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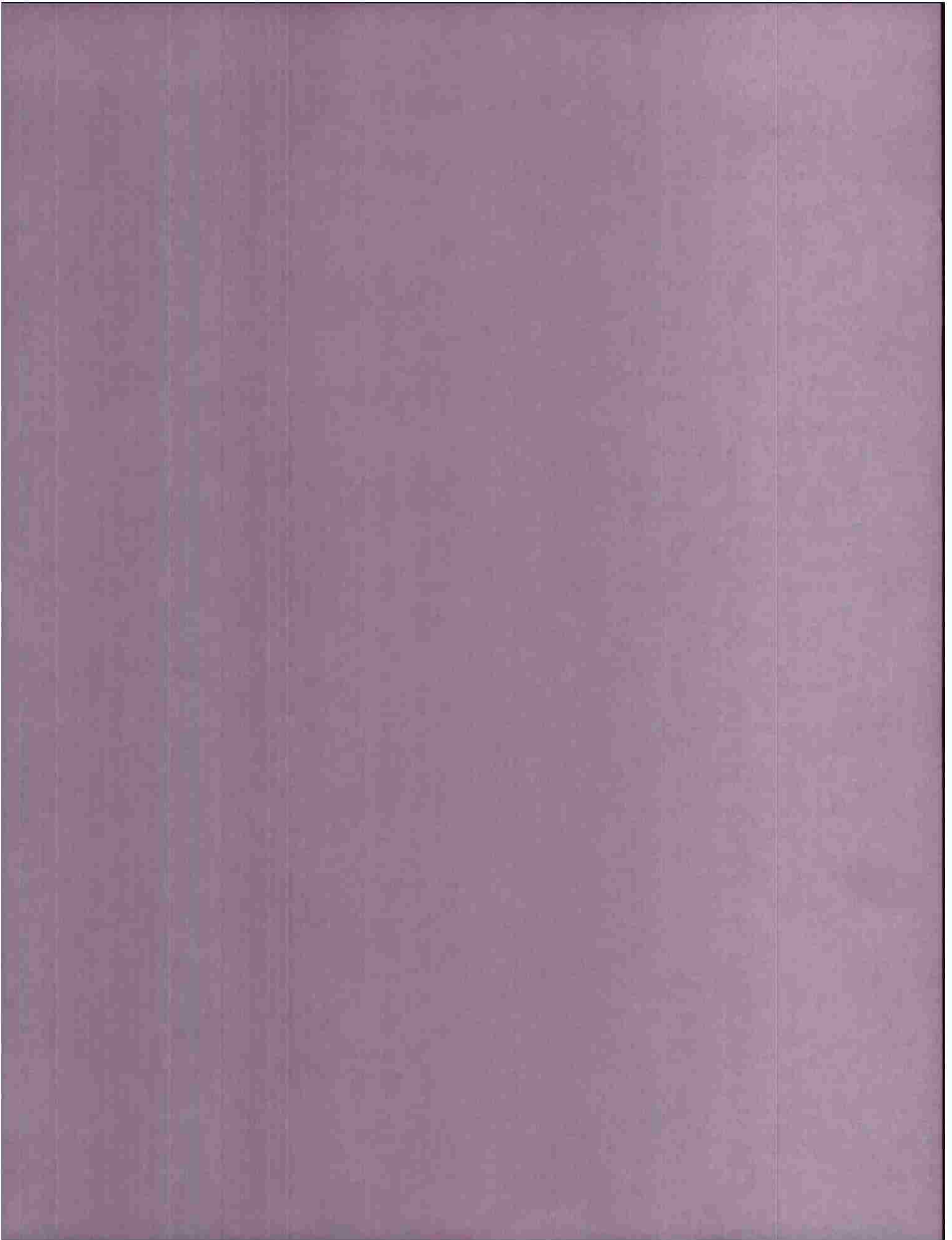
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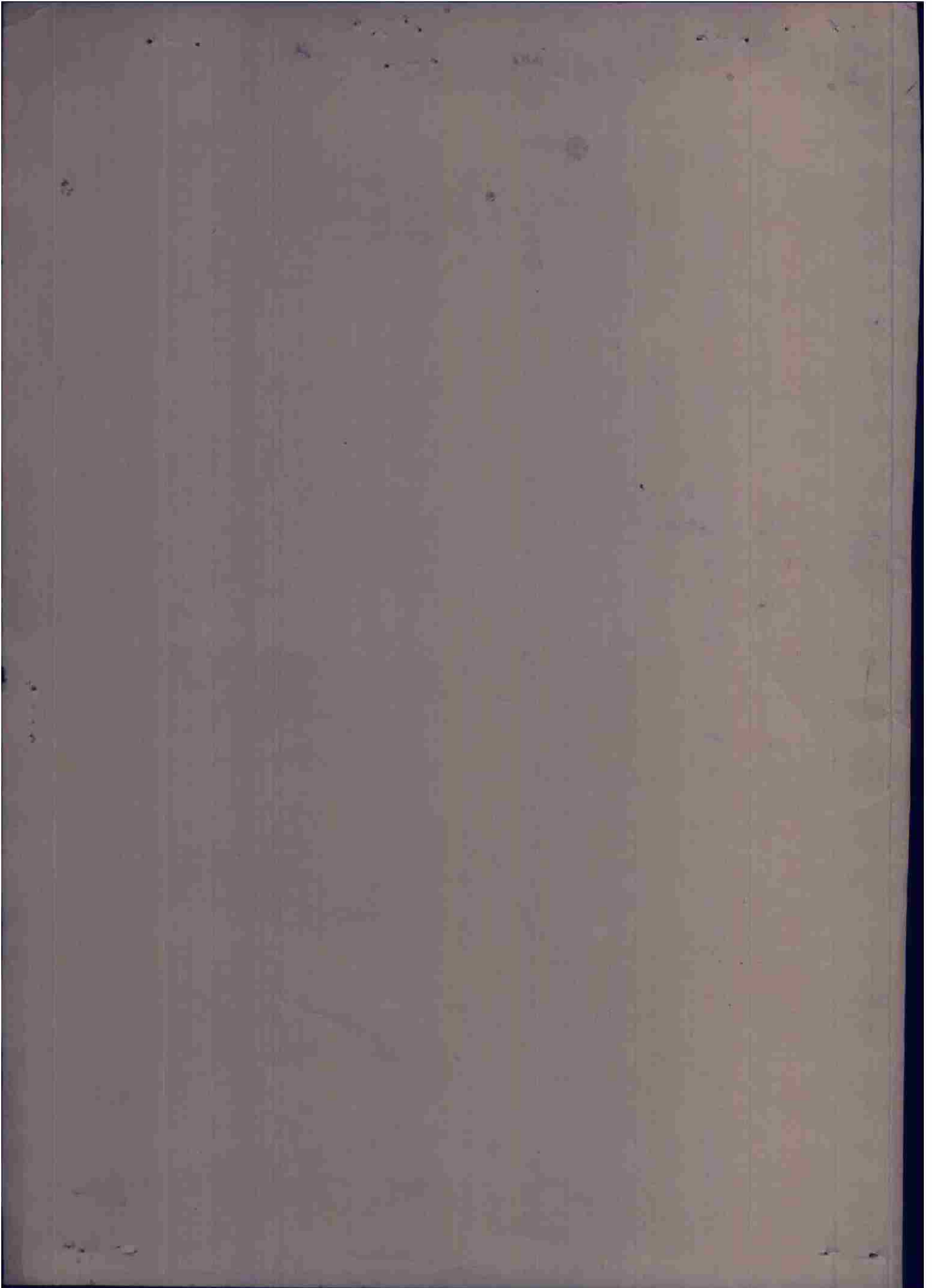
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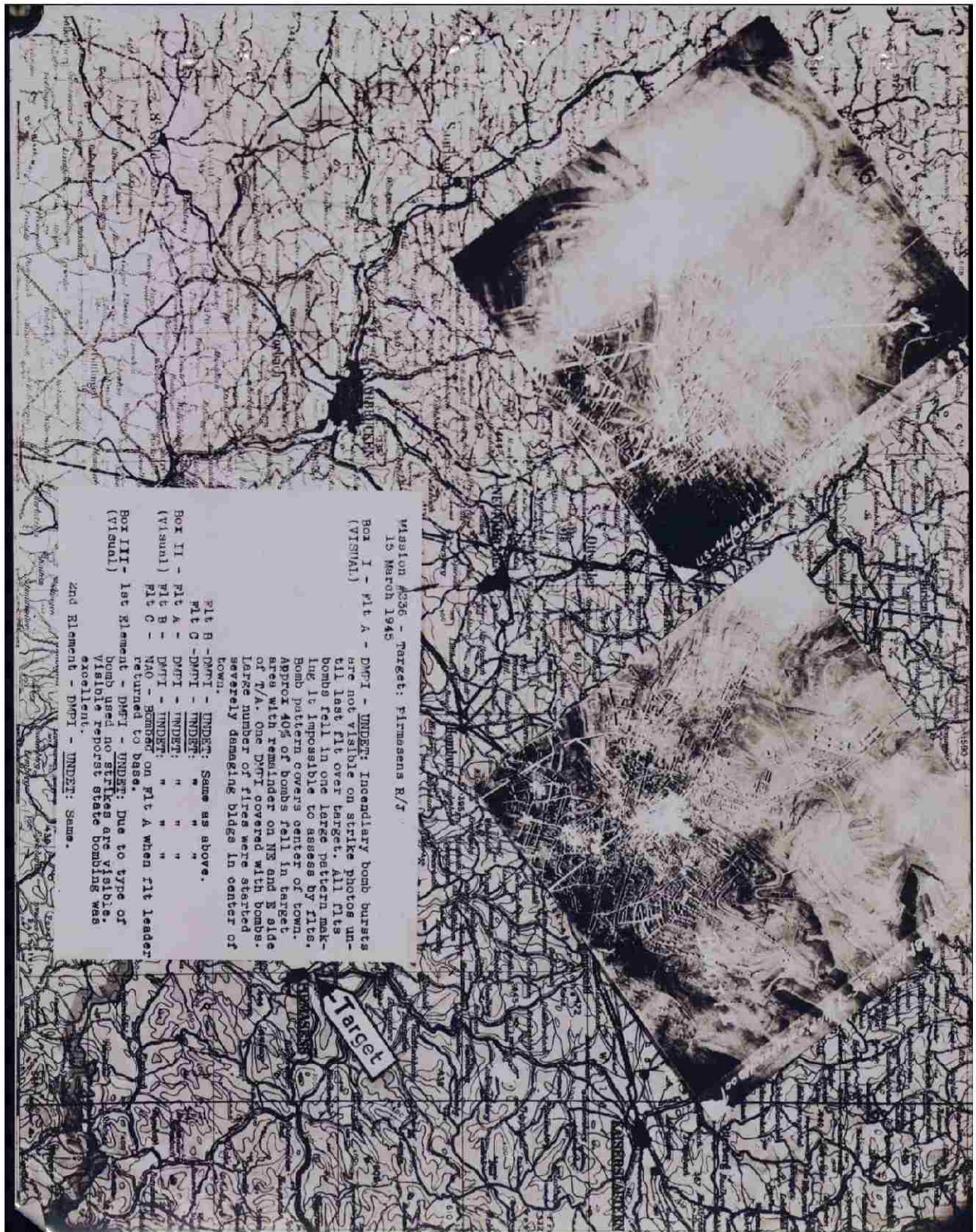


