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GP-416-SH-OPS
19 FEB 1945

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MISSION REPORTS

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LOADING LIST
BOX 1
FLIGHT 1

24 February 1945

1. 469 A
MAJOR F L DEHN ✓
LT W E BREWER ✓ 460
LT A H MALLEY ✓
S/S A J MAJESKI ✓

2. 507
LT W E HEINKE ✓
LT M C MC NULT ✓ 460
S/S VAN WERT, G E ✓

3. 2315 L
CAPT R O GRUETZELACHER ✓
S/S J J HICKERSON ✓

4. 330 T
LT WIMBUSHOV ✓ 470
S/S M LISKER ✓

5. 223
LT J F SPANKOWSKI ✓
SGT A H KILPATRICK ✓ 480

6. 307
LT R FORD ✓
SGT R J RAMISCH ✓ 470

FLIGHT 11

1. 431 P
CAPT H W EVANS ✓
LT T M MC CARTNEY ✓ 470
S/S W F FOERDER ✓

2. 212 A
LT J H MONTROSE ✓
S/S J W BELLE ✓ 400

3. 378 O
LT W W ARNIN ✓
SGT J O PATHEL ✓ 460

4. 495 G
LT R O BUCHANAN ✓
SGT R O HINDMAN ✓ 500

5. 335
LT R A RUSSELL ✓ 500
S/S D W JORDAN ✓

6. 361 M
LT R H LONG ✓
SGT C J MC CARTHY ✓ 500

FLIGHT 111

1. 505 Y
CAPT C J ANDERSEN ✓
LT W PARSONS ✓ 500
S/S F C EUGA ✓

2. 325 D
LT L J PRUCHA ✓
S/S L O FERGUSON ✓ 510

3. 305 U
LT L E CAMRON ✓
S/S J W ROBINSON ✓ 425

4. 264 T
LT P E PARKER ✓
S/S S L HEWELL ✓ 470

5. 321 T
LT J W MERVINS ✓
SGT F GENTRY ✓ 520

6. 229 B
LT J P PHILLIPS ✓
S/S F B HARRIS ✓ 400

SPARE

3315 T
LT B G BISHOP ✓
SGT M C HARRIS ✓ 400

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LOADING LIST

BOX 11

FLIGHT 1

24 February 1945

1. 503 X
 LT R J ROONEY ✓
 LT R L KIRK ✓
 LT O R ROCH ✓
 S/S A TEHAN ✓

2. 498 H
 LT J J LACKOVICH ✓
 LT R C MUIR ✓
 PVT R M LARGY ✓

3. 215 H-1
 LT J R WARE ✓
 S/S C C STROUP ✓

4. 224 E
 LT E O TURNER ✓
 S/S J SIENKIEWICZ ✓

5. 416 O
 LT J F WALLACE ✓
 SGT R PLANT ✓

6. 334 G
 LT J C SEWELL ✓
 S/S J A HUMER ✓

FLIGHT 11

1. 497 E
 CAPT R J TUTT ✓
 LT J T LECK ✓
 S/S R G SCHIRCH ✓

2. 237 D
 LT J E COCKE ✓
 SGT R D REDDING ✓

3. 297 F
 LT F W HENDERSON ✓
 SGT M APPLEMAN ✓

4. 209 M
 LT T J MURRAY ✓
 SGT V F CROSS ✓

5. 250 A
 CAPT S M HIXON ✓
 SGT H A MILLER ✓

6. 326 W
 LT G L MILHORN ✓
 S/S H R DAVIS ✓

FLIGHT 111

1. 492 E
 LT E L MILLER ✓
 LT J K CONNER ✓
 S/S J M FELLERTON ✓

2. 381 G
 LT C S JORDAN ✓
 S/S K F JENSEN ✓

6. 354 S
 LT D C TURNER ✓
 S/S M R REYES ✓
 LT J W BRITT ✓

4. 314 H
 LT M W DU BOSE ✓
 S/S D L GRIFPER ✓

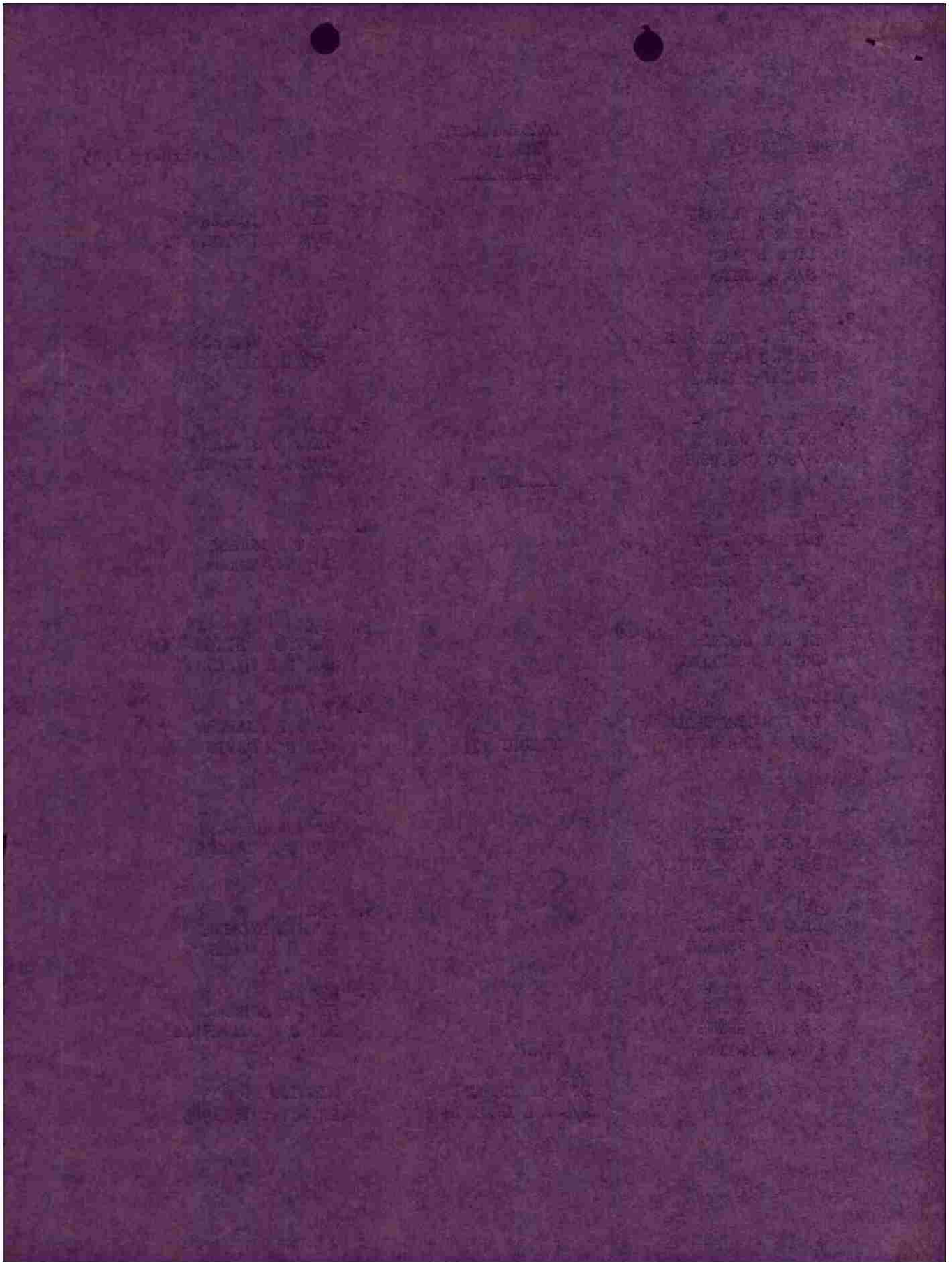
5. 252 D
 LT R H HACKLEY ✓
 SGT H A KOONS ✓

6. 238 M
 LT C M ANDERSON ✓
 SGT J H DEATHERAGE ✓

SPARE

286 D
 LT A R TURMAN ✓
 S/S L L LEAHIGH ✓

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 24 February 1945



SECRET
AUTH: CO, A-69
26 Feb 45
INITIAL: _____

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

R-M-1

AFG 140, U.S. Army,
26 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 24 February 1945, F.O. 1226, Viersen Communications Center, F.O. 177-760.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 43-22507
(Lt W.E. Heinke)

Bombs were salvaged safe in friendly territory when pilot and bombardier opened bomb doors for bomb sight level.

Aircraft was given complete check for irregularities in the salvo system but no trouble was found. Aircraft to be test flown for further check of bombing system.

43-22507
(Lt F.O. Buchanan)

Cluster bomb from 6A caught on bomb rack hook on station 6 when released.

Two 100 pound cluster adapters were looped together because of shortage of 250 pound adapters and the unused hook of the adapters caught in the bomb rack when the bomb fell out.

41-39264
(Lt F.E. Parker)

Stations 7A, 8 and 12 failed to release.

Arming wires on station 8 caught the arming lever on this station and prevented sufficient rotation of the lever to permit transfer switch in station 8 to function.

41-39238
(Lt G.M. Anderson)

Station 9 failed to release.

