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LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

1 MARCH 1945

1. 43-22
497 E
Major L. Dunn ✓
Lt. W.E. Brewer ✓
Lt. R.J. Bassett ✓
Sgt J.W. Ross ✓

2. 43-22
505 Y
Capt. H.M. Evans ✓
Lt. T.M. McCartney ✓
Sgt A.R. Hood ✓

3. 41-39
339 N
Lt. D.L. Withington ✓
S/S C. R. Huss ✓

4. 41-39
209 M
Lt. T.J. Murray ✓
S/S L.D. McElbatten ✓

5. 41-39
297 T
Lt. J.H. Miller ✓
S/S R.G. Schram ✓

6. 41-39
300 K
Lt. A.J.P. Winn ✓
Sgt W.G. Davis ✓

FLIGHT II

1. 43-22
492 E
Lt. R.H. Cornell ✓
Lt. R.E. Egan ✓
S/S A.E. Carter ✓

2. 41-39
229 E
Lt. D.O. Turner ✓
S/S J.J. McGuire ✓

3. 43-22
354 S
Lt. C.S. Jordan ✓
S/S K.F. Jensen ✓

4. 43-22
351 E
Capt. R.L. Behlmer ✓
Capt. W.F. Dufault ✓
S/S A.J. Burland ✓

5. 41-39
244 I
Lt. R.W. Van Rop ✓
Sgt W.H. Klingman ✓

6. 43-22
307 N
Lt. F.O. F.W. Swap ✓
Sgt M. Santandrea ✓

FLIGHT III

1. 43-22
487 J
Lt. E.L. Miller ✓
Lt. J.K. Conner ✓
S/S J.M. Pemberton ✓

2. 41-39
271 R
Lt. E.R. Hayter ✓
S/S F.P. Pasford ✓

3. 43-22
381 Q
Lt. J.A. Willard ✓
Sgt C.V. Hinker ✓

4. 41-39
314 H
Lt. F.E. Allen ✓
S/S G.W. Yeager ✓

5. 43-22
321 T
Lt. D.E. Smith ✓
Sgt S.J. Kirik ✓

6. 41-39
252 D
Lt. E.J. Penh ✓
Sgt E.R. Brinkman ✓

41-39 SPARE
250 A
Capt. R.V. Wheeler ✓
S/S F.W. Elliott ✓

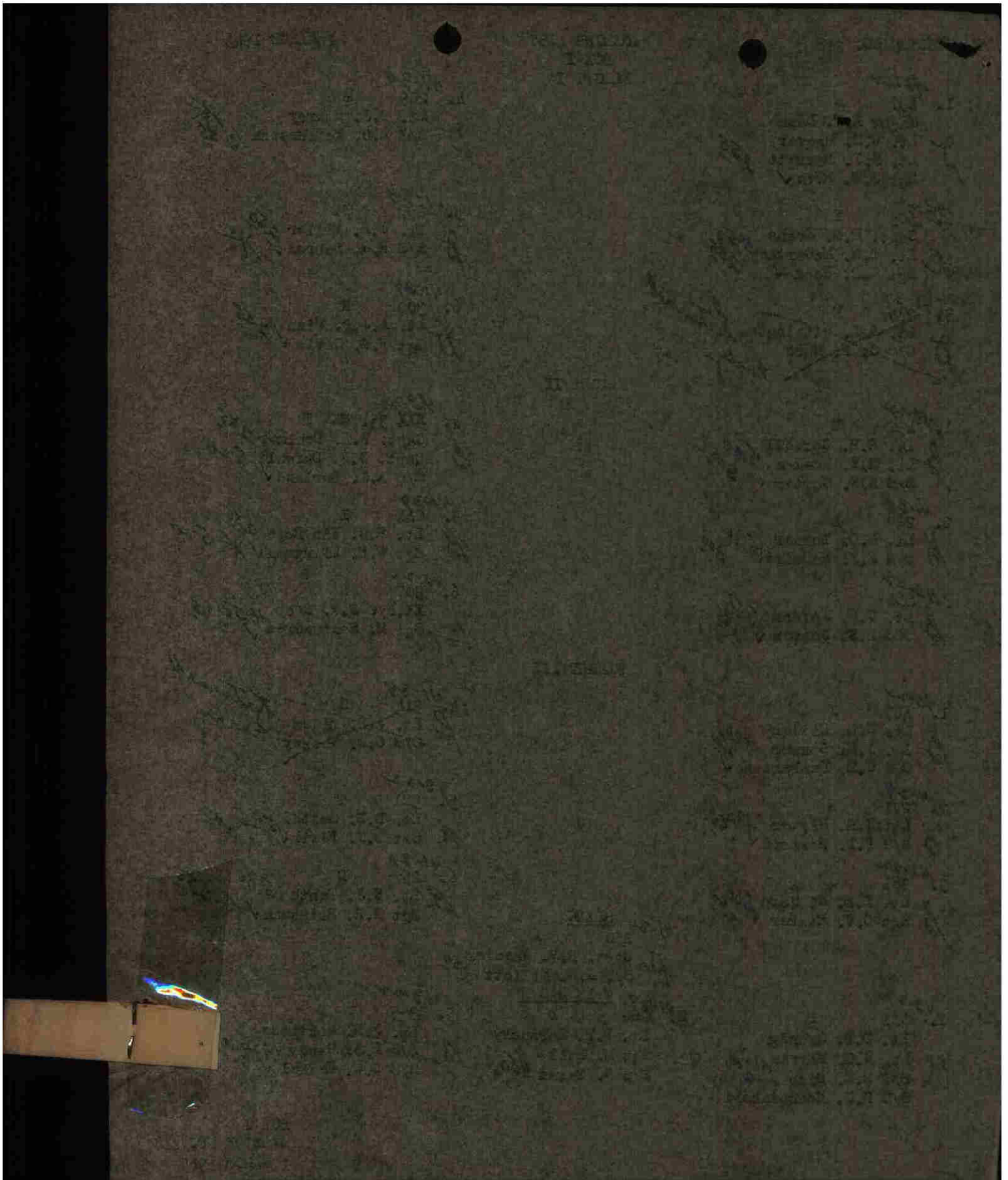
41-39 WIND DOWN
286 D
Lt. F.P. Barausky ✓
Sgt M. Hall ✓
S/S A. Teran ✓

1. 43-22
481 P
Lt. D.B. Grunig ✓
Lt. E.C. Morris ✓
S/S M.E. Dias ✓
S/S H.J. Nowosielski ✓

3. 43-22
385 D
Lt. J.H. Montrose ✓
S/S R.S. Gandy ✓
S/S J.W. Falke ✓

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LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

1 MARCH 1945

1. 499 G
Lt. J.A. Buskirk
Lt. R.C. Hanna
Lt. R.C. Muir
S/S C.H. Corbitt

2. 498 R
Lt. C.J. Brown
Lt. J.E. Kerns
S/S H.E. Sunderland

3. 313 B
Lt. A. Bemiszewski
S/S F. DiOrto

4. 419 H
Lt. W.H. Ames
S/S R.J. Brown

5. 332 P
Lt. T.E. Graeber
Sgt A.H. Miller

6. 237 D
Lt. J.B. Cocks
S/S W.A. MacCartney

FLIGHT II

1. 508 Z
Lt. C.C. Mish
Lt. R.E. Shaft
S/S J.H. Roberts

2. 378 O
Lt. G.J. Parkhurst
Sgt F. Newman

3. 361 M
Lt. J.K. Colquitt
S/S C.M. Mohr

4. 305 U
Lt. F.W. Harris
Lt. G.J. Vars
Sgt C.W. Williford

5. 274 S
Lt. F.R. Tank
Sgt F.B. Herman

6. 495 G
Lt. E.B. Drum
Sgt J.J. Griffith

FLIGHT III

1. 501 W
Lt. F.S. Brewster
Lt. D.W. Dennis
Lt. A.E. Rosenquist
S/S W.C. Clark

2. 215 R
Lt. R.S. Bower
Sgt N.A. Fuskas

3. 334 G
Capt. H.W. Berman
Sgt R.J. Peraje

4. 416 O
Lt. M. Errotabere
Sgt E.A. Bowie

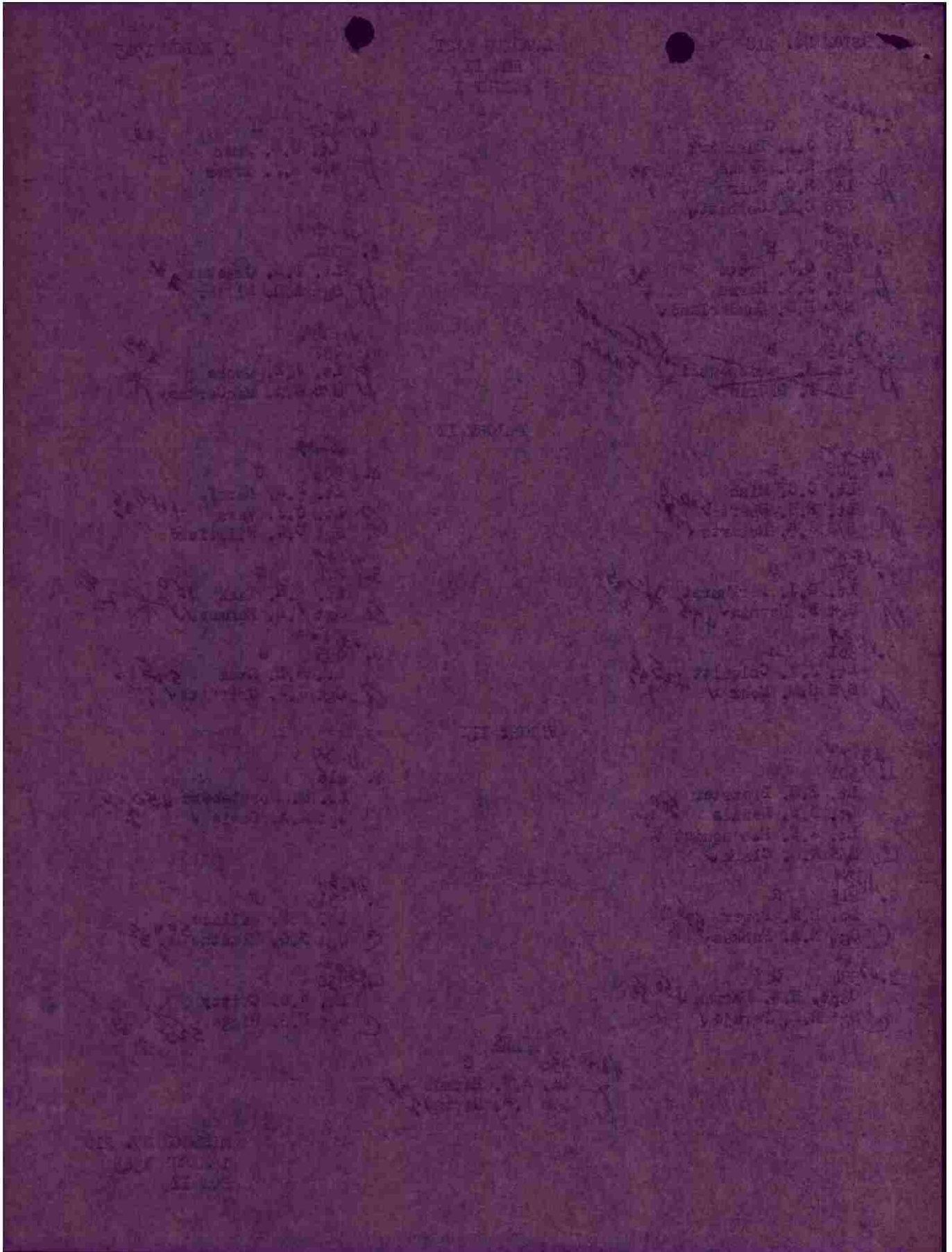
5. 9315 F
Lt. J.F. Wallace
Sgt J.G. Krantz

6. 330 P
Lt. W.D. Chitty
Sgt P.H. Riggs

SPARE

356 G
Lt. A.E. Herman
S/S H.R. Davis

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1 MARCH 1945
BOX II



SECRET

AUTH: CO, A-69

4 Mar 45

INITIAL:

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

F-M-1

APC 140, U.S. Army,
4 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 1 March 1945, F.O. 0922, Giessen Ordnance Depot, F.O. 185-770.

