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MISSION NO. 246

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

21 MARCH 1945

43-22
1. 528 T
MAJOR C H FERRIS
LT P G ROYALTY 460
LT M C McNUTT
S/S D J RIO

41-39
2. 205 M
LT E G BISHOP 555
SGT L W HUDNUTT

43-22
3. 2315 L
LT R FORD
LT J C CURTISS
SGT D J MURRO

43-22
1. 525 M
CAPT C J ANDERSON
LT W BARRAGE
LT L J ROMAN
S/S S L FETTEL *missing*

43-22
2. 389 X
LT W H LAMETER 500
SGT F M CLUTE

43-22
3. 321 T-1
LT J H CARVER 600
S/S N M GRAHAM

43-22
1. 505 Y
LT F S BREWSTER
LT L W DENNIS 430
COL. T R AYLESWORTH
S/S W O CLARK

41-39
2. 325 L-1
LT W L HALE 495
S/S J F GEYER
LT S BEANEY (INF)

43-22
3. 385 D
LT J H MONTROSE 500
S/S R S GANDY

43-22
1. 498 R
LT L E CANNON 500
LT F A REEVES
S/S J W ROBINSON
S/S E P BRZEZINSKI

W I ND O W
43-22
378 O 450
LT J F ALLEN
S/S L R GEIGEN
S/S C W VEAZEY

41-39
4. 416 O 500
LT R B SINGLETARY
CAPT R J KOCH (INF)
S/S H G WIGGINS

41-39
5. 9315 F
CAPT H W BORMAN
PFC D O FINNELL

43-22
6. 330 F 475
E/O S E BOERNER
S/S J A HUMMER

FLIGHT II

41-39
4. 274 S 650
LT L J BRUCHA
S/S L C FERGUSON

41-39
5. 305 U
LT J W BLEVINS
SGT F GENTRY

41-39
6. 264 I
LT R J LACKNER
SGT A J MUSSARRA

FLIGHT III

41-39
4. 335 W 530
LT J W WRIGHT
S/S P J PROFITA

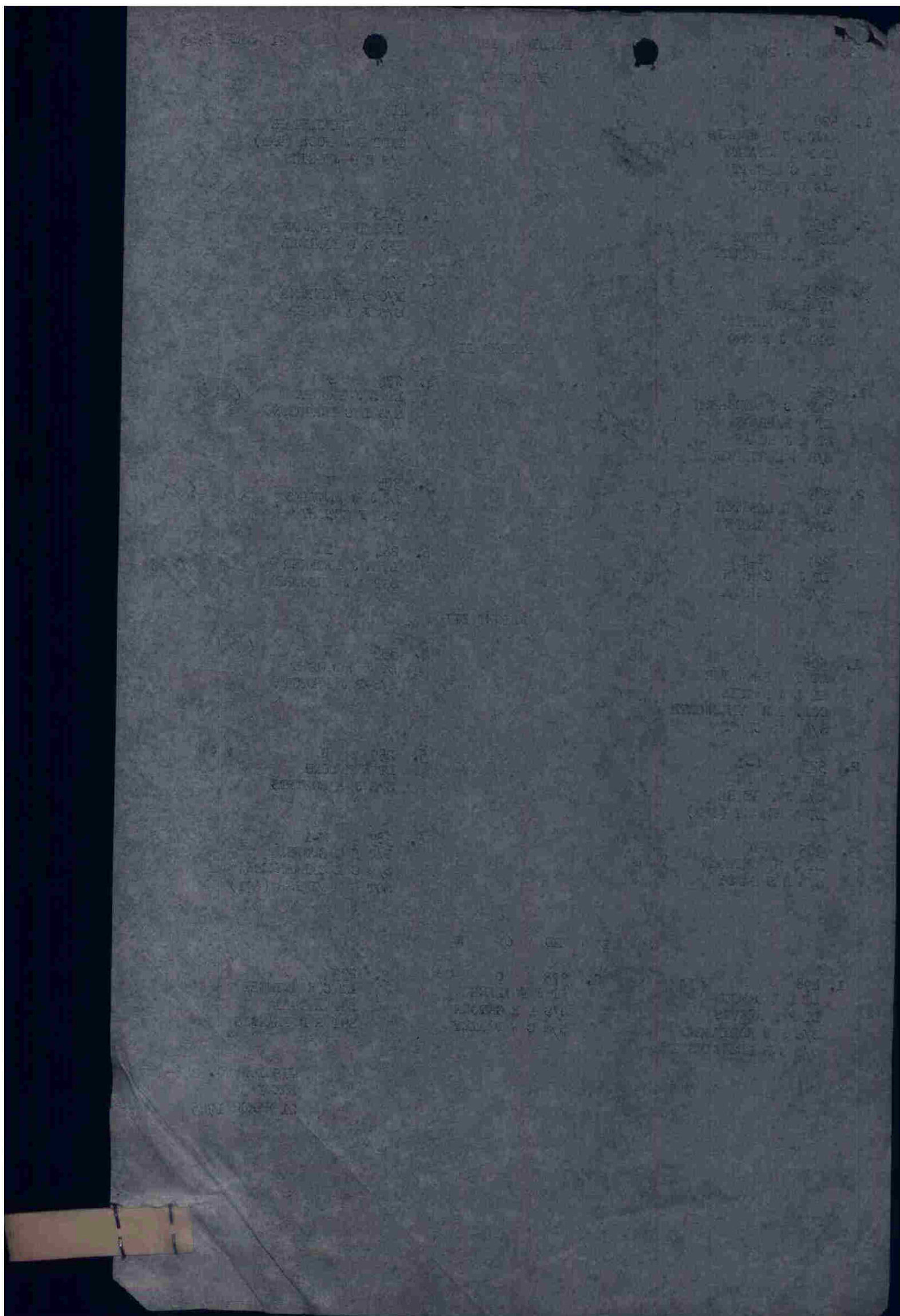
41-39
5. 259 H 600
LT R H LONG
S/S J H ROBERTS

43-22
6. 389 M-1
E/O H G GUNKEL
S/S C L CALABRESSE
SGT H K MILLER (671)

41-39
3. 233 F 450
LT C E WEINERT
SGT R DUBI
SGT R D FRANCIS

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BOX I
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MISSION NO. 246

LOADING LIST
BOX II AND III
FLIGHT I

21 MARCH 1945

43-rr
1. 507 Q
CAPT R J HOONEY
LT R L KIRK
CAPT C C SLAUGHTER (INF)
SGT R J KAMISCHIE

43-rr
2. 307 N
LT J F STANKOWSKI
SGT J R VELLINGA

41-39 570
3. 223 B
LT R S BOWER
SGT N A FUSKAS

43-rr
4. 320 S
LT W E DOWNING
SGT A D SBCOI

41-39 450
5. 224 E
LT J F WALLACE
SGT R PLANT

41-39 B 480
6. 229 B
LT J V O'BRIEN
SGT H T WRIGHT
S/S J O OTTAVIANO (670)

43-rr
1. 497 E-1 475
LT R B HALL
FO T L GOSS
S/S S J MAJEWSKI

41-39 FLIGHT II
2. 250 A 500
LT L W EDSTROM
SGT P A POMPA

41-39 425
3. 209 M
LT T J MURRAY
M/S J J WELLS

41-39
4. 239 N 400
LT W A MERCHANT
S/S H R DAVIS

41-39
5. 297 T 450
CAPT Z R MOORE
SGT J J HUSKIEWICH

43-rr
6. 356 C 525
LT A E FLIVKO
SGT L J FARMER

43-rr
1. 492 E-2 420
LT J E BLOMBERG
LT G G JOHNSON
S/S M BOCKACH
CAPT H W CHIDLEY (WEATHER)

43-rr
2. 351 F 570
LT J A WILLARD
S/S C B HINER
LT H R TAIT (INF)

41-39
3. 314 H 535
LT E C MARTIN
LT J W BRITT
SGT W R SUMNER, JR.

41-39
4. 362 Y 425
LT E R HAXTER
S/S F P BASFORD

41-39
5. 244 I 500
LT D E SMITH
S/S S J KIRK

43-39
6. 328 U 440
LT R E HARPER
CPL R M BLACK

BOX III
FLIGHT I

43-rr
1. 499 G 425
LT C J BROWN
LT J E KERNS
S/S H E SUNDERLAND

43-rr
2. 419 Z 425
LT A REMISZEWSKI
S/S J H MEYERZ

41-39
3. 360 L 350
LT J C GARY
CPL A E SOHOEN

41-39
4. 249 F 450
LT A E HERMAN
S/S F E BARBER

41-39
5. 332 P 500
LT D A FERRO
S/S T W SKELTON

43-rr
6. 352 J 460
LT T E GRAEBER
SGT A H MILLER

FLIGHT II

43-rr
1. 304 T 420
LT D O TURNER, JR.
LT P J McGIVERN
S/S M R REYES

43-rr
2. 503 X 465
LT O F JACOBSEN
S/S H I GOOCH
FO R W HARVEST
LT R L MARTIN

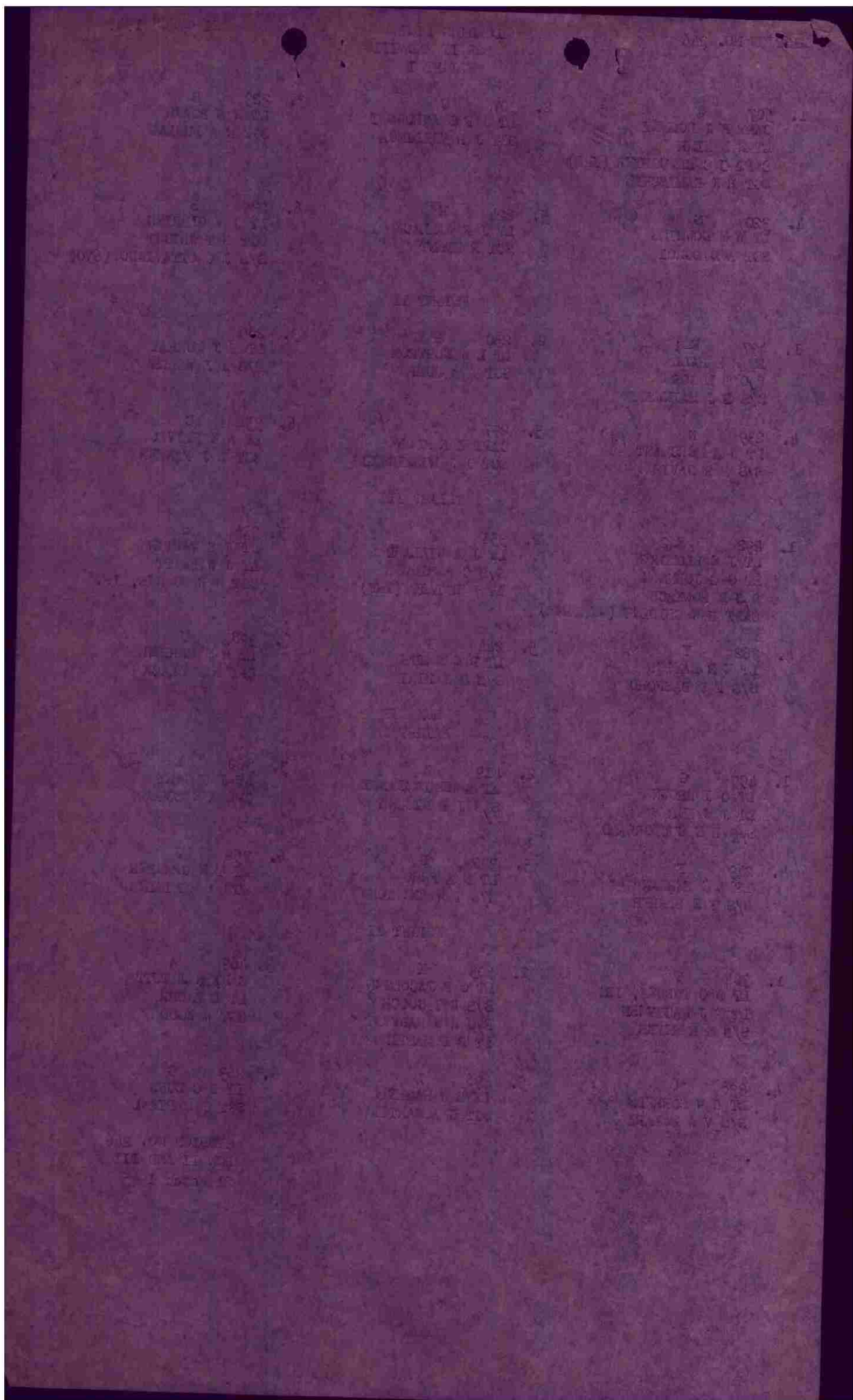
43-rr
3. 469 A 450
CAPT R J TUTT
LT L A ORR
SGT W WOOD

41-39
4. 338 C 425
LT D W SORRELLS
S/S V A MAIARA

43-rr
5. 496 L 570
LT R W HASKELL
SGT G A MARTIN

41-39
6. 263 G 480
LT F G DUNN
SGT J M PIGEL

MISSION NO. 246
BOX II AND III
21 March 1945



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AUTH: 80, A-39

23 Mar 45.

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

AGO 140, U.S. Army.
25 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 21 March 1945, T.O. 1524, Vredon Road Junction, P.O. 217-407.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 41-39314 Pilot salvaged front
(Lt E.C. Martin) two bombs.

Rack selector unit burned out fail-
ing to transfer current from rear
to front bombay. RS-2 unit replac-
ed.

41-39274 Left rear bomb returned.
(Lt L.J. Procha)

Armorer had cocked the rack im-
mediately below the proper station
and placed bomb on uncocked station.

V. 45-22525 Aircraft failed to
(Capt C.J. Anderson) return to base.

Actual cause not definitely deter-
mined but has been reported as a
mid-air collision.

45-22507 Aircraft failed to
(Capt W.J. Rooney) return to base.

Actual cause not definitely deter-
mined but has been reported as a
mid-air collision.

48-32388 Loss on power and
(Lt W.L. Lauster) overheating engine.

The splined drive bolt which act-
uates the carburetor air vent door
was broken, allowing air vent door
to close. This bolt is a failure
of design as it is too weak to
stand continued operation. A U.R.
is being written on this condition.

VI. 1 - 2:50 - 460
2 - 2:40 - 535
3 - 2:40 - 500
4 - 2:45 - 500
5 - 2:40 - 500
6 - 2:45 - 475
7 - Did not return to base.
8 - 2:40 - 500
9 - 3:00 - 500
10 - 3:00 - 550
11 - 2:55 - 525
12 - 3:00 - 625
13 - 2:40 - 430
14 - 2:40 - 485
15 - 2:40 - 500
16 - 2:40 - 550
17 - 2:45 - 425

17 - 2:40 - 600
18 - 2:40 - 480
19 - 2:25 - 500
20 - 2:25 - 450
21 - 2:25 - 450
22 - 2:50 - 490
23 - 2:50 - 510
24 - 2:45 - 490
25 - 2:30 - 453
26 - 2:55 - 489
27 - 2:55 - 475
28 - 3:30 - 500
29 - 3:10 - 475
30 - 2:45 - 400
31 - 2:45 - 450
32 - 2:45 - 510

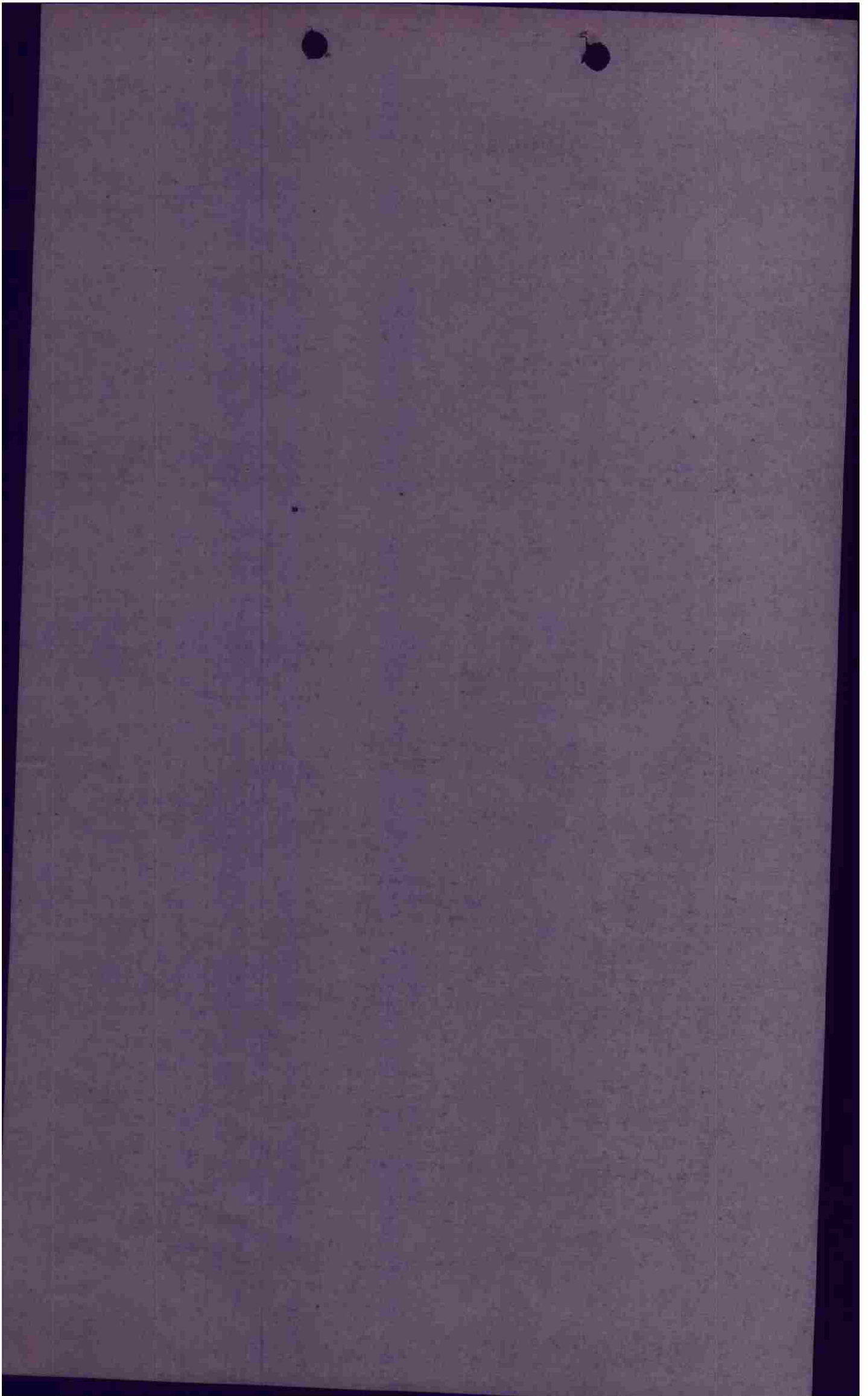
33 - 2:45 - 375
34 - 2:45 - 450
35 - 2:45 - 530
36 - 2:45 - 535
37 - 2:45 - 525
38 - 2:45 - 500
39 - 2:45 - 440
40 - 2:25 - 425
41 - 2:25 - 425
42 - 2:25 - 350
43 - 2:55 - 450
44 - 2:25 - 500
45 - 2:25 - 460
46 - 2:45 - 420
47 - 2:45 - 465
48 - 2:45 - 450
49 - 2:55 - 480

VII. 41-39250 A
48-22437 A

41-39297 - A
41-39209 - A

41-39239 - A
41-39259 - A
41-39321 - A

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



instable Europe (Mr.)

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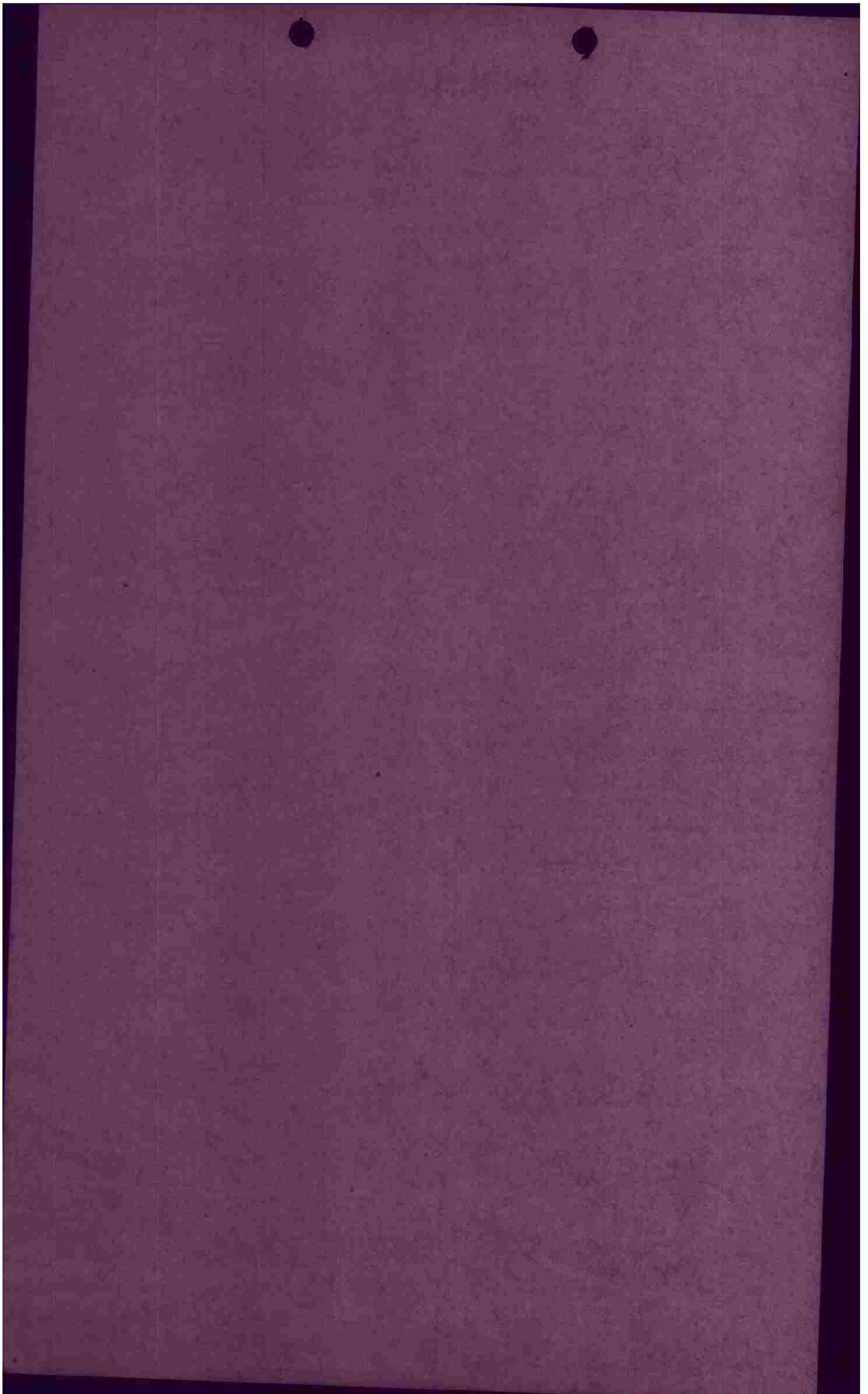
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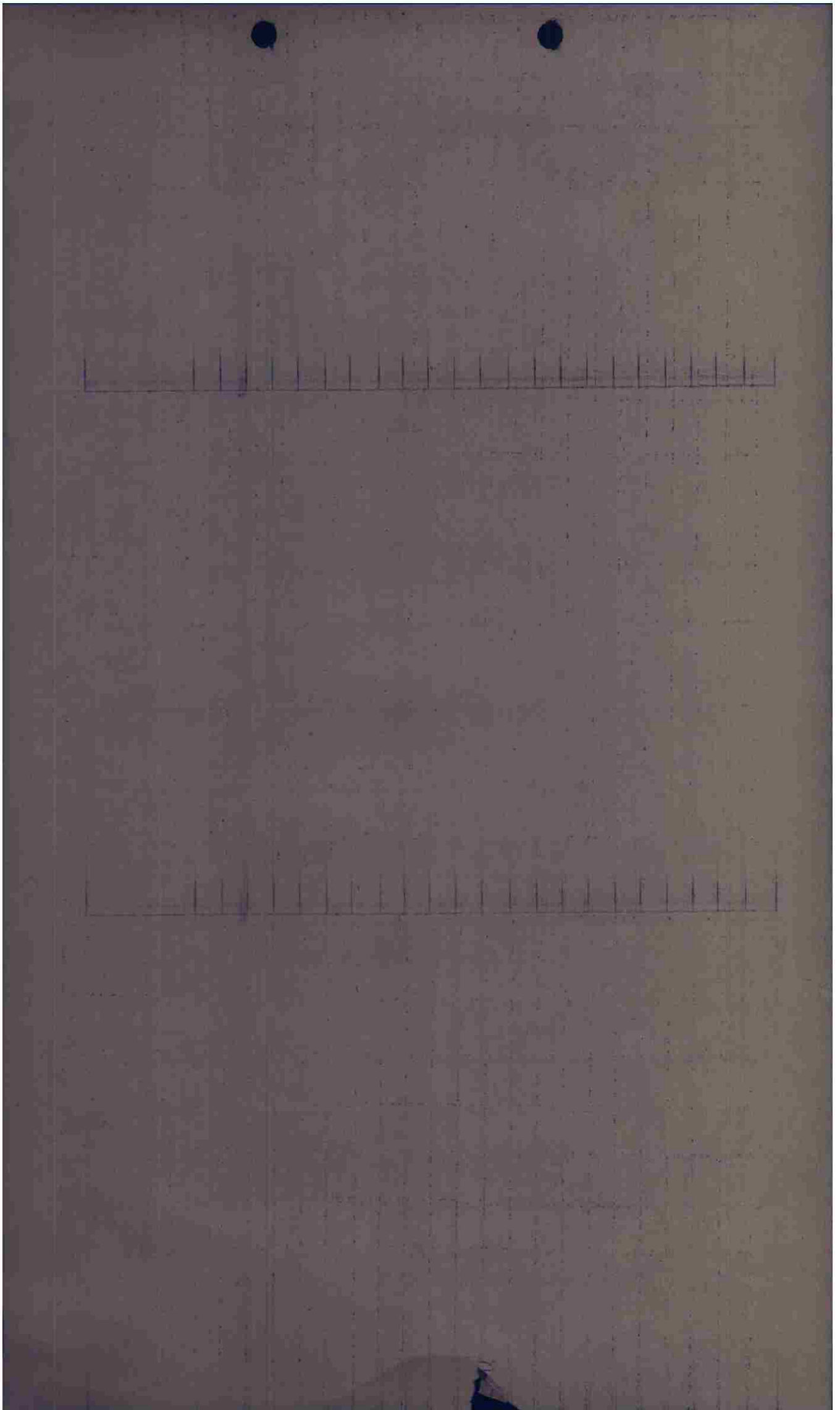


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C	T	528	Termin			1524										1813	2:50
C	M	305	Quaker			1524										1804	2:40
C	L	335	Good			1524										04	2:40
C	O	416	King Henry			1524										05	2:45
C	F	9315	Burkhard			1525										05	2:40
C	P	330	Bauman			1525										06	2:45
A	N	523	Anderson			1525											
A	X	389	Laetty			1525										1801	2:40
A	T-1	321	Green			1526										1824	3:00
A	S	374	Frucha			1526										1822	3:00
A	U	305	Blum			1526										1817	2:55
A	I	264	Backus			1526										1825	2:60
A	Y	505	Strawder			1527										1806	2:40
A	L-1	325	Yale			1527										1807	2:40
A	D	385	McIntire			1527										1807	2:40
A	N	335	Wright			1527										1807	2:40
A	H	359	Young			1528										1808	2:40
A	N-1	383	Winkler			1528										1808	2:40
A	R	498	Carson			1539										1802	2:35
A	O	378	Allen			1539										1802	2:35
A	F	233	McIntire			1540										1803	2:25

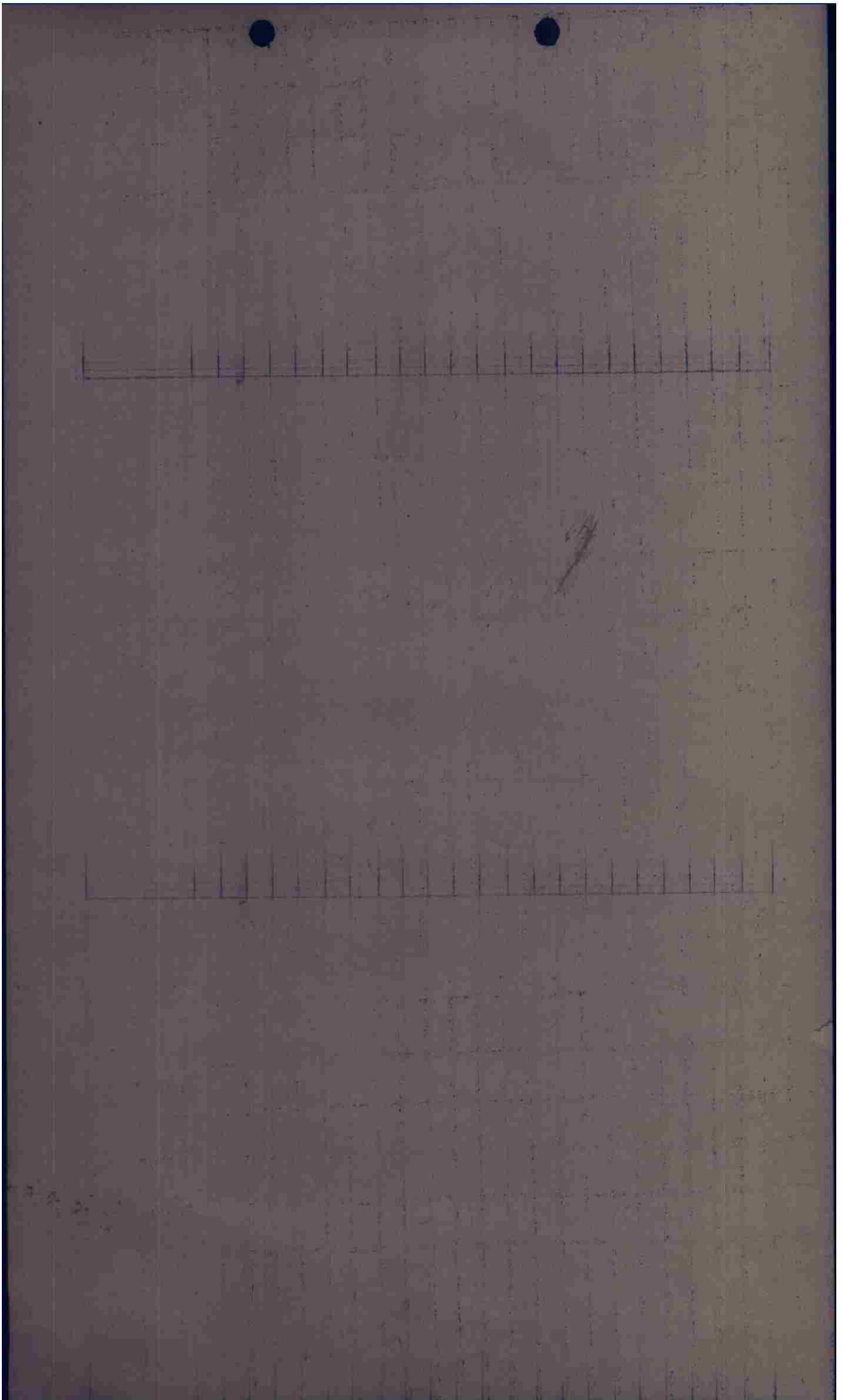
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21 March 1945



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Box II													
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S Q D N	A / C	A / C	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 L O A D
C	Q	507	Mooney			1530							
C	N	307	Starkovich			1530							
C	B	223	Bauer			1530							
C	S	320	Mooney			1530							
C	E	224	Mooney			1531							
B	B-1	209	O'Brien			1531							
A	E-1	497	Yace			1531							
A	A	250	Edgerton			1531							
A	M	209	Mooney			1532							
A	N-1	239	Merchhoff			1532							
A	T	247	Mooney			1532							
A	Q	356	Steinbo			1532							
B	E-1	492	Edgerton			1533							
B	F	351	Willard			1533							
B	H	314	Martin			1533							
B	Y	362	Yacovlev			1533							
B	I	244	Smith 206			1534							
B	U	328	Stupen			1534							

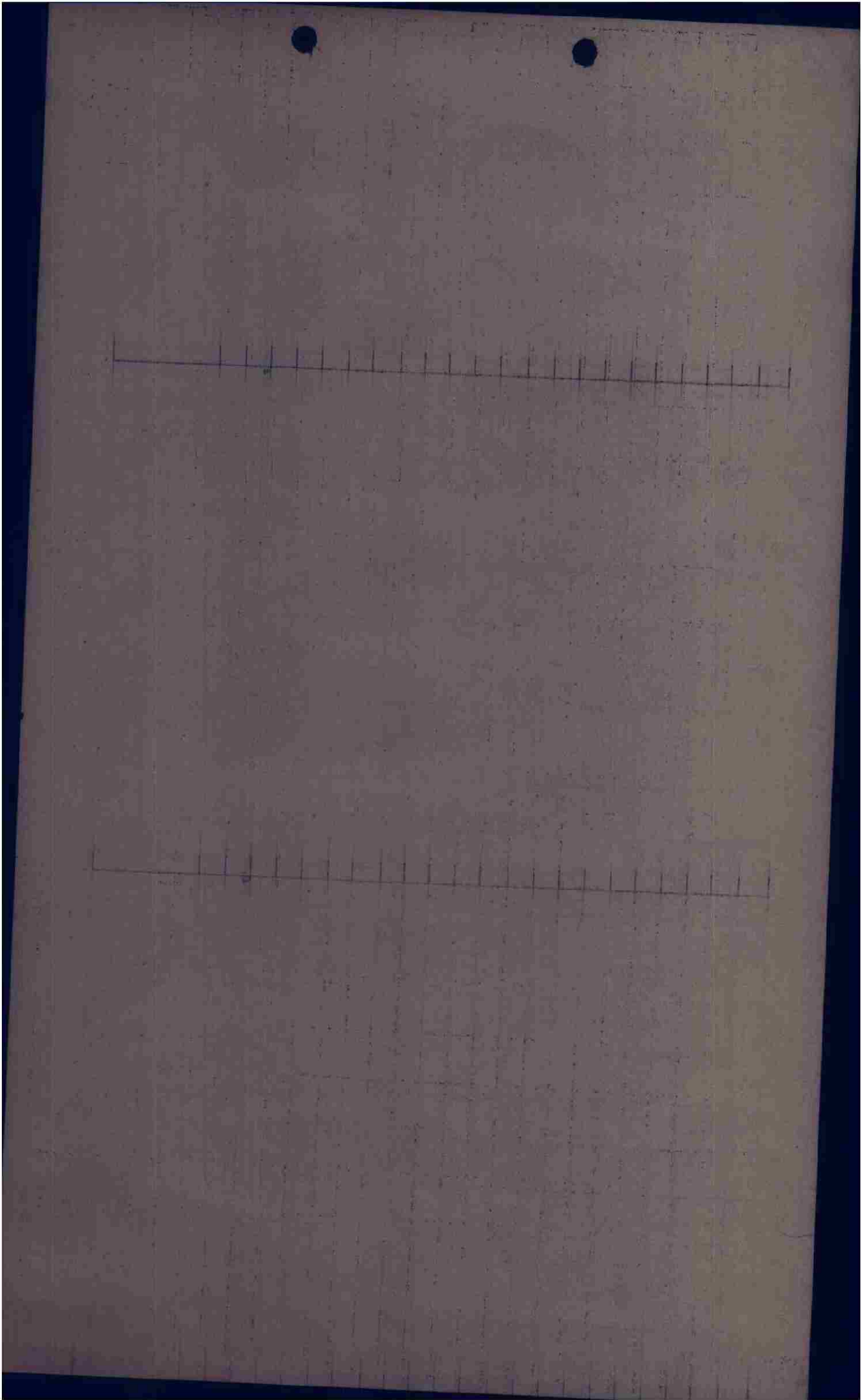


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S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U L L O L A D	B O M B A D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D E	R E M A R K S
R	G	499	<i>Spencer</i>			1536										1757	2:25
R	Z	419	<i>Spencer</i>			1536										1758	2:25
R	L	360	<i>Spencer</i>			1536										1812	2:35
R	F	849	<i>Spencer</i>			1537										1758	2:25
R	P	332	<i>Spencer</i>			1537										1759	2:25
R	J	352	<i>Spencer</i>			1537										1819	2:45
R	T	304	<i>Spencer</i>			1538										1820	2:45
R	X	503	<i>Spencer</i>			1538										1821	2:45
C	A	469	<i>Spencer</i>			1538										1819	2:45
R	O	338	<i>Spencer</i>			1538										1821	2:45
R	L	496	<i>Spencer</i>			1538										1821	2:45
R	G	363	<i>Spencer</i>			1539										1832	2:53

Box III

271 March 1945



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 03/22 OP-OP

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

SECRET R-483-D

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

G. 1647 - 1700

J. BOX I - FLT A DMPI EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI.
 BOMBS FELL IN GOOD PATTERN 500 FT SW OF DMPI WITH HITS
 ON BLDGS AND ROADS.
 FLT B DMPI UNDET: NO PHOTOS DUE TO EVASIVE ACTION.
 FLT C AMPI EXCEL: DUE TO SIMILARITY OF TARGET AND
 SURROUNDING TERRAIN BOMBARDIER MISTOOK TARGET FOR PRIMARY
 AND BOMBED TOWN OF STADTLOHN 6 MILES SE OF PRIMARY
 (1:100,000 MAP PI COORD 436778) DUE TO SMOKE BOMBARDIER
 SELECTED RR/J AS AMPI. 85 PERCENT OF BURSTS WITHIN 1000
 FT OF AMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 780 FT W OF AMPI.

BOX II - FLT A - DMPI - EXCEL: 60 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000
 (VISUAL) FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 866 FT SW OF DMPI.
 GOOD PATTERN OF BOMBS HITTING SW EDGE OF TOWN.
 FLT B - AMPI - EXCEL: SAME CIRCUMSTANCES AS FLT C BOX I
 BOMBARDIER SELECTED R/J AS AMPI. ALL BOMBS HIT WITHIN
 1000 FT OF AMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 320 FT SW OF AMPI.
 BOMBS FELL IN TOWN OF BLDGS AND ROADS.