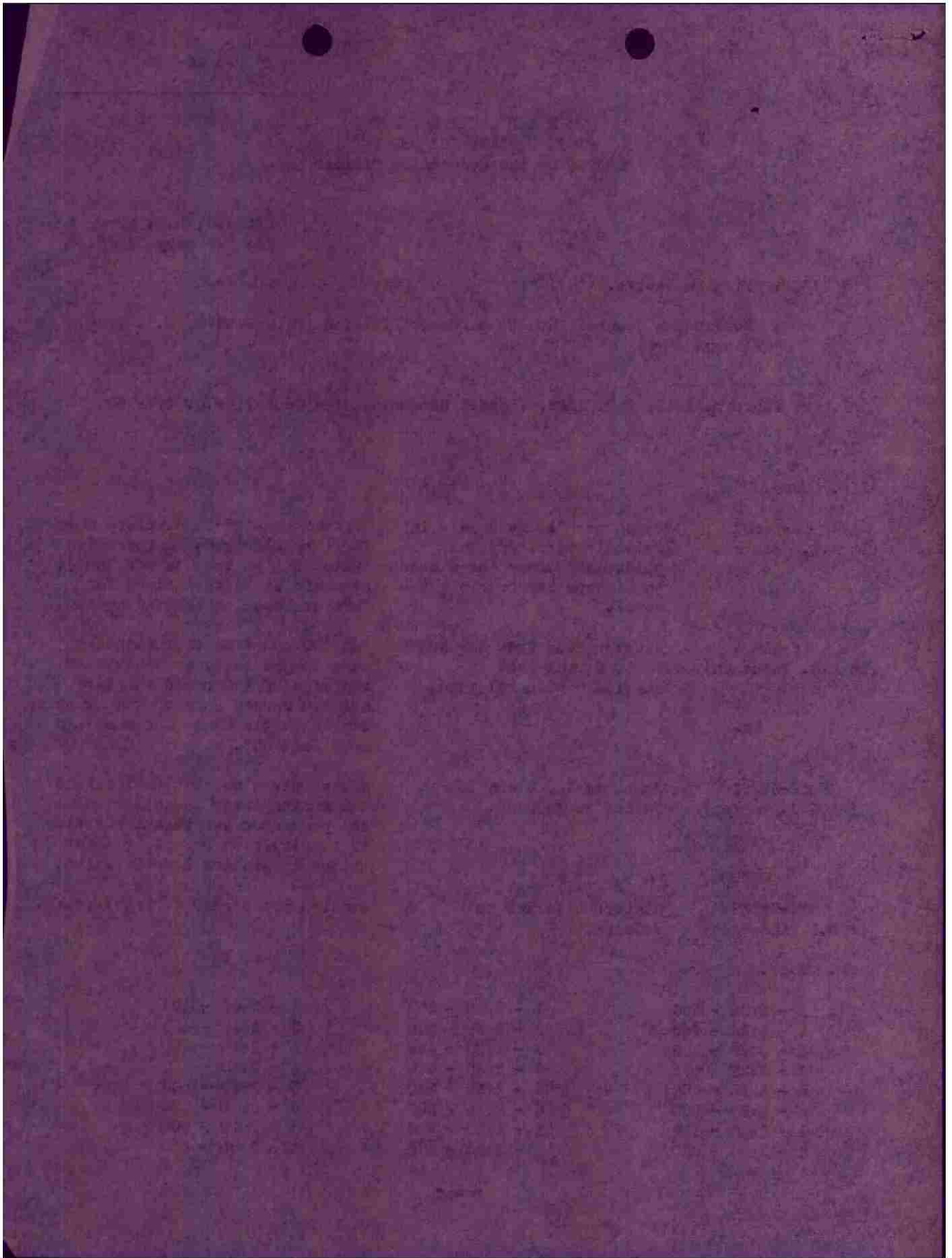
Station not cocked during loading.

V. None.

VI. 1 - 3:25 - 480
2 - 3:25 - 465
3 - 3:25 - 500
4 - 3:25 - 475
5 - 3:25 - 480
6 - 3:25 - 500
1 - 2:30 - 470
2 - 2:30 - 500

1 - 2:35 - 500
2 - 2:55 - 510
3 - 2:30 - 425
4 - 2:35 - 470
5 - 2:35 - 520
6 - 2:35 - 500
3 - 2:30 - 500
1 - 2:35 - 475

1 - 2:40 - 400
3 - 2:40 - 450
3 - 2:40 - 420
4 - 2:40 - 400
5 - 2:40 - 500
6 - 2:40 - 480
1 - 2:40 - 400
2 - 2:40 - 490



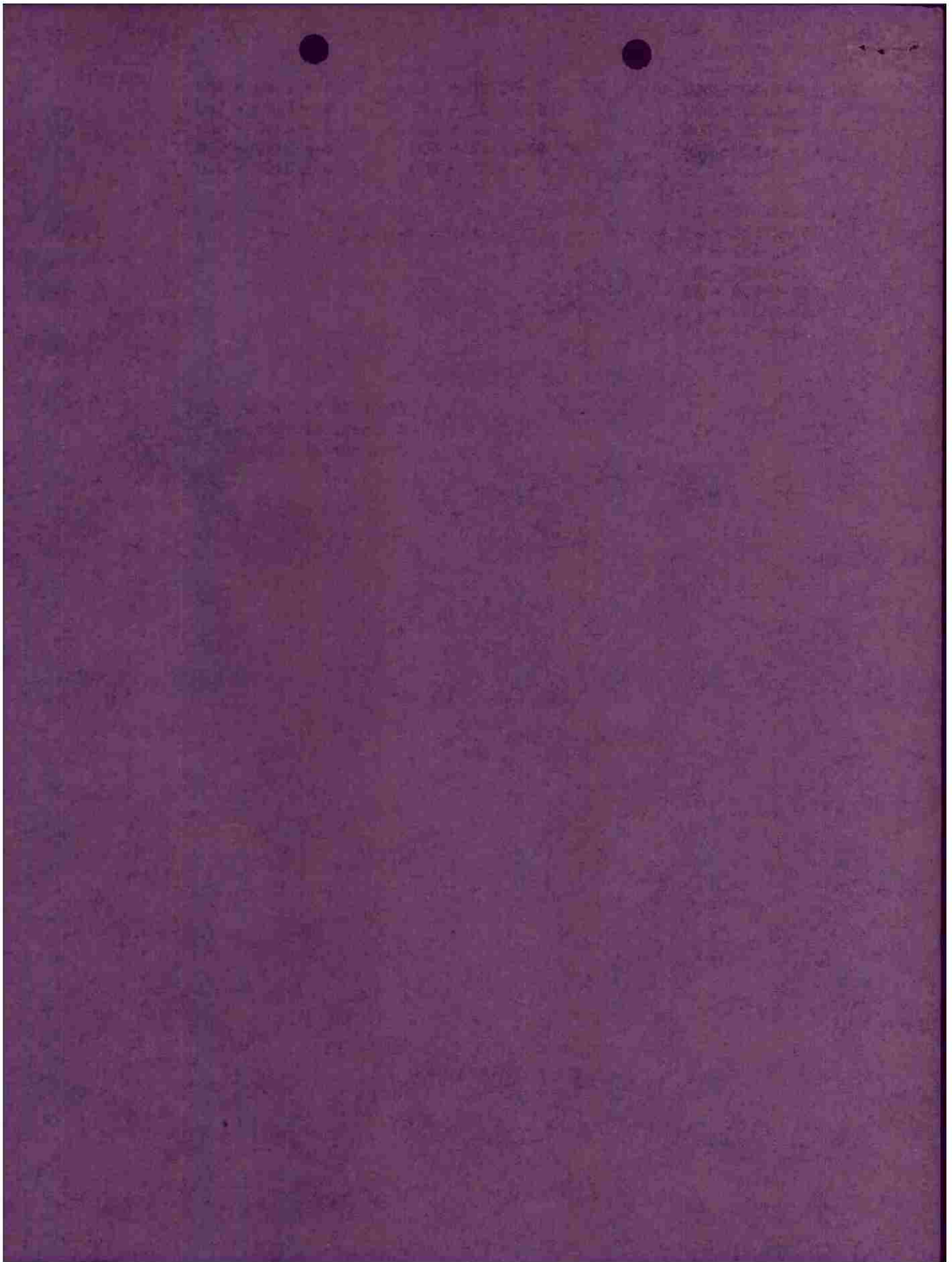
VI. 3 - 2:30 - 560
4 - 2:30 - 500
5 - 2:30 - 500
6 - 2:30 - 520

