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LOADING LIST

25 FEBRUARY 1945

BOX I

FLIGHT I

1. 507 E
Lt. Col. D.L. Willette
Lt. F.G. Baylley
Lt. R.J. Bennett
Sgt. J.W. Rogn ✓

2. 508 Z
Lt. O.C. Nish
Lt. R.E. Shaft
S/S J.H. Roberts ✓

3. 509 H
Lt. A. Peniazowski
S/S F. DiGrio ✓

4. 5219 F
Lt. A.B. Hansen
S/S F.E. Barker ✓

5. 5222 I
Lt. L.W. Edstrom
S/S O.W. Gurka ✓

6. 5226 W
Lt. F.E. Gauder
Sgt. A.H. Miller ✓

FLIGHT II

1. 521 N
Capt. R.L. Sommers
Lt. J. Enite
S/S E. Heath ✓

2. 5271 R
Lt. W.E. Thinn, Jr.
S/S J. Mori ✓

3. 5314 H
Lt. J.A. Millard
Sgt. C.V. Hinker ✓

4. 531 Q
Lt. J.A. Allen, Jr.
S/S C.W. Vessy ✓

5. 5322 D
Lt. E.J. Reath
Sgt. E.R. Brinkman ✓

6. 5328 M
Lt. J.J. Farley
Sgt. R.R. Hardesty ✓

FLIGHT III

1. 532 E
Lt. J.E. Sienegren
Lt. G.G. Johnson
S/S M. Bookach ✓

2. 5314 C
Lt. E.C. Martin
Sgt. L.D. Draft ✓

3. 5354 S
Lt. R.W. Van Rye
Sgt. N.D. West ✓

4. 5329 E
Lt. D.O. Turner
S/S M.R. Hayes ✓

5. 5305 M
Lt. E.R. Hyster
S/S A.A. Dalton ✓

6. 5307 N
Lt. C.E. Winort
Sgt. H.D. Francis ✓

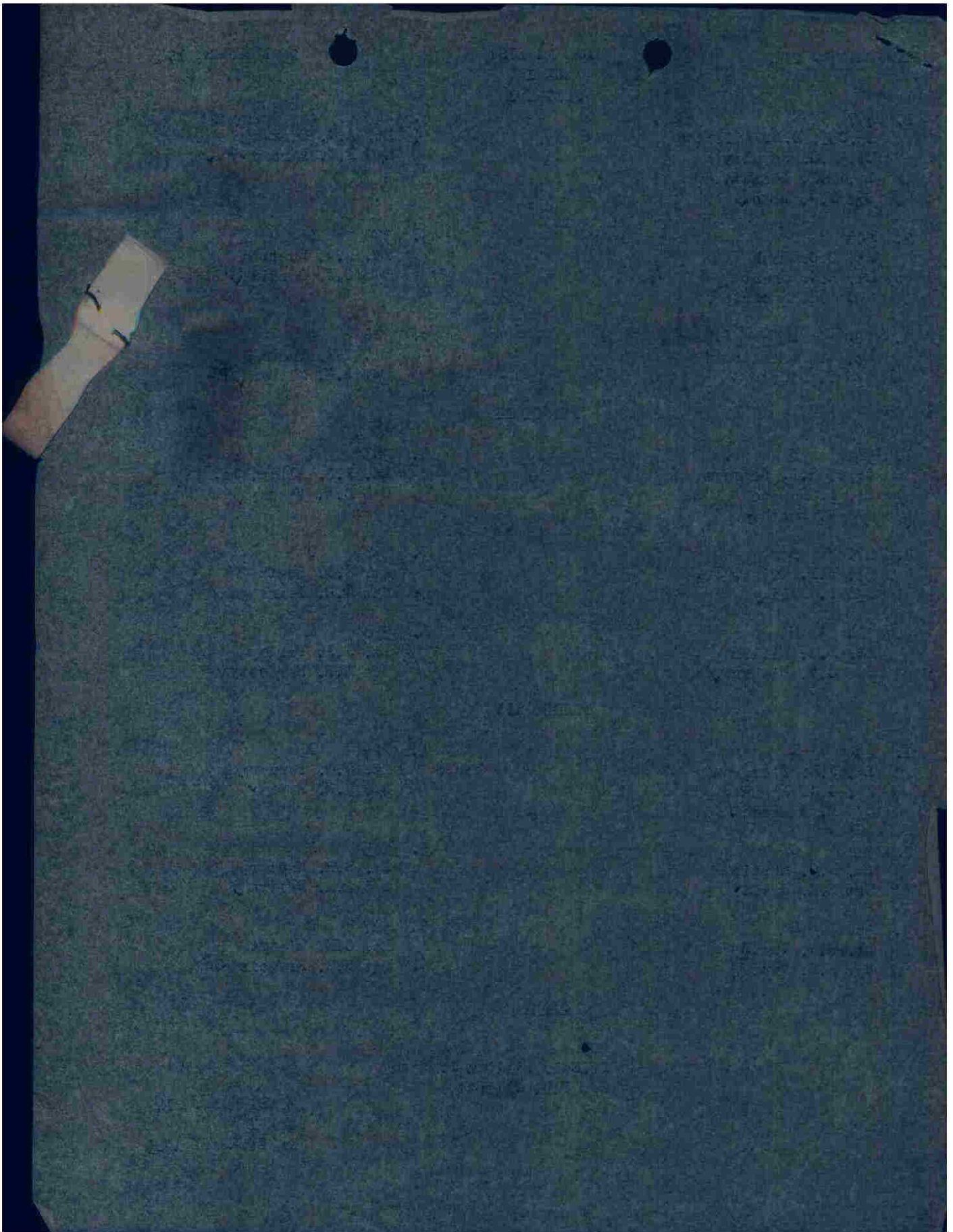
SPACE

5130 K
Lt. Col. William J. Borg
S/S E.W. Elliott ✓

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BOX II
FLIGHT I

1. 498 R
Capt. H.F. Fair ✓
Lt. J.L. Corum ✓
Lt. R.C. Muir ✓
S/S H.S. Fessler ✓
2. 490 X
Lt. F.S. Brewster ✓
Lt. L.W. Dennis ✓
S/S W.O. Clark ✓
3. 4956 O
Lt. H.M. Van Noorden ✓
S/S G. Thompson ✓

4. 297 T
Lt. W.H. Ames ✓
S/S R.J. Brown ✓
5. 250 A
Capt. A.W. Sears ✓
M/Sgt J.J. Wells ✓
6. 239 N
Lt. S. Mooney ✓
Sgt W.C. Buckley ✓

FLIGHT II

1. 505 Y
Capt. C.B. Stanley ✓
F/O J.H. Blount ✓
Sgt J.C. Edsall ✓
2. 523 M
Lt. O.F. Jacobsen ✓
F/O L.M. Harvett ✓
Sgt A. Pettinichi ✓
Lt. F.R. Tank ✓
3. 521 T
Lt. J.H. Carver ✓
Sgt N.M. Graham ✓

4. 213 A
Lt. T.D. McGready ✓
F/O H.G. Gunkel ✓
Cpl B.R. Ray ✓
5. 325 L
Lt. W.H. Luster ✓
Pvt D. Bank ✓
6. 305 U
Lt. J.R. Colquitt ✓
S/S C.M. Mohr ✓

FLIGHT III

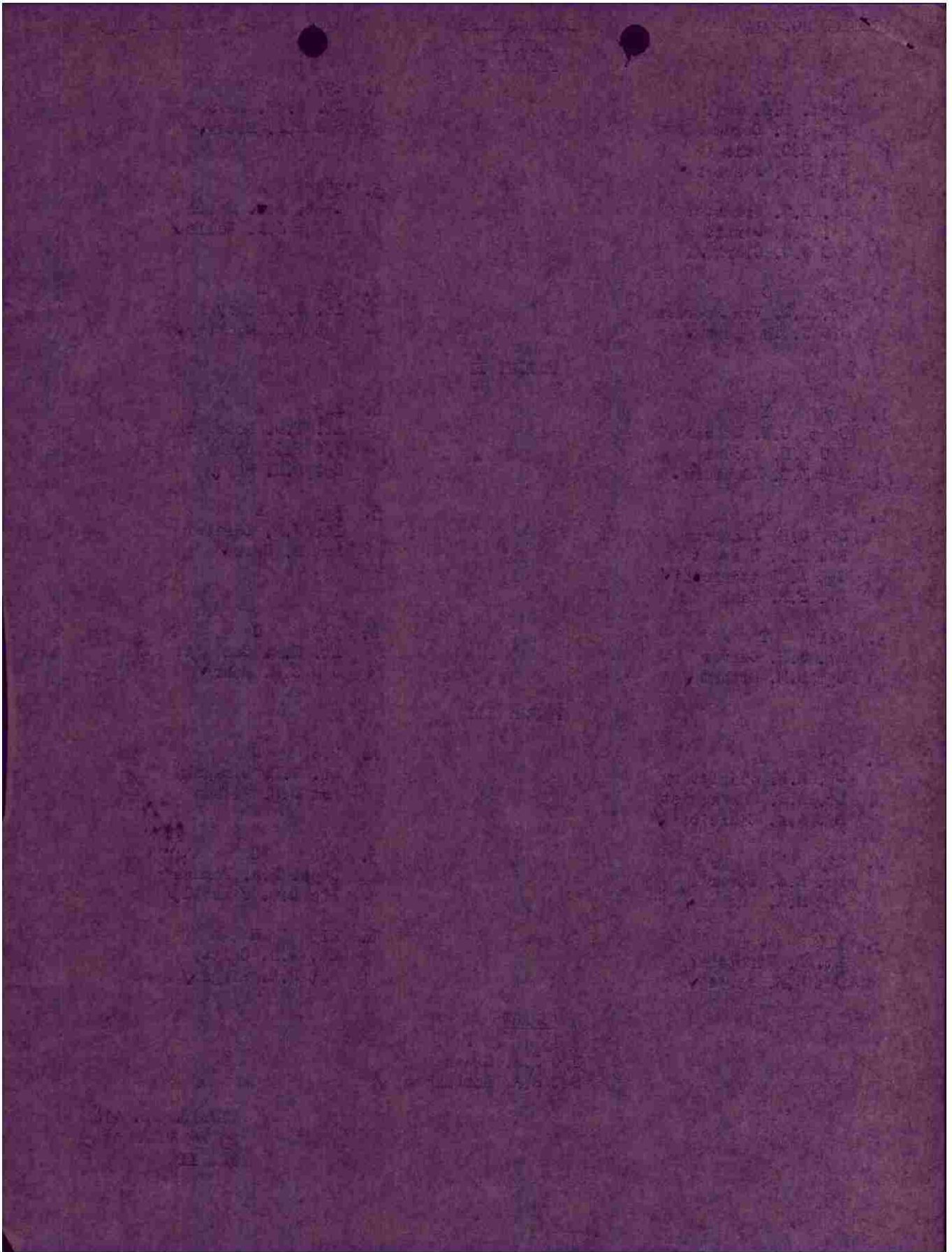
1. 501 W
Lt. R.E. Singletary ✓
Lt. A.E. Rosenquist ✓
S/S A.A. Gianciosi ✓
2. 223 B
Lt. R.S. Bower ✓
Sgt N.A. Puskas ✓
3. 116 O
Lt. E. Errotakerne ✓
Sgt E.A. Bowie ✓

4. 286 D
Lt. F.P. Marausky ✓
Pvt E.R. Wilson ✓
5. 334 G
Capt. R.W. Norman ✓
Pfc D.C. Finnell ✓
6. 215 R
Lt. W.D. Chitty ✓
Sgt P.H. Riggs ✓

SPARE

- 915 F
F/O J.A. Green ✓
Sgt R.R. Bonbakken ✓

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25 FEBRUARY 1945
BOX II



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AUTH: HQ, A-59
27 Feb 45
INITIAL:

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

R-1-1

AFG 140, U.S. Army.
27 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 26 February 1945, T.O. 1007, Wirpen Communications Center, F.O. 179-764.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 41-39534 All bombs returned. A short in the bomb door indicator light circuit tripped the circuit breaker for this circuit.

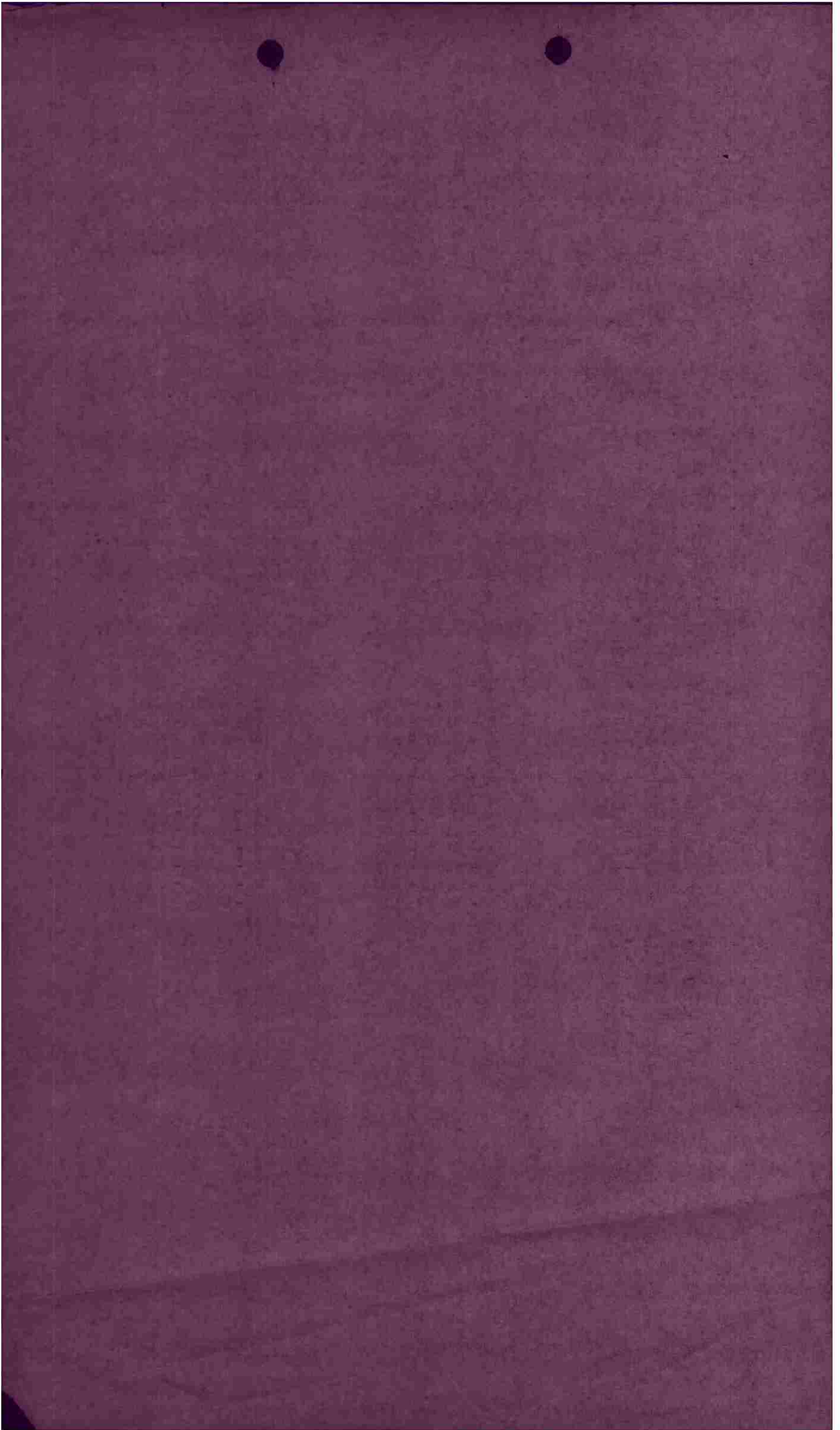
41-39239 No bombs dropped. Aircraft shot down on bomb run.
(Lt J.A. Farley)

V. 41-39413 Flight indicator erratic. Flight indicator replaced.
(Lt M. Schrotauro)

VI. 1 - 2:35 - 450	1 - 3:10 - 550	1 - 2:55 - 525
2 - 2:40 - 425	2 - 3:15 - 450	2 - 2:55 - 550
3 - 2:55 - 400	3 - 3:10 - 530	3 - 2:50 - 535
4 - 2:55 - 475	4 - 3:10 - 600	4 - 2:50 - 540
5 - 2:35 - 590	5 - 3:10 - 630	5 - 2:55 - 525
6 - 2:35 - 600	6 - 3:40 - 550	6 - 2:55 - 480
1 - 2:15 - 400	3 - 2:30 - 400	1 - 2:30 - 410
2 - 2:15 - 400	1 - 2:55 - 450	2 - 2:30 - 450
3 - 2:35 - 500	2 - 2:50 - 500	3 - 3:00 - 540
4 - 2:15 - 460	3 - 2:50 - 400	4 - 2:30 - 420
5 - 3:15 - 580	4 - 2:50 - 475	5 - 2:25 - 500
6 - Did not return to base.	5 - 2:50 - 600	6 - 2:20 - 400
	6 - 2:50 - 425	5 - 2:20 - 430

VII. 43-22501 - A
43-22334 - A
43-22507 - A
41-39223 - A
41-39205 - A
43-22497 - A
41-39238 - E

THEODORE R. AYLES CPTM,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.



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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 416TH BOMB GR
- B. KERPEN COMM CENTER WF 2753
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 PRIMARY ON PFF EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. EXCELLENT - STRIKES SEEN TO HIT AP
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. KERPEN INTENSE AND ACCURATE (WF2753)
- K. NONE
- L. 13,500 - PRIMARY
- M. 1125 - PRIMARY

GOOD FORMATION FLOWN BY GROUP AND GOOD DROP MADE ON PFF SHIP.
ONE MINUTE AFTER ENTRY INTO TAC AREA CALL WAS MADE BUT WAS TEN
MINUTES BEFORE RECEIVING AN ANSWER.

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FROM HQS, 416TH BOMB GP (L) APO 143 U.S. ARMY 25/2030A

TO HQS, 9TH BOMB DIV (M) APO 143 U.S. ARMY
HQS, 97TH COMBAT WING APO 143 U.S. ARMY

SECRET BT

FAX-240-D

B. KERPEN ROAD JUNCTION.

G. BOX I - 1126 BOX II - 1125.

J. BOX I - EXCEL: 90 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 500 FT E OF DMPI. BLANKET OF BURSTS IN CENTER OF TOWN COVERING DMPI AND EASTERN SECTION OF TOWN. MANY HITS ON BUILDINGS AND ROADS IN CENTER OF TOWN, CAUSING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS AND SEVERLY PITTING AND PROBABLY BLOCKING ROADS.

BOX II - PNB
(UNKNOWN)

DID NOT RECEIVE MESSAGE TO BOMB VISUALLY AND DROPPED WITH BOX I. (SEE BOMBARDIER'S REPORT). BOMBS FELL IN SCATTERED PATTERN IN WOODS AND ACROSS RR, 3 MILES WNW OF PRIMARY (MAPR-1, COORD. 220550). 2 DIRECT HITS ON RR, PROBABLY CUTTING TRACKS. SEVERAL HITS ON ROADS, PITTING THEM.

K. BOX II - PNB

BOMBED ON WHAT HE BELIEVED TO BE FIRST BOX. NOT DEFINITELY KNOWN ON WHICH AIRCRAFT HE BOMBED, BUT FROM TIME OF RELEASE OF PPF AIRCRAFT IT IS BELIEVED THAT LEADER DROPPED ON PPF OR A PREMATURE RELEASE INT THE FIRST BOX. FIRST BOX BOMBED VISUALLY, WHEN BOMBARDIER SAW THAT PPF AIRCRAFT WAS LEFT OF COURSE. SECOND BOX LEADER DID NOT RECEIVE MESSAGE THAT FIRST BOX WAS BOMBING VISUALLY.

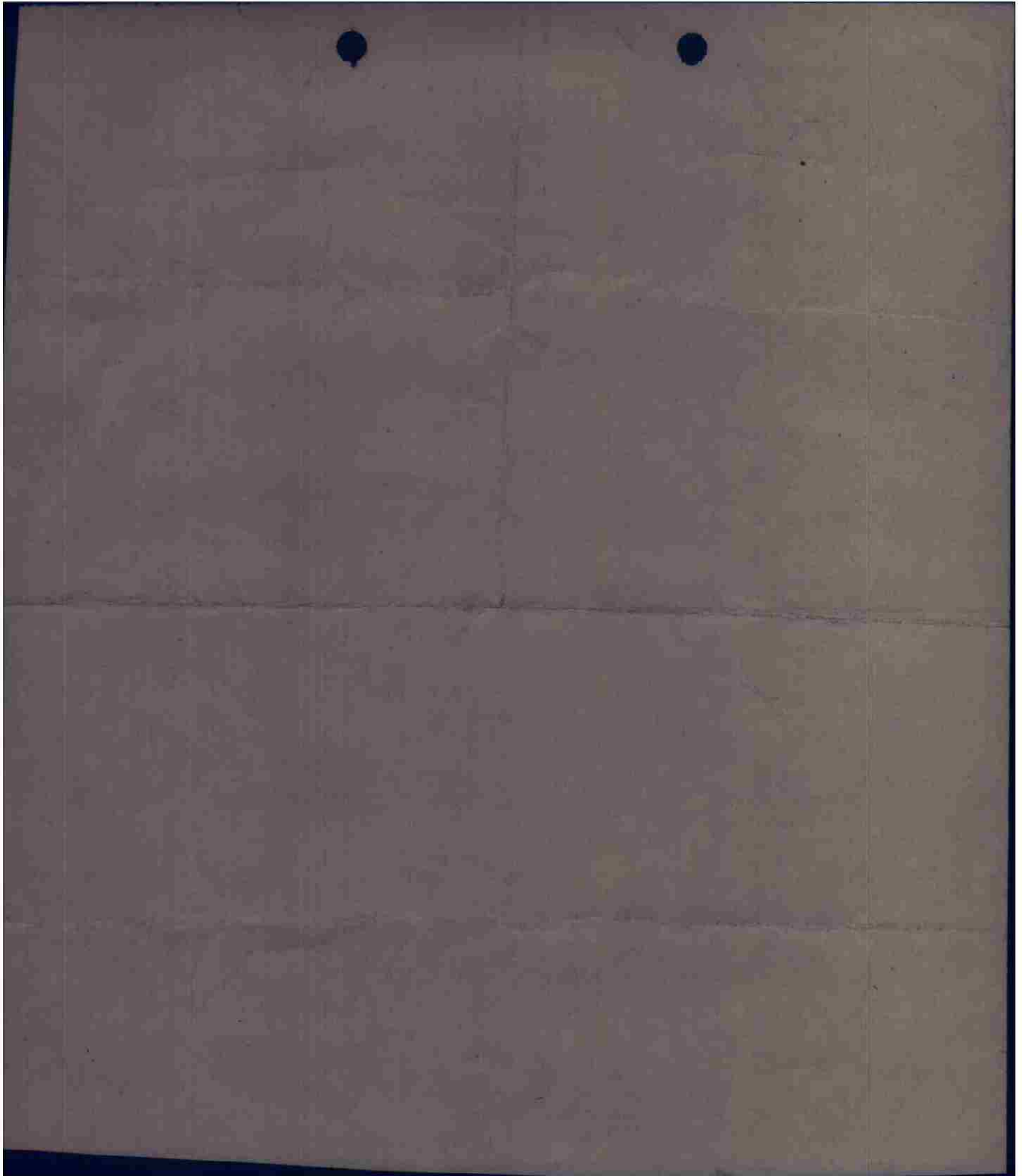
M. (A) 11 - 100 PERCENT
(B) 8 - 8 PERCENT
(C) 2 - 2 PERCENT

PRO: 2 DIRECT HITS ON RR CUTTING TRACKS AND 8 HITS ON HIGHWAYS PITTING ROADS 3 MILES WNW OF KERPEN. 2 BUILDINGS DESTROYED. IN TOWN OF KERPEN 10 HITS ON MAIN HIGHWAYS AND 10 MORE ON SECONDARY STREETS. 40 TO 50 BUILDINGS DESTROYED OR SERIOUSLY DAMAGED.

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ITA R.....252110A IC AR
JEA R.....25/2110A LCB AR

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 25/1535A
TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION : ATTN: A-2
CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

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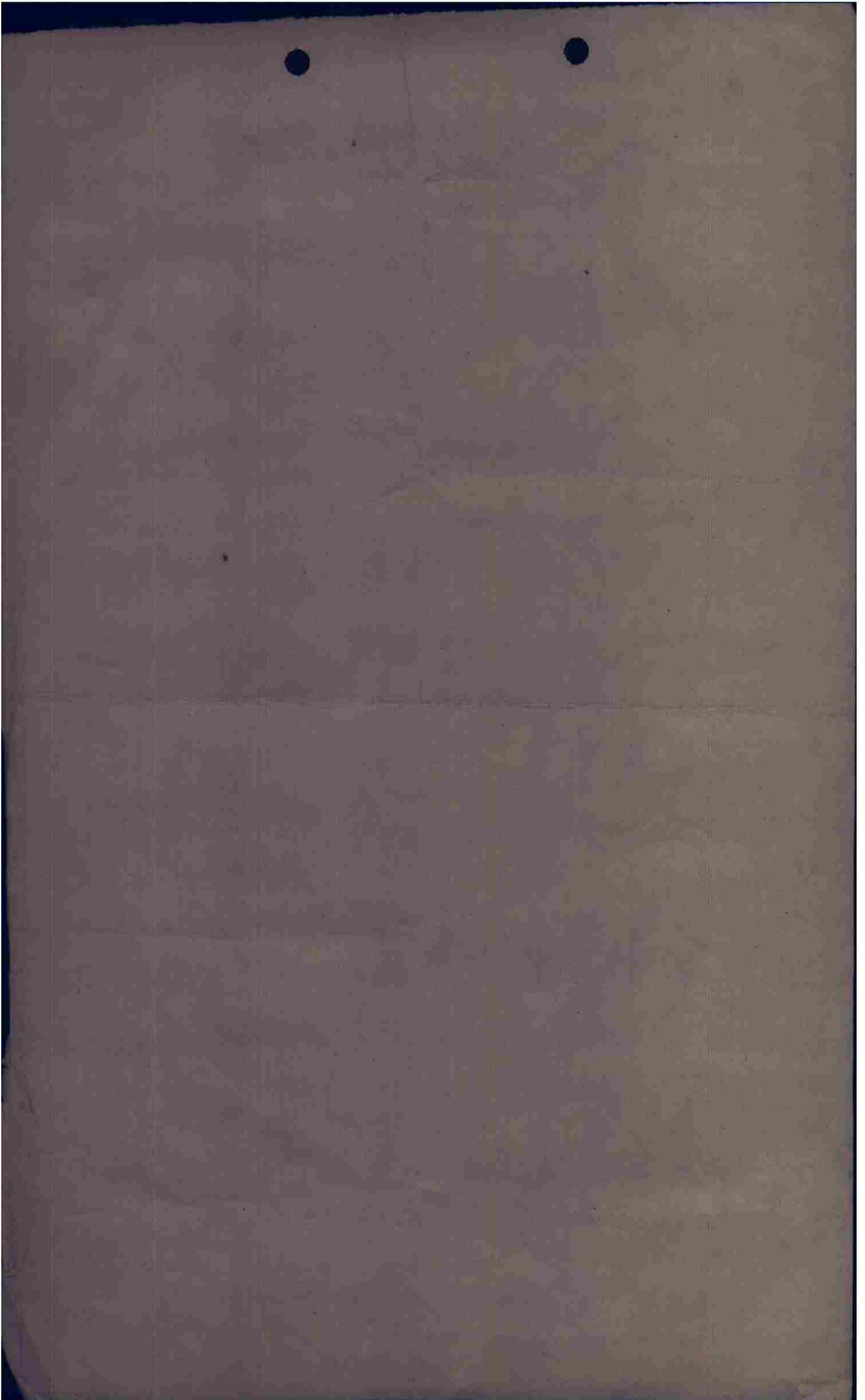
CONFIDENTIAL 416TH BG FAX-238-D
OPFLASH FOR 25 FEB. 1945.

- A. 416TH BOMB GROUP
- B. KERPEN ROAD JUNCTION (F-267529)
- C. 38 A-26'S
- D. 36 A-26'S ON PRIMARY
- E. 1 A-26 MISSING - SEEN IN FLAMES OVER TARGET.
1 A-26 MECHANICAL - BOMB RELEASE MALFUNCTION.
- F. 216 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
6 X 500 GP RETURNED
6 X 500 GP UNACCOUNTED FOR (AC SHOT DOWN OVER TARGET)
- G. EXCELLENT RESULTS ON PRIMARY - BOMBED VISUALLY ON LEAD OF BOX 1.
- H. 1 A-26 LOST. SEEN HIT OVER TARGET. RIGHT ENGINE AFIRE. AC TURNED
ON BACK, OUT OF CONTROL. WENT INTO SPIN (FLAK)
REPORTS FROM SEVERAL CREWS THAT AC EXPLODED.
6 AC DAMAGED CAT. "A" (FLAK)
2 AC DAMAGED CAT "AC" (FLAK)
- I. 1 PILOT MISSING (IN AC DOWN OVER TARGET)
1 GUNNER MISSING (IN AC DOWN OVER TARGET)
- J. MODERATE ACCURATE HEAVY FLAK AT TARGET.
MODERATE ACCURATE HEAVY FLAK STARTING ONE MINUTE
BEFORE BOMBS AWAY AND CONTINUING THROUGHOUT COURSE
UNTIL FORMATION PASSED BOMB LINE ON EXIT. NO CLOUD
COVER EXISTED DURING ANY OF FLAK EXPERIENCE.
- K. NIL
- L. 12,500 - 13,500
- M. 1123 - 1125.
- X. NO CHUTES SEEN FROM AC HIT OVER TARGET.

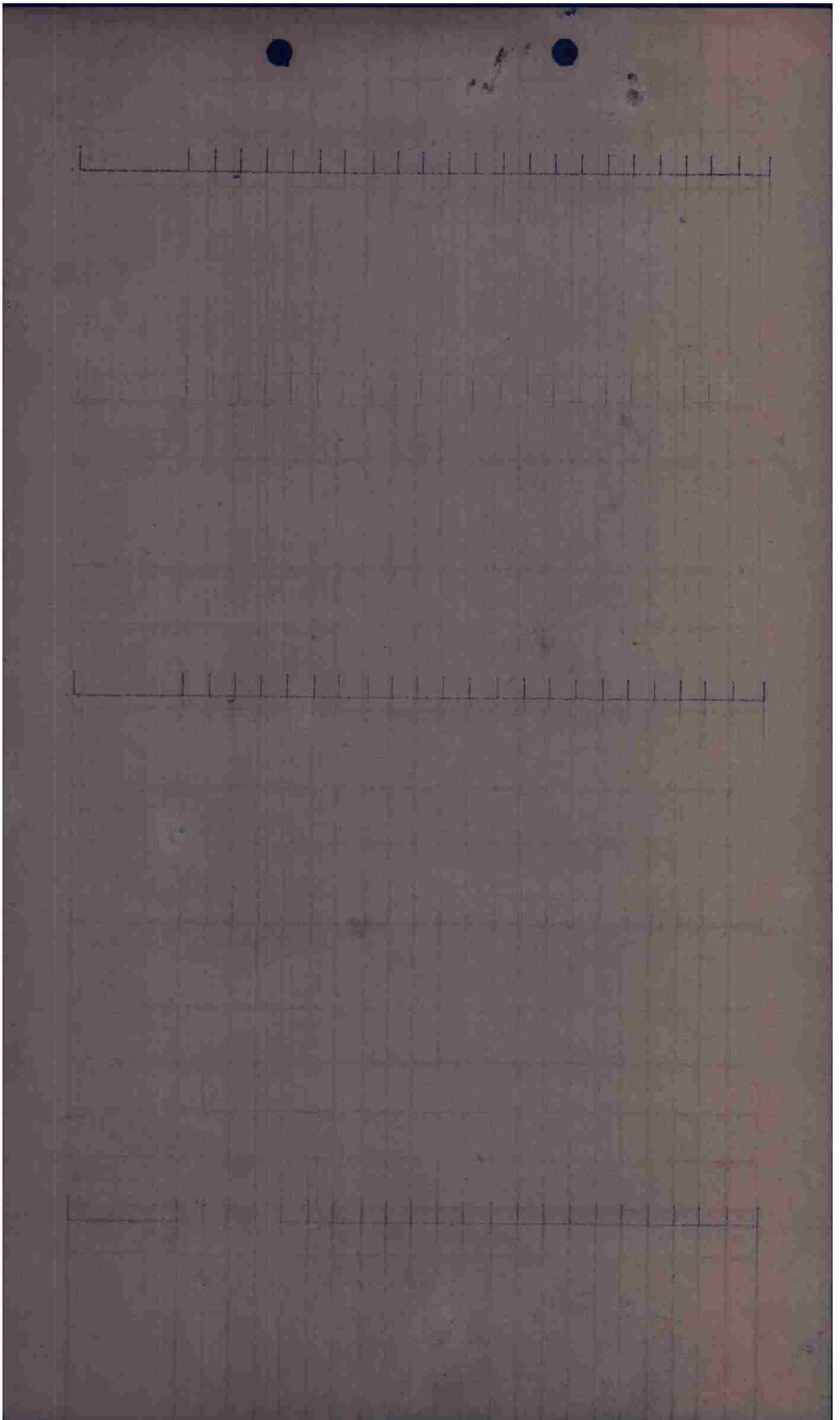
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BT 25/1535A
EW BB288 TO ITA (OP)

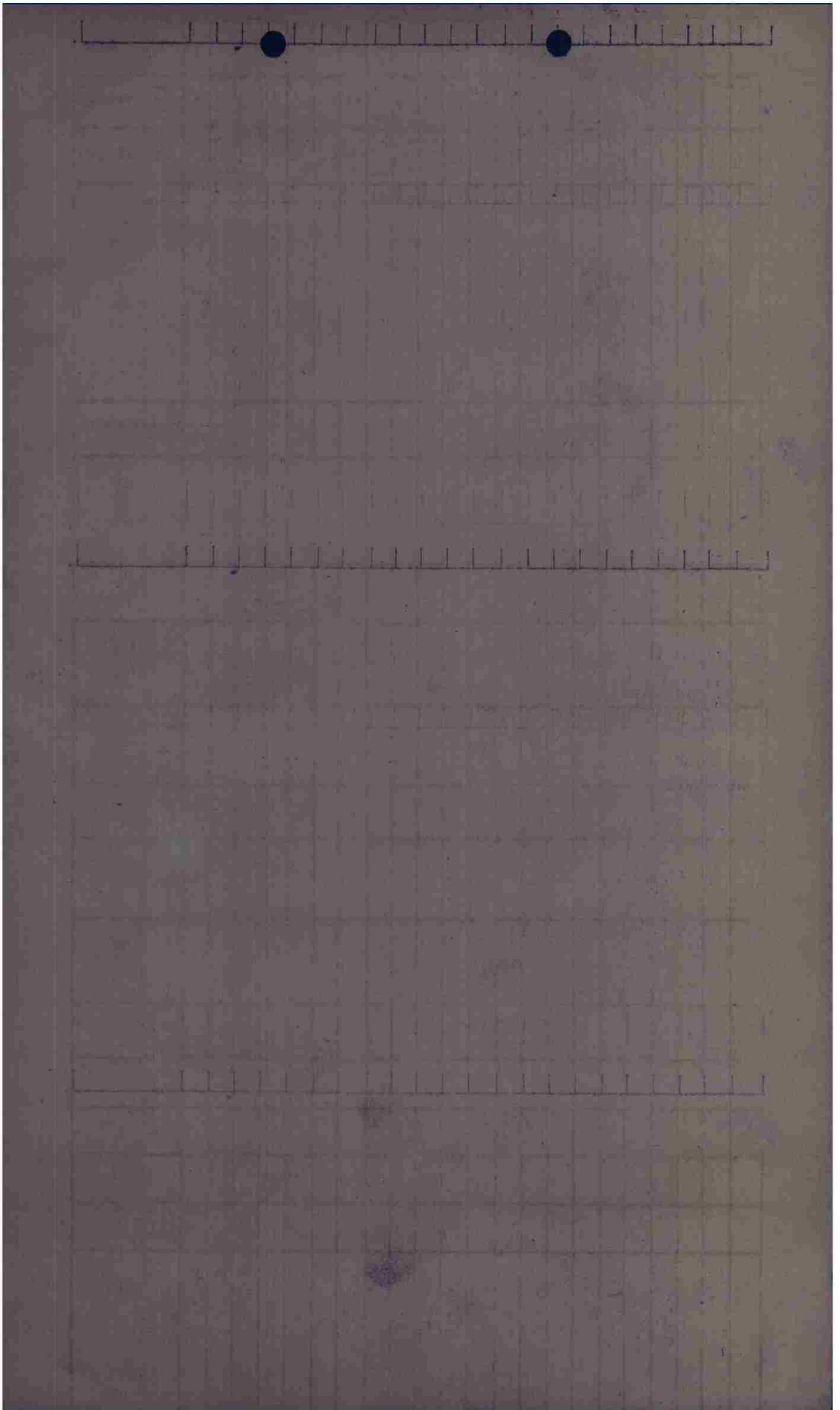
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JEA R.....25/1618A LEG AR



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D	E	497	Willits			1007										1241	1135																								
A	Z	508	Smith			07										45	1140																								
D	M	209	Neumayrski			07										44	1135																								
	F	249	Spelman			08										43	1135																								
	P	332	Edstrom			08										53	1145																								
D	W	326	Shraker			09										44	1135																								
A	N	521	Sommers			09										26	1145																								
B	R	271	Trupp			09										26	1145																								
B	H	314	Willard			10										46	1135																								
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B	D	252	Reuth			11										1325	1115																								
B	M	238	Fauler			11										1323	1110																								
B	E	492	Blondin			11										23	1110																								
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S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A NCE	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U L O L A D	B O L M O B A D
D	R	498	Pain			18								
D	X	490	Bruce			18								
D	C	356	Van Norden			19								
●	T	299	Casper			19								
D	A	250	Leane			19								
D	Q	239	Worrey			20								
Q	Y	505	Stanley			20								
Q	N	523	Heckler			21								
Q	T	321	Kearner			22								
Q	A	213	McCready			22								
Q	L	325	Page			22								
Q	V	305	Coleman			23								
C	W	501	Subletary			23								
C	B	223	Potter			23								
●	O	416	Knoblock			23								
C	D	286	Bauman			24								
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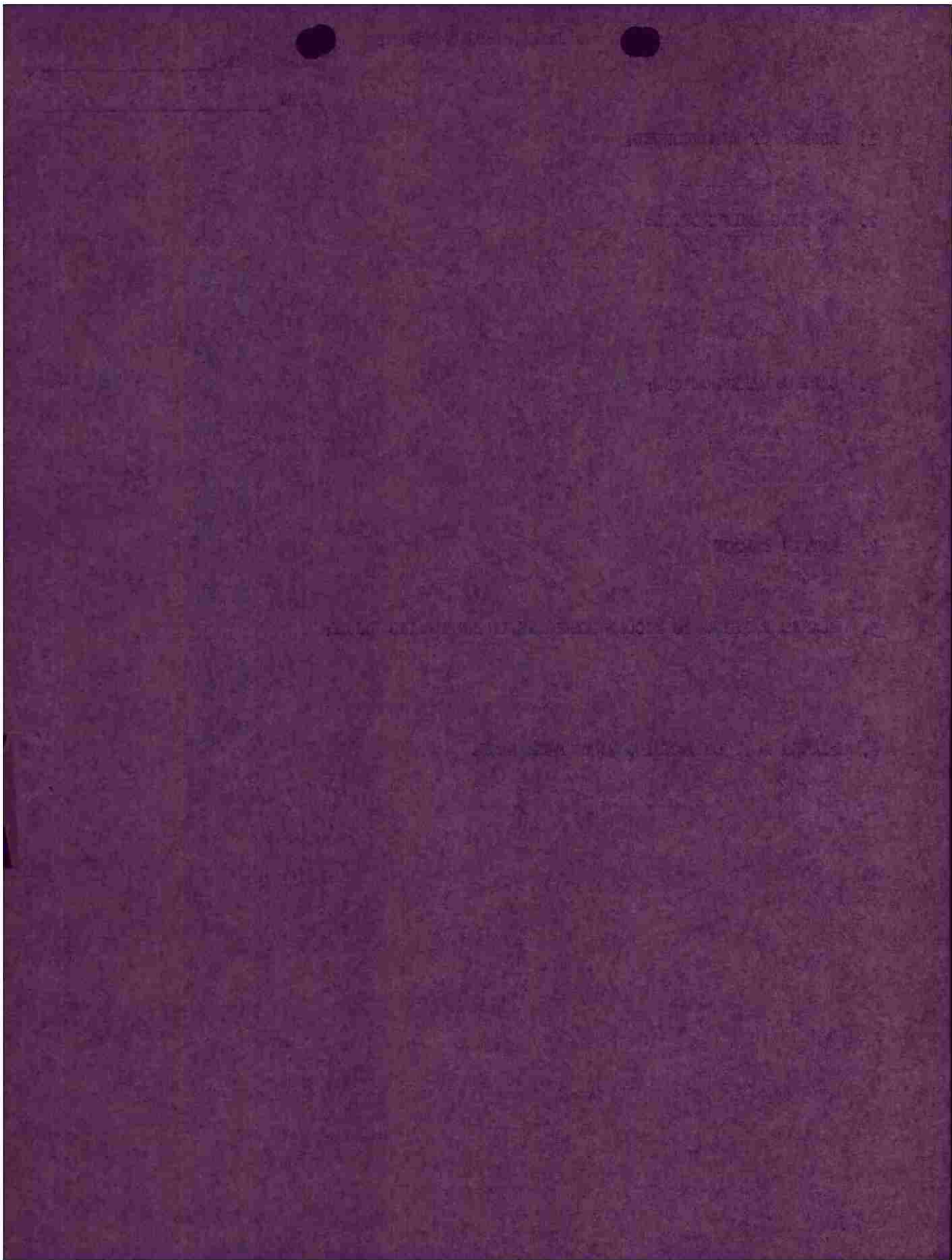
- ## 2. MOVING MALFUNCTIONS:

2. CAMERA MALFUNCTIONS:

- #### II. BATTLE DAMAGE

5. PLANES FAILING TO RECOGE AIRBORNE OR RETURNING EARLY:

6. PLANES LOST OR LANDING AWAY FROM BASE.



SECRET

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416th Bomb Co (21)

65 FEB 1945 - FD 177-164

Target: hospitals food & drink trans

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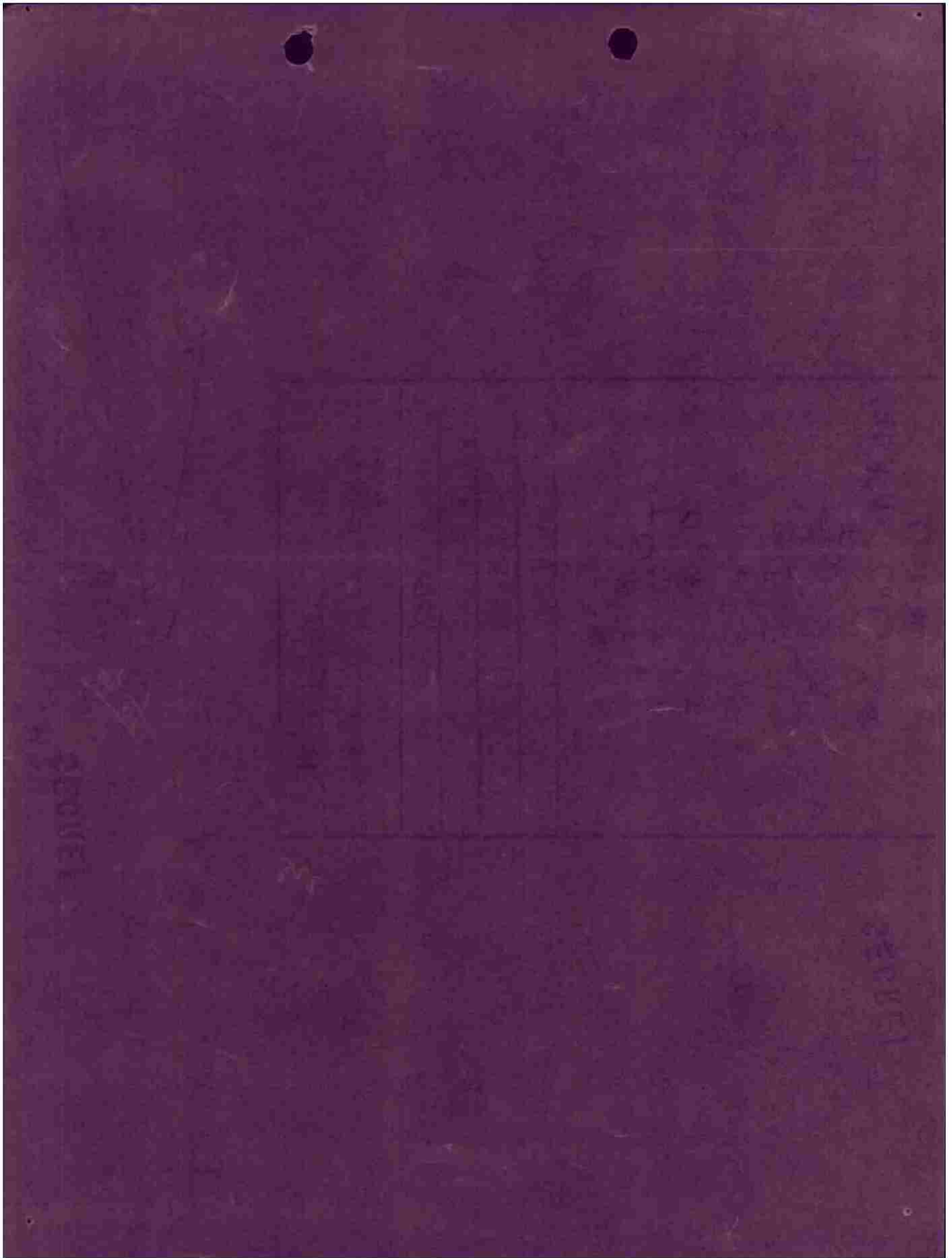
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Cat. A-⑦ Cat. "A0"-②

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FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

PRIORITY

TO : 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) (INFO COPY)
97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) (INFO COPY)
COMMANDING OFFICER, 1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (PROV.)

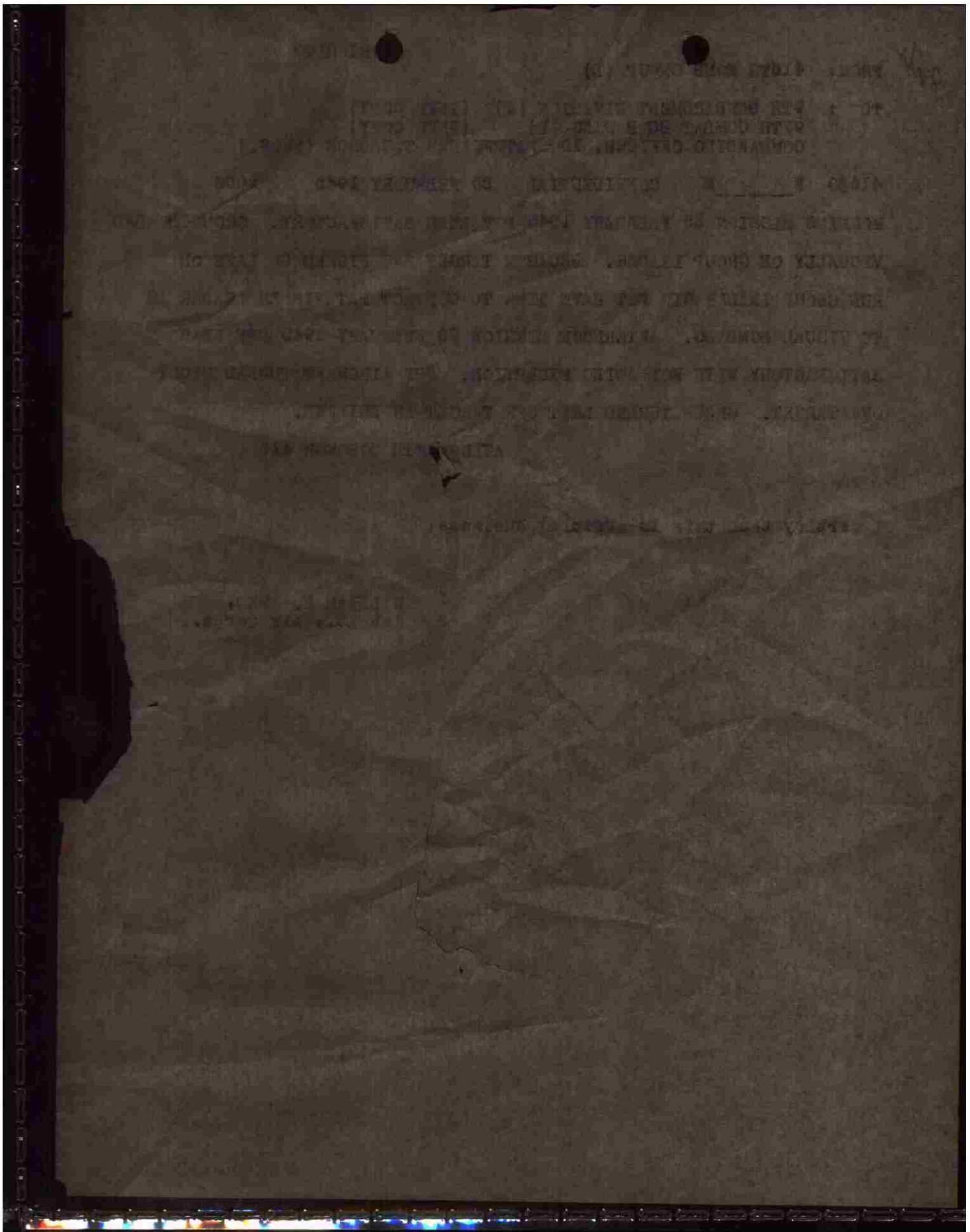
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MORNING MISSION 25 FEBRUARY 1945 PPF LEAD SATISFACTORY. GROUP BOMBED VISUALLY ON GROUP LEADER. BECAUSE TARGET WAS PICKED UP LATE ON RUN GROUP LEADER DID NOT HAVE TIME TO CONTACT PATHFINDER LEADER AS TO VISUAL BOMBING. AFTERNOON MISSION 25 FEBRUARY 1945 PPF LEAD SATISFACTORY WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTION. PPF AIRCRAFT TURNED RIGHT OFF TARGET. GROUP TURNED LEFT OFF TARGET AS BRIEFED.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

WILLIAM H. AMES,
1st Lt., Air Corps.



PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)
97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)ATTN: RADAR OFFICER
(INFO COPY)

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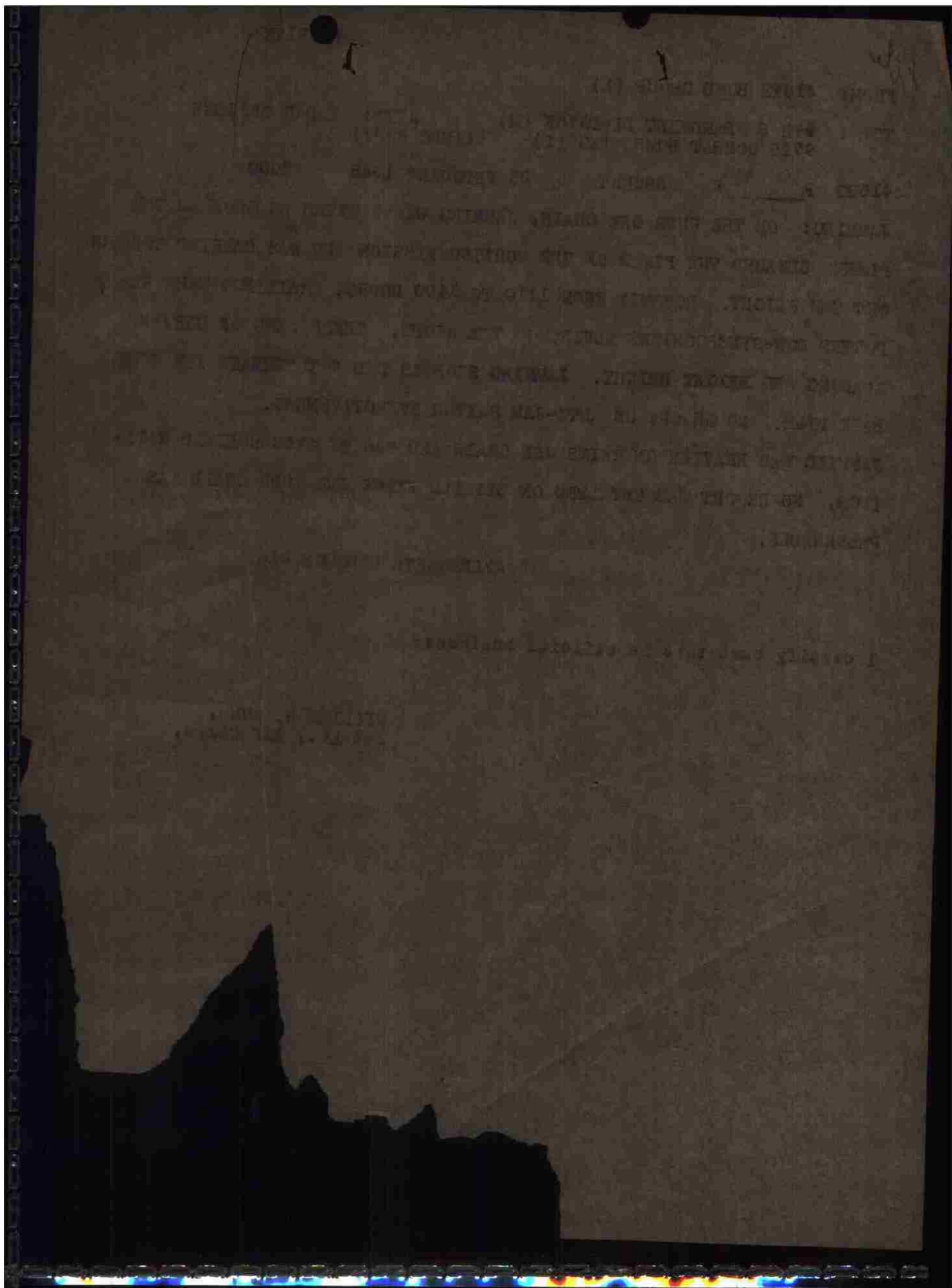
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JAMMING: ON THE RUHR GEE CHAIN, JAMMING WAS NOTICED AS SOON AS THE PLANES CLEARED THE FIELD ON THE MORNING MISSION AND WAS CARRIED THROUGH OUT THE FLIGHT. ROUGHLY FROM 1110 TO 1400 HOURS. RAILINGS WERE REPORTED NON-SYNCHRONIZED MOVING TO THE RIGHT. THESE WERE OF UNEVEN SPACING AND UNIFORM HEIGHT. JAMMING SIGNALS DID NOT "BREAK" THE TIME BASE LINE. NO REPORT ON ANTI-JAM SWITCH EFFECTIVENESS. JAMMING WAS HEAVIER ON REIMS GEE CHAIN AND WAS OF SYNCHRONIZED RAILINGS. NO REPORT WAS OBTAINED ON DETAILS SINCE THE RUHR CHAIN WAS PREFERABLE.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

WILLIAM H. AMES,
1st Lt., Air Corps.



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 11/25 P P

FROM COMMANDING OFFICER, 416TH BOMB GROUP 25/1442A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER.
COMCBTWIG 97TH (INFO)

BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416TH BG FAX-231-J PERIOD

A. YS - 41

B. 25 FEBRUARY 1945 (1207-1207)

C. E-EASY REPORTED OPERATIONS COMPLETED TO PARADE. R-ROGER OK TO PARADE.

D. PPF MISSION

E. NONE

F. NONE

G. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. NONE

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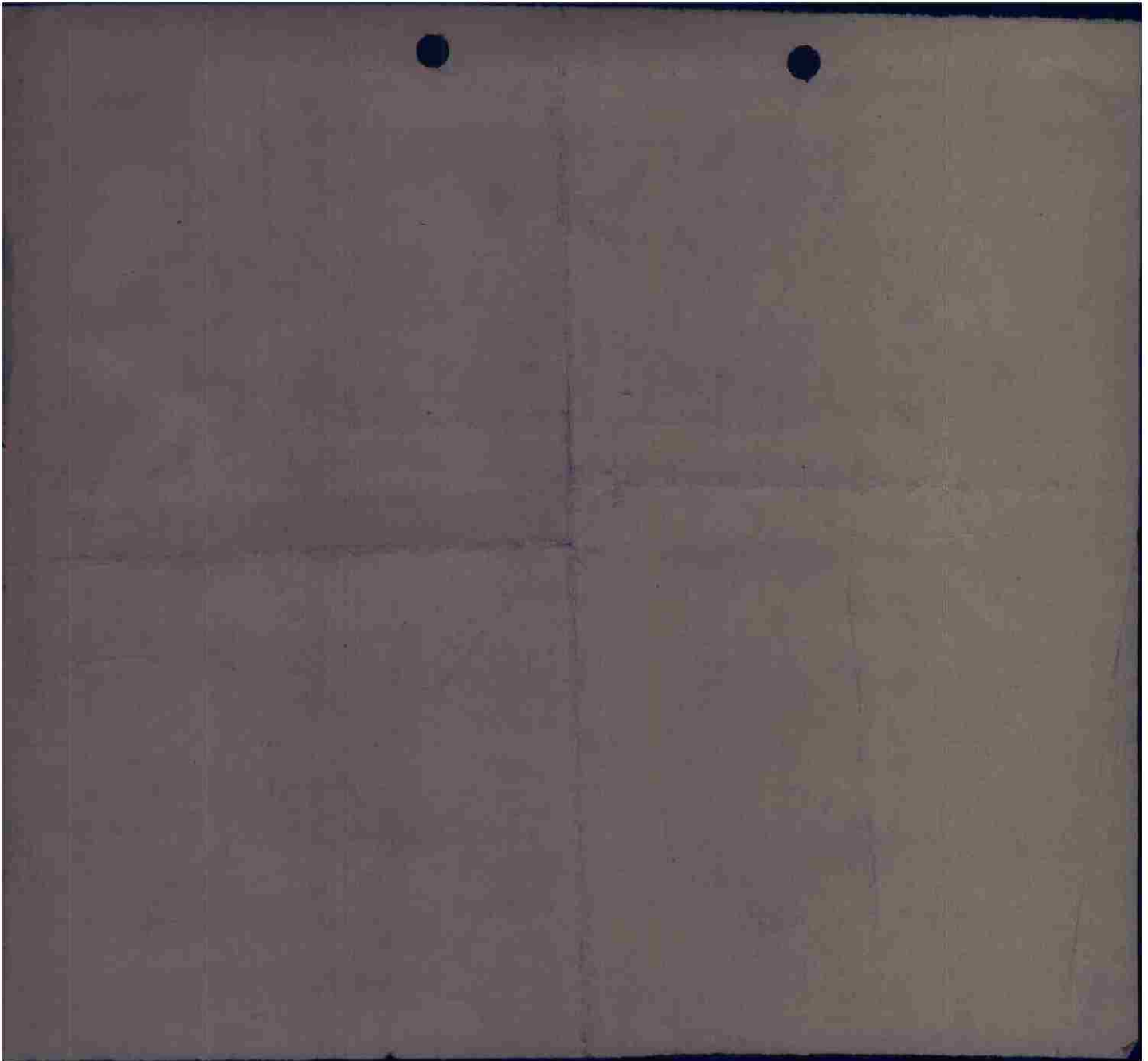
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ITA JES JKI JPO JJF V JEA JEA 03/25 OP OP
T (ITA T JJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 25/0150A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGRPS 409, 410 (INFO), 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

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

F-214-E

FIELD ORDER NO. 179-764

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY

PLAN "A" ZERO HOUR 25/1000A
PLAN "B" ZERO HOUR 25/1000A

PLAN "A"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) GREVENBROICH (MARSHALLING YARD) F-190780
- (2) MAX. EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C
- (4) BASE TO K-8554 TO IP TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO RP AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE
- (6) BOMB AT 13,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET.
- (7) K-9765
- (8) GEN. S W TO N E
- (9) MPI: MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4905 COVER MARSHALLING YARD FROM 19007765 TO 19207745
- (10) 8 X 500 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) K-9765
- (12) TOT: ZERO PLUS 20 MIN.
- (13) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE.
- (14) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED BY VISUAL MEANS AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED

3. B. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) KERPEN ROAD JUNCTIONS (F-267529)
- (2) MAX. EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C
- (4) BASE TO K-8027 TO IP TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO RP AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE
- (6) BOMB AT 13,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING
- (7) K-9748
- (8) GEN W TO E
- (9) MPI: MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET 5106. 2 FLIGHTS ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD.: 26555273, 26595251, 26595271 AND 26805290. INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM
- (10) 8 X 500 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) K-9748
- (12) TOT: ZERO PLUS 40 MIN.
- (13) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE.
- (14) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CAN NOT BE ATTACKED BY VISUAL MEANS AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED

PLAN "B"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) GREVENBROICH MARSHALLING YARD. (F-190780)
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 12 A/C WITH 1 P P F A/C
- (3) WITH P P F A/C OVER THE FIELD
- (4) BASE TO K-4829 TO K-8835 TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO K-9765 TO K-8554 TO BASE
- (6) BOMB AT 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING WILL BE 8,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING
- (9) MPI: MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET 4905. COVER MARSHALLING YARD FROM 19007765 TO 19207840 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
P P F MPI: GRID. COORD.: 191782. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.



- (12) TOT: ZERO PLUS 40 MIN.
 (13) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE.
 (14) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB 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 GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND WILL USE K-9765 AS A VISUAL IP IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET AND P P F EQUIPMENT FAILS, AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED.

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) KERPEN - ROAD JUNCTIONS (F-267529)
 (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C WITH 1 PPF A/C
 (3) WITH PPF A/C OVER THE FIELD
 (4) BASE TO K-2249 TO K-7067 TO TARGET
 (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO K-9748 TO K-2227 TO BASE
 (6) BOMB AT 13,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 5,000 FEET DRPO 1,000 FEET. AFTER BOMBING.
 (9) MPI MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 ANEET 5106
 2 FLIGHTS ON GRID COORD 26555275
 2 FLIGHTS ON GRID COORD 26805290
 1 FLIGHT ON GRID COORD 26595261
 1 FLIGHT ON GRID COORD 26895271 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS
 1 BOX ON GRID COORD 26555275
 1 BOX ON GRID COORD 26805290 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES. PPF MPI GRID COORD 26775290
 INTERVALOMETER SETTING 30 FEET
 (10) 5 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 55 MIN.
 (13) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE.
 (14) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB 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, GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND WILL USE K-9748 AS A VISUAL IP. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET AND PPF EQUIPMENT FAILS AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 416TH BOMB GROUP (190750)

- (2) BREWER
 (4) SWEEPSTAKES

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP (267529)

- (2) FATHER
 (4) SWEEPSTAKES

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- (11) ON PLAN "A" BREWER LEADER CALL FLYPAPER ON "C" 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO REACHING TROOP LINE ADVISING HOW MUCH EARLY OR LATE. ALSO CALL FLYPAPER WHEN LEAVING TARGET REPORTING COMPLETED OPS.
 ON PLAN "A" FATHER LEADER CALL HUNTER ON "C" 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO REACHING TROOP LINE ADVISING HOW MUCH EARLY OR LATE. ALSO CALL HUNTER WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA REPORTING COMPLETED OPS.
 ON PLAN "B" BREWER LEADER CALL CANAL ON "C" 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO REACHING TROOP LINE ADVISING HOW MUCH EARLY OR LATE. ONE MINUTE BEFORE T.O.T. BREWER LEADER CONTACT FLYPAPER AND REPORT LEAVING TARGET.
 ON PLAN "B" FATHER LEADER CALL CANAL ON "C" 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO REACHING TROOP LINE AND ADVISE HOW MUCH EARLY OR LATE. FATHER LEADER CONTACT HUNTER ON "C" ONE MINUTE BEFORE T.O.T. AND REPORT LEAVING TARGET.

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CC: UNDER 3. B. 416TH BOMB GROUP MAKE THE W A 5,000 FEET READ DROP RPT DROP IN 3. B. (6) ALSO IN (9) MAKE THE W A 4414 READ SHEET RPT SHEET

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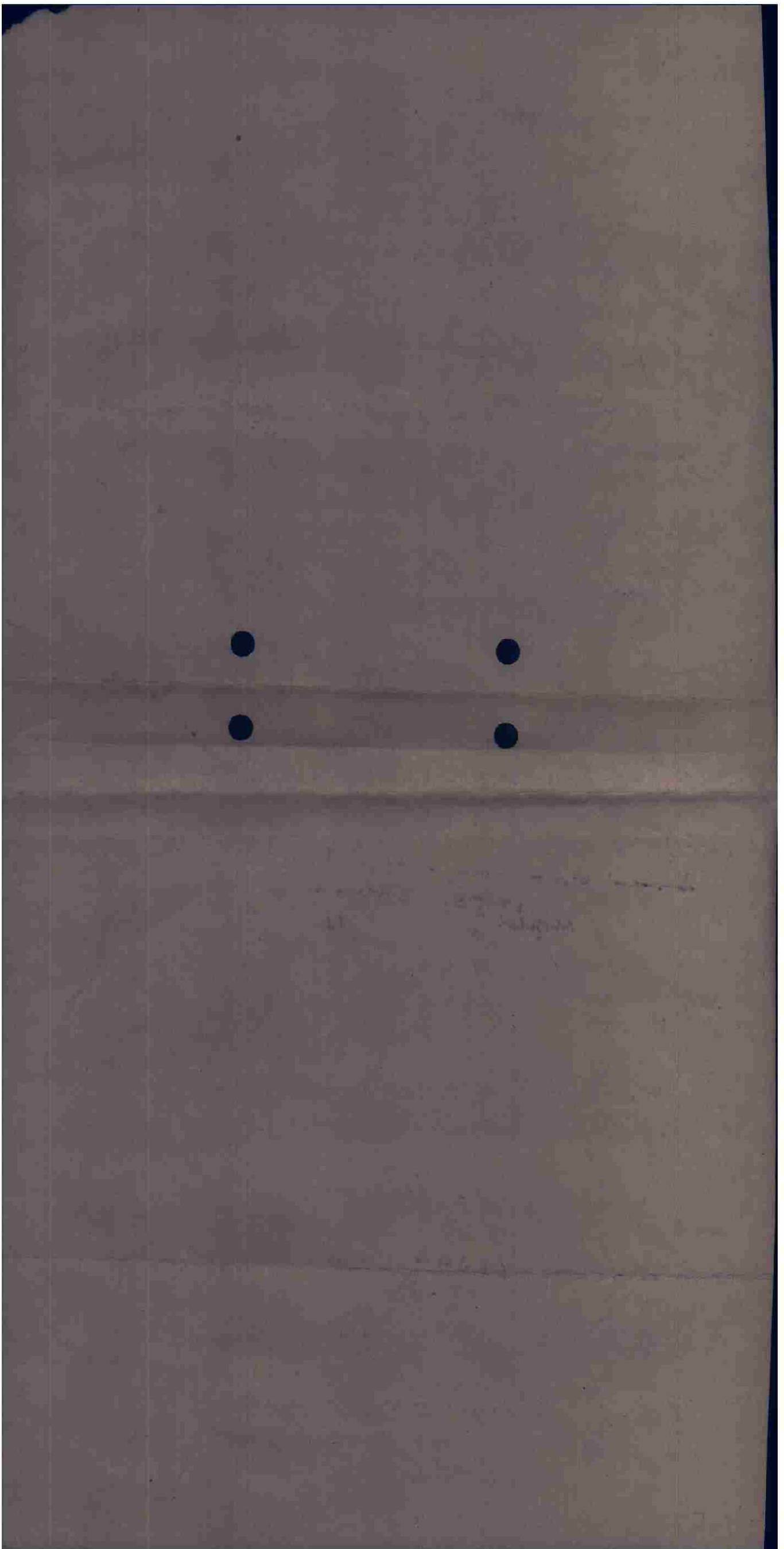
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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 25/0110A
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416TH BOMB GROUP
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
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25 FEBRUARY 1945

F-213-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 2 FIELD ORDER NO. 179-76A

1. TARGET: KERPEN (TOWN) AT F-267522. MPI ARE ROAD JUNCTIONS AT F-26555275, 26595261, 26895271, AND 26895298. UNDER PLAN "B", THE P P F MPI IS F-26775290, AND IF VISUAL THE 416 WILL PUT A BOX EACH ON THE FIRST AND FOURTH ROAD JUNCTION.

2. PHOTO COVERAGE:

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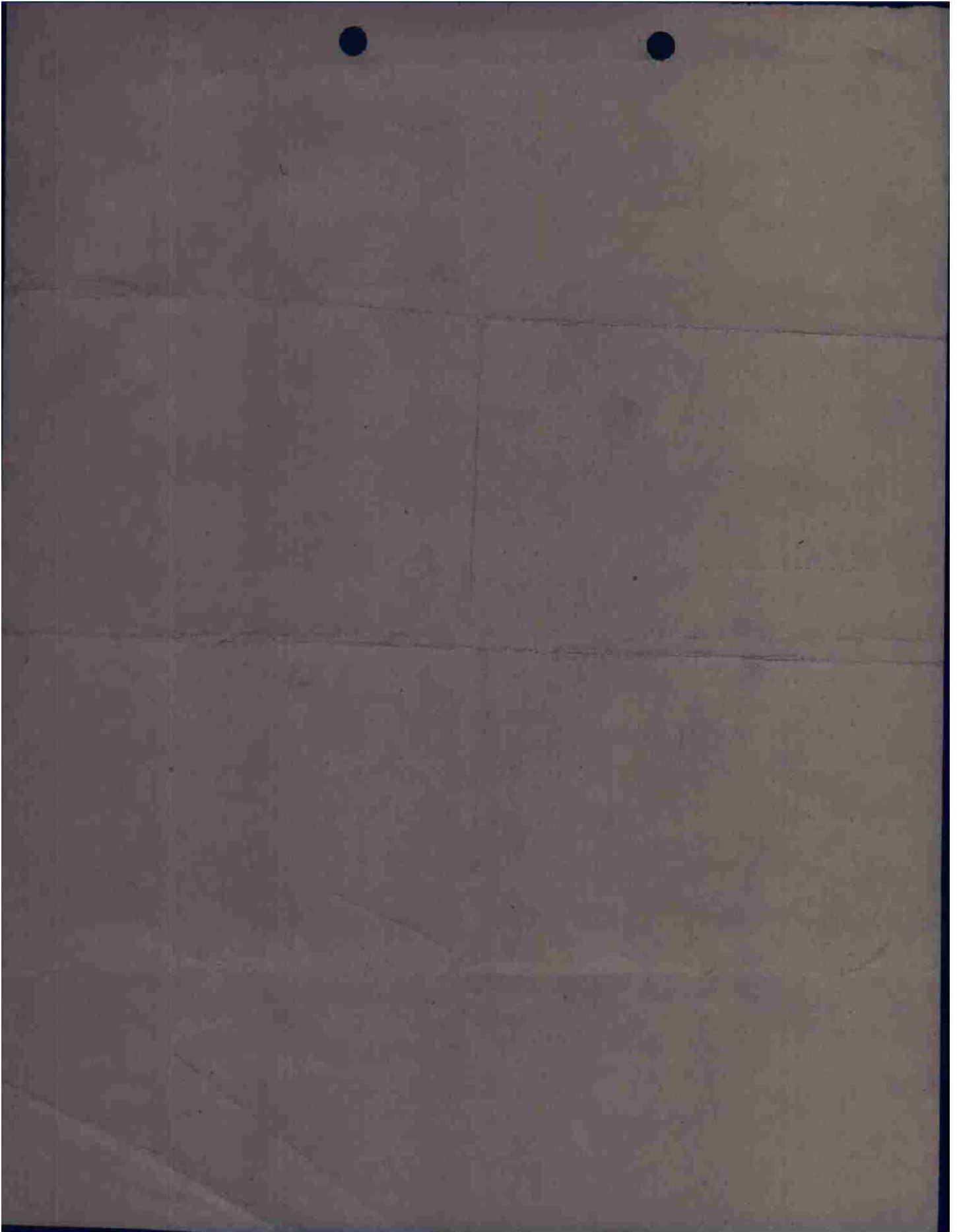
MAP COVERAGE:

CGGS 4414 SHEET 5106

3. TARGET IS ABOUT FOR AND THREE QUARTERS MILES EAST OF BOMBLINE (CHANGE ONE TO BOMBLINE NO. 162) AT ITS NEAREST POINT. THIS TARGET IS ABOUT NINE MILES EAST OF TROOP LINE (241600) AT ITS NEAREST POINT.
4. THE TARGET IS A DEFENDED VILLAGE AND A COMMUNICATIONS CENTER WHICH LIES IN THE PATH OF THE US 194TH INFANTRY DIVISION. THE ROAD JUNCTIONS ARE BEING HIT TO PREVENT ANY MOVEMENT THROUGH THIS TOWN, WHICH LIES ON THE DUREN-KOLN HIGHWAY. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE ENEMY WILL BE FORCED TO MOVE REINFORCEMENTS FROM SOUTH OF THE PRESENT BATTLE AREA.
5. THIS IS A CLOSE SUPPORT OPERATION AND EVERY EFFORT WILL BE USED TO IDENTIFY TARGET, IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST.
6. FLAK: SEE PLOTTED POSITIONS. THERE WILL BE COUNTER BATTERY FIRE ON BOTH PLANS. CLOUD CONDITIONS AND GROUND ACTIVITY WILL DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF FLAK ENCOUNTERED, PROBABLY.

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FROM COBOMGR 416 25/1800A

TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER
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A - YS - 42

B - 25 FEB 45 (1536-1722)

C - V-VICTOR AND P-PETER REPORTED COMPLETION OF OPS TO PARADE.

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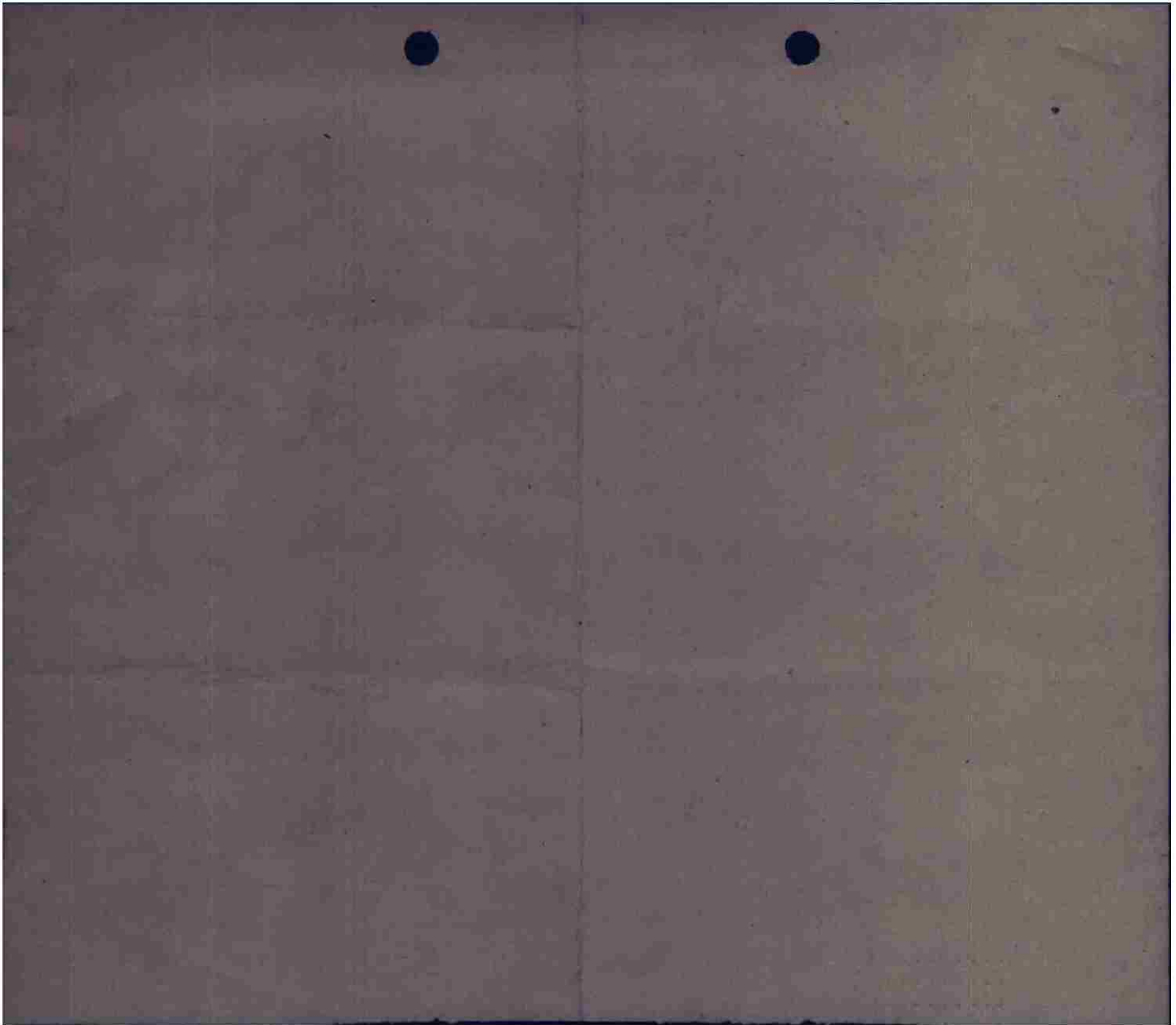
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