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MISSION NO. 355

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

26 MARCH 1945

43-
1. 437 E
Lt O J Brown ✓ 500
Lt J E Harns
Lt R E Brewer
S/S H E Sunderland

43
2. 508 Z
Capt C A Stanley ✓ 575
F/O J M Elount
Sgt J C Edenburn

43
3. 400 X
Lt D A Pare ✓ 525
F/O R L Langston
S/S A A Hojce

43
1. 609 M
Lt. Col J G Napier ✓ 510
Lt. D L Moore
F/O C A Cardinals
S/S H E McClain

43
2. 351 F
Lt J A W Allard ✓ 560
S/S C V Hinkler

43
3. 200 I
Lt R W Van Rope ✓ 570
S/S W H Klingman

43
1. 422 E-1
Lt J E Blongren ✓ 530
Lt G C Johnson
Capt H W Chidley (Weather)
S/S L R Fleming

43
2. 389 V
Lt E C Martin ✓ 575
S/S L R Draft

43
3. 496 L-1
Lt R H Heckley ✓ 595
S/S O T Hawk

41
4. 328 D ✓ 500
Lt W H Ames
S/S F E Barker

41
5. 360 J ✓ 500
Lt K Wallman
Sgt A Felt

41
5. 360 L ✓ 500
Capt A C Sears
M/Sgt F J Wells
Sgt S J Snyder (4th COV)

FLIGHT II

41
4. 252 D-1 ✓ 570
Lt J T Allen
S/S C W Veezey

41
5. 271 R ✓ 550
Lt F C Dunn
Sgt L C Stein

41
6. 328 O ✓ 560
Lt R B Harper
Sgt R M Black

FLIGHT III

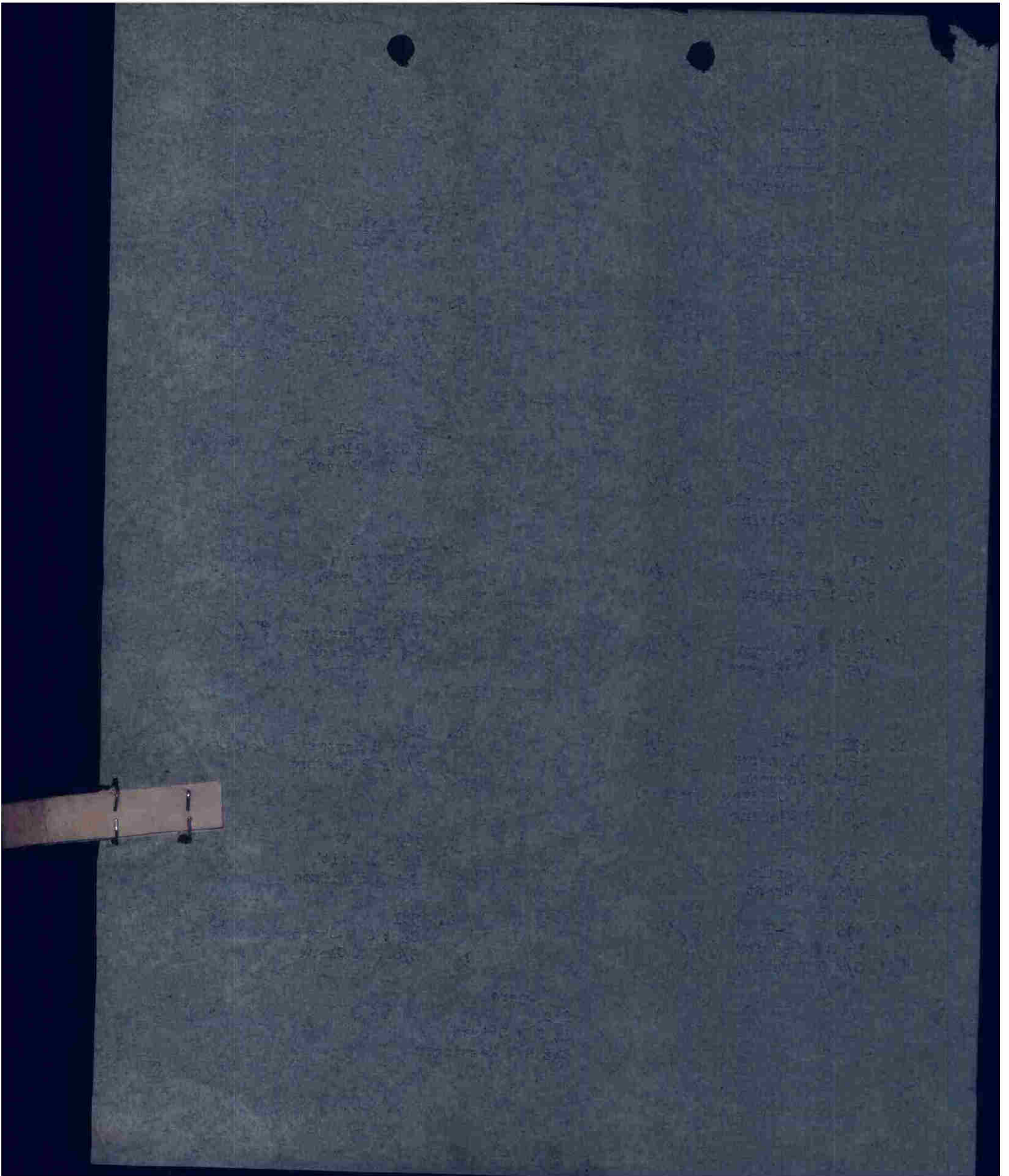
41
4. 269 G ✓ 600
Lt E R Hayter
S/S F P Pasford

41
5. 362 Y ✓ 580
Lt R A Smith
Sgt R P Wilson

41
6. 381 Q ✓ 510
Capt J M Shepard
S/S F A Clark

41 Spare
250 A ✓ 560
Lt J W Soires
Sgt R W Messinger

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26 Mar. 45



MISSION NO. 255

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

26 March 1945

1. 528 T
C Lt J A Buskirk ✓ 580
Lt R C Hanna
S/S C H Corbitt
2. 469 A
C Lt M Ervotabare ✓ 580
Lt M F Wilbur
Sgt F R Lynch
3. 205 M
✓ Lt H M Van Noorden ✓ 595
F/O C W Brandt
S/S R I Steffey

4. 229 E
C Lt A Remiazewski ✓ 610
S/S L D MC Elhatten
5. 326 W
D Capt Z R Moore ✓ 650
S/S B R Davis
6. 356 C
D Lt G L Milborn ✓ 450
S/S T Connery

FLIGHT II

1. 505 Y
G Lt O F Jacobsen ✓ 710
F/O B W Harwest
S/S A Pettinocchi
2. 378 O
W Lt J H Carver ✓ 625
S/S A B Stewart
3. 274 S
W Lt L J Prucha ✓ 575
S/S G C Wilson

4. 259 H
W Lt J E Colquitt ✓ 725
S/S C M Mohr
5. 385 D
W Lt A V Everts ✓ 620
Sgt C D Tegan
6. 335 W-1
W Lt E B Drum ✓ 690
S/S C L Calabrese

FLIGHT III

1. 501 W
C Lt H Popeney ✓ 630
Lt G E Fry
S/S H C S Candler
2. 232 K
C Lt A R Turman ✓ 655
Sgt C D Harmon
3. 224 E
✓ Lt W Musgrove ✓ 610
S/S J A Hammer

4. 416 O
C Lt R B Singletary ✓ 625
S/S A A Cianciolo
S/S J O Ottaviano
5. 2315 L
C Lt A G Henson ✓ 600
Op1 R K Houler
6. 9315 F
C Lt J C Curtis ✓ 625
Sgt O R Mulzet
W/O C P Scheuerman (4th COU)

SPARE

444 297 T/ 475
D Lt A J P Winn
S/S G G Stephenson

MISSION NO. 256
Box II
26 March 1945

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AUTH: CO, A-59
28 Mar 45
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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

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

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 28 March 1945, T.O. 1455, Gensunden W/T, P.O. 226-219.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 41-59224
(Lt T. Lukgrove)

Station 1A released when
bomb master switch was
turned on.

Discharging relay stuck in
intervalometer.

42-22233
(Lt E.C. Martin)

Pilot salvaged two bombs.

Faulty intervalometer causing
erratic train release. Wire
loose on main resistor coil.

42-42495
(Lt R.L. Mackley)

All bombs returned.

Pilot did not see leader release.

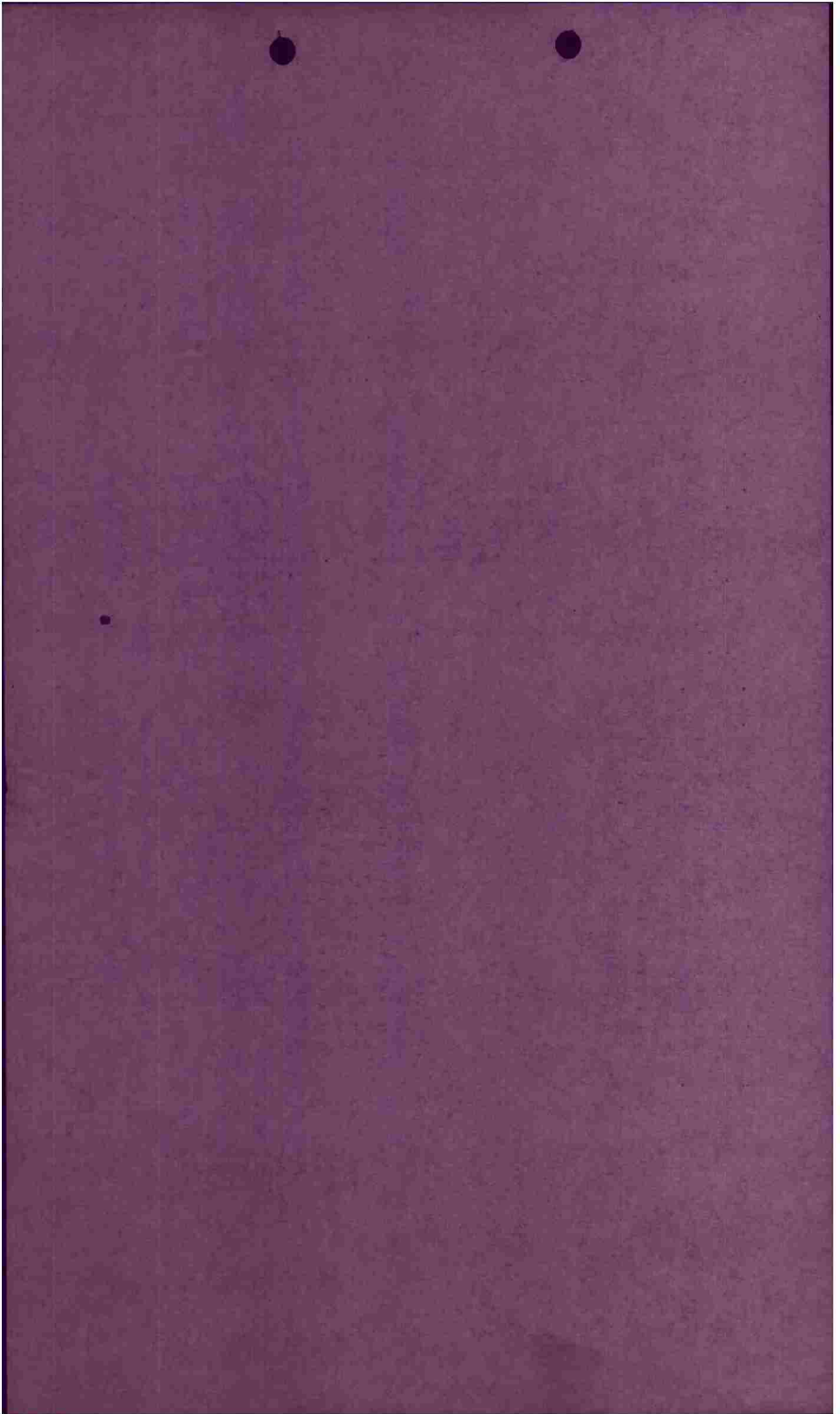
V. None.

