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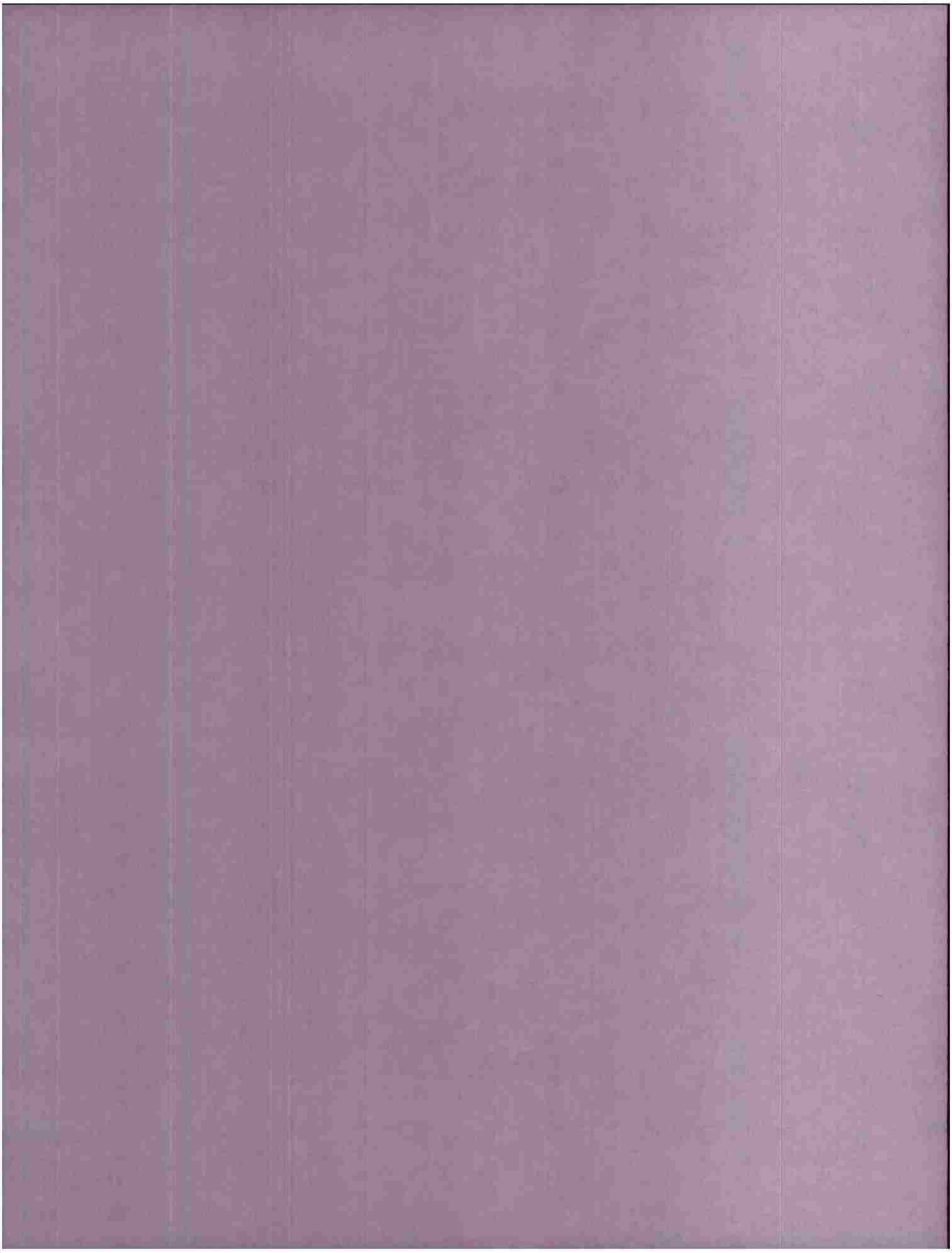
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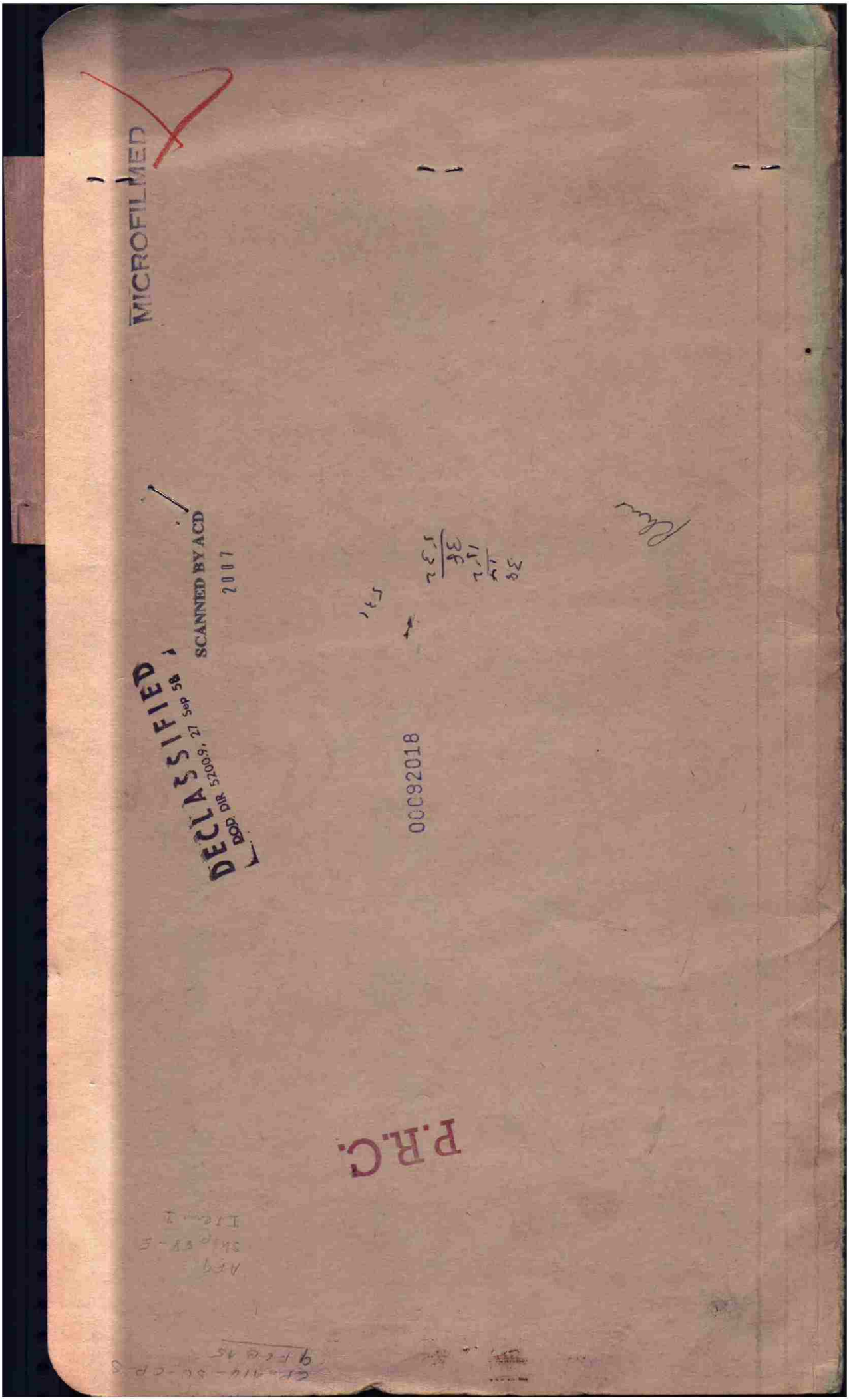
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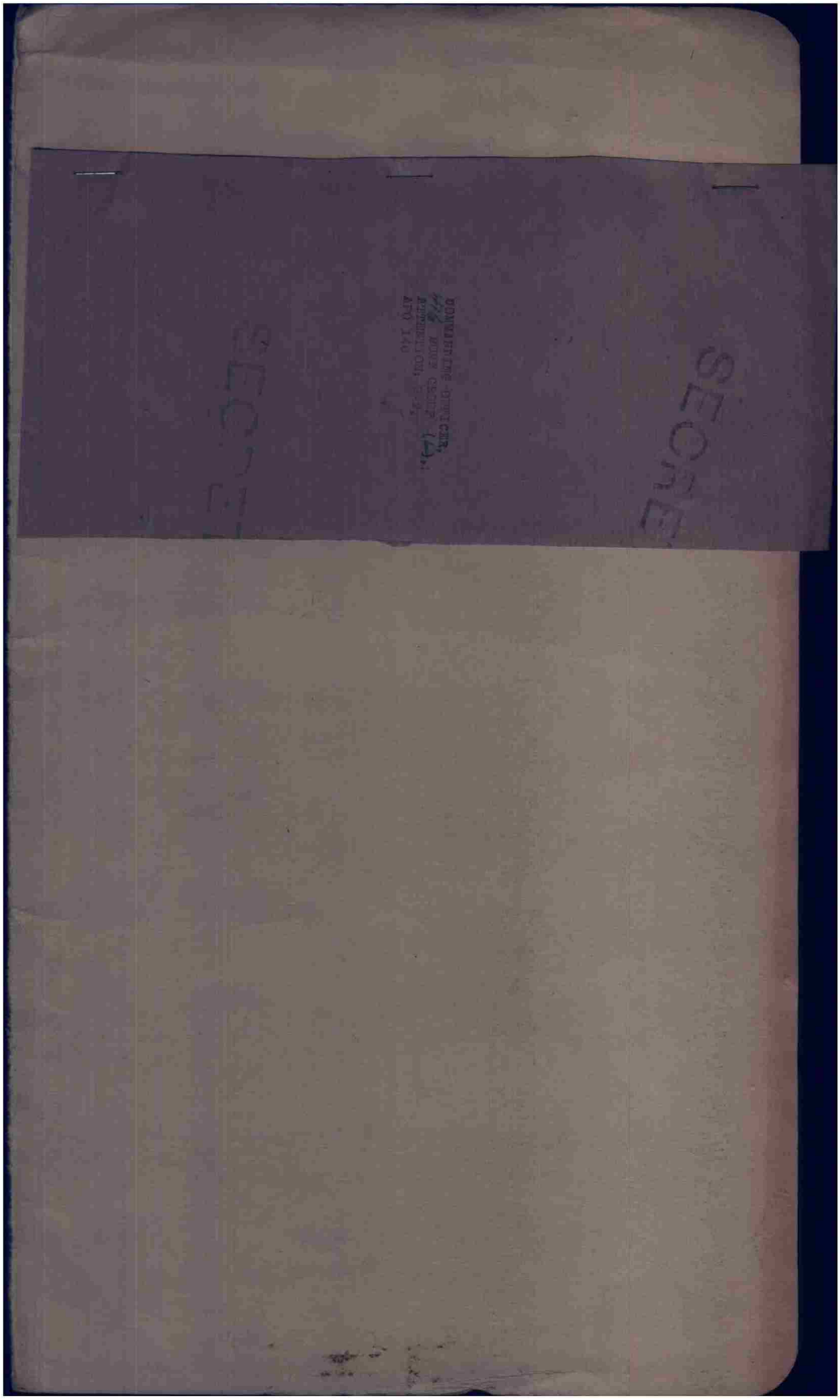
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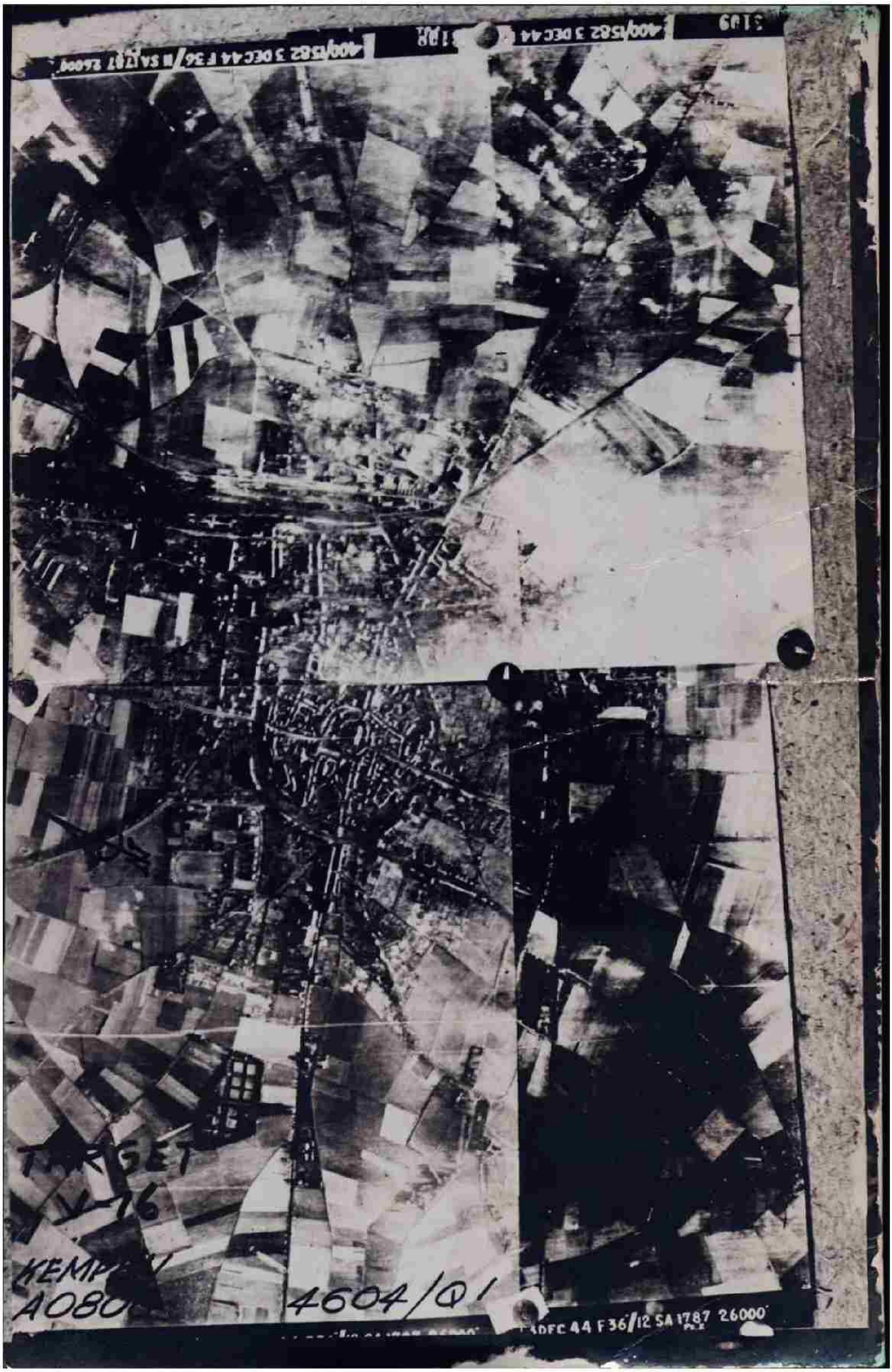
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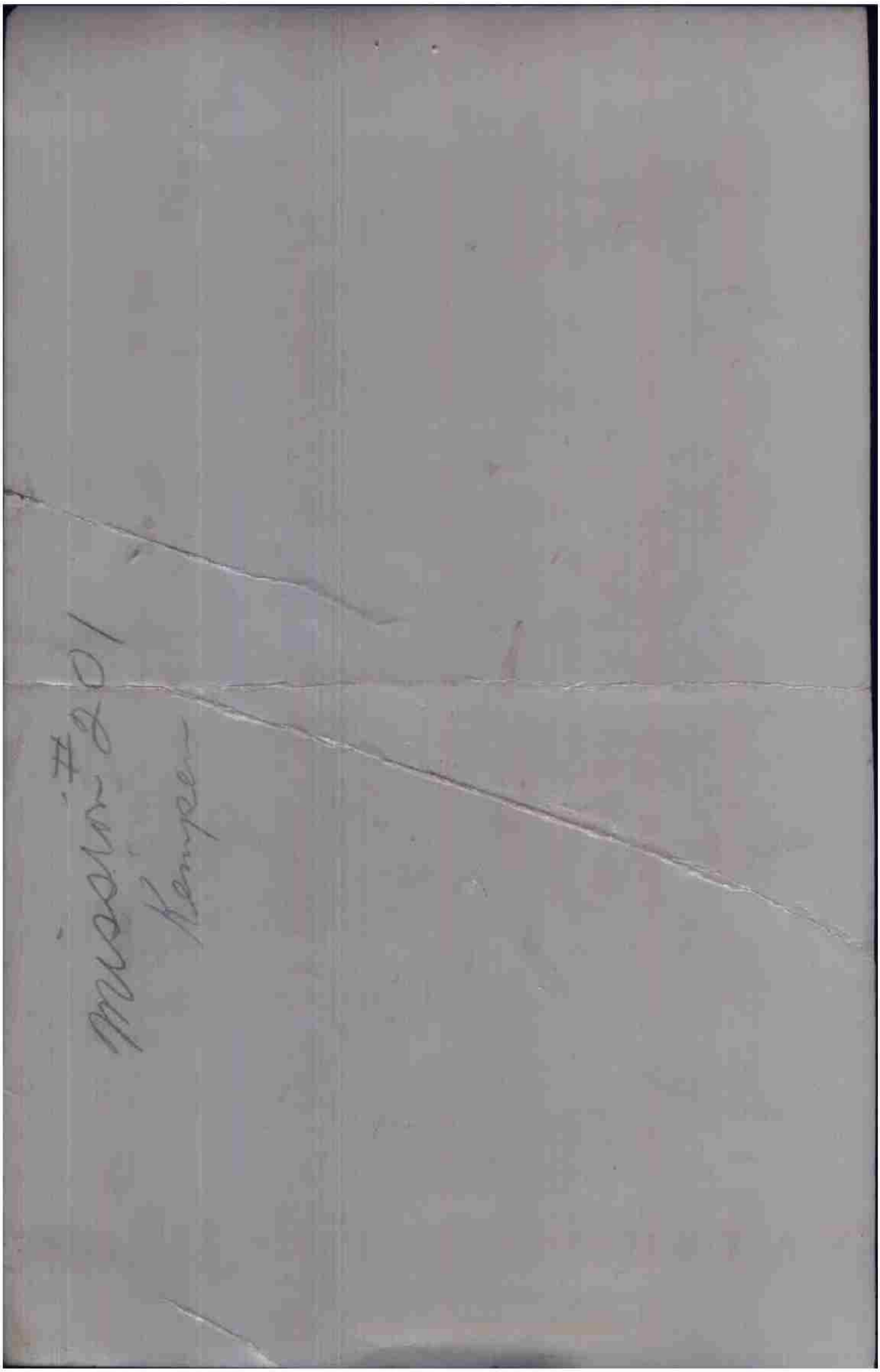
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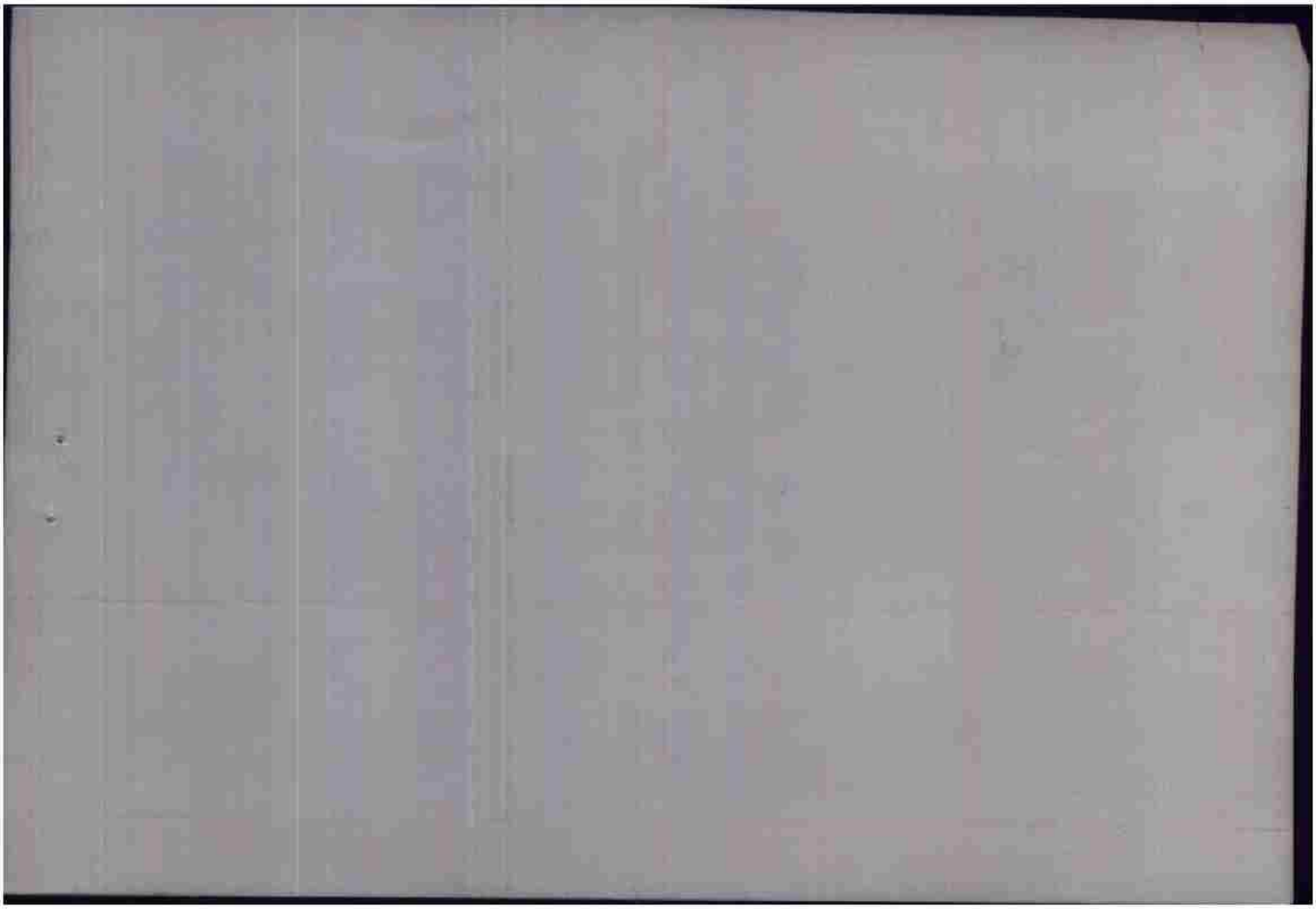
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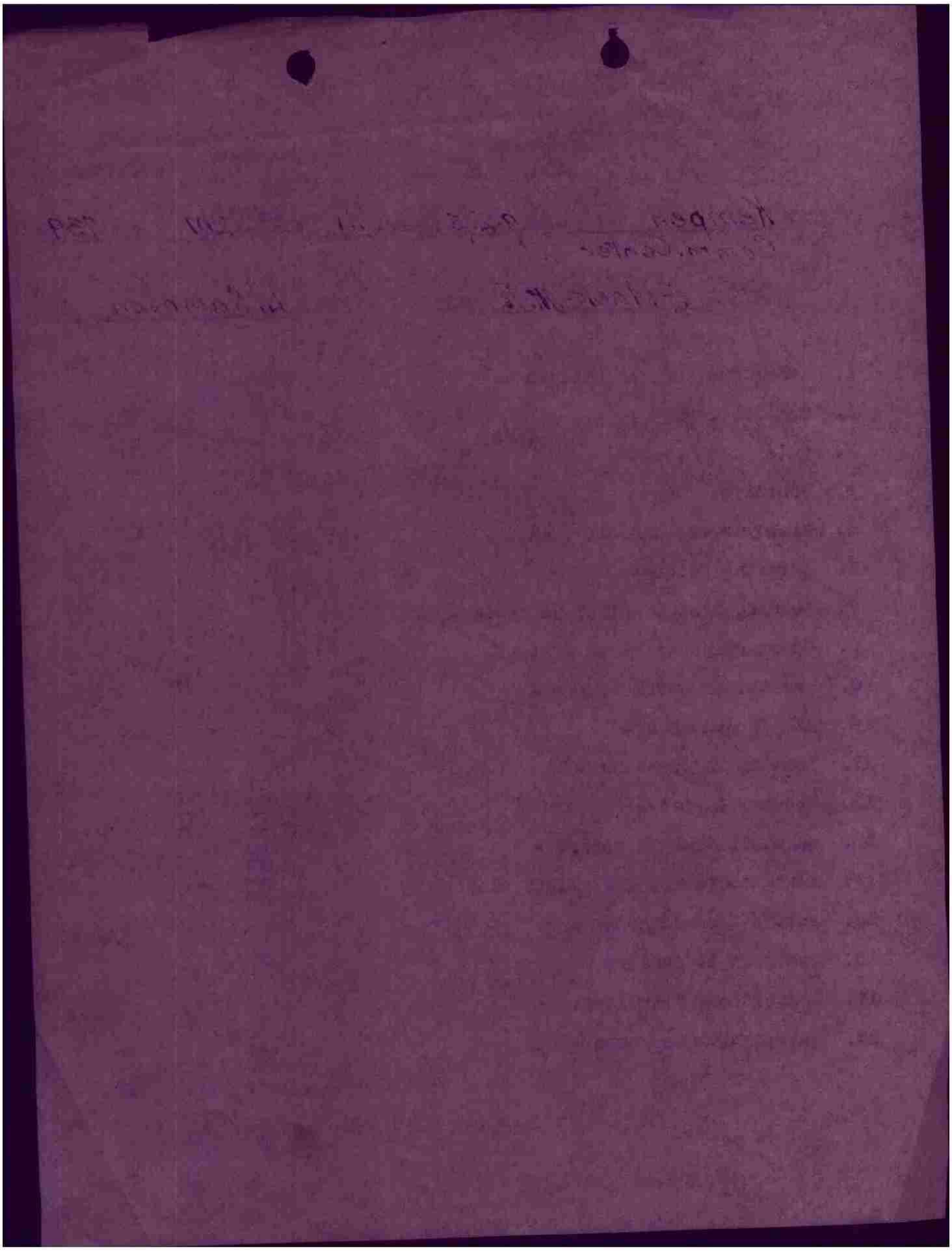
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MISSION SUMMARY #31

9 February 1945 — Section I — Field Order #73

GROUP	TARGET	MISSION RESULTS
344 BG	Viersen (F-074959) Marshalling Yard	Undet. (FFF)
387 BG	Viersen (F-061961) Communication Center	Undet. (FFF)
397 BG	Viersen (F-061961) Communication Center	Undet. (FFF)
386 BG	Viersen (F-061961) Communication Center	Box I - P.[illegible]. (FFF) Box II - Undet.
409 BG	Kempen (A-085080) Communication Center	P.[illegible].B.
416 BG	Kempen (A-085080) Communication Center	P.[illegible].B.
391 BG	Grevenbroich (F-191780) Marshalling Yard	Undet. (FFF)
410 BG	Rheydt (F-091850) Marshalling Yard	Undet.
394 BG	Rheydt (F-091850) Marshalling Yard	Undet. (FFF)
387 BG	Neuwied/Irlich (F-794047) Rail Bridge	Flight A - Undet. (FFF) Flight B - P.[illegible].B. Flight C - U[illegible]t.
391 BG	Neuwied/Irlich (F-794047) Rail Bridge	P.[illegible].B.
322 BG	Sinzig (F-658172) Rail Bridge	Undet. (FFF)
394 BG	Leaflet Mission Bitburg (L-130530) Zulpich (F-240330) Stadtkyll (L-140950) Oberbettingen (L-210870) Sarresdorf (L-220810) Hillesheim (L-240680) Zingsheim (F-230130)	Satisfactory

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Seven groups attacked three marshalling yards, a communications center, and a rail bridge, with U/determined results. Three additional groups bombed Other targets. Two of the above groups also dispatched one box each to attack a rail bridge, one of which bombed Primary while the second dropped on Other target. A third of the above groups dispatched seven aircraft on leaflet operations with Satisfactory results.

Viersen (Marshalling Yard)

344 BG: 39 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 35 dropping 282 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

No losses, damage, casualties.

PFF a/c called "Roselee" 5 minutes prior to bombline but there was no response. Group leader made satisfactory contact at IP.

Bombing by Group on PFF lead (PFF released on "GEE" as briefed) from 12,400 - 13,800 feet.

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

Viersen (Communications Center)

387 BG: 25 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 21 dropping 158 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

No losses, damage, casualties.

PFF a/c called "Roselee" 5 minutes prior to bombline but there was no response. Group leader made contact 2 minutes prior to IP and received desired information.

Bombing by Group on PFF lead (PFF dropped on "GEE" as briefed) from 12,800 feet.

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

397 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 32 dropping 252 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

2 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failures. 1 of these a/c, on single engine, jettisoned 8 X 500 GP in Channel.

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

PFF a/c called "Roselee" 4 minutes prior to bombline but response was unintelligible. Group leader made contact 2 minutes prior to IP and received desired information.

Bombing by Group on PFF lead (PFF dropped on "GEE" as briefed) from 11,500 - 13,000 feet.

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

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386 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 11 dropping 88 X 500 Comp. B on Primary. 9 a/c dropped 64 X 500 Comp. B, 4 X 500 GP on Other target. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which landed at Florennes/Juzaine. 3 window a/c.

13 a/c failed to bomb: 11, weather; 2, mechanical failures. 1 of these a/c jettisoned 8 X 500 Comp. B (long delay fuzing) in Channel.

No losses, damage, casualties.

PFF a/c did not contact "Roselee" because formation was 20 minutes late due to weather.

Bombing by boxes on "GEE" (Box I dropped on PFF, Box II on box lead) from 12,500 feet. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Box I - P.N.B. Boxes became separated while climbing through overcast, and Box I leader abandoned operations because of severe icing. Due to 20 minute delay en route to Primary because of weather, PFF a/c attacked Other target, Euskirchen RR Junction (F-334296) on "GEE", 9 group a/c dropping on the lead.

Box II - UNDETERMINED. When Box I leader abandoned operations, Box II took over lead. After boxes became separated Box II proceeded to Primary and bombed on "GEE".

Kempen (Communications Center)

409 BG: 30 A-26, 11 A-20, 1 PFF a/c dispatched; none bombed Primary. 29 A-26, 8 A-20, PFF a/c dropped 114 X 1000, 36 X 500 GP on Other target. 3 A-20 a/c carried window.

1 A-26 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

1 of the A-26 a/c which bombed, jettisoned 1 X 1000 GP safe on Arbonne Bombing Range (bomb hung up at target for reasons unknown, so pilot thought it advisable to jettison). Bomb fell on rocky hill 200 feet from range.

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

PFF a/c called "Roselee" at bombline, and was referred to "Sweepstakes". Desired information was obtained.

Bombing by Group on Group lead, on "GEE" and E.T.A., from 10,500 feet.

Boxes I & II - P.N.B. PFF equipment failed. Group leader took over and made run on Primary, using combination of "GEE" and E.T.A. to determine release point. "GEE" fixes from other a/c in formation which dropped on his lead indicate that bombs fell at A-180100, approximately 5 miles E of Primary. PFF a/c, which also dropped on Group lead, reports that bombs were released at A-090170, 7 miles N of Primary. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

416 BG: 41 A-26, 1 PFF a/c dispatched; 1 A-26 dropping 3 X 1000 GP on Primary. 23 A-26 a/c dropped 92 X 1000 GP on Other targets. Bomb disposition unknown of 3 a/c, 2 of which landed at Le Culot and Nivelles, respectively. The third a/c crash-landed near Beek (K-638618) - friendly territory. 3 window a/c.

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12 a/c failed to bomb: 2, weather; 2 (1 A-26, PFF) mechanical failures; 8, other (leader did not drop).

1 of the a/c which bombed jettisoned 1 X 1000 GP on Arbonne Bombing Range; bomb hung up at target and subsequently fell on to bomb bay doors.

Above-mentioned a/c crash-landed in an open field due to flak damage. 6 additional a/c flak battle-damaged; no losses, casualties.

PFF a/c called "Roselee" 6 minutes prior to bombline and was referred to "Sweepstakes". Desired information obtained.

Bombing on "GEE" and E.T.A. from 12,500 feet. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Box I - P.N.B. PFF special equipment and "GEE" set failed. Box leader made second run but did not drop due to release malfunction. 8 other a/c failed to bomb because leader did not drop. 3 a/c, having lost formation at bombline, subsequently dropped on "GEE" at Lichpenau (B-800367), approximately 110 miles E of Primary. 2 additional a/c, also lost, bombed with Box II and the 344 BG, respectively. 1 a/c bombed the Primary on "GEE".

Box II - P.N.B. Due to weather conditions, Box II became separated from Box I. Box II leader dropped on E.T.A. "GEE" equipment was not functioning properly and according to fixes of other box a/c bombs fell in vicinity of Lingen (V-710304), approximately 85 miles NE of Primary.

Grevenbroich (Marshalling Yard)

391 BG: 36 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 33 dropping 126 X 1000, 4 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

No losses, damage, casualties.

PFF a/c called "Roselee" 5 minutes prior to bombline, receiving desired information.

Bombing by Group on PFF lead (PFF dropped on "GEE" due to equipment failure) from 13,500 feet.

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

Rheydt (Marshalling Yard)

410 BG: 44 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 40 dropping 239 X 500 GP on Primary. PFF a/c dropped 4 X 500 GP on "GEE" on Other target, Dulken (P-025960), approximately 7 miles NW of Primary (equipment failure). 3 window a/c.

1 a/c jettisoned 1 X 500 GP (long delay fuzing) on Arbonne Bombing Range, due to rack malfunction at target.

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

Formation leader received desired information from "Roselee" 15 minutes prior to IP.

Bombing by boxes on "GEE", and by PFF individually, from 13,000 - 13,500 feet.

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

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394 BG: 38 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 33 dropping 2[illegible] X 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

2 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failures.

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

PFF a/c called "Roselee" 5 minutes before bombline and was referred to "Sweepstakes". There was no response from the latter.

Bombing by Group on PFF lead from 13,000 - 14,000 feet.

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

Neuwied/Irlich (Rail Bridge)

387 BG: 20 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 16 dropping 28 X 2000, 4 X 500 GP on and in vicinity of Primary. 3 window a/c.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

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

Formation leader attempted to call "Roselee" 2 minutes prior to IP but was unsuccessful.

Bombing by Flights A & B on PFF lead, and by Flight C visually, from 11,500 feet.

Flight A - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage. Clouds obscured target area.

Flight B - P.N.B. Flight leader hit by flak on bomb run and released early. MPI of bursts is 2 3/8 miles SW of DMPI. Bombs fell in open fields and along N/S road, possibly severing it in several places.

Flight C - UNDETERMINED. Camera a/c landed away from base. Bombed visually through breaks in clouds but results were unobserved.

391 BG: 19 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), PFF dropping 4 X 500 GP on Primary. 16 a/c dropped 25 X 2000, 8 X 1000 GP on Other targets.

2 a/c failed to bomb: personnel failures.

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

Formation leader called "Roselee" 2 minutes prior to IP but there was no response.

Bombing by Group on "GEE", and by PFF visually (equipment failure) from 12,000 - 12,500 feet.

Box I - P.N.B. Did not see PFF drop at Primary. 14 a/c dropped on "GEE" at Wengerohr (L-430545), approximately 40 miles SW of Primary. 2 a/c dropped on "GEE" at Wittlich (L-390550), also 40 miles SW of Primary. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

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Sinzig (Rail Bridge)

322 BG: 36 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 31 dropping 59 X 2000, 4 x 500 GP on Primary.

5 a/c failed to bomb: 2, weather; 1, mechanical failure; 2, other (1 - believed that left wing was breaking up; jettisoned bombs safe, to lighten load, near Stenay (P-102034) - friendly territory; 1 - window a/c, with bombs, could not get "GEE" fix.)

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

PFF a/c called "Sweepstakes" at bombline but there was no response. Group leader called 1 minute prior to IP and obtained desired information.

Bombing by Group on PFF lead from 14,300 - 14,500 feet.

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

Bitburg
Zulpich
Stadtkyll
Oberbattingen
Sarresdorf
Hilleshein
Zingsheim

394 BG: 7 a/c dispatched, 6 dropping 24 leaflet bombs at all of the above targets except Sarresdorf.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

No losses, damage, casualties.

An attempt was made to call "Sweepstakes" but there was no contact.

Bombing by individual a/c on "GEE" and E.T.A. from 12,000 - 14,000 feet.

Results believed satisfactory on the basis of "GEE" fixes.

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SECTION II

A/C OFF			422
	A/C Bombing	348	
	A/C Failing to Bomb	25	
	A/C Recalled (Weather)	15	
	Other		
	Window 30		
	Bombs of 4 A/C Unaccounted for	34	
TOTAL			422

Bombs on Enemy Territory		634.25
Total Bombs to Date		105,808.885

A/C Lost	0	
A/C Missing	0	
A/C Crash-Landed (416 BG)	1	
A/C Battle Damaged	59	14.25%
Killed	0	
Wounded	3	
Missing	0	
Injured	0	
Claims	0	

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FAILURES TO BOMB

GROUP	NO. A/C	CLASSIFICATION	REASON
387	1	Mechanical	Rack malfunction.
397	2	Mechanical	1 - Right engine cutting out. 1 - Cover off gas tank - No. 1 engine.
386	2	Mechanical	1 - Burned out radio. 1 - Lost left engine cowling.
409	1 (A-26)	Mechanical	Electrical malfunction.
416	1 (A-26)	Mechanical	Bomb release malfunction - lead a/c.
	1	Mechanical (PFF)	Special Equipment failure and Gee failure.
	8	Other	Box leader did not drop.
394	2	Mechanical	1 - Generator cut out. 1 - Lost power - both engines.
387	1	Mechanical	Bomb bay doors inoperative.
391	2	Personnel	1 - Held up bombs in belief too close to bombline. 1 - Window a/c (with bombs) did not see leader drop.
322	1	Mechanical	Rack malfunction.
	2	Other	1 - Salvoed safe to lighten load on wing believed to be breaking up. 1 - Window a/c (with bombs) unable to get Gee fix in order to bomb.
394	1 (Leaflet a/c)	Mechanical	Electrical failure - bomb bay doors failed to open.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Viersen

344 BG: 10/10 SC 8000 ft. Visibility unlimited.

387 BG: 10/10 cloud with tops at 18,000 ft. Breaks 15 miles to NW. Visibility unlimited air to air, 10 miles air to ground in breaks.

