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BOX I

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 DEPNER
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 F-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. 223 B
LT H POPENEY
S/S H C S CANDLER

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

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

6. 205 M
LT E G BISHOP
SGT L W HUDNUTT

SPARE

208 L-1
LT T E GRAEBER
SGT A R MILLER

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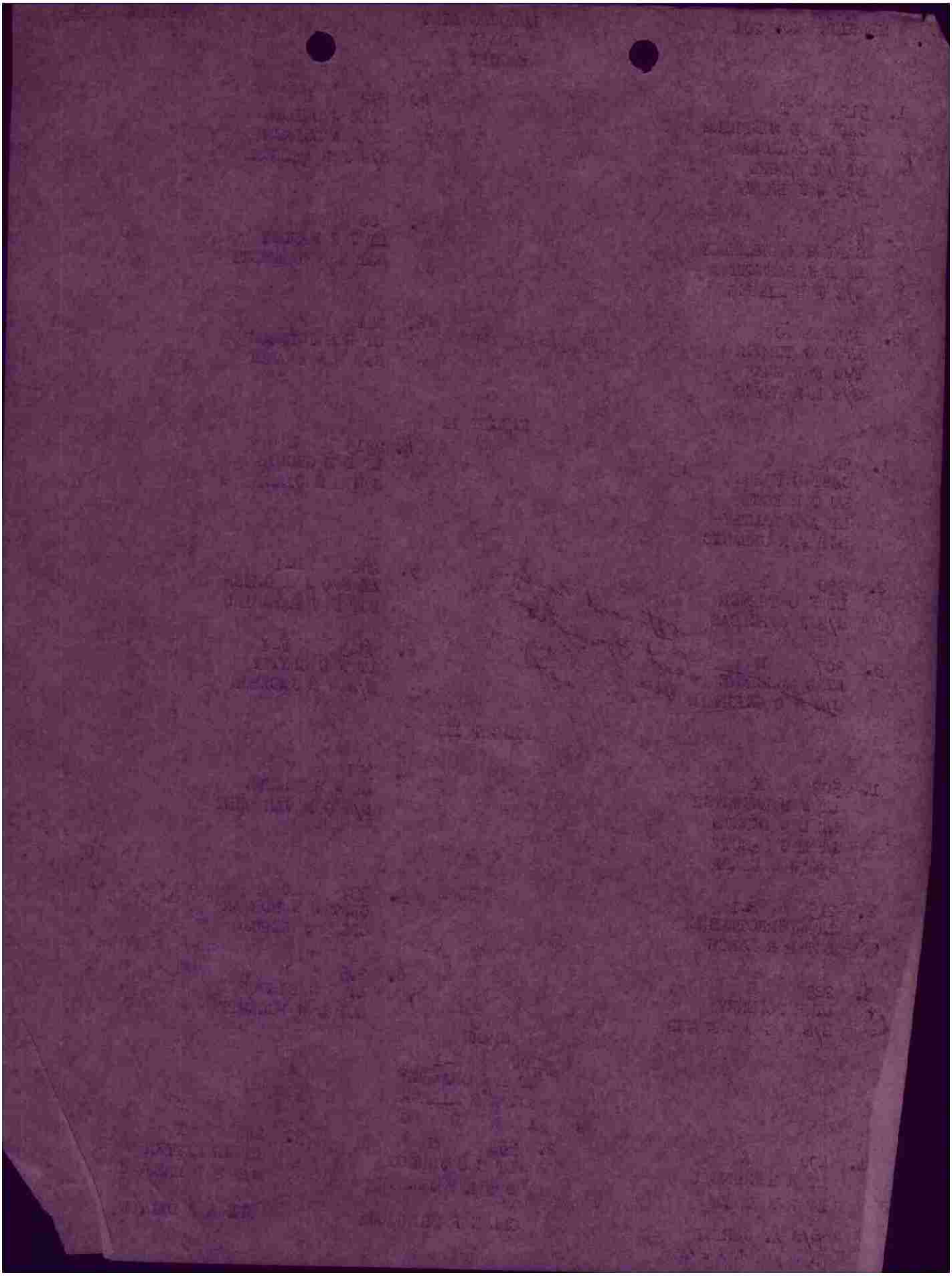
1. 490 X
LT R H CORNELL
LT R E ENMAN
S/S A. CARIER
S/S K. A. REID

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

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

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BOX II

FLIGHT I

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

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

3. 335 W 820
LT J P KENNY
a SGT J J SITTARICH

4. 274 S 675
LT P E PARKER
a S/S S KOCHAN

5. 321 T 645
LT J H CARVER
a SGT N M GRAHAM

6. 389 X 725
LT R C BUCHANAN
a SGT R G HINDMAN

FLIGHT II

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

2. 508 Z
LT J J CHALMERS 800
LT L W ECHARD
a SGT C M HICKS

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

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

Crash landed at X-638618 near Eindhoven, Holland. Crew are OK. Y-44.

