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MISSION NO. "258"

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

31 March 1945

1. 497 E
CAPT E L MILLER
LT J K CONNER
P/O W M WHITFIELD
S/S J F MALLOY

0:40
5:00

IB

2. 244 I
LT R W VAN ROBE
S/S W H KLINGMAN

4:40
2:50

3. 354 S
LT R H HACKLEY
S/S R A CLARK

5:10
2:50

1. 490 X
LT J J LACKOVICH
LT R C MUIR
S/S T CONNERY

3:10
4:00

2. 498 R
LT D A FERRO
P/O R L LANGSAM
S/S T W SKELTON

3:10
5:40

3. 360 L-1
LT D L WITHINGTON
S/S C F HUSS

3:10
5:50

1. 640 N
CAPT H M EVANS
LT T M MCCARTNEY
S/S W E LEMMONS

2:55
5:20

2. 305 V
LT F W HARRIS
S/S W F TUSHER

3:10
4:00

3. 378 O
LT R J LACKNER
SGT A J MUSARRA

2:55
5:50

4. 564 SPARE
LT W M BALCH
CPL J D BRENNAN

4. 338 O
LT J F ALLEN
S/S L R GETZEN

5:60
2:50

5. 271 R
LT R B HARPER
SGT R M BLACK

4:00
2:50

6. 362 Y
LT F G DUNN
SGT J M PIKEL

5:00
3:05

FLIGHT II

B-XII

4. 239 N-1
CAPT E M BILSON
S/S H R DAVIS

3:10
4:15

5. 352 J
CAPT A C SEARS
M/S J J WELLS

3:10
6:00

6. 209 M
LT J R WRIGHT
SGT D O SIMON

3:10
6:50

FLIGHT III

4. 233 F
LT L E CANNON
S/S L V METZLER

2:55
5:50

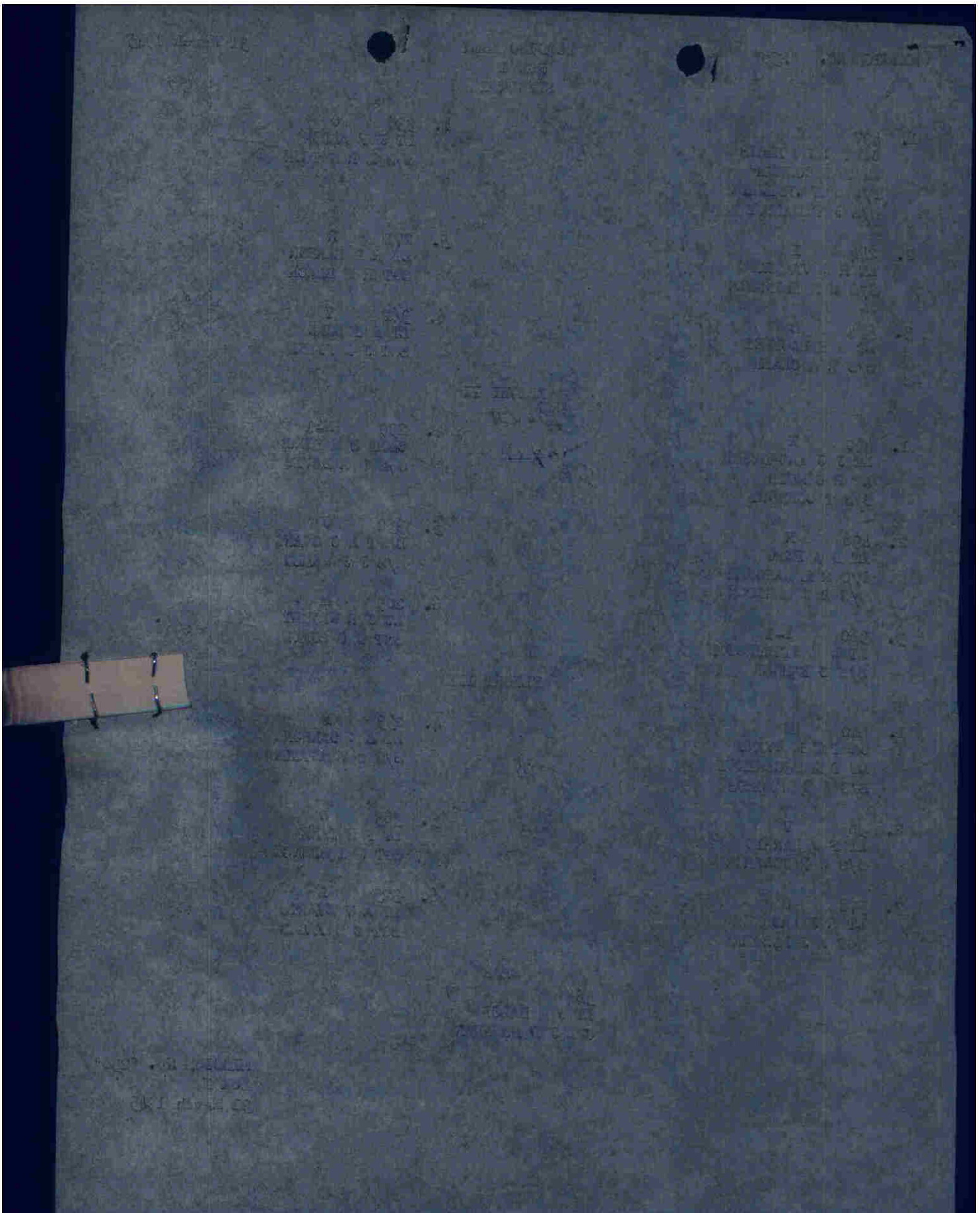
5. 385 D
LT F R TANK
SGT J I SPRING

2:55
4:85

6. 325 L
LT A V EVANS
SGT C D FAGEN

2:55
5:50

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MISSION NO. "258"

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

31 March 1945

43-22
1. 609 N ✓ 535
LT COL J G HAPLER 3:15
LT D L MOORE ✓
S/S H B McCLAIN ✓

41-39
2. 269 G ✓ 485
LT E R HAYTER 3:10
S/S F P BASFORD ✓

41-39
3. 314 H ✓ 495
LT E C MARTIN 3:05
SGT W R SUMNER ✓

41-22
4. 381 Q ✓ 510
CAPT H L SOMMERS 3:15
S/S K HEATH *

43-22
5. 351 F ✓ 540
LT B A SMITH 3:05
SGT D A RICHARDS *

43-22
6. 496 L ✓ 510
LT C H HOUSLEY 3:05
SGT P J BLOCK ✓

FLIGHT II

Box I

43-22
1. 508 Z ✓
CAPT C S STANLEY
F/O J H BLOUNT 3:00
S/S C B COLLIER 485

41-39
2. 264 L-1 ✓
LT W H ROBERTS 3:10
S/S A R HOOD 550

41-39
3. 274 S-1 ✓
LT L J PRUEHA 3:10
S/S L E SINGLETON 480

41-39
4. 259 H ✓
LT J K COLQUITT 3:10
S/S J W FELKEL 575 *

41-39
5. 188 R-1 ✓
LT A S NATHANSON
SGT C J KAMINSKI 2:55
575 *

41-39
6. 352 J ✓
LT L R ZEINER 3:15
SGT R K RAY 550 *

FLIGHT III

43-22
1. 398 Q-1 ✓
LT D B GRUNIG 3:10
LT B C MORRIS 515
S/S L R FRIDAY IB

43-22
2. 2315 L-2 ✓
MAJOR H F CONANT 3:10
S/S D E BURNS 500
CAPT H W CHIDNEY (WEATHER)

43-22
3. 330 P ✓
LT W MUSGROVE 3:10 575
SGT E J WILLEVER

41-39
4. 205 M-1 ✓
LT E G BISHOP 3:05
S/S R R RORBAKEN 680
S/S D B RICHARDS

41-39
5. 223 B-1 ✓
LT F/O S B BOEHNER 3:05
CPL K A EDDY 640 *

41-39
6. 9315 F-1 ✓
LT J C CURTIS 3:05
SGT O R MULZETT 600 *

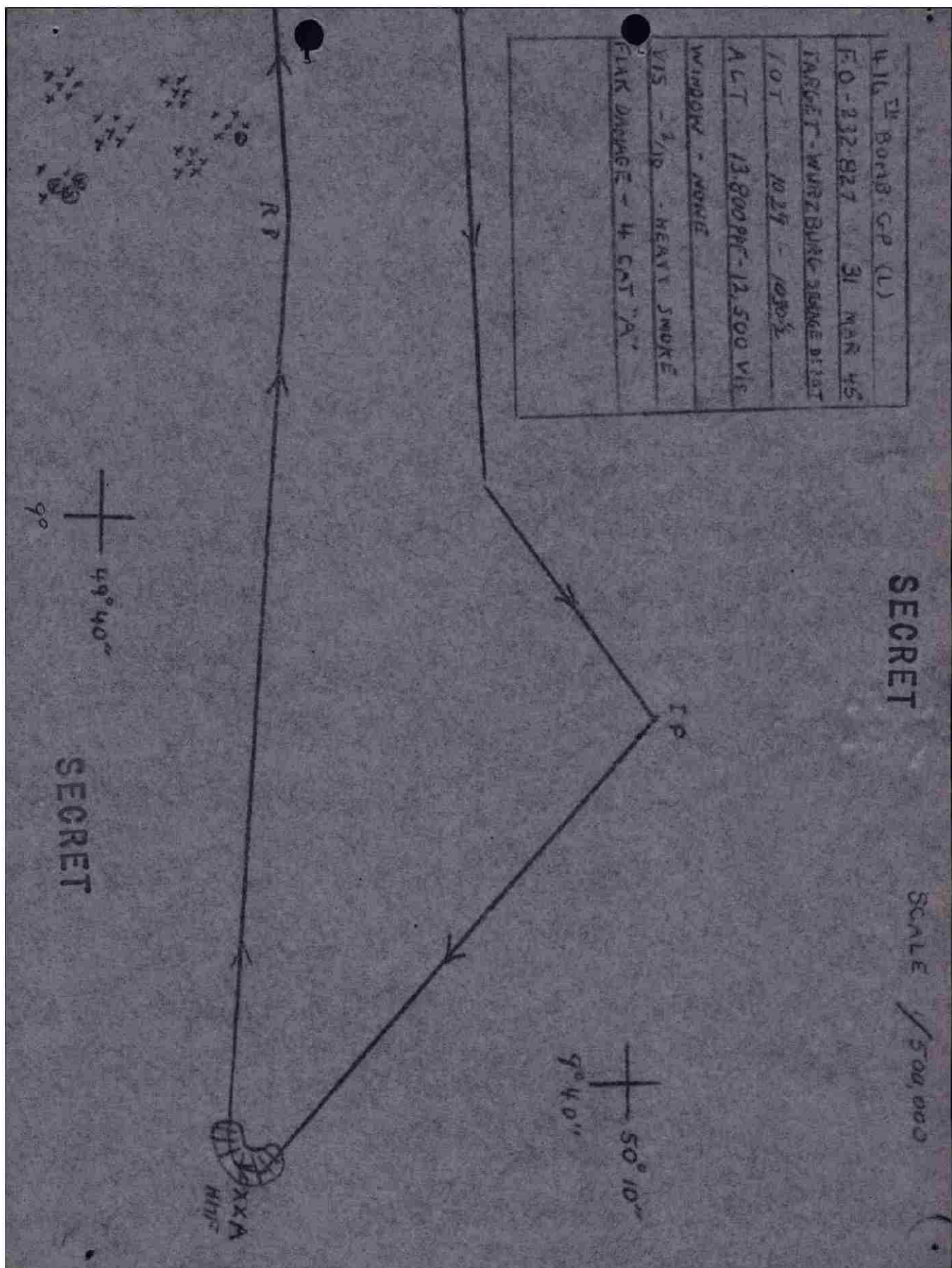
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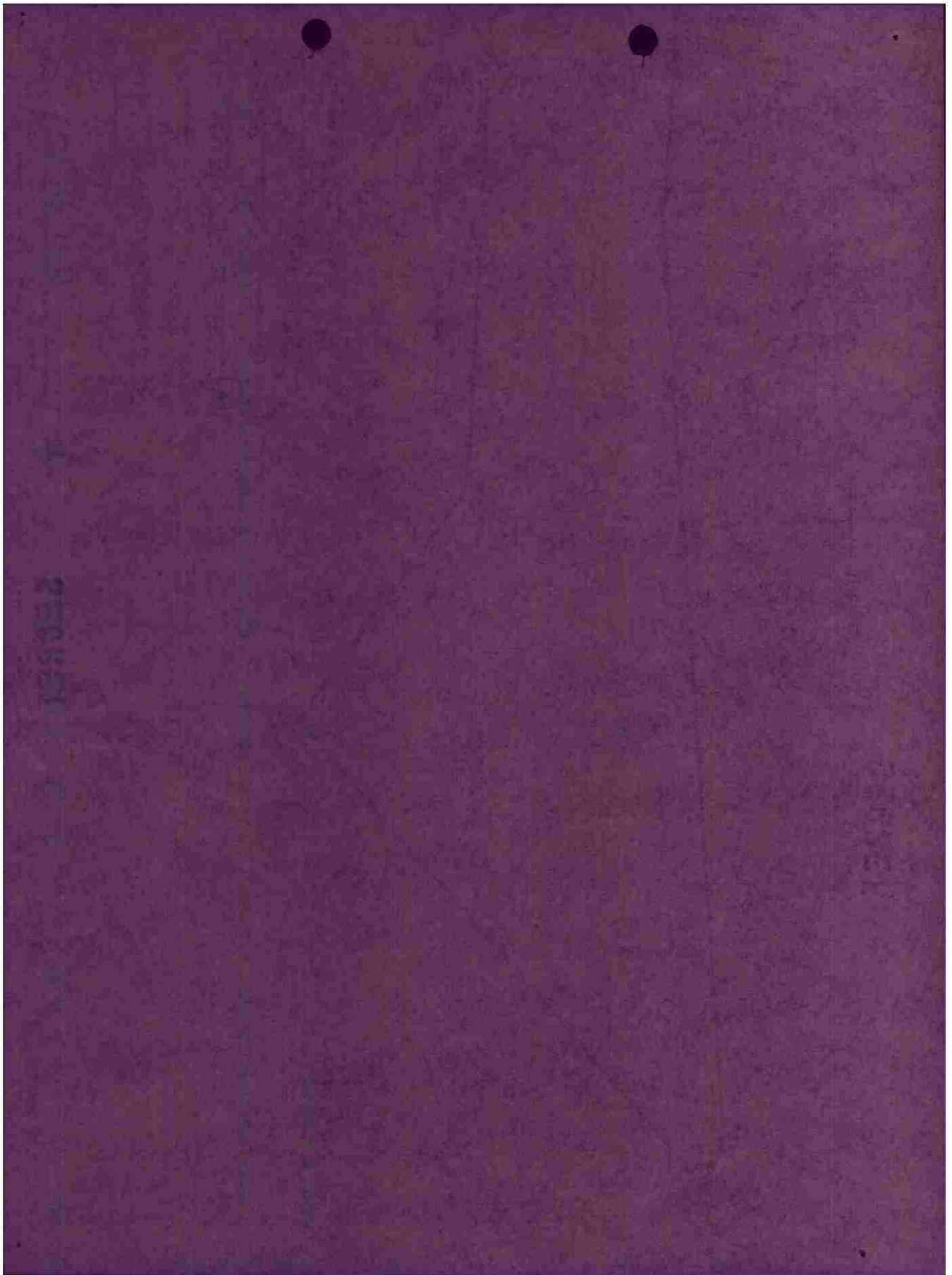
43-22
313 B-1 3:10
LT E E GRAEBER 600
SGT A H MILLER