2 - 2:35 - 425
3 - 2:35 - 425
4 - 2:40 - 510
5 - 2:35 - 500
6 - 2:35 - 500

3 - 2:40 - 525
4 - 2:40 - 420
5 - 2:40 - 480
6 - 2:40 - 400
8 - 2:40 - 500

VII. 43-22378 - A
43-22495 - A
43-22481 - A
41-39284 - A
43-22469 - AC
43-22315 - A
41-39286 - A

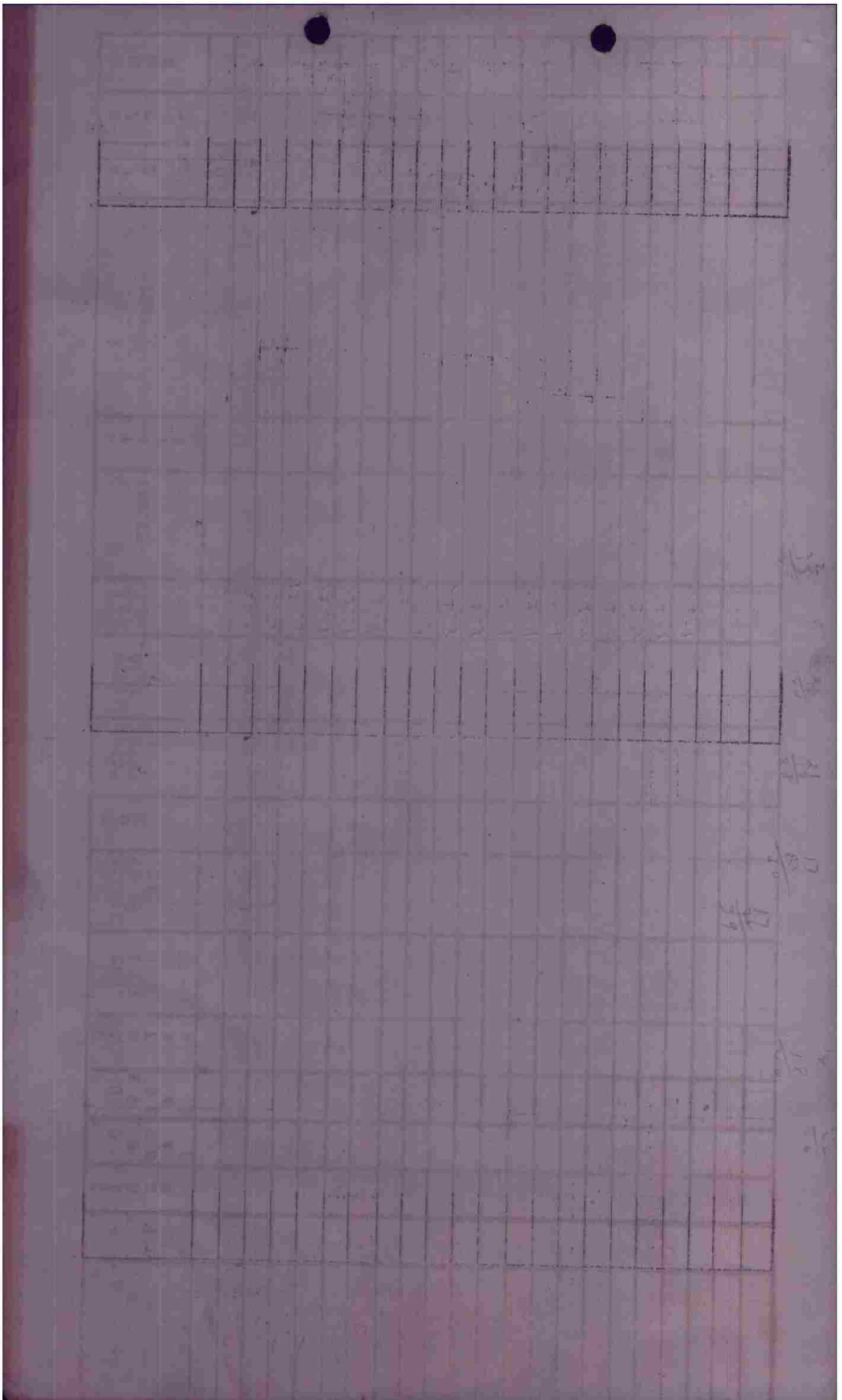
THEODORE R. AYLESWORTH,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.



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Box I

S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	T A R G E T	A T O	E N G . C O A S T O U T	E N E M Y C O A S T I N	T O T	E N E M Y C O A S T O U T	E N G . C O A S T I N	C A M E R A	F U L L O L O A D	B O M B O A D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D E	R E M A I N I N G S
C	A	469	Agnew			1226										1450	2:25
C	Q	507	Heinke			1226										51	2:25
C	K	2315	Chautauque			1226										51	2:25
C	P	330	Mudgrove			1226										50	2:25
C	B	223	Stankowski			1227										51	2:25
C	N	307	Jord			1227										53	2:30
A	P	481	Evans			1228										52	2:30
A	A	213	Montrose			1228										52	2:30
A	O	378	Lamin			1228										52	2:30
A	G	495	Buckman			1229										52	2:30
A	W	335	Kuwall			1229										52	2:30
A	M	361	Loxy			1229										1500	2:35
A	Y	505	Anderson, C. J.			1232										03	2:35
A	D	325	Pinella			1230										02	2:35
A	U	305	Quarrier			1230										02	2:35
A	T	264	Parker			1230										03	2:35
A	T	321	Blumie			1231										01	2:30
B	B	229	Phillips			1231											
C	F	9315	Brooks			1231											



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Part II

S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	T A R G E T	A T O	E N G . C O A S T O U T	E N E M Y C O A S T I N	T O T	E N E M Y C O A S T O U T	E N G . C O A S T I N	C A M E R A	F U L L O L O A D	B O M B O A D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D I N E	R E M A I N I N G S
C	X	503	Rooney			1238										1513	2135
D	R	498	Jacobson			1238										13	2135
C	R	215	Albright			1238										13	2135
C	E	224	Stewart, E. O.			1238										14	2140
C	O	416	Wilbaker			1239										14	2135
C	G	334	Lowell			1239										14	2135
D	E	497	Tutt			1239										17	2140
D	P	237	Coker			1239										19	2140
D	F	297	Henderson			1240										18	2140
D	M	209	Murray			1240										19	2140
D	A	250	Thompson			1240										18	2140
D	W	326	Millham			1241										19	2140
B	E	492	Miller, E. K.			1241										20	2140
B	A	381	Jordan			1241										20	2140
B	S	354	Turner, D. O.			1242										20	2140
B	H	314	Quinn			1242										21	2140
B	D	252	Hubert			1242										22	2150
B	M	238	Henderson, M.			1243										23	2140
C	D	286	Turner			1243										24	2140

498 - 425

497 - 400

297 - 420

237 - 450

209 - 400

250 - 500

326 - 480

POST MISSION REPORT

MISSION NO. _____

DATE _____

1. NUMBER OF MEN WOUNDED:

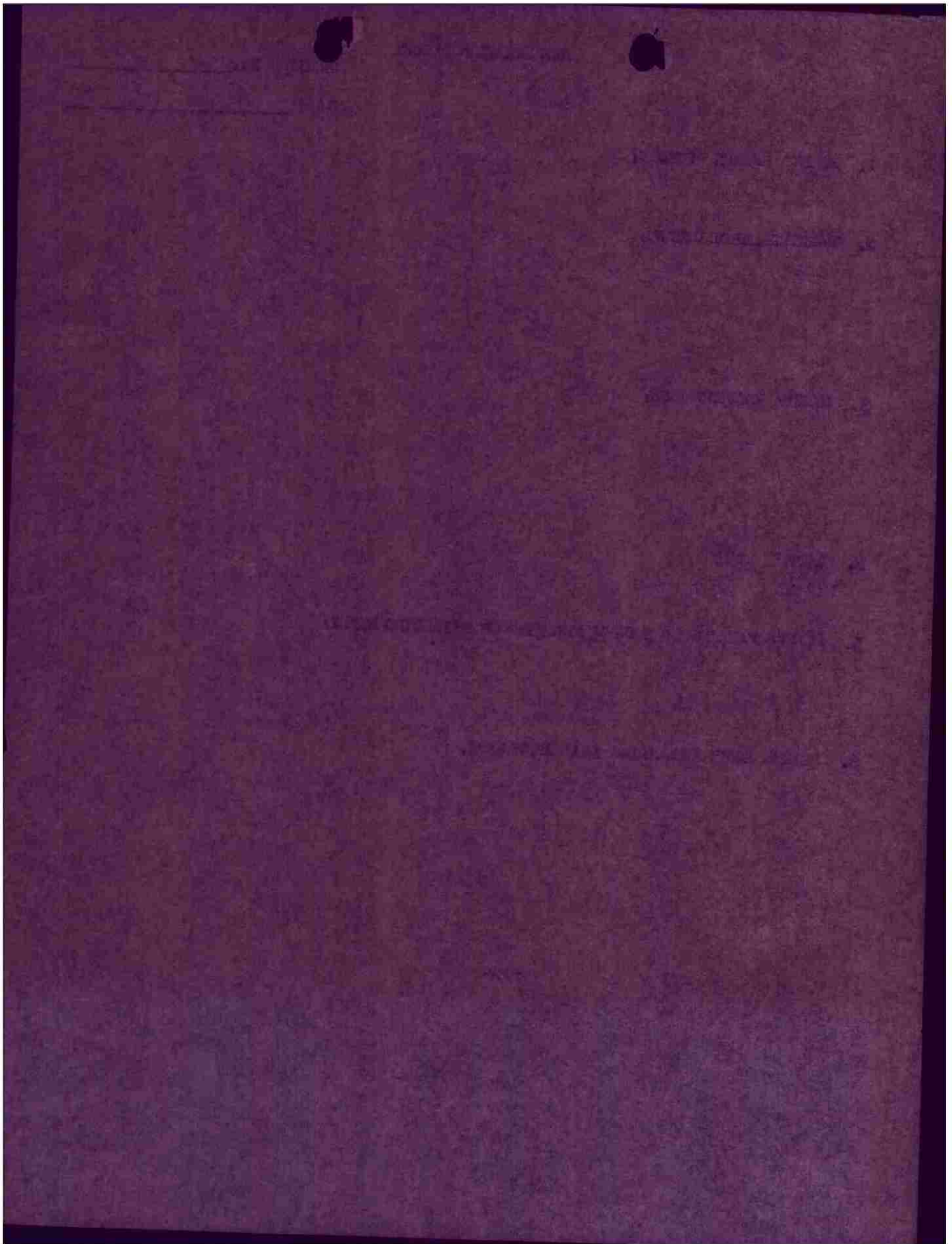
2. ENGINE MALFUNCTIONS:

3. CAMERA MALFUNCTIONS:

4. BATTERY DRAIN:

5. PLANES FAILING TO BECOME AIRBORNE OR RETURNING EARLY:

6. PLANES LOST OR LANDING AWAY FROM BASE:



JEA JKI V ITA JJF 8/23 OP OP

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ 23/1900
TO CG IX BOMB DIV ATT A-3
CG 97 BOMB WING A-3
CO 416 BOMB GROUP S-3
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1ST PATHFINDER SQ F-292-E

