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

APO 140, U. S. Army.
14 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Combat Mission.

TO : Commanding General, 97th Combat Bombardment Wing (L), APO 140, U. S. Army.

416th Bombardment Group (L)
156th Combat Mission, 13 October 1944
97th Combat Bombardment Wing (L) FO Number 21-595

1. 40
2. 40
3. 26
4. 1
5. 13
6. 43-9376 Pilot became ill and returned early.
Lt. W. J. Heath

43-9645 Cloud cover on approach to target prevented long
Lt. H. F. Pair enough run for complete synchronization. Chose to hold bombs rather than drop wild.

43-9711 Same reason as for Lt. Pair.
Lt. M. Rubon

43-9219 Same reason as above.
Lt. H. D. Andrews

43-9369 Same reason as above.
Lt. R. H. Smith

43-9393 Same reason as above.
Lt. J. C. Gary

43-9937 Same reason as above.
Lt. D. A. Fero

43-9442 Same reason as above.
Capt. M. J. Huff

43-10159 Same reason as above.
Lt. J. S. Connor

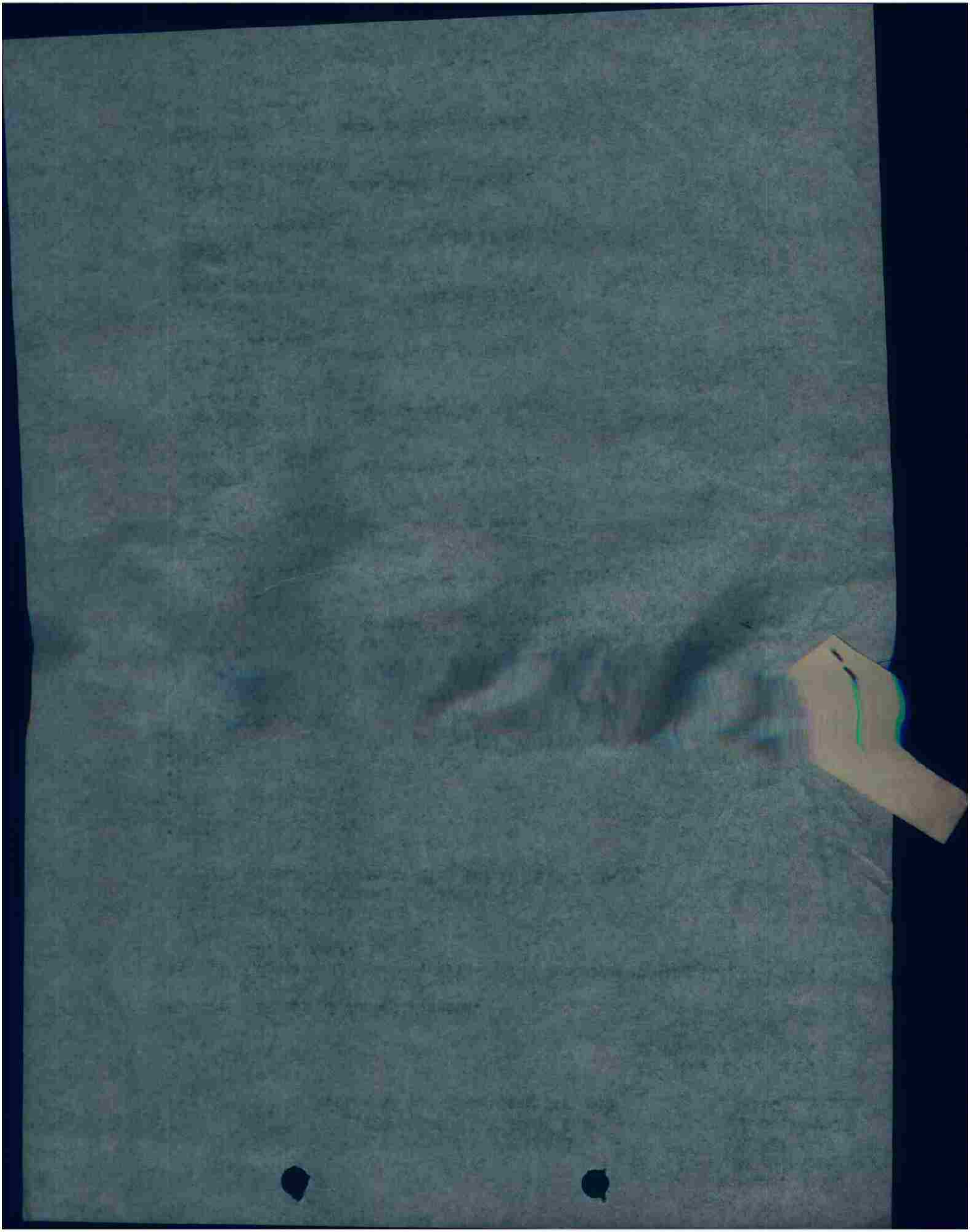
43-10155 Same reason as above.
Lt. J. E. Blomgren

43-10190 Same reason as above.
Lt. J. F. Allen

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43-9692 Lt. H. W. DuBose	Same reason as above.
43-9701 Lt. T. D. McCready	Same reason as above.
43-21764 Lt. F. W. Harris	Circuit breaker tripped. Apparent short in wing bomb circuit. Definite cause under intensive investigation by electrical personnel.

7. Same as paragraph 6 above.

43-21719 Capt. R. F. Shaefer	1 bomb returned. Bomb release circuit not properly connected to the conduit leading from wing to bomb rack.

8. None.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHNEIDER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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ANNEX "A" BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 21-696

BOX I Flight 1 GROUP 416 DATE 13 Oct. 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Langerwehe

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach: 040°

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES____ NO X

4. Did entire (~~box~~) (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO____

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:
Pre-set with corrections. C-1 auto-pilot not used.

Aimed at briefed aiming point.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. A.R. Hand

6. Name of lead Pilot: Major R.F. Price

7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 284 Altitude: 12000
9. Length of bomb run: 55 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/40 T
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 35

12. Full statement of all factors effecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES____ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:
None

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:
None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

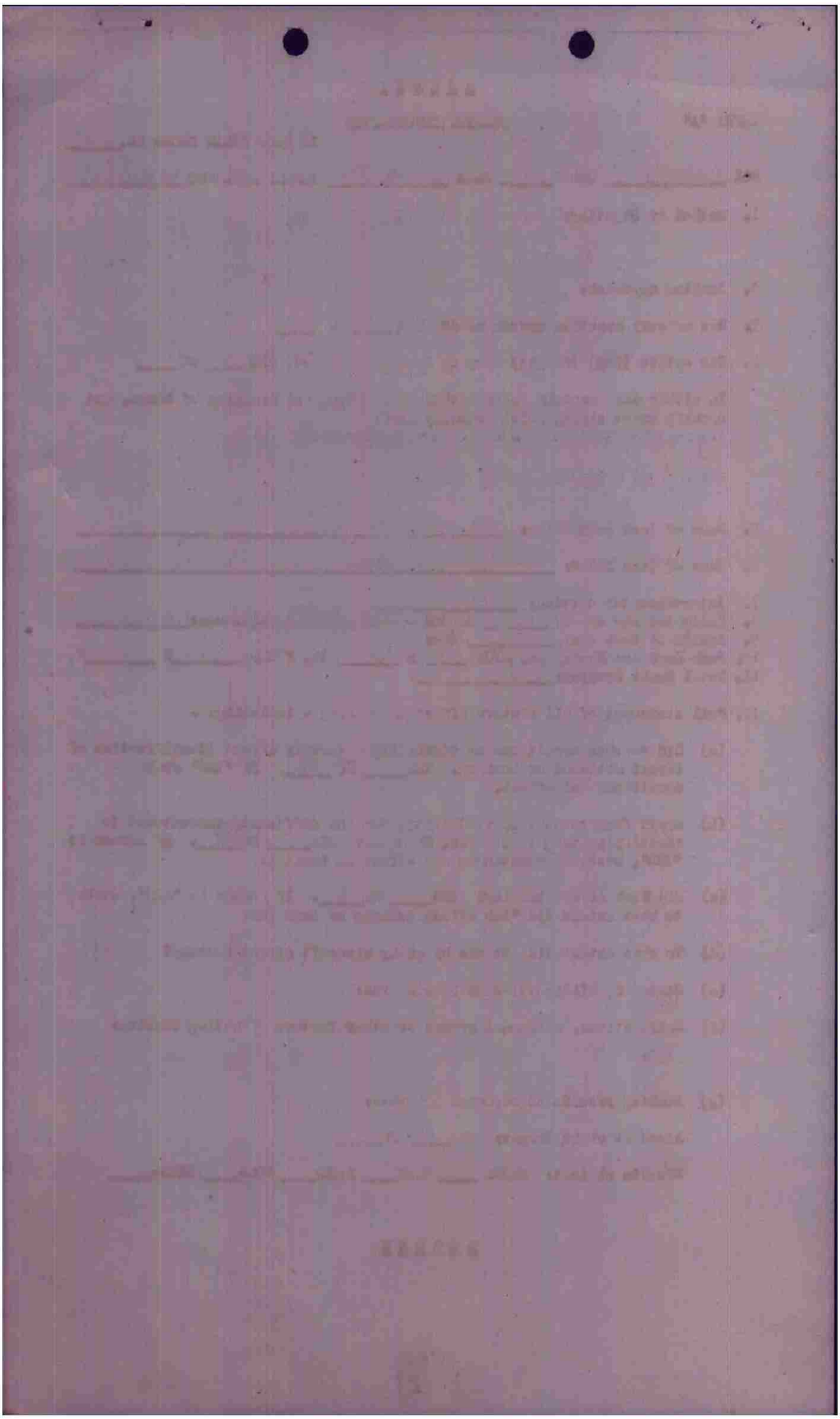
Aimed at right Target: YES X NO____

Results claimed: EXCEL X GOOD____ FAIR____ POOR____ GROSS____

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ANNEX "A" BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 21-595

BOX I Flight 2 GROUP 416 DATE 13 Oct. 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Langerwehe

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach: 047°

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES____ NO X

4. Did entire (~~box~~) (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO____

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:
Pre-set with corrections. C-1 auto-pilot not used.

