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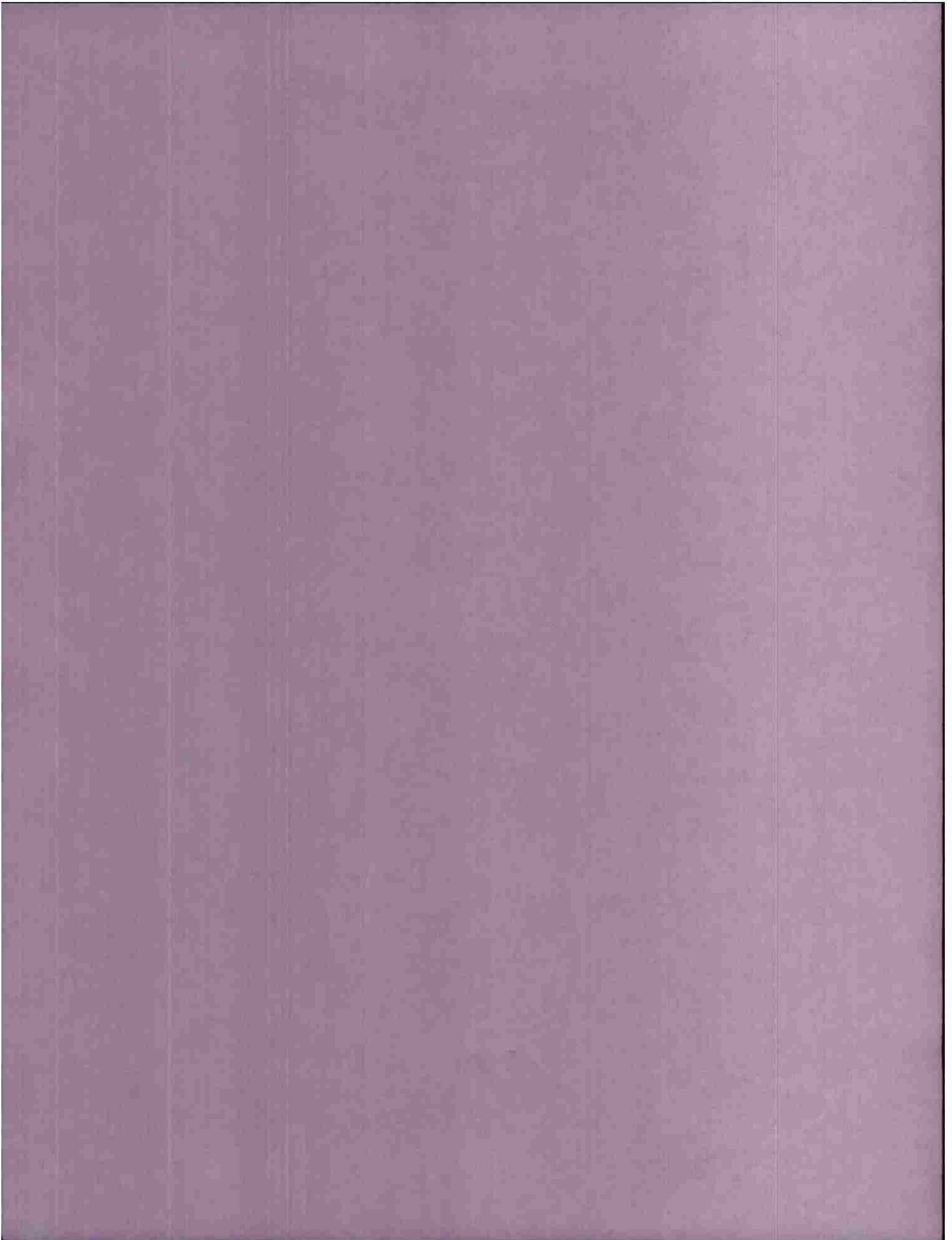
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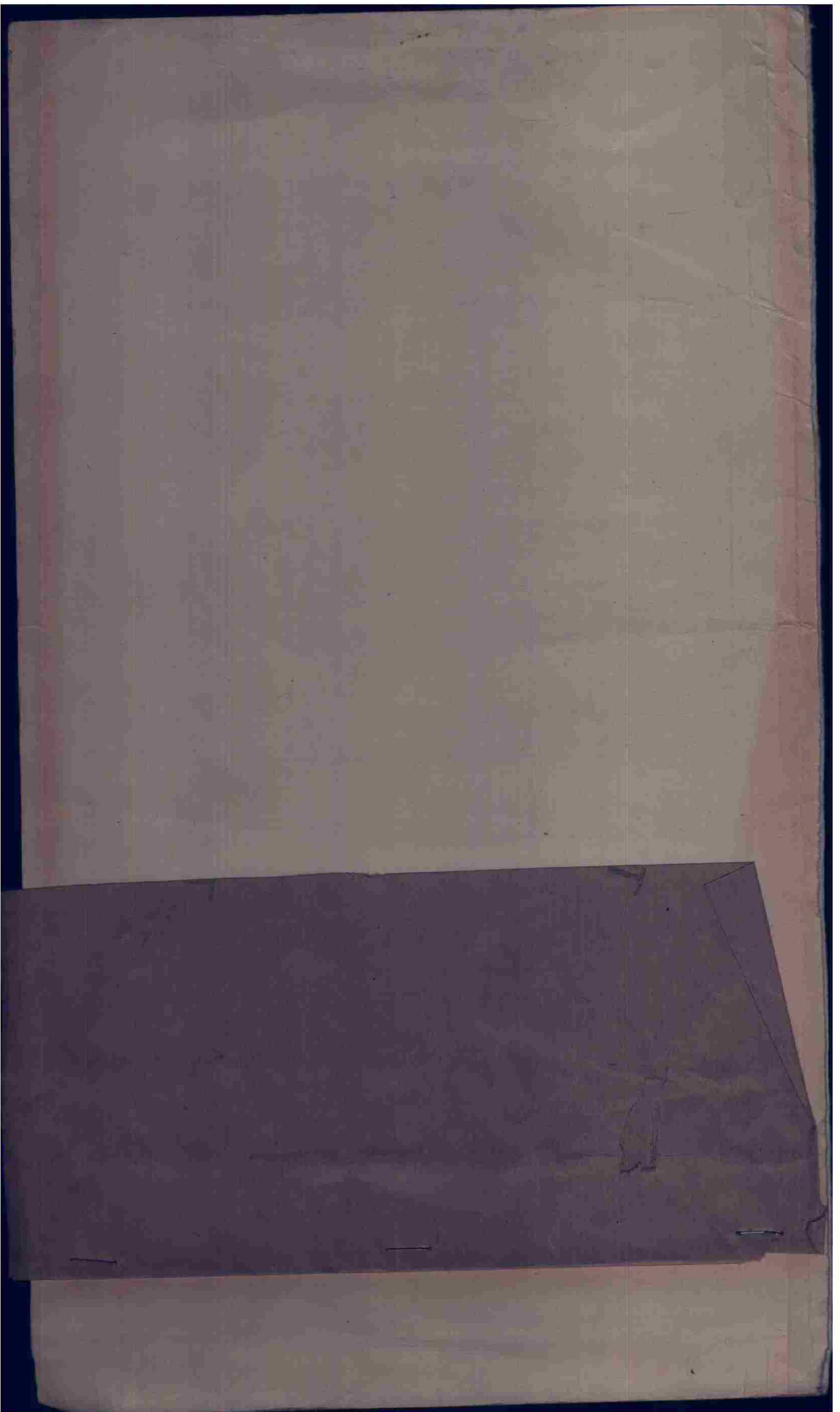
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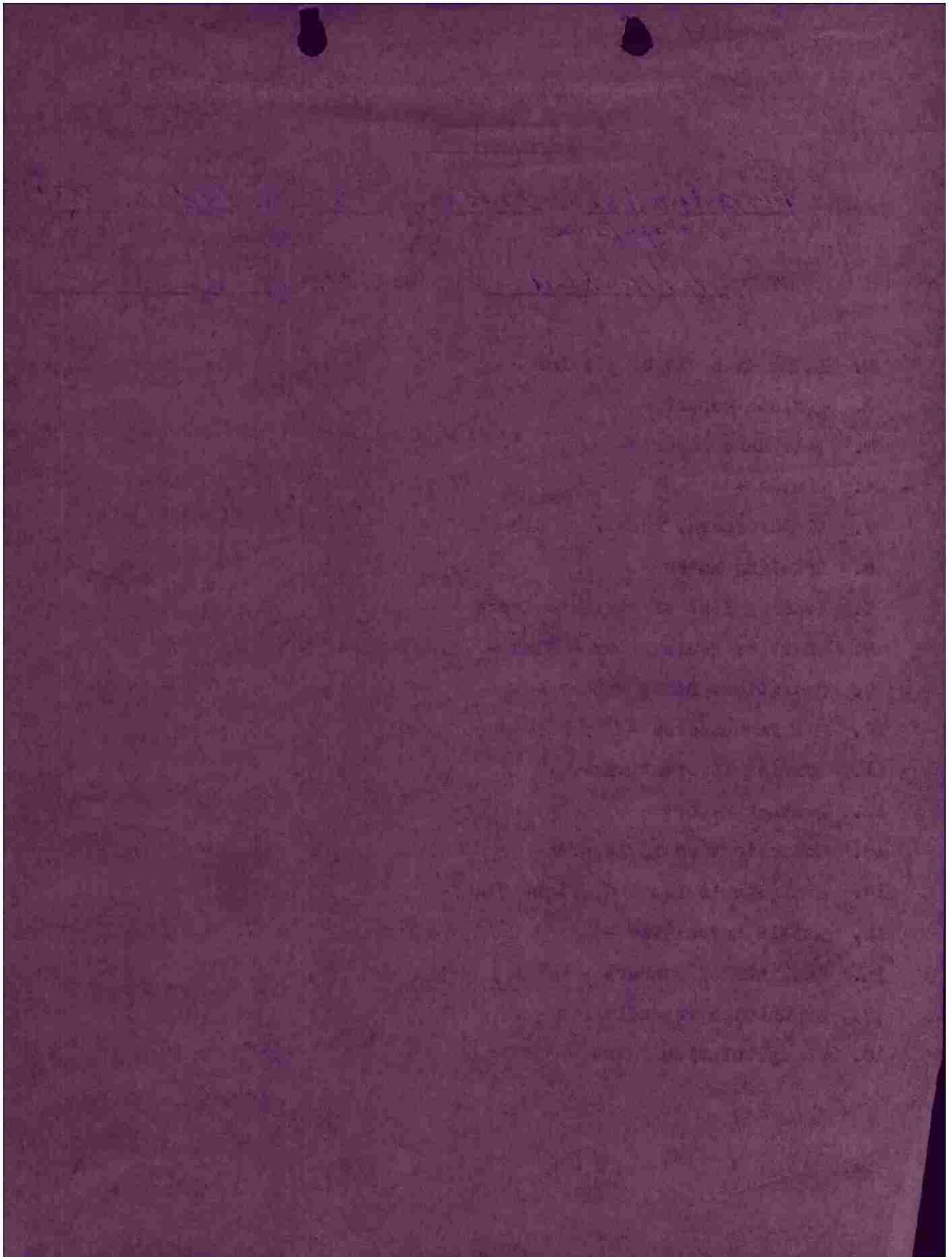
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TARGET Berg-Gladbach DATE 3-2-45 NO. A/C 22 MISS. # 198 F.O. # 731
Storage Bldgs.

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HEADQUARTERS
9th BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)APO # 140
4 February 1945

3 February 1945

MISSION SUMMARY #25
(afternoon Missions)

Field Order 731

Section I

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
410 BG:	Junkorath (L-177948) Marshalling Yard	Undet. (FFF)
397 BG:	Ahrweiler (F-521152) Rail Bridge	Undet. (FFF)
344 BG:	" "	Excellent (FFF)
394 BG:	Sinzig (F-658172) Rail Bridge	Flight A - Undet. Flight B - Undet. Flight C - P.N.B.
387 BG:	" "	Excellent (FFF)
409 BG:	Berg/Gladbach (F-565655) Storage and Repair Depot	Undet. (FFF)
416 BG:	" "	Undet. (FFF)
323 BG:	" "	Undet. (FFF)
391 BG:	" "	Undet. (FFF)
386 BG:	Dahlen (L-153994) Communication Center	A.B. (FFF)

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Box I - EXCELLENT. Approximately 90% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMFI light concentration 445' S of DMFI. Bombs cover A.P. with hits on or near bridge, in water, and in wooded area.

Bombing by box on HFF lead from 12,500 feet.

Formation leader called "Hapsaw" 10 minutes prior to IP, receiving desired information.

11 a/c flak battle-damaged; no losses, casualties.

1 a/c jettisoned 1 x 2000 GP (due to rack malfunction at target) in planned field near Bacy (E-234968) - friendly territory.

Primary. 3 window a/c.

344 BG: 20 a/c dispatched (including 1 HFF), 17 dropping 31 x 2000, 4 x 500 GP on

No photo coverage on visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Bombing by box on HFF lead from 13,300 feet.

Formation leader called "Hapsaw" 2 minutes prior to IP, receiving desired information.

2 a/c flak battle-damaged; 1 overman wounded. No losses.

397 BG: 21 a/c dispatched (including 1 HFF), 17 dropping 31 x 2000, 4 x 500 GP on Primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which landed at Verdun. 2 window, 1 spare a/c.

Abbeville (Rail Bridge)

Box I - UNDETERMINED. Inadequate photo coverage. Cloud covers DMFI and the immediate area. No bursts visible in surrounding area, so it is possible that bombs fell on DMFI.

Bombing by box on HFF lead (HFF dropped visually - no release signal) from 12,800 feet.

Formation leader called "Hoseloe" 10 minutes prior to IP; desired information received.

1 a/c flak battle-damaged; no losses, casualties.

410 BG: 24 a/c dispatched (including 1 HFF), 21 dropping 116 x 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

Turnerseth (Marshalling Yard)

Eight groups attacked two rail bridges, a marshalling yard, and a storage and repair depot, recording EXCELLENT to UNDETERMINED results. A ninth group employed area bombing methods in attacking a communication center. One flight of a fourth group bombed the listed secondary targets. All except the last named dropped on HFF lead.

GROUP NARRATIVE

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Sinzig (Rail Bridge)

394 BG: 18 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), PFF a/c dropping 4 x 500 GP on Primary. 7 a/c dropped 12 x 2000 GP on briefed secondary, and 5 a/c dropped 10 x 2000 GP on Other target. 3 window a/c.

2 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failures.

6 a/c flak battle-damaged; 2 crewmen wounded. No losses.

Formation leader did not call Fighter Control Center because escort joined group prior to rendezvous point.

Bombing by flights, and by PFF individually, from 11,000 to 12,500 feet.

Box I - Flights A & B. UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage due to cloud cover. Formation leader believed PFF was off course at Primary so held bombs. Made 2 runs on Withlich (L-380365), briefed secondary target, dropping on "GEE" on second run. 6 other a/c dropped on his lead.

Flight C. P.N.B. Lead a/c hit by flak on bomb run, and pilot and co-pilot wounded. Salvaged bombs, 4 other a/c dropping on the lead. Lack of detailed photos prevents definite location. Believed to be 5 miles N of Primary. 4 bursts visible, 1 scoring a direct hit on RR line with probable damage.

NOTE: PFF a/c dropped on equipment on Primary with unobserved results.

387 BG: 20 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 17 dropping 32 x 2000, 4 x 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

15 a/c flak battle-damaged; 1 crewman wounded. No losses.

Formation leader called "Ripsaw" 4 minutes prior to IP, receiving desired information.

Bombing by box on PFF lead from 13,500 feet.

Box I - EXCELLENT. Probably all bursts within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good concentration centered approx. 300' NNW of DMPI, scoring possible damage to bridge and to N approach.

Berg/Gladbach (Storage and Repair Depot)

409 BG: 14 A-26, 7 A-20, 1 PFF dispatched; 9 A-26, 1 A-20, and PFF dropping 35 x 1000, 6 x 500 GP on Primary. 4 A-26 and 2 A-20 a/c dropped 16 x 1000, 8 x 500 GP at F-690578 (8-1/2 miles SE of Primary) when deputy leader accidentally hit release button. 3 A-20 a/c carried window.

2 a/c (1 A-26, 1 A-20) failed to bomb: mechanical failures.

2 a/c (1 A-26, 1 A-20) flak battle-damaged; no losses, casualties.

Formation leader did not call "Sweepstakes" to check position; had not been briefed to do so.

Bombing by box on PFF lead from 13,000 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

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386 BG: 20 a/c dispatched (including 1 HFF), 17 dropping 256 x 250, 4 x 500 GP on and in vicinity of primary. 3 window a/c. 4 a/c Flak battle-damaged; no losses, casualties. Formation leader did not check position with Fighter Control Center because group was beyond IP before he could make contact. Area bombing by box on HFF lead from 12,250 feet. Box I - A.B. Bombs fell 6000' NW of nearest edge of P/A. Concentrated pattern in fields and woods, with hits on secondary roads. No other visible damage.

Box I (Communication Center)

391 BG: 19 a/c dispatched (including 1 HFF), 16 dropping 124 x 500 GP on primary. 3 window a/c. No losses, damage, casualties. Formation leader was unable to contact Fighter Control Center for position. Bombing by box on HFF lead from 13,500 feet. Box I - UNDERMINED. Inadequate photo coverage. A few bursts are visible through clouds, but it is impossible to plot location. Cloud cover also prevented visual observation of results.

323 BG: 19 a/c dispatched (including 1 HFF), 16 dropping 123 x 500 GP on primary. 3 window a/c. 3 a/c Flak battle-damaged; no losses, casualties. Formation leader called Fighter Control Center 5 minutes prior to IP, receiving desired information. Bombing by box on HFF lead from 13,000 feet. No photo coverage. Crews report good concentration in target area on basis of visual observation through breaks in clouds, and "GEE" fixes.

476 BG: 15 A-26, 7 A-20, 1 HFF dispatched; 15 A-26, 4 A-20, and HFF dropping 59 x 1000, 20 x 500 GP on primary. One of the above A-26 a/c had 1 x 1000 GP hang up at target due to shock malfunction. Bomb fell onto bomb bay doors after they were closed. Doors were later opened and bomb fell out at Hebach (F-912745), 25 miles SE of primary. 3 A-20 a/c carried window. 5 a/c Flak battle-damaged; no losses, casualties. Formation leader called "Sweepstakes" 5 minutes prior to IP, receiving desired information. Bombing by box on HFF lead from 13,500 feet. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

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SECTION II

A/C CRT

206

A/C Bombing 171

A/C Failing to Bomb 4

Other

Window 29

Spare 1

Bombs of 1 a/c unaccounted for 31

TOTAL

206

Bombs on Enemy Territory

308.750

Total Bombs to Date

194,013.795

A/C Lost 0

A/C Missing 0

A/C Crash-Landed 0

A/C Battle Damaged 49 24.37%

Killed 0

Wounded 4

Missing 0

Injured 0

Claims 0

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GROUP NO. 4/C CLASSIFICATION REASON

394 2 Mechanical 1 - bomb bay doors would not open.

409 2 Mechanical 1 - (A-26) engine trouble.

1 - (A-20) engine overheating.

FAILURES TO BOMB

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OBSERVATIONS

410 BG: 7/10 stratocumulus, tops 9,000 feet. Visibility 8 miles plus.

397 BG: 6/10 to 8/10 stratocumulus, base 3000 feet and tops 5000 feet. 7/10 to 8/10 altocumulus base 9500 feet and tops 12,000 feet. Visibility unlimited both above and below clouds.

394 BG: 7/10 to 10/10 stratocumulus, tops 8000 feet. Visibility unlimited.

394 BG: 8/10 to 9/10 cumulus and stratocumulus, tops 4-6000 feet. Visibility unlimited above cloud and 10 miles plus through breaks.

387 BG: Low cloud broke to 8/10, tops 8000 feet and 6/10 medium cloud at 18,000 feet. Visibility 8 miles in breaks.

409 BG: 9/10 to 10/10 cumulus, tops 7-8000 feet. Visibility unlimited above cloud and 8 miles below cloud.

416 BG: 6/10 to 7/10 cumulus, tops 7000 feet. Air to air visibility excellent. Air to ground visibility poor.

323 BG: Low cloud broke to 6/10 in target area, tops estimated 7-9000 feet. Base estimated 1-2000 feet. Visibility on bomb run 6 to 8 miles.

391 BG: 8/10 to 9/10 cumulus and stratocumulus with tops at 8-9000 feet. Visibility 4 to 6 miles.

386 BG: 4/10 to 5/10 stratocumulus and cumulus base 2000 feet and tops 5-6000 feet. Patchy cirrus above 20,000 feet. Visibility 8 to 10 miles down sun. Light to moderate haze.

S/A PHOTO REPORT

CALIFIA FAILURES NO. PERSONNEL

PERSONNEL FAILURES NO. PERSONNEL

CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING GROUP

100% 410

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344	100%	0	0	0	0
394	100%	0	0	0	0
387	100%	0	0	0	0
386	100%	0	0	0	0

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	201
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	49
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	24.37%
<u>Junkerath M/Y</u>	<u>410 Gp.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	1
% A/C Battle Damaged	4.17%

Weak inaccurate heavy flak was encountered at the target. Counter-battery fire was used and this is probably the cause for the small amount of flak encountered.

<u>Ahrweiler R. R. Bridge</u>	<u>397, 344 Gp.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	13
% A/C Battle Damaged	32.50%

Weak to moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered at the target. 25 heavy guns are plotted within range of the target and this experience would be in keeping with this defense. The 397 Gp. also encountered about 18 bursts of heavy flak south of the target about two miles.

<u>Sinzig R. R. Bridge</u>	<u>394, 387 Gp.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	21
% A/C Battle Damaged	56.76%

Weak to moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered on the turn off target. This fire followed the 387 Gp. for about 2 minutes. 24 heavy guns are located at the target. The 387 Gp. also encountered weak inaccurate heavy flak near Laacher Lake (F-6505). This flak was probably fired from a 12 gun position located northeast of Mayen.

<u>Berg/Gladbach Spare Parts, Repair & Storage Depot</u>	<u>409, 416, 391 Gp.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	10
% A/C Battle Damaged	12.50%

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Three sightings of e/a have been reported, but in no case was an attack attempted by the enemy:

The 374th Group sighted 6-8 FW 190's at 11,000 feet, 5-8 minutes NW of the target (Anweiler, F-521152) at 1420 hours.

The 323rd Group encountered four Me 109's in their target area (Berg-Blabach, F-565655) at approximately 1457.

Patrols with the 409th Group reported sighting on Me 109 at the target (Berg-Blabach) at 1522.

T.O.T. is: 1400 to 1504

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

Counter-battery fire, as used on this target and only weak and fairly accurate heavy flak was encountered.

386 Gp.	A/C Lost to Flak	% A/C Battle Damaged
	A/C Battle Damaged	
	4	20.1%
	0	

Heavy flak that varied from weak inaccurate to moderate accurate was encountered in the target area. The fire in most cases started just at the target and followed the formation through the turn off target. The 323rd and 409th Gp. reported moderate flak about 5 miles east of Koblenz. There was 8-9/10 cloud cover at the target, and this probably kept the gunners from engaging to their full capabilities.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
PRESS RELEASE

HEADQUARTERS NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, France—Striking at motor and railway transport systems, more than 150 Ninth Air Force medium and light bombers carried out operations in Western Germany Saturday with the aid of pathfinders through clouds.

More than 60 A-26 Invaders and B-26 Marauders bombed a large motor transport repair and storage depot at Berg Gladbach, eight miles east of Cologne. The depot, used for repair and storing spare parts for motor transport, has become increasingly important to the Germans since rail lines have been severely disrupted by continuous bombing attacks.

A-20 Havocs bombed a railway marshalling yard at Junkerath, 35 miles southwest of Bonn. Although bombing was accomplished with pathfinder technique, returning crews reported that they saw bombs exploding in the rail yard through a break in the clouds.

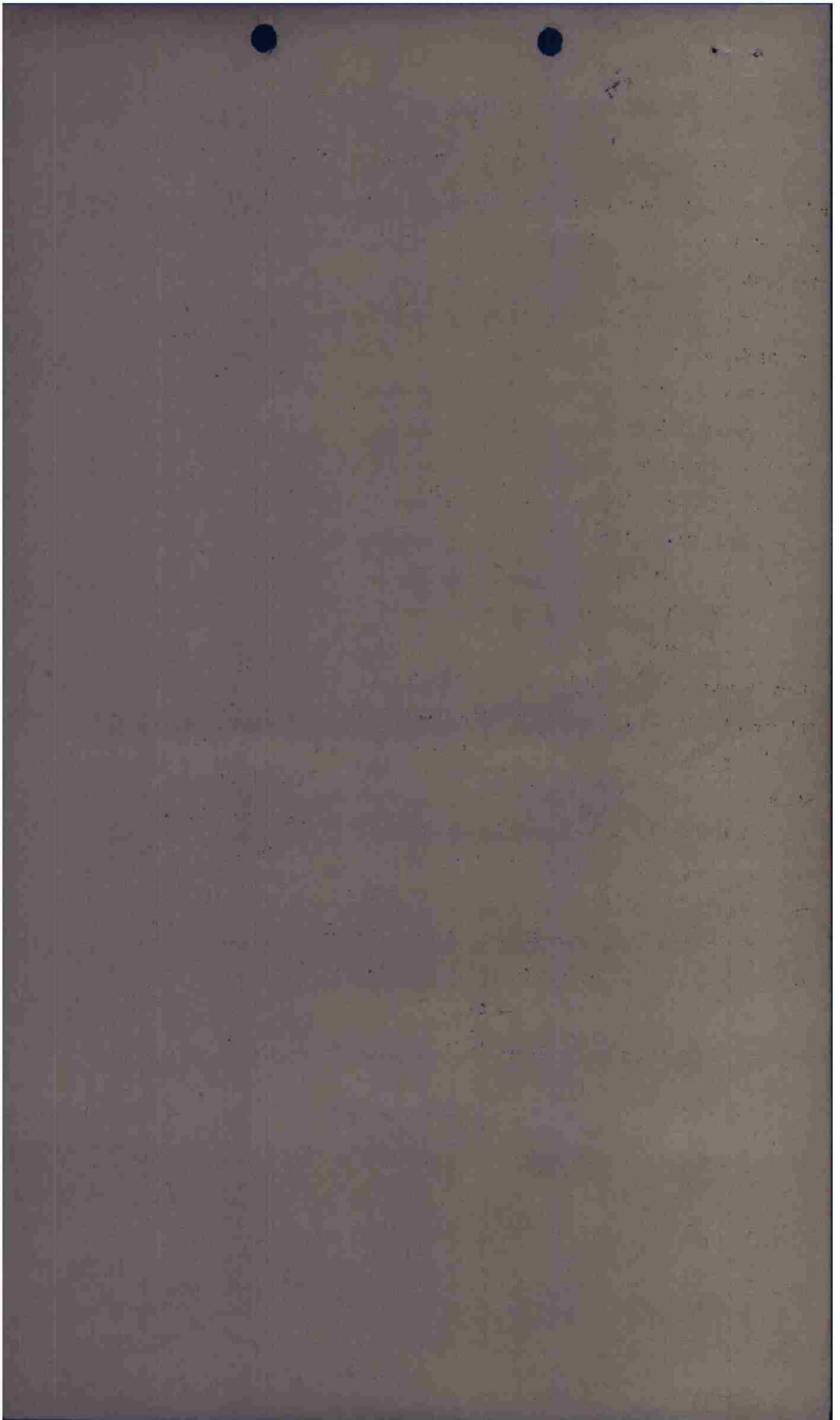
"I saw a string of red bursts walk across the yards. There must have been about 15 sets of tracks cut by the bomb pattern", said S/Sgt. Charles F. Skidmore, 708 4th St., Williamstown, West Va., an A-20 tunnel gunner.