OPERATIONAL CRITIQUE PFF

DATE : 23/2 /45 TIME : 1544
PFF PILO LT MCALPIN

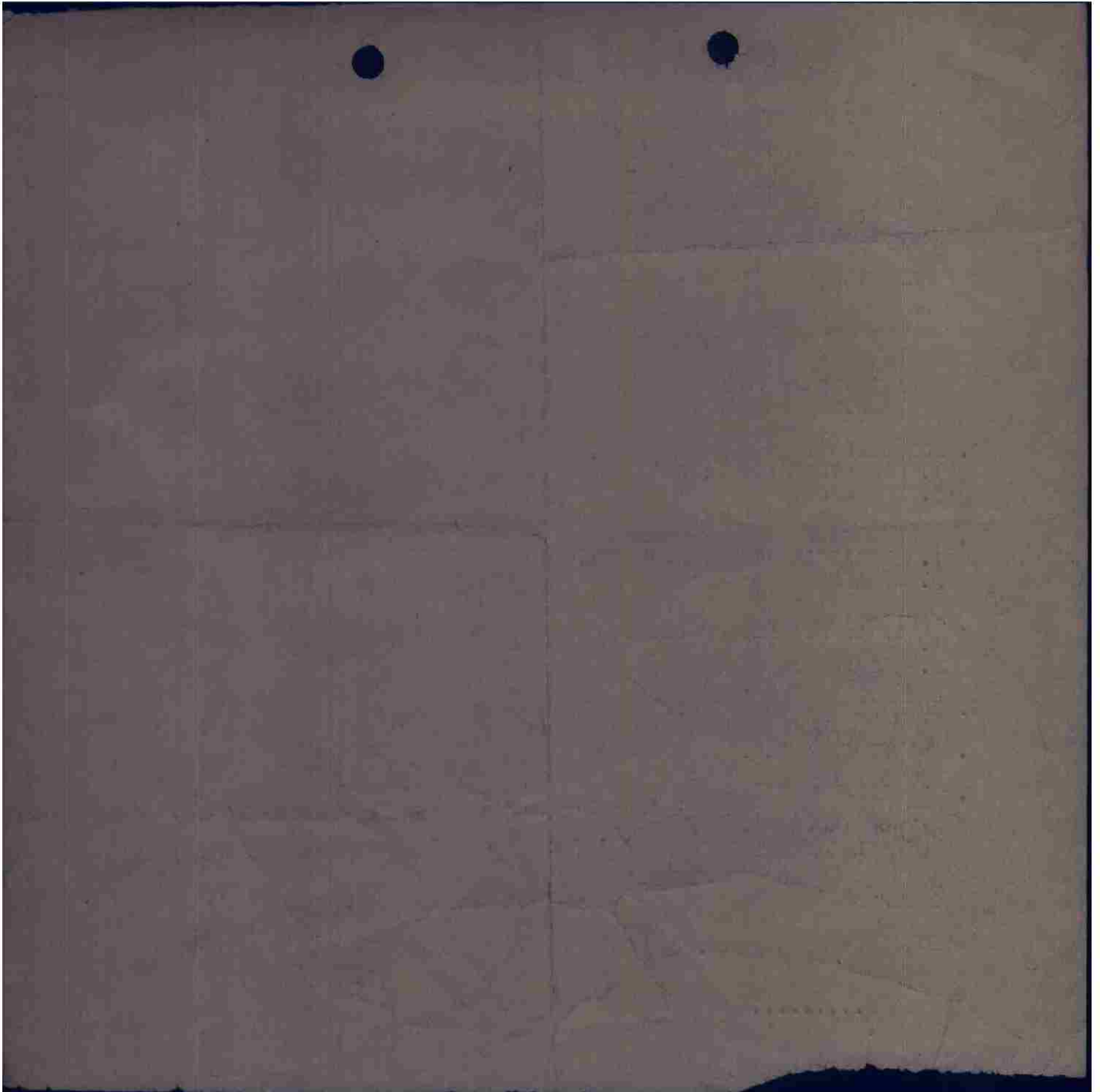
- A. FORMATION :
1. CLASSIFICATION : GOOD
2. REMARKS :
- B. WNZFEW SHIPS :
1. CLASSIFICATION : NONE SEEN
2. REMARKS :
- C. NAVIGATION :
1. CLASSIFICATION : PFF DID IT ALL
2. REMARKS :
- D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATION : GOOD
- E. BRIEFINGS : DID NOT ATTEND
- F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS :
PFF WAS INDICATING 210 AND GROUP LEAD ASKED HIM TO SPEED UP.
SUGGEST GROUPS OBSERVE S.O.P. AIRSPEEDS.

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ

BT 1900/23
SSR /RB
BB TO JEA

JKI/ITA R.....25/2205A JF KKKK
CC ON B. IN TEXT PLS KKK
WINDOW SHIPS:
CLASSISIX8.29, : GOOD

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- Feb 24
- A. FIRST PATHFINDER Q WITH THE 416TH BOMB GROUP
 - B. VIERSEN COMMUNICATION CENTER WF-0696
 - C. TWO B-26'S
 - D. NONE EQUIPMENT FAILURE GROUP TOOK OVER AND DROPPED VISUALLY
 - E. TWO B-26'S EQUIPMENT OF PFF SHIP LEADING SECOND BOX WENT OUT
NEAR TARGET SO SHIP MADE 180 DEGREE TURN ALMOST TO
BOMB LINE AND TRIED SECOND RUN ON "GEE" BUT IT
WAS JAMMED
 - F. 8 X 500 GP RETURNED
 - G. NONE
 - H. ONE B-26 CAT "A" FLAK
 - I. NONE
 - J. MEAGER TO MODERATE ACCURATE AT GLADBACH WF-0989 - MEAGER ACCURATE
AT RHEIDAHVEN WF-0485 AND KINSPER WF-0190
 - K. NONE
 - L. 12,500 AND 12,000 PRIMARY
 - M. 1355 AND 1356 PRIMARY

NOTE: ONE SHIP OF LEAD FLIGHT SALVOED BOMBS FOUR MILES SOUTH EAST OF
EMBLOUX VJ-9015
ANNEX NO. 1: NO CALL MADE - NOT BRIEFED TO CALL

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JEA ITA V JKI 16/24 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 241731A
 TO CC 9TH BOMB DIVISION ATT: A-2
 CC 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATT: A-2
 CONFIDENTIAL BT
 FAX-315-D

OPFLASH FOR 24 FEBRUARY 1945

- A. 416 BOMB GROUP
- B. VIERSEN COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (F-360964)
- C. 38 A-26'S
- D. 18 A-26'S, BOX I BOMBED PRIMARY ON "GEE" RUN AFTER PPF A/C
 EQUIPMENT FAILURE.
 19 A-26'S, BOX II BOMBED PRIMARY ON "GEE" ON SECOND RUN. PPF
 A/C FAILED TO DROP ON EITHER FIRST OR SECOND RUNS.
- E. 1 A-26 DEPUTY LEADER OF BOX I DROPPED SAFE PREMATURELY IN
 FRIENDLY TERRITORY AT (J-785125) WHEN BOMBS FELL OUT WHEN BOMBAY
 DOORS WERE OPENED FOR LEVEL. CAUSE OF MALFUNCTION NOT ASCERTAINED.
- F. 511 X 250 GP ON PRIMARY
 14 X 250 GP FELL OUT AT J-785125 (SAFE)
 6 X 250 GP RETURNED
 (ONE A/C EXXXX CARRIED 13 BOMBS)
- G. UNOBSERVED DUE TO CLOUD COVER
- H. 18 A/C DAMAGED BY FLAK. CAT. "A"
- I. NIL.
- J. MODERATE ACCURATE HFF FAIRLY CONTINUOUS THROUGH LAST MINUTE OF
 BOMB RUN. NIL ELSEWHERE.
- K. NIL.
- L. BOX I 12,500
 XXXXXXXXXXXX
 XXXXXXXXXXXX BOX II 11,500
- M. BOX I 1357
 BOX II 1416
- N. TWO (2) CHUTES OBSERVED IN TARGET AREA FROMXXXXXXXX FROM POSSIBLE
 A-26 SEEN TO SPIRAL DOWN.

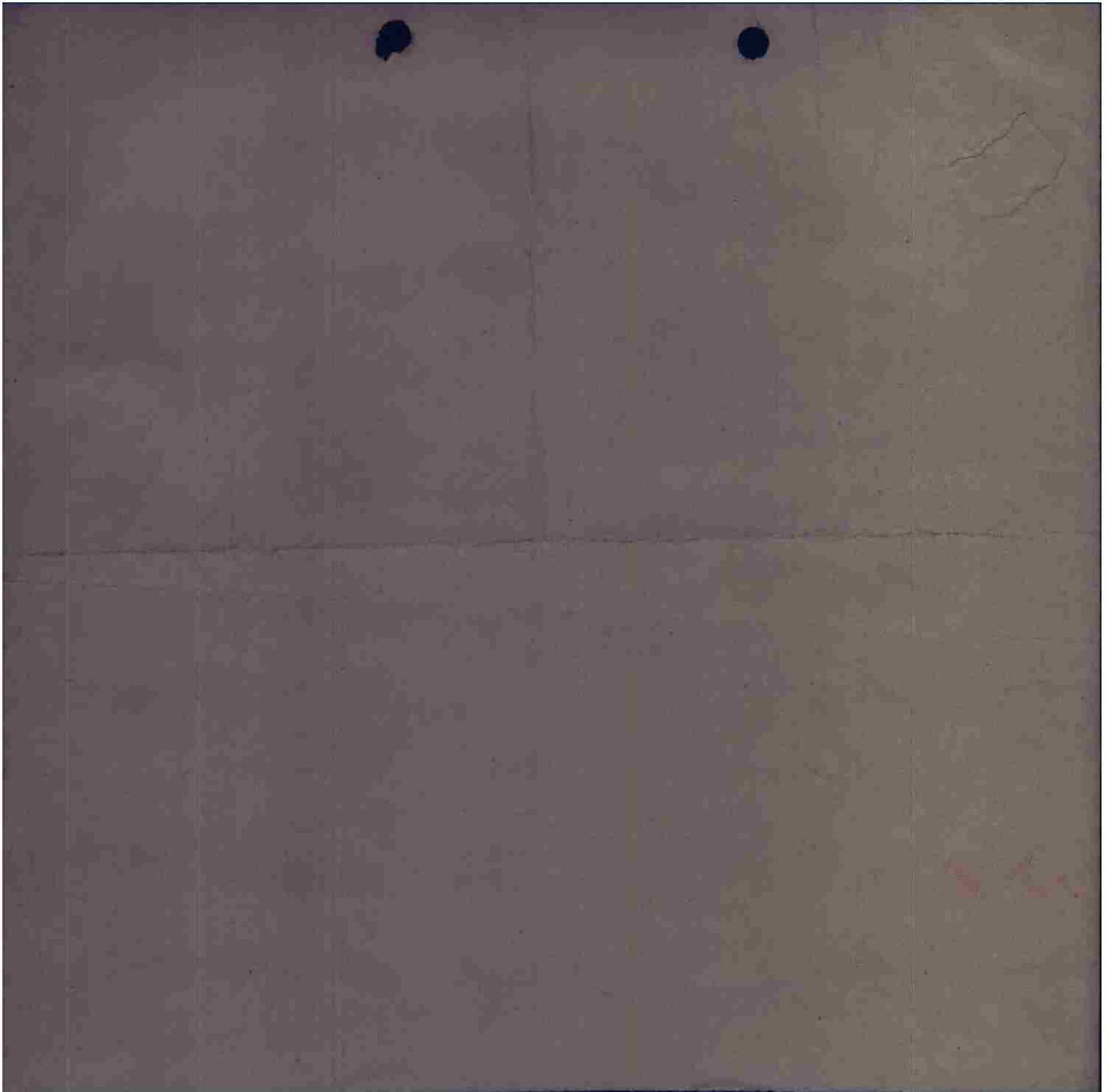
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JEA R.....24/1953A LEG AR

ITA R.....24/1953A APPHMAPPMSHHKKN O

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ITA JEA V JKI 14/24 P P

FROM COBOMGR 416 241630SA
TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER.
COMCBTWIG 97 (INFO)

CONFIDENTIAL BT
FAX-212-J

- A. YES - AB (PLAN B)
- B. 24 FEBRUARY 1945 (1236-1538)
- C. A-ABLE REPORTED COMPLETION OF OPERATIONS TO PARADE FOR BOTH BOXES.
Y-YOKE CHANNEL B RECEIVER WEAK OR INOPERATIVE.
- D. PPF MISSION
- E. NONE
- F. NONE
- G. NONE
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE

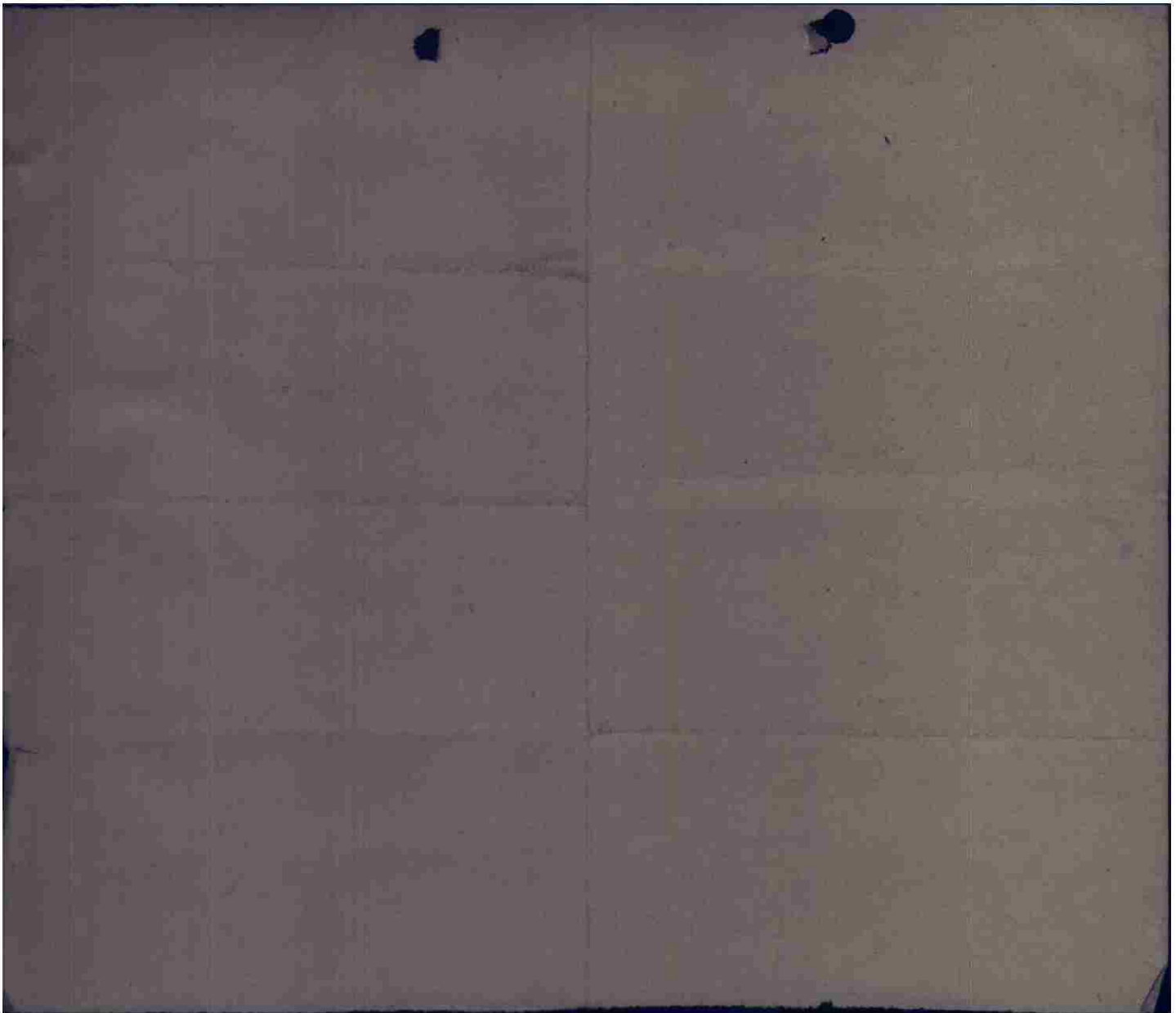
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BT 241630A
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ITA R.....24/1635A MILT HP

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JEA R.....24/1635A FK KKKK

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SECURITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

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

416 BG F _____ E

CONFIDENTIAL

24 FEBRUARY 1945 2000

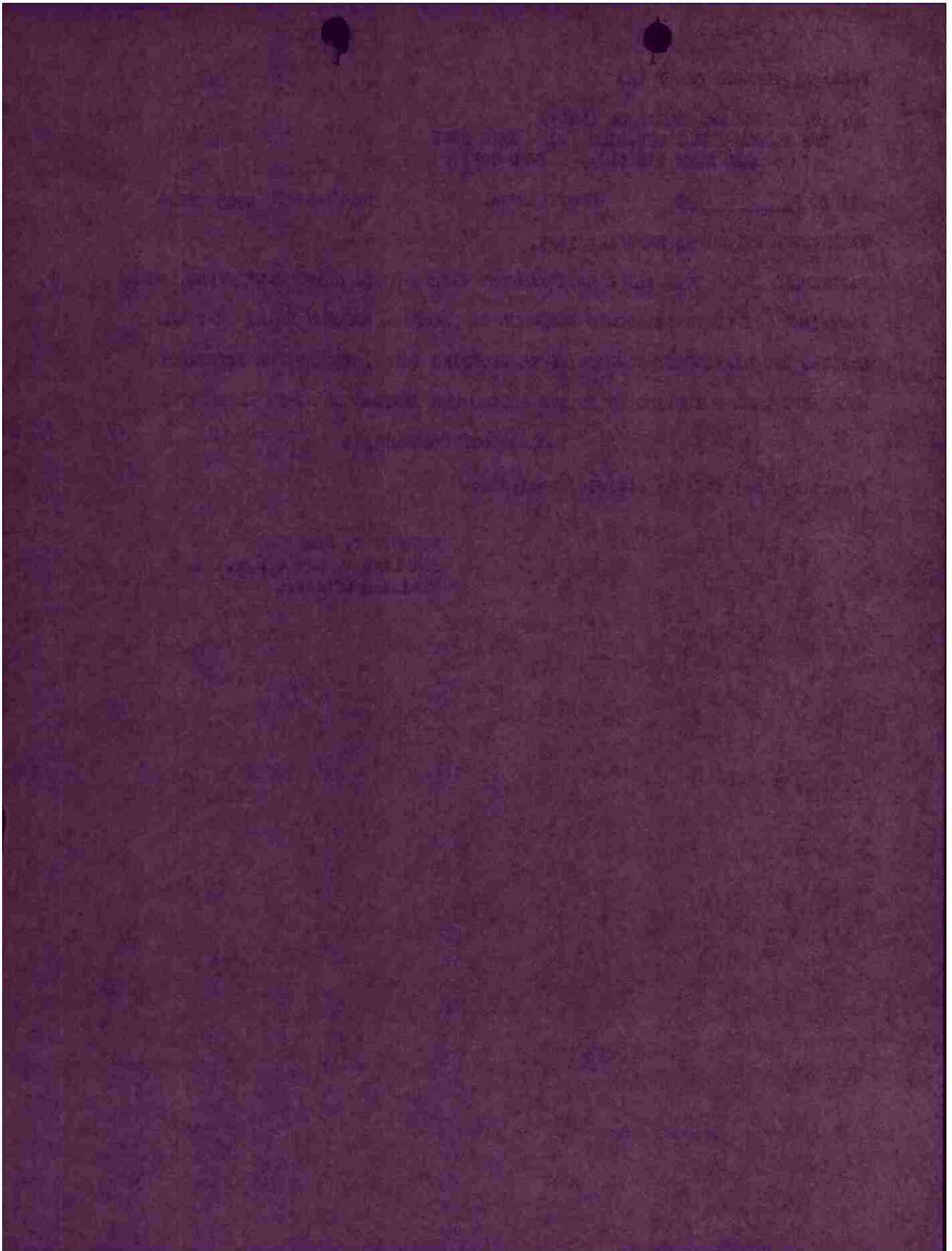
PATHFINDER REPORT 24 FEBRUARY 1945.