Aimed at briefed aiming point.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. H.T. Arrington

6. Name of lead Pilot: Captain R.V. Wheeler

7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 285 Altitude: 12200
9. Length of bomb run: 25 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/40 T
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 36

12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES____ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:
None

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

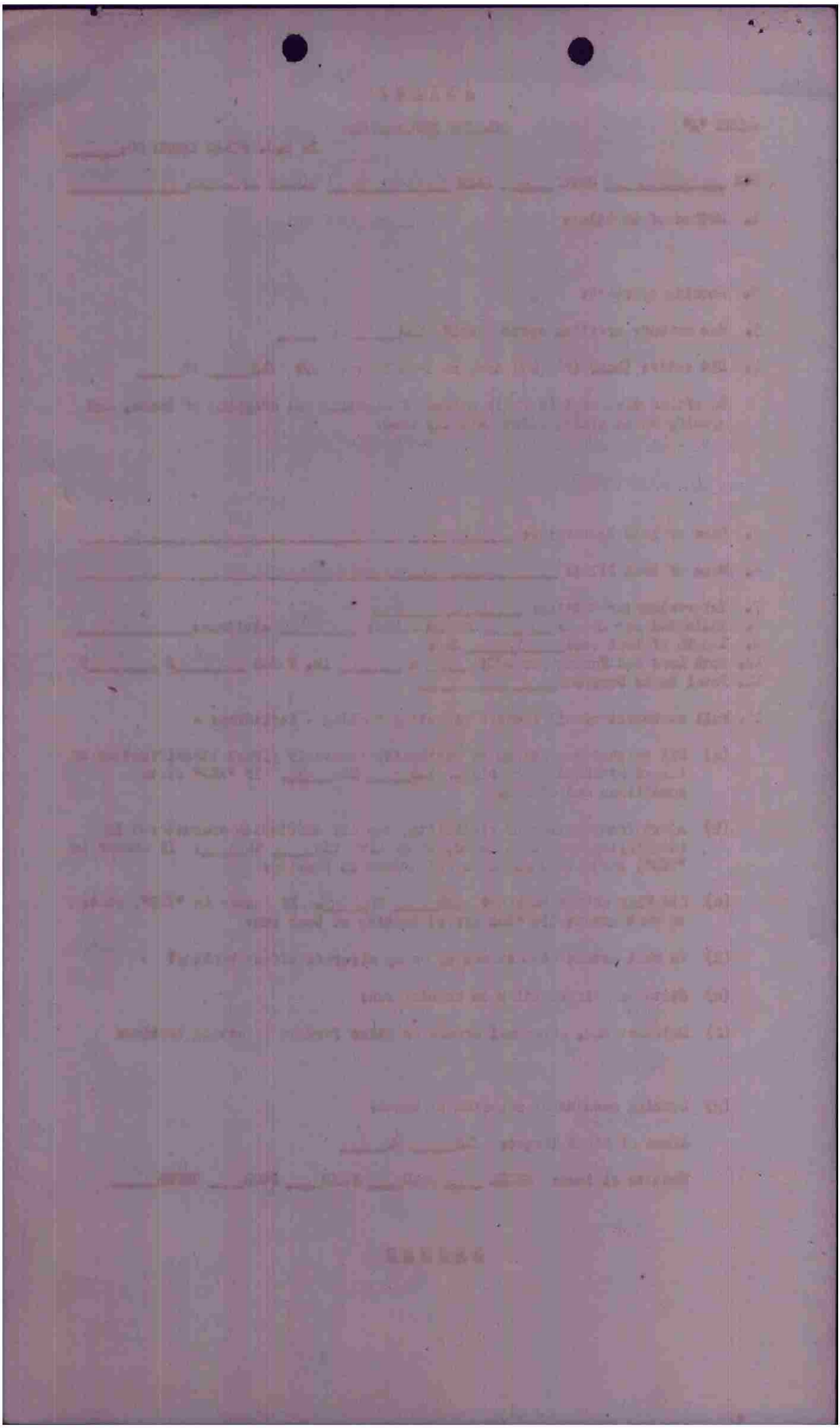
Aimed at right Target: YES X NO____

Results claimed: EXCEL X GOOD____ FAIR____ POOR____ GROSS____

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ANNEX "A" BOMBING INFORMATION IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 18-595

BOX II Flight 1 GROUP 416 DATE 13 Oct. 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Langerwehe

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach: 045°

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES____ NO X

4. Did entire (box) (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO____

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:
Pre-set with corrections. G-1 auto-pilot not used.

Aimed at briefed aiming point.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. W. Forma.

6. Name of lead Pilot: Captain A.E. Osborne.

7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 280 Altitude: 11500
9. Length of bomb run: 35 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/40 T
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 28

12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES____ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

None

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:
None

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

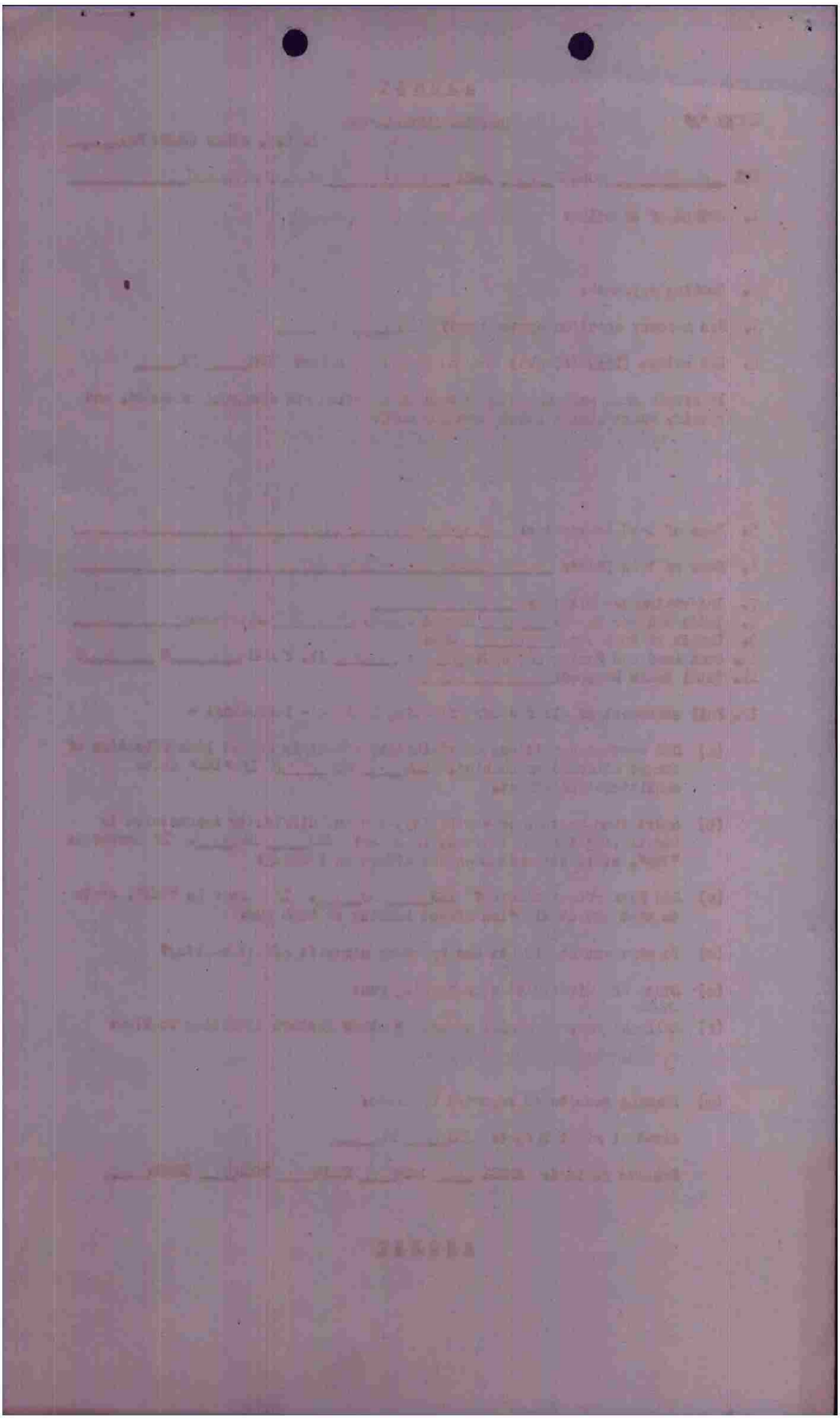
Aimed at right Target: YES X NO____

Results claimed: EXCEL ____ GOOD____ FAIR X POOR____ GROSS____

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ANNEX "A" BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 15-535

BOX II flight-2 GROUP 416 DATE 13 Oct. 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Langerwehe

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach: 040°

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES____ NO X

4. Did entire (box) (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO____

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

Pre-set with corrections. C-1 auto-pilot not used.

Aimed at brifred aiming point.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. J.R. Nichols

6. Name of lead Pilot: Lt. W.J. Greene

7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 281 Altitude: 11200
9. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/40 T
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 34

12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES____ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES____ NO X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:
None

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

No strike photos of bombing.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

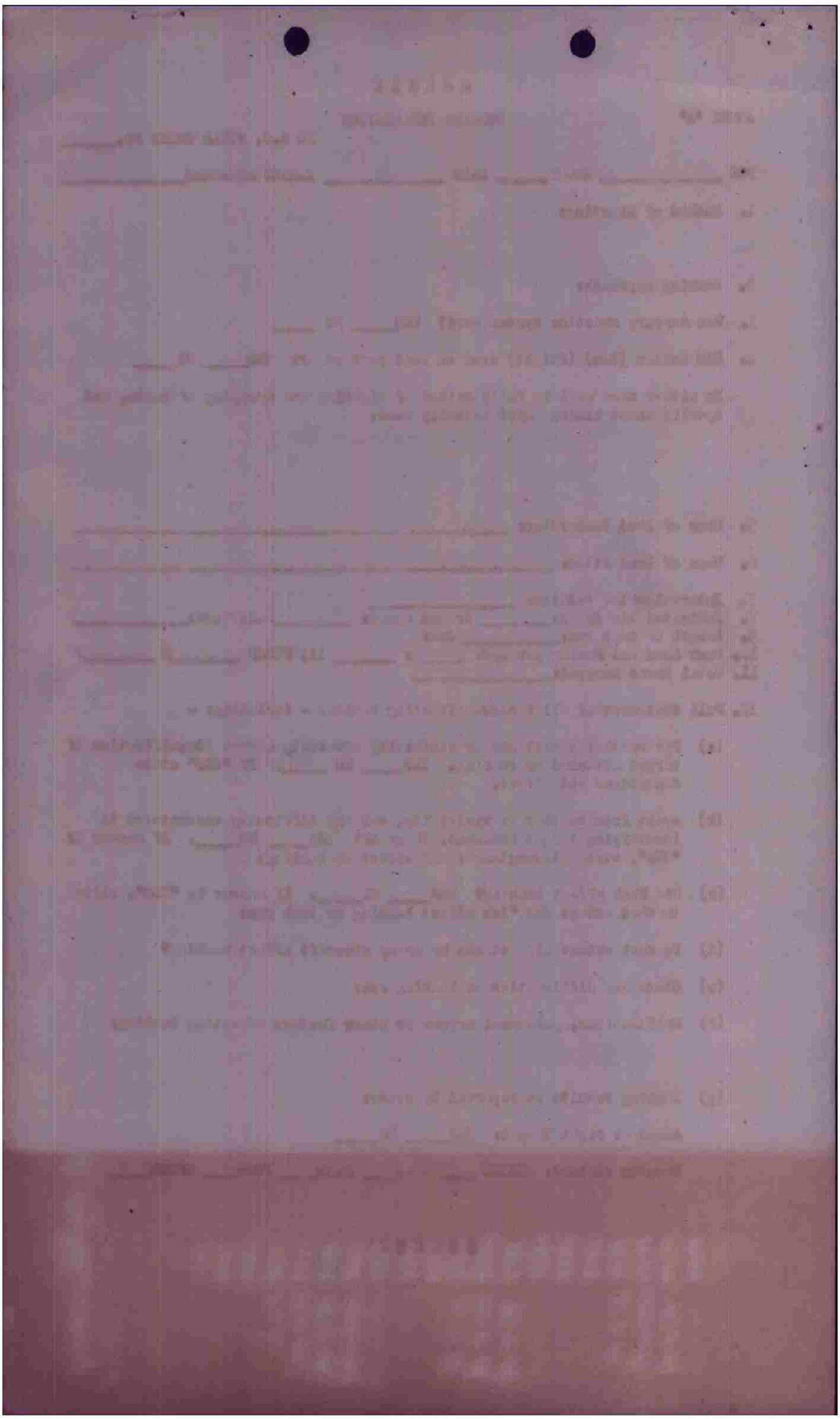
Aimed at right Target: YES X NO____

Results claimed: EXCEL ____ GOOD____ FAIR____ POOR____ GROSS____
Unknown. X

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LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

1. 065 E
MAJOR R.F. PRICE
LT A.R. HAND
S/SGT. C. FETTE
S/SGT D.M. BROWN

2. 1719 V
CAPT. R.F. SHAFFER
LT M.A. PAPE
CAPT R.A. FONTAINE
SGT F.J. ELLIOTT

3. 176 T
LT K.B. KREH
S/SGT E. SHELTON
S/SGT D.R. SCHENCK

Not airborne Brakes Out.

