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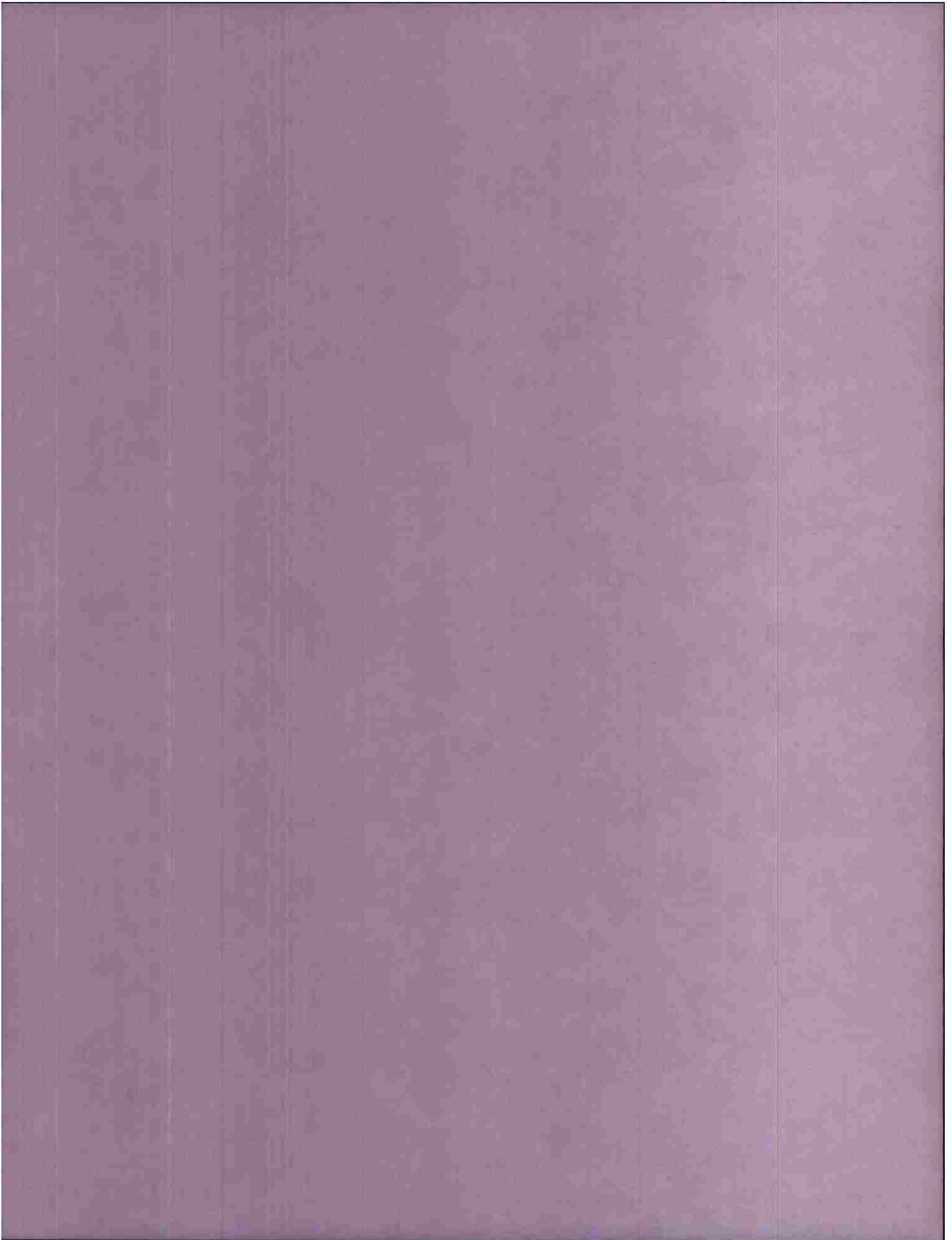
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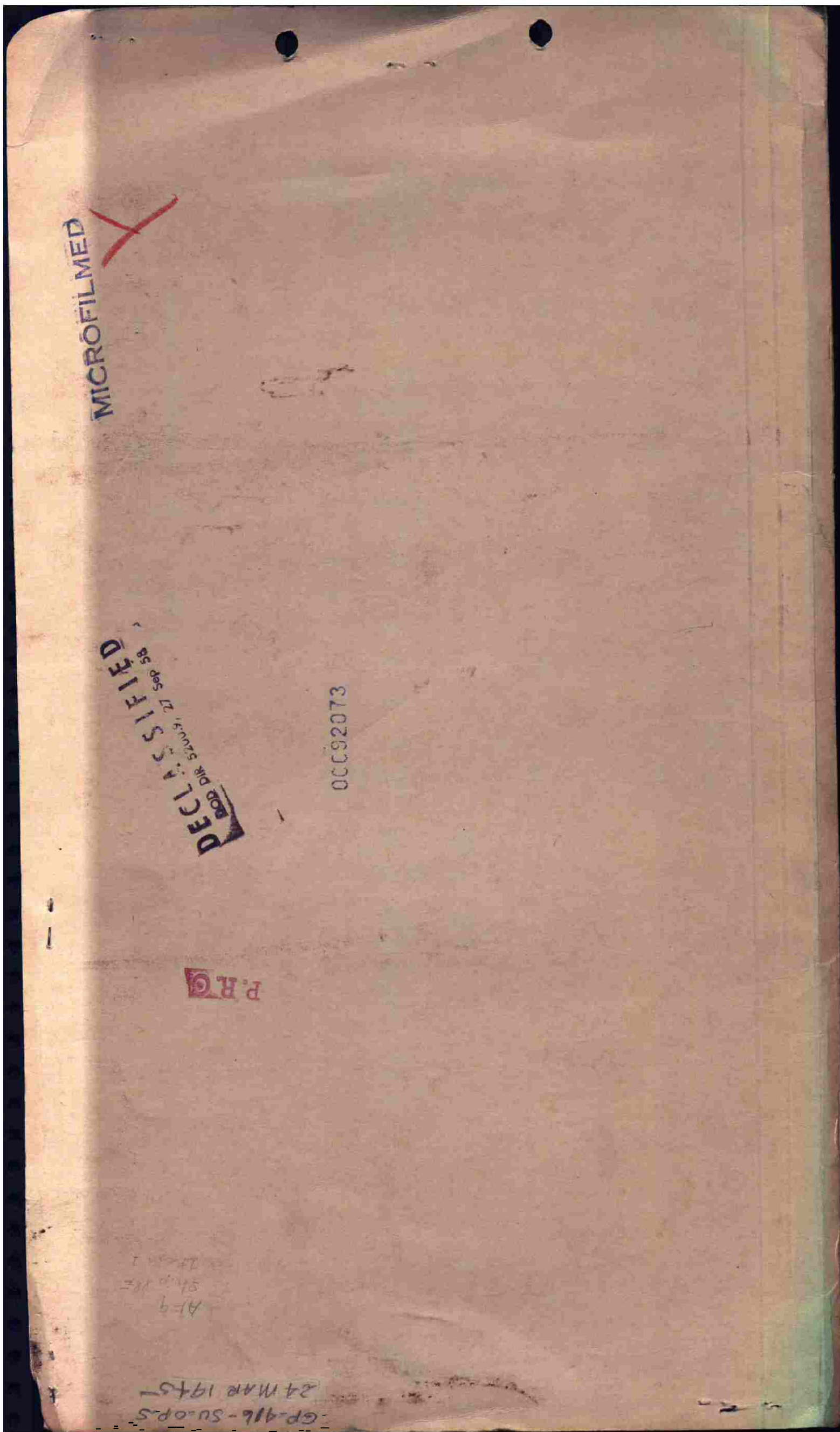
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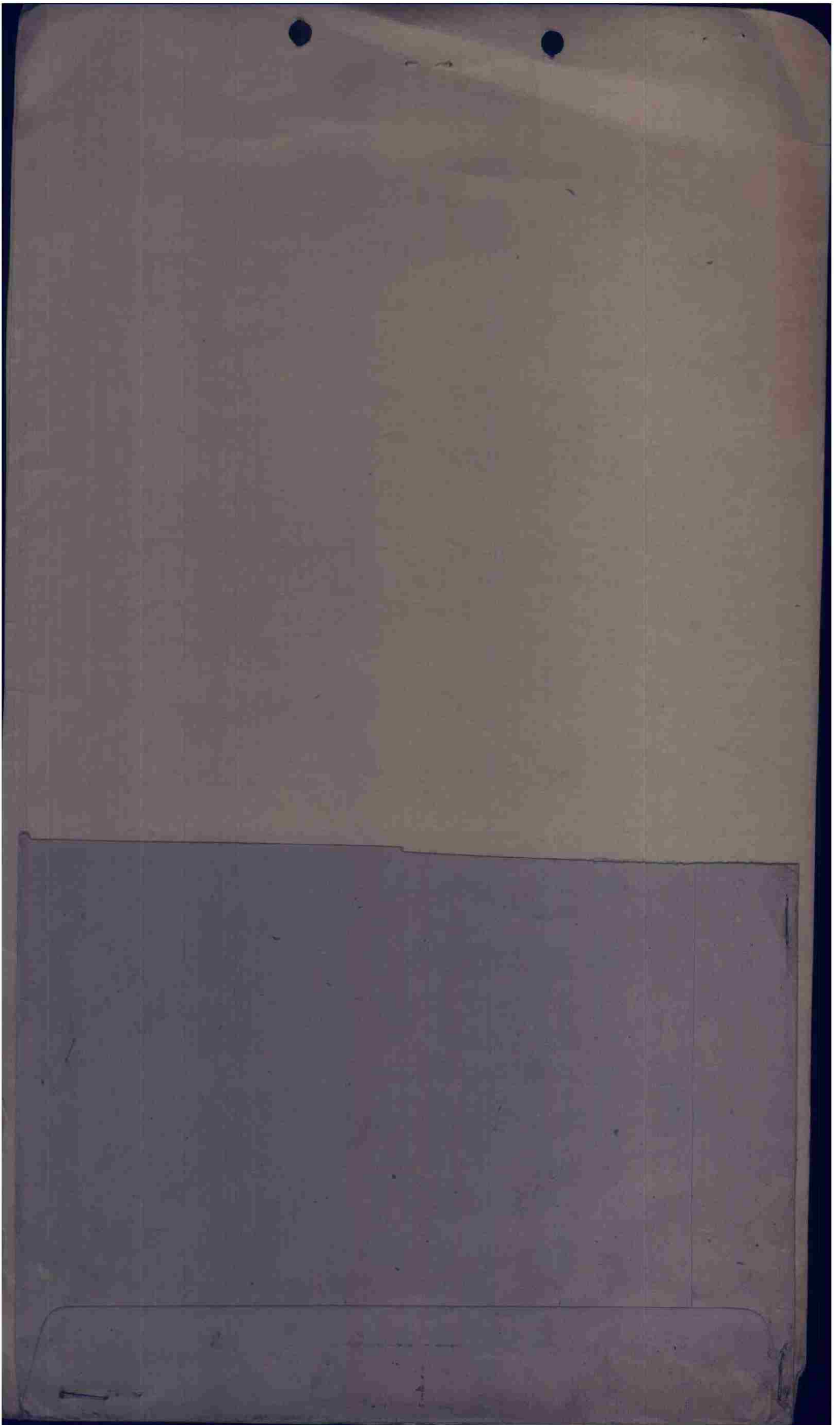
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416 TH	9TH B.D. (WING 9761)	B
GROUP	DATE <u>24 March 1945</u>	
OTHER UNITS: TARGET		<u>ISLING KAMPS AREA</u>
	PILOT PHASE	TARGET HIT
	INTERPRETATION	

A. TARGET BRIEFED ISLING KAMPS AREA PRIMARY
SECONDARY

M.P.I. Point in fields near edge of woods.

A.P.

C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED (3 Window) 41 A-26's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 38

D. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 18's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 1.

E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 735 X 260 MM HLC Inst Nose - Non Delay Tail

F. HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED 160 deg.

G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED 0811

H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

I. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

Box I - AMPI - UNHAT: Bombardier mis-identified target and bombed on edge of town of Rhade (Map Pl Coord. 275605) 1 mile E of primary. 15% of bombs within 1000 ft of AMPI with center of patterns 2045 ft N of AMPI. Bombs fell in two patterns in fields and across junction of highway and railroad.

Box II - NAO - Bombed on Box I as instructed by formation leader. Bombs fell in fields, on small buildings and across roads 5155 ft N of AMPI.

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

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THIS IS S-2 FORM No. 106-B Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

OTHER UNITS: TARGET	IX 30 97TH	WING	416TH
DATE	GROUP		
ATTACKING UNITS			
FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION:			TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED _____ PRIMARY
 _____ SECONDARY
 _____ CASUAL

M.F.I. _____

A.F. _____

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

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED _____

I. ACTIVITY AT TARGET: _____

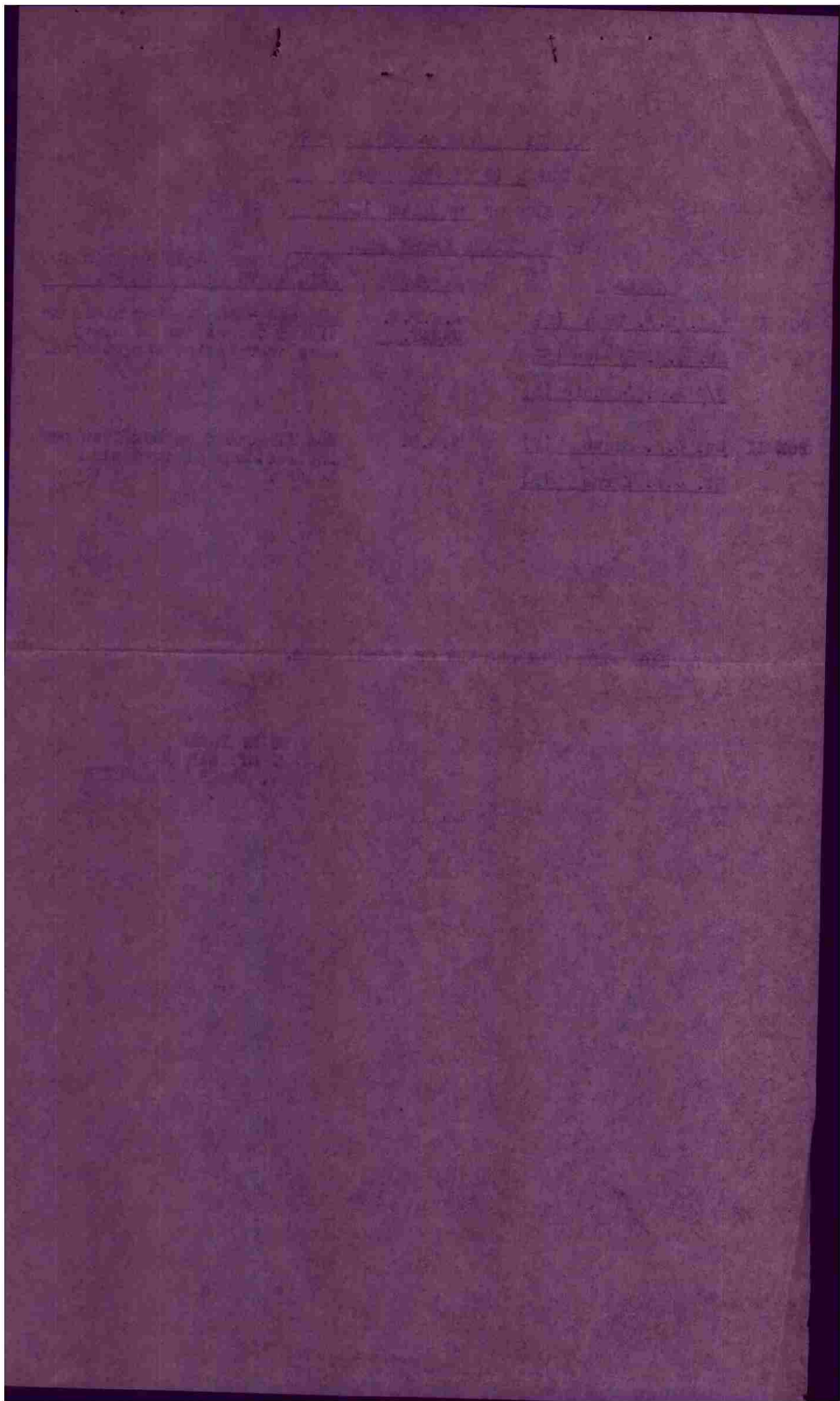
K. RESULTS OF BOMBING: _____

UNSATISFACTORY BOMBING REPORTGROUP 416 TH. BOMB GROUPMISSION OF 24 MARCH 1945TO IELING KAMPS AREA

	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>REASONS FOR GROSS BOMBING OR FAILURE TO BOMB PRIMARY.</u>
BOX I	<u>Maj. L.F. Dunn (P)</u> <u>Lt. W.E. Brewer (B)</u> <u>F/O A.J. Lehneis (N)</u>	<u>A.M.P.I.</u> <u>UNSAT.</u>	<u>WEATHER</u> - Bombardier misidentified target due to heavy haze over entire target area.
BOX II	<u>Lt. C.J. Brown (P)</u> <u>Lt. J.E. Kerns (B)</u>	<u>H.A.O.</u>	Box II bombed on Box I as per instructions of formation leader.

FORMATION MADE ONLY ONE RUN ON TARGET AREA.

OTTO R. KOCH
2ND. LT. AIR CORPS
ASST. GROUP BOMBARDIER



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PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

CAMERAS INSTALLED	14	GROUP	415th. Bomb Gp.
CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING	14	100 % WING	97th. U.B.
CAMERA FAILURES	0	0 % DATE	23 March 45
PERSONNEL FAILURES	0	0 %	
OTHERS	0		

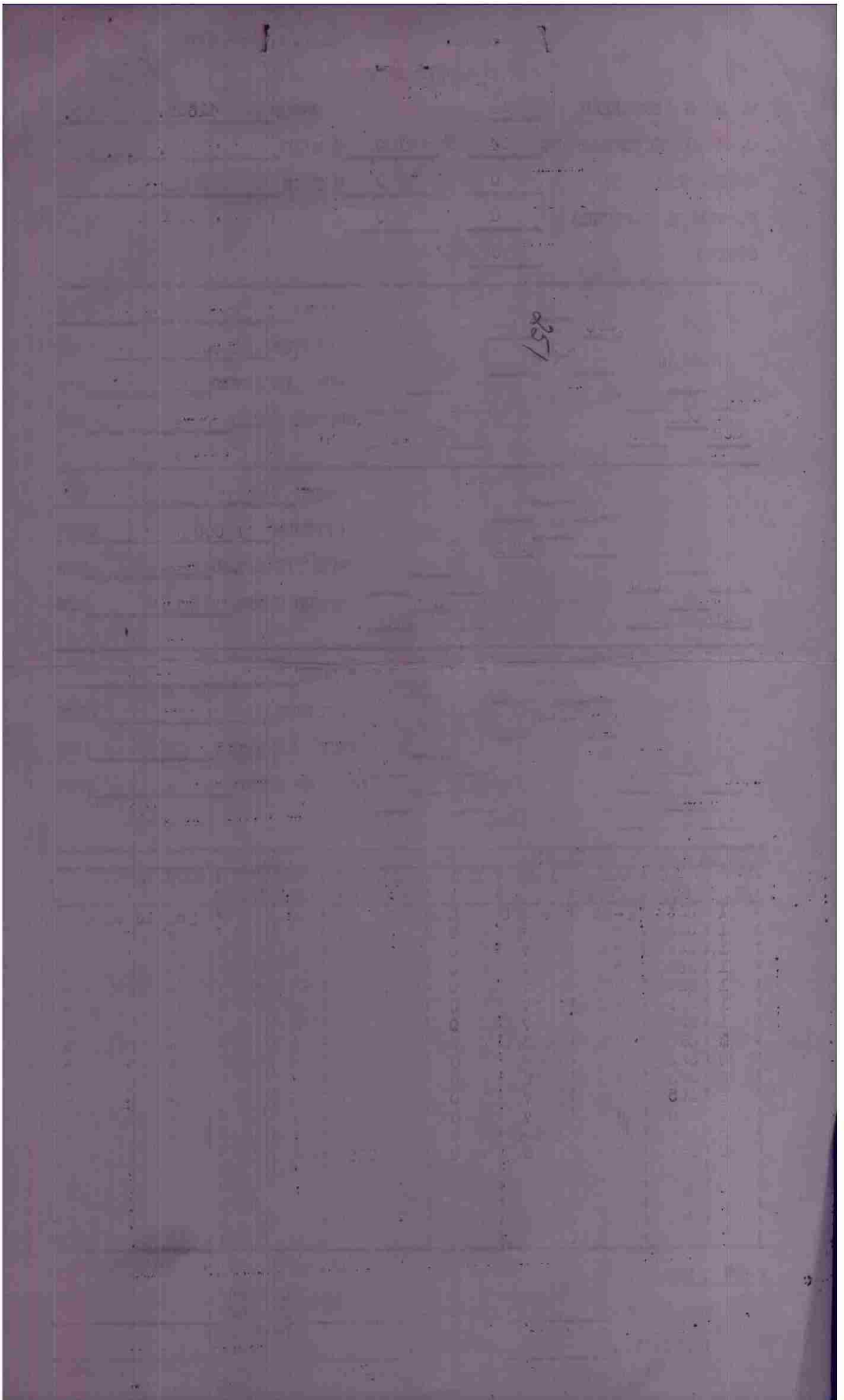
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328		ALTITUDE	12000 FEET
	244	TRUE AIR SPEED	195 MPH
338 352 229	352	GROUND SPEED	212 MPH

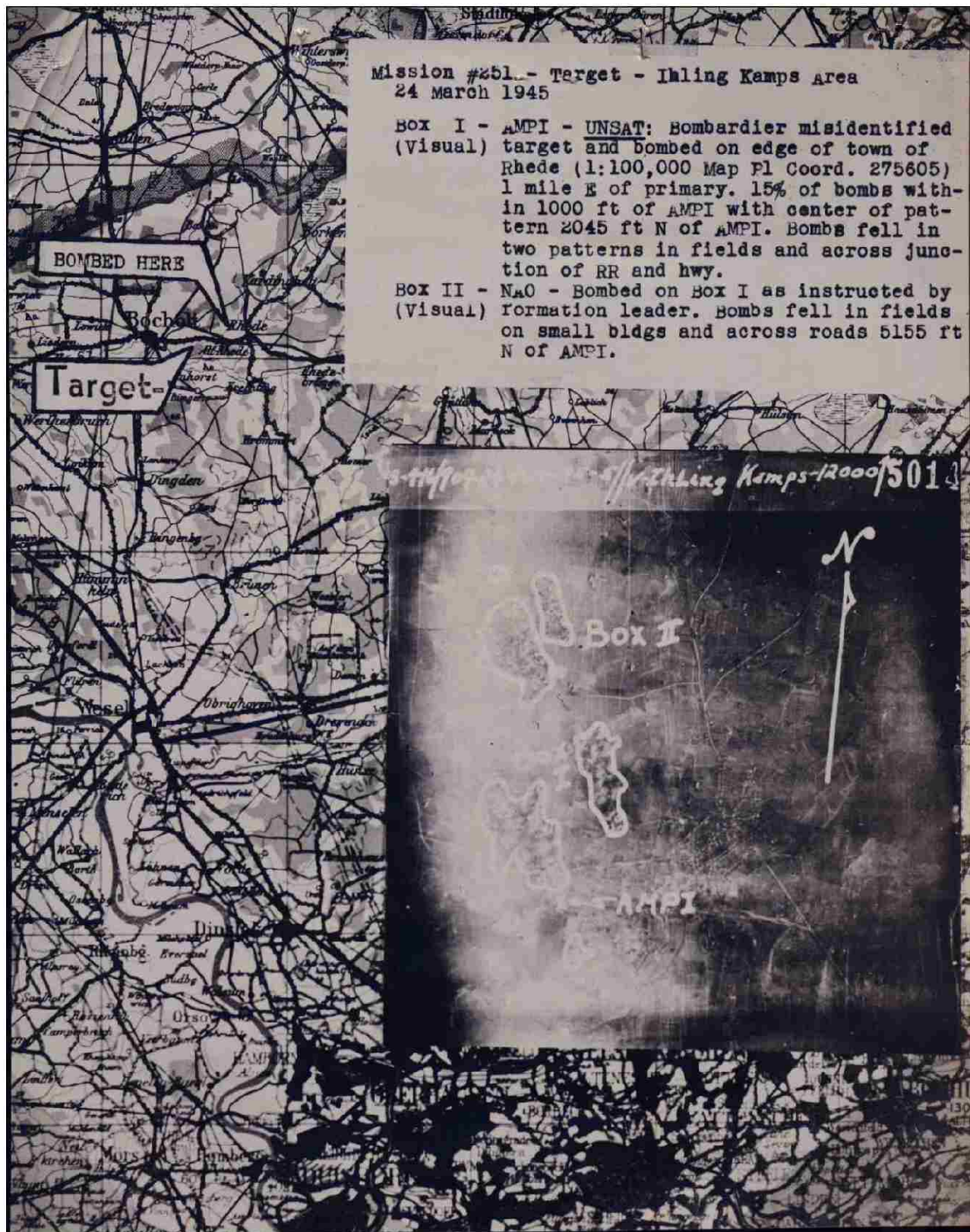
313		TARGET	IHUNG KAMPS
352		ALTITUDE	12000 FEET
330		TRUE AIR SPEED	195 MPH
2315 224	385 495	GROUND SPEED	212 MPH

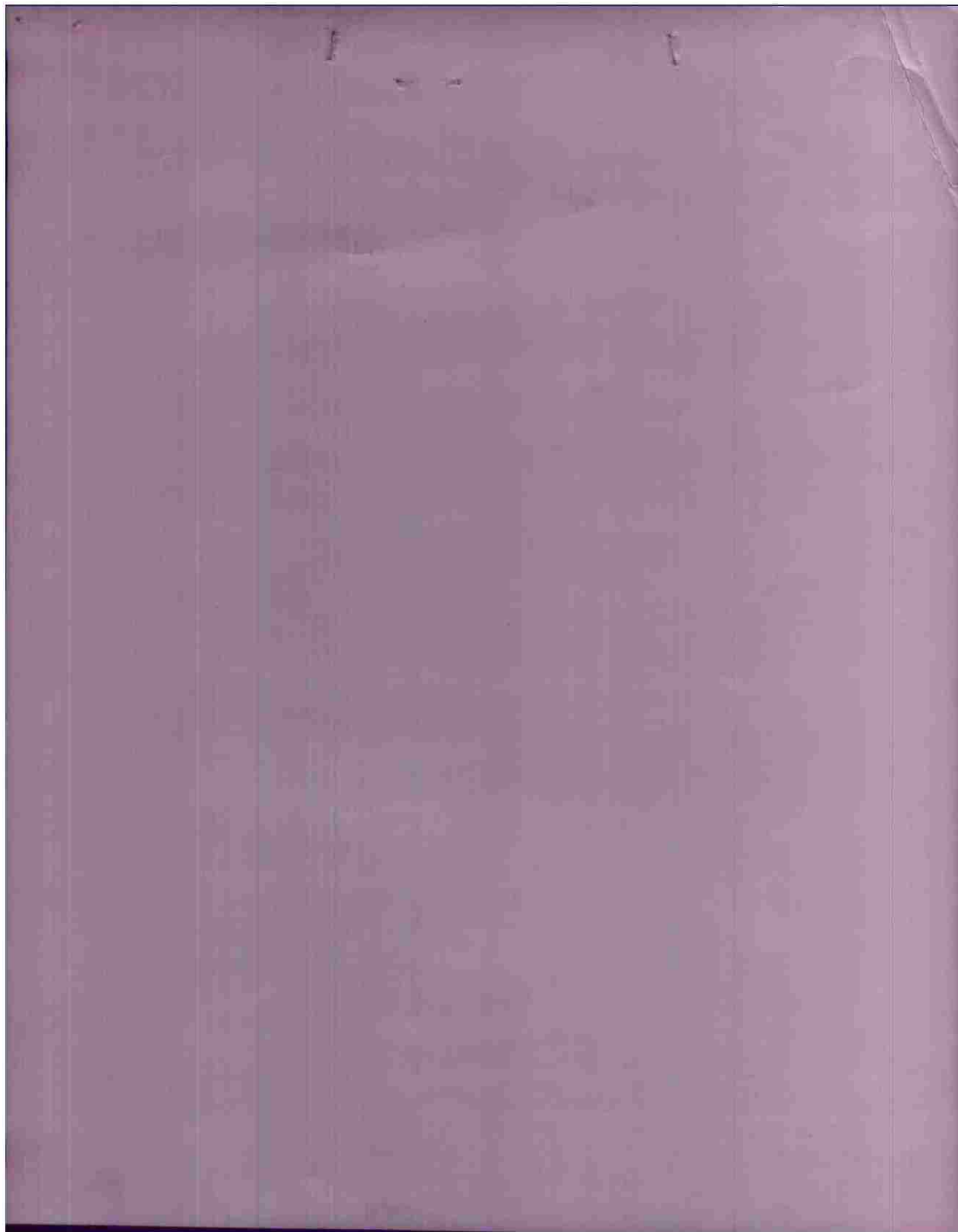
		TARGET	
		ALTITUDE	FEET
		TRUE AIR SPEED	MPH
		GROUND SPEED	MPH

STRIKE ATTACK CAMERAS:							
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K-20 CAMERAS		
Sortie No.	Cameraman	Reason Failure
Sortie No.	Cameraman	Reason Failure







10-CIG 9th Bomb Division A# A-2
 CG 97th Combat Wing A# A-2

From 416th Bomb Gp (L)

Secret Operational Priority.

Opflash for 24, March, 1945 Morning Mission

A. 416 Bomb Gp.

B. Flash Position at E 9313 9678

C. 2 A-26 A/c

D. 2 A-26 A/c attacked Primary, with 409th
 Bomb Group, Plan "A" F.O. # 222-814

E. None

F. 40X 260 Frag. on Primary

G. Superior results on Primary

H. None

I. None

J. None

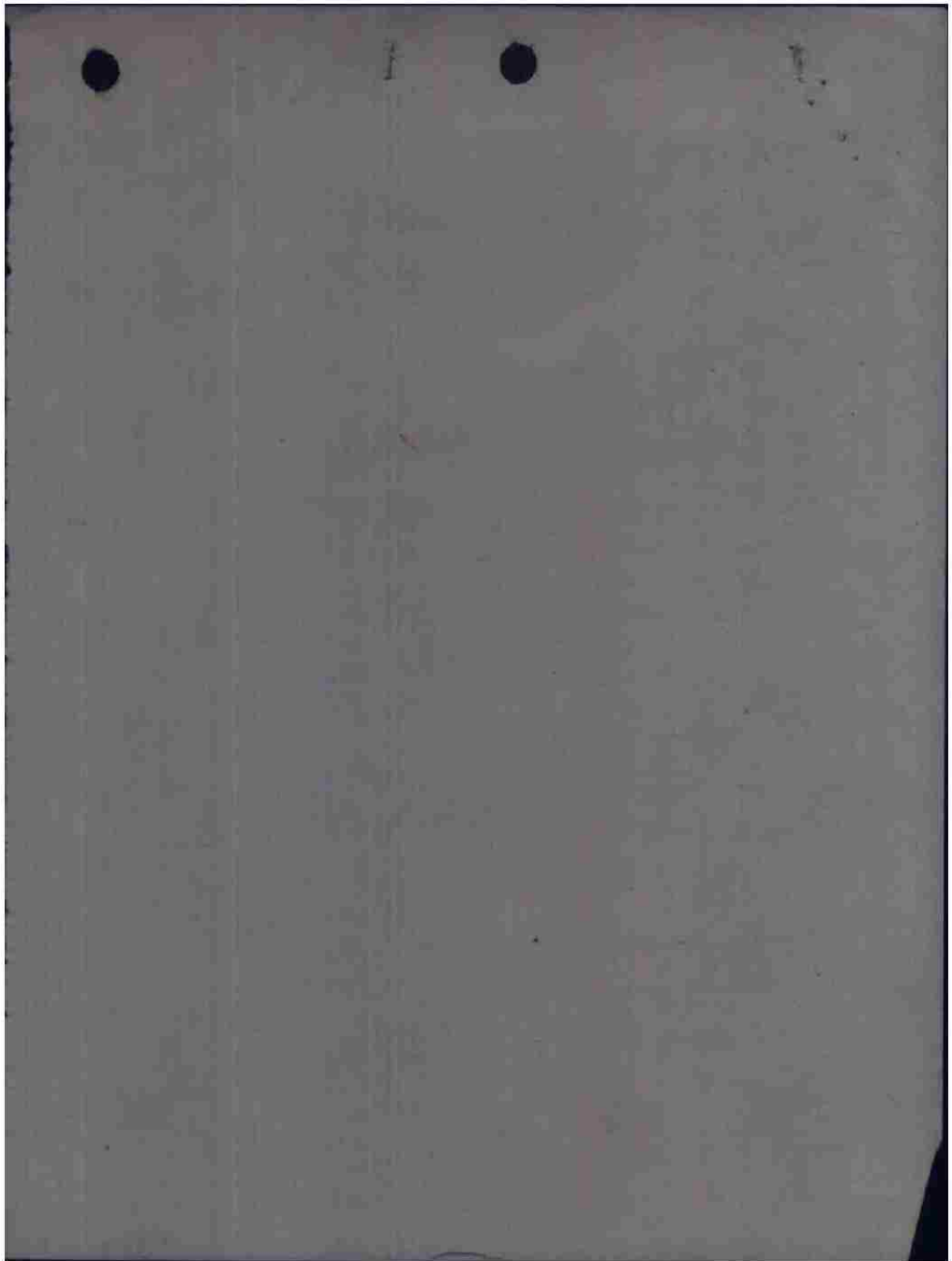
K. None

L. 10,000 ft

M. 0747 hours

J. W. Sampson
 1st Lt. A.C.

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CG, 97TH COMBAT WING

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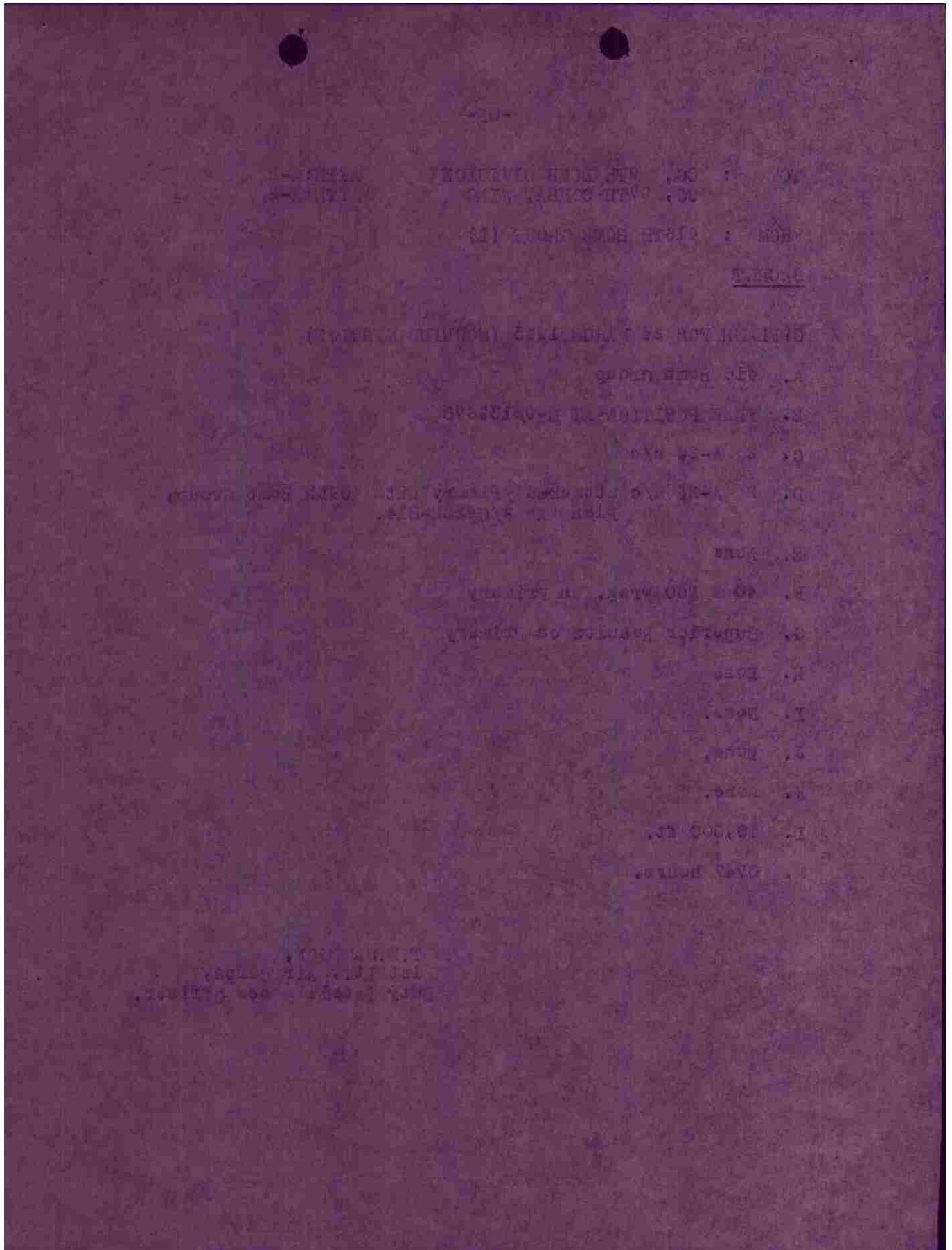
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OPFLASH FOR 24 MARCH 1945 (MORNING MISSION)

- A. 416 Bomb Group
- B. FLAK POSITION AT E-93139678
- C. 2 A-26 a/c
- D. 2 A-26 a/c attacked primary with 409th Bomb Group,
Plan "A" F/O#222-814.
- E. None
- F. 40 x 260 Frag. on primary
- G. Superior Results on Primary
- H. None
- I. None.
- J. None.
- K. None.
- L. 10,000 ft.
- M. 0747 hours.

T.W.SAMPSON,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Duty Intelligence Officer.



