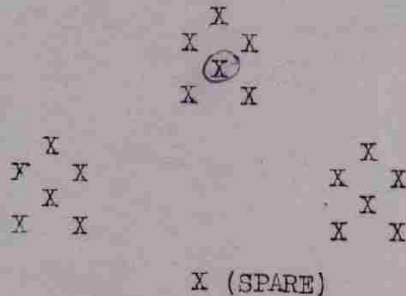
FLAK : after crossed Rhine - X H1 - he'd lost box
10 miles in - X H1
same pl. at BL - X H1
3 gun pos

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

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OBSERVATIONS : 2 planes came over left wing + next
saw parts flying - apparently 1/2 man put his
nose down + went under
wing of Anderson's plane hit at wing + plane's
plane + went down to right - then saw our
A/C on its back. pieces flew back.
Gunner opened AB door ready to para out
when saw inevitable collision - slowed plane
down so that the plane collided with head + fell
clear of our plane. - gyro

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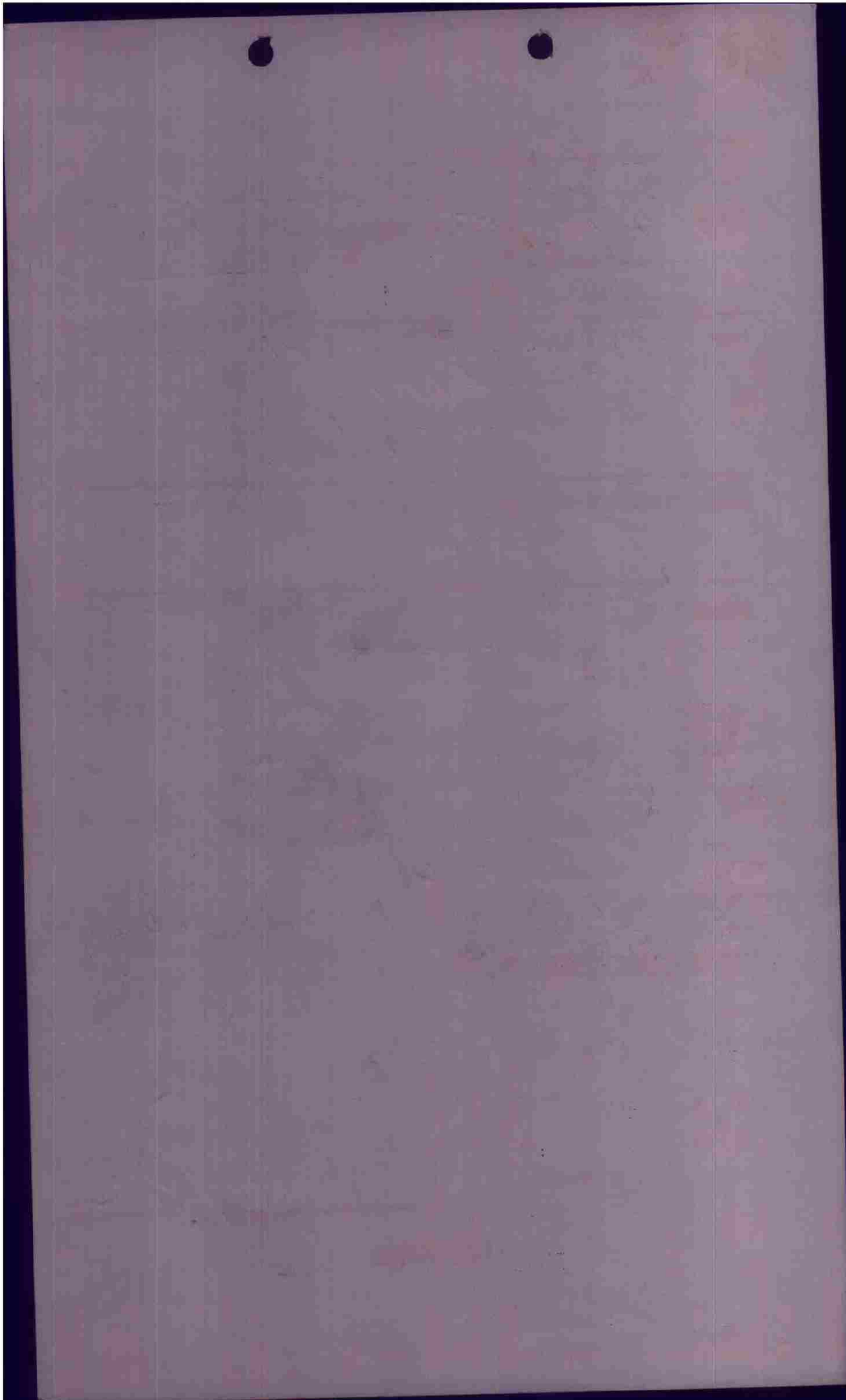


happened almost 1715

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PILOT O'BRIEN A/C# 229 BOX 2 FLT 1

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS : 4 X 100 ON Pr BATTLE DAMAGE

X RETURNED "A" "A-C" "E"

X JETTISONED None

FLAK :

at Bomb line in and out - X#1

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

None

OBSERVATIONS :

One A/c came between #3 + #4

POSITION IN FORMATION

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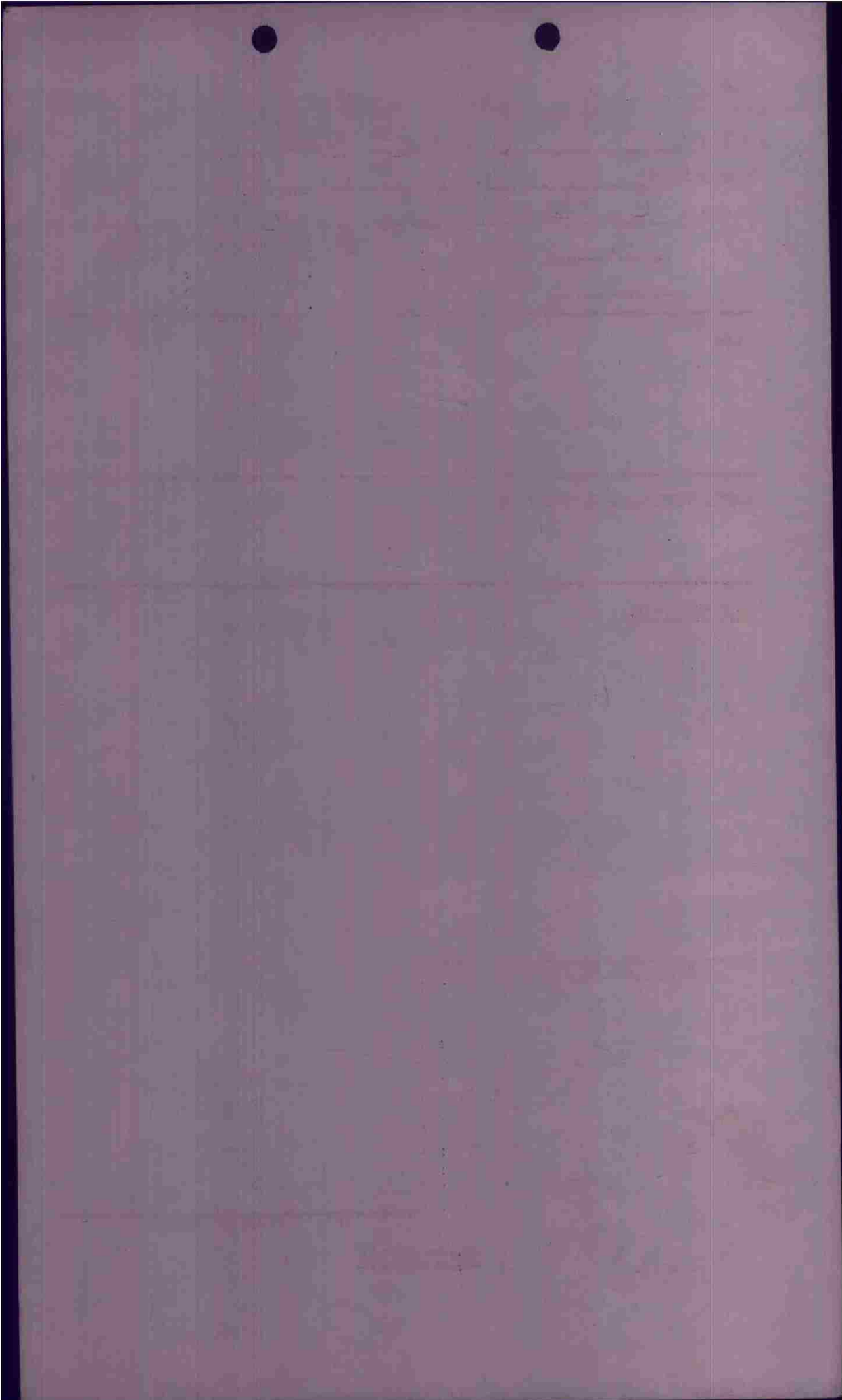
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      X
  X   X
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 X   X
      X
 X (SPARE)