397 BG: 10/10 SC base Sct. 5000 ft. tops 9500 ft. One break. 5/10 ST below tops 3000 ft. Visibility air to air unlimited. Below air to ground 10 miles down sun and 2 miles up sun in heavy haze.

386 BG: 10/10 ML CU and SC 12000 ft. isolated 14-15000. Visibility unrestricted above.

Kempen

409 BG: 10/10 CU tops 10000 ft. Visibility unlimited.

416 BG: 9-10/10 CU tops 10-12000. Occasional tops to 14000. Visibility 7 miles.

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Viersen Communications Center 387, 397, 386 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	5
% A/C Battle Damaged	5.25%

The 387 and 386 Gps. both reported weak inaccurate heavy flak at the target. However, the 397 Gp. counted about 10 bursts at the target and on making the turn of target they encountered moderate accurate flak in the Krefeld-Verdingen area. There was a break in the clouds at this time and the gunners were probably able to engage the formation visually.

Kempen Communications Center 409, 416 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	7
% A/C Battle Damaged	8.04%

The 409 Gp. reported only weak inaccurate flak at the target. The 416 Gp. reported nil flak at the target but moderate accurate from the Cologne area. Three a/c of this group became separated from the rest of the formation and flew over Dusseldorf and Dortmund. The crews reported the flak as intense and accurate. It probably would not be feasible for a large formation to fly over this area, the heaviest defense in Germany, without a large percentage of loss. However, a small formation such as 3 a/c would probably be able to do so, particularly in inclement weather.

Rhevdt Marshalling Yard 410, 394 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	9
% A/C Battle Damaged	11.25%

Both groups reported weak inaccurate heavy flak in the target area. Adverse weather was again probably the reason for the small amount of flak encountered.

Neuwied/Irlich RR Bridge 387, 391 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	20
% A/C Battle Damaged	51.28%

The 387 Gp. reported flak that was moderate and accurate on the bomb run and through the turn off target. This follows the usual experience on this target. The 391 Gp. reported moderate accurate flak at Sinzig and Laacher Lake (F-6701).

Sinzig RR Bridge 322 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	18
% A/C Battle Damaged	52.94%

Moderate accurate heavy flak, that met the formation near Laacher Lake (F-6701) and continued through the turn off target, was encountered. One flight was in clear weather at Laacher Lake and they reported that the flak was intense accurat for them. The experience at the target follows the usual flak that is anticipat

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Grevenbroich	391 BG:	10/10 CU 10-11000 ft. with line of towering 13-15000 ft just E of target. 10/10 thin med off CU tops.
Rheydt	410 BG:	10/10 tops 11000 ft. Visibility 10 miles plus.
	394 BG:	10/10 CU and SC tops 8500-9000 ft. Visibility unlimited.
Neuwied	387 BG:	9/10 CU tops 10500 ft. 10/10 thin as base 15000 ft. seems to merge to east. Visibility 7 miles.
	391 BG:	10/10 CU 12-14000 ft. Several thin layers of blown off CU tops 12-15000 ft. Visibility 10-20 miles aloft.
Sinzig	322 BG:	5-6/10 med 13-14000 ft, 6-8/10 low 6-8000 ft. Visibility 5-10 miles.
Bitburg Zulpich Stadtkyll Oberbettingen Bavresdorf Hillesheim Zingsheim	394 BG:	9-10/10 CU and SC with patchy as from blown off CU tops. Tops generally 10-12000 ft. with CU to 14000 ft. Visibility unlimited. 10 miles plus air to ground through breaks.

S/A PHOTO REPORT

GROUP	PHOTOGRAPHING	CAMERA FAILURES NO.	CAMERA FAILURES PERCENT	PERSONNEL FAILURES NO.	PERSONNEL FAILURES PERCENT
387	100%	0	0	0	0

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	414
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	59
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	14.25%

Viersen E/T	344 Gp.
Grevenbroich E/T	391 Gp.
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
% A/C Battle Damaged	0

No flak was encountered by either group.

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Leaflet Mission 394 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
% A/C Battle Damaged	0

Flak was not encountered at any of the targets attacked or en route.

SUMMARY:

Flak encountered on this operation brings out two interesting points:

1. The enemy would rather engage targets that he can see than to fire blind and use his Radar control.

2. The enemy gunners hesitate to engage single a/c or a small formation. This is the usual case on leaflet missions. However, it is probable that only a small part of the guns located in the Ruhr area that the formation of 3 a/c flew over were in action.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.T.'s: 1432 to 1553
1603 to 1610 (Leaflets)

No e/a encountered on any operation.

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HEADQUARTERS NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, France--Tactical transportation and communications targets behind the northern sector of the Siegfried line, now under siege by British Armies and Allied Air Forces, and other targets were bombed today through clouds by approximately 300 Ninth Air Force medium and light bombers.

As the British and Canadian ground forces entered the second day of the new offensive, the French-based American bomber force heavily pounded two railway yards and two defended communications centers and carried out a smaller ~~XXX~~ attack on a third railway yard.

Four groups of B-26 Marauders, totalling more than 100 aircraft, carried out the heaviest bombardment of the day on Viersen, 16 miles northeast of Dusseldorf. A railway yard, including approximately 25 goods wagons and a goods depot, and three road junctions were targets of the Viersen attack.

The heavily defended village of Kempen, 20 miles northwest of Dusseldorf, was the center of an attack by A-26 Invaders. It is a built up area including road and rail communications in the path of the British Second Army.

A combined force of A-20 Havocs and Marauders, more than 60 aircraft, bombed the Rheydt Railway yard, 16 miles west of Dusseldorf. A smaller force of Marauders attacked the Grevenbroich railway yard, 18 miles northwest of Cologne.

While the larger forces of Major General Samuel E. Anderson's Ninth Bombardment Division were hurling their bomb loads at targets behind the British front, smaller formations of Marauders attacked two railway bridges further south. These were: the Neuwied-Irlich bridge, over the Weid River nine miles northwest of Koblenz, and the Sinzig bridge, over the Ahr River, 14 miles southeast of Bonn. Both are previously damaged, double-track bridges reported to be undergoing repairs.

Other bombers hit Euskirchen, a communications center 12 miles southwest of Bonn, and railway crossroads at Wengerohr, 20 miles northeast of Trier.

Six Marauders scattered copies of "Front Page", a weekly newspaper printed in German, over the Western Front. It is to inform German troops of the current military situation.

Despite the dense clouds that covered the entire Western Front today, most of more than 350 bombers dispatched over enemy territory were able to bomb with the aid of path finders. Weak to moderate flak was encountered over some of the targets, and no enemy aircraft was seen. All of the bombers returned.

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TO CG 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION ATT: A-2
CG 97TH COMBAT WING ATT: A-2
SECRET QQCX BT
F-151-D OPFLASH FOR 9 FEBRUARY 1945.

A. 416TH BOMB GROUP
B. KEMPEN, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
C. 41 A-26'S
D. 1 A/C ATTACKED PRIMARY ON SINGLE SHIP GEE RUN AFTER THIS A/C LOST FORMATION ON BOMB RUN.
3 A/C ATTACKED LICHPENAU (B-800367) ON GEE RUN
19 A/C DROPPED ON ETA IN AREA OF GRID COORDINATES V-710304.
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8 A/C OF BOX ONE DID NOT DROP BECAUSE LEADER DID NOT.
2 A/C RETURNED EARLY FROM VICINITY OF A-55 AFTER LOSING FORMATION IN OVERCAST.

INFORMATION LACKING ON THE FOLLOWING A/C:
1 A/C LANDED AWAY FROM BASE AT B-75.
1 A/C CRASHLANDED SAFELY AT K-638618.
1 A/C LANDED AWAY FROM BASE AT A-89.

3 A/C CARRIED WINDOW ONLY. OF THESE ONE A/C LANDED AWAY FROM BASE AT A-92
F. 3 X 1000 GP ON PRIMARY
1 X 1000 GP JETTISONED ON ARBONNE RANGE.
76 X 1000 GP ON V-710304.
12 X 1000 GP ON LICHPENAU.
XX 4 X 1000 GP ON UNKNOWN TARGET WITH B-26 FORMATION.
44 X 1000 GP RETURNED.
12 X 1000 GP UNACCOUNTED XXXXX FOR.
G. UNOBSERVED DUE TO CLOUD COVER.
H. 1 A/C CRASHED AT K-638618 CAT "E".
6 A/C DAMAGED BY FLAK CAT "A"
INFORMATION LACKING FROM 3 A/C XXXXX WHICH LANDED AWAY FROM BASE.
I. 2 CREW MEMBERS IN CRASHED A/C HAVE BEEN REPORTED AS UNINJURED
J. TARGET NIL.
ELSEWHERE/: MODERATE ACCURATE HFF FROM COLOGNE AREA AS DETERMINED BY GEE FIX. INTENSE ACCURATE HFF AT DUSSELDORF AND DORTMUND.
K. NIL.
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M. 1503 AT V-710304.
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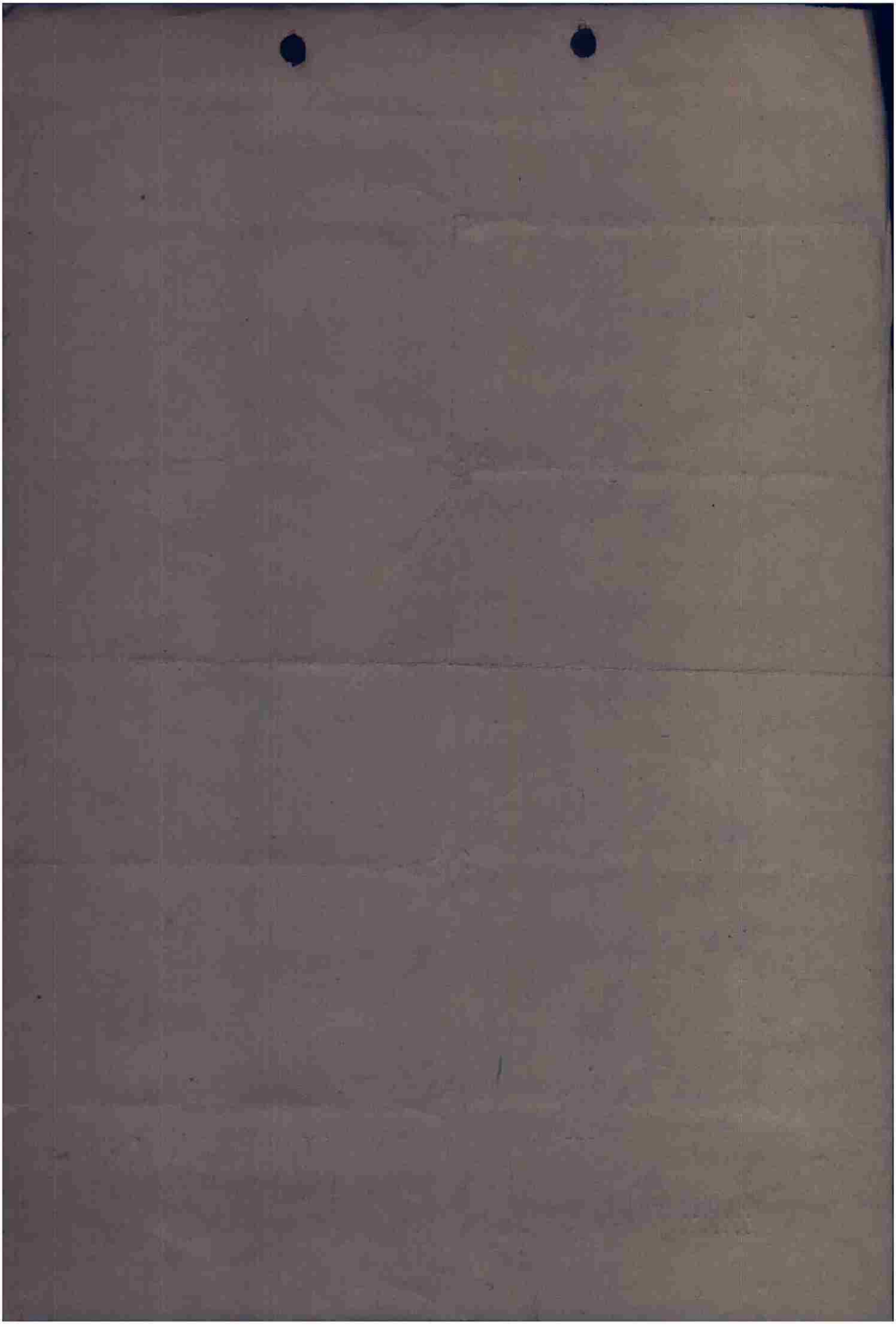
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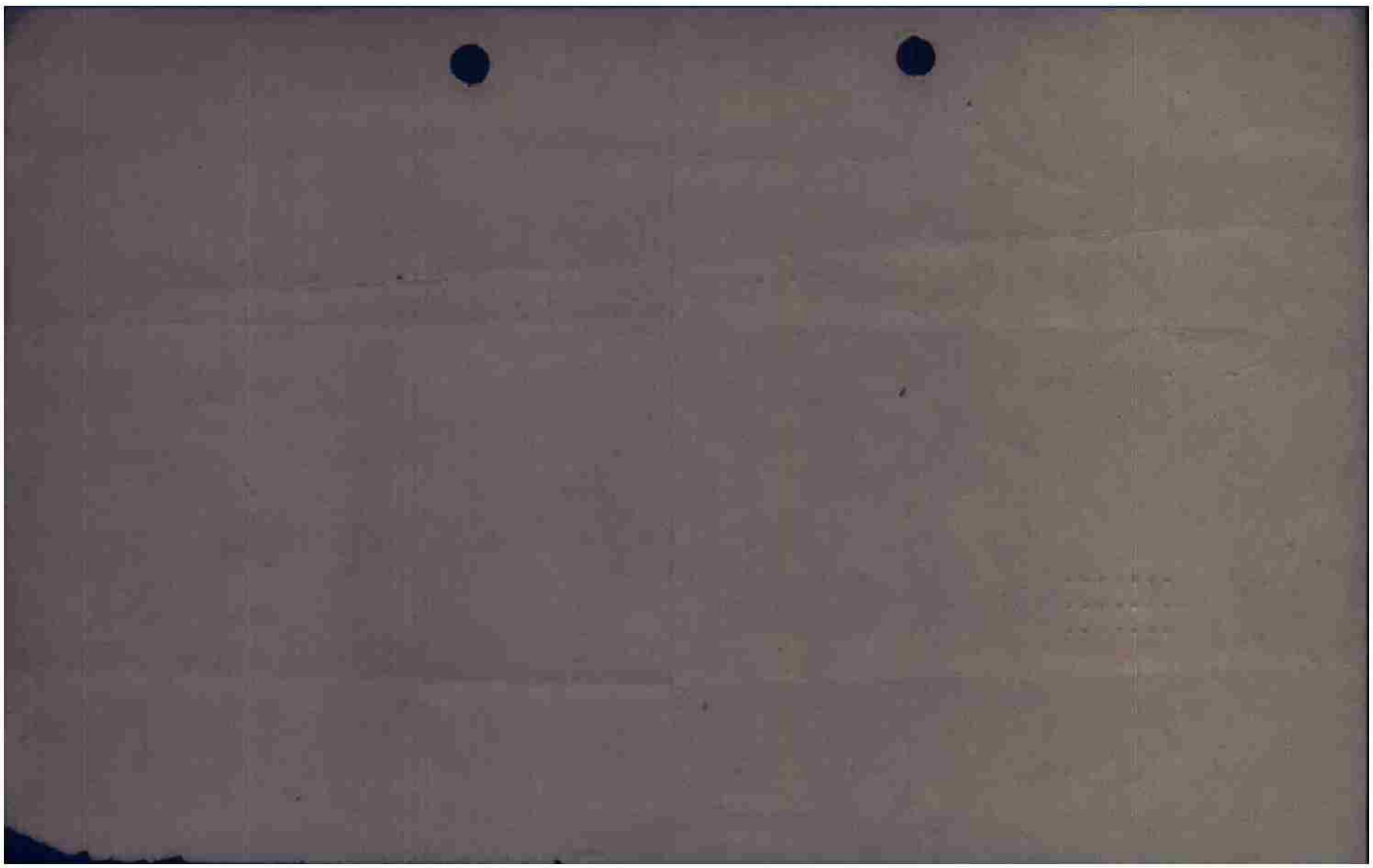
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TO 9TH BOMB DIVISION (M) ATT: A-2 P.I.
97TH COMBAT WING (L) ATT: STAFF DUTY OFFICER.
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B. KEMPEN
J. NO STRIKE PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

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TO : CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, ATT: A-2
CC, 97TH COMBAT WING, ATT: A-2

FROM : 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

OPFLASH FOR 9 FEBRUARY 1945. OPERATIONAL PRIORITY, SECRET.

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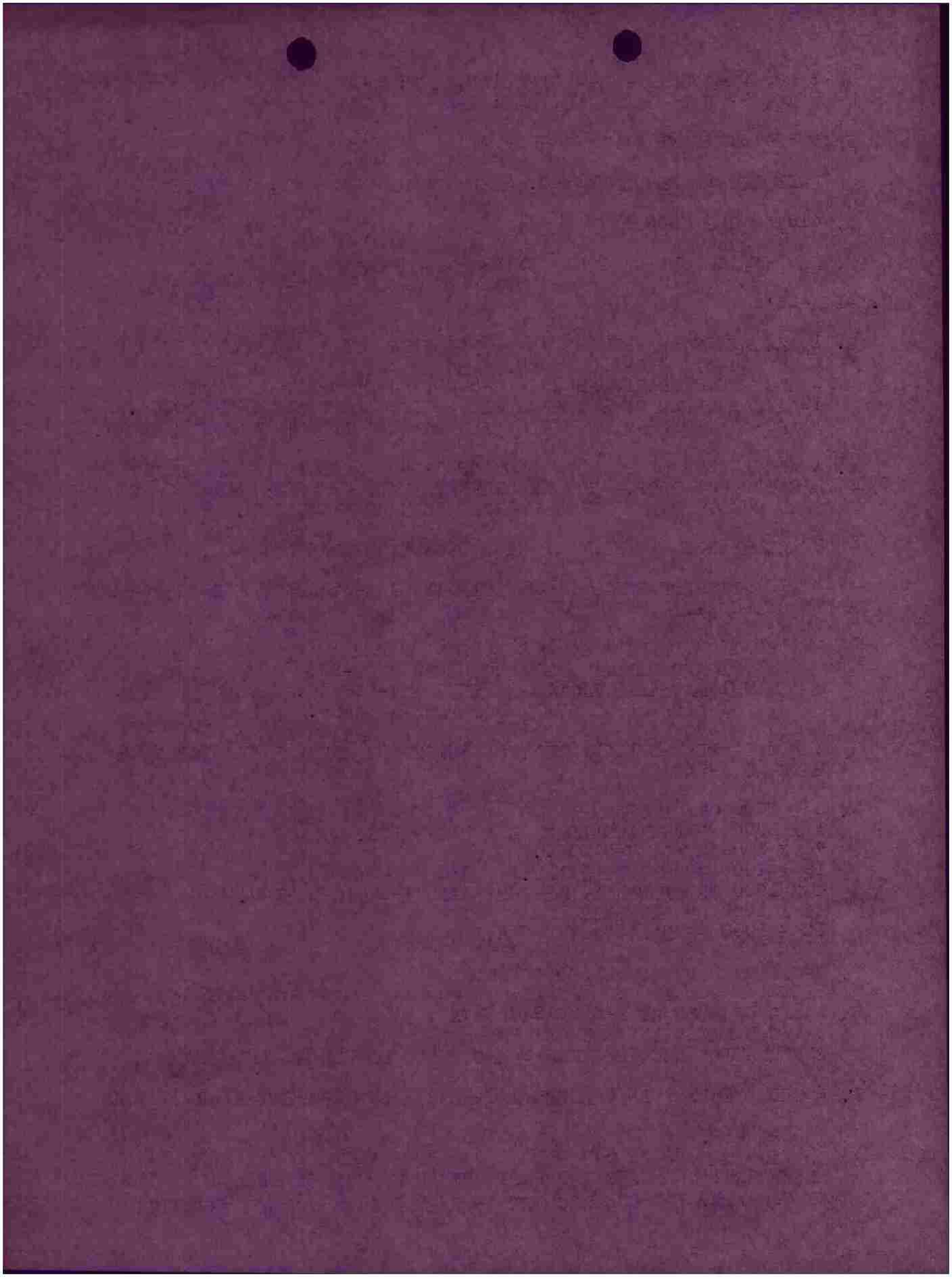
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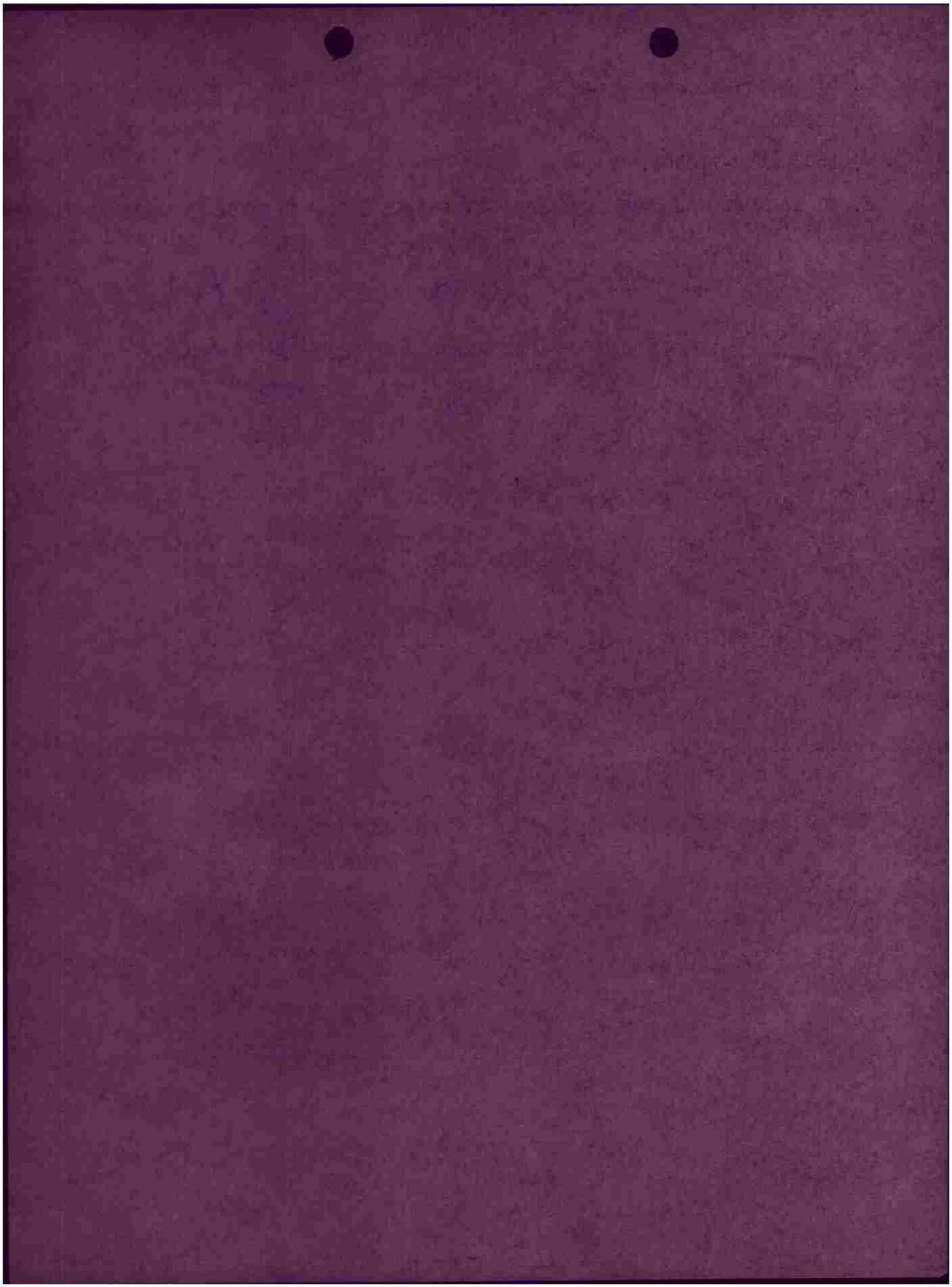
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TO : CO 409TH, 416TH BOMB GROUPS

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
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INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT 2 FIELD ORDER 161-739

1. TARGET: KEMPEN AT A-0808 (OPERATION VERITABLE-TARGET V-16)
COVER AREA 600 YARDS RADIUS FROM A-08340815. FOR EXACT MPI, SEE FIELD ORDER.

2. THE TARGET IS AN IMPORTANT COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, AND THE ATTACK IS DESIGNED TO ISOLATE THE BATTLE AREA IN SUPPORT OF THE PRESENT OPERATIONS.

3. MAP COVERAGE
GSGS 4414 SHEET 4604
GSGS 4416 SHEET Q-1

PHOTO COVER.
SORTIE 400/1582 PRINTS 3107,8,9 AND 4107,8,9
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4. TARGET IS ABOUT TWELVE MILES EAST OF BOMBLINE

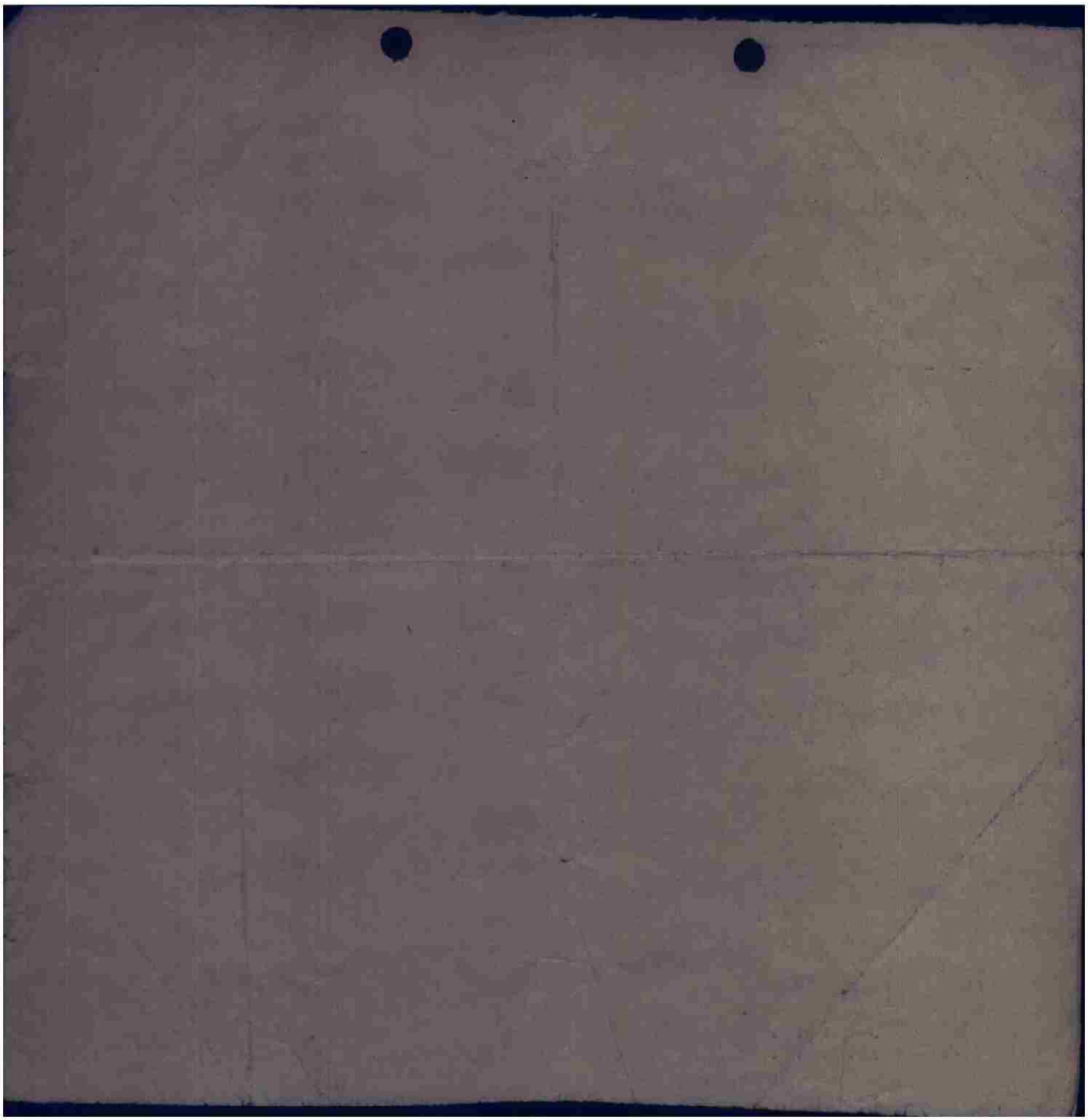
5. FLAK: SEE PLOTTED POSITIONS.

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TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGR 409, 410, 416.

ATTN: SIG OFFICER
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ADVANCE INFO COPY OF PARA. 5, OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW: 09/0145

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (0008)
(2) BESTMAN

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (091850)
(2) MANGO

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (0806)
(2) CIRCLE

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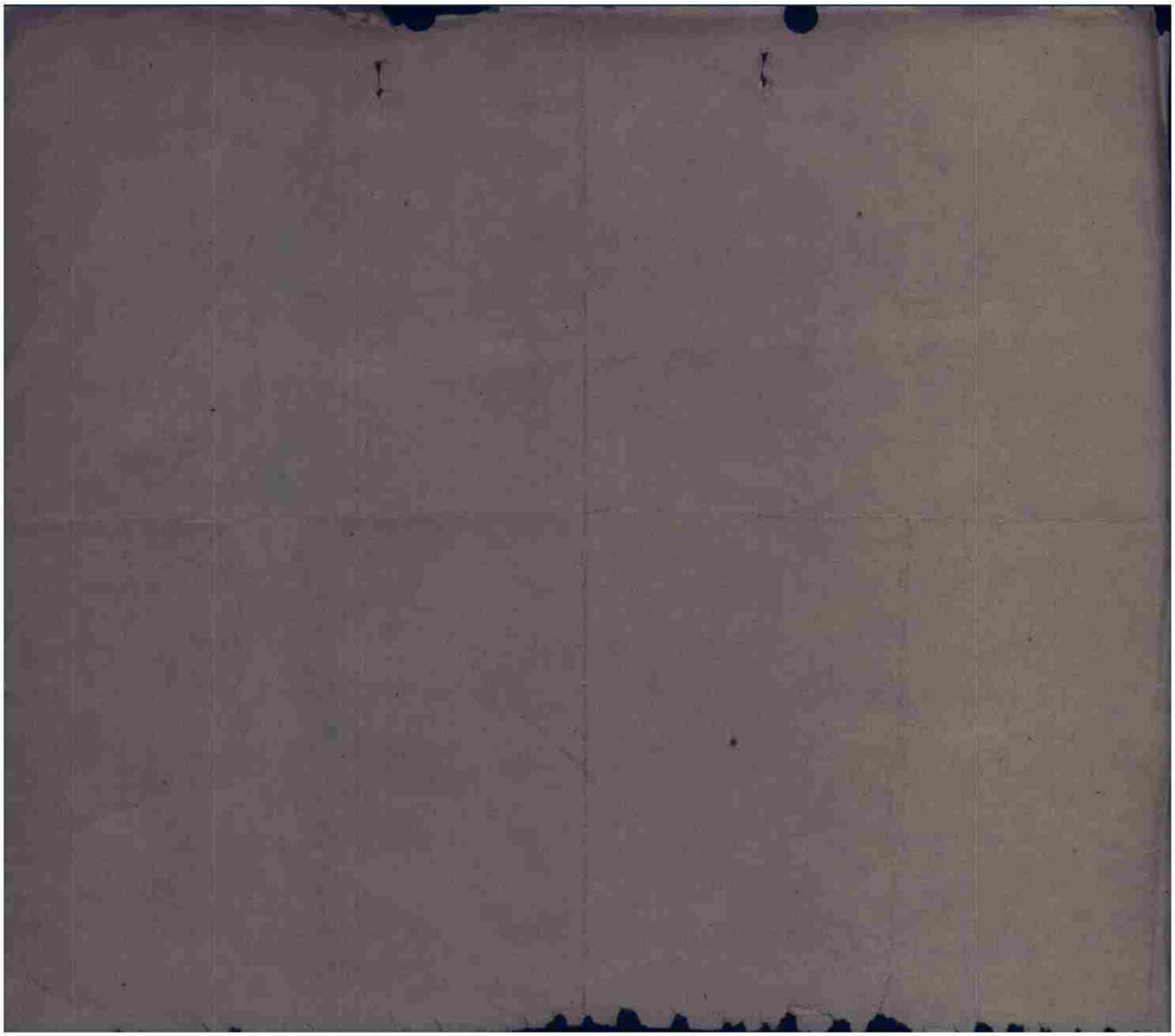
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 09/1130A
TO COMBOMDIV IX
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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
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ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER 161-739.

CHANGE ZERO HOUR ON PLAN "B" TO READ: 09/1430A

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

3. B. (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 5058N 0606E TO BASE.

3. B. (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 4804, ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD. 083832, 08428404, 08608428, 08738449, 089847 AND 09038491, TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS.
GRID. COORD. 08608428 AND 089847 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES.
P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID. COORD. 08658440.

ADD PARAGRAPH 3. X. (14) ON PLAN "B"

(14) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBLITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING VISUALLY, GROUPS WILL BOMB BY FLIGHTS IF WEATHER PERMITS AND WILL USE 5123N 0610E 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 P.P.F. ROUTE TO TARGET OR RETURN TO 5123N 0610E TO BOMB VISUALLY.
IF 10/10 CLOUD COVER OBSCURES TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
A. P.P.F.
B. GROUP "GEE"
C. TARGET E.T.A.

DELETE PAR. 3. X. (13) ON PLAN "B"

ADD PARA. 3. A. (9) ON PLAN "B"
(9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET XXX 4604 ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD. 08298799, 08410801, 08160815, 08420815, 08680818, 08280850. TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS.
GRID. COORD. 08350815 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES.
P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID. COORD. 08350815
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.