II. None.

III. 41-39239 Nose wheel would not
(Lt D.L. Withington) retract.

The stop assembly, nose wheel retracting linkage, was bent causing failure of the unlocking plunger. This was caused by binding of the locking plunger, due to mal-adjustment.

IV. 41-39229 All bombs failed to
(Lt D.O. Turner) release.

Loose contactor in bomb door safety switch.

41-39215 All bombs failed to
(Lt R.S. Bower) release.

Left hand bomb door safety switch slightly out of adjustment failing to close the circuit to release bombs.

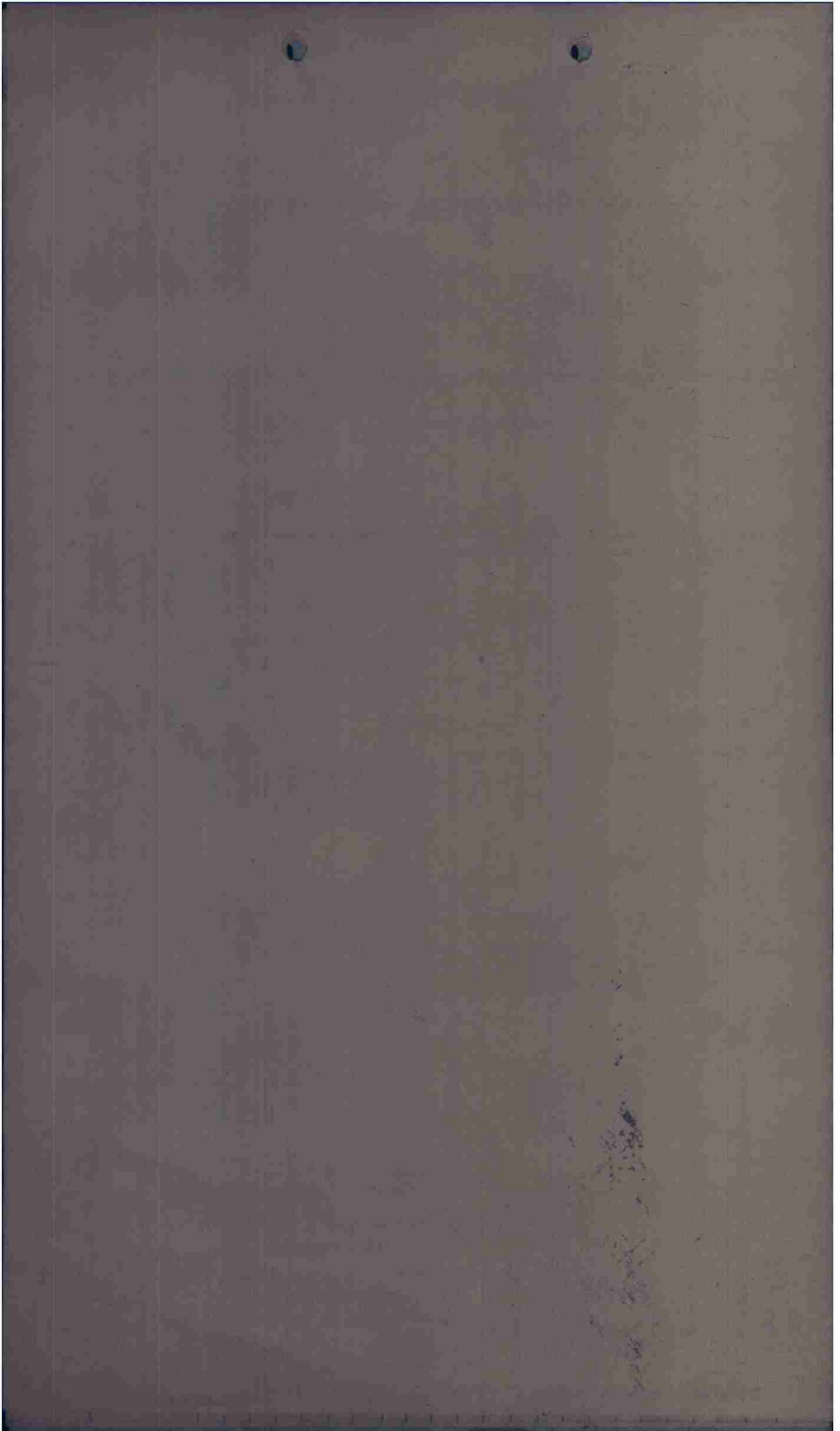
V. None.

VI. 1 - 2:55 - 580
2 - 2:55 - 650
3 - Returned early
4 - 2:55 - 450
5 - 2:50 - 700
6 - 2:55 - 450
7 - 3:00 - 500
8 - 3:00 - 690
9 - 2:55 - 530
10 - 2:55 - 520
11 - 2:55 - 520
12 - 2:45 - 450
13 - 2:50 - 400
14 - 2:55 - 480
15 - 2:50 - 500
16 - 2:50 - 500
17 - 2:45 - 525
18 - 2:55 - 500
W - 2:10 - 410
W - 2:10 - 450

1 - 2:30 - 450
2 - 2:30 - 450
3 - 2:30 - 400
4 - 2:30 - 450
5 - 2:30 - 550
6 - 2:30 - 450
7 - 2:25 - 500
8 - 2:35 - 475
9 - 2:35 - 425
10 - 2:35 - 440
11 - 2:35 - 450
12 - 2:35 - 525
13 - 2:35 - 500
14 - 2:35 - 525
15 - 2:35 - 450
16 - 2:35 - 450
17 - 2:35 - 500
18 - 2:35 - 525
W - 2:05 - 450

VII. None.

HAROLD A. RADETSKY,
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.



PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

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

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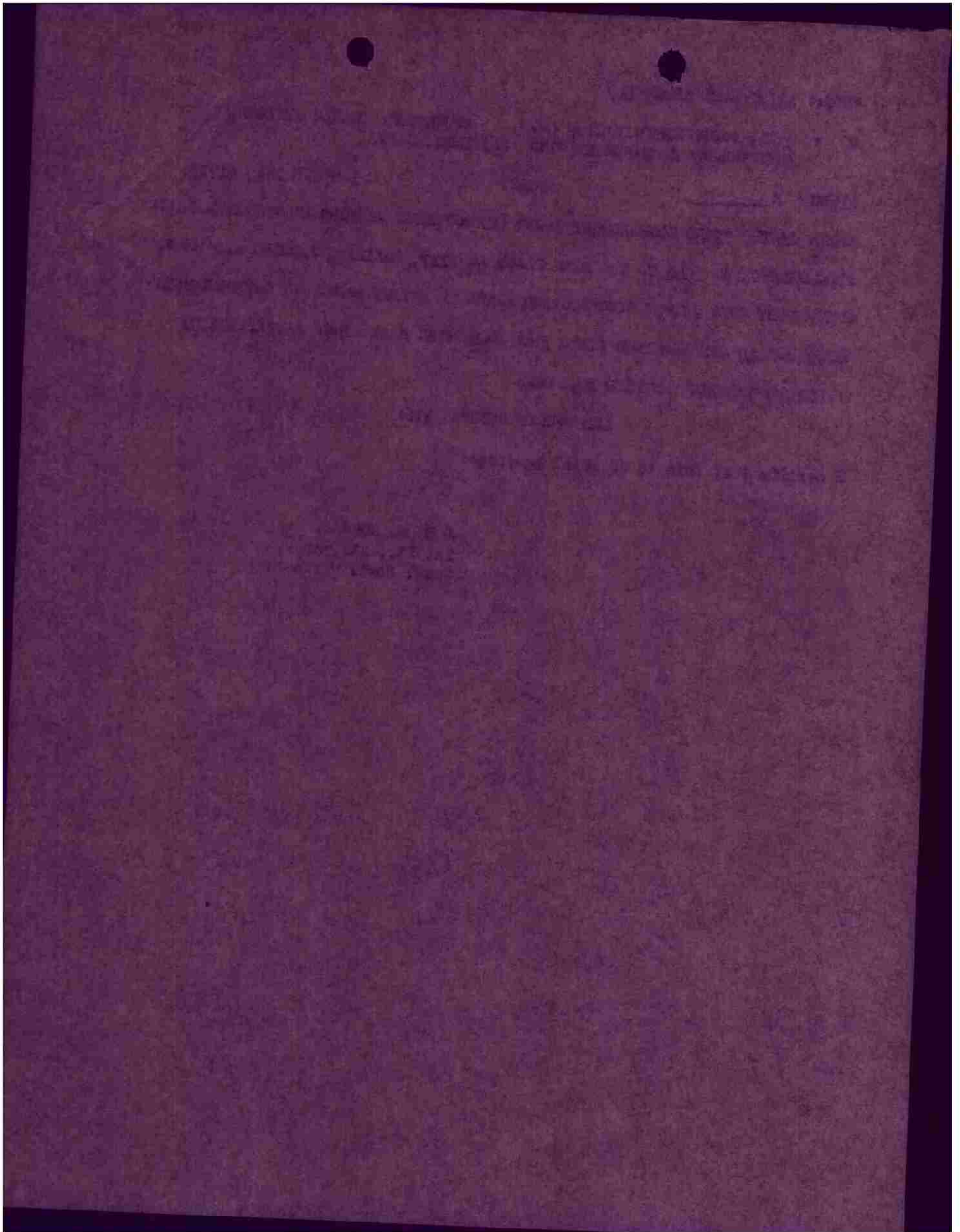
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SHIPS OF THE 323RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) REPORTED JAMMING ON THE ICHU CHAIN FROM BALLEDY AT 1046 TO THE SAME PLACE AT 1117. RAILING JAMMING WAS USED. ONE REPORT PUTS 20 NON SYNCHRONIZED LINES TO A TIME BASE, AND ANOTHER SAYS THERE ARE 40 SYNCHRONIZED LINES FROM MAIN TIME BASE LINE. ANTI-JAMMING SWITCHING WAS NOT REPORTED HELPING.

AYLESWORTH CCBOMBR 416:

I certify that this is official business:

JOHN M. BONURA,
1st Lt., Air Corps.
Ops. Stat. Officer.



PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M), ATTENTION: RAIDER OFFICER
97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING (L) INFO. COPY

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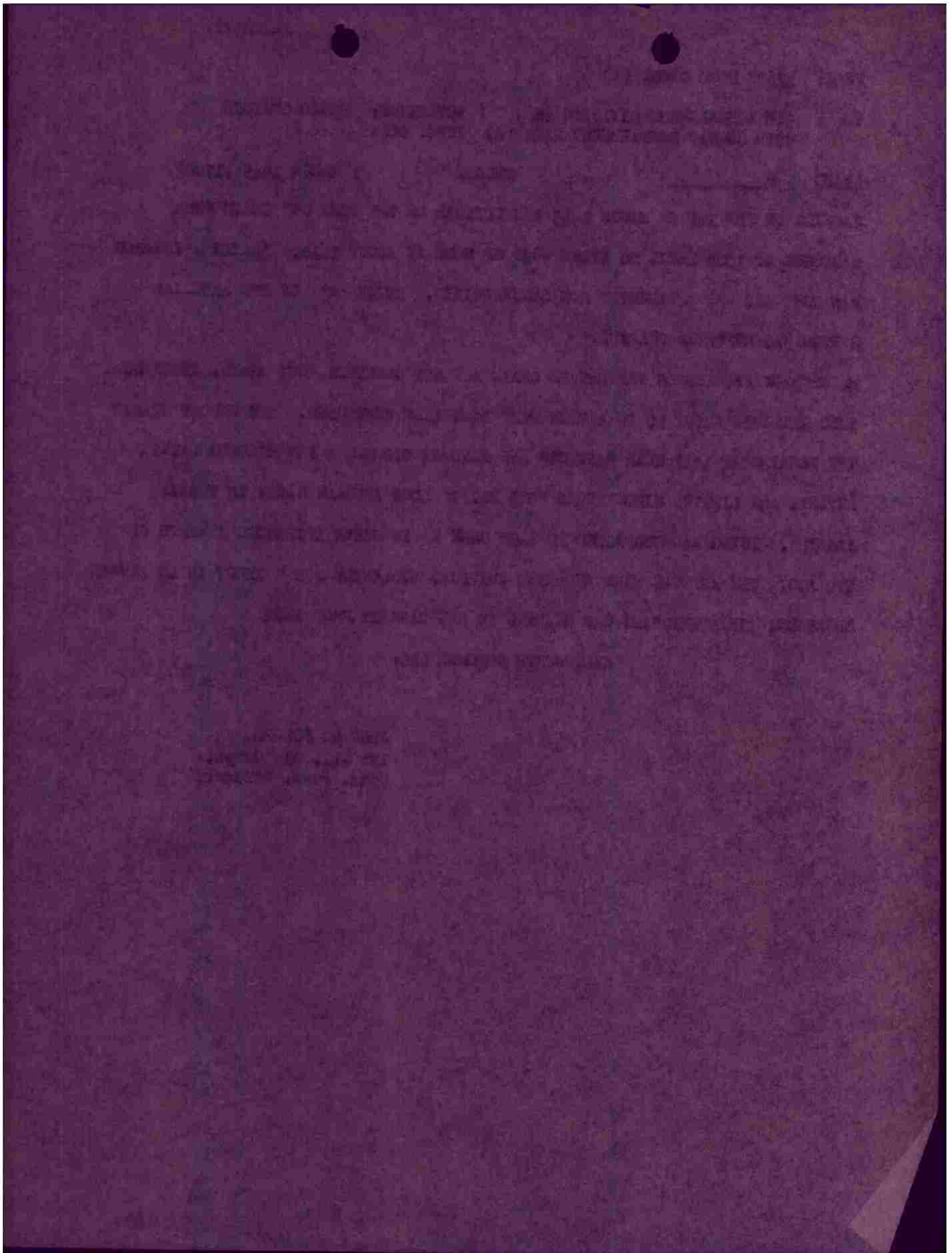
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JAMMING ON THE 1ST OF MARCH 1945 WAS NOTICED ON THE RUHR GEE CHAIN FROM BASTOGNE AT 1020 UNTIL 20 MILES WEST OF BONN AT ABOUT 1110. "RAILING" JAMMING WAS USED AND WAS APPARENTLY NON SYNCHRONIZED. STICK "X" OF THE ANTI-JAM SWITCH WAS REPORTED HELPFUL.

REPORTS OF JAMMING ON THE RHINE CHAIN ARE NOT COMPLETE, BUT AGAIN, SYNCHRONIZED RAILINGS ABOUT 10 TO A MAIN TIME BASE LINE WERE USED. ONE REPORT STARTS THE JAMMING AT 1017 NEAR BASTOGNE AND SAYS IT STOPPED A FEW MINUTES LATER. REPORTS ARE LIMITED SINCE THREE "ONE SHIPS" LOST ANTENNAS EARLY IN TODAY'S MISSION. ICEING WAS SUSPECTED IN EACH CASE AS IN OTHER INSTANCES A MONTH OR TWO AGO. THE ANTENNAS WERE REPORTED WHIPPING VIOLENTLY FOR A SHORT WHILE BEFORE BREAKING. THIS WHIPPING WAS STARTED IN ONE CASE BY PROP WASH.

AYLESWORTH COBOMOR 416:

JOHN M. BONURA,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ops. Stat. Officer.



PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : C.O. 1ST PROVISIONAL PATHFINDER SQUADRON
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)
97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING (L)INFO. COPY
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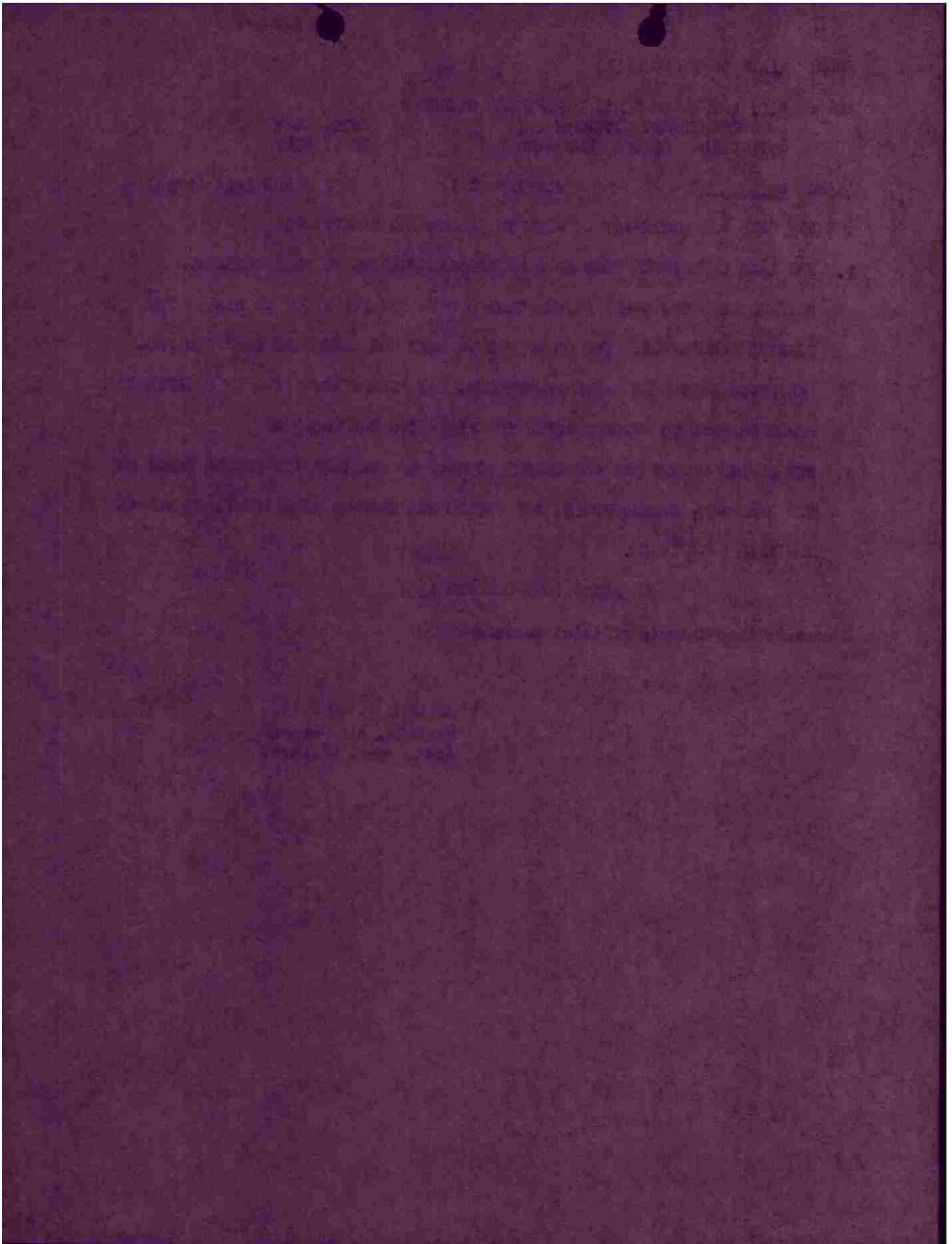
THE EFF LEAD WAS SATISFACTORY WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

1. THE LEAD PATHFINDER TOOK UP A RECIPROCAL HEADING TO THAT WHICH WAS BRIEFED WHEN THE GROUP LEADER TURNED OVER THE FORMATION TO HIM AT THE FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS. THE GROUP HAD TO MAKE ONE CIRCLE TO TAKE ITS PROPER PLACE BEHIND THE LEAD PATHFINDER. AT "BOMBS AWAY" TWO OF PATHFINDER'S BOMBS DROPPED 20 SECONDS AFTER THE FIRST TWO HAD DROPPED.
2. THE SECOND PATHFINDER WAS UNABLE TO KEEP UP AND TAKE ITS PROPER PLACE ON THE BOMB RUN, CONSEQUENTLY, THE SECOND BOX DROPPED WITH THE FIRST BOX ON THE LEAD PATHFINDER.

AXELSWORTH COBOMER 416

I certify that this is official business:

RICHARD V. WHEELER,
Captain, Air Corps.
Asst. Opns. Officer.



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 13/01 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 01/1430A
TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION
CG, 97TH COMBAT WING
ATTN: A-2

BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416TH BG R-12-D PERIOD OPSFLASH FOR 1 MARCH 1945.

