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LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

25 March 1945

43-rr
1. 487 J 570
B CAPT E L MILLER ✓
LT J K CONNER ✓
LT C G JOHNSON ✓
S/S M BOOKACH ✓

41-39
2. 269 G 600
B LT E R HAYTER ✓
SGT A A DALTON ✓

41-39
3. 314 H 520
B LT E C MARTIN ✓
S/S L B DRAFT ✓

41-39
4. 252 D 600
B LT J F ALLEN ✓
S/S L R GETZEN *

41-39
5. 229 B 570
B LT R B HARPER ✓
CPL R M BLACK *

43-21
6. 383 V 560
B LT R W HASTELL ✓
SGT G A MARTIN ✓

FLIGHT II

43-rr
1. 498 R 550
J LT J A MUSKIE ✓
LT R C HANNA ✓
S/S G H CORETT ✓

41-39
2. 328 D-1 400
J LT J W SPIES ✓
SGT L E DAVIS *

43-rr
3. 490 X 460
J LT H M VAN NOORDEN ✓
T/O C W BRAND ✓
S/S G THOMPSON ✓

43-rr
4. 313 B-1 600
J LT A REMISZEWICZ ✓
S/S J H MIGUEZ *

41-39
5. 250 A 610
J LT T E GRABER ✓
SGT C HILTON ✓

43-rr
6. 326 W 550
J LT A E HELVER ✓
SGT L J FARMER ✓

FLIGHT III

43-rr
1. 497 E 650
J CAPT L J GUNTON ✓
LT J V REED ✓
S/S D C GILLIAM ✓

43-rr
2. 609 N 500
B LT D A FERG ✓
T/O R L LANGSAM ✓
S/S T W SKELTON ✓

41-39
3. 360 L 600
J CAPT A C SEARS ✓
SGT J W ROST ✓

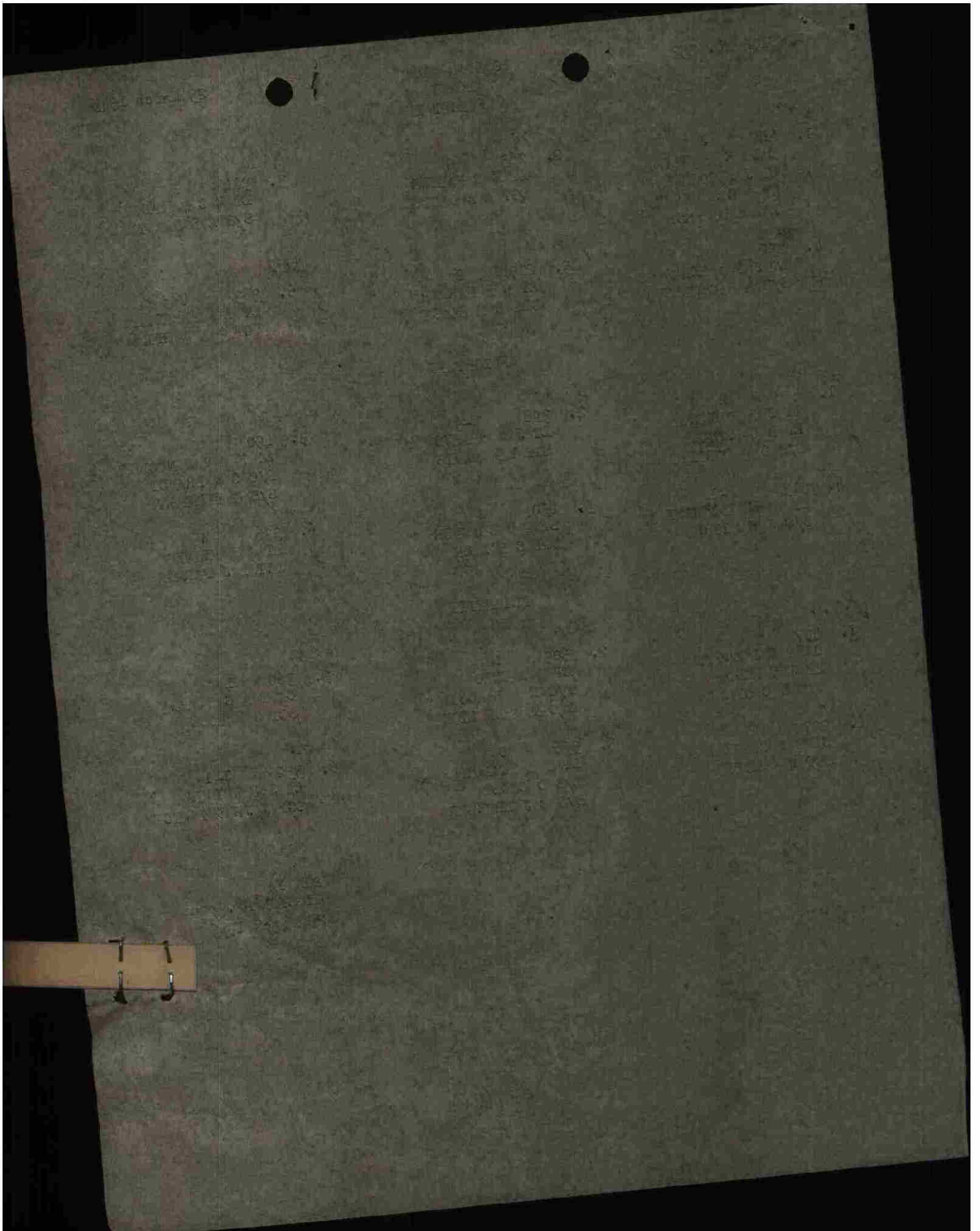
41-39
4. 297 T 800
J CAPT L O NIELSEN ✓
SGT W W MAUPIN ✓

43-rr
5. 356 G 500
J LT G L MILBORN ✓
S/S D CHEST ✓
S/S C J KRUEGER ✓

43-rr
6. 352 J-1 500
J LT J R WRIGHT ✓
SGT J JROSHAWICZ ✓

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BOX II

FLIGHT I

1. ^{4:30} 192 E 680
 CAPT F D STEPPING ✓
 LT A S CALLOWAY ✓
 S/S W J BROWN ✓

2. ^{4:30} 244 I 510
 LT R W VAN ROYE ✓
 S/S W H BELLINGMAN ✓

3. ^{4:30} 251 F 580
 LT J A WILLARD ✓
 S/S C V HINDER ✓

4. ^{4:30} 338 O 500
 LT D W SCHELS ✓
 S/S V A MALARA ✓

5. ^{4:30} 362 Y 550
 LT R H HACKLEY ✓
 S/S O T HARK ✓

6. ^{4:30} 271 R 600
 LT F G DUNN ✓
 SGT J M BIRIEL ✓

FLIGHT II

1. ^{4:30} 528 T 630
 LT M ERROZASERE ✓
 LT M F WILBUR ✓
 SGT E A BOWIE ✓

2. ^{4:30} 509 N
 LT P P BARAUSKY ✓
 LT W E SHEEHAN ✓
 S/S M HALL ✓

3. ^{4:30} 9315 F-1 600
 LT J F WALLACE ✓
 SGT R PLANT ✓

4. ^{4:30} 205 M 520
 LT E G BISHOP ✓
 SGT M C HARRIS ✓
 SGT D B RICHARDS ✓

5. ^{4:30} 416 O-1 550
 LT J F STANKOWSKI ✓
 SGT A H KIRPALL ✓

6. ^{4:30} 232 F 650
 LT A G HENSON ✓
 SGT J M MATTHEWS ✓

FLIGHT III

1. ^{4:30} 481 F 520
 CAPT H M EVANS ✓
 LT T M MCCARTNEY ✓
 S/S O N MERRITT ✓

2. ^{4:30} 335 W 600
 LT R A RUSSELL ✓
 CPL J B YOUNG ✓

3. ^{4:30} 495 G 550
 LT J P PHILLIPS ✓
 SGT W A MILLER ✓

~~4:30 335 O-1~~
~~LT R A RUSSELL~~
~~SGT J B YOUNG~~

4. ^{4:30} 259 F 675
 LT J R COLBETT ✓
 S/S O M MOHR ✓

5. ^{4:30} 325 L 650
 LT E B DRUM ✓
 S/S R S CANDY ✓

6. ^{4:30} 378 O-2 550
 LT F R TANK ✓
 SGT F B HARMON ✓

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 BOX II
 25 March 1945

MISSION NO. 253

LOADING LIST
BOX III
FLIGHT I

25 March 1945

4:30
1. 505 Y *6:00*
LT O F JACOBSEN ✓
F/O R W HARVEST ✓
S/S H I GOOCH ✓

4:30
2. 2315 L *5:50*
LT J H CARVER ✓
S/S N M GRAHAM ✓

4:30
3. 985 D *6:25*
LT A V EVARTS *
S/S W F FUEHRER *

4:30
4. 271 S *5:45*
LT L J PRUCHA ✓
S/S L V METZLER *

4:30
5. 305 U *5:00*
LT R HLONG ✓
SGT V J MCCARTHY ✓

4:30
6. 264 I *6:20*
LT A S NATHANSON ✓
SGT C J RAMINSKI *

FLIGHT II

4:30
1. 501 W *6:25*
LT J R WARREN ✓
LT T M TORRES ✓
SGT C C STROUP ✓

4:30
2. 330 P *6:00*
LT W MUGROVE ✓
SGT I TORRES ✓

4:30
3. 564 V *6:50*
LT A R TURMAN ✓
S/S D V PALADINO ✓

4:30
4. 224 E *6:15*
LT E O TURNER ✓
S/S J O BELCAS ✓

4:30
5. 223 B *6:60*
F O S E BOERNER ✓
CPL K A EDDY ✓

4:30
6. 239 N *5:50*
LT J V O'BRIEN *
SGT F E CONRY *

MISSION NO. 253
BOX III
25 March 1945

SECRET
 Form: CO, A-69
 26 Mar 45
 INITIAL:

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

U-2-1

APO 140, U.S. Army,
 26 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 25 March 1945, T.O. 0889, Alten Kirchen Road Junction, F.O. 224-816.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 43-22563
 (Lt R.W. Maskell)

Pilot salvaged bombs a few seconds after target.