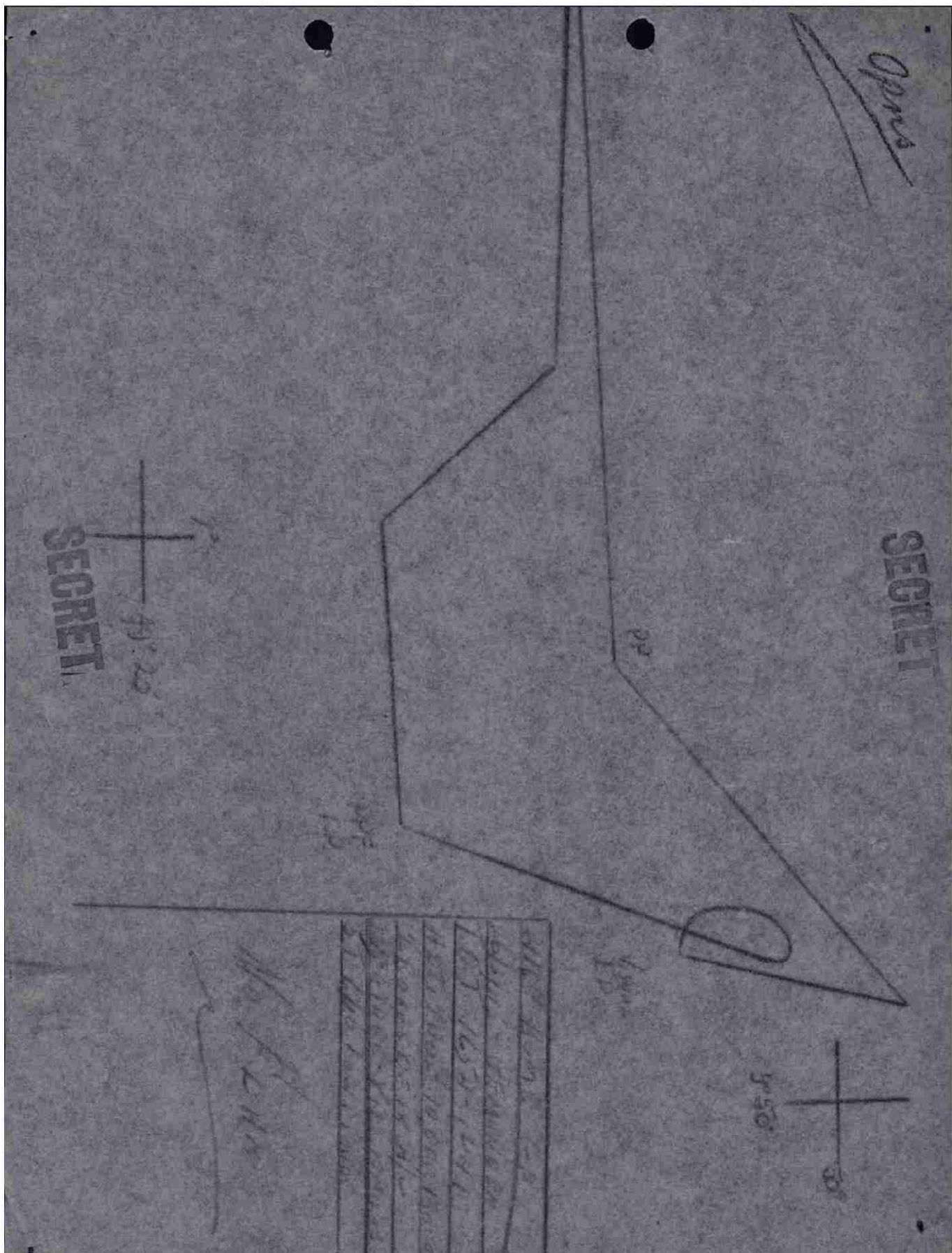
VI. 1 - 3:30 - 500
2 - 3:30 - 575
3 - 3:30 - 525
4 - 3:30 - 500
5 - 3:30 - 500
6 - 3:30 - 500
7 - 3:15 - 510
8 - 3:15 - 500
9 - 3:30 - 570
10 - 3:20 - 570
11 - 3:20 - 550
12 - 3:20 - 560
13 - 3:20 - 560
14 - 3:10 - 525
15 - 3:30 - 595
16 - 3:30 - 600
17 - 3:30 - 580
18 - 3:30 - 515
5 - 3:30 - 560

1 - 3:30 - 580
2 - 3:30 - 580
3 - 3:35 - 595
4 - 3:20 - 610
5 - 4:05 - 750
6 - 3:35 - 450
7 - 3:35 - 710
8 - 3:35 - 625
9 - 3:35 - 575
10 - 3:35 - 725
11 - 3:40 - 620
12 - 3:35 - 690
13 - 3:35 - 630
14 - 3:35 - 655
15 - 3:35 - 610
16 - 3:35 - 625
17 - 3:35 - 600
18 - 3:35 - 675
5 - 3:35 - 475

VII. None.

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





PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

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

416 BG R _____

CONFIDENTIAL

26 MARCH 1945

PATHFINDER REPORT FOR OPERATIONAL MISSION 26 MARCH 1945

PATHFINDER LEAD FOR BOTH BOXES SATISFACTORY. GROUP BOMBED VISUALLY ON GROUP LEAD.

AYLESWORTH G O BOMER 416

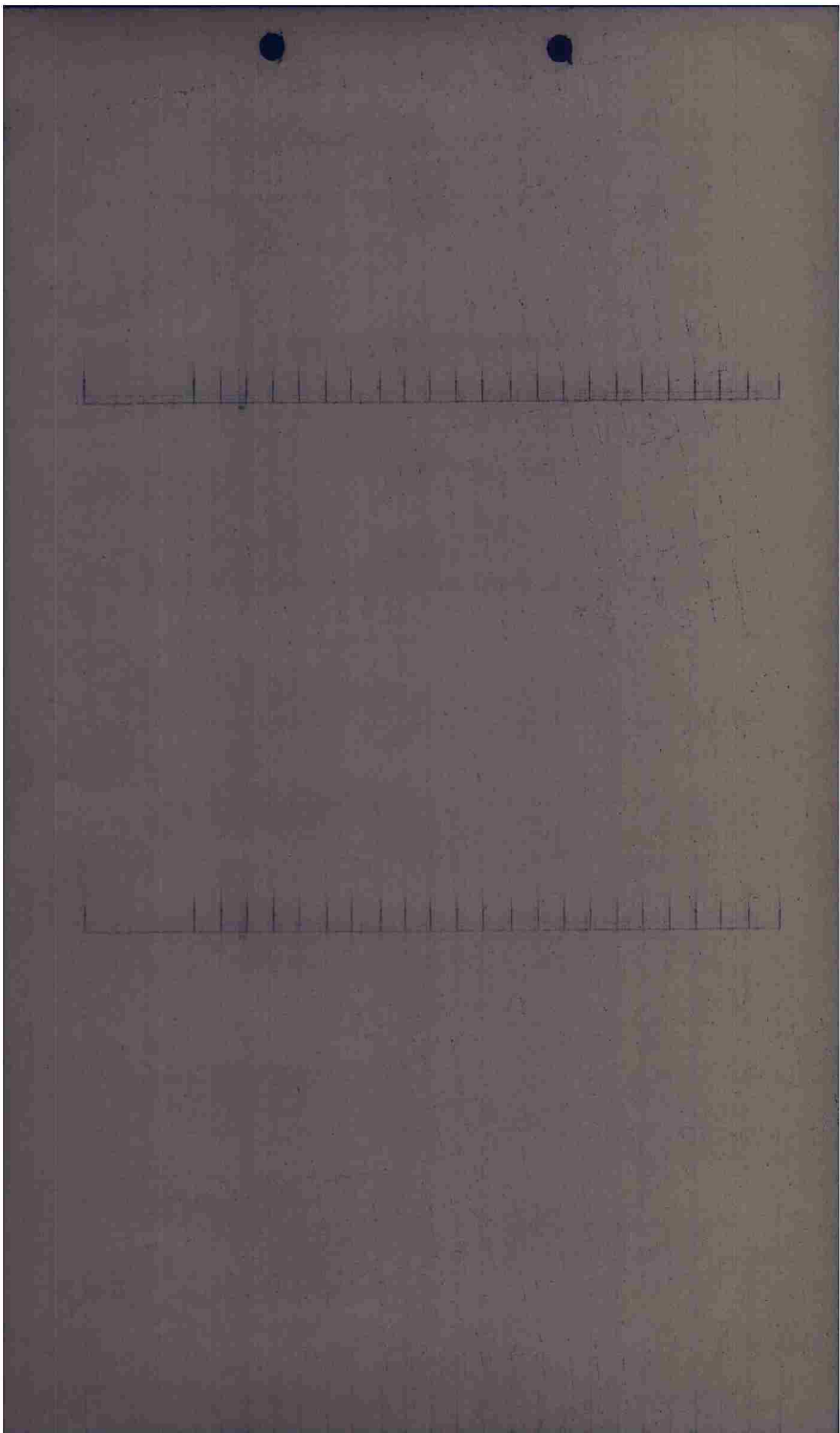
I certify that this is official business:

JOHN M. DONURA,
1st Lieut., Air Corps.
Ops Stat Officer.

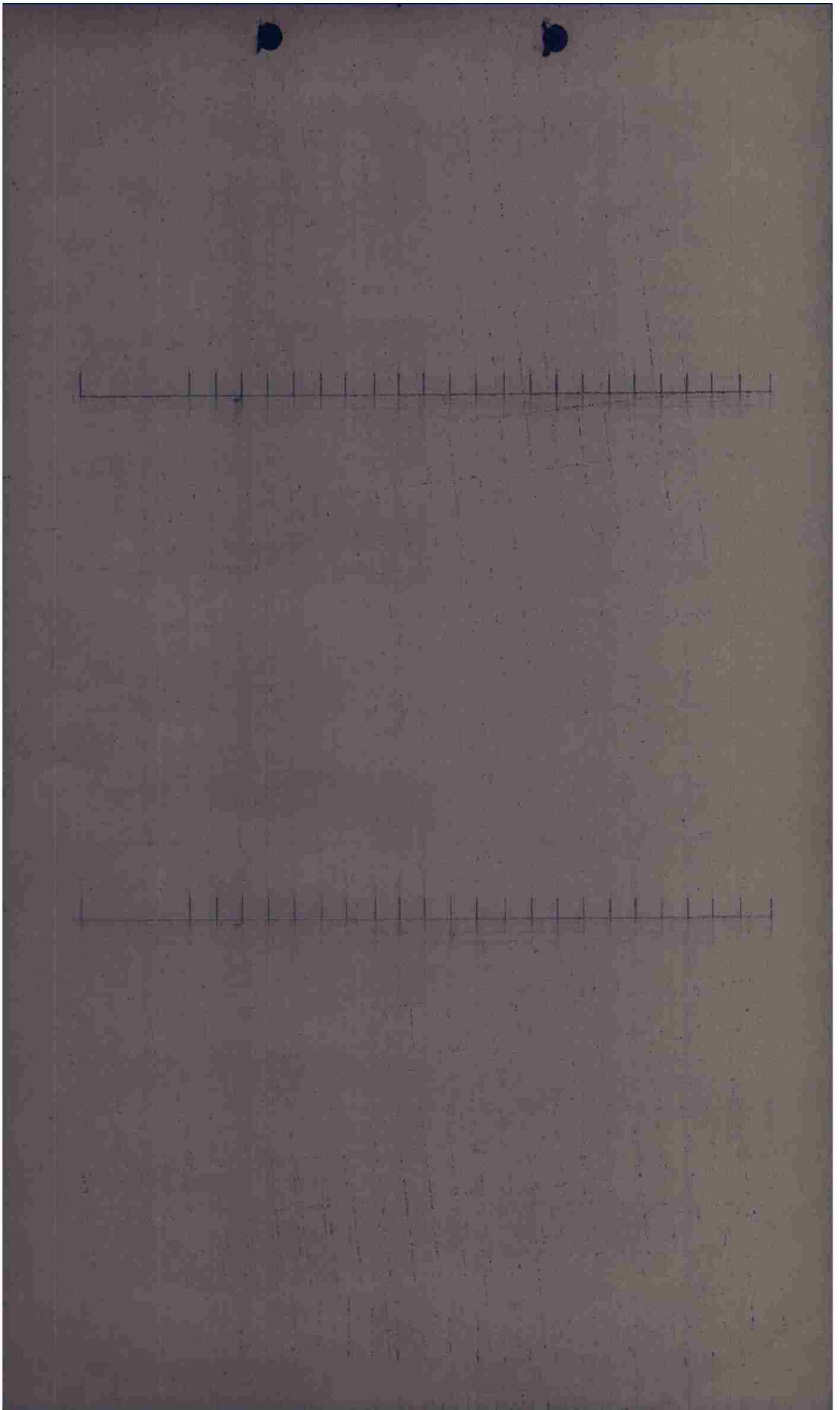
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Box I.

