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218	185 - 770	1 MAR. 45
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226	196 - 782	9 MAR. 45
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MISSION NO. 226

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

9 MARCH 1945

1. ⁴³⁻²² 497 E
Major L.F. Dunn
Lt. W.E. Brewer 3.05
Lt. J.T. Beck 450
S/S J.W. Rose

2. ⁴³⁻²² 523 N
Capt. C.J. Andersen 3.05
Lt. W. Babbage
S/S E.L. Schafer 525

3. ⁴³⁻²² 356 O
Capt. A.O. Sears 3.05
M/S J.J. Wells 450

4. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 249 F
Lt. W.H. Ames 3.05
S/S H.S. Fessler 450

5. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 250 A
Lt. M. Wallman 3.05
Sgt M.F. Hardin 510

6. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 332 P
Lt. T.E. Graeber 3.05
Sgt M. Appleman 560

FLIGHT II

1. ⁴³⁻²² 521 N
Lt. Col. J.G. Napier
Lt. D.L. Moore 3.05
S/S R.W. Carstens 500

2. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 244 I
Lt. R.W. Van Ropes 3.05
Sgt N.D. West 580

3. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 252 D
Lt. C.M. Anderson 3.10
Sgt C.V. Gilbert 525

4. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 362 Y
Lt. C.S. Jordan 3.05
S/S K.F. Jensen 500

5. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 314 H
Lt. D.E. Smith 3.05
Sgt S.J. Kirik 590

6. ⁴³⁻²² 351 F
Lt. J.A. Willard 3.10
Sgt C.V. Hinker 590

FLIGHT III

1. ⁴³⁻²² 487 J
Lt. E.L. Miller 3.05
Lt. J.K. Conner 470
S/S J.F. Malloy

2. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 271 R
Lt. E.R. Hayter 3.05
Sgt A.A. Dalton 550

3. ⁴³⁻²² 381 Q
Capt. W.F. DuFault 3.05
S/S K.E. Vorce 510

4. ⁴³⁻²² 344 O
Lt. D.O. Turner 3.05
S/S M.R. Reyes 525

5. ⁴³⁻²² 354 S
Lt. C.E. Weinert 3.05
Sgt R. Dubi 550

6. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 263 G
Lt. A.W. Depner 3.05
Sgt R.H. Gillispie 600

SPARE

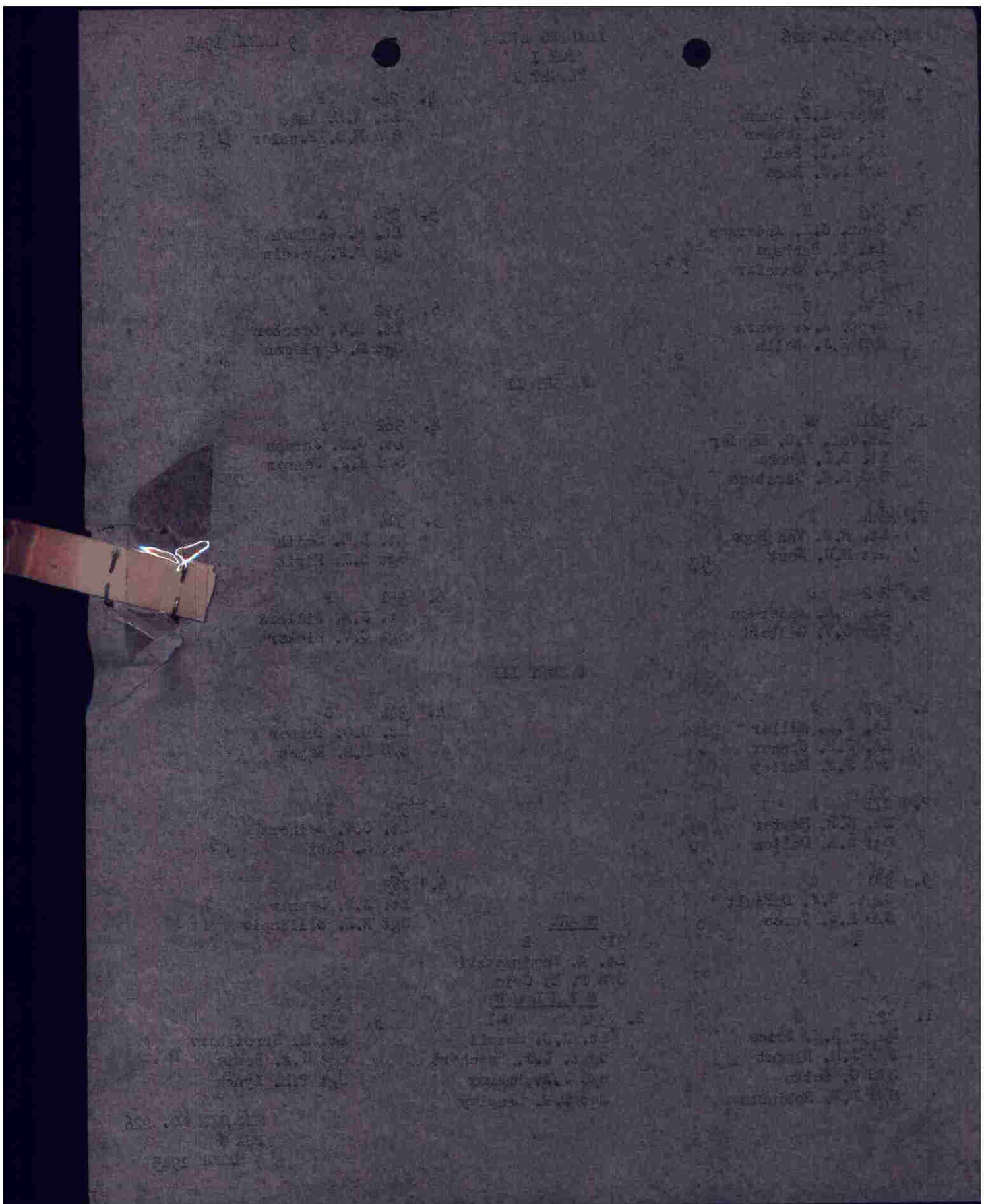
4. ⁴³⁻²² 313 B
Lt. A. Remiszewski
S/S P. Di Orio 3.05
WINDOW 450

1. ⁴³⁻²² 499 G
Major R.F. Price 450
F/O J.H. Blount 440
S/S C. Petko
S/S J.W. Robinson

2. ⁴³⁻²² 334 G-1
Lt. J.C. Sewell 525
Capt. D.J. Reichert
S/S J.A. Hummer 2.35
Sgt T.R. Langley

3. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 9315 F
Lt. M. Errotabere
Sgt E.A. Bowie 475
Sgt T.R. Lynch 2.40

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MISSION NO. 226

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

9 MARCH 1945

1. ^{13.22} 498 R
 Lt. C.J. Broka ✓ 3:00
 Lt. J.E. Kerns ✓ 1450
 Lt. R.G. Muir ✓
 S/S O.H. Corbitt ✓

2. ^{43.22} 492 E
 Lt. R.H. Cornell ✓ 3:00
 Lt. R.E. Enman ✓ 490
 Sgt K.A. Reid ✓

3. ^{41.31} 297 T
 Lt. D.L. Withington ✓ 3:00
 S/S C.F. Huss ✓ 475

4. ^{41.39} 209 M
 Lt. T.J. Murray ✓ 3:00
 Sgt E.W. Fidler ✓ 475

5. ^{41.34} 239 N
 Capt. S.M. Hixon ✓ 3:00
 S/S A.H. Hinson ✓ 450

6. ^{43.22} 419 Z
 Lt. D.M. Eastman ✓ 2:40
 S/S A.B. Eaton ✓ 450

FLIGHT II

1. ^{43.22} 508 Z
 Lt. O.G. Mish ✓
 Lt. R.E. Shaft ✓ 3:00
 S/S J.H. Roberts ✓ 580

2. ^{41.34} 325 L
 Lt. W.L. Hale ✓ 3:00
 S/S J.E. Geyer ✓ 425

3. ^{41.34} 213 A
 Lt. T.D. McCready ✓ 3:00
 S/S K.G. Lagerman ✓ 550

4. ^{41.39} 335 W
 Lt. J.H. Montrose ✓ 3:05
 S/S J.W. Welkel ✓ 570

5. ^{43.22} 378 O
 Lt. J.W. Blevins ✓
 S/S E.P. Brzezinski ✓ 3:00
 575

6. ^{41.34} 361 M
 Lt. R.J. Lackner ✓ 3:05
 S/S P.G. Euga ✓ 530

FLIGHT III

1. ^{13.22} 507 Q
 Lt. D.B. Grunig ✓ 3:05
 Lt. B.C. Morris ✓
 S/S M.E. Dias ✓

2. ^{41.34} 416 O
 Lt. J.A. Green ✓ 3:00
 Sgt A. Kubjalke ✓

3. ^{43.22} 330 P
 Lt. W.D. Chitty ✓ 3:05
 Sgt P.G. Riggs ✓

4. ^{41.39} 286 D
 Lt. P.P. Barausky ✓ 480 3:05
 Pvt B.R. Wilson ✓

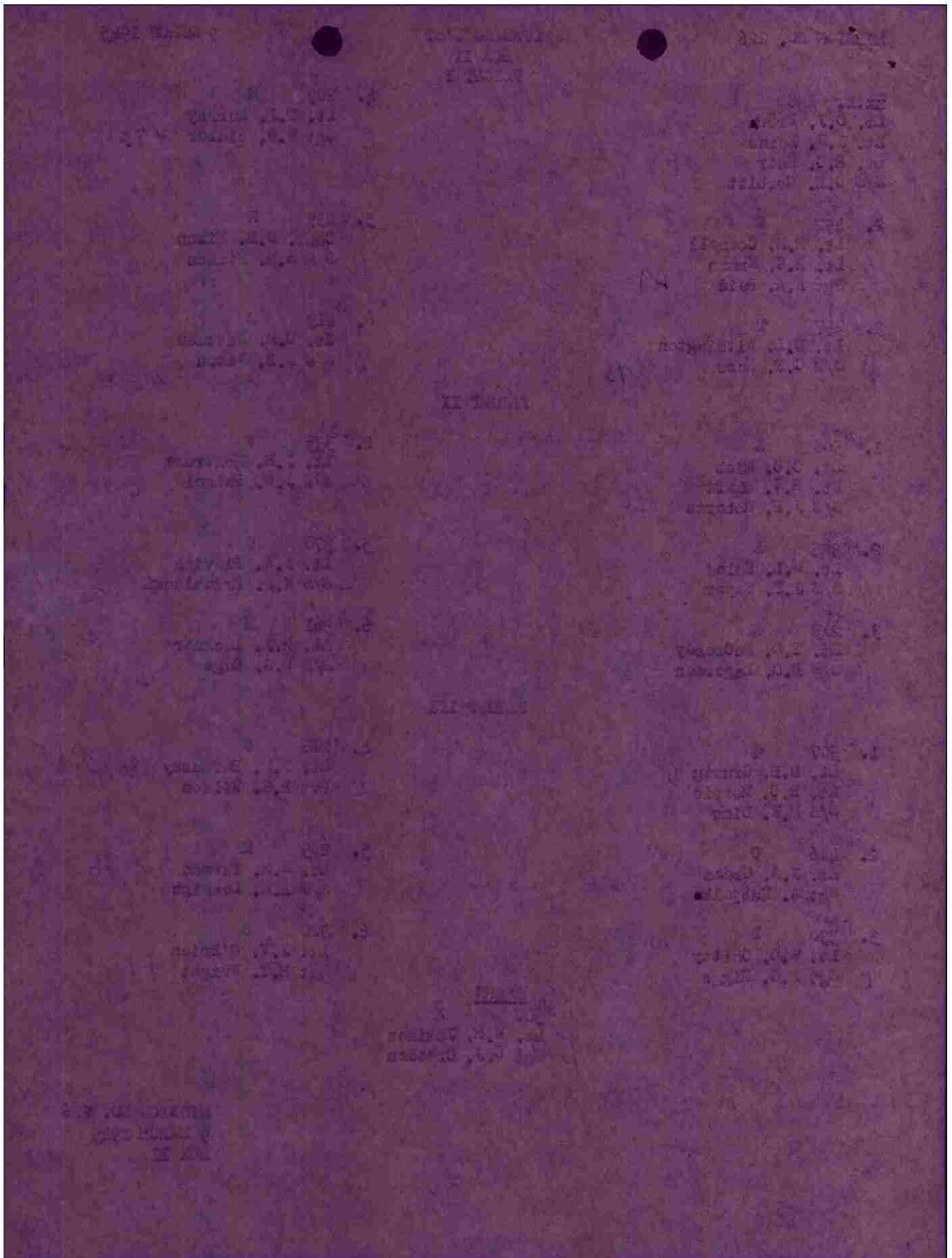
5. ^{41.34} 205 M
 Lt. A.R. Turman ✓ 590 3:05
 S/S L.L. Leahigh ✓

6. ^{43.22} 320 S
 Lt. J.V. O'Brien ✓
 Sgt H.T. Wright ✓ 470 3:05

SPARE

41.34 300 K
 Lt. W.R. Jokinen ✓ 3:00
 Sgt E.J. Creedon ✓ 450

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 9 MARCH 1945
 BOX II



SECRET

AUT: 30, A-69

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

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

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

TO : Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M), APC 140, U.S. Army.
(Attn: A-1)

I. 8 March 1945, P.O. 8906, Butzbach #/Y, P.O. 196-782.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 43-22854
(Lt U.S. Belmont)

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to release.

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station 4A to station 3.