Gunner stated that the right bomb bay door was not fully open on bomb run. Pilot hit salvo switch and doors came open and salvaged bombs.

41-39250
 (Lt T.E. Graber)

Station 1A released late on doors.

Corroded B-7 shackles.

43-22501
 (Lt J.R. Warren)

Stations 3A, 4A, and 2A failed to release.

A thorough ground check revealed no irregularities. It is believed that pilot did not have bomb master switch on since the bomb sight is wired to release one station without bomb master switch on. This condition is being corrected by 9BD memo.

V. 43-22503
 (Lt P.P. Bernausky)

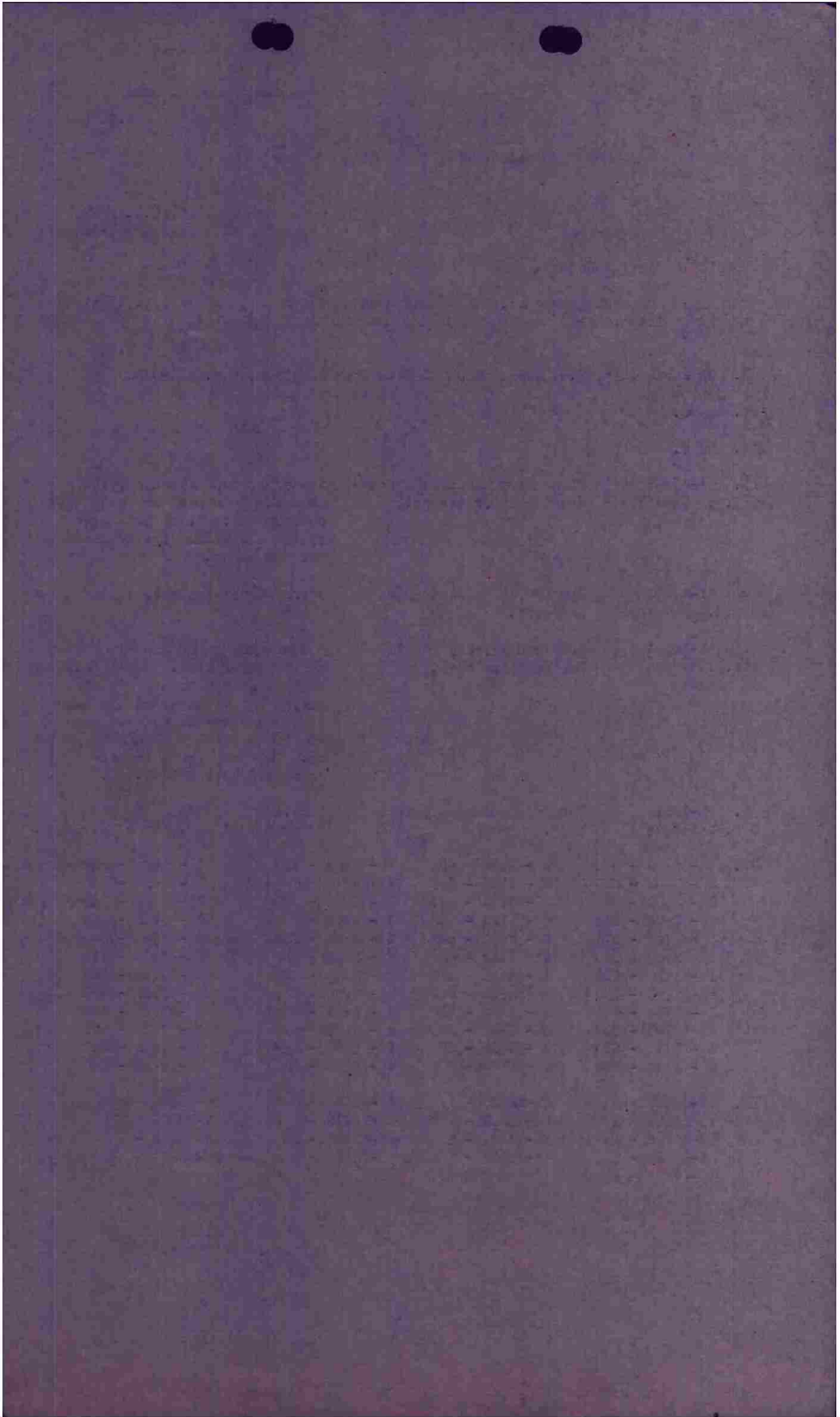
Forced landing away from base.

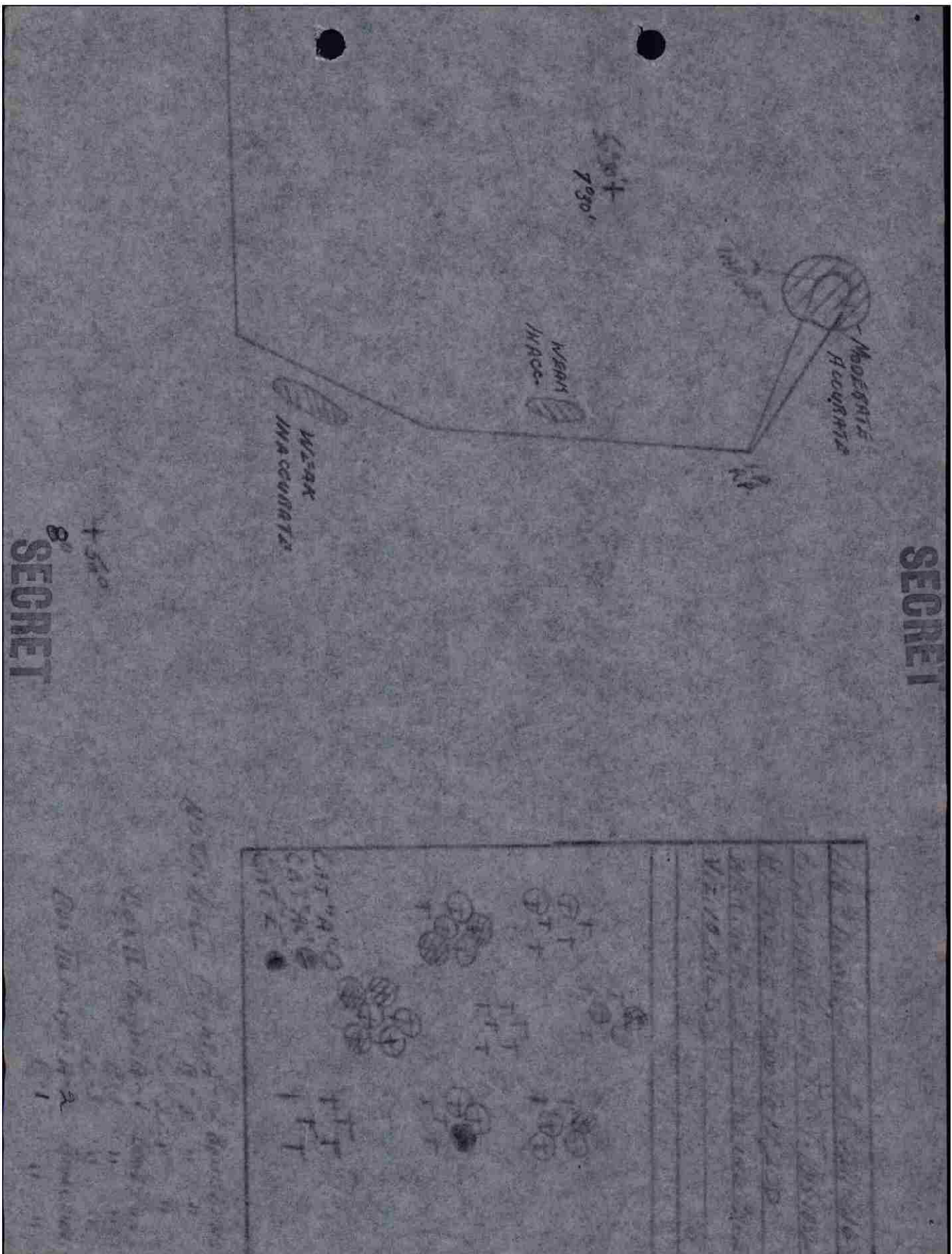
Flak.

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| VI. | 1 - 3:00 - 570 | 1 - 3:20 - 650 | 1 - 3:20 - 630 | 1 - 3:05 - 600 |
| | 2 - 3:00 - 620 | 2 - 3:20 - 500 | 2 Didn't return | 2 - 3:05 - 550 |
| | 3 - 3:00 - 520 | 3 - 3:20 - 600 | 3 - 3:20 - 600 | 3 - 3:05 - 625 |
| | 4 - 3:00 - 600 | 4 - 3:20 - 800 | 4 - 3:25 - 520 | 4 - 3:05 - 525 |
| | 5 - 3:00 - 570 | 5 - 3:20 - 800 | 5 - 3:25 - 550 | 5 - 3:05 - 500 |
| | 6 - 3:20 - 500 | 6 - 3:20 - 500 | 6 - 3:25 - 650 | 6 - 3:05 - 620 |
| | 1 - 3:00 - 550 | 1 - 3:15 - 580 | 1 - 3:05 - 520 | 1 - 3:15 - 625 |
| | 2 - 3:00 - 400 | 2 - 3:15 - 510 | 2 - 3:05 - 600 | 2 - 3:15 - 600 |
| | 3 - 3:00 - 460 | 3 - 3:15 - 560 | 3 - 3:05 - 550 | 3 - 3:15 - 650 |
| | 4 - 3:00 - 600 | 4 - 3:15 - 500 | 4 - 3:10 - 675 | 4 - 3:15 - 625 |
| | 5 - 3:10 - 610 | 5 - 3:15 - 550 | 5 - 3:25 - 650 | 5 - 3:10 - 660 |
| | 6 - 3:45 - 550 | 6 - 3:25 - 600 | 6 - 3:10 - 550 | 6 - 3:15 - 550 |

