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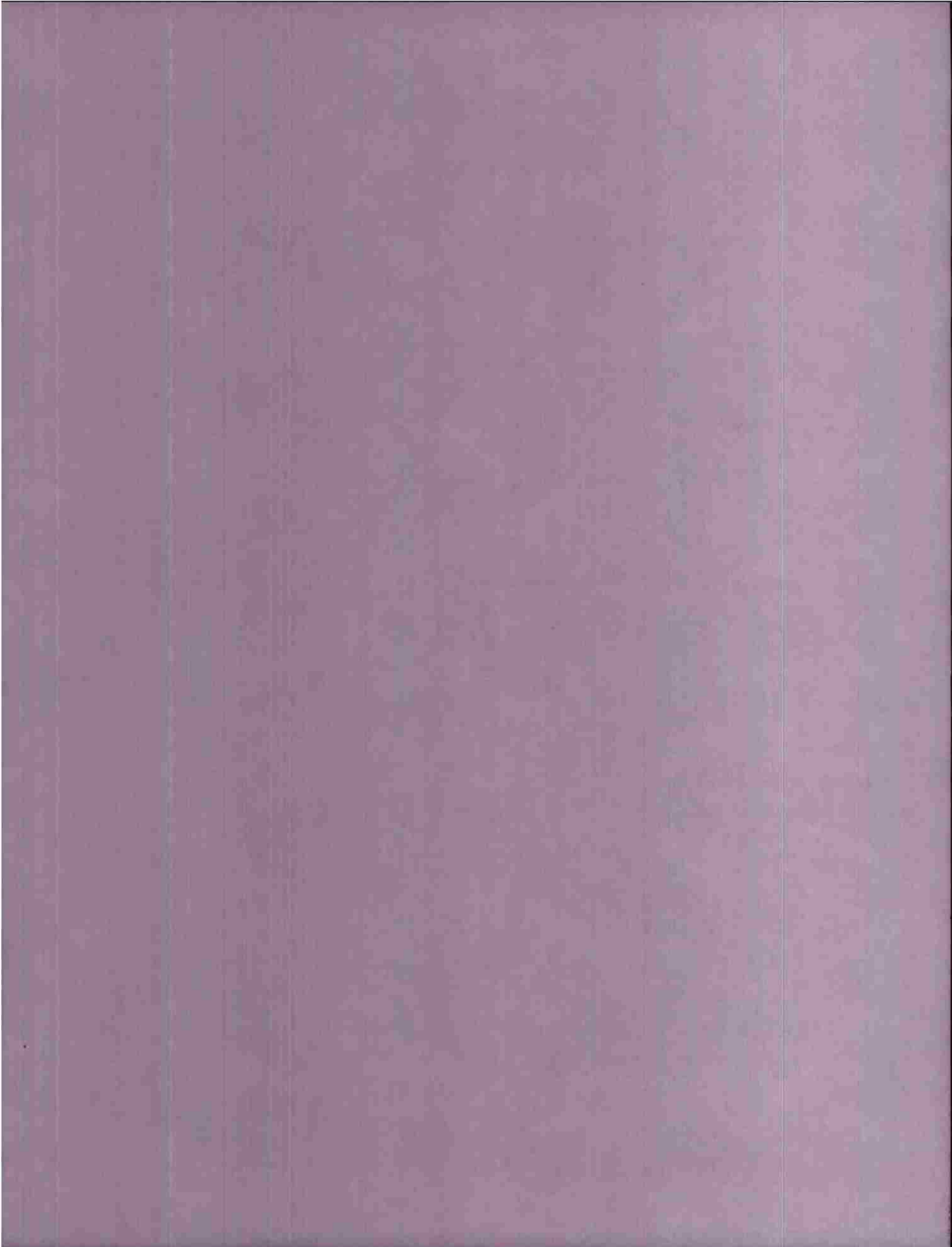
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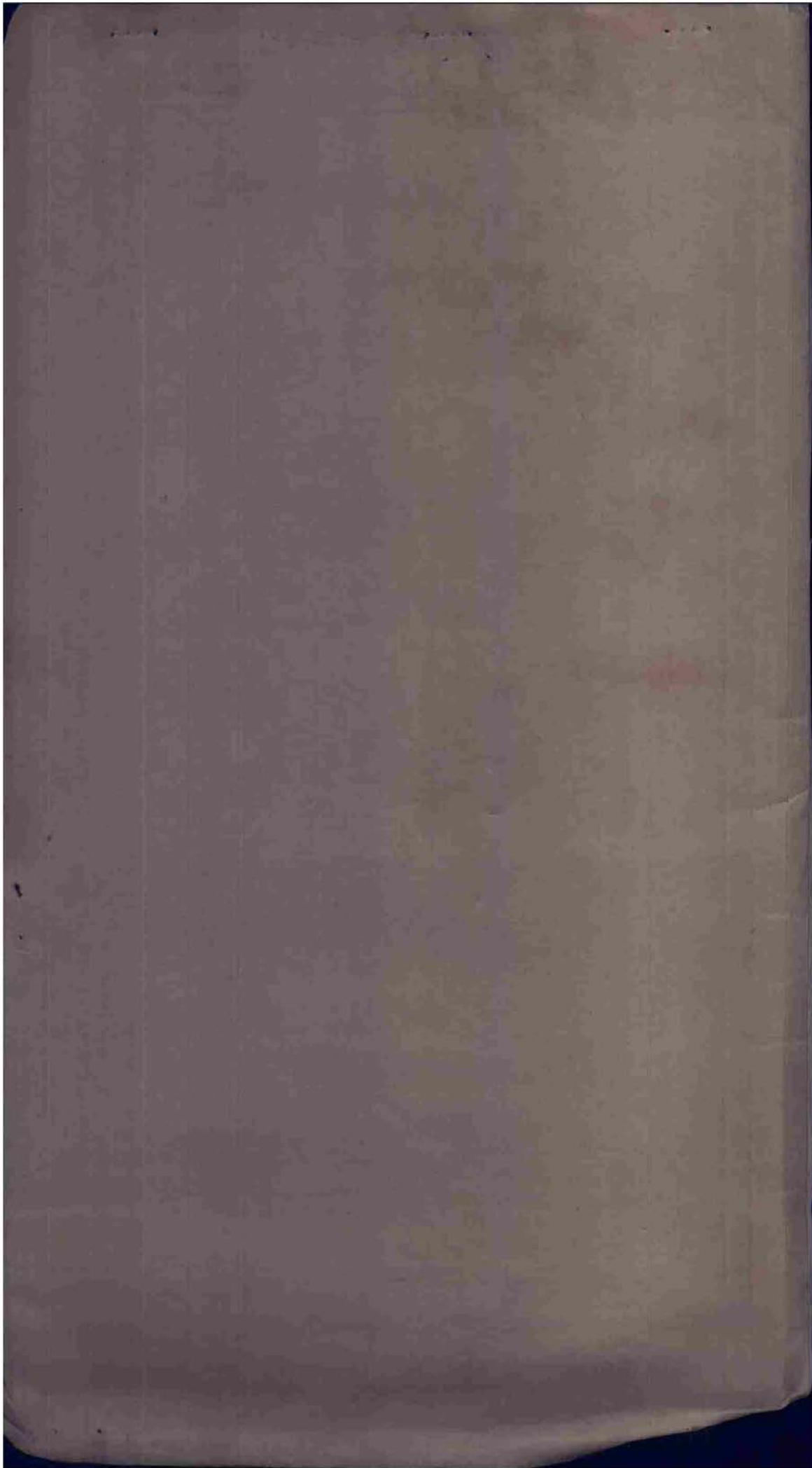
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TARGET Altankinchen Rd. Junt TR 25-3-45 NO. 48 MISS. # 253  
COORD. F-934320 P.O. # 224-816 STATUS Attacked  
ATTENDING OFFICER Capt Lucia

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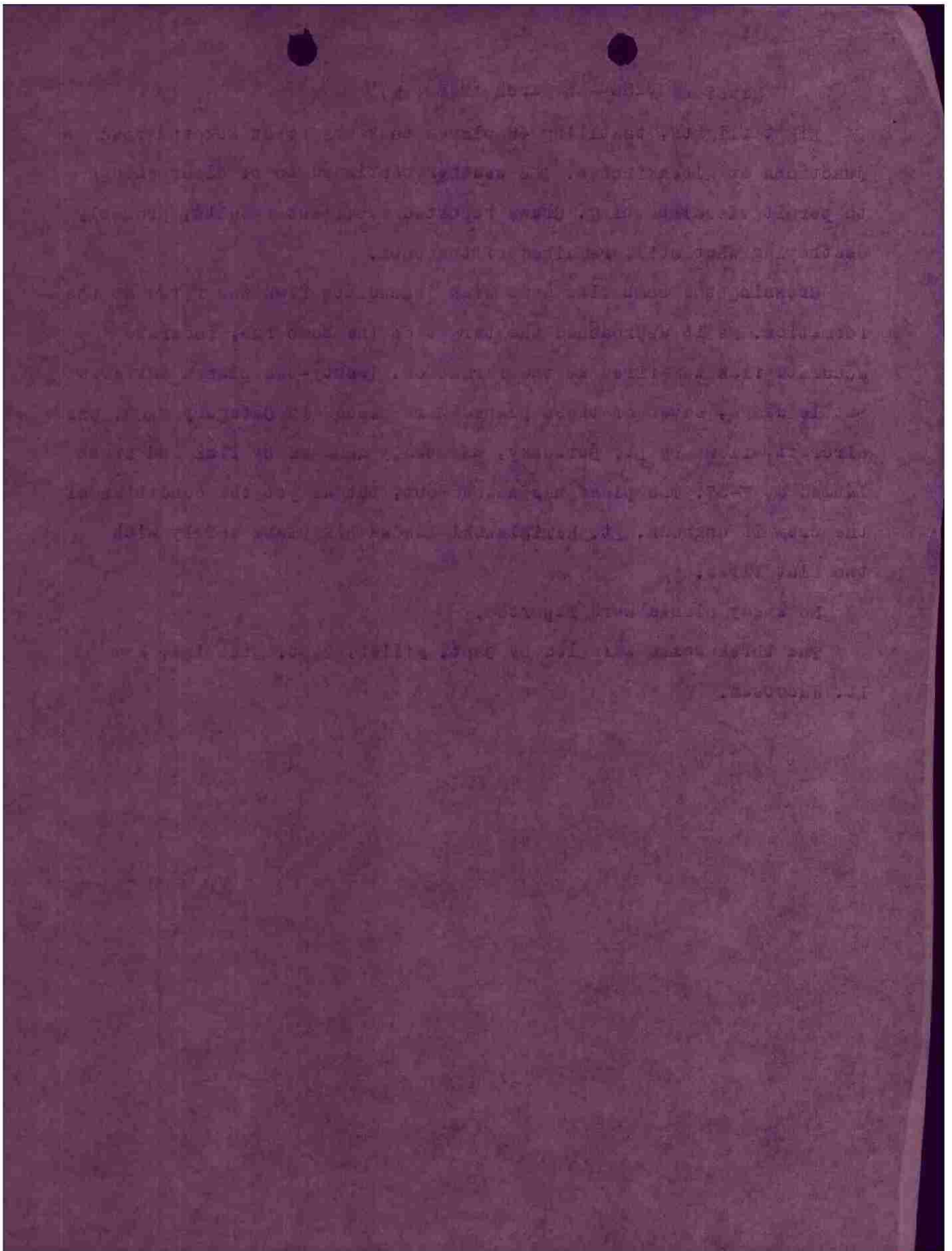
Eight flights, totalling 48 planes took off to attack the road junctions at Altenkirchen. The weather continued to be clear enough to permit visual bombing. Crews reported excellent results, probably destroying what still remained of the town.

Crossing the bomb line some weak inaccurate flak was fired at the formation. As it approached the target on the bomb run, moderate accurate flak was fired at the formation. Twenty-two planes suffered battle damage, seven of these planes were placed in Category "AC". One aircraft, flown by Lt. Barausky, was badly damaged by flak and crash landed at Y-57. The plane was washed out, but as yet the condition of the crew is unknown. Lt. Remiszewski landed his plane safely with two flat tires.

No enemy planes were reported.

The three boxes were led by Capt. Miller, Capt. Stebbins, and Lt. Jacobsen.





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9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (H)

AFG # 140  
25 March 1945

Field Order 7616

MISSION SUMMARY #92  
(Morning Missions)

Section I

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
323 BG	Linburg (M-230983) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent (SMPI) Flt. B - Undet. Flt. C - Undet. Box II - Undet. Box III - Flt. A - Superior (AMPI)
410 BG	Linburg (M-230983) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flt. A - Superior Flt. B - Excellent Flt. C - Superior Box II - Flt. A - Poor Flt. B - Unsat. Flt. C - Superior
394 BG	Linburg (M-230983) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Undet. Box II - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Undet. Flt. C - Undet.
397 BG	Linburg (M-230983) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent (SMPI) Flt. B - Superior (SMPI) Flt. C - Unsat. Box II - Flt. A - Superior Flt. B - Excellent Flt. C - Superior (SMPI)
344 BG	Linburg (M-230983) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flt. A - Superior Flt. B - NAQ Flt. C - Undet. (SMPI) Box II - Flt. A - Undet. Flt. B - Undet. (SMPI) Flt. C - Superior (SMPI) Box III - Flt. A - Undet.
439 BG	Altenkirchen (F-934320) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Excellent (SMPI) Flt. C - Excellent Box II - Flt. A - Undet. Flt. B - Superior Flt. C - Superior Box III - Element A - Undet. Element B - Unsat.
<u>416 BG</u>	Altenkirchen (F-934320) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Undet. Flt. B - Undet. Flt. C - Unsat. Box II - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Unsat. Flt. C - Excellent Box III - Flt. A - Undet. Flt. B - Unsat.

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Box III - R14, A - insert.		
R14, B - insert.		
R14, C - insert.		
Box II - R14, A - insert.		
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R14, C - insert.		
Box I - R14, A - insert.		
R14, B - insert.		
R14, C - insert.		
Box II - R14, A - insert.		
R14, B - insert.		
R14, C - insert.		
Box I - R14, A - insert.		
R14, B - insert.		
R14, C - insert.		
Box II - R14, A - insert.		
R14, B - insert.		
R14, C - insert.		
Box I - R14, A - insert.		
R14, B - insert.		
R14, C - insert.		

322 BG Plamersfeld (F-851275) Communications Center

386 BG Dierdorf (F-945168) Communications Center

391 BG Dierdorf (F-945168) Communications Center

387 BG Koblenz (F-870347) Communications Center

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Eleven groups attacked four communications centers and a marshalling yard, recording SUPERIOR to UNDETERMINED results. Bombing was visual at all targets.

323 BG: 41 a/c dispatched, 33 dropping 264 x 500 GP on Primary. 3 a/c dropped 60 x 100 Frag on flak positions in target area.

5 a/c failed to bomb: 2, weather; 1, mechanical failure; 2, other (leader did not drop).

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

Visual bombing by flights from 9,900 - 11,400 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Smoke obscured DMPI. Bombardier selected MPI 400' N of DMPI. All bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI. Good concentration with MPI of bursts 307' E of SMPI. Bombs fell parallel to M/Y, across 15 houses in this area. Edge of pattern fell along road parallel to M/Y.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. This flight bombed fifth. Bombs fell into smoke of previous flights. Photos show no new bursts.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Because of poor photo coverage, and incomplete pattern of bombs, this flight was not assessed. Main weight of visible bombs fell into heavily loaded end of M/Y, causing minor explosions.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Bombs from this flight fell into smoke of previous flights' bombing. Last bombs to hit ground are not noted and complete pattern is not visible. Bombs hit on edge of M/Y and walked into yard.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Bombs fell into smoke of previous bombs. No new bursts noted on photos.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Bombs fell in smoke of previous flights. Photos show no new bursts.

Box III - Flt. A - AMPI - SUPERIOR. Because of similarity of woods and (Flak nearby check points in T/A, bombardier aimed at woods 2-1/4 miles Position) S of DMPI. 90% of bombs within 1000' radius of AMPI. Very loose concentration, with MPI of bursts 240' SW of AMPI. Bombs fell in fields on edge of woods, and walked into woods.

410 BG: 39 a/c dispatched, all dropping 234 x 500 GP on Primary.

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

Visual bombing by flights from 10,000 - 11,000 feet.

Box I - Flt. A & C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. Bombs of Flts. A & C burst simultaneously. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered in M/Y, 150' SSW of DMPI. Entire pattern within yard itself, bursts blanketing main line, all sidings, and several strings of cars.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 95 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered at edge of yard 200 ft. NE of DMPI. Approximately 60 percent of bombs burst within

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3 a/c Flak battle-damaged; no losses, casualties.

1 a/c failed to bomb; mechanical failure.

397 BG: 36 a/c dispatched, 32 dropping 128 X 1000 GP on primary, 3 without a/c.

Probably of highly combustible materials.  
 shop and repair type buildings. Later photos indicate lives,  
 across DMPI. A portion of W/V was covered, as well as 6 to 8  
 bursts can be located to indicate that pattern fell directly  
 mine pattern because of smoke from previous bombing, sufficient  
 Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Although it is impossible to deter-  
 mine, but those indicate that pattern fell directly across DMPI.  
 Flt. B - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Only a few bursts can be deter-  
 mined, but those indicate that pattern fell directly across DMPI.

Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. Pattern fell approximately 850 ft.  
 SEE of DMPI, across buildings and warehouses adjoining W/V, be-  
 lieved to be a functional part of the RR.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Complete pattern cannot be dis-  
 cerned. However, sufficient bursts are evident to indicate that  
 bombs fell directly across DMPI. Visible impacts show that W/V  
 was well covered, including approximately 40 goods wagons. Very  
 large fire was also started.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Smoke obscured definite pattern,  
 but those impacts showing indicate that bombs fell on edge of  
 W/V, and across several adjoining buildings. Probably damaged  
 10 to 15 goods wagons.

Flt. A - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photos due to large clouds of  
 smoke. Bomber did drop into smoke.

Visual bombing by flights from 9,000 - 12,000 feet.

10 a/c Flak battle-damaged; no losses, further casualties.

1 a/c crash-landed near St. Hubert (P-39020) for reasons unknown. One  
 crew reports observing 3 crewmen crawl out of a/c. 6 crewmen missing.

Field near Avenue (0-270770) - (initially destroyed).

4 a/c failed to bomb: 1, weather; 2, mechanical; 1, personnel failures.  
 1 of these a/c, on single engine, jettisoned 4 X 1000 GP safe in open

397 BG: 34 a/c dispatched, 27 dropping 108 X 1000 GP on primary, 3 without a/c.

Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft.  
 radius of DMPI. Loose pattern centered between main line and  
 quarry 240 ft. NW of DMPI. Possible hits and near misses to  
 main line and railroad cars.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 ft. radi-  
 us of DMPI. Good pattern centered on W-V secondary road 3000 ft.  
 SW of DMPI. Majority of bursts in fields. Flight made low run  
 on target due to smoke. Bomber did not synchronized when he  
 released.

Flt. A - DMPI - POOR. 25 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius  
 of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered on highway at edge of quarry,  
 1050 ft. W of DMPI. Bursts blanket 250 ft. section of highway.

yard itself, blanketing sidings, several strings of cars, and  
 scoring possible direct hits to main line.

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Visual bombing by flights from 11,000 - 12,000 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Smoke obscured DMPI. Bombardier selected MPI 745 ft. West. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Good pattern centered 460 ft. S, in open area S of yard.

Flt. B - SMPI - SUPERIOR. Smoke obscured DMPI. Bombardier selected MPI 2060 ft. SW. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of SMPI. Smoke-obscured pattern is centered 205 ft. S of DMPI, falling in heavily loaded part of yard.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Good pattern centered in open fields 2030 ft. SE of DMPI, with no damage. Bombardier not properly synchronized due to smoke over T/A.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Good pattern centered 200 ft. NW of DMPI, among industrial buildings. Large oil-gasoline type fire was started by bombs of this flight.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 60 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Good pattern centered 880 ft. NW of DMPI, falling in residential district.

Flt. C - SMPI - SUPERIOR. Bombardier synchronized on DMPI of Flt. C, Box I, because this flight was one of first to bomb. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of SMPI. Good pattern centered 250 ft. SW of SMPI, falling among RR cars and buildings.

344 BG: 41 a/c dispatched, 25 dropping 200 X 500 GP on Primary. 2 a/c dropped 40 X 100 Frag on a flak position. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which landed at Juvincourt.

13 a/c failed to bomb: 12, weather; 1, mechanical failure.

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

Visual bombing by flights from 7760 - 9250 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 85 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. (8 bombs salvaged 1600 ft. NE of DMPI.) Long concentration 180 ft. NE of DMPI. Bombs fell across work shops and way depot, as well as rolling stock. Probable heavy damage.

Flt. B - NAO. Bombardier decided to make a second run as he was not sure of DMPI. Decision was made late and as he was unclutching, indices crossed, releasing bombs. Bursts in open area about 1200 ft. E of DMPI.

Flt. C - SMPI - UNDETERMINED. Bombardier could not see DMPI because of smoke over T/A. Selected west choke point at F-23259837, 2600 ft. NE of DMPI. No photo coverage. Camera a/c away from base. Crews report excellent results.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage. Both camera a/c aborted. Crews reported good results on DMPI.

Flt. B - SMPI - UNDETERMINED. Could not see DMPI because of smoke. Bombardier selected choke point at F-22509779, 3000 ft. SW of DMPI. No photo coverage. Camera a/c abandoned due to weather. Crews report good results.

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adjacent buildings, has probably been damaged.  
Pattern plume of DMI, RH intersection at this point, as well as  
smoke of previous strikes is approximately 270 ft. W of DMI.  
radius of DMI. Center of bomb pattern which is visible in  
Rt. B - DMI - SOUTHERN. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft.

DMI.  
Light probably has all of the bombs within 1000 ft. radius of  
the burst over the town and is closely centered to DMI and this  
the target shows no bursts which can be assigned to this light.  
Flight had a down fuse. Collapsing cover for the next light over  
Box II - Rt. A - DMI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage. Camera in  
from W.

can be seen sitting on or near primary road leading into town.  
tions probably sustained damage. 1 cluster of several bombs  
goods wagons and industrial type buildings. All these installa-  
rains road into intersection from the SW. Pattern covers main  
width of W/V, and also plume of DMI. Pattern over the dippe  
nately 590 ft. SW of DMI. Pattern over the dippe  
radius of DMI. Center of excellent concentration is approx-  
Rt. C - DMI - WESTERN. 90 percent of bombs within 1000 ft.

in area of strikes.  
sparsely settled part of town, with probable damage to buildings  
town is approximately 775 ft. W of DMI. Bombs fell in a  
of bombs are within 1000 ft. radius of DMI. Center of the pat-  
cutlines similar to a normal pattern. On this basis 80 percent  
strikes before all bombs had hit the ground, but which have an  
2700 ft. ENE of DMI. Assessment is based on cover showing all  
selected a band in the main highway for the W/V, approximately  
Rt. D - DMI - EASTERN. Smoke obscured DMI. Bombardier

ly damaged.  
This road and the main lane hit and probably been out or severe-  
ly damaged.  
ft. of a secondary road running out of intersection to the N.  
nately 485 ft. NE of DMI. Pattern plume approximately 600  
radius of DMI. Center of excellent concentration is approx-  
Box I - Rt. A - DMI - EASTERN. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,000 - 12,500 feet.  
23 a/c (19 A-26, 4 A-20) that battle-damaged; no losses, casualties.

2 miles E of base.  
1 A-26 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure (one engine failed after  
take-off; a/c jettisoned 4 x 1000 lb case at 14974210, and crash-landed  
a/c crashed window.

43 a/c dispatched (31 A-26, 12 A-20), 33 (25 A-26, 8 A-20) dropping 100 x  
1000, 28 x 500, 4 x 250 lb on primary. 6 a/c (5 A-26, 1 A-20) dropped  
110 x 100 lb, 7 x 250 lb on 2 flare positions in target area. 3 A-20

Attention (Communication Center)

Flare position at 14-27367.  
Box III - Rt. A - DMI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage due to heavy  
obscure burn. Down reports bombs fell across bridge target; a  
heavy damage.

Rt. C - DMI - SOUTHERN. Smoke obscured DMI. Selected sorting  
sidings at E-22759620, 1200 ft. W of DMI. 100 percent of  
bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMI. Light concentration 270  
ft. W of DMI, with rate on falling stock and lanes. Possible

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Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of concentration visible in smoke of previous strikes is approximately 240 ft. SSE of DMPI. Pattern blankets DMPI with probable damage to RR intersection at that point. Photo cover is from oblique camera.

## Box III - (Flak Positions)

Element #1 - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Bursts which appear to be too large to come from frag bombs used could be seen in patch of woods but woods could not be located.

Element #2 - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. What appears to be 2 bomb bursts can be seen in woods, in open fields, approximately 5500 ft. W of DMPI. Group bombardier's calculation on actual range for this type bomb indicates that release point was properly chosen for briefed target, and that actual range from point of release to apparent bursts is double what normally might be expected. Bombardier states that he clearly identified and synchronized on briefed DMPI.

416 BG: 48 A-26 a/c dispatched, all dropping 189 X 1000 GP on and in vicinity of Primary.

1 a/c, flak damaged, crash-landed at Trier. 22 additional flak battle-damaged; 1 crewman wounded. No losses.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,000 - 12,200 feet.

Box I - Flt. A & B - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photos due to evasive action. Visual reports state bombs hit in town.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Bombs fell in long pattern in fields and across roads, 4960 ft. S of DMPI. Reason undetermined.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPI. Good pattern with center of bursts 340 ft. W of DMPI. Bombs fell on buildings and roads in center of town.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Bombs fell in fields and across roads. A/c was in bank at time of release.

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 95 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of bursts 510 ft. N of DMPI. Long pattern in center of town, destroying buildings and blocking roads.

Box III - Flt. A - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photos due to evasive action. Visual reports state bombs hit in town.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. 10 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of bursts 1130 ft. SW of DMPI. Bombs hit in scattered pattern, in fields and across road.

Weyerbusch (Communications Center)

387 BG: 33 a/c dispatched, 30 dropping 120 X 1000 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

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

Visual bombing by boxes from 10,500 - 13,000 feet.

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Box III - Flt. A - DMI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier hit concrete rubble  
DMII. Dispersed pattern 1700 ft. S of DMI, hitting all tracks,  
2 main roadways, and at least 15 residential type buildings.

Flt. C - DMI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of  
DMII. Flight pattern about 700 ft. S of DMI with hits on 3  
main roadways, 2 road intersections, and at least 7 residential  
type buildings.

Flt. B - DMI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of  
DMII. Flight pattern about 150 ft. W of DMI. Bombs fell on road,  
RR intersection, 2 small warehouses and at least 3 residential  
type buildings.

Box I - Flt. A - DMI - EXCELLENT. About 80 percent of bombs within 1000  
ft. radius of DMI. Flight pattern about 900 ft. W of DMI, cut-  
ting air line in several places, and hitting one roadway.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,000 - 12,100 feet.

3 additional a/c tank battle-damaged; no losses; casualties.

1 a/c, tank damaged, crash-landed at base.

2 a/c failed to bomb; 1 mechanical, 1 personnel failures.

991 DG: 37 a/c dispatched, 35 dropping 170 x 1000 lb on primary.

Dierdorf (Communication Center)

NOTE: Box II bombardiers, apparently having difficulty locating  
obscure primary, attempted to make certain of not bombing friendly  
by side of nearby bombing by collecting wireless communication  
objectives short of 1000 ft.

Flt. C - AMI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of  
AMI. Good pattern, centered 500 ft. W of AMI, in village of  
Wambach, covering roads and structures in portion of village.

Flt. B - AMI - EXCELLENT. 85 percent of bombs within 1000 ft.  
radius of AMI. Excellent pattern, centered 800 ft. W of AMI  
in village of Wambach, covering main road W of village.

Flt. A - AMI - EXCELLENT. 80 percent of bombs within 1000 ft.  
radius of AMI. Excellent pattern centered 300 ft. W of AMI, blanketing  
road junction and central portion of village of Gleditsch, 6  
miles SE of primary.

Box II - Flt. A - AMI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of  
AMI. Excellent pattern centered 800 ft. W of AMI,  
falling in fields in western portion of target area.

Flt. C - DMI - EXCELLENT. 80 percent of bombs within 1000 ft.  
radius of DMI. Excellent pattern centered 500 ft. W of DMI,  
road in several places and blanketing central portion of village.

Flt. B - DMI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of  
DMI. Excellent pattern, centered 500 ft. W of DMI, covering  
blanketing buildings in eastern portion of village of Wambach, 6  
miles SE of primary.

Box I - Flt. A - AMI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier hit by phosphorus and  
thought a/c was that damaged or released on secondary. All  
bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMI. Excellent pattern centered  
700 ft. W of AMI, covering road in several places, and  
blanketing buildings in eastern portion of village of Wambach, 6  
miles SE of primary.

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Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Tight pattern about 375 ft. NE of DMPI, hitting 2 main roadways and at least 9 residential type buildings.

Flt. G - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. Bombardier bombed with bombsight in extended vision. All bombs more than 1000 ft. from DMPI. Dispersed pattern across 2 roadways, 1 small farm building, and open fields, about 7500 ft. SSE of DMPI.

386 BG: 34 A-26 dispatched, 32 dropping 128 X 1000 Comp B on Primary.

2 a/c failed to bomb: weather.

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

Visual bombing by flights from 10,400 - 12,000 ft.

Box I - Flt. A - AMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier misidentified target. Dropped on road junction in southern part of Urbach/Uberdorf (F-895174), 2.85 miles W of DMPI. 95 percent of bursts within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI. Center of closely concentrated pattern is 700 ft. SW of AMPI, across N-S road.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Closely concentrated pattern is 3300 ft. SSE of DMPI. Bursts across railroad tracks and open fields. Reason for unsatisfactory bombing unknown.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage due to sharp turn off target. Bursts do not appear on negatives. Bombardier reports good results on Primary.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. More than 60 percent of bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of scattered pattern is 800 ft. NW of DMPI. Bursts cover northern and central sections of town, with possible damage to residential type houses, streets, and other larger buildings.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 80 percent of bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Closely concentrated pattern is 750 ft. W of DMPI, covering crossroads and residential section at northern edge of town, with possible damage to houses in area.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage. Only 2 a/c in flight, as other a/c were unable to get into proper formation at joinup due to cloud cover. However, remaining a/c bombed with Flt. B, Box II. Bombardier reports good results on Primary.

Flammersfeld (Communications Center)

322 BG: 39 a/c dispatched, 17 dropping 66 X 1000 GP on Primary. 3 a/c dropped 54 X 260 Frag on a flak position en route to target. 15 a/c dropped 60 X 1000 GP on Other targets.

4 a/c failed to bomb: 2, weather; 1, mechanical failure; 1, other (fire in cockpit).

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

Visual bombing by flights from 11,000 - 13,000 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. All bombs outside 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centering 1360 ft. N of DMPI in woods and fields. Five runs were made. Late release due to probable intervalometer malfunction, causing the bombing error.

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Box III - (Blak position)  
Plt. A - DMI - UNDETERMINED. No bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMI. Excellent pattern centered 2250 ft. N of DMI in fields, across a road and 900 ft. W of a probable light tank position.

Plt. C - DMI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMI. Pattern is centered 585 ft. S of DMI, on a secondary road, with trenches, and near houses, the majority falling in fields.  
Plt. B - AMPI - EXCELLENT. Could not pick up primary, so bombarder attacked Dierdorf, F-972164, 8 3/4 miles SE of primary. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI. Excellent pattern centered 585 ft. NE of AMPI, with probable hits on rd, road, and some houses.

Box II - Plt. A - DMI - UNDETERMINED. All bombs outside 1000 ft. radius of DMI. Excellent pattern on N edge of Raderbach, F-922198, 6 1/2 miles SE of DMI. Bombardier synchronized on a town just short of primary, and started to roll up to primary, but hit these houses, causing accidental release. Hits on two or three houses, secondary roads, and fields.  
Plt. C - AMPI - SUPERIOR. Two runs on primary; could not pick it up, so made a third run and bombed M/V at Altonerbach, 5 3/4 miles NE of primary, at F-935320. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI. Elongated pattern centered 110 ft. S of center of M/V, hitting cars and trucks.

Plt. B - AMPI - UNDETERMINED. Three runs on primary; could not pick it up, so made overrun on AMPI. Cross again good results on L. center of town of Raderbach, 9 1/2 miles ENE of primary, at G-000300. Camera e/c landed away from base.

SECRET



S E C R E T

Section II

A/C Off		425
A/C Bombing	380	
A/C Failing to Bomb	13	
A/C Recalled (Weather)	19	
Other		
Window	12	
Bombs of 1 A/C Unaccounted for	13	
Total		425

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Bombs on Enemy Territory		719.52
Total Bombs to Date		135,762.78

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A/C Lost	0	
A/C Missing	0	
A/C Crash-Landed (394 BG, 416 BG, 391 BG, 409 BG)	4	
A/C Battle Damaged	124	(29.87%)
Killed	0	
Wounded	5	
Missing	6	
Injured	0	
Clains	0	

1 - 1

S E C R E T

S E C R E T

2 - 1

WEATHER: Hamburg

323 DG: 9-10/10 alto-stratus, base 12-13,000'. 2/10 to 3/10 patchy thin medium at 8-9,000'. Visibility 7-5 miles in haze.

410 DG: 8/10 cirrus above 15,000'. No low or medium cloud. Visibility 8-10 miles.

394 DG: 10/10 cirrus, base 17,000'. Visibility 10 miles.

397 DG: 8/10 medium cloud, base 14,000'. Visibility alt-to-ground 7 miles in light haze.

377 DG: 10/10 alto-stratus, base 10-11,000'. Visibility 5 miles up sun, 10 miles down sun.

409 DG: 8/10 alto-stratus, base 16,000', HI low cloud. Visibility 10 miles.

416 DG: 6-8/10 medium cloud, base 20,000', base 17,000'. No low cloud. Visibility 10 miles down sun.

387 DG: 10/10 cloud, base 17,000'. Visibility 12 miles.

Dierdorf

391 DG: 10/10 medium cloud, base 14,000'. Visibility 10-15 miles.

386 DG: 7-8/10 alto-stratus, base 16,000'. Visibility 10/15 miles down sun, 6-8 miles up sun.

Flammersfeld

322 DG: 10/10 alto-stratus, base 18,000'. Visibility alt-to-ground 8-10 miles.

OPERATIONS

GROUP	NO. A/O	CLASSIFICATION	REASON
323	1	Mechanical	Flight leader had rack malfunction.
394	2	Mechanical	Engines cutting out.
	2	Other	Leader did not drop.
	1	Personnel	Pilot ill.
397	1	Mechanical	Rack malfunction.
377	1	Mechanical	Leaking gas.
409	1	Mechanical	Engine failure.
391	1	Mechanical	Rack malfunction.
	1	Personnel	Hold bombs when slot man did not drop.
322	1	Mechanical	Loss of power.
	1	Other	Pilot in cockpit.

FAILURES TO BOMB

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## S E C R E T

S/. PHOTO REPORTS

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CAMERAS</u>	<u>MECHANICAL FAILURES</u>		<u>PERSONNEL FAILURES</u>	
	<u>PHOTOGRAPHING</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
323	82%	0	0	3	18
410	100%	0	0	0	0
394	100%	0	0	0	0
397	100%	0	0	0	0
344	100%	0	0	0	0
409	75%	2	25	0	0
416	100%	0	0	0	0
387	100%	0	0	0	0
391	100%	0	0	0	0
366	100%	0	0	0	0
322	100%	0	0	0	0

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	405
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	124
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	29.87%
<u>Limburg -marshalling yard 323, 410, 394, 397, 344 Gps.</u>	
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	45
% A/C Battle Damaged	25.0%

Weak inaccurate to moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered at Mastatten. The defenses in the Mastatten area have become more active in the past few days. The 410 Gp. encountered flak that was more intense and accurate than the other groups. Crews of this group reported that they first encountered moderate accurate fire about one minute before reaching Mastatten and that it followed them for two minutes after leaving the town. No defenses are as yet plotted. However, the enemy usually has heavy defenses in depth along the battle lines. Two 4 gun batteries south of the target were bombed and these batteries were inactive throughout the attack.

<u>Altenkirchen Communications Center 409, 416 Gp.</u>	
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	45
% A/C Battle Damaged	50.0%

Both Groups encountered moderate accurate heavy flak at the target. 9 heavy guns are plotted within range of the target. However, it is believed that more guns, probably E.R., are in the area. The 409 Gp. reported moderate to intense accurate flak and weak inaccurate light flak from 1/2 mile east of St. Gear (L-990721) to Parientals (1070810). This fire was probably from the same guns that engaged the previous groups at Mastatten.

FORM 3-1

S E C R E T

S E C R E T

4-1

No e/s encountered during mission.

1.0.1.1.1: 0930 to 1152

WEST AIRCRAFT REGIONS

All flights encountered moderate accurate heavy flak as they turned off the target on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th runs. While making the extra runs on the target, moderate accurate fire was encountered from Wachenbach (E-9330), Wachenbach (E-9919) and Wachenbach (G-0625). This fire increased to intense accurate on the 3rd and 4th runs but decreased to moderate accurate again on the 5th run. While making the turns to make more runs on the target, the formation was within range of about 30 plotted heavy runs.

0  
13  
37.21%

0  
4/C Lost to Flak  
4/C Battle Damaged  
3/4 Battle Damaged

Flammarion Communications Center  
322 GPs

The 391 Gp. encountered weak to moderate accurate heavy flak at Singshofen (1-072861). This flak probably came from the defenses that have been moved into the Mastatten area. The 386 Gp. reported all flak with the exception of a flight of Box II. On the second run this flight encountered weak inaccurate flak from Lamburg.

0  
5  
7.07%

0  
4/C Lost to Flak  
4/C Battle Damaged  
3/4 Battle Damaged

Mastatten Communications Center  
391, 386 GPs

Moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered on the back run and the turn off target. The flak started as weak and inaccurate at the II (E-100770). The flak at the IP was probably from R.R. runs and as the bomb run progressed the formation came within range of the flak at the target. 9 heavy runs are located within range of the target. Weak inaccurate heavy flak was also encountered at Mastatten.

0  
18  
57.57%

0  
4/C Lost to Flak  
4/C Battle Damaged  
3/4 Battle Damaged

Wachenbach Communications Center  
387 GPs

S E C R E T



FROM : 418th BOMGR.

TO : CG, IX BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, ATTN. A-2  
CG, 97TH COMBAT WING

SECRET OPS PRIORITY

CORRECTION TO OPFLASH FOR 25 MARCH 1945 MORNING MISSION

PARA. E. TO READ... NIL.

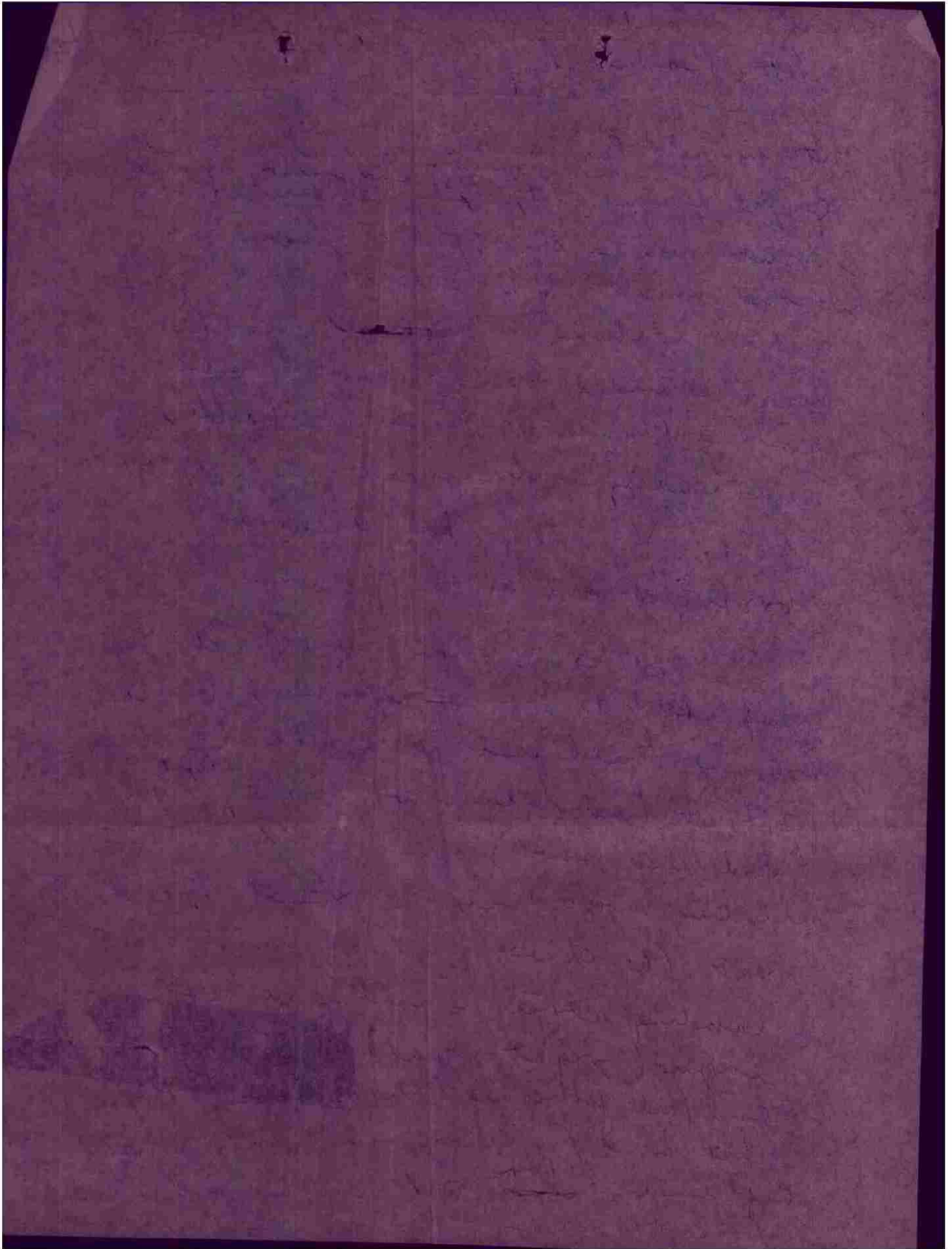
*William P. Thomas*  
SIGNED WILLIAM P. THOMAS, MAJOR AC.



March 25 - Altemus <sup>then</sup>  
 Lt. Borawsky Lt. Sheehan & Sgt. A

Hit in right Eng. on bomb run. Knocked  
 Right engine out <sup>of commission</sup>. ~~feathered~~ <sup>feathered</sup> right prop and  
 continued on  
 bomb run - dropped a fraction of  
 second ahead of fl. made 270° (gas  
 and oil leaking) ~~feathered~~ closed  
 doors - headed west over bomb line  
 called Parade & Rip saw. latter  
 gave heading and referred me to Hunt  
 way. (Y-57). Hunt way  
 brought me into Y-57.

I had Lt. Sheehan come back to  
 jump seat to brace - gunner braced  
 against bulkhead for crash landing  
 (right strut had been shot up - <sup>right</sup> fire  
 had been shot) I had decided crash  
 landing more advisable. ~~that~~ Headed  
 for the dirt part at end of  
 landing strip - feathered left  
 engine (right already feathered). Sheehan  
 and Hull jettisoned their parachutes. Props  
 hit and fuselage sank into ground  
 Left engine ~~came~~ <sup>tore</sup> off and we skidded  
 about 150 yds from point of impact





JKI V ITA IYOK 1 OP OP

1187

S-2  
ADD

FROM 15TH TAC/RCN SQDN 251333A  
TO XIX TAC: ATTN: CAPT. REED.  
FORWARD THRU BOMBAY TO BOOK WORM (416 BOMB GP LIGHT)  
TO BOOKWORM BLUE (670 SQD.)

BT

S E C R E T - SEND IN CLEAR BY LANDLINE TELETYPE ONLY AUTH: CAPT. HADDEN

A-26 322503 N, PILOTED BY 1ST LT. BARAUSKY BELLIED IN AT 1105AAT  
Y-57.  
PLANE CLASS 26. CREW O.K.

TARGET CROSS RDS AT F-935320. TOWN SMOKING (BROWNISH DUST COLORED  
SMOKE RISING TO 3000 FEET). BOMBED AT 1010A  
ALL BOMBS DROPPED 1 SEC. EARLY, NO OBSERVATION OF HITS, BUT THEY ALL  
LANDED IN CENTER OF SMOKE COLUMN. BOMBED FROM 10,500 FEET.

FLAK HIT A-26 UNDER RIGHT WING AS PLANE WAS ON BOMB RUN, HOWEVER,  
RUN WAS CONTINUED AND TARGET HIT. RIGHT ENGINE DEAD, NO FLAPS OR  
LANDING GEAR FOR LANDING.

FLAK:

A---- BAD SCHWALBACH - WK, INACC, HY, FLAK.  
F-935320 - MODERATE, ACC, HY, FLAK.

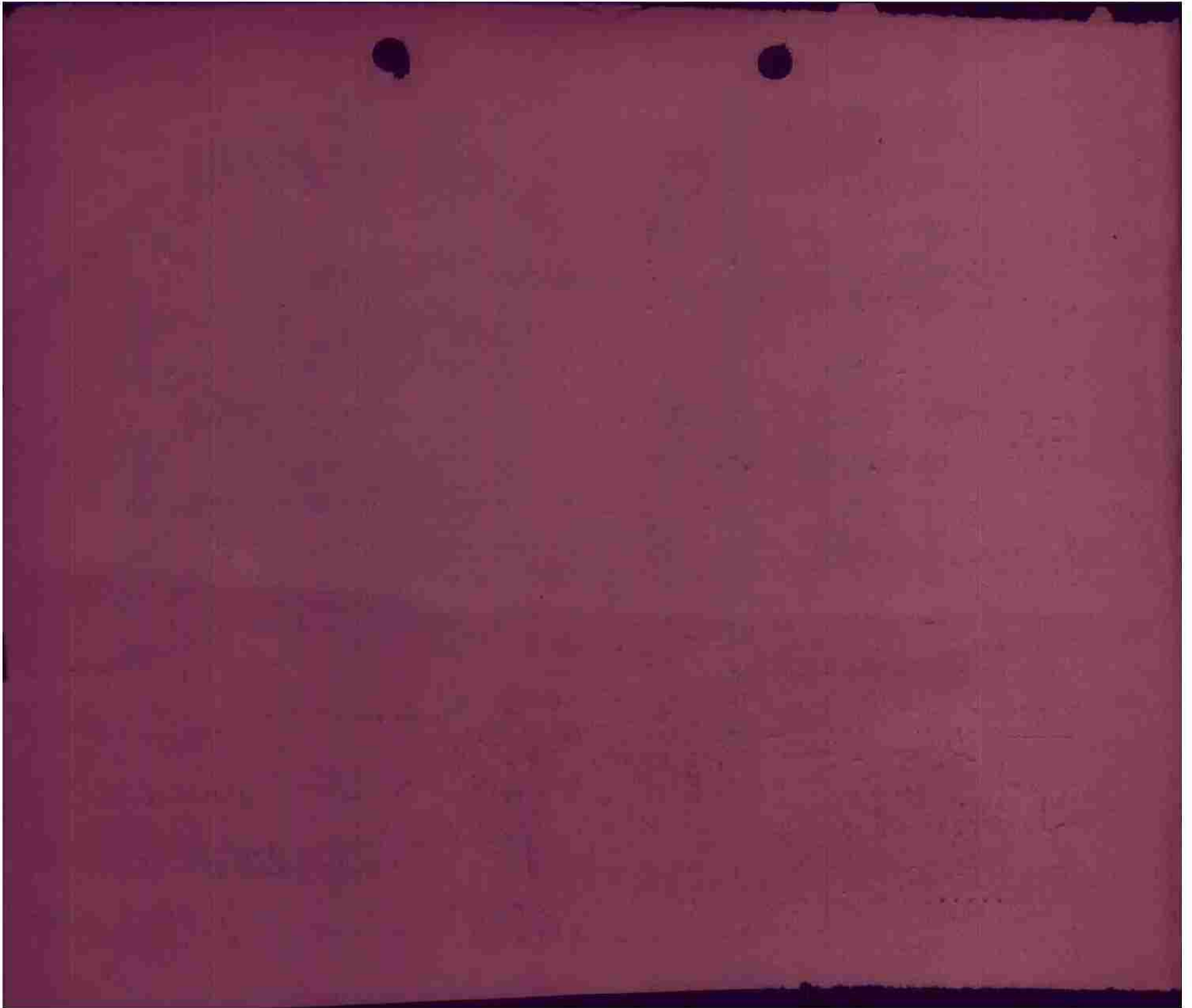
*Wound (slightly wounded)*

END DAVIS  
BT 251333A

AS

AL B R K

JKI R.....25/1833A WFG BBBB



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 13/25 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMGR. 25/1745A

TO CG, IX BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, ATTN. A-2  
CG, 97TH COMBAT WING

BT

SECRET 416 BG R-578-D

CORRECTION TO OPFLASH FOR 25 MARCH 1945, MORNING MISSION

PARA. E. TO READ. . . NIL.  
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BT 1745A  
WFG BBBBS

ITA R.....25/1905A EG KKM  
JEA R.....25/1905A FK KKKK

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 7/25 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GP ( L ) 251400A  
TO CG IX BOMBER DIV ATT: A-2 DUTY OFFICER  
CG 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

BT

SECRET 416BG R-570-D OPFLASH FOR 25 MARCH 1945, MORNING MISSION.