FORMS FOR MISSION

- B. (2) No. a/c off by type: A-20C's (obtained from Ops) explain each failure. Regard due to weather Personnel Mechanical Other Reasons (4) No. a/c bombing. Primary Secondary Other (Obtained from receipts.)
- C. (1) Time up T.O.F. Time Down (Obtained from Tower).
- D. (1) No. a/c Missing Destroyed Damaged (cat. B/C) Damaged (cat. A) (2) No. Crew Killed Wounded Missing (Obtained from receipts.)
- E. Results of Bombing. (Obtained from Group Bombarrier).
- I. Bombs on Primary Bombs on Secondary Bombs on Other Bombs Returned Bombs Detonated (Obtained from Receipts)

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

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F/O _____

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PILOT HALE A/C# 498-R BOX 409 ^{BOMBED} ^{with} ^H RET

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>20</u>	X <u>260</u>	ON <u>FT</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE <u>X</u>		
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED			

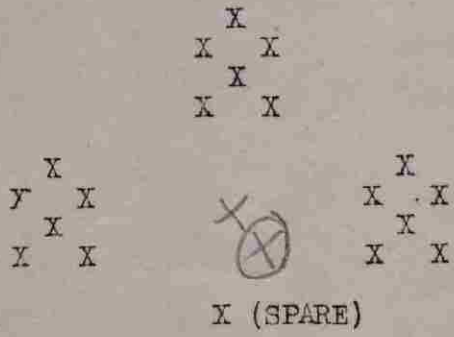
FLAK : None

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS : - Bombs hit right on the target

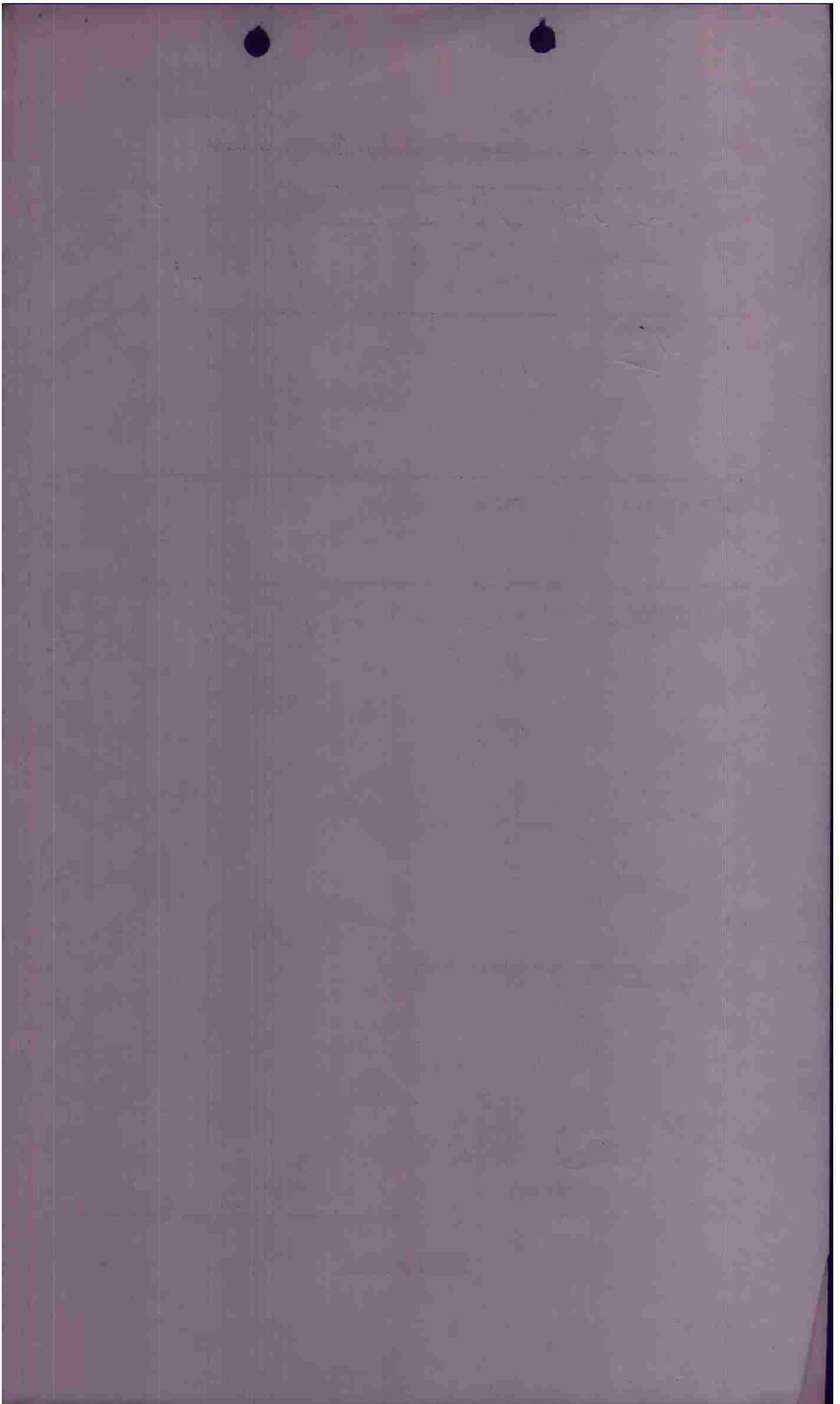
POSITION IN FORMATION



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BOMBS : 20 X 260 ON P.T
X RETURNED
X JETTISONED

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 $n_{A-C''}$

11E 11

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

TOT 0747

Alt. 10,000

Visibility 0 to 1 mile up south Haze
3 to 5 Downstream

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X X
X X

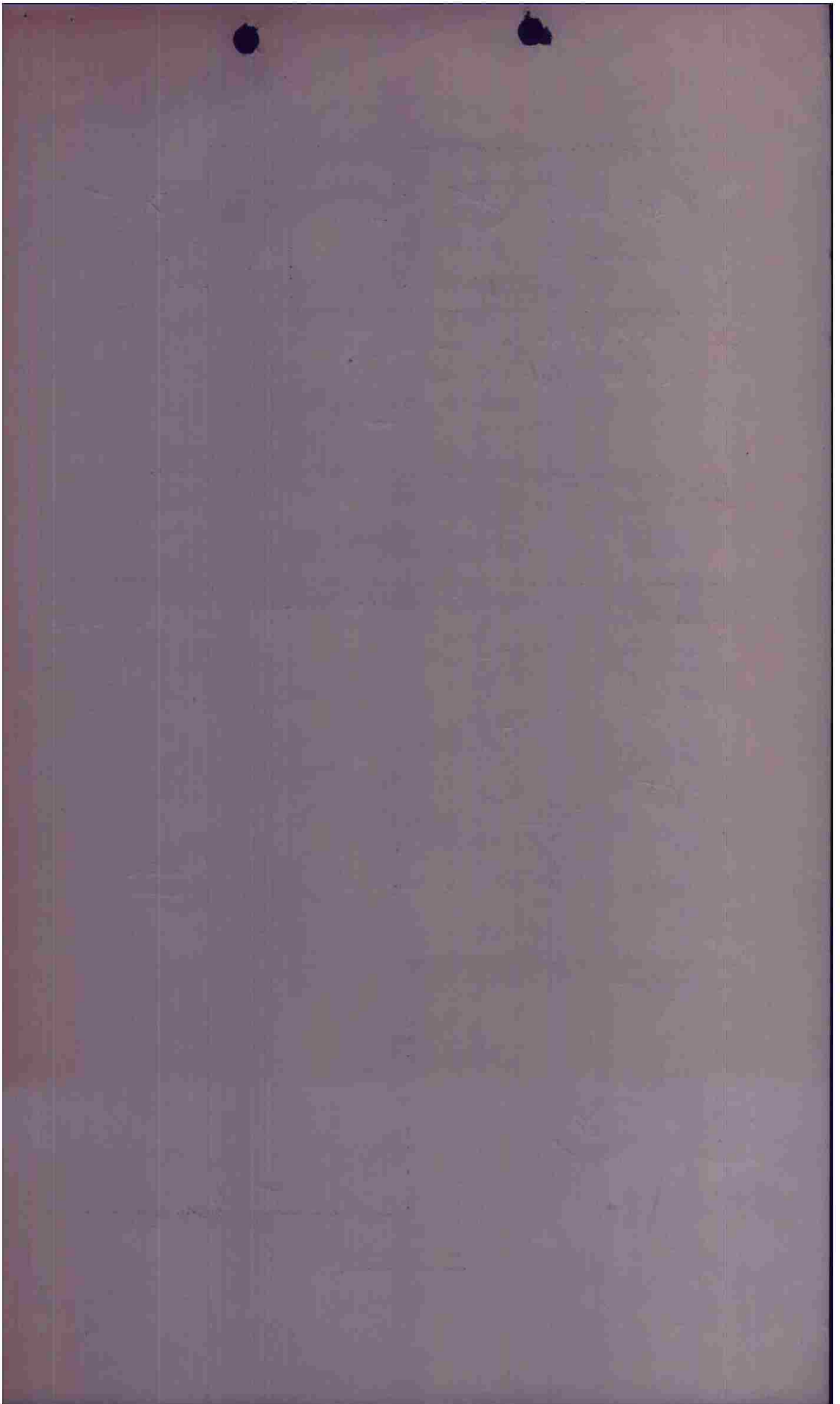
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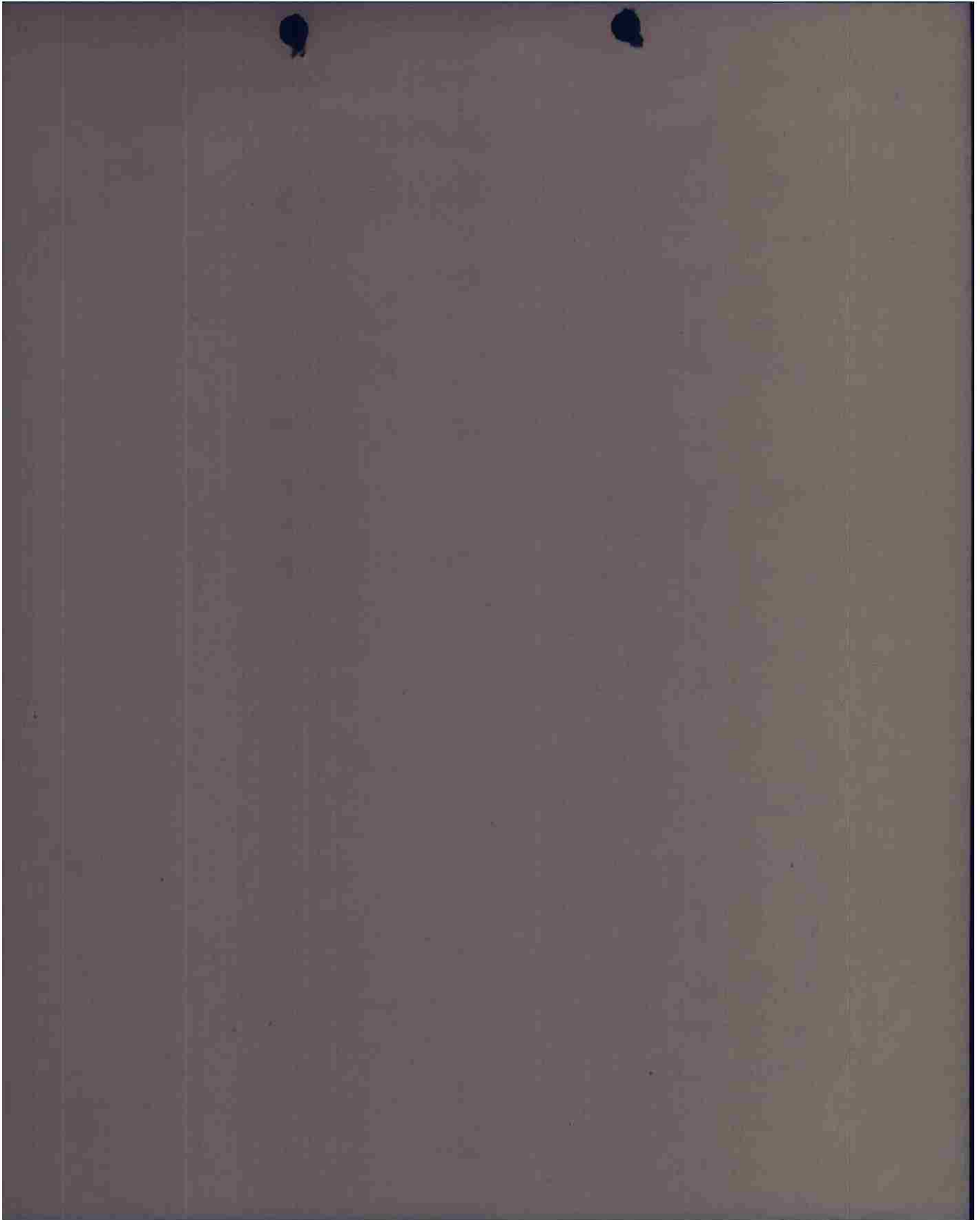
- (A) TARGET: BOCHOLT FLAK POSITION (FNB) 4416/P1 - RA/258603
(ALTERNATE) RHEDE COMM/CENTER 4416/P1 - RA/275605
- (B) SORTIE: US 416/909
- (C) DATE: 24 MAR 45 TIME: 0811 A
- (D) ATTACKING A/C: 40 A-26's, 1 PFF A/C & 3 WINDOW A/C.
- (E) BOMBS: 773/260 FRAGE INST N., NON-DELAY T.
4/500 GP 1/10 N., 1/100 T.
- (F) COVER: ALTERNATE TARGET IS COVERED ON PRINTS OF FAIR
QUALITY.
- (G) RESULTS OF BOMBING: BOTH BOXES BOMBED ALTERNATE TARGET OF
RHEDE WITH BOMBS FALLING IN OPEN FIELDS AND ACROSS TWO
ROADS W OF THE TOWN.

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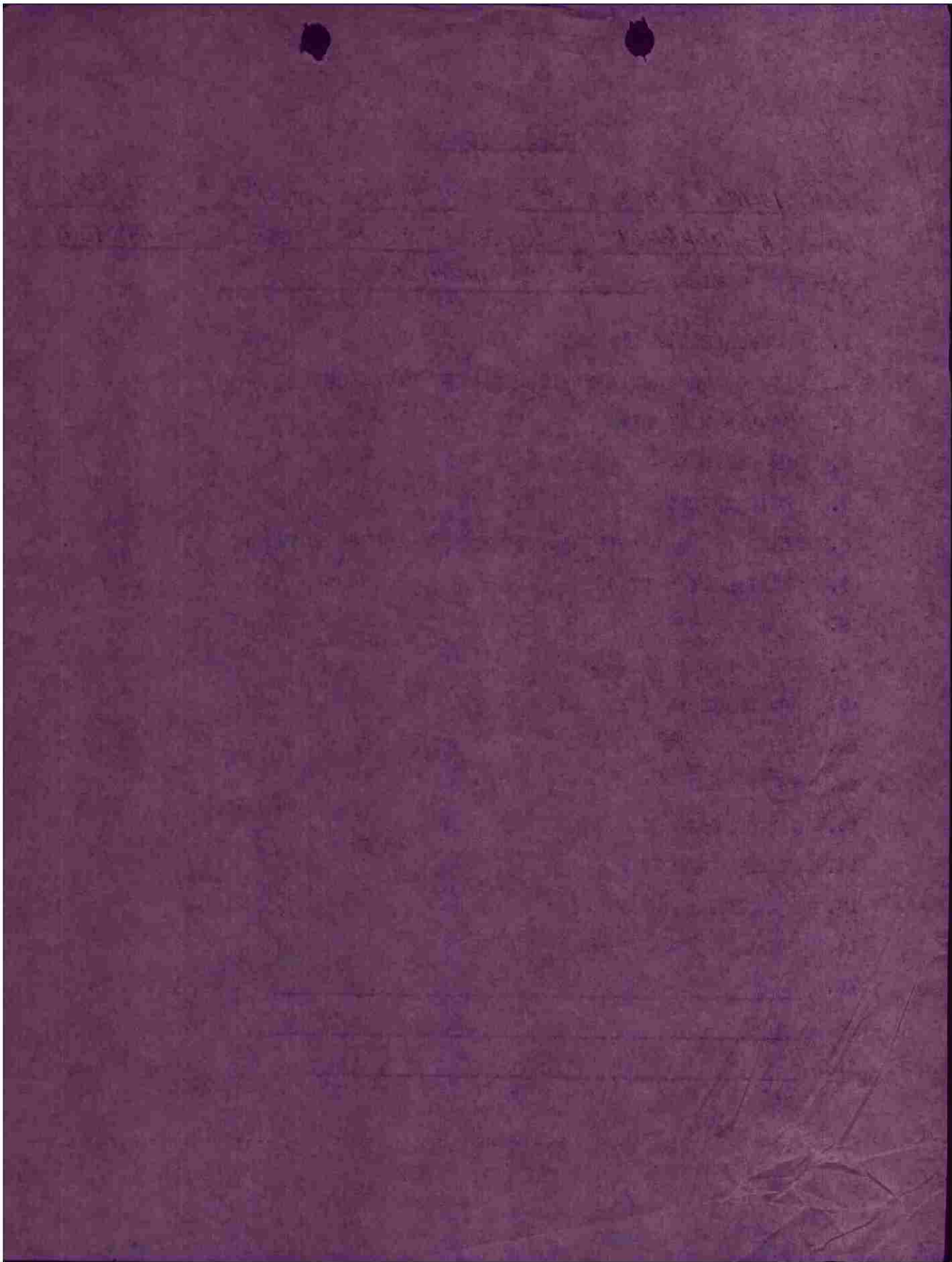


GENERAL INDEX

TARGET HAUNG KAMPS AREA DATE 24 MAR 45 NO. A/C 41 MISS. # 251
 COORD. A-25846031 F.O. # 222-814 STATUS ATTACHED
 BRIEFING OFFICER CART. SHERIDAN

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9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)MISSION SUMMARY #90
(Morning Mission)140
24 March 1945

Field Order 814

Section I

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
323 BG	Flak Position near Becholt (A-159570)	Box I - Unsat. (IFF) Box II - Excellent (IFF)
387 BG	Flak Position near Becholt (A-161566)	Box I - Superior (IFF) Box II - Superior (IFF)
<u>416 BG</u>	Flak Position near Becholt (A-258603)	Box I - Unsat. (AMPI) Box II - NAO
386 BG	Flak Position near Becholt (A-258603)	Box I - Excellent (AMPI) Box II - Poor (AMPI)
410 BG	Flak Position near Becholt (A-170605)	No attack
409 BG	Flak Position near Becholt (A-198606)	Box I - NAO Box II - Unsat.
322 BG	Flak Position near Becholt (A-208604)	Box I - Fair (IFF) Box II - Fair (IFF)
344 BG	Flak Position near Becholt (A-207570)	Box I - Fair (IFF) Box II - Fair (IFF)
391 BG	Flak Position near Becholt (A-210583)	Box I - Fair (IFF) Box II - Fair (IFF)
394 BG	Flak Position near Becholt (A-232583)	Box I - Unsat. Box II - Unsat.
397 BG	Flak Position near Becholt (A-225568)	Box I - NAO Box II - Flt. A - NAO Flt. B - Excellent (AMPI) Flt. C - Superior (AMPI)

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Bombing by boxes on RVF from 11,500 - 13,000 feet.

No losses, damage, casualties.

A-073715.

387 BG: 36 a/c dispatched (including 1 RVF). 36 dropping 553 X 250 frags, 4 X 500
on RVF. 2 dropping 32 X 250 frags on RVF position on route.

Flak Position near Bochoit (A-161556)

Element #4 - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. The film from one camera
carrying a/c was fogged and the camera nose which was off in
other. Cross report bombs in target area.Element #3 - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Camera carrying a/c was hit
by flak and crash-landed before getting to release point. No
further observations.Element #2 - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Due to being fixated and as-
signed dropping interval no rating is possible. 3 bomb patterns
are observed, all within the assigned area. Bombs hit in fields
and woods, with 1 pattern covering a road and some bombs are ob-
served falling on a probably occupied and active RVF battery at
A-969959.Box III - Element #1 - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Due to nature of fixating and
poor visibility, bombs from 1 a/c only are visible, these being
15 miles W of assigned area (A-0790916). Bombs fell in woods
and along road.Box II - RVF - EXCELLENT. More than 50 percent of bombs within 1000 ft.
radius of DMPI in very excellent pattern, the RVF of which is
910 ft. S of DMPI. Bombs hit open fields and across road in
small village.Box I - RVF - UNSATISFACTORY. All bombs outside 1000 ft. of DMPI in good
concentration, the RVF of which is 2900 ft. SSW of DMPI. Bombs
fell in open fields.The a/c mentioned above as jettisoning bombs crash-landed approximately
15 miles NE of Luwale at J-930680 after building out 2 engines. 1 crew-
man was slightly injured. No crewman missing.5 a/c failed to bomb: 1, mechanical; 4, other (1 a/c was hit by flak and
turned back with 3 other a/c following. The a/c hit by flak jettisoned
16 X 250 frags at E-950170 (friendly territory). Bombs were dropped from
4,000 feet and were seen to explode in a swamp area.323 BG: 45 a/c dispatched (including 2 RVF). 31 dropping 451 X 250 frags, 8 X 500
on RVF. 9 dropping 147 X 250 frags on RVF positions on route;
3 on A-079751, 6 on area bounded by E-926940, E-970930, E-990960,
E-920970.

Flak Position near Bochoit (A-159570)

Eleven groups attacked RVF positions in the
Bochoit area recording 37 kills to RVF. Further elements of eight
groups attacked RVF positions en route to
the main target.

GROUP NARRATIVE

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Box I & II - PFF - SUPERIOR. 80 percent of bursts within 100 ft. radius of DMPI in superior pattern. MPI of bursts approximately 250 ft. SW of DMPI. Bursts blanket houses and roads in assigned area.

Box III - Element #1 - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage as camera a/c failed to bomb. This element bombed flak position at A-04377158 with good results on basis of visual observation.

Flak Position near Bocholt (A-258603)

416 BG: 44 a/c dispatched (including 43 A-26, 1 PFF), 38 dropping 733 X 260 frags on Primary. 2 dropping 40 X 260 frags on flak position en route, E-931968). 1 PFF dropping 4 X 500 GP on Zelhem (A-051795) when it could not keep up with formation after group took over for visual run. 3 window a/c.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by boxes on group lead from 10,000 - 12,400 feet.

Box I - AMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. Bombardier misidentified target and bombed on edge of town of Rhede (A-275605), 1 mile E of Primary. 15 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI with center of patterns 2045 ft. N of AMPI. Bombs fell in two patterns in fields and across junction of highway and railroad.

Box II - NAO. Bombed on Box I as instructed by formation leader. Bombs fell in fields, on small buildings and across roads 5155 ft. N of AMPI.

Box III - Element #1 - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No cameras were carried in the a/c. Crews report superior results on flak position at E-93739678.

Flak Position near Bocholt (A-258603)

386 BG: 40 a/c dispatched (including 39 A-26, 1 PFF); none bombed Primary. 18 dropping 318 X 260 frags on Secondary. 15 dropping 270 X 260 frags on OTHER. 1 (PFF), due to equipment failure at Primary, dropping 4 X 500 GP on Borken (A-399621). 6 dropping 108 X 260 frags on flak positions en route: 3 on E-922443, 3 on E-933747.

No losses, 1 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

Visual bombing by boxes on group lead from 10,200 - 12,500 feet.

Box I - AMPI - EXCELLENT. PFF a/c failed to bomb Primary due to equipment failure. Formation made a visual run on the P/T but could not identify target due to heavy haze. Bombardier selected center of town, Vroden (A-375327), 16 miles NNE of P/T as AMPI. More than 50 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI. Loose pattern centers approximately 950 ft. NW of AMPI. Majority of bombs fell in a previously bombed area, probably inflicting damage to buildings that remain standing from other attacks, also new damage to houses on the NW edge of town.

Box II - AMPI - POOR. (Briefed Secondary) PFF a/c failed to bomb Primary due to equipment failure. Formation made a visual run on the P/T but could not identify target due to heavy haze. Bombardier reports bombing the town of Ahuis (A-500870). Due to misidentification of town bombs fell on the E edge of Haarsbergen (A-324955), 22½ miles NNE of P/T. About 20 percent of bombs

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Box II - DMP1 - UNSUCCESSFUL. Due to equipment failure, RTF dropped on Norden. No bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMP1. Probable center of dispersed pattern is approximately 3000 ft. SE of DMP1. There are direct hits on or near trenches and strong points 5 and SE of DMP1. One excellent concentration, representing about 30 percent of the bombs dropped, landed on a trench and firing or strong point system approximately 3250 ft. SE of DMP1. Immediately S of this system, which has probably been neutralized or severely damaged, hits can be seen on a factory type building.

Box I - N/A. Bombarter bombed on a combination of RTF course and his own data. Probable center of dispersed pattern is approximately 6800 ft. NNW of DMP1. One portion of the bombs dropped, representing approximately 20 to 25 percent of the bombs dropped, hit near and/or on some trenches or strong points adjacent to a bridge carrying a secondary road across a stream. This is about 5500 ft. NW of DMP1. Remainder of pattern is in open fields with some direct hits or near misses to buildings and secondary roads in the area of the stream.

Bombing by boxes on RTF from 10,100 - 12,300 feet.

No losses, 5 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

409 BG: 53 a/c dispatched (including 36 A-26, 15 A-20, 2 RTF, 35 (26 A-26, 7 A-20, 2 RTF) dropping 468 X 250 frags, 8 X 500 GP on primary. 14 (10 A-26, 4 A-20) dropping 216 X 250 frags on flank positions on route; 2 on each of 7 positions, E-967987, E-969960, E-978960, E-969977, E-927970, E-967932, E-979951. 1 (A-20) releasing for an undetermined reason 4 X 250 frags at A-125576. 3 window a/c.

Flank Position near Bocholt (A-198606)

RTF a/c failed to bomb due to equipment failure. Visual run impossible due to heavy haze and poor visibility. Bombarter unable to bomb after mate target on Gce due to intense jamming of Gce. Secondary could not be picked up to make a visual run due to haze conditions.

No losses, 5 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

40 a/c failed to bomb: 1 (RTF), mechanical (equipment failure; 39, other (RTF failed to bomb).

410 BG: 40 a/c dispatched (including 39 A-20, 1 RTF). None bombed.

Flank Position near Bocholt (A-190605)

Element #2 - DMP1 - EXCELLENT. 95 percent of bomb bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMP1. Center of concentrated pattern is 750 ft. NW of DMP1. Bombs hit in open fields causing no apparent damage to flank positions.

Box III - Element #1 - DMP1 - UNSUCCESSFUL. No bomb bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMP1. Center of concentrated pattern is 1900 ft. WNW of DMP1. Bomb bursts hit southern portion of small village with probable destruction of 4 buildings and road junction. Error probably due to difficulty in picking up target through haze.

Fell within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI. Concentration centers the E edge of town. Pattern blankets numerous residential-type buildings and streets.

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Remainder of bombs are in open fields with possible direct hits or near misses to buildings within the area of the strikes. There are isolated bursts between the patterns formed by both boxes and these cannot be definitely assigned.

Box III - Element #1 - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage. Camera a/c turned off target too soon. Bombardier reports good results.

Element #2 - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier misidentified DMPI selecting a building in an open field approximately 2700 ft. NNE of DMPI. Approximately 60 percent of bombs within a 1000 ft. radius of SMPI. Center of long pattern is approximately 905 ft. SW of the SMPI. Bombs in open fields with possible hits on a minor road.

Element #3 - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo cover from single K-20 camera in flight. Crews report excellent results on basis of visual observation.

Element #4 - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage because of a/c electrical malfunction. Bombardier reports excellent results.

Element #5 - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage, no camera in element. Bombardier reports excellent results.

Element #6 - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage. Camera a/c turned off target too soon. Bombardier reports excellent results.

Element #7 - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier aimed at what he believed to be briefed DMPI. This he identified as a point along a road approximately 2200 ft. NW of DMPI. 100 percent of bombs within a 1000 ft. radius of SMPI. Center of long pattern is approximately 305 ft. NW of SMPI. Pattern in open fields with some possible hits on a minor road.

Flak Position near Bocholt (4-208604)

322 BG: 42 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 33 dropping 636 X 250 frags, 4 X 500 GP on Primary. 6 dropping 108 X 260 frags on flak positions en route: 3 on each of 2 positions, E-931968, E-927970. 3 window a/c.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Bombing by boxes on PFF from 10,750 - 12,500 feet.

Box I & II - PFF - FAIR. About 30 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Good concentration centered about 1000 ft. S of DMPI. The bursts cover the DMPI which is apparently a three-gun light flak position. In addition a communication trench 500 ft. to the N was hit. Prepared firing positions 2000 ft. S of DMPI were covered. Other bursts extend over and E-W road, and at least 16 other buildings.

Box III - Element #1 - NAO (ETA). Very poor visibility prevented bombardier from finding target and he dropped on what he considered was the proper time. All bombs outside 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. A scattered pattern fell in river and in fields 7550 ft. NE of target.

Element #2 - NAO (ETA). Bombardier could not find target due to intense haze and dropped on ETA. Bombardier believes he hit slightly over T/A. No bursts visible, probably due to evasive action.

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397 BG: 30 a/c dispatched (including 1 RF), 29 dropping 448 X 260 drops, 4 X 500
GP on primary.
1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical.

391 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 1 RF), 31 dropping 543 X 260 drops, 4 X 500
GP on primary. 6 dropping 108 X 260 drops on line positions on route:
3 on each of 2 positions at E-945933, E-967932.

344 BG: 42 a/c dispatched (including 1 RF), 31 dropping 534 X 260 drops, 4 X 500
GP on primary. 9 dropping 162 X 260 drops on line positions on route:
3 on each of 3 positions at E-967984, E-969960, E-978960. 2 within a/c.

Box I & II - RF - FAIR. 35 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of
DML. Bombs fell in long pattern 1500 ft. NW of DML with
direct hits on 5 of the 7 large gun emplacements and proba-
bly on fire control at the center of the battery. Other
hits on 1 long series of shallow trenches, across a RR line
N of the battery, 12 farmhouses, across 4 main roads,
and in open fields.

Box III - Element #1 - DML - UNDETERMINED. Camera run off on hand-
stand. Crew report excellent results.

Element #2 - DML - UNDETERMINED. Bombardier identified
448 DML. Bombs fell 4200 ft. NW of DML at E-970943 in
a wooded area and in open fields.

Flak position near Bocholt (-232583)

397 BG: 30 a/c dispatched (including 1 RF), 29 dropping 448 X 260 drops, 4 X 500
GP on primary.
1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical.

391 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 1 RF), 31 dropping 543 X 260 drops, 4 X 500
GP on primary. 6 dropping 108 X 260 drops on line positions on route:
3 on each of 2 positions at E-945933, E-967932.

344 BG: 42 a/c dispatched (including 1 RF), 31 dropping 534 X 260 drops, 4 X 500
GP on primary. 9 dropping 162 X 260 drops on line positions on route:
3 on each of 3 positions at E-967984, E-969960, E-978960. 2 within a/c.

Box I & II - RF - FAIR. Approximately 30 percent of bombs within 1000
ft. radius of DML. Good pattern 1200 ft. S of DML.
Strikes extend southeast from DML covering a large open
area.

Box III - Element #1 - DML - EXCELLENT. Approximately 90 percent of
bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DML. Good pattern 550 ft.
E of DML. Strikes along a secondary road, covering several
unidentified buildings, some trenches and a possible air-
placement.

Element #2 - DML - UNDETERMINED. On run on primary, an-
other group was overhead. To prevent being bombed, flight
swung off and bombardier chose casual target. Selected
possible flak position at E-983889, 5 1/2 miles S of primary.
All bombs outside 1000 ft. radius of DML. Good pattern
1220 ft. SW of DML. Strikes across main road, several un-
identified buildings and an open. Unsatisfactory results
due to short run.

Element #3 - DML - UNDETERMINED. Camera had blown fuse.
Crew report hitting about 500 ft. N of flak position.

Flak position near Bocholt (-210583)

S E C R E T

No losses, 1 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

Visual bombing by boxes on PFF from 11,000 - 13,000 feet.

Box I - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. Due to poor check points in area and haze bombardier could not accurately pick up Primary. All bombs outside 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Long split pattern approximately 1900 ft. NE of DMPI. Pattern blanketed 5 small roads and several small buildings with damage.

Box II - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. Same reason as above. All bombs outside 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Bombs fell in two long well dispersed patterns approximately 1900 ft. NE of DMPI. Bursts covered slit trenches and several buildings in area.

Flak Position near Bocholt (A-225568)

397 BG: 32 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF). None bombed Primary. 26 dropping 414 X 260 frags on OTHER targets. 1 (PFF) due to equipment failure dropping 4 X 500 GP on Berken (A-399621).

5 a/c failed to bomb: 1, mechanical; 4, other (leader did not drop).

No losses, 9 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

Visual bombing by box and flights from 9,000 - 12,500 feet.

Box I - NAO. PFF failed to bomb Primary due to equipment failure. Bombs jettisoned 25 miles NE of target after a/c was hit by flak. Rest of box dropped on this a/c. Bombs hit in open area between road and RR S of Holtwick at A-576778. Hits over secondary road and isolated buildings.

Box II - Flt. A - NAO. PFF failed to bomb Primary due to equipment failure. Leader could not bomb due to rack malfunction. 1 a/c dropped 3 miles N of target when lead a/c closed doors, thinking bombs were released. Bombs fell NW of Bocholt at A-24356220 on S edge of Holtwick and across anti-tank ditch and buildings.

Flt. B - AMPI - EXCELLENT. Picked casual after PFF failure. Bombed Coesfeld crossroads, 26 miles NE of target at A-616727. 80 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI in good pattern 495 ft. NNW falling across road and among scattered buildings.

Flt. C - AMPI - SUPERIOR. Picked casual target 30 miles N of target on way out - town of Goor, bombing crossroads at A-215049 after PFF failure. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI in fair pattern (right wing man out of position), 187 ft. E of AMPI and on it. Bombs hit among many buildings and on main crossroads.

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0	Claims
1	Injured
0	Missing
2	Wounded
0	Killed
66 (15.31%)	A/C Battle Damaged
1	A/C Crash-Landed (323 BG)
0	A/C Missing
0	A/C Lost

832.28	Bombs on Enemy Territory
134,518.02	Total Bombs to Date

444	Total
11	Other
11	Window 11
0	A/C Recalled (Weather)
51	A/C Failing to Bomb
381	A/C Bombing
143	A/C Off

Section II

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S E C R E T

FAILURES TO BOMB

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. A/C</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASON</u>
323	1	Mechanical	Loss of power in right engine.
	4	Other	Leader did not drop.
410	39	Other	PTF failed to bomb at Primary. GEE was jamming at Primary and Secondary and haze prevented visual bombing.
	1 (PTF)	Mechanical	Equipment failure.
394	1	Mechanical	Left engine cut out.
397	1	Mechanical	Bomb rack failure.
	4	Other	Leader did not drop.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Bocholt Area

323 BG: Clear. Visibility 3 miles on bomb run.

387 BG: Clear. Visibility 1-2 miles on up sun bomb run.

416 BG: Clear. Visibility 3-4 miles up sun, 5-6 miles down sun. Top of haze and smoke 11-12,000'.

386 BG: No cloud. Visibility 10 miles down sun, 3-4 miles up sun.

410 BG: Nil cloud, 1/2-1 miles on bomb run 160°. 5-6 miles down sun visibility.

409 BG: Haze clear, visibility 10-15 miles down sun, 3 miles up sun.

322 BG: Clear. Visibility 1-2 miles up sun, 4-6 miles down sun.

344 BG: Nil cloud, heavy haze 2-3000'; light haze 10-11,000'. Visibility 1-2 miles up sun, 3 miles down sun.

391 BG: Clear. Visibility 5-8 miles.

394 BG: Clear. Thick haze to 2,500'. Visibility 3-4 miles up sun, 8-10 miles down sun, and 3-4 miles on bomb run.

397 BG: 1/10 alto-stratus 16,000'. Haze to 9000'. Visibility 1-2 miles up sun and 8-10 miles down sun.

FLAK ANALYSIS SUMMARY	
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The formation attacking the primary target encountered moderate heavy flak in the Deventer, Zutphen and Zwolle areas. Flares in target moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered at St. Underburg (A-050750). A heavy gun are plotted 2 miles south of the area. The a/c attacking the flak positions encountered moderate accurate fire at Deventer and from the target. The fire ceased soon after bombs away.	
FLAK POSITIONS RECORDED AREA	323 GP.
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	21
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	53-33%
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FLAK POSITIONS RECORDED AREA	367 GP.
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	0
The only flak encountered was work inaccurate heavy east of Zutphen.	
FLAK POSITIONS RECORDED AREA	426 GP.
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	0
Flak was not encountered enroute or at the target.	
FLAK POSITIONS RECORDED AREA	386 GP.
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	1
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	2-5%
The formation bombing the primary target encountered work inaccurate flak at Deventer and Hantle (A-110623). The a/c bombing flak positions encountered reported work accurate fire until the bombs were released and then the fire ceased.	
FLAK POSITIONS RECORDED AREA	430 GP.
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	5
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	12-5%
Intense but very inaccurate heavy flak was reported from Zutphen. 51 heavy guns are plotted in the defenses of Zutphen. Work accurate heavy flak was at- so reported from Enschede (A-430070).	
FLAK POSITIONS RECORDED AREA	409 GP.
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	5
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	9-43%
Work inaccurate heavy flak was encountered at the target and at Hantle (A-005185). The flak at Hantle probably came from the outer defenses of Zwolle.	

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Flak Positions Bocholt Area 322 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	1
%A/C Battle Damaged	2.38%

The a/c bombing the primary target encountered no flak. The a/c bombing the special flak positions encountered moderate accurate fire from the targets. The 2nd element of this formation coming in on the same heading and at the same altitude received only weak inaccurate fire. The bombing by the first element probably forced some of the gunners to take cover.

Flak Positions Bocholt Area 344 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	5
%A/C Battle Damaged	11.90%

The only flak encountered was by the a/c bombing special flak positions. Weak accurate fire met this formation at the target. Weak accurate flak was also encountered at Emmerich and Arnhem.

Flak Positions Bocholt Area 391 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	20
%A/C Battle Damaged	54.05%

The a/c engaging the primary target encountered weak inaccurate heavy flak at the target and moderate accurate fire at Zwolle. The a/c on the special flak positions encountered weak inaccurate fire from the target.

Flak Positions Bocholt Area 394 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	1
%A/C Battle Damaged	3.45%

Flak at the target was weak accurate for the low flight of box 2. The fire was weak and inaccurate for the other flights.

Flak Positions Bocholt Area 397 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	9
%A/C Battle Damaged	28.12%

Weak to moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered at the target. The fire varied for each flight. Moderate accurate flak was also encountered at Haldern (4-125535). This point is in the immediate battle area and 4 guns are plotted within 1/2 mile of the town.

SUMMARY:

The route flown took the formations within range of approximately 90 heavy flak positions. Generally flak was much lighter than would normally be anticipated as all of these guns have been very active for the past week. The damage for the formations attacking the primary target was very light. The percentage of damage for these formations is 12.4% and the a/c attacking the flak positions enroute amounted to 33.3%. It is believed that the bombing of the flak enroute was very effective. Most of the damage to the a/c bombing the primaries was sustained either at the targets or along flak defenses enroute that were not bombed.

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GROUP	PHOTOGRAPHING	MECHANICAL FILMS	NO. FILMS	WILSON FILMS	NO. FILMS
323	83%	0	0	2	17
387	100%	0	0	0	0
416	100%	0	0	0	0
366	100%	0	0	0	0
409	100%	0	0	0	0
322	100%	0	0	0	0
377	83%	1	17	0	0
391	100%	0	0	0	0
394	100%	0	0	0	0
397	100%	0	0	0	0

5/4 PHOTO REPORTS

The 387th Group saw two M190's near the formation at 0910 hours, a few minutes after bombing. Tank position at A-23253. The d/a was at 3000 feet, seemed to turn toward low flight of Box II when P-47's attacked and drove them away.

Pathfinder with the 416th Group reports sighting 6 M190's flying low over Zolner (A-051795) at 0812 hours.

The 387th Group reports that an M190 opened fire at extreme range at a 2-shift element bombing tank units to main target. The d/a came in at 0747 hours just after bombs away from 1050 o'clock high out of the sun, and was driven off by escort. M/A fire not returned.

5/4 PHOTO REPORTS
T.O.I. 5-1 0747 to 0955

Mission # 251--24 March 1945 (AM)

In a dawn attack in cooperation with a long-awaited push by our ground forces, two boxes of aircraft led by Major Dunn and Lt. Brown made an attack on flak positions east of the town of Bocholt. The weather was ideal for bombing, and crews reported the results as excellent.

As the formation approached the IP, intense flak was sent up, but it was very inaccurate and there was no battle damage. All planes returned safely.

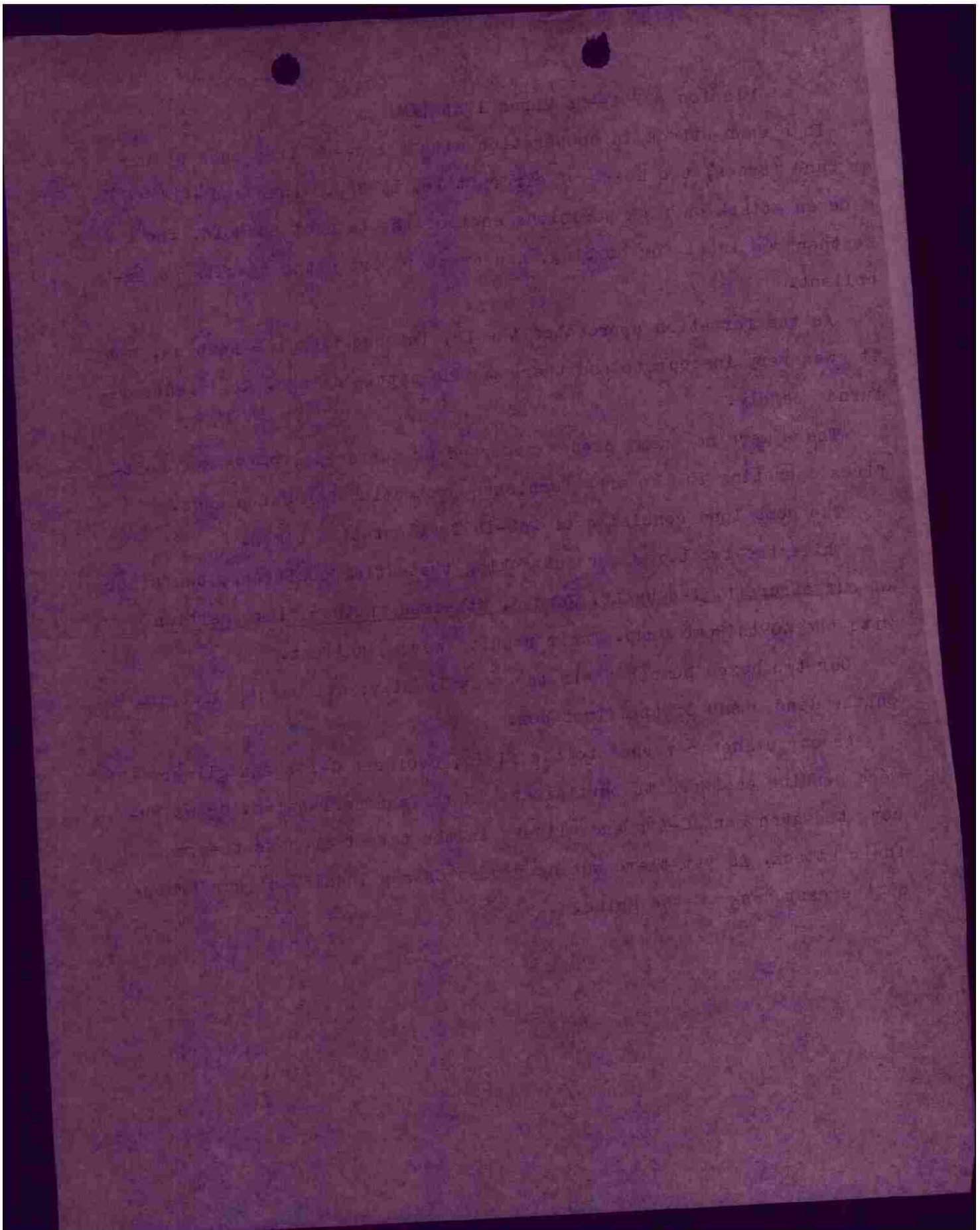
There were no enemy planes reported by our crews, P-47s and Spitfires operating in the area furnished protection for our planes.

