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LOADING LIST

26 FEBRUARY 1945

BOX I
FLIGHT I

1. 421 N
Lt. Col. J.C. Napier ✓
Lt. D.L. Moore ✓
Lt. R.J. McGuire ✓
S/S R.W. Carstens ✓

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

3. 325 E
Lt. G.S. Jordan ✓
S/S R.F. Jensen ✓

4. 214 H
Lt. J.F. Allen ✓
S/S L.R. Gatson ✓

5. 271 R
Lt. A.W. Danner ✓
Sgt R.H. Gillispies ✓

6. 252 D
Lt. E.J. Renth ✓
Sgt E.R. Brinkman ✓

FLIGHT II

1. 499 G
Lt. J.A. Bushkirk ✓
Lt. R.C. Hanna ✓
S/S C.H. Corbitt ✓

2. 356 O
Lt. J.W. Spires ✓
Sgt R.W. Messinger ✓

3. 300 K
Lt. E.M. Van Noorden ✓
S/Sgt R.L. Steffey ✓

4. 209 M
Lt. T.J. Murray ✓
S/S C.E. Swank ✓

5. 239 N
Capt. S.M. Hixon ✓
S/S A.P. Hinson ✓

6. 322 F
Lt. A.E. Plivko ✓
Sgt L.J. Farmer ✓

FLIGHT III

1. 490 X
Lt. J.J. Lackovich ✓
Lt. R.C. Blair ✓
Pvt R.M. Barry ✓

2. 250 A
Lt. A. Pomszewski ✓
S/S J.H. Liguaz ✓

3. 224 S
Lt. D.L. Withington ✓
S/S I.D. McWhatten ✓

4. 307 N
Lt. A.E. Heimer ✓
S/S R.G. Schrott ✓

5. 330 P
Capt. L.C. Nielsen ✓
Pvt E.R. Elliott ✓

6. 215 F
Lt. L.W. Eastrom ✓
Sgt P.A. Pompe ✓

SPARE

4. 416 O
Lt. M. Errotabere ✓
Sgt P.H. Lynch ✓

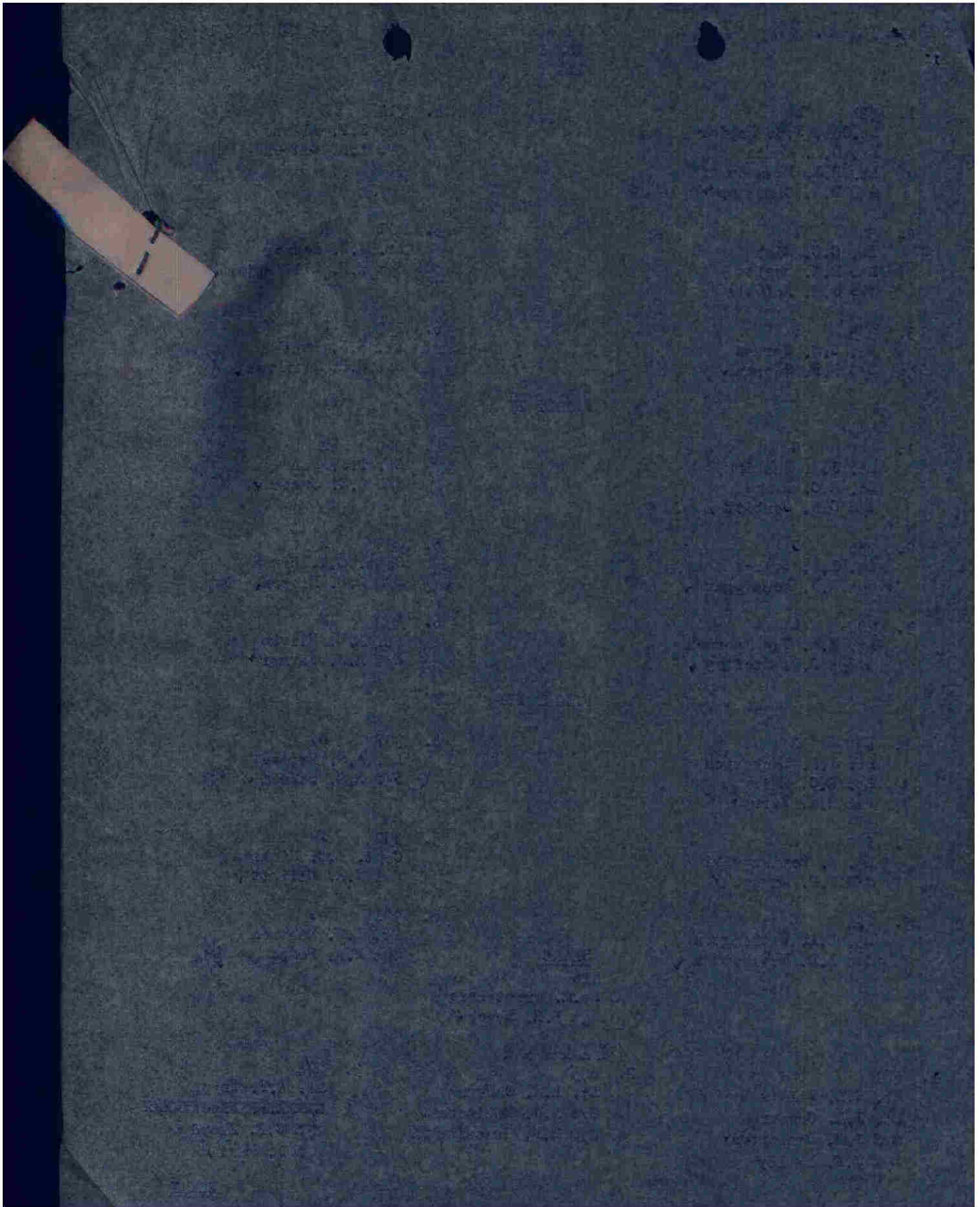
MINDON

1. 481 F
Lt. E.L. Miller ✓
Lt. J.E. Conner ✓
S/S J.M. Pemberton ✓
S/S J.F. Malloy ✓

