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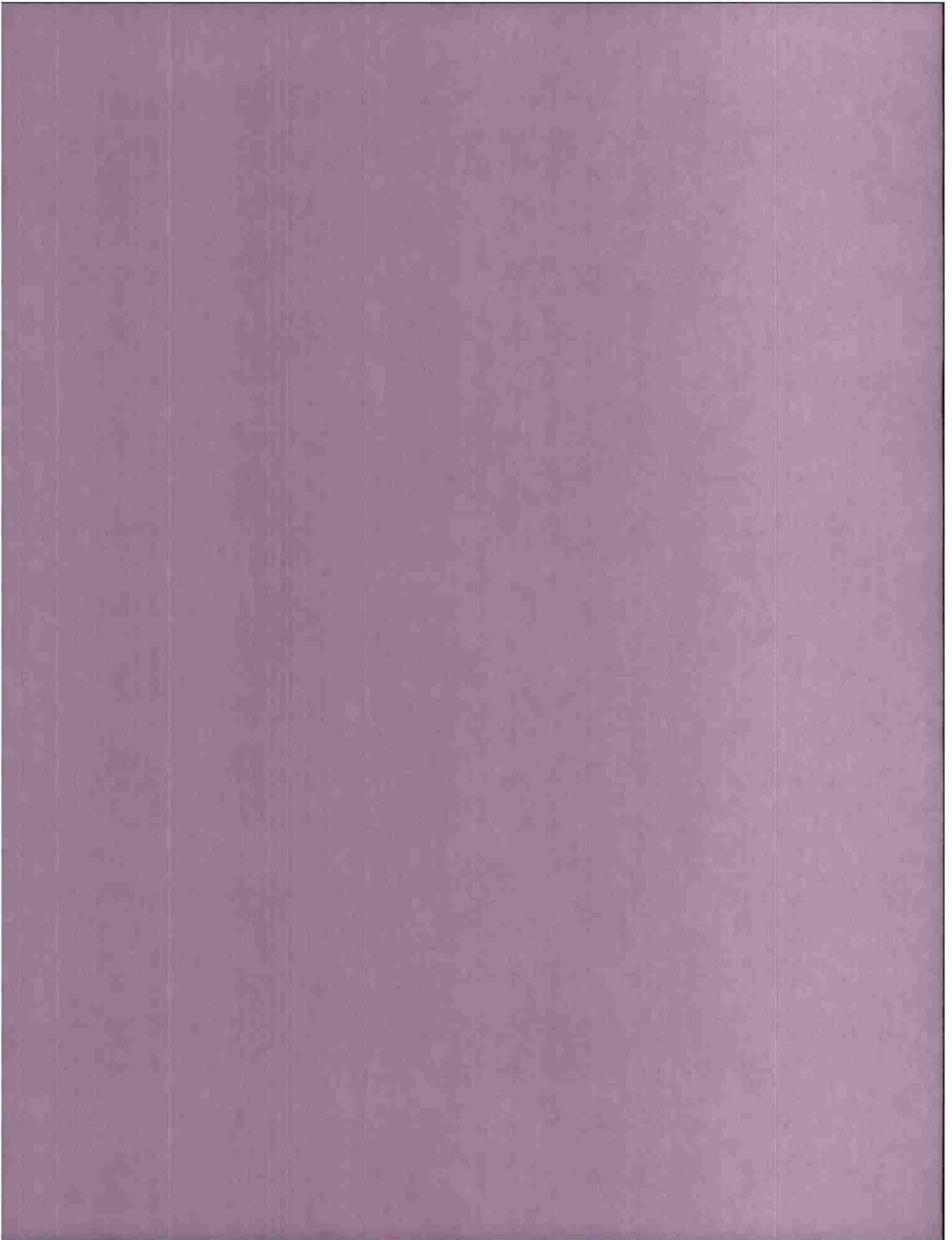
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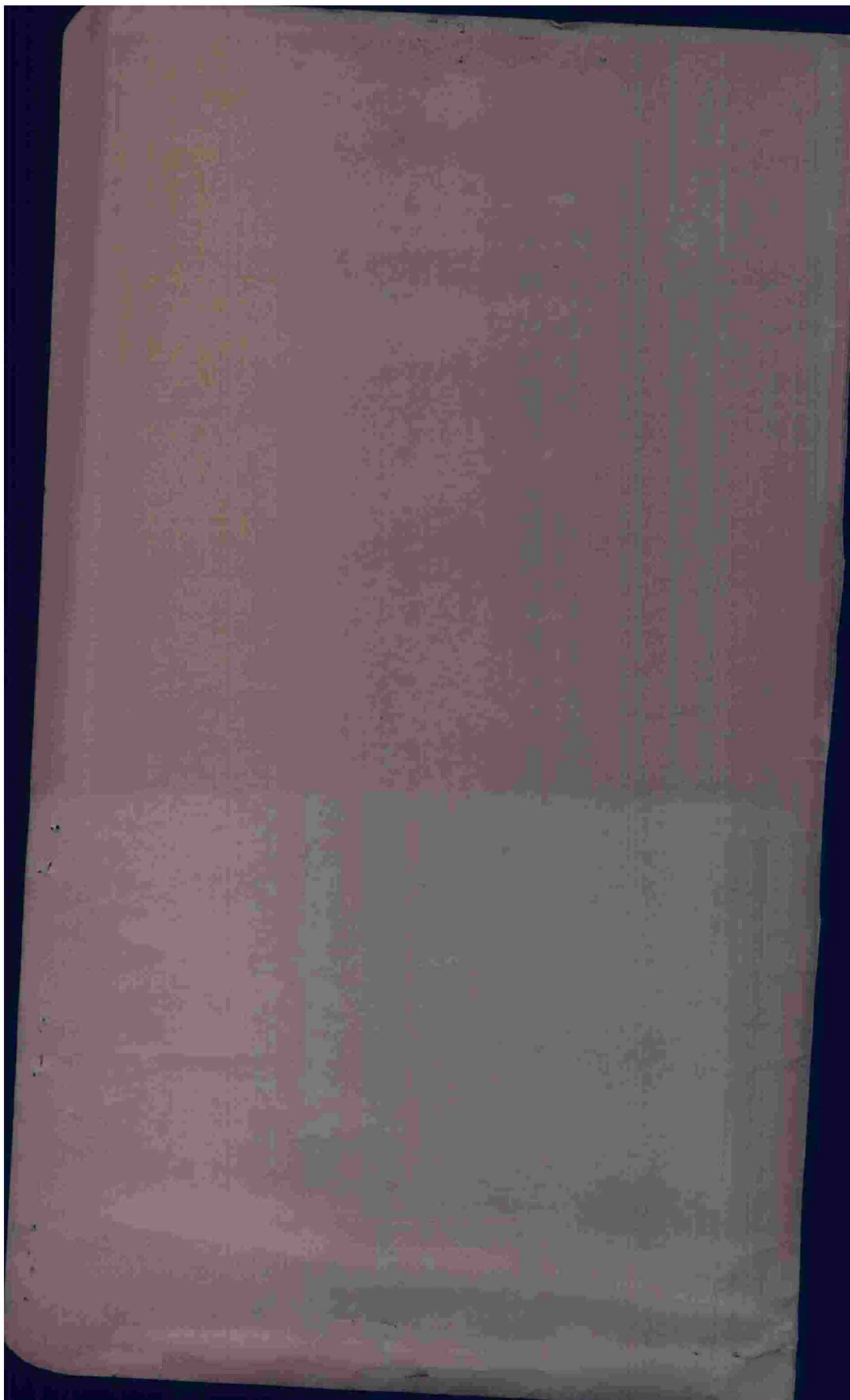
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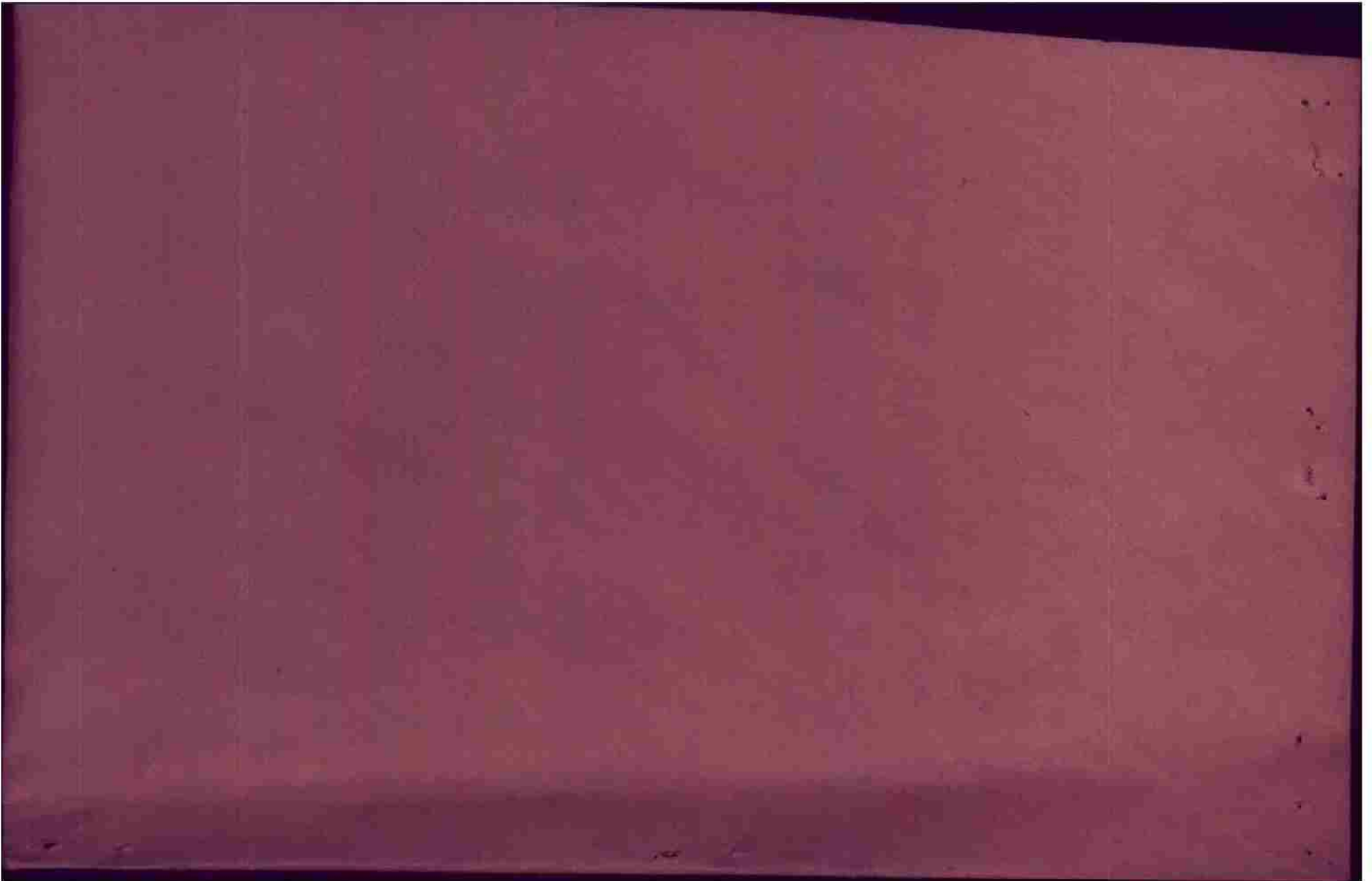


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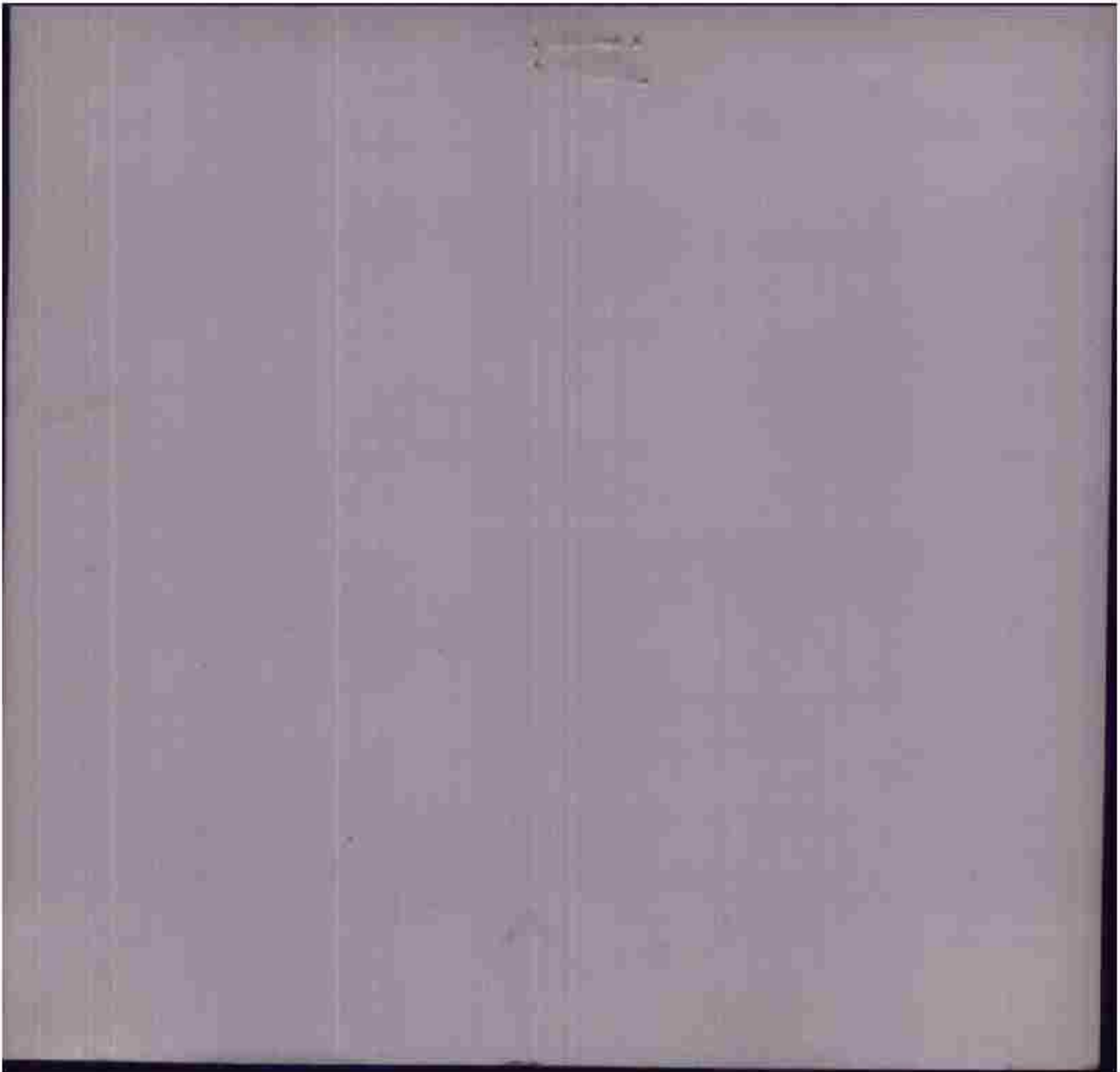
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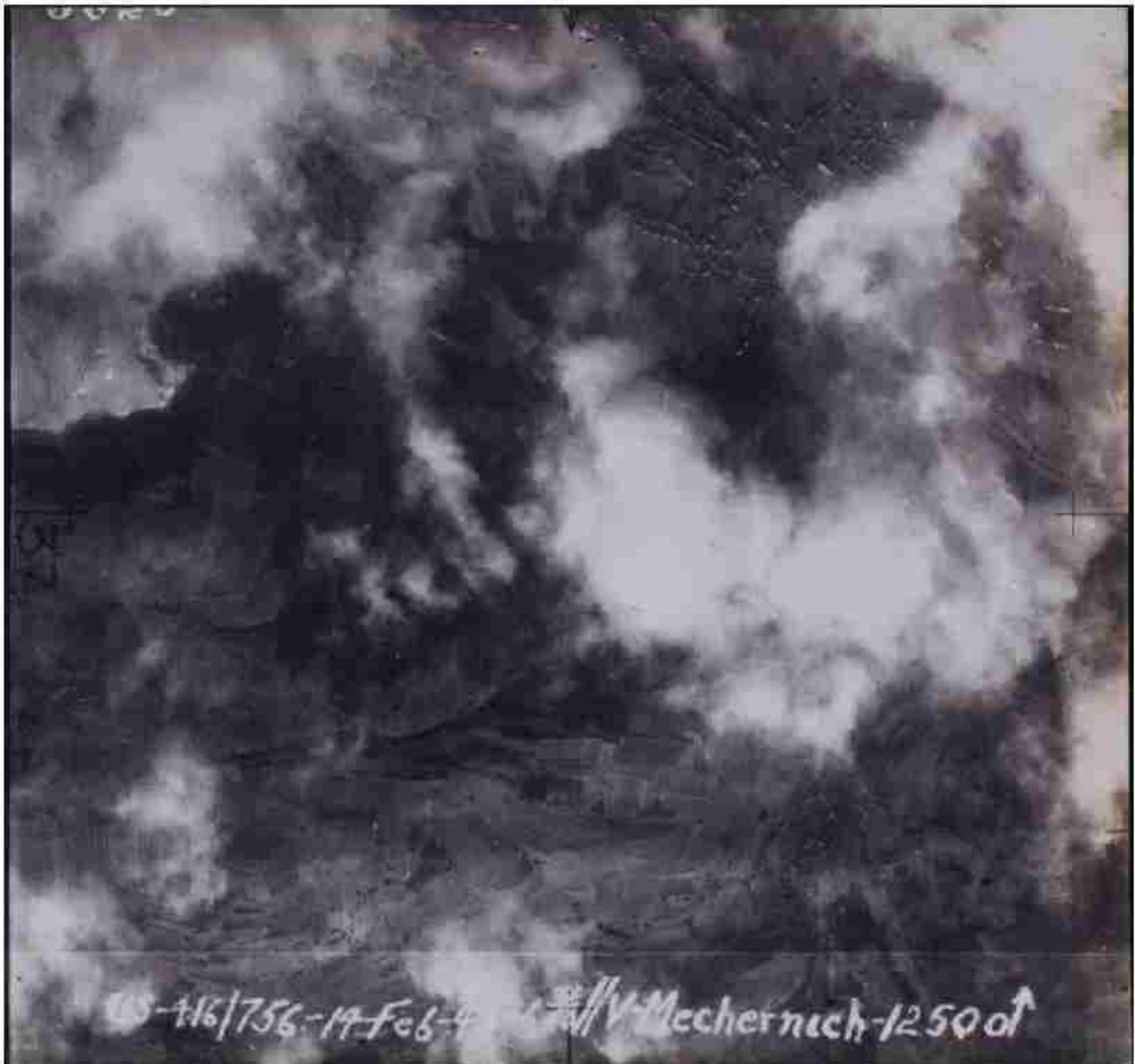
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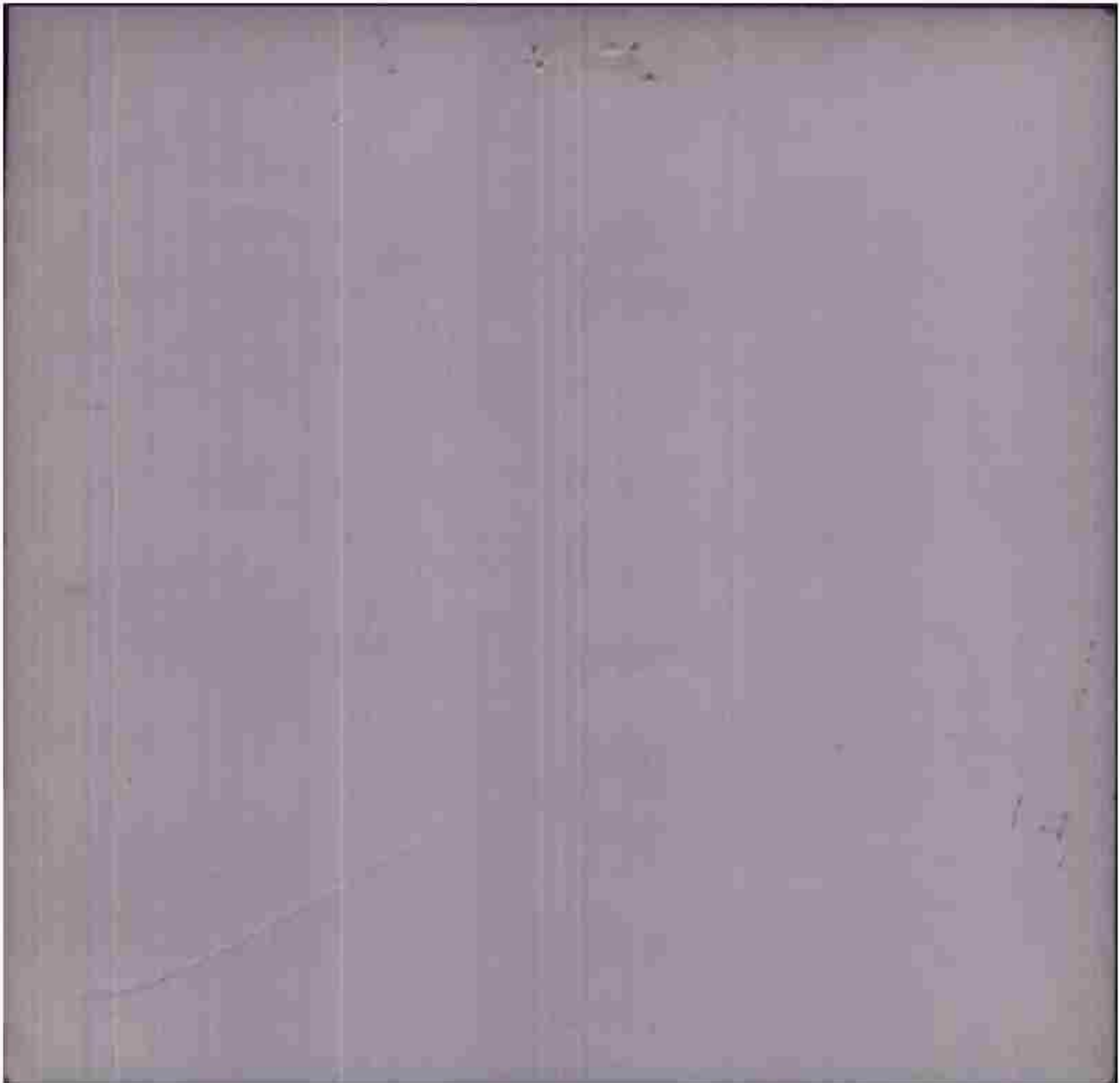
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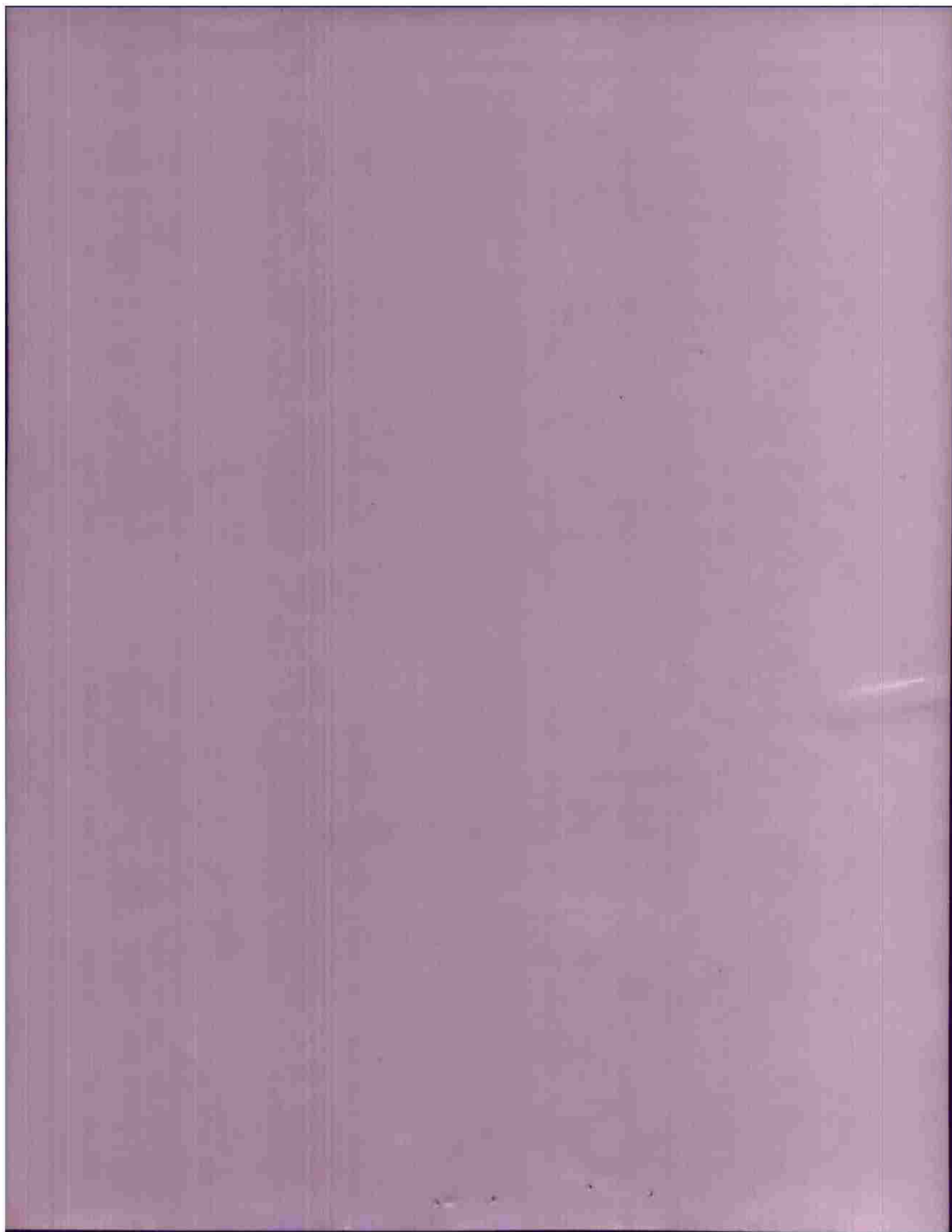
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- (A) TARGET: MECHERNICH REPAIR DEPOT 4416/S1 - WF/223210
(B) SORTIE: US 416/756
(C) DATE: 14 FEB 45 TIME: 1000 A
(D) ATTACKING A/C: 15 A-26's BY 18's
(E) BOMBS: 90/500 GP 1/10 N., 1/100 T.
(F) COVER: CLOUD OBSCURED TARGET IS COVERED ON PRINTS OF GOOD QUALITY.
(G) RESULTS OF BOMBING: PFF. DUE TO LACK OF PRINT COVER LOCATION OF BOMB BURSTS OF BOX I AND II IS UN-DETERMINED, BUT BOX I BURSTS MAY BE NEAR THE TARGET TO THE NE.

(H) ACTIVITY:

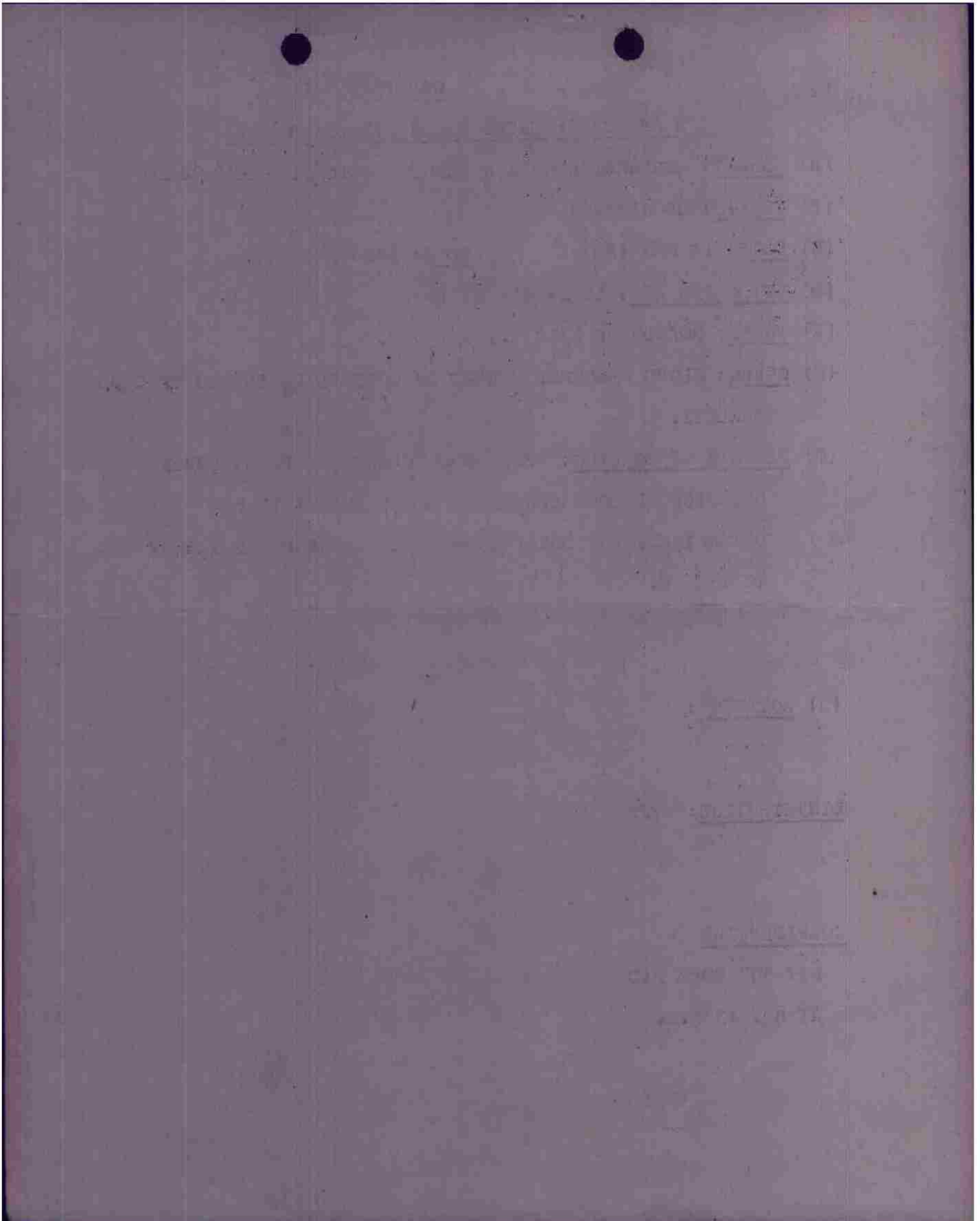
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416 TF	9th B.D. (MC) WING 97th	B
GROUP	DATE 14 February 1945	MECHERNICH REPAIR DEPOT
OTHER UNITS: TARGET		
	FIRST PHASE	
	INTERPRETATION	TARGET FIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED MECHERNICH REPAIR DEPOT PRIMARY
SECONDARY

M.P.I. SOUTHERN EDGE OF LARGE BUILDING.

A.P. SAME AS MPI.

C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 37 A-26's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 15

D. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 18's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 1

E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 90 - 500 GPM SING 1/10 ---- 1/100

F. HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED 110 DEG. N.

G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED 1000

H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

I. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

BOX I - UNDET. DUE TO CLOUD COVER ONLY A FEW BURSTS ARE VISIBLE. THEY
APPEAR TO BE NEAR DMPI, WHICH IS COVERED BY CLOUDS.

BOX II - DID NOT BOMB AS A UNIT. 4 A/C FROM THIS BOX BOMBED, NONE OF WHICH
WERE CAMERA SHIPS. Box

CLAYTON W. ZESIGER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Photo Intelligence Officer.

CAMERAS INSTALLED	_____	_____	GROUP	416TH
CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING	_____	_____	WING	97TH CBW
CAMERA FAILURES	_____	_____	DATE	_____
PERSONNEL FAILURES	_____	_____		
OTHERS	_____	_____		

TARGET _____

ALT. _____ ft

TRUE AIR SPEED _____ mph

GROUND SPEED _____ mph

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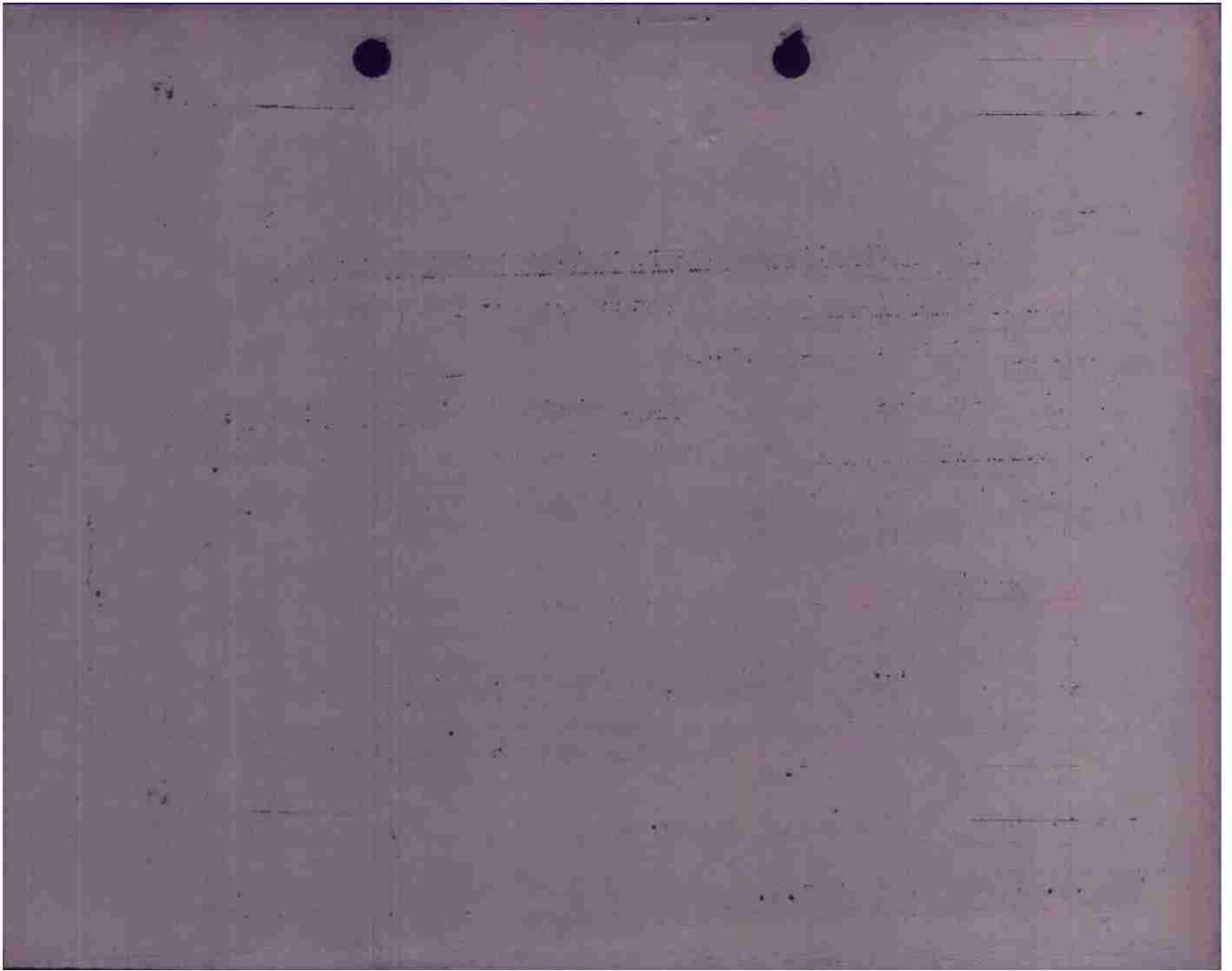
NINTH AF 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT US10/D 716

- (a) LOCALITY: MECHERNICH R/C (GSGS 4416/S1 - F/224220)
- (b) SORTIE: US 15/4148 - 5012-15 SORTIE SCALE: 5,500
- (c) TOT: 14 Feb 45, 1115A F.L.: 12" ANNOTATED PRINT: None
- (d) PERIOD UNDER REVIEW: This report covers all damage to date.
- (e) COVER: The eastern two-thirds of the R/C is covered on prints of good quality.
- (f) STATEMENT:
 The large goods station is severely damaged and 2 other smaller buildings have suffered minor damage. At least 15 wagons are badly damaged or burned out and 3 rail lines in the sidings are out. Through lines are open. The rail line connecting the installation to the south is cut in two places and two of the buildings are moderately damaged. At least two hits are seen on the roof of well camouflaged concrete building which is partly underground.
- (g) ACTIVITY: No activity is noted.