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

BOX III FLT A DMPI UNDET: NO PHOTOS DUE TO EVASIVE ACTION.
 VISUAL REPORTS STATE BOMBS HIT IN TOWN.
 (FLT B 1ST ELEM DMPI UNDET: DUE TO TYPE OF BOMBS USED NO
 BURSTS ARE VISIBLE.
 2ND ELEM DMPI UNDET: SAME AS ABOVE
 3RD ELEM DMPI UNDET: SAME AS ABOVE

K. NIL

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

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

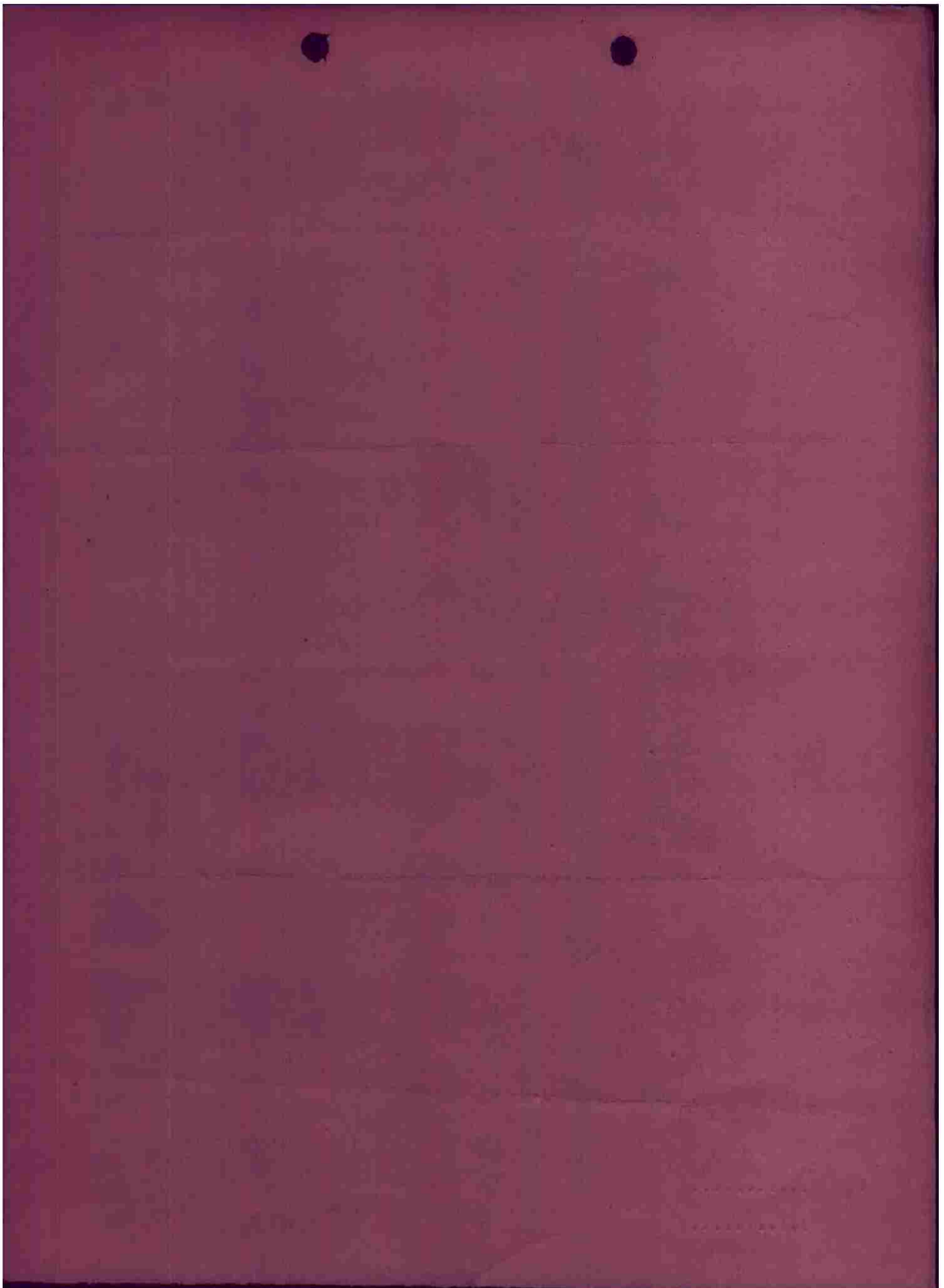
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FD BBBB

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

ITA R.....220810A MWC K

JEA R.....220810A JMB KKK



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

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) 21/1235A
 TO COMBOMDIV NINE
 409TH COBOMGP
 416TH COBOMGP (INFO)
 416TH COBOMGP

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)
 A P O 143
 21 MARCH 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 217-887 R-231-E

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REFER. CURRENT BOMBLINE
 (2) 2ND TAF WILL PROVIDE AREA COVER FOR THIS WING.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN HOLLAND.

ZERO HOUR: 21/1615A

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 50 MINUTES.

- B. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 30 MINUTES.

- X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE.
 (5) TARGET VREDEN ROAD JUNCTIONS (A-374827)
 (6) A/C REQUIRED MAX. EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 (7) ROUTE OUT BASE TO E-9143 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 (8) ROUTE BACK TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO E-9143 TO BASE
 (9) ALTITUDE BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO
 BUT NOT BELOW 6,000 FEET. LOSE 1,500 FEET IMMEDIATELY
 UPON LEAVING TARGET.
 (10) I.P. A-2870
 (11) AXIS OF ATTACK GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST
 (12) M.P.I. GSGS 4414 SHEET 3986. FOUR FLIGHTS ON EACH
 OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD. 37438261 AND 37448250.
 (13) BOMBS 4 X 1000 G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SECOND NOSE, 1/40 SECOND
 TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
 (14) R.P. A-2870
 (15) GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY :
 (A) PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY
 (B) PRIMARY TARGET ON GROUP "GEE"
 (C) ALTERNATE TARGET ON VISUALLY
 (D) ALTERNATE TARGET ON GROUP "GEE"
 (E) ALTERNATE TARGET ON TARGET E.T.A.
 (16) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS
 WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS ARE NOT SELECTED.
 (17) SIX GROUPS OF A/C FROM OTHER WINGS WILL BE OPERATING IN THE
 GENERAL TARGET AREA. EXTREME CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

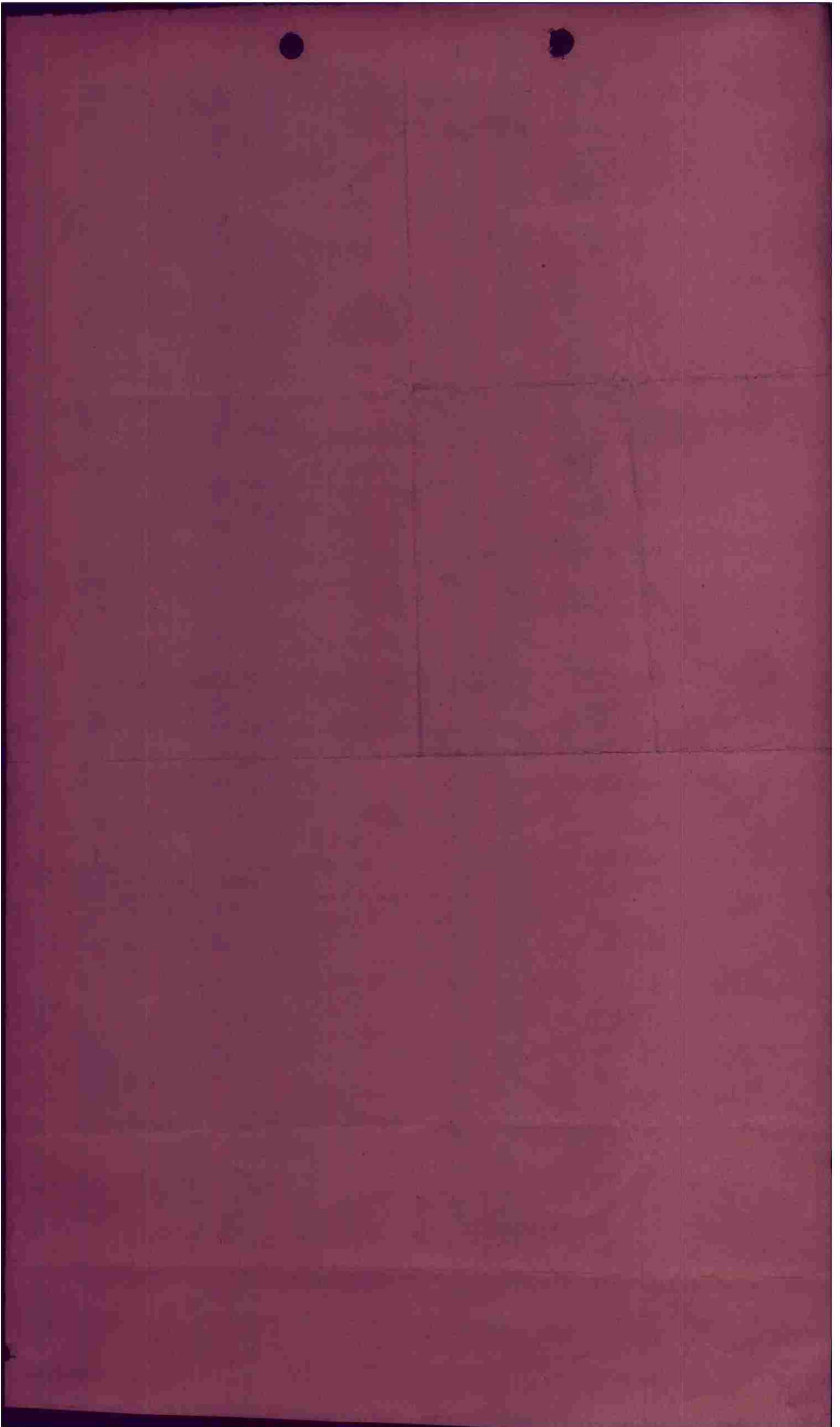
- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (374827)
 (2) WALLSTREET
 (5) KENWAY B/B

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

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

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BT 21/1235A
 AR JMB
 JKI R.....21/1405A EJ BBBB



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

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

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

97CBW R-233-E

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

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 217-827

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

ADD TO PARA. 3. B. AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

TARGET: FLAK POSITIONS AT A-25226522, A-27226512,
 A-25235793.

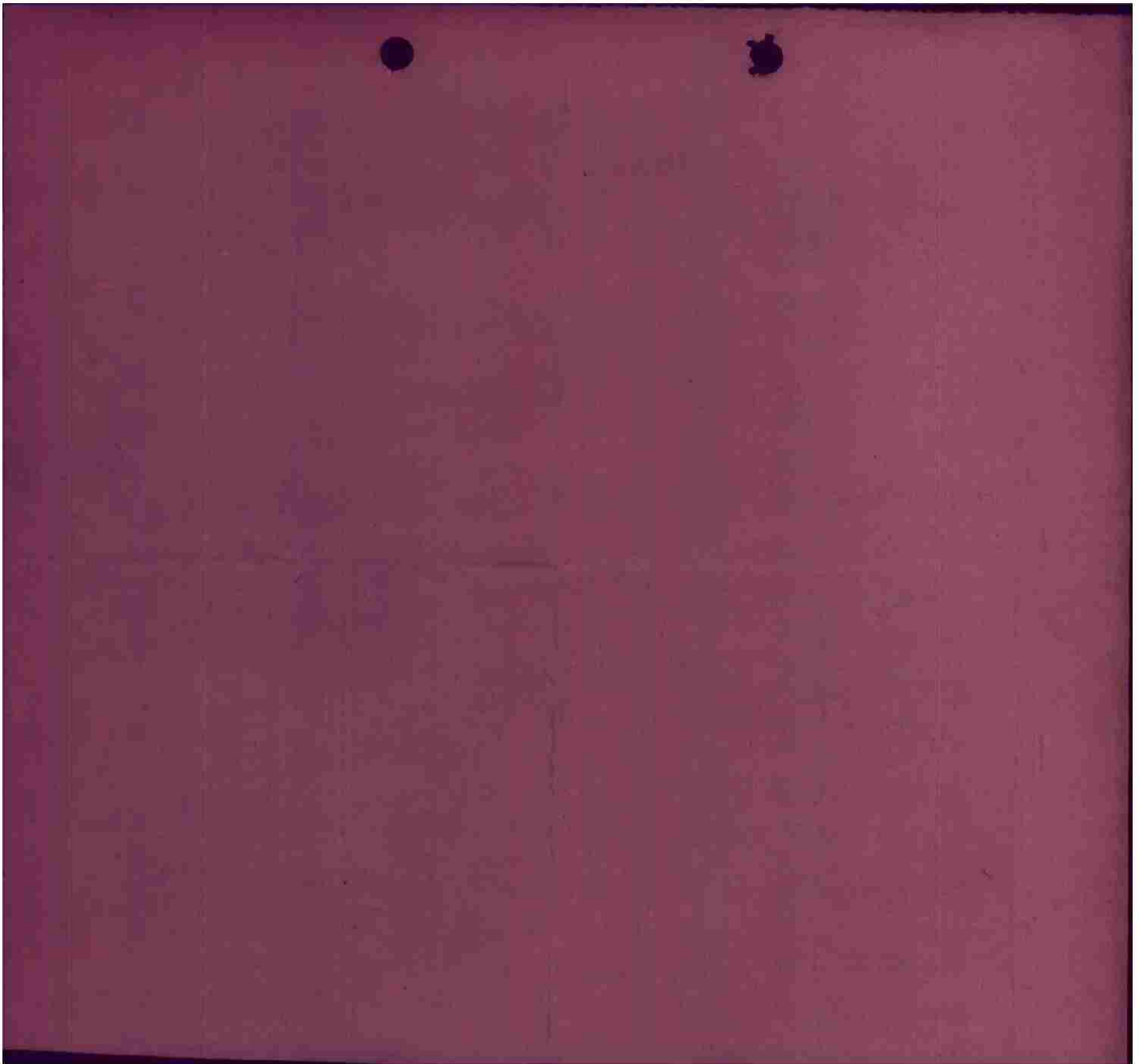
BOMBS: 20 X 200 LB. M-61 FRAGS. FUSED: T-50E-4 NOSE.

ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE, DOWN
 TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET.

COMCBTWIG 97
 BT 21/1455A
 FK-AR

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

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TO : IX BOMB DIV.
409TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.
1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV)

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

97BBW R-232-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 217-887

PLAN "A"

(1) TARGET: VREDEN ROAD JUNCTION A-374827

(2) MAP COVERAGE:
G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 3986

PHOTO COVERAGE:
TACTICAL TARGET ILL. 5276E/3986
U.S. 7GR/1476 PRINT NO. 7044

(3) TARGET IS WILL BEYOND CURRENT BOMBLINE.

(4) FLAK: SEE CURRENT PLOTTED POSITIONS.

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BT 21/1310A
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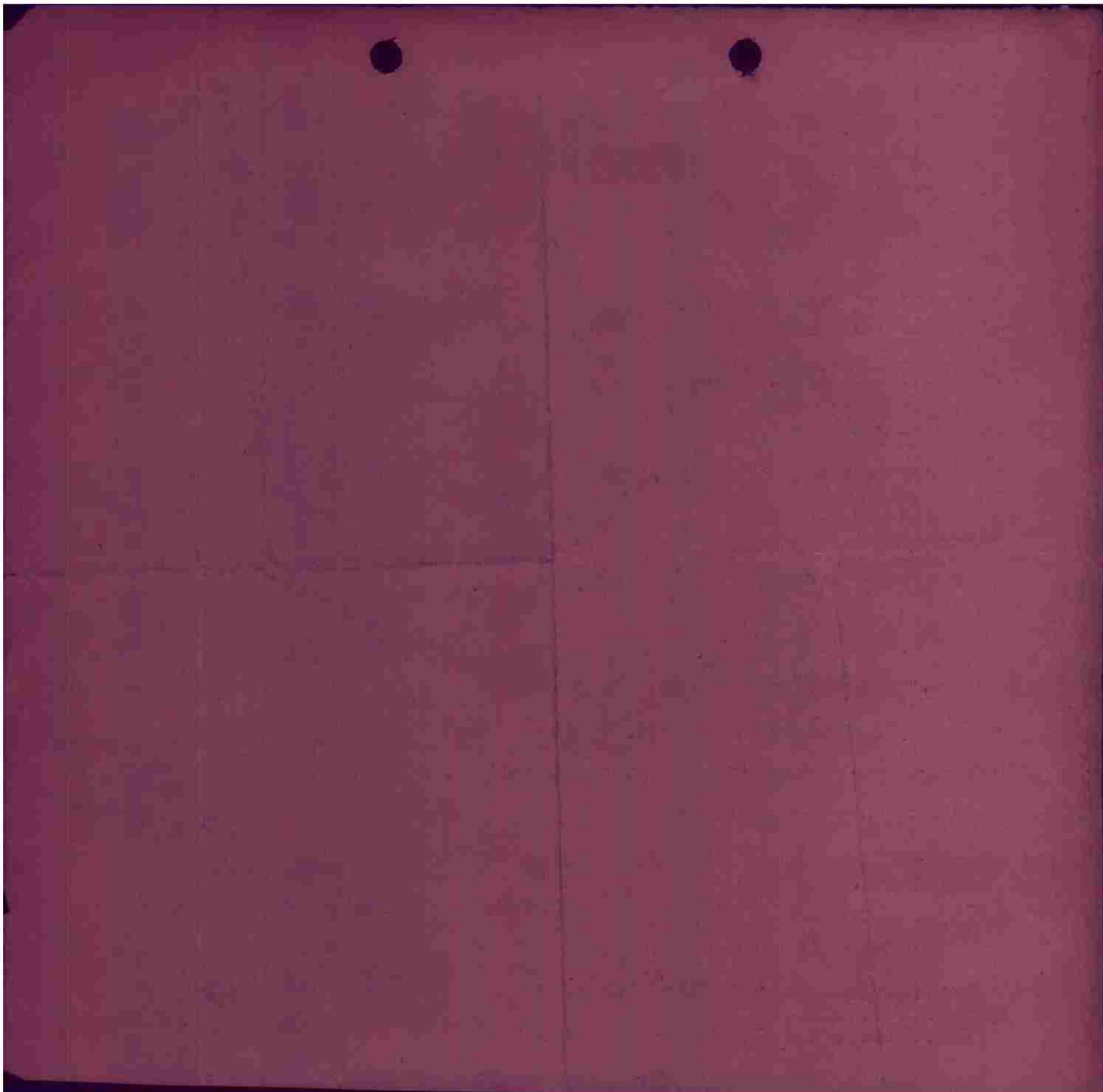
CC: 4TH GROUP IN (1) SHOULD READ 'JUNCTIONS'

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

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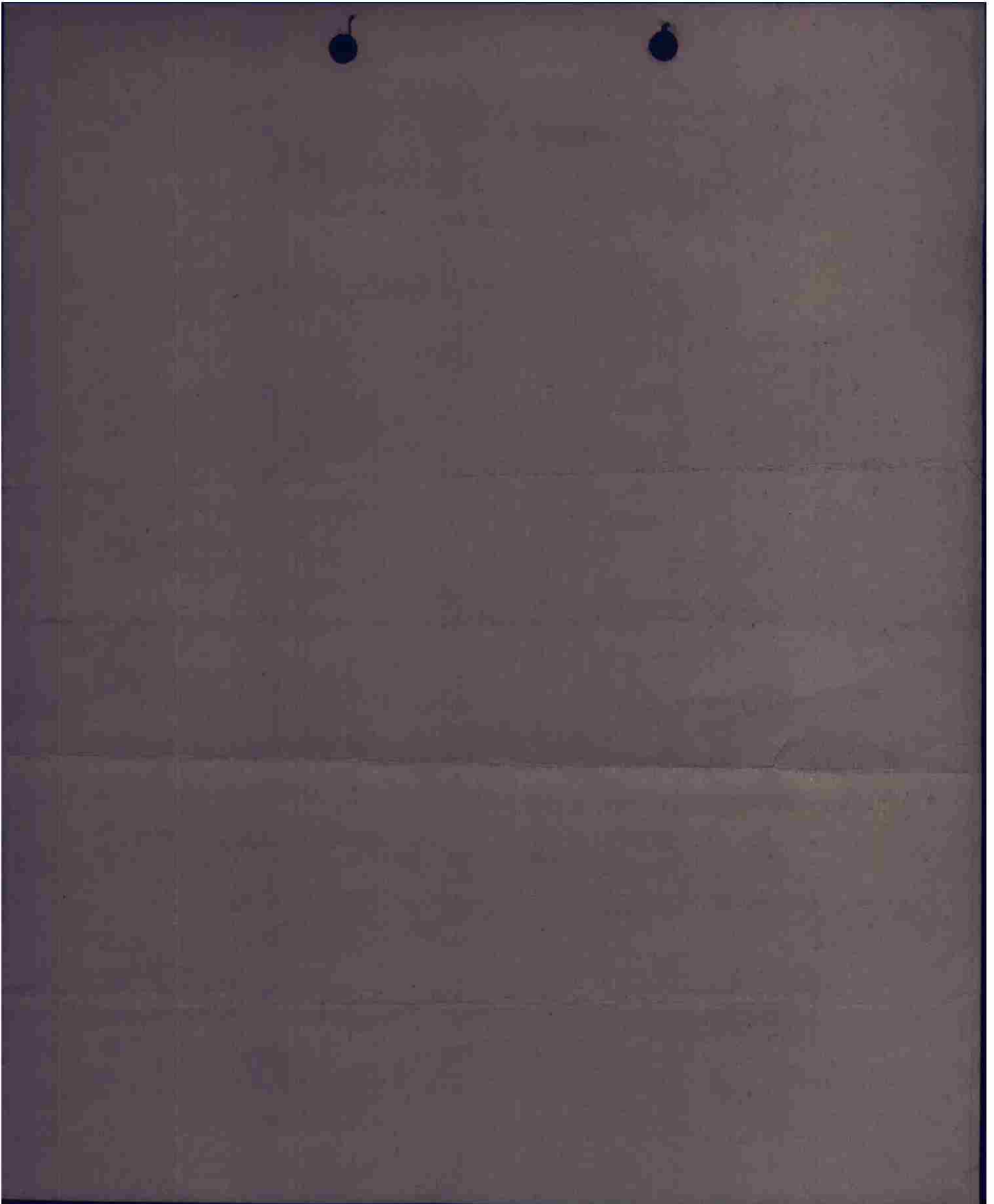
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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 28/21 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 21/2115A
 TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION, ATTN: A-2
 CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2
 BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416TH BG R-479-D PERIOD
 OPSFLASH FOR 21 MARCH 1945 (AFTERNOON MISSION)

- A. 416TH BOMB GRP. (L).
- B. VREDEN ROAD JCTS. (A-374827)
 FLAK POSITIONS AT A-05806580, A-08835793, AND A-07206310.
- C. 51 A-26 A/C INCLUDING 3 A-26 A/C CARRYING WINDOW ONLY.
- D. 42 A/C ON PRIMARY (INCLUDING THE 2 A/C MISSING; WING MEN REPORT THESE TWO A/C BOMBED PRIMARY.
 6 A/C ON SPECIAL TGTS. 2A/C ELEMENTS ON EACH COORDINATE (A-05806580, A-08835793, A-07206310.)
- E. 3 A-26 A/C CARRIED WINDOW ONLY.
- F. 167 X 1000 GPS ON PRIMARY.
 1 X 1000 GP RETURNED. RACK NOT COCKED.
 72 X 260 FRAGS. ON SPECIAL TARGETS. (24 X 260 FRAGS. ON EACH OF THREE COORDINATES.)
- G. BOX 1 FLT. A. EXCELLENT 2 BOMB RUNS.
 FLT. B. UNKNOWN (FLT LEADER MISSING)
 FLT. C. EXCELLENT 2 BOMB RUNS.
 BOX 2 FLT. A. UNKNOWN (FLT LEADER MISSING)
 FLT. B. EXCELLENT BOX 2 BOMB RUNS.
 FLT. C. EXCELLENT BOMB RUN.
 BOX 3 FLT. A. EXCELLENT 2 BOMB RUNS.
 FLT. B. (SPECIAL TARGET).
 ELEMENT 1 EXC. 1 BOMB RUN.
 ELEMENT 2 EXC. 1 BOMB RUN.
 ELEMENT 3 EXC. 1 BOMB RUN.
- H. 2 A-26 A/C MISSING AFTER MID-AIR COLLISION IN AREA (K-350990)
 SEE PARAGRAPH X
 2 A-26 A/C AT. AM A/C (FLAK)
 5 A-26 A/C CAT. A. (FLAK)
- I. 8 CREW MEMBERS MISSING (MEMBERS OF MISSING A/C, 2 PILOTS, 2 BOMBARDIERS, 1 NAVIGATOR, 2 GUNNERS, 1 OBSERVER.)
- J. MEAGER TO MODERATE ACCURATE HFF. (SIX A/C IN BOX 2 FLT. B AND 1 A/C IN BOX 1, FLT C RECEIVED ALL DAMAGE SUSTAINED BY FORMATION) IN AREA A-130532 TO A-200593.
- K. 1 CREW MEMBER WOUNDED. BY FLYING GLASS SHATTERED BY FLAK.
- L. BOX 1 FLT. A 1657 1/2
 FLT. B. UNKNOWN FLT LEADER MISSING)
 FLT. C. 1656
 BOX 2 FLT. A. UNKNOWN (FLT LEADER MISSING)
 FLT. B. 1700
 FLT. C. 1651
 BOX 3 FLT. A. 1658 1/2
 FLT. B. (SPECIAL TARGET)
 ELEMENT 1 1647 1/2
 ELEMENT 2 1650
 ELEMENT 3 1649