ADD PARA. 3. C. (9) ON PLAN "B"
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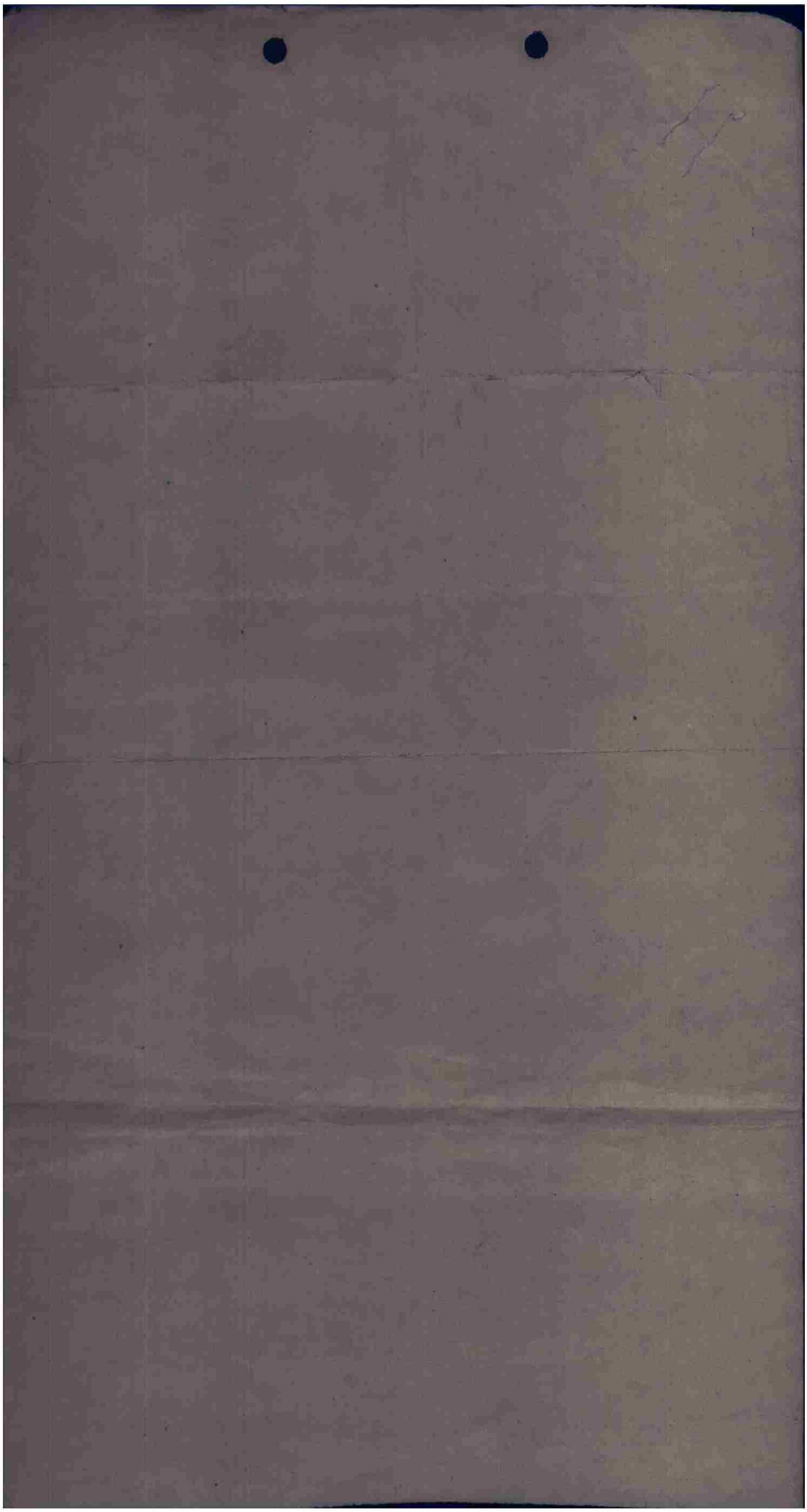
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 09/0613A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
09 FEBRUARY 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 161 - 739. 97CBW F-77-E

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL ATTEMPT TO NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE ON 410TH BOMB GROUP TARGET.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

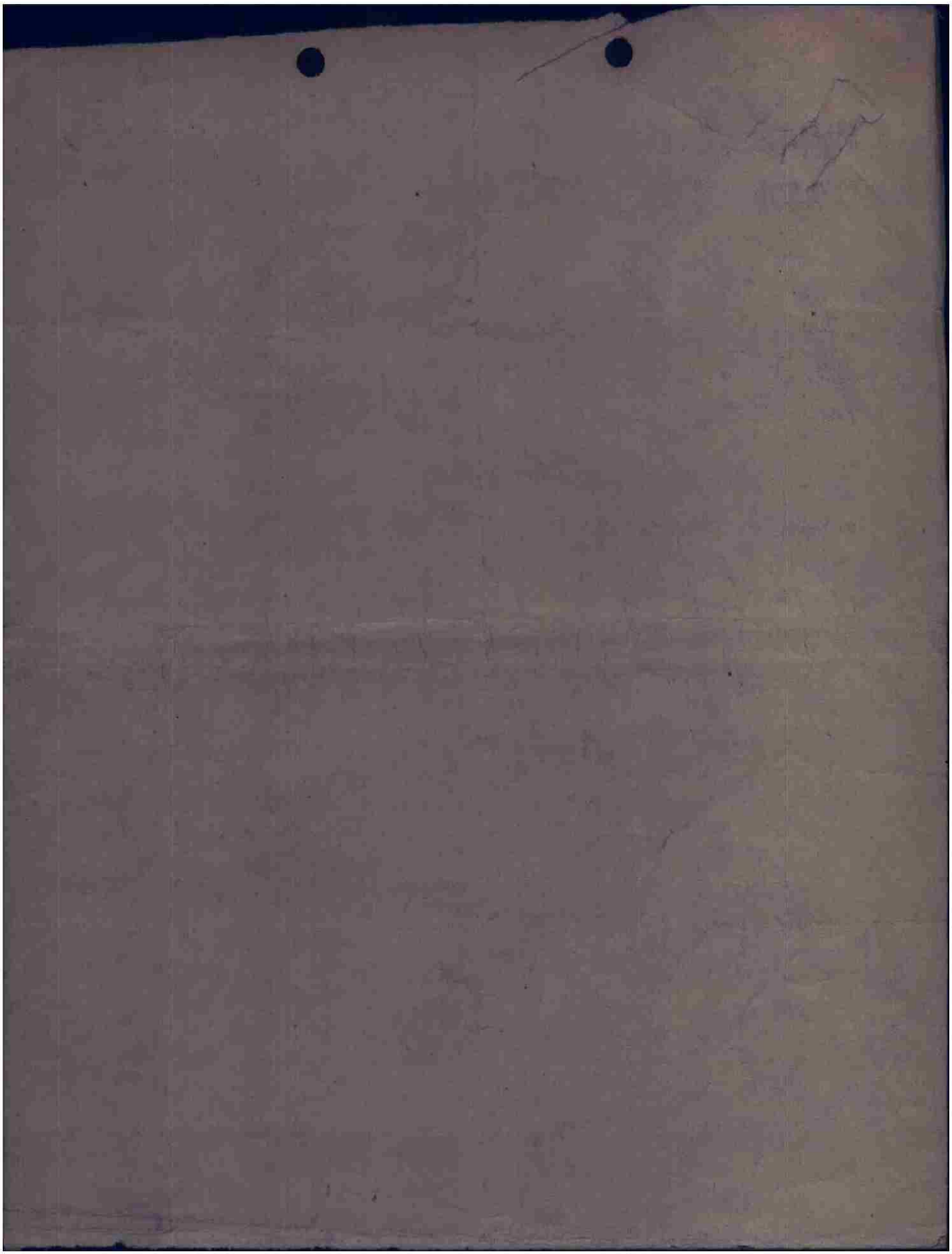
ZERO HOUR: 09/1100A

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
(12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP
(1) RHEYDT MARSHALLING YARD (F-091850)
(2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 1 PPF A/C.
(3) WITH PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
(4) BASE TO 5106N 0514E TO 5113N 0531E TO TARGET.
(5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 5038N 0606E TO BASE.
(6) BOMB AT 13,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IN EVENT OF VISUAL BOMBING IS 5,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
(9) M.P.I. - MAP SERIES GSGS 4414, SHEET NO. 4804, ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID COORD: 083838, 08428404, 08608428, 08738449, 089847, 09038491; TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS.
GRID COORDS: 08608428 AND 089847 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES.
PPF M.P.I. - GRID COORD 09258935.
(10) 6 X 500 G.P. - FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL. 25 PER CENT TO BE FUSED WITH LONG DELAY UP TO 12 HOURS.
(12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MINUTES.
(13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING VISUALLY, GROUPS WILL BOMB BY FLIGHTS IF WEATHER PERMITS, AND WILL USE 5058N 0606E 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 0606E TO BOMB VISUALLY. IF 10/10 CLOUD COVER OBSCURES TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY

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

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C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:
(12) TOT: ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MINUTES.

X. (1 - 4) NO CHANGE.

FOR 409TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS ONLY.

(5) TARGET: KEMPEN COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (A-0808)
(6) A/C REQ.: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 1 PPF A/C. 2ND BOX WILL FLY IN TRAIL.
(7) WITH PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
(8) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO 5133N 0505E TO 5142N 0544E TO TARGET.
(9) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 5122N 0610E TO 5059N 0457E TO BASE.
(10) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 12,500 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IN EVENT OF VISUAL BOMBING WILL BE 5,000 FEET.
(11) MPI: MAP SERIES GSGS 4414, SHEET NO. 4604. GRID COORD 08350815 FOR PPF A/C.
(12) BOMBS: 4 X 1,000 G P FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
(13) PRIMARY TARGET WILL BE BOMBED ON PPF A/C ONLY. IF PPF A/C DOES NOT DROP, AN ALTERNATE TARGET 15 MILES OR MORE FROM THE BOMBLINE IN ENEMY HELD TERRITORY WILL BE BOMBED.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS:
A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (0808)
(2) BESTMAN

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (091850)
(2) MANGO

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (0808)
(2) CIRCLE

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:
(11) IF ANY FORMATION DESIRES INFORMATION CONCERNING ENEMY FIGHTERS OR A FIX CONTACT ROSELEE ON "C".
MANGO LEADER CONTACT "CHASEFARM" ON "C" 15 MIN PRIOR TO REACHING TROOP LINE REPORTING FORMATION ON TIME OR HOW MUCH EARLY OR LATE.

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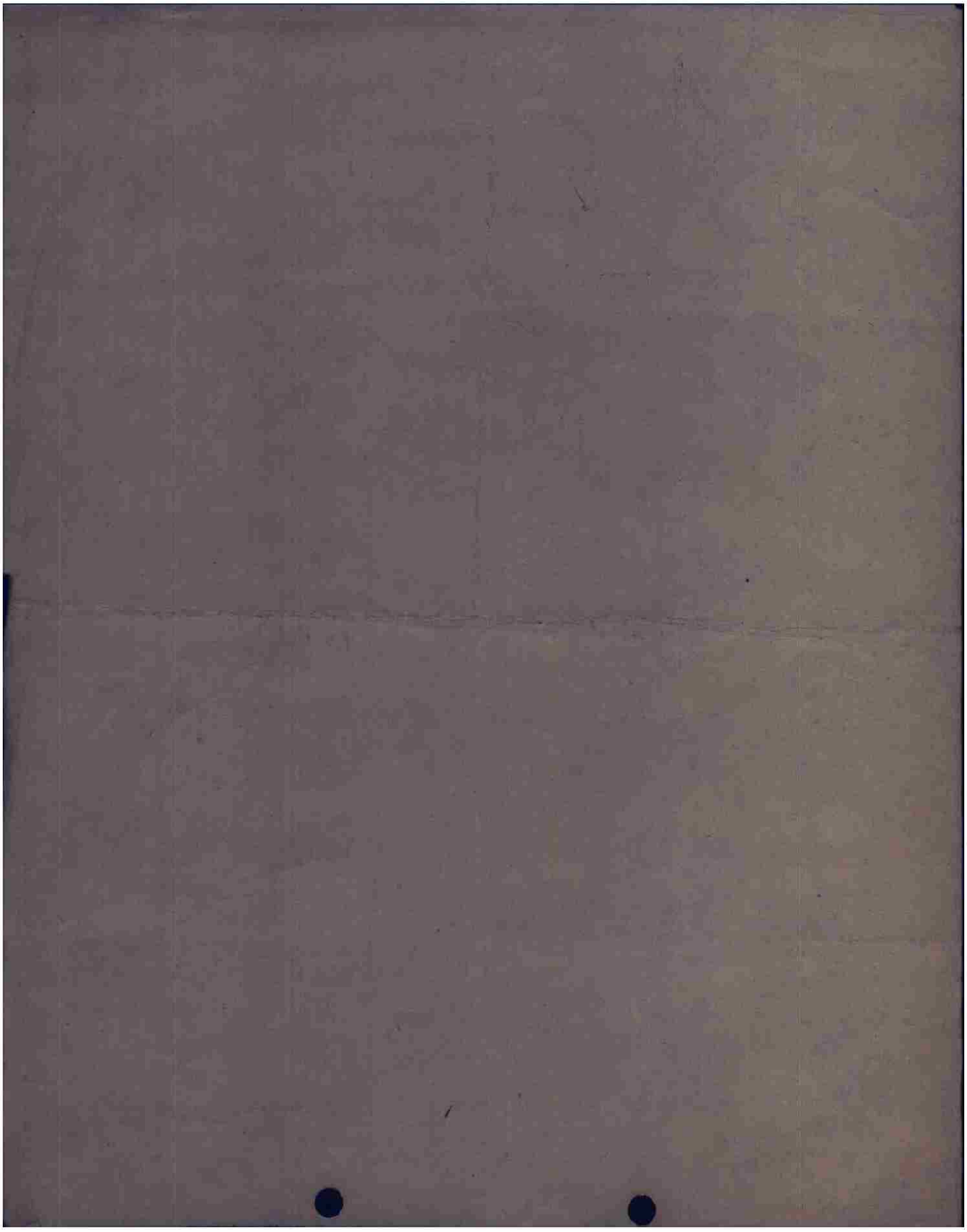
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FLIGHT I

1. 512 T
CAPT B D STEBBINS
LT AS CALLOWAY
LT D L MOORE
S/S W J BROWN

2. 498 R
CAPT R E GREENLEY
LT R J BASNETT
S/S J H MIGUEZ

3. 344 C
LT D O TURNER
F/O F W SWAP
S/S M R REYES

4. 292 H
LT M W DUBOSE
LT A W DEITNER
S/S J H WALTERS

5. 300 D
LT J J FARLEY
SGT E R HARDESTY

6. 241 F
LT R K JOHNSON
SGT H E BRANDT

FLIGHT II

1. 507 Q
CAPT D F SHEA
LT O R KOCH
LT A H MALTBY
SGT F R URBANIC

2. 330 P
LT E O TURNER
S/S J O BELCAS

3. 307 N
LT W MUSGROVE
S/S H O SEIGHMAN

4. 2315 L
LT D B GRUNIG
S/S M E DIAS

5. 286 D-1
LT F/O J A GREEN
SGT D V PALADINO

6. 9315 K-1
LT W D CHITTY
S/S W S JACKSON

FLIGHT III

1. 503 X
LT F S BREWSTER
LT L W DENNIS
LT M C McNUTT
S/S W O CLARK

2. 215 R-1
LT M ERROTABERE
SGT P R LYNCH

3. 229 B
LT H POPENEY
S/S H C S CANILER

4. 321 V
LT W R HEINKE
S/S G R VAN WERT

5. 337 O
CAPT H W BORMAN
CPL R J PENUJO

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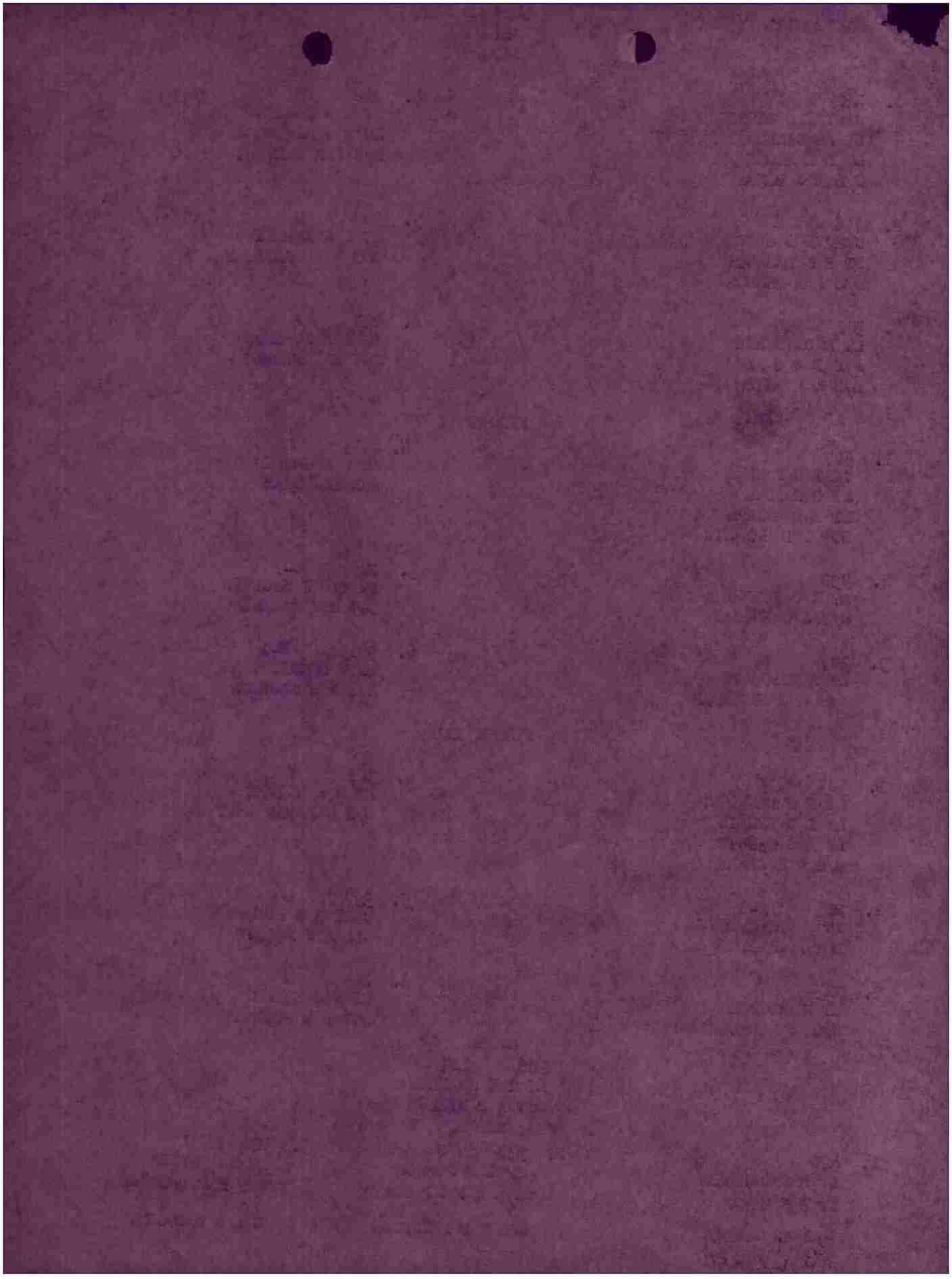
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2. 354 S
LT C S JORDON
S/S K F JENSEN
CPL E R ERDMAN

3. 244 I
LT E R HAYNER
S/S F P BASFORD
CPL A A DALTON

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FLIGHT I

1. 505 Y
CAPT H M EVANS
~~X~~ LT T M McCARTNEY
LT W BABBAGE
S/S C L SKEENS

2. 492 E
LT E L MILLER
LT J K CONNER
S/S J F MALLOY

3. 335 W
LT J P KENNY
SGT J J SITTARICH

4. 274 S
LT P E PARKER
S/S S KOCHAN

5. 321 T
LT J B CARVER
SGT N M GRAHAM

6. 389 X
LT R C BUCHANAN
SGT R G HINDMAN

FLIGHT II

1. 523 N
LT C S STANLEY
F/O J H BLOUNT
S/S C B COLLIER

2. 508 Z
LT J J CHALMERS
LT L W ECHARD
SGT C M HICKS

3. 213 A
LT J H MONTROSE
S/S J W FELKEL

4. 331 C
LT L E CANNON
S/S J W ROBINSON

5. 290 L
LT W L HALE
S/S D H BENTZLER

6. ~~306 X-1~~
~~LT A S NATHANSON~~
~~SGT C L CALABRESE~~

FLIGHT III

1. 499 G
LT J A BUSKIRK
LT R C HANNA
S/S C H CORBITT

2. 239 N-1
LT S MOONEY
SGRT R C SCHUMACHER

3. 352 J
CAPT L J SUTTON
S/S D C GILLIAM

4. 326 W-1
LT A E HERMAN
SGT K W SCHMIDT

5. 392 P
LT M WALLMAN
SGT M F HARDIN

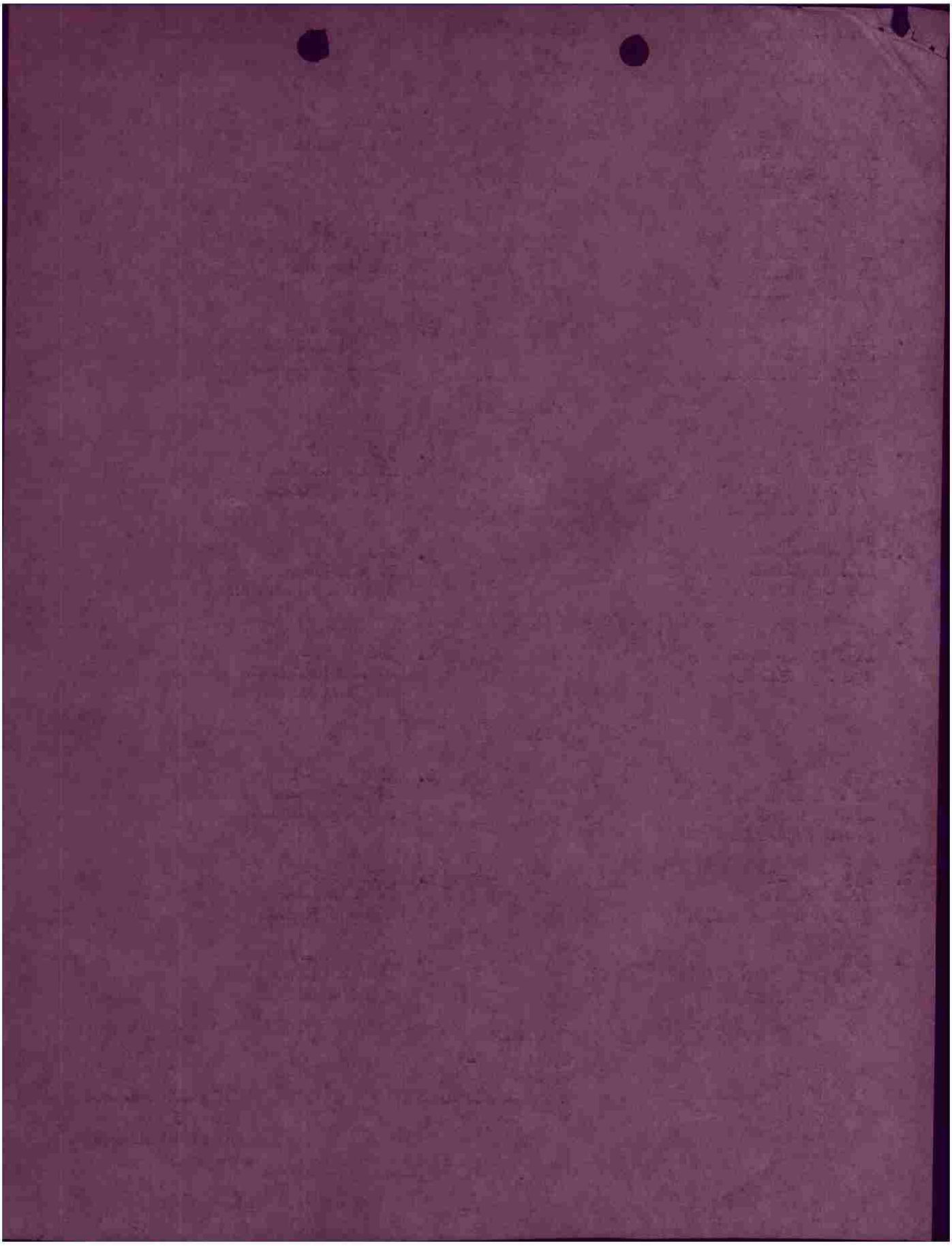
6. 356 C-1
LT A E HLIVKO
S/S R C SCHROM

SPARE
250 A-1
LT J W SPIRES
SGT R W MESSINGER

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AUTH: CO STA 4-55
DATE: 11 Feb. 1945
INIT:

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

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

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

Ref : Oprep A No. 218 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 9 Feb. 1945
Mission or Operation No. 201 97th CBW 30 [illegible]-729

A. Short Narrative of Operation:
Target Bonn Communications Center
Place of take-off Station A-55
Place of landing Station A-55 (2 A-26s, 1 A-20, 1 A-26, 1 Ailing, Holland)
Take-off time 1050 Landing time 1937
Time over target 1303 Bombing Altitude 12500
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather 8 to 10/10's clouds in target area.
Results Unobserved
Enemy opposition Moderate accurate HEF from Cologne Area. Intense accurate HEF at Duesseldorf and Dortmund.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched All A-26's

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
1 Bonn Comm. Center
2 Misses
1 Last Target
25 Vicinity of Osterfeld, Germany

3. Abortive due to:
(1) Weather: 2 - returned early. Lost formation in overcast.
(2) Personnel: None
(3) Mechanical: 1 - malfunction of right bomb door safety switch in box leader's aircraft.
(4) Other: 0 - did not bomb due to box leader's failure to bomb.

4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None

5. Destroyed - before reaching target None
giving cause w here known

6. Destroyed - over or after leaving None
target giving cause w here known

7. Damaged (give category & cause) 6 category "A" - flak. 1 category "B" crash landing.

8. Sorties 29

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D. Total operational flying hours
a. Day (Sunrise to sunset) 14:40

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None

E. Ammunition by calibres:
a. Total carried into air 72000 x .50 calibre
b. Expended on operations None
c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c None

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:
a. Total carried into air: 152 x 1000 lb's Fused 1/100 1/40

b. Expended on operations: 100 x 1000 lb's - Vicinity of Schweinfurt
(List targets separately) 3 x 1000 lb's - Hamm
1 x 1000 lb's - E-86 Target

c. Jettisoned 1 x 1000 lb's - Alternate Target

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c None

e. Total Returned 44 x 1000 lb's

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

Type of Casualty	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	R.Gun	E.Gun	T.Gun
Killed in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seriously Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slightly Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

H. Enemy aircraft by type or description (tentative claims):-
a. Destroyed None
b. Prob. Des None
c. Damaged None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP(L)
OFFICE OF THE RADAR OFFICER

APO 140, U S ARMY
9 FEBRUARY 1945

SUBJECT: REPORT OF OPERATIONAL USE OF WINDOW.

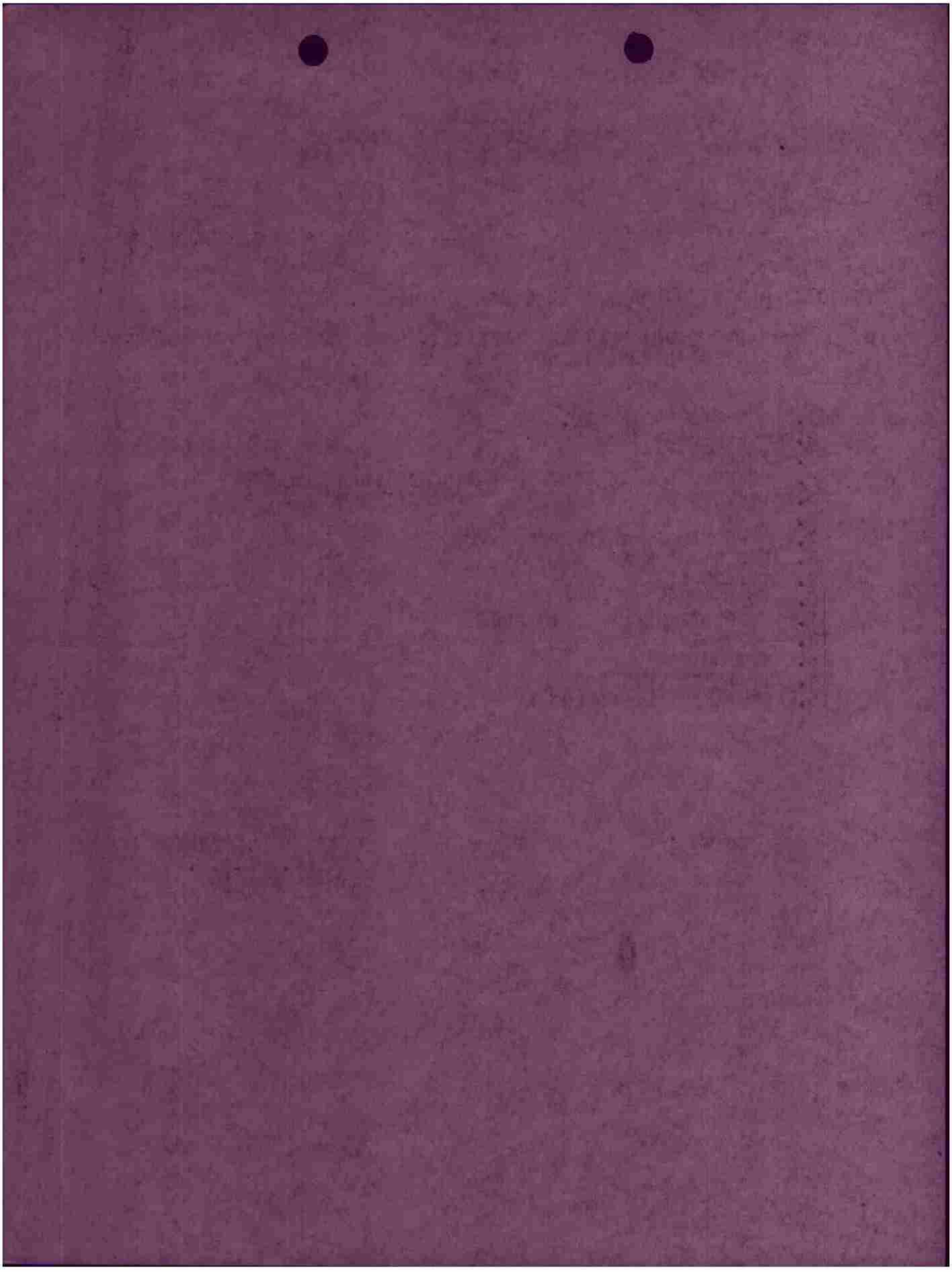
TO : RADAR COUNTERMEASURES OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION(M), APO 140, U S ARMY.

1. RCM DISPENSING NO.43
2. 9 FEBRUARY 1945
3. IN RUHR AREA
4. UNKNOWN DUE TO FACT THAT AIRCRAFT WERE LOST
5. UNKNOWN DUE TO FACT THAT AIRCRAFT WERE LOST
6. 3
7. APPROXIMATELY 45 BOXES
8. 260 AT 43 MPH
9. 12,500 FT
10. 10 TENTHS
11. MODERATE HEAVY TO INTENSE HEAVY
12. ACCURATE
13. 2 MINUTES
14. 1 AT "E" 6AT "A"
15. REMARKS WILL FOLLOW

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

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Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O / TOT / L/D	15 min.
1		9 Feb 45				Capt Stebbins		

	A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT			Bomb Disp					A/C Dam					E/A			Pers.		
Pos	No.	Reason	P	S	O	P	S	J	F	R	M	D	A	AC	B	E	D	F	D	K	W	M
1	512									4											
2	498	[redacted]				3		1													
3	344									4											
4	292									4											
5	300									4											
6	241									4											
1	507	Don't Know																			
2	330									4											
3	307	Returned Early								4											
40	2315	Don't Know A-44																			
5	286									4											
6	9315									4											
1	503					5							A								
2	215					4							A								
3	223					4							A								
4	321					4															
5	337	Don't Know																			
6	205					4															
1	208									4											
						20	1			40											

Stebbins
512

D.O Turner Greenley
344 498

Dubose
292

Johnson Farley
241 300

Brewster Shea
503 507

Popeney Errotabere Musgrove E.O Turner
223 215 307 330

Heinke Grunig
321 2315

Biskop Borman Chitty Green
205 337 9315 286

Graeber
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TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

(2) No. a/c off by type:_____

_____A-20G's_____A-20J'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 recaps.)

C.

(1) Time up_____

T.O.T._____ (Obtained from Tower).

Time Down_____

D.

(1) No. a/c _____Missing_____

_____Destroyed_____

_____Damaged_____ (cat. B/C)

_____Damaged_____ (cat. A)

(3) No. Crew _____Killed_____Wounded_____Missing_____

(Obtained from Recaps).

E. Results of Bombing. (Obtained from Group Bombardier).

	No.		Type	
I. Bombs on Primary	_____	X	_____	
Bombs on Secondary	_____	X	_____	
Bombs on Other	_____	X	_____	
Bombs Returned	_____	X	_____	
Bombs Jettisoned	_____	X	_____	Where_____

(Obtained from Recaps)

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Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O / TOT / L/D	15 min.
II		9 Feb 45				Capt Evans		

A/C fus	A/C No.	Fail to Bomb Reason	ATT P	ATT S	ATT O	Bomb Disp P	Bomb Disp S	Bomb Disp J	Bomb Disp F	Bomb Disp R	A/C Dam M	A/C Dam D	A/C Dam A	A/C Dam AC	E/A B	E/A E	E/A D	Pers. P	Pers. D	Pers. K	Pers. W	Pers. M
1	505					4																
2	492	[redacted]		Don't Know		4																
3	335					4																
4	274					4																
5	321					4																
6	389					4																
1	523					4																
2	508					4																
3	213			Don't Know																		
4	331	Bomb Rel		Don't Know																		
5	290					4																
6	Retd Early								4													
1	499					4																
2	239					4																
3	352					4																
4	326	bombed with Box 2				4																
5	332			Don't Know																		
6	356					4							A									
1	250	landed at Arst				4																

52 on Base
4 with Box dip
1 Retd Early

Evans
505

Kenny 335 | Miller 492 | [redacted] landed away

Parker
274

Buchanan 389 | Carver 321

Buskirk 499 | Stanley 523

Sutton 352 | Mooney 239 | Montrose 213 | Chalmers 508

Herman 326 | Cannon 331

Hlavka 356 | Wallman 332 | Nathanson Retd. 306 | Hale 290

Spires
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TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.
(2) No. a/c off by type: _____
_____ A-20G's _____ A-20J'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 recaps.)

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

D.
(1) No. a/c _____ Missing _____
_____ Destroyed _____
_____ Damaged _____ (cat. B/C)
_____ Damaged _____ (cat. A)

(3) No. Crew _____ Killed _____ Wounded _____ Missing _____
(Obtained from Recaps).

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Bombs on Other	_____	X	_____
Bombs Returned	_____	X	_____
Bombs Jettisoned	_____	X	_____ Where _____

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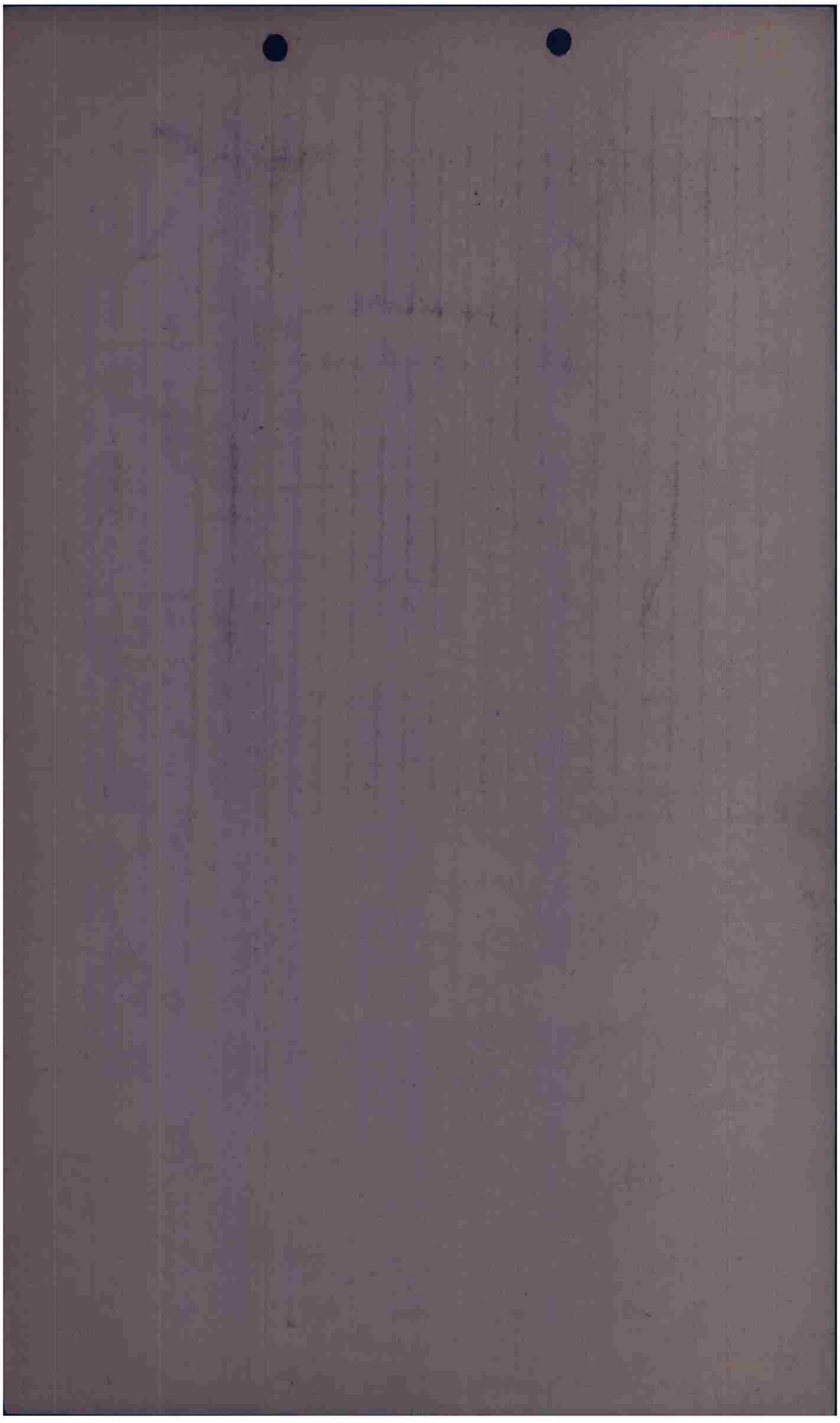
Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O TOT L/D	15 min.
Window		4 Jul 45				Cornell		

	A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT			Bomb Disp					A/C Dam						E/A			Pers.		
Pos	No.	Reason	F	S	O	P	S	J	F	R	M	D	A	AC	B	E	D	P	D	K	W	M
1	490																					
2	354																					
3	344																					

Cornell 490
Wyatt / Hayter 344
Gordon 354
Pettigrew 420K

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AAF STATION 385
SECURITY CONTROL OFFICE

APO 744
11 February 1945

SUBJECT: Mission Report

TO : Commanding Officer, 416 Bomb Group, APO 140, U S Army

1. Forwarded herewith is a mission report of that particular part of your group shown in the report. This element of the operation of 9 February, 1945, reported at A-54-C, AAF Station 385, APO 744, U S Army, and the regular interrogating procedure and mission report was carried out by the Security Control Officer of this base.

2. For your information.

Clayton E. Fenton
CLAYTON E. FENTON
1st Lt., AC,
Security Control Officer

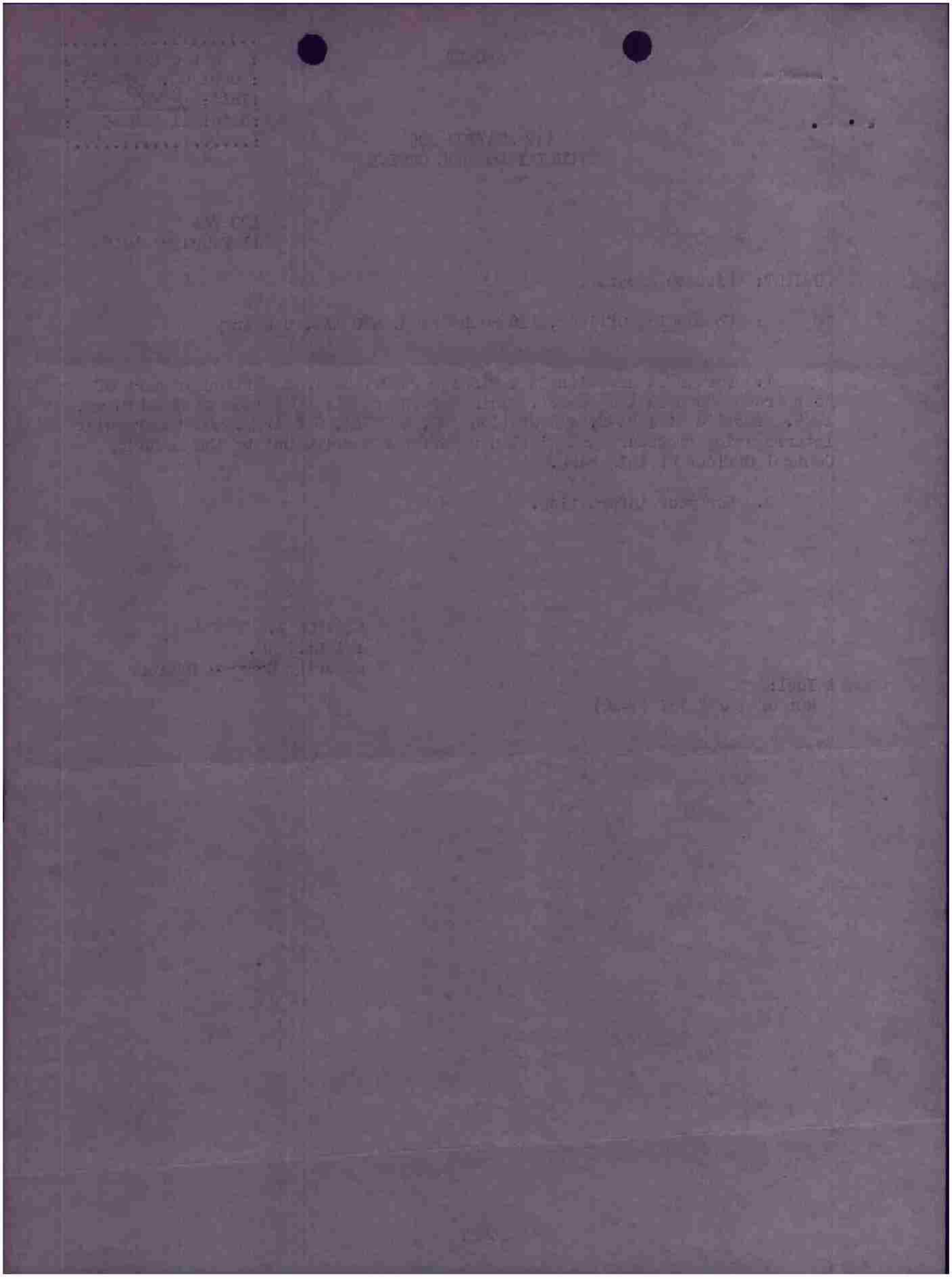
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CLAYTON E. FENTON
1st Lt., AC,
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FORCED LANDING REPORT

HEADQUARTERS
27TH AIR TRANSPORT GRP
AAF 385 APO 744

DATE: 11 February 1945 TIME DOWN: 1605 hrs., 9 February 1945

TYPE A/C A-26 NO. 337 UNIT 416th Bomb Gp., 670th Bomb Sq. APO 140, AAF A55

CREW, AND/OR PASSENGERS.
(Pilot Henry W. Borman ASN 0-771761 ( ) ASN
(Engr. Gunner Raphael J. Perujo ASN 32867909 ( ) ASN
( ) ASN ( ) ASN
( ) ASN ( ) ASN
( ) ASN ( ) ASN

OBJECTIVE: Kempen REACHED: YES (X) NO ( ) TURNED BACK AT Target
ORDNANCE 4 1000 lb bombs on target ORDINATES

CASUALTIES:
KILLED None ASN ASN
ASN ASN
ASN ASN
ASN ASN
HOSPITALIZED AT

WOUNDED None ASN
ASN
ASN
ASN
ASN

BAILED OUT: 1 None ASN COORDINATES OR OVER/AT/NEAR
2 ASN " " "
3 ASN " " "
4 ASN " " "
5 ASN " " "
LIST BY NO. LIST BY NO.