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A	E	491	Brown			1455										1823	3, 30
A	Z	508	Stenberg			1455										24	3, 30
A	X	490	Fero			1455										24	3, 30
A	D	328	Ames			1455										28	3, 30
A	J	352	Wallman			1456										28	3, 30
A	L	360	Stard			1456										25	3, 30
A	N	609	Martin			1456										1810	3, 15
A	F	351	McMurt			1456										10	3, 15
A	E	244	Alan Kope			1457										12	3, 40
A	D	252	Allen			1457										12	3, 20
A	R	271	Burn			1457										12	3, 20
A	O	338	Harpur			1457										13	3, 20
A	E	492	Blomgren			1458										13	3, 20
A	V	383	Martin			1458										15	3, 10
A	L	496	Hackley			1458										27	3, 30
A	G	263	Wagner			1459										28	3, 30
A	Y	362	Smith B.A.			1459										28	3, 30
A	Q	381	Shapard			1459										29	3, 30
A	A	250	Spence			1459										27	3, 30



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S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	T A R G E T	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U L L O B A D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D E	R E M A R K S											
C	T	528	Buckin			1501									18 31	3 130											
C	A	469	Enatubun			1501									18 31	3 130											
C	M	205	Yan Noorden			1501									18 32	3 135											
C	B	223	Kemijawaki			1502									18 32	3 130											
D	W	326	Moore			1502									19 05	4 105											
D	E	356	Milkern			1502									18 33	3 135											
A	Y	505	Peaborn			1502									18 37	3 135											
A	O	378	Parver			1503									18 38	3 135											
A	S	274	Franka			1503									18 38	3 135											
A	H	259	Polguit			1503									18 38	3 135											
A	D	385	Carate			1503									18 39	3 140											
A	W	335	Orum			1504									18 39	3 135											
C	W	501	Paperny			1504									18 35	3 135											
C	K	232	Tedman			1504									18 35	3 135											
C	E	224	Muagrove			1504									18 36	3 135											
C	O	416	Singlestary			1505									18 36	3 135											
C	L	2315	Albarn			1505									18 36	3 135											
C	F	9315	Antica			1505									18 36	3 135											
D	T	297	Winn			1505									18 40	3 135											



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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 26/0030A

TO COMBOMDIV IX

COBOMGP 409

COBOMGP 410

COBOMGP 416

1198

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

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

97CBW R-289-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

A P O 140

26 MARCH 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 226-319

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REFER. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
(2) 19 TAC WILL PROVIDE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN GERMANY.

PLAN "A" - ZERO HOUR 26/1000A

PLAN "B" - ZERO HOUR 26/1000A

PLAN "A" VISUAL

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT L-2029 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MINUTES. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES.
- (9) INTERPRETATION REPORT F-893. COVER M/Y BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING REFERENCES: 012005 TO 025045.
- (10) 4 X 1000 G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL. DESIRED INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

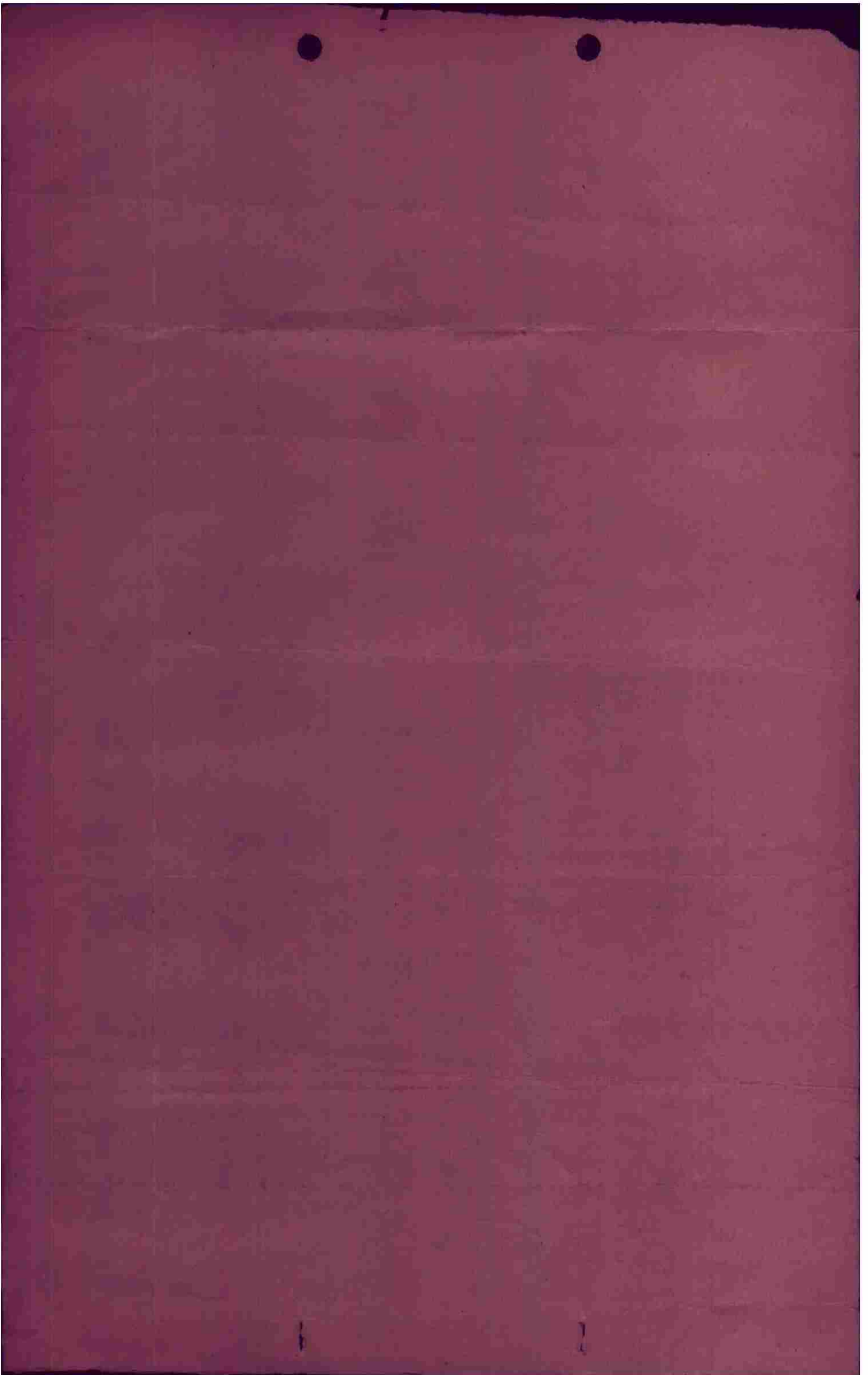
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT L-2029 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MINUTES. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES.
- (9) INTERPRETATION REPORT F-893. COVER M/Y BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING REFERENCES: 018024 TO 030063.
- (10) 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT L-2029 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES.
- (9) INTERPRETATION REPORT F-893. COVER M/Y BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING REFERENCES: 025045 TO 034077.
- (10) 4 X 1000 G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL. DESIRED INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.

X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.

- (5) TARGET: GEMUNDEN M/Y (N-405630)
- (6) A/C REQ: MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO F.R. TO M-2828 TO N-3433 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (9) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 12,500 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET. LOSE 1,500 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
- (10) I.P. - N-3440
- (11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GEN. SSW TO NNE
- (12) R.P. - N-0433
- (13) IN THE EVENT VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - (A) ALTERNATE TARGET VISUALLY
 - (B) BULLSEYE PROCEDURE
 - (C) EITHER PRIMARY TARGET ON "GEE" OR ALTERNATE TARGET ON "GEE". IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GROUP LEADER



- TO DECIDE, CONSIDERING AMOUNT OF FUEL, FUEL SITUATION,
AND PROXIMITY OF TARGET WHICH TARGET SHOULD BE ATTACKED.
(D) ALTERNATE TARGET ON E.T.A.
- (14) GROUP WILL EXERCISE CAUTION THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN
5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS ARE NOT SELECTED.

PLAN "B" PATHFINDER

3. A. 439TH BOMB GROUP.

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT L-2229 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS
78 MINUTES. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES.
WITH 2 PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
- (9) INTERPRETATION REPORT F-893. COVER M/Y BETWEEN REF. 012005
AND 025045, TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR
BOXES.
PPF M.P.I. - GRID. COORD: 410626.
- (10) 4 X 1200 G.P. - FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 120 MINUTES.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

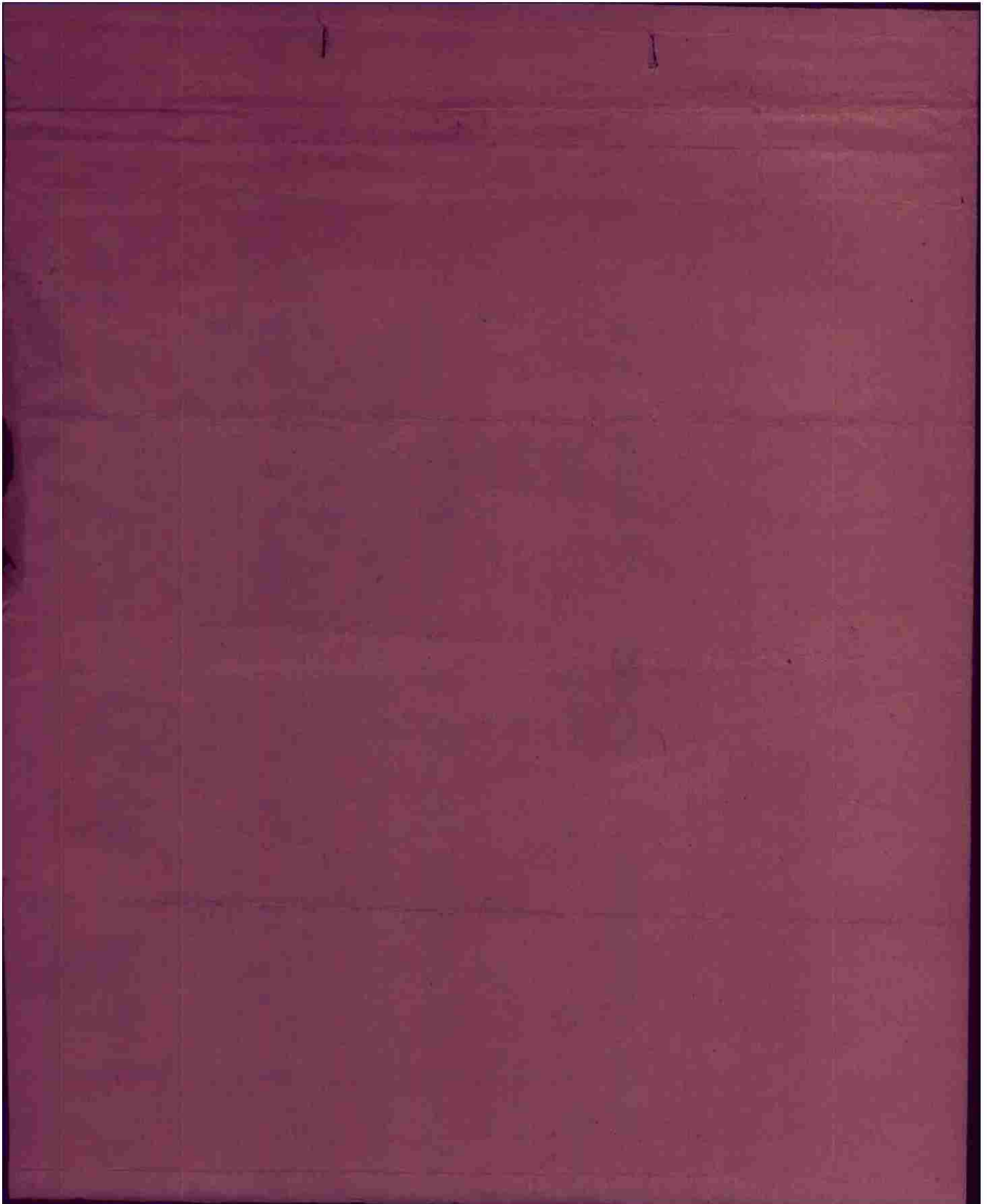
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT L-2029 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 58
MINUTES. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES. WITH
2 PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
- (9) INTERPRETATION REPORT F-893. COVER M/Y BETWEEN REF. 015024
AND 030063, TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR
BOXES.
PPF M.P.I. - GRID. COORD: 410626
- (10) 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 100 MINUTES.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT L-2029 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS
38 MINUTES. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES. WITH 2
PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
- (9) INTERPRETATION REPORT F-893. COVER M/Y BETWEEN REF. 025045
AND 034077, TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR
BOXES.
PPF M.P.I. - GRID. COORD: 406630
- (10) 4 X 1200 G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 80 MINUTES.