A. 416TH BOMB GROUP

B. GIESSEN ORDNANCE AND SUPPLY DEPOT

C. 39 A-26 A/C (INCLUDING 3 WITH WINDOW ONLY)

D. 34 A-26 A/C ON SECONDARY (ELLER RR BRIDGE)

E. 1 A-26 A/C RETURNED EARLY (MECHANICAL) FLIGHT INDICATOR WAS OUT AND FORMATION HAD TO MAKE ASCENT THROUGH OVERCAST.

1 A-26 A/C (MECHANICAL - BOMB RELEASE MALFUNCTION)

3 A-26 A/C CARRIED WINDOW ONLY

F. 136 X 1000 GP ON SECONDARY
8 X 1000 GP RETURNED

G. UNOBSERVED (XXXXX (10/10 CLOUD)

H. NIL

I. NIL

J. NIL

K. NIL

L. 13,000 FEET INDICATED

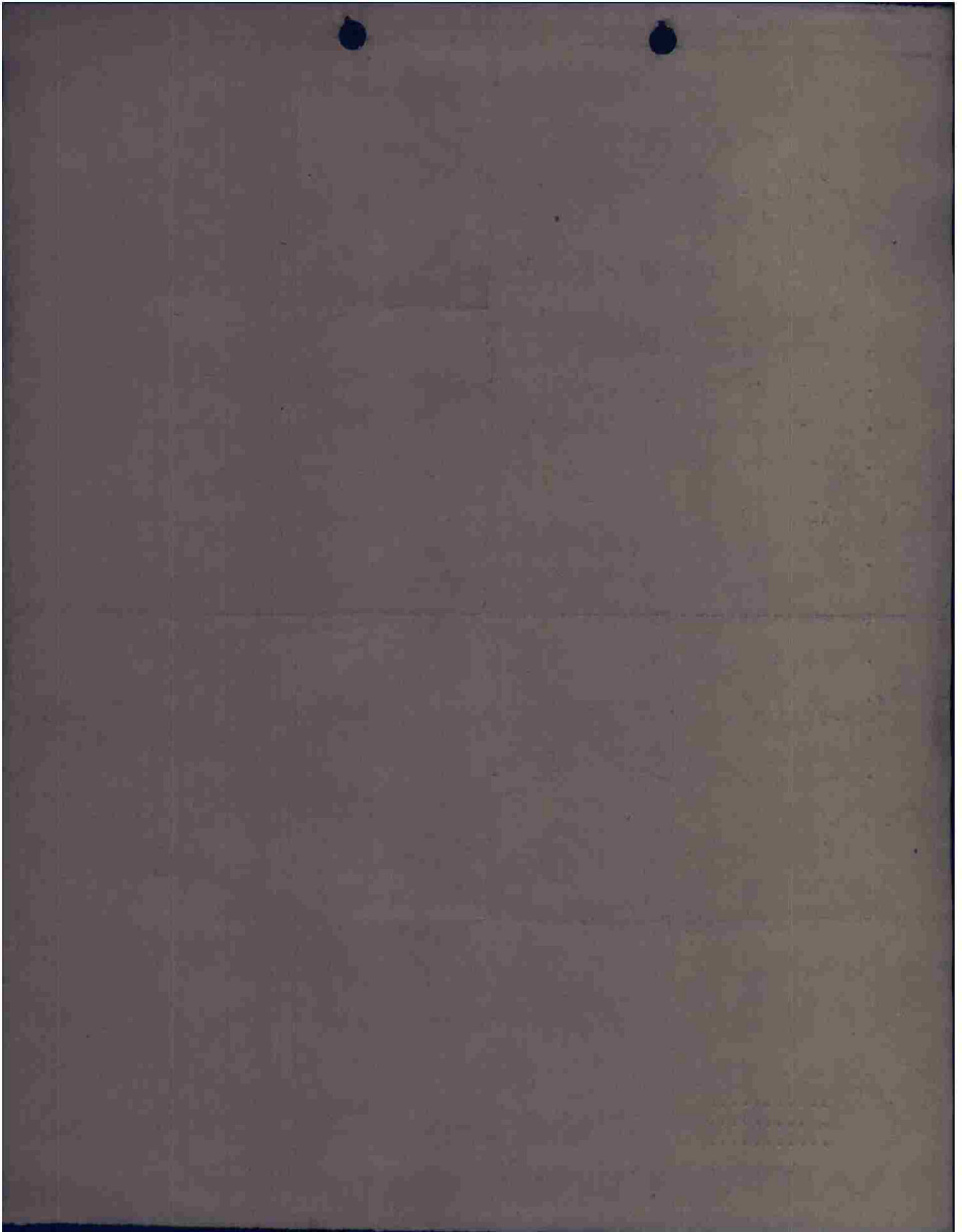
M. 1104 1/2 HOURS.

N. FIGHTERS DID NOT APPEAR AT RENDEZVOUS. PFF SHIP LED FORMATION TO AREA OF SECONDARY TARGET AND BOMBED. GEE FIXES MADE BY FORMATION NAVIGATORS INDICATE TARGET AT L-470550 BOMBED.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 01/1430A
EW BBBBBBBBBB

ITA R.....
JEA R.....01/1457A SH KKKKKK
ITA R.....01/1457A JLPOPPP KKKK



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 14/01 P P

FROM COMMANDING OFFICER, 416TH BOMB GROUP 01/1420A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER.
COMCEYWIG 97TH (INFO COPY)

BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416TH BG R-13-J PERIOD

A. YS - 45.

B. 1 MARCH 1945 (9027-1220)

C. V-VOKE AND G-GEORGE REPORTED OPERATIONS COMPLETED TO PARADE

D. PPF MISSION-CONTACTS UNKNOWN.

E. NONE

F. NONE

G. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. GEE ANTENNAE ON TWO SHIPS SNAPPED OFF DUE TO ICING.

AYLESWORTH COMOMGR 416

BT 01/1420A

EW BBBBBBBB

ITA R.....011535A JLPOPP KKKKK

JEAR.....01/1535A RM RL

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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 01/0635A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMCPS 409, 410, 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
01 MARCH 1945

R-4-E

FIELD ORDER NO 185-770

MAPS NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
(2) 19 T A C WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 409 AND 416 BOMB GROUP.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" 01/1400A
ZERO HOUR PLAN "C" 01/1100A

PLAN "A" VISUAL

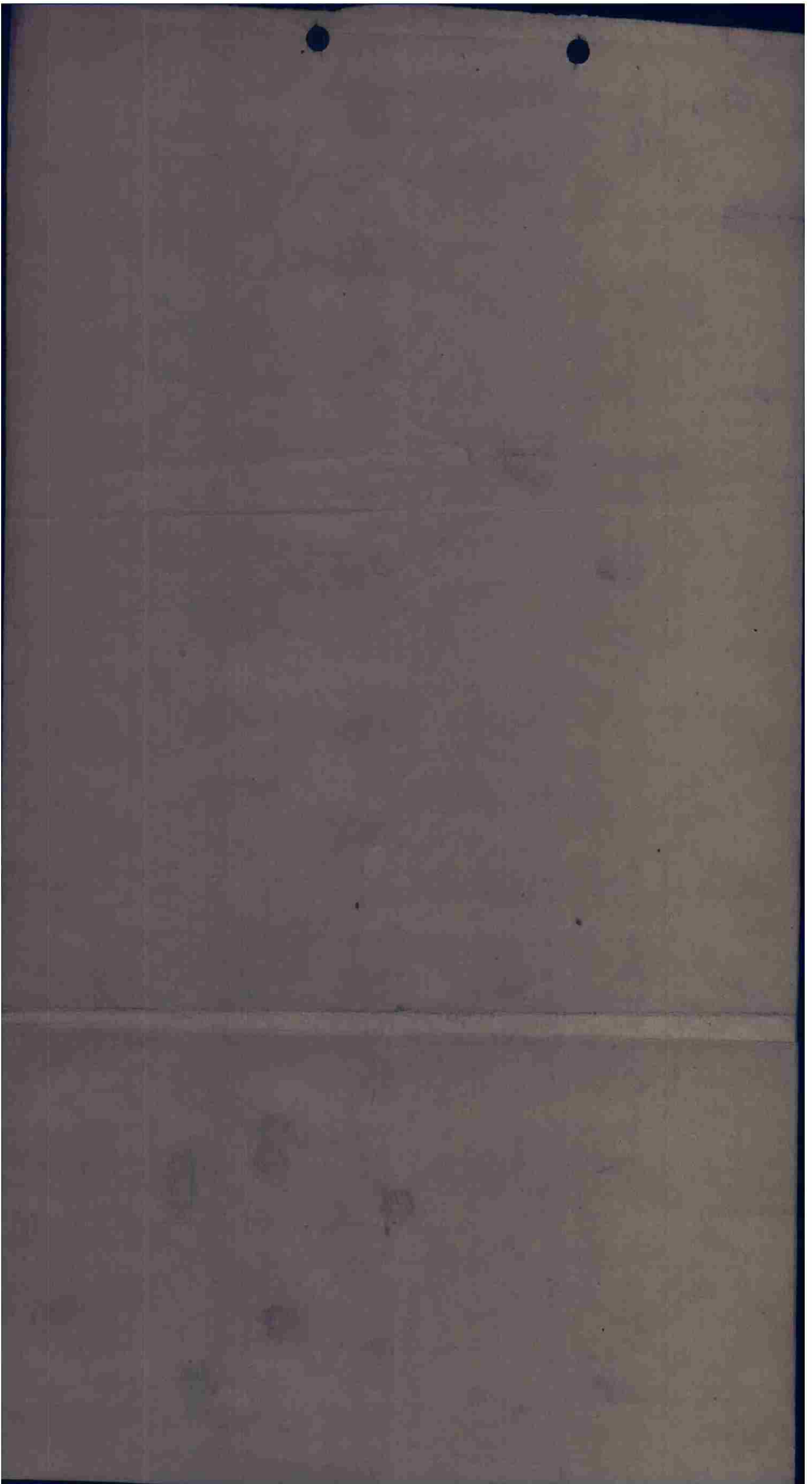
3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5658 AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO MINUS 25 MIN.
3. B. 416TH BOMB GROUP:
(1) RONNERSKIRCHEN: ROAD JUNCTIONS (F-262714)
(2) MAX. EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
(4) BASE TO K-8343 TO I P TO TARGET.
(5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R P TO BASE.
(6) BOMB AT 13,000 FEET OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. DROP 2,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
(7) F-1247
(8) GEN. S W TO N E.
(9) MPI: MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET 4906
2 FLIGHTS ON GRID. COORD.: 26907101
" " " " " " 26047126
1 FLIGHT ON GRID. COORD.: 26137112
1 " " " " " " 26357120
(10) 6 X 500 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
(11) F-0359
(12) TOT: ZERO PLUS 10 MIN.
(13) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED BY VISUAL MEANS AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F576E (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED.
(14) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE.
(15) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TROOP LINE.

3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5658 AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 45 MIN.

X. (1 - 4) NO CHANGE.

FOR THE 409 AND 416 BOMB GROUPS

- (5) TARGET: VOLKMARSEN RAILROAD BRIDGE (B-926118)
- (6) A/C REQUIRED: 24 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C
- (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO P-5658 TO L-2767 TO M-2978 TO G-1818 TO I P TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R P AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (9) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 11,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET.
- (10) I P: G-7998
- (11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GEN. S W TO N E.
- (12) MPI: MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET A620 GRID COORD.: 92651180 (CENTER OF BRIDGE) INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (13) BOMB LOAD: 4 X 1,000 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (14) R P: G-7998
- (15) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED BY VISUAL MEANS GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:



- (16) IN THE EVENT FIGHTERS DO NOT MAKE RENDEZVOUS OR PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED GROUPS WILL BOMB AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F576E (9-2-45)
- (17) EN ROUTE TO BASE FROM TARGET, GROUPS WILL STRAFE ANY SUITABLE MILITARY TARGET SIGHTED WITHIN THE AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD: G-245390 TO G-452325 TO G-880987 TO D-525070. DROP TO 8,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING. IF NO SUITABLE ALTERNATE TARGET IS LOCATED REGAIN 10,000 FEET ALTITUDE AFTER PASSING G-3337. IF A SUITABLE ALTERNATE TARGET IS FOUND, IT WILL BE STRAFED AT MINIMUM ALTITUDE IN UNITS OF 2 A/C. AFTER STRAFING RENDEZVOUS AT 8,000 FEET OVER TARGET STRAFED. REGAIN 10,000 FEET AFTER RENDEZVOUS.

PLAN "C" PATHFINDER

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 1 P P F
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5658 AT 13,000 FEET AT ZERO MINUS 53 MIN.
- (6) BOMB AT 13,000 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 8,000 FEET. DROP 1,500 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (9) MPI ILL 3(K) 48/4 2 FLIGHTS ON CENTER OF BUILDING NO. 1
1 FLIGHT ON CENTER OF BUILDING NO. 2
2 FLIGHTS ON CENTER OF ANNOTATED AREA NO. 3
1 FLIGHT ON CENTER OF ANNOTATED AREA NO. 4
TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS.
REF. 03020284 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES
P P F MPI: GRID. COORD.: 68802135. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.