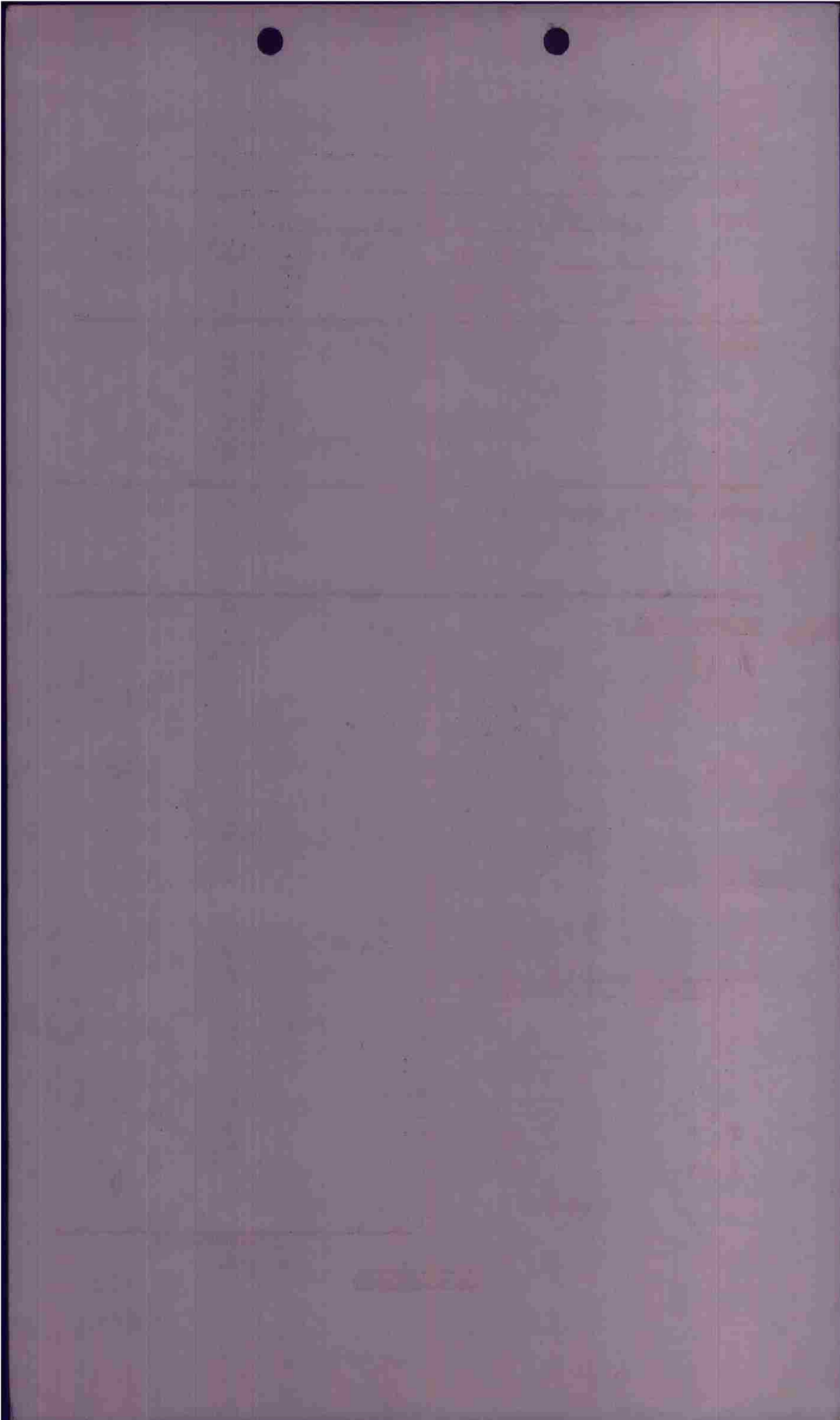
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PILOT HALL A/C# 497 BOX 2 FLIP 2

CASUALTIES no

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>100</u>	ON _____	BATTLE DAMAGE <u>yes</u>		
	X _____	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X _____	JETTISONED	X		

FLAK : XXA at BL. XXI on beam
XXYA at BL

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

Gunner Burns
what time of accident

Capt Anderson

Supreme Reports

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

  X      X
  X      X
  X      X

  X      X
  X      X
  X      X

  X (SPARE)

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one chute seen

gunner parachute
been tossed out
at crash. So

chute was Capt R.

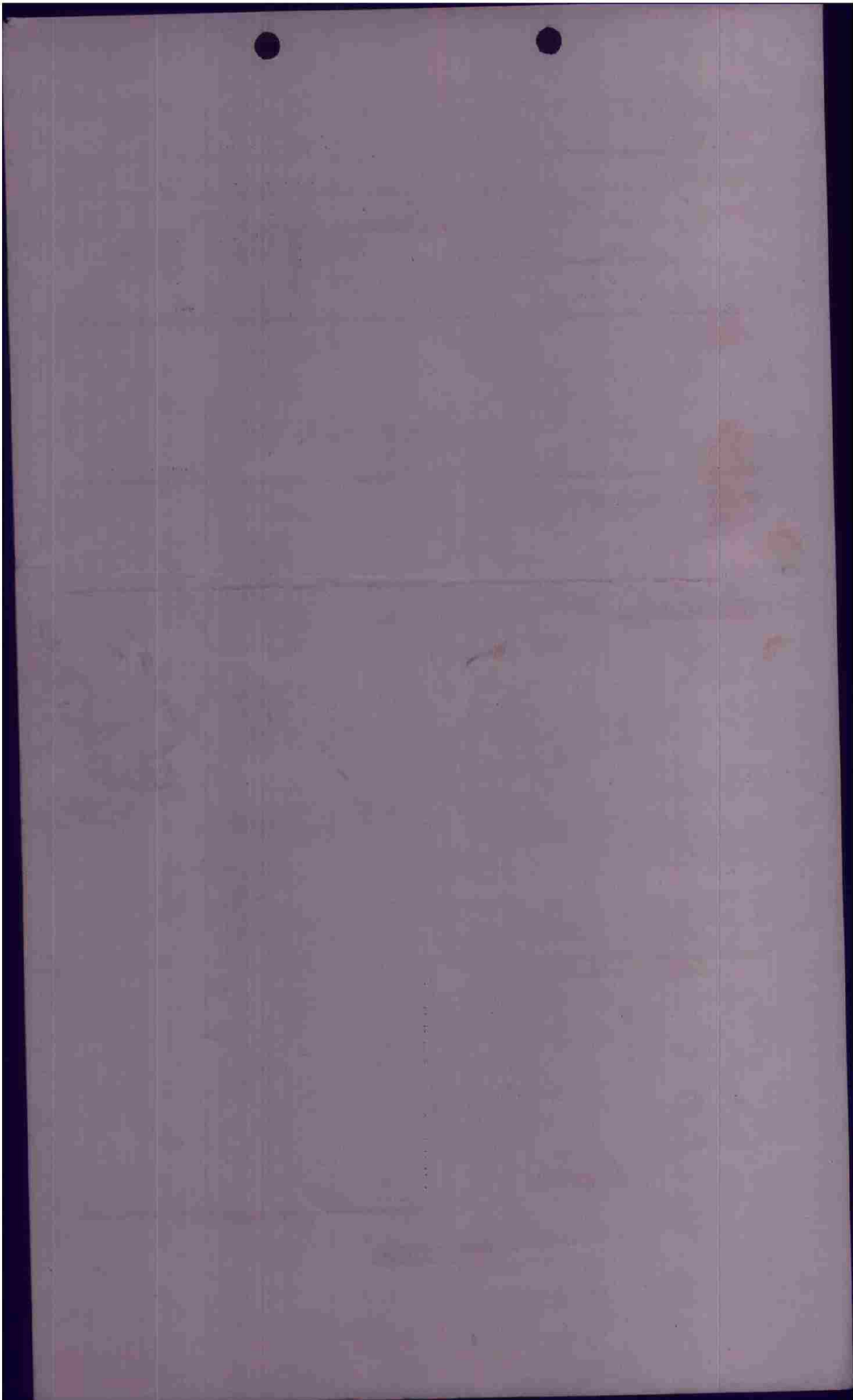
8-10 mi west of ASCH.

51° 2' - 5° 25'E.

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PILOT EDSTROM A/C# 250 BOX 2 FLIP 2

CASUALTIES 1 Pilot out by glass from windshield shattered by flak

BOMBS : 4 X 1020 ON 19 BATTLE DAMAGE

X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	JETTISONED	 	X	

FLAK : 10-15 miles from Bomb line on way out XXHA also on way in at Bomb line.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : None

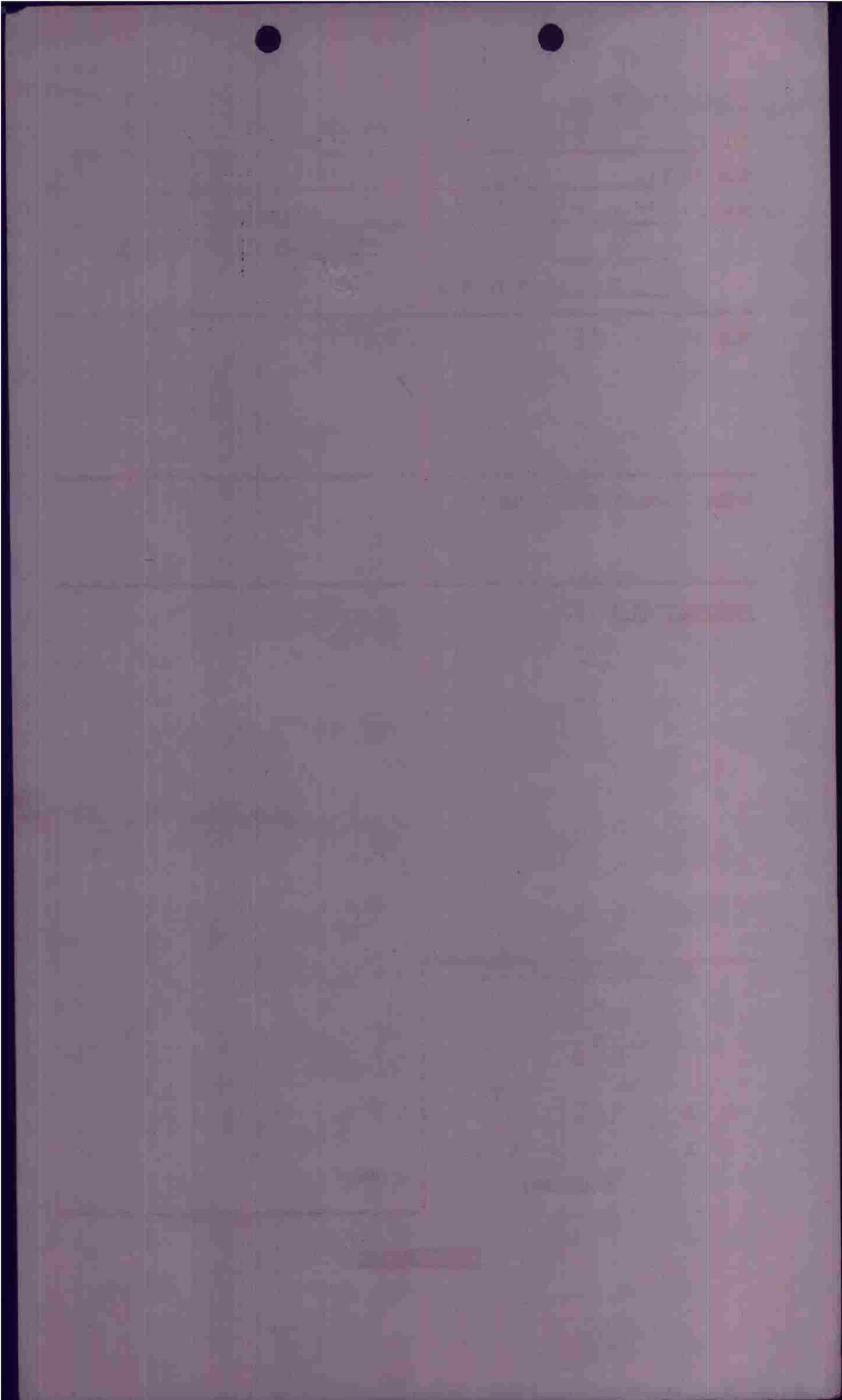
OBSERVATIONS : Down on fire A/c from this group - collected with flight about 100 miles from Bomb line in friendly territory no chutes seen - out of control - plane did not seem damaged

POSITION IN FORMATION

	X				
	X		X		
		X			
	X		X		
X			X		
Y	X		X	X	
	X			X	
X	X		X	X	
	X (SPARE)				

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PILOT MURRAY A/C# 309 BOX 2 FLAF 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u>	ON <u>8</u>	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
X	JETTISONED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

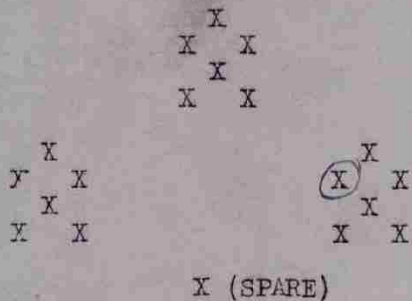
FLAK : XXXX1 from bombline

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : CATA.