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| VII. | 41-39335 - A | 43-22535 - A | 43-22498 - A | 43-22352 - A |
| | 43-22481 - AC | 41-39325 - A | 43-22515 - A | 41-39259 - A |
| | 41-39305 - A | 43-22487 - A | 43-22503 - E | 43-22495 - A |
| | 41-39264 - A | 43-22515 - A | 43-22528 - A | 43-22505 - A |
| | 41-39274 - A | | | |

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





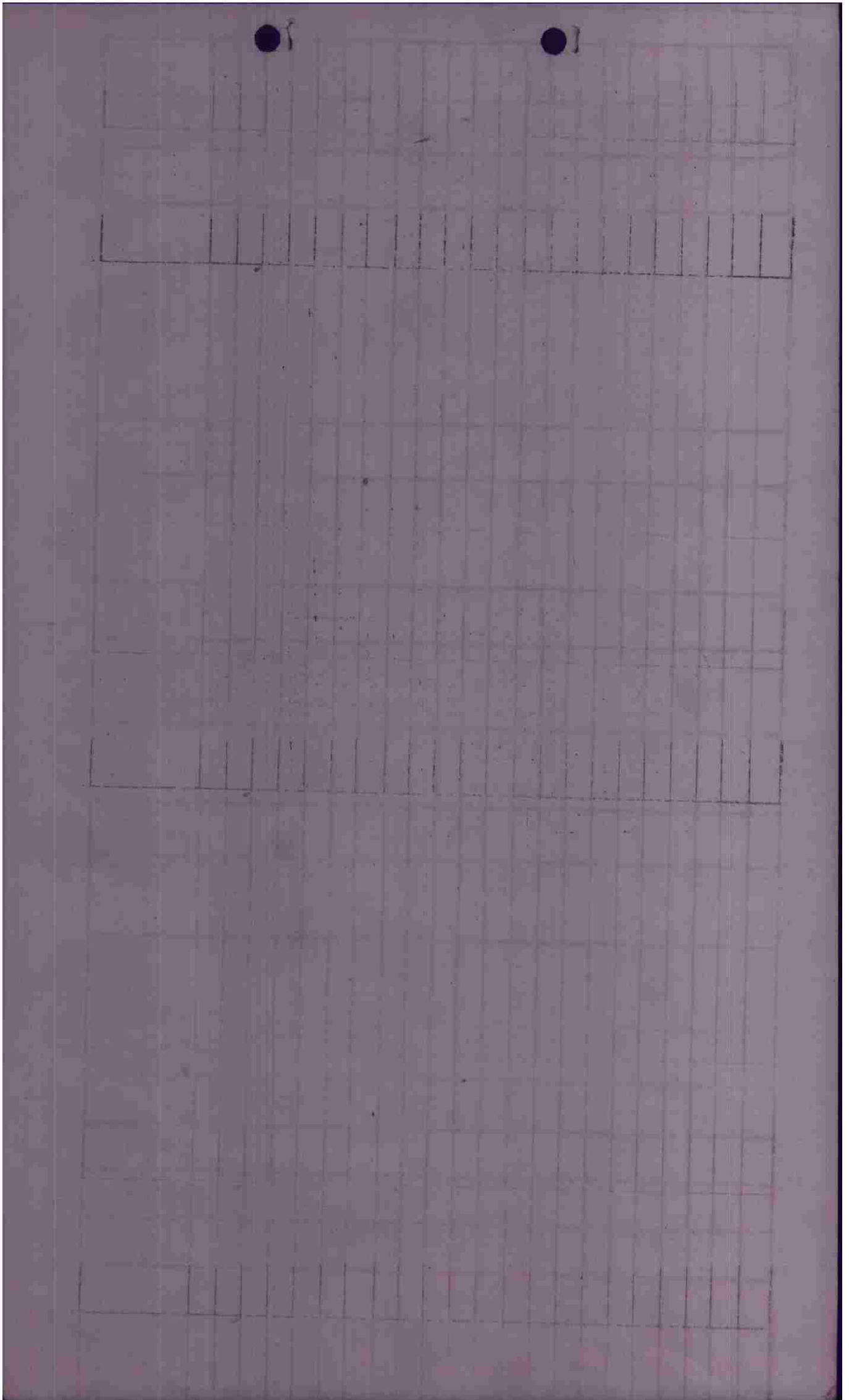


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| B | J | 487 | Miller | 187 | | 0839 | 137 | 3:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| B | G | 263 | Foyter | | | 0839 | 135 | 3:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| B | H | 314 | Martin | | | 0839 | 135 | 3:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| B | D | 252 | Allen | | | 0840 | 136 | 3:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| B | B | 229 | Harper | | | 0840 | 136 | 3:20 | | | | | | | | | |
| B | V | 383 | Hooker | | | 0840 | 139 | 3:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| A | R | 498 | Quirk | | | 0841 | 139 | 3:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| D | D-1 | 328 | Spina | | | 0841 | 140 | 3:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| A | X | 490 | Paul Gordon | | | 0842 | 140 | 3:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| A | B-1 | 313 | Permykowski | | | 0842 | 150 | 3:10 | | | | | | | | | |
| A | A | 250 | Brubaker | | | 0842 | 129 | 3:45 | | | | | | | | | |
| A | W | 326 | Shirko | | | 0842 | 1201 | 3:20 | | | | | | | | | |
| A | F | 497 | Wittan | | | 0843 | 1201 | 3:20 | | | | | | | | | |
| A | N | 609 | Yero | | | 0843 | 1202 | 3:20 | | | | | | | | | |
| A | K | 360 | Heans | | | 0843 | 1202 | 3:20 | | | | | | | | | |
| A | T | 297 | Nelson | | | 0844 | 1203 | 3:20 | | | | | | | | | |
| A | C | 356 | Michon | | | 0844 | 1203 | 3:20 | | | | | | | | | |
| A | F1 | 352 | Muight, JR. | | | 0844 | 1203 | 3:20 | | | | | | | | | |

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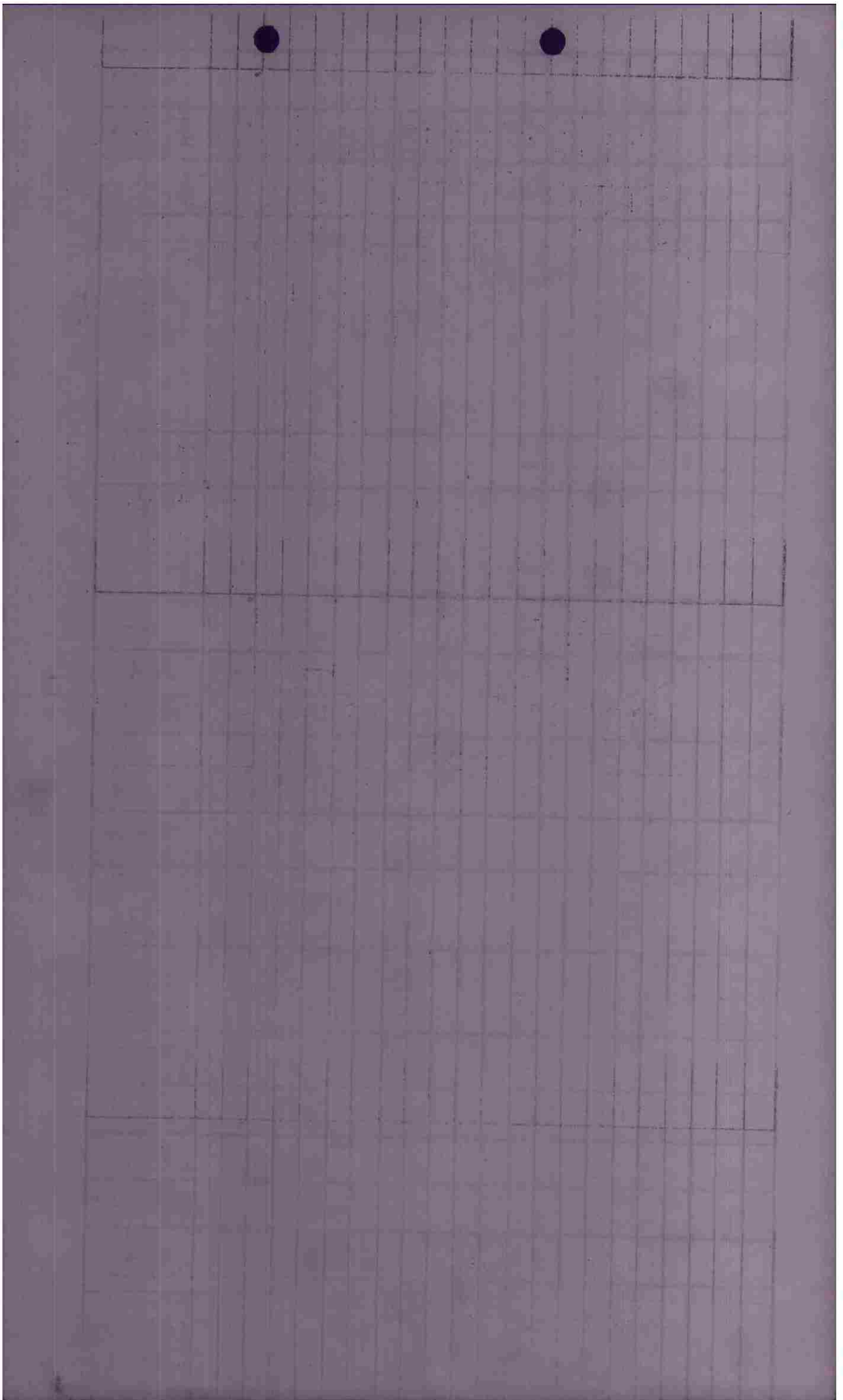


