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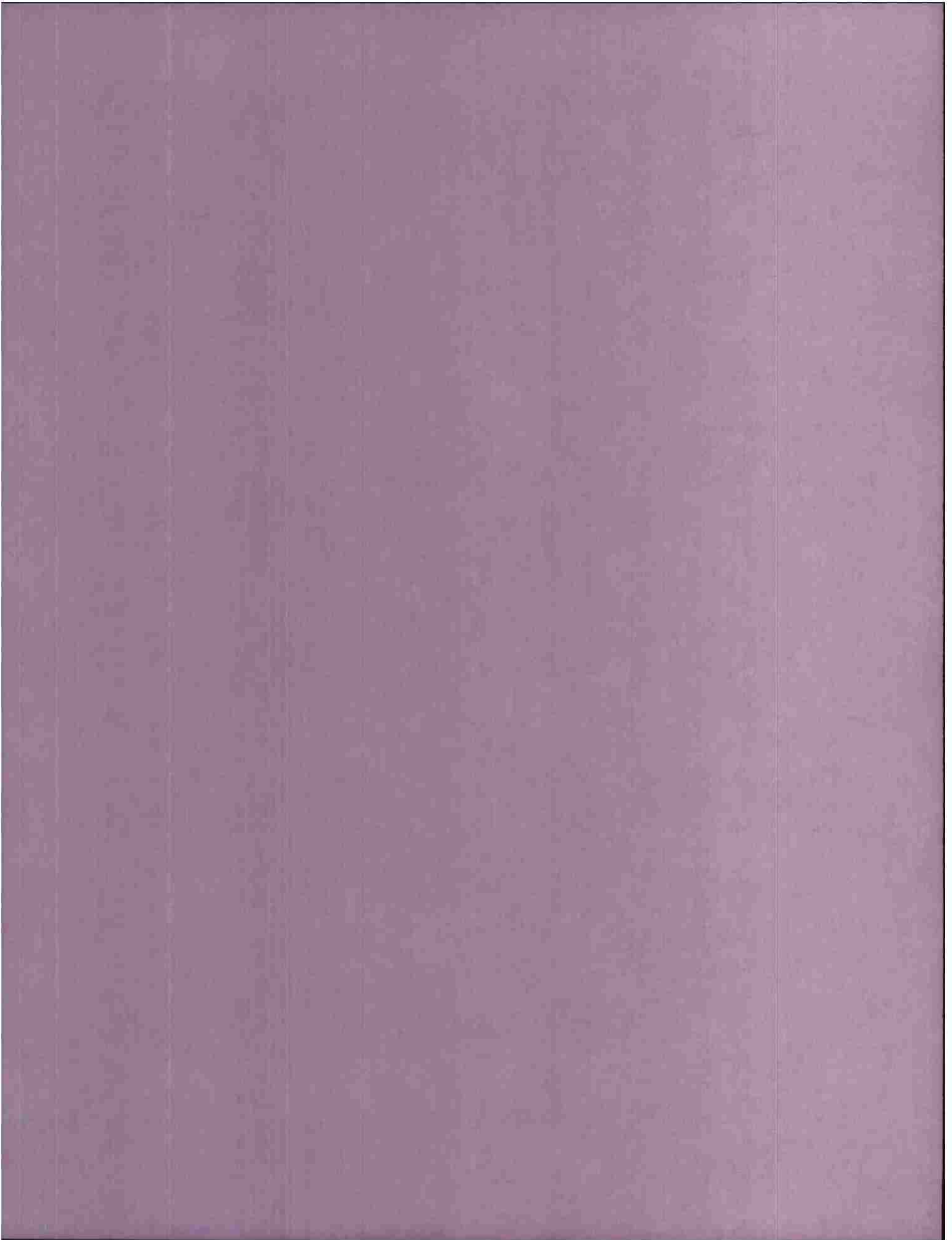
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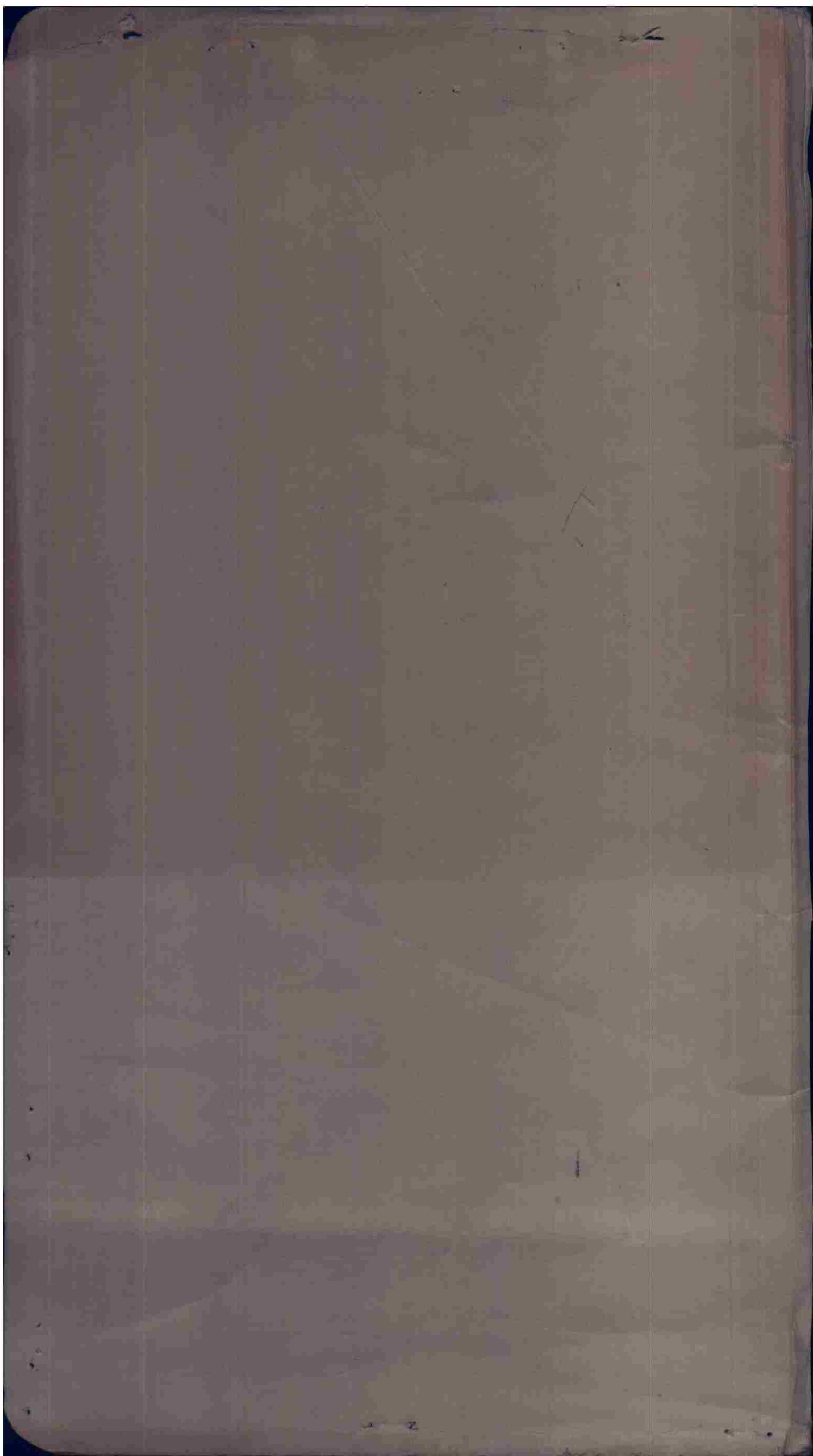
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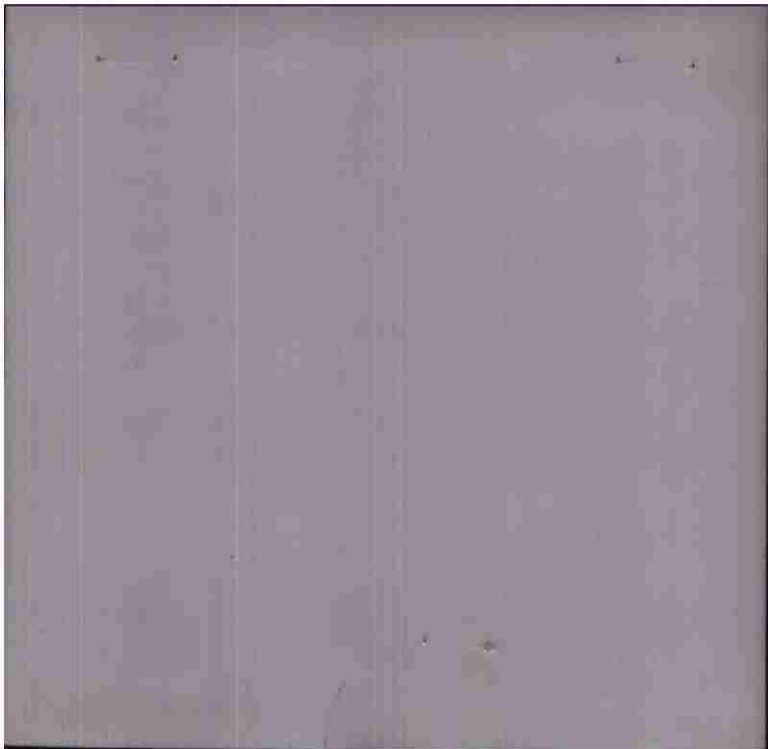
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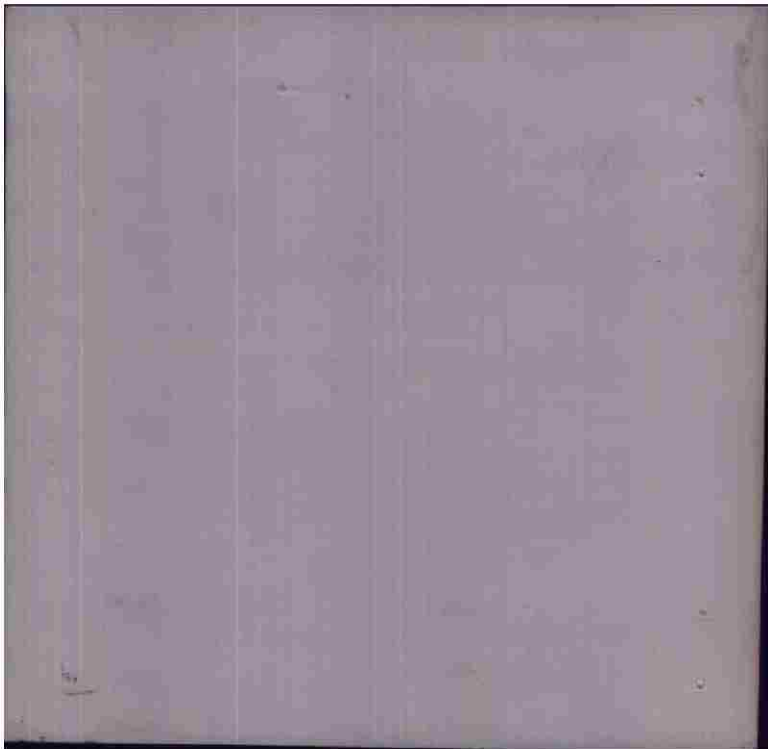
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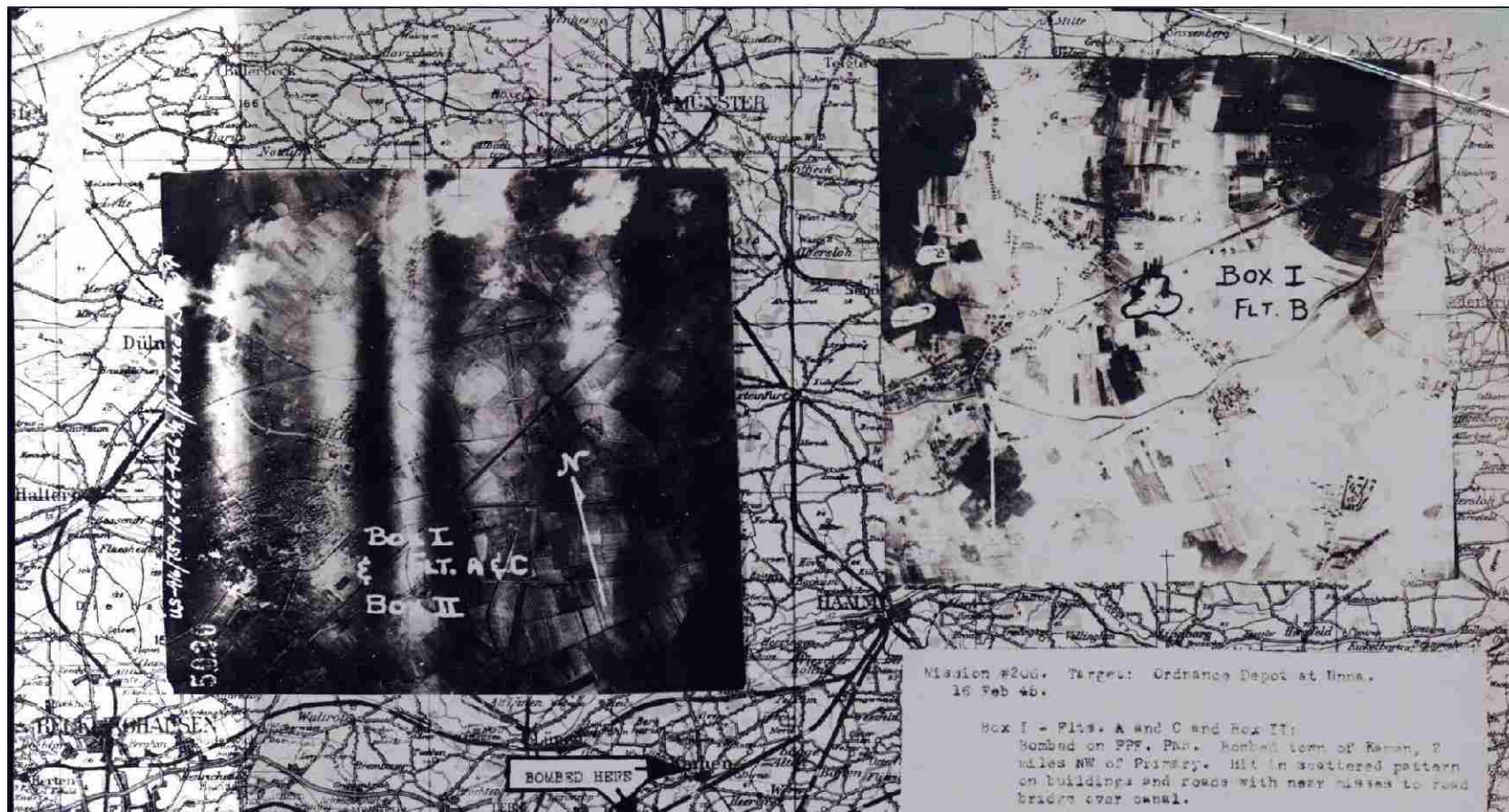
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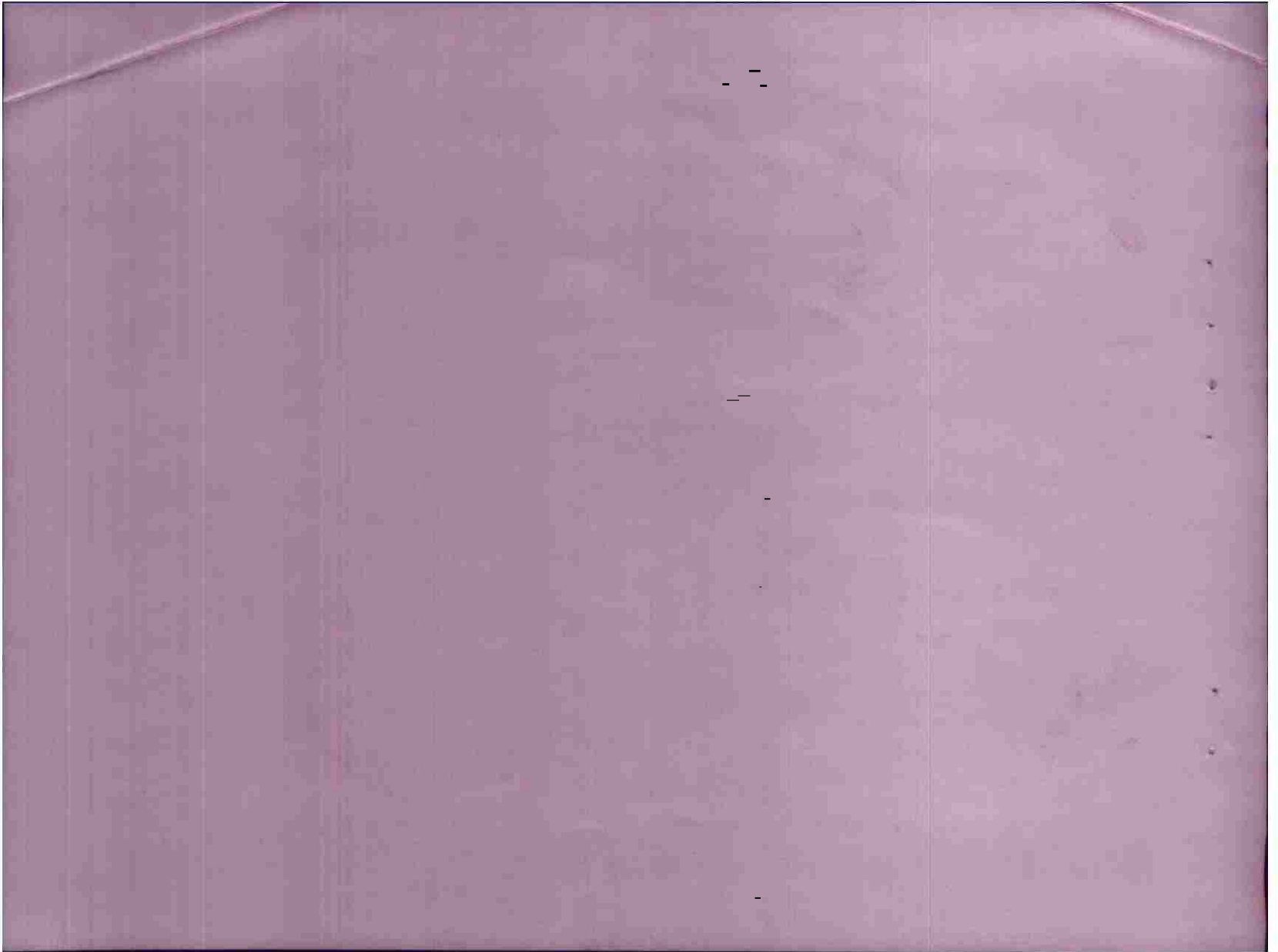


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Sta B.D. S-S Report 104A

416 TP	9TH B.D. (10) WING 9731	B
GROUP	DATE 16 FEBRUARY 1945	KAMEN - - - CASUAL
OTHER UNITS: TARGET		MAP Q-2 952327
		KOL KAISERAU - - CASUAL
	FIRST PHASE	MAP Q-2 918300
	INTERPRETATION	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED - UNRA ORDNANCE DEPOT PRIMARY
SECONDARY

M.T.I. CENTER OF RE EN OR DEPOT

A.P.

C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 37 426's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 35

D. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 36's IN FOLLOWING ORDER

E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 209 X 500G USING 1/10 1/100

F. HEADING ON A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED BOX I FIT A & C 150 DEG N.
BOX II

G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED 1237 BOX I FIT B 260 DEG N.

H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

I. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

BOX I FIT A & C AND PNB -
BOX II (PPP)

CAPT. B.D. STEBBINS (P)
LT. A.S. CALLOWAY (B)
LT. R.S. McQUADE (B)

BOMBED TOGETHER. PPF SHIP RECEIVED FLAK HIT ON START OF BOMB RUN, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE CORRECT RUN ON PRIMARY. SELECTED AS CASUAL TARGET TOWN OF KAMEN (SHEET Q-2 952327) 2 MILES NW OF PRIMARY. BOMBS FELL IN SCATTERED PATTERN IN SECTION OF CITY HITTING BUILDINGS AND ROADS. POSSIBLE HITS OR NEAR MISSES TO ROAD BRIDGE OVER CANAL.

BOX I FIT B PNB
(VISUAL)
CAPT. TUTT (B)
LT. J.J. BECK (B)

BOMBER REALIZED THAT PPF SHIP WAS NOT BOMBING BRIEFED PRIMARY. ATTEMPTED VISUAL RUN ON TARGET BUT WAS NOT ABLE TO GET ON CORRECT COURSE IN SUFFICIENT TIME. CHOSE AS CASUAL TARGET TOWN OF KOL KAISERAU (SHEET Q-2 918300) 3 MILES W OF PRIMARY. BOMBS HIT ON ROAD JUNCTION SE EDGE OF TOWN PROBABLY CUTTING ROADS.

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

FORM W. 1081-B Prepare separate sheet for each target engaged

OTHER UNITS:	TARGET:	IX BC 97TH	WING
:	:	:	416TH
:	:	DATE	GROUP
:	:	ATTACKING UNITS	:
:	:	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION:	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED _____ PRIMARY _____
 _____ SECONDARY _____
 _____ CASUAL _____

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B. TARGET ATTACHED _____ MILES FROM PRIMARY _____
 DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY _____

C. COORDINATES _____ ON 1:50,000 MAP NO. _____

D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED _____ A-20's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING _____

E. BOMBING BY _____ IN FOLLOWING ORDER _____

F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED _____	FUSING	NOSE	TAIL
	FUSING	NOSE	TAIL

G. HEADING OF A/C WHERE BOMBS DROPPED _____ DEGREES MAG.

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED _____

I. ACTIVITY AT TARGET: _____

J. RESULTS OF BOMBING: _____

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PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

CAMERAS INSTALLED	<u>12</u>	GROUP <u>416th. Bomb Grp.</u>	
CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING	<u>10</u>	<u>91</u>	% WING <u>97th. C.B.</u>
CAMERA FAILURES	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>	% DATE <u>16, Feb. 1945</u>
PERSONNEL FAILURES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	%
OTHERS	<u>1</u>		

		TARGET	Unna	
	252	ALTITUDE	13500	FEE
244		TRUE AIR SPEED	200	MF
208	237	GROUND SPEED	235	MF
315	356			

TARGET Unna

ALTITUDE 13500 FEET

TRUE AIR SPEED 200 MPH

GROUND SPEED 234 MPH

TARGET _____

ALTITUDE _____ FEET

TRUE AIR SPEED _____ MPH

GROUND SPEED _____ MPH

STRIKE ATTACK CAMERAS:

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K-20 CATERAS

Sortie No.	Caméraman	Reason Failure
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CAMERA FAILURES	_____	_____ %	DATE	_____
PERSONNEL FAILURES	_____	_____ %		
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- (A) TARGET: UNNA ORD/DEPOT (PNE) 4416/Q2 - RA/966298
 (CASUAL) KAMEN T/A 4416/Q2 - RA/952327
 (CASUAL) KOLKAISERAU T/A " /Q2 - RA/918300
- (B) SORTIE: US 416/758-759
- (C) DATE: 16 FEB 45 TIME: 1237 A
- (D) ATTACKING A/C: 35 A-26's BY 36's
- (E) BOMBS: 209/500 GP 1/10 N., 1/100 T.
- (F) COVER: BURSTS COVERED BY PHOTOS OF FAIR QUALITY.
- (G) RESULTS OF BOMBING: PFF. BOX I-A & C AND BOX II BOMBED

TOGETHER ON SELECTED TARGET OF KAMEN, 2 MILES NW OF
 PRIMARY. THE BURSTS WERE SCATTERED, HITTING BUILDINGS AND
 ROADS IN W SECTION OF TOWN.

VISUAL. I-B ATTEMPTED TO BOMB PRIMARY BUT FAILING
 IN THAT BOMBED KOLKAISERAU 3 MILES W OF PRIMARY. BOMBS
 HIT NEAR RD/J, SE OF TOWN, POSSIBLY CUTTING ROADS.

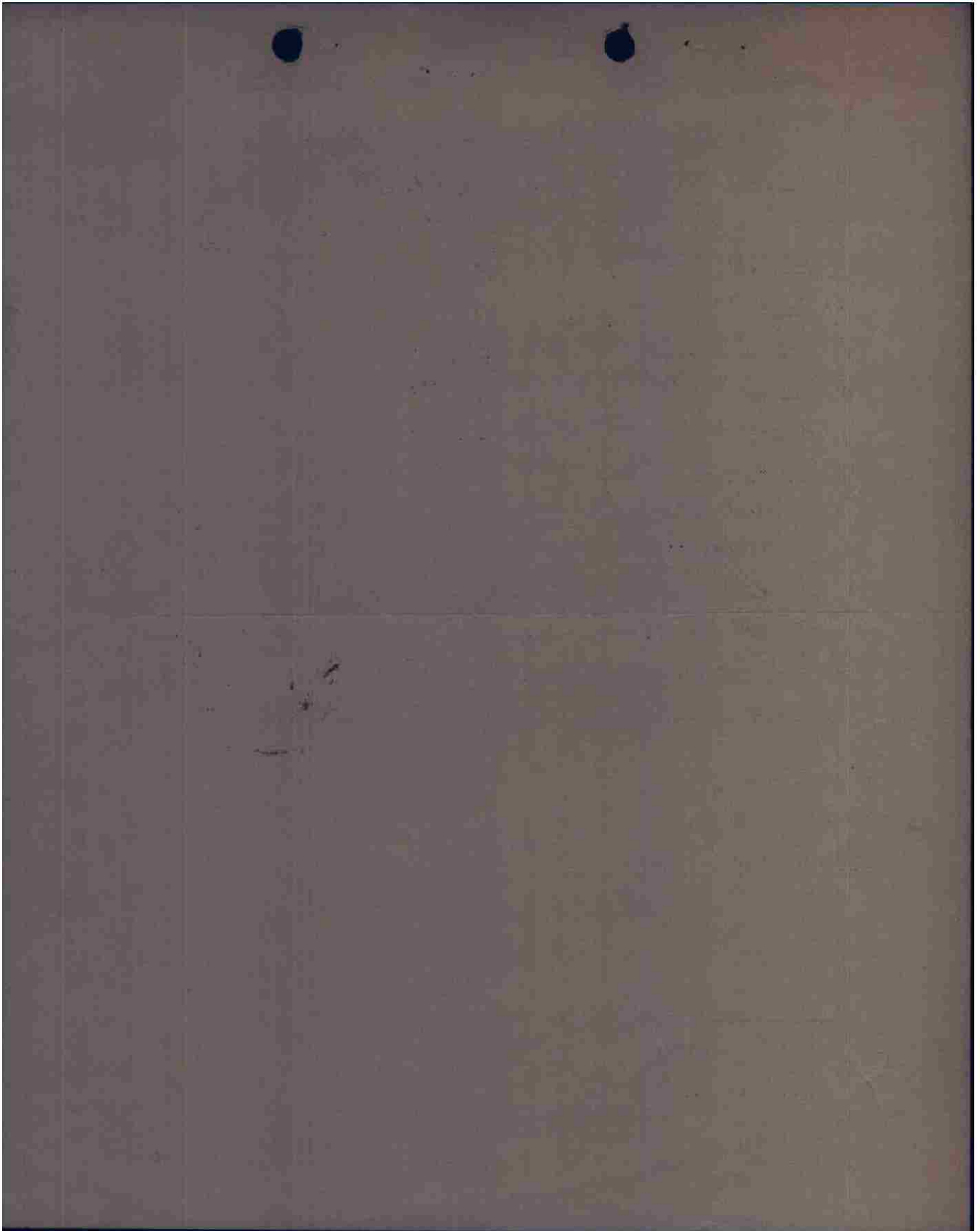
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GROUP NARRATIVE

Nine groups attacked one railway bridge, one communications center, one turbo-jet unit, component factory and one ordnance depot, recording SUPERIOR to UNDETERMINED results. Three groups employed area bombing methods.

Mayen (Railway Bridge)

391 BG: 41 a/c dispatched (including 3 FFF), 37 dropping 140 x 1000 GP, 8 x 500 GP on primary. 3 window a/c dropping 84 x 100 GP on Oefflingen (I-395625).

1 a/c failed to bomb: (FFF) mechanical.

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

FFF contacted "Sweepstakes" upon entering tactical area and received desired fix.

Bombing by boxes on FFF from 11,500 - 13,000 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observations of results on Mayen due to cloud cover; however, visual observation indicates good to excellent results on Oefflingen.

Hoes (Communications Center)

387 BG: 35 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF), 30 dropping 112 x 500 IB, 128 x 500 GP on primary. 3 window a/c.

2 a/c failed to bomb: 1, mechanical; 1 (FFF) - other, bombardier did not believe he was near target upon release signal was sent.

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

FFF contacted "Roselee" upon entering tactical area and received desired fix.

Bombing by flights on group lead from 11,500 - 12,500 feet.

Box I - Flight A, A.B. All bursts inside target area in excellent pattern, falling in area of main road network and starting fires.

Flight B, A.B. All bursts outside target area. Bursts located 400 feet S of nearest border of target area falling in river in good pattern. Very bad haze in target area prevented bombardier from taking sufficiently long bomb run. Made two runs on target.

Flight C, A.B. Majority of bursts outside target area in excellent pattern. MPI of bursts located approximately 200 feet S of nearest border of target area inflicting possible damage to river front just E of ferry dock. Majority of bombs out of target area. Run too short for accurate synchronization due to poor visibility. Made two runs on target.

Box II - Flight A, A.B. Bursts probably NE of target area as indicated by bombs in flight. Bursts are not covered by photography owing to shorter trajectory of this type incendiary.

Formation apparently crowded off target area by convergent heading. Bombardier was on bomb run and observed high flight flying directly above. Turned off of run before bomb release point but failed to stop indices in time to hold bombs. Bombs released accidentally in turn. Made two runs on target.

Flight B, A.B. Majority of bursts outside target area to S in river. Bursts insufficiently clear to identify MPI. Run too short to poor visibility. Made two runs.

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Flight C. A.B. Majority of bursts inside target area in well dispersed pattern.

322 BG: 34 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), 31 dropping 120 x 500 IB, 124 x 500 GP on primary. 2 window a/c dropping 16 x 250 GP on Wesel (4-225415).

1 a/c failed to bomb: (PFF) left formation when group took over lead.

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

PFF attempted to contact "Roseles" 30 miles before Eindhoven, but made no contact. Reason undetermined.

Bombing by box and flight (Box I-box on PFF equipment and Norden, Box II-flights on group lead) from 10,000-12,700 feet.

Box I - A.B. Bombs fell in a scattered pattern with majority of bombs outside target area. The main concentration is centered about 2800 feet W of town on mud flats. Several bombs hit in SW edge of target area.

Box II - Flight A. A.B. UNDETERMINED. Bombs of this flight fell in smoke. Crews report excellent results. Two bomb runs made.

Flight B. A.B. No coverage of bursts available due to evasive action. However, several new fires seen N of target area. Probably belong to this flight. This corresponds to visual crew observations. Fires are about 1800 feet N of target area. Two runs made.

Flight C. A.B. Bombs of this flight fell beyond target area. One bomb in leaders a/c accidentally released on first run behind PFF and the rest of flight dropped on this. Leader made another run and dropped seven bombs claiming good results. Bombs hit in water approximately 1500 feet S of target area.

Solingen (Turbo-jet Unit Comp Factory)

323 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 31 dropping 248 x 500 GP on and in vicinity of primary. 1 (PFF) dropping 4 x 500 GP on Zeltingen (L484515) Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which was lost. 3 window a/c.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical.

1 a/c, mentioned above, was lost. This a/c crashed 6 miles ESE of Luxembourg at P-930110 after the entire crew had bailed out. 5 of the crew who bailed out between Luxembourg and the bomblines are missing. The pilot, who bailed out later, is safe. Reason for crash is undetermined.

No further damage or casualties.

PFF contacted "Sweepstakes" after entering tactical area and received desired fix.

Bombing by flights on group lead from 12,100-12,900 feet.

Box I - Flight A. NO ATTACK. Flight leader failed to bomb and wing man joined other flights.

Flight B. P.N.B. When 1 a/c of preceding flight salvaged bombs flight leader dropped and remainder of flight dropped thereon. Bombs from 7 a/c are seen in fields and on edge of villages in vicinity of Kurten at F-673722 approximately 12 mi SSE of target. No military damage is apparent.

Flight C. UNSATISFACTORY. All bombs from this flight outside 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Only partial coverage is available due to bank by a/c after release, but bombs observed fell approximately 3600 feet WNW of DMPI in open fields and residential area. Poor rate and course.

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Box I - Flight A, P.N.B. Due to haze at primary, other target was selected. Bombs in town of Elberta (F-580945). Well concentrated pattern on several large commercial type buildings. Large bursts probably on edge of M/T. Damage to buildings should be heavy. 3 runs made.

Bombing by box and flights on group lead from 12,400 - 13,000 feet.

FFW contacted "Ripsaw" upon entering tactical area and received desired fix.

No losses, 5 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

3 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical.

36 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFW), 29 dropping 228 x 500 GP on and in vicinity of primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which landed at Sandweiler, short of gas. 3 window a/c.

Flight B and C, EXCELLENT. Bombs of two flights combined to form an unbroken pattern in smoke of Box I, with 100% of bombs of both flights within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Combined patterns centered 350 feet NE of DMPI blanketing press shops and laundry and other buildings inside target area.

Box II - Flight A, UNDETERMINED. Bombs of this flight burst in smoke of bombs from first box and probably would fall into category "excellent".

Flight G, UNSATISFACTORY. None of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent concentration centered 2200 feet ESE of DMPI with no damage to target area.

Flight B, UNSATISFACTORY. 18% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Long EW pattern centered 1150 feet ESE of DMPI with all bombs bursting E of target area and blanketing building area immediately adjacent.

Flight A, SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered 225 feet N of DMPI. Southern edge of pattern blankets NW corner of main workshop and extends diagonally across western extension. Pattern extends across street to blanket small parts shop and other buildings in immediate vicinity.

Bombing by flights on group lead from 12,000-12,600 feet.

FFW contacted "Ripsaw" upon entering tactical area. Instead of giving fix to FFW, Fighter Control gave desired fix to group leader.

No losses, 10 a/c battle-damaged, no casualties.

2 a/c failed to bomb: 1, mechanical; 1, other - electrical bomb system shot out.

43 a/c dispatched (including 42 A-20, 1 FFW), 38 dropping 223 x 500 GP on primary (1 of these a/c dropping 2 x 500 GP on railroad at Reims-Tel (I-381199) when bombs hung up at primary.) 3 window a/c.

Flight C, UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage due to film being stuck in one camera and other camera-carrying a/c dropping on first run on target, but still failing to get coverage due to malfunction. However, flight bombardier and wingman report excellent concentration on the DMPI.

Box II - Flight A and B, EXCELLENT. Approximately 60% of bombs of these two flights (Flight B dropped on box leader) are within 1000 feet of the DMPI with MPI of good concentration 570 feet SE of DMPI. Bombs fell in residential area and across roads short of the target. These flights bombed target as I-A and I-B respectively.