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(F-223210)

TARGET MECHERNICH DATE 14 FEB NO. A/C 37 MISS. # 204 F.O. # 747STATUS ATTACKED

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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)APO # 140
15 February 1945MISSION SUMMARY #35
(Morning Missions)
Section I

14 February 1945

Field Order 747

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
410 BG	Grevenbroich (F-191780) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Fair (FFF) Box II - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Unsatisfactory Flight C - Unsatisfactory
416 BG	Mechernich (F-223210) Prime Mover Depot	Box I - Undet. (FFF) Box II - Undet.
394 BG	Mayen (L-630928) Railroad Bridge	Box I - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Excellent (FFF) Flight C - Excellent (FFF) Box II - Unsatisfactory
397 BG	Mayen (L-630928) Railroad Bridge	Box I - Flight A - P.N.B. Flight B - Undet. Flight C - Unsat. Box II - Flight A - P.N.B. Flight B - P.N.B. Flight C - P.N.B.
409 BG	Geldern (A-019253) Comm. Center and Road Bridge	Box I - Flight A - P.N.B. Flight B - P.N.B. Flight C - Excellent Box II - Flight A - P.N.B. Flight B - P.N.B. Flight C - Undet.
391 BG	Geldern (A-019253) Comm. Center and Road Bridge	Box I - Flight A - Undet. Flight B - A.B. Flight C - Undet. Box II - Flight A - A.B. Flight B - A.B. Flight C - A.B.
344 BG	Geldern (A-019253) Comm. Center and Road Bridge	P.N.B.
386 BG	Kevelaer (E-966328) Comm. Center	Box I - Flight A - P.N.B. Flight B - P.N.B. Flight C - P.N.B. Box II - Flight A - P.N.B. Flight B - Unsat. Flight C - Good
322 BG	Kevelaer (E-966328) Comm. Center	Box I - Flight A - P.N.B. Flight B - P.N.B. Flight C - Unsat. Box II - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - No attack Flight C - Excellent.

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Leaflet Mission 394 BG
 Ahnweiler (F-540160)
 Oberbettingen (L-210870)
 Blankenheim (F-230040)
 Neuenlocher (F-230210)
 Munsterfeld (F-310170)
 Gallenfeld (L-410770)
 Nauen (L-630920)
 Sarredorf (L-220810)
 Busktrichan (F-330290)
 Dietzheim (F-220510)
 Wittlich (L-390550)

Box I - Flight A - A.B.
 Flight B - A.B.
 Flight C - A.B.
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 Flight B - A.B.
 Flight C - A.B.

Box I - Flight A - A.P.N.B.
 Flight B - A.P.N.B.
 Flight C - A.P.N.B.
 Box II - Flight A - A.P.N.B.
 Flight B - A.P.N.B.
 Flight C - A.P.N.B.

Kanten (A-113413)
 Comm. Center

323 BG

Kanten (A-113413)
 Comm. Center

387 BG

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Eleven groups attacked one Marshalling Yard, one Prime Mover Depot, one RR Bridge, one RR Bridge and Communications Center and two communications centers, recording SUPERIOR to UNDETERMINED results. Two groups employed area bombing methods. One group flew a leaflet mission.

Grevenbroich (Marshalling Yard)

410 BG: 38 a/c dispatched (including 37 A-20, 1 PFF), 35 dropping 207 x 500 GP on primary. 3 window a/c.

No losses, 26 a/c battle damaged, 1 crewman killed.

1 a/c crash landed 8 miles NE of Maastricht at K-610600 after suffering battle damage. 1 crewman, mentioned above, was killed by flak. 1 crewman is missing, having bailed out. Pilot uninjured. No further information available.

PFF contacted "Sweepstakes" 4 minutes before entering tactical area but no contact was made. Reason unknown as equipment checked as functioning properly.

Bombing by box and flights (Box I on PFF, Box II on group lead) from 12,000 - 13,500 feet.

Box I - FAIR. 35% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Long broken pattern centered 1050 feet West of DMPI. Bombs in two concentrations, the heavier concentration centering in fields between main highway and M/Y with the second concentration extending across buildings and tracks in southern end of yard.

Box II - Flight A. SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered 225 feet east of DMPI. Western edge of pattern blanketed main line and sidings with direct hits and near misses to buildings and highway adjacent to M/Y.

Flight B. UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered in fields 4100 feet South of DMPI.

Flight C. UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern centered on highway intersection SE of Gierath and NE of Gubberath, 8500 feet NW of DMPI.

Meckernich (Prime Mover Depot)

416 BG: 38 a/c dispatched (including 37 A-26, 1 PFF), 16 dropping 94 x 500 GP on primary. 4 dropping 24 x 500 GP on OTHER (1 dropping 6 x 500 GP on Heimersheim (F-608162), 1 dropping 6 x 500 GP on Plerzheim (F-448277), 2 dropping 12 x 500 GP on Kalkor (F-310222), all on enemy territory after leader failed to bomb). Bomb disposition unknown of 1 missing a/c

17 a/c failed to bomb: 4, mechanical; 13, other-leader did not drop.

1 a/c and 3 crewmen are missing and unreported.

No losses, 11 a/c battle damaged, no further casualties.

PFF contacted "Sweepstakes" upon entering tactical area but did not obtain desired information because counter-battery fire station interrupted call.

Bombing by box on PFF lead from 10,000 - 13,300 feet.

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Flight B - UNDETERMINED. One camera turned on when second run was made on primary. One camera a/c did not bomb. When casual target was bombed on way out, secondary was not located. Glime to have bombed Kirchesh at I-566974. Results not observed.

Box I - Flight A - P.N.B. Could not pick up primary target because of check points not identified. Dropped on highway bridge 9000' E of DMPI on 15 second run. Bombs fell 570' N of selected AP hitting in open area. Probably no damage.

Bombing by flights on group lead from 11,700 - 12,500 feet. PFF called "Ripaw" 3 minutes after entering tactical area, but did not get reply. Reason unknown as equipment checked as functioning properly. No further losses or casualties, 15 a/c battle damaged.

Reason for crash undetermined. 3 miles west of base near Brie (N-553529). A/c burned. 7 crewmen killed. 1 a/c mentioned above, was lost when it crashed shortly after take off. 3 a/c failed to bomb: 1, mechanical; 1, personnel - did not see leader drop; 1, crashed shortly after take off.

397 BG: 34 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF) 27 dropping 105 x 1000 GP on and in vicinity of primary, 1 PFF dropping 4 x 500 GP on Montreal (I-590880) after group elected to bomb visually. 3 window a/c.

Box II - UNDETERMINED. Pattern fell approximately 1800 feet NE of DMPI in open field. No damage. Dropped visually on short run after group leader announced visual run. Flight B and C. EXCELLENT. 55% of bombs fell within 1000 feet, centering approximately 750 feet from DMPI. Late photo reveals 8 direct hits on RR tracks. Other damage slight except to small buildings. (Bombs from PFF a/c fell approximately 200 feet from target. Three 2 flights mistook PFF a/c from group leader.

Box I - Flight A. EXCELLENT. 75% of bombs within 1000 feet, centering approximately 900 feet from DMPI. 2 probably hits to RR approach. (3 a/c in this flight). Bombardier did not drop on PFF as he believed PFF a/c to be beyond target, and made a second run. Bombing by box and flight on PFF and group lead from 12,000 - 12,500 ft.

PFF attempted to contact "Ripaw" upon entering tactical area but failed to make contact. Reason unknown as equipment checks as functioning properly. No losses, 9 a/c battle damaged, 2 crewmen wounded.

394 BG: 35 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), 31 dropping 111 x 1000 GP, 8 x 500 GP on primary. 3 window a/c. 1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical.

Mayon (Railroad Bridge)

Box II - UNDETERMINED. 4 a/c from this box bombed targets listed above. None of these were seen a/c. They appear to be near DMPI, which is covered by clouds. Box I - UNDETERMINED. Due to cloud cover only a few bursts are visible.

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Flight C - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Bombs in poor pattern 4500' SW of DMPI in open fields. Probably no damage. Reason for results in undetermined.

Box II - Flight A - P.N.B. Bombs salvoed when gyro tumbled. Bombs fell in good pattern with those of Box II, Flt. B, 2600 yards ESE of DMPI, falling in open fields possibly hitting secondary road network.

Flight B - P.N.B. Dropped on Flight A, Box II.

Flight C - P.N.B. Bombed casual as one engine began cutting out due to icing. Bombs in good pattern 1200' S of selected A.P., a highway bridge at L-565800. Bombs fell generally in open area with possible hits on highways and intersection. Approximately 10 miles SSW of Primary target.

Geldern (Communication Center & Road Bridge)

409 BG: 40 a/c dispatched (including 30 A-26, 10 A-20), 38 (including 30 A-26, 8 A-20) dropping 349 x 250, 38 x 500 GP on and in vicinity of Primary. 2 window a/c.

No losses, 10 a/c battle damaged, 1 crewman wounded.

Formation leader contacted "Sweepstakes" 1 minute after entering tactical area and obtained desired information.

Bombing by flights from 11,000 - 11,900 feet.

Box I - Flight A - P.N.B. Bombardier misidentified target. Bombs fell in SE section of Kevelaer at approximately E-967327, 5-3/4 miles NNW of target. There are probable hits to 325' of double track R.R. in town, and damage to residences in SE area of town.

Flight B - P.N.B. Bombardier could not see Primary target and proceeded past. Selected AF on R.R. and bombed at A-175343, 11-1/4 miles NE of P.T. There are possible hits and near misses to Geldern-Wessel highway. Remainder of pattern in fields.

Flight C - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs fell within 1000' radius of DMPI. Center of pattern approximately 525' ENE of DMPI. SW tip of pattern covers DMPI and 450' of E-W road east of DMPI. Buildings and residences in the area were probably damaged.

Box II - Flight A - P.N.B. Bombardier could not pick up target because of clouds so bombed at Kevelaer. Oblique photos show bombs fell in E section of town of Kevelaer at approximately E-973330. Probable damage to residences and buildings in E part of town. Also possible hits to Kevelaer-Winnekenonk road. Part of pattern fell in open fields E of town.

Flight B - P.N.B. Accidental release by bombardier on 3rd pass at Primary target. Clouds partially obscured target and bombardier, after picking up DMPI late, rolled indices past in an attempt to get target in telescope. Bombs fell in fields at approximately A-033195, 3.6 miles S of target.

Flight C - UNDETERMINED. No photo cover (camera not turned on). Accidental release. Bombardier could not pick up target on first run and proceeded past to check position for 2nd run. Bombs released for no apparent reason at A-140320.

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No losses, 2 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

2 a/c failed to bomb: 1, mechanical; 1, other - formation made 360° turn over bombing line and a/c believed formation not over enemy territory when drop was made.

386 BG: 32 a/c dispatched, 9 dropping 18 x 2000 GP on primary, 21 dropping 42 x 2000 GP on other.

Keweenaw (Communication Center)

Box I - P.N.B. Bombardeer misidentified target. Selected an apparent bridge at Keweenaw (E-963322) 8 miles NW of target in enemy territory. Good concentration 210° E of selected AP. One concentration of bombs covers main road intersection and several unidentified buildings. Other concentration extends across trench system, probable anti-tank ditch, and unidentified buildings. Made three passes over target.

Bombing by box from 12,500 feet.

Formation leader attempted to call "Keweenaw" on entering tactical area, but received no reply. Lead pilot's receiver not working. No losses, battle damage, casualties.

344 BG: 10 a/c dispatched, all dropping 40 x 1000 GP on other.

Flight C - A.B. Bombs fell almost completely in T/A with hits on many business and residential type buildings in center of town.

Flight B - A.B. Bombs fell outside T/A (about 500' S from nearest edge of T/A) along R.R. tracks, with hits on at least 12 residential type buildings.

Box II - Flight A - A.B. Impossible to distinguish between this flight's bombs and bombs of Flight B, Box I. Large concentration fell about 50% in NE section of T/A; with hits on several factory type buildings and many residential types.

Flight C - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage due to camera falling to photograph in flight. Flight returned completely to II and bombed on 2nd run.

Flight B - A.B. Impossible to distinguish between this flight's bombs and bombs of Flight A, Box II. Large concentration fell about 50% in NE section of T/A with hits on several factory type buildings and many residential type buildings.

Box I - Flight A - UNDETERMINED. Bombs fell either into tracks or intermingled with bombs of another flight. Bombed on second run.

Bombing by flights from 11,500 - 12,500 feet.

Formation leader contacted "Keweenaw" 5 minutes after entering tactical area. Called three times before an answer was received. Pilot said "Fix my position". "Keweenaw" replied "Keweenaw". That was all the pilot heard.

No losses, 2 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

391 BG: 38 a/c dispatched, all dropping 301 x 500 GP on primary.

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Formation leader contacted "Roselee" 5 minutes before entering tactical area, but information was not received because channel was too crowded.

Bombing by flights from 10,000 - 12,000 feet.

Box I - Flight A - P.N.B. Bombardier misidentified Primary target and bombed town of Goch (E-440910), 7-1/2 miles NNW of Primary target. Bursts blanket houses and streets in the town of Goch. At least 20 residential type buildings were covered by pattern; however, some of these buildings appear to be damaged from previous shelling and bombing.

Flight B - P.N.B. This flight dropped on lead of Box I and bursts occur in the same area as Flight A.

Flight C - P.N.B. Bombardier misidentified Primary and bombed at town of Wachtendonk (A-025130), 13 miles SSE of Primary target. Bursts occur across a stream in field and woods at A-017142, approximately 1 mile NNW of Wachtendonk.

Box II - Flight A - P.N.B. Bombardier misidentified Primary target and bombed town of Geldern (A-020255) 5-3/4 miles SE of Primary. Bursts occur in a split pattern which centers about 1600' N of center of town (believed MTI). Part of split pattern fell on a large factory type building which is possibly severely damaged. Other part of pattern blanketed about 2 or 3 buildings near the factory area, ~~severe damage~~ is possible from direct hit and blast.

Flight B - UNSATISFACTORY: No bombs are within 1000' radius of DMFI. Bombs fell in woods 4000' NE of DMFI.

Flight C - GOOD. About 40% of bursts occur within 1000' radius of DMFI. Bombs fell in split pattern which centers approximately 1000' NE of MPI. Majority of bombs fell in garden allotments, few near misses to two bursts in T/A.

322 BG: 36 a/c dispatched, 26 dropping 50 x 2000 GP on and in vicinity of Primary

10 a/c failed to bomb: 4, mechanical; 1, personnel - leader became lost and could not find target; 5, other - leader did not drop.

No losses, 9 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

Formation leader contacted "Roselee" 4-1/2 minutes after entering tactical area and desired information obtained.

Bombing by flights from 10,300 - 11,750 feet.

Box I - Flight A - P.N.B. Misidentification of target. Bombs fell in an excellent pattern about 3-3/4 miles NW of Primary at E-93438. Bursts cover two roads and houses in the N end of town. Bombardier did not positively identify target.

Flight B - P.N.B. Misidentification of target. Bombs fell in a scattered pattern 3 miles NW of primary at E-943368. Pattern covered a highway junction about 1/2 mile S of Weese.

Flight C - UNSATISFACTORY. A very scattered pattern with the closest hits about 4800' SW of the DMFI. The entire concentration fell in open fields. Bombed with extended vision locked in sight.

Box II - Flight A - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000' of DMFI. An excellent pattern centered approximately 600' NW of the DMFI, with hits across the main road crossings on the N end of town.

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bomb run to synchronize.
Poor visibility prevented bombardier from taking long enough
1000' N of nearest border of T/A in open fields in good pattern.
Flight B - A.B. All bursts outside T/A, located approximately

hit by flak on bomb run before B.R.T.
road junction in S portion of town in good pattern. Bombardier
900' S of nearest border of T/A, blanketing two highways and
Box I - Flight A - A.B. All bursts outside T/A, centered approximately

Bombing by flights from 10,500 - 12,500 feet.

Formation leader contacted "Hoselien" upon entering tactical area and ob-
tained desired information.

No losses, 8 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

387 BG: 38 a/c dispatched, 35 dropping 552 x 250 GP on primary. 3 window a/c.

way. Hits were probably scored on road.
aimed at nearby village. Bombs hit 2800' N of DMFI across road-
Flight C - P.N.B. Bombardier could not identify target and

damage is noted.
1200' SSW of DMFI and of second pattern is 800' NNE of DMFI. No
two flights hit in fields near roads. The MI of one pattern is
pass at target. Flight B dropped on Box leader. Bombs from the
ceasing a very short bomb run. This flight bombed on third
Box II - Flights A & B - A.P.N.B. Target area difficult to locate, ne-

lost to flak.
Flight B - NO ATTACK. This flight did not bomb. Lead ship was

cut the roadway to the SE. Many hits were scored on the roads.
one pattern cut roadway E of DMFI and bombs from other pattern
box leader. The MI of bursts is 890' ESE of DMFI. Bombs from
check points in T/A and bombed on 2nd run. Flight C dropped on
Box I - Flights A & C - A.P.N.B. Bombardier could not see ap, used

Bombing by flights from 9,600 - 10,200 feet.

Formation leader contacted "Hoselien" 8 minutes before bombing and ob-
tained desired information.

are missing.

18 other a/c battle damaged, 14 crewmen from the 2 a/c mentioned above,

Last seen at target flying low under control on S/E.
1 a/c is missing. Hit by flak at target. One landing engine extinguished.

to crash at A-130120. One chute seen.
1 a/c mentioned above was hit by flak on fourth run over target and seen

6 a/c failed to bomb: other, leader lost to flak.

323 BG: 39 a/c dispatched, 30 dropping 453 x 250 GP on primary. 3 window a/c.

Xanten (Communication Center)

main road heading NW from Kewelsaer.
Flight C - EXCELLENT. A good pattern all within 1000' of the
DMFI, centered approximately 850' to the NW on houses and on a

could not find target.
Flight B - NO ATTACK. Became lost after leaving diversion point.

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Flight C - A.B. Majority of bursts inside T/A, falling in excellent pattern and blanketing road network in this section of T/A.

Box II - Flight A - A.B. Majority of bursts outside T/A. MTI approximately 500' E of nearest border of T/A, blanketing main road junction in SE portion of town. Bombardier failed to identify exact A.T. and was not synchronized.

Flight B - A.B. This flight joined Flights A & C when flight leader and deputy were unable to take off.

Flight C - A.B. All bursts inside T/A in excellent pattern, probably inflicting extensive damage to road network.

Ahrweiler-Wittlich Area (Leaflet Mission)

394 BG: 6 a/c dispatched, all dropping 27 leaflet bombs on Primaries.

No losses, 2 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

Drop was made on "GEE", "ETA", and visual from 10,300 - 15,000 feet.

Crews report satisfactory results on basis of visual observation.

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* Figure Includes 6 a/c (394 BG) Leaflet Mission.

0	Claims
0	Injured
18	Missing
5	Wounded
8	Killed
121	A/C Battle Damaged
1	A/C Crash-Landed (410 BG)
2	A/C Missing (416, 323 BG)
2	A/C Lost (397, 323 BG)
574,250	Bombs on Enemy Territory
107,702,155	Total Bombs to Date
384	TOTAL
327 *	A/C Bombing
39	A/C Falling to Bomb
	Other
17	Window
18	Bombs of 1 A/C Unaccounted For
384	A/C OFF

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FAILURES TO BOMB

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. A/C</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASONS</u>
416 BG	4 A-26	Mechanical	1 - electrical trouble
	13	Other	3 - bomb release malfunction Failed to bomb when box leader's bombs did not drop.
394 BG	1	Mechanical	Left engine - low oil pressure.
397 BG	1	Mechanical	Bomb bay doors wouldn't close after 1st run. Unable to catch formation to drop.
	1	Personnel	Didn't see lead a/c drop.
	1	Other	Crashed after take-off.
386 BG	1	Mechanical	Losing gas.
	1	Other	Bombardier did not drop, believing his plane still in friendly territory.
323 BG	6	Other	Flight leader shot down on bomb run (4th pass). 5 other a/c of flight failed to bomb.
322 BG	4	Mechanical	2 - inoperative bomb bay doors. 2 - bomb bay doors opened late.
	1	Personnel	Flight leader could not find target.
	5	Other	Held bombs when flight leader failed to bomb.

OBSERVATIONSWEATHER: Grevenbroich

410 BG: 3/10 strato-cumulus, tops 4000 feet. Banks of clouds to north. Visibility air-to-ground 6 miles.

Mechernich

416 BG: 3-5/10 strato-cumulus, tops 5,000 feet. Clouds over target. Visibility 6-8 miles.

Mayer

394 BG: 6/10 strato-cumulus, tops 3,000 feet. Large break over target in a 20 mile diameter. Visibility 10 plus miles air-to-ground.

397 BG: 2/10 low alto-stratus, base 9500 feet, tops 10,000 feet. No low cloud. Visibility 15-20 miles down sun, 4-5 miles up sun air-to-air. Visibility 10 plus miles air-to-ground.

Geldern

409 BG: 3-4/10 strato-cumulus, tops 2500 feet. Visibility 5 miles up sun and down sun visibility unlimited.

391 BG: Nil clouds. Visibility 10 miles.

344 BG: 5/10 strato-cumulus, base 3000 feet, tops 5-6000 feet in target areas. Visibility 5 miles.

Kevelaer

386 BG: 3-4/10 stratus and strato-cumulus, tops 1500 feet. Visibility 3-4 miles in light haze.

322 BG: Nil to 2/10 strato-cumulus, base 1000 feet, tops 2000 feet. Visibility 10 miles air-to-ground.

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eifel to Ahrweiler, intense accurate at Sinzig, and moderate inaccurate from the Mayen defenses. Information from the ground batteries giving counter-battery fire shows that two known gun positions, probably the 5-gun at Schleiden and the 5-gun at Gemund, received from two FA batteries a total of 15 rounds each of 105 mm and 155 mm. This barrage lasted for 15 minutes. No flak reported in this area.

Mayen RR Bridge 394, 397 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	24
% A/C Battle Damaged	32.46%

Both groups reported moderate to intense accurate flak at the target. 2 runs were made and some flights made three runs. The 394 Gp. also reported moderate accurate flak at the bomblines enroute out from the target.

Geldern Communications Center 409, 391, 344 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	12
% A/C Battle Damaged	13.63%

All groups reported flak that was weak and inaccurate at the target. There are two 5-gun batteries located within range of the target. However, only one of these was probably in action.

Kvelaer Communications Center 386, 322 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	11
% A/C Battle Damaged	16.41%

Flak at the target was only weak and inaccurate. The 322 Gp reported that the flak increased to moderate and fairly accurate on the 2nd and 3rd runs. One flight of the 322 Gp became lost and encountered intense accurate flak in the Xanten and Wesel areas. The 386 Gp had only two a/c damaged.

Xanten Communications Center 323, 387 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	1
A/C Missing	1
A/C Battle Damaged	26
% A/C Battle Damaged	35.19%

The 387 Gp reported weak to moderate inaccurate flak at the target. However, the 387 Gp reported that the flak increased to moderate accurate on the second, third and fourth runs. The a/c that was lost was hit on the fourth run and crashed. One chute was seen.

Leaflet Mission 394 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	2
% A/C Battle Damaged	33.33%

Flak was encountered at Stadtkyll (weak inaccurate), weak to moderate inaccurate at Schuirzheim (L-1483), weak inaccurate in Blankenheim area, and weak but accurate at Euskirchen.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.T.'s: 1000 to 1203
0945 to 1204 (leaflets)

At approximately 1115, the 391 Group reported four aircraft at 3000 feet in the target area; these were believed to have been FW 190's. The 387 Group observed contrails in the target area at approximately 1047, believed made by jet aircraft.

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17 February 1945: From the Paris 1530, Press Camp 1600.

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Good results were reported by bomber crews who bombed the Wehrmacht heavy equipment depot. Bomber crews who bombed the Wehrmacht depot, reported fair results with some of their bombs hitting in the edge of the town.

Moderate risk was encountered over most of the targets and one Wehrmacht was lost over Kanten. No enemy aircraft was encountered.

"I saw bombs from our flight cut a pattern out of the edge of the yard 13k somebody taking a bite out of a piece of Swiss cheese. The yard was full of crates and bomb bursts", said 2nd Lt. Patrick H. Martin, 337 Maple Ave., Green Bay, Wisc., a Havoc bombardier-navigator.

The Grevenbroich rail yard, being used as a railhead for supplying German troops, was bombed with excellent results by 4-20 Havocs. It was believed by crews that tracks were cratered and goods wagons damaged.

"We had to make three runs to find the bridge, but I believe we hit it", said 1st Lt. Walter R. Bennett, 3735 S. Alaska St., Tacoma, Wash., a bombardier.

"Silver Streaks" group bombed a small road bridge in the communications center of Geldern with good results. It was the group's 200th mission.

White clouds drifted over their target, one formation of Wehrmacht of the a bombardier-navigator who helped bomb the town of Kavalier.

Our bombs took the right-of-way and disrupted traffic and groups of vehicles went up in smoke", said 1st Lt. Charles J. Wiley, 907 3rd Ave., Humboldt, Iowa.

"Just before 'bombs away', I spotted much activity at the road intersection. Bombs took the right-of-way and disrupted traffic and groups of vehicles went up in smoke", said 1st Lt. Charles J. Wiley, 907 3rd Ave., Humboldt, Iowa.

311 Bryant Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, a bombardier who participated in the bombing of Kanten.

"I saw only one wall standing in the center of town, all the rest of the buildings in that part of town were empty shells", said 2nd Lt. Samuel T. Eyer, 311 Bryant Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, a bombardier who participated in the bombing of Kanten.

Excellent results were reported in the bombing of the three communications centers. In each case, crews in the strong formations of bombers reported seeing their bombs bursting in the center of the towns with a perceptibly damaging effect to roads and buildings.

A flight of six Wehrmacht scattered "Front Post", a newspaper printed in German for Nazi troops, over the front between Duren and Trier.

The other targets in the morning offensive were the Wehrmacht bridge, 16 miles west of Koblenz; a railway yard at Grevenbroich, 18 miles northwest of Cologne, and a depot for heavy motorized and artillery equipment at Wehrbroich, 22 miles southwest of Bonn.

Approximately 250 of the B-26 Marauders and A-26 Invaders went east of the Reichswald to pound the three communications centers in the area where the British Second Army is encountering strong resistance. These are: Geldern, Kavalier and Kanten, that form a triangle some 30 to 40 miles southeast of Muenster.

Bomber crews saw their targets for the first time after many days of "blind bombing tactics" and reported excellent, good and fair results.

Western Front, more than 375 North Air Force bombers struck heavy blows at three communications centers ahead of advancing British troops and rail and supply lines.

HEADQUARTERS NINTH BOMBARDIER DIVISION, Paris--In clearing skies over the

PUBIC RELATIONS
PRESS RELEASE

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 14/1513A
TO BG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION ATTN: A-2
CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATTN: A-2
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CONFIDENTIAL 416TH BG FAX-22-D PERIOD

OPFLASH FOR 14 FEBRUARY 1945.

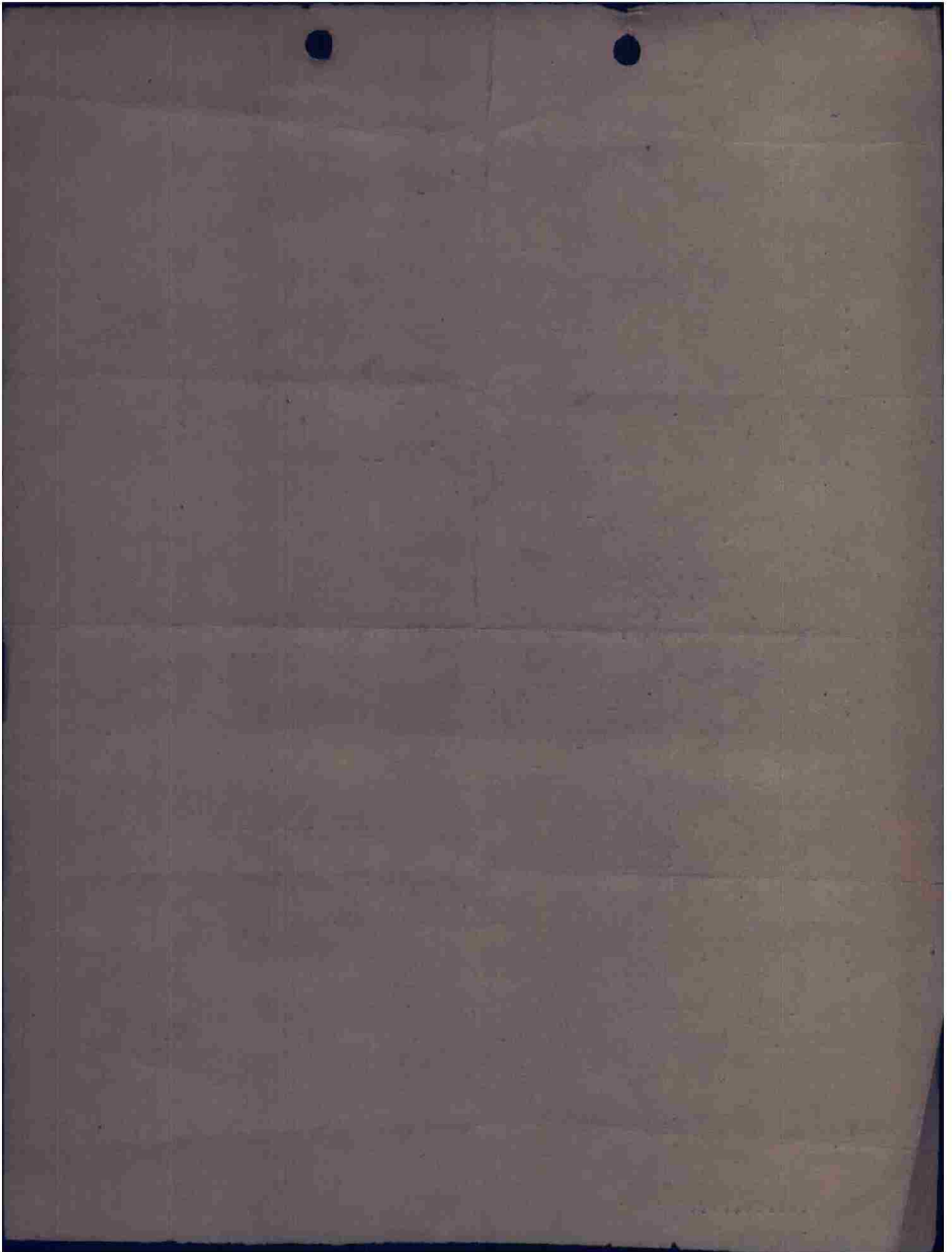
- A. 416TH BOMB GROUP
- B. MECHERNICH REPAIR DEPOT (F223210)
- C. 37 A-26 A/C
- D. 15 A/C ON PRIMARY
 - 4 A/C JETISSONED, 1 A/C AT HEIMERSHEIM (F608162); 1 A/C AT FLERSHIN (F448277); AND 2 A/C KALKOR (F310222) - PILOTS OF THE 4 A/C HAVING OBSERVED THAT LEADER FAILED TO BOMB AND KNOWING THEMSELVES TO BE OVER ENEMY TERRITORY, DROPPED AS BRIEFED.
- E. 1 A-26 A/C RETURNED EARLY FROM OVER BASE--ELECTRICAL TROUBLE. INFORMATION LACKING ON PLANE LOST.
13 A/C FAILED TO BOMB BECAUSE BOMBS OF BOX LEADER WOULD NOT RELEASE.
3 A/C FAILED TO BOMB.- MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION OF BOMB RELEASE MECHANISM.
- F. 90 X 500 LB G.P. ON PRIMARY
102 X 500 LB. G.P. RETURNED.
6 X 500 LB. G.P. JETISSONED AT HEIMERSHEIM (F608162)
6 X 500 LB. G.P. JETISSONED AT FLERSHIN (F448277)
12 X 500 LB. G.P. JETISSONED AT KALKOR (F310222)
INFORMATION LACKING ON DISPOSITION OF 6 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS OF PLANE MISSING.
- G. UNOBSERVED THROUGH OVERCAST.
- H. 1 A-26 A/C MISSING - PLANE LAST SEEN GOING DOWN ON FIRE, BELIEVED HIT BY FLAK, IN VICINITY OF HEIMERSHEIM (F610170)-ONE CHUTE SEEN.
9 A/C DAMAGED CAT "A" - FLAK DAMAGE.
2 A/C DAMAGED CAT "AC" - FLAK DAMAGE.
- J. TARGET-MEAGER INACCURATE HFF (F223210)
ELSEWHERE:
1ST BOX : MEAGER INACCURATE HFF FROM GEMUND (F130189)
2ND BOX : CONTINUOUS MODERATE ACCURATE HFF FROM MUNSTEREIFEL TO AMRWEILER (F215171 TO F545162)
INTENSE ACCURATE HFF FROM AREA OF SINSIG (F660160)
MODERATE INACCURATE HFF FROM THUR (L675954)
MODERATE INACCURATE HFF FROM ADENAU (L426981)
- K. NONE
- L. 13,300 FEET.
- M. 1000 HOURS

1 A-26 A/C OF THIS GROUP WAS UNABLE TO JOIN 416TH FORMATION AND WAS DIRECTED BY PARADE TO THE FORMATION OF THE 412TH BOMB GROUP. WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO BOMB WITH THEM, BOMBS WOULD NOT DROP DUE TO MALFUNCTION OF RELEASE MECHANISM.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 14/1513A
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13 M

A. 4/16

B. Mechernich Repair Depot (F 223210)

C. 37 A-26 A/C

D. 15 A/C on primary

4 A/C jettisoned bombs over enemy territory (F)

E. 1 A-26 A/C returned early from over Base -
electrical trouble

9 in formation tracking an A/C believed lost.

13 A/C failed to bomb because Box leaders whose
bombs would not drop when switches were triggered
by pilot did not bomb.

3 A/C failed to bomb - mechanical trouble of bomb release mechanism.

F. 90 X 500 G.P. on primary

102 X 500 G.P. returned

6 X 500 ... jettisoned at F 608 162

6 X ... " F 448 277

12 X ... " F 3102 22

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Information lacking on disposition of 6 X 500 G.P.
bombs of plane now missing.

G. Unobserved thru overcast

H. 1 A-26 A/C missing - plane last seen going down on fire
in vicinity of Heimersheim (F 610170) - one chutes
observed with 1 chutes

9 A-26 A/C - Cat "A" - slight damage

2 A-26 A/C - Cat "AC" - slight damage

Target - Meppen inaccurate HFF (F 223210)

J. 1st Box - Meppen inaccurate HFF from F 30189

2nd Box - intense accurate HFF from F 515120
Continuous moderate accurate HFF from Munster to Ahweiler

~~Med. acc. H.F.F. from L 675954~~

F 215171 to F 516160

Intense Accurate H.F.F. from F 660160
Sizing

Med. acc. H.F.F. from L 675954

Med. acc. H.F.F. from L 420981 Adenau.

K. None

L. 13,300 ft.

M. 1000 hours.

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 14/1750A
TO 9TH BOMBER DIVISION (M) ATTN: A-2 PI
97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) ATTN: STAFF DUTY OFFICER
BT

SECRET 416TH BG FAX 25-D PERIOD

B. MECHERNICH REPAIR DEPOT

J. BOX I - UNDET. DUE TO CLOUD COVER ONLY A FEW BURSTS ARE VISABLE.
THEY APPEAR TO BE NEAR DMPI, WHICH IS COVERED BY
CLOUDS.

BOX II- DID NOT BOMB AS A UNIT 4 A/C FROM THIS BOX BOMBED, NONE
OF WHICH WERE CAMERA SHIPS.

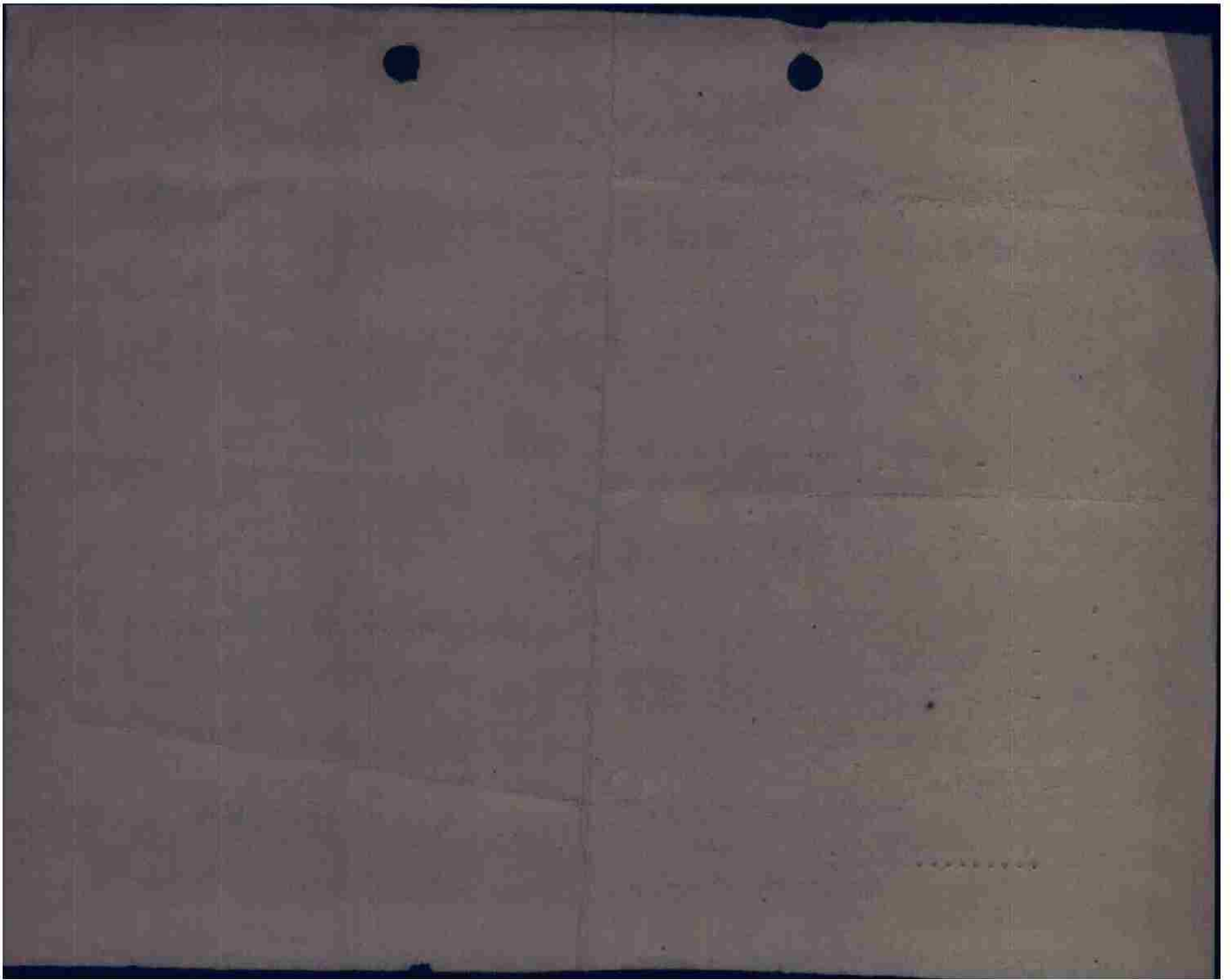
K. NIL

M. 4 - 100 PERCENT
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 14/0235A
 TO COMBOMDIV IX
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416
 ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICER

EX 77

ADVANCE INFO COPY OF PAR. 5 OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

PLAN "A"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (019253)
 (2) CIRCLE
 (4) ROSELEE

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (101760)
 (2) QUICKSTART
 (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" IN C/C 15 MIN. PRIOR TO TROOPLINE REPORTING TIME AHEAD OR BEHIND SCHEDULE.

PLAN "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (066200)
 (2) PEDLAR
 (3) SLEEPY
 (4) SWEEPSTAKES

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (101760)
 (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) GOLDBAY

(4) SWEEPSTAKES

(11) GROUP LEADER WILL CALL AS IN PLAN "A"

X. GENERAL INFORMATION.

(11) WHEN REPORTING TO F.C.C. AND TO COUNTER BATTERY STATIONS, IT IS THE GROUP LEADER'S RESPONSIBILITY WHEN MISSION IS VISUAL AND WHEN BLIND IT IS THE P.P.F. AIRCRAFTS RESPONSIBILITY. S DL

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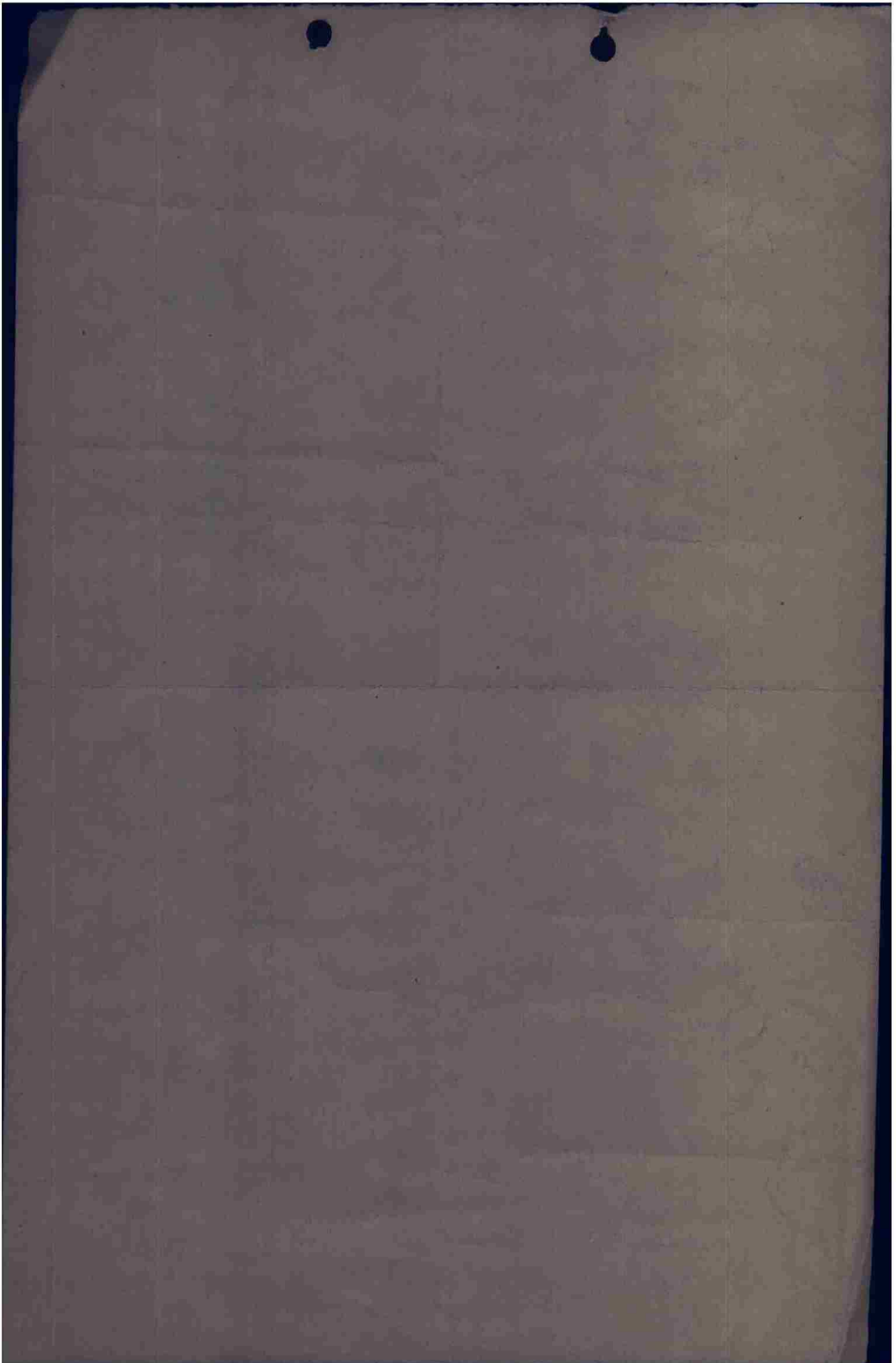
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(2) CIRCLE

(4) ROSELEE

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (191750)

(2) QUICKSTART

(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" TN C/C 15 MIN. PRIOR TO TROOPLINE REPORTING TIME AHEAD OR BEHIND SCHEDULE.

PLAN "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (966298)

(2) PEDLAR

(3) SLEEPY

(4) SWEEPSTAKES

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (191750)

(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

(11) GROUP LEADER WILL CALL AS IN PLAN "A"

X. GENERAL INFORMATION.

(11) WHEN REPORTING TO F.C.G. AND TO COUNTER BATTERY STATIONS, IT IS THE GROUP LEADERS RESPONSIBILITY WHEN MISSIOOZWR VISUAL AND WHEN BLIND IT IS THE P.P.F. AIRCRAFTS RESPONSIBILITY. S DL

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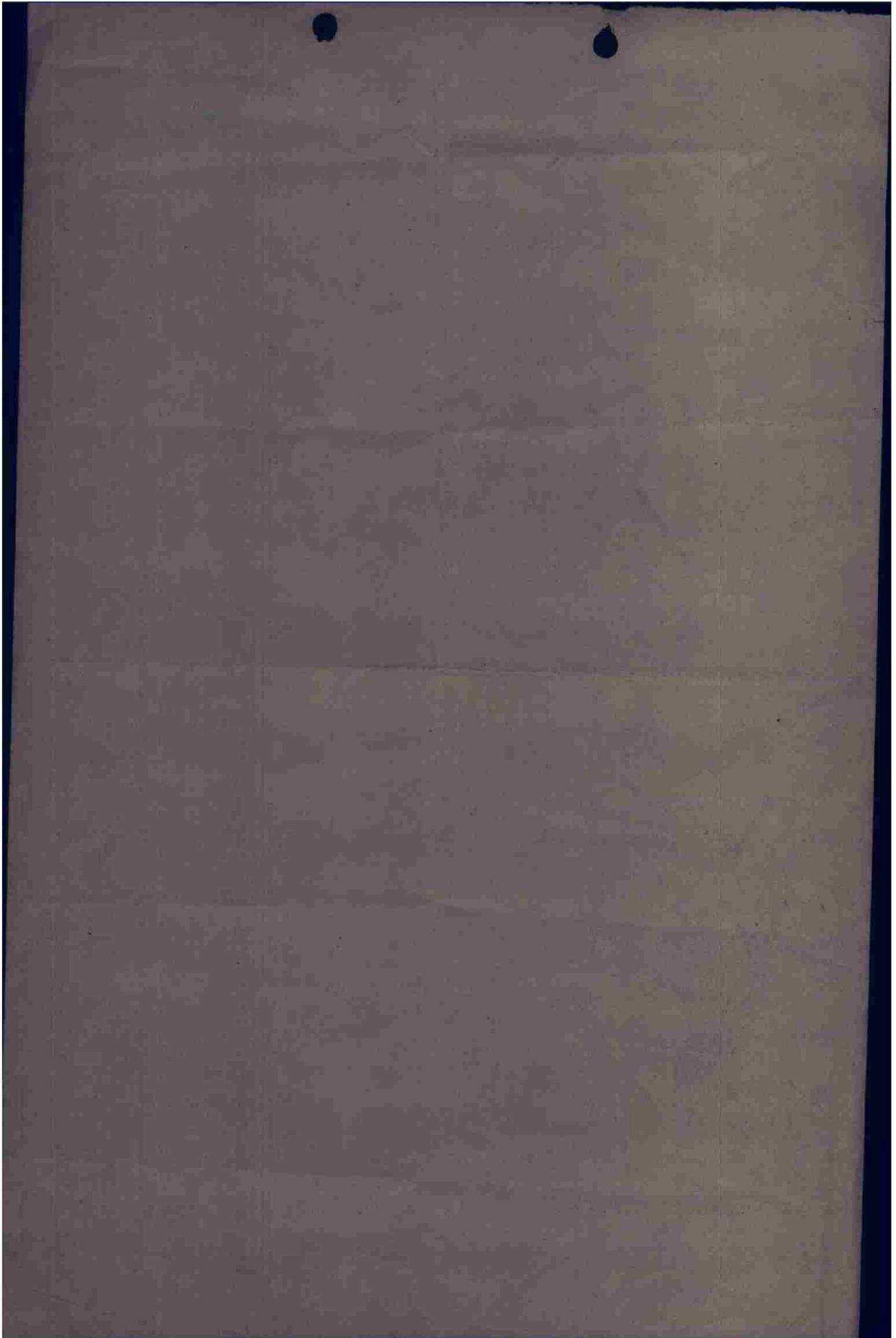
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 14/0415A
TO COMBOMB DIV IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

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

FIELD ORDER NO. 165-747

MAPS: NORMAL

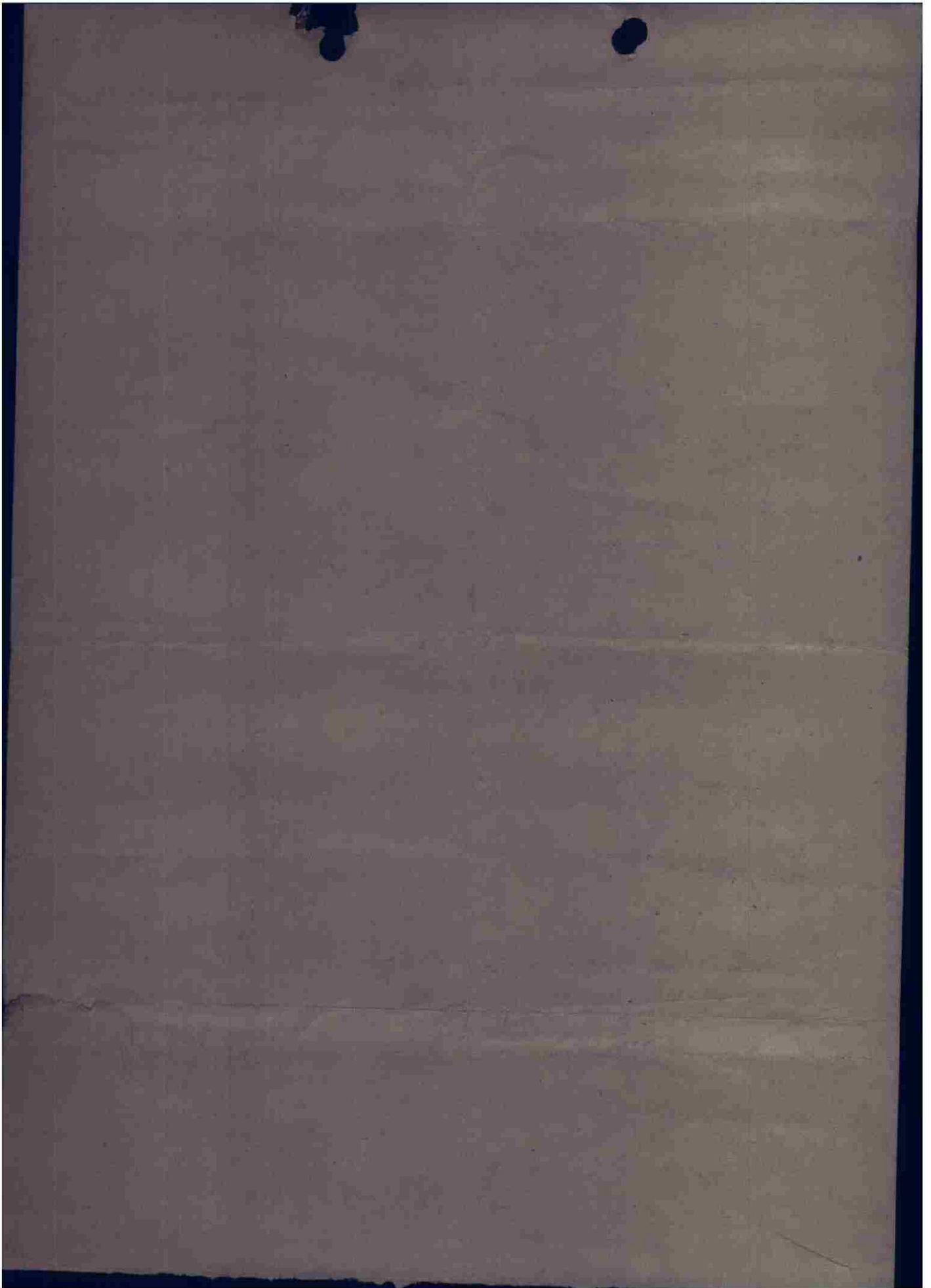
1. B. (1) REFER. CURRENT BOMBLINE. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL
NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK ALONG 409TH GROUP ROUTE ON PLAN "A".
(2) 29TH T.A.C. WILL PROVIDE CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 409TH
GROUP ON PLAN "B".
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

PLAN "A" - ZERO HOUR: 14/1000A
PLAN "B" - ZERO HOUR: 14/1000A

PLAN "A"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (1) GELDERN SUPPLY AND COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (A-019253)
 - (2) 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 - (4) BASE TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE, DOWN TO BUT
NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING
TARGET.
 - (7) 5123N 0539E
 - (8) GEN. W TO E
 - (9) M.P.I. - MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414, SHEET NO. 4403.
TWO FLIGHTS ON GRID. COORD. 01822550 AND 02102530. ONE
FLIGHT ON GRID. COORD 01852537 AND 02072546.
 - (10) 14 X 250 G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
MINIMUM INTERVALOMETER SETTING.
 - (11) 5123N 0539E
 - (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR.
 - (13) IN THE EVENT THAT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED
BY VISUAL MEANS, AN ALTERNATE TARGET SELECTED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9818,7 WILL
BE BOMBED.

- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (1) GREVENBROICH MARSHALLING YARD (F-191780)
 - (2) 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 - (4) BASE TO 5057N 0607E TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO 507N 0607E TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT
BELOW 5,000 FEET.
 - (7) 5104N 0619E
 - (8) GEN. W TO E



19027774, 19087795, 19157817, 19057785, 19127805,
19207827.

- (10) 6 X 500 G.P. - FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) 5104N 0619E
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR
- (13) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACHED BY VISUAL MEANS, THE GROUP WILL BOMB THE PRIMARY TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - A. "GEE"
 - B. TARGET E.T.A.
- (14) GROUP WILL SELECT AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOM. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45)

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) MECHERNICH REPAIR DEPOT (F-223210)
 - (2) 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 - (4) BASE TO 5023N 0602E TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO 5025N 0602E TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE, DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET.
 - (7) 5034N 0613E
 - (8) GEN. W TO E.
 - (9) M.P.I. - MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414, SHEET 5405. GRID. COORD. 223210.
 - (10) 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL. MINIMUM INTERVALOMETER SETTING.
 - (11) 5034N 0613E
 - (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR
 - (13) IN THE EVENT THAT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE BOMBED BY VISUAL MEANS, AN ALTERNATE TARGET SELECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOM. DIV. CIPHER F-574-E (9-2-45) WILL BE BOMBED
- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE
- (5) 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS WILL TAKE OFF AT LEAST 15 MINUTES APART. TAKE OFF TIMES WILL BE COORDINATED THROUGH WING OPERATIONS.

PLAN "B" PATHFINDER

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

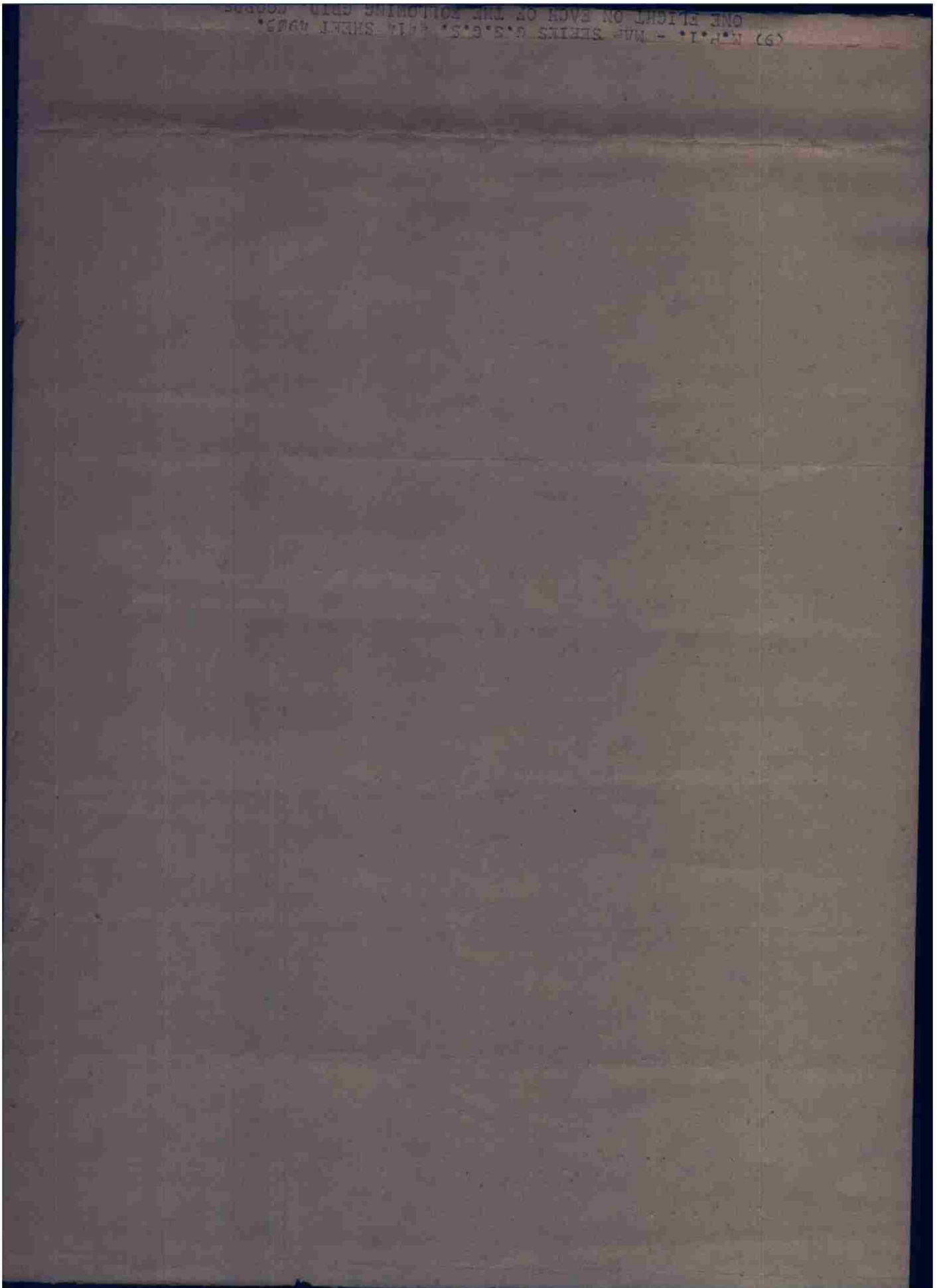
- (1) UNNA ORDINANCE DEPOT (A-966298)
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C WITH 1 PPF A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 5126N 0528E AT 12,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 29 MINUTES. WITH PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
- (4) BASE TO 5126N 0528E TO 5151N 0552E TO 5203N 0637E TO

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GUNAPPN 0701E TO TARGET.

- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (6) LOMB AT 12,500 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGETPM. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING IS 8,000 FEET.
- (9) M.P.I. - ILL. 3(K)34/2. REF: 00880155, 016020, 024024, 03050270, 040032, 041025 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS. REF. 024024 AND 041025 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES. PPF M.P.I. - HRNSFM COORD. 96452965.
- (10) 14 X 250 G.P. - FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MINUTES
- (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST, BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO

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PPF A/C OR NOT. IF
BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUP WNDWUNCMMB 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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COORD:

COORDS. 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 BY 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 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 5104N 0619E AS VISUAL I.P.
IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE

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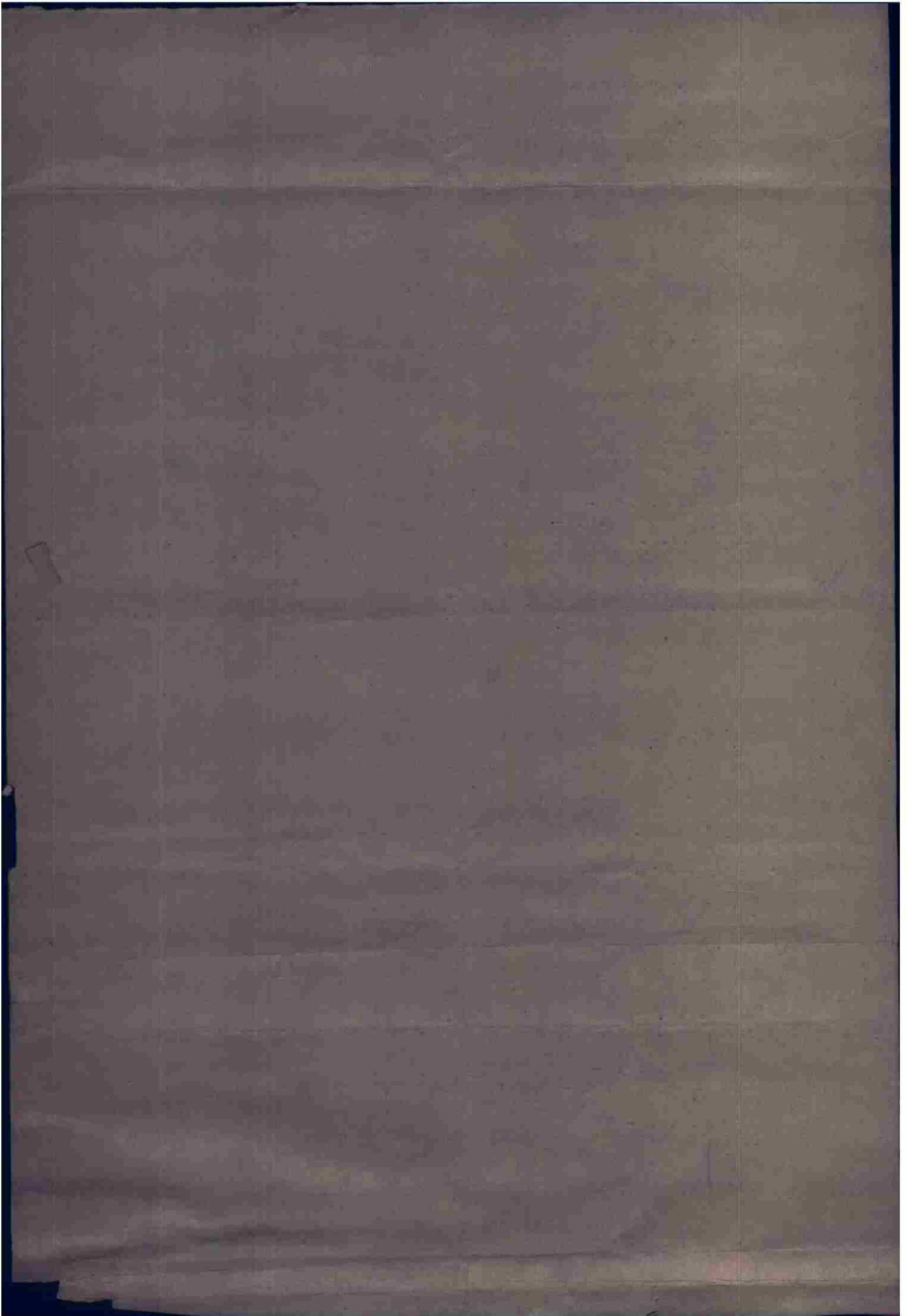
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- A. PPF
- B. GROUP "GEE"
- C. TARGET E.T.A.

(14) GROUP WILL SELECT SECONDARY TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH
IX BOM. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45)

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-26 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 ONLY. IF PPF A/C EQUIPMENT FAILS, GROUP WILL BOMB
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 OPERATIONS.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

PLAN "A"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (019253)

- (2) CIRCLE
 (4) ROSELEE

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (191780)

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- (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. 409TH 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

GROUP LEADER WILL CALL AS IN PLAN "A"

(11)

X. GENERAL INFORMATION.

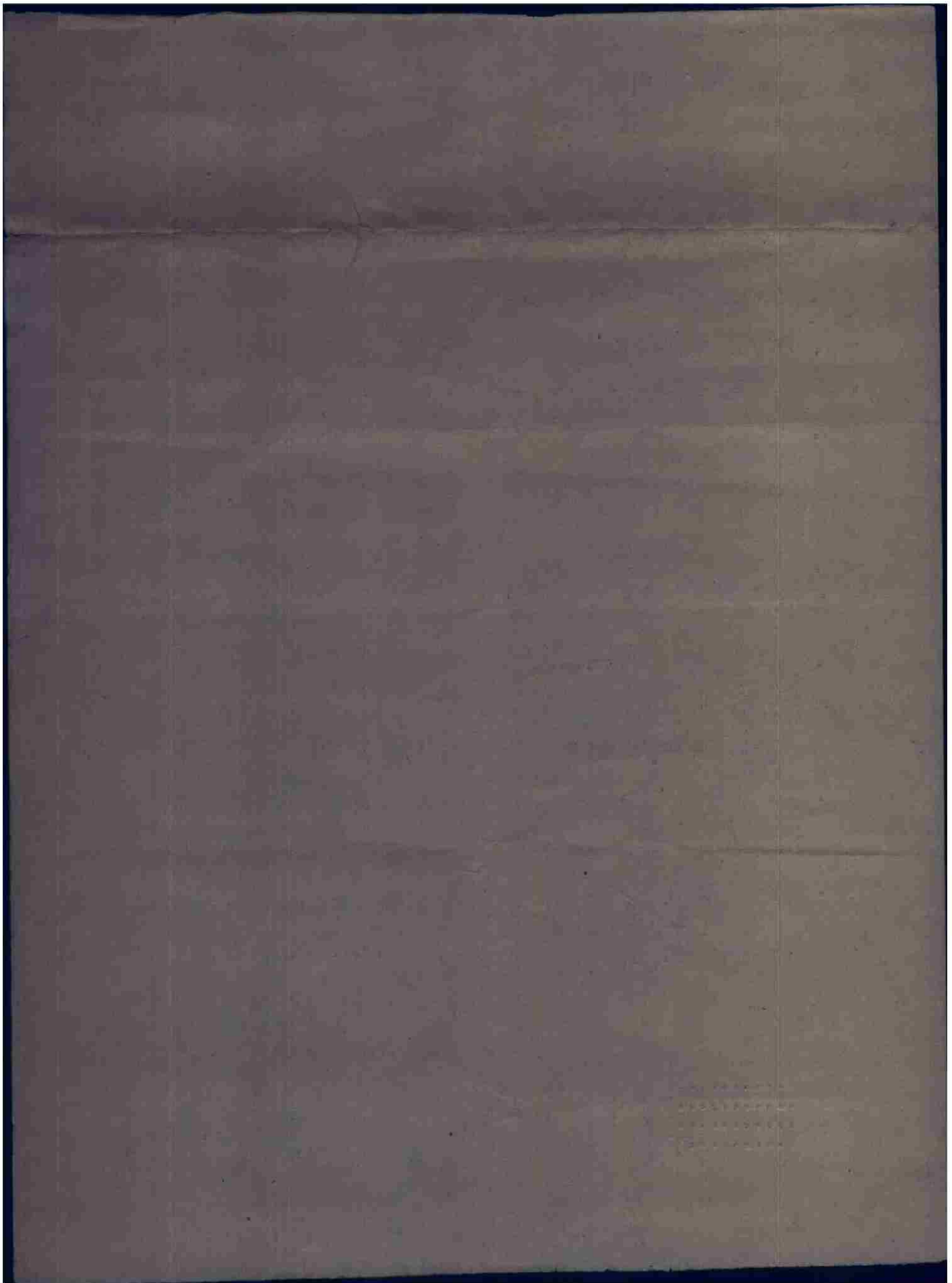
- (11) WHEN REPORTING TO F.C.C. AND TO COUNTER BATTERY STATIONS, IT IS THE GROUP LEADERS RESPONSIBILITY WHEN MISSION IS VISUAL AND WHEN BLIND IT IS THE P.P.F. AIRCRAFTS RESPONSIBILITY.

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BT 0415A

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 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 14/0735A
 TO COMBOMDIV NINE
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416
 1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN,

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 14 FEBRUARY 1945

F-107-E

ANNEX NO.1 TO FIELD ORDER NO.165-747

FOR 409TH BOMB GROUP - PLAN "A" IN EFFECT. PLAN "B" IS CANCELLED.

FOR 410TH AND 416TH GROUPS - PLAN "B" IN EFFECT, PLAN "A" CANCELLED.