2. 495 G
Lt. L.E. Cannon ✓
S/S J.F. Robinson ✓
S/S E.F. Brzezinski ✓

3. 274 S
Lt. W.F. Trimp ✓
S/S C.F. Floyd ✓
S/S J. Mori ✓

BOX I



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BOX II
FLIGHT I

1. 492 S
Capt. B.D. Stebbins
Lt. A.S. Calloway
Lt. G.G. Johnson
S/S W.J. Brown

2. 503 X
Lt. F.S. Brewster
Lt. L.W. Dennis
Sgt I. Tornea

3. 229 E
Lt. D.O. Turner
S/S M.R. Reyes

4. 354 S
Capt. R.L. Mullner
S/S W.W. Donnelly

5. 344 C
F/O F.W. Swap
Sgt N. Melinitole

6. 320 S
Lt. J.A. Willard
Sgt C.V. Hicken

FLIGHT II

1. 501 W
Lt. R.B. Singletary
Lt. A.E. Rosenquist
S/S H.C. Wiggins

2. 505 Y
Lt. D. Grunig
Sgt H.C. Nosowinski
Lt. E.C. Morris

3. 2315 L
Lt. R.S. Bower
Sgt G.B. Ramey

4. 286 D
Lt. P.F. Maransky
Pvt E.R. Wilson

5. 334 G
Capt. H.W. Borman
Pfc D.O. Finnell

6. 215 R
Lt. W.D. Chitty
Sgt V.B. Reccio

FLIGHT III

1. 523 N
Capt. H.M. Evans
Lt. D.M. McCartney
Sgt R.F. Windisch

2. 385 D
Lt. J.H. McIntosh
S/S J.W. Teikel

3. 213 A
Lt. T.D. McGready
S/S W.E. Lamonde

4. 305 U
Lt. J.E. Gelanitt
S/S D.W. Jordan

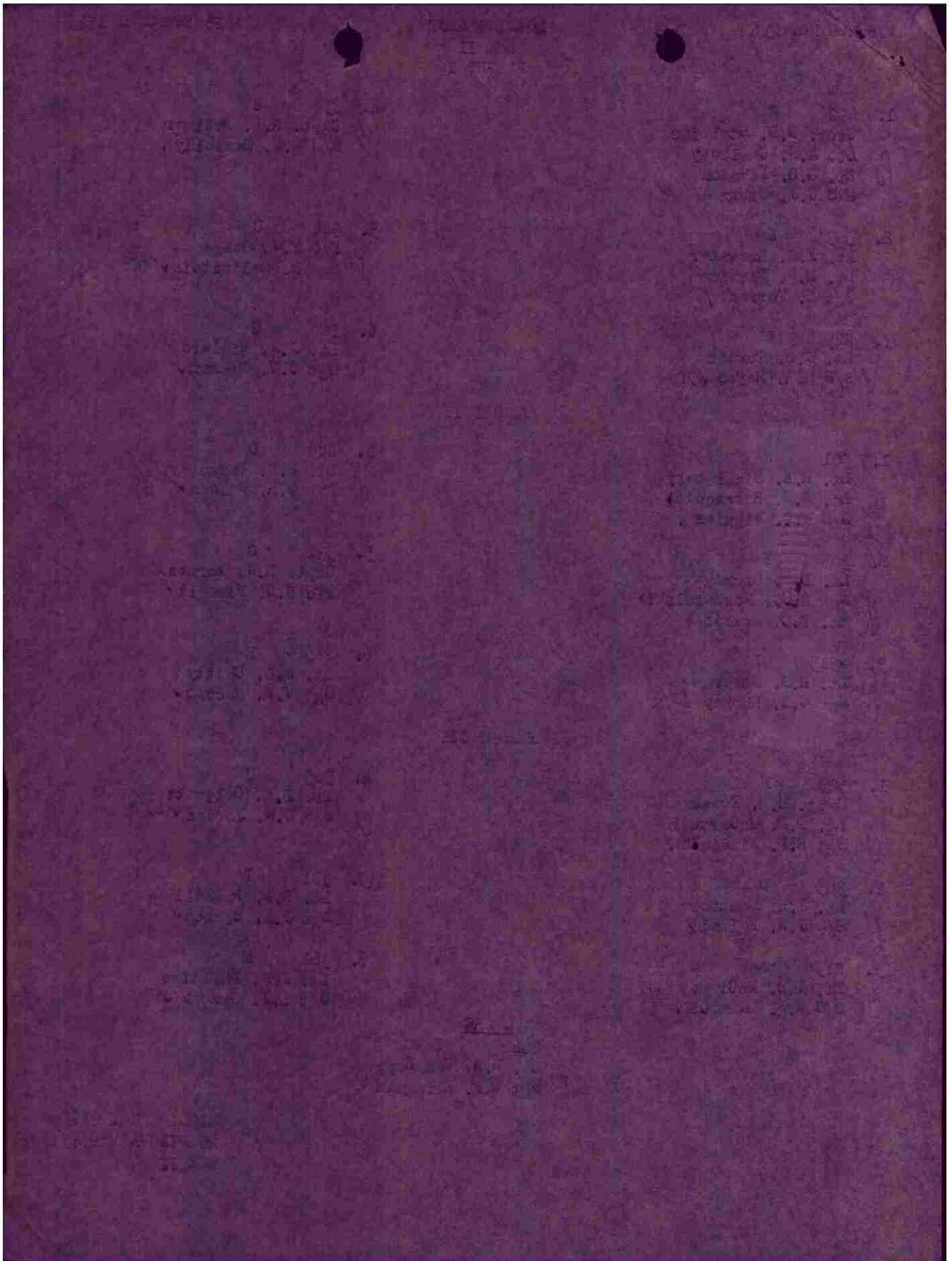
5. 321 T
Lt. R.A. Russell
Sgt J.I. Spence

6. 361 M
Lt. J.P. Phillips
Sgt L.J. Greene

SPARE

214 I
Lt. R.W. Van Rop
Sgt W.H. Klingman

MISSION NO. 216
26 FEBRUARY 1945
BOX II



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HEADQUARTERS
418TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

B-M-1

AFG 140, U.S. Army,
28 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. 1824, Sinderf Road Junction, P.O. 131-736

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 41-39229
(Lt D.O. Turner)

Station No 1A released just before target when pilot turned on the bomb circuit main power. All other bombs released at target correctly.

Investigation failed to reveal the exact cause, however it is believed that the discharging relay closed prematurely in the intervalometer through vibration and incorrect adjustment on the relay, or the pilot accidentally depressed the release button at the time he reached down to turn on the bomb master switch. This would allow the intervalometer to release only one station since it had not had time to warm up.

V. 43-22307
(Lt A.E. Herran)

Left engine cut out during flight at bombing altitude.

Pilot reported his left engine cut out at bombing altitude while he was using 2300 RPM and about 30" Hg manifold pressure. The engine caught again and he continued on his mission with no further trouble. The engine was thoroughly ground checked under high power operation and no malfunction could be found. It is believed that a few drops of water passed through the discharge nozzle or a piece of foreign matter momentarily restricted the fuel flow to the engine.

- VI. 1 - 3:50 - 580
2 - 3:50 - 728
3 - 3:50 - 645
4 - 3:50 - 450
5 - 3:50 - 700
6 - 3:50 - 550
1 - 3:50 - 600
2 - 3:50 - 550
3 - 3:55 - 690
4 - 3:50 - 350
5 - 3:50 - 688
6 - 3:50 - 780
W - 2:25 - 425
W - 2:25 - 575

- 1 - 3:55 - 600
2 - 3:50 - 650
3 - 3:55 - 620
4 - 4:00 - 540
5 - 3:50 - 650
6 - 3:55 - 725
8 - 3:45 - 625
1 - 3:15 - 410
2 - 3:25 - 600
3 - 3:25 - 520
4 - 3:25 - 450
5 - 3:10 - 450
6 - 3:55 - 625
W - 2:25 - 425

- 1 - 3:20 - 500
2 - 4:25 - 620
3 - 4:20 - 600
4 - 4:20 - 510
5 - 4:10 - 700
6 - 4:10 - 570
1 - 4:10 - 500
2 - 4:10 - 609
3 - 4:10 - 600
4 - 4:10 - 670
5 - 4:10 - 500
6 - 4:20 - 600
3 - 4:20 - 500

VII. None.

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

POST MISSION REPORT

MISSION NO.

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DATE

26 Feb. 1945

1. NUMBER OF MEN WOUNDED:

None

2. BURNING ALLEGATIONS:

None

3. OTHER ALLEGATIONS:

None

4. BATTLE DAMAGE:

None

5. PLANE FAILING TO ESCAPE AIRCRAFT OR RETURNING EARLY:

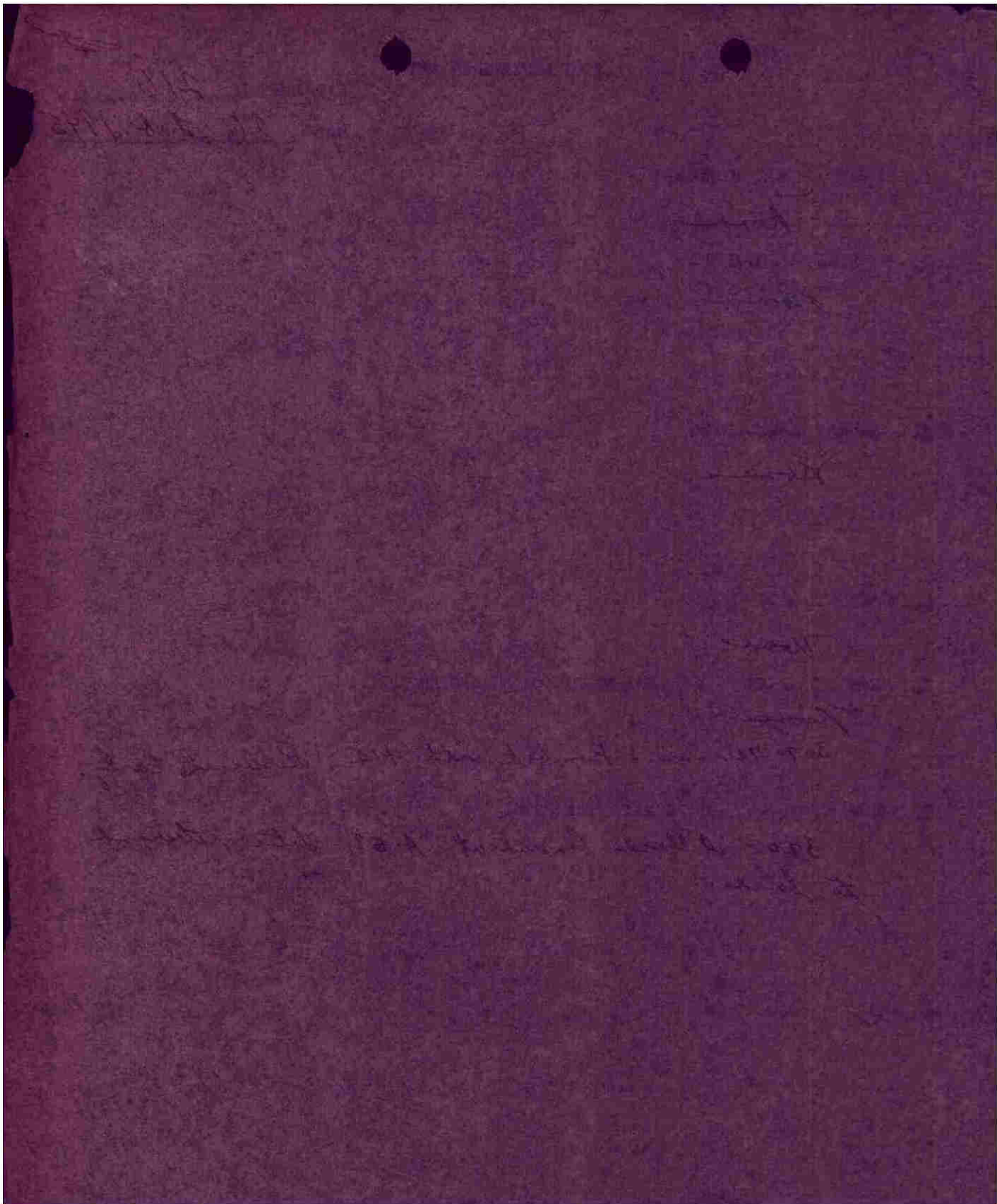
None.

307 - Whisman - Bombed with 410. - Returned Early.

6. PLANE LOST ON LANDING AREA FIRE BASE:

320 - Willard Landed at A-58. Later returned to base.

