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GP-416-SU-OP-S
14 JAN 1945

A-26 MISSION REPORTS

FOLDER NO.3

MISSION NO.	F.O. NO.	DATE	
185	127 - 707	14 JAN.	45
186	128 - 708	15 "	45
187	129 - 709	16 "	45
188	134 - 714	21 "	45
189	131 - 715	22 "	45
190	136 - 716	22 "	45
191	138 - 718	23 "	45
192	138 - 718	23 "	45
193	139 - 719	24 "	45
194	140 - 720	25 "	45
195	144 - 724	29 "	45
196	147 - 728	1 FEB.	45
197	149 - 730	2 "	45
198	153 - 731	3 "	45
199	158 - 136	6 "	45
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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IN B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 127-707BOX 1 GROUP 416 DATE 14 Jan. '45 TARGET ATTACKED Schleiden Vllg.

1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach:

11403. Was mercury erection system used? YES ☐ NO ☒4. Did entire (box) (~~KIOSIX~~) drop on lead bombardier? YES ☒ NO ☐

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

Pre-set with corrections. Auto-pilot not used.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. R. Conte
6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. D. A. Hulse
7. Intervalometer setting: Minimum
8. Indicated Air Speed: 310 Ground Speed: 204 Altitude: 13300
9. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 500 x 800 lb. FUSED 1/20 N 1/40 T
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 50

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

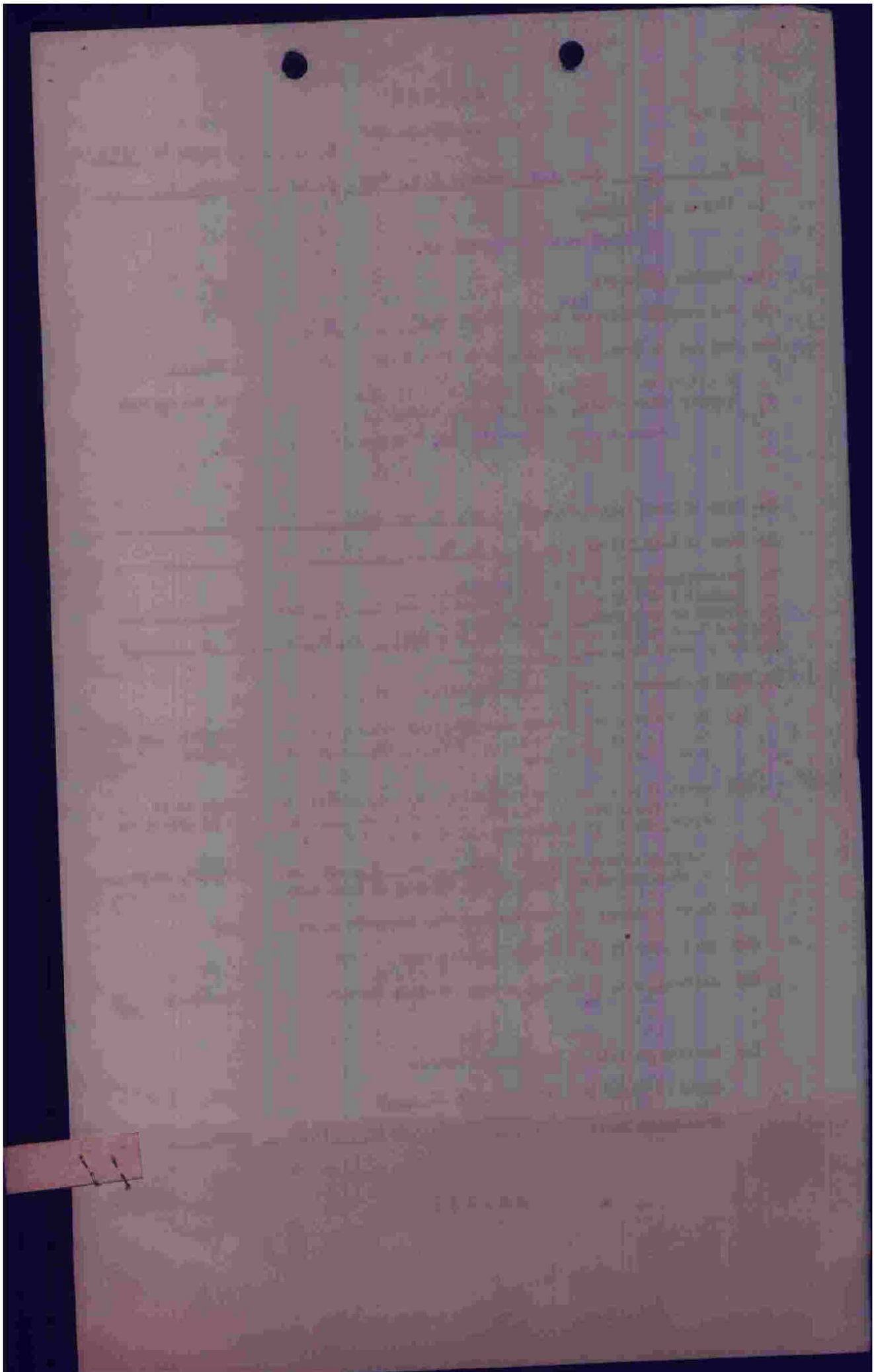
- (a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES ☐ NO ☒. If "YES" state conditions and effect.
- (b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES ☐ NO ☒. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:
- (c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES ☐ NO ☒. 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 ☒ NO ☐Results claimed: EXCEL ☒ GOOD ☐ FAIR ☐ POOR ☐ GROSS ☐

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#185

14 Jan. '45



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 17 Jan 48
 INITIAL:

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

P-8-1

AFPO 140, U.S. Army,
 17 January 1948.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 14 January 1948, T.O. 1018, Schleiden Road Junction, F.O. 187-707.

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|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| II. 41-39234
(Lt O.L. Milhorn) | Airspeed indicator read
75 MPH before take-off. | The moisture in the pressure line
froze after the pitot cover was
removed because indicator was
O.K. on preflight. The lines
were thawed out by a D-1 heater
and moisture removed. Moisture
caused by condensation in lines
due to temperature change. |
| III. 41-39239
(Lt W.A. Merchant) | Became lost from formation. | No malfunction. |
| 41-39237
(Lt G.C. VanMeter) | Crashed following take-off. | This crash is still under
investigation. Suspect engine
failure. |
| IV. 41-39238
(Lt L.J. Prucha) | Stations 1,2,5A and 6A
failed to release. | Trip screw on station No 1 not
completely reset blocking current
to release solenoid of all
stations in rear bomb bay. |
| V. 41-39219
(Lt L.E. Cannon) | Crash landed at station
B-6V. | The cause is unknown as it is
still being investigated. Reported
as a belly landing. |
| 41-39284
(P/O H.J. Wilson) | Crash landed at station
A-54. | Reported as right main landing
gear collapsed on landing. Cause
unknown at time of this report as
aircraft is still being investi-
gated. |

VI. 1 - 3:20 - 550
 2 - 3:20 - 460
 3 - Crashed
 4 - 3:20 - 600
 5 - Not airborne
 6 - 3:20 - 550

1 - 3:25 - 490
 2 - 3:25 - 425
 3 - Landed away from base
 4 - 3:25 - 575
 5 - Returned early
 6 - 3:30 - 480

VI. Cont'd.

7 - 3:20 - 500
8 - 3:55 - 500
9 - landed away from base
10 - landed away from base
11 - 3:20 - 600
12 - 3:20 - 530
13 - 3:20 - 500
14 - landed away from base
15 - 3:20 - 500
16 - 3:25 - 650
17 - 3:25 - 450
18 - 3:25 - 500