X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.

- (5) TARGET: GEMUNDEN M/Y (N-405630)
- (6) A/C REQ: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C.
- (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO F.R. TO M-2828 TO M-7226 TO M-9008 TO
N-2110 TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO N-0433 TO M-2828 AND RETRACE
ROUTE TO BASE.
- (9) ALTITUDE: BOMB 1ST BOX: 13,500 FEET,
2ND BOX: 13,000 FEET.
MINIMUM ALTITUDE IN EVENT OF VISUAL BOMBING IS 5,000 FEET.
LOSE 1,500 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
- (10) 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 OR A-26 BOX LEADERS,
AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C
OR NOT.



(C) BOMBS AND USE N-3440 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES PRIMARY TARGET, GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.

- (A) PPF
- (B) ALTERNATE TARGET VISUALLY
- (C) BULLSEYE PROCEDURE
- (D) EITHER PRIMARY TARGET ON "GEE" OR ALTERNATE TARGET ON "GEE". IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GROUP LEADER TO DECIDE, CONSIDERING AMOUNT OF FUEL, FLAK SITUATION, AND PROXIMITY OF TARGET, WHICH TARGET SHOULD BE ATTACKED.
- (D) ALTERNATE TARGET ON E.T.A.

(11) GROUP WILL EXERCISE CAUTION THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS ARE NOT SELECTED.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

PLAN "A" OR "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (405630)

- (2) FATHER
- (3) BYPASS
- (4) RIPSAW

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (405630)

- (2) PLUSHBIKE
- (3) CABMAN
- (4) RIPSAW

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (405630)

- (2) QUICKWAY
- (3) GAYLIFE
- (4) RIPSAW

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(11) RIPSAW AVAILABLE FOR USE WITH BULLSEYE PROCEDURE.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 0050A

CC: INSERT TRANSMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS: T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

AR BB GPS

RL AS

JES R.....26/0155A MC BBB TO JEA AND ITA

JPO R.....

VERY O SORRY BUT OUR PAPER GOT FOULED UP AND THIS IS A MESS HERE KK
WILL RESEND

OTHER STATIONS T B F R

UKNIR.....26/155A

JKI R.....26/0555A

ITA R.....26/0200A

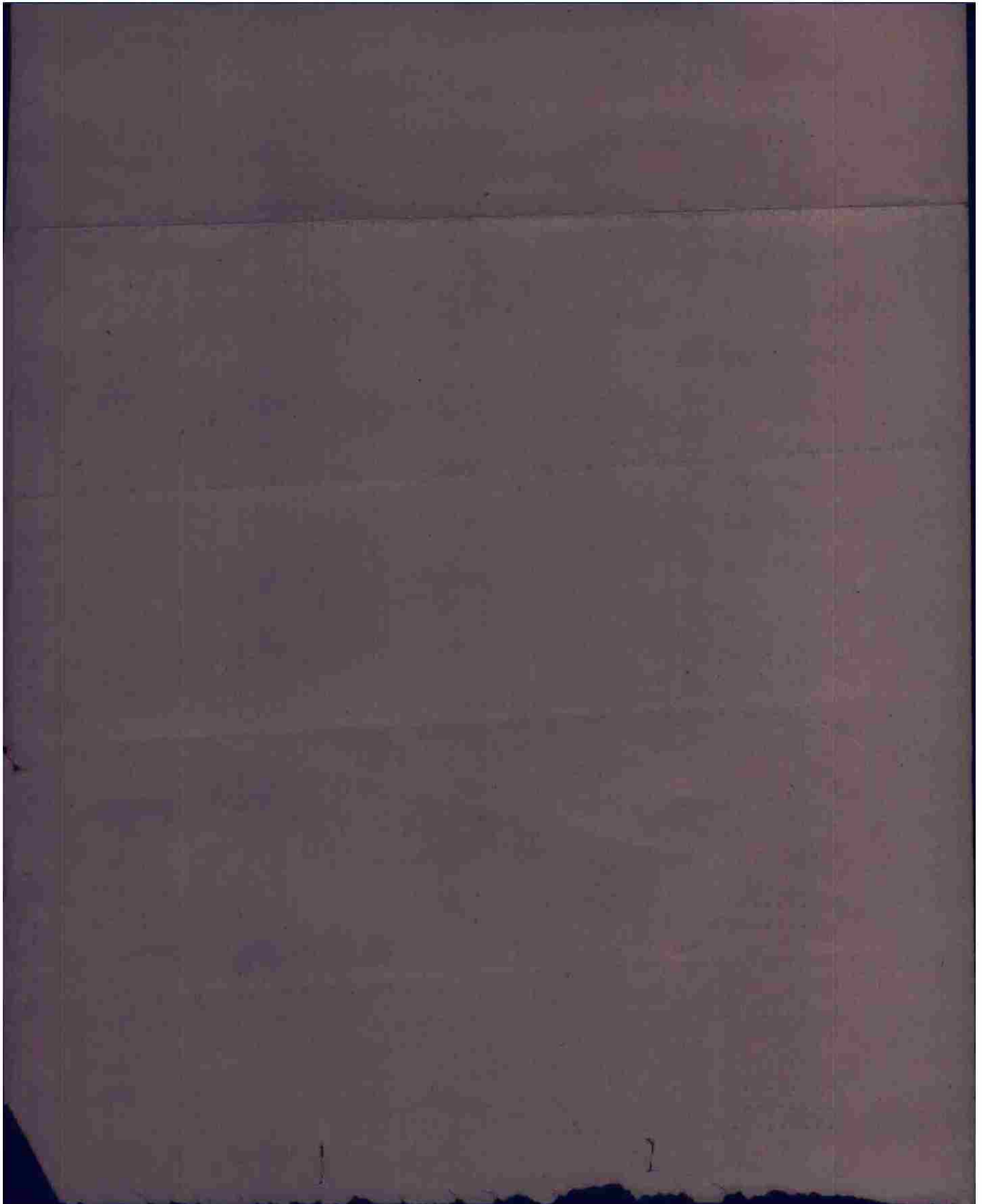
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 26/0255A

TO COMBOMDIV IX

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1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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97CBW R-290-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

A P O 140

26 MARCH 1945

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 226-819:

IN PLAN "B", AMEND PARA. 3. C. (3) TO READ:

IN (3) WITH 1 PPF A/C OVER FIELD.

IN PLAN "B" AMEND PARA. 3. X. (9) TO READ:

(9) ALTITUDE: (416TH GROUP ONLY) BOMB: 13,500 FEET

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BT 0255A

RL BBBB

ITA R.....26/0304A

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JES R.....26/0305A

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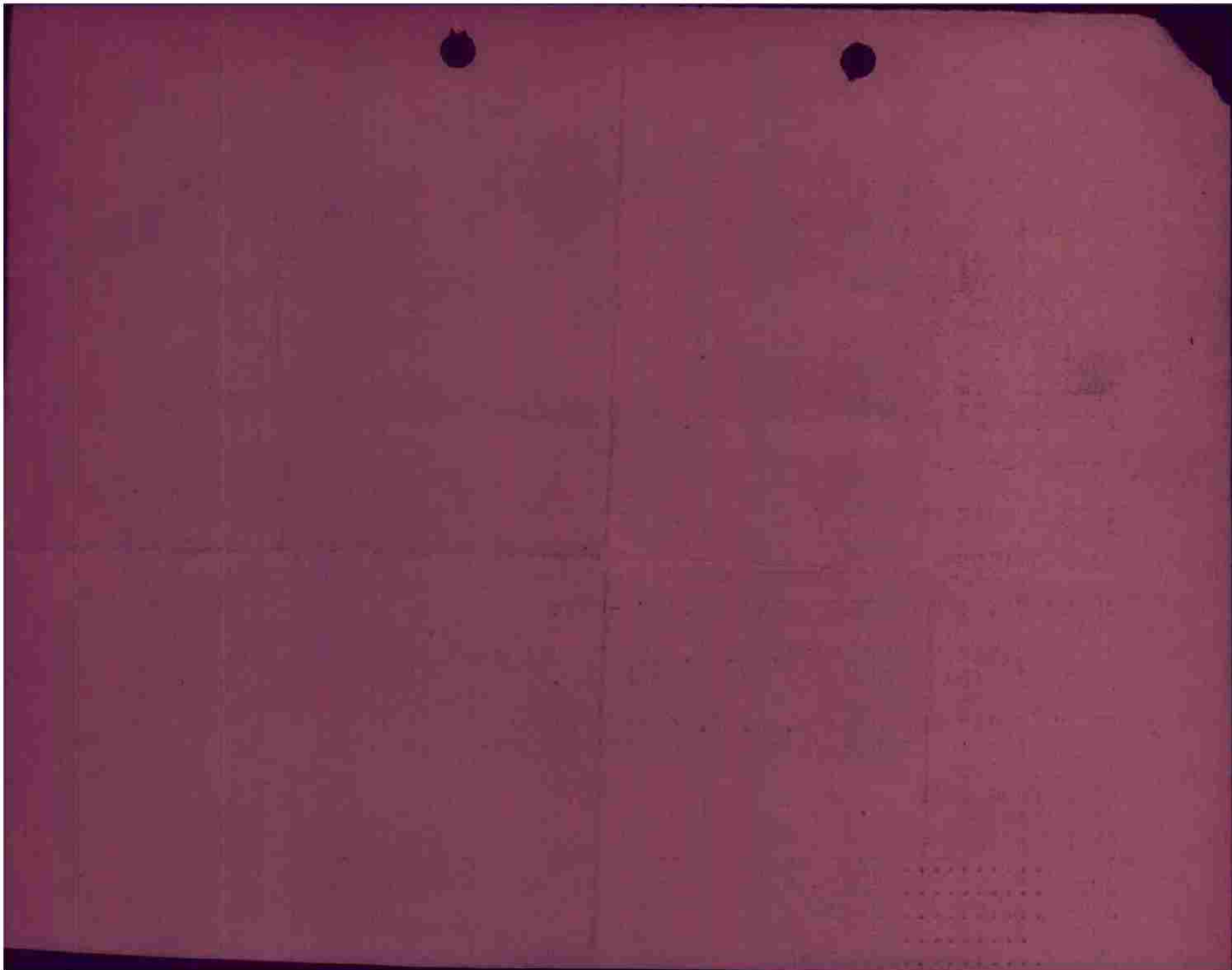
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TO IX BOMB DIV
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1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV)

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 142
26 MARCH 1945

ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 226-819.

PLAN "A" IS IN EFFECT. CANCEL PLAN "B"