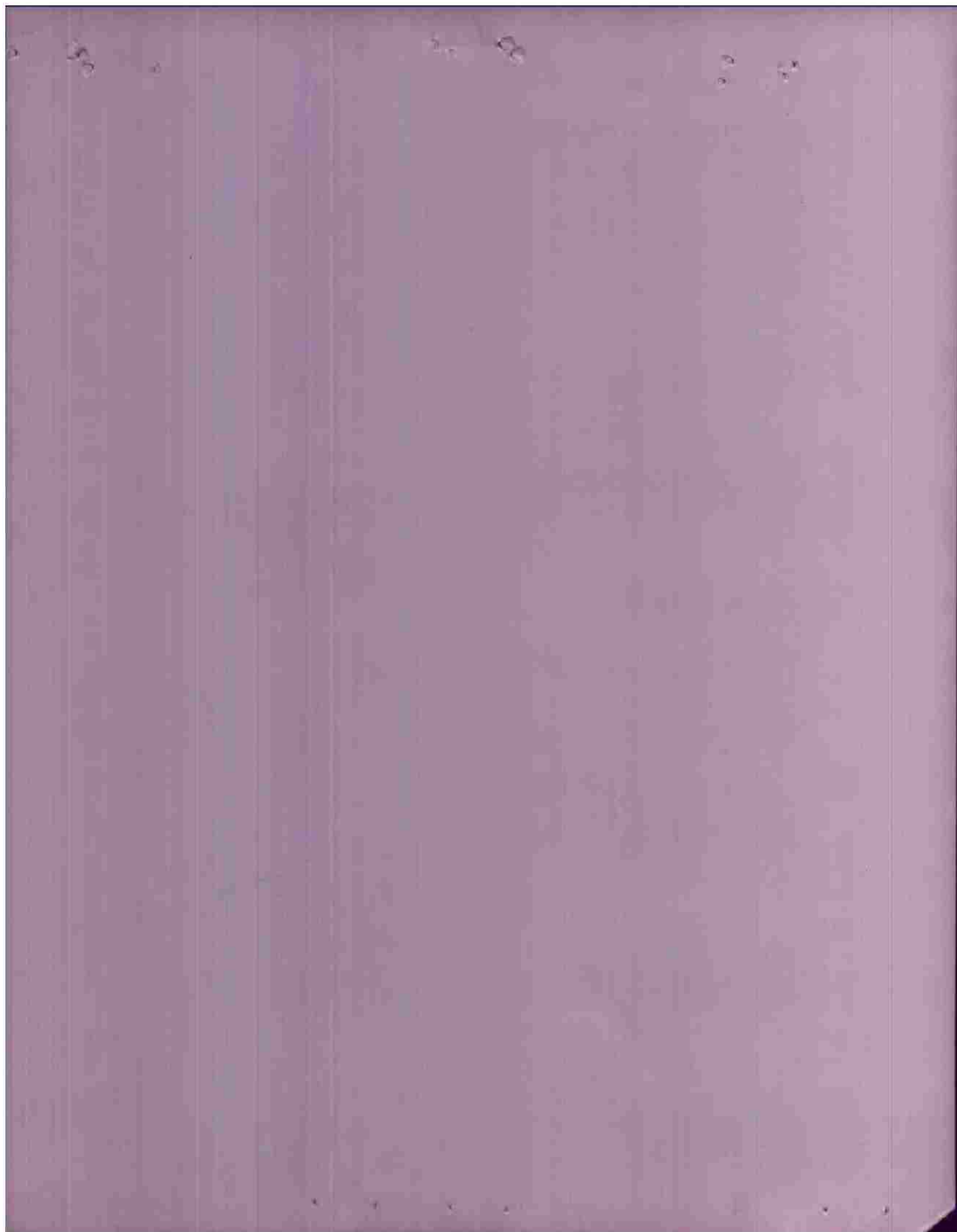
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NINTH AF CONSOLIDATED REPORT IX BD(M) / SA 1036

(A) TARGET: PIRMASENS R/J's 4416/V2 - WQ/904660
 PIRMASENS FLAK POSITIONS 4416/V2 - WQ/884615
 WQ/912707

(B) SORTIE: US 416/880-881

(C) DATE: 15 MAR 45 TIME: 1402-07 A

(D) ATTACKING A/C: 42 A-26's BY 6's ON R/J's, BY 3's ON GUN POSITIONS.

(E) BOMBS: 216/500 IB OPEN AT 5000'.
 (FLAK POSITIONS) 72/260 FRAG. T-50E-1 NON-DELAY T.

(F) COVER: TARGETS COVERED ON PRINTS OF GOOD QUALITY.

(G) RESULTS OF BOMBING: TYPE OF BOMBS MAKES ASSESSMENT BY FLTS IMPOSSIBLE. ALL BOMBS FELL IN LARGE PATTERN WITH AT LEAST 50% OF BOMBS IN T/A. A LARGE NUMBER OF FIRES ARE SEEN IN THE T/A AND IN RESIDENTIAL SECTION NE AND E OF THE AREA. NO STRIKES WERE VISIBLE FOR THE ATTACK ON FLAK POSITIONS BY SIX A/C, BECAUSE OF TYPE OF BOMB DROPPED.

(I) ANNOTATED PRINT: 5021
 5026

SORTIE: US 416/881

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NOTE: RECTANGLE ENCLOSSES
 BOMB PATTERN AREA.
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PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

CAMERAS INSTALLED 14 GROUP 416th. Bomb Grp.
 CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING 14 100 % WING 97th. C.B.
 CAMERA FAILURES 0 0 % DATE 15. Mar. 1945
 PERSONNEL FAILURES 0 0 %
 OTHERS 0

TARGET Pirmasens
252 338 ALTITUDE 11500 FEET
356 352 TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
313 209 GROUND SPEED 256 MPH

TARGET Pirmasens
354 314 ALTITUDE 11000 FEET
264 224 TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
213 416 GROUND SPEED 253 MPH

TARGET Pirmasens
9315 330 ALTITUDE 11000 FEET
 TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
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STRIKE ATTACK CAMERAS:

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2	416	"	"	"	881		"
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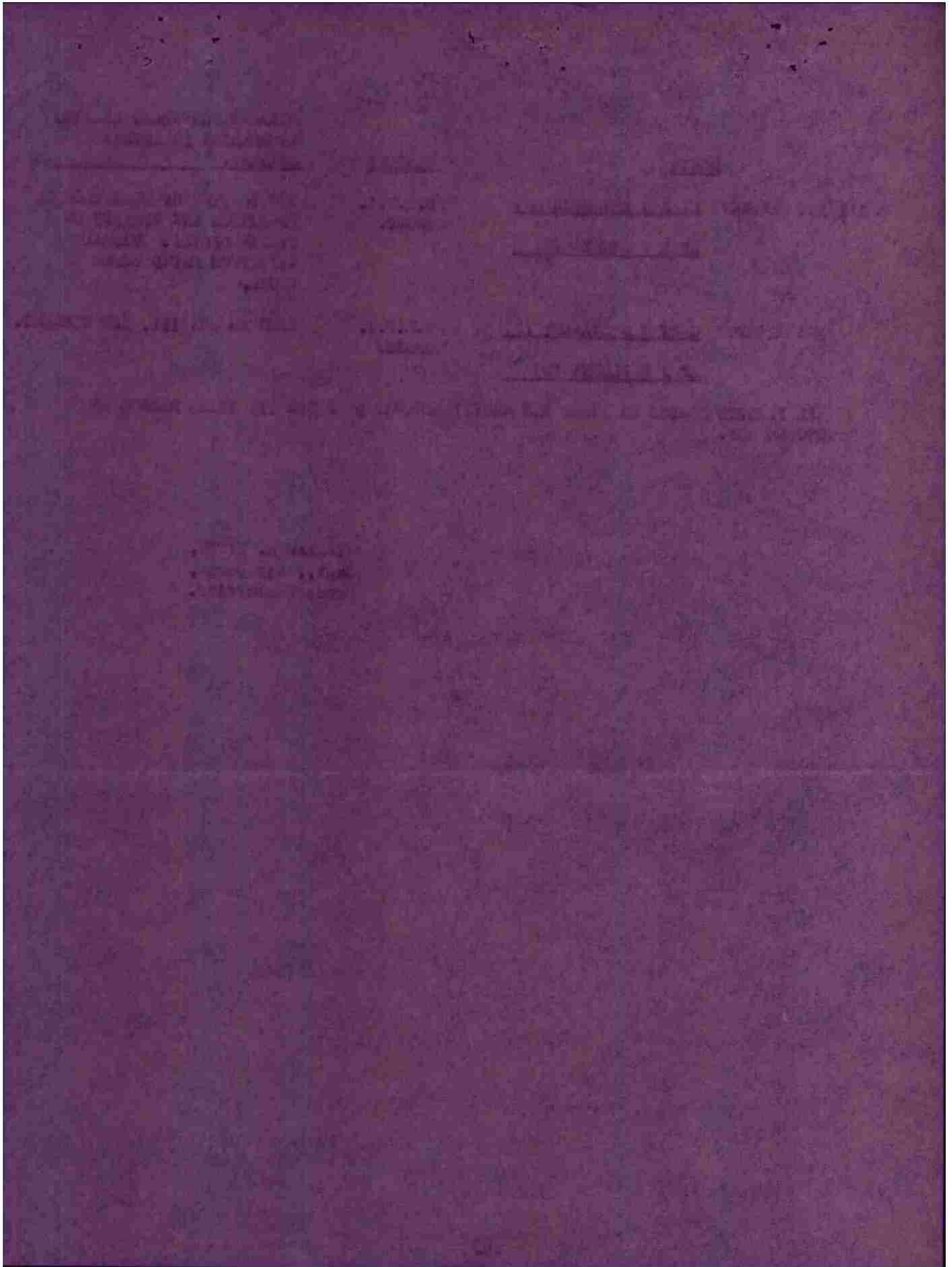
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	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>REASONS FOR GROSS BOMBING OR FAILURE TO ATTACK PRIMARY.</u>
BOX 111 1ST ELEMENT	<u>LT F S BRIDGEMAN (P)</u> <u>LT L W DENNIS (B)</u>	D.M.F.I. UNDET.	DUE TO TYPE OF BOMB DROPTED NO BRIGHTS ARE VISIBLE ON STRIPS PHOTOS. VISUAL ESTIMATES RATED BOMBS AS EXCEL.
2ND ELEMENT	<u>CAPT G S STANLEY (P)</u> <u>LT J R BLOUNT (B)</u>	D.M.F.I. UNDET.	SAME AS BOX 111, 1ST ELEMENT.

ALL FLIGHTS BOMBED ON FIRST RUN EXCEPT ELEMENT 2 OF BOX 111 WHICH BOMBED ON
SECOND RUN.

WILLIAM M. LYTLE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Group Bombardier.



UNSATISFACTORY BOMBING REPORTGROUP 416 B.G.MISSION OF 15 MARCH 1945TO PIRMASENS R/J

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>REASONS FOR GROSS BOMBING OR FAILURE TO ATTACK</u>
BOX 1 - FLT A <u>LT COL J G MAPPER (P)</u> <u>LT D L MOORE (B)</u> <u>LT G G JOHNSON (N)</u>	D.M.P.I. UNDET.	PRIMARY INCENDIARY BOMB BURSTS ARE NOT VISIBLE ON STRIKE PHOTOS UNTIL LAST FLIGHT OVER TARGET. ALL FLIGHTS BOMBS FELL INTO ONE LARGE PATTERN MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO ASSESS BY FLIGHTS.
FLT B <u>LT C J BROWN (P)</u> <u>LT J E KERNS (B)</u>	D.M.P.I. UNDET.	SAME AS BOX 1 FLT A.
FLT C <u>CAPT H F PAIR (P)</u> <u>LT S L CORUM (B)</u>	D.M.P.I. UNDET.	SAME AS BOX 1 FLT A.
BOX 11 - FLT A <u>CAPT E L MILLER (P)</u> <u>LT S R CONNER (B)</u> <u>LT R E EDMAN (N)</u>	D.M.P.I. UNDET.	SAME AS BOX 1 FLT A.
FLT B <u>LT D A GRUNIG (P)</u> <u>LT B C MORRIS (B)</u>	D.M.P.I. UNDET.	SAME AS BOX 1 FLT A.
FLT C	N.A.O.	FLIGHT LEADER RETURNED TO BASE AFTER TAKE-OFF DUE TO UNSATISFACTORY CONDITION OF A/C. REJOINED FORMATION TOO LATE TO TAKE OVER LEAD. JOINED FLT B AND BOMBED WITH THEM. FLIGHT BOMBED ON FLT A BOX 1.

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416TH BOMB	9TH B.D. (M) WING	97TH	B
GROUP	DATE	15 MARCH 1945	
OTHER UNITS: TARGET			PIRMASENS ROAD
			JUNCTIONS
	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION		TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED PIRMASENS ROAD JUNCTIONS PRIMARY
BOX IIIQ(AA GUN POSITIONS NORTH AND SOUTH OF TOWN) SECONDARY

M.P.I. SIX RJ SW PART OF TOWN

A.P. _____

(3 WINDOWS)

C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 45 A-26'S NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 42

(BOX III - 3'S)

D. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 6'S IN FOLLOWING ORDER 1,3,2,4,5.

216 X 500 INCEND OPEN AT 5000 FT

E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 72 X,260 FRAGS USING T-50E-1 - NON-DELAY TAIL

F. HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED _____

BOX I FLT A - 45° - 1402
 B - " - 1403

G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED _____

C - " - 1402½
 BOX II FLT A - " - 1403½
 B - " - 1404

H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

BOX III 1ST EL- 37° - 1402 3/4
 2ND EL- 50° - 1407

J. RESULTS OF BOMBING

BOX I FLT A: DMPI UNDET: INCENDIARY BOMB BURSTS ARE NOT VISIBLE ON STRIKE PHOTOS UNTIL LAST FLT OVER TARGET. ALL FLIGHTS BOMBS FELL INTO ONE LARGE PATTERN MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO ASSESS BY FLIGHTS. BLANKET OF INCENDIARY BOMBS COVERED CENTER OF TOWN. APPROX 40% OF BOMBS HIT IN TARGET AREA WITH REMAINDER HITTING ALONG NE AND E SIDE OF TARGET AREA. ONE DMPI COVERED WITH BOMBS. LARGE NUMBER OF FIRES WERE STARTED WITH SEVERE DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS IN CENTER OF TOWN.

FLT B: DMPI UNDET: SAME AS ABOVE.

FLT C: DMPI UNDET: " " "

BOX II FLT A: DMPI UNDET: " " "

(VISUAL) FLT B: DMPI UNDET: " " "

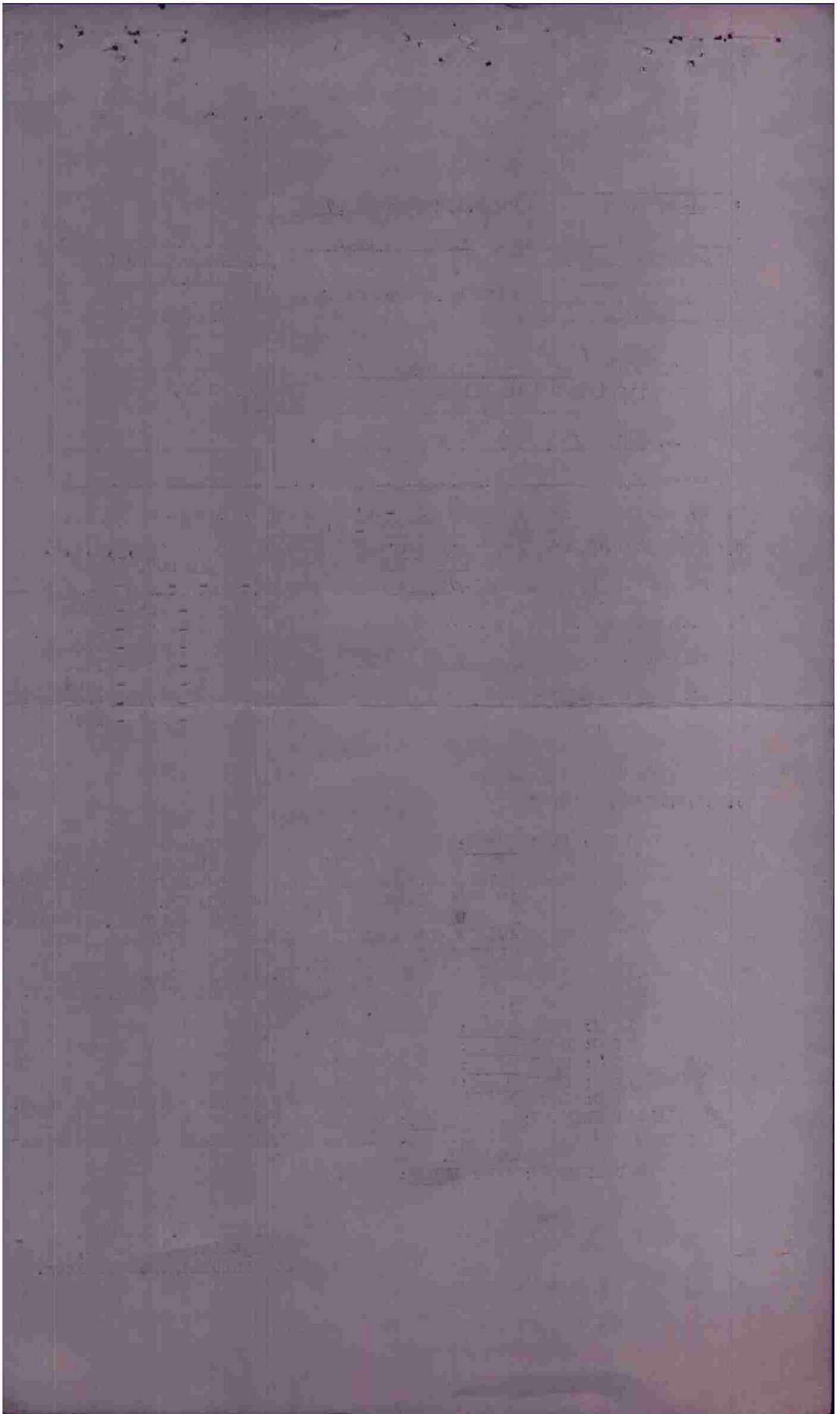
FLT C: NAO BOMBED ON FLT A WHEN FLT LEADER RETURNED TO BASE.

BOX III 1ST ELEMENT: DMPI UNDET: DUE TO TYPE OF BOMBS USED NO STRIKES ARE VISIBLE. VISUAL REPORTS STATE BOMBING WAS EXCELLENT.

2ND ELEMENT: DMPI UNDET: SAME.

CLAYTON W. ZESIGER,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Photo Intelligence Officer.

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GENERAL INDEX

TARGET PIRMASENS RD. JUNC DATE 15 MAR 45 NO. A/C 45 MISS. # 236
 COORD. Q-904666 F.O. # 205-793 STATUS ATTACKED
 BRIEFING OFFICER LT. ANDERSON

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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

Field Orders 792, 793, 794.

APO # 140
15 March 1945MISSION SUMMARY #75Section I

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
323 BG:	Neunkirchen (Q-596829) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent B - Excellent (SMPI) C - N.A.O. Box II - Flt. A - Excellent (SMPI) B - Undet. (SMPI) C - Undet. Box III - Flt. A - Unsat. (SMPI)
391 BG:	" "	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent B - Excellent (SMPI) C - Unsat. Box II - Flt. A - Undet. B - Undet. C - Excellent (SMPI) D - Unsat.
386 BG:	" "	Box I - Flt. A - Undet. B - Excellent (SMPI) C - Excellent Box II - Flt. A - Excellent (SMPI) B - Excellent (SMPI) C - Excellent (SMPI) D - Undet. (SMPI)
394 BG:	" "	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent B - Undet. C - Undet. Box II - Flt. A - Undet. B - Undet. C - N.A.O.
322 BG:	" "	Box I - Flt. A - Undet. B - Excellent C - Superior (SMPI) Box II - Flt. A - Excellent (SMPI) B - Excellent (SMPI) C - Superior (SMPI) D - Undet.

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997 BG: Leaflet Mission: S. A. T. S. F. I. N. T. O. R. Y

386 BG: Turkismuhle (L-550090) Marshalling Yard
Excellent

323 BG: " " "

322 BG: Erbech (G-115260) Marshalling Yard

Box III - Plt. A - Under.

Box II - Flt. A - Excellent (SMPL)
B - Under* (SMPL)
C - Under* (SMPL)

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Box I - 171, 1 - Under, 1 - N.A.O.

Box II - Flt. V - Under (SLPI)
B - Superion (SLPI)

Box 1 - 111*
A - Excellent
B - Excellent
C - Excellent (SMPI)

Box III - Etc. A - Under. (C-11)

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B - Undet.

Box II - E14, " - Under."

Box I - Under.

Box II - Flt. " - Superior
B - Excellent
C - Excellent

Box I - 114. A - Excellent
B - Superior (AMBI)
C - Excellent

Box II - Mt. " - Unsat.
B - Excellent (SMPL)
C - Poor
D - Excellent

Box I - RFB: 1 - Superior
B - Excellent
C - Excellent (SNPL)
D - Under* (SNPL)

Box II - RLT "N.O."
B - Superior
C - Excellent

Box 1 - Fit, A - Superior
B - Excellent
C - Under (S.M.P.)

387 Bg: Parnassus (0-907666)
Communications Center

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Eleven full groups attacked two communications centers. One flight each from three additional groups bombed two marshalling yards. SUPERIOR to UNDETERMINED results were recorded. Ten a/c from a fifteenth group dropped leaflets with satisfactory results.

Neunkirchen (Communications Center)

323 BG: 44 a/c dispatched, 37 dropping 136 x 1000 GP, 6 a/c dropped 96 x 260 Frag. on flak position in target area. 1 a/c on single engine, jettisoned 4 x 1000 GP at L-400200, 2 miles W of bomb line and 3 miles E of line of forward troops.

1 a/c flak battle-damaged; no losses, casualties.

Formation leader called Ripsaw 1 minute before entering tactical area and obtained desired fix.

Visual bombing by flights from 12,000 - 13,800 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Loose pattern centered 650' ENE of DMPI. Bombs fell in built up area of town, and in river.

Flt. B - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Smoke obscured DMPI. Bombardier selected MPI. 75% of bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI. Loose pattern centered 750' W of SMPI. Bombs fell in built up area, with several hits on or near main and secondary roads.

Flt. C - N.A.O. Due to rack malfunction bombs did not release at B.R.P. Bombardier thought one bomb had fallen out and that rest of flight had dropped so he salvoed. The flight dropped on his salvo. Bombs fell 2300' SW of DMPI. Excellent concentration along and on both sides of secondary road and on many buildings thereabout.

Box II - Flt. A - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Smoke obscured DMPI. Bombardier selected MPI. All bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI. Fair concentration centered 350' S of SMPI. Bombs fell in built up area and on or near road in target area.

Flt. B - SMPI - UNDETERMINED. Smoke obscured DMPI. Bombardier selected MPI. No photo coverage. One camera had blown fuse, and film switch was stuck in a second. Crews report excellent results on basis of visual observation.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage. Film torn in one camera, and a second had malfunction of release circuit. Crews report fair results on basis of visual observation.

Box III - Flt. A - SMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. This flight attacked a flak position at Q-571862. Bombardier selected MPI, but misidentified check point because of restricted visibility. 10% of visual bursts within 1000' radius of SMPI. Approximately 1/2 of bombs exploded on or near the ground in good pattern. No military damage is apparent.

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had malfunction.
 preparation is made from hand operated camera. Vertical camera
 taking streets and houses. Exact damage is impossible as inter-
 radius of SMPI. Center of loose pattern 750' N of SMPI, plan-
 selected road junction 1800' NW of SMPI. All bombs within 1000'
 radius of SMPI. DML observed by smoke. Bombardier
 Box I - Rite, A - DML - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage. Camera a/c
 was scrubbed before take-off. Hand operated camera jammed.
 Bombardier reports superior results on target.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,500 - 13,000 feet.

Formation leader called Ripran 15 minutes prior to II and observed de-
 stroyed area.
 No losses, damage, casualties.

I a/c failed to bomb: other (top turret hatch blew off on take-off.

386 BG: 41 a-26 a/c dispatched, 40 dropping 160 x 1000 Gp. B. on primary.

denally.
 that buildings, and in open fields. Bombardier released ac-
 major roadways in several places. Hits of more than 10 residen-
 DML. Light pattern 9100' N of DML cutting N.R. Lane and 2
 radius of SMPI. No bombs within 1000' radius of
 Box I - Rite, A - DML - UNDETERMINED.

buildings, and in open fields.
 road junction with hits on 3 major roadways, 15 residential
 radius of SMPI. Light pattern 400' S of SMPI bracketing major
 and/or other DML of Rite, A as SMPI. 90% of bombs within 1000'
 Box I - Rite, A - DML - UNDETERMINED. Hits and smoke observed DML. Bomb-

Box I, Box I and Rite, A, Box II. DML reports excellent results.
 the air before target was reached. Bombs fell into area of
 Box I - Rite, A - DML - UNDETERMINED. This flight's camera ran off in

Box II - Rite, A - DML - UNDETERMINED. Bombs fell into smoke of Rite, A.
 Box I, no bomb bursts visible, but grows report excellent to
 superior results.

Box II - Rite, A - DML - UNDETERMINED. Hits and smoke observed DML. Bomb-
 DML. Long pattern 3600' ENE of DML in wooded area. Hits and
 radius of SMPI. No bombs within 1000' radius of

on at least 25 residential buildings.
 bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI, cutting 4 main roadways. Hits
 radius of SMPI. 90% of
 Box I - Rite, A - DML - UNDETERMINED. Hits and smoke observed DML. Bomb-

in several places. Hits on at least 25 residential buildings.
 DML. Light pattern 450' SSE of DML, cutting 3 main roadways
 radius of SMPI. All bombs within 1000' radius of

Visual bombing by flights from 11,000-12,000 feet.

Formation leader called Ripran upon entering tactical area, but could
 not establish contact due to heavy traffic on channel.

6 a/c flank battle-damaged; no losses, casualties.

391 BG: 42 a/c dispatched, all dropping 84 x 2000 Gp on primary.

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Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bursts within 1000' radius of DMPI. Concentrated pattern centered about 550' E of DMPI, blanketing streets and numerous houses.

Box II - Flt. A - SMPI - EXCELLENT. This box bombed first. Bombardier changed MPI so as to prevent smoke interfering with later flights. SMPI is a street intersection 2000' E of DMPI. All bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI. Long pattern centered 350' NE of SMPI, blanketing streets and residential type buildings in area.

Flt. B - AMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier evidently misidentified DMPI and bombed highway bridge 3000' NE of DMPI. All bombs are within 1000' radius of AMPI. Long pattern centered 300' SE of AMPI, possible hits or very near misses to bridge; also damage to about 20 residential type buildings.

Flt. C - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier selected same MPI as Flt. A. More than 90% of bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI. Long pattern centered 625' NE of DMPI, blanketing streets and houses.

Flt. D - SMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage. Bomb bursts do not appear on negatives due to a sharp turn off target. Bombardier unable to pick up DMPI due to smoke, and selected an MPI. Crews reported good results.

394 BG: 38 a/c dispatched, 28 dropping 220 x 500 IB on Primary. 6 a/c dropped 90 x 260 Frag. on flak positions in target area. 3 window a/c toggled 60 x 100 GP, at will, from St. Wendel to target area.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Formation leader called Ripsaw on entering tactical area, but could not establish contact due to noise on channel.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,000 - 13,000 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. Approximately 90% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Most of the incendiaries were in target area (though it is difficult to determine exactly), across buildings, warehouses, and R.R. tracks.

Flt. B & C - UNDETERMINED. Due to explosive features and short trajectory of bombs, it is impossible to determine results.

Box II - Flt. A & B - UNDETERMINED. Due to explosive features and short trajectory of bombs, it is impossible to determine results.

Flt. C - N.A.O. This flight attacked a flak position at Q-571262. Sighting operation was performed, but master switch was accidentally turned off when navigator leaned back accidentally. Since he was briefed not to make second run bombardier salvaged. Bombs fell 6500' S of DMPI, across road bridge and R.R. tracks at edge of Landsweiler, and 15-20 houses.

322 BG: 42 a/c dispatched, all dropping 334 x 500 IB on Primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Formation leader called Ripsaw 1 minute after entering tactical area. Ripsaw requested him to call 3 minutes later. Call was made but there was no response, although Ripsaw was heard talking on channel.

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Box III - Flt. A - DMPI - UNSUCCESSFUL. Bombardier salvaged bombs, after they failed to explode when indices crossed. All bombs outside 1000' radius of DMPI in excellent pattern. DMPI of bombs dropped approximately 3300' W of DMPI. Bombs fell in fields on outskirts of town, scoring near miss to main highway.

Flt. C - SMPI - UNDETERMINED. 3 g/c of this flight bombed that position at 4-884516. Bombardier chose crosshairs for DMPI. Bursts occurred in good pattern over this area. 3 g/c dropped on that position at 4-912707. Bombardier chose small buildings as SMPI. Bursts occurred in good pattern on DMPI. DMPI. Excellent pattern approximately 375' SE of DMPI. Pattern breaks into smoke of Flt. C, blanketing numerous buildings and probably severing two streets.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern approximately 175' SE of DMPI. Bursts blanketed DMPI, damaging or destroying numerous buildings, and probably severing streets in several places.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern approximately 175' SE of DMPI. Bursts blanketed DMPI, damaging or destroying numerous buildings, and probably severing streets in several places.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,500 - 13,000 feet. Formation leader attempted to call flights on entering tactical area, but could not establish contact. No losses, damage, casualties.

387 BG: 41 g/c dispatched, 32 dropping 128 x 1000 g/c on primary. 9 g/c dropped 96 x 250 area. 84 x 100 g/c on the flank positions in target area.

Flights (Communications Control)

Flt. D - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Smoke obscures bomb bursts. Crews report hits in center of town. DMPI. Good circular or error centered on main concentration of buildings in this section of town. Large trees were scattered. Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good circular or error centered on main concentration of buildings in this section of town. Large trees were scattered. Flt. B - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Smoke covered DMPI. Another DMPI was chosen. At least 95% of bombs fell within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good concentration centered 360' W of SMPI, blanketing residences and many larger buildings, and scattering many trees.

Box II - Flt. A - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Smoke covered DMPI. Another DMPI was chosen. 95% of bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI, scattered 540' SE of SMPI. Good pattern, covering a main road and residences. The main weight fell in fields. Flt. C - SMPI - SUPERIOR. Smoke covered DMPI. Another DMPI was chosen. All bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI, scattering 200' SE. Good concentration blanketing the goods depot, adjacent buildings, R.R. tracks, and into some houses.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. About 75% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good pattern centered 610' SE, covering the gas booster station, rolling mills, power station, ore preparation plant, and other buildings in the area.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Bombs fell into smoke, and were not observed. No bombs can be seen outside of smoke area, so it can be presumed that they fell in town center.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,000 - 12,800 feet.

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Flt. B - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good pattern approximately 175' SW of DMPI. Bursts cover DMPI and Junction of roads on SE end of town, possibly severing roads in several places, and damaging or destroying numerous buildings.

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 95% of bursts within 1000' radius of DMPI. Center of bursts approximately 550' W of DMPI in excellent pattern, blanketing 3 streets, probably severing each, and damaging or destroying numerous buildings.

WINDOW A/C - SMPI - UNDETERMINED. 3 a/c dropped on flak position at Q-884615. Bombardier chose trenchworks as SMPI. Burst occurred in good pattern over SMPI.

409 BG: 51 a/c dispatched (38 A-26, 13 A-20), 41 (33 A-26, 8 A-20) dropping 132 x 1000, 324 x 500 GP on Primary. 5 A-26 and 2 A-20 a/c dropped 68 x 260 Frag. on flak positions in target area. 3 A-20 a/c carried window.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Formation leader was too busy to call Ripsaw for fix.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,000 - 13,300 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Pattern centered 70' SW of DMPI. Pattern covers junction of primary Fehrbach highway north with Rodalben highway, in north sector of town, and two town streets. There is also damage to residences.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Pattern centered approximately 390' WNW of DMPI. Pattern covers access roads and residences in NW sector of town, in immediate vicinity of DMPI.

Flt. C - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier could not see DMPI due to smoke and haze. He selected MPI at road intersection in town. 65% of bombs fell within 1000' radius of SMPI. Pattern is centered approximately 900' NW of SMPI. Pattern covers at least 4 town streets and residences in S portion of town, with probable damage to both.

Flt. D - SMPI - UNDETERMINED. This flight attacked two flak positions at Q-884615 and Q-912707. Bombardier selected MPI's. Film does not show bomb strikes, or pre-target pictures, because of sharp turn off target after bombs away.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. Bombardier used extended vision to pick up target area. He did not completely remove before bombing. No bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Bombs fell approximately 6000 yards SW of DMPI in S edge of town of Winningen, at Q-86956550. Pattern covers approximately 500' of primary highway.

Flt. B - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier could not see DMPI because of smoke. He selected MPI at Q-07420380. 100% of bomb pattern within 1000' radius of SMPI. Probable center of pattern is approximately 620' WNW of SMPI. Pattern of Flts. B & C landed almost simultaneously, so complete analysis is impossible.

Flt. C - DMPI - POOR. Approximately 25% of pattern within 1000' radius of DMPI. Probable center of pattern is 1500' NW of DMPI. Patterns of Flts. B & C cover town streets and residences in NW sector of town. Bombardier could not locate DMPI so approximate it and released.

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Box I -) DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Incendiary bomb bursts are not visible on strike photos until last flight over target. All bombs fell into one large pattern making it impossible to assess by flight. Blanket of incendiary bombs covered center of town. Approximately 40% of bombs hit in target area with remainder hitting along N and E side of target area. One DMPI covered with bombs. Large number of fires were started with severe damage to buildings in another of town.

Visual bombing by flights from 12,000 feet.

Formation leader was not ordered to call for fix.

No losses, damage, casualties.

416 BG: 45 B-26 a/c dispatched, 36 dropping 216 x 500 lb on primary. 6 a/c dropped 72 x 250 frag. on flank positions in target area. 3 B-26 a/c.

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Long pattern centered 390' N of DMPI. Pattern covers a portion of main ENE/WSW highway, and possible hits were scored on 3 large buildings just south of the highway.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good pattern centered 450' NE of DMPI. Pattern begins at DMPI and covers approximately 900' of main highway leading to DMPI. Pattern also blankets a number of buildings and secondary roads.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered on DMPI, blanketing adjacent secondary roads and a number of buildings. Pattern also covers secondary roads and a number of buildings.

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good pattern centered 350' NW of DMPI, blanketing buildings and road not west of DMPI, with probable hits on DMPI itself.

Flt. B - DMPI - SUPERIOR. Bomber misidentified DMPI and synchronized on a very shallow road junction 2000' NE of DMPI. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good pattern centered on 4.N.E.I., falling in a heavily built up area, and blanketing one main N/S highway and number of secondary roads.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good pattern centered 475' NW of DMPI. Pattern blankets main N/S highway, secondary roads and a number of buildings N of DMPI.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,200 - 12,300 feet.

Formation leader called Rip saw upon entering tactical area and obtained desired fix.

No losses, damage, casualties.

420 BG: 40 a/c dispatched (37 B-26, 3 B-26), 37 dropping 218 x 500 lb on primary. 3 B-26 a/c carried window.

Flt. D - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of visible portion of pattern within 1000' radius of DMPI. Pattern centered approximately 40' W of DMPI. Visible strikes show that pattern covers at least 2 town streets and residences.

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Box II - Flt. C - N.A.O. Flight leader returned to base after take-off due to unsatisfactory condition of a/c. Did not rejoin formation in time to take over lead. Flight dropped on Flt. A, Box II. Results are undetermined for reasons given above.

Box III - Flt. A - SMPI - UNDETERMINED. This flight attacked 2 flak positions at Q-884615 and Q-912707. Bombardiers selected MPI's. Due to type of bombs employed no strikes are visible. Crews report excellent results on basis of visual observation.

397 BG: 28 a/c dispatched, 21 dropping 144 x 500 IB, 60 x 100 GP on Primary. 6 a/c dropped 96 x 260 Frag. on flak positions in target area.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Formation leader called Ripsaw several times after entering tactical area but could not establish contact. Signals were very faint.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,000 - 12,000 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of visible bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Loose pattern 330' S of DMPI, falling among buildings, and across main roads.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of visible bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Loose pattern approximately 450' S of DMPI, hitting among numerous buildings, and starting fires.

Flt. C - SMPI - EXCELLENT. DMPI obscured by smoke of previous bombing. Bombed prominent roads in target area approximately 4500' SW of DMPI. 80-90% of bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI. Loose pattern 690' W, hitting among smoke and burning buildings.

Box II - Flt. A - SMPI - UNDETERMINED. This flight of 3 a/c attacked a flak position at Q-884616. Bombardier selected MPI. No photo coverage due to evasive action on turn away from target.

Flt. B - SMPI - SUPERIOR. This flight of 3 a/c attacked a flak position at Q-912707. Bombardier selected MPI. 95% of bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI. Extended pattern (as briefed) 215' E of SMPI, hitting among trench work and gun positions.

344 BG: 44 a/c dispatched, all dropping 351 x 500 IB on and in vicinity of Primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Formation leader called Ripsaw upon entering tactical area but did not request fix because of poor reception.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,000 - 12,500 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Photos do not show pattern due to smoke from preceding attacks. Bombardier reported bombs covered DMPI.

Flt. B - N.A.O. Accidental release. Indices were accidentally rolled together and trigger was locked. Bombs fell in wooded area (Q-865605), 3 miles SW of Primary.

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Flt. A - DMPI - SUPPLIER. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Bombardier reported hits in SW part of city. Because of smoke, DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Photos do not show bomb bursts.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Smoke covered DMPI. Bombardier selected road junction 1600' W of DMPI. No photos show bursts due to smoke over town. Bombardier reported hits in SW part of town.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Smoke obscured DMPI. Bombardier selected road junction 2200' N of DMPI. 90% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Loose concentration 330' SE of DMPI. Strikes cover residential buildings and roads in northern part of town. Fires started in large area.

Flt. D - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Smoke obscured DMPI. Bombardier selected road junction 1600' W of DMPI. No photos show bursts due to smoke over town. Bombardier reported hits in SW part of city. Because of smoke, DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Photos do not show bomb bursts.

Flt. E - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Smoke obscured DMPI. Bombardier selected road junction 1600' W of DMPI. No photos show bursts due to smoke over town. Bombardier reported hits in SW part of city. Because of smoke, DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Photos do not show bomb bursts.

Flt. F - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Smoke obscured DMPI. Bombardier selected road junction 1600' W of DMPI. No photos show bursts due to smoke over town. Bombardier reported hits in SW part of city. Because of smoke, DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Photos do not show bomb bursts.

Flt. G - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Smoke obscured DMPI. Bombardier selected road junction 1600' W of DMPI. No photos show bursts due to smoke over town. Bombardier reported hits in SW part of city. Because of smoke, DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Photos do not show bomb bursts.

Flt. H - DMPI - UNDETERMINED

Flt. H - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Smoke obscured DMPI. Bombardier selected road junction 1600' W of DMPI. No photos show bursts due to smoke over town. Bombardier reported hits in SW part of city. Because of smoke, DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Photos do not show bomb bursts.

Flt. I - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Smoke obscured DMPI. Bombardier selected road junction 1600' W of DMPI. No photos show bursts due to smoke over town. Bombardier reported hits in SW part of city. Because of smoke, DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Photos do not show bomb bursts.

Flt. J - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Smoke obscured DMPI. Bombardier selected road junction 1600' W of DMPI. No photos show bursts due to smoke over town. Bombardier reported hits in SW part of city. Because of smoke, DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Photos do not show bomb bursts.

Flt. K - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Smoke obscured DMPI. Bombardier selected road junction 1600' W of DMPI. No photos show bursts due to smoke over town. Bombardier reported hits in SW part of city. Because of smoke, DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Photos do not show bomb bursts.

Flt. L - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Smoke obscured DMPI. Bombardier selected road junction 1600' W of DMPI. No photos show bursts due to smoke over town. Bombardier reported hits in SW part of city. Because of smoke, DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Photos do not show bomb bursts.

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Turkismuhle (Marshalling Yard)

386 BG: 6 a/c dispatched (4 A-26, 2 B-26), all dropping 16 x 1000 Comp. B, 8 x 100 GP on Primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Formation leader attempted to call Ripsaw upon entering tactical area but could not establish contact.

Visual bombing by flight from 12,000 feet.

Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Scattered pattern centered 600' NW of DMPI. Bombs of load and No. 4 a/c (carrying 8 x 100 GP) cover the DMPI. Bombs of No. 6 a/c blanket R.R. tracks and wagons 450' N of DMPI. Rest of bursts occur in woods.

Brettehoid, Siershahn, Hachtenbach, Altenkirchen,
Deutchingin, Waldbrol, Freudenberg, Kirchen, Siegen -
(Leaflet Targets).

394 BG: 10 a/c dispatched, all dropping 200 leaflet bombs on Primaries.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Formation leader called Sweepstakes upon entering tactical area and obtained desired fix 30 seconds later.

6 a/c dropped visually, 3 on LTA, from 12,000 - 12,500 feet.

Satisfactory results were reported on basis of visual observation.

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0	Claims
0	Injured
0	Missing
0	Wounded
0	Killed
9	A/C Battle Damaged
0	A/C Crash-Landed
0	A/C Missing
0	A/C Lost
125,572.405	Total Bombs to Date
784,870	Bombs on Enemy Territory
486	TOTAL
9	Other (Window)
3	A/C Falling to Bomb
474	A/C Bombing
486	A/C CFF

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FAILURES TO BOMB

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. A/C</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASON</u>
386	1 (A-26)	Other	Turret hatch blew off on take-off.
394	1	Mechanical	Electrical system out.
397	1	Mechanical	Right engine cutting out.

OBSERVATIONSWEATHER: Naunkirchen

323 BG: Clear. Visibility on bomb run 3 miles in thick haze.

391 BG: Clear. Visibility 10 miles with heavy haze to 5,000 feet.

386 BG: No low or medium clouds. Patchy cirrus above 16,000 feet. Visibility 3-5 miles up sun; 8 miles down sun.

394 BG: Clear. Visibility 4 miles up sun; 8 miles down sun. Visibility on bomb run 5-8 miles.

322 BG: No low or medium clouds. Scattered cirrus. Visibility 8-10 miles down sun; 5 miles up sun, but reduced locally by smoke.

Pirmasens

387 BG: Clear. Visibility 15-20 miles.

409 BG: No medium or low clouds. 3/10 cirrus base est. 20,000 feet. Visibility 4 miles up sun; 12-15 miles down sun.

410 BG: No low or medium clouds. 1/10 cirrus above 20,000 feet. Visibility 12 plus miles on bomb run.

416 BG: Clear. Visibility 10 miles down sun and on bomb run; 4-5 miles up sun.

397 BG: Clear. Visibility 4-5 miles up sun; 8 miles down sun. Visibility on bomb run 4-5 miles.

344 BG: No low or medium clouds. Scattered cirrus. General haze layer to 4,000 feet, with light haze to 12,000 feet. Visibility 10-15 miles down sun; 5-10 miles up sun.

Erbach

322 BG: Clear. Visibility 8-10 miles down sun; 5 miles up sun.

323 BG: Clear. Visibility 10-15 miles down sun; 6-8 miles up sun. Visibility on bomb run 12 miles.

Turkismuhle

386 BG: Clear. Visibility air to ground 10-15 miles.

Leaflet Mission

394 BG: Clear. Moderate to heavy haze and smoke in area; more predominant in valleys. Visibility air to air 10 plus miles; air to ground variable from 2 to 10 miles.

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The flak experienced at Pirmasens and Neunkirchen was not what would normally be anticipated for targets that are as heavily defended as these two points. Pirmasens has about 30 heavy guns plotted and Neunkirchen about 16. At least moderate accurate flak would be anticipated at Neunkirchen in GAVU conditions, and moderate to intense accurate at Pirmasens. It is believed that the bombing of flak positions with air burst bombs was very effective in keeping the flak to a minimum.

SUMMARY

Flak was not encountered enroute or at the targets.

0	A/C Lost to Flak
0	A/C Battle Damaged
0	% A/C Battle Damaged
322. 323 Gp.	Neunkirchen M/Y
386 Gp.	Light Mission
397 Gp.	

Under visual conditions, moderate to intense accurate heavy flak would be anticipated. However, flak for all groups was only weak inaccurate. The 397 Gp. reported that the flak was bursting below the formation and was very scattered. Crews thought that the bombing of two six gun batteries by aerial bombs was very effective in reducing the accuracy and intensity of the flak. After the flak positions had been bombed the flak ceased entirely for some of the flights. About 30 heavy guns are plotted within range of the target.

0	A/C Lost to Flak
2	A/C Battle Damaged
0.8%	% A/C Battle Damaged

Pirmasens Communications Center 387, 409, 410, 416, 397, 374 Gp.

The 322 Gp. reported weak inaccurate light flak that reached an altitude of 8000' in the target area.

All groups except the 391 Gp. encountered weak inaccurate heavy flak at the target. The 391 Gp. reported moderate accurate heavy flak south of the target at 9-594829. A 4 gun position north of the target on the bomb run was bombed with air burst bombs. This battery was not in action throughout the attack and the bombing probably forced the gunners to cover.

0	A/C Lost to Flak
7	A/C Battle Damaged
3.93%	% A/C Battle Damaged

Neunkirchen Communications Center 323, 391, 386, 394, 322 Gp.

48%	A/C OVER EXHAUSTED TERRITORY
0	A/C LOST TO FLAK
9	A/C BATTLE DAMAGED
1.86%	% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED

FLAK ANALYSIS SUMMARY

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.T.'s: 1232 to 1442
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1745 to 1756 (Leaflets)

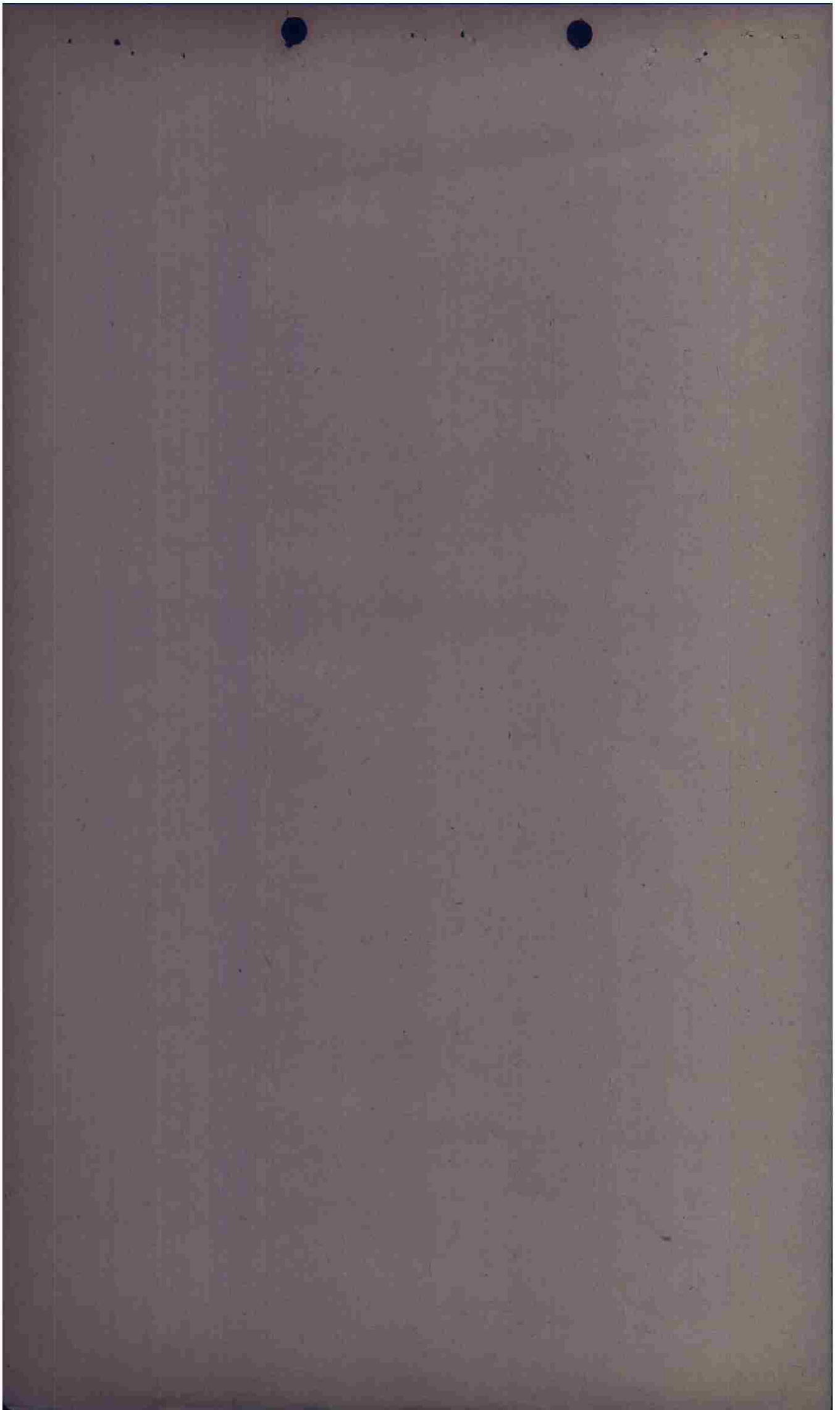
The 344th Group reports that 4 FW 190's were trailing the formation at 8,500 feet, 1450 hours. No attack.

S/A PHOTO REPORT

GROUP	CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING	MECHANICAL FAILURES		PERSONNEL FAILURES	
		NO.	PERCENT	NO.	PERCENT
323	80%	2	20	0	0
391	85%	0	0	2	15
386	90%	1	10	0	0
394	91%	1	9	0	0
322	100%	0	0	0	0
387	100%	0	0	0	0
409	95%	1	5	0	0
410	100%	0	0	0	0
416	100%	0	0	0	0
397	100%	0	0	0	0
344	100%	0	0	0	0
322	100%	0	0	0	0
323	100%	0	0	0	0
386	100%	0	0	0	0

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PRESS RELEASE

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, France, March 15 --Marauders, Invaders and Havocs shifted their offensive to the Saarbrücken area Thursday, blasting roads, main intersections and other communications in the towns of Neunkirchen and Pirmasens, in coordination with the current advance of the U. S. Seventh Army.

Upwards of 400 of the medium and light bombers executed the Ninth's air battle order, which called for the disruption of all the enemy's key communications in an area just ahead of Allied troops fighting in Saarbrücken's immediate outskirts.

Neunkirchen and Pirmasens are located 10 miles northeast and 28 miles east of Saarbrücken, respectively. Both towns are important communication hubs in the enemy's defenses in that area.

Flying in crystal-like skies, the bomber forces pushed through weak flak defenses to rain both incendiaries and high explosives into the hearts of the two large German towns. Many fires were started, and both target areas were turned into hodge-podges of destruction.

Crews returning from the attacks Thursday afternoon described "mushrooming fires" in both town centers. Other eye-witness accounts told of sections of the towns being levelled and heavy damage resulting from the pin-point bombing of main roadways.

While these attacks raged, small forces of medium bombers struck at railroad yards at Erbach, 28 miles east of the Remagen bridgehead, and Nohfelden, 20 miles north of Neunkirchen. Object of the attacks was to block the movement of reinforcements and supplies, both to the bridgehead on the Rhine and to the newly-active Saarbrücken front. Results of the bombing were described as "odd" by returning crews.

Later Thursday afternoon, the Ninth's "flying newsboys" --crews of leaflet-carrying medium bombers-- scattered copies of the psychological warfare newspaper, "The Front Post," over Pracht, Altenkirchen, Siegen, and six other German towns and cities.

Throughout the day's combined operations, the Luftwaffe failed to intercept the bomber formations. All the bombers returned safely.

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The heavy assault on Neunkirchen and Pirmasens and smaller attacks on marshalling yards at Erbach and Pirkismühle marked the eighth straight day of operations for the medium and light bombers and their 14th operational day of the month.

Extensive damage was caused in towns of Neunkirchen and Pirmasens by more than 450 medium and light bombers which attacked the two communications centers in cooperation with the U.S. Seventh Army's current offensive. Several bomber formations found the two towns so obscured by smoke from earlier bombings that no estimate of the damage could be made.

Aircraft dispatched	186
Aircraft over enemy territory	484
Bomber losses	0
Bomb tonnage	781.87
Communications centers attacked	2
Marshalling yards attacked	2
Highway bridges damaged	1
Railroad cuts	23
Highway cuts	44
Goods wagons damaged or destroyed	45
Factories damaged or destroyed	4
Buildings damaged or destroyed	800
Leaflets dropped	2 1/2 million

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, FLAVIN, March 16 - Following are operational statistics, including preliminary damage assessment figures, for combined missions of B-26 Marauders, A-20 Havocs and A-26 Invaders of the Ninth Bombardment Division Thursday:

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Mission # 236--15 March 1945

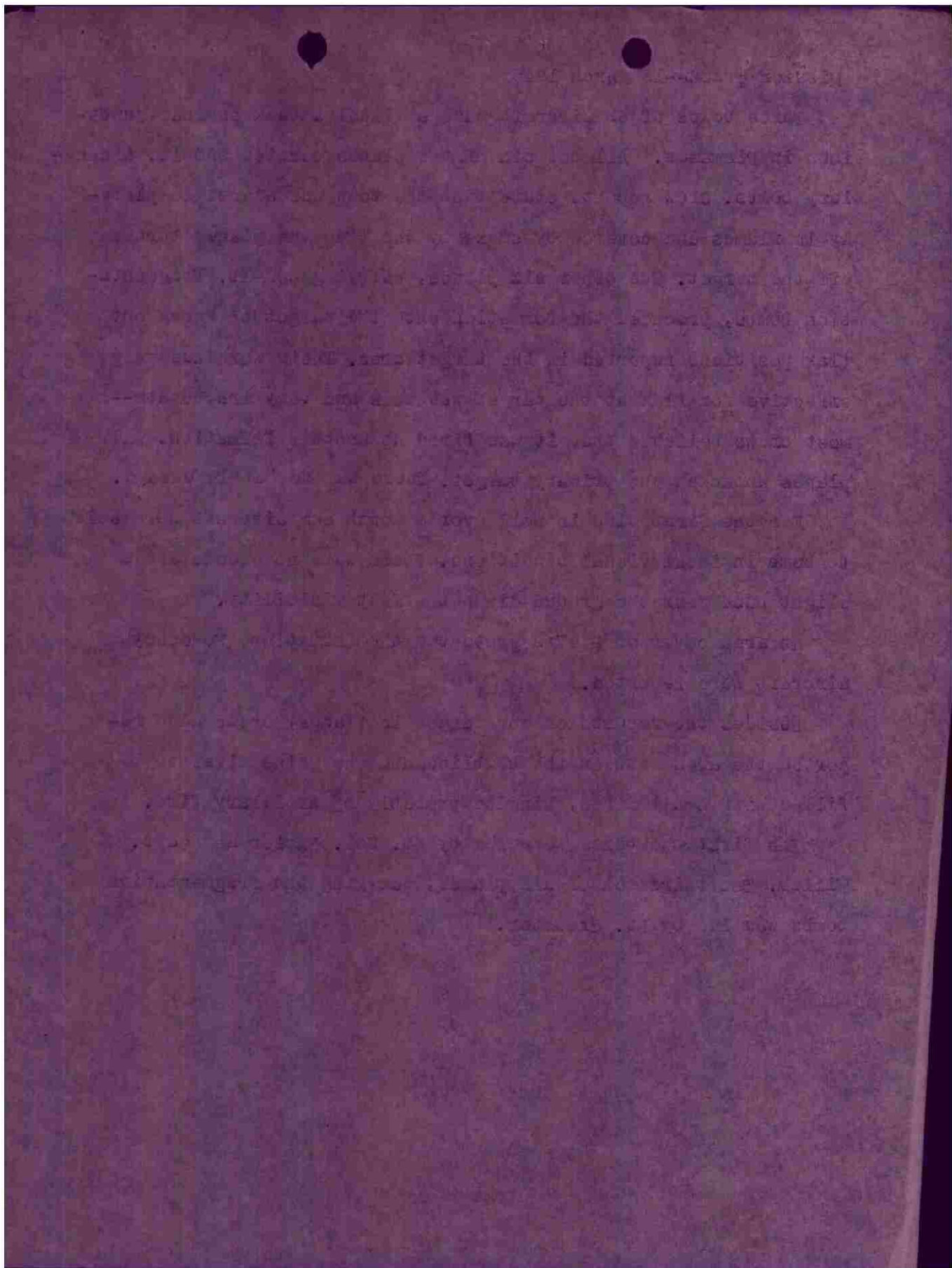
Three boxes of 42 aircraft made a visual attack on road junctions in Pirmases. All but six of the planes carried 500 lb. incendiary bombs. Crew reports state that the town was almost completely in flames and covered by smoke by the time the planes turned off the target. The other six planes, carrying 250-lb. fragmentation bombs, preceded the formation onto the target to knock out flak positions reported in the target area. Their work was very effective for flak at the target was weak and very inaccurate--most crews believed that it was fired at another formation. All planes attacked the primary target. There was no battle damage.

For the first time in well over a month our aircraft were able to bomb in ideal visual conditions. There were no clouds and a slight haze near the ground did not effect visibility.

An area cover of P-47's protected the formation. No enemy aircraft were reported.

Besides the reports of our target in flames, crews also reported the area between the bomblines and the Rhine river to be filled with small fires, kindled probably by artillery fire.

The first two boxes were led by Lt. Col. Napier and Capt. Miller. The third box of six planes, carrying the fragmentation bombs was led by Lt. Brewster.



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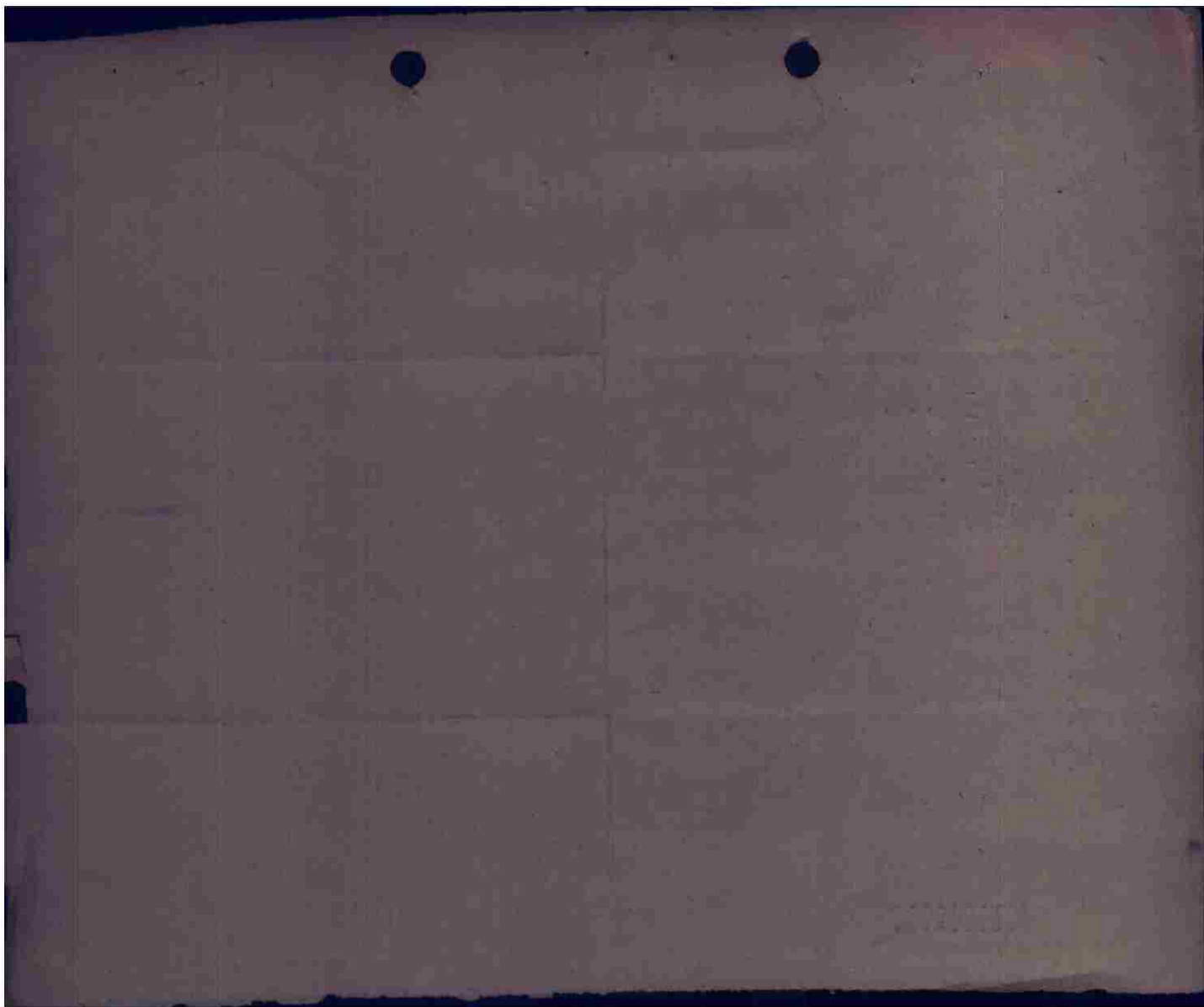
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- A. 416TH BOMB GROUP
- B. PIRMASSENS ROAD JUNCTIONS
- C. 45 A-26'S
- D. 36 A-26'S ATTACKED PIRMASSENS R/J
3 A-26'S ATTACKED FLAK POSITION Q-884615
3 A-26'S ATTACKED FLAK POSITION Q-912707
- E. 3 A-26'S CARRIED WINDOW ONLY
- F. 216 X 500 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS ON PRIMARY
72 X 260 FRAGMENTATION BOMBS ON PRIMARY (FLAK POSITIONS)
- G. ALL FLIGHTS BOMBED PIRMASSENS ROAD JUNCTION WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS.
BOMBING RESULTS OF FLAK POSITIONS WAS UNOBSERVED DUE TO HAZE AND DIFFICULTY OF IDENTIFYING TARGET.
- H. NIL
- I. NIL
- J. WEAK HEAVY INACCURATE AT Q-960650
- K. NIL
- L. 1402 AND ONE HALF ON PRIMARY
- M. 12,000 FEET AT PRIMARY

BT 15/1700A

FD AS BBB
ITA R.....15/1715A BAD KKK
JEA R.....15/1715A SH KKK

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No. CG 7 Bombardment Mission
CG 97



From 416th B.G.

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- A. 416th Bomb Group
- B. Pirmasens and Jernstede
- C. 45 A26 A/C on primary
- D. 36 A26 A/C attached Pirmasens Q884615
3 A26 A/C attached flat position Q912707
3 A26 A/C
- E. 3 A26 A/C carried munitions only
- F. 216 X 500 lb Incendiary cluster on primary
72 X 260 lb Fragmentation bombs on primary
(flat position)
- G. all flights behind to have bombed
Pirmasens and Jernstede with excellent results.
Bombing results of flat position were unsatisfactory
due to haze and difficulty of identifying
targets.
- H. nil
- I. nil
- J. weak heavy inaccurate at Q960650
- K. nil

L- 1402 *at primary*

M 12000 *ft at primary*



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 2/16 OP - OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 16/0015A
TO HQ, 9TH BOMB DIV. (M) ATTN: A-2 PI
HQ, 97TH WING (L) ATTN: DUTY OFF.

BT
SECRET 416BG R-318-D

B. PIRMASENS ROAD JUNCTIONS

G. 1402 - 1407

J. BOX I FLT A: DMPI UNDET : INCENDIARY BURSTS NOT VISIBLE UNTIL
LAST FLIGHT OVER TARGET. ALL FLIGHTS BOMBS IN
ONE LARGE PATTERN MAKING ASSESSMENT IMPOSSIBLE.
TOWN CENTER BLANKETED BY INCENDIARIES. APPROX 40
PERCENT IN TARGET AREA REMAINDER ALONG NE AND E
SIDE OF SAME.

FLT B: DMPI UNDET SAME AS ABOVE.

FLT C: DMPI UNDET " " "

BOX II FLT A: DMPI UNDET SAME AS ABOVE.

FLT B: DMPI UNDET " " "

X FLT C: CMPI UNDET Z " "

BOX III 1ST ELEMENT : DMPI UNDET: DUE TO TYPE OF BOMBS USED NO STRIKES
ARE VISIBLE. VUSUAL REPORTS ARE EXCELLENT.

2ND ELEMENT: DMPI UNDET: SAME.

K. BOX I FLT A: DMPI UNDET: INCENDIARY BOMB BURSTS ARE NOT VISIBLE ON
ON STRIKE PHOTOS UNTIL LAST FLIGHT OVER TARGET. ALL
FLIGHTS BOMBS FELL INTO ONE LARGE PATTERN MAKING IT
IMPOSSIBLE OXXXX TO ASSESS BY FLIGHTS.

FLT B SAME AS BOX I FLT A.

FLT C SAME AS BOX I FLT A.

BOX II FLT A SAME AS BOX I FLT A.

FLT B SAME AS BOX I FLT A.

FLT C NAO: FLT LEADER RETURNED TO BASE AFTER TAKE OFF DUE
TO UNSATISFACTORY CONDITION OF A/C. REJOINED
FORMATION TTOO LATE TO TAKE OVER LEAD. JOINED
FLT B AND BOMBED WITH THEM. FLIGHT BOMBED ON
FLT A BXXX BOX II.

BOX III 1ST ELEMENT: DMPI UNDET DUE TO TYPE OF BOMB DROPPED NO
BURST ARE BXXXX VISIBLE ON STRIKE PHOTOS.
VISUAL ESTIMