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MISSION NO. 256
LOADING LIST
BOX I
28 MARCH 1945

FLIGHT I

1. 508 Z
Major R.F. Sheefer
Lt. A.R. Hand
Lt. F.V. Reeves
S/S W.F. Wheeler

2. 904 P
Lt. S.S. Jordan
Lt. R.P. Mulgren
S/S K.W. Jensen

3. 935 W
Lt. J.W. Wright
S/S D.W. Van Gilder

FLIGHT II

1. 998 Q
Lt. R.B. Hall
E/O T.L. Goss
S/S W.S. Jackson

2. 990 P
Lt. J.F. Stankowski
Sgt J.R. Walling

3. 2315 L
Lt. A.R. Farnham
S/S C.D. Harmon

FLIGHT III

1. 469 A
Lt. W.H. Blake
Lt. A.E. Rosenquist
S/S V.L. Kidd

2. M6 O
Major H.F. Goss
S/S J.V. Hammer

3. 564 V
Lt. W.D. Chitty
S/S D.E. Burns

SPARE
274 S
Lt. J.L. Frucha
S/S S. Kocher

4. 985 D
Lt. J.H. Montross
S/S R.S. Gandy

5. 935 L
Lt. W.R. Tank
Sgt R.B. Harmon

6. 978 O
Lt. L.R. Zimet
Sgt F.L. Bennett

FLIGHT I

1. 224 M
Lt. J.O. Curtis
Sgt J.M. Matthews

6. 212 K
Capt. H.W. Borman
Sgt R.J. Tarnajo

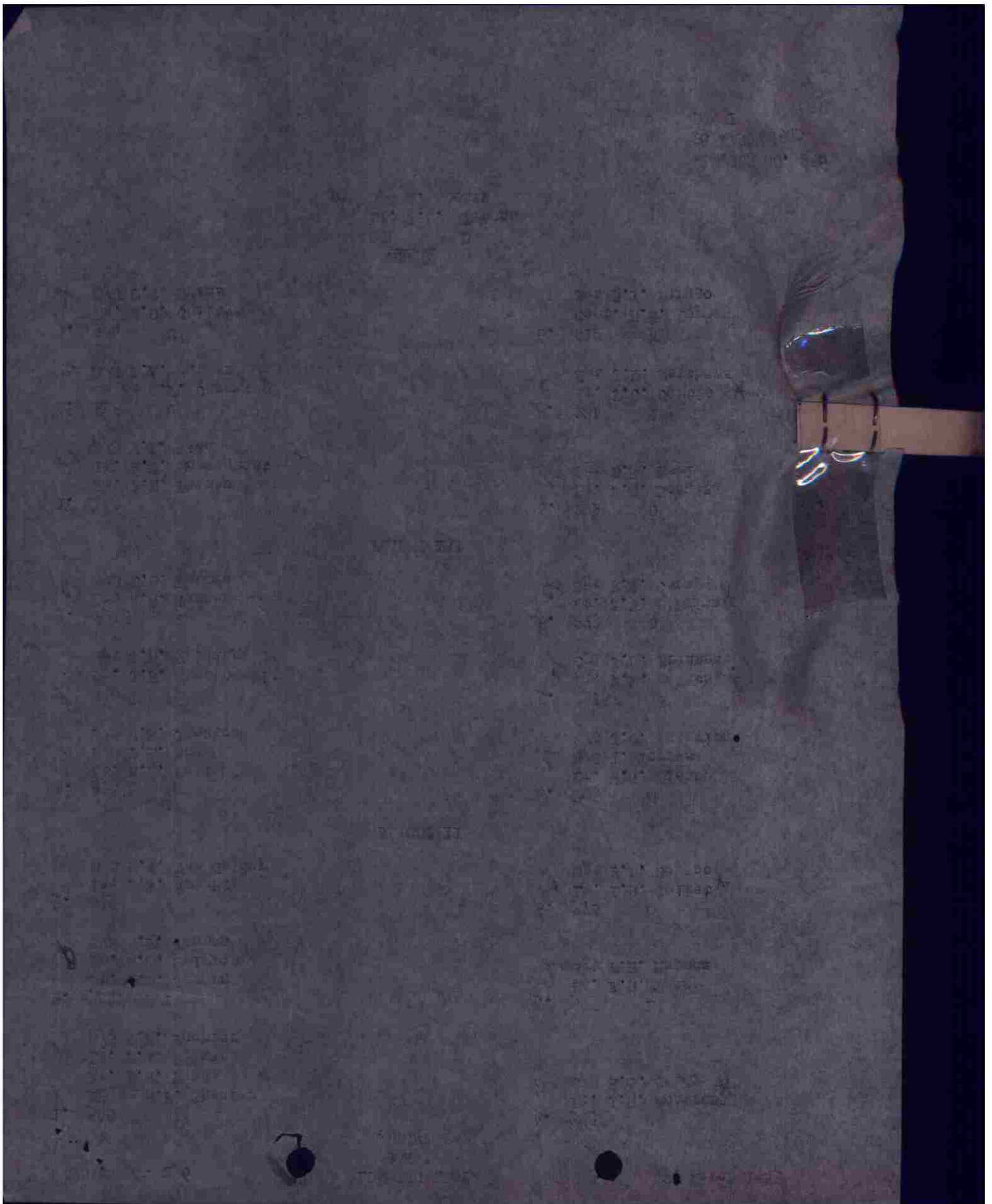
4. 232 D
Lt. W.E. Downing
Sgt D.E. Neal

5. 251 N
Lt. E.G. Bishop
S/S I. Torres
S/S J.O. Ottaviano

5. 915 F
Lt. W.M. Baugh
Cpl J.D. Brennan

6. 223 H
Lt. J.V. O'Brien
Sgt E.E. Gorey

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BOX II
FLIGHT I

28 MARCH 1945

1. 505 Y 569
Capt. H.M. Evans
Lt. T.M. McCartney
Lt. H.E. Myrold
S/S O.N. Merritt

4. 297 T 550
Lt. J.R. Colquitt
S/S W.E. Lamonds

2. 498 R
Capt. R.J. Tutt
Lt. L.A. Orr
Sgt W. Wood

5. 188 R 559
Lt. R.H. Long
S/S J.L. Pauker

3. 495 G
F/O H.G. Gunkel
Sgt L.J. Grzona

6. 233 F 600
Lt. R.J. Latimer
Sgt W.H. Fidler

FLIGHT II

1. 492 E
Capt. H.L. Somers
Lt. J. Kipits
S/S K. Heath

4. 438 O 555
Lt. M.W. DuBois
S/S D.L. Griffin

2. 381 Q 150
Lt. E.G. Martin
Sgt W.R. Sumner

5. 271 R 150
Lt. P.W. Wills
S/S M. Bookach

3. 496 L
Lt. A.W. Danner
Sgt V.E. Fair

6. 252 D 150
Lt. C.H. Housley
Sgt P.J. Block

FLIGHT III

1. 490 Y
Lt. J.J. Lackey
Lt. R.C. Muir
S/S T. Connerly

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

2. 499 G
Lt. D.A. Fero
F/O R.L. Lange
S/S T.W. Skelton

5. 250 A
Lt. L.W. Edstrom
Sgt F.A. Poupe

3. 2360 L 550
Lt. D.L. Withington
S/S L.D. McElhattan

6. 252 J 550
Lt. J.R. Wright
Sgt J.J. Ruskiewich

SPARE

264 I 625
Lt. J.W. Elevins
Sgt F. Gentry

MISSION NO. 256
28 MARCH 1945
BOX II

SECRET

AUTH: CO, A-69

29 Mar 45

INITIAL

G-1-2

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

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

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

TO : Commanding General, 5th Bombardment Division (M), APO 140, U.S. Army.
(Attn: A-4)

I. 29 March 1945, T.O. 0759, Czech Oil Storage Depot, P.O. 228-628.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 43-22496
(Lt A.S. Dwyer)

Stations 11 and 12
failed to release.

Release arm on A-4 release unit
of station 7 caught body of A-4
release unit on station 7A prevent-
ing complete rotation of lever for
transfer of current to stations
11 and 12. Release unit on sta-
tion 7A should have been removed
since it was not being used.

V. 43-22495
(S/O L.S. Gunkel)

Unknown.