5. 290 L 550
LT W L HALE
a S/S D H BENTZLER

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

FLIGHT III

1. 499 G 700
LT J A BUSKIRK
a LT R C HANNA
S/S C H CORBITT

2. 239 N-1 675
LT S MOONEY
a SGRT R C SCHUMACHER

3. 352 J 700
CAPT L J SUTTON
a S/S D C GILLIAM

4. 326 W-1 600
LT A E HERMAN
a SGT K W SCHMIDT

Dropped out B-24

5. 332 P
LT M WALIMAN
a SGT M F HARDIN

Loaded a B-24

6. 356 C-1 750
LT A E HLIVKO
a S/S R C SCHROM

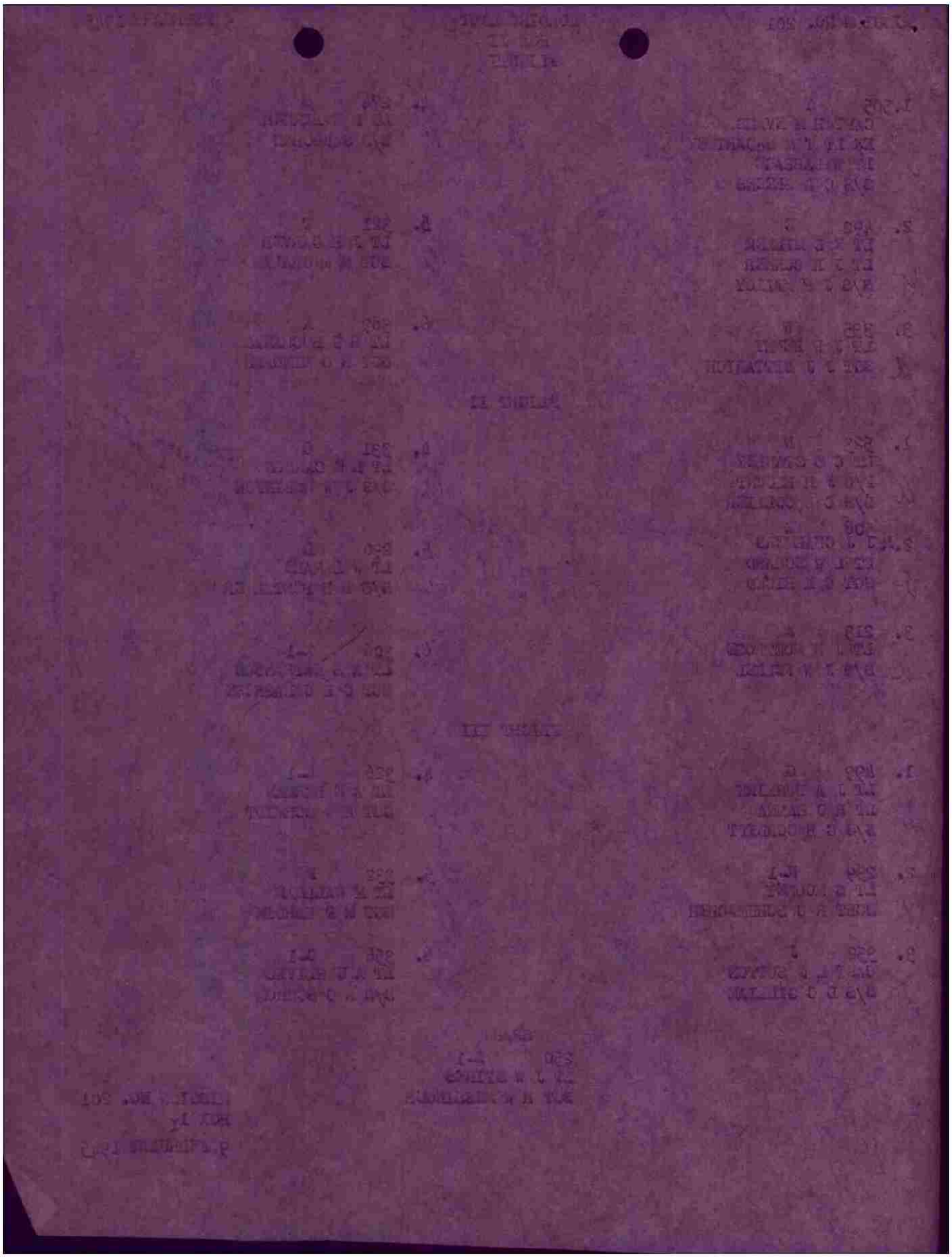
SPARE

250 A-1 800
a LT J W SPIRES
SGT R W MESSINGER

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

R-M-1

APO 140, U.S. Army,
16 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

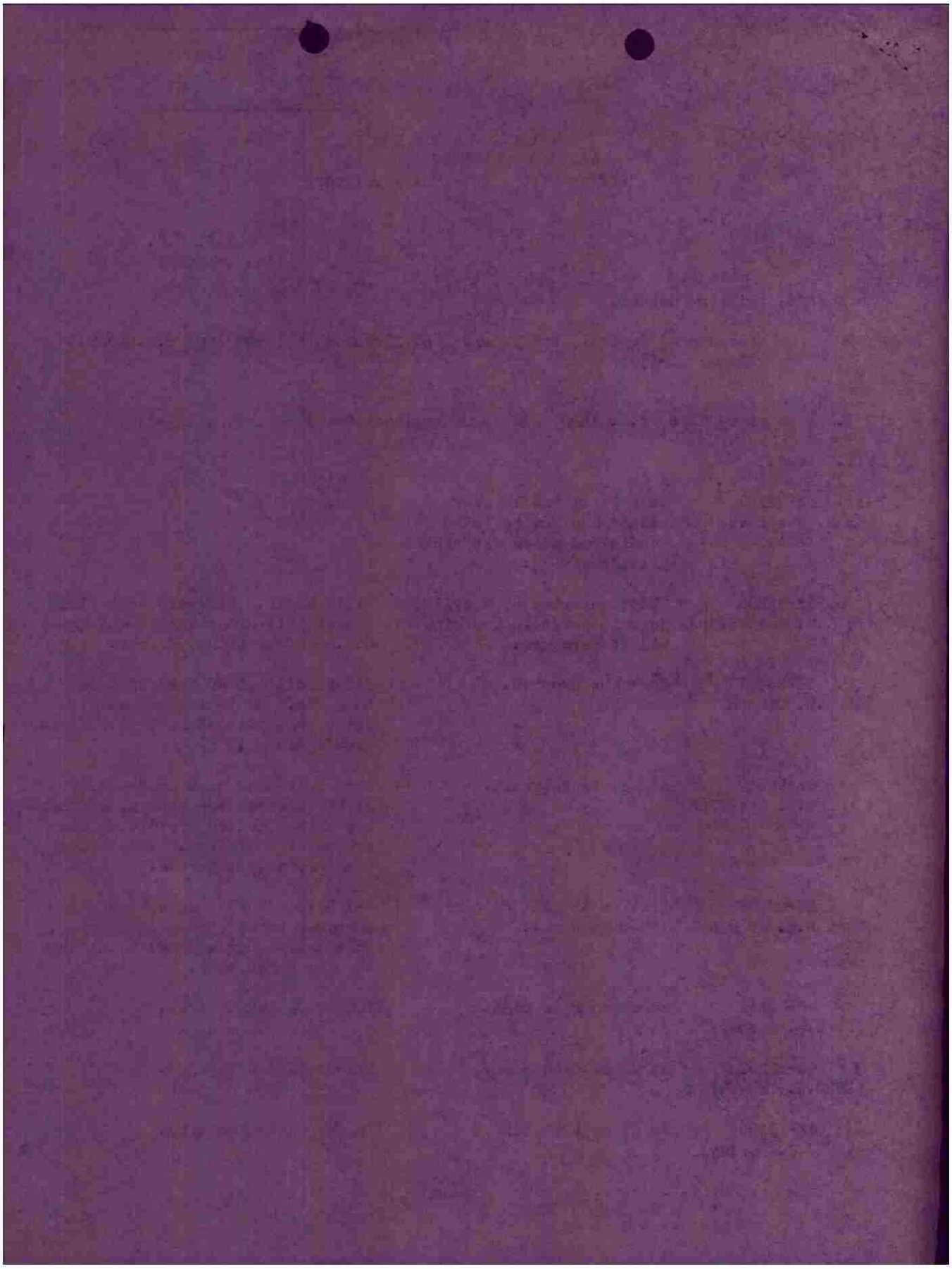
I. 9 February 1945, T.O. 1250, Kempen Communications Center, F.O. 161-739.

II. None.

III. 43-22307 (Lt W. Musgrove)	Lost formation in heavy clouds and severe icing conditions which restricted pilot's vision.	None.
43-22306 (Lt A.S. Nathanson)	Pilot reported high cylinder head temperature and high oil temperature.	Pilot error. Aircraft test flown immediately after return and found O.K. by Operations Officer.
IV. 41-39331 (Lt L.E. Cannon)	No bombs dropped.	Pilot fell out of formation on bomb run. Cause unknown as aircraft crash landed at Y-44. Suspect battle damage.
43-22512 (Capt B.D. Stebbins)	All bombs returned.	The right hand bomb door safety switch plunger was binding against the switch collar preventing the switch from closing. Switch had been properly adjusted.
43-22498 (Capt R.B. Grunley)	Station 4A fell on doors after bomb run.	B-7 bomb shackle had the mating surfaces burred, causing binding. Shackle was new and was being used for the first time.
43-22344 (Lt D.O. Turner)	No attempt to bomb.	Leader failed to drop.
43-22292 (Lt M.W. DuRose)	No attempt to bomb.	Leader failed to drop.
43-22300 (Lt J.J. Farley)	No attempt to bomb.	Leader failed to drop.

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41-39241 (Lt R.K. Johnson)	No attempt to bomb.	Leader failed to drop.
43-22330 (Lt E.C. Turner)	No attempt to bomb.	Leader failed to drop.
41-39286 (F/O J.A. Green)	No attempt to bomb.	Leader failed to drop.
41-39315 (Lt W.D. Chitty)	No attempt to bomb.	Leader failed to drop.
41-39208 (Lt T.E. Graeber)	No attempt to bomb.	Leader failed to drop.
V. 43-22357 (Capt H.W. Borman)	Nose gear collapsed.	Nose gear collapsed. Caused by wrinkle in Pierced planking on fighter strip used as emergency field.

VI.

1 - 4:00 - 600	1 - 3:45 - 725
2 - 3:40 - 650	2 - 4:05 - 650
3 - 4:00 - 610	3 - 3:50 - 820
4 - 4:05 - 560	4 - 3:45 - 675
5 - 4:00 - 680	5 - 3:45 - 645
6 - 4:05 - 630	6 - 3:50 - 725
7 - Landed away from base.	7 - 3:50 - 750
8 - 4:05 - 710	8 - 3:55 - 800
9 - Returned early.	9 - Landed away from base.
10 - Landed away from base.	10 - Landed away from base.
11 - 4:00 - 740	11 - 3:50 - 550
12 - 4:00 - 750	12 - Returned early.
13 - 4:00 - 750	13 - 3:35 - 700
14 - 4:00 - 780	14 - 3:45 - 675
15 - 3:45 - 780	15 - 3:35 - 700
16 - 3:40 - 725	16 - 3:10 - 600
17 - Landed away from base.	17 - Landed away from base.
18 - 3:40 - 715	18 - 3:35 - 750
S - 4:00 - 725	S - 3:35 - 800
W - 3:45 - 800	W - 3:30 - 830
W - Landed away from base.	

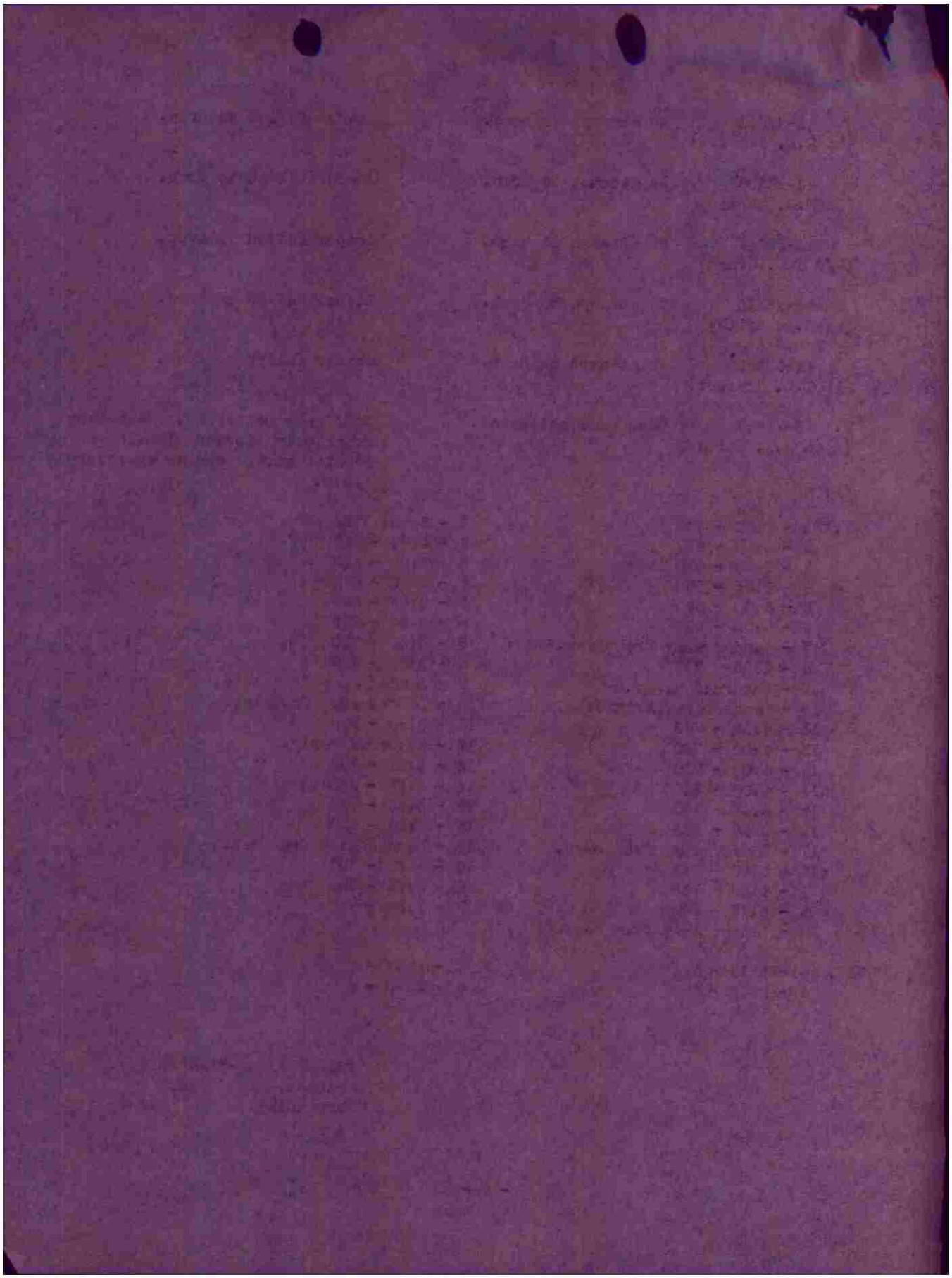
VII. 41-39215 - A
43-22503 - A

41-39239 - A
43-22490 - A

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

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POST MISSION REPORT

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1. NUMBER OF MIG MOUNTED: None

2. BOMBING MALFUNCTIONS:
512 - Stubbins - Pt bomb door safety switch malfunction.
498 - Beesley - Faulty B-7 station Bomb getting on Outboard Bomb Rack.

3. GUNNERY MALFUNCTIONS: None

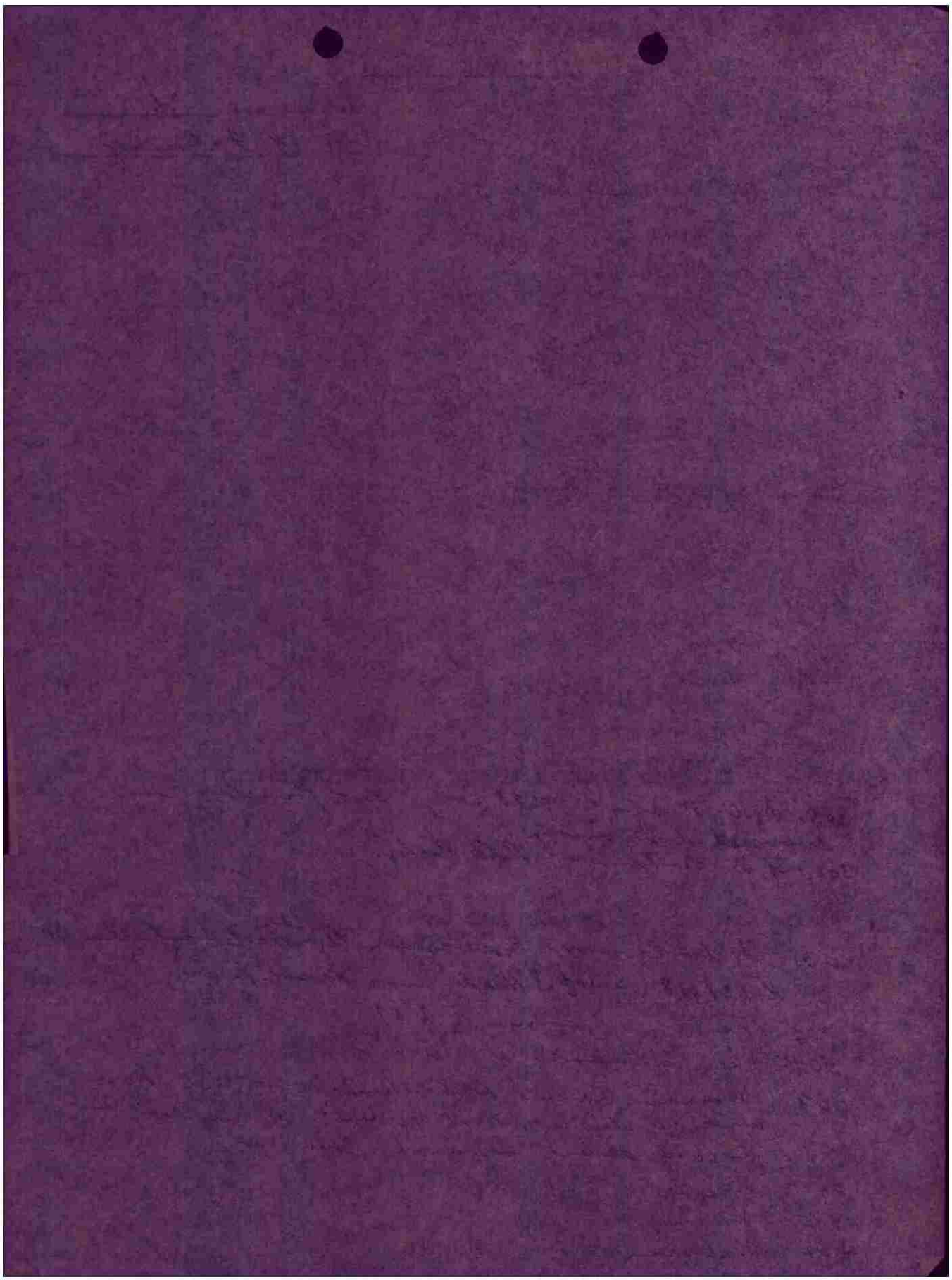
4. BATTLE DAMAGE:
6 cal. "A" - Flak

5. PLANES FAILING TO RECORD AIRBORNE OR RETURNING EARLY:
307 - Sq. C - Musgrave - Rtd Early. Lost formation in overcast due to icing. Rtd Early.
306 - Sq. B - Nathanson - Rtd Early.

6. PLANES LOST OR CRASHING AWAY FROM BASE:
331 - Sq. A - Cannon - Ditched ~~apparently~~ Landed. Crew OK.
K-638618 (5 W of Sittard - near Maas River)
313 - Montrose - Landed at A-89.
507 - Shea - Landed at A-64
337 - Damman - Landed B-75 - shortage of fuel. Have wheel tire blew out. Had 7# ind. of runway and dragged down in mud. Crew OK.
244 - Hayter - A-92
0315 - Bahney - A-64
332 - Wallman - A-64

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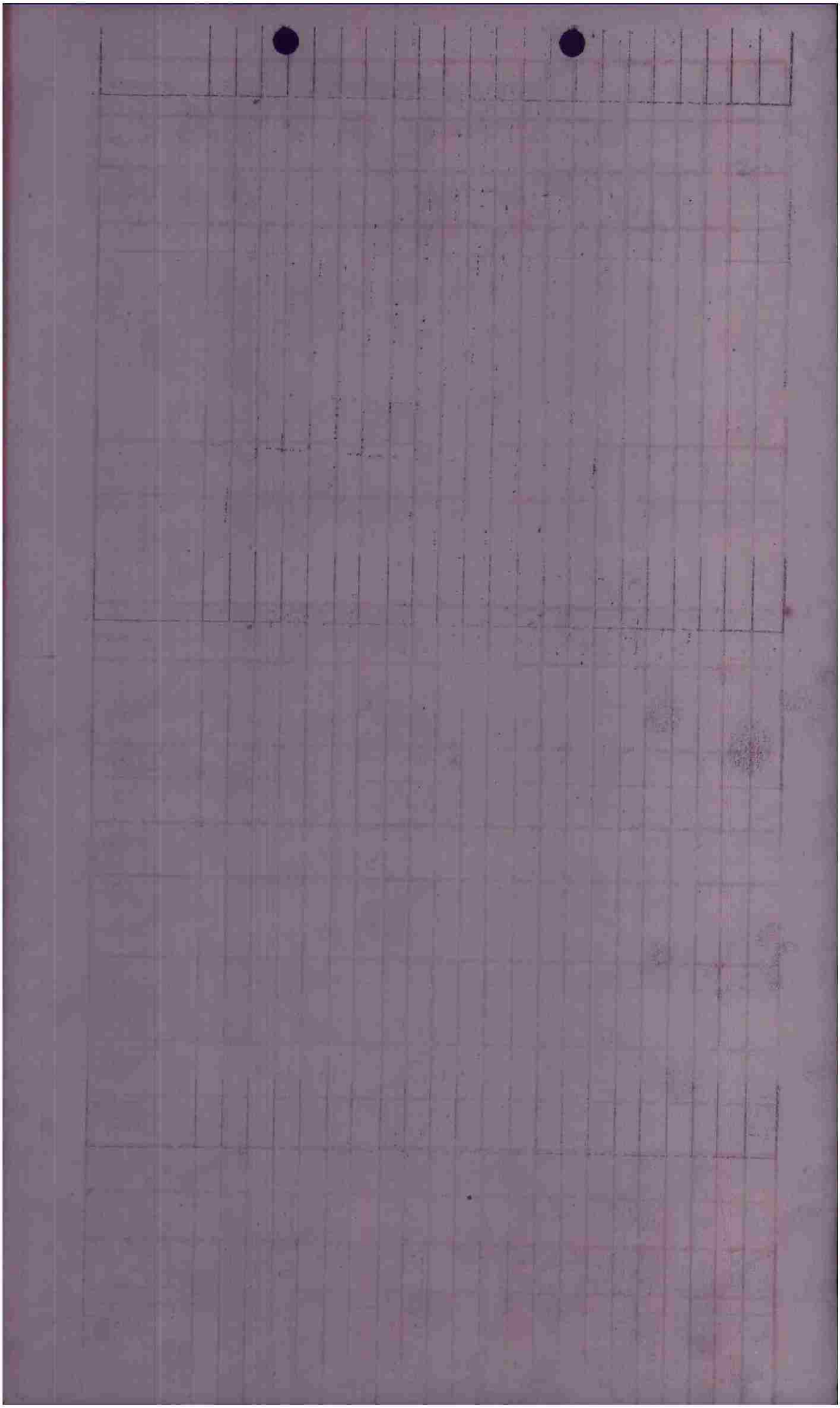
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SQDN	A/C LTR	A/C NO.	PILOT	DISTANCE	TARGET	ATO	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	CAMERA	FUEL LOAD	BOMB LOAD	ENDUR	LAND TIME	REMARKS
B	T	512	Stebbins			1250										1650	4:00
A	R	498	Greenley			1250										1628	3:40
B	C	344	Turner R.O.			1250						X				1650	4:00
B	H	292	DuBose			1250						X				1651	4:05
B	D	300	Varley			1251										1650	4:00
B	F	241	Johnson			1251										1652	4:05
C	Q	507	Shea			1252	Landed at A-64									—	Ferried from base
C	P	330	Turner E.O.			1253										1657	4:05
C	N	307	Musgrave			1254	Ret'd Early - Lost Formation in					Overcast		Dump		1520	Ret'd early Ferried
C	L	2315	Ewing			1254	Landed at A-64					X					4:00
C	D1	286	Green			1254						X				1652	4:00
C	F-1	9315	Chitty			1255										1651	4:00
C	X	503	Brumbley			1255										1653	4:00
C	R-1	215	Ensatheer			1255						X				1655	4:00
C	B	223	Popeney			1255										1640	3:45
C	V	321	Hinkle			1256										1635	3:40
C	O	337	Borman	Landed B-75		1256	Short of Fuel - Lost wheel					Tire	blown out			—	Ferried from base
C	M	205	Bishop			1256						X				1635	3:40
A	L-1	208	Graebler			1257										1654	4:00
								Window									
A	X[2]	490	Connell			1303										1646	3:45
B	5[2]	354	Jordan			1303									1630	1838	3:30
B	I[3]	244	Frayter			1304											Ferried from base