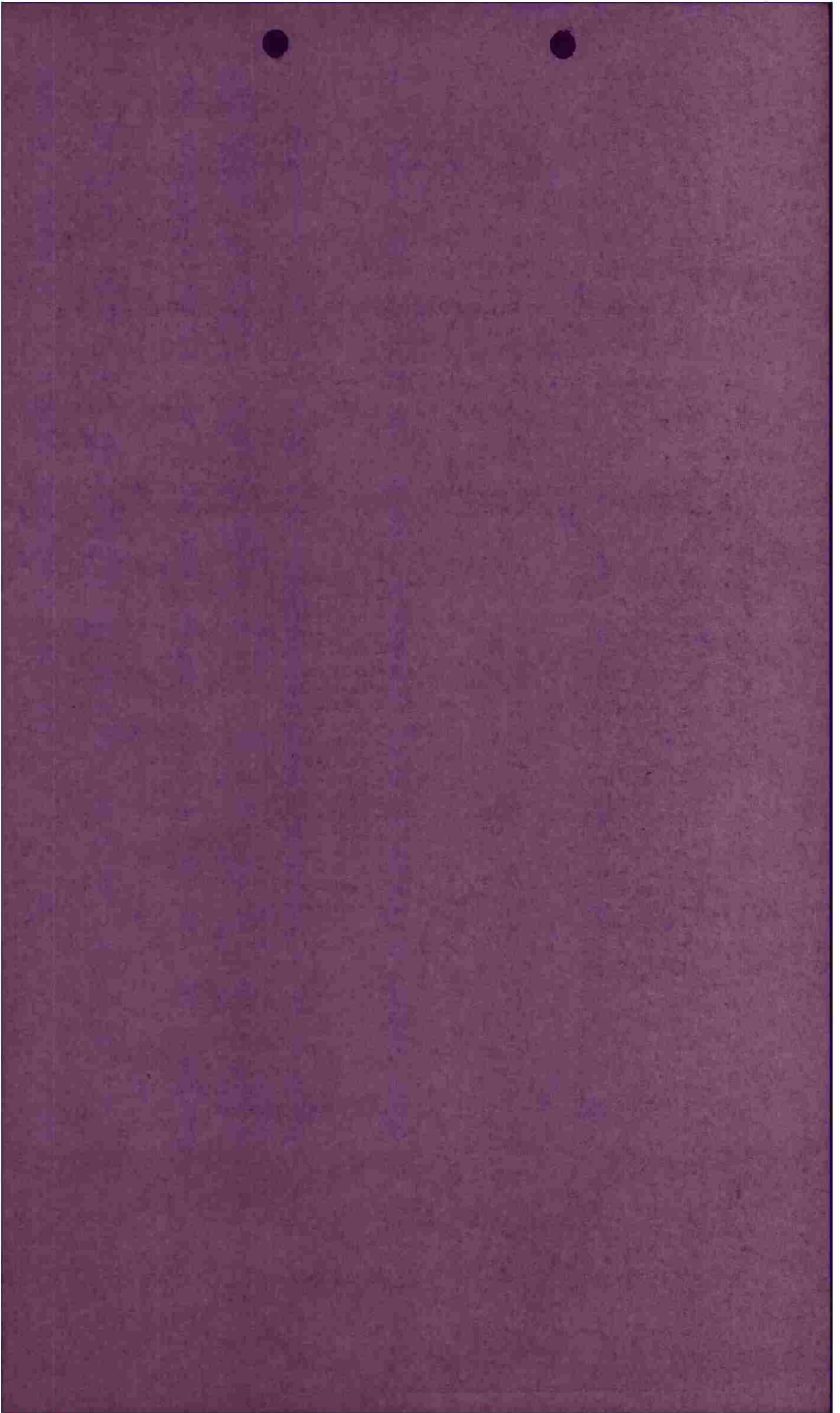
V. None.

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17 - 3:05 - 590
18 - 3:05 - 420
19 - 3:00 - 450

VII. None

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



PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

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

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9 MARCH 1945

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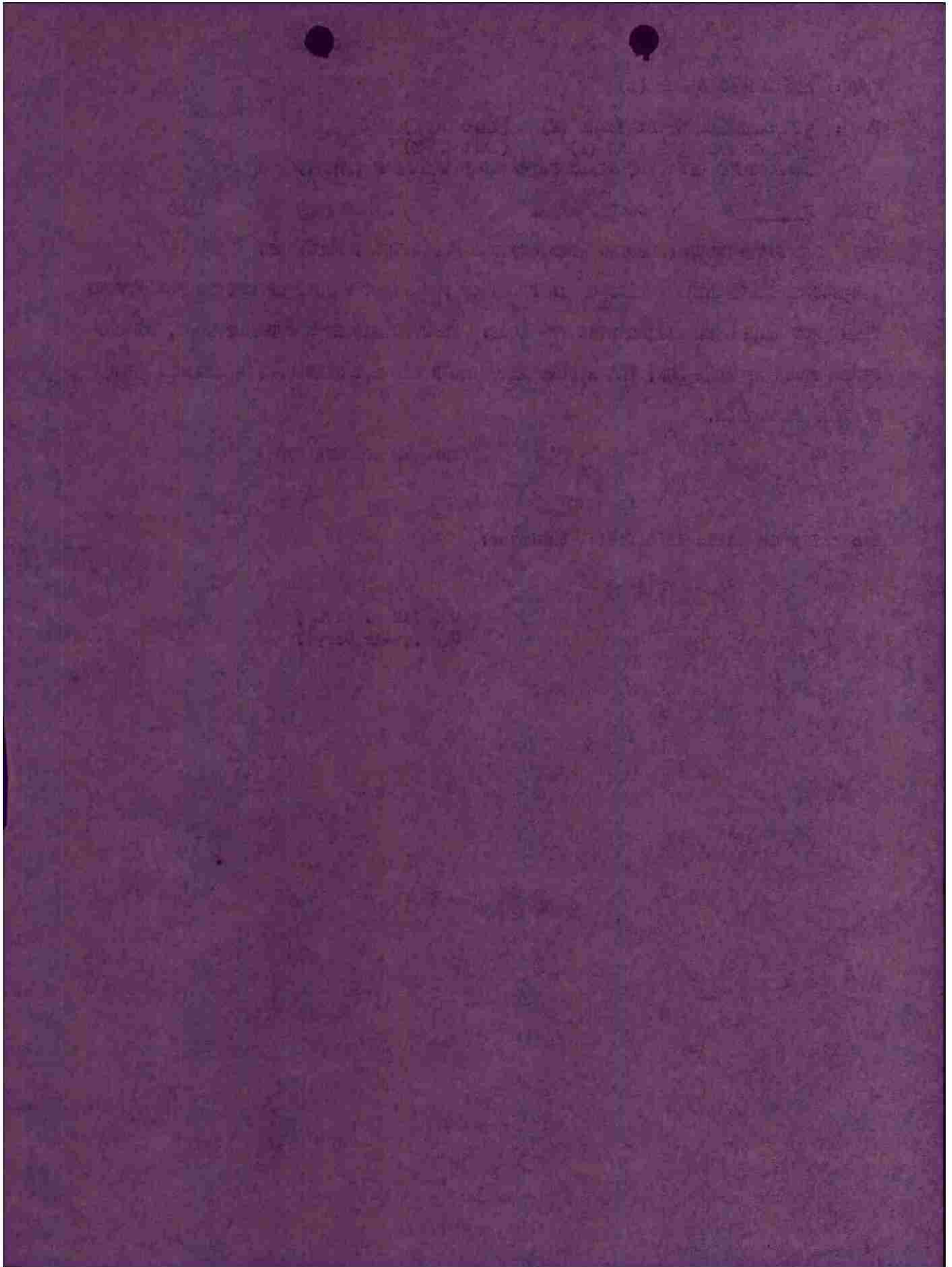
THE LEAD PATHFINDER (MORNING MISSION) WAS EXCELLENT THROUGHOUT.

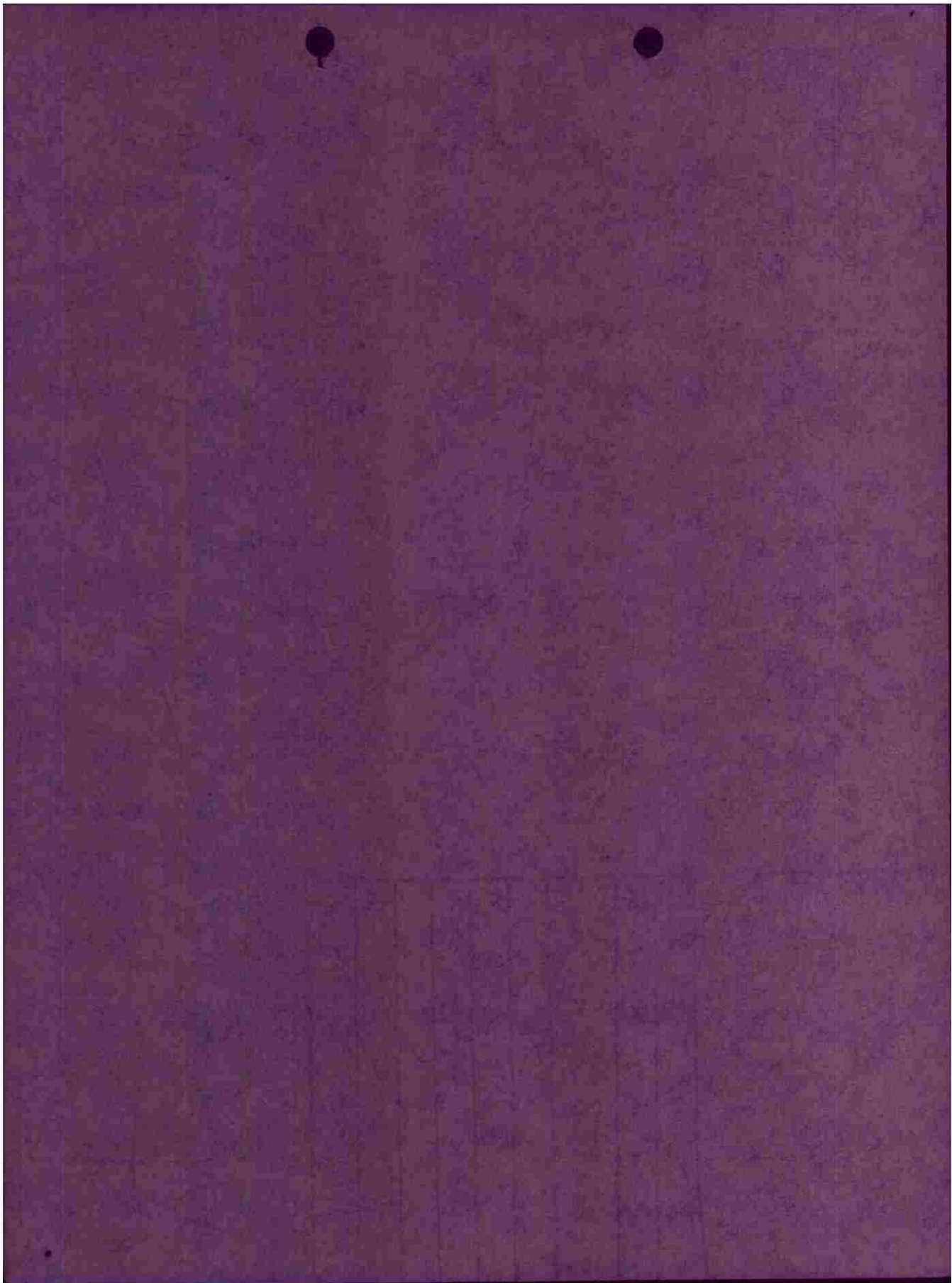
THE SECOND PATHFINDER PULLED UP IN FRONT OF THE FIRST FLIGHT OF SECOND BOX GIVING THEM PROP WASH WHEN TAKING OVER THE LEAD. WHEN HE SAW HE COULD NOT DROP, DURING FINAL STAGE OF BOMB RUN, THE SECOND PATHFINDER DID NOT GIVE PROPER SIGNALS WHEN LEAVING FORMATION.

AYLESWORTH COBOMOR 416

I certify that this is official business:

WILLIAM M. LYTLE,
Capt., Air Corps.