- A. 416TH BOMB GP.
- B. ALTENKIRCHEN ROAD JUNCTION (T 93803214)
- C. 45 A-26'S
- D. 45 A-26'S ATTACKED PRIMARY VISUALLY BY FLIGHTS  
2 A-26'S SALVOED BOMBS IN VICINITY OF G-120250 WITH PERMISSION OF FORMATION LEADER, ONE A/C BECAUSE IT A///WAS FORCED OUT OF POSITION DUE TO EVASIVE ACTION PRIOR TO BOMB RELEASE POINT, THE OTHER BECAUSE BOMBAY DOORS FAILED TO OPEN OVER TARGET DUE TO CLAIMED MECHANICAL MAL-FUNCTION, CAUSE OF WHICH IS AS YET UNDETERMINED.
- F. 181 X 1000 GP ON PRIMARY. THIS INCLUDES BOMBS OF A/C THAT CRASHED LANDED AT Y-57 AND IS REPORTED TO HAVE BOMBED.  
8 X 1000 GP AT G-120250  
3 X 1000 GP RETURNED
- G. CREWS REPORT GOOD TO SUPERIOR RESULTS BY ALL FLIGHTS.
- H. 15 A-26'S DAMAGED BY FLAK, CATEGORY "A"  
7 A-26'S DAMAGED BY FLAK, CATEGORY "AC"  
1 A-26 DAMAGED BY FLAK, FLAK DAMAGE CATEGORY UNKNOWN, CRASH LANDED AT Y-57. THIS A/C IS IN CATEGORY "E" AS RESULT OF CRASH.
- I. ONE (1) CREW MEMBER (B/N IN A/C 505) SLIGHTLY WOUNDED DUE TO FLAK. INFORMATION LACKING AS TO CONDITION OF TRXXX THREE (3) CREW MEMBERS, (PILOT, B/N AND GUNNER) OF A/C 503 WHICH CRASHED LANDED AT Y-57.
- J. TARGET: MODERATE ACCURATE HFF. ELSEWHERE: WEAK INACCURATE HFF FROM MONTABOUR (G-070060) AND NASTATTEN (H-090730) AND OBR BACHEIM (H-030040).
- K. NIL
- L. BOX 1 FLIGHT A - 12,200  
" B - 11,000  
" C - 11,900  
BOX 2 FLIGHT A - 11,000  
" B - 10,500  
" C - 10/200  
BOX 3 FLIGHT A - 10,000  
" B - 10,000
- M. BOX 1 FLIGHT A - 1018 (2ND RUN)  
" B - 1023 (2ND RUN)  
" C - 1032 (2ND RUN)  
BOX 2 FLIGHT A - 1015 (1ST RUN)  
" B - 1015 (1ST RUN)  
" C - 1031 (3RD RUN)  
BOX 3 FLIGHT A - 1024 ( 2ND RUN)  
" B - 1016 (1ST RUN)

H2  
 B2  
 C2  

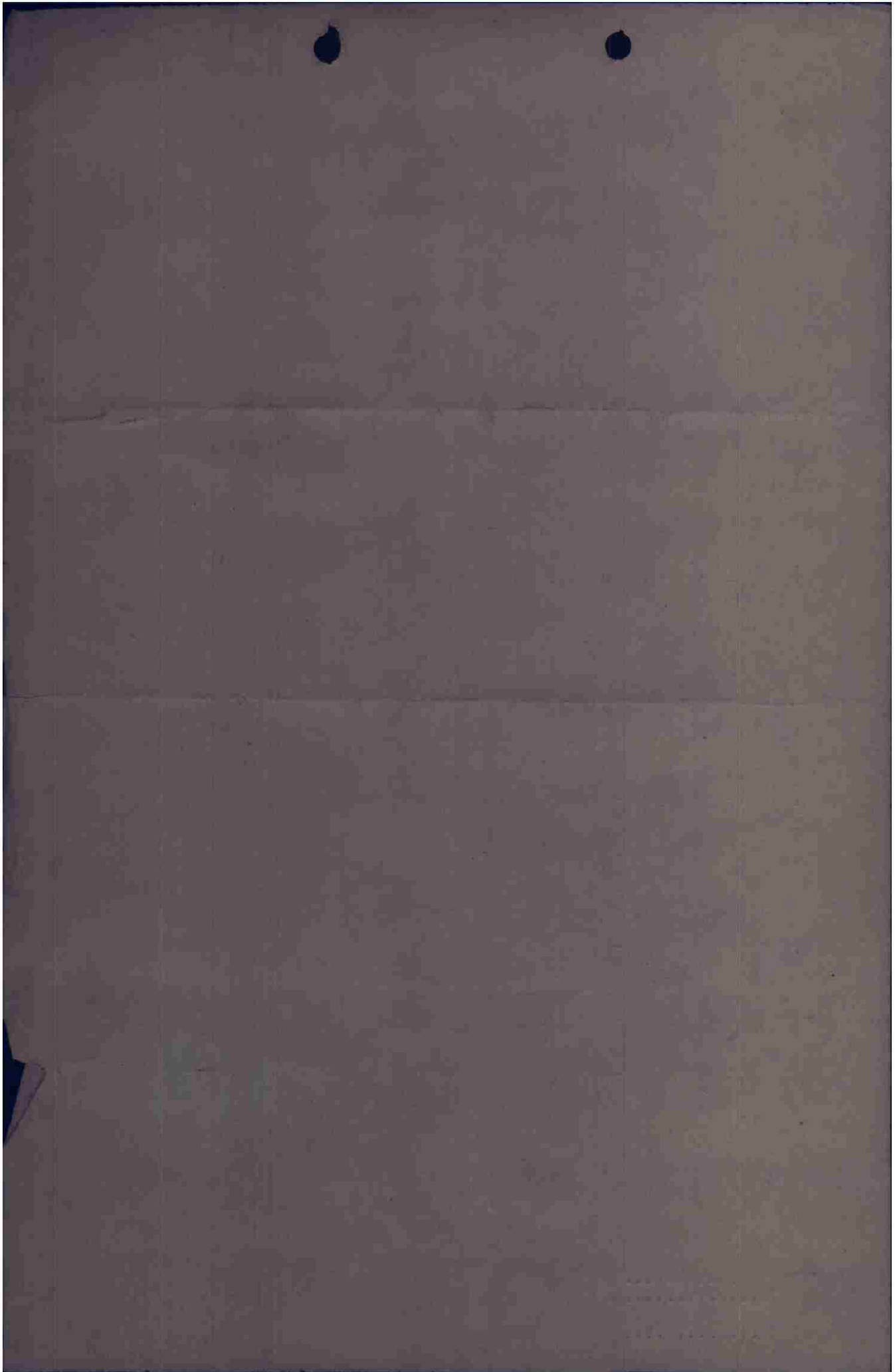

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 A1  
 B1  
 C3  
 1000  
 172  
 81

LEADER NOTIFIED RIPSAP 15 MINUTES BEFORE REACHING TROOPLINE THAT NR FORMATION WAS ON TIME. MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED AND UNDERSTOOD. CREWS REPORT NO ACTIVITY ON ROADS IN TARGET AREA.  
SIGNED SYDNEY A. LURIA CAPT. AC

BT 251400A  
RE CC: UNDER L. BOX 2 FLIGHT C. 10,200 RPT ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 10,200  
EJ AR K  
BBBBBB TO BOTH

ITA R.....  
JEA R..... 250CTTA LG :((  
ITA R..... 25/308A JP





To: CG, 9<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Division, Att. A-2  
 CG, 97<sup>th</sup> Combat Wing, Att. A-2  
 From: 416<sup>th</sup> Bomb. Grp.

Operational Priority: Secret

offload for 25 March 1945. <sup>Morning Mission</sup> ~~Afternoon Mission~~

A. 416<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group (L)

B. ALTENKIRCHEN ROAD JUNCTION (F 380 3214)

C. 48 A-26's

D. 46 A-26's attacked primary <sup>visually by Flights</sup> ~~by visual means~~

2 A-26's salvaged bombs in vicinity of G 120 250 with permission of formation leader, ~~after~~ one A/C because it

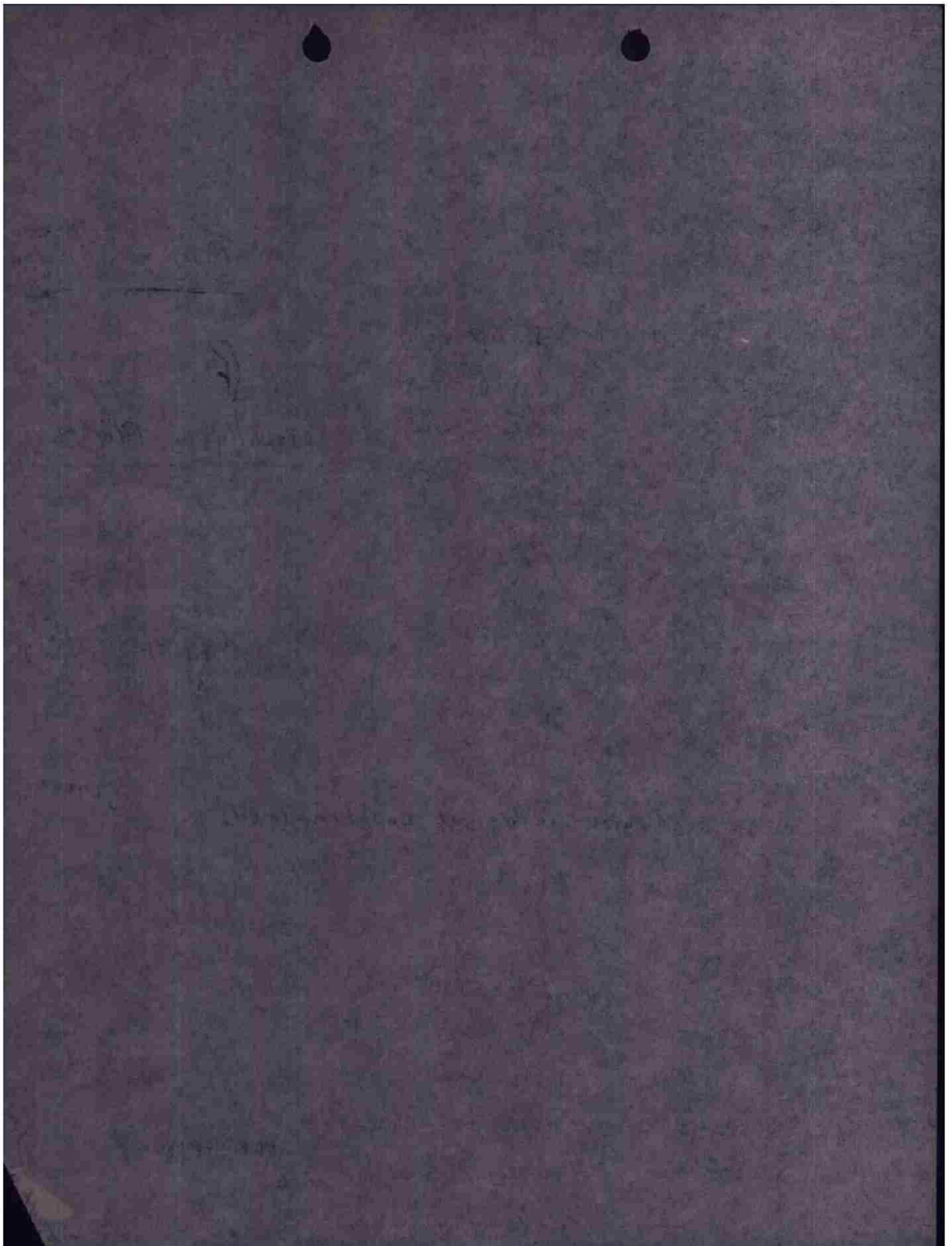
~~A-26 salvaged bombs~~ <sup>forced</sup> was out <sup>just before bomb release point</sup> position due to evasive action. The other because of bomb bay doors failed to open over target due to delayed mechanical malfunction, cause of which is as yet undetermined.

F. 781 x 1000 LB GP'S ON PRIMARY <sup>This includes bombs of A/C crash landed at Y 577</sup>  
 8 x 1000 LB GP'S AT G 120 250 <sup>reported to have bombed.</sup>  
 3 x 1000 LB GP'S RETURNED

G. Crews report good to superior results by all flights

H. 15 A-26's damaged by flak. Category "A"  
 7 A-26's damaged by flak. Category "A-C"  
 1 A-26 damaged by flak <sup>Flak damage</sup> (category unknown); crash landed at Y 577. This A/C is in category "E" as <sup>crash</sup>





I. One (1) crew member (B/1st Lt A/C # 505) slightly wounded due to flak.

~~Two (2) crew members~~

Information lacking as to condition of two (2) crew members (pilot and gunner) of A/C # 503 which crash landed at 4-57

J. ~~Moderate~~ Target: Moderate accurate HFF. Elsewhere: Weak inaccurate HFF from MONTABAU (G 070060)

~~BAR LANNELIN (I)~~ →

AND NASTATTEN (M 090780)

K. NIL

L. ~~1100 - 1100 - 1100 - 1100 - 10500~~

Bot I FLIGHT A - 12,200

FLIGHT B - 11,000

Flight C 11,900

Bot II Flight A - 11,000

Flight B 10,500

Flight C 10,200

Bot III Flight A 10,000

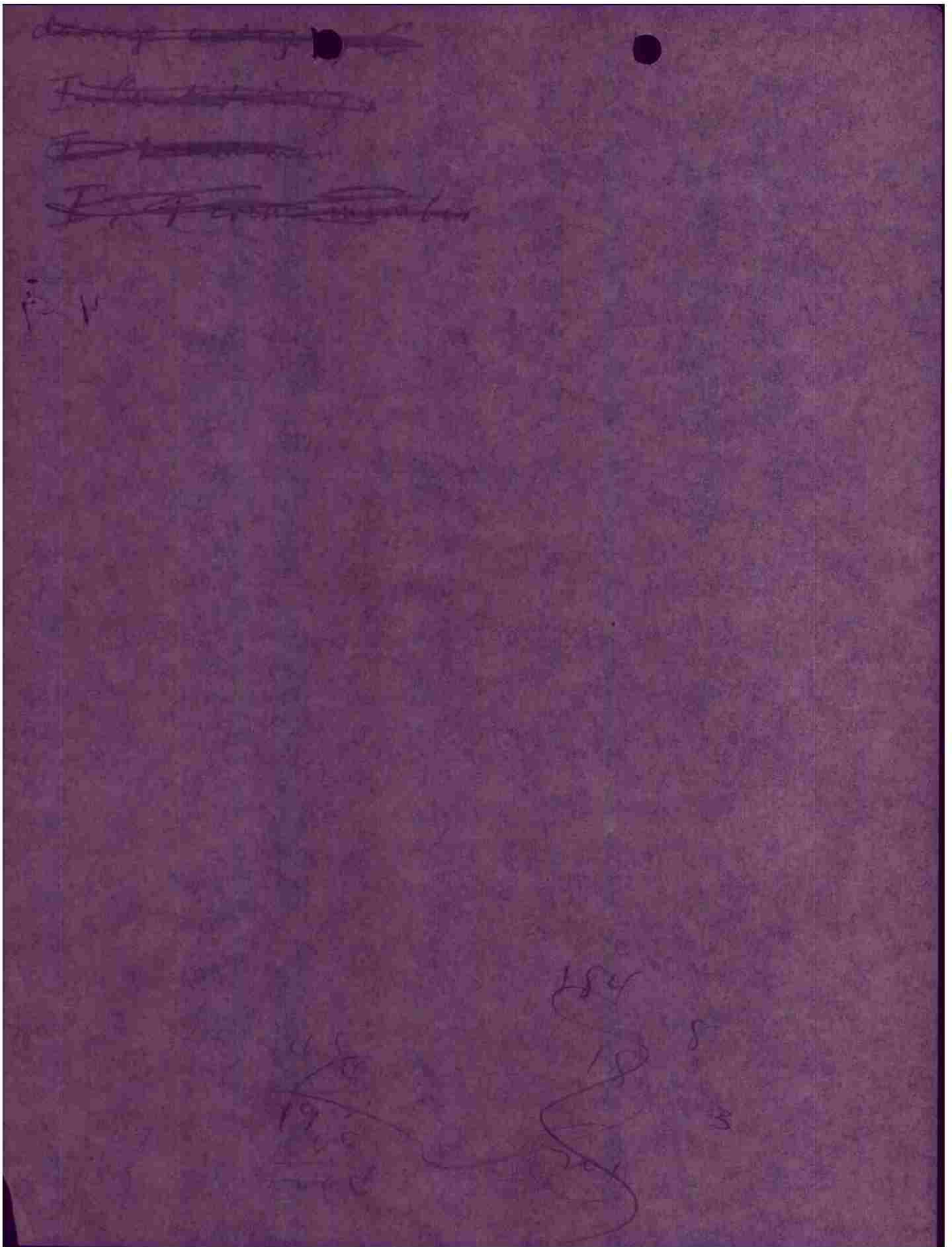
Flight B 10,000

M. Bot I Flight A - 1018 (2ND RUN)

Flight B 1073 (2ND RUN)

Flight C 1032 (2ND RUN)

Bot II Flight A 1015 (1ST RUN)





Flight B ● 1015 (1<sup>ST</sup> RUN ●)

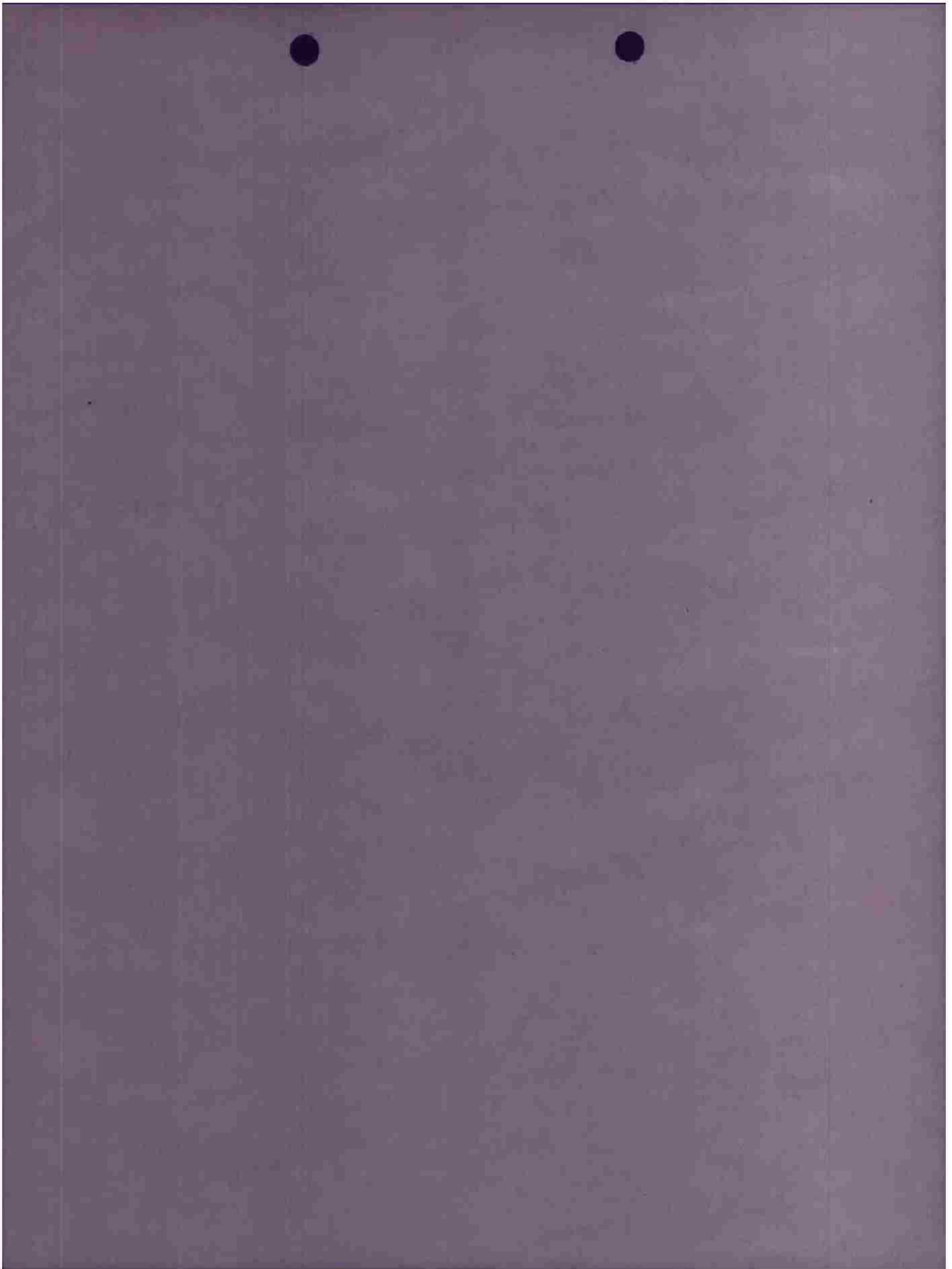
Flight C 1031 (3<sup>RD</sup> RUN)

Box III Flight A 1024 (2<sup>ND</sup> RUN)

Flight B 1016 (1<sup>ST</sup> RUN)

X. ~~Formation~~ Leader notified RIPSAW  
15 MINUTES BEFORE Reaching Troopline  
that formation was on time. Message  
was received and understood.

XX. Crews report no activity on roads  
~~at~~ in target area.



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 01/26 OP-OP

FROM HQ 416TH BOMB GP (L) S-2 PI 25/2345A  
 TO 9TH BOMBER DIV (M) A-2 PI  
 97TH WING (L) A-2 DUTY OFFICER

BT

SECRET R-502-D

B. ALTENKIRCHEN R/J

C. 1014 - 1031

J. BOX I FLT A - DMPI - UNDET: NO STRIKE PHOTOS DUE TO EVASIVE ACTION  
 (VISUAL) VISUAL REPORTS STATE BOMBS HIT INTOWN.  
 FLT B - DMPI - UNDET: SAME AS FLT A BOX I  
 FLT C - DMPI - UNSAT: NO BURSTS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI, BOMBS  
 FELL IN LONG PATTERN IN FIELDS AND ACROSS  
 ROADS 4900 FT S OF DMPI.  
 BOX II FLT A - DMPI - EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH  
 CENTER OF BURSTS 340 FT W OF DMPI. BOMBS FELL  
 IN GOOD PATTERN ON BLDGS AND ROADS IN CENTER  
 OF TOWN.  
 FLT B - DMPI - UNSAT: NO BURST WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI. BOMBS  
 FELL IN FIELDS AND ACROSS ROADS.  
 FLT C - DMPI - EXCEL: 95 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF  
 DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 510 FT NW OF DMPI.  
 LONG PATTERN IN CENTER OF TOWN DESTROYING BLDGS  
 AND BLOCKING ROADS.  
 BOX III FLT A - DMPI - UNDET: NO STRIKE PHOTOS DUE TO EVASIVE ACTION.  
 VISUAL REPORTS STATE BOMBS HIT IN TOWN.  
 FLT B - DMPI - UNSAT: 10 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF  
 DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 1130 FT SW OF DMPI.  
 BOMBS HIT IN SCATTERED PATTERN IN FIELDS AND  
 ACROSS ROAD.

K. BOX I FLT C - DMPI - UNSAT: CAUSE AS YET UNDETERMINED, BING  
 INVESTIGATED BY GROSS ERROR BOARD.  
 BOX II FLT B - DMPI - UNSAT: AIRCRAFT IN UNLEVEL ATTITUDE AT TIME  
 OF RELEASE.  
 BOX III FLT B - DMPI - UNSAT: POOR PATTERN DUE TO SHARP TURN OFF  
 TARGET IMMEDIATELY AFTER BOMBS AWAY.

M. A) 17 100 PERCENT  
 B) 0 0  
 C) 0 0

N. 20 - 25 BUILDINGS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. 16 HITS ON ROADS  
 CUTTING THEM.

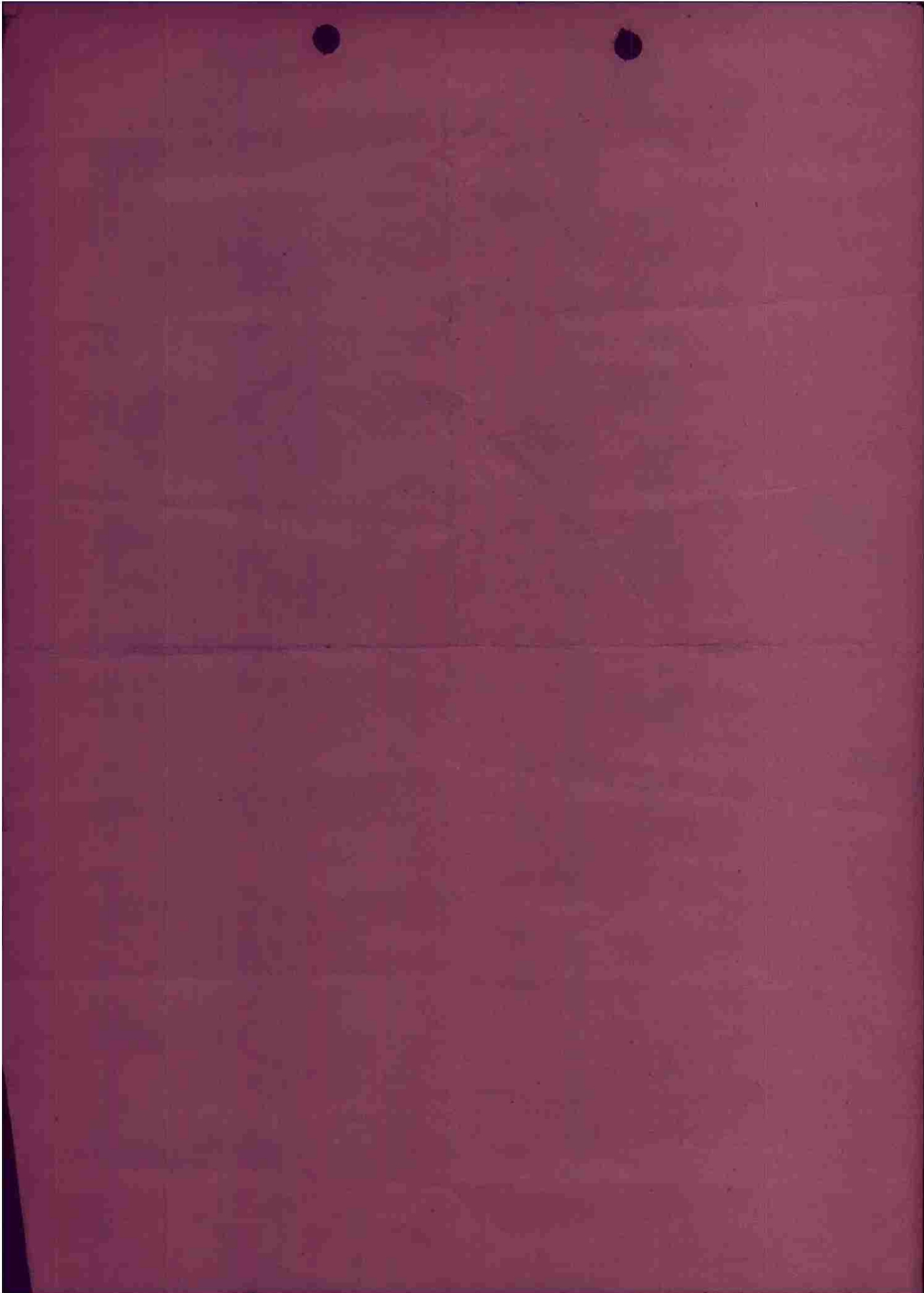
BT

CAPTAIN CLAYTON W. ZESIGER

BT 25/2345A

FD AS BBBB  
 ITA R.....26/0025A CLEV KKK  
 JEA R.....  
 6/0055 DJP





TO : CG, 97TH COMBAT WING, ATTN. A-2

FROM : 418TH BOMB GROUP (L)

SECRET OPS PRIORITY

1. ALTERNATE TARGET IN EVENT PRIMARY CANNOT BE BOMBED  
VISUALLY IS SIEGEN ( G-200530 ) .

ITA JJF JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 04/25 OP OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 25/0130A  
 TO : COMBOMDIV NINE  
 COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416  
 1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

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

R-279-E

FIELD ORDER NO. 224-816

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" 25/0930A  
 ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" 25/1030A

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

- (9) MPI: GSGS 4507 SHEET NO. 80. COVER ROAD JUNCTION AT GRID.  
 COORD.: 93403198.
- (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN.

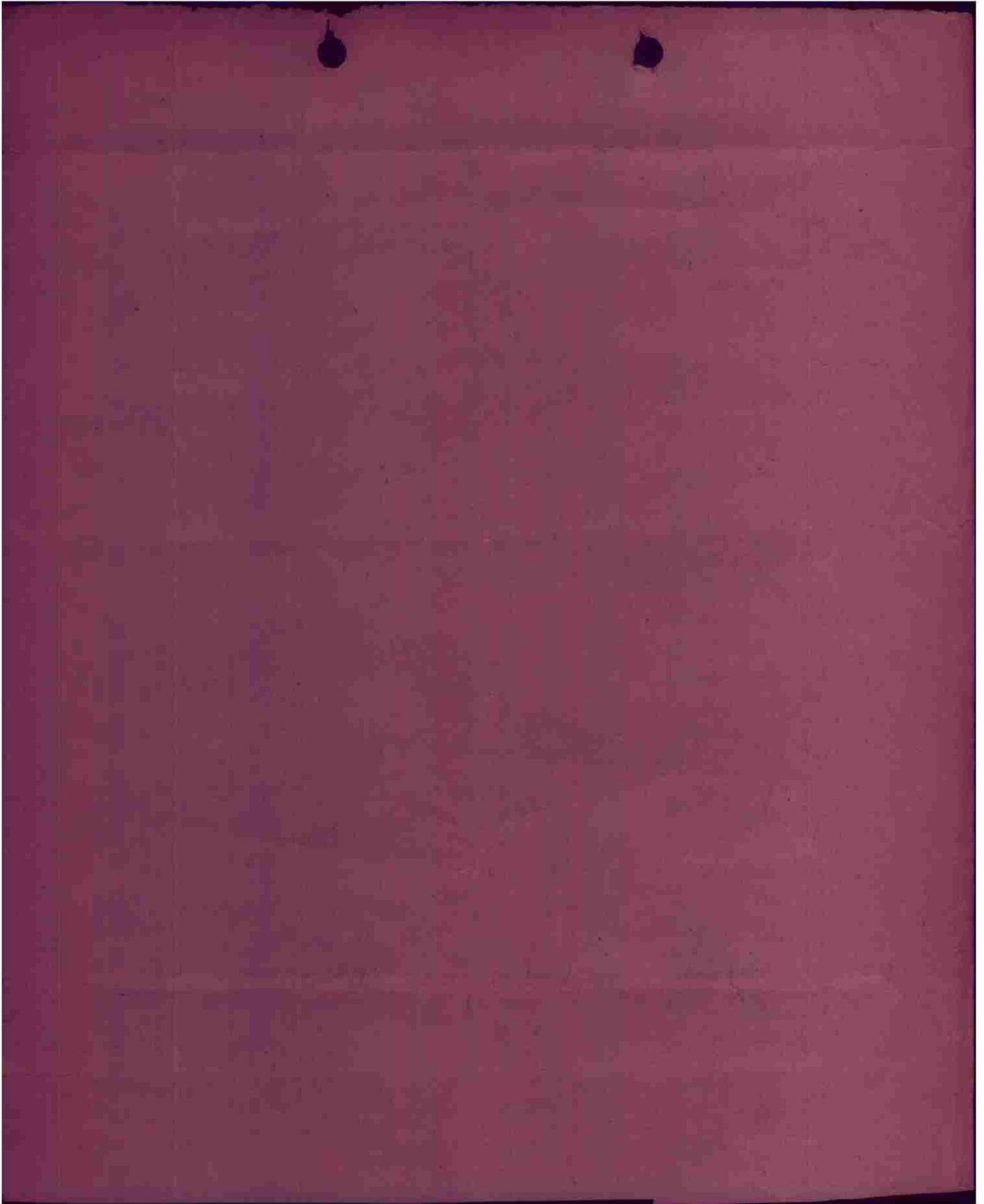
3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) LIMBURG M/Y M-230983.
- (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (4) BASE TO L-5971 TO L-9972 TO IP TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO RP AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB 11,500 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 6,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (7) M-0978.
- (8) GENERALLY S W TO N E.
- (9) MPI: GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 5614.  
 COVER M/Y BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD.: 22349759  
 AND 23149834.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP. FUSED 1/100 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) M-0978.
- (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN.
- (13) OTHER GROUPS WILL BE ATTACKING THIS TARGET AT ZERO HOUR,  
 ZERO PLUS 40 MIN., AND ZERO PLUS 60 MIN.
- (14) PRIMARY TARGET WILL BE BOMBED BY VISUAL MEANS ONLY DUE TO  
 PROXIMITY OF P/W CAMP AND HOSPITAL IN THE VICINITY.
- (15) IN THE EVENT PRIMARY IS NOT ATTACKED VISUALLY GROUP WILL BOMB  
 IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
  - (A) ALTERNATE VISUALLY.
  - (B) BULLSEYE PROCEDURE.
  - (C) ALTERNATE ON "GEE".
  - (D) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.

*1151*  
*Dust*  
*S-2*  
*S-3*  
*519*

*Briefing 0*  
*Capt Lucia*





## 3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4527 SHEET NO. 80. COVER ROAD JUNCTION AT GRID. COORD.: 9380321a.  
 (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MIN.

## 3. D. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

THE 409TH BOMB GROUP WILL BOMB FLAK POSITIONS AT F-95222891 AND F-96413278. ONE FLIGHT OF 6 A/C, LOADED WITH M-1-A-1 100 LB. FRAG CLUSTERS, WILL ACCOMPANY FORMATION ON ROUTE TO TARGET, AND LEAVE FORMATION PRIOR TO TARGET TO BOMB FLAK POSITIONS, BY ELEMENTS OF 3 A/C, 2 MINUTES BEFORE FORMATION COMES INTO EFFECTIVE RANGE OF FLAK BATTERIES LOCATED AT ABOVE PLOTTED POSITIONS. ELEMENTS WILL BOMB AT 12,000 FEET AND LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING. ELEMENTS WILL MARSHALL INTO A FLIGHT OF 6 A/C AFTER BOMBING AND USE EXTREME CAUTION NOT TO INTERFERE WITH GROUPS OPERATING IN THE AREA. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.

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

- (5) GROUPS ARE CAUTIONED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

## FOR 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS ONLY

- (6) TARGET: ALTENKIRCHEN ROAD JUNCTIONS F-934320  
 (7) A/C REQUIRED: MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C  
 (8) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO L-5971 TO L-9972 TO M-2991 TO IP TO TARGET.  
 (9) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO RP AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.  
 (10) ALTITUDES: BOMB 13,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS BUT NOT BELOW 6,000 FEET. LOSE 2,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.  
 (11) IP: C-1225.  
 (12) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY S E TO N W.  
 (13) BOMB LOAD: 4 X 1,000 LB. GP. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.  
 (14) RP: C-1225.  
 (15) PRIMARY WILL BE BOMBED BY VISUAL MEANS ONLY.  
 (16) IN THE EVENT PRIMARY IS NOT BOMBED VISUALLY, GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:  
 (A) ALTERNATE VISUALLY.  
 (B) BULLSEYE PROCEDURE.  
 (C) ALTERNATE ON "GEE".  
 (D) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.

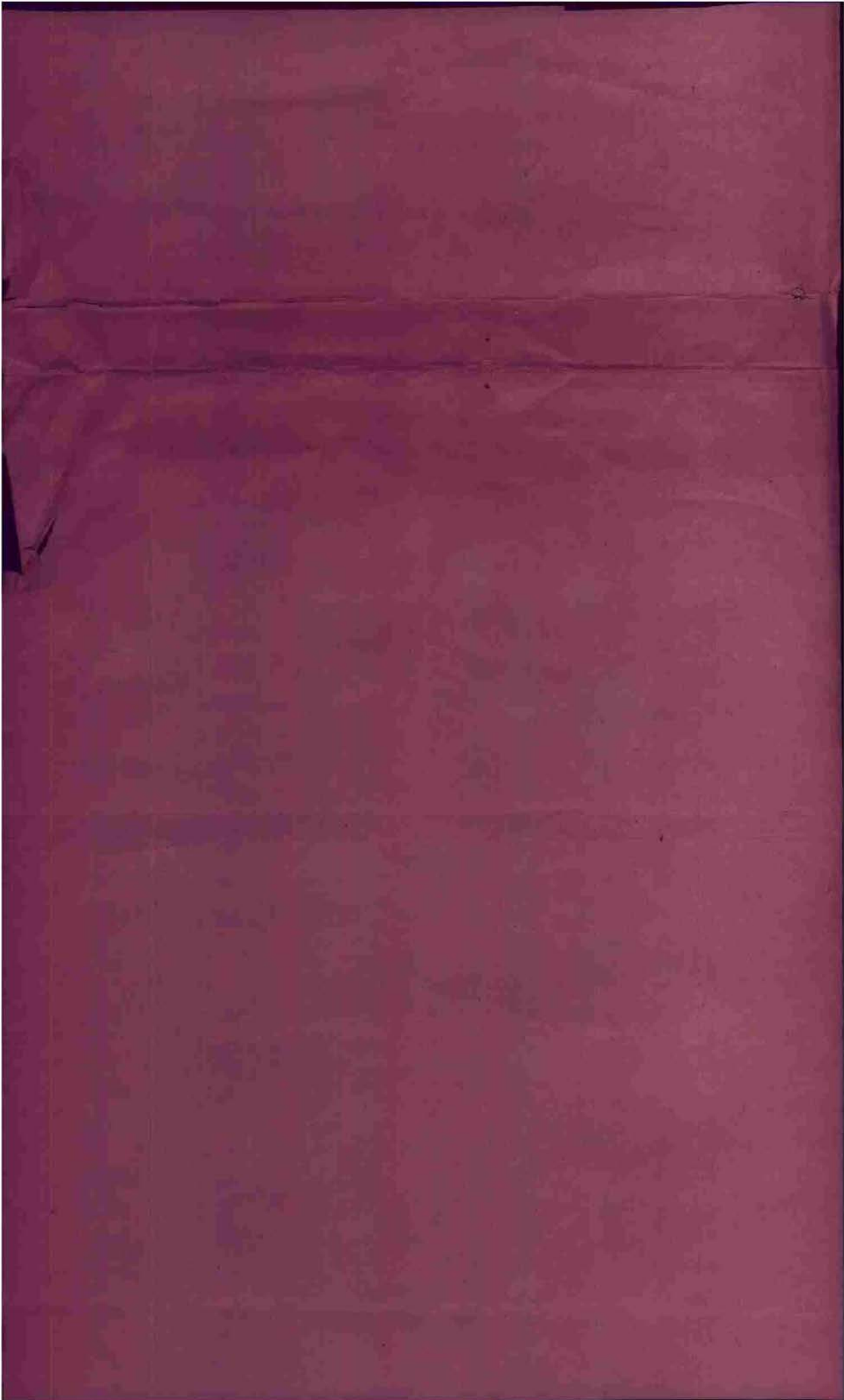
## PLAN "B" PATHFINDER

## 3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4527 SHEET NO. 80. COVER ROAD JUNCTION AT GRID. COORD. 93403198 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. P.P.F. M.P.I. 93403198  
 (12) T.C.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MIN.

## 3. B. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) WISSEN ROAD JUNCTION G-203427  
 (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 P.P.F. A/C  
 (4) BASE TO L-5971 TO M-2372 TO M-5990 TO G-5134 TO TARGET.  
 (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO G-1047 TO M-0781 TO L-9972 TO L-5971 TO BASE.  
 (6) BOMB 1ST BOX 13,000 FEET, 2ND BOX 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING 8000 FEET. LOSE 1000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.  
 (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4416 SHEET R-2. COVER ROAD JUNCT. AT GRID. COORD. 00254270 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. P.P.F. M.P.I. COORD. 00254270  
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.  
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MIN.  
 (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND USE G-2144 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUDS PREVENT VISUAL BOMBING GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:  
 (A) PRIMARY ON P.P.F.  
 (B) ALTERNATE VISUALLY  
 (C) BULLSEYE PROCEDURE  
 (D) ALTERNATE ON "GEE"  
 (E) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.





3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4507 SHEET NO. 80. COVER ROAD JUNCT. AT GRID. COORD. 93803214 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID. COORD. 93803214.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 30 MIN .

X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE

- (5) GROUPS ARE CAUTIONED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

FOR 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS ONLY

- (5) TARGET: ALTENKIRCHEN ROAD JUNCTIONS F-934320
- (6) A/C REQ.: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C
- (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO L-5971 TO M-2372 TO M-5990 TO G-5122 TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO G-1738 TO M-2781 TO L-9972 TO L-5971 TO BASE.
- (9) ALTITUDES: BOMB 1ST BOX 13,000 FEET, 2ND BOX 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING 6000 FEET. LOSE 2000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (10) BOMB LOAD AND FUSING: 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (11) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND USE G-1225 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUDS PREVENT VISUAL BOMBING GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
  - (A) PRIMARY ON P.P.F.
  - (B) ALTERNATE VISUALLY
  - (C) BULLSEYE PROCEDURE
  - (D) ALTERNATE ON "GEE"
  - (E) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A" OR "B"

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP: (934320)
  - (2) BRASSNUT
  - (4) RIPSAW
- B. 416TH BOMB GROUP: (934320)
  - (2) SKIPPER
  - (4) RIPSAW

PLAN "A"

- A. 410TH BOMB GROUP: (230983)
  - (2) PRODUCT
  - (4) RIPSAW

PLAN "B"

- A. 410TH BOMB GROUP: (003427)
  - (2) PRODUCT
  - (4) RIPSAW

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- (11) SWEEPSTAKES AVAILABLE FOR BULLSEYE PROCEDURE.

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BT 25/0130A

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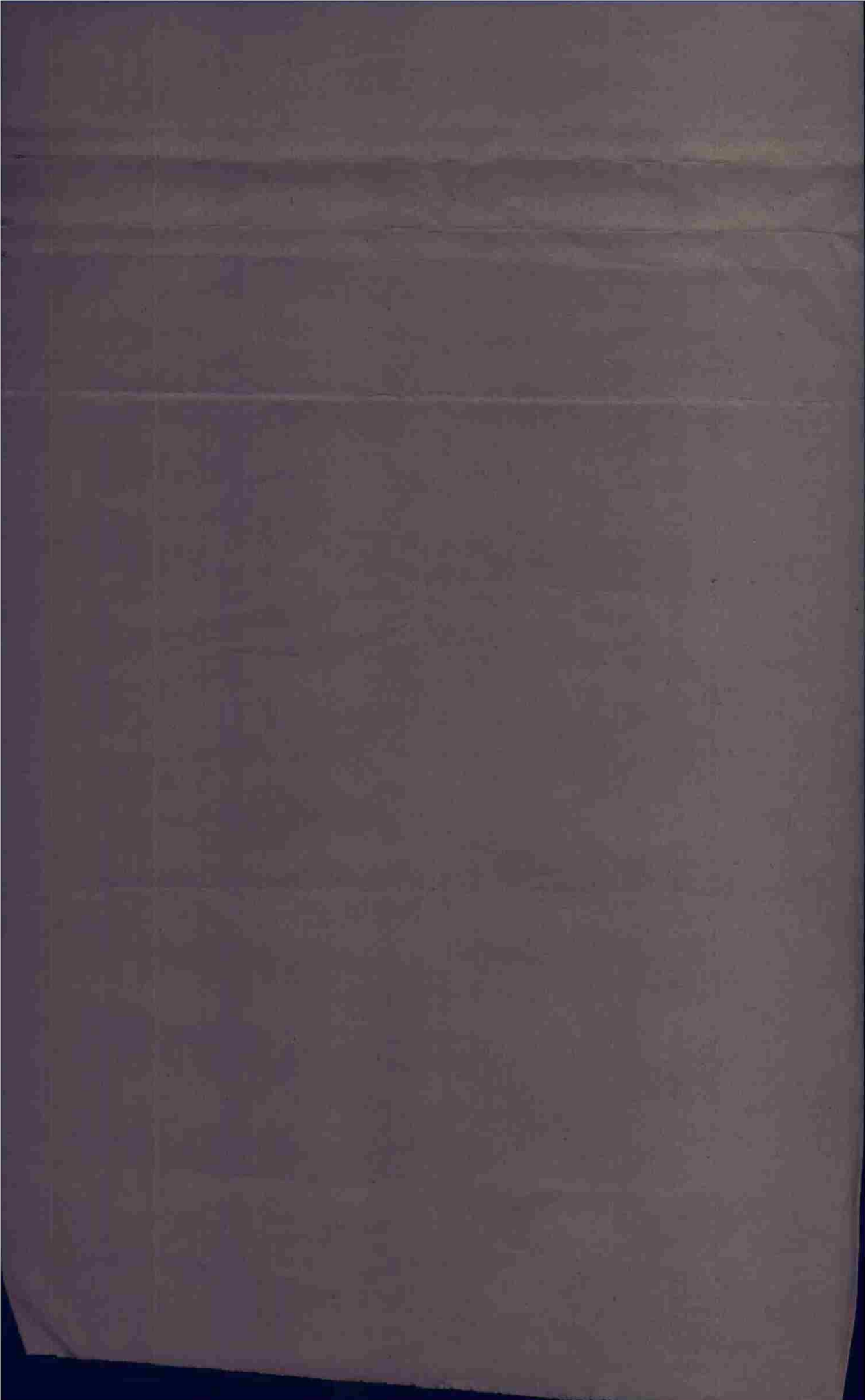
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JES R ..... 025/0320A EJK AR

JKI R ..... 0325/0320A RSS AR

JPO R ..... 25/0326A HJS AR



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ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 03/25 (INFO-INFO)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 25/0020A  
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE  
COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416

*Dist*  
5.2  
5.3  
5.9

BT

ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICERS

ADVANCED INFORMATION COPY OF COMMUNICATIONS OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A" OR "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP: (934320)  
(2) BRASSNUT  
(4) RIPSAW

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP: (934320)  
(2) SKIPPER  
(4) RIPSAW

PLAN "A"

A. 410TH BOMB GROUP: (230983)  
(2) PRODUCT  
(4) RIPSAW

PLAN "B"

A. 410TH BOMB GROUP: (003427)  
(2) PRODUCT  
(4) RIPSAW

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(11) SWEEPSTAKES AVAILABLE FOR BULLESYE PROCEDURE.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 25/0020A

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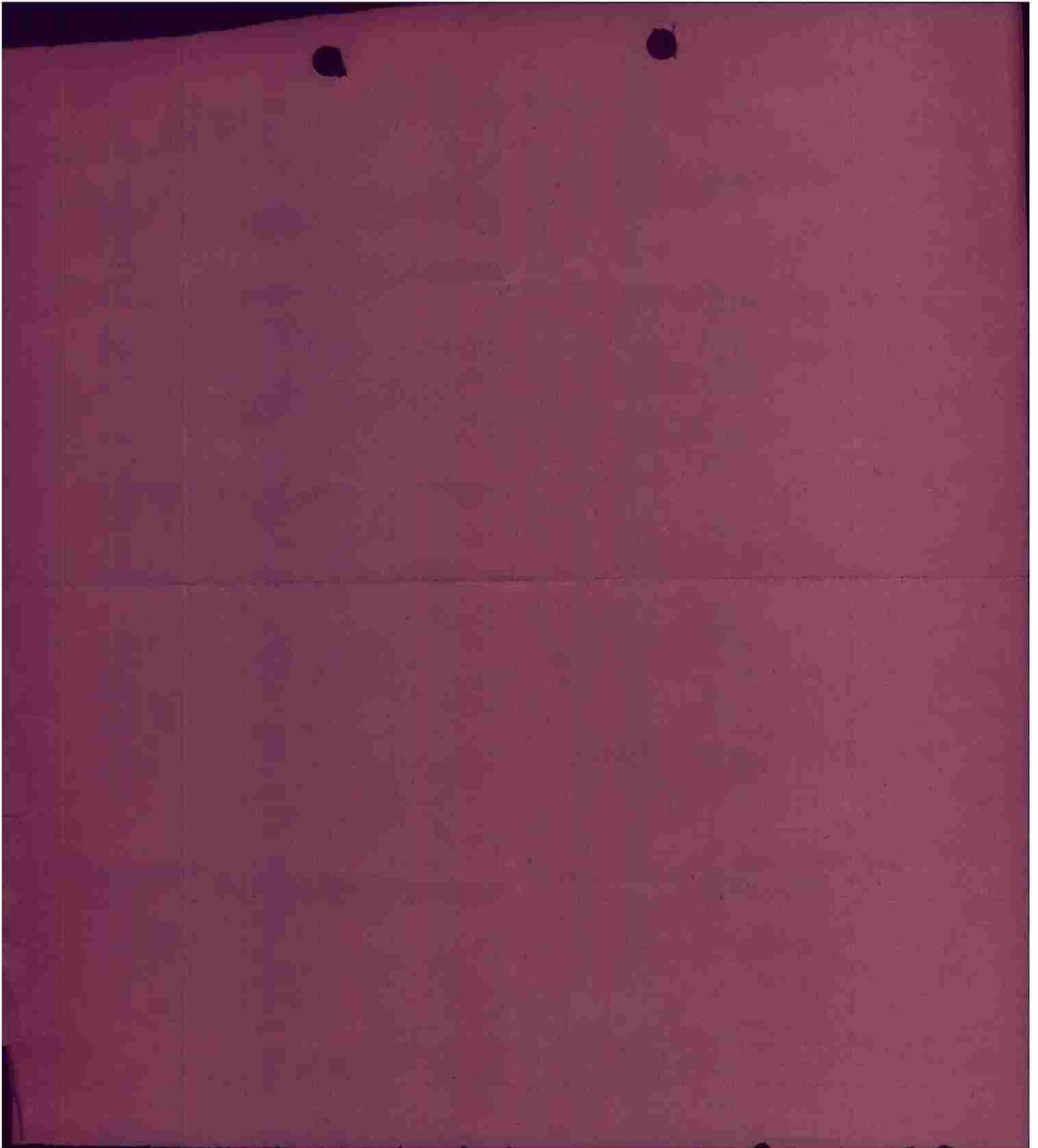
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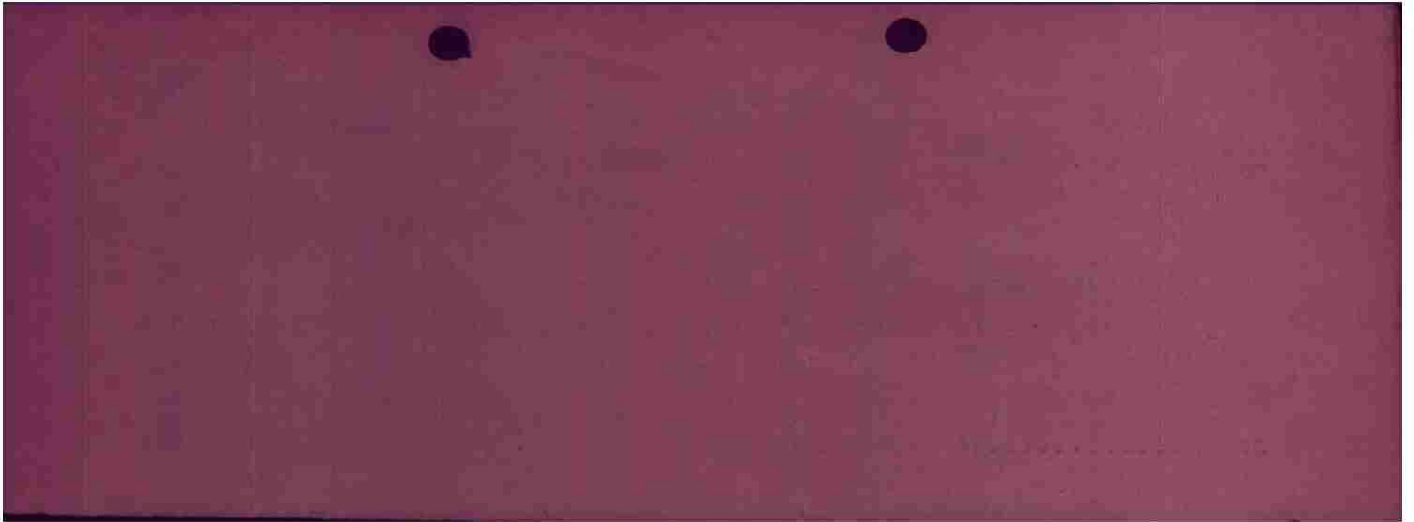
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FROM JEA 24/2320A *92*  
TO ITA *S-3*  
JJF *S-9*  
JES  
JKI

SIGNAL SERVICE BT

REF. JEA 22/24 : INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NR.2 SHOULD READ PLAN "A" AND  
"B" REPEAT PLAN "A" AND "B".

BT 24/2320A  
AR CES  
JKI R.....24/2350A RSS AR

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23/10  
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24 March  
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ITA JJF JES JKI V JEA JEA 22/24 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 24/2230A  
TO COMBOMDIV NINE  
COBOMGP 409  
COBOMGP 416  
1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN

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

BT 97CBW R-227-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NR.2 TO FIELD ORDER NR.224-816

PLAN "A"  
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(1) TARGET : ALTENKIRCHEN RD JUNCTIONS F-934320  
TO DISRUPT GERMAN MOTOR TRANSPORT PROCEEDING THROUGH  
THIS TOWN TOWARD THE REMAGEN AREA.

(2) MAP COVERAGE:  
GSGS 4507 SHEET NR . 80

PHOTO COVERAGE :  
US12/4299 PRINT 5015  
US12/4213 PRINT 5028, 5031  
US 7GR/3208 PRINT 3012, 3011  
US 27/1367 PRINT 4058  
NINTH AF 2ND PHASE REPORT IX TAC T/385  
NINTH AF 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT US10/D850  
MOAIC NO.38 SHEET NO.9

(3) TARGET IS APPROXIMATELY 6 1/2 MILES E OF CURRENT BOMBLINE.

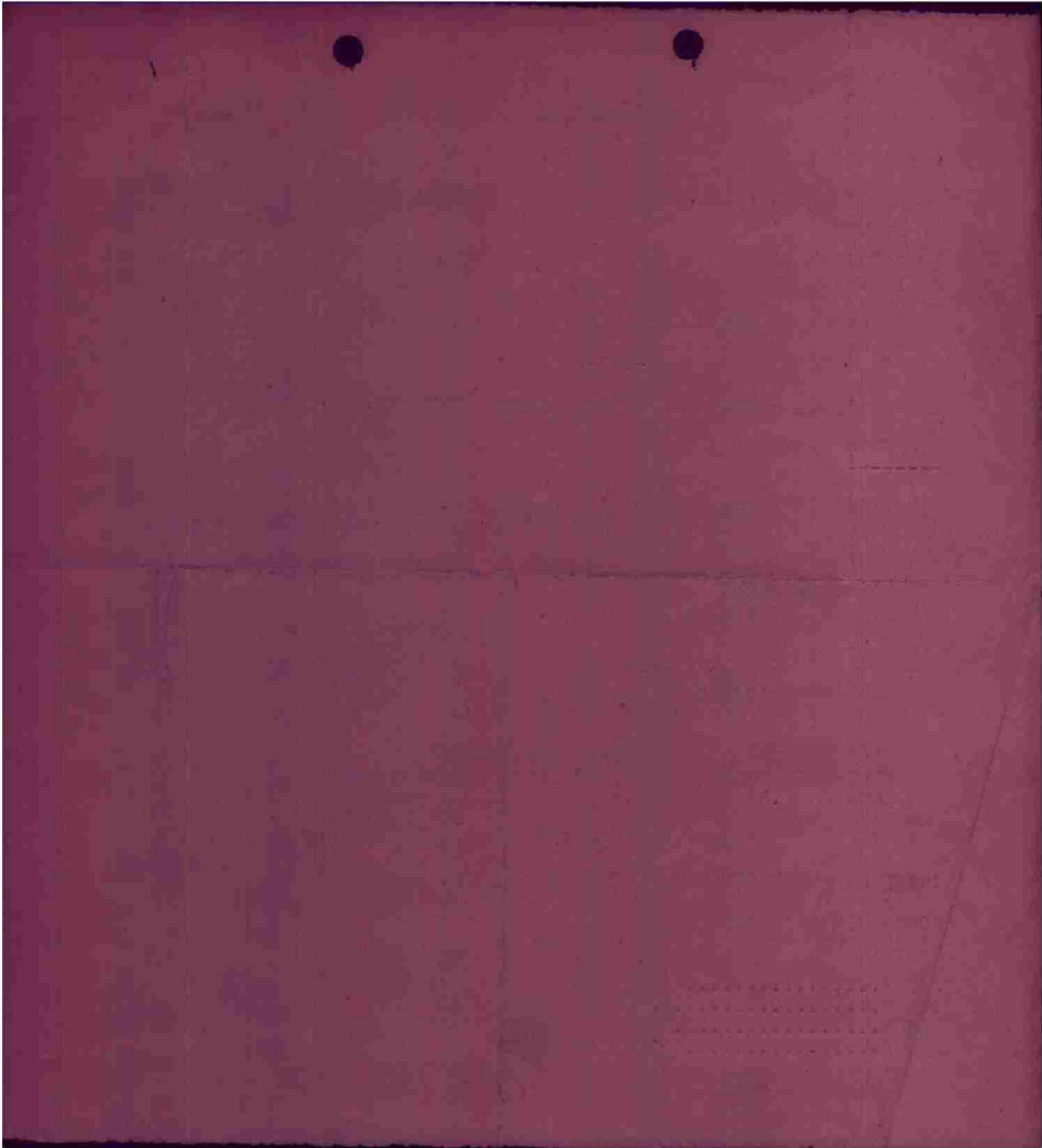
(4) FLAK : SEE CURRENT PLOTTED POSITIONS.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 242230A

AR CES

JJF R.....	24/2250A	JN	AR
ITA R.....	24/2250A	MILT	AR
JES R.....	24/2259A	DC	AR
JKI R.....	24/2250A	JF	AR



JEA V JKI JKI 3/25 0P

FROM: 416TH BOMB GP (L) 25/0910A  
TO : CG, 97TH COMBAT WING , ATTN: A-2  
BT

SECRET 416BG R-566-D

1. ALTERNATE TARGET IN EVENT PRIMARY CANNOT BE BOMBED  
VISUALLY IS SIEGEN (G-200530).

CRPT. M. B. SHERIDAN

BT 25/0910A

WJF AR

JEA R.....25/0915A

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ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 05/25 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 25/0545A  
TO COMBOMDIV IX  
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQD.  
409TH COBOMGP  
410TH COBOMGP  
416TH COBOMGP

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT  
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CBTWIG 97 R-260-E

ANNEX NO. 1 TO F.O. NO. 224-816  
PLAN "A"

IN EFFECT WITH ZERO WITH ZERO HOUR TO READ 25/0930A.

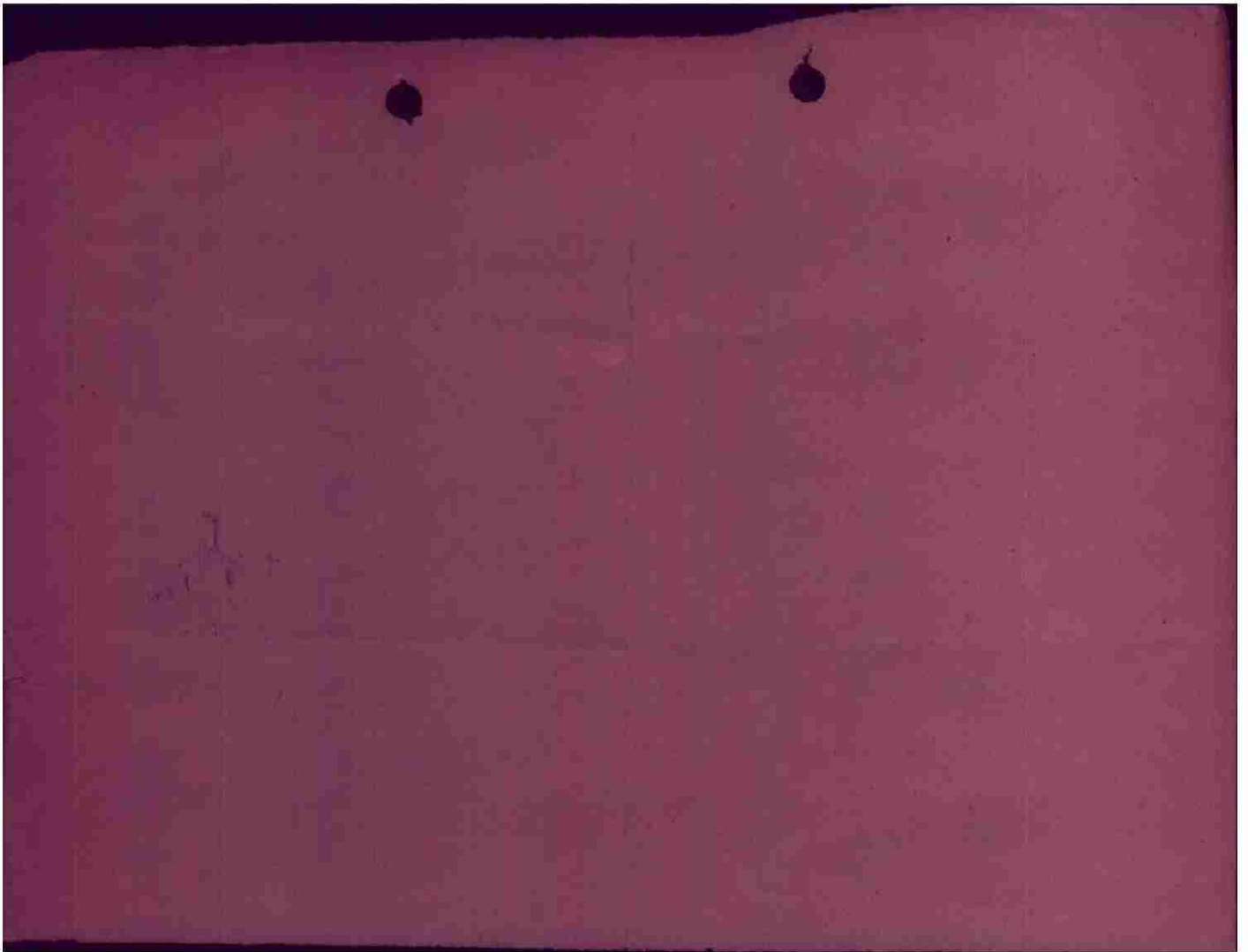
CANCEL PLAN "B".

IN PLAN "A" PAR. 3.D. SHOULD READ : FLAK POSITIONS AT. F-95202891 AND  
F-96413248. ETC.

COMCBTWIG 97  
BT 25 0545A  
SH AR

JES R .....25/0615A JAB AR  
JPO R .....25/0615A HJS AR  
JKI R .....25/0615A RSS AR

ITA R .....  
OK FELLOW AR AND ILL GET THEM LATER





MISSION NO. 253

LOADING LIST  
BOX I  
FLIGHT I

25 March 1945

*Intel*

1. 487 J  
CAPT E L MILLER  
LT J K GONNER  
LT G G JOHNSON  
S/S M BOOKACH

2. 269 G  
LT R R HAYTER  
SGT A A DALTON

3. 314 H  
LT E C MARTIN  
S/S L B DRAFT

4. 252 D  
LT J F ALLEN  
S/S L R GIBSON

5. 229 B  
LT R B HARTER  
CPL R M BLACK

6. 383 V  
LT R W HASKELL  
SGT G A MARTIN

## FLIGHT II

1. 498 R  
LT J A HUGHES  
LT R C HANNA  
S/S C H CORBITT

2. 328 B-1  
LT J W SPIRES  
SGT L E DAVIS

3. 490 X  
LT H M VAN NOORDEN  
F/O C W BRANDT  
S/S G THOMPSON

4. 313 B-1  
LT A REMISEWART  
S/S J H MIGNER

5. 250 A  
LT T E GRANGER  
SGT C BELTON

6. 326 W  
LT A E BLIVED  
SGT L J FARMER

## FLIGHT III

1. 497 E  
CAPT L J SUTTON  
LT J V REED  
S/S D G GILLIAN

2. 609 N  
LT D A FERRO  
F/O R L LANGHAM  
S/S T W SKELTON

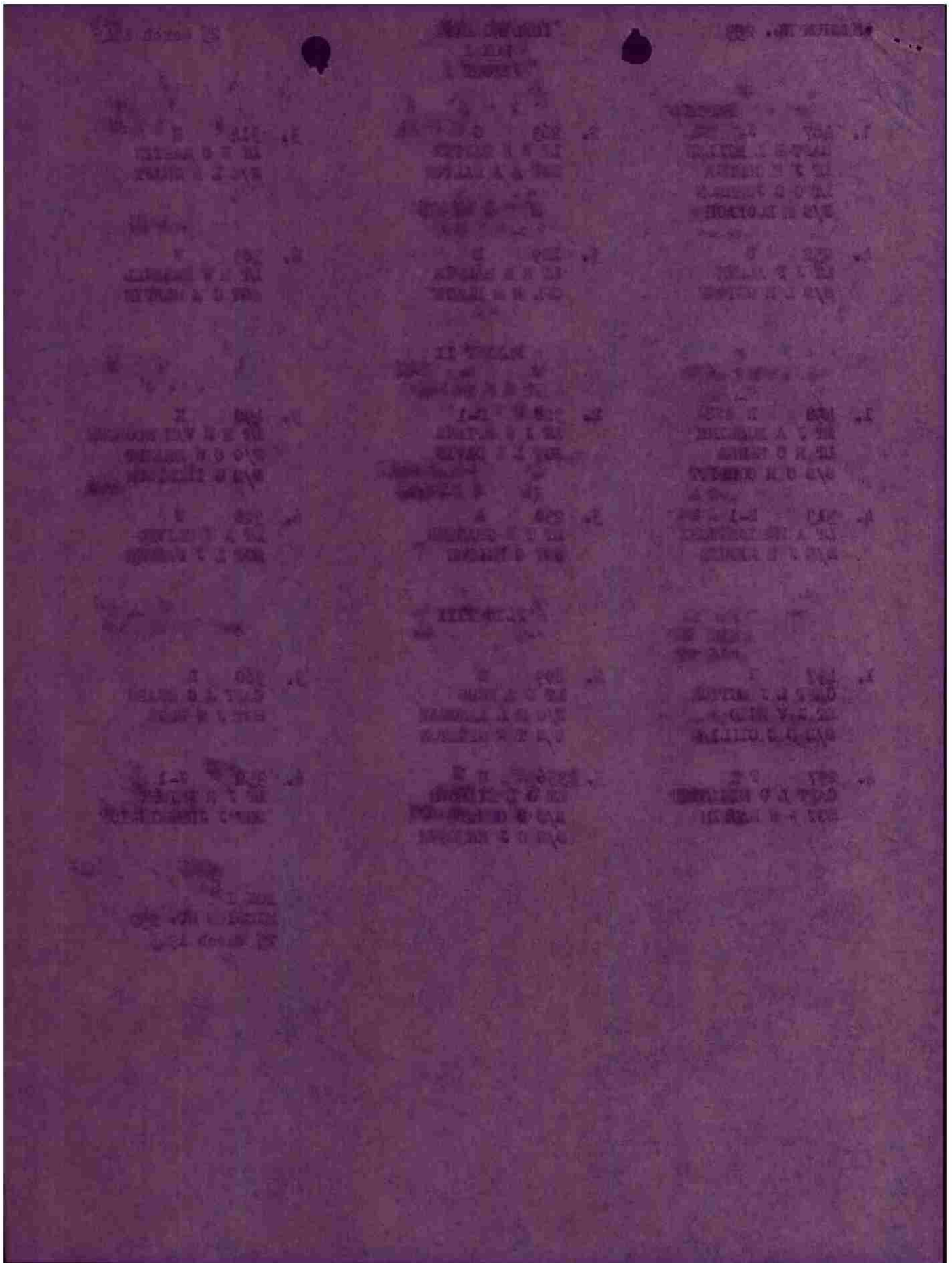
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CAPT A C SEARS  
SGT J W ROSE

4. 297 T  
CAPT L O NIELSEN  
SGT W W MAUPIN

5. 356 G  
LT G L MILBORN  
S/S B CHEST  
S/S C J KRUGER

6. 352 F-1  
LT J R WRIGHT  
SGT J JIMMIEWICH

BOX I  
MISSION NO. 252  
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MISSION NO. 253

LOADING LIST

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BOX II

FLIGHT I

1. 492 E  
CAPT B D SHEPHERD  
LT A S CALLOWAY  
S/S W J BROWN

2. 244 I  
LT R V VAN HOPF  
S/S W H HILGEMAN

3. 351 F  
LT J A WILLARD  
S/S C V HINKER

4. 398 O  
LT D W SCHMIDT  
S/S V A MALARA

5. 362 Y  
LT R H BASKLEY  
S/S C T HARK

6. 271 R  
LT F G DURN  
SGT J M PIRREL

FLIGHT II

1. 528 T  
LT M BROTHAMER  
LT M F WILBUR  
SGT E A BOWEN

2. 503 H  
LT P P BARAUSKY  
LT W E SHEEHAN  
S/S H RALL

3. 9915 W-1  
LT J F WALLACE  
SGT R PLANT

4. 205 M  
LT E G BISHOP  
SGT M C HARRIS  
SGT D B RICHARDS

5. 416 O-1  
LT J F STANHOPE  
SGT A E RIBBELL

6. 232 K  
LT A G HENSON  
SGT J M MATTHEWS

FLIGHT III

1. 481 F  
CAPT H M EVANS  
LT F M McARTNEY  
S/S O N MERRITT

2. 395 W  
LT R A RUSSELL  
CPL J B YOUNG

3. 495 G  
LT J P PHILLIPS  
SGT W A MILLER

~~4. 395  
LT R A RUSSELL  
CPL J B YOUNG~~

4. 259 H  
LT J K COLQUHOUN  
S/S G H BROWN

5. 325 E  
LT R B BROWN  
S/S R S GIBBY

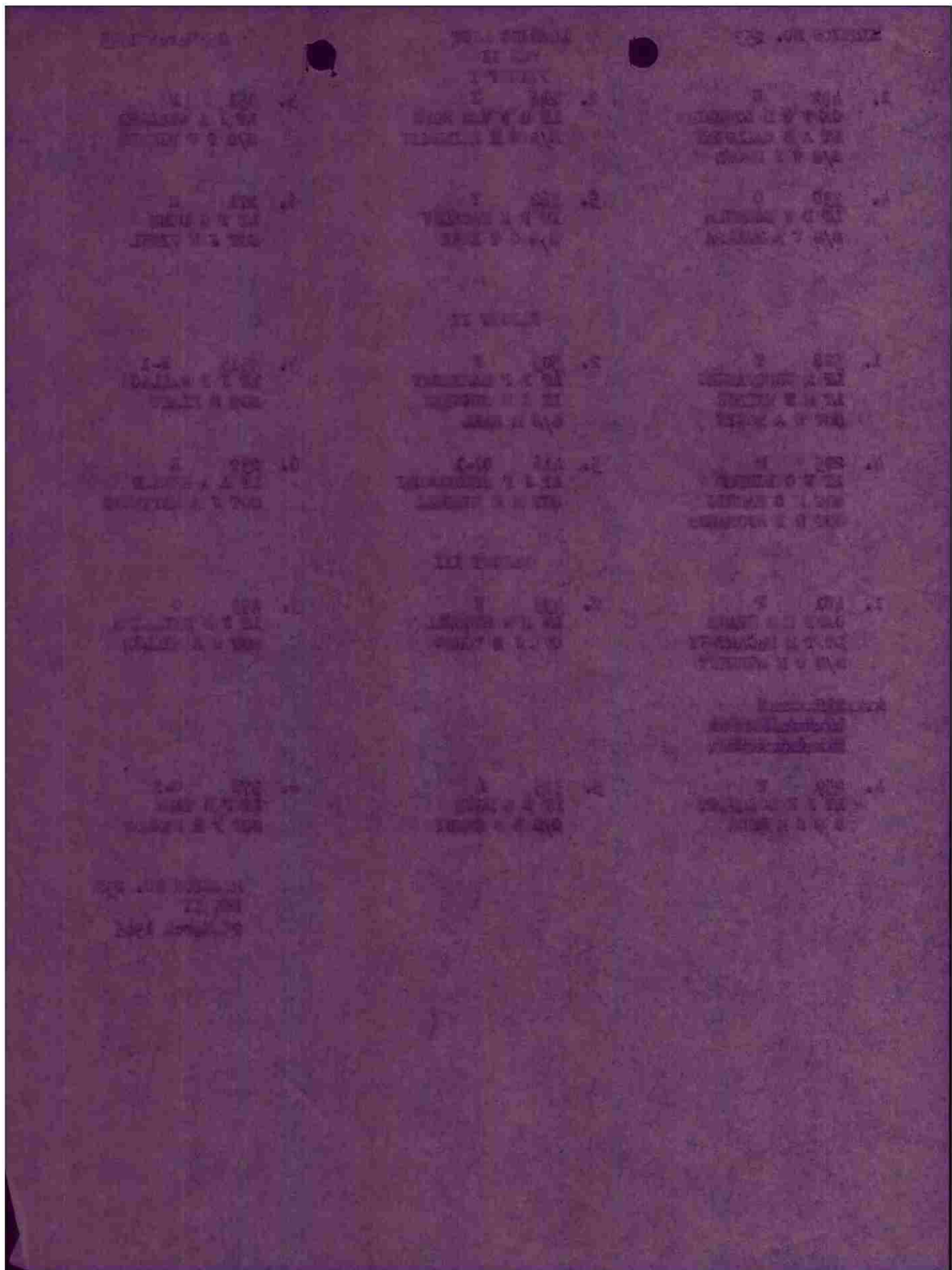
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LT F R TANK  
SGT F B HARKER

MISSION NO. 252

BOX II

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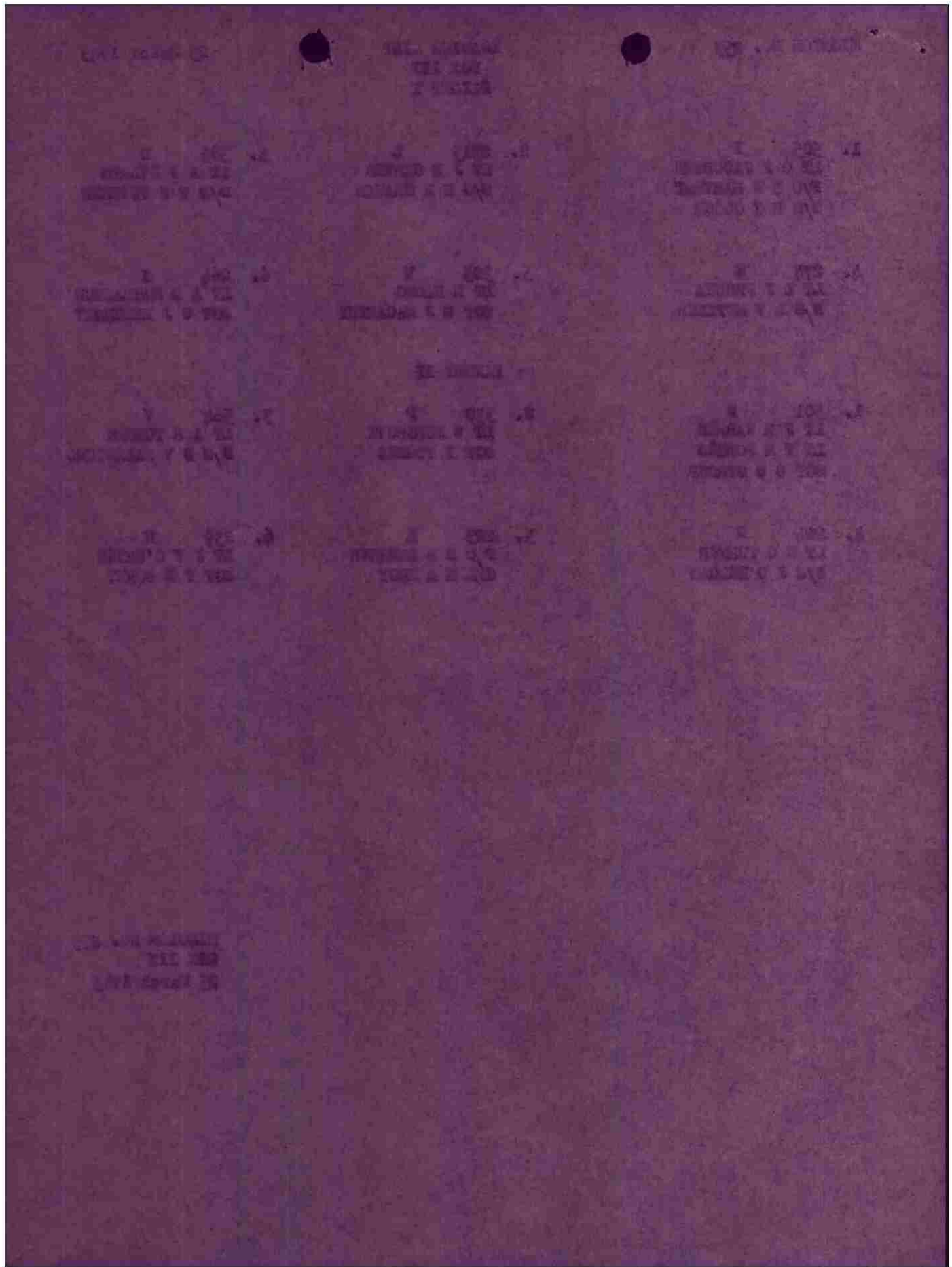
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FLIGHT I

25 March 1945

1. 505 Y  
LT O F JACOBSEN  
P/O R W HARVEST  
S/S H I GOOCH2. 2315 L  
LT J H CARVER  
S/S N M GRAHAM3. 385 D  
LT A V EVARTS  
S/S V F FISHER4. 274 S  
LT L J FRUCHA  
S/S L V METZLER5. 305 U  
LT R HLONG  
SGT U J McCARHY6. 264 I  
LT A S NATHANSON  
SGT C J RAMINSKI

FLIGHT II

1. 501 W  
LT J R WARREN  
LT F M FONES  
SGT C O STROUP2. 390 F  
LT W MUSEHOVE  
SGT I TORRES3. 564 V  
LT A R TURNAN  
S/S B V PALADINO4. 224 S  
LT R O TURNER  
S/S J O BELGAS5. 223 B  
P O S B BOHRNER  
COL K A EDDY6. 239 N  
LT J V O'BRIEN  
SGT F E CONRYMISSION NO. 253  
BOX III  
25 March 1945





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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 6/25 P P

FROM COBOMGR 416 2E/1400A

TO COBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER  
COMCBTWIG 97 (INFO)BT  
CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-569-J

A - YS -80

B - 25 MARCH 1945 (0839-1104)

C - J-JIG, LEADER OF SKIPPER PURPLE COULD NOT CONTACT PARADE. B-CHANNEL WENT OUT AFTER HE HAD REPORTED TO FIGHTER GROUND CONTROL UPON ENTERING TACTICAL AREA.  
R-ROGER ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT PARADE FOR SKIPPER PURPLE BUT WAS CONTINUALLY CUT OUT.  
E-EASY COULD NOT CONTACT PARADE FOR SKIPPER PURPLE.  
H-HOW COULD NOT CONTACT PARADE ON B CHANNEL SO CALLED ON D CHANNEL AND REPORTED OPERATIONS COMPLETED FOR SKIPPER FORMATION.  
T-TARE REPORTED OPERATIONS COMPLETED FOR SKIPPER GREEN.  
Y-YOLD REPORTED OPERATIONS COMPLETED FOR SKIPPER BROWN TO SKIPPER PURPLE WHO REPORTED OPERATIONS COMPLETED FOR FORMATION.

D - J-JIGX REPORTED SKIPPER FORMATION ENTERING TACTICAL AREA TO RIPSAW.

E - NONE

F - NONE

G - NONE

H - NONE

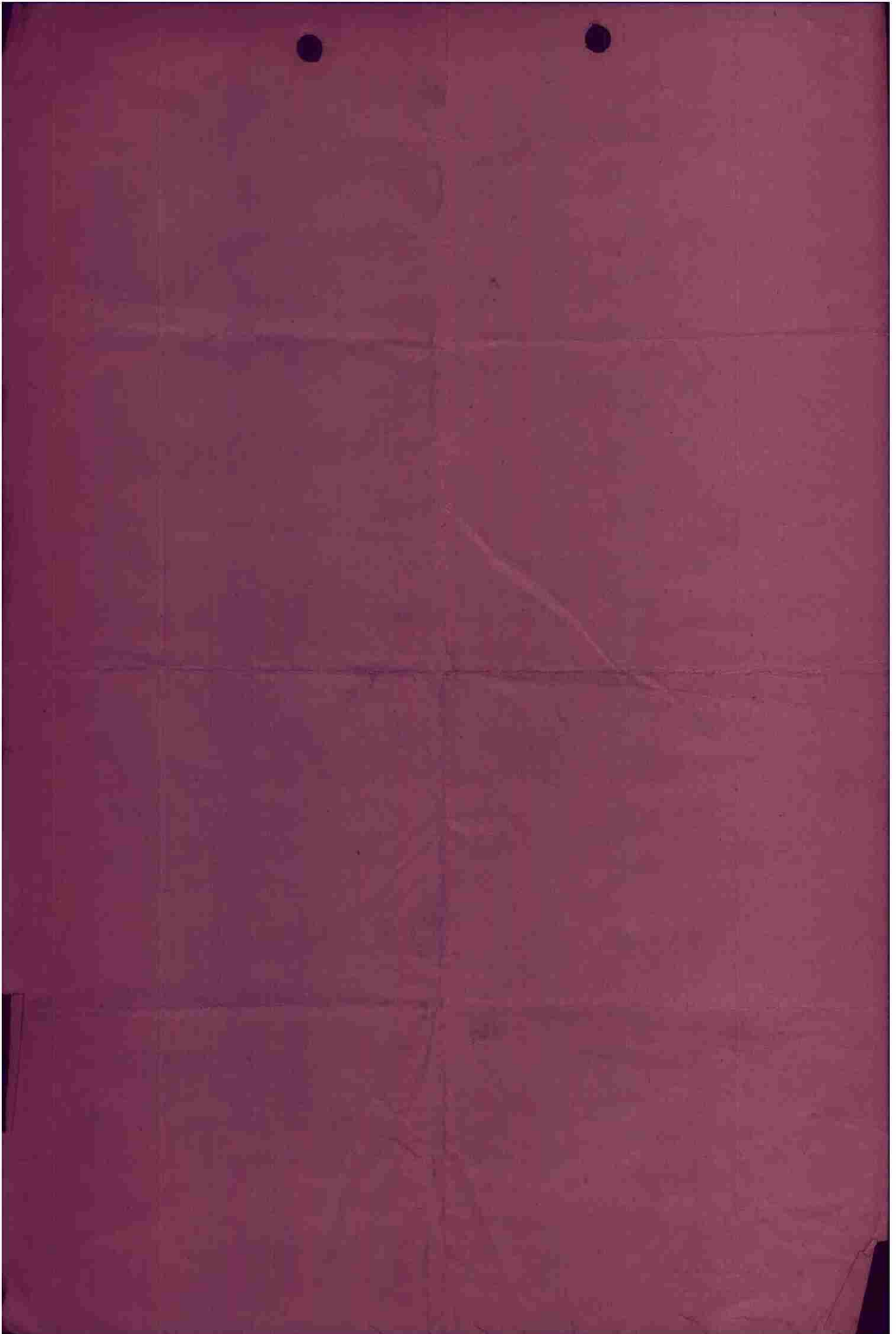
I - NONE

J - NONE

K - W-WILLIAM RECEIVED D/F FROM RIPSAW AFTER COMPLETING OPERATIONS; ALSO RECEIVED D/F FROM PARADE AFTER LEAVING RIPSAW AREA. RETURNED TO BASE SATISFACTORILY. REPORTS INDICATE THAT N-NAN ALSO RECEIVED ASSISTANCE FROM RIPSAW, N-NAN DID NOT RETURN TO BASE.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 1400A  
WFG BBBBITA R.....251912A IC K  
JEA R.....251912A FK KKK



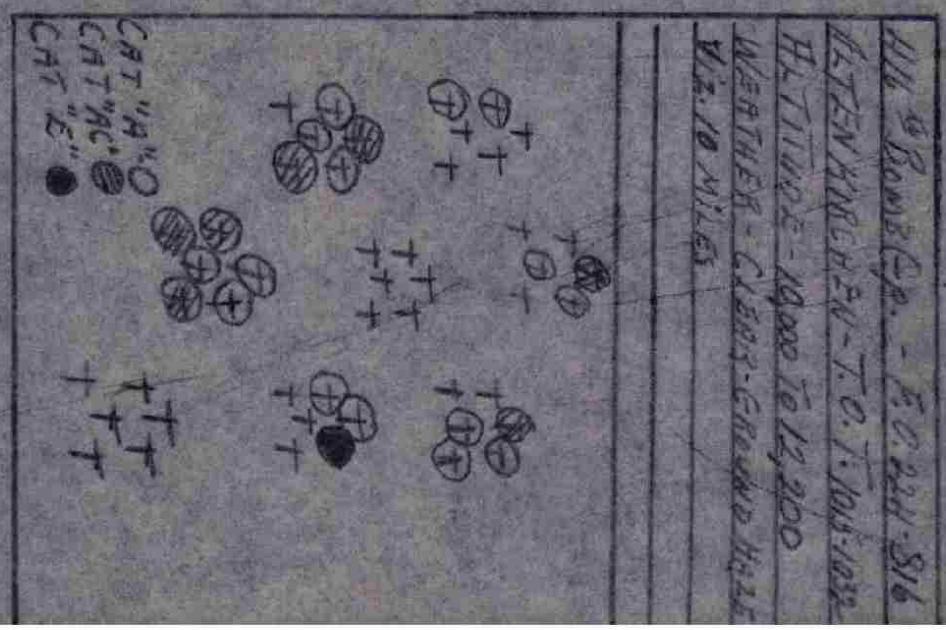
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NOTE: Box I - Flight A - 2 Bomb Runs  
 B-1 " "  
 C-2 " "  
 Box II Flight A-1 Bomb Runs  
 B-1 " "  
 C-3 " "  
 Box III Flight A-2 Bomb Runs  
 E-1 " "  
 " " "





PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) (INFO COPY)  
97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) (INFO COPY)  
COMMANDING OFFICER, FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (PROV.)

S-2

416BG R \_\_\_\_\_ E

CONFIDENTIAL

24 MARCH 1945

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PATHFINDER LEAD SATISFACTORY EXCEPT PATHFINDER EVIDENTLY HAD EQUIPMENT FAILURES ON BOMB RUN. WHEN HE WAS FIFTY DEGREES OFF BRACKETED HEADING GROUP LEADER TOOK OVER AND BOMBED ON GROUP LEAD.

AYLESWORTH COBOLGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

WILLIAM M. LYNN,  
Capt., Air Corps.

USAAF FORM 34A

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

AUTH: CO STA 4-69  
DATE: 27 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: Cprep A No. 356 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 25 March 1945  
Mission or Operation No. 233 97th GEN SQD 224-816

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Altankirchen Road Junction  
Place of take-off Station A-69  
Place of landing Station A-69 1 aircraft crash landed at 3:57  
Take-off time 0839 Landing time 1008  
Time over target 1015-1032 Bombing Altitude 15000-12200  
Nature of mission Bombing Other None  
Weather Ground None, Visibility 10 miles.  
Results undet, undet, uncat, excel, uncat, excel, undet, uncat.  
Enemy opposition Moderate accurate HFF at target. Weak inaccurate HFF from  
Weather and Resistance.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

- 1. Dispatched 48 A-26's
- 2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.  
46 Altankirchen R/J  
2 General target in vicinity of  
Q 12250.
- 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) category "B" - crash landed - flak,  
15 category "A" - flak, and 7 category "C" - flak.
- 8. Sorties 48

SECRET

(over)



GEORGE SCHENKEL  
Captain, Air Corps  
Adjutant

For the Commanding Officer:

- H. Know aircraft by type or description (including status):
- 5. Destroyed
- 4. Prob. Pos
- 3. Damaged

Type of	1100	CO-2110	NAV	BOB	H. 000	R. 000	P. 000	L. 000
Destroyed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prob. Pos	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Damaged	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Know Aircraft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

- 6. Total Returned
- 5. Total or Wrecked on Missing a/c
- 4. Detention
- 3. Killed in Action
- 2. Missing in Action
- 1. Killed in Action (List separate separately)

H. Bombs, Mines, etc. used: Total carried into air: 100 x 100 lb G.P. Bomb 1/100 1/100

- I. Ammunition by caliber:
  - 1. Total carried into air: 100 x 50 caliber
  - 2. Exp used on operations: 100 x 50 caliber (missing)
  - 3. Total on wrecked or missing a/c: None
- J. Total operational flying hours:
  - 1. Day (Sunset to sunset): 1000
  - 2. Night (Sunset to sunset): None



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Box #	CpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
1	487	25 Mar 1945	4			Miller	TOT	
2	263		4				L/D	
3	314		4					
4	252		4					
5	229		4					
6	383		4					
7	198		4					
8	328		4					
9	490		4					
A	313		4					
5	250		4					
6	326		4					
1	497		4					
2	609		4					
3	360		4					
4	297		4					
5	351		4					
6	352		4					

Wright 352  
 Sears 360  
 Milson 297  
 Fejo 609  
 Milham 356  
 Sullivan 497  
 VanLinden 490  
 Hilko 326  
 Bostick 498  
 Reuszewski 313  
 Straeber 250  
 Miller 487  
 Maylin 314  
 Allen 252  
 Haskell 383  
 Harper 229  
 Haxler 263  
 Spires 328

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93-15  
330  
416  
416

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Box #	OpSTL	Date	F/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
II		MARCH 25 1945				STERBINS	TOP	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Issp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pars.	L/D	
1 304 202			H					
2 244			H					
3 351			H					
4 338			H					
5 362			H					
6 271			H					
1 528			H					
2 503			H					
3 935			H					
4 205			H					
5 416			H					
6 232			H					
1 481			H					
2 335			H					
3 495			H					
4 259			H					
5 325			H					
6 378			H					

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- EVANS 481
- PHILIPS 495
- CEQUITT 259
- RUSSELL 335
- WILLARD 244
- SORKELS 308
- DUNN 271
- HERKLEY 362
- ERITABERIE 528
- BARAUSKI 503
- BISHOP 205
- HENSON 232
- STANTON 416
- TANK 378
- DELM 325



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.C.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	_____ Where _____

(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 #	Ops/FI	Date	F/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
III		25 Mar 45				Jacobsen	TOT	
A/G	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Somb Disp	Target	A/G Dam	E/A	L/D	
Pos. No.	Reason	T S O	T S J R	M D A G B E D P D K W M				
1. 505								
2. 2316								
3. 585								
4. 274								
5. 305								
6. 264								
1. 501								
2. 330								
3. 584								
4. 224								
5. 223								
6. 239								

3  
3  
2  
2  
18-7-1

Jacobsen 505  
Everts 385  
Carter 2316  
Rivich 274  
Lemo 305  
Nelson 264

Watten 501  
Turner 514  
Musgrave 330  
Turner 224  
O'Brien 239  
Boelner 223

REPORTS 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	_____ Where _____

(Obtained from Recaps)

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PILOT Haskell A/C# 383 BOX 4 EST 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
X		RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X		<i>Salvaged for logs</i>			
4	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

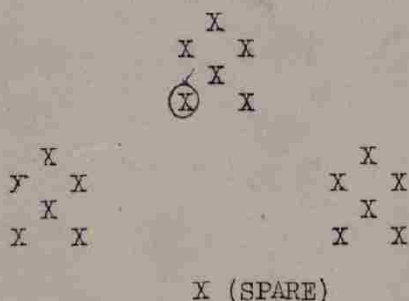
OBSERVATIONS : *2 runs made.*

*Bomb bay doors not open on 2nd run. Flight leader about 3/4 open. ~~Case~~ Case being checked.*

*Called Sgt leader immediately but got no answer. Called later about 2 minutes. Sgt leader instructed pilot to slide out of formation & drop bombs. Bombs exploded in a field. Exact position unknown*

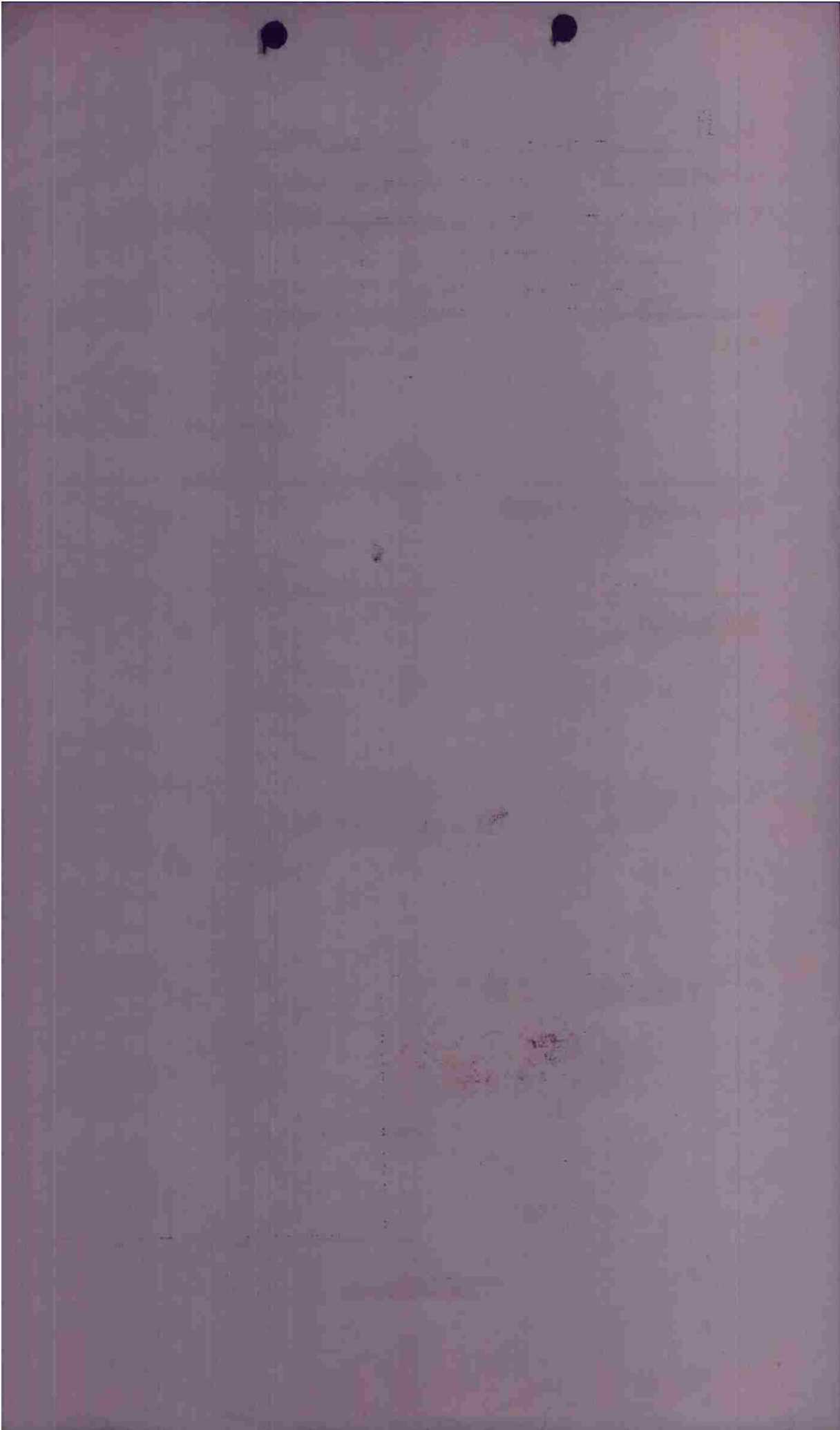
*Sgt flight leader*

POSITION IN FORMATION



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INTERRO. FORM

PILOT Miller A/C# 487 BOX Y FEB 1

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : 4 X1000 ON PT BATTLE DAMAGE

<u>2 Runs</u>	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED		<u>✓</u>	

FLAK : XXHA - target

XHI - Bomblines in and out  
ODR BACHFEIM & WASTATTEN  
M 030 840

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

Superior on Briefed RJ  
no visible activity on RJ

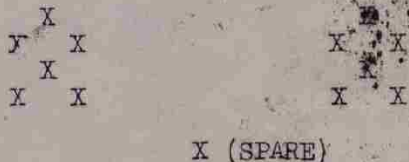
Wrong target  
not done

T - 10 mi vis  
Ground base  
over at

Had call from base  
requesting authority  
to salvo - OK  
lost of RP

TOT - 1018  
alt 12,200  
IAS 220  
at is 295 mag

POSITION IN FORMATION



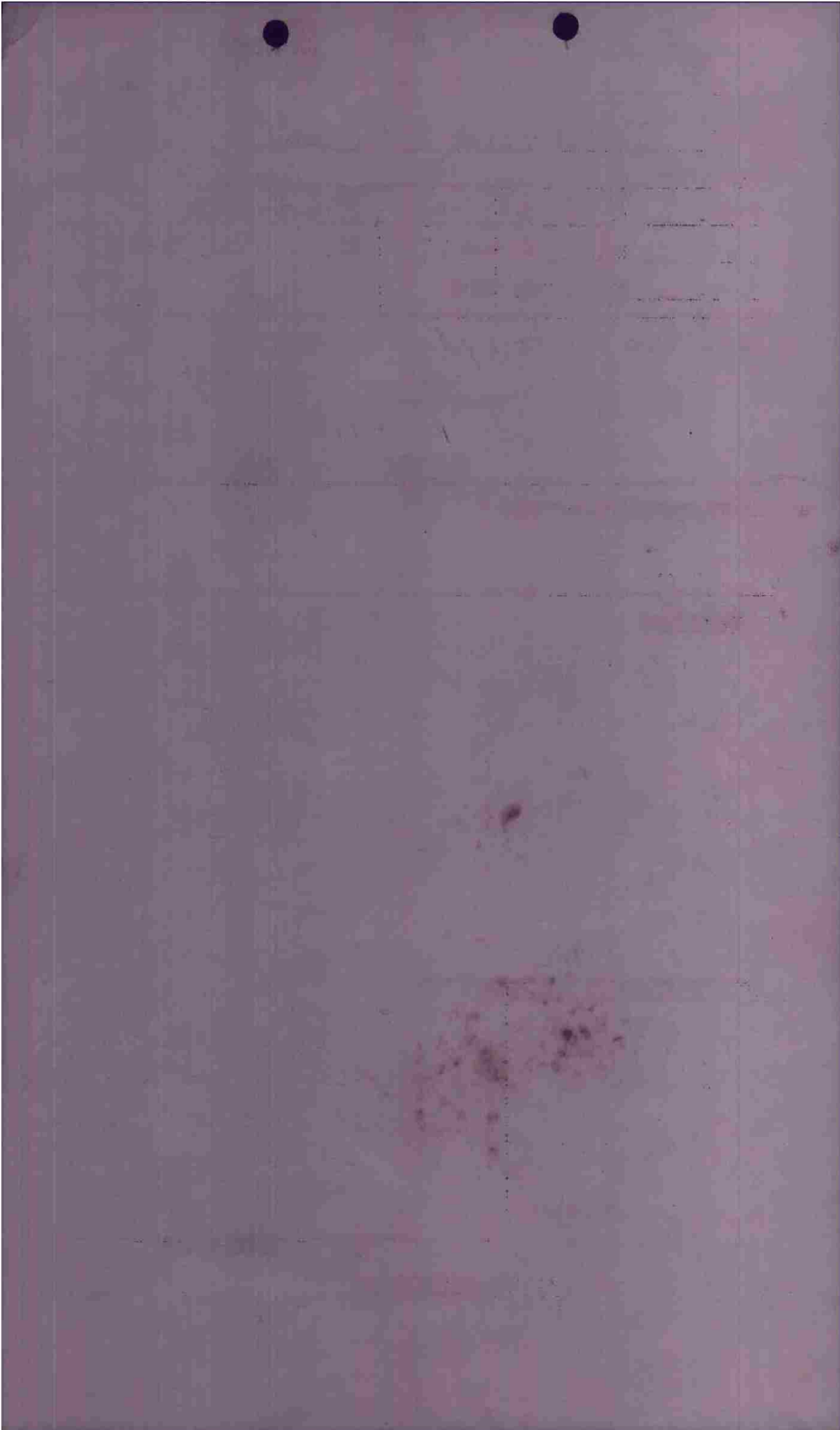
Called FCC - Ripover  
15 mins before  
troubline - modify  
that formation on time  
Ans: Roger - message  
received & understood

Lewis

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INTER. FORM

PILOT Allen A/C# 252 BOX Y T. 24 1

CASUALTIES None

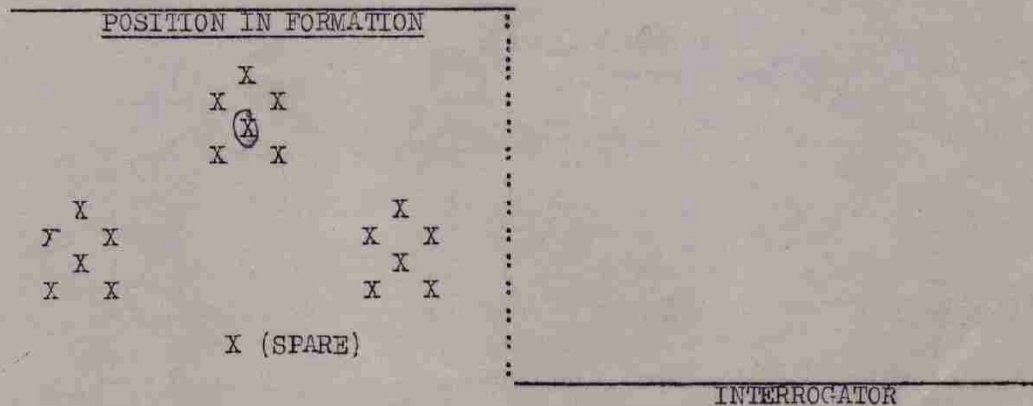
BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON Pr BATTLE DAMAGE

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

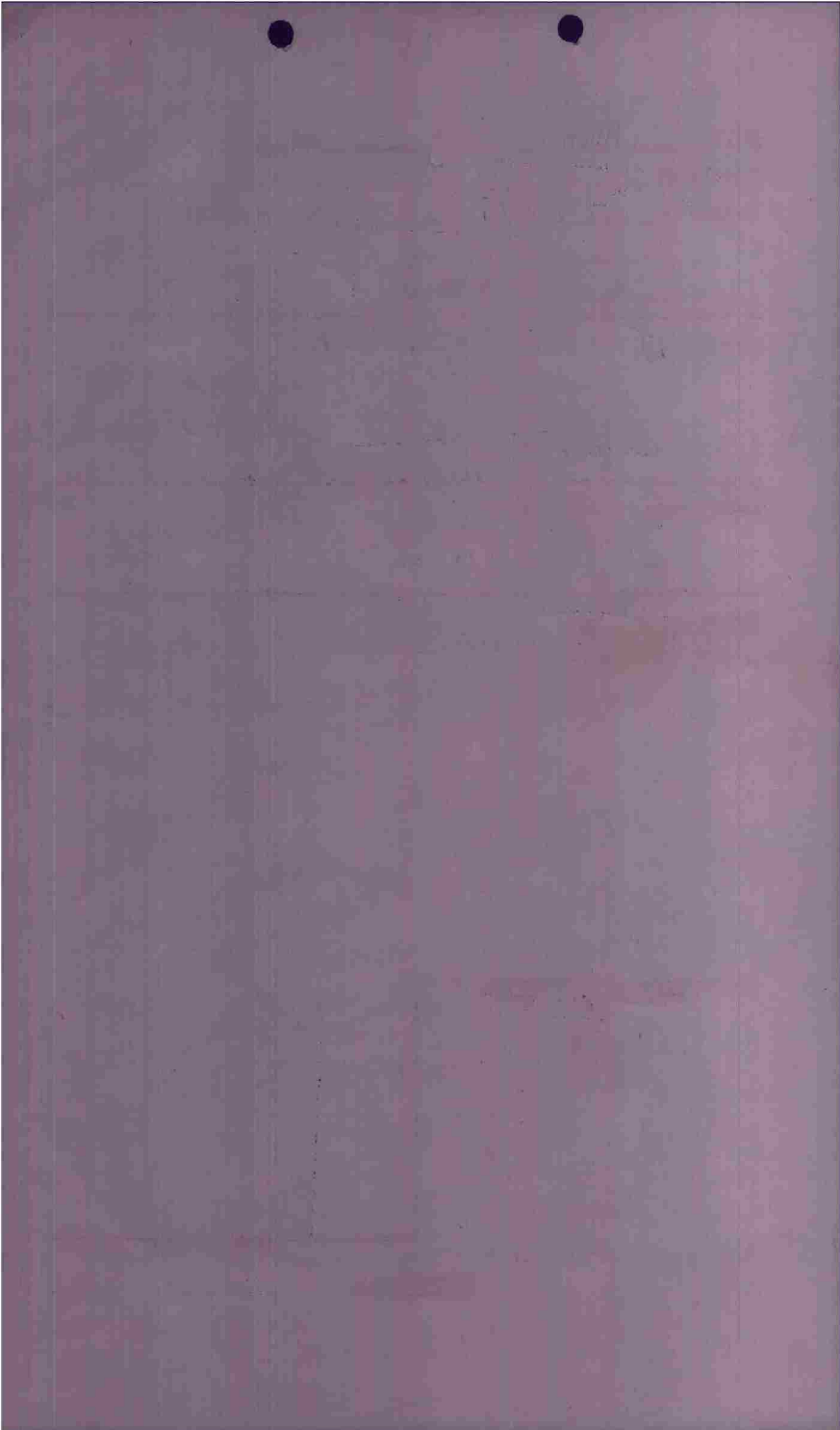
FLAK : 2 1/2 Minutes Before dropped on Bomb  
Run - XX HA - on second  
 also at 1 Bomb line run  
Gun flashes seen area F9632

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :  
None

OBSERVATIONS :  
2 Runs



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PILOT Martin A/C# 314 BOX 1 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

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

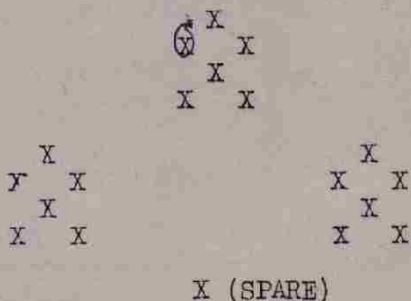
FLAK : XXHA on 2nd run off to right of tgt. turned off left on first run & right on 2nd run.  
X#1 on route out near Maastaten.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

No obs at target. Smoke & dust seen in 3 different spots in target. Made 2 runs.

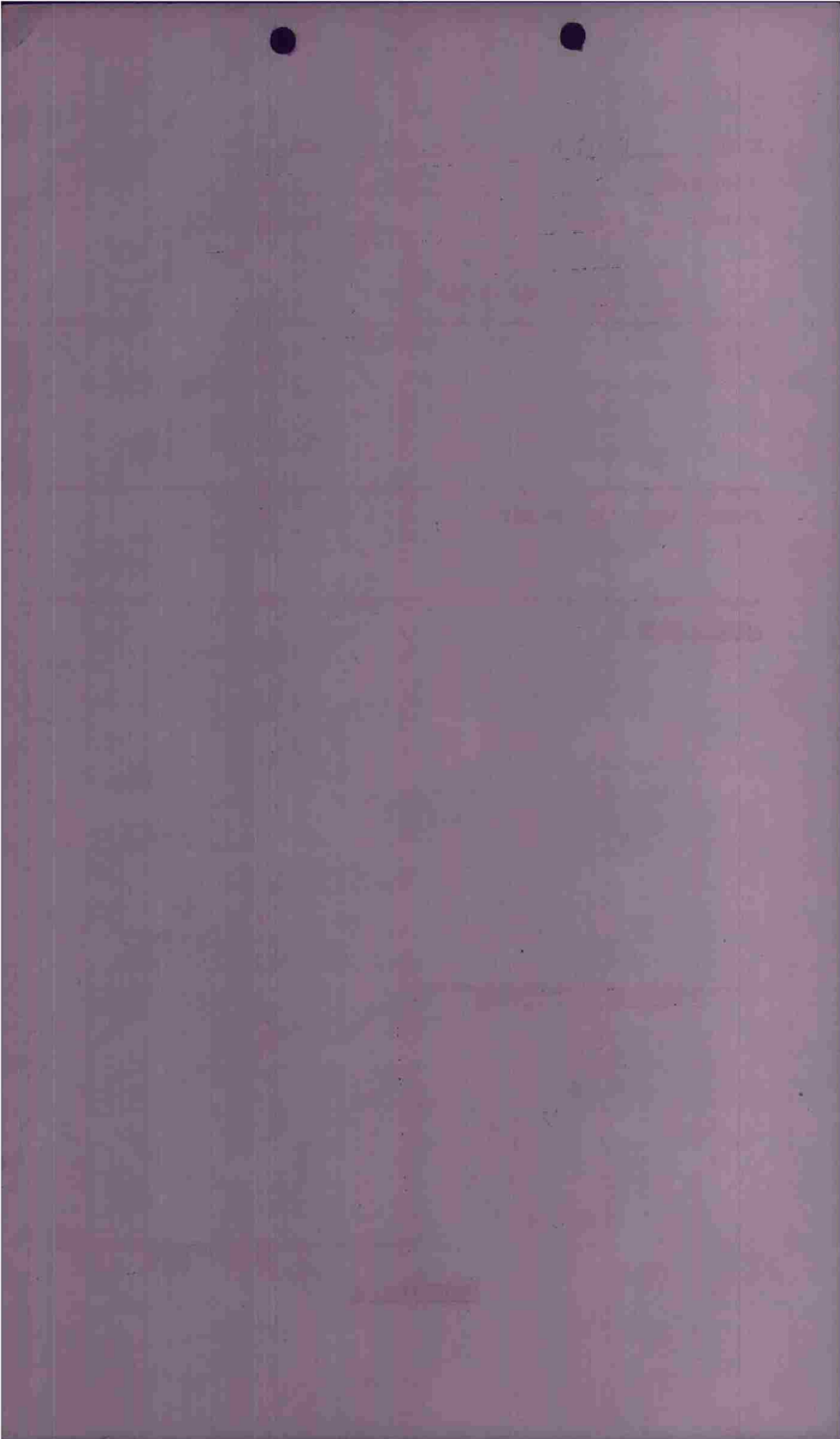
POSITION IN FORMATION



*HWP*

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PILOT Hayter A/C# 263 BOX I FFF 1

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : just before B. away + to rt - XXHA.  
(105)  
in our 1st turn over to our same spot to left (XHI)

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

J no info  
P-51

OBSERVATIONS : no observations

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
    X X
   X  X

X      X
F      X
X      X
X      X

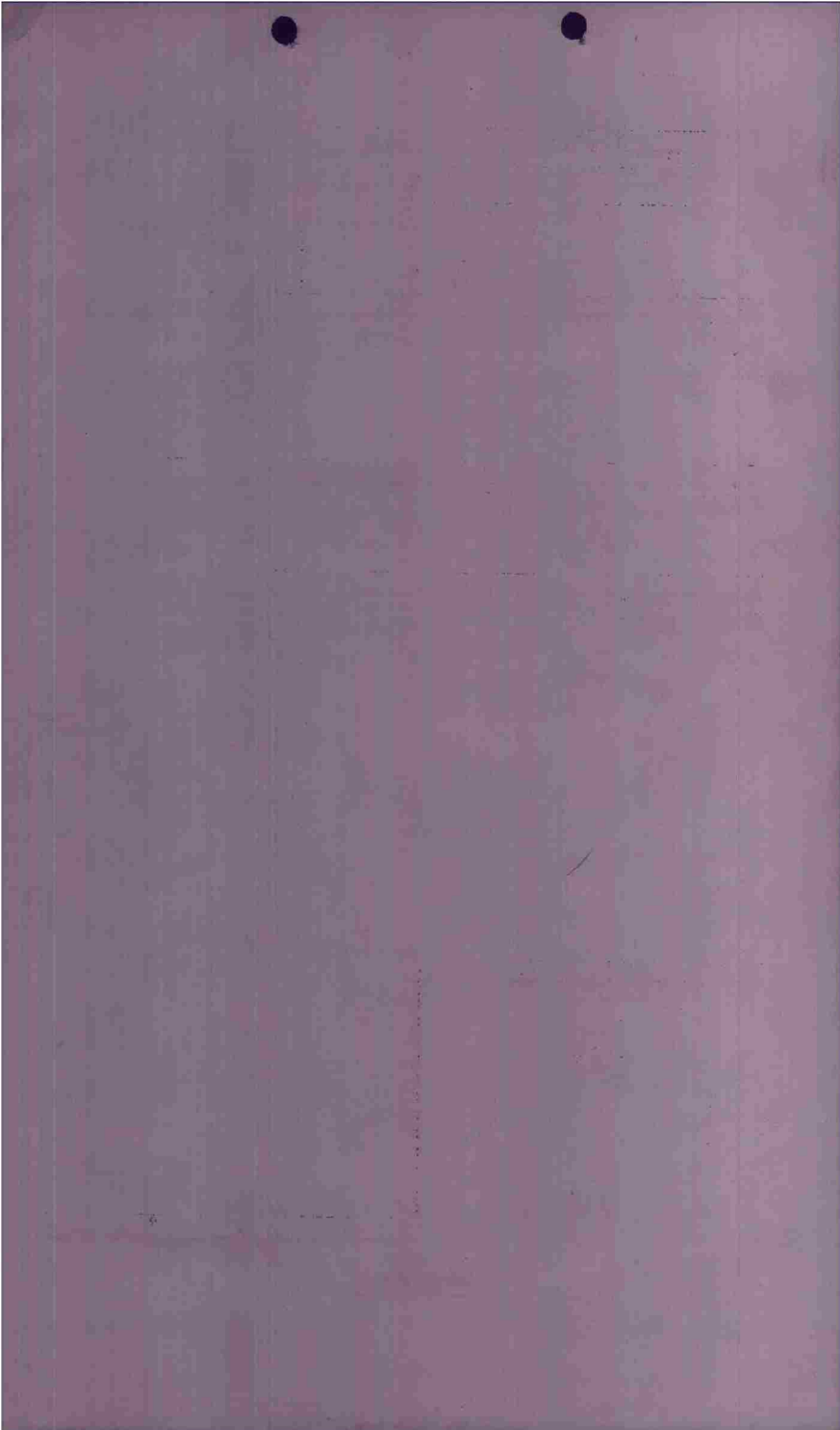
X (SPARE)

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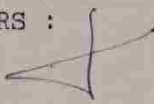
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PILOT Harper A/C# 229 BOX V DET 1

CASUALTIES

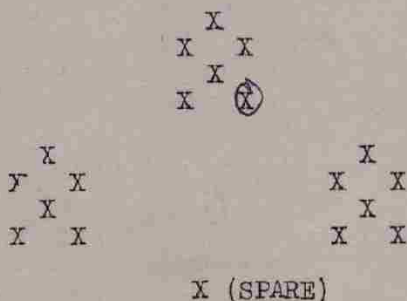
BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON <u>P.T.</u>		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : at target XX-XXXHA  
is across B.L. to rt } XHI  
out .. .. - to left }

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : 

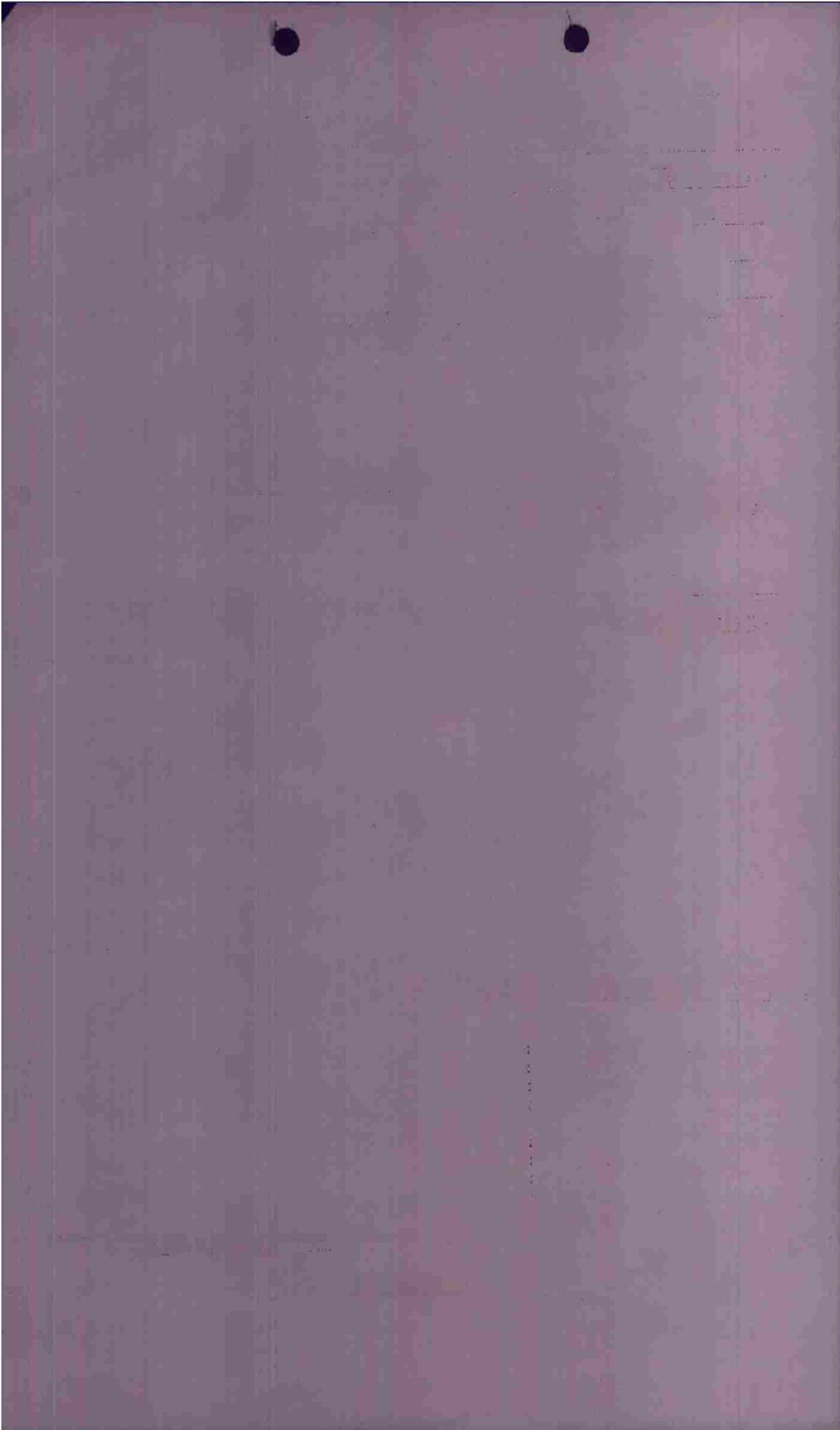
OBSERVATIONS : good hits in town.  
gun pos. on head. of 184° - 1-1 1/2 miles before  
target. about 4005 pos.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Buskirk A/C# 498 BOX V Z

CASUALTIES

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

~~FVA~~ XVVA over target & right near  
 Helmetzen.  
XHE between nose & Rhein on this side  
 of Rhine.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

<sup>of this flight cont.</sup>  
 no obs at target! made two runs when  
 B5C's cut off first run. Some bombs hit in  
 town.

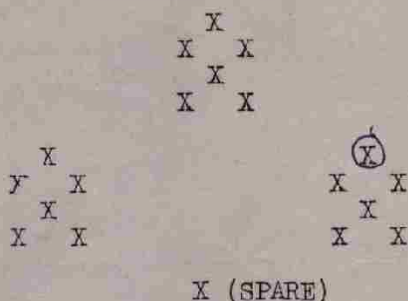
tot. 1023

alt - 11000

IAS - 210

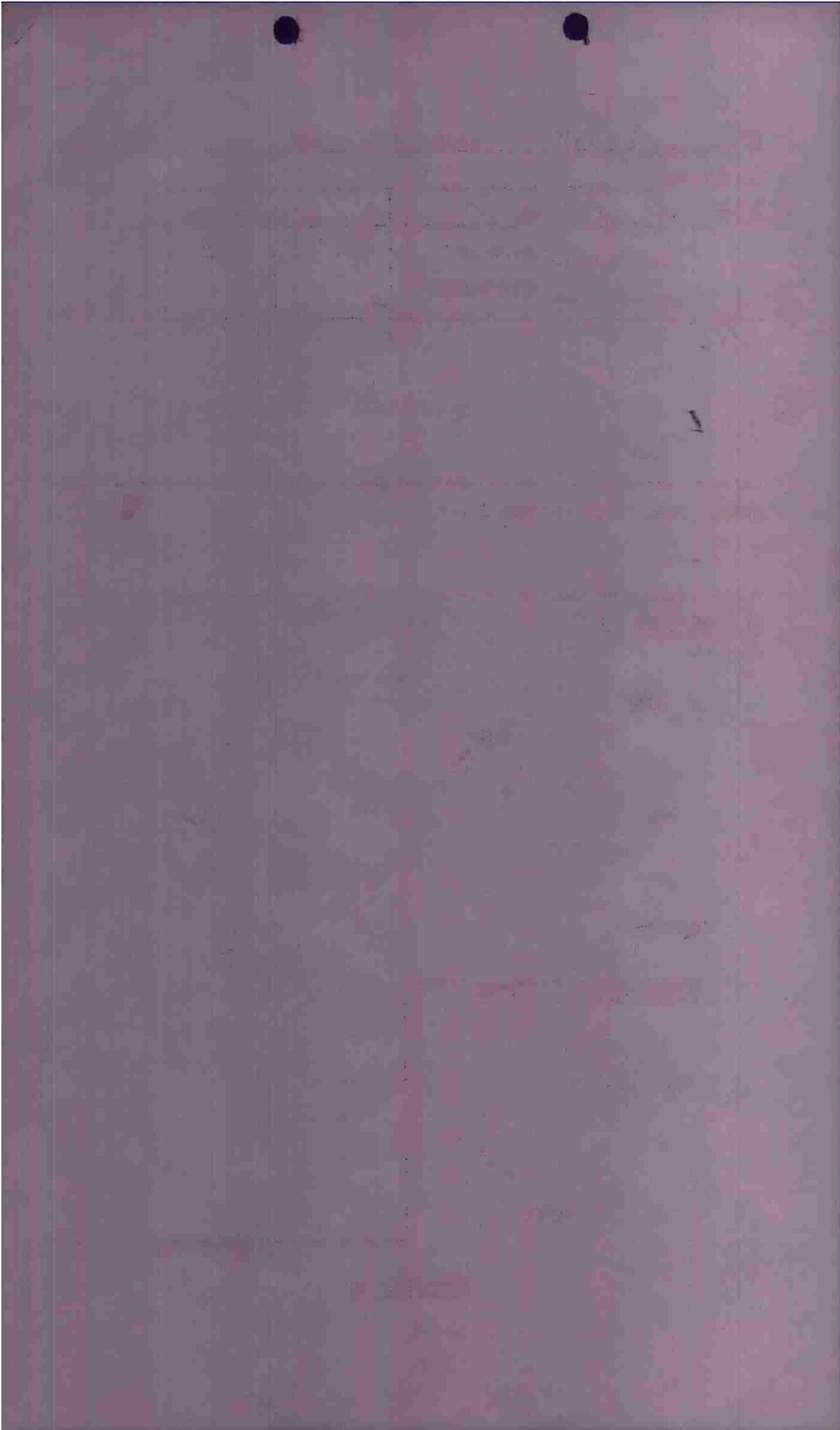
Head - 290

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Van Noorden A/C# 490 BOX 2 FLT 2

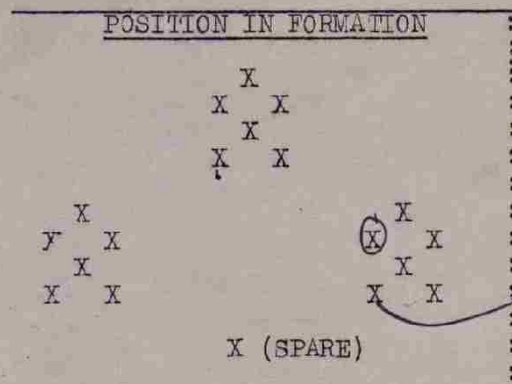
CASUALTIES none

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

FLAK : XXHA at target  
XHI just below R have a way out

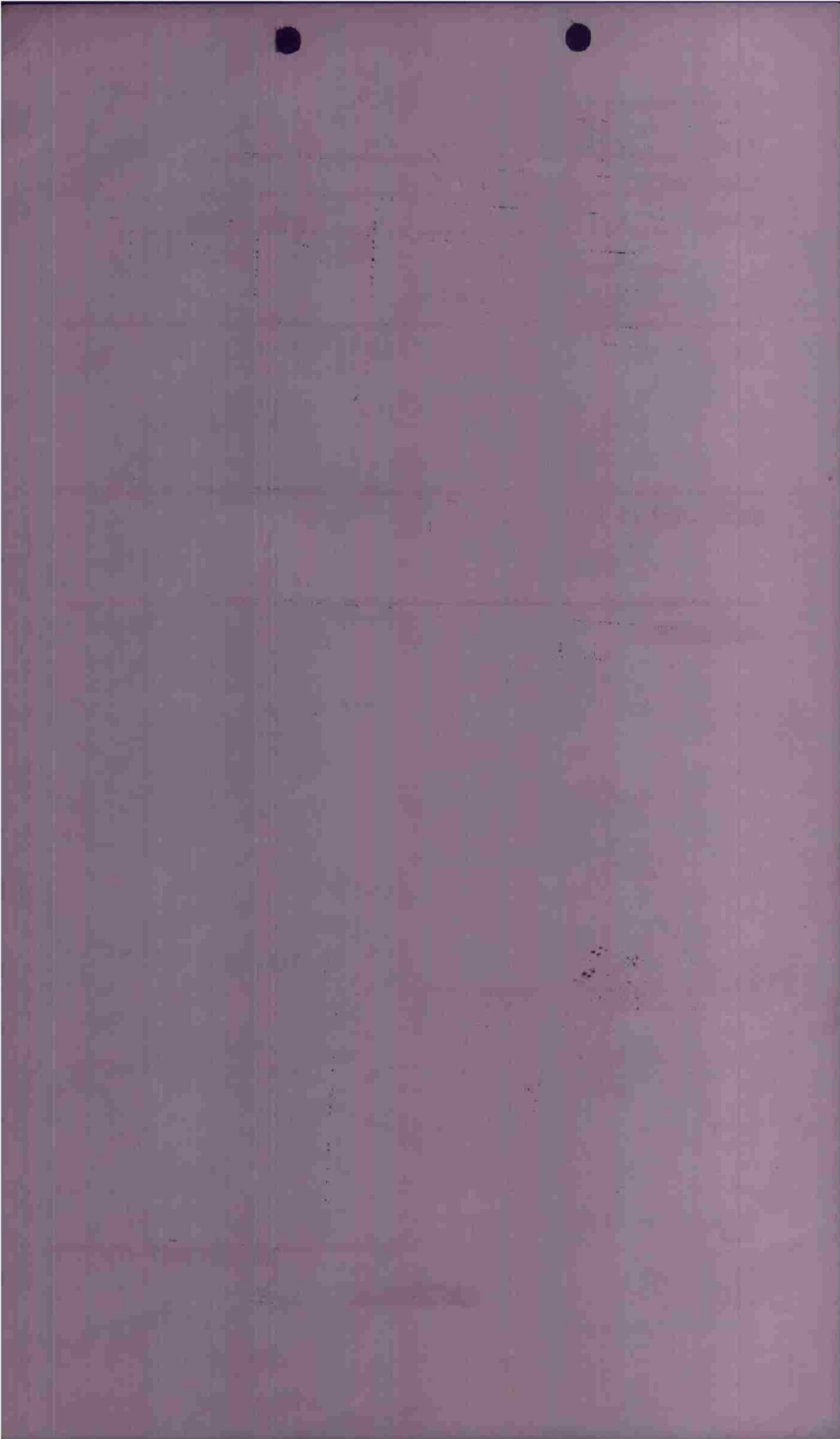
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :  
none

OBSERVATIONS :  
2 Runs -  
Bombed usually  
Bombed on flight  
leader -  
Good Pattern



Fallout on 1st Run }  
 WPT  
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PILOT Spires A/C# 328 BOX I FLT 2

CASUALTIES

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

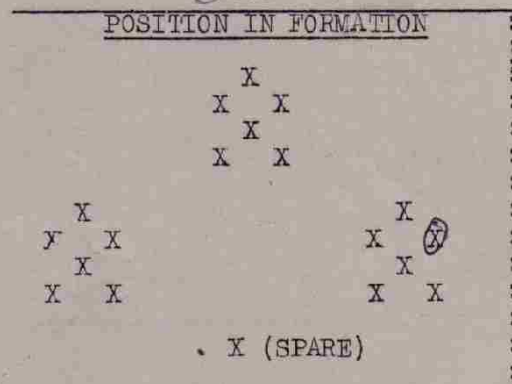
FLAK : *Just before dropping - followed slightly. Sailed to back of White Square*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

*nil*

OBSERVATIONS :

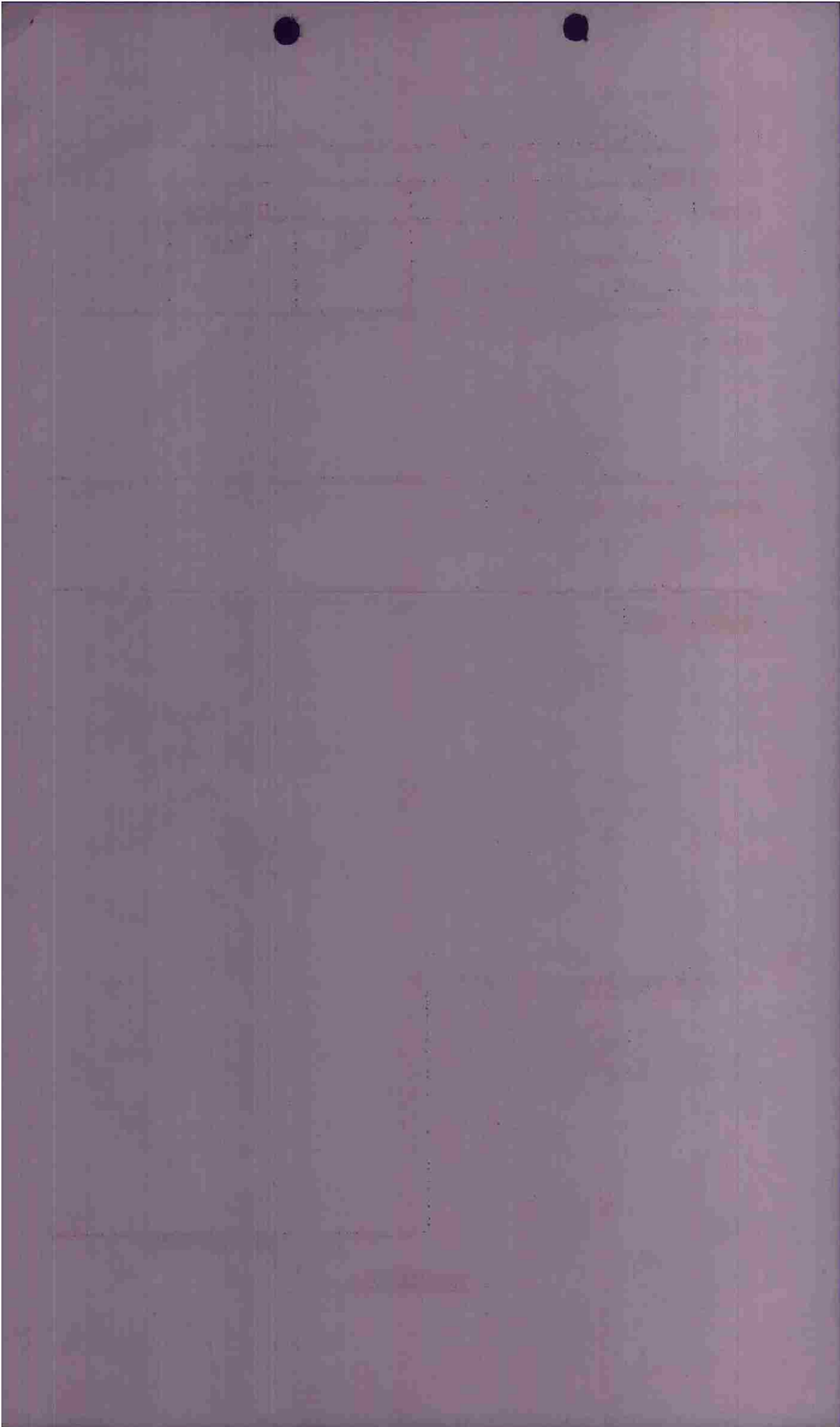
*Column*



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PILOT Remiszewski A/C# 313 BOX 1 1

CASUALTIES

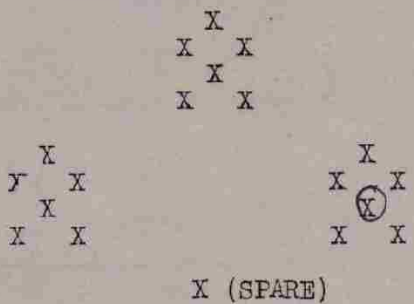
BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON <u>P</u>	:	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED	:	:	X	:
X JETTISONED	:	:	:	:

FLAK : *at target - mod. acc.*  
*after passing BL - abt on units duration.*  
*Scattered flak on way out.*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : *Nil.*

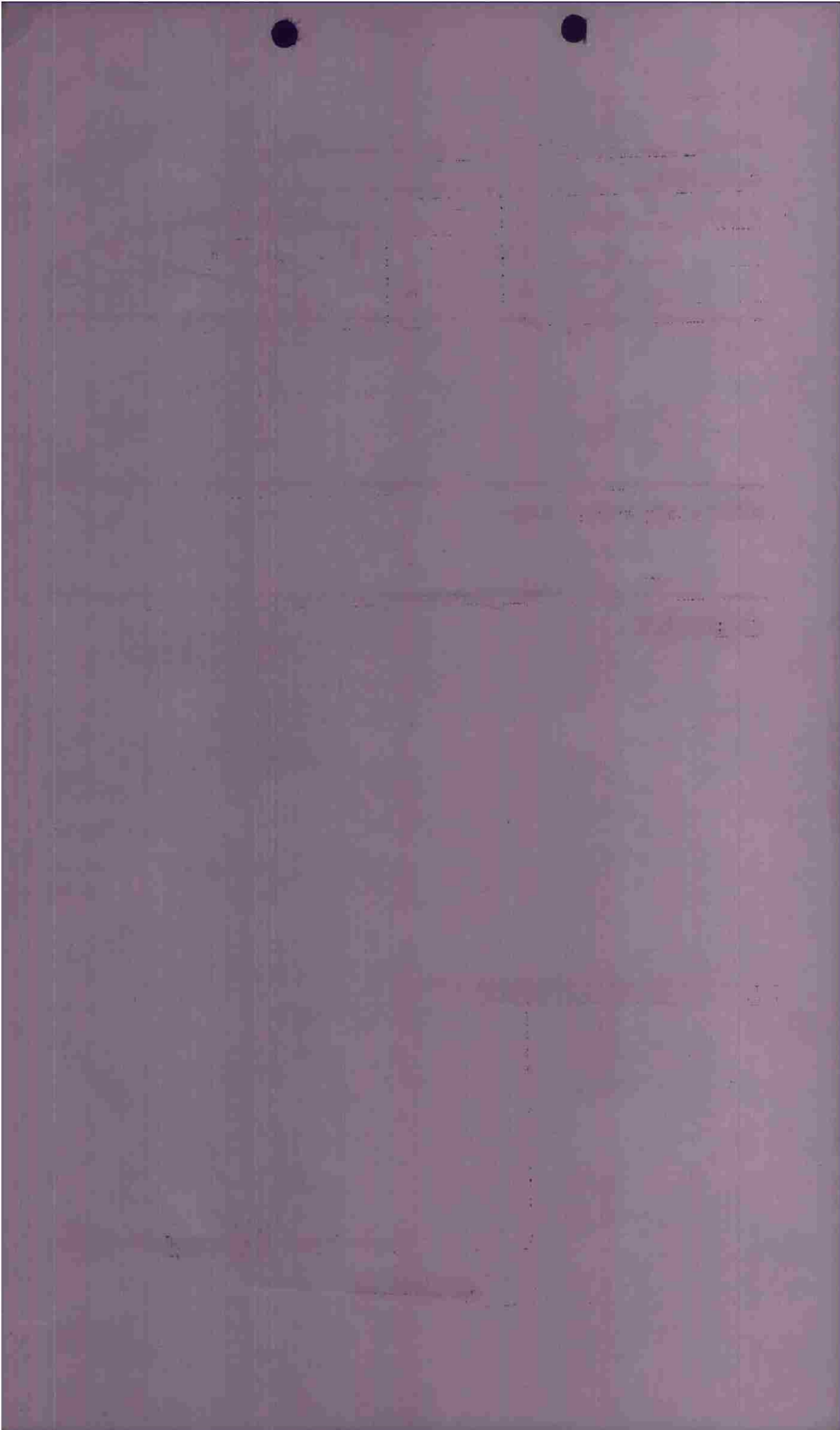
OBSERVATIONS : *Flak hits prevented observation.*  
*Both tires out - tail shot up*  
*cables out. Just before dropping*  
*bombs.*  
*Did not follow off*  
*tgt but search*  
*aimed at flights.*

POSITION IN FORMATION



*Shanda*  
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INTERFORM

PILOT Graeber A/C# 250 BOX I REF 2

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : KAMA at Tgt  
AH: A 16/L

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

*2 Runs*



POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X

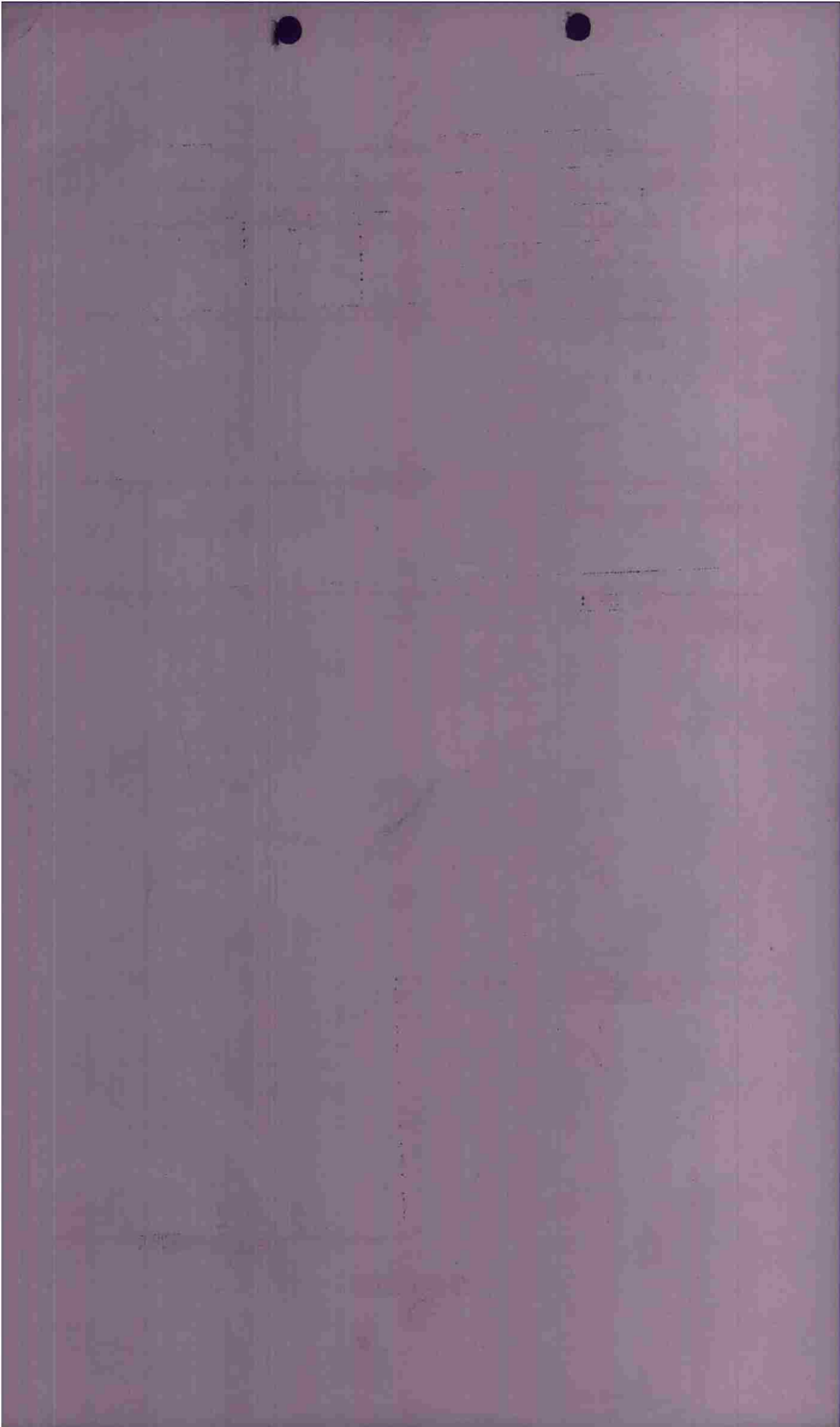
X      X      X
Y      X      X X
X      X      X
X      X      X (X)

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Alivko A/C# 326 BOX 4 FLT 2

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON P BATTLE DAMAGE

*Salvo*

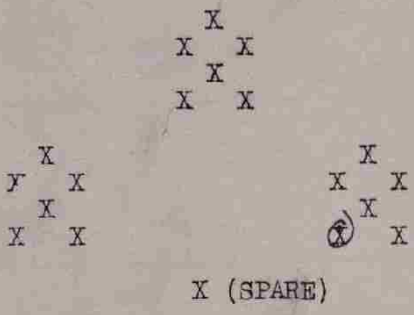
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK : XXXH at 4 ft. - kept aimed at flight  
10 bursts on leg before IP coming in rather than follow.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :  
See below

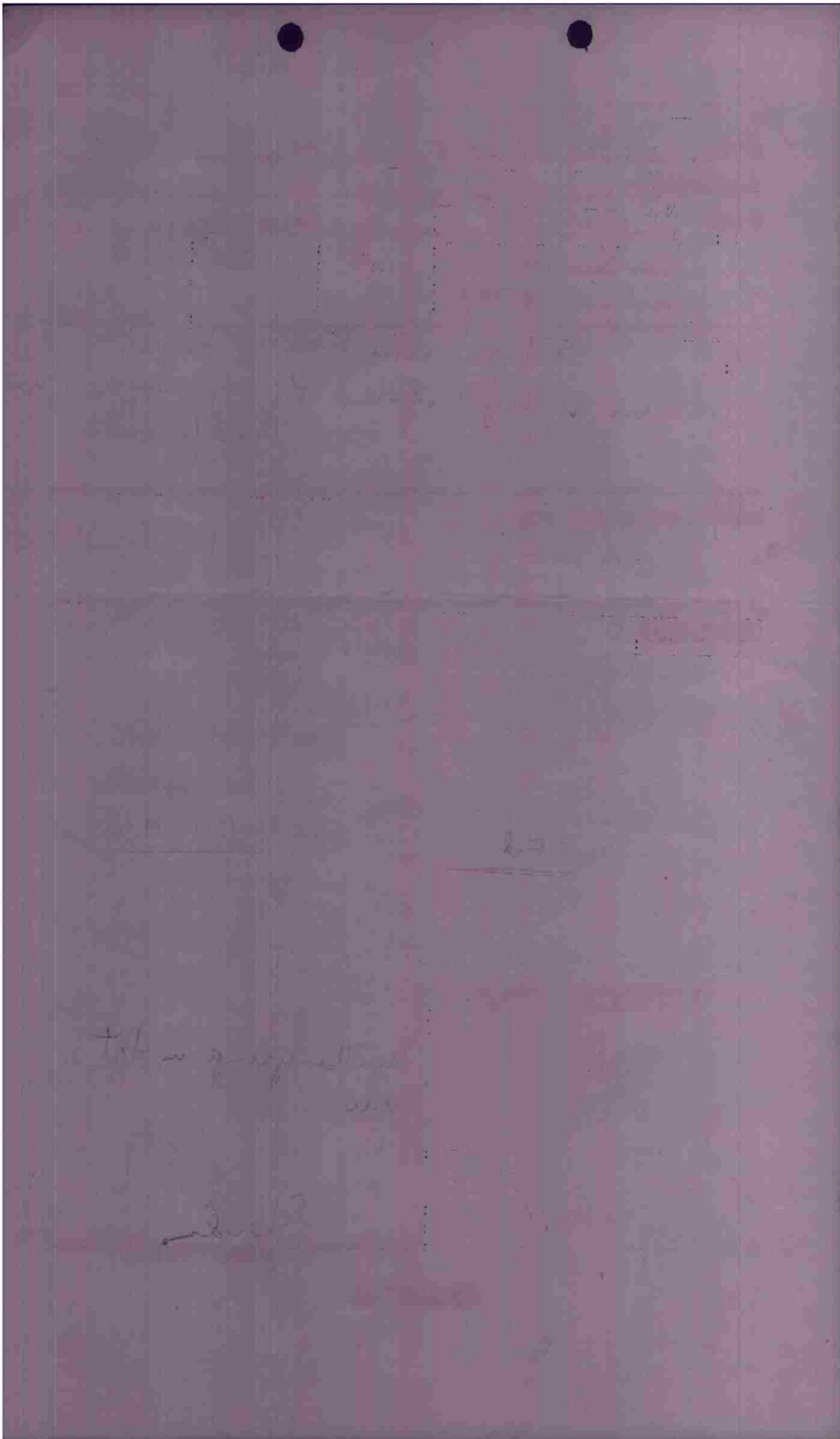
OBSERVATIONS :  
Salvoed after release didn't work. Lost formation in turn off. Blacked out in evasive action joined up another flight. It was ready to bomb - left to join B26 formation headed east. Was ~~reduced~~ <sup>DF'd</sup> out by <sup>RIPSAW</sup> ~~Successor~~ fighters on tail (may be 51's) on exit. Believe it was a escort flight but may not have been.

POSITION IN FORMATION



Another group in flight area.  
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PILOT Fero A/C# 609 BOX 1 FLT 9

CASUALTIES

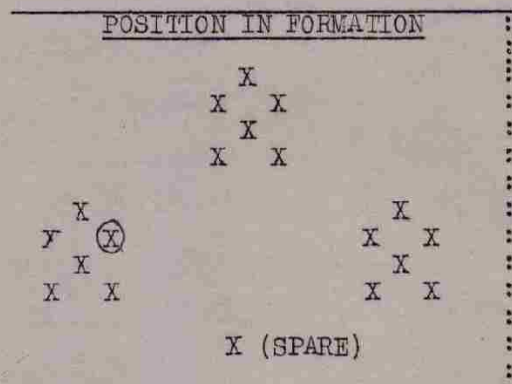
BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON <u>P.T.</u>		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED				
X JETTISONED				

FLAK : on 2nd man target XH1 - hit  
50 of I.P. - XH1  
cut over Bh - to left XH1

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : 4 reported in area.  
2628 west.

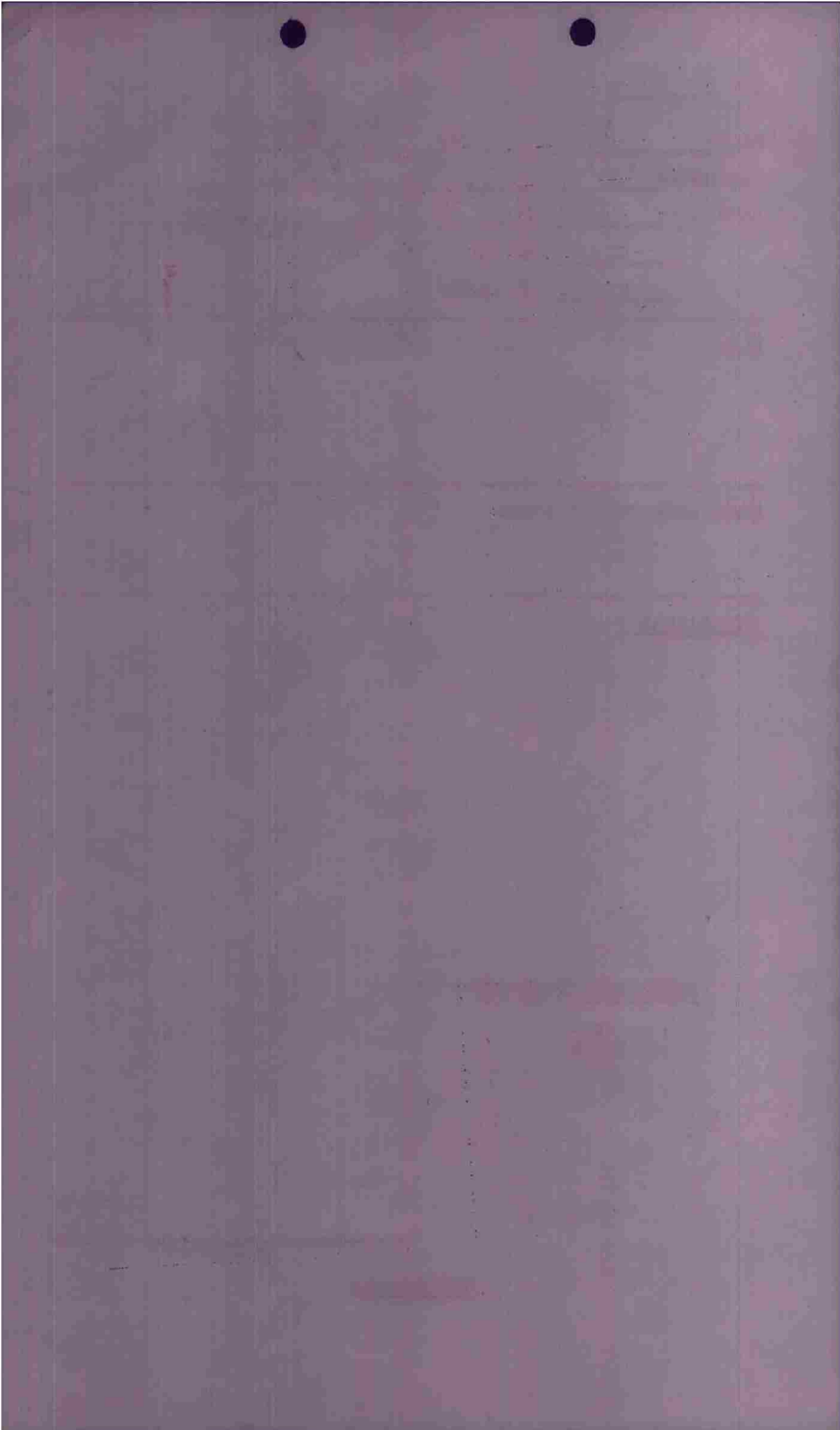
OBSERVATIONS : no obs. - no smoke.

TOT - 1032  
alt. 12,000  
B-26's hit town along Rhin at Kassau  
with exc. results.



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PILOT Milhorn A/C# 356 BOX 1 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON <u>2</u>		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

XX - XXX HA on bombing.  
4 bursts at 1006  
heavy barrage over target at 1011  
XXHI to left of formation at bombing on way out.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Heavy smoke at target  
all bombs hit in one pattern. Did not hit  
in town - smoke made accurate obs impossible.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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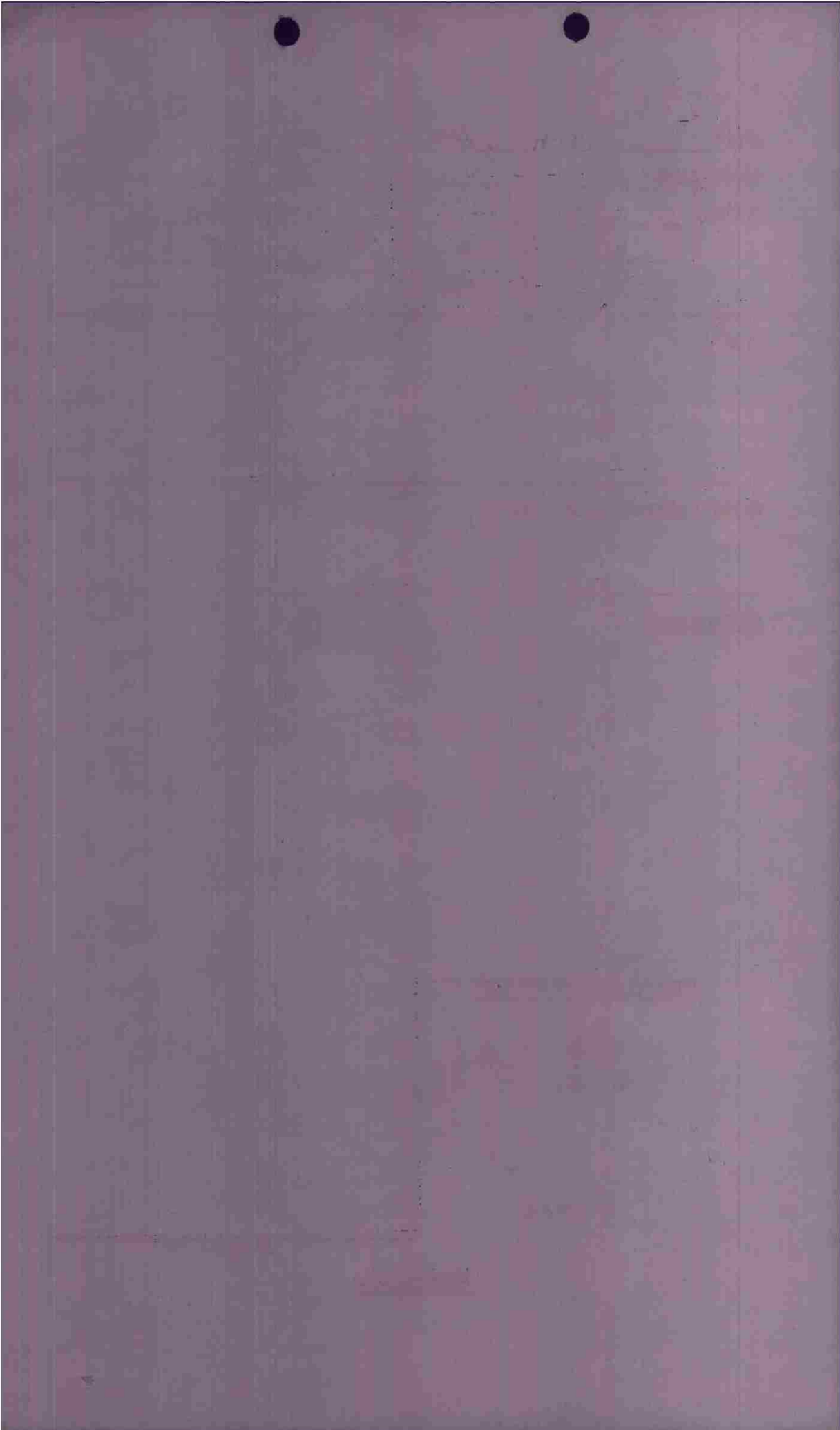
      X
     X X
      X
     X X

X      X
Y      X
X      X
X      X

X (SPARE)
    
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Harris  
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PILOT Scots A/C# 360 BOX 1 FLT 5

CASUALTIES None

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

FLAK : In tgt area - as went into ed  
56 of tgt

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

None

OBSERVATIONS :

Blacked out twice - lost  
as went onto tgt - violent turn  
took back into Germany  
and dropped when instructed  
by formation leader -  
Before could get back into  
formation, flight had dropped

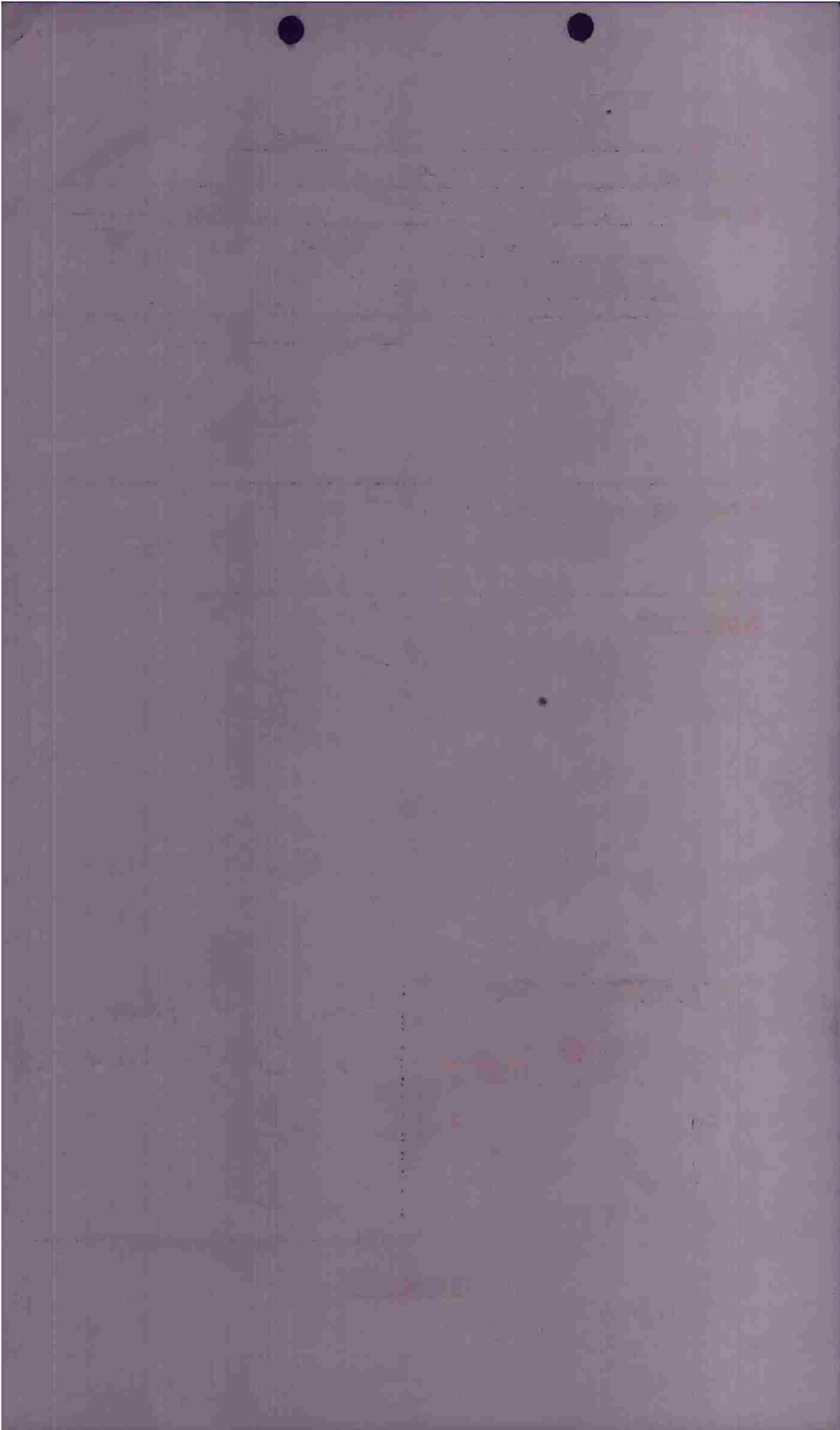
POSITION IN FORMATION

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

See interrogation  
of Capt Miller

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PILOT Wright A/C# 352 BOX 1 FLT 5

CASUALTIES

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

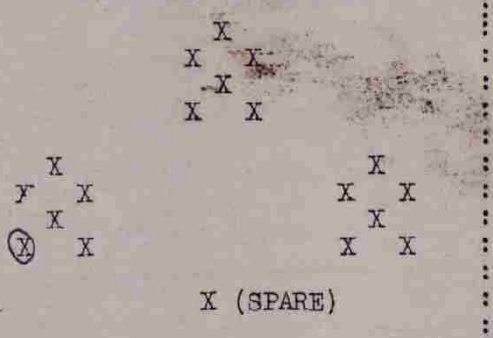
FLAK : *XXHI right over target  
few bursts at bomb line.*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

*Saw bombs hit in town  
Made 2 runs.*

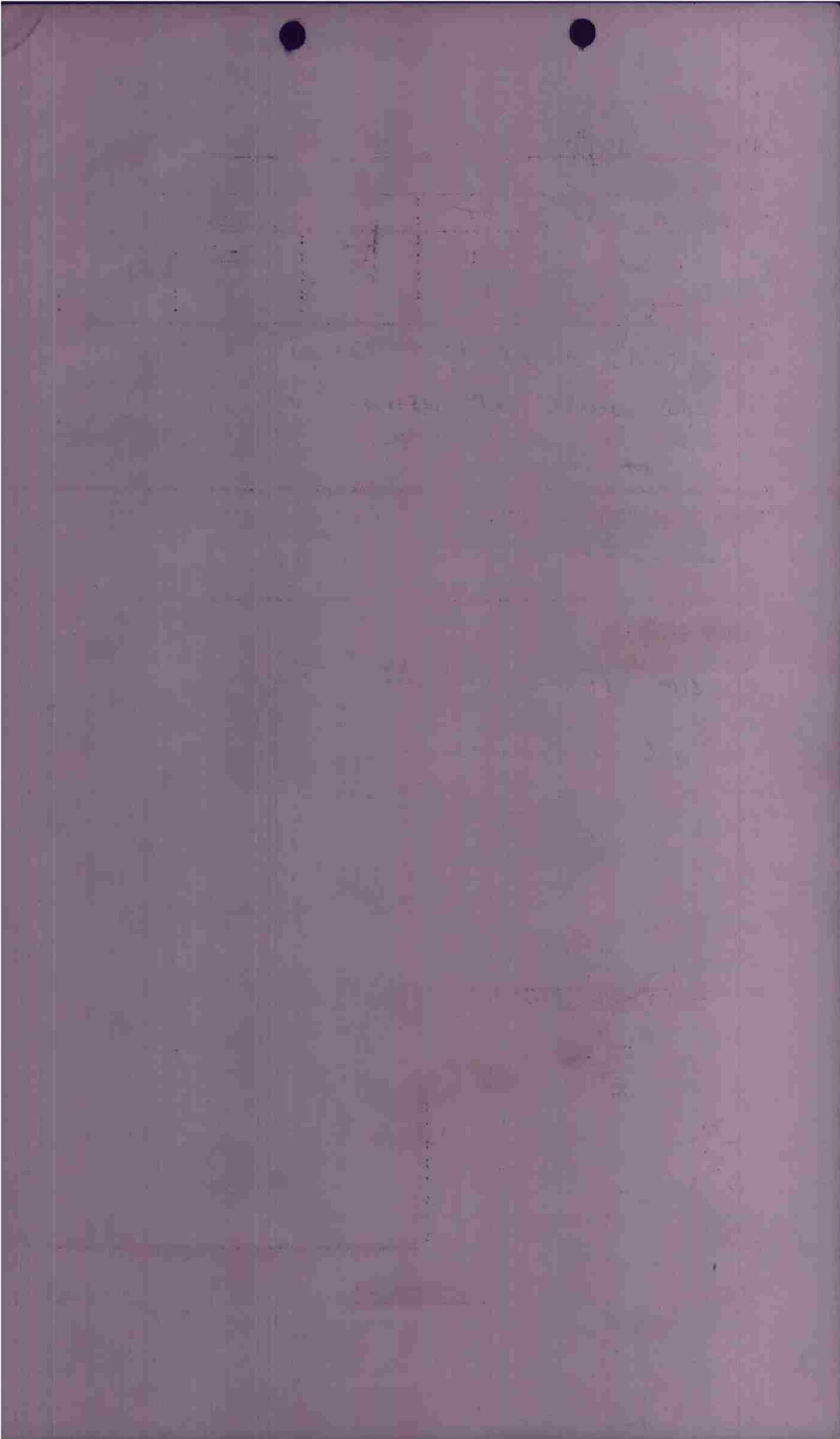
POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Sutton A/C# 497 BOX I REF 3

CASUALTIES

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

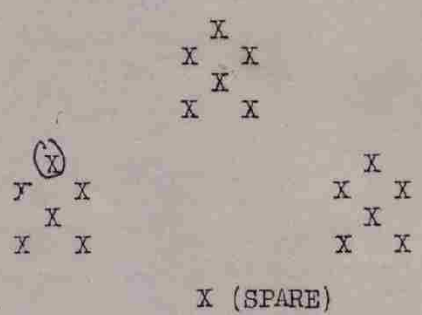
FLAK :- XXXHA - at target -  
XXHI at bomb line in and out -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X-

OBSERVATIONS :- Bombs hit <sup>little to right</sup> cross roads, briefed target  
 2 runs on target, - 1st run evasive action throws  
 aim off, -  
 Alt 11,900-  
 T.O.T. → 1032.

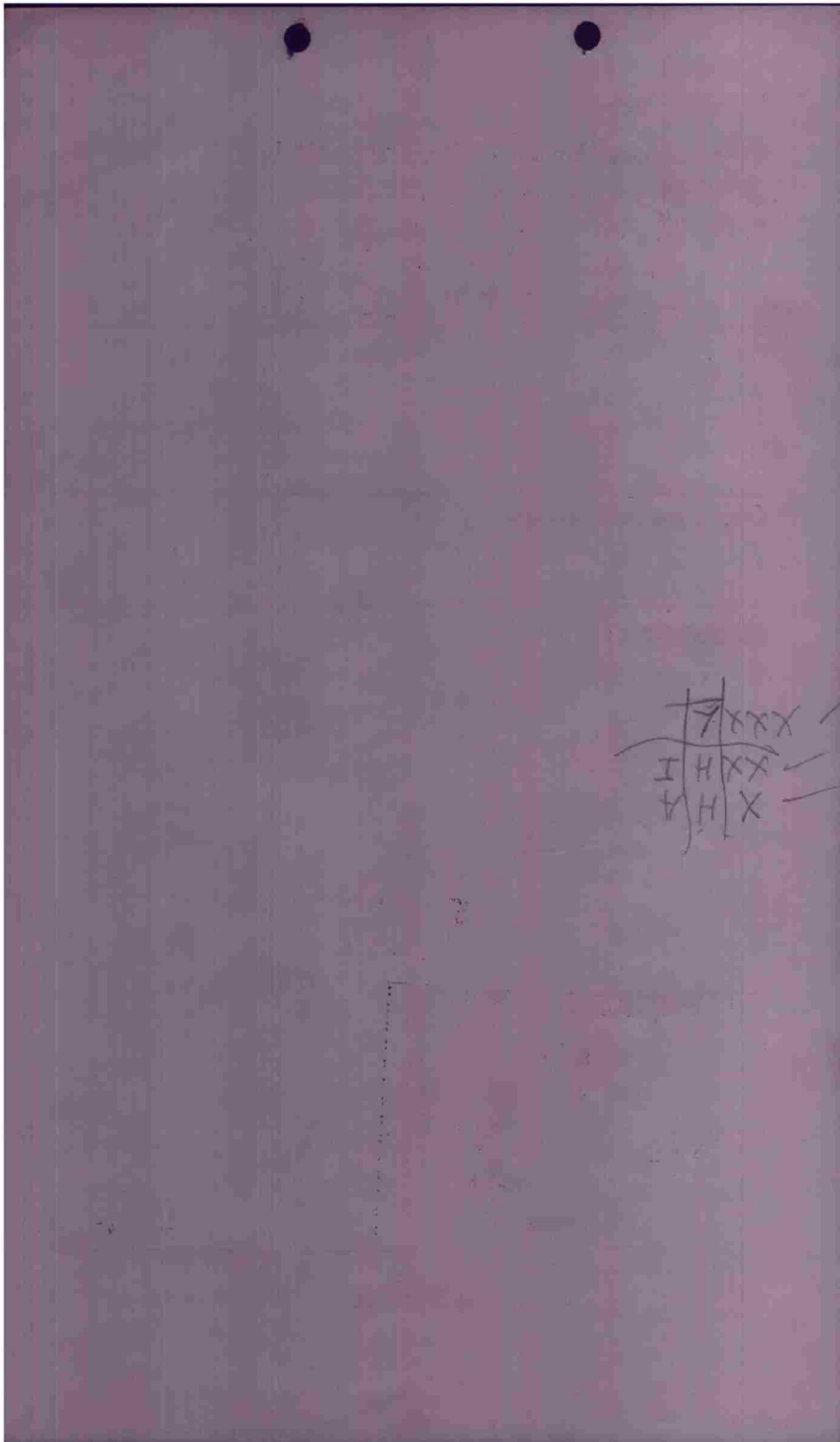
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PILOT STEBBINS A/C# 304 BOX II FLT 1

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

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

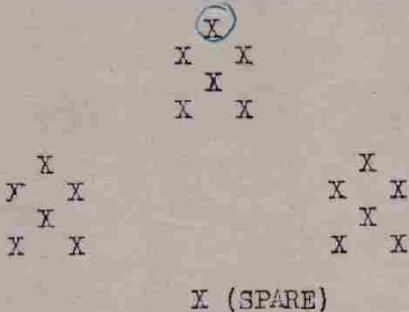
FLAK : XX N/A at this F2T - T9T.  
X N/A at B/L.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

*bombs in the town on crossroads*  
*Tot 101445 1 run. 135 to bombs*  
*alt. 11000*  
*300°*  
*ds. 266.*

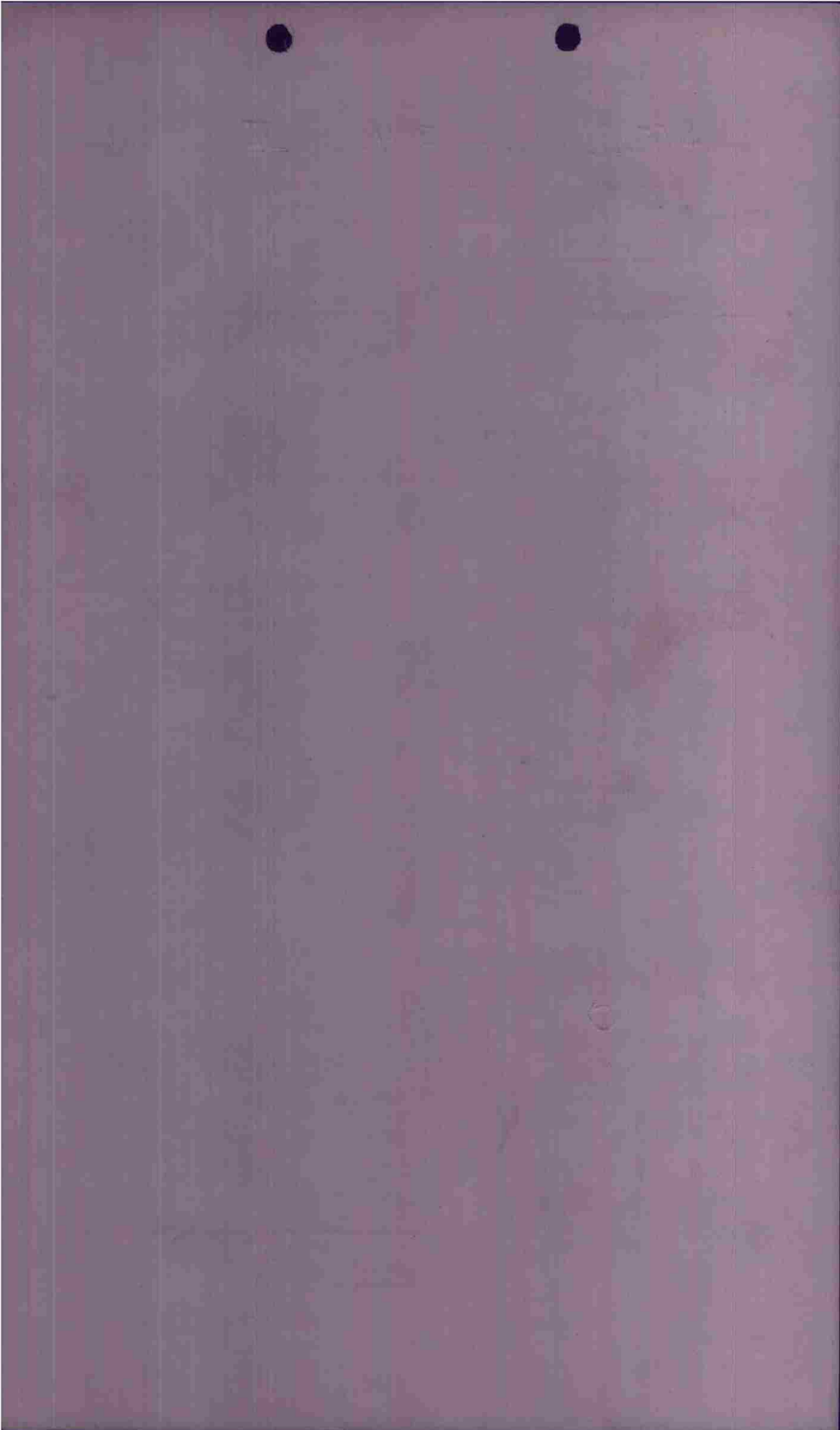
POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT VAN ROPE A/C# 244 BOX II FLT I

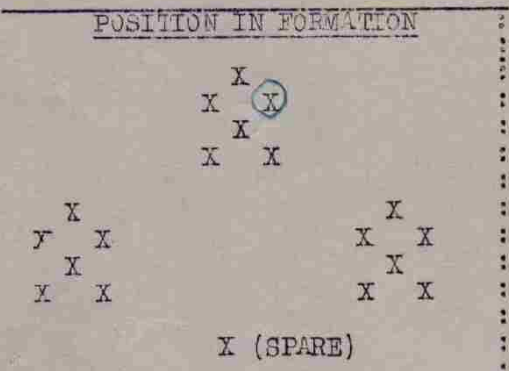
CASUALTIES

ECMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
	ON	"A"	"A-C"	"B"
<u>st</u>	X	RETURNED		
<u>1 run</u>	X	JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>	

FLAK : XXH1 - this flaps  
XH1 - going in & out

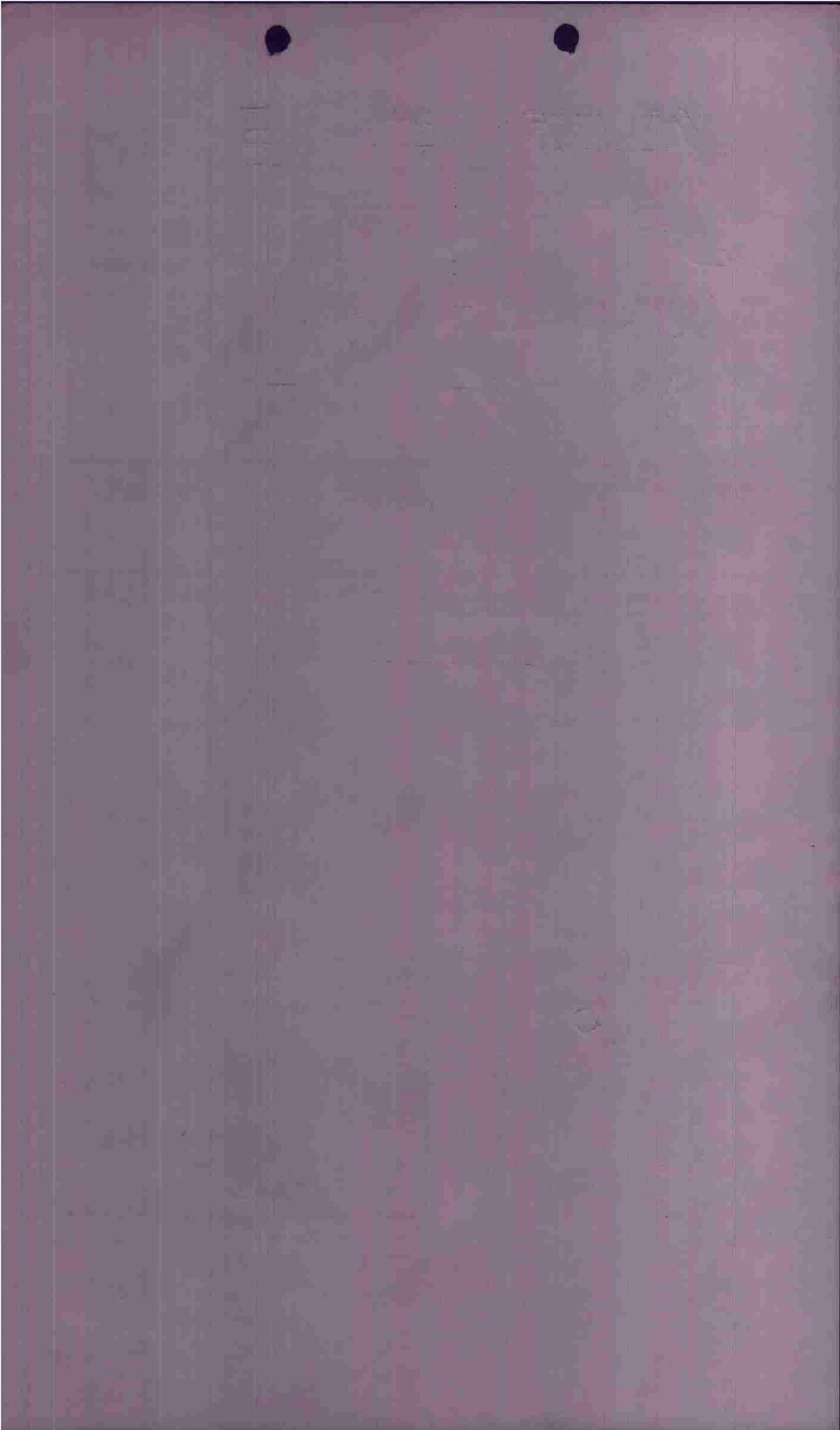
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS : Smack on  
no activity on RS



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PILOT DUNN A/C# 271 BOX II FLT 1

CASUALTIES

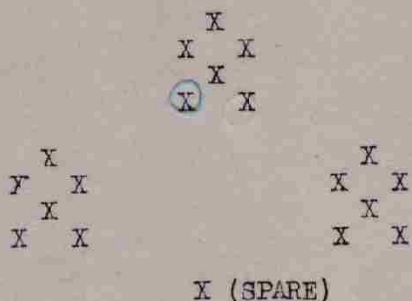
BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON	:	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED	:	:	:	:
X JETTISONED	:	nil	:	:

FLAK : XXH1 for this flight  
XH1 bombing

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : no traffic at RS

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PILOT HACKLEY A/C# 362 BOX II FLT 1

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

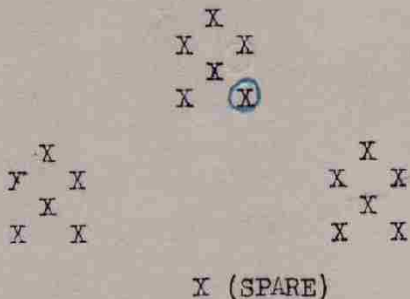
*XXHI at target area at this A/C*  
*XHI at bombline*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

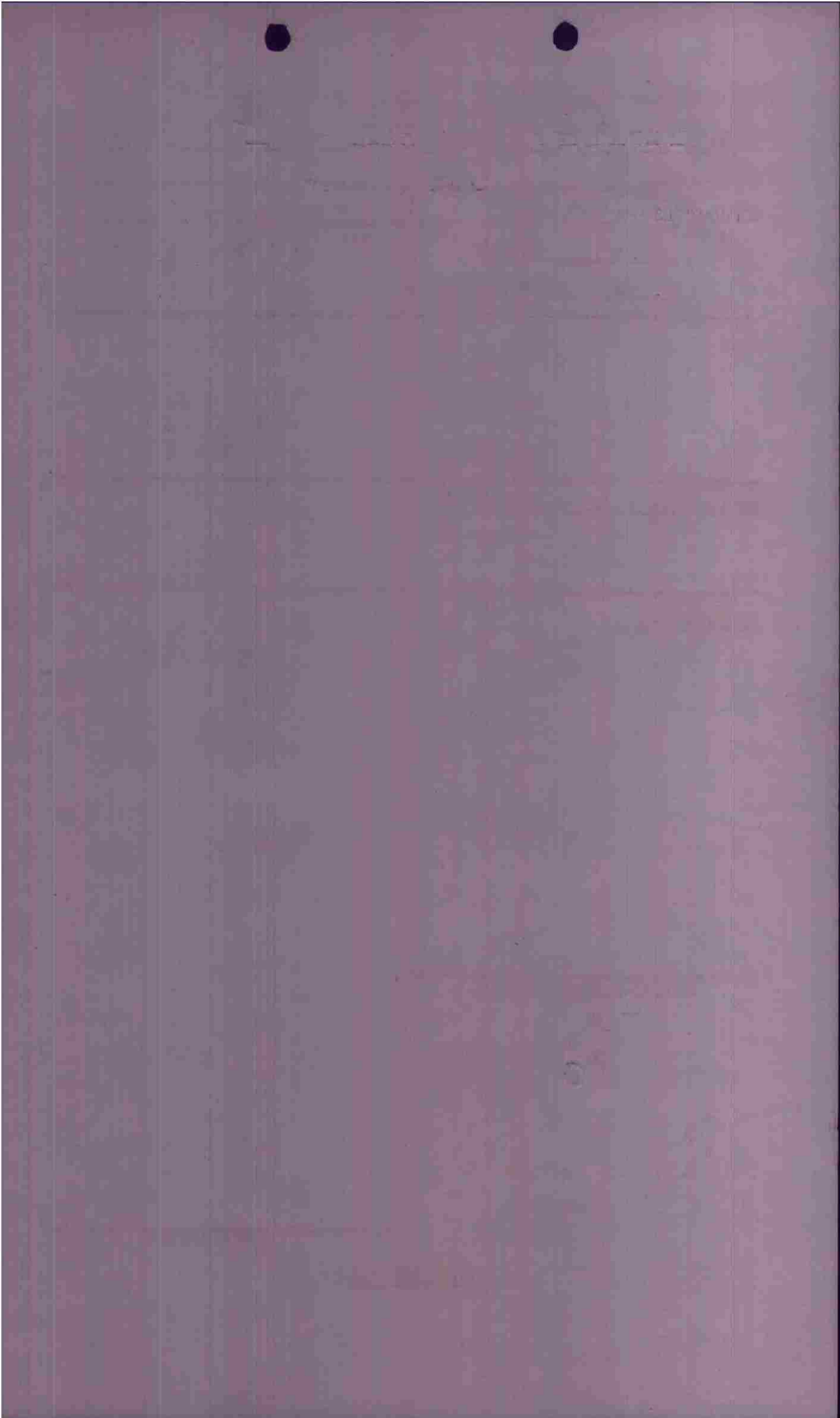
*Bombs hit at R/S in town.*  
*Heavy smoke at town & other*  
*towns in area.*

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PILOT SORRELS A/C# 338 BOX II FLT 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
4 X	ON P.V.			
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : X H inaccurate at 1/19.  
X HA - in on B.L.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

 P 47's

OBSERVATIONS :

one run.  
hits into run - sup.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
    (X)
     X X

X      X
Y X   X
X      X
X      X

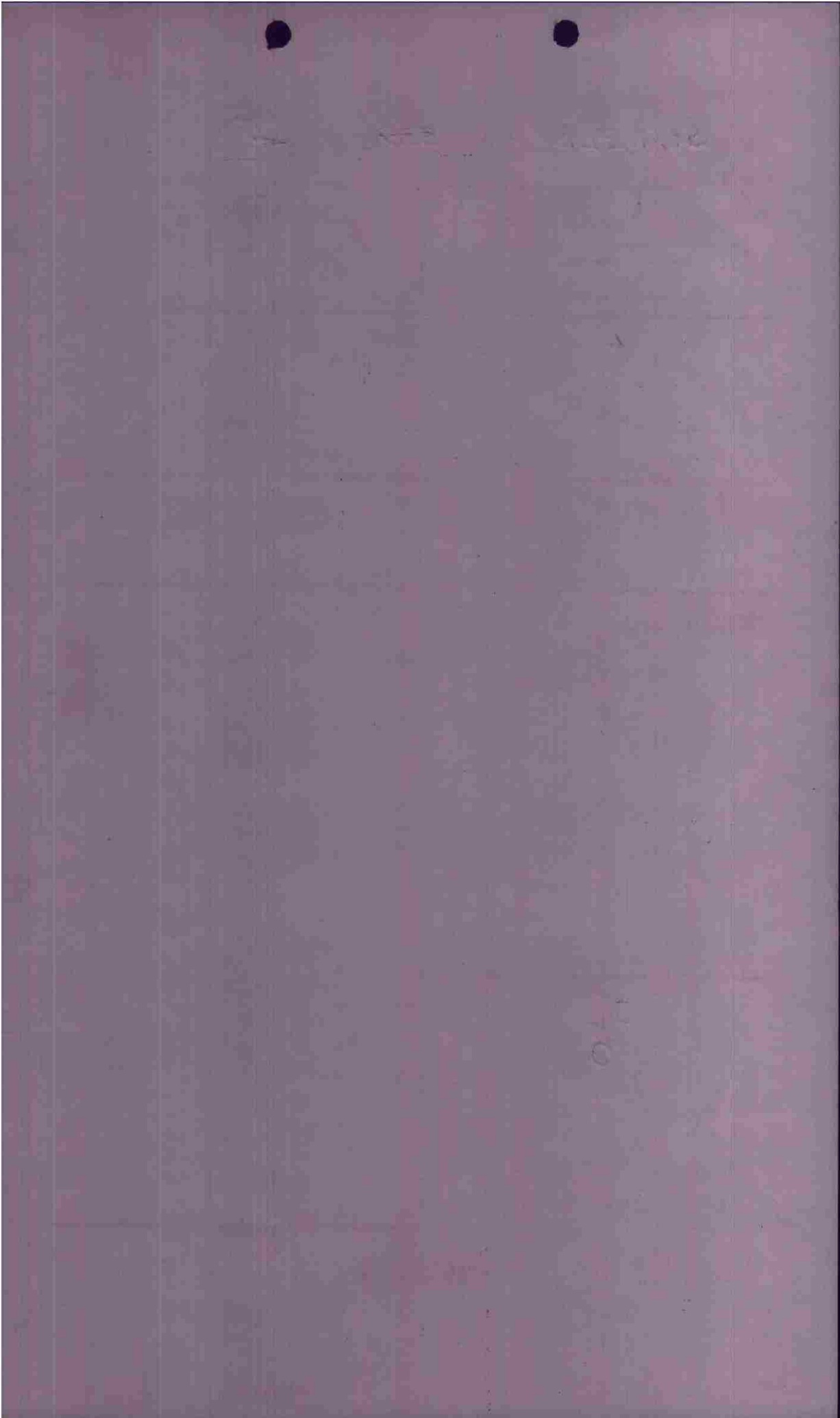
X (SPARE)

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PILOT WILLARD A/C# 351 FOX II FLT I

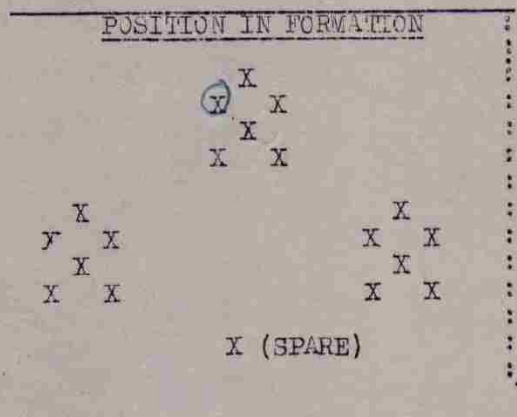
CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

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

FLAK : B. h in - XH1  
just before B. away to <sup>XXV</sup>XH1 - he saw gen. at  
B. h. out - at 3rd flt Base  
XH1

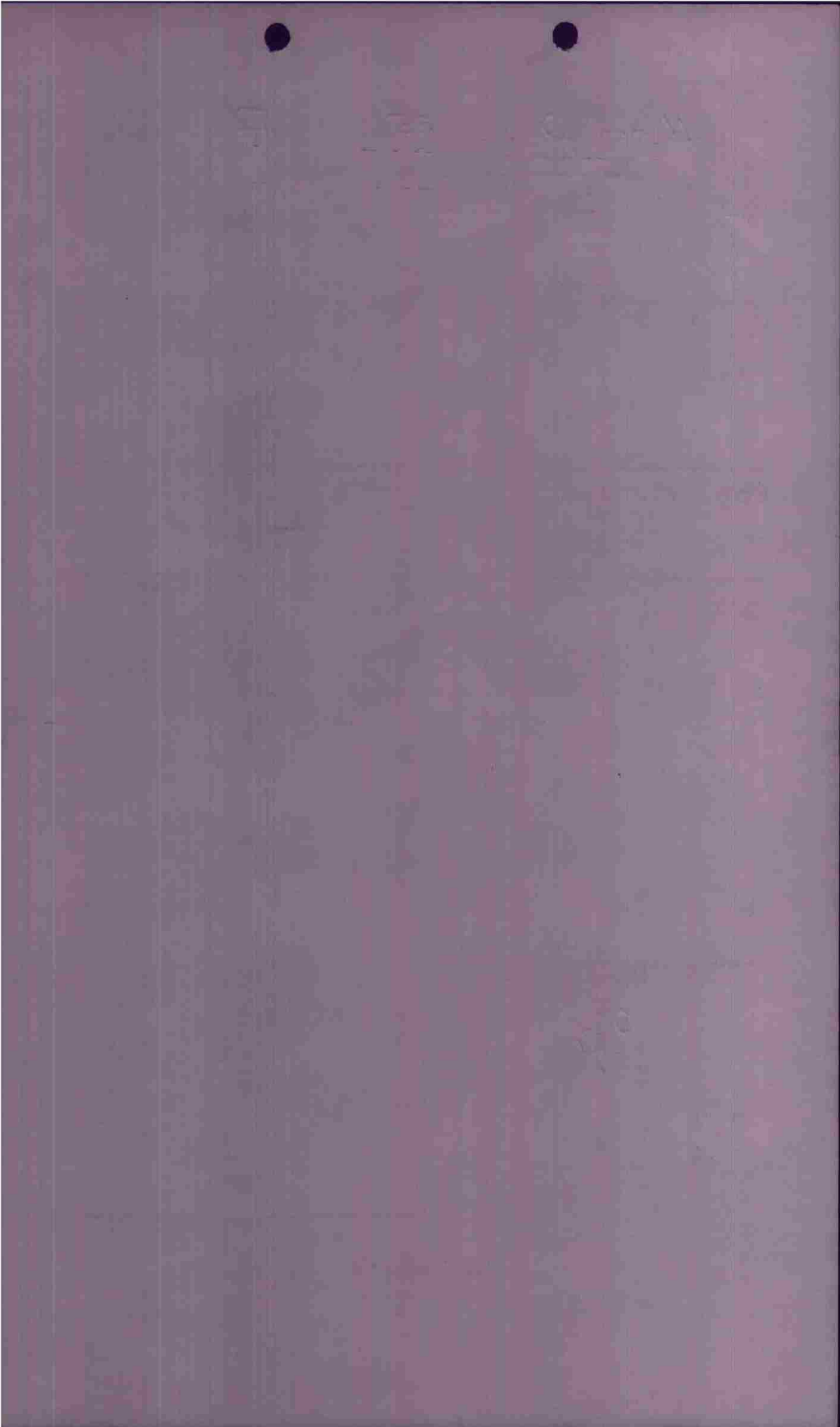
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : silenced at B.L.