Marauders also attacked two Ahr River rail bridges, at Ahrweiler, 14 miles south of Bonn, and at Sinzig, 16 miles southeast of Bonn. Other Marauders bombed communications centers at Dahlem, 12 miles south of Schleiden, and Wittlich, 20 miles northeast of Trier. Crews reported seeing bombs hit in the town of Dahlem as they turned away from the target.

Flak was reported over all of the targets, but all of the bombers returned. Some crews reported seeing enemy aircraft, none of which attacked.

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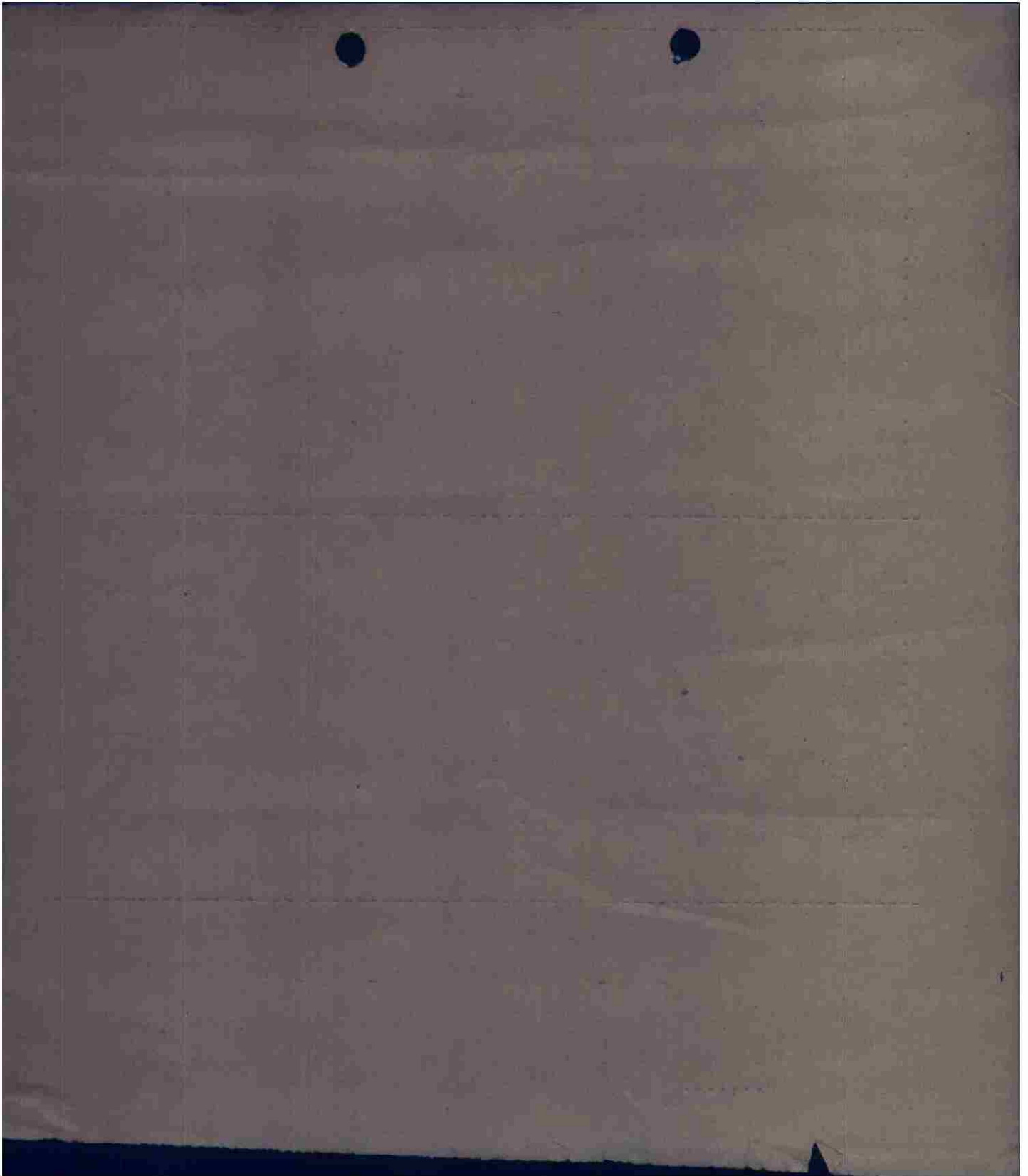
- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 409 TH BOMB GROUP
- B. BERG/GLADBACH STORAGE AND REPAIR DEPOT M/T WF 5666
- C. ONE B 26
- D. ONE B 26 PRIMARY
- E. NONE
- F. 4/500 GP 2 X 500 GP PRIMARY
2 X 500 GP RETURNED (RACK MALFUNCTION)
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. MEAGER ACCURATE AT ROSBACH - MODERATE ACCURATE AT KOLN WF 4460
AND KOBLENZ WL 8996
- K. ONE ME 109 SEEN AT TARGET AT 1522 HOURS - ENEMY AIRCRAFT
DID NOT MAKE PASS - WAS OUT OF RANGE OF PFF AIRCRAFT - DOVE INTO
CLOUDS AND DIAPPEARED
- L. 13500 PRIMARY
- M. 1521 1X2 PRIMARY

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 416 TH BOMB GROUP
- B. BERG / GLADBACH STORAGE AND REPAIR DEPOT M/T WF 5766
- C. ONE B 26
- D. ONE B 26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. ONE B 26 CAT "A" FLAK
- I. NONE
- J. INTENSE ACCURATE IN TARGET AREA - MODERATE INACCURATE AT SAARBURG
WL 1217 (TWO MILES NORTH)
- K. NONE
- L. 13300 PRIMARY
- M. 1530 1/2 PRIMARY

- CO - 1ST A PATHFINDER - SQ. -

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RELAYEE RL BB

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FROM 416TH BOMB GP. (L) P.I. 031915A
TO HQS. 9TH BOMB DIV. (M) ATT: A-2 P.I.
HQ. 97TH COMBAT WING ATT: STAFF DUTY OFFICER
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B. BERG- GLADBACH
J. NO PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

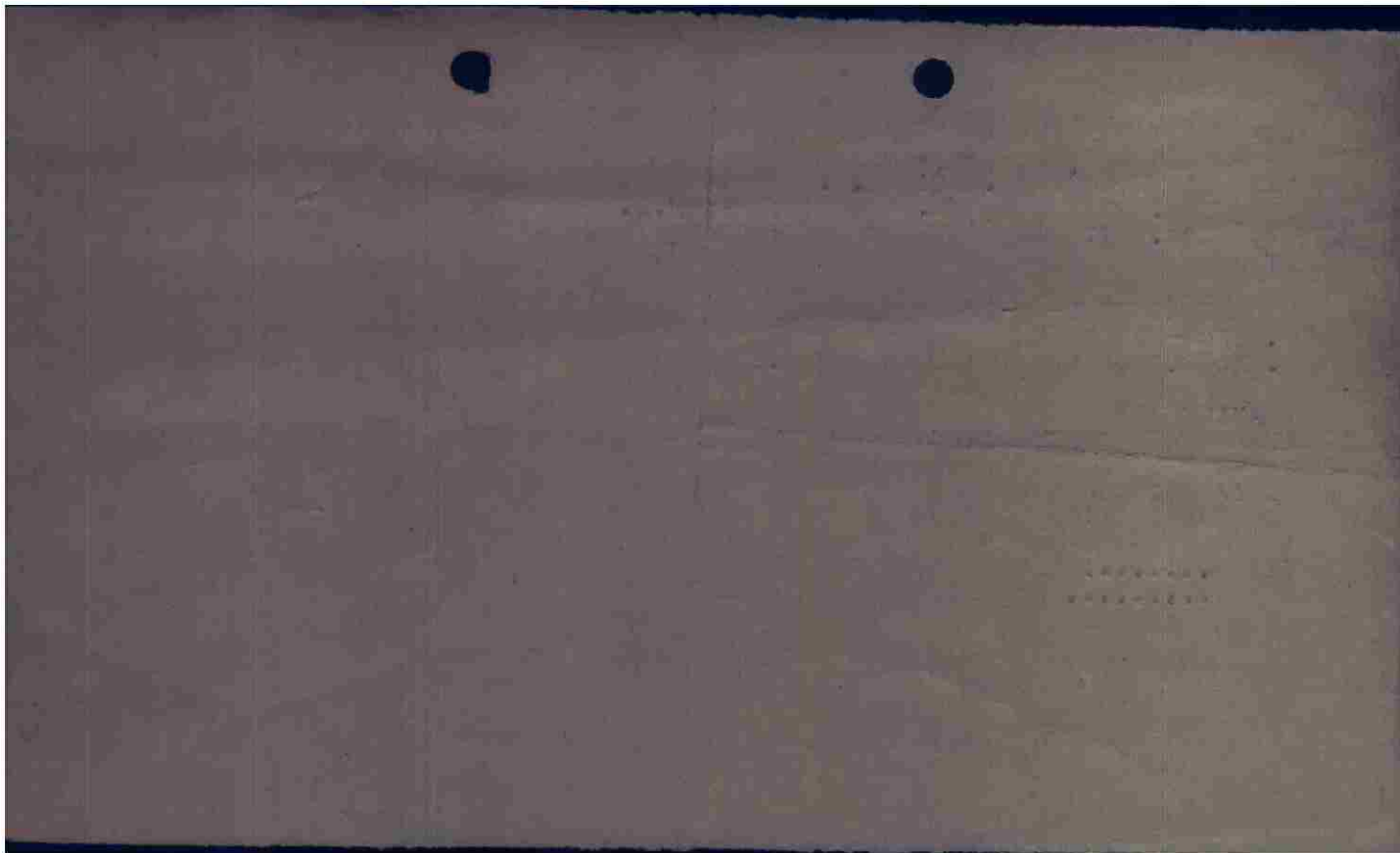
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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP 03/1930A

TO CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, ATT A-2

CG, 97TH COMBAT WING, ATT A-2

BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416BG F-70-D OPFLASH FOR 3 FEBRUARY 1945.

A. 416TH BOMB GROUP

B. BERG-GLADBACH STORAGE BUILDINGS (F-565655)

C. 7 A-20S AND 15 A-26S (INCLUDING 3 A-20 A/C CARRYING WINDOW ONLY)

D. 4 A-20S AND 15 A-26S (1 A-20 AND 6 A-26S TACKED ON TO 409TH TO
BOMB AFTER LOSING OUR FORMATION IN ASCENT THROUGH OVERCAST)

E. 3 A-20S (CARRIED WINDOW ONLY)

F. 16 X 500 GP (BY A-20S) ON PRIMARY

58 X 1000GP (BY A-26S) ON PRIMARY

2 X 1000 GP (BY A-26S) FELL OUR. BOMBS HUNG UP AT TARGET BUT
FELL ONTO BOMB DOORS AFTER THEY WERE CLOSED. ONE SHIP
REOPENED DOORS IMMEDIATELY AND BOMB FELL JUST OFF TARGET.
OTHER SHIP OPENED DOORS AT RP (ROSBACH - F912445), MECHANICAL
MALFUNCTION OF SHACKLES.

G. UNOBSERVED - BOMBED ON PPF

H. 2 A-20S CAT "A" DAMAGE (FLAK)

2 A-26S CAT "A" DAMAGE (FLAK)

I. NIL

J. MODERATE ACCURATE HEAVY FLAK AT TARGET

WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY FLAK AT SAARBURG (L-245133)

K. NIL

L. 13,5000 (INDICATED)

M. 1531 HOURS.

X. LEADER CALLED SWEEPSTAKES 5 MINUTES BEGORE REACHING IP. CONTACT
SATISFACTORY.

Y. FLIGHT LEADERS OF GROUP THOUGHT LEADERSHIP OF PPF A/C EXCELLENT.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

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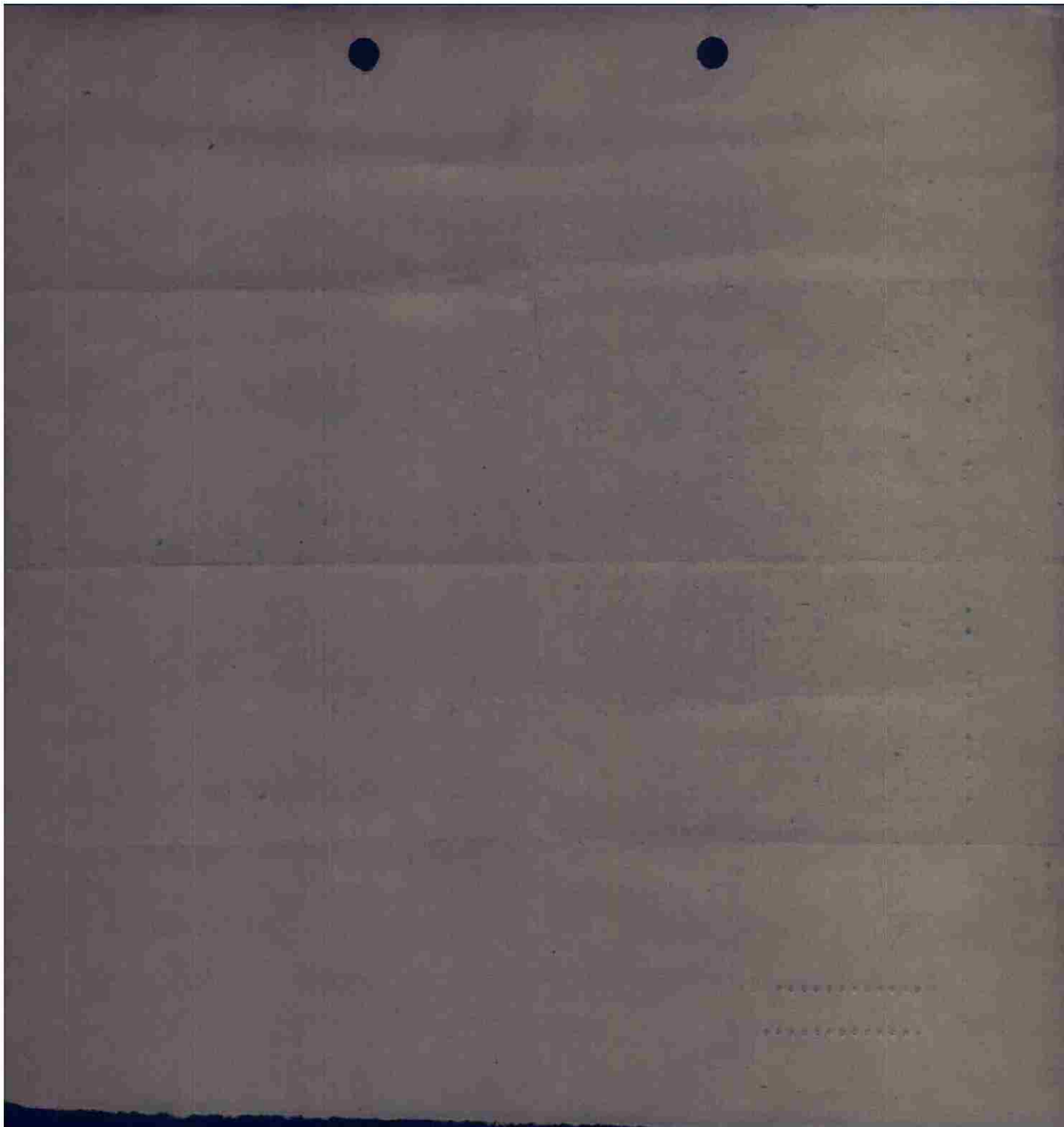
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TO: CG. 9 BOMB. DIVISION, ATT A₂
CG. 97th COMBAT WING, ATT A₂

FROM: 416 BOMB GP.

OPFLASH FOR 3 FEB. 1945.

A. 416 BOMB. G.P.

B. BERG-GLADBACH STORAGE BUILDINGS (F-565655)

C. 7 A₂₀'s AND 15 A₂₆'s (INCLUDING 3 ^{A-20 carrying window only} ~~WINDOW A/C~~)

D. 4 A₂₀'s AND 15 A₂₆'s. (1 A₂₀ AND 6 A₂₆'s TACKED ON TO 409th to BOMB)

E. 3 A₂₀'s (CARRIED WINDOW ONLY) ~~FOR ASSEMBLY~~ AFTER CLIMBING ABOVE OVERCAST

F. 16 x 500 GP (BY A₂₀'s) ON PRIMARY OUR FORMATION IN ASCENT
58 x 1000 GP (BY A₂₆'s) ON PRIMARY THRU OVERCAST.)

2 x 1000 GP (BY A₂₆'s) ^{FELL OUT} ~~RETURNED~~ - BOMBS HUNG UP BUT FELL ONTO
BOMB DOORS AFTER THEY WERE CLOSED, ONE
SHIP REOPENED DOORS IMMEDIATELY AND
BOMB FELL JUST OFF TARGET. OTHER SHIP
OPENED DOORS AT R.P. (ROSBACH-F-912 ⁴⁴⁵ ~~445~~)
MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION OF SHACKLES.

G. UNOBSERVED - BOMBED ON PPF.

H. 2 A₂₀'s CAT. "A" DAMAGE (FLAK)

2 A₂₆'s CAT. "A" DAMAGE (FLAK)

I. NIL

J. MODERATE ACCURATE HEAVY FLAK AT TARGET

MEAGER INACCURATE HEAVY FLAK AT SAARBURG (L-245133)

K. NIL²

L. 13,500 (INDICATED)

M. 1531 HRS.

X. HEADER CALLED SWEEPSTAKES 5 MIN BEFORE REACHING IP. CONTACT
SATISFACTORY.

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 03/0220A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 416

ATTN SIGNAL OFFICER

CORRECTED COPY OF PARA. 5 OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (565655)

- (2) MANGO
- (3) JUDITH
- (4) SWEEPSTAKE

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (178947)

- (2) CIRCLE
- (4,5) SWEEPSTAKE

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (565655)

- (2) BESTMAN
- (3) POKER
- (4) SWEEPSTAKE

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

- (11) CIRCLE LEADER CALL BLENDWELL ON "C" 15 MIN PRIOR TO REACHING TROOP LINE AND REPORT IF ON TIME OR HOW MUCH EARLY OR LATE.

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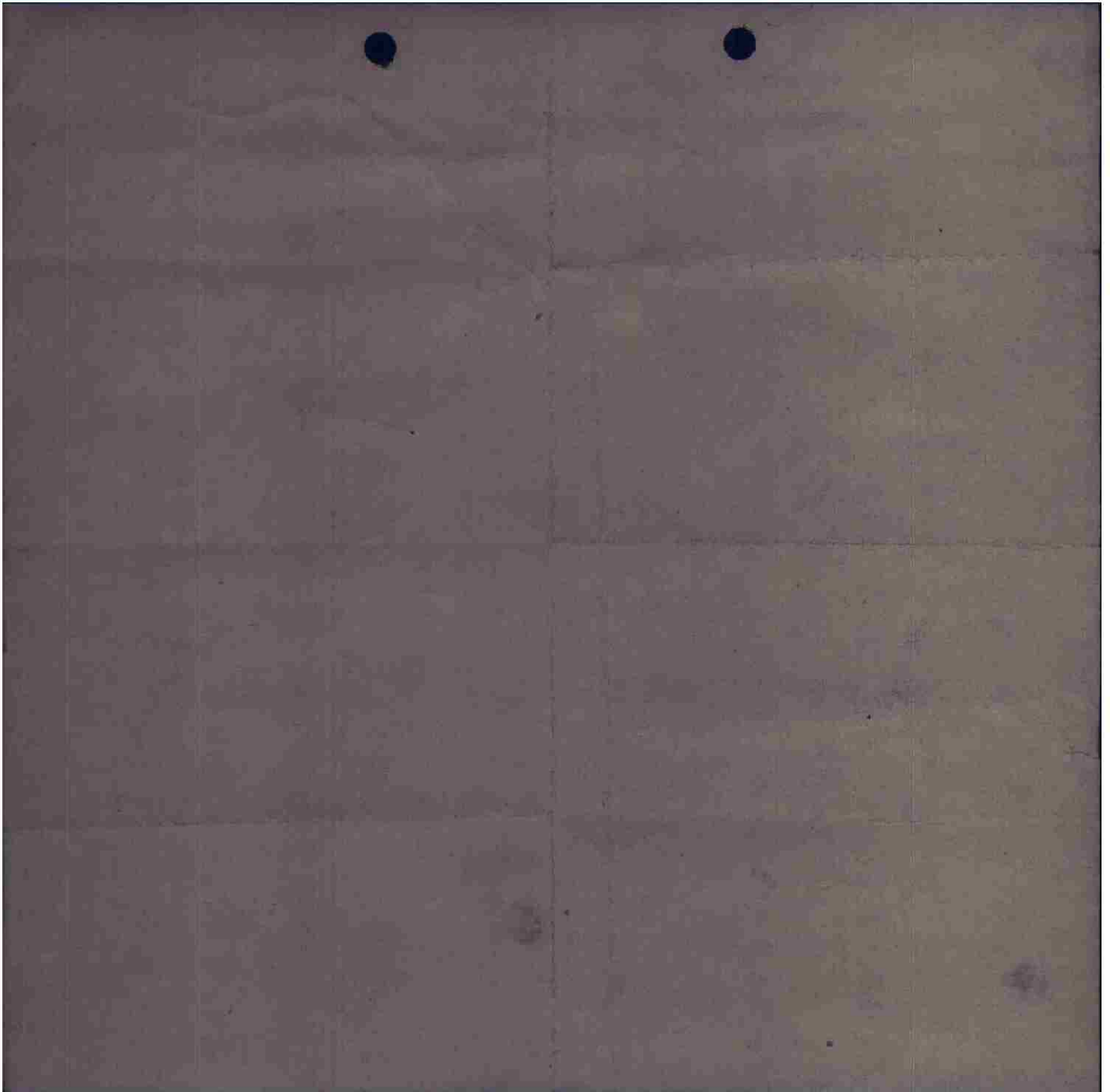
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 03/0132A
 TO COMBONDIV NINE
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 416

ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER

ADVANCE INFORMATION OF PARA. 5 OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (565655)

- (2) MANGO
- (3) JUDITH
- (4) SWEEPSTAKE

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (565655)

- (2) BESTMAN
- (3) POKER
- (4) SWEEPSTAKE

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (178947)

- (2) CIRCLE
- (4,5) SWEEPSTAKE

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

- (11) CIRCLE LEADER CALL BELENDWELL ON "C" 15 MIN. PRIOR TO REACHING TROOP LINE AND REPORT IF ON TIME OR HOW MUCH EARLY OR LATE.