FLIGHT II

1. 023 G
CAPT R.V. WHEELER
LT H.T. ARLINGTON
S/SGT O.E. SWANK
SGT C.W. GURKIN

2. 841 o-1
LT W.H. AMES
SGT. H.S. FRESSLER
SGT. R.J. BROWN

3. 719 J-1
LT D.L. WITHINGTON
SGT. C.F. HUSS
SGT. L.D. MCELHATTAN

FLIGHT III

1. 645 R
LT H.F. FAIR
LT J.L. CORUM
S/SGT. H.A. MARION
S/SGT. V.P. ADAMS

2. 9711 M
LT M. ZUBON
S/SGT H.C. WORDEN
S/SGT J.J. RZEPKA

3. 219 D-1
LT H.D. ANDREWS
S/SGT G.M. COOK
S/SGTR.H. LINNEMAN

SPARE

493 V-1
LT J.D. ADAMS
S/SGT. V.N. SHERRY
S/SGT. L.G. KUTZER

4. 195 D
LT C.S. STANLEY
S/SGT L.M. DAUGHERTY
SGT. R. COLLIER

5. 907 O
LT W.L. HALE
SGT. D.N. BENTZLER
SGT. J.F. GEYER

6. 809 A
LT P.E. PARKER
SGT. A.F. GALLOWAY
SGT. S. KOCHAN

4. 714 N
LT W.A. MERCHANT
S/SGT. B.G. FAUDRE
S/SGT. F.R. CHVATAL

5. 748 A-1
LT H.M. VAN NOORDEN
SGT. G. THOMPSON
SGT. R.I. STEFFEY

6. 956 Z
LT A.J.P. WINN
SGT. G.G. STEPHENSON
CPL. W.G. DAVIS

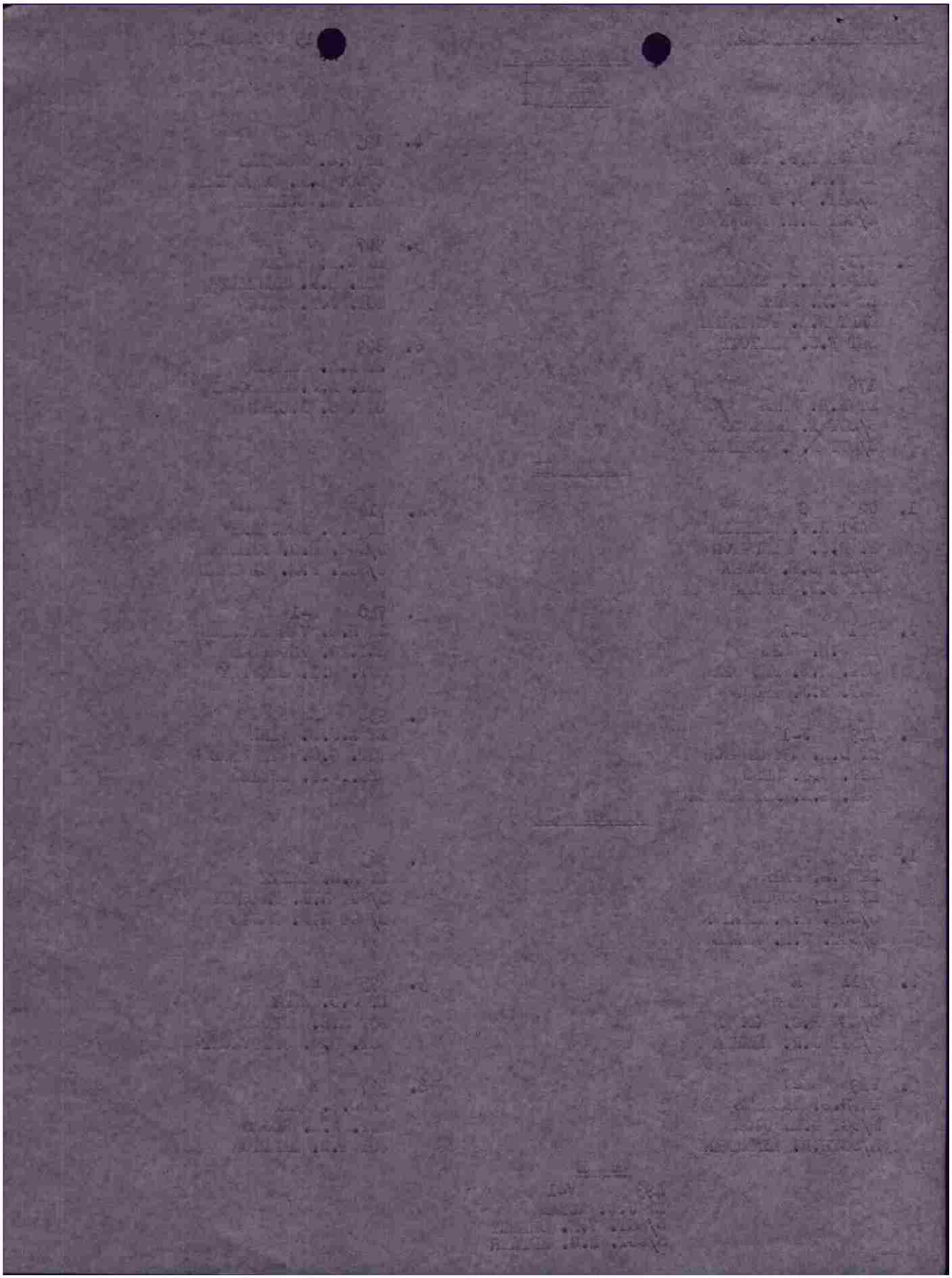
4. 363 L
LT R.H. SMITH
S/SGT R.J. MAHONEY
S/SGT H.R. DAVIS

5. 393 K
LT J.C. GARY
SGT A.E. SCHEIN
SGT. R.W. GHEUVRONT

6. 937 B
LT D.A. FERO
SGT. A.A. ROJAS
SGT T.W. SKELTON

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FLIGHT I

1. 717 P
CAPT A.E. OSBORNE
LT W. FORMA
SGT. S.P. NEWELL
S/SGT. K.E. LAGERMAN

2. 894 R
LT J.K. COLQUITT
S/ SGT E.A. DAMICO
S/SGT D.E. RINES

3. 764 X
LT F.W. HARRIS
S/SGT D. HANTSKE
SGT. J.H. ROBERTS

4. 194 C
LT R.D. LESHER
SGT. S.L. HEITALL
S/SGT F. NAIFEH

5. 210 Q
LT J.W. WRIGHT
SGT. P.J. PROFITA
SGT. J.R. SLEMONDS

6. 362 L
LT L.R. CANNON
SGT. J.W. ROBINSON
SGT. E.P. BREZEZINSKI

FLIGHT II

1. 135 T
LTWJ. GREENE
LT J.R. NICHOLS
S/ SGT J.A. OCHABA
S /SGT W.F. COLBERT

2. 197 F
LT W.C. SIGGS
S/SGT R.W. NICKS
S/SGT G.I. FLEISCHMANN

3. 181 A
LT W.H. LAND
S/SGT C.A. PRINDLE
S/SGT H.L. KELTON

4. 943 Z
LT R.E.F. MACMANUS
SGT. J. MANI
S/SGT. J.J. MCGUIRE

5. 929 C-1
LT M.S. STREET
SGT. R.P. SHARP
SGT. R.W. CARSTENS

6. 963 L-1
LT J.W. KELHOE
CPL E.A. ARENDT
PVT L.L. RICHARDSON

FLIGHT III

1. 442 D
CAPT M.J. HUFF
LT J. KUPITS
S/SGT. F.P. BASFORD
S/SGT. R.A. CLARK

2. 159 G
LT J.S. CONNOR
S/SGT. H.C. RODGERS
S/SGT. J.E. VANDUYNE

3. 155 V
LT J.E. BLOMGREN
SGT C.J. KRUGER
S/SGT L.R. FLEMING

4. 190 I
LT J.F. ALLEN
SGT. L.R. GETGEN
SGT. C.W. VEAZEY

5. 376 O
LT E.J. HEMPH
CPL R.R. BRINKMAN
SGT. L. KOSKOWITZ
Lt. Early felt sick

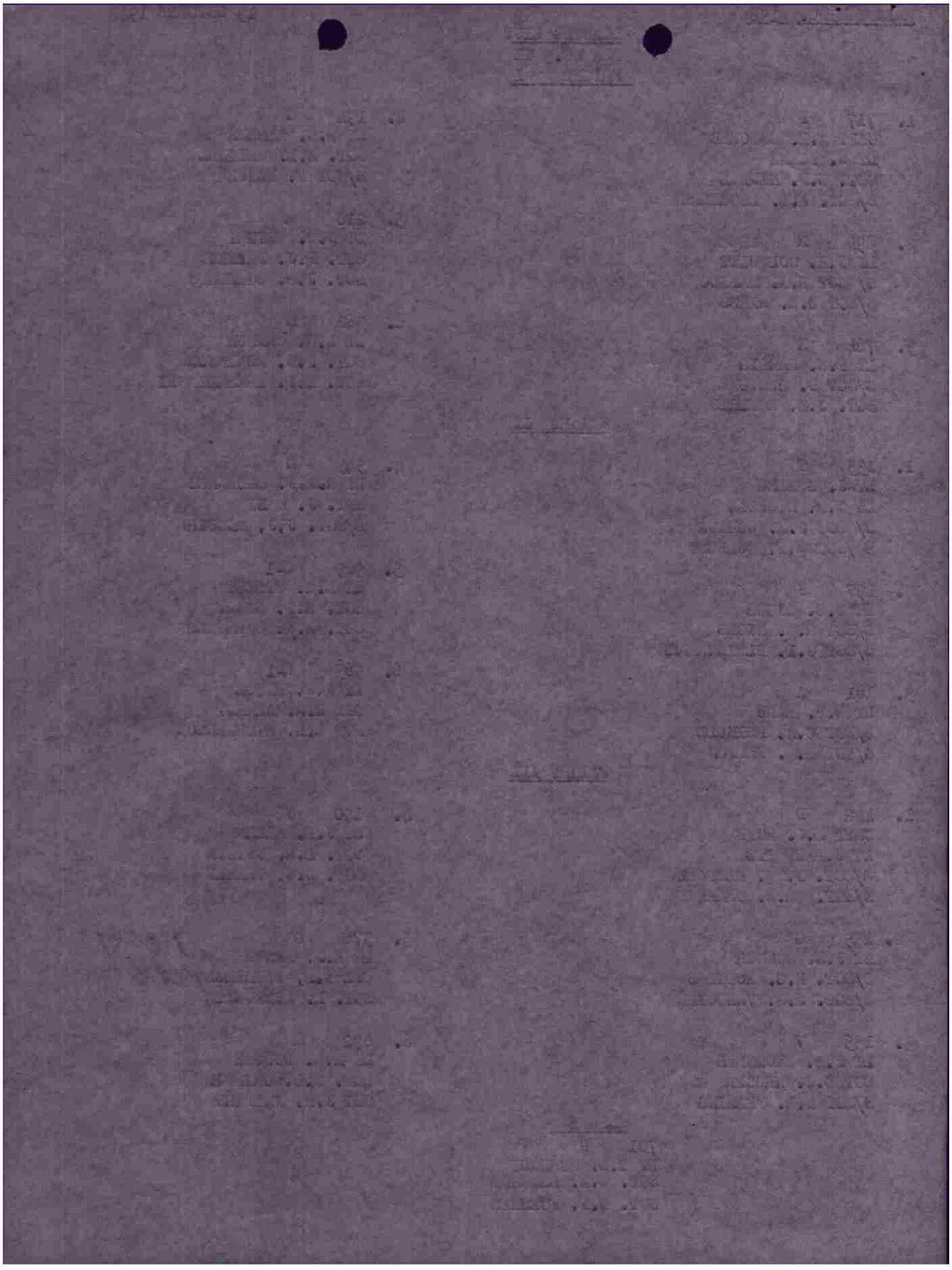
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LT M.W. DUBOSE
SGT. D.L. GRIFFIN
SGT J.H. WALTERS

SPARE

701 H
LT T.D. MCREADY
SGT. W.L. LEMONDS
SGT. W.F. FUEHRER

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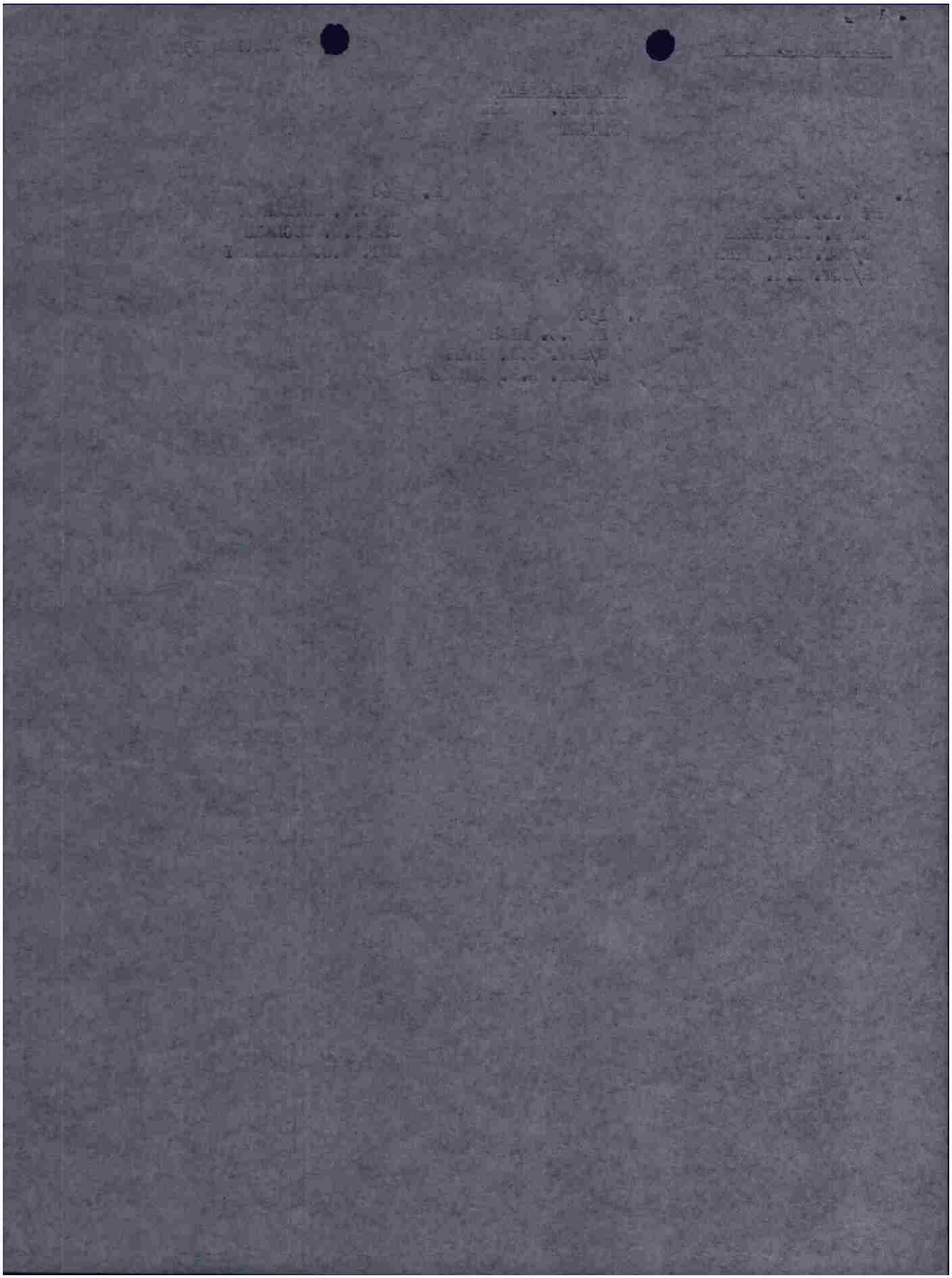
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LT E.E. DEMIN
LT R.J. MCQUADE
S/SGT. C.A. WEBB
S/SGT. E.T. EPTS

2. 368 K
LT G.S. BUTLER
CPL H.B. MCCLAIN
SGT. W.S. MCCAUGHEY

3. 150 N
LT C.C. MISH
S/SGT. C.J. CLARK
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1. NUMBER OF MEN WOUNDED (MEDICS - 16) None

2. BOMBING MALFUNCTIONS (ARMAMENT - 92) 719 - Sq. A. Bomb release circuit not properly connected to the conduit. Leading from the wing to bomb rack.

764 - Sq. A - Circuit breaker tripped. Definite cause under investigation. Apparent short in the wing bomb circuit. - Returned six.

3. CAMERA MALFUNCTIONS (PHOTO LAB - 84) None

4. NUMBER PLANES OF EXACT MAL: BOMB GROUP 35 O's 12 T's. SVG 3 O's 2 T's

WING OFFICER

5. PERCENT OF BATTLE DAMAGE (INTELLIGENCE - 68 - 17) 5 A 4 AC 23%

6. PLANES FAILING TO REACH AIRBORNE OR RETURNING EARLY - REASON

176 - Sq. A. - Lt Kuhn - Not Airborne - Brakes.

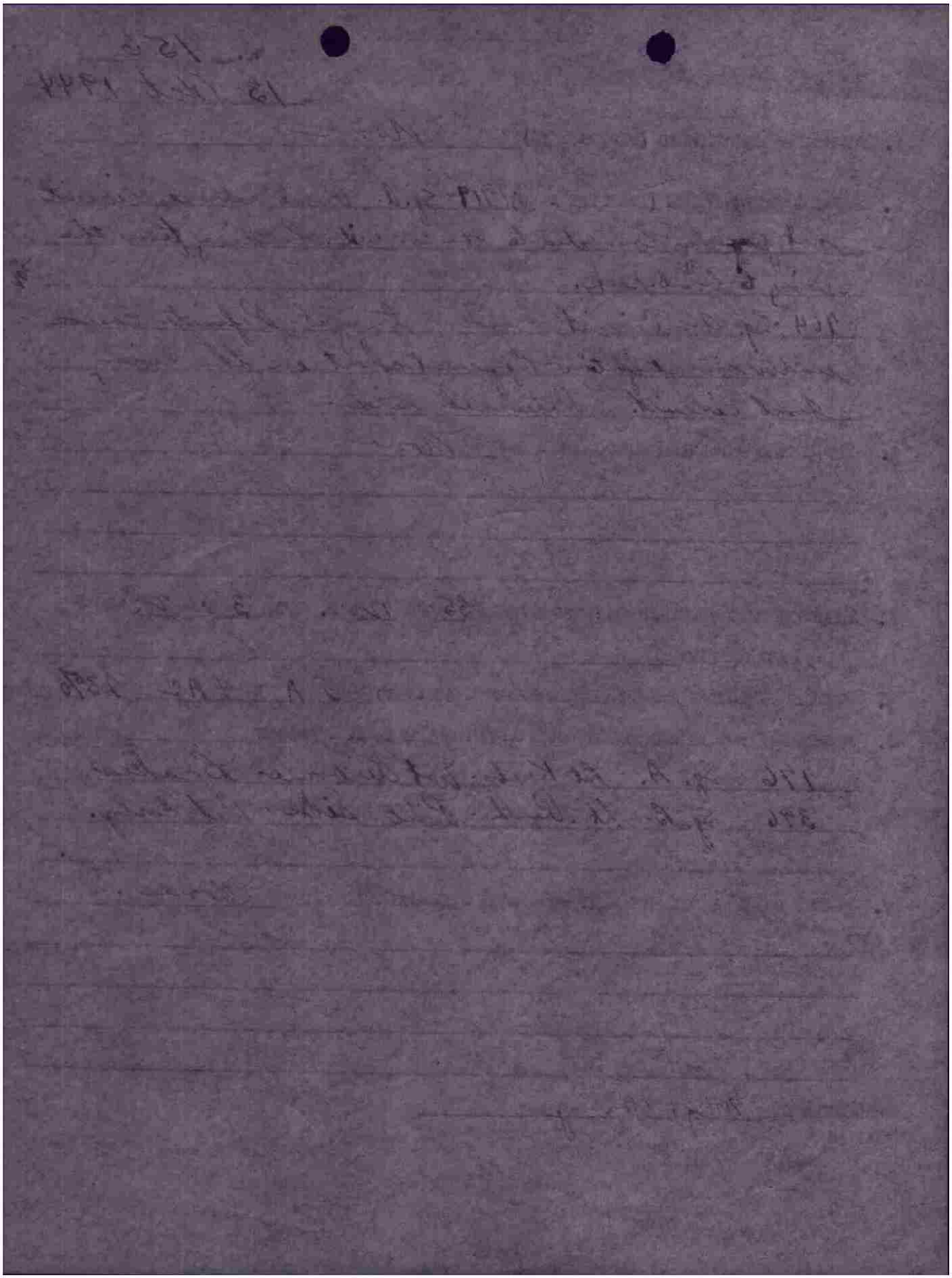
376 - Sq. B. - Lt. Ruth. - Pilot Sick - Ret. Early.

7. PLANES TO SET ON LANDING AWAY FROM BASE - REASON - LOCATION None.

SUBMITTED BY M/Sgt Young

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FROM; COBOMGR 416

TO : CG CBTBOMBWG 97 ATT: SIG O

A - YS - 156

B - 13 OCT 1944

C - 36 A/C

D - 668 - V - BOMBDR MIKE SWITCH FAULTY, REPLACED AND CHECKED OKAY. VHF TRANSMITTER KEPT CUTTING OUT - BEING CHECKED.

671 - O - SHIP TO SHIP RECEPTION VERY POOR - SET BEING CHECKED.

E - NO QDM'S

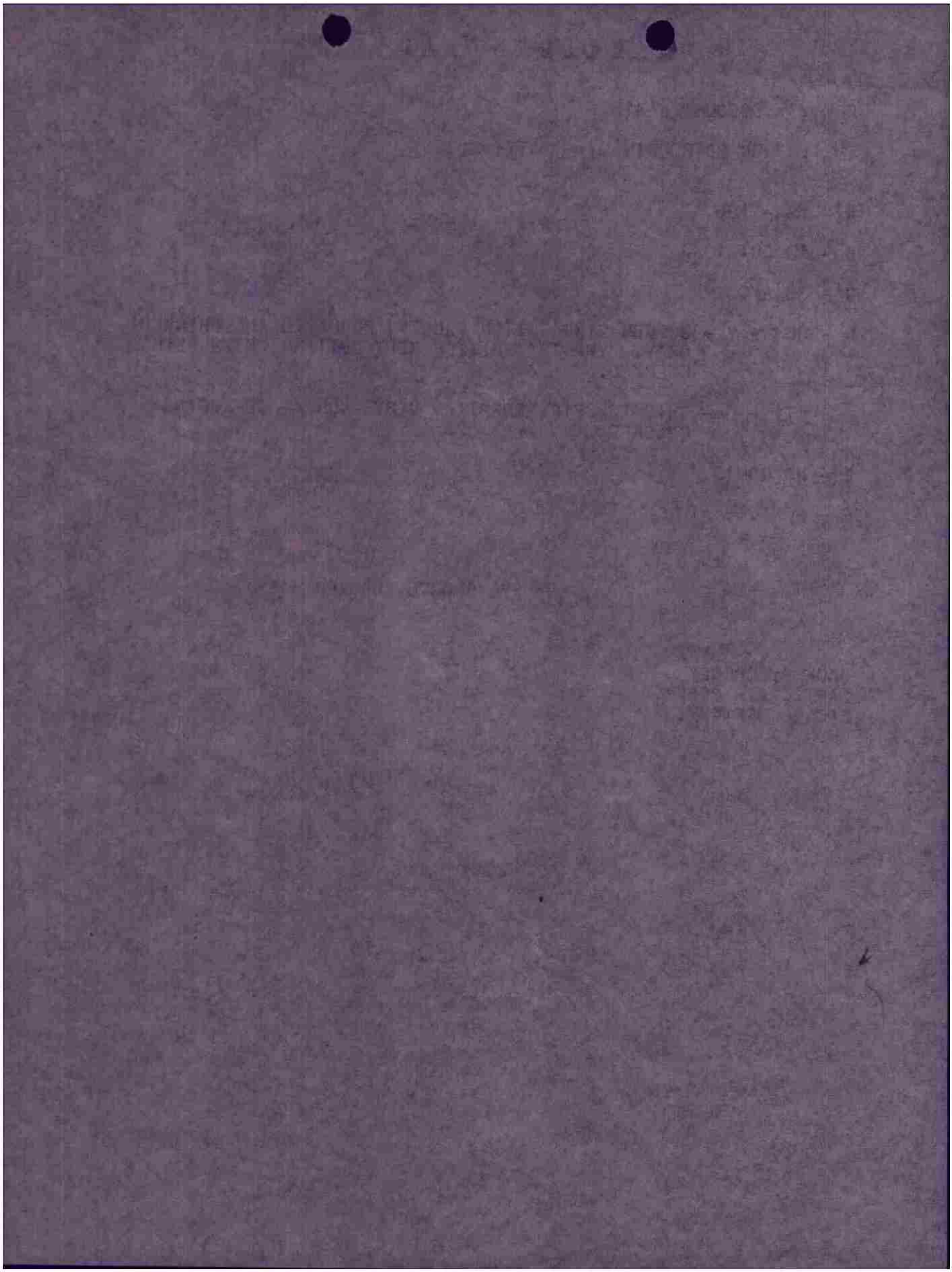
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JACK B. COONEY
CAPT., AIR CORPS,
SIGNAL OFFICER.