OBSERVATIONS : hit in middle of town  
plane salvaged hours circling & leave  
R.P. - hit in town -



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PILOT BARAUSKI A/C# 503 BOX II FET 2

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

*Landed away at Y 57 - Flak  
Crash landed.  
A/C washed out*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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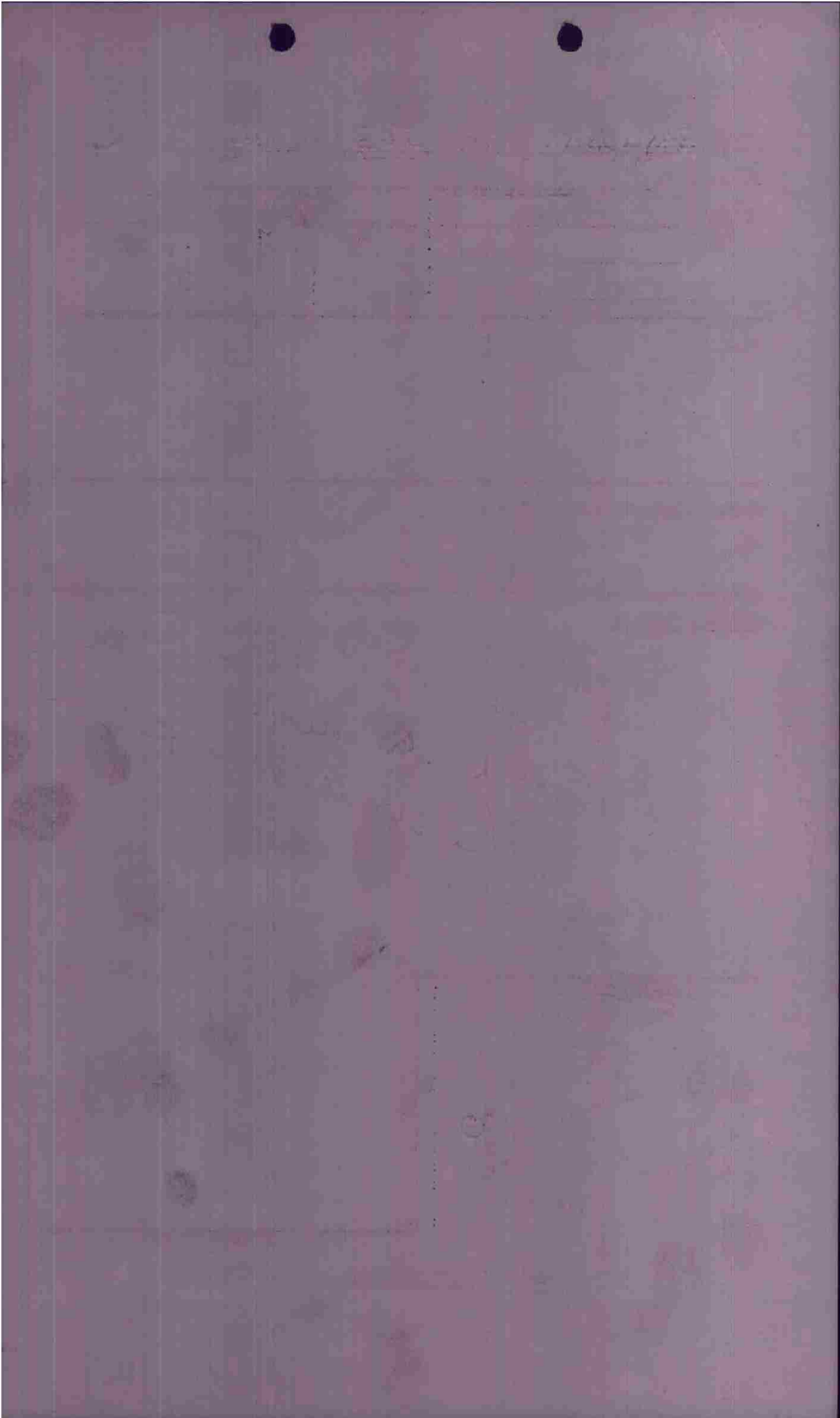
      X
     X X
      X
     X X

  X   X   X
 Y   X   X   X
  X   X   X   X
 X   X   X   X

      X (SPARE)
    
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PILOT STANKOWSKI A/C# 416 BOX II FAP 2

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

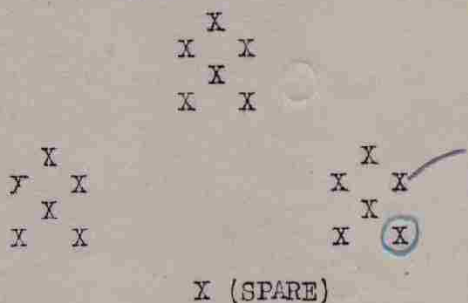
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

None

OBSERVATIONS :

Rear part of nacelle of  
Right Engine of #2 was  
blown off just before Bombs  
away -  
One Run

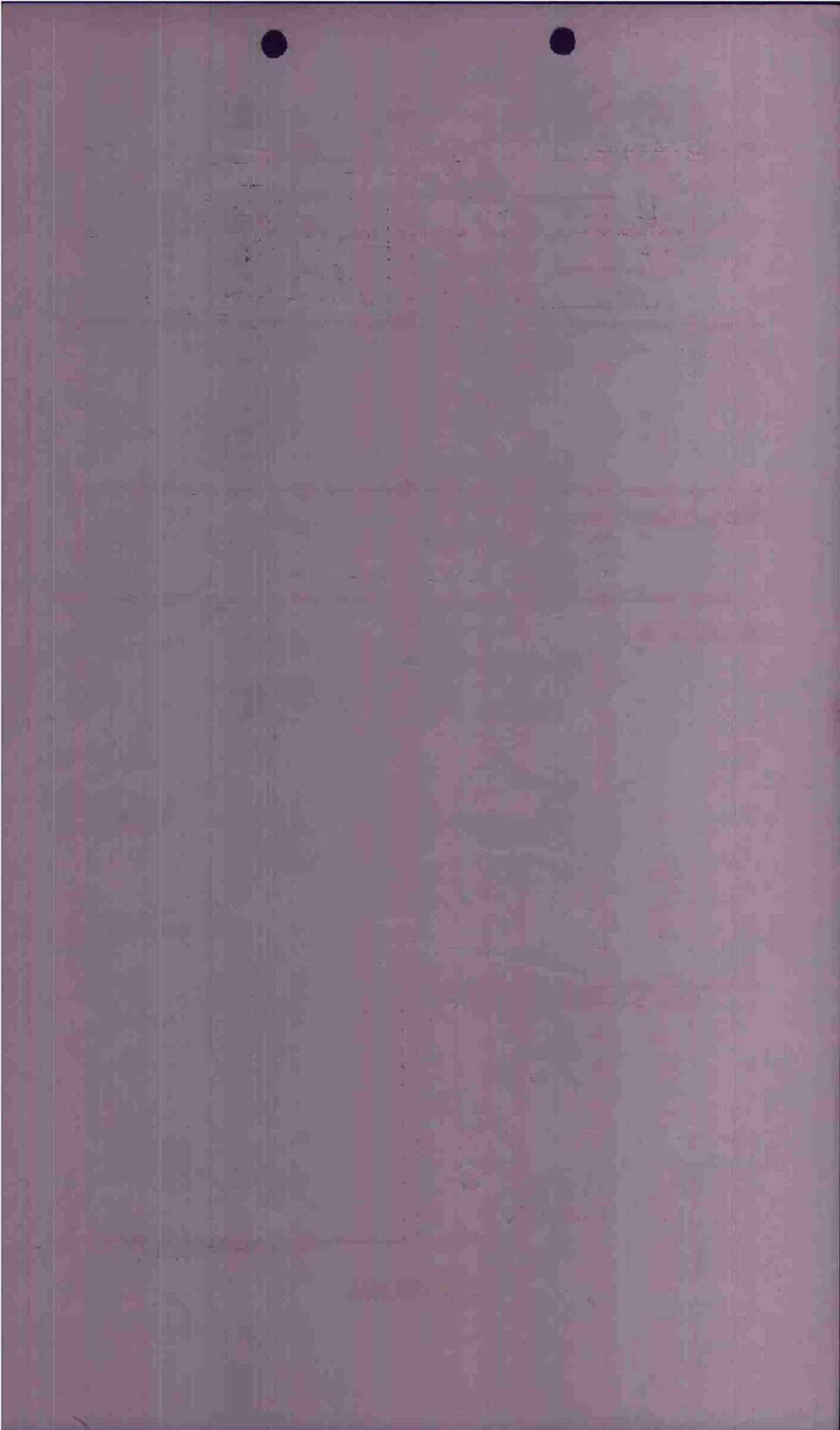
POSITION IN FORMATION



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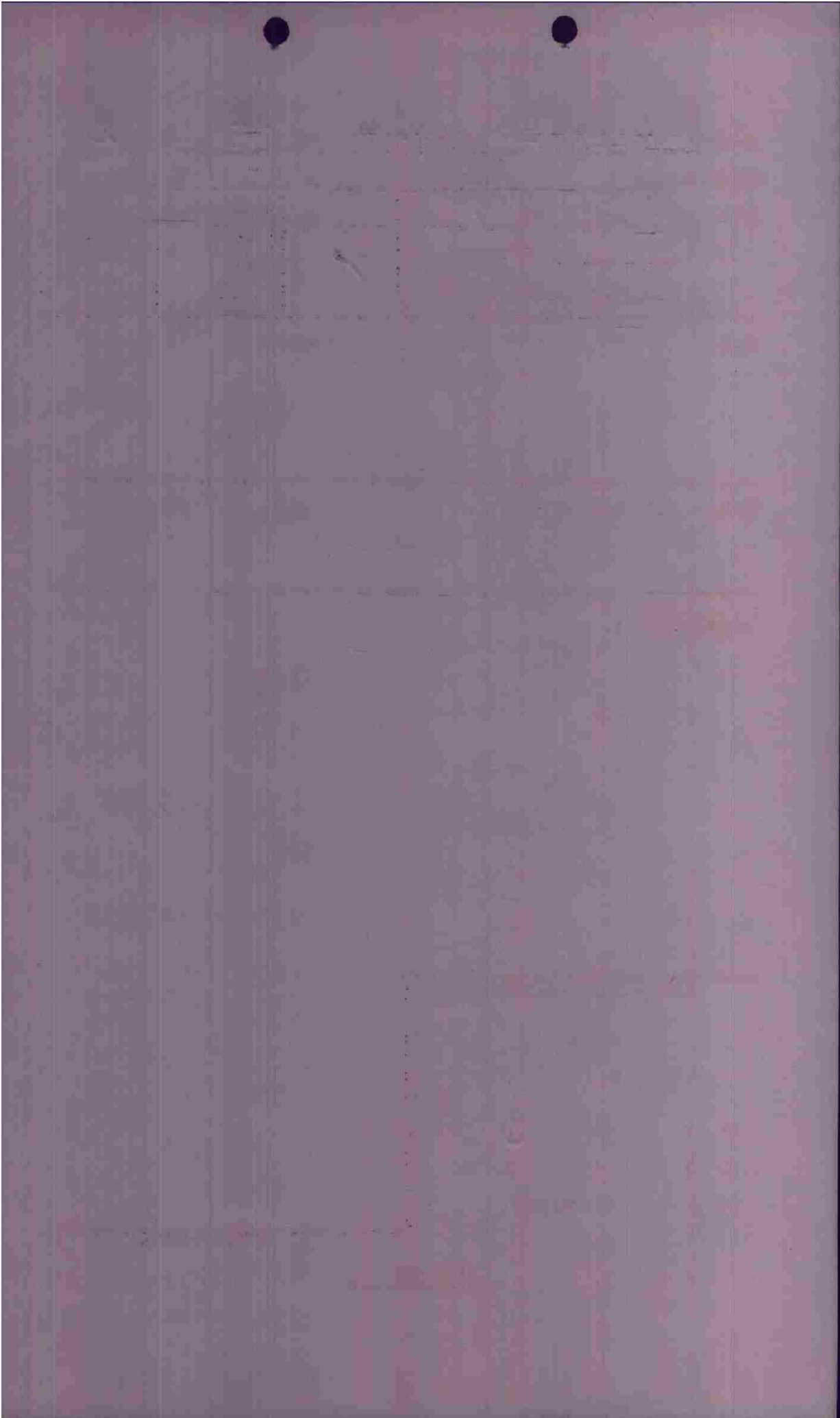
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PILOT BISHOP A/C# 205 BOX II FLT 2

CASUALTIES

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

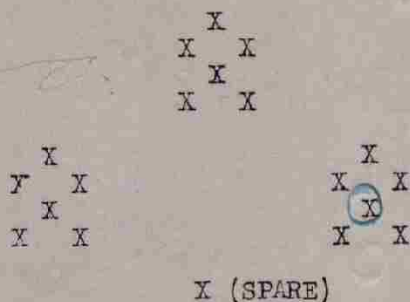
FLAK : XX HA over target, XX HI on B.h on way in and out.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Roads had road blocks, antman in area E of Bomb line - Bombs hit just west of X rls -

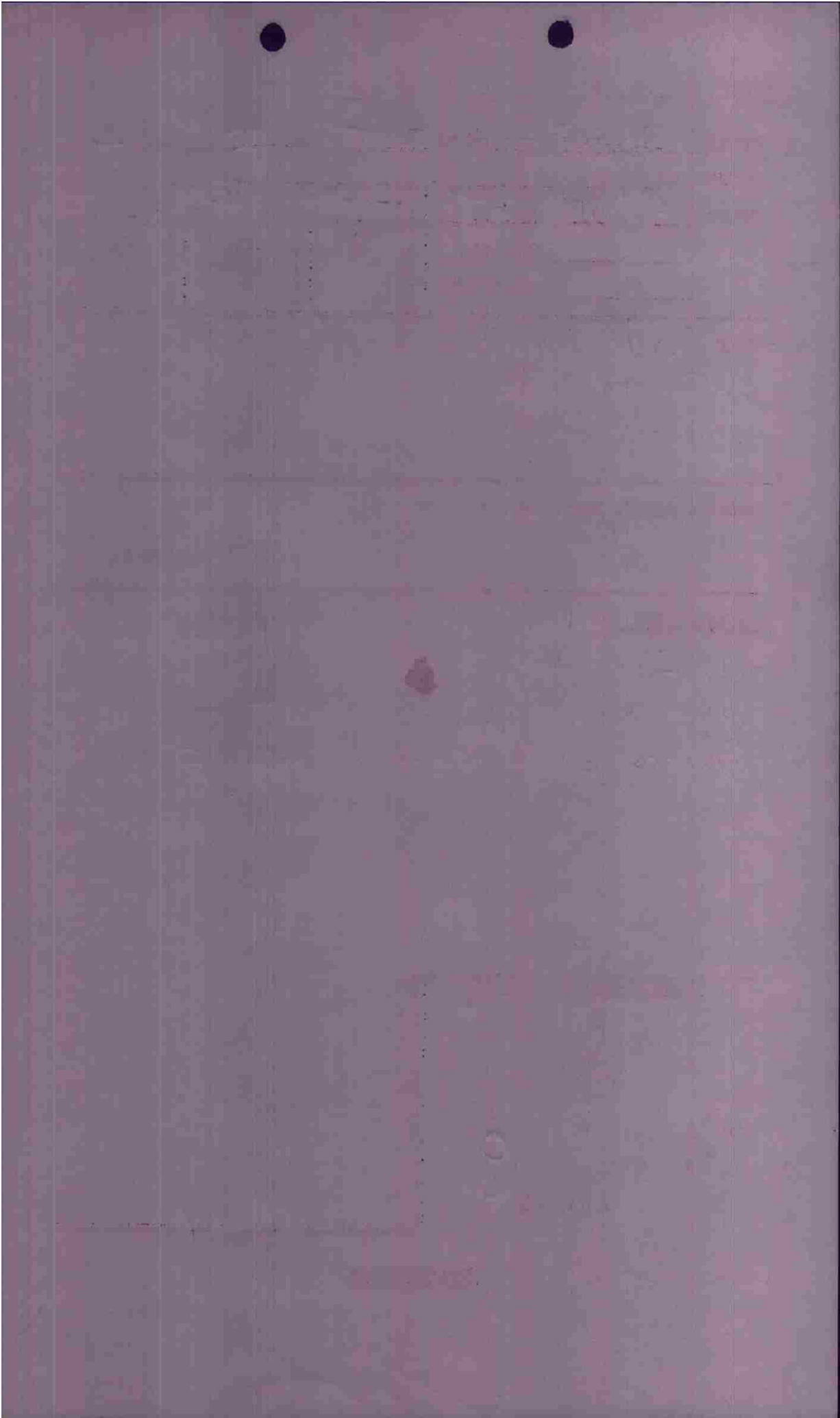
3 to 4 Bridges still intact in area. F 92,20

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PILOT HENSON A/C# 232 BOX II FEB 2

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

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

FLAK :

*Flak just over bomb line as briefed - XX HA at target.*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

*Did not see bombs hit.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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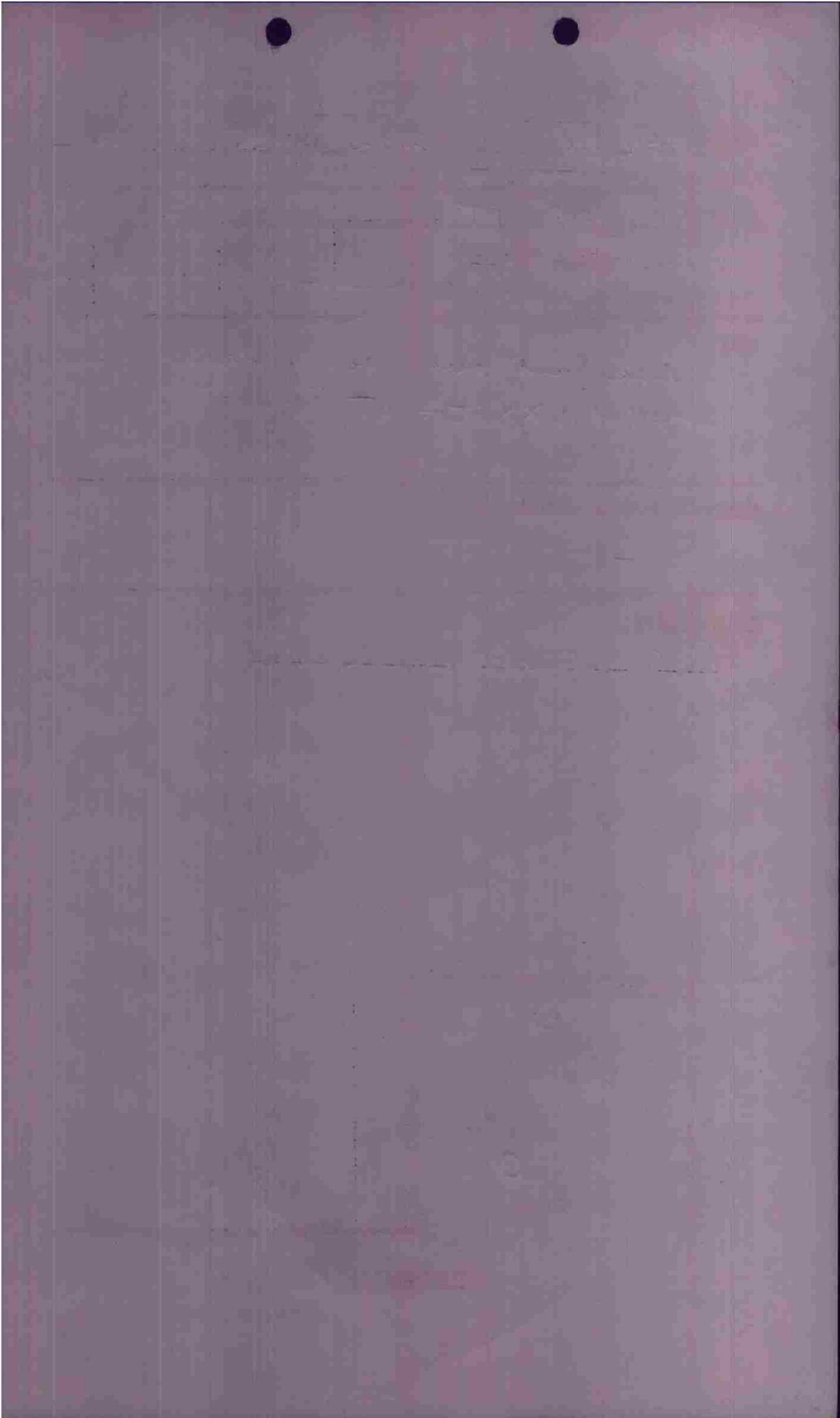
      X
     X X
      X
     X X
X      X      X
Y      X      X
X      X      X
X      X      X
X (SPARE)

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PILOT ERATABERE A/C# 528 BOX II FLT 2

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : XXHA right over target  
XXHI at bomb line both  
in & out

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

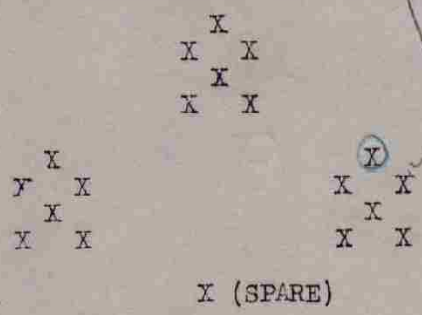
OBSERVATIONS :

Did not see bombs hit

Right engine hit - peeled  
off & headed back - keeping  
prop feathered

TOT - 1014 1/4  
Alt - 290  
alt - 10500  
ATI - 210

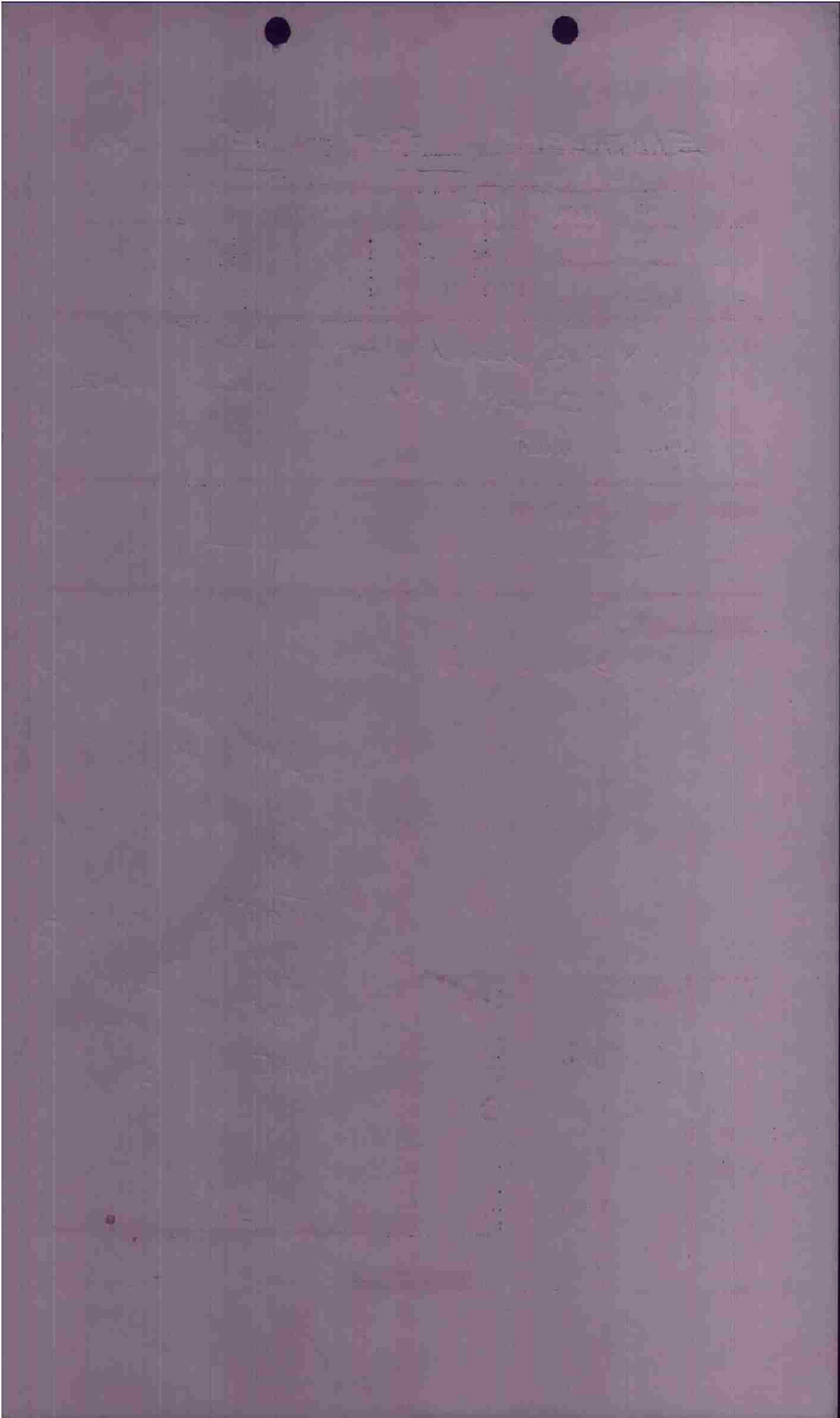
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PILOT EVANS A/C# 481 BOX II FLT 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>4</u> X <u>1800</u> ON <u>Pc</u>		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED	:	:	:
X	JETTISONED	:	✓	:

FLAK :

*XX-XXXX before reaching tgt & on turn off*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : *3 runs on tgt.*

*tot. 1031*

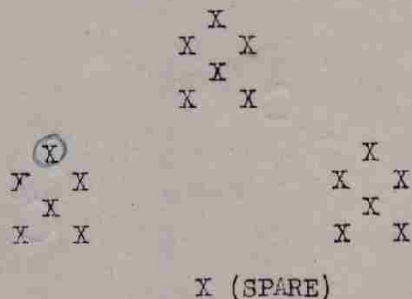
*alt - 10200*

*Head - 290°*

*I.A.S. 210*

*No emergency radio procedure.  
No obs at target. Several times smoke.*

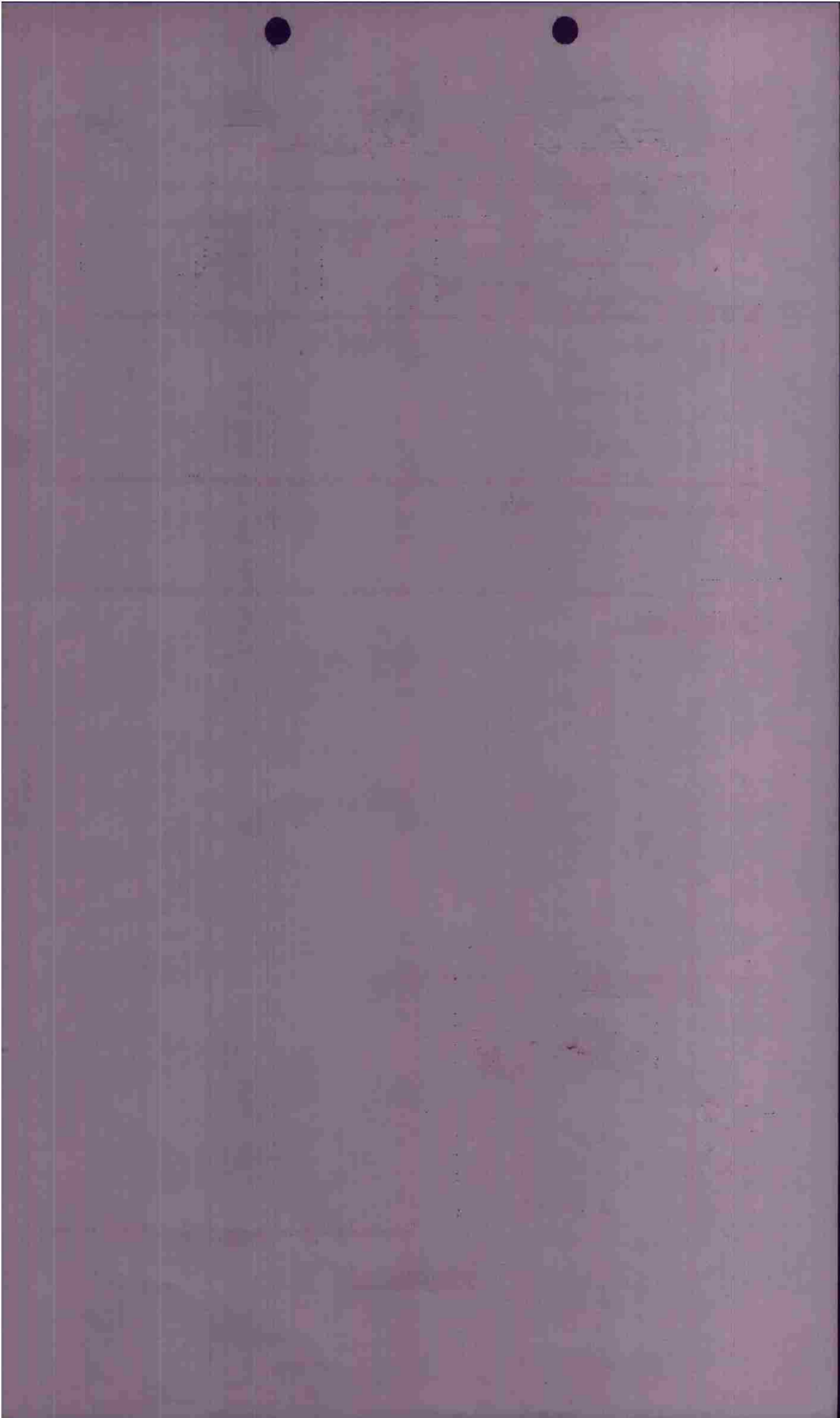
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PILOT TANK A/C# 378 BOX II FLT 3

CASUALTIES

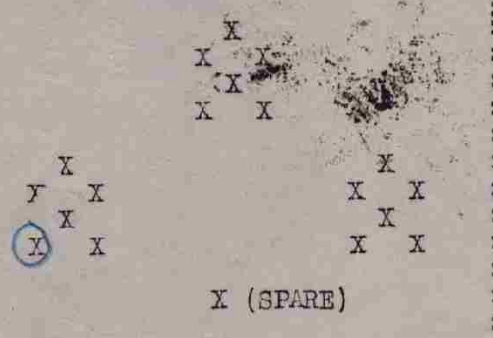
BOMBS :	ON	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
4	X 1000	X			
		X			
		X			

FLAK : XKHA - target  
 XH1 - bombing in & out

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

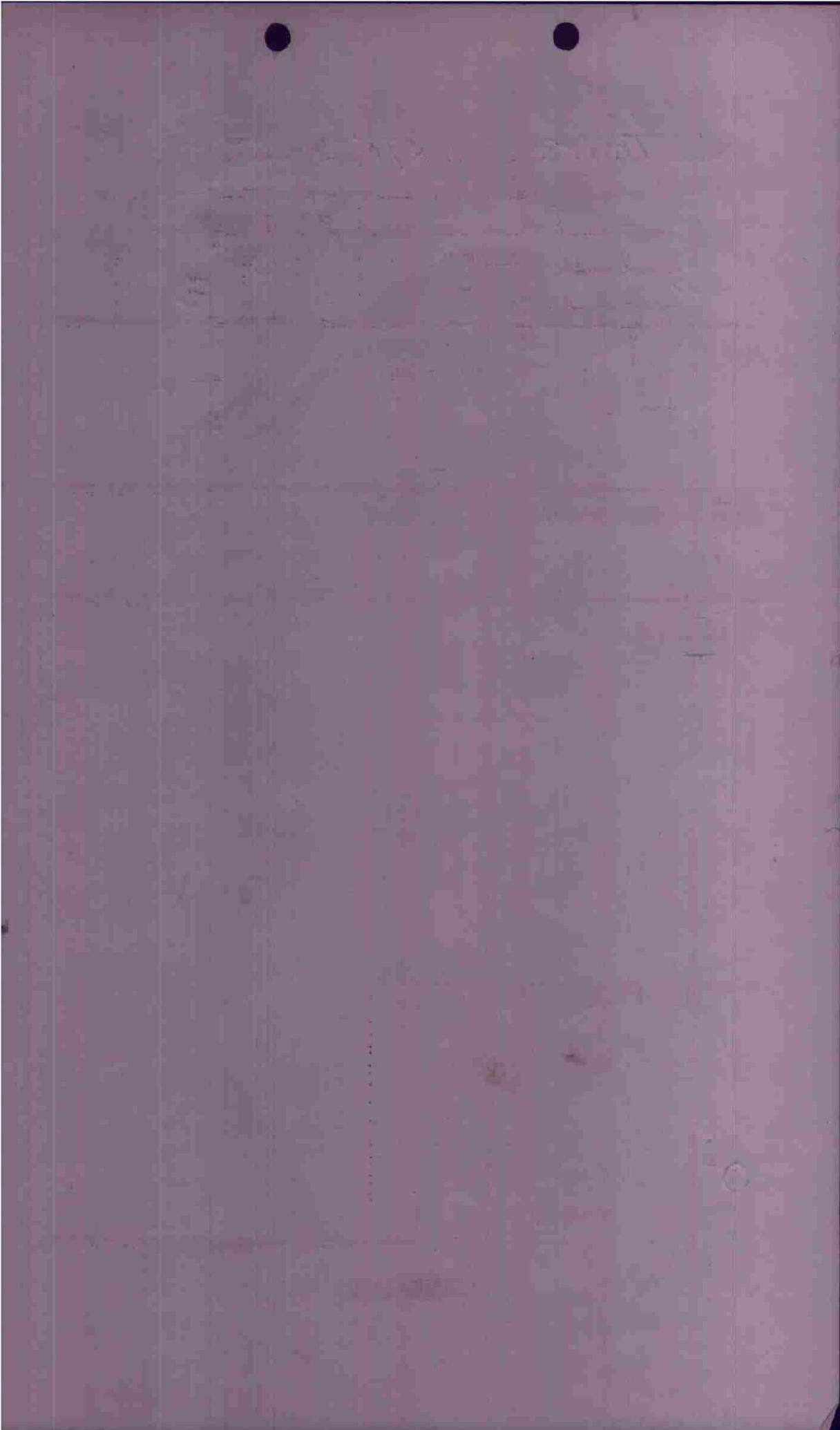
OBSERVATIONS : Good pattern on R  
 no movement on road.

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PILOT COLQUITT A/C# 259 BOX II FLT 3

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :  
*XXHA at target*  
*XHI at bombline*

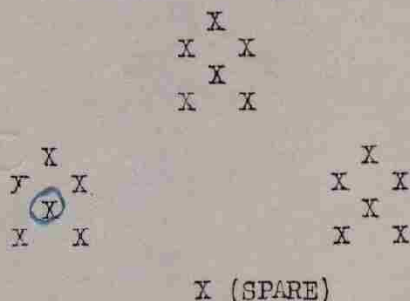
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

*(Handwritten scribble)*

OBSERVATIONS :

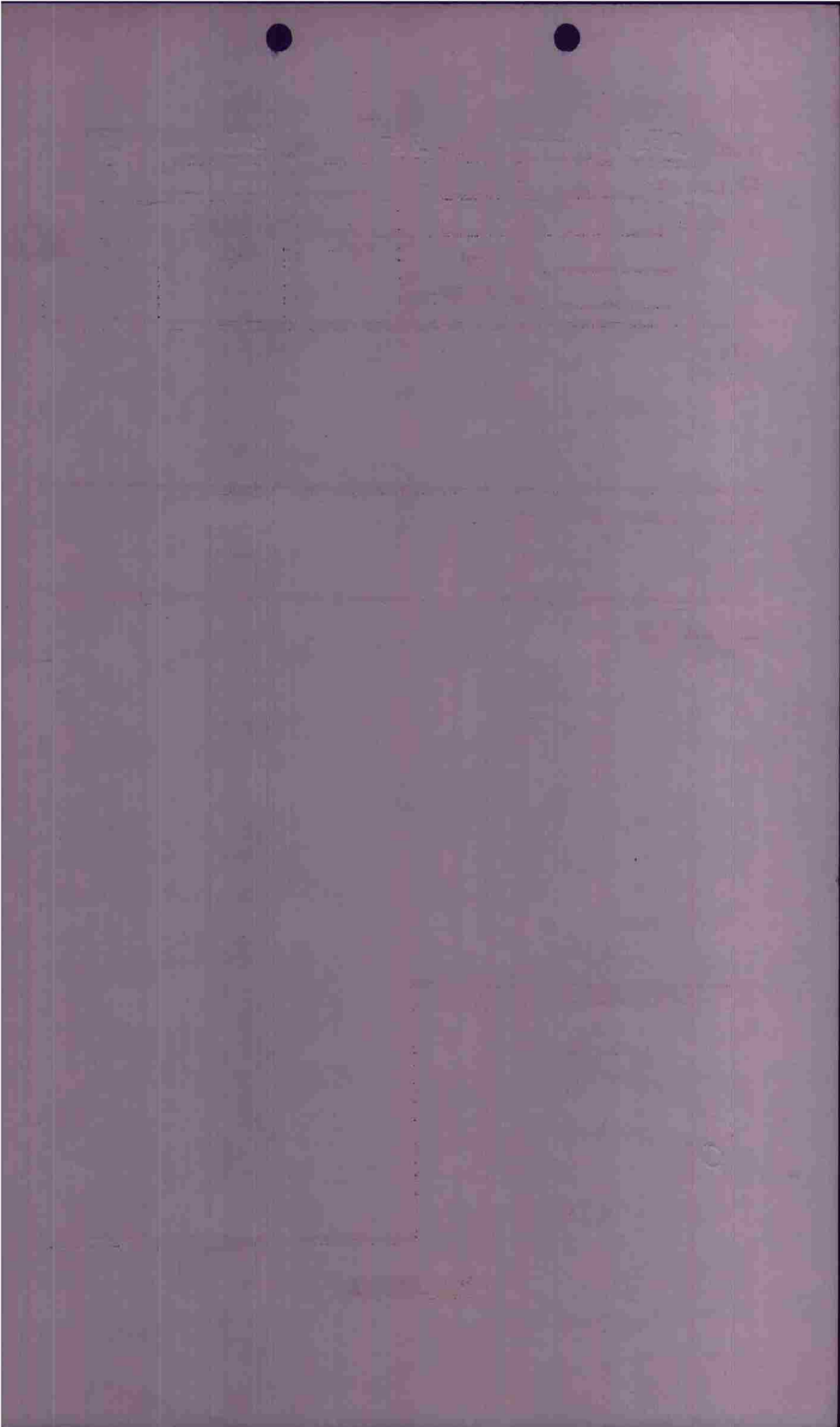
*Bombs burst in town. This flight hit on right side of town.*

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PILOT RUSSELL A/C# 335 BOX II FLT 3

CASUALTIES

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

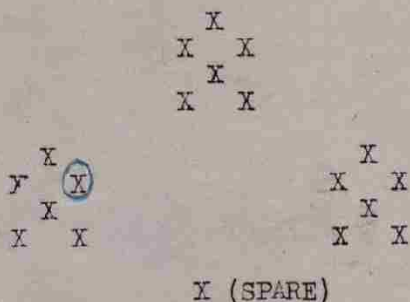
FLAK : XX-XXXHA at target & turn off.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

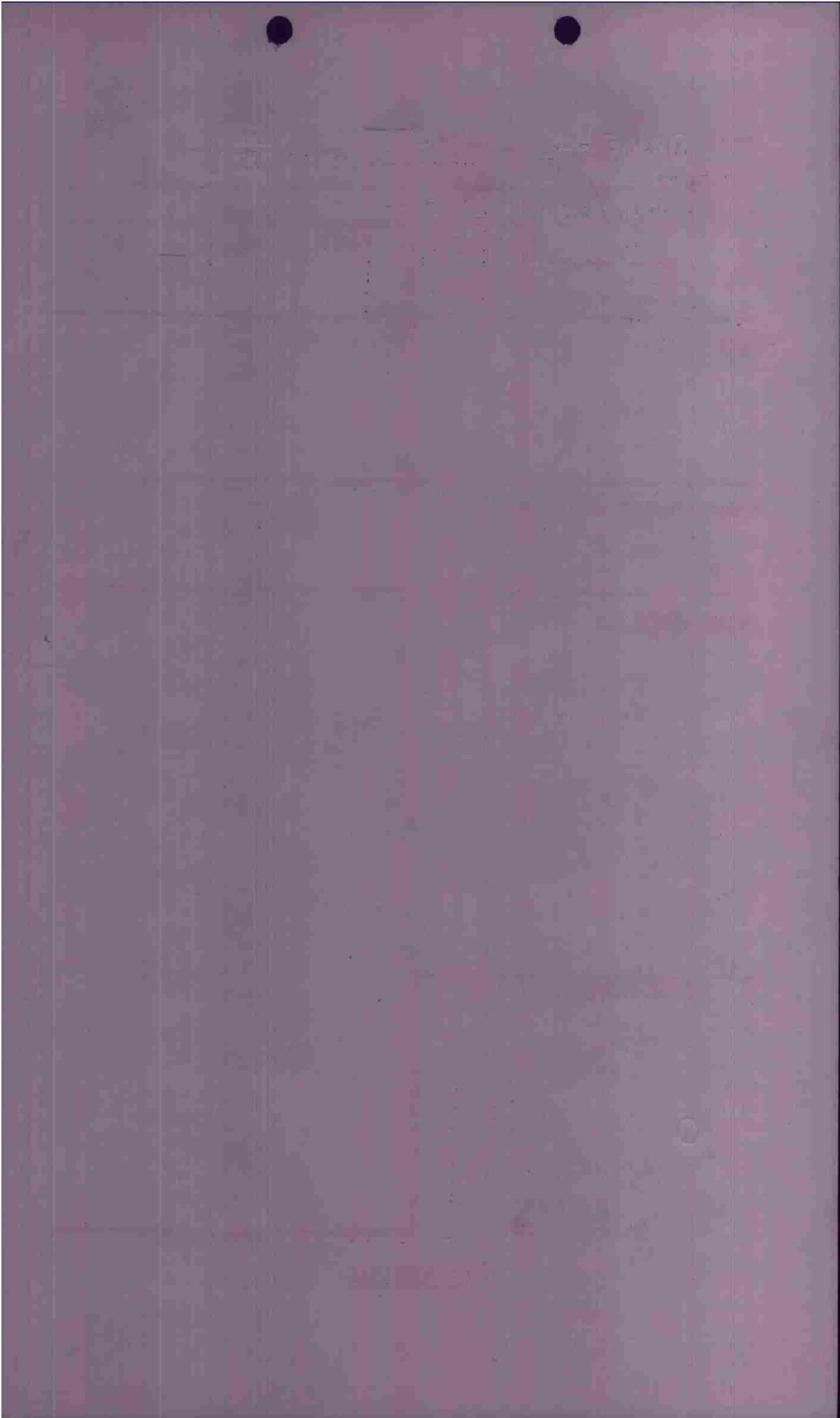
no obs at target -  
Heavy smoke from the towers

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PILOT DRUM A/C# 325 BOX II FLT 3

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : XHI on 1st run.  
 XXHI on 2nd run  
 XHHA on 3rd run over target.

XHI at bombline.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

no obs at target. crew busy with damage A/c.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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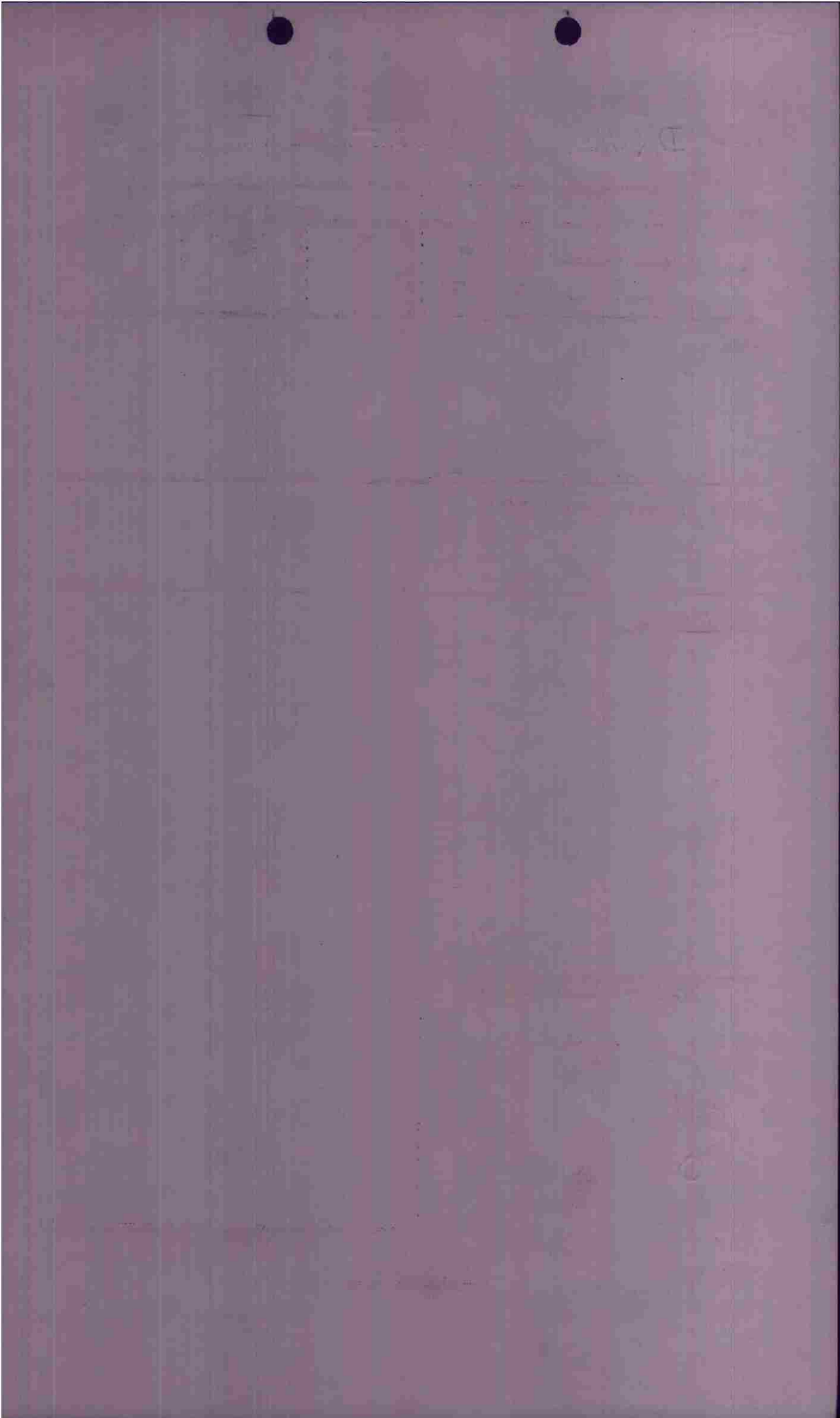
      X
     X X
      X
     X X

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

X (SPARE)
    
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PILOT PHILIPS A/C# 495 BOX II FLT 3

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : XAAA Tgt.  
XNIA R/L

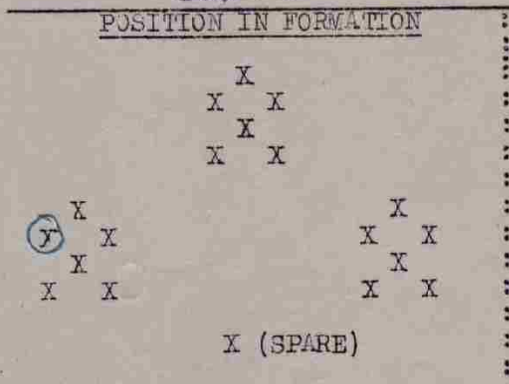
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

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OBSERVATIONS :

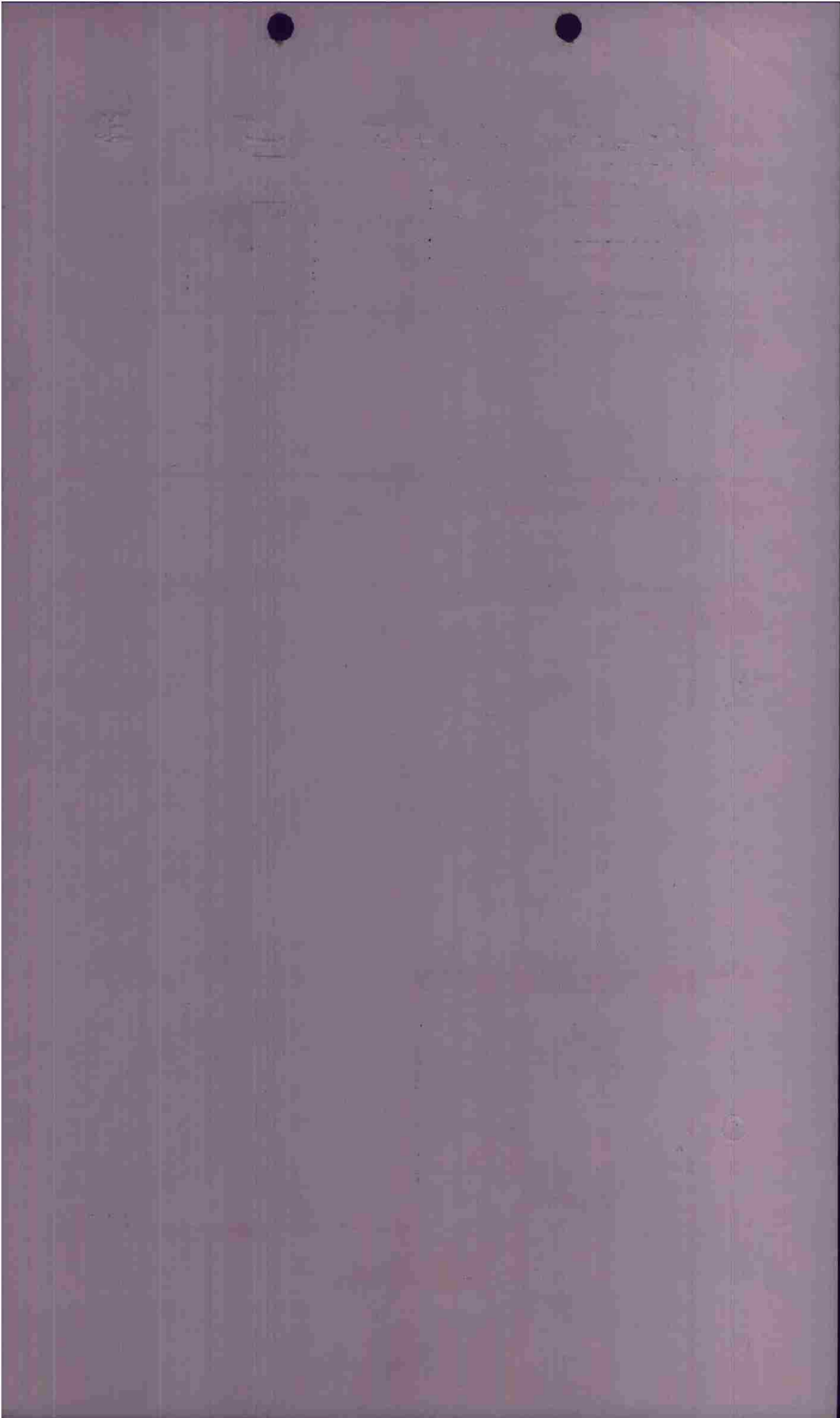
3 runs.  
6-9 guns at Tgt firing visually

Camera.



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PILOT Jacobsen A/C# 505 BOX III FLT 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>4</u> X <u>1060</u> ON	:	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
_____ X _____ RETURNED	:	✓		
_____ X _____ JETTISONED	:			

FLAK : XXXX at Tgt

KWIA at 0910 area.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

2 mes.

TOT 1024

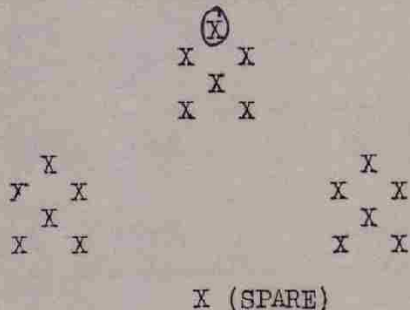
alt. 10,000

all bombs in town

B/W wounded in hands and arms.  
autos

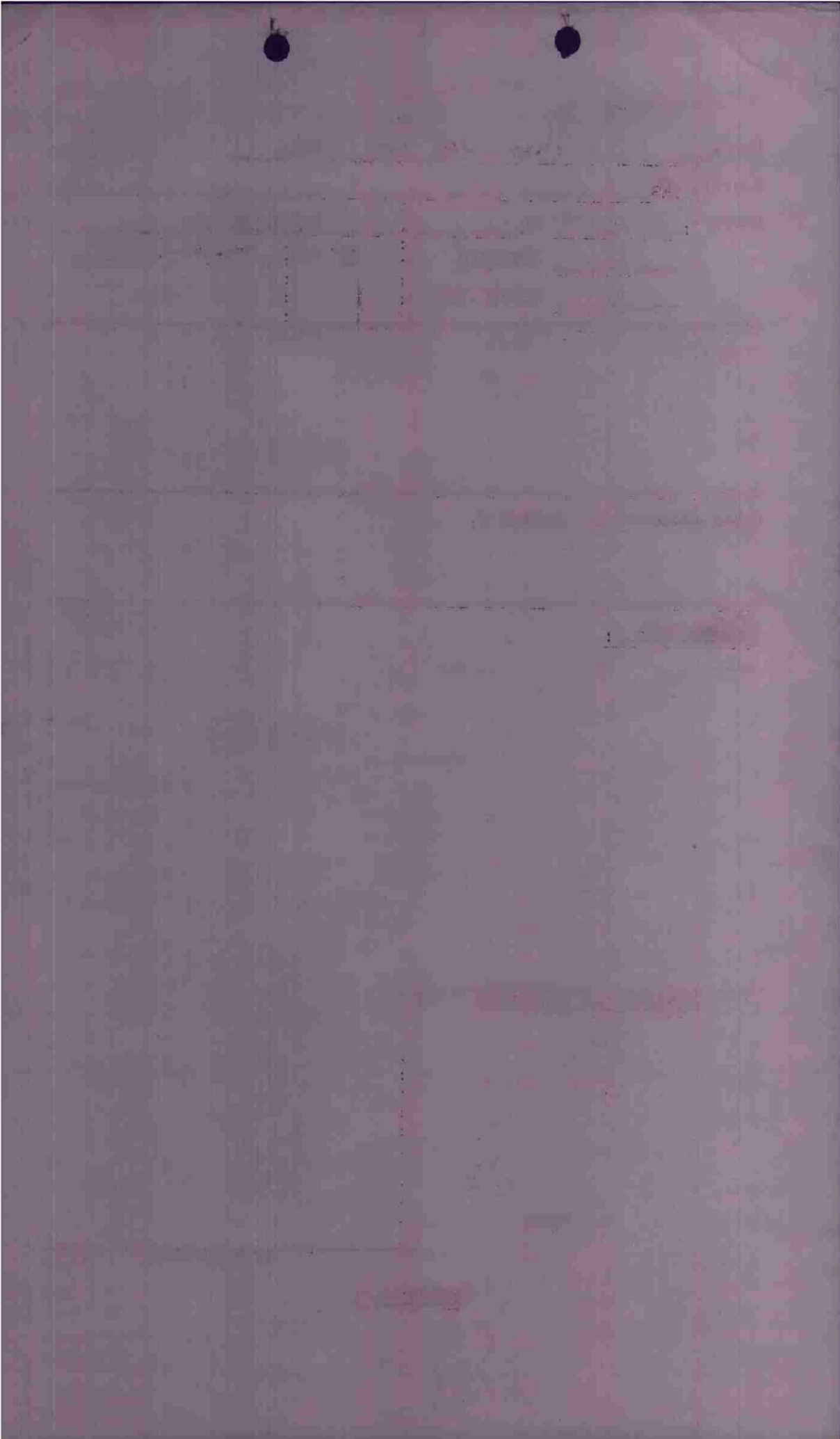
75 mes.

POSITION IN FORMATION

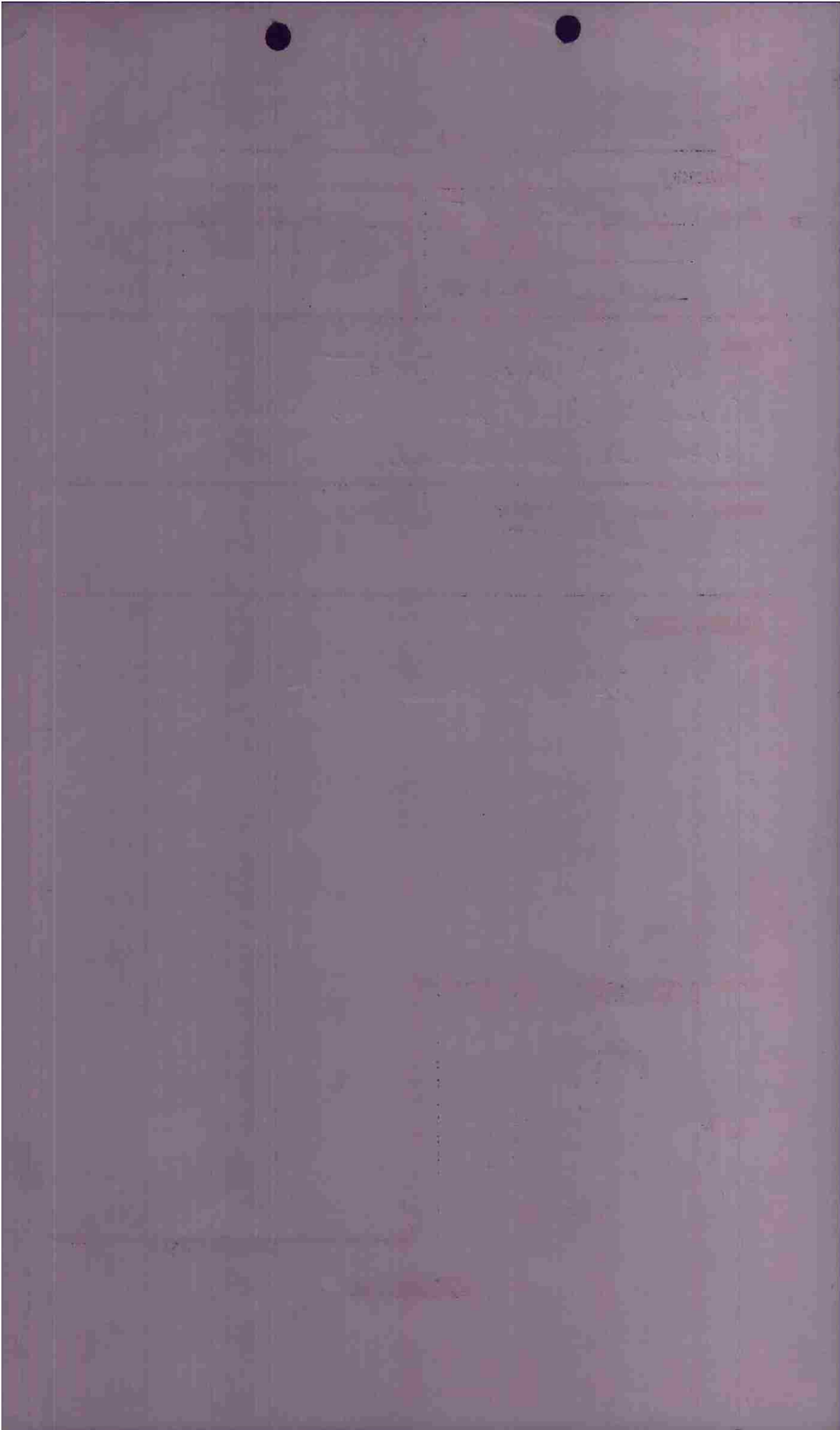


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PILOT Prucha A/C# 274 BOX III FLT 1

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

*XXHA right over target*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

*2 runs - did not see bomb hit*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
    (X)
     X X

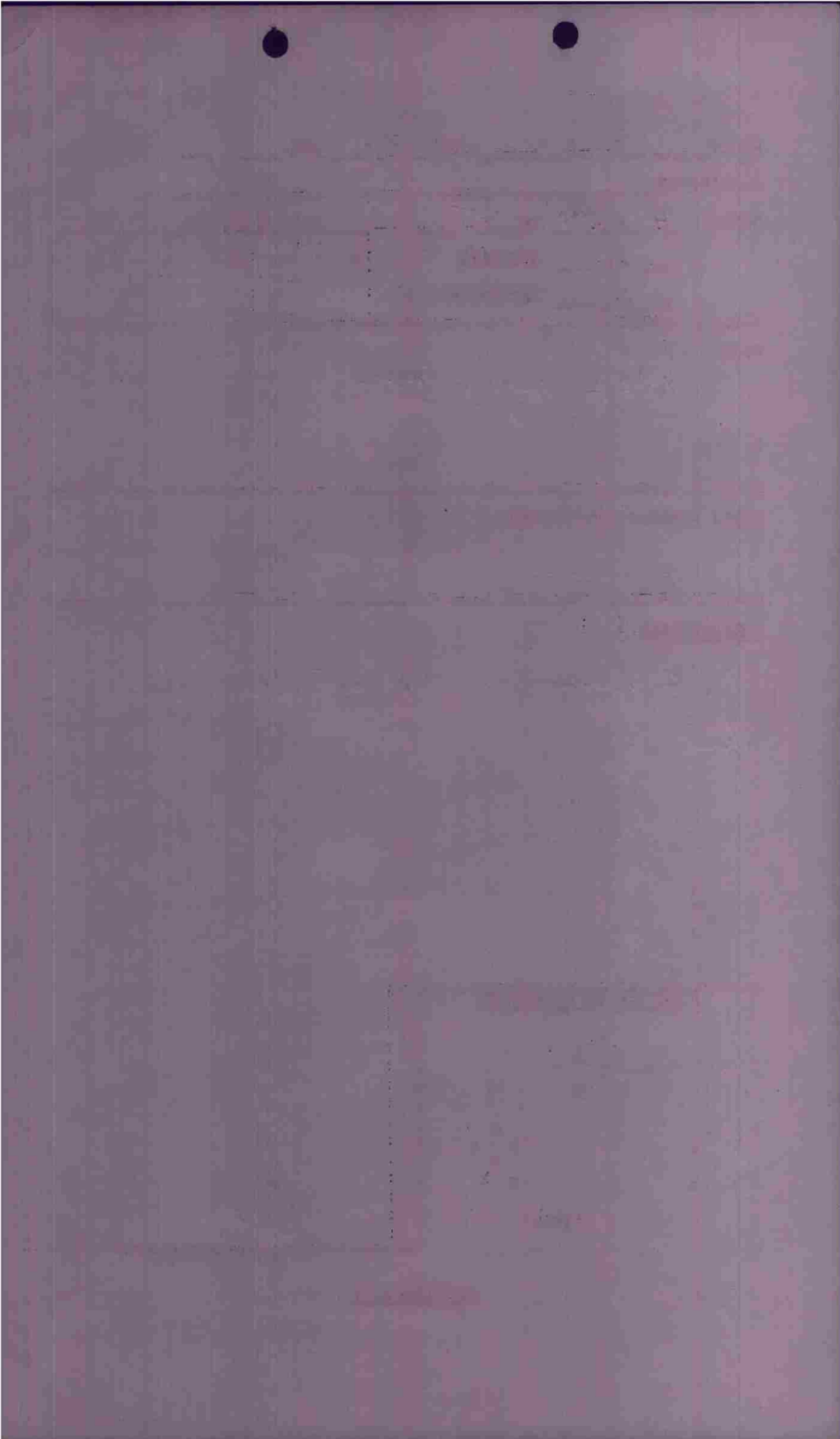
X      X
F  X  X
X
X  X

X (SPARE)
    
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PILOT Carver A/C# 2315 BOX III TIME 1

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 : just before B. away - on turn off XXH A - hit more of it on 2nd run in at B. h. - XH1

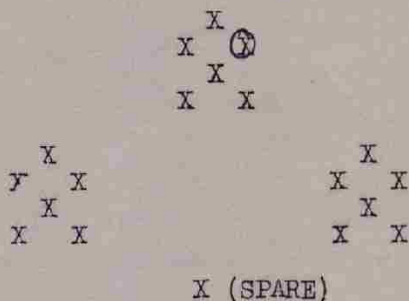
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :



OBSERVATIONS : 2 runs.

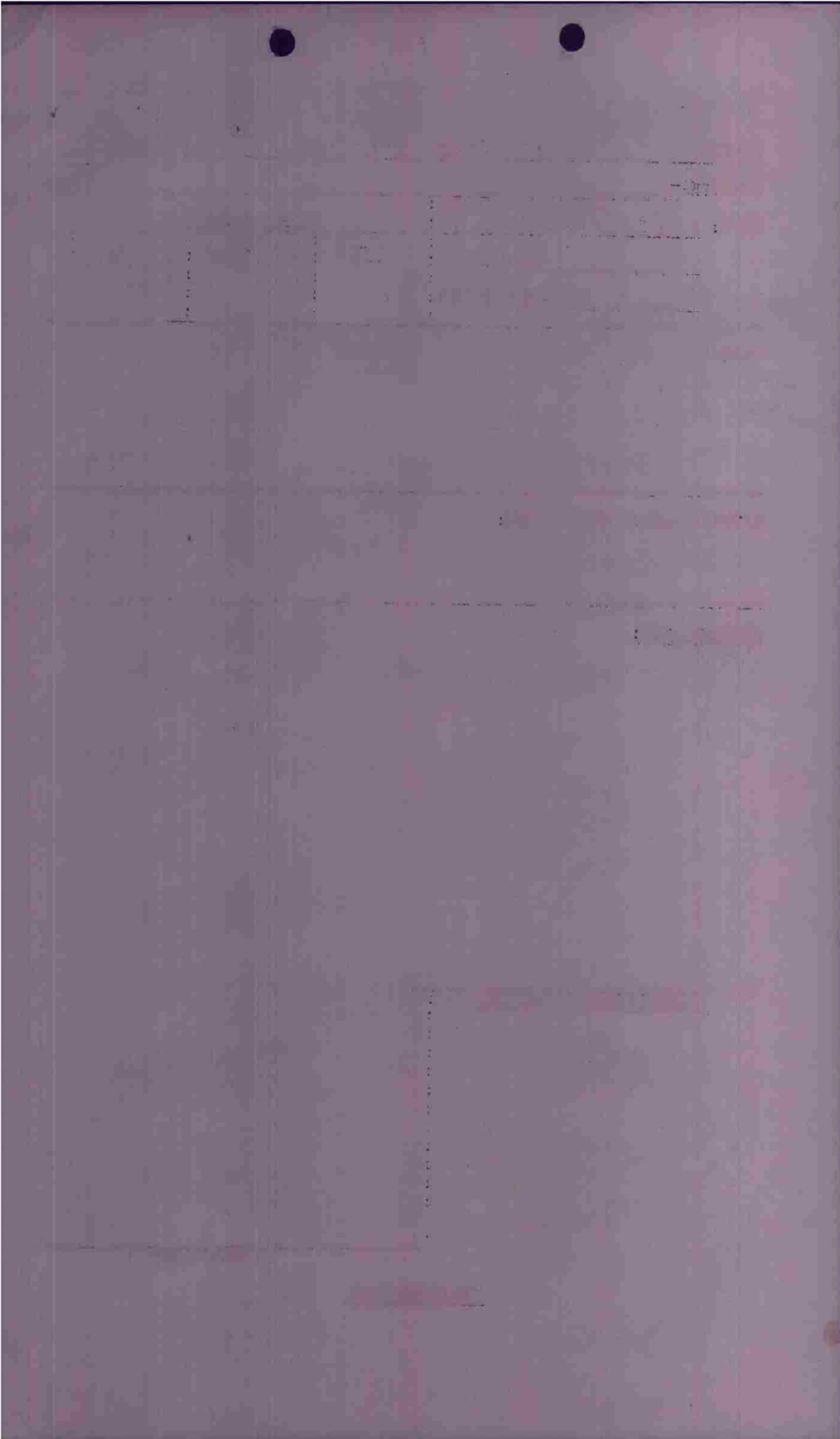
1st flt. good in center of town.  
 N-Near calling sweepstakes for bombs to crash land.  
 bombs of flt between Y - one flt ch. ch.  
 no traffic on autobahn.

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PILOT Long A/C# 305 BOX III REF 1

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : AAA at Tgt.  
KHIA B/L

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

bombs on edge of town  
lots of barges on river

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

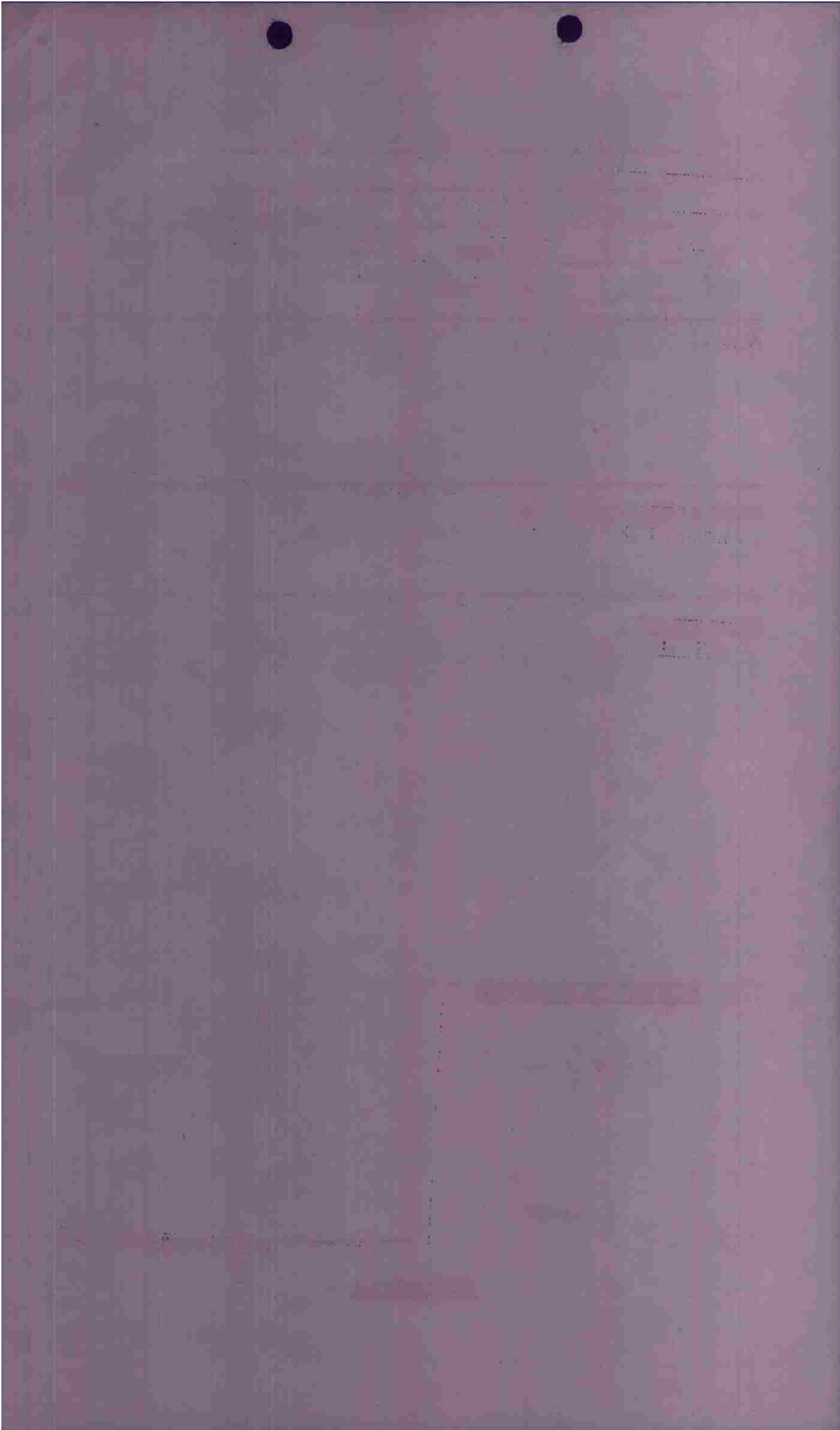
      X (SPARE)

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PILOT Mathanson A/C# 264 BOX III FLT 1

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

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

FLAK : at 19t XHA

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : None

OBSERVATIONS : Two runs

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
  (X) X

X      X
Y      X
X      X
X      X

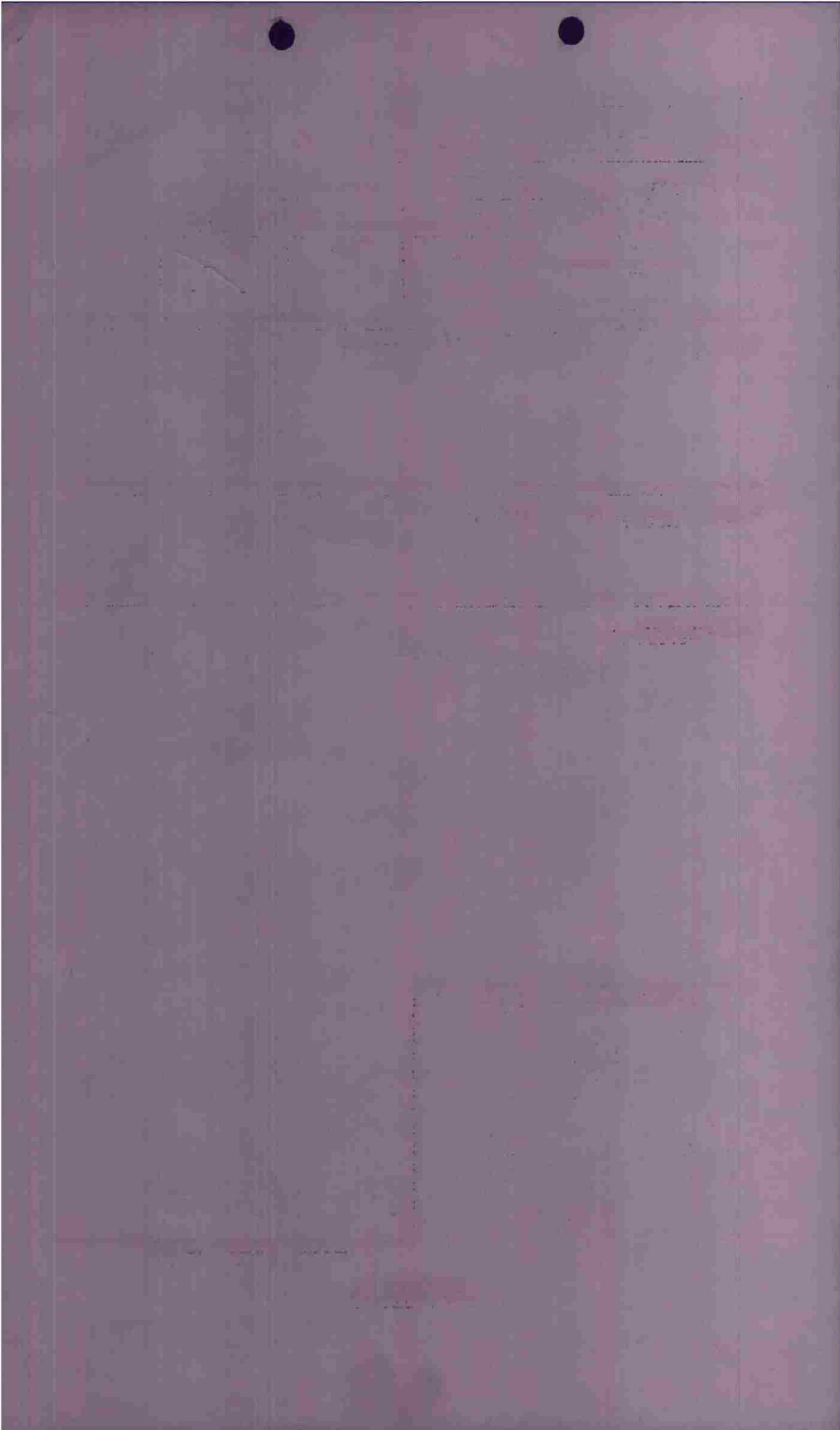
      X
     X X
      X
     X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT O'Brien A/C# 239 BOX III REF 2

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : KHIA B/L  
B/R XHA

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

bomb in town <sup>1 seen</sup> - no activity

Camera.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X

X      X
Y      X
X      X
X      X

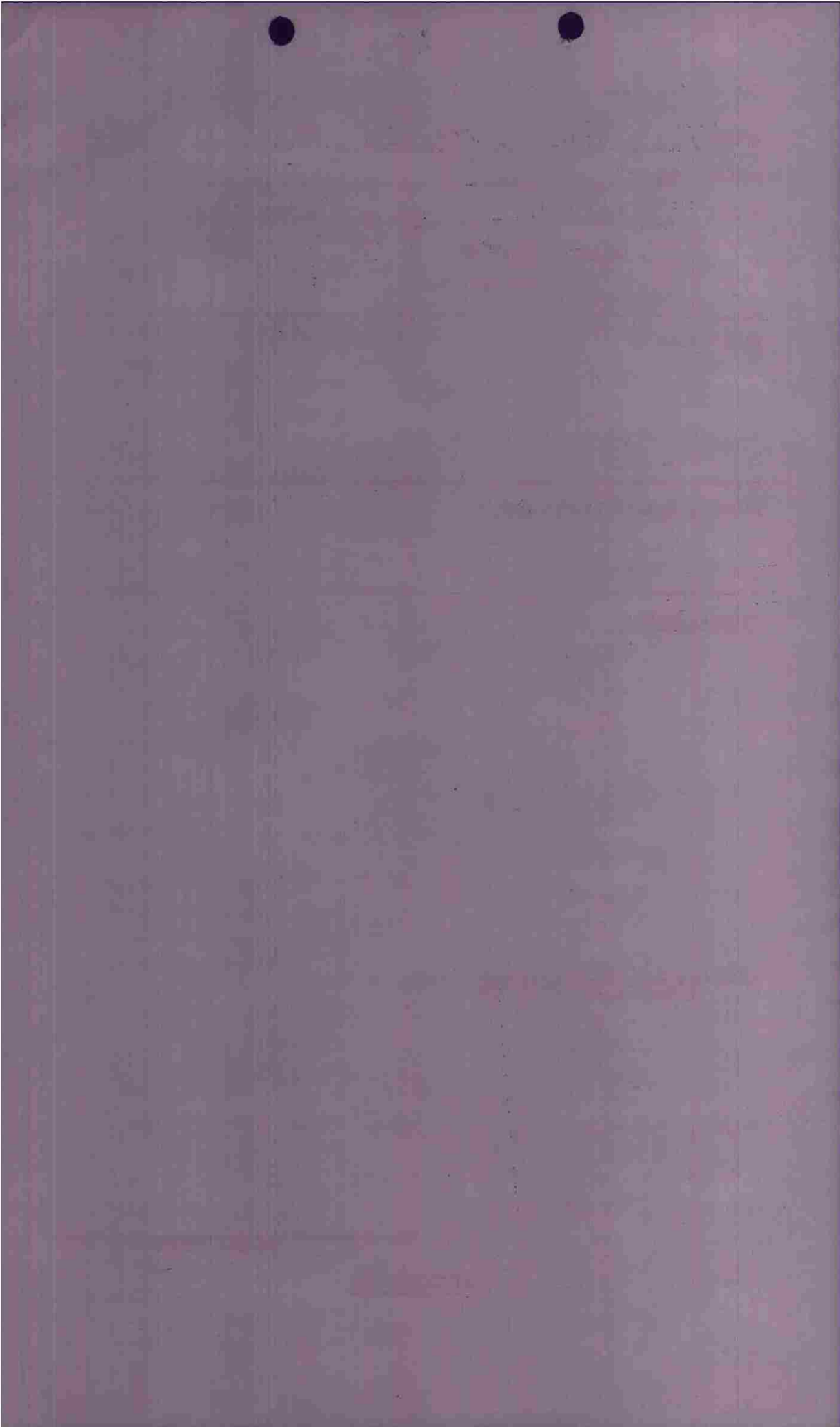
      X
     X X
    (X) X

X (SPARE)

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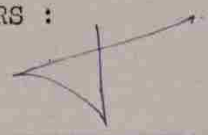
PILOT Mosgrove A/C# 330 BOX III 2

CASUALTIES

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

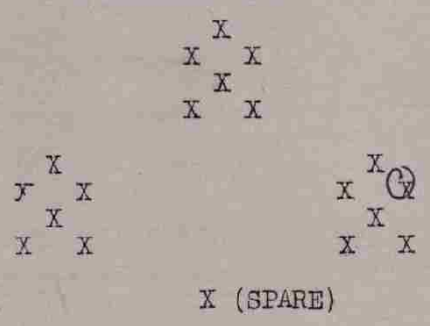
FLAK : XXHA-XXHA - on B.P. before B. away  
in & out at B.h. - XH1

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :



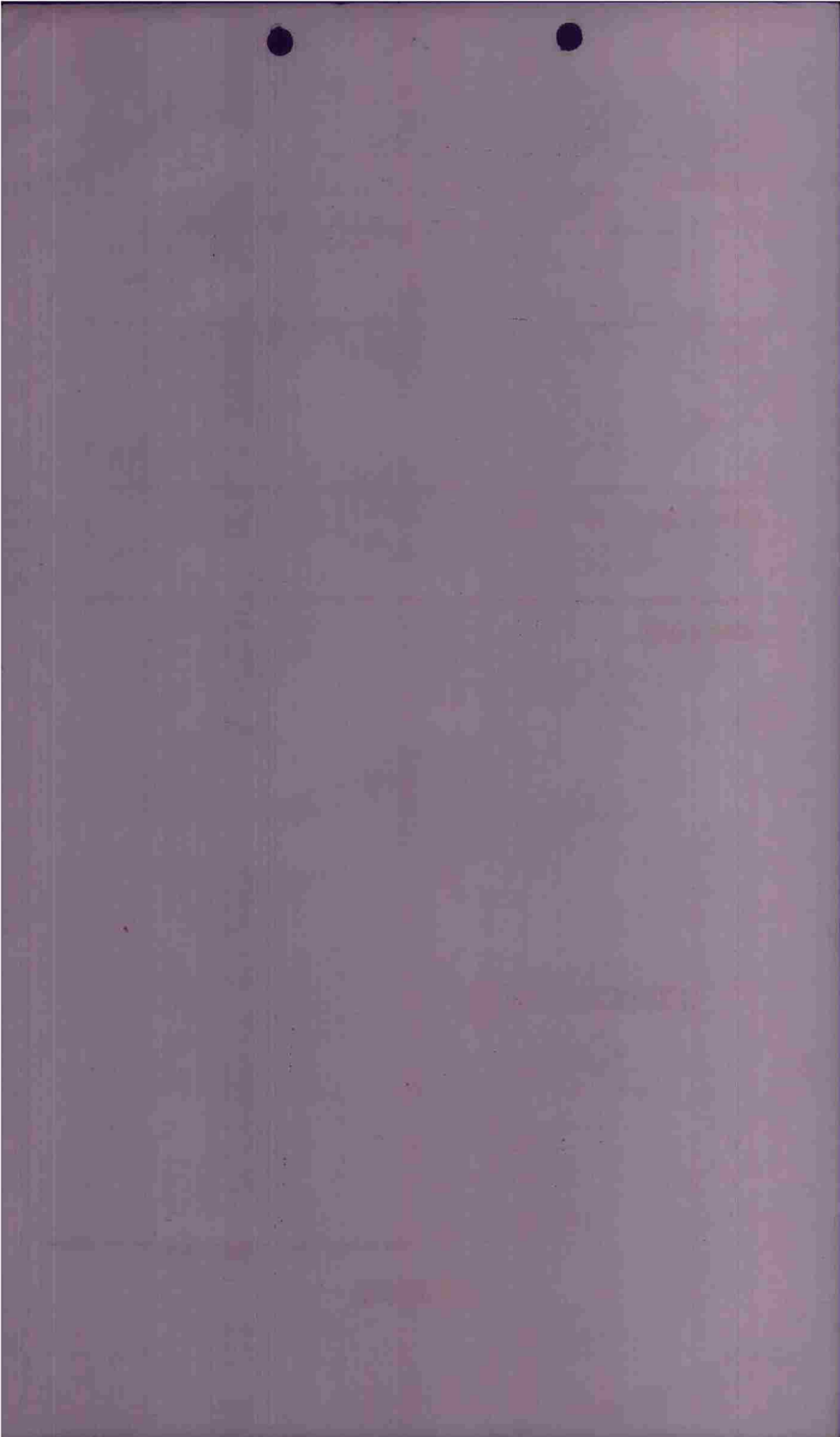
OBSERVATIONS : good hits in turn

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Boerwer A/C# 223 BOX III 2

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

BOMBS : I X 1000 ON Pr BATTLE DAMAGE

<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>None</u>		

FLAK :

Just a few doors opened,  
XXHA

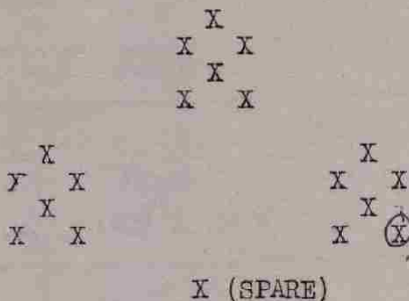
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

None

OBSERVATIONS :

One Bw on tgt  
A/c from flight #4  
of Box II left formation  
with left engine smoking  
on Bomb run - does not  
think bombs had  
been dropped.

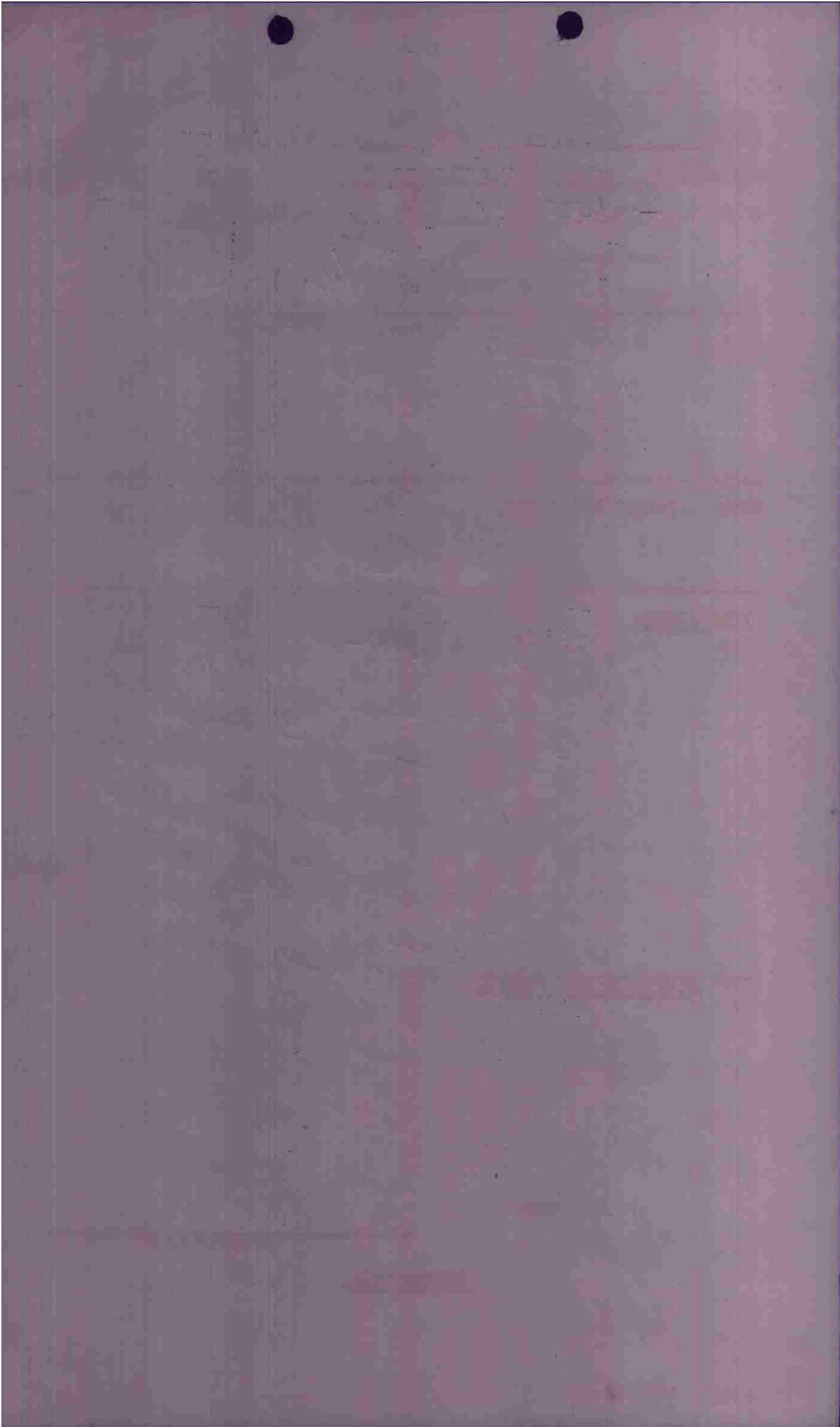
POSITION IN FORMATION



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NO \_\_\_\_\_

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PILOT Turman A/C# 564 BOX 111 SEAT 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<i>1st Turman</i>	X <u>1000</u>				
	X				
	X	JETTISONED	<i>nil</i>		

FLAK : XXHA - target  
XHI. bomblines

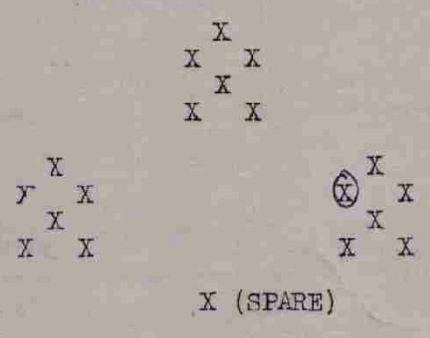
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

*nil*

OBSERVATIONS :

*Excellent pattern*

POSITION IN FORMATION

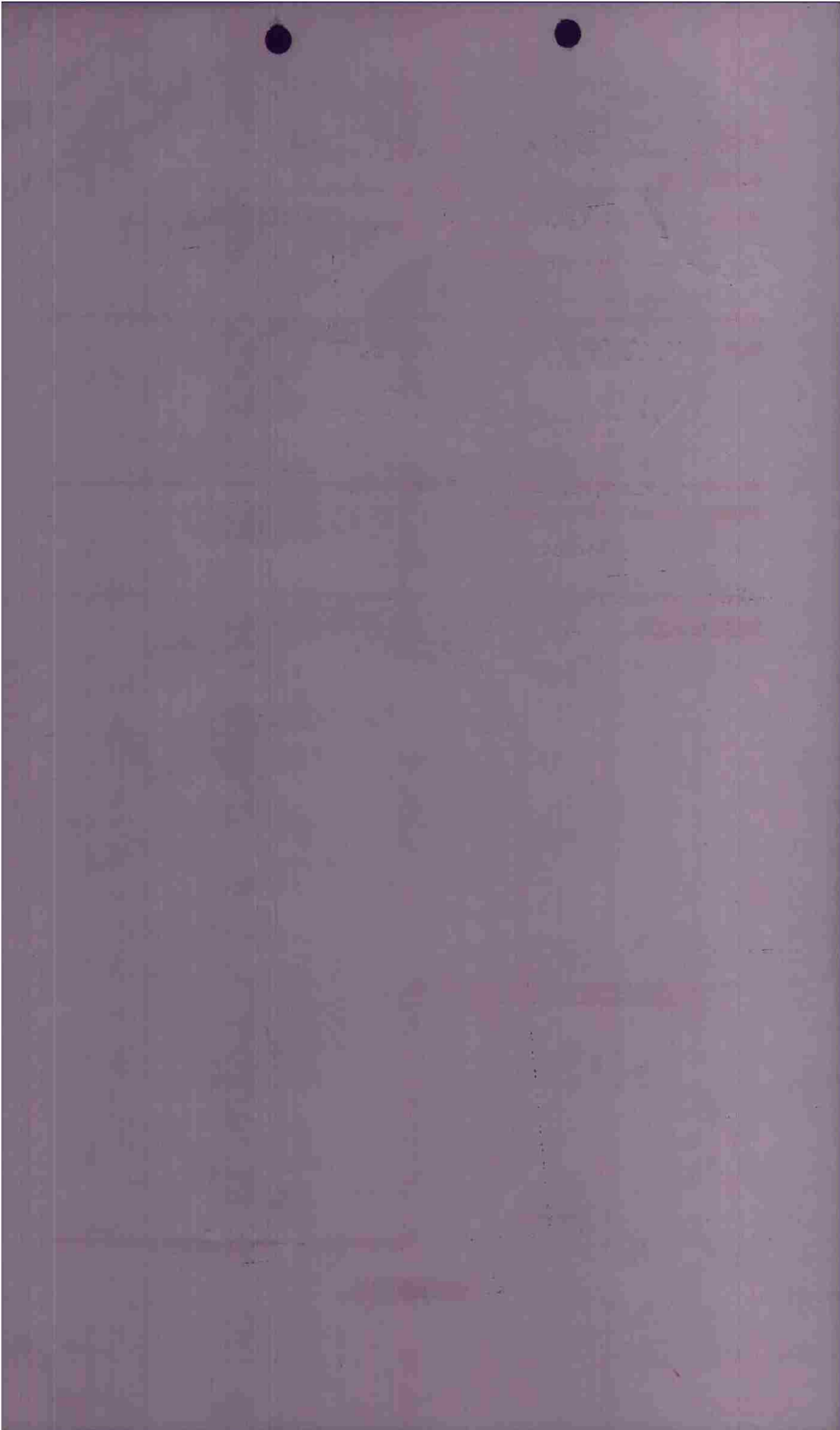


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PILOT Turner A/C# 224 BOX III 2

CASUALTIES

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

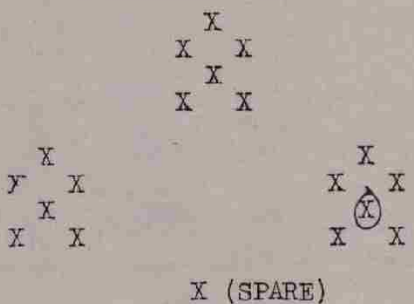
FLAK : XXXX A- over target and between B.L on way in and out.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X-

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs dropped on turn off. 1st and hit in woods, -- Bomb bay doors didn't open. spoilers came down, tried again and doors opened, then bombs went out on turn.

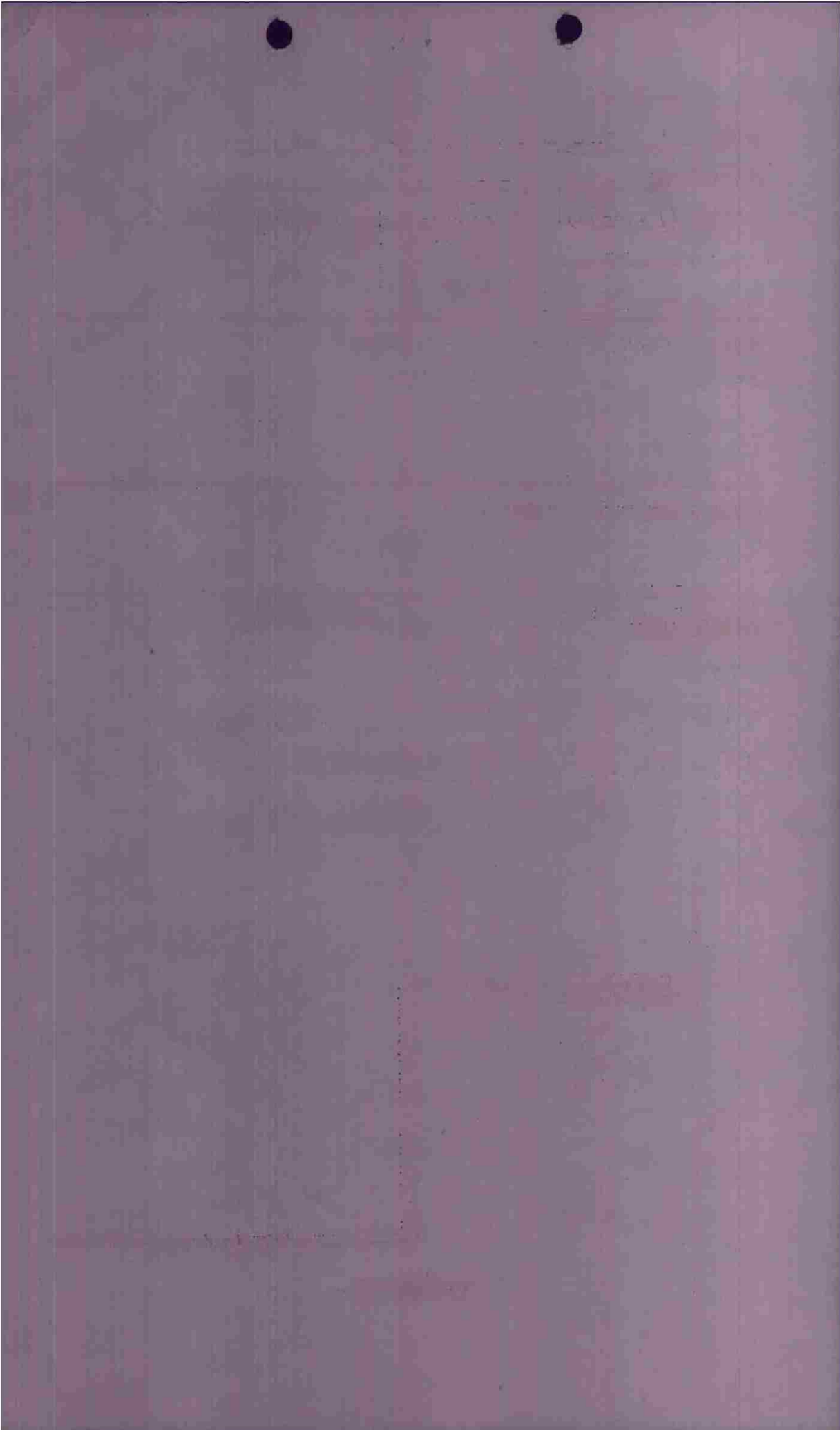
POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Warren A/C# 501 BOX III SET 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :			BATTLE DAMAGE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	1000	ON	
<i>1st</i> <i>run</i>	3	X 1000 RETURNED	"A" : "A-C" : "E" :
	X	JETTISONED	nil : : :

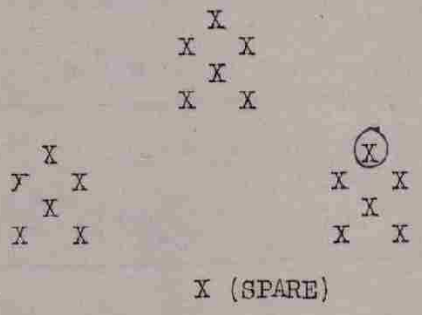
FLAK : XXHA - target  
Bombing XH1

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS : I dropped OK on the  
single release  
Pattern looked good.  
No activity at R.J.