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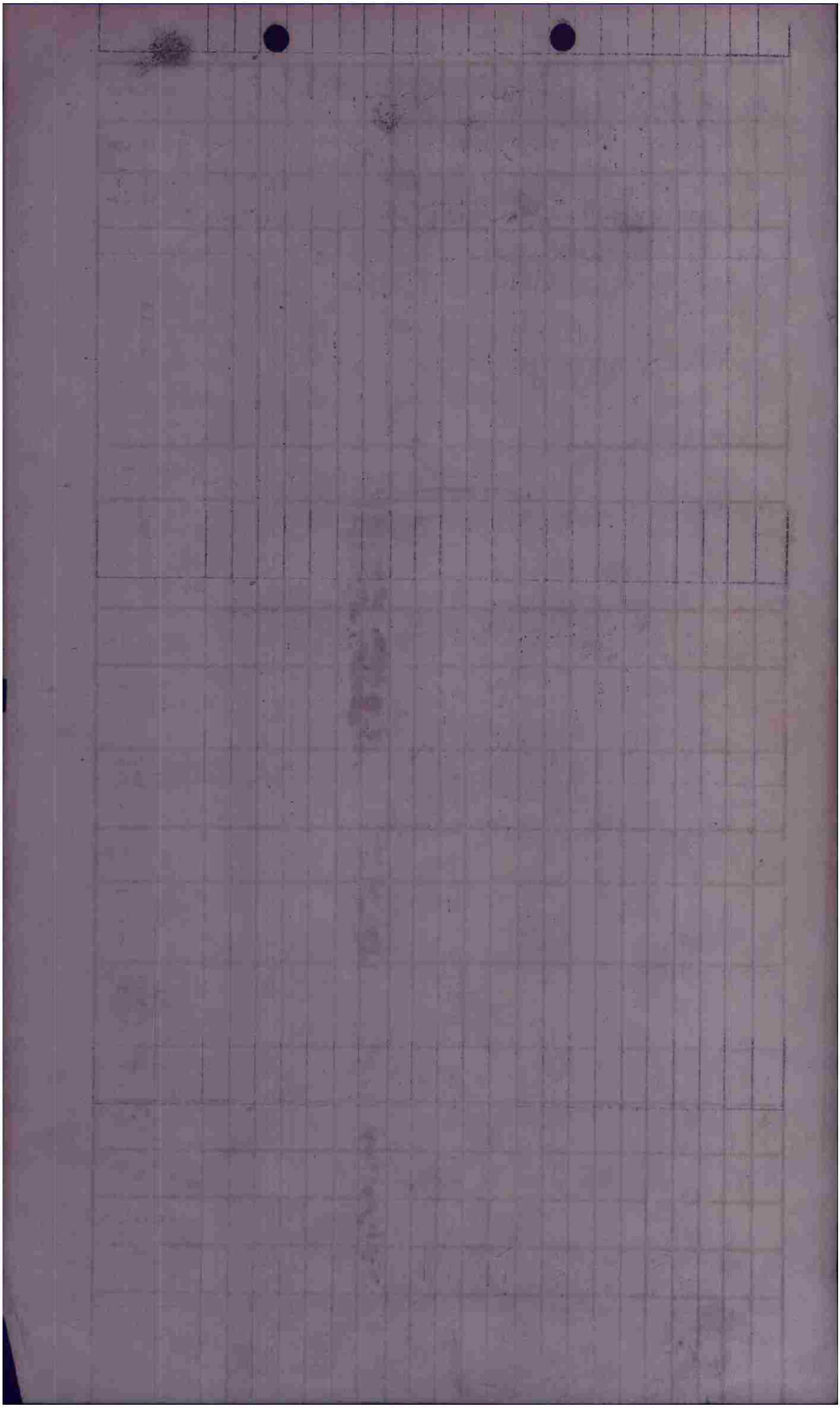
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a	Y	505	Evans			1257										1642	3:45
B	E	492	Miller			1257									1700	1830	4:05
a	W	335	Kenney			1258										1645	3:50
a	S	274	Parker			1258										1643	3:45
a	T	321	Carver			1258						*				1643	3:45
a	X	389	Buchanan			1258						*				1645	3:50
a	N	523	Stanley			1258										1646	3:50
a	Z	508	Chalmers			1259										1651	3:55
a	A	213	Montrose			1259		Landed at A-89								—	~~Landed~~
a	C	331	Canaan			1300	Crash landed at Sittard, Holland.					*				—	~~Landed~~
a	L	290	Hale			1300						*				1647	3:50
B	~~X~~	306	Nathanson			1300	Ret'd Early -									1340	~~Landed~~
D	G	499	Buckish			1301										1634	3:35
D	N-1st	239	Mooney			1301						*				1644	3:45
D	J-1st	352	Sutton			1301										1634	3:35
D	W-3rd	326	Sherman			1302										1609	3:10
D	P-3rd	332	Kallman			1302		Landed A-64									Landed
D	C-1st	356	Sluka			1302						*				1635	3:35
D	A-1st	250	Spivey			1303				~~Landed at A-58~~					1625	1834	3:35

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) INFO COPY
CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (PROV)

416 BG F_____E CONFIDENTIAL 9 FEBRUARY 1945

PATHFINDER LEAD SATISFACTORY WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS. ERROR IN NAVIGATION RESULTING IN OVER RUNNING OF TURNING POINT, CAUSED FORMATION TO BE THREE MINUTES LATE AT IP. ON THE BOMB RUN PATHFINDER AIRCRAFT PULLED SHARPLY TO THE RIGHT AND GAVE NO VISUAL OR RADIO SIGNAL THAT HE INTENDED TO ABANDON MISSION. SOP FOR ABANDONING MISSION SPECIFIES TURNING LIGHTS ON AND PULLING SHARPLY UP AND TO THE LEFT. ON TURN OFF BOMB RUN PATHFINDER AIRCRAFT LED FORMATION DIRECTLY THROUGH B-26 FORMATION.

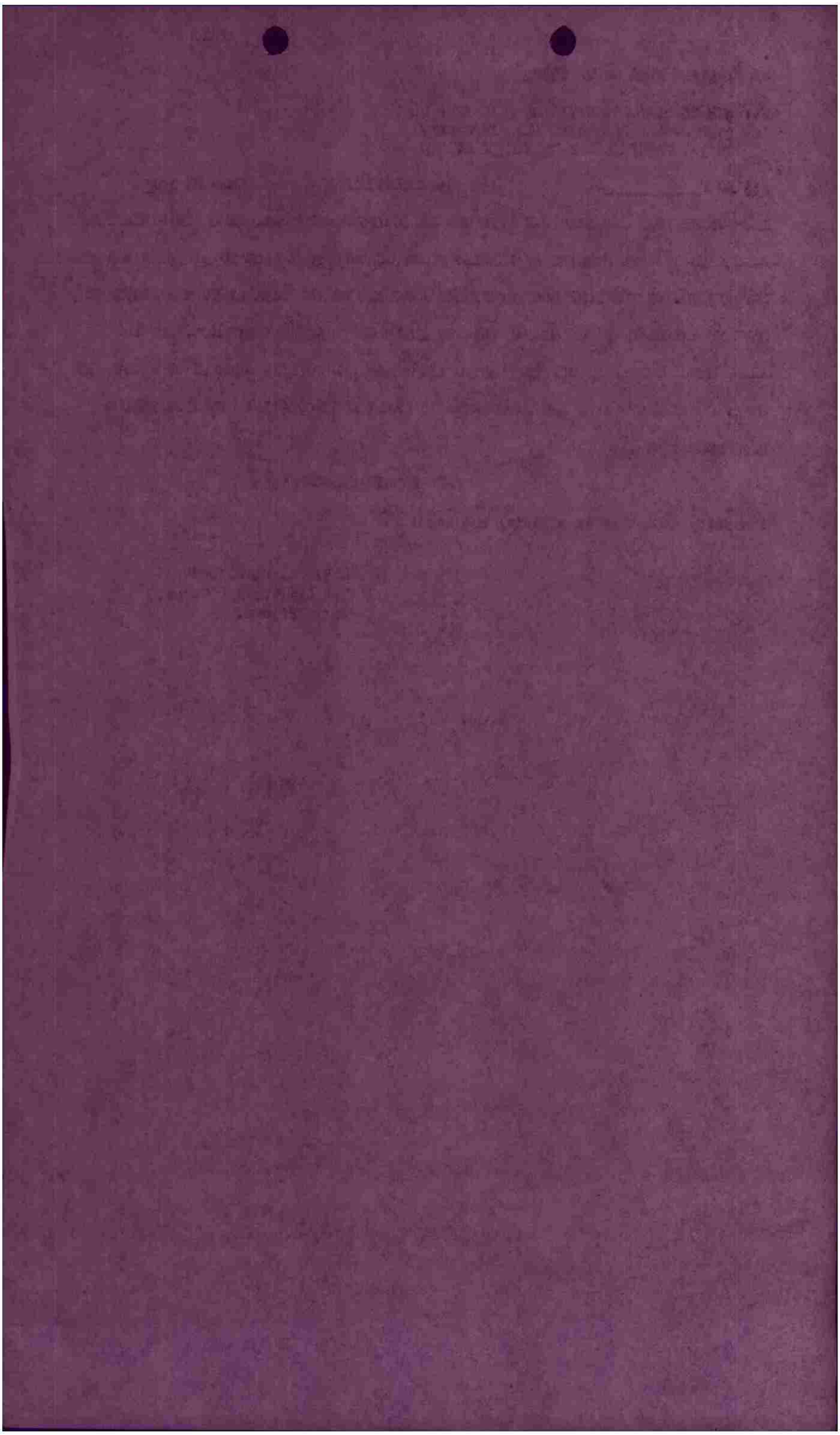
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DAVID L. WITHINGTON,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING Ø9/Ø613A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGR 4Ø9
COBOMGR 41Ø
COBOMGR 416
1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV)

Dist
S-2
S-3
S-9.

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 14Ø
Ø9 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 41ØTH BOMB GROUP TARGET.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