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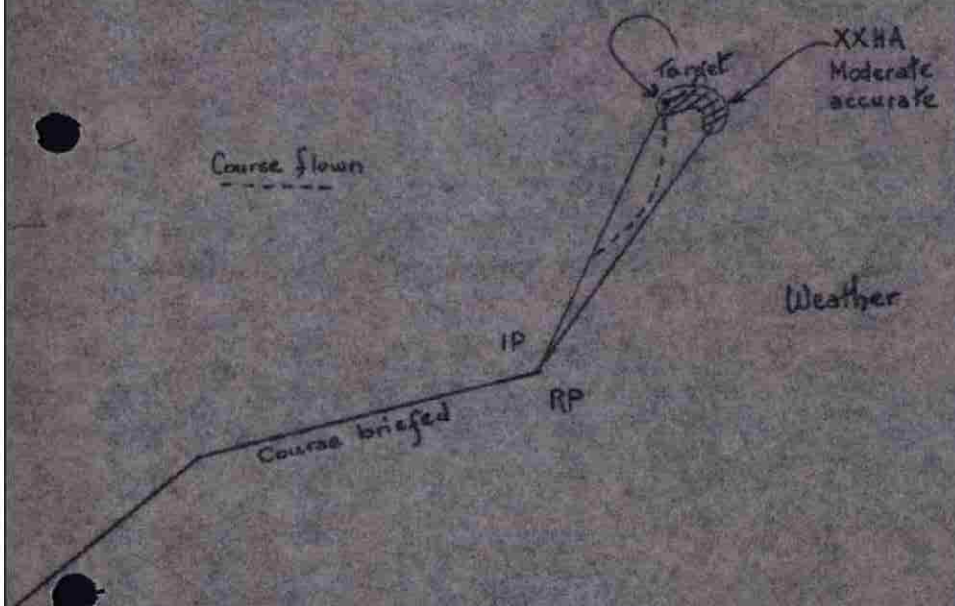


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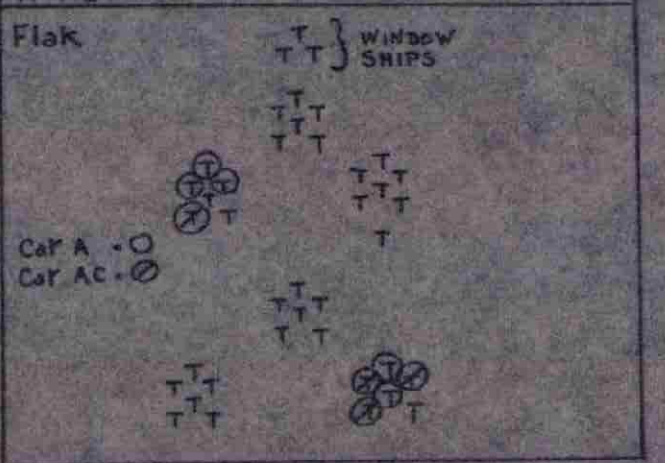
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Weather

13 October 1944	F.O. № 21-595
TARGET —	LANGERWEHE
T.O.T. —	1055 hrs
ALTITUDE —	1200 feet
WINDOW —	YES

Flak



Percent = 83%

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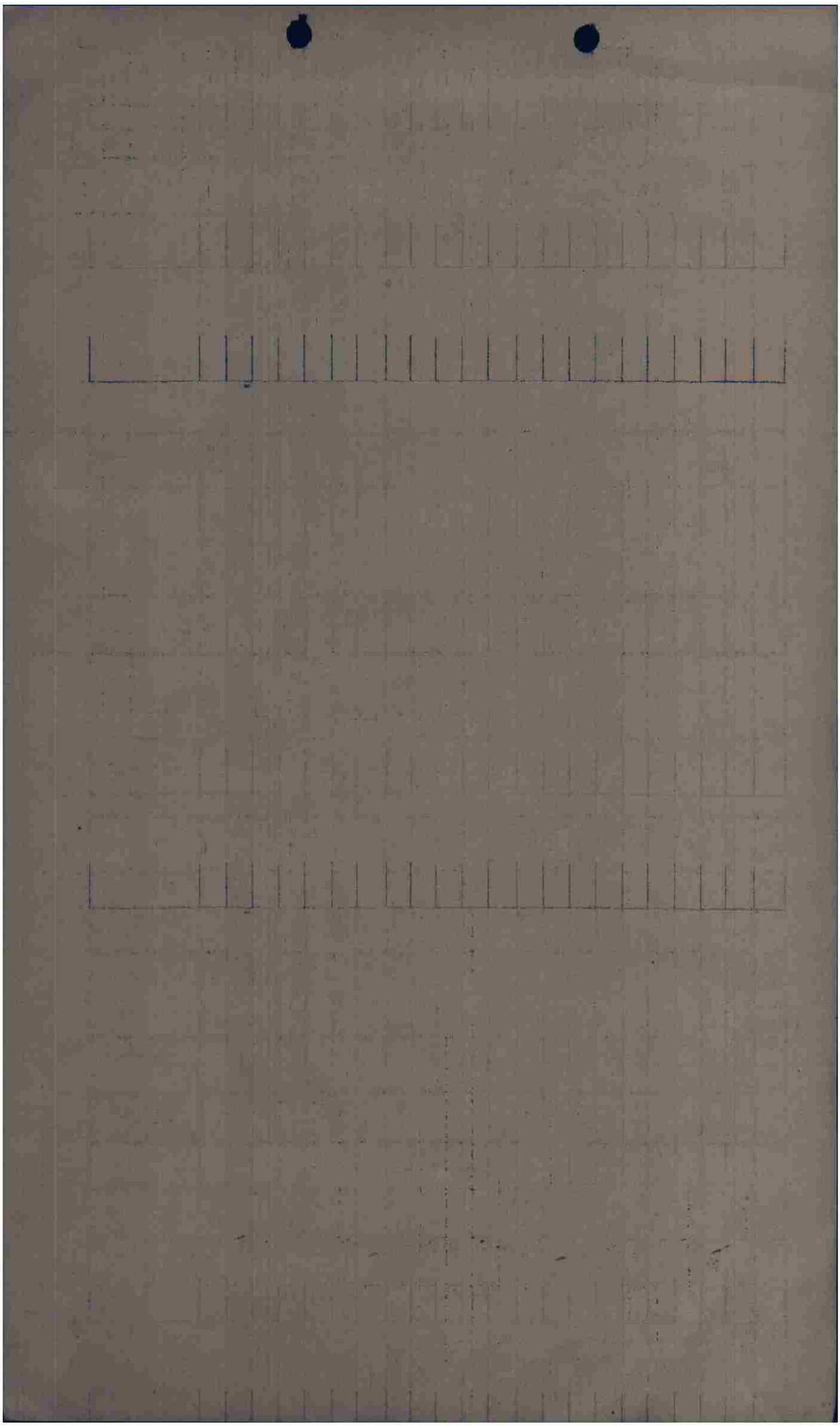
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SQDN	A/C LTR	A/C NO.	PILOT	DISTANCE	TARGET	ATO	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	CAMERA	FUEL LOAD	BOMB LOAD	ENDUR	LAND 1105E	REMARKS
			Price	450		0834											
D	E	065	Price			0938										1208	
A	V	1719	Schaefer			0938						C				1209	
A	T	176	Krch			—		Mot Airborne									brakes
A	D	195	Stanley			0938						C				1209	W & B
A	O	907	Hale			0939										1209	W & B
A	A	809	Parker			0939										1210	W & B
D	G	023	Wheeler			0939										1210	
D	O-1	841	Ames			0939										1210	
D	J-1	719	Hitchington			0940						C				1212	
D	N	714	Merchant			0940										1213	W & B
D	A-1	748	Van Rooden			0940						HC				1212	W & B
D	Z	956	Hinn			0940										1212	W & B
D	R	645	Pair			0941										1213	
D	M	9711	Zuhan			0941										1214	
D	O-1	219	Andrews			0941						HC				1216	
D	L	363	Smith, R. H.			0941						C				1210	W & B
D	K	393	Gary			0941										1214	W & B
D	B	937	Zerbo			0942										1215	W & B
D	V-1	493	Adams			0941										1215	