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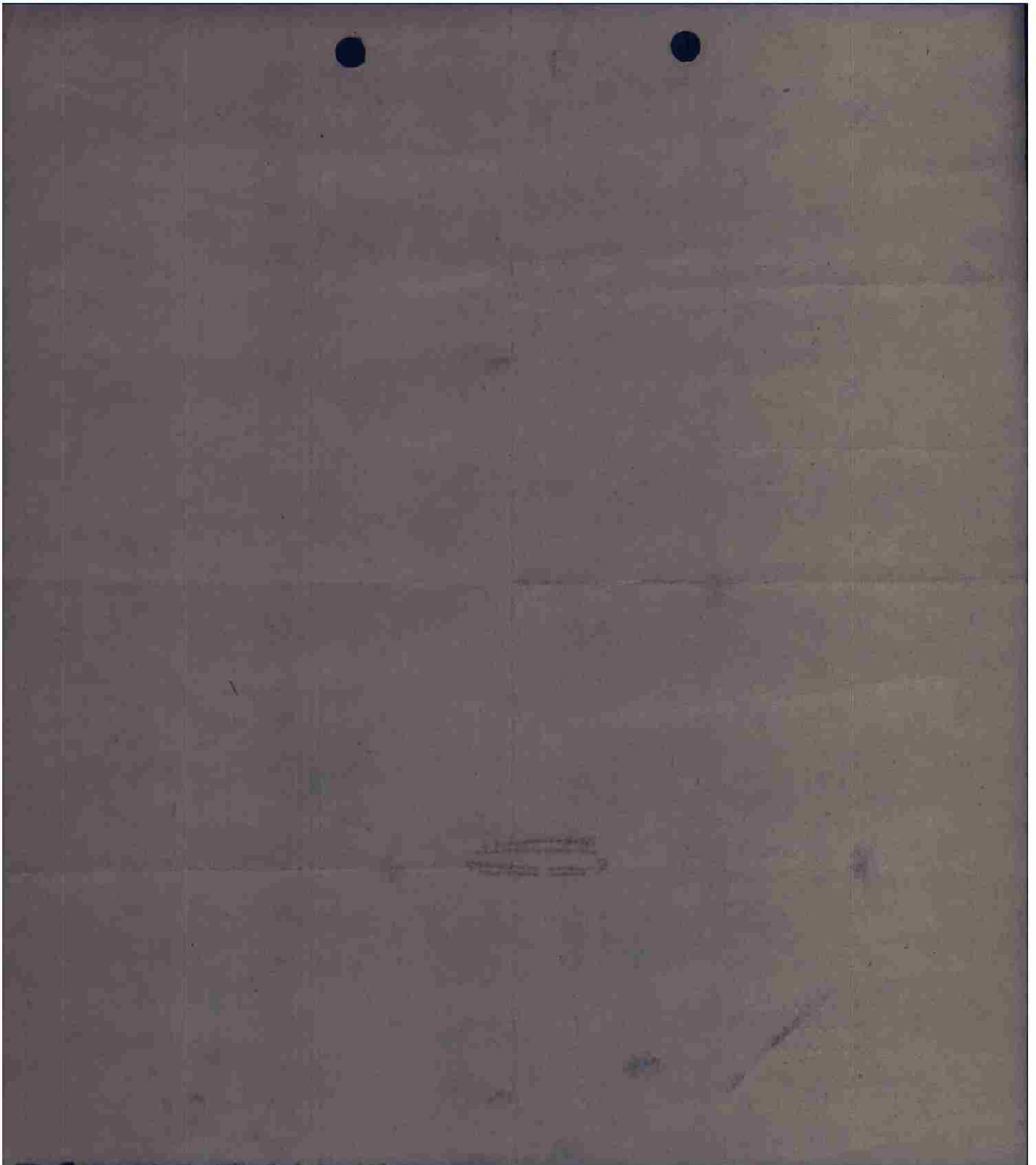
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SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH : LT. COL. MC AFEE

97 CBW F-022-E BT

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO.1 TO FIELD ORDER NO.151-731

- (1) TARGET : STORAGE BUILDINGS AT F-56446555 AND F-57206616
IN BERG GLADBACH JUST NE OF KOLN. FOR EXACT M.P.I., SEE FIELD ORDER.
- (2) BOTH TARGETS CONSIST OF BUILDINGS WHICH STORE SPARE PARTS AND HOUSE THE REPAIR OF SPARE PARTS AND SUB-ESSEMBLY PARTS. THESE PARTS ARE FOR M/T AND TANKS, BOTH OF FOREIGN AND GERMAN TYPES. THE AREA CONTAINS VITAL STORAGE FACILITIES AND IT IS BELIEVED TO BE THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND ON THE WESTERN FRONT. THIS IS A TOP PRIORITY TARGET AND ALL THREE WINGS OF THE NINTH BOMB DIVISION WILL WORK ON IT.
- (3) FLAK - FIGHTER BOMBS WILL DIVE BOMB FLAK POSITIONS IN THE AREA. SEE FIELD ORDER FOR DETAILS.
- (4) MAP COVERAGE
GSGS 4414 SHEET 5008

PHOTO COVERAGE
XXIX TAC/T-6 (NOT THE ANNOTATED AREAS) 5007E/5008
- (5) THE 409TH GROUP WILL BE THE FIRST GROUP IN THE BOMB DIVISION TO BOMB IN THIS AREA, FOLLOWED BY THE 416TH GROUP TEN MINUTES LATER. THEREAFTER, OTHER WINGS WILL ATTACK OTHER STORAGE BUILDINGS NEARBY.

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1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN.

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
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ANNEX NO.1 TO FIELD ORDER NO.151-731

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

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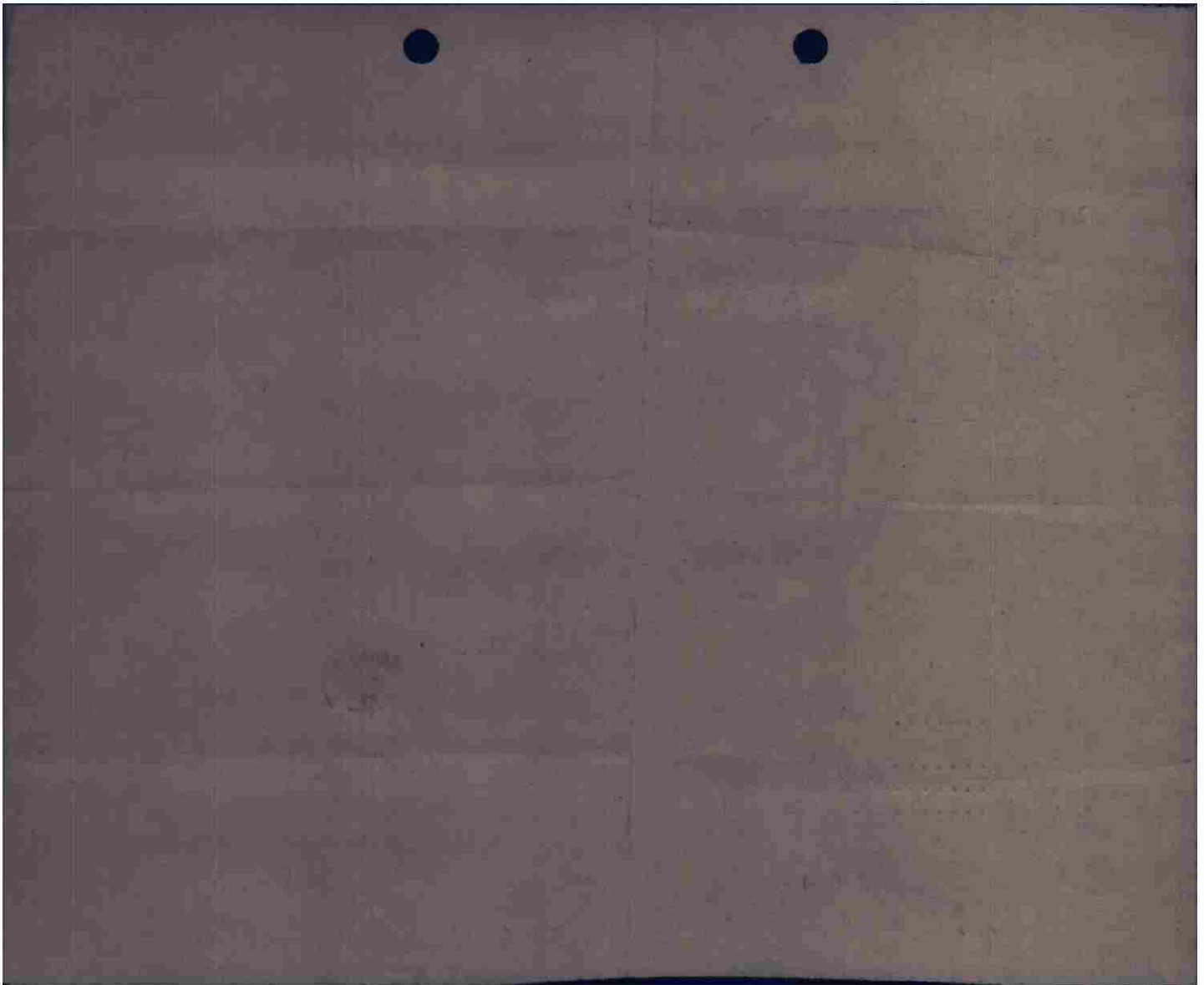
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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 03/1335A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
409TH BOMB GRP
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416TH BOMB GRP
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ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 151-731

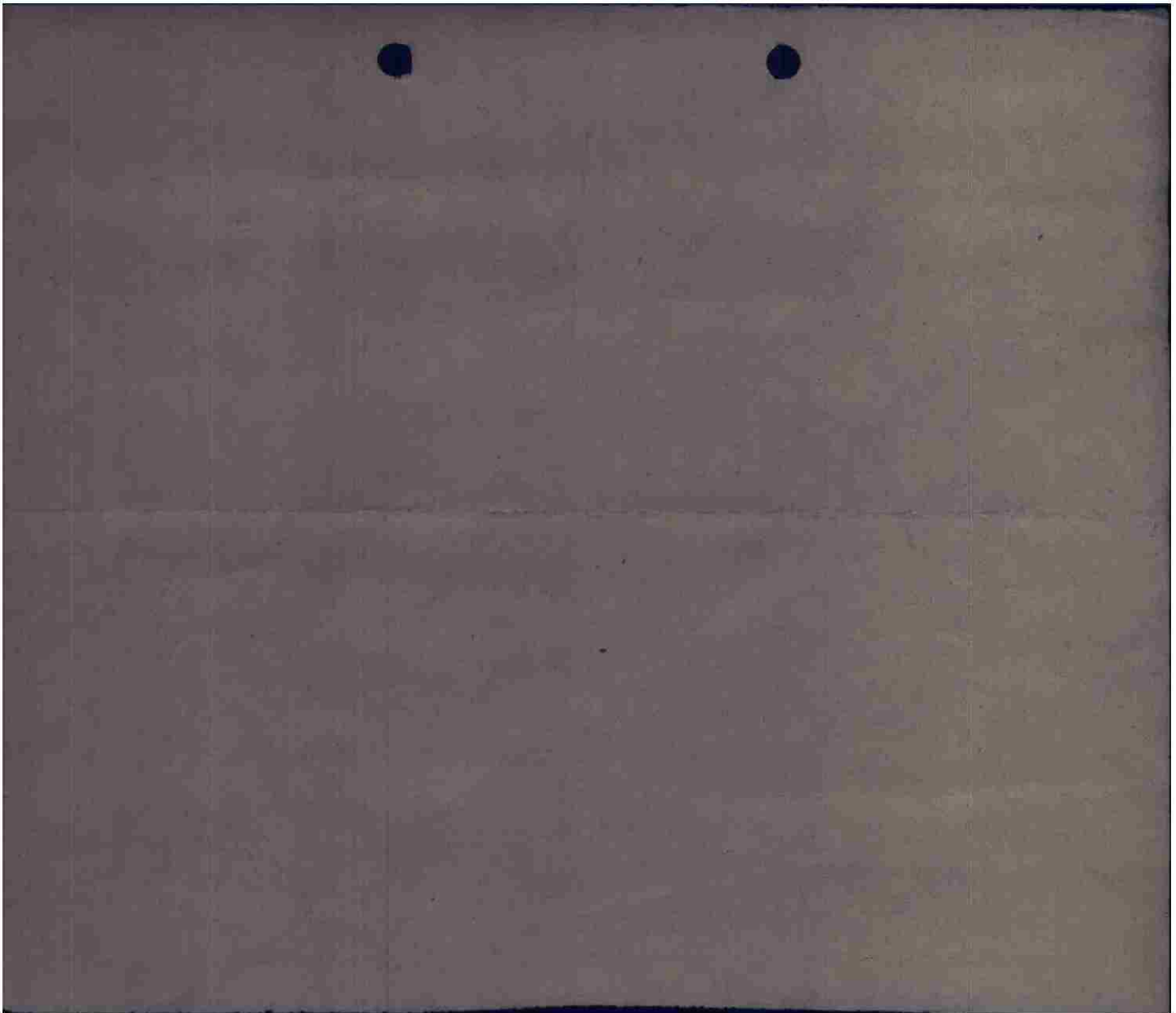
CHANGE ZERO HOUR ON PLAN "B" TO READ: 03/1400A FOR THE 410TH GROUP ONLY.

CHANGE ZERO HOUR ON PLAN "B" TO READ: 03/1450A FOR THE 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS.

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 TO COMBOMDIV NINE
 COBOMGP 410
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 1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN.

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 3 FEBRUARY 1945

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FIELD ORDER NO. 151-731

MAPS NORMAL

1. B. (1) REFER CURRENT BOMBLINE
 (2) 2ND TAF WILL PROVIDE AREA COVER FOR THE 410TH BOMB GROUP.
 9TH TAC WILL PROVIDE CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 409TH AND 416TH
 BOMB GROUP. 9TH TAC ESCORT WILL ALSO DIVE BOMB FLAK POSITIONS
 IN VICINITY OF TARGET 5 MINUTES BEFORE GROUPS BOMB.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

PLAN "A" - ZERO HOUR : 03/1030A
 PLAN "B" - ZERO HOUR : 03/1030A

PLAN "A"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4920N 0608E AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS
 30 MINUTES.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) GLAADT-JUNKERATH RAIL SIDINGS (L-178947)
- (2) 36 A/C 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
 5,000 FEET.
- (7) 5025N 0602E
- (8) GEN. WNW TO ESE.
- (9) M.P.I. - ILL. 5006E/5605. ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING
 REFERENCES: 07350695, 07500685, 07650675, 07800660,
 07950650, 08100635.
- (10) 6 X 500 G.P. - FUSED : 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) 5025N 0602E
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR.
- (13) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED, AN ALTER-
 NATE TARGET 10 MILES OR MORE FROM BOMBLINE IN ENEMY HELD TER-
 RITORY WILL BE BOBED.

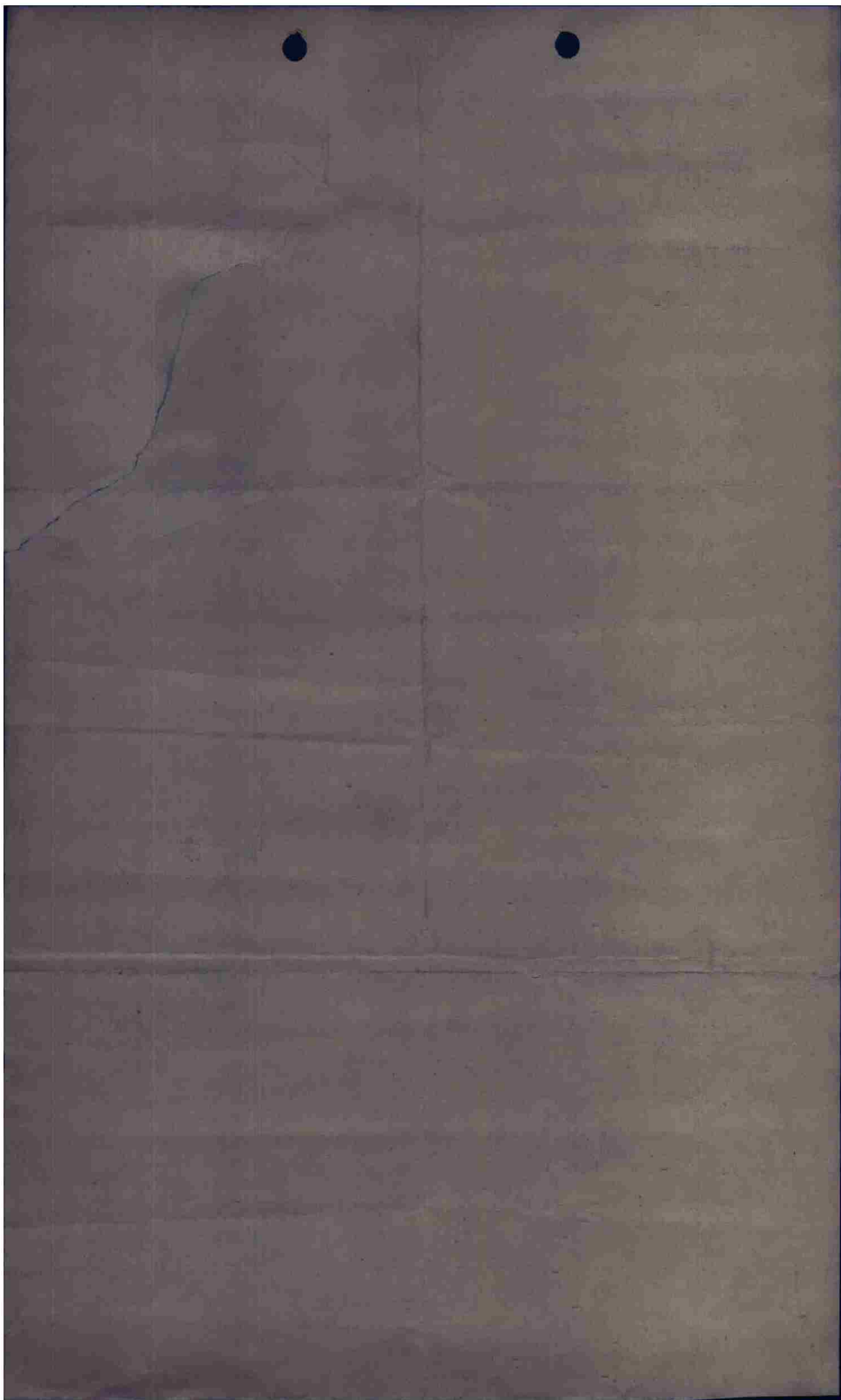
C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4920N 0608E AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR
 PLUS 40 MINUTES.

X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE

FOR 409TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS ONLY.

- (5) TARGET - BERG GLADBACH STORAGE BUILDINGS (F-565655)
- (6) A/C REQ - 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
- (7) ROUTE OUT - BASE TO F.R. TO 4941N 0653E TO 4959N 0653 E TO
 5006N 0708E TO 5012N 0752E TO 5033N 0750E TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK - TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE
 TO BASE.
- (9) ALTITUDE - BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO
 BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
- (10) I.P. - 5058N 0730E
- (11) AXIS OF ATTACK - GEN : E TO W
- (12) M.P.I. - MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414, SHEET NO. 5008. THREE FLIGHTS
 ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORDS: 56446555 AND



- (13) BOMBS - 4 X 1000 G.P. - FUSED : 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (14) R.P. - 5058N 0730E
- (15) TWO B-26 GROUPS WILL USE THE SAME ROUTE TO ATTACK TARGETS IN THE SAME AREA. THEY WILL BE AT 10 MINUTE INTERVALS BEHIND THE 416TH BOMB GROUP. CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED ON ROUTE OUT.
- (16) IF CLOUD COVER PREVENTS VISUAL BOMBING, GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET IN FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
 - A. GROUP "GEE"
 - B. TARGET E.T.A.
- (17) GROUP LEADERS WILL CALL THEIR FIGHTER ESCORT 5 MINUTES BEFORE ESTIMATED TIME OVER TARGET, AND TELL THE FIGHTERS TO PROCEED ON THEIR MISSION. THE FIGHTERS WILL THEN DIVE BOMB FLAK POSITIONS IN THE TARGET AREA. IF RADIO CONTACT CANNOT BE MADE GROUP LEADER SHOULD FIRE A GREEN FLARE AS A VISUAL SIGNAL FOR THE FIGHTERS TO PROCEED.

PLAN "B" - PATHFINDER

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4937N 0608E AT 13,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 14 MINUTES. WITH PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 30 MINUTES.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) GLAADT - JUNKERATH RAIL SIDINGS (L-178947)
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING WITH 1 PPF A/C
- (4) BASE TO 5015N 0455E TO 5029N 0539E TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO 5029N 0539E TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING WILL BE 5,000 FEET.
- (9) M.P.I. - ILL. 5006E/5605. ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REF. 07350695, 07500685, 07650675, 07800660, 07950650, 08100635 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES, ONE BOX ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REF. 07500685 AND 07950650.
- P.P.F. M.P.I. - GRID COORD 17719477.
- (10) 6 X 500 GP - FUSED: 1/10 SEC NOSE, 1/100 SEC TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR.
- (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 CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING VISUALLY, GROUP WILL BOMB BY FLIGHTS IF WEATHER PERMITS AND WILL USE 5025N 0602E AS A VISUAL I.P. IF BOMBING BY FLIGHTS IS IMPOSSIBLE BUT A SMALL BREAK IN THE CLOUDS PERMITS BOMBING BY BOXES OF 18 A/C, GROUP MAY CONTINUE ON PPF ROUTE TO TARGET OR RETURN TO 5025N 0602E TO BOMB VISUALLY. IF PPF EQUIPMENT FAILS AND PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE BOMBED VISUALLY, AN ALTERNATE TARGET 10 MILES OR MORE FROM BOMBLINE IN ENEMY HELD TERRITORY WILL BE BOMBED.

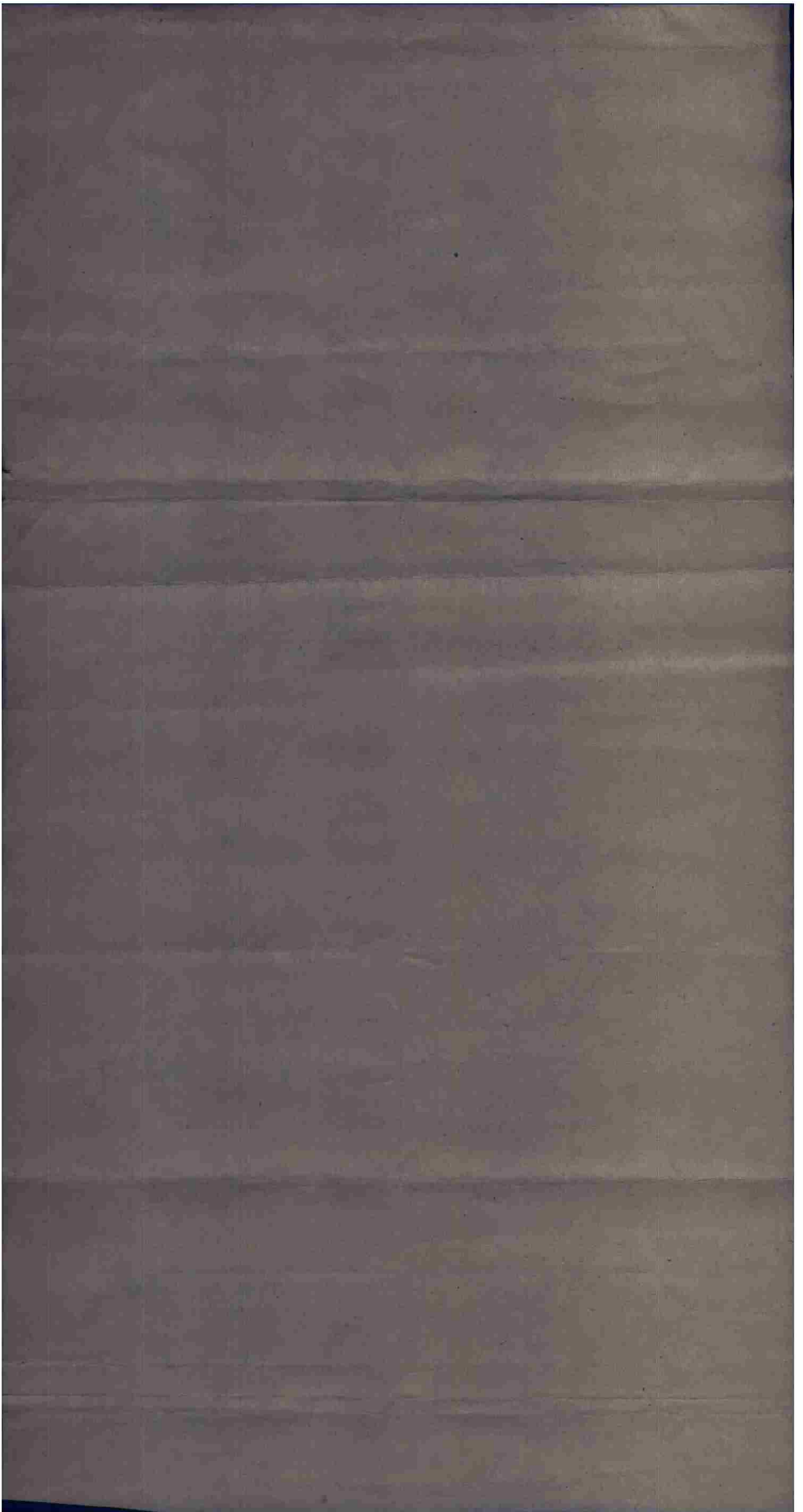
C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4937N 0608E AT 13,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 04 MINUTES. WITH PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MINUTES.

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

FOR 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS ONLY.

- (5) TARGET - BERG-GLADBACH STORAGE BUILDINGS (F-565655)
- (6) A/C REQ.: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING WITH 1 PPF A/C.
- (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO F.R. TO 4941N 0653E TO 4959N 0653E TO 5006N 0708E TO 5012N 0752E TO 5033N 0750E TO 5048N 0737E TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 5048N 0737E AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
- (9) BOMB AT 13,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING IS 8,000 FEET.
- (10) M.P.I. - MAP SERIES GSGS 4414, SHEET NO. 5008. 3 FLIGHTS ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID CORRDS: 56446555 AND 57206616 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES, ONE BOX ON EACH GRID COORD: 56446555 AND 57206616. PPF M.P.I. - GRID COORD: 56446555 (409TH PPF) AND 57206616 (416TH PPF).
- (11) BOMBS - 4 X 1,000 G.P. - FUSED: 1/10 SEC NOSE, 1/100 SEC TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (12) 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 PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING VISUALLY, GROUPS WILL BOMB BY FLIGHTS IF WEATHER PERMITS, AND WILL USE 5058N 0730E AS A VISUAL I.P. IF BOMBING BY FLIGHTS IS IMPOSSIBLE BUT A SMALL BREAK IN THE CLOUDS PERMITS BOMBING BY BOXES OF 18 A/C, GROUP MAY CONTINUE ON PPF ROUTE TO TARGET OR RETURN TO 5058N 0730E TO BOMB VISUALLY. IF 10/10 CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB THE PRIMARY TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:



A. P.P.F.
 B. GROUP "GEE"
 C. TARGET E.T.A.

(13) TWO B-26 GROUPS WILL USE THE SAME ROUTE TO ATTACK TARGETS IN THE SAME AREA. THEY WILL BE AT 10 MINUTE INTERVALS BEHIND THE 416TH BOMB GROUP. CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED ON ROUTE BACK AND DURING SECOND RUNS.

(14) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST, GROUP LEADERS WILL CALL FIGHTERS TO DIVE-BOMB FLAK POSITIONS USING METHOD OUTLINED IN PLAN "A".