The bomb load consisted of 260-lb fragmentation bombs.

While the two boxes were attacking these flak positions, two other of our aircraft, led by Lt. Jordan, attacked another flak position with the 409th Bomb Group. Their results were excellent.

Our two boxes bombed their target visually; all planes dropping on the lead plane of the first box.

As our planes returned to the field, overhead C-47s and gliders were heading eastward to participate in the mass offensive. Crews reported even more C-47s and gliders in the target area as they made their attack. As yet there was no report of any landing of our troops on the east bank of the Rhine.



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OPFLASH FOR 24 MARCH 1945 (MORNING MISSION)

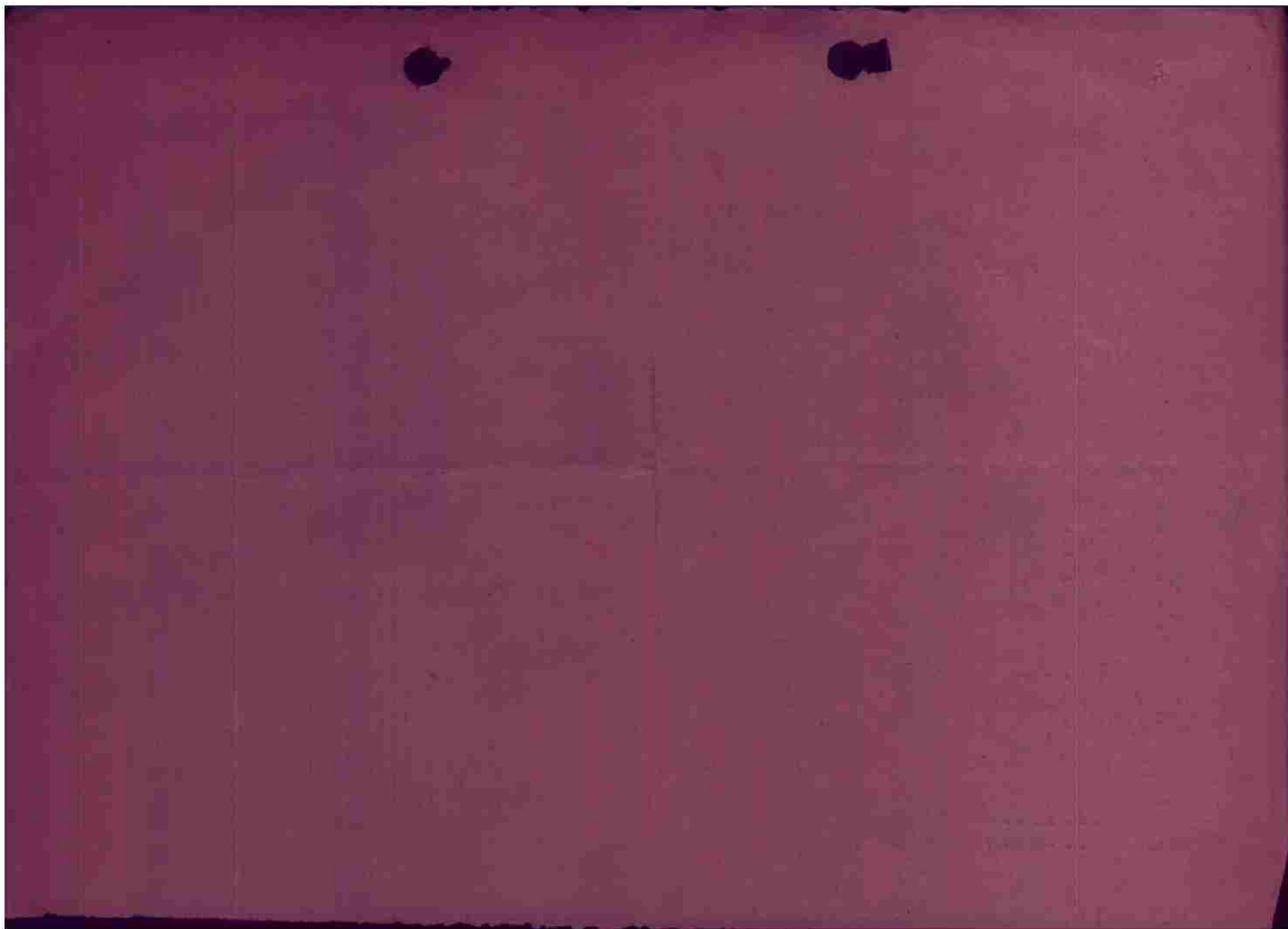
- A. 416 BOMB GROUP
- B. FLAK EXX POSITION AT E-93139678
- C. 2 A-26 A/C
- D. 2 A-26 A/C ATTACKED PRIMARY WITH 409TH BOMB GROUP,
PLAN "A" F/O 222-814.
- E. NONES
- F. 40 X 260 FRAG. ON PRIMARY
- G. SUPERIOR RESULTS ON PRIMARY
- H. NONE
- I. NONE.
- J. NONE.
- K. NONE.
- L. 10,000 FT.
- M. 0747 HOURS.

LT. T. W. SAMPSON,

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OPSFLASH FOR EXX 24 MARCH 1945 (MORNING MISSION)

A. 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)
B. INHLING KAMPS AREA (A-25E46231)
C. 41 A-26'S OF WHICH 3 A/C CARRIED WINDOW ONLY.
D. 38 A-26'S BOMBED PRIMARY.
E. 3 A-26'S CARRIED WINDOW ONLY.
F. 733 X 260 M-81 ON PRIMARY
1 X 260 M-81 RETURNED
DUE TO LOADING DIFFICULTIES 2 A/C CARRIED 12 BOMBS EACH,
1 A/C CARRIED 10 BOMBS
G. EXCELLENT TO SUPERIOR.
H. NIL.
I. NIL.
J. EXX NIL.
KK NIL.
L. 0809 1/2
M. 11,500 TO 12,400
N. 416TH FORMATION LEADER TOOK OVER TO BOMB SXXX VISUALLY WHEN IT
APPEARED THAT PFF EQUIPMENT WAS FUNCTIONING IMPERFECTLY .S
BOMB RUN WAS MADE VISUALLY.
BOTH BOXES BOMBED AS ONE FORMATION. DUE TO HAZE OVER TARGET
B/N OF LEAD FLIGHT BOX II WAS NOT ABLE TO PICK UP TARGET
UNTIL AT BOMB RELEASE POINT SO BOMBED ON FORMATION LEADER
IN TIGHT FORMATION.
MODERATE INACCURATE HFF WAS EXX OBSERVED NEAR ZUTPHEN. (E-950950)
BUT AT SUCH DISTANCE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE DIRECTED AT THIS
FORMATION.

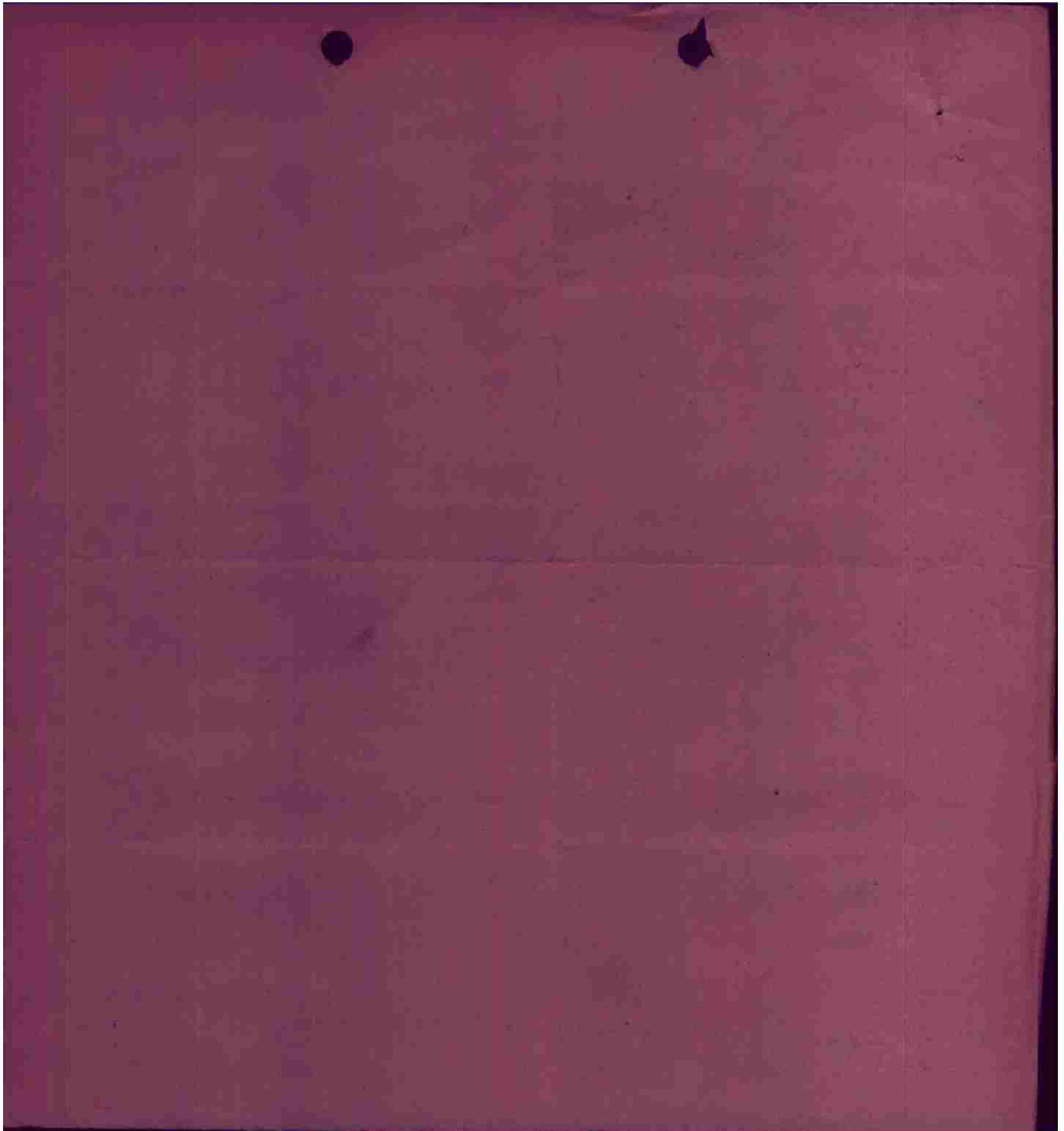
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 FROM : 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

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OPFLASH FOR 24 MARCH 1945 (MORNING MISSION)

- A. 416th Bomb Group (L)
- B. IHLING KAMPS AREA (A-25846031)
- C. 41 A-26's of which 3 a/c carried window only.
- D. 38 A-26's bombed primary.
- E. 3 A-26's carried window only.
- F. 733 x 260 M-81 on Primary
 1 x 260 M-81 returned
due to loading difficulties 2 A/c carried 12 bombs each; 1 A/c carried
~~All a/c did not carry 20 x 260 M-81's. 10 bombs.~~
- G. Excellent to Superior.
- H. Nil.
- I. Nil.
- J. Nil.
- K. Nil.
- L. 0809 $\frac{1}{2}$
- M. 11,500 to 12,400
- X. 416th Formation Leader took over to bomb visually when it appeared that PFF equipment was functioning imperfectly. Bomb run was made visually. Both Boxes bombed as one formation. Due to haze over target B/N of Lead Flight Box II was not able to pick up target until at bomb release point so bombed on formation leader in tight formation.

ORBSFLASH FOR 24 MARCH 1945 (MORNING MISSION)

X. (Cont'd)

Moderate inaccurate HFF was observed near ZUTPHEN (E-950950)
but at such distance did not appear to be directed at this
formation.

WPT
WILLIAM P. THOMAS,
Major, Air corps.
Group intelligence officer.

TO: CG 9th Bomb Division; ATT: A-2
 CG 97th Combat Bomb Wing ATT: A-2

From: 416th Bomb Group (L)

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Opsflash for 24 March 1945 Morning Mission

- A 416th Bomb Group (L)
- B. IHLING Kamps Area (A-25846031)
- C 41 A-26s of which 3 A/c carried window only
- D 38 A-26s bombed primary
- E ~~ALL~~ 3 A-26s carried window only
- F 733 X 260 M-81 on Primary
 1 X 260 M-81 returned
 All A/c did not carry 20x260 M-81s
- G Excellent to Superior
- H N.L
- I N.L
- J N.L
- K N.L

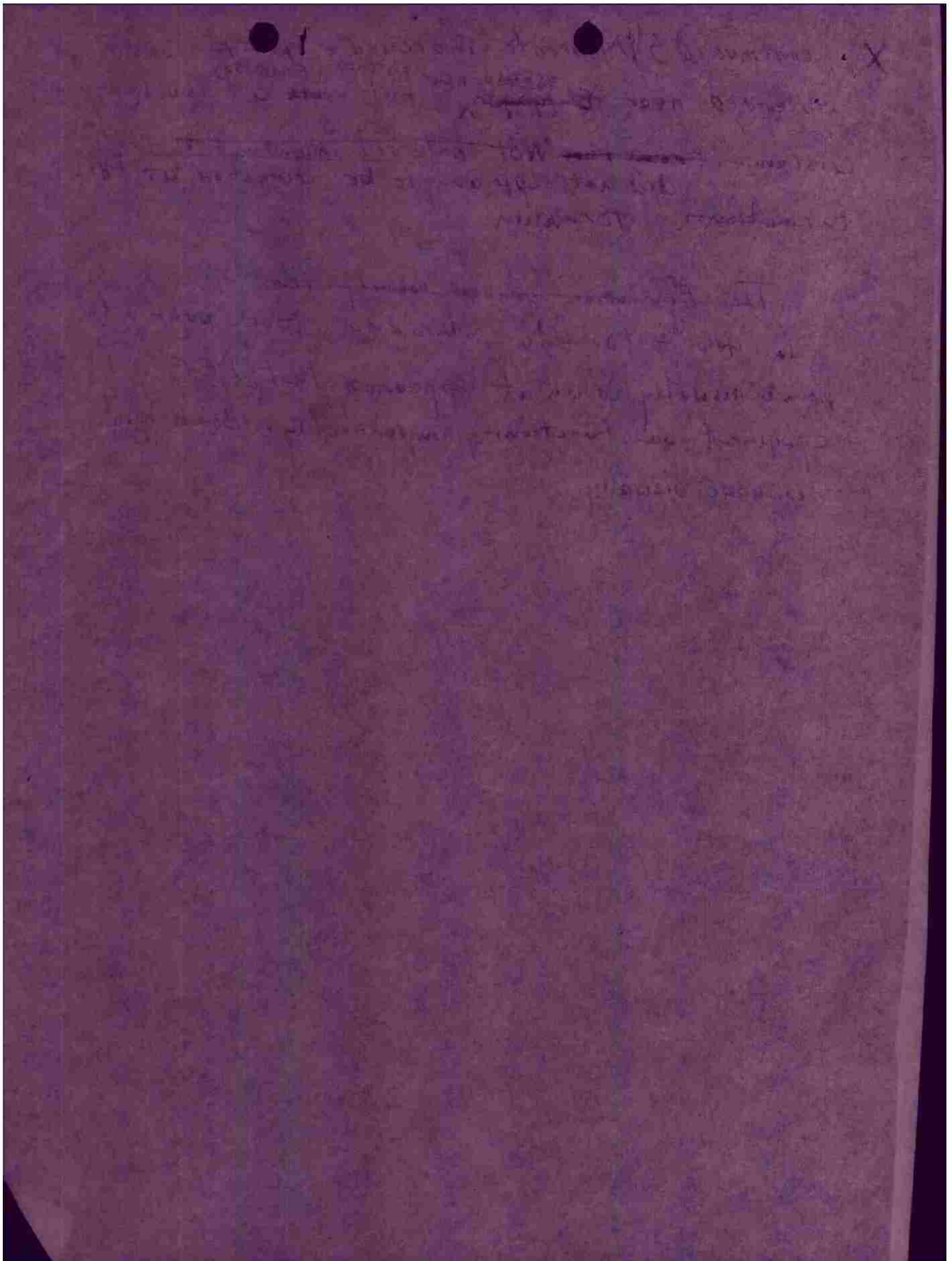
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Y. 11500 to 12400

2. Both Boxes Bombed as one formation. Due to haze over target B/N of Lead Flight Box II was not able to pick up target until at bomb release point so bombed on ~~the~~ formation leader

X (continued) 3) Moderate inaccurate PFF was
 observed near ~~E99950~~^{95050 near Zutphen (E950450)} but ~~was~~ at such
 distance ~~from this~~ Not believed intended for this
 formation. did not appear to be directed at this
 formation. formation

This Formation bombed visually due
 to 4th Formation leader took over to
 bomb visually when it appeared that PFF
 equipment was functioning imperfectly. Bomb run
 was made visually.



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T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 24/0005A
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409TH
COBOMGP 410TH
COBOMGP 416TH
1ST PATHFINDER SQ. (PROV)

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

97CBW R-265-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 222-814.

1. TARGETS:

409TH
410TH
416TH

THESE TARGETS ARE ASSIGNED PURSUANT TO NINTH A.F. OPERATIONS ORDER 459V AND ARE REFERRED TO IN PARA. 3. A. (1) (A). THE PURPOSE OF THIS ATTACK AND ITS CORRELATION WITH OTHER UNITS IS SET OUT IN OPERATIONS ORDER 459V.

2. PHOTOS AND MAPS:

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3. PANEL CODE FOR THIS OPERATION HAS ALREADY BEEN FORWARDED TO GROUPS.

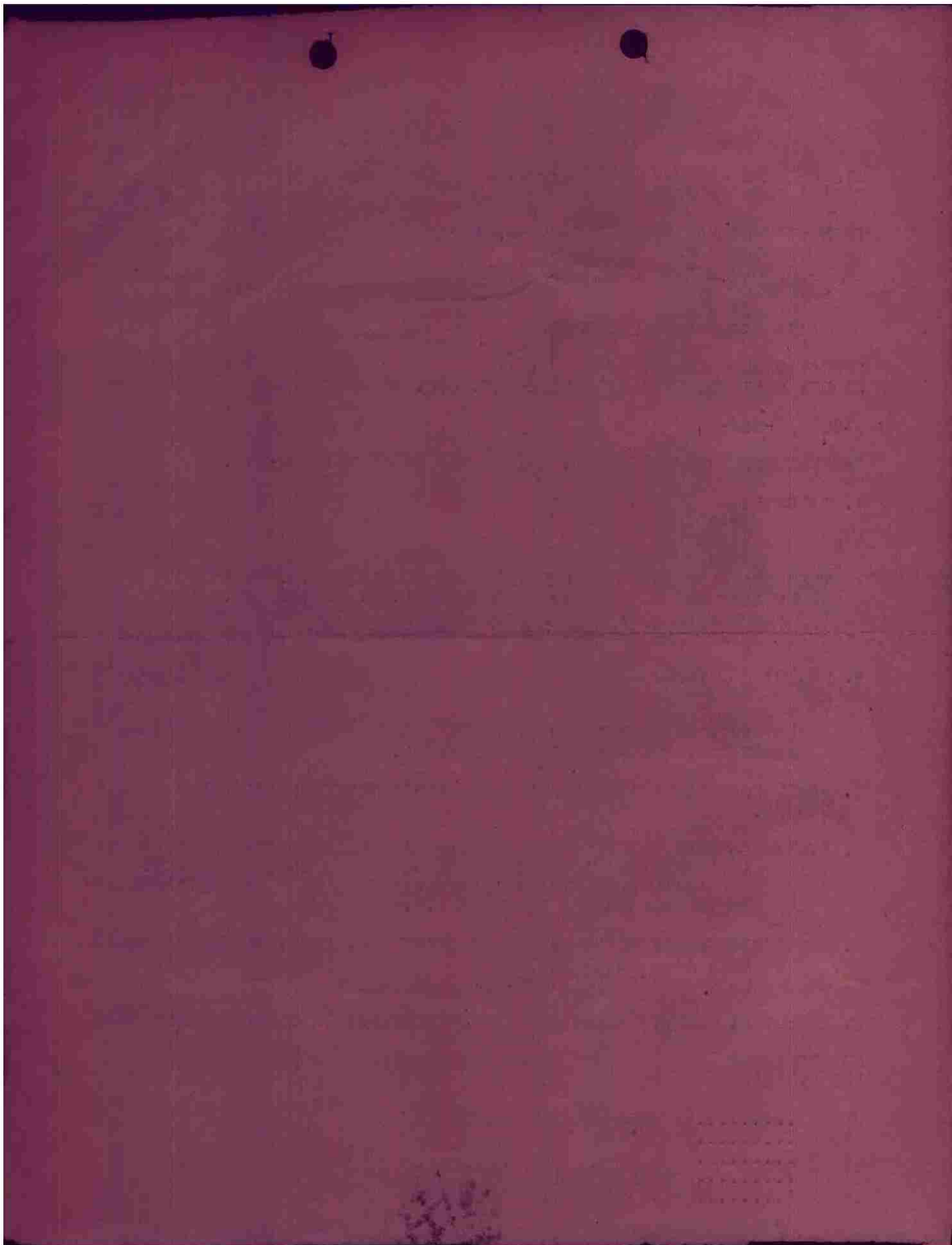
4. FLAK: COUNTER BATTERY FIRE IS BEING ARRANGED TO THE EXTENT AVAILABLE BUT THERE IS TO BE NO AIR TO GROUND REQUEST. ALL AVAILABLE EXTRA AIRCRAFT ARE TO BOMB FLAK POSITIONS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE I.P.

5. THE ASSIGNED SECONDARY TARGET IS STADTLOHN, COMM. CENTER (A-438776)
GSGS 4414 SHEET 4007
PHOTO BB/54 PRINT NO. 9232.

6. BOMBLINE: SPECIAL BOMBLINE FOR THIS OPERATION IS BEING SENT DOWN.

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JES R	24/0030A	MC	KKK
JPO R	24/0030A	LB	KKK
JKI R			
ITA R	240030A	AL	KK
JKI R	24/0030A	WFG	KKKK



ITA JES JPO JKI JJF V JEA 01/24 OP OP
T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 24/0005A
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409TH
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3. PANEL CODE FOR THIS OPERATION HAS ALREADY BEEN FORWARDED TO GROUPS.

4. FLAK: COUNTER BATTERY FIRE IS BEING ARRANGED TO THE EXTENT AVAILABLE BUT THERE IS TO BE NO AIR TO GROUND REQUEST. ALL AVAILABLE EXTRA AIRCRAFT ARE TO BOMB FLAK POSITIONS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE I.P.

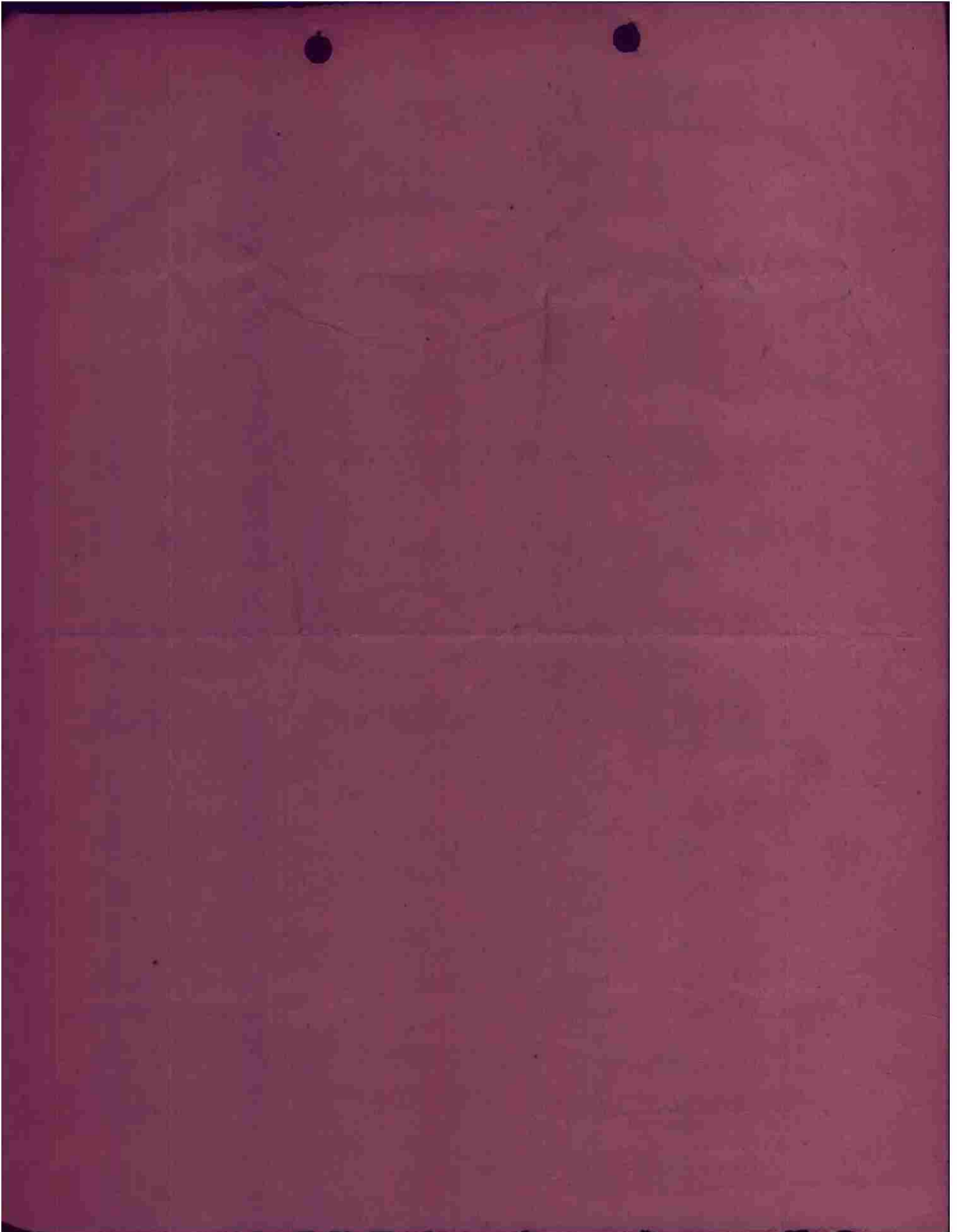
5. THE ASSIGNED SECONDARY TARGET IS STADTLOHN, COMM. CENTER (A-438776)
GSGS 4414 SHEET 4007
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6. BOMBLINE: SPECIAL BOMBLINE FOR THIS OPERATION IS BEING SENT DOWN.

COMCBTWIG 97
LEG AS BBBB

JES R24/0030A MC KKK
JPO R24/0030A LB KKK
JKI R
ITA R240030A AL KK
JKI R '.....24/0030A WFG KKKK

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ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA 02/24 (INFO)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 24/0020A
 TO COMBOMDIV IX
 COBOMGP 409TH
 COBOMGP 410TH
 COBOMGP 416TH

ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER

BT

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A" (FLAK FORMATION)

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
 (2) FUZZY

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 (2) FUZZY

PLAN "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
 (2) LANDGIRL

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP
 (2) ~~BLIZZARD~~ BLIZZARD

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 (2) VISION

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

(2) PARADE D/D
 ROSELEE C/C

(11) ROSELEE C/C IF FIGHTER AID IS NEEDED.

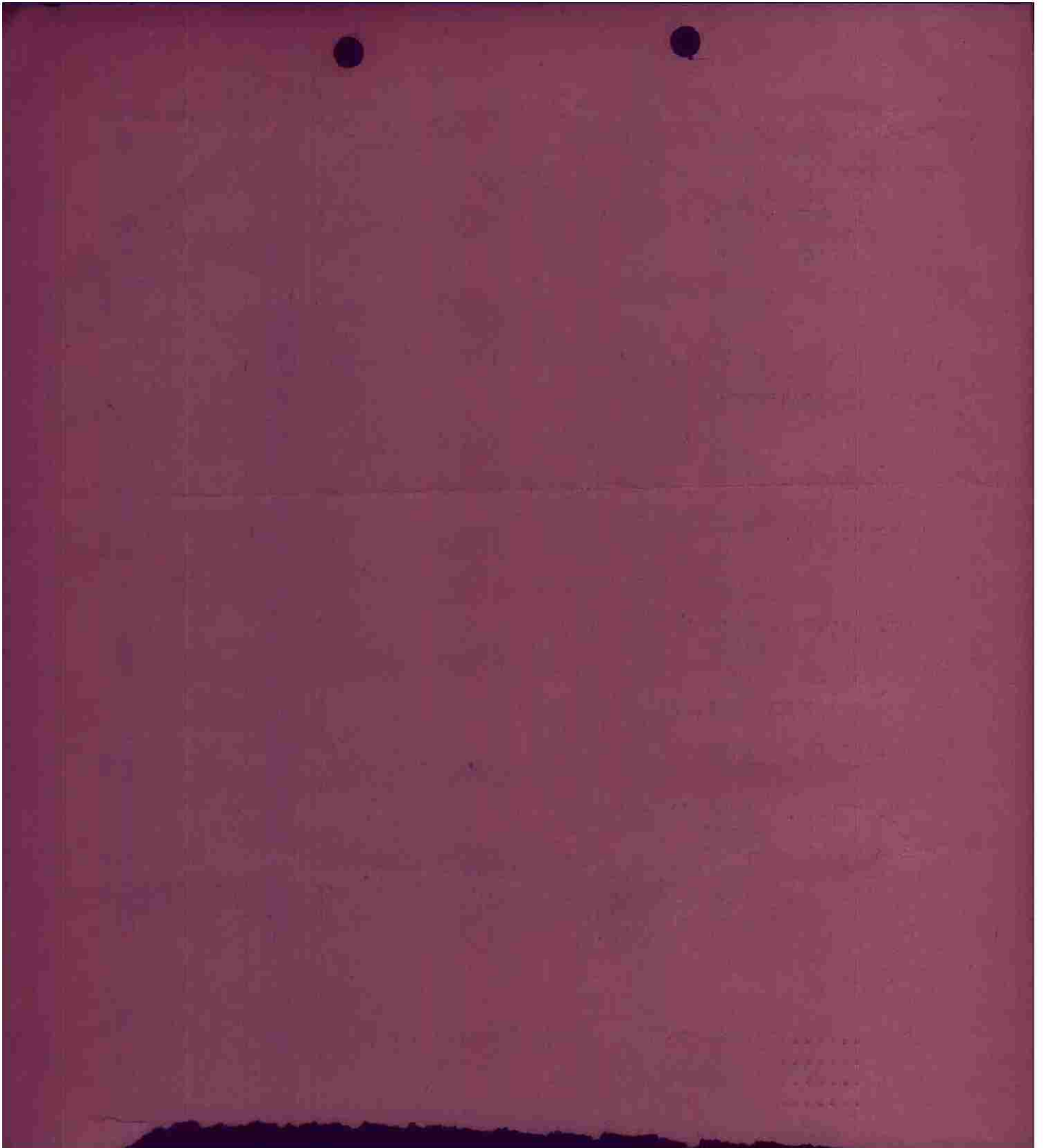
(12) RENDEZVOUS FOR FLAK FORMATION WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED ON B/B.
 LEADER OF THE ENTIRE FORMATION WILL DO THE S.O.P. REPORTING
 FOR THE FORMATION.

COMCBTWIG 97
 LEG AS AR

JES R24/0040A MC BBB TO ITA AND JEA
 JPO R24/0040A LB AR
 JKI R24/0040A WFG AR
 ITA R24/0037A AL KK

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ITA JJF JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 05/24 OP OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 24/0515A
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
24 MARCH 1945

R-267-E

ANNEX NO. 1 TO F.O. NO. 222-814

CHANGE THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS IN PAR 3. C. (416TH BOMB GROUP)

- (1) IHUNG KAMPS AREA A-25846031
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON ONE PPF A/C.
- (4) BASE TO E-6055 TO E-5396 TO Z-8119 TO V-0820 TO V-0601 TO TARGET.
- (6) BOMB 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR BOMBING 5,000 FEET. LOSE 1,500 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (9) GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4105. PPF MPI: GRID. COORD.: 25846031. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUP WILL BOMB BY BOXES AND USE THE PPF MPI. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.

ADD PAR. 3. X. (9) UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL GROUPS USE THE FOLLOWING FIELDS: B-77, B-78, B-80, B-85, B-86, B-88, B-89, B-90, B-100, Y-10, Y-29 AND Y-32. IN EMERGENCY A/C MAY LAND NEAR ABOVE FIELDS OR ON CRASH STRIPS NEAR B-100 AT E-879352. THEY MAY ALSO USE OTHER FIELDS NOT LISTED ABOVE.

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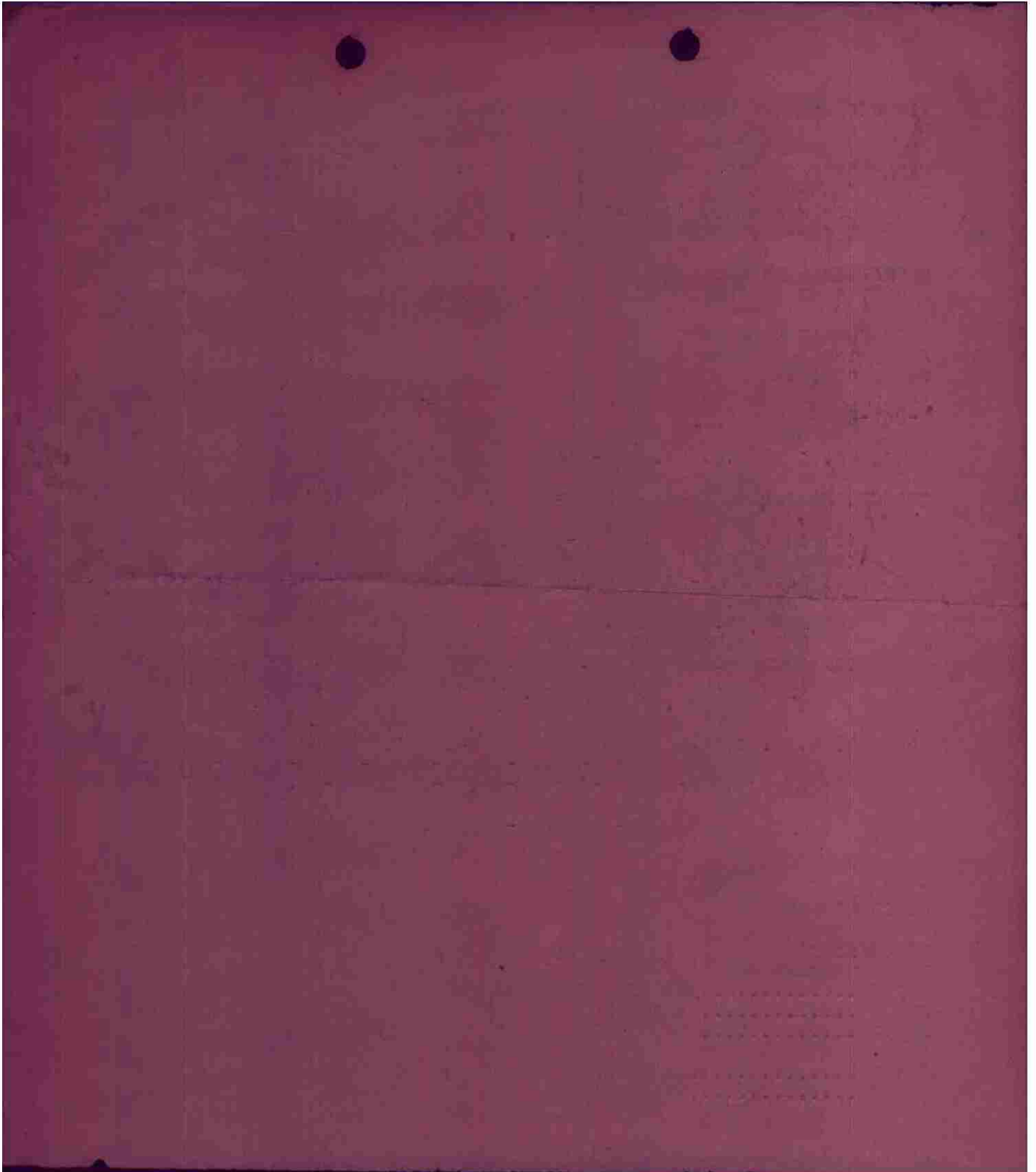
BT 24/0515A

SH BBBBBBBB TO GPS

JES R 24/0630A MC KKK
JPO R 24/0630A SK K
JKI R 24/0630A FD KKK

ITA R 24/0630A EG K
JJF R 24/0630A JN JJKKKKKK

AR TO ITA AND JJF BBB TO GPS



ITA JJF JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 04/24 OP OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 24/0130A
 TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
 COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416
 1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

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

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SIG

R-266-E

FIELD ORDER NUMBER 222-814

MAPS: NORMAL

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

ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" 24/0800A
 ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" 24/0800A

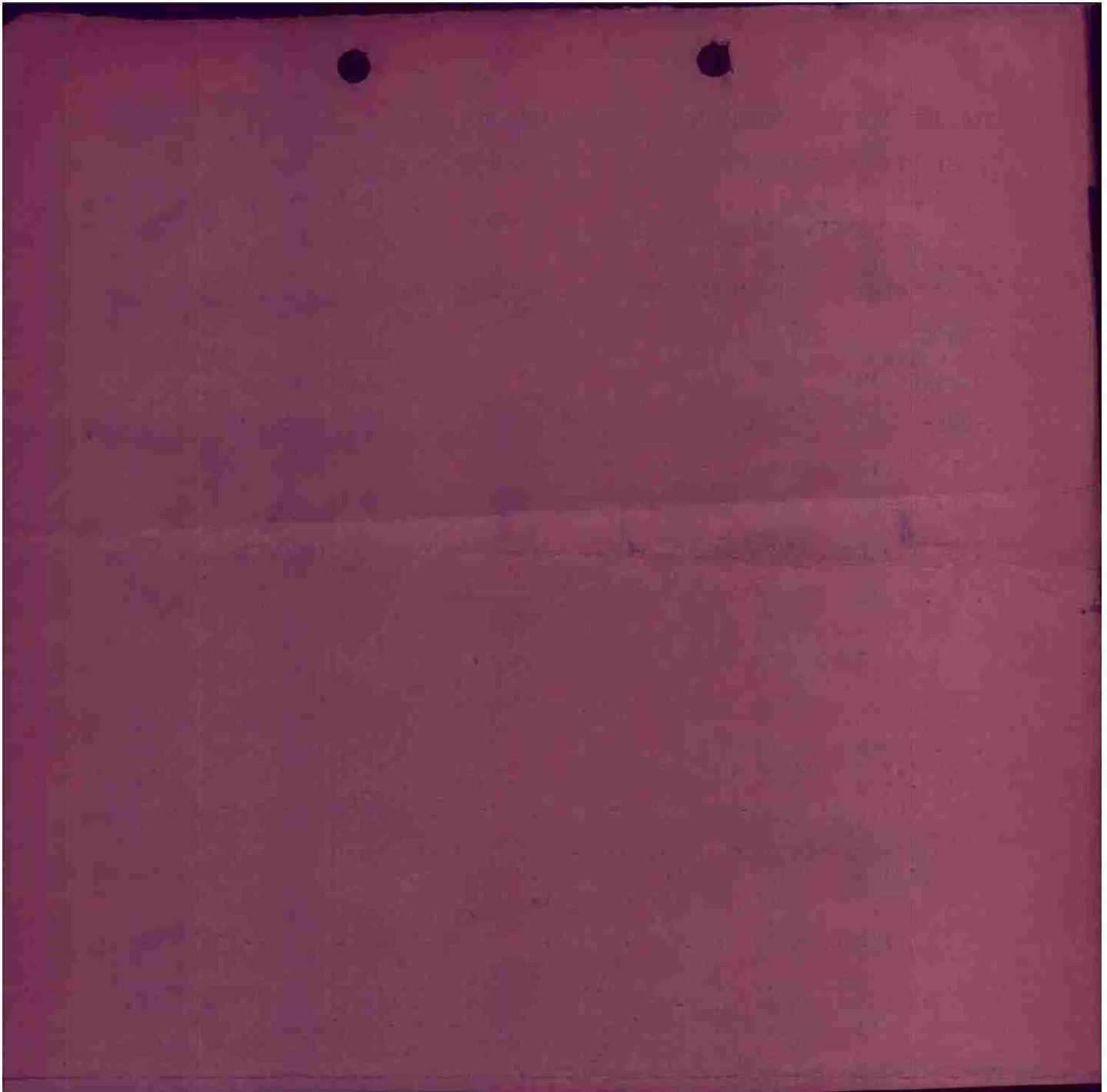
PLAN "B" PATHFINDER

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

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- (1) KUHLMANN AREA A-198606
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C.
- (4) BASE TO E-6055 TO E-5396 TO Z-8119 TO V-0820 TO A-2399 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO E-6055 TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB: 1ST BOX 12,500 FEET.
 2ND BOX 12,000 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR BOMBING 5,000 FEET. LOSE 1,500 FEET AFTER BOMBING
- (9) GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4105. PPF MPI: GRID. COORD.: 19826061. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUP WILL BOMB BY BOXES AND USE THE PPF MPI. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
- (10) 20 X 260 LB. M-81 FRAGS FUSED INST. NOSE, NON-DELAY TAIL.
 12 X 260 LB. M-81 FRAGS FUSED T-50-E-1 FUSE.
 AS MANY BOMBS AS POSSIBLE WILL BE FUSED WITH T-50-E FUSE.
- (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR PLUS 30 MIN.

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3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) KOLKS METLING AREA A-170605.
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 1 PPF A/C.
- (4) BASE TO E-6055 TO E-5396 TO Z-8119 TO V-8820 TO A-2196 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO E-6055 TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB: 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR BOMBING 5,000 FEET. LOSE 1,500 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (9) GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4105. PPF MPI GRID. COORD.: 170605. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUP WILL BOMB BY BOXES AND USE THE PPF MPI. DESIRED INTERVAL 100 FEET.
- (10) 4 X 500 LB. M-26 FRAG CLUSTERS TO OPEN INSTANTANEOUSLY.
- (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN.

3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) WERTH AREA A-158586.
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 P.P.F. A/C
- (4) BASE TO E-6055 TO E-5396 TO Z-8119 TO V-8820 TO E-9995 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO E-6055 TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB 1ST BOX 12,500 FEET 2ND BOX 12,000 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR BOMBING 5000 FEET. LOSE 1500 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (9) G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 4105. P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID. COORD. 158586. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUP WILL BOMB BY BOXES AND USE THE P.P.F. M.P.I. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
- (10) 20 X 260 LB. M-81 FRAGS FUSED INST. NOSE NON-DELAY TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MIN.

Y. (A) TO (A) NO CHA

- (5) GROUPS WILL BE CAN POSITIVELY BE IDENTIFIED WHILE GROUPS ARE ON P.P.F. BOMB RUN AND THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO TAKE OVER AND BOMB WITHOUT MAKING A SECOND RUN.
- (6) SECOND RUNS WILL NOT BE MADE ON PRIMARY TARGET.
- (7) IN EVENT GROUPS DO NOT BOMB PRIMARY VISUALLY ON FIRST RUN AND P.P.F. EQUIPMENT FAILS GROUPS WILL BOMB AN ALTERNATE TARGET AT A-43807760 AND COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORD. 43607769, 43607735, 43957748, 43937773 GROUPS WILL BOMB ALTERNATE TARGET BY BOXES IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
 - (A) VISUALLY
 - (B) "GEE"
 - (C) TARGET E.T.A.
- (8) GROUPS ARE CAUTIONED THAT OTHER GROUPS WILL BE OPERATING IN TARGET AREA AT 05 TO 10 MIN. INTERVALS FROM ZERO HOUR TO ZERO HOUR PLUS 75 MIN. IF ALTERNATE TARGET IS ATTACKED GROUPS WILL USE CAUTION NOT TO INTERFERE WITH OTHER GROUPS IN TARGET AREA.

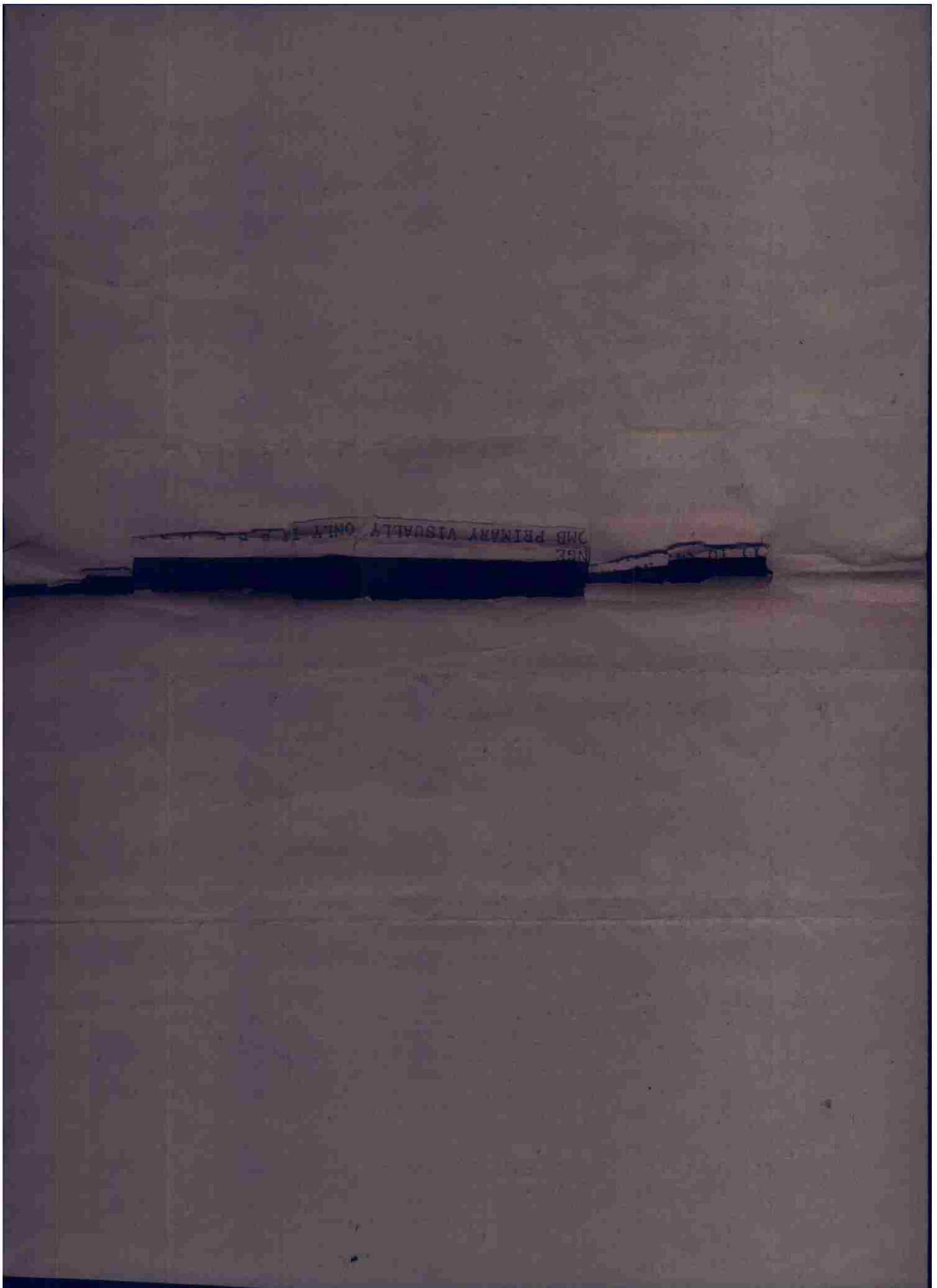
PLAN "A"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) FLAK POSITIONS AT E-96709846, E-96909604, E-97809600, E-98908778, E-92729700, E-96709320, E-97909516.
- (2) 14 A/C BOMBING BY ELEMENTS OF 2 A/C ON EACH FLAK POSITION.
- (3) WITH 2 A/C OR 416TH BOMB GROUP OVER 409TH BASE. (TIME AND ALTITUDE TO BE COORDINATED BY 97TH WING. 409TH WILL LEAD.)
- (9) ONE ELEMENT OF 2 A/C ON EACH FLAK POSITION.

3. B. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) FLAK POSITION AT E-93139678
- (2) 1 ELEMENT OF 2 A/C.
- (3) WITH 14 A/C FROM 409TH BOMB GROUP OVER 409TH BASE. (TIME AND ALTITUDE TO BE COORDINATED BY 97TH WING. 409TH WILL LEAD.)
- (9) ONE ELEMENT OF 2 A/C ON FLAK POSITION.



- X. (1-4) NO CHANGE.
 (5) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO E-6055 TO E-5396 TO Z-8119 TO V-2820 TO IP TO TARGETS.
 (6) ROUTE BACK: TARGETS LEFT TO RP AND RETRACE ROUTE.
 (7) ALTITUDES: BOMB: 10,500 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 (8) IP: V-1601.
 (9) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY N E TO S W.
 (10) BOMB LOAD: 20 X 260 LB. M-81 FRAGS FUSED INST. NOSE, NON-DELAY TAIL.
 (11) RP: V-1601.
 (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR MINUS 13 MIN.
 (13) IN THE EVENT FLAK POSITIONS CANNOT BE BOMBED VISUALLY GROUPS WILL ATTACK AN ALTERNATE TARGET AT A-43807760 AND COVER THE BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD.: 43607769, 43607735, 43957748, 43937773. ALTERNATE TARGET WILL BE BOMBED IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 (A) VISUAL
 (B) "GEE"
 (C) TARGET E.T.A.
 (14) OTHER GROUPS WILL BE OPERATING ON FLAK POSITIONS IN THE NEAR VICINITY AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES: ZERO MINUS 10 MIN, ZERO MINUS 03 MIN., ZERO PLUS 02 MIN., ZERO PLUS 07 MIN. GROUPS WILL USE EXTREME CAUTION.
 (15) FORMATION WILL REFORM AT THE RP AND EITHER PROCEED TO THE ALTERNATE TARGET OR RETURN TO BASE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE FORMATION LEADER, DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF A/C THAT HAVE BOMBED. ELEMENTS OF 2 A/C WILL NOT PROCEED TO ALTERNATE TARGET INDIVIDUALLY.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

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A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:
 (2) FUZZY

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:
 (2) FUZZY

PLAN "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:
 (2) LANDGIRL

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:
 (2) BLIZZARD

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:
 (2) VISION

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(2) PARADE D/D
 ROSELEE C/C

(11) ROSELEE C/C IF FIGHTER AID IS NEEDED.

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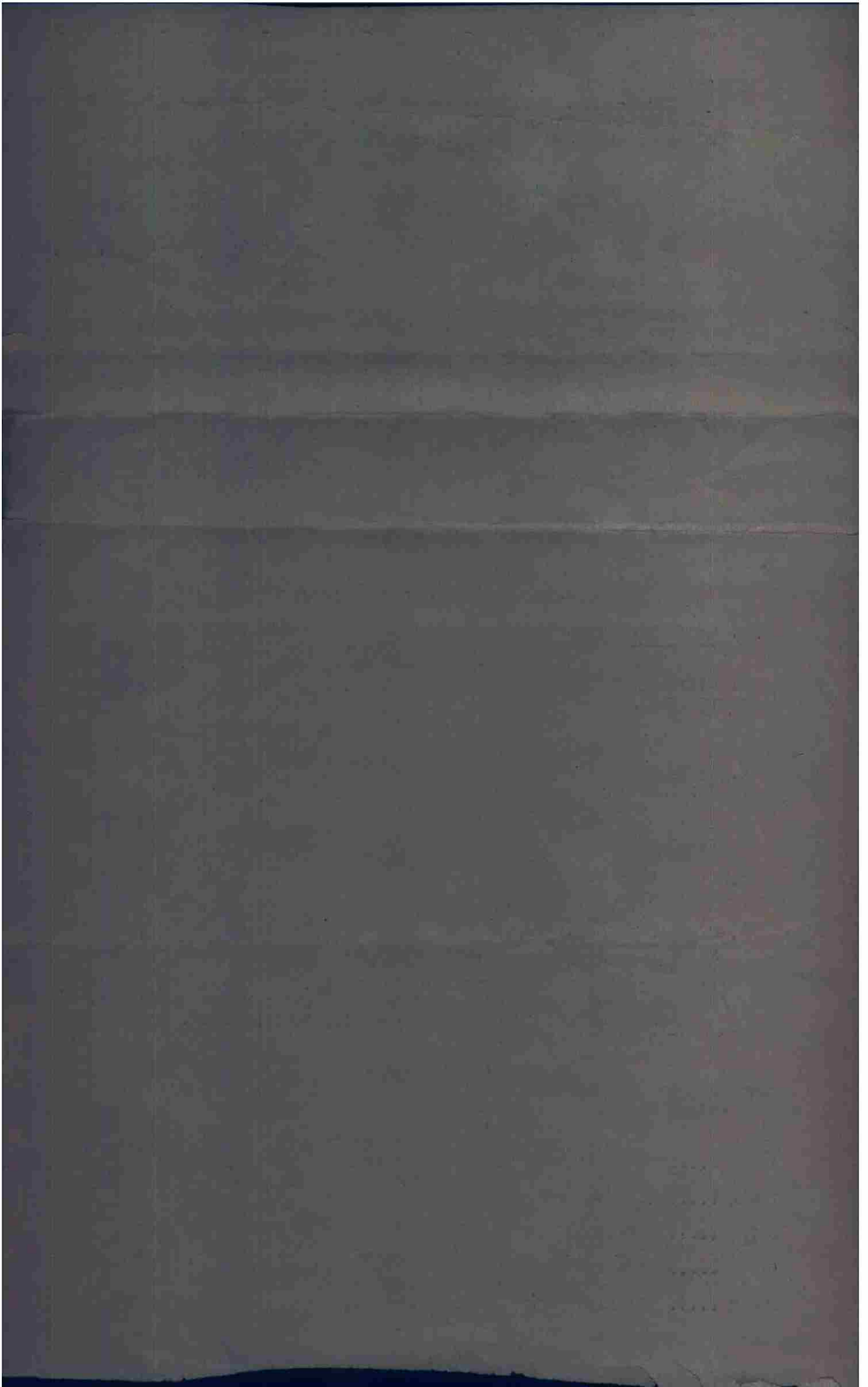
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ITA R 24/0313A IC AR

JES R 24/0313A MC AR

JKI R 24/0313A WFG AR

JPO R 24/0313A SK AR



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416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE RADAR OFFICER

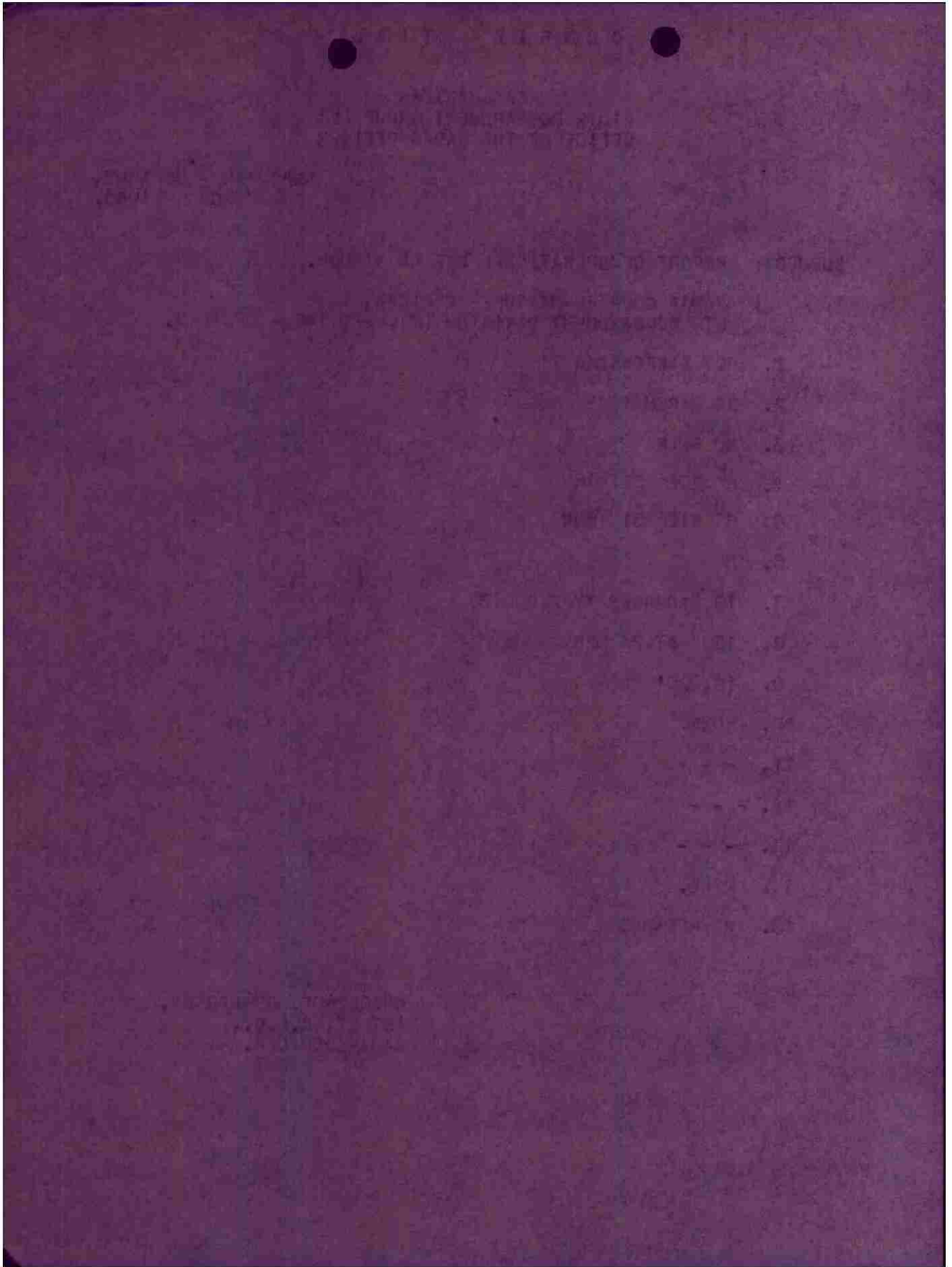
APO 140 - US ARMY,
24 MARCH 1945.

SUBJECT: REPORT OF OPERATIONAL USE OF WINDOW.

TO : RADAR COUNTER-MEASURES OFFICER,
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M), APO 140 - US ARMY.

1. RCM DISPENSING 71
2. 24 MARCH 1945
3. NO FLAK
4. 6⁰ 20E 52⁰ 18N
5. 6⁰ 41E 51⁰ 50N
6. 3
7. 18 PACKAGES TYPE 28 (B)
8. 150⁰ AT 24 MPH
9. 12,000'
10. NONE.
11. - - -
12. - - -
13. - - -
14. NONE.
15. NO REMARKS

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



JEA V JKI JKI 18/24 OP OP
T-(ITA)

FROM : HQ. 416TH BOMB GP (L) S-2 PI 24/1545A
TO : HQ 9TH BOMBER DIV. (M) A-2 PI
HQ 97TH WING (L), A-2 DUTY OFFICER

BT
SECRET 416BG R-550-D

B. FLAK POSITION (E93739678 COORD.)

J. RESULTS UNDETERMINED . NO CAMERAS WERE CARRIED IN THE SHIPS.

CAPT. CLAYTON W. ZEGIGER,

BT 24/143/1545A
WJF BB

JTA R.....24/1703A
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TO : HQ 9TH BOMBER DIV (M) A-2 PI

HQ 97TH WING (L) A-2 DUTY OFFICER

BT

SECRET 416BG R-549-D

B. IHILING KAMPS AREA (BOMBED ONE MILE EAST)

G. 0811

J. BOX I AMPI UNSAT: BOMBARDIER MIS-IDENTIFIED TARGET AND BOMBED ON EDGE OF TOWN OF RHEDE (MAP PI COORD 275605) 1 MILE E OF PRIMARY. 15 B/O OB BOMBS WITH IN 1000 FT OF AMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERNS 2045 FT N OF AMPI. BOMBS FELL IN TWO PATTERNS IN FIELDS AND ACROSS JUNCTION OF HWY AND RR. BOMBED ON BOX I AS INSTRUCTED BY FORMATION LEADER. BOMBS FELL IN FIELDS, ON SMALL BLDGS AND ACROSS ROADS 5155 FT N OF AMPI.

BOX II NAO

K. BOX I AMPI UNSAT; WEATHER; BOMBARDIER MISIDENTIFIED TARGET DUE TO HEAVY HAZE OVER ENTIRE TARGET AREA. BOX II BOMBED ON BOX I AS PERXEX PER INSTRUCTIONS OF FORMATION LEADER .

BOX II NAO

M. (A) 14 100 0/0

(B) 0 0

(C) 0 0

N. 5 BOMBS ON RR TRACKS, 8 BOMBS ON ROADS 3 BLDGS DAMAGED.

CAPT CLAYTON W. ZESIGER,

BT 24/1545A

WJF BBB

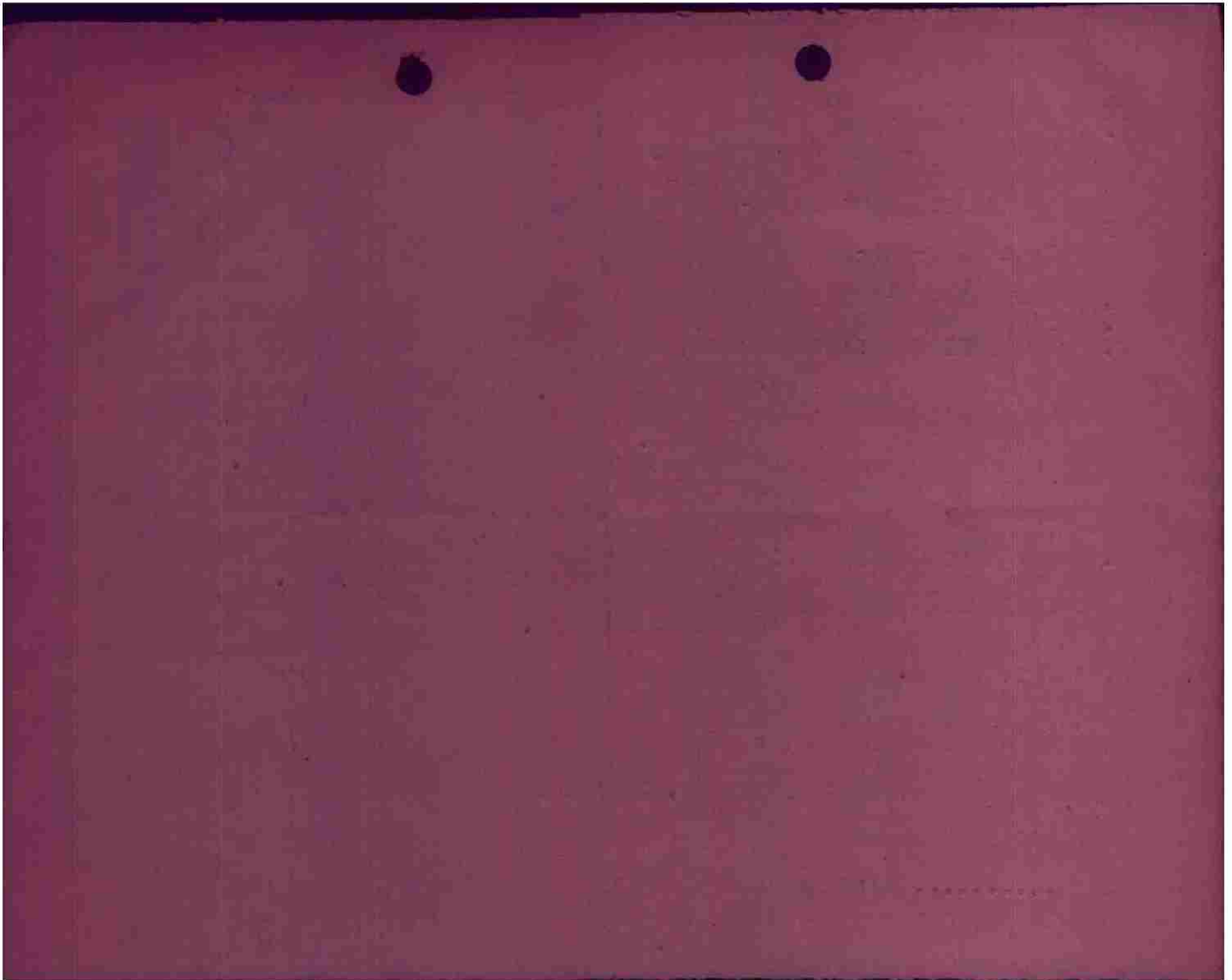
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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

AUTH: CO STA
DATE: 26 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. 355 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 24 March 1945
Mission or Operation No. 251 97th GEN FOR 222-214

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Thling Range Area
Place of take-off Station A-60
Place of landing Station A-60
Take-off time 0435 Landing time 0932
Time over target 0832 Bombing Altitude 11500-12400
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather Visibility 1-3 miles. Hum to 10000 feet.
Results Unst. APT
Enemy opposition None

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 43 A-26's

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.

38 Thling Range Area
2 Attacked target with 409 25 (risk
3 positions at E-72199678)
Window

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) None

8. Sorties 43

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(over)

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Notes: Two aircraft on this report were destroyed with the other aircraft to which a star position was assigned. They remained intact from 10000 feet reporting altitude. Results: 10000 feet 0107.

GEORGE SCHWEDEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

For the Commanding Officer:

- E. Destroyed
- F. Destroyed
- G. Destroyed

H. Enemy aircraft by type or description (to include claims):

Type of	1100	Co-pilot	New	Bomb	R.Gun	E.Gun	T.Gun
Destroyed	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Destroyed	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Destroyed	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Destroyed	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Destroyed	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Destroyed	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Destroyed	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

- E. Total Returned
- F. Total of wrecked on missing e/c
- G. Destroyed

H. Expended on operations: 1000 - 1000 (List targets separately) 1000 - 1000

I. Bombs, flares, etc. used: 1000 - 1000 (List targets separately) 1000 - 1000

J. Ammunition by caliber: 1000 - 1000 (List targets separately) 1000 - 1000

K. Night (Sunset to sunset) 1000 - 1000

L. Day (Sunset to sunset) 1000 - 1000

SECRET

FORM 374 (Rev. 1-4)

MISSION NO. 254

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

24 MARCH 1945

Intel
1. 497 E
Major L F Dunn
Lt W E Brewer
S/O A J Lehnair
Sgt J W Rose
Brig Gen E N Backus

4. 328 D
Lt W H Jones
S/S R J Brown
S/S H B Fessler

2. 505 Y
Lt O F Jacobsen
P/O R W Harvest
S/S A Pettinieschi

5. 326 W
Lt H Wallman
Sgt A Holt

3. 356 C
Lt H M VanNoorden
S/S R J Steffey

6. 335 W
Lt J H Wright
Sgt D O Simon

FLIGHT II

1. 469 A
Lt J E Blomgren
Lt G G Johnson
S/S L R Fleming

4. 351 F
Lt J A Willard
S/S C V Hinker

2. 314 H
Lt R O Martin
S/S L B Draft

5. 362 Y
Lt B A Smith
Sgt D A Richards

3. 244 I
Lt R W VanRope
S/S W H Klingman

6. 263 G
Lt E R Hayter
S/S F P Basford

FLIGHT III

1. 304 T
Lt D O Turner
Lt P J McGivern
S/S M R Reyes

4. 252 D
Lt J F Allen
S/S C W Vasey

2. 271 R
Lt F G Dunn
Sgt L O Stein

5. 229 B
Lt R W Baskell
Sgt E W Lea

3. 496 L
Lt G H Housley
Opl P J Block

6. 396 O
Lt R H Hackley
S/S O T Hawk
Sgt C W Williford

SPARE

297 T
Lt D A Pero
S/S T W Skelton

MISSION NO. 251

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

24 MARCH 1945

1. 490a X
Lt C J Brown
Lt J E Arns
S/S R E Sunderland

4. 239 N
Capt S M Hixon
S/S A H Hinson

2. 501 W
Lt H Popenay
Lt C F Fry
S/S W E Arnett

5. 352 J
Lt G L Wilhorn
Sgt D E McNellis

3. 313 B
Lt A Ramiszewski
S/S J H Miguez

6. 325 L
Lt A J P Winn
S/S W G Davis

FLIGHT II

1. 508 E
Capt C S Stanley
F/O J H Blount
Sgt J C Esenburn

3. 274 S
Lt L J Frusha
S/S W E Lamonds

5. 495 G
Lt A S Nathanson
Sgt C M Hicks

2. 378 O
Lt J H Carver
S/S A B Stewart

4. 385 D
Lt J H Montrose
S/S E P Brzezinski

6. 305 U
Lt L R Zeimet
S/S J H Roberts

FLIGHT III

1. 528 T
Lt H B Hall
F/O T L Goss
S/S S J Majewski

3. 205 M
Lt E G Bishop
Sgt M C Harris

5. 224 E
Lt A G Hanson
Sgt F R Urbancic

2. 330 P
Lt A R Turner
S/S J A Hunter

4. 416 O
Lt R B Singletary
S/S E G Higgins

6. 2315 L
E/O S B Boerner
Sgt M E Showers

WIDOW

1. 431 F
Capt H L Sommers
Lt K A Vollmeyer
S/S G E Reiter
S/S L L Richardson

2. 259 H
Capt H W Borman
Sgt R J Perajo
Pfc D O Finnell

3. 264 I
Lt J T Wallace
Sgt J Q Krantz
Sgt R Plant

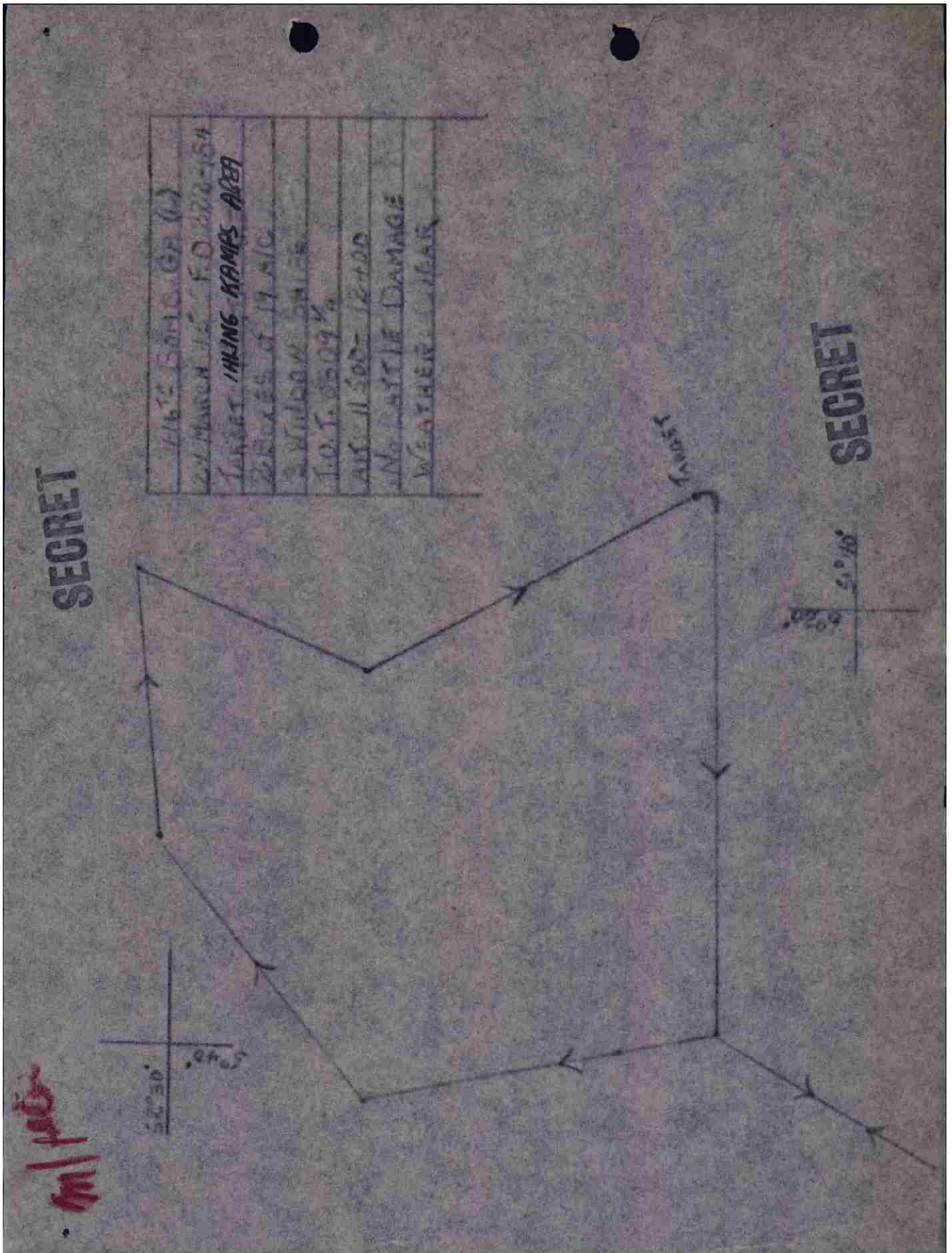
SPECIAL FLIGHT WITH 409th BOMB GROUP

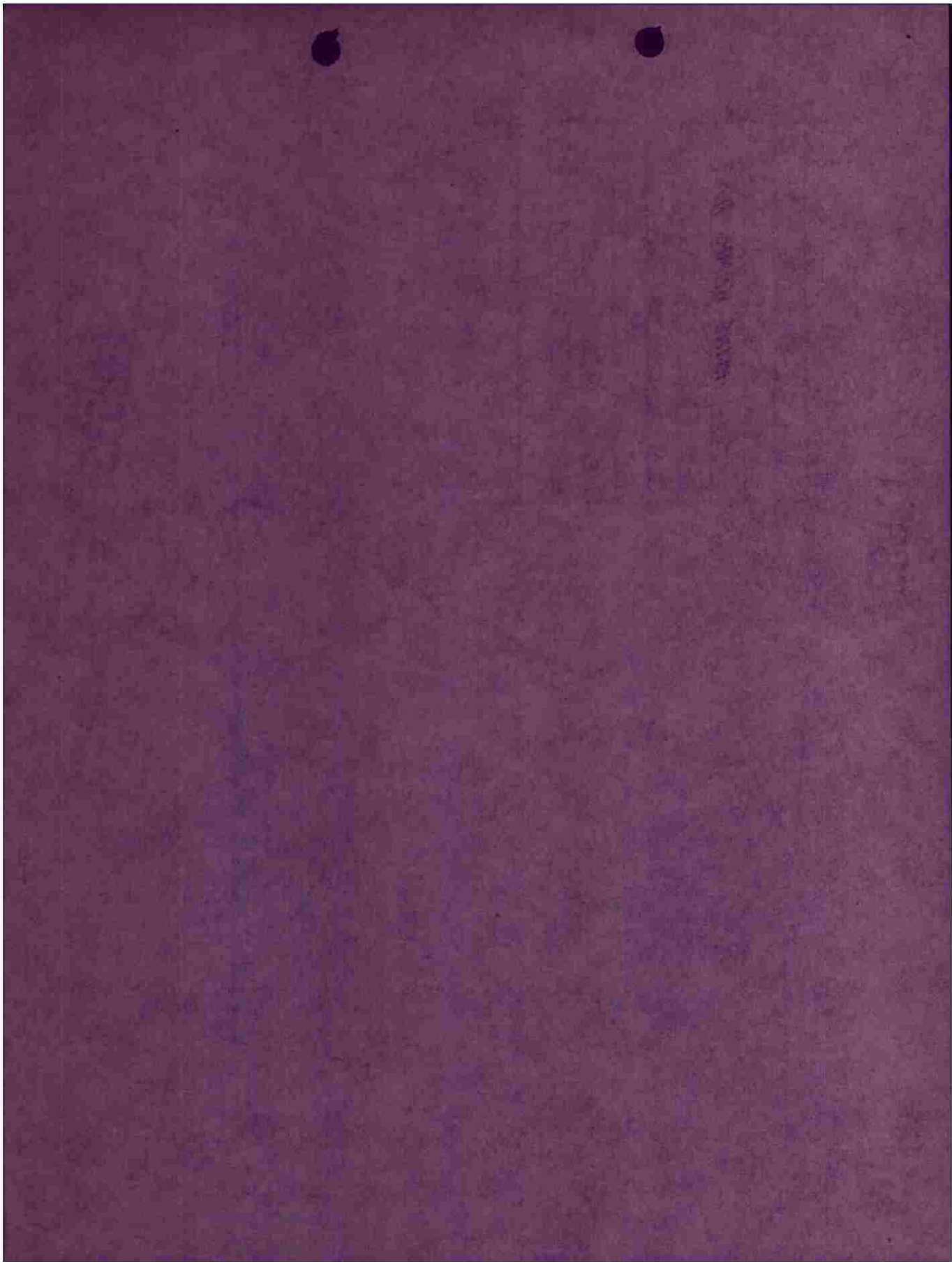
1. 509 N
~~Lt C B Jordan~~
~~Lt R F Mulgren~~
S/S K F Jensen

2. 498 R
Lt W L Hale
Sgt G L Calabrese

SPARE

250 A
Capt A C Sears
M/Sgt J J Wells





JEA V JKI 09/30 P P

FROM COBOMGR 416 301600A
TO COMCBTWING 97

BT
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- A. YS - 79A
- B. 24 MARCH 1945 (0635-0932)
- C. E-EASY REPORTED OPS COMPLETED TO PARADE AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
- D. REPORTING TO FIGHTER CONTROL WAS NOT NECESSARY ON THIS MISSION.
- E. THRU K - NONE.

---AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416---

BT 301600A

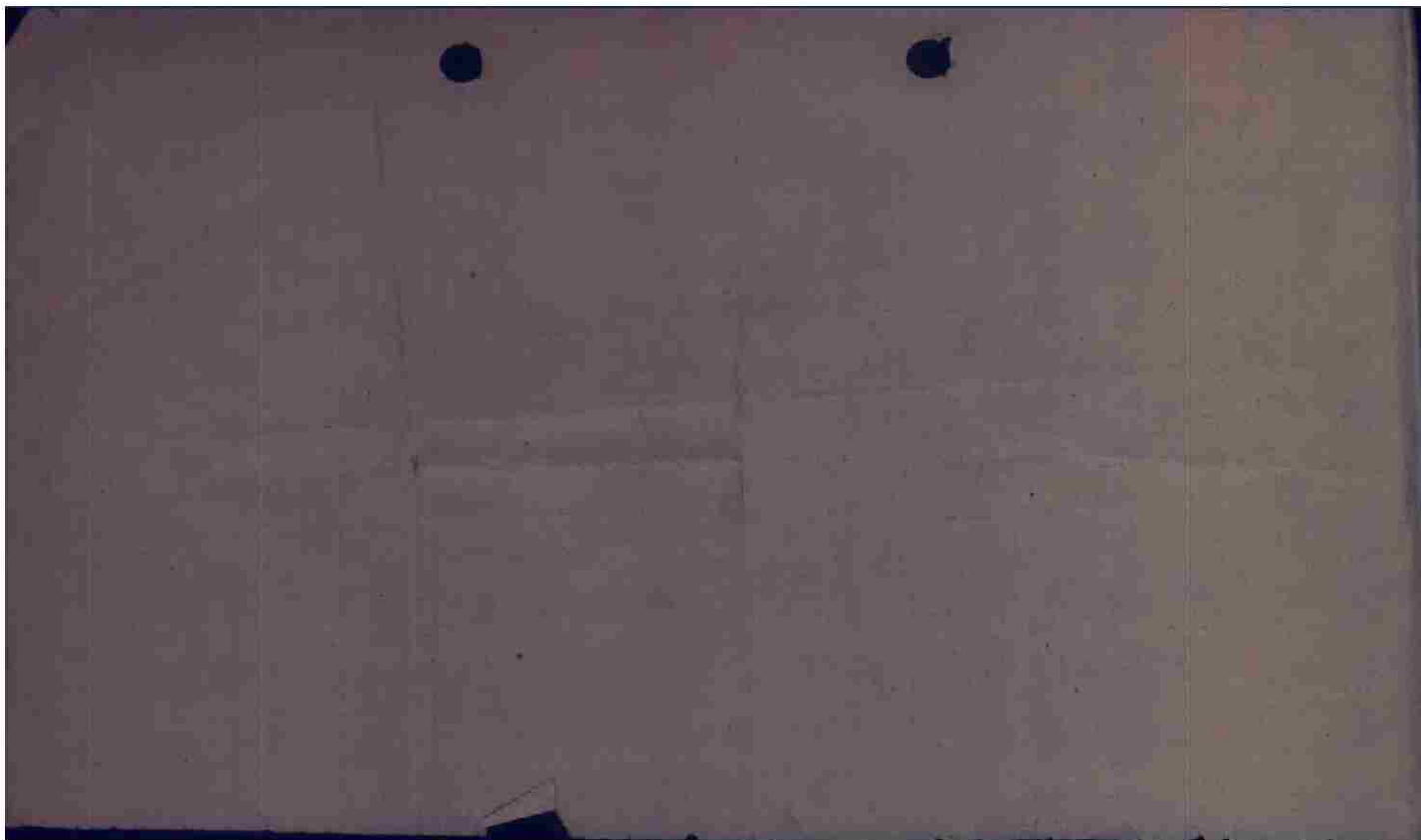
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Box #	Opsfl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader
I		24 March 1945				DUNN

A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.
Pos. No.	Reason	P. S. O.	T. S. J. F. R.	M. D. A. A. G. B. E. D. P. D. K. W. M.		
497 E			30			
356 C			30			
505 Y			30			
328-D			30			
335 W			30			
326 W			30			
304 T			30			
4016 L			30			
271 R			30			
252 D			30			
238 C			30			
229 B			30			
469 A			30			
244 I			30			
314 H			19			
351 F			18			
263 G			18			
362 Y			10			
297-T			30			

353

497-E
DUNN

356-C
VAN NEDDEN

505-Y
JACOBSEN

328-D
WRIGHT

335-W
WRIGHT

326-W
WRIGHT

304-T
WRIGHT

4016-L
WRIGHT

271-R
WRIGHT

252-D
WRIGHT

238-C
WRIGHT

229-B
WRIGHT

469-A
WRIGHT

244-I
WRIGHT

314-H
WRIGHT

351-F
WRIGHT

263-G
WRIGHT

362-Y
WRIGHT

297-T
WRIGHT

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	_____
(Obtained from Recaps)		Where _____

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

2 - 18 36
 2 - spares 2
 3 Window $\frac{3}{41}$

353
 380
 733

II

Box #

Opstl

Date
24 March

F/O

Target

Alt.

Box Leader
Brown

T/O
TOT

15 min.

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A/C

Fell to Bomb

ATT

Bomb Disp

A/C Dam

E/A

Pers.

L/D

A/C	Fell to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.	L/D
490 X							
313 B							
501 L							
239 N							
325 L							
352 J							
528 T							
205 M							
330 P							
416 O							
2315 L							
224 E							
308 Z							
274 J							
328 C							
385 D							
305 U							
495 G							
250 A							

490-X
Brown

313-B
Remizinski

239 N
HIXON

325 L
LINN

352-J
MILHORN

501-L
ROPENNEY

528-T
HALL

205-M
BISHOP

330-P
TURNAN

416-O
SINLETARY

2315-L
ROETNER

224-E
HENSON

308-Z
ZEMET

328-C
NATHANSON

385-D
STANLEY

274-J
PRUGH

305-U
CAREER

495-G
SEARS

250-A
SEARS

TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

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

C.

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

D.

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

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

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

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

481-P
SOMMERS ✓
264 I ✓ 259 H
WALLACE BOEDMAN

TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

(2) No. a/c off by type: _____

A-20G's _____

A-20G'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	_____
(Obtained from Recaps)		Where _____

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PILOT MARTIN A/C# 314 H BOX I FLT II

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS : <u>19</u> X <u>265</u> ON		BATTLE DAMAGE					
<u>1</u> X <u>265</u> RETURNED	:	"A"	:	"A-C"	:	"E"	:
X JETTISONED	:		:		:		:

FLAK : Fired on three planes of another group. No flak fired at this flight.

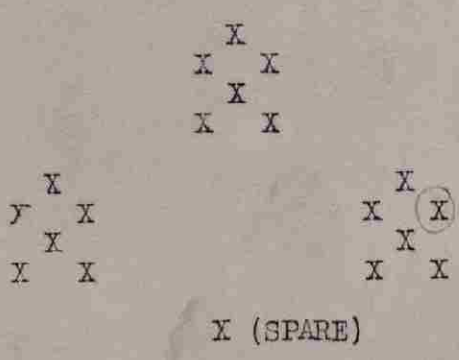
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

None.

OBSERVATIONS :

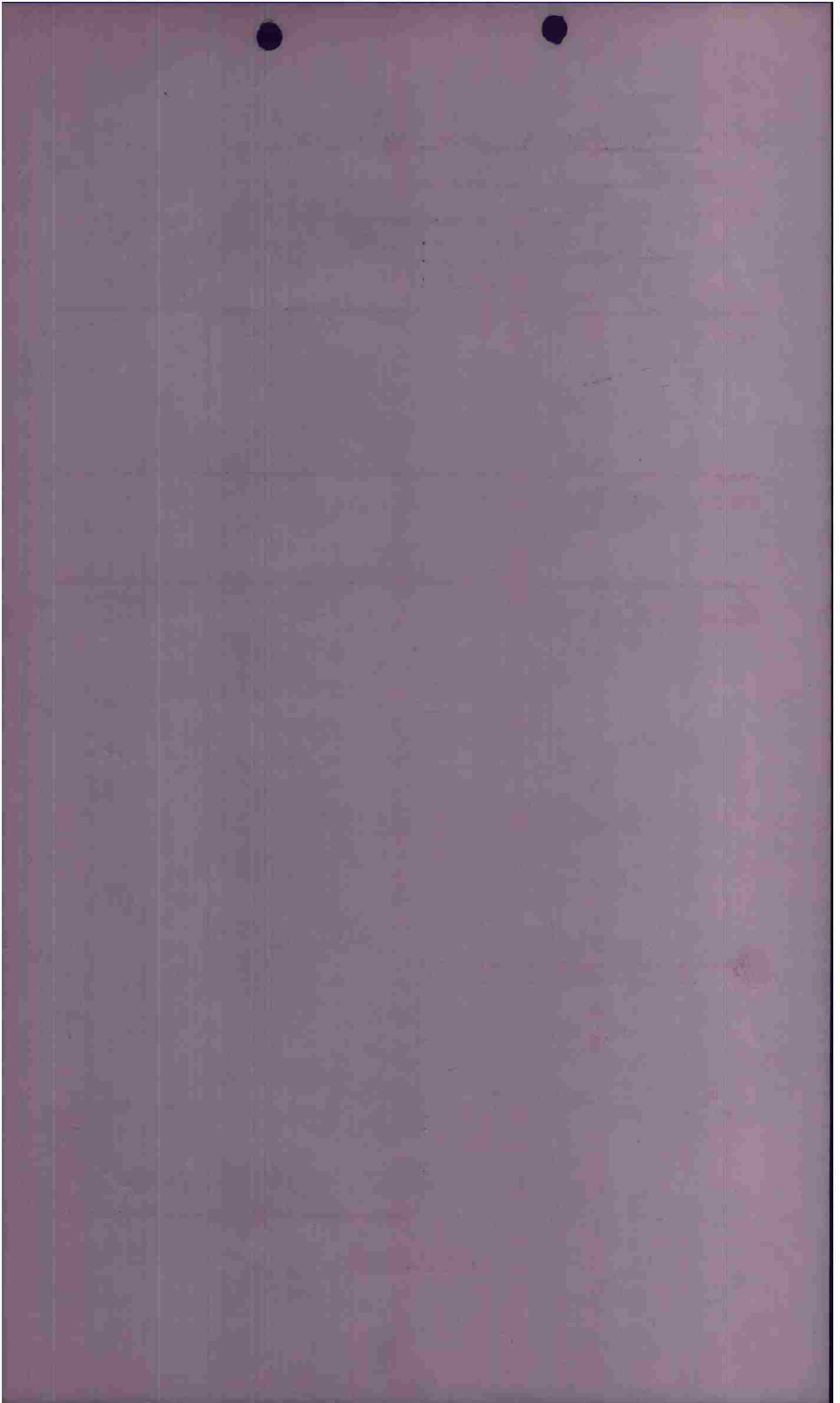
None, gunner busy trying to loose bomb.
Arm on release tent, and gunner could not get it loose in time so did not drop bomb.

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PILOT DUNN, MAJOR A/C# 497-E BOX I FLT I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : <u>20 X M81</u> ON <u>P</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>Nil</u>		

FLAK : Ahead & right on Bomb him - not at this formation.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

0809 1/2
12,400 alt.

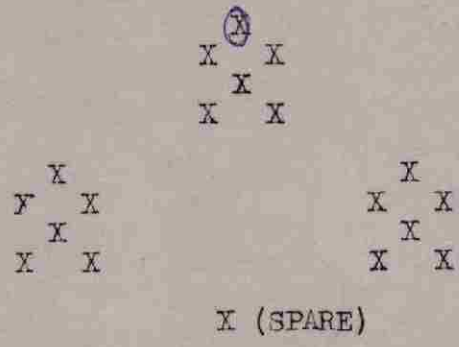
Trouble seen byt.

PFF said equipment wasn't working too well & an engine cut out

Leader told him w/d bomb vis.

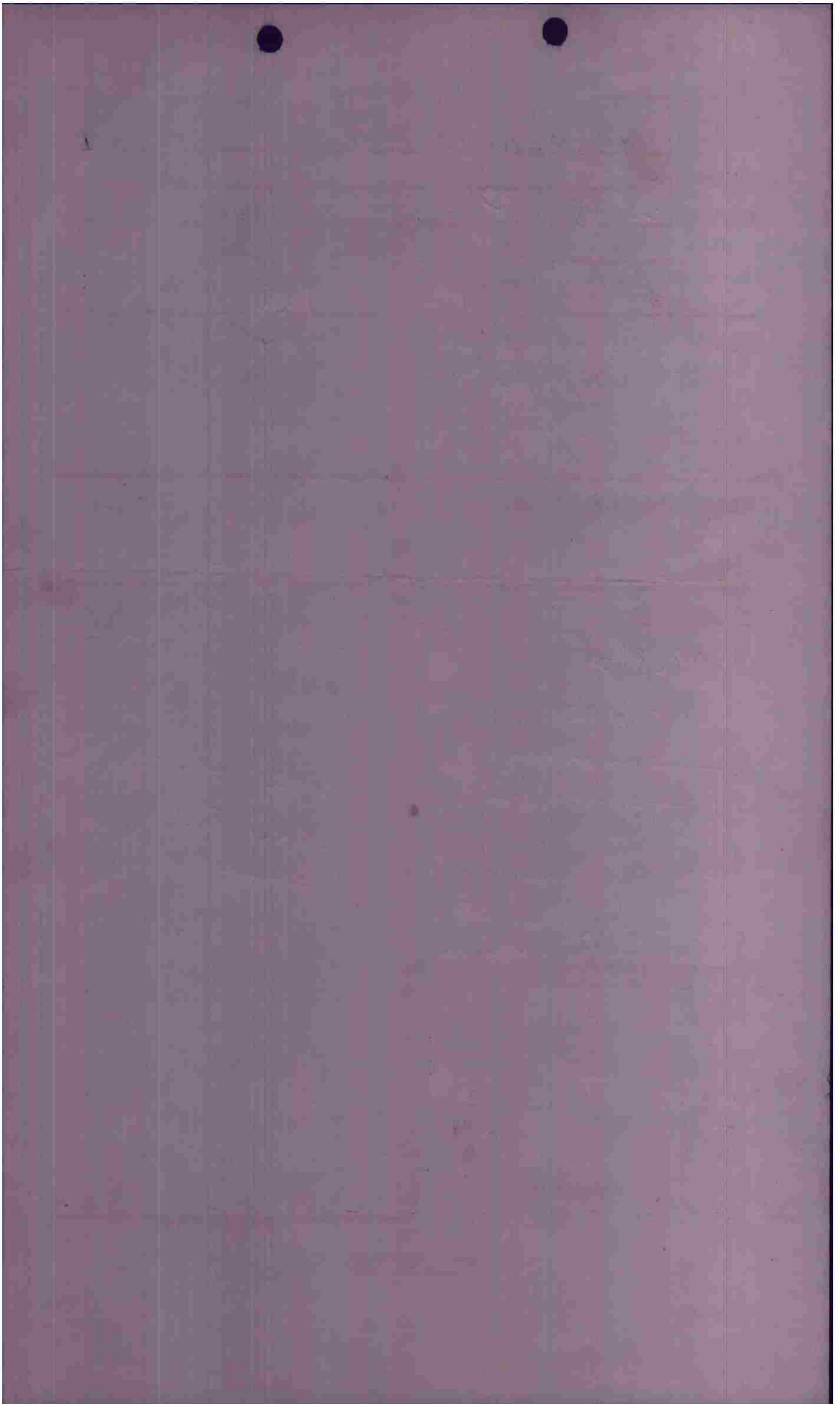
look over 5 mi from byt

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CASUALTIES

RATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

57A 58

W.A.C.

11

X

JETTISONED

FLAK :

To right of IP and just before turn off
leg to IP. Predicted concentration XXH!

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Bandits called - none seen
Puffin across road

Zig zag trenches just south of E - W
road near target area.

707 810%

Alt 12,100

afis 180° mag.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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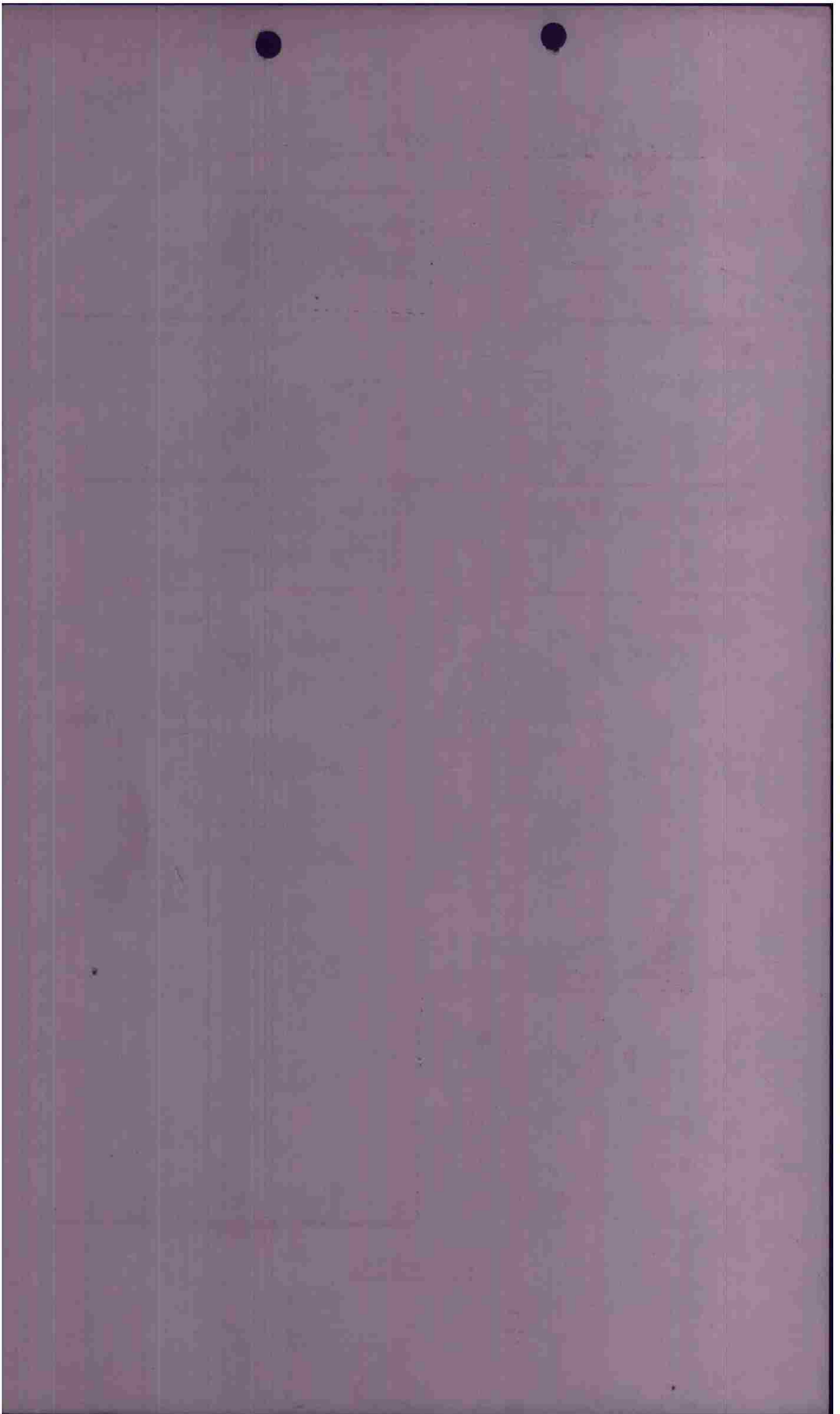
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X (SPARE)

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PILOT TURNER A/C# 304 T BOX I FLT III

CASUALTIES nil

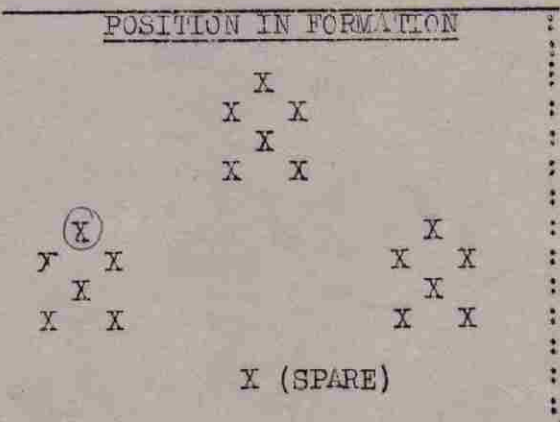
BOMBS :		ON <u>Primary</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED	:	"A"	:	"E"
	X	JETTISONED	:	<u>nil</u>	:	

FLAK : One burst right over target.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
nil.

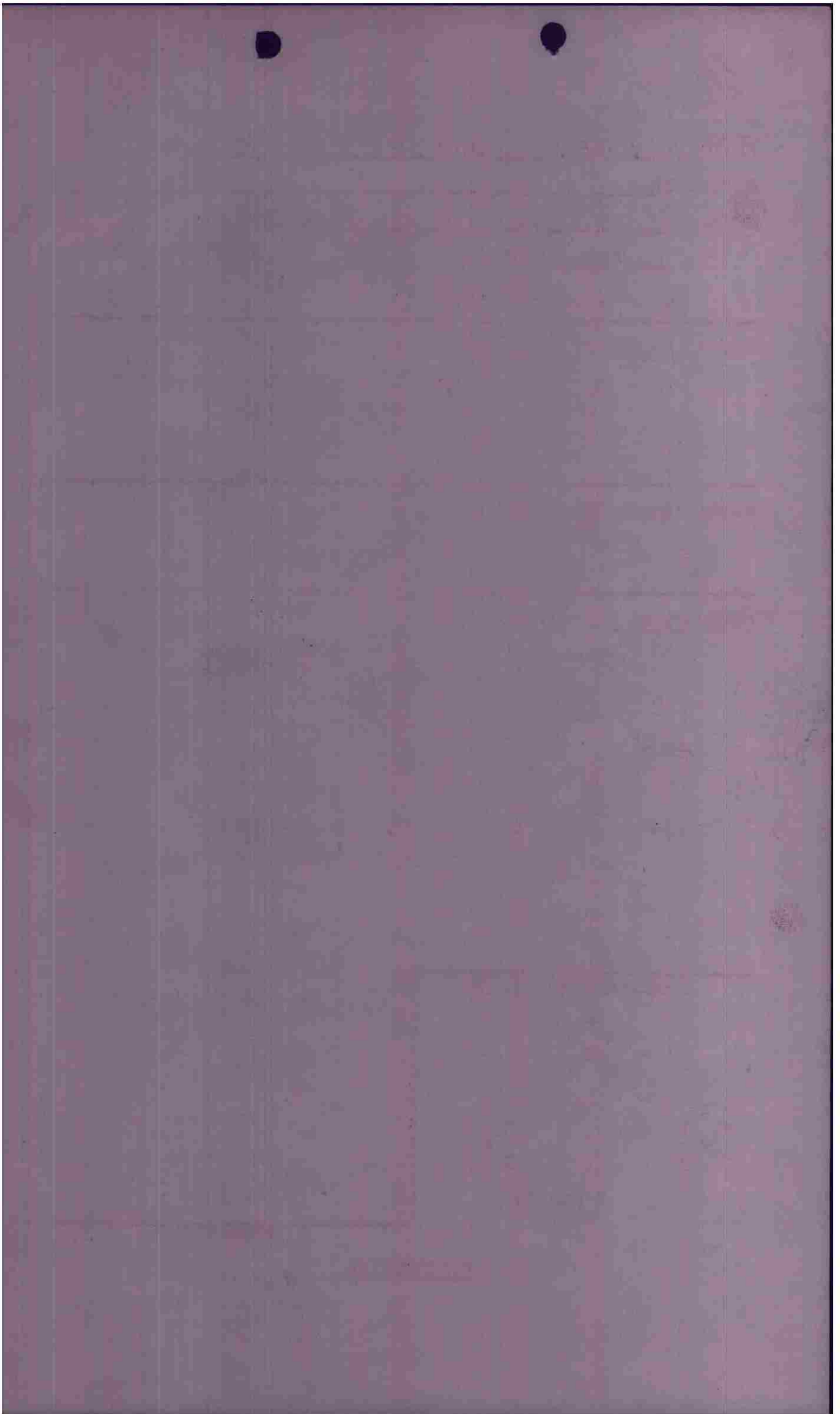
OBSERVATIONS : Bombed visually by boxes
Possibly hit over.

TIME 0812
Head ~~180~~ 185°
ALT. 12300
IAS ~~185~~ 185-190



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PILOT WILLARD A/C# 351-F BOX I EST IT

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : before I P- to it in front XXXH1 for ft.
at I. P- XH1 - off to it quite a ways off

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :



Spills below.
on B. R.

OBSERVATIONS : Some on edge of town others hit
junction E of Bochart.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

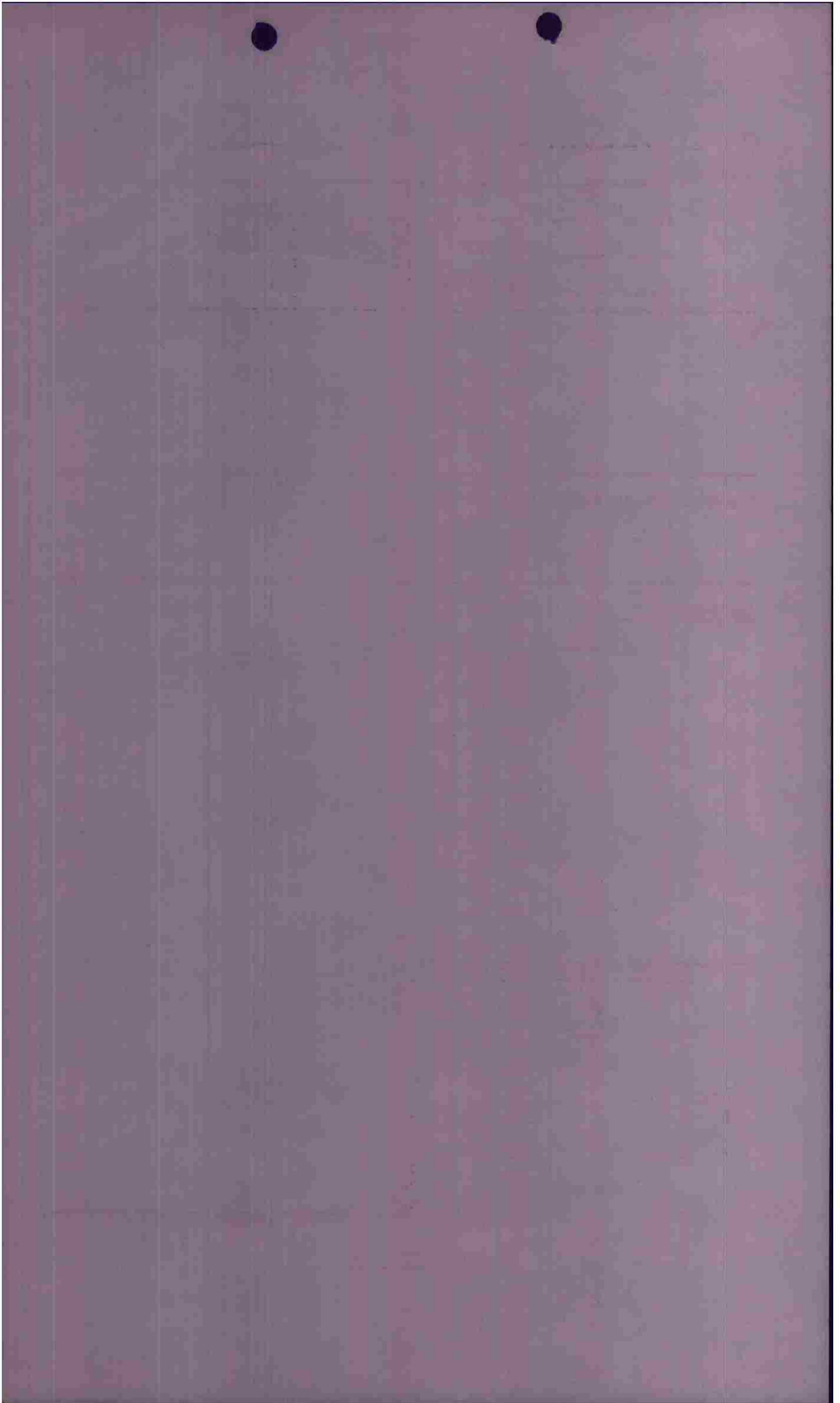
X X X
X X X
X X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT HAYTER A/C# 263-6 BOX I FLT II

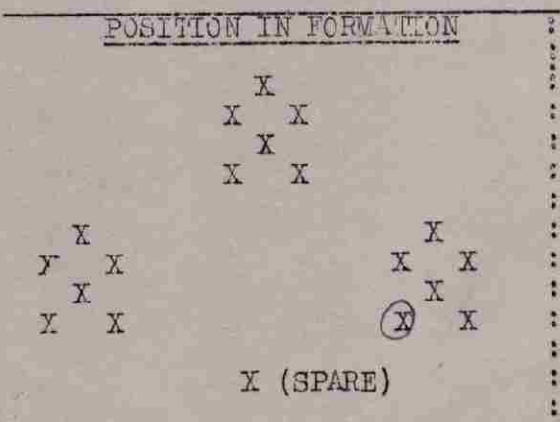
CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : *at 1st turn in Holland - 2500 yds to W.*
XXX H1 - barrage.

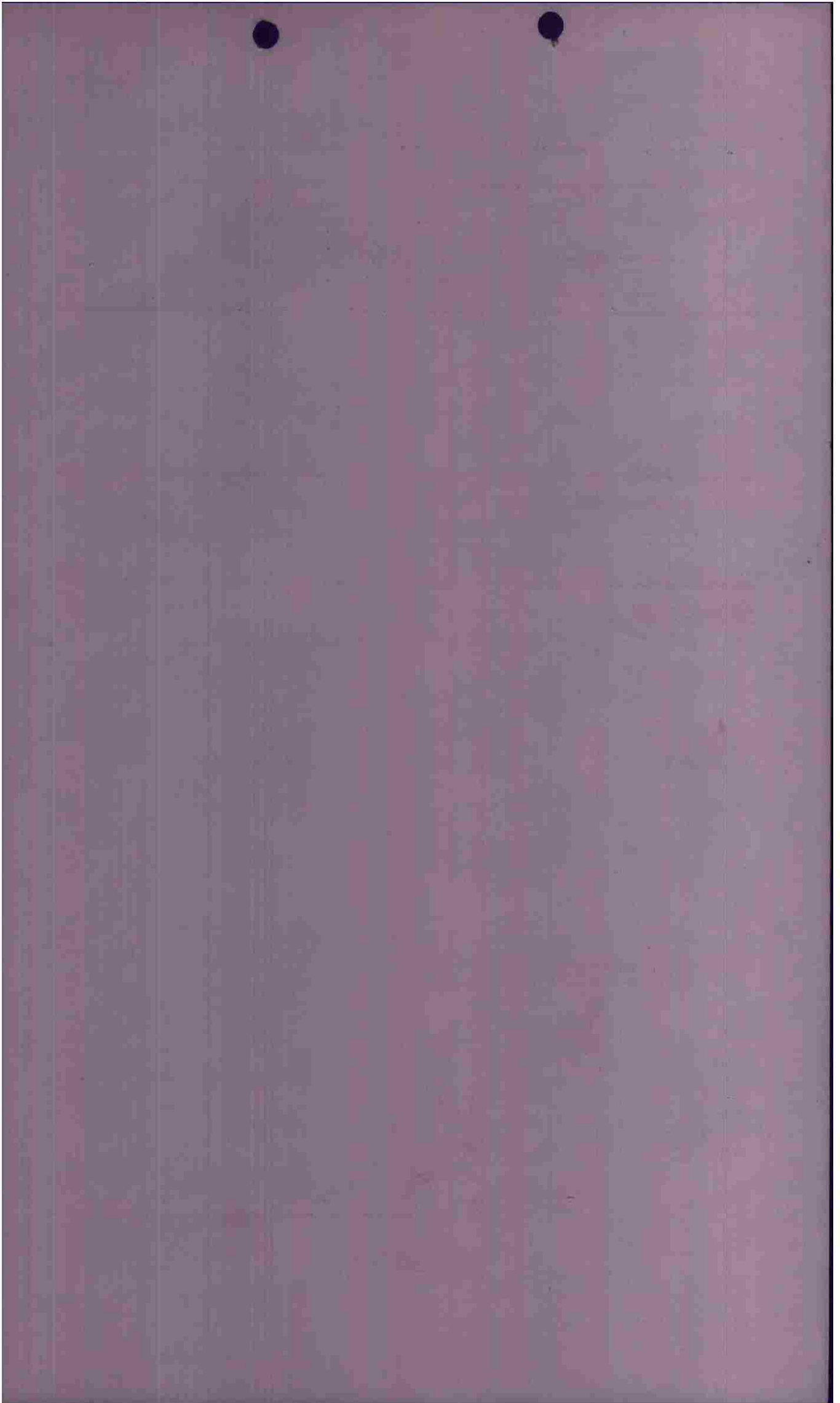
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : *Black - below way have been*
split - before I.P.

OBSERVATIONS : *hit in houses field W of Indus road*
10 miles in ^{one B.L. exposure} - huts on grounds camouflaged
bldegs - in wooded area squared off objects. shot
at missen huts on rds.



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PILOT VAN NORDEN A/C# 351-C BOX I FLT I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20</u> <u>X260</u> ^{frag} <u>ON P.T.</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE <u>X</u>		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : Borise Beng Shred at another formation stay
our I.P. -
None at 79k

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X-

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs hit right on target -
Haze on ground -

POSITION IN FORMATION

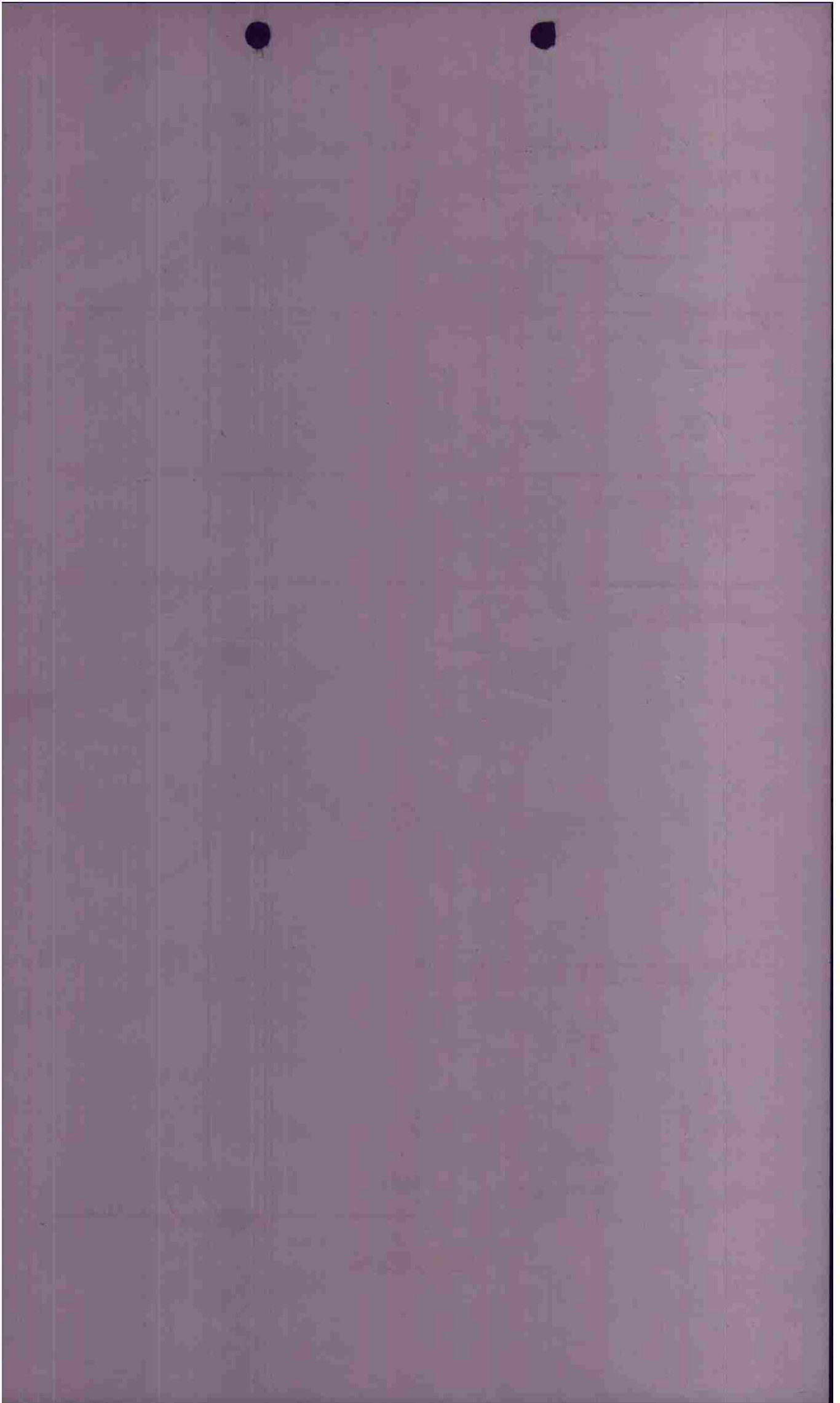
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 X (SPARE)

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PILOT FERO A/C# Z92-T BOX I SPARE FLT

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20 X 260</u> ON <u>P.T.</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE <u>X</u>			
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"	
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED				

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS : None

POSITION IN FORMATION

X

X X

X

X X

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X X

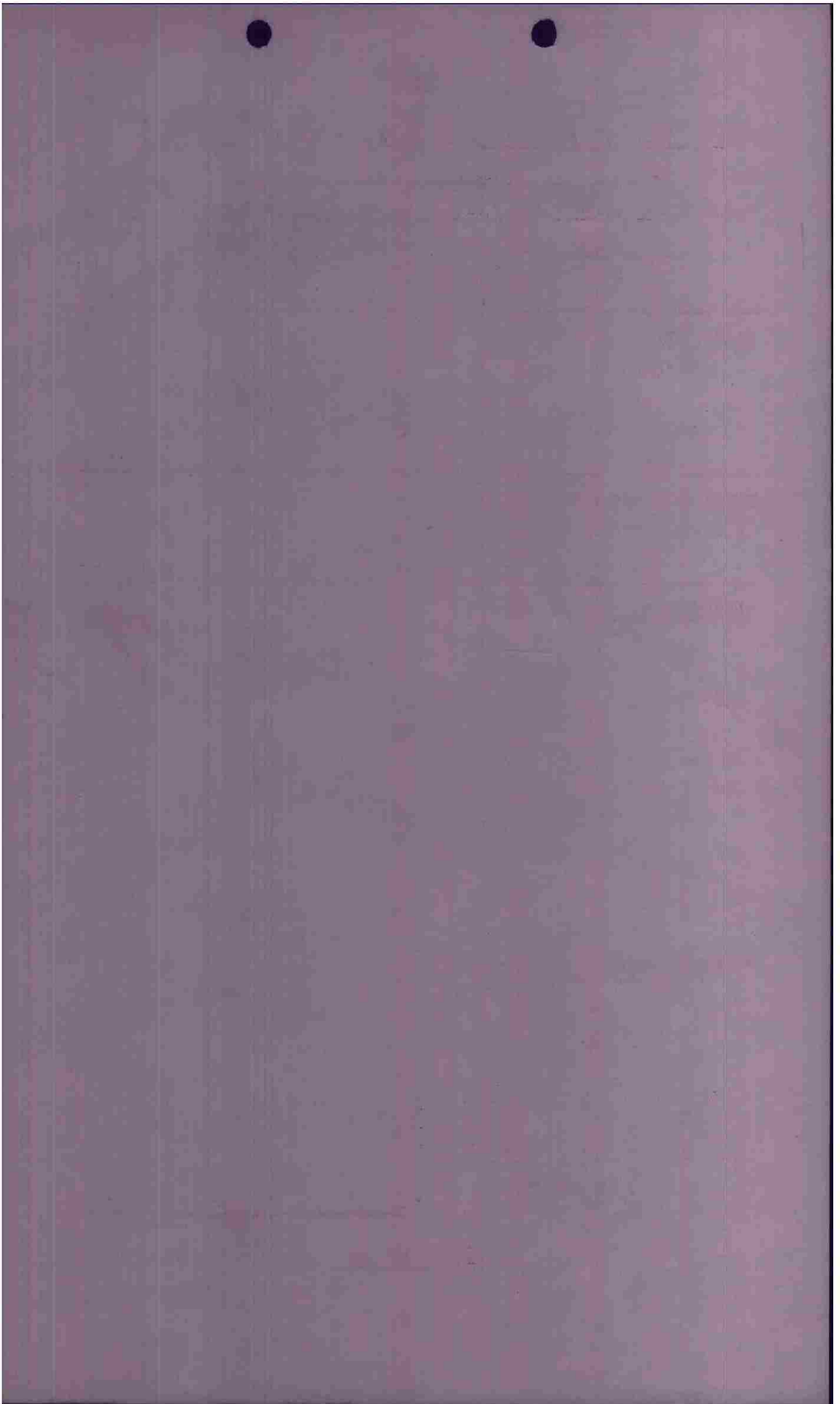
X X

X X

(X) (SPARE)

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PILOT WRIGHT A/C# 335-4 BOX I FLT I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20</u> <u>X-260</u> ON <u>PT</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