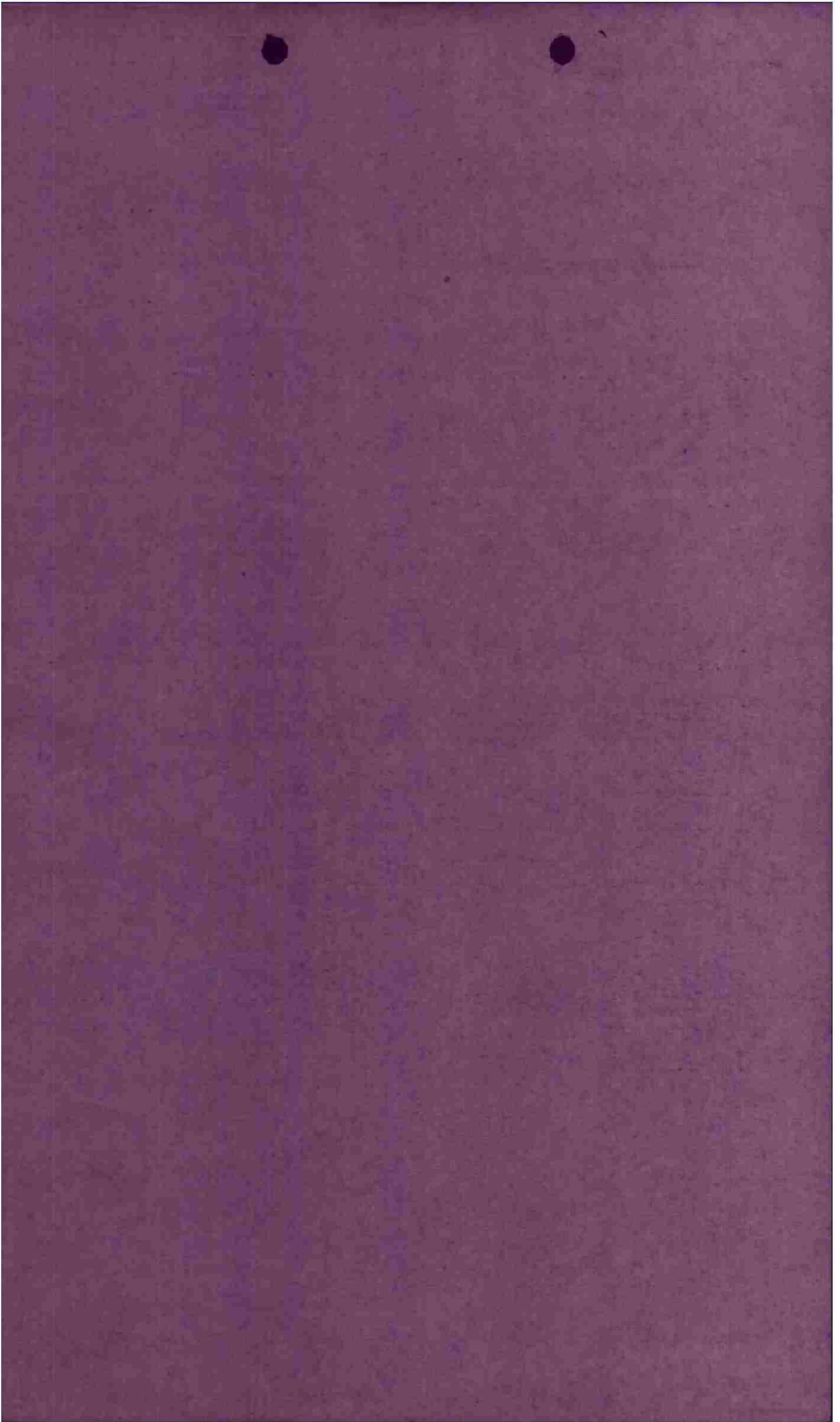
Unknown as no word has been
received at time of this report.

VI. 1 - 3:38 - 525
2 - 3:35 - 500
3 - 3:35 - 550
4 - 3:35 - 400
5 - 3:35 - 525
6 - 3:35 - 550
7 - 3:40 - 555
8 - 3:40 - 650
9 - 3:40 - 550
10 - 3:40 - 580
11 - 3:40 - 615
12 - 3:40 - 660
13 - 3:35 - 560
14 - 3:35 - 600
15 - 3:35 - 600
16 - 3:35 - 645
17 - 3:35 - 590
18 - 3:35 - 625
9 - 3:35 - 590

1 - 3:35 - 580
2 - 3:35 - 550
3 - Did not return to base.
4 - 3:35 - 550
5 - 3:10 - 450
6 - 3:20 - 300
7 - 3:35 - 600
8 - 3:40 - 550
9 - 3:35 - 550
10 - 3:40 - 535
11 - 3:35 - 530
12 - 3:45 - 525
13 - 3:40 - 525
14 - 3:30 - 600
15 - 3:39 - 550
16 - 3:40 - 625
17 - 3:40 - 600
18 - 3:35 - 550
9 - 3:35 - 625

VII. None.

THEODORE R. AYLESBORTH,
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 _____ R

CONFIDENTIAL

28 MARCH 1945

PFF REPORT FROM 416 BOMGR ON OPERATIONAL MISSION 28 MARCH 1945.

FIRST PATHFINDER LEAD TO AND FROM TARGET SATISFACTORY HOWEVER PATHFINDER OVER
 RAN TARGET AREA AND DROPPED BOMBS IN FIFTEEN (15) DEGREE BANK. IT IS POINTED OUT
 THAT BOMBING IN A TURN IS NOT ONLY INACCURATE BUT ENGAGES OTHER AIRCRAFT IN FORMATION.
 SECOND PATHFINDER SATISFACTORY EXCEPT PATHFINDER LED SECOND BOX THROUGH CLOUD FORMATION
 WHICH CAUSED PART OF THAT BOX TO BECOME LOST.

AYLESWORTH OCBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business.

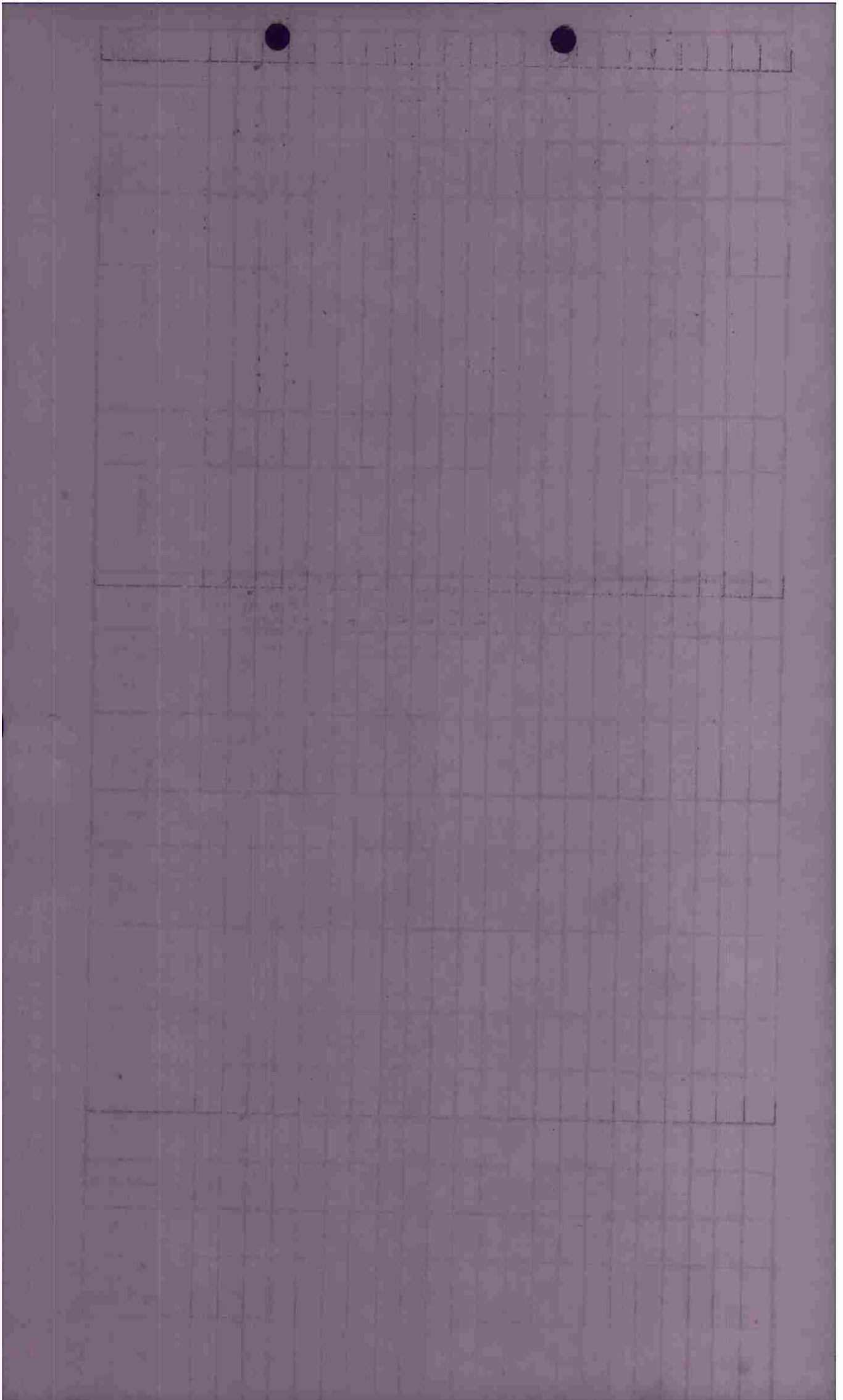
RICHARD V. WHEELER,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Asst Operations Officer.

S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U L L O L O A D	B O M B O A D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D E	R E M A R K S
A	Z	508	Shaffer			0759	1133	3135									
B	T	304	Jordan			0759	1135	3135									
A	W	335	Wright			0759	1133	3135									
A	R	385	McIntire			0759	1134	3135									
A	X	325	Lamb			0800	1134	3135									
A	O	378	Lewitt			0800	1134	3135									
C	Q	398	Hale			0800	1138	3140									
C	P	330	Stankowski			0801	1133	3130									
C	X	335	Lyman			0801	1139	3140									
C	M	205	Grady			0801	1139	3140									
C	F	2315	Shelch			0801	1140	3140									
C	J	223	O'Brien			0802	1140	3140									
C	A	449	Knicker			0802	1135	3135									
C	O	416	Conant			0802	1136	3135									
C	V	584	Chitty			0802	1136	3135									
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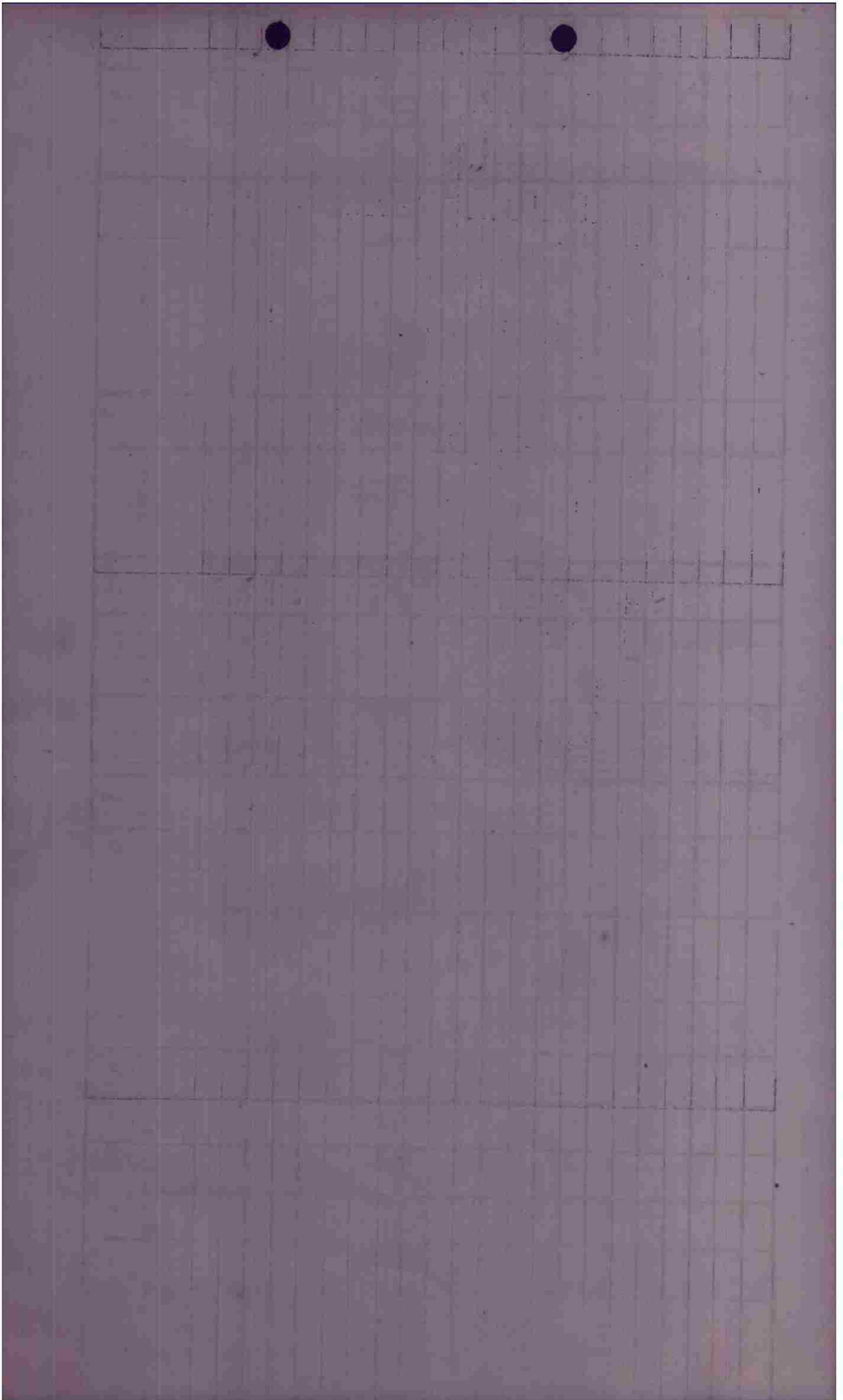
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Boat

28 March



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ITA JES JKI JPO JJF V JEA JEA 23/27 OP - OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 27/2250A
 TO : IX BOMB DIV.
 409TH BOMB GROUP.
 410TH BOMB GROUP. (INFO)
 416TH BOMB GROUP.
 1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV)

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

97CBW R-314-E

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

FIELD ORDER NO. 229-823

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REFER. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
 (2) 19 T.A.C. WILL PROVIDE ESCORT FOR THE 416TH GROUP.
 9 T.A.C. WILL PROVIDE ESCORT FOR THE 409TH GROUP.
 FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES AT F/R.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN GERMANY.