DID PARACHUTE FOR ABOVE CREW? YES NO

ACCOUNT OF CREW: Takeoff at 1235, 9 February 1945
Reached target at 1445, 9 February 1945
No fighter opposition encountered.
Moderate and accurate flak encountered from bomb line to target and return. Light battle damage. Bombay fuel connection severed, causing loss of gasoline.
Emergency landing at B-75. Pilot and Engineer-Gunner flew into A-54 from B-56 on 11 February 1945.
Visibility along route, 10/10. No observations made due to lack of visibility.

APPARENT DAMAGE TO A/C: Nose gear broke off on landing due to pierced steel planking runway being buckled. Salvageable.

~~RETENTION~~ DISPOSITION OF EQUIPMENT:
Ordnance - British Ordnance at B-75
Radio & Secret Equipment - Under lock & key by British Communications Section at B-75. Whole ship under guard by British at B-75.

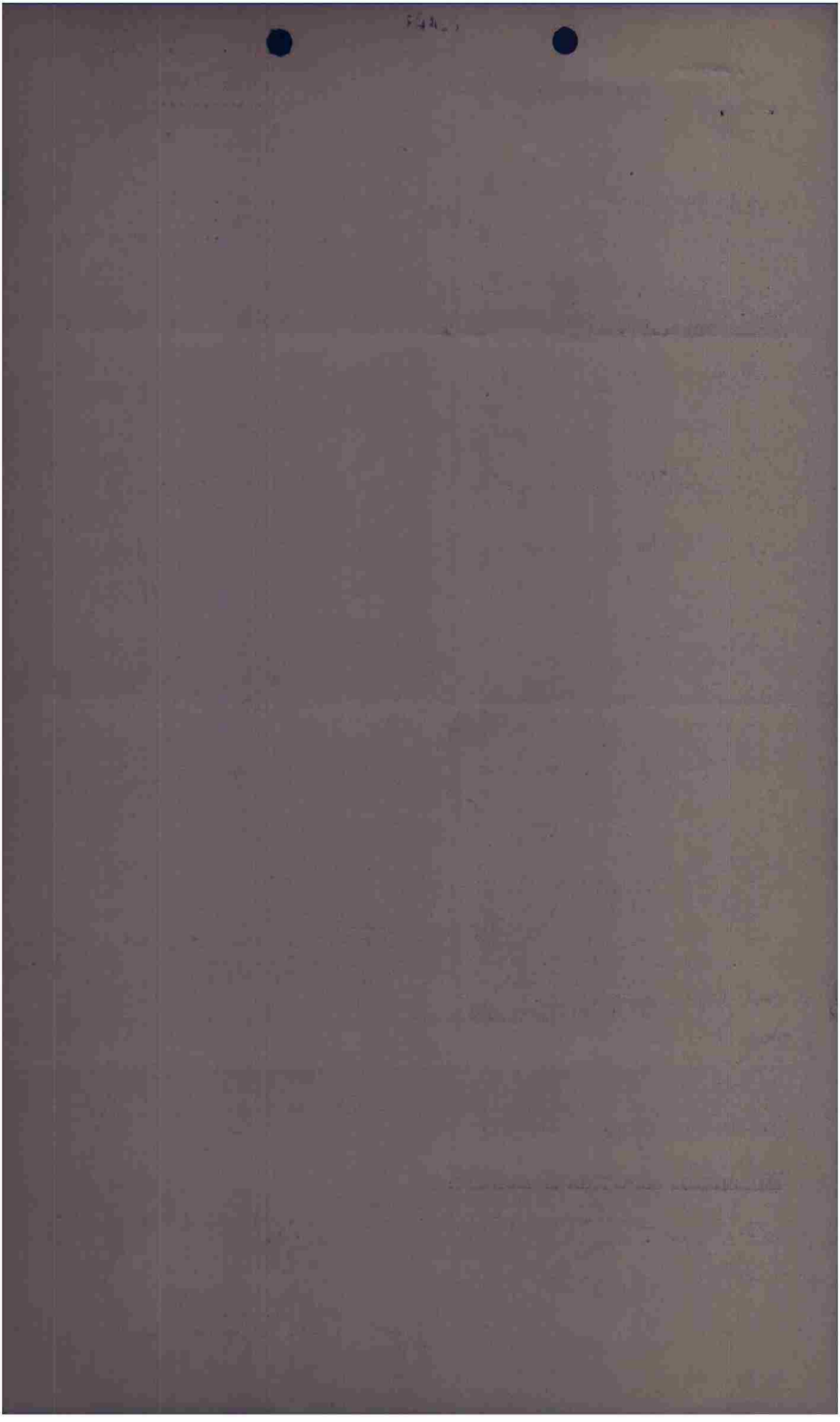
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FORCED LANDING REPORT

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27TH AIR TRANSPORT GRP
AAF 385 APO 744

DATE: 11 February 1945

TIME DOWN: 1605 hrs., 9 February 1945

TYPE A/C: A-26 NO. 337 UNIT: 570th Bomb Sq. 416th Bomb Gp., APO 140, AAF- 455

CREW, AND/OR PASSENGERS.

( )		ASN	( )		ASN
Pilot	Henry W. Borman	0-371761			
Engr.)		ASN	( )		ASN
Gunner	Raphael J. Perujo	32867909			
( )		ASN	( )		ASN
( )		ASN	( )		ASN
( )		ASN	( )		ASN

OBJECTIVE: REACHED: YES ( ) NO ( ) TURNED BACK AT

ORDNANCE Kempen X COORDINATES Target

4 1000 lb bombs on target

CASUALTIES:

KILLED ASN ASN
None ASN ASN
ASN ASN
ASN ASN
HOSPITALIZED AT

WOUNDED ASN
None ASN
ASN
ASN
ASN

COORDINATES OR

BAILED OUT: 1 ASN OVER/AT/NEAR
2 None ASN " " "
3 ASN " " "
4 ASN " " "
5 ASN " " "
LIST BY NO. LIST BY NO.

DID PARACHUTE NOR ABOVE OPEN? YES NO

ACCOUNT OF CREW:

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ACTION TAKEN:

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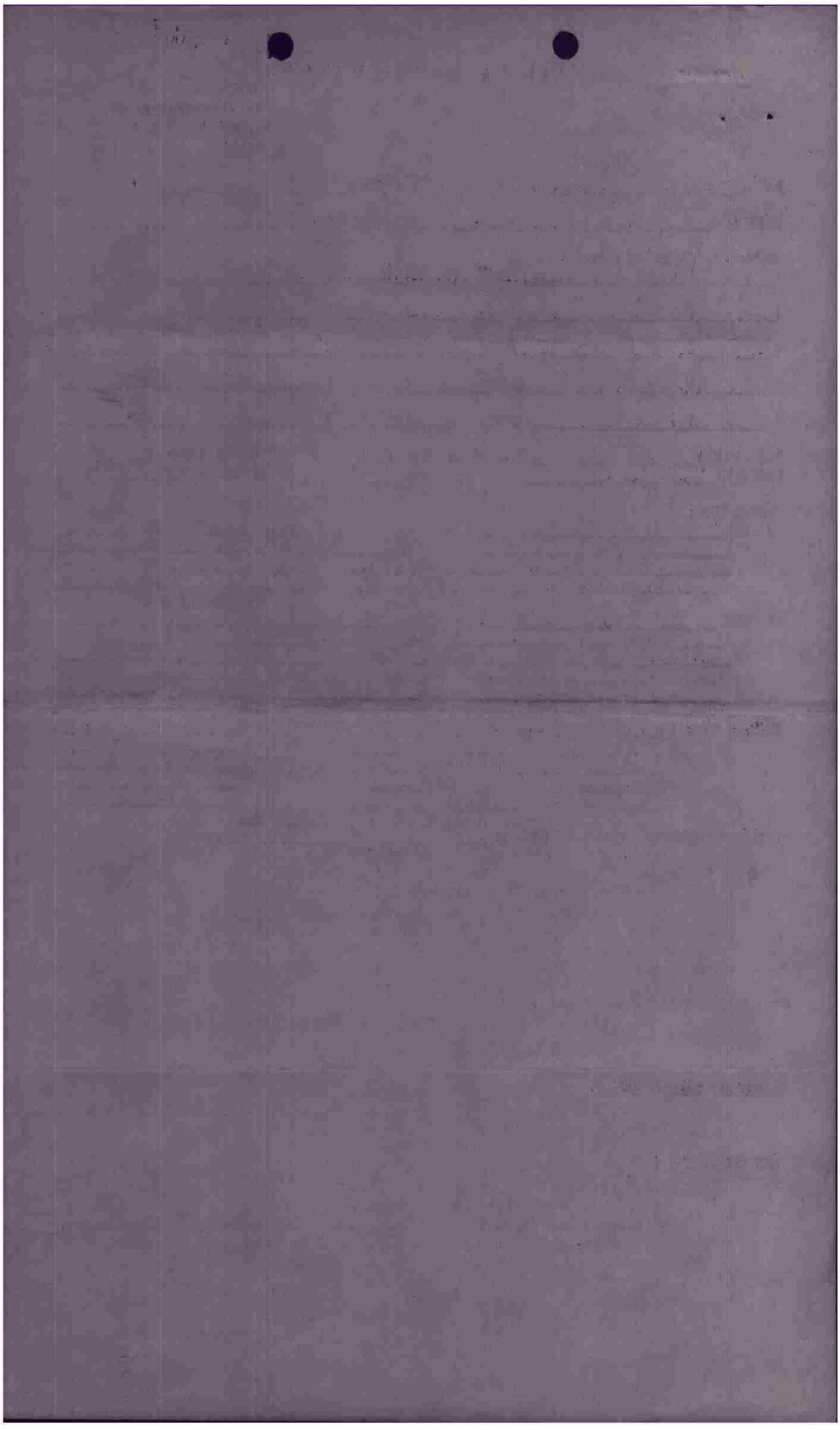
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PILOT Farley A/C# 300 BOX Y

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :			BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"C"	"A-C"	"E"
4	X	RETURNED			
	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

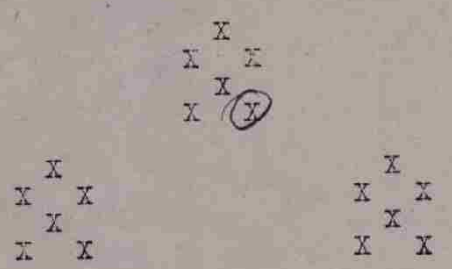
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OBSERVATIONS: Leader did not drop

1 PFF run

1 6 run

POSITION IN FORMATION



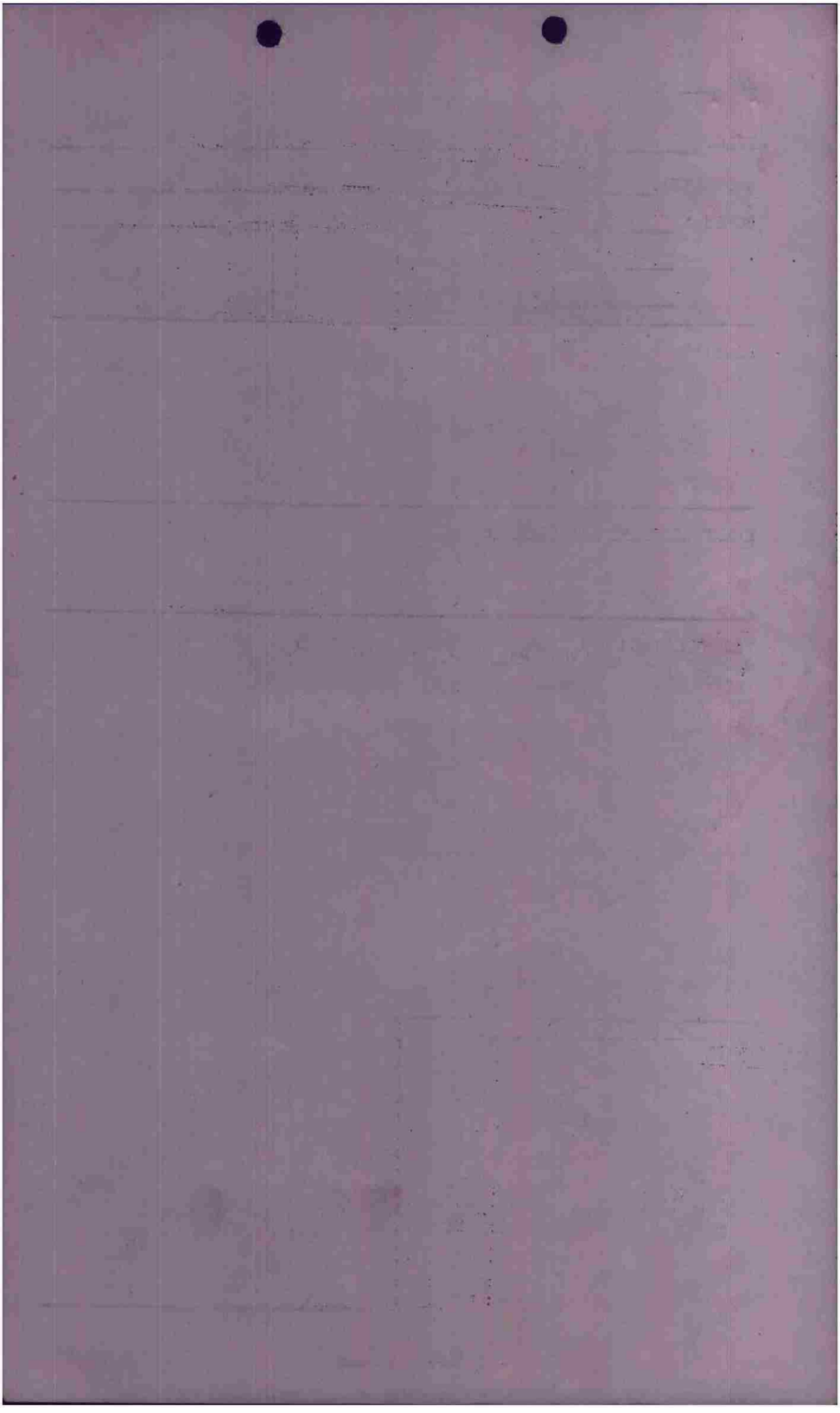
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PILOT P. D. Bose A/C# 292 BOX X

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : X ON

4 X 1000 RETURNED

X JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE "A" "A-C" "E"

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

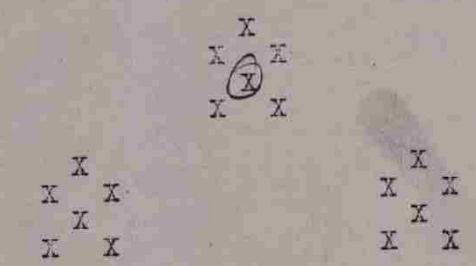
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OBSERVATIONS: Leader did not drop.

1 PFF run

1 G run

POSITION IN FORMATION

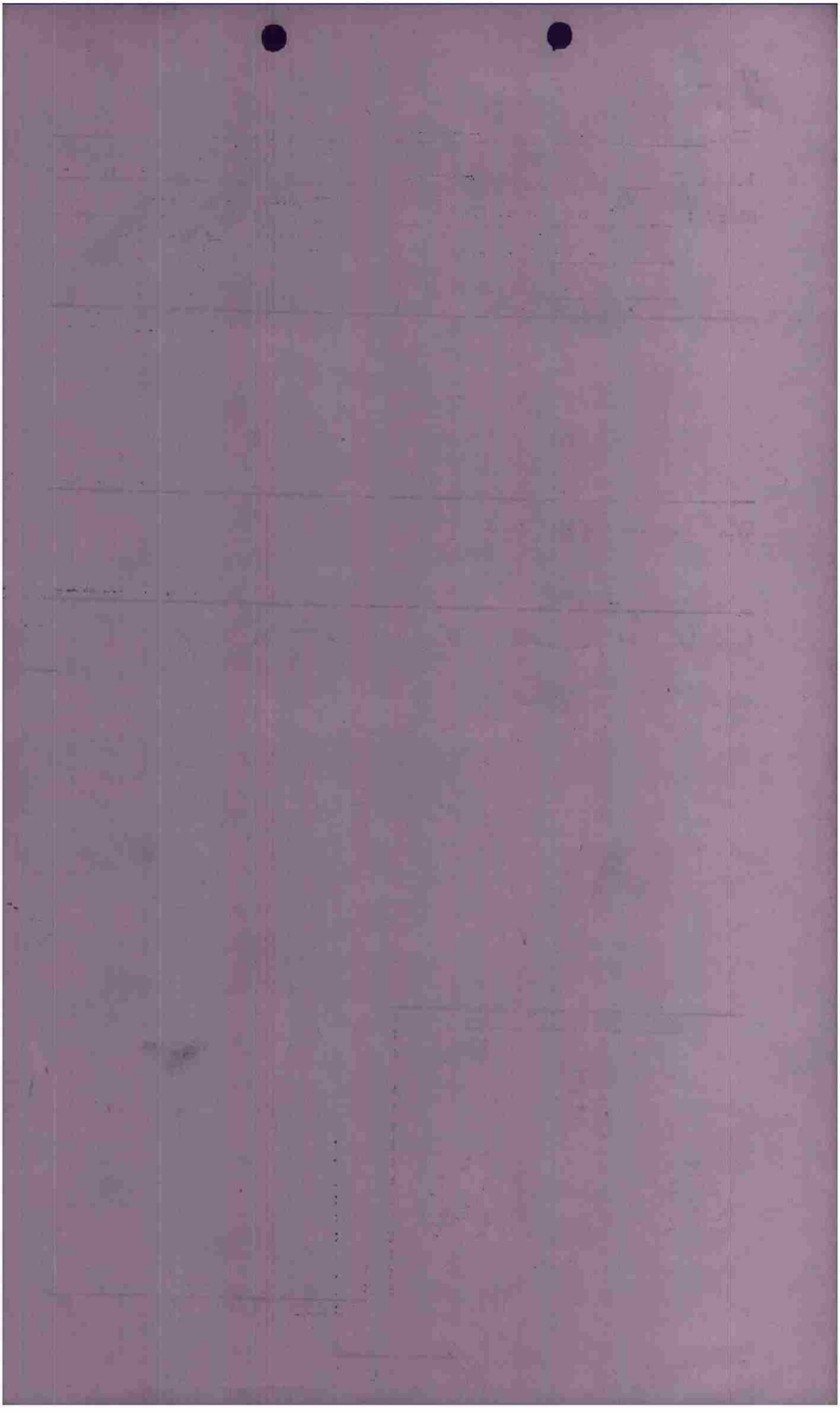


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PILOT Stebbins A/C# 512 BOX V

CASUALTIES X

BOMBS : A ON | BATTLE DAMAGE "W" "A-C" "E"

4 X 1000 RETURNED | X

X JETTISONED

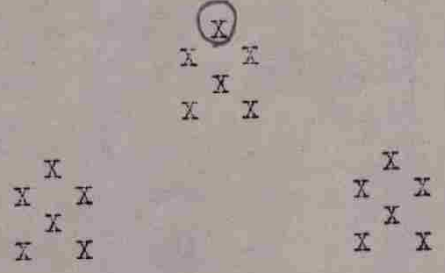
FLAK: Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: X

OBSERVATIONS:

X

POSITION IN FORMATION

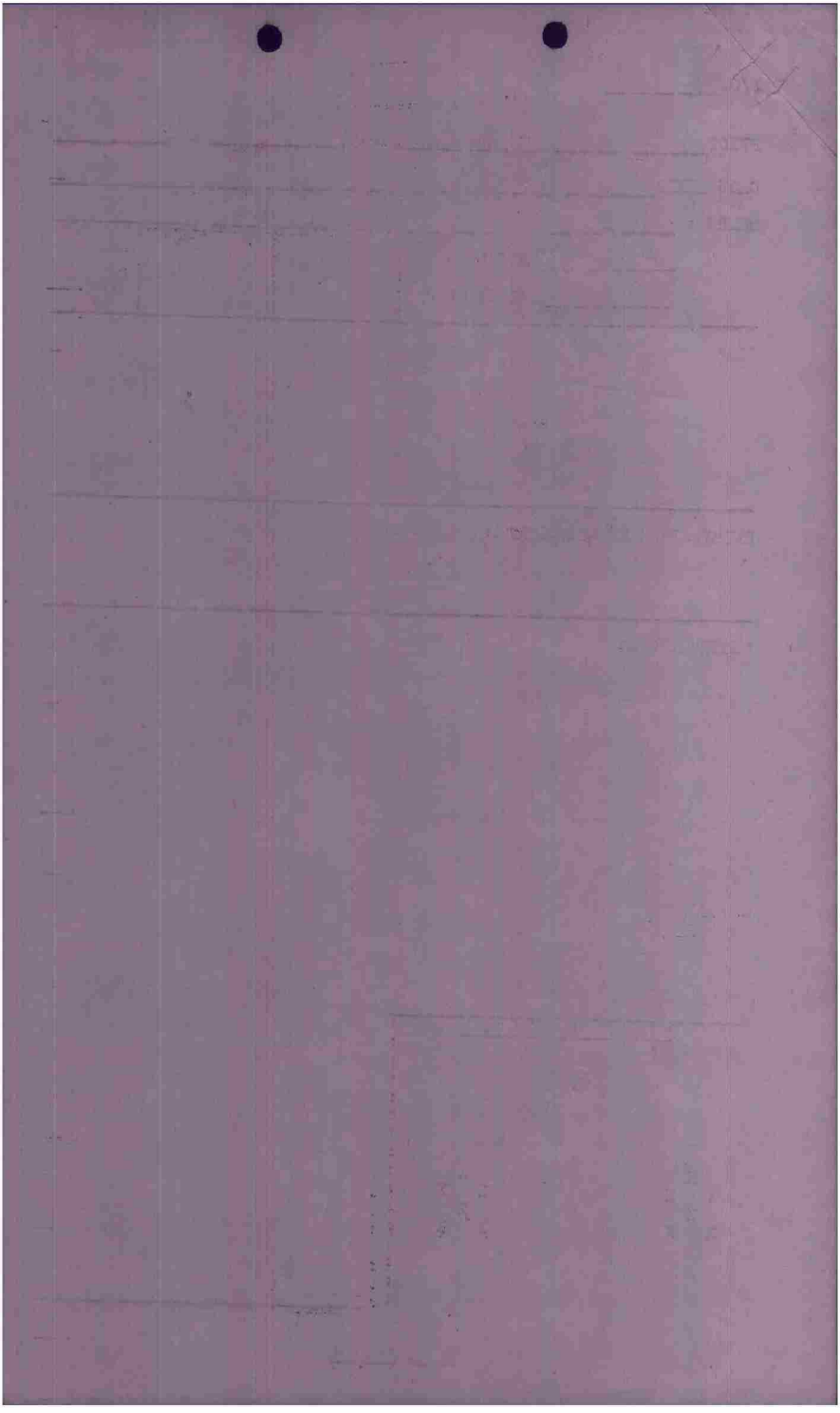


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PILOT Pobeney A/C# 223 BOX V.

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 4 x 1000 ON Primary

X RETURNED

X JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE

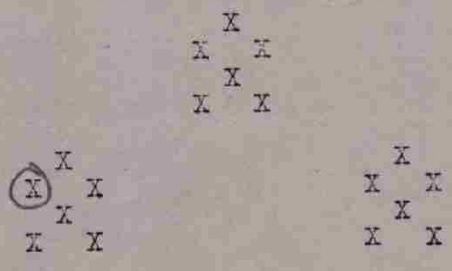
"A"	"A-C"	"E"
Right		

FLAK: 1505 & 1525 heavy flak & accurate. Shot at on return while crossing river.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: X

OBSERVATIONS: X

POSITION IN FORMATION



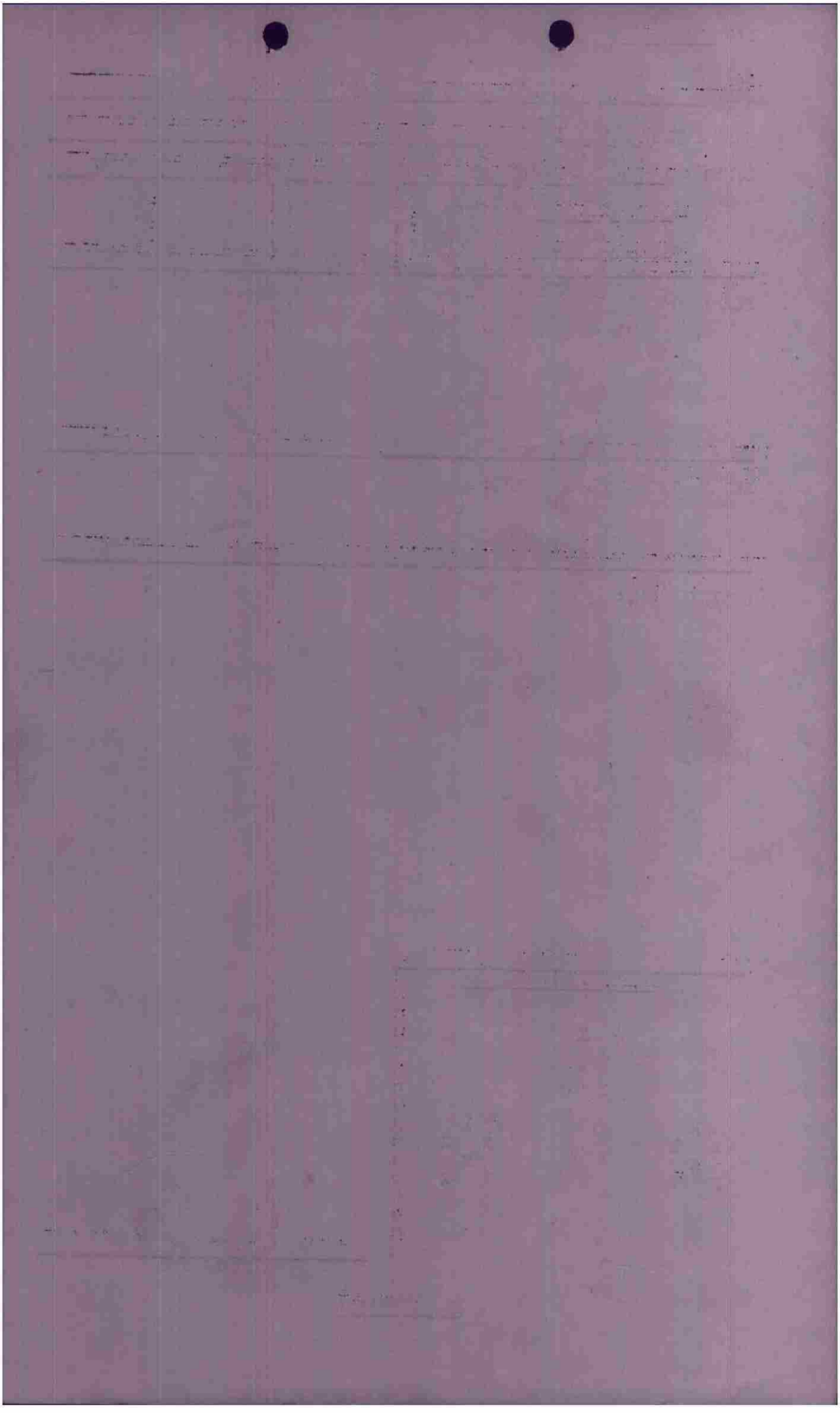
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PILOT Chitty A/C# 9315 BOX X

CASUALTIES X

BOMBS : ~~4 x 1000~~ ON | BATTLE DAMAGE: "A" | "A-C" | "E"

4 X 1000 RETURNED | X

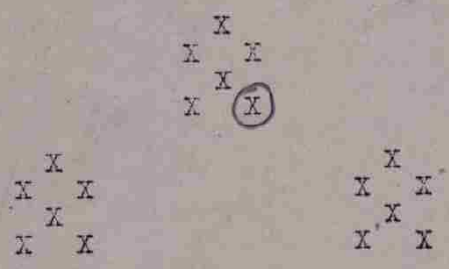
X JETTISONED

FLAK: Meagre & inaccurate. Only saw few bursts. One bomber.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: X

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

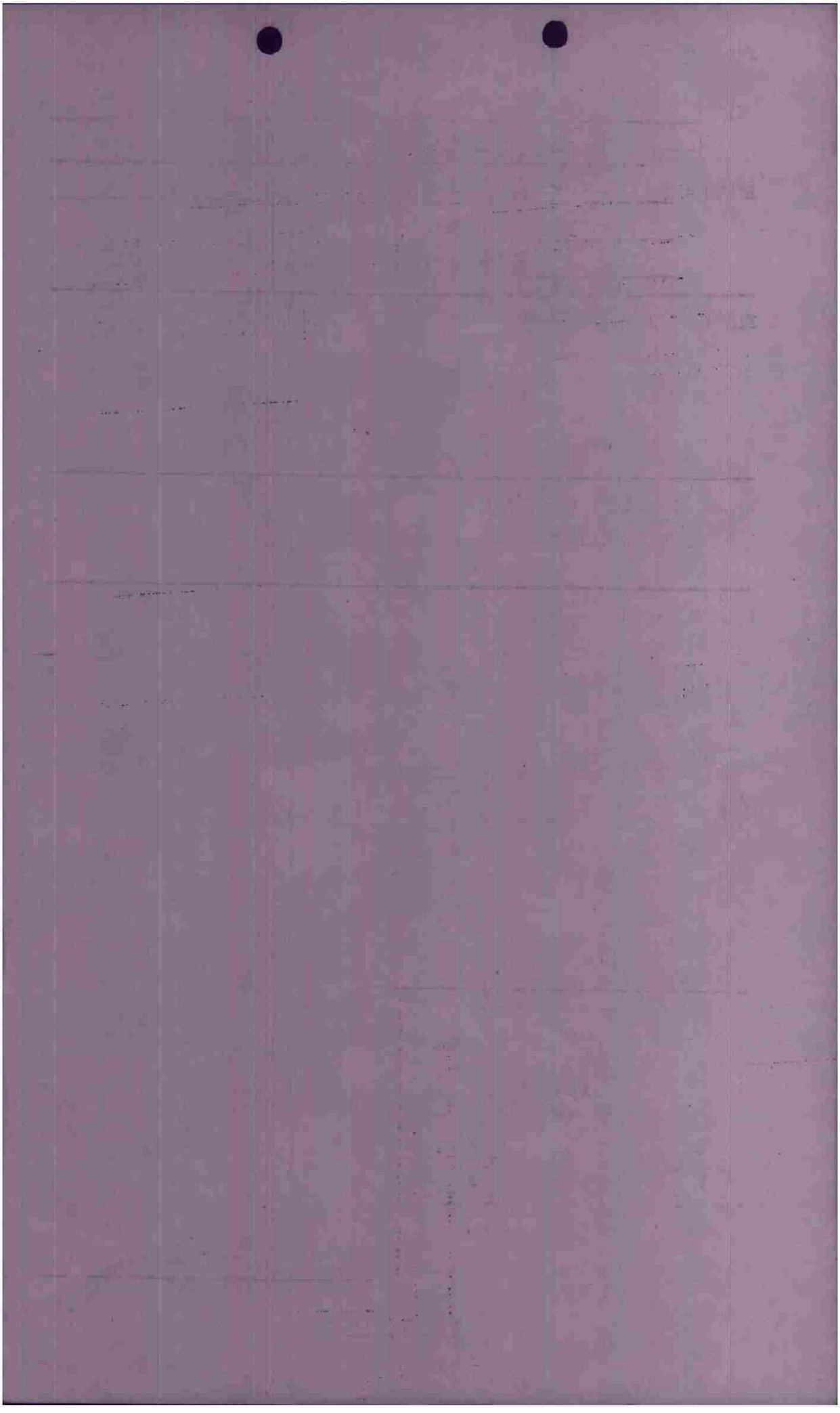


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PILOT F.O. Turner A/C# 330 BOX V

CASUALTIES X

BOMBS : X ON

4 X 1000 RETURNED

X JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE

"A"	"A-G"	"E"
X		

FLAK: Nil

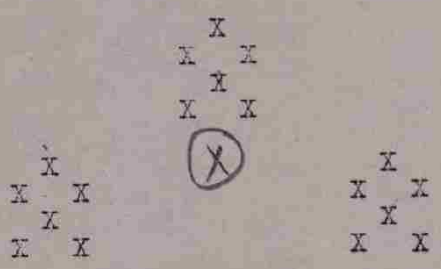
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombed on PPF (~~Radio~~)

POSITION IN FORMATION

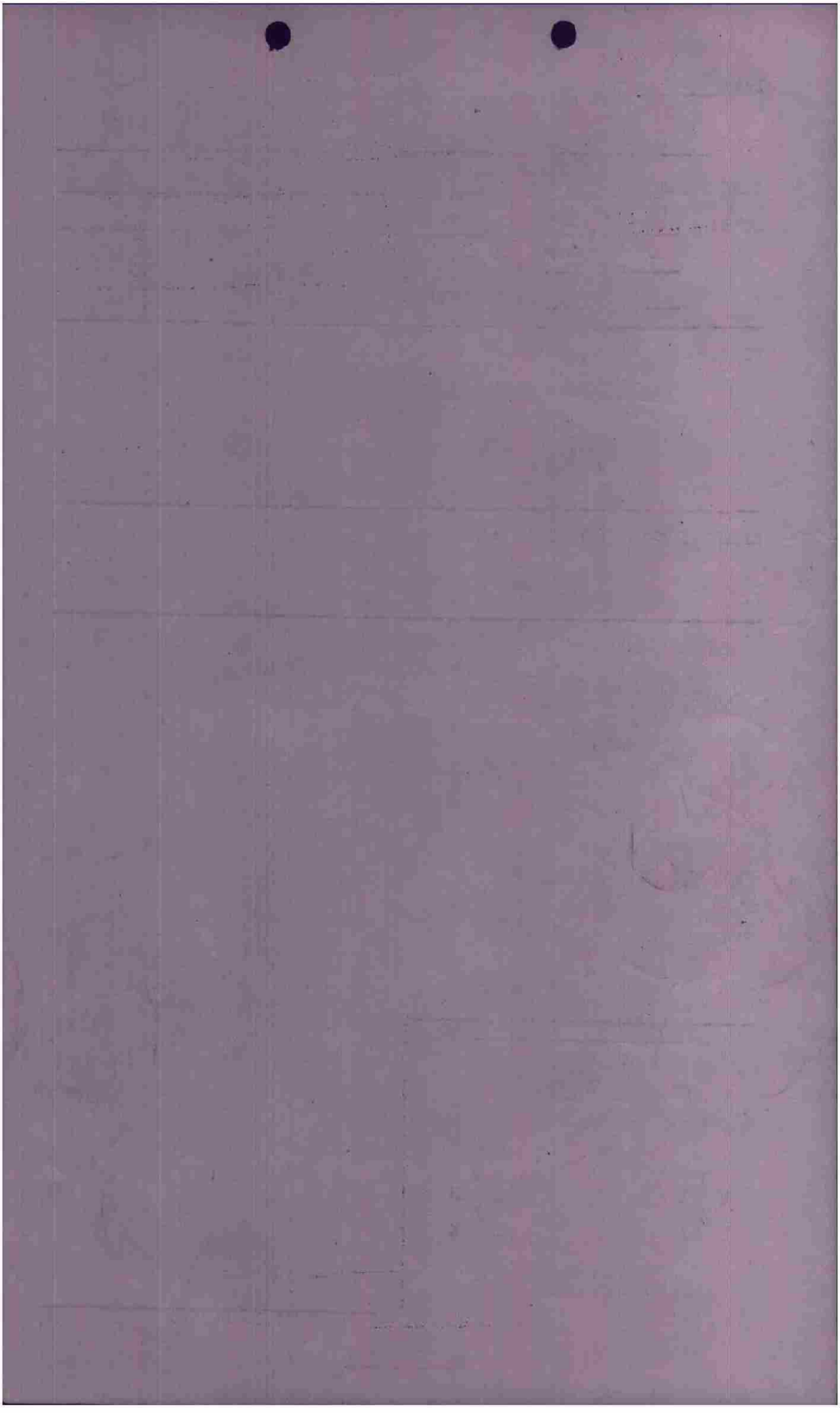


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PILOT Gretber A/C# 207 BOX V