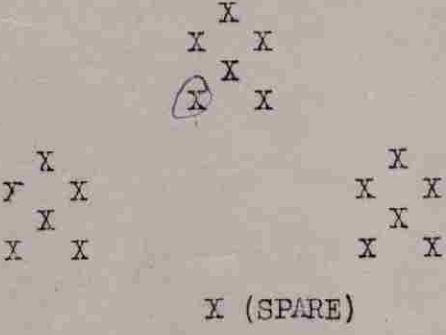
FLAK : X-

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

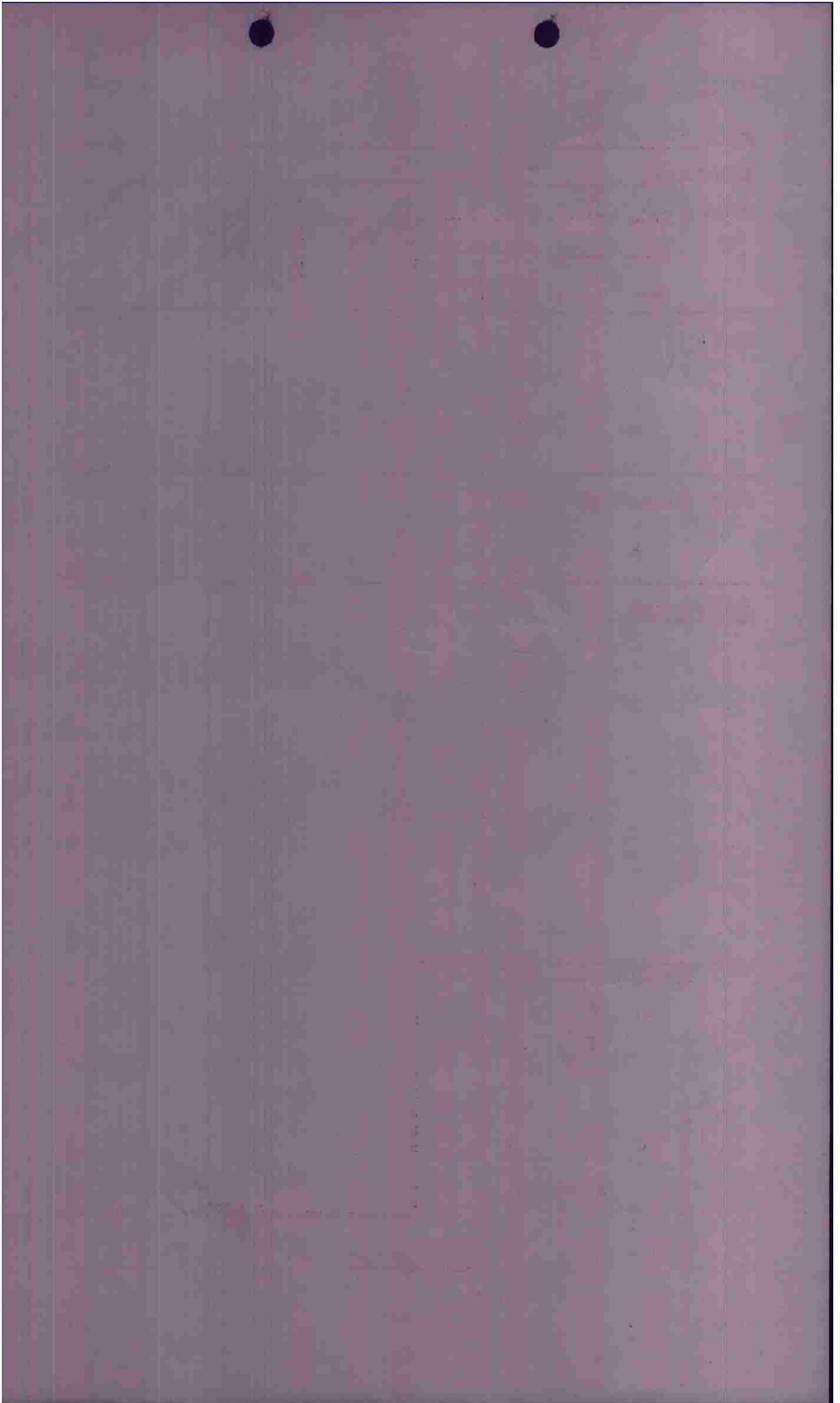
OBSERVATIONS : - None, haze

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT ALLEN A/C# 2520 BOX I FILE III

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20</u> X <u>260</u> ON <u>PT</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS : None

POSITION IN FORMATION

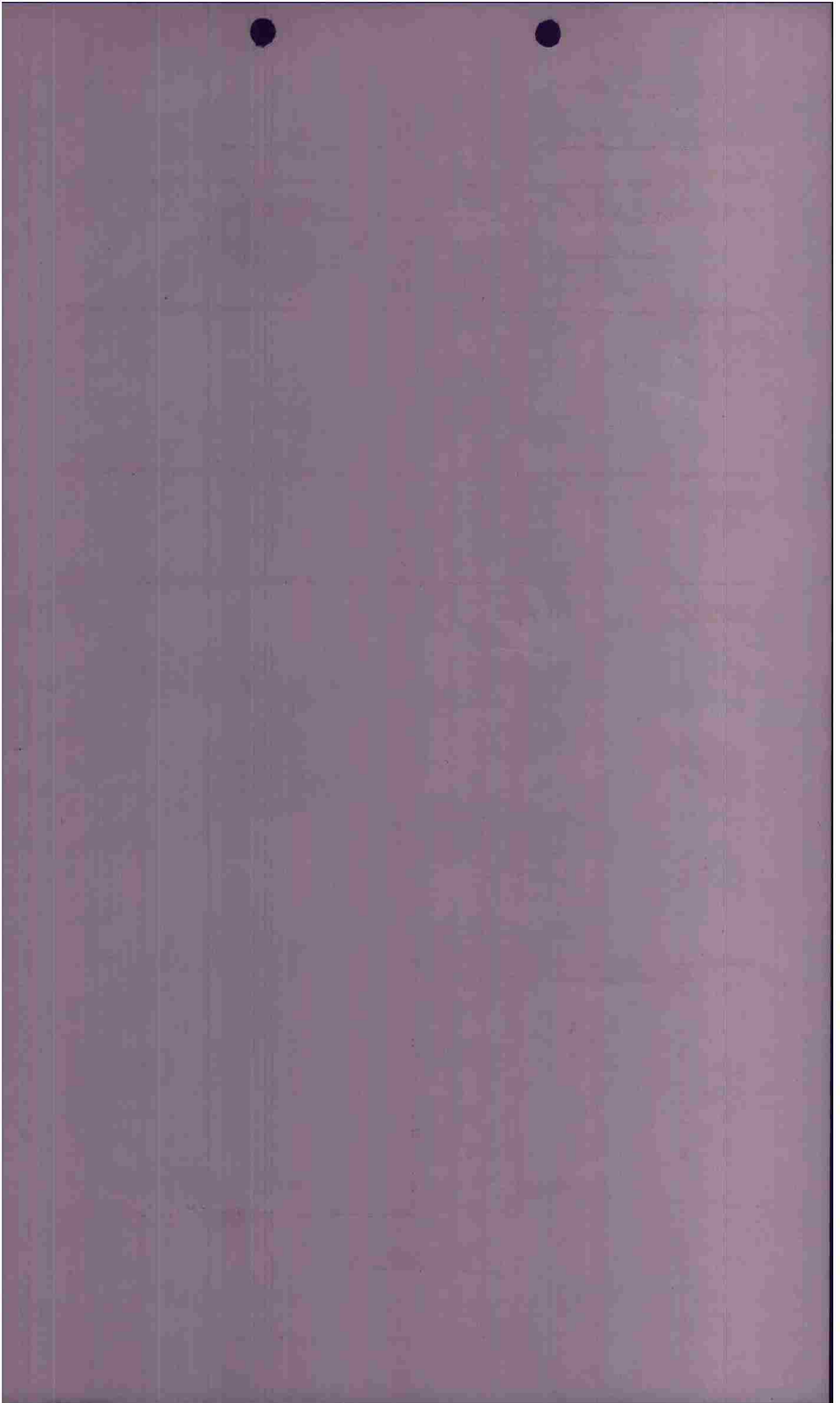
 X
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Y X X X
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 X X X

 X (SPARE)

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INFLUENCE OF POLYMER

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>30</u>	X	<u>260</u>	ON	<u>PT</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>			RETURNED		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>			JETTISONED				

FLAK : Barrage about 2 miles to right of
Course [0755 to 0805]

Fixed at another scenario -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

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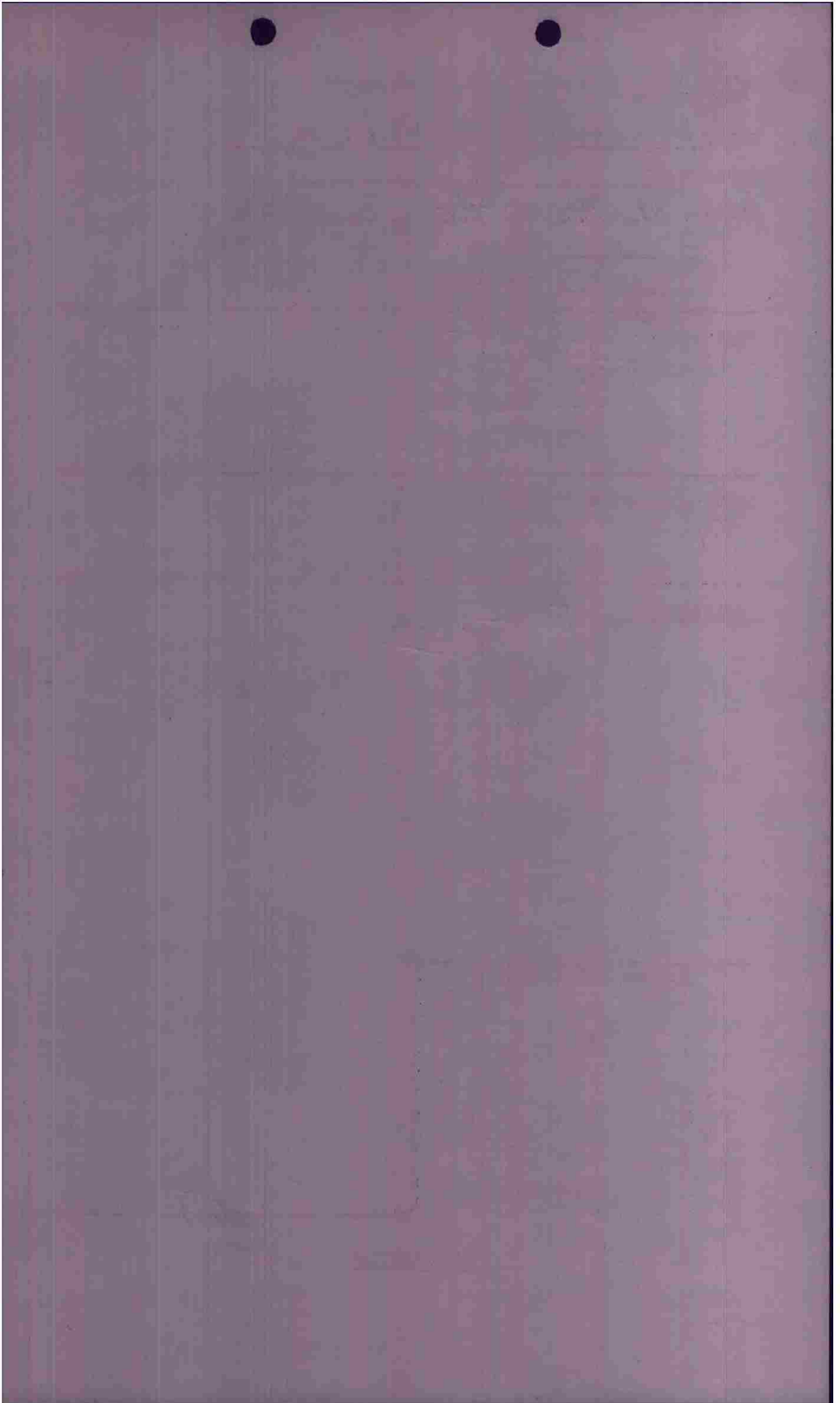
OBSERVATIONS : None - h2e

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT S M I T H A/C# 262-7 BOX I FLEET II

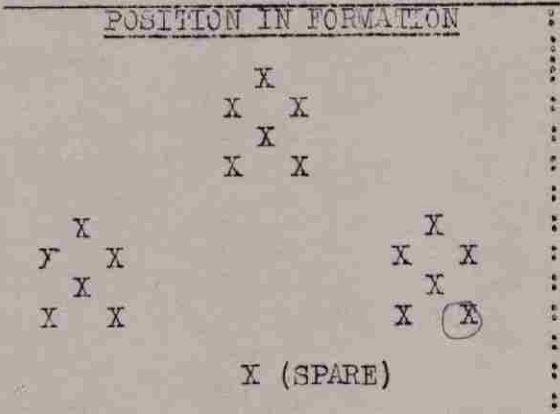
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>10</u> X <u>260</u> ON		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>only 10 carried</u> X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK : Concentration of HFF near IP very inaccurate.
Apparently not fired at any thing

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

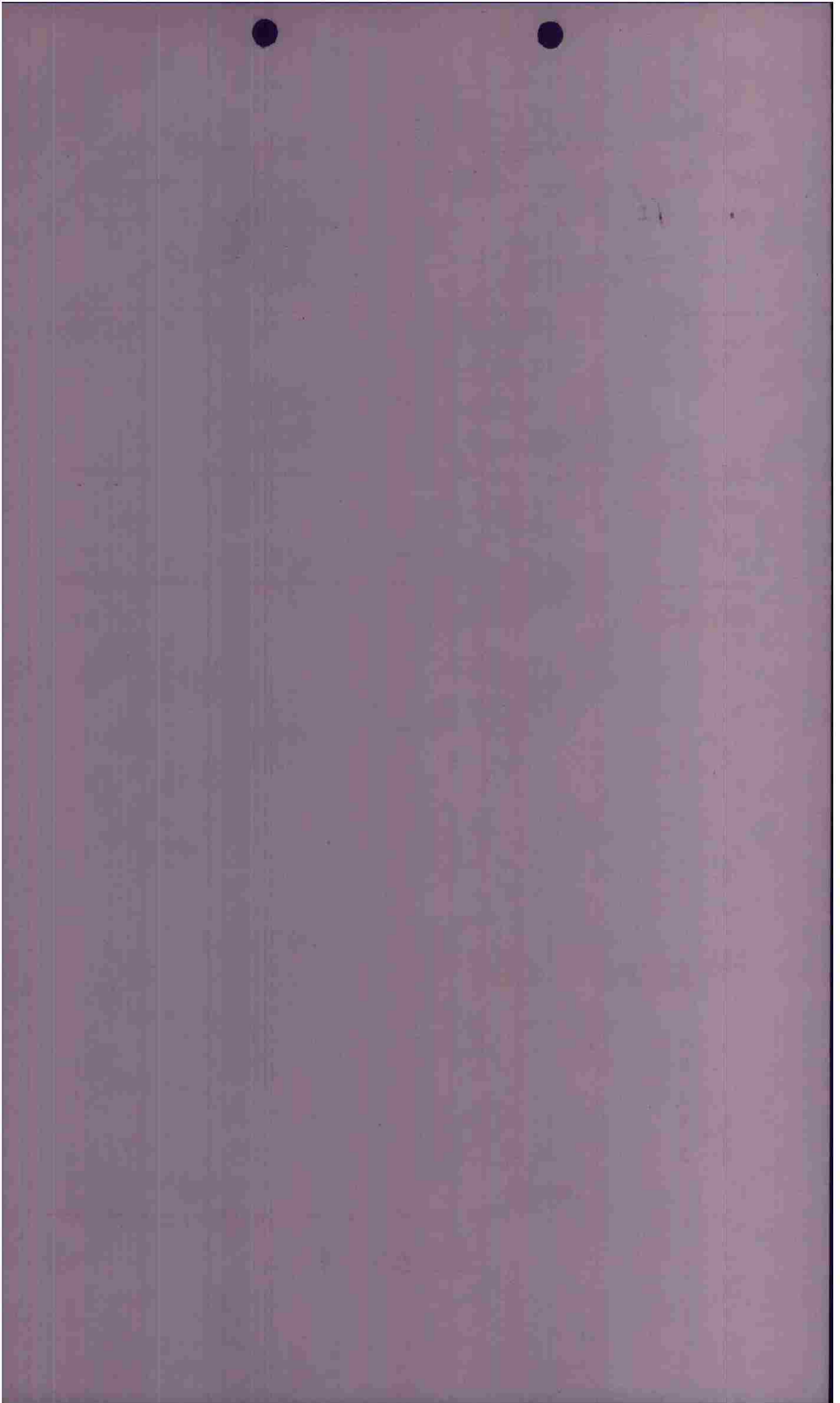
OBSERVATIONS : nil



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PILOT HACHLEY A/C# 338-0 BOX I FLT III

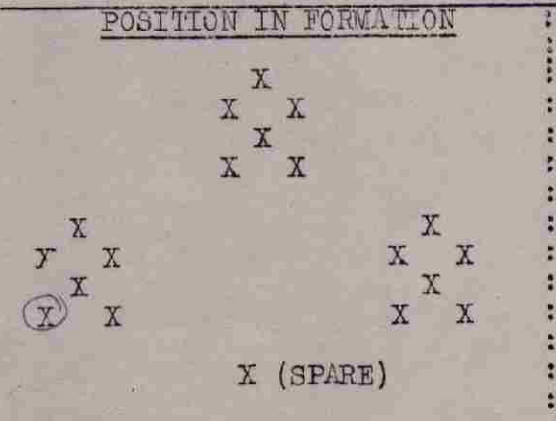
CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS <u>20</u> X <u>260</u> ON _____		BATTLE DAMAGE		
X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK : ~~XH1~~ ~~XH2~~ XH1 - doesn't know where - but close to IP

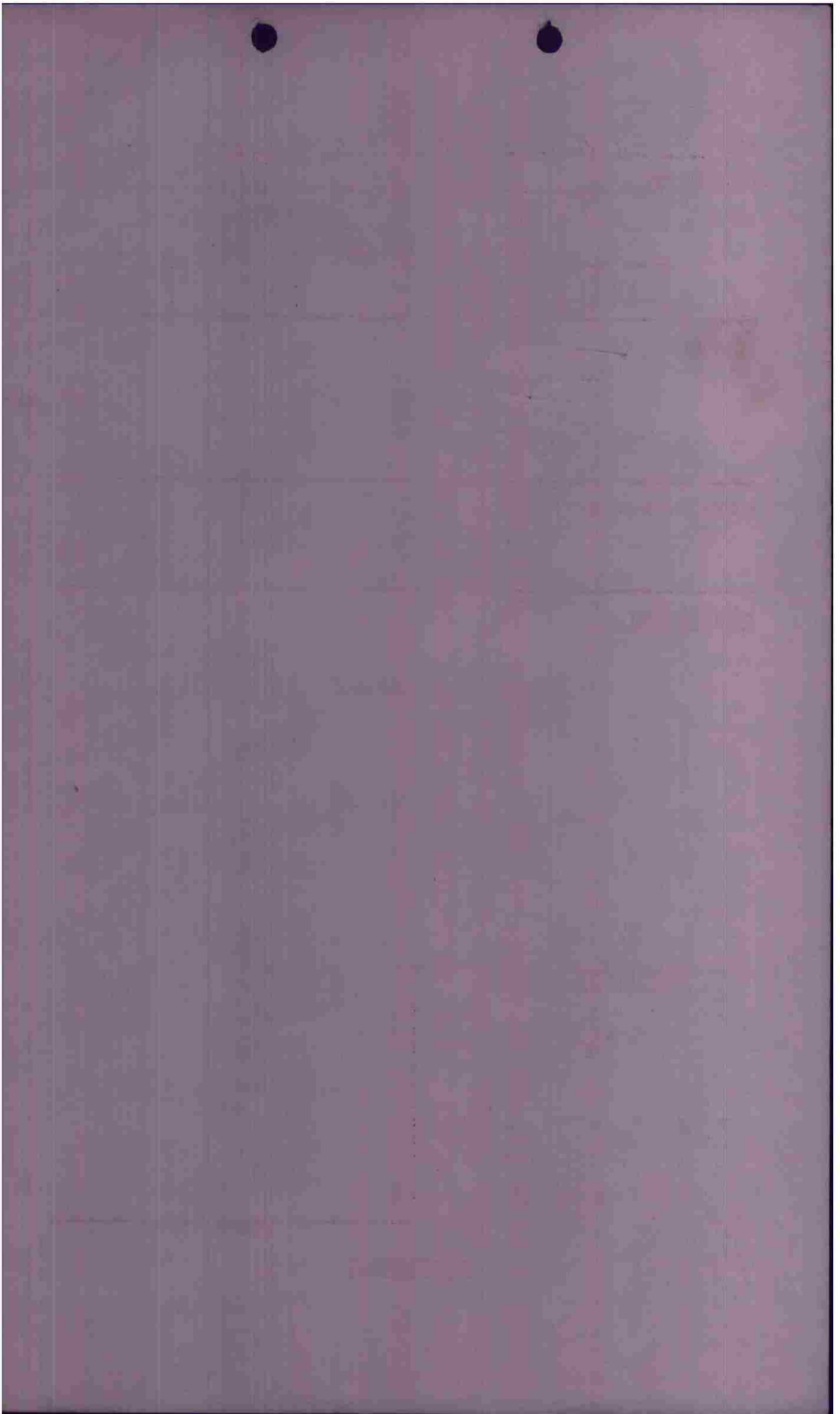
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS : nil



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PILOT HASSELL A/C# 229 B BOX I FLT III

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : ~~hit~~ X 41 just before IP — may have been at another formation

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

nil

POSITION IN FORMATION

X

X X

X

X X

X

X X

X X

X X

X

X X

X X

X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT D O N N A/C# 2712 BOX I FLT III

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20x260</u> ON _____		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : XNIA 7th

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Right of Tower, bombs in good pattern

POSITION IN FORMATION

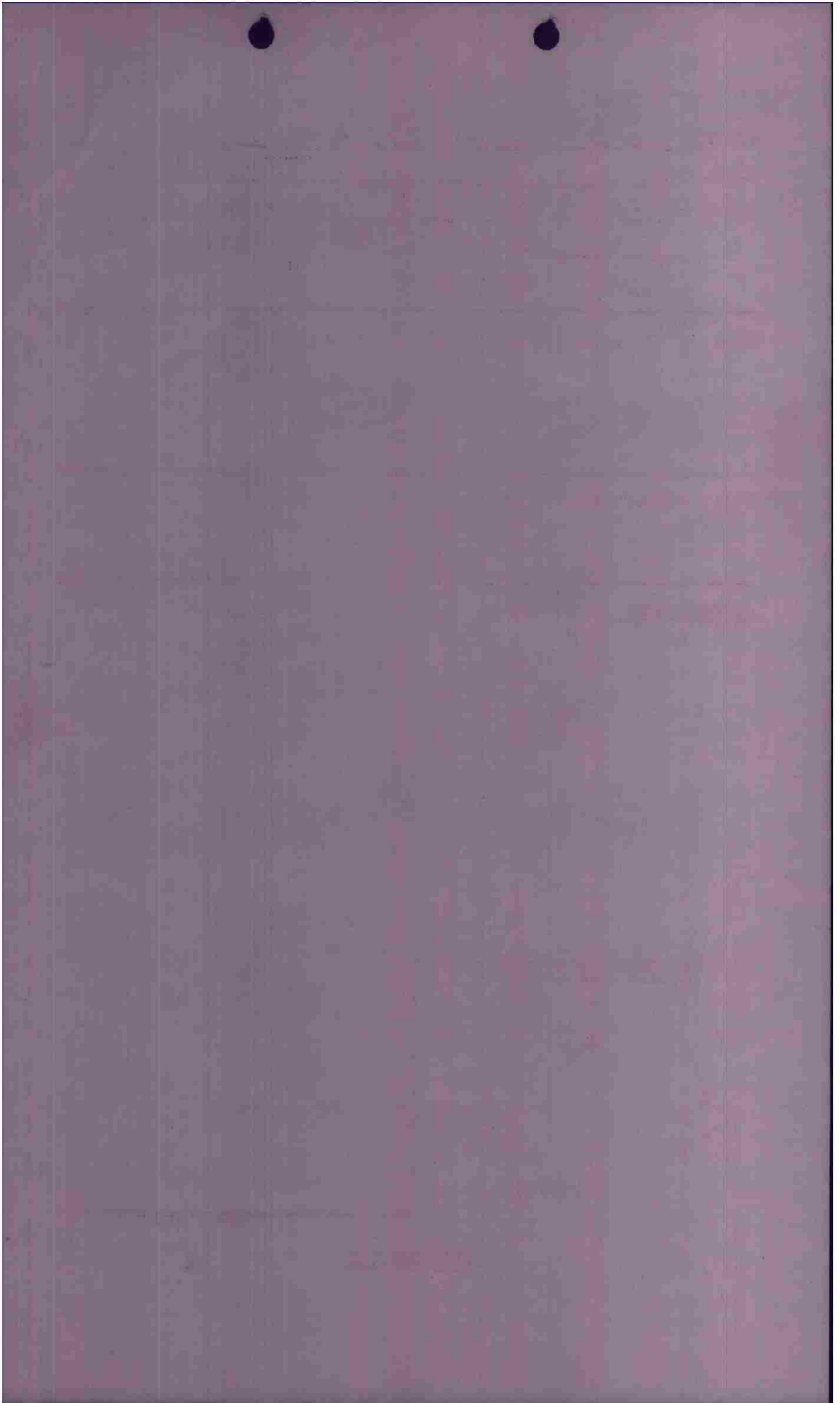
X
X X
X
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X X X
X X X
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X (SPARE)

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

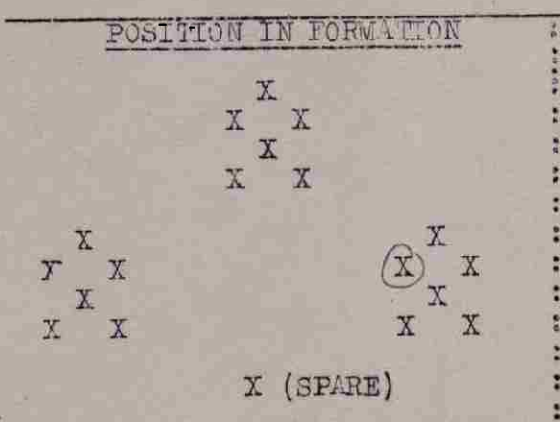
CASUALTIES None

BOMBS :	<u>20</u> X	ON	<u>PR</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED		"A"	"A-C"	OTHER
	X	JETTISONED		<u>None</u>		

FLAK : At another formation just before this group reached I.P.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : None

OBSERVATIONS : Hazy



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PILOT AMES A/C# 328-D BOX I FLT I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		<u>20</u> X <u>1181</u> ON <u>P</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		

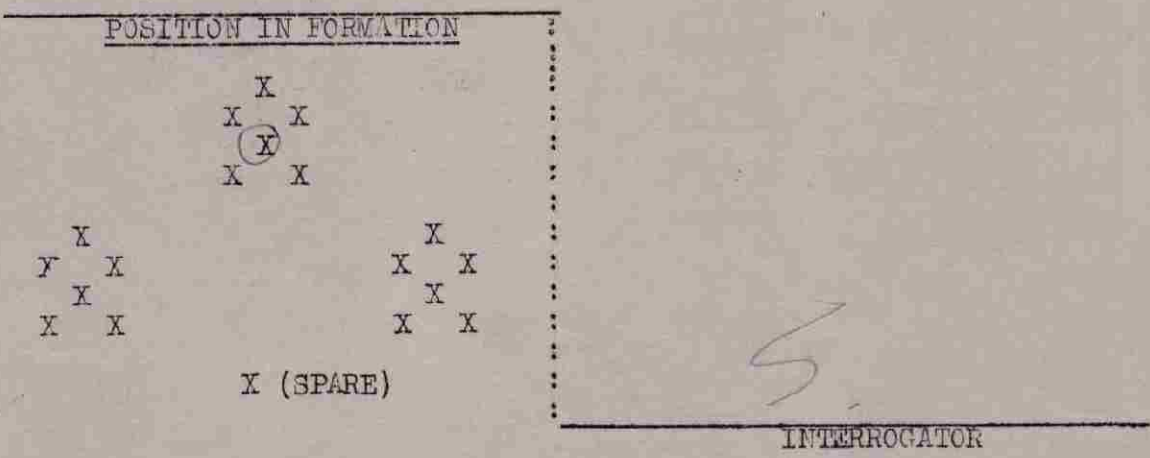
FLAK : nil at us.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

none

OBSERVATIONS :

Camera



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PILOT ✓ JACOBSEN A/C# 505 Y BOX I FLEET I

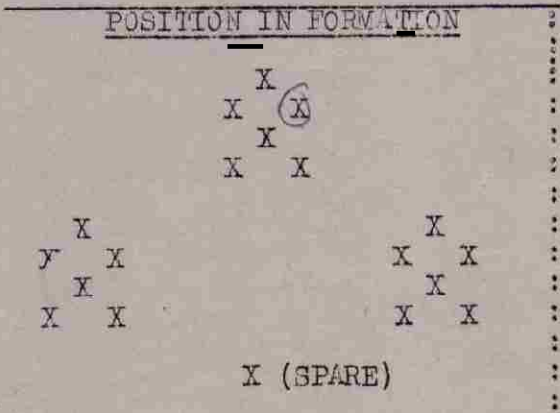
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20</u> X <u>260</u> ON <u>PT</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

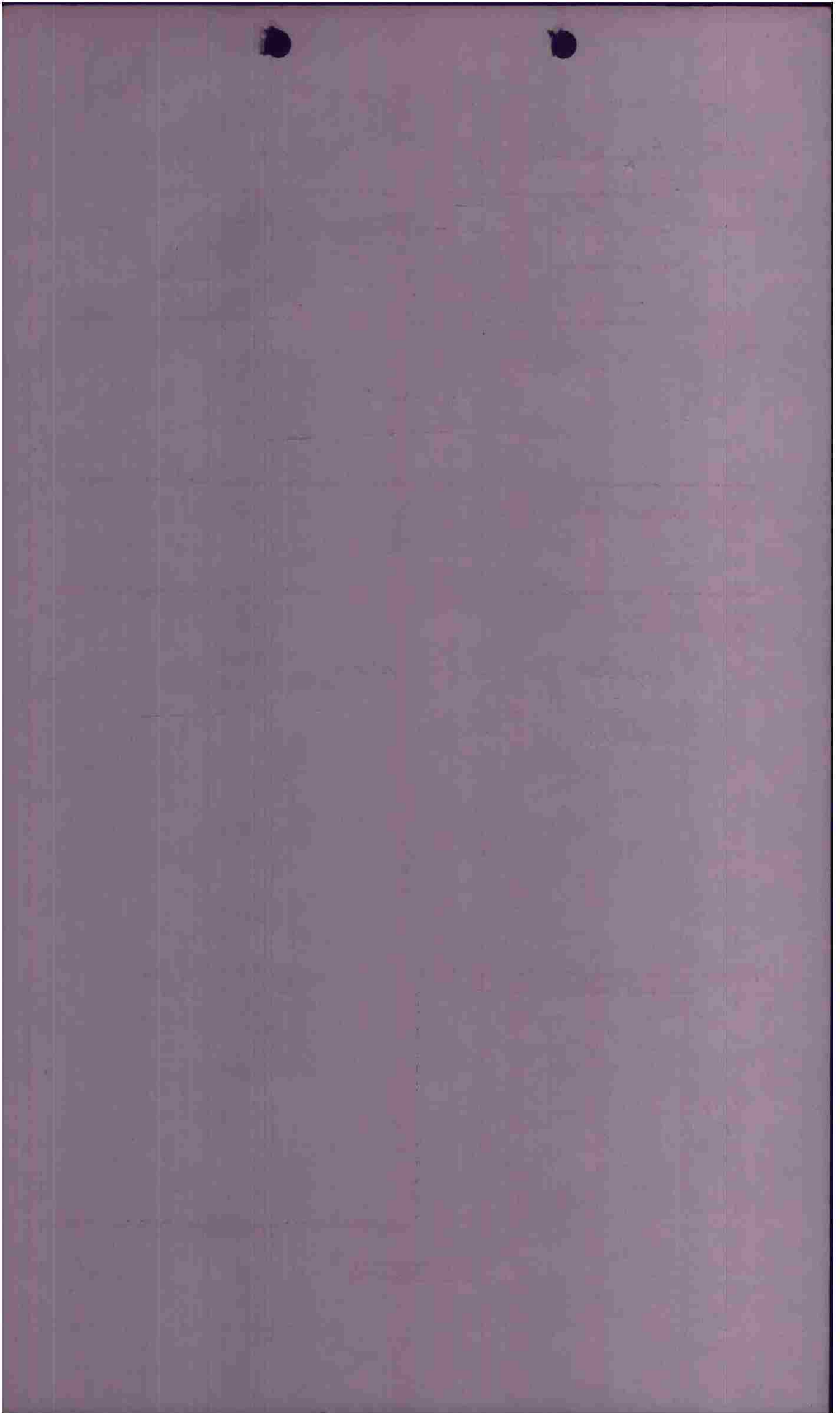
OBSERVATIONS :
Bombs covered target area
Disability poor



alt 11500
Hd 175
RAS 210
TOT 0811

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INTERVIEW FORM

PILOT W ALLMAN A/C# 326 u BOX # FLT I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20</u> X <u>460</u> ON <u>PT</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Did not see bombs hit.
Sudden injured nose when plane took
sudden evasive action. Bung given first
aid.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X X
X (X)

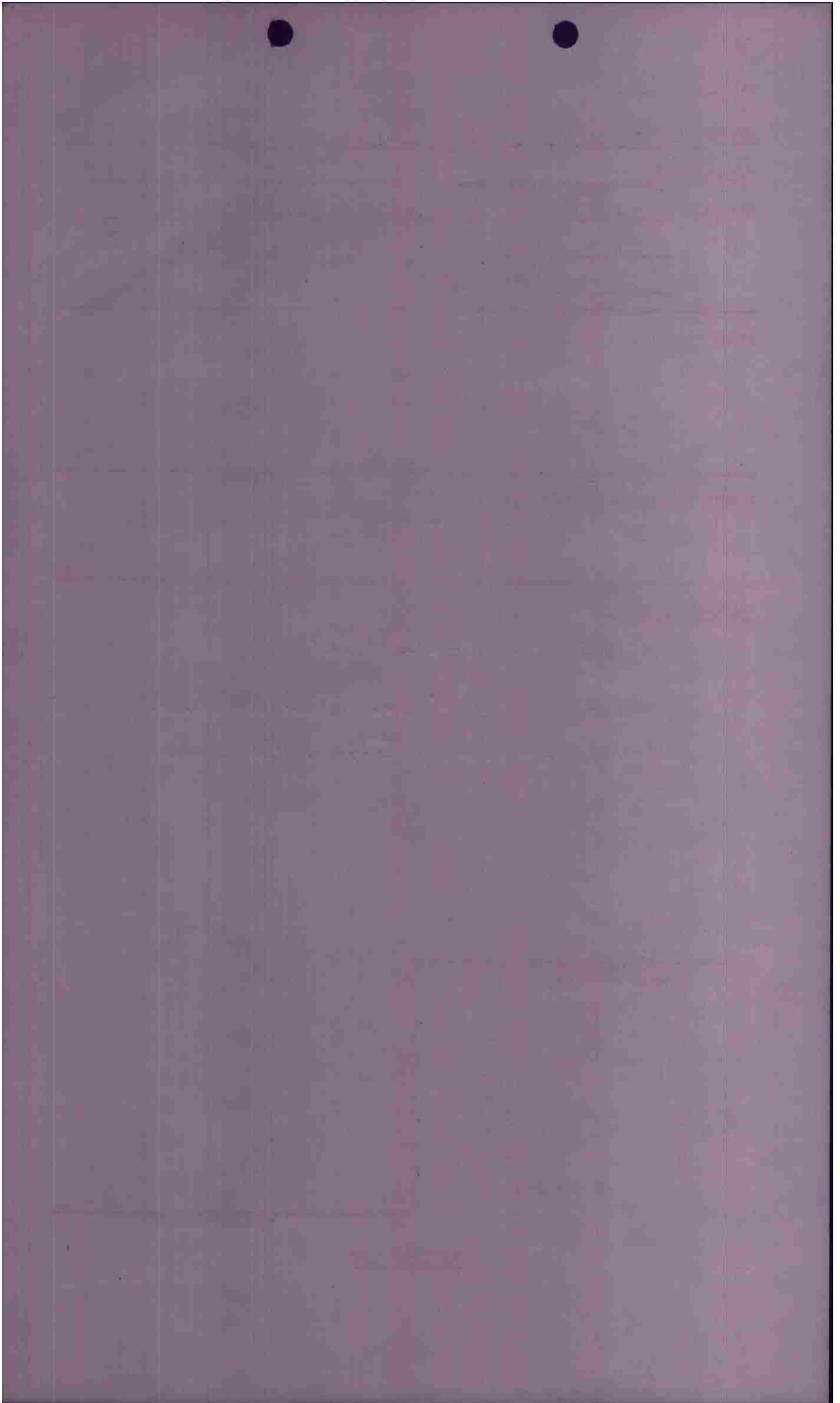
X X X
X X X
X X X

X (SPARE)

Park

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X JETTISONED :

None

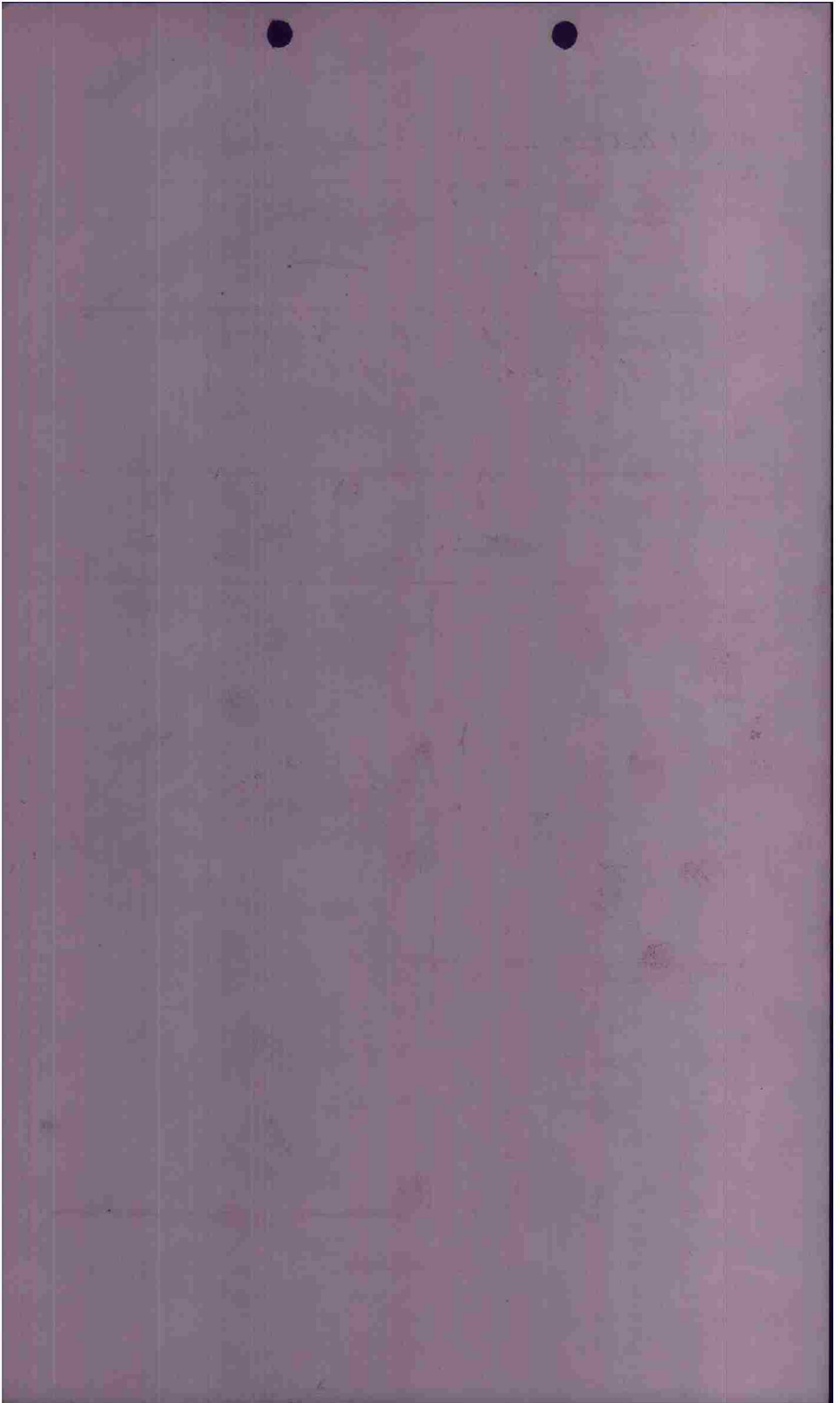
Banks on both sides of road.