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Flight B. P.N.B. Due to haze at primary target, Other target was selected. Loose pattern at town of Bucken (F-605865). Strikes in open fields with some possible hits on a small road with probable damage. Pattern just short of what appears to be a housing area. 3 runs made.

Flight C. A.P.N.B. Two runs on primary. Couldn't synchronize properly on DMPI due to haze. Bombs in town of Solingen approximately 2700 feet N of target area. Split pattern directly on a RR line and strikes on built-up area with probable heavy damage. 2 runs made.

Box II - A.P.N.B. Did not synchronize on DMPI because of misidentification due to extreme haze in target area. This box bombed as one unit. Bombs in town of Solingen, approximately 1380 feet and 2900 feet N of target area in a split pattern. The larger one just N of target area with strikes on built-up area in town. Other pattern blanketed a RR line and built-up area with many direct hits. Damage should be heavy.

Unna (Ordnance Depot)

409 BG: 43 a/c dispatched (including 31 A-26, 8 A-20, 1 PFF), 29 A-26, 8 A-20, 1 PFF dropping 207 x 500 GP on primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 2 a/c which were lost before bombs away.

3 A-26 lost. All of these a/c were hit by flak at target, two before bombs away and one after bombing. Two of the a/c exploded in mid-air and the third was seen in fire and in flat spin. One of these was seen to hit the ground and explode. All were lost 8 miles NW of Unna at A-920460. Two chutes reported. 9 crewmen are missing.

14 other a/c battle damaged, no further casualties.

PFF did not call Fighter Control because of being in TAF area, however, group leader contacted "Roselee" 2 minutes after entering tactical area and received desired fix.

Bombing by boxes on group lead from 12,000-12,800 feet.

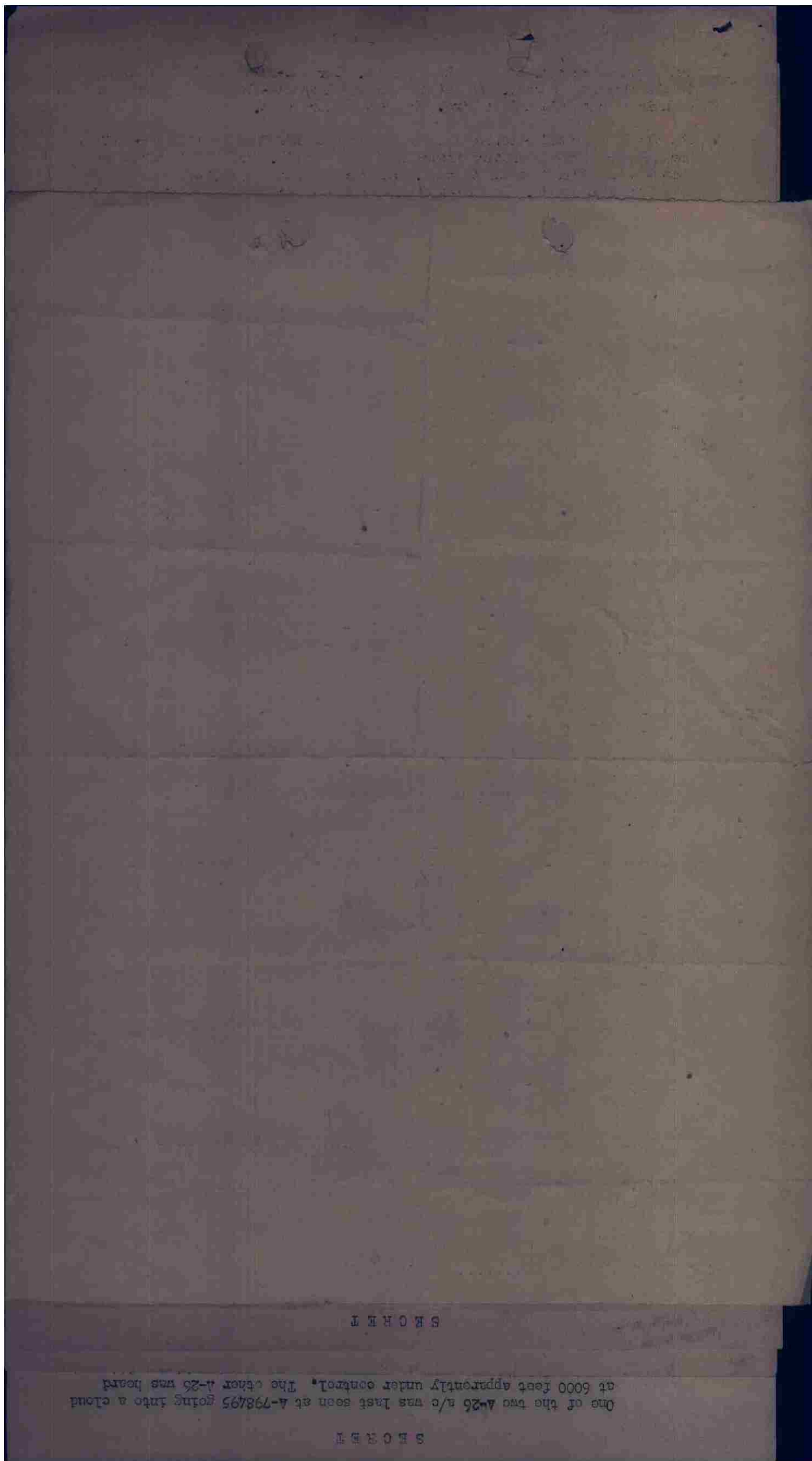
Box I - FAIR. Approximately 35% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Bombs are dispersed over a large area with the center of the main portion of bomb pattern approximately 780 feet SSW of DMPI. Bombs in the sparsely built-up area S of the target with at least one direct hit on double track RR running ENE from Dortmund and one direct hit on tramway serving the ordnance depot. There are also probable hits or near misses to access roads and buildings in the area of the strikes. Photo coverage indicates that bombs from Box I and II hit the ground approximately the same time and the possibility exists that the patterns are intermingled.

Box II - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Probable center of spread pattern is approximately 2880 feet ENE of the DMPI. Bombs are in generally open area E of the target with several direct hits or near misses to the rail line and junctions E and NE of the ordnance depot. PFF turned lead over to group 10 miles before due to improper functioning of equipment.

416 BG: 38 a/c dispatched (including 37 A-26, 1 PFF), 35 dropping 209 x 500 GP on and in vicinity of primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 3 a/c which are missing.

3 a/c (2 A-26, 1 PFF) are missing. The PFF a/c was hit by flak in the right outboard fuel tank about three minutes before bombs away. Although it was losing fuel the PFF led the formation over the target and bombed and then led the formation back to the bombline. When leaving the formation at Eindhoven (E-425175) it was still under control. 7 crewmen are missing from this a/c.

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One of the two A-26 a/c was last seen at A-798495 going into a cloud at 6000 feet apparently under control. The other A-26 was heard

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) S-2 PI 16/2200A

TO 9TH BOMB DIVISION (M) ATTN: A-2 PI

97TH BOMB WING (L) ATTN: STAFF DUTY OFF.

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B. UNNA ORDNANCE DEPOT - (BRIEFED)
 KAMEN - CASUAL TARGET BOMBED
 KOL KAISERAU - CASUAL TARGET BOMBED

J. BOX I FLT A&C
 BOX II (PPF) PNB. BOMBED TOGETHER. PPF SHIP RECEIVED FLAK
 HIT ON START OF BOMB RUN. MAKING IT IM-
 POSSIBLE TO MAKE CORRECT RUN ON PRIMARY.
 SELECTED AS A CASUAL TARGET TOWN OF KAMEN
 (SHEET Q-2 952327) 2 MILES NW OF PRIMARY.

BOX I FLT B
 (VISUAL)

PNB.

BOMBARDIER REALIZED THAT PPF SHIP WAS NOT
 BOMBING BRIEFED PRIMARY. INSUFFICIENT TIME
 TO GET ON CORRECT COURSE TO BOMB PRIMARY.
 CHOSE AS CASUAL TARGET TOWN OF KOL KAISERAU
 (SHEET Q-2 918300) 3 MILES W OF PRIMARY.

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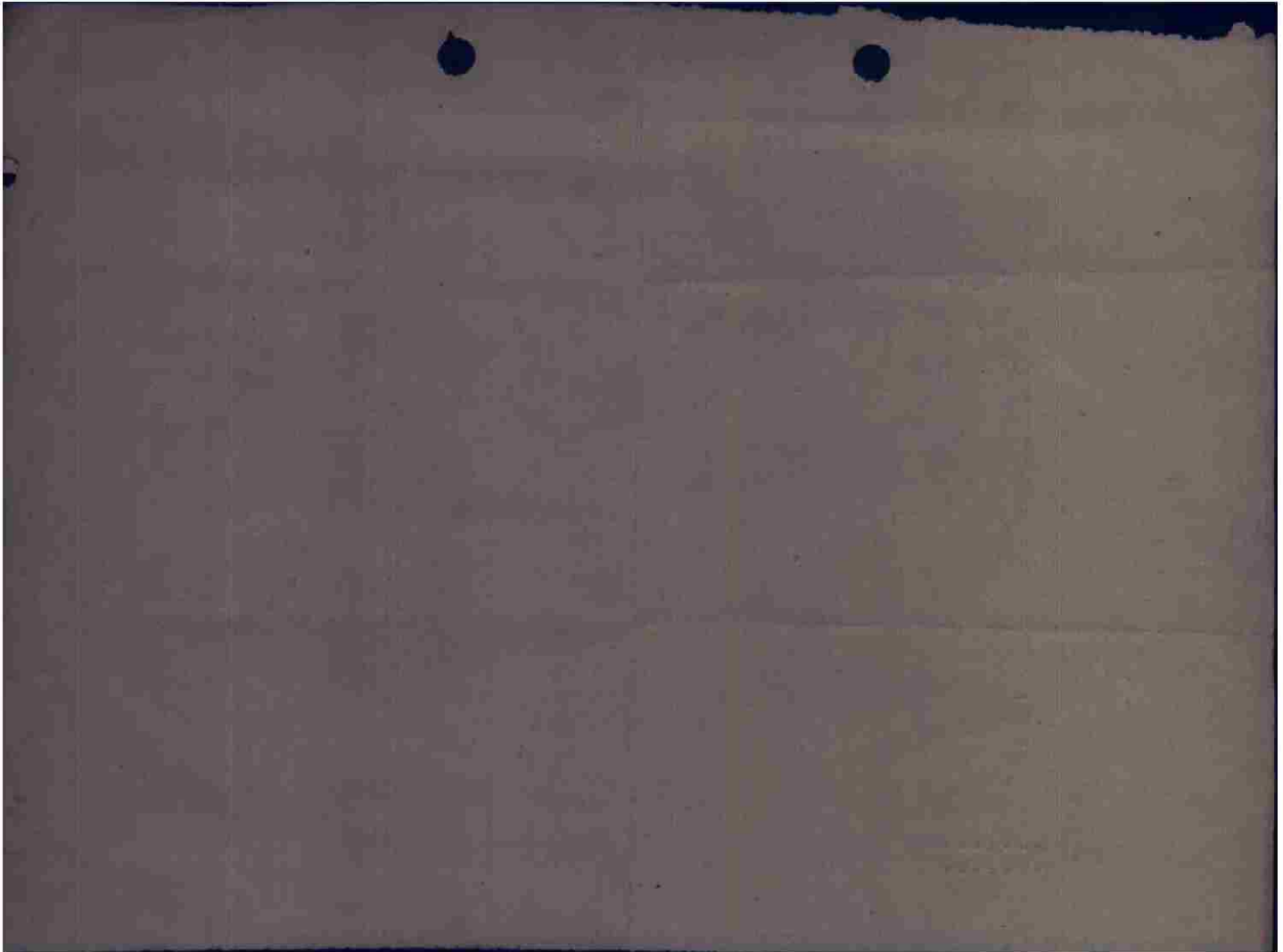
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TO : COMBOMBIV NINE
409TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
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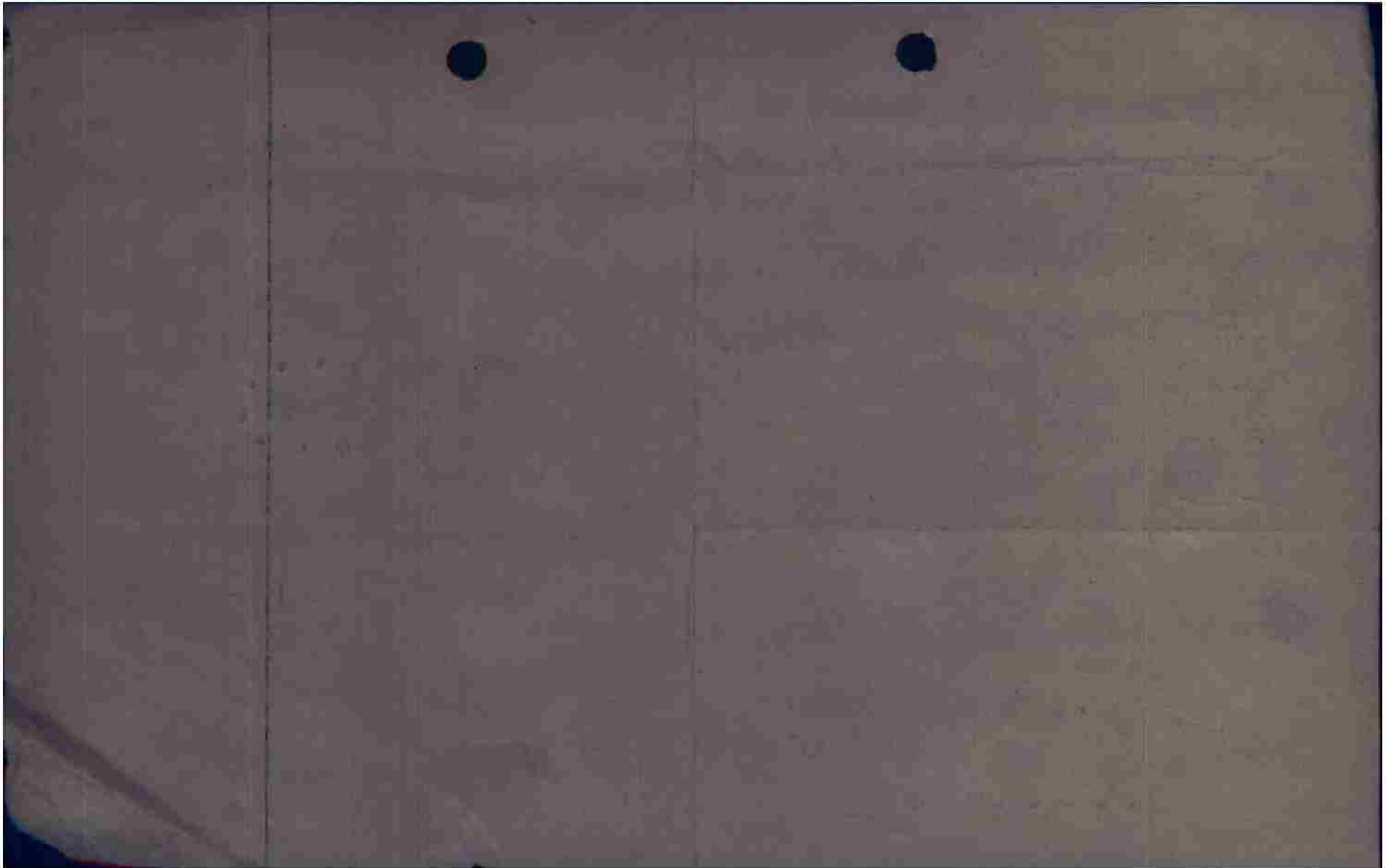
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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
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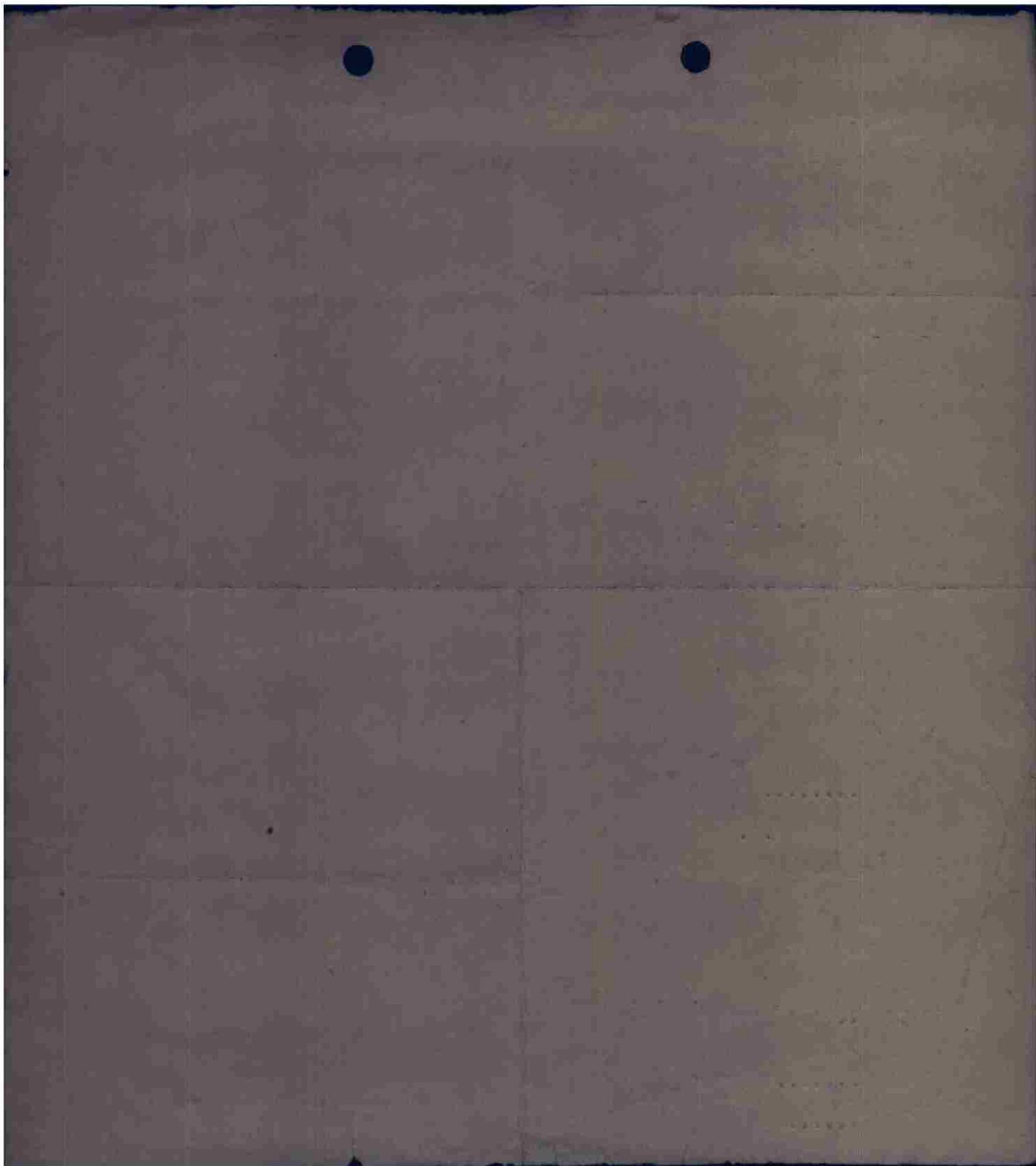
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FROM NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION 160047A
TO: NINTH AIR FORCE (ADV)
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COM TACS 9, 19, 29
COMBAT WINGS 97, 98, 99
CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQDN (PROV)
CO 9TH WEATHER RECON. SQDN.
2ND TAF MAIN

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APO 148
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ANNEX 1 TO FIELD ORDER 750 IX BD OF-1017-E

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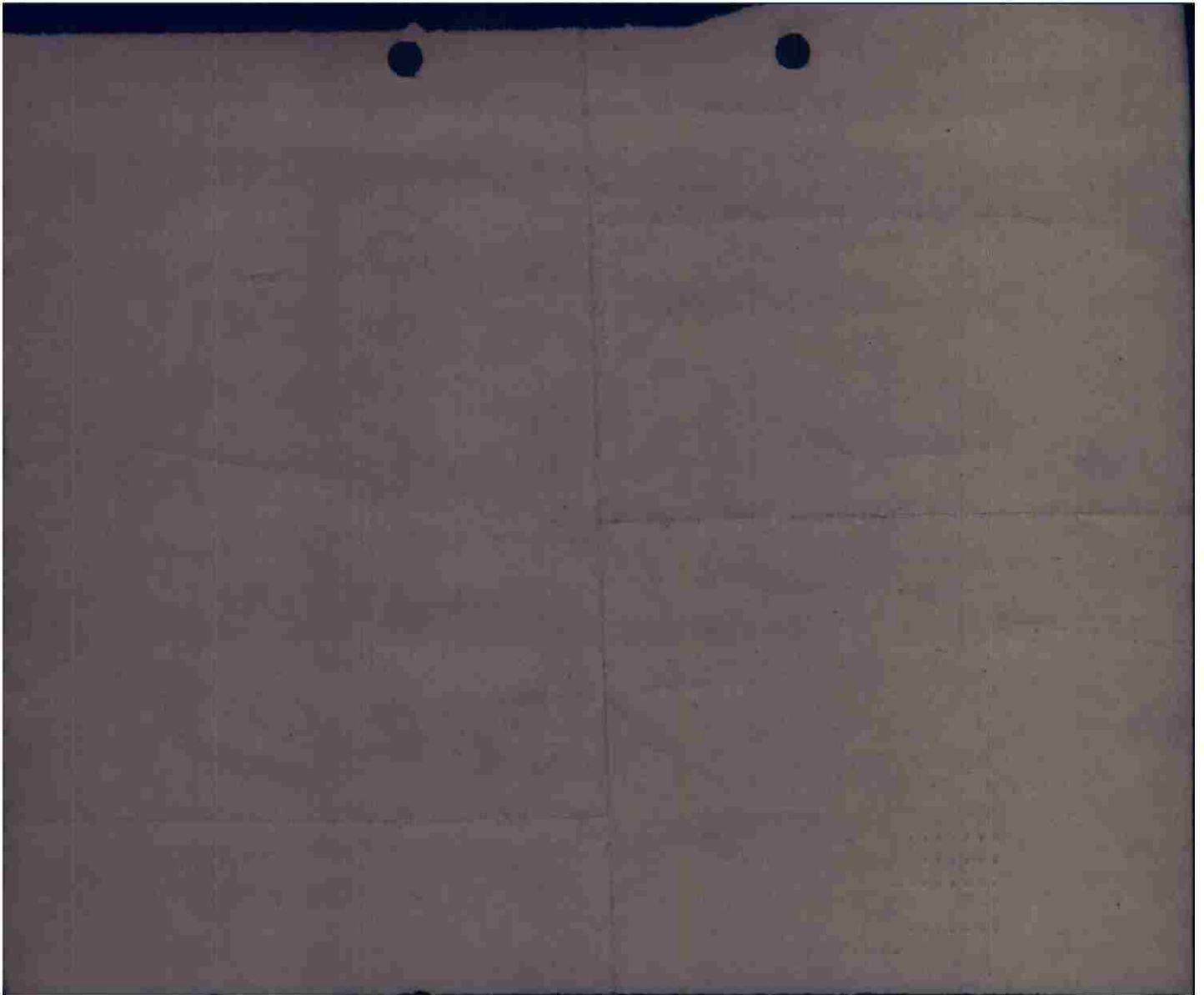
1. B. (1) 19TH TAC WILL ARRANGE COUNTER-BATTERY ACTION FOR TARGET
L-630928 ON PLAN B. THE REST AS SENT. REPEAT L-630928
INSTEAD OF A-630928.

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JIM	R.....16/0555XXXX	16/0525A	SIGLER	AR	
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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 15/2338A

TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
489TH BOMB GROUP
410TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP

ATTENTION: SIGNALS OFFICER

ADVANCED INFORMATION COPY OF SIGNALS OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 489TH BOMB GROUP: (966298)

PLAN "A"	PLAN "B"
(2) SWEEPER	SWEEPER
(3) JUDITH	JUDITH
(4) RIPSAN	ROSELEE

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP: (535865)

(2) MORRIS
(3) BISHOP
(4) RIPSAN

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP: (966298)

PLAN "A"	PLAN "B"
(2) BRASSNUT	BRASSNUT
(3) POKER	POKER
(4) RIPSAN	ROSELEE

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(11) WHEN REPORTING TO F.G.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.

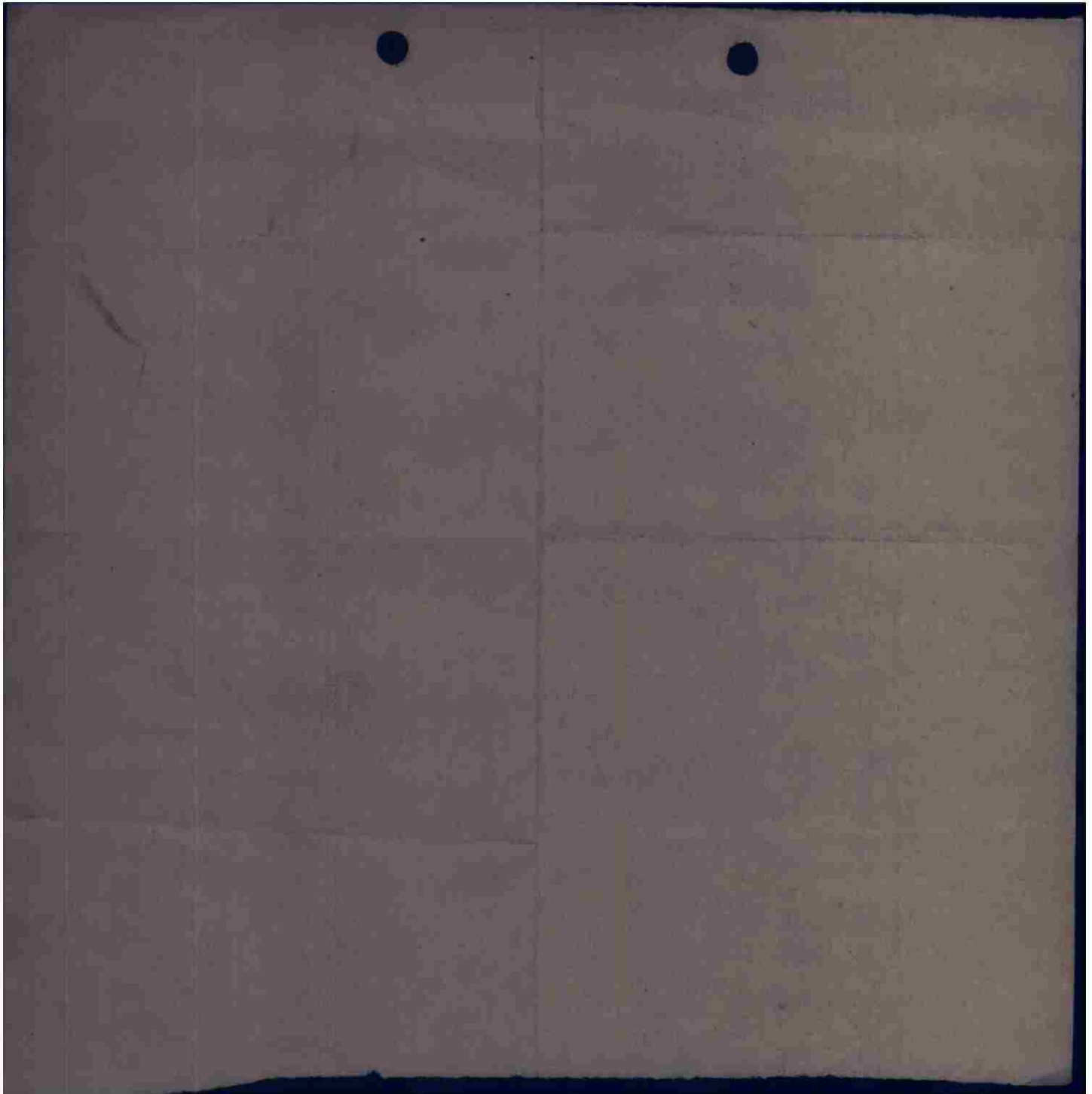
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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION

APO 143

16 FEBRUARY 1943

FIELD ORDER NO. 750

IX BD OF-4016-E

1. A. (1 AND 2) NO CHANGE

B. (1) 19 TAC WILL ARRANGE COUNTER-BATTERY ACTION FOR TARGET A966298 ON PLAN B.

2ND TAF WILL ARRANGE COUNTER-BATTERY ACTION ON TARGET A975528 BOTH PLANS AND ON TARGET A966298 ON PLAN B

(2) 29 TAC WILL PROVIDE ESCORT ON TARGET A966298 AND F-535865, WHICH WILL DIVE-BOMB FLAK POSITIONS AT TARGET.

2. THIS DIVISION WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR: PLAN "A" 161100A

PLAN "D" 161100A

PLAN "A" - VISUAL

3. A. 97TH WING:

(1) (A) A966298

(B) F535865

(2) (A) 2 GROUPS MAXIMUM EFFORT

(B) 1 GROUP MAXIMUM EFFORT

(3) (A) U-8787 AT 10,500 FEET AT ZERO MINUS 60 MINUTES AND ZERO MINUS 40 MINUTES.

(B) P-5014 AT 10,500 FEET AT ZERO MINUS 15 MINUTES.

SEE
CC -3955 TO L-3955

BASE TO F/R TO L-3955 TO

N-5978 TO G-5521 TO B-1803 TO B-1618 TO TARGET.

(B) BASE TO F/R TO L-3955 TO L-3955 TO L-5867 TO

N-5978 TO G-5521 TO F-7569 TO TARGET.

(5) (A) TARGET TO A-6373 TO A-4377 TO A-1271 TO E-8955 TO E-7154 TO E-4318 TO BASE.

(B) TARGET TURN RIGHT AND RETRACE. LOSE 1,000 FEET.

(9) (A) 3(G) 3/2. COVER ANNOTATED AREA. SEE 5187E/4412/1. ALSO TTF4412/F/1 ALSO US 7PH. CP. BB73 NO 8093 AND 4. 5187E/3/1.

(B) 3(G) 4/4. COVER ANNOTATED BUILDINGS 1 THROUGH 13 SEE 3(G)4/4 AND 3. ALSO 3(H)120/1. ALSO 3(J)4/1.

(10) (A) 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 X 1/100

(B) 6 X 500 LB. INCENDIARY CLUSTER FUSED TO OPEN

AT 5,000 FEET.

B. 98TH WING:

(1) (A) F-535865

(B) A-975528

(2) (A) 2 GROUPS MAXIMUM EFFORT

EFFORT (B) 1 GROUP MAXIMUM

(3) (A) P-5014 AT 10,500 FEET AT ZERO MINUS 50 MINUTES AND ZERO MINUS 30 MINUTES.

(4) (A) BASE TO F/R TO L-3955 TO L-3955 TO L-5867 TO N-5978 TO G-5521 TO F-5955 TO TARGET.

(B) BASE TO E-4318 TO E-9143 TO TARGET.

(5) (A) TURN RIGHT AND RETRACE. LOSE 1,000 FEET.

(B) TURN LEFT AND RETRACE.

(9) (A) 3(G)4/4 COVER ANNOTATED BUILDINGS 1 THRU 13. SEE 3(G)4/4 AND 4/5. ALSO 3(H)120/1 ALSO 3(J)4/1.

(B) CGCS 441LSHEET 4204. COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY 87375238 87995210, 87405185, AND 87155335. SEE 5106E/4204. ALSO PHOTO MOSAIC ICON APIS NO. 96

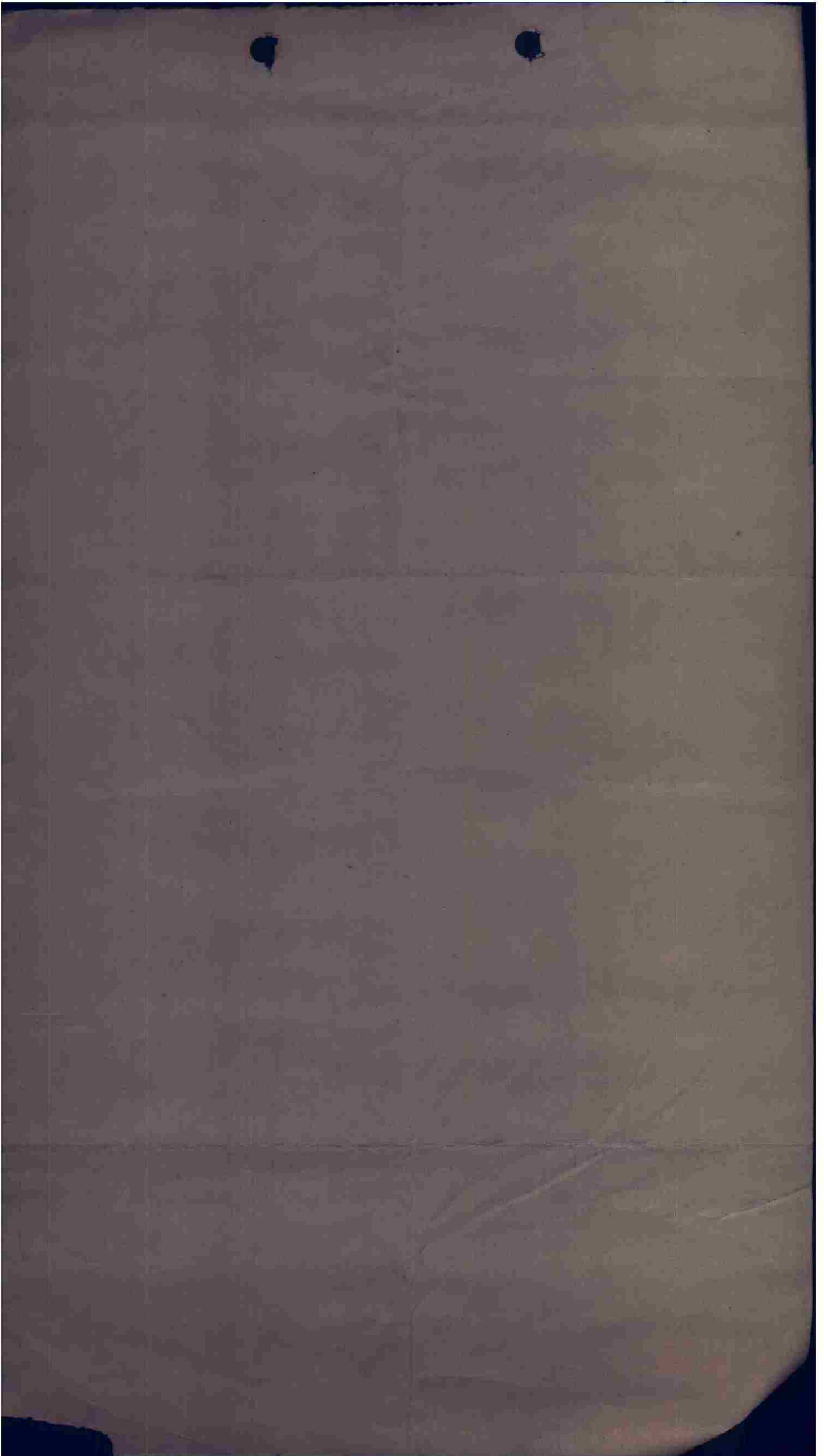
(10) (A) 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 X 1/100

(B) FIRST BOX 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 X 1/40 WITH 10

PER CENT TO 15 PER CENT FUSED LONG DELAY UP TO

6 HOURS. SECOND BOX 6 X 500 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS

FUSED TO OPEN AT 5,000 FEET.



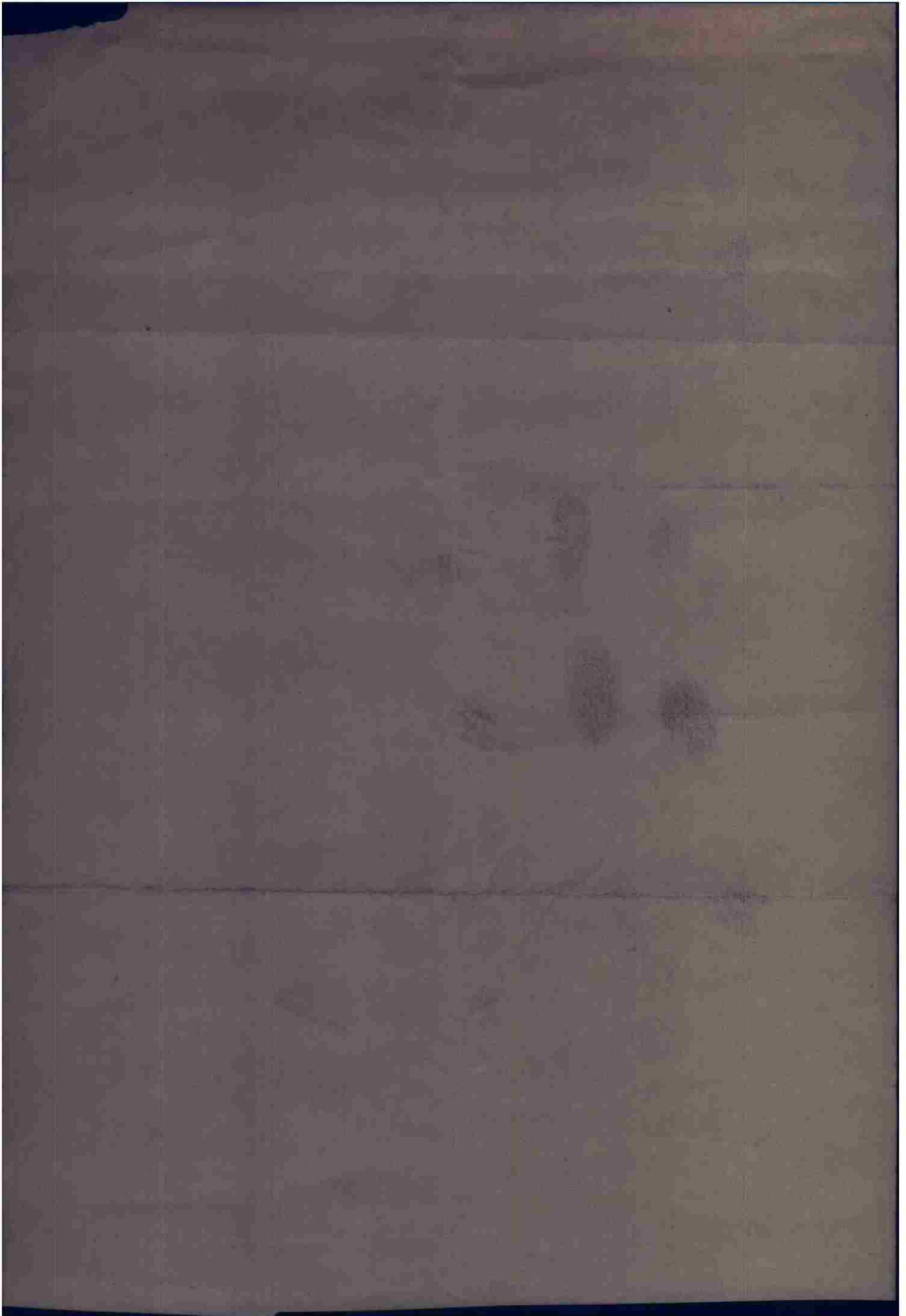
C. 99TH WING:

- (1) (A) A-966298
(B) L-638928
(C) A3875523
- (2) (A) 2 GROUPS MAXIMUM EFFORT
(B AND C) 1 GROUP MAXIMUM EFFORT
- (3) (A) U-5787 AT 13,500 FEET AT ZERO MINUS 20 MINUTES AND ZERO HOUR.
- (4) (A) BASE TO F/R TO L-3828 TO L-3955 TO L-5867 TO H-8978 TO G-5521 TO B-1893 TO B-1618 TO TARGET.
(B) BASE TO L-3513 TO L-3828 TO L-3955 TO L-4165 TO TARGET.
(C) BASE TO E-4318 TO F-5555 TO TARGET.
- (5) (A) TARGET TO A-6873 TO A-4377 TO A-1271 TO E-5953 TO E-7124 TO E-4318 TO BASE.
(B) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO L-3955 TO L-3828 TO P-8413 TO BASE. LOSE 1,000 FEET.
(C) TARGET TURN LEFT AND RETRACE. LOSE 1,000 FEET.
- (6) (A) 3(K)34/2 REF ANNOTATED AREA. SEE 5107E/4412/1 ALSO TTF4412/F/1 ALSO US 7 PH. CP. BB 73 NO 5893 AND 94. ALSO 5187
/3/1.
(B) GSGS 4414, SHEET 3689. 4 FLIGHTS COVER CENTER OF BRIDGE AT 63159305. SEE 2 TAC T/165. ALSO US31/4059, NO. 2030 AND 2031. ALSO US31/3052, NO. 2023, 2024, 2025. ALSO US31/4059, NO. 1005, 1006. ALSO US30/4787, NO. 1133, 1134, 1135. 2 FLIGHTS COVER GUN POSITIONS AT 668931, 672932 AND 678932. SEE 5087E/5659. ALSO US30/4787, NO. 2129, 2130.
(C) GSGS 4414, SHEET 4204. COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY 67575230, 67905213, 67605185, 67155205. SEE 5106E/4204. ALSO PHOTO MOSAIC ICON APIS NO 96.
- (10) (A) 8 X 500 LB. INCENDIARY CLUSTERS H-17, FUSED TO OPEN AT 3,000 FEET.
(B) 4 FLIGHTS: 4 X 1000 G.P., FUSED 1/10 X 1/100
2 FLIGHTS: 20 X 100 G.P., FUSED 1/10 X 1/100
(C) 16 X 250 G.P., FUSED 1/10 X 1/40.
- (11) (B) ZERO PLUS 30 MINUTES.
(C) ZERO PLUS 40 MINUTES.

PLAN "B"

A. 97TH WING

- (1) (A) A-966298
(B) F-535365
- (2) (A) 2 GROUPS OF 33 A/C PLUS 1 PFF A/C EACH
(B) 1 GROUP OF 33 A/C PLUS 1 PFF A/C.
- (3) (A) E-4318 AT 12,500 FEET. AT ZERO MINUS 02 MINUTES AND ZERO PLUS 03 MINUTES.
(B) P-8413 AT 12,500 FEET AT ZERO MINUS 06 MINUTES.
- (4) (A) BASE TO F/R TO E-7124 TO E-5953 TO A-1271 TO A-4377 TO A-6178 TO TARGET.
(B) BASE TO F/R TO L-3828 TO L-3955 TO L-5867 TO H-8978 TO G-5521 TO F-5741 TO TARGET.
- (5) (A) TURN LEFT TO B-1893 TO B-2240 TO B-2252 TO B-1253 TO A-8954 TO A-6178 AND RETRACE. LOSE 1,000 FEET.
(B) TURN RIGHT TO F-7569 TO G-5521 AND RETRACE. LOSE 1,000 FEET.
- (6) (A) AND (B) 13,500 FEET.
- (9) (A) GSGS 4414, SHEET 4412. PFF REF. 96352965 FOR 1ST GROUP 96632875 FOR 2ND GROUP.
(B) GSGS 4414, SHEET 4038. PFF REF. 53598647.
- (10) (A) AND (B) SAME AS PLAN A.
- (11) (A) DESIRED INTERVAL: 50 FEET
(B) DESIRED INTERVAL: 100 FEET.
- (12) (A) ZERO PLUS 30 MINS. AND ZERO PLUS 40 MINUTES.
(B) ZERO PLUS 40 MINUTES.



B. 98TH WING:

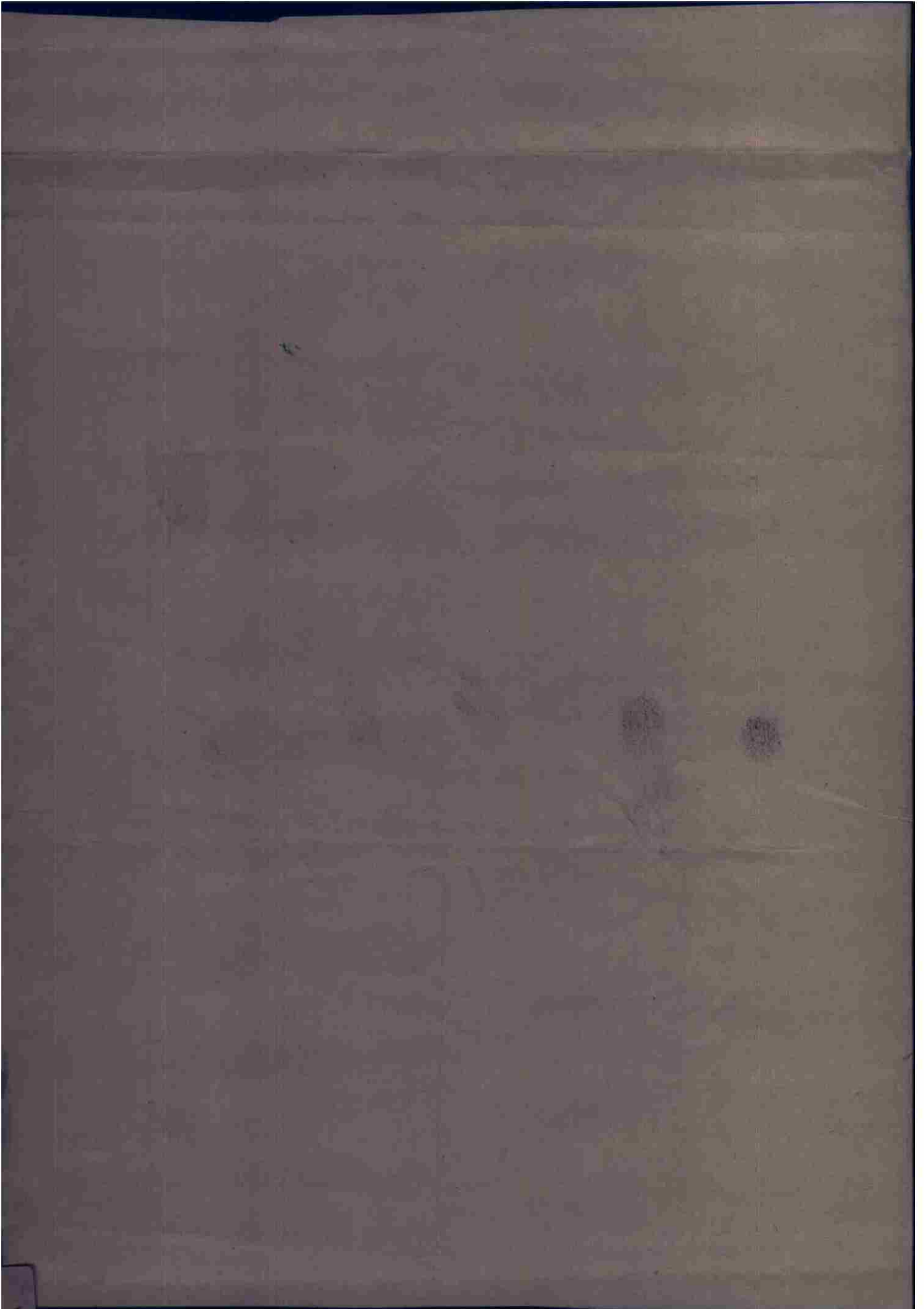
- (1) (A) F-335865
(B) A-875528.
- (2) (A) 2 GROUPS OF 33 A/C PLUS 1 PFF A/C EACH.
(B) 33 A/C PLUS 1 PFF A/C.
- (3) (A) F-3413 AT 12,500 FEET AT ZERO MINUS 30 MINUTES AND ZERO MINUS 20 MINUTES.
- (4) (A) BASE TO F/R TO L-3828 TO L-3955 TO L-3887 TO F-3976 TO C-8521 TO F-3741 TO TARGET.
(B) BASE TO E-4318 TO E-2661 TO TARGET.
- (5) (A) TURN RIGHT TO F-7569 TO C-8521 AND RETRACE. LOSE 1,000 FEET.
(B) TURN RIGHT TO E-2143 TO E-4318 TO BASE.
- (6) (A) 13,500 FEET.
(B) 12,500 FEET.
- (9) (A) GSGS 4414, SHEET 4808, PFF REF. 53586647.
(B) GSGS 4414, SHEET 4204, PFF REF. 876521.
- (10) (A) AND (B) SAME AS PLAN A.
- (12) (A) DESIRED INTERVAL: 50 FEET.
(B) DESIRED INTERVAL: 1ST BOX 70 FEET.
2ND BOX 100 FEET.
- (13) (A) ZERO PLUS 20 MINUTES AND ZERO PLUS 30 MINUTES.
(B) ZERO HOUR.

C. 99TH WING:

- (1) (A) A-966298
(B) A-875528
(C) L-638928
- (2) (A) 2 GROUPS OF 33 A/C PLUS 1 PFF A/C EACH.
(B) 33 A/C PLUS 2 PFF A/C
(C) 3 BOXES OF 15 A/C PLUS 1 PFF A/C EACH.
- (3) (A) E-4318 AT 12,500 FT. AT ZERO PLUS 16 MINS. AND ZERO PLUS 26 MINS.
- (4) (A) BASE TO F/R TO E-7154 TO E-3955 TO A-1271 TO A-4377 TO A-6178 TO TARGET.
(B) BASE TO E-4318 TO E-2661 TO TARGET.
(C) BASE TO P-8888 TO L-1888 TO TARGET.
- (5) (A) TURN LEFT TO E-1828 TO E-2248 TO E-2252 TO E-1258 TO A-3854 TO A-6178 AND RETRACE. LOSE 1,000 FT.
(B) TURN RIGHT TO E-2143 TO E-4318 TO BASE.
(C) TURN LEFT TO L-3955 TO L-3828 TO F-3413 TO BASE. LOSE 1,000 FT.
- (6) (A) 13,500 FT.
(B) 12,500 FT. AND 12,000 FT.
(C) 13,000 FT., 12,500 FT., 12,000 FT.
- (9) (A) GSGS 4414, SHEET 4412, PFF REF. 96352965 FOR 1ST GROUP, AND 96682975 FOR 2ND GROUP.
(B) GSGS 4414, SHEET 4204, PFF REF. 876521.
(C) GSGS 4414, SHEET 5609, PFF REF. 6319335.
- (10) (A), (B), (C). SAME AS PLAN A.
- (12) (A) DESIRED INTERVAL: 100 FT.
(B) DESIRED INTERVAL: 50 FT.
(C) DESIRED INTERVAL: 50 FT.
- (13) (A) ZERO PLUS 50 MINS. AND ZERO PLUS 60 MINS.
(B) ZERO PLUS 15 MINS.
(C) ZERO HOUR.

X. (1 TO 4) NO CHANGE.

- (5) MINIMUM ALTITUDE 8,000 FEET.
- (6) ON PLAN B IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST, BOMBING WILL BE DONE VISUALLY AT THE GROUP LEADER'S DISCRETION.
- (7) ON PLAN B IF THE PFF A/C FAILS TO DROP, GROUPS WILL ATTACK SECONDARY TARGETS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TWX F-576-E, 9 FEBRUARY 1945 AS AMENDED.
- (8) M-17 CLUSTERS WILL BE RETURNED IF NOT DROPPED ON PRIMARY.
- (9) ON TARGETS A-966298 AND F-335865 IF THE GROUP LEADER IS UNABLE TO CONTACT THE FIGHTERS FOR DIVE-BOMBING HE WILL FIRE SEVERAL GREEN FLARES.



PLANS A AND B

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 97 WING: A-966298, A-966298, F-535865

(2) SWEEPER, BRASSNUT, MORRIS

(3) JUDITH, POKER, BISHOP

(4) PLAN A: RIPSAW, RIPSAW, RIPSAW

(4) PLAN B: ROSELEE, ROSELEE, RIPSAW

B. 98 WING: F-535865, F-535865, A-075529

(2) NINEPIN, BYLAN, WAYSIDE

(3) EVENING, CUMBOIL, -----

(4) RIPSAW, RIPSAW, ROSELEE

C. 99 WING: A-966298, A-966298, L-638928, A-075529

(2) TABLESPOON, FATHER, HOTEL, SKINDEEP

(3) MUSTARD, SHADOW, -----

(4) PLAN A: RIPSAW, RIPSAW, RIPSAW, ROSELEE

(4) PLAN B: ROSELEE, ROSELEE, SWEEPSAKES, ROSELEE

X. (1) ON PLAN B ONLY HOTEL WILL CALL SUMMERFLOCK ON CHANNEL C/C FIFTEEN MINUTES BEFORE REACHING TROOPLINE AND REPORT WHETHER ON SCHEDULE OR HOW MUCH AHEAD OR BEHIND. HOTEL WILL ALSO REPORT COMPLETION OF OPS TO SUMMERFLOCK.

(2) ON TARGETS WITH CLOSE ESCORT GROUP LEADERS WILL CALL THEIR FIGHTERS FIVE MINUTES BEFORE TOT AND TELL THEM TO COMPLETE THEIR MISSION. IF BOMBER LEADER IS UNABLE TO CONTACT FIGHTERS ON RADIO HE WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES TO SIGNAL THE FIGHTERS TO COMPLETE THEIR MISSION.

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(A) (A) BASE TO F/R TO L-3083 TO L-3055 TO L-5567 TO N-3976 TO G0921 TO B-1603 TO B-1618 TO TARGET.

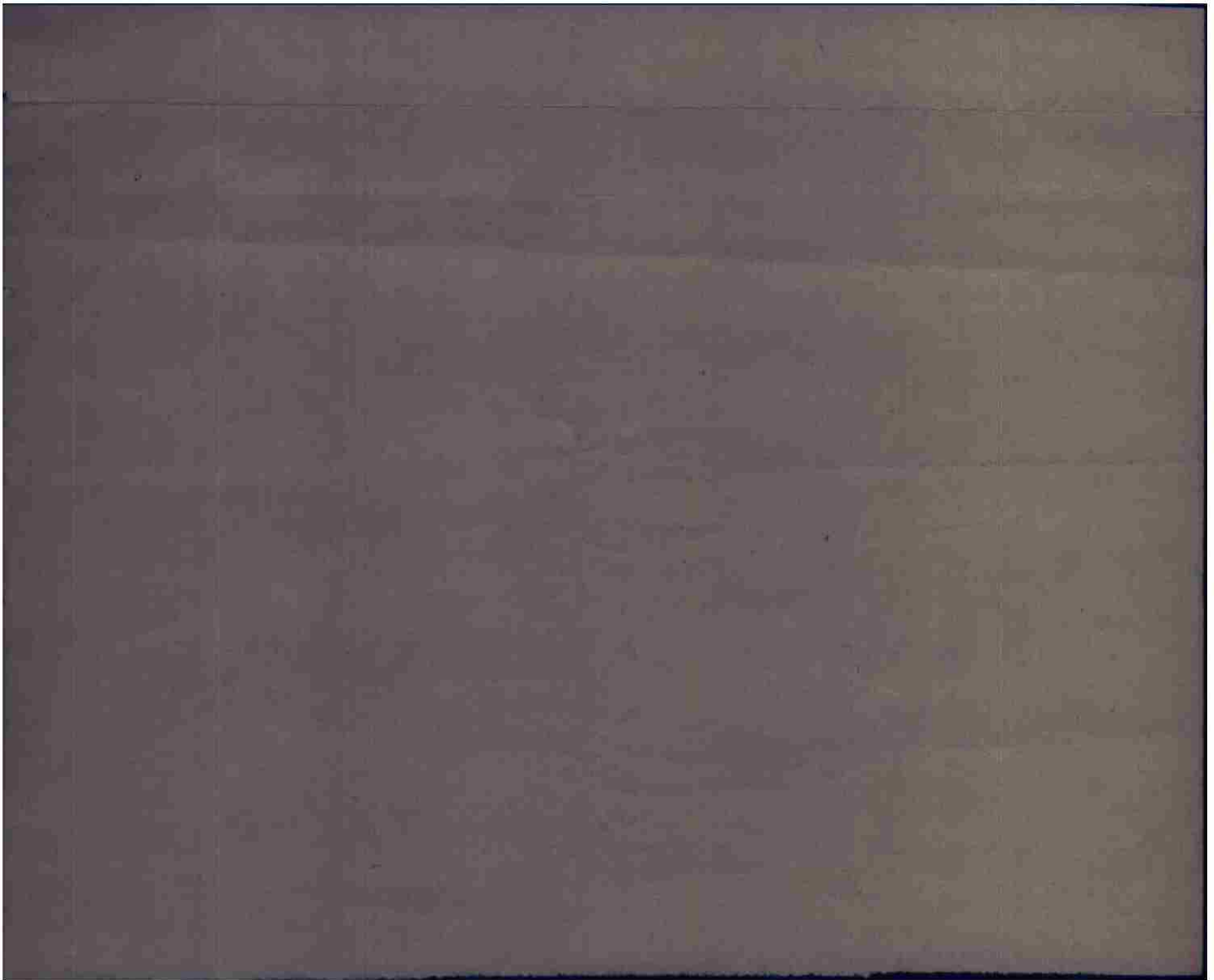
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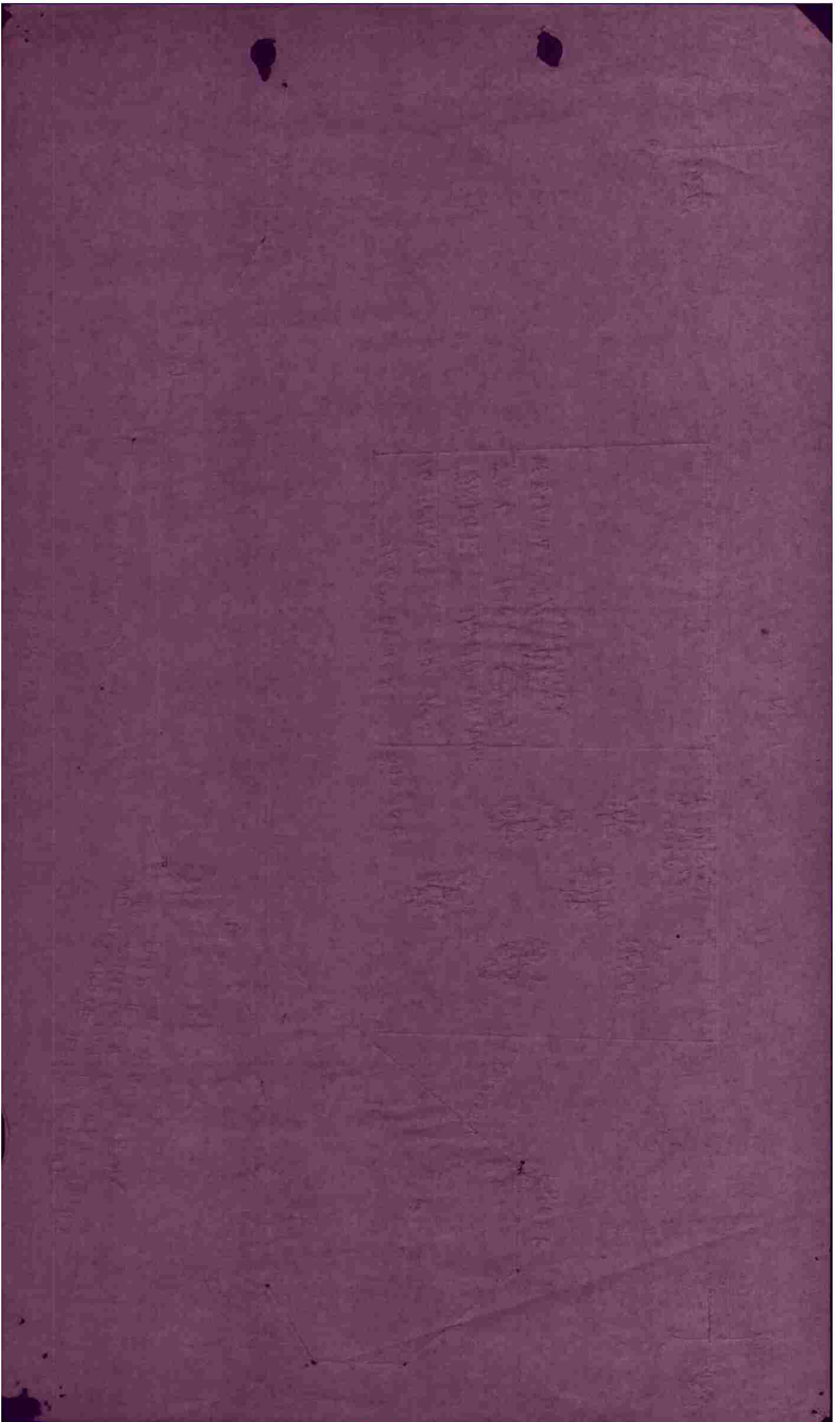
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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 16/0132A
TO: COMBOMB DIV IX
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COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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97CEW F-126-E

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

FIELD ORDER NO. 162-750

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF: CURRENT BOMBLINE
(2) 29 T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.
FIGHTERS WILL DIV BOMB FLAK POSITIONS IN TARGET AREAS.
IF UNABLE TO CONTACT FIGHTERS ON R/T, LEADERS WILL FIRE
GREEN FLARES FOR DIVE BOMBING.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR - PLAN "A" 16/1100A
ZERO HOUR - PLAN "B" 16/1100A

PLAN "A" VISUAL

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT U-0787 AT 10,500 FT AT ZERO MINUS 60 MIN.

- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
(1) SOLINGEN (F-335665)
(2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-0413 AT 10,500 FT AT ZERO MINUS 10 MIN.
(4) BASE TO P-0413 TO L-3820 TO L-3955 TO L-5867 TO M-0978
TO G-0921 TO I.P. TO TARGET.

~~F-TO 1401 BRIGADE TARGET~~ (7) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. AND RETRAKE ROUTE.
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- (6) BOMB AT 10,500 FT OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW
8,000 FT. DROP 1,000 FT AFTER BOMBING.

(7) F-7569

(8) GEN SE TO NW

- (9) M.P.I. ILL 3(G)4/A ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING
REFERENCES: 02500192, 03540190, 03740255, 04230135,
04200175, AND 00570197.

(10) 6 X 500 LB. C.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.

(11) F-7569

- (12) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED BY
VISUAL MEANS, THE GROUP WILL BOMB THE PRIMARY TARGET
IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.

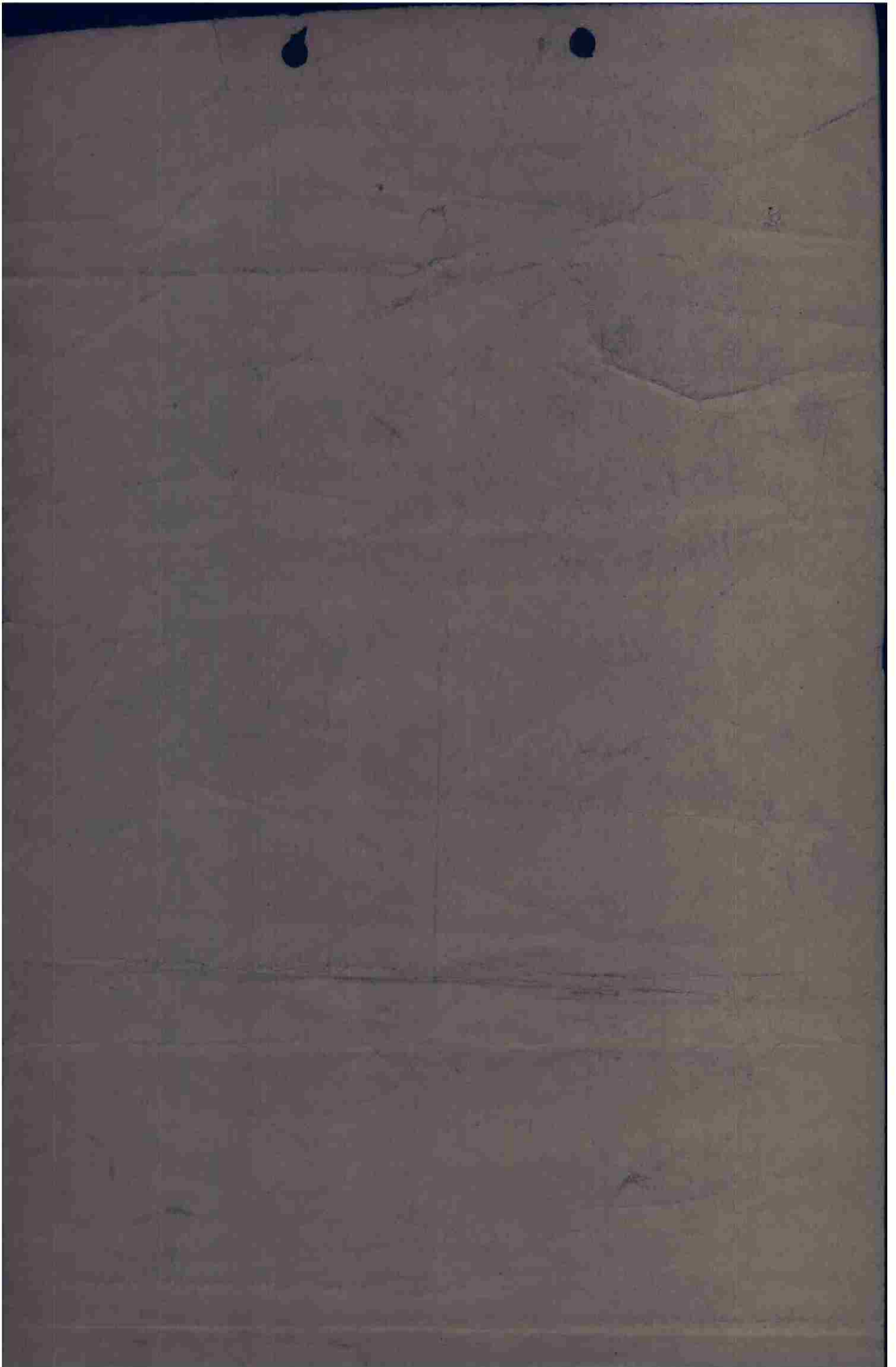
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B. TARGET E.T.A.

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

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT U-0787 AT 10,500 FT. AT ZERO MINUS 40 MIN.



- FOR THE 489TH AND 416TH GROUPS.
- (5) TARGET: UNNA (A-986298)
- (6) A/C REQUIRED: MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (7) ROUTE: BASE TO U-8767 TO L-3822 TO L-3955 TO L-5867 TO M-8973 TO G-3521 TO B-1853 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TO E.P. TO A-4377 TO A-1271 TO E-8955 TO E-7154 TO B-4318 TO BASE.
- BOMB AT 13,500 FT. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 8,000 FT. DROP 1,000 FT. AFTER BOMBING.
- (10) I.P. B-1813.
- (11) AXIS OF ATTACK: G
N. SE TO NW
- (12) M.P.I. ILL. 3(G) 3 1/2 ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REF: 9888135, 916825, 841923, 83858278 AND 843832. 489TH GROUP - 1 FLIGHT ON REF: 824324, 416TH GROUP - 2 FLIGHTS ON REF: 824324.
- INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM
- (13) BOMB LOAD: 8 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (14) I.P. A-6873.
- (15) 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.
- (16) GROUP WILL SELECT AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOM. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45)

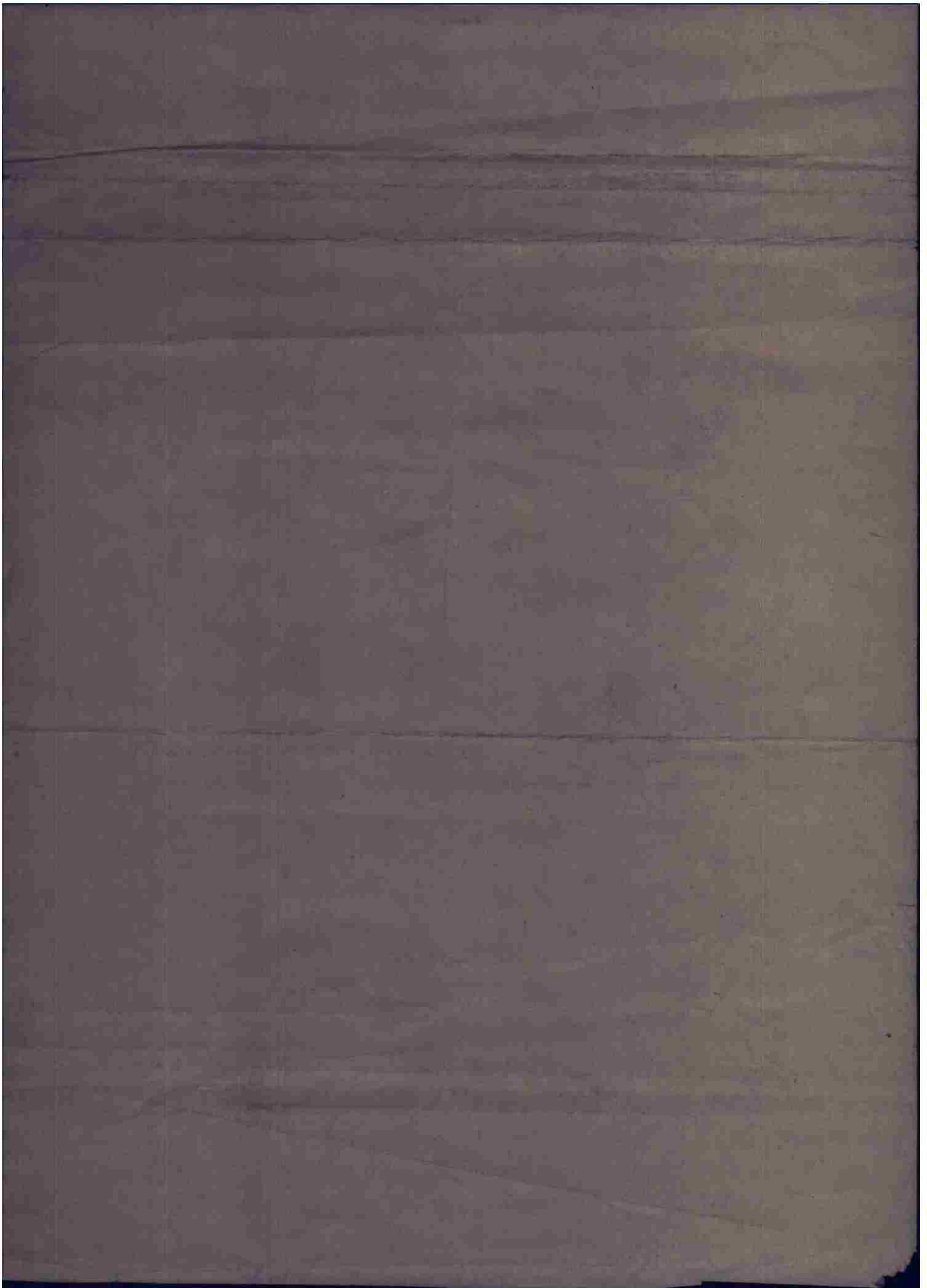
PLAN "B" PATHFINDER

3. A. 489TH BOMB GROUP.

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-4318 AT 12,500 FT. AT ZERO MINUS 08 MIN.
- (9) P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID COORD. 86358965 SEE PAR. X (12) FOR GROUP M.P.I.'S.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 38 MINUTES.