M/Sgt. C. R. Young

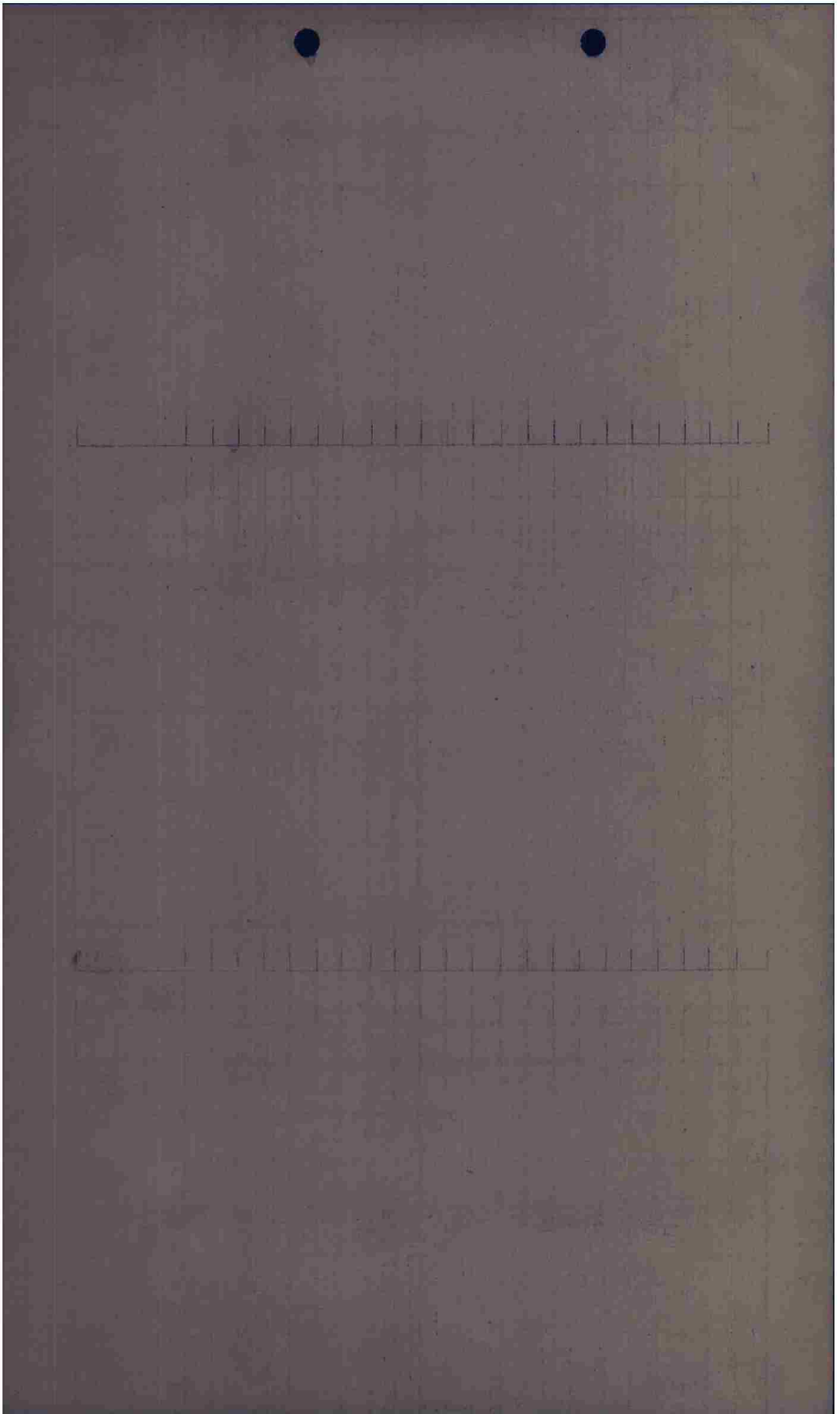


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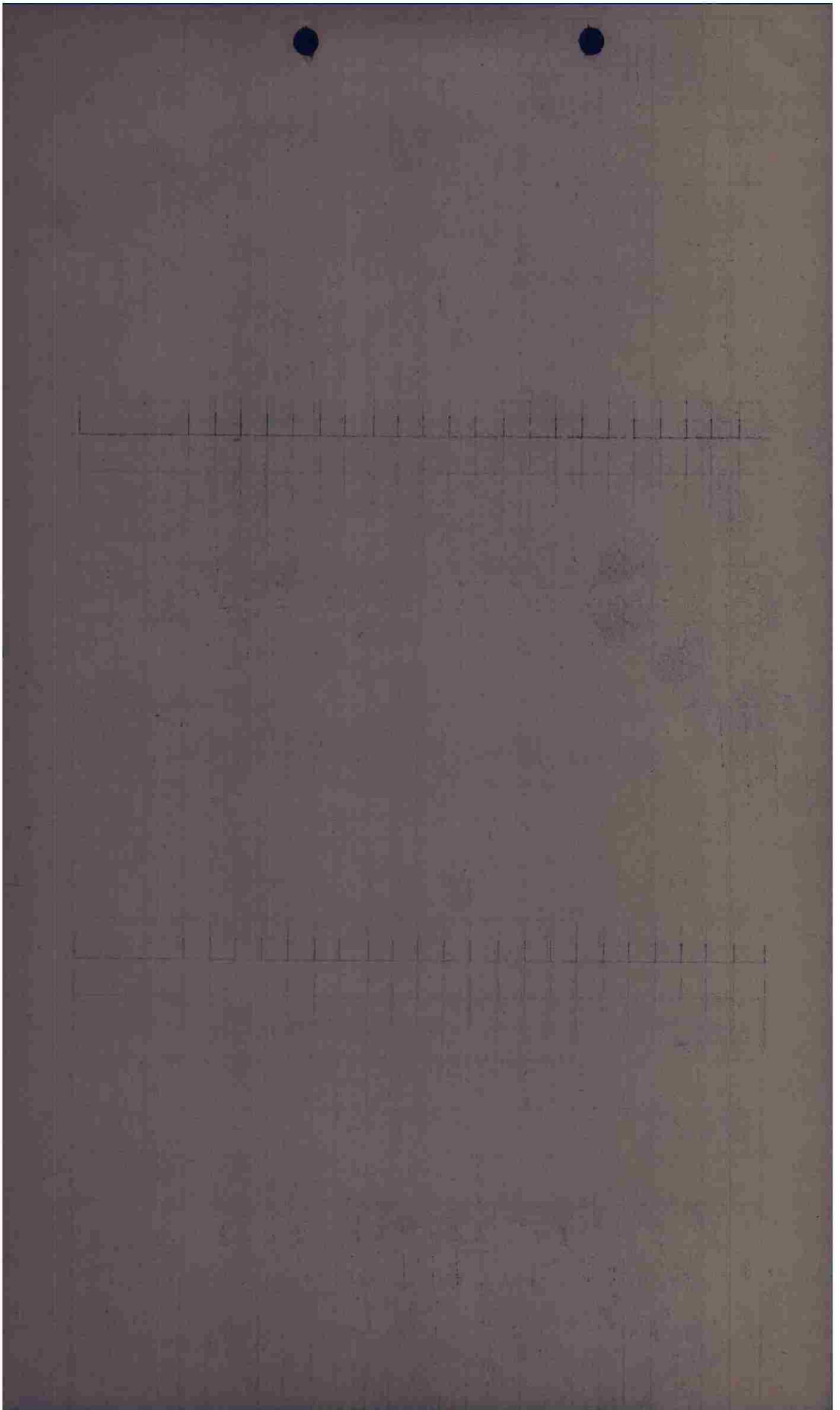
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26 Feb 1945

S	A	A	PILOT	D	TARGET	A	ENG.	ENEMY	T	ENEMY	ENG.	C	F	B	E	L	R
Q	/	/		I		T	COAST	COAST	O	COAST	COAST	A	U	O	N	A	E
D	C	C		S		A	OUT	IN		OUT	IN	M	L	M	D	T	M
N	LTR	NO.		T								R	A	A	R	I	K
15	N	521	Prapine													1610	3.50
16	Z	508	Prapine													1611	3.50
17	L	314	Prapine													1612	3.50
18	H	314	Prapine													1613	3.50
19	R	271	Prapine													1614	3.50
20	D	252	Prapine													1615	3.50
21	G	499	Prapine													1616	3.50
22	C	356	Prapine													1617	3.50
23	K	300	Prapine													1618	3.50
24	M	209	Prapine													1619	3.50
25	N	239	Prapine													1620	3.50
26	P	332	Prapine													1621	3.50
27	X	490	Prapine													1622	3.50
28	A	350	Prapine													1623	3.50
29	E	224	Prapine													1624	3.50
30	N	307	Prapine													1625	3.50
31	P	330	Prapine													1626	3.50
32	F	9315	Prapine													1627	3.50
33	O	416	Prapine													1628	3.50



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ITA JEA V JKI 15/26 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 26/1858A
 TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION (M) ATT: A-2
 CG, 97TH COMBOMB BOMB WING (L) ATT: A-2
 CONFIDENTIAL BT
 FAX-162-D

OPFLASH FOR 26 FEBRUARY 1945

- A. 416 BOMB GROUP
- B. SINDORF ROAD JUNCTIONS (F-253572)
- C. 41 A-26'S (INCLUDING 3 A/C CARRYING WINDOW ONLY)
- D. 36 A-26'S ATTACKED ~~XXXXXXXX~~ SECONDARY TARGET (MUNSTEREIFEL).
 A/C OF BOX TWO BOMBED SECONDARY TARGET USING GEE EQUIPMENT. BOX ONE
 WAS VECTORED ON TO TARGET BY ROSELEE. GEE EQUIPMENT WAS
 INOPERATIVE. BOX LEADER CALLED PARADE AND WAS INSTRUCTED TO
 CALL SWEEPSTAKES. ROSELEE ACKNOWLEDGED THE CALL AND VECTORED
 THE FORMATION ON TO TARGET. THESE ALTERNATIVE BOMBING METHODS USED
 WHEN PPF A/C FAILED TO RELEASE. BOX LEADER WAS INFORMED
 BY PILOT OF PPF A/C THAT HE COULD NOT RELEASE HIS BOMBS.
- I A/C BOMBED WITH ~~XXXXXXXX~~ 416TH BOMB GROUP. ENGINE TROUBLE FORCED
 A/C OUT OF FORMATION NEAR THE IP. AFTER COMING OUT THROUGH
 CLOUD COVER THE PILOT SAW THE 416TH BOMB GROUP FORMATION AND BOMBED
 WITH THEM. BOMBED IN NUMBER EIGHT (8) POSITION; SECOND FLIGHT;
 BOX TWO (2).
- E. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ 3 A-26'S CARRIED WINDOW ONLY.
 1 A-26 INFORMATION LACKING FROM A/C WHICH HAS NOT YET RETURNED
 TO BASE.
- F. 144 X 1000 GP ON SECONDARY TARGET (MUNSTEREIFEL)
 4 X 1000 GP DROPPED WITH 416TH BOMB GROUP FORMATION.
 4 X 1000 UNACCOUNTED FOR. INFORMATION LACKING FROM A/C
 WHICH HAS NOT YET RETURNED TO BASE.
- G. UNOBSERVED. (10/10 CLOUD COVER)
- H. S1 A/C INFORMATION LACKING FROM A/C WHICH HAS NOT YET RETURNED TO
 BASE.
- I. INFORMATION LACKING FROM A/C WHICH HAS NOT YET RETURNED.
- J. NO FLAK AT TARGET OR ELSEWHERE.
- K. NIL.
- L. BOX I 11,500 FEET (SECONDARY TARGET)
 BOX II 12,500 FEET (SECONDARY TARGET)
- M. BOX I 1445 (SECONDARY TARGET)
 BOX II 1429 (SECONDARY TARGET)