X (SPARE)

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INTERVIEW FORM

PILOT SINGLETARY A/C# 416-0 BOX II FRT III

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20</u> X <u>260</u> ON <u>PT</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	JETTISONED			

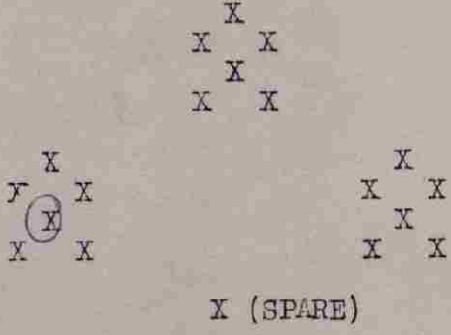
FLAK : XXHI in vicinity of town (E 5496)
XXHI just before IP

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

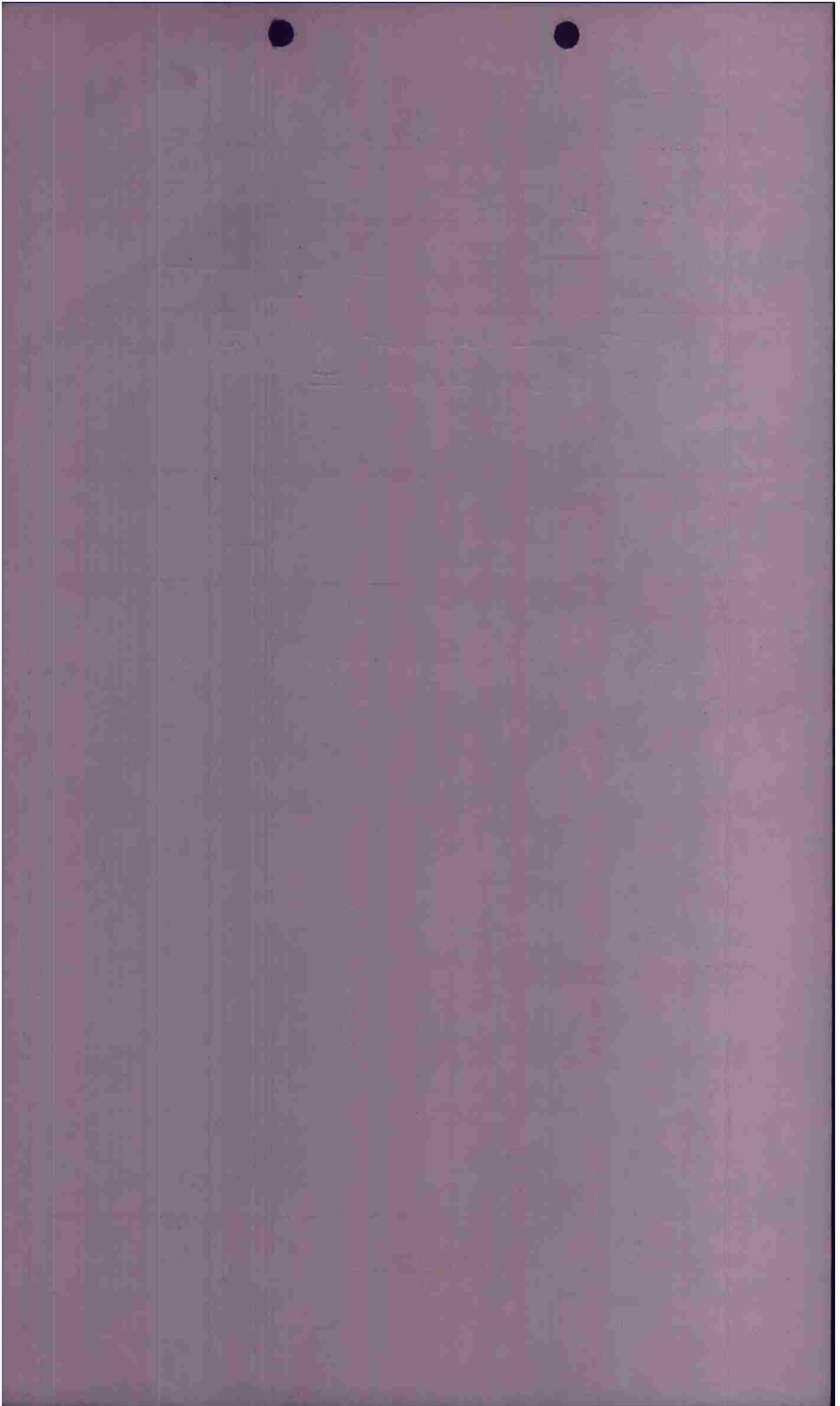
Bombs fell in target area

POSITION IN FORMATION



Perk.
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PILOT NATHANSON A/C# 495-G BOX II FLT II

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : one burst - miss
also flak to right
at turn to 1P. not near

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

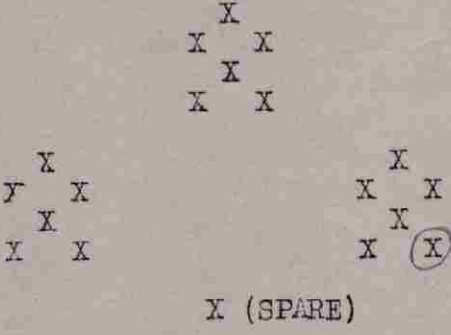
nil

OBSERVATIONS :

Smoke
Ampl

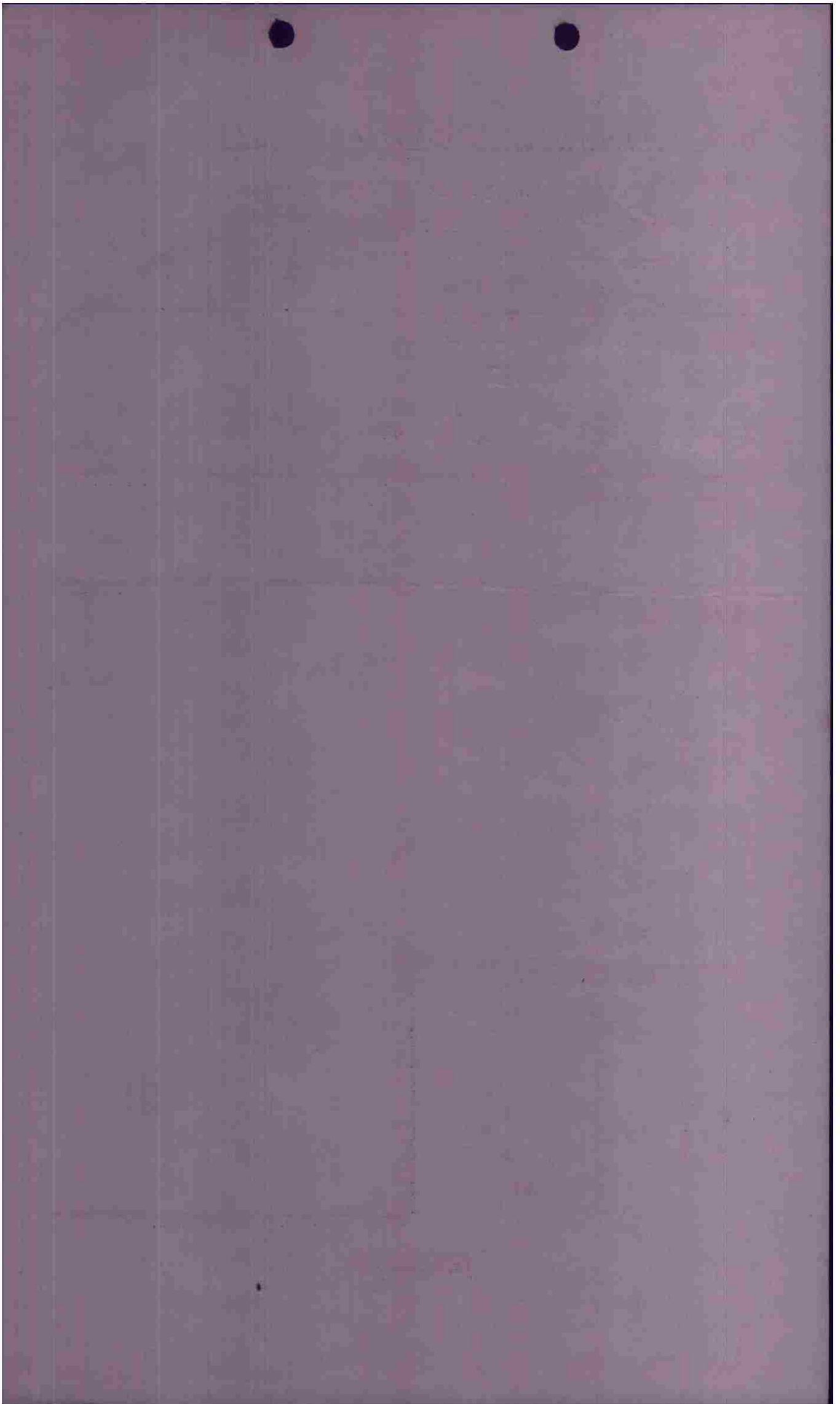
Camera

POSITION IN FORMATION



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INTERVIEW FORM

PILOT ZEIMET A/C# 305-0 BOX II FLT II

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>20</u> X <u>INC</u>	ON <u>P</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE			
	X	RETURNED		"A"		"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED		<u>Nil</u>			

FLAK : at 803
at 4 at alt 260.

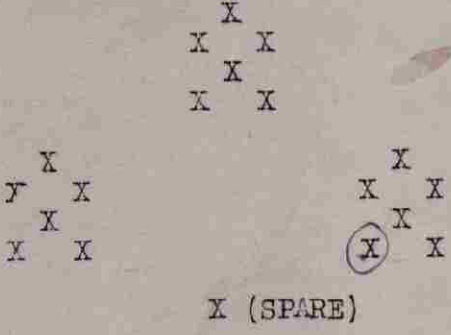
Inaccurate as per gun.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
Nil

OBSERVATIONS :

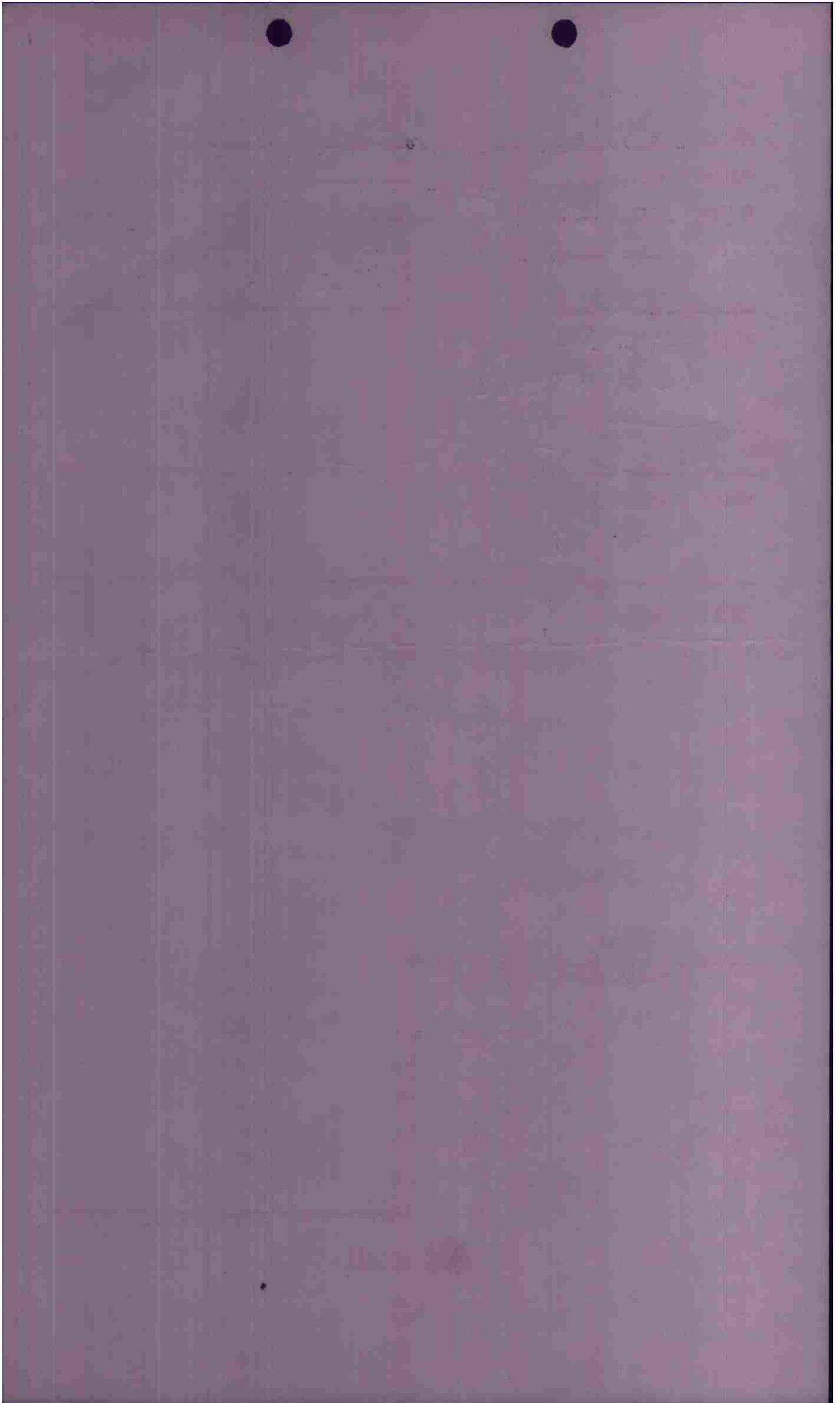
Difficult to see.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT HENSON A/C# 224 E BOX II FLT III

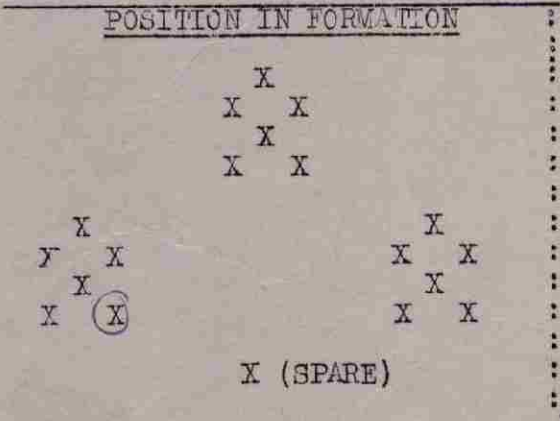
CASUALTIES None

BOMBS :	<u>20</u> X	ON	<u>Pr</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED		<u>None</u>		

FLAK : To Right at IP inaccurate
to right 2nd Flight

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
None

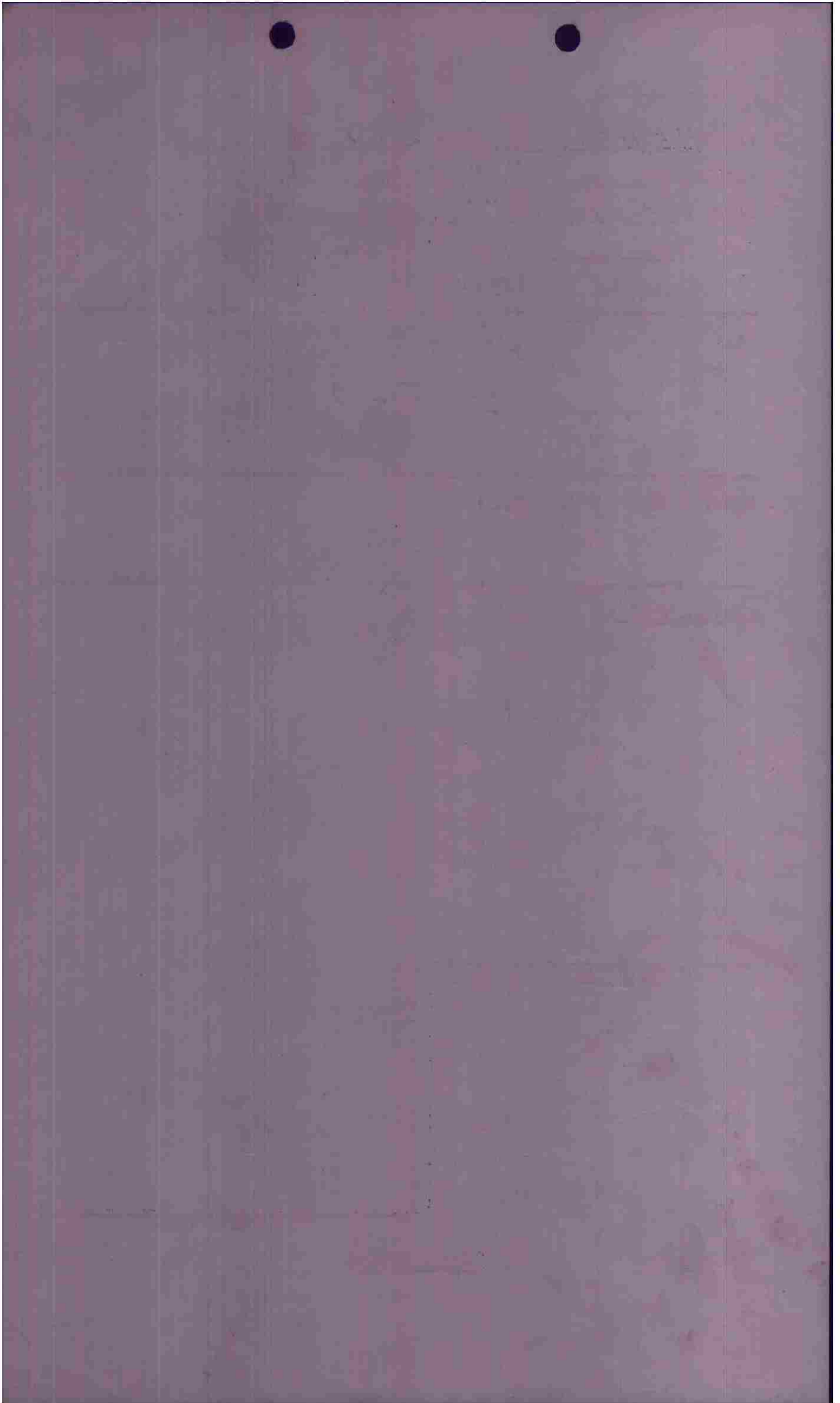
OBSERVATIONS :
Results looked
good



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PILOT PROCHA A/C# 2745 BOX II FLT II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : <u>20 X 250</u> ON		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs in Tgt area,

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

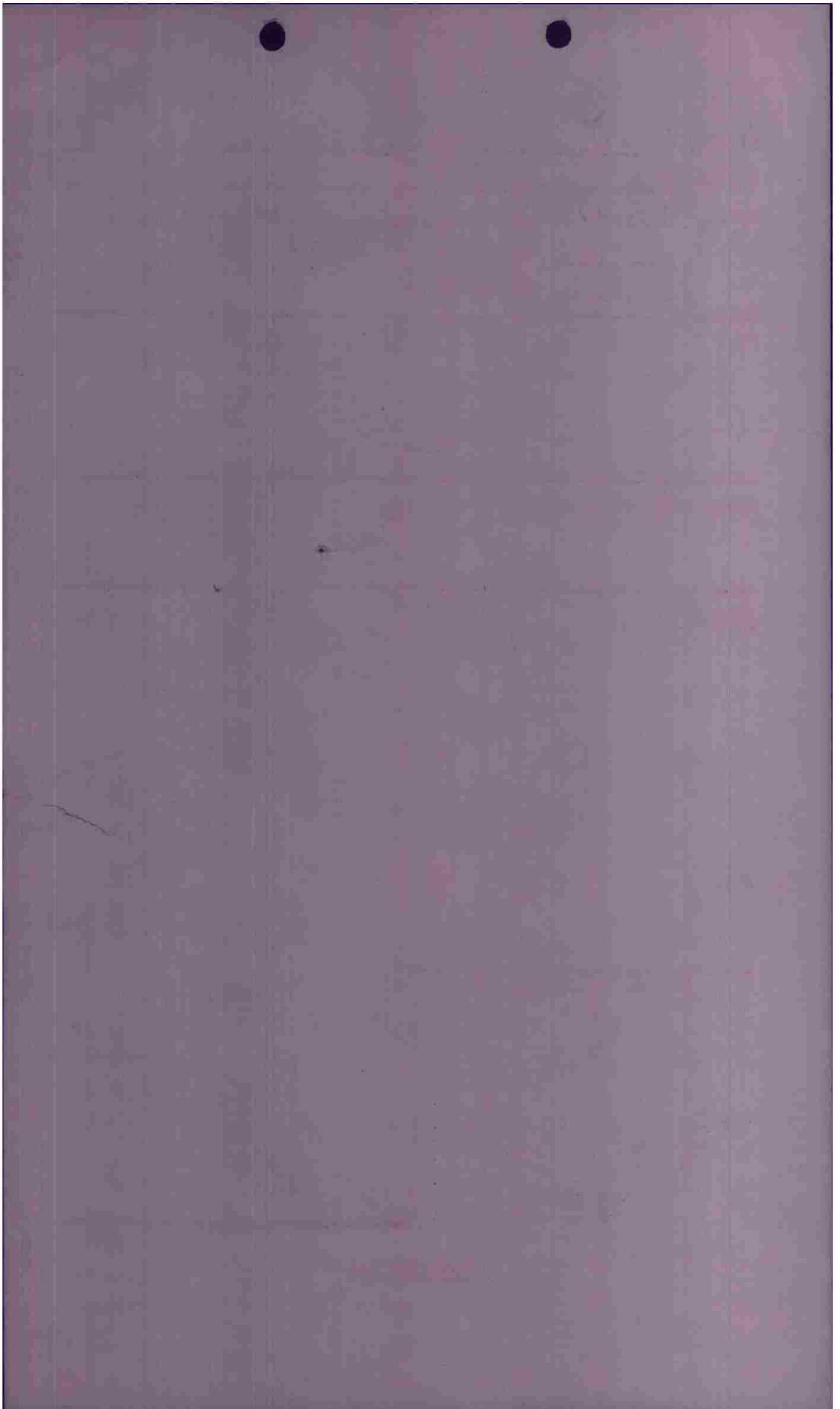
X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT STANLEY A/C# 508-2 BOX II FLT II

CASUALTIES _____

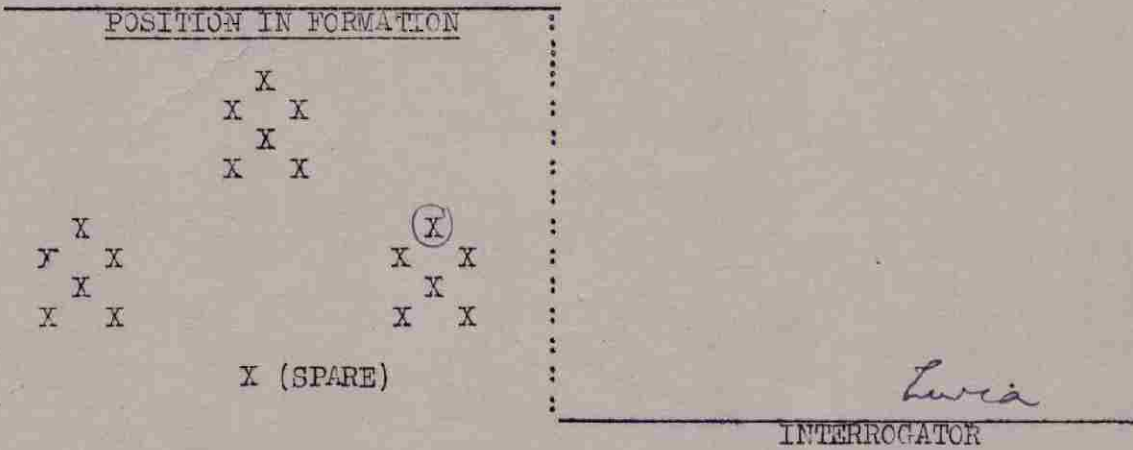
BOMBS : <u>20</u> X <u>2600</u> ON		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>Dropped as lost</u> X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK : XH1 - to right just before IP and just to IP. on lake leg

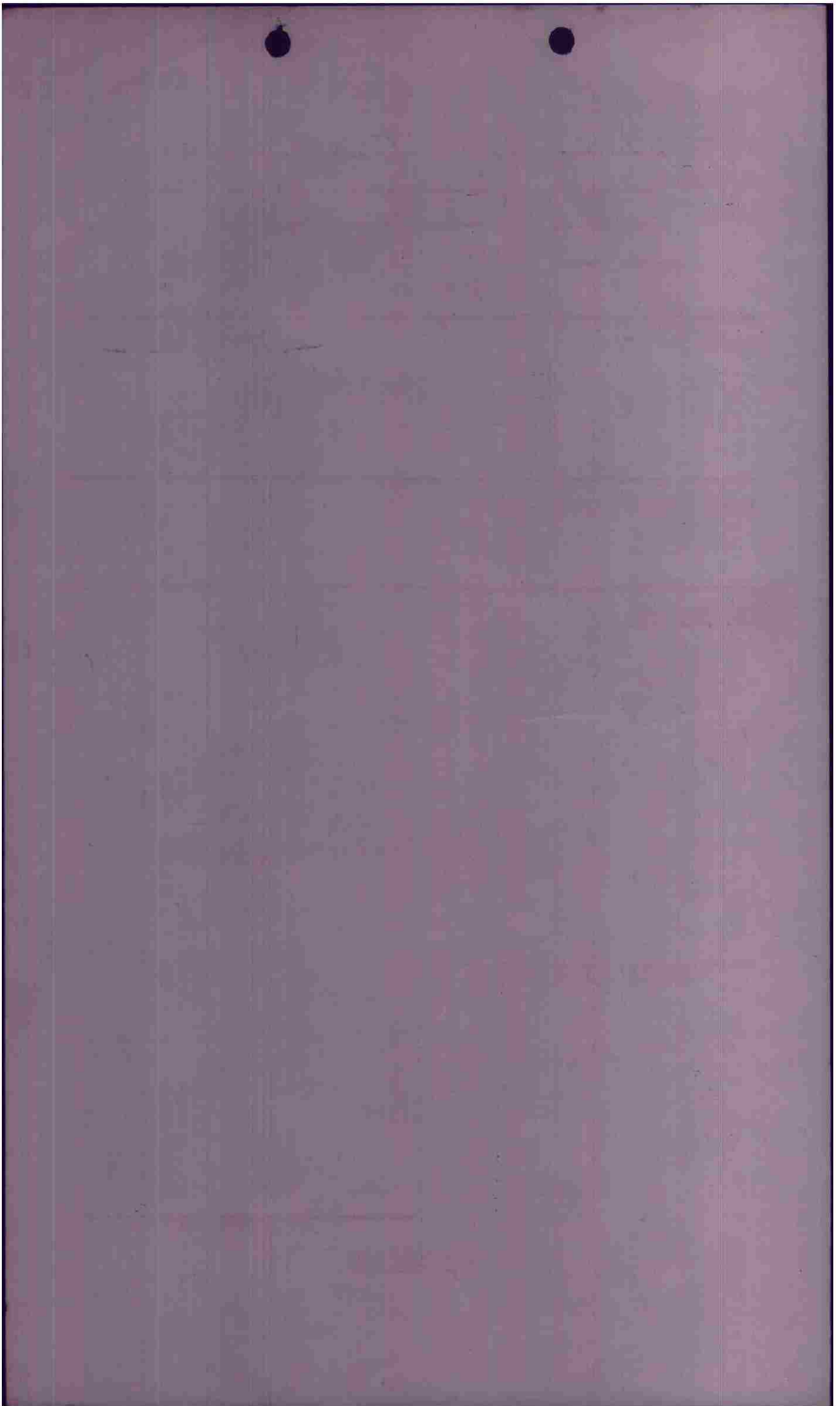
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS :

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alt 11,400
accis 16.2 mag
IAG 1



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PILOT h INN A/C# 325 L BOX II FLT I

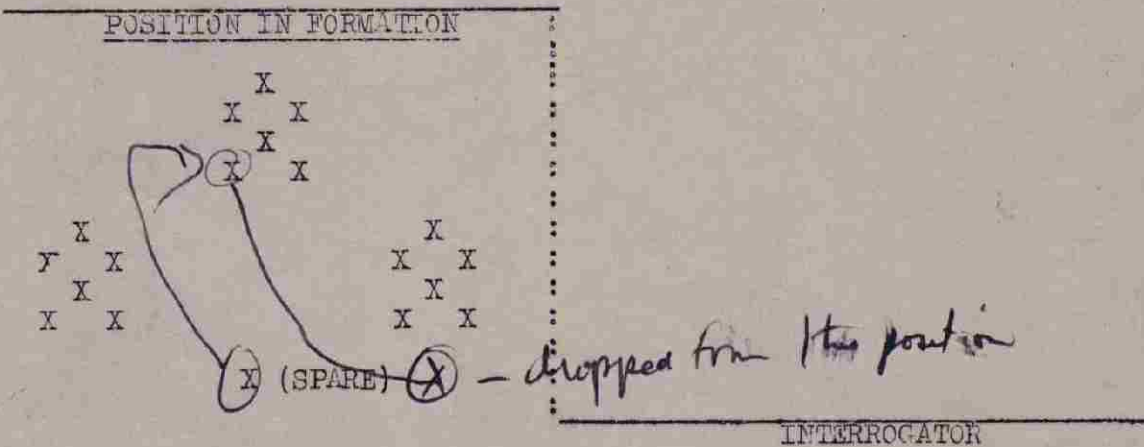
CASUALTIES none

BOMBS :	<u>10</u> X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"B"	
	X	JETTISONED	<u>none</u>			

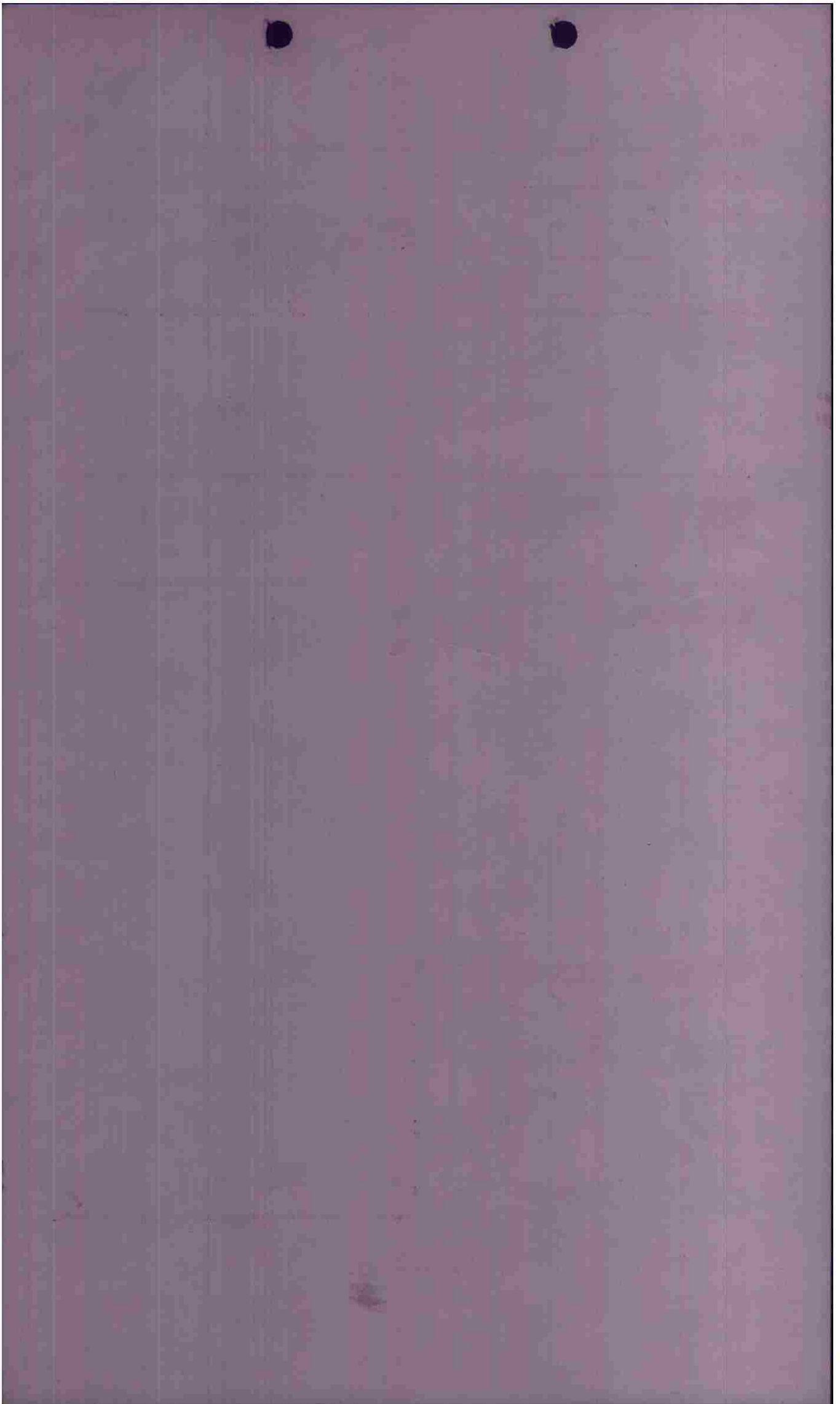
FLAK : none

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : none

OBSERVATIONS : Good pattern



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PILOT MONTROSE A/C# 385-D BOX II FLT II

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20</u> X <u>260</u> ^{Flare} ON		BATTLE DAMAGE X		
X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	JETTISONED	X	X	X

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS : - Don't know whether positions hit or not
as acct didn't know what tgt looked like

On Rhine River much Activity shells dropping in
River

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

X X
X (X) X
X X

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PILOT TURMAN A/C# 330 P BOX II FLT III

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20</u> X <u>260</u> ON <u>PIT</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE			
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"	
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED				

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS : - Bombs ran right up to edge of town, 3 or 4 into town, large area covered -

POSITION IN FORMATION

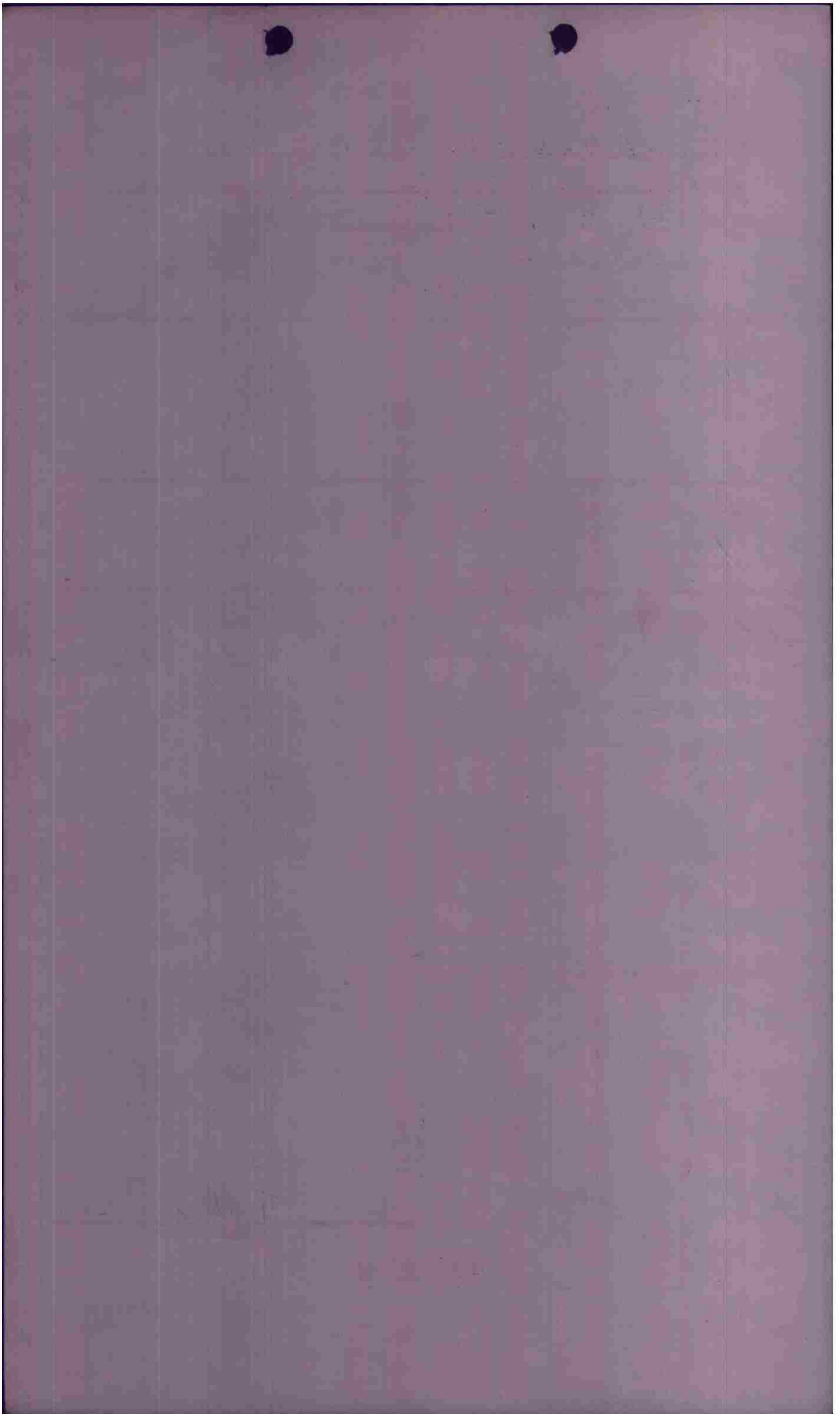
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 X (X) X
 X X
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 X (SPARE)

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PILOT MIL HORN A/C# 352-J BOX II FILE I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20</u> X <u>260</u> ON <u>P.T.</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : on B.R. to rt. XXH1

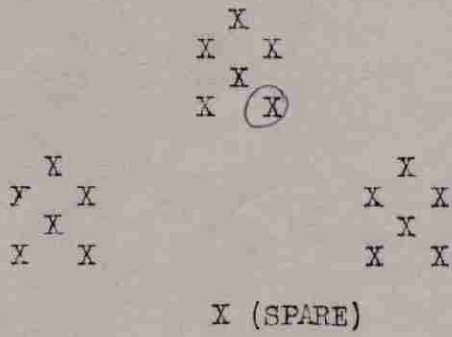
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :



P-47's.
Spits are
below and left.

OBSERVATIONS : 2 patterns near town E of P.T.A. on edge.
one small town on fire to left of corner
and.

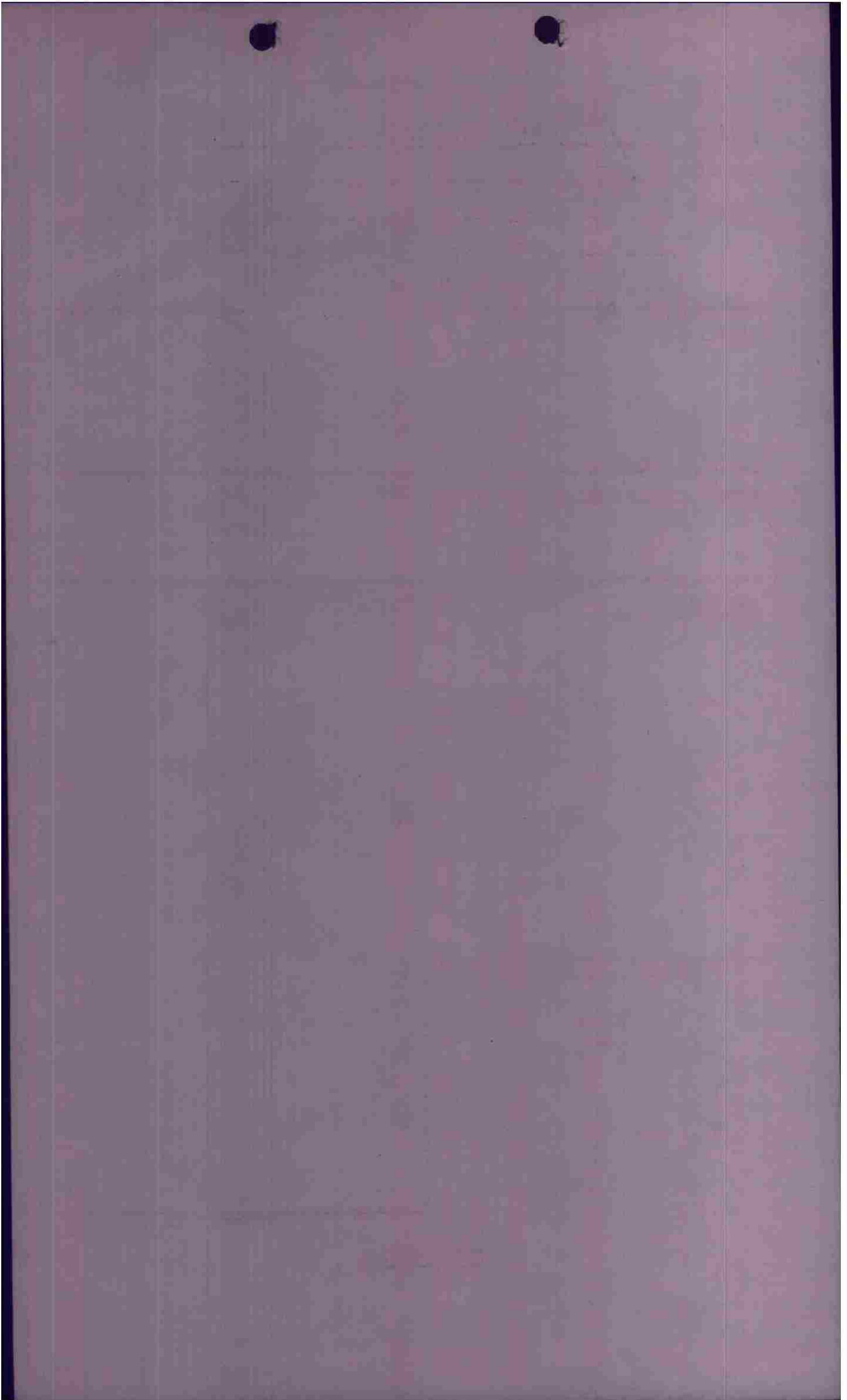
POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT HIXON A/C# 239N BOX II FLT J

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20 X 260</u> ON <u>P.T.</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : XXH1 lost - shooting at nothing (1 mile off) after T/A.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

 P-47

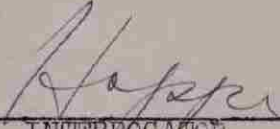
OBSERVATIONS : hit near town

POSITION IN FORMATION

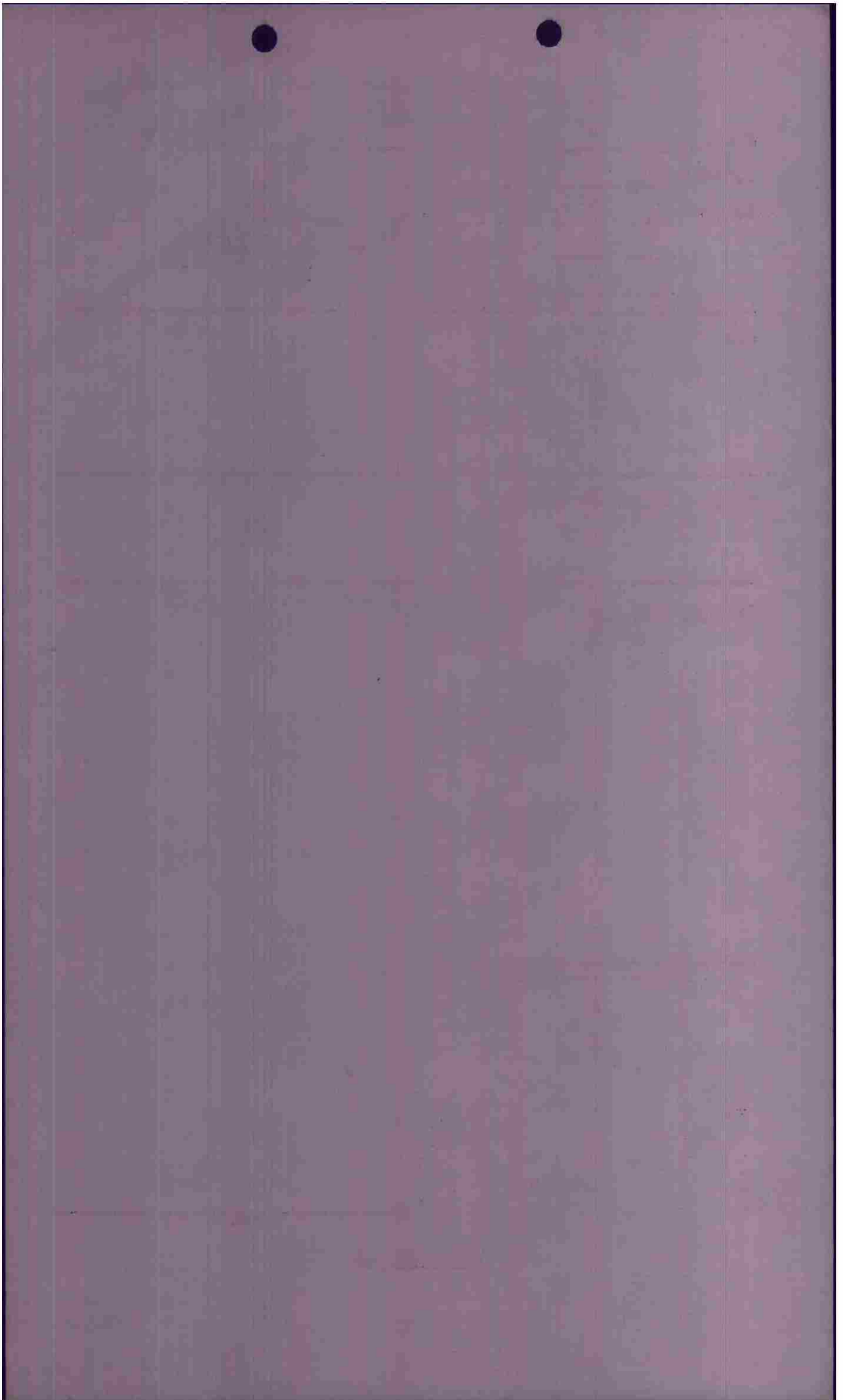
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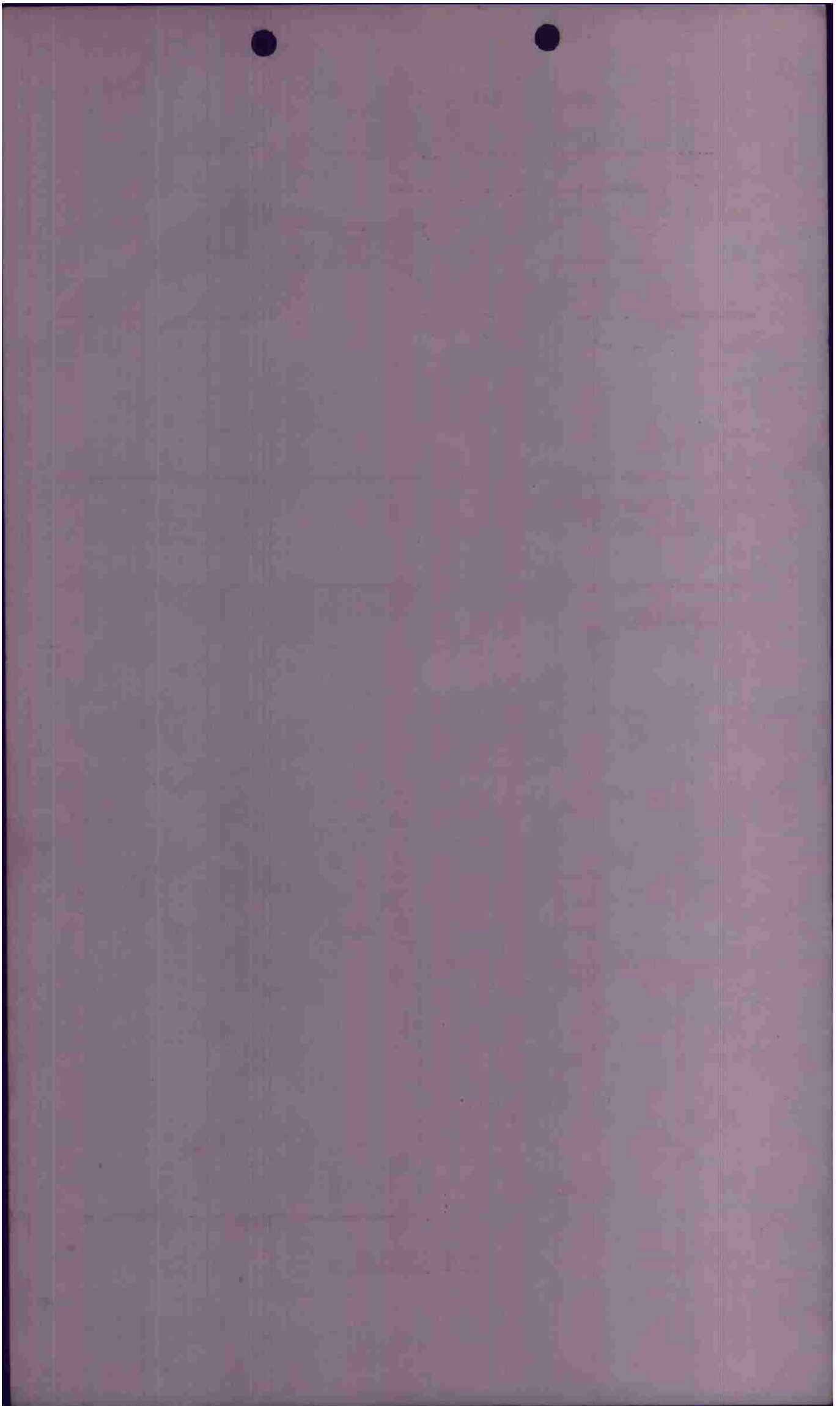
 X (SPARE)


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CASUALTIES

FLAK : 1 burst at IP. XLI at IP.

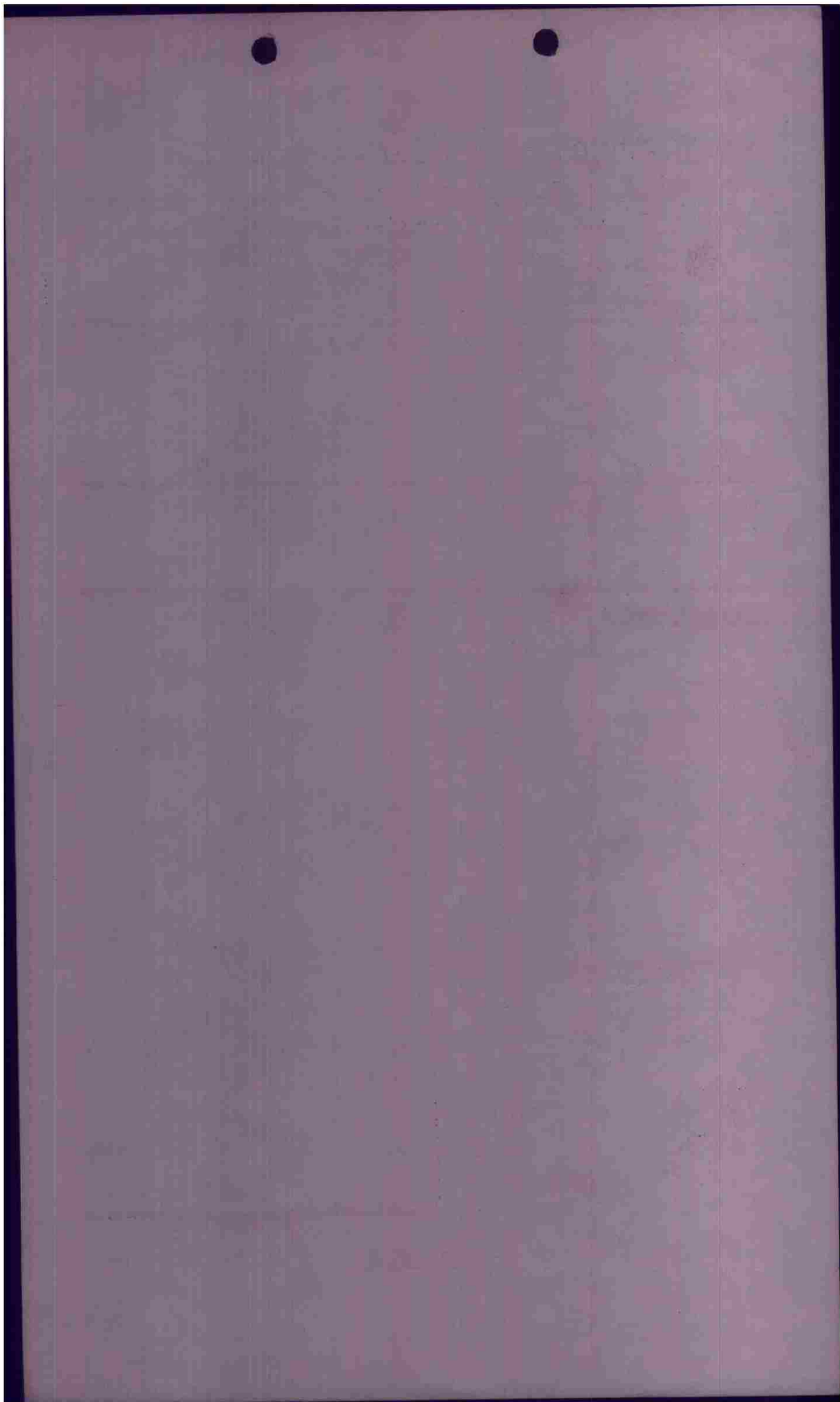
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Nil

X (SPARE)

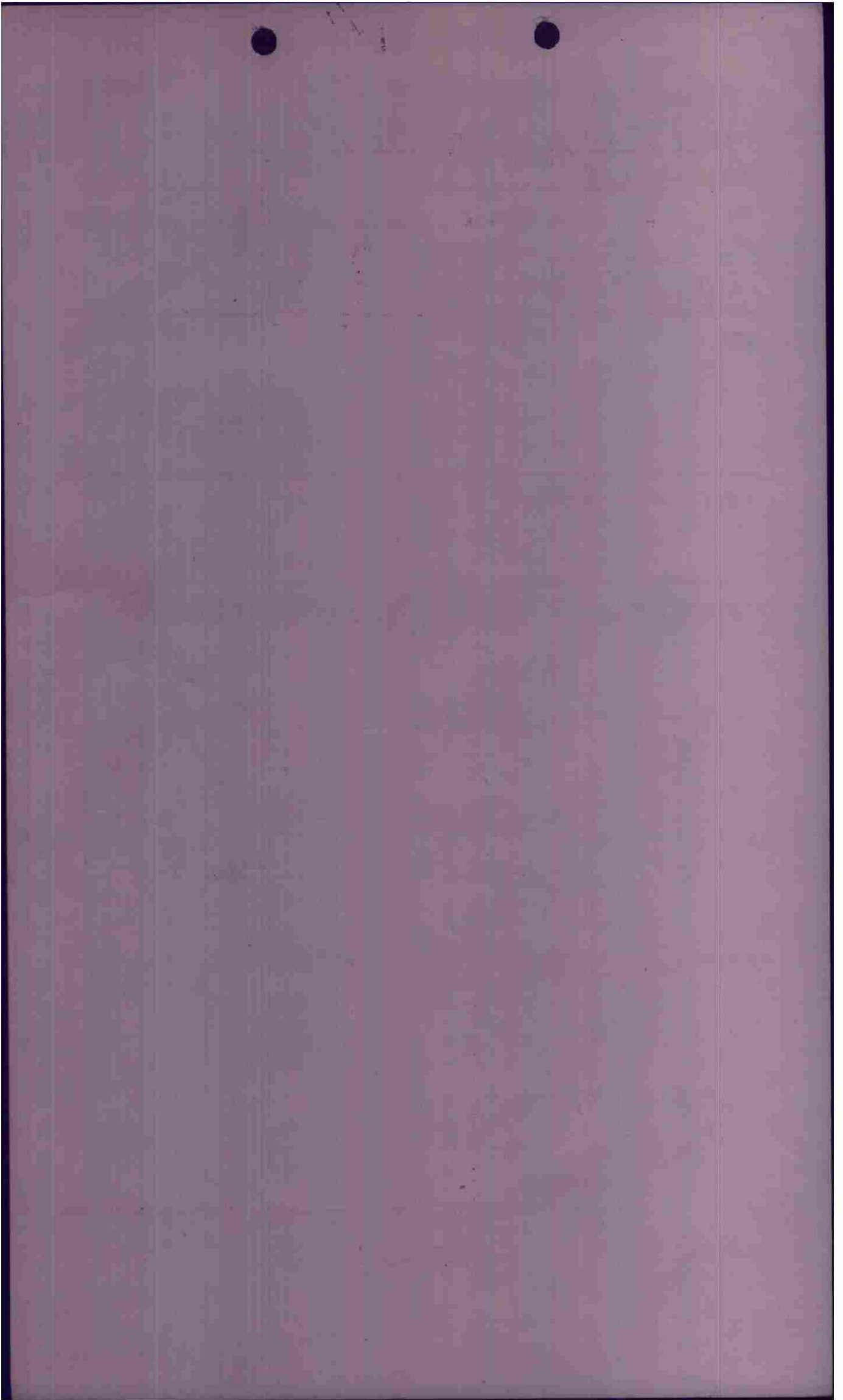
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Bombs seen to start just before road & to left
and on and over left.



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INTERVIEW FORM

PILOT POPENEW A/C# 507 & BOX II FLT I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>20</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>msl</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-O"
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED		"B"

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

Saw 40 bursts at 803 to right - shooting at 3 ships direct ahead of us.

At River a exp, largest cit on fire. Also smoke marks gray-white x

TOT-0811 1/2

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X (X)
X X
X X

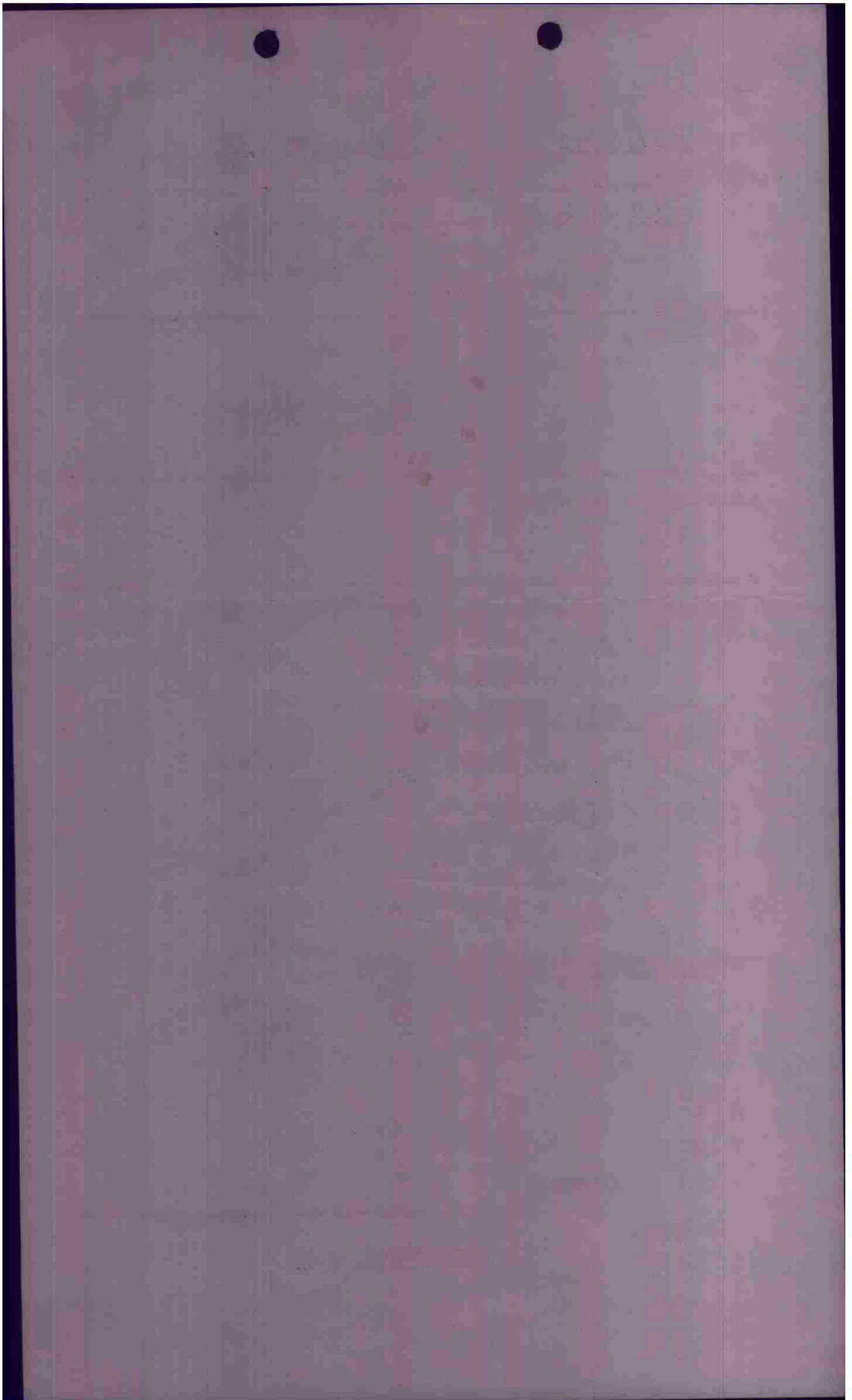
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X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS	20 X 260	ON	PIT	BATTLE DAMAGE	X
	X	RETURNED		"A"	"A-C"
	X	JETTISONED			"E"

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X —

OBSERVATIONS : - 1st Bombs hit Aiming point and walked over -

TOT 0812

Ait 14,500 -

Bombed on Box leader 2nd Box —
Vis 4 to 5 miles on road
2 to 3 at Target due to smoke &

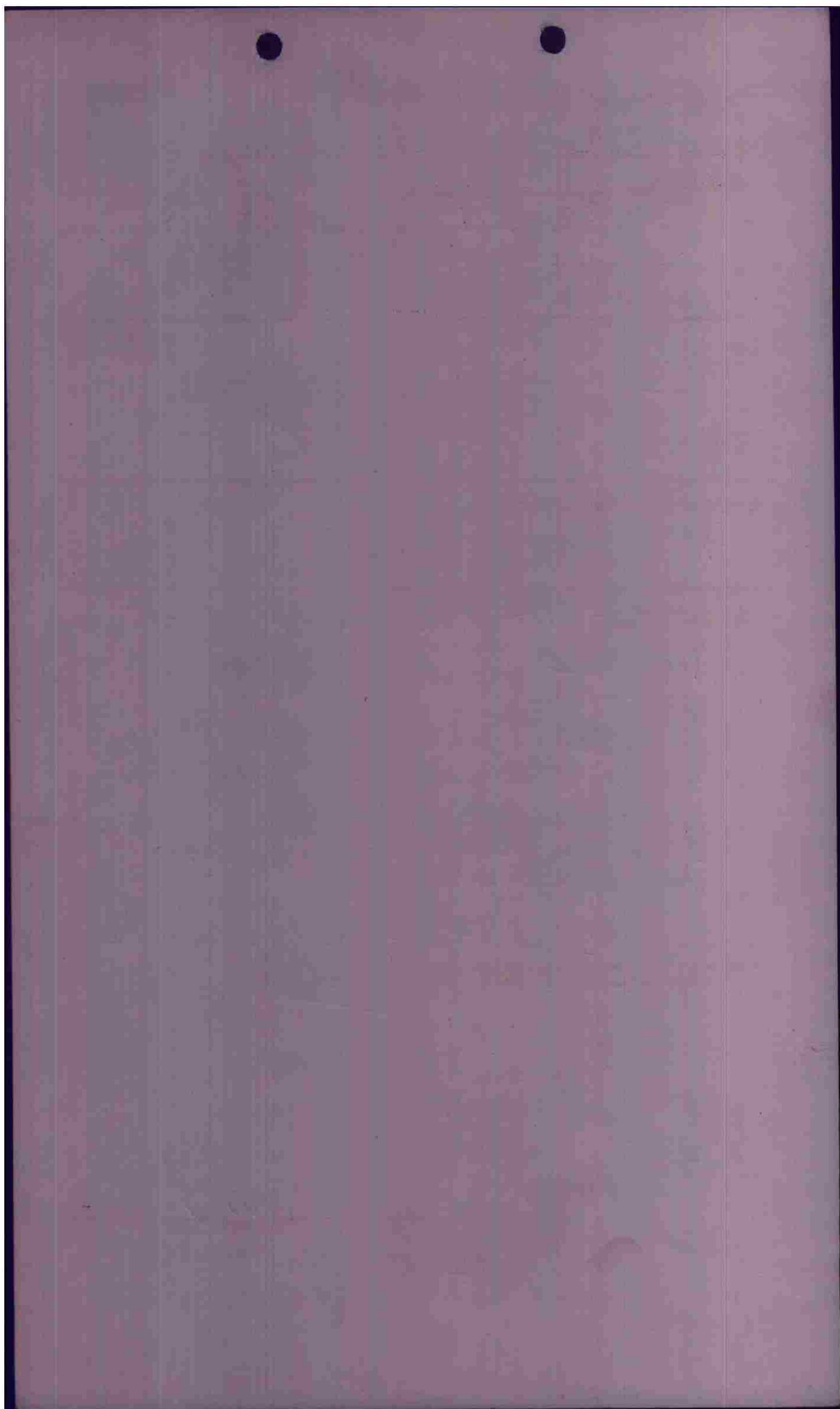
POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT SEAB A/C# 250A BOX II ~~SPARE~~ FLT 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20</u> X <u>266</u> ON <u>frags</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE			
<u>1 run</u> X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-U"	"E"	
X	JETTISONED		<u>nil</u>		

FLAK : XH1 - 4-5 minutes from target on course

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

Bomb pattern across road target area.

POSITION IN FORMATION

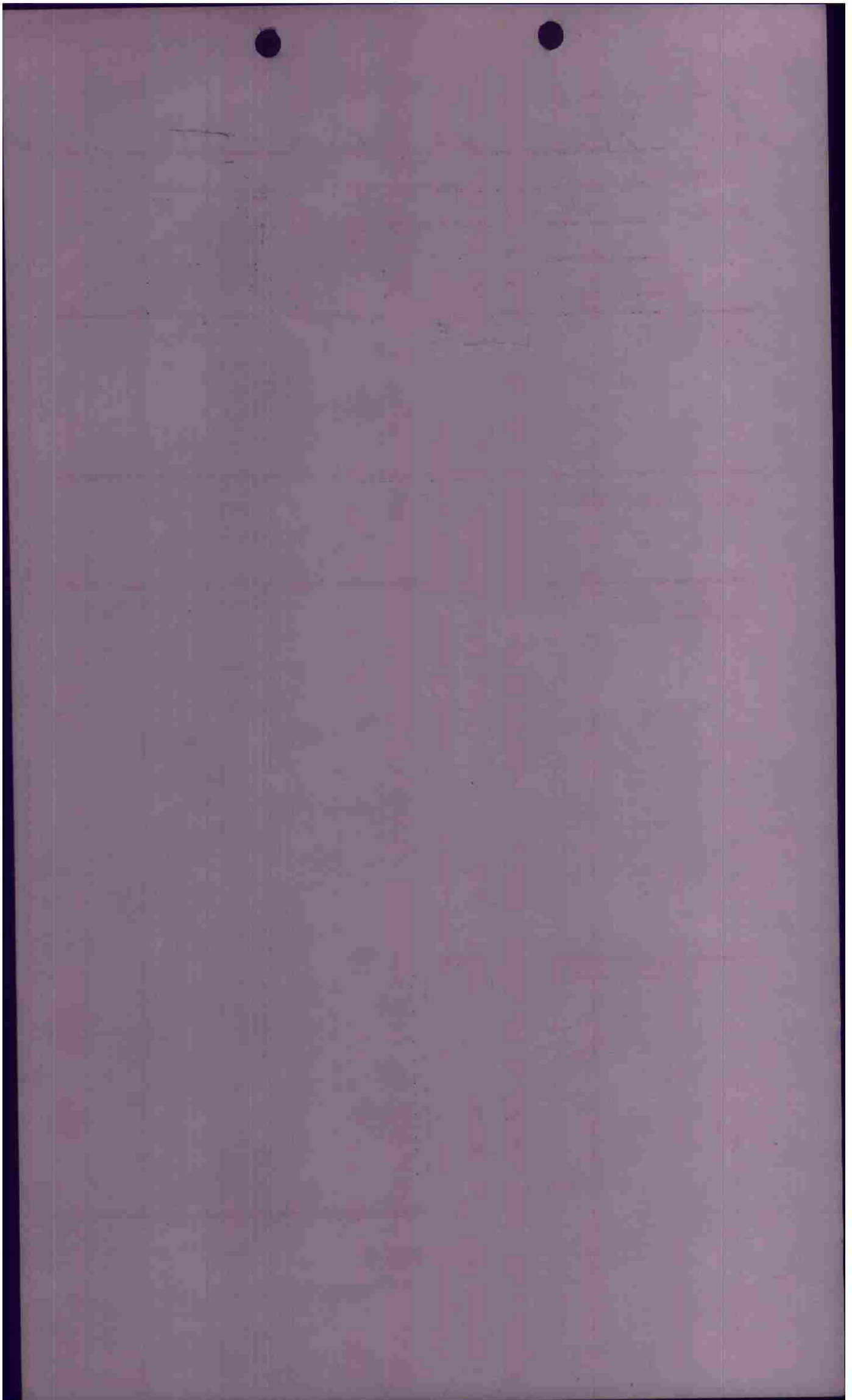
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FLAK :

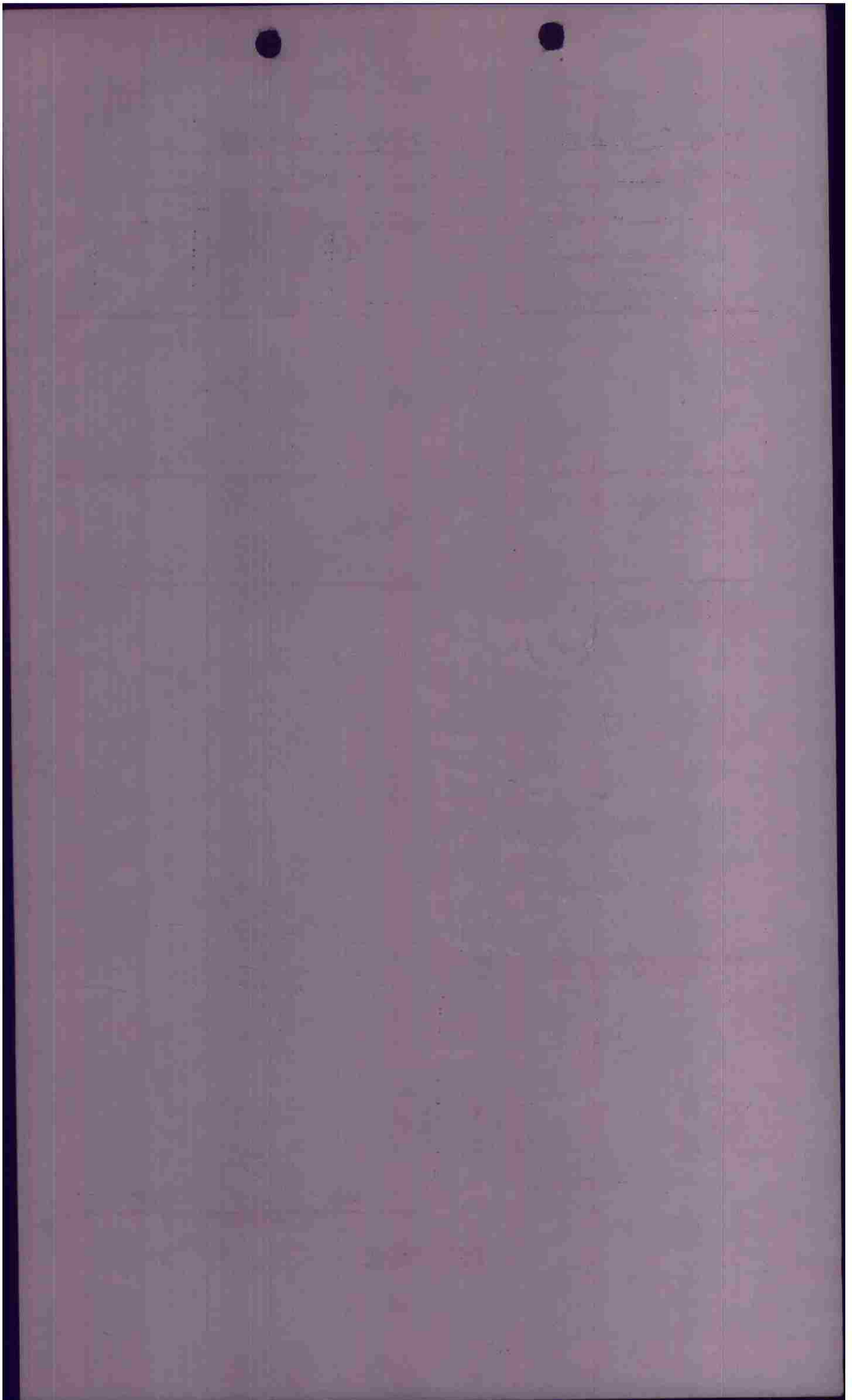
OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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X JETTISONED

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OBSERVATIONS :

OBSERVATIONS:

50 to 75 trucks seen crossing Rhine river.
100 ft below lowest flt. when
window released. 1 1/2 ahead.
Right after leaving TP first window
released, kept releasing 2 to 3 miles
beyond target.

X X
X X
X X

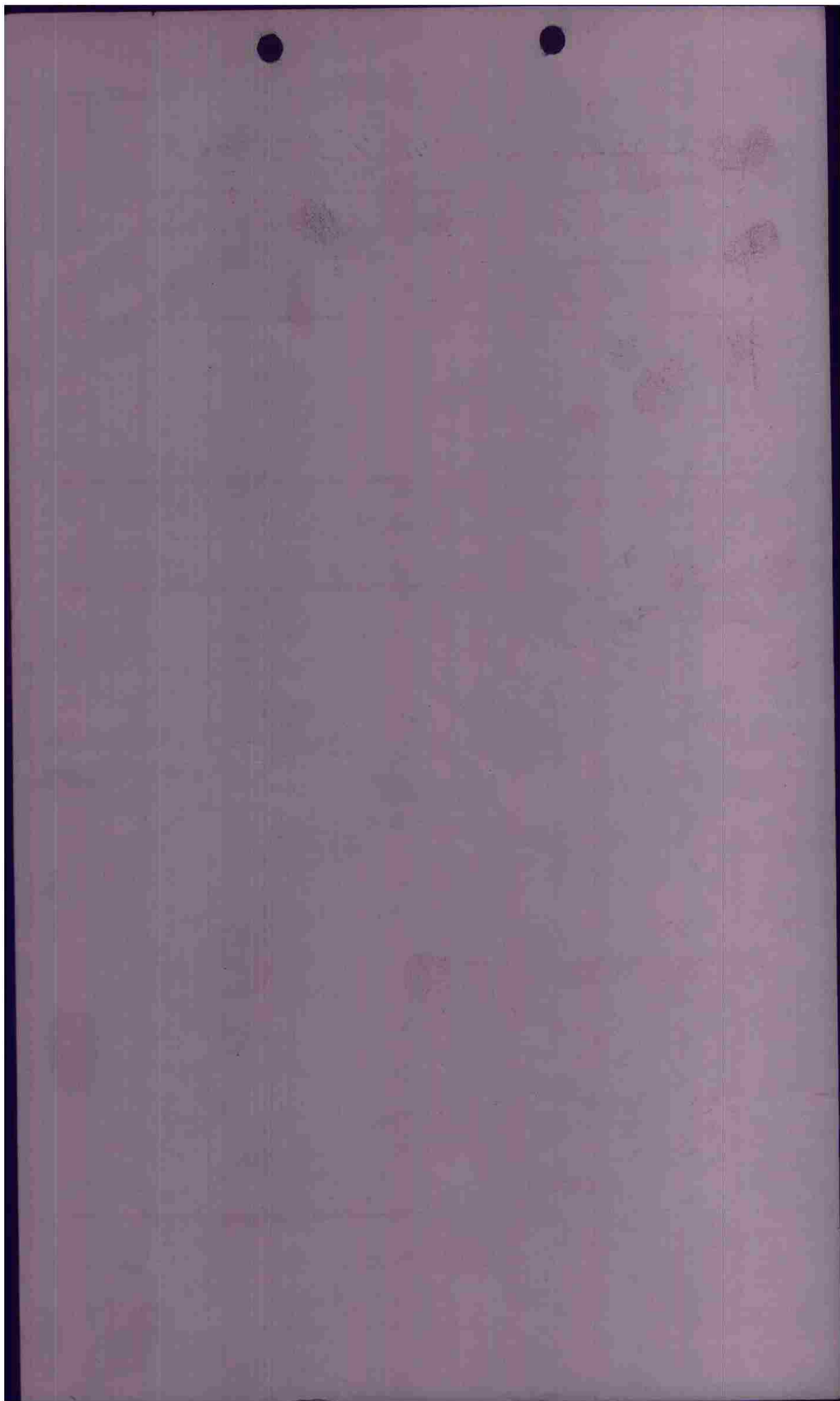
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	X	
X		X

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X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES *nil*

BOMBS	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
<i>undamaged</i>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<i>only</i>				
X	JETTISONED	<i>nil</i>		

FLAK : Just before IP - XH1

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Bandits reported on leg near sea.
None seen

Window from IP almost back to backline
from 10,300 - $\frac{3}{4}$ mi ahead & below
formation

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
 X X
 X
 X X

X
 Y X
 X
 X X

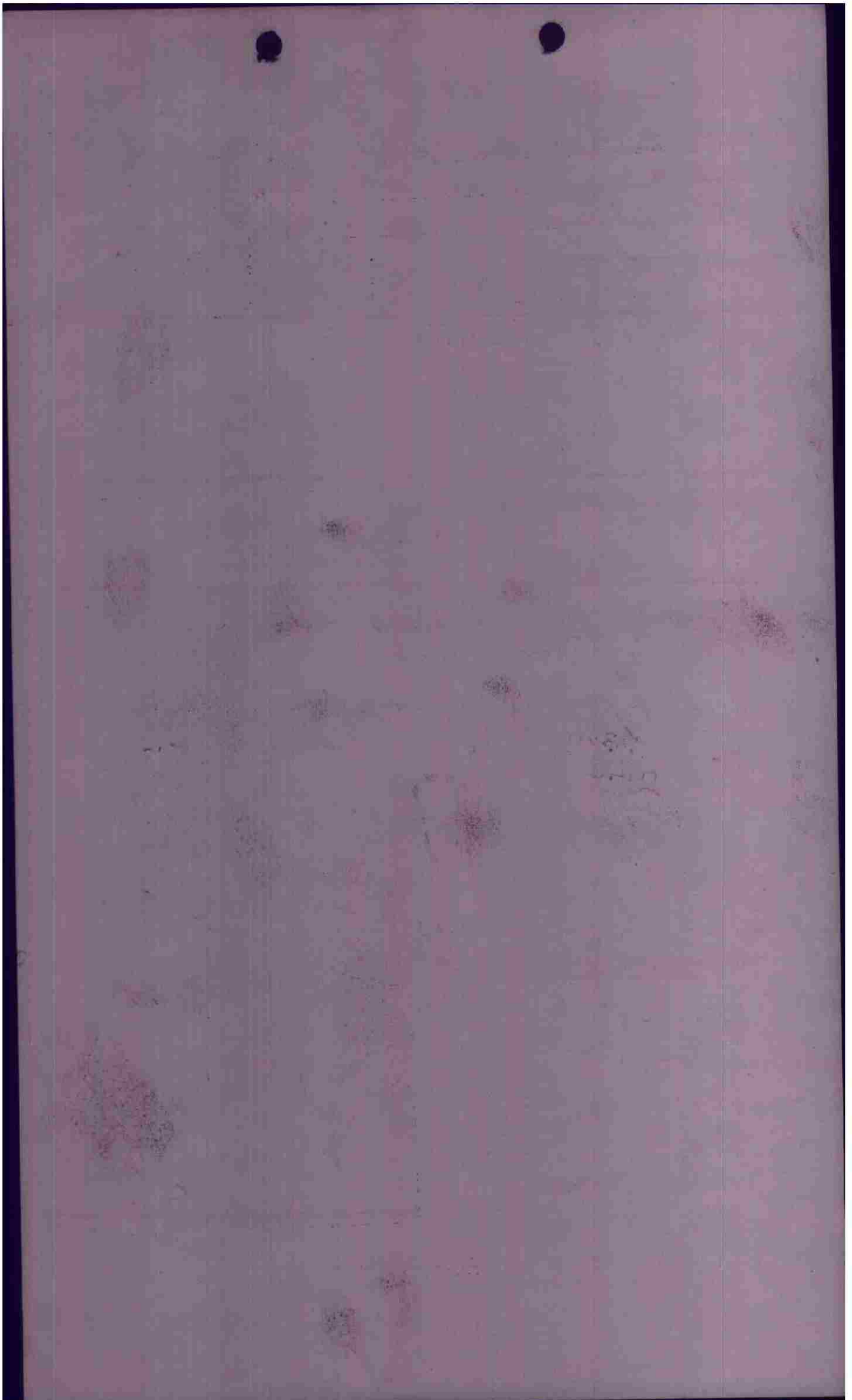
X X
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