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) SOLINGEN (F-835865)
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 12 A/C WITH 1 P.P.F. A/C.
- T 12 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8413 AT 12,500 FT AT ZERO MINUS 06 MIN.
- 1500 FT. AT ZERO MINUS 06 MIN.
- (4) BASE TO P-8413 TO L-3822 TO L-3955 TO L-5867 TO M-8973 TO F-57 TO G-3521
- 41 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO F-7569 TO G-3521 AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 13,500 FT. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 8,000 FT. DROP 1,000 FT. AFTER BOMBING.
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 3(G) 4/4 ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REFERENCES: 82588192, 83548195, 83748225, 84238135, 84288175 AND 84578197 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS.
- ILL. 3(G) 4/3 ONE BOX ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REF: 83558585 AND 83998524.
- P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID. COORD. 53588647.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) 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 P.P.F. A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUP WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES. AND WILL USE F-7472 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
A. P.P.F.
B. GROUP "GEE"
C. TARGET E.T.A.



- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-4318 AT 12,500 FT. AT ZERO PLUS 58 MIN
 (9) P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID. COORD. 9662975 SEE PAR. X (12) FOR
 GROUP M.P.I.
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 49 MIN.

- X. (1) - (A) NO CHANGE
 (5) TARGET: UNNA (A-966298)
 (6) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C WITH 1 P.P.F.
 (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO E-4318 TO E-7154 TO E-3925 TO A-1271
 TO A-4377 TO A-6170 TO TARGET.
 (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TO B-1028 TO B-2240 TO B-2252 TO
 E-1258 TO A-5054 TO A-6170 AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
 (9) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 12,500 FT. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING
 IS VISUAL WILL BE 8,000 FT. DROP 1,000 FT. AFTER BOMBING.

(10)

Im.EL. ILL. 3(K)34/2 ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING

REFERENCES: 00880195, 016020, 024024, 03050270,
 040032 AND 041025 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND
 FLIGHTS. ONE BOX ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REFERENCES:
 024024 AND 041025 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND
 BY BOXES. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FT

- (11) 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 SO WHETHER THEY
 CAN CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT.
 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUP WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS
 (B) BOXES AND WILL USE A-5054 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD
 COVER OBSCURES THE TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING
 PRIORITY.
 A. P.P.F.
 B. GROUP "GEE"
 C. TARGET E.T.A.
 (13) GROUP WILL SELECT AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH
 IX BOM. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45)
 (14) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL ATTEMPT TO NEUTRALIZE ENEMY
 FLAK POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 439TH BOMB GROUP: (966298)

PLAN "A"	PLAN "B"
(2) SWEEPER	SWEEPER
(3) JUDITH	JUDITH
(4) RIPSAN	ROSELEE

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP: (535865)

(2) HORDIS
 (3) BISHOP
 (4) RIPSAN

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP: (966298)

PLAN "A"	PLAN "L"
(2) BRASSNUT	BRASSNUT
(3) POKER	POKER
(4) RIPSAN	ROSELEE

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- (11) WHEN REPORTING TO F.G.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 RESPONSIB-
 ILITY.

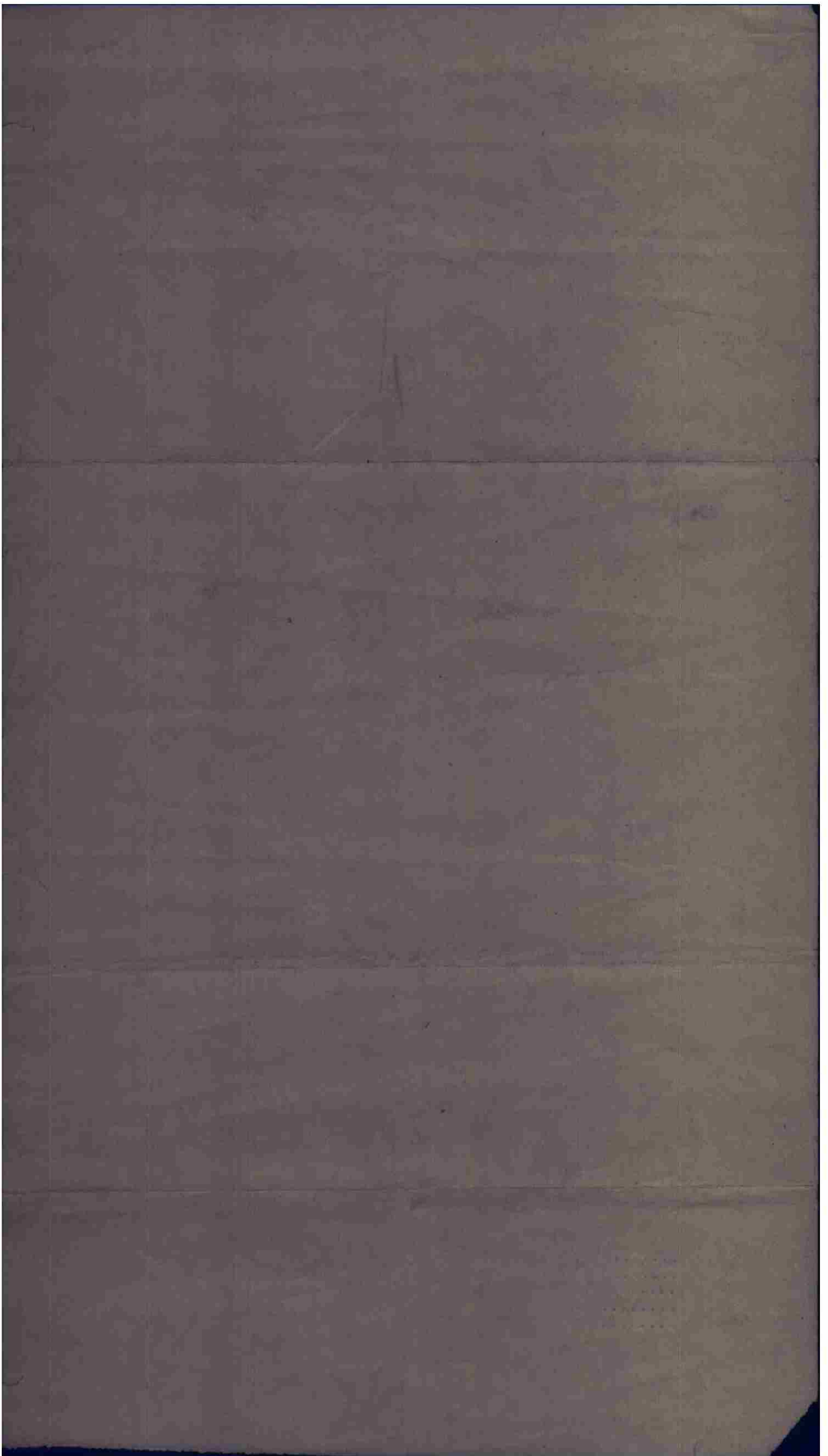
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GIJKI R.....16/0312A	ANN	AR
GIJUF R.....16/0312A	JN	AR
GIITA R.....16/0315A	RD	AR

TTTA JKI WHAT DO U NEED PLS

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 ELS GERNEBA R AND THEN GIVE ME A FEW CC
 GOOD IDEA JKI THIS ITA E R FOR I PSE



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AUTH: CO STA
DATE: _____
INIT: _____

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

TO:

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

Ref : Oprep A No. 312 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 16 Feb. 1945
Mission or Operation No. 206 97 CBI P.O. 164-730

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target USNA COMMAND DEPOT
Place of take-off Station A-69
Place of landing Station A-69 - 1 A/C landed at A-60
Take-off time 1032 Landing time 1019
Time over target 1237 Bombing Altitude 12500-13000 Ft.
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather 5/10 clouds, ground haze and fog. Visibility 5 miles
Results all flights FMS
Enemy opposition Moderate to intense accurate HVT at target

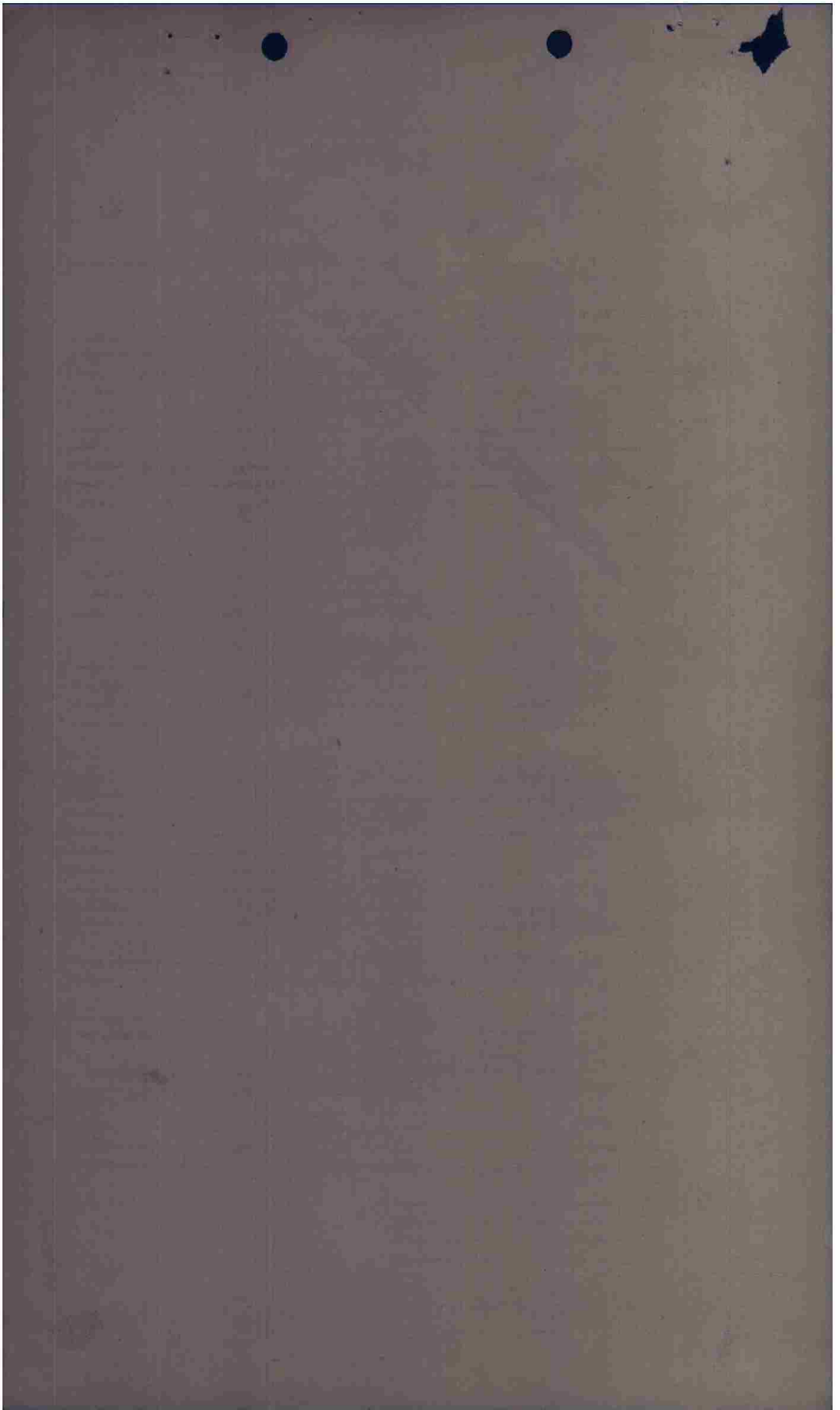
B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 37 A-26
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.

<u>20 A-26</u>	<u>USNA Command Depot</u>
<u>6 A-26</u>	<u>East of Guam (Group 1)</u>
<u>1 A-26</u>	<u>Bombard (Group 1)</u>
<u>1 A-26</u>	<u>Brillmanich (Group 1)</u>
3. Abortive due to:
(1) Weather: None
(2) Personnel: None
(3) Mechanical: None
(4) Other: 1 A-26 missing
4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) 1 A-26 - no information
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) 20 A-26 cat A - Flak
1 A-26 cat A - Flak - caused landing
8. Sorties 37 A-26

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D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset)

124.00

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

None

E. Ammunition by calibres:

a. Total carried into air 7050 x .50 cal.

b. Expended on operations None

c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c 2250 x .50 cal.

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air: 222 x 500 lb GP 1/100 1/1000

b. Expended on operations: 157 x 500 lb GP (Uana Guidance Depot)

(List targets separately) 6 x 500 lb GP (Bortland)

6 x 500 lb GP (Billmarich)

36 x 500 lb GP (Uana)

c. Jettisoned

None

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c

None

e. Total Returned

7 x 500 lb GP

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

Type of Casualty	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	R.Gun	E.Gun	T.Gun
Killed in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in Action	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Seriously Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slightly Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

a. Destroyed

None

b. Prob. Des

None

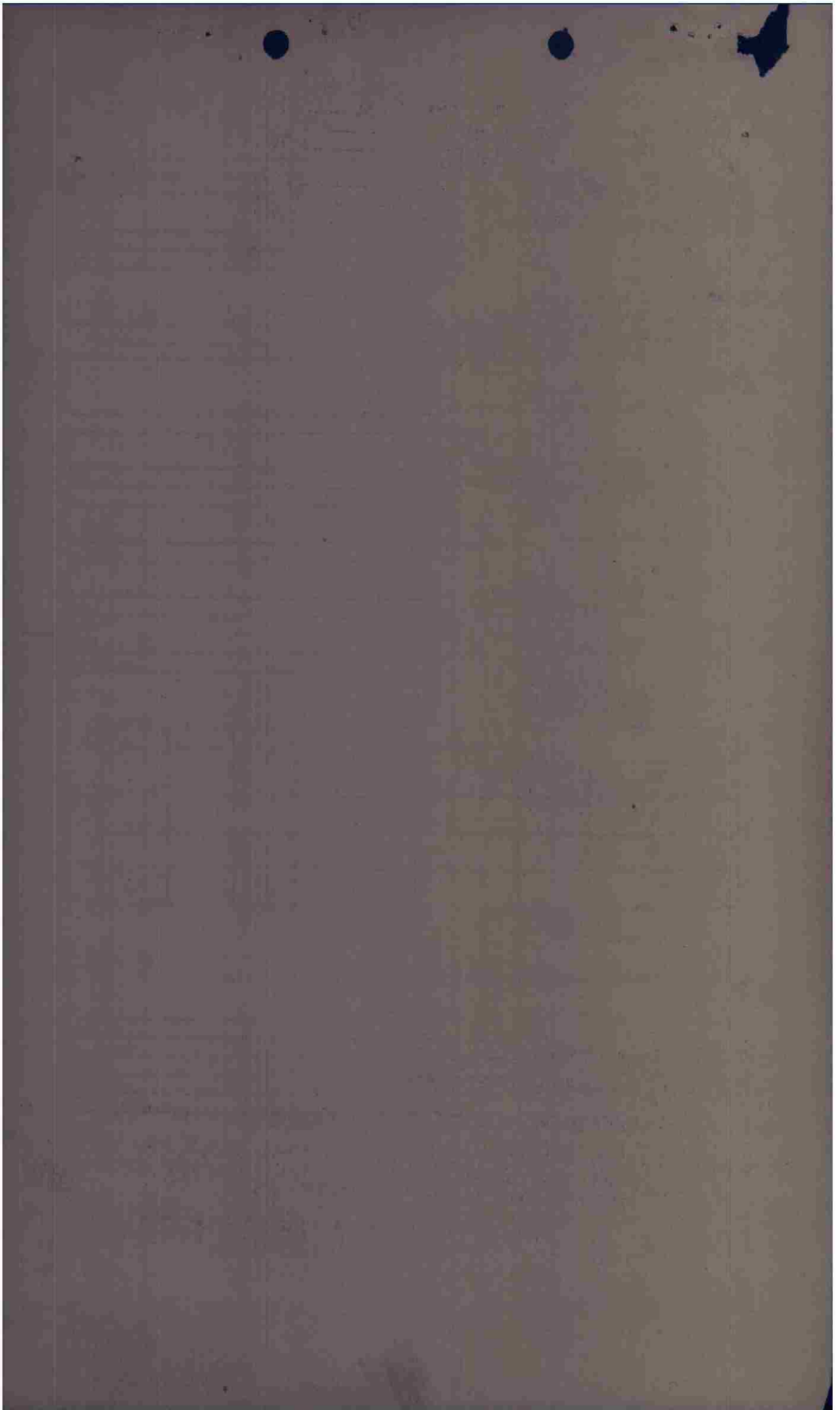
c. Damaged

None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKELIN,
Capt. in, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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BOMBING INFORMATION REPORT

Date	16 Feb. 45	Target name	USSA Ordnance Depot	Size bomb	500 GP	Primary	()	
Group	416	Bombardier	1st. J.T. Book	Tot. Bombs	36	Alternate	()	
F.O.#	168-750	Navigator	1st. J.T. Book	Fuse nose	1/10	Casual	(X)	
Box	1	Pilot	Capt. R.J. Tutt	Fuse tail	1/100	Sync. sight'g	(X)	
Flight	2	Sqdn #	672	Radial error	-	Fixed ang.	()	
# A/C	6	Bmbdr's grade	-	Bad miss ()	Altitude	13,100	No aiming	()
3 () 12 ()		Last score	72.9	No photos ()	Runs prim.	none	Dropped on	()
4 () 18 ()		Missions led	13	No attack ()	Runs sec.	-	another flight	()
6 (X)		Tot. missions	32	Unobsvd. ()	Run time	10 sec.	Briefed PFF	()
Pinpoint (X)		Area ()		Line ()	Auto pilot in ship ()		PFF used	()
Mercury erection used ()		"		"	used ()		ABR used	()

No difficulties	0 a ()	Navigation		Pilotage	
No information	0 b ()	No trouble	3 a (X)	No trouble	6 a (X)
Planning		Missed check pts.	3 b ()	Altitude wrong	6 b ()
No trouble	1 a (X)	Picked wrong I.P.	3 c ()	Evasive action	6 c ()
Battle smoke	1 b ()	I.P. not found	3 d ()	Turn too soon	6 d ()
Bomb smoke	1 c ()	Missed I. P.	3 e ()	Poor on P.D.I.	6 e ()
Target identity	1 d ()	Bad course from IP	3 f ()	Poor on intercom.	6 f ()
IP identification	1 e ()	Other	3 g ()	Other	6 g ()
Similar targets	1 f ()	Sighting		Interference	
No photos	1 g ()	Good run	4 a ()	No trouble	7 a (X)
Poor photos	1 h ()	Gyro caged	4 b ()	Prop wash	7 b ()
Poor maps	1 i ()	Gyro tumbled	4 c ()	Collision course	7 c ()
Poor check points	1 j ()	oor level	4 d ()	Ships above	7 d ()
Poor briefing	1 k ()	Extended vis. in	4 e ()	Ships below	7 e ()
No brfd alternate	1 l ()	Preset drift off	4 f ()	Other	7 f ()
Other	1 m ()	Wrong disc speed	4 g ()	Malfunctions	
Weather		Indices crossed	4 h ()	No trouble	8 a (X)
Tenths clouds below	3/10	Poor range sync.	4 i ()	Controls	8 b ()
Altitude of tops	5,000 ft.	Poor defl. sync.	4 j ()	Intercom.	8 c ()
Tenths clouds above	2/10	Other	4 k (X)	Bombsight	8 d ()
Altitude of bottoms	2,500 ft.	Bombing		Bomb doors	8 e ()
Visibility, miles	4 to 5	No trouble	5 a ()	Release	8 f ()
Cloud over target	2 a ()	P.D.I. not on	5 b ()	Intervalometer	8 g ()
Haze, none	2 b ()	Intrvlmtr net set	5 c ()	P.D.I.	8 h ()
" slight	2 c (X)	Bomb switch off	5 d ()	Auto pilot	8 i ()
" medium	2 d ()	Late salvo	5 e ()	Other	8 j ()
" heavy	2 e ()	Picked wrong A.P.	5 f ()	Enemy	
Weather as briefed	2 f ()	Did not locate A.P.	5 g ()	No trouble	9 a ()
Wind wrong	2 g ()	A.P. found late	5 h ()	Some flak on run	9 b (X)
Clouds wrong	2 h (X)	Other	5 i (X)	Rough air, flak	9 c ()
Visibility wrong	2 i (X)			Damaged, flak	9 d ()
Other	2 j ()			Bombardier hit	9 e ()
				Pilot hit	9 f ()
				Fighter attack	9 g ()
				Other	9 h ()

Remarks: All difficulties checked above shall be mentioned here. Give an account of the troubles in the order of their occurrence. If there were several troubles underline the most important one. Try to give reasons for the difficulties when they are not apparent. Place the time that the trouble occurred.

WEATHER: 2 e - haze and ground fog in valleys around target area.
2 h - briefed PFF, bombed visually.
2 i - briefed PFF, bombed visually.

SIGHTING: 4 k - Not sufficient time for proper synchronization. Bombed on pre-set data.

BOMBING: 5 i - Bombardier realized PFF ship was not attacking briefed primary. Believed he could make visual run. Turned from formation but was too close for synchronous run. Bombed casual target in area.

ENEMY: 9 b - XXXA flak from bombline in to bombline out. PFF ship hit prior to bomb run causing bombardier to believe lead ship unable to make proper run.

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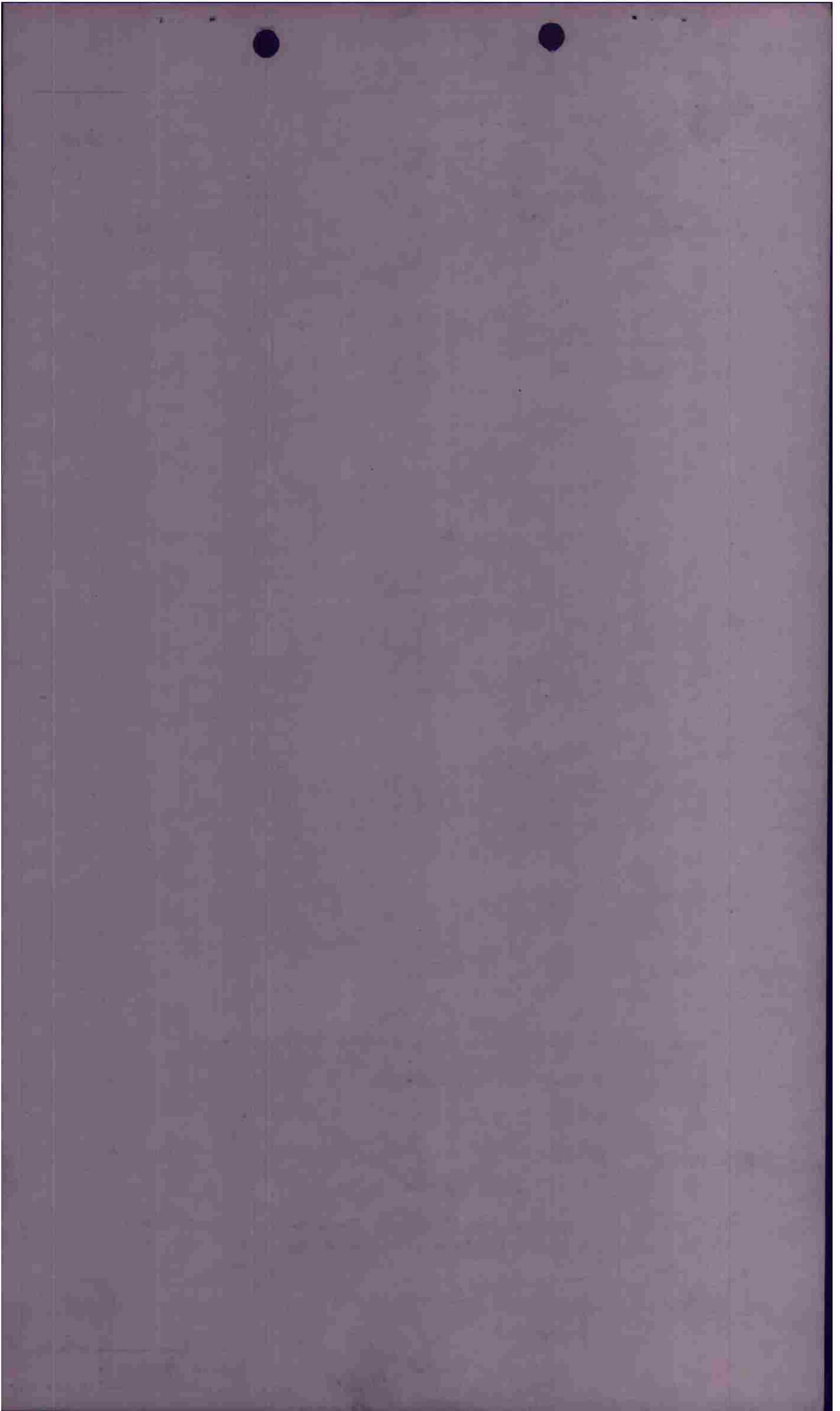
WILLIAM M. LYONS

Capt., Air Corps.

Group, Bombardier

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

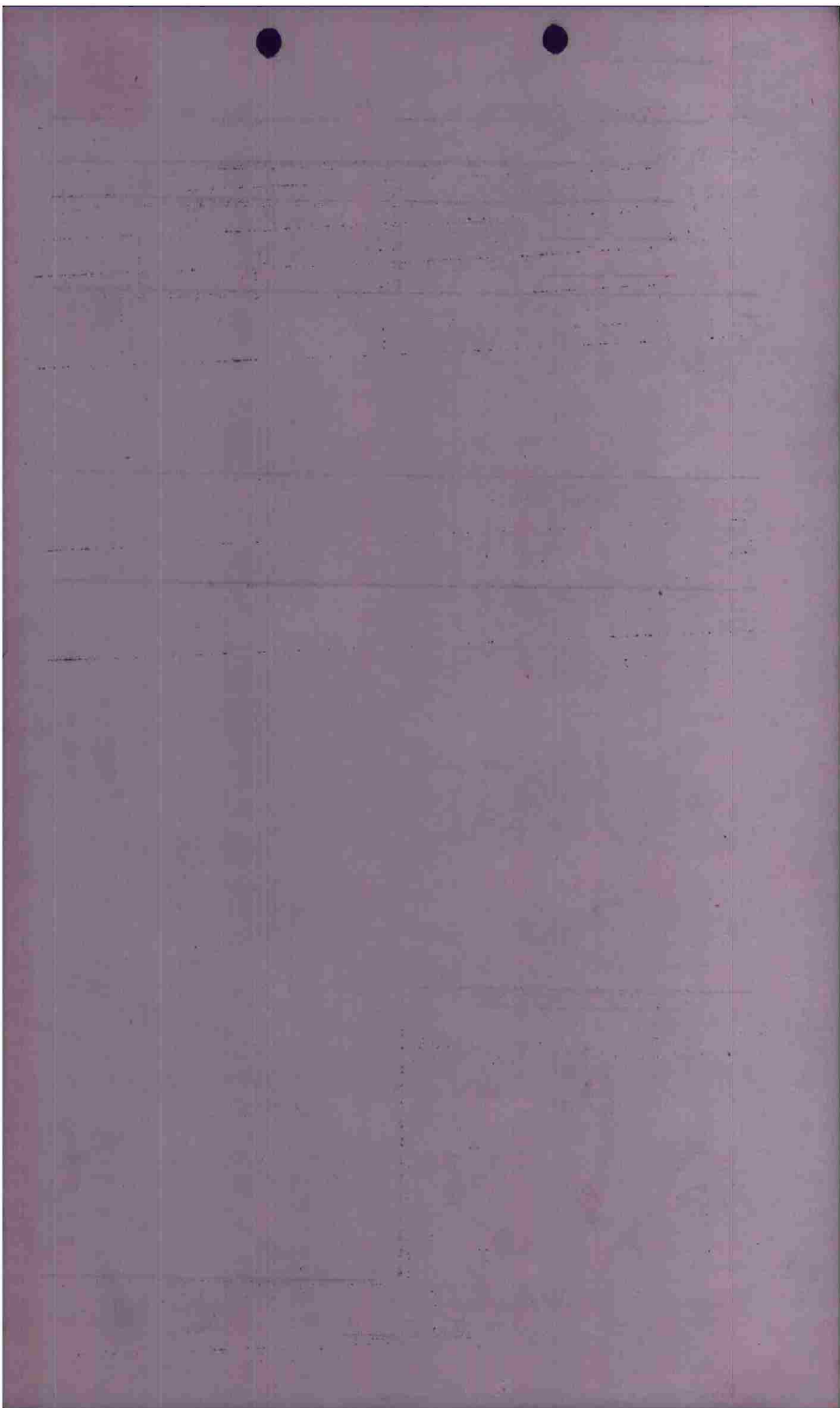
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PILOT Jordan A/C# _____ BOX _____

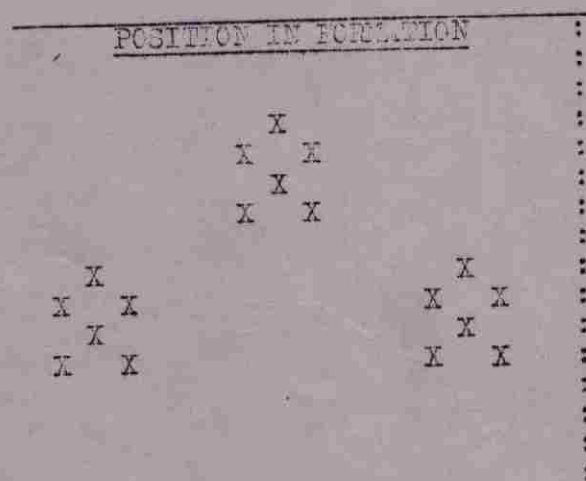
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		CN	BATTLE DAMAGE			
			"A"	"A-G"	"E"	
	X	RETURNED	:	:	:	
	X	JETTISONED	:	:	:	

FLAK:

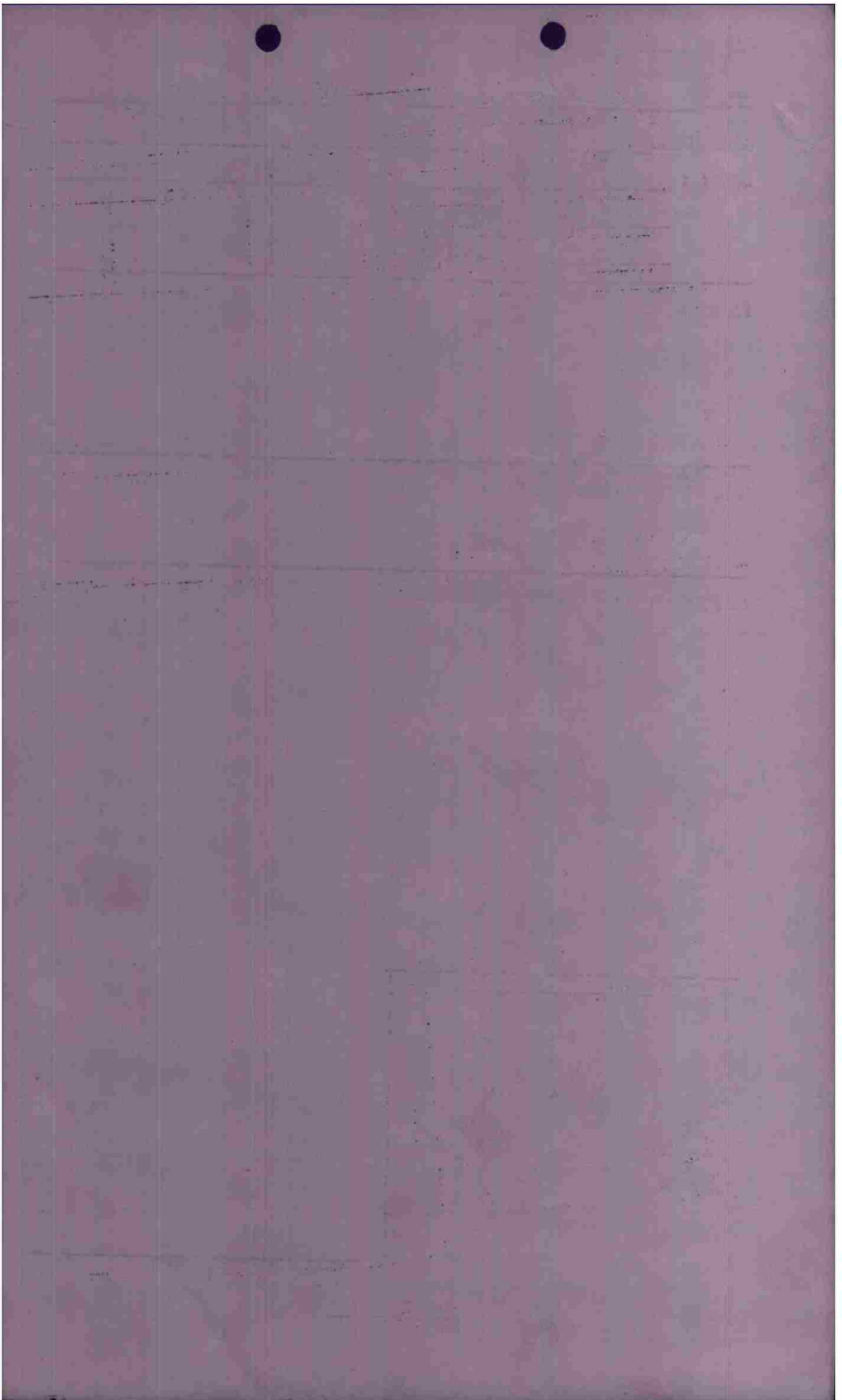
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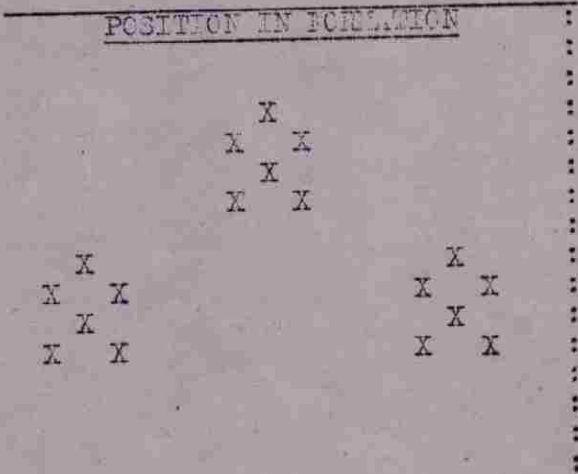
CASUALTIES