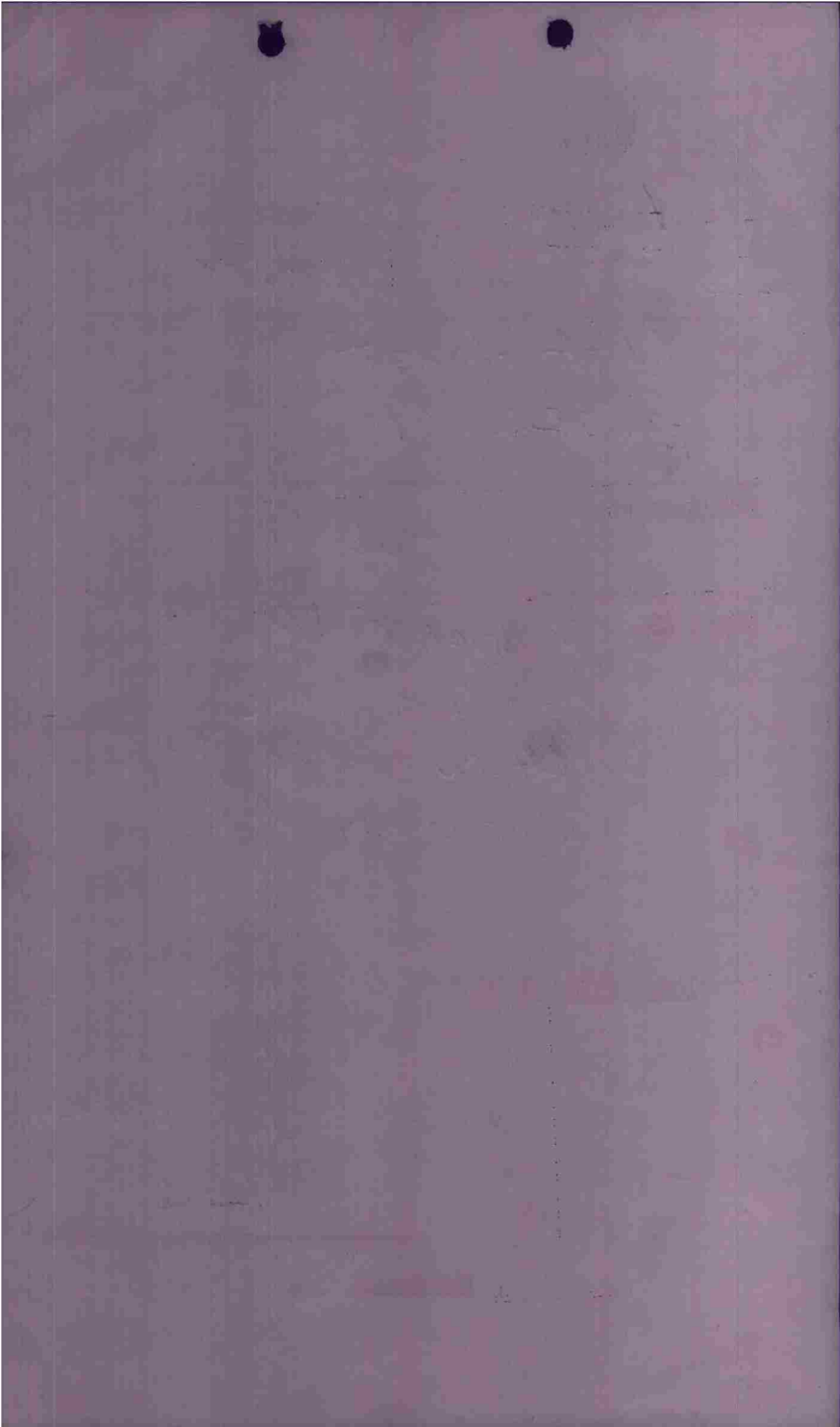
TOT 1015 1/2  
alt 10,000  
IAS 210  
axis 290 mag  
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POSITION IN FORMATION



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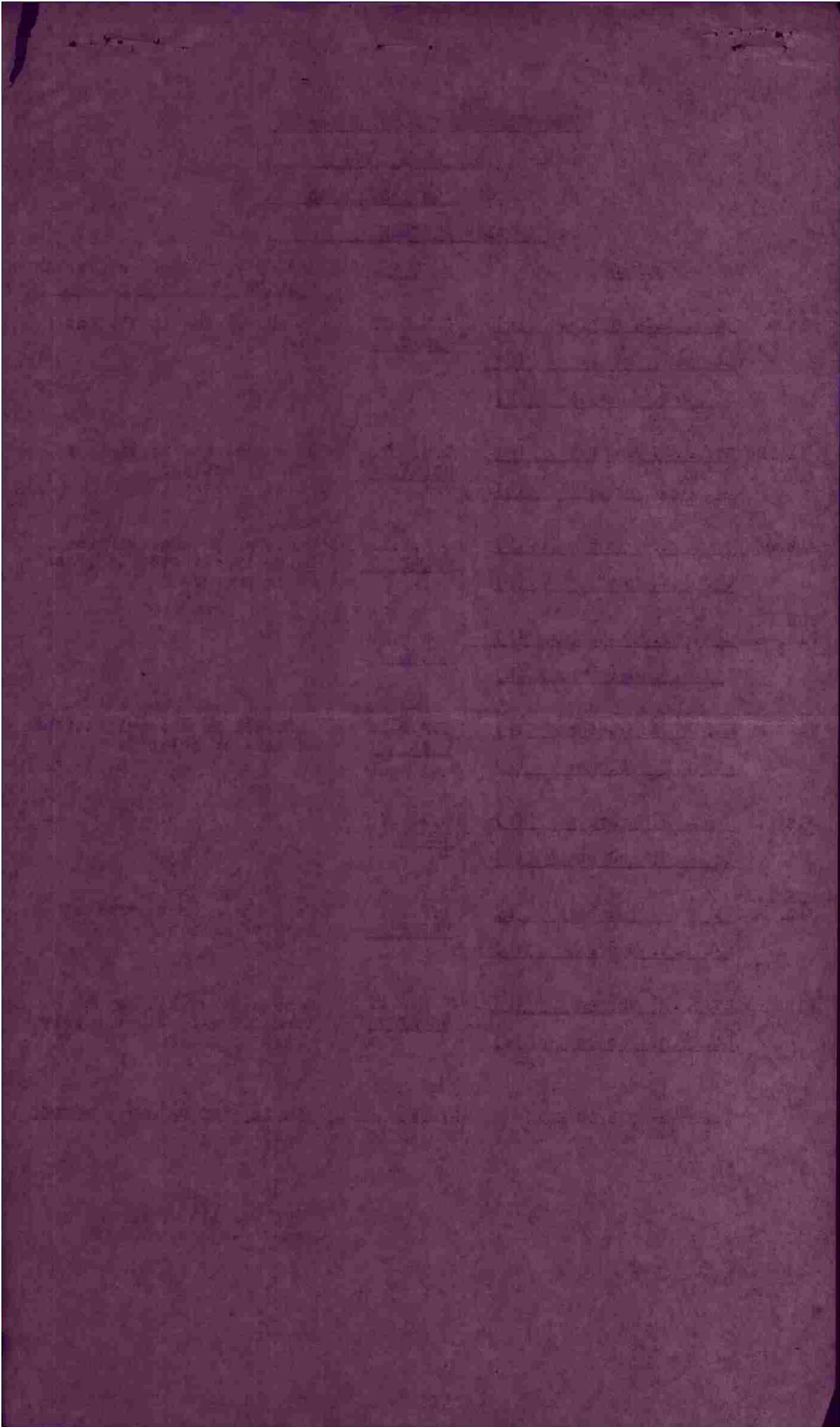


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	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>REASON FOR GROSS BOMBING OR FAILURE TO ATTACK PRIMARY</u>
BOX I			
Flt. A	<u>Capt. E.L. Miller (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	No photos due to violent evasive action.
	<u>Lt. J.K. Conner (B)</u>	<u>UNDET</u>	
	<u>Lt. G.G. Johnson (N)</u>		
Flt. B	<u>Lt. J.A. Buskirk (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	No photos due to violent evasive action.
	<u>Lt. R.C. Hanna (B)</u>	<u>UNDET.</u>	
Flt. C	<u>Capt. L.J. Sutton (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	Cause as yet undetermined, being investigated by gross error board.
	<u>Lt. J.V. Reed (B)</u>	<u>UNSAT</u>	
BOX II			
Flt. A	<u>Capt. D.E. Stebbins (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. A.S. Galloway (B)</u>	<u>EXCEL</u>	
Flt. B	<u>Lt. M. Errotebere (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	Aircraft in unlevel attitude at time of release.
	<u>Lt. H.F. Wilbur (B)</u>	<u>UNSAT</u>	
Flt. C	<u>Capt. H.V. Evans (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. T.M. McCartney (B)</u>	<u>EXCEL</u>	
BOX III			
Flt. A	<u>Lt. O.F. Jacobsen (B)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	No photos due to violent evasive action
	<u>F/O R.W. Harvest (B)</u>	<u>UNDET</u>	
Flt. B	<u>Lt. J.R. Warren (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	Poor pattern due to sharp turn off target immediately after bombs away
	<u>Lt. T.H. Forbes (B)</u>	<u>UNSAT</u>	

FLIGHTS A, B, C BOX I AND FLTS. B, AND C, BOX II, AND FLIGHT A BOX III MADE TWO BOMB RUNS. ALL OTHER FLIGHTS MADE ONE RUN

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2ND LT. AIR CORPS  
ASST GROUP BOMBARDIER





Sta B.D. S-8 Report 1945

416 TH	9TH B.D. (M) WING 9761	B
GROUP	DATE 25 MARCH 1945	ALTENKIRCHEN R/J
OTHER UNITS: TARGET		
	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION	TARGET FIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED ALTENKIRCHEN ROAD JUNCTION PRIMARY  
SECONDARY

M.P.I. ROAD JUNCTION IN E PART OF TOWN.

A.P.

- C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 48-A26 NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 46
- D. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 6's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 4,5,8,3,1,3,7,6
- E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 181x1000 FUSING 1/10 -- 1/40
- F. HEADING ON A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED
- |                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Box I - Flt A - 295 deg | 1018 |
| B - 290                 | 1023 |
| C - 290                 | 1020 |
| Box II - Flt A - 300    | 1014 |
| B - 290                 | 1015 |
| C - 290                 | 1031 |
| Box III - Flt A - 290   | 1024 |
| C - 290                 | 1016 |
- G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED
- H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET
- J. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

Box I - Flt A - DMPI - UNDET: No strike photos due to evasive action. Visual reports state bombs hit in town.

(VISUAL) Flt B - DMPI - UNDET: No strike photos due to evasive action. Visual reports state bombs hit in town.

Flt C - DMPI - UNSAT: No bursts within 1000 ft of DMPI, bombs fell in long pattern in fields and across roads 4960 ft S of DMPI.

Box II - Flt A - DMPI - EXCEL: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of bursts 340 ft W of DMPI Bombs fell in good pattern on bldgs and roads in center of town, considerably damaging them.

(VISUAL) Flt B - DMPI - UNSAT: No bursts within 1000 ft of DMPI. Bombs fell in fields and across roads in two patterns one pattern 2430 ft NE of DMPI, the other 3180 ft NE of DMPI.

Flt C - DMPI - EXCEL: 95% of bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of bursts 510 ft NW of DMPI. Long pattern of bombs hit in center of town destroying bldgs and blocking and cutting roads.

Box III - Flt A - DMPI - UNDET: No strike photos due to evasive action. Visual reports state bombs hit in town.

(VISUAL) Flt B - DMPI - UNSAT: 10% of bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of bursts 1130 ft SW of DMPI. Bombs hit in scattered pattern in fields and across road.

CLAYTON W. ZESIGER,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Photo Intelligence Officer.

IX B.C. 9-2 FORM No. 106-B Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

ATTACKING 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 WHEN BOMBS DROPPED \_\_\_\_\_ DEGREES MAG.

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED \_\_\_\_\_

I. ACTIVITIES AT TARGET:

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

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NINTH AF 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT US10/D 961

- (a) LOCALITY: ALTENKIRCHEN R/C AND TOWN (GSGS 4416/S 2 - F/932317)
- (b) SORTIE: US 31/4625 - 2004-07. SORTIE SCALE: 6,500
- (c) TOT: 25 Mar 45, 1700A F.L.: 24" ANNOTATED PRINT: Nor
- (d) PERIOD UNDER REVIEW: This report covers damage from 19.3.45 (US10/D 894) to date.
- (e) COVER: The area is covered on partially smoke obscured prints of poor quality.
- (f) STATEMENT: The quality of the prints precludes an accurate survey of the damage. No new damage is visible in the R/C. New attacks have destroyed or damaged a number of buildings in the NW and the central portions of the town. Buildings are burning in five places at time of photography. Road traffic through the town appears blocked by debris and craters.
- (g) ACTIVITY: The R/C is lightly loaded with 70 mixed wagons. Through rail traffic is impossible.

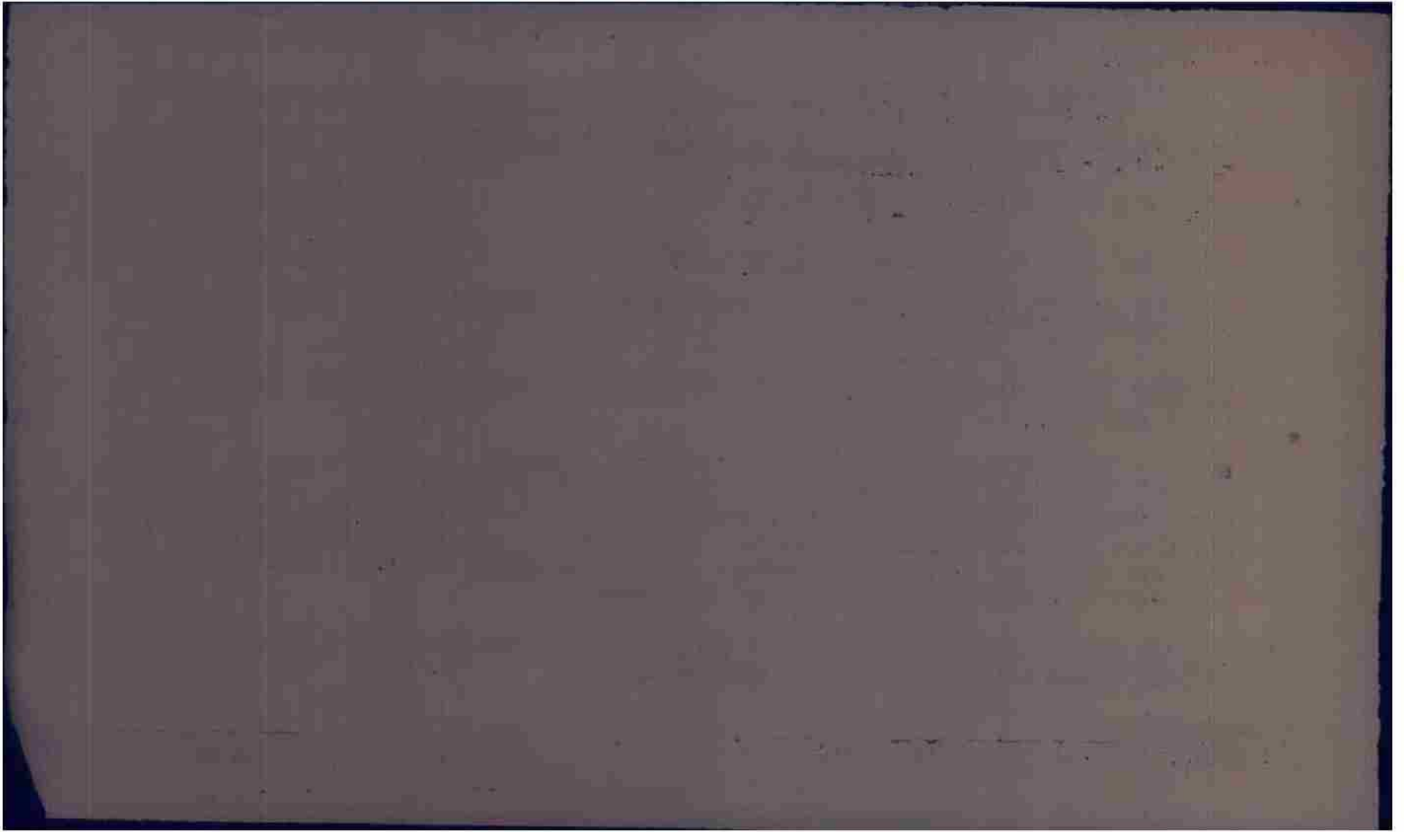
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20th P.I.D. at Hq. 10th P.G.

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FROM 409TH BOMB GROUP PPF 25/1745A  
TO CG 9TH BOMB DIV (ATT. A-2)  
CG 97TH COMBAT WING (ATT. A-2)  
INFOR COPY TO ALL GROUPS

25/1745A  
25/12340  
S-2  
ADD  
1190

253

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OPFLASH FOR : 25 MAR 45 REF F.O. 100A

- A. 409TH PPF WITH 409TH BOMB GROUP
- B. ALTENKIRCHEN COMMUNICATIONS CENTER MAP GSGS 4414 SHEET 5311  
HORIZONTAL 9380 VERTICAL 3214
- C. 2 X A-26,
- D. PRIMARY - IX A-26 ON EQUIPMENT
- E. MECHANICAL - IX A-26 BOMB RACK MALFUNCTION EQUIPMENT FUNCTIONED  
PERFECTLY BUT BOMBS FAILED TO RELEASE
- F. PRIMARY - 3 X 500 GP BY 1 X A-26 BOX 1  
RETURNED - 3 X 500 GP BY 1 X A-26 LEADING BOX TWO DUE RACK  
MALFUNCTION
- G. PRIMARY - EXCELLENT BOMBED ON SECOND PASS BECAUSE RATE MARKER  
DISAPPEARED.
- H. DAMAGE - 1 X A-26 CATEGORY A. HFF
- I. NIL
- J. TARGET - WXX MBHFF  
ELSEWHERE NIL
- K. NIL
- L. 12,5000 BOX ONE
- M. 1541 3/4 BOX ONE. 1536 BOX TWO PUT NO ATTACK
- N. NOTE : GROUP FORMATIOND GOOD.

CAPT. G.M. \$355396SBLAKELY S-2

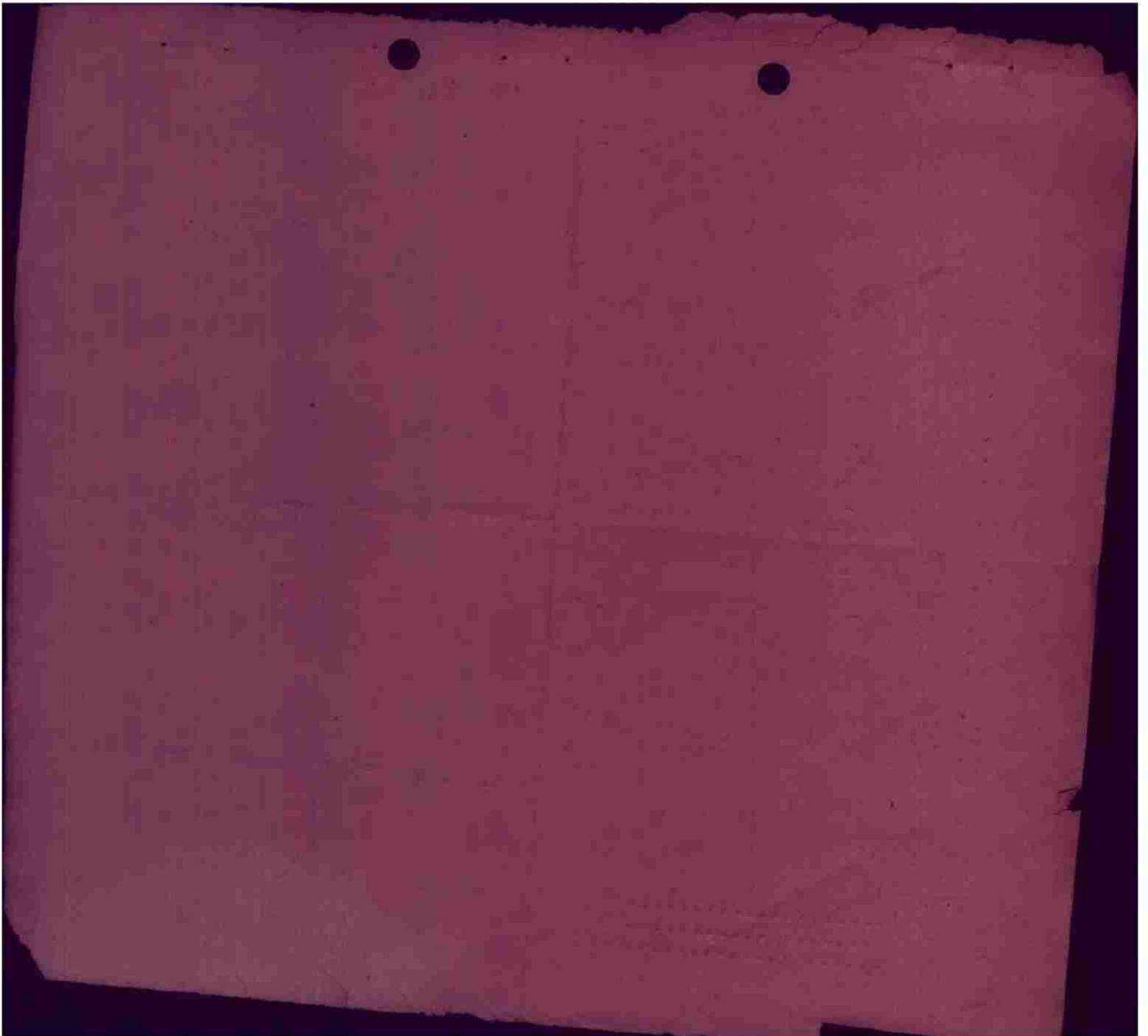
BOMGP 409 PPF

BT 25/1745A

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JES R'.....	25/1935	BC	AR
JPO R .....	25/1935A	DB	AR
JKI R .....	25/1935A	WFG	AR



PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

CAMERAS INSTALLED 17 GROUP 416th. Bomb Gp.  
 CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING 17 100 % WING 97th. C.B.  
 CAMERA FAILURES 0 0 % DATE 25 March 45  
 PERSONNEL FAILURES 0 0 %  
 OTHERS 0

TARGET ALTENKIRCHEN  
252 ALTITUDE 12000 FEET  
229 TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH  
328 GROUND SPEED 267 MPH  
313  
352 356

TARGET ALTENKIRCHEN  
351 ALTITUDE 10500 FEET  
262 TRUE AIR SPEED 219 MPH  
495 GROUND SPEED 266 MPH  
9315  
378 325 416

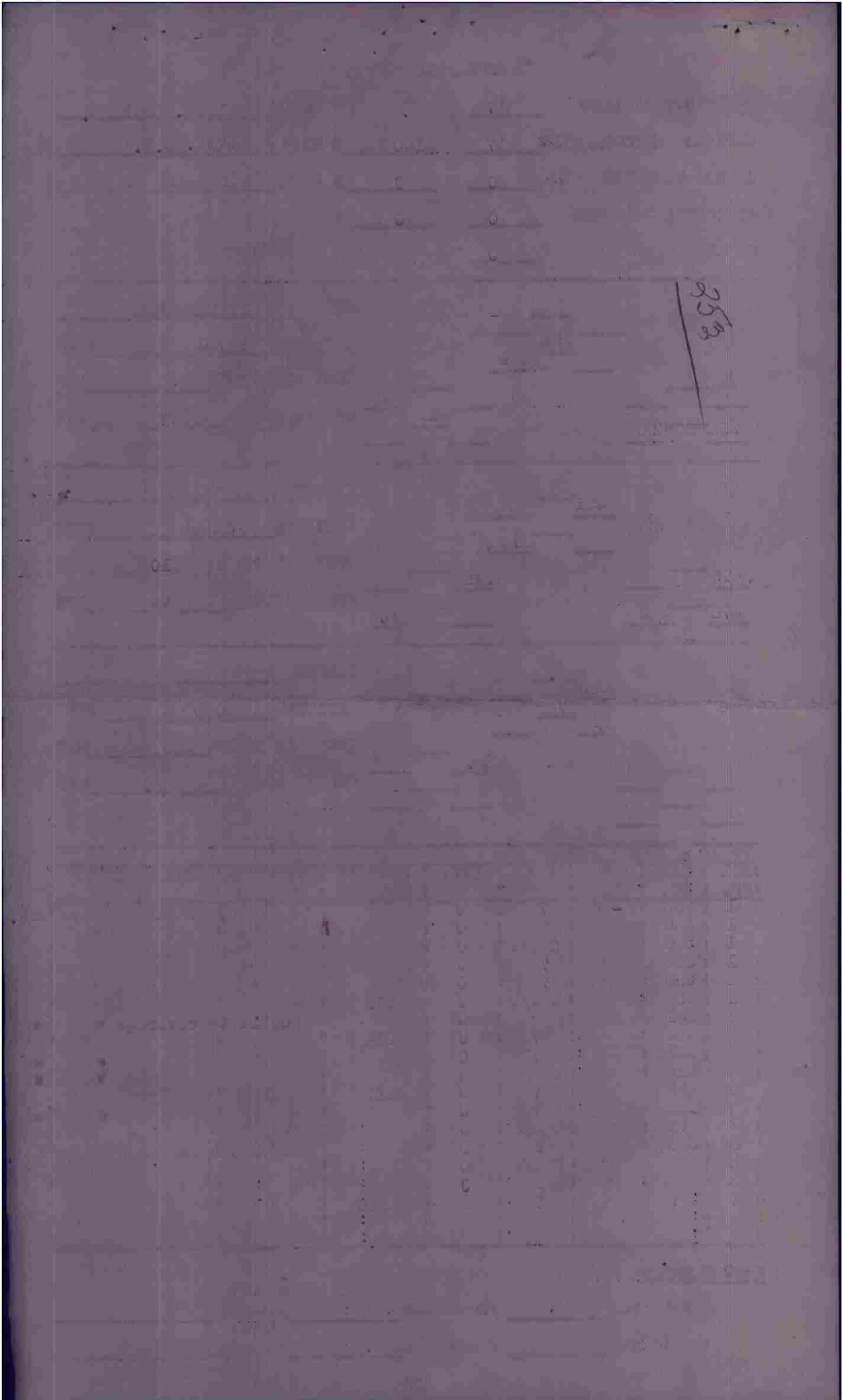
TARGET ALTENKIRCHEN  
385 ALTITUDE 10000 FEET  
274 TRUE AIR SPEED 205 MPH  
264 GROUND SPEED 260 MPH  
239

STRIKE ATTACK CAMERAS:

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K-20 CAMERAS

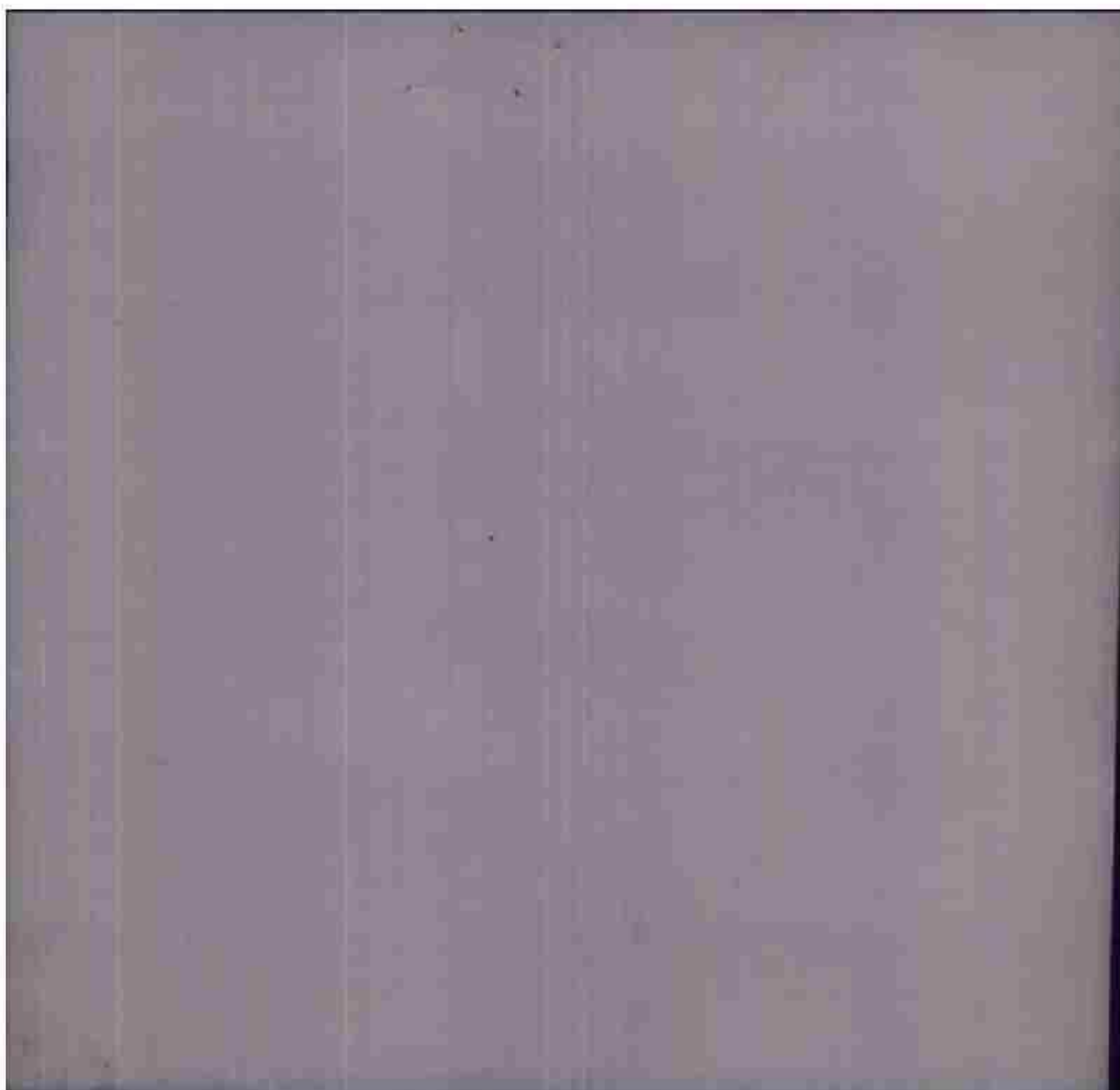
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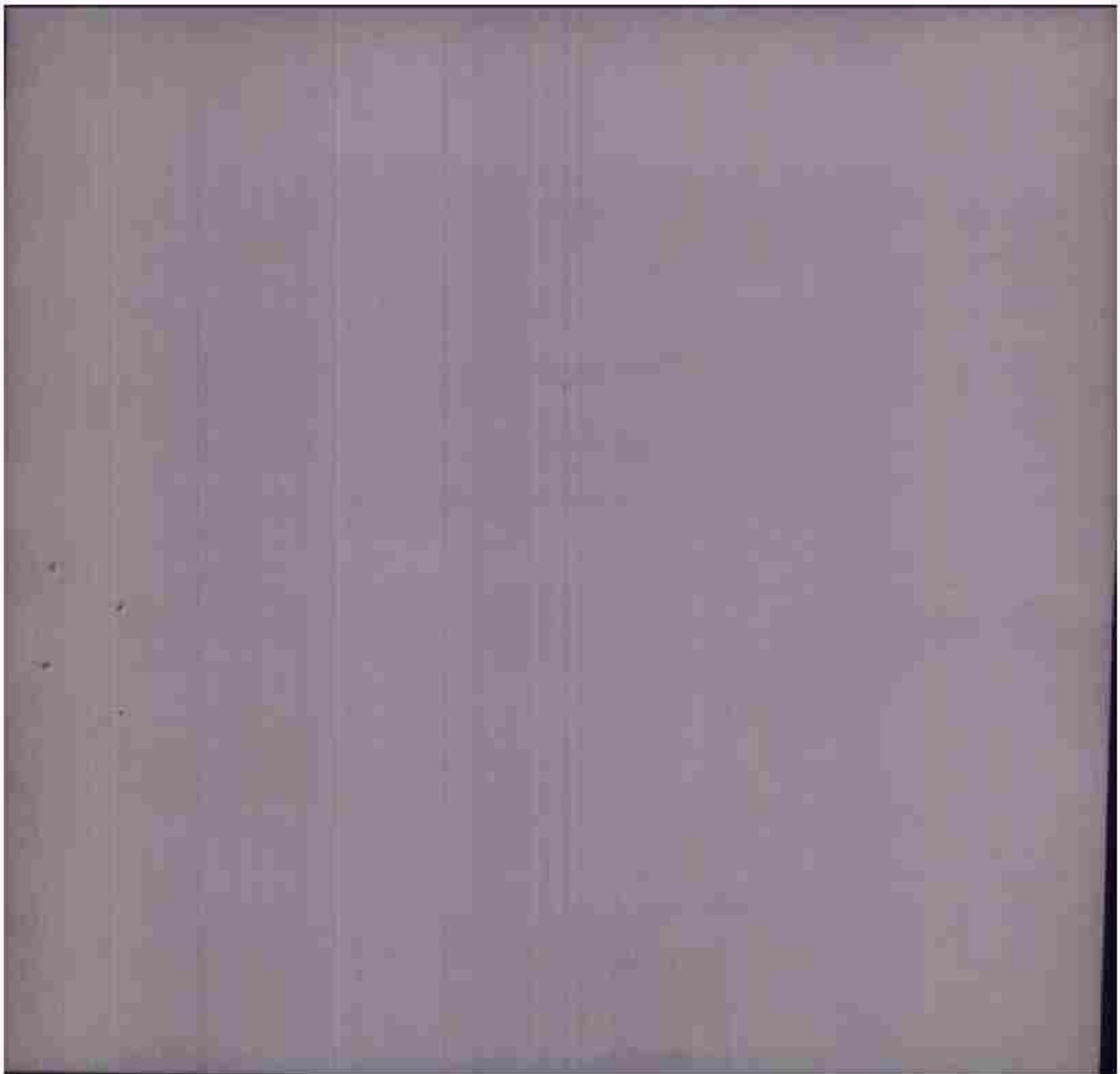
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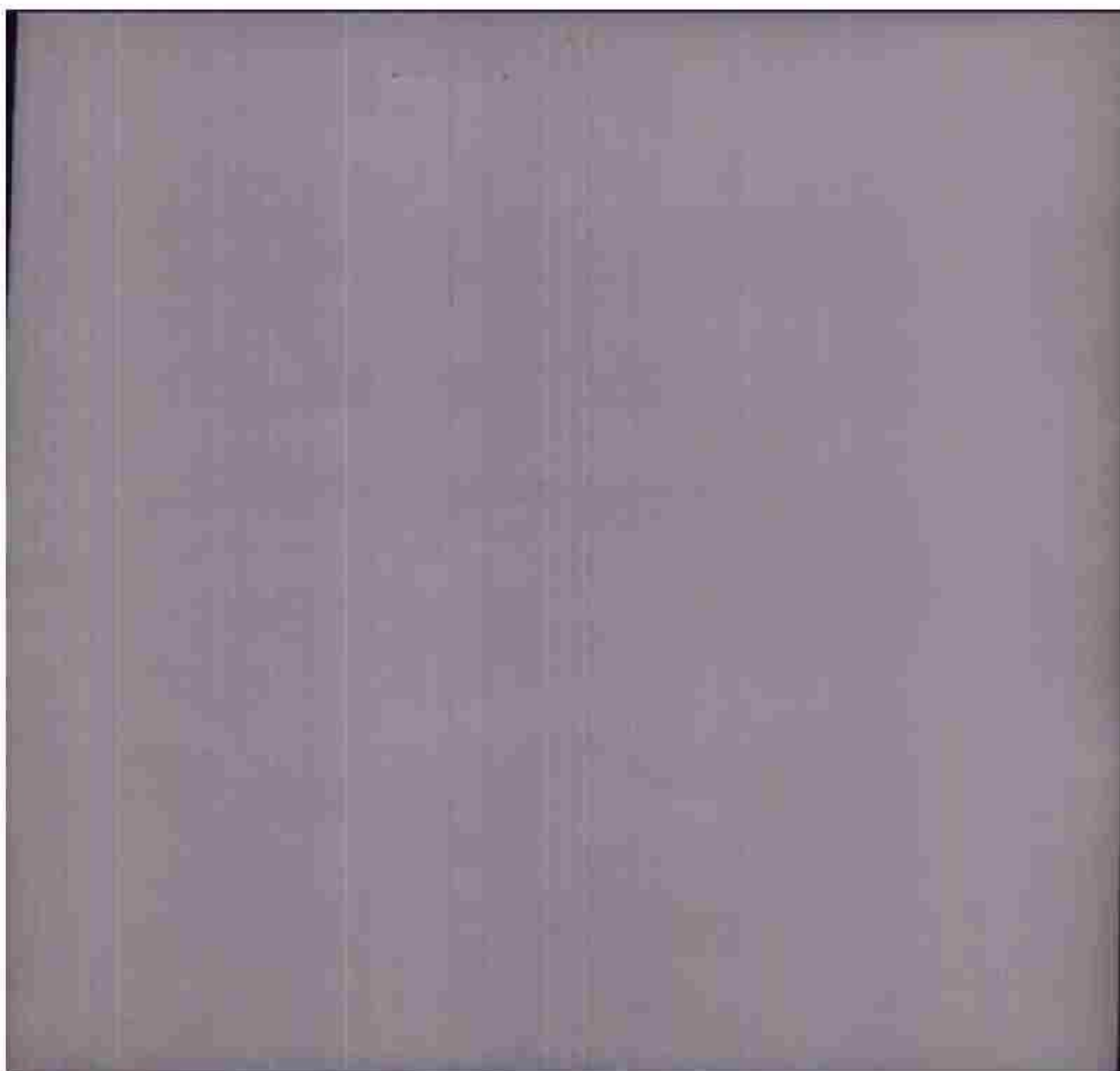


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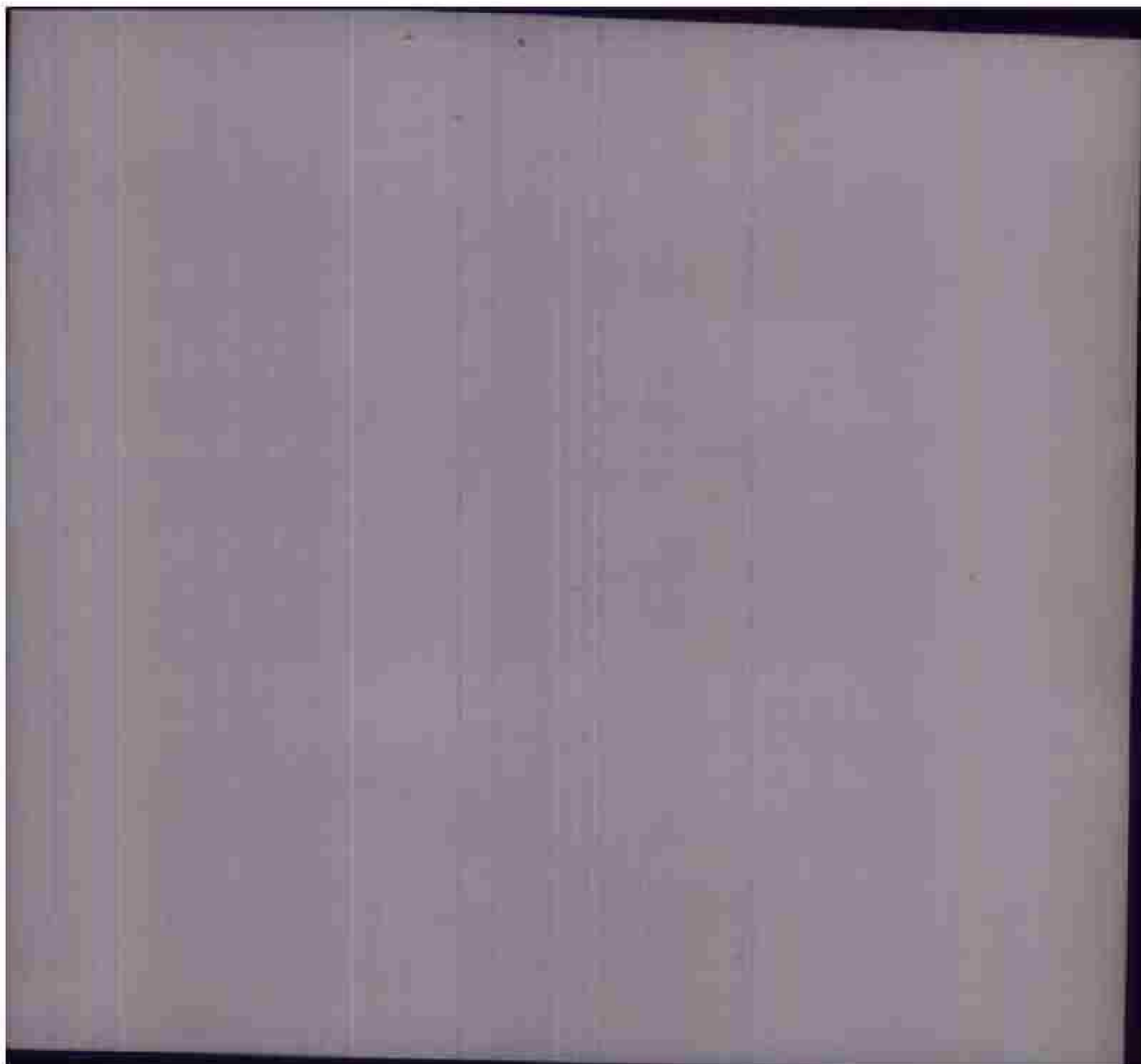
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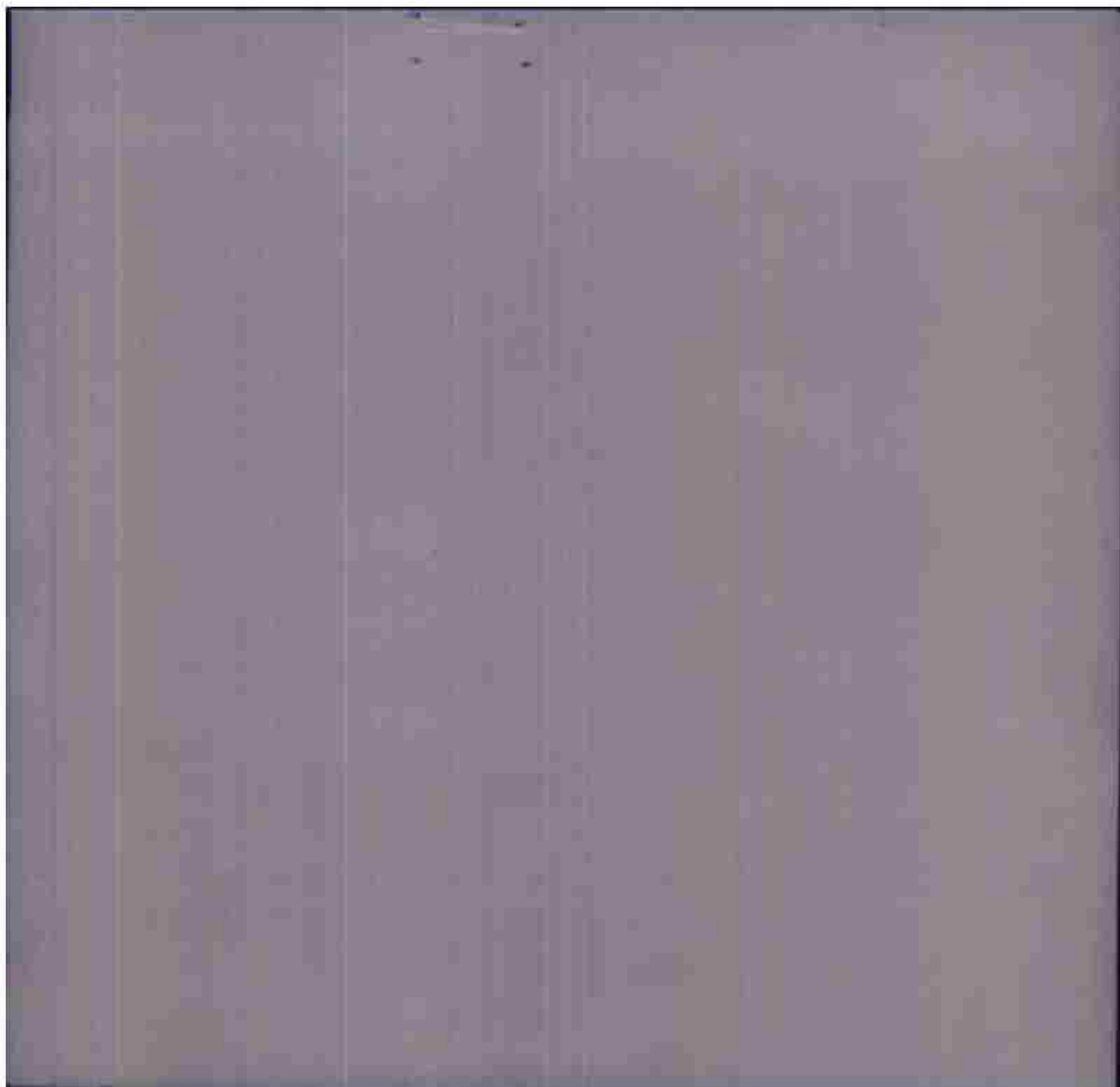
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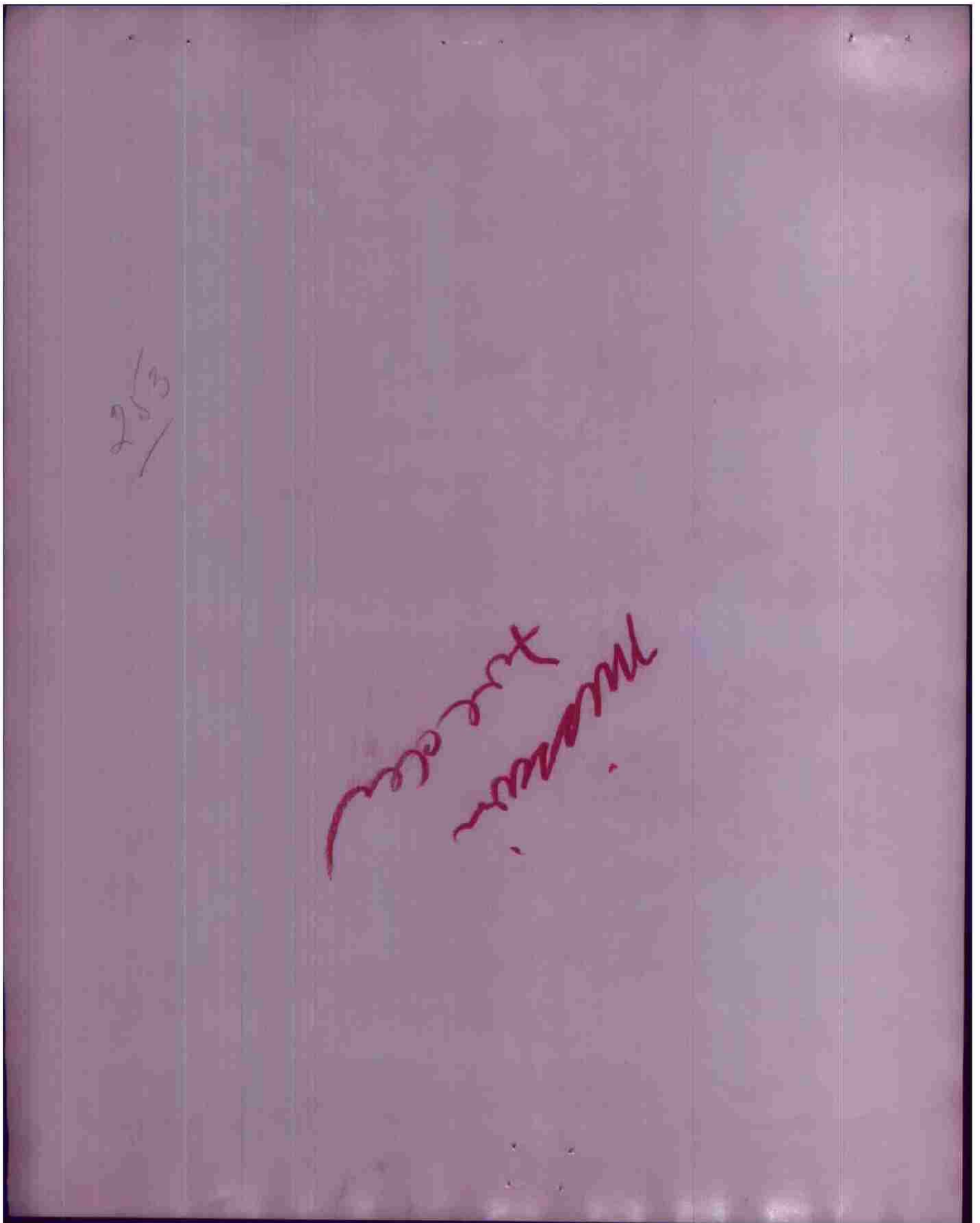




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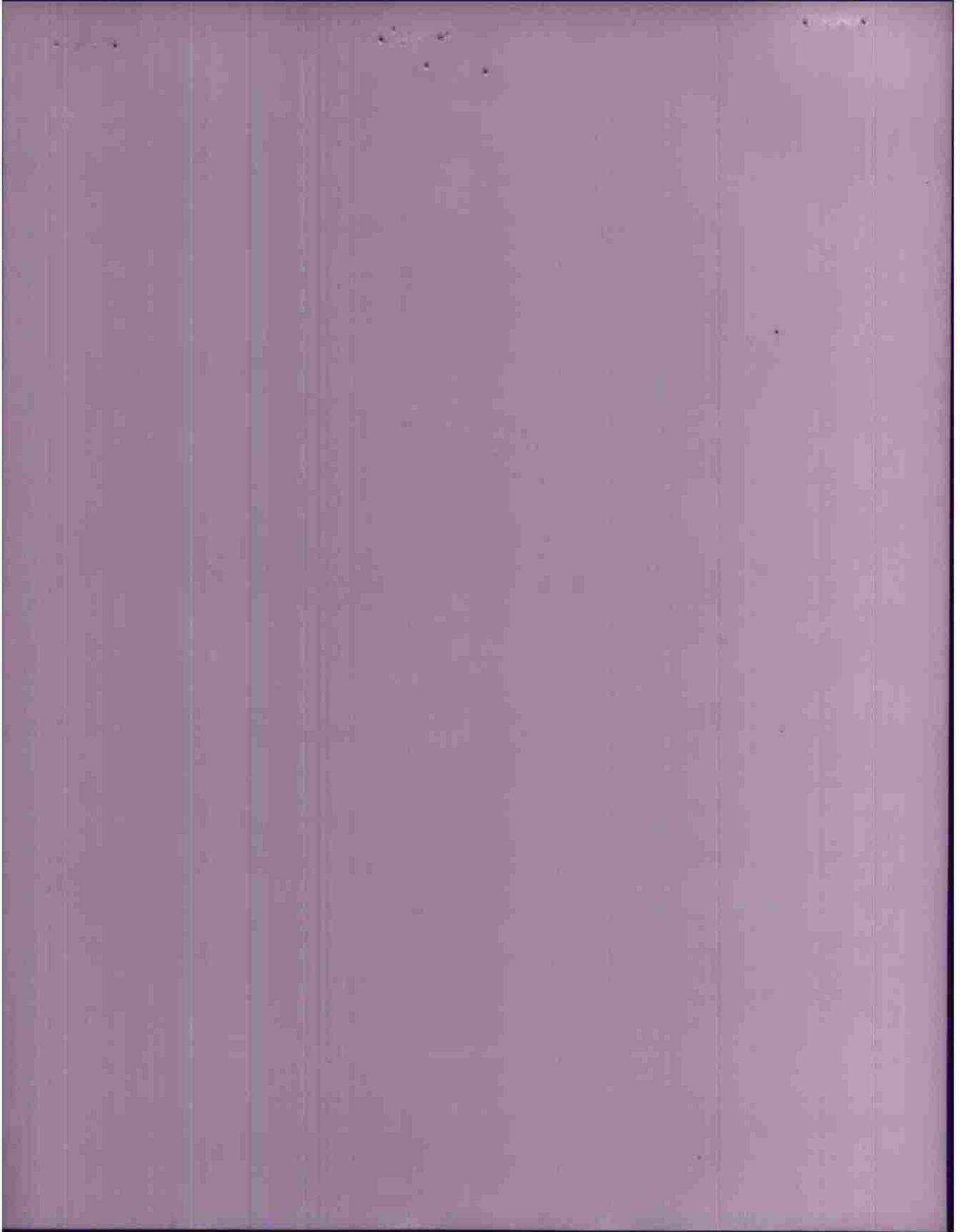
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 (B) DATE: 26 MAR 45  
 (C) TIME: 1014 - 1024 A  
 (D) WEAPONING A/G: 48 A-26, BY 615  
 (E) BOMBS: 189/1000 OF 1/10 N., 1/40 T.  
 (F) COVER: TARGET IS COVERED ON PRINTS OF PAIR QUALITY.  
 (G) RESULTS OF BOMBING: THE BOMBS OF TWO PLS FELL ON THE  
 RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF TOWN PROBABLY DAMAGING MANY  
 BUILDINGS AND ROADS. THE PATTERNS FOR THREE OTHER  
 PLS ARE IN OPEN FIELDS AND ACROSS TWO ROADS AND A  
 RAIL LINE E AND S OF THE TOWN. BOX I-A, B AND III-A  
 HAD NO PHOTO COVER.  
 ALL TRUCKS IN THE M/Y HAVE BEEN CUT PRIOR TO THIS  
 ATTACK ON THE TOWN.  
 (H) ACFT: EIGHT F4U'S OF MIXED WAGONS ARE SEEN IN THE  
 M/Y

(I) ANNOTATED PRINT: 5014 SORTIE: US 416/914  
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