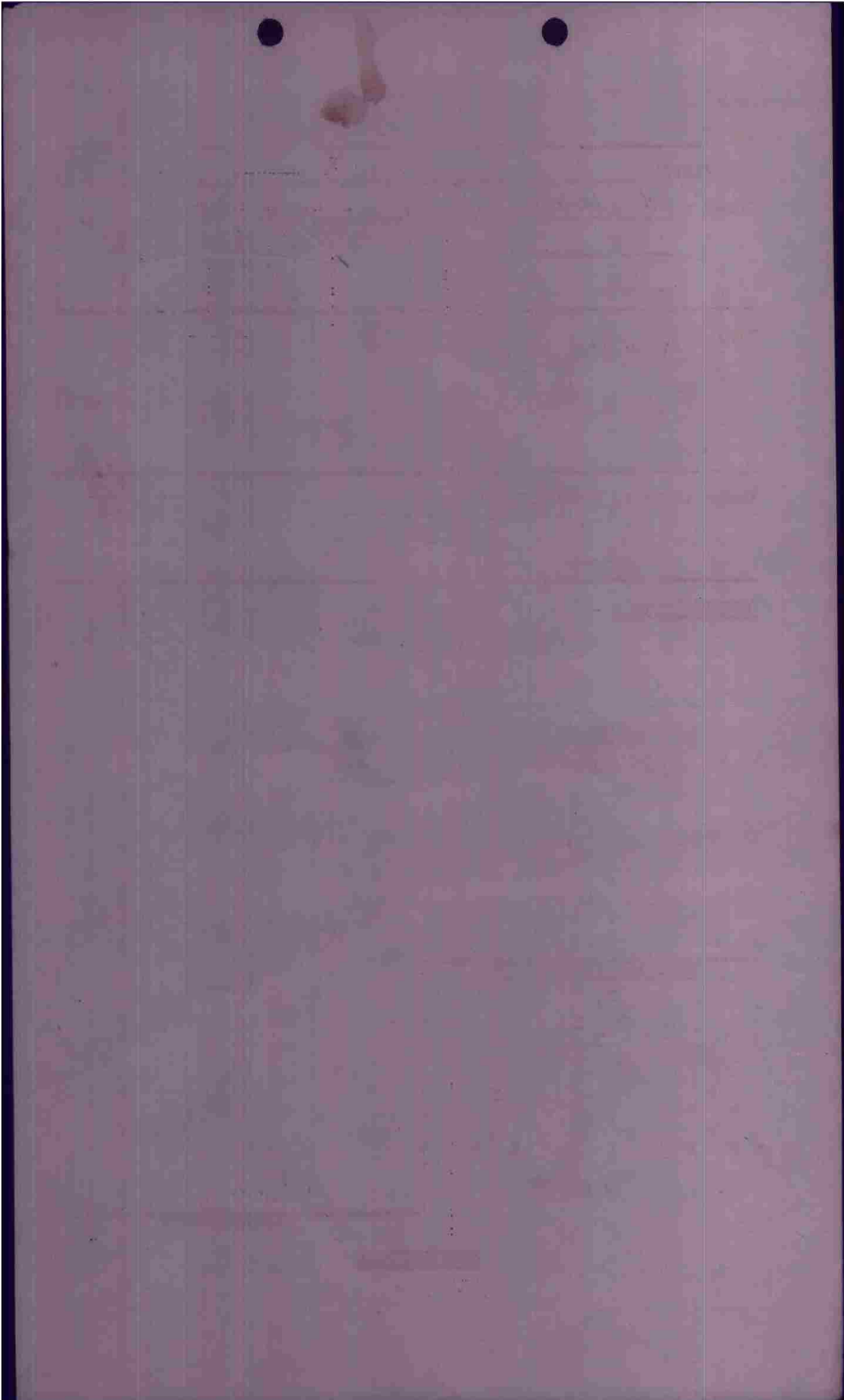
bombs hit to left of center of town -
no chutes seen
1 A/C seen spinning

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PILOT MERCHANT A/C# 239 BOX 2 FLT 2

CASUALTIES

BOBBS : 4 X 1000 ON P.
X RETURNED
X JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE

"A" : "A-C" : "E" :
Hydraulics shot out,

FLAK :

Just afterxing bomb line
not so intense but very accurate

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

no

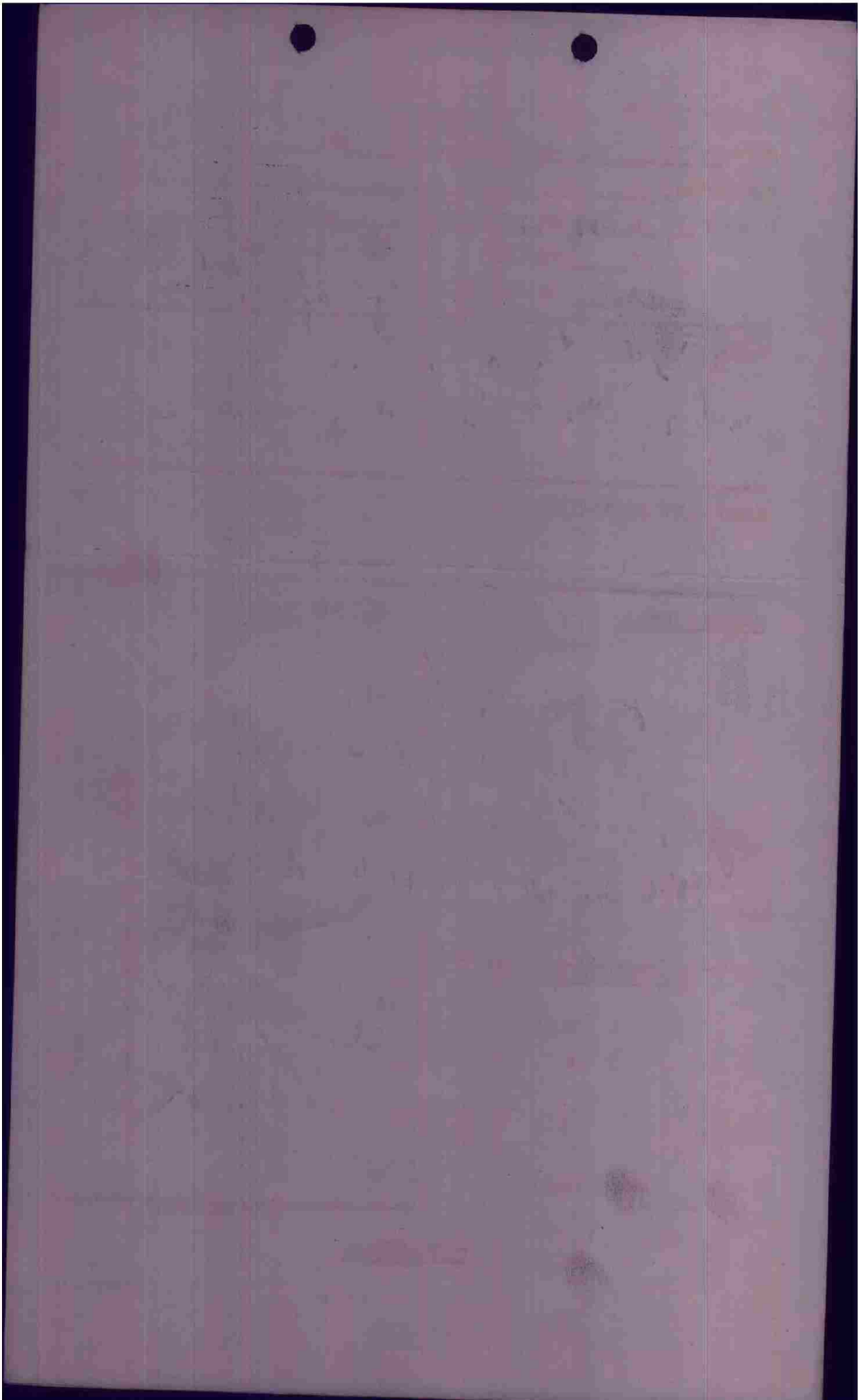
OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X
X X X X
X X X X
X (SPARE)

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PILOT MOORE A/C# 297 BOX 2 FLT 2

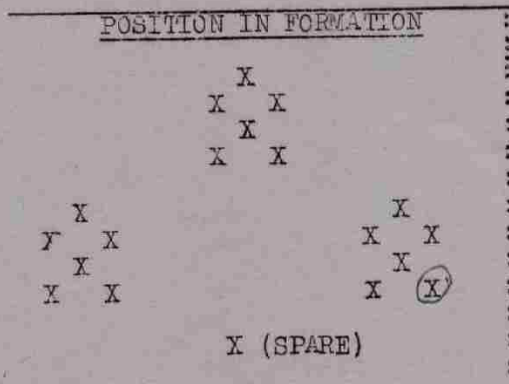
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u>	ON	<u>0</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

FLAK : XX HA just over each bombline from right & left. *Left bombs & gun tank had hole*

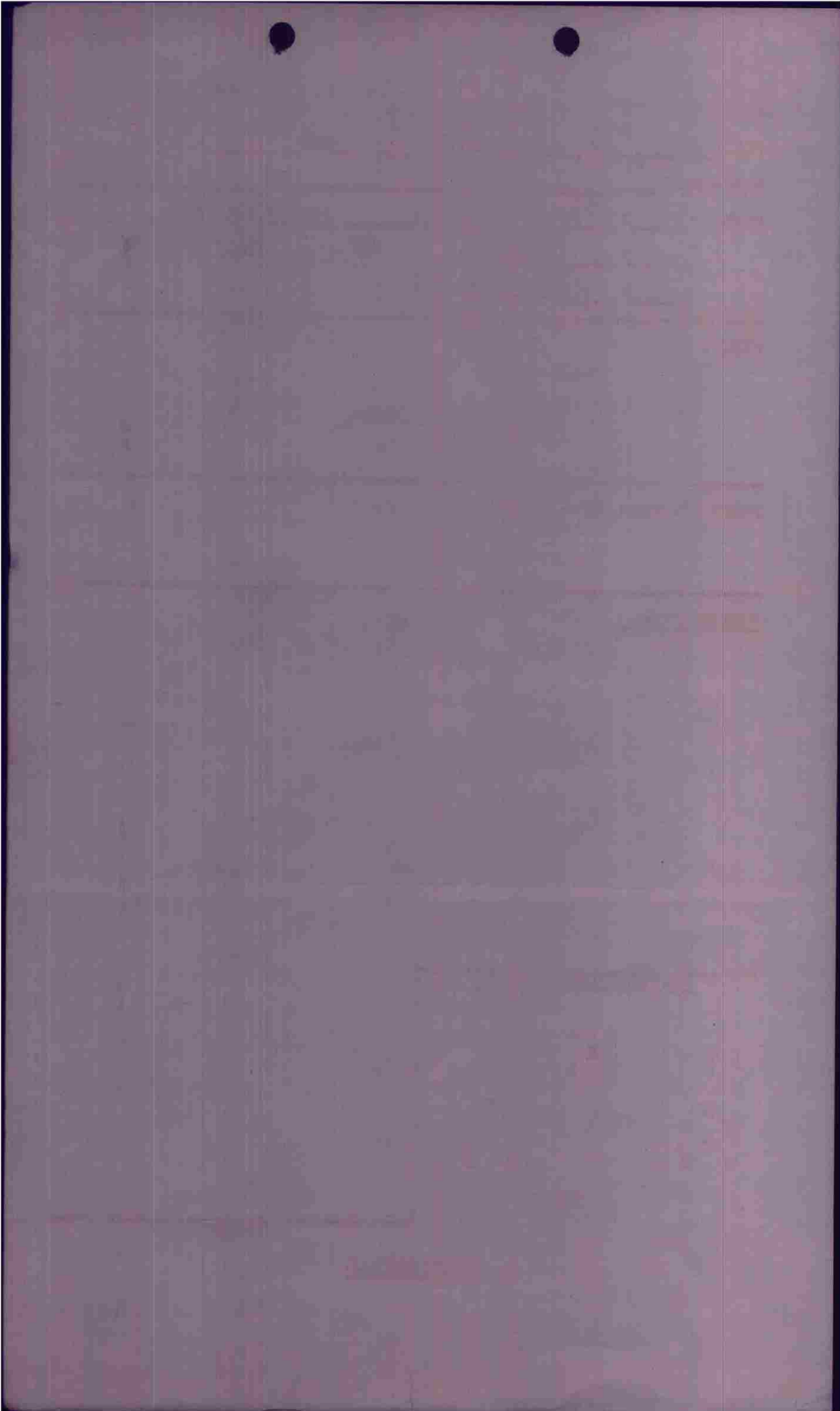
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : _____

OBSERVATIONS : all towns burning in Germany.
Bombs hit in town
1 chute seen coming out of A/c with
tail cut off.



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PILOT BROWN A/C# 499 BOX 3 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>600</u> ON <u>P</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X JETTISONED	—————		

FLAK : 1 lab from Emmanuel to right on route in & out.
XXHI

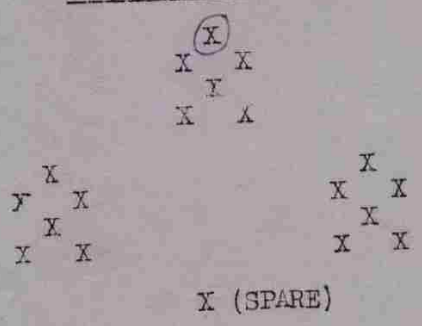
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS
FW 190 (possible) under formation at target area.

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombed on 2nd run. Bombs fell in middle of town falling in snake of other formations. Flights ahead were too low leaving their flight in progress on 1st bomb run. B2bs spr. cut across in front of flight also. Didn't ever open doors on first run. also interval on 1st run was too close.

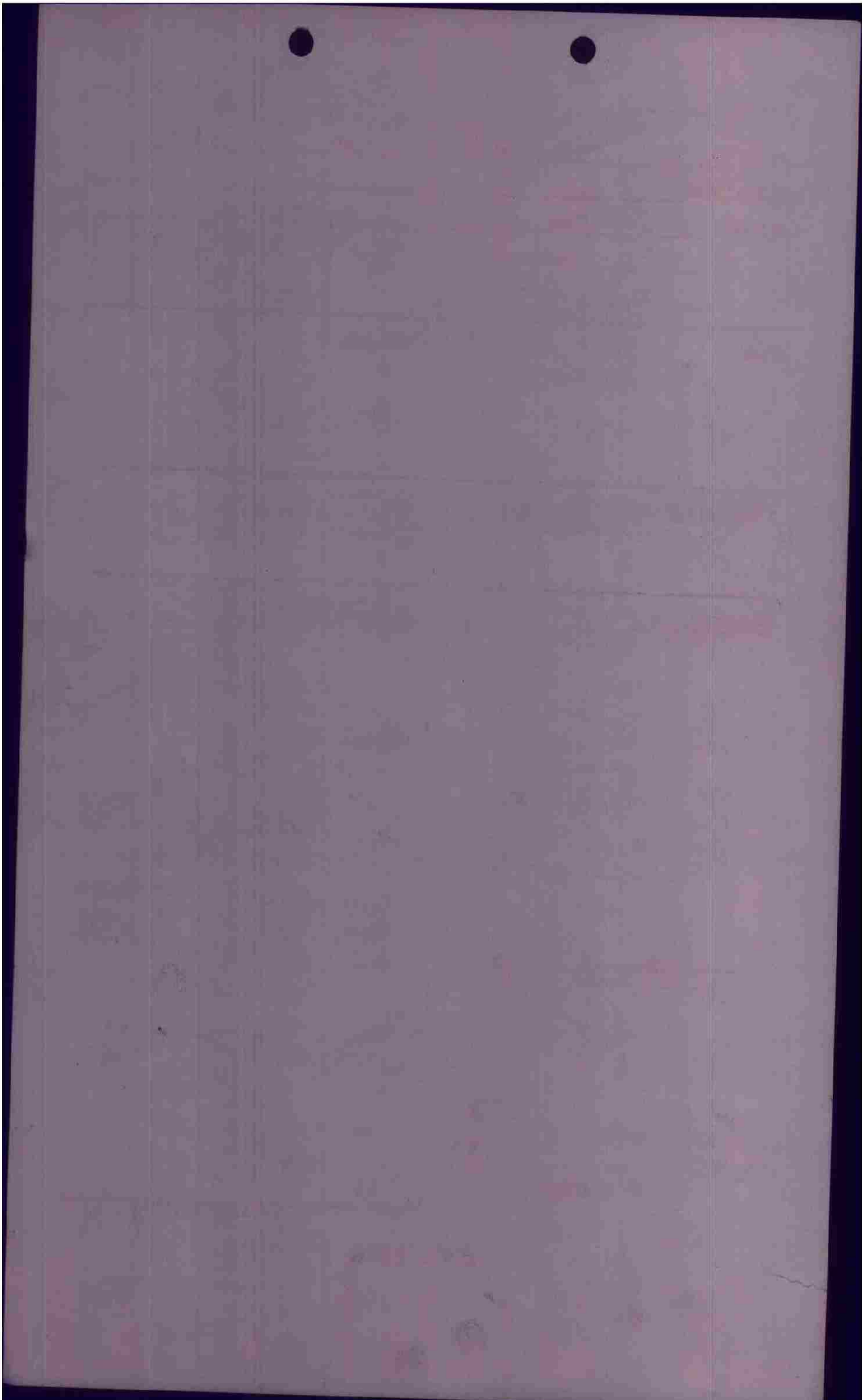
T.O.T. 1658 1/2
alt - 10800
IAS - 210
Head - 50°

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PILOT REMISZEWSKI A/C# 419 BOX 3 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	1000 ON P.T.			
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : ~~X~~X H I - 3-4 min. Post Bk. in to 3 min.

from T/A.

Back to left of course about 1/2 way place
come also from it.

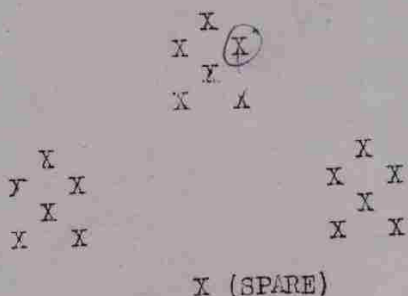
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

[Handwritten signature] Spits - 5/5

OBSERVATIONS : 2nd run.

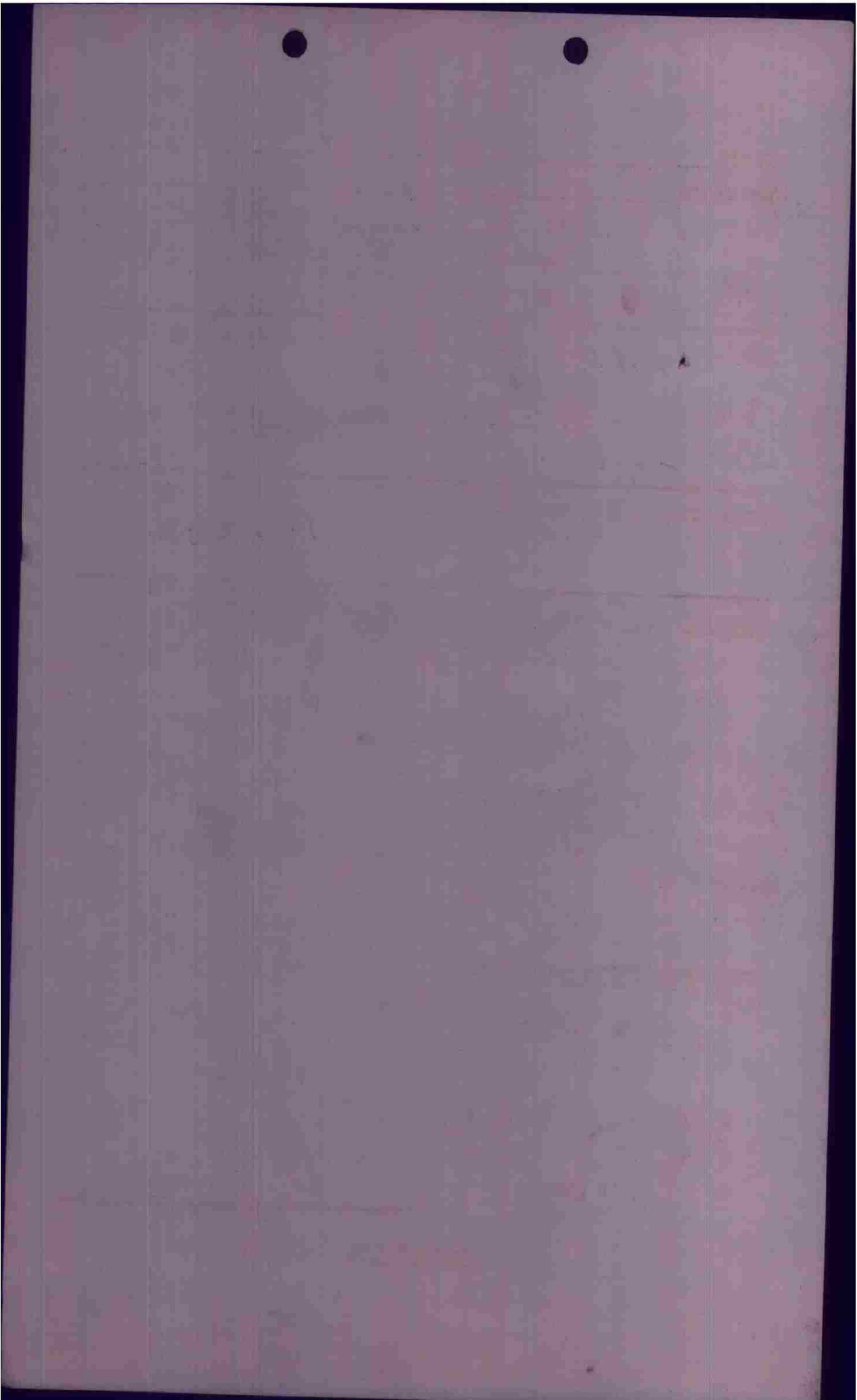
sun be screen of mines
hits in center of town.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT GARY A/C# 360 BOX 3 FILE 1

CASUALTIES

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

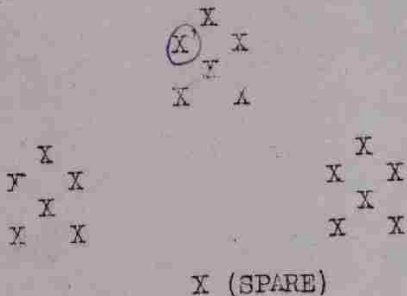
FLAK : X41 - half way for BL to top. In 3 burst bunches. Some 6-8 gun balling. BL left out of range. Two bursts left after turn up level.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
Nil

OBSERVATIONS :

Radio report of midair collision at RP. Conversation about getting into formation. Said one ship went down. Artyon - other lights go in area.

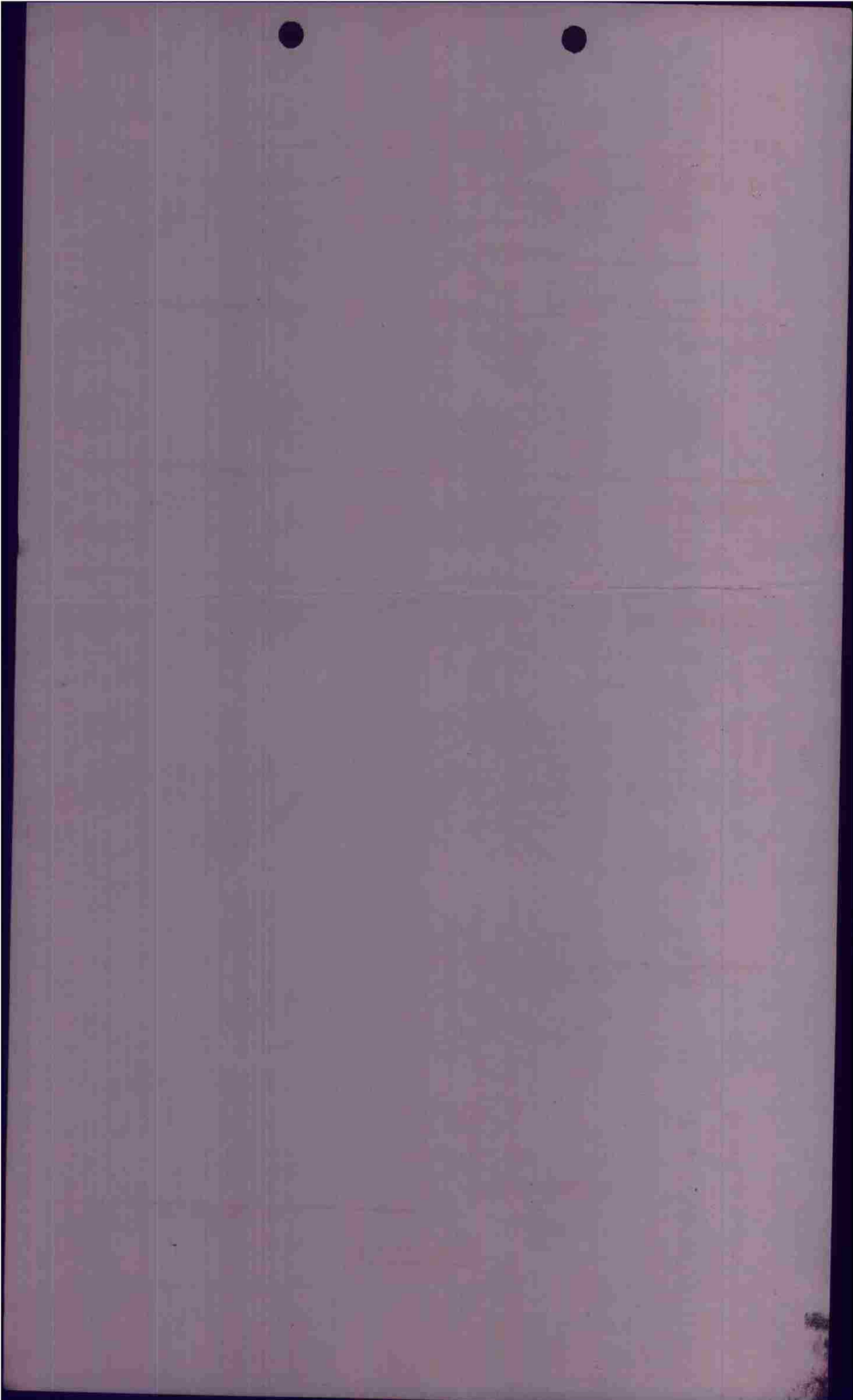
POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT HERMAN A/C# 249 BOX 3 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

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

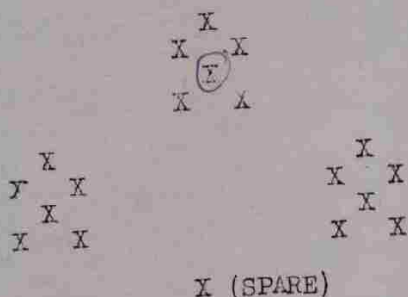
FLAK : XXXX from bombline - nil at tgt.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

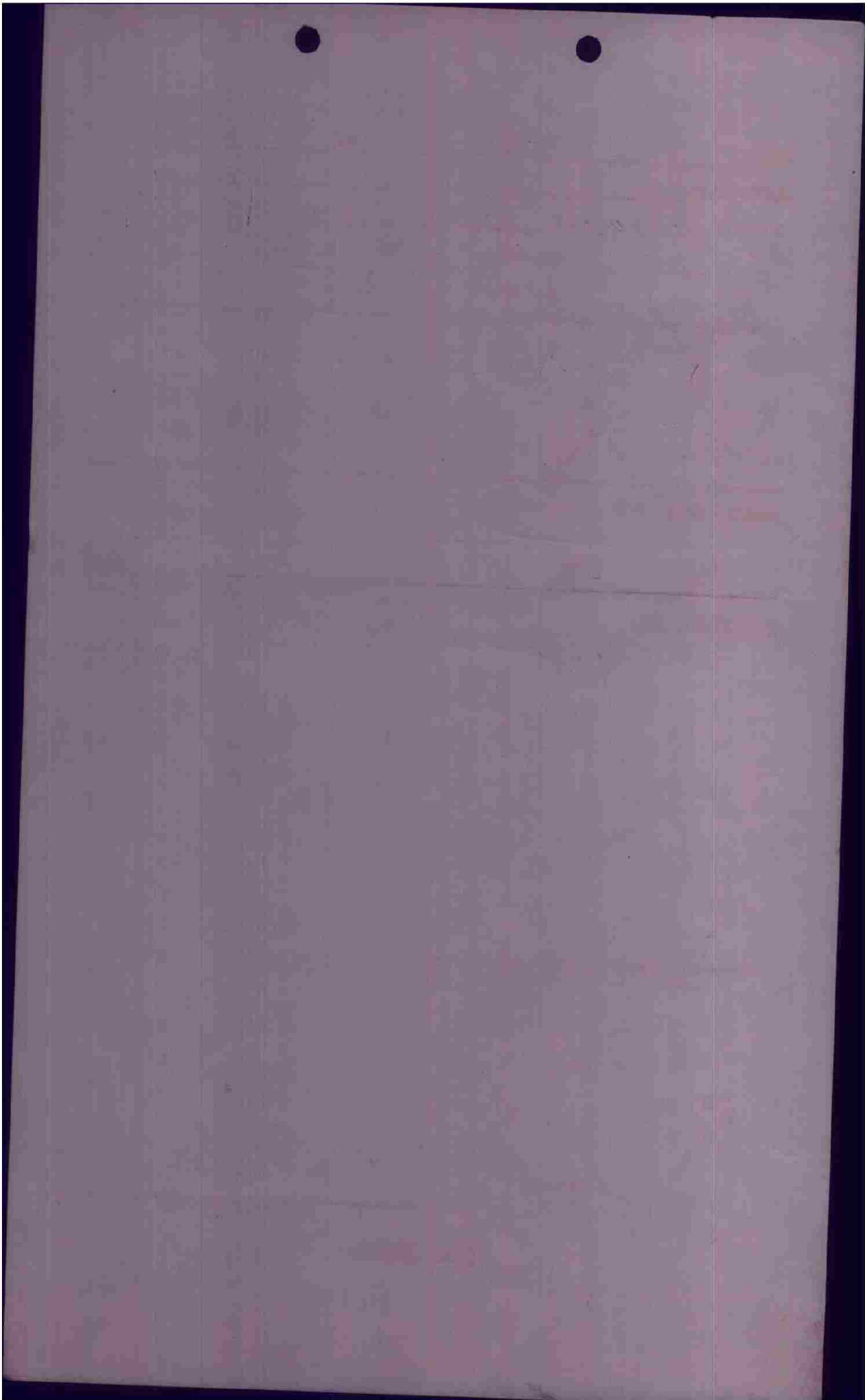
Bombs in smoke at tgt.

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PILOT FERD A/O# 332 BOX 3 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

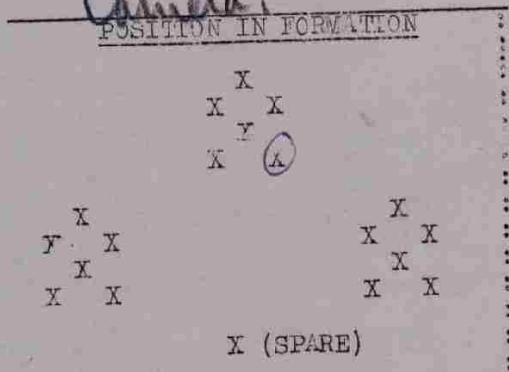
BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"B"
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u>	<u>P</u>			
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED	<u>kill</u>		

FLAK : Inacc. Blue abt xx.
Shooting at several groups.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
kill

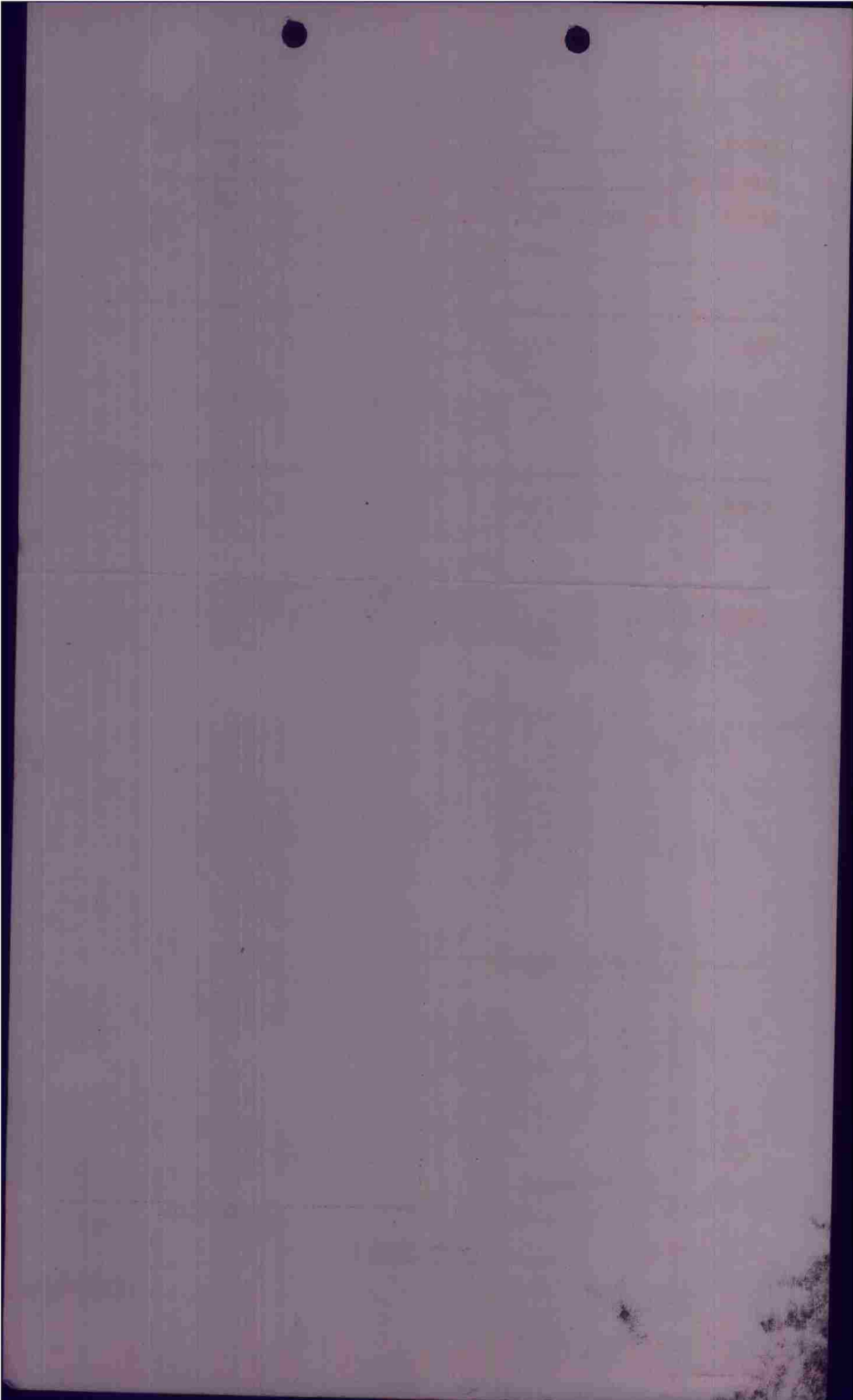
OBSERVATIONS :
Intotown - 2 col. Blk smoke.

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PILOT GRAEBER A/C# 352 BOX 3 FRT 1

CASUALTIES

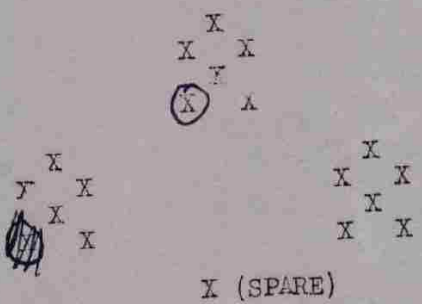
BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X 1000 ON <u>TV</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X JETTISONED	<u>None</u>		

FLAK : at Bomb line on way in and out - ~~XXX HL~~

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : None

OBSERVATIONS : Bombed on Day leader
2 Returns
why?

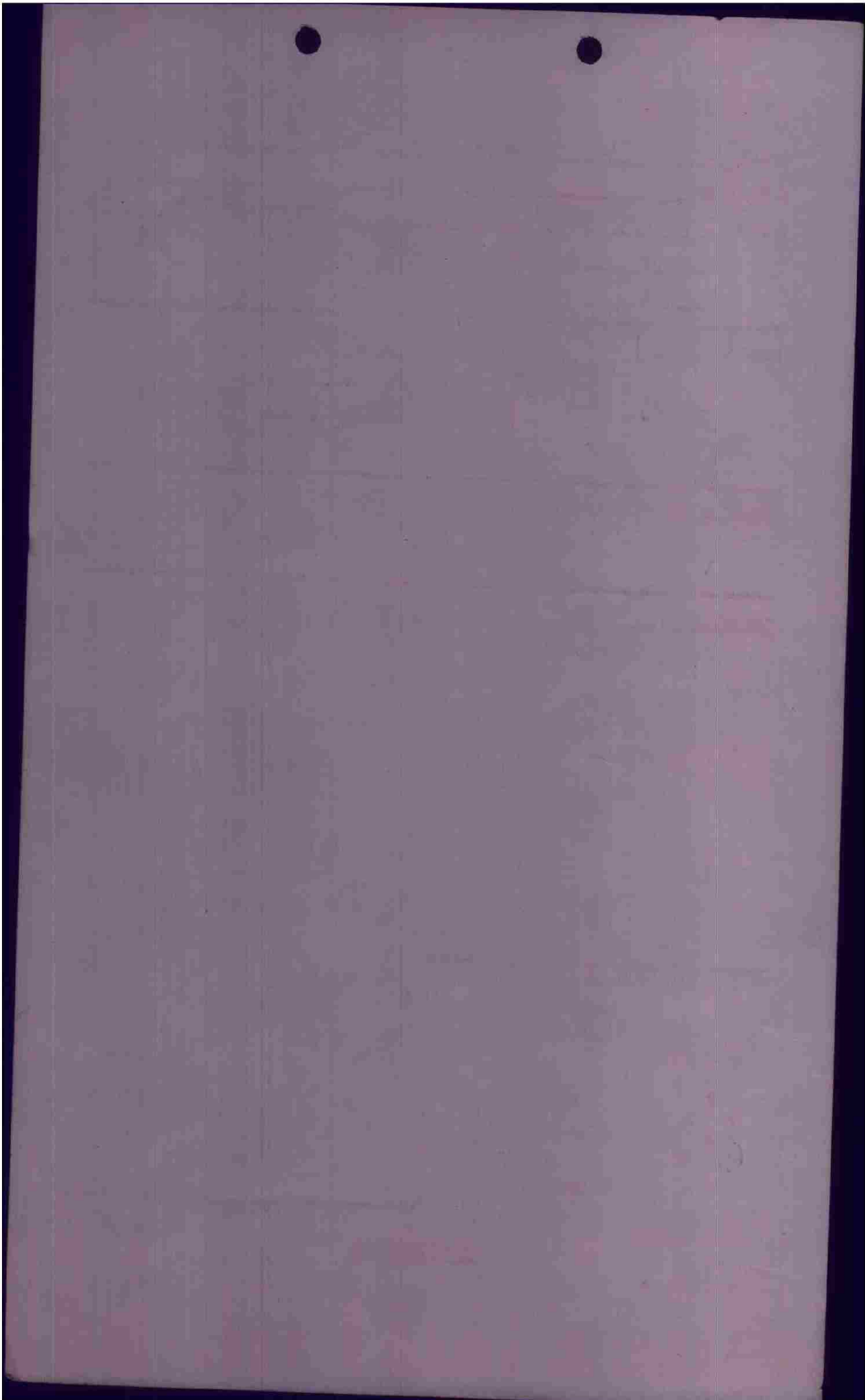
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PILOT TURNER A/C# 304 BOX 3 FLT 2

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : ~~from~~ from guns in target area
Baway, TAD on trees off XXH1

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

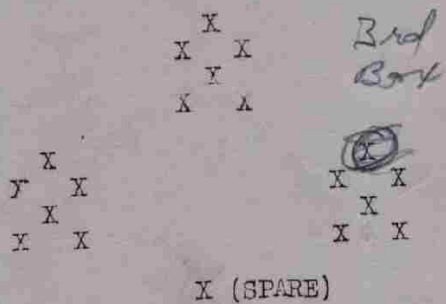
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OBSERVATIONS : good hits in area to be bombed.

TOT 1647h
 Alt - 10,000 red flame from grid.
 IAS - 210 just after B. away - on cord
 MH - 50° below + time bombs hit.