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

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

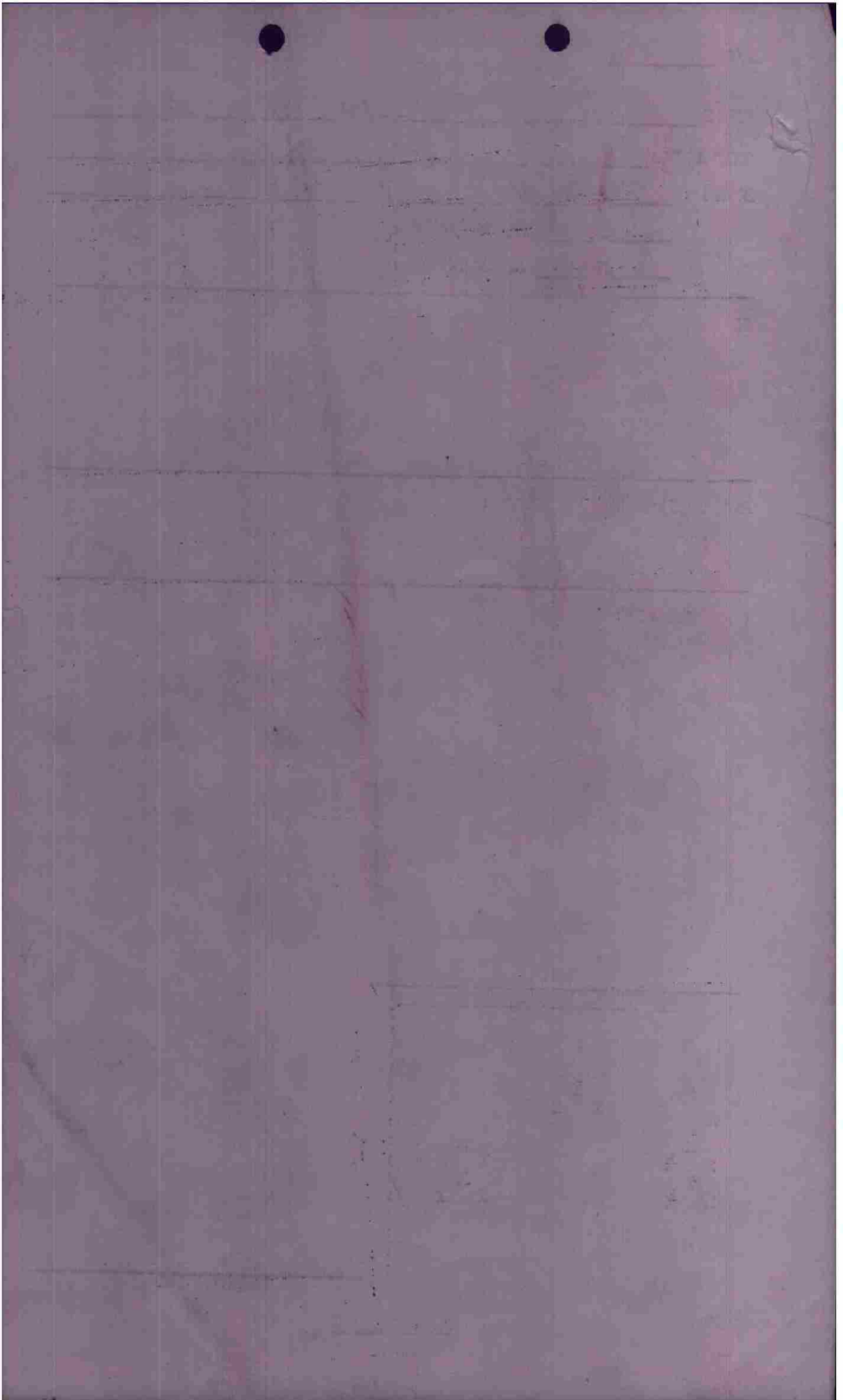


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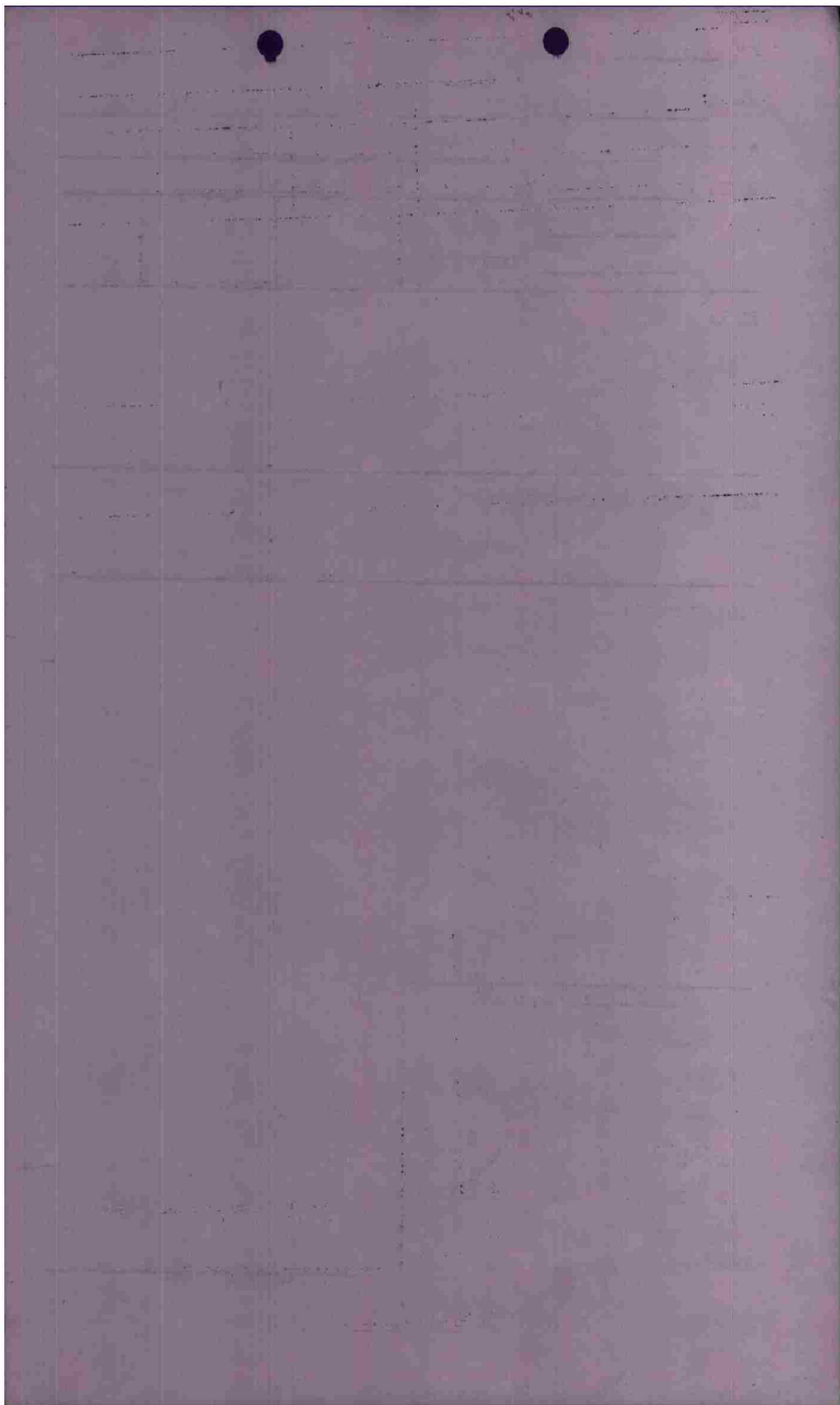
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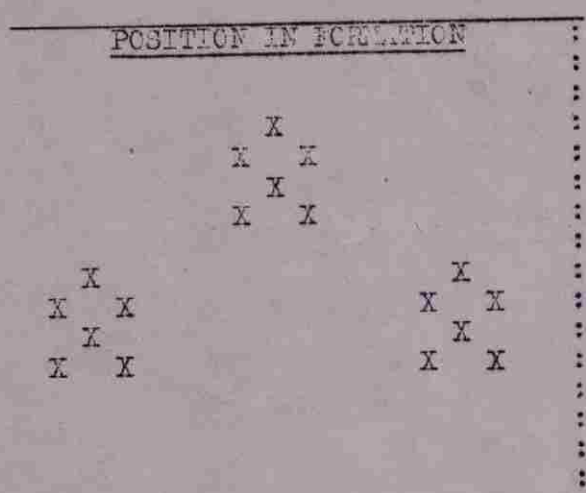
PILOT Wilson A/C# 321 BOX 1

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

FLAK:

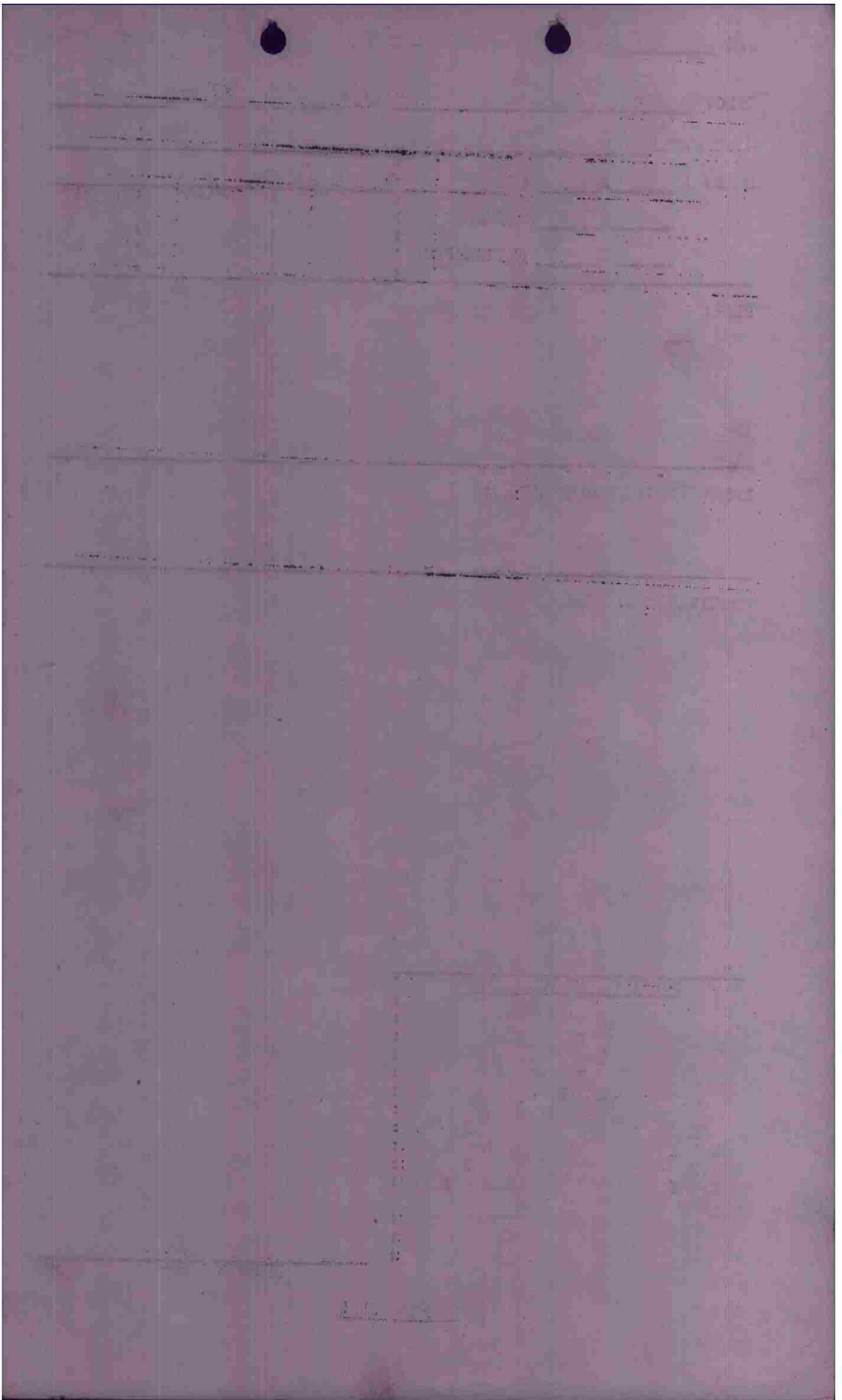
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OBSERVATIONS:

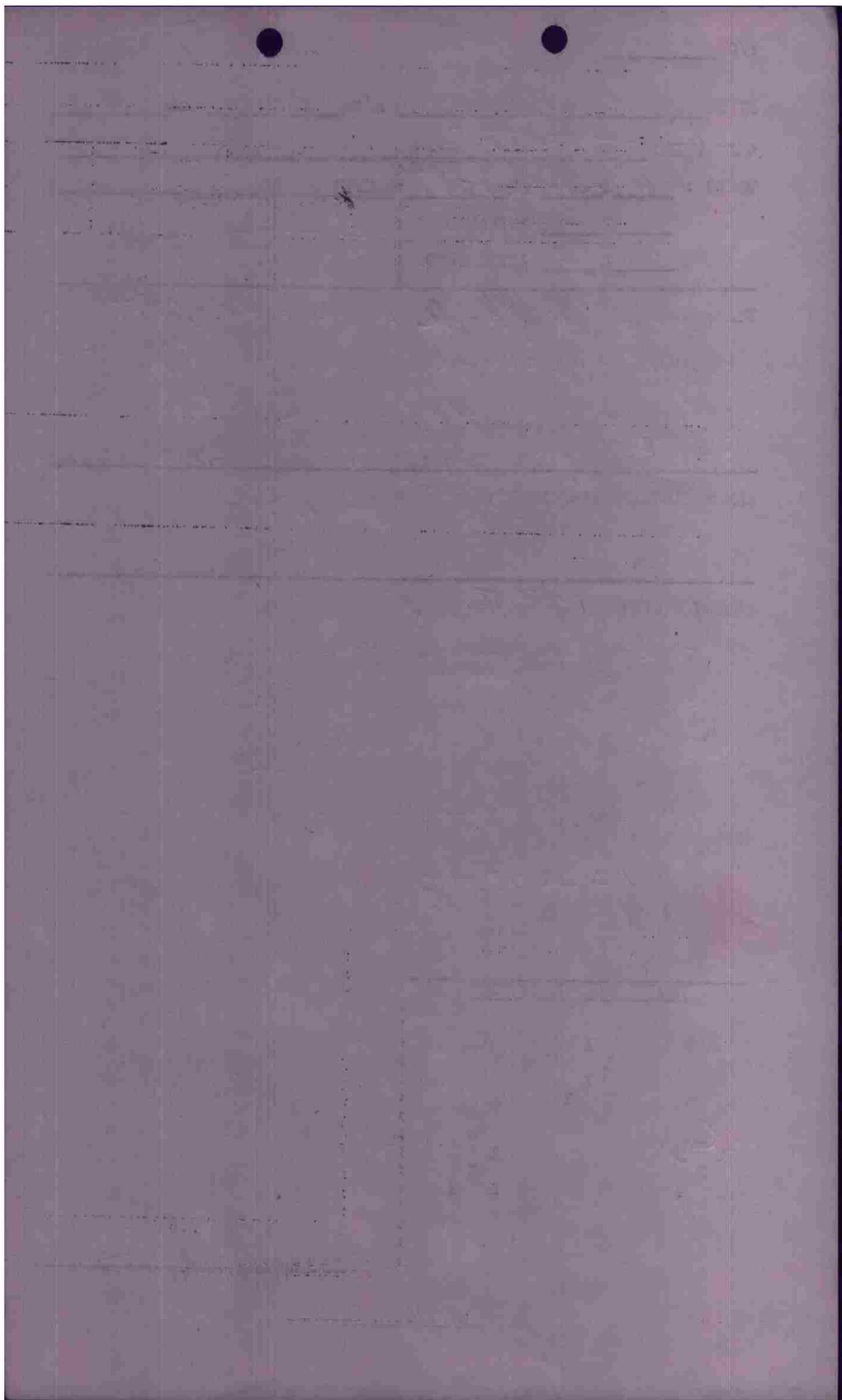


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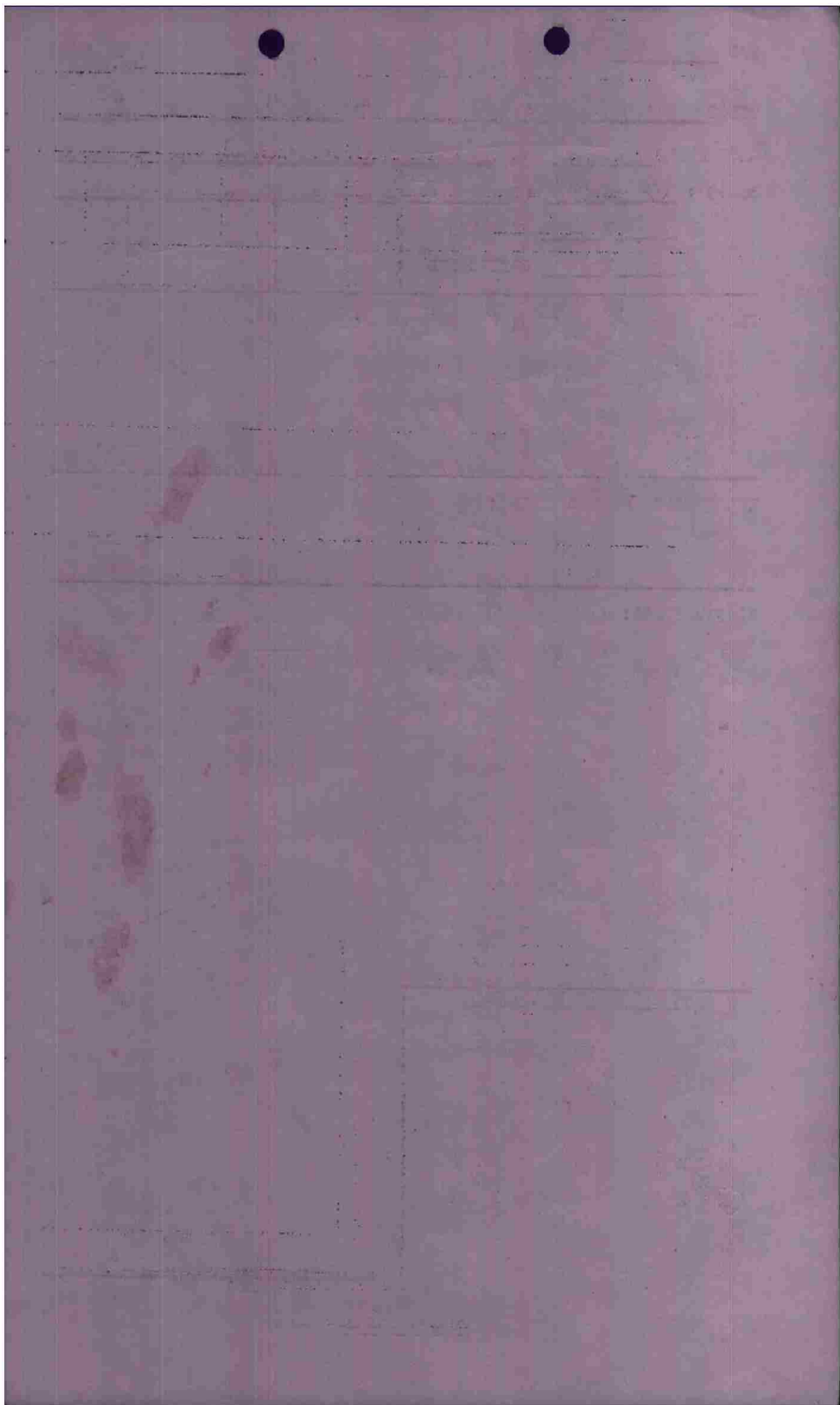
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PILOT Long A/C# 321 BOX II

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK:

*not too acc. for this
bat.*

*XXX #A-
8 puffs at me.*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

Kill.

OBSERVATIONS:

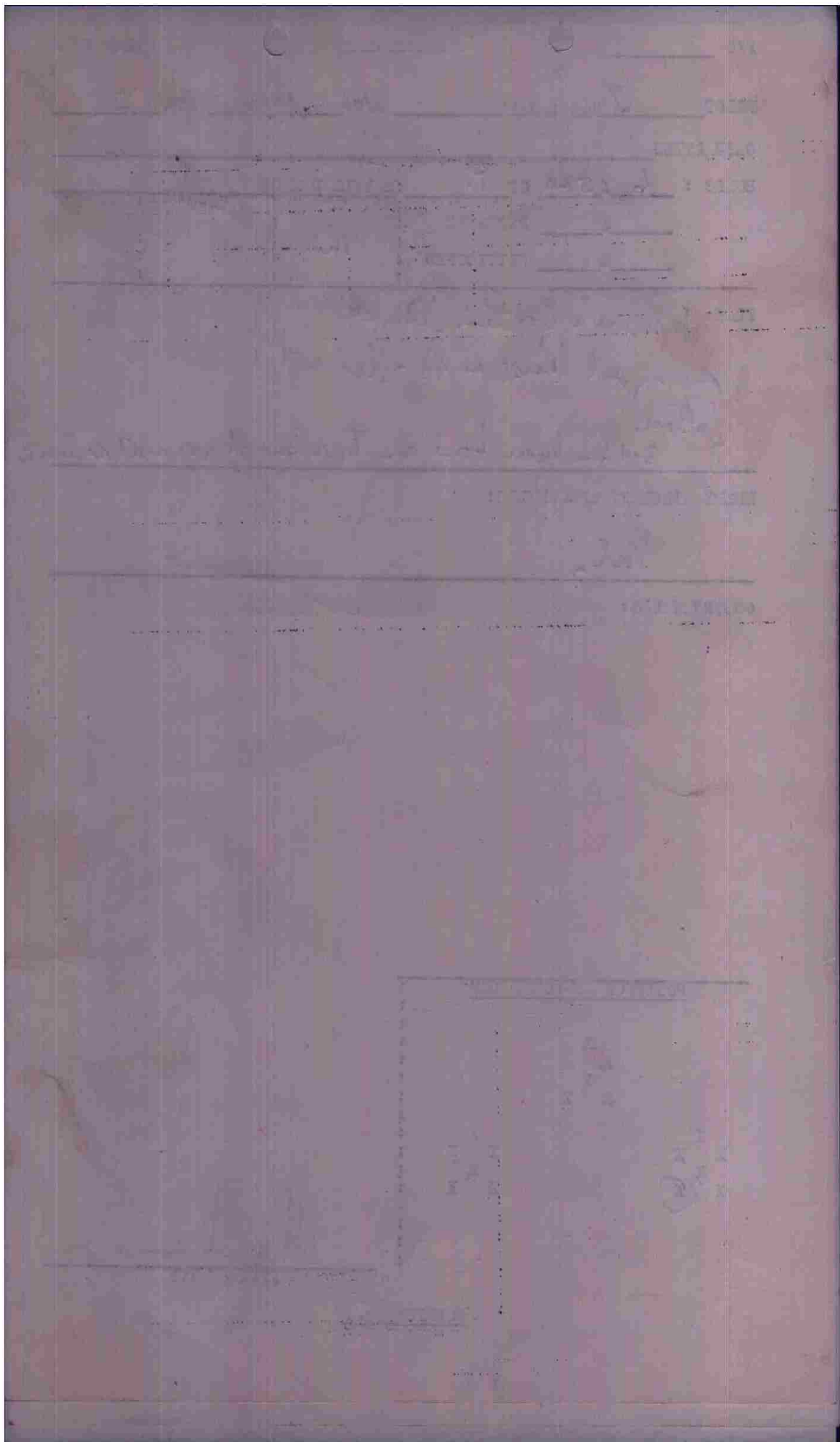
*Smoke after Bomb run
4 stacks looked like
Bessmer stacks when
bombs hit.*

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 Johnson A/C# 354 BOX II

CASUALTIES				BATTLE DAMAGE		
BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>500</u> ON <u>P</u>	" "	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED	<u>2 holes</u>		
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED	<u>✓</u>		

FLAK: XXHA from 1 p to target & back.
in flak about 30 minutes.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:
A/c from first box seen to go up then
straight down - was not spinning. No chutes.
Did not see him hit ground. was not on fire
about 3-4 before bombs away.
kg far away out -

POSITION IN FORMATION

was supposed to fly not

not take off

X

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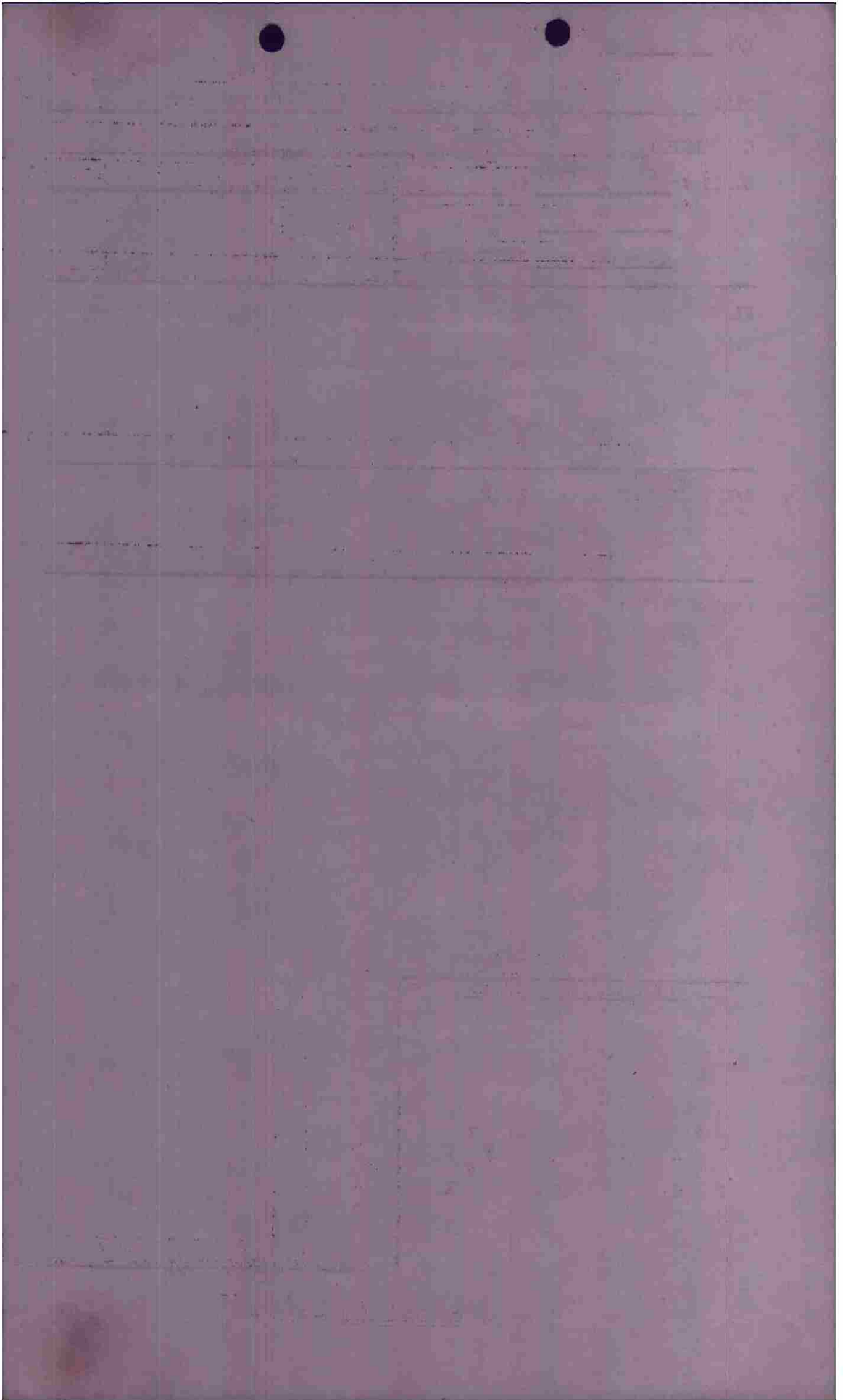
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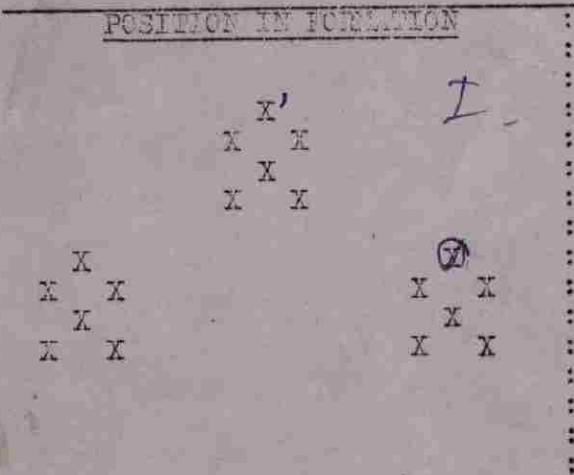
CASUALTIES _____

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

FLY- ~~XXX~~ XXXHA from 2 p to adlen, YHA at
bombline.

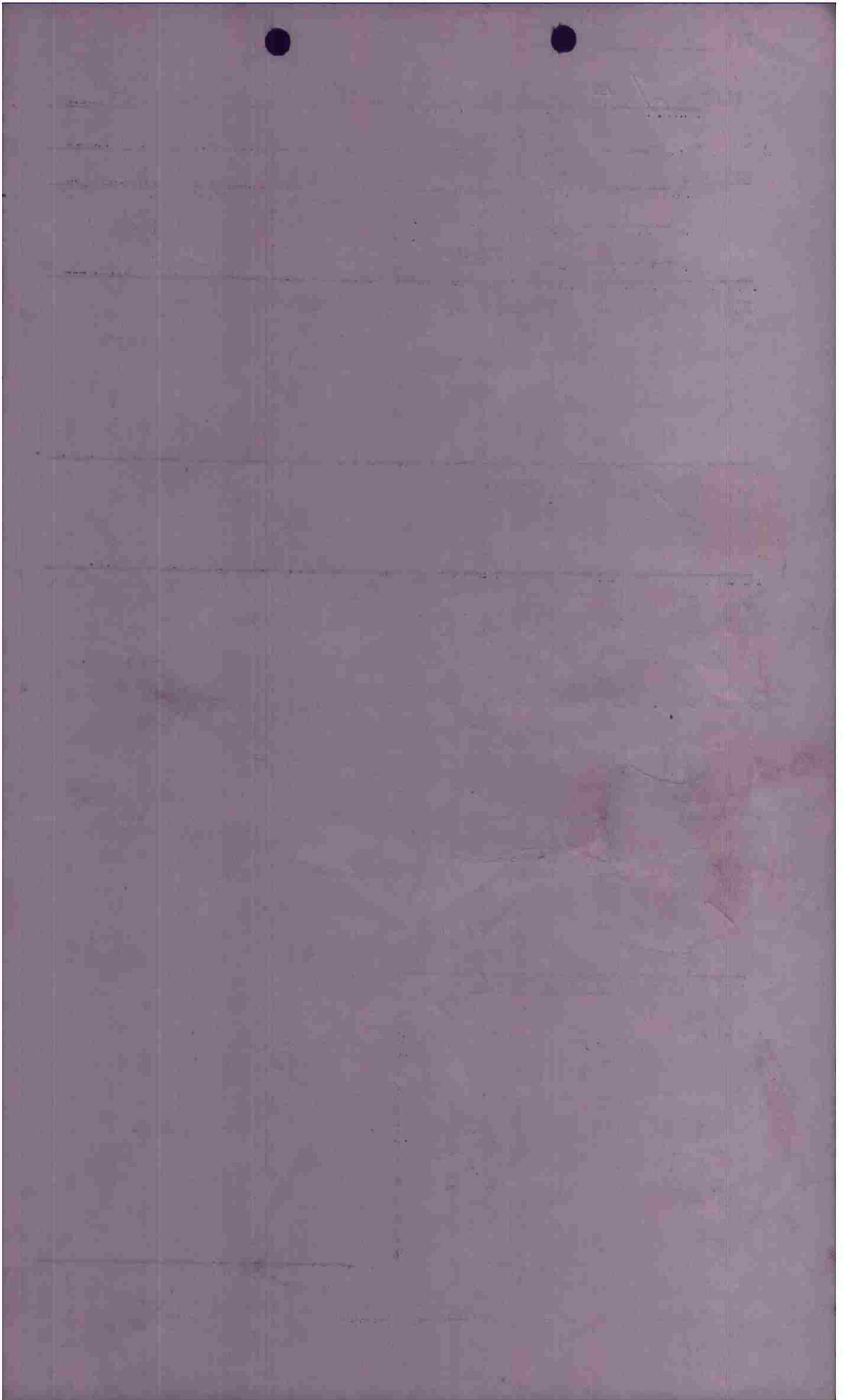
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: p55 turned left before reaching
target. B/v identified target, left formation
to bomb it, did not have time to synchronize
so bombed the town of Unna. Turned right off
Unna and followed briefed course out.
only one building in target area was
damaged. B2a went down in flames at caefund
TOT. 1237 from 13000 feet.