MISSION NO. 258

Box II

31 March 1945





SECRET
 AUTH: CO, A-39
 2 Apr 45
 INITIAL
 U-2-2

HEADQUARTERS
 418TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
 Office of the Commanding Officer

AFPO 140, U.S. Army,
 2 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 31 March 1945, T.O. 0906, Wurzburg Storage Depot, T.O. 232-327.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 41-38362
 (Lt T.G. Dunn)

Bombs released shortly after
 pilot turned on Bomb Master
 Switch.

Thorough check of bombing system
 and intervalometer revealed no
 irregularities. Pilot was turn-
 ing on arming switches and had
 left hand over release button.
 Pilot concedes that he inad-
 vertently depressed release
 button while turning on switches.

41-32506
 (Lt P.E. Harris)

All bombs returned.

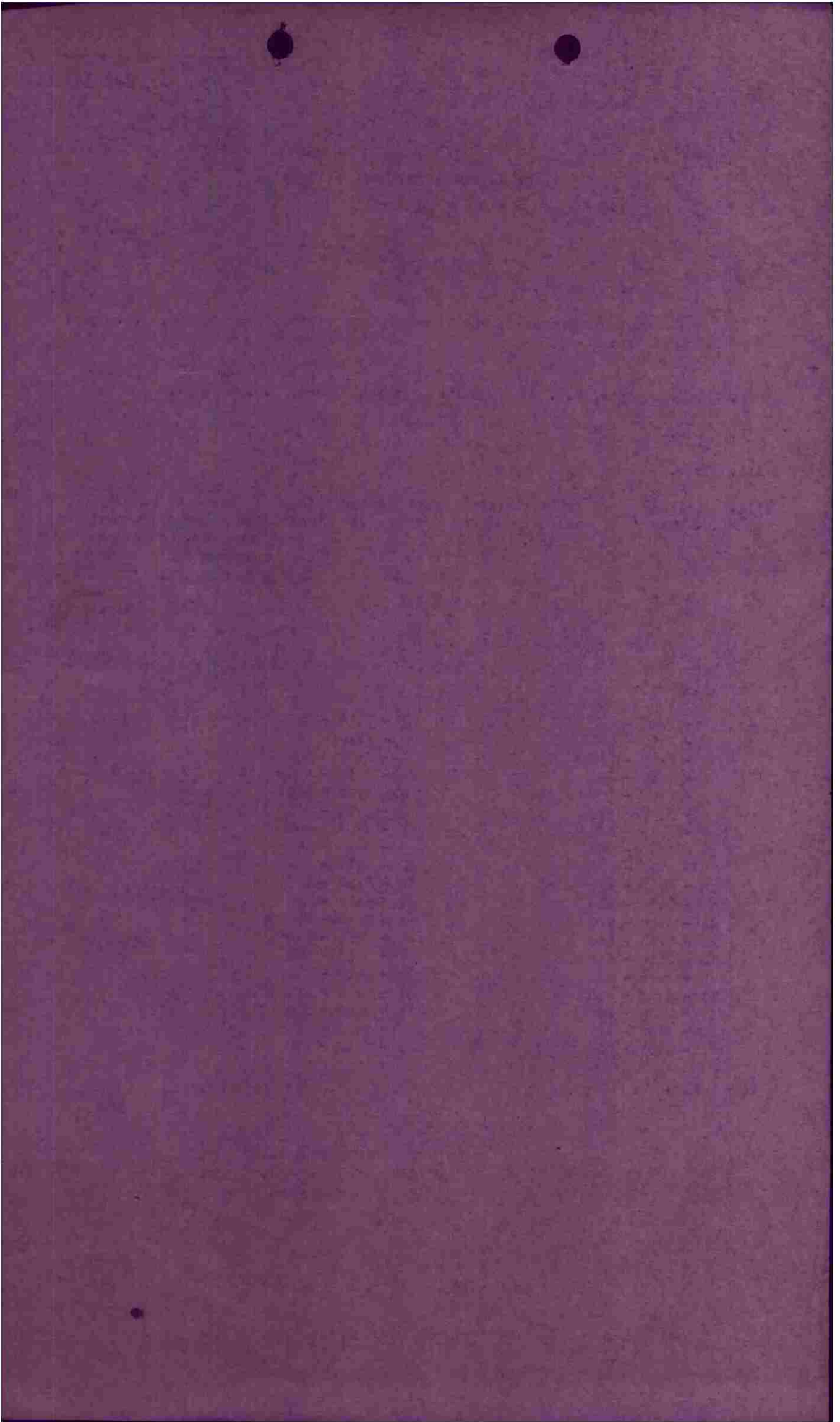
Pilot lost formation and made
 no attempt to bomb

V. 1 - 2:40 - 500
 2 - 2:50 - 490
 3 - 2:50 - 510
 4 - 2:50 - 550
 5 - 2:50 - 400
 6 - 3:05 - 500
 7 - 3:10 - 460
 8 - 3:10 - 540
 9 - 3:10 - 550
 10 - 3:10 - 475
 11 - 3:10 - 600
 12 - 3:10 - 650
 13 - 2:55 - 520
 14 - 3:10 - 460
 15 - 2:55 - 550
 16 - 2:55 - 650
 17 - 2:55 - 495
 18 - 2:55 - 525
 5 - 3:05 - 550

1 - 3:15 - 535
 2 - 3:10 - 485
 3 - 3:05 - 495
 4 - 3:15 - 510
 5 - 3:05 - 540
 6 - 3:05 - 510
 7 - 3:00 - 435
 8 - 3:10 - 550
 9 - 3:10 - 450
 10 - 3:10 - 575
 11 - 2:55 - 525
 12 - 3:15 - 650
 13 - 3:10 - 515
 14 - 3:10 - 500
 15 - 3:10 - 575
 16 - 3:05 - 580
 17 - 3:05 - 640
 18 - 3:05 - 600
 5 - 3:10 - 600

VII. None.

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



PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) (INFO COPY)
COMMANDING GENERAL, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) (INFO COPY)
COMMANDING OFFICER, FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (PROV.)

416BG R _____ E

CONFIDENTIAL

31 MARCH 1945

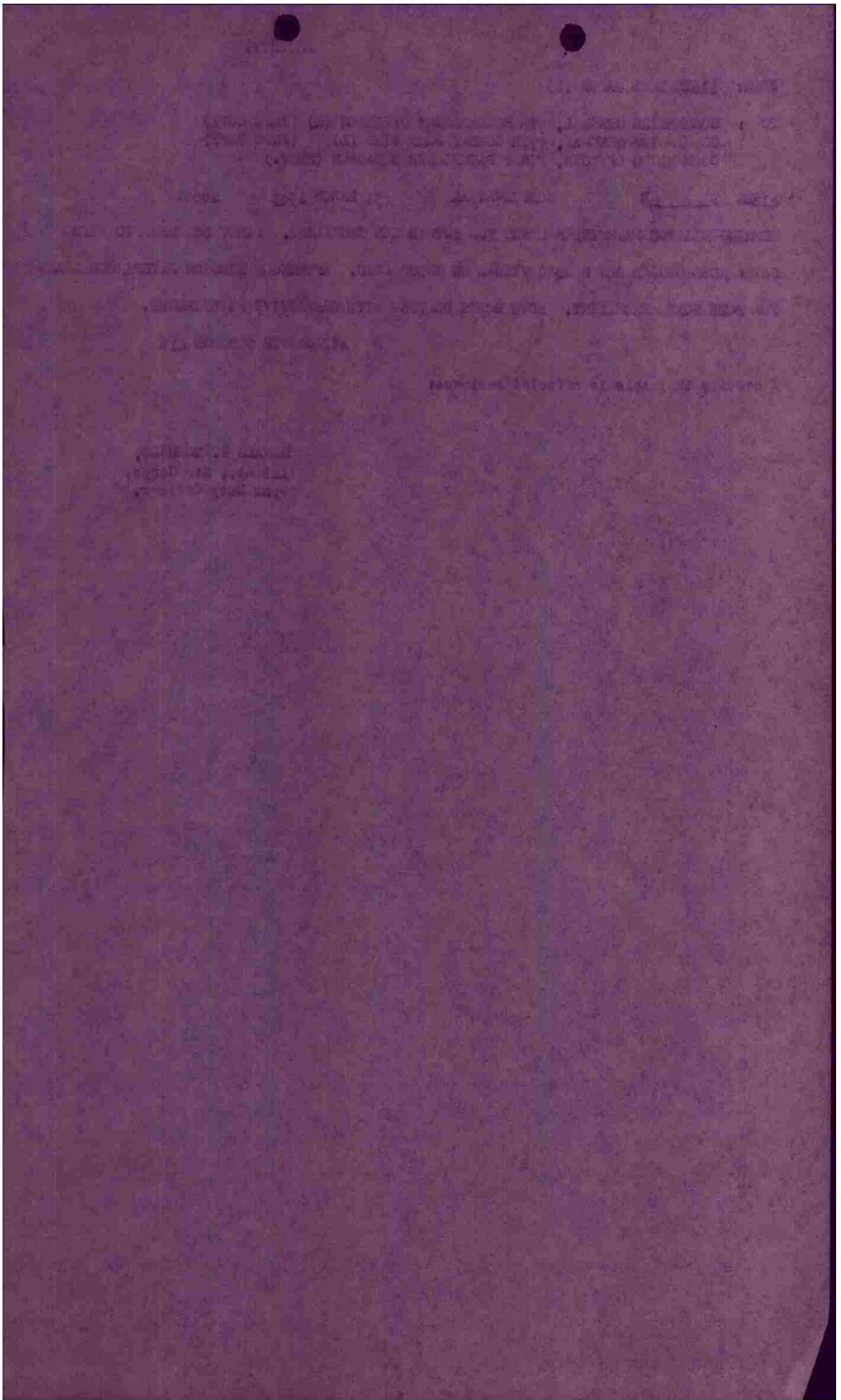
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MORNING MISSION PATHFINDER LEADS FOR BOTH BOXES EXCELLENT. FIRST BOX DROPPED WITH
PATHFINDER SECOND BOX BOMBED VISUAL ON GROUP LEAD. AFTERNOON MISSION PATHFINDER LEADS
FOR BOTH BOXES EXCELLENT. BOTH BOXES DROPPED WITH RESPECTIVE PATHFINDERS.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

DONALD W. SORRELS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ops Duty Officer.

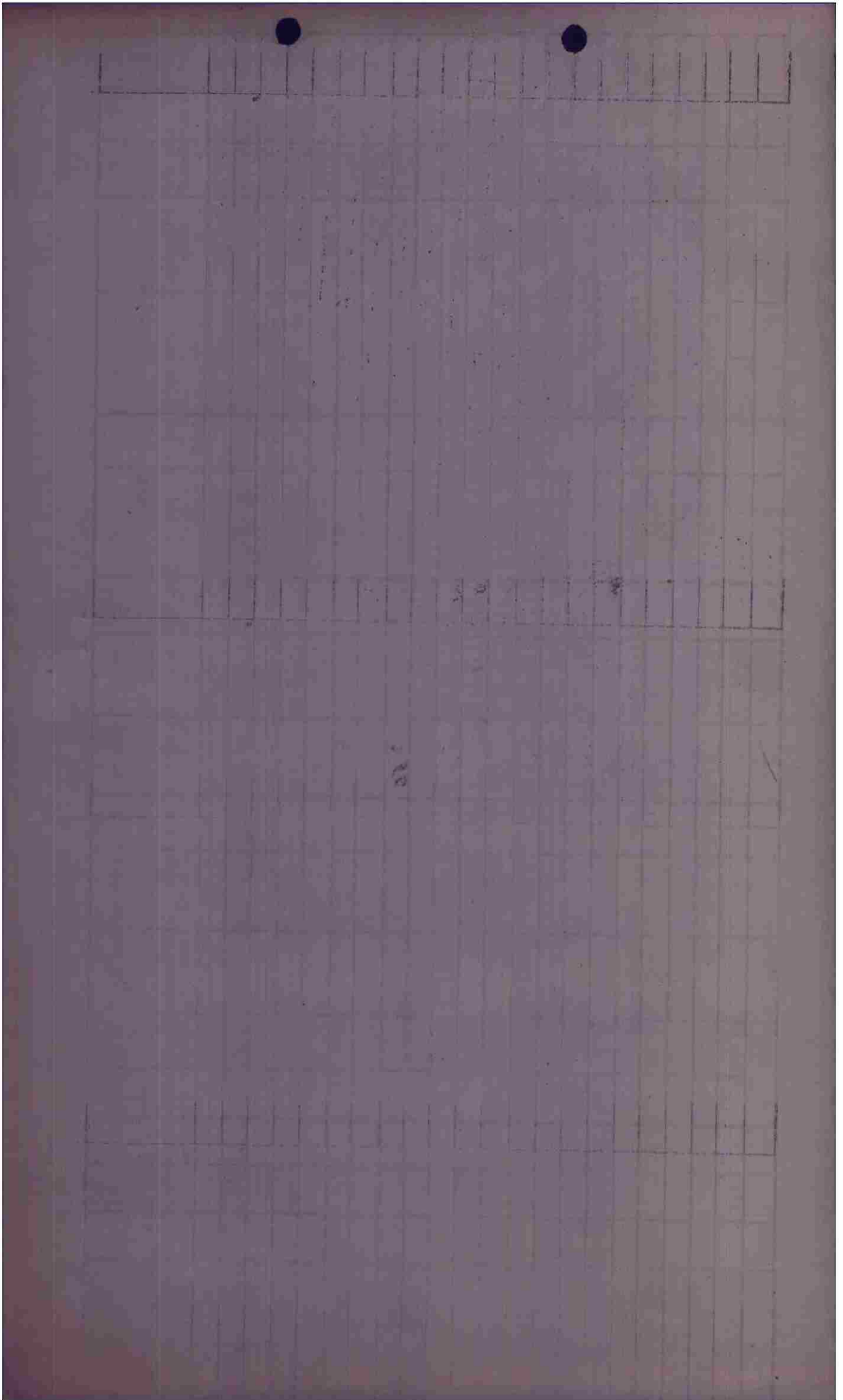


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Box I.

31 Dec. 1945

S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A NCE	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 D A D	B O 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
A	4E	497	Miller E. R.			0906	1144	2:40									
B	I	244	Van Roper			0856	1144	2:50									
B	S	354	Wickedy			0857	1145	2:50									
B	O	338	Allen			0856	1145	2:50									
B	R	271	Harper			0857	1146	2:50									
B	Y	362	Quinn			0858	1202	3:06									
A	Z	508	Atkins			0853	1149	3:00									
A	I	264	Roberts			0853	1200	3:10									
A	S	274	Fraser			0853	1202	3:10									
A	H	259	Colquitt			0853	1200	3:10									
A	R	188	Matheson			0854	1247	2:55									
A	J	352	Wright			0854	1205	3:15									
A	N	640	Quinn			0854	1146	2:55									
A	U	305	Mania			0855	1203	3:10									
A	O	378	Johnson			0855	1148	2:55									
A	F	233	Carson			0855	1147	2:55									
A	D	385	Jank			0855	1147	2:55									
A	L	325	Quinn			0852	1148	2:55									
C	V	564	Bald			0858	1201	3:05									

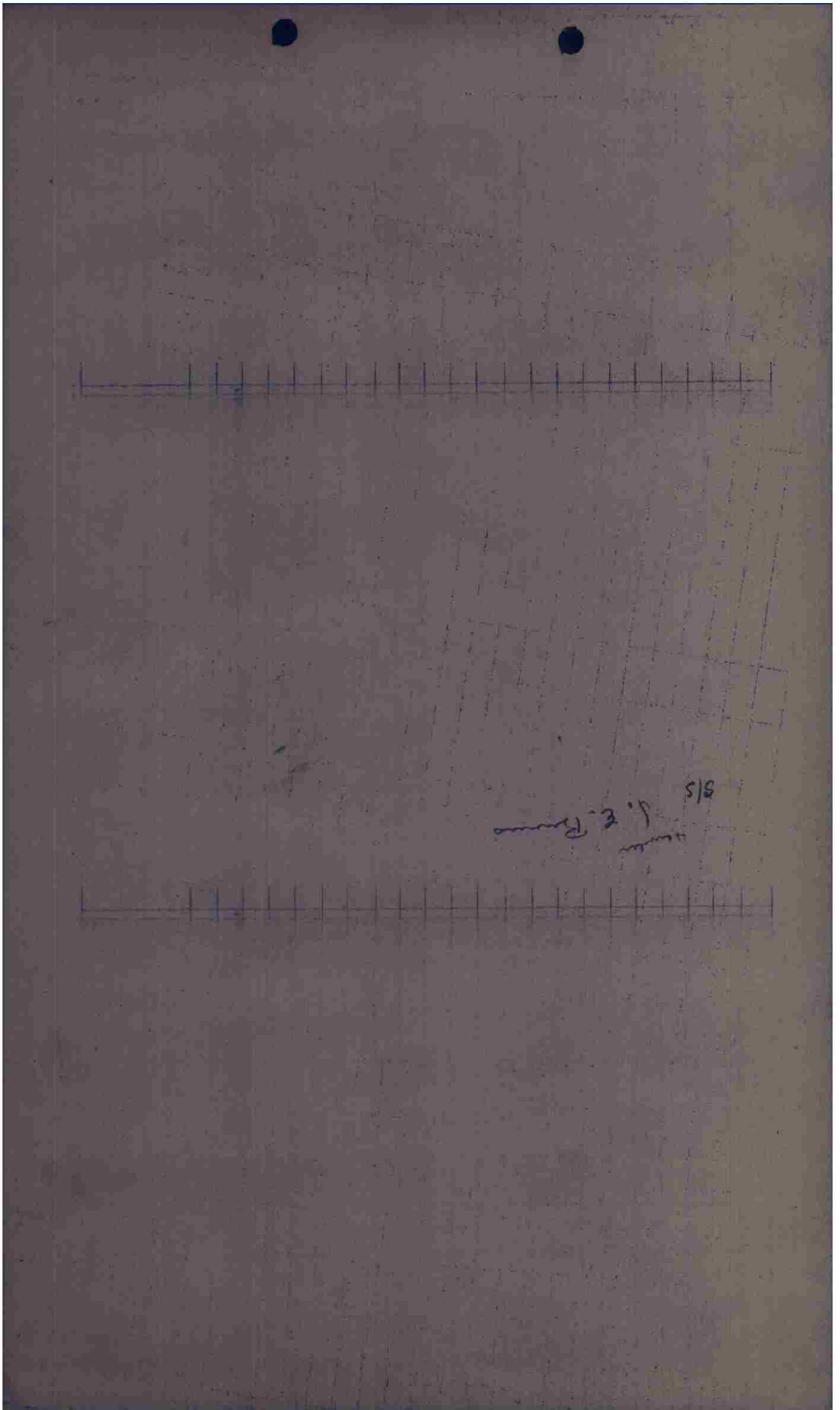


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Box II.

31 March 1945

S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A NCE	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 B A D	B O 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
B	N	609	Maple			0859	1212	3:15									
B	G	263	Abington			0859	1208	3:10									
B	H	314	Martin			0859	1202	3:05									
B	Q	381	Donner			0859	1204	3:05									
B	F	351	Smith B.O.			0900	1204	3:05									
B	L	496	Thouley			0900	1205	3:05									
B	X	490	Jackson			0900	1209	3:10									
B	R	498	Fero			0901	1209	3:10									
B	L-1	360	Wilmington			0901	1209	3:10									
B	N	239	Hydrol			0901	1210	3:10									
B	J	352	Leval			0901	1210	3:10									
B	M	209	Whright			0902	1210	3:10									
B	Q	398	Shady			0902	1212	3:10									
B	L	235	Corant			0902	1211	3:10									
B	P	330	Mugmore			0902	1214	3:10									
B	M	205	Birds			0903	1206	3:05									
B	B	223	Boomer			0903	1207	3:05									
B	F	9315	Punkies			0903	1207	3:05									
B	B	313	Shubert			0903	1210	3:10									



