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LOADING LIST
BOX ~~16~~
FLIGHT ~~IV~~

8 MARCH 1945

4322
1. 521 N
Capt B D Stebbins
Lt A S Colloway
Lt R J McQuade
S/S W J Brown

4322
2. 490 X
Lt J J Lackovich
Lt R C Muir
S/S T Connery

4139
3. 244 I
Lt R W VanRope
Sgt W H Klingman

4137
4. 362 Y
Capt R L Behlmer
S/S W W Donnelly

4139
5. 314 H
F/O F W Swap
Sgt M Santandrea

4139
6. 271 R
Lt A W Depner
Sgt V F Fair

FLIGHT II

4322
1. 505 Y-1
Capt C E Anderson
Lt W Ebbage
S/S P G Euga

4322
2. 378 O
Lt W W Annin
S/S E L Schafer

4139
3. 274 S
Lt S W Harris
S/S J W Robinson

4139
4. 264 I-1
Lt P E Parker
S/S S L Heitell

4139
5. 305 U
Lt W H Lasater
Sgt A Pettinocchi

4139
6. 385 D
F/O H G Gunkel
Pvt D. Hawk

FLIGHT III

4322
1. 508 Z
Capt C S Stanley
F/O J H Blount
Sgt J C Edenbarn

4139
2. 361 M
Lt G J Parkhurst
Sgt F Newman

4322
3. 321 T
Lt R A Russell
Sgt J I Spence

4322
4. 389 X-1
Lt L E Cannon
S/S E P Brzezinski

4139
5. 335 W
Lt E B Drum
Sgt J R Schwartzkopf

4139
6. 213 A
Lt A V Everts
Cpl D. Youlios

SPARE

4139
269 O
Lt E R Hayter
S/S F P Basford

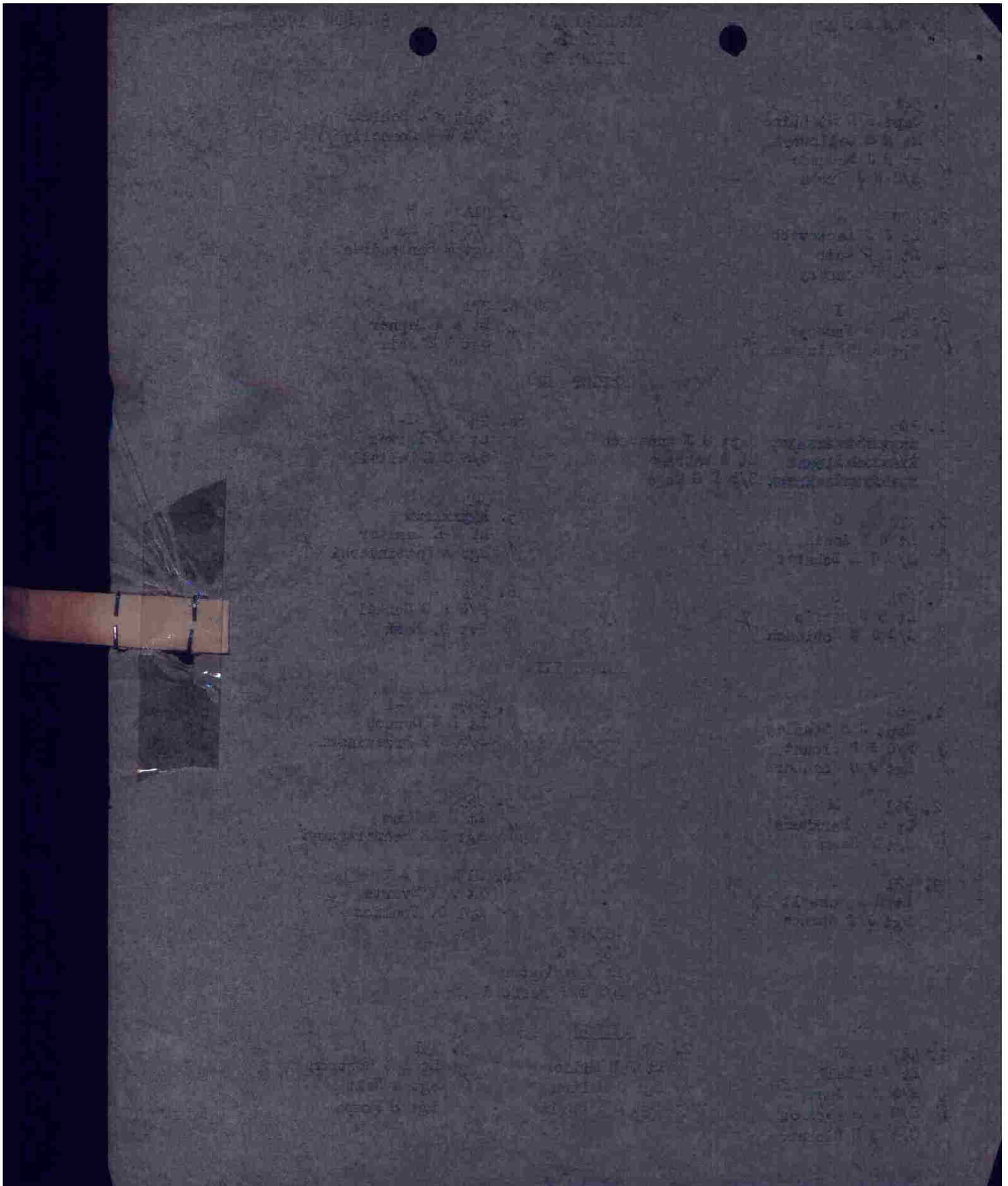
WINDOW

4322
1. 487 J
Lt R B Hall
E/O T L Goss
S/S W S Jackson
Sgt D E Richards

4139
2. 209 M
Lt J H Miller
Sgt C Helton
Sgt L E Davis

4322
3. 351 F
Lt L W Easton
Sgt A Helt
Sgt S Pompe

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8 Mar



MISSION NO. 225

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8 MARCH 1945

BOX ~~IF~~
FLIGHT I

1. 507 Q
Lt. R J Rooney
Lt R L Kirk
Lt M C McNutt
S/S S R Caudell

2. 492 E
Lt R H Cornell
Lt R E Enman
S/S A Carter

3. 330 P
Capt H W Borman
Pfc D O Finnell

4. 416 O
Lt R B Singletary
S/S H G Wiggins

5. 205 M
Lt J F Stankowski
Sgt A H Kimball

6. 2315 L
Lt R Ford
Cpl D J Murro

FLIGHT II

1. 501 W
Lt W R Heinke
Lt A E Rosenquist
S/S W L Kidd

2. 215 R
Lt. E G Bishop
Sgt M C Harris

3. 286 D
Lt R S Bower
Sgt N A Puskas

4. 223 B
Lt H Popeney
S/S W E Arnett

5. 224 E
Lt J F Wallace
Sgt R Plant

6. 320 S
Lt J V O'Brien
SGT. H. T. WRIGHT

FLIGHT III

1. 498 R
Lt C J Brown
Lt J E Kerna
S/S H E Sunderland

2. 237 D-1
Lt J B Cooke
Sgt M F Hardin

3. 356 C
Lt D A Fero
S/S C F Hiss

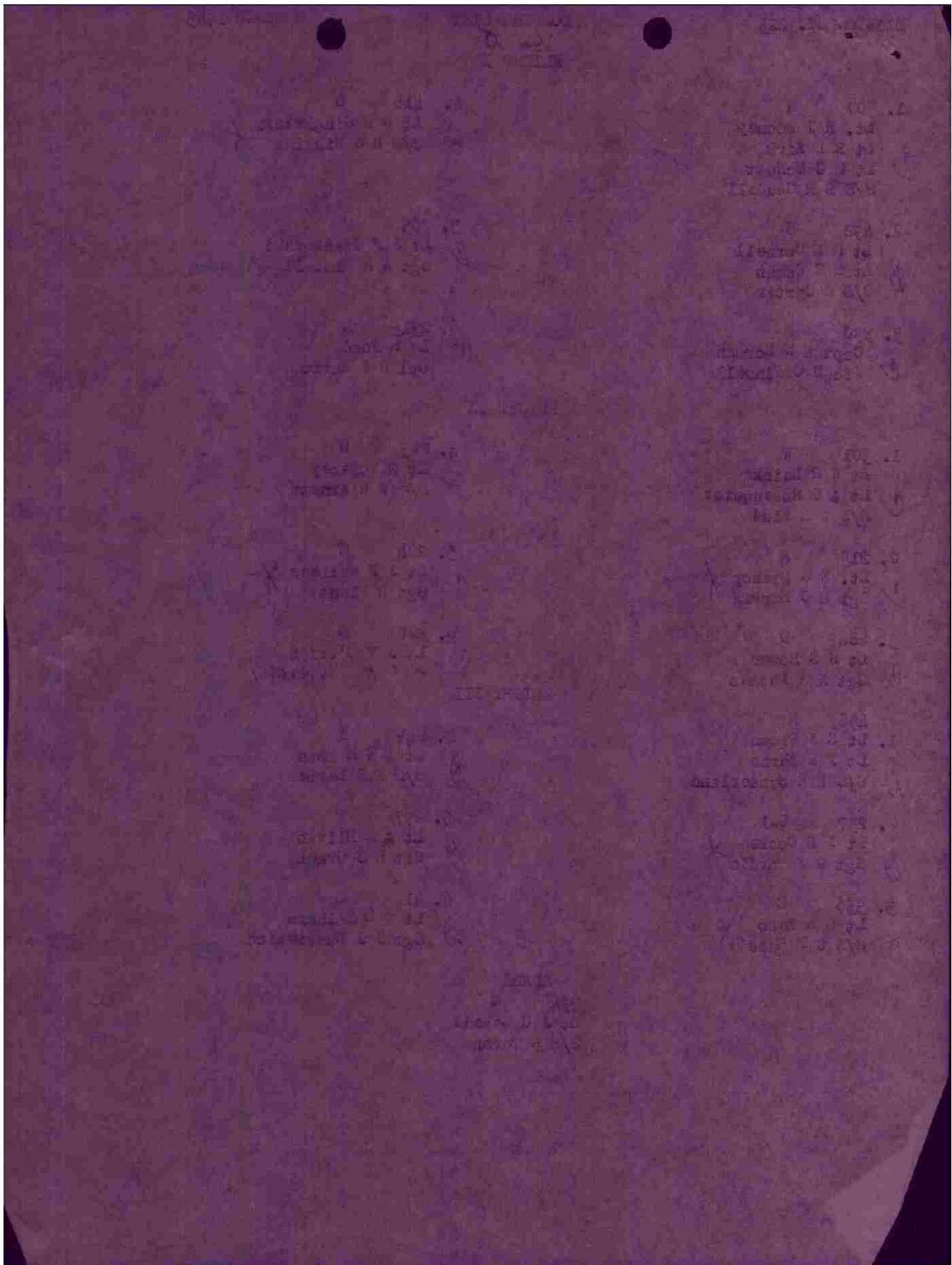
4. 249 F
Lt A E Herman
S/S F E Barber

5. 297 T
Lt A E Hlivko
Sgt R E Graub

6. 419 Z
Lt G L Milhorn
Sgt J J Ruskiewich

SPARE

334 G
Lt J C Sewell
S/S A Teran



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 10 Mar 45
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HEADQUARTERS
 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
 Office of the Commanding Officer

AFG 140, U.S. Army,
 10 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 8 March 1945, T.O. 1445, Tufath Motor Transport Depot, P.O. 195-781.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 41-38244 Station 8A failed
 (Lt R.W. VanRope) to release.

Pole #2 in A-4 release unit
 mating plug assembly was broken
 at the base causing failure of
 electrical circuit to release
 solenoid in A-4 release unit.

43-22579 Station 7A failed
 (Lt W.W. Annin) to release.

The A-1 release receptacle on
 station 7 failed to transfer
 current to station 7A.

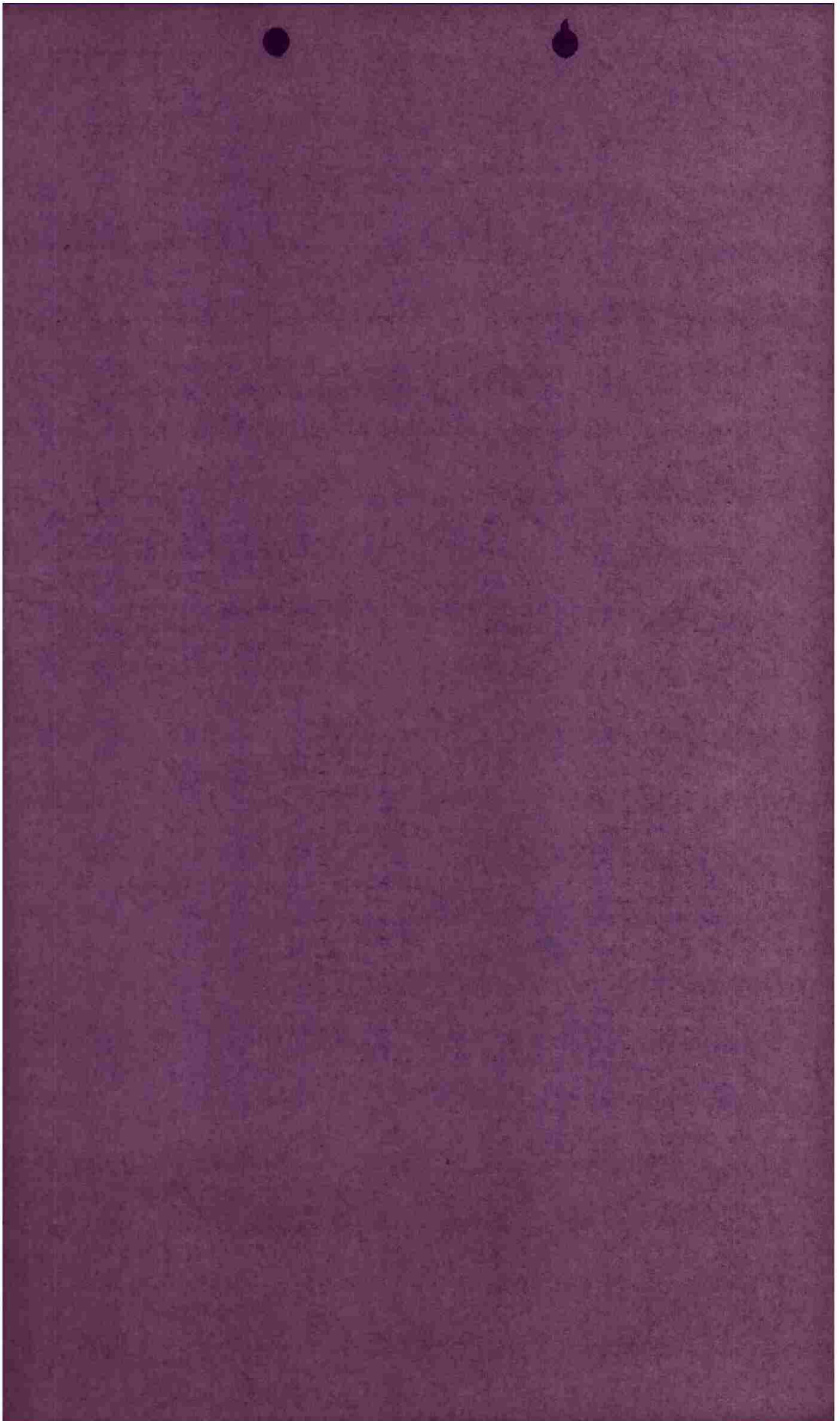
V. None.

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 3 - 3:25 - 695
 4 - 3:25 - 600
 5 - 3:15 - 500
 6 - 3:25 - 590
 7 - 3:30 - 600
 8 - 3:20 - 600
 9 - 3:35 - 575
 10 - 3:35 - 695
 11 - 3:35 - 650
 12 - 3:20 - 590
 13 - 3:25 - 570
 14 - 3:30 - 555
 15 - 3:25 - 650
 16 - 3:30 - 725
 17 - 3:28 - 555
 18 - 3:25 - 625
 19 - 3:25 - 600
 20 - 3:00 - 450
 21 - 3:00 - 550
 22 - 3:00 - 510

1 - 3:15 - 575
 2 - 3:10 - 480
 3 - 3:10 - 545
 4 - 3:05 - 520
 5 - 3:05 - 530
 6 - 3:10 - 550
 7 - 3:10 - 525
 8 - 3:05 - 475
 9 - 3:05 - 515
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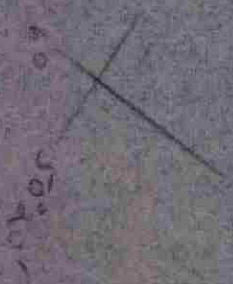
VII. None.

THEODORE E. AXELSSON,
 Colonel, Air Corps,
 Commanding.



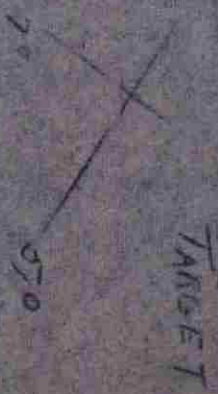
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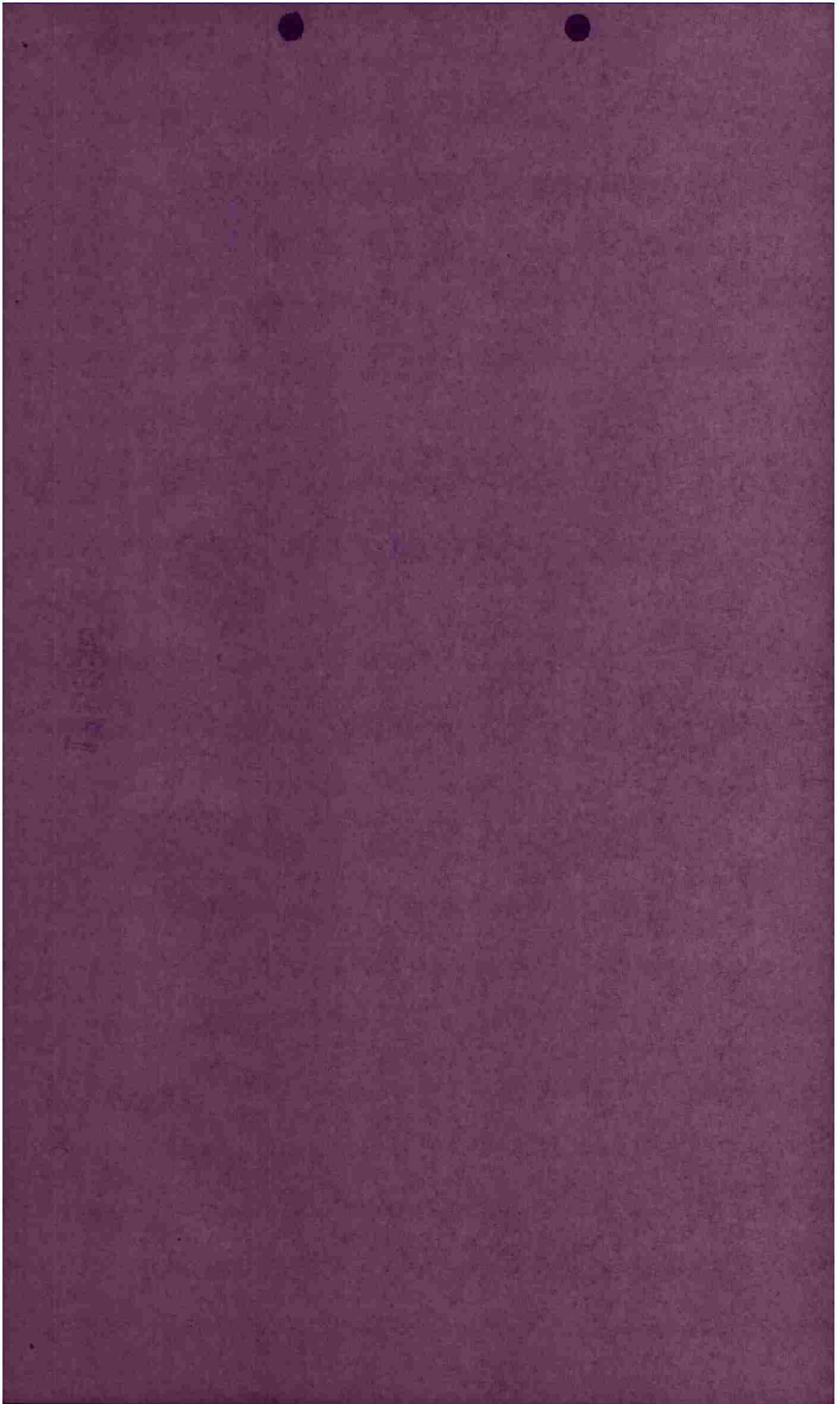


4th Bomb GP (A)
8 AM 43
FO 145-781
Window used
TOT 1601 ALT 12500-15000

NO FLAK



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Mission No. 225

Box 7

8 March 1945

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B	N	521	Stebbins			1443										1806	3:25
B	K	490	Jackowski			1443										1807	3:25
B	Q	244	Van Hise			1443						*				1807	3:25
B	W	362	Bedner			1444						*				1807	3:25
B	H	314	Luigs			1444										1759	3:15
B	K	271	Stepner			1444										1807	3:45
A	W-1	505	Adams			1445										1814	3:30
A	W-1	518	Ammer			1445										1802	3:20
A	W-1	274	Hagman			1445						*				1816	3:35
A	W-1	264	Farber			1445						*				1815	3:35
A	W	305	Quarten			1446						*				1814	3:35
A	D	385	Bunkel			1446										1805	3:20
A	Z	508	Atanley			1446										1808	3:25
A	M	361	Tag & Hurst			1447										1817	3:30
A	T	321	Woolle			1447						*				1812	3:25
A	W-1	389	Camman			1447										1812	3:25
A	W	335	Brown			1447										1816	3:30
A	Q	213	Evans			1448						*				1813	3:25
B	Q	263	Hagman			1448										1813	3:25
B	Q	187	Hale			1500										1746	3:00
B	M	209	Miller			1501										1747	3:00
B	W	351	Edstrom			1501										1748	3:00

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JEDM JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA 13/07 OP OP

T (JEDM PASS TO JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 07/2035A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN.

R-319

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

R-77-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
07 MARCH 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 195-781

MAPS : NORMAL

1. B. (1) CURRENT BOMBLINE
(2) 19 T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 410TH BOMB GROUP.
9 T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 409TH BOMB GROUP.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY

PLAN "A" ZERO HOUR : 08/1300A
PLAN "B" ZERO HOUR : 08/1300A

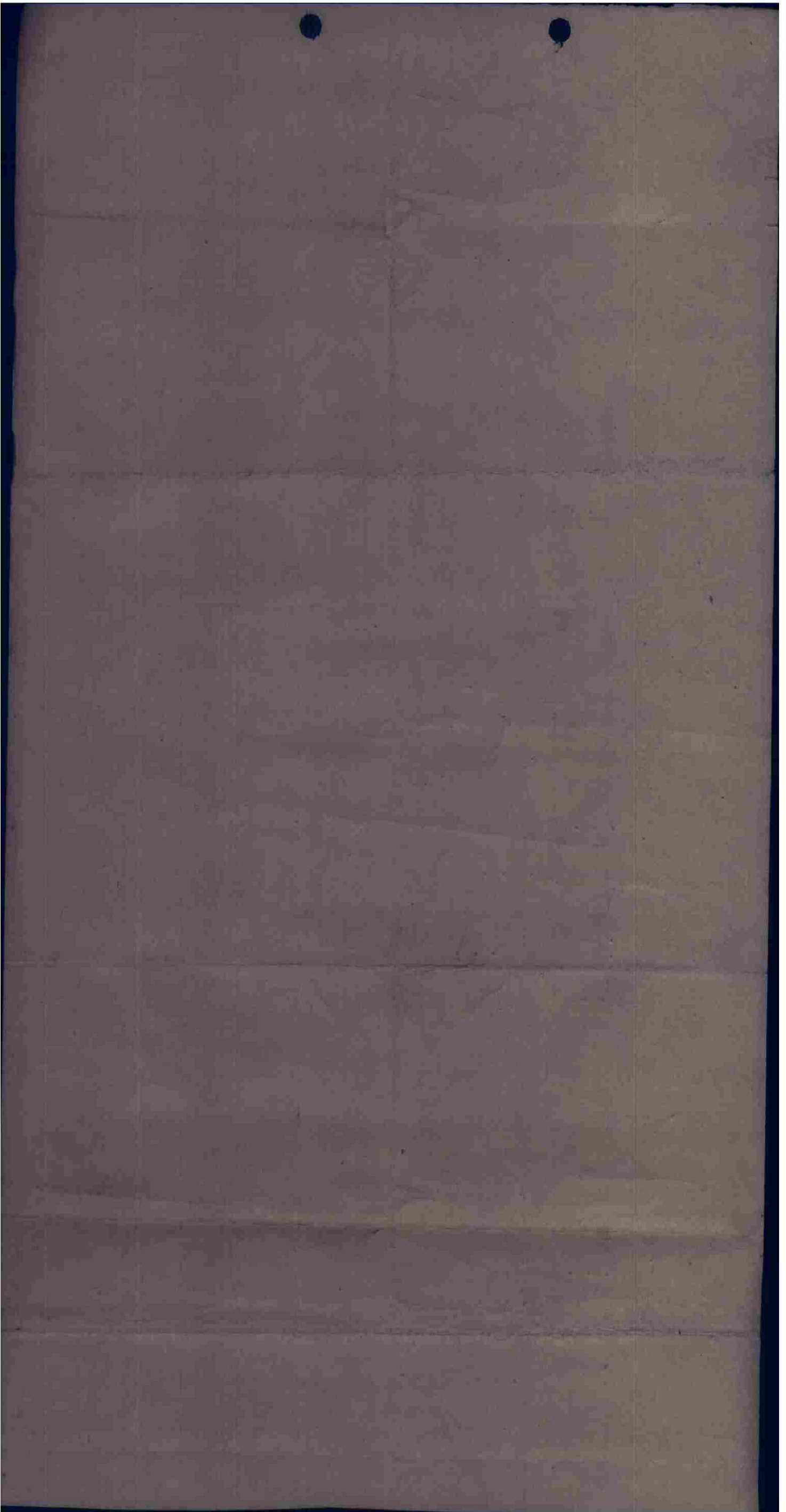
PLAN "A"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) DILLENBURG MARSHALLING YARD (G-399362)
- (2) 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5658 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 20 MIN.
- (4) BASE TO P-5658 TO L-1863 TO M-0978 TO G-0604 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 11,500 FEET OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (7) G 2324
- (8) GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 5215 COVER MARSHALLING YARD FROM 39703625 TO 39503710
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE 1/100 SECOND TAIL.
- (11) G-2324
- (12) IN THE EVENT VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY :
A. GEE
B. TARGET KM E.T.A.
- (13) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER (F-576-E) (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED.
- (14) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.
- (15) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES 30 SECOND BEFORE FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AND WILL DO SO AFTER FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS WHENEVER FIGHTER LEADER REQUEST THEM.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

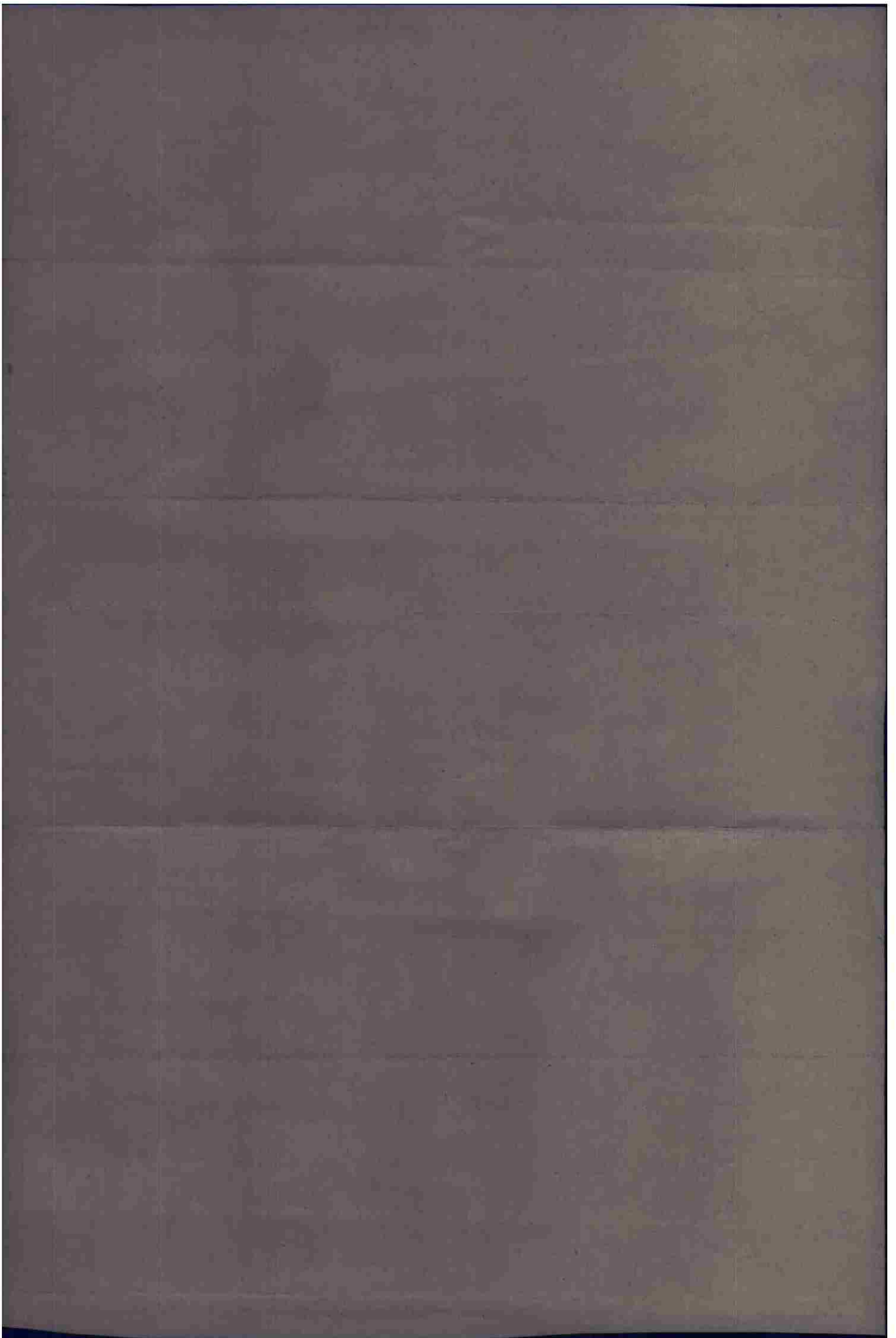
- (1) BETZDORF MARSHALLING YARD (G-093436)
- (2) 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-6122 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 10 MIN.
- (4) BASE TO P-6122 TO L-1863 TO M-0978 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 11,500 FEET OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (7) G-0522
- (8) GENERALLY SOUTH TO NORTH
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 5213 COVER MARSHALLING YARD FROM 08534420 TO 09404350
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G. P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE 1/100 SECOND TAIL.
- (11) G-0522
- (12) IN THE EVENT VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY :
A. GEE
B. TARGET E.T.A.
- (13) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED.
- (14) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.
- (15) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES 30 SECOND BEFORE FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AND WILL DO SO AFTER FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS WHENEVER FIGHTER LEADER REQUEST THEM.



- (1) DILLENBURG MARSHALLING YARD (G-399362)
 (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 P.P.F. A/C
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-3658 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 21 MINS.
 WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER THE FIELD.
 (4) BASE TO P-3658 TO L-1863 TO M-8978 TO M-1197 TO TARGET.
 (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO G-8522 TO M-8978 AND RETRACE ROUTE TO
 BASE.
 (6) BOMB AT 1ST BOX 13,000 FEET.
 2ND BOX 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 NO. 5215
 COVER MARSHALLING YARD FROM 39703625 TO 39503710 TO BE
 USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
 PPF MPI: GRID. COORD.: 39703645. INTERVALOMETER SETTING
 50 FEET.
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP FUSED: 1/10 SECOND NOSE, 1/100 SECOND TAIL.
 (12) TOT: ZERO PLUS 60 MINS.
 (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 P.P.F. A/C OR NOT. IF BOMB-
 ING IS VISUAL GROUP WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHT (B) BOXES AND
 WILL USE G-2324 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES
 THE PRIMARY TARGET. GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING
 PRIORITY:
 A. P.P.F.
 B. GROUP "GEE"
 C. TARGET E.T.A.
 (14) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED AN ALTERNATE
 IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45)
 WILL BE ATTACKED.
 (15) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS
 WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.
 (16) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES 30 SEC. BEFORE FIGHTER
 RENDEZVOUS AND WILL DO SO AFTER FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS WHENEVER
 FIGHTER LEADER REQUEST THEM.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) BETZDORF: MARSHALLING YARD (G-893436)
 (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 1 PPF A/C
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-6122 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO MINUS 01 MIN.
 WITH PPF A/C OVER THE FIELD.
 (4) BASE TO P-6122 TO L-1863 TO M-8978 TO G-1532 TO TARGET.
 (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO G-8522 TO M-8978 AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE
 (6) BOMB AT 13,000 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 NO. 5213. COVER MARSHALL-
 ING YARD FROM 88854420 TO 89404350 TO BE USED IF
 BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
 PPF MPI: GRID. COORD.: 89154365.
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
 (12) TOT: ZERO PLUS 40 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 BY (A) FLIGHTS
 (B) BOXES AND WILL USE G-8522 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD
 COVER OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE
 FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 A. PPF
 B. GROUP "GEE"
 C. TARGET E.T.A.
 (14) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED 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 THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS
 WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.
 (16) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES 30 SEC. BEFORE
 FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AND WILL DO SO AFTER FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS
 WHENEVER FIGHTER LEADER REQUESTS THEM.



C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) WULFRATH: MOTOR TRANSPORT DEPOT (F-530970)
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C
- (3) WITH PPF A/C OVER THE FIELD.
- (4) BASE TO K-8343 TO F-3161 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO F-5772 TO F-2359 TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT: 1ST BOX 13,000 FEET.
2ND BOX 12,500 FEET.
MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 8,000 FEET.
DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (9) MPI: ILL. 29 T A C / T-243 COVER AREA "A" TO BE USED IF
BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES. PPF MPI: GRID. COORD.:
53159775.
- (10) 1ST BOX: 12 X 250 LB. GP FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC.
TAIL.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
2ND BOX: 6 X 500 M-17 INCENDIARY CLUSTER FUSED TO OPEN
AT 5,000 FEET. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
- (12) TOT: ZERO PLUS 40 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 BY BOXES. IF CLOUD
COVER OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE
FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
A. PPF
B. GROUP "GEE"
C. TARGET E.T.A.
- (14) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED, 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 THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS
WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.
- (16) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS
WITHIN RANGE.

K. (1 - 4) NO CHANGE.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A" OR "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (399362)

- (2) HAIRGRIP
- (3) PALLMALL
- (4) RIPSAW

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP (093436)

- (2) WORTHY
- (3) GUNBOIL
- (4) RIPSAW

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (530970) PLAN "B" ONLY

- (2) CARLOCK
- (4) SWEEPSTAKES
- (11) LEADER WILL CALL STONEWALL ON C/C 15 MIN. BEFORE CROSSING
TROOP LINE ADVISING TIME AHEAD OR BEHIND SCHEDULE.

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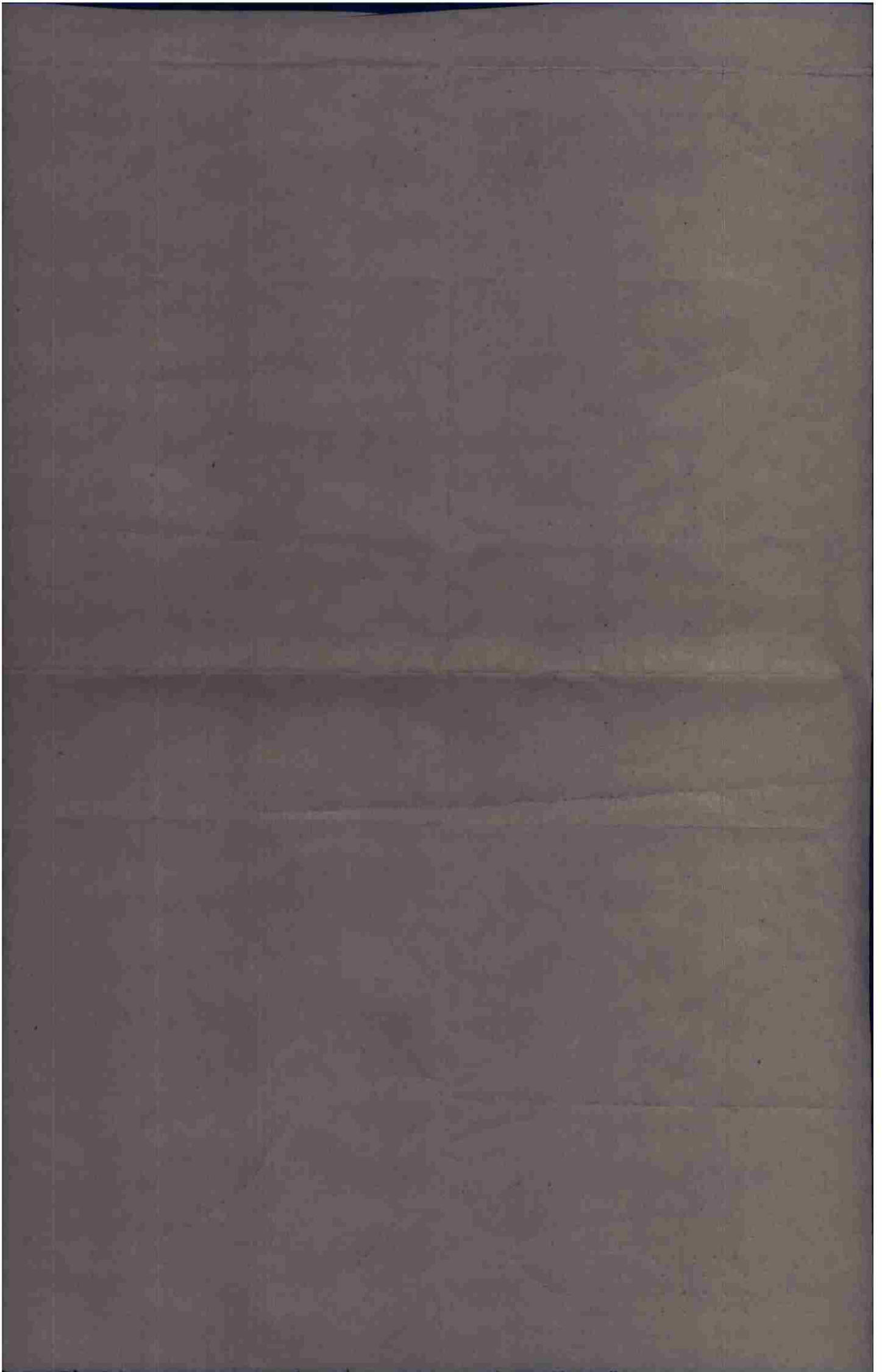
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JES R	07/2228A	US	K	
JKI R	07/2228A	FD	KACO	
JPO R	07/2228A	SK	KKK	



JEDM JJF JKI V JEA JEA 12/07 OP OP

R-318

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 07/1950
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 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
07 MARCH 1945

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INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 3 FIELD ORDER NO. 195-781

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BT 07/1950A

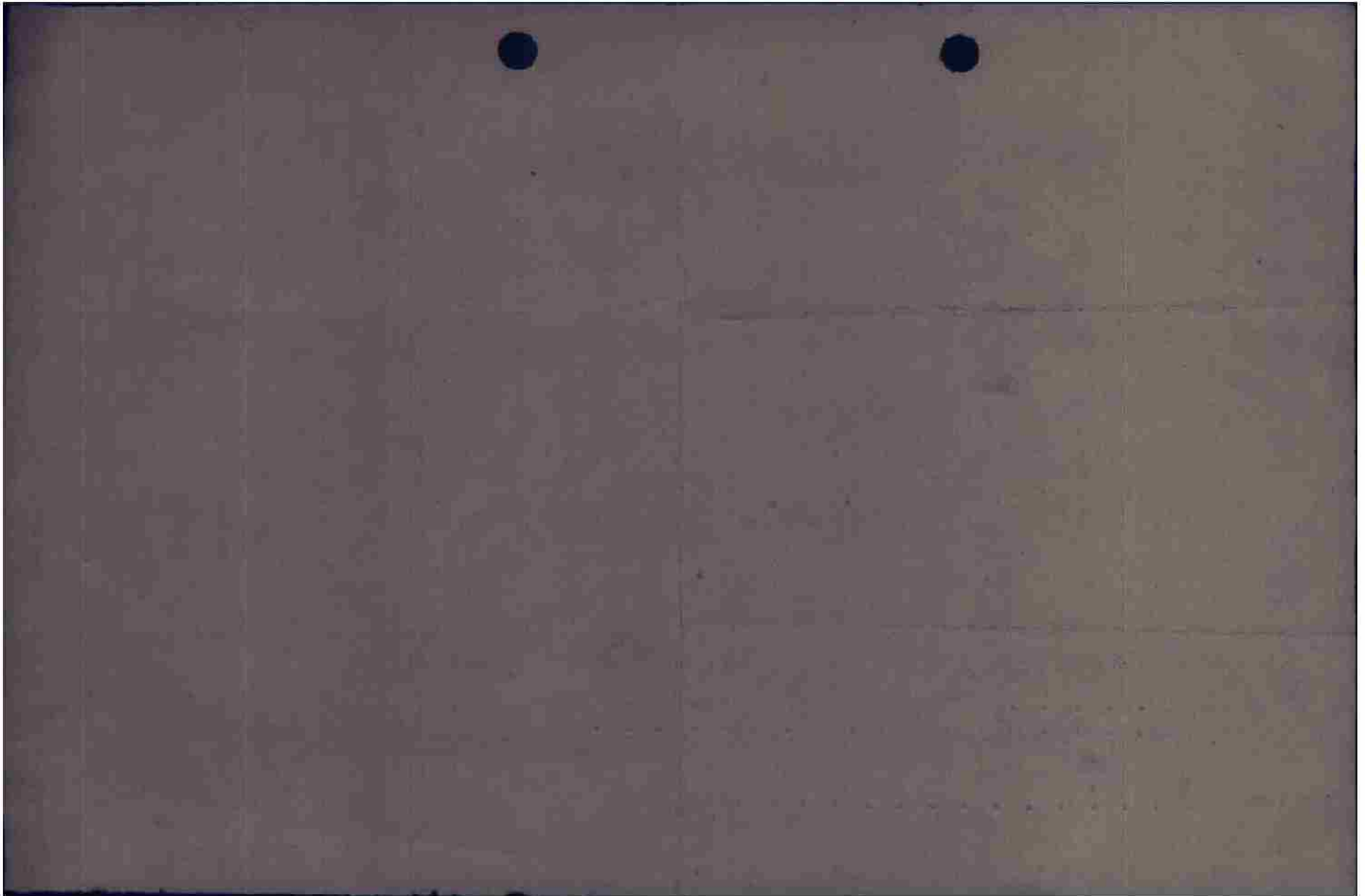
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TO : COMBOMDIV IX
410TH BOMB GROUP.
409TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP. (INFO)
1ST PROV, PATHFINDER SQDN.

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
08 MARCH 1945.

ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 195-781 R-82-E

CANCEL PLAN "B" FOR THE 409TH AND 410TH GROUPS.

CHANGE ZERO HOUR ON PLAN "B" AND PLAN "D" TO READ: 08/1600A.

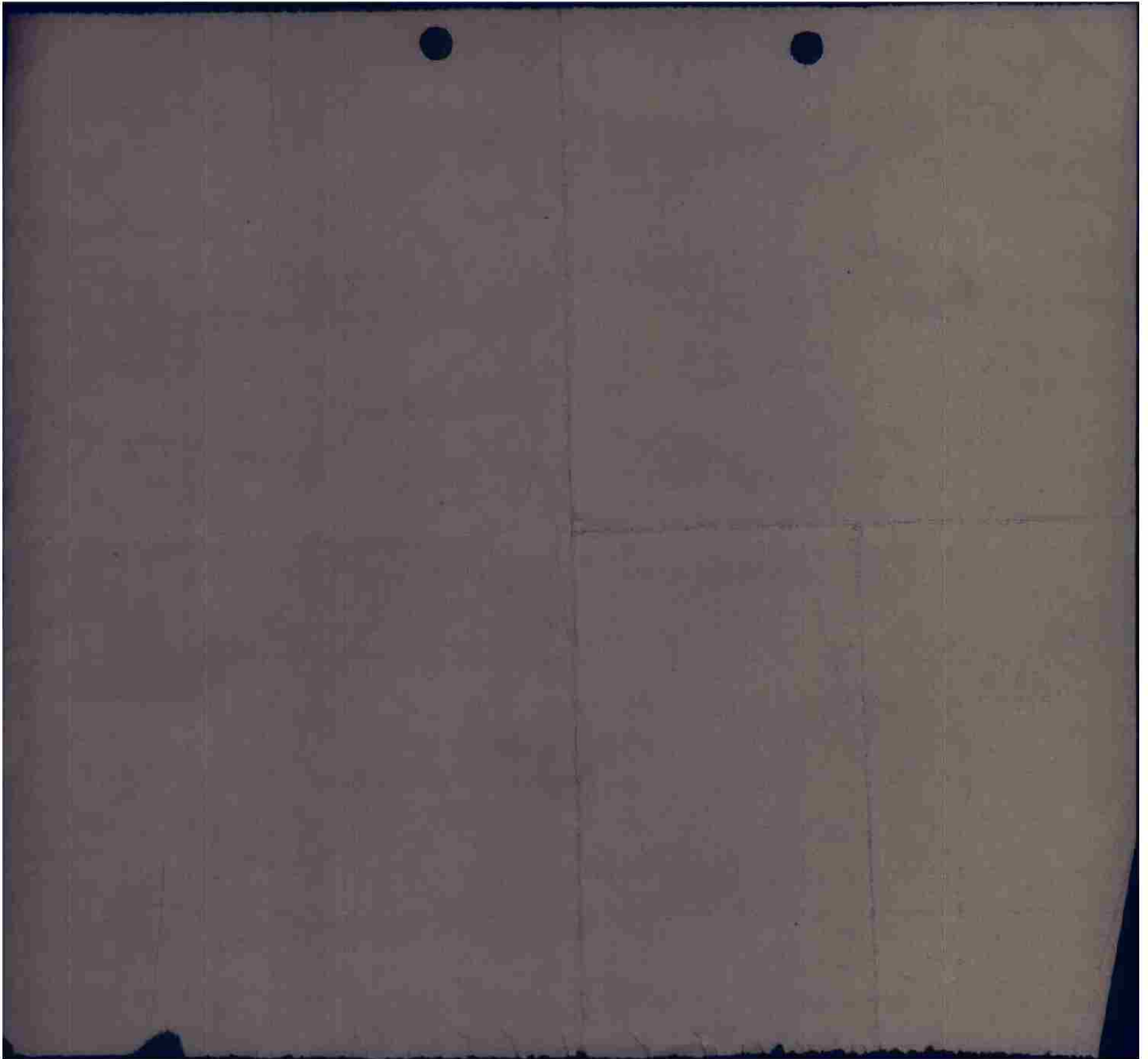
IN PLAN "B" ADD: TO PAR. 3. C. (13) AS FOLLOWS:
VISUAL I.P. FOR SECOND RUN WHEN
BOMBING BY BOXES WILL BE F-3772.

IN PLAN "D" ADD: TO PAR. 3. X. (7) AS FOLLOWS:
VISUAL I.P. FOR SECOND RUN WHEN
BOMBING BY BOXES WILL BE F-2735.

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 08/1050A
WCB BBB TO GRPS
JEDM R.....
JES R.....08/1114A HO K
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409TH BOMB GROUP.
410TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP. (INFO)
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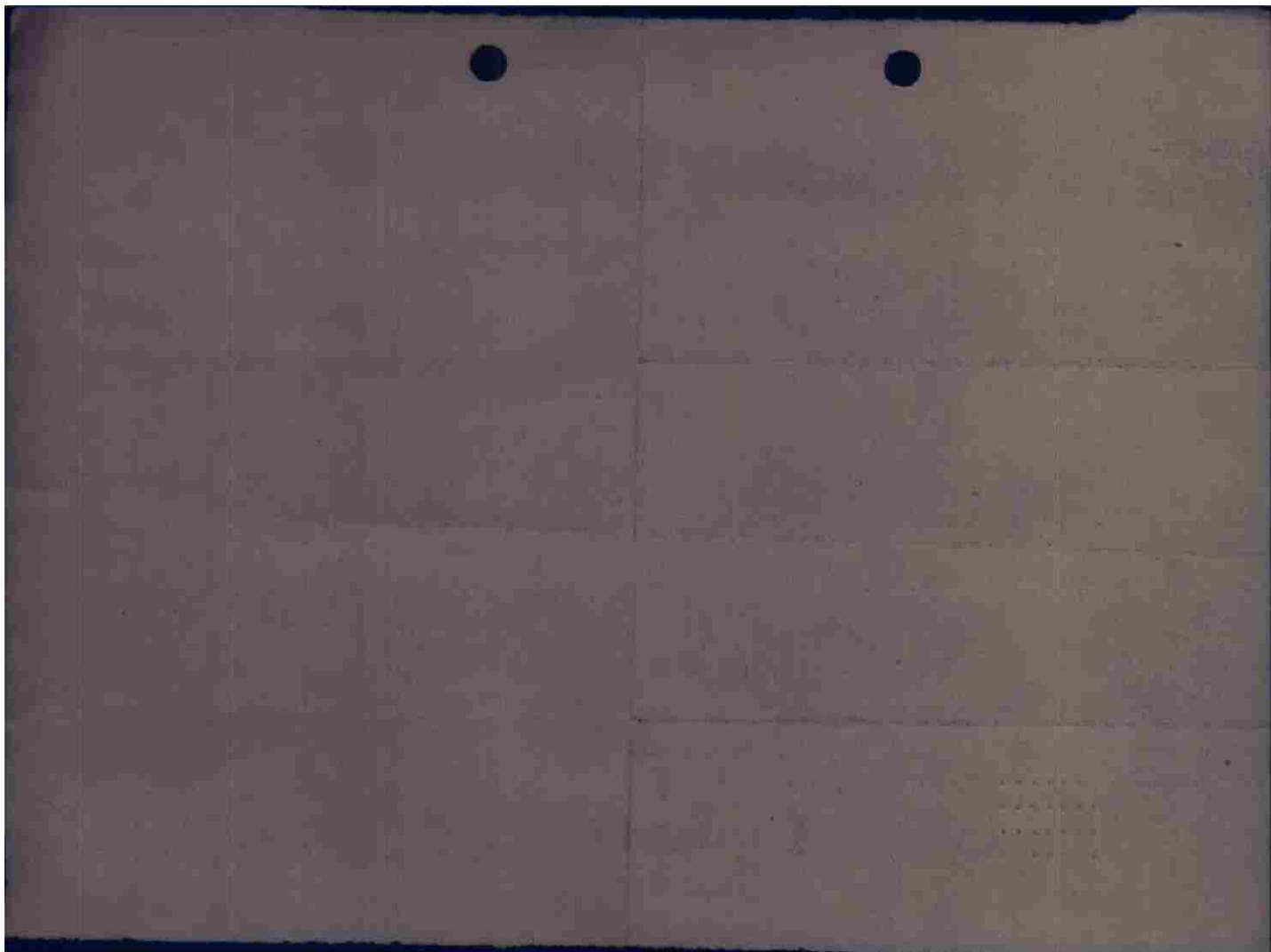
ADD: PLAN "D" PAR. 5. X.
(11) 409TH AND 410TH LEADERS WILL CALL COCKSPUR ON C/C 15 MIN.
BEFORE TROOPLINE ADVISING TIME AHEAD OF OR BEHIND
SCHEDULE.

COMCBTHIG 97
BT 08/1240A

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 08/08 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) 08/1935A
TO COMMANDING GENERAL, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
COMMANDING GENERAL, 97TH COMBAT WING
CONFIDENTIAL BT

ATTN: A-2
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416BG R-156-D
OPFLASH FOR 08MARCH 1945

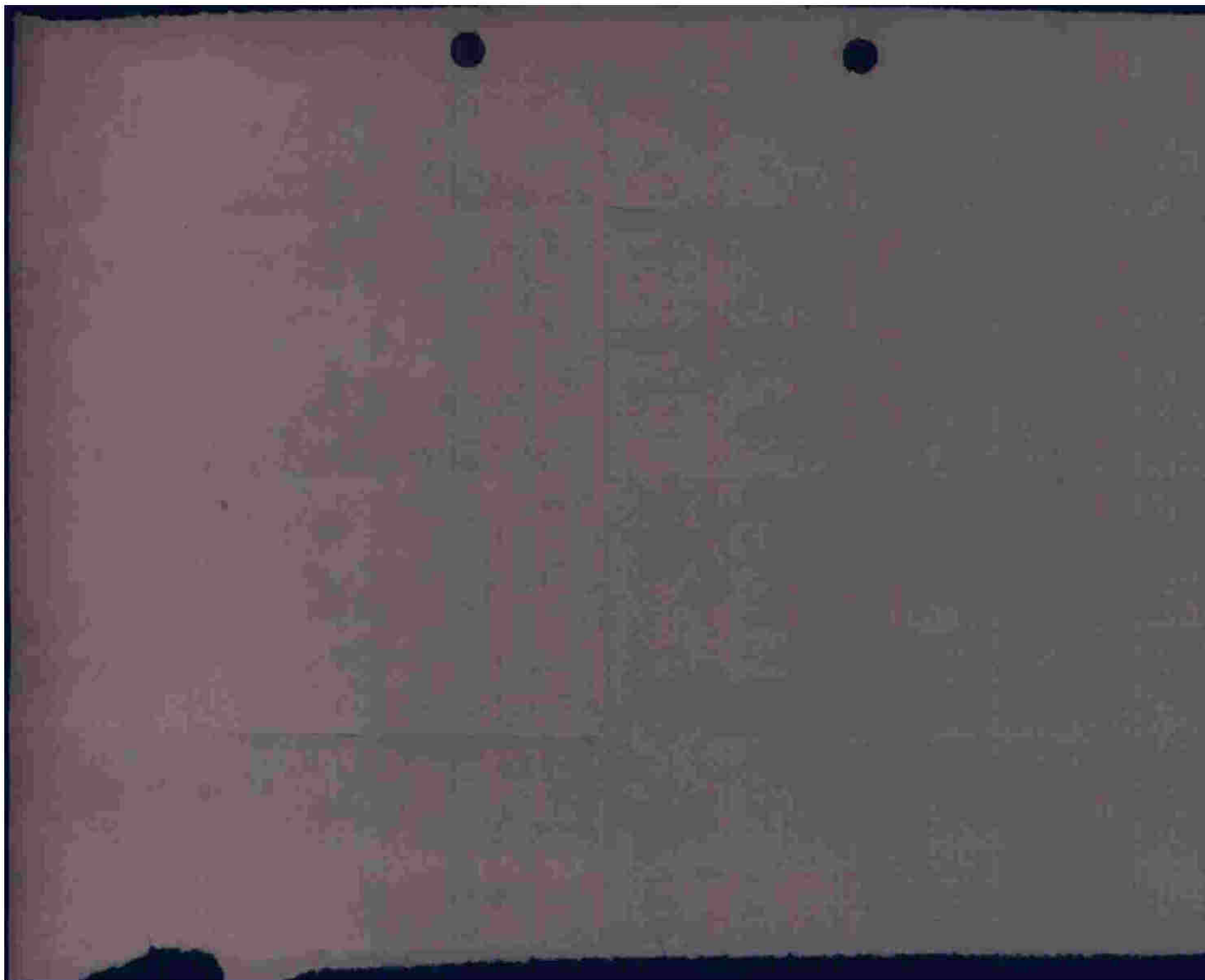
- A. 416TH BOMB GP. (L)
- B. WULFRATH M/T DEPOT XI (F-530970)
- C. 41 A-26
- D. 38 A-26 ATTACKED PRIMARY ON ONE PFF A/C
- E. 3 A-26 CARRIED WINDOW ONLY
- F. 153 X 250 GP'S ON PRIMARY
36 X 500 GP'S ON PRIMARY
114 X 500 GP'S M-17 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS ON PRIMARY
3 X 250 GP'S RETURNED
- G. UNOBSERVED DUE TO CLOUD COVER
- H. NIL
- I. NIL
- J. NIL
- K. NIL
- L. 13000- 12500
- M. 1630
- N. ONLY ONE PFF A/C LED A-26 FORMATION

RADTESKY COBOMGR 416
E BT 08/1935A
RSS BBBB

ITA R.....081952A REY KKKK

JEK R.....08/1956A LEG KKKK

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T - (ITA PASS TO JJF)
FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 08/2145A
TO 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (INFO COPY)
97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) I (INFO COPY)
CO, 1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (PROVISIONAL)
CONFIDENTIAL BT

416BG R-162-E

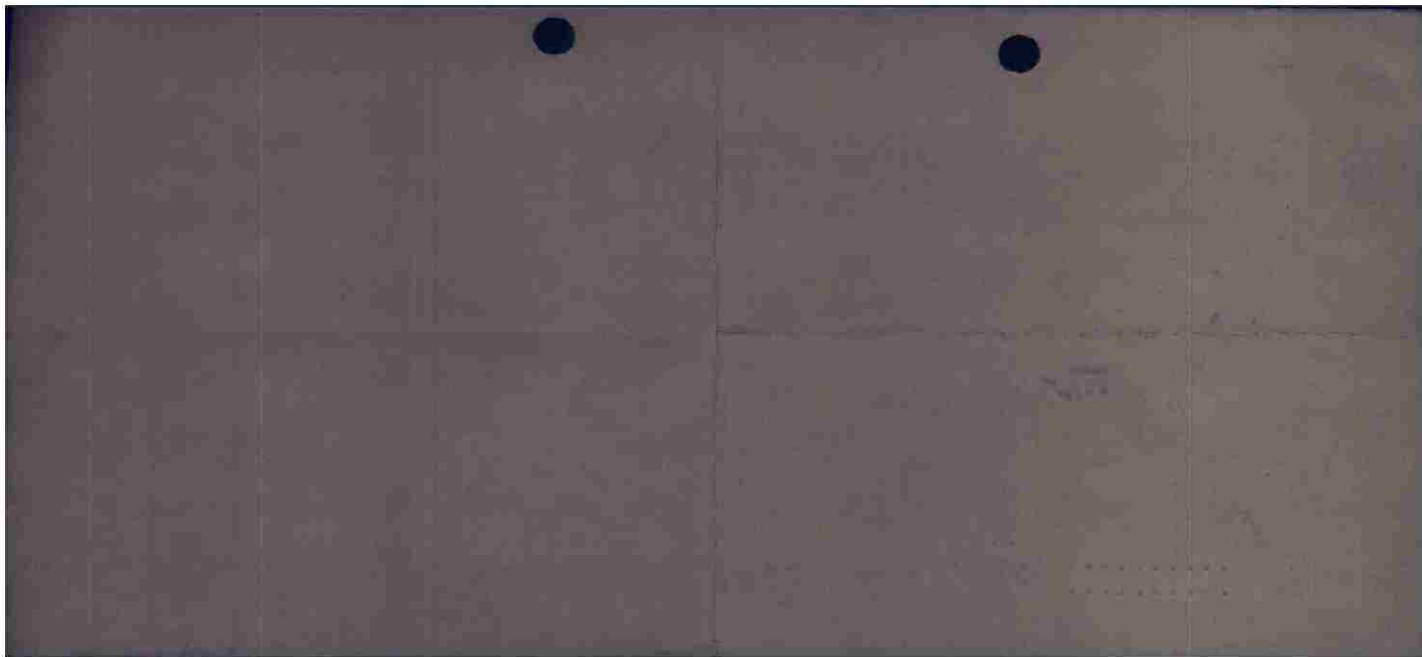
PATHFINDER REPORT FOR OPERATIONAL MISSION 8 MARCH 1945 - PATHFINDER
FIRST BOX EXCELLENT - PATHFINDER SECOND BOX JOINED WRONG FORMATION

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 08/2145A
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ITA R.....082145A REY AR
JEA R.....08/2145A JMB AR
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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) P.I. 08/1935A
TO HQ 9TH BOMB DIV. ATTN: A-2 P.I.
HQ 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER
SECRET BT

416BG R-157-D

B. WULFRATH M/T DEPOT
J. NO PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER

RADTESKY COBOMGR 416
RSS KKK
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ITA R.....081957A REY KKK
JEA R.....08/1957A LEG KKK

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 10/05 P P

FROM CODOGER 416 00/1900A
TO COMCOMDIV NINE ATTHA SIGNAL BV OFFICER
COMBATIC 27 (INFO)
CONFIDENTIAL BT

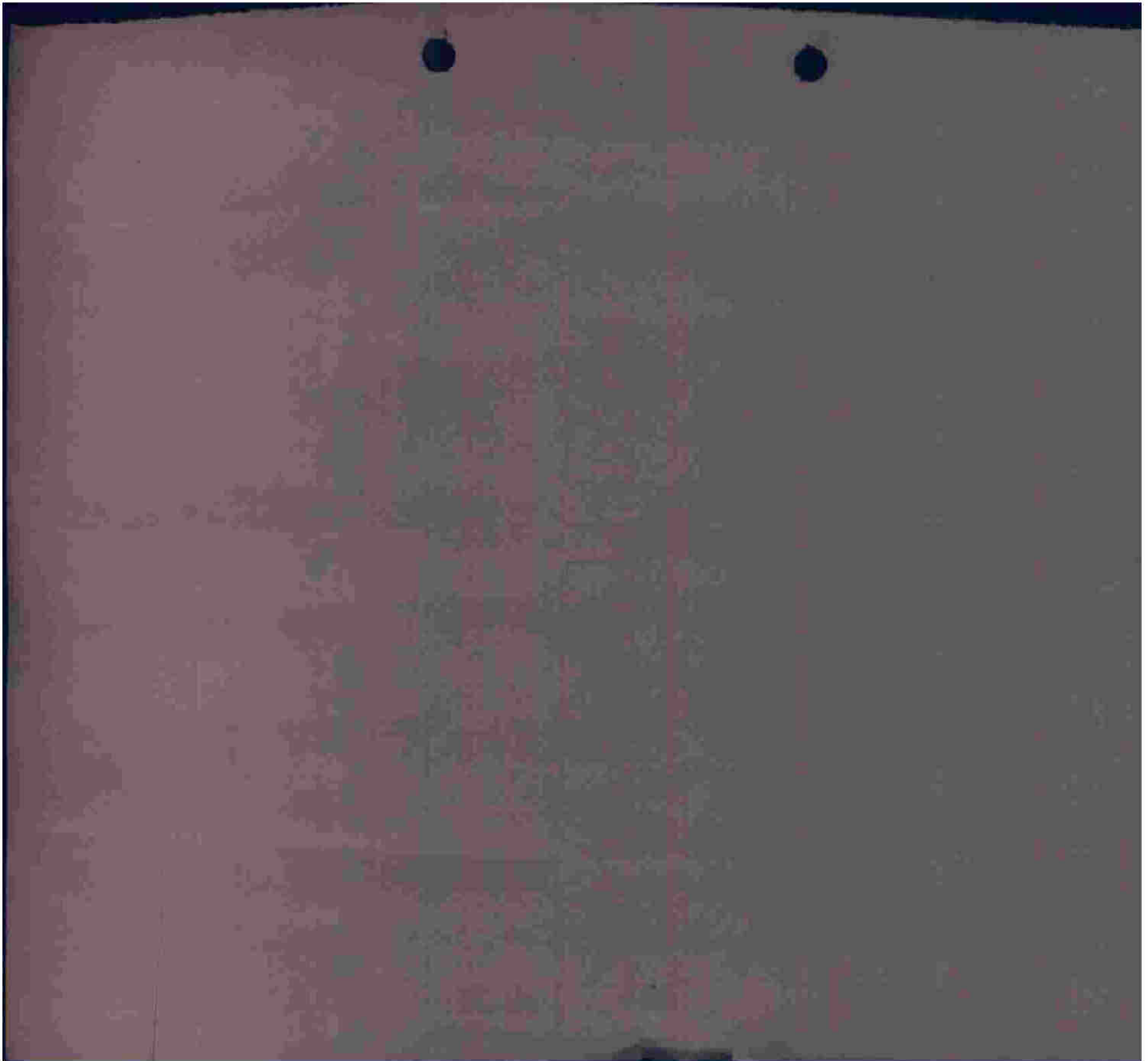
41606 R-150-J

A - VS - 53
B - 8 MARCH 1945 (1945-1722)
C - Q-QUEEN AND N-NAN REPORTED "OPS" COMPLETE TO PARADE.
D - ITF MESSAGE
E - NONE
F - NONE
G - NONE
H - NONE
I - NONE
J - NONE
K - N-NAN HEARD PPF REPORT TO STONEMALL AND RECEIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.
EYES C-ODGE PICKED UP BUNCHER BEACON 100 MILES FROM FIELD ON
RETURN, SIGNAL FADED OUT EYE AFTER ABOUT 30 MILES AND CAME IN
AGAIN AT H ABOUT 40 MILES FROM FIELD.
U-WILLIAM TUNED IN BUNCHER BEACON ON GROUND AND BOKE IT OUT FOR
HIM (S) MINUTES ABOUT THIRTY FIVE (35) MILES, SIGNAL THEN
SEEMED TO BE OVERPOWERED BY INTERFERENCE.
OTHER SHIPS IN FORMATION WHICH X USED BUNCHER BEACON REPORTED
TOO MUCH INTERFERENCE ON THAT FREQUENCY.
POWER UNIT OF LOCAL D/F BECAME INOP WHEN SHIPS X WERE APPROACHING
FIELD. D/F WAS INOP UNTIL EMERGENCY UNIT COULD BE INSTALLED, A
PERIOD OF ABOUT FIVE (5) MINUTES.

RADETSHY CODOGER 416
BT 00/1900A
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ITA R.....002000A REY AR
JEA R.....00/002//////002000A LEC AR

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JES JKI JPO VIA JEA V ITA JJF 05/08 OP OP

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 08/1900A

TO C G IX BOMB DIVISION

C G 99, 98, 97TH COMBAT WING

C O 391, 322, 386, 344, 410, 416, 397, 409, 387, 323, 39& BOMB GROUP
CONFIDENTIAL BT

1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

R-173-D

OPS FLASH REPORT

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 397 BOMB GROUP
- B. WIULFRATH M/T DEPOT WF-536973
- C. TWO B-26'S
- D. ONE B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. ONE B-26 EQUIPMENT FAILURE NO SIGNALS
- F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY - 4 X 500 GP RETURNED
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13,000 PRIMARY 12,500
- M. 1501 PRIMARY 1505

GROUP FORMATION - EXCELLENT WINDOW PLANES - GOOD
CALLED ROSALIE RECEIVED FIX ONE AND ONE HALF MINUTE AFTER ENTRY
INTO TAC AREA

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 387 BOMB GROUP
- B. EITORF COMMUNICATION CENTER WF-798412
- C. ONE B-26
- D. ONE B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 12,700 ON PRIMARY
- M. 1516 1/2 ON PRIMARY

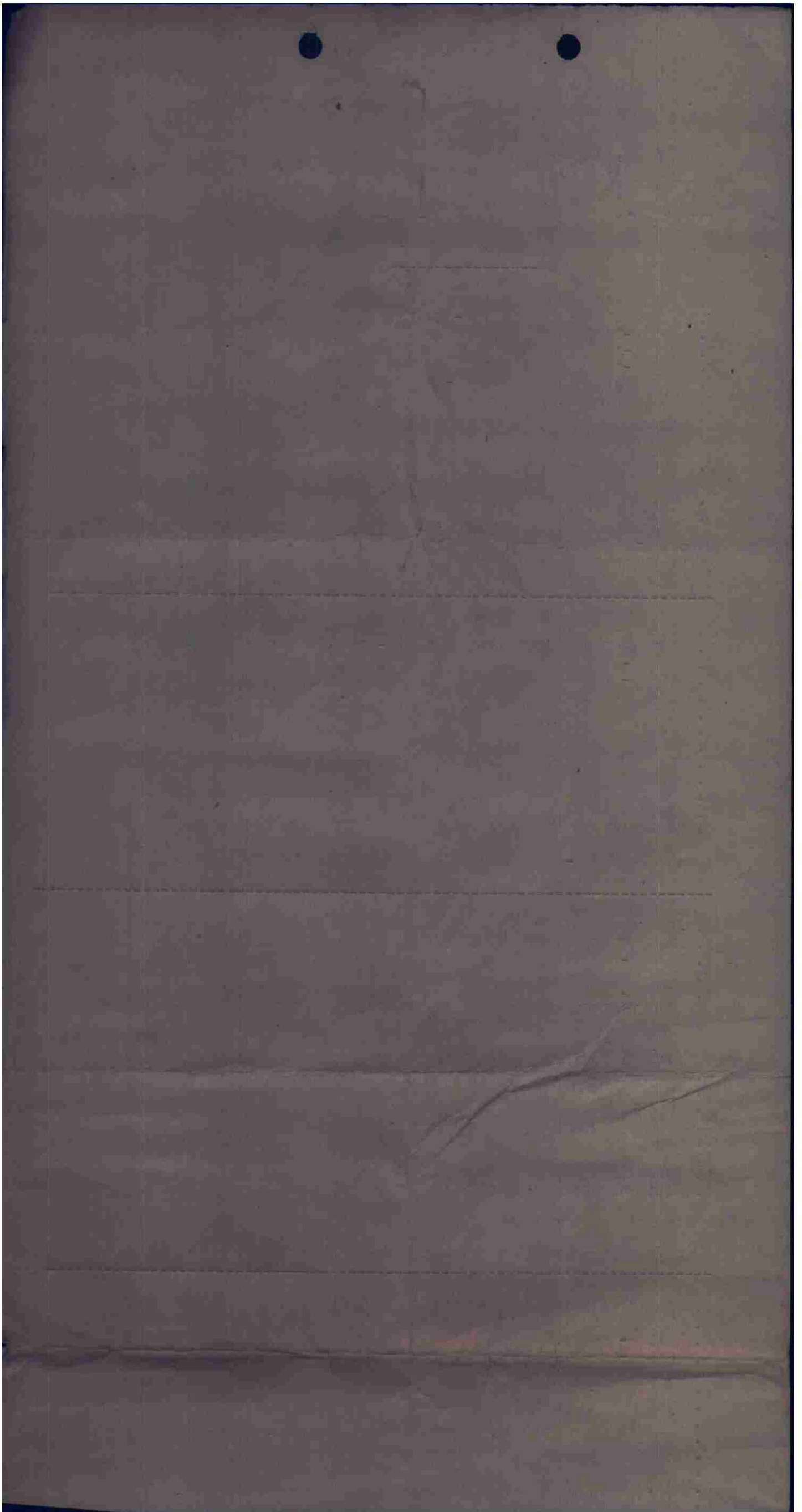
WINDOW PLANES - GOOD GROUP FORMATION AND DROP EXCELLENT
GROUP MADE CALL BEFORE PFF COULD

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 323 BOMB GROUP
- B. ALTENKIRCHEN M/Y WF 932318
- C. TWO B-26
- D. NONE
- E. TWO B-26 GROUP WOULD NOT FOLLOW PFF TAKING COURSE 45 DEGREES TO
RIGHT OF COURSE AS ASSIGNED AND WOULD NOT COME BACK ON COURSE
WITH PFF FIRST BOX PFF ABANDONED OPS AT 1510 THREE MILES SE OF
GUTHENTHAL WL 535325 SECOND BOX PFF ABANDONED OPS AT 1518
VICINITY OF HOTTENBACH WL 680370
- F. EIGHT X 500 GP RETURNED
- G. NIL
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. NO ATTACK
- M. 1510 AND 1518 TIME OF TURN BACK

NOTE: GP FORMATION POOR NEITHER BOX WOULD FOLLOW PFF

ANNEX: CALLED RIPSAP RECEIVING FIX 1 MIN AFTER ENTRY INTO TAC AREA.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER WITH THE 394 BOMB GROUP
- B. ALTENKIRCHEN M/Y WF 932318
- C. ONE B-26
- D. ONE B-26 ON EQUIPMENT PRIMARY
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13,000 PRIMARY
- M. 1535 PRIMARY



GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT WINDOW SHIPS EX CELLENT

ANNEX: CALLED RIPSAP REVCEIVING FIX SEVEN MINUTES AFTER ENTRY INTO TAC AREA.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 386 BOMB GROUP
- B. TROISDORT COMM CENTER WF 585467
- C. TWO B-26
- D. ONE B-26 ON PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT ONE B-26 EQUIPMENT FAILURE DROPPED ON FIRST BOX.
- E. NONE
- F. 8 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13,000 11,900 PRIMARY
- M. 1600 1601 PRIMARY

GROUP FORMATION OF WINDOW SHIPS GOOD

ANNEX: CALLED SWEEPSTAKES RECEIVING FIX THREE MINUTES AFTER ENTERING INTO TAC AREA.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER WITH THE 391 BOMB GRUOUP
- B. BERG-GLADBACK M/Y WF 569659
- C. TWO B-26
- D. ONE B-26 ON PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT WITH BOX TWO
- E. ONE B-26 NO RELEASE SIGNAL. GROUP WAS GOING IN FOR GEE RUN WHEN PFF LEFT FORMATION BOX ONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY 4 X 500 GP RETURNED
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/-10TH
- J. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13,000 AND 12,500 PRIMARY
- M. 1600 BOX TWO PRIMARY

GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT WINDOW PLANES GOOD

ANNEX: CALL SWEEPSTAKES RECEIVING FIX ONE MINUTE AFTER ENTERING INTO TAC AREA.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 410 BOMB GROUP
- B. BUISDORT HWY OP WF 651429
- C. ONE B-26
- D. ONE B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13,000 PRIMARY
- M. 1637 1/2

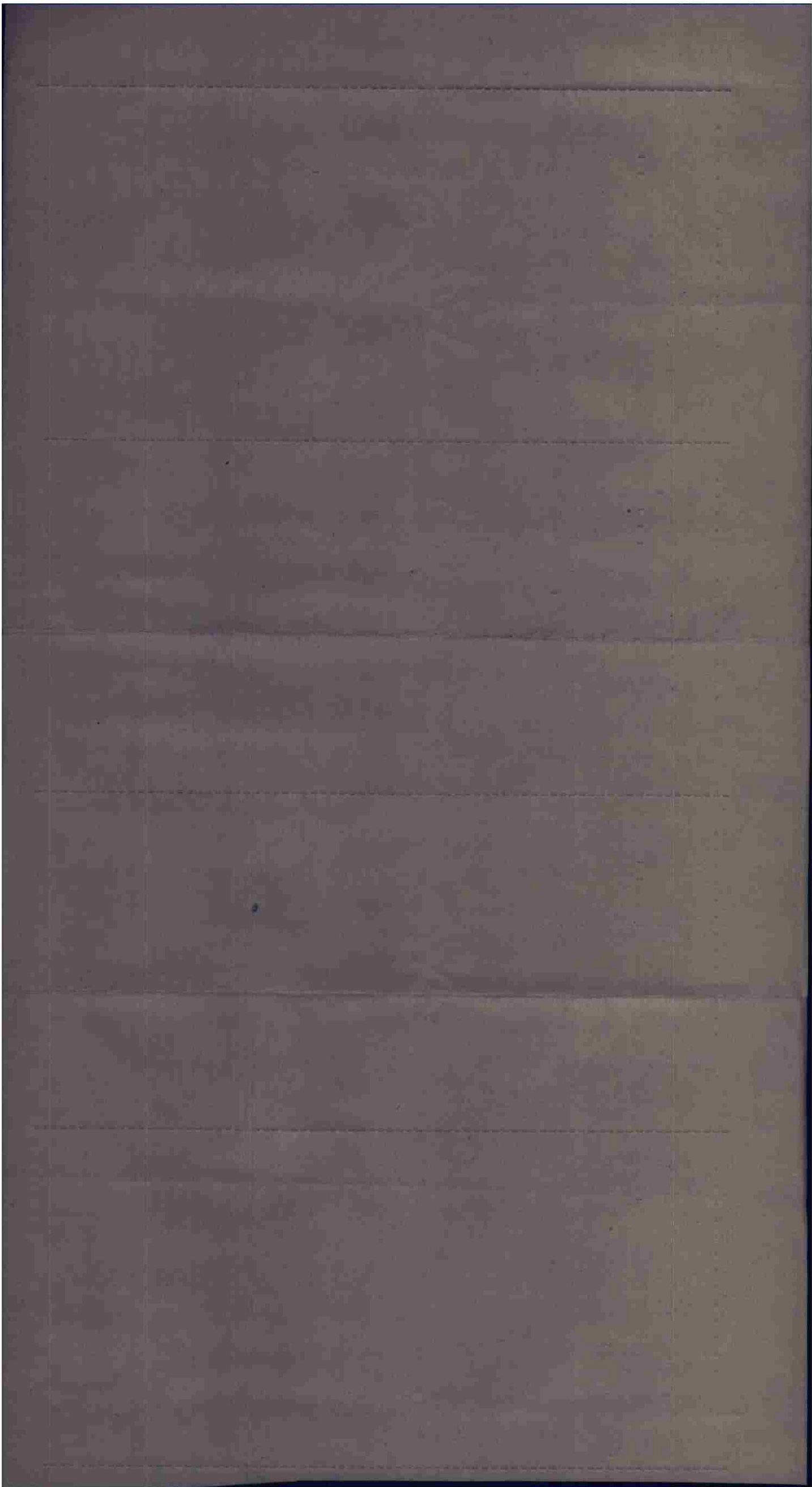
GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT AND WINDOW SHIP GOOD

ANNEX: CALLED SWEEPSTAKES RECEIVING FIX ONE MINUTE AFTER ENTRY INTO TAC AREA.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 344 BOMB GROUP
- B. SIEGBURG COMM CENTER WF 627438
- C. ONE B-26
- D. CASUAL ON GEE EQUIPMENT FAILURE RASBACH WF 919447
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP CASUAL
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13,000 CASUAL
- M. 1624 CASUAL

GROUP FORMATION AND WIDNDOW SHIP GOOD

ANNEX: CALLED SWEEPSTAKES RECEIVING FIX TWO MINUTES AFTER ENTERING AREA.



- A. FIRSTFINDER SQ WITH THE 322 BOMB GROUP
- B. BERG-GLADBACH M/Y WF 569659
- C. TWO B-26
- D. TWO B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13,000 AND 12,500 PRIMARY
- M. 1618 1/2 AND 1627

GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT AND WINDOW SHIPS GOOD

ANNEX: CALLED SWEEPSTAKES AND RECEIVED FIX TWO MINUTES AFTER ENTERING TAC AREA

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 416 BOMB GROUP
- B. WULFRATH M/T DEPOT WF 531977
- C. TWO B-26
- D. ONE B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT. ONE B-26 CASUAL ON GEE GROUP SECONDARY (410) IN THE VICINITY OF BONN WF 5545
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 ON PRIMARY 4 X 500 ON CASUAL
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13,500 PRIMARY 12,500 CASUAL
- M. 1639 PRIMARY 1640 CASUAL

PFF SECOND BOX JOINED 410TH GROUP INSTEAD OF 416TH GROUP AT REND. TWO GROUP BEING IN THE AREA AT THE SAME TIME, A BOX FOLLOWED PFF FOR A WHILE BUT REALIZED PFF WAS HEADED FOR DIFFERENT TARGET, SO BOX TACKED ON TO FIRST BOX. PFF BOMBED WITH THIS FORMATION. GROUP FORMATION GOOD WINDOW SHIPS GOOD

ANNEX: CALLED SWEEPSTAKES RECEIVING FIX ONE MINUTE AFTER ENTERING INTO TAC AREA

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 409 BOMB GROUP
- B. GEISTINGEN COMM CENTER WF 671416
- C. TWO B-26
- D. TWO B-26 ON PRIMARY
- E. NONE
- F. 7 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY 1 X 500 GP RETURNED
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13,000 AND 11,700 PRIMARY
- M. 1658 AND 1702 PRIMARY

GROUP FORMATION FIRST BOX POOR, SECOND BOX GOOD.

ANNEX: CALLED SWEEPSTAKES RECEIVED FIX 4 MINUTES AFTER ENTERING INTO TAC AREA.

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 08/1900A

JN/HAS AR

SS (RELAY)

JES R	08/2130A	PJMB	AR
JKI R	08/2130A	FD	AR
JPO R	08/2130A	LB	AR