PATHFINDER LEADS BOTH BOXES SATISFACTORY WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS. BOTH
 PATHFINDER AIRCRAFT ABANDONED BOMB RUN SO CLOSE TO RELEASE POINT THAT BOX
 LEADERS HAD DIFFICULTY CORRECTING TO DROPPING POINT. SECOND BOX PATHFINDER
 MADE LEFT TURN RETURNING TO IP FOR SECOND RUN INSTEAD OF RIGHT AS BRIEFED.

AYLESWORTH COMBOMB 416

I certify that this is official business:

EVERETT T. PLATTER,
 1st Lieut., Air Corps,
 Training Officer.



ITA JES JKI JPO JJF V JEA JEA 21/24 OP OP
T (ITA T JJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 24/2047A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGRPS 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
24 FEBRUARY 1945

F-199-E

FIELD ORDER NO. 177-760

MAPS: NORMAL

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

ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" 24/1300A
ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" 24/1300A

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) VIERSEN COMMUNICATIONS CENTER F-261964
- (6) BOMB 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 2,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
- (9) MPI: GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4704. COVER AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD.: 05359635, 05759630, 06259620 AND 06659620.
- (10) 14 X 250 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN.

3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) VIERSEN M/V F-076958
- (6) BOMB 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 2,000 FEET. LOSE 2,000 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
- (9) MPI: GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4704. COVER M/V BETWEEN GRID. COORD.: 06729620 AND 08349545.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR.

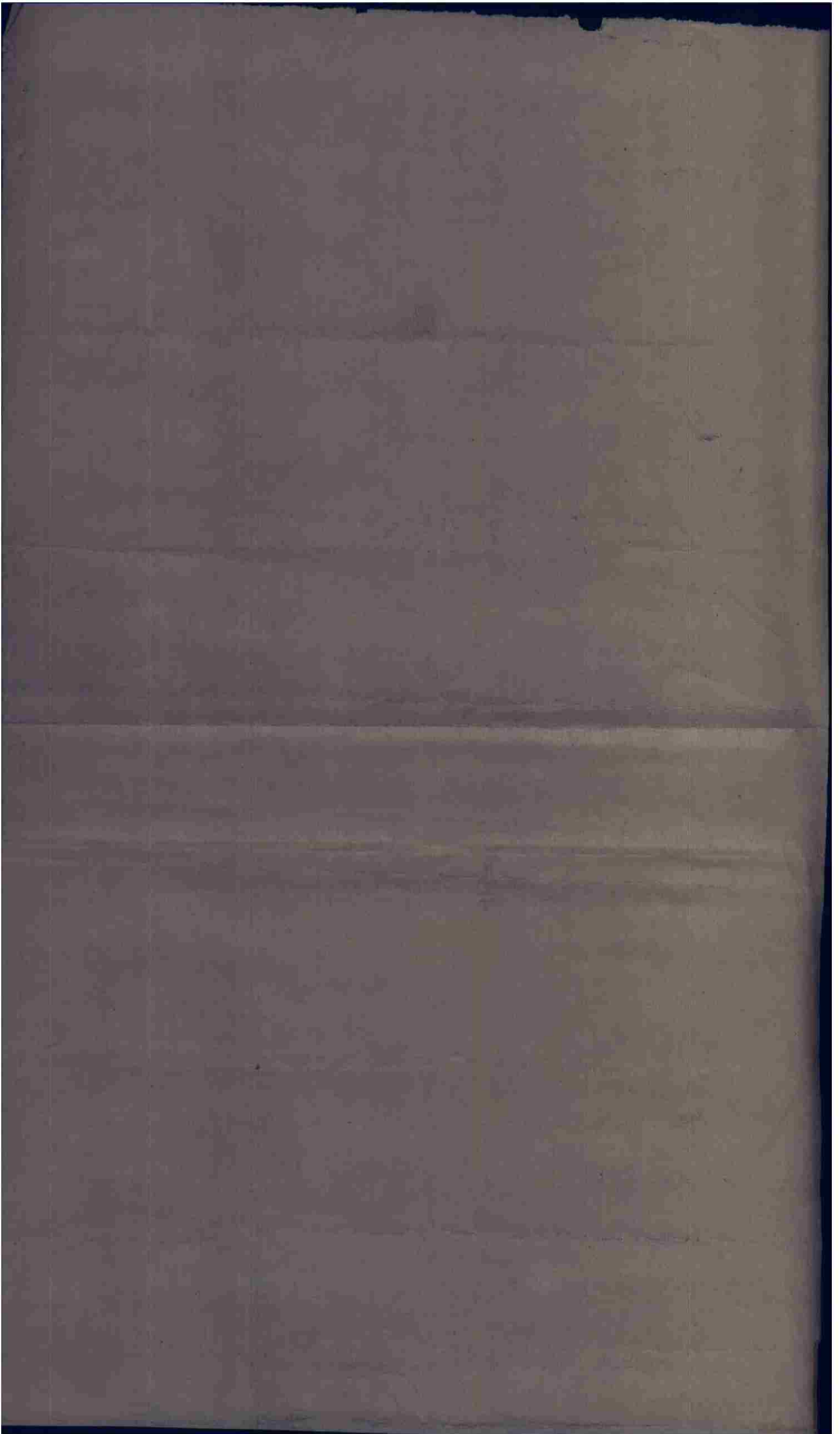
3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) VIERSEN COMMUNICATIONS CENTER F-260964
- (6) BOMB 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 2,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
- (9) MPI: GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4704. COVER AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD.: 05359635, 05759535 AND 06659620.
- (10) 14 X 250 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR PLUS 30 MIN.

X. (1 - 4) NO CHANGE.

- (5) A/C REQUIRED: MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO E-4210 TO I P TO TARGET.
- (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R P TO BASE.
- (8) IP: E-9100.
- (9) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY N W TO S E.
- (10) RP: E-4210.
- (11) IN THE EVENT SECOND RUNS ARE MADE ON TARGET, GROUPS WILL TURN RIGHT TO E-7104 TO I P (E-9100) TO BEGIN RUN.
- (12) GROUPS ARE CAUTIONED THAT AN A-26 GROUP WILL BE ON TARGET F-260964 AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MIN., AND 2 B-26 GROUPS WILL BE ON THE SAME TARGET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MIN., AND ZERO HOUR PLUS 45 MIN.
- (13) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE BOMBED BY VISUAL MEANS, GROUPS WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET ON (A) "GEE" (B) TARGET E.T.A.
- (14) GROUPS WILL SELECT AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (2-9-45)
- (15) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK BATTERIES WITHIN RANGE.

PLAN "B"



3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) VIERSEN COMMUNICATIONS CENTER F-660964.
- (9) MPI: GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4704. COVER AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD.: 05359635, 05859620, 06259620 AND 06659620. TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL. PPF MPI GRID. COORD.: 05959590. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 70 FEET.
- (10) 14 X 250 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MIN.

3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) VIERSEN M/Y F-576958.
- (9) MPI GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4704. COVER M/Y BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD.: 06729620 AND 08349545. TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL. PPF MPI 1ST BOX GRID. COORD.: 07209600
2ND " " " " 08059555
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR PLUS 30 MIN.

3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) VIERSEN COMMUNICATION CENTER F-660964.
- (9) MPI: GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4704. COVER AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD.: 05359635, 05759555 AND 06659620. TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL. PPF MPI GRID. COORD.: 06129540. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 70 FEET.
- (10) 14 X 250 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR PLUS 55 MIN.

X. (1-4) NO CHANGE.

- (5) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON ONE PPF A/C EACH BOX.
- (6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO E-5100 TO TARGET.
- (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO E-5100 TO BASE.
- (8) ALTITUDES: BOMB: 1ST BOX 12,500 FEET
2ND " 12,000 "
LOOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL 8,000 FEET.
- (9) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 AND A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES. IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND RUN IN ORDER TO BOMB VISUALLY, GROUPS WILL TURN RIGHT OFF OF TARGET TO E-714 TO VISUAL IP (E-9100) TO BEGIN RUN. IF IT CAN BE DETERMINED BEFORE REACHING BOMBLINE THAT VISUAL BOMBING IS POSSIBLE, GROUPS WILL PROCEED TO VISUAL IP (E-9100) TO BEGIN VISUAL RUN.
- (10) IF PPF EQUIPMENT FAILS AND VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST, GROUPS WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET ON (A) "CEE" (B) TARGET E.T.A.
- (11) GROUPS ARE CAUTIONED THAT AN A-26 GROUP AND 2 B-26 GROUPS WILL BE ON TARGET F-660964 AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 65 MIN., ZERO PLUS 75 MIN., AND ZERO HOUR PLUS 85 MIN.
- (12) GROUPS WILL SELECT AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (2-9-45)
- (13) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK BATTERIES WITHIN RANGE.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) BESTMAN
- (4) ROSELEE