FLT. B. 11,800
 FLT. C. 11,800
 BOX 2 FLT. A. 11,500
 FLT. B. 11,300
 FLT. C. 11,300
 BOX 3 FLT. A. 10,000

FLT. B. (SPECIAL TARGET) ALL 3 ELEMENTS WERE AT 10,800
 X. THE TWO A/C LOST NUMBERED 507 AND 523 WERE THE LEAD A/C OF BOX 2
 AND FLT 2 OF BOX 1 RESPECTIVELY AND COLLIDED AS 523 WAS OVER
 TAKING BOX 2 TO REGAIN POSITION IN BOX 1. ACCIDENT TOOK PLACE ON
 RETURN FROM E TARGET. REASON FOR COLLISION UNKNOWN.
 TWO BOMB RUNS WERE NECESSARY DUE TO A FLIGHT OF B-26'S FLYING
 INTO FORMATION ON COLLISION COURSE WHEN FORMATION THIS GROUP WAS
 COMMITTED ON BOMB RUN AFTER BOMB BAY DOORS WERE OPEN. NO ATTEMPT
 WAS MADE BY B-26'S TO ALTER COURSE OR AVOID COLLISION.
 CREWS OF A/CION SPECIAL TARGETS REPORT TWO (2) BOMBS BURST ABOUT
 100 FEET BELOW A/C AS BOMBS AWAY XXX WITH NO RESULTING DAMAGE
 TO A/C. SEVERAL BOMBS BURST AT ABOUT 5000 FEET AND OTHERS
 APPEARED TO BURST BEFORE STRIKING GROUND. 1 CHUTE SEEN TO
 BLOSSOM OUT OF A/C 523 IN AREA K-350990

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

IN PARA. "M" BOX 3 :

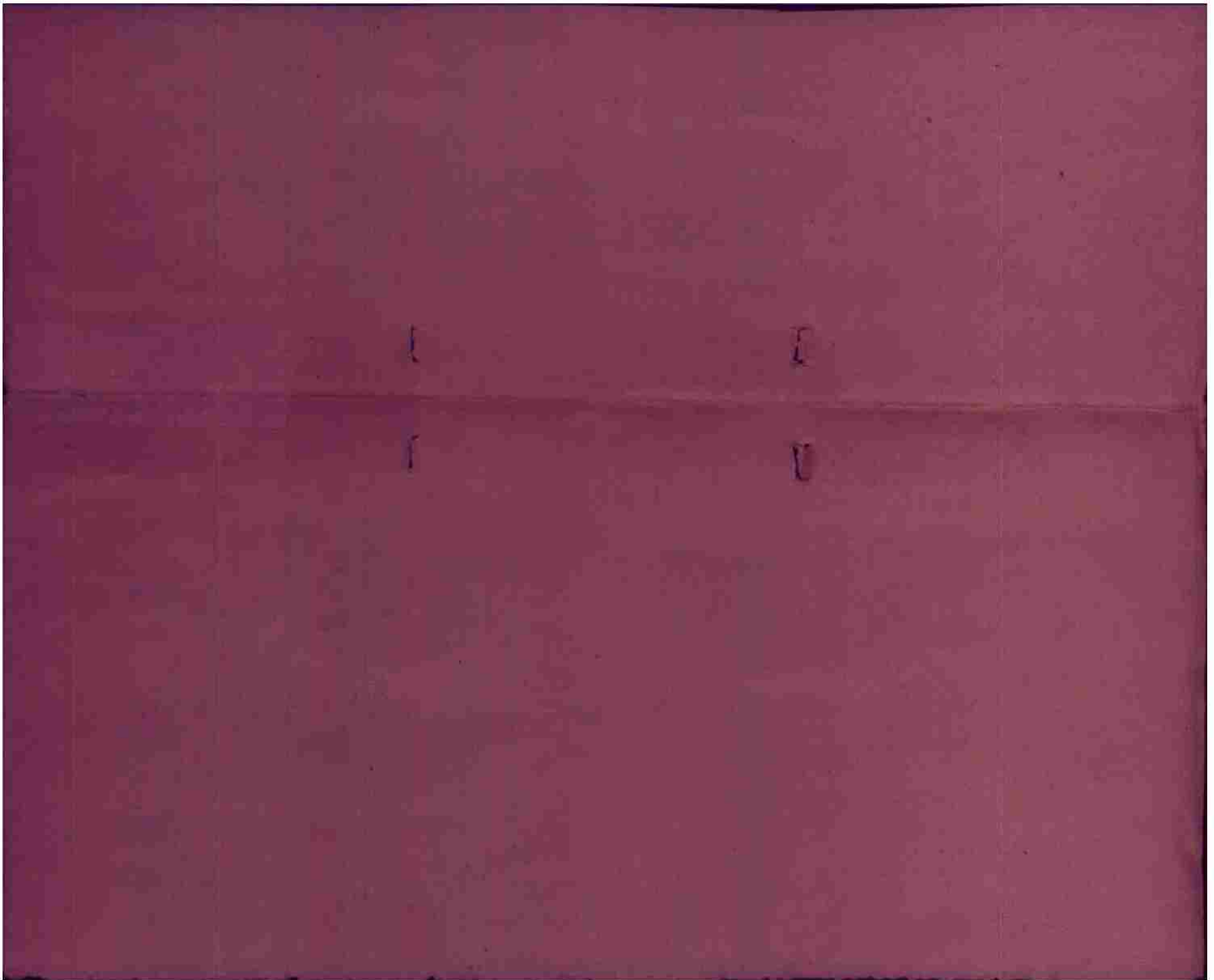
FLT. A. 10,800

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

EW BBBBBB TO ITA ONLY (OP)

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 JEA R.....21/2154A LCB AR

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CORRECT PARA "C" TO READ AS FOLLOW:

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

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 25/21 P P

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: COMBTWIG 97TH (INFO)
BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416TH BG R-476-J PERIOD

A. YS - 1/2 74

B. 21 MARCH 1945 (1524 - 1741)

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

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

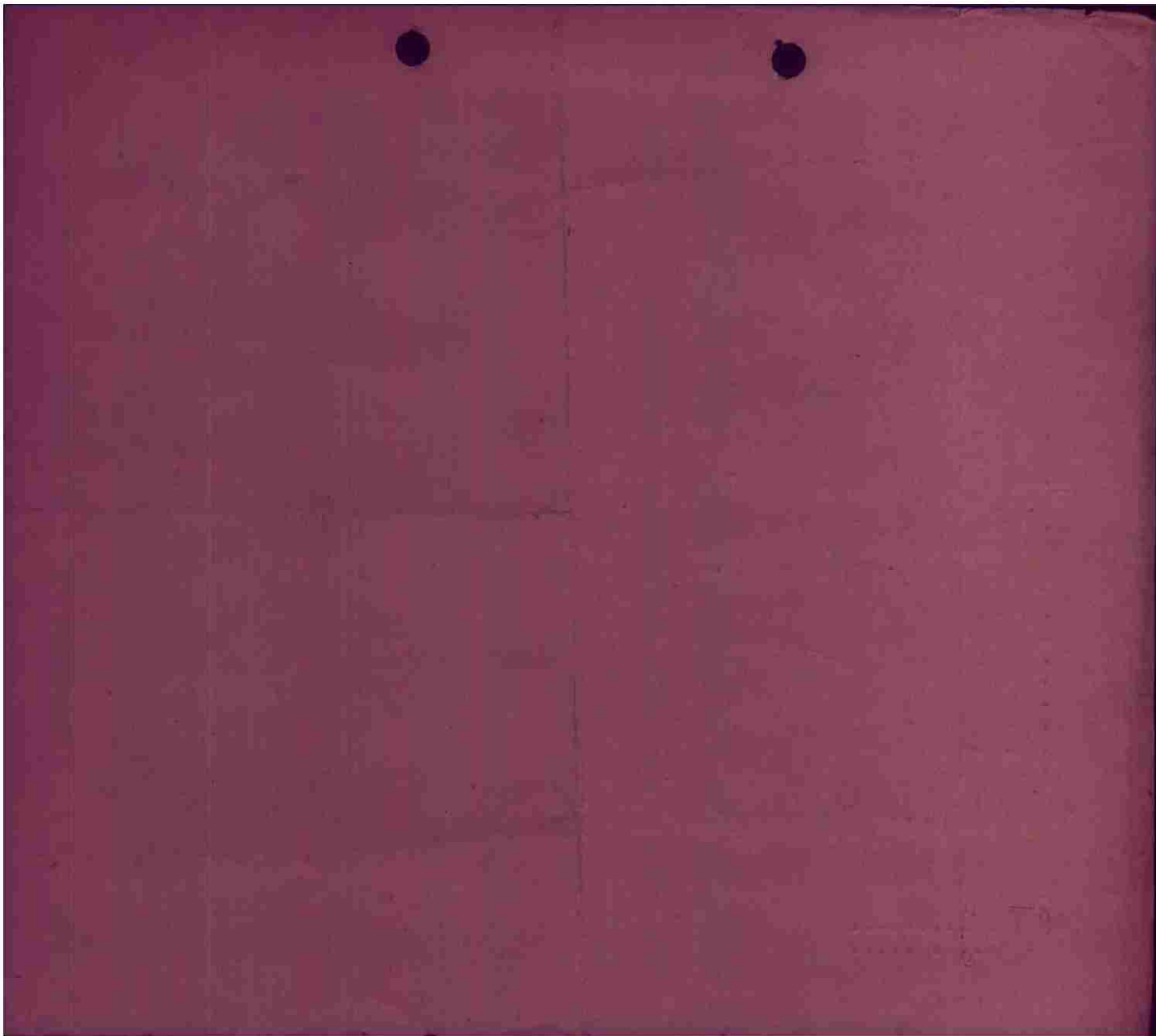
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EW BBBB TO JEA ONLY

ITA R.....21/2006A MILT AR
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2006A CES KKKKKK

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21 MARCH 1945

BOX I
FLIGHT I

1322
1. 492 E
CAPT E I MILLER ✓ 500
LT J K MILLER ✓
LT A S CALLOWAY ✓
S/S G F FLOYD ✓

4322
2. 505 Y
CAPT O S STANLEY ✓
F/O J H ELICONT ✓
LT M L SCHIEFER ✓
SGT J O EDENBURN ✓

4139
3. 338 C
LT M W DUROST ✓ 500
S/S D L GRIFFIN ✓

4322
4. 351 F 570
CAPT R L SCHMIDT ✓
S/S G E REITER ✓

4139
5. 271 R 520
LT F G DUNN ✓
SGT L C STEIN ✓

4322
6. 496 L 580
LT C H HOUSLEY ✓
CPL P J BLOCK ✓

FLIGHT II

4322
1. 497 E-1
LT J J LACKOVICH ✓
LT R C MUIR ✓ 550
CPL R M BERRY ✓

4139
2. 297 T
LT A J P WIND ✓ 575
S/S W G DAVIS ✓

4139
3. 360 L-1
LT D L WITHERINGTON ✓ 550
S/S L D M. ELHATTAN ✓

4139
4. 209 M
LT T J MURRAY ✓
S/S R J BROWN ✓ 575

4139
5. 250 A
CAPT L C NIELSEN ✓ 675
M/S J J WELLS ✓
CAPT W D CASTLE ✓

4322
6. 419 Z
LT A E HLIVKO ✓ 550
SGT R E GRAUB ✓

FLIGHT III

1322
1. 490 X
CAPT HUSKIRK ✓ 500
LT HANNA ✓
S/S G H CORBITT ✓

4322
2. 352 J
LT S MOONEY ✓
SGT R C SCHUMACHER ✓ 650

4322
3. 356 C
LT H M VAN NOORDEN ✓ 550
S/S R I STEFFY ✓

4139
4. 239 N
CAPT S M NIXON ✓ 500
S/S A H HINSON ✓

4139
5. 249 E-1
LT G L MILBORN ✓ 575
S/S D CHEST ✓

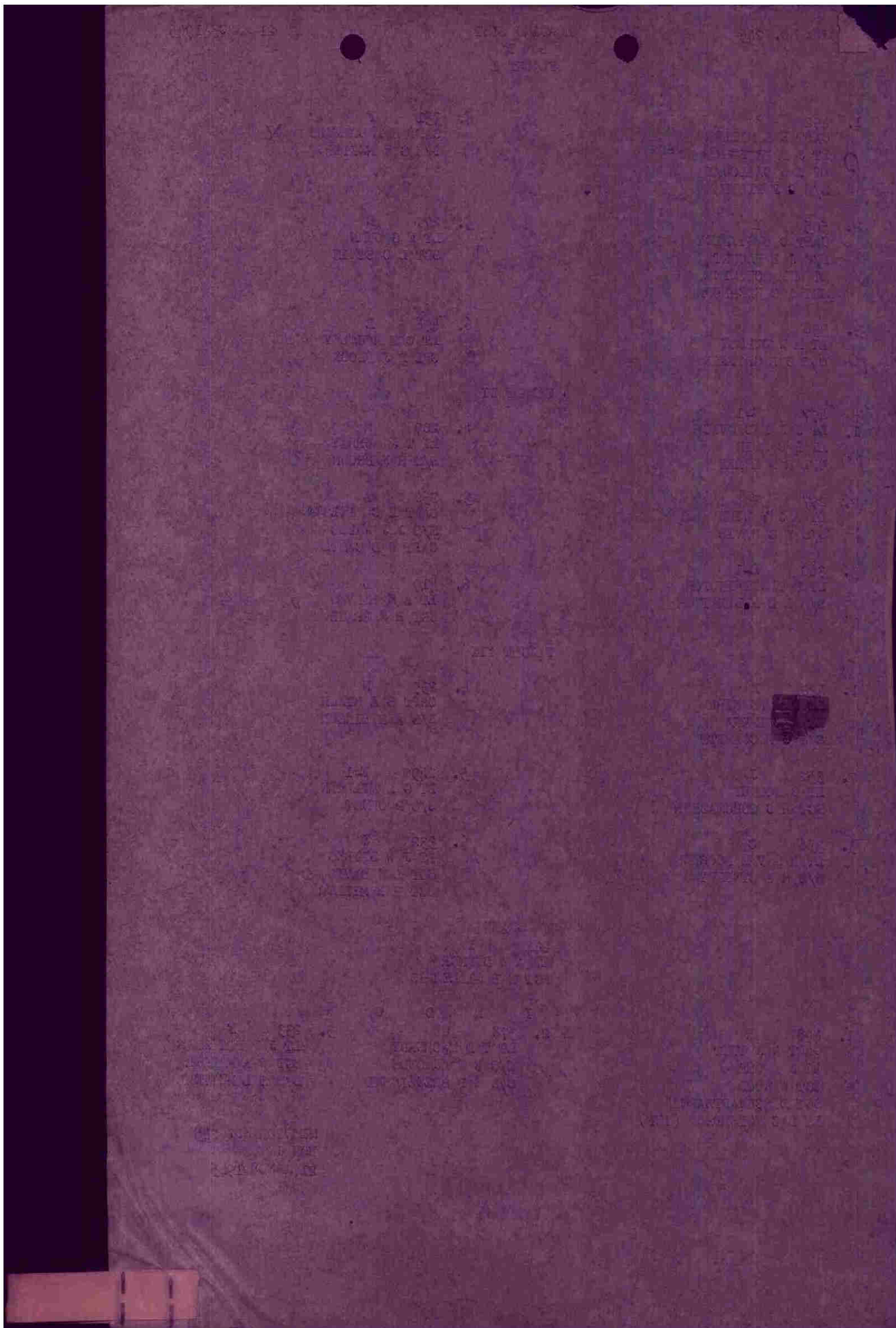
4139
6. 332 F
LT J W SPRINGS ✓ 550
SGT L E DAVIS ✓
SGT H K MILLER ✓

4139 SPARE
244 I 540
LT A W DEYNER ✓
SGT R H GILLESPIE ✓

1322
1. 498 R
CAPT R J TUTT ✓
LT J A ORR ✓ 550
SGT W WOOD ✓
SGT D SCHWARTZAPFEL ✓
LT L C ROBERTSON (INF) ✓

W 4139 N D 570 W 139 F 550
2. 378 O
LT T D McCREADY ✓
S/S W E LEMONDS ✓
S/S E P BRZDZINSKI ✓
3. 233 F
LT J P PHILLIPS ✓
SGT W A MILLER ✓
S/S S L HETFIELD ✓

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BOX II
FLIGHT I

21 MARCH 1945

43-rr

1. 503 A
LT COL J G NAPIER ✓
LT D L MOORE ✓
CAPT R D POINDEXTER (WING) ✓
S/S H B L. ~~CLARK~~ S/S W.W. DONNELLY ✓

43-rr

2. 469 A
LT M ERROTABERE ✓
LT M E WILBUR ✓
SGT E A POWIE ✓

43-rr

3. 381 Q
LT C E WEINERT ✓
SGT R D FRANCIS ✓

43-rr

1. 502 Q-1
LT F B HALL ✓
F/O E L GOSS ✓
S/S S J JANKOWSKI ✓

43-rr

2. 2315 L
LT J R WARREN ✓
S/S S J TURPIN ✓

41-39

3. 416 O
LT W D CHITTY ✓
SGT V B RACCIO ✓

43-rr

1. 523 N
LT OF JACOBSEN ✓
F/O R W HARVEST ✓
LT R L MARTIN ✓
S/S A PETTINICCHI ✓

43-rr

2. 389 X
LT W H ROBERTS ✓
S/S R P WINDISCH ✓

41-39

3. 325 W
LT R A RUSSELL ✓
S/S L V MEYLER ✓

4. 304 T
CAPT W F DUEFAULT ✓
F/O O T CARDINALE ✓
S/S K E VORCE ✓
CAPT J J RABBITT (INF) ✓

41-39

5. 263 G
LT R W HASKELL ✓
SGT E W IEA ✓

41-39

6. 362 Y
LT E A SMITH ✓
SGT R P WILSON ✓

FLIGHT II

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

41-39

5. 9315 F
LT A H BALCH ✓
CPL J D RHENNAN ✓

41-39

6. 205 M
LT A G HENSON ✓
S/S F R URBANCIC ✓

FLIGHT III

4. 259 H
LT J K COLQUITT ✓
S/S L E SINGLETON ✓

41-39

5. 305 U
LT A S NATHANSON ✓
SGT C M HICKS ✓

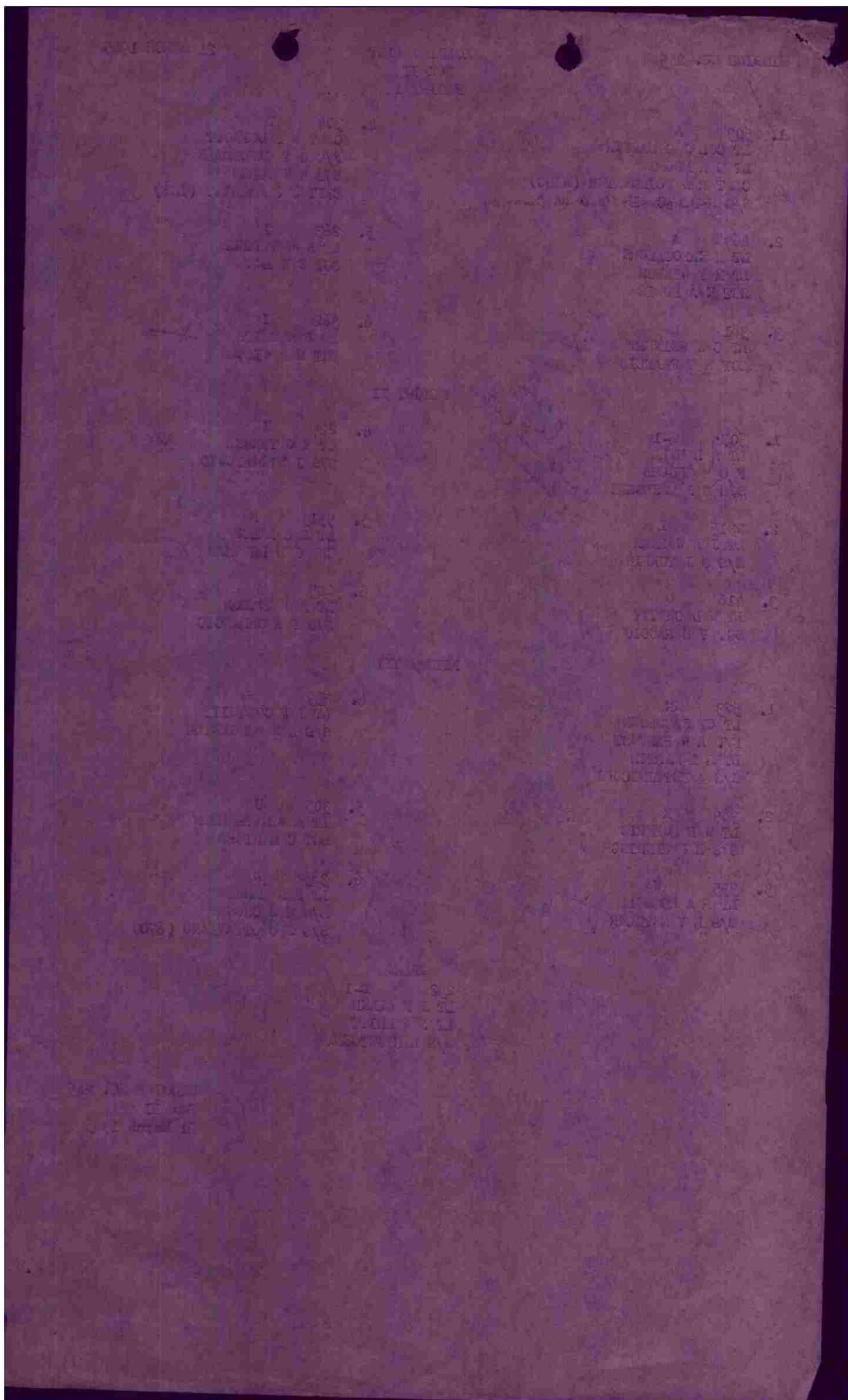
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6. 385 D
LT F R TANK ✓
S/S R M CROSS ✓
S/S J O OPTAVIANO (670) ✓

41-39 SPARE

- 252 D-1
LT J F ALLEN ✓
LT J W BRITT ✓
S/S L R GETZEN ✓

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Box II
21 March 1945



SECRET
AUTH: G-1, A-69
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J-M-2

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

AFG 140, U.S. Army,
28 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 21 March 1945, T.O. 0955, Coesfeld, Road Junction, T.O. 216-806.

II. None.

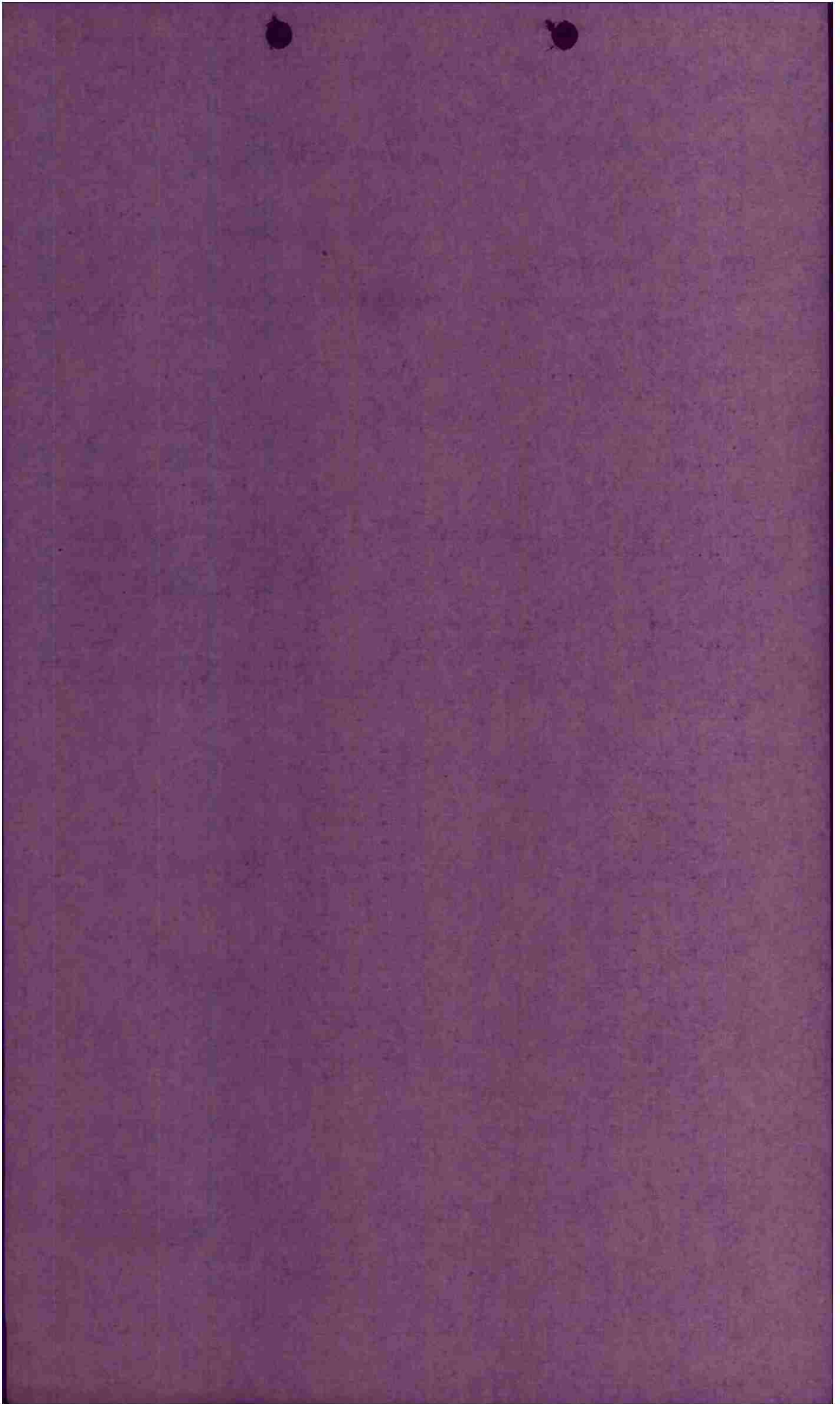
III. 45-22607 (Lt R.S. Hall)	Oil leak on right engine.	Dip stick for measuring oil was not tightened down enough to prevent leakage. Personnel error by ground crew.
IV. 41-59300 (Lt P.L. Withington)	Two bombs in front bombay salvaged.	Back selector unit burned out failing to relay current from rear to forward bombay. Back selector unit replaced.
41-30806 (Lt A.S. Mathanson)	Quarter salvaged bombs upon instructions from pilot who could not release.	System thoroughly checked by armament officer and no trouble found. Aircraft has since bombed with no failure. Personnel error.

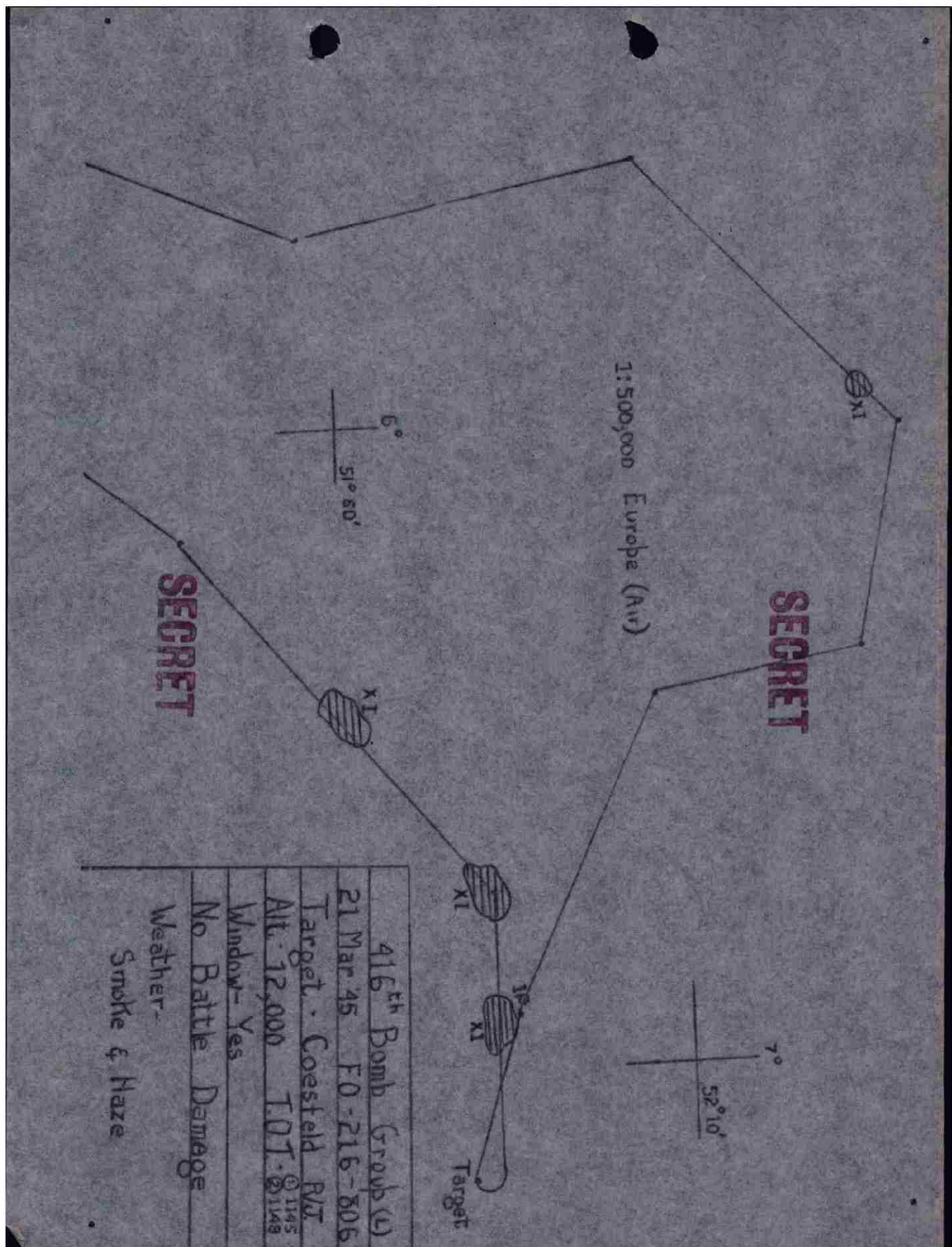
V. None.

VI. 1 - 2:55 - 500	1 - 3:00 - 520
2 - 2:55 - 425	2 - 3:00 - 470
3 - 2:55 - 560	3 - 3:00 - 580
4 - 2:55 - 570	4 - 3:00 - 490
5 - 2:55 - 520	5 - 3:00 - 600
6 - 2:55 - 530	6 - 3:00 - 580
7 - 3:00 - 550	7 - Returned early.
8 - 3:00 - 575	8 - 3:00 - 580
9 - 3:00 - 550	9 - 3:00 - 525
4 - 3:00 - 575	4 - 3:00 - 575
5 - 3:00 - 675	5 - 3:00 - 550
6 - 3:00 - 550	6 - 3:00 - 640
1 - 2:55 - 450	1 - 3:00 - 700
2 - 2:55 - 650	2 - 3:05 - 500
3 - 2:55 - 550	3 - 3:00 - 500
4 - 2:55 - 500	4 - 3:00 - 550
5 - 2:55 - 625	5 - 3:05 - 500
6 - 2:55 - 550	6 - 3:05 - 535
7 - 3:00 - 640	8 - 2:55 - 545
8 - 2:40 - 550	
9 - 2:40 - 520	
10 - 2:40 - 550	

VII. None.

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





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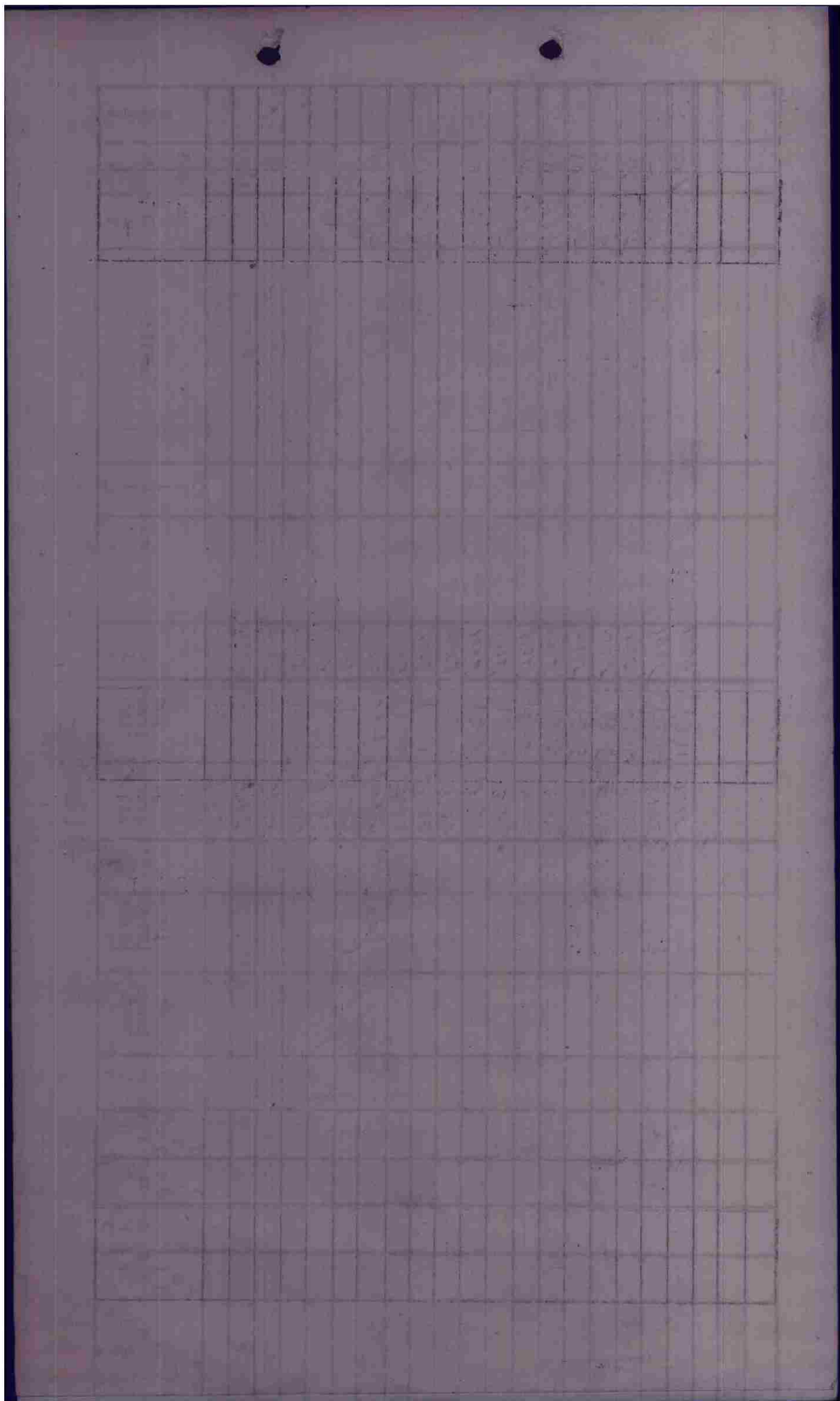
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Q	E	492	Prison			0955	1248	2:55									
Q	X	505	Stamby			0955	1249	2:55									
B	O	338	AvB 300			0955	1249	2:55									
B	E	351	dammer			0956	1249	2:55									
B	R	271	Avinn			0956	1250	2:55									
B	L	496	Stamby			0956	1250	2:55									
B	E-1	497	Jackenbich			0956	1254	3:00									
B	T	297	Winn			0957	1255	3:00									
B	L-1	360	Wittington			0957	1255	3:00									
B	M	209	Wesley			0957	1256	3:00									
B	A	250	Wiedner			0957	1256	3:00									
B	Z	419	Winko			0958	1256	3:00									
B	X	490	Winko			0958	1251	2:55									
B	J	352	Winn			0958	1254	2:55									
B	E	356	Winn			0959	1253	2:55									
B	N	239	Winn			0959	1253	2:55									
B	F-1	249	Winn			0959	1253	2:55									
B	P	332	Winn			1000	1253	2:55									
B	E	244	Winn			1000	1251	3:00									
B			Winn														
B	R	498	Winn			1006	1246	2:40									
B	O	378	Winn			1007	1249	2:40									

Q F 233 Phurges

1007 1249 2:40



ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 6/21 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 210530A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 412
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 142
21 MARCH 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 213-806

MAPS : NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
(2) THE 2ND T.A.F. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR 21/0930A

PATHFINDER

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) DULMEN ROAD JUNCTIONS A-685592 FLAK POSITIONS AT A-65806580
A-07206310, A-08835793.
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C.
1 FLIGHT OF 6 A/C BOMBING 2 A/C ON EACH FLAK POSITION.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-9109 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR
PLUS 69 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES.
WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER BASE.
- (4) BASE TO E-9109 TO E-9143 TO A-1683 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO A-7371 TO A-6981 TO A-3075 TO E-9143
TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB 1ST BOX 12,500 FEET, 2ND BOX 12,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000
FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL
BOMBING 5,000 FEET.
- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 4109 COVER ROAD JUNCTIONS WITH
IN AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES : 68455920,
68905945, 68755900, 68305895 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS
OR BOXES.
P.P.F. M.P.I. COORD. 68455920.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (10) 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 90 MIN.
- (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT TARGET BOMBING WILL BE BY VIS-
UAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-25 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 A-4062 OR A-7876 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUDS OBSCURE
THE PRIMARY TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY :
(A) P.P.F.
(B) GROUP "GEE"
- (14) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED GROUP WILL BOMB AN
ALTERNATE TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY :
(A) VISUALLY
(B) GROUP "GEE"
(C) TARGET E.T.A.
- (15) FLIGHT BOMBING FLAK POSITIONS WILL ACCOMPANY FORMATION EN-
ROUTE TO TARGET AND LEAVE TO BOMB JUST BEFORE FLAK POSITIONS
ARE REACHED.