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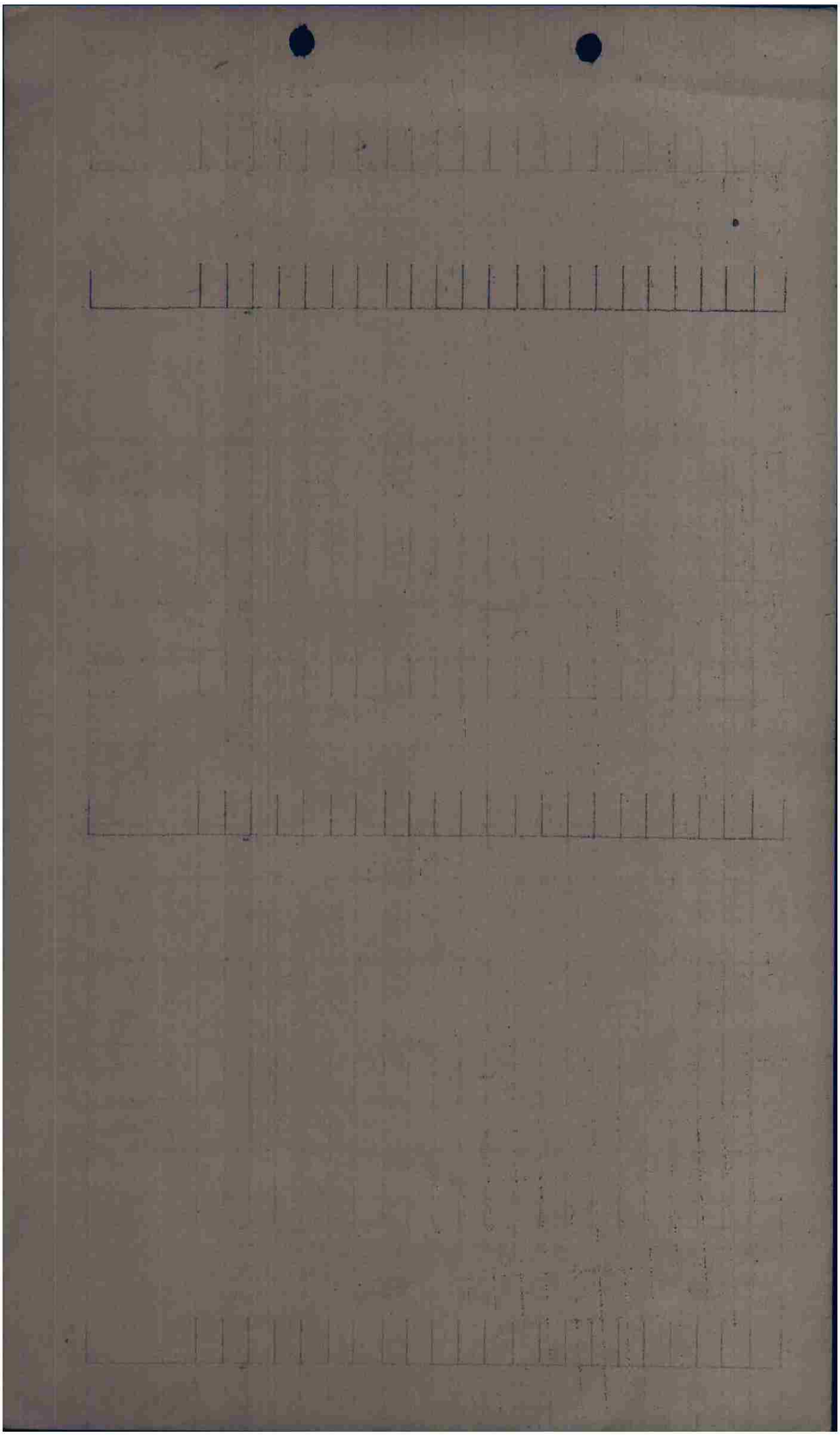
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a	P	1717	Osborne			0942										1216	
a	K	894	Colquitt			0942										1216	
a	X	764	Georgia			0943						C				1217	
a	C	194	Decker			0943										1217	W & B
a	Q	210	Wright			0943						C				1217	W & B
a	L	362	Cannon			0944										1218	W & B
B	~~B 133~~		Greene			0946										1218	
B	F	197	Liggo			0944						C				1219	
B	A	181	Land			0945										1219	
B	Z	943	MacManus			0945										1219	W & B
B	C-1	929	Street			0945						C				1218	W & B
B	L-1	963	Kehoe			0945						HC				1220	W & B
B	D	442	Huff			0944										1220	
B	G	159	Connor			0946										1221	
B	V	155	Blomgren			0946										1221	
B	I	190	Allen J. F.			0946						C				1221	
B	O	376	Rentz			0947		Returned Early.								1000	Pilot was sick.
B	M	692	DuBose			0949						HC				1242	
B	H	701	McCready			0947						C				1221	

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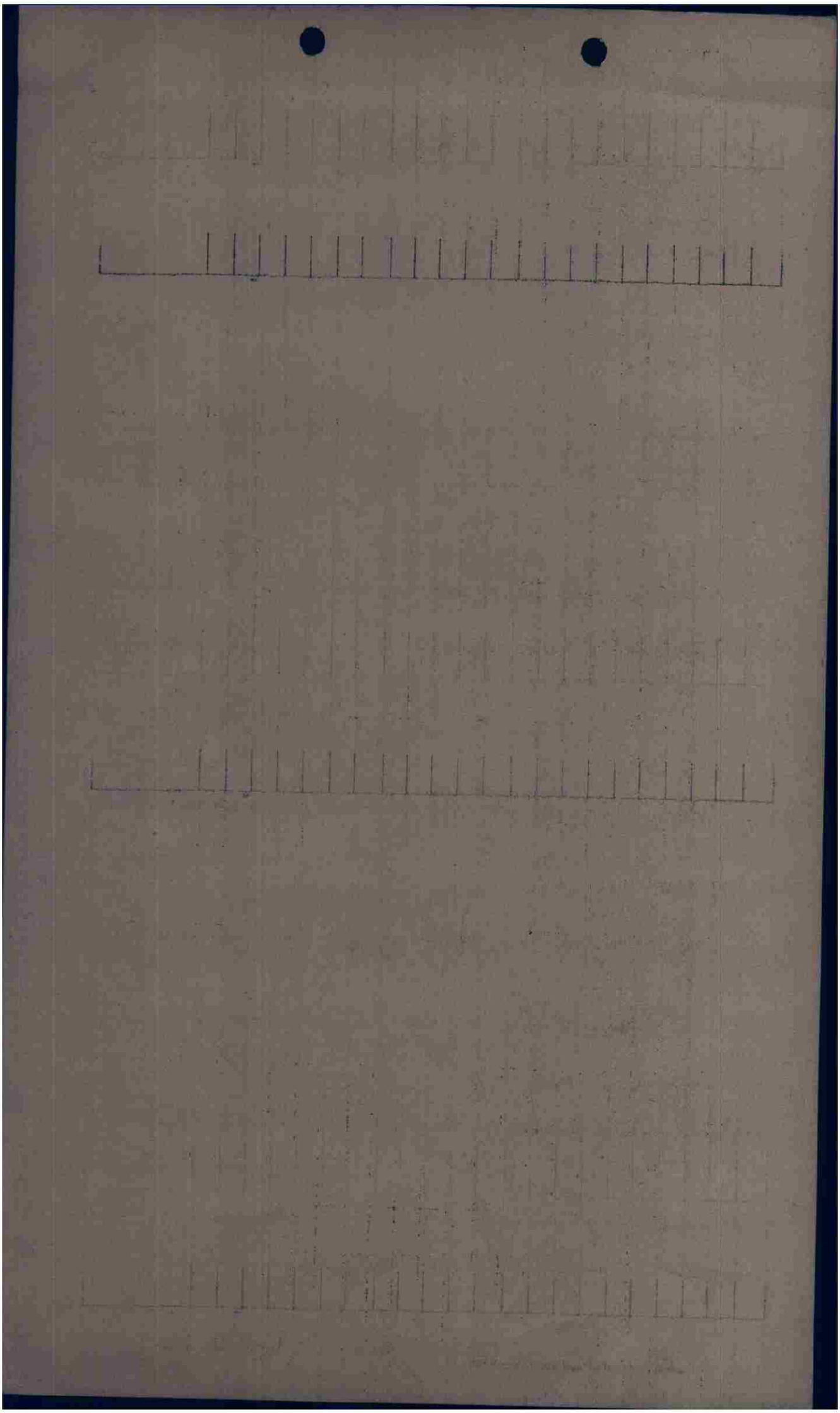
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B	J	469	DeMeun			0947										1205	
B	K	368	Burden			0948										1205	
A	N	150	Mick			0948										1206	

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 13/0225A O-111-E
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGR 409TH
COBOMGR 410TH
COBOMGR 416TH

O-237

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O - 140
13 OCTOBER 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 21-595

MAPS: NORMAL 13/1000

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
(2) IX T.A.C. WILL PROVIDE AREA COVER FOR THE 416TH BOMB GROUP. 2ND T.A.F. WILL PROVIDE AREA COVER FOR THE 409TH AND 410TH BOMB GROUPS.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY AND HOLLAND.

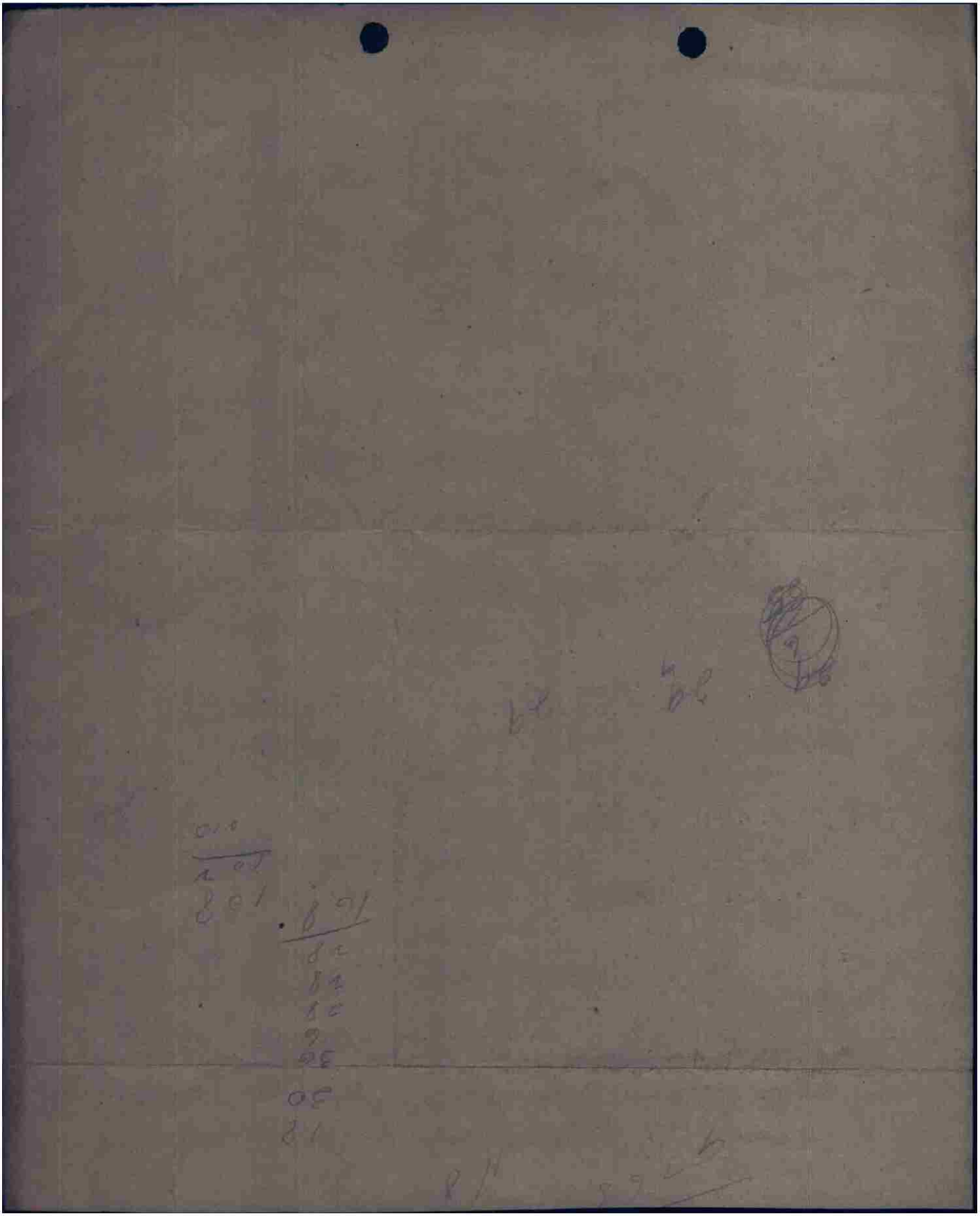
ZERO HOUR: TO FOLLOW.

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
(1) VENLO RAILROAD BRIDGE.
(2) 36 BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
(4) BASE TO 5059N 0304E TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BASE.
(6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 10,000 FEET.
(7) I.P. - 5111N 0551E
(8) GENERALLY SW TO NE.
(9) M.P.I. ILL. 5106E/2/1, REF. 0315/0538.
(10) 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
(11) R.P. 5111N 0551E.
(12) T.O.T. : ZERO HOUR.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
(1) 5105E/D/1.
(2) 36 BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
(4) BASE TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BASE.
(6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET.
(7) I.P. 5100N 0551E
(8) GENERALLY SSW TO NNE
(9) M.P.I. ILL. 5105E/5/1, REF. 0390/16.
(10) 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
(11) R.P. 5100N 0552E
(12) T.O.T. : ZERO HOUR PLUS 5 MINUTES.