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (565655)

(2) MANGO
 (3) JUDITH
 (4) SWEEPSTAKE

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (178947)

(2) CIRCLE
 (4,5) SWEEPSTAKE

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (565655)

(2) BESTMAN
 (3) POKER
 (4) SWEEPSTAKE

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

(11) CIRCLE LEADER CALL BLENDWELL ON "C" 15 MIN. PRIOR TO REACHING TROOP LINE AND REPORT IF ON TIME OR HOW MUCH EARLY OR LATE.

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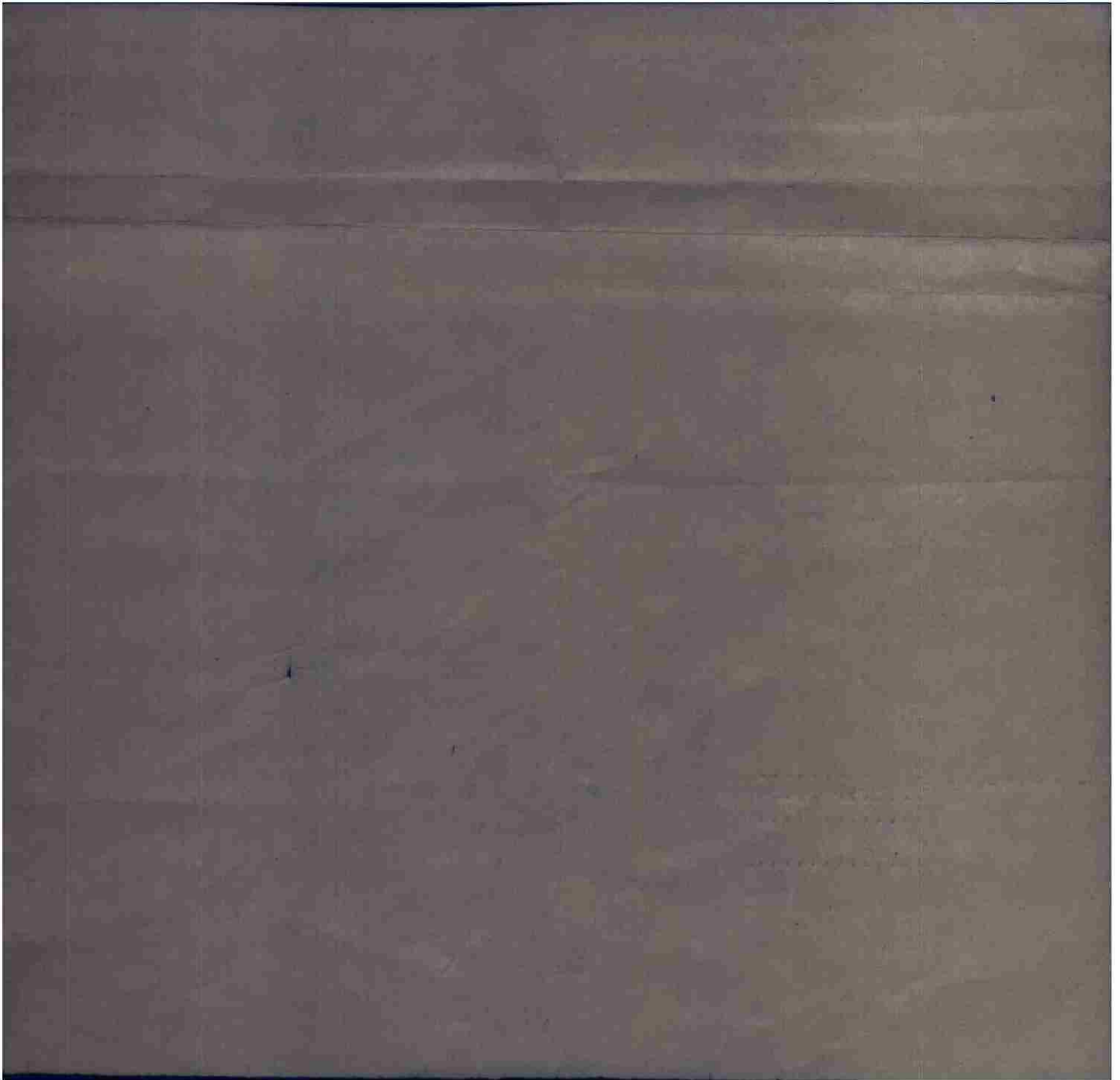
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FLIGHT I

3 FEBRUARY 1945

1. 085 F
Captain R.D. Stebbins
Lt. A.B. Calloway
S/Sgt. R.J. Brown
S/Sgt. J.J. McGuire
173 L
2. Captain H.L. Somers
Lt. J. Dupitz
S/Sgt. A.D. Burland
S/Sgt. K. Smith
3. 383 V
Lt. J.A. Willard
Sgt. G.V. Hinker

4. 238 M
Lt. M.W. DuRosa
Sgt. D.L. Griffin
5. 252 D
Lt. R.H. Johnson
Sgt. H.E. Brandt
- 271
6. 228 R
Lt. C.E. Weinert
Sgt. R.D. Francis

FLIGHT II

1. 101 B
Captain R.E. Greenley
Lt. H.J. Bennett
S/Sgt. A.H. Hinson
S/Sgt. R.R. Davis
2. 250 A
Captain L.J. Sutton
S/Sgt. W.D. Gilliam
3. 356 ³⁵⁶ C
Lt. R.M. Van Noorden
S/Sgt. G. Thompson

4. 222 S
Lt. A.E. Hornum
Sgt. H.K. Miller

5. 332 F
Lt. J.B. Cooke
Sgt. R.E. Hedding
6. 300 K
F/O R.J. Wilson
Sgt. J. Rankiswich

FLIGHT III

1. 073 J
Lt. R.J. Rooney
Lt. H.L. Risk
S/Sgt. J.F. Gaggia
S/Sgt. A. Moran
2. 321 V
Lt. M. Brutscher
Sgt. R.A. Davis
3. 334 C
Lt. J.R. Warren
S/Sgt. B.M. Turpin

4. 307 ³⁰⁷ B
Lt. T.S. Merritt
Lt. H.B. Bower
Sgt. A.C. Masile

5. 337 O
Lt. A.R. Turner
Sgt. V.B. Accio
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Lt. H. Popeney
S/Sgt. W.R. Arnett

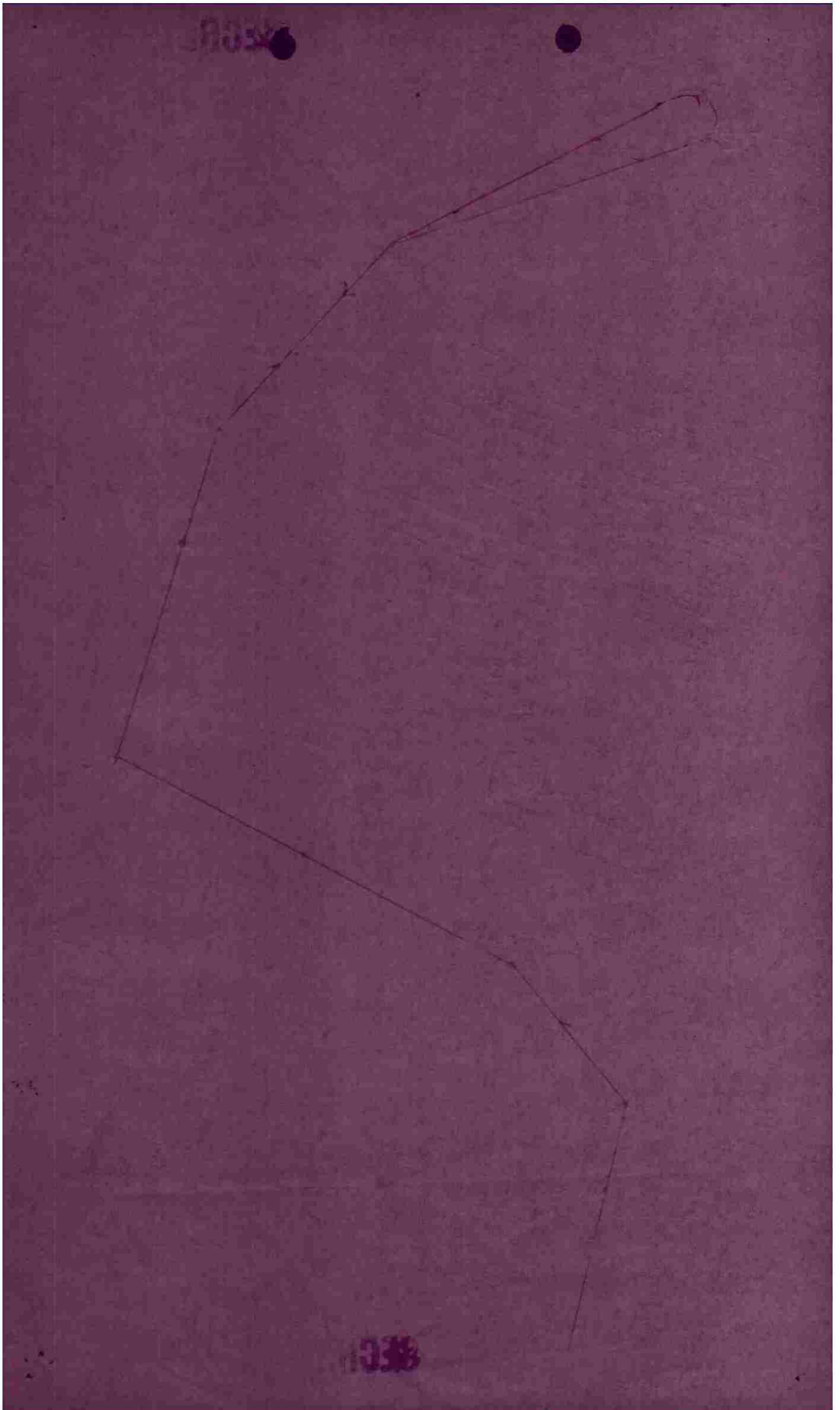
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205 M
F/O J.A. Green
Sgt. R.R. Norbakken

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Lt. A.R. Maitly
S/Sgt. L.C. Burger
S/Sgt. M. Hall | 2. 439 V
Lt. J.O. Sewell
S/Sgt. J.A. Rumer
S/Sgt. H.E. Dias | 3. 026 M
Lt. F.W. Harris
S/Sgt. R.F. Windisch
Sgt. A.R. Hood |
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AUTH: CO STA

DATE: 5 Feb. 1945

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

TO: **Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (H), APO 140, U. S. Army.**
Attn: Statistical Control.

From: 416th Bombardment Group (L), APO 140, U.S. Army.

Ref: Oprep 4 No. **306** for 24 hrs. ending midnight **3 Feb. 1945**
Mission or Operation No. **100 97th 1st 100 100-731**

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target **Long-Bladlock Storage Buildings**
Place of take-off **Station A-35**
Place of landing **Station A-35**
Take-off time **1335** Landing time **1707**
Time over target **1351** Bombing Altitude **13500**
Nature of mission **Leveling** Other **None**
Weather **10/10's cloud cover over target area.**
Results **Unobserved**
Enemy opposition **None. No accurate heavy flak at target. No accurate heavy flak at Garmburg.**

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched **7 A-20's**
15 A-26's
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
7 A-20's **Long-Bladlock Storage Bldg.**
1 A-20's **Long-Bladlock Storage Bldg.**
15 A-26's
3. Abortive due to:
 - (1) Weather: **None**
 - (2) Personnel: **None**
 - (3) Mechanical: **None**
 - (4) Other: **None**
4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) **None**
5. Destroyed - before reaching target
giving cause where known **None**
6. Destroyed - over or after leaving
target giving cause where known **None**
7. Damaged (give category & cause) **2 A-20's and 2 A-26's Category "A" - Flak**
8. Sorties **22**

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Opres 2308
A. Place of landing should include 1-35 as
1-35 and 1-35 as 1-35.
Opres 2308
B.2. (1) Should include 1-35 lost force-
Adjutant.
B.2. (4) Should read 1-35 unknown. Grounded-information looking.
B.2. Should read 1-35.

For the Commanding Officer:

- a. Destroyed
- b. Prop. Dos
- c. Damaged

H. Enemy aircraft by type or description (tentative estimate):-

Type of	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	R.Gun	E.Gun	T.Gun
Casualty							
Killed in							
Action							
Missing in							
Action							
Seriously							
Wounded							
Slightly							
Wounded							

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

- a. Total Returned
- b. Lost or wrecked on missing e/c
- c. Detained
- d. Expended on operations (List targets separately)
- e. Total carried into air

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

- a. Total carried into air
- b. Expended on operations
- c. Lost on wrecked or missing e/c
- d. Ammunition by calibre:
- e. Day (Sunrise to sunset)
- f. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

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(ITA PASS TO JJF)

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 03/1900A
TO CO, 1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (PROV)
INFO COPY: CG, 9TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING (L)
CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

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CONFIDENTIAL 416BG F-67-E
REPORT ON PATHFINDER LEAD THIS DATE. PFF DID NOT PICK UP FORMATION
AT THIS FIELD ON ASSEMBLY BECAUSE HE FOLLOWED ONE OF THE GROUP FLIGHTS
WHO FAILED TO FIND THE GROUP FORMATION DUE TO BAD VISIBILITY.
HOWEVER PFF MET GROUP AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS. NAVIGATION WAS EXCELLENT.
TURN OFF TARGET WAS NOT STEEP ENOUGH. EVASIVE ACTION WAS NOT TAKEN ON
BOMB LINE OUT. PFF LEAD GENERALLY SATISFACTORY.

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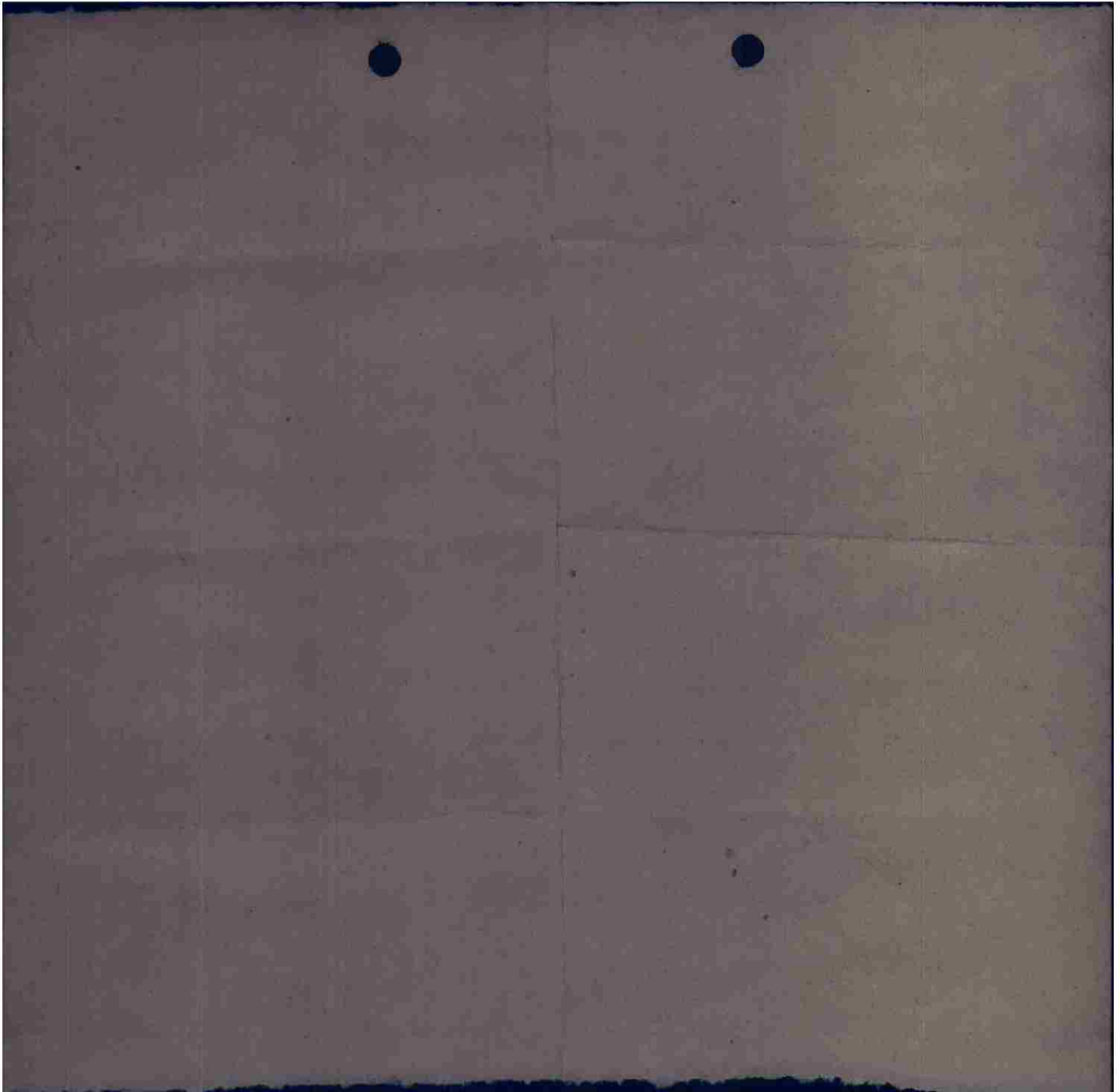
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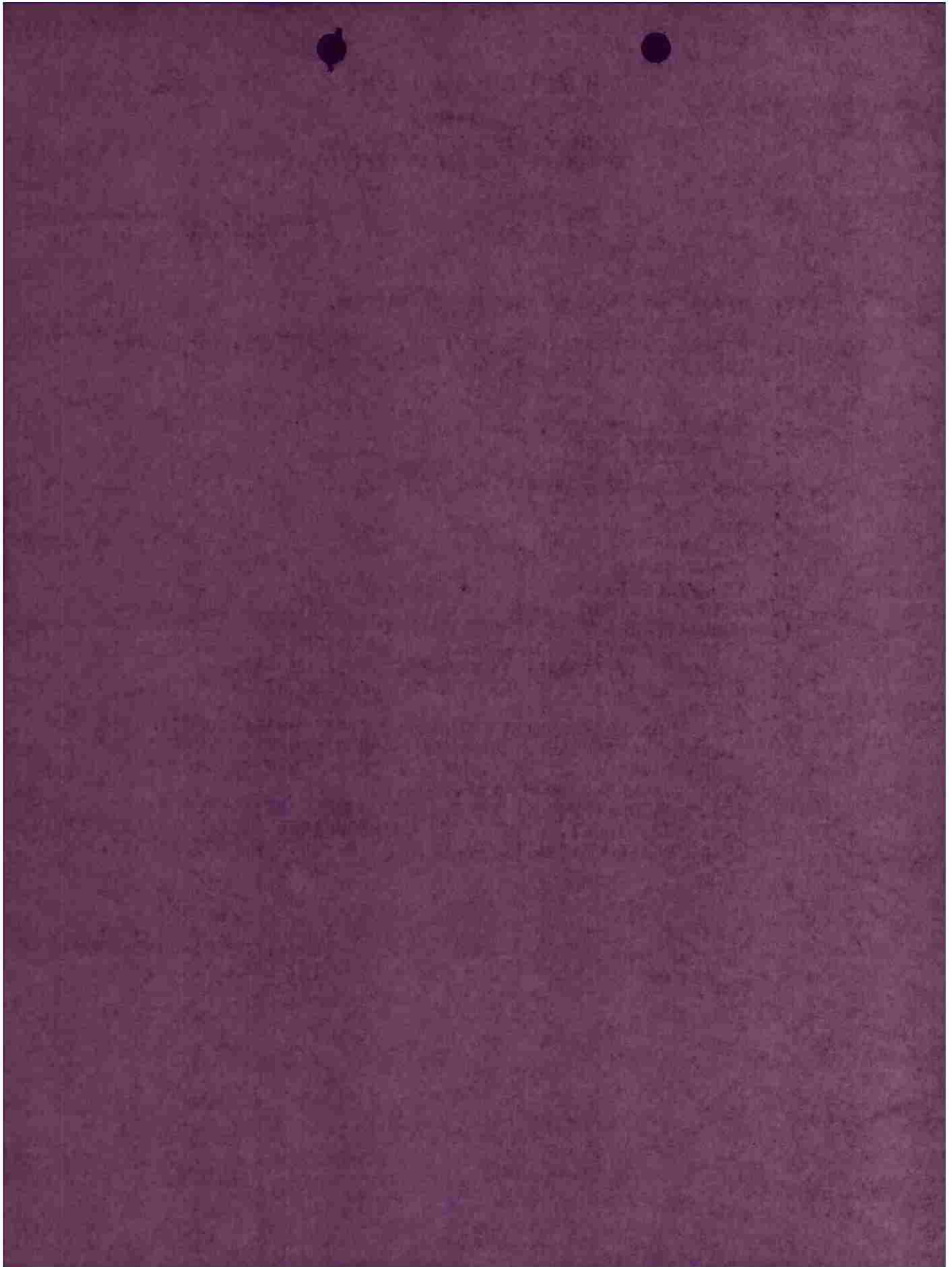
HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE RADAR OFFICERAPO 140, U S ARMY
4 FEBRUARY 1945

SUBJECT: REPORT OF OPERATIONAL USE OF WINDOW.

TO : RADAR COUNTERMEASURES OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS, 9TH BOMB-
ARDMENT DIVISION (M), APO 140, U S ARMY.

1. RCM DISPENSING NO. 42
2. 3 FEBRUARY 1945.
3. AT TARGET AREA AND AT SAARBOURG
4. 50- 45 N 07 - 36 E
5. 49- 36 N 06 - 32 E
6. 3
7. 24 BOXES
8. 280 - 44 MPH
9. 13500 FEET
10. 6 TO 7 TENTHS
11. MODERATE HEAVY AT TARGET AREA ;
MEAGER HEAVY AT SAARBOURG.
12. ACCURATE AT TARGET; INACCURATE AT SAARBOURG.
13. A FEW SECONDS AT TARGET; A FEW SECONDS AT SAARBOURG.
14. 4 TYPE "A"
15. (A). GUNNERS CONSIDER "HEAVIER TYPE" CHAFF SUPERIOR TO
"LIGHT TYPE" CHAFF. THE REASONS GIVEN WERE THAT "HEAVIER
TYPE" FORMS A BETTER CLOUD AND "LIGHTER TYPE" BLOWS ALL
OVER GUNNERS COMPARTMENT.
(B). PATH FINDER PLANE CHANGED COURSE SHARPLY BETWEEN
I.P. AND TARGET. THEREFORE CHAFF PLANES WERE NOT DIRECTLY
AHEAD OF FORMATION FOR A SHORT TIME JUST BEFORE TARGET.

C. F. L.
CHARLES F. GUNDERSON
1ST LT., C.A.C.
RADAR OFFICER.



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FROM COBOMGR 416 03/1700A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER
COMCBTWIG 97 (INFO)
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CONFIDENTIAL 416BG F-65-J

A - YS - 27

B - 3 FEBRUARY 1945 (1335-1700)

C - J-JIG CALLED DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AFTER LEAVING TARGET AND
REPORTED OPERATIONS COMPLETED.

D - J-JIG CALLED FIGHTER GROUND CONTROL FOUR MINUTES BEFORE I.P.
AND RECEIVED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

E - NONE

F - NONE

G - NONE

H - NONE

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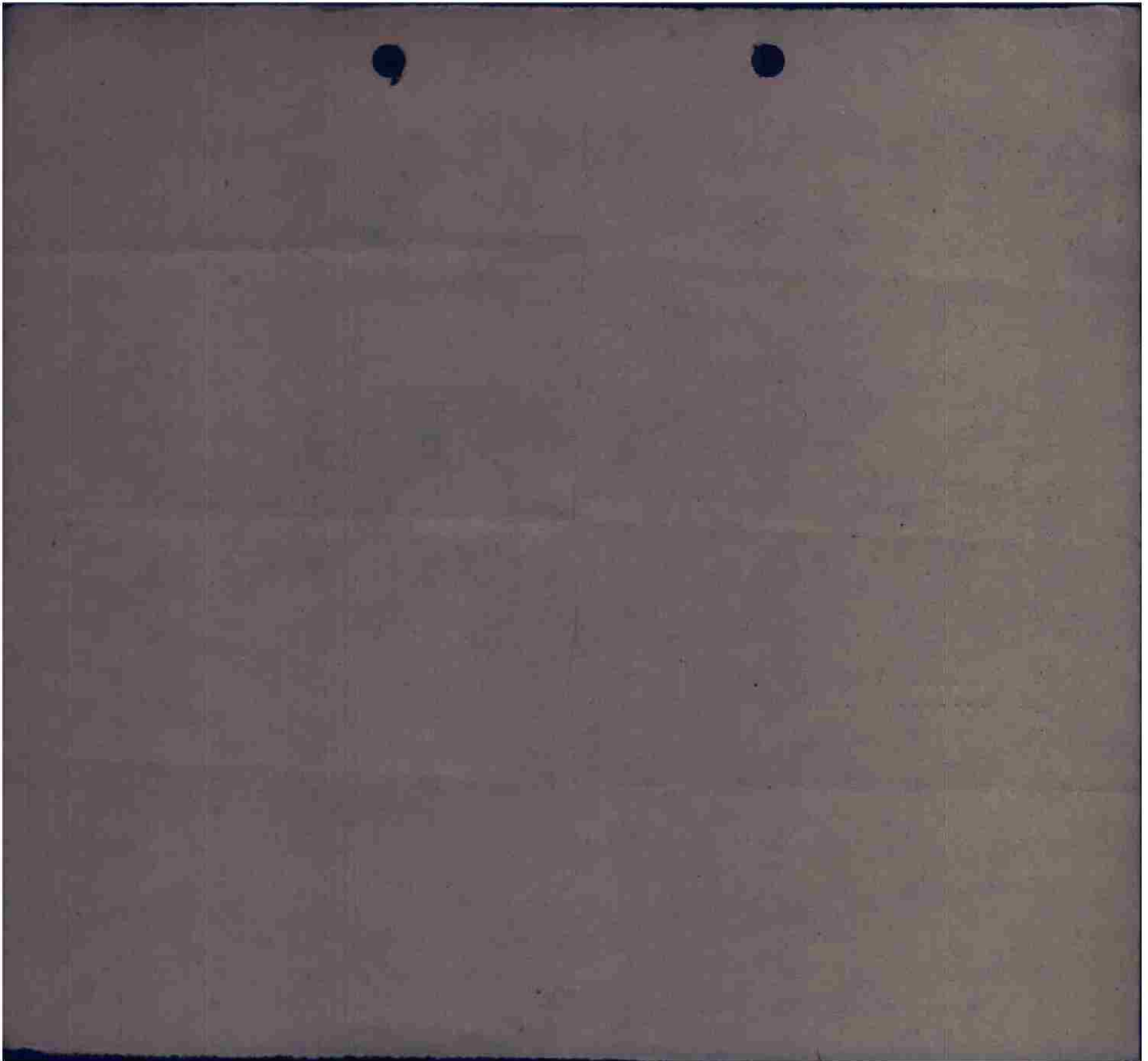
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Box #	Opspl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	LB min.															
I		3/2/45				STEBBINS	TOT L/D																
A/C	Feil to Bomb	ATT	Bomb List	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.																	
Res. No.	Reason	T	B	O	T	S	J	T	R	M	D	A	A	C	B	E	D	P	D	K	V	M	
1	085	500	x																				
2	178	500	x																				
3	383	1000	x																				
4	238	Bombing on R.R.																					
5	252																						
6	271																						
7	185	500																					
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19	205																						

16x500
58x1000

2x1000 4" 4"

2x18" 12-20

2x18" 12-20

307 - Murch

073 ROANEY

185 GREENLEY

334 WARREN

321 ECKHART

356 VAN NORDEN

250 SUTTON

327 MERRITT

307 HERMAN

337 RABENEY

300 TURMAN

332 WILSON

305 COCKE

GREEN

SPARE

085 STEBBINS

383 WILLARD

178 SOMMERS

238 DUBOSE

271 WEINERT

252 JOHNSON

139
52
16
76

319
76

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B. (2) No. a/c off by type: A-20G's (obtained from Opns) A-20F's (obtained from Opns) (3) No. of a/c failing to bomb explain each failure. Recall due to weather Personnel Mechanical Other Reasons (4) No. a/c bombing. Primary. Secondary. Other. (obtained from receipts.)