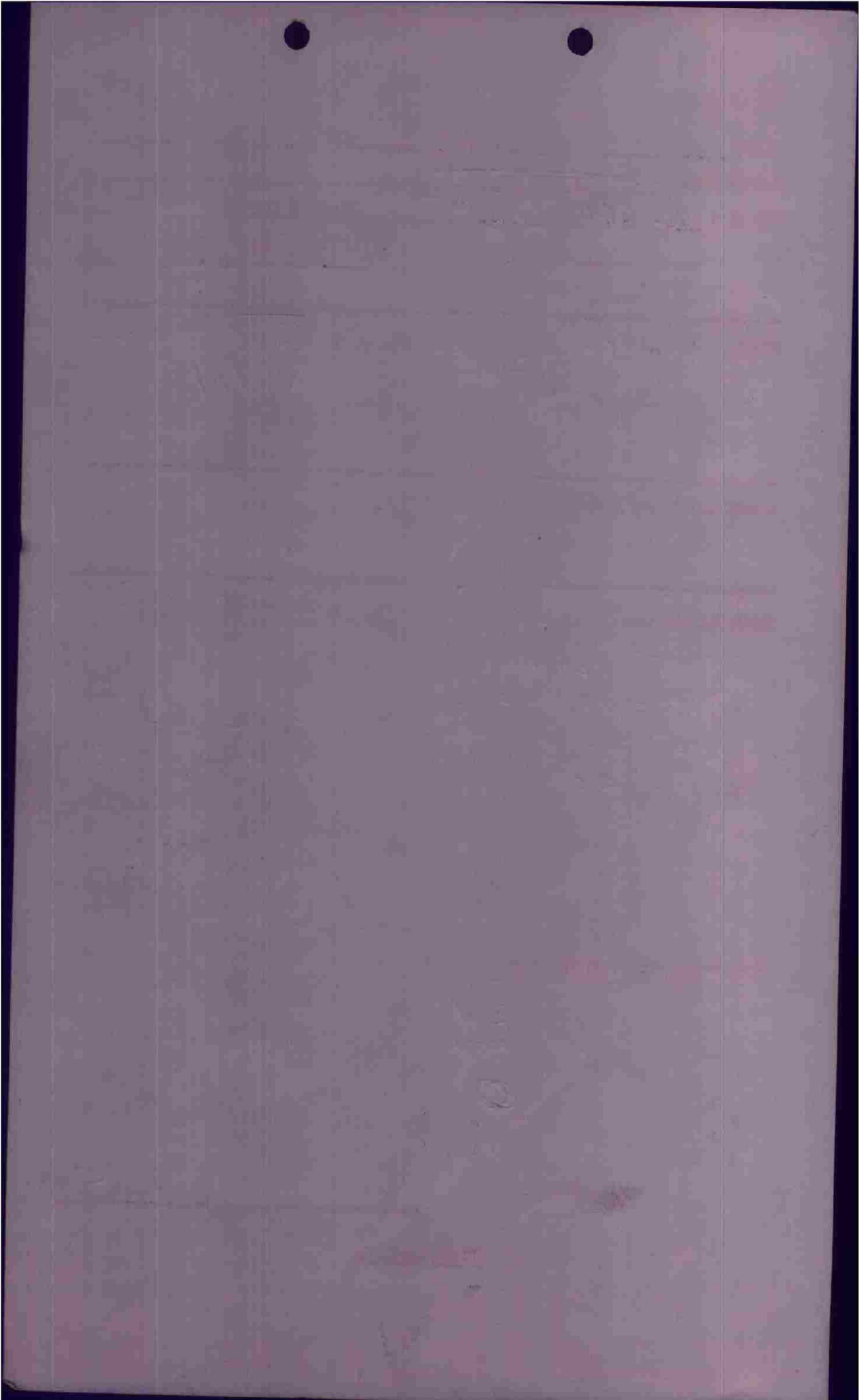
(which Tgt?)

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PILOT SORRELS

A/C# 338

BOX 3

FLP 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 12 X ^{200 Lbs} ~~500~~ ON

X RETURNED

X JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE

"A"	"A-C"	"E"
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FLAK : No flak at this flt

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

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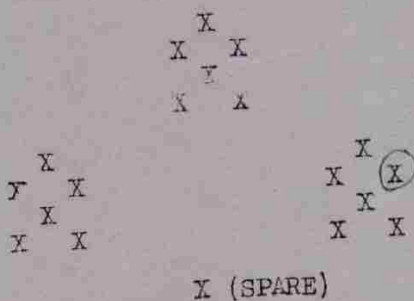
OBSERVATIONS :

Tgt R of course.
bombs across rd
(which Tgt?)



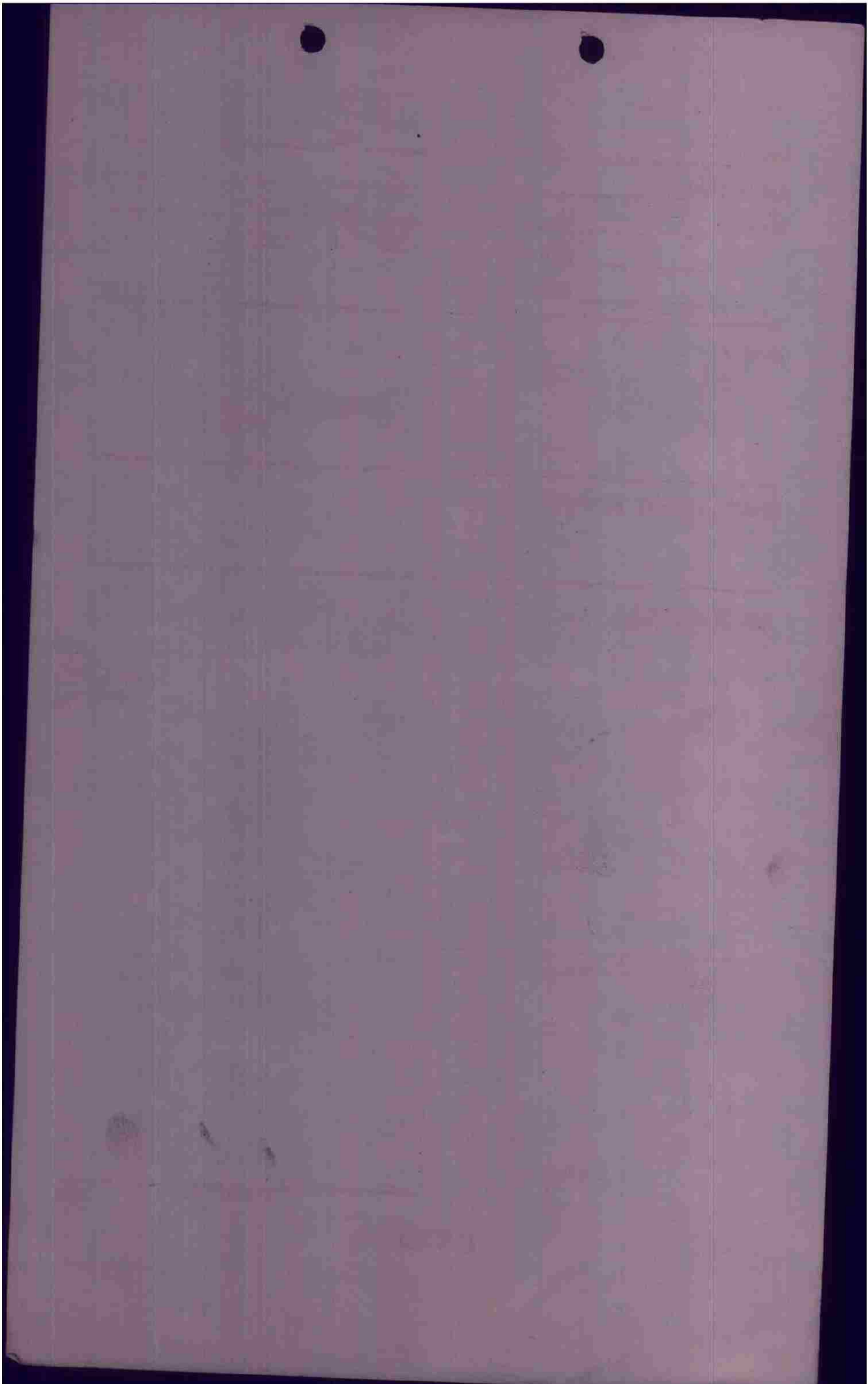
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PILOT TUTT A/C# 469 BOX 3 FLT 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : <u>12 X 260</u> ON <u>Flat top</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED				
X JETTISONED				

FLAK : XX# at other groups. Some at this flight. at Bomblines to left of flight. most of flak from Emmewich.

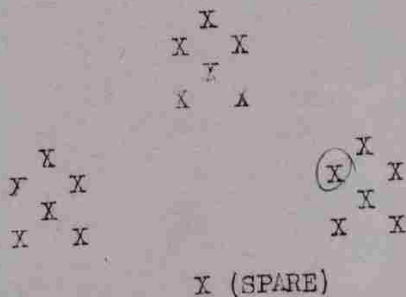
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Couldnt see bombs hit.
4 bombs ~~seen~~ blowing up at about 6500 feet. no flak from this position.

Didn't see ^{that} A/C crashed.
Believe bombs hit about 500 to ^{right} left of briefed position. Heading 350°
TOT - 1650.