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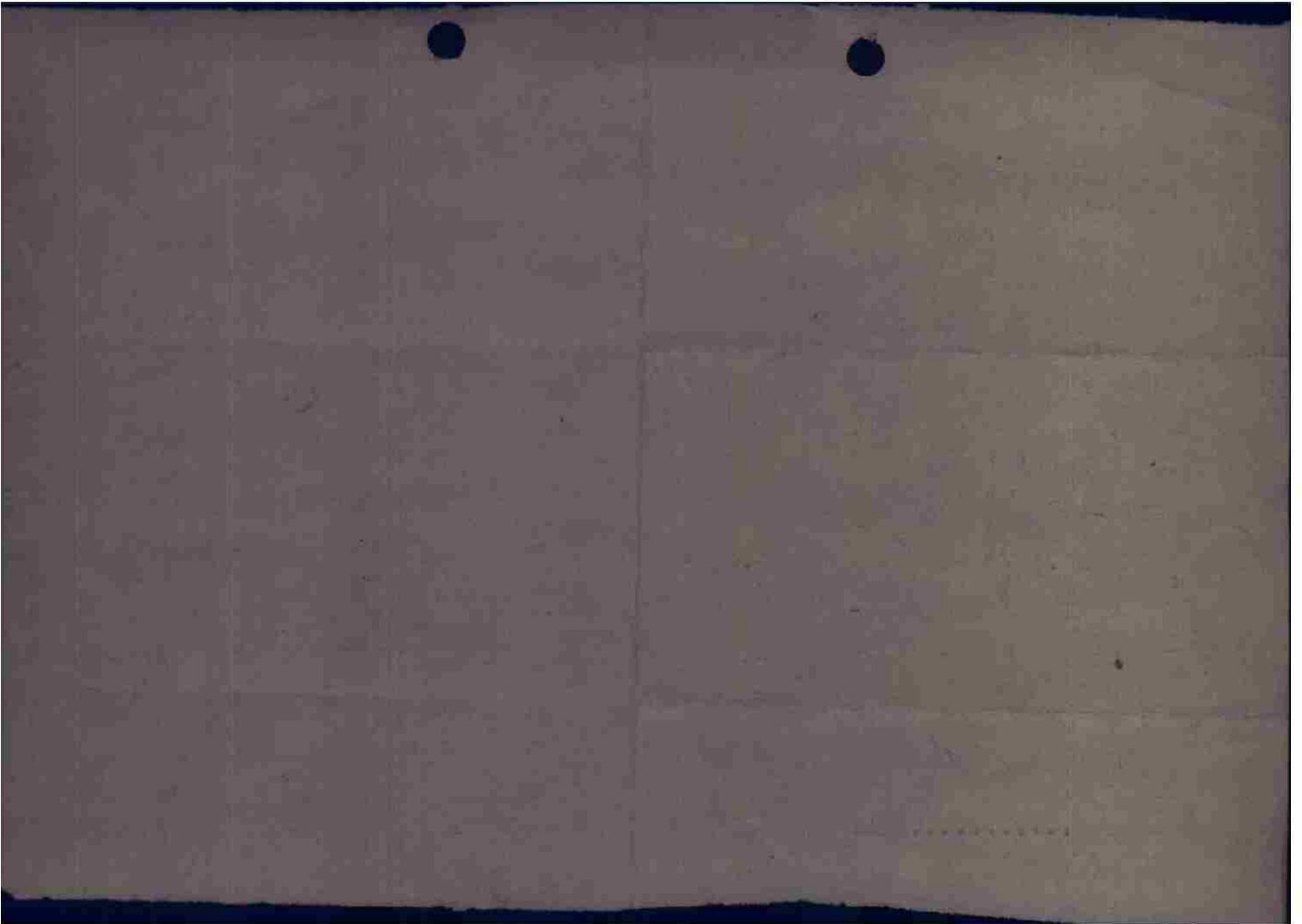
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TO COBOMGP 416
CO 1ST PPF SQDN.
COMBOMDIV IX

SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH. LT. COL. MC AFEE BT

97CBW F-105-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 3 FIELD ORDER 165-747

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2. TARGET IS AN ARMORED MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR DEPOT. IT IS REPORTED TO BE VERY ACTIVE AT THE PRESENT TIME.
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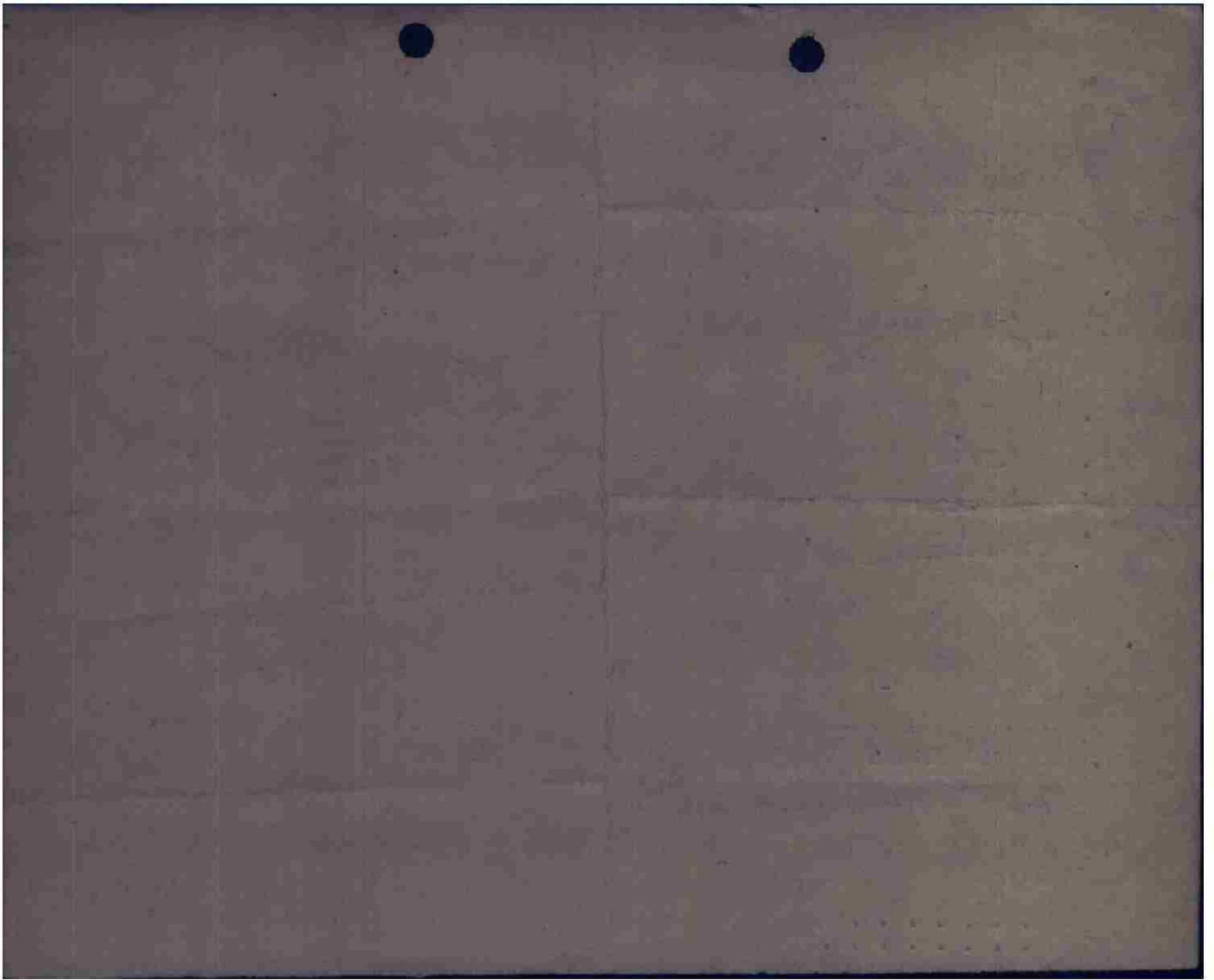
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 14/0248A
TO COBOMGP 416
CO 1ST PPF SQDN.
COMBOMBIV IX

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97CBW F-105-E

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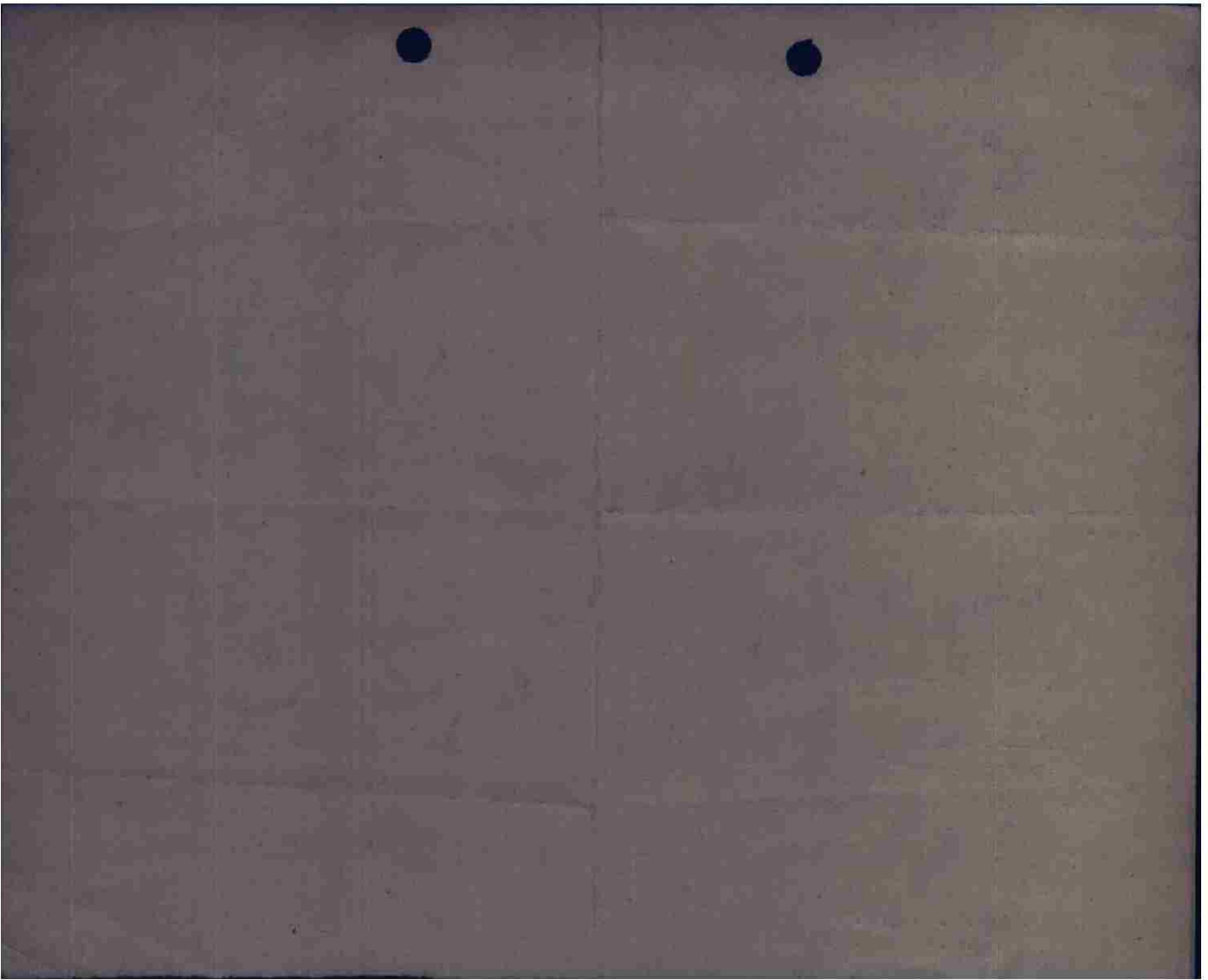
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LOADING LIST

BOX I

FLIGHT I

FEBRUARY 14, 1945

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1. 497 E
LT COL D A WILLIAMS
LT P C ROYALTY
LT R J BARNETT
SGT J W ROSE

2. 523 N
LT C B STANLEY
P/O J H BLACKET
S/S C B COLLIER

3. 237 D
LT J C GARY
S/S R W CHEVRENT

4. 258 A
LT A HAMILTON
S/S F D IORIO

5. 297 T
LT W H AMES
SGT D O SIMON

6. 326 E-1
LT J R WRIGHT
SGT E F BERGOLD

FLIGHT II

1. 521 H-1
LT COL J C RAPIER
LT D L MOORE
LT R CONIS
S/S R P SHAW

2. 383 V
LT J A WILLARD
SGT H E HINCH

3. 366 X
LT E C MARTIN
SGT L B DRAFT

4. 252 D-1
LT J F SMITH
SGT A A DALTON

5. 361 G
LT C E REBERT
S/S W H McGAUGHY

6. 241 F
LT H. K. Johnson
Sgt. H. E. Brandt

FLIGHT III

1. 192 E-1
Lt. W. L. Miller
Lt. J. M. Conner
S/S J. M. Penkerton

2. 244 I
Lt. W. L. Tripp
Sgt. C. T. Hawk

3. 271 R
Lt. G. M. Anderson
Sgt. J. H. Deatherage

4. 361 E-1
Lt. M. W. Dulles
S/S D. L. Griffin

5. 213 A
Lt. C. S. Jordan
S/S M. F. Jensen

6. 264 I-1
Lt. D. O. Turner
S/S M. R. Hayes

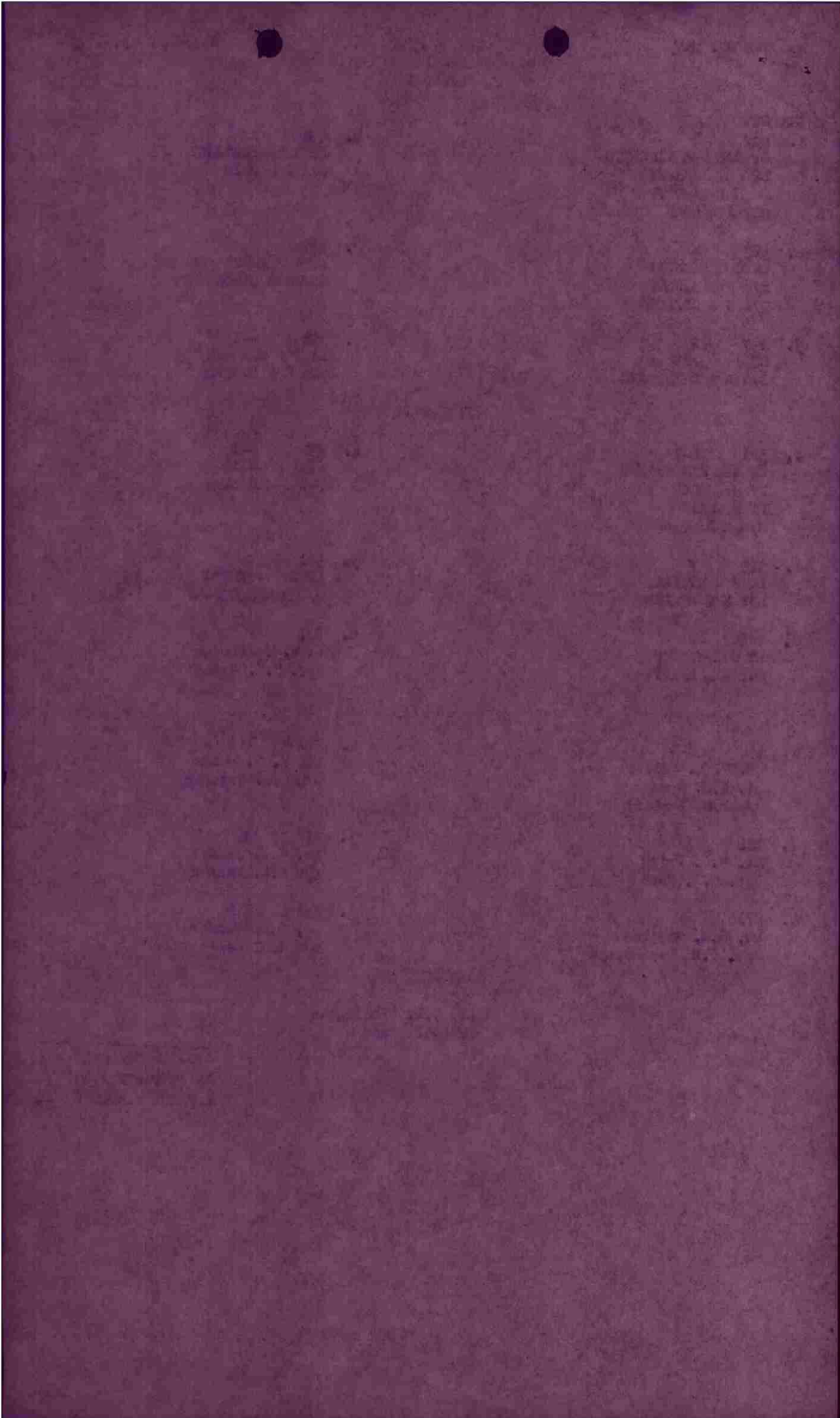
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S/S C. F. Pass

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FLIGHT I

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1. 498a H
Captain R.F. Fair
Lt. J.L. Corum
Lt. R.O. Muir
S/Sgt. G.W. Sennik

2. 469 A
Lt. D.B. Granig
Lt. D.C. Lerris
Lt. M.C. McHatt
Sgt. H.F. Newmisdale

3. 352 J
Lt. J.B. Speke
Sgt. R.D. Hedding

4. 249 F
Lt. AS. Hansen
S/Sgt. F.E. Barber

5. 356 C
Captain R.V. Wheeler
Sgt. L.J. Farmer

6. 322 F
Lt. G.H. Milborn
Sgt. D. Chest

FLIGHT II

1. 501 F
Lt. R.J. Rooney
Lt. R.L. Kirk
Lt. G.B. Koch
T/Sgt. J.E. Goggia

2. 390 B-1
Lt. W. Macgregor
S/Sgt. H.C. Seighman

3. 224 E
Lt. R.O. Turner
S/Sgt. J. Sienkiewicz

4. 2315 L
Lt. S.R. Reinke
S/Sgt. L.R. Friday

5. 223 B
Lt. A.H. Turner
Sgt. T.W. Carney

6. 295 H
Lt. R.B. Bower
Sgt. G.S. Rhoney

FLIGHT III

1. 505 Y
Captain C.J. Anderson
Lt. V. Babbage
S/Sgt. E.L. Schafer

2. 188 H-1
Major C.H. Harris
S/Sgt. R.F. Stewart
S/Sgt. F.W. Elliott

3. 512 T
Lt. J.F. Chalmers
Lt. L.W. Fekard
S/Sgt. K. Fortner

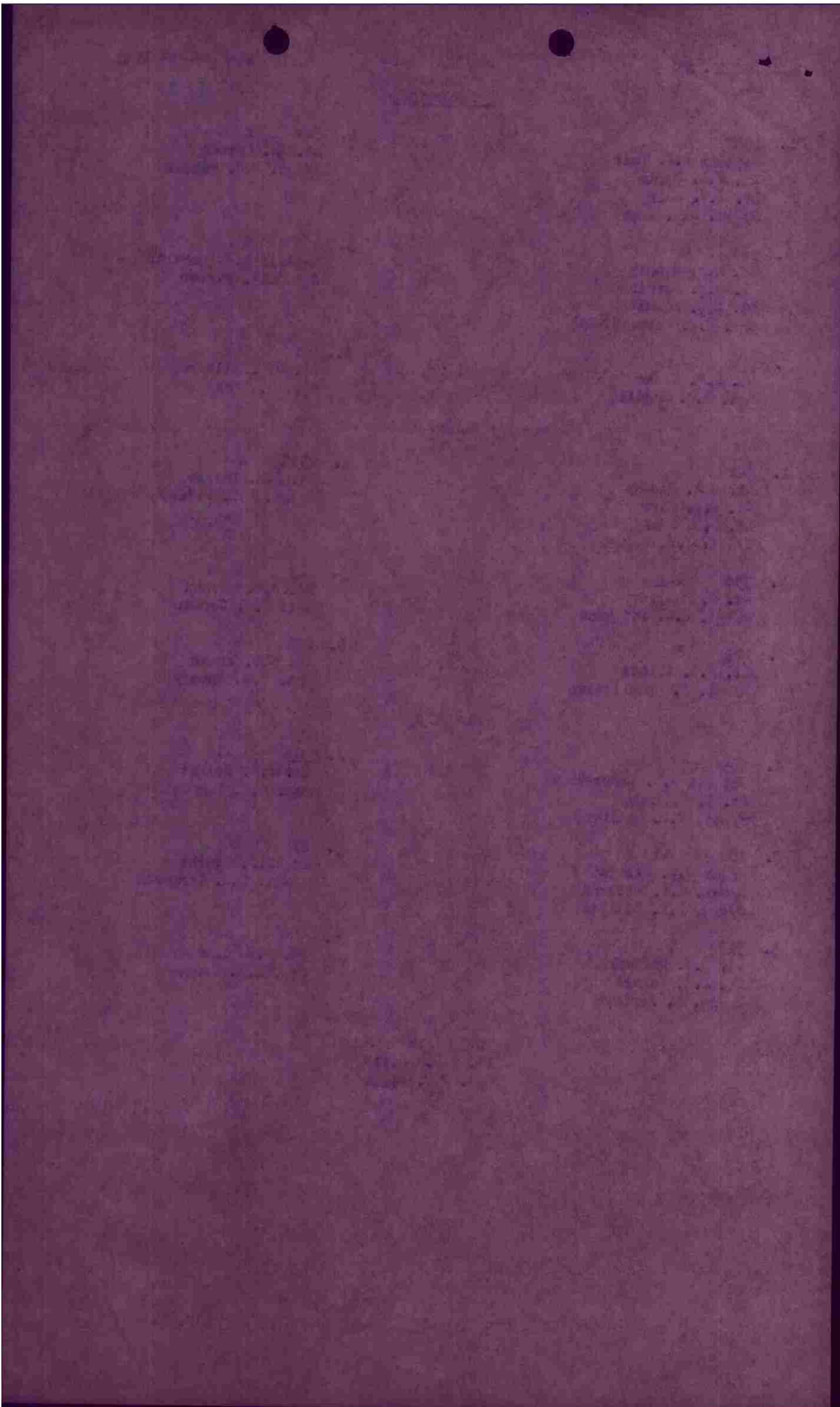
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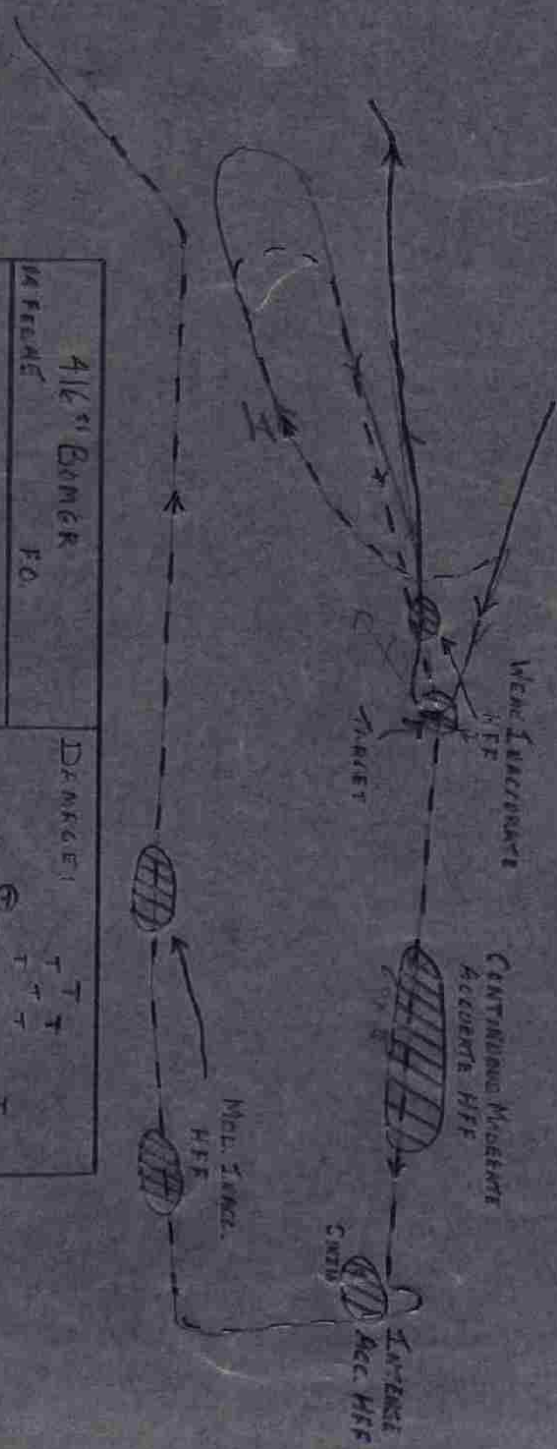
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Sgt. R.M. Crose

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Lt. W.D. Chitty
Sgt. P.H. Riggs



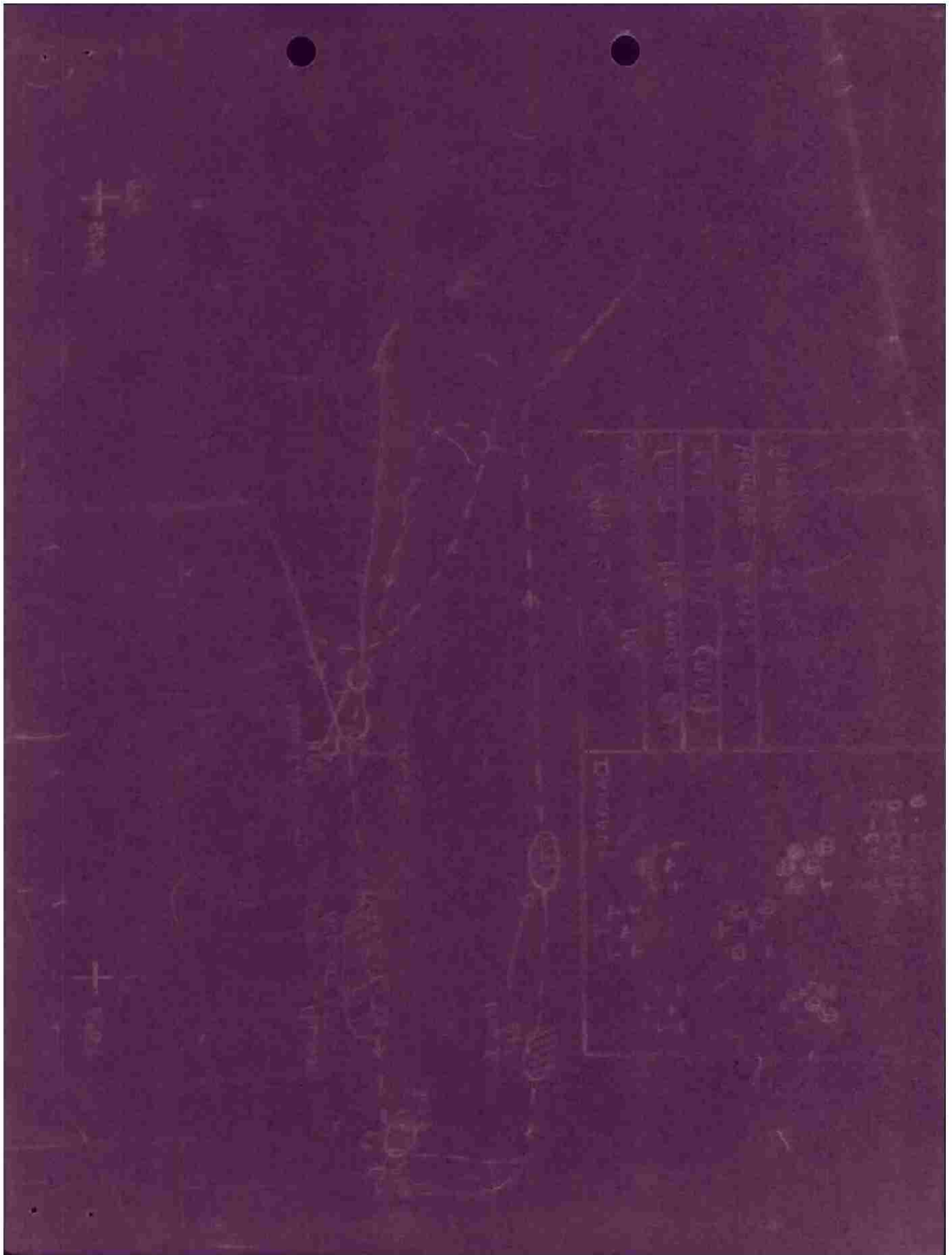
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DATE	4 June 68	LOCATION	Bomber
TIME		FO	
TARGET	Mechernich R/D		
TOIT	1000 (P.F.R.)		
WEATHER	S-6/10		
CORTIES	37 alc		

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

AUTH: GO STA
DATE: 16 Feb. 1945
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TO: Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M), APO 140, U. S. Army.
Attn: Station Control.

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

Ref: Cprep A No. 317 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 14 Feb. 1945
Mission or Operation No. 24 97th Air Div 416-147

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Interneil Repair Depot
Place of take-off Station 4-89
Place of landing Station 4-89
Take-off time 0:30 Landing time 1:25
Time over target 1:00 Bombing Altitude 13000
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather 5/10's clouds - 1 cloud directly over target area.
Results Unobserved
Enemy opposition Moderate to intense accurate fire.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 37 A-26's

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
Interneil Repair Depot
Leader failed to release and pilots
knowing they were over enemy terri-
tory dropped as briefed.
Missing in vicinity of Interneil

3. Abortive due to:
(1) Weather: None
(2) Personnel: None
(3) Mechanical: 1 A-26 returned early - electrical trouble. 3 A-26's
mechanical malfunction of bomb release mechanism.
(4) Other: 13 A-26's failed to bomb because bombs of bomb loader would
not release.

4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) 1 A-26 believed hit by flak; last
seen going down in flames.

5. Destroyed - before reaching target None
giving cause where known

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

7. Damaged (give category & cause) 9 category 'A' - flak
2 category 'A2' - flak

8. Sorties 36

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GEORGE SOHNKEIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

For the Commanding Officer:

E. Destroyed
F. Prob. Destroyed
G. Damaged

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

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

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

a. Total Returned
b. Total on operations (List targets separately)
c. Detained
d. Lost or wrecked on missing e/c
e. Total carried into air
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FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. 14/1300A
 TO CG IX BOMB DIV. ATTN A-3
 CG 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN A-3
 CO 416TH BOMB GROUP ATTN A-3

SECRET BT

1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. F-166-E

"PFF OPERATIONAL CRITIQUE"

DATE: 14-2-45 TIME: 1145
 PILOT LT. MILLER

A. FORMATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION: 1ST BOX GOOD. 2ND BOX NEVER GOT IN FORMATION
 EVEN AFTER LEAD SLOWING UP TO 130.
2. REMARKS:

B. WINDOW SHIPS:

1. CLASSIFICATION: NONE
2. REMARKS:

C. NAVIGATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION: GOOD
2. REMARKS:

D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS:

GOOD.

E. BRIEFINGS: GOOD

F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS: LANDED WITHOUT RADIO CONTACT.

- - - CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. - - -

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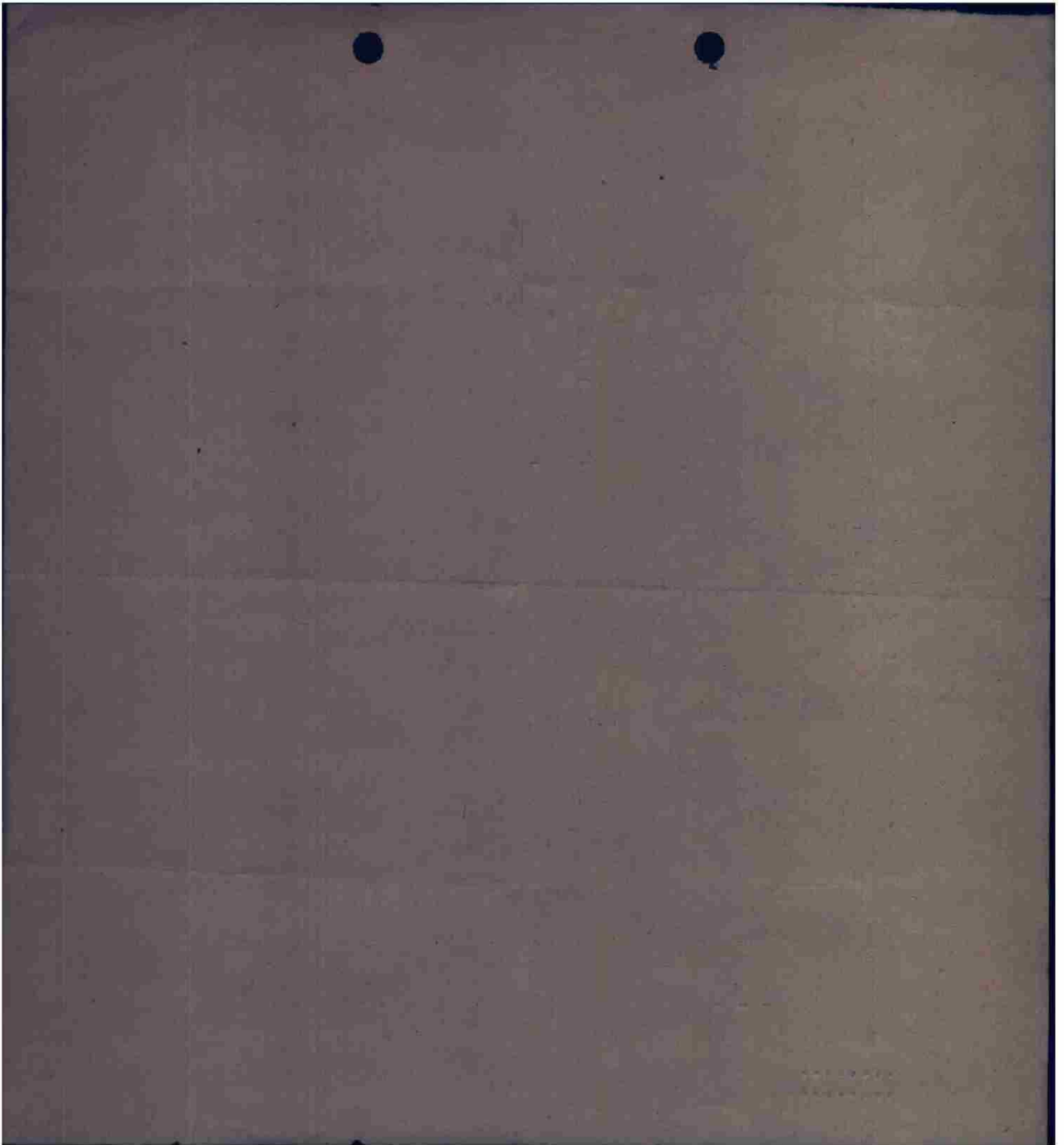
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FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. 14/1400A
 TO CG IX BOMB DIV. ATTN A-2
 CG'S 97TH AND 98TH COMBAT WING
 CO 410TH BOMB GROUP
 CO 416TH BOMB GROUP
 CO 394TH BOMB GROUP
 CO 397TH BOMB GROUP

SECRET BT

1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. F-170-D

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 410TH BOMB GROUP
- B. GREVENBROICH M/Y WF-1978
- C. ONE B-26
- D. ONE B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. BELIVED GOOD- SAW STRIKES IN TARGET AREA
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. INTENSE ACCURATE HFF MUNCHEN GLADBACH AREA WF-0959 TO TARGET AREA WF-1978
- K. NONE
- L. 13,500 PRIMARY
- M. 0959 1/2 PRIMARY

GROUP FORMATION - GOOD WINDOW PLANES - EXCELLENT

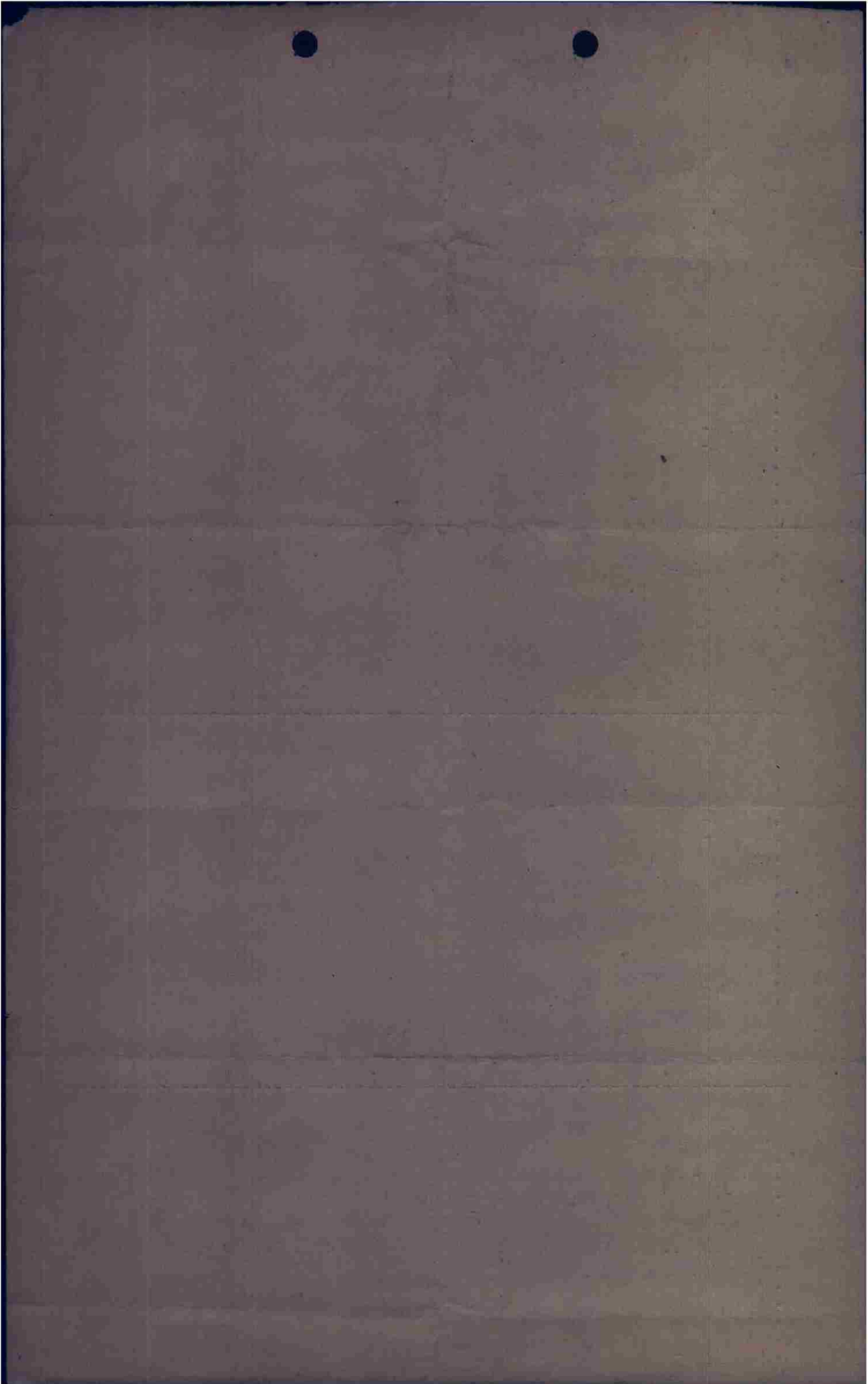
SWEEPSTAKES CONTACTED FOUR MINUTES BEFORE ENTERING AREA

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 416TH BOMB GROUP
- B. MECHERNICH REPAIR CENTER WF-2221
- C. ONE B-26
- D. ONE B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. BELIVED GOOD SAW BLACK SMOKE THAT LOOKED LIKE OIL FIRE
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. WEAK INACCURATE IN TARGET AREA (HMF)
- K. NONE
- L. 13500 PRIMARY
- M. 1000

GROUP FORMATION - POOR WINDOW SHIPS - NIL

SWEEPSTAKES WAS CALLED BUT NO FIX WAS RECIVED DUE TO COUNTER BATTERY INTERRUPTION.