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

MISSION NO. 185

LOADING LIST

BOX 1

FLIGHT 1

15 JANUARY 1945

44-
1. 085 T 550
CAPT D A HULSE H*
LT R CONTE
S/S R W CARSTENS
S/S R P BHARP

43-21 W 460
2. 467
CAPT P G ATKINSON
LT D G ACKERSON
SGT L R FRIDAY
SGT J L COLLIER

41-39 Q
3. 333
LT G C VAN METER
SGT G M KIRK

*Crashed & blew up
on take-off*

FLIGHT 11

44-
1. 185 G
CAPT R J TUTT
LT J T BECK 600 H*
SGT W WOOD
CPL D. SCHWARTZAPFEL

41-39 V 550
3. 265
LT A J P WINN
S/S F F STEPHENSON

41-39 D 600
5. 237
LT J B COCKE
CPL R D REDDING

41-39 P
2. 234
LT G L MILHORN
SGT D CHEST

41-39 N 560
4. 239
LT F W HENDERSON
S/S J CALENDER

41-39 C
6. 284
F/O H J WILSON
CPL V S STYFENSKI

FLIGHT 111

41-39 B
1. 319
LT L E CANNON
S/S J W ROBINSON
43-22 L 600
2. 290
LT W L HALE
S/S J F GEYER

41-39 I 180
3. 264
LT G J PARKHURST
CPL F NEWMAN
41-39 R 600
4. 271
LT M W DU BOSE
S/S D L GRIFFIN

43-22 K
5. 367
LT J W ELEVINS
CPL F GENTRY
41-39 M
6. 238
LT L J PRUGH
SGT L C FERGUSON

FLIGHT 1V

41-39 S 660
1. 222
LT R B HALL
S/S D S BLACKFORD
41-39 E 450
2. 224
LT E L JOHNSON
CPL R J HAYES

43-22 L 600
3. 315
CAPT R O GRUETZEMACHER
SGT L W HUDNUTT
41-39 B 480
4. 223
LT N G BROWN
S/S L L LEHIGH

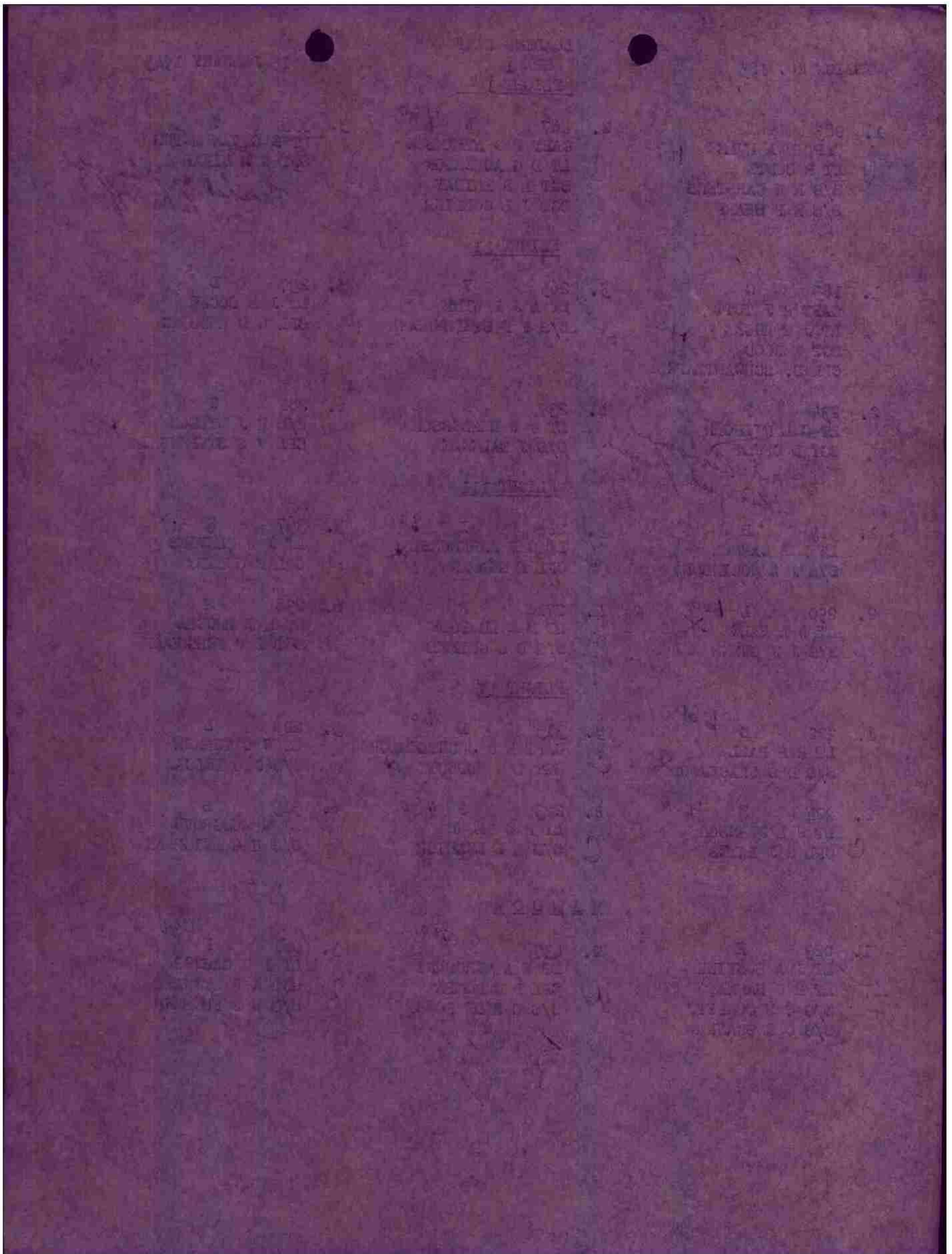
41-39 L
5. 208
LT E O TURNER
S/S J O BELCAS
41-39 B
6. 313
LT W MUSGROVE
S/S H C SEIGHMAN

WINDOW

43-27 X
1. 023
LT J A BUSKIRK
LT R C HANNA
S/S C H CORBITT
S/S O E SWANK

43-27 W 300
2. 489
LT W A MERCHANT
CPL F A FOLPA
S/S D H DE BOWER

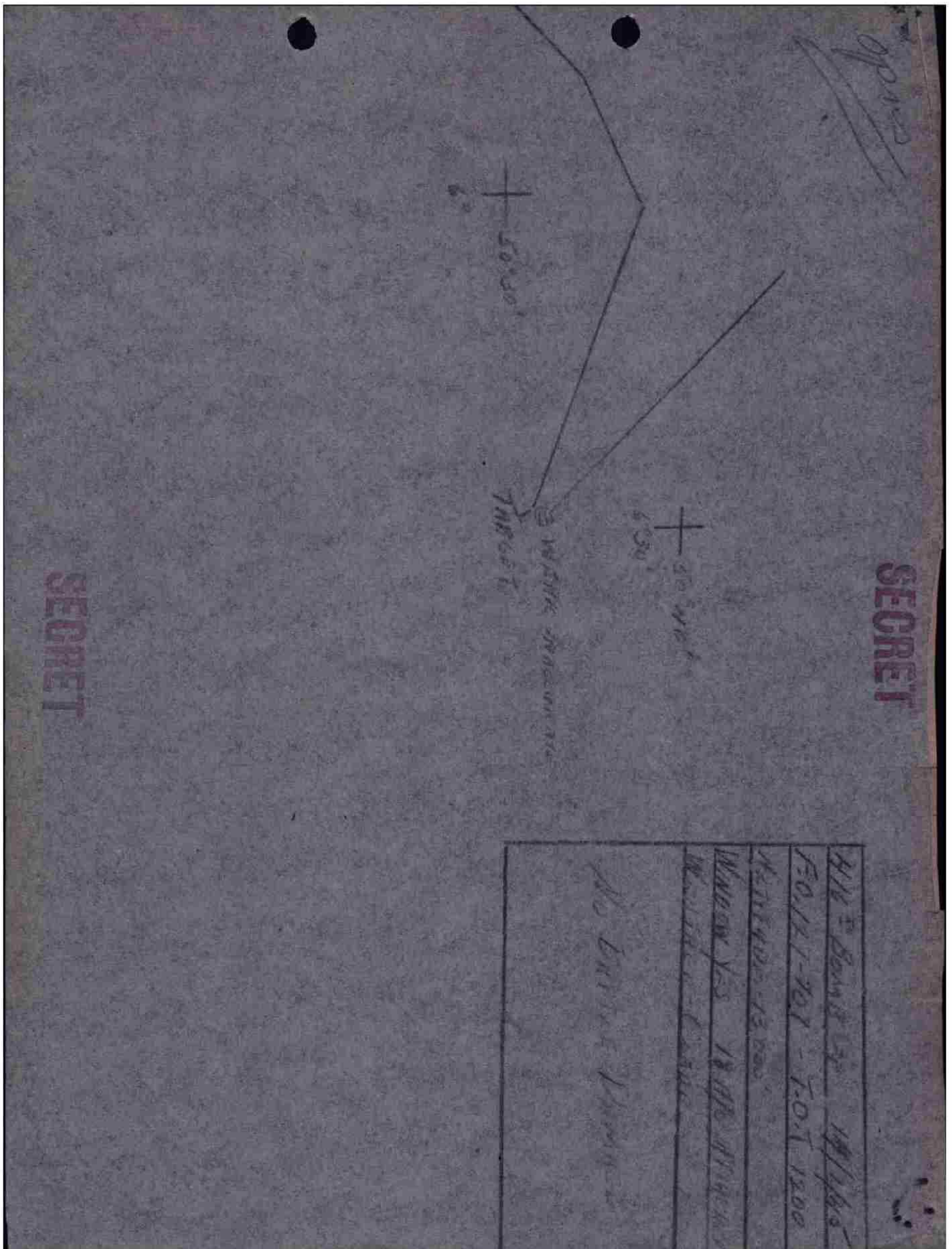
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3. 081
LT J H CARVER
SGT A B STEWART
S/S W F FUEHNER

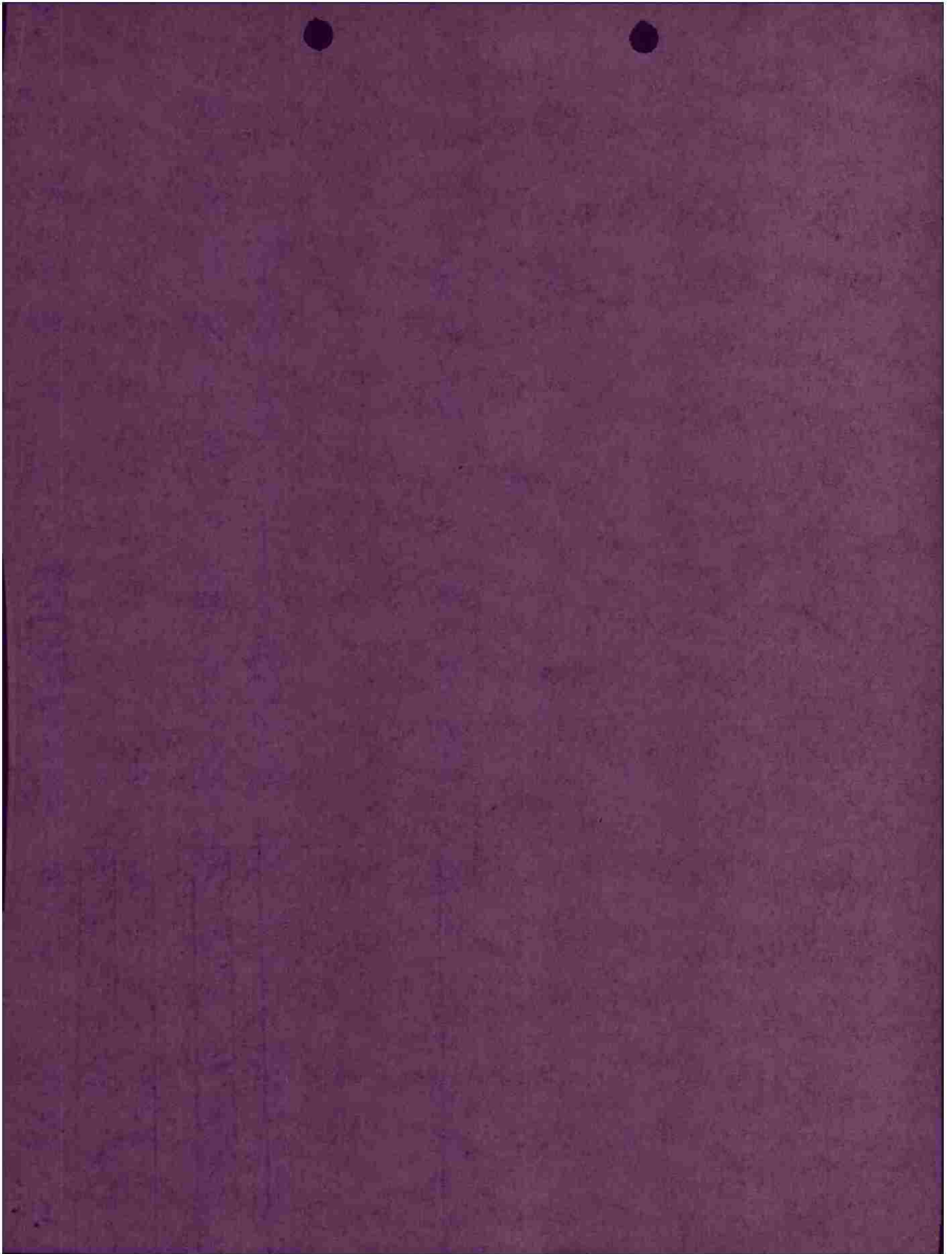


UNSATISFACTORY BOMBING REPORTGROUP 418th Bomb Group (L)MISSION OF 14 January 1945TO Schleiden Road Junction

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>Reasons for Gross Bombing or Failure to Attack Primary</u>
BOX I	<u>Capt. D.A. Hulac (P)</u>	<u>EXCEL</u>	
	<u>Lt. R. Conte (E/N)</u>		

WILLIAM H. LYTLE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Group Bombardier.



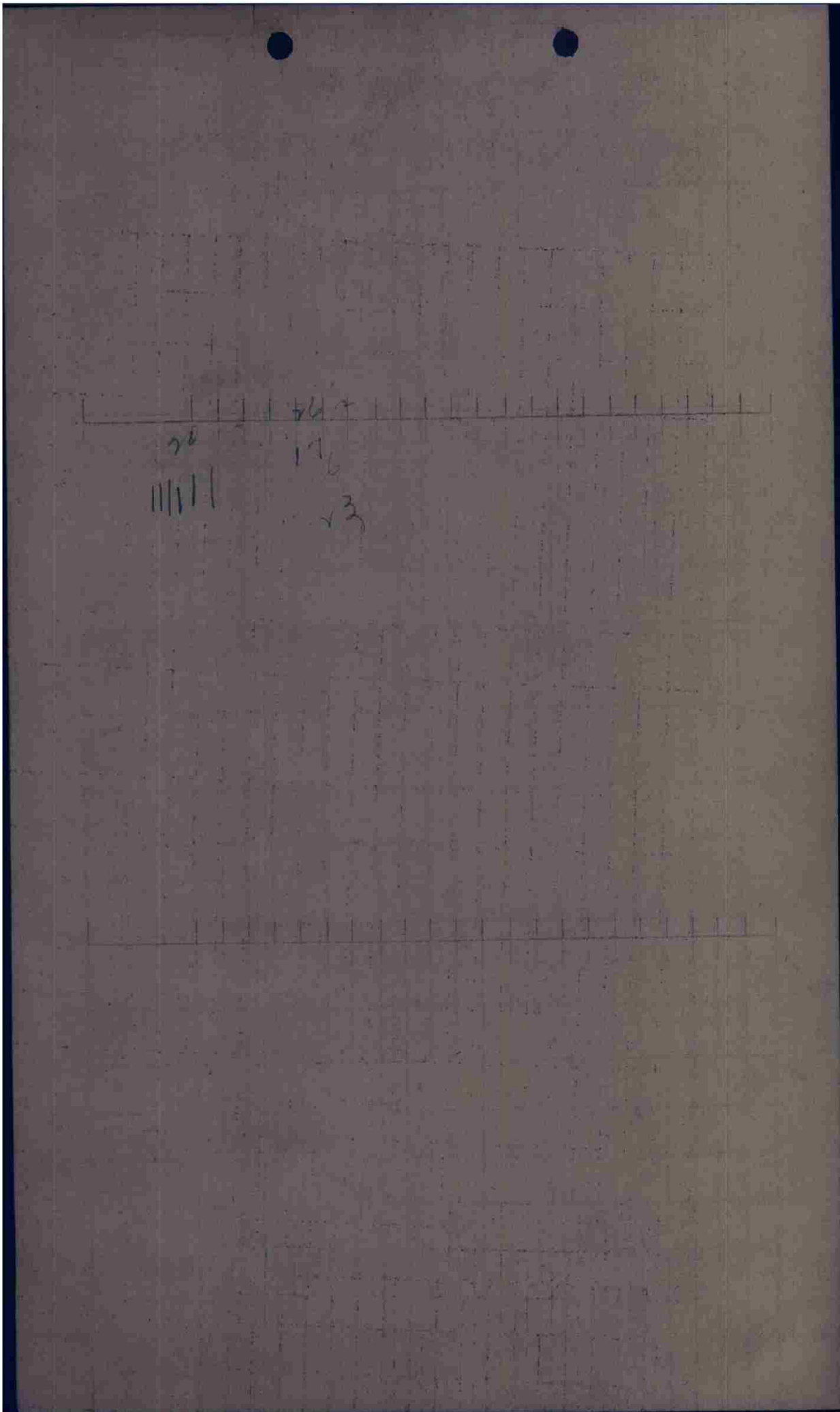


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B	T	085	Stuker	408		1016							1633		3:20	
C	W	469	Atkinson			1016							1629		3:20	
B	Q	333	Van Meter			1016	Beach and Lake Off									
D	G	155	T U T T			1016							1633		3:20	
D	P	234	Goepke Milken				Beached on beach - Port Easton									
D	V	265	Winn			1017							1636		3:20	
D	N	239	Henderson			1017							1641		3:20	
D	P	234	Goepke			1025	Beach with 409								1318	7:55
D	C	284	Wilson			1018	Beach at A-54									
A	B	319	Cannon			1019	Beach at B-57 - whole up									
A	L	290	Hyde			1019										
A	I	264	Bankhurst			1019										
B	K	271	Ben Boze			1019										
B	K	369	Blaum			1020	Beach on beach									
B	M	238	Puncher			1020										
C	S	222	Hall			1021										
C	E	224	Johnson			1023										
C	H	315	Wright			1023										
C	H	223	Boyd			1023										
D	L	208	Shaner			1024										
D	L	313	Shaner			1024	Beach at A-69									

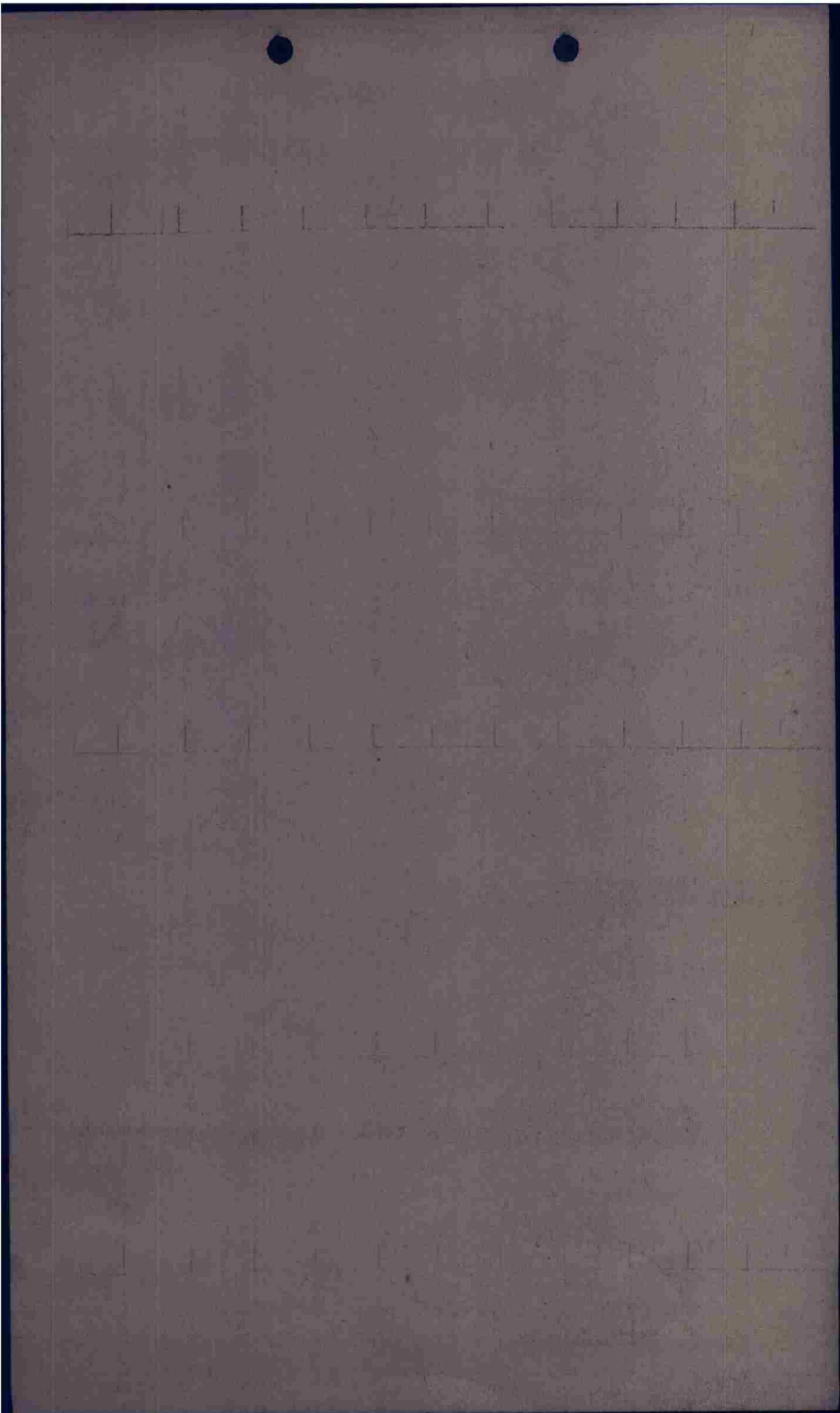
Box 1

18 January 1945

614- 1620
 269- 20
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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 14/2225A J-146-E
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
409TH BOMB GROUP
410TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.
OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: LT. COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
14 JANUARY 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 127-707

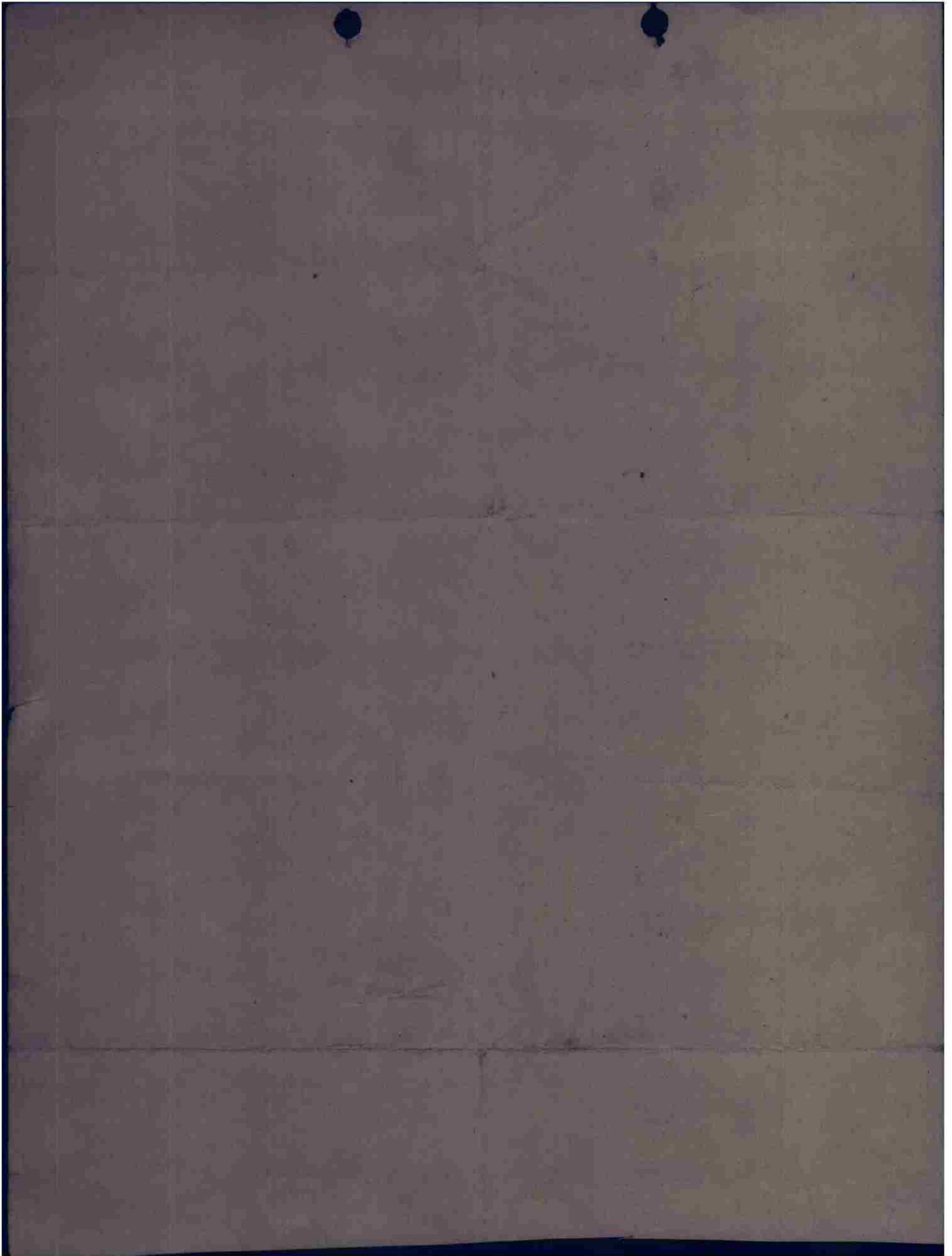
MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMB LINE.
(2) 2ND TAF WILL FURNISH SPITFIRE AREA COVER FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN BELGIUM AND GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" 14/1220A
ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" 14/1220A

PLAN "A"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:
 - (1) BITBURG. ROAD JUNCTIONS (L-132534)
 - (2) 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 - (3) BASE TO 4951N 0526E TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 - (4) TARGET TO R.P. TO 4941N 0654E TO 4937N 0608E.
 - (5) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET.
 - (6) 4948N 0608E.
 - (7) GEN. S W TO N E.
 - (8) MPI ILL. US 31/3830 PRINT NO. 1263.
1 FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REF.:
02950396
03150421
04220431
05180445
05710590
08150474
INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM
 - (9) 8 X 500 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
 - (10) 4956 N 0651E.
 - (11) TOT: ZERO HOUR.
 - (12) IF CLOUD COVER PREVENTS VISUAL BOMBING GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET BY USE OF "CEE" IF "CEE" EQUIPMENT FAILS DROP BOMBS ON TARGET E.T.A.
 - (13) DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.



3. B. 414TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) RODT. ROAD JUNCTIONS (P-813889)
- (2) 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (4) BASE 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 5,000 FEET.
- (7) 5033N 0552E.
- (8) GEN. N W TO S E.
- (9) MPI MAP SERIES GSGS 4416 SHEET 5702.
3 FLIGHTS ON GRID. COORD. 81182888.
" " " " 81458893.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) 5035N 0552E.
- (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR.
- (13) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION.
- (14) IF CLOUD COVER PREVENTS VISUAL BOMBING GROUP WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.
- (15) DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.

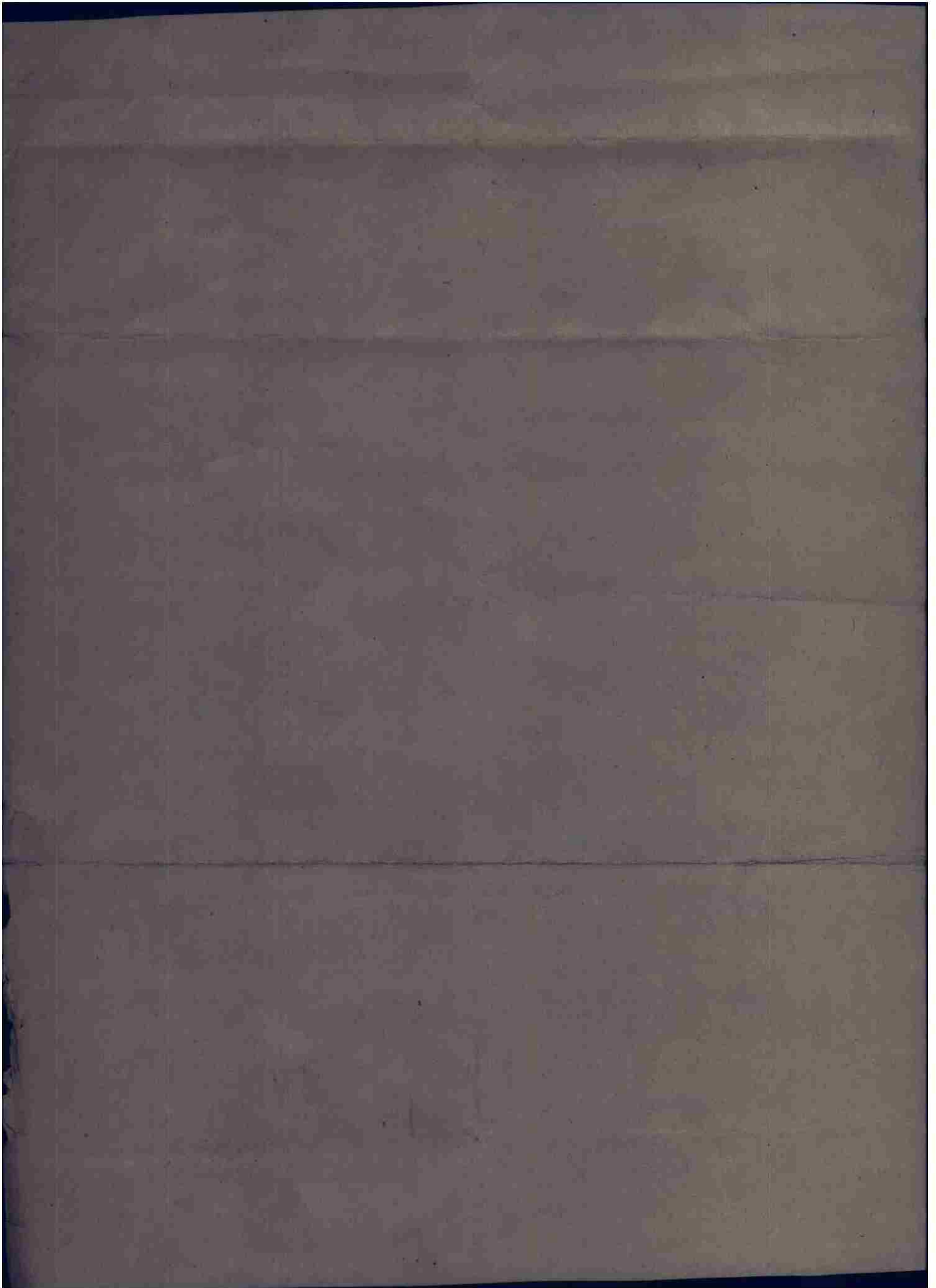
3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) SCHLEIDEN ROAD JUNCTIONS (F-106153)
- (2) 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (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 5,000 FEET.
- (7) 5032N 0602E.
- (8) GEN. N W TO S E.
- (9) MPI ILL. US33/535 PRINT 2032.
3 FLIGHTS ON REF. 00780498.
" " " " 01210478.
INTERVALMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
- (10) 8 X 500 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) 5046 N 0603E.
- (12) TOT: ZERO PLUS 20 MIN.
- (13) IF CLOUD COVER PREVENTS VISUAL BOMBING. GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET BY USE OF "CEE" EQUIPMENT. IF "CEE" EQUIPMENT FAILS, GROUP WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.

PLAN "B" - PATHFINDER

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) BITBURG. ROAD JUNCTIONS (L-132534)
- (2) 1 BOX OF 15 A/C AND 1 BOX OF 18 A/C WITH 1 P.P.F. A/C.
- (4) BASE TO 4951N 0526E TO 4954N 0553E TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TO 4956N 0651E TO 4941N 0654E TO 4937N 0608E TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,500 FT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL MINIMUM ALTITUDE WILL BE 5,000 FT.
- (9) M.P.I. ILL US 31/3830 PRINT 1063.
1 BOX ON REF. 03150421
1 BOX ON REF. 05180445 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL.
P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID COORD 13205345.
INTERVALMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
- (10) 8 X 500 LB. C.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/40 SEC TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR.
- (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT 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.
- (14) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND RUN FOR VISUAL BOMBING GROUP WILL RETURN TO 4948N 0608E TO BEGIN RUN.
- (15) IF P.P.F. EQUIPMENT FAILS AND VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST, GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET BY USE OF GROUP "CEE" EQUIPMENT. IF GROUP "CEE" EQUIPMENT FAILS DROP BOMBS ON TARGET E.T.A.
- (16) DROP 1,000 FT. AFTER BOMBING.



B. 412TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) RODT - ROAD JUNCTIONS (P-813889)
- (2) 1 BOX OF 15 A/C AND 1 BOX OF 18 A/C WITH 1 P.P.F. A/C.
- (4) BASE TO 5047N 0528E TO 5041N 0556E TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 5035N 0552E TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,500 FT. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 5,000 FT.
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 5" x 2"
1 BOX ON GRID COORD 81488888
1 BOX ON GRID COORD 81488893 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL
P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID COORD 813888.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE, 1/40 SEC TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 25 MIN.
- (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT 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.
- (14) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION.
- (15) IF P.P.F. EQUIPMENT FAILS AND VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT TARGET, GROUP WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.
- (16) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND RUN FOR VISUAL BOMBING GROUP WILL RETURN TO 5035N 0552E TO BEGIN RUN.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) SCHLEIDEN - ROAD JUNCTIONS (F-106153).
- (2) 1 BOX OF 15 A/C AND 1 BOX OF 18 A/C WITH 1 P.P.F. A/C.
- (4) BASE TO 5037N 0549E TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO 5046N 0605E TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,500 FT. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 5,000 FT.
- (9) M.P.I. ILL US 33/535 PRINT 2832
1 BOX ON REF. 00788488
1 BOX ON REF. 01212470 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL.
P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID COORD 10651315.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/40 SEC TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR.
- (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT 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.
- (14) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND RUN FOR VISUAL BOMBING, GROUP WILL RETURN TO 5038N 0602E TO BEGIN RUN.
- (15) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION.
- (16) IF P.P.F. EQUIPMENT FAILS, GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET ON GROUP "GEE" EQUIPMENT. IF GROUP "GEE" EQUIPMENT FAILS GROUP WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.

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

A. NO CHANGE.

B. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A" OR "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

- (2) MORTGAGE
- (4) RIPSAN
- (5) SWEEPSTAKE

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:

- (2) CRACKLING
- (4 & 5) SWEEPSTAKE

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

- (2) FUZZY
- (4 & 5) SWEEPSTAKE

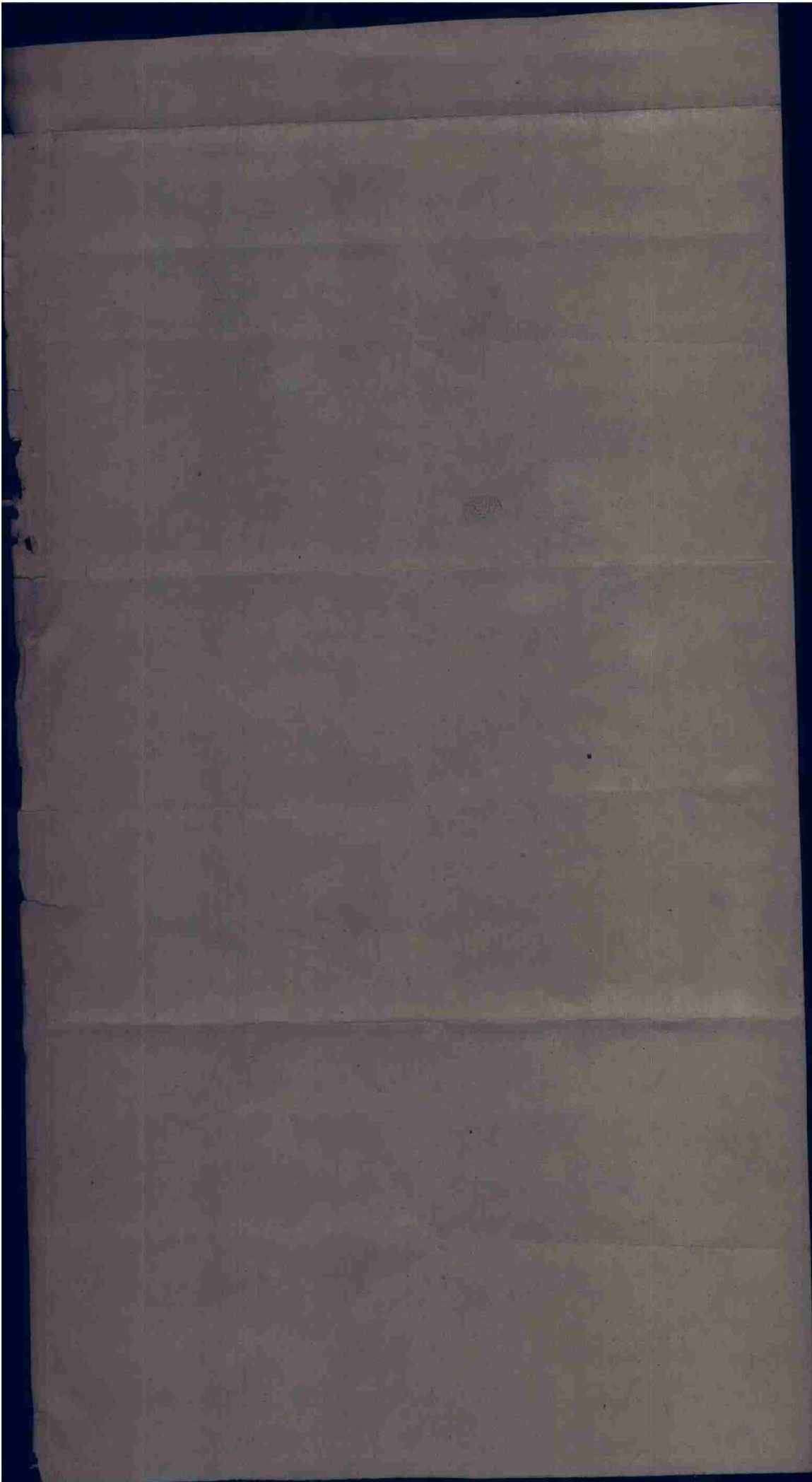
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BT 14/0225A
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 OIJKI R.....14/0409A AMM AR

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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 14/2730A J-148-E

TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
409TH BOMB GROUP
410TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 127-707

CHANGE THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS ON PLAN "A" TO READ:

3. A. (9) MPI MAP SERISE GSGS 4414 SHEET 6005 ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD. 13045278, 13145323, 13205345, 13235367, 13305407, AND 13375311. INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.

3. B. (7) 5035N 0552E.

(9) MPI MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET 5702.
3 FLIGHTS ON GRID. COORD. 81188888.
3 FLIGHTS ON GRID. COORD. 81458893.

CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3. A. (9) AND 3. C. (9) ON PLAN "B" TO READ:

3. A. (9) MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET 6005.
1 BOX ON GRID. COORD. 13145323.
1 BOX ON GRID. COORD. 13235367 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL. PPF MPI GRID. COORD. 13205345. INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.

3. C. (9) MPI ILL. U.S. 33/535 PRING 2032.
REF. 01000477 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL PPF MPI GRID.
COORD. 10651515. INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.

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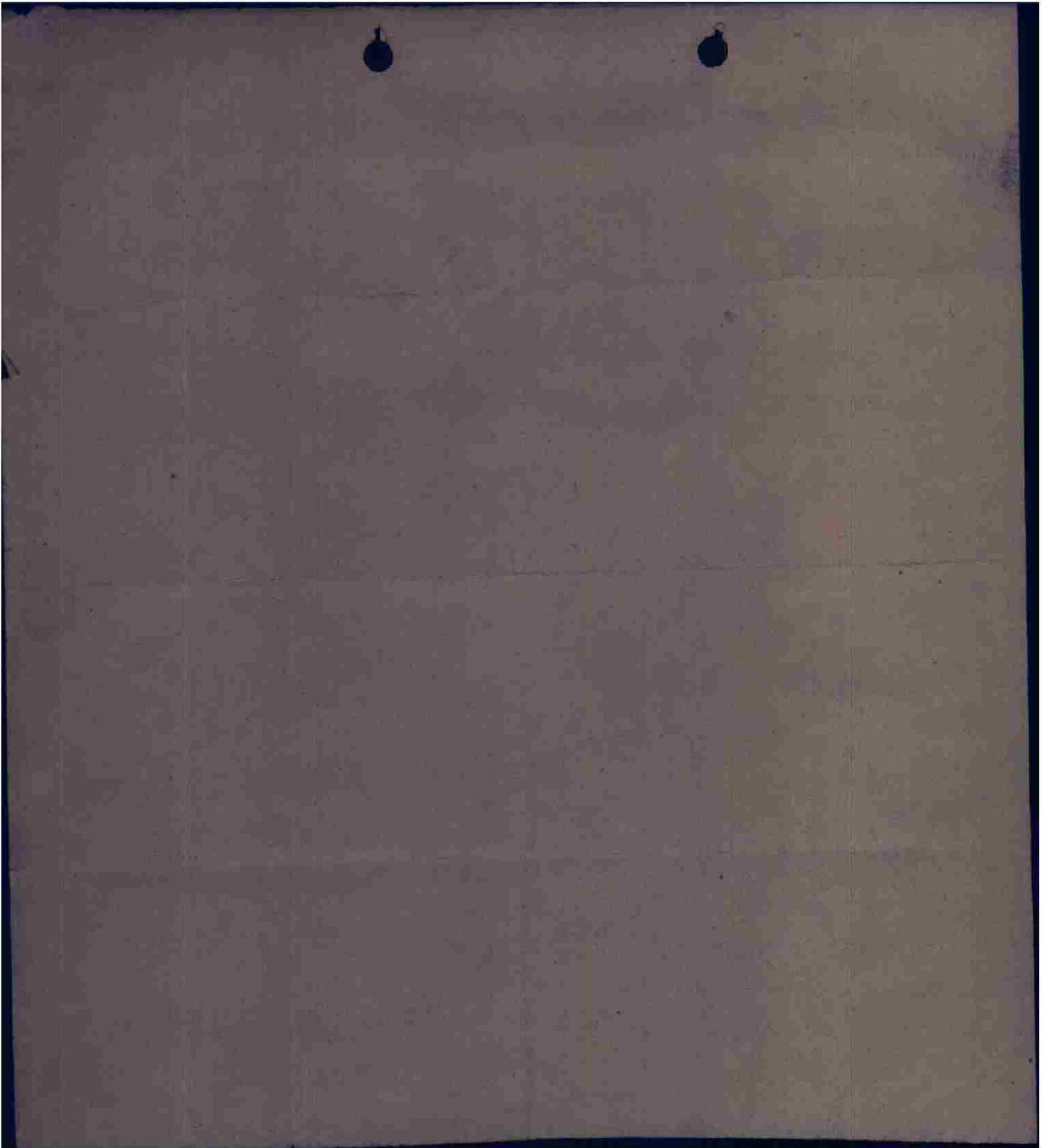
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OIJES R	14/2804A	DJP		AR
OIJKI R	14/2805A	EV		AR
OIJPO R	14/2805A	DE		AR



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T (OIITA PASS TO OIJJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 14/1155A J-149-E
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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
14 JANUARY 1945

ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 127-707.

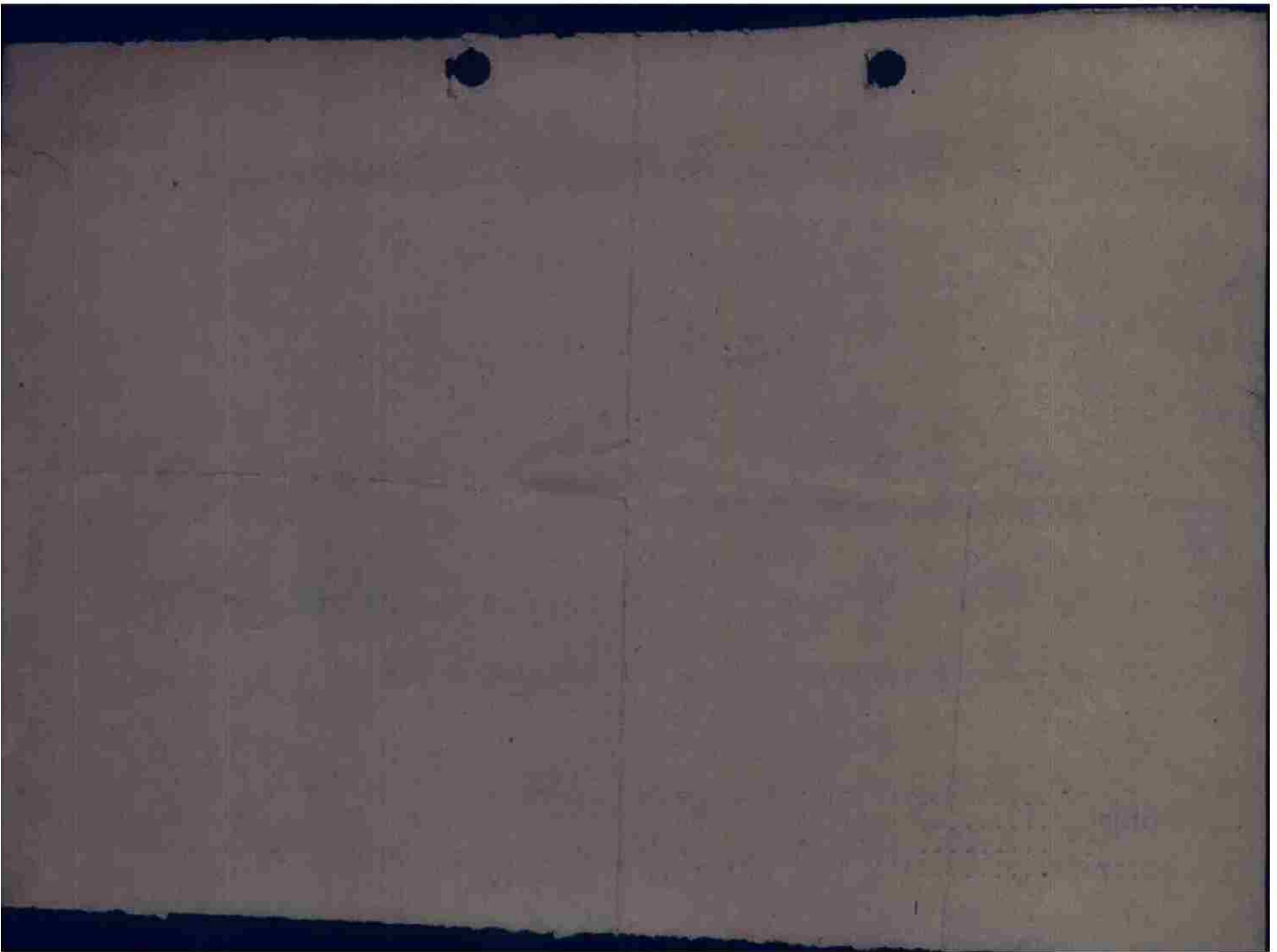
CANCEL PLAN "A" PLAN "B" IS IN EFFECT. REPEAT CANCEL PLAN "A" PLAN
"B" IS IN EFFECT.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 14/1155A
RL AR K

OIJES R.....14/1210A	EB	AR
OIJRO R.....14/1210A	MW	AR
OIJKI R.....14/1210A	WJF	A
OIIIA R.....141210A	REY	AR

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 14/2232A J-141-E
TO COMOMCR 416SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH LT COL MC AFEE
OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

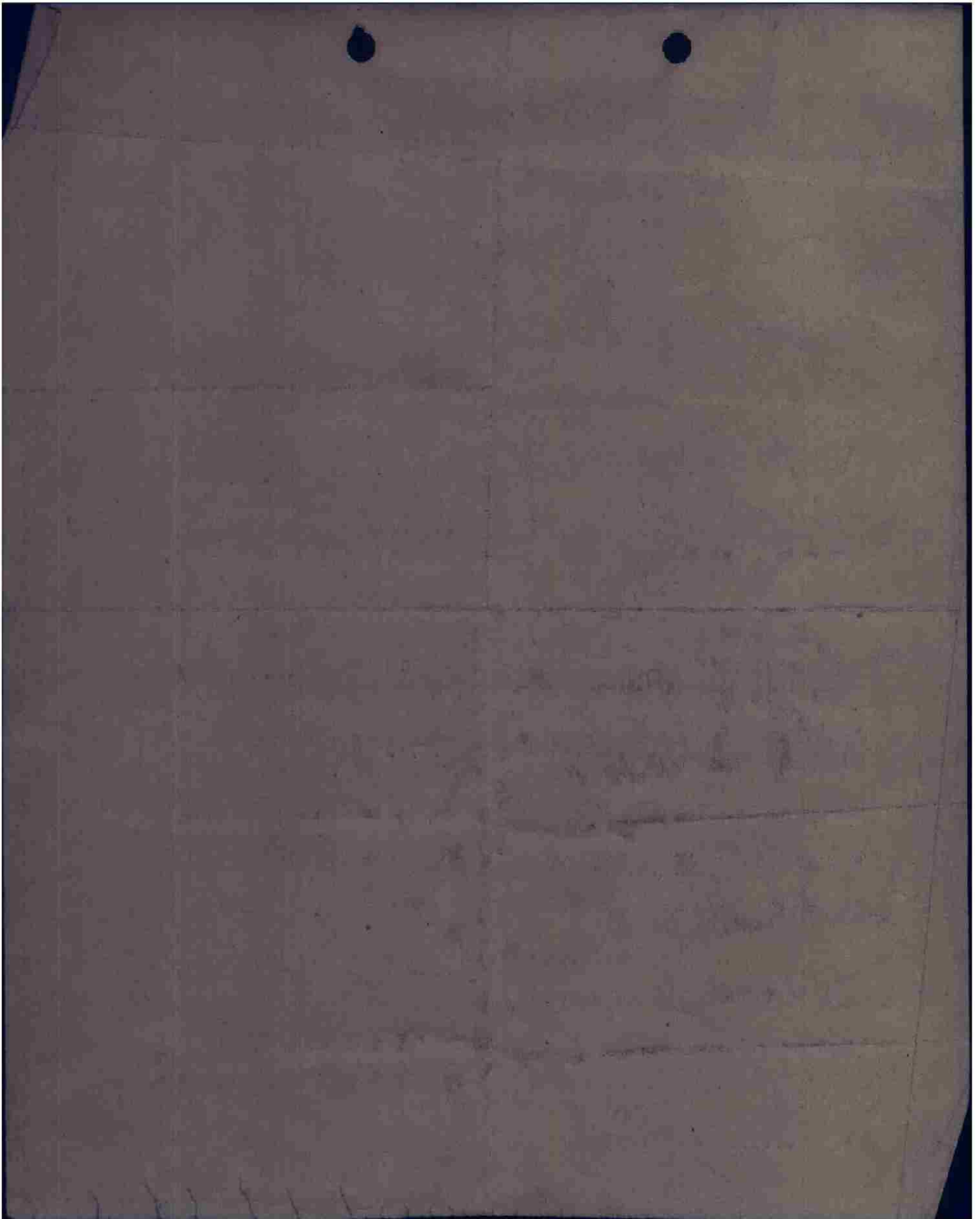
INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NR. 3, FIELD ORDER 127-727

- (1) TARGET: SCHLEIDEN VILLAGE AT F126153. THE VISUAL M.P.I.'S, GIVEN IN THE F.C. ARE THE PRINCIPAL ROAD JUNCTIONS IN THE TOWN.
- (2) TACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE: THIS TARGET LIES BEHIND THE LINES AS THEY STOOD PRIOR TO THE DECEMBER BREAK THROUGH AND TO THE NORTH OF THE PRESENT BULGE. YOUR GROUP BOMBED IT ON P.P.F. ON DEC. 12. AT THAT TIME IT WAS ATTACKED BECAUSE IT WAS A DEFENDED VILLAGE OCCUPIED BY THE ENEMY. THE GROUND FORCES HAVE REQUESTED THE PRESENT ATTACK BECAUSE OF ITS LOCATION AS A ROAD CENTER. ROADS LEAD WEST TO THE NEARBY FIRST ARMY FRONT, NORTHWEST TO THE NINTH ARMY FRONT AND SOUTHWEST TO ST. VITH AND THE BULGE. IT IS ON THE LINE OF LATERAL COMMUNICATION DIRECTLY BEHIND THE FRONT.
- (3) PHOTO COVERAGE:
US 33/535 PRINT 2232 (THE M.P.I.'S ARE GIVEN ON THE COPY MADE BY YOUR GROUP WHICH IS OF REDUCED SIZE.)
3/AIR/171/2
5006E/5424
NOTE: 2ND PHASE REPORT T/141 COVERS THIS AREA BUT THE M.P.I.'S ARE NOT SHOWN.
MAPS: G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 9404.
- (4) TARGET IS ABOUT 3 MILES BEYOND THE CURRENT BOMBLINE.
- (5) SEE CURRENT FLAK MAP.
A NEW FLAK BULLETIN WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR GROUP SHOULD ARRIVE BEFORE MORNING.

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BT 14/2232A
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JKI R.....14/2125A UFG AR



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FROM 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) 14/2225A
 TO CG 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, ATT. A-2
 CG 97TH COMBAT WING, ATT. A-2

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416BG J-179-D

OPFLASH FOR 14 JANUARY 1945

- A. 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
 B. SCHLEIDEN VILLAGE (F-106153)
 C. 6 A-20'S AND 17 A-26'S (INCLUDING 3 A/C CARRYING WINDOW ONLY)
 D. 3 A-20'S ON PRIMARY (416TH LEADER ASSUMED LEAD WHEN WEATHER
 THAT VISUAL BOMBING WAS POSSIBLE.)
 12 A-26'S ON PRIMARY
 1 A-26 BOMBED WITH 409TH BOMB. GP. (HE ASSEMBLED WITH THEIR
 FORMATION AFTER AN ASCENT THROUGH OVERCAST.)
 E. 1 A-26 CRASHED AND EXPLODED SOON AFTER TAKEOFF.
 3 A-26'S LANDED AWAY FROM BASE. INFORMATION ON BOMB DISPOSITION
 LACKING.
 1 A-26 (WINDOW ONLY) ABORTED BECAUSE LEFT ENGINE LOST POWER.
 LANDED AT A58.
 2 A-26'S CARRIED WINDOW ONLY.
 F. 12 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY (BY A-20'S)
 66 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY (BY A-26'S)
 5 X 500 GP DROPPED WITH 409TH (BY A-26)
 4 X 500 GP RETURNED (BY A-26 - MECHANICAL)
 (NOTE--INFORMATION LACKING ON 3 A-26 A/C WHICH LANDED AWAY
 FROM BASE.)
 G. EXCELLENT
 H. 1 A-26 CRASH LANDED AT A-544 (LANDING GEAR COLLAPSED)
 1 A-26 CRASH LANDED AT A69 (LANDING GEAR COLLAPSED)
 1 A-26 LANDED AT B87. (INFORMATION LACKING ON EXTENT OF DAMAGE)
 1 A-26 CRASHED AND EXPLODED SOON AFTER TAKEOFF (CATAGORY "E")
 I. TWO (2) CREW MEMBERS KILLED WHEN 1 A-26 CRASHED AND EXPLODED
 SOON AFTER TAKEOFF.
 J. WEAK VERY INACCURATE HEAVY FLAM IN TURN OFF TARGET.
 K. NIL
 L. 13,000 FEET
 M. 1200 HOURS

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 14/2225A

AMM BBBD EJ

JEA R.....14/2218A

CW K

ITA R.....14/2225A

EG KK

SAY IN D 1ST LINE IN THE PARENS IS THAT COMPLETE LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING
 LEFT OUT.

WILL REPEAT D.

WELL IS IT OK AS SENT? NO NEED OF RPTING IS IF OK.

OAT THE END OF THE LINE WA WEATHER INDICATED THAT VISUAL

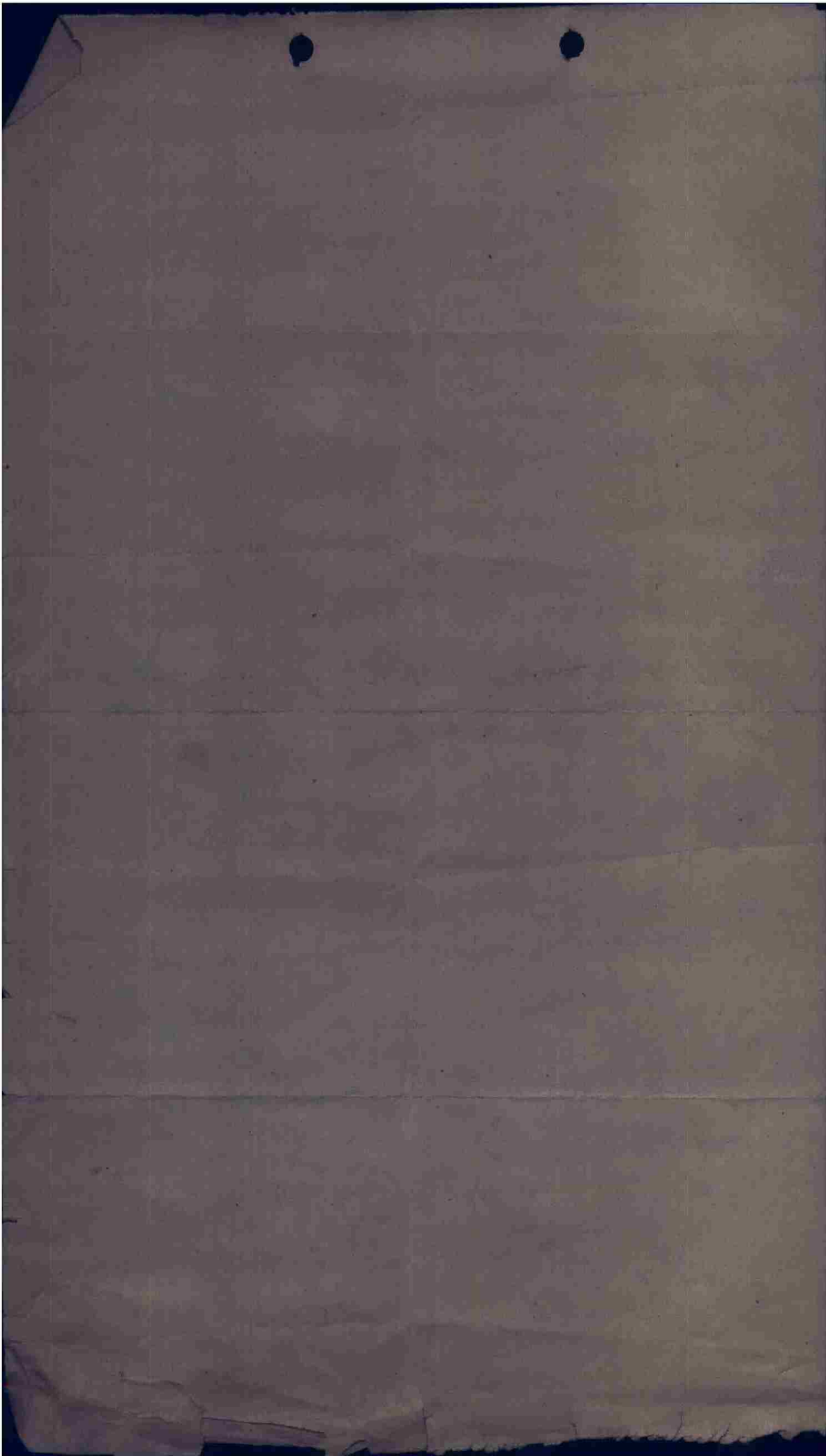
AND ETC MM

WHEN WEATHER INDICATED ON. TNX

A WORD WAS LEFT OUT BETWEEN WEATHER "INDICATED" THAT AND ETC

CLR YES BUT THAT IN PSE

WILL DO FOR THANKS



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 17/14 P P
(ITA PASS TO PSP)

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 14/2115A
TO 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)
97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING (L) INFO COPY
CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON PROV.