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C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
(1) LANGERWEHE
(2) 36 BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6
(4) BASE TO 5035N 0552E TO I.P. TO TARGET
(5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO BASE
(6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET, OR BELOW CLOUD BASE, DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 10,000 FEET
(7) I.P. - 5038N 0612E
(8) GEN. - SW TO NE
(9) M.P.I. - STRIKE ATTACK PHOTO -U.S. 416/702. DATED 12 OCTOBER 1944. NEGATIVE NO. 5008. 2 FLIGHTS ON EACH REF. 029026, 034023, 037021.
(10) 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC TAIL
(11) R.P. 5038N 0612E
(12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR

CHANGE (1) TO (4) NO
(5) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS:
A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
(2) PRODUCT

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP
(2) GREYGOOSE

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
(2) COURAGE
(3) GOLDFLAKE, CHANNEL C/C

X. GENERAL INFORMATION
(2) PARADE ON D/D. IF NO CONTACT CALL SWEEPSTAKE ON C/C.
(11) PARADE CONTROL ON B/B.

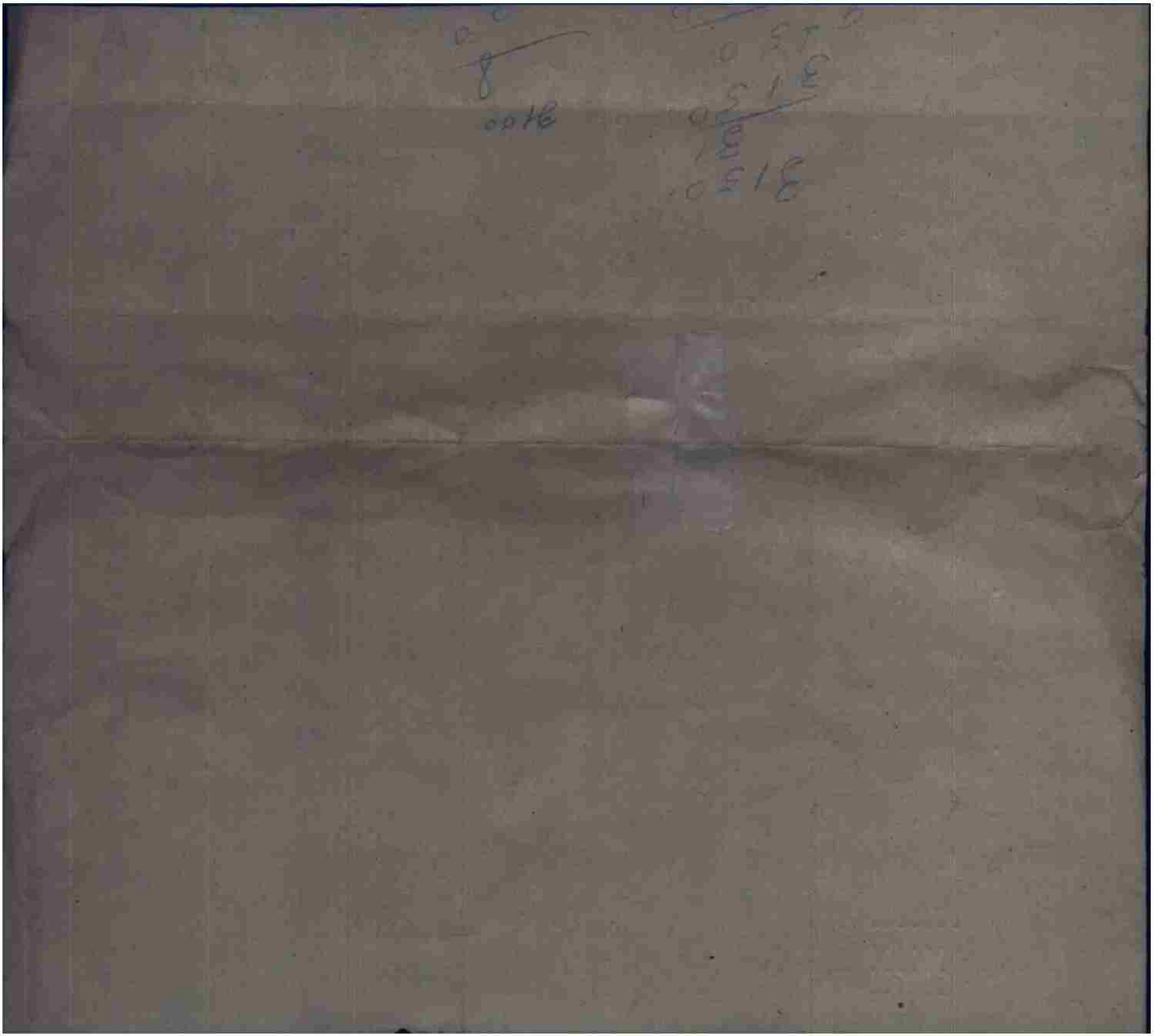
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LEG/LCB AR

OIJES R.....13/0250A JB AR
OIJPO R .....13/0255A SK AR
OIJKI R .....11/0255A WFG AR
OIITA R .....O;WTVA KC NO

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 13/0645A O-112-E
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGR 409TH
COBOMGR 410TH
COBOMGR 416TH

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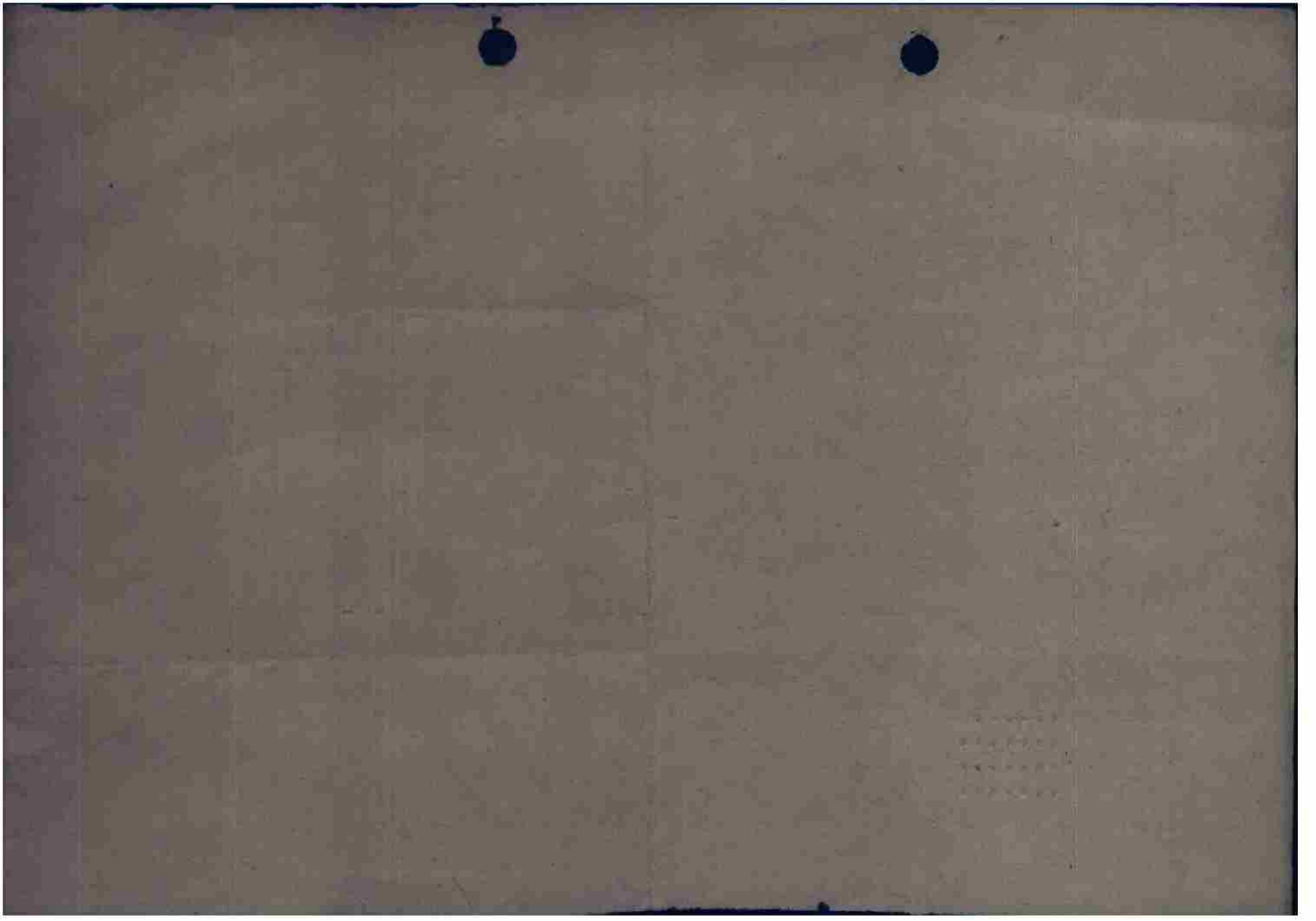
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 13/Ø85ØA O-113-E
TO COMBOMDIV IX
409TH BOMB GROUP
410TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP
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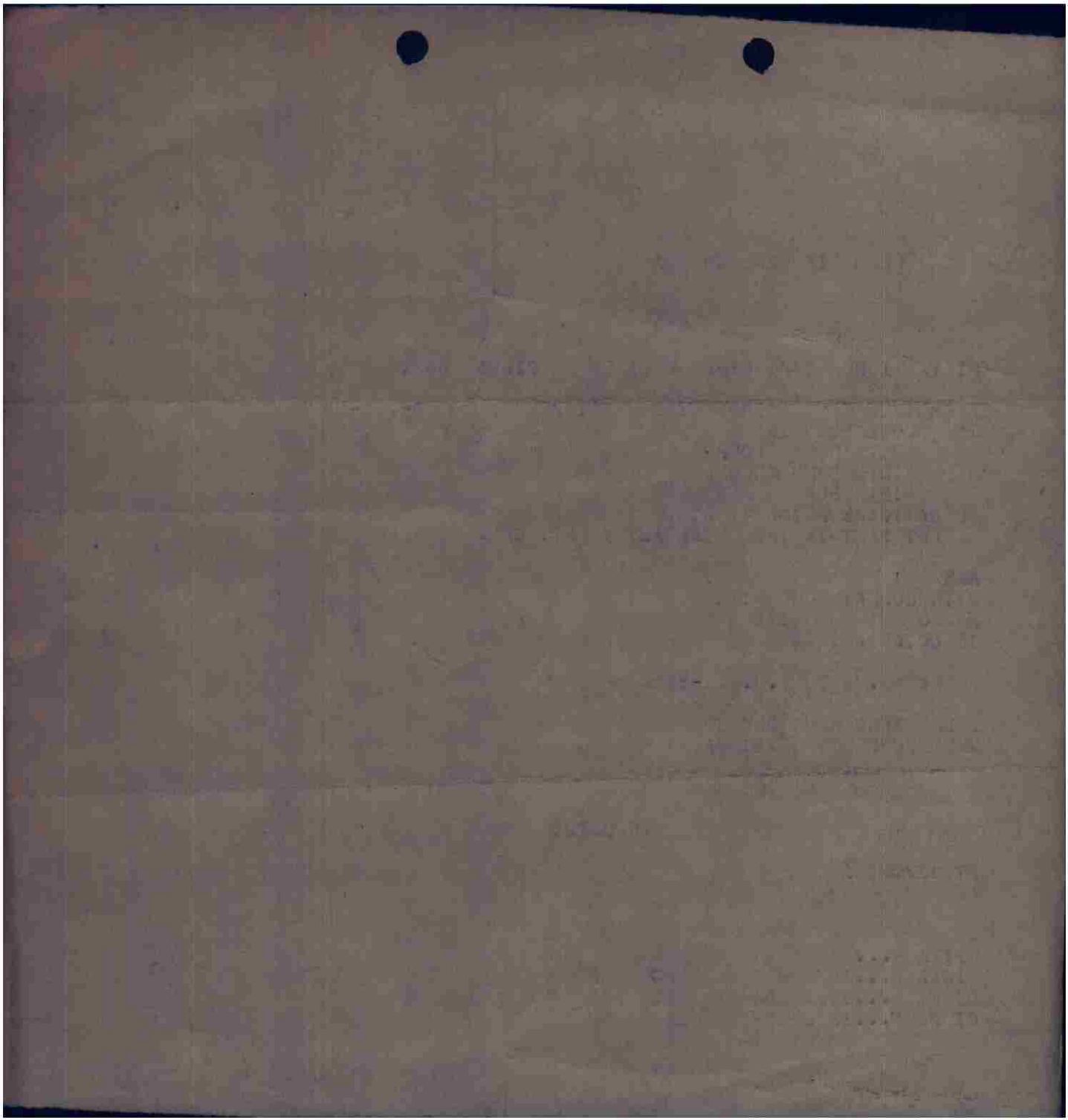
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TO 97TH COMBAT WING
IX BOMBER DIV.