- A. 397 GROUP
- B. MAYEN - RR BRIDGE WL6393
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 ON CASUAL AT MANREAL - WL5988
 GROUP HIGH FLIGHT OVERODE PFF A/C MAKING BOMBING OF PRIMARY
 IMPOSSIBLE. FORMATION TURNED AND BELIVED BOMBED MANREAL-WL5988
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP ON MONREAL WL5988
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. MAYEN WL-69 MADERATE INACCURATE HFF HILLERSHEIM WL 28
 MEAGER INACCURATE HFF



L. 12,500 - MONREAL
M. 1041 AT MONREAL

ANNEX CALLED RIPS AW 3 MINUTES AFTER ENTERING AREA BUT DID NOT GET
ANSWER-REASON UNKNOWN

- A. 394
- B. MAYEN RR BRIDGE WL6393
- C. 2 B-26'S
- D. 2 B-26'S ON PRIMARY (1 PFF A/C DROPPED ON EQUIPMENT, SECOND BOX
(DROPPED ON FIRST BOX)
- E. NONE
- F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. FIRST PFF BELIVED GOOD, SECOND PFF UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. MAYEN WL6393 MEAGER INACCURATE
MALMEDY VK7905 MEAGER INACCURATE
- K. NONE
- L. 11:15 PM A 12,000
- M. 88
& 841031

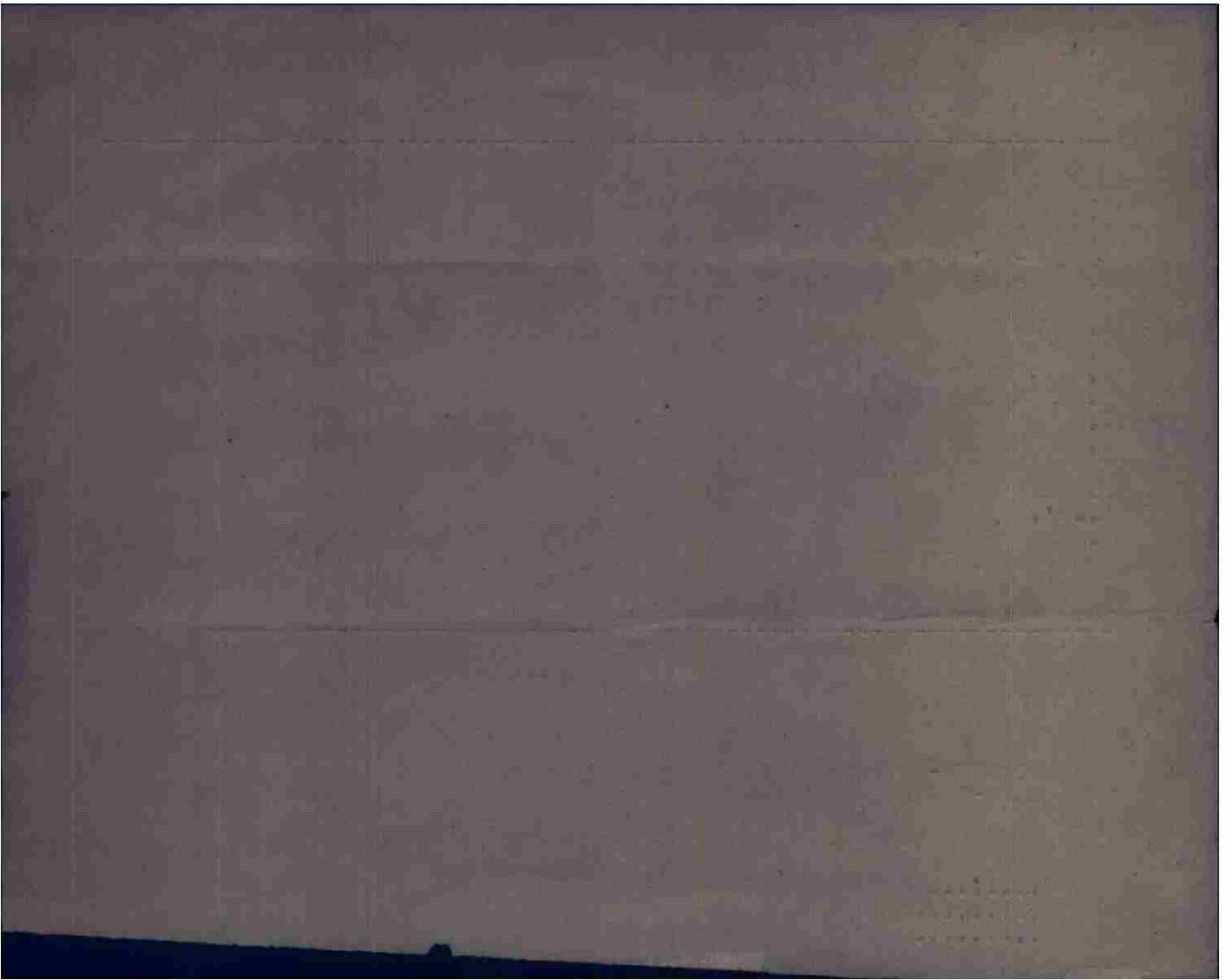
ANNEX 1. GROUP CALLED TIME UNKNOWN

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV---
BT 14/1400A

CC L 12,500-12,000
CC M 1028-1031

MT/ME BBB K

JEA R.....14/2025A	SS	KKKK
JPO R.....14/2025A	SL	KKK
JMI R.....14/2028A	EW	KKK



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 2/14 P P

FROM : COBONGP 416 14/1430A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER
CONCERNING 97 (INFO)

BT

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A-YES -32
B-14 FEBRUARY 1945 (0852-1212)
C-D-DOG REPORTED RESULTS OF JXX MISSION TO PARADE.
D- PPT MISSION
E- NONE
F- NONE
G- NONE
H- TEXT NONE
I- NONE
J- NONE
K- NONE

AYLESWORTH COBONGP 416

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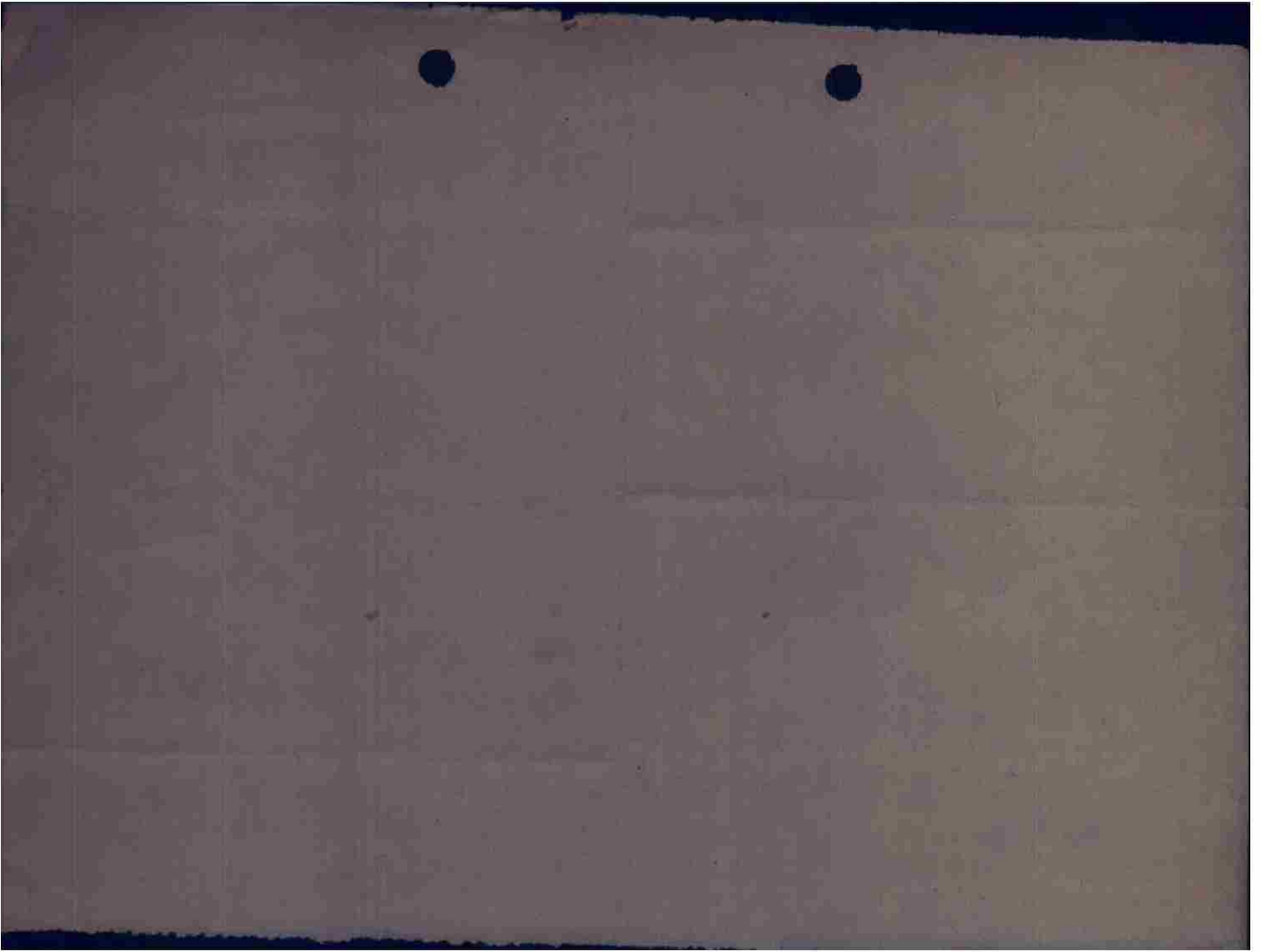
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ITA P..... 12A 141635A RWC H

JEA P.....14/1640A WCB AR
EDDBBBB



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PILOT Vicente A/C# 497-8 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE
6 X 500	FT	"A-C" : "E"
X	RETURNED	:
X	JETTISONED	:

FLAK:

2nd box - just on turn off T.D.
from 3 o'clock

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

P47's - cover

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10 + broken over target
P.P.F. 1000 13,300 ft.
hit S. of town in T.D.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      (X)
     X  X
      X  X
     X  X

X      X      X
X      X      X
X      X      X

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P.P.F. MP-1-San / (in a sheet)

4268 2426

4295 2417

Plan "B" only

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PILOT Ames A/C# 297-T BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	500	ON	P.T.	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
X		RETURNED				
X		JETTISONED				

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

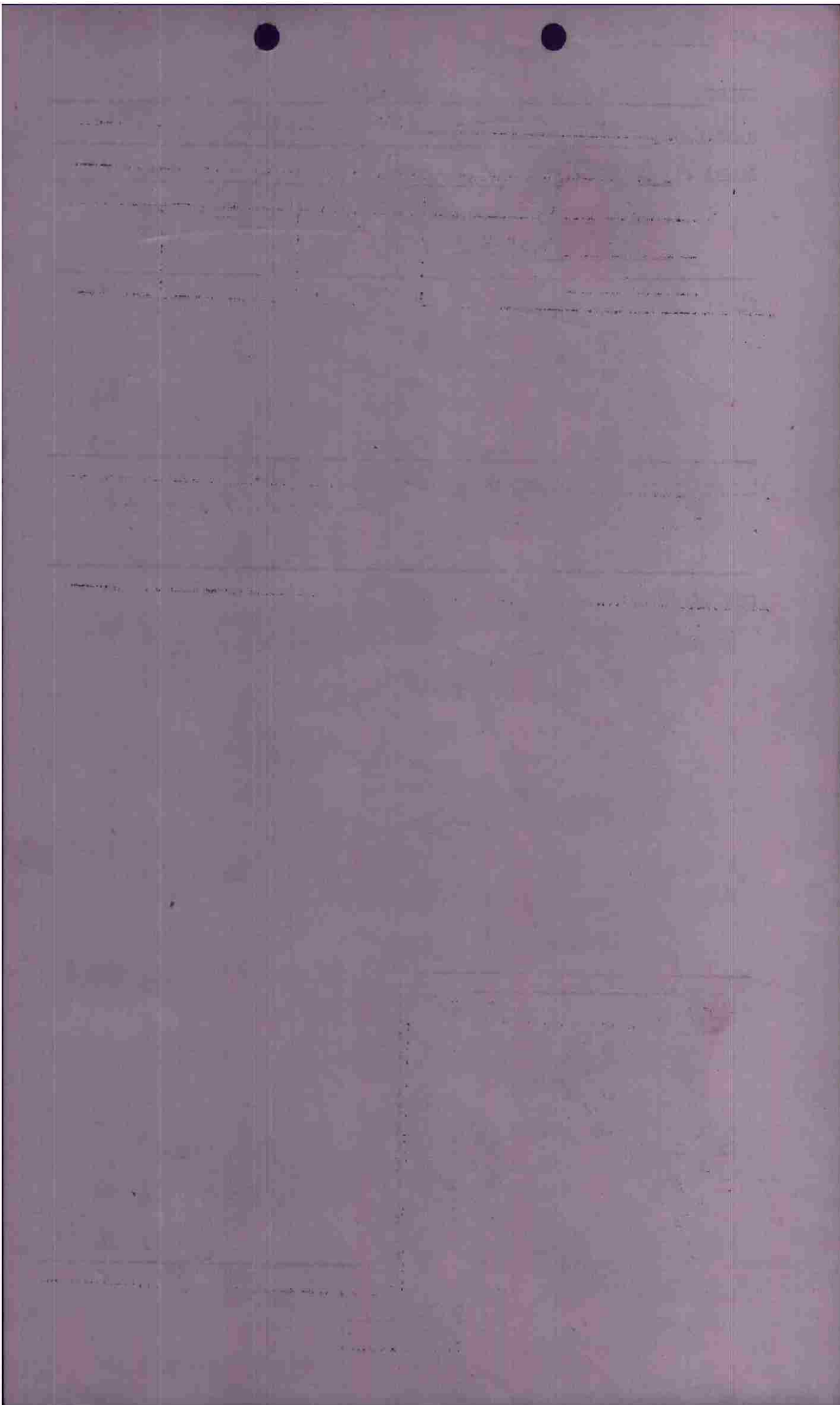
1025- to left off at 90 clock
oil fire observed.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT Remiszewski A/C# 313-B BOX 4CASUALTIES None

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE
<u>6</u> <u>500</u>	<u>P-1</u>	
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	

FLAK: Moderate in bursts of five at 2nd box, none observed at 1st box.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: 4 fighters at around 6 or 7 thousand did not attack but started to climb as box went out. Identity unknown.

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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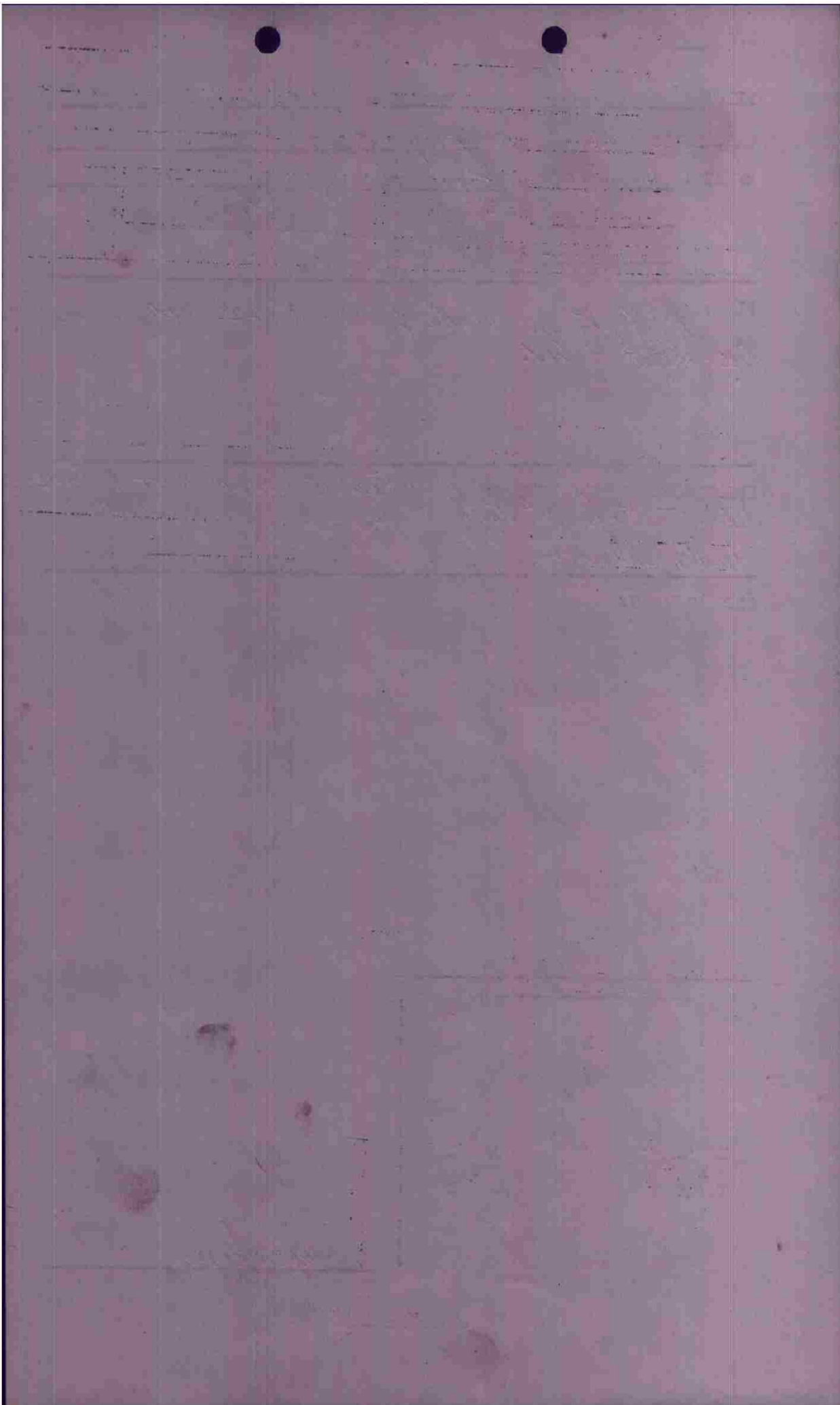
      X
     X X
    (X)
     X X
  
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X X      X
X X      X X
X X      X X
  
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PILOT Wichington A/C# 300-K BOX ICASUALTIES NoneBOMBS : 6 x 500 ON P.T. BATTLE DAMAGE

		"A-G"	"E"
X	RETURNED	:	:
X	JETTISONED	:	:

FLAK:

None

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: 2 P47 coming off bomb run
at same height of box.

OBSERVATIONS:



POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    (X) X
      X
    X  X

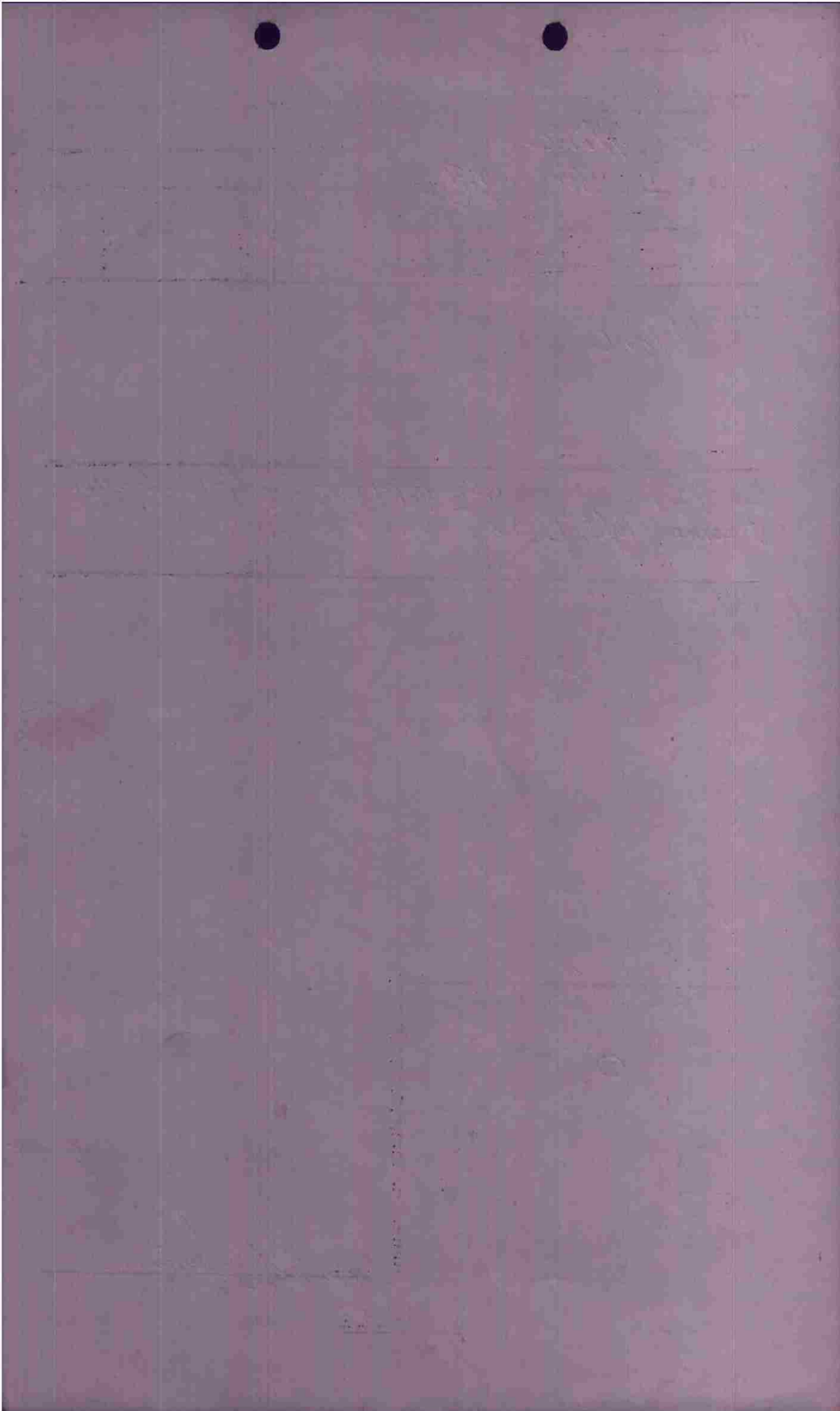
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X  X  X    X  X
X  X  X    X  X

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PILOT Stanley A/C# 523-N BOX ICASUALTIES None

BOOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>500</u>	ON	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:		:	
		<u>X</u>		RETURNED	:		:	"A-C"	:	"E"
		<u>X</u>		JETTISONED	:	<u>None</u>	:		:	

FLAK: NoneENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: None

OBSERVATIONS:

5/10 cloud cover
 Bombs away at 0959
 Alt 13300 - 110°
 Results unobserved

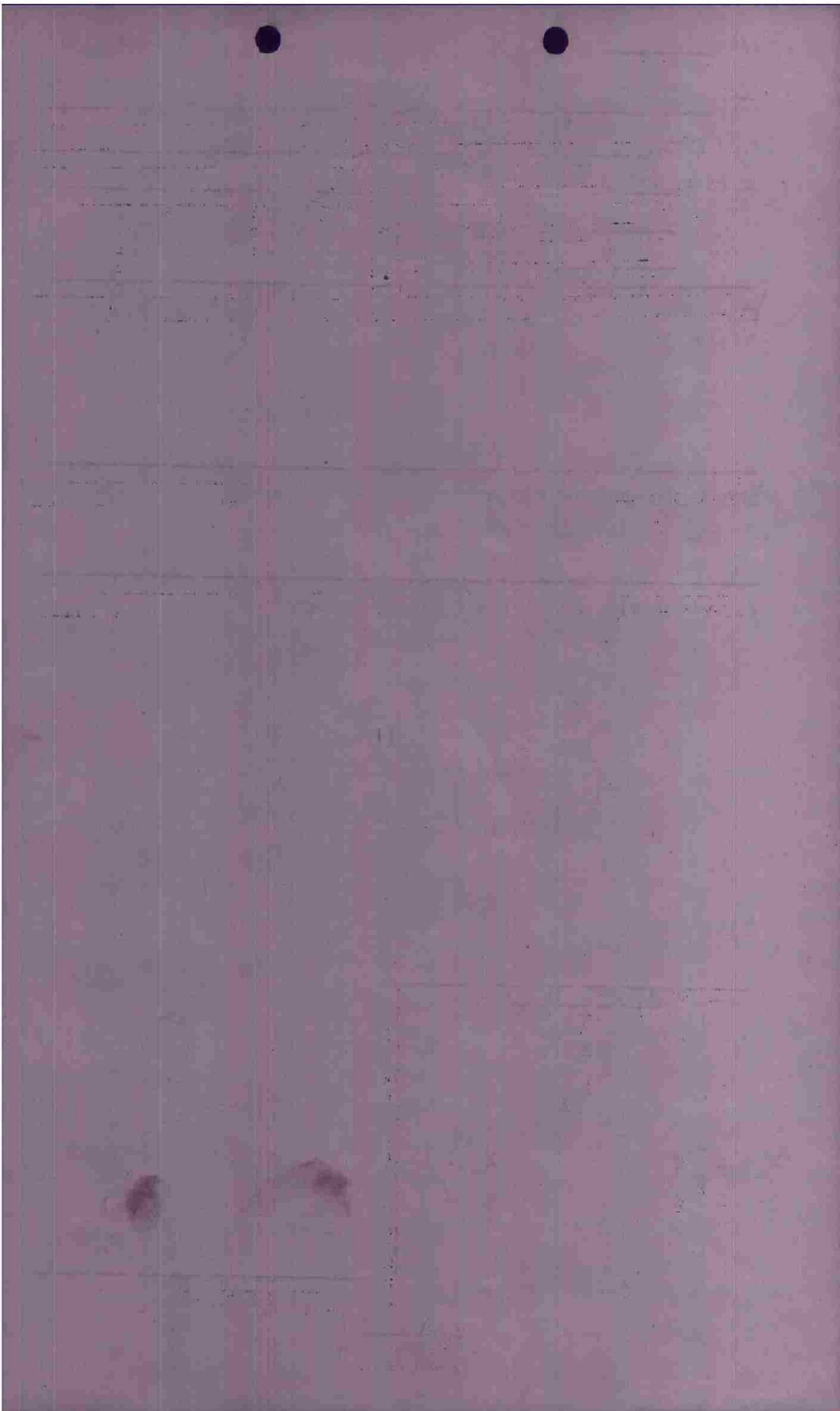
POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT Night A/C# 239-N-1 BOX ICASUALTIES NoneBOMBS : 6 500 ON P.T. BATTLE DAMAGE

	RETURNED	"A-C"	"E"
X			
X			

	JETTISONED	"A-C"	"E"
X			
X			

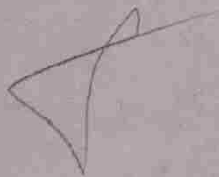
FLAK:

None

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

None

OBSERVATIONS:

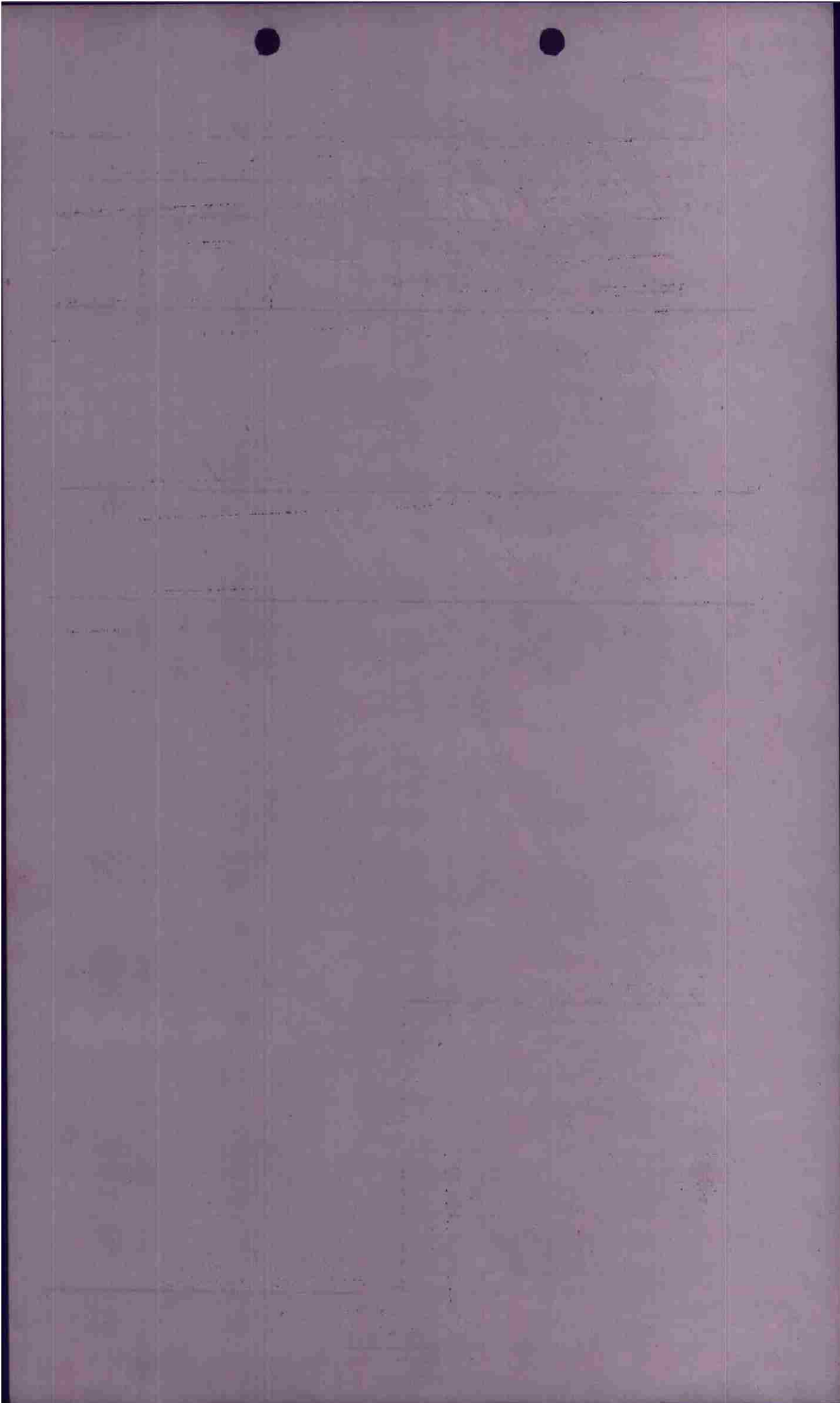


POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT Napier A/C# 521-N-2 BOX ICASUALTIES NoneBOMBS : 6 500 ON : BATTLE DAMAGEX RETURNED : None : "A-G" : "E"X JETTISONED : None : : :FLAK: One Burst 9 o'clock. at
Bomb and - accurate - same
alt

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: Dropped on PPF
this flight about 500 feet
out of position to rear when
bombs away - reason down
action.