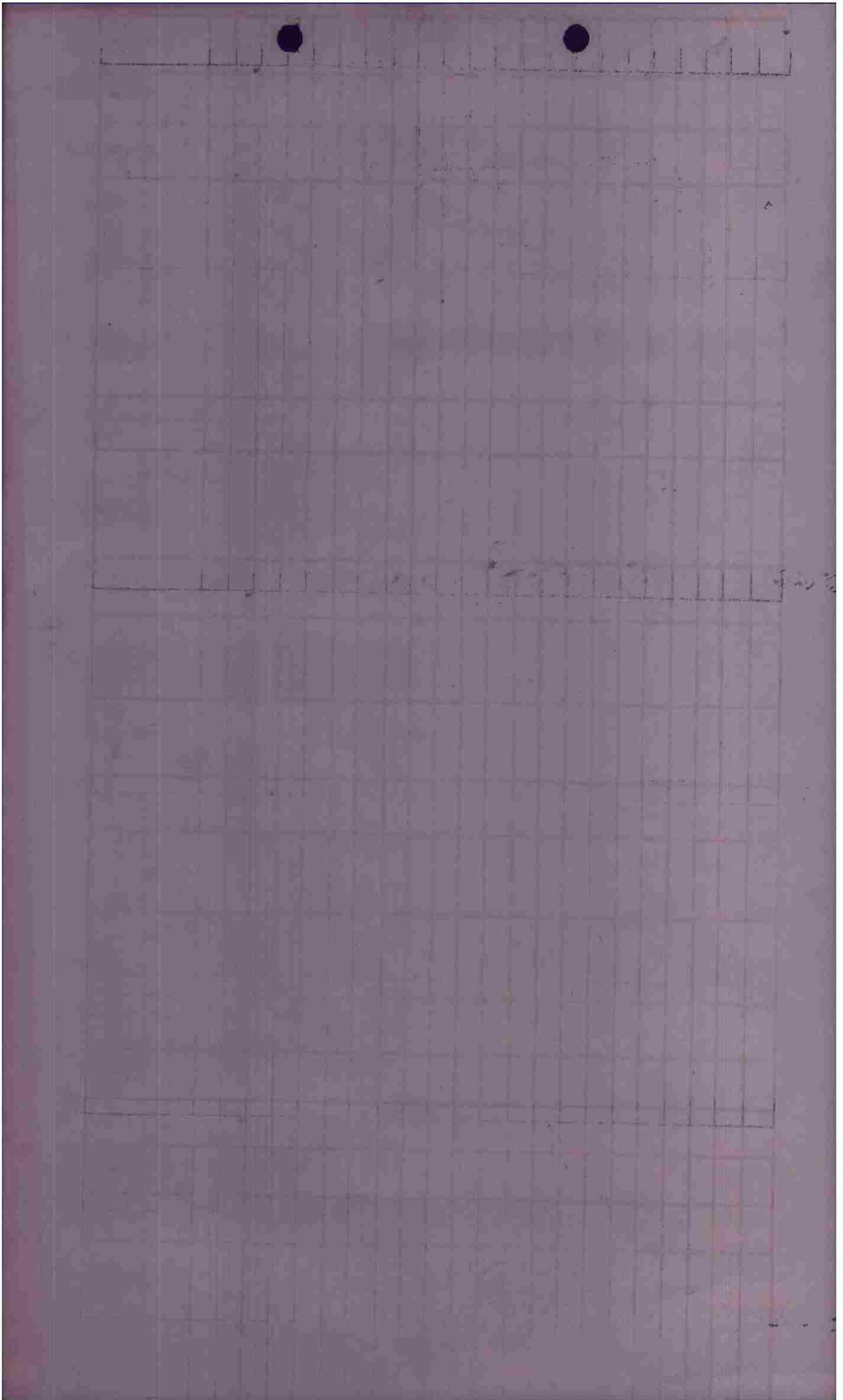




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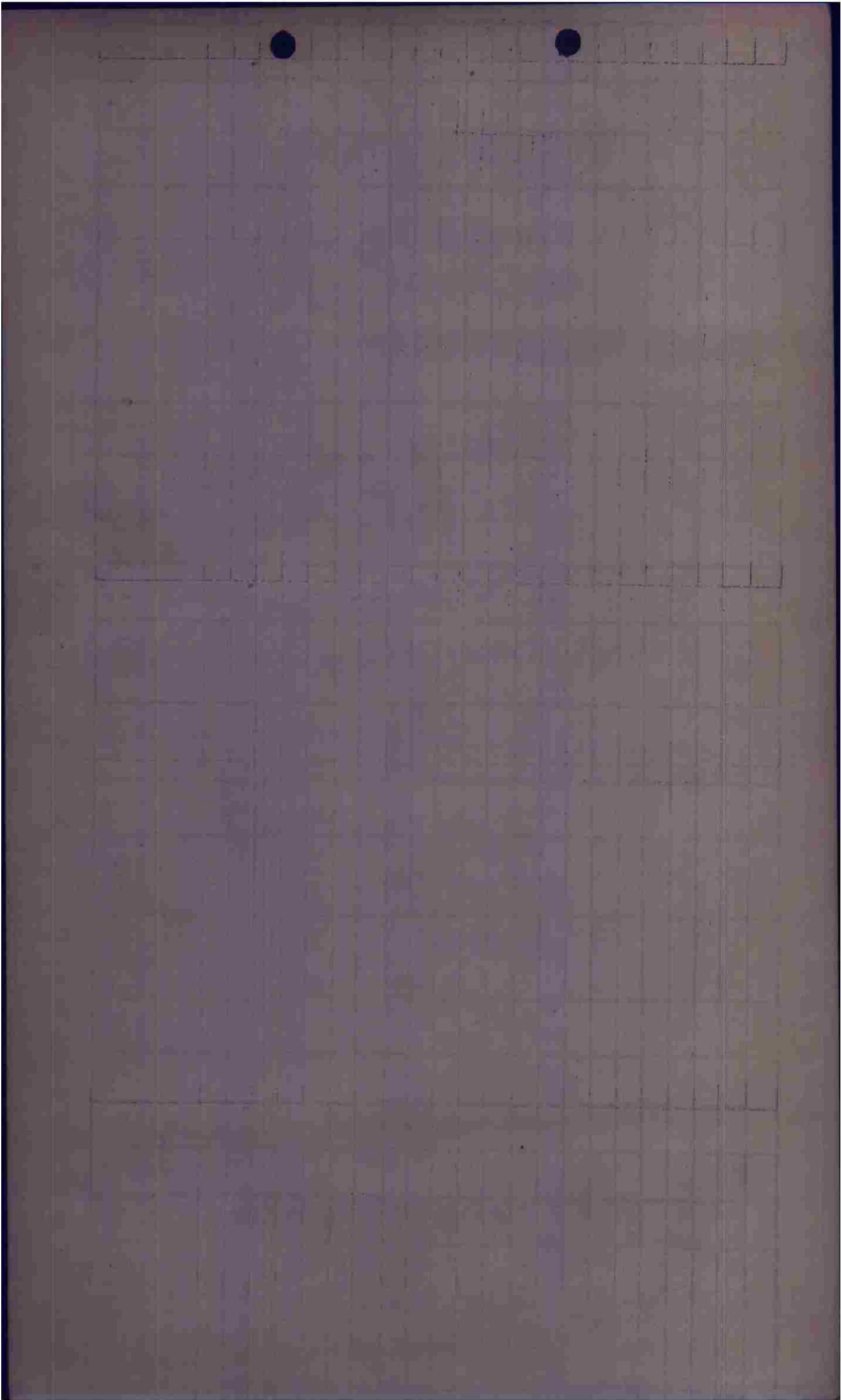
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B	E	447	Dean			0906										1208	3:05
A	N	523	Anderson, C. J.			0906										1208	3:05
B	C	356	Dean			0906										1209	3:05
B	F	249	Dean			0909										1209	3:05
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A	P	332	Wicker			0901										1210	3:05
B	N	521	Wicker			0908										1213	3:05
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B	Y	362	Jordan			0909										1214	3:05
B	H	314	Smith, A. E.			0909										1215	3:10
B	F-1	351	Willard			0909										1211	3:05
B	J	487	Muller, E. J.			0910										1211	3:05
B	R	271	Wagner			0910										1212	3:05
B	Q	381	Daftault			0910										1212	3:05
B	C	344	James, B. C.			0911										1212	3:05
B	S	354	Wainwright			0911										1213	3:05
B	G	263	Deppner			0911										1213	3:05
B	B	313	Polingowski			0912										1210	3:00
B			Widow														
A	G	497	Price			0924										1208	3:40
C	G-1	334	Seville			0925										1200	3:35
C	F	9315	Crutcher			0925										1201	3:40



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For No. II

S Q D M	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	T A R G E T	A T O	E N G C O A S T O U T	E N E M Y C O A S T I N	T O T	E N E M Y C O A S T O U T	E N G C O A S T I N	C A M E R A	F U L L O L D A D	B O M B A D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D I N E	R E M A I N I N G K S
A	R	498	Brown, C. J.			0918										1216	3:00
B	E	492	Crull			0918										1217	3:00
B	T	297	Wittington			0918										1217	3:00
B	M	209	Munday			0919										1218	3:00
B	N	239	Nixon			0919										1205	2:40
B	Z	419	Eastman			0925										1219	3:00
A	Z	508	Mick			0919										1220	3:00
A	X	325	Hale			0920										1220	3:00
A	A	213	McCreedy			0920										1221	3:05
A	W	335	Montreal			0920										1221	3:00
A	O	398	Blaire			0921										1222	3:05
A	M	361	Jackson			0921										1222	3:05
A	Q	507	Young			0922										1222	3:00
A	O	416	Green			0922										1223	3:05
A	P	330	Chitty			0922										1223	3:05
A	D	286	Bandusky			0922										1224	3:05
A	M	205	Turner			0923										1224	3:05
A	S	320	O'Brien			0923										1224	3:05
A	K	300	Jokinen			0923										1229	3:00



ITA JES JPO JKI JJF V JEA JEA 05/09 OP OP
T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 09/0420A
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

97CBW R-89-E

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

FIELD ORDER NO. 196-782

MAPS: NORMAL

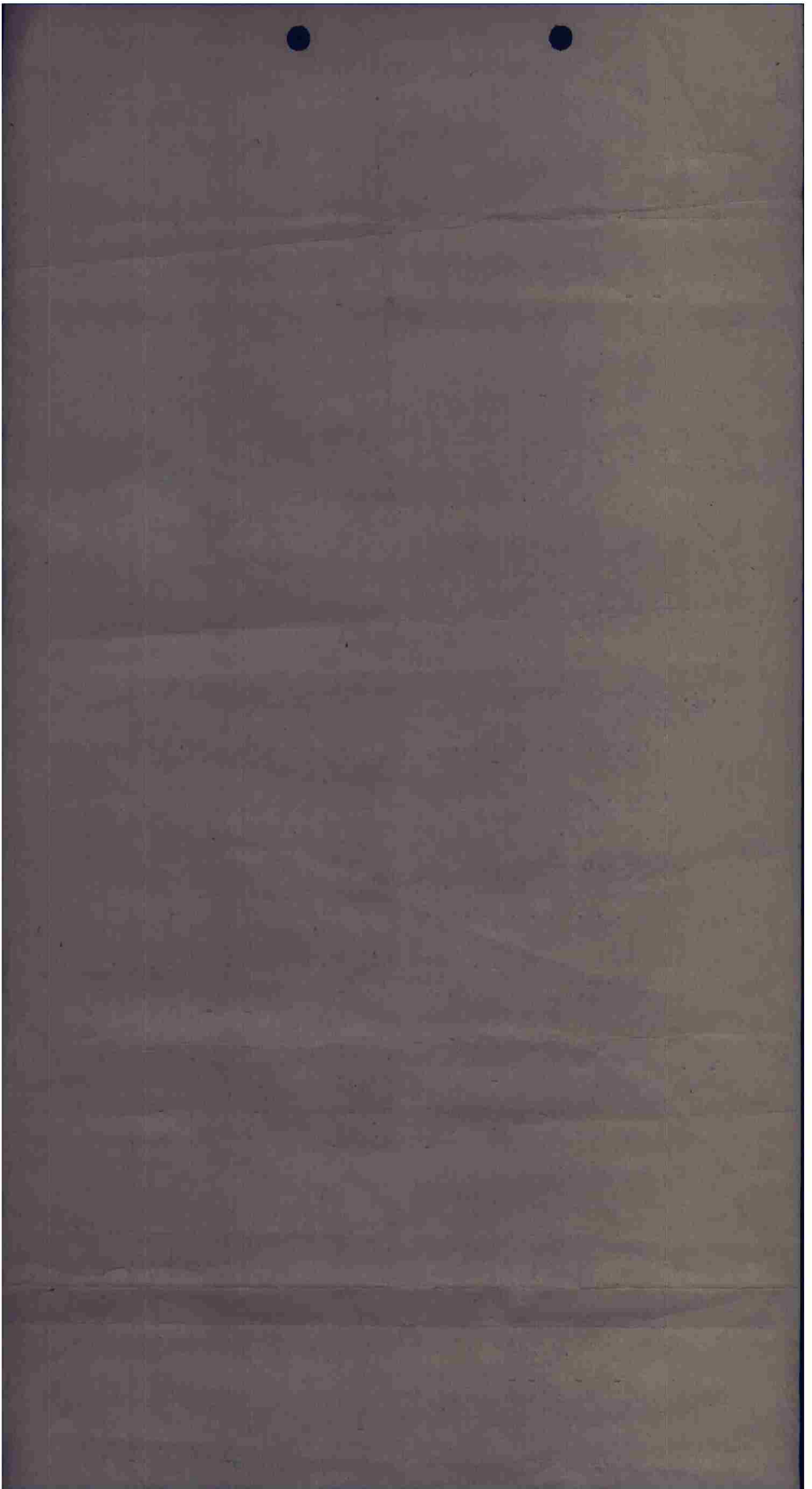
1. B. (1) REF: CURRENT BOMBLINE
(2) THE VIII A.F. WILL FURNISH AREA COVER ON PLAN "B".
THE 2 T.A.F. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT ON PLANS "C"
AND "D".

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR: PLAN "B" 09/1100A
ZERO HOUR: PLAN "C" TO FOLLOW
ZERO HOUR: PLAN "D" TO FOLLOW

PLAN "B"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
(2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON ONE PPF A/C.
(6) BOMB 13,500 FEET
(9) P.P.F. M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 5915 COORD. 32526555.
(10) 6 X 500 LB. M-17 INCINDIARY CLUSTERS TO OPEN 5,000 FEET.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
(12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 50 MIN.
(13) IF PRIMARY TARGET IS NOT ATTACKED GROUP WILL RETURN BOMBS
TO BASE.
3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
(2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C.
(6) BOMB 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET. 2ND BOX 13,000 FEET.
(9) P.P.F. M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 5915 COORD.
1ST BOX 32476552
2ND BOX 32556520
(10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/10 SEC. TAIL.
(12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MIN.
(13) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED AN ALTERNATE TARGET
IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV CIPHER F-576-E WILL BE
ATTACKED.
3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
(1) BUTZBACH M/Y G-663040
(2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C.
(4) BASE TO P-5658 TO L-1863 TO M-0978 TO M-1669 TO M-4171
TO TARGET.
(5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO G-1818 TO M-0978 AND RETRACE ROUTE
TO BASE.
(6) BOMB 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET
2ND BOX 13,000 FEET
LOSE 1,500 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
(7) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 5518. COVER M/Y BETWEEN
THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD. 66300440 AND 66400355. TO BE
USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. P.P.F.
M.P.I. COORD. 66320400.
(10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
(12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR
(13) DUE TO P/W CAMP IN PROXIMITY OF TARGET, IF PPF EQUIPMENT
FAILS AND GROUP CANNOT BOMB PRIMARY TARGET BY VISUAL MEANS
AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV CIPHER
F-576-E (2-9-945) WILL BE ATTACKED.
(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 GROUP WILL USE EITHER G-4115 OR M-5037
AS A VISUAL I.P. AND BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES.



X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE

" " FOR 409TH AND 410TH GROUPS ONLY.

(5) TARGET: WEISBADEN ORDINANCE DEPOT. M-328653

(6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO P-5658 TO L-1863 TO M-0978 TO G-1818
TO G-4346 TO G-8722 TO G-6810 TO TARGET.(7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO M-0978 TO L-1863 TO
P-5658 TO BASE.(8) ALTITUDES: MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING 8,000 FEET.
LOSE 1,500 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.

(9) M.P.I. ILL. U.S. 10T 533. COVER ANNOTATED AREA.

TO BE USED ONLY IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.

(13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT 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 USE EITHER M-5037 - M-0978 AS A MSYVVNCBQJMRP

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VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUDS OBSCURE PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS WILL
BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:

A. PPF

B. GROUP "GEE"

C. TARGET E.T.A.

PLAN "C" AND PLAN "D" TO FOLLOW

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

PLAN "A" & "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (328653)

(2) BESTMAN

(4 & 5) RIPSAW

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (328653)

(2) MARGIN

(4 & 5) RIPSAW

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (663040)

(2) CIRCLE

(4 & 5) RIPSAW

PLAN "C" & "D"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (483450)

(2) HAIRGRIP

(5) ROSELEE

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (483450)

(2) SHOESMITH

(5) ROSELEE

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (483450)

(2) CARLOCK

(5) ROSELEE

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 0420A

RL AR K

JES R.....09/0517A

JGN

AR K

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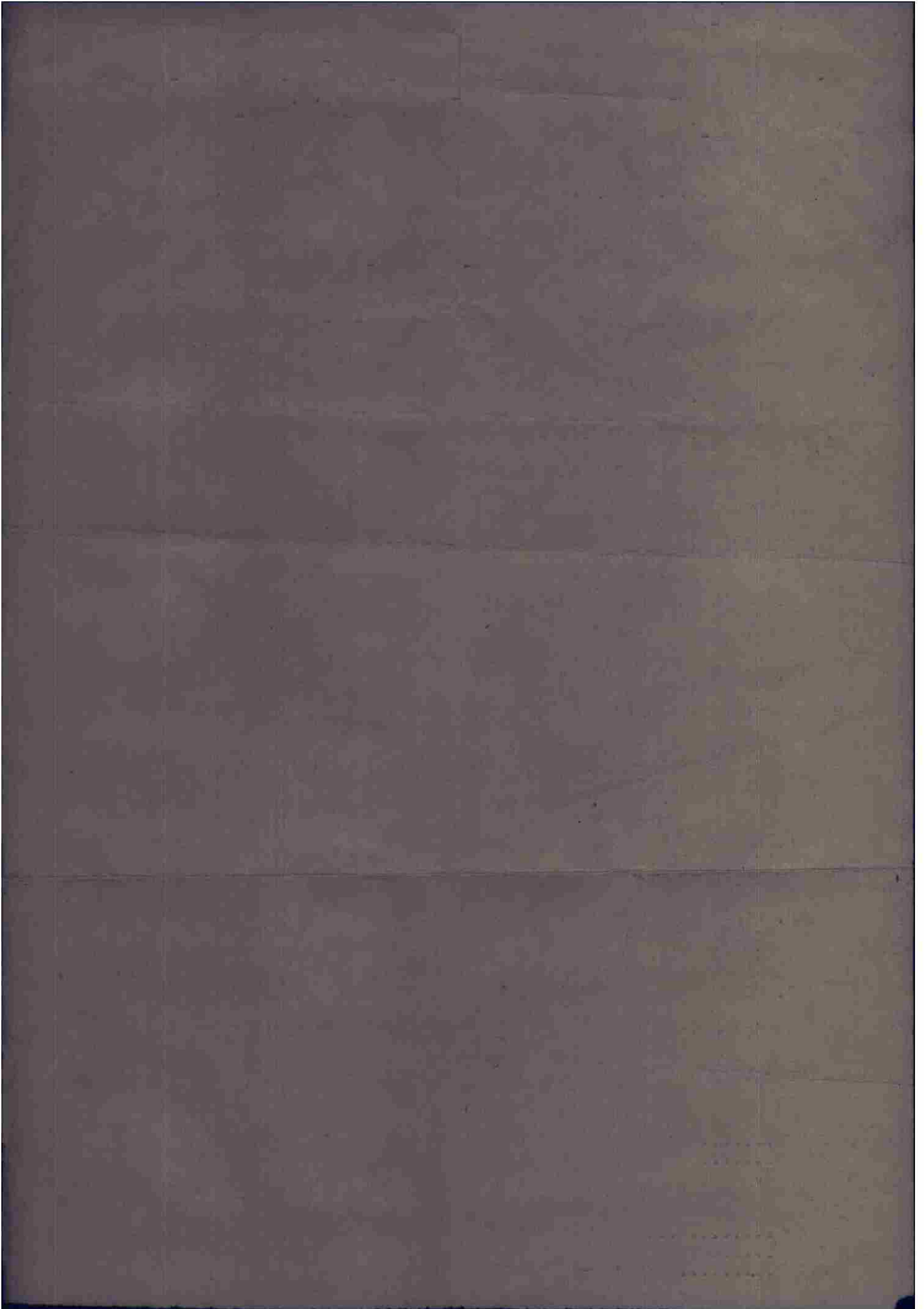
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ITA R.....0935

JKO R.....09/0519(-A

WJF

AR K



ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 07/09 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 09/0625A

TO COMBOMDIV IX

1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

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

97CEW R-90-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

A P O 140

09 MARCH 1945

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 196-782:

CANCEL PLAN "A" PLAN "B" IN EFFECT.

IN PLAN "B" PARA. 3. B. (10) SHOULD READ:

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

IN PARA. 3. C. (14) M-4115 SHOULD READ G-4115, AND M-5037 SHOULD READ M-5087.

IN PARA. 3. X. (13) M-5037 SHOULD READ M-5087.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 0625A

RL AR K

JES R.....09/0640A	DC	AR
JPO R.....09/0640A	CB	AR
JKI R.....09/0640A	UN	AR
JJF R.....09/0640A	JN	AR
ITA R.....09/0640A	MJS	AR

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TO COMBOMDIV IX

COBOMGP 459

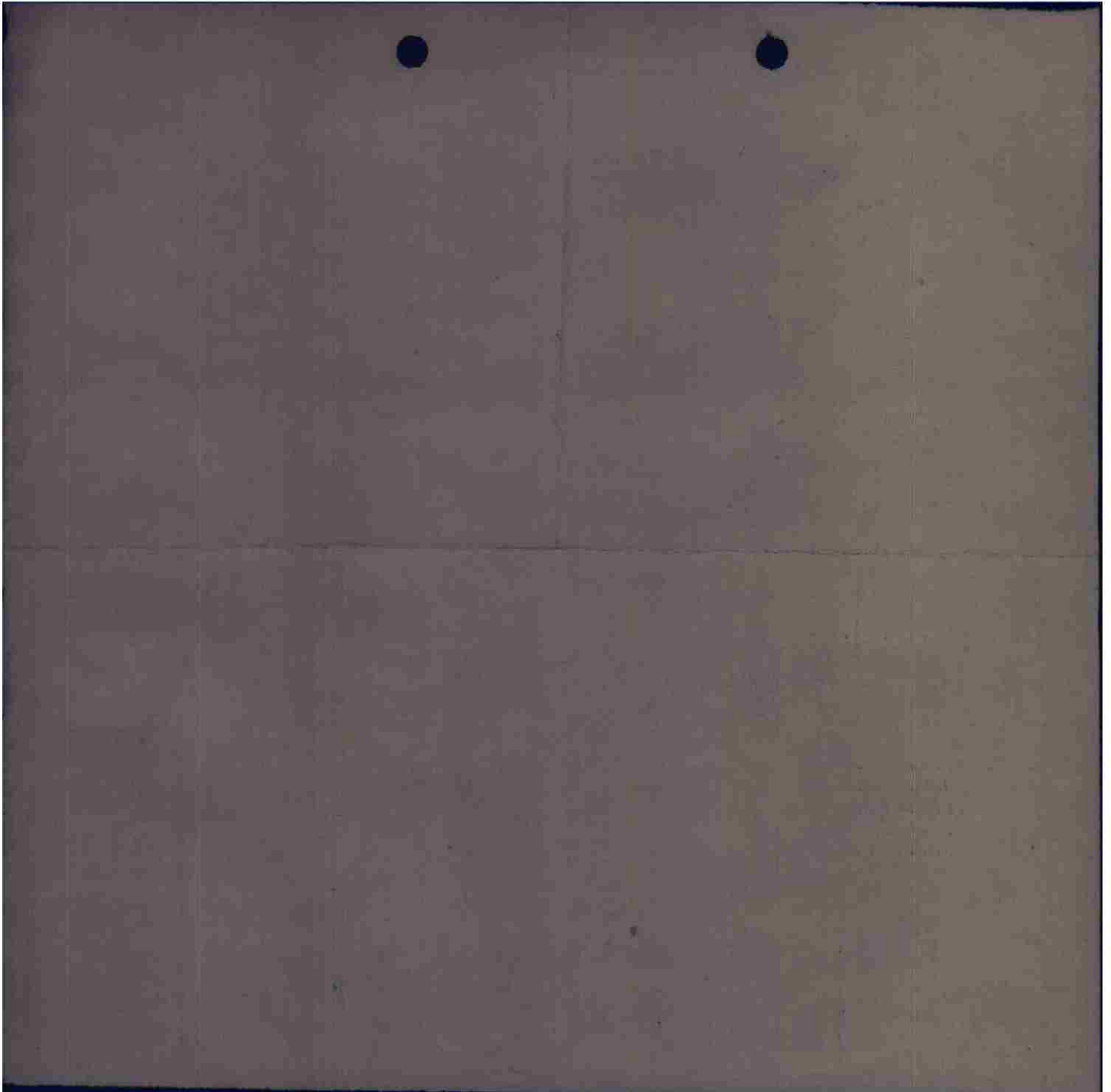
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1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN

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JEA V JKI JKI 3/09 0P 0P

FROM CO 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 090900A
 TO CG 97TH COMBAT WING
 ATTN: A-2
 BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-166-D REFERENCE F/O NR 196-782

1. MPI'S ON PRIMARY TARGET IN THE EVENT VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST ARE :

GSGS 4414 SHEET 5518

ONE FLIGHT ON REF.	66380368
" " " "	66380389
" " " "	66380425
" " " "	66380440

TWO FLIGHTS ON REF. 66380405

2. ALTERNATE TARGET IS WESTERBURG (G-170180). MPI'S ILLUSTRATION 3/AIR/417/2.

ONE FLIGHT ON REF.	060025
" " " "	062038
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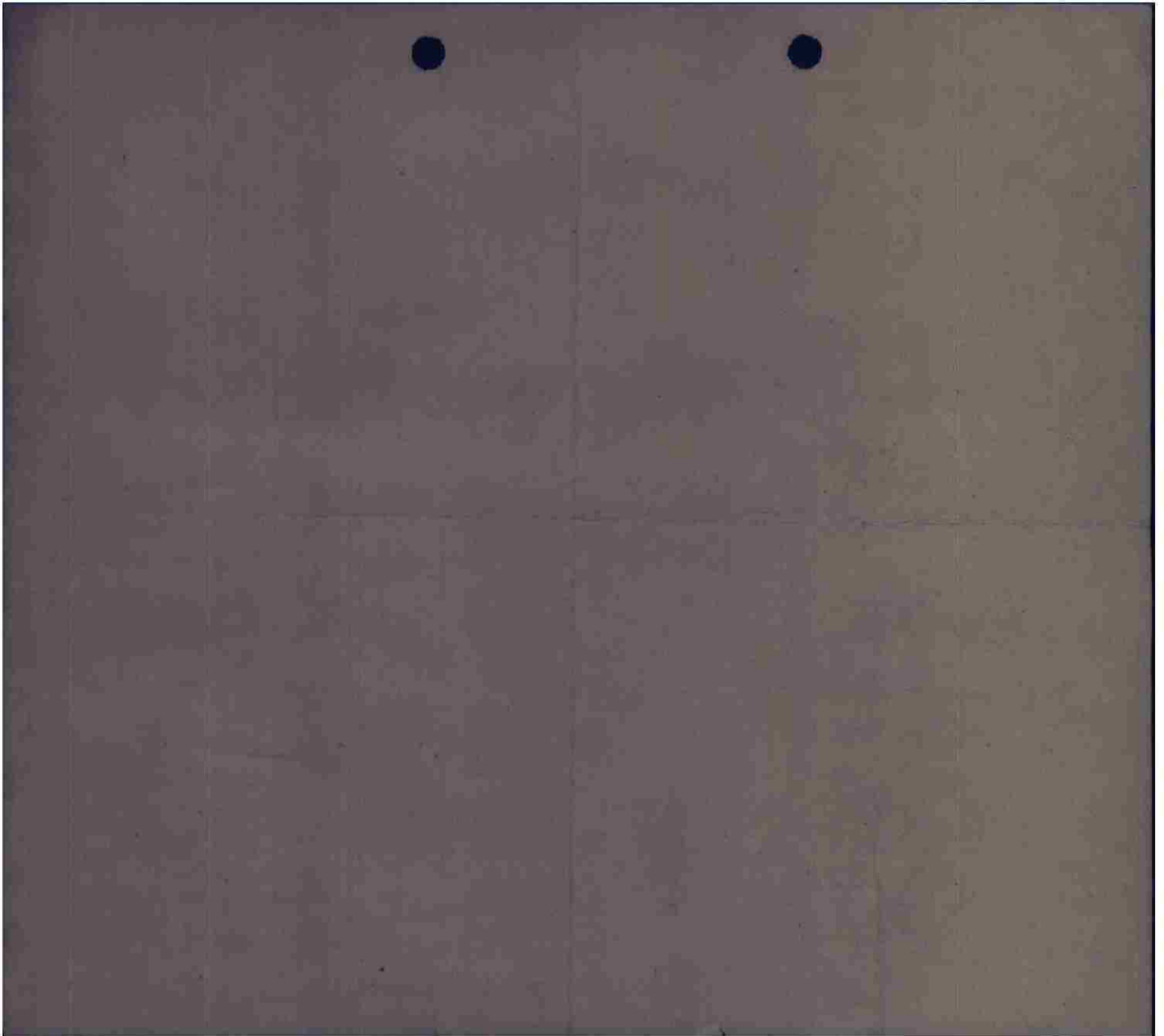
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 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416
 ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICER

ADVANCE INFO COPY OF PARA. 5 OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

PLAN "A" & "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (328653)
 (2) BESTMAN
 (4 & 5) RIPSAN

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (328653)
 (2) MARGIN
 (4 & 5) RIPSAN

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (663040)
 (2) CIRCLE
 (4 & 5) RIPSAN

PLAN "C" & "D"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (483450)
 (2) HAIRGRIP
 (3) SLEEPY

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (483450)
 (2) SHOESMITH
 (3) MUSTARD

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (483450)
 (2) CARLOCK
 (3) SHOWDOWN

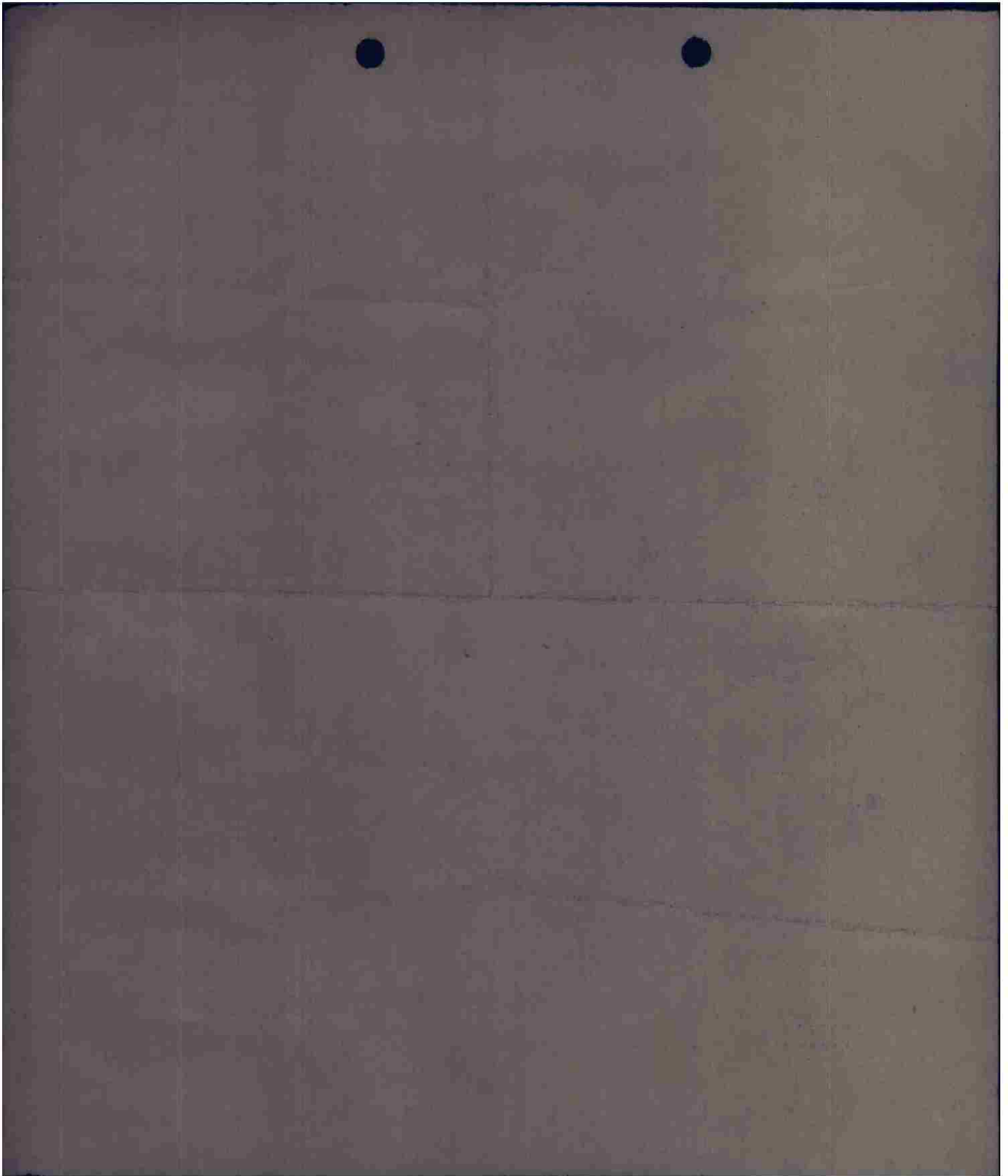
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1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

97CBW R-27-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT 1 FIELD ORDER 196-792:

(1) TARGET: BUTZBACH M/Y AT A-663040. COVER M/Y FROM A-6630440
TO A-66400355. UNDER PLAN B, THE PPF MPI IS A-66320400.
GROUP WILL PICK VISUAL MPI FOR PLAN "A" AND "B".

(2) PHOTO COVERAGE:

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MAP COVERAGE:

G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 5518

G.S.G.S. 4416 SHEET S/3

(3) FLAK: SEE PLOTTED POSITIONS

(4) BOMBLINE: TARGET IS WELL BEYOND

(5) THIS IS ANOTHER ATTACK DESIGNED TO STRAIN THE GERMAN TRANSPORT-
ATION SYSTEM AND PREVENT THE FLOW OF SUPPLIES.
THIS IS A HIGH PRIORITY TARGET.

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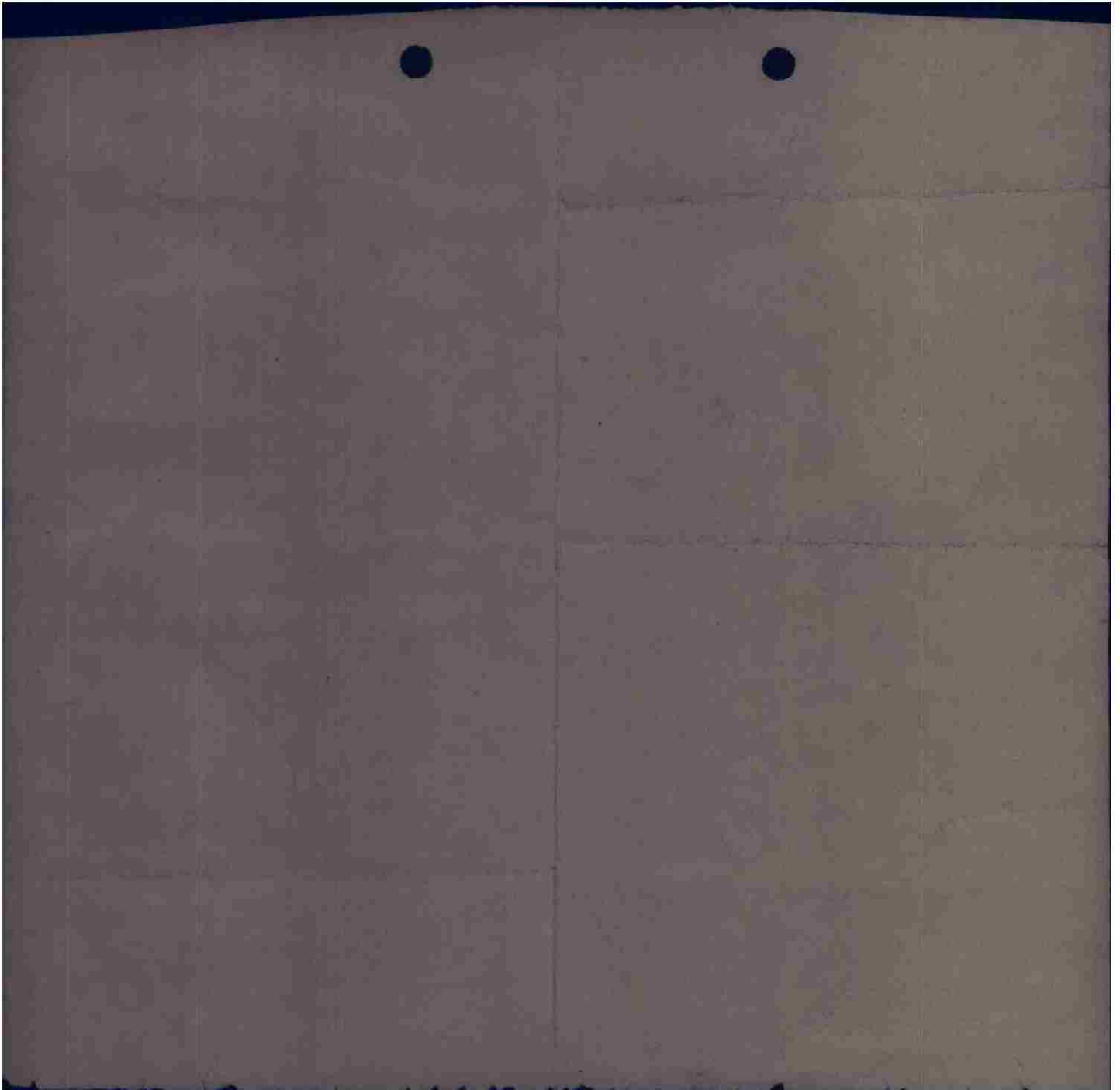
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TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIV ATT: A-2
CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATT: A-2

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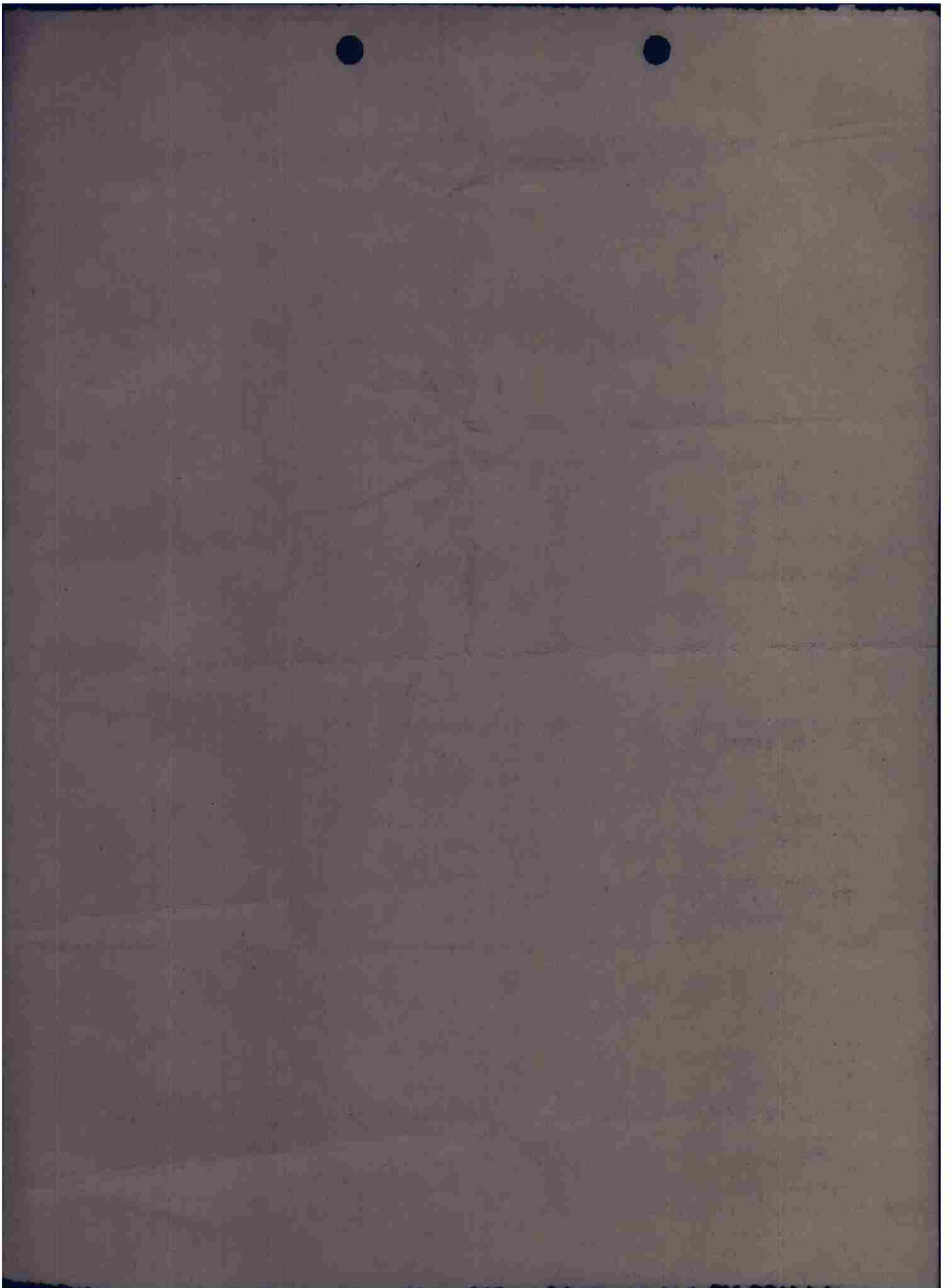
CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-170-E
OPFLASH FOR 9 MARCH 1945

- A. 416 BOMB GROUP
- B. BUTZBACH M/Y
- C. 41 A-26 A/C INCLUDING 3 A-26 A/C CARRYING WINDOW ONLY
- D. 19 A-26 A/C ON PRIMARY
19 A-26 A/C ON SECONDARY (WESTERBURG G-170180)
- E. 3 A-26 A/C CARRYING WINDOW ONLY.
- F. 113 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
114 X 500 GP ON SECONDARY (G-170180)
1 X 500 GP RETURNED.
- G. BOMBED BY PPF ON PRIMARY, UNOBSERVED.
BOMBED BY GEE ON SECONDARY, GOOD RESULTS OBSERVED BY CREW MEMBERS (G-170180)
- H. NIL.
- I. NIL.
- J. NIL.
- K. ONE (1) TWIN ENGINE A/C (PROBABLY ME-210 OR 410) SEEN TO FLY BELOW FORMATION PURSUED BY A P-51 AND BOTH A/C DOVE INTO THE CLOUDS IN THE VICINITY OF THE SECONDARY TARGET (G-170180)

ONE (1) ME-163 A/C WAS SEEN TO PASS OVER THE FORMATION IN THE VICINITY OF THE RP HEADED EAST AT AN ALTITUDE OF 15,000 FEET AT 1100 HOURS
- L. 1ST BOX 13,500 OVER PRIMARY
2ND BOX 10,600 OVER SECONDARY (G-170180)
- M. 1ST BOX 1059 HOURS ON PRIMARY
2ND BOX 1110 HOURS ON SECONDARY (G-170180)
- X. SECOND BOX ATTACKED THE SECONDARY TARGET (G-1718) BY GEE, THE PPF A/C FLEW OVER PRIMARY, FAILED TO BOMB. CALLED THE SECOND BOX LEADER AND TOLD HIM HE WAS ON HIS OWN.

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WFC BBBB

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)
TO 9TH BOMB DIVISION (M)
97TH COMBAT WING

09/1630A

ATTN: A-2 PI

ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER

BT

SECRET 416BG R-173-D

B. BUTZBACH MARSHALLING YARD.

J. NO PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

BT 09/1630A

FD BBB

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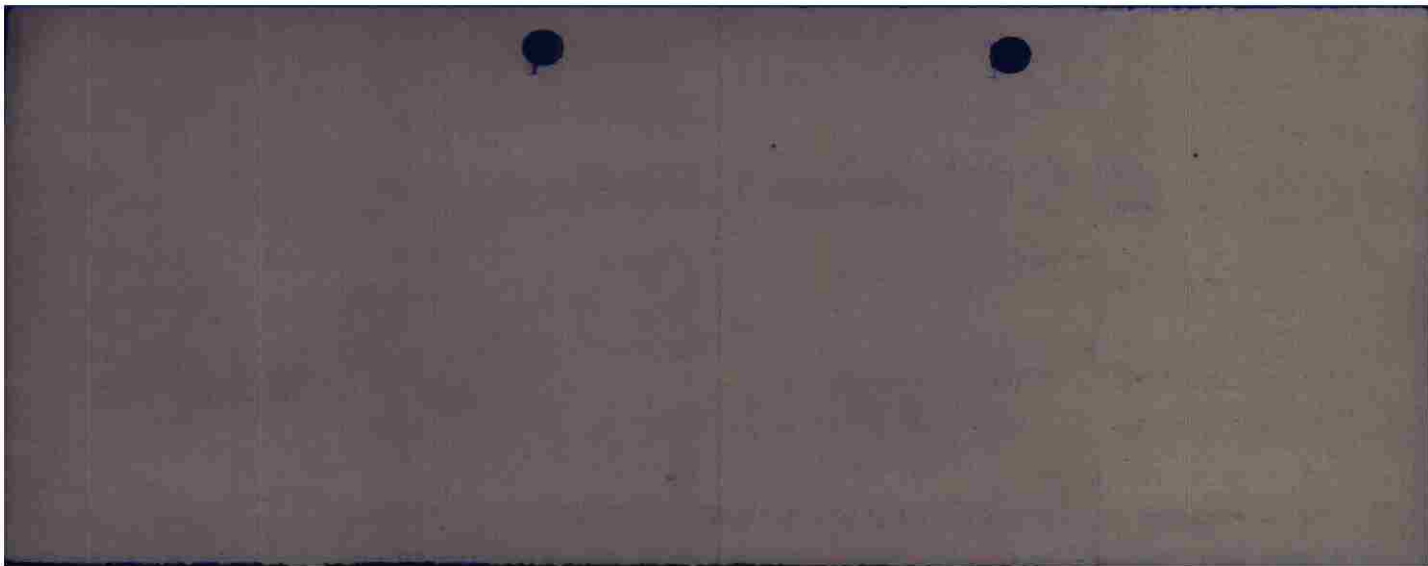
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FROM COBOMGR 416 89/1488A

TO COMDOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER
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CONFIDENTIAL 416 BG R-169-J

A - YS - 54

B - 9 MARCH 1945 (8986-1288)

C - E-EASY AND R-ROGER REPORTED "OPS" COMPLETE TO PARADE.

D - PPF MISSION

E - NONE

F - NONE

G - NONE

H - NONE

I - NONE

J - NONE

K - BUNCHER BEACON UNSATISFACTORY BECAUSE OF SKIP DISTANCE AND
LOW POWER INPUT.

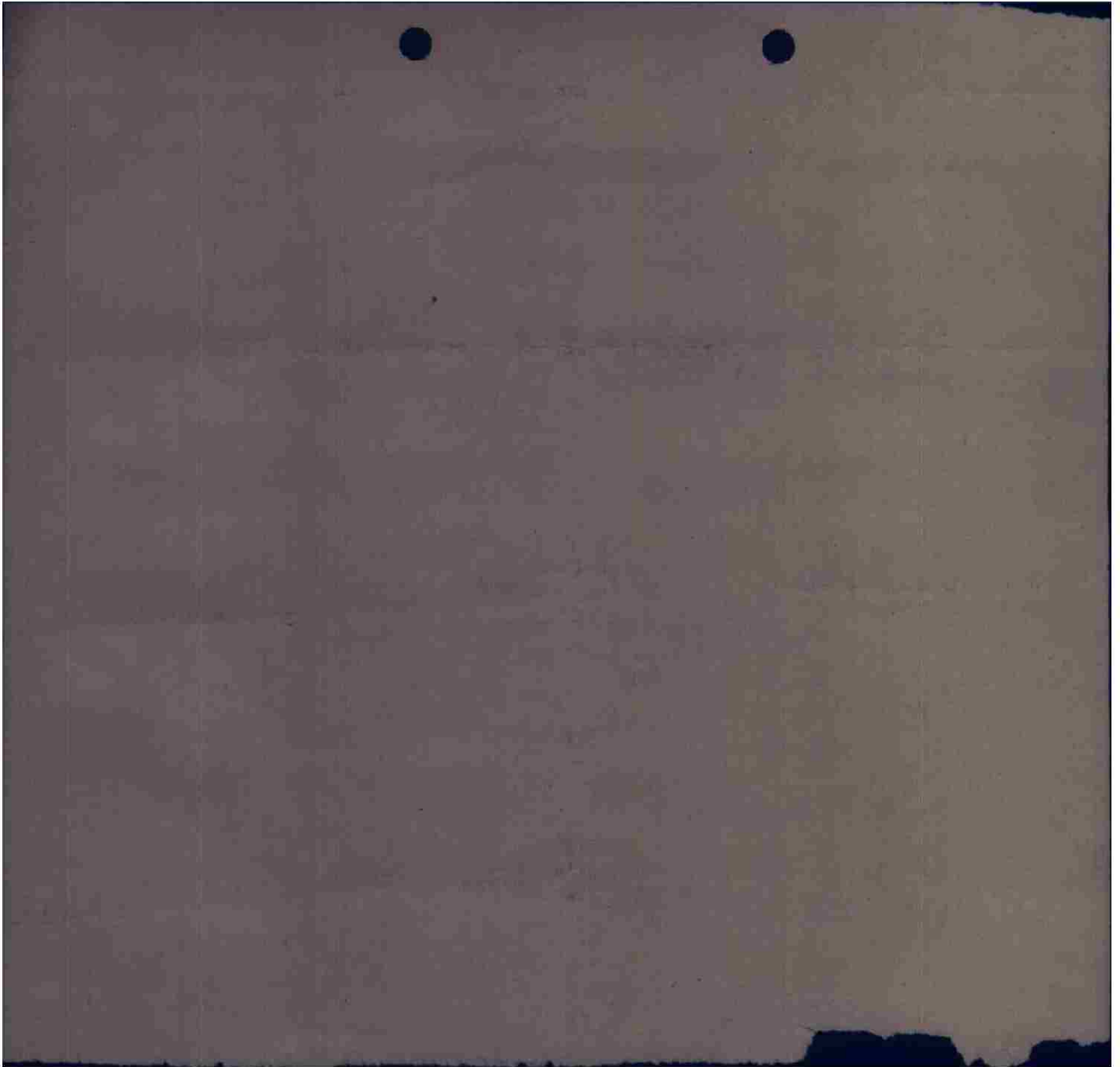
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TO C G IX BOMB DIVISION
C G 97TH BOMB WING
C O 416 BOMB GROUP
CONFIDENTIAL BT

1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV R-182-E

PFF PILOT: NICHOLS
DATE: 8/3/45 TIME: 1641

A. FORMATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION: VERY GOOD
2. REMARKS:

B. WINDOW SHIPS:

1. CLASSIFICATION: GOOD
2. REMARKS:

C. NAVIGATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION: VERY GOOD
2. REMARKS:

D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS: GOOD

E. BRIEFING: RENDEZOUS

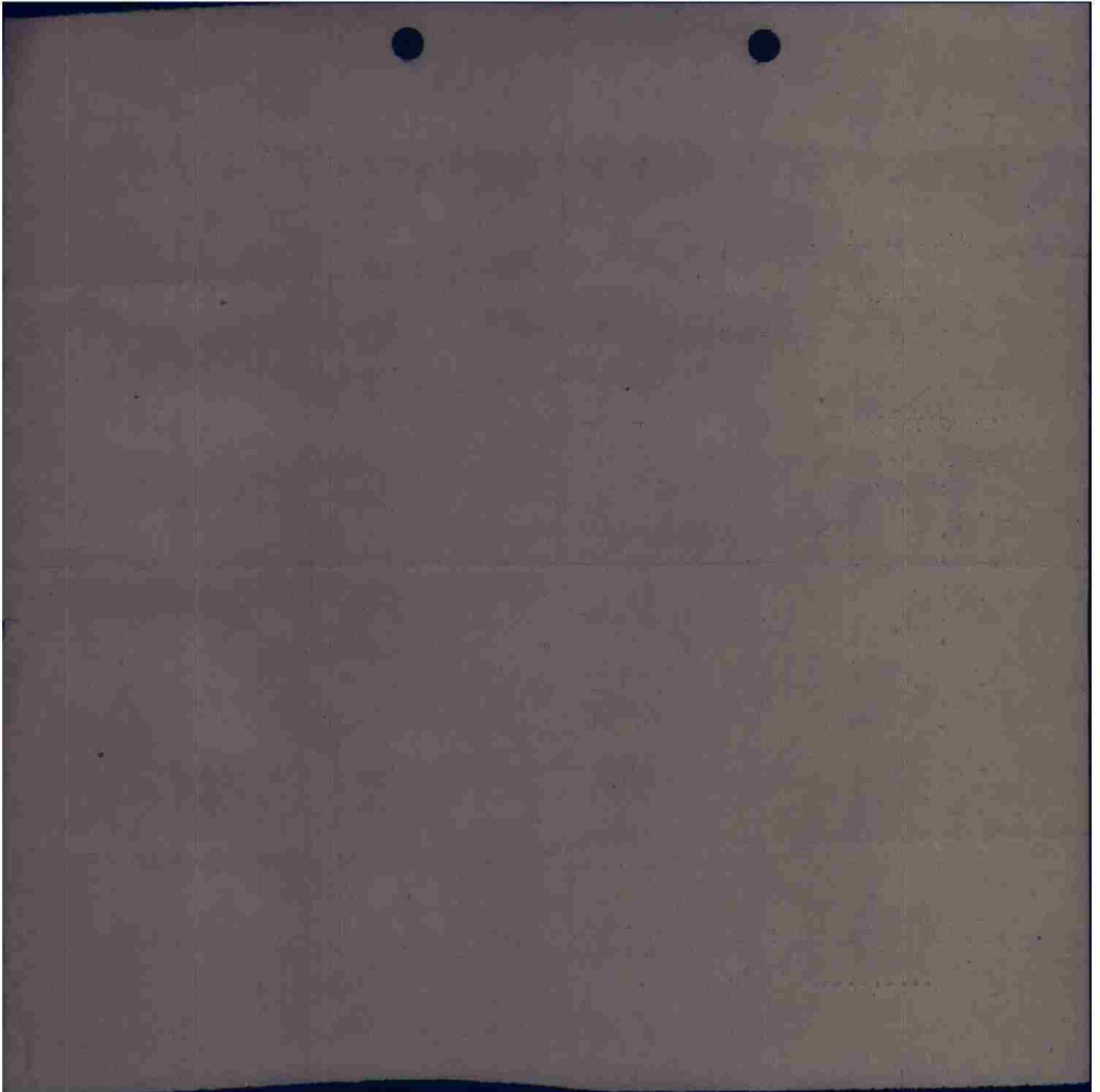
F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS: NONE

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 08/2100A
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FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 09/1700A
 TO C G IX BOMB DIVISION
 C G 97, 98, 99 COMBAT WING
 C O 397, 394, 387, 386, 323, 322, 344, 416, 410, 409, 391 BOMB GP
 CONFIDENTIAL BT

1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV R-197-E

OPS FLASH REPORT

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A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 416 BOMB GROUP
 B. BUTZBACH M/Y WG 663040
 C. TWO B-26
 D. ONE B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT 1ST BOX ONE B-26 CASUAL ON GEE ALONE
 EQUIPMENT FAILURE NASSAU
 WM 049005
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY 4 X 500 GP ON CASUAL
 G. UNOBSERVED
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 J. NONE
 K. NONE
 L. 13,500 PRIMARY 13,000 CASUAL
 M. 1059 PRIMARY 1110 CASUAL

REMARKS: GROUP FORMATION AND WINDON SHIPS GOOD HEAVY RAIL AND ROAD
 ACTIVITY IN TOWN OF NDR. SEELBACH WM 389752

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

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 387 BOMB GROUP
 B. NIEDERHAUSEN M/Y WM 411736
 C. ONE B-26
 D. NONE
 E. ONE B-26 EQUIPMENT FAILURE PFF COULD NOT GET INTO FORMATION
 RETURNED TO BASE.
 F. 4 X 500 GP RETURNED
 G. NIL
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 J. NONE
 K. NONE
 L. NO ATTACK
 M. NO ATTACK