PLAN "A" - ZERO HOUR: 28/1200A
 PLAN "B" - ZERO HOUR: 28/1200A

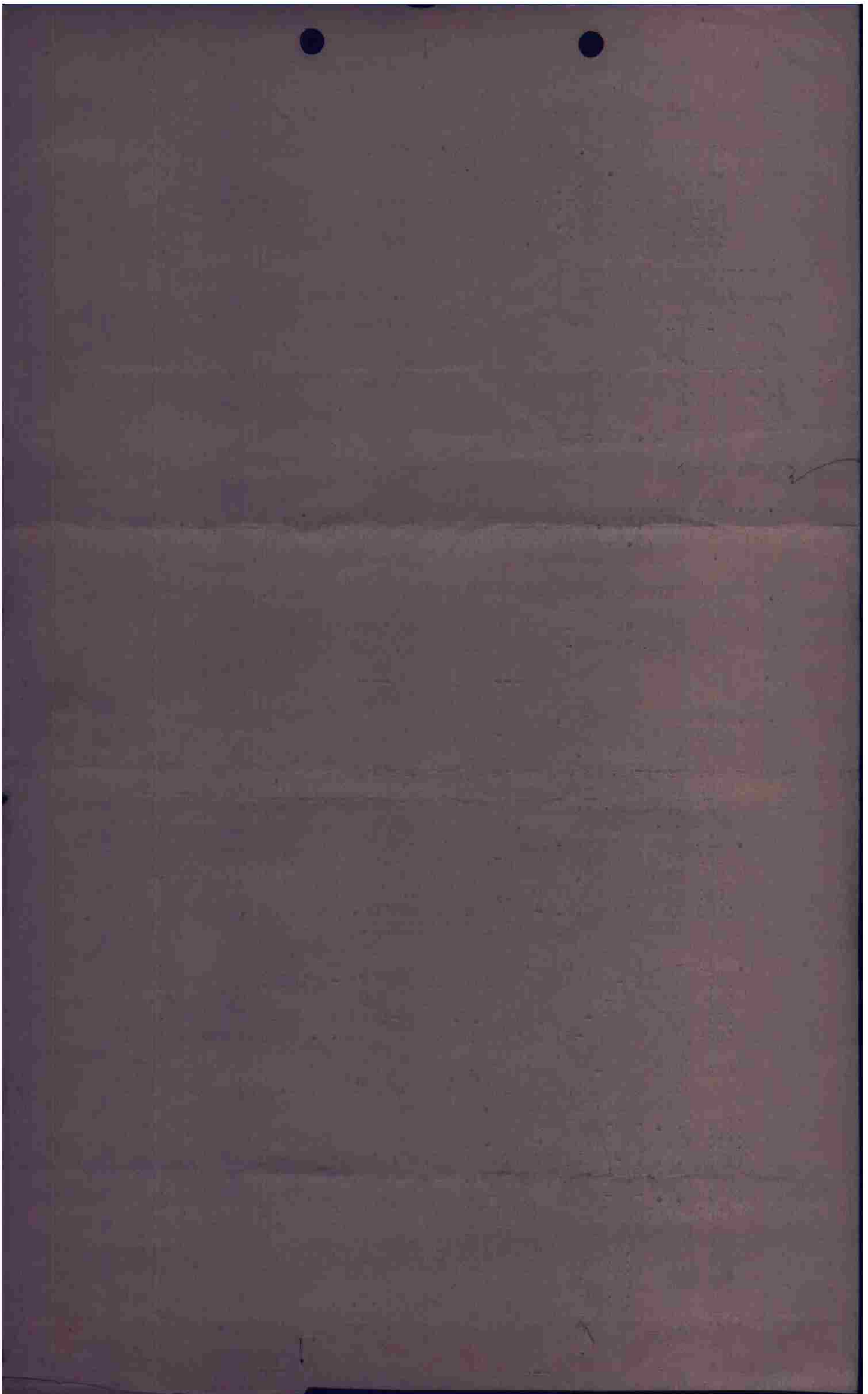
--- PLAN "A" ---

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT L-3032 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS
 40 MINUTES.
 (6) MINIMUM ALTITUDE IS 8,000 FEET.
 (10) 6 X 500 M-17 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS FUSED TO OPEN AT
 5,000 FEET. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.

- B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT L-3032 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS
 20 MINUTES.
 (6) MINIMUM ALTITUDE 5,000 FEET.
 (10) 22 X 100 G.P. - FUSED: 1/100 SEC. TAIL ONLY.
 INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.

- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.
 (5) TARGET - EBRACH OIL STORAGE DEPOT O-001420
 (6) A/C REQ - MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 (7) ROUTE OUT - BASE TO F.R. TO N-1023 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 (8) ROUTE BACK - TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. AND RETRACE
 ROUTE TO BASE.
 (9) ALTITUDE - BOMB AT 12,500 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO
 BUT NOT BELOW SPECIFIED MINIMUM ALTITUDE. LOSE 1,500 FEET
 AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
 (10) I.P. - N-9722
 (11) AXIS OF ATTACK - GEN. S TO N
 (12) M.P.I. - ILL. 1(A)(IV)54/1. COVER AREA BETWEEN REF. 045075,
 049075, 051066, 048067.
 (13) R.P. - N-9722
 (14) IN THE EVENT THAT VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY
 TARGET, BOMBING WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 (A) ALTERNATE TARGET VISUALLY
 (B) PRIMARY TARGET ON "GEE"
 (C) ALTERNATE TARGET ON "GEE"
 (D) ALTERNATE TARGET ON E.T.A.
 (15) CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN
 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS ARE NOT SELECTED.

--- PLAN "B" - PATHFINDER ---



- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT L-8032 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 18 MINUTES. WITH 2 P.P.F. A/C OVER FIELD
 (6) MINIMUM ALTITUDE IN EVENT OF VISUAL BOMBING IS 8,000 FEET.
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. M-17 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS FUSED TO OPEN AT 5,000 FEET. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
 (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MINUTES.

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT L-8032 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 42 MINUTES. WITH 2 P.P.F. A/C OVER FIELD.
 (6) MINIMUM ALTITUDE IN EVENT OF VISUAL BOMBING IS 5,000 FEET.
 (10) 22 X 100 LB. G.P. - FUSED: 1/100 SEC. TAIL ONLY. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
 (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR.

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

- (5) TARGET - EBRACH OIL STORAGE DEPOT (O-001420)
 (6) A/C REQ - 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 P.P.F. A/C.
 (7) ROUTE OUT - BASE TO F.R. TO M-2728 TO M-9118 TO S-5891 TO S-5895 TO TARGET.
 (8) ~~ROUTE BACK~~ - TARGET TURN RIGHT TO N-9722 TO N-1023 TO L-8032 TO BASE.
 (9) ALTITUDE - BOMB 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET, 2ND BOX - 13,000 FEET. LOSE 1,500 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
 (10) M.P.I. - ILL. 1(A)(IV)54/1. COVER AREA BETWEEN REF: 045075, 049075, 051066, AND 048067 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
 P.P.F. M.P.I. - GRID. COORD : WO-001420
 (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 A26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND USE N-9722 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES PRIMARY TARGET, GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
 (A) P.P.F.

II

IV

- (B) ALTERNATE TARGET VISUALLY
 (C) PRIMARY TARGET ON GROUP "GEE"
 (D) ALTERNATE TARGET ON GROUP "GEE"
 (E) ALTERNATE TARGET ON E.T.A.
 (12) CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED 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 (001420)

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

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP (001420)

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

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 27/2250A

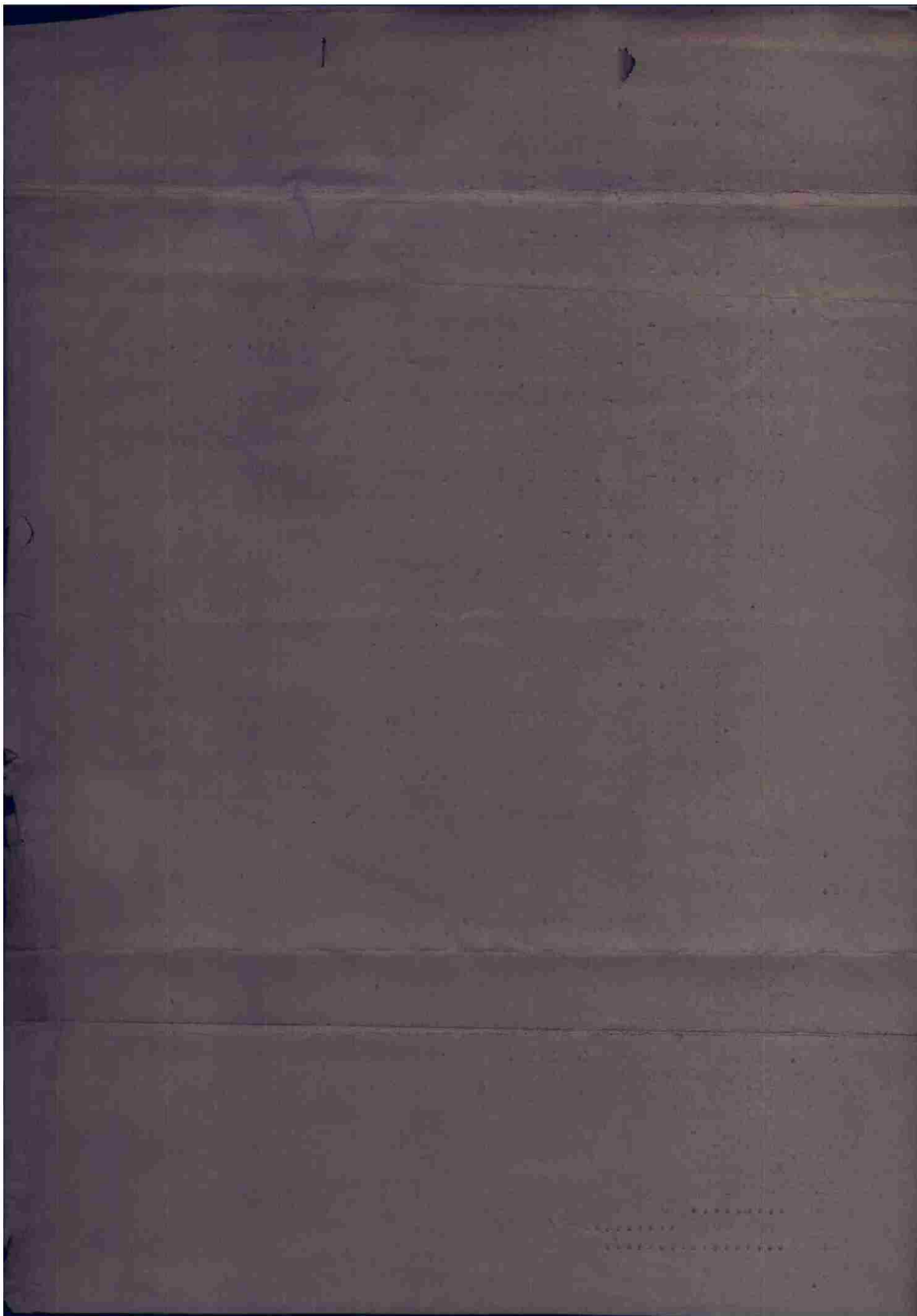
FK/CS BBBB

ITA R.....27/2349A RJS KK

ITA R FOR JJF R.....27/2349A RJS KK

JES R.....

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IN PAR 3 (X) (11) (A) AND (B) O P OK THAT IS PLAN "B" CORRECT ?
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~~LAIXRRX~~

(A) P.P.F.

(B) ALTERNATE TARGET VISUALLY

OK OK AND WE WILL RELAY TO JJF OK T B F R

IMI UNER PLAN B FIRST LINE KKK OK CHUM TIC

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

MEFR	27/2349A	MC	KKK
JPO R.....	27/2349A	DE	K
JKI R.....	27/2349A	FD	KK

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ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 02/28 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 28/0315A

TO COMBOMDIV IX

COBOMGP 409

COBOMGP 410 (INFO)

COBOMGP 416

1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

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

97CBW R-315-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

A P O 140

28 MARCH 1945

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 229-823:

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

CHANGE PLAN "B" ZERO HOUR TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

PLAN "B" - ZERO HOUR: 28/1000A

IN PLAN "B" CHANGE PARA. 3. K. (7) TO READ:

(7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO F.R. TO M-2728 TO M-9118 TO S-5891
TO S-8595 TO TARGET.

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BT 0315A

RL AR K

M

JES R.....28/0325A MC AR

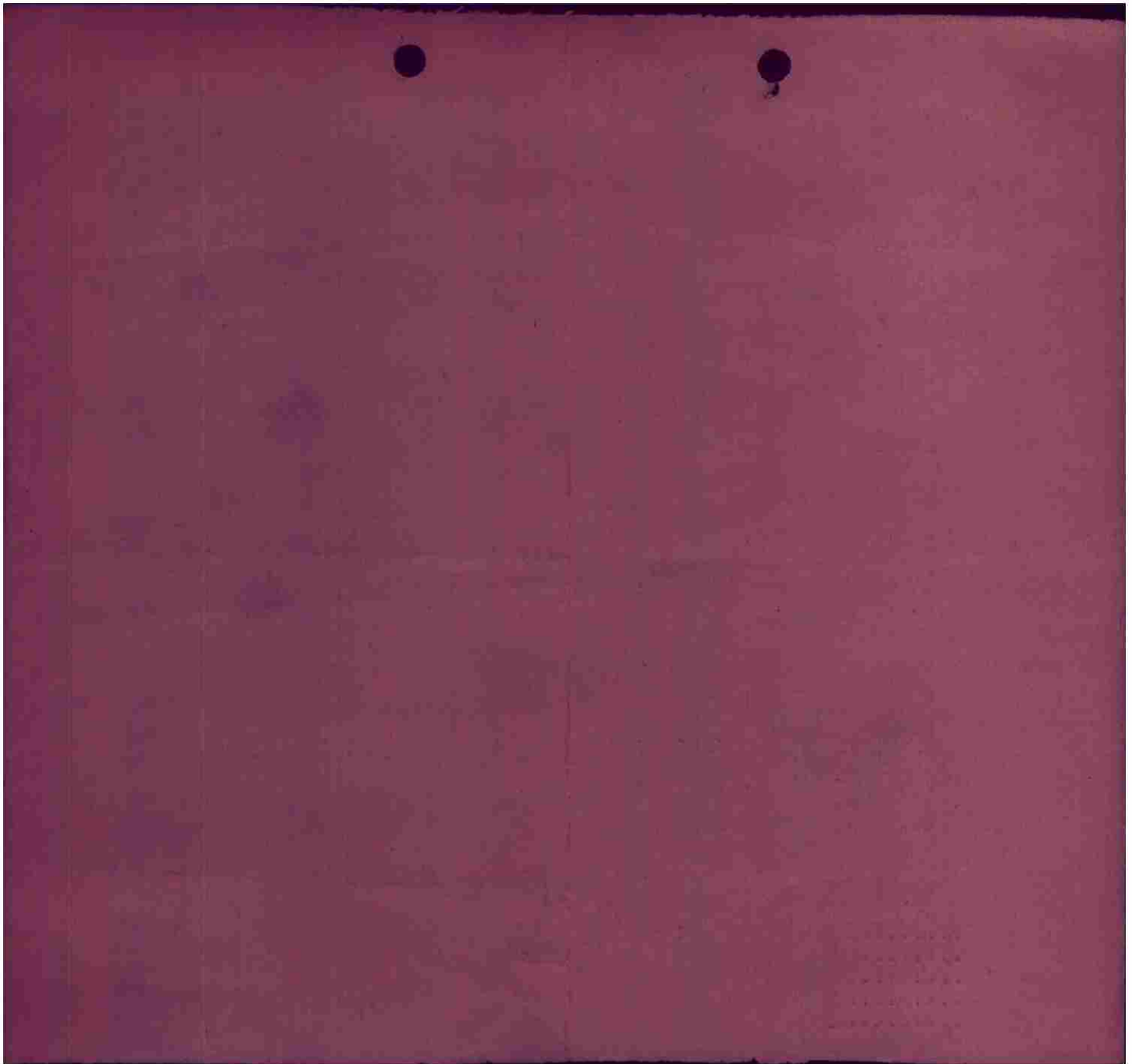
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JKI R.....28/0325A FD AR

JJF R.....28/0325A JN AR

ITA R.....28/0325A OEN AR

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ITA JEA V JKI 2/28 OP OP
 FROM 416TH BOMGR (L) 28/0850A
 TO CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION ATTN: A-2
 CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATTN: A-2
 BT
 SECRET 416BG R-642-D (MORNING MISSION)

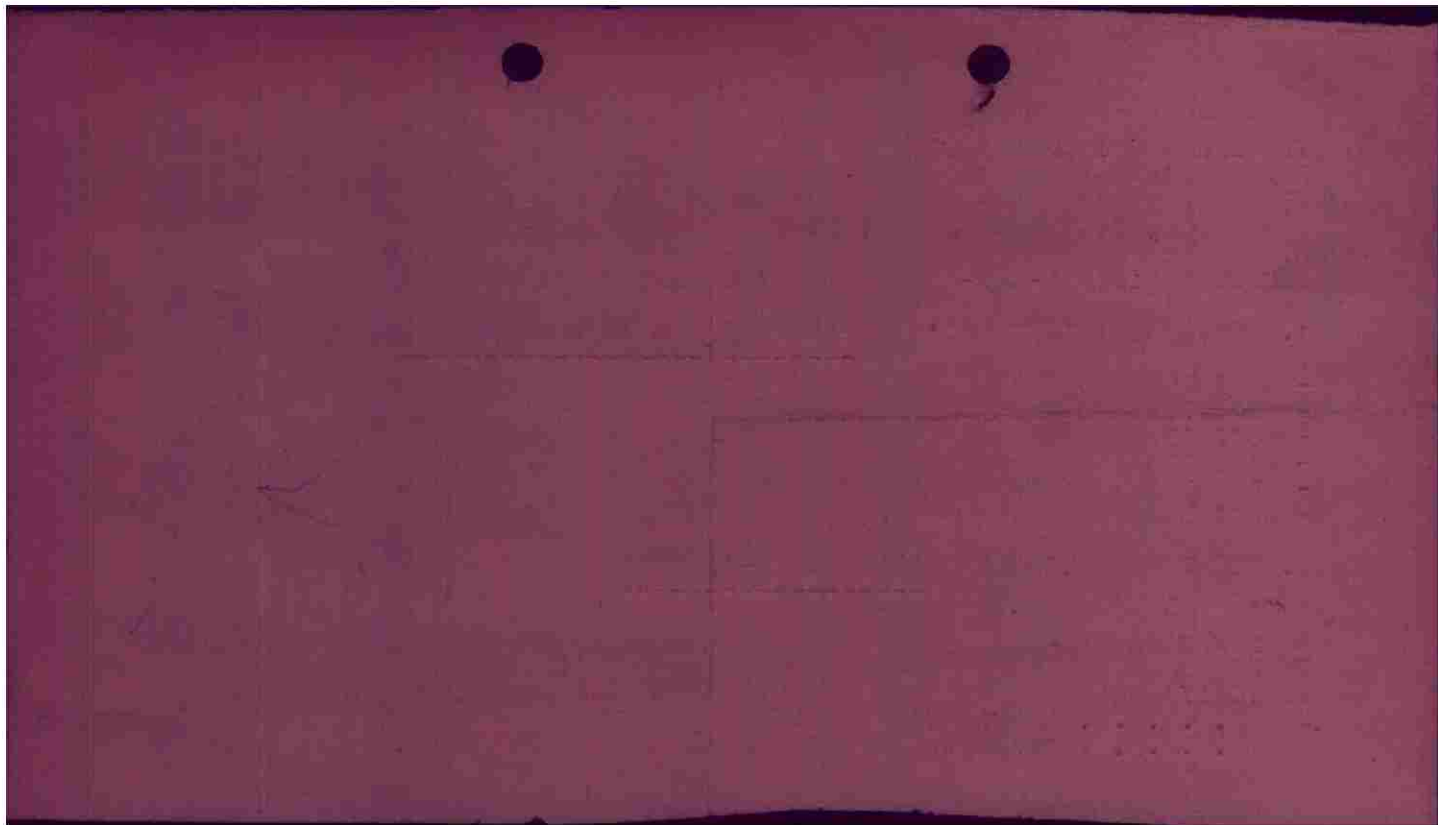
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- 03850300
 - 03450287
 - 03620295
 - 03480330
 - 03530350
 - 03310352

2. SECONDARY TARGET WALLDURN (N-180115)

BT 28/0850A
 WN AS
 BB TO ITA ONLY
 JEA R. 28/0900A LEG AR KK
 ITA R. 28/0903A SK AR K

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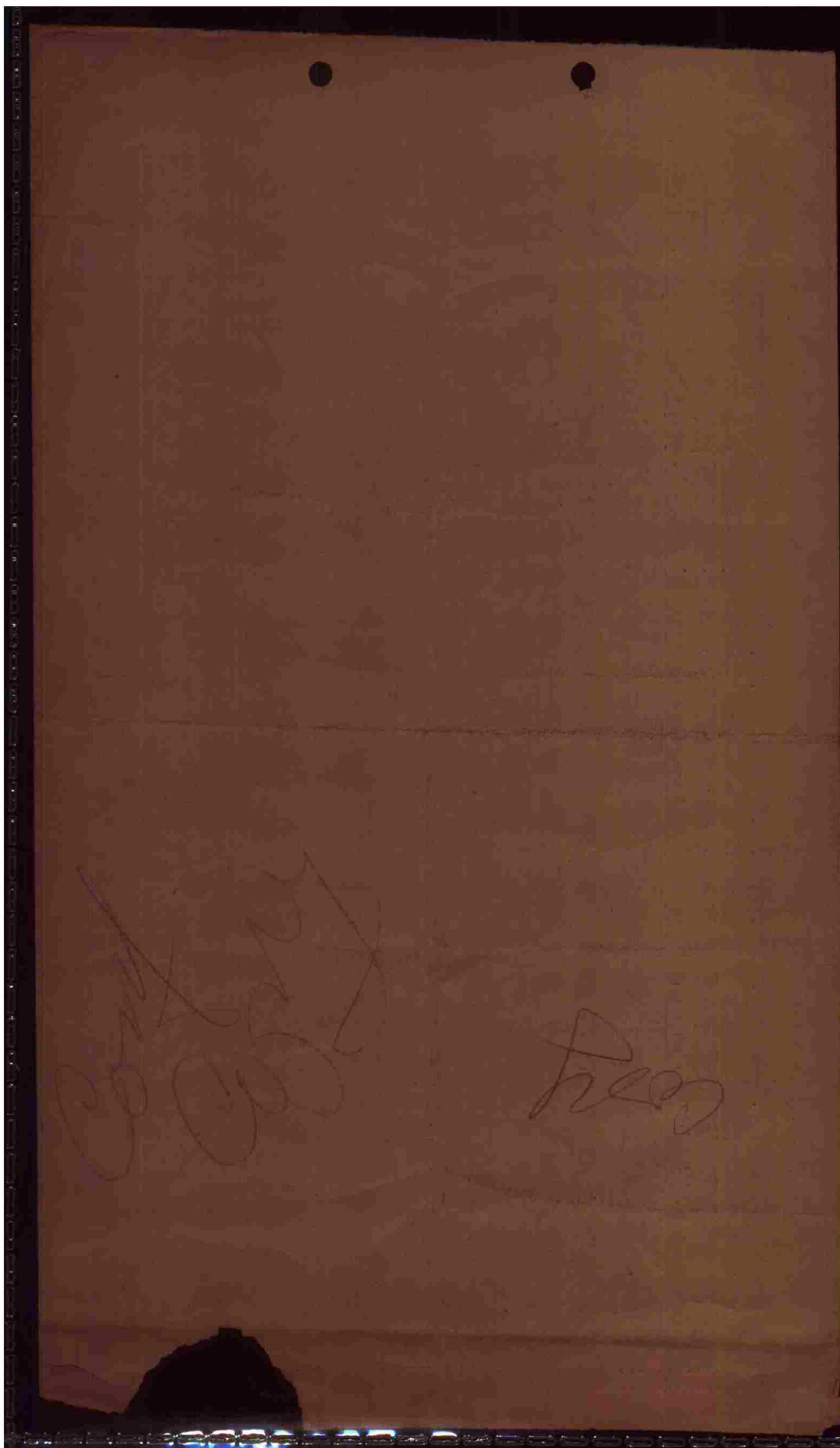
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 OPSFLASH FOR 28 MARCH 1945 MORNING MISSION

- A. 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)
- B. EBRACH OIL STORAGE DEPOT (WO-001420)
- C. 38 A-26'S.
- D. 29 A-26'S BOMBED PRIMARY ON PFF BY X0 BOXES
 4 A-26'S OF FLIGHT B BOX 2 ON CASUAL (RAILROAD AND AUTOBAHN CROSSING AT N-540220) THIS FLIGHT BECAME SEPARATED FROM FORMATION OVERCAST. WHEN UNABLE TO REJOIN, PICKED UP DESCRIBED CASUAL AND BOMBED ON GEE. 2 A-26'S AFTER BECOMING SEPARATED FROM FORMATION IN OVERCAST WERE GIVEN PERMISSION BY LEADER OF BOX 2 TO BOMB NEAR WURZBERG AT (N-390370), LOCATED BY E.T.A. 1 A-26 AFTER BECOMING SEPARATED FROM FORMATION DUE TO OVERCAST SALVOED BOMBS IN ENEMY TERRITORY - EXACT LOCATION UNKNOWN 1 A-26 SEPARATED FROM FORMATION BY OVERCAST BOMBED 6 MILES EAST OF HARDHEIM (N330130) ON GEE.
- E. 1 A-26 INFORMATION LACKING; A/C UNACCOUNTED FOR.
- F. 638 X 100 LB GP ON PRIMARY
 85 X 100 GP ON CASUAL (N-540220)
 44 X 100 LB GP ON CASUAL (N590370)
 22 X 100 LB GP SALVOED IN ENEMY TERRITORY
 22 X 100 LB GP ON CASUAL (N-330130)
 3 X 100 LB GP RETURNED
 22 X 100 LB GP INFORMATION LACKING FROM 1 ONE A/C UNACCOUNTED FOR.
- G. UNOBSERVED DUE TO WEATHER.
- H. 1 A-26 A/C NUMBER 495 UNACCOUNTED FOR.
- I. 2 UNACCOUNTED FOR (1 PILOT AND 1 GUNNER) CREW OF A/C NO. 495.
- J. NIL
- K. NIL
- L. 15300 - BOX 1
 14500 - BOX 2
 11600 - CASUAL N-540220
 12500 - CASUAL N-590370
 14000 - SALVO IN ENEMY TERRITORY
 14500 - CASUAL N-330130
- M. 1002 - BOX 1
 0959 - BOX 2
 1005 - CASUAL N540220
 1011 - CASUAL N590370
 1020 - SALVO IN ENEMY TERRITORY
 1012 - CASUAL N330130
- X. A/C 495, NUMBER 3 A/C FLIGHT A BOX 2 LAST SEEN WHEN FORMATION ENTERED OVERCAST ON BOMB RUN.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGE 416

BT 28/1415A
 EW BBBBBBB

ITA R.....28/1535A CHUCK KK
 JEA R.....28/1540A LEG IKK



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 16/28 OP OP

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 28/1645A
 TO : CG, 9TH BOMBER DIVISION ATTN: A-2
 CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2
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SECRET 416TH BG R-657-D PERIOD

FROM

AMENDMENT TO OPSFLASH FOR 28 MARCH 1945 (MORNING MISSION)

PARA D. TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

29 A-26'S BOMBED PRIMARY ON PFF BY BOXES

4 A-26'S OF FLIGHT B BOX 2 ON CASUAL (RAILROAD AND AUTOBAHN CROSSING AT N-540220). THIS FLIGHT BECAME SEPARATED FROM FORMATION IN OVERCAST. WHEN UNABLE TO REJOIN, PICKED UP DESCRIBED CASUAL AND BOMBED ON GEE.