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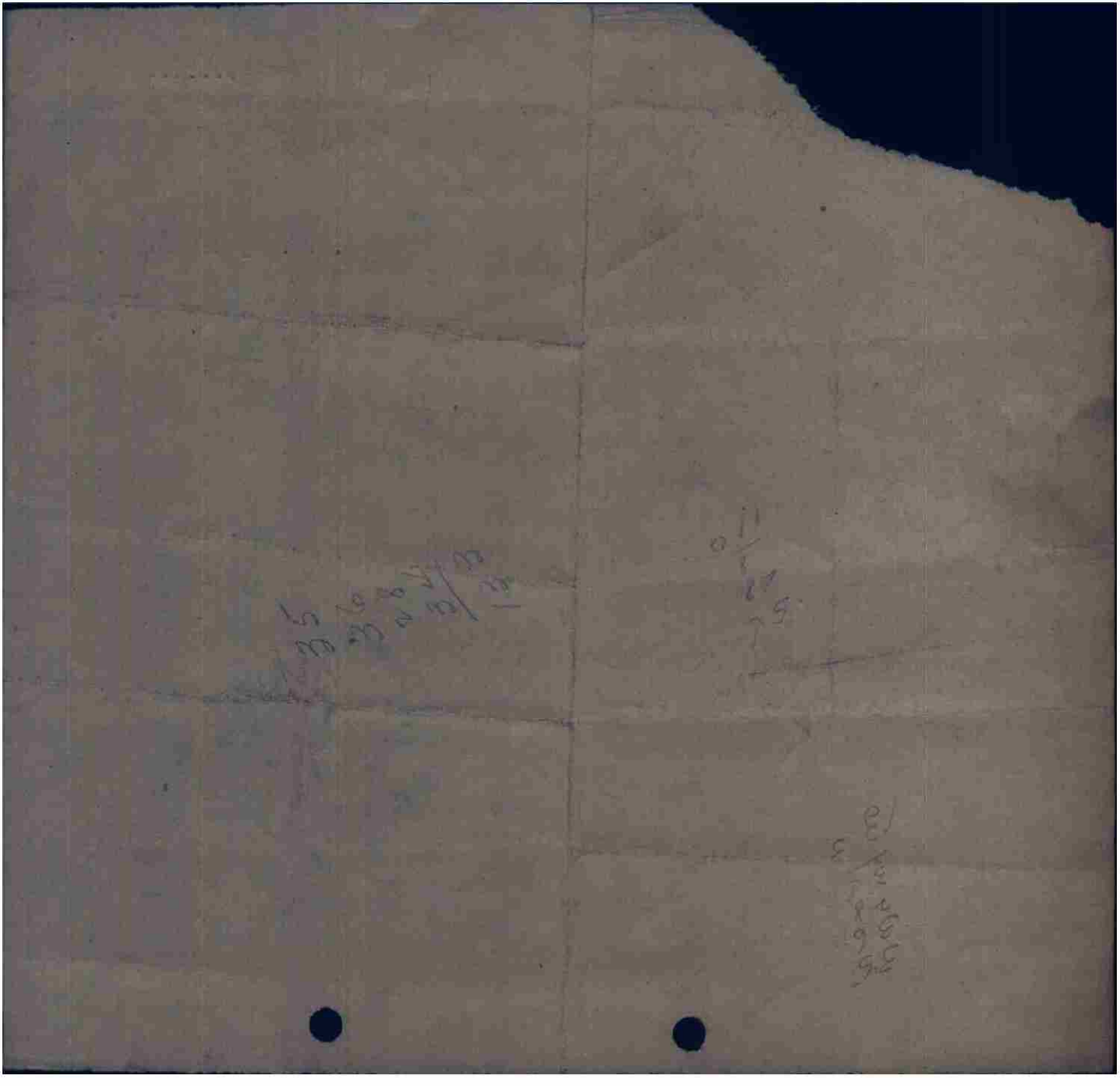
A. 416TH BG 13 OCT 1944
B. LANGERBEHE 23 A-20'S
C. BOX I-FLT-3- CLOUD COVERED APPROACH TO TARGET, VENT
AROUND CLOUD BUT WAS TOO CLOSE TO MAKE RUN,
CHOSE TO HOLD INSTEAD OF MAKING 10 SEC. RUN.
BOX II-FLT-3- SAME REASON AS ABOVE.
D. NONE MISSING.
5-CAT A
4-CAT AC
E. NONE
F. NONE
G. BOX I FLT--1- EXC
" 2- EXC
BOX II " 1- EXC
" 2- GOOD
(OTHER FLIGHTS DID NOT BOMBL)
H. MODERATE TO XXXXXX INTENSE ACCURVTE AT TARGET AND TURN OFF.
I. NONE
J. 131 X 500 ON PRIMARY
97 X 500 RETURNED
K. 12,000 FT- T.O.T. 1055

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CC:J TO READ AS :
131 X 500 ON PRIMARYP
79 X 500 RETURNED

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FROM HQS. 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) 13/1915A
TO HQS. IX BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M), A-2, P/I OFFICER
HQS. 97TH COMBAT WING, A-2 DUTY OFFICER

SECRET BT

O-115-D
S/A REPORT 13 OCTOBER 1944
B. LANGERWEHE
K. BOX I-1ST 6-EXCEL- BOMBS FELL IN HEAVY CONCENTRATION 390 FT. SOUTHWEST OF DMPI. BLANKET OF BURSTS ON JUNCTION OF HIGHWAY AND RAILROAD WITH HITS ON RAILROAD OVERPASS. SEVERAL SMALL BUILDINGS WERE HIT AND ROAD PROBABLY PITTED AND BLOCKED.

2ND 6-
EXCEL-BOMBS FELL IN LONG PATTERN 330 FT. NORTHWEST OF DMPI. BOMBS HIT ON BUILDINGS AND ACROSS ROAD, DESTROYING BUILDINGS AND PROBABLY BLOCKING ROADS.

3RD 6-DID NOT BOMB.

BOX II-1ST 6-GOOD - BOMBS FELL IN TIGHT PATTERN 600 FT. NORTHWEST OF DMPI. HITS WERE SCORED ON BUILDINGS ALONG EDGE OF ROAD.

2ND 6-UNKNOWN - NO PHOTO COVERAGE DUE TO VIOLENT EVASIVE ACTION.

3RD 6-DID NOT BOMB

L. BOX I-1ST 6-EXCEL.
2ND 6-EXCEL.
3RD 6- DID NOT BOMB. CLOUD COVER ON BOMBING APPROACH PREVENTED LONG ENOUGH RUN FOR COMPLETE SYNCHRONIZATION. CHOSE TO HOLD BOMBS RATHER THAN DROP WILD.

BOX II-1ST 6- GOOD.
2ND 6- UNKNOWN. NO STRIKE PHOTOS. VISUAL OBSERVATION RATE BOMBS AS GOOD.
3RD 6- DID NOT BOMB. CLOUD COVER ON BOMBING APPROACH PREVENTED LONG ENOUGH RUN FOR COMPLETE SYNCHRONIZATION. CHOSE TO HOLD BOMBS RATHER THAN DROP WILD.

NOTE: ONE RUN FOR ALL FLIGHTS. TWO FLIGHTS WHICH DID NOT BOMB DID NOT MAKE A SECOND RUN BECAUSE OF THEFLAK SITUATION OVER THE TARGET.

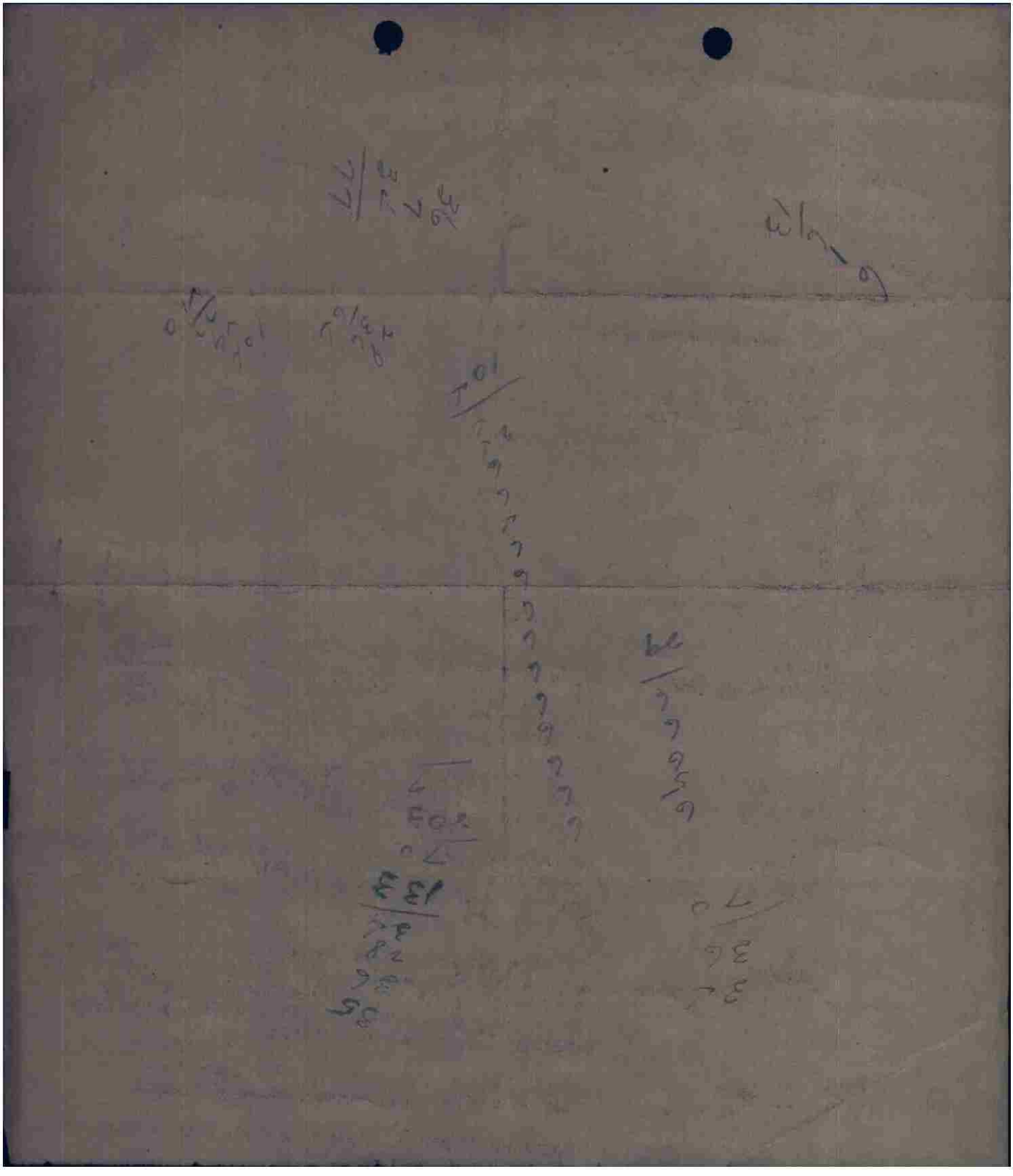
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JEA R.....OP" 13/2312A WCB KKK
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