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ARMAMENT INTERROGATION AND MALFUNCTIONS FORM

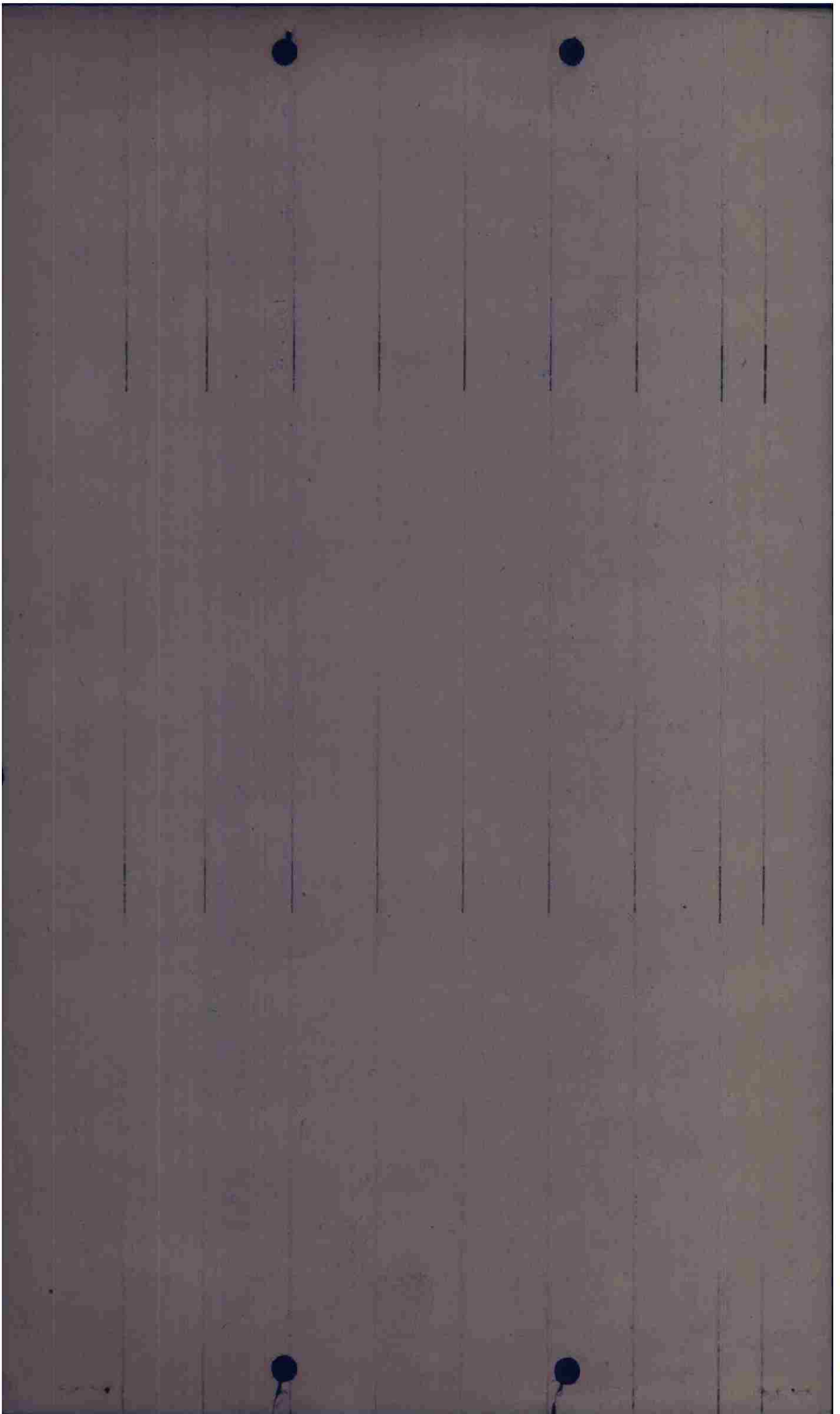
DATE 31 March 1945

AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO.	SQUADRON	PILOT and/or BOMBARDIER	BOMBS		REMARKS	CAUSE
			DROPPED	RETURNED		
362	B	Dunn	6		Bomb was released shortly after Pilot jumped out. Bomb made short.	Emergency check of Bombing system and interphone to reveal no communication - Pilot was turning on jumping switch and had left hand on over release button. Pilot suspected that the malfunctioned appeared when switcher switch was turning on switcher -
305	A	Harris	0	6	All Bombs Returned -	Pilot lost orientation and made no attempt to bomb -
TO GO OPS						

William A. McDonald

Colonel, Air Corps

Command Officer



ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 01/31 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 31/0025A

TO COMBOMDIV IX

COBOMGP 409

COBOMGP 410

COBOMGP 416

1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

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

97CBW R-342-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

A P O 140

31 MARCH 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 232-827

MAPS: NORMAL

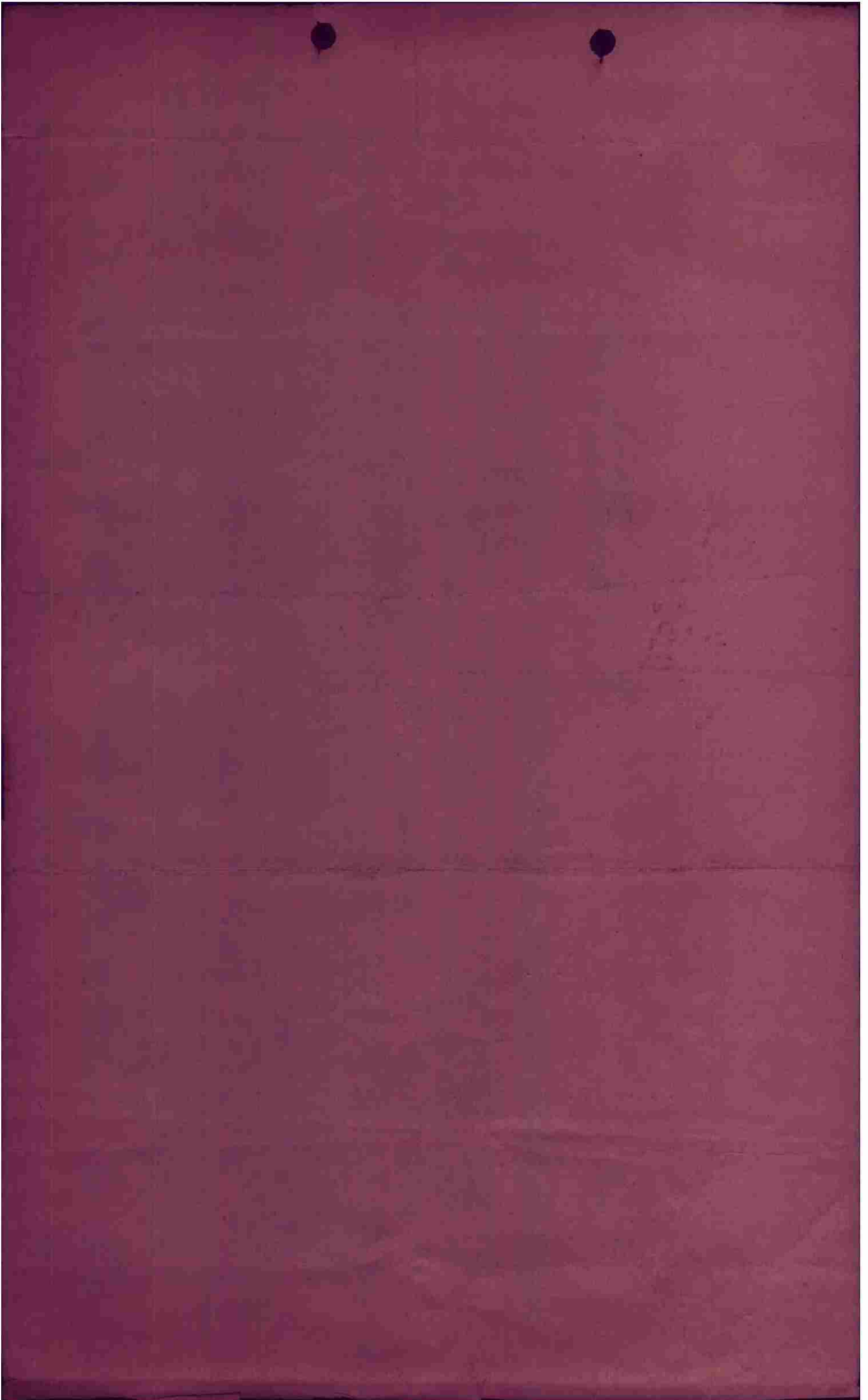
1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
(2) 9 T.A.C. WILL PROVIDE CLOSE ESCORT FOR PLAN "A"
19 T.A.C. WILL PROVIDE AREA COVER FOR PLAN "B".
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR: PLAN "A" - 31/0000A

ZERO HOUR: PLAN "B" - 31/0015A

---PLAN "A" VISUAL---

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT L-6392 AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES.
(6) MINIMUM ALTITUDE 5,000 FEET.
(9) M.P.I.: ILL. IX BOMB. DIV. T/5. COVER ANNOTATED AREA 1.
(10) 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT L-6392 AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES.
(6) MINIMUM ALTITUDE 5,000 FEET.
(9) M.P.I.: ILL. IX BOMB. DIV. T/5 COVER ANNOTATED AREA 2.
(10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT L-6392 AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES.
(6) MINIMUM ALTITUDE 8,000 FEET.
(9) M.P.I.: ILL. IX BOMB DIV. T/5 COVER ANNOTATED AREAS 1 AND 2.
(10) 6 X 500 LB. M-17 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS TO OPEN AT 5,000 FEET.
1 FLIGHT 6 X 500 LB. M-76 INCENDIARY BOMBS.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.
(5) TARGET: NELSA ORDNANCE DEPOT (H-357975)
(6) A/C REQUIRED: MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
(7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO L-6392 TO G-7347 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.



- (10) I.P.: H-3176
 (11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SW TO NE.
 (12) R.P.: H-3176
 (13) IN THE EVENT CLOUDS OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 (A) PRIMARY VISUALLY
 (B) ALTERNATE VISUALLY
 (C) BULLSEYE IF AVAILABLE
 (D) ALTERNATE ON "GEE"
 (E) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.
 (14) GROUPS ARE CAUTIONED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.
 (15) A B-26 GROUP WILL ATTACK THIS TARGET AT ZERO HOUR.

PLAN "B" PATHFINDER

3. A. 489TH BOMB GROUP

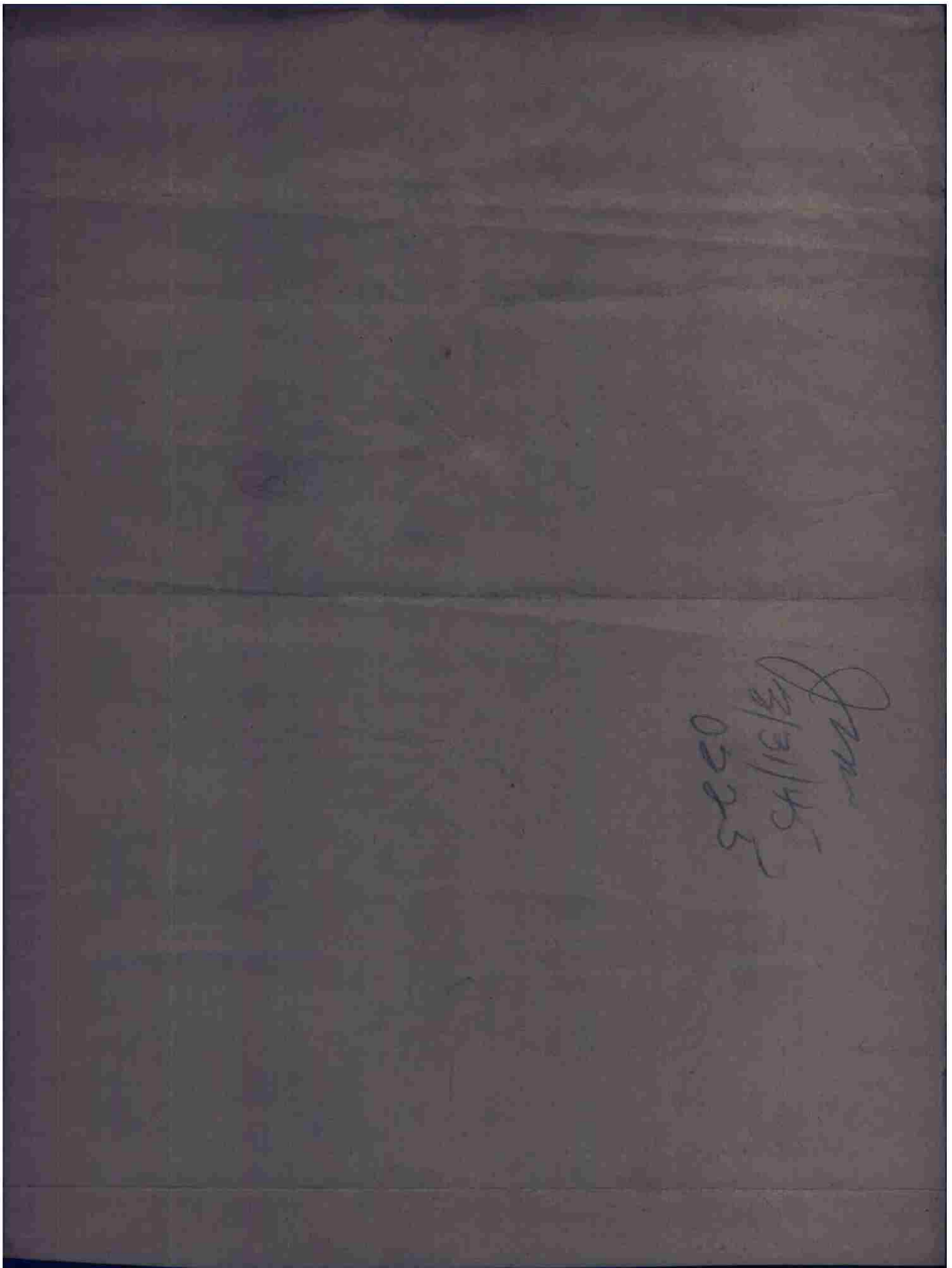
- (6) BOMB 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET, 2ND BOX 13,000 FEET.
 MINIMUM ALTITUDE 5000 FEET, LOSE 1500 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 (9) M.P.I. ILL. U.S. 10/T408 COVER ANNOTATED AREA IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
 P.P.F. M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4416 SHEET NO. T-4, COORD. 539372.
 (10) 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE. 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
 INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MIN.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) WURZBURG MARSHALLING YARD (N-540373)
 (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 P.P.F. A/C.
 (4) BASE TO L-8555 TO M-8961 TO N-1279 TO TARGET.
 (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO M-6640 TO BASE.
 (6) BOMB 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET, 2ND BOX 13,000 FEET.
 MINIMUM ALTITUDE 5000 FEET, LOSE 1500 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 (9) M.P.I. : ILL. 6(D) (VI) 96/3 COVER MARSHALLING YARD.
 BETWEEN REF. 024054 AND 030037 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
 P.P.F. M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4416 SHEET NO. T-4, COORD. 542367
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE. 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 45 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 N-4211 AS A VISUAL I.P. DUE TO PROXIMITY OF P/W CAMP IN TARGET AREA. IF CLOUDS OBSCURE TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 (A) PRIMARY VISUALLY
 (B) PRIMARY ON P.P.F.
 (C) ALTERNATE VISUALLY
 (D) BULLSEYE IF AVAILABLE
 (E) ALTERNATE ON "GEE"
 (F) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.
 (14) GROUPS ARE CAUTIONED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (6) BOMB 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET, 2ND BOX 13,000 FEET,
 MINIMUM ALTITUDE 8000 FEET. LOSE 1500 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 (9) M.P.I. : ILL. U.S. 10/T408, COVER ANNOTATED AREA IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
 P.P.F. M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4416 SHEET NO. T-4 COORD. 539372
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. M-17 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS TO OPEN AT 5000 FEET.
 INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 75 MIN.



- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.
 (5) TARGET: WURZBURG STORAGE DEPOT (N-539371)
 (6) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 P.P.F. A/C.
 (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO L-8555 TO M-8961 TO N-1279 TO TARGET.
 (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO M-6640 TO BASE.
 (9) 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 N-4211 AS A VISUAL I.P. DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF P/W CAMP IN TARGET AREA. IF CLOUDS OBSCURE PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 (A) PRIMARY VISUALLY
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 (F) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.
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4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A"

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP: (357975)
 (2) BREWER
 (3) GAYLIFE
 (4) SWEEPSTAKES
 B. 410TH BOMB GROUP: (357975)
 (2) COFFEE
 (3) BYPASS
 (4) SWEEPSTAKES
 C. 416TH BOMB GROUP: (357975)
 (2) GENTRY
 (3) CABMAN
 (4) SWEEPSTAKES

PLAN "B"

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP: (539371)
 (2) QUICKSTART
 (3) SLEEPY
 (4) RIPSAW
 B. 410TH BOMB GROUP: (540373)
 (2) MARGIN
 (3) SLEEPY
 (4) RIPSAW
 C. 416TH BOMB GROUP: (539371)
 (2) SHAVING
 (3) SLEEPY
 (4) RIPSAW

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

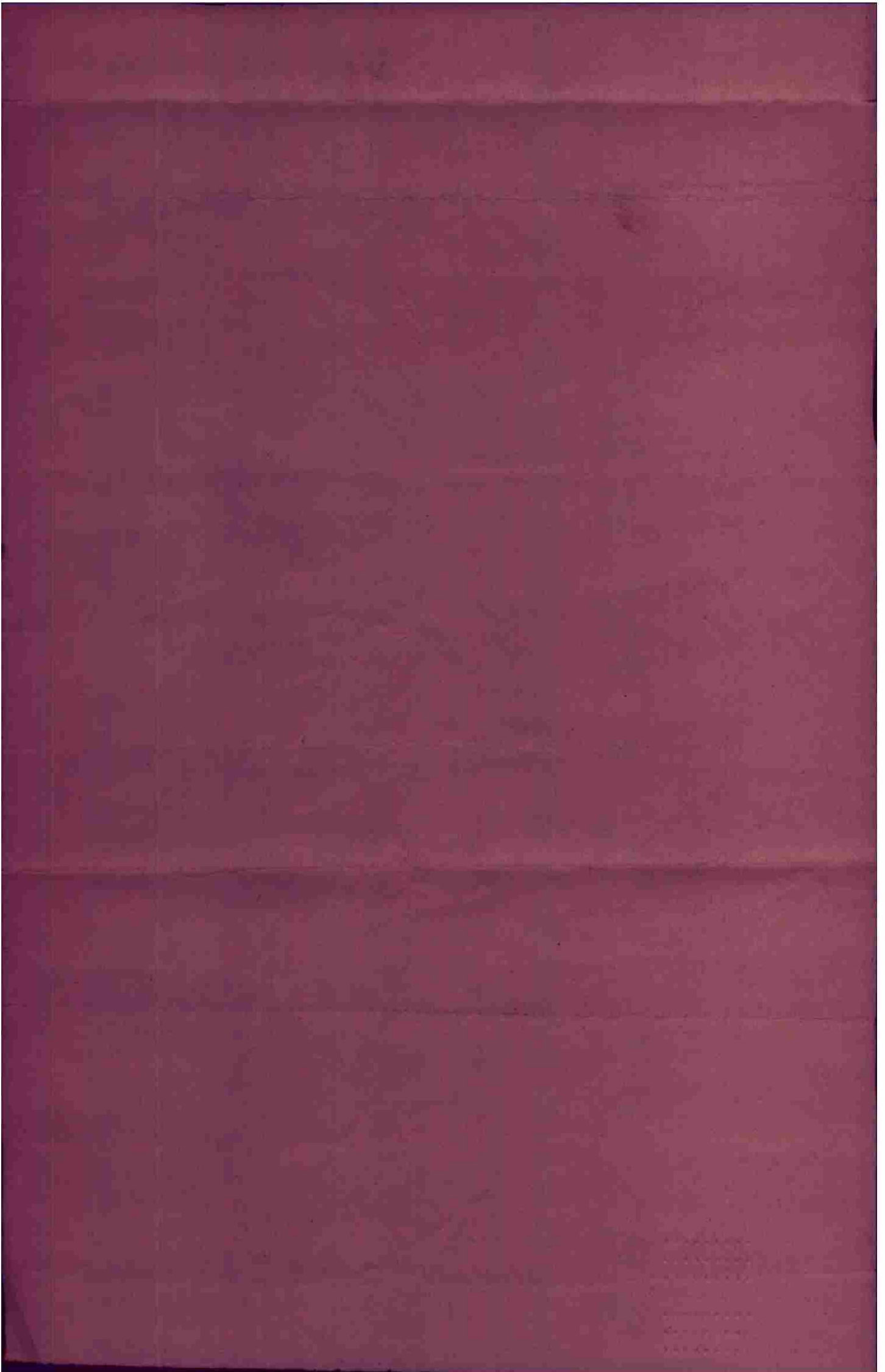
- (11) SWEEPSTAKES AVAILABLE FOR BULLSEYE

COMCBTWIG 97

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ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 13/31 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) 31/1435A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQD.
409TH COBOMGP
410TH COBOMGP
416TH COBOMGP

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)
A P O 140
31 MARCH 1945

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 232-827 97CBW R-347-E

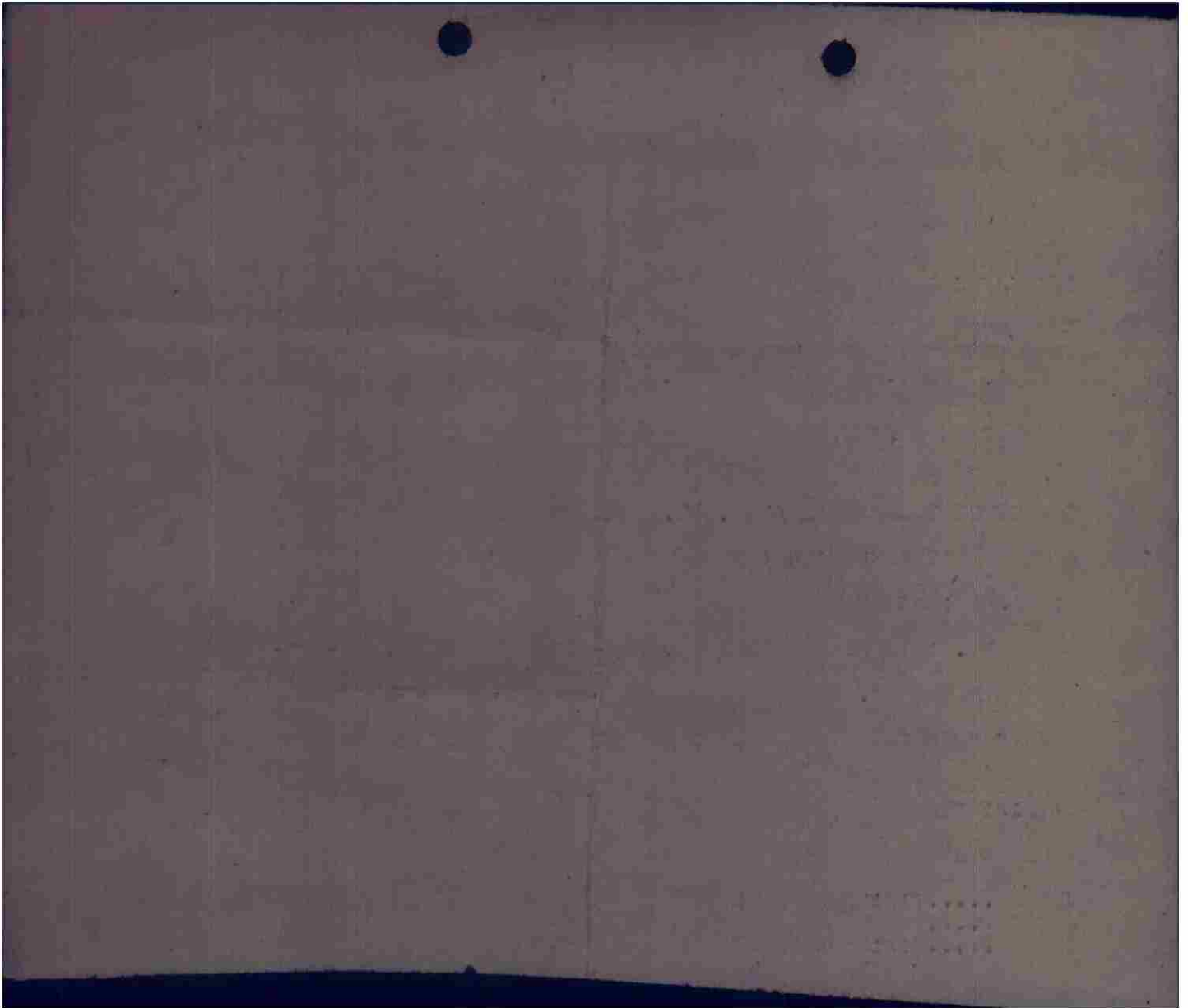
CANCEL PLAN "A".

PLAN "B" IN EFFECT WITH ZERO HOUR TO READ: 31/0915A

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ITA JJF JES JKI JPD V JEA JEA 22/30 OP OP
T (ITA T JJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 30/2310A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE (ATTN: A-2)
COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416 (ATTN: S-2)
CO, 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
30 MARCH 1945

R-341-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 232-827

PLAN "A"

1. TARGET: HELSA, ORDNANCE DEPOT (H-357975)

2. PHOTO COVERAGE:

5109E/472A
IX BOMB. DIV. INTERPRETATION REPORT T-4 (THIS
PHOTOGRAPH TO BE PICKED UP BY 409 AND 416 GROUPS AT WING HDQTRS.
IT WILL BE DELIVERED TO 410 BY BOMB. DIV. COURRIER)

MAP COVERAGE:

4414 SHT. 472A

3. ATTENTION IS CALLED TO P/W CAMP LOCATED AT H-386926.

PLAN "B"

1. TARGET: WURZBURG M/Y (410) N-540373 AND STORAGE DEPOT (409 AND 416)
N-539371. SEE INFORMATION SHEET AND TARGET MAP FOR GH-646.
INFORMATION SHEET CONCERNS M/Y ONLY.