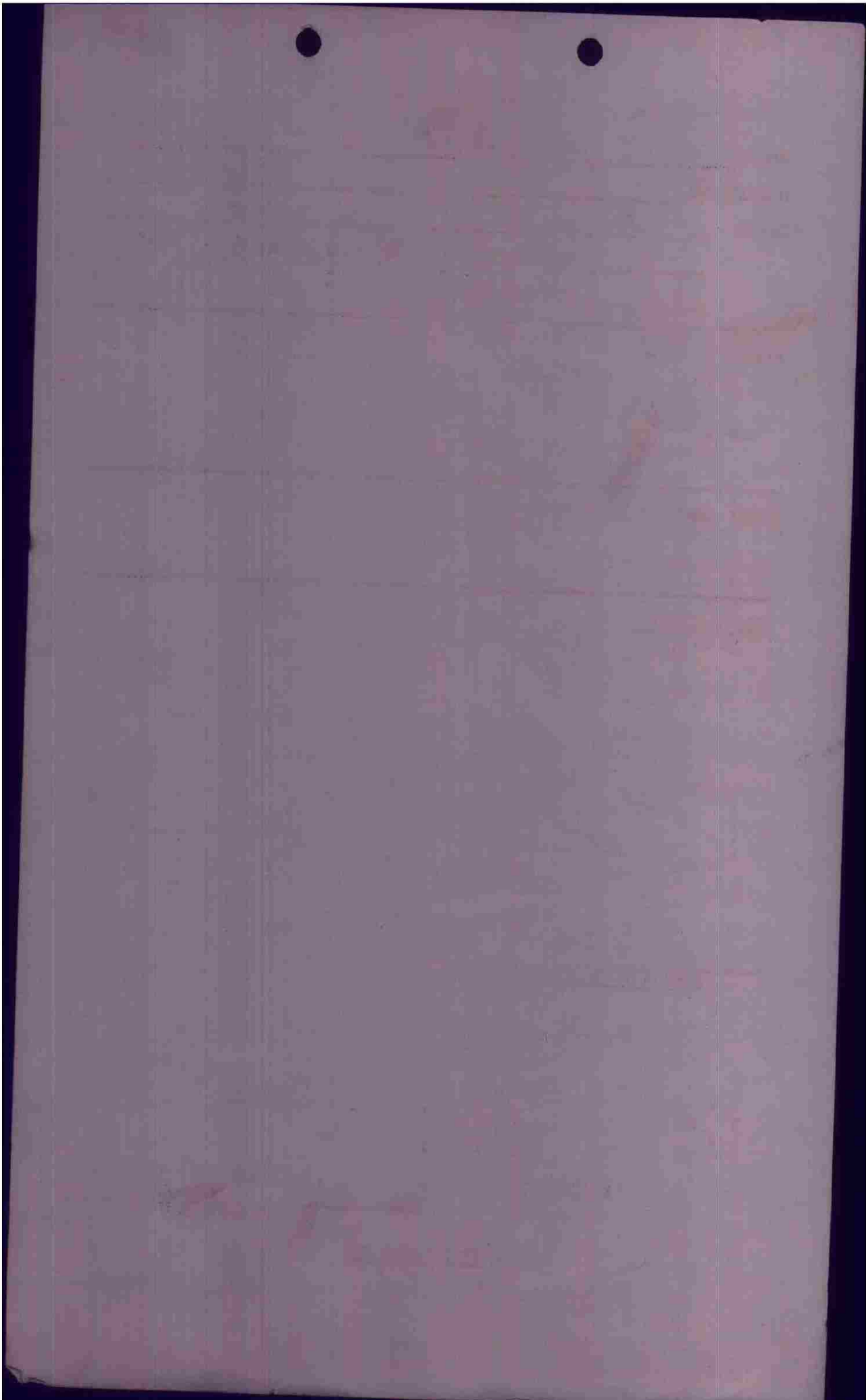
POSITION IN FORMATION

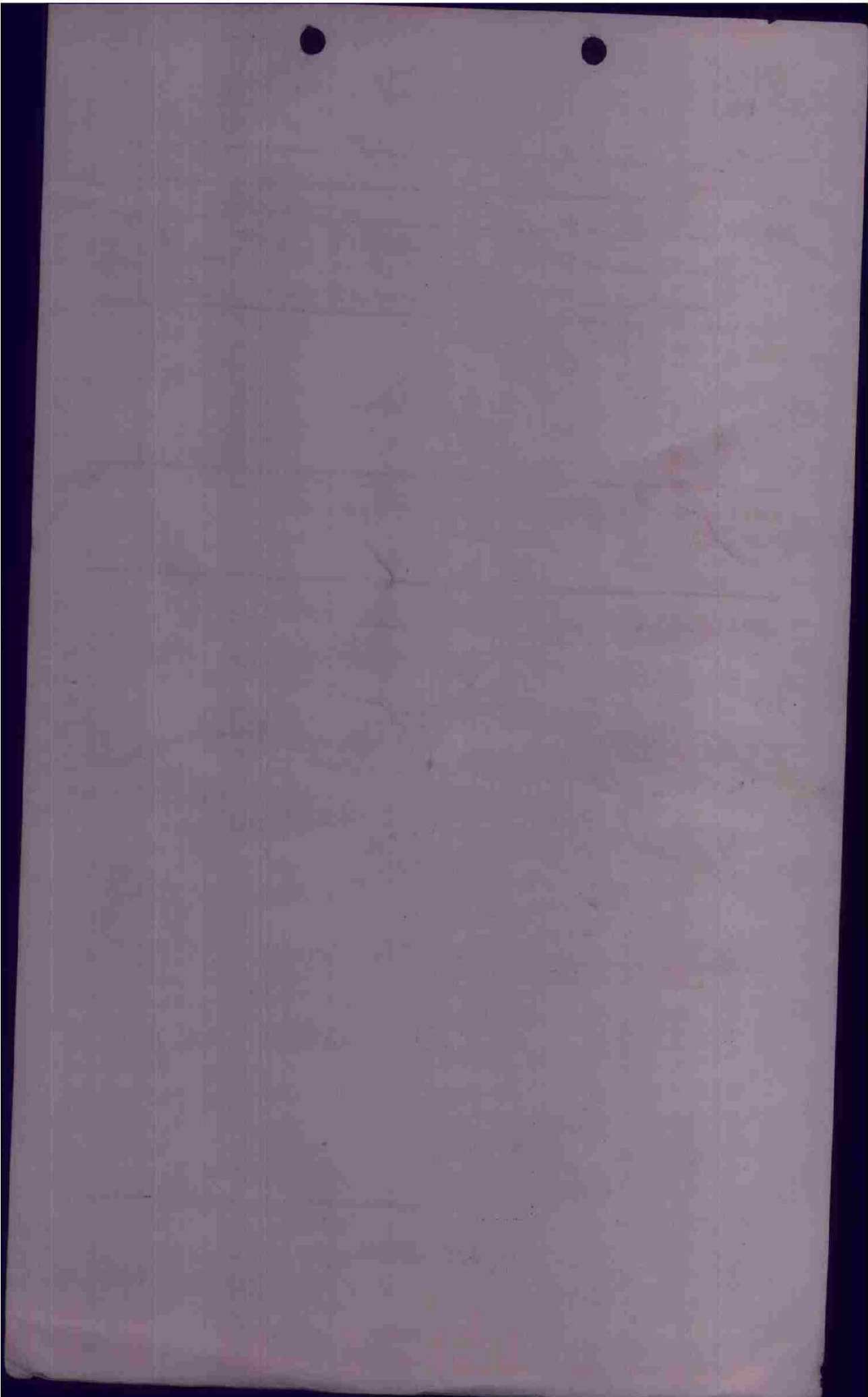


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alt. 10,000.
(which Tgt?)

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PILOT HASKE) A/C# 496 BOX 3 FLT J

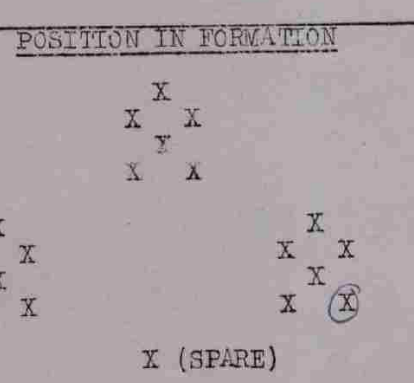
CASUALTIES none

BOMBS :	X	OK	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	RETURNED	<u>none</u>		
	X	JETTISONED	<u>none</u>		

FLAK : None

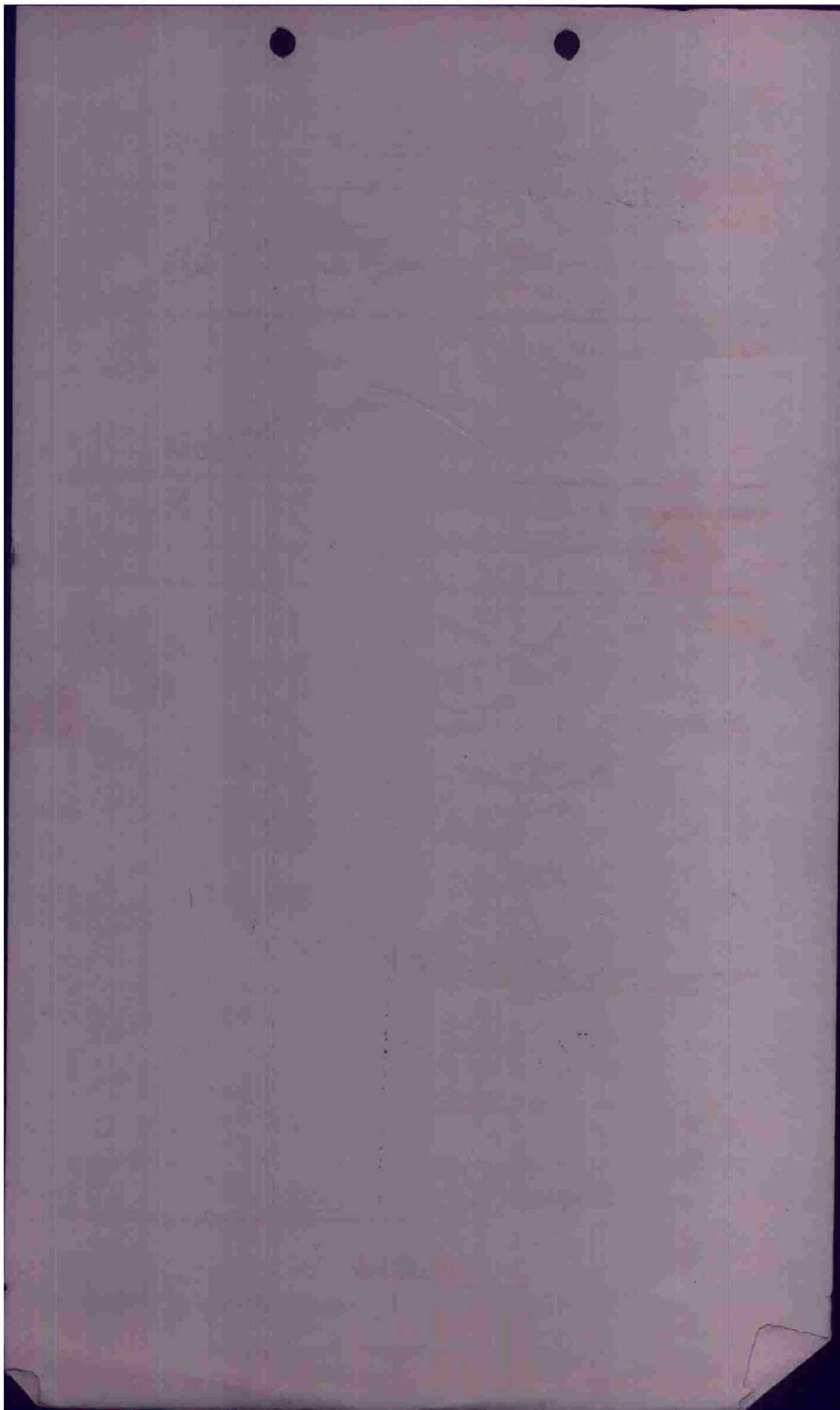
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : None

OBSERVATIONS :
Looked to explode before hitting ground - Bomb results looked as if positions were hit (which they?)



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PILOT DUNN A/C# 263 BOX 3 FLT 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>12</u>	X 150	RETURNED			
	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : KXIA B/L

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

bombs in v shaped field.

(which Tgt?)

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X

X   X   X
Y   X   X
X   X   X

      X
     X X
    (X) X

X (SPARE)

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