CHANGE ZERO HOUR - PLAN A: TO READ:
PLAN "A" - ZERO HOUR: 26/1030A

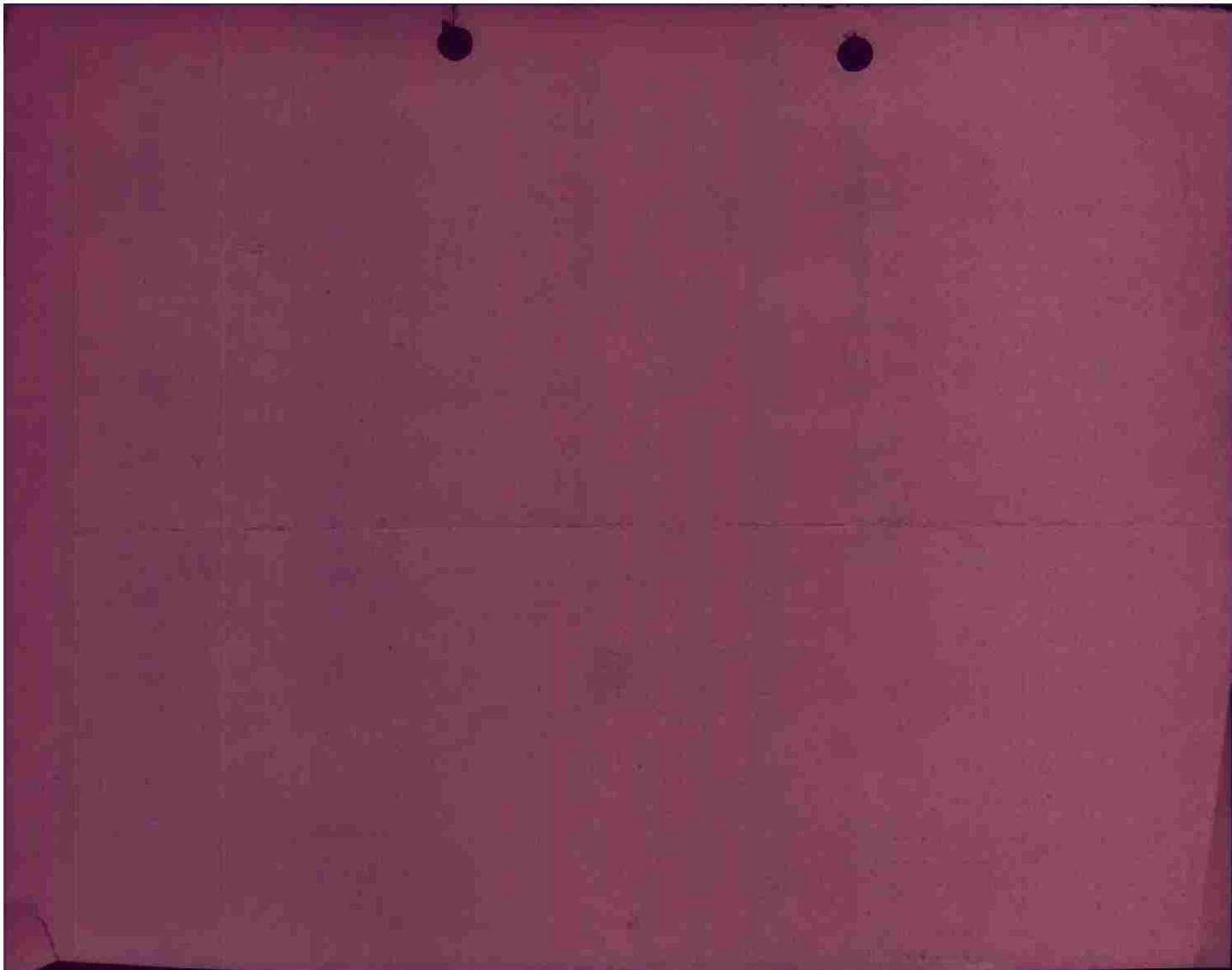
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BT 26/0650A

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ITA R.....260705A DD AR
JJF R.....260705A HJN AR
JES R.....260705A EJK AR

JKI RM.....260705A WJF BBB TO ITA AND JEA
JPO R.....260705A HJS AR

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T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

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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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O - 140
26 MARCH 1945

ANNEX NO. 3 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 226-819 97CBW R-295-E

CANCEL ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 226-819.

CHANGE ZERO HOUR, PLAN "A" TO READ: 26/1430A

CHANGE ZERO HOUR, PLAN "B" TO READ: 26/1430A

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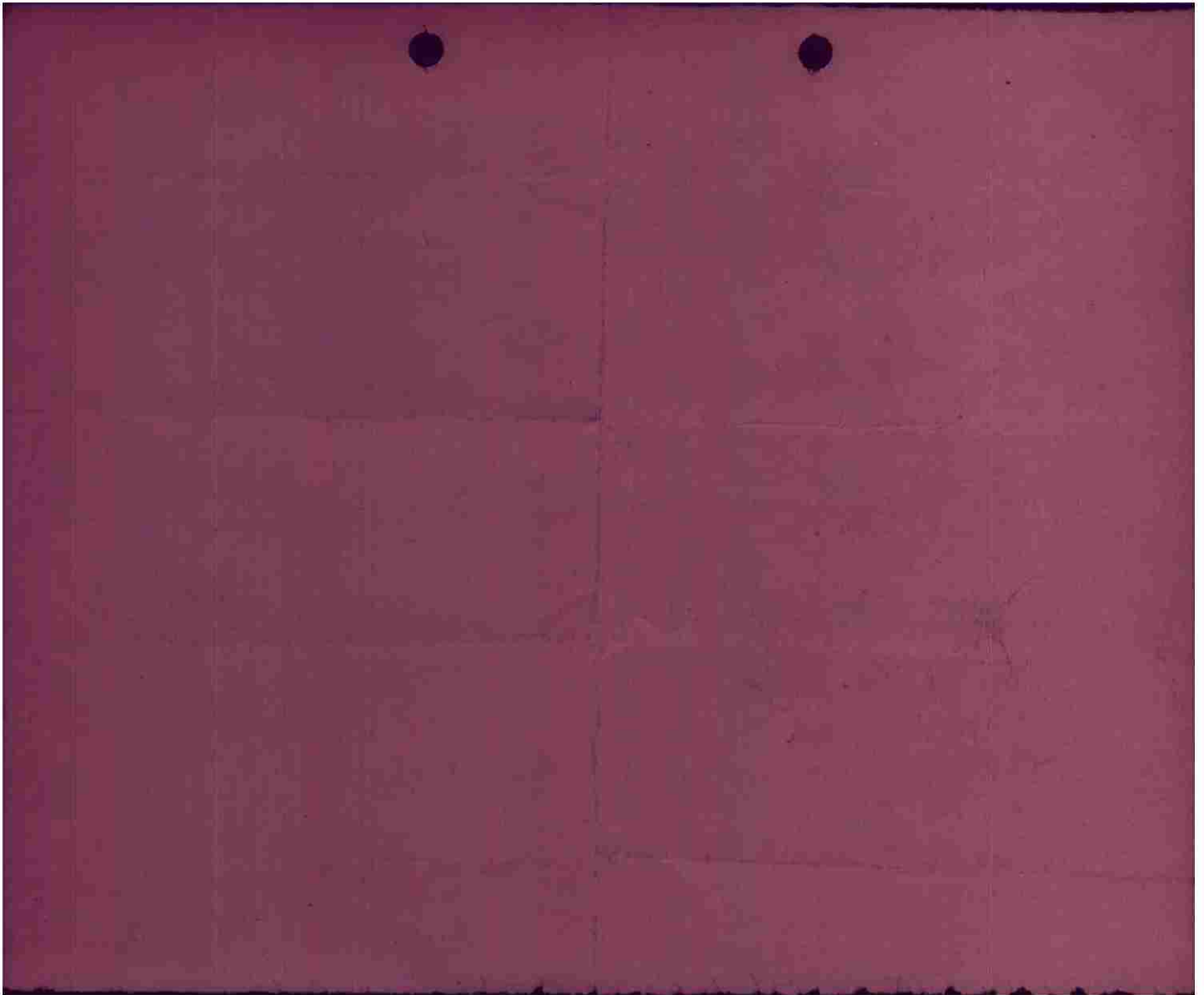
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TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409ZH
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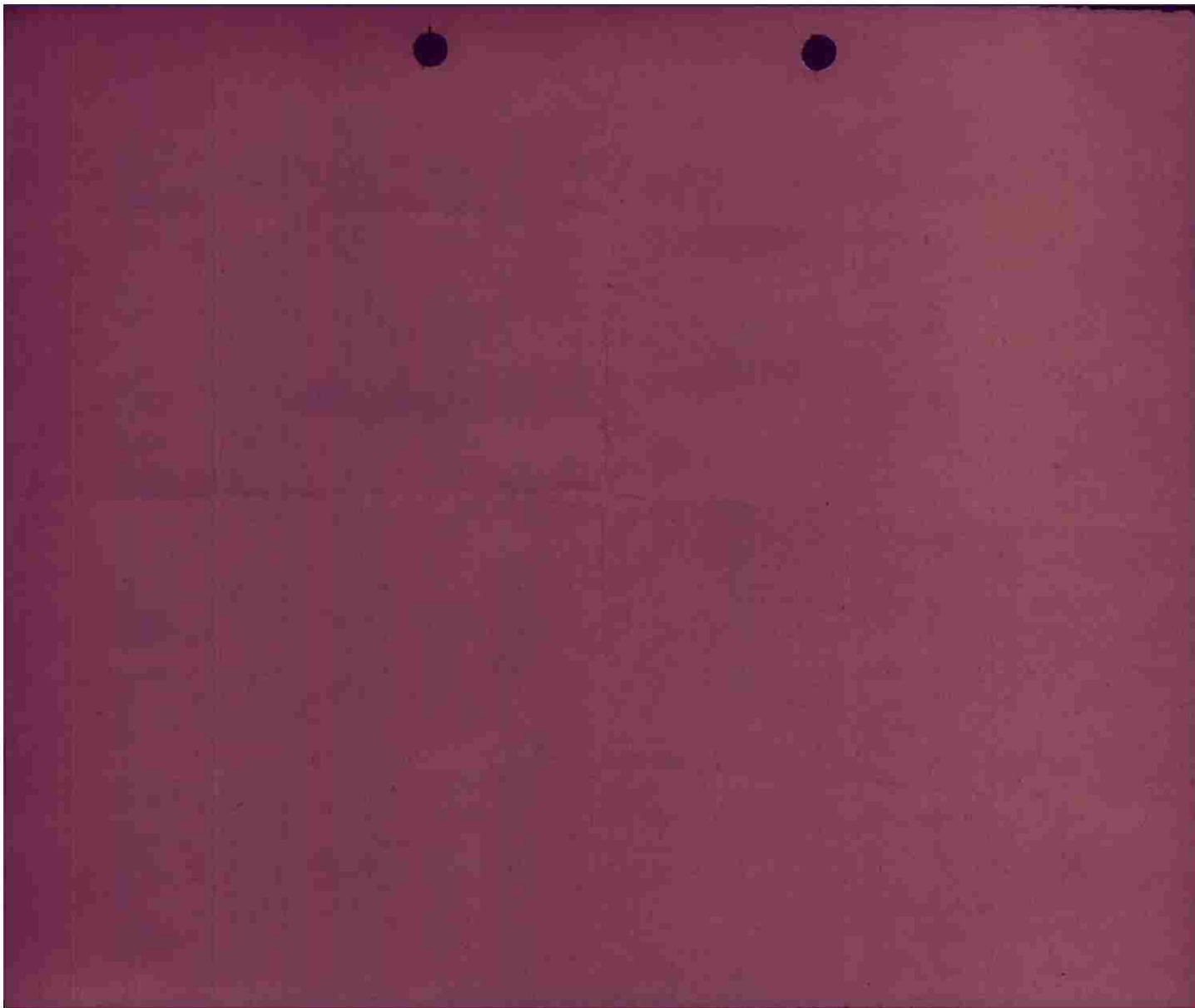
CANCEL PLAN "A".

PLAN "B" IN EFFECT WITH ZERO HOUR TO READ: 26/1430A

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LEG AR

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ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 14/26 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) 26/1600A

TO COMBOMDIV NINE

1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQD.

409TH COBOMGP

410TH COBOMGP

416TH COBOMGP

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)

A P O 140

26 MARCH 1945

ANNEX NO. 5 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 226-819

97CBW R-298-E

CHANGE ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" TO READ:

PLAN "B" ZERO HOUR 26/1530A

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 26/1600A

AR JMB

BBBBBBBBBTO ITA

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ITA R.....26/1605A MILT ZAR

BBBBTO ITA

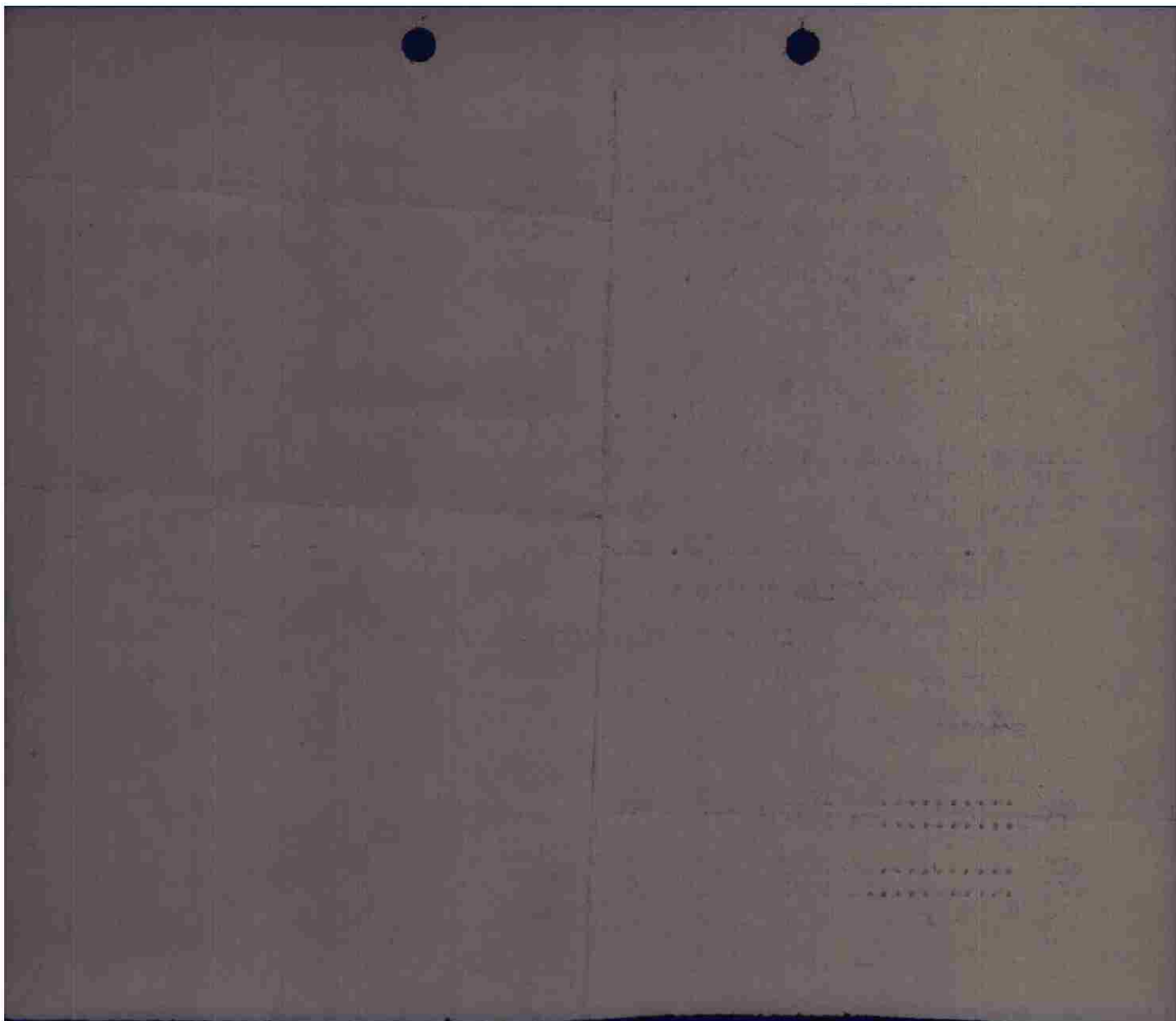
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ITA JJF JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 17/25 OP OP
T (ITA T JJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 25/2350A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE (ATTN: A-2)
COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416 (ATTN: S-2)
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN. (ATTN: S-2)

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-288-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 225-817

1. TARGET: GEMUNDEN, M/Y (N-405630)
2. THE GROUND FORCES HAVE REQUESTED THAT THIS M/Y BE ATTACKED. NOTHING IS KNOWN OF PREVIOUS ATTACKS OR OF PRESENT ACTIVITY.
3. PHOTO COVERAGE:

6 (D) (VI) 165/1 AND 2
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MAP COVERAGE:

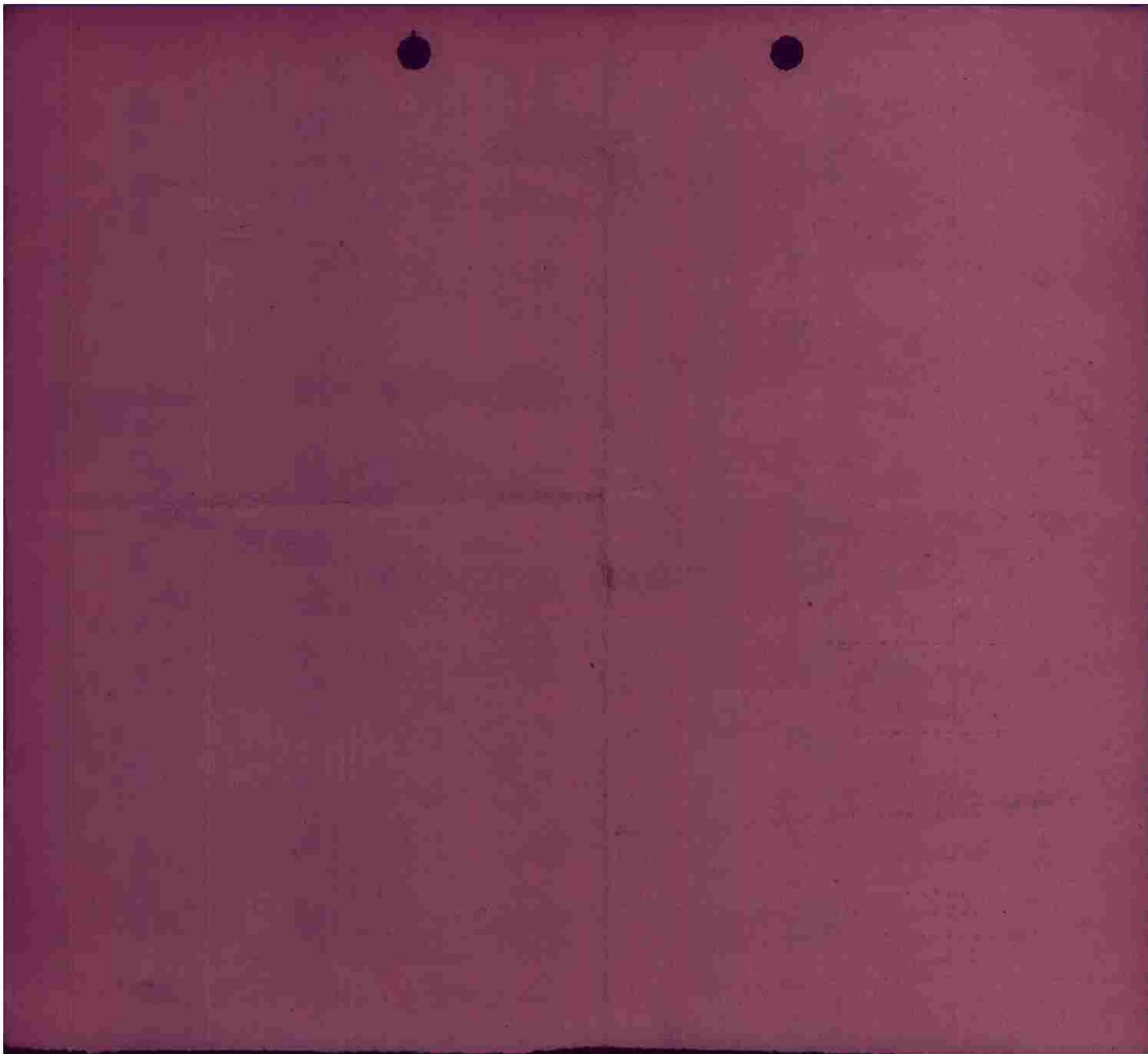
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COMCBTWIG 97
BT 25/2350A

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JPO R.....	26/0026A	SL	AR
JKI R.....	26/0025A	FD	BBBBB TO JEA

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JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 04/26 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 26/0255A
TO COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416

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BT

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97CBW R-291-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT 2 FIELD ORDER 226-819:

1. TARGET: GEMUNDEN, M/Y (N-405630)
2. TACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE: TREYSA, GEMUNDEN, FLEIDEN AND WURZBURG M/Y'S ALL FEED INTO THE AREA OF GEN. PATTON'S RHINE BRIDGEHEAD. THE U.S. 4TH ARMD DIV FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY THE 5TH AND 90TH INF. DIVS. AND ELEMENTS OF THE 6TH ARMD DIV. ARE EXPLOITING A FAST BREAKTHROUGH IN THIS AREA. TO TIE UP THE GERMAN COMMUNICATIONS INTO THE AREA PREVENTING MOVEMENT OF TROOPS AND SUPPLIES ALL OF WHICH ARE NOW IN THE STATE OF UTTER CONFUSION. ALL GERMAN UNITS THAT ARE IN THE BATTLE AREA ARE REMENANTS OF UNITS WHICH WERE BATTERED WEST OF THE RHINE.

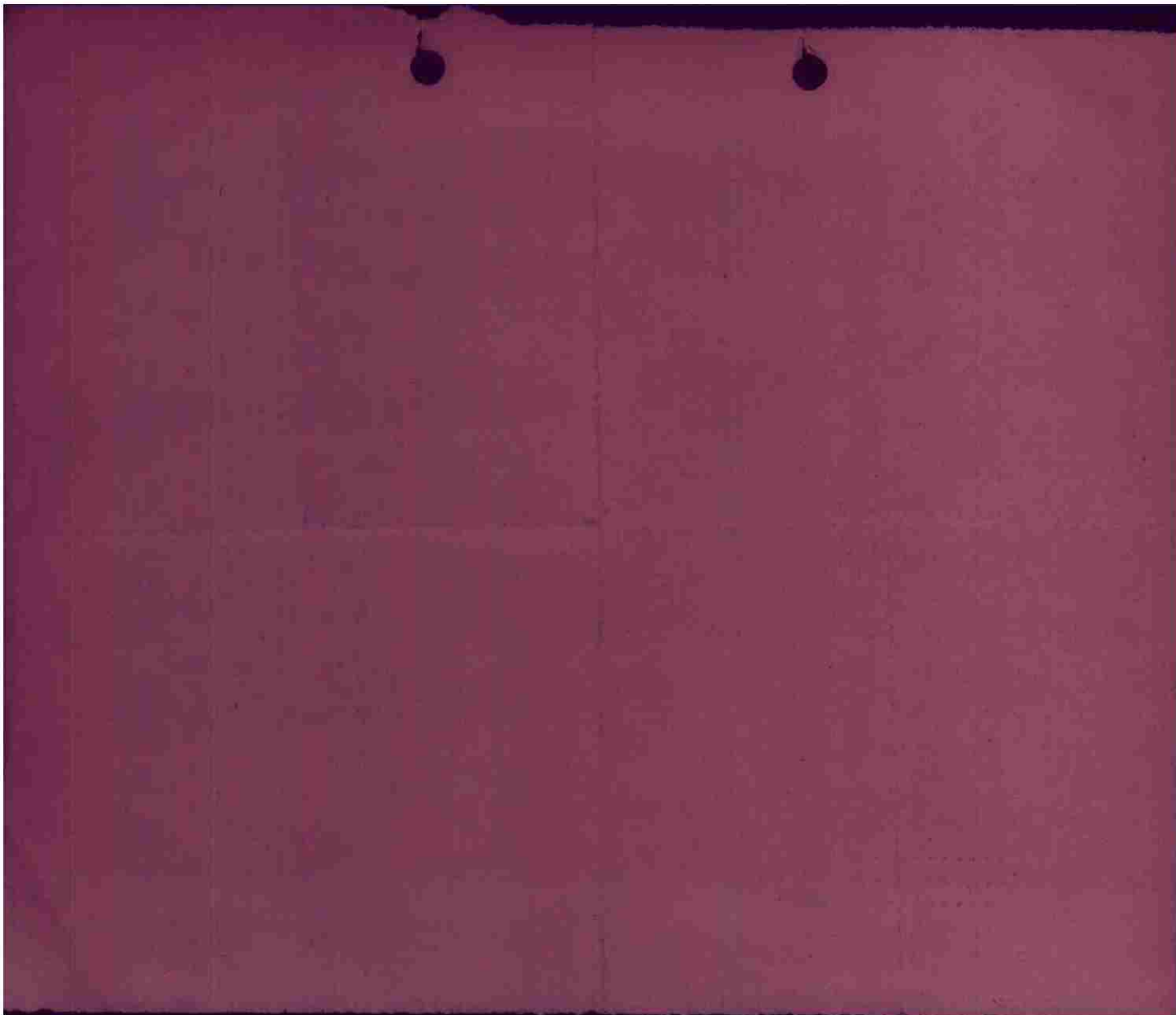
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BT 0255A

RL A BBBB

JES R.....	26/0307A	MC	KKK
JKI R.....	26/0307A	FD	KK
JPO R.....	26/0307 A	K	LS

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FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 26/1520A
TO : CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
BT

SECRET 416TH BG R-601-D PERIOD
IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT THE PRIMARY THE FOLLOWING MPI'S WILL BE
USED:

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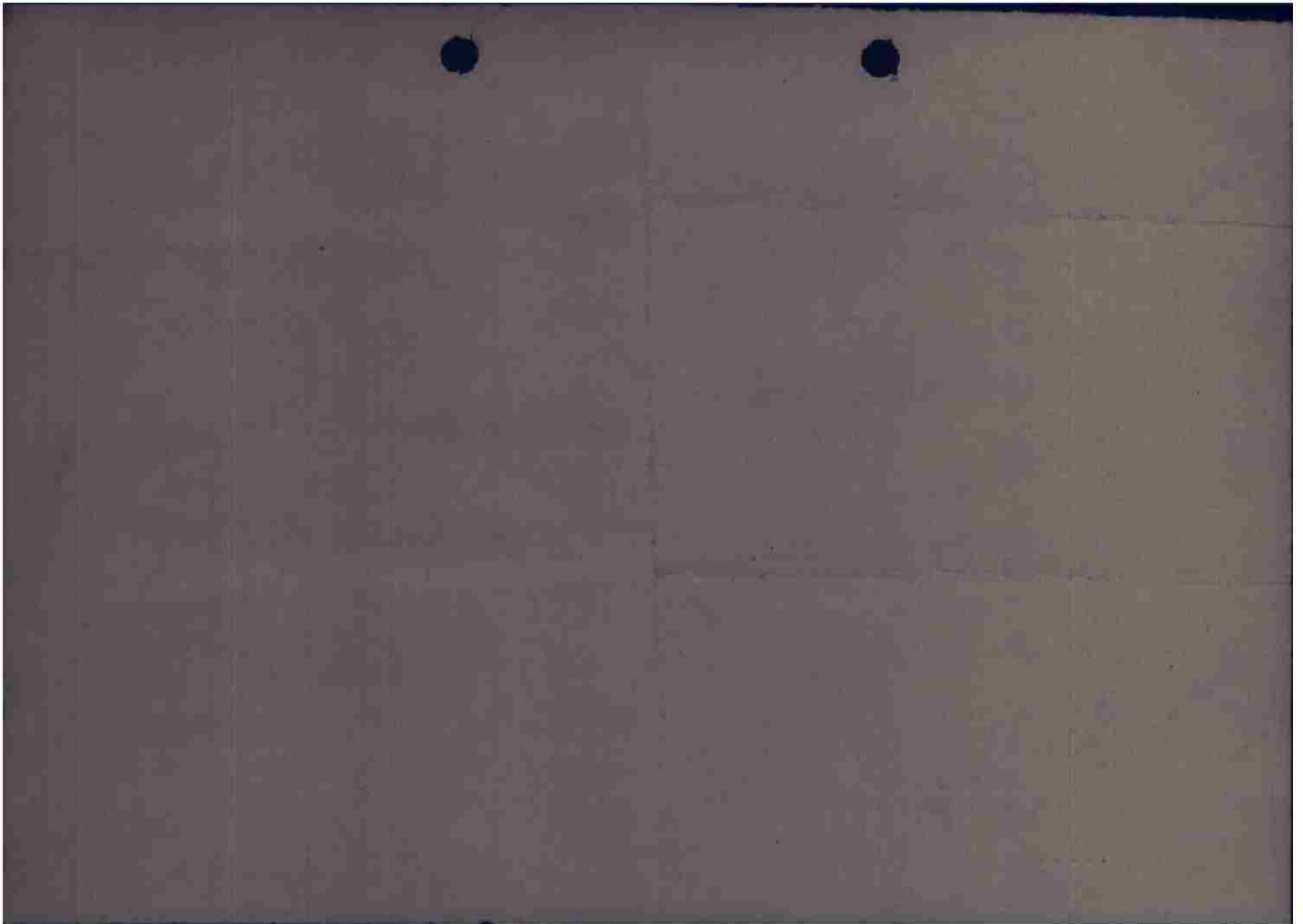
SECONDARY TARGET WILL BE WERTHHEIN (N-283304)

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 26/1520A
EW DDDDDDD

JEA R.....26/1528A LEG HK

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ITA JEA V JKI 31/26 O P O P

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 262000A
TO CG IX BOMBER DIVISION ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER.
CG 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)

BT

SECRET 416BG R-613-D OPS FLASH FOR 26TY MARCH 1945.

- A. 416TH BOMB GP.
- B. GEMUNDEN M/Y (N-405630)
- C. 38 A-26
- D. 37 A-26 BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY BY FLIGHTS
- E. 1 A-26 DID NOT BOMB. PILOT DID NOT SEE LEADER DROP AND COULD NOT ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS WITH FORMATION LEADER TO GET PERMISSION TO DROP.
- F. 148 X 1000 GP ON PRIMARY OF WHICH 3 DROPPED SAFE DUE TO RACK MALFUNCTION, CAUSE UNDETERMINED.
4 X 1000 GP RETURNED. (SEE PARAGRAPH "E")
- G. CREWS REPORT EXCELLENT RESULTS.
- H. NIL.
- I. NIL.
- J. NIL.
- K. NIL.
- L. BOX I -

FLIGHT A - 13,000
B - 12,000
C - ~~12,000~~ 12,600

BOX II

FLIGHT A - 11500
B - 11100
C - 10000

M. BOX I

FLIGHT A - 1654 (2 RUNS) - (WENT TO VISUAL IP WHEN VISUAL CONDITIONS APPEARED POSSIBLE AT SO LATE A POINT THAT TO BOMB ON FIRST RUN WOULD HAVE MEANT A TOO BRIEF RUN.)

B - 1647 1/2
C - 1647 1/2

BOX II

FLIGHT A - 1650
B - 1649 1/2
C - 1649 1/2

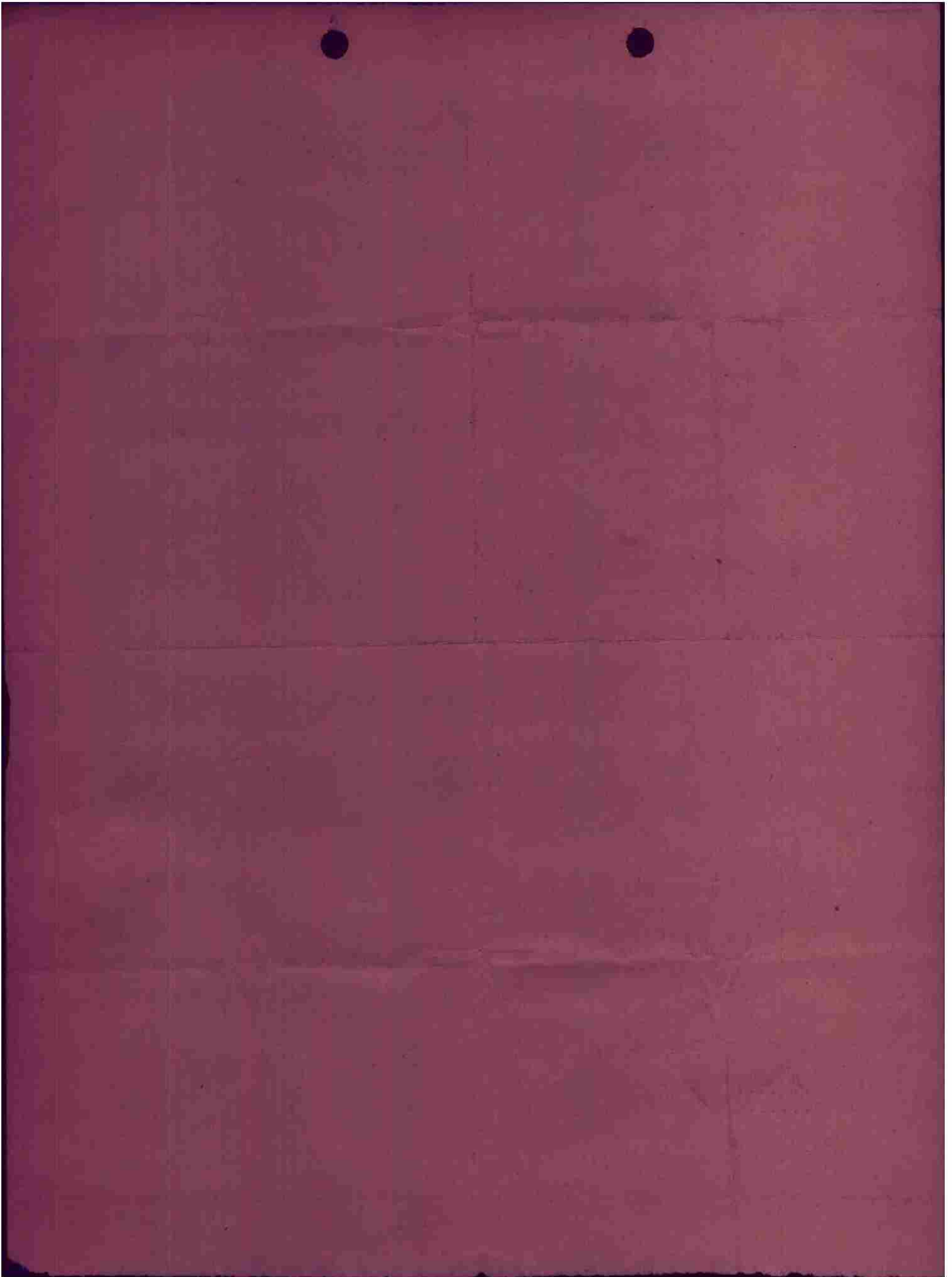
- X. CREWS REPORT CONSIDERABLE MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY ON AUTOBAHN HEADED NW TOWARDS ASCHAFFENBURG (N-020530) BETWEEN N-352350 AND N-031385.)

BT 262000A

DM BBBBBB

ITA R.....262109A IC KKK

JEK R.....26/2109A SH KKK



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 3/27 OP OP

FROM HQ, 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) S-2 PI
TO HQ, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIV. (M) A-2 PI
HQ, 97TH WING (L) A-2 DUTY OFFICER
BT

SECRET 416BG R-621-D

B. GEMUNDEN M/Y

G. 1647 - 1654

J. BOX I FLT A - KSMPI - SUPER: SMOKE PREVENTED BOMBARDIER FROM SEEING DMPI, PICKED N CHOKE POINT ADJACENT TO LARGE GROUP OF BLDGS. ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT. OF SMPI. BOMBS FELL IN EXCELLENT PATTERN ON TRACKS AND BLDGS 95 FT NE OF SMPI.

FLT B - SMPI - EXCEL: DUE TO COLLISION COURSE WITH OTHER FLTS BOMBARDIER WAS UNABLE TO BOMB DMPI. SELECTED POINT IN M/Y OPPOSITE ENGINE SHED. ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF SMPI IN GOOD PATTERN 560 FT NW OF SMPI. BOMBS FELL ON GOODS WAGONS AND TRACKS.

FLT C - EXCEL: DUE TO COLLISION COURSE WITH OTHER FLTS BOMBARDIER WAS UNABLE TO BOMB DMPI, SELECTED POINT IN M/Y (SMPI) OPPOSITE ENGINE SHED. ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF SMPI IN GOOD PATTERN 420 FT N OF SMPI WITH BOMBS HITTING ON GOODS WAGONS, TRACKS AND BLDGS.

BOX II FLT A - DMPI - SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI. BOMBS FELL IN EXCELLENT PATTERN WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 230 FT NE OF DMPI, HITS ON BLDGS ROADS AND TRACKS,

FLT B - DMPI UNDET: NO PICTURES ON BOMB BURSTS FROM THIS FLT TARGET RUNS OFF EDGE OF FILM. VISUAL OBSERVATIONS REPORT EXCELLENT RESULTS.

FLT C - DMPI UNDET: NO BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI, BOMBS FELL IN WOODS AND FIELDS IN GOOD PATTERN 3300 FT E OF DMPI.

KXKXKX

K. BOX II FLT C DMPI UNDET: SHORT RUN. TRIGGER WAS UP AND INDICES ~~XXXX~~ CROSSED WHILE BOMBARDIER ATTEMPTED TO PLACE CROSS HAIRS ON TARGET WITH SEARCH KNOB.