2. PHOTO COVERAGE:

6(D)(VI)96/1 AND 3
3/AIR/494/2
US10/T408
E/378 PRINTS 3047 AND 3048

MAP COVERAGE:

4416 SHT. T-4

3. ATTENTION IS CALLED TO P/W CAMP IN TOWN OF WURZBURG.

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BT 30/2310A

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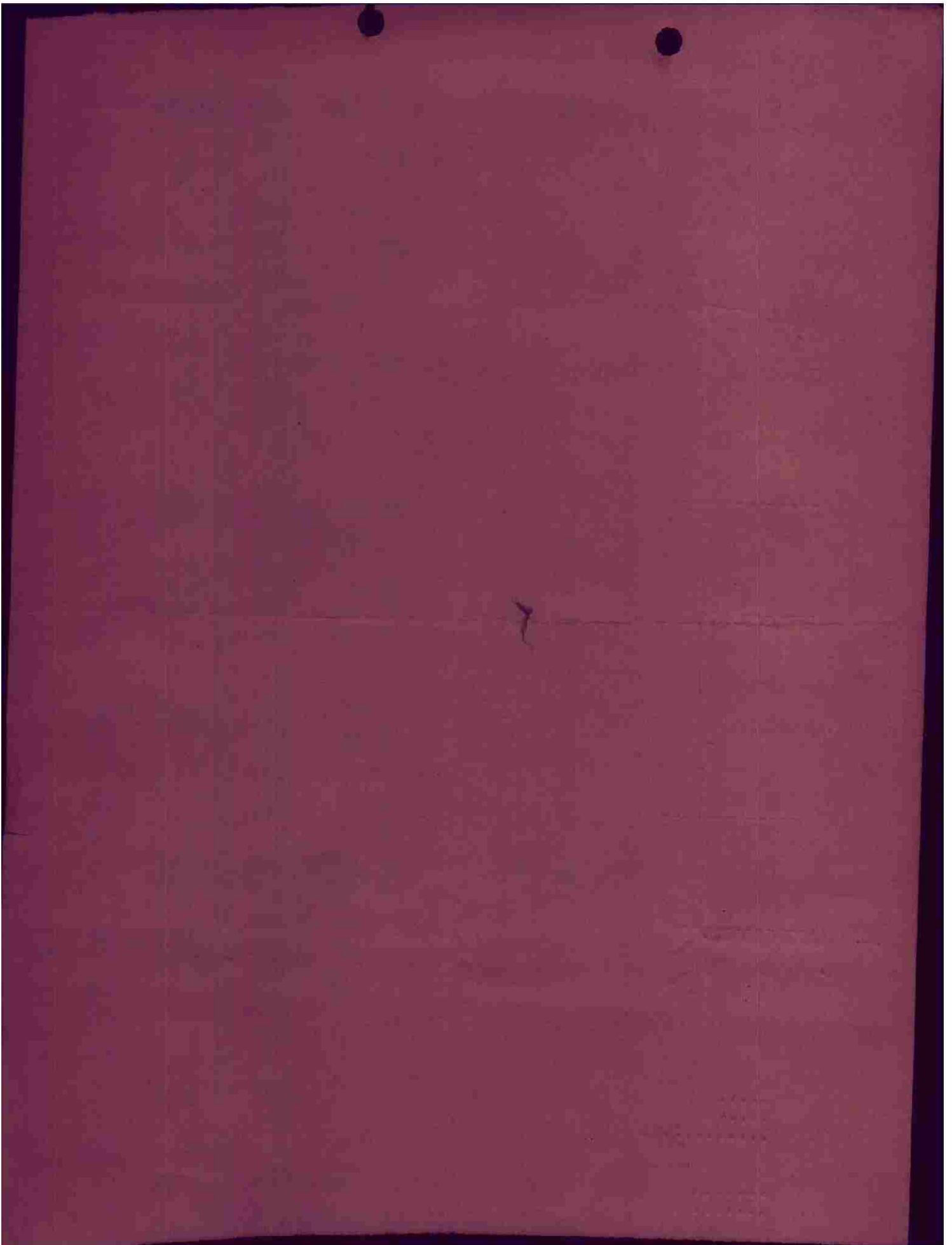
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FROM: 416TH BOMB GP (L) 31/0925A

TO : CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIV (M) ATTN:A-2
CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) ATTN: A-2

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SECRET 416BG R-715AD

1. VISUAL AIMING POINTS BY FLIGHTS ON PRIMARY:

ILL. 6(D) (VI) 96/3

-01600545
-018505909
-01480602
-01630655
-01350652
-01420710

2. ALTERNATE TARGET EBENHAUSEN- OIL SOTXX STORAGE DEPOT:

ILL. 1(A) (V) 26/2

AIMING POINTS BY BOXES:H

-02950430
-03700472

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CC : 4TH LINE OF 1. SHOULD BE -01850590

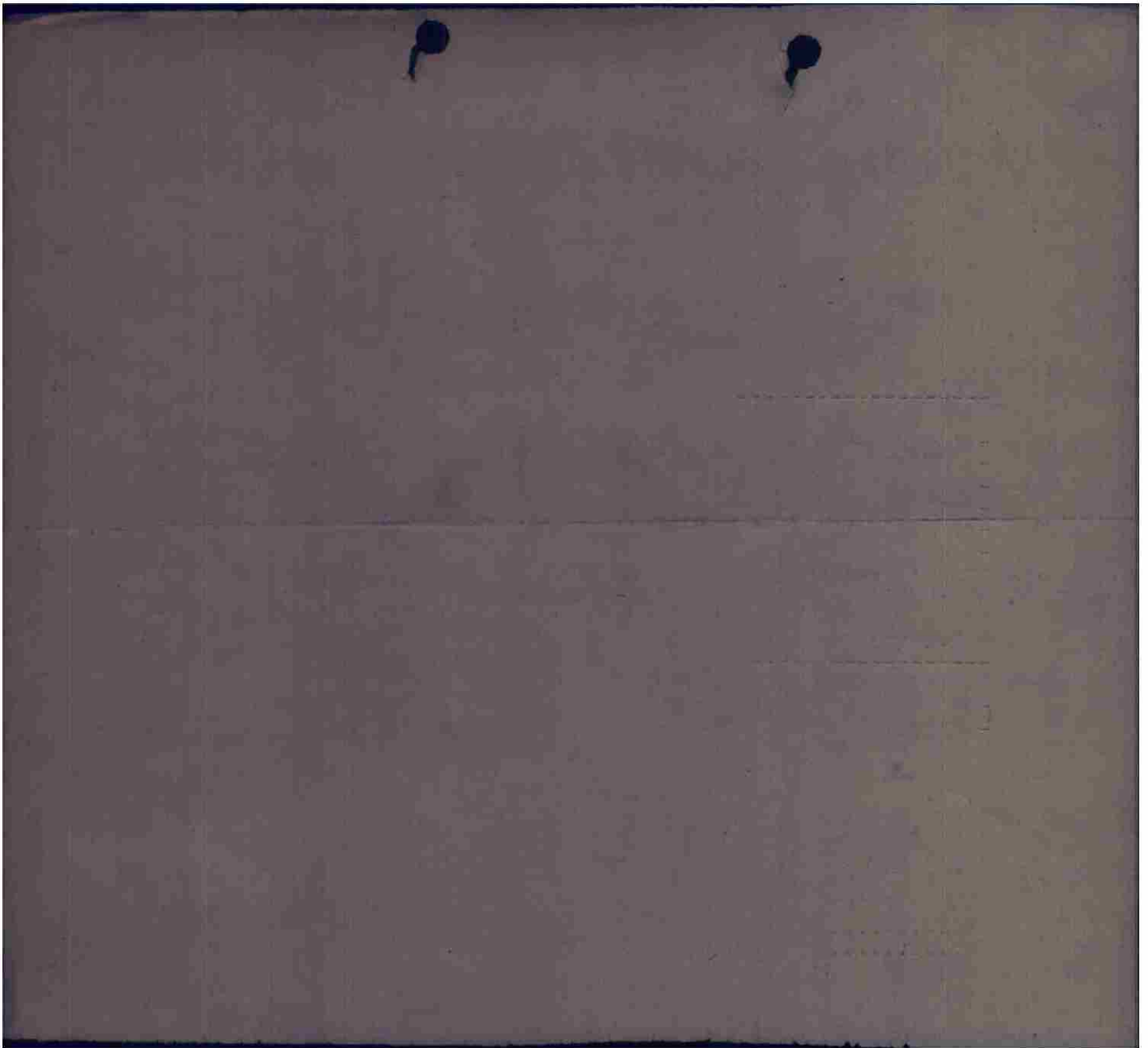
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FROM 416TH BOMB GP (L) 31/1355A
TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVN ATTN: A2
97TH COMBAT WNG " A2

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SECRET 416BG R-719-D OPFLASH FOR 31 MARCH 1945:

A. 416TH BOMB GP.

B. WURZBURG STORGE DEPOT (N-539371)

C. 38 A26'S

D. 37 A-26'S ON PRIMARY

E. 1 A-26(RETURNED TO BASE AFTER BEING UNABLE TO LOCATE FORMATION
FOLLOWING SEPARATION WHEN BOXES MADE ASCENT THROUGH CLOUD)

F. 222 X 500 M17 CLUSTERS ON PRIMARY
6 X 500 M16 CLUSTERS RETURNED (SEE PARA. "E")

G. RESULTS RXXXX BELIEVED TO BE TXXX GOODFTO EXCELLENT. OBSERVATIONS
RESTRICTED BY SMOKE IN AREA. ONE RUN.

H. 4 A/C CAT. "A" DAMAGE-FLAK

I. NONE

J. MODERATE ACCURATE HFF AT TARGET . NIL ELSEWHERE.

K. NIL

L. BOX I - 13,800 (ON PFF)
BOX II - 12,500 (VISUALLY)

M. BOX I - 1029
BOX II - 1030 1/2

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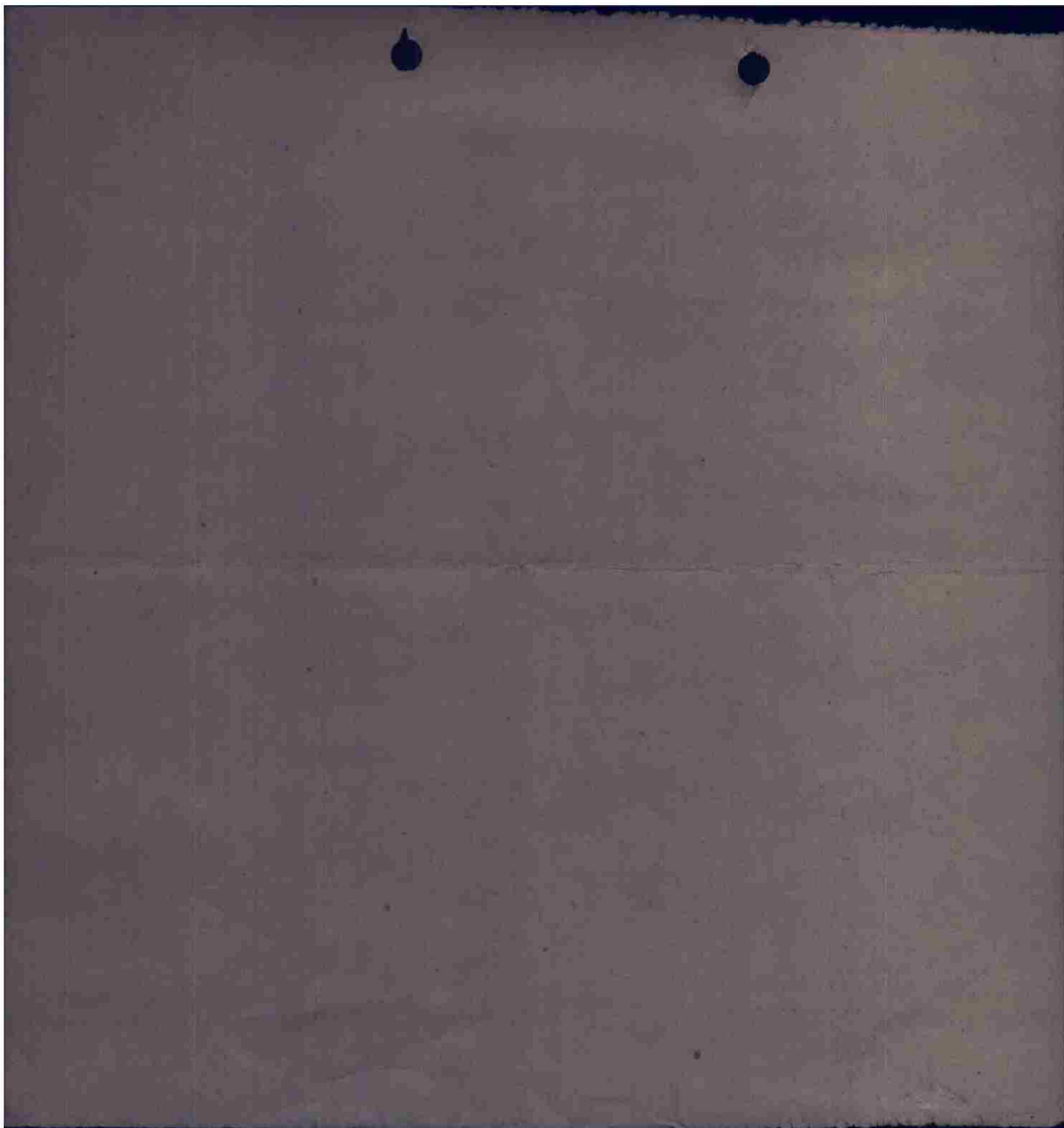
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FROM COBOMGR 416 31/1315A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIG O,
COMCBTWIG 97 (INFO)

BT
CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-718-J

A - YS - IXX 85

B - 31 MARCH 1945 (0858-1147)

C - E-EASY REPORTED OPS COMPLETED TO PARADE. N-NAN UNABLE TO REPORT
TO PARADE BECAUSE OF EQUIPMENT FAILURE.

D - NONE

E - NONE

F - NONE

G - NONE

H - NONE

I - NONE

J - NONE

K - BOATDECK CONTROL TEMPORARILY INOPERATIVE ON VHF - EQUIPMENT
IS BEING CHZCKED.