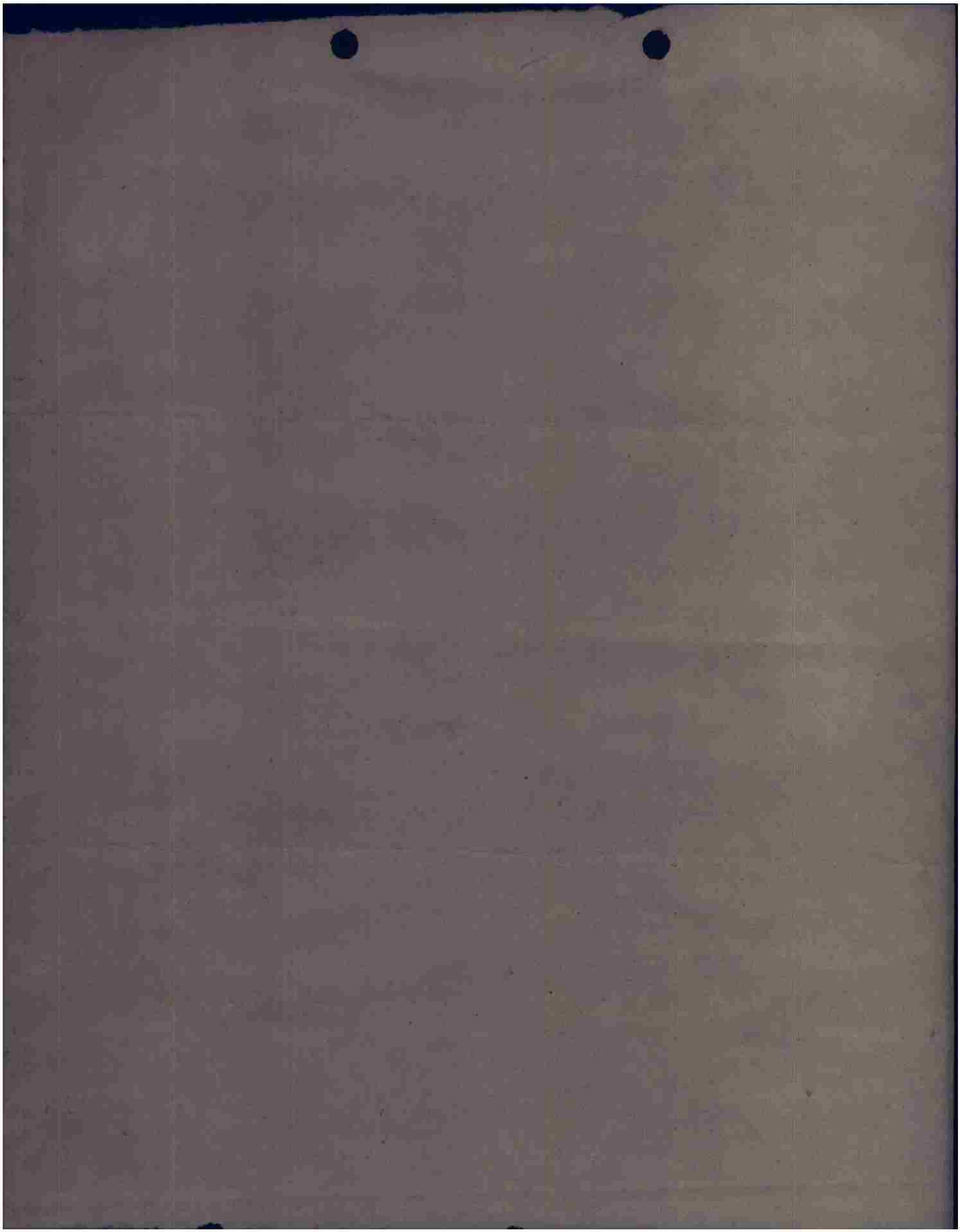
ZERO HOUR: Ø9/11ØØA

3. A. 4Ø9TH BOMB GROUP
(12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR

B. 41ØTH BOMB GROUP
(1) RHEYDT MARSHALLING YARD (F-Ø91850)
(2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 1 PPF A/C.
(3) WITH PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
(4) BASE TO 51Ø6N Ø514E TO 5113N Ø531E TO TARGET.
(5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 5Ø38N Ø6Ø6E TO BASE.
(6) BOMB AT 13,5ØØ FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IN EVENT OF VISUAL BOMBING IS 5,ØØØ FEET. DROP 1,ØØØ FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
(9) M.P.I. - MAP SERIES GSGS 4414, SHEET NO. 48Ø4, ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID COORD: Ø83838, Ø8428404, Ø8608428, Ø8738449, Ø89847, Ø9Ø38491; TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS.
GRID COORDS: Ø8608428 AND Ø89847 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES.
PPF M.P.I. - GRID COORD Ø9258935.
(1Ø) 6 X 5ØØ G.P. - FUSED: 1/1Ø SEC. NOSE, 1/4Ø SEC. TAIL. 25 PER CENT TO BE FUSED WITH LONG DELAY UP TO 12 HOURS.
(12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 4Ø 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-2Ø 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 5Ø58N Ø6Ø6E 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 5Ø58N Ø6Ø6E TO BOMB VISUALLY. IF

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TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
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 0450E 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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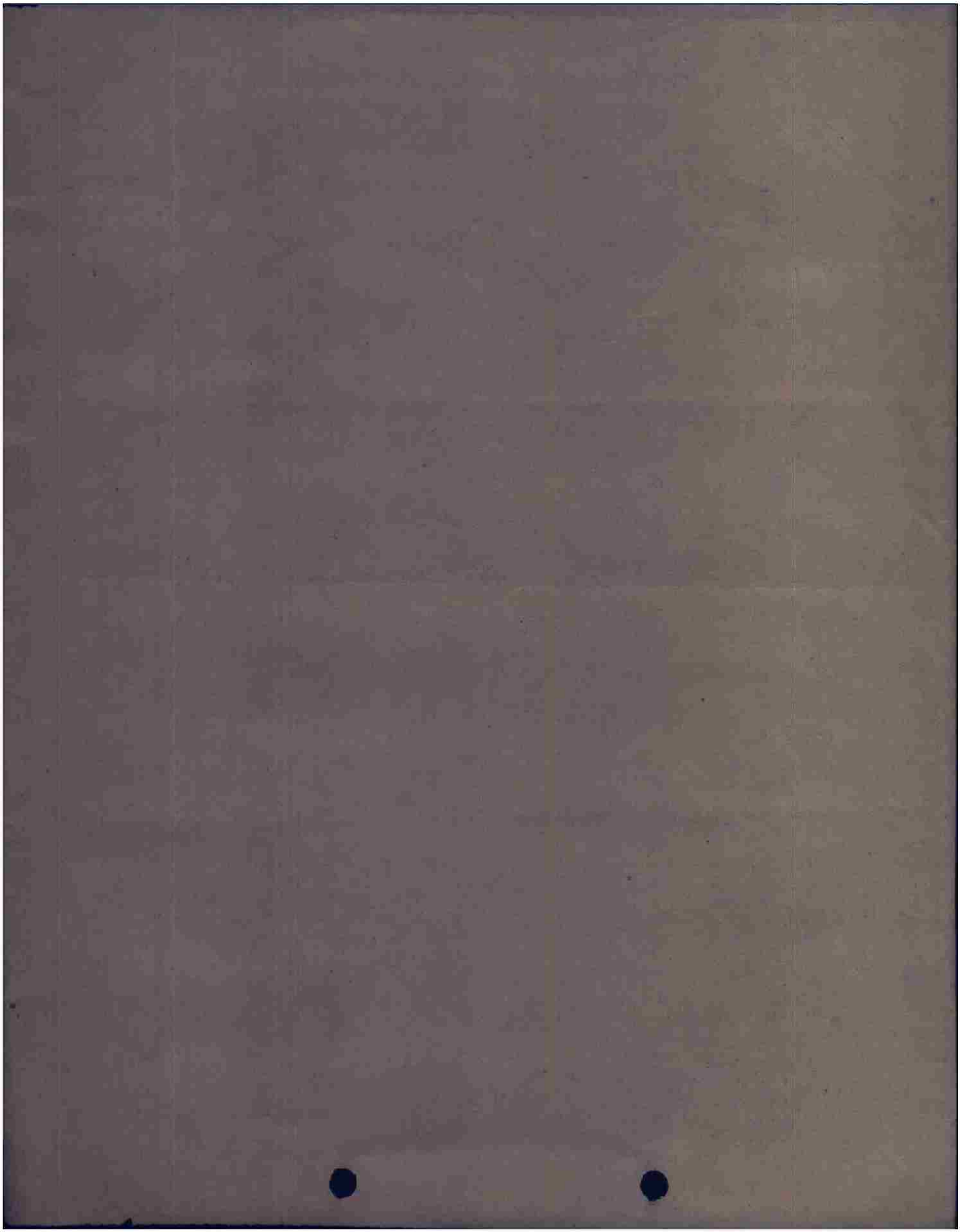
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING Ø9/113ØA
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 4Ø9
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COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 14Ø
Ø9 FEBRUARY 1945

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER 161-739.

CHANGE ZERO HOUR ON PLAN "B" TO READ: Ø9/143ØA

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

3. B. (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 5Ø58N Ø6Ø6E TO BASE.

3. B. (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 48Ø4, ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD. Ø83838, Ø8428404, Ø8608428, Ø8738449, Ø89847 AND Ø9Ø38491, TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS.
GRID. COORD. Ø8608428 AND Ø89847 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES.
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ADD PARAGRAPH 3. X. (14) ON PLAN "B"

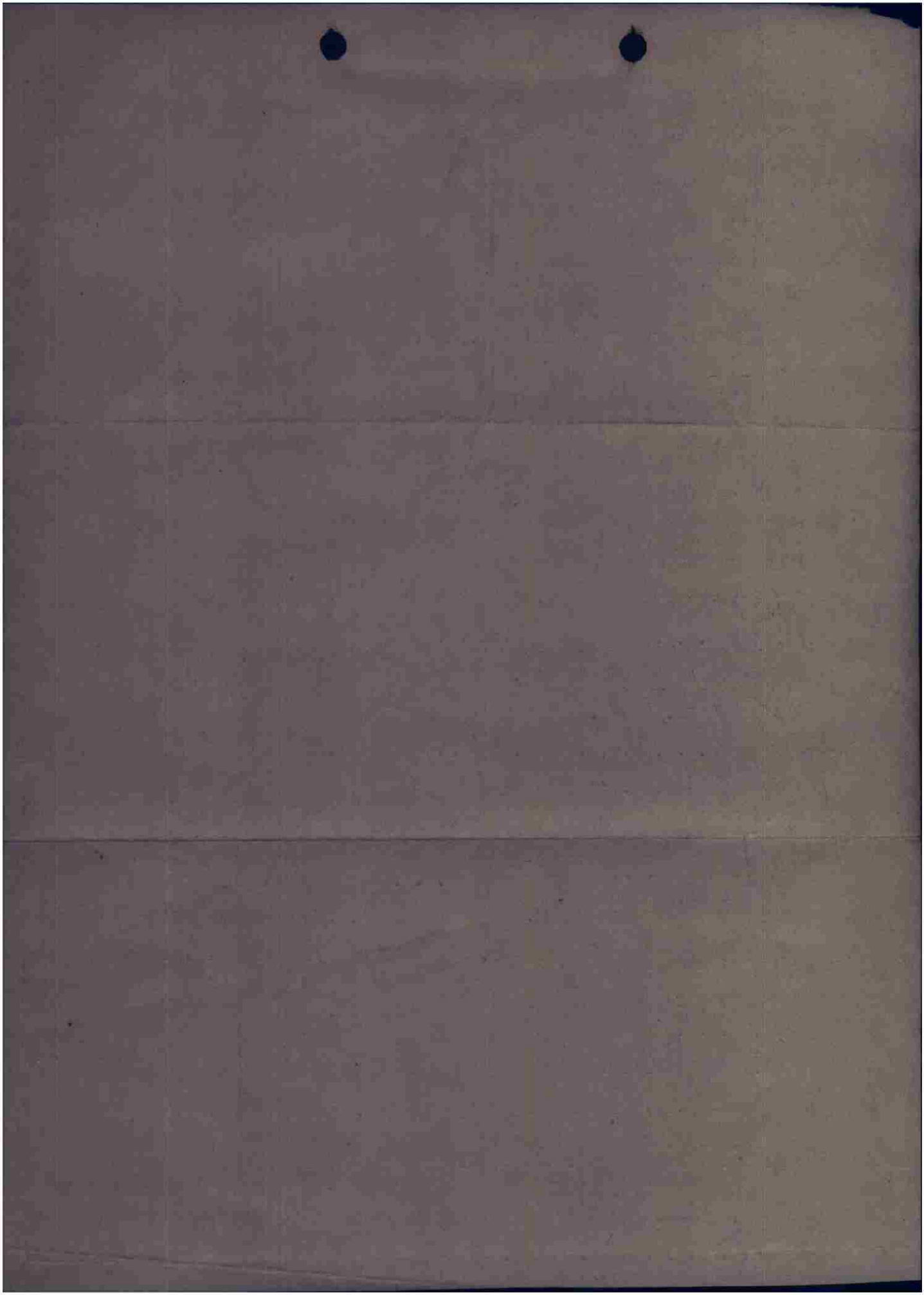
(14) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBLITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING VISUALLY, GROUPS WILL BOMB BY FLIGHTS IF WEATHER PERMITS AND WILL USE 5123N Ø61ØE 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 Ø61ØE TO BOMB VISUALLY.
IF 1Ø/1Ø 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 46Ø4 ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD. Ø8290799, Ø841Ø8Ø1, Ø816Ø815, Ø842Ø815, Ø868Ø818, Ø82ØØ85Ø. TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS.
GRID. COORD. Ø8350815 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES.
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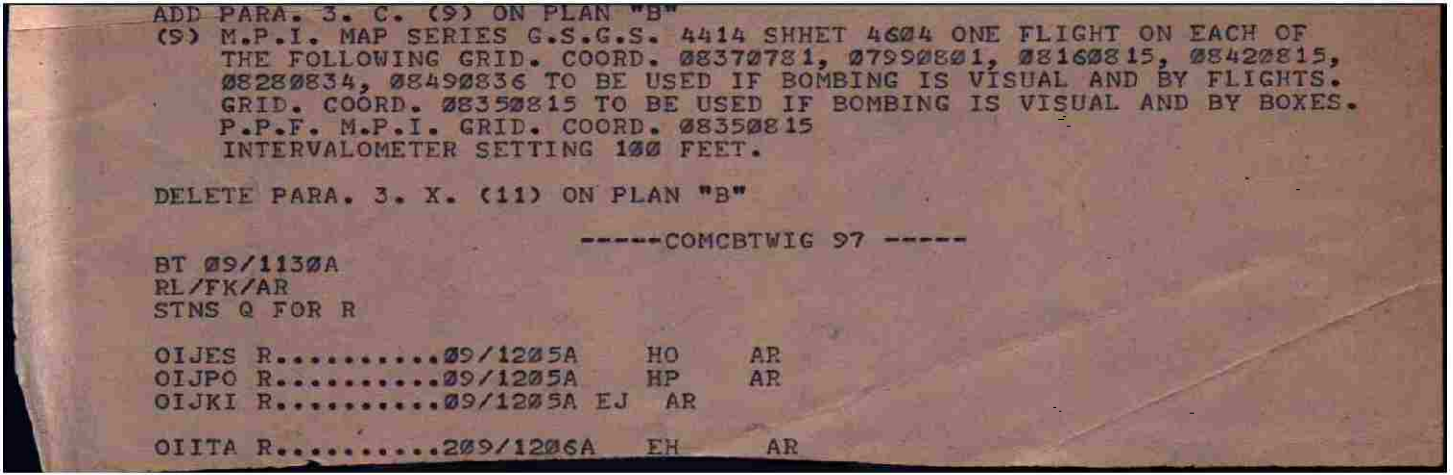
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(9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414 SHHET 4604 ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD. 08370781, 07990801, 08160815, 08420815, 08280834, 08490836 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS. GRID. COORD. 08350815 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES. P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID. COORD. 08350815 INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.