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| B | E | 492 | <i>Stubbings</i> | | | 0845 | 1159 | 3:15 | | | | | | | | | |
| B | F | 344 | <i>Ear Pope</i> | | | 0845 | 1159 | 3:15 | | | | | | | | | |
| B | F | 351 | <i>McIlwain</i> | | | 0845 | 1159 | 3:15 | | | | | | | | | |
| B | O | 338 | <i>Arnold</i> | | | 0846 | 1159 | 3:15 | | | | | | | | | |
| B | Y | 362 | <i>Hackley</i> | | | 0846 | 1200 | 3:15 | | | | | | | | | |
| B | R | 271 | <i>Turney</i> | | | 0846 | 1211 | 3:25 | | | | | | | | | |
| C | T | 528 | <i>Emotative</i> | | | 0846 | 1204 | 3:20 | | | | | | | | | |
| C | N | 503 | <i>Bronckey</i> | | | 0847 | <i>Coord. land at 4.57 - Coord OK.</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| C | F-1 | 9315 | <i>Shawell</i> | | | 0847 | 1205 | 3:20 | | | | | | | | | |
| C | M | 205 | <i>Bohrt</i> | | | 0848 | 1210 | 3:25 | | | | | | | | | |
| C | O-1 | 416 | <i>Tankard</i> | | | 0848 | 1210 | 3:25 | | | | | | | | | |
| C | R | 232 | <i>Heenan</i> | | | 0848 | 1210 | 3:25 | | | | | | | | | |
| A | P | 481 | <i>Sperry</i> | | | 0849 | 1150 | 3:05 | | | | | | | | | |
| A | W | 335 | <i>Finwood</i> | | | 0849 | 1151 | 3:05 | | | | | | | | | |
| A | G | 495 | <i>Phinney</i> | | | 0849 | 1151 | 3:05 | | | | | | | | | |
| A | H | 259 | <i>Catquith</i> | | | 0850 | 1157 | 3:10 | | | | | | | | | |
| A | L | 325 | <i>Dunn</i> | | | 0850 | 1215 | 3:25 | | | | | | | | | |
| A | O-1 | 378 | <i>Parke</i> | | | 0850 | 1157 | 3:10 | | | | | | | | | |

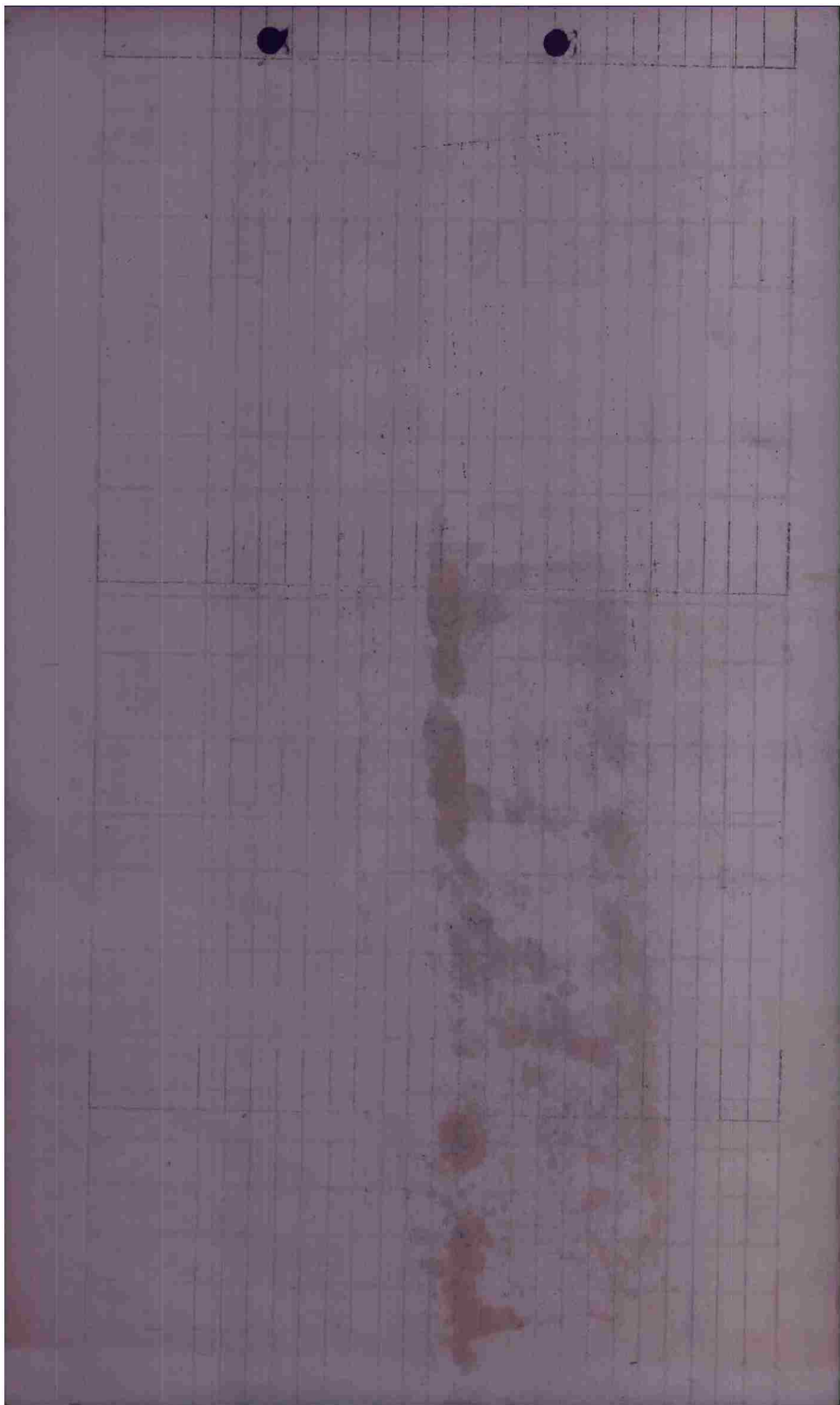


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|---------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------------|--------|-------|----------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| A | Y | 505 | Jacobson | | | 0851 | 1153 | 3:05 | | | | | | | | | |
| C | L | 3315 | Stamm | | | 0851 | 1152 | 3:05 | | | | | | | | | |
| A | D | 385 | Grant | | | 0851 | 1153 | 3:05 | | | | | | | | | |
| A | S | 274 | Luicks | | | 0851 | 1154 | 3:05 | | | | | | | | | |
| A | T | 305 | Long | | | 0851 | 1154 | 3:05 | | | | | | | | | |
| A | T | 261 | Northrup | | | 0851 | 1154 | 3:05 | | | | | | | | | |
| C | I | 101 | Stamm | | | 0851 | 1203 | 3:15 | | | | | | | | | |
| C | W | 330 | Stamm | | | 0853 | 1204 | 3:15 | | | | | | | | | |
| C | P | 564 | Stamm | | | 0853 | 1208 | 3:15 | | | | | | | | | |
| C | V | 321 | Stamm | | | 0854 | 1208 | 3:15 | | | | | | | | | |
| C | F | 223 | Stamm | | | 0854 | 1204 | 3:10 | | | | | | | | | |
| C | B | 223 | Stamm | | | 0854 | 1204 | 3:10 | | | | | | | | | |
| A | N | 539 | Stamm | | | 0854 | 1209 | 3:15 | | | | | | | | | |

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Part III

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

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S.4
S.3
S.9

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

CBTWIG 97 R-280-E

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

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

CANCEL PLAN "B".

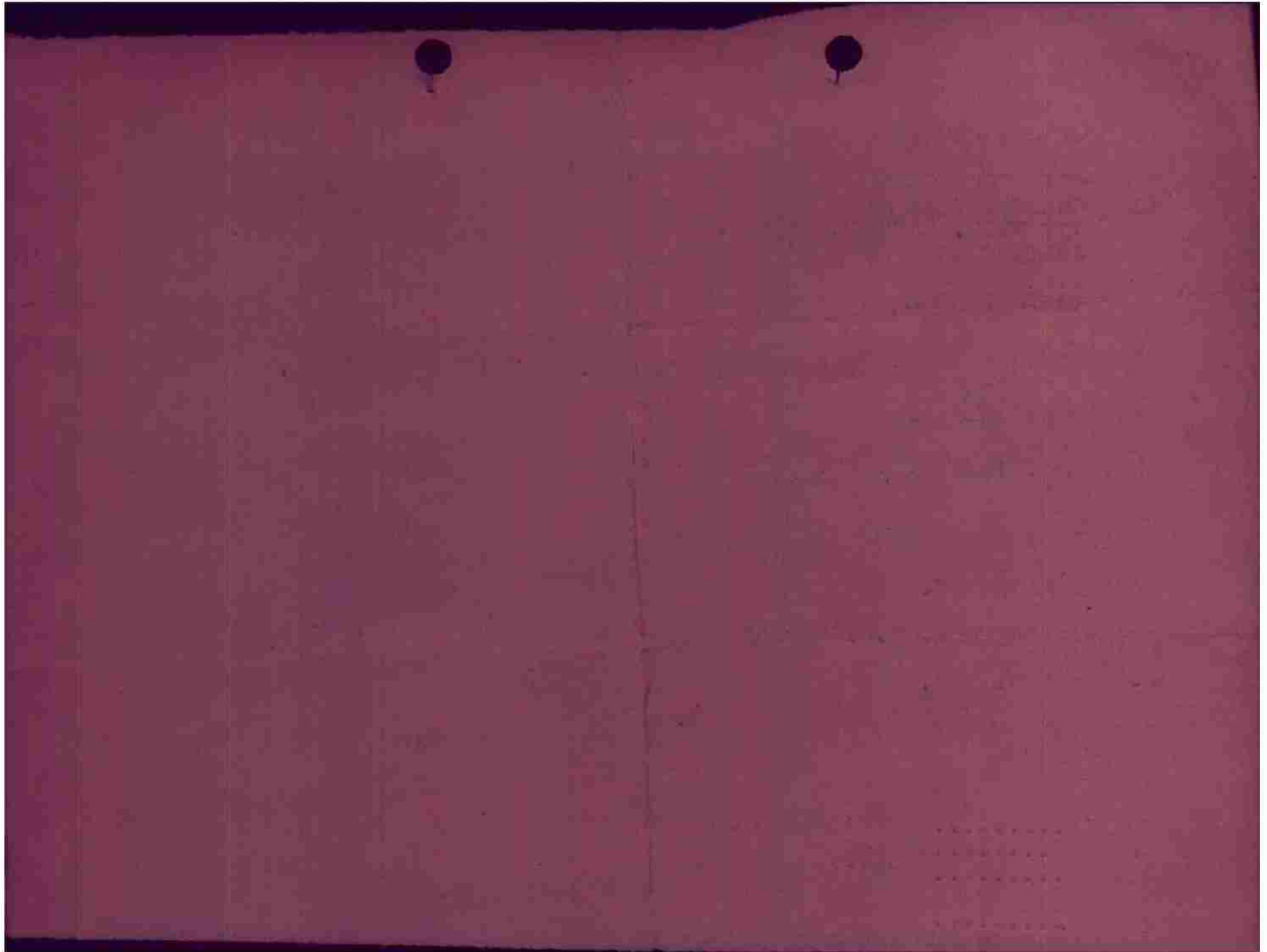
IN PLAN "A" PAR. 3.D. SHOULD READ : FLAK POSITIONS AT. F-95202891 AND
F-96413248. ETC.

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 25 0545A
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JES R25/0615A JAB AR
JPO R25/0615A HJS AR
JKI R25/0615A RSS AR

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ITA JJF JES JKI V JEA JEA 22/24 OP OP

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

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

BT 97CBW R-227-E

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

PLAN "A"

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

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

PHOTO COVERAGE :
 US12/4299 PRINT 5015
 US12/4213 PRINT 5028, 5031
 US 7GR/3208 PRINT 3012, 3011
 US 27/1367 PRINT 4050
 NINTH AF 2ND PHASE REPORT IX TAC T/385
 NINTH AF 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT US10/DS50
 MOSAIC NO.38 SHEET NO.9

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

(4) FLAK : SEE CURRENT PLOTTED POSITIONS.

COMCBTWIG 97

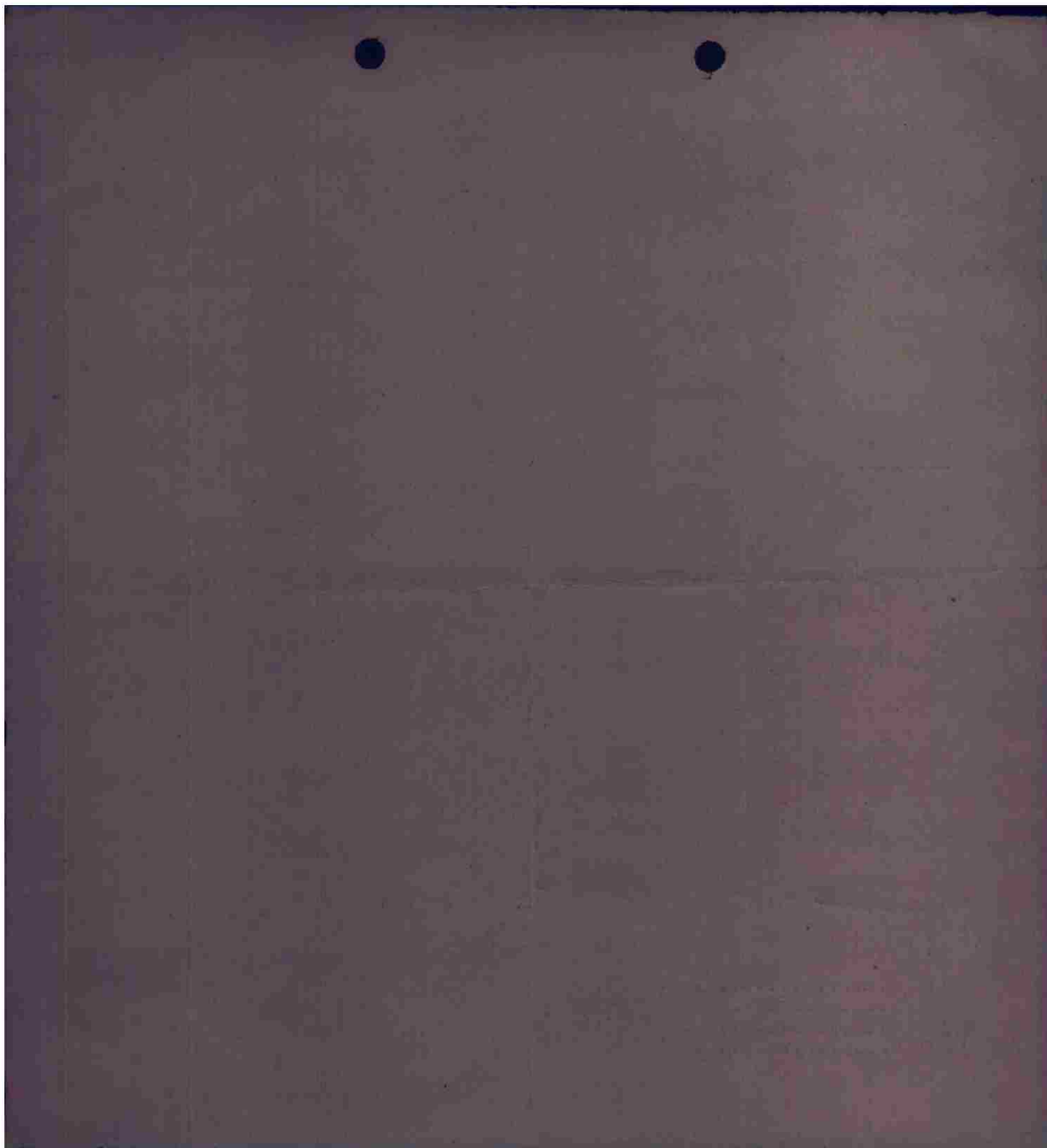
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AR CES.

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| JJF R..... | 24/2250A | JN | AR |
| ITA R..... | 24/2250A | MILT | AR |
| JES R..... | 24/2259A | DC | AR |
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FROM: 416TH BOMB GP (L) 25/0910A
TO : CG, 97TH COMBAT WING , ATTN: A-2
BT

SECRET 416BG R-566-D

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

CRPT. M. B. SHERIDAN

BT 25/0910A

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FROM JEA 24/2320A 52
TO ITA 53
 JJF 59
 JES
 JKI

SIGNAL SERVICE BT

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

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 7/25 OP OP

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

BT

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

- A. 416TH BOMB GP.
B. ALTENKIRCHEN ROAD JUNCTION (F 93803214)
C. 48 A-26'S
D. 46 A-26'S ATTACKED PRIMARY VISUALLY BY FLIGHTS
2 A-26'S SALVOED BOMBS IN VICINITY OF G-120250 WITH PERMISSION OF FORMATION LEADER, ONE A/C BECAUSE IT A//WAS FORCED OUT OF POSITION DUE TO EVASIVE ACTION PRIOR TO BOMB RELEASE POINT, THE OTHER BECAUSE BOMBAY DOORS FAILED TO OPEN OVER TARGET DUE TO CLAIMED MECHANICAL MAL-FUNCTION, CAUSE OF WHICH IS AS YET UNDETERMINED.
F. 181 X 1000 GP ON PRIMARY. THIS INCLUDES BOMBS OF A/C THAT CRASHED LANDED AT Y-57 AND IS REPORTED TO HAVE BOMBED.
8 X 1000 GP AT G-120250
3 X 1000 GP RETURNED
G. CREWS REPORT GOOD TO SUPERIOR RESULTS BY ALL FLIGHTS.
H. 15 A-26'S DAMAGED BY FLAK, CATEGORY "A"
7 A-26'S DAMAGED BY FLAK, CATEGORY "AC"
1 A-26 DAMAGED BY FLAK, FLAK DAMAGE CATEGORY UNKNOWN, CRASH LANDED AT Y-57. THIS A/C IS IN CATEGORY "E" AS RESULT OF CRASH.
I. ONE (1) CREW MEMBER (B/N IN A/C 505) SLIGHTLY WOUNDED DUE TO FLAK. INFORMATION LACKING AS TO CONDITION OF TRXXX THREE (3) CREW MEMBERS, (PILOT, B/N AND GUNNER) OF A/C 503 WHICH CRASHED LANDED AT Y-57.
J. TARGET: MODERATE ACCURATE HFF. ELSEWHERE: WEAK INACCURATE HFF FROM MONTABOUR (G-070060) AND NASTATTEN (M-090780) AND OBR BACHEIM (M-030840).
K. NIL
L. BOX 1 FLIGHT A - 12,200
" B - 11,000
" C - 11,900
BOX 2 FLIGHT A - 11,000
" B - 10,500
" C - 10,200
BOX 3 FLIGHT A - 10,000
" B - 10,000
M. BOX 1 FLIGHT A - 1018 (2ND RUN)
" B - 1023 (2ND RUN)
" C - 1032 (2ND RUN)
BOX 2 FLIGHT A - 1015 (1ST RUN)
" B - 1015 (1ST RUN)
" C - 1031 (3RD RUN)
BOX 3 FLIGHT A - 1024 (2ND RUN)
" B - 1016 (1ST RUN)