(12) TOT: ZERO HOUR:

3. B. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

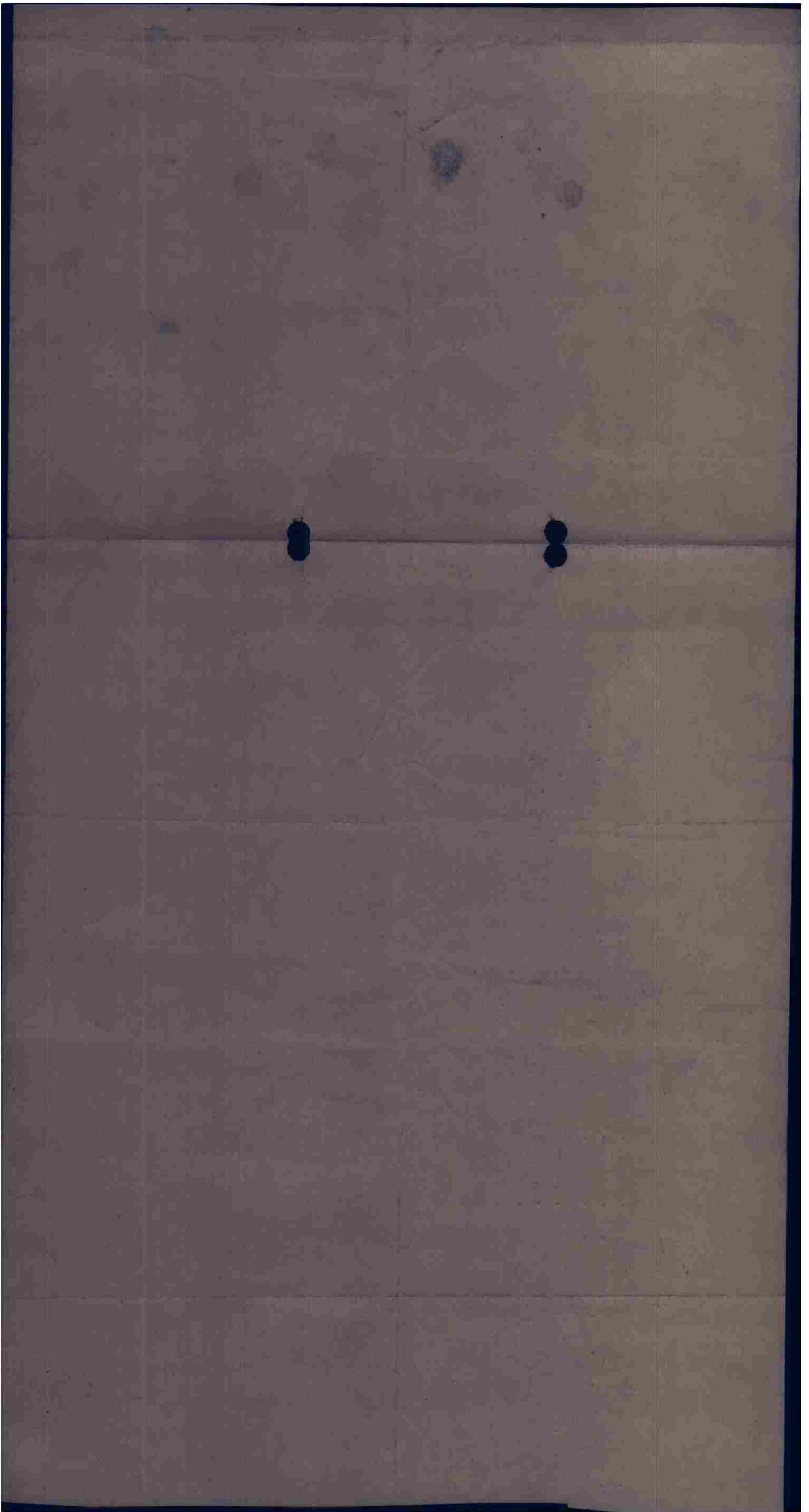
- (1) BOMBERS WHEN: ROAD JUNCTIONS (F-20 14)
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 1 P P F A/C.
- (3) WITH P P F A/C OVER THE FIELD.
- (4) BASE TO K-7905 TO K-9126 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO F-0359 TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 8,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (9) MPI: MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET 4906
TWO FLIGHTS ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD.: 26907101 AND 26047126. ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD.: 26137112 AND 26357120 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS. ONE BOX ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD.: 26137112 AND 26907101 P P F MPI: GRID. COORD.: 26177121.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR.
- (13) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE.
- (14) 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 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUP WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND WILL USE F-1247 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE TARGET AND PPF EQUIPMENT FAILS AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED
- (15) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF THE TROOPLINE.

3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON TWO PPF A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5658 AT 13,000 FT AT ZERO MINUS 33 MIN.
- (6) BOMB AT 1ST BOX 13,000 FT.
2ND BOX 12,500 FT MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 8,000, DROP 1,500 FT. AFTER BOMBING.
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 5418 COVER AREA BOUNDED BY 67982125, 68032105, 67852100, 67772093, 67932083, 68222107, AND 68122130 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID. COORD. 68102115.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FT.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 20 MIN.

K. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE

- (5) TARGET GIESSEN ORDNANCE AND SUPPLY DEPOT (G-688214)
- (6) ROUTE OUT : BASE TO P-5658 TO L-5767 TO M-8978 TO G-1818 TO G-2379 TO G-5471 TO TARGET.
- (7) ROUTE BACK : TARGET TURN RIGHT TO G-1818 AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (8) BOMB LOAD : 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/100 SEC TAIL.
- (9) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUP WILL BOMB (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND WILL USE G-3710 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY



B. GROUP "GEE"

C. TARGET E.T.A.

(10) IN THE EVENT FIGHTERS DO NOT MAKE RENDEZVOUS OR PRIMARY
TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED GROUPS WILL BOMB ON ALTERNATE
TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-49)

4. NO CHANGE

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5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (928118)

(2) LIFEGUARD

(3) POKER

(4) RIPSAW

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP (262714)

(2) CIRCLE

(3) SWEEPSTAKES

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (928118)

(2) MURKY

(3) JUDITH

(4) RIPSAW

PLAN "B" OR "C"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (686214)

(2) MANGO

(3) BISHOP

(4) RIPSAW

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP (262714)

(2) CIRCLE

(4) SWEEPSTAKES

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (686214)

(2) EASTMAN

(3) EVENING

(4) RIPSAW

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

(11) ON PLAN "A", "B" OR "C" 416TH LEADERS WILL CALL STONEWALL 15
MIN. BEFORE TROOPLINE ADVISING TIME AHEAD OF OR BEHIND
SCHEDULE. LEADER WILL AGAIN CALL UPON LEAVING TARGET AREA
ADVISING COMPLETION OF OPERATIONS.

(12) ON PLAN "A" BEFORE GOING DOWN TO STRAFE 409TH AND 416TH
LEADERS WILL CALL THEIR RESPECTIVE FIGHTERS AND SAY "WE ARE
GOING DOWN".

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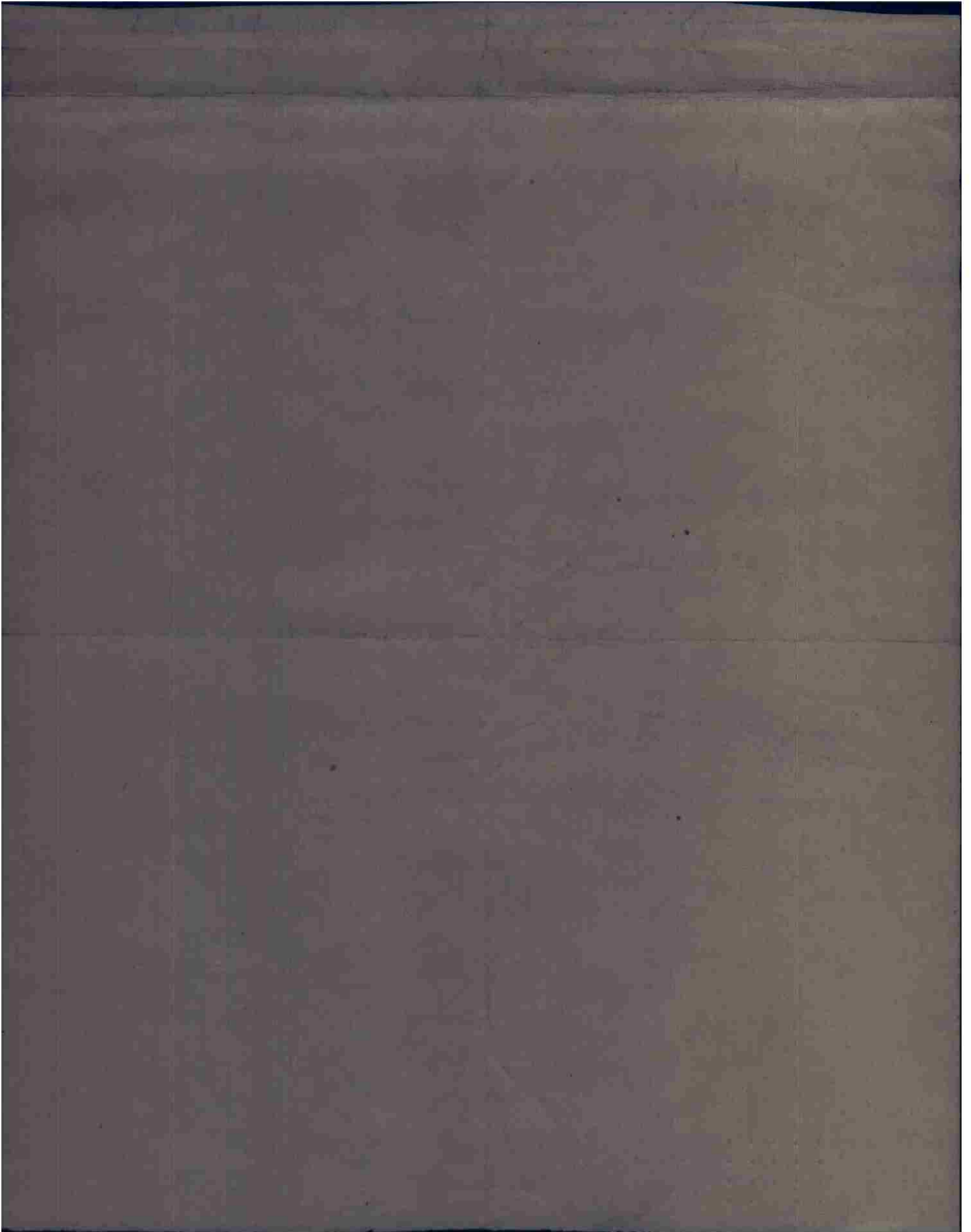
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FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. 28/2800A

TO C G IX BOMB DIV. ATTN A-3
C G 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN A-3
C O 416TH BOMB GROUP ATTN A-3

SECRET BT

1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. F-397-E

"PFF OPERATIONAL CRITIQUE"

DATE: 28 FEBRUARY 1945

PILOT: LT NICHOLS

A. FORMATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION:
2. REMARKS: GOOD

B. WINDOW SHIPS:

1. CLASSIFICATION:
2. REMARKS: GOOD

C. NAVIGATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION:
2. REMARKS: GOOD

D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS:

GOOD

E. BRIEFINGS:

RENDVOUS

F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS:

FLIGHTS OF 1ST BOX WERE STACKED DOWN AND PFF SHIP COULD NOT FLY
ON HIS ALTITUDE WITHOUT FLYING IN PROP WASH.

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV.

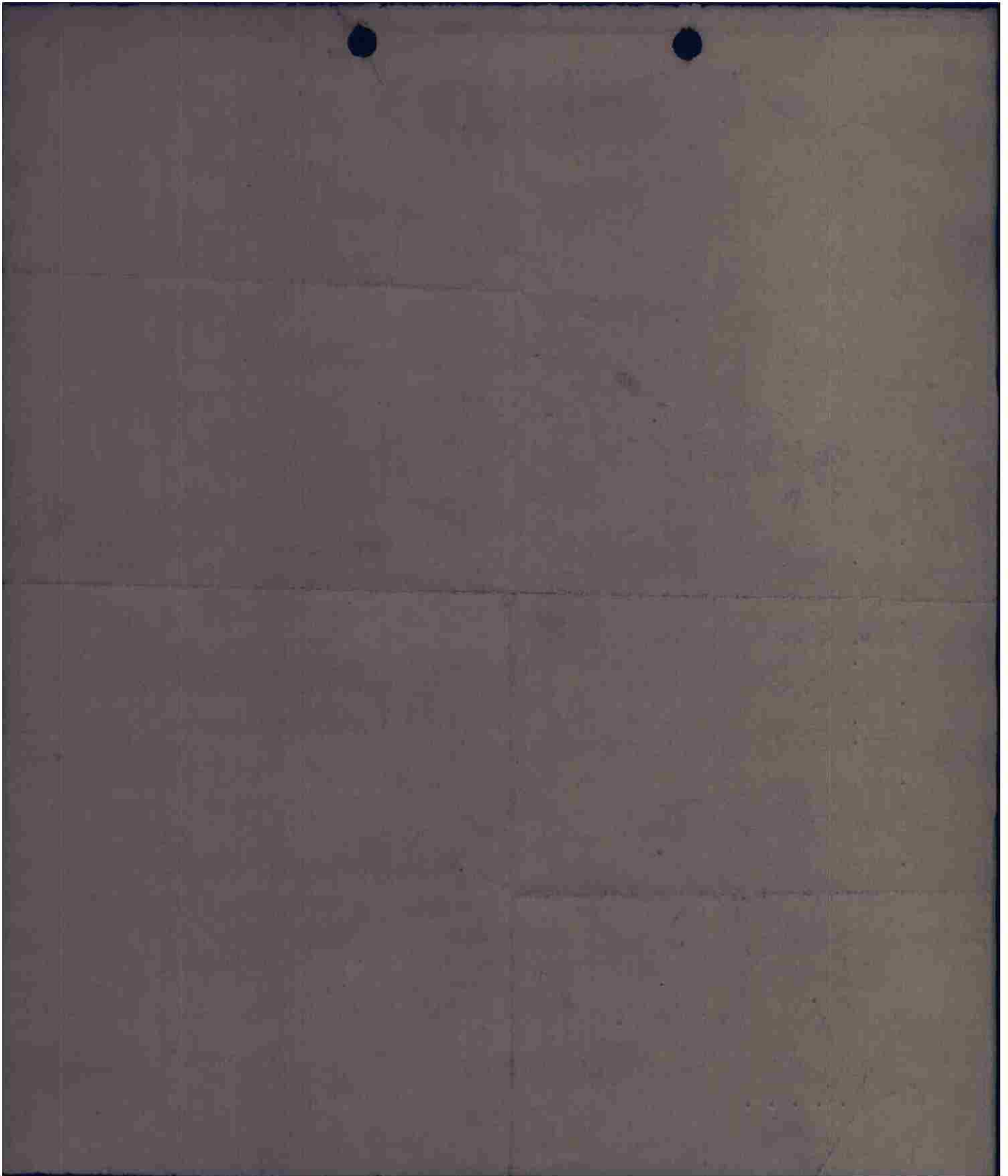
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TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 416

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R-003-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO.1 TO FIELD ORDER NO.185-770

PLAN "A"

1. TARGET IS RR BRIDGE AT B929118, SW OF VOLKMARSEN. TARGET IS DESCRIBED ON XXIX TAC/T-234. IT IS TO BE BOMBED VISUALLY.
 2. IF BOMBS ARE DROPPED, MILITARY TARGETS WITHIN THE AREA DESIGNATED IN THE FIELD ORDER ARE TO BE STRAFED AT LOW LEVEL. MILITARY TARGETS INCLUDE M/T, RAILROAD TARGETS, AND SUPPLY DUMPS. TOWNS ALONE IN THIS AREA ARE NOT MILITARY TARGETS.
 2. PHOTOS : 29TACT/234
MAPS : GSGS 4416 - SHEET 4620
 3. FLAK : FOR HEAVY FLAK SEE CURRENT PLOTTED POSITIONS. ACCURATE NAVIGATION WILL BE REQUIRED TO STEER BETWEEN LIMBURG AND COBLINZ AREAS.
- THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF PROBABLE LIGHT FLAK DEFENSES WITHIN THE AREA DESIGNATED FOR LOW LEVEL ATTACK.

FRANKENBERG	G-7574	POSSIBLY 3 LIGHT GUNS
WINTERBERG	G-5689	POSSIBLY 3 LIGHT GUNS
MEDEBACH	G-6889	POSSIBLY 3 LIGHT GUNS

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF KNOWN LIGHT DEFENSES IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE AREA DESIGNATED

G-9288	18 LT ? HEAVY DEFENSE
G-9383	6 LT
B-4607	9 LT
B-3804	7 LT
G-2693	3 LT
G-2187	3 LT
G-2235	3 LT
G-3131	6 LT
GIESSEN G-6621	STRONG LIGHT DEFENSE
G-8048	3 LT 4 HY
G-8245	3 LT 6 HY

NOTE: FIGHTER BOMBERS REPORT THAT TRAINS THAT ARE NOT REPEAT NOT MOVING ARE USUALLY STOPPED IN FLAK FIELDS AND MAY BE CONSIDERED AS A TRAP.

FOR SUGGESTIONS AS TO STRAFING TARGETS WHICH MAY BE FLAK DEFENDED SEE FOOTNOTE TO FLAK BULLETIN 576. FLAK IS ON ALL SIDES OF THE STRAFING AREA, INCLUDING THE POINT OF EXIT. LOW LEVEL FLYING SHOULD BE CONFINED TO THE DESIGNATED AREA.

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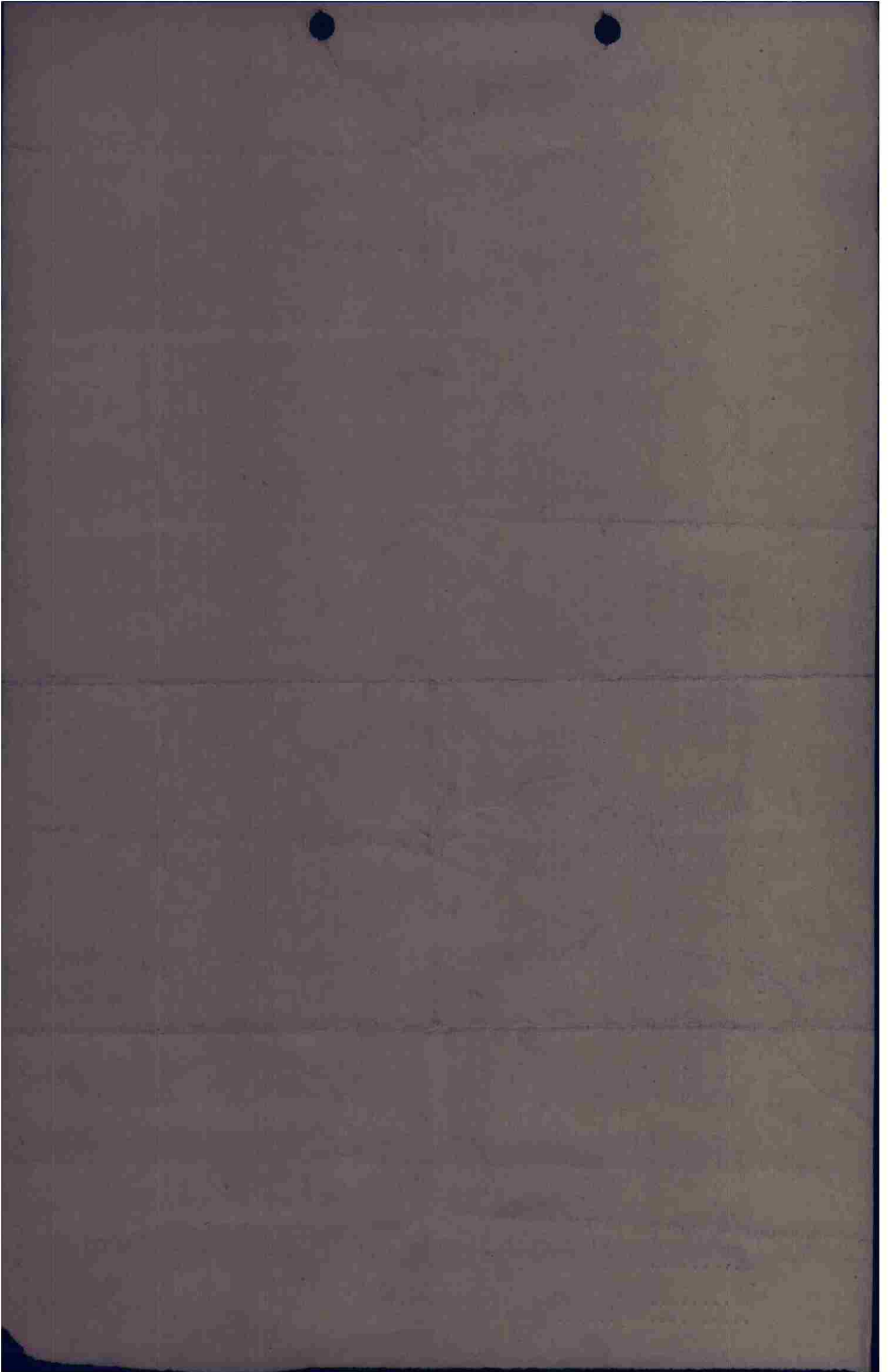
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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 01/0227A
 TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
 409TH BOMB GROUP
 410TH BOMB GROUP
 416TH BOMB GROUP

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BT

ATTENTION SIGNALS OFFICERS

ADVANCED INFORMATION COPY OF PARAGRAPH 5. OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (920115)
 (2) LIFEGUARD
 (3) POKER
 (4) RIPSAN

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (262714)
 (2) CIRCLE
 (4) SWEEPSTAKES

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (920115)
 (2) MURKY
 (3) JUDITH
 (4) RIPSAN

PLAN "B" OR "C"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (686214)
 (2) MANGO
 (3) BISHOP
 (4) RIPSAN

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (262714)
 (2) CIRCLE
 (4) SWEEPSTAKES

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (686214)
 (2) BESTMAN
 (3) EVENING
 (4) RIPSAN

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

(11) ON PLAN "A", "B" OR "C" 410TH LEADERS WILL CALL STONEWALL 15 MIN. BEFORE TROOPLINE ADVISING TIME AHEAD OF OR BEHIND SCHEDULE. LEADER WILL AGAIN CALL UPON LEAVING TARGET AREA ADVISING COMPLETION OF OPERATIONS.

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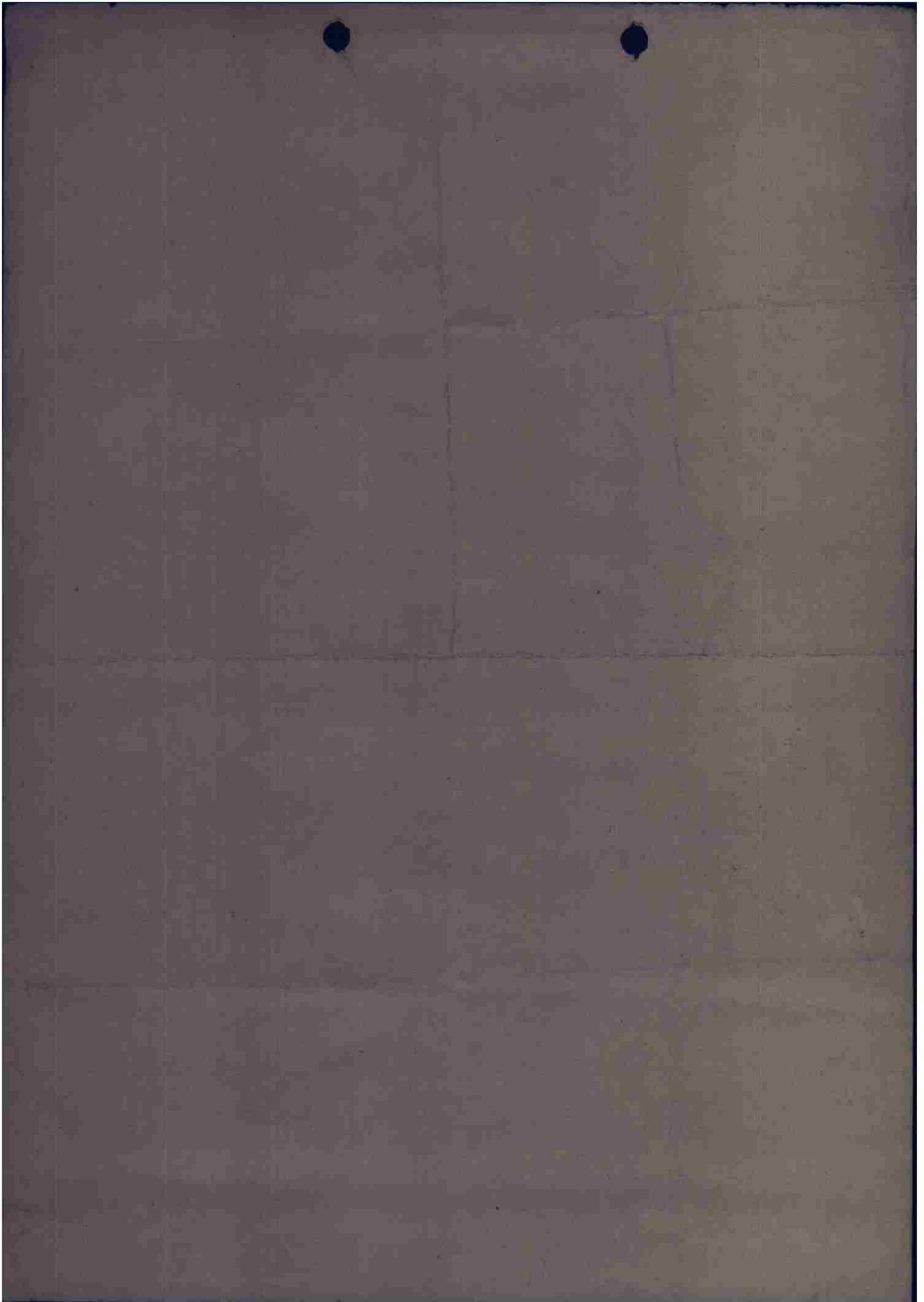
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PLS. USE LINE 5. AND END UNDER GENERAL INFORMATION. 11



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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 01/0210A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV PATHIFINDER SQDN.

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INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO.2 TO FIELD ORDER NO.185-770

PLAN "B" AND PLAN "C"

TARGET : GEISSEN ORDNANCE AND SUPPLY DEPOT G-686214

SEE INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO.2 TO FIELD ORDER NO.173-755

THIS TARGET IS AGAIN A SPECIFIC ARMY REQUEST. AN IMPORTANT Q.M. UNIT OPERATES FROM HERE AND ITS USE AS A DEPOT FOR M/T GIVES IT ADDITIONAL IMPORTANCE.

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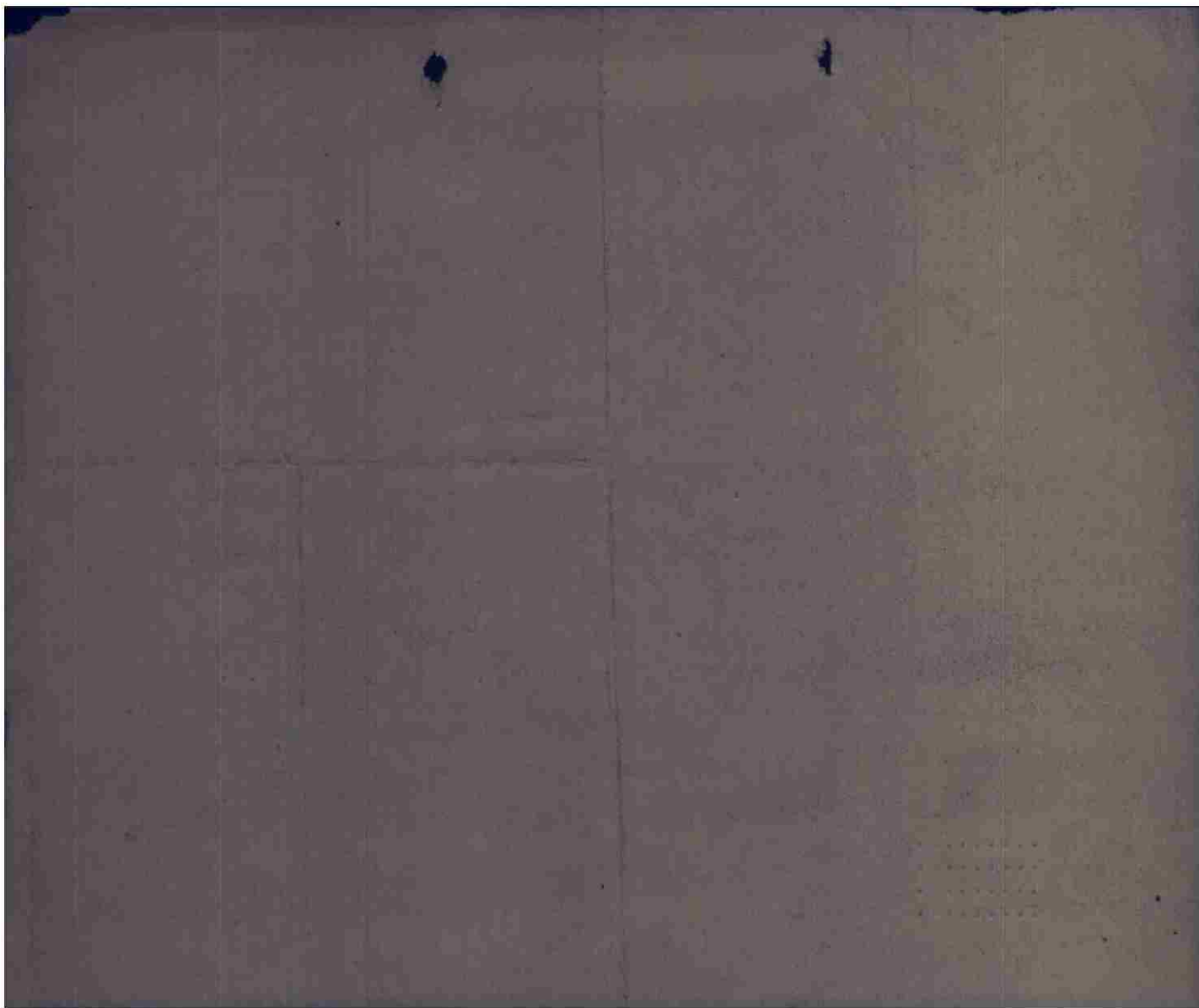
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FROM NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION 281839A
TO WINGS AND GROUPS
1ST PATHFINDER SQDN
9TH WEA RECCE

FROM SHAEF MAIN AIR DEFENSE DIVISION 281800A FEB 45
TO (1) NINTH AIR FORCE ADV (D OF OPS) (2) 2 TAF MAIN
(3) 2 GROUP RAF (FLYING CONTROL) (4) NINTH BOMBARDMENT
DIVISION (FLYING CONTROL) (5) 1 TAF (PROV)

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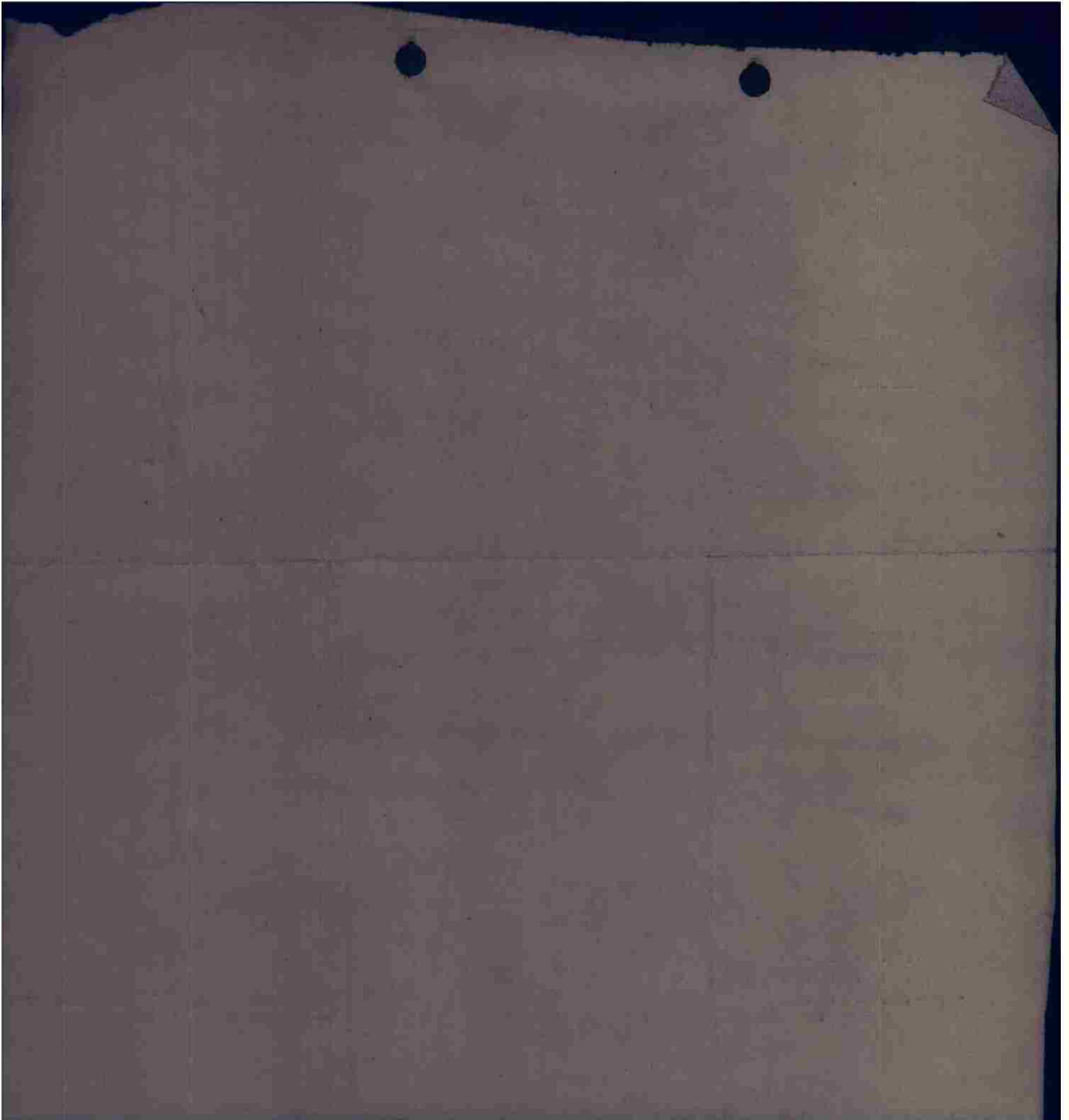
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SUBJECT PAREN FROM SHAEF MAIN SIGNED EISENHOWER UNPAREN RESTRICTED
AREAS TO FLYING SERIAL ONE ZERO ZERO PD PARAGRAPH ONE PD EFFECTIVE
ONE TWO ZERO ZERO ABLE HOURS ONE MARCH BELGIUM DIVER AREA IS
ALTERED BY CANCELLING THAT PORTION BELOW A LINE FROM BIEZ CMA
JIG HYPHEN EIGHT SIX FOUR ONE CMA TO ROSIERES CMA JIG HYPHEN
SEVEN SIX FOUR THREE PD PARAGRAPH TWO PD AIR MINISTRY REQUESTED
TO AMEND NEUGRIP PD PARAGRAPH THREE PD ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT PD
DISTRIBUTION SAME AS SERIAL NINE FIVE PD ALL INFORMED PD

BT 281800A FEB 45/281839A
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(LCB DRB)