BT 26/1858A

DN BBB

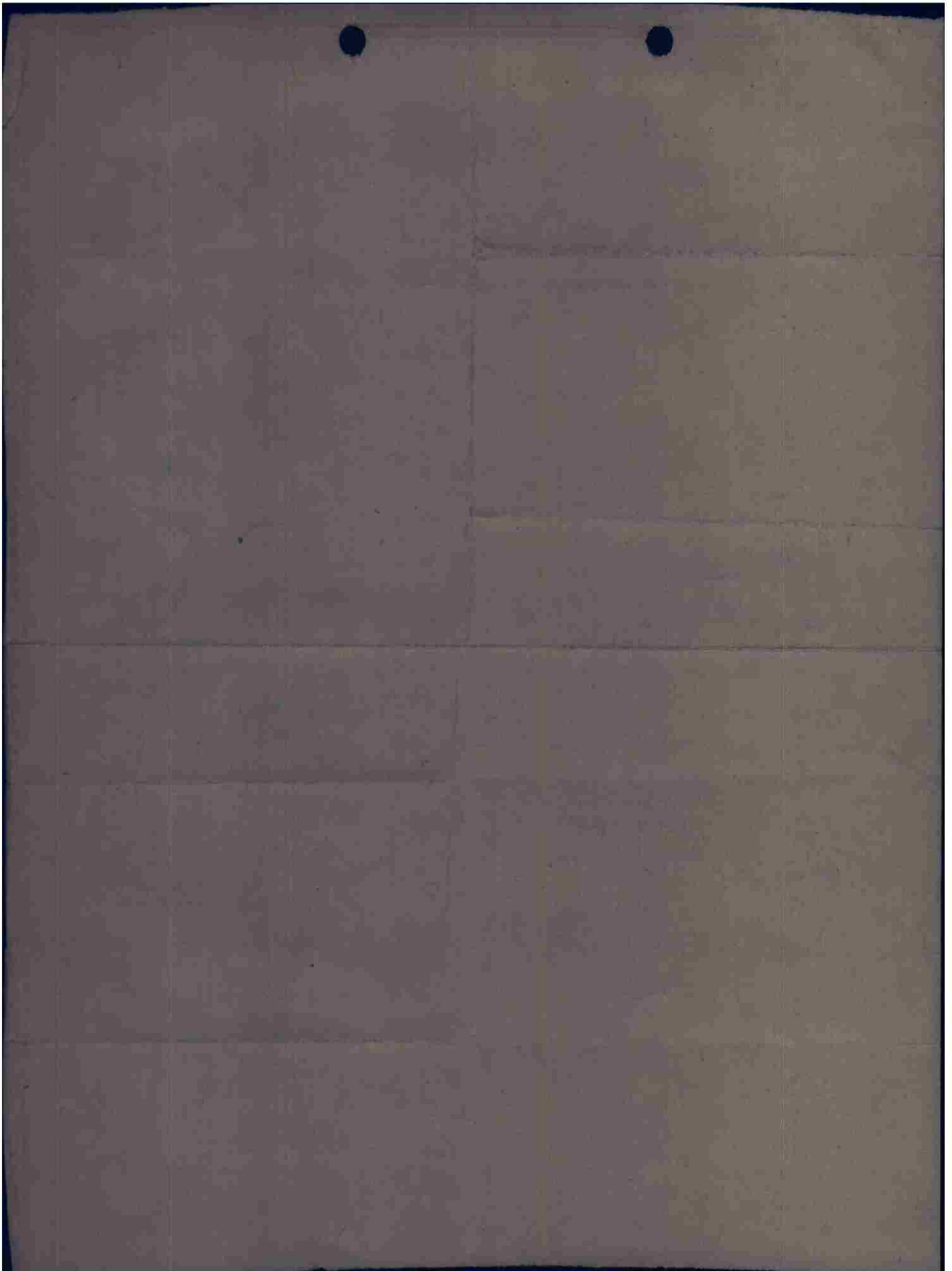
CC: PARA "F" FIRST LINE SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

F. 144 X 1000 GP ON SECONDARY TARGET ETC:

AND PARA "H" FIRST WD SHOULD BE JUST 1 REPT 1 INSTEAD OF S1

ITA R..... 26/1900A MD K

JEV R..... 26/1910A LXX LCB KK



JEA ITA V JKI 12/26 OP OP

FROM HQS 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 261740A
TO HQS 9TH BOMB DIVISION (M) APO 140, U.S. ARMY
HQs 97TH COMBAT WING APO 140 U.S. ARMY.
SECRET QOX BT
FAX 259-D

B. MUNSTEREIFEL.
J. NO PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

BT 261740A
DM BBBB
ITA R.....261830A IC K
JEA R.....261830A . LCB TIC

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ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA
TKITA PASS TO JJF)

9/26 OP OP

624 B

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 26/1815A
TO COMBOMDIV IX
CO 1ST PPF SQDN.
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416

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

97CBW F-233-E

ANNEX NO. 2 TO F.O. 181-766

CHANGE ZERO HOUR ON PLAN "B" TO READ:

ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" 26/1400A

CONCETWIG 97

BT 26/1815A
LCB AR

JES R. 26/1920A
JPO R. 26/1920A
JKI R. 26/1920A

JCN BBBBBB
DB AR
DM K

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JEA ITA V JKI 22/26 CP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 261959A
TO CG 9TH BOMB DIVISION ATT: A-2
CG 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATT: A-2
CONFIDENTIAL BT
FAX-266-D

