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MISSION NO. 239

LOADING LIST

18 MARCH 1945

FLIGHT I

1. 523 N
 Capt H M Evans
 Lt T M McCartney
 Lt D R Friend
 S/S C L Steens

2. 490 X
 Lt J J Leckovich
 Lt R C Muir
 S/S T Connery

3. 361 H
 Lt J P Hanny
 S/S J J Sitterich

4. 259 H
 Lt J K Colquitt
 S/S L E Singleton

5. 213 A
 Lt G J Vera
 Sgt J J Griffith

6. 378 D
 Lt G J Perkhurst
 Sgt F Newman

FLIGHT II

1. 501 W
 Lt D B Grundig
 Lt B C Morris
 S/S H J Nowosielski

2. 215 R
 Lt W D Chitty
 Sgt V B Raccio

3. 307 N-1
 Lt A R Turman
 Sgt C D Harmon

4. 224 E
 Lt E O Turner
 S/S J O Baloss

5. 205 M-1
 Capt H W Roman
 Sgt R J Perujo

6. 416 O-1
 Lt J F Wallace
 Sgt J G Krantz

FLIGHT III

1. 469 A-1
 Lt F S Brewster
 Lt L W Dennis
 S/S W O Clark

2. 3315 F
 Lt J F Stankowski
 Sgt A H Kimball

3. 3315 L
 Lt R Ford
 Sgt G J Thompson

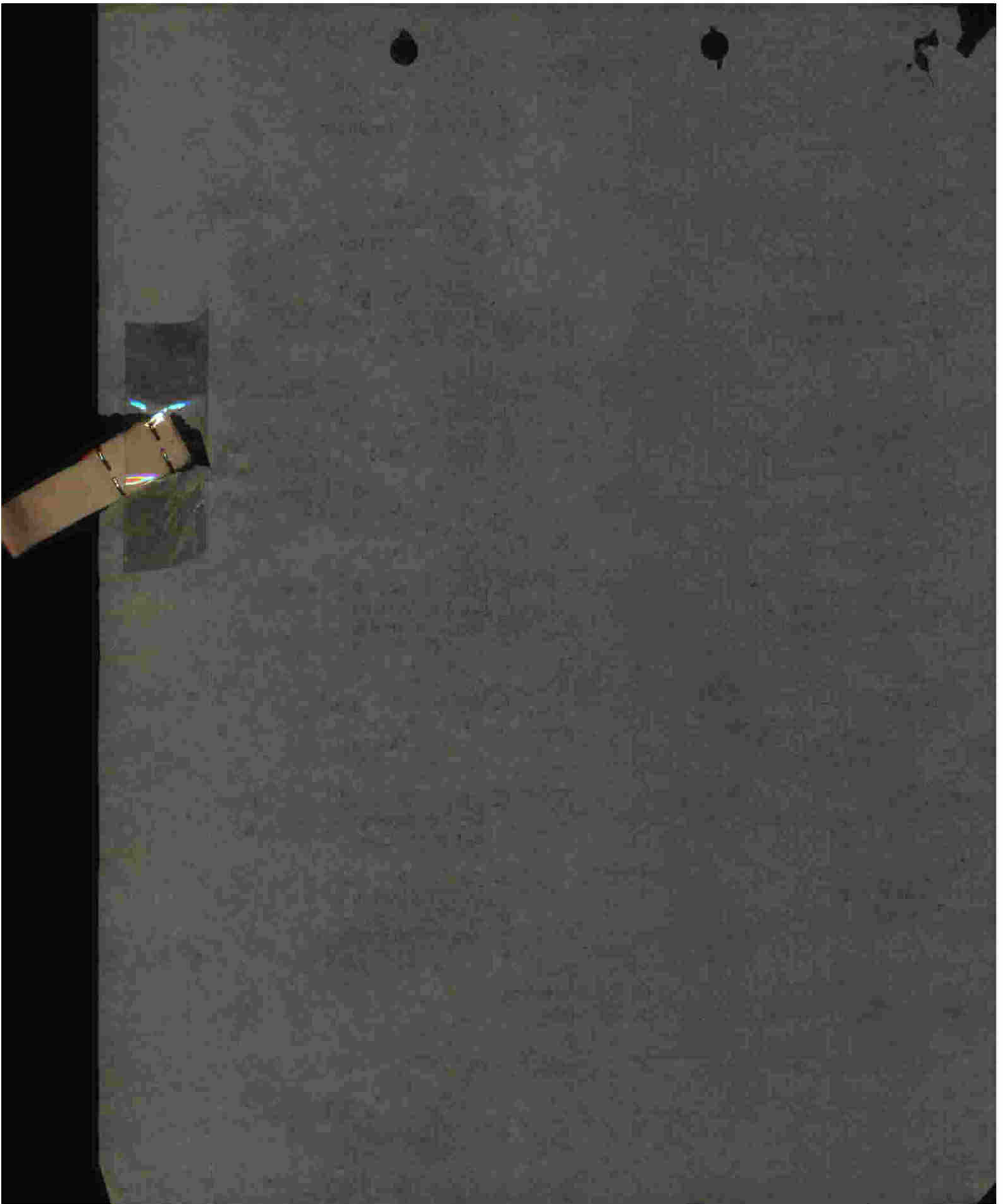
4. 223 B
 Lt R S Fower
 Sgt N A Fuskas

5. 233 F
 Lt A G Hanson
 Cpl R K Holmar

6. 320 S
 Lt J V O'Brien
 Sgt F E Corey
 Sgt D B Richards

SPARE

385 D
 Lt A S Nathanson
 Sgt G M Hicks



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BOX II

FLIGHT I 41-39

18 MARCH 1945

43-22 1. 505 Y
Capt C J Anderson
Lt W Pabba
Lt L J Roman
S/S P J Profita

43-22 2. 521 N
Lt R H Cornell
Lt R E Enman
S/S A Carter

43-22 3. 495 G
Lt J H Carver
S/S N M Graham

43-22 4. 264 I 650
Lt L J Prucha
S/S L C Ferguson

43-22 5. 389 X 575
Lt J W Blevins
Sgt F Gentry

41-39 6. 325 L 500
Lt R H Long
Sgt C J McCarthy

FLIGHT II

43-22 1. 304 T
Capt E D Stebbins
Lt A S Calloway
S/S W J Brown

43-22 2. 351 F
Lt C E Weinert
Sgt R D Francis

41-39 3. 314 H
Lt E C Martin
Lt J W Britt
S/S L B Draft

43-22 4. 487 J
Lt D O Turner
Lt P J McGivern
S/S M R Reyes

41-39 5. 271 R
Lt F G Dunn
Sgt L C Stein

43-22 6. 381 Q
Lt A W Depner
Sgt R H Gillispie
S/S C J Krueger

FLIGHT III

43-22 1. 499 G-1
Lt J A Buskirk
Lt R C Hanna
S/S H S Fessler

43-22 2. 497 E
Capt L J Sutton
Lt J V Reade
S/S R J Brown

43-22 3. 356 C
Lt H M VanNoorden
S/S R I Steffey

43-22 4. 313 B 450
Lt A Remiszewski
S/S J H Miguez

41-39 5. 237 D
Lt W R Jokin
Sgt E J Creedon

43-22 6. 419 Z 575
Lt D A Fero
S/S T W Skelton

SPARE

41-39 305 U 500
Lt F R Tank
Sgt F B Harmon

WINDOW

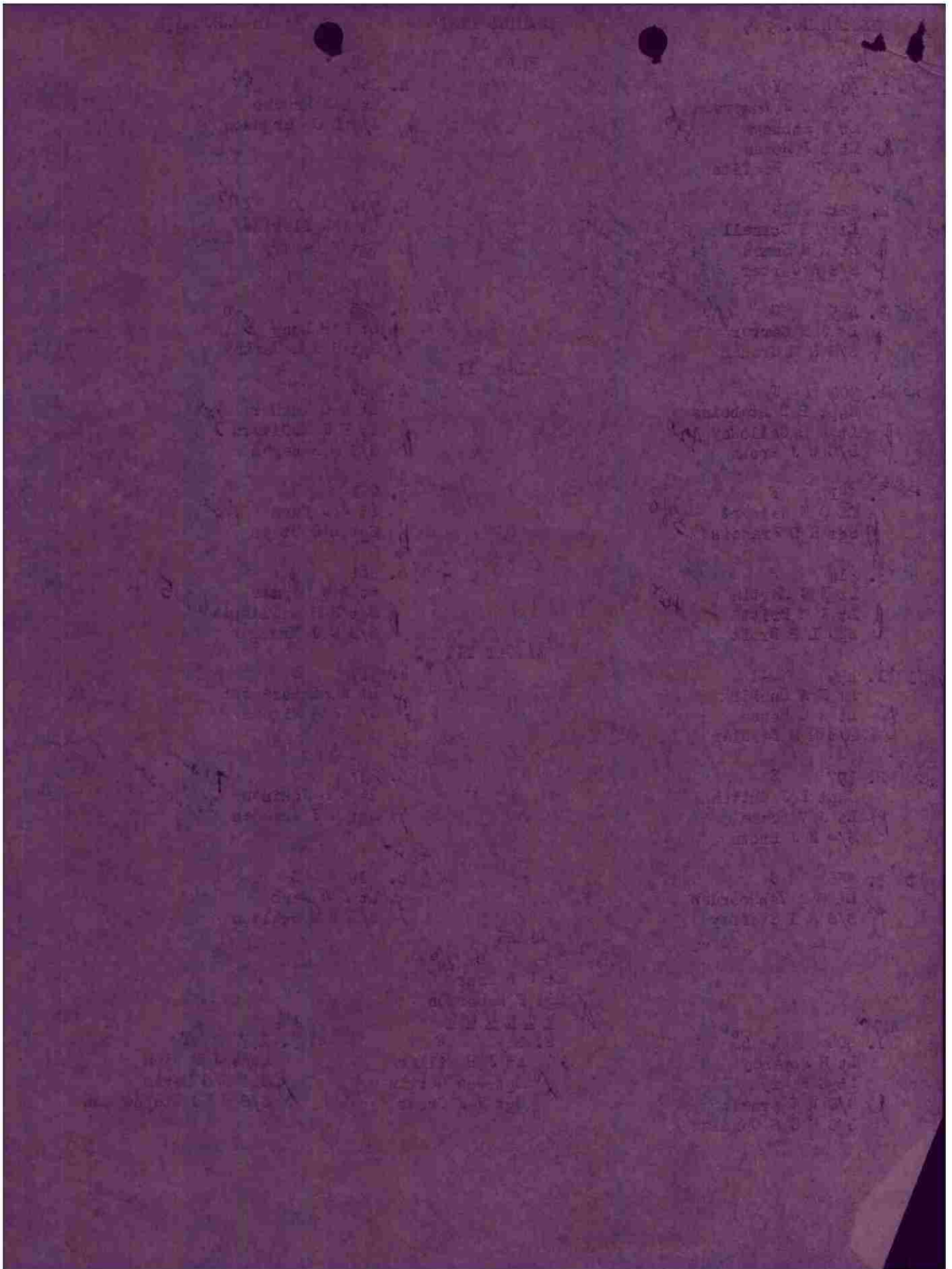
41-39 2. 249 F
Lt J H Miller
Sgt G W Gurkin
Sgt V F Gross

41-39 3. 297 T
Lt A J P Winn
Sgt W G Davis
S/S G G Stephenson

43-22 1. 508 Z 500
Lt H Pomey
Lt G F Fry
S/S W E Arnett
S/S H C S Candler

MIA
last seen 100 miles from base
no sign of wreckage
possibly crashed
found

Phone to seed to C. P. H. at base



SECRET

AUTH: CO, A-39

20 Mar 46

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

APO 140, U.S. Army,
20 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 18 March 1945, 0852, Worms Comm Center, F.O. 210-801.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 45-22389. All bombs returned.
(Lt J.W. Hlevins)

No attempt to salvo was made and the intervalometer failed to operate when energized. All ground checks showed that the intervalometer functioned properly. It is believed that the intervalometer was not on in sufficient time before release to insure operation.

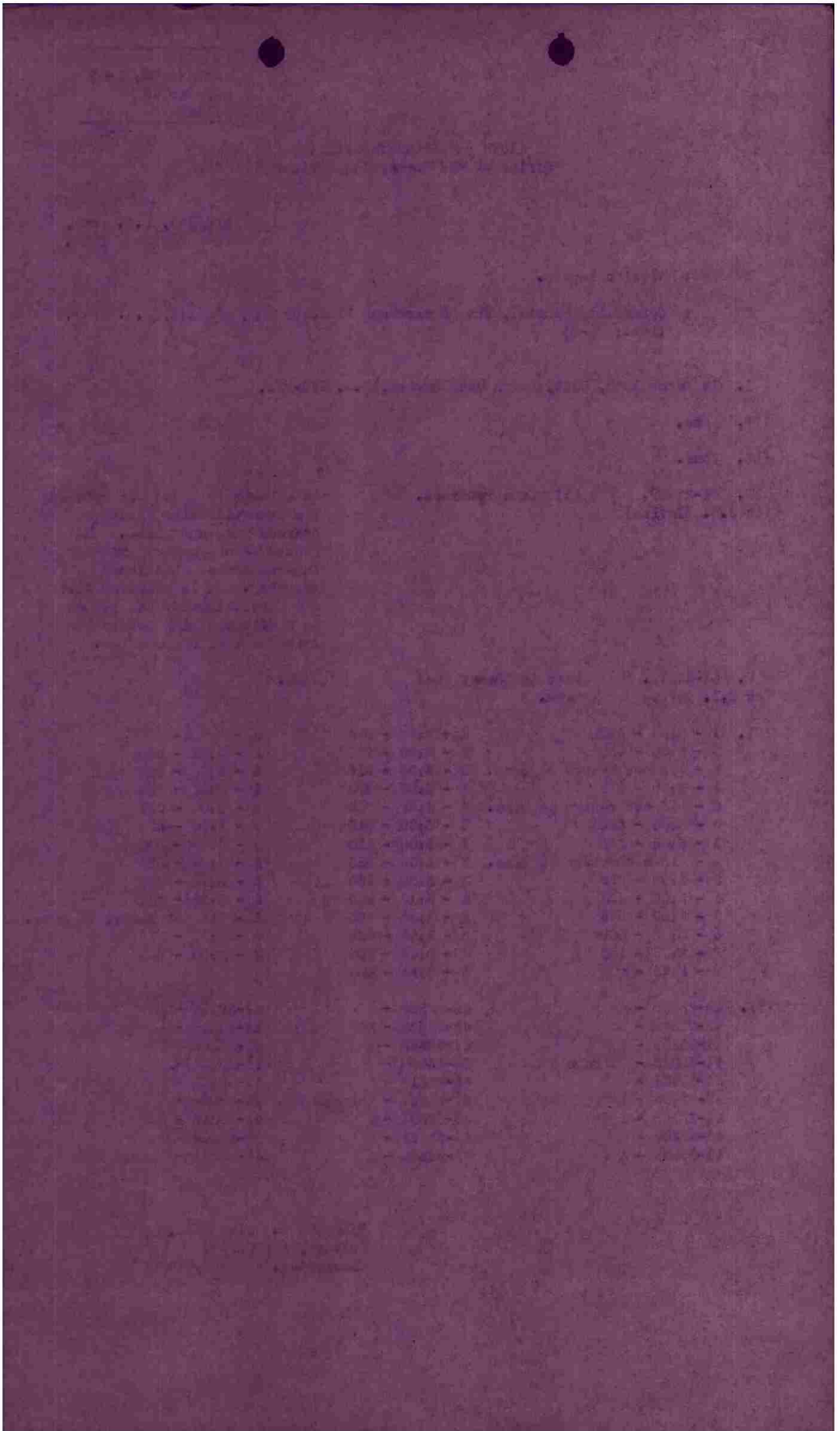
V. 41-39215. Fire in bombay fuel tank.
(Lt W.D. Chitty)

Flak.

VI. 1 - 3:00 - 550	1 - 3:05 - 570	1 - 3:05 - 570
2 - 3:00 - 450	2 - 2:50 - 700	2 - 3:05 - 550
3 - Did not return to base.	3 - 3:05 - 525	3 - 2:55 - 550
4 - 2:45 - 575	4 - 3:05 - 600	4 - 3:00 - 620
5 - Did not return to base.	5 - 2:55 - 525	5 - 3:00 - 620
6 - 3:00 - 525	6 - 3:05 - 540	6 - 3:05 - 625
1 - 3:05 - 495	1 - 3:05 - 420	1 - 3:05 - 500
2 - Did not return to base.	2 - 3:05 - 580	2 - 3:05 - 575
3 - 3:05 - 575	3 - 3:05 - 450	3 - 3:05 - 400
4 - 3:05 - 650	4 - 3:10 - 500	4 - 3:05 - 450
5 - 3:05 - 575	5 - 3:05 - 430	5 - Did not return to base.
6 - 3:05 - 500	6 - 3:05 - 625	6 - 3:05 - 575
8 - 2:55 - 490	W - 2:45 - 500	8 - 3:00 - 500
W - 2:25 - 400	W - 2:45 - 400	

VII. 45-22505 - A	45-22525 - A	41-39235 - A
45-22578 - A	45-22385 - A	45-22320 - A
41-39259 - A	41-39325 - A	45-22400 - A
41-39215 - Unknown MIA	45-22430 - A	41-39415 - A
41-39361 - " "	45-22315 - A	41-39615 - A
45-22495 - A	41-39237 - Unknown MIA	41-39224 - A
45-22389 - A	45-22307 - A	41-39215 - A
41-39264 - A	41-39223 - A	45-22315 - A
41-39305 - A	41-39205 - A	45-22521 - Unknown MIA

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



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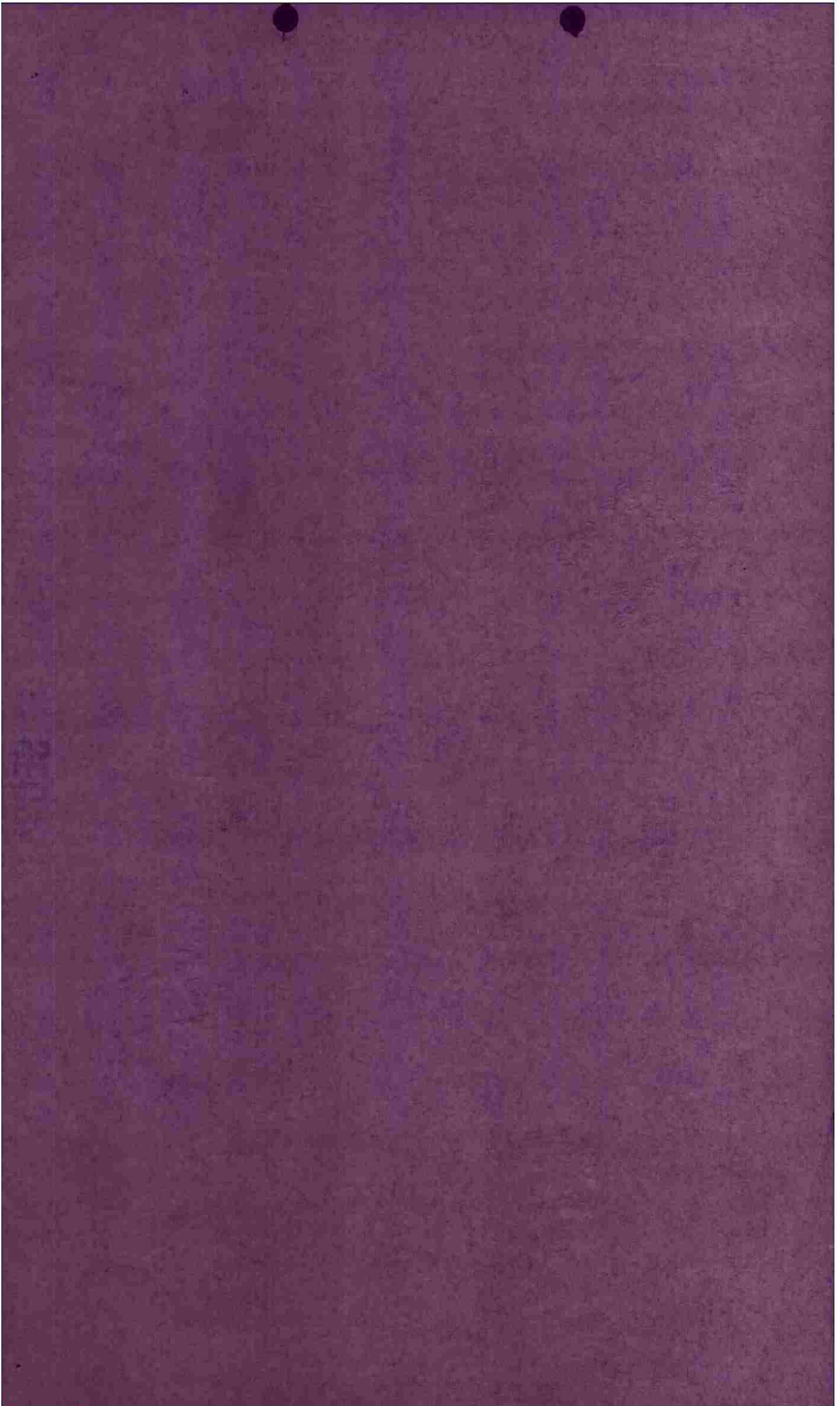
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FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

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

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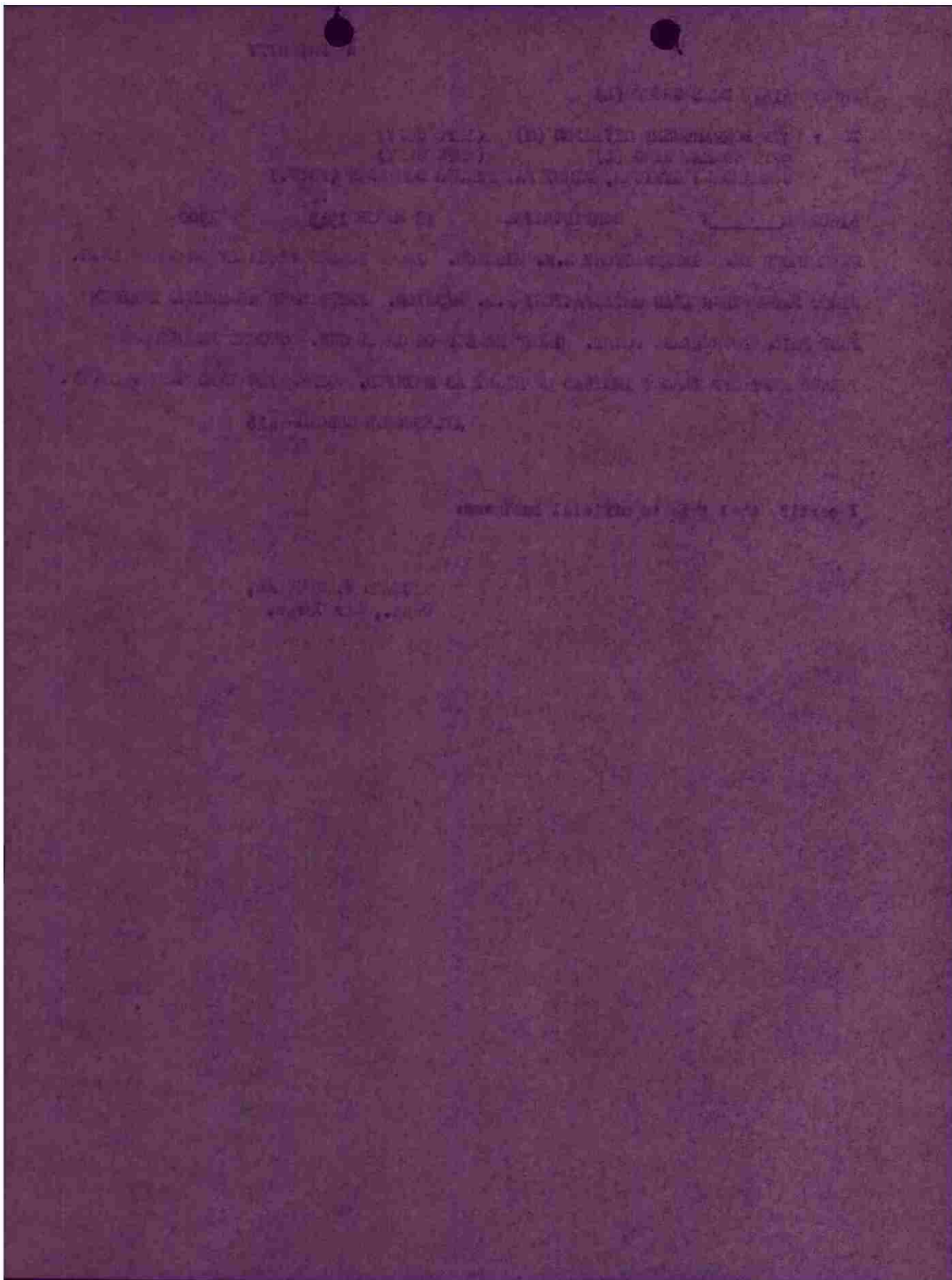
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PATHFINDER LEAD SATISFACTORY A.M. MISSION. GROUP BOMBED VISUALLY ON GROUP LEAD.
 FIRST PATHFINDER LEAD SATISFACTORY P.M. MISSION. PATHFINDER ABANDONED BOMBING
 JUST PRIOR TO RELEASE POINT. GROUP BOMBED ON GROUP GEE. SECOND PATHFINDER
 TURNED LEFT OFF TARGET INSTEAD OF RIGHT AS BRIEFED. OTHERWISE LEAD SATISFACTORY.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

RICHARD V. WHEELER,
 Capt., Air Corps.



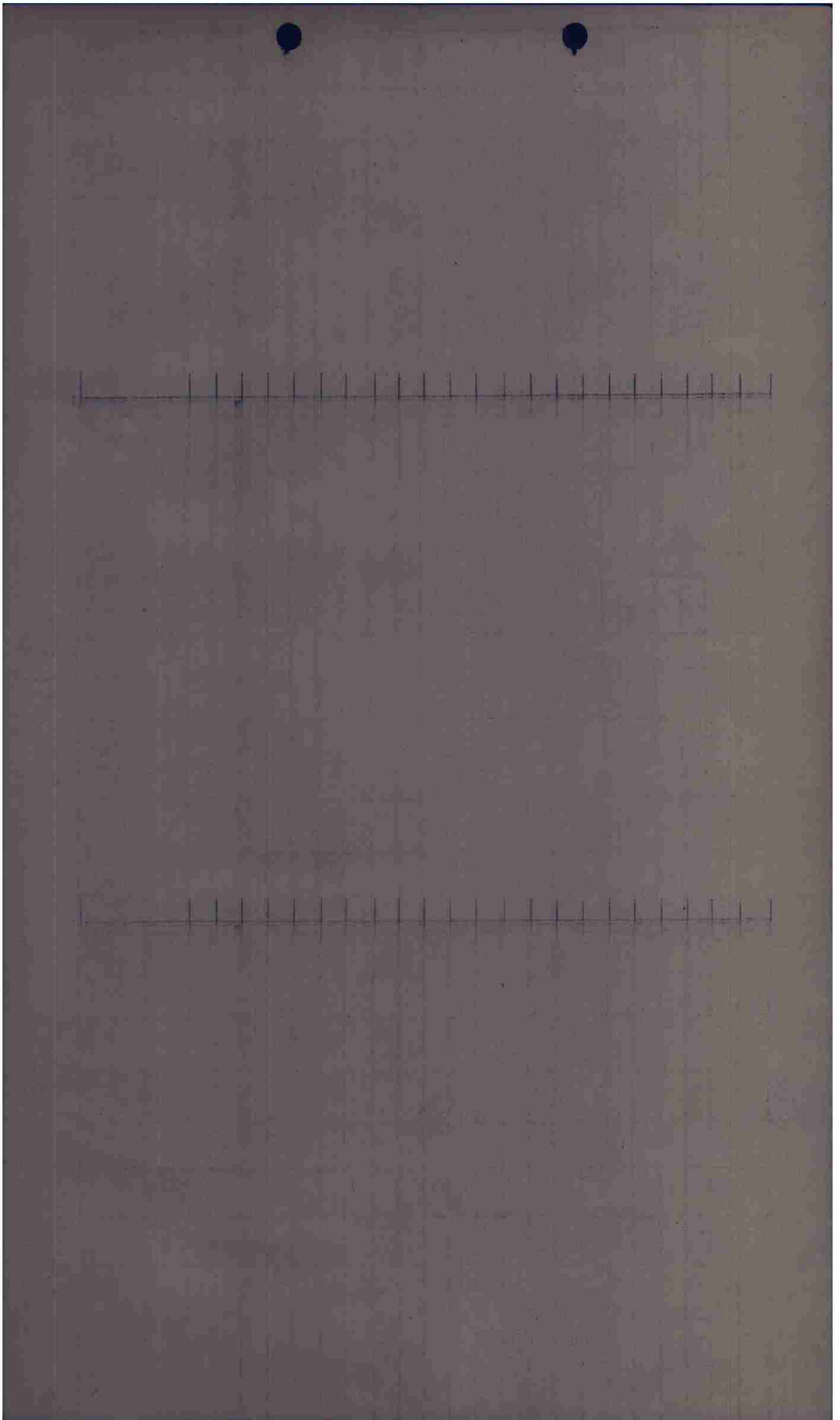
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Box I

18 March 1945

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A	N	523	George Jackson	425		0832	1128	3:00									
D	X	490				0832	1129	3:00									
A	M	361	Kenny			0832											
A	H	259	Colquhitt			0832	1117	2:45									
A	A	213	Valer			0833											
A	O	398	Parkhurst			0833	1129	3:00									
A	W	501	Thurmy			0833	1135	3:05									
C	R	215	Chittid			0833	1122	2:50									
C	N-1	369	Turnham			0834	1136	3:05									
C	E	224	Turner			0834	1137	3:05									
C	M-1	205	Bourner			0834	1126	2:55									
C	O-1	416	Wallace			0835	1136	3:05									
C	A-1	465	Bourner			0835	1133	3:05									
C	I-1	215	Stanowski			0835	1134	3:05									
C	L-1	2315	Ford			0836	1118	2:45									
C	B	223	Bower			0836	1134	3:00									
C	F-1	233	Stenson			0836	1134	3:00									
C	S	320	O'Brien			0836	1134	3:00									
A	D	385	Matherson			0837	1130	2:55									
A	Z	508	Bohney			0843	1124	2:45									
D	F	249	Muller			0843	1106	2:25									
D	T	299	Winn			0843	1124	2:45									



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S Q D D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U L L O A D	B O L O B A D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D E	R E M A R K S
A	Y	505	Anderson			0838	land. 1139	3:05									
9	N	521	Cornell			0838											
A	G	495	Carver			0838	1141	3:05									
A	I	264	Armstrong			0839	1140	3:05									
A	X	389	Blum			0839	1140	3:05									
17	L	325	Long			0839	1140	3:05									
4	T	304	Steffens			0839	1142	3:05									
B	F	351	Werner			0839	1143	3:05									
B	H	314	Werner			0840	1148	3:05									
B	V	489	Werner D.O.			0840	1148	3:10									
B	R	271	Werner			0840	1143	3:05									
B	Q	381	DEPNER			0841	1144	3:05									
D	G-1	499	Frank			0841	1144	3:05									
D	E	497	Sutton			0841	1145	3:05									
D	Q	352	Van Horden			0842	1145	3:05									
D	B	313	Wernagowski			0842	1145	3:05									
D	D	237	Wernagowski			0842											
D	Z	419	Tore			0842	1146	3:05									
A	V	305	Frank			0843	1141	3:00									

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

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ITA PASS TO JJF

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 18/8488A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
18 MARCH 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 219-301

MAPS : NORMAL

1. B. (1) THE XIX T.A.C. WILL FURNISH AREA COVER FOR THE 416TH BOMB GROUP. THE XXIX T.A.C. AND IX T.A.C. WILL FURNISH AREA COVER FOR THE 409TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" 18/1000A
ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" 18/1000A
ZERO HOUR PLAN "C" 18/1000A
ZERO HOUR PLAN "D" 18/1000A

PLAN "A" VISUAL

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

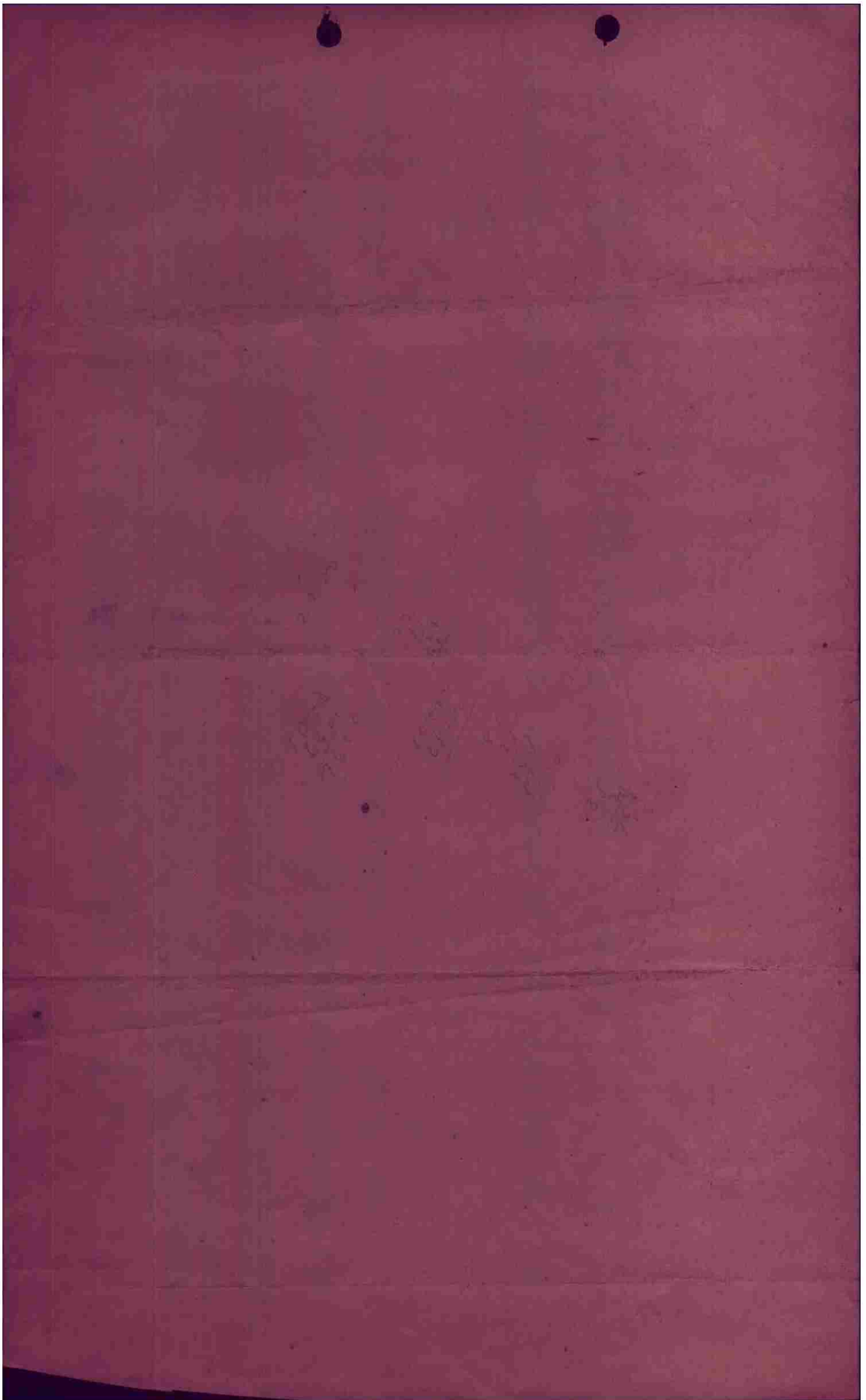
- (6) BOMB 10,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. GROUP WILL FLY ROUTE OUT AT 12,000 FEET AND LOSE 2,000 FEET JUST BEFORE I.P. GAIN 1,000 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 5 (A) (46) A/A. COVER M/V BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING REF. 030026 AND 037026.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (10) 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 45 MIN.

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (6) BOMB 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 54A) (46) A/A. COVER M/V BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING REF. 037026 AND 103051.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MIN.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) WORMS COMMUNICATION CENTER M-448160
- (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (4) BASE TO P-8340 TO L-5660 TO L-0324 TO L-9433 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB 12,500 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. LOSE 1,500 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
- (7) M-2013
- (8) GENERALLY U TO E.
- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 6316. COVER ROAD JUNCTIONS WITH IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD. 44801490, 45731475, 45621430, 44721440.
- (10) 20 X 150 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) M-2013
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MIN.
- (13) IF CLOUDS OBSCURE THE PRIMARY TARGET, BULLSEYE PROCEDURE WILL BE USED. (SEE SBD OR-1347-E 17 MAR. 1943) IF BULLSEYE PROCEDURE IS NOT SUCCESSFUL AN ALTERNATE TARGET WILL BE ATTACKED IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY :
(A) VISUALLY



- (B) "GEE"
(C) TARGET E.T.A.
(14) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

K. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE.

FOR THE 409TH AND 410TH BOMB GROUPS ONLY.

- (5) TARGET : WETZLAR M/Y G-543189
(6) A/C REQUIRED : MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
(7) ROUTE OUT : BASE TO P-3587 TO F-6881 TO F-9228 TO G-1819 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(8) ROUTE BACK : TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
(9) I.P. : G-3813
JKQPL AXIS OF ATTACK : GENERALLY SW TO NE.
(11) R.P. :
GAQIQO
(10) AXIS OF ATTACK : GENERALLY SW TO NE.
(11) R.P. : G-1819
(12) DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF A P/W CAMP IN THE TARGET AREA IF THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED VISUALLY BULLSEYE PROCEDURE WILL BE USED. (SEE9DD OR-1347 17 MAR. 1949) IF BULLSEYE PROCEDURE IS UNSUCCESSFUL AN ALTERNATE TARGET WILL BE ATTACKED IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY :
(A) VISUALLY
(B) "GEE"
(C) TARGET E.T.A.
(13) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE ATTACKED.

PLAN "B" PATHFINDER

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 5 (A) (46) A/4. COVER M/Y BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING REF. 838826 AND 857826 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. PPF M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4416 SHEET S3. GRID. COORD. 54871885.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
(10) 4 X 1800 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
(12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 45 MIN.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 5 (A) (46) A/4. COVER M/Y BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING REF. 857826 AND 103851 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. P.P.F. M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4416 SHEET S3 GRID. COORD. 55781914.
(10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
(12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MIN.

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C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) WORMS COMMUNICATION CENTER (N-448160)
 - (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 1 PPF A/C
 - (3) WITH PPF A/C OVER BASE
 - (4) BASE TO P-8346 TO L-5971 TO M-1567 TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO M-2918 TO L-9433 TO L-8354 TO L-2866 TO BASE
 - (6) BOMB 13,000 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING 8,000 FEET. LOSE 1000 FEET AFTER BOMBING
 - (9) MFI - GSG 4414 SHEET NO. 6316. COVER ROAD JUNCTIONS WITHIN THE AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GRID COORD. 44891490, 45731473, 45621438, 44721440 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. PPF MFI - GRID COORD. 45091462. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET
 - (10) 25 X 150 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL
 - (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 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-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUP WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND USE M-2918 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
(A) PRIMARY TARGET ON PPF
(B) BULLSEYE PROCEDURE (SEE 98D OR-1347-E 17 MAR. 1945)
 - (14) IF BOMBING CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED BY ANY OF THE MEANS IN PARA. (13), GROUP WILL BOMB AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
(A) VISUAL
(B) GROUP CEE
(C) TARGET E.T.A.
- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE
- (5) CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/V CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

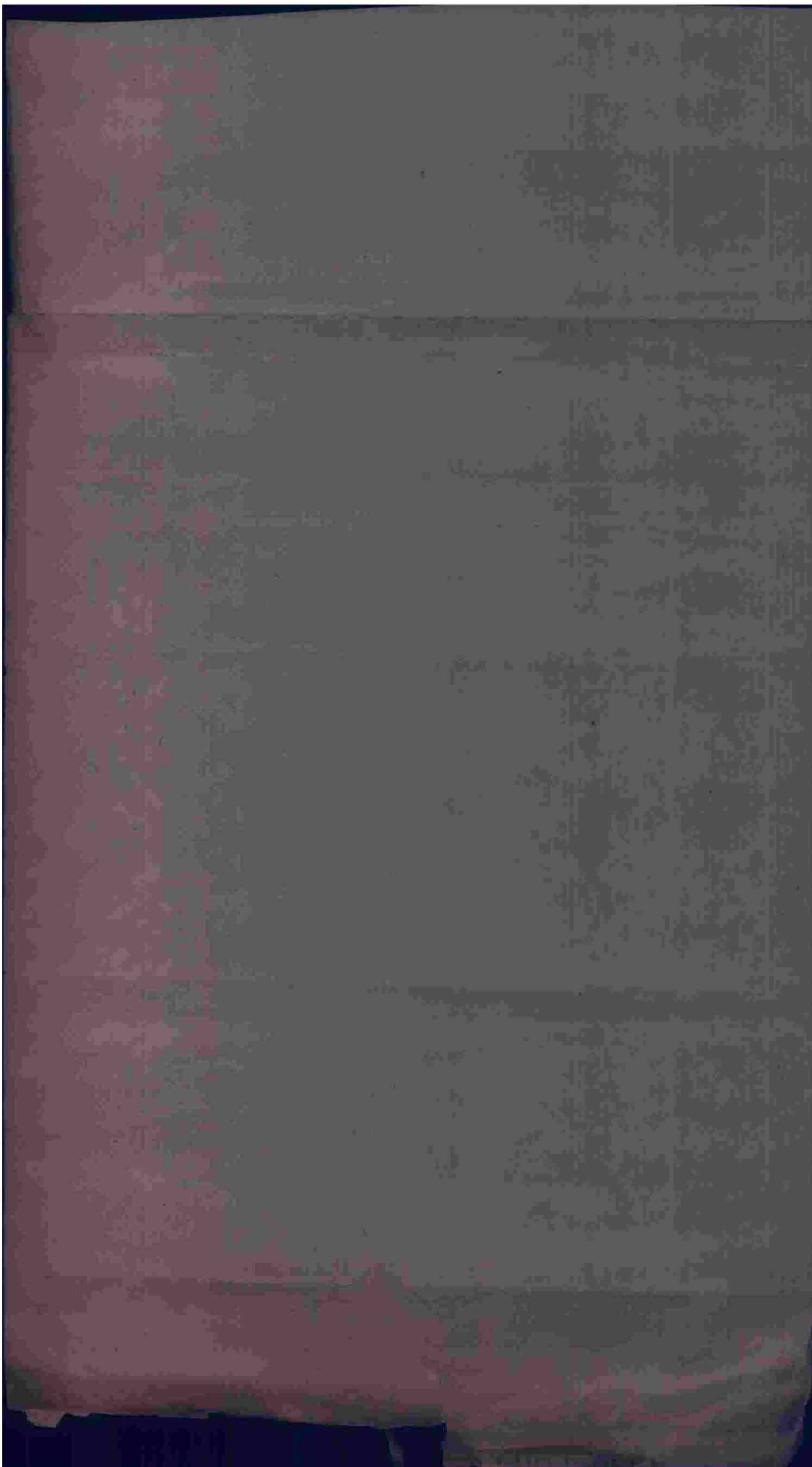
--FOR 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS ONLY--

- (6) TARGET: METZLAR M/Y (G-543139)
- (7) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C
- (8) RNDV: WITH PPF A/C OVER FIELD
- (9) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO P-8887 TO F6801 TO F-9831 TO TARGET.
- (10) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO F-9220 TO F-6801 TO BASE
- (11) ALTITUDE: BOMB 1ST BOX 13,000 FEET, 2ND BOX 12,500 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING 8,000 FEET
- (12) 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 CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND WILL USE G-3013 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
(A) PRIMARY TARGET ON PPF
(B) BULLSEYE PROCEDURE (SEE 98D OR-1347-E 17 MAR. 1945)
- (13) IF BOMBING CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED BY ANY OF THE MEANS IN PARA. (12), GROUP WILL BOMB AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
(A) VISUALLY
(B) GROUP CEE
(C) TARGET E.T.A.

PLAN "C" VISUAL

A. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) BAD DURKHEIM ROAD JUNCTIONS R-317958
- (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C
- (4) BASE TO G-7236 TO R-9433 TO I.P. TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO L-5971 TO BASE
- (6) BOMB 12,500 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET
- (7) R-1554
- (8) GENERALLY SW TO NE
- (9) MFI - GSG 4414 SHEET NO. 6319. COVER ROAD JUNCTIONS AT COORD. 31399623 AND COORD. 31319384. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (10) 25 X 150 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL
- (11) M-2918
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MIN.
- (13) IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET, BULLSEYE PROCEDURE (SEE 98D OR-1347-E 17 MAR. 1945) WILL BE USED. IF BULLSEYE PROCEDURE IS UNSUCCESSFUL, GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET ON "CEE".
- (14) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED AND BULLSEYE PROCEDURE IS UNSUCCESSFUL, GROUP WILL ATTACK ALTERNATE TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
(A) VISUALLY



A. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) BAD DUNKHEIM ROAD JUNCTIONS (R-317958)
- (2) 2 BOMBS OF 18 BOMBING ON ONE PPF A/C
- (3) WITH PPF A/C OVER BASE
- (4) BASE TO L-5971 TO M-2018 TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO M-2018 TO L-5971 TO BASE
- (6) BOMB 13,000 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING 6,000 FEET.
- (9) MPI - GSGS 4014 SHEET 6515. COVER ROAD JUNCTIONS AT COORD. 31359625 AND COORD. 31319584 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. PPF MPI - COORD. 31329625. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 20 FEET
- (10) 20-K 150 LB. GP FUSE 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 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-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUP WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND USE EITHER M-2018 OR R-1584 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - (A) PRIMARY TARGET ON PPF
 - (B) BULLSEYE PROCEDURE (SEE 9BD OR-1347-E 17 MAR. 1945)
 - (C) PRIMARY TARGET ON GROUP GEE
- (14) IF BOMBING CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED BY ANY OF THE MEANS IN PARA. (13), GROUP WILL BOMB AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45) IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - (A) VISUALLY
 - (B) GROUP GEE
 - (C) TARGET E.T.A.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

PLAN "A" OR "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (543189)

- (2) QUICKSTART
- (3) SLEEPY
- (4) SWEEPSTAKE

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP (543189)

- (2) BLIZZARD
- (3) SLEEPY
- (4) SWEEPSTAKES

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (448160)

- (2) BESTMAN
- (3) PALLMALL
- (4) RIPSAN

PLAN "C" OR "D"

A. 416TH BOMB GROUP (317958)

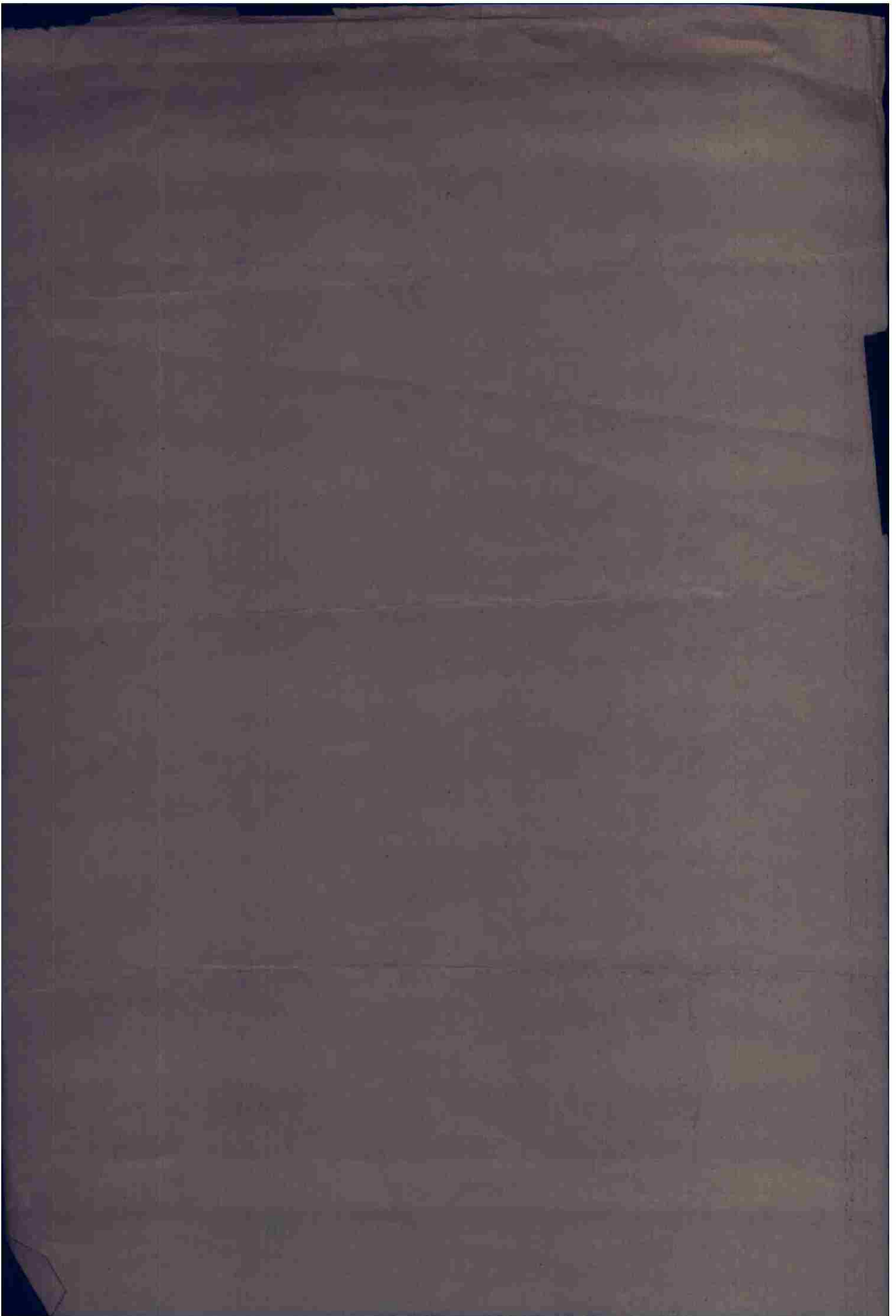
- (2) BESTMAN
- (3) PALLMALL
- (4) RIPSAN

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BT 18/0400A
 LCB CES AR
 ITA R.....

JES R.....IA ITTTAIVGO

JPO R.....18/0555A SK K
 JKI R.....'0718/05555A RSS KKK



ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 4/18 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 18/0615A
 TO COMBOMDIV NINE
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416
 1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN

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

R-184-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 18 MARCH 1945

ANNEX NR.1 TO FIELD ORDER NR.210-801

CANCEL PLANS "A", "C" AND "D"

PLAN "B" IN EFFECT.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ CHANGE PAR.3 C (10) PLAN "B" TO READ :

(10) 20 X 150 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 " " ROSE 1/40 SEC TAIL.

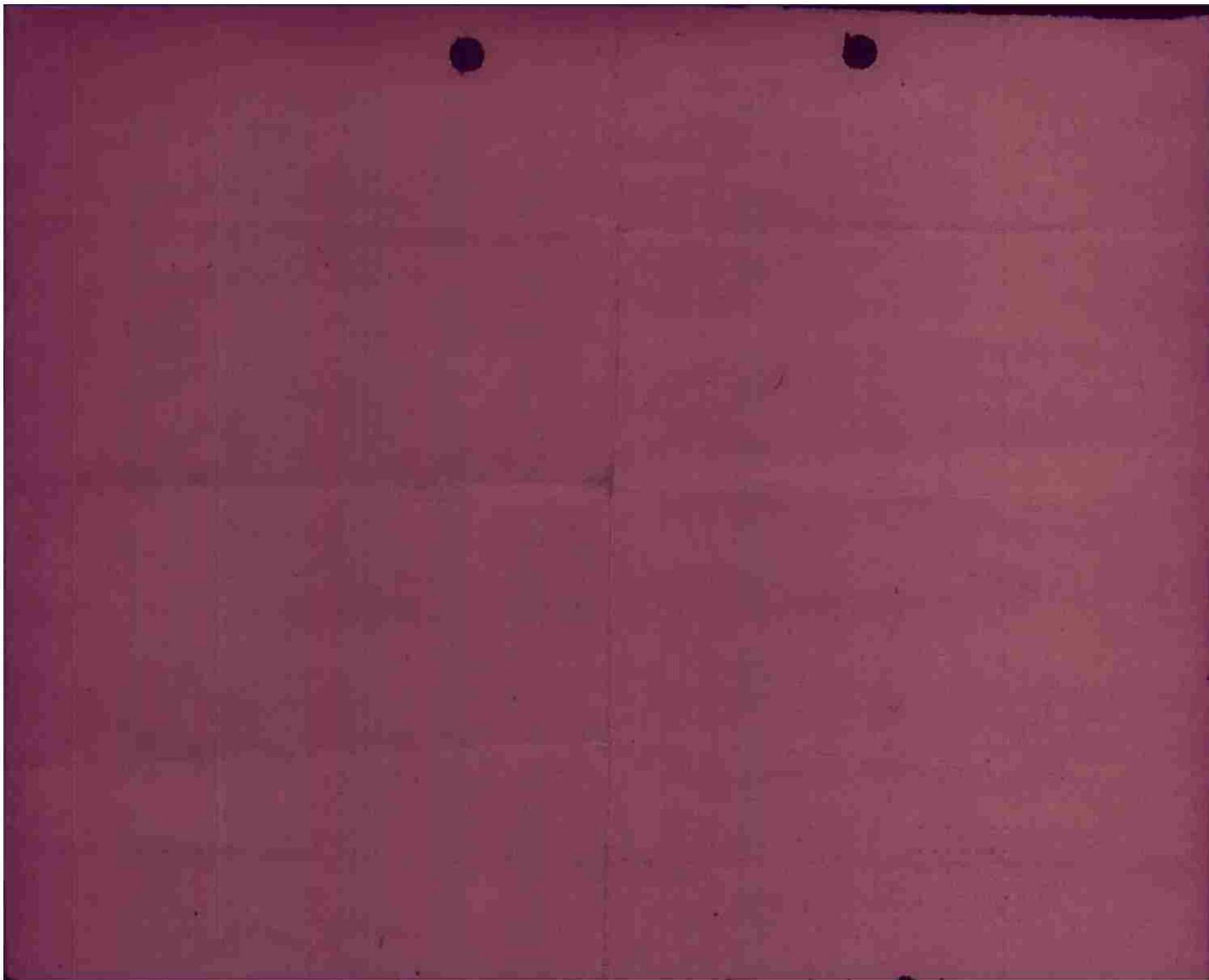
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BT 18/0615A

CES AR

JJF R.....	18/0718A	JN	AR
ITA R.....	18/0719A	AT	AR
JES R.....	18/0719A	WS	AR
JPO R.....	18/0719A	SK	AR
JKI R.....	18/0719A	EJ	AR

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JES JPO JKI VIA JEA V ITA NR 103/17

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FROM: 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)
TO : WINGS, GROUPS AND PSP
QQX BT

172330A

Ady

SECRET SIGNAL SERVICE RE ITA 84/17 9BD OR1347-E BULLSEYE
PROCEDURE

PARAGRAPH 4. (A) 4TH LINE 3RD GROUP SHOULD READ 29.92 RPT.
29.92 NOT 29.2

COMBOMBIV NINE (M)
BT 172330A
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JES R~~XXXXXX~~ 1818/0014A

WS

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JPO R18/0014A LB AR

JKI R18/0014A RSS

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JKI ITA JJF V JEC 2/18 OP OP

T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 18/0158A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMCP 416
1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

97 CBW R-182-E

BT

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NR.3 TO FIELD ORDER NR.210-801

PLAN "C"

(1) TARGET : BAD-DURKHEIM, ROAD JUNCTIONS (M-317958) THIS TARGET IS
BEING SET UP SO THAT, IF THE GROUND FORCES REACH YOUR TARGET, YOU
WILL HAVE AN ALTERNATE.

(2) PHOTO : 4908E/6515
10GW/400 - PRINTS 4126 - 4127

MAPS : GSGS 4414 SHEET 6514 - 6515

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BT 18/0158A

AR CES

ITA R.....18/0205A MZ AR KK

JKI R.....18/0205A RSS AR

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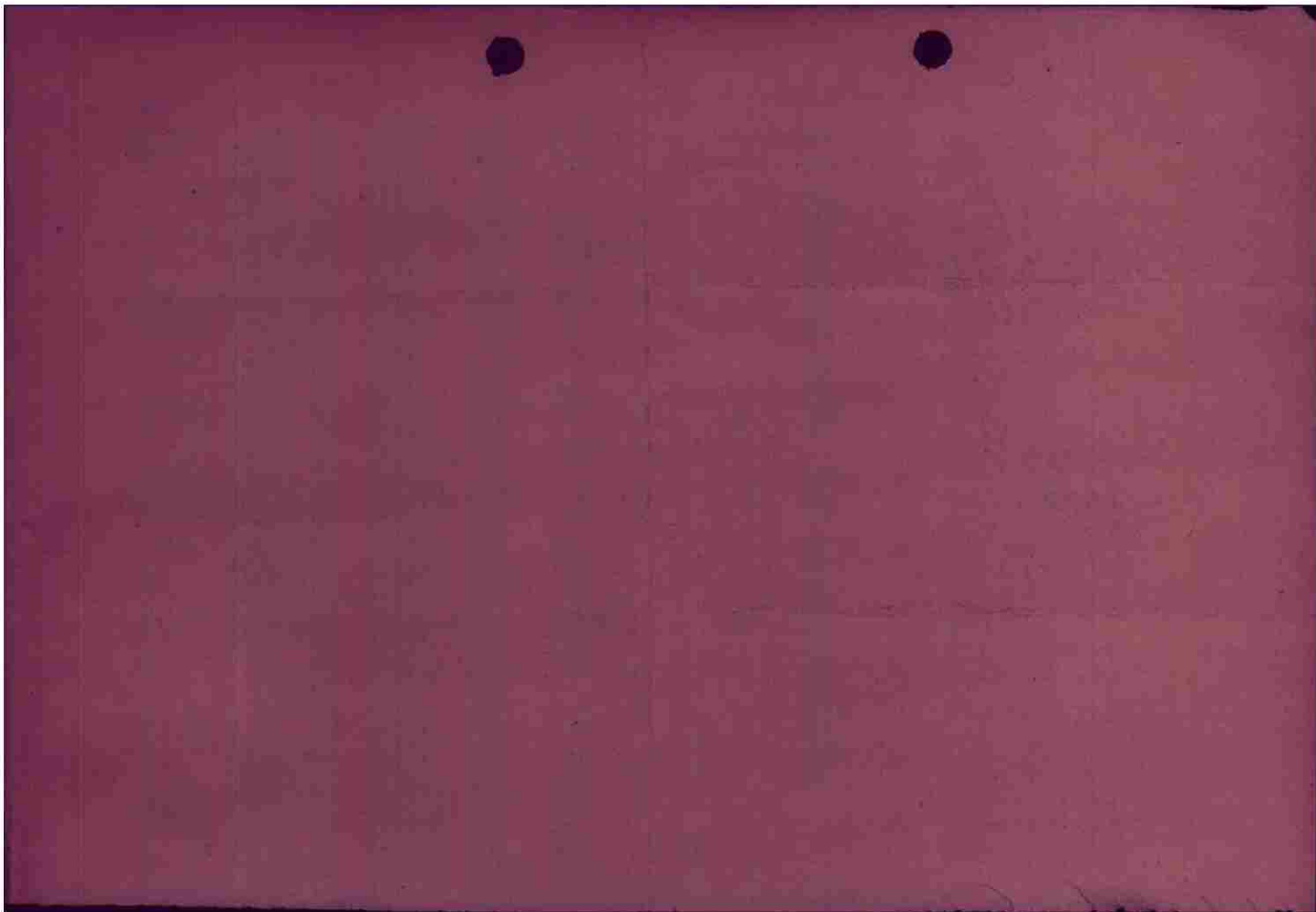
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ITA JKI V JEA JEA 15/17 OP OP
T (ITA PASS TO JJP)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 17/2338A
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

BT

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97CBW R-188-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT 1 FIELD ORDER 210-780.

(1) TARGET: WORMS ROAD JUNCTIONS (M-448160)

(2) PHOTO: 6(D)(V1)145/2-1
1(D)(1)44/3-2
4908E/6316
J673541 PRINT NO. 4022

MAPS: C.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 6316
1:12,500 RHINE RIVER, MAINZ TO MANNHEIM SHEET NO. 13
TOWN PLAN OF WORMS A. RHEIN

(3) FLAK: SEE CURRENT PLOTS.

(4) BOMBLINE: SEE CHANGE 5 TO BOMBLINE 183 TROOPS ARE WELL BEHIND
THIS BOMBLINE ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS. YOU WILL
BE NOTIFIED AS SOON POSSIBLE.

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BT 2338A

SH BBBBBB

ITA R18/0002A

JKIR19/0002A

CHUCK JKK
RSS KK

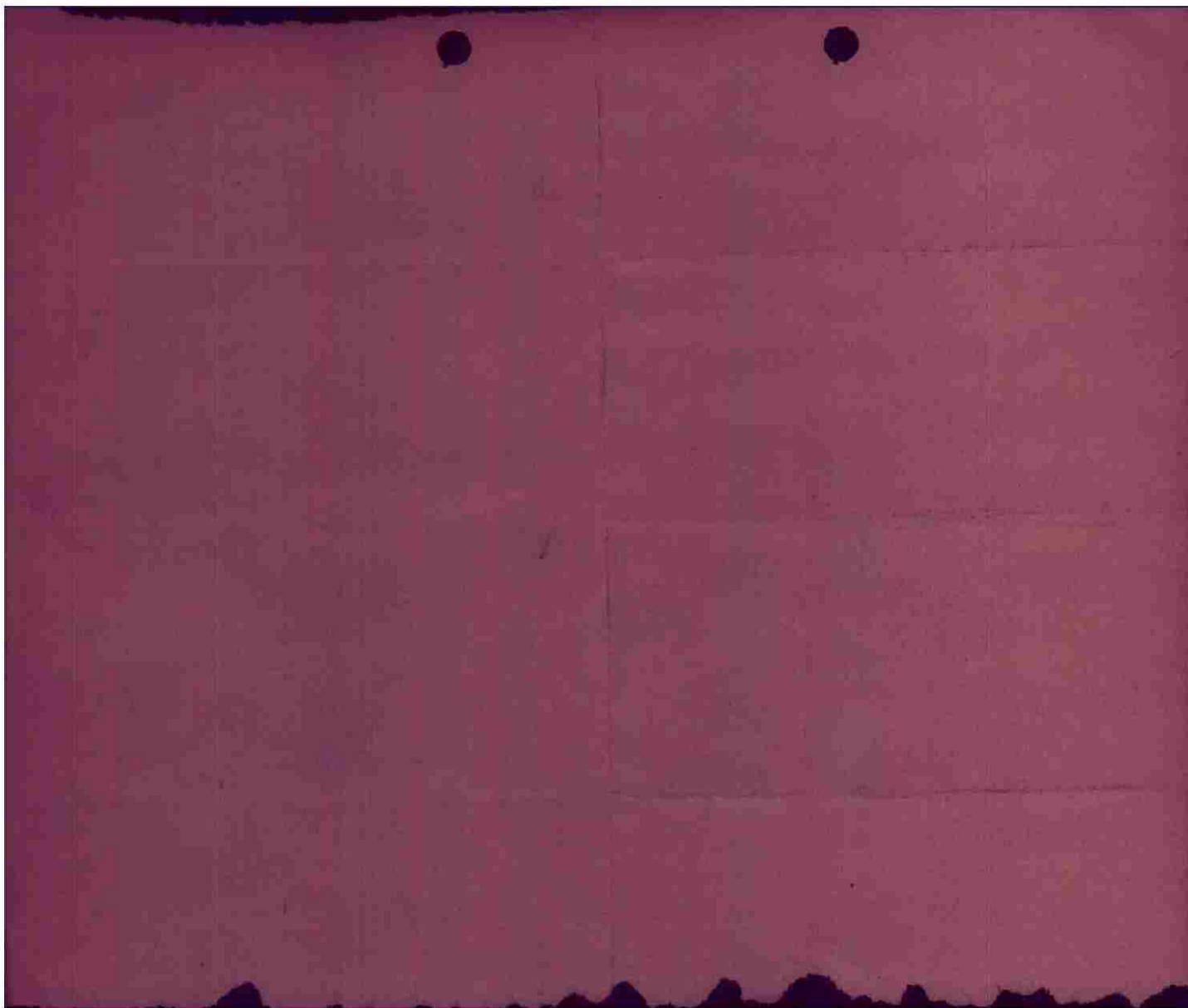
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ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 13/17 (INFO)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 17/2240A

TO COMBOMDIV IX

COBOMGP 409

COBOMGP 410

COBOMGP 416

ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICER

ADVANCE INFO COPY OF PARA. 5 OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

PLAN "A" OR "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (543189)

(2) QUICKSTART

(3) SLEEPY

(4) SWEEPSTAKE

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (543189)

(2) BLIZZARD

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C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (448160)

(2) BESTMAN

(3) PALMALL

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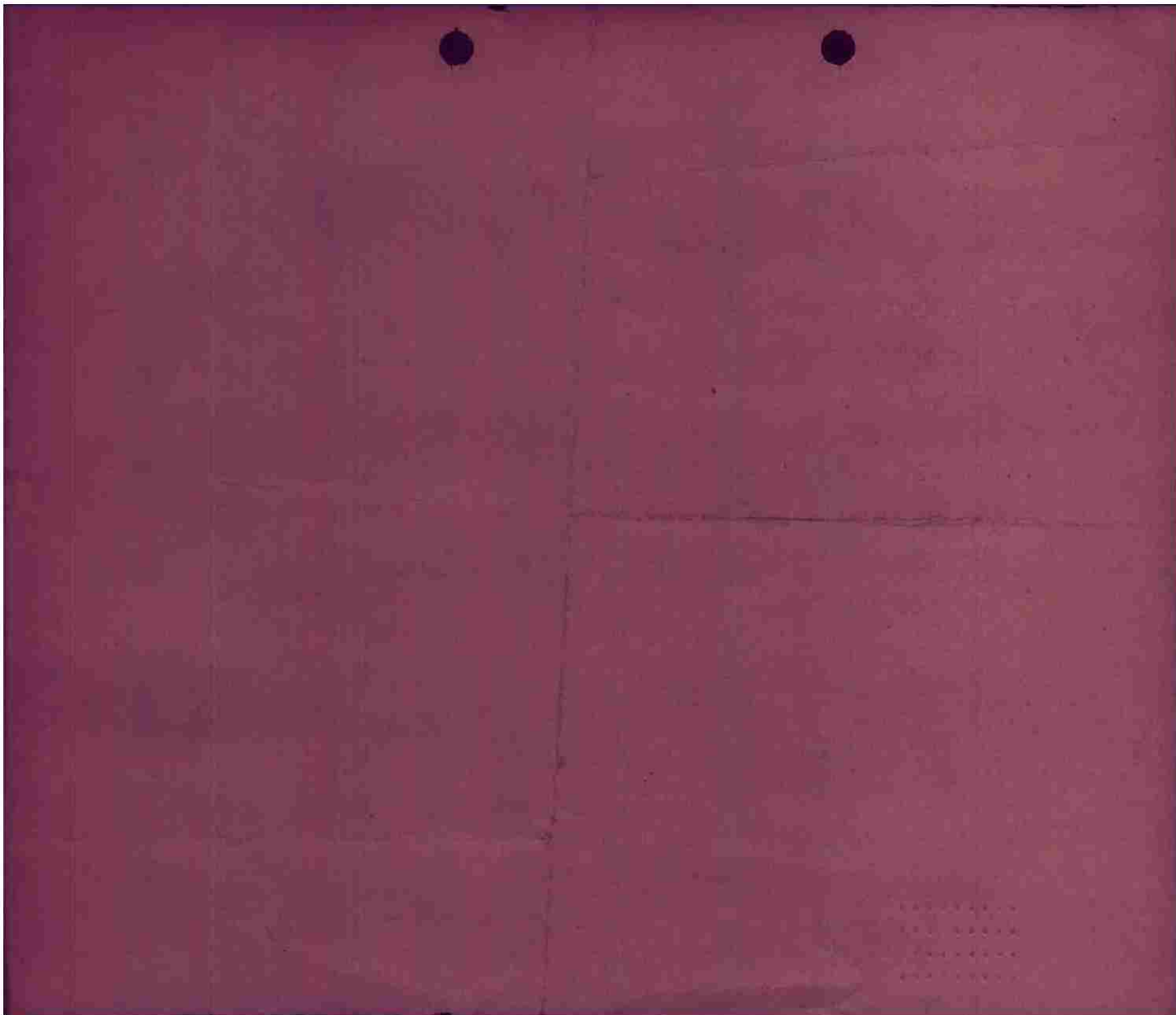
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BT 2240A

RL AR K

JES R.....	17/2255A	MC	KK
JPO R.....	17/2255A	JHS	AR
JKI R.....	17/2255A	EJ	AR
ITA R.....	17/2253A	ELC	AR

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 11/18 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP 181500A
TO (1) CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, ATT: A-2
(2) CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATT: A-2
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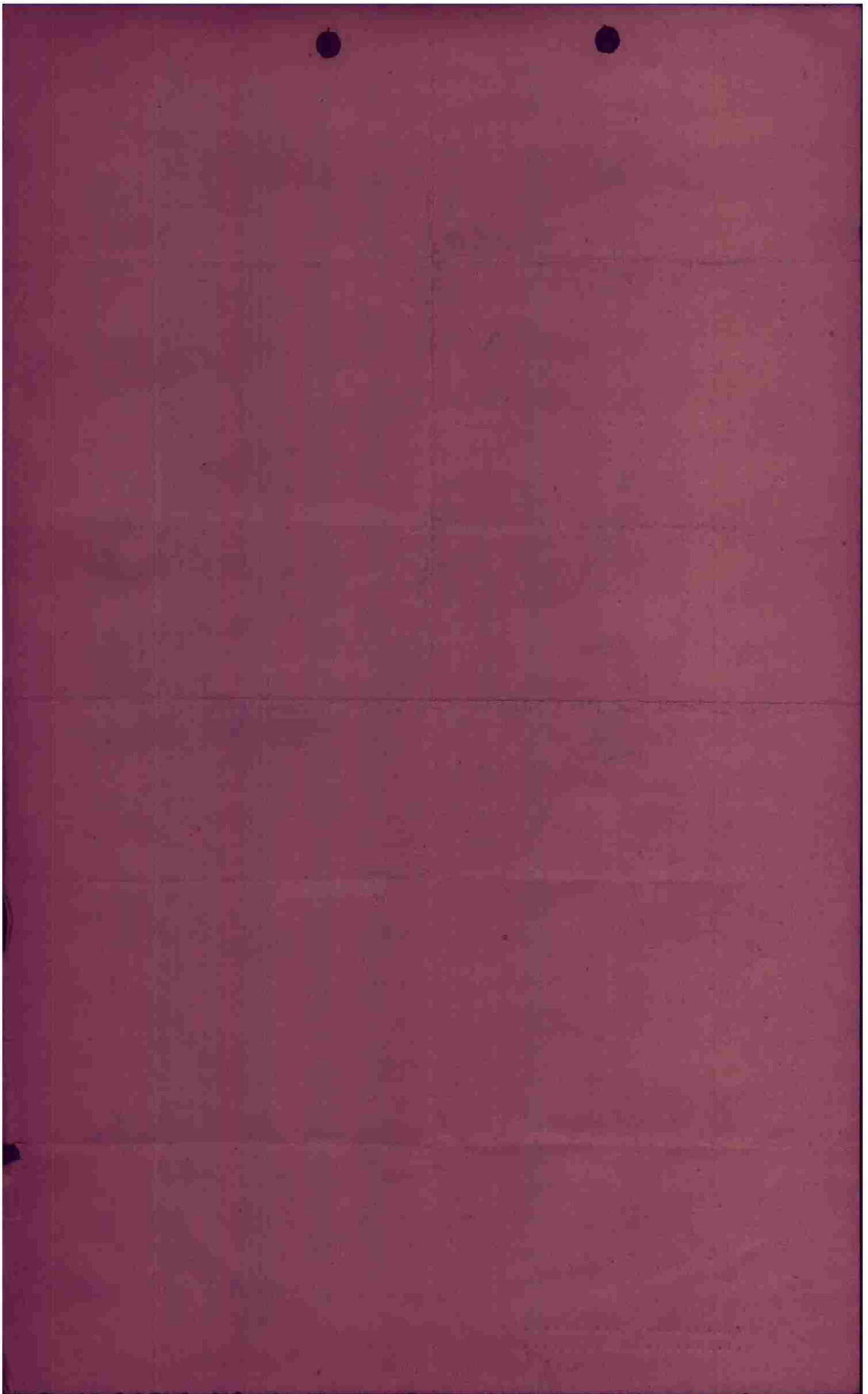
CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-366-D OPFLASH FOR MORNING MISSION OF 18 MARCH 1945.

- A. 416TH BOMB GP.
- B. WORMS COMMUNICATION CENTER (M-445160)
- C. 41 A-26'S
- D. 33 A-26'S ATTACKED PRIMARY.
- E. 3 A-26'S CARRIED WINDOW ONLY.
INFORMATION LACKING FROM 4 A-26'S. SEE PARA H.
1 A-26 DID NOT BOMB DUE TO CLAIMED BOMB RELEASE MALFUNCTION.
INSPECTION RESULTS ARE AS YET UNDETERMINED.
- F. 660 X 150 LB. G.P'S ON PRIMARY.
20 X 150 LB. G.P'S RETURNED.
80 X 150 LB. G.P'S UNACCOUNTED FOR. SEE PARA H.
- G. BOX I BOMBED BY VISUAL MDANS AS A BOX. CREWS REPORT EXCELLENT RESULTS.
BOX II BOMBED BY FLIGHTS BY VISUAL MEANS. RESULTS UNOBSERVED DUE TO SMOKE OF EARLIER BOMBING AND EVASIVE ACTION OFF TARGET.
- H. NR 3 A/C 361 FLIGHT A BOX I WAS OBSERVED TO RECEIVE DIRECT FLAK HIT IN LEFT ENGINE WHILE ON RUN BETWEEN PPF IP AND TARGET. A/C WAS LAST SEEN DISINTEGRATING AND IN FLAMES ON WAY DOWN AT UNDETERMINED POINT. NO CHUTES OBSERVED.
NR 5 A/C (213), FLIGHT A BOX I UNACCOUNTED FOR. THIS A/C MAY BE THE SHIP SEEN BY TWO CREWS TO LEAVE FORMATION IN TARGET AREA WITH FIRE IN COCKPIT, AFTER DIRECT FLAK HIT IN LEFT ENGINE ON BOMB RUN. NO CHUTES OBSERVED.
NR 2 A/C (521), FLIGHT A BOX II RECEIVED DIRECT FLAK HITS ON TURN OFF TARGET. THIS A/C WAS SEEN AFTER TURN OFF TARGET, BOTH ENGINES SMOKING AND LOSING ALTITUDE BUT APPARENTLY UNDER CONTROL. THIS A/C MAY BE THE SHIP SEEN TO HIT GROUND NEAR JOHANNISBERG (M175565), AFTER FLAMES BROKE OUT IN RIGHT NACELLE AND RIGHT WING BROKE OFF ABOUT 3000 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND. NO CHUTES OBSERVED.
NR 5 A/C (237), FLIGHT C BOX II RECEIVED FLAK HIT IN RIGHT WING AND WAS SEEN TO HIT GROUND IN FLAMES IN VICINITY OF BINGEN (M120530), NO CHUTES OBSERVED.
17 A/C DAMAGED BY FLAK. CATEGORY A. C: made
6 A/C DAMAGED BY FLAK. CATEGORY AC.
- I. 9 CREW MEMBERS MISSING IN FOUR A/C ENUMERATED IN PAR. H. OF THESE 4 ARE PILOTS, 1 IS A BOMBARDIER/NAVIGATOR, 4 ARE GUNNERS. made
- J. TARGET: MODERATE TO INTENSE ACCURATE HFF, THROUGH TURN OFF TARGET. ELSEWHERE: MODERATE TO INTENSE ACCURATE HFF FROM (M130670) TO TARGET AND FROM VICINITY OF KIRCHHEIM-GOLANDEN (M200188) TO TARGET.
- K. NIL
- L. BOX - 13000
BOX II FLIGHT A 12000
FLIGHT B 12000
FLIGHT C 11200
- M. BOX I 1014 ON RUN FROM PPF IP.
BOX II FLIGHT A 1025
FLIGHT B 1025
FLIGHT C 1026
BOX II LEFT PPF RUN AT APPROXIMATELY 1012 TO BOMB VISUALLY BY FLIGHTS AND PROCEEDED TO VISUAL IP NEAR KIRCHHEIM-BOLANDEN (M200188) FOR ITS BOMB RUN.
- X. TWO UNIDENTIFIED BLACK COLOR RADIAL S/E - A/C OBSERVED IN TARGET AREA. MADE NO PASSES AT FORMATION.

BT 181500A

CC: L. BOX I - 13000
BOX II FLIGHT A AND ETC
EJ BB TO ITA AR TO NJEA

ITA R.....AS.....18/1625A SK K
JEA R.....18/1625A DJP KKK



ITA JEA V JKI

JKI24/18

OP - OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GP (L) S-2 PI

18/2130A

TO HQ, 9TH BOMBER DIV. (M)

ATTN: A-2 PI

HQ, 97TH COMBAT WING (L)

ATTN: DUTY OFF.

BT

SECRET 416BG R-382-D

B. WORMS COMMUNICATION CENTER

G. 1013 - 1026

J. BOX I DMPI - GOOD: BOMBED AS A BOX WITH 40 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 1270 FR NE OF DMPI. BOMBS FELL IN TWO PATTERNS IN CENTER OF TOWN CASUING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS. HITS ON STREETS AND 2 ON RR TRACKS.

BOX II FLT A DMPI - UNSAT: 15 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH MAIN PATTERN BEING 2630 FT NW OF DMPI. BLANKET OF BURSTS IN MARSHALLING YARD WITH SEVERAL HITS. HIGHWAY OVERPASS COVERED BY BURSTS.

FLT B DMPI - UNDET: (LAST TO BOMB) NO STRIKE PHOTOS DUE TO EVASIVE ACTION. VISUAL REPORTS STATE RESULTS EXCELLENT.

FLT C DMPI - UNSAT: NO BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 4320 FT SE OF DMPI. BOMBS HIT IN FIELDS AND ACROSS 2 ROADS.

K. BOX I DMPI GOOD

BOX II FLT A DMPI - UNSAT: BOMBARDIER MIS-IDENTIFIED AP DUE TO SLUGGISH GYRO OF SIGHT. THIS AND SHORT RUN RESULTED IN NOT ENOUGH TIME TO PICK OUT PROPER REFERENCE POINTS BOMBED WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS AP.

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

FLT C DMPI - UNSAT: REASON UNKNOWN. INVESTIGATION BEING MADE.

BOX I MADE RUN ON PPF COURSE. FLIGHTS A, B, AND C OF BOX II MADE RUNS FROM VUXXXX VISUAL IP.

M. A) 12 / 1 100 PERCENT

B) 0 / 0 "

C) 0 / 0 "

N. 100 BOMBS ON RR M/Y CUTTING TRACKS AND DESTROYING 10 FREIGHT CARS AND 4 WAREHOUSE TYPE BUILDINGS. APPROX 85 BUILDINGS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. 24 HITS ON ROADS AND STREETS CUTTING THEM AND 2 HITS ON HIGHWAY OVERPASS PROBABLY DESTROYING.

AYLWSWORTH

BT 18/2130A

JF AS

CC: IN J. BOX I 2ND LINE 10TH GROUP SHOULD BE "FT" AND IN 3RD LINE LAST WORD SHOULD BE "TOWN" WITH WA CAUSING

JF BBB

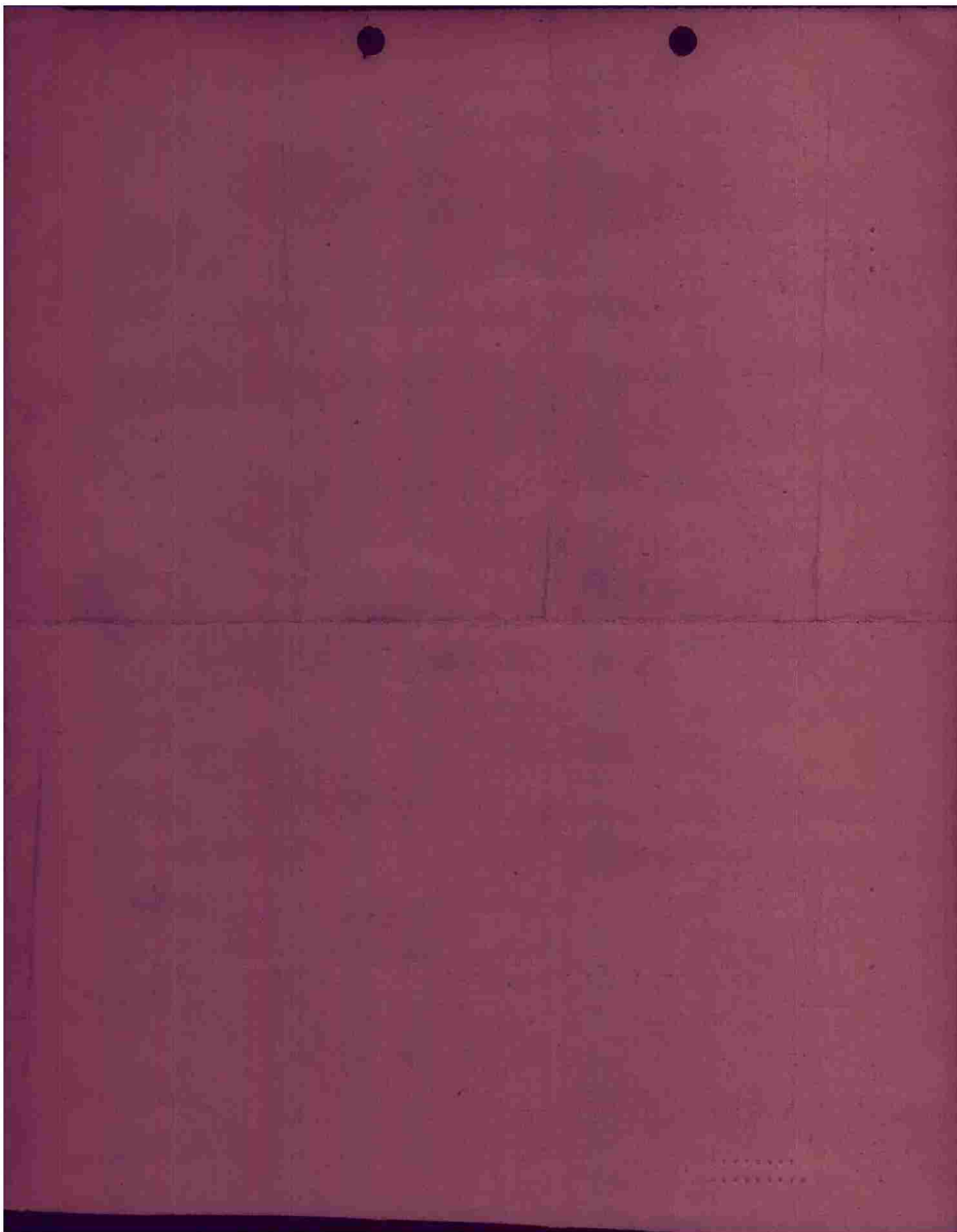
ITA R.....

18/2313A HHW I H K

JEA R.....18/23TA

LCB

KKK



JKI VIA JEA V ITA JJF NR 14/18 OP - OP

FROM: CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 18/1600A
TO : CG IX BOMB DIVISION
CO 97 BOMB WING
CO 416 BOMB GROUP

CONFIDENTIAL BT
A1ST PATHFINDER SQ GROV R-467-E

PFF PILOT A.B. JOHNSON
DATE 18/3/45 TIME AM

- A. FORMATION:
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION: GOOD
 - 2. REMARKS:
- B. WINDOW SHIPS:
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION: EXCELLENT
 - 2. REMARKS:
- C. NAVIGATION:
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION: PFF
 - 2. REMARKS:
- D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS: 99%
- 3. BRIEFING: EXCELLENT
- F. MISCELLANEOUS JEVAKS: NONE

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ GROV

BT 18/1600A

MJS

CC: COL D. SECOND WORD SHOULD READ COMMUNICATIONS: GOOD

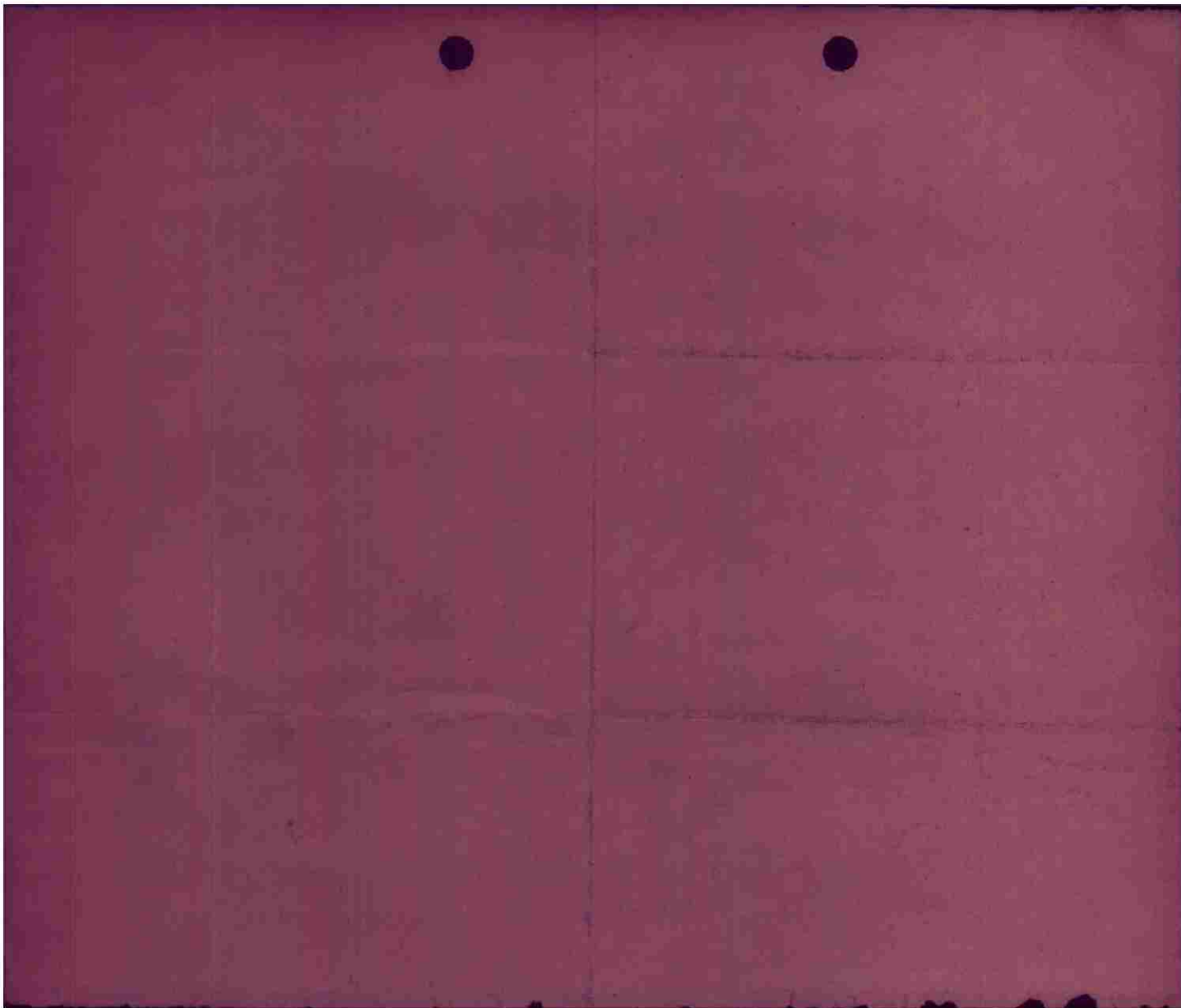
COL F. SECOND WORD SHOULD READ REMARKS:

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JKI R.....18/1655A EJ AR

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 180836A
TO CG 97TH BOMBARDMENT WING ATT: A-2
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CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-359-D IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT THE
TARGET THE FOLLOWING WILL BE THE MPI'S
ILLUSTRATION 1(D) (1) 44/2

REF 05600415
06150413
06300417
05900430
06200433
05640447

IF THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED NECKENHEIM R 360895
WILL BE BOMBED.

BT 180836A
Q EJ AR K

JEA R.....18/0836A

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 16/18 P P

FROM COBOMGR 416 181500A
TO COBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIG O
COMCBTWIG 97 (FOR INFO)
BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-371-J

A - YS - 67

B - 18 MARCH 1945 (0832-1145)

C - N - NAN REPORTED OPS COMPLETED TO PAREXXX PARADE, FOR BOTH
BOXES.

D - N - NAN CALLEDZ FIGHTER COUND CONTROL UPON ENTERING
TACTICAL AREA AND ALSO HEARD PPF SHIP CALLING F.G.C. BUT NEITHER
SHIP RECEIVED AN ANSWER.

E - NONE

F - NONE

G - NONE

H - NONE

I - NONE

J - NONE

K - NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR416

BT 181500A

CC: MAXXEXX-

CC: IN PARA D. WA NAN CALLED FIGHER GROUND CONTROL ETC

KJ ALSO SORGI NR. R-371-J

EJ AR TO ITA BBB O TO JEA

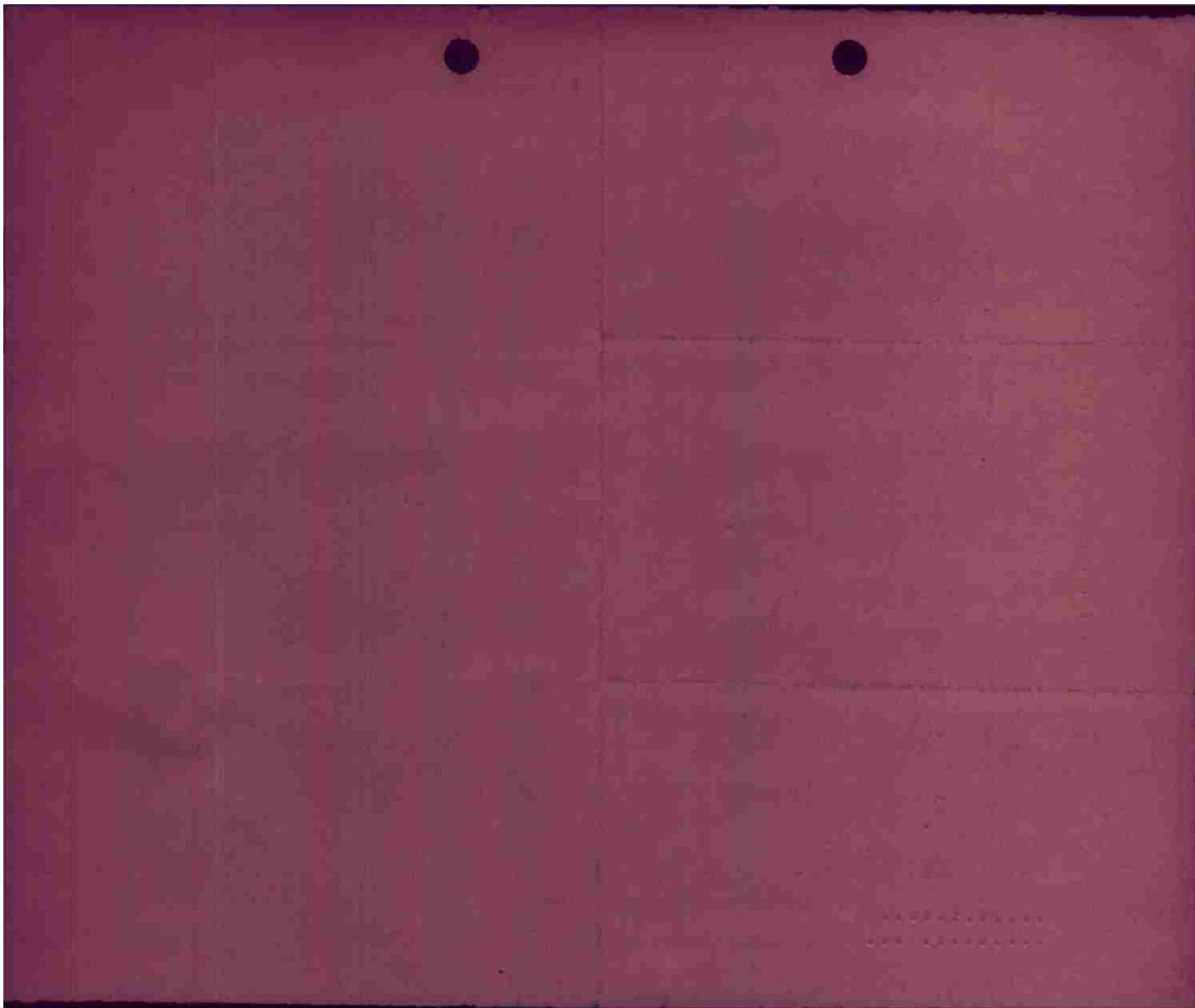
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JES JPO JKI VIA JEA V ITA JJF 12/18 OP OP

FROM: CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 18/1345A
 TO : CG IX BOMB DIVISION (ATT A-2)
 CG 97TH COMBAT WING
 CG 98TH COMBAT WING
 CG 99TH COMBAT WING
 CO'S 387TH, 416TH, 394TH, 397TH, 391ST,
 344TH, 323RD, 410TH, 322ND, 489TH,
 AND 386TH BOMB GROUPS

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1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV R-465-D

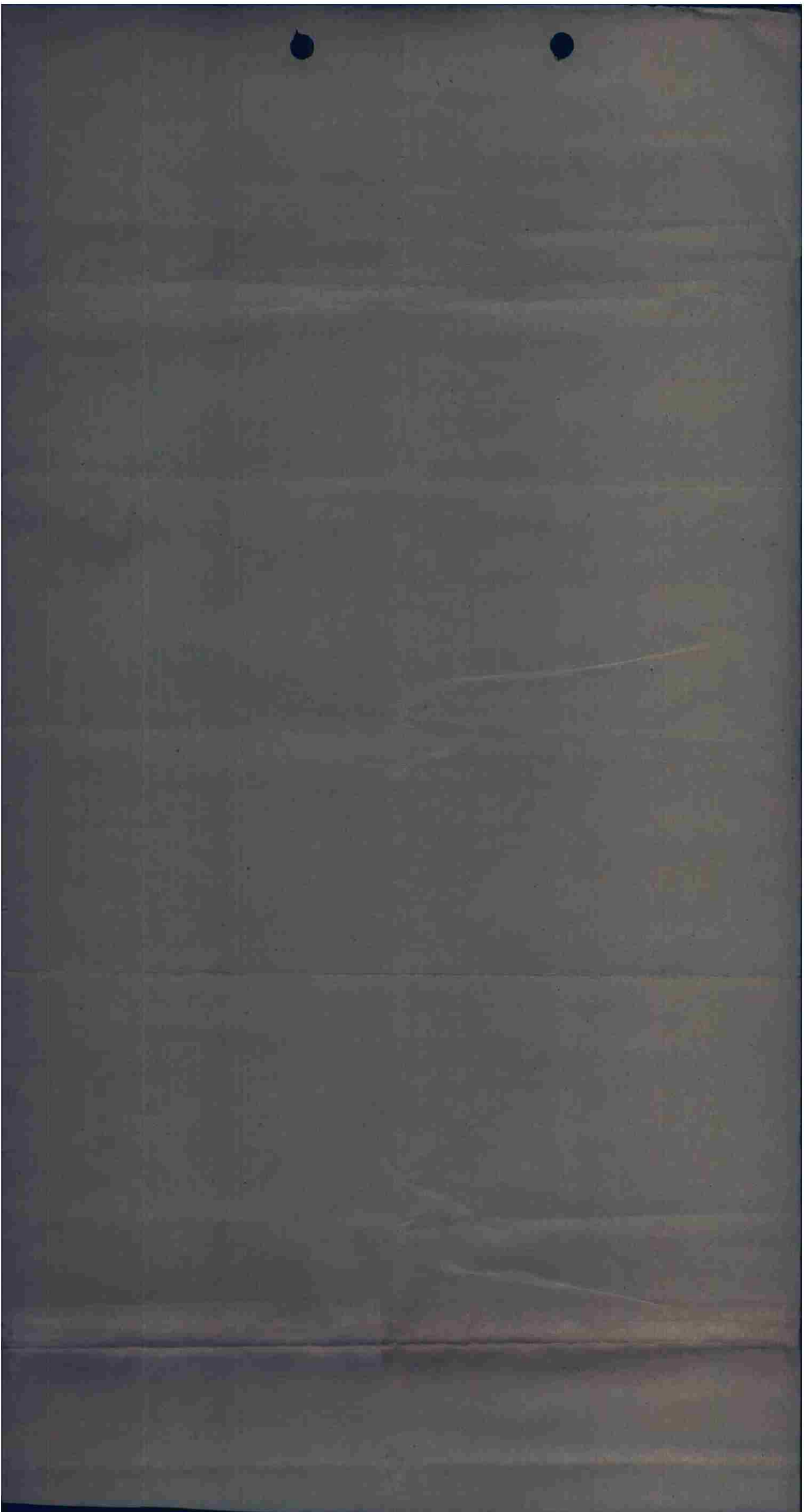
- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 387TH BOMB GROUP
- B. WORMS COMM. CENTER WM 454149
- C. 1 B26
- D. 1 - ATTACKED PRIMARY WITH GROUP LEADING. GROUP MADE VISUAL RUN ON NORDEN IN PREFERENCE TO PFF EQUIPMENT LEAD.
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. GOOD RESULTS OBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. MAHFF FROM TGT AREA (WM454149) AND INGELHEIM WR 245599
- K. NONE
- L. 13,000 - PRIMARY
- M. 8958 - PRIMARY

GOOD FORMATION AND GOOD WINDOW SHIPS FLOWN BY GROUP

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 416TH BOMB GROUP
 - B. WORMS COMM CENTER WM 450146
 - C. 1 B-26
 - D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON NORDEN DUE TO CAVU CONDITIONS
 - E. NONE
 - F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
 - G. GOOD, TARGET AREA.
 - H. NONE
 - I. NONE
 - J. MODERATE, ACCURATE, HEAVY, TARGET AREA AND INGELHEIM WR 245599
 - K. NONE
 - L. 13,000 PRIMARY
 - M. 1013 PRIMARY
- GROUP FORMATION AND WINDOW SHIPS GOOD.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 410TH BOMB GROUP
- B. WETZLAR M/Y WG 557191
- C. 2 B-26'S
- D. 2 B-26'S PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. 1ST BOX POOR
2ND BOX UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. MODERATE, INACCURATE, HEAVY, TARGET AREA
- K. NONE
- L. 12,400-12,000 PRIMARY
- M. 1017-1017 1/2 PRIMARY
1ST BOX FORMATION POOR EXCEPT AT TIME OF RELEASE IT WAS GOOD.
2ND BOX FORMATION VERY GOOD. WINDOW SHIPS POOR.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 394TH BOMB GROUP
- B. WORMS M/Y WM 449162
- C. 1 B-26
- D. NONE
- E. 1 B-26. GROUP BOMBED VISUALLY. PFF DIDN'T DROP. COULDN'T CATCH FORMATION AFTER GROUP TOOK OVER, IN TIME TO BOMB.
- F. 4 X 500 GP RETURNED
- G. NO ATTACK
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. MODERATE, ACCURATE, HEAVY, TARGET AREA, AND INGELHEIM WR 245599
- K. NONE
- L. 13,000 PRIMARY
- M. 1030 PRIMARY
GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT. WINDOW SHIPS GOOD. EXCELLENT COOPERATION FROM GROUP NAVIGATOR.

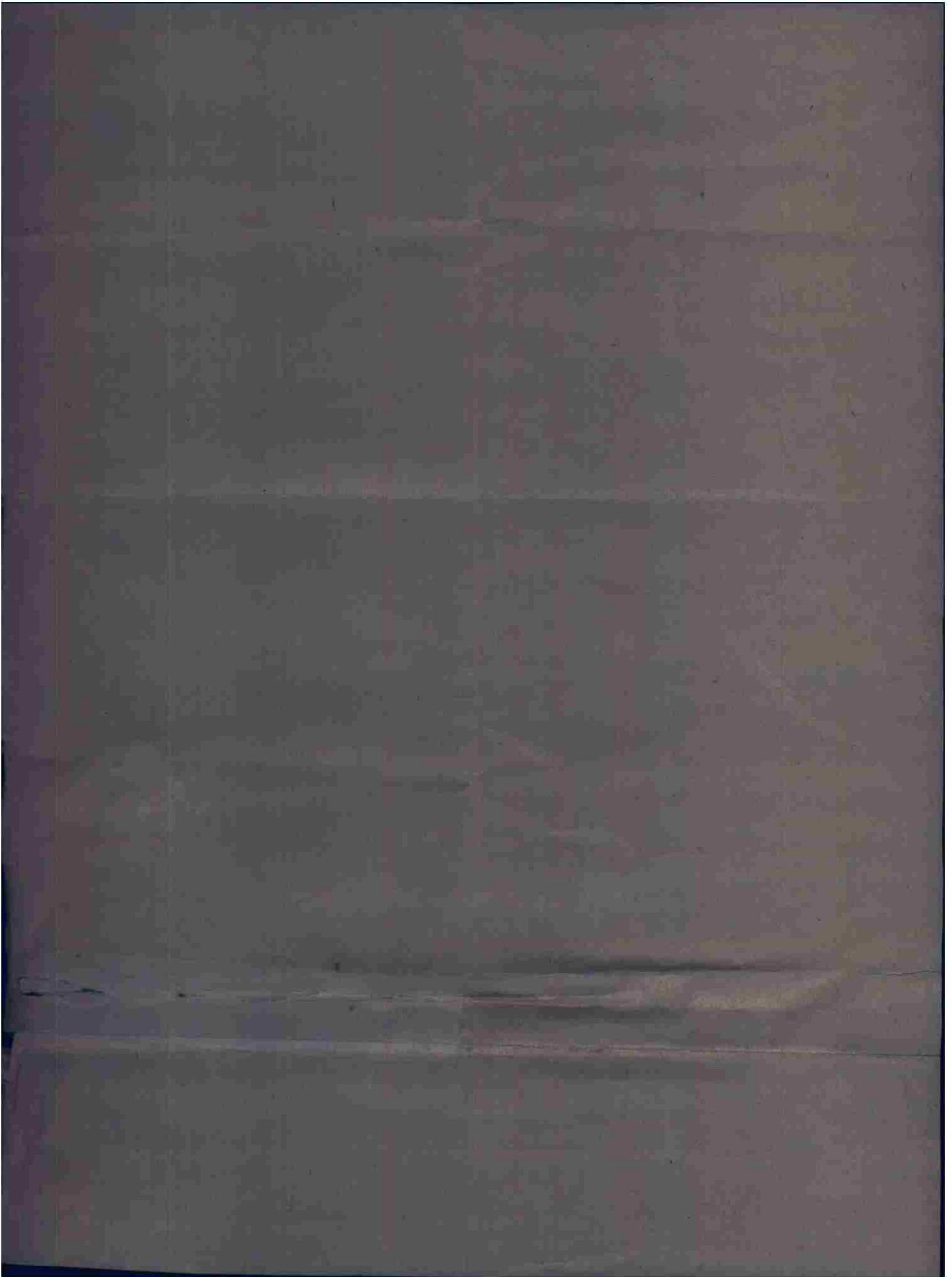


A. FIRST PATHFINDERS SQUADRON WITH THE 322ND BOMB GROUP
 B. WETZLAR M/Y WG 553189
 C. 1 B-26'S
 D. 1 B-26'S PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
 G. GOOD. HITS SEEN IN TARGET AREA
 H. THRU K. NONE
 L. 13,000 PRIMARY
 M. 1028 PRIMARY
 GROUP FORMATION 1ST BOX EXCELLENT, 2ND BOX FAIR.

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 323RD BOMB GROUP
 B. WETZLAR M/Y WG 559193
 C. 2 B-26'S
 D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT.
 1 B-26 PRIMARY GROUP LEADING. THIS BOX DROPPED ON LEAD PFF.
 E. NONE
 F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
 G. GOOD. GOOD PATTERN COVERED TARGET AREA.
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 J. MODERATE, ACCURATE, HEAVY, TARGET AREA AND WESTERBURG WG 172183
 L. 11,500-11,800 PRIMARY
 M. 1021 1/2-1003 PRIMARY
 GROUP FORMATION GOOD. 2ND BOX TOOK OVER LEAD WHEN 1ST BOX
 PFF HAD EQUIPMENT FAILURE. BOTH BOXES BOMBED ON PFF LEAD.

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 397TH BOMB GROUP
 B. WORMS M/Y WM 449159
 C. 2 B-26'S
 D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY GROUP LEADING. GROUP TOOK OVER FOR VISUAL RUN.
 E. 1 B-26. GROUP TOOK OVER FOR VISUAL THIS SIDE OF BOMBLINE AFTER
 CROSSING FROM ENEMY TERRITORY HALF WAY DOWN BOMB RUN.
 PFF DID NOT KNOW WHICH WAY GROUP WAS TURNING, SO
 RETURNED TO BASE.
 F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
 4 X 500 GP RETURNED
 G. GOOD
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 J. MODERATE, INACCURATE, HEAVY, TARGET AREA.
 K. NONE
 L. 13,000 PRIMARY
 M. 1045 PRIMARY
 GROUP FORMATION AND WINDOW SHIPS GOOD.

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 391ST BOMB GROUP
 B. WORMS M/Y WM 448155
 C. 2 B-26'S
 D. 2 B-26'S PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 E. NONE
 F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
 G. GOOD. HITS COVERED TARGET AREA
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 J. MODERATE, ACCURATE, HEAVY, TARGET AREA, AND ALZEY WM 278279
 K. NONE
 L. 13,000-12,500
 M. 1101-1101 1/2 PRIMARY
 GROUP FORMATION GOOD. WINDOW SHIPS POOR 1ST BOX, GOOD 2ND BOX.
 EXPLODED OIL BURNING AT M/Y AT WORMS WM 448155.



A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 344TH BOMB GROUP
 B. WORMS M/Y WM 448152
 C. 2 B-26'S
 D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT. 2ND BOX.
 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON NORDEN. BOMBED ALONE UPON EQUIPMENT FAILURE.
 E. NONE
 F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
 G. PFF OF 1ST BOX. STRIKES SEEN IN TARGET AREA.
 2ND BOX BOMBS E SEEM TO HIT 3/4 MILE NW OF TARGET.
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 J. MODERATE, ACCURATE, HEAVY, TARGET AREA.
 K. NONE
 L. 12,800-12,800 PRIMARY
 M. 1117-1117 1/2 PRIMARY
 GROUP FORMATION AND WINDOW SHIPS GOOD.

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 409TH BOMB GROUP
 B. WETZLAR M/Y WG 548188
 C. 2 B-26'S
 D. 2 B-26'S PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 E. NONE
 F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
 G. EXCELLENT- STRIKES SEEN IN TARGET AREA.
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 J. WEAK, INACCURATE, HEAVY, TARGET AREA.
 K. NONE
 L. 13,300-12,500 PRIMARY
 M. 1045 1/2-1046 PRIMARY
 GROUP FORMATION GOOD, EXCELLENT AT BOMBS AWAY. WINDOW SHIPS GOOD.

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 386TH BOMB GROUP
 B. WETZLAR M/Y WG 554188
 C. 2 B-26'S
 D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT.
 1 B-26 CASUAL OBR. KLEEN WG 605073 ON NORDEN. BOMBED ALONE.
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
 4 X 500 GP CASUAL
 G. PRIMARY - GOOD. HITS SEEN IN TARGET AREA.
 CASUAL - UNOBSERVED.
 H. 1 B-26 CAT "A" . FLAK
 I. NONE
 J. WEAK, ACCURATE, HEAVY, GIessen WG 660210
 C. NONE
 L. 11,500 CASUAL
 12,500 PRIMARY
 M. 1112 CASUAL
 1059 PRIMARY
 M/Y AT GIessen WAS EMPTY. GROUP FORMATION VERY GOOD.

ANNEX TO FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 387TH BOMB GROUP

STEEL SPAN TYPE BRIDGE AT WIESEBADEN ENTIRELY ON FIRE.
 HIGHWAY BRIDGE AND RR BRIDGE JUST NORTH OF WORMS STILL SCC, SS, A.

-----CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV-----

BT 18/1345A
 RELAYED (JMB)
 LAST LINE SHLD READ
 JUST NORTH OF WORMS STILL STANDING.
 BBBBBBBBB
 JES R.....18/1602A HO K
 JPO R18/1602A JHS KK
 JKI R.....18/1602A MEP KK