CASUALTIES X

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON

4 X 1000 RETURNED

X JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE	"A"	"A-C"	"E"

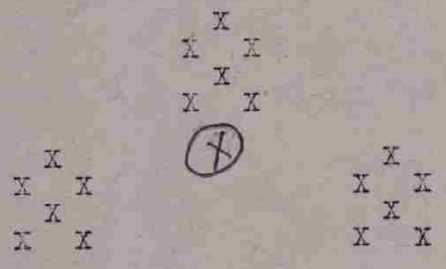
FLAK: Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: X

OBSERVATIONS:

X

POSITION IN FORMATION

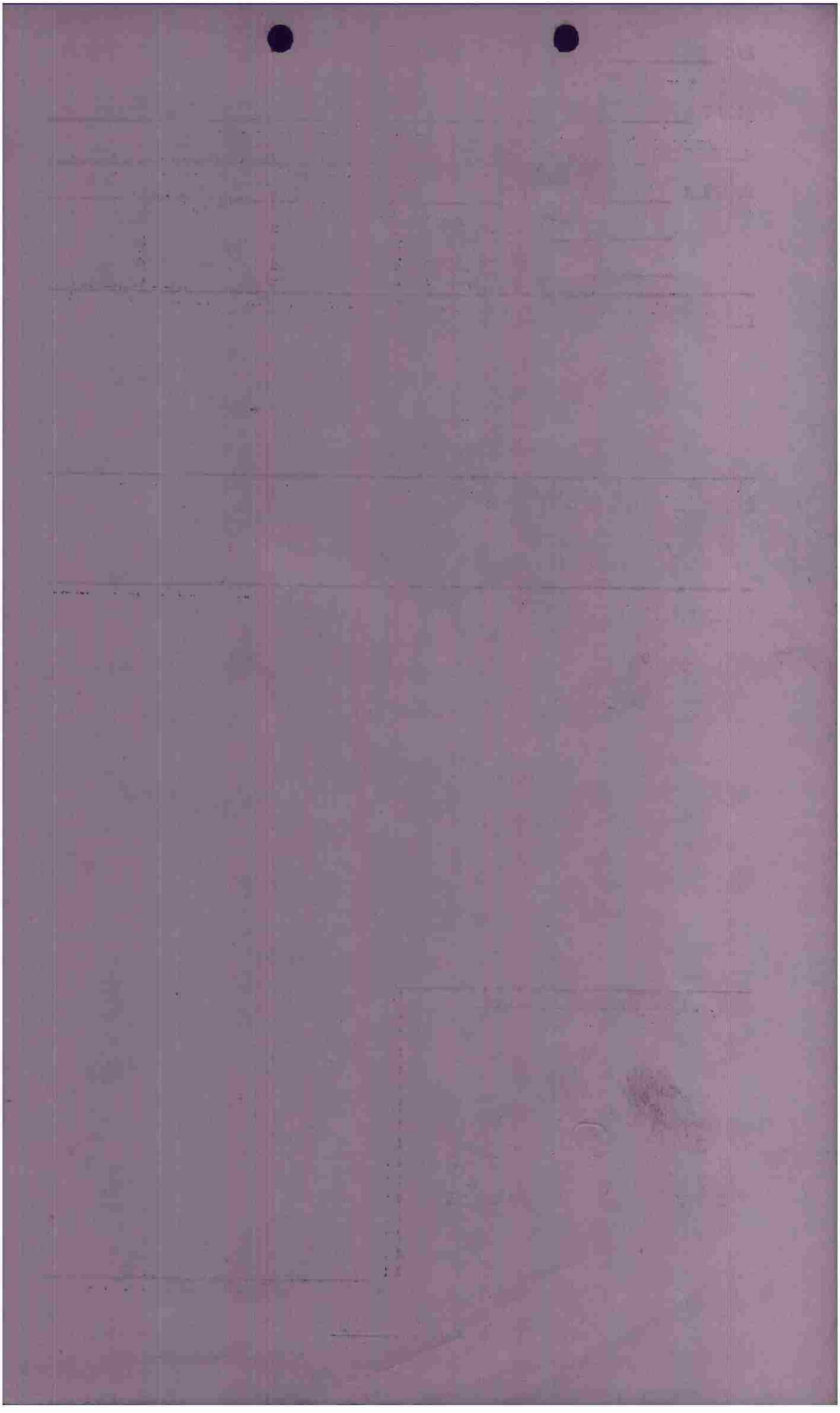


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PILOT Heinke A/C# 321 BOX V

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 4 x 1000 ON ~~P.P.F.~~ BATTLE DAMAGE X

		"D"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK: XXHA- positions on Krous
Pancake-

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X —

OBSERVATIONS: Bombed on P.P.F. - Same place -
15 min East of Rhine River —

POSITION IN FORMATION

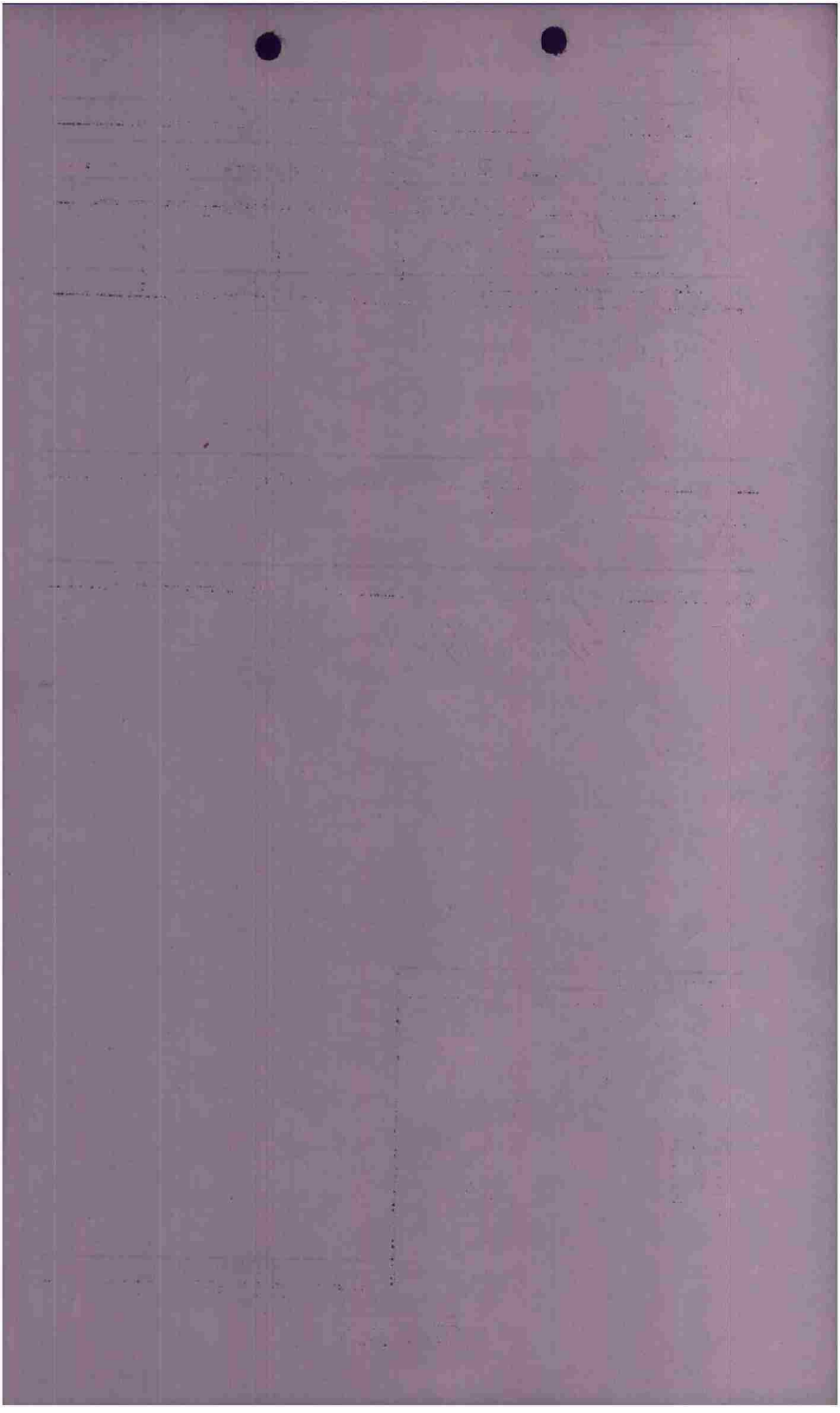
Buskurk
Lead

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PILOT Green A/C# 286 BOX V

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS : X ON BATTLE DAMAGE

4 X 1000 RETURNED "A" "A-O" "E"

X JETTISONED None

FLAK: On bomb run — about 2 minutes before bombs away —

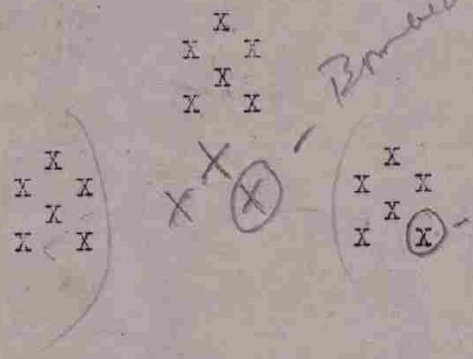
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

When Bombed flights 2 & 3 of Box One were not with formation were not seen after formation came out thru overcast —

PPF Ship left formation — made turn and came in on Gee — this portion

POSITION IN FORMATION



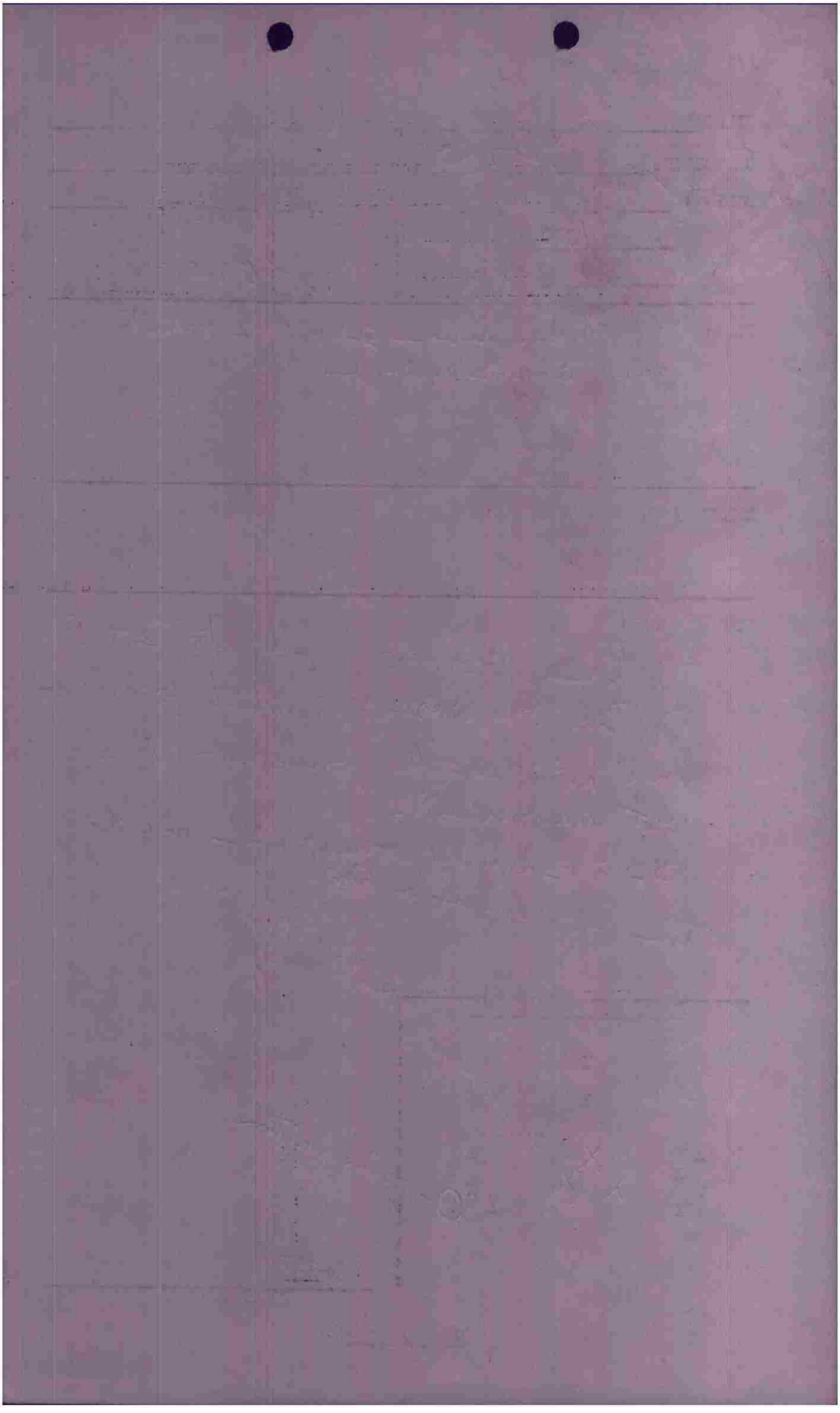
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PILOT Greenley #65 A/C# 498 BOX Y

CASUALTIES

BOMBS: 3 X 1000 RT ON PT | BATTLE DAMAGE X | "A" | "A-C" | "E"

X RETURNED

1 X 1000 JETTISONED Bomb Range

FLAK: XXH(?) at other Box - on bomb run -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X -

OBSERVATIONS: None 9/10 cloud cover - from B.2. to target.

Rack malfunction - reason for jettison Bomb - Ice or Corrosion -

lost formation on bomb run, steep turn cause, and couldn't see leader, dodged B 26 formation, Bombed alone on "Gee"

POSITION IN FORMATION

X X (X) - But Bombed alone X X

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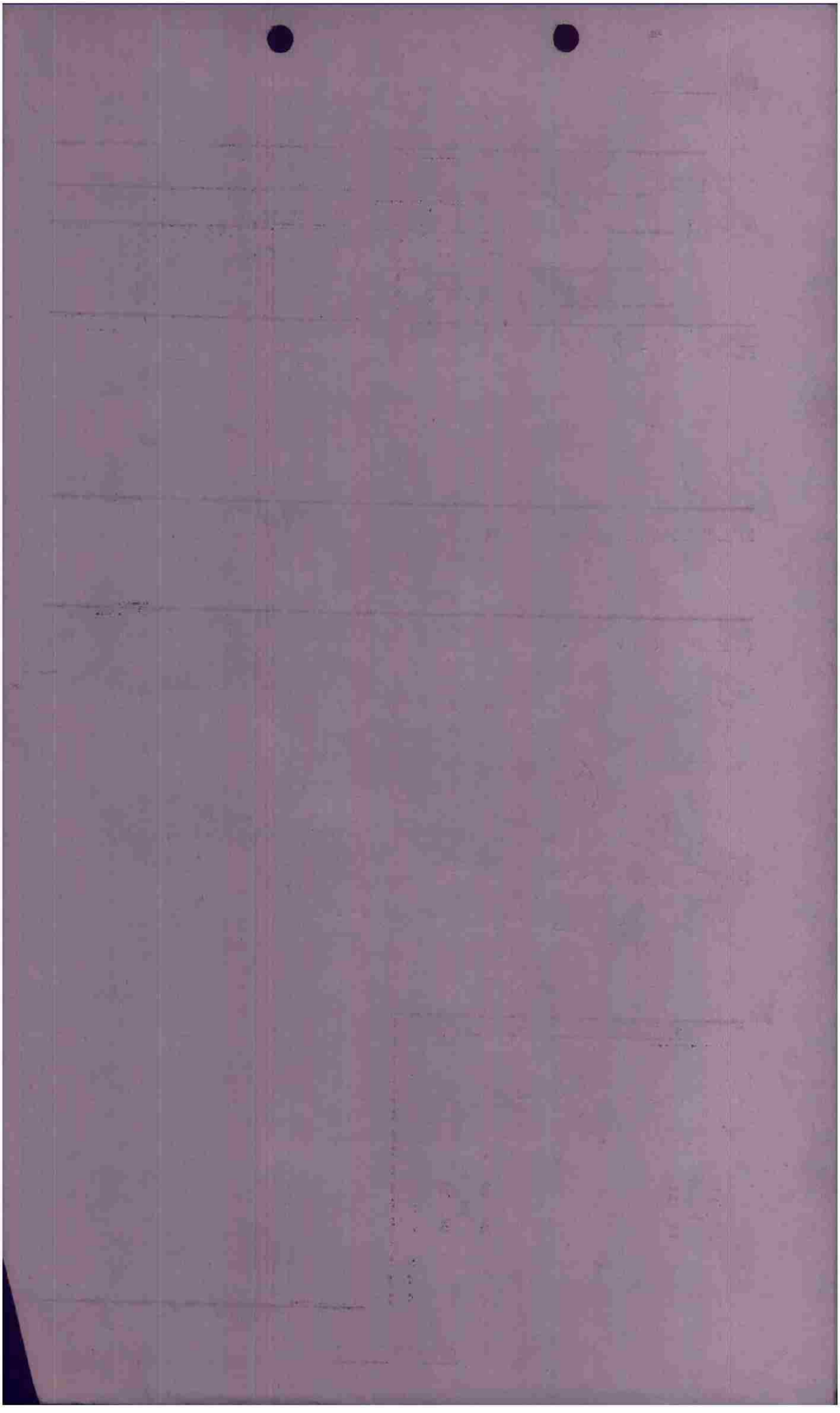
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PILOT Errotabero A/C# 215 BOX V

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON BATTLE DAMAGE "A" "A-C" "E"

X RETURNED V

X JETTISONED

FLAK: Flak - 1505 & 1525 - Accurate

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED: None

OBSERVATIONS: Weather - 10/10 over Tgt Area

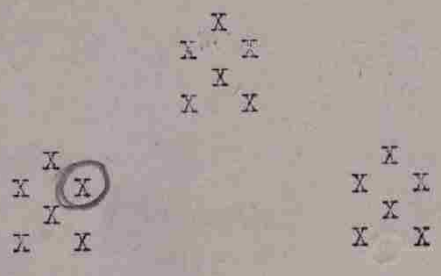
Flak - 1505 + 1525

Accurate —

Doesn't know when bombs dropped — Camera

Alt - 12000

POSITION IN FORMATION



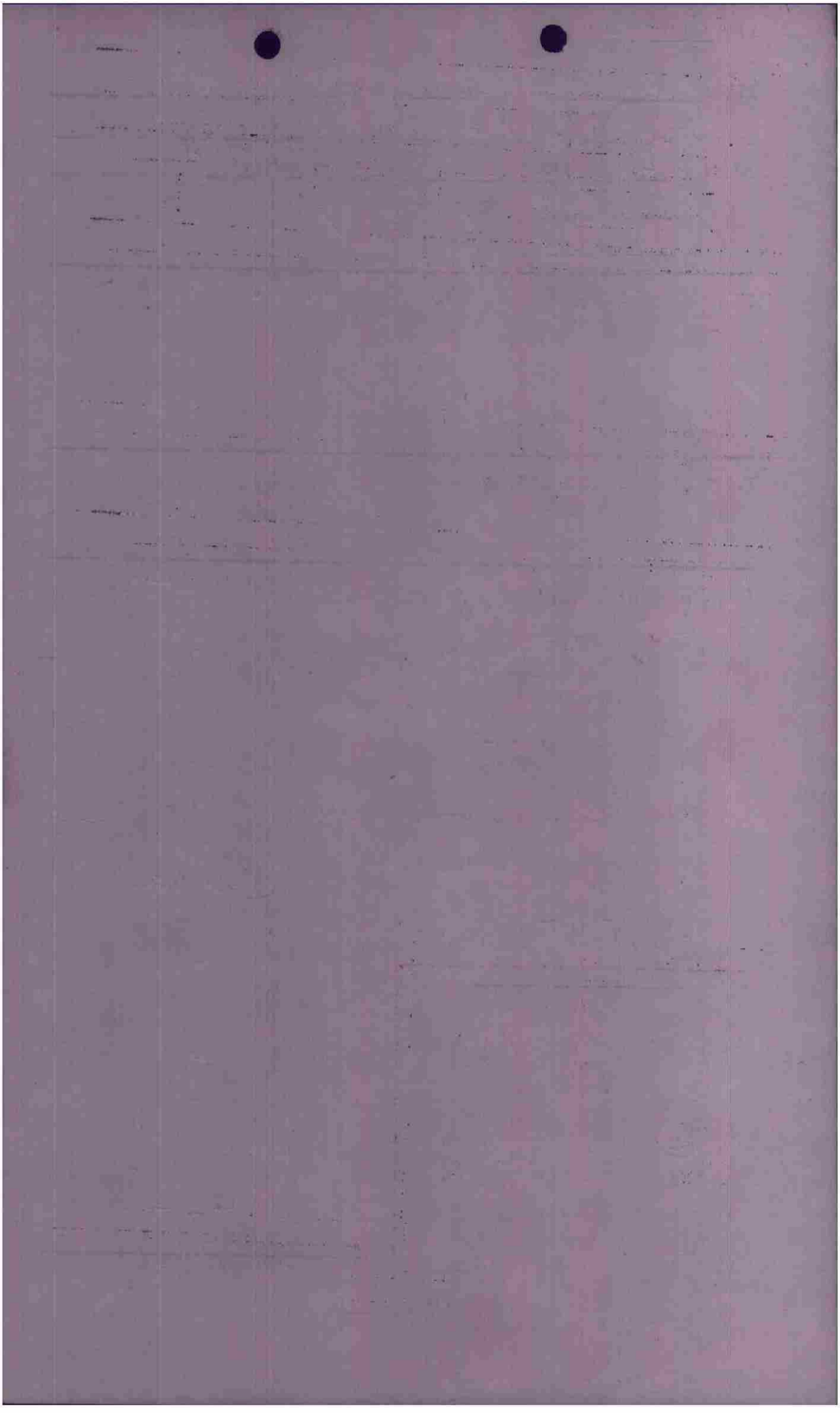
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PILOT 161-739 Musgrove A/C# 307 BOX V

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS : X ON

4 X 100 RETURNED

X JETTISONED

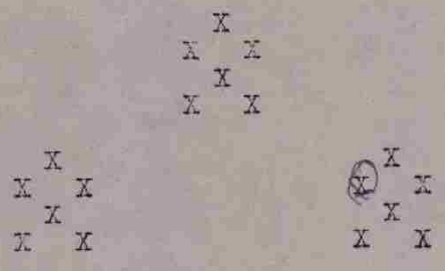
BATTLE DAMAGE: "A" None "A-C" "E"

FLAK: None

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED: None

OBSERVATIONS: Lost formation in Overcast Thru overcast — Iced up — Stalled out — came down proceeded on course but could not find formation so returned to Base —

POSITION IN FORMATION



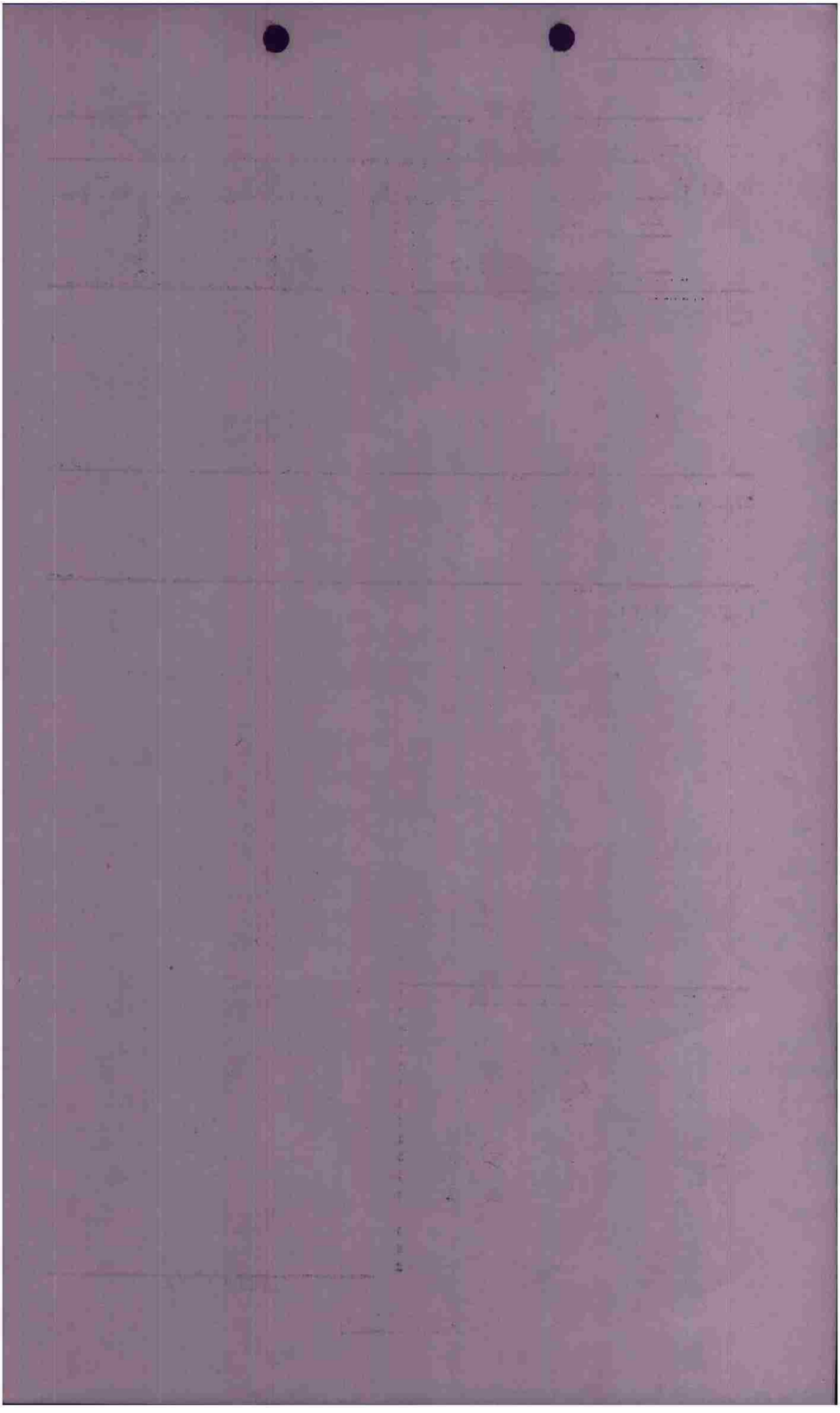
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PILOT Berman A/C# 337 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :			BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	A	ON			
	X	RETURNED			
	X	JETTISONED			

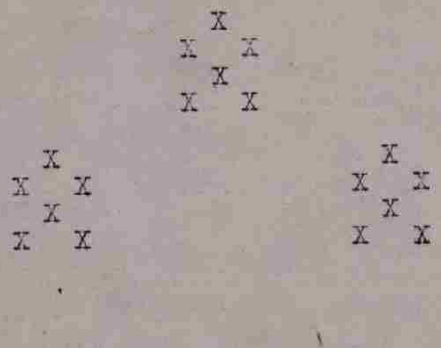
FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

B-75

POSITION IN FORMATION

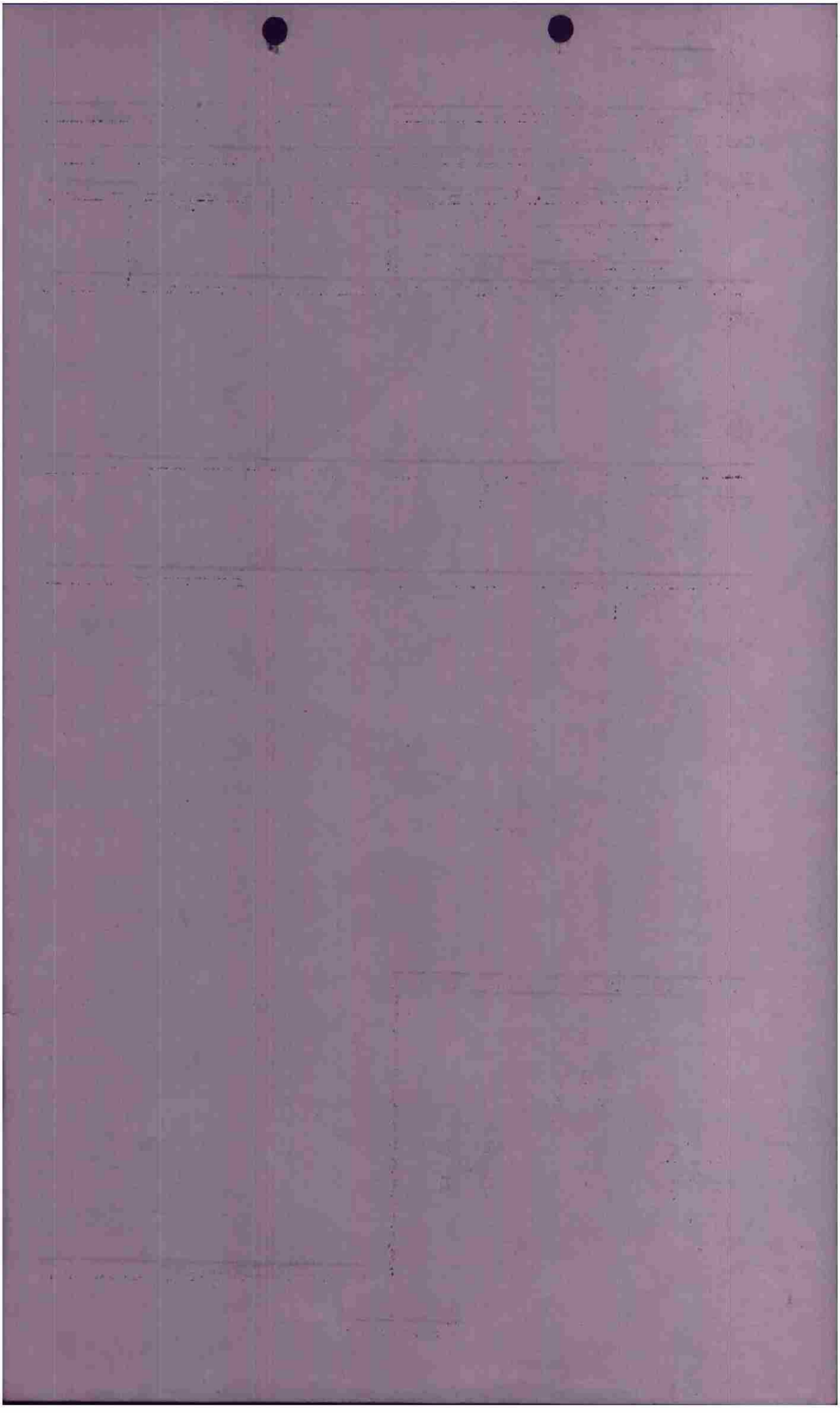


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PILOT Shea A/C# 507 BOX X

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : X ON BATTLE DAMAGE

		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

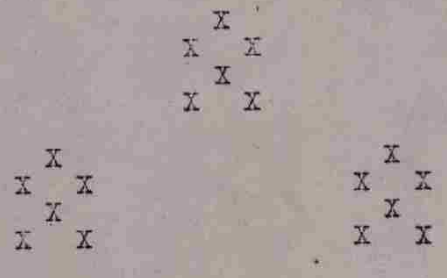
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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

RON - A-64

POSITION IN FORMATION

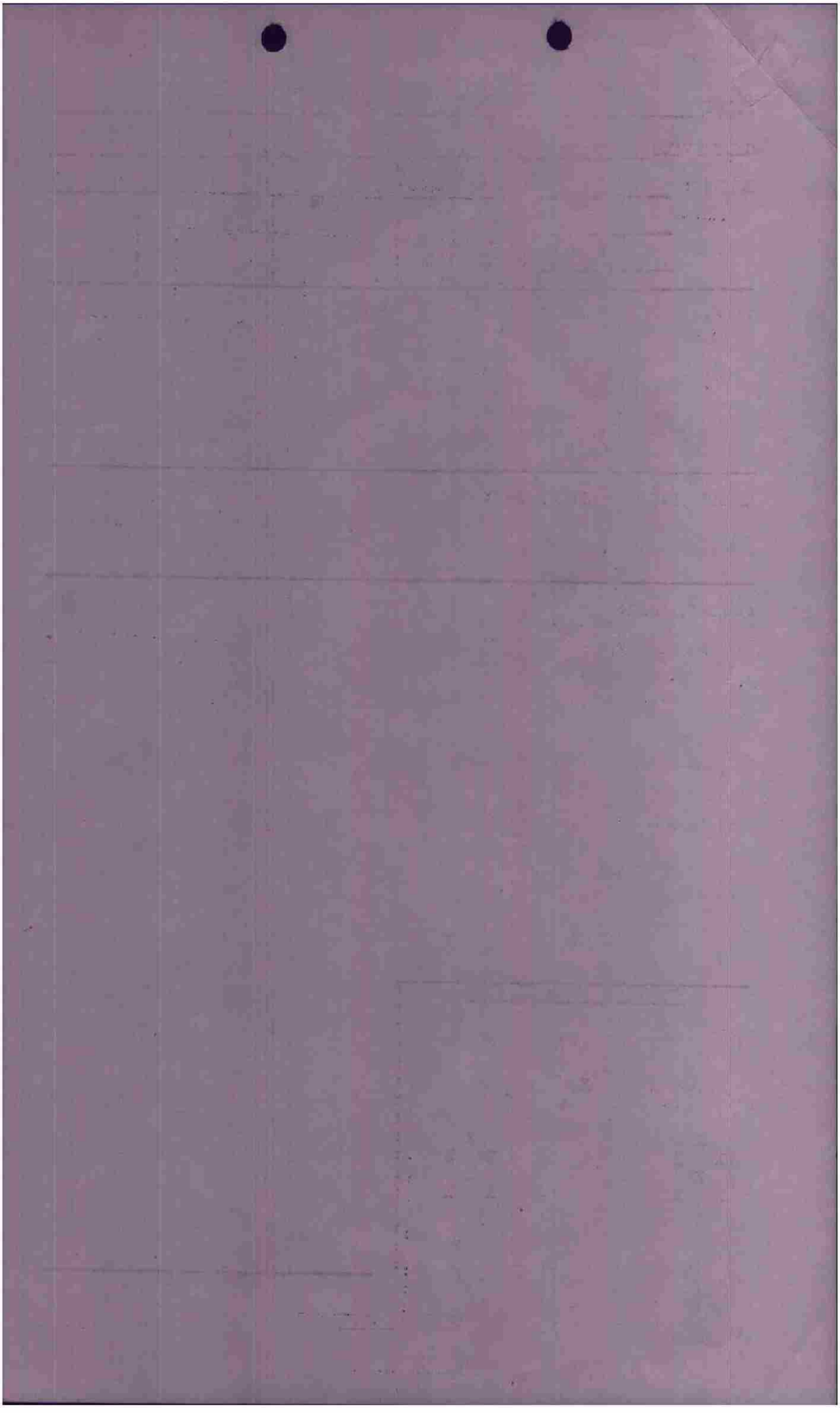


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MISSION WINDOW REPORT

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)_____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.