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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

6 X 500

ON

#

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

FLICK:

*Wash scattered flak about 1 minute after bomb hits
to I.P. XXXHA from 18 to target & around to
ahlen*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

*dropped bombs on Idema. p.s. turned
off about 10 miles before target. Did not have
time to synchronize for target. p.s. hit on
gas tank tank & turned off. other two flights
& 3rd box went with p.s.*

*B26 seen at 1255 going down in flames.
levelled out at 2000 ft. 4 chutes seen.
near Caspfield. 3 towns in target area
on fire.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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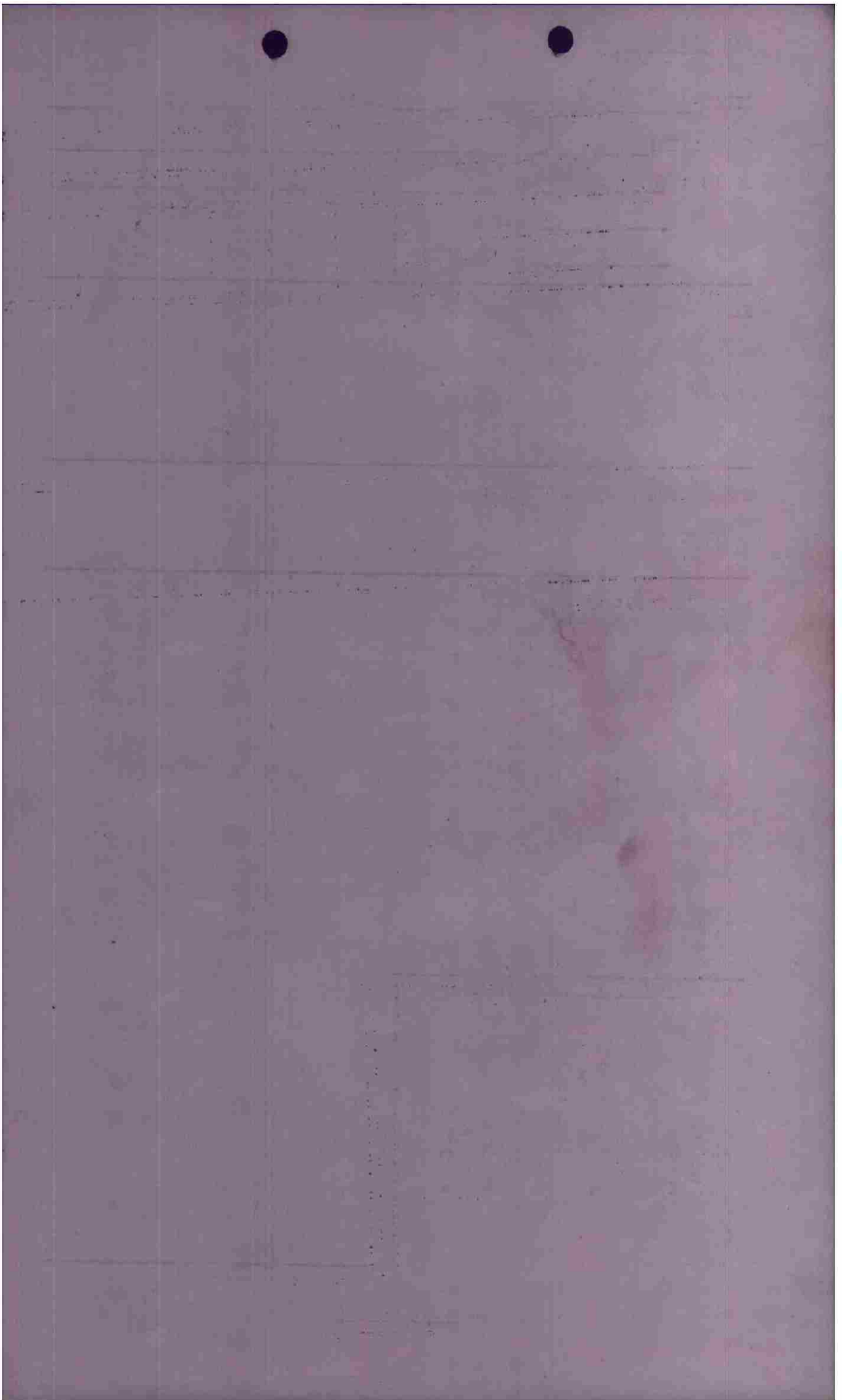
      X
    X  X
      X
    X  (X)

X  X      X  X
X  X      X  X
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PILOT Borman A/C# 307 BOX I

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK:

YHA at Bomblin
XXHA below IP
XXXHA at target and on turn off
was in flak at least 10 minutes

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Red flak - one large burst on turn off target.
yellow flak of flak in same area as red flak.
A/c ^{another} YA formation ahead ~~lost~~ hit in target area.

Big fire just outside Bomblin on route out.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X dropped out
five bombing

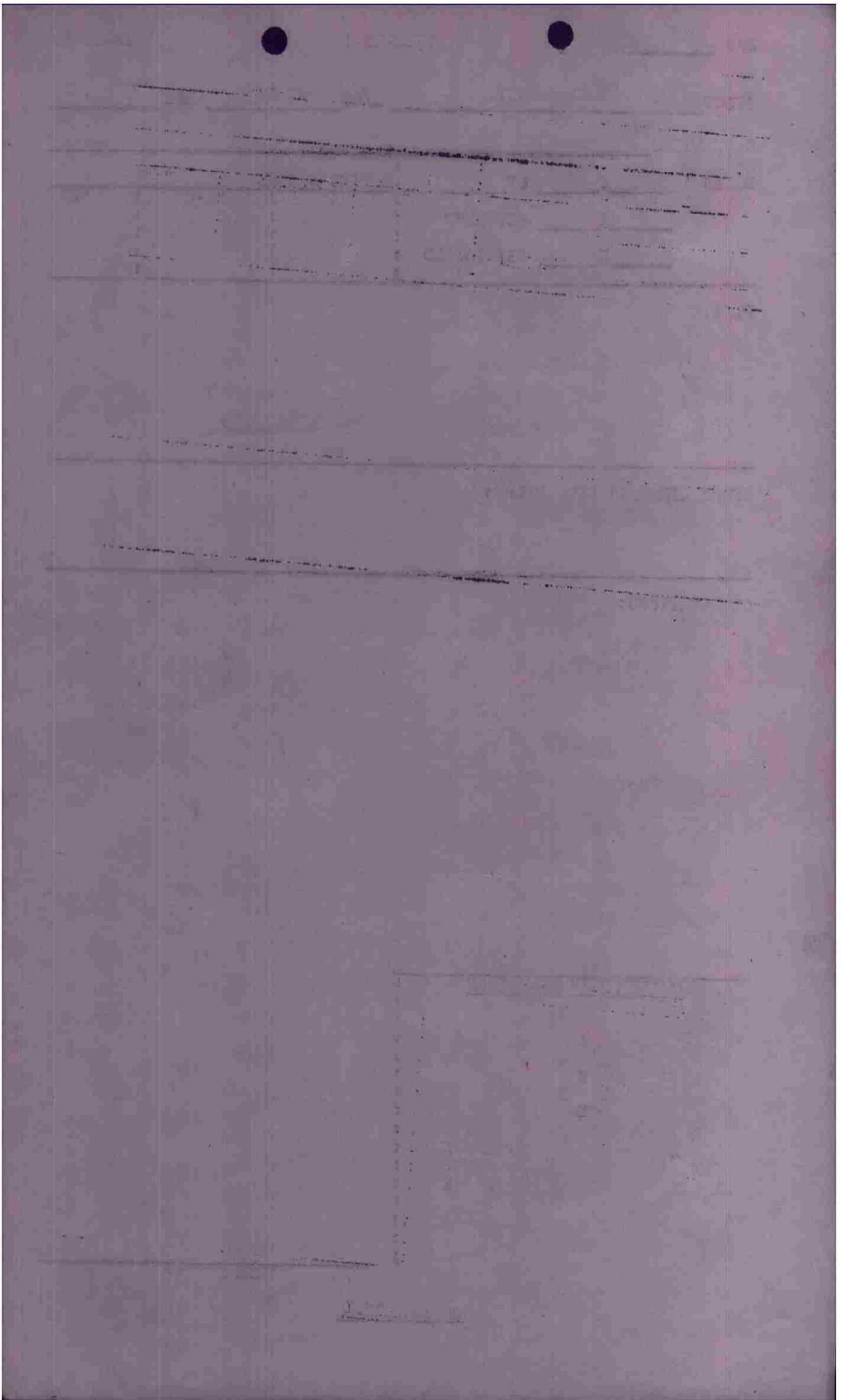
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Spare A/c

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PILOT

Gary

A/C#

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BOX

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

*6**X 500*

ON

P

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

✓

FLAK: *XXXXA* at bomb time. all colored bursts of flak seen. Big red burst at target
XXXXA from IP to target & back.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: *had to leave formation when bombing because #3 pulled out, #6 pulled up in his position going in front of this A/C & forming him out of formation. Bombs still hit in target area.*

Large fire near cove.
2 B26's going down in flames at target
no chutes seen. P-55 ship hit in gas tank but kept in formation. Dropped on P-55

POSITION/IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

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X X
X (X) X
X X

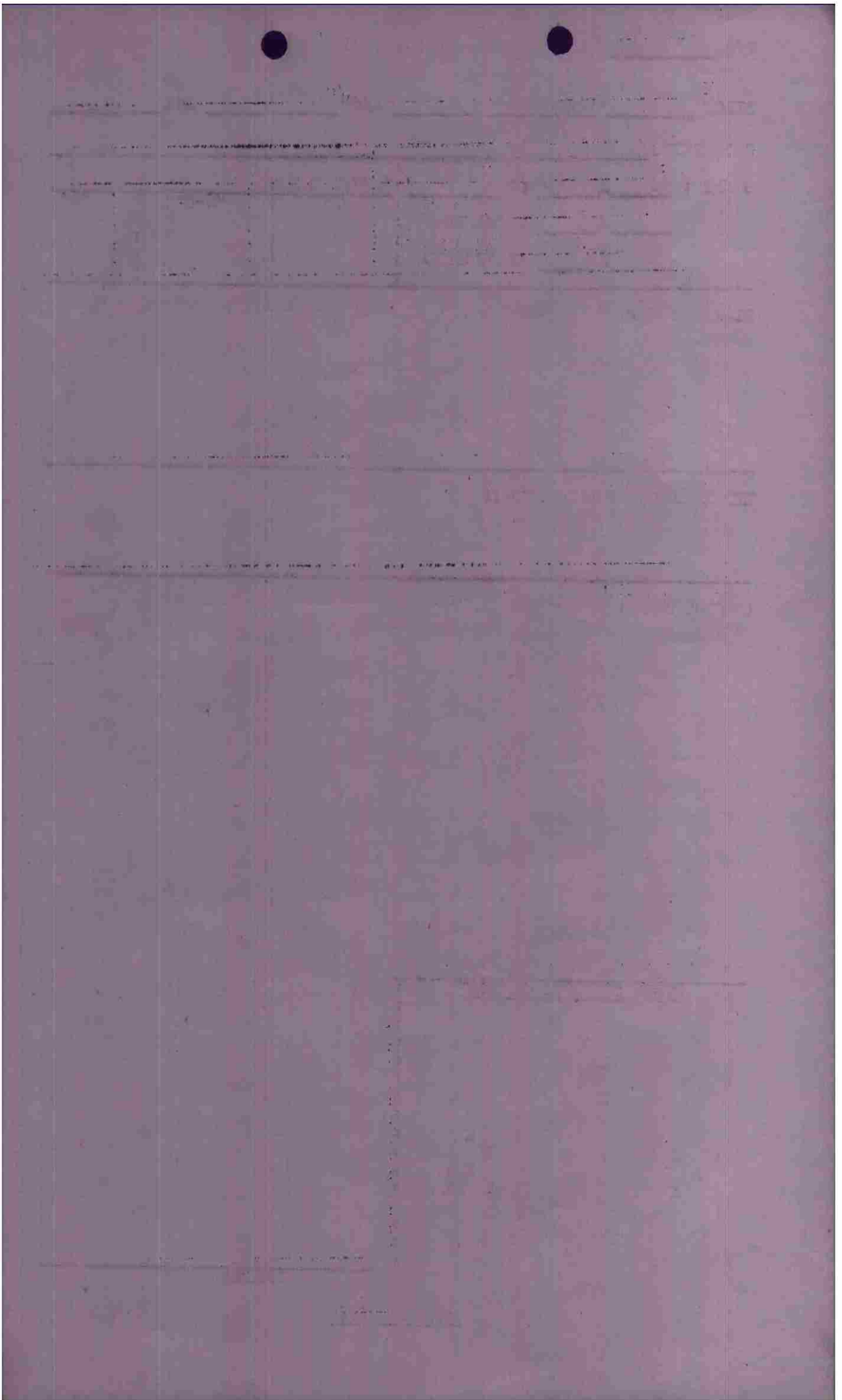
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X X

Spore tailed on behind lead flight was in way in way of 3rd flight when bombing

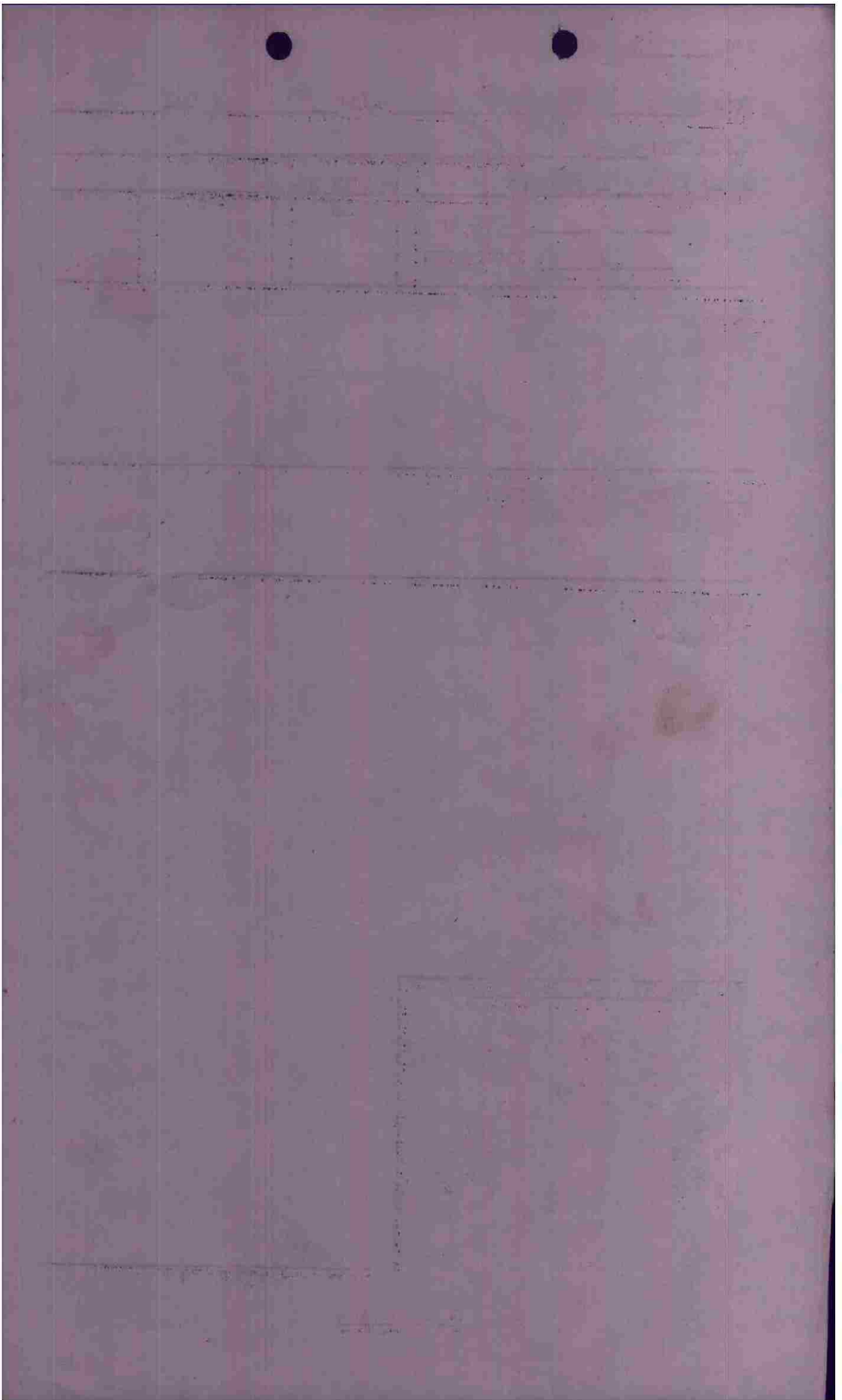
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PILOT Farley A/C# 271 BOX T

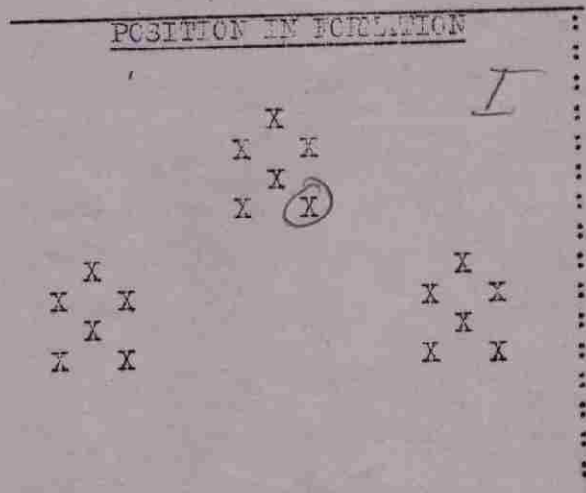
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> X <u>500</u> ON <u>P.V.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	X	RETURNED	: 2 holes	: "A-C"	: "E"
	X	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK: XX H A - at Target.
in and out - in from B. to
many big red bursts } around T/P
couple white bursts

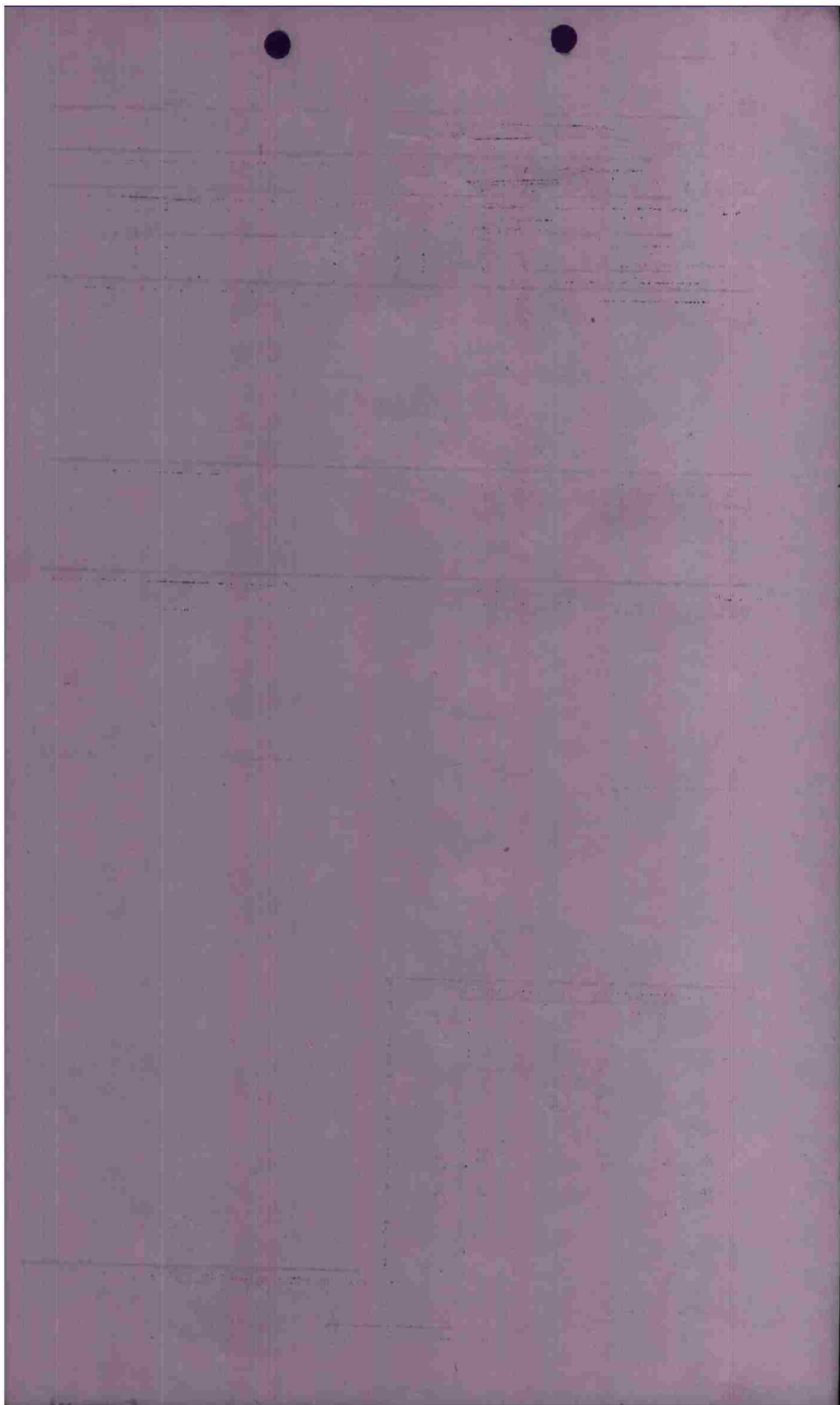
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: P-47's

OBSERVATIONS: left on out - factories busy



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PILOT Stallins A/C# 492 BOX ICASUALTIES nilBOMBS : 6 X 500 ON PPFA BATTLE DAMAGE

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

FLAK: XXHA Almost continuous on course
(as briefed) for about 30 mins.
Cut ^{somewhat} short of IP coming out in
order to avoid flak barrage.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS: B/N reports smoke from bombs
on briefed target.

TOT — 1237

Alt — 13500

axis — generally NE. (exact heading
not known)

Called ground control about 1 min before
rendezvous — no answer. Radio traffic
heavy. Counter battery fire observed near

POSITION IN FORMATION

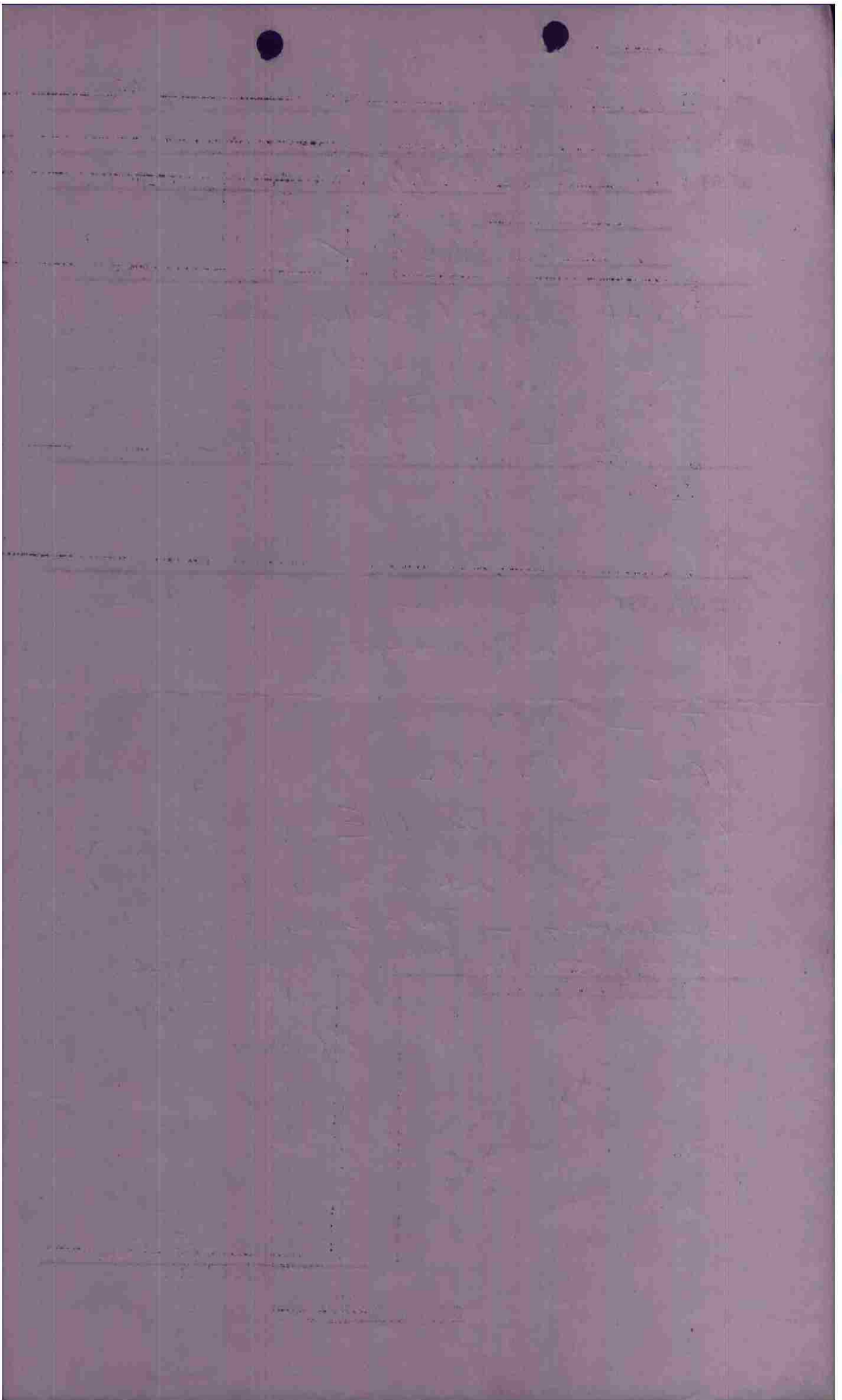
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X	X	X	X	

bombline — appeared
effective

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in

5500

17

97A-C77

15

RETURNED

$$\frac{1}{x} \times 500$$

JETTISONED

Y
A

✓
: v. hollen

FLAK: XXH1 - Continues from 1220 to
1250 hrs.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

mil

OBSERVATIONS:

5. *ml*

Saw B-26 explode in air in target area
" " with left engine smoking " "

POSITION IN FORMATION

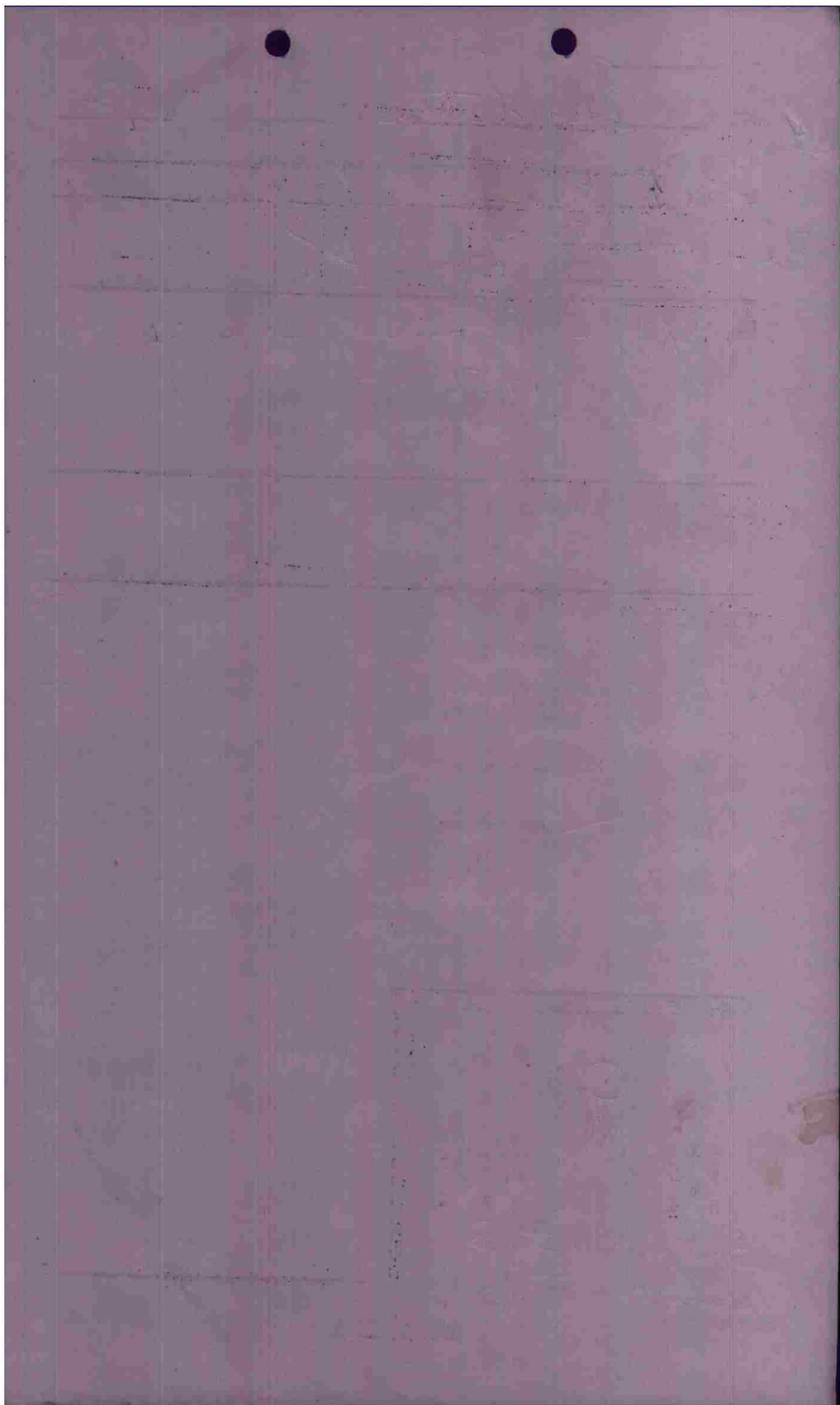
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Bombed in # 3
Returned in # 6

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PILOT *Herman* A/C# *#249* BOX *I*

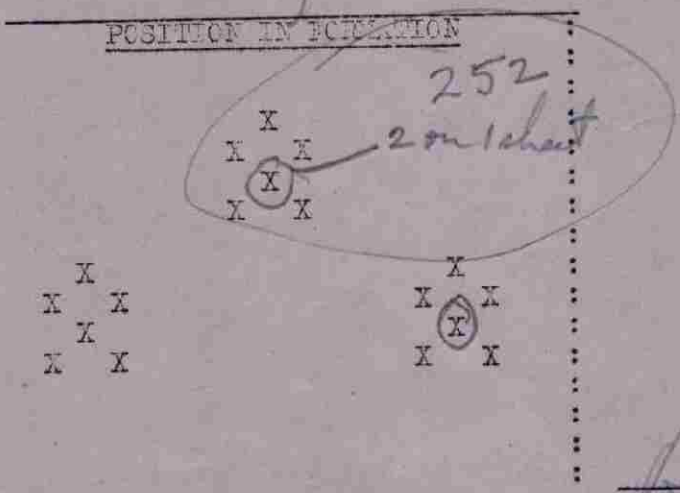
CASUALTIES

BOOMBS :	<i>6</i>	<i>500</i>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<i>X</i>		RETURNED		<i>"I-G"</i>	<i>"E"</i>	
	<i>X</i>		JETTICIONED	<i>nil</i>			

FLAK: *after BL bomb crash*
spread out intensity
pretty accurate
Red flak. at target at same time as black one.

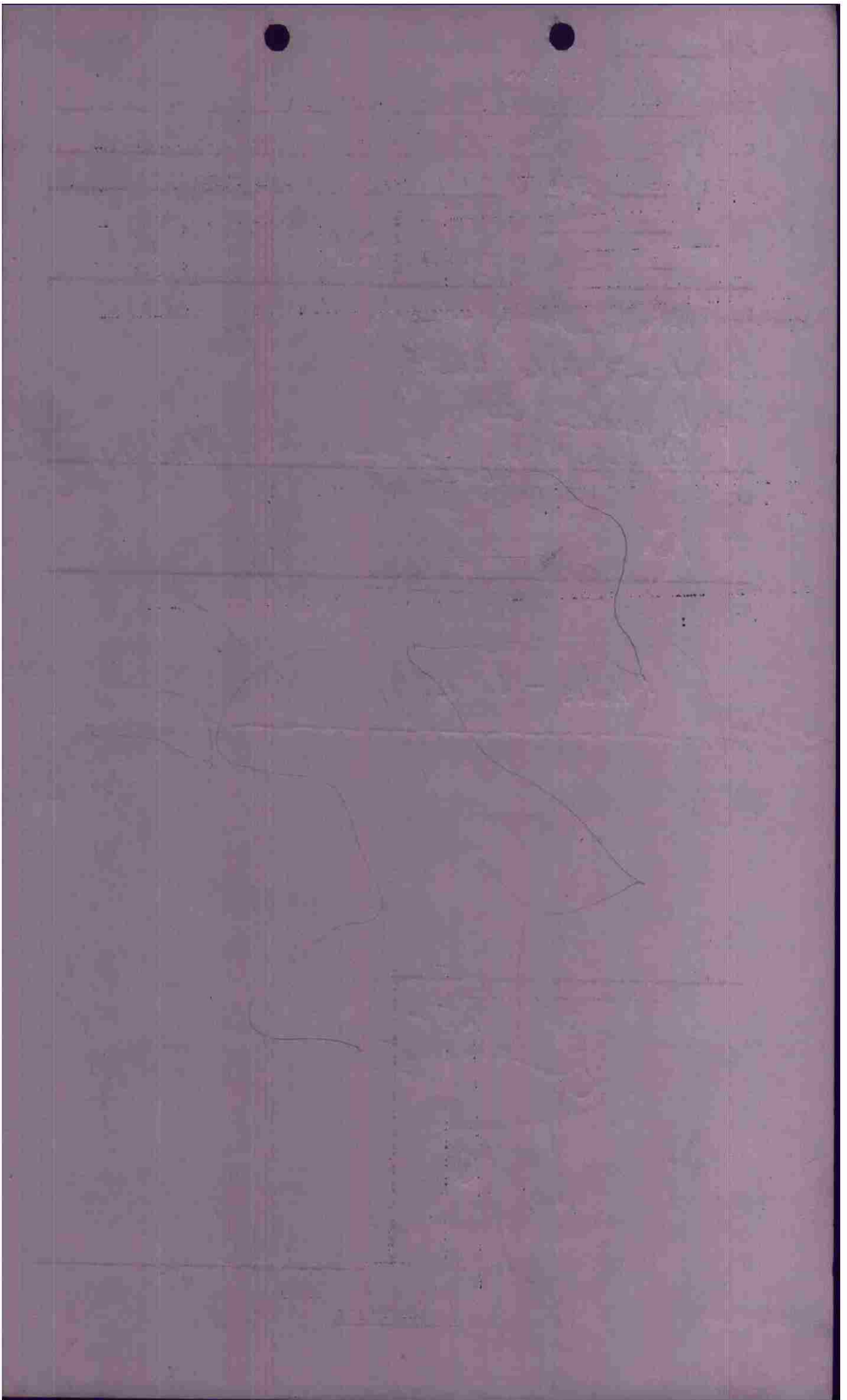
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:
Nil

OBSERVATIONS:
4 holes - Cat A.



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PILOT Withington A/C# 352 BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

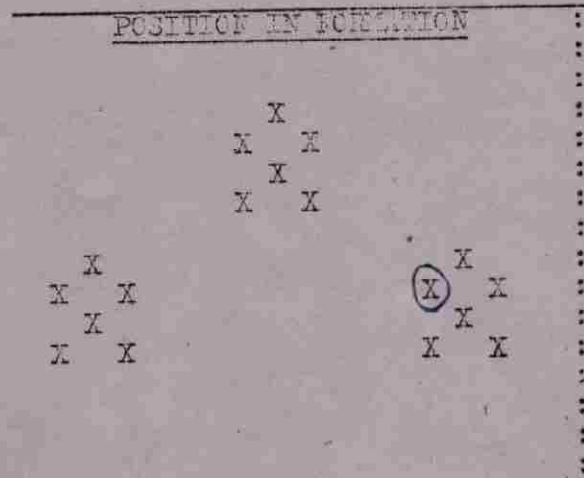
BOMBS : 1c X 500 ON target BATTLE DAMAGE

		"I-G"	"E"
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	:
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>X</u>	:

FLAK: Ranged from meager & inaccurate to intense & accurate from Buln Valley to target & until about 5 minutes after leaving target. Patches all along.