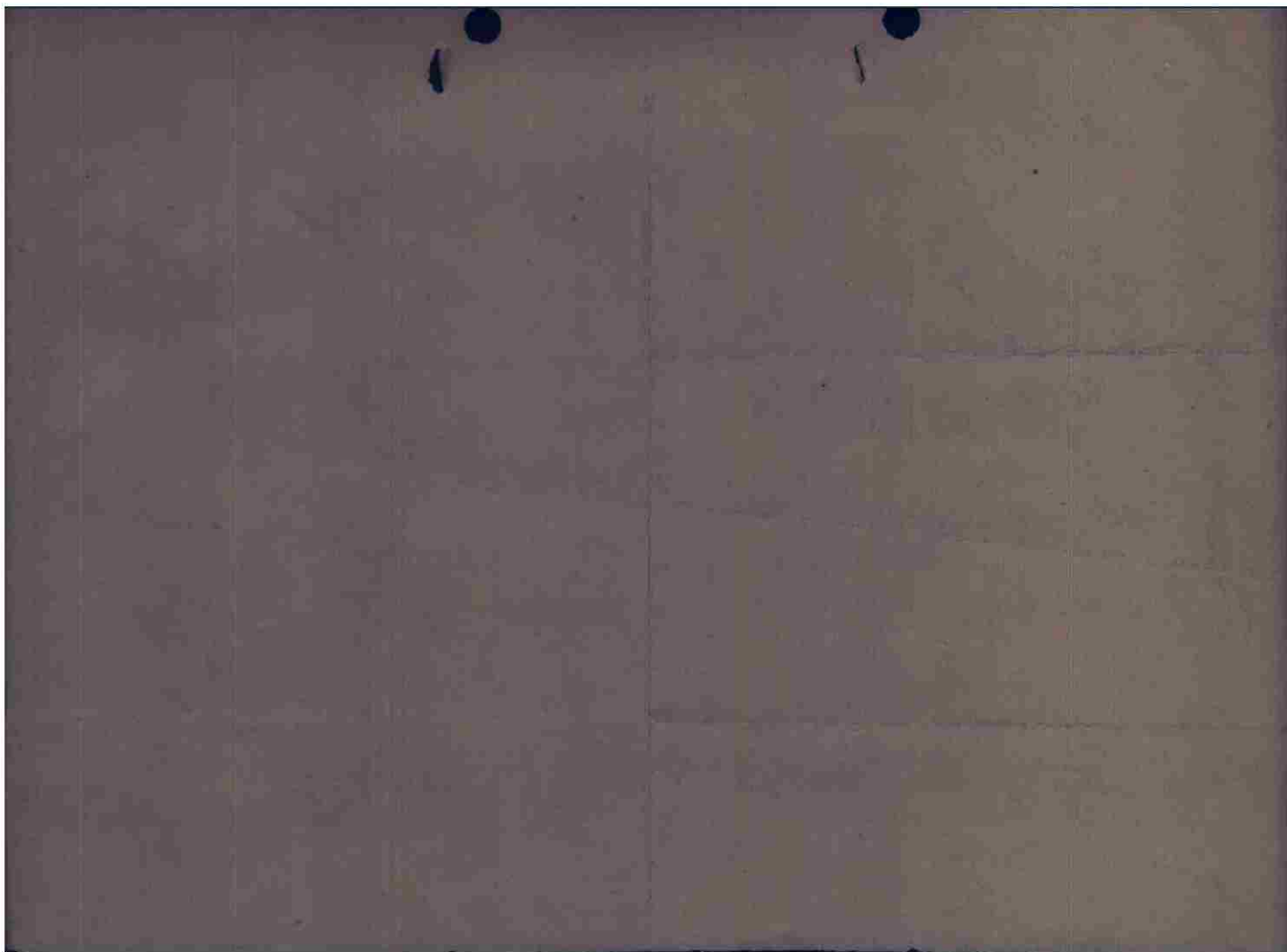
AMENDMENTS TO OPFLASH FOR 27 FEB 1945

- D. 37 A-26 A/C (BALANCE OF PARAGRAPH REMAINS SAME.)
- E. 3 A/C CARRIED WINDOW ONLY. KXXX (DELETE 1 A/C INFORMATION O LACKING.)
- F. 148 X 1000 GP ON SECONDARY (MUNSTEREIFEL)
(DELETE 4 X 1000 UNACCOUNTED FOR. INFORMATION LACKING ON A/C WHICH HAS NOT YET RETURNED FROM BASE.)
- H. NIL. (DELETE INFORMATION LACKING ON ONE A/C NOT YET RETURNED TO BASE.)
- I. NIL. (DELETE INFORMATION LACKING ONE OXXXXXX ON ONE A/C NOT YET RETURNED TO BASE)
- K. THE ONE A/C INVOLVED WAS INTERROGATED AT 1928. MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES DEVELOPED AFTER PILOT MADE DESCENT THROUGH OVERCAST. HE LANDED AT A-58 AND THEN RETURNED TO BASE.

BT 26/1959A
DM BBBBDB
AS BDB

ITA R.....26/2140A MD K
JEA R.....262125A RL AR

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ITA JES JKI JPO JJF V JEA JEA 02/26 OP OP
T (ITA T JJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 26/0515A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

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

F-227-E

ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 181-766

CANCEL PLAN "A"

PLAN "B" IN EFFECT WITH ZERO HOUR TO READ: 26/1130A

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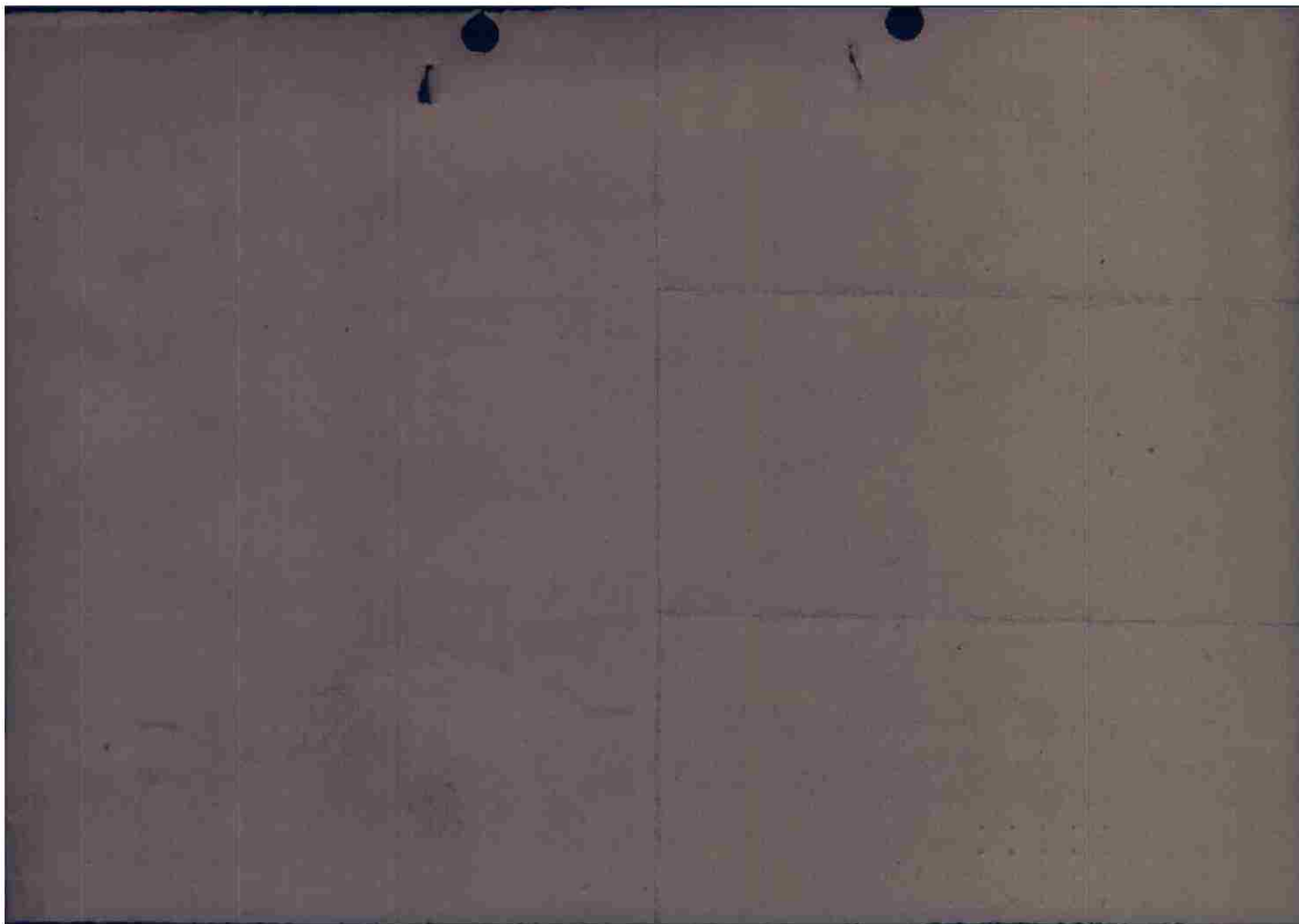
BT 26/0515A

AR
SS

ITA R	• • • • •		
JES R	• • • • •	26/0525A	JJH AR
JKI R	• • • • •	26/0525A	RSS AR
JPO R	• • • • •	26/0525A	SL AR

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JES JKI V JEA

EA

GY D

14/25 OP

OP

XFROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 25/2235A
 TO COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 416

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

97CBW F-224-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 2 FIELD ORDER NO. 181-766

1. TARGET: WICKRATH (F-074823) ROAD JUNCTIONS. SEE GROUP G.L.O. FOR TACTICAL SIGNIFICENCE.
2. PHOTO COVERAGE:
 29 TAC T/104
 US /1594 PRINT 8047
 5106E/4804
3. MAP COVERAGE:
 GSGS 4414 SHEET 4804
4. TARGET IS APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES NE OF CURRENT BOMBLINE (CHANGE 3 BOMBLINE 163). TROOPLINE AT NEAREST POINT IS APPROXIMATELY 8 AND ONE QUARTER MILES SW OF TARGET. (FRONTLINE AS OF 24/1600A FEB.)
5. FLAK: SEE PLOTTED POSITIONS. THERE WILL BE COUNTERBATTERY FIRE ON BOTH PLANS. INTENSE EXPERIENCE ABOUT 3 MILES SE OF TARGET ON FEB. 14.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 25/2235A

LCB AR

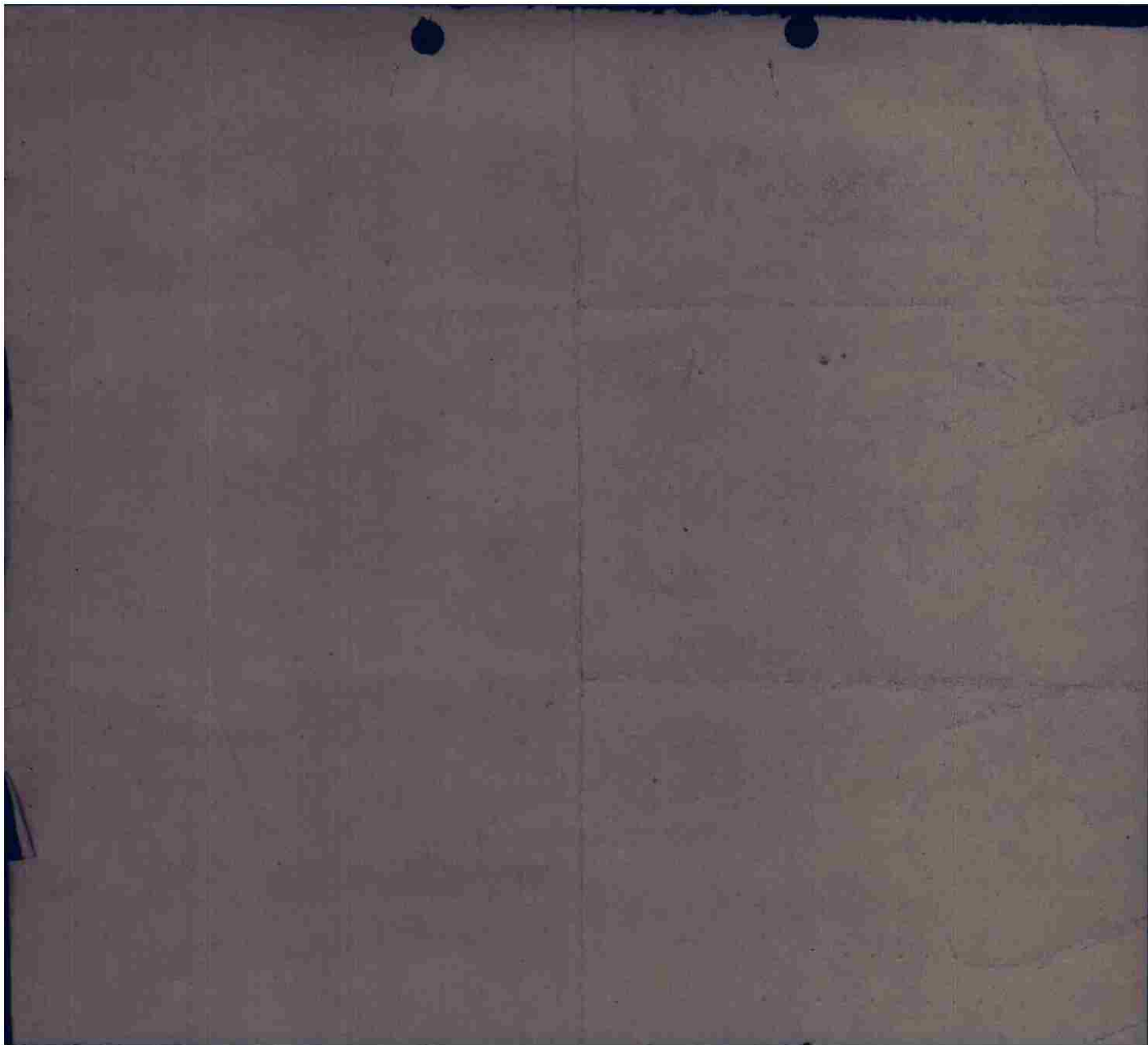
JES R. XBX125/2310A

DR AR

JKI R. 25/2310A

RSS AR

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JKI V JEA 13/25 OP-OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
TO : 416TH BOMB GROUP.

25/2235A

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 148
25, FEB, 1945.

F-223-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 181-766.

1. TARGET: SINDORF F253572 ROAD JUNCTION. SEE GROUP G.L.O. FOR TACTICAL SIGNIFIGENCE.
2. PHOTO COVERAGE:
----- U.S. 7GR/1430 PRINT 5052
29TAC/T228
5006E/5005
3. MAP COVERAGE:
----- GSGS 4414 SHEET 5006.
4. TARGET IS APPROXIMATELY 2 AND ONE HALF MILES ENE OF CURRENT BOMBLINE.
(CHANGE 3 BOMBLINE 163)
TROOPLINE AT NEAREST POINT IS APPROXIMATELY 8 MILES WEST OF TARGET.
(FRONTLINE AS OF 24/1600A FEB,)
5. FLAK:
----- SEE PLOTTED POSITIONS: THERE WILL BE COUNTER BATTERY FIRE ON BOTH PLANS. WEAK EXPERIENCE IN TARGET AREA.

COMCBTWIG 97

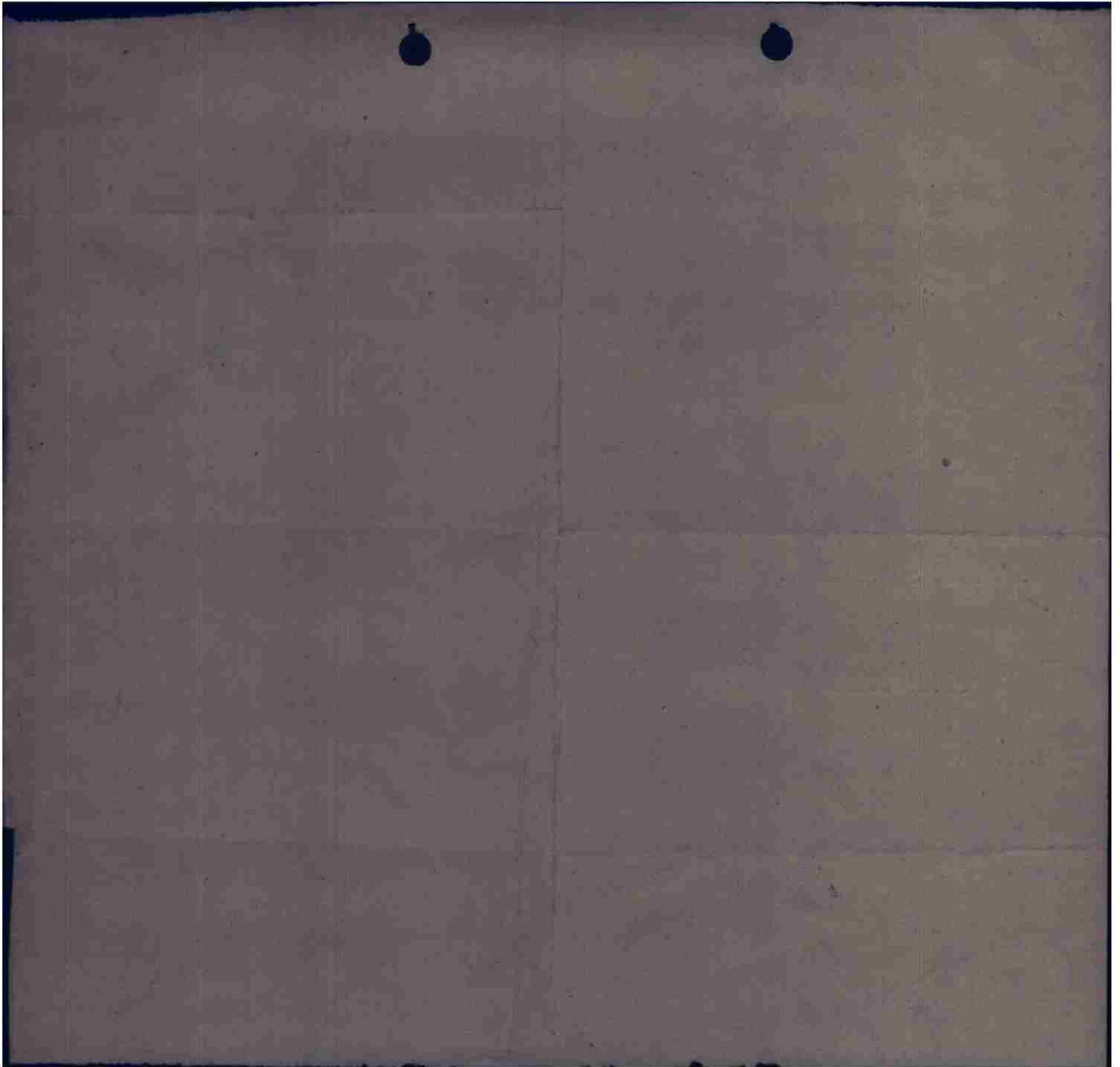
BT 25/2235A

WCB AR

JKI R.....2300A

RSS AR

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PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : C.O. 1ST PROVISIONAL PATHFINDER SQUADRON

9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

INFORMATION COPY

9TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING (L)

INFORMATION COPY

416BG F _____ E

CONFIDENTIAL

26 FEBRUARY 1945 (2400)

PATHFINDER LEAD ON OPERATIONAL MISSION 26 FEBRUARY 1945 SATISFACTORY.