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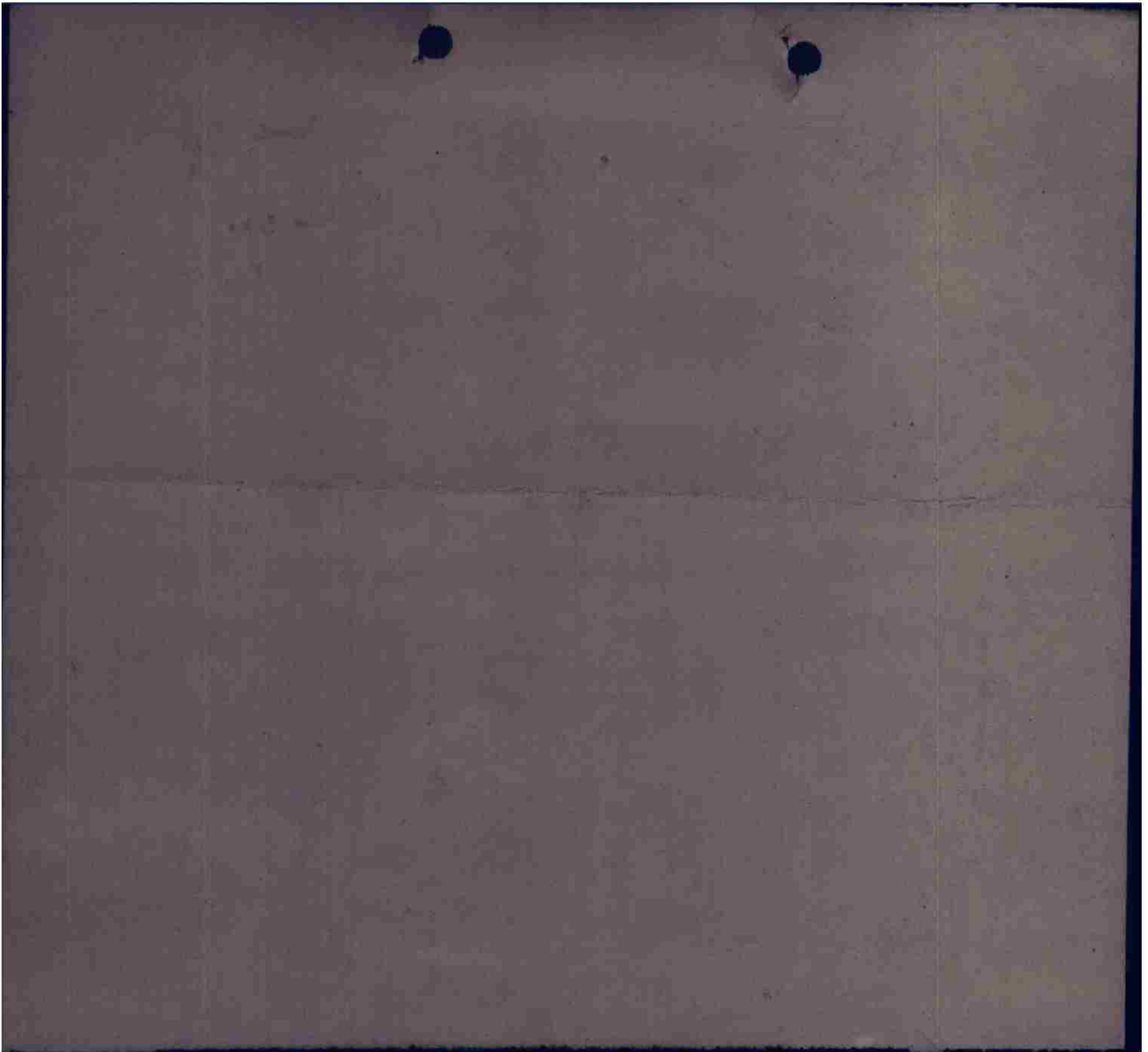
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FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV
TO C G IX BOMB DIVISION
C G 97 BOMB WING
C O 416 BOMB GROUP
CONFIDENTIAL BT

01/0500A

1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV P-30-E

PFF PILOT: MILLER

A. FORMATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION: EXCELLENT
2. REMARKS:

B. WINDOW SHIPS:

1. CLASSIFICATION: NONE
2. REMARKS:

C. NAVIGATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION: GOOD
2. REMARKS:

D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS: GOOD

E. BRIEFING: EXCELLENT

F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS: COMMENDATION TO FLIGHT LEADERS AND
FORMATION FOR WEATHER FLYING.

C O 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 01/0500A

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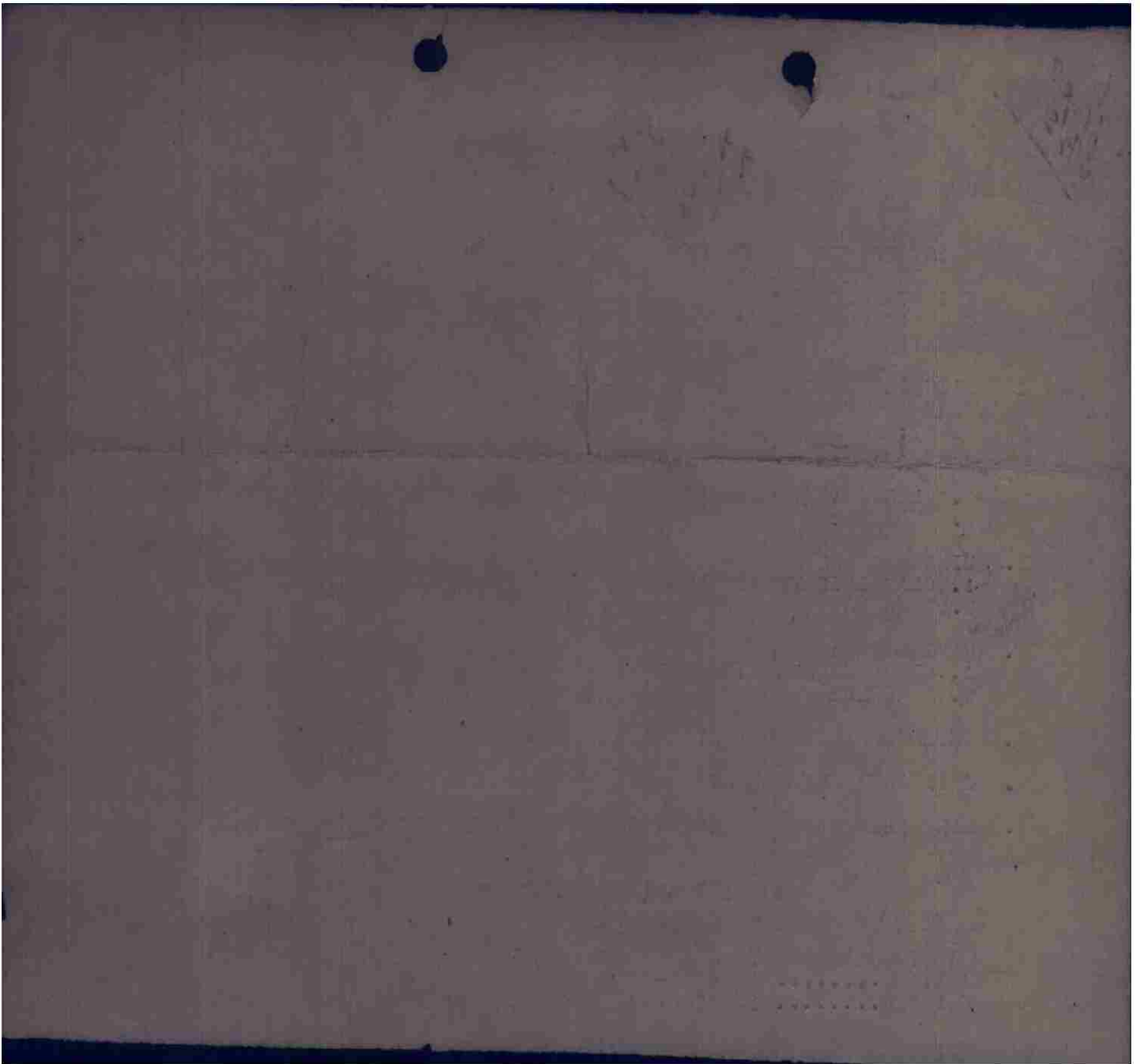
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FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV
TO C G IX BOMB DIVISION
C G 97 BOMB WING
C G 416 BOMB GROUP
CONFIDENTIAL T

01/0500A

1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV P-32-E

PFF PILOT: MATHYS

DATE: 31/3/45 TIME: AM

A. FORMATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION: GOOD
2. REMARKS:

B. WINDOW SHIPS:

1. CLASSIFICATION: NONE SEEN
2. REMARKS:

C. NAVIGATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION: PFF DID ALL
2. REMARKS:

D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS: GOOD

E. BRIEFING: EXCELLENT

F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS: NONE

C G 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 01/0500A

KEY DD TO BOTH

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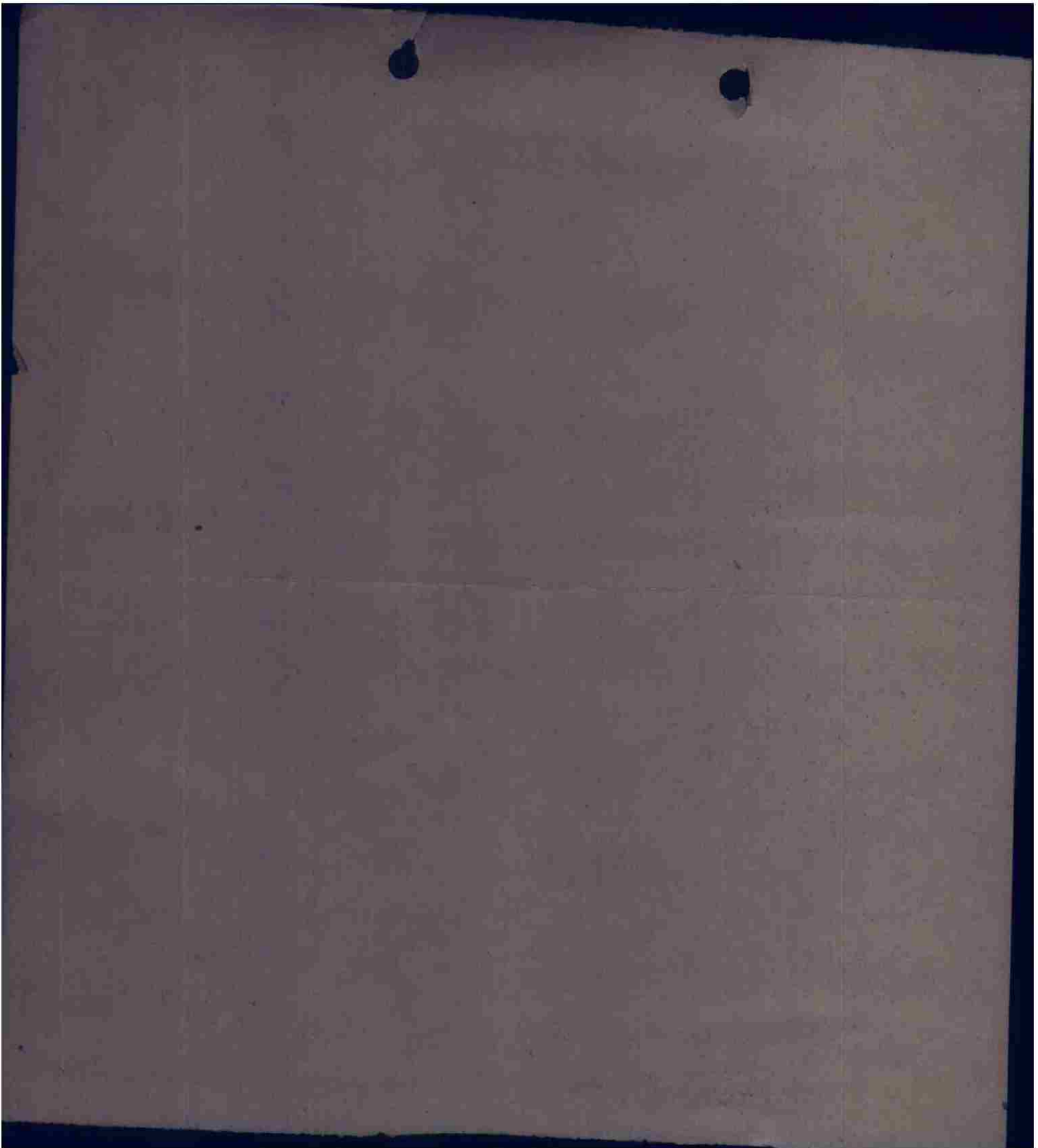
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JES JPO JKI VIA JEA V ITA JJF 5/31 OP OP

FROM NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

TO: ALL COMBAT WINGS

ALL COMBAT BOMB GROUPS

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 31/1300A

TO: CG IX BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

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1ST PPF SQ PROV R-720-D

OPS-FLASH

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 387TH BOMB GROUP

B. WURZBURG (M/Y) WN-538377

C. 2 B-26

D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY (1 B-26 WITH 1ST BOX VISUAL ON GROUP LEAD)
(1 B-26 WITH 2ND BOX DROPPED ALONE, WHEN GROUP WENT VISUAL, ON COMBINATION OF EQUIPMENT AND NORDEN.)