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

BT 251400A

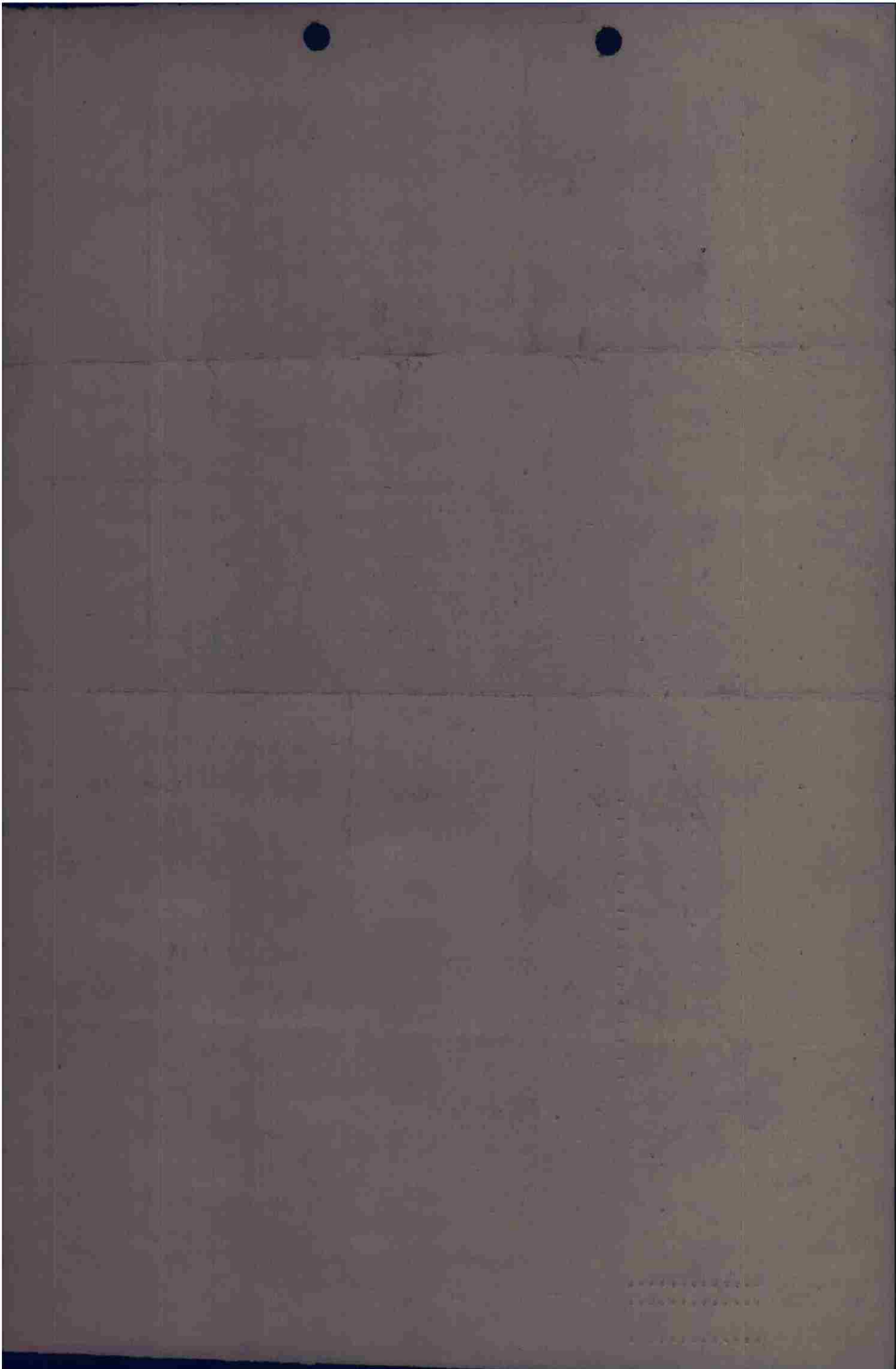
XX CC: UNDER L. BOX 2 FLIGHT C. 10,200 RPT ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 10,200

EJ AR K

BBBBBB TO BOTH

ITA R..... 1500T
JEA R..... 2500TTA LC ~~KKK~~

ITA R..... 25/508A JP



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FROM 416TH BOMGR. 25/1945A

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

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SECRET 416 BC R-378-D

CORRECTION TO OPFLASH FOR 25 MARCH 1945, MORNING MISSION

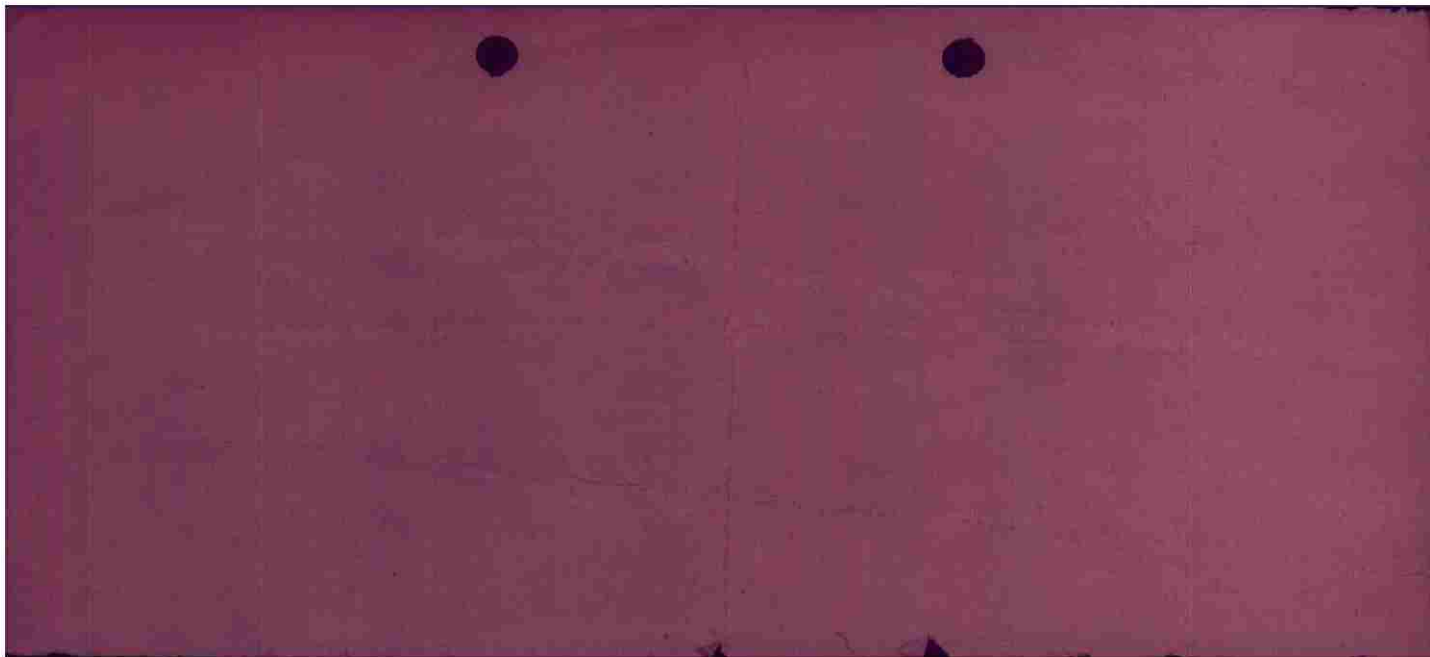
PARA. E. TO READ. . . NIL.

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 01/26 OP-OP

FROM HQ 416TH BOMB GP (L) S-2 PI 25/2345A

TO 9TH BOMBER DIV (M) A-2 PI
97TH WING (L) A-2 DUTY OFFICER

BT

SECRET R-582-D

B. ALTENKIRCHEN R/J

G. 1014 - 1031

J. BOX I FLT A - DMPI - UNDET: NO STRIKE PHOTOS DUE TO EVASIVE ACTION
(VISUAL) VISUAL REPORTS STATE BOMBS HIT INTOWN.

FLT B - DMPI - UNDET: SAME AS FLT A BOX I

FLT C - DMPI - UNSAT: NO BURSTS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI, BOMBS
FELL IN LONG PATTERN IN FIELDS AND ACROSS
ROADS 4960 FT S OF DMPI.

BOX II FLT A - DMPI - EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH
CENTER OF BURSTS 340 FT W OF DMPI. BOMBS FELL
IN GOOD PATTERN ON BLDGS AND ROADS IN CENTER
OF TOWN.

FLT B - DMPI - UNSAT: NO BURST WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI. BOMBS
FELL IN FIELDS AND ACROSS ROADS.

FLT C - DMPI - EXCEL: 95 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF
DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 510 FT NW OF DMPI.
LONG PATTERN IN CENTER OF TOWN DESTROYING BLDGS
AND BLOCKING ROADS.

BOX III FLT A - DMPI - UNDET: NO STRIKE PHOTOS DUE TO EVASIVE ACTION.
VISUAL REPORTS STATE BOMBS HIT IN TOWN.

FLT B - DMPI - UNSAT: 10 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF
DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 1130 FT SW OF DMPI.
BOMBS HIT IN SCATTERED PATTERN IN FIELDS AND
ACROSS ROAD.

K. BOX I FLT C - DMPI - UNSAT: CAUSE AS YET UNDETERMINED, BING
INVESTIGATED BY GROSS ERROR BOARD.

BOX II FLT B - DMPI - UNSAT: AIRCRAFT IN UNLEVEL ALTITUDE AT TIME
OF RELEASE.

BOX III FLT B - DMPI - UNSAT: POOR PATTERN DUE TO SHARP TURN OFF
TARGET IMMEDIATELY AFTER BOMBS AWAY.

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

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

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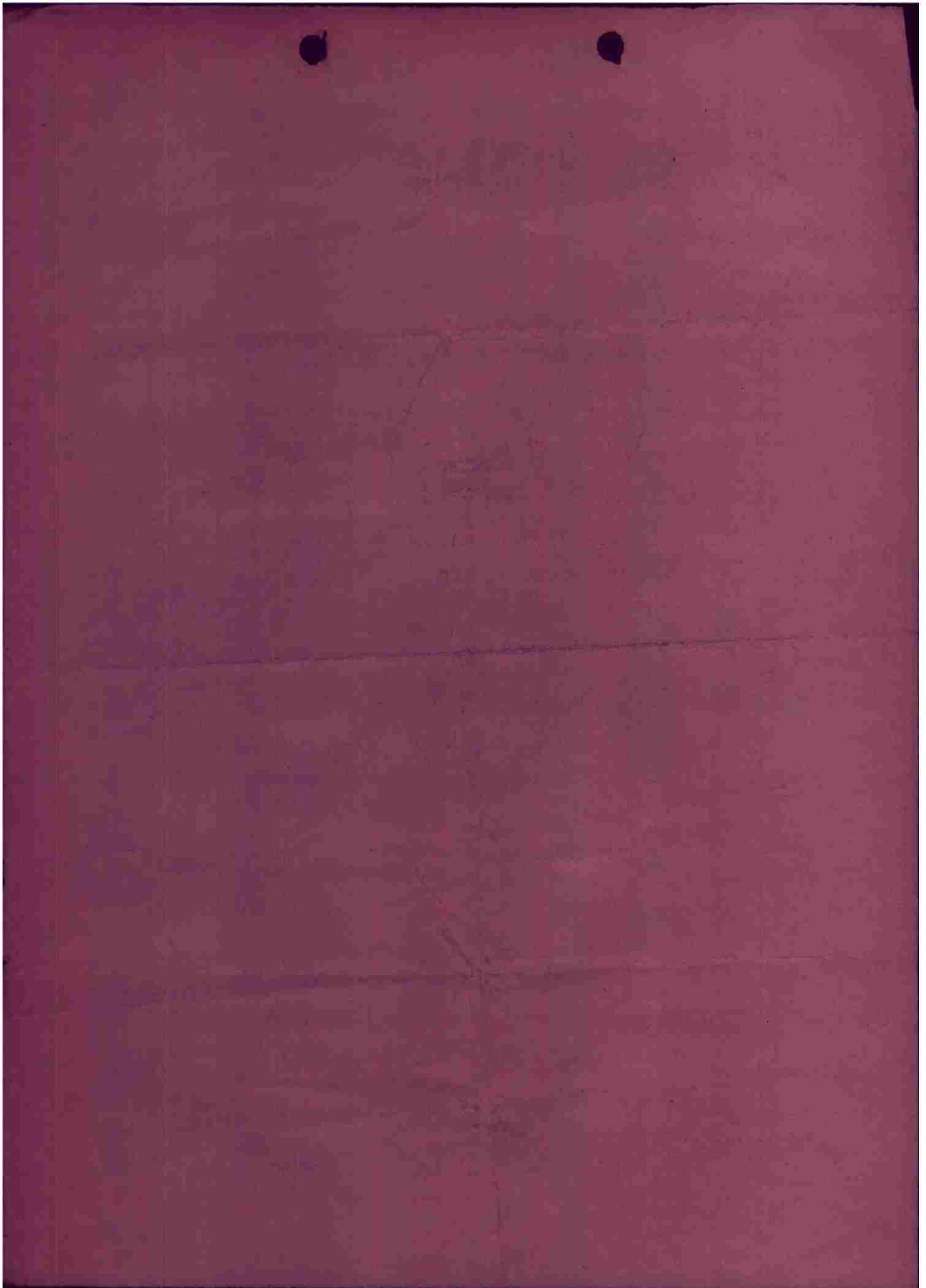
CAPTAIN CLAYTON W. ZESIGER

BT 25/2345A

FD AS BBBB

ITA R.....26/0025A CLEV KKK

JEA R.....26/0055 DJP



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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 6/25 P P

FROM COBOMGR 416 25/1400A

TO COBONDIV NINE / ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER
CONCETWIG 97 (INFO)BT
CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-569-J

A - YS -88

B - 25 MARCH 1945 (8839-1164)

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

D - J-JIGHX REPORTED SKIPPER FORMATION ENTERING TACTICAL AREA TO RIPSAN.

E - NONE

F - NONE

G - NONE

H - NONE

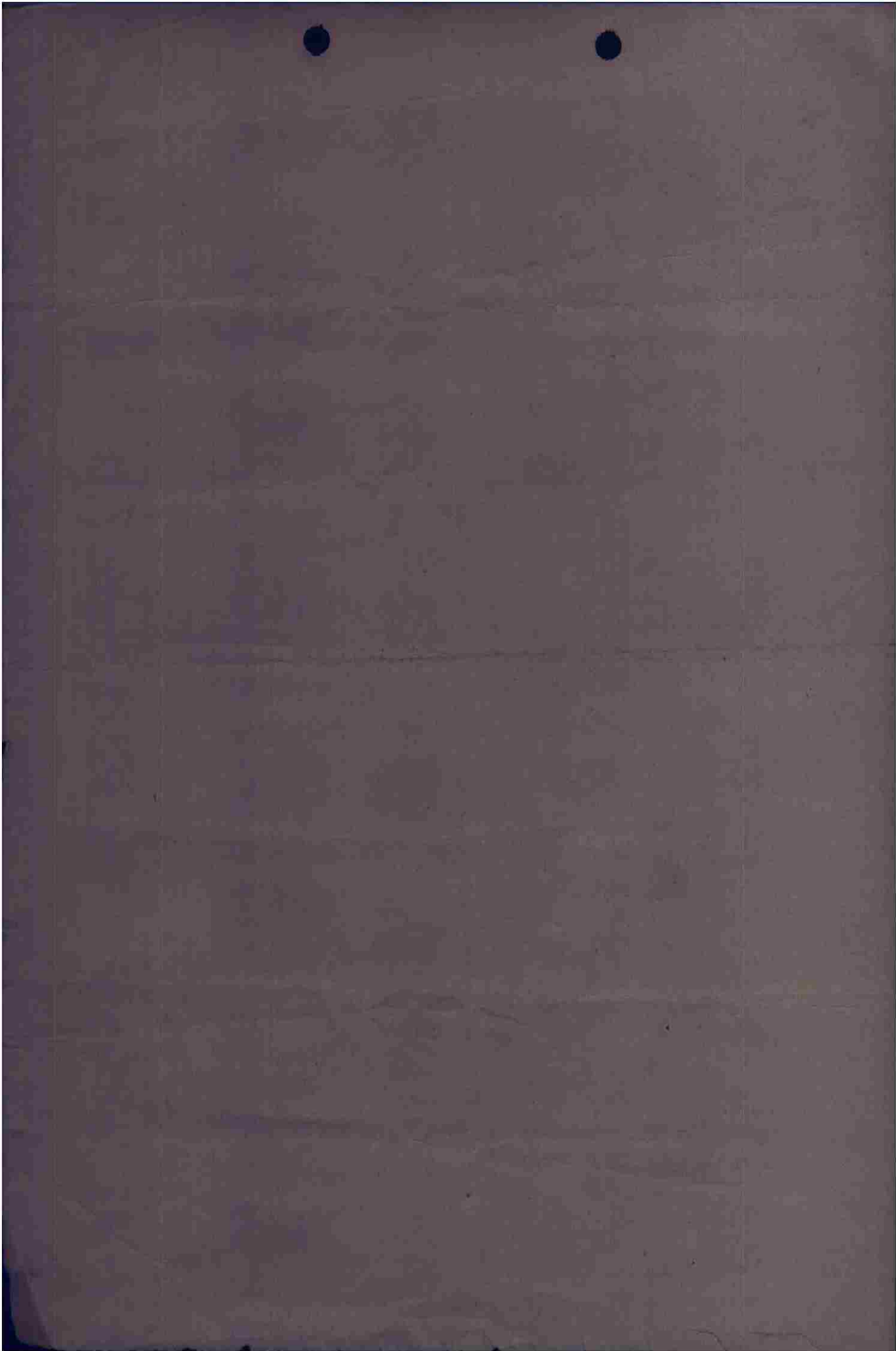
I - NONE

J - NONE

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

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

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



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

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

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

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

R-279-E

FIELD ORDER NO. 224-816

MAPS: NORMAL

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

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

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

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

3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:

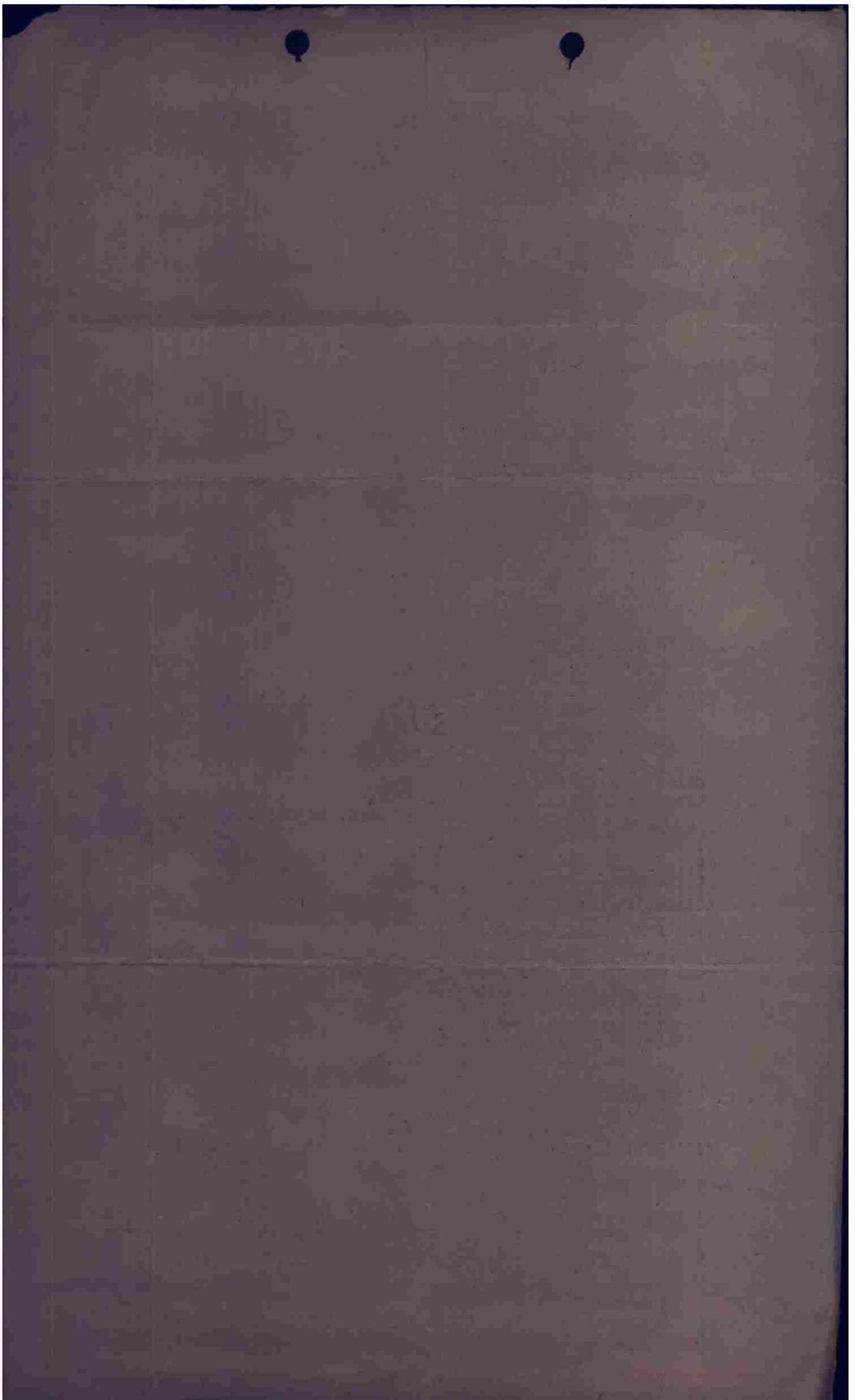
- (1) LIMBURG M/Y M-230983.
- (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (4) BASE TO L-5971 TO L-9972 TO IP TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO RP AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB 11,500 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 6,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (7) M-0978.
-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

3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

- (9) MPI: GSGS 4507 SHEET NO. 80. COVER ROAD JUNCTION AT GRID. COORD.: 93803214.
- (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MIN.

3. D. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

THE 409TH BOMB GROUP WILL BOMB FLAK POSITIONS AT F-95202891 AND F-96413278. ONE FLIGHT OF 6 A/C, LOADED WITH M-1-A-1 100 LB. FRAG CLUSTERS, WILL ACCOMPANY FORMATION ON ROUTE TO TARGET, AND LEAVE FORMATION PRIOR TO TARGET TO BOMB FLAK POSITIONS, BY ELEMENTS OF 3 A/C, 2 MINUTES BEFORE FORMATION COMES INTO EFFECTIVE RANGE OF FLAK BATTERIES LOCATED AT ABOVE PLOTTED POSITIONS. ELEMENTS WILL BOMB AT 12,000 FEET AND LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING. ELEMENTS WILL MARSHALL INTO A FLIGHT OF 6 A/C AFTER BOMBING AND USE EXTREME CAUTION NOT TO INTERFERE WITH GROUPS OPERATING IN THE AREA. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.



X. (1-4) NO CHANGE.

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

FOR 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS ONLY

- (6) TARGET: ALTENKIRCHEN ROAD JUNCTIONS F-934320
 (7) A/C REQUIRED: MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C
 (8) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO L-5971 TO L-9972 TO M-0991 TO IP TO TARGET.
 (9) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO RP AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
 (10) ALTITUDES: BOMB 13,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS BUT NOT BELOW 6,000 FEET. LOSE 2,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 (11) IP: G-1225.
 (12) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY S E TO N W.
 (13) BOMB LOAD: 4 X 1,000 LB. GP. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
 (14) RP: G-1225.
 (15) PRIMARY WILL BE BOMBED BY VISUAL MEANS ONLY.
 (16) IN THE EVENT PRIMARY IS NOT BOMBED VISUALLY, GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 (A) ALTERNATE VISUALLY.
 (B) BULLSEYE PROCEDURE.
 (C) ALTERNATE ON "GEE".
 (D) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.

PLAN "B" PATHFINDER

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4507 SHEET NO. 80. COVER ROAD JUNCTION AT GRID. COORD. 93403198 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. P.P.F. M.P.I. 93403198
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MIN.

3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

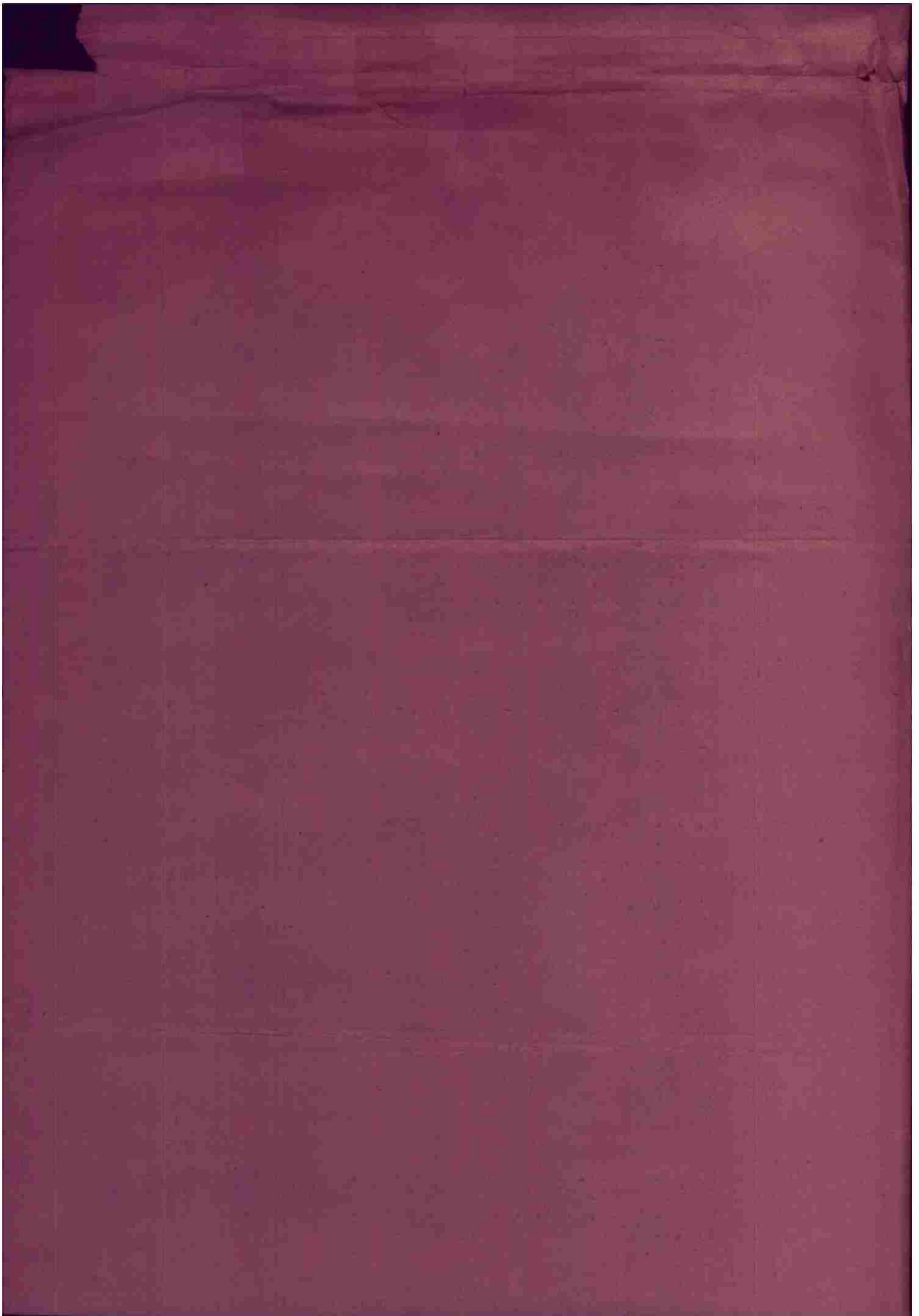
- (1) WISSEN ROAD JUNCTION G-003427
 (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 P.P.F. A/C
 (4) BASE TO L-5971 TO M-2372 TO M-5990 TO G-5134 TO TARGET.
 (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO G-1047 TO M-0781 TO L-9972 TO L-5971 TO BASE.
 (6) BOMB 1ST BOX 13,000 FEET, 2ND BOX 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING 6000 FEET. LOSE 1000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4416 SHEET R-2. COVER ROAD JUNCT. AT GRID. COORD. 00254270 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. P.P.F. M.P.I. COORD. 00254270
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MIN.
 (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND USE G-2144 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUDS PREVENT VISUAL BOMBING GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 (A) PRIMARY ON P.P.F.
 (B) ALTERNATE VISUALLY
 (C) BULLSEYE PROCEDURE
 (D) ALTERNATE ON "GEE"
 (E) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.

3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

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

X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE

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



- (5) TARGET: ALTENKIRCHEN ROAD JUCTIONS F-934320
- (6) A/C REQ.: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C
- (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO L-5971 TO M-2372 TO M-5990 TO G-5122 TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO G-1738 TO M-0781 TO L-9972 TO L-5971 TO BASE.
- (9) ALTITUDES: BOMB 1ST BOX 13,000 FEET, 2ND BOX 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING 6000 FEET. LOSE 2000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (10) BOMB LOAD AND FUSING: 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (11) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND USE G-1225 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUDS PREVENT VISUAL BOMBING GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - (A) PRIMARY ON P.P.F.
 - (B) ALTERNATE VISUALLY.
 - (C) BULLSEYE PROCEDURE
 - (D) ALTERNATE ON "GEE"
 - (E) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A" OR "B"

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

PLAN "A"

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

PLAN "B"

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

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- (11) SWEEPSTAKES AVAILABLE FOR BULLESYE PROCEDURE.

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BT 25/0130A

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JJF R 25/0320A PZ AR

JES R 025/0320A EJK AR

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