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) MANGO
- (4) ROSELEE

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

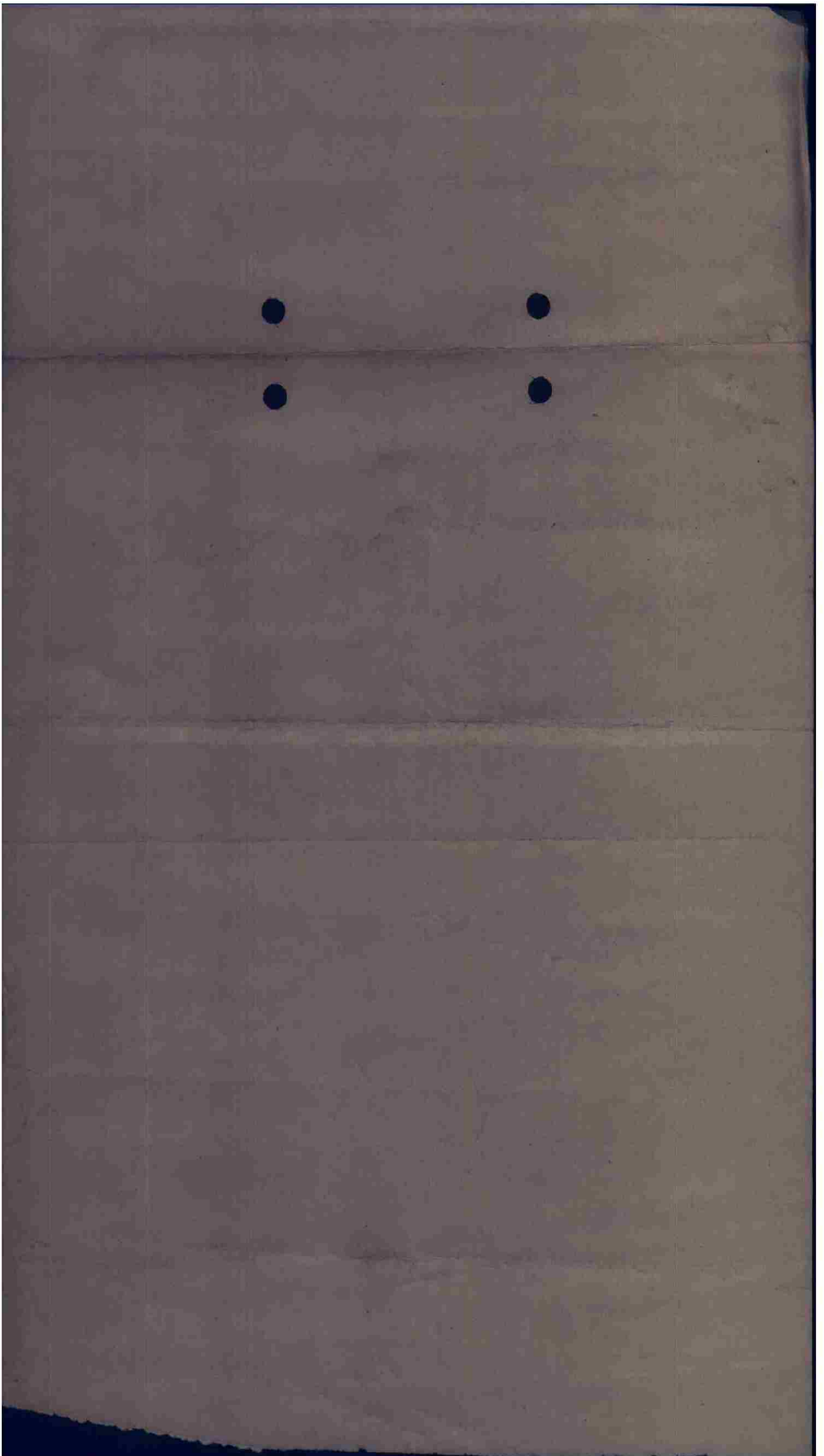
- (2) CIRCLE
- (4) ROSELEE

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

- (2) PARADE D/D
ROSELEE C/C
SWEEPSTAKES C/C

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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 24/0100A
 TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
 COBOMGRPS 409, 416
 1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O 140
 24 FEBRUARY 1945

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 2 FIELD ORDER NO. 177-760

F-201-E

1. TARGET: VIERSEN COMMUNICATION CENTER. SEE GROUP G.L.O. FOR
 TACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

2. MAP COVERAGE:
 ----- GSGS. 4414 SHEET 4704

PHOTO COVERAGE:
 ----- US 31/4098 PRINTS 1041, 42, 43
 2031, 32, 33, 36, 37.
 5106E/4704

3. FLAK: COUNTER BATTERY FIRE FOR BOTH PLANS COORDINATED WITH E.T.A.
 CHECK PLOTTED POSITIONS.

4. TARGET IS APPROXIMATELY 12 MILES BEYOND CURRENT BOMBLINE.

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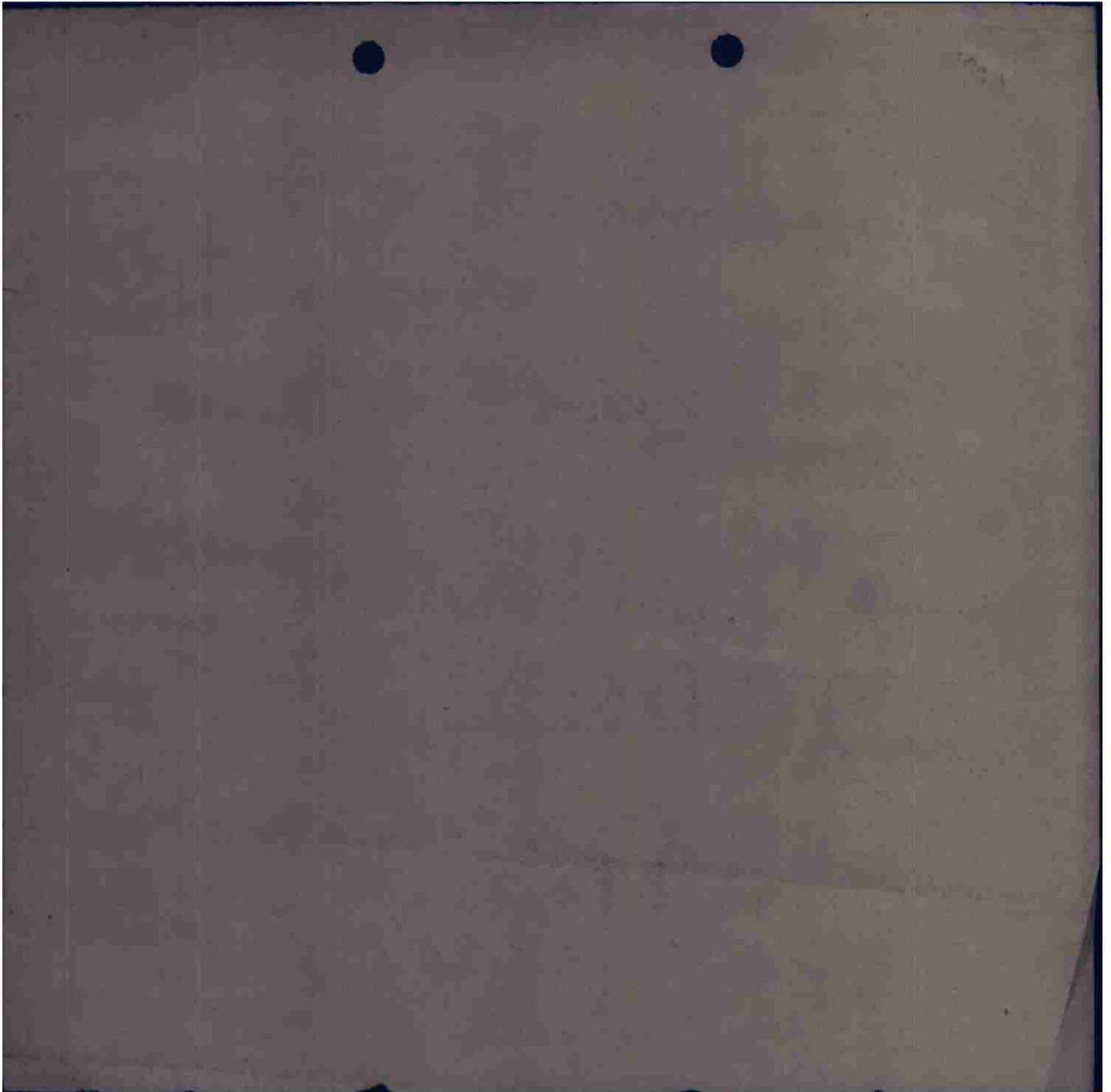
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5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
(2) BESTMAN
(4) ROSELEE