2 A-26'S AFTER BECOMING SEPARATED FROM FORMATION IN OVERCAST, WERE GIVEN PERMISSION BY LEADER OF BOX 2 TO BOMB WURZBERG (N-590370) LOCATED BY E.T.A.

1 A-26 SEPARATED FROM FORMATION IN OVERCAST JETTISONED BOMBS IN ENEMY TERRITORY; EXACT LOCATION UNKNOWN.

1 A-26 SEPARATED FROM FORMATION IN OVERCAST BOMBED WALLDURN (N-180115) THE BRIEFED SECONDARY ON GEE.

THIS A/C WAS REPORTED AS HAVING BOMBED 6 MILES EAST OF HARDHEIM (N-330130)

PARA. F. LINE 5 TO READ:

22 X 100 LB GP ON SECONDARY (WALLDURN N-180115)

PARA. L. LINE 6 TO READ:

14500 SECONDARY (N-180115)

PARA. M. LINE 6 TO READ:

1012 SECONDARY (N-180115)

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CG: PARA. M. 2ND LINE: 14500 SECONDARY (N-180115)

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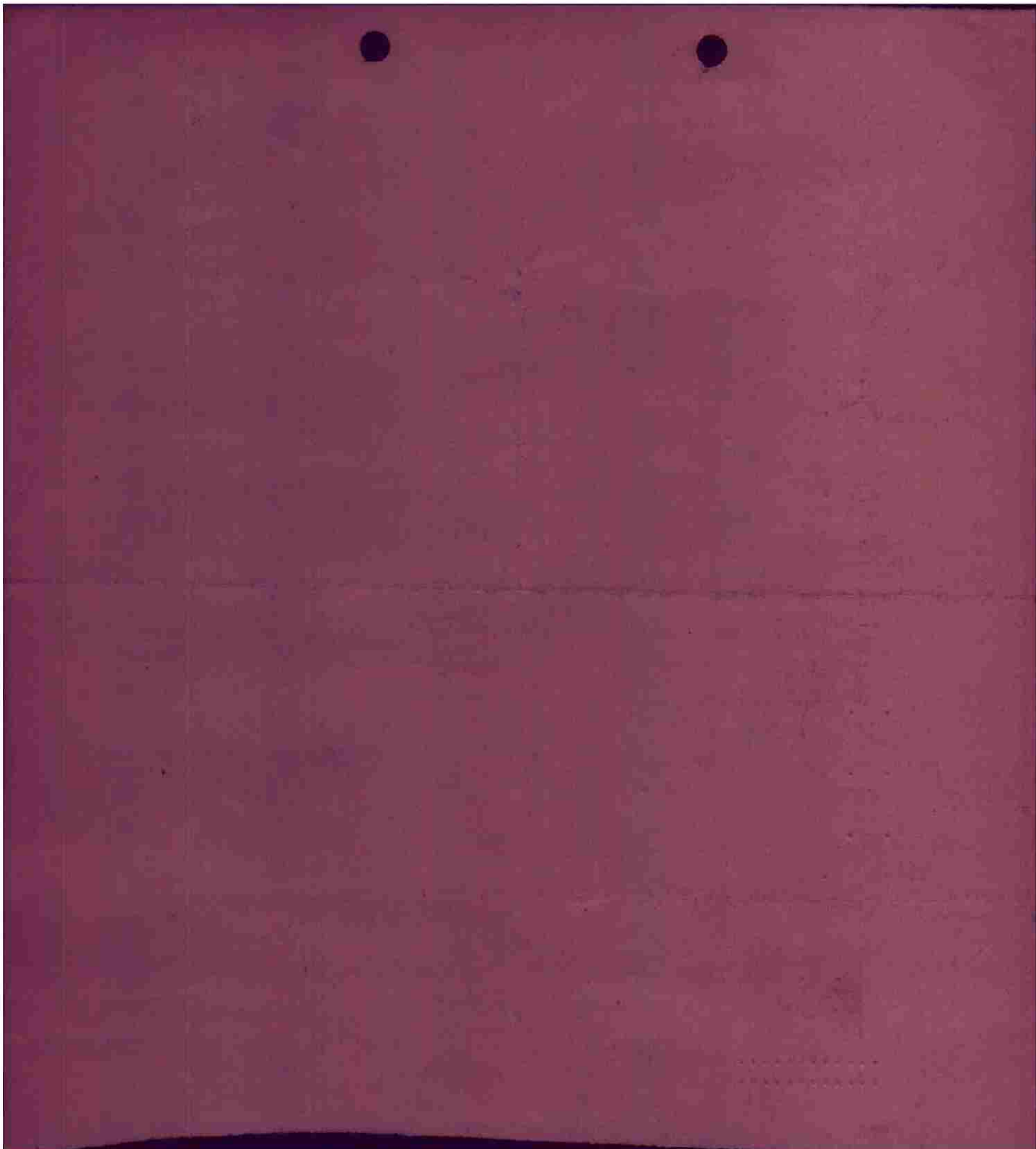
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CONFIDENTIAL 416TH BG R-648-J PERIOD

A. YS - 83

B. 28 MARCH 1945 (0759-1116)

C. Z-ZEBRA AND Y-YOKE REPORTED OPERATION COMPLETED TO PARADE.

D. PPF MISSION - Z-ZEBRA HEARD PATHFINDER REPORT TO GROUND CONTROL CENTER.

E. NONE

F. NONE

G. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. PARADE WAS REPORTED TO BE WEAK ON CHANNEL B. FIGHTERS WERE LATE AT RENDEZVOUS AND WERE VECTORED TO FORMATION BY RIPS AW AT REQUEST OF BOXLEADER.

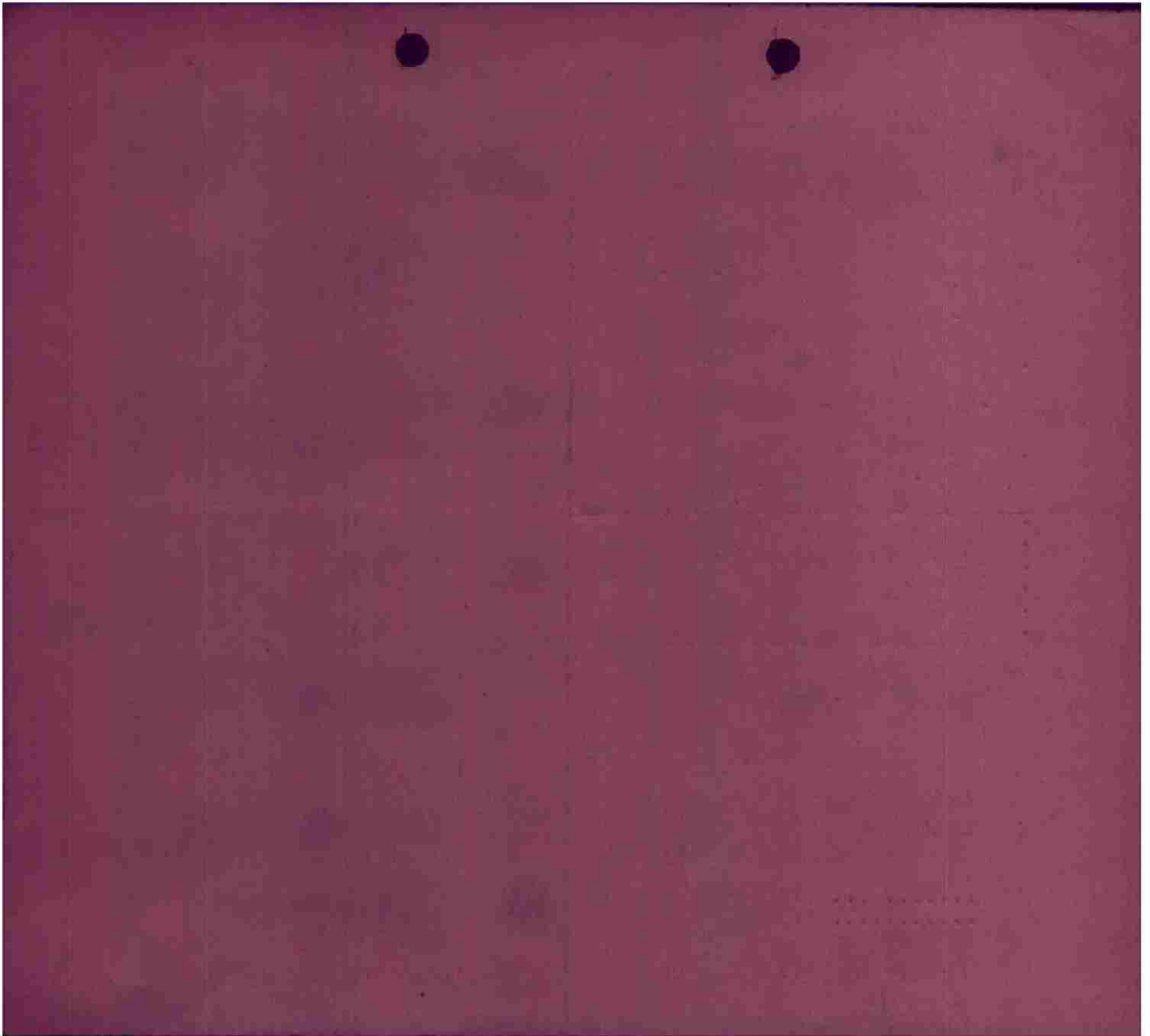
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FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ 28/1500