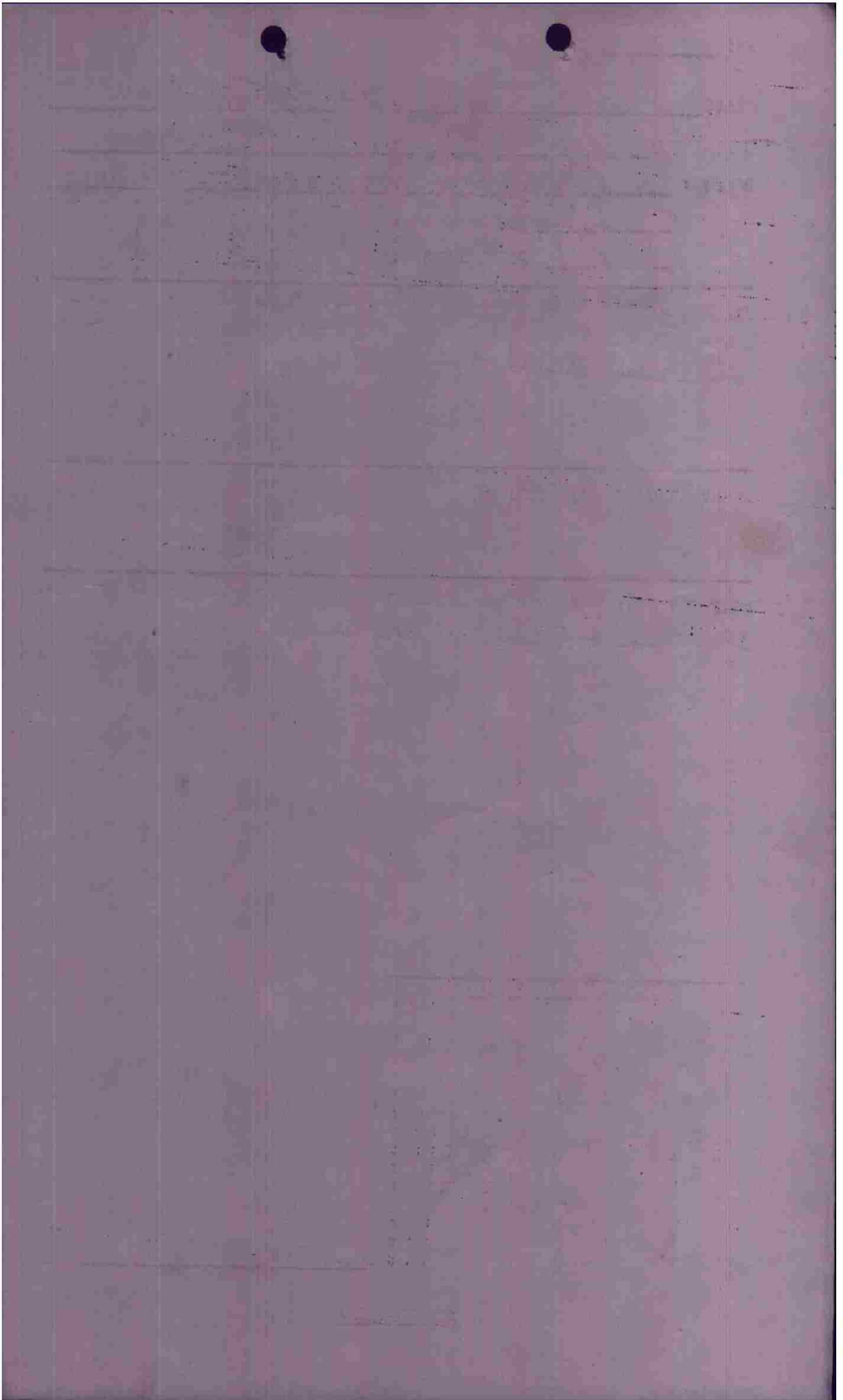
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: at 1250 along course B-26 went out of their formation on fire. 4 chutes were seen



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PILOT Mooney A/C# 287 BOX I

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>500</u>	ON	<u>P.T.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>			RETURNED	<u>2 Left Wing</u>		
	<u>X</u>			JETTISONED			

FLAK: Moderate to Heavy accurate 15 minutes just from line into target. Very little on return.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

None.

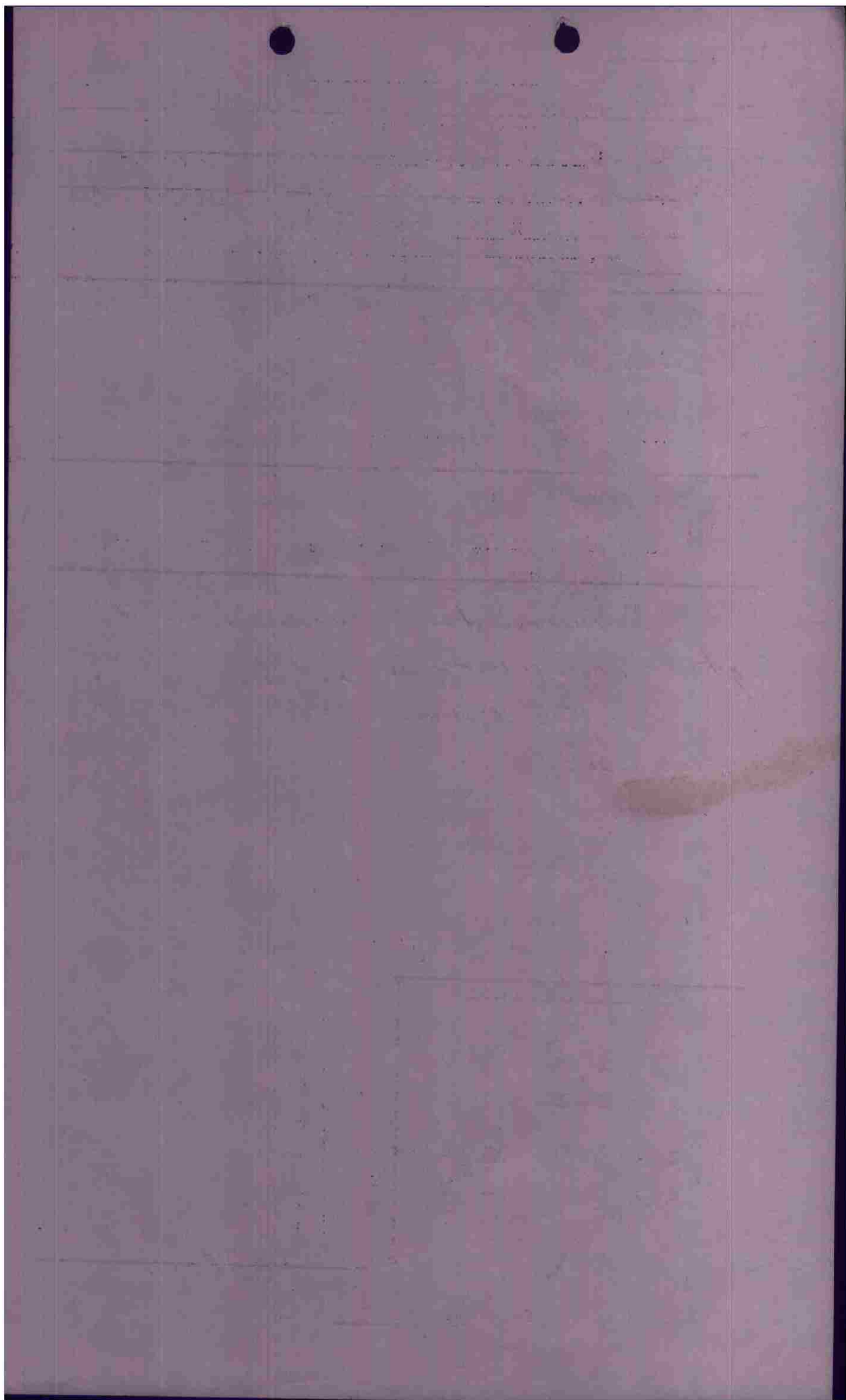
OBSERVATIONS: Hummer observed flames and smoke in target area coming from closely grouped buildings.
2- B26 go down in flames in target area
saw one chute.

POSITION IN RELATION

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

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Wright

 $\text{B/C}^{\#}$

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BOX

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CASUALTIES

BOEBS :

6. £500

ON

P7

: BATTLE DAMAGE

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RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

FLK:

XX HA $\frac{1}{2}$ way between ID & target to target-

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Saw smoke over target.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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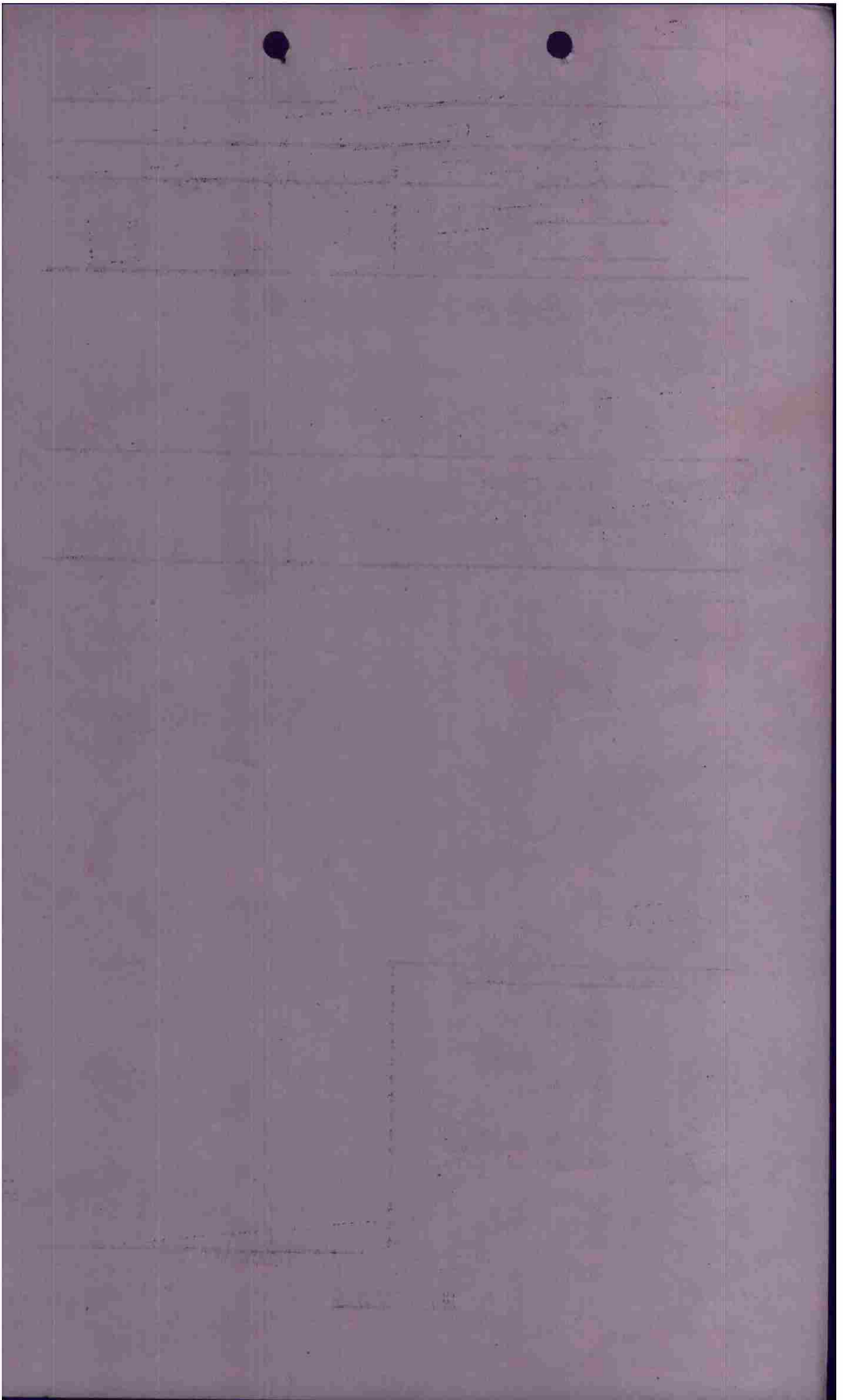
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BOX 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 x 500 ON P.L.

BATTLE DAMAGE

x

RETURNED

 $\frac{1}{2}$

JETTISONED

FILE:

1 min before I. P. - ~~7/7~~ - XXHA

red, white, orange, & black.

Orange stayed & grew

XFF1 - on turn off

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

PPF

hits in town by 1st box

one A-26 feathered engine - dropped
bombs around I. P. - not seen after app. 6th

$\frac{1}{2}$ of Wintecswijk cars (?)

T.O.T. - 1237

13,000

POSITION IN FORMATION

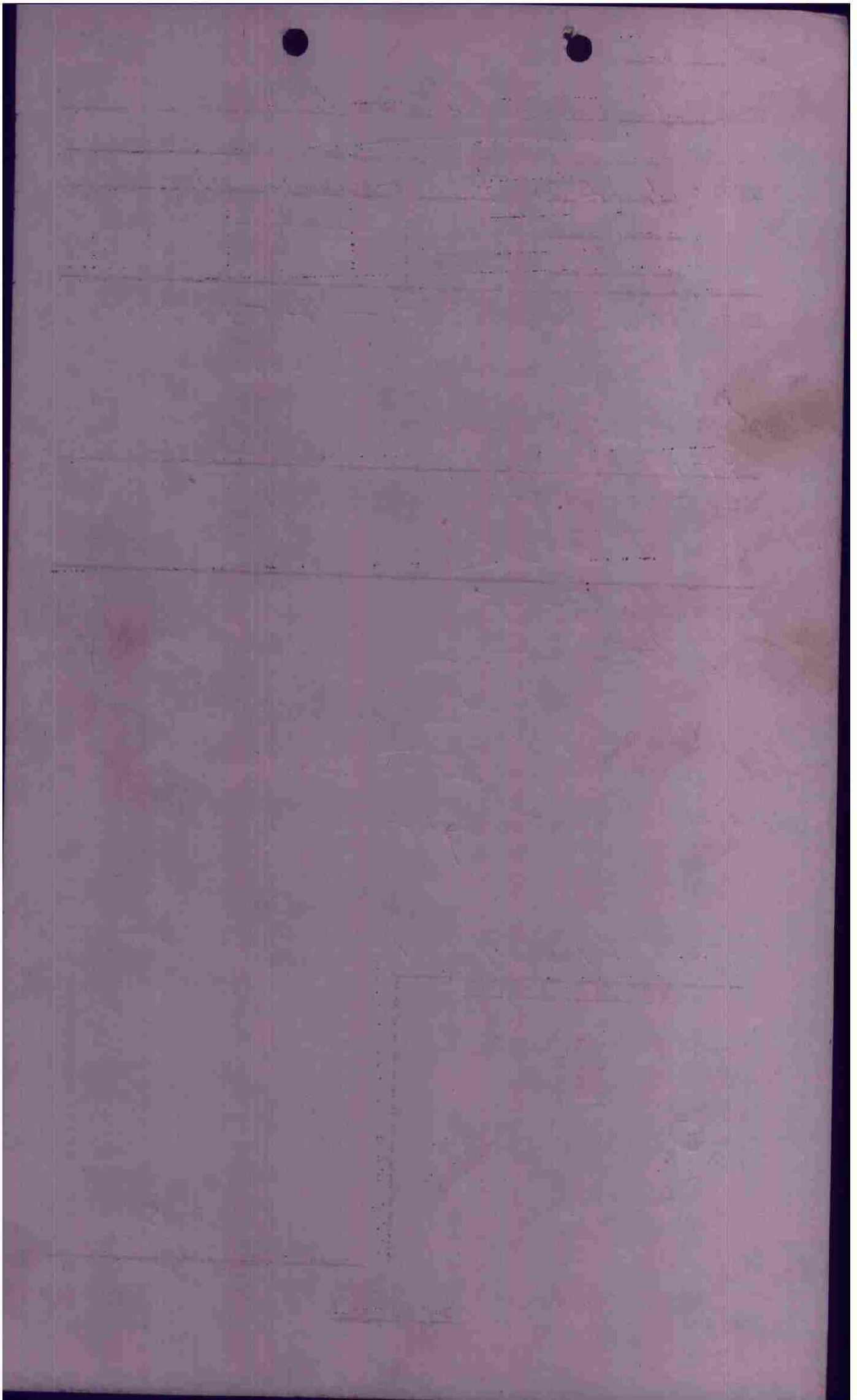
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PILOT Edstrom A/C# 250 BOX I

CASULTIES

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

FLAK: Bomb line on entrance. with fountain.
XXHA - to XXXHA. at target.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

W.D.

OBSERVATIONS:

5M

Took westerly heading

S of where form. prob. bombed. - Bombed hit some slacks
on edge of town.

Left formation 8 to 10 min after Xing B. line.

X-X.na call Parade-dropper females + called for
nesting out - feathered engine.

POSITION IN COLLECTION

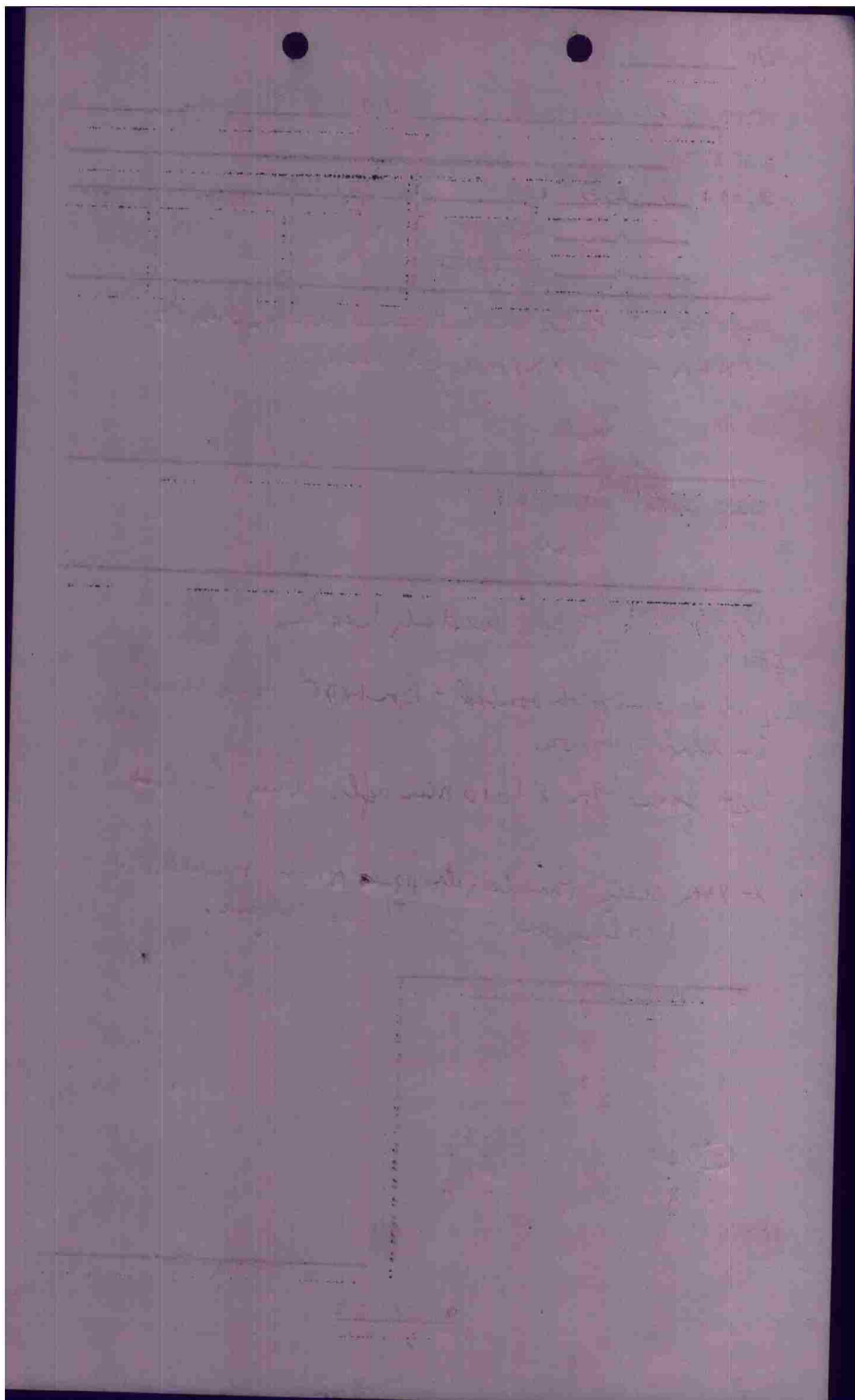
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X JETTISONED

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

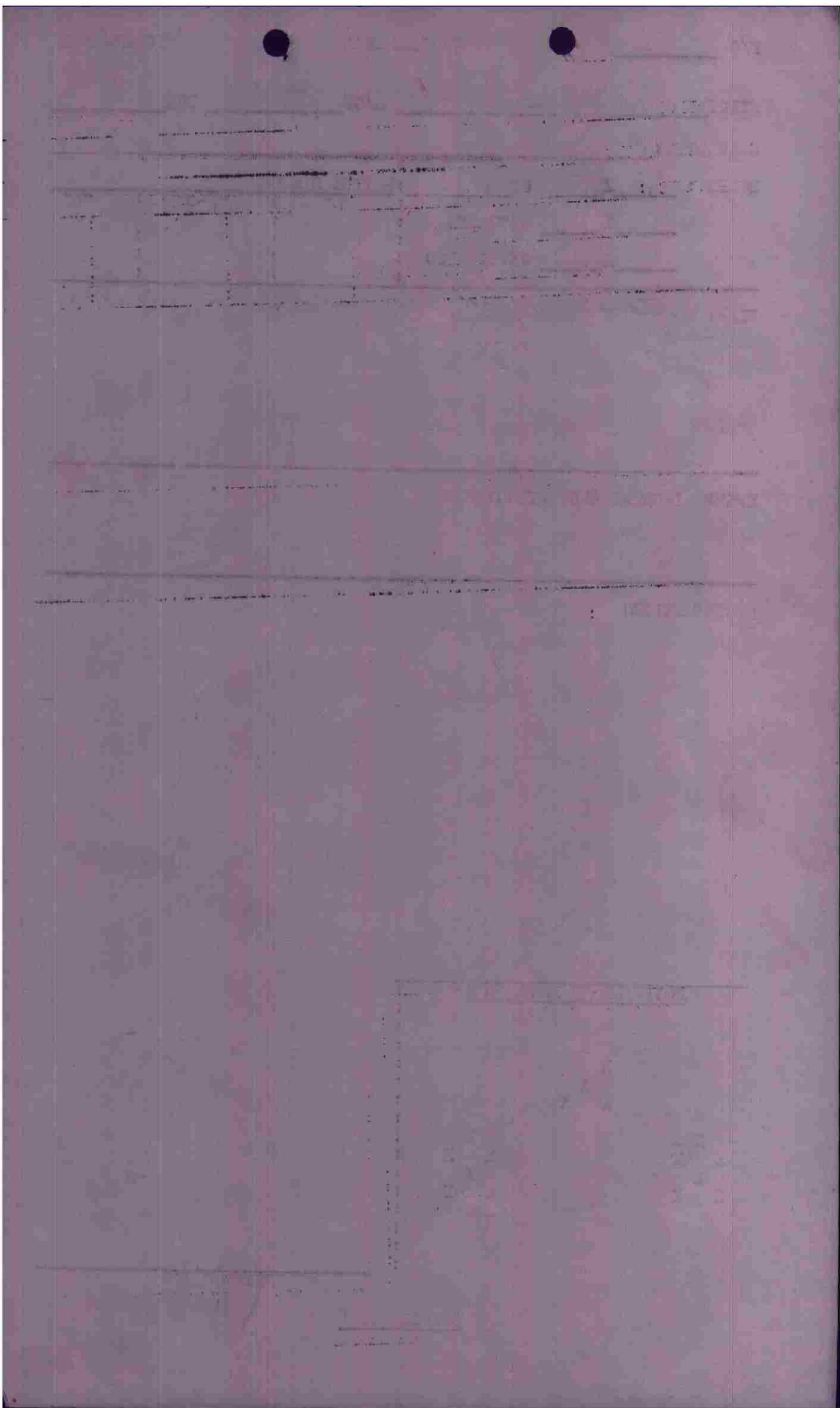
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CASUALTIES

on FL
leaded

JETTISONED

72 81

"A-C"

92-117 97

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATIONS:
Gunner saw ^{bomb} pattern in target area

POSITION IN PCEBATION

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X X
X X
X X

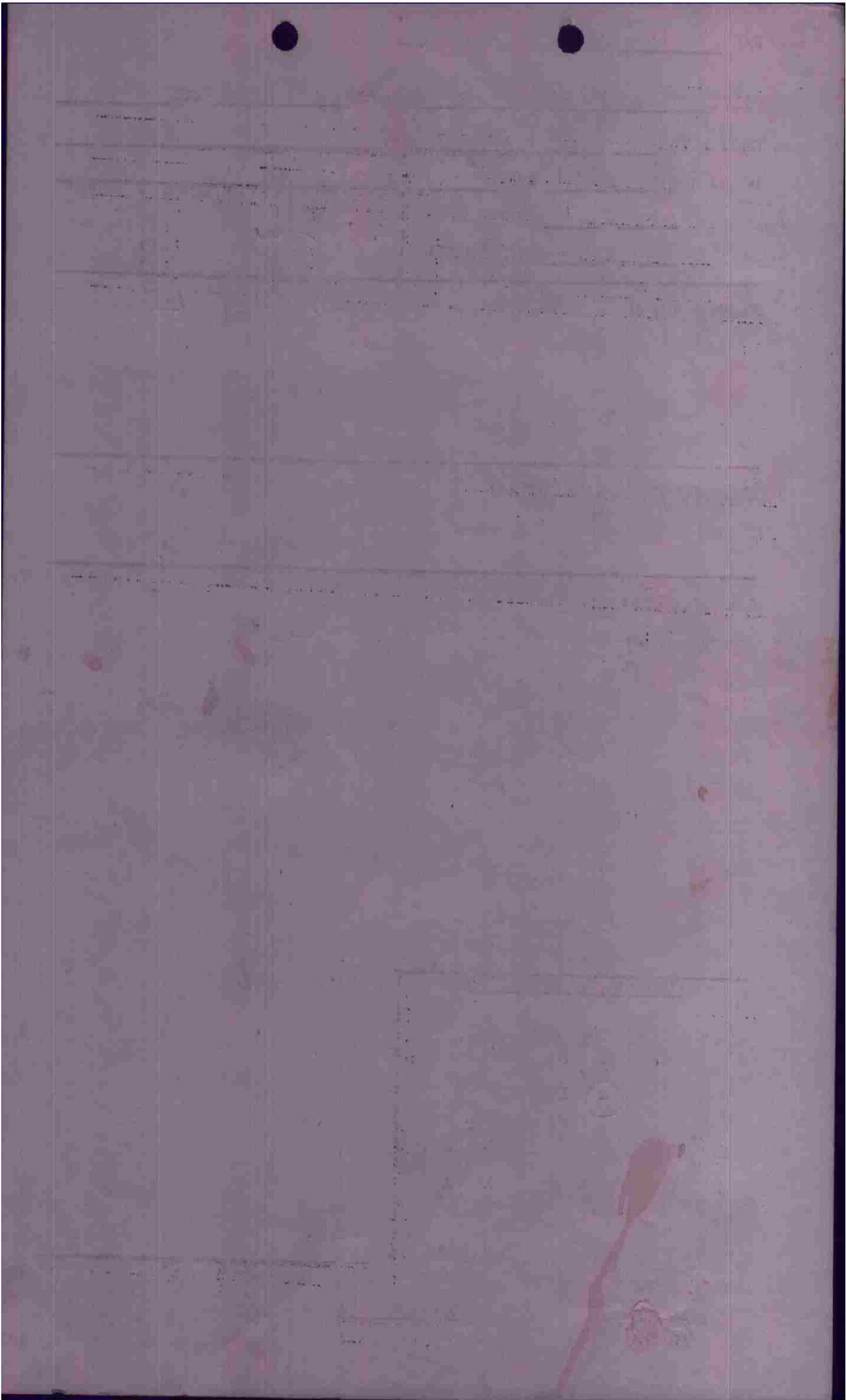
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X JETTISONED

FLYK: XXHA from bombline ^{fairly} continuous ~~from~~
to target and return

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATIONS: Flak suit stopped flak within
hairbreadth of Lt. Moore's back side (left
buttock)

TOT - 1238 1/2

alt - 12,200

Atis ~~155~~⁸⁰ mag.

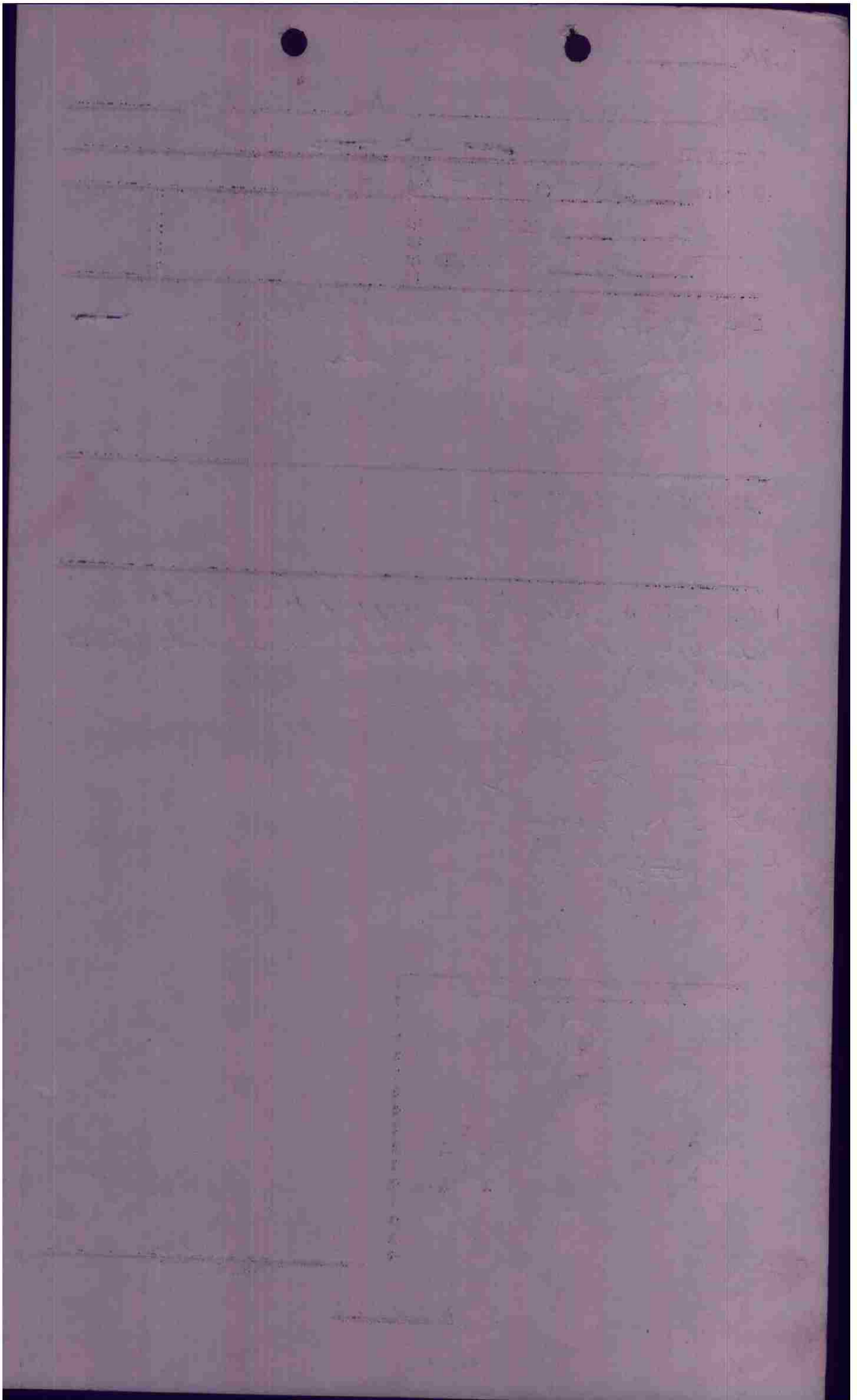
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Turner

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

6 *X 500*

ON *Primary*

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

"I-C"

windshields

knock out

wing holes

"E"

FLAK:

Inacc in many spots
Stuck throughout enemy territory
some fairly accurate
Bottom holes

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

2 B-2's blew up just
at target - open in front
6-7000 ft. no chutes.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X *X*
X *X*
X *X*

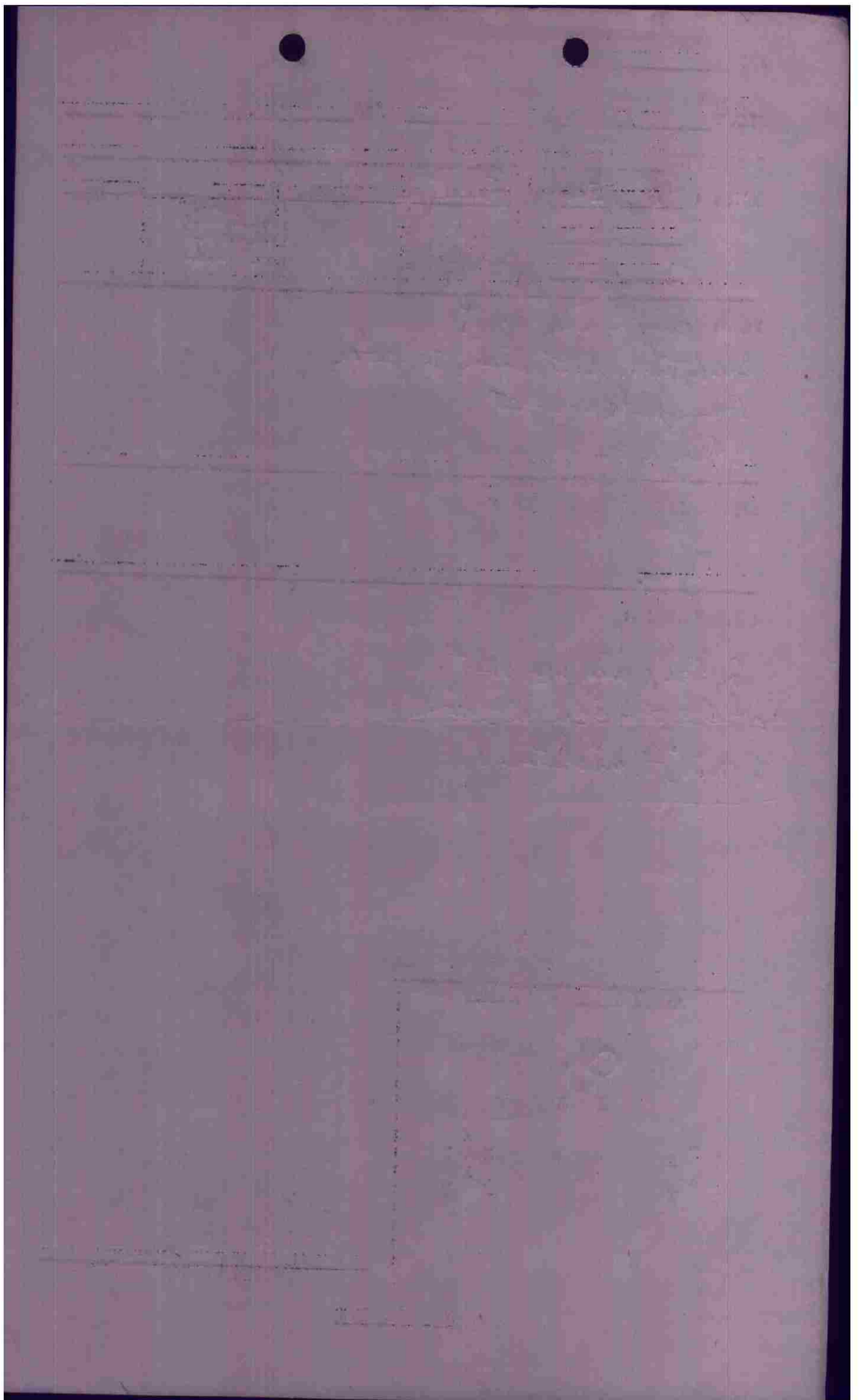
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CASUALTIES