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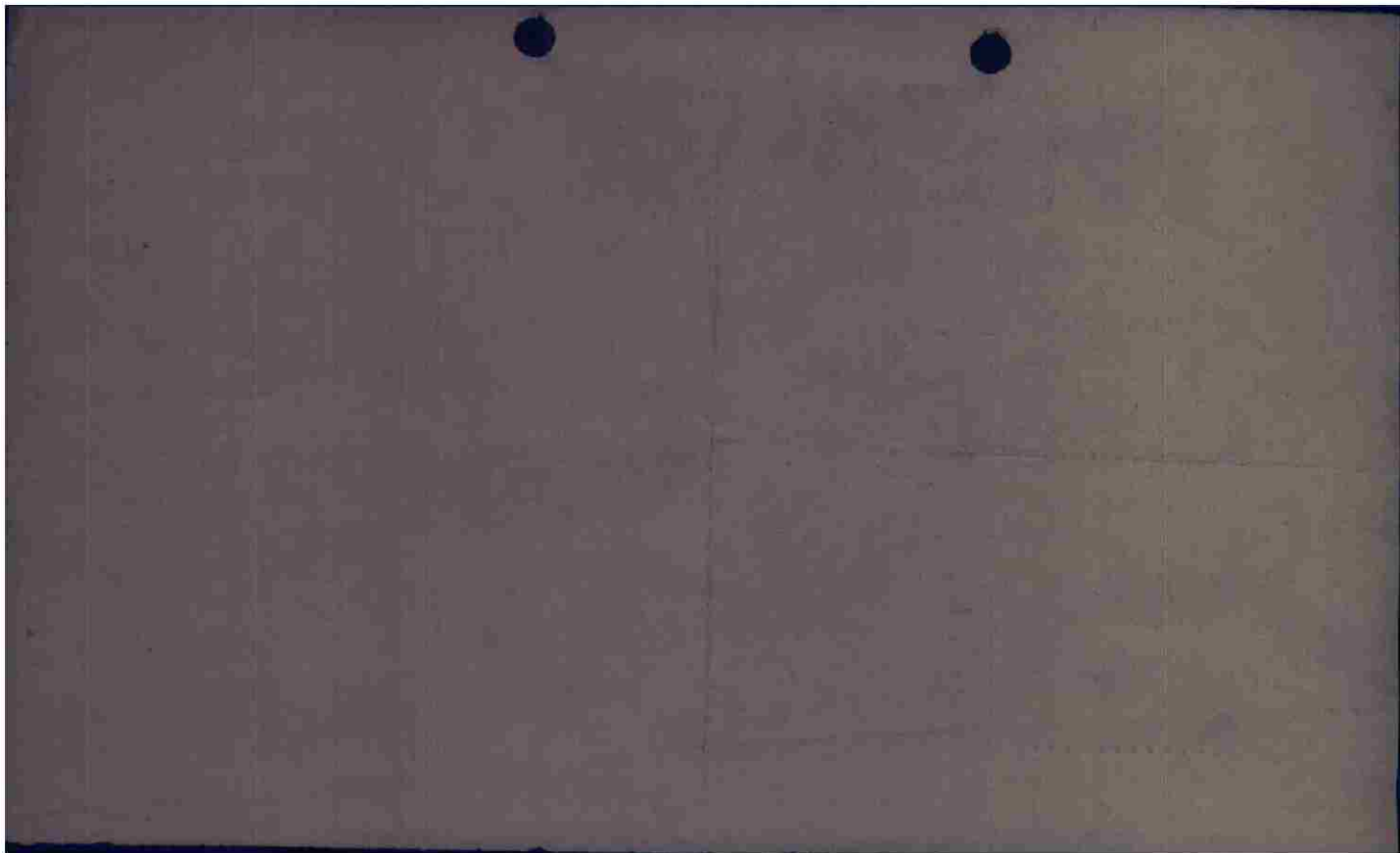
1. (A) IN EVENT VS VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT THE PRIMARY TARGET,
MPI'S WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
THREE (3) FLIGHTS ON REF. 02920276 111. 3(K)48/3
THREE (3) FLIGHTS ON REF. 03140288 111. 3(K)48/3
2. THE ALTERNATE TARGET IF THE PRIMARY IS NOT ATTACKED WILL BE
ELLER BRIDGE (L-570765). MPI WILL BE THE CENTER OF THE BRIDGE.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

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TO HQS, 9TH BOMB DIVISION (M)
HQs, 97TH COMBAT WING
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SECRET 416TH BG R-10-I PERIOD

B. GIESSEN SUPPLY AND ORDNANCE DEPOT.

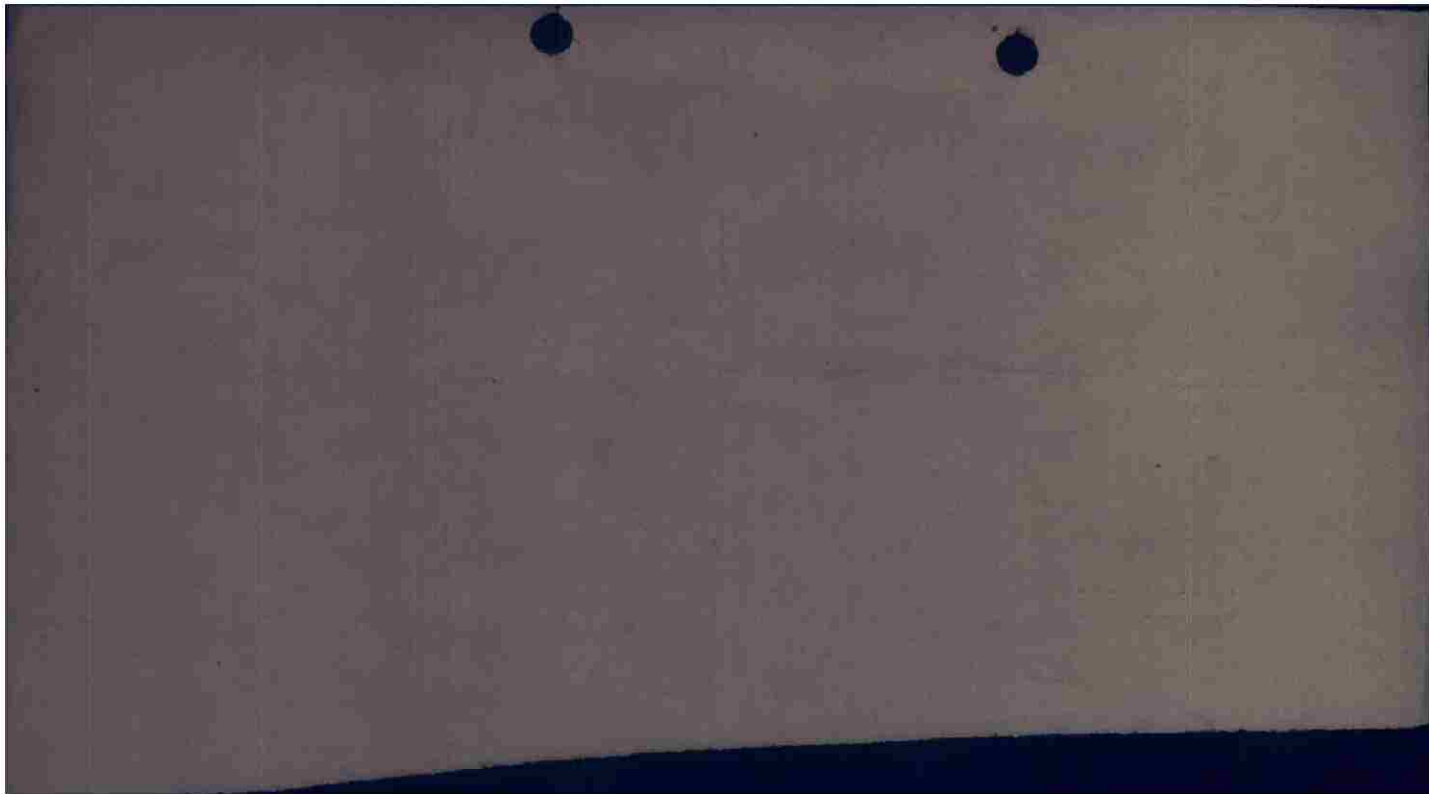
J. NO PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

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CANCEL PLAN "A"

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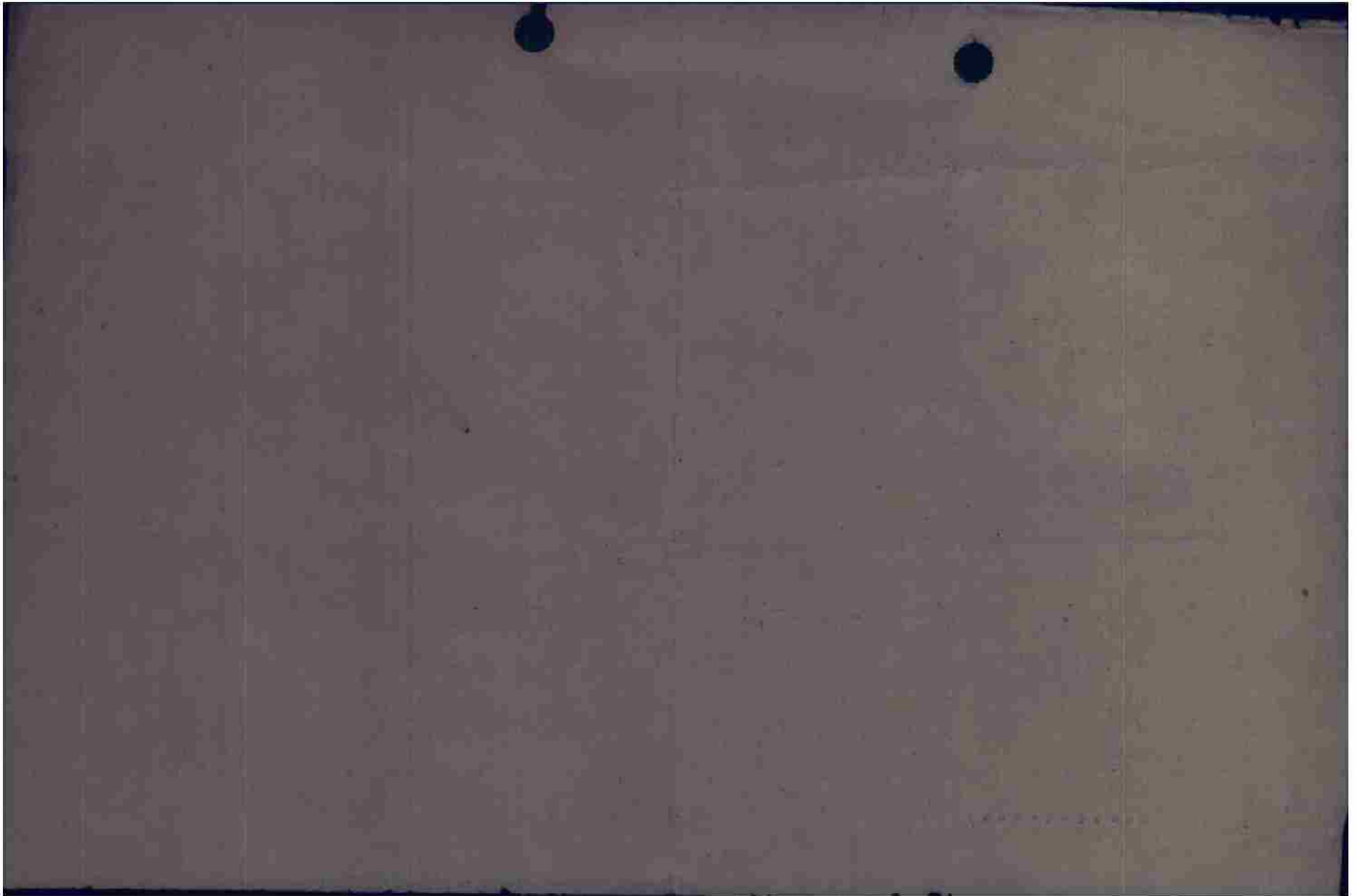
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