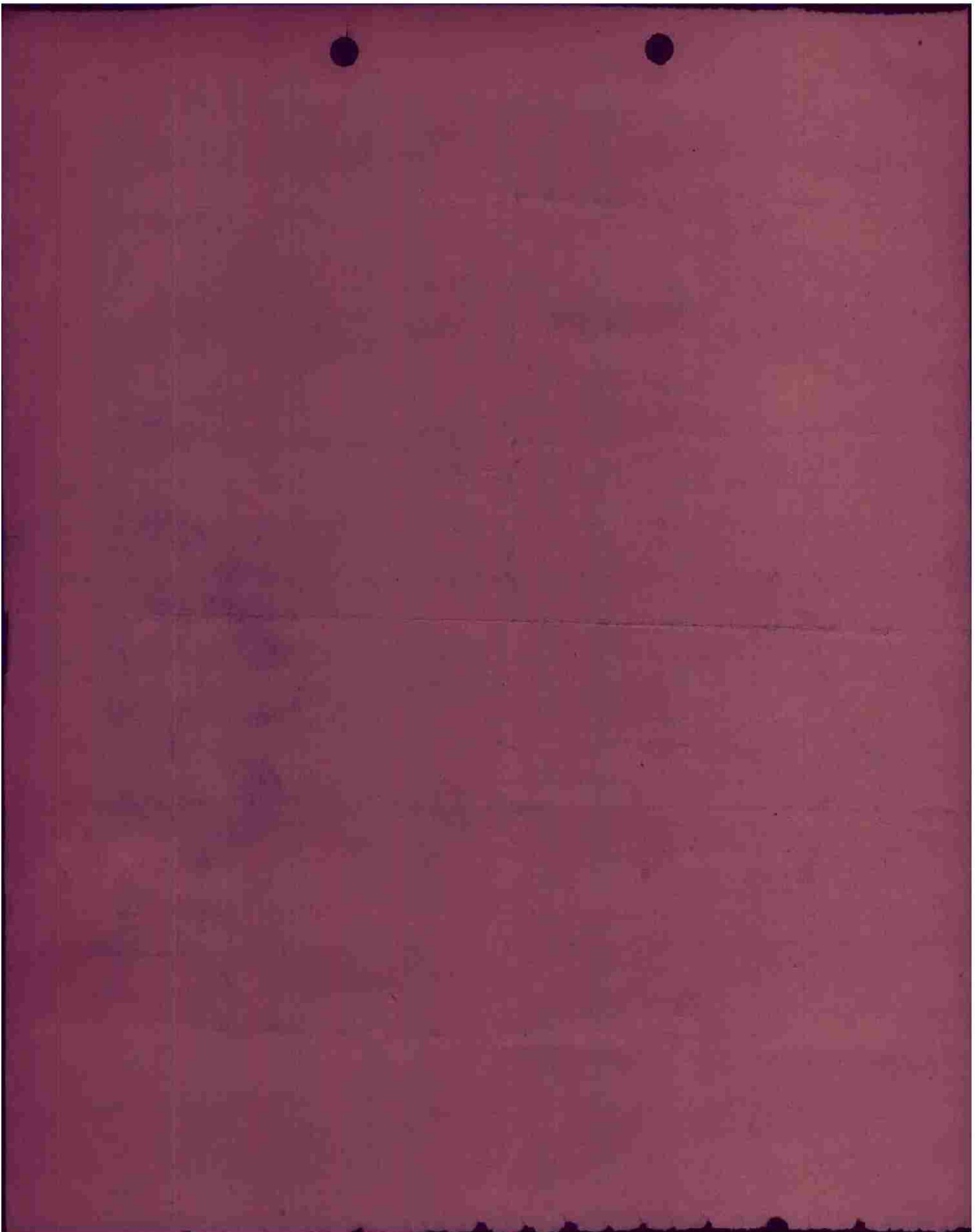
M. KX (A) 13 93 PERCENT
(B) 1 7
(C) 0 0

N. 20 - 30 ~~KXK~~ BLDGS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED.
15 - 20 GOODS WAGONS DESTROYED
40 - 50 HITS ON TRACKS
10 - 15 HITS ON ROADS.

KXK LLOYD H. PERKINS,
2ND LT, AIR CORPS,
ASST N PHOTO INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

BT 27/0335Z
RSS AR

ITA R.....27/0420A AT TIC
JEA R.....27/0420A RL AR



ITA JEA V JKI 34/26 P P
T-ADDRESSEE)
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TO 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) INFO COPY.
97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) INFO COPY.
1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (PROV)

BT
CONFIDENTIAL 416BG RXXXX R-614-E PATHFINDER REPORT FOR OPERATIONAL
MISSION 26 MARCH 1945 PATHFINDER LEAD FOR BOTH BOXES SATISFACTORY.
GROUP BOMBED VISUALLY ON GROUP LEAD.

--- AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416---

BT 262080A
DM BBB
JEA R.....26/2121A SH KKK
ITA R.....262121A MB KKKKK

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FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ 26/2325

TO CG IX BOMB DIV
CG 97 BOMB WING
CO 416 BOMB GROUP

SECRET BT

1ST PATHFINDER SQ R-638-E

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PFF PILOT : THAYER

DATE : 3/26/45

TIME : P M

A. FORMATION :

1. CLASSIFICATION : GOOD
2. REMARKS :

B. WINDOW SHIPS :

1. CLASSIFICATION : NONE
2. REMARKS :

C. NAVIGATION :

1. CLASSIFICATION : GOOD
2. REMARKS :

D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS : GOOD

E. BRIEFING : GOOD

F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS : NONE

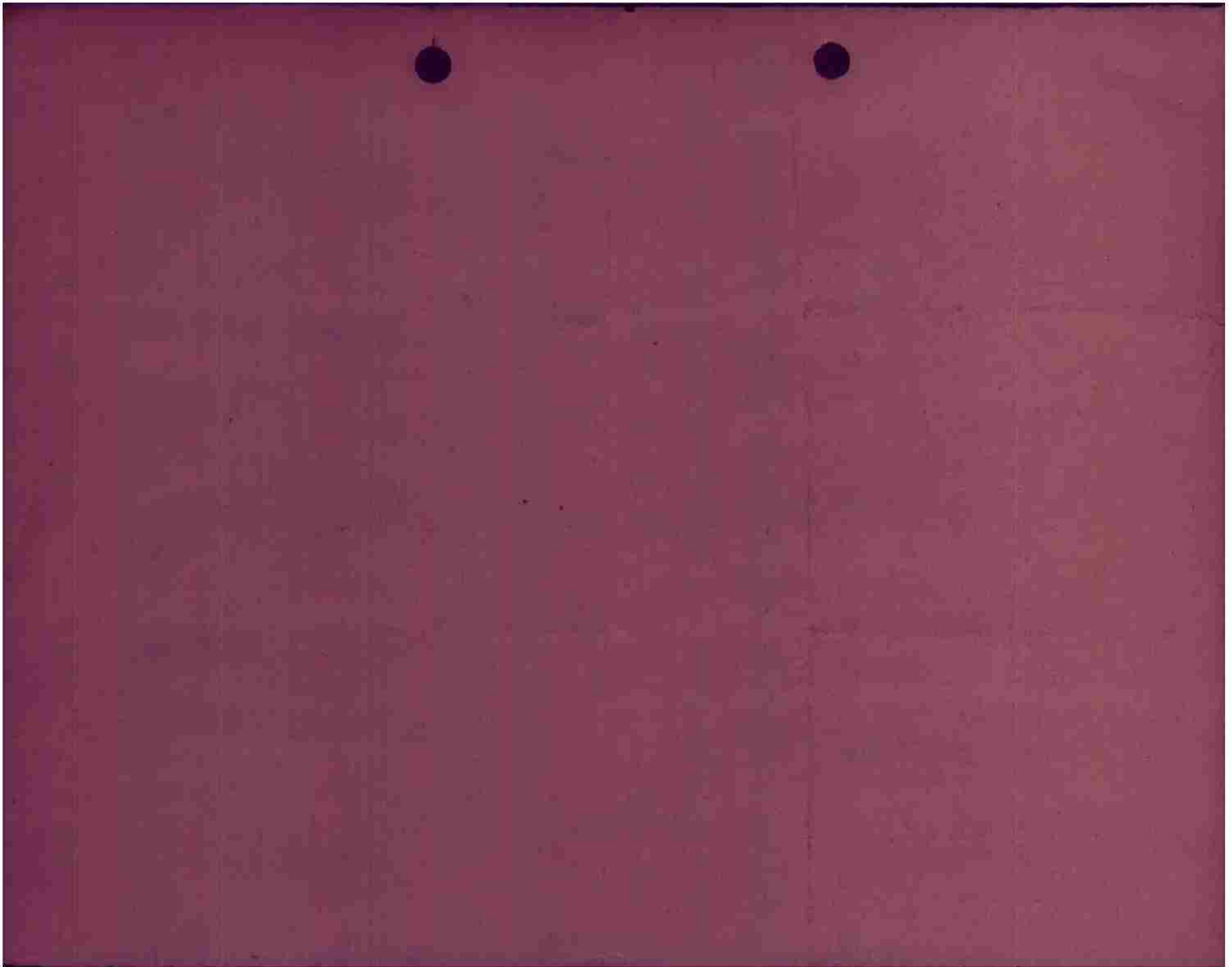
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BT 26/2325

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ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 01/26 (INFO) 1197

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 26/0045A

TO COMBOMDIV IX

COBOMGP 409

COBOMGP 410

COBOMGP 416

ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICER

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

PLAN "A" OR "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GP (405630)

(2) FATHER

(3) BYPASS

(4) RPSAW

B. 410TH BOMB GP (405630)

(2) PLUSHBIKE

(3) CABMAN

(4) RPSAW

C. 416TH BOMB GP (405630)

(2) QUICKWAY

(3) GAYLIFE

(4) RPSAW

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(11) RPSAW AVAILABLE FOR USE WITH BULLSEYE PROCEDURE.

COMBTWING 97

BT 26/0045A

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JPO R.....26/0058A

MC REY

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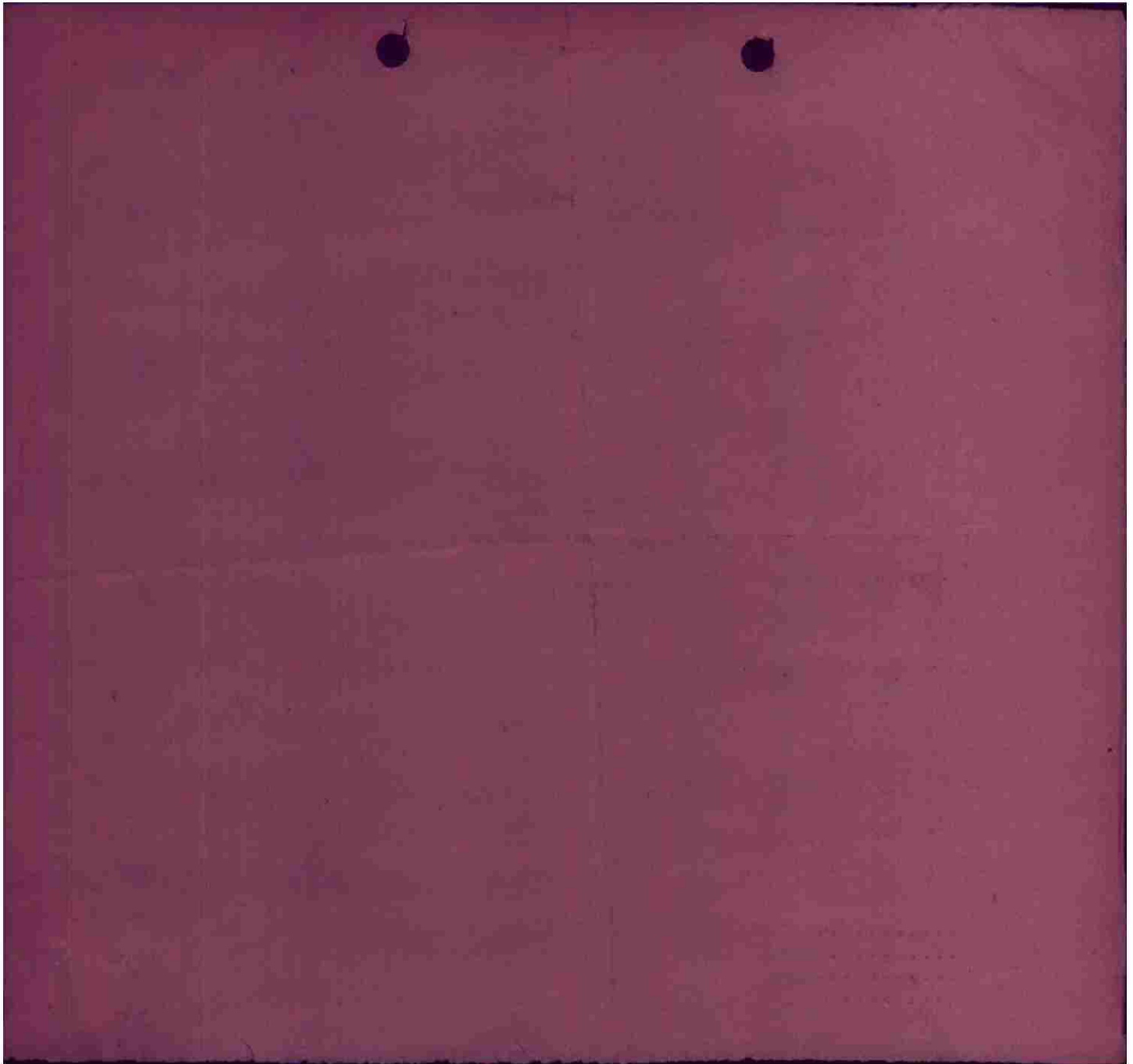
FD KK

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