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP
(2) MANGO
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C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
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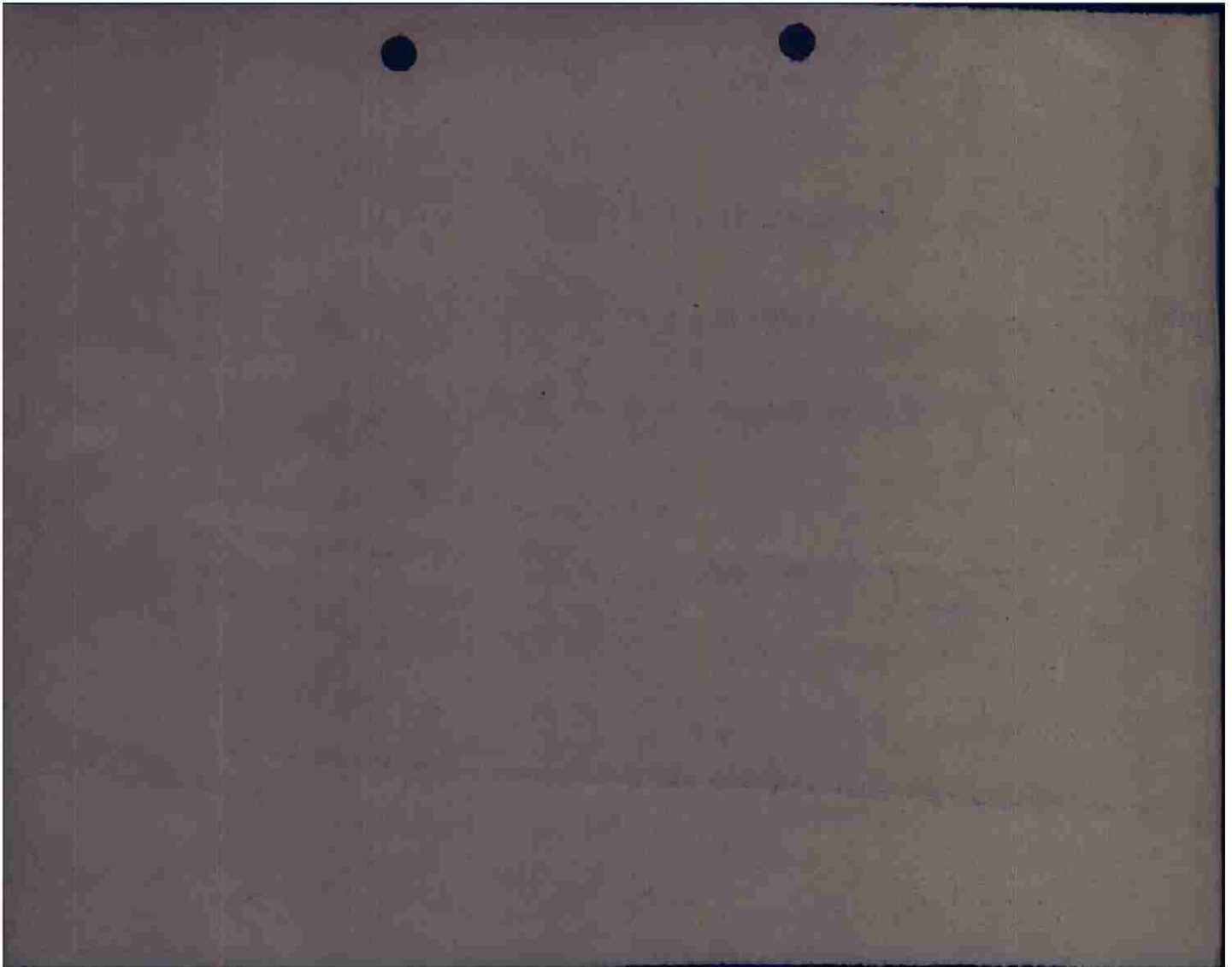
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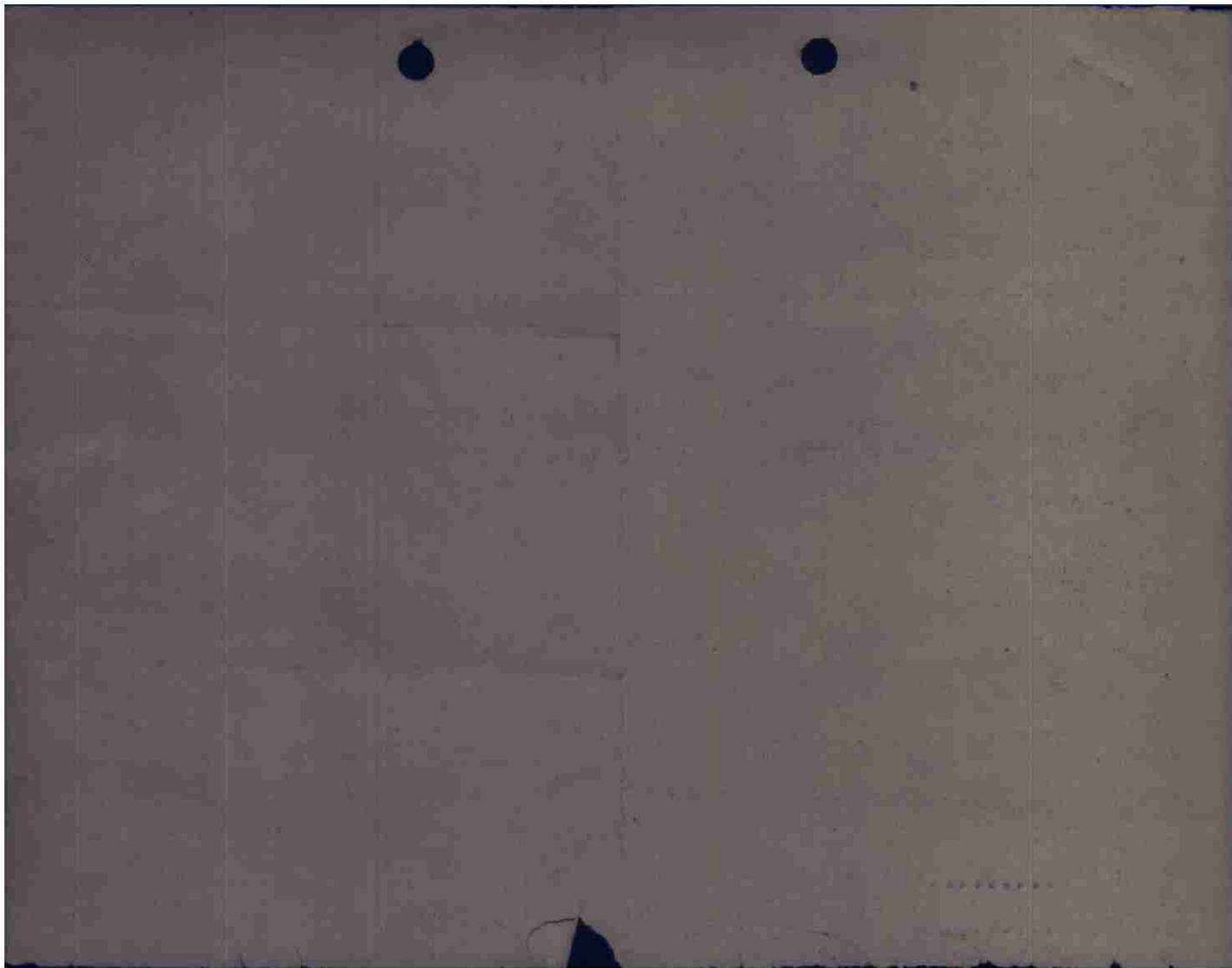
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TO : COMBONDIV NINE
COMBONGRPS 410, 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

SIGNAL SERVICE

ATTENTION MSG. CEN.

IN OUR FIELD ORDER NO. F-199-E JEA 01/24 SENT YOU AT 24/0047A PLS
CORRECT 3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP LINE 3. B. (6) TO READ:

3. B. (6) BOMB 13,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000
FEET. LOSE 2,000 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.

JEA MSG. CEN.

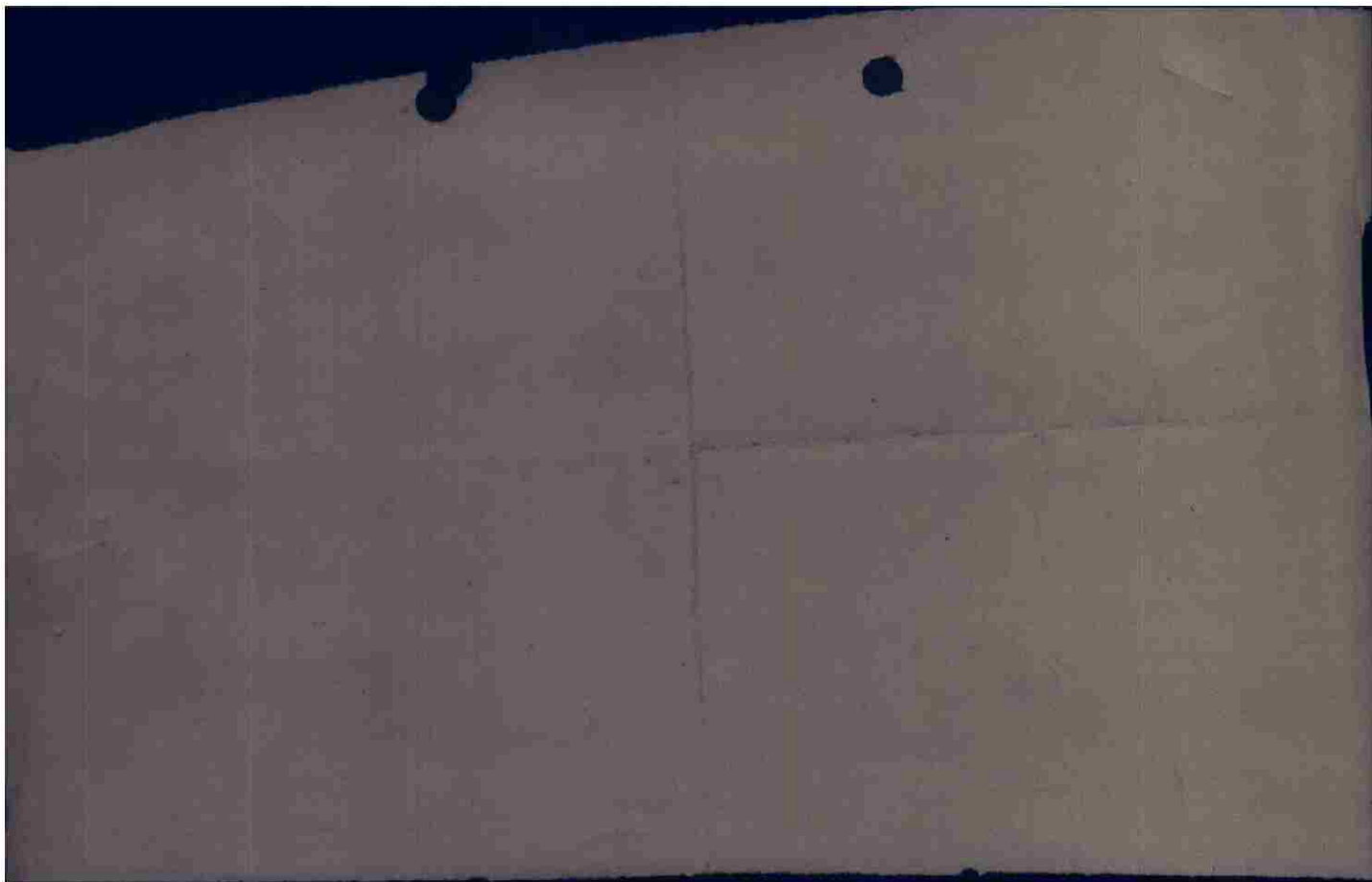
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