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

FLICK: HALTERN - weak individual
KAMEN - XXHA. (most acc)
B.Lin - X41

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombus scaber =

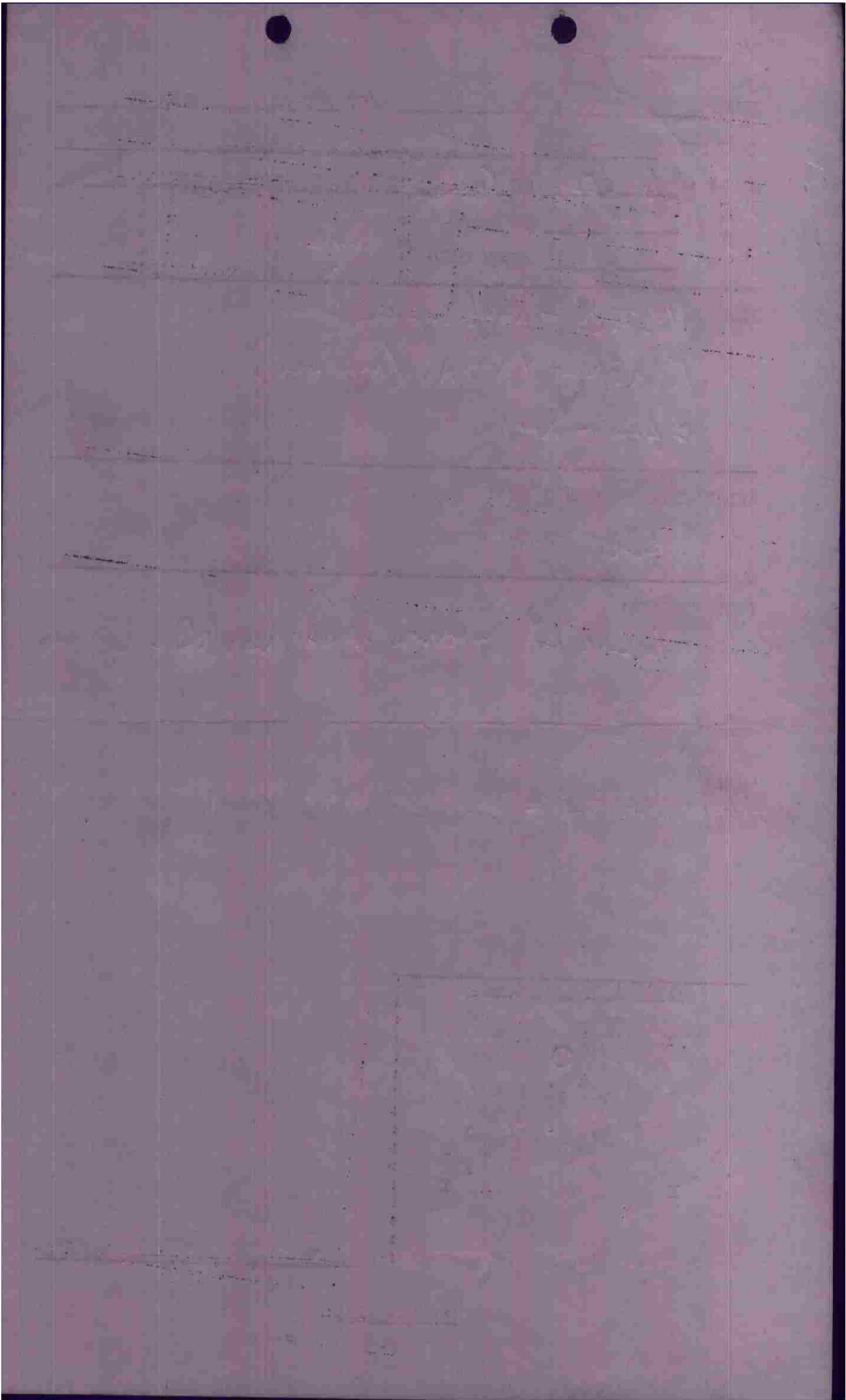
POSITION IN FORMATION

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

6

X 500

ON *target*

BATTLE DAMAGE

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

Nil

FLAK: *From bomb line until 6 or 7 min. after leaving target. Intense & inaccurate for this flt. More or less continuous for app. 15 to 20 minutes.*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: *Saw 1 B-26 go down in flames near Dulmen on way back. No chutes seen.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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X X
X
X X

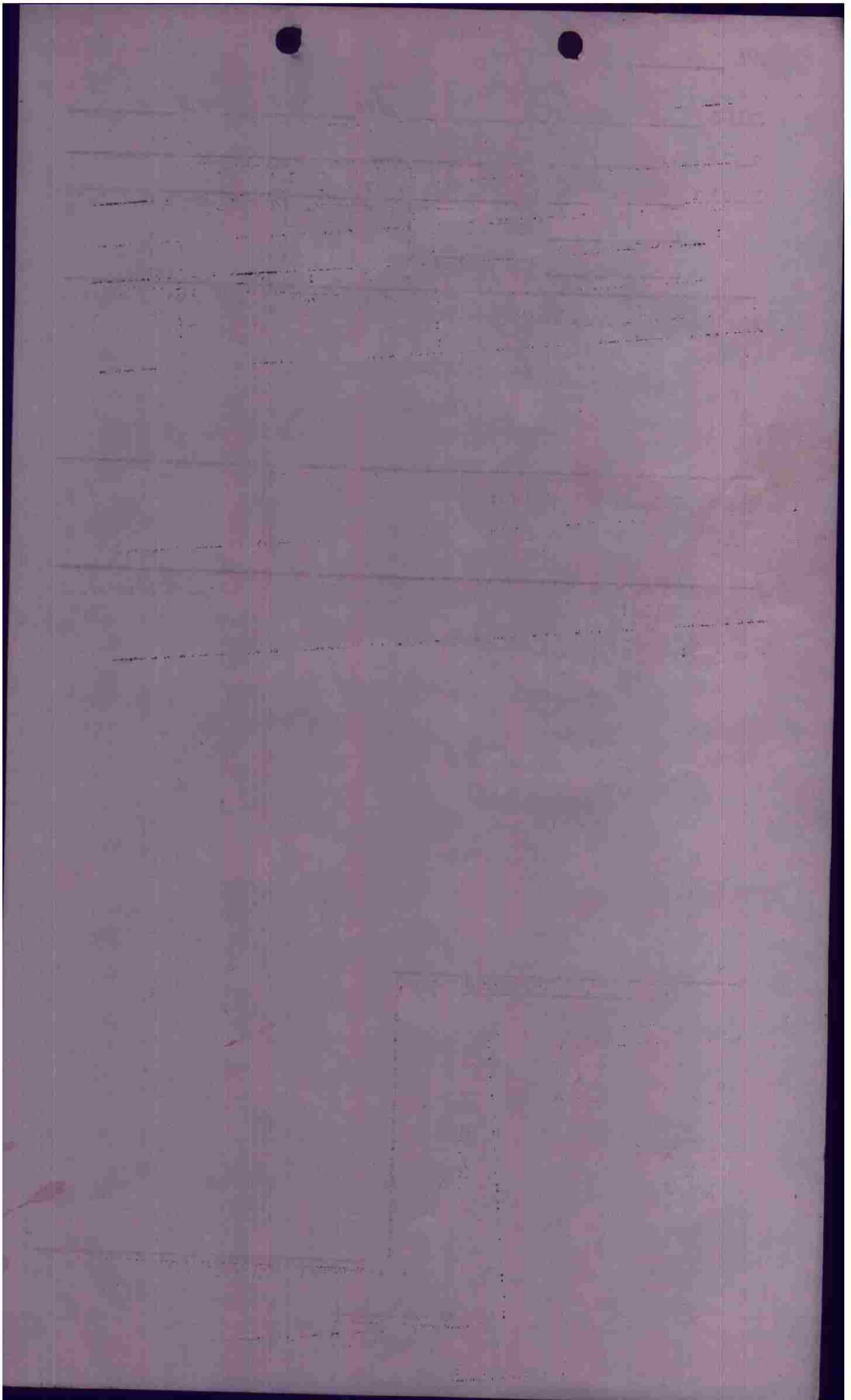
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PILOT Jacobsen A/C# 469 BOX IICASUALTIES nilBOMBS : 6 X 500 ON DORTMUND BATTLE DAMAGE

	RETURNED	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>			
<u>X</u>		<u>✓</u>	

FLAK: XXHA - KAMEN thru HALTERN (heading Northwest)

(See below)

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS: B/N released bombs in steep bank to right after left engine was hit which, together with evasive action, drove A/C out of formation. This flak hit about 2 miles north and west of KAMEN. Left formation on a right turn releasing bombs which are believed to have dropped in NE edge of DORTMUND. Then DR'd with visual reference - alone - south and parallel to briefed course back to base.

Burning docks - columns of smoke to 8,000 feet near DORNICK.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
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  X  X
    X
  X  X
  
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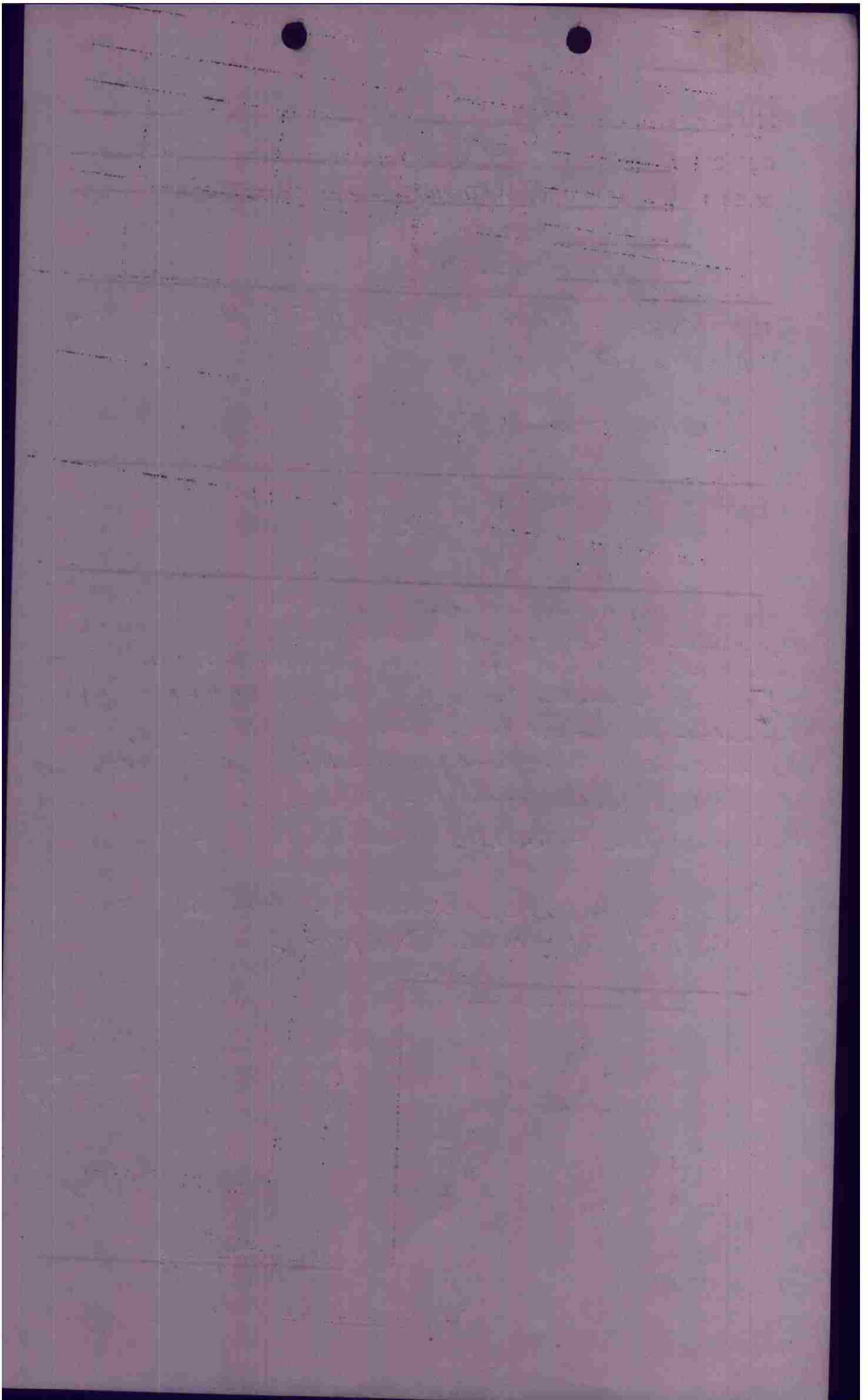
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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
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Bombs away - (see log) TIME 7
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BATTLE DAMAGE

RETURNED

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JETTISONED

FLGK:

XX#1 - for about 20 minutes of course

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN REGISTRATION

X X
X X
X X

X X
X X
X (X)

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CASUALTIES

None

BC2BS :

6...X 500 ON PF.

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

2.5

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FLK:

FLK: Moderate inaccurate 5 minutes after bombline
to target. Sporadic bursts from target to bombline. 5-6 bursts
at bombline or return inaccurate on same level but behind.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: 2 unknown aircraft trailed ship for 2 minutes at 2000 yds, then dove into cover.

OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATIONS: No movement on highways or railroads anywhere. 2-B 26 shot down in flames in target area no chutes seen.

POSITION IN RELATION

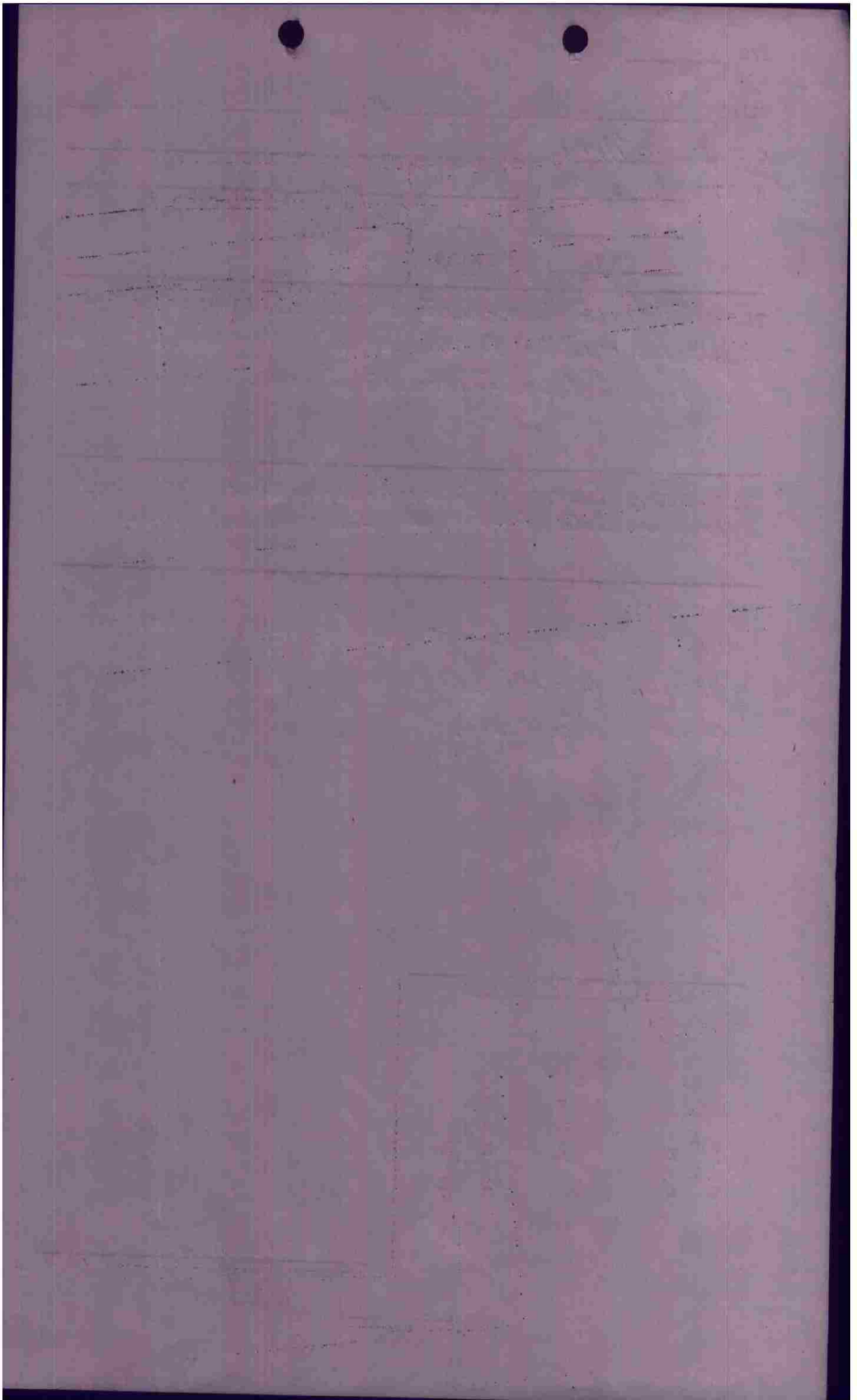
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steady - not so much at one time.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

PPP may have
dropped when he got
hit - his left engine
was hit. He didn't
feather.

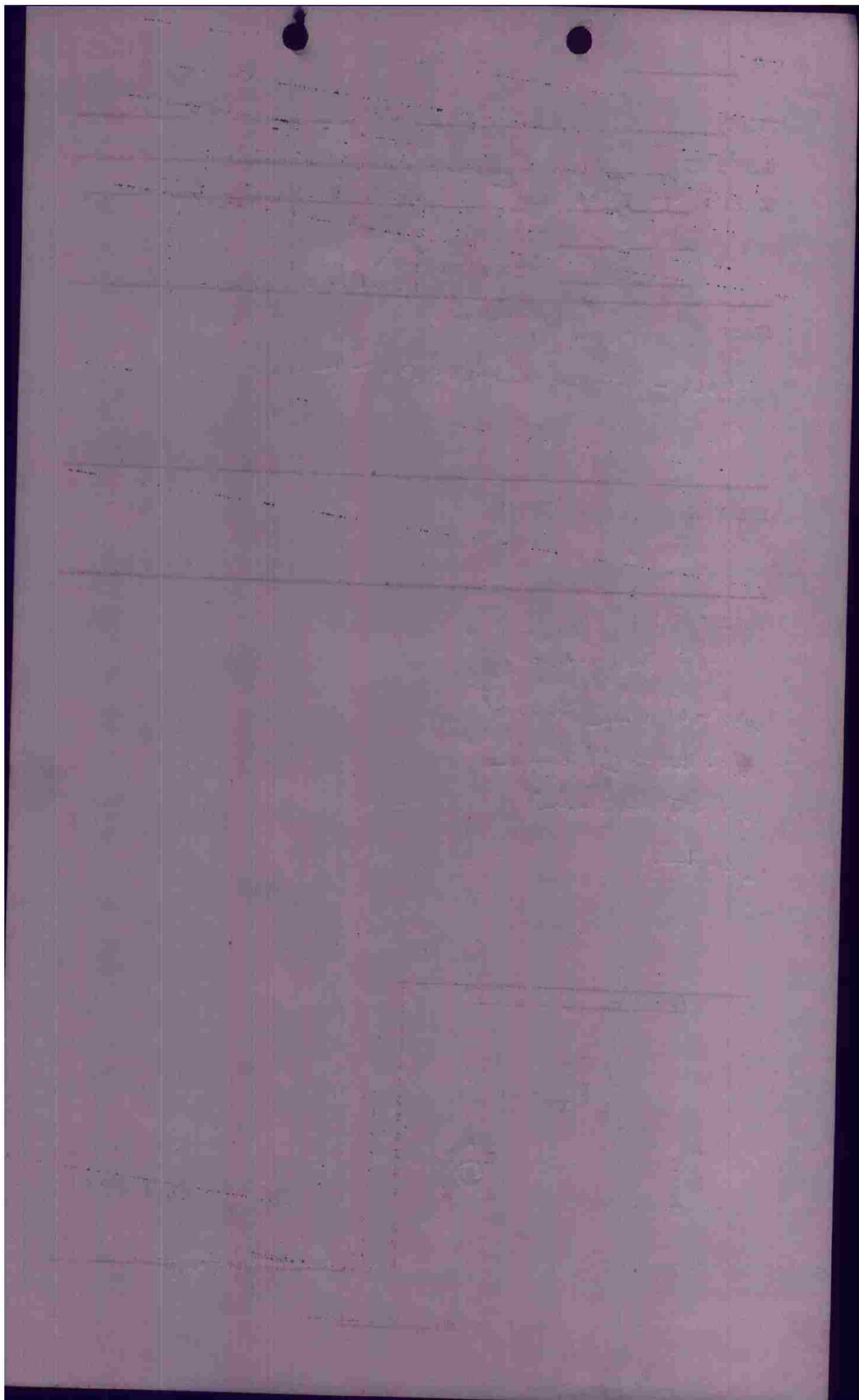
POSITION IN FORMATION

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PILOT Musgrove A/C# 330 BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> X <u>500</u> ON <u>PT</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED		"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED		?	
			<u>Stabilizer hit - also top turret bent</u>	

FLAK:

XX HA along bomb run - also light flak shortly after bomb line all the way to ~~target~~ I.P.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

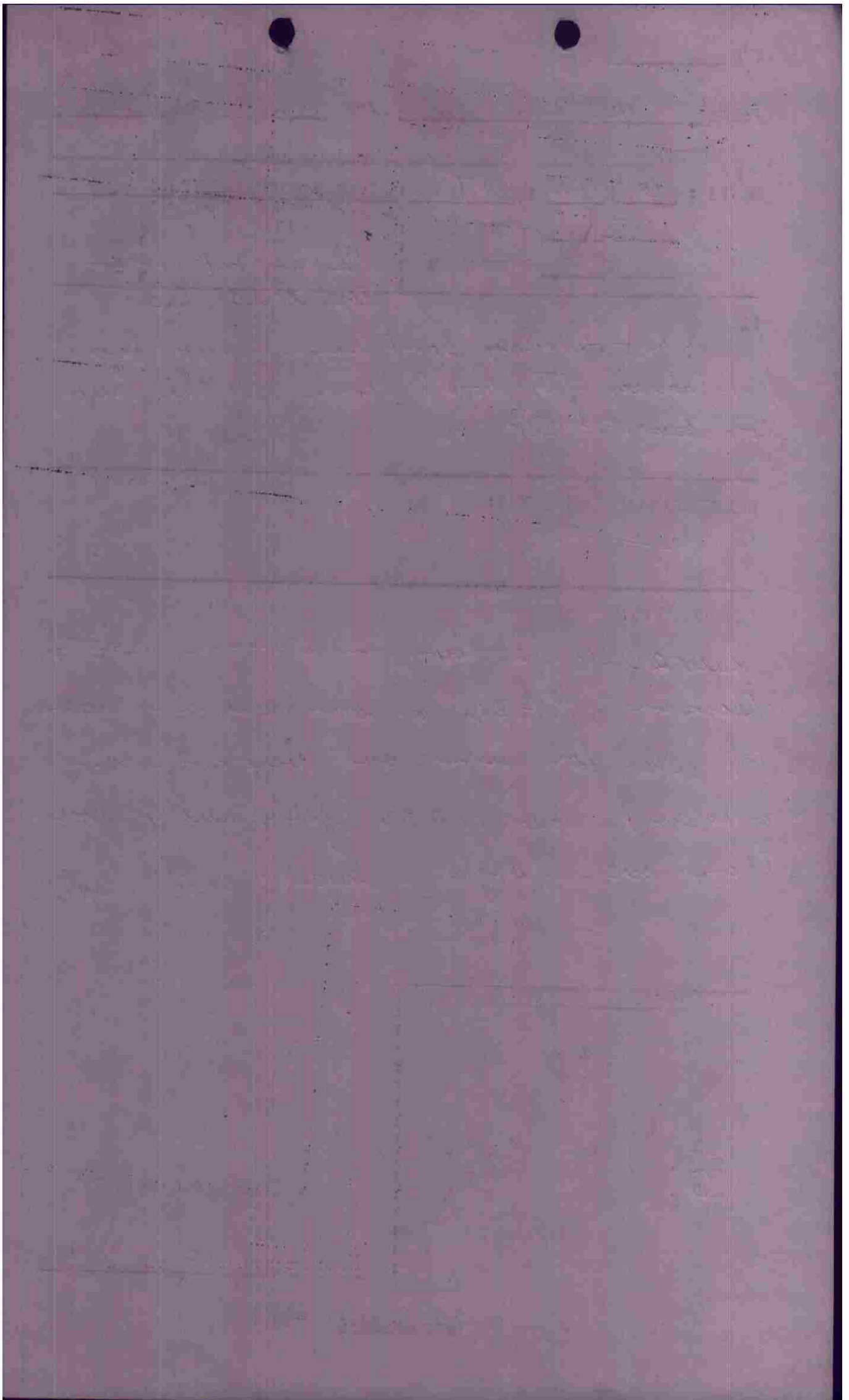
Saw 2 B26 go down in flames ~~NW of~~ near Hamm, A26 on one engine near I.P. (called for course out but got no answer) saw 1 A26 fall out of formation over target - went into clouds

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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Bower

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CASUALTIES

BONES : 6 X 505 ON P.T.

BATTLE DAMAGE

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RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

FLUX:

same as singletary at least off
course.

1, burst red on turn off

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

P. 47^cS

OBSERVATIONS:

factories in Ruhr

2 ny's pretty filled in way out.

POSITION IN COLLECTION

2

X
X X
X
X X

X
X X X
X X X

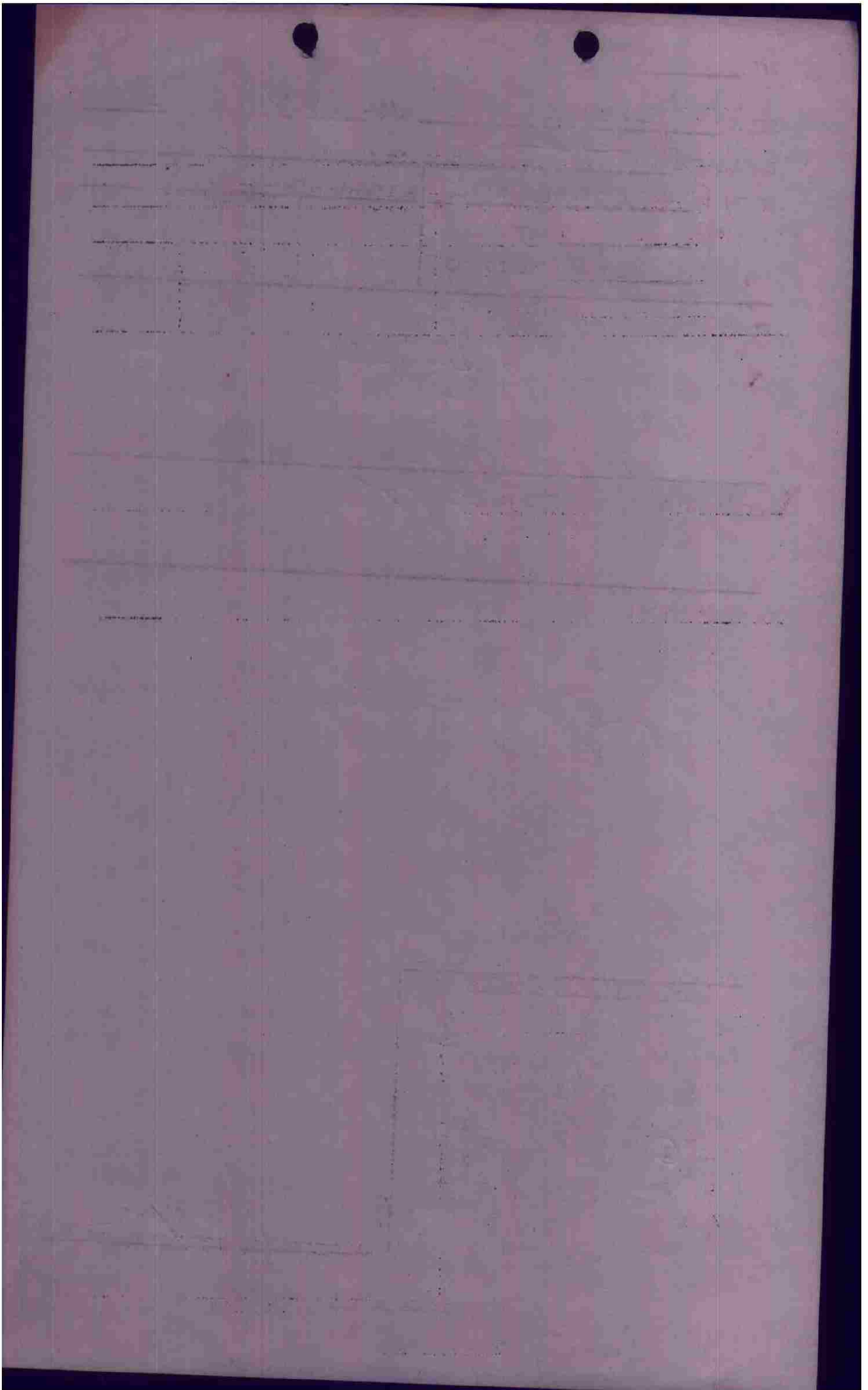
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PILOT

Miller

A/C#

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CASUALTIES

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

FLY: Light flad from Terbay (5° 55' E) to Stadthelm
(51° 58') (6° 58') ~~Heavy~~ XXXHA all along bomb run &
in turn also at Hamen

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

✓ Believed bombs hit about 5 mi.
S W of target Haly 9/23

POSITION IN FORMATION

X X
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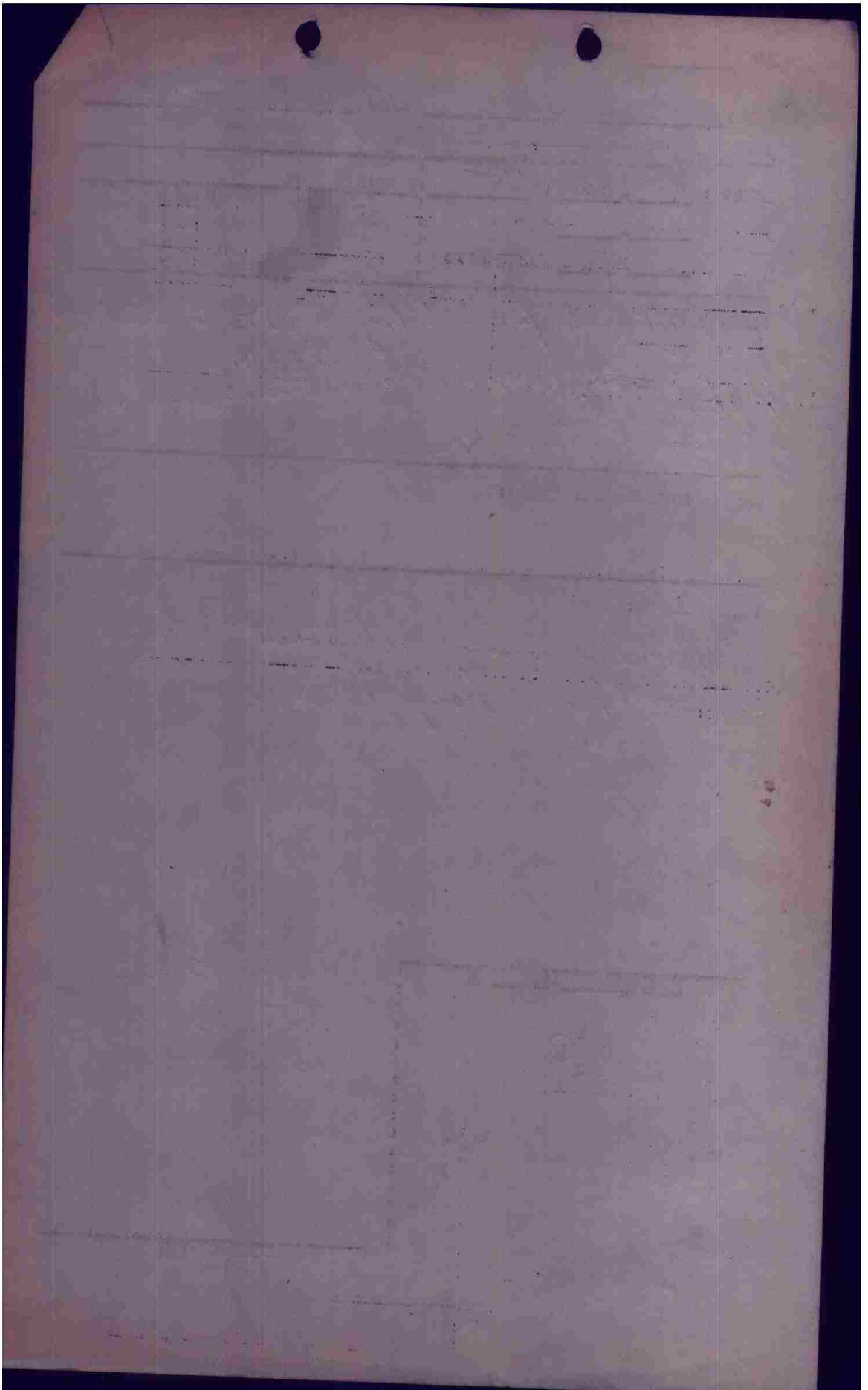
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Box #	Opstl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O TOT	15 min.
I		10 Feb 45				Capt. J. H. Hines		
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb	IISP	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.	
Pos No.	Reason	F S O	F S J T R	M D A C B E D P D K V M				
1 493			6		X			
3 454			6		X			
3 306	unknown		6		X			
4 252			6		X			
5 271			6		X			
6 244			6		X			
1 497	Wawa		6		X			
2 356	30 minutes from pos.		6		X			
3 237			6		X			
4 249			6		X			
5 297	Wawa.		6		X			
6 352			6		X			
1 498			6		X			
2 332	815000000		6		X			
3 250	5 miles S of 615000000		6		X			
4 308	Engin. 815000000		6		X			
5 321	unknown		6		X			
6 307			6		X			
307								

DIRECT TOTAL 307
 307

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

A-20J's obtained from Opns)

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.

Time Down

(Obtained from Tower).

D.

(1) No. a/c

Missing

Destroyed

Damaged

Damaged

(cat. B/C)

(cat. A)

(3) No. Grew _____ Killed _____

Killed.

Wounded

105 661 200

(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	

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Where

(Obtained from Recaps)

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

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

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

(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	_____
(Obtained from Recaps)		Where _____

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