E. NONE

F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY

G. EXCELLENT RESULTS

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. MAHFF TARGET AREA ----

K. NONE

L. 12,500 - 11,500 PRIMARY

M. 915 - 915 1/2 PRIMARY.

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT.

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 322ND BOMB GROUP

B. EBRACH OIL STORAGE WO 001420

C. 2 B-26

D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT

E. NONE

F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY

G. STRIKES OBSERVED IN TARGET AREA

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. NONE

L. 13500 PRIMARY

13000 " "

M. 0920 " "

0921 " "

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 394TH BOMB GROUP

B. WURZBURG M/Y WN 538377

C. 2 B-26

D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT ALONE FOR NO. 1 PFF
PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT WITH 9 SHIPS FOLLOWING FOR NO 2 PFF

E. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY

G. UNOBSERVED

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. MAHFF TARGET AREA

K. NONE

L. 142000 PRIMARY

115000 PRIMARY

M. 0945 " "

0948 " "

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 323RD BOMB GROUP

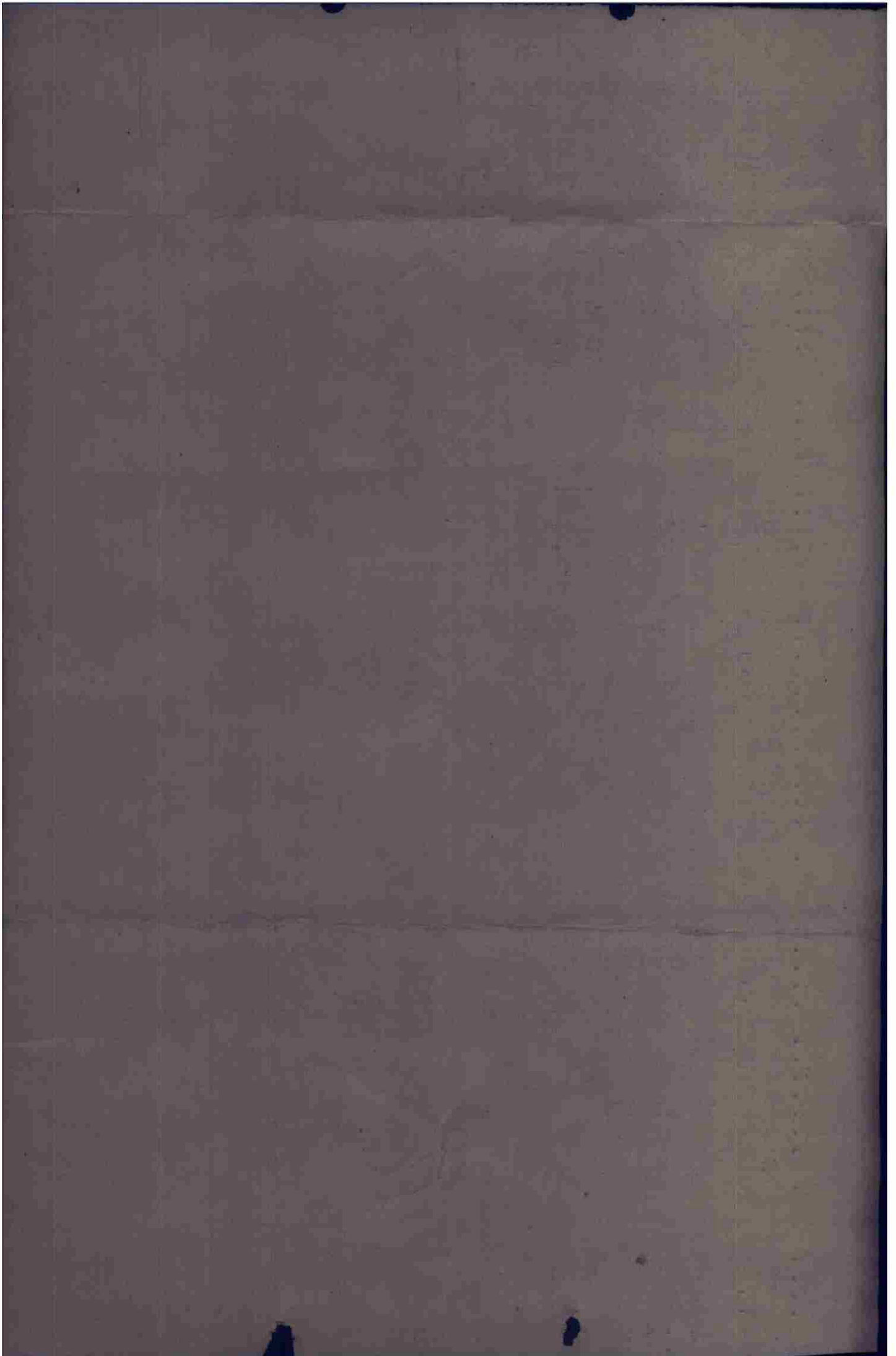
B. WURZBURG M/Y WN 538377

C. 2 B-26

D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT

NO. 1 PFF DROPPED ALONE WHEN GROUP WENT VISUAL

NO. 2 PFF DROPPED ON EQUIPMENT



G. UNOBSERVED
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 J. MAHFF TARGET AREA
 K. NONE
 L. 11500 PRIMARY
 10700 "
 M. 0931 "
 0931 1/2 "

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 409TH BOMB GROUP
 B. WURZBURG M/Y WN 542367
 C. 2 B-26
 D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT WITH 2 SHIPS FOLLOWING NO.1 PFF
 1 B-26 CASUAL KARLSTADT WN 450531 ON NORDEN NO. 2 PFF
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
 4 X 500 GP CASUAL
 G. GOOD RESULTS AT PRIMARY
 UNOBSERVED AT CASUAL
 H. 1 B-26 CAT "A" FLAK
 I. NONE
 J. MAHFF TARGET AREA
 K. NONE
 L. 13500 PRIMARY
 13000 CASUAL
 M. 1000 PRIMARY
 0957 CASUAL

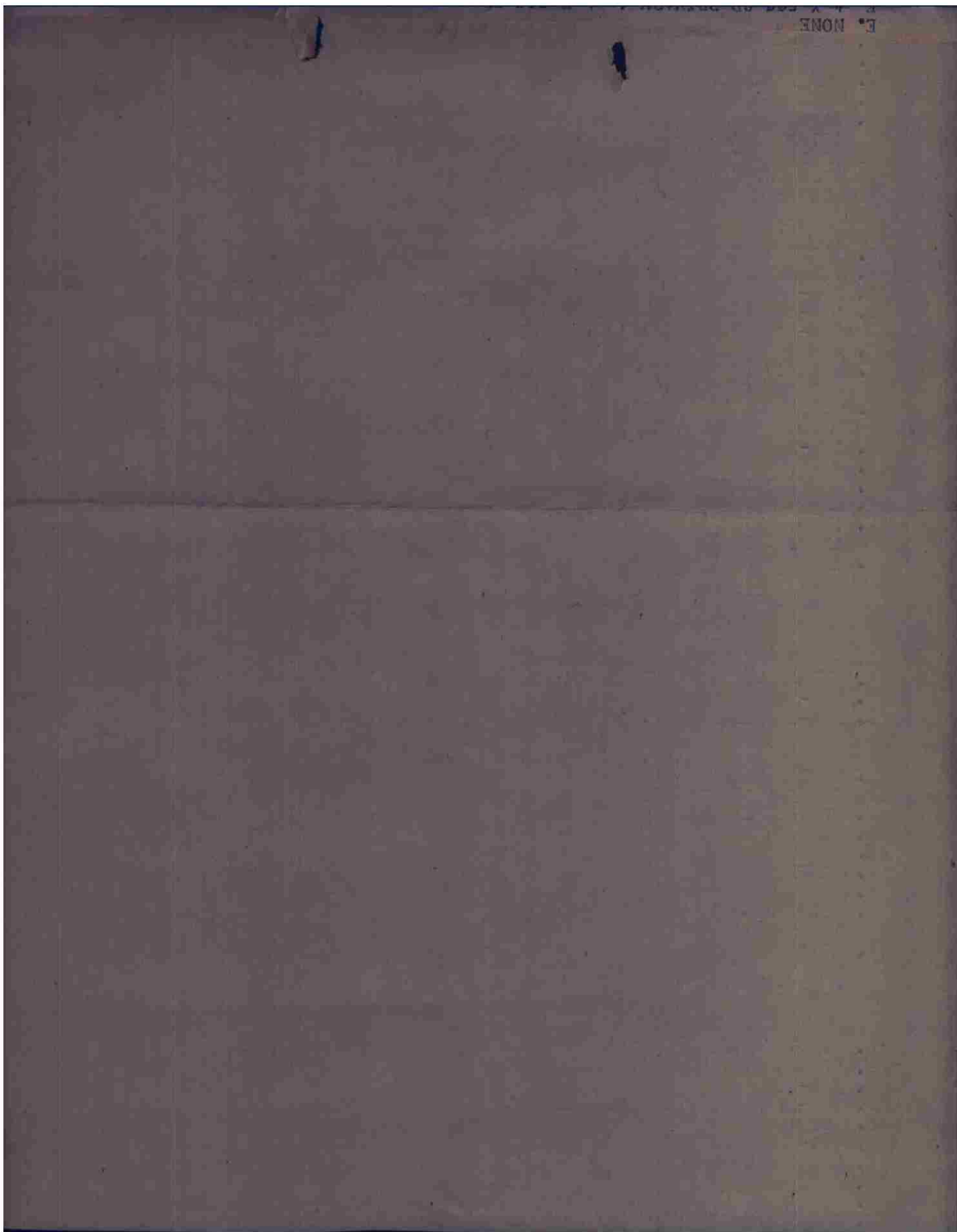
REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION VERY GOOD

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 391ST BOMB GROUP
 B. EBRACH OIL STORAGE WO 001420
 C. 2 B-26
 D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY NO. 1 PFF BOMBED ON COMBINATION OF EQUIPMENT AND
 NORDEN
 NO. 2 PFF BOMBED ON EQUIPMENT

E. NONE
 F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
 G. STRIKES SEEN IN TARGET AREA
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 J. WAHFF IN TARGET AREA
 K. NONE
 L. 13000 PRIMARY
 13000 "
 M. 0931 "
 0932 "

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION GOOD

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 410 TH BOMB GROUP
 B. WURZBURG OIL STORAGE WN 539372
 C. 2 B-26
 D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT ALONE -
 E. NONE
 F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
 G. GOOD
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 J. WIHFF TARGET AREA



L. 13500 PRIMARY
15800 "
M. 1018 "
1020 "

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 344TH BOMB GROUP
B. EBRACH M/Y WO 001420
C. 2 B-26
D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY NO. 1 PTF NORDEN FOR RATE AND EQUIPMENT FOR COURSE
NO. 2 PTF EQUIPMENT

E. NONE
F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
G. BOX NO. 1 UNOBSERVED
BOX NO. 2 POOR BOMBS SEEN TO HIT RIGHT OF TARGET
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. NONE
L. 13500 PRIMARY
12600 "
M. 0954 "
0955 "

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION GOOD

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 416TH BOMB GROUP
B. WURZBURG STORAGE DEPOT WN 539372
C. 2 B-26
D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
E. NONE
F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
G. EXCELLENT
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. MAHFF IN TARGET AREA
K. NONE
L. 13500 PRIMARY
13000 "
M. 1030 "
1031 "

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION GOOD

(RPT ON 386TH BOMB GROUP TO FOLLOW)

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 31/1300A
WF JLP BBB

JXX
(LCB BBB)

JES R.	.31/1540 A	MC	KKK
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JKI R.	.31/1545A	JF	KK

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 16/31 OP - POP

FROM HQS 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) S-2 PI 31/1700A
TO HQS 9TH BOMB DIVM. ATTN: A-2 PI
HQs 97TH COMBAT WING " A-2 DUTY OFF.

BT
SECRET 416BG R-727-D

B. WUTRZBURG SUPPLY DEPOT

J. NO STRIKE PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUDS, SMOKE AND EVASIVE ACTION.

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