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416BG J-183-E

PPF LEAD WAS VERY GOOD. NAVIGATION VERY GOOD TO IP WHERE GROUP
LEADER TOOK OVER LEAD BECAUSE VISUAL BOMBING CONDITIONS EXISTED
AT TARGET. PPF JOINED AND BOMBED WITH FORMATION.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 14/2115A

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ITA R.....142246A

JEA R.....14/2246A

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 FROM HQS. 416TH BOMB GP (L) 142110A
 TO HQS. 9TH BOMB DIV. (M) ATT: A-2 PI
 HQS. 97TH COMBAT WING ATT: A-2 DUTY OFFICER

SECRET BT

416BG J-182-D

FIRST PHASE S/A REPORT

B. SCHLEIDEN

G. 1159

J. BOX 1 -- EXCEL -- BOX LEADER TOOK OVER FROM PPF AND BOMBED
 (VISUAL) VISUALLY WHEN TARGET WAS REACHED. ALL SHIPS
 BOMBED IN ONE PATTERN. 85 PER CENT OF BOMBS OF
 MAIN PATTERN WITHIN 1000 FT RADIUS OF DMPI
 WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 660 FT W. OF DMPI.
 HITS WERE SCORED ON BUILDINGS AND ROADS IN
 CENTER OF TOWN CAUSING DAMAGE TO ROADS AND
 BUILDINGS. ONE FLIGHT WAS SLIGHTLY OUT OF
 FORMATION AND DROPPED ON OTHER BRIEFED DMPI
 1400 FT SW OF MAIN PATTERN. BURSTS FELL ON
 BUILDINGS AND ON HIGHWAY DAMAGING ROAD AND
 BUILDINGS.

K. NO UNSATISFACTORY BOMBING REPORT.

M. 1. -- 5 - 100 PER CENT
 2. -- 0 - 0 PER CENT
 3. -- 0 - 0 PER CENT

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 14/2110A

EJ / AMM BBBB

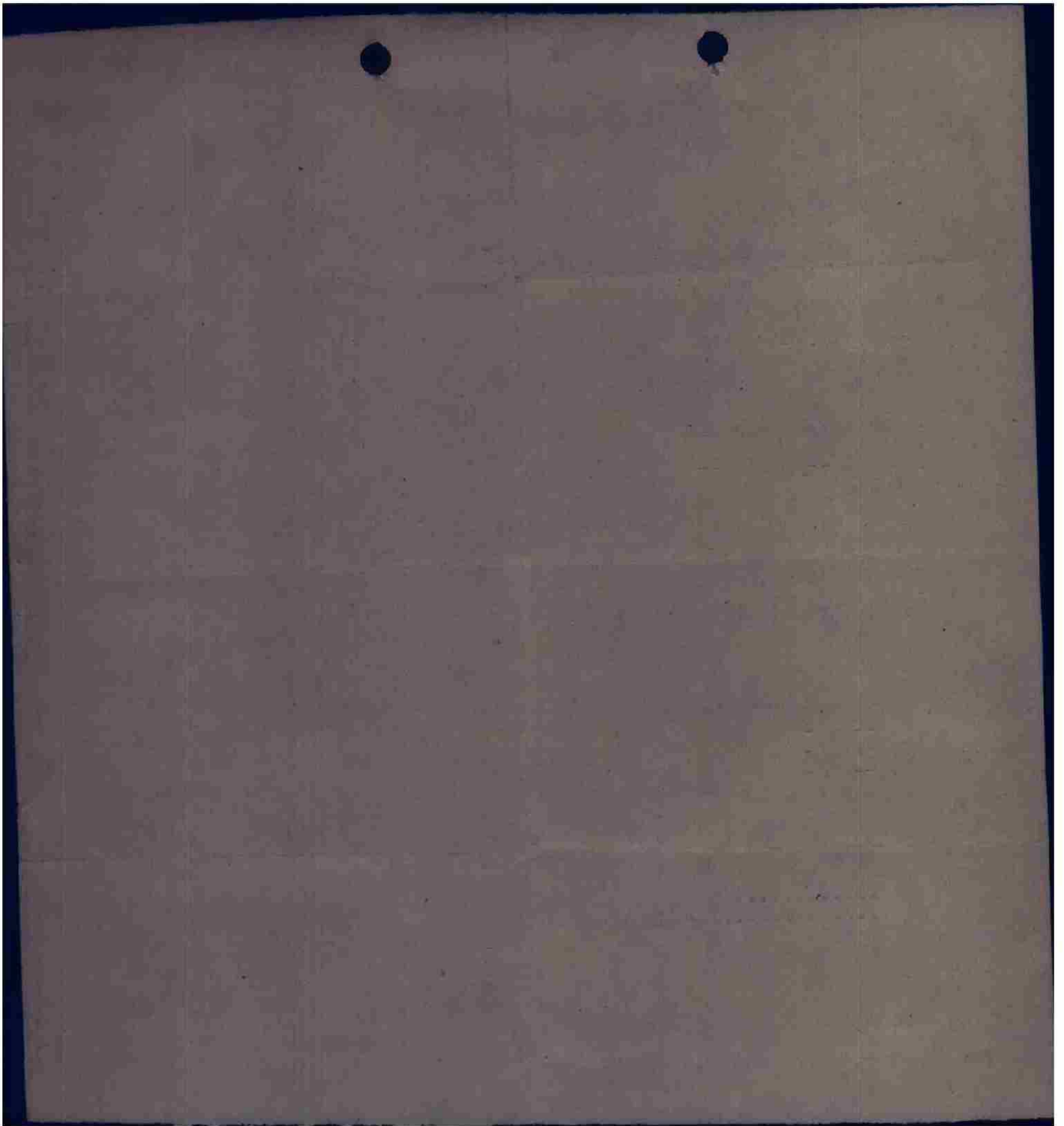
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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP

14/2125A

TO COMBOMDIV NINE

ATTN: COM OFFICER

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(INFO)

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J-188-J

A. YS - 17

B. 14 JANUARY 1945 (1040-1310)

C. T-TARE REPORTED RESULTS OF MISSION TO PARADE.

D. T-TARE SUCCESSFULLY CONTACTED SWEEPSTAKES.

E. NONE

F. NONE

G. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. NONE

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BT 14/2125A

AMM - / EJ BBB

ITA R.....

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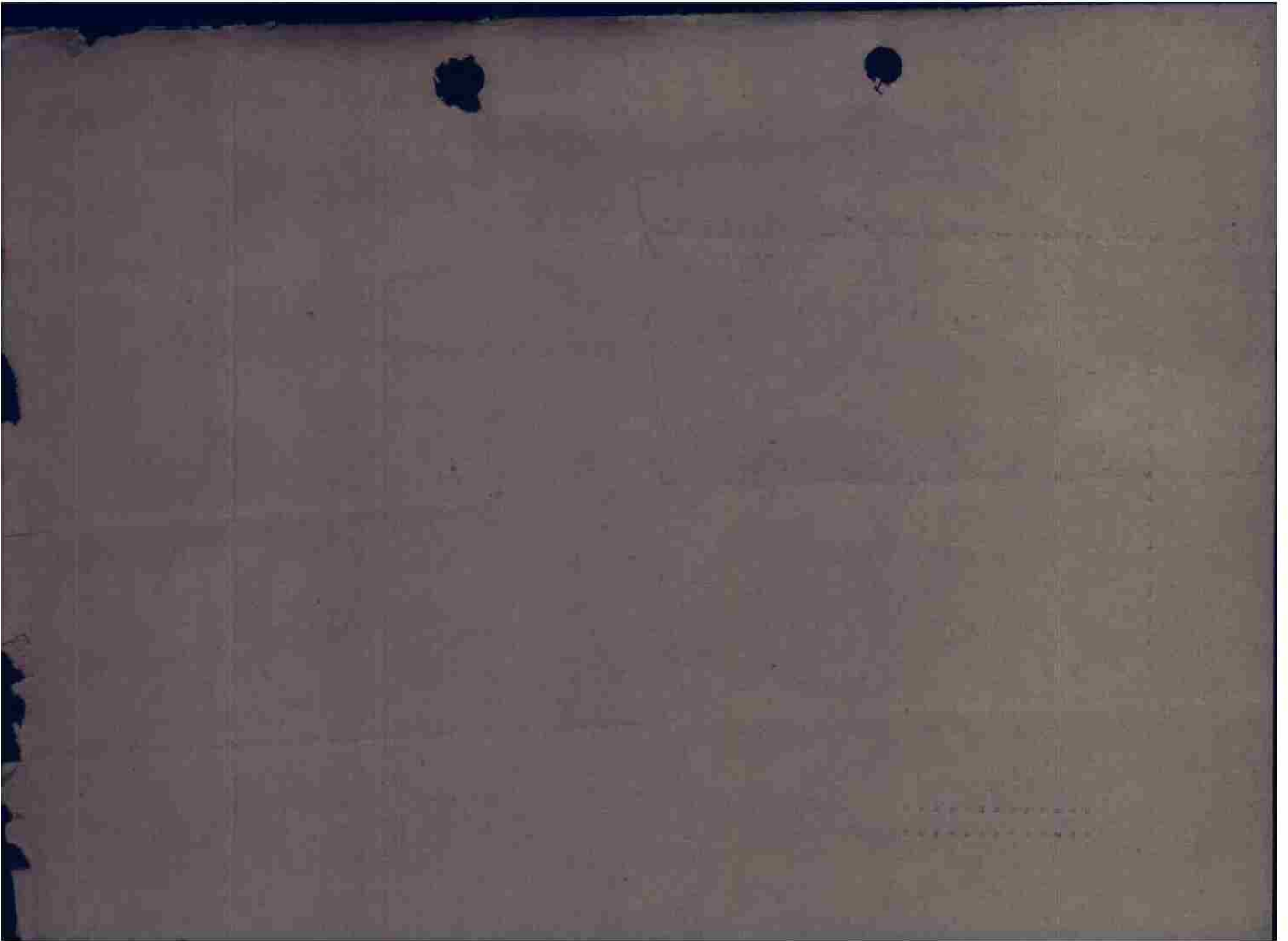
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