C. (1) Time up. T.O.T. Time Down (obtained from Tower).

D. (1) No. a/c Missing Destroyed Damaged (cat. B/C) Damaged (cat. A) (2) No. Crew Killed Wounded Missing (obtained from Receipts).

E. Results of Bombing. (obtained from Group Bombarrier).

I. Bombs on Primary. Bombs on Secondary. Bombs on Other. Bombs Returned. Bombs Detonated. (obtained from Receipts)

No. Type Where

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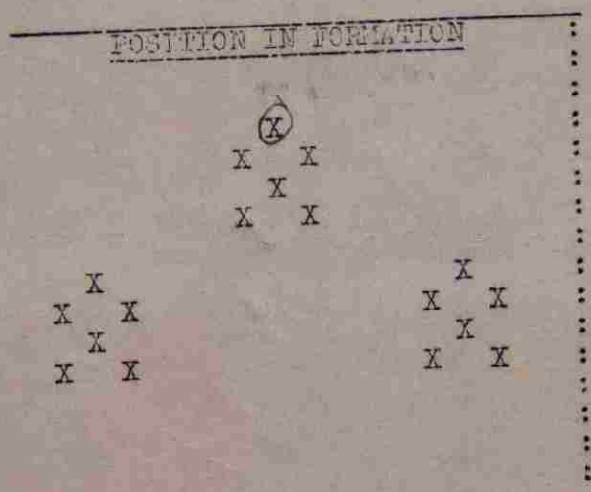
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PILOT STEBBINS A/C# 085 BOX I

CASUALTIES
BOMBS : 4 X 500 ON Primary RA-50 WH
X RETURNED Cat. A
X JETTERSONED

FLAK: 9 sec. before bomb away - about 10 bursts - Accurate
None after turn off -
3 bursts at bomb line on way out - Saarburg -

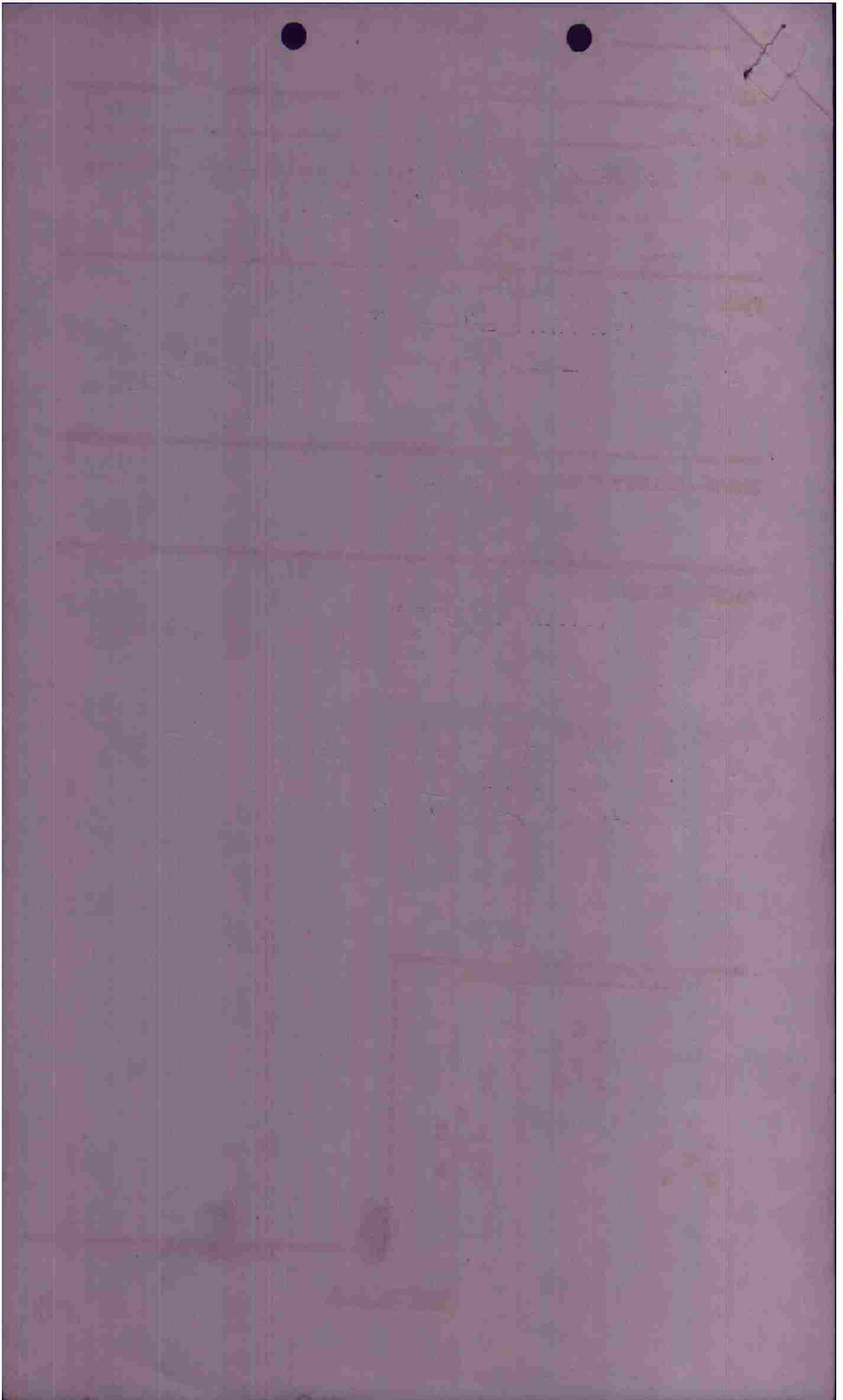
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil -

OBSERVATIONS:
Bombing alt. 13,500
Didn't see results
Called fighter ground control station
5 minutes before I.P.



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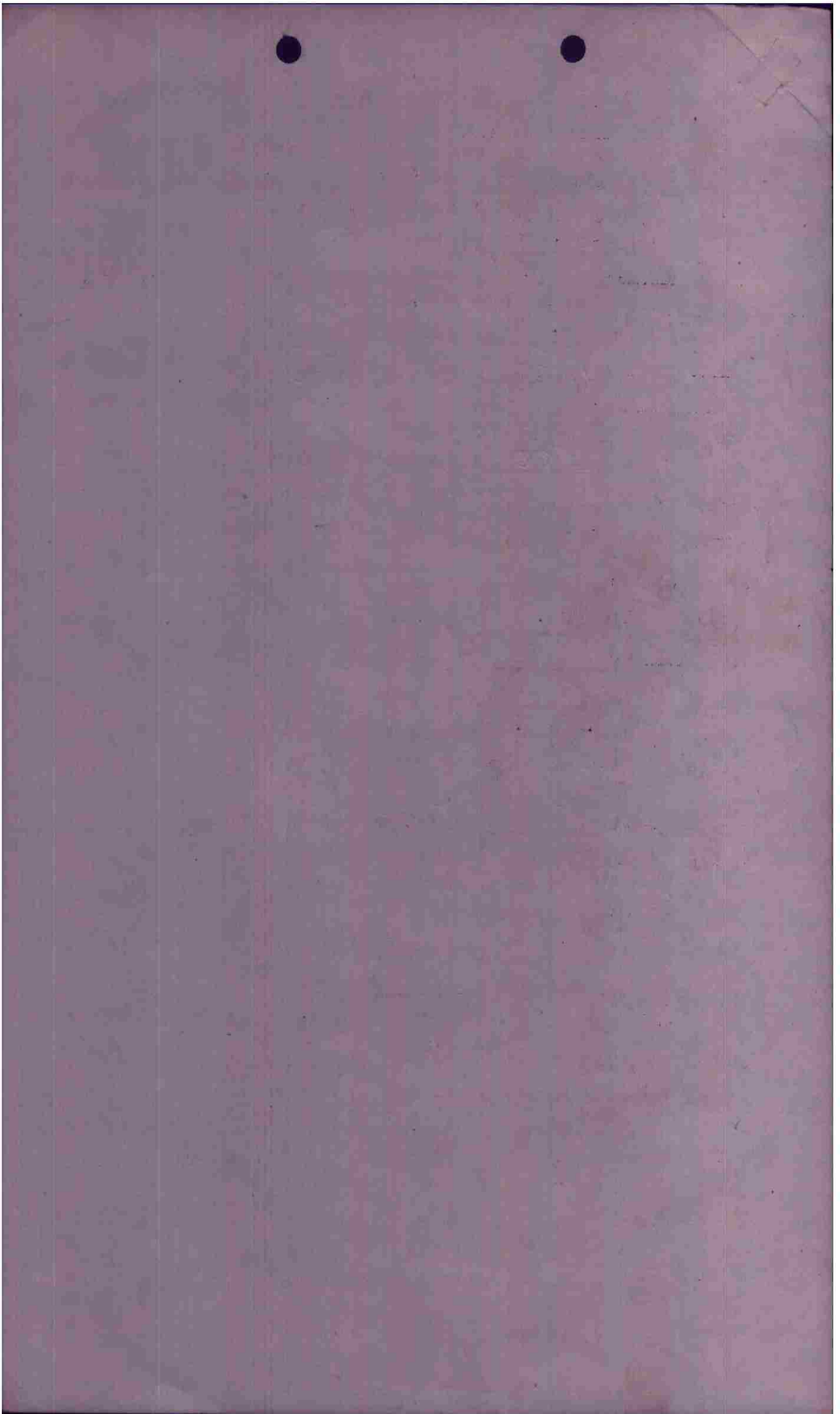
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MISSION WINDOW REPORT

1. Did Window planes precede the formation? If so, give:
 - a. Average distance of Window planes ahead of the formation through the flak area.
 - (1) 3000 ft. ahead.
 - b. Position of Window planes with respect to formation through the flak area.
 - (1) _____ ft. below or above.
 - (2) 1300 ft. off track, left or right.
 - c. Position of observed window cloud with respect to the formation.
 - (1) 500 ft. below or above.
 - (2) _____ ft. off track, left or right.
2. Did first box or flight sow window for following box or flight? If so, give:
 - a. Distance between units.
 - (1) _____ ft. ahead.
 - (2) _____ ft. ahead.
 - (3) _____ ft. ahead.
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 II _____ degrees.
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4. T.O.T. of Window aircraft. _____
5. Comments as to effectiveness of Window.

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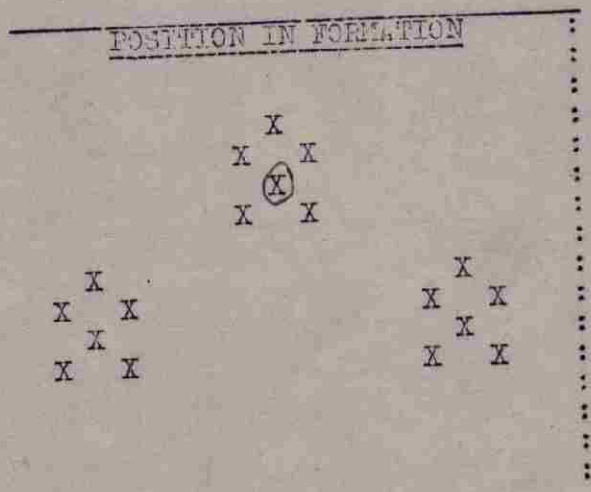
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PILOT Du BOSE A/C# 238 BOX I

CASUALTIES
BOMBS : 3 X 1000 ON Turret P.P. BATTERY DAMAGE
4 X RETURNED 4 X 4 X 4
1 X JETTISONED 1 X 1 X 1
1 - dropped R.P.

FLAK: 2 or 3 sec. before bombs dropped - XXXH!
ahead
4 bursts just before B.L. on ant.

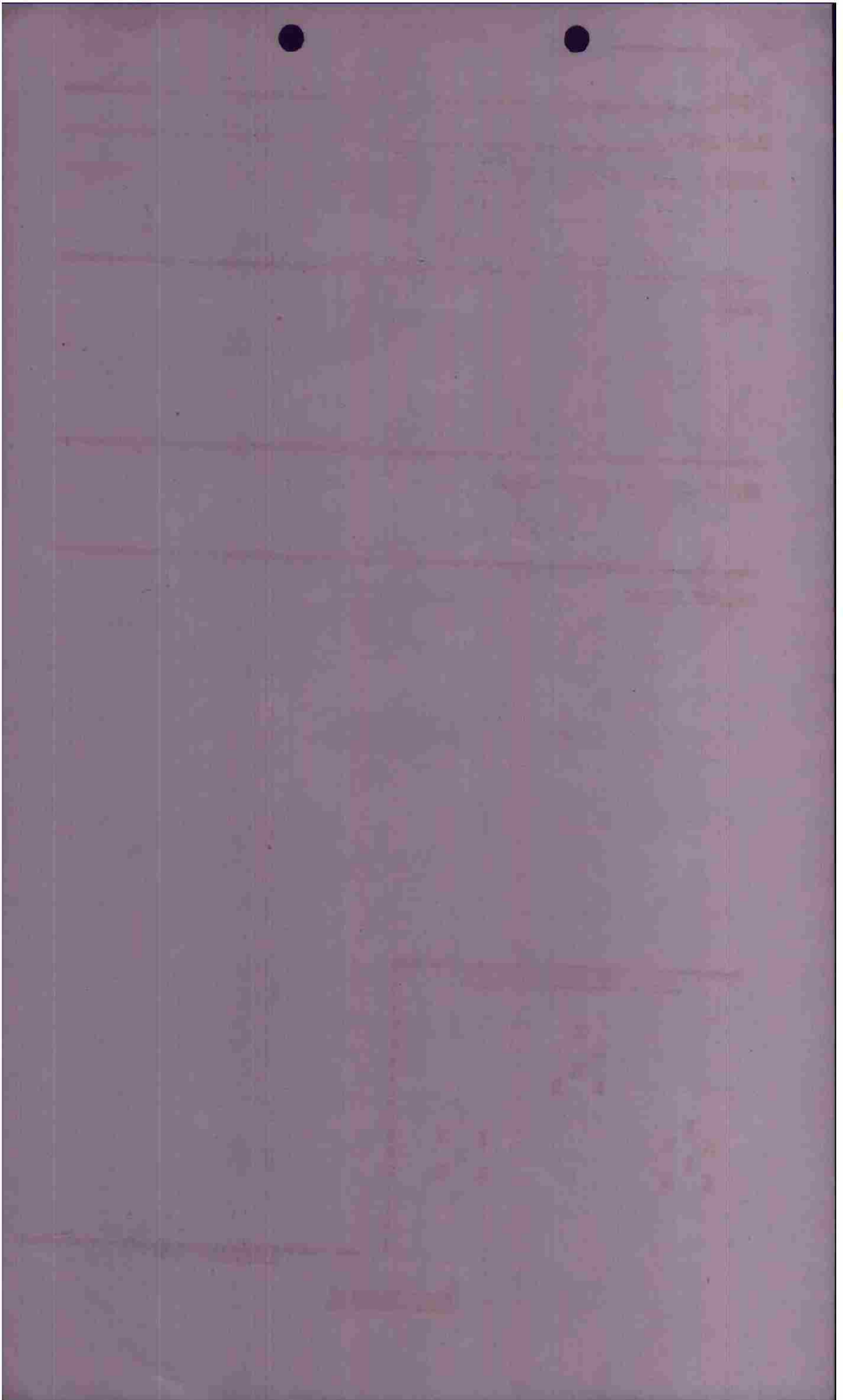
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: P.38

OBSERVATIONS: 1-1000 fell out to bb. doors + dropped
over R.P. - hung up.



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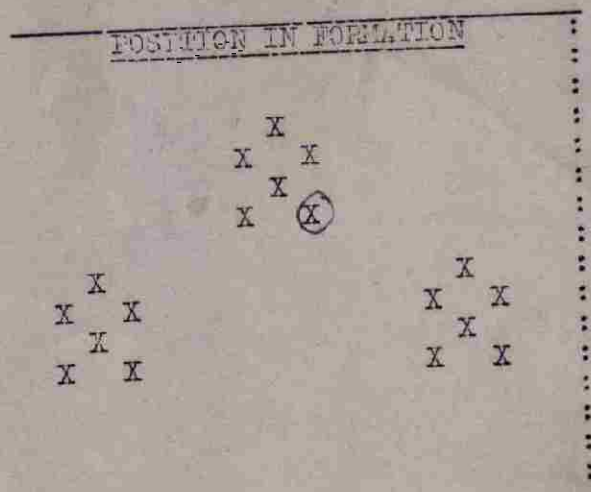
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PILOT JOHNSON A/C# 252 BOX I

CASUALTIES
BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON 409th PREF : PAINTER DAMAGE
: XX : XX : XX : XX
: RETURNED : XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX :
: JETTISONED : XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX :

FLAK: 4 at target just before bomb
away. 4 XX H1
1615 - 6 bombs in front
some on left.

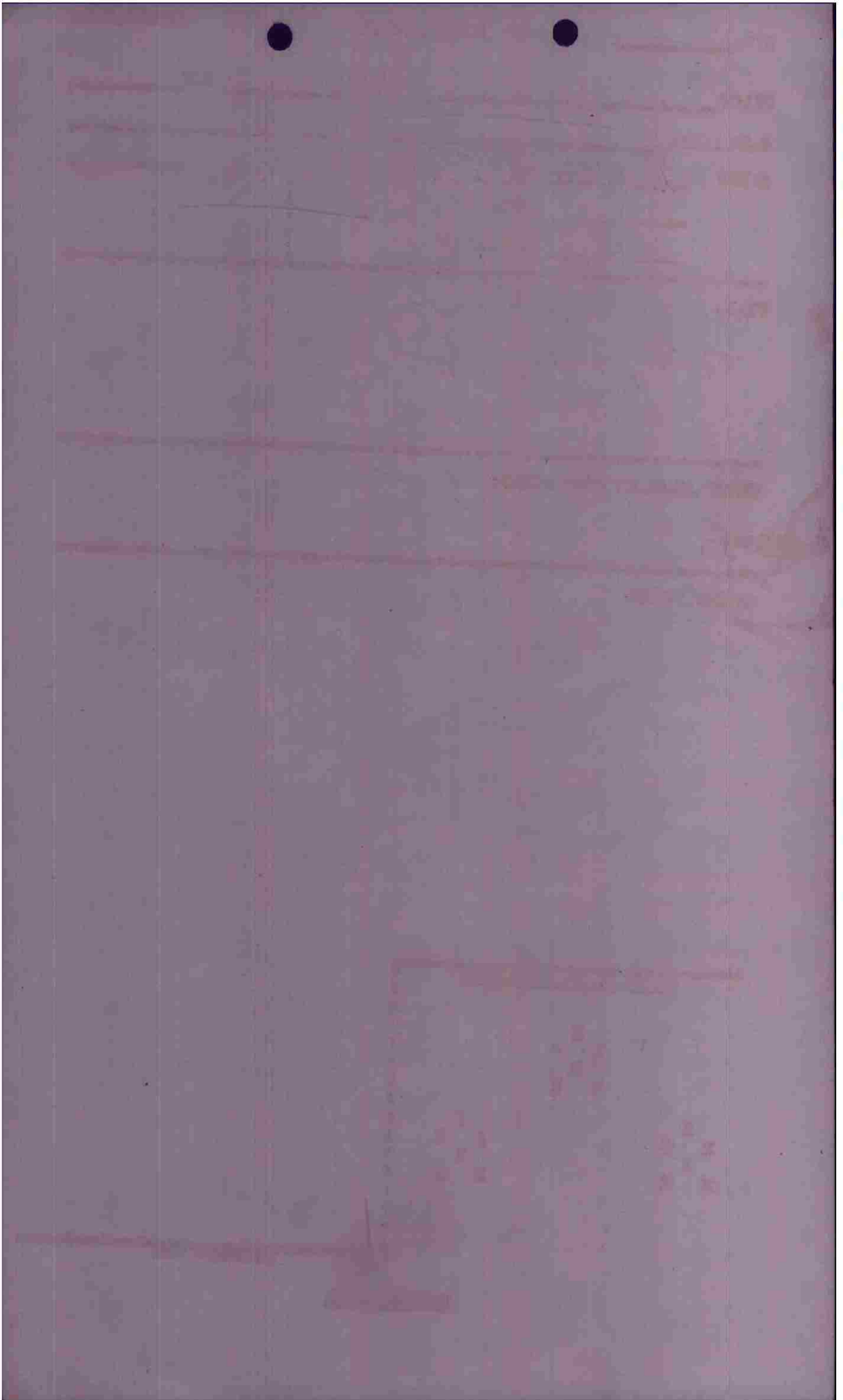
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: X P-38

OBSERVATIONS: lost bomb in clod.
1610 - M Y - full of trains - 1/2 full
smoke from some.



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PILOT WILLARD A/C# 383 BOX F

CASUALTIES _____

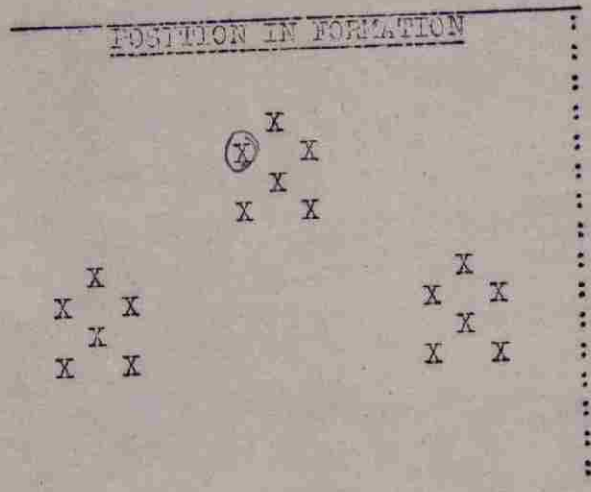
BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON 400 PPR

	RETURNED	REPAIRS	REMARKS
<u>X</u>			
<u>X</u>			

FLAK: target - seemed to be missed
4 16 15 -

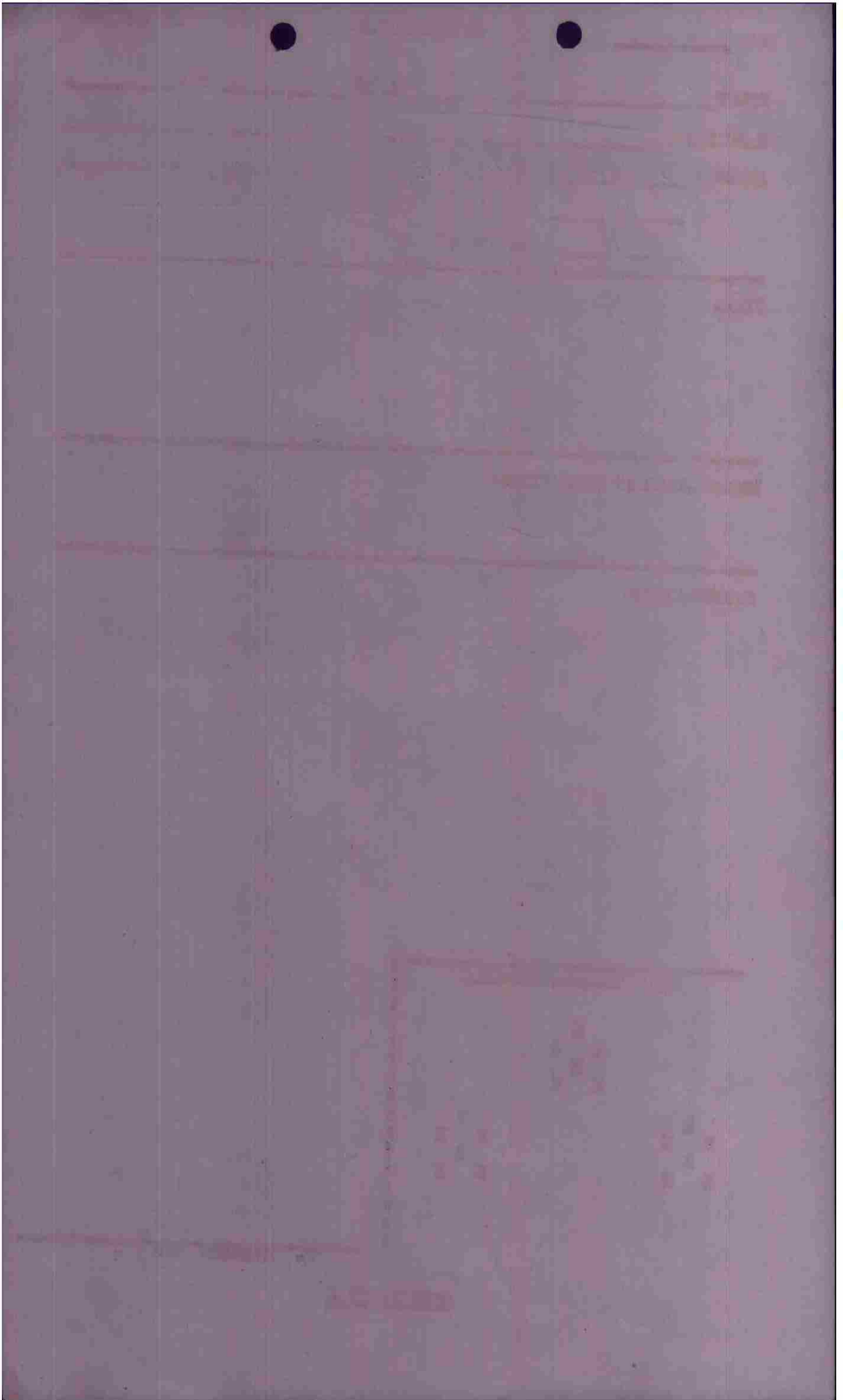
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: P-38's

OBSERVATIONS: lot of single A-20's & A-26's
over the target.



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PILOT SOMMERS

A/C# 178

BOX 7

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 4 X 500 ON
X RETURNED
X JETTERED

STATION D-1112

RETURNED

JEFFERSON

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

VATIONS:

P.P.F.

Doubtful

Large amount of work done

10590

TOT 1581

18,500

POSTION IN FORMATION

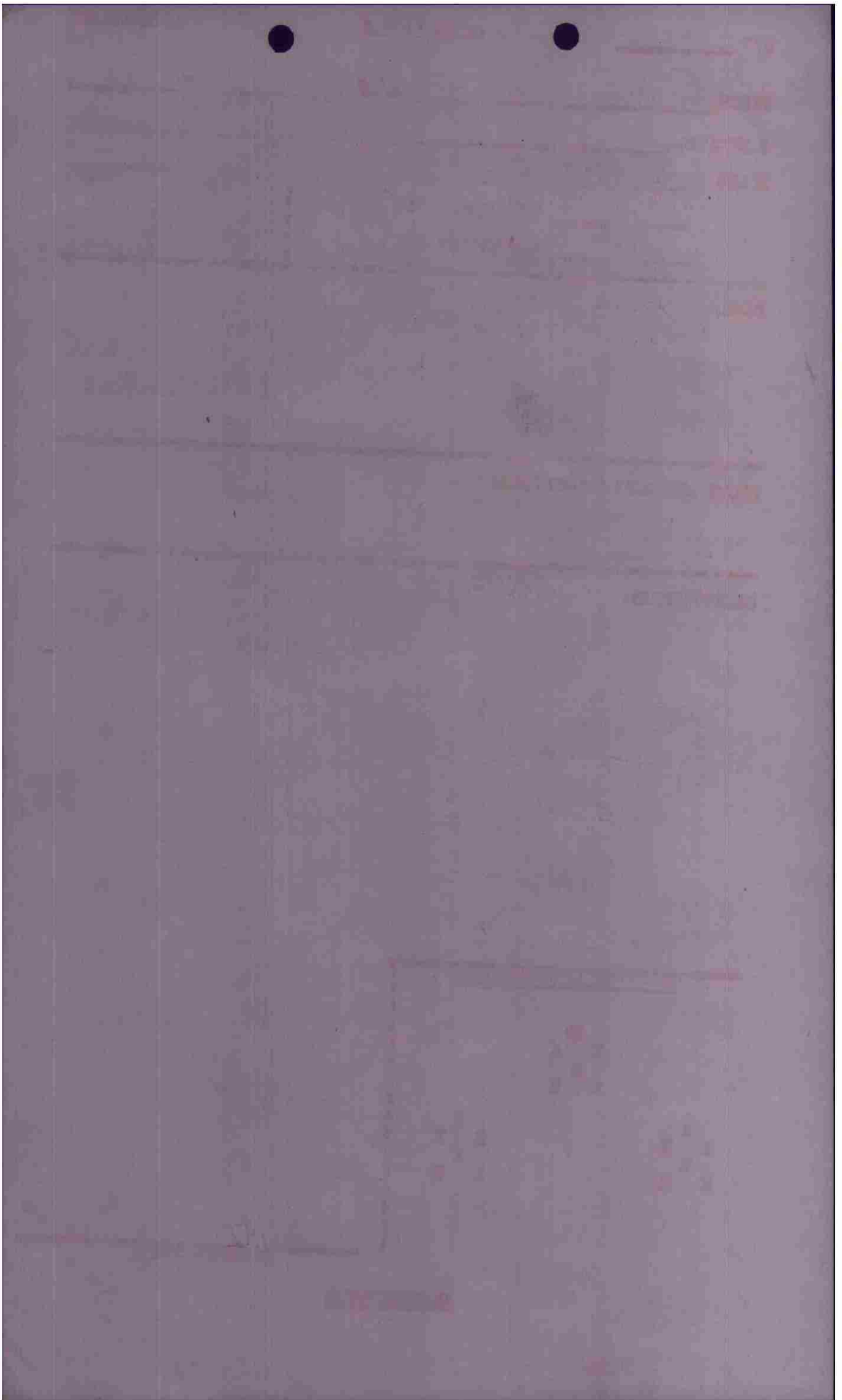
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PILOT- WEINERT A/C# 271 BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	RETURNED	JETTISONED	BATTLE DAMAGE	W-CH	W-EN
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON					
X					
X					

FLAK: MHA at TST
on bombing WNA.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

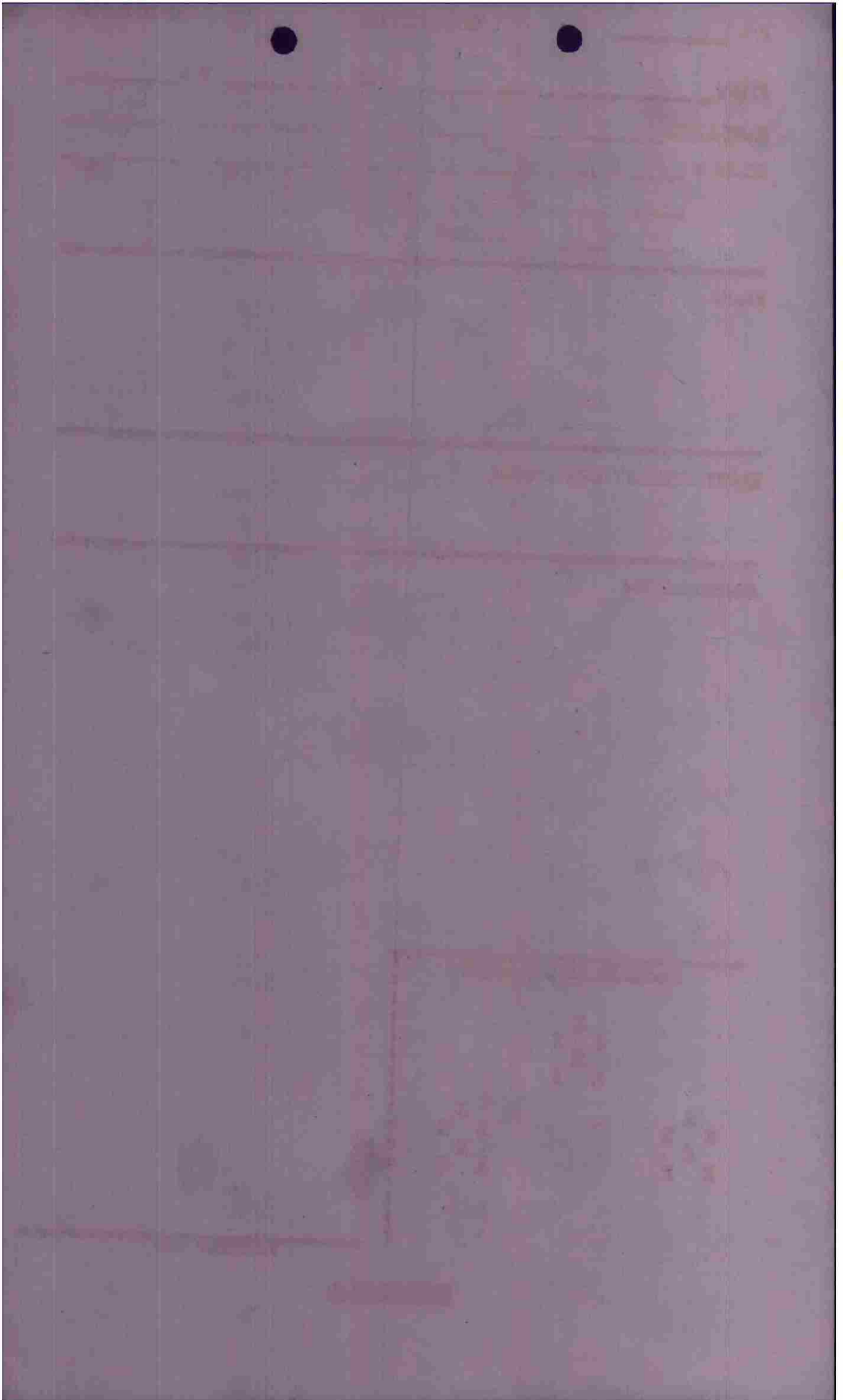
OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	(X)		X	
			X	
X			X	X
X	X		X	
X			X	X

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PILOT Wilson A/C# 300 BOX I

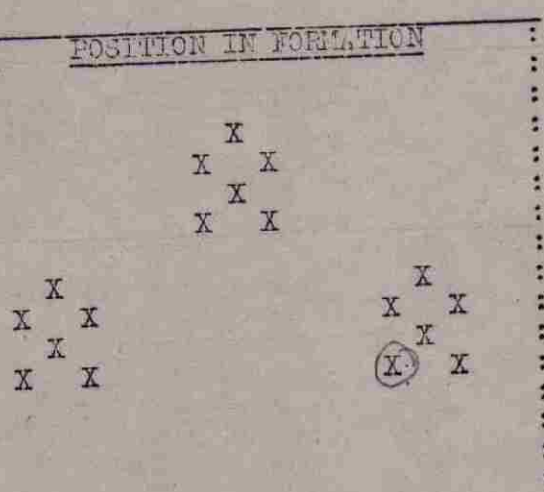
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> BN	BATTERY DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED	<u>undamaged</u>	
	X	JETTISONED	<u>splitting</u>	

FLAK: on target - XHA - 2 bursts
on return - barrage at alt.
but ahead

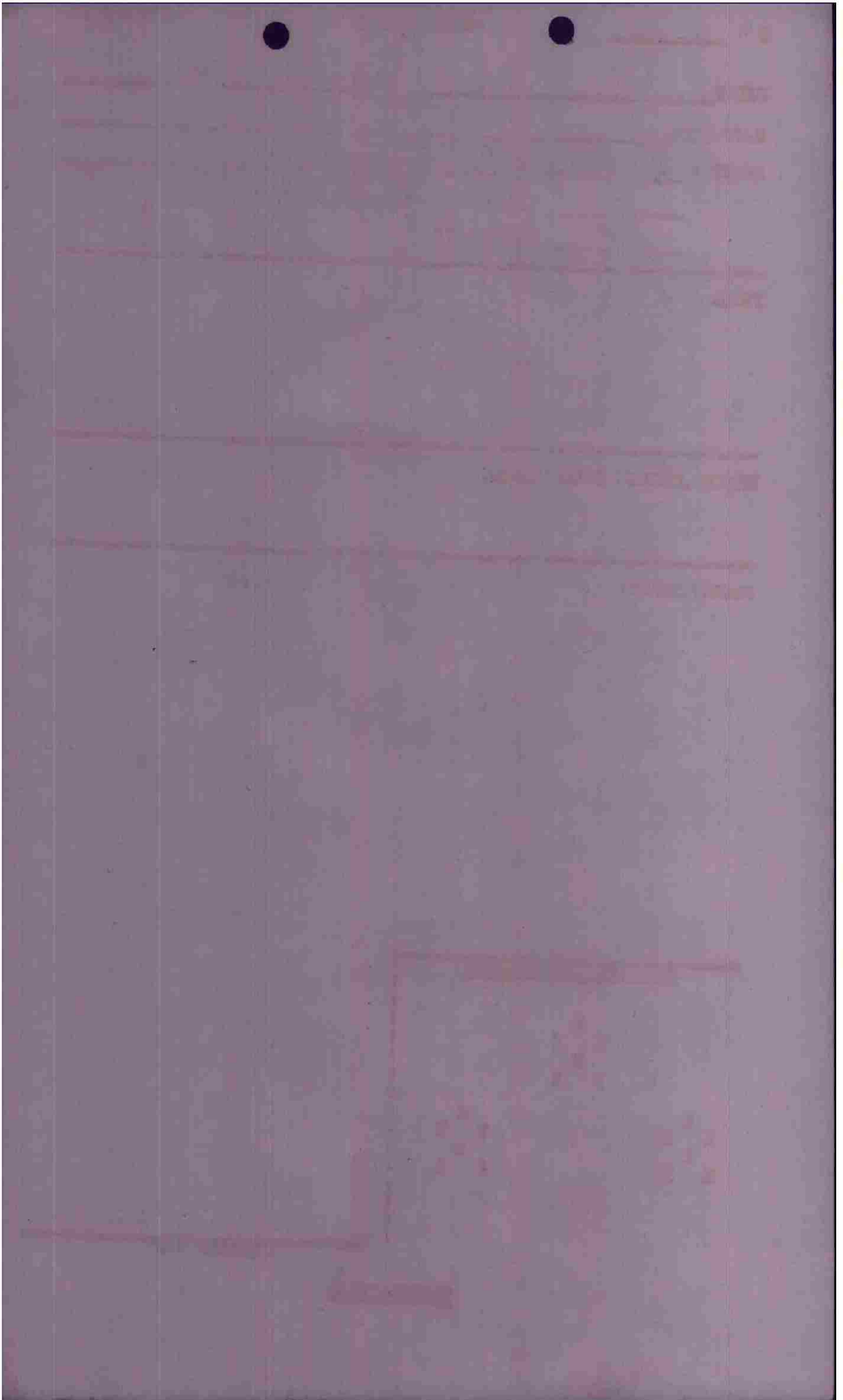
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: P-38's

OBSERVATIONS: bombed PPF on 40 ft target
broken.



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PILOT YAN NORDEN A/C# 356 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE			
		1	2	3	4
X	1000 ON				
X	RETURNED				
X	JETTISONED				

FLAK: W-11A brief of report.
8 hours on bench.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

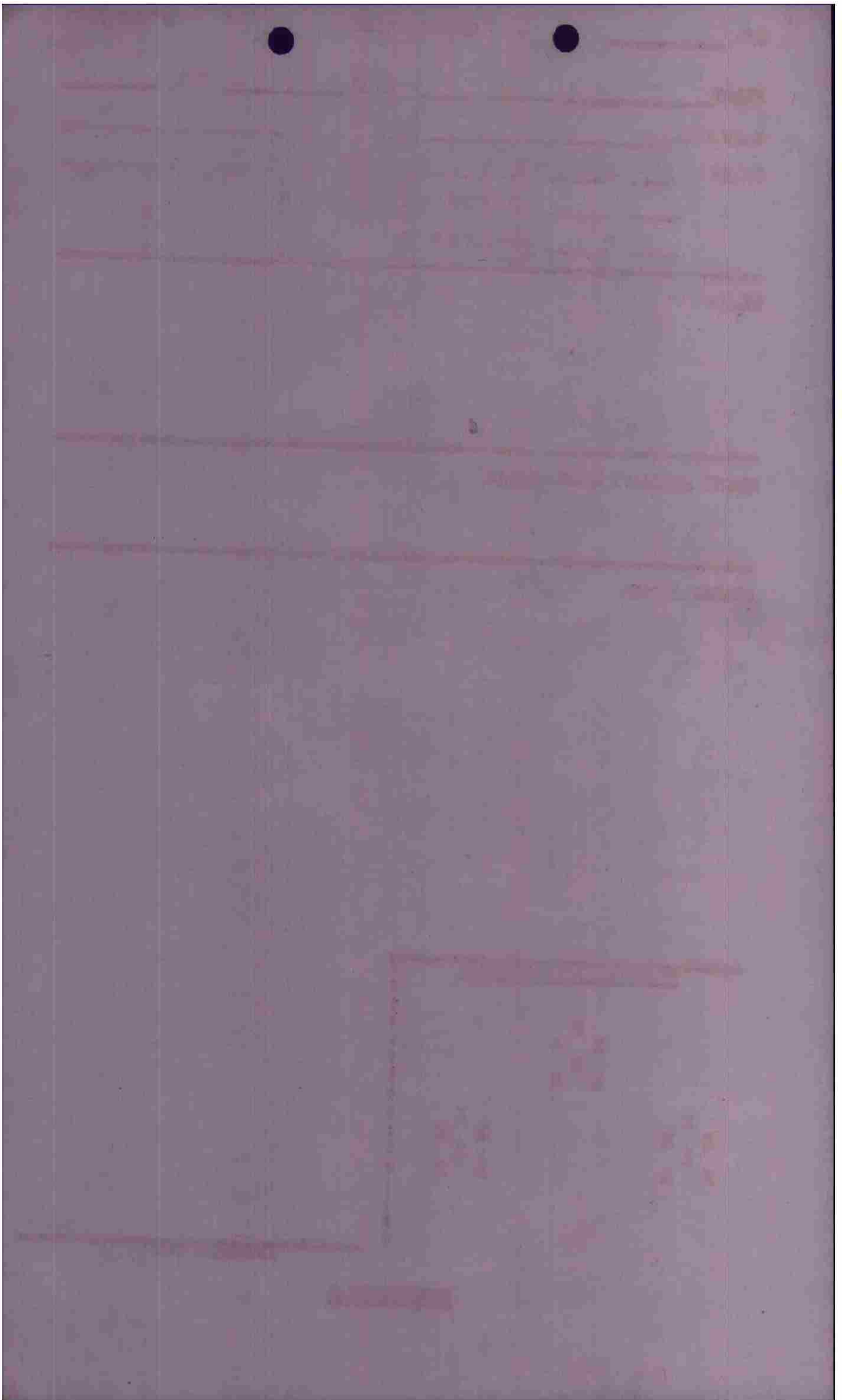
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PILOT COCKE A/S# 332 BOX F

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		RETN	RETN	RETN
4	X 1000 ON			
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

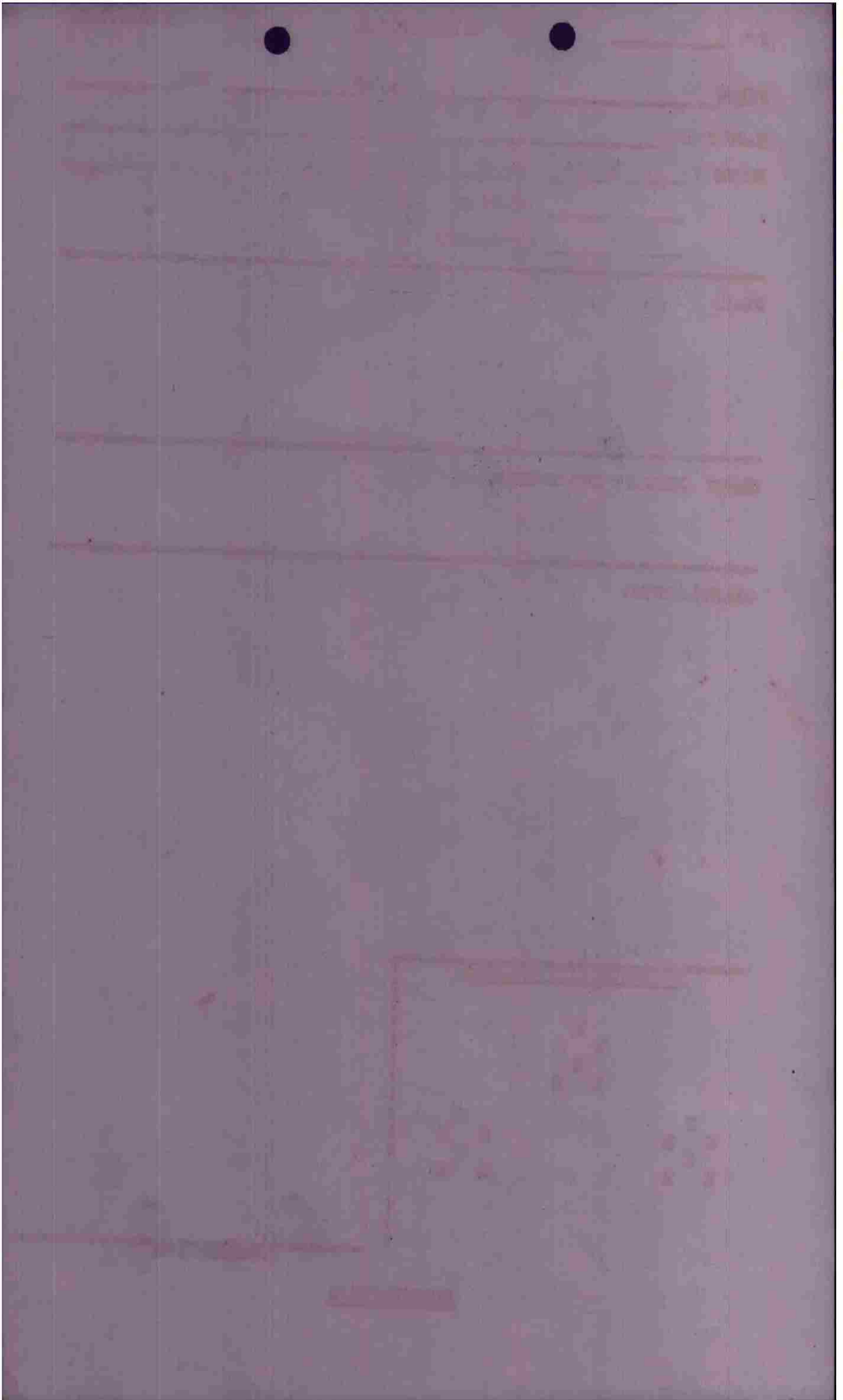
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PILOT GREENLEY A/C# 185 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	<u>X500</u>	<u>ON Primary</u>	RATTLE BOMBS			
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED		<u>nil</u>		
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED				

FLAK: mod - evasive action kept out of it -
meagre - fairly accurate at front line on cover on

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: Eller bridge is standing
Cloud 5 to 7 - vis. good
Bomb alt 13,700

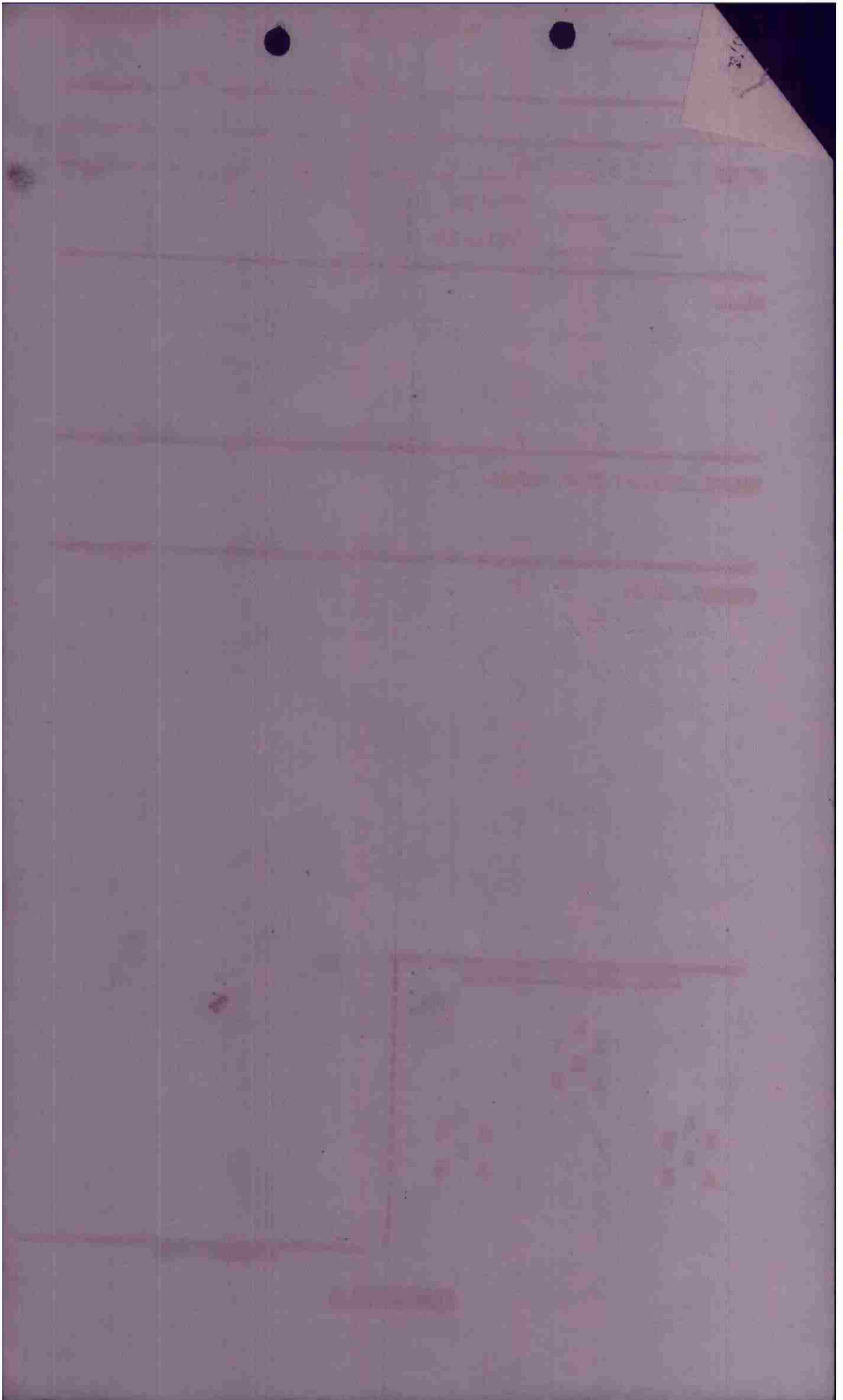
POSITION IN FORMATION

		X	
X		X	X
		X	
X		X	X

X	X	(X)	X
X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X

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PILOT SUTTON A/C# 250 BOX I

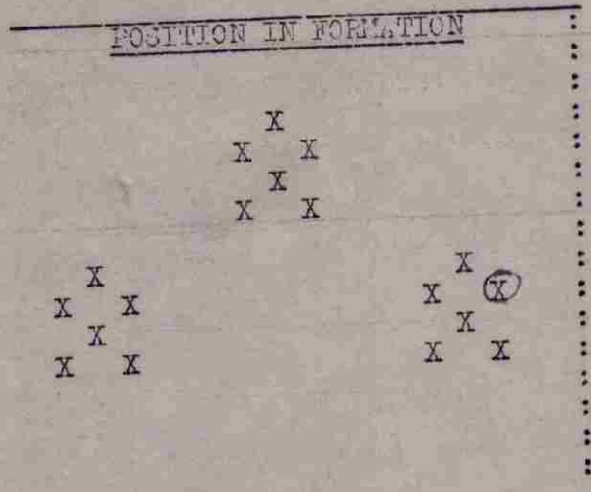
CASUALTIES _____
BOMBS : 3 X 10000N PF RETURNED 1 X RETURNED

FLAK: XXHI at bombs away also just before bomb line on way out.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

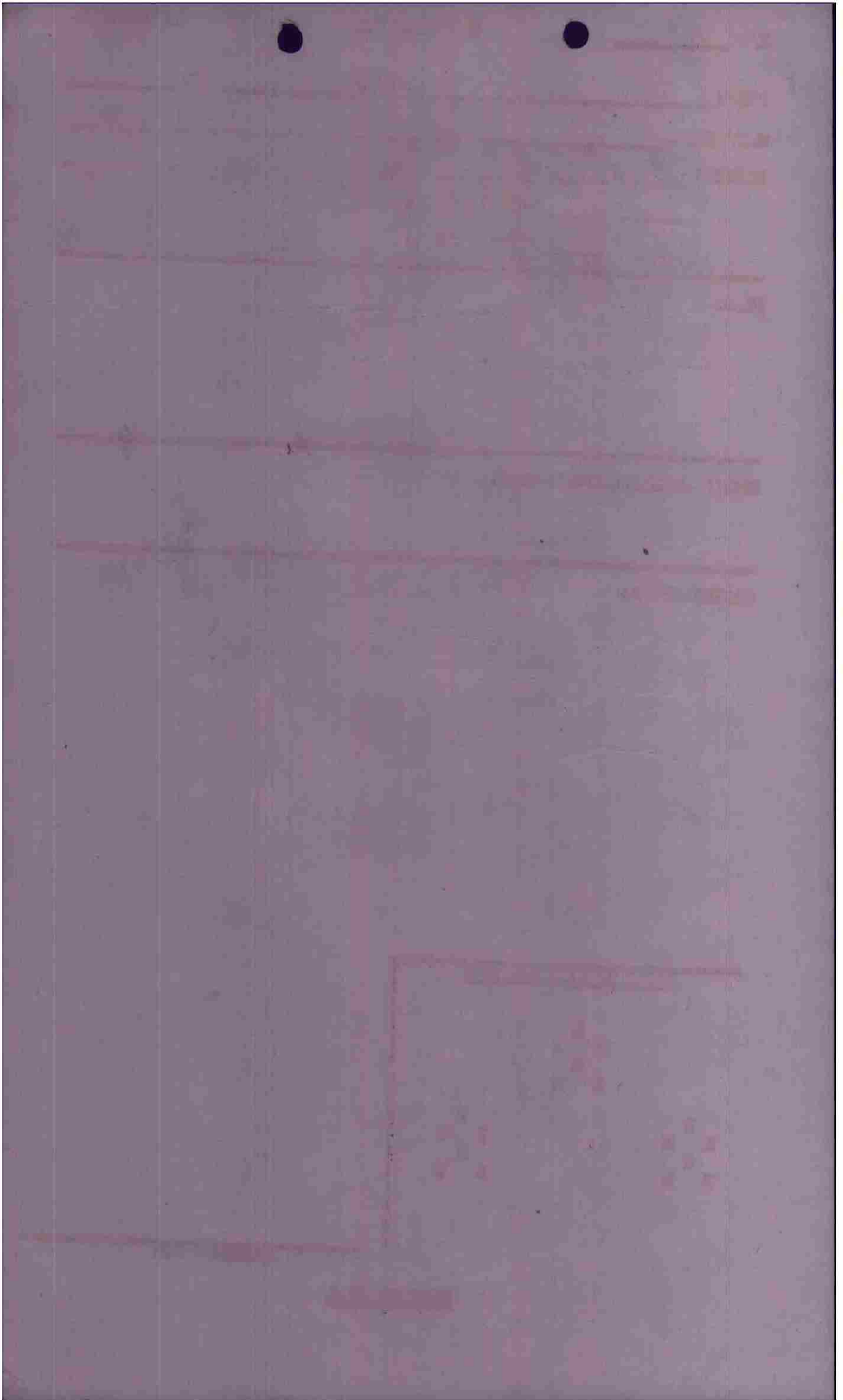
OBSERVATIONS:

1 bomb fell out just after RP on way out.
1 pass PPF



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PILOT HERMAN A/C# 282 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 4 x 1000 ON PT BATTLE DAMAGE

RETURNED

7 JEFFERSON

FLAK:

FLAK: X HI at bombs away XHI at
bomb line coming out.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATIONS:
Did not see target - haze

POSITION IN FORMATION

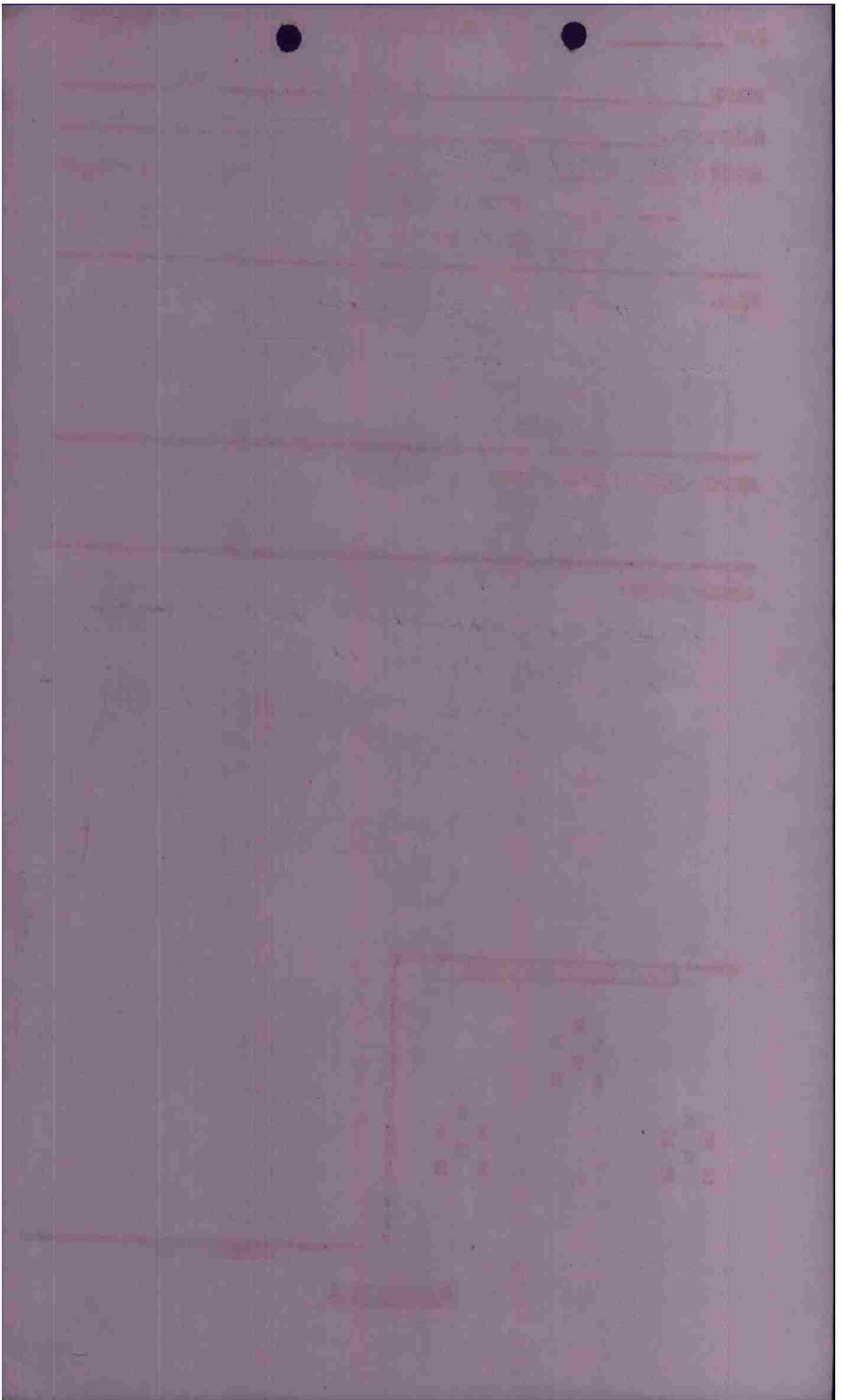
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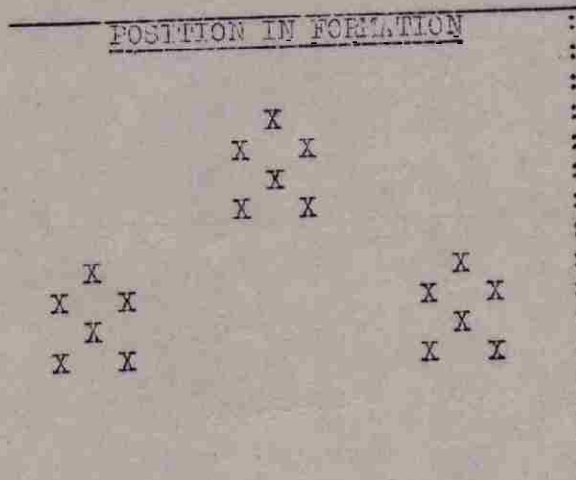
PILOT GREEN, J. A. A/C# 205 BOX SPARE

CASUALTIES			
BOMBS :	<u>4 X 1000</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE	
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u> </u>
	<u>X</u>	INTERLOADED	<u> </u>

FLAK: nil tgt -
few bursts about 15 minutes before tgt -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil -

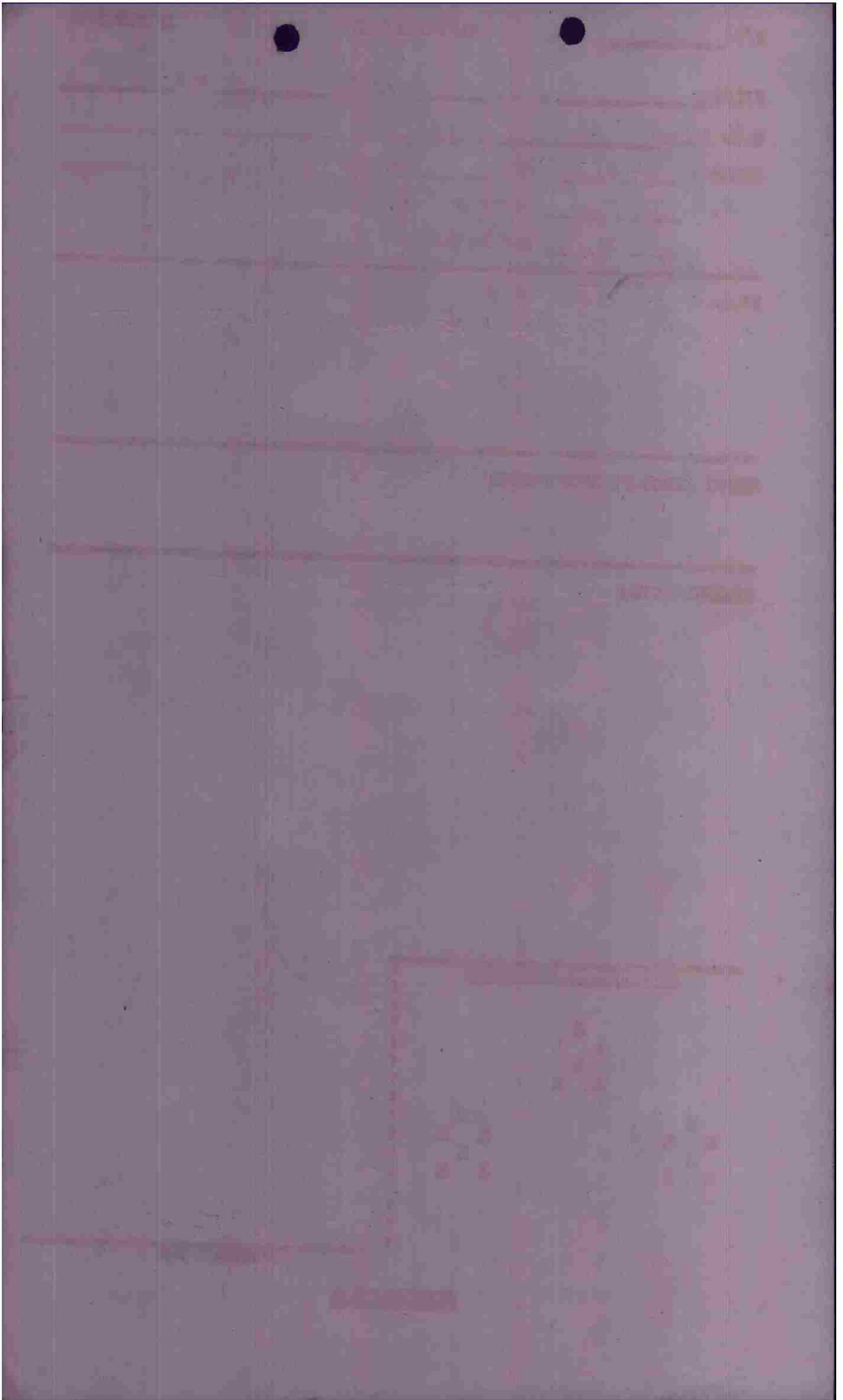
OBSERVATIONS: Bomb results unobserved -



I saw with 409th
703 on high flt.

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PILOT ERRATA BERRE A/C# 321 BOX 4

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		REPORT DAMAGE		
		"A"	"B-C"	"D"
4 X 1000	ON			
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

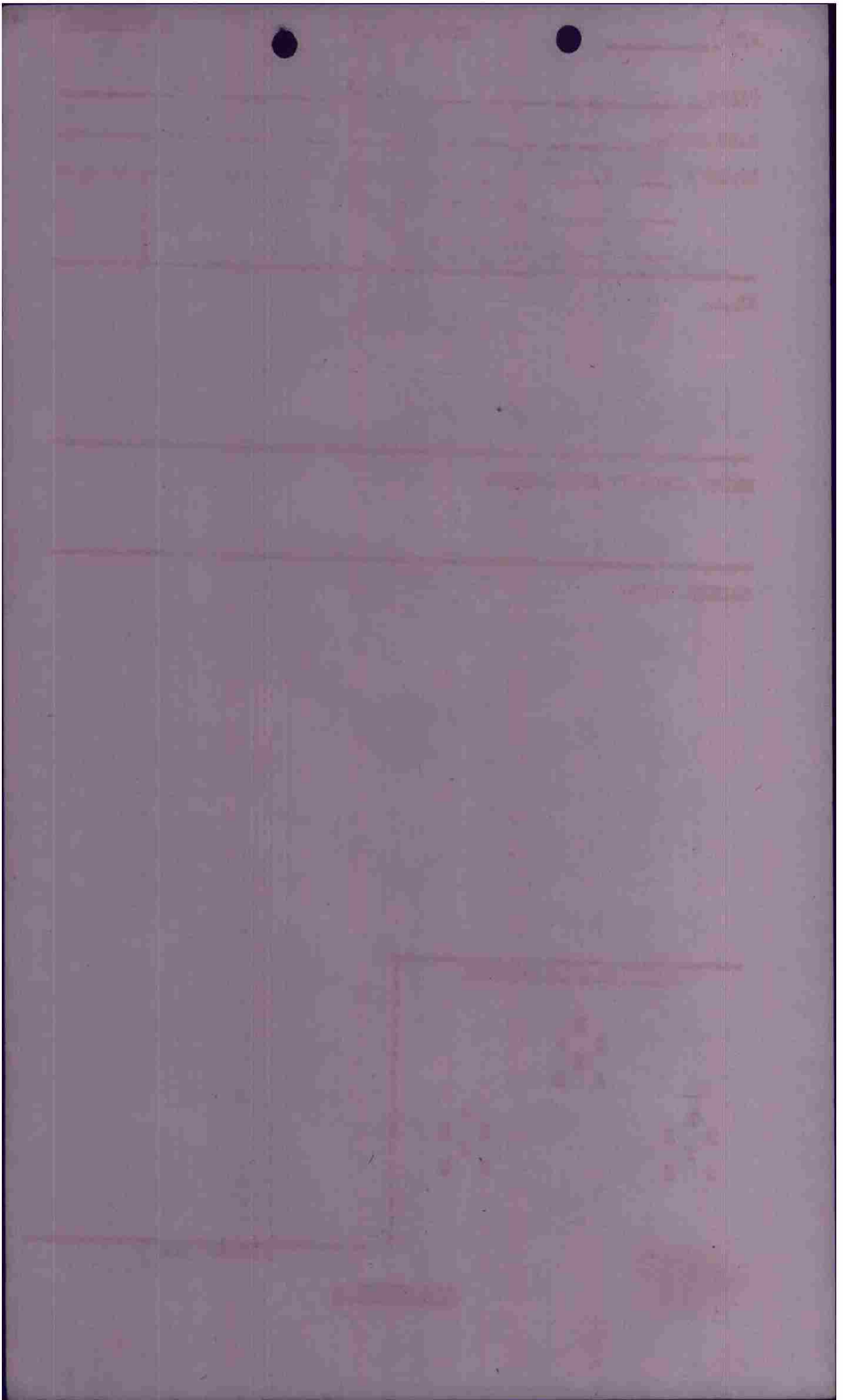
OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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PILOT TURMAN A/C# 337 BOX F

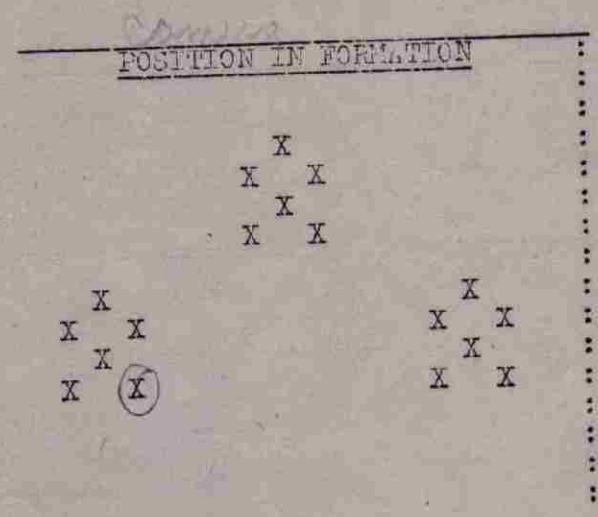
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>000</u>	ON	REPAIR DAMAGE			
		<u>X</u>			RETURNED				
		<u>X</u>			JETTISONED				

FLAK: NAK

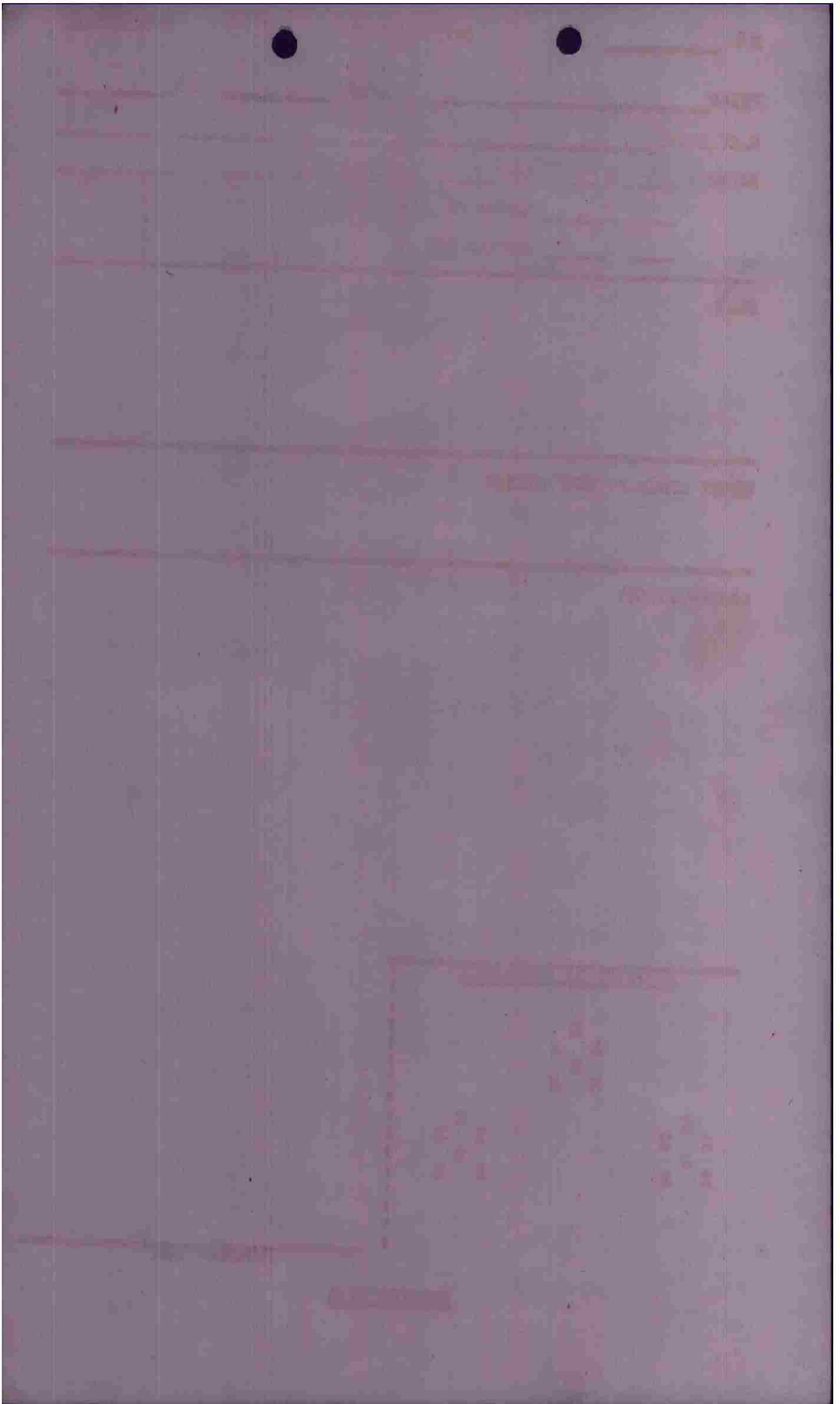
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: Bombard with 407



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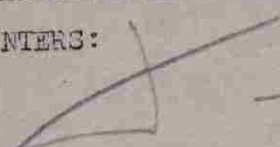
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PILOT POPENY A/C# 223 BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

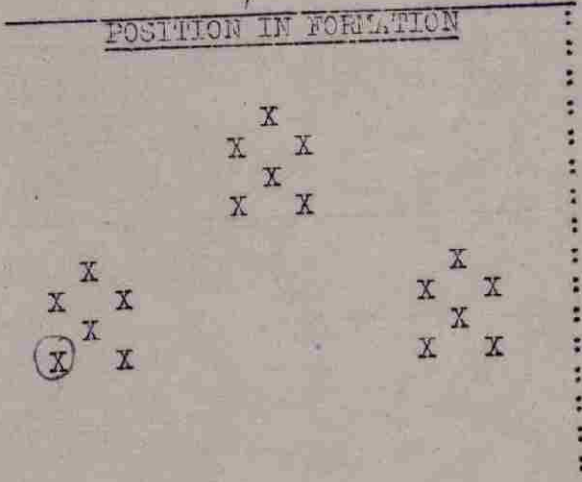
BOMBS :	4	X	1000	ON (3)	EXPLOSIVE DAMAGE	FI-ON	WH
	X			RETURNED			
	X			JETTISONED			

FLAK: 1507-~~HA~~HA - 10 bursts

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:  - P-38's.

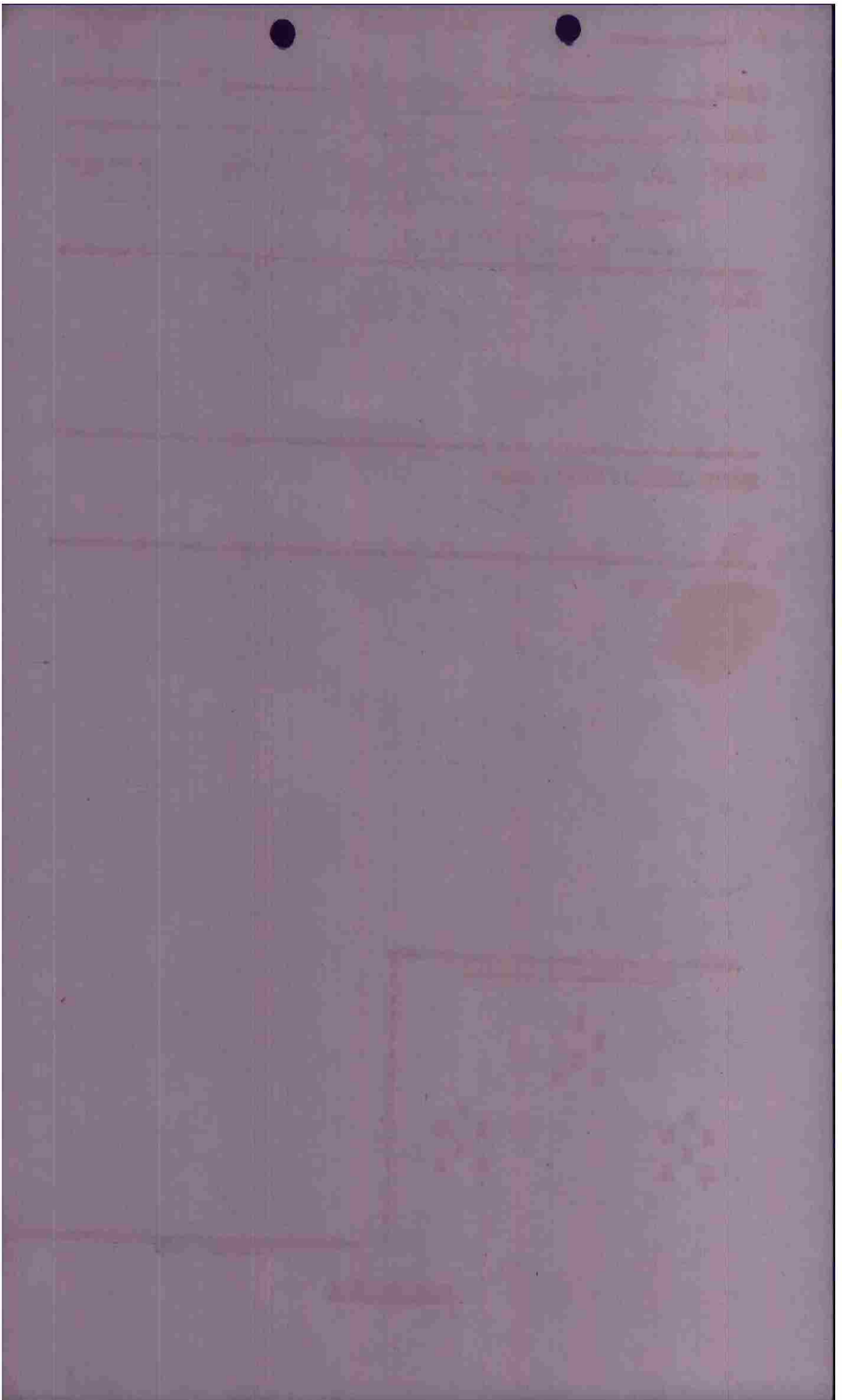
OBSERVATIONS: hounded with 409th -

Head - 9 o'clock - twin tails
pass Me 410 on 110 - dark at 1500
at alt. - 12-13,000 ft.



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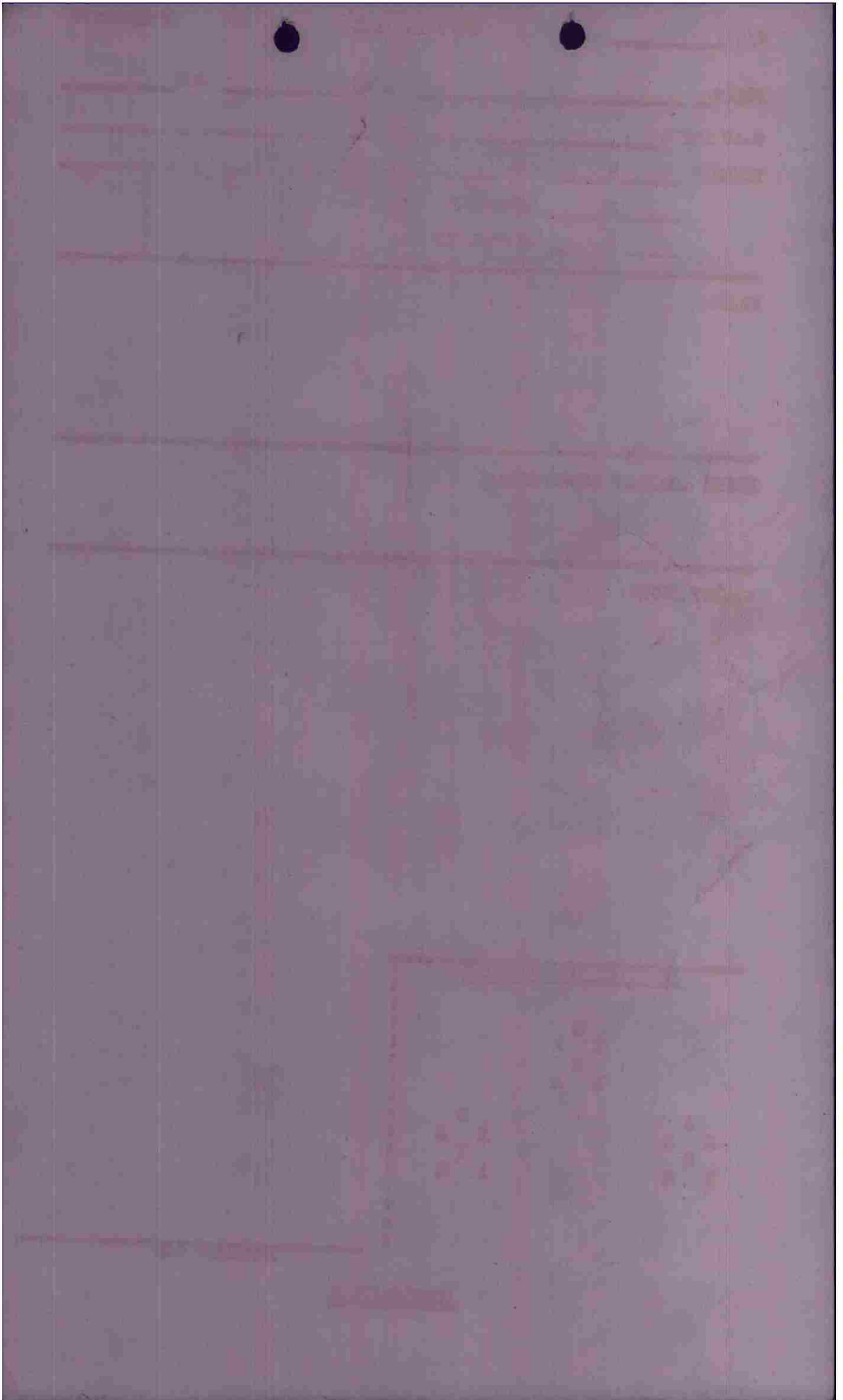
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X JETTISONED

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BOMBS :

4

X 1000 ON PT

BATTLE DAMAGE

RETURNE

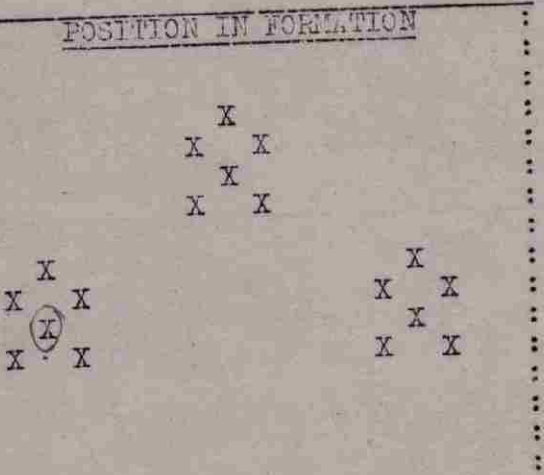
JETTISONED

FLAK:

XHI 1514 on course to IP

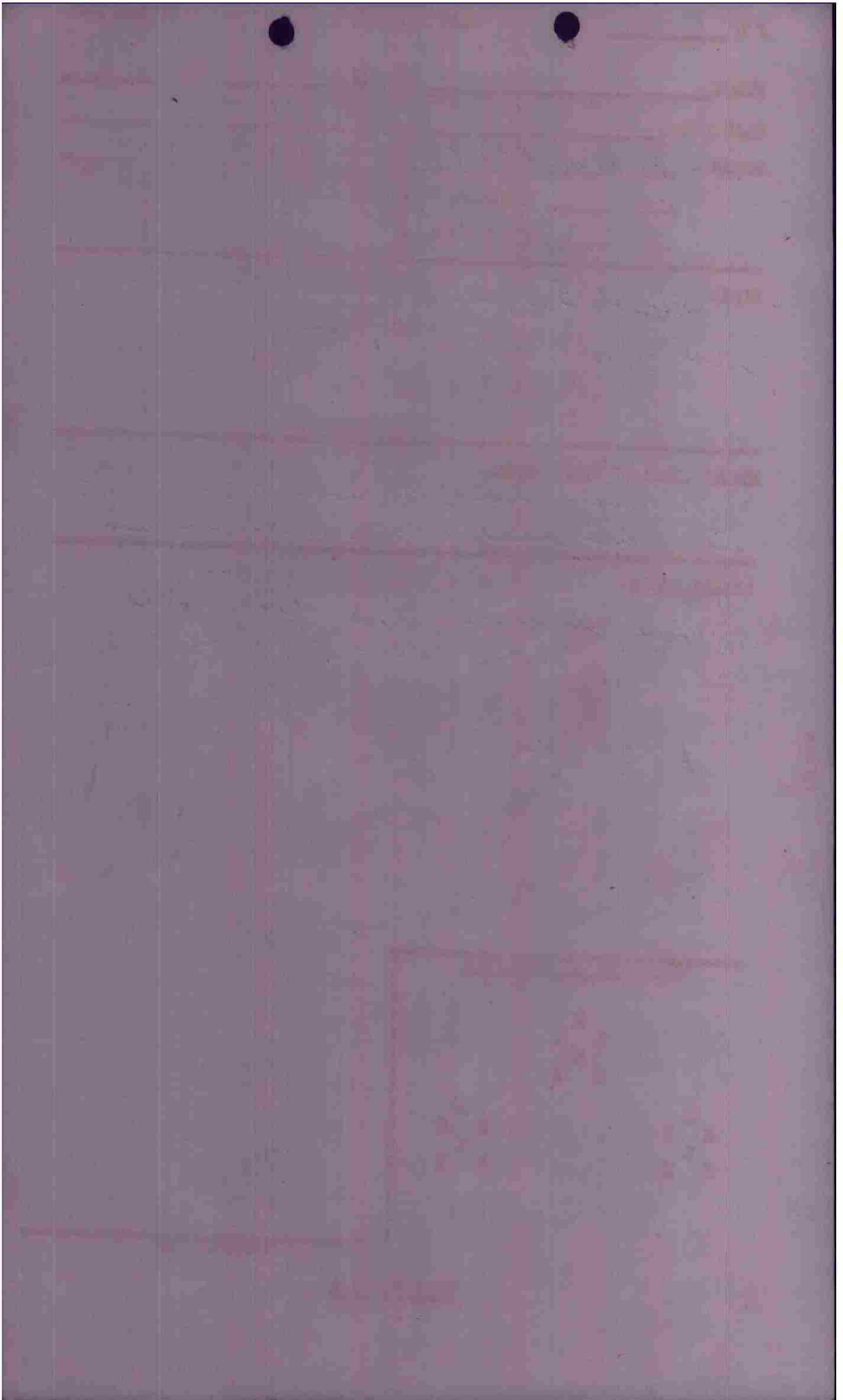
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:
1 Unidentified enemy w/c with P38 on its tail disappeared into clouds on dive

OBSERVATIONS:
Believed to have dropped just short of target. Bombed with 409th



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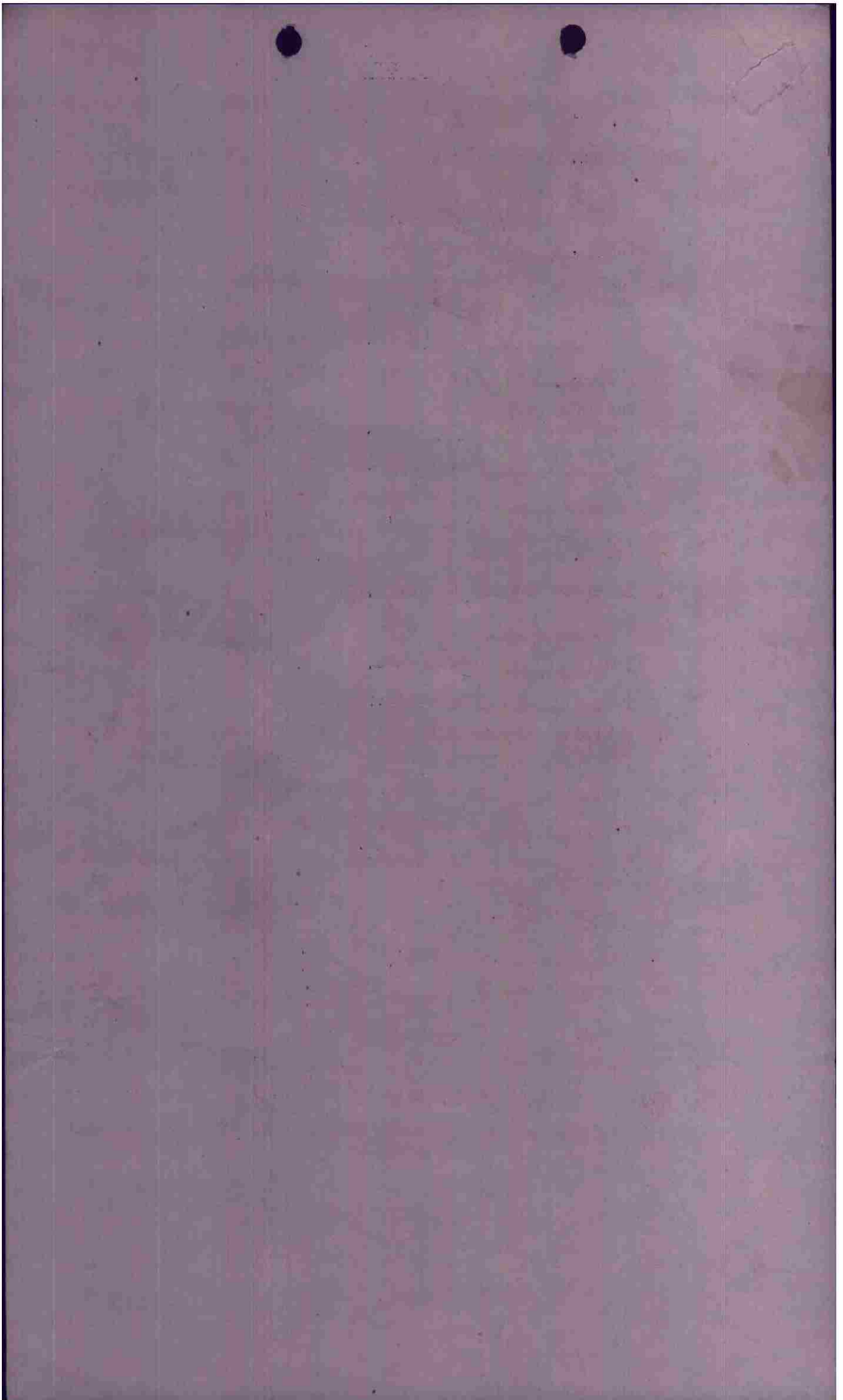
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 - (1) _____ ft. ahead.
 - b. Position of Window planes with respect to formation through the flak area.
 - (1) _____ ft. below or above.
 - (2) _____ ft. off track, left or right.
 - c. Position of observed window cloud with respect to the formation.
 - (1) _____ ft. below or above.
 - (2) _____ ft. off track, left or right.
2. Did first box or flight sow Window for following box or flight? If so, give:
 - a. Distance between units.
 - (1) _____ ft. ahead.
 - (2) _____ ft. ahead.
 - (3) _____ ft. ahead.
 - b. Position of succeeding boxes or flights relative to lead box or flight.
 - (1) _____ ft. below or above.
 - (2) _____ ft. off track left or right.
3. If flak occurred during bomb run give course of each bombing unit and Window planes.
 - a. Window Planes.
 - (1) _____ degrees.
 - b. Box or flight I _____ degrees.
 II _____ degrees.
 III _____ degrees.
4. T.O.T. of Window aircraft. _____
5. Comments as to effectiveness of Window.

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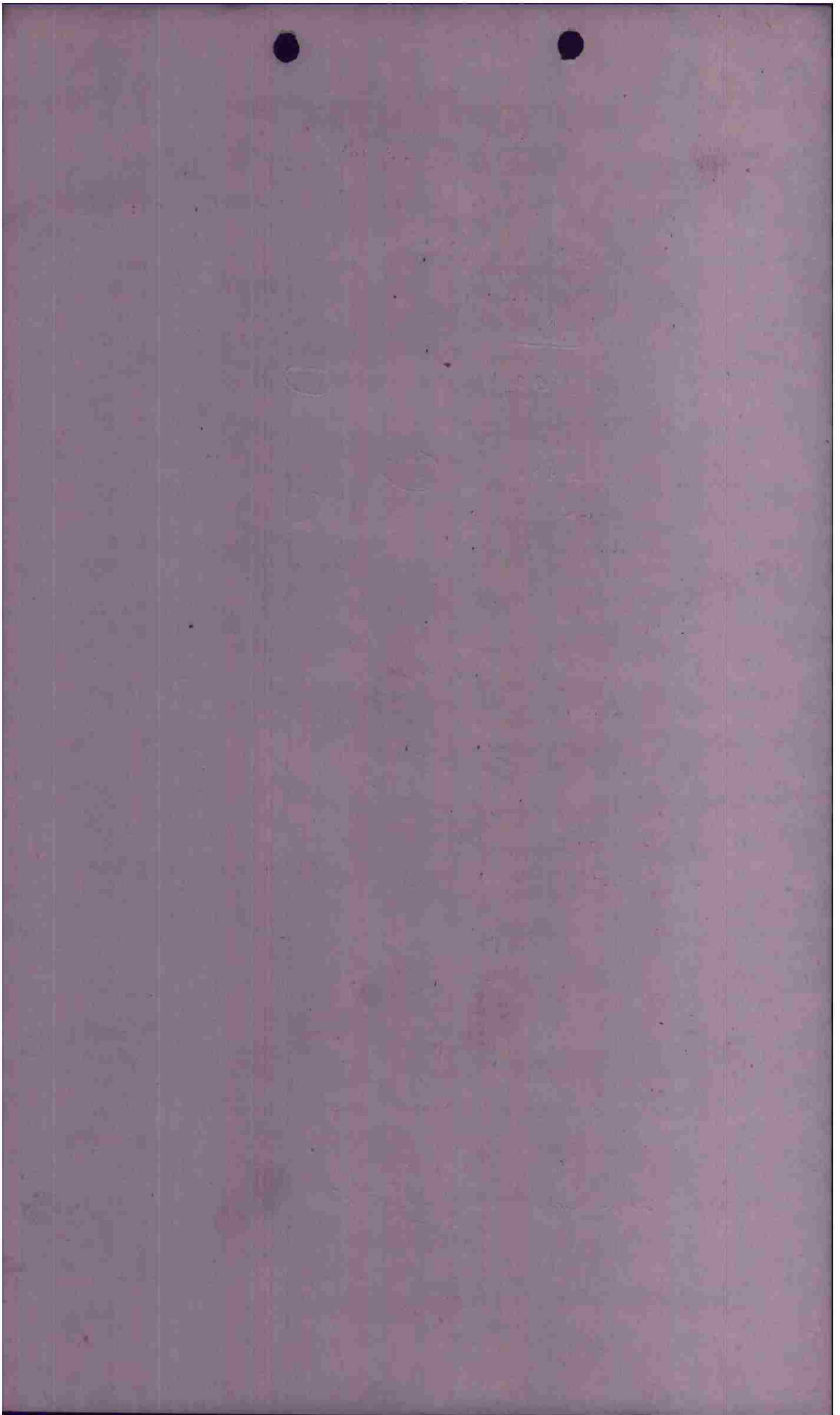


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1. Did Window planes precede the formation? If so, give:
 - a. Average distance of Window planes ahead of the formation through the flak area.
 - (1) 3000 ft. ahead.
 - b. Position of Window planes with respect to formation through the flak area.
 - (1) _____ ft. below or above.
 - (2) 500 ft. off track, left or right.
 - c. Position of observed window cloud with respect to the formation.
 - (1) 2000 ft. below or above.
 - (2) 500 ft. off track, left or right.
2. Did first box or flight sow window for following box or flight? If so, give:
 - a. Distance between units.
 - (1) _____ ft. ahead.
 - (2) _____ ft. ahead.
 - (3) _____ ft. ahead.
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 - (1) _____ degrees.
 - b. Box or flight I _____ degrees.
 II _____ degrees.
 III _____ degrees.
4. T.O.T. of Window aircraft. _____
5. Comments as to effectiveness of Window.

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Considered very effective



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PILOT ROONEY A/C# 073 BOX I

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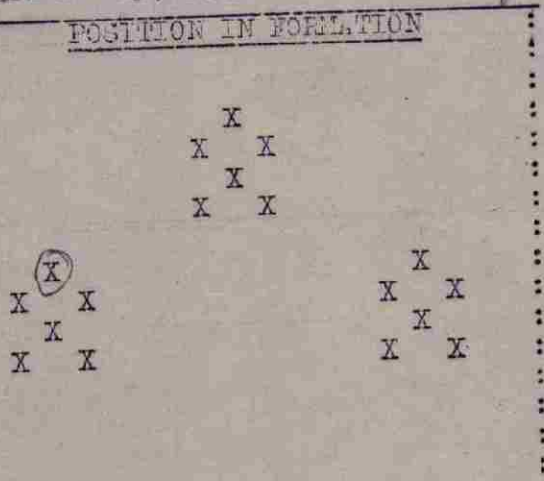
BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	X	<u>500</u>	ON	<u>2</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
		X		RETURNED		:	:	:	:
		X		JETTISONED		:	:	:	:

FLAK: XX H I at approx 10 miles directly west of Linburg 7°51'E, 50°24'N.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

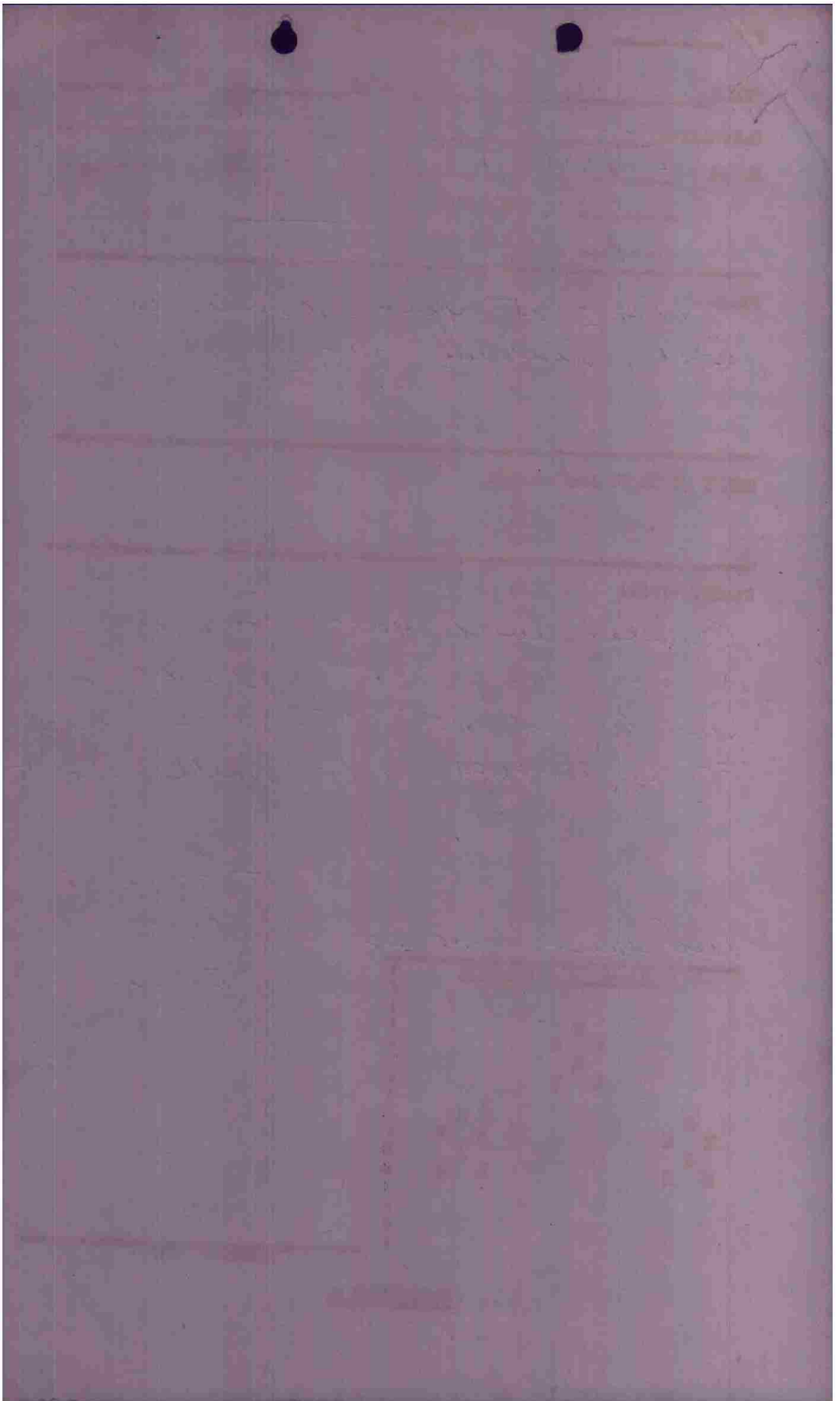
OBSERVATIONS:
Bombed with 409th - Dropped on lead ship of 409th - Believed to have dropped short, 45-60 sec before PFT ship dropped, 4 to 5 miles short

Lead comms - no fix
TOT. 1524
Hd. 304°
alt. 13500



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