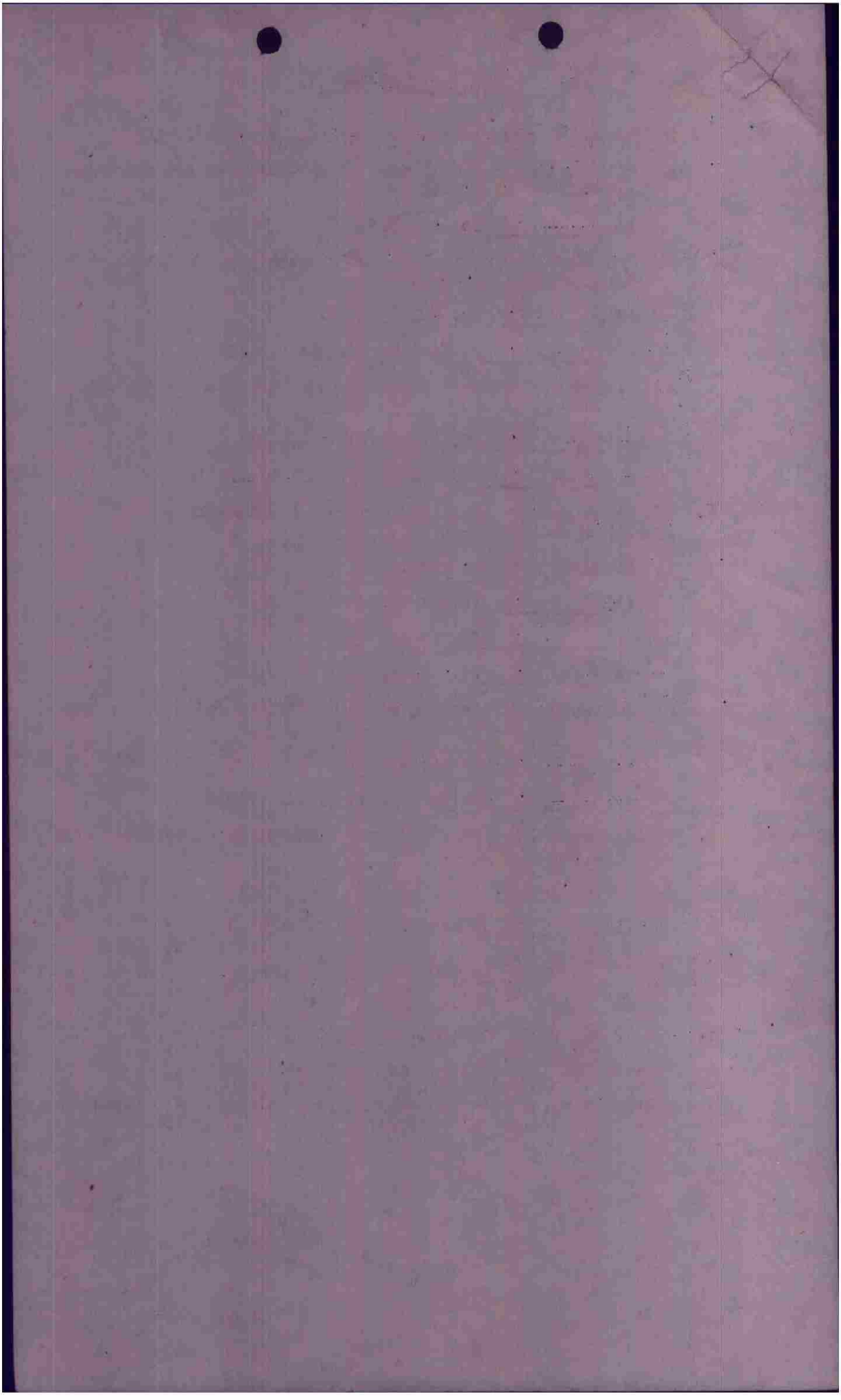
4. T.O.T. of Window aircraft. _____

5. Comments as to effectiveness of Window.

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PILOT Grunig A/C# 2315 BOX V

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE			
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	ON				
X	RETURNED				
X	JETTISONED				

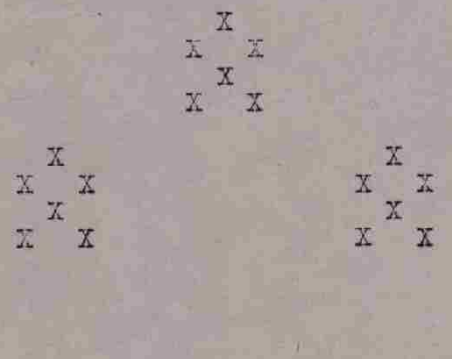
FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

A-64 A

POSITION IN FORMATION

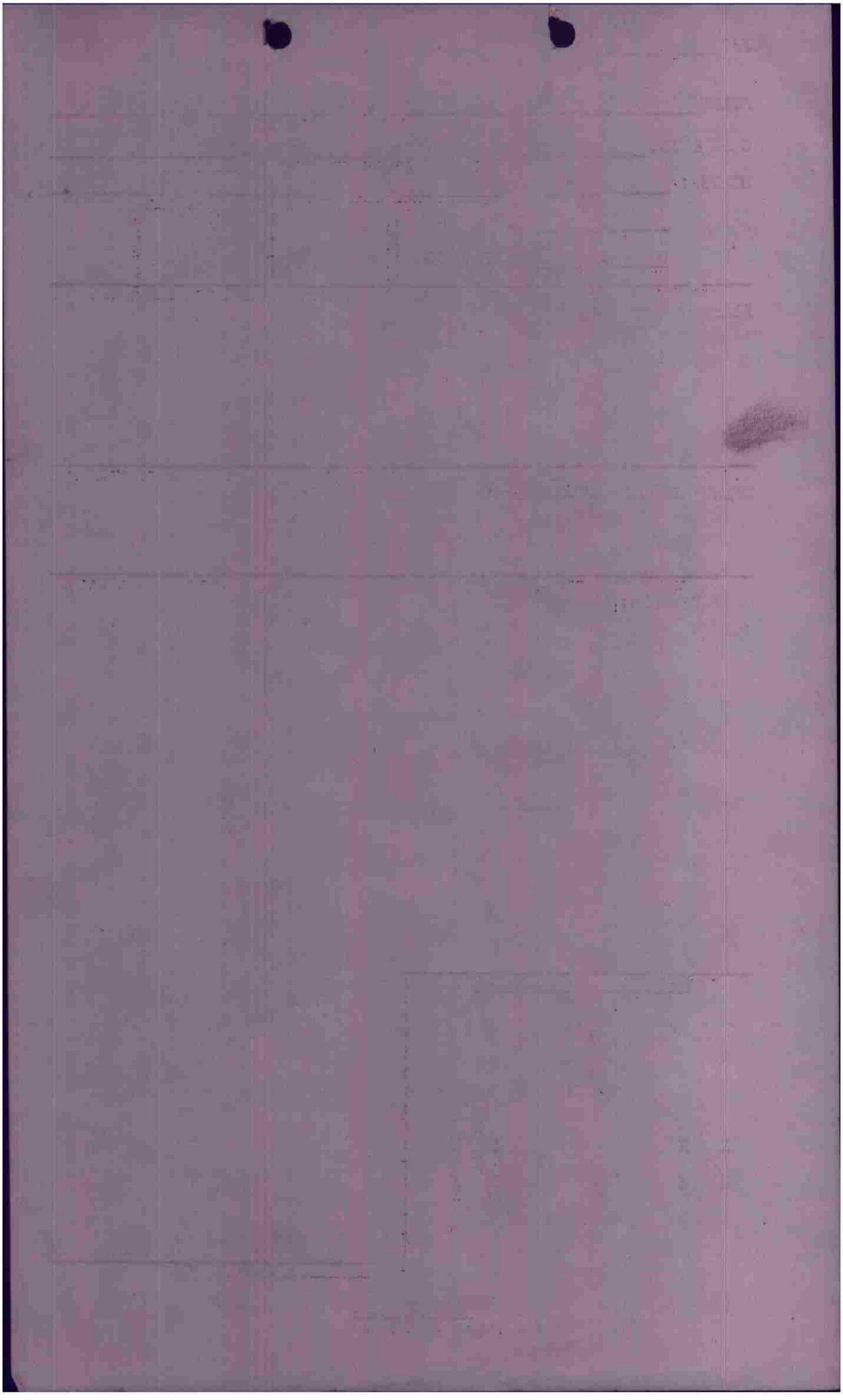


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PILOT Evans A/C# 505 BOX II

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 A 1000 ON Casual | BATTLE DAMAGE: "A" | "A-C" | "E"

X RETURNED

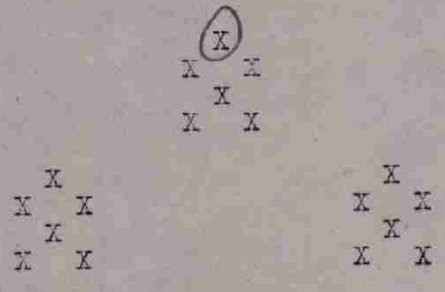
X JETTISONED

FLAK: XXHA Pos unknon

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED:

OBSERVATIONS: Bombed N. of Essen, 15 mins over Bomb line (A-3-4) approx. reason for not bombing Briefed rgn, was inability to pick up Ree signals and heavy traffic in area
12,500 Bomb Alt.
1503 T.O.T.

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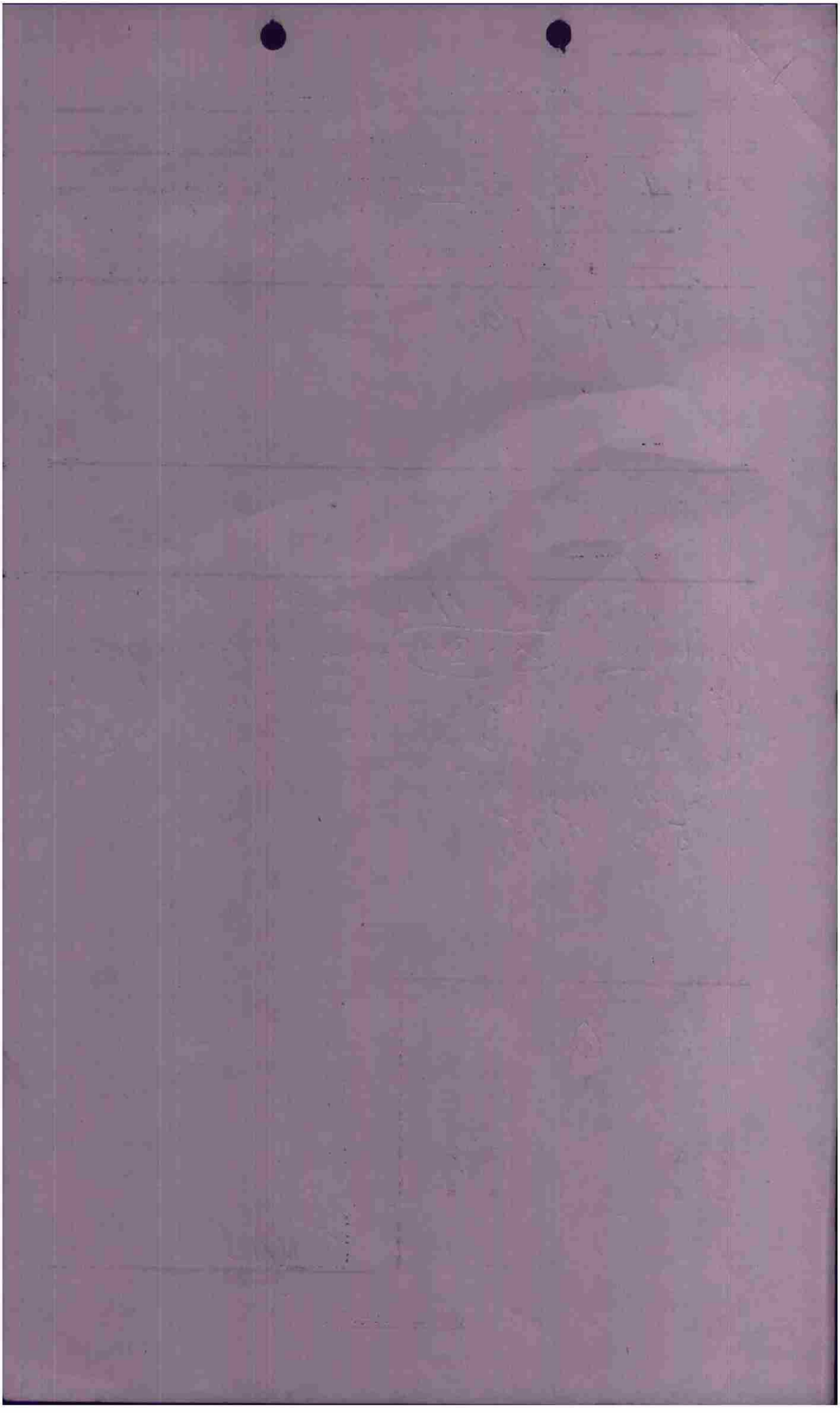


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PILOT Kenny A/C# 335 BOX 11

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : 4 x 1000 ON _____ BATTLE DAMAGE "W" "W-C" "E"

_____X_____ RETURNED nil

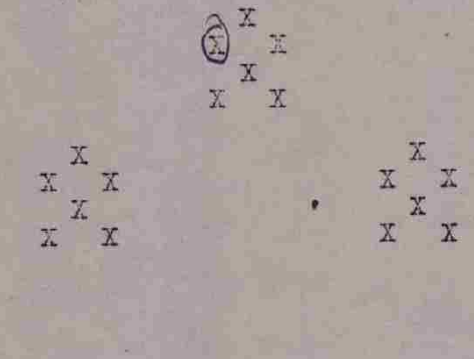
_____X_____ JETTISONED

FLAK: a few bursts at 1535 - KHA 1520 at another flight.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10

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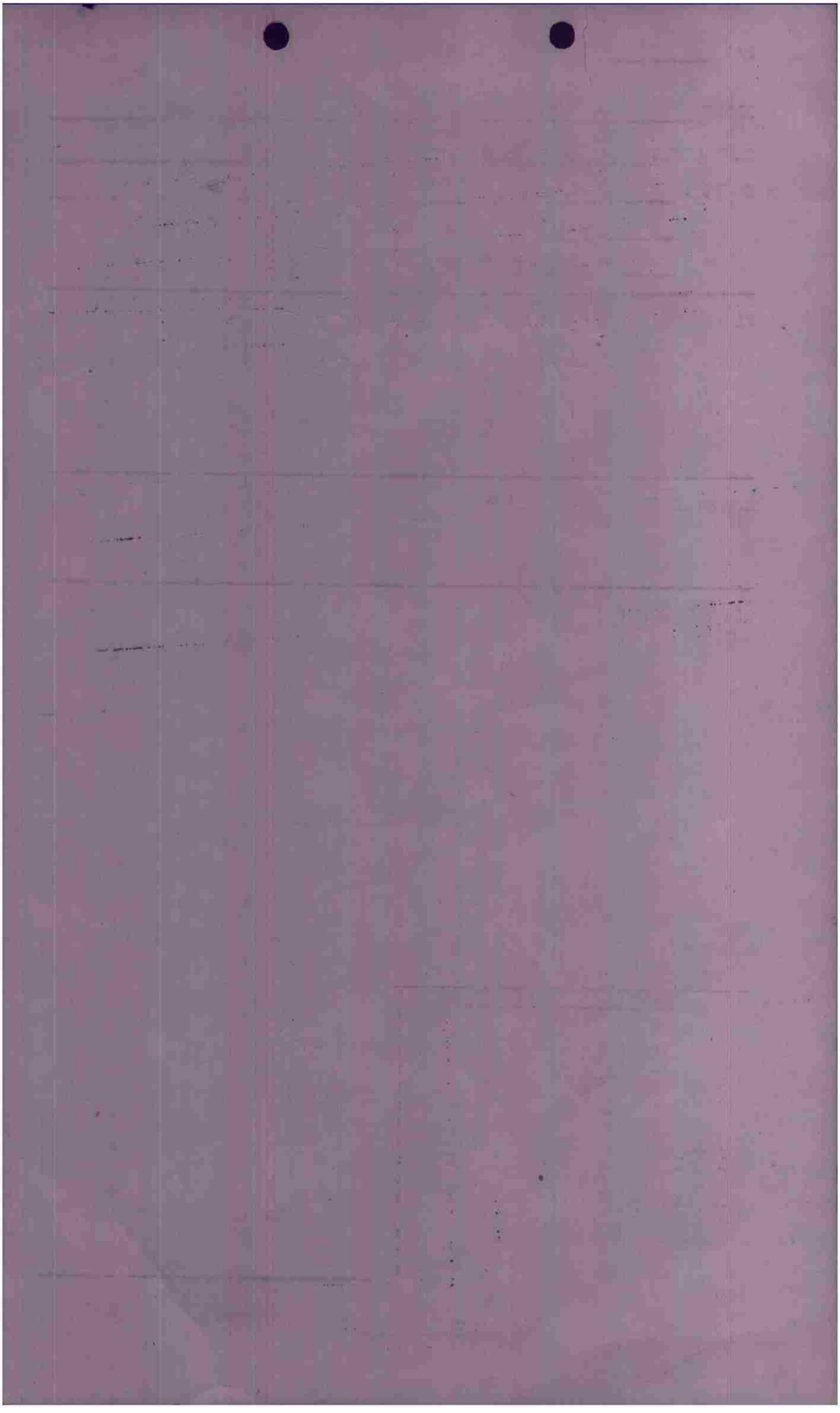


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PILOT Herman A/C# 326 BOX 11

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON _____ BATTLE DAMAGE

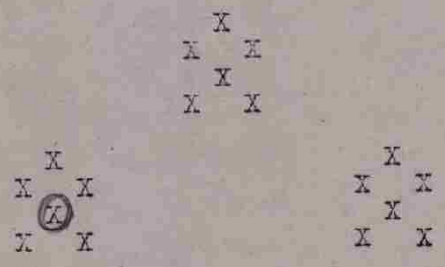
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X RETURNED			
	X JETTISONED		None	—

FLAK: None - Windows being thrown out

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED: None

OBSERVATIONS: Lost formation 10 minutes after on course — entered clouds — and the flight crossed course - then every ship for itself — found opening — saw B-26 Formation and tacked onto it. - B-26 gp- had white triangle on tail - Ships marked K-9. Several groups bombing same area but does not know target — Dropped on PFF — weather was 10/10 — Let down over A 68 and left B-26s near Paris to the NE

POSITION IN FORMATION

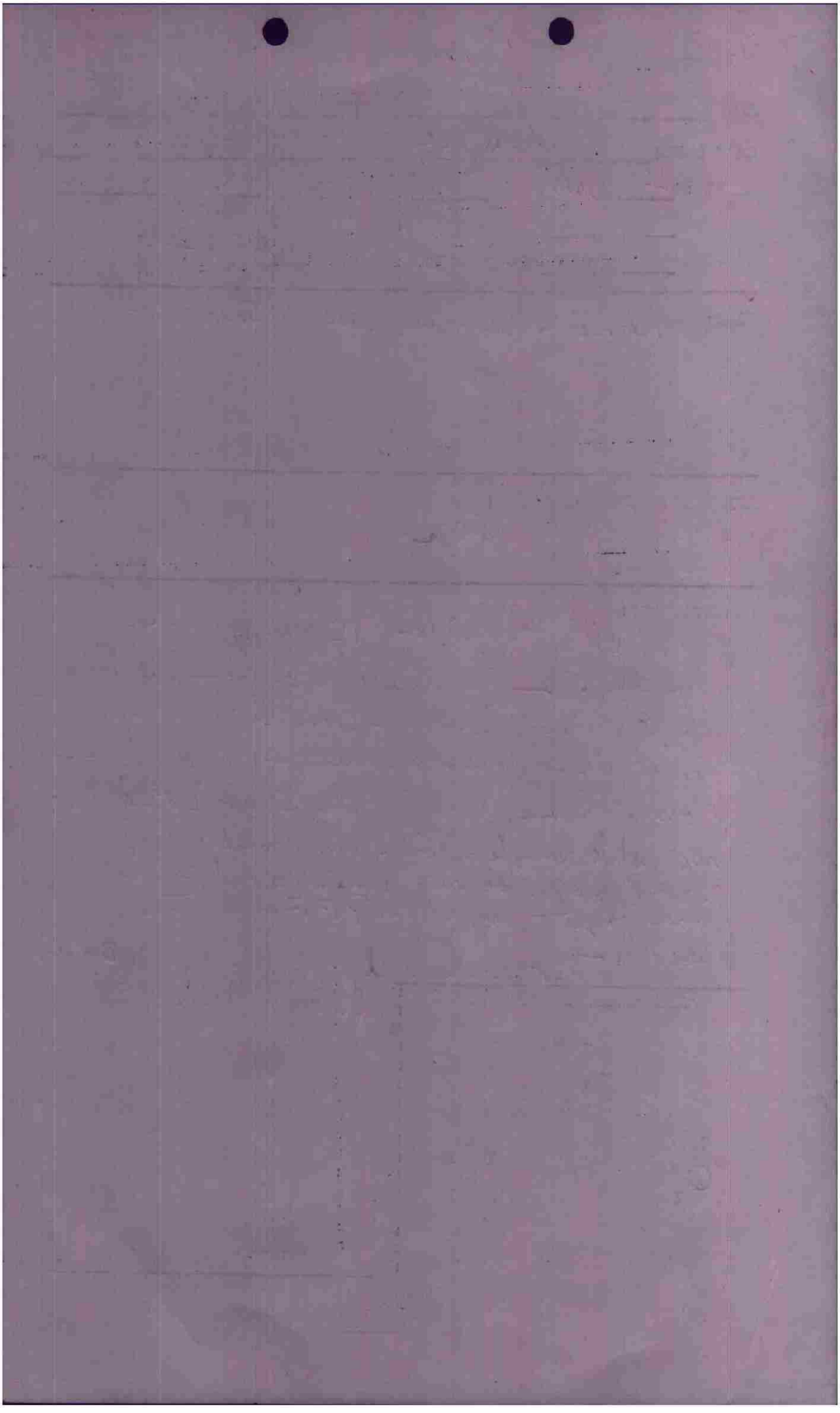


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PILOT Jones A/C# 250 BOX 11

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 A 1000 ON (9) | BATTLE DAMAGE

		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X RETURNED	X		
	X JETTISONED			

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

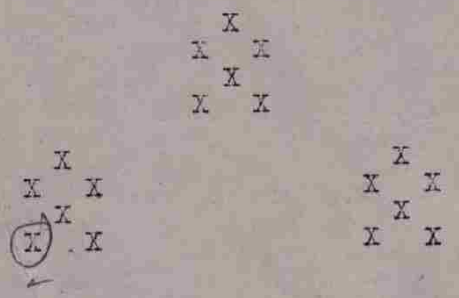
Landed A-58 — Crew & A/C OK.

No. 04

Returned to this field

Late

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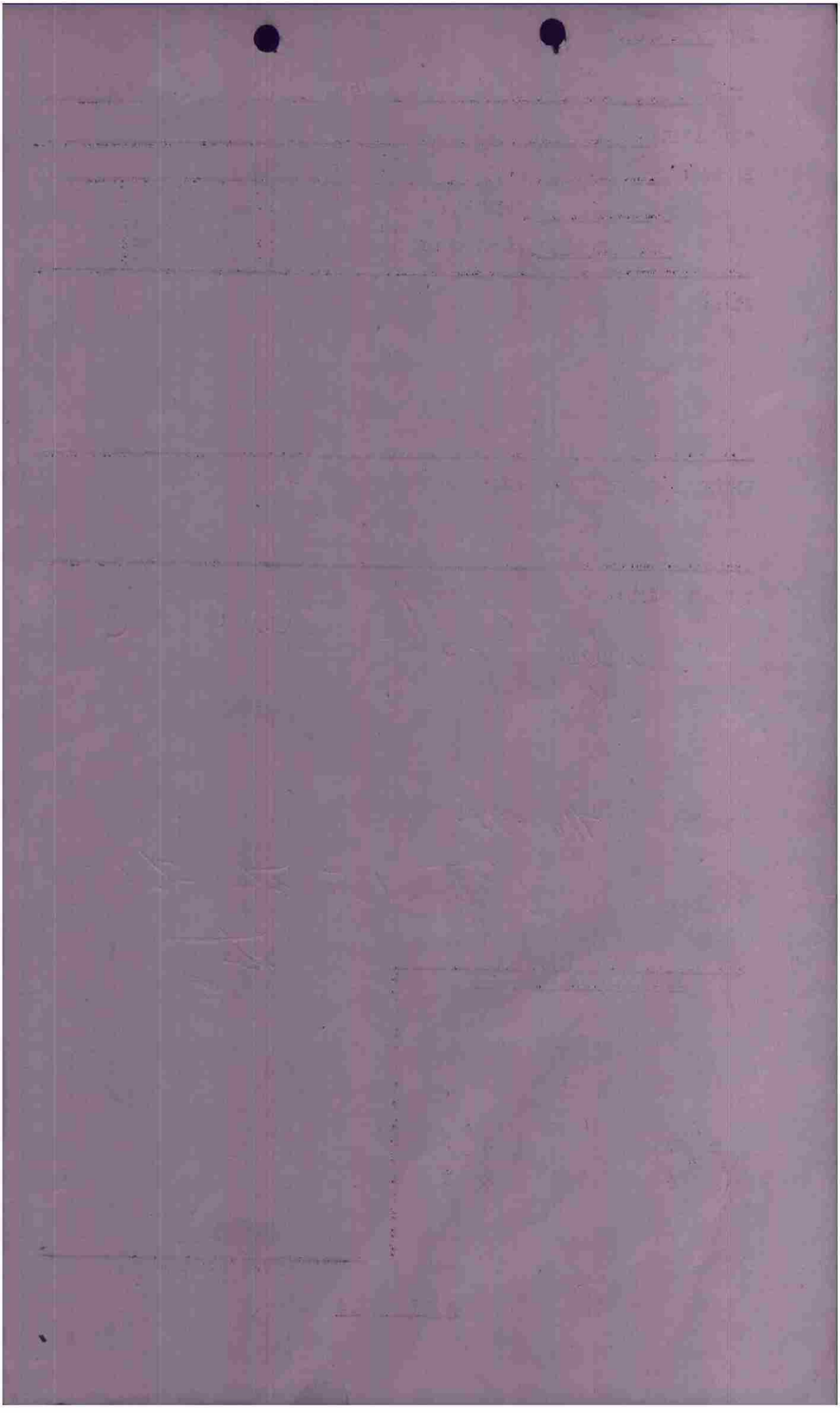
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PILOT Montrose A/C# 213 BOX 11

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : A ON _____ BATTLE DAMAGE

		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

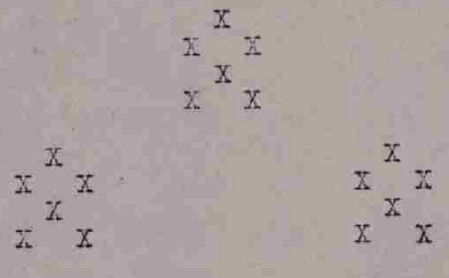
FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

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POSITION IN FORMATION

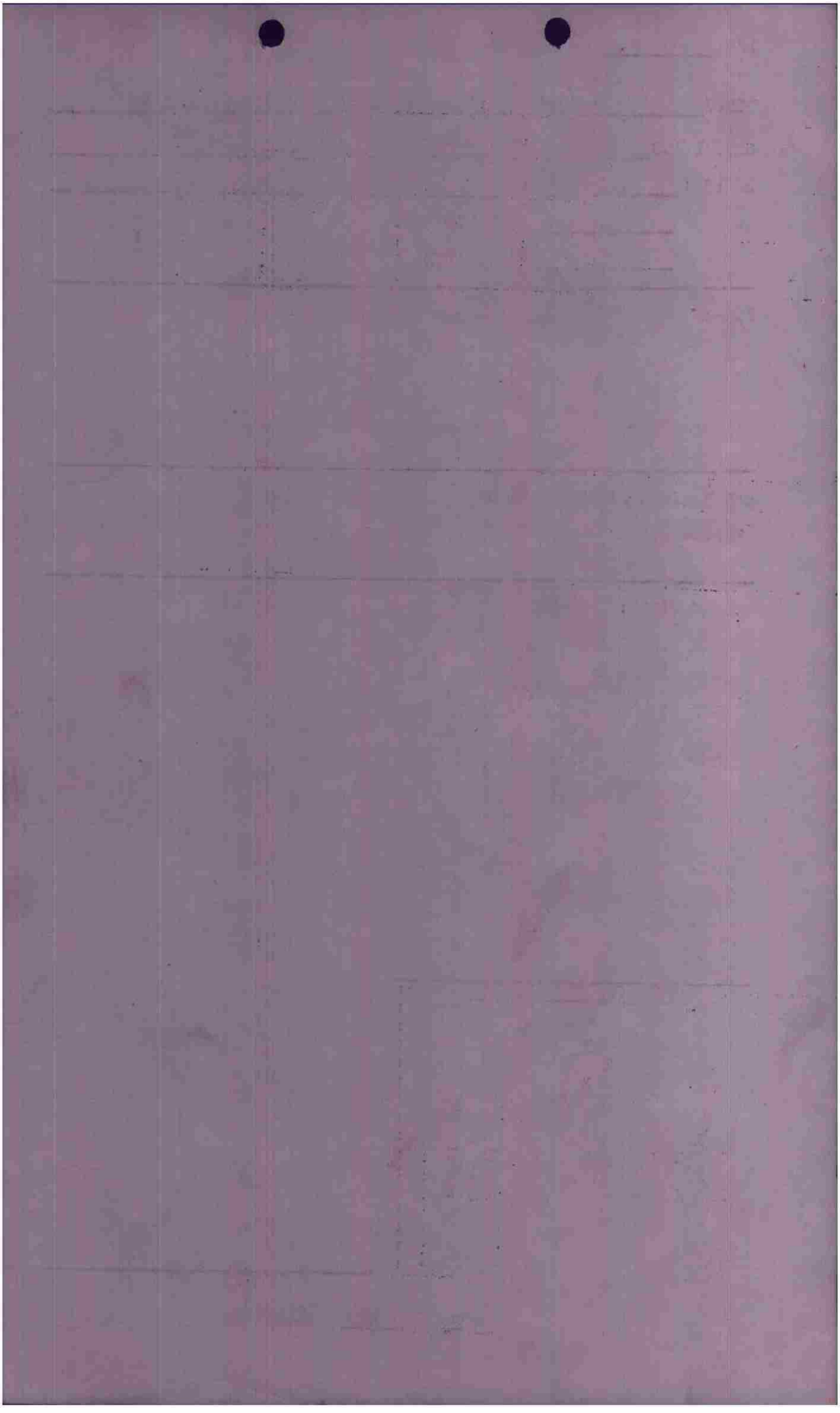


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PILOT Miller A/C# 492 BOX II

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON _____ BATTLE DAMAGE

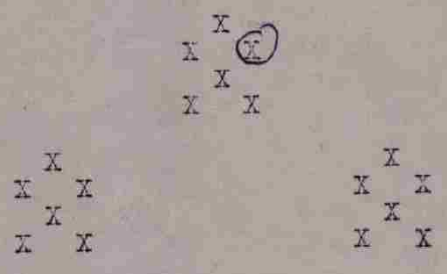
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X RETURNED			
	X JETTISONED	1 hole		

FLAK: ?

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: Dropped on Evans
Landed at A-65 for gas.
? See back of out

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PILOT Buskirk A/C# 499 BOX II

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS : 4 x 1000 ON _____ BATTLE DAMAGE

_____X_____ RETURNED "A" "A-C" "E"

_____X_____ JETTISONED A

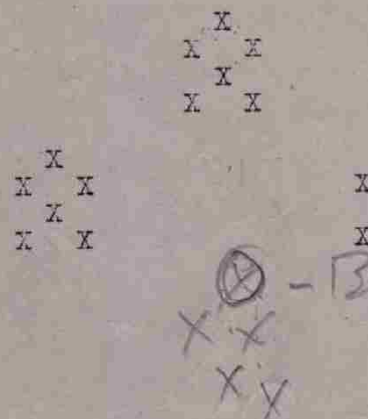
FLAK: Worst Flak before bomb bay doors first time — Flak followed formation — Red & Black bursts —

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: Compass out — over overcast Ie Box not working — Dropped on formation leader — Ie leader of Box II.

11300 — heading 230 TOT 1505

POSITION IN FORMATION

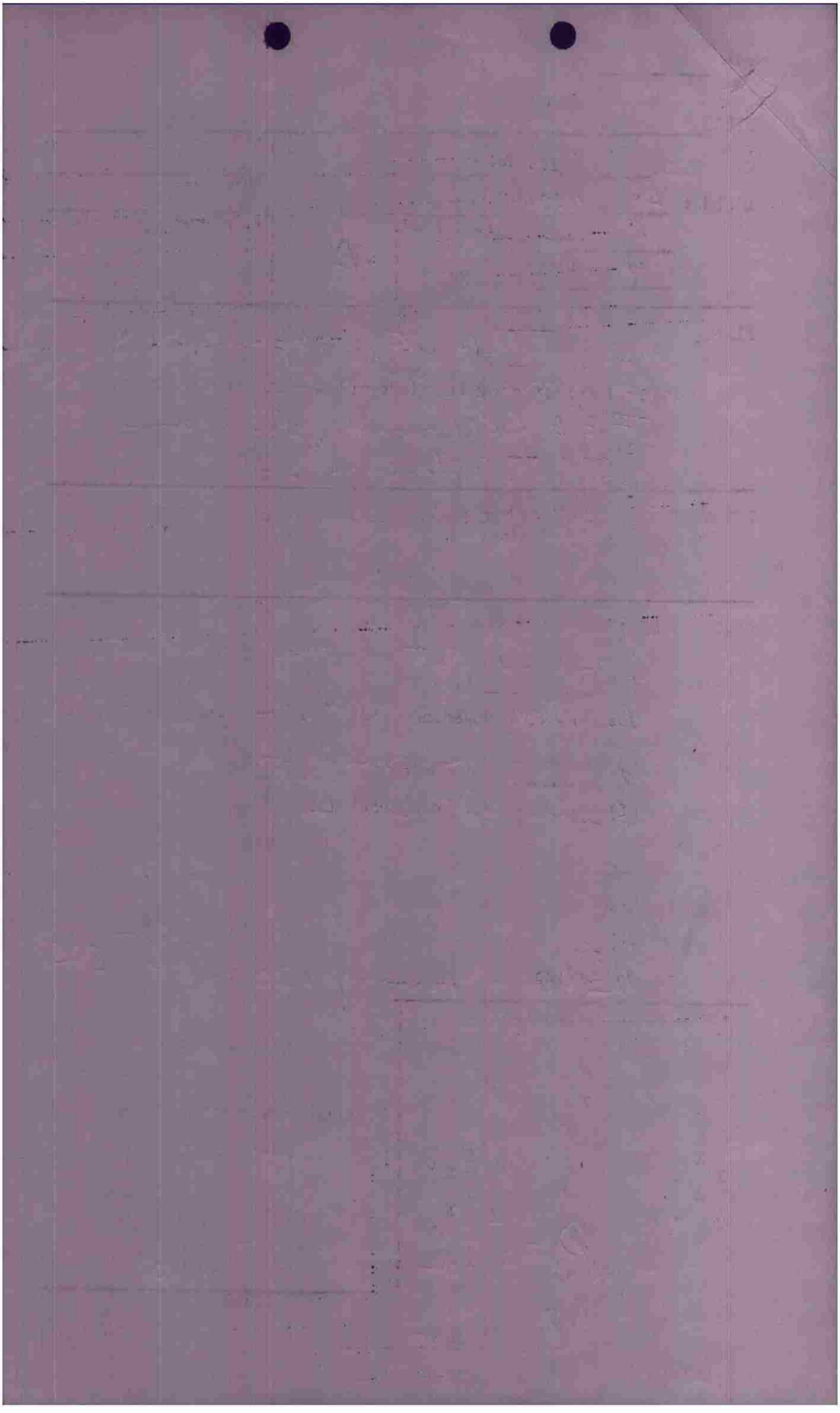


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1. Did Window planes precede the formation? If so, give?

   a. Average distance of Window planes ahead of the formation through the flak area.

      (1)_____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.

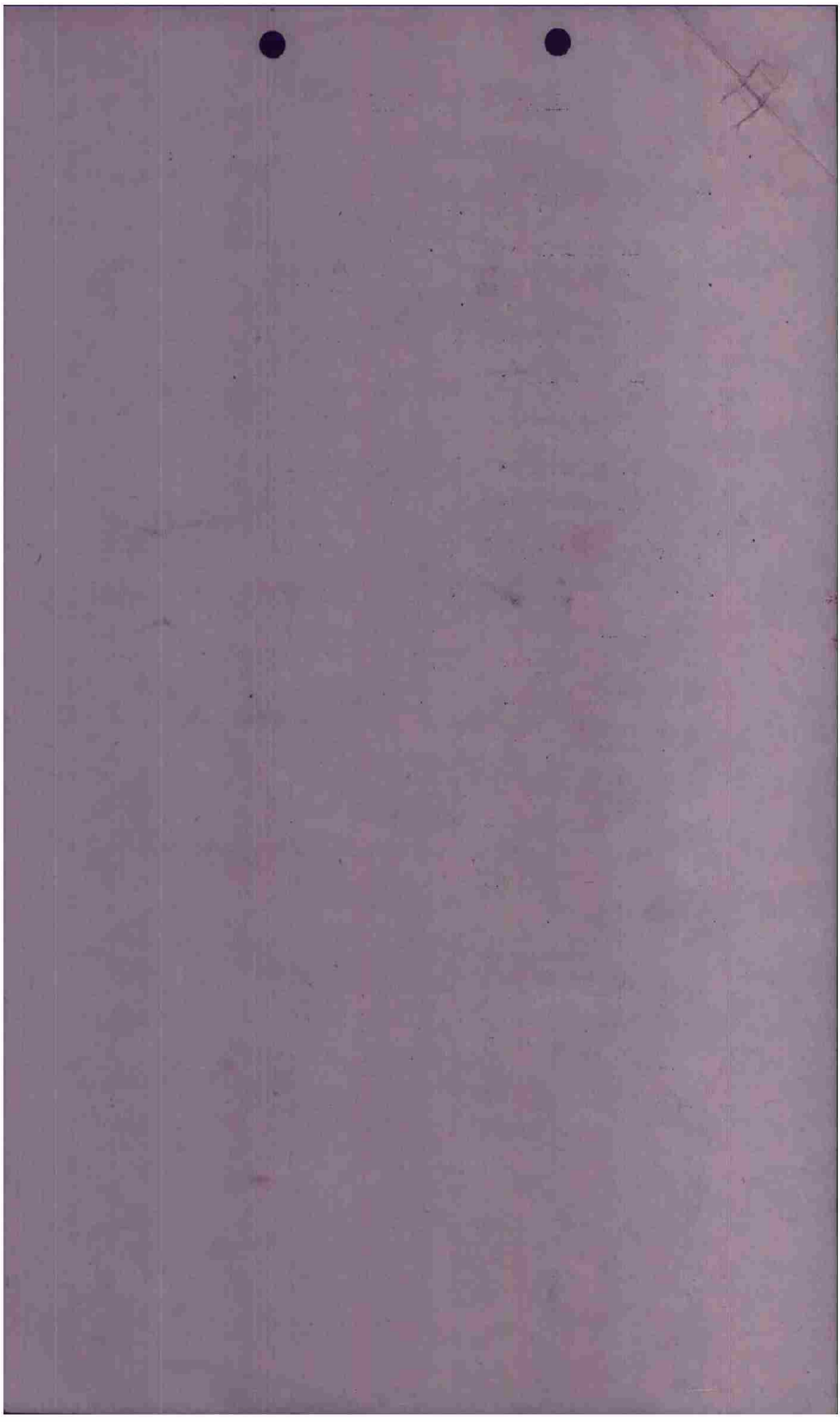
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PILOT Carver A/C# 321 BOX 11

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : 4 x 1000 ON ? BATTLE DAMAGE

		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED		nil	
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK: None at target.

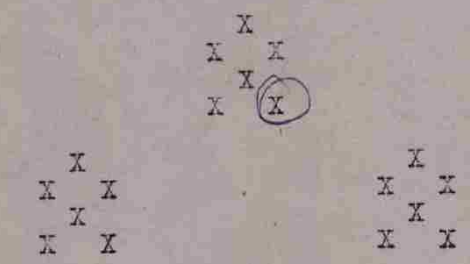
XHA - believes at bomb line on course back.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10

POSITION IN FORMATION

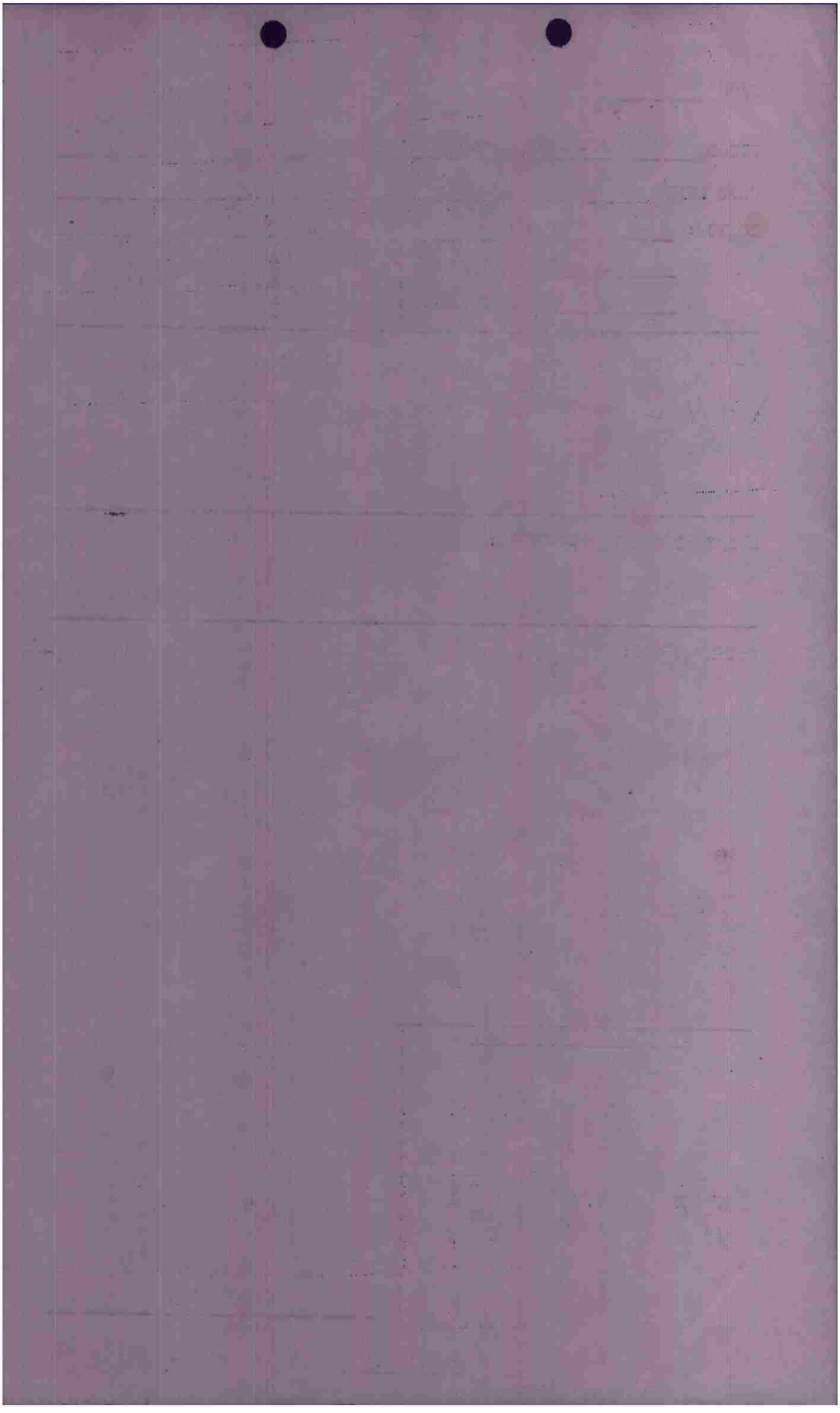


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PILOT Buchanan A/C# 389 BOX II

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : 4 x 1000 ON ? BATTLE DAMAGE "A" "A-C" "E"

X RETURNED nil

X JETTISONED

FLAK: X H fairly accurate – flaffy bombs away – doesn't know where – thinks they were back in friendly territory

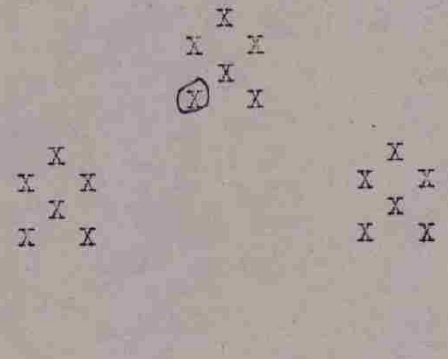
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10 over target

Dropped on Fl leader

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Hayter
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Connell back
wires FC: Orly WJ Box II

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PILOT Hale A/C# 290 BOX 11

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 4 x 1000 ON Prag : BATTLE DAMAGE

		"A"	"A-O"	"E"
	X RETURNED			
	X JETTISONED			

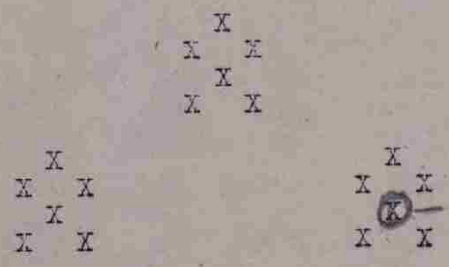
FLAK: Radar controlled XXHA
10 minutes before Bomb away -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: Cannon - bailed out, also gunner
#4 A/C - knocked down by flak -
Radar controlled - 10/10 overcast,
#3 A/C

Pilot + Gunner supposed to be in Holland
#4 Salvoed Bombs -

POSITION IN FORMATION



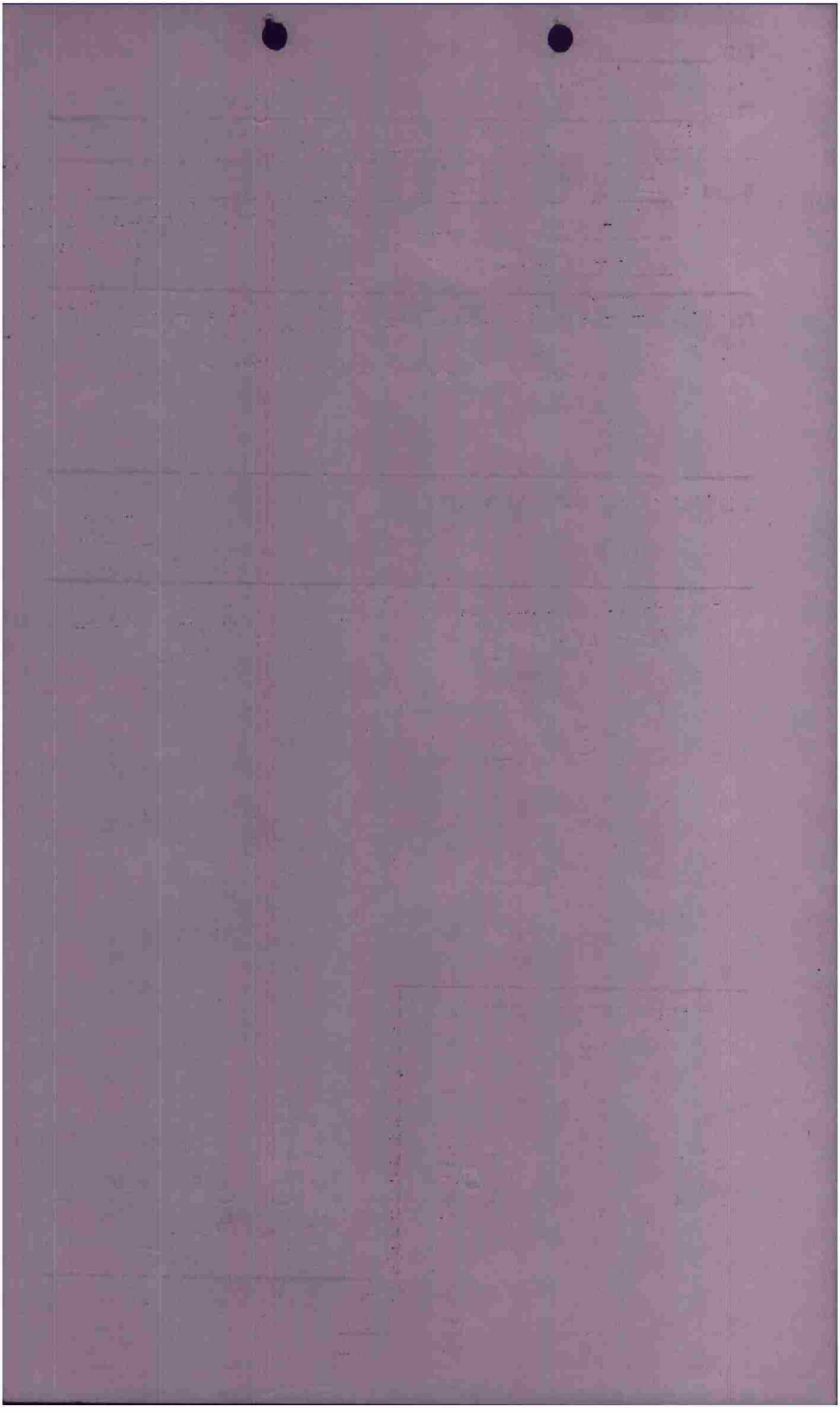
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Salved in #3 and dropped in #3 position

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CASUALTIES None

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON Pri

_____X_____ RETURNED

_____X_____ JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE

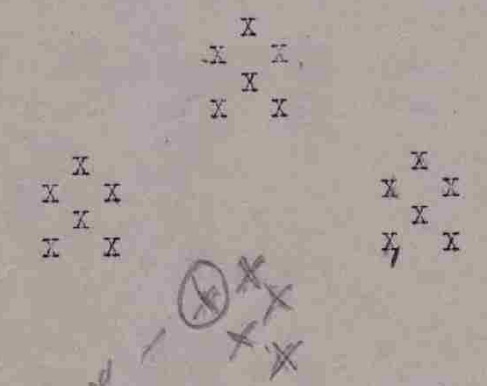
"A"	"A-C"	"E"
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FLAK: Black, Red + White - 40 mm - Haught was out of Germany -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: Possible FW 190's - 3 ship formation at 6000' Very little flak came up -

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION



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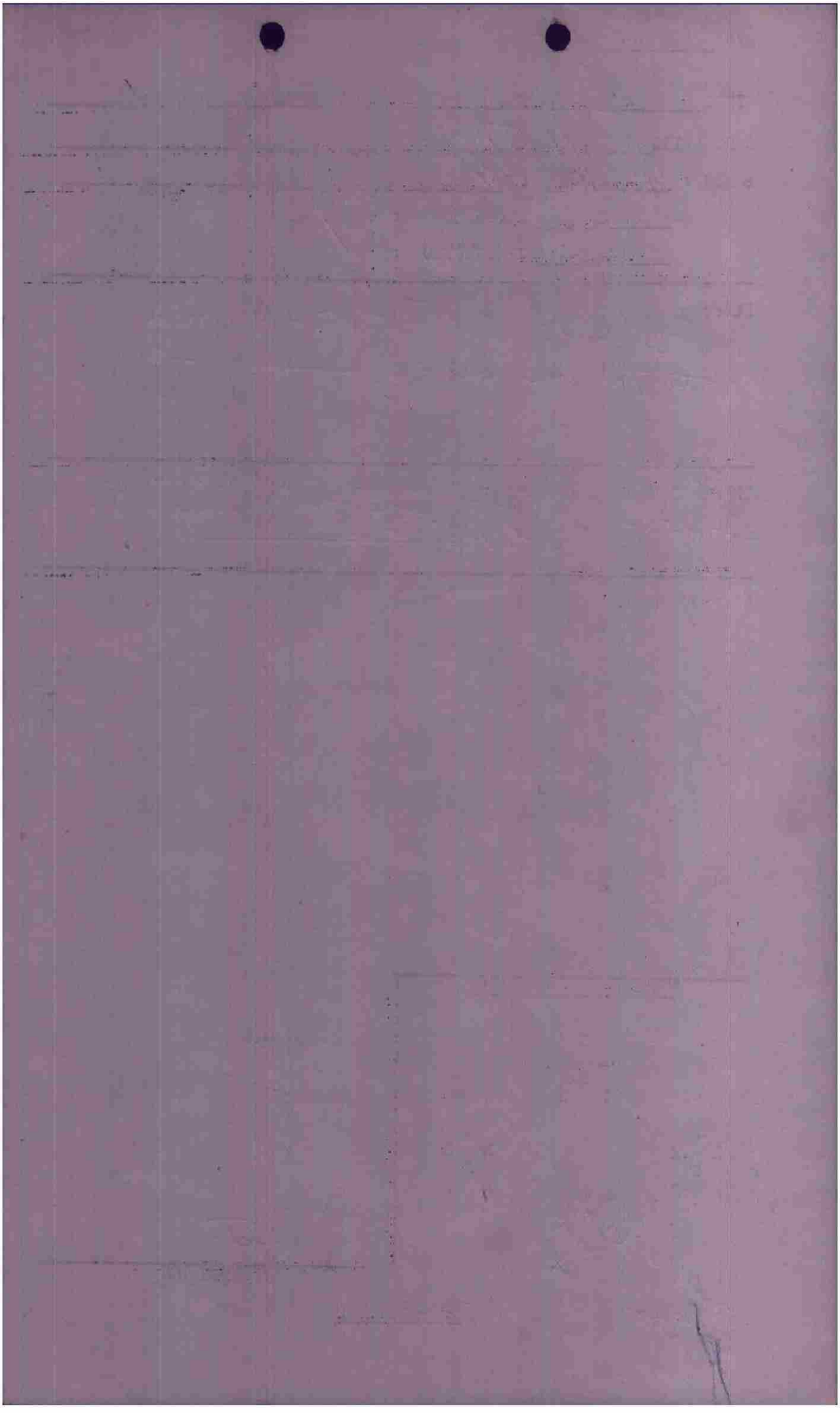
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PILOT Wallman A/C# 332 BOX 11

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : X ON : BATTLE DAMAGE

		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

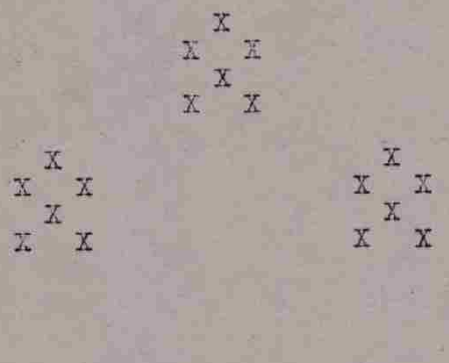
FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

A-6H (2)

POSITION IN FORMATION

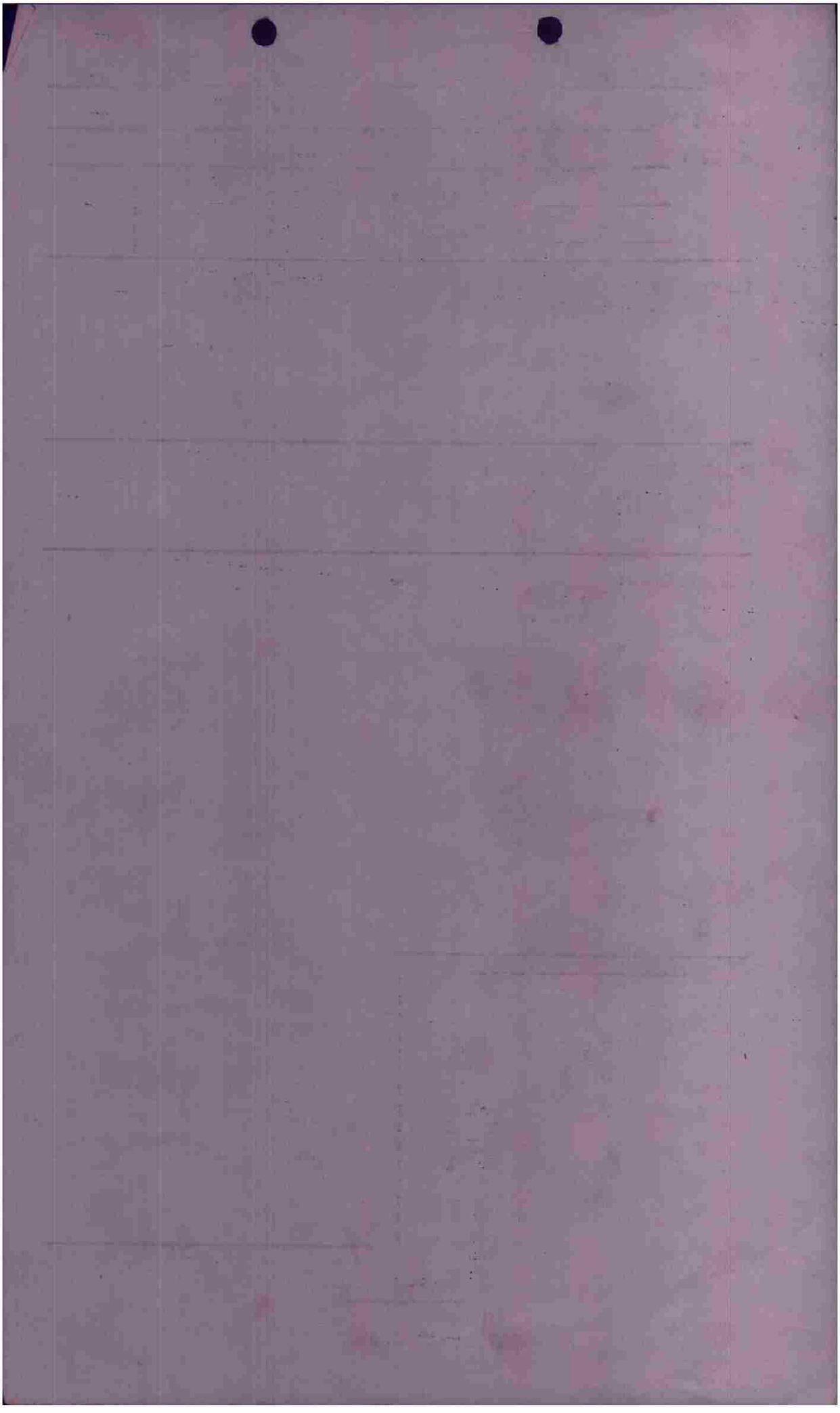


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PILOT Stanley A/C# 523 BOX II

CASUALTIES X

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON Target : BATTLE DAMAGE

		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED	Nil		
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK: Few bursts on return. Got occasional flak at bomb line.
Few burst going to target.
Heavy

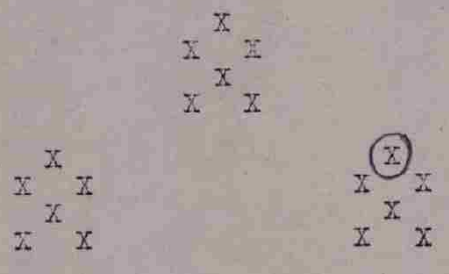
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS:

One ship in formation left formation on bombrun
Reported 2 men bailed out.

POSITION IN FORMATION

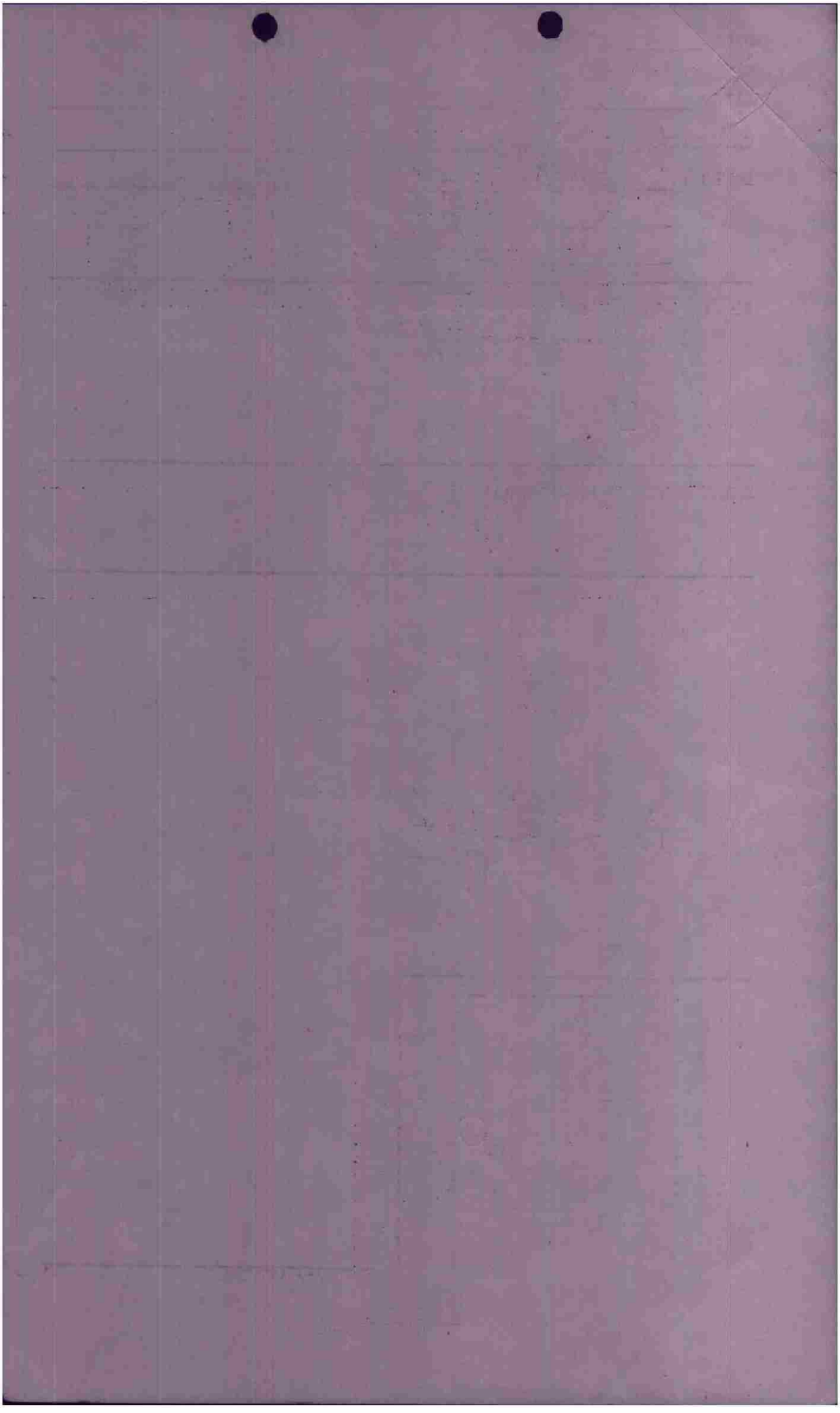


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1. Did Window planes precede the formation? If so, give:

   a. Average distance of Window planes ahead of the formation through the flak area.

   (1) 1 mile & 1000 ft. below ft. ahead.

   b. Position of Window planes with respect to formation through the flak area.

   (1) 1000 ft below ft. ~~below or above~~.

   (2) Fairly well on track ft. off track, left or right.

   c. Position of observed window cloud with respect to the formation.

   (1) 500 to 1000 ft. below ~~or above~~.

   (2) On track 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. No

   (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. Practically no flak or run.

   (1) _____ degrees.

   b. Box or flight I ~~100~~ degrees.
   II _____ degrees.
   III _____ degrees.

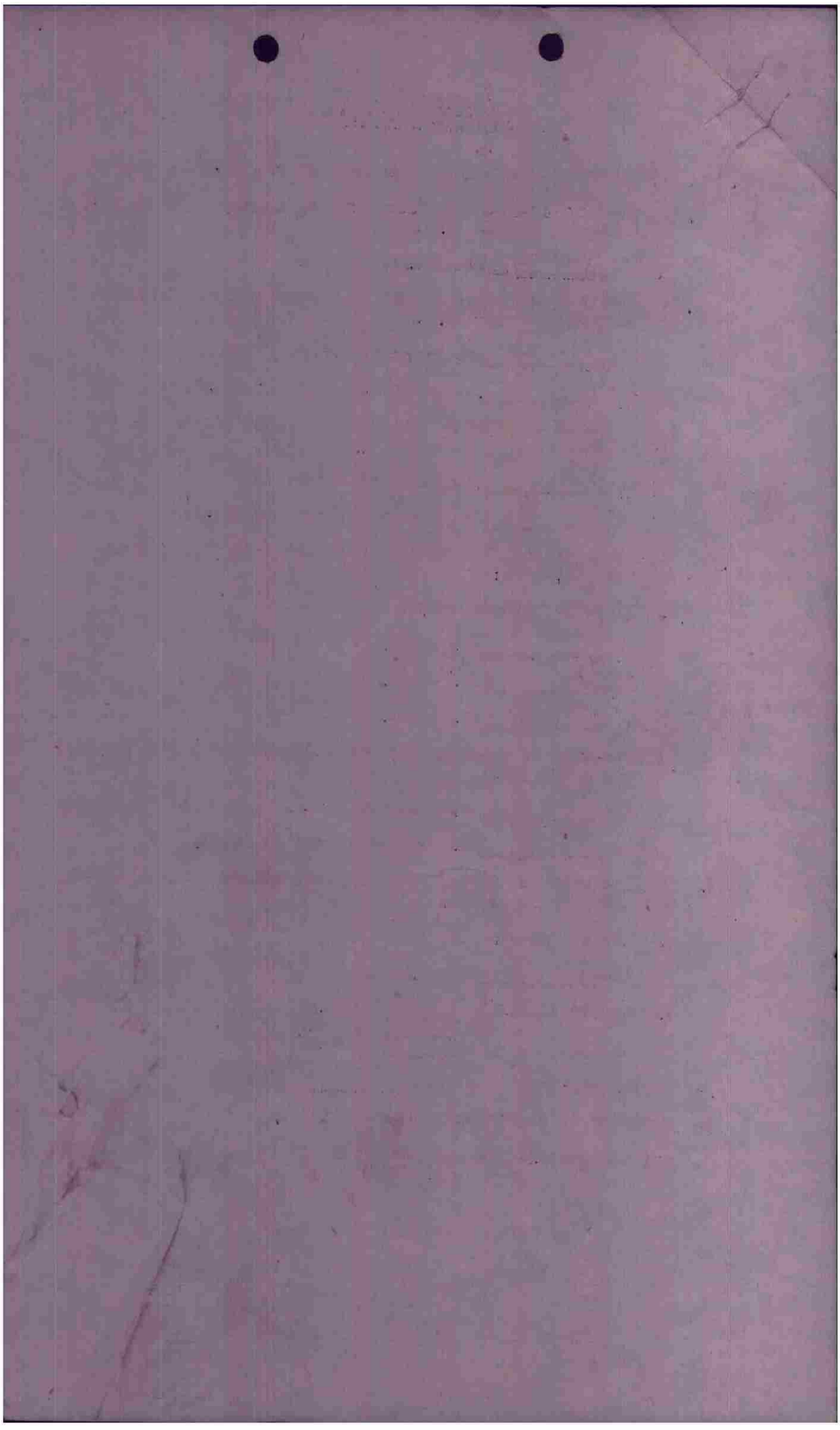
4. T.O.T. of Window aircraft. 1505

5. Comments as to effectiveness of Window.

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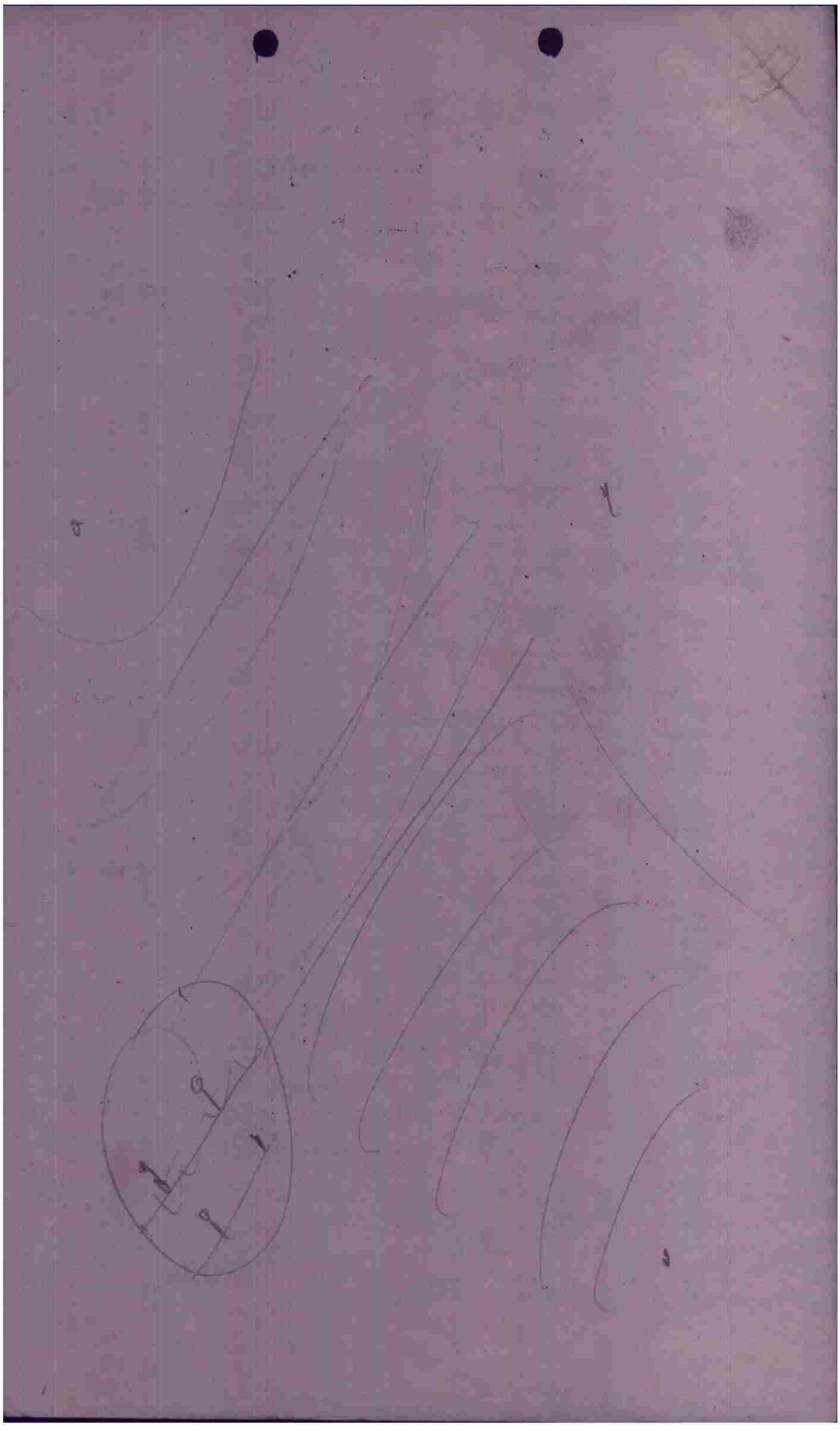
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      (2)_____ft. ahead.

      (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.

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   a. Window Planes.

      (1)_____degrees.

   b. Box or flight I _____degrees.
      II _____degrees.
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Bombs On Box Primary - 31

Bombs With Box II - 68

" With B-26 - 4

Bombs Returned - 10

" Jett - 1

A/c on Primary - 1

A/c Bomb Box II 17

A/c " With B-26 1

A/c Failing To Bomb - 11

A/c don't Know - 8

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PILOT Parker A/C# 274 BOX 11

CASUALTIES X

BOMBS : 4 x 1000 ON target : BATTLE DAMAGE

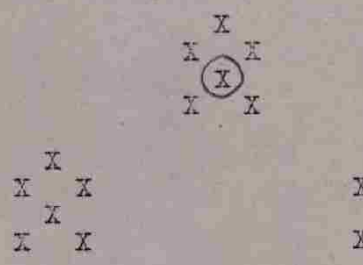
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X RETURNED			
	X JETTISONED	Nil		

FLAK: 1535-37 Heavy & accurate.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: X

OBSERVATIONS: X

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Sutton A/C# 352 BOX 11

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON (?) BATTLE DAMAGE X -

		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X RETURNED			
	X JETTISONED			

FLAK: XXXHI - position unknown - White red and black smoke

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:
3 Fighters seen but P-38 drove them off - (FW 190) -

OBSERVATIONS: None 10/10 cover

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

Leader Bostwick

X
X (X)
X
X X

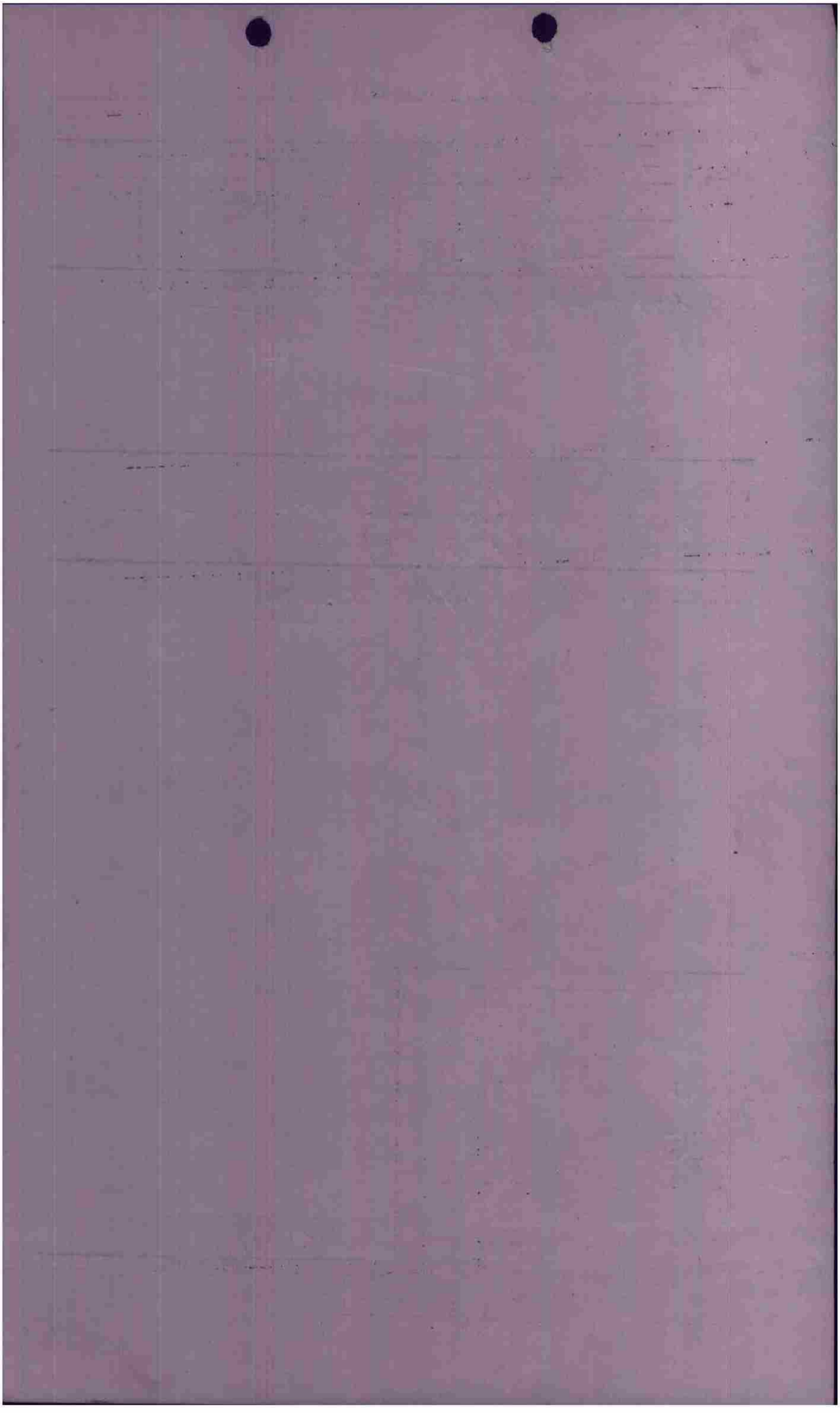
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PILOT Chalmers A/C# 508 BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 4 x 1000 ON (9) : BATTLE DAMAGE X

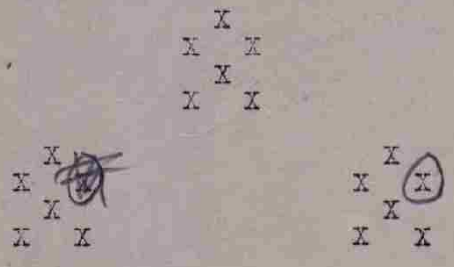
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X RETURNED			
	X JETTISONED			

FLAK: XXHI - position unknown
Some on Bomb Run on way in and out.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10 cover

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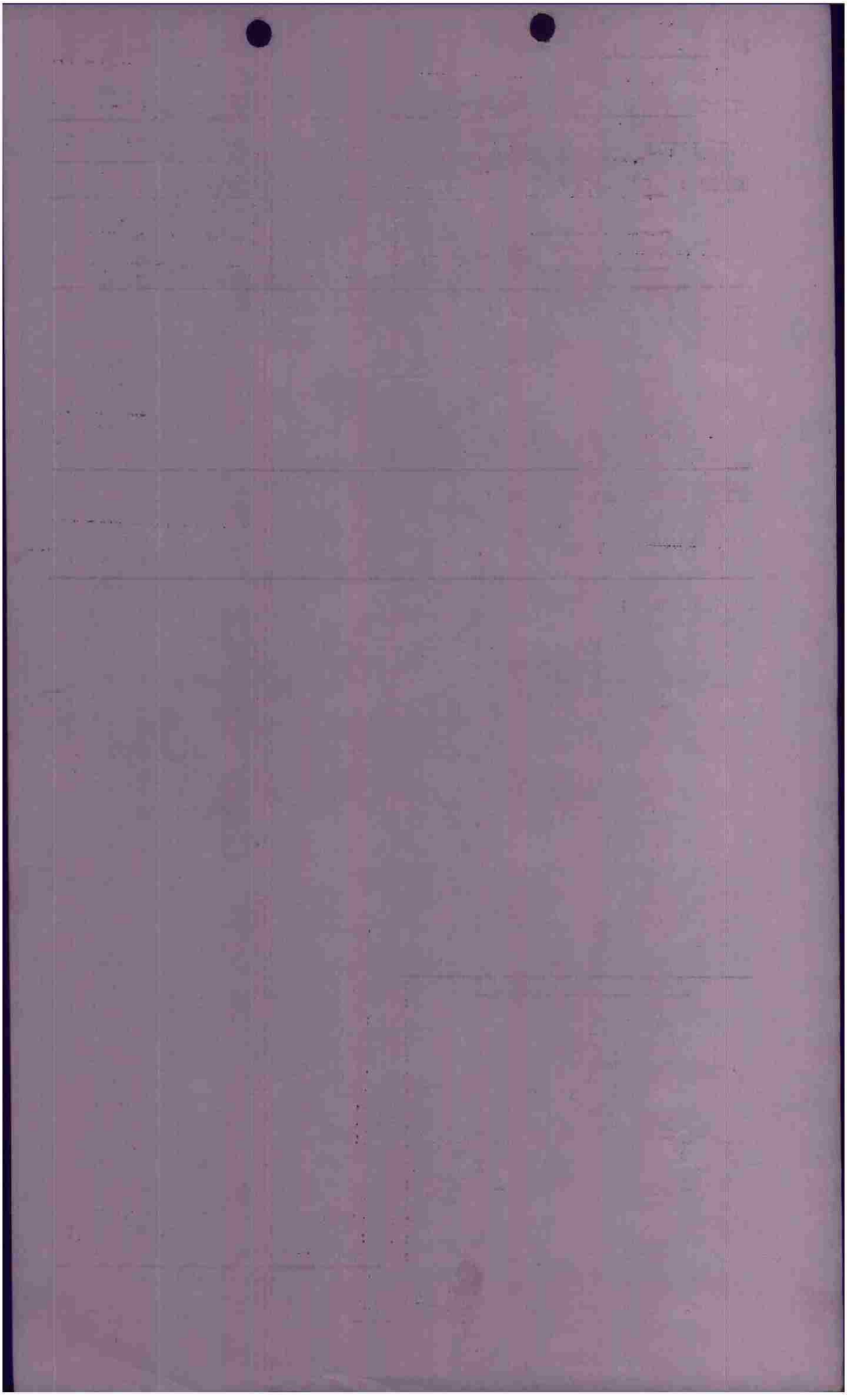


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PILOT Mooney A/C# 239 BOX 11

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 x 1000 ON _____ | BATTLE DAMAGE: "A" | "A-C" | "E"

X RETURNED

X JETTISONED

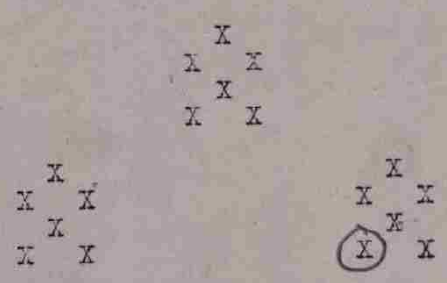
FLAK: XXHI - positions unknown

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X -

OBSERVATIONS: #4 ship #331 seen to lose speed and leave formation, losing alt, and went into clouds - exact position unknown - were being fired on at the time

POSITION IN FORMATION

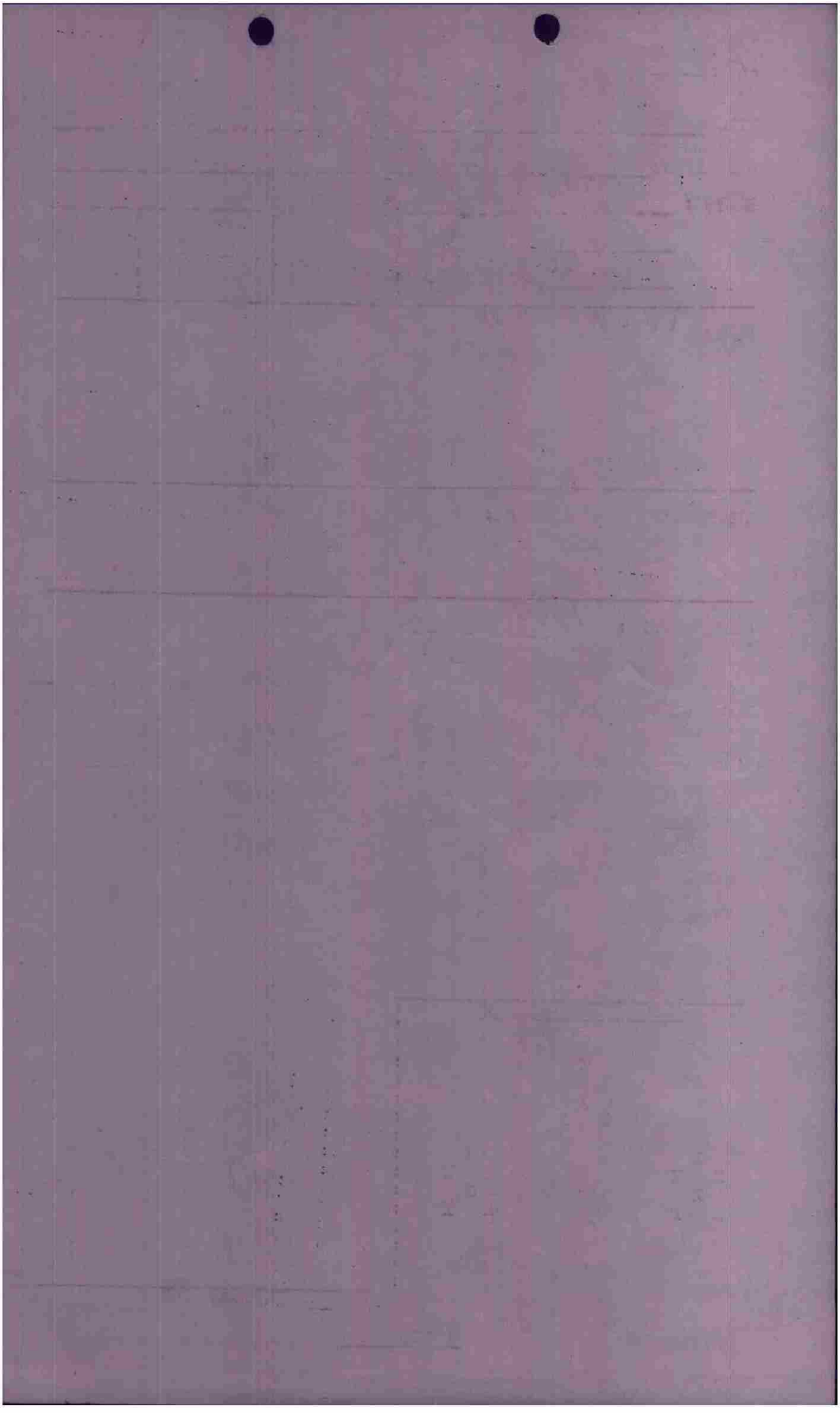


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PILOT Cannon A/C# 331 BOX 11

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	ON			
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

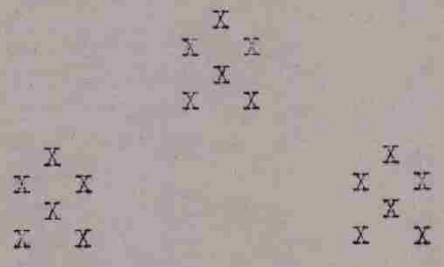
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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Pilot + Gunner bailed out at K6386 18 B This info from Opns-1640.

POSITION IN FORMATION

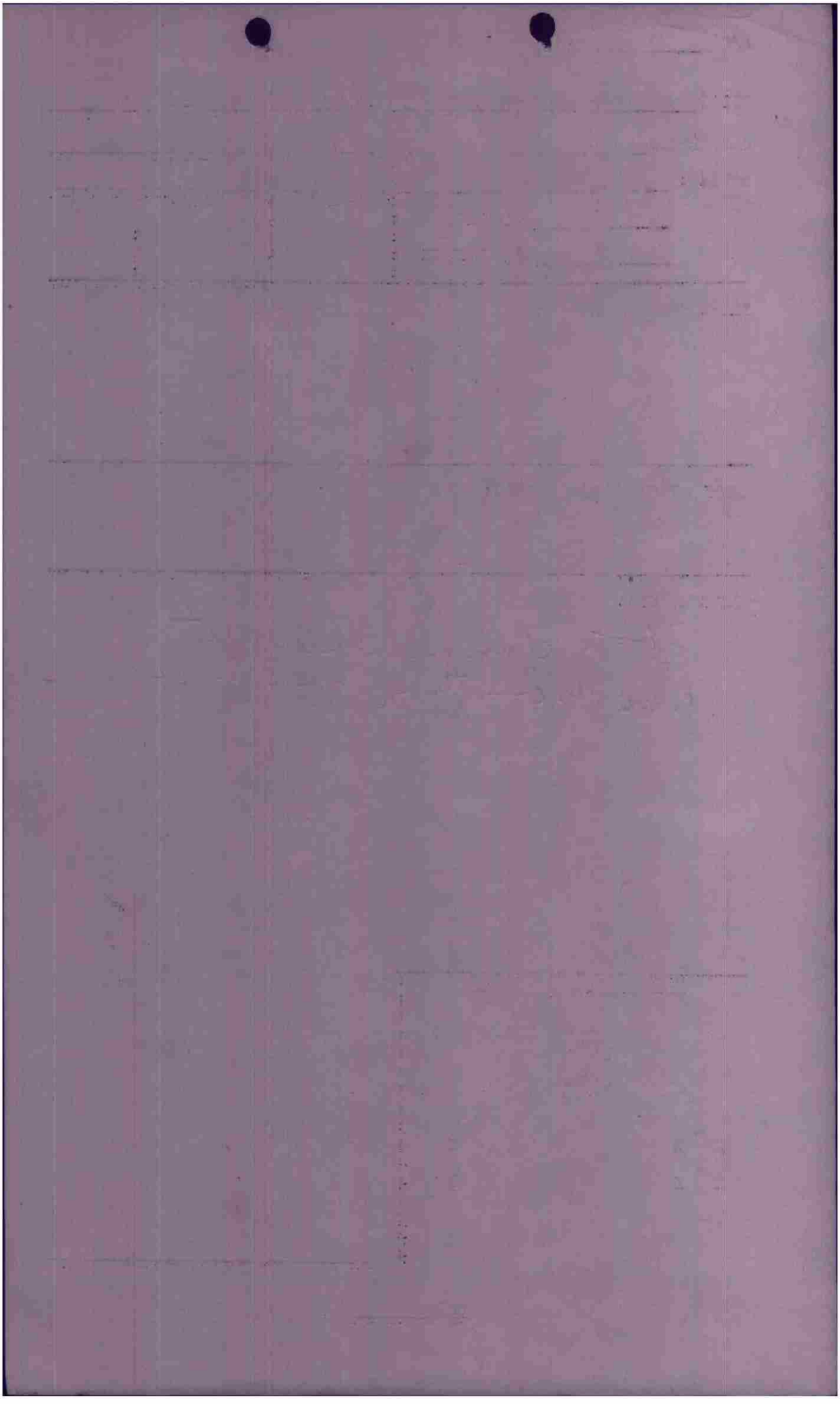


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PILOT Johnson A/C# 241 BOX V

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : X ON
4 X RETURNED
X JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE: "A" nil "A-C" "E"

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

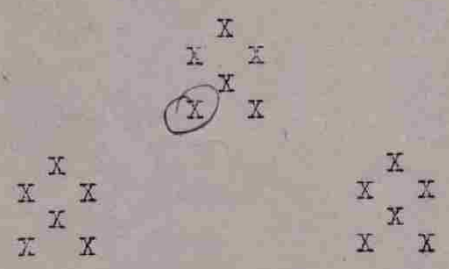
nil

OBSERVATIONS: Leader did not drop.

1 PFF run

1 GEE run.

POSITION IN FORMATION

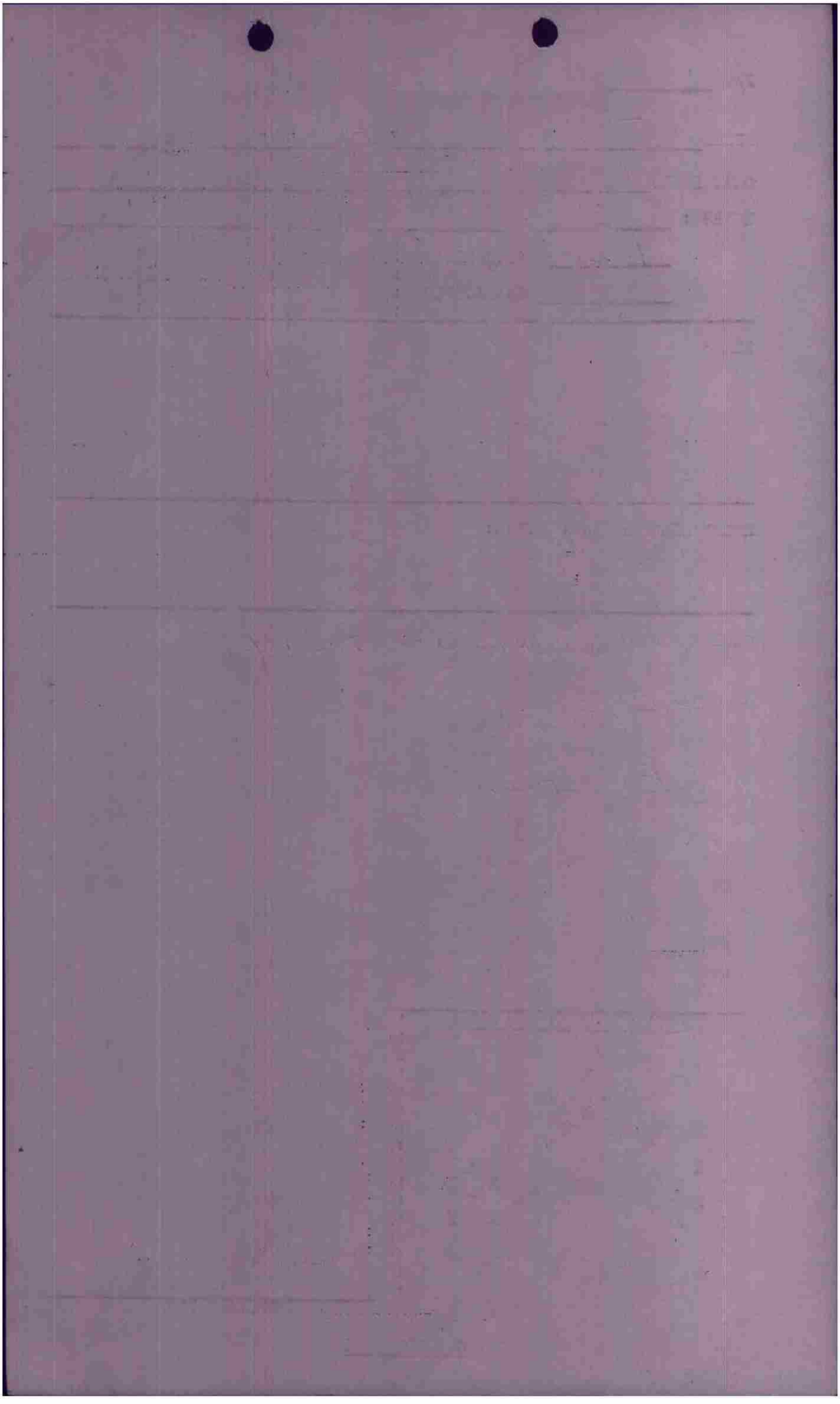


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PILOT O.D. Turner A/C# 344 BOX X

CASUALTIES

BOMBS:		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE "D"	"A-C"	"E"
	4	RETURNED			
		JETTISONED			

FLAK: nil

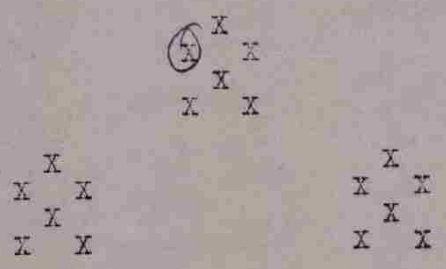
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: Leader did not drop

1 PFF run

1 G run

POSITION IN FORMATION

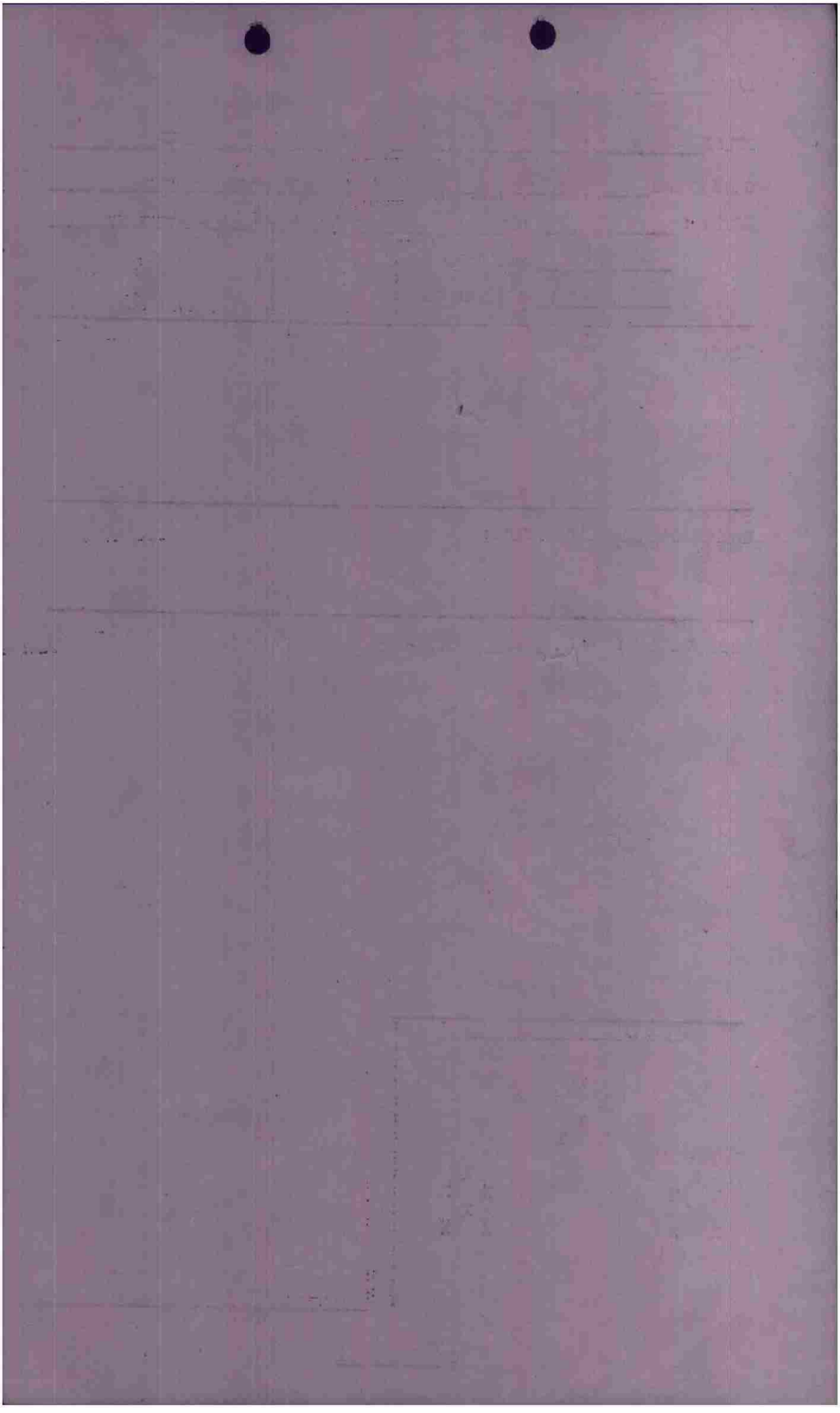


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MISSION WINDOW REPORT

To Window Planes.

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)_____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.

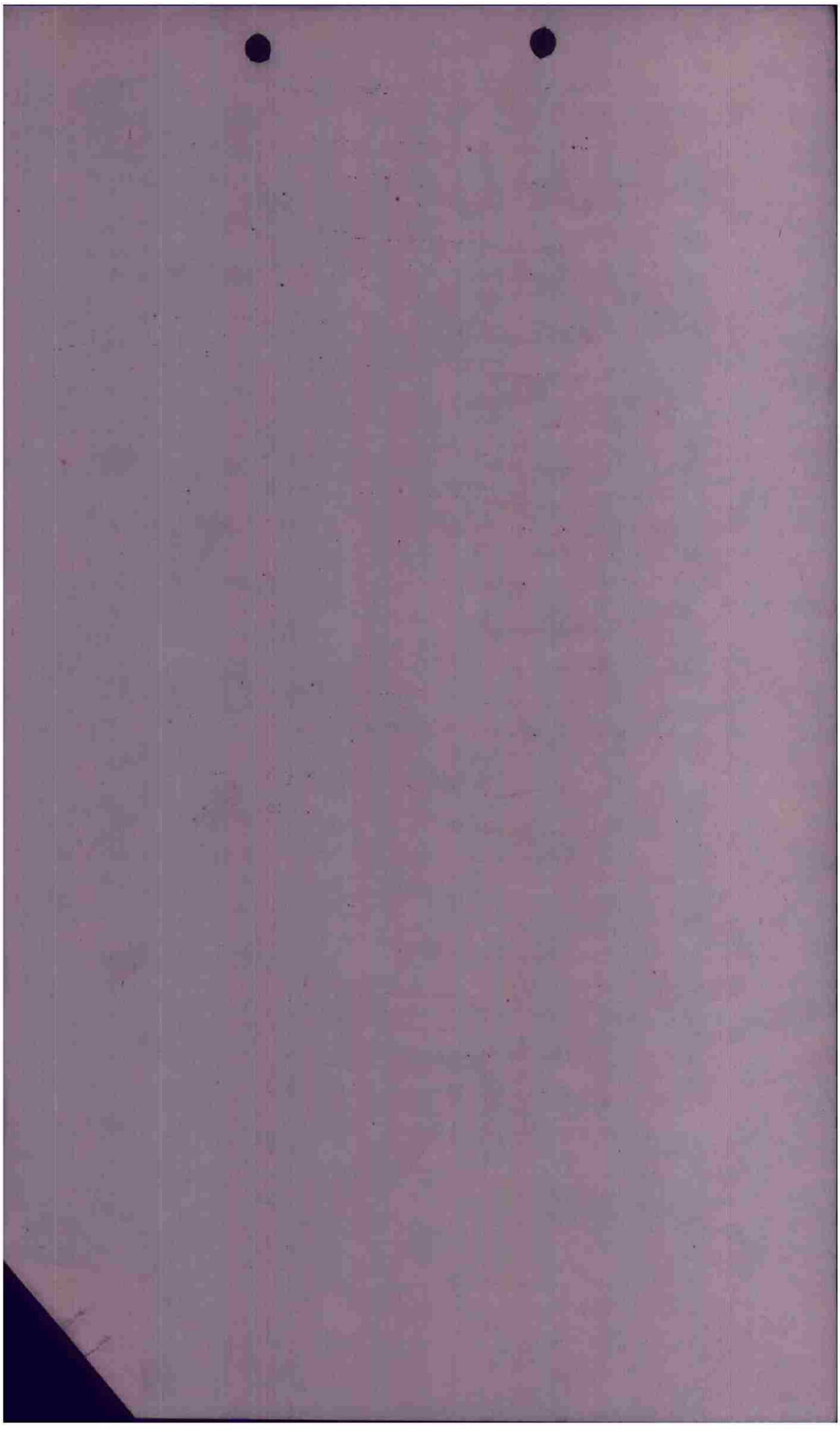
4. T.O.T. of Window aircraft. _____

5. Comments as to effectiveness of Window.

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PILOT Brewster A/C# 503 BOX V

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : 4 x 1000 ON

X RETURNED

X JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE

"A"	"A-C"	"E"
50/10 holes		

FLAK: XXHA Cologne area as shown by GEE fit
Nil at target.

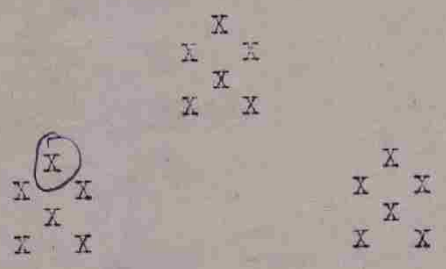
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: Lost Balance of Bof I through overcast.
Dropped with Bof II.

Bombs away at 1503
alt. 17,500

Gee fits show course East of Cologne.

POSITION IN FORMATION

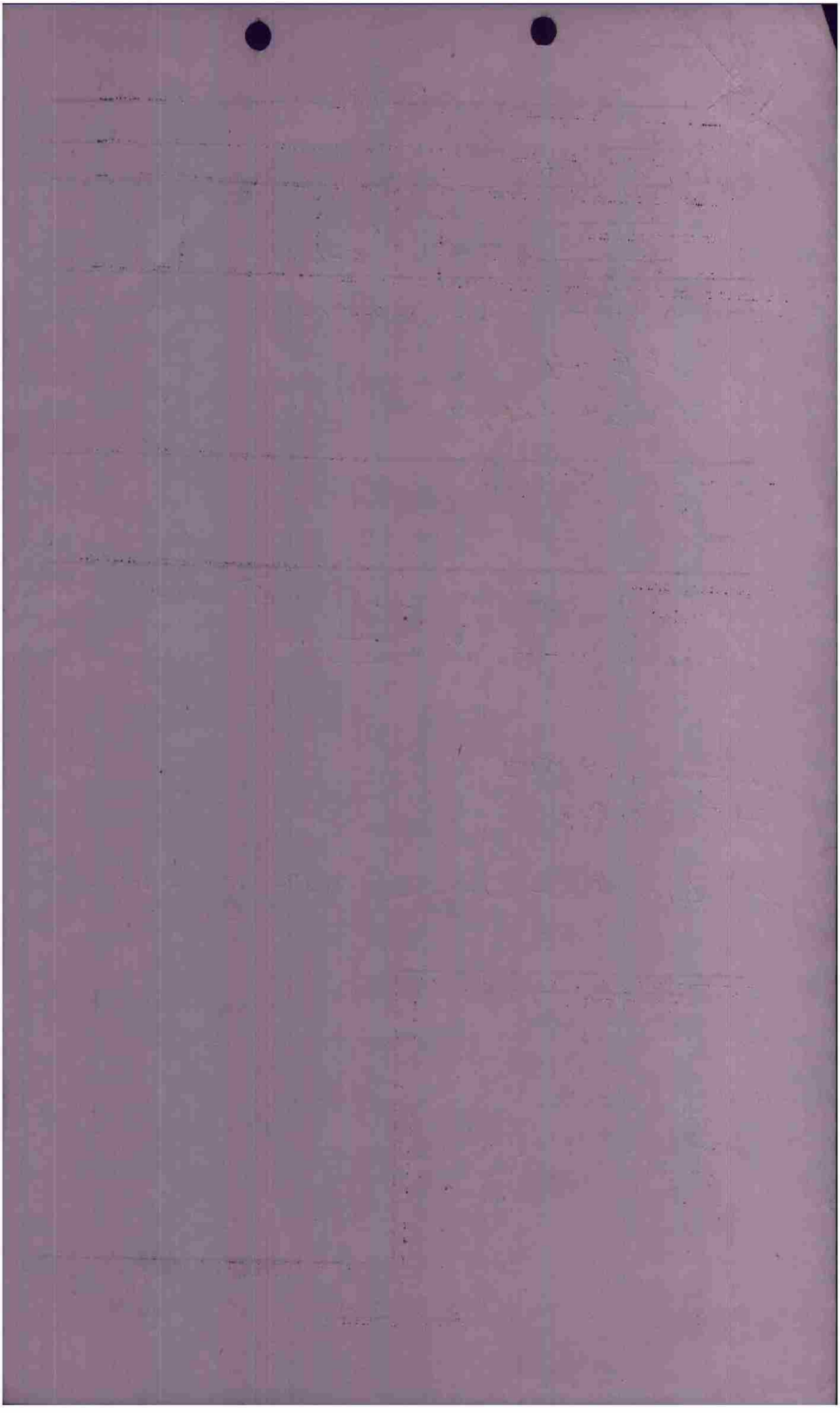


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PILOT Bishop A/C# 205 BOX V

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON | BATTLE DAMAGE "J" "A-C" "E"

X RETURNED None

X JETTISONED

FLAK: 10 minutes before dropped bombs XXXHA
Flak again about 10 minutes after bombs away. XXXHA

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: None

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

Flight position in Box I

X X X X X X X X X X X X

X - Bombs from this position with Box II

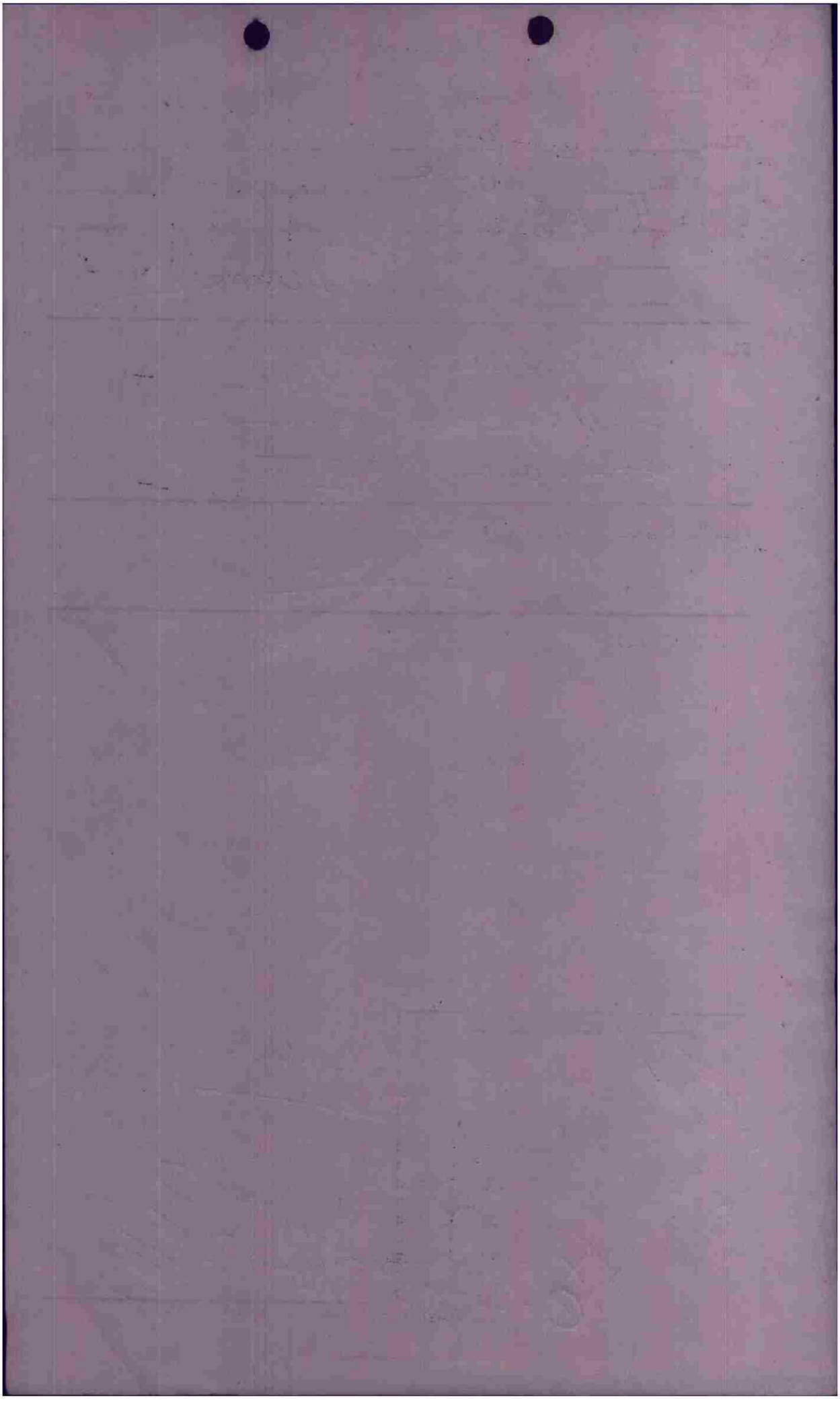
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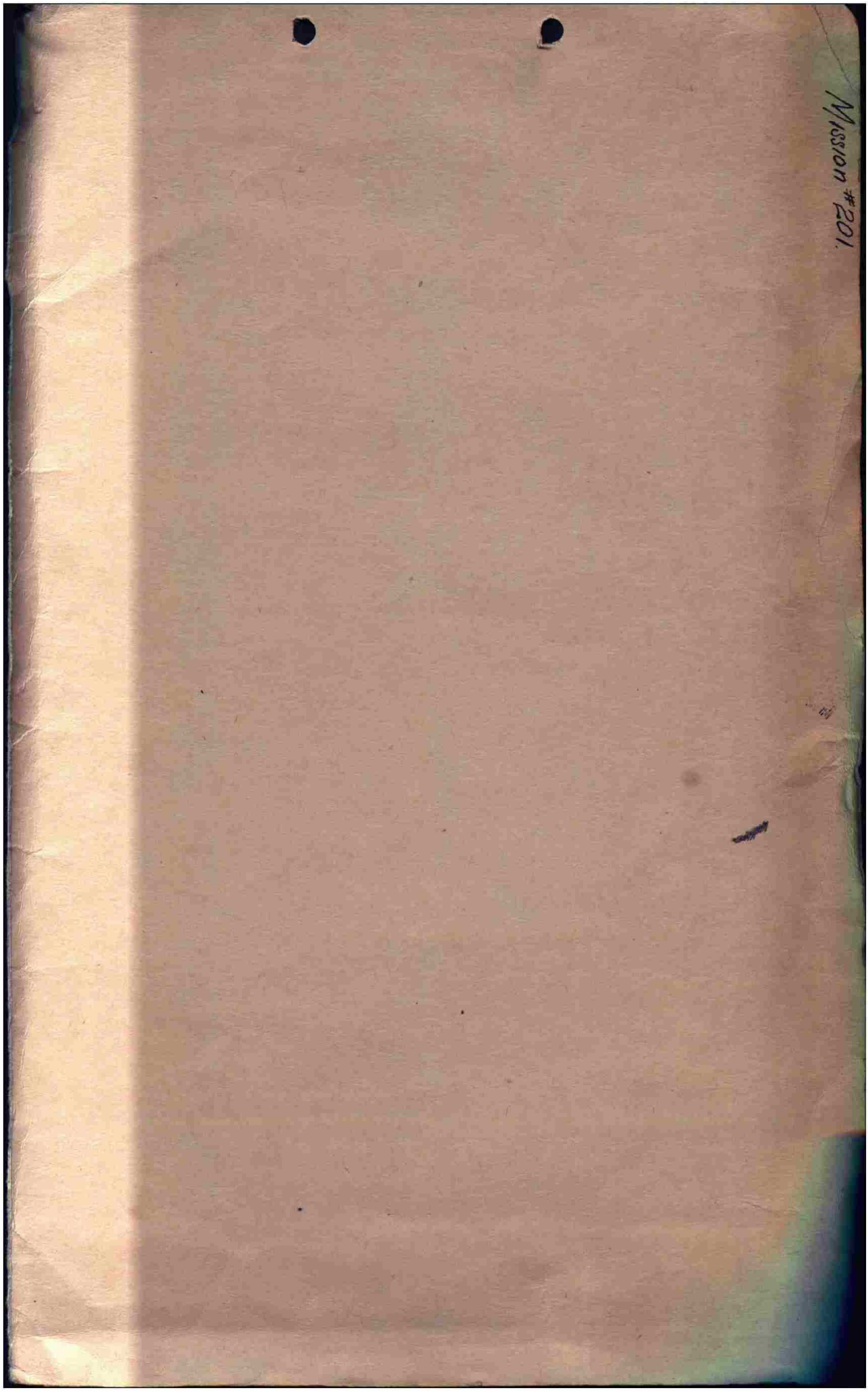
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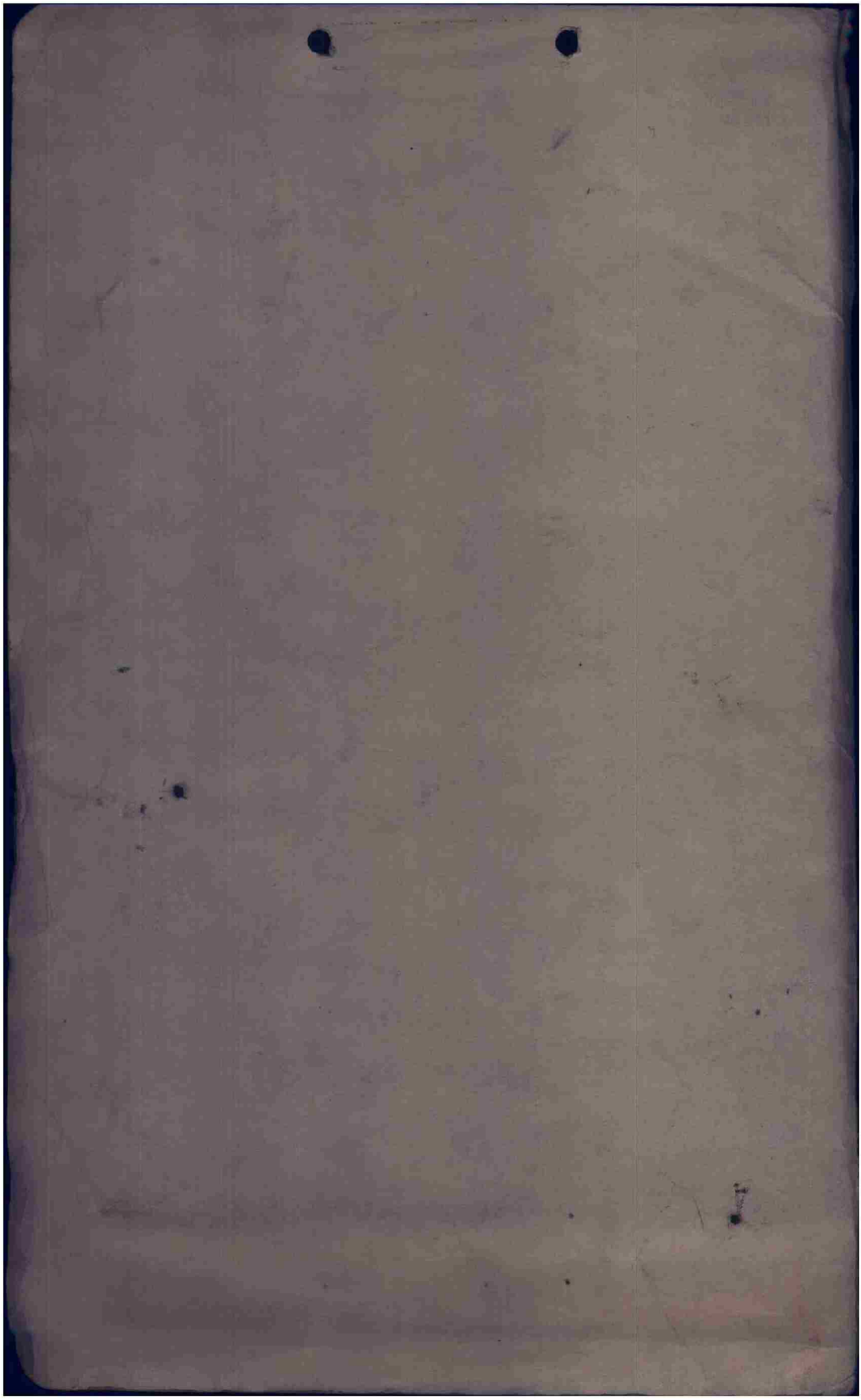
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