DELETE PARA. 3. X. (11) ON PLAN "B"

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TO : CO 409TH, 416TH BOMB GROUPS

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
09 FEBRUARY 1945

F-76-E

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-2834/0815. 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 0-1

PHOTO COVER.
SORTIE 400/1502 PRINTS 3107,8,9 AND 4107,8,9
5106E/4608A

4. TARGET IS ADOUT TWELVE MILES EAST OF BOMBLINE

5. FLAK: SEE PLOTTED POSITIONS.

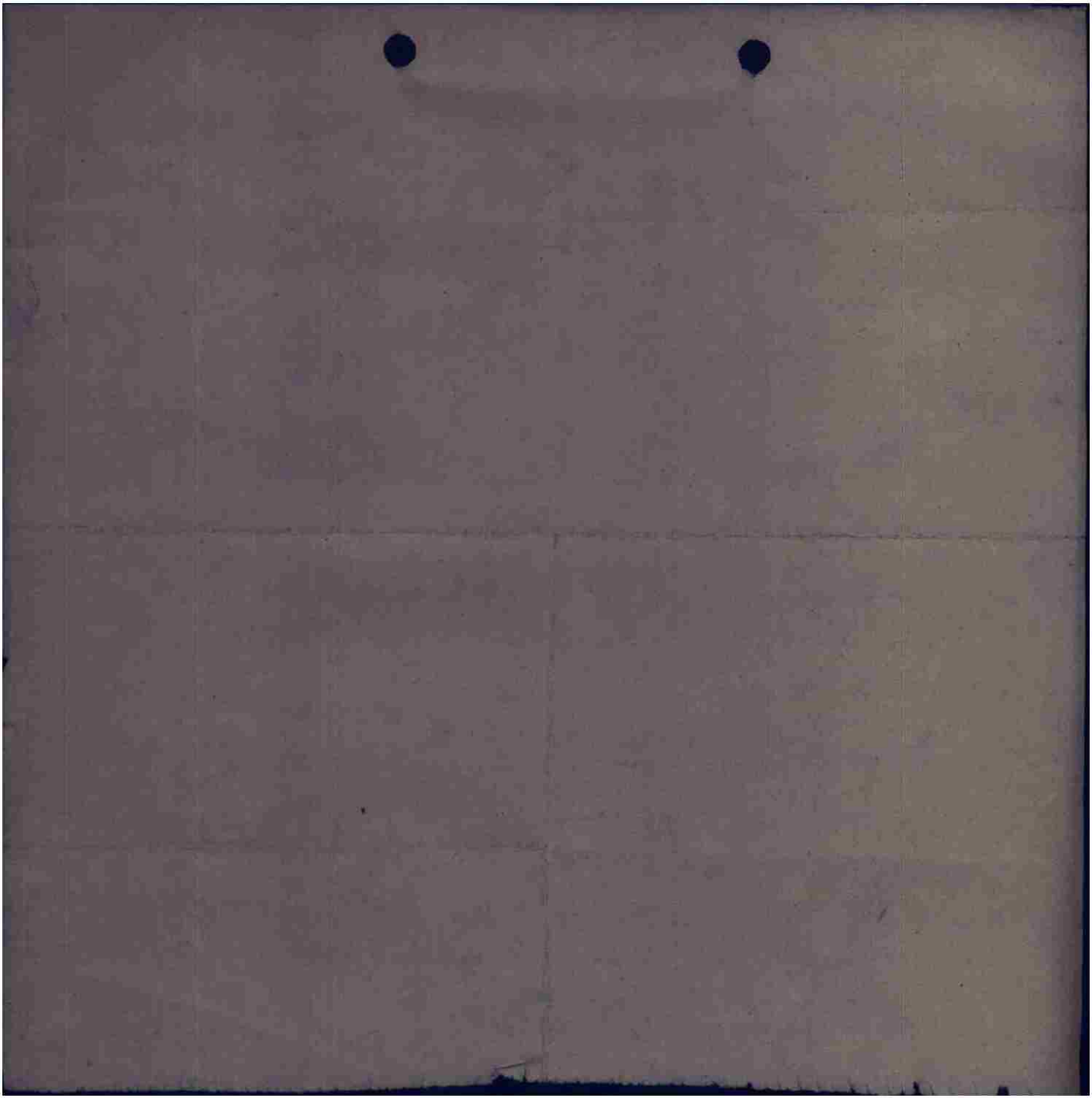
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FROM 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) 092100A
TO CG 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION ATT: A-2
CG 97TH COMBAT WING ATT: A-2
SECRET QQCX BT
F-151-D OPFLASH FOR 9 FEBRUARY 1945.

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~~
~~12~~ A/C DROPPED ON ETA IN AREA OF GRID COORDINATES ~~V-710304~~. SCHERFEDE
1 A/C JOINED B-26 FORMATION AND BOMBED UNKNOWN TARGET WITH IT.
E. 1 A/C LEADER OF BOX ONE DID NOT DROP ON PPF RUN BECAUSE PPF A/C DID NOT DROP. BOX LEADER THEN MADE GEE RUN BUT DID NOT DROP DUE TO MALFUNCTION OF BOMB RELEASE MECHANISM.
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. SCHERFEDE
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~~. SCHERFEDE
~~12~~ X 1000 GP ON ~~LICHPENAU~~.
MX 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.
L. 12,500
M. 1503 AT V-710304.
X. NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO CALL FIXING FACILITIES BECAUSE PPF A/C WAS TO DO SO.