POSITION IN FORMATION

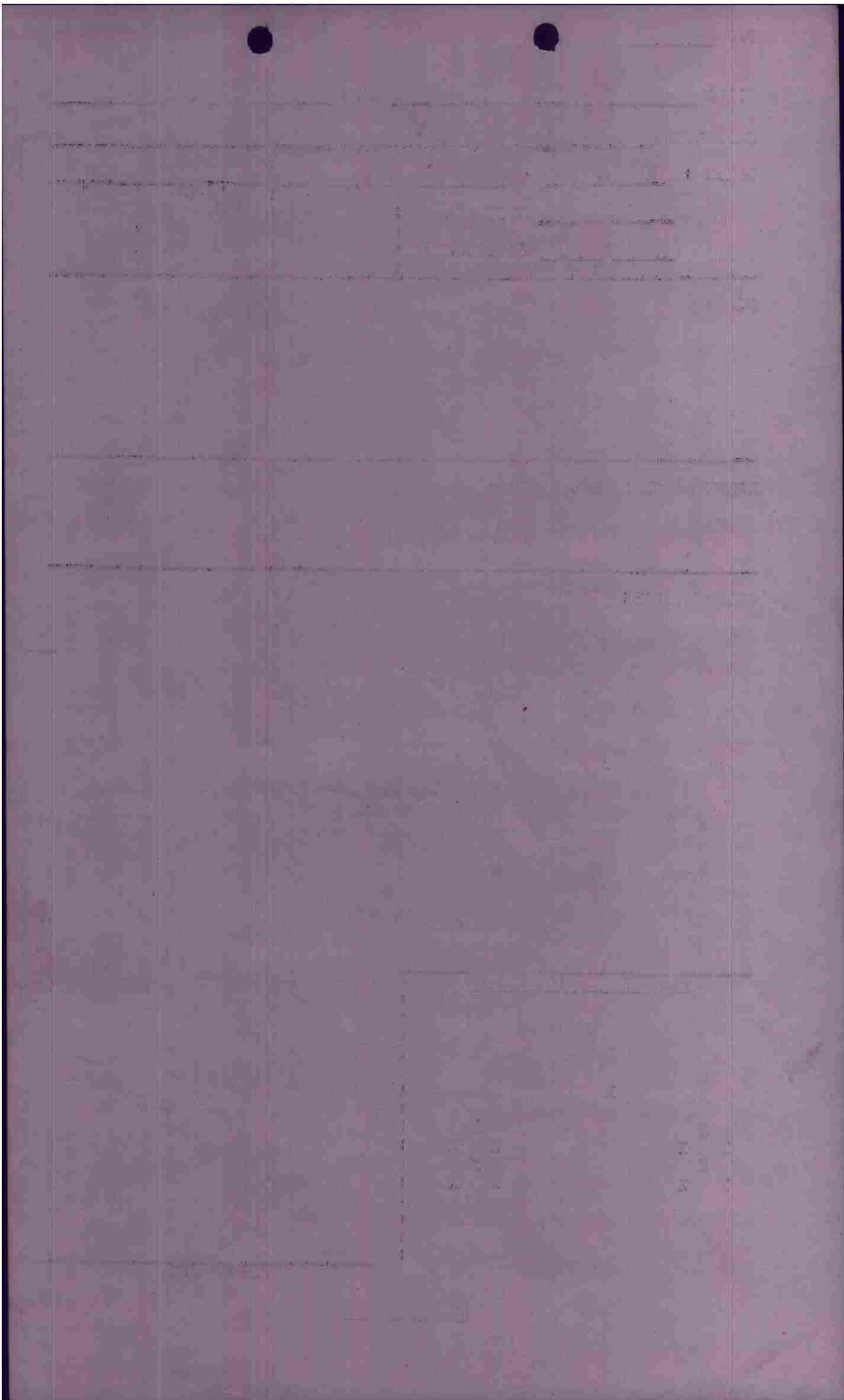
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		X		
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	X			
X				

		(X)		
X			X	
	X			
X			X	

Bomb away 1000
Alt 11500
108°
1000 ft
Avi Speed - 200 mph
Results - Good -
5-6 over target.
100%

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PILOT Willard A/C# 383 ✓ BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

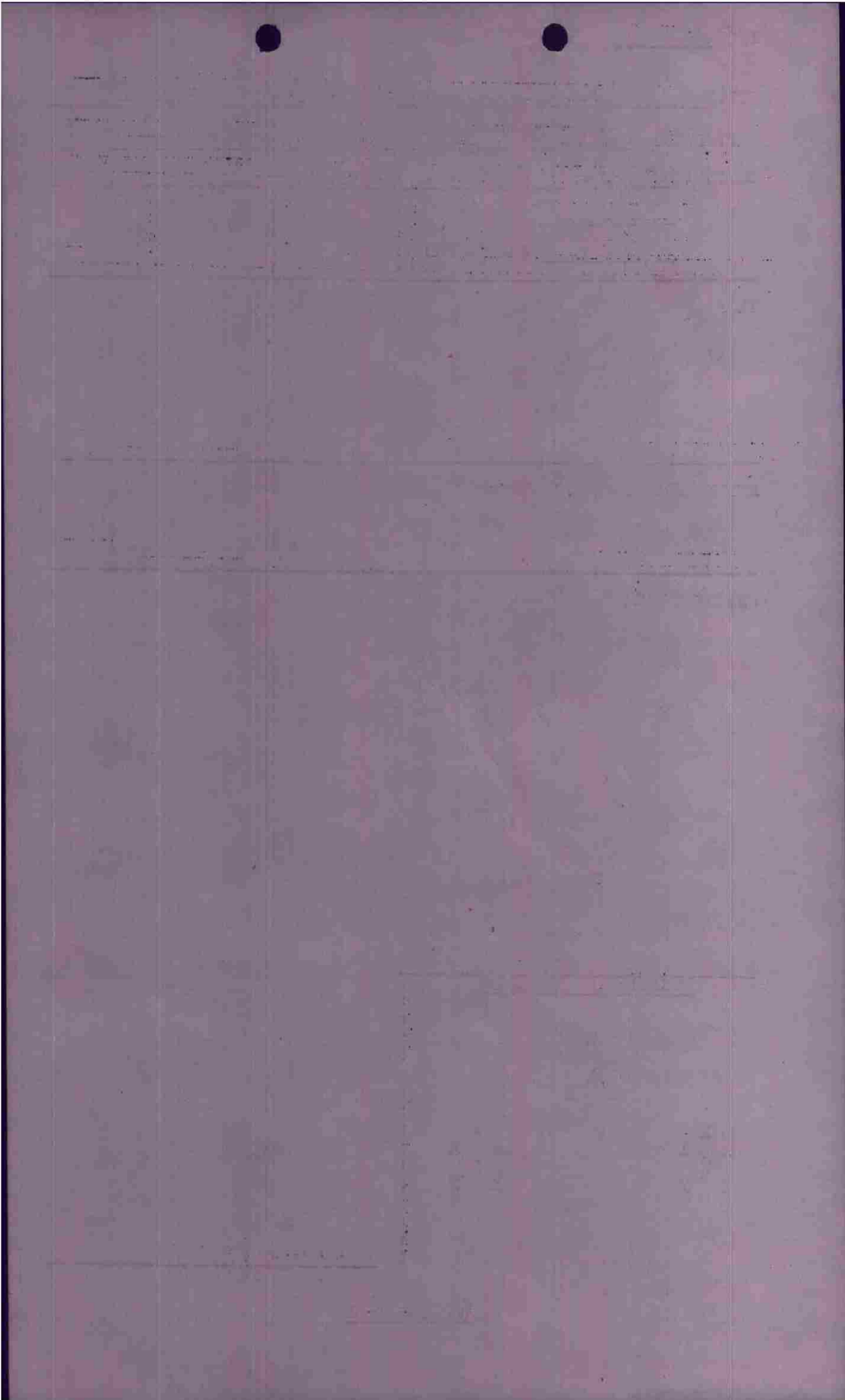
Not Ambush

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT Johnson A/C# 241-2 BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 6 500 ON PT BATTLE DAMAGE

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

FLAK: 25 bursts on then left in turn
off target since.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Dropped on PP F
Did not see target

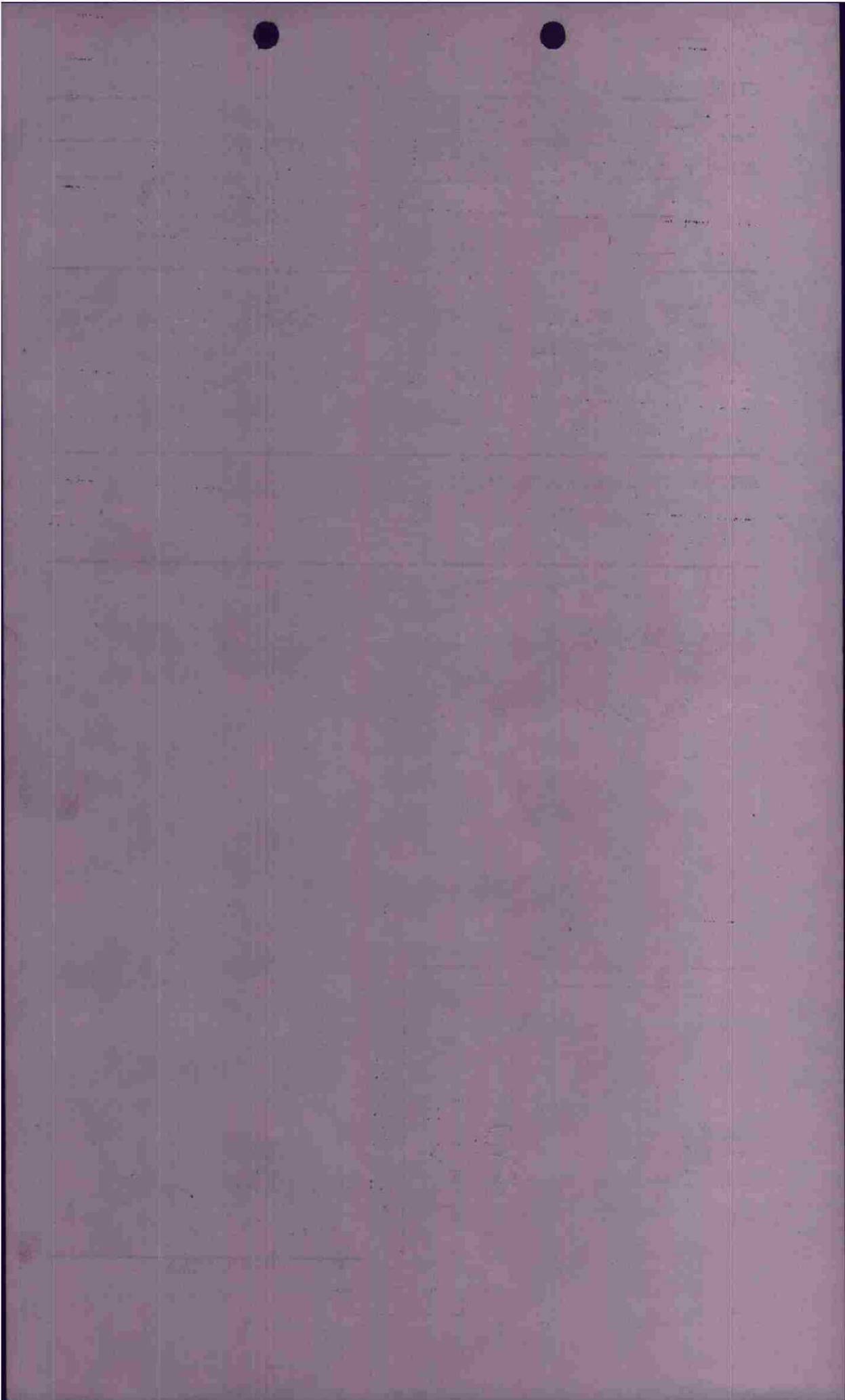
POSITION IN FORMATION

		X	
X		X	X
		X	
X		X	X

X			X
X		X	X
X		X	X

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PILOT Smith, J. F. A/C# 252-8-1 BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON P.T. BATTLE DAMAGE

	RETURNED	"L-C"	"E"
X			
X			

FLAK: in 2nd box - white phos
phos with black in T.H.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X P-47s - close escort

OBSERVATIONS:

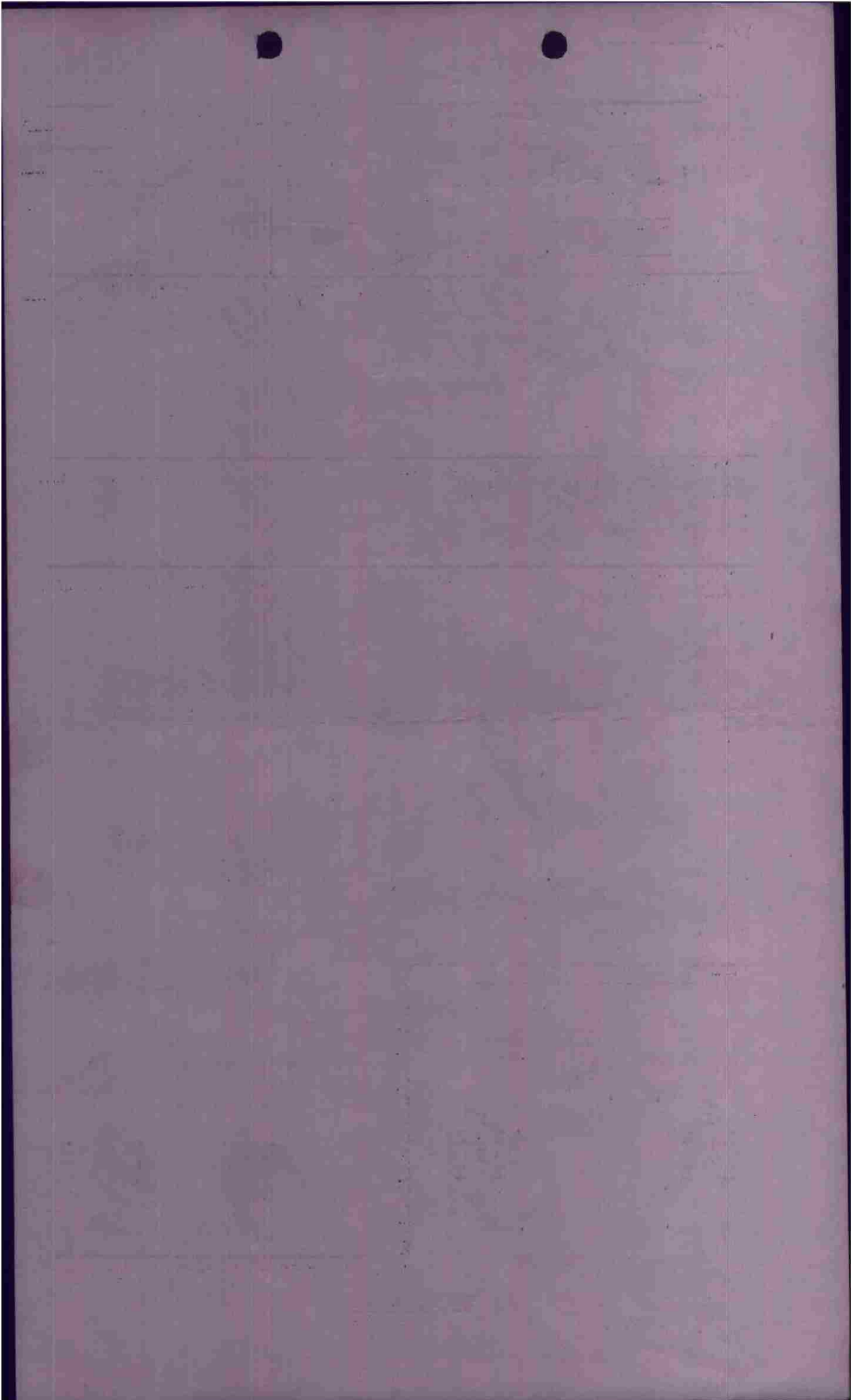
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POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT Weiner A/C# 381-Q BOX I

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS : X ON BATTLE DAMAGE

	RETURNED	"A-C"	"E"
<u>6</u> X <u>500</u>			
X JETTISONED			

FLAK:

None

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: Bandits reported but none seen.
B-47's same level.

OBSERVATIONS:

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Reason bombs were not dropped:
 Pilot believes it is in front bay door safety
 switch. Could not salvo bombs. Front bay doors would
 open.

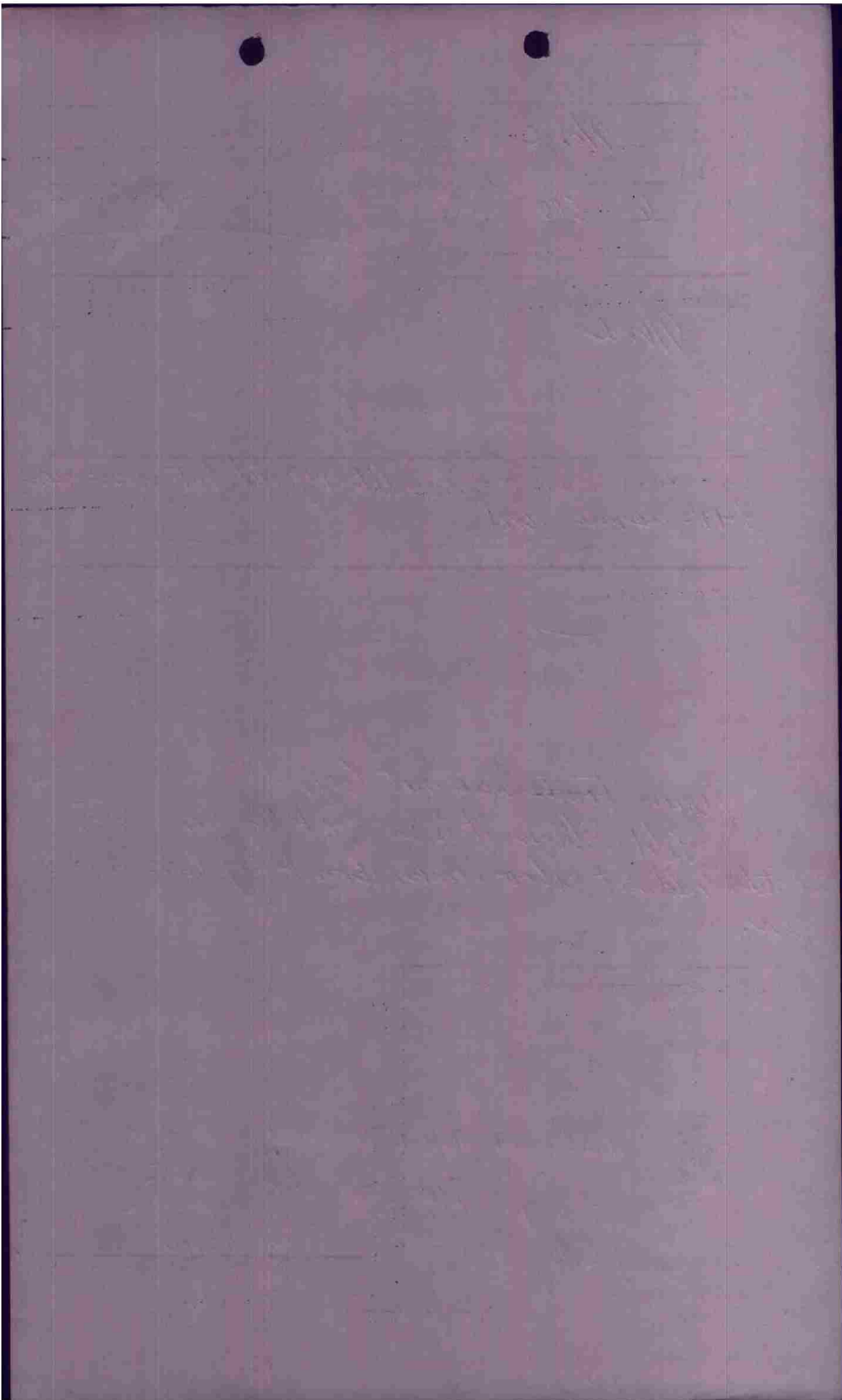
POSITION IN FORMATION

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	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
X	X			
X				
X	X			

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X	X
X	X
X	(X)

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PILOT Martin A/C# 306-X BOX 1CASUALTIES NoneBOMBS : 1 500 ON : BATTLE DAMAGEX RETURNED : None "A-C" "E"X JETTISONED : NoneFLAK: one burst - left side after
after bombs away.ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: None

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs released about 2-3 seconds
after formationEngine trouble - lagging
called sweepstrokes for fighter
protection was told would
be over "friendly territory in
few minutes"

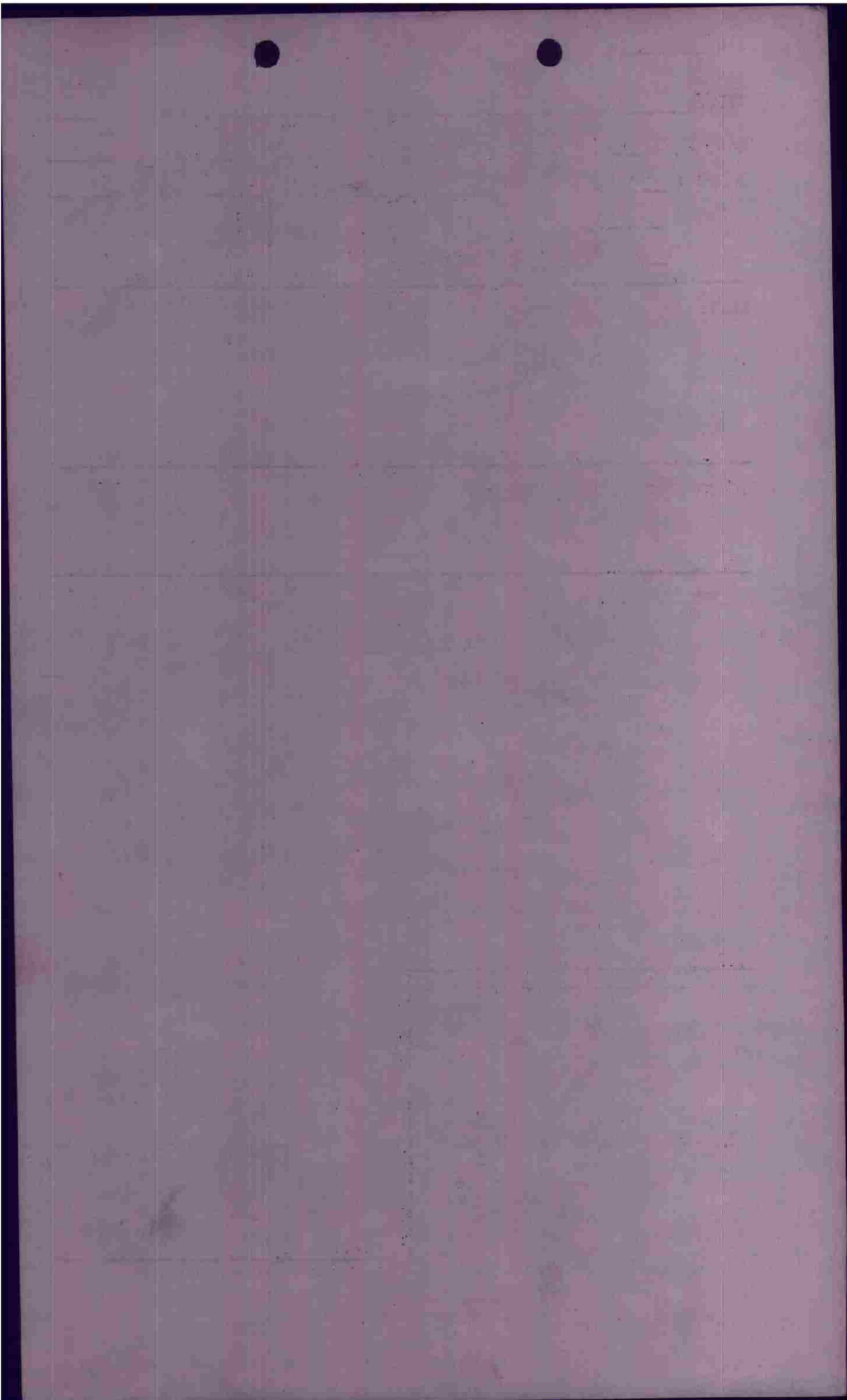
POSITION IN FORMATION

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

reducing
to less than
points

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PILOT Miller A/C# 492-E-1 BOX ICASUALTIES XBOMBS : 6 x 500 ON target BATTLE DAMAGE

X RETURNED : : "I-C" : "E"

X JETTISONED : X : : : :

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: 1 A/c painted solid black with no
markings. Between IP + Bomb line. Appears
to be P-47 or FW 190. Went under & into clouds.

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
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  (X)
X  X
  X
X  X
  
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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
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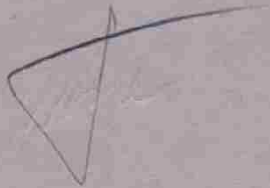
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PILOT Tripp A/C# 244-L BOX ICASUALTIES None

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE
<u>6</u> X <u>500</u>	RETURNED	: "A-G" : "E"
X	JETTISONED	:

FLAK: NoneENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: Reported bandits in area saw none
047's same level.

OBSERVATIONS:



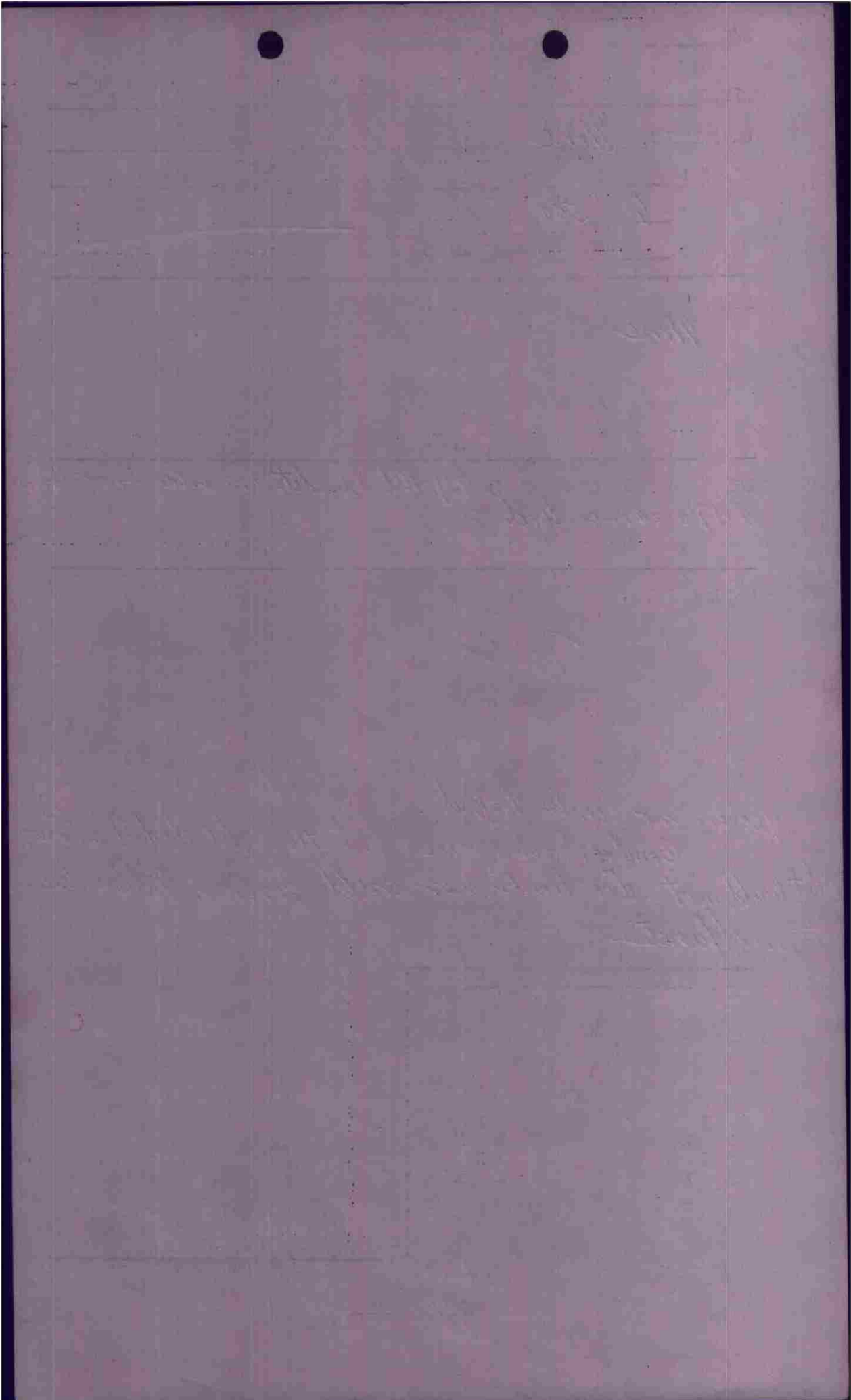
Reason no bombs dropped:
Bombing doors opened but the light didn't show.
Pilot could not salvo bombs, nor could gunner. Believe due
to malfunction.

POSITION IN FORMATION :

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

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PILOT Anderson A/C # 271-R BOX I

CASUALTIES *None*

BOMBS : 6 x 500 ON P.T. : BATTLE DAMAGE

X RETURNED

X JETTISONED :

FLICK: *None*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: *20 miles*
Bandits reported North of target.
Saw P47 on same level and some below.

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN ECCELISION

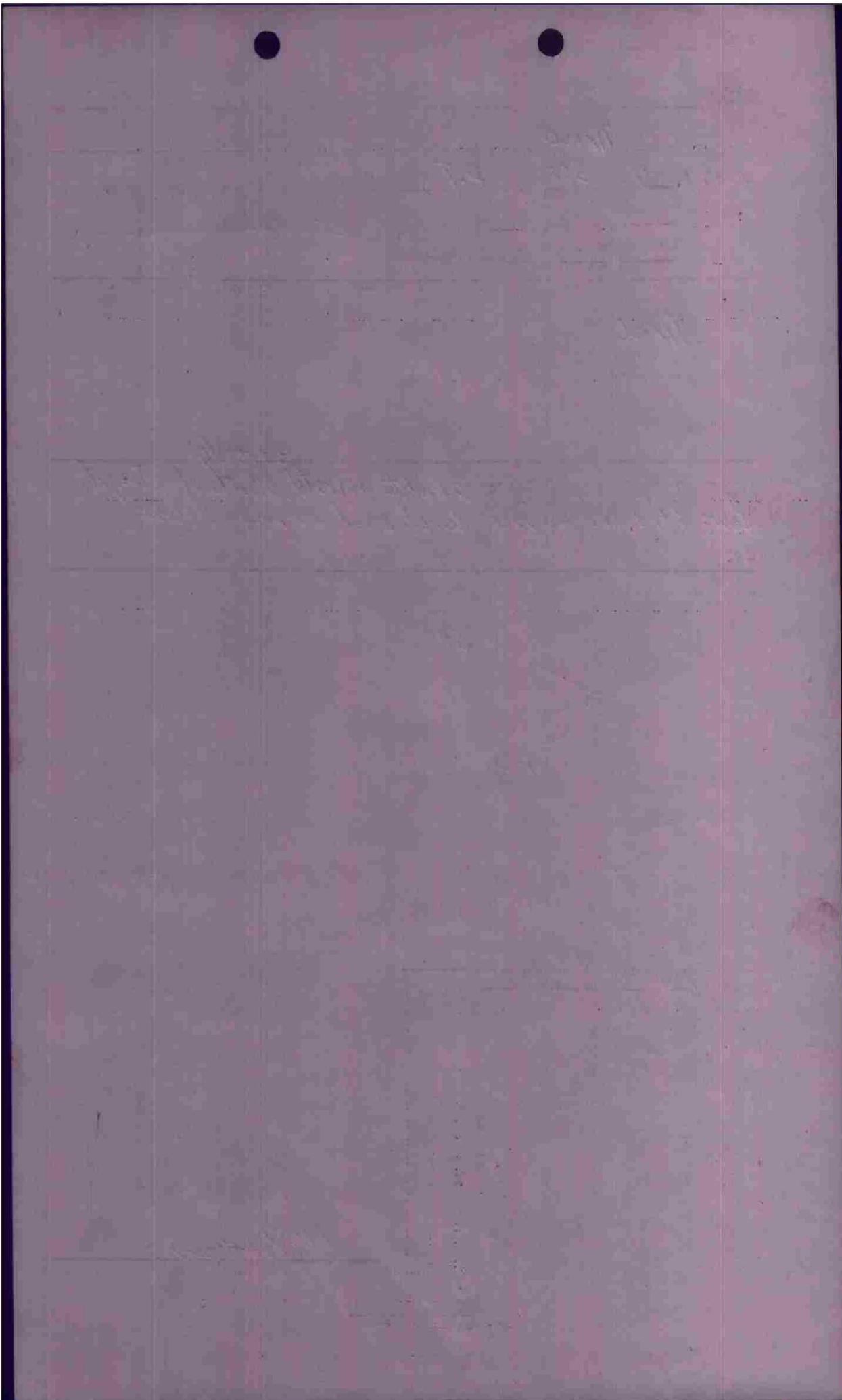
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X X
X X

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PILOT Du Bose A/C# 321-7-1 BOX ICASUALTIES X

BOMBS :	500	ON target	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED	:	:	:	:
X	JETTISONED	:	:	:	:

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    X X
      X
    X X
  
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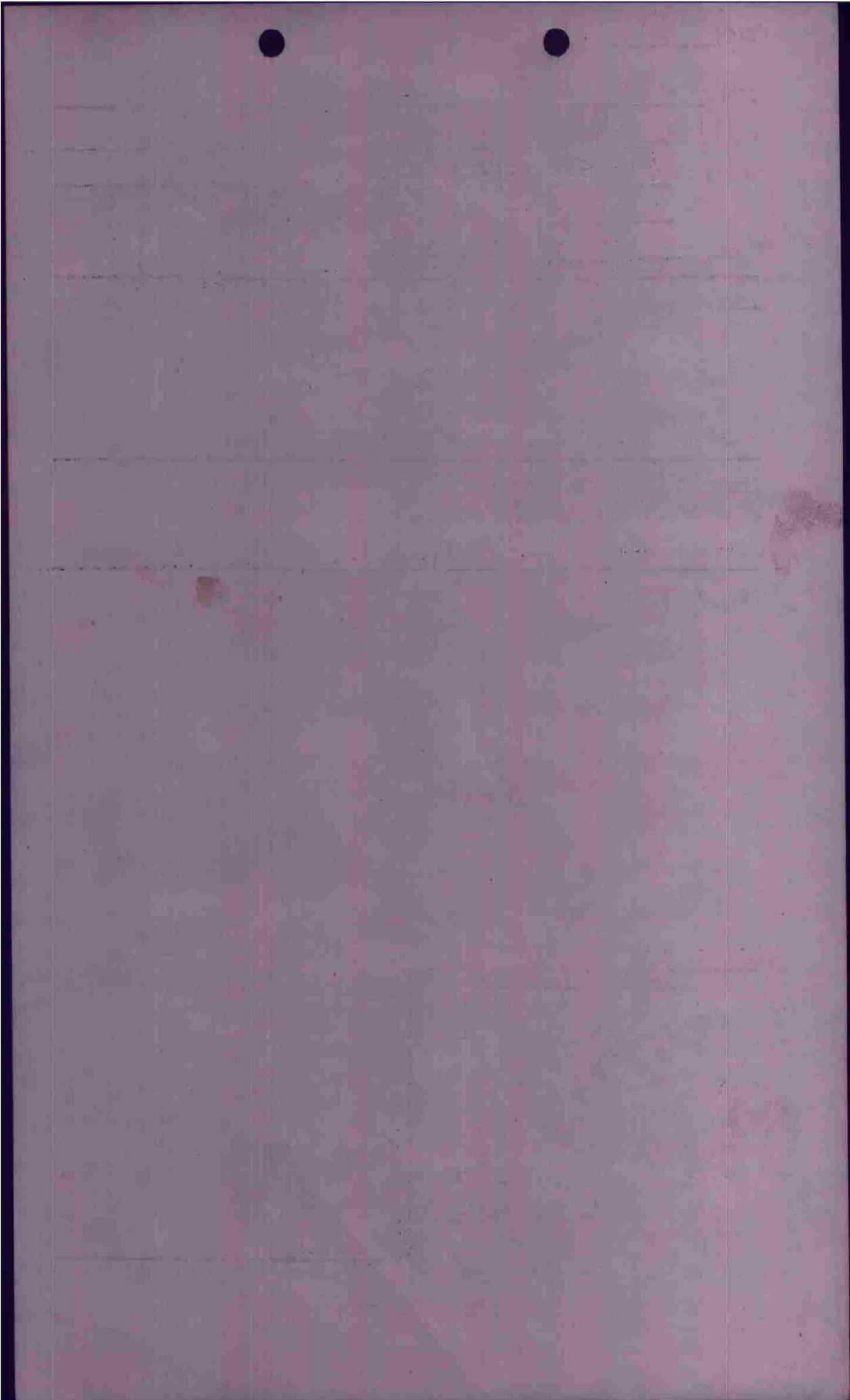
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PILOT Turner A/C# 264 L BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
<u>6</u> <u>500</u>	<u>P.T.</u>			
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT Jordan W/C# 213-A BOX I

BOMBS : 6 x 500 CN PT : BATTLE DAMAGE

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

FLY:
X HI on left & behind 1-2
min. from target on way back.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:
Heard report of enemy a/c on radio
but did not see them

Saw bomb hit in target
area.