TO CG IX BOMB DIV

CG 99 98 97 BOMB WINGS

CO 323 416 397 322 394 409 344 391 BOMB GPS

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1ST PATHFINDER SQ R-677-E

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 322 BOMB GROUP
- B. NEUENHEERSE OIL STORAGE RB-84604290
- C. TWO B 26
- D. TWO B 26 BOX 1 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT. BOX TWO DROPPED ON FIRST BOX EQUIPMENT FAILURE
- E. NONE
- F. 8 X 260'S FRAGS ON PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
- H. NOREDAQI. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13500 AND 13000 PRIMARY
- M. 0954 AND 0954 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS : AND COMMENTS: LOW FLIGHT DROPPED 4 SEC LATE. FIRST BOX GROUP FORMATION SUPERIOR
GROUP NAVIGATION SUPERIOR

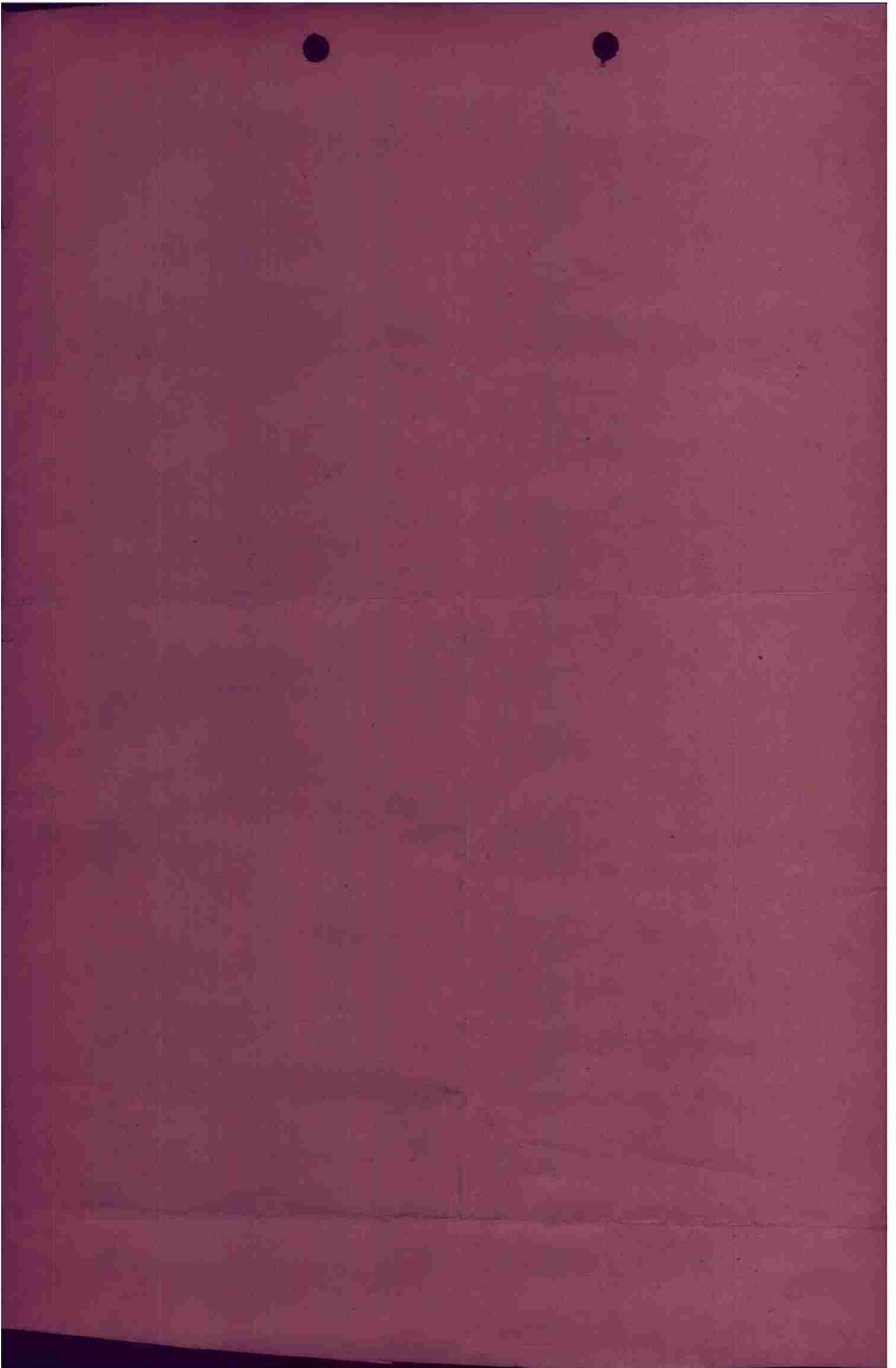
- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 344 BOMB GROUP
 - B. NEUENHEERSE OIL STORAGE RB 84804275
 - C. TWO B 26
 - D. TWO B 26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 - E. NONE
 - F. 8 X 260 FRAGS ON PRIMARY
 - G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
 - H. THRU K NONE
 - L. 135000 AND 12500 PRIMARY
 - M. 1215 AND 1215 1/2 PRIMARY
- REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION GOOD

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 394 BOMB GROUP
- B. NEUENHEERSE OIL STORAGE RB 84804275
- C. 2 B 26
- D. TWO B 26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY 4 X 260 FRAGS PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
- H. THRU K NONE
- L. 13500 AND 13000 PRIMARY
- M. 1037 AND 1039 PRIMARY

REMARKS GROUP FORMATION GOOD

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 409 BOMB GROUP
- B. EBRACH OIL STORAGE WO-001420
- C. TWO B 26
- D. TWO B 26 CASUAL ON GEE BUCHEM WN-150031 GERCHSHEIM WN-479251
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP AND 4 X 260 FRAGS CASUAL WEATHER
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10 TH
- H. THRU K NONE
- L. 13500 AND 11500 CASUAL
- M. 11000 AND 1112 CASUAL

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION GOOD



A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH 416TH BOMB GROUP
 B. EBRACH OIL STORAGE WO-321422
 C. TWO B 26
 D. ONE B 26 PRIMARY ON E.T. A. ONE B 26 PRIMARY ON GEE. EQUIPMENT FAILURE
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 GP AND 4 X 260 FRAGS ON PRIMARY
 G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
 H. THRU K NONE
 L. 15200 AND 14300 PRIMARY
 M. 1000 AND 0958 1/2 PRIMARY

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION VERY GOOD

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 323 BOMB GROUP
 N/11.....
 B. EBRACH OIL STORAGE WO-321422
 C. TWO B 26
 D. ONE B 26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT ONE B 26 SALVOED 3 MI EAST OF
 TARGET "J" OFFHOF ROUTE
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY AND 4 X 260 FRAGS SALVOED
 G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
 H. THRU K NONE
 L. 15000 PRIMARY AND 16000 SALVOED WEATHER
 M. 1036 PRIMARY AND SALVOED AT 1040

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION GOOD.

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 391 BOMB GROUP
 B. NEUENHEERSE OIL STORAGE RB-84804275
 C. TWO B 26
 D. TWO B 26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 GP AND 4 X 260 FRAGS ON PRIMARY
 G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
 H. THRU K NONE
 L. 13500 AND 13000 PRIMARY
 M. 1053-1/2 AND 1055 PRIMARY

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT

REPORT ON 397 BOMB GROUP WILL FOLLOW

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ

BT 28/1500
 SSR AR
 CC IN 409 GROUP
 M. W A IS TO READ 1100 NOT AS SENT
 (LCB AR)

JES R. 28/1555A JGN AR H KK
 JPO R. 28/1600A WAC AR KK
 JKI R. 28/1600A EJ AR