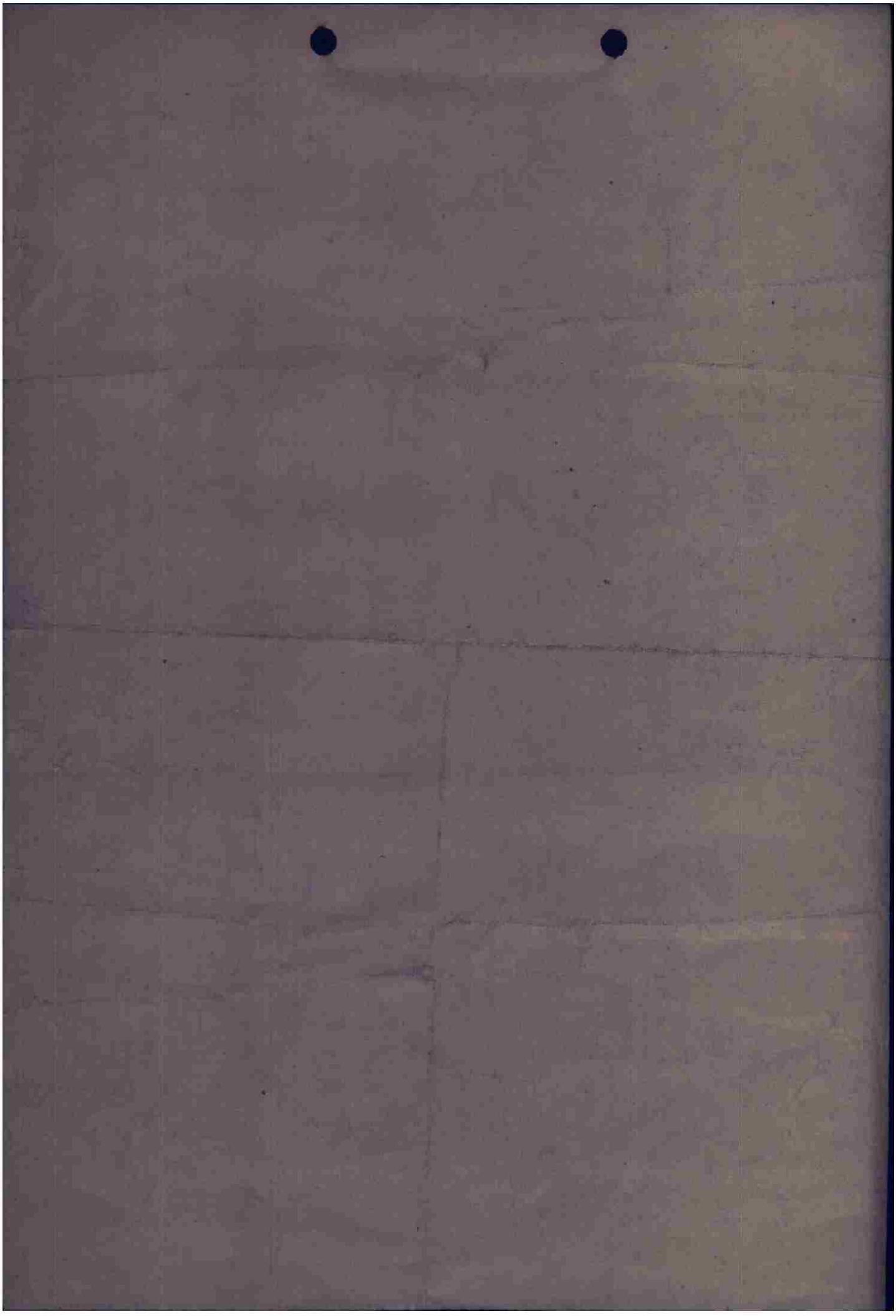
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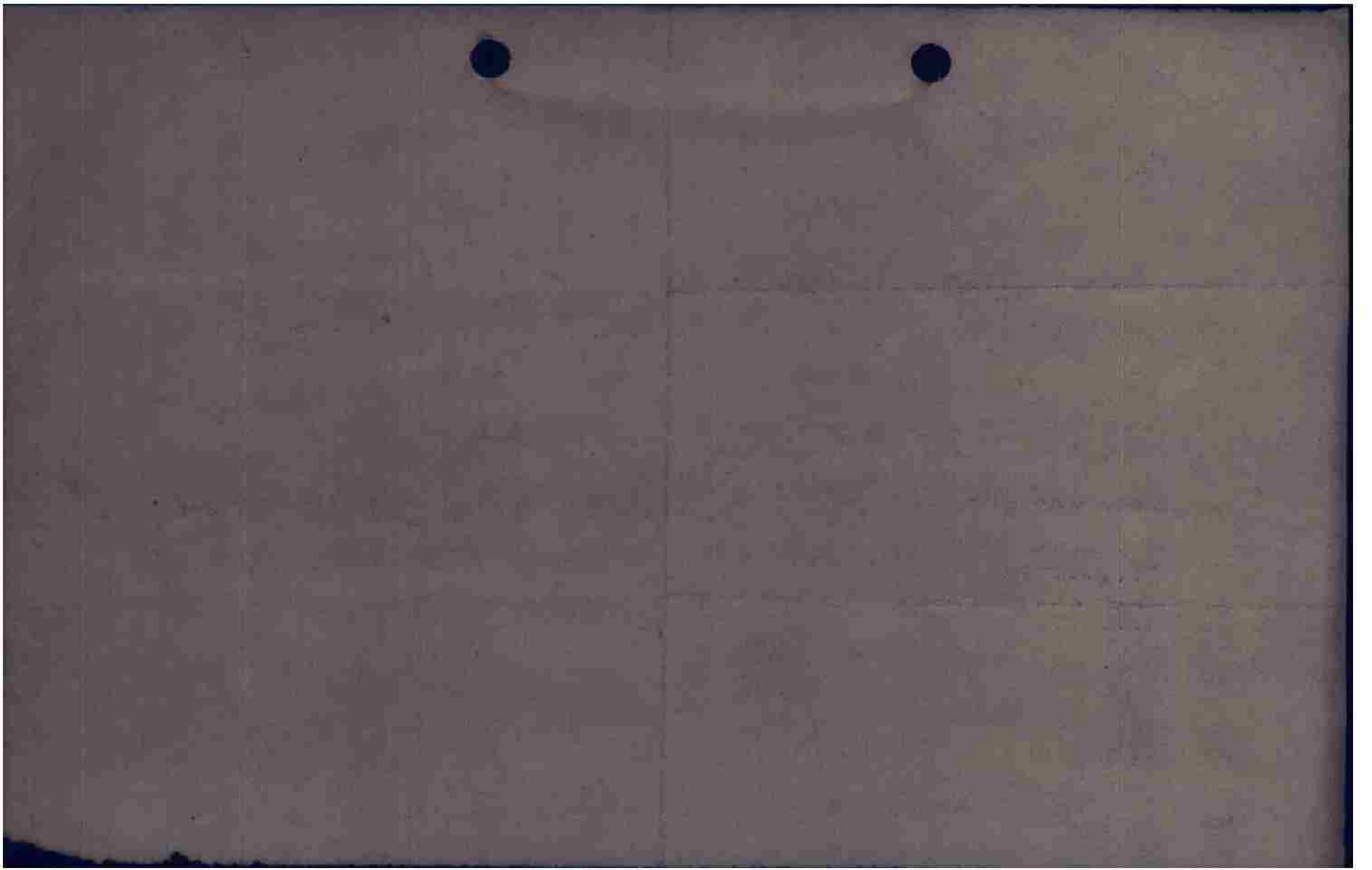
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TO 9TH BOMB DIVISION (M) ATT: A-2 P.I.
97TH COMBAT WING (L) ATT: STAFF DUTY OFFICER.
SECRET QQX BT
F-148-D

B. KEMPEN
J. NO STRIKE PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

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TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: COM. OFFICER
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416BG F-149-J

A. YS - 29
B. XXXXXX XXXXX 9 FEBRUARY 1945 (1256-1553)
C. Y-YOKE AND T-TARE CONTACTED SWEEPSTAKES ON CHANNEL 'B' BUT WERE UNABLE TO CONTACT PARADE. BOTH LEADERS WXXXXXX MADE NUMEROUS XXXXXX ATTEMPTS DURING RETURN TRIP FROM BOMB LINE TO BASE BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS.

D. INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE AS TO SUCCESSFUL CONTACT OF F.G.C. BY PPF AIRCRAFT.
E. NONE
F. NONE
G. NONE
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. NONE

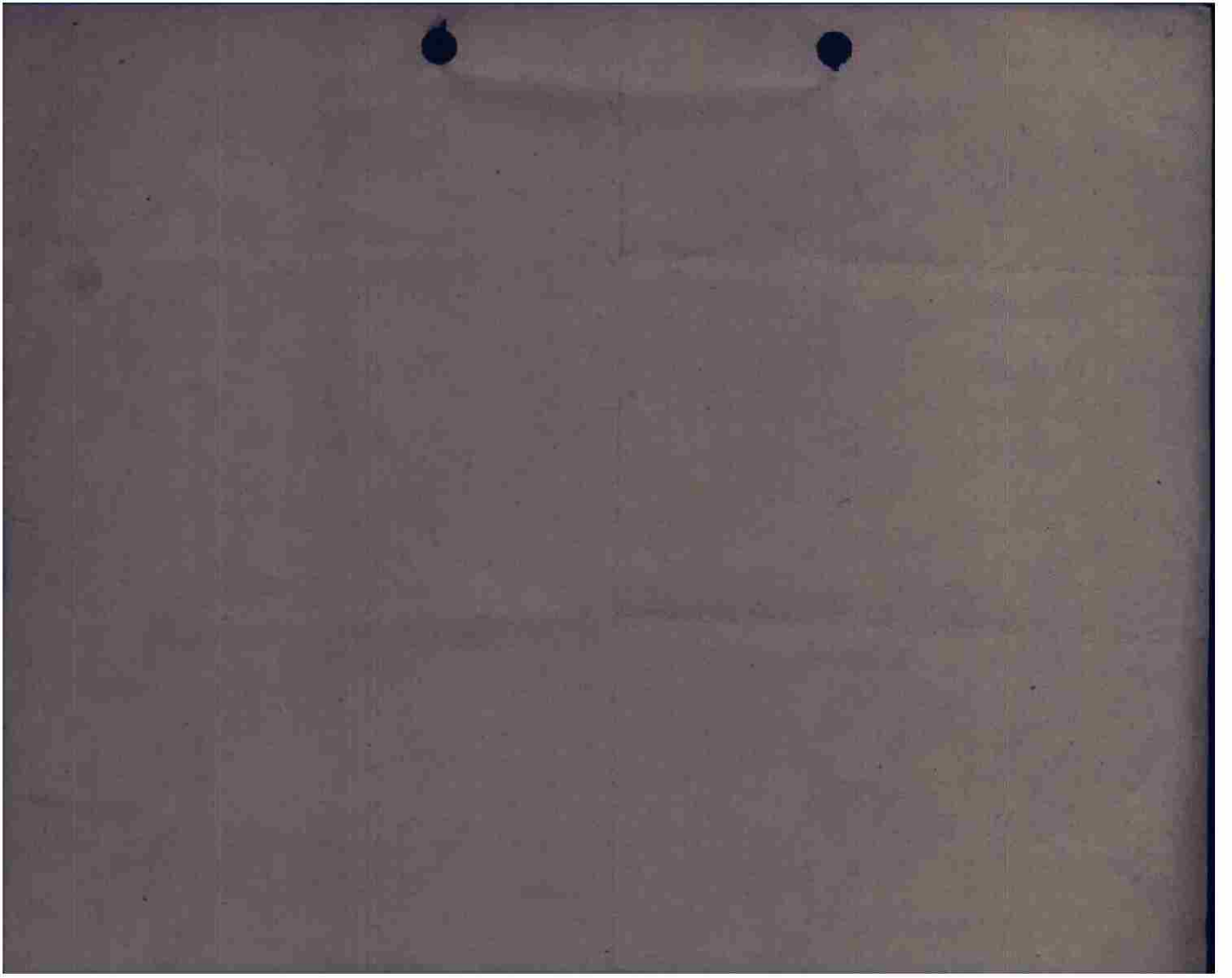
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ENTACT THE SQ WHETHER THEY CAN
PPF A/C OR NOT. IF
BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUP WNDWUNCMNB BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES AND
USE 5143N 0723E AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES
THE TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
A. PPF
B. GROUP "GEE"
C. TARGET E.T.A.
(14) GROUP WILL SELECT A SECONDARY TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH
IX BOM. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45)

L. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
(1) GREVENBROICH MARSHALLING YARD (F-191780)
(2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C WITH 1 PPF A/C.
(3) WITH PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
(4) BASE TO 5059N 0504E TO 5112N 0545E TT TARGET.
(5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO 5104N 0619E TO 5057N 0607E TO BASE.
(6) BOMB AT 13,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IN EVENT OF VISUAL
BOMBING IS 5,000 FEET.
(9) M.P.I. - MAP SERIES G.S.G.S 4414, SHEET 4905 GRID.
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~~GRIDS~~. 19027774, 19087795, 19157817, 19057785, 19127805,
19207827 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS.
GRID. COORD. 19057785 AND 19157817 TO BE USED IF BOMBING
IS VISUAL AND BR BOXES.
PPF M.P.I. - GRID. COORD: 191780
(10) 6 X 500 G.P. - FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL
(12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR.
(13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST, BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL
MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOML 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 IS VISUAL, GROUP WILL BOOB BY GLIGHTS OR BOXES
AND WILL USE 5104N 0619E AS VISUAL I.P.
IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE
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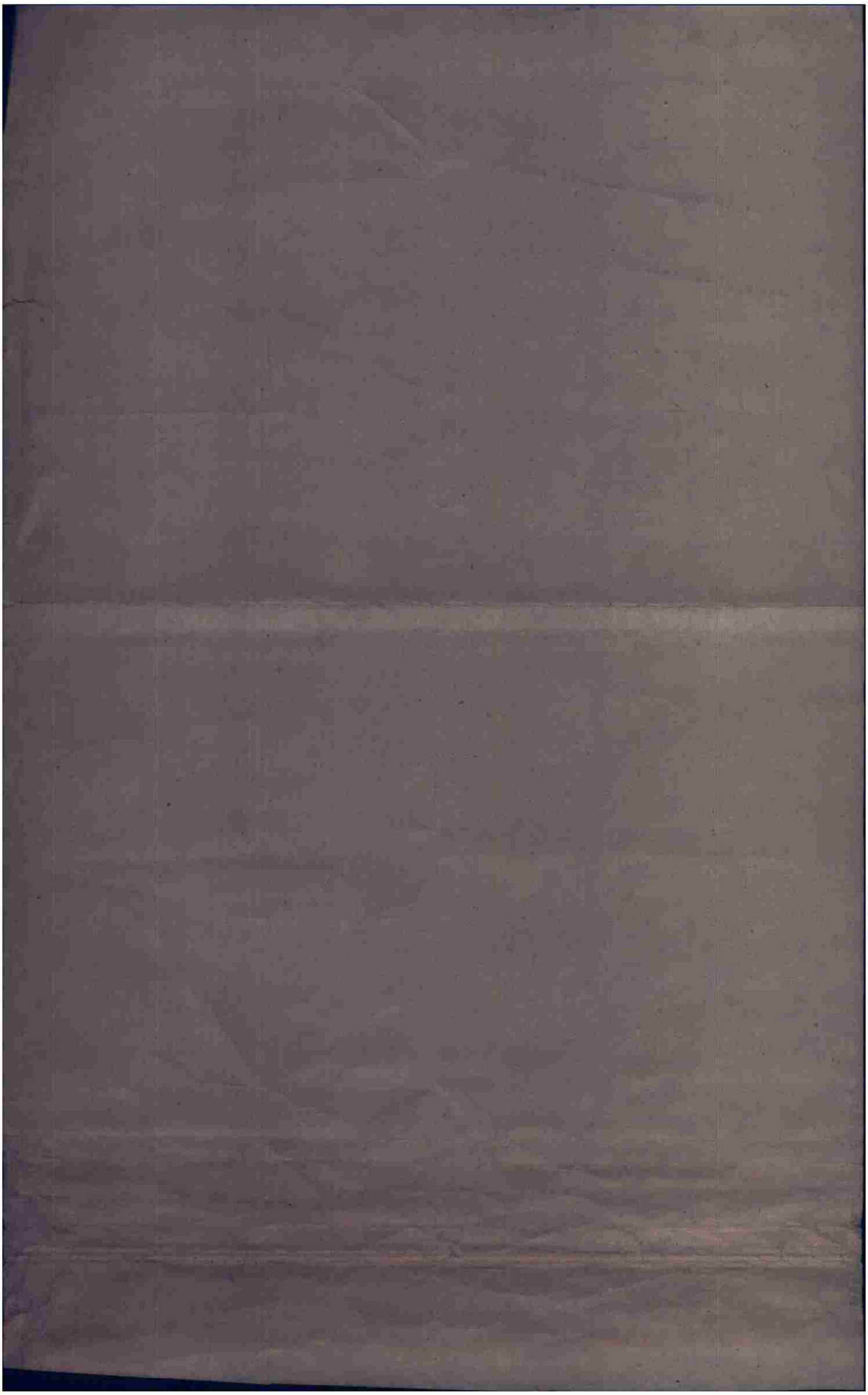
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A. PPF
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(14) GROUP WILL SELECT SECONDARY TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH
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C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
(1) MECHERNICH REPAIR DEPOT (F-223210)
(2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C WITH 1 PPF A/C.
(3) WITH PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
(4) BASE TO 5037N 0535N TO 5043N 0551E TO TARGET.
(5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 5034N 0613E TO BASE.
(6) BOMB AT 13,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IN EVENT OF VISUAL
BOMBING WILL BE 5,000 FEET.
(9) M.P.I. - MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414, SHEET 5405. GRID.
COORD. 223210 TO BE USED IN EVENT OF VISUAL BOMBING BY
FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
PPF M.P.I. - GRID. COORD. 223210.
(10) 8 X 500 G.P. - FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
(12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR
(13) IF MISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST, 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 IS VISUAL, GROUP WILL BOMB BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES
AND WILL USE 5034N 0613E AS VISUAL I.P.
IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB ON PPF
A/C G.E.E. IF PPF A/C FAILS TO BOMB, BOMB WITH
AN ALTERNATE TARGET SELECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOM.
DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45).

X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE
(5) 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS WILL TAKE OFF AT LEAST 15 MINUTES
APART. TAKE OFF TIMES WILL COORDINATED THROUGH WING
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4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

PLAN "A"

A. 489TH BOMB GROUP (Ø19253)
(2) CIRCLE
(4) ROSELEE

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (191780)
"-412Ø 178CKSTART
(4) ROSELEE
(11) GROUP LEADER WILL CALL "EXCLAIM" ON C/C 15 MIN PRIOR TO TROOPLINE REPORTING TIME AHEAD OR BEHIND SCHEDULE. HE WILL ALSO REPORT TO "EXCLAIM" WHEN LEAVING TARGET.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (223210)
(2) SHAVING
(4) SWEEPSTAKES
(11) GROUP LEADER WILL CALL "WELLFED" ON C/C 15 MIN. PRIOR TO TROOPLINE REPORTING TIME AHEAD OR BEHIND SCHEDULE.

PLAN "B"

A. 489TH BOMB GROUP (966298)
(2) PEDLAR
(3) SLEEPY
(4) SWEEPSTAKES

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (191780)
(2) LIFEGUARD
(4) ROSELEE
(11) GROUP LEADER WILL CALL CHASEFARM ON C/C 15 MIN PRIOR TO TROOPLINE REPORTING TIME AHEAD OR BEHIND SCHEDULE.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
(2) GOLDWAY
(4) SWEEPSTAKES
FKQQL GROUP LEADER WILL CALL AS IN PLAN "A"

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(12. GENERAL INFORMATION.
(11) WHEN REPORTING TO F.C.C. AND TO COUNTER BATTERY STATIONS, IT IS THE GROUP LEADERS RESPONSIBILITY WHEN MISSION IS VISUAL AND WHEN BLIND IT IS THE P.P.F. AIRCRAFTS RESPONSIBILITY.(

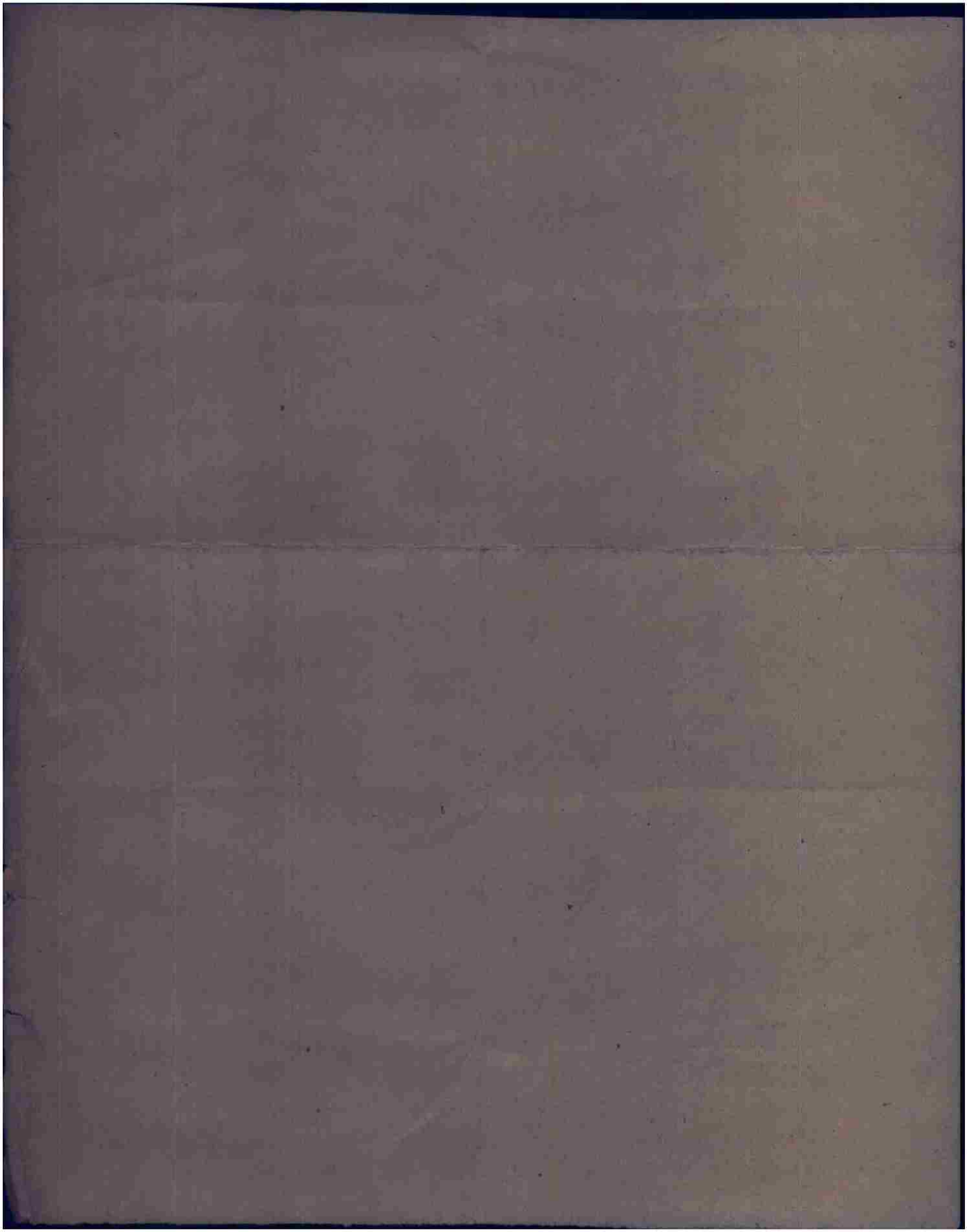
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