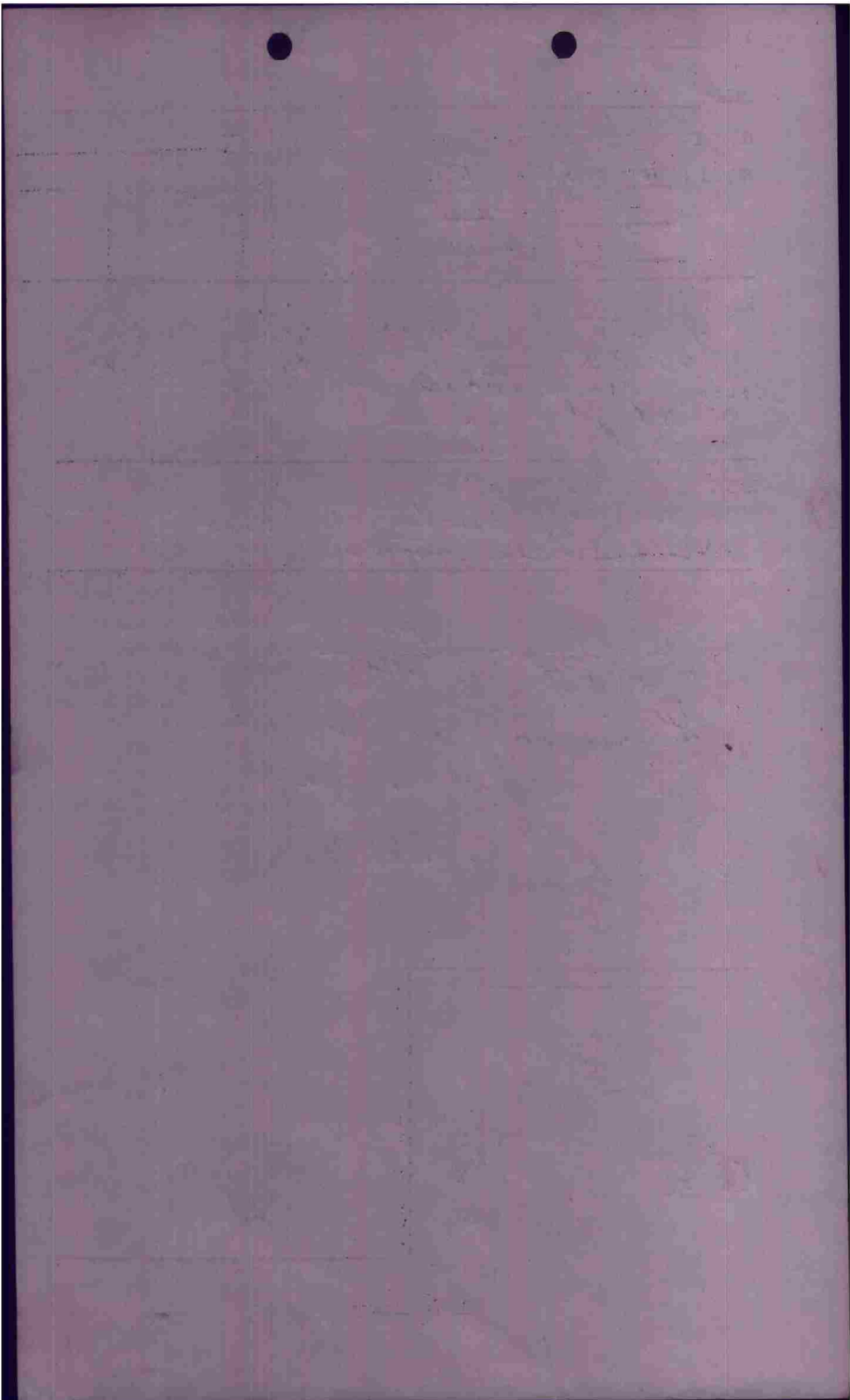
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PILOT Pair 1st C# 498-L BOX II

CASUALTIES *None*

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"E"
6 X 500	RETURNED	None					
X	JETTISONED						

FLUX:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

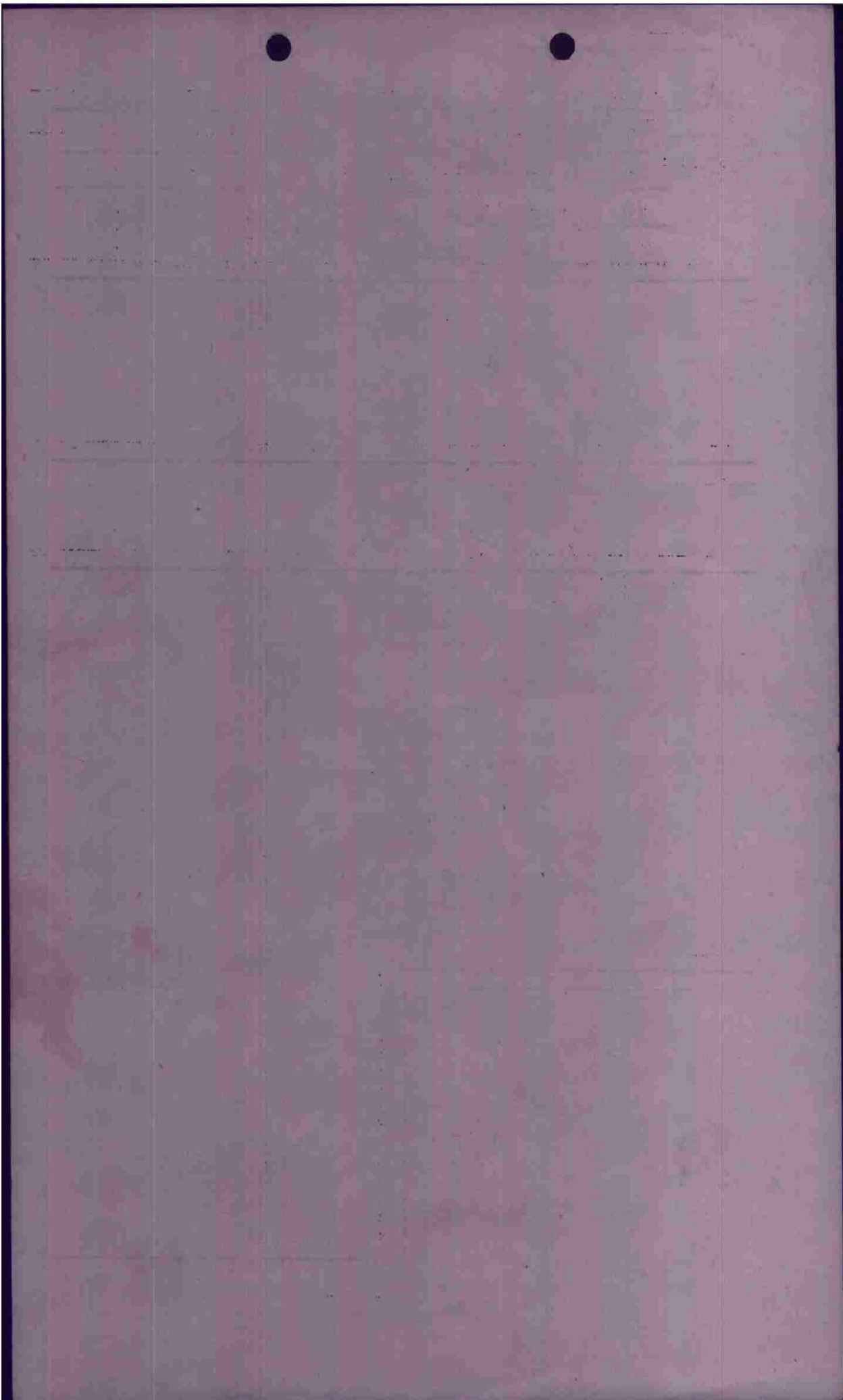
OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

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PILOT Gunnig A/C# 469-A BOX 4

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	"I-G"	"E"
<u>6</u> X <u>500</u> <u>RETURNED</u>				
X	JETTISONED	X		

FLAK:

XX HA in area about 8 miles
SW of Bonn. Between target
and Rhine.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

Enemy a/c reported on radio but
did not see any

OBSERVATIONS:

find position so
could not identify target
did not drop + Box leader could not drop
so he took over (near target area)
See was not working properly + could
not get fix. ~~F2722~~,

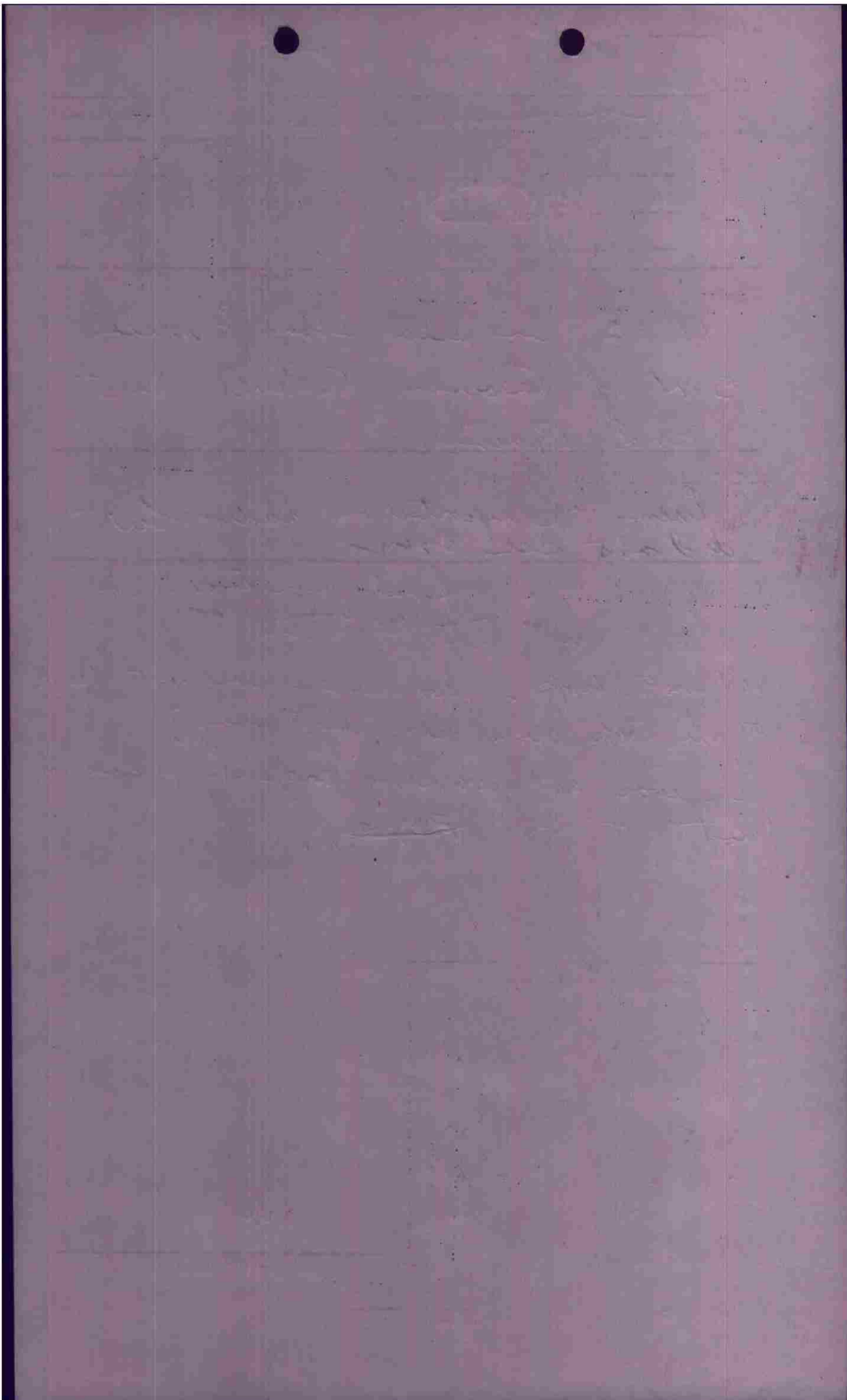
POSITION IN RELATION

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

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PILOT Laake A/C# 352-J BOX II

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
<u>6</u> X <u>500</u> RETURNED		<u>1 hole</u>		
<u>2d B. 1. did not burst</u> X JETTISONED				

FLAK:

see Learning

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

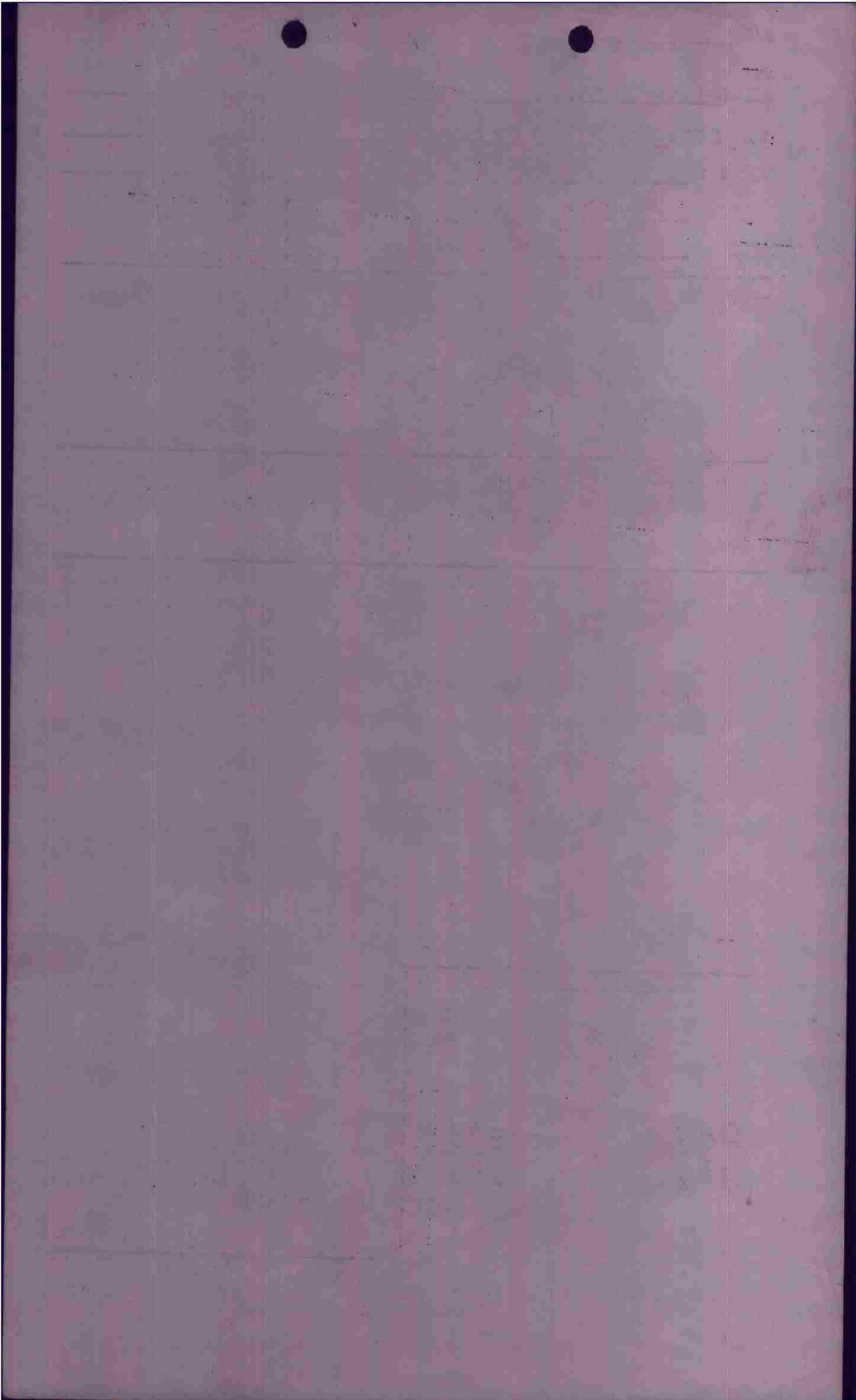
B.B. doors will not closeTurnt B. 1. OK

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT *Wheeler*A/C# *356-C*BOX *2*

CASUALTIES

None

BOMBS :

X

ON

BATTLE DAMAGE

6 *X 500*

RETURNED

"A-C"

"E"

X

JETTISONED

None

FLAK:

*Heavy ~~shots~~ Flak but
cannot spot -*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

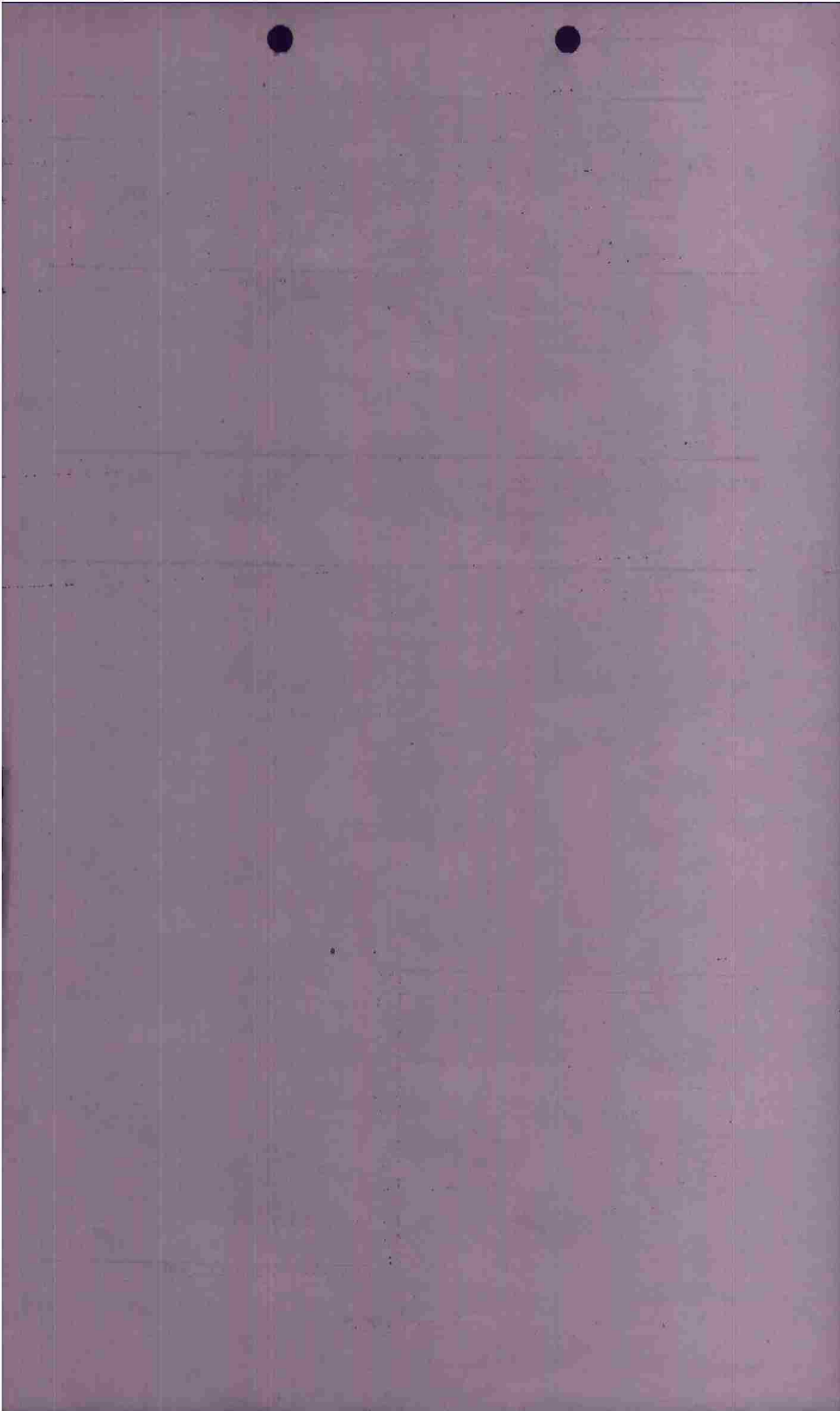
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for sure*

OBSERVATIONS:

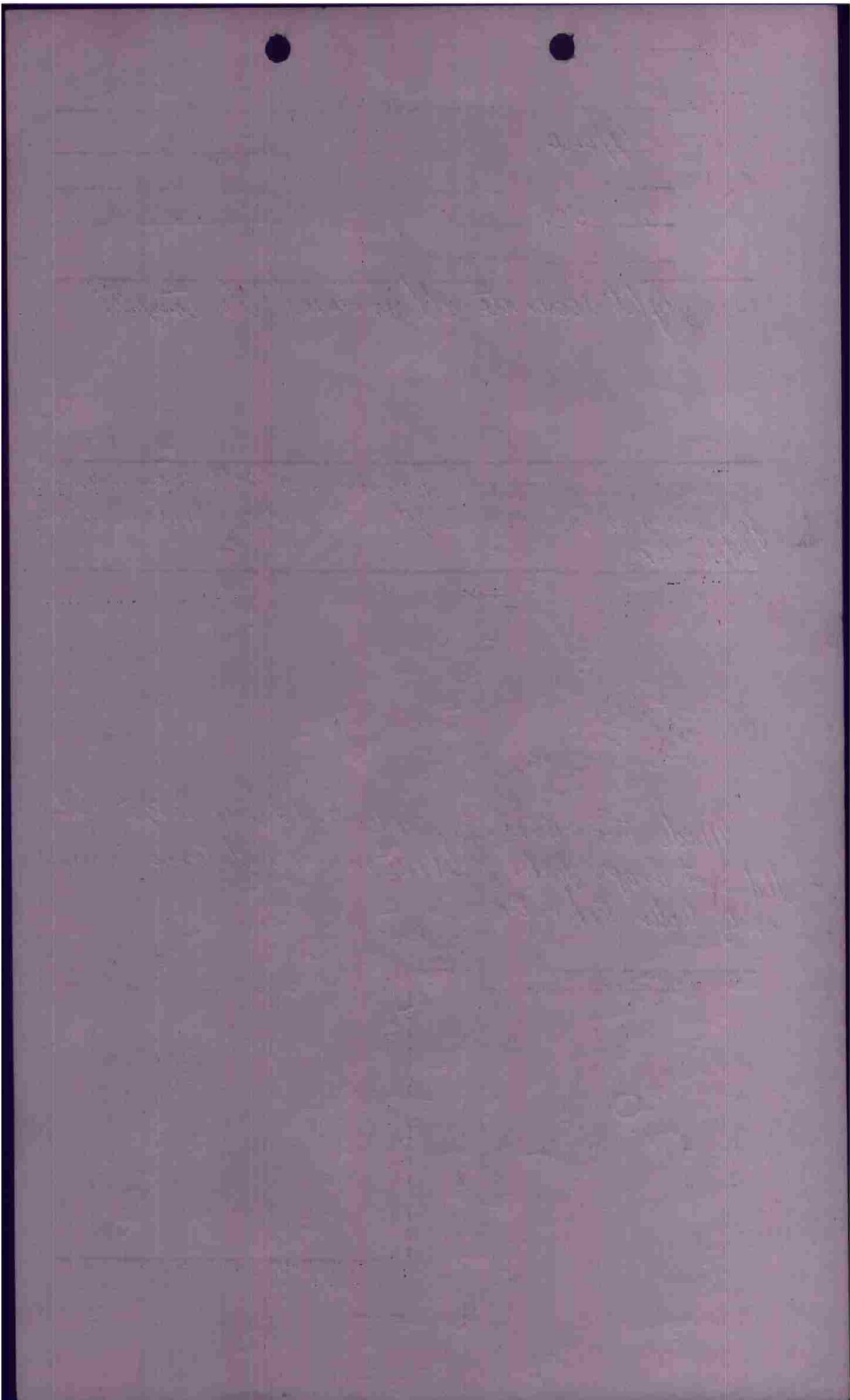
POSITION IN FORMATION

*Left
formation on
Bore run**X X
X X
X X**arent close down**X X
X X
X X**WPI*
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PILOT Michaux A/C# 332-R BOX 4CASUALTIES NoneBOMBS : 6 X 500 ON → BATTLE DAMAGEX RETURNEDX JETTISONED

"A-C" : "E"

: 3 Holes :

: :

FLY:

Moderate accurate all over mostly behind at flight level. Came up for about 10 minutes.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

None

OBSERVATIONS:

Dropped on cluster of towns west of river, location unknown believe to be near Rhine.in area of HeimersheimF 608562

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
  (X) X
      X

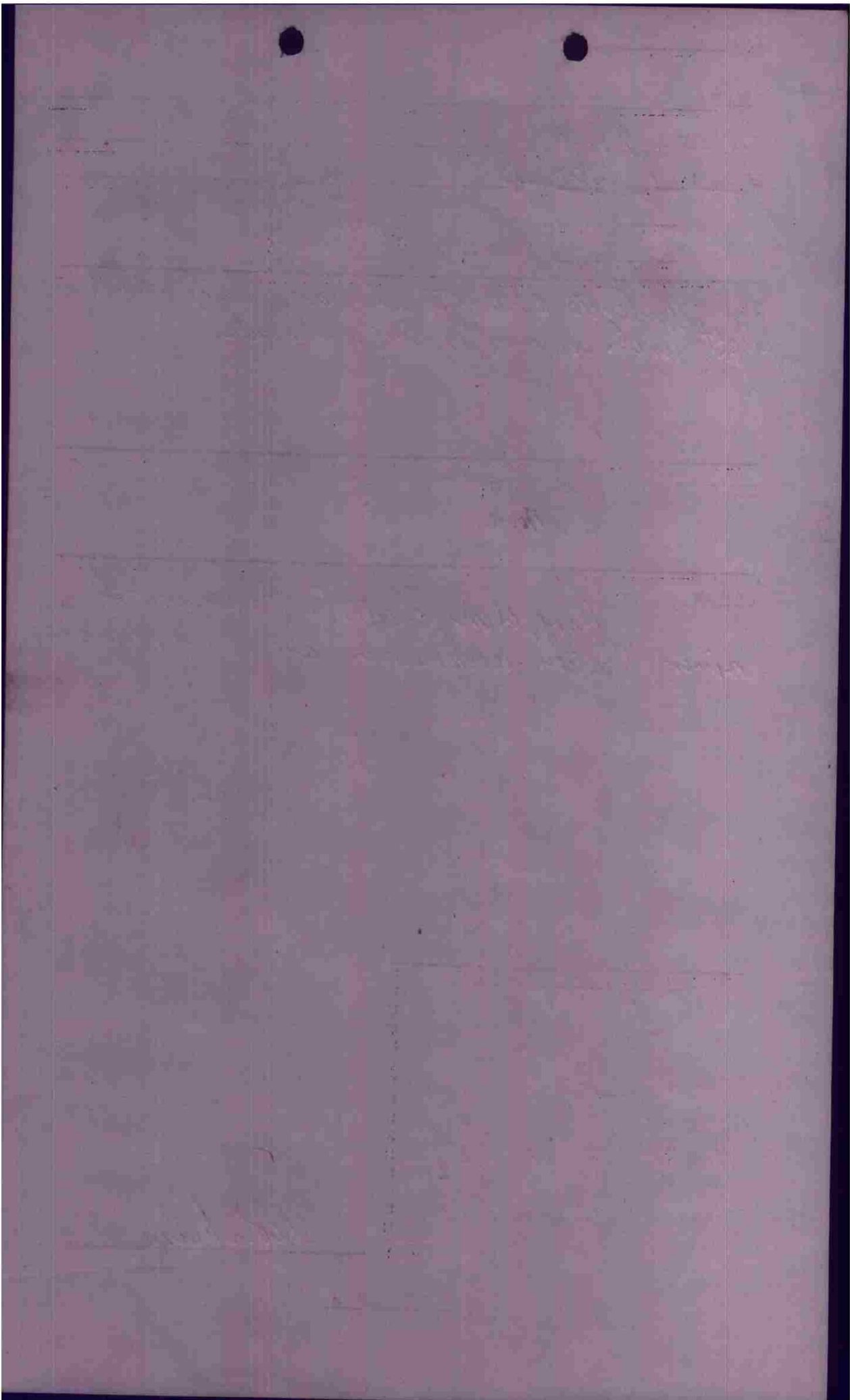
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CASUALTIES None

BOMBS : 6 500 GN : BATTLE DAMAGE

RETURNED

 X JETTISONED : : :

FLK: Intense accurate from target area to Rhine.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

None

OBSERVATIONS:

Evaded bombs when pilot noticed other bombing,
thought flight ^{leader} was hung up. Believe to be in area 6707.
Gunner saw smoke in town in vicinity.

POSITION IN FORESTION

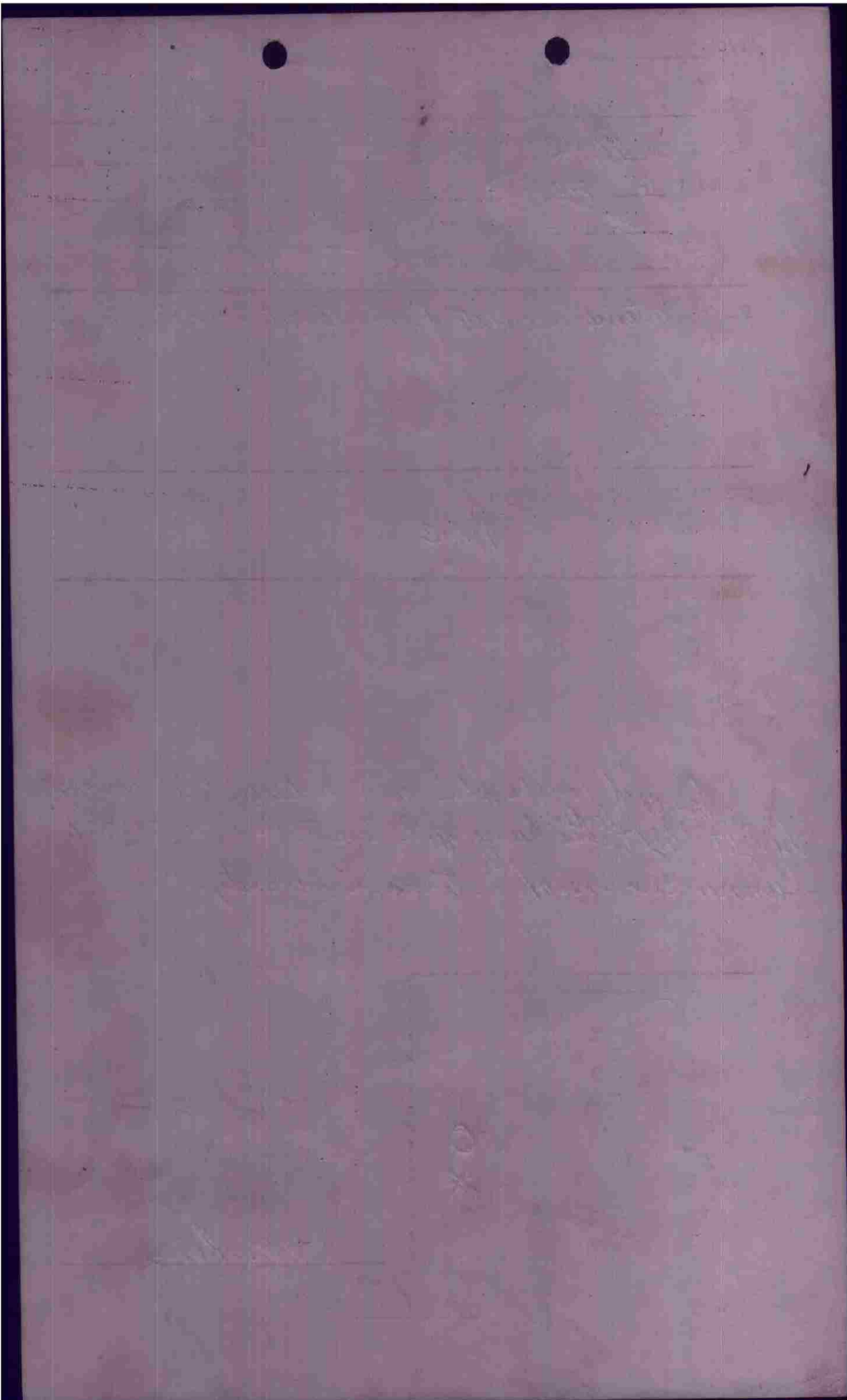
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Ch Perkins
INTERROGATOR

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F/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL *Note - bombing* INTERRO. FORMPILOT Turner A/C# 224-8 BOX IICASUALTIES None

BOMBS :	<u>X</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>6</u>	<u>X 500</u>	RETURNED	<u>1 Hrb bomb</u>	
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>bag bomb</u>		

FLAK: *Moderate accurate all over area from target area to Rhine river.*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

None

OBSERVATIONS:

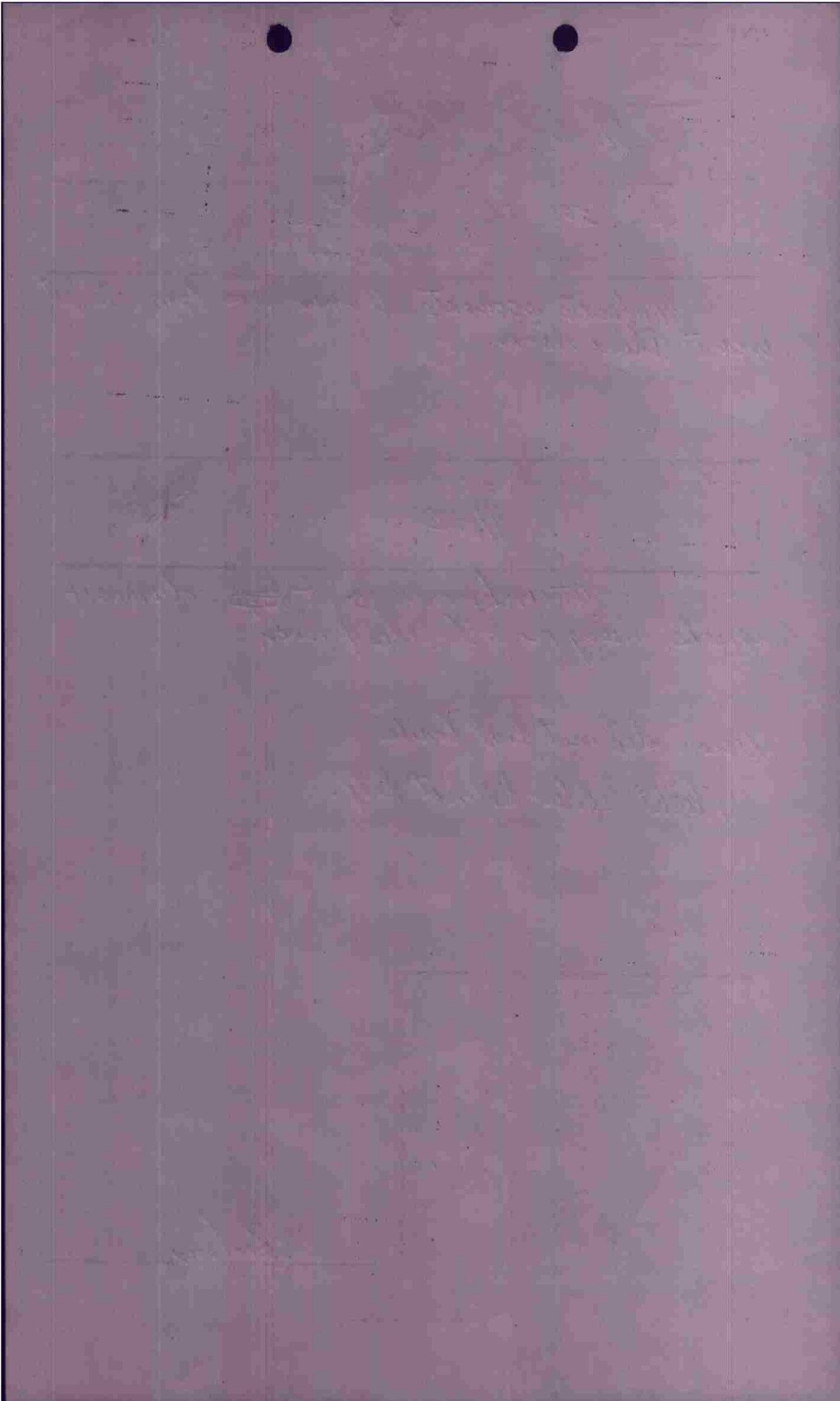
*at unknown point ~~large~~ columns of smoke rising on both sides of river.**Person did not drop bomb.**Flight leader did not drop.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

CB Brooks
INTERROGATOR

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INTER. FORM

PILOT

Heinke

A/C#

2315-L

BOX

II

CASUALTIES

None

BOMBS :

6

ON

BATTLE DAMAGE

500

RETURNED

*2 Helms 1. Wing**X*

JETTISONED

*1 Nose wheel
door.*

"A-G"

"E"

FLAK:

*At target light + inaccurate - low. From target
to Rhine River intense and accurate.*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

None sighted but were reported.

OBSERVATIONS:

Flight leader did not drop bombs.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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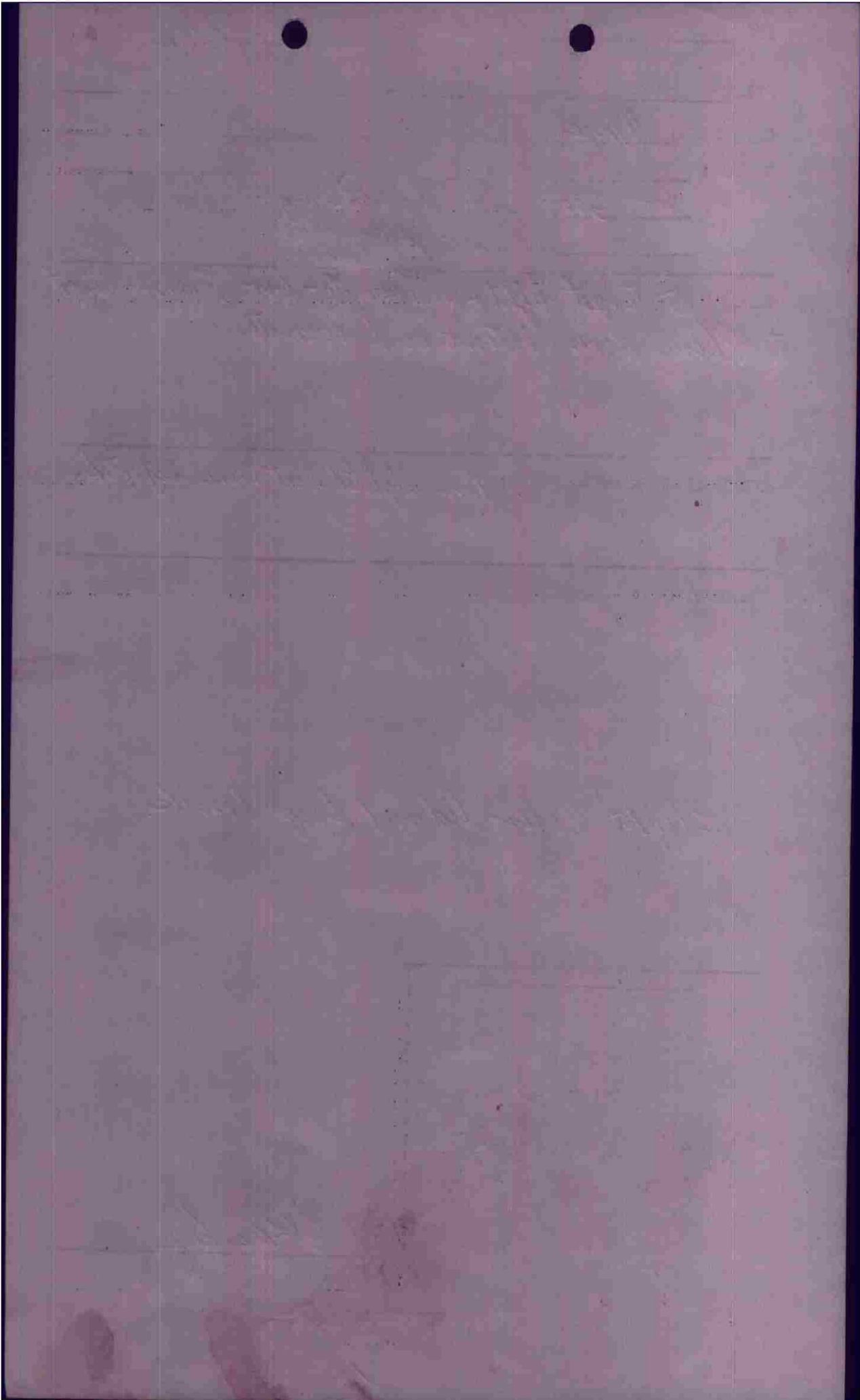
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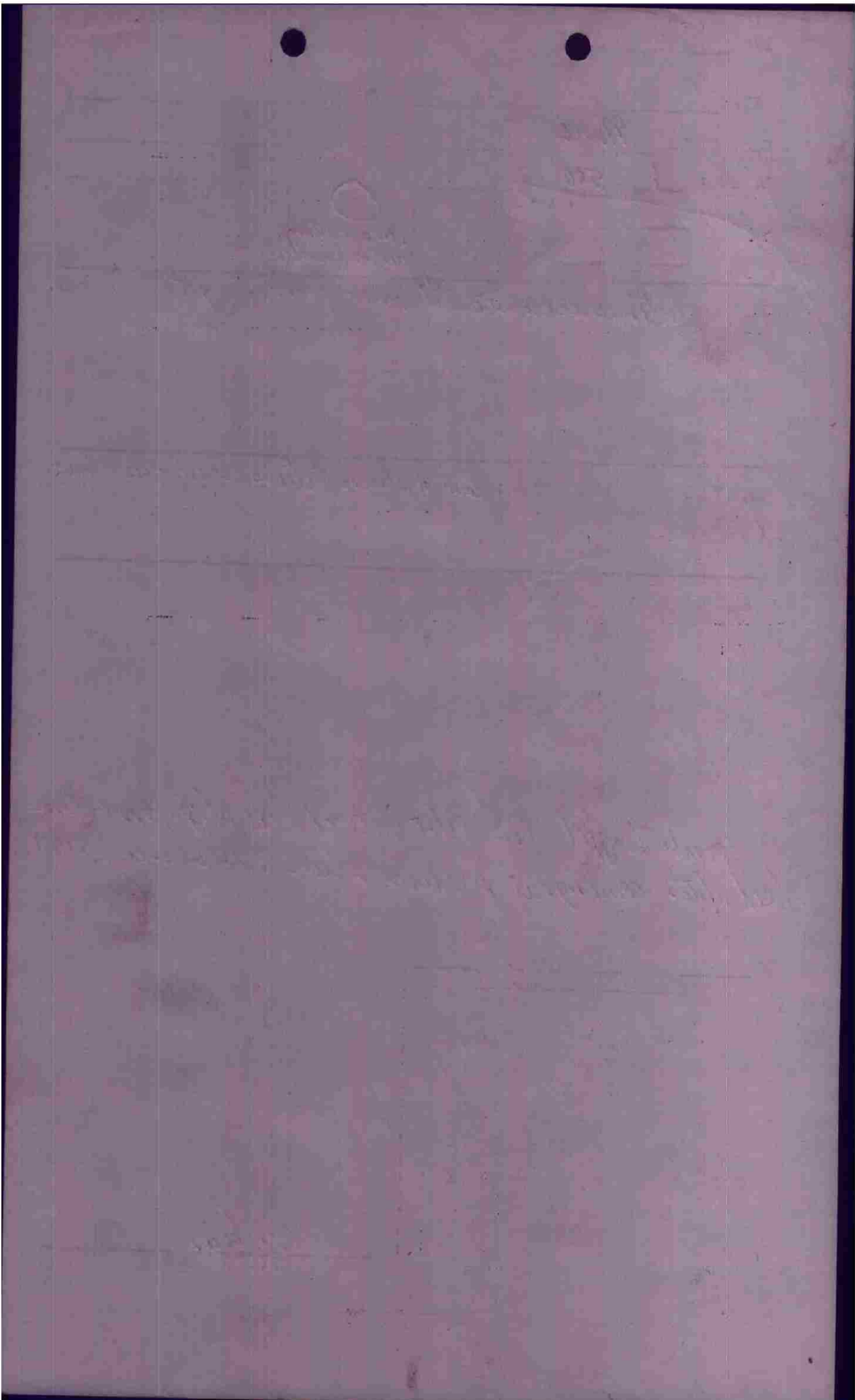
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NEW

surface of mudkin

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INTER. FORM

PILOT Christy A/C# 307-N BOX II

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>500</u>	ON	<u>target</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>			RETURNED		<u>1 hole left</u>			
	<u>X</u>			JETTISONED		<u>wing</u>			

FLY: HH X Intense X accurate. Received 2 hit just before dropping probably from Eichenheim

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: _____

OBSERVATIONS: Dropped near Flerzhim N of Heimbach
Received hit on bldgs. 7 ft. leader did not bomb

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POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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90
102
124
6
222

37
6
222

F/O _____

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INTERVIEW FORM

PILOT Anderson A/C# 505-2 BOX IICASUALTIES None

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	"I-C"	"E"
<u>6</u> <u>500</u>	RETURNED	<u>X</u>	<u>✓</u>	
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK:

From target to River
and return
12 guns just before got to River -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

270° from lakes lake for
20 minutes
then 240°

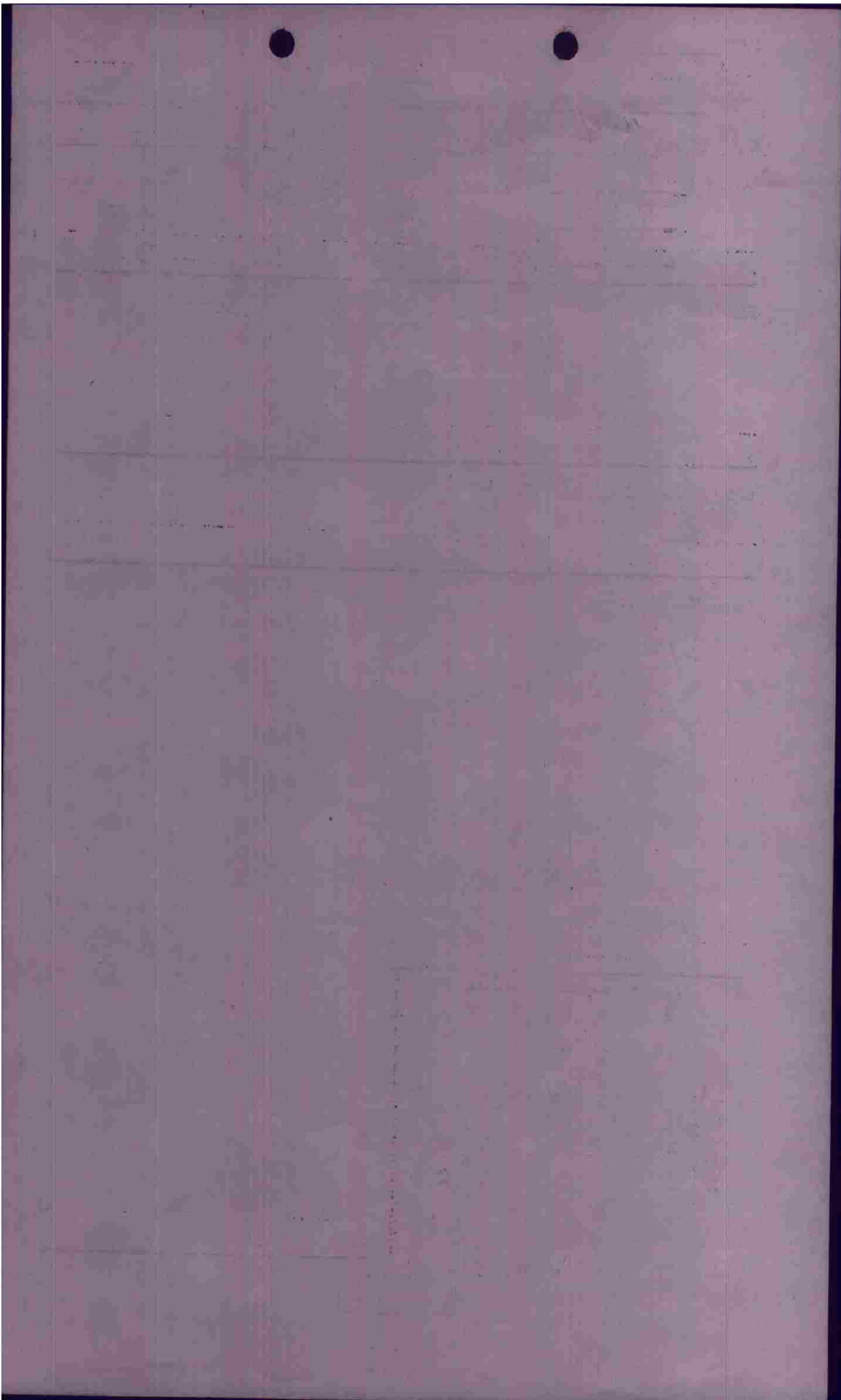
Chalmers went down near Heimersheim F610170

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

INTERVIEWER

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CASUALTIES

FILE#:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

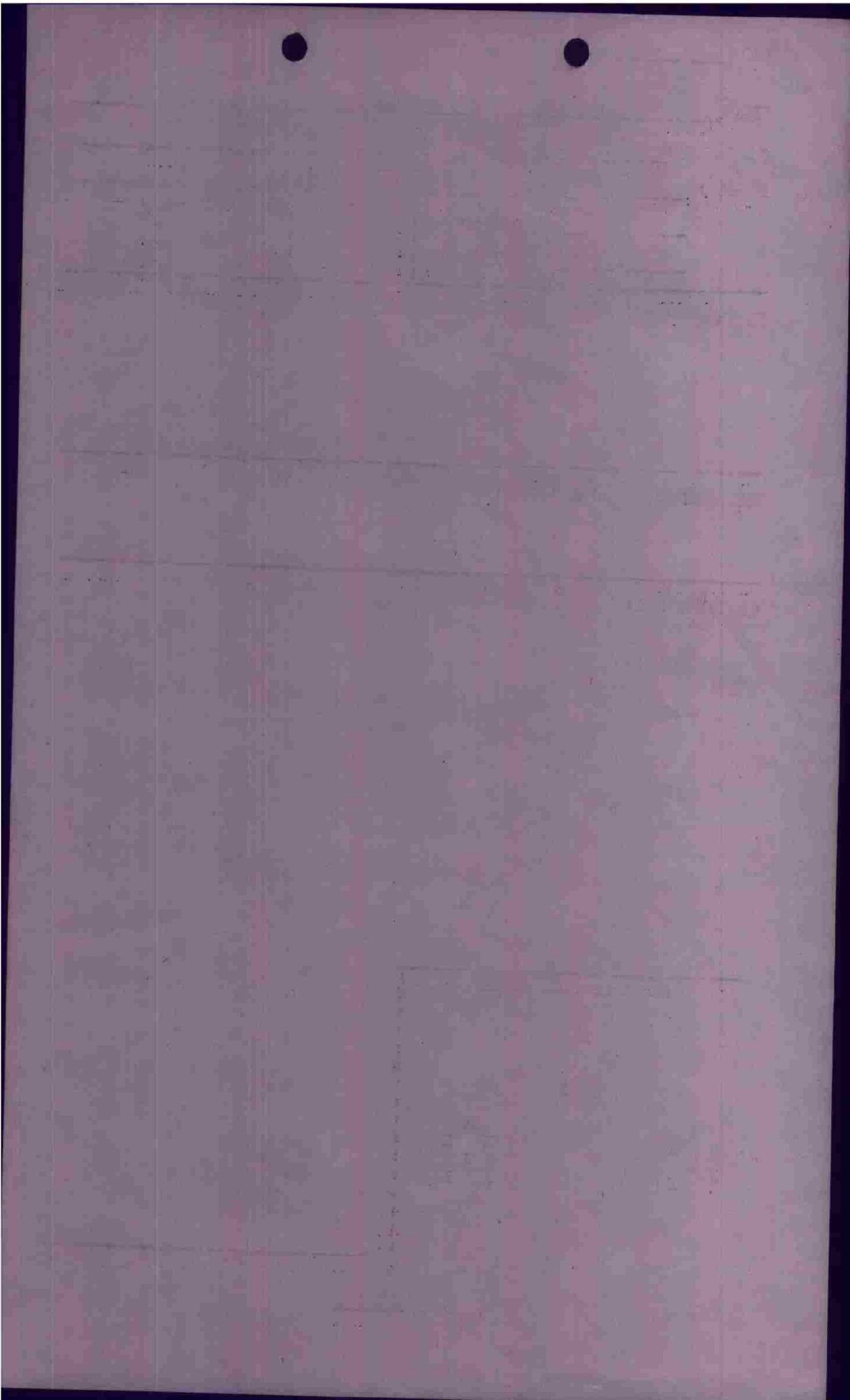
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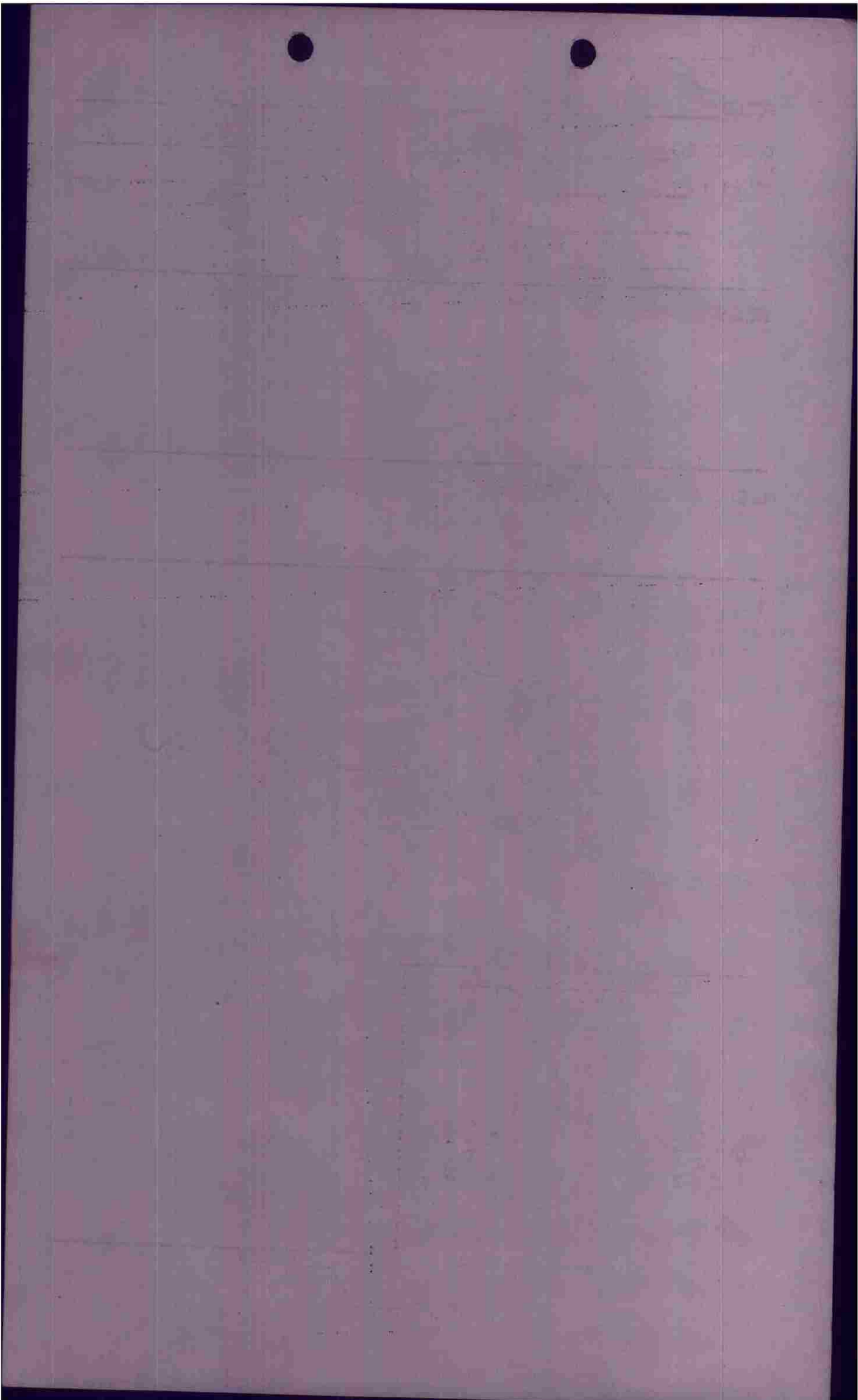
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THEROCUTOR

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INTERFORM

PILOT Wright W/C# 335-W-1 BOX ACASUALTIES None

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
<u>6</u> X <u>500</u>	RETURNED	✓		
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK:

XHI on first run
made 360° and second time
on Gun

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

None

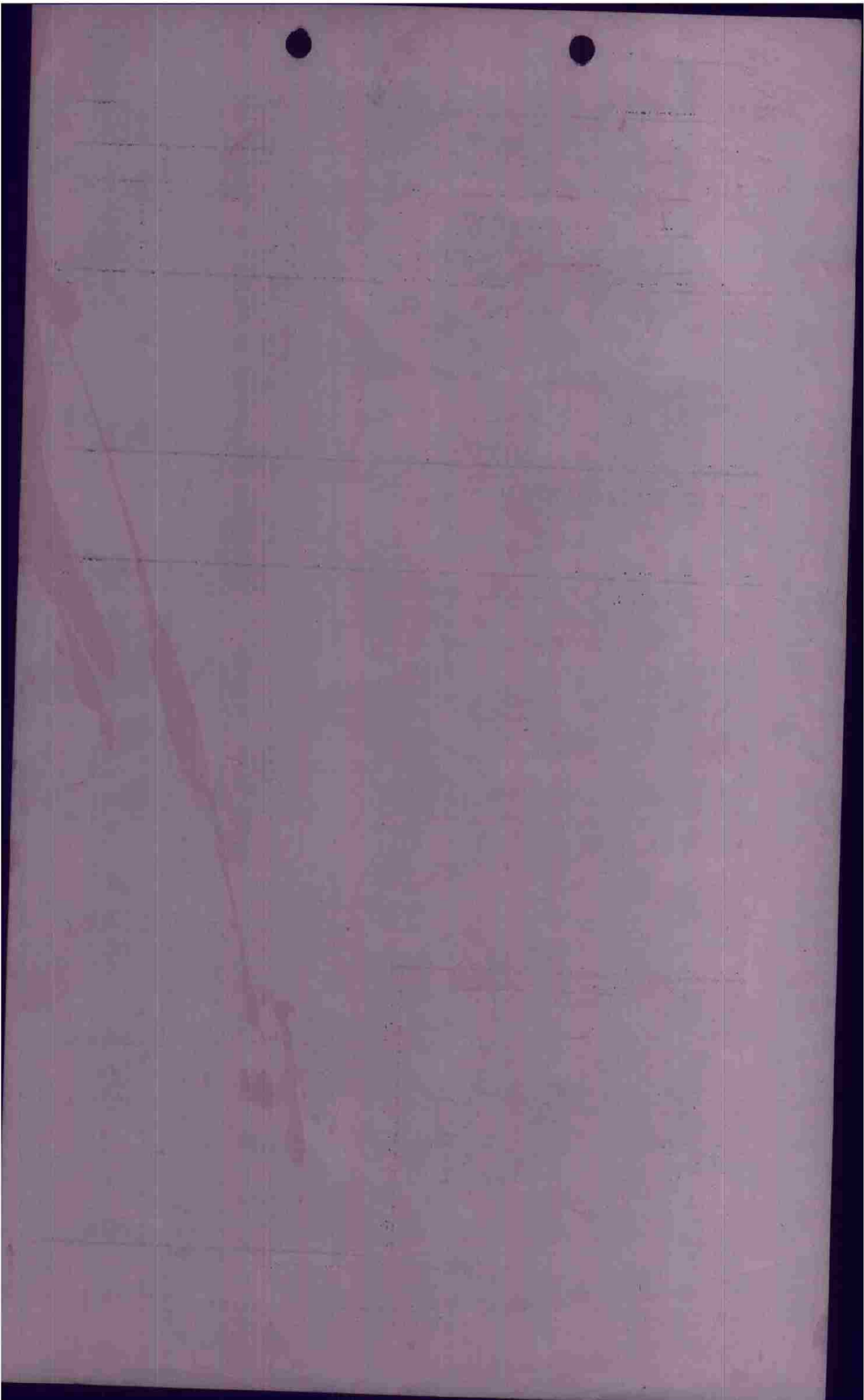
OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

INTERROGATOR

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F/O _____

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INTERFORM

PILOT

Prucha

A/C#

274-S

BOX

II

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :

X

ON

BATTLE DAMAGE

"A-C"

"E"

6 X 500

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

None

FLAK:

2 X X A - ?

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

X

POSITION IN FORMATION

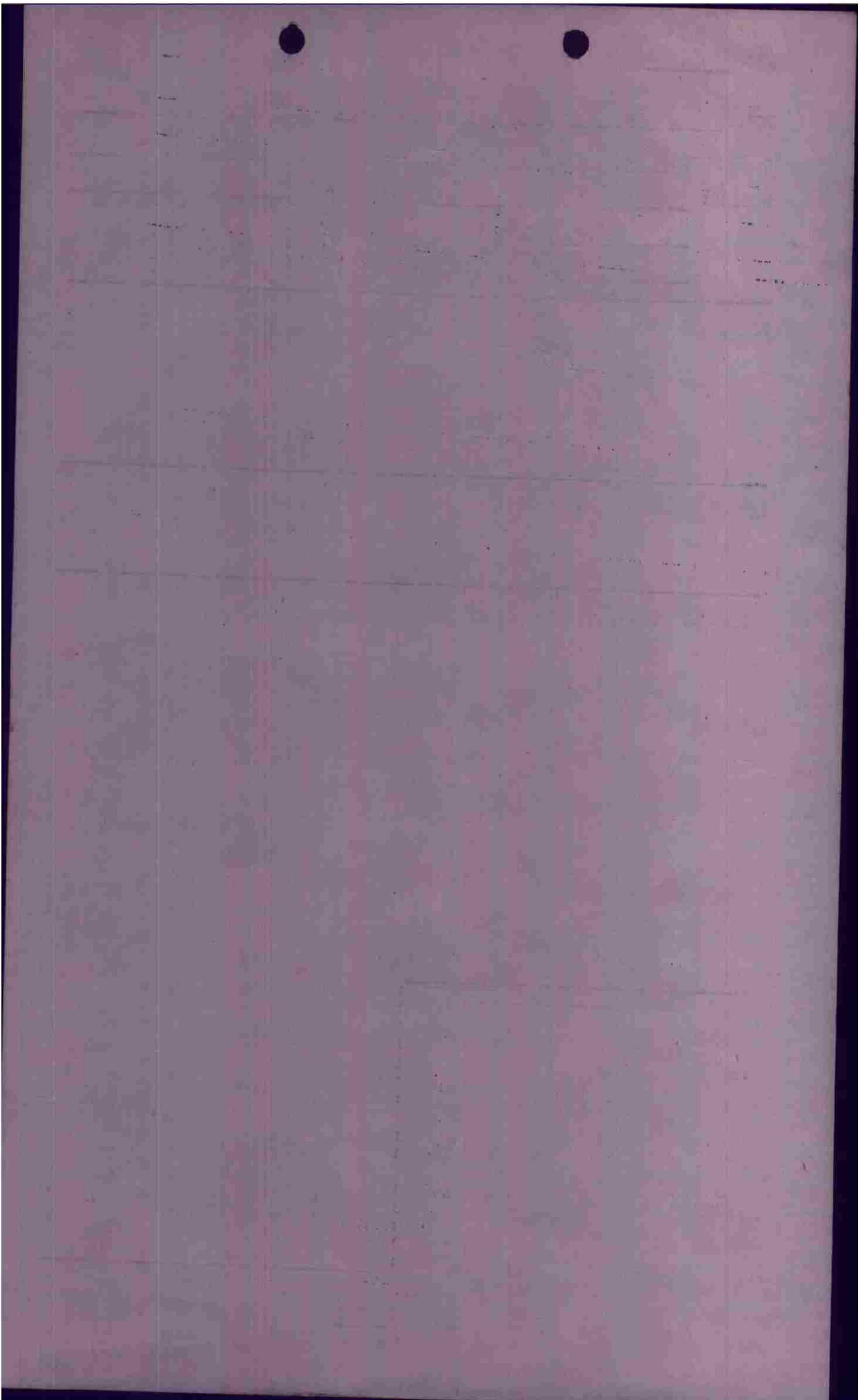
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X (X)

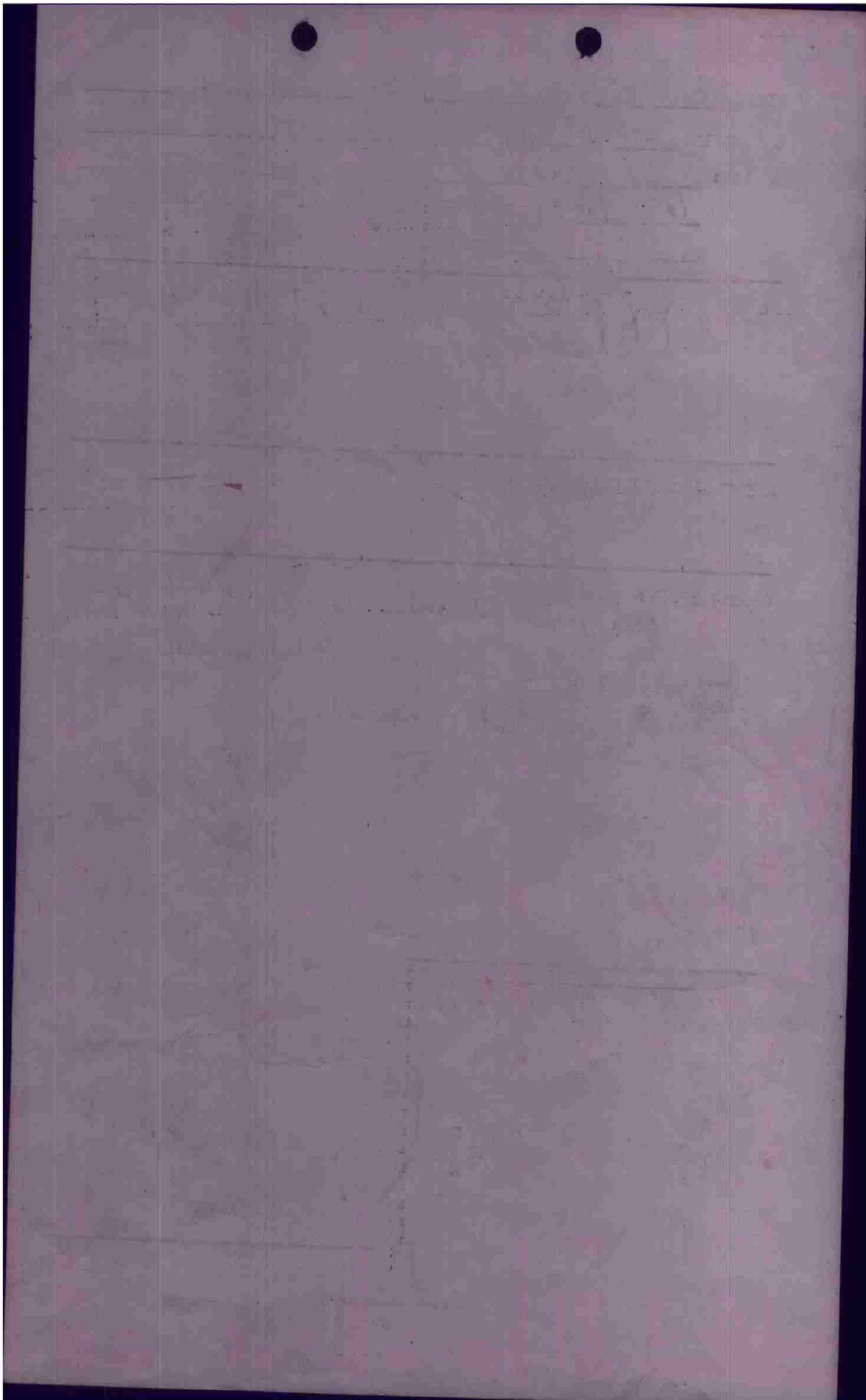
X X
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X X

INTERROGATOR

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CONFIDENTIAL



F/O

CONFIDENTIAL

INTERFORM

PILOT

Rooney

A/C#

501-W

BOX

II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

X

ON

BATTLE DAMAGE

NEW

"L-G"

"E"

2nd box
didn't drop

X

K500

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

FLY

XXX

H F F & acc. Chances to bring
one out down.XX H 1 - at SW of lake
XX H 1 - at 30-50 hwt

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

in woods

One plane banded near Plain river
from 500 ft. below ft. to almost
ground - looked like B. Bolson, close
in flat open - no clutter - ^{T/SX} Croggin.
at turn short of tag with 1st box (ditch) occurred
and route + to Sizing or thereabout + at turn
to haacker lake to Adenau - west to meanderly

POSITION IN SECTION

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      X
    X  X
      X  X
    X  X
  
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  X  X
  X  X
  X  X
  
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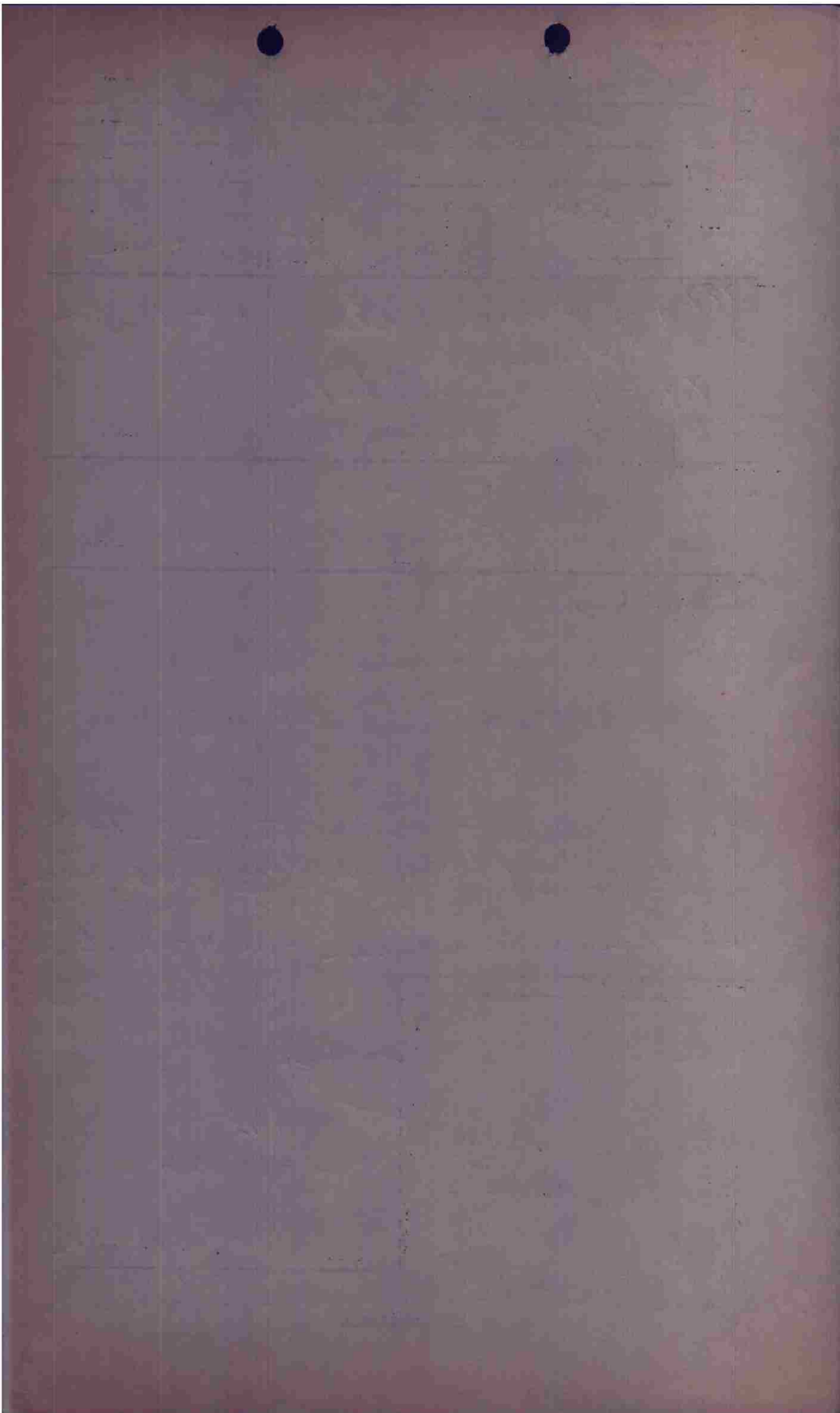
took over lead after
losing

1015 - over tag 2nd
time - 11,000

INTERROGATOR

Cee jammed in T.A. - perhaps reason for no drop by
Pair.

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T/O	15 min.
TOT	
L/D	

457-E ✓	523-N ✓
7 weeks	standby
237-B ✓	
gray	
513-B ✓	
Remington	
239-N ✓	297-T ✓
Thrifts	and

492-E-1	521-N-2
meets	Therpin
244-I	306-X
Tripp	Thorn
521-T	352-B-1
Auburn	Smith

244-I	241-S	381-Q
Tanner	Jordan	Johnson
		Smith

300-K
Wellington

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 #	OpSTL	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader															
11		11/24/45																			
A/C	Fall to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.															
Pos No.	Reason	F	S	O	T	S	J	F	R	M	D	A	A/C	B	E	D	P	D	K	W	T
1 498-C																					
2 469-A																					
3 352-f																					
4 249-3																					
5 352-C																					
6 332-P																					
1 501-W																					
2 330-A1																					
3 224-E																					
4 2315-L																					
5 286-D																					
6 205-M																					
1 505-X																					
2 186-P1																					
3 512-T	Middle																				
4 335-U-																					
5 274-S																					
6 389-X																					
7 307-N																					

498-C Gen
 469-A Burns
 352-f Stewart
 249-3 Stewart
 332-P William
 352-C Wheeler
 501-W Reaney
 330-A1 Reaney
 224-E Turner
 2315-L Murphy
 286-D Murphy
 205-M Murphy
 505-X Turner
 186-P1 Turner
 512-T Turner
 335-U- Turner
 274-S Turner
 389-X Turner
 307-N Turner

TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

(2) No. a/c off by type: _____
A-20G's _____ A-20J's (obtained from Ops)(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.C.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 _____
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Bombs Returned	X	_____
Bombs Jettisoned	X	_____ Where _____

(Obtained from Recaps)

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