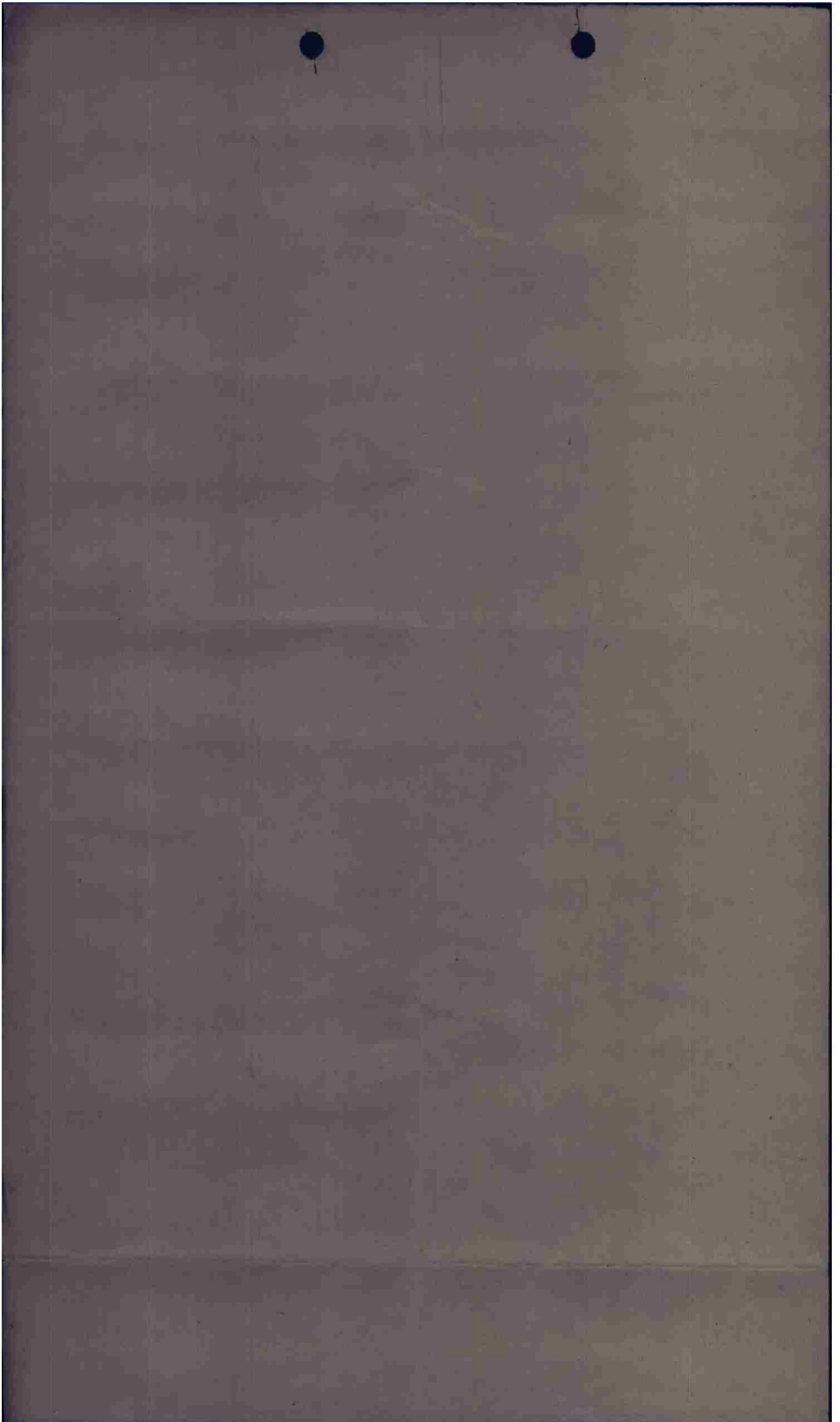
REMARKS: PFF OVER TARGET 1130 RECEIVER DEAD HARBURG WG 730460
 HARBURG M/Y FULL OF
 TRAFFIC

ANNEX: CALLED RIPSAN FOUR MINUTES AFTER ENTERING AREA.

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 409 BOMB GROUP
 B. DOTZHEIM AFV DEPOT WM 325655
 C. ONE B-26
 D. 1 - PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
 G. NIL
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 J. WARTF WG 367225
 K. NONE
 L. 13,500 PRIMARY
 M. 1150 PRIMARY

GOOD FORMATION FLOWN BY GROUP

RIPSAN CALLED ONE MINUTE AFTER ENTERING AREA. RECEIVED FIX OK.



- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 410 BOMB GROUP
- B. DOTZHEIM AFV DEPOT WM 324655
- C. 2 B-26'S
- D. 2 B-26'S PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13,500 PRIMARY
- M. 1138 1/2 "
- 1139 "

OBSERVATIONS: GROUP AND WINDOW SHIPS FORMATION GOOD.

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAN UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX 6 MINUTES LATER.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 394 BOMB GROUP
- B. NEIDERHAUSEN M/Y WM 414 735
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500GP PRIMARY
- G. STRIKES SEEN IN TARGET AREA
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13,500 PRIMARY
- M. 1135 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: GROUP AND WINDOW SHIPS GOOD

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAN UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX IN CLEAR 6 MINUTES LATER.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 323 BOMB GROUP
- B. WIESBADEN M/Y WM 365 632
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13,500 PRIMARY
- M. 1200 PRIMARY

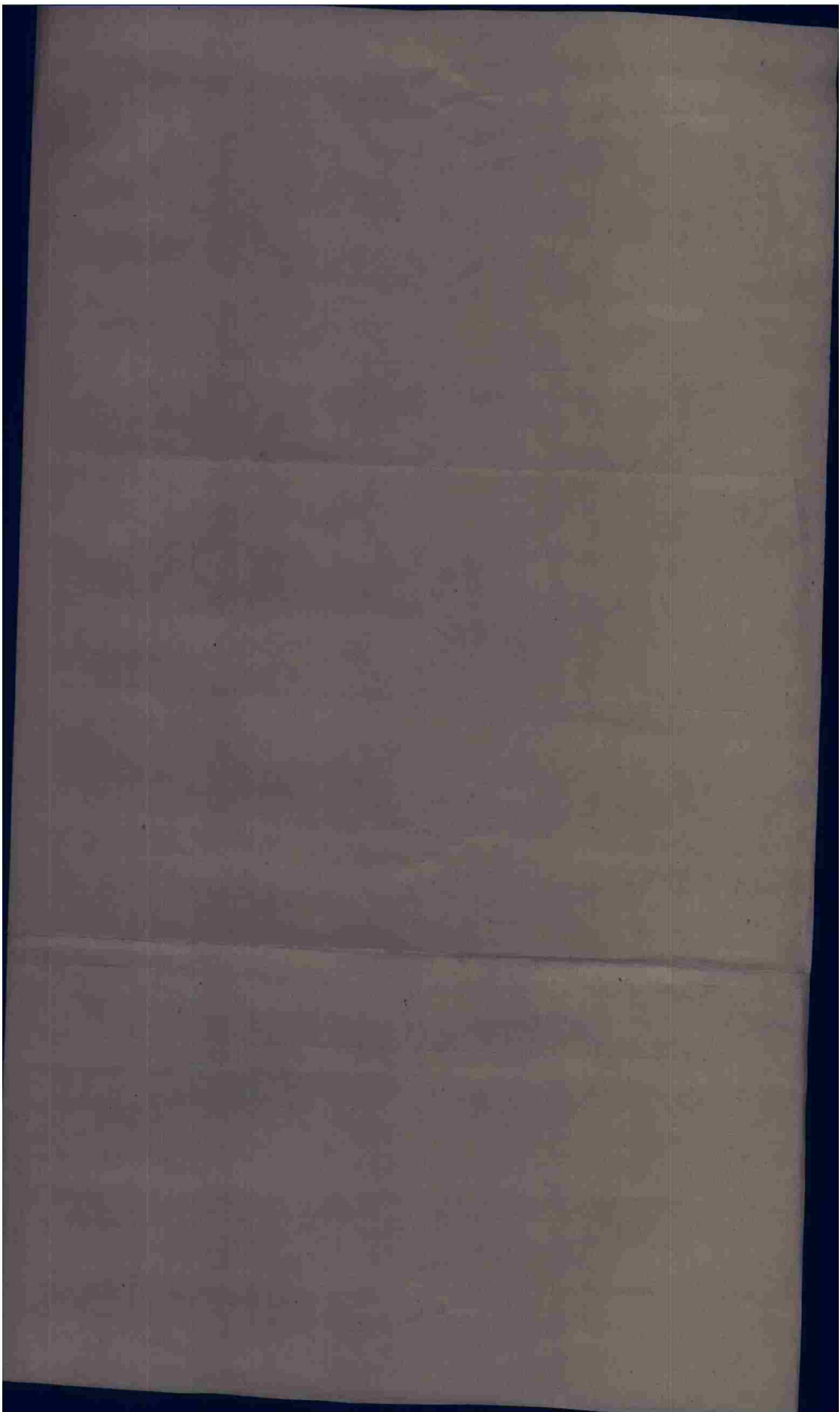
OBSERVATIONS: WINDOW SHIPS POOR
GROUP FORMATION GOOD BUT FLIGHTS SCATTERED UPON DROPPING

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAN UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX 1 MINUTE LATER.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 397 BOMB GROUP
- B. WIESBADEN M/Y WM 365 632
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 8/10'S
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY - GIESSEN WG 662 213
IN TARGET AREA
- K. NONE
- L. 13,500 PRIMARY
- M. 1209 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: GROUP FORMATION AND WINDOW SHIPS GOOD

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAN UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX 3 MINUTES LATER.



- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 322 BOMB GROUP
- B. WIESBADEN M/Y WM 365 632
- C. 2 B-26
- D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. MODERATE INACCURATE HEAVY-GIESSEN WG 662 213
INTENSE INACCURATE HEAVY IN TARGET AREA
DAD NAUHEIM WM 620 968 - MODERATE HEAVY STAUFENBURG WG 700 300
MODERATE INACCURATE HEAVY
- K. NONE
- L. 13300 PRIMARY
13000 PRIVATE
- M. 1217 1/2 PRIMARY
1218 1/2 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: GROUP AND WINDOW SHIPS EXCELLENT

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAN UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX 2 MINUTES LATER.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. WITH THE 344TH BOMB GROUP
- B. WIESBADEN M/Y WM 365 632
- C. 2 B-26
- D. 1. B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT 2ND PFF DROPPED ONLY 1 BOMB BECAUSE OF BOMB RACK MALFUNCTION
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
4 X 500 GP RETURNED
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. CAT "A" FLAK
- I. NONE
- J. INTENSE ACCURATE IN TARGET AREA (HEAVY)
WEAK ACCURATE
E HEAVY - GIESSEN - WG 662 213
- K. NONE
- L. 13400 PRIMARY
13100 PRIMARY
- M. 1250 PRIMARY
1251 PRIMARY

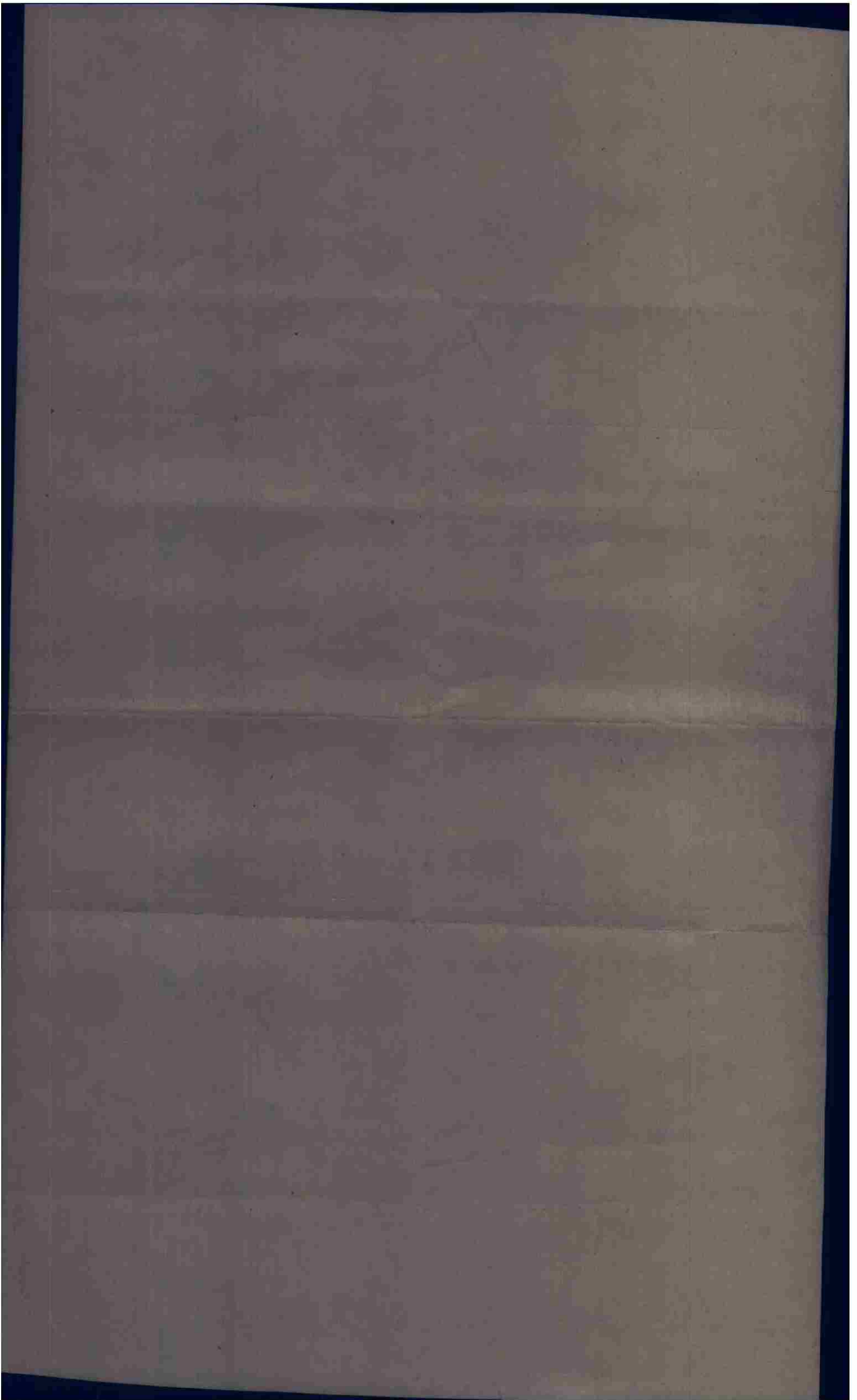
OBSERVATIONS: GROUP AND WINDOW SHIPS FAIR

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAN UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX 3 MINUTES LATER.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ PROV WITH THE 391ST BOMB GROUP
- B. WIESBADEN M/Y WM 365 632
- C. 2 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. 1 B-26 EQUIPMENT FAILURE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
4 X 500 GP RETURNED
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY - GIESSEN WG 662 213
WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY IN TARGET AREA
WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY - FRANKFURT WM 680 680
- K. NONE
- L. 13500 PRIMARY
13000 PRIMARY
- M. 1237 1/2 PRIMARY
1241 NO ATTACK

OBSERVATIONS: GROUP AND WINDOW SHIPS GOOD
20 UNIDENTIFIED FIGHTERS AT ALTITUDE NEAR FRANKFURT WM
662 213

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAN UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX 30 SECONDS LATER.



- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 386TH BOMB GROUP
- B. WIESBADEN M/Y WM 365 632
- C. 2 B-26
- D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
- H. CAT "A" FLAK
- I. NONE
- J. MODERATE ACCURATE HEAVY IN TARGET AREA
KONIGSTEIN WM 520 763 - MODERATE INACURATE HEAVY
- K. ONE ENCOUNTER - 4 COMBATS - 1 DESTROYED - 1 PROBABLE
30 ME 109'S ENCOUNTERED IN TARGET AREA-APPROACHED LINE ASTERN,
LEVEL AND LOW, 5 TP 7 O'CLOCK BREAK AWAY TO 9 O'CLOCK HIGH (2ND BOX)
(1ST BOX) APPROACHES FROM 12 O'CLOCK LEVEL AND 6 O'CLOCK LOW-BREAK
AWAY FROM 6 O'CLOCK HIGH AND 2 O'CLOCK LOW
- L. 13500 PRIMARY
12500 PRIMARY
- M. 1303 PRIMARY
1305 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: GROUP LEFT PFF OF 1ST BOX ON TURN OFF TARGET PFF UNABLE TO
CATCH UP 260 MPH INDICATED
GROUP FORMATION GOOD

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPS AW UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECIVED FIX 2 MINUTES
LATER.

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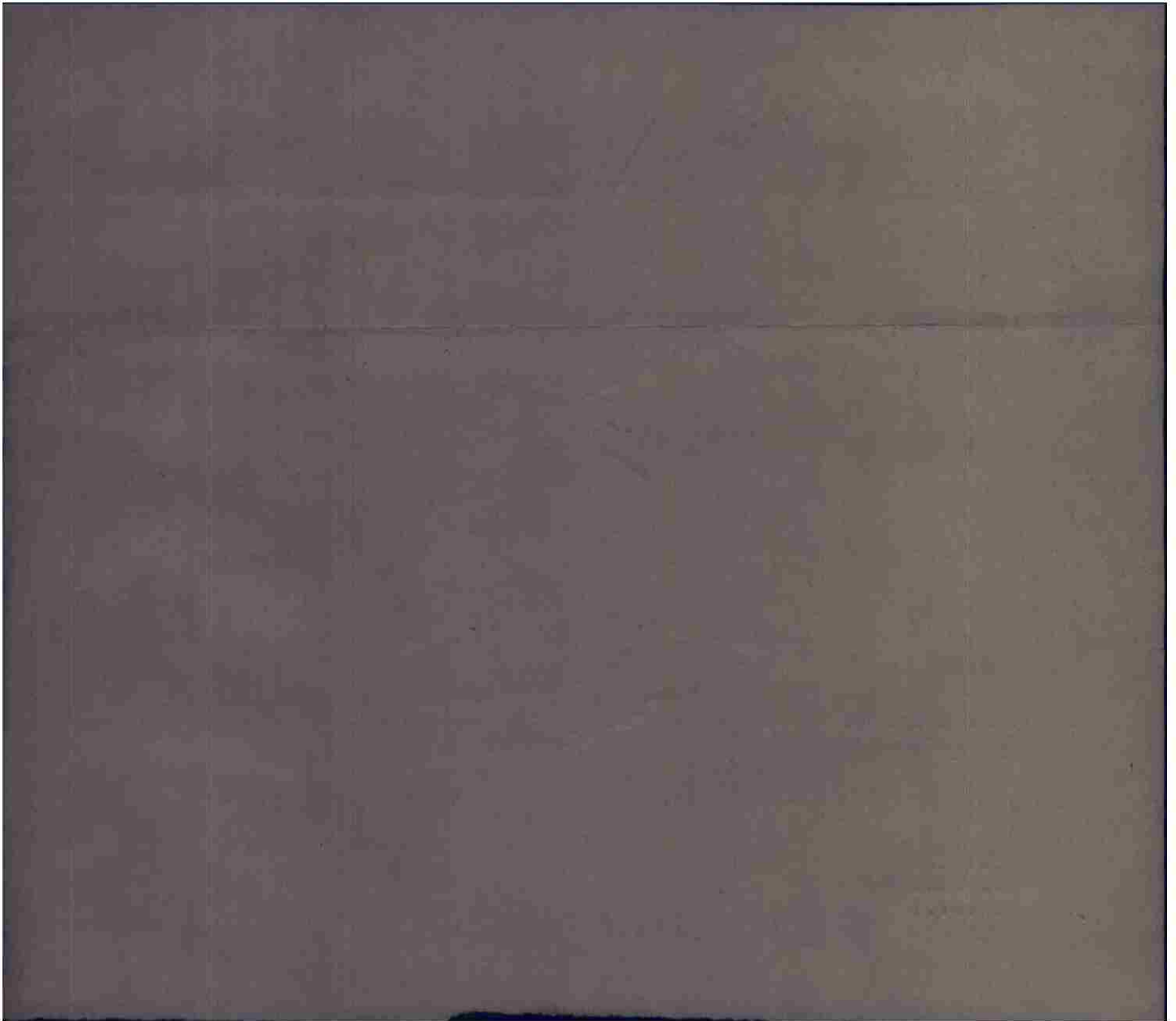
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 TO C G IX BOMB DIVISION
 C G 97 BOMB WING
 C O 416 BOMB GROUP
 CONFIDENTIAL BT

1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV R-218-E

PFF PILOT: HAUSER
 DATE: 9/3/45 TIME: 1059

A. FORMATION:
 1. CLASSIFICATION: VERY GOOD
 2. REMARKS:

B. WINDODCYZWLJGUX
 1. CLASSIFICATION: GOOD
 2. REMARKS:

C. NAVIGATION:
 1. CLASSIFICATION: GOOD
 2. REMARKS:

D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS: OK

E. BRIEFING:

F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS:

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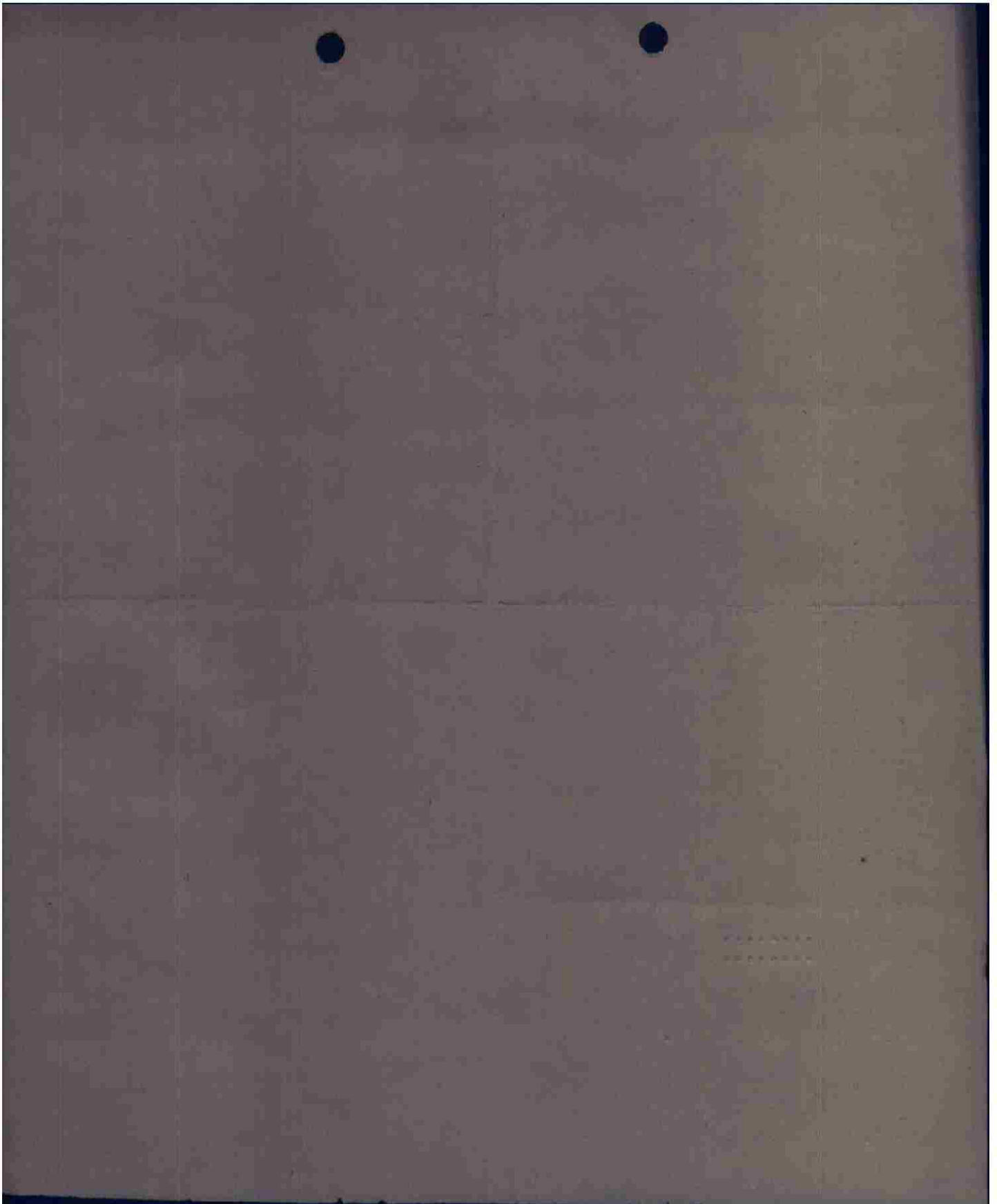
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 JKI/ITA R..... 10/1052A JF KKK

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B. WINDOW SHIPS:
 1. CLAS IENDLIC Z

OK T B F R



JEA JKI V ITA JTF NR 10/10 OP OP

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 10/0900A

TO C G IX BOMB DIVISION

C G 97 BOMB WING

C O 418 BOJME GROUP

CONFIDENTIAL ET

1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

R-219-E

PFF PILOT: PHILIPS

DATE: 9/3/45

TIME: -. AM

A. FORMATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION: VERYGOOD

2. REMARKS:

B. WINDOW SHIPS:

1. CLASSIFICATION: TOO HIGH FOR 2ND BOX - WINDOW RIGHT IN BOX

2. REMARKS:

C. NAVIGATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION: GOOD

2. REMARKS:

D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS: OK

E. BRIEFING: SUB BRIEFING GOOD

F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS:

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ET 10/0900A

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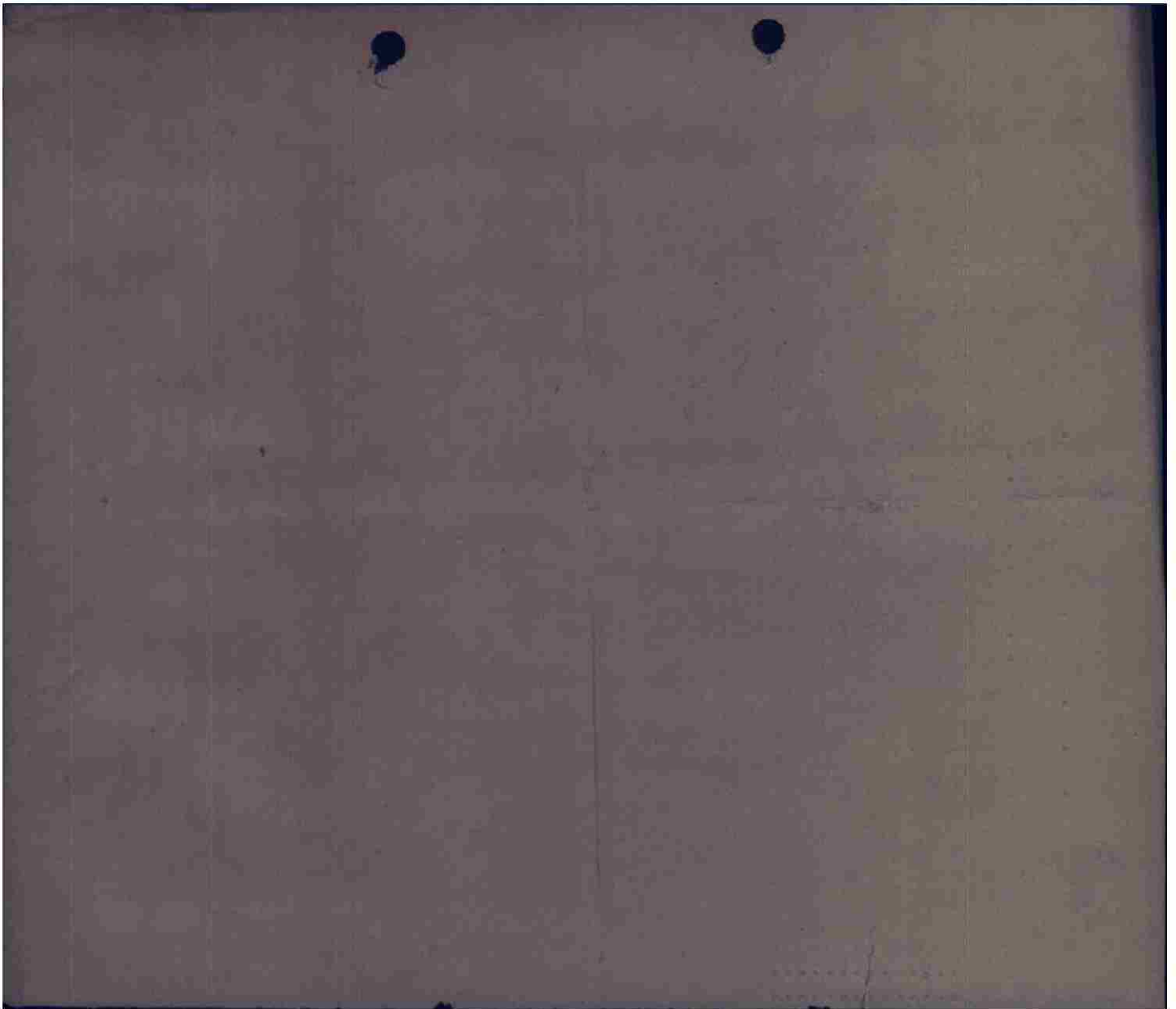
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