PATHFINDER AIRCRAFT MADE NORMAL LEFT TURN INSTEAD OF PULLING SHARPLY

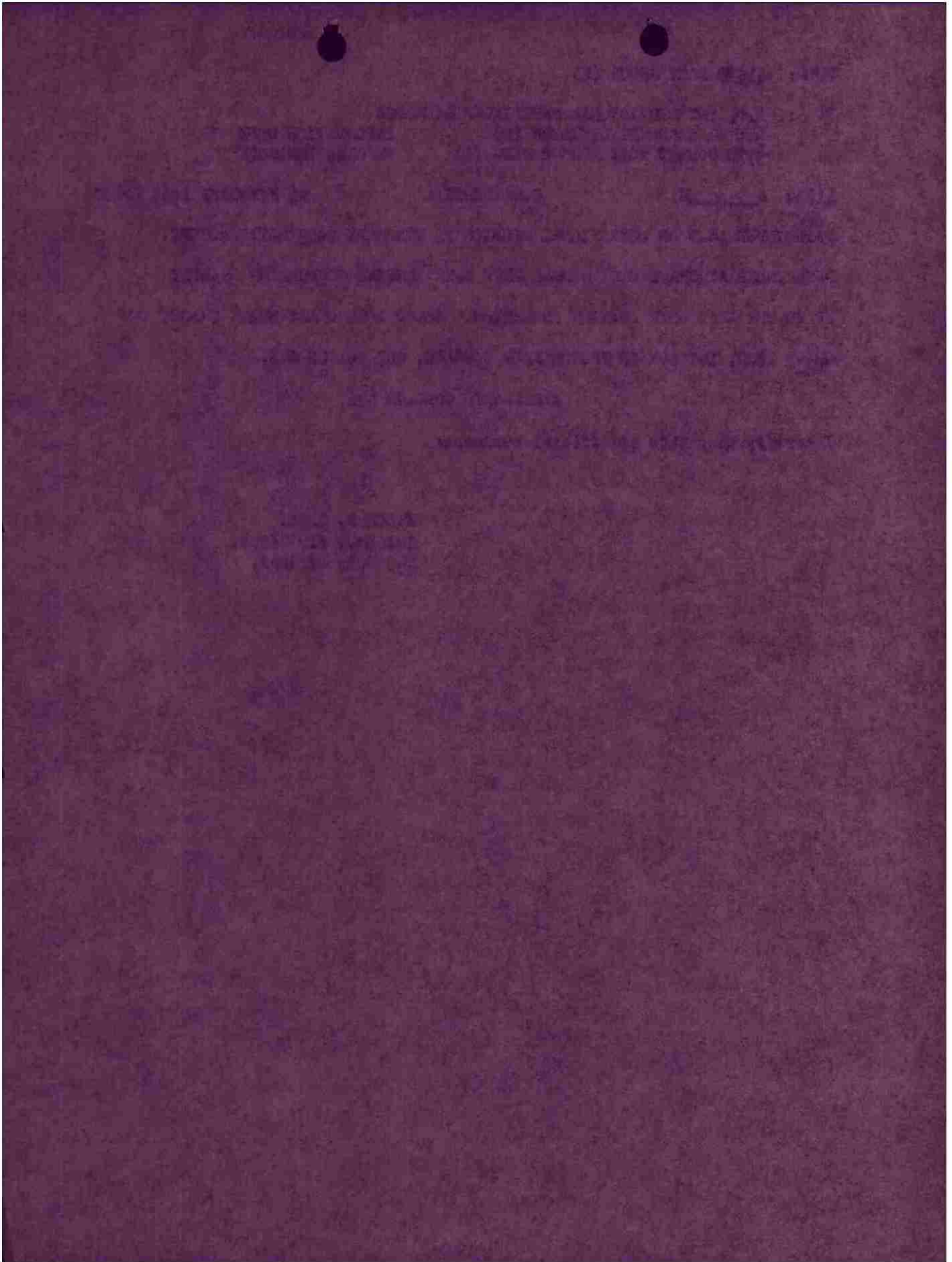
UP TO THE LEFT WHEN LEAVING FORMATION. GROUP BOMBED ALTERNATE TARGET ON

GROUP LEAD, 1ST BOX ON VECTOR FROM ROSEBUD, 2ND BOX ON GEE.

AYLESWORTH COMBGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

ELDON B. KREN,
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 S-3 Duty Officer.



PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

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

ATTN: RADAR OFFICER

416BG T _____ E

SECRET

27 FEBRUARY 1945

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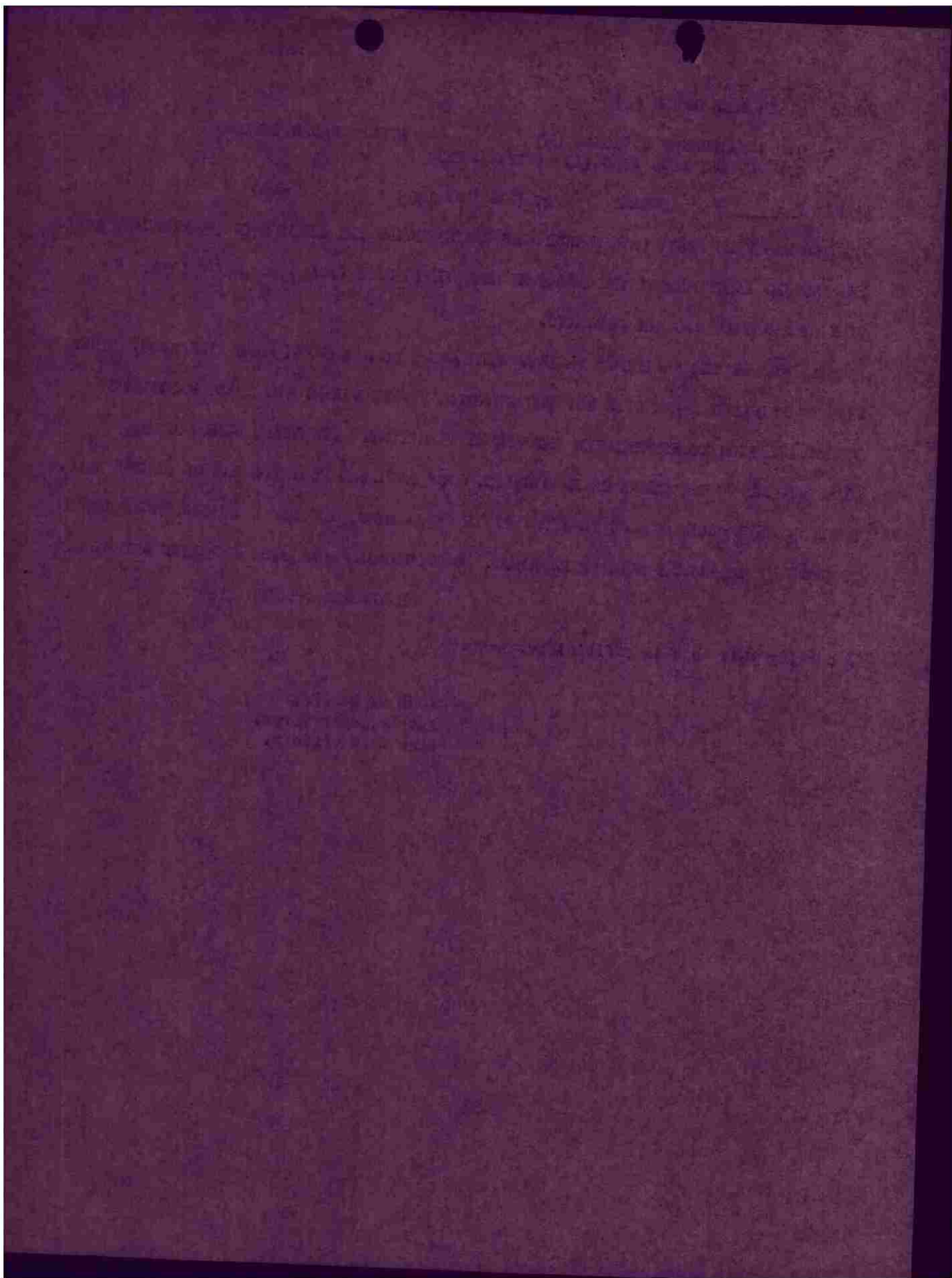
JAMMING WAS VERY HEAVY ON THE RUHR GEE CHAIN DURING THE MISSION OF 26 FEBRUARY 1945. THE JAMMING LASTED UNTIL THE SHIPS REACHED THEIR BASE (A-69) AT ABOUT 1530. THE TIME OF STARTING WAS NOT OBTAINED.

JAMMING WAS OF THE "RAILING" VARIETY WITH ABOUT 20 RAILS PER MAIN TIME BASE. THEY WERE OF FAIRLY UNIFORM SIZE BUT THE STRENGTH VARIED DURING THE MISSION WITH NO DIRECT RELATION TO PENETRATION INTO ENEMY TERRITORY. THE RAILS WERE NOT ALL SYNCHRONIZED TO THE OTHER CHAIN SIGNALS. "X" ANTI-JAM POSITION WAS OF SLIGHT HELP. THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF MORE THAN ONE LAYER OF JAMMING, INDICATED BY DIFFERENT RATES OF GREEP OF DIFFERENT SETS OF RAILINGS. SOME SIGNALS WERE ALSO REPORTED BLINKING.

AYLESWORTH CORONER 416

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JOHN M. BONURA,
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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 25/2305A
TO : COMBOMDIV IX
409TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.
1ST PROV, PATHFINDER SQDN.

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING F-225-E
APO 140
25 FEB, 1945.

FIELD ORDER NO. 181-766.

MAPS: NORMAL.

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WILL BE PROVIDED AGAINST FLAK POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" 26/1030A.

ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" 26/1030A.

PLAN "A"

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

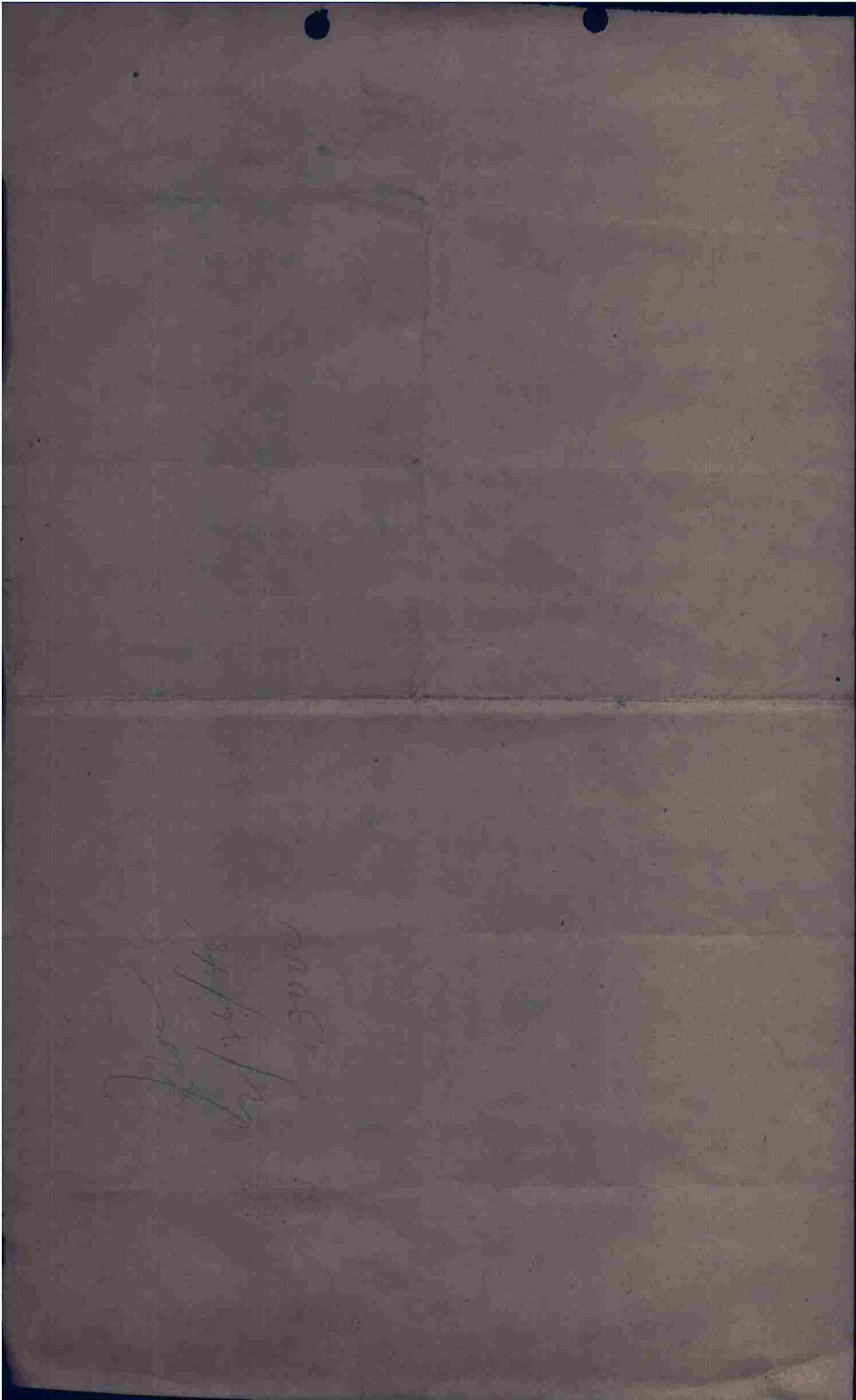
3. B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
(12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN.

3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
(1) SINDORF ROAD JUNCTIONS F-253572.
(2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
(4) BASE TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BASE.
(6) BOMB 12,500 FEET. OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. LOSE 1500 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
(7) K-9748
(8) GENERALLY SW TO NE.
(9) M.P.I. GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 5006. 5 FLIGHTS ON GRID. COORD 25265712. 4 FLIGHTS ON GRID. COORD. 25065755. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
(10) 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
(11) K-9748.
(12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MIN.
(13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F576E (2-9-45) WILL BE ATTACKED.

X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE

FOR 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS ONLY.

(5) TARGET: WICKRATH ROAD JUNCTIONS F-674823.
(6) A/C REQUIRED: MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
(7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO K-5651 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET LEFT TO R.P. TO BASE.
(9) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,500 FEET. OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8000 FEET. LOSE 1500 FEET. AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
(10) I.P.: K-8863.
(11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SW TO NE.
(12) M.P.I.: GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4894. 3 FLIGHTS EACH GROUP ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID COORD. 07238230, 07318188 AND 07648228. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
(13) BOMB LOAD AND FUSING: 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.



(15) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS WILL ATTACK AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (2-9-45).

PLAN "B"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

(9) MAP SERIES - GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4804. PPF MPI GRID COORD. 07238236. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS 2 FLIGHTS ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID COORD. 07238236, 07318188 AND 07648228. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES, ONE BOX ON EACH GRID COORD. 07238236, AND 07318188. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.

(12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR.

3. B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

(9) MAP SERIES - GSGS 4414, SHEET NO. 4804. PPF MPI GRID COORD. 07318188. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS 2 FLIGHTS ON EACH GRID COORD. 07238236, 07318188, AND 07648228. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES, ONE BOX ON EACH GRID COORD. 07218188, AND 07648228.

(12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MIN.

3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

(1) SINDROF ROAD JUNCTIONS F-253572.

(2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON TWO PPF A/C.

(4) BASE TO K-3182 TO K-6471 TO TARGET.

(5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO K-9748 TO BASE.

(6) BOMB: 1ST BOX - 13,500 FEET. 2ND BOX - 13,000 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL IS 8,000 FEET.

(9) MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 5006. PPF MPI GRID COORD 25285712. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS, 3 FLIGHTS ON EACH GRID COORD 25265755 AND 25285712. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES, ONE BOX ON EACH GRID COORD 25265755 AND 25285712. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.

(10) 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL

(12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 55 MIN.

(13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUP WILL BOMB (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND WILL USE K-9748 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES PRIMARY TARGET AND PPF EQUIPMENT FAILS, GROUP WILL ATTACK AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV CIPHER F-576-E (2-9-45).

K. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE

FOR 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS ONLY

(5) TARGET: WICKRATH ROAD JUNCTIONS (F-074823)

(6) A/C REQ: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON ONE PPF A/C

(7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO K-4729 TO K-6640 TO TARGET

(8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO K-8863 TO BASE

(9) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL 8000 FEET

(10) BOMB LOAD AND FUSING: 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL

(11) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 AND 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-8863 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES PRIMARY TARGET AND PPF EQUIPMENT FAILS, GROUP WILL ATTACK AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV CIPHER F-576-E (2-9-45)

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS TO FOLLOW.

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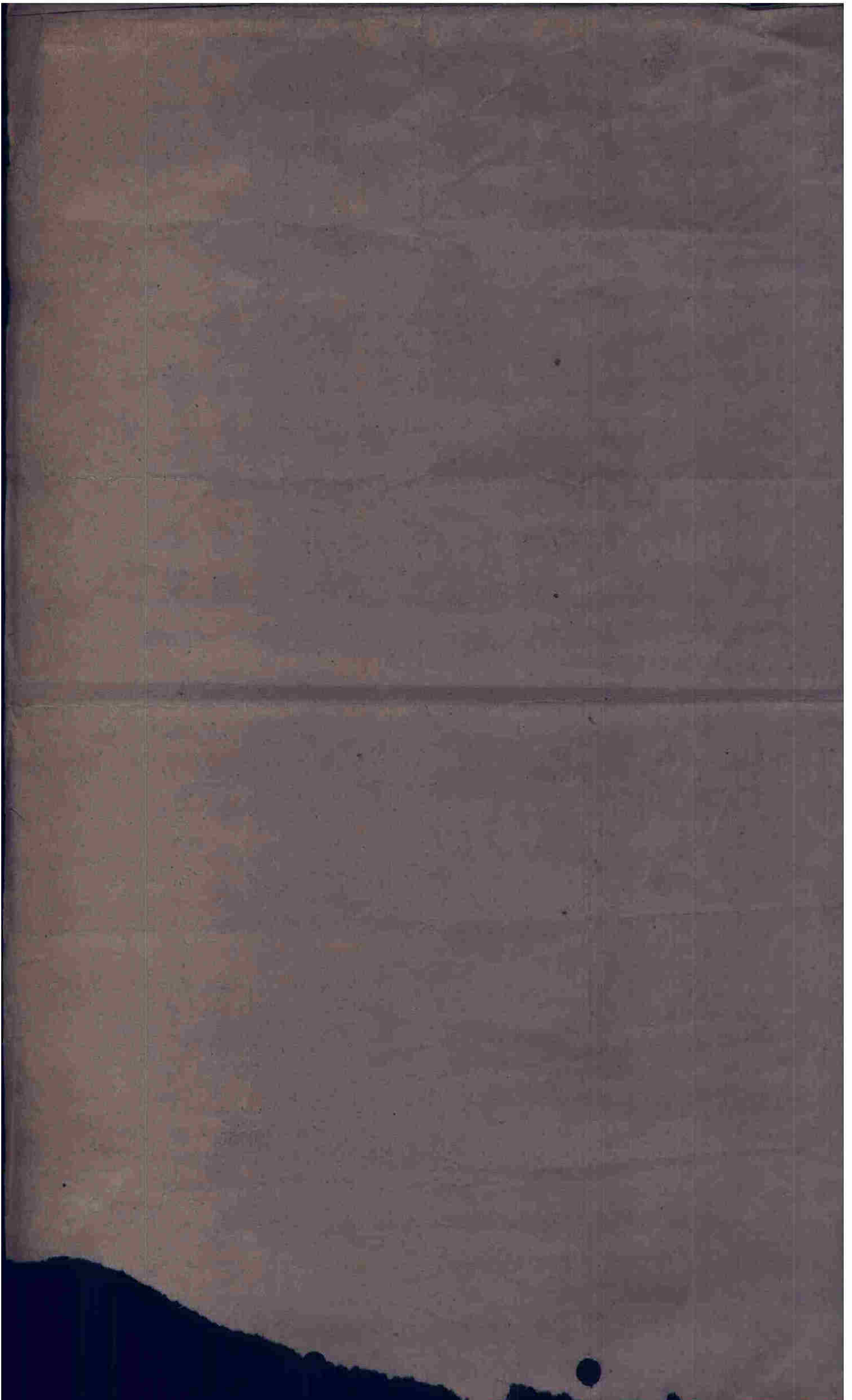
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F-226-E

AFNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 181-766

IN PLAN "B" CHANGE THE FOLLOWING PAR. TO READ:

AMEND PAR. 3. B. (9) IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES, ONE BOX ON
EACH GRID. COORD.: 07318188 AND 07648228.

PAR. 3. C. (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 1 P P F A/C.

PAR. 3. C. (4) BASE TO J-9611 TO K-8117 TO TARGET.

PAR. 3. C. (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO K-9748 TO BASE. LOSE 1,000
FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.

PAR. 3. C. (6) BOMB AT 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMB-
IS VISUAL IS 8,000 FEET.

PAR. 3. C. (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR.

ADD TO PAR. 3. X. (9) LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.

ADD 5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A" AND "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (074823)
(2) COTTON
(4) ROSELEE

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (074823)
(2) FUZZY
(4) ROSELEE

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (253572)
(2) WALLSTREET
(4) ROSELEE

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(11) 409TH AND 410TH LEADERS WILL CALL FLYPAPER; 416TH LEADER
WILL CALL HUNTER 15 MIN. PRIOR TO I P REPORTING TIME
AHEAD OR BEHIND SCHEDULE. 410TH ONLY WILL CALL THEIR
COUNTER-BATTERY STATION WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA.

COMCBTWIG 97

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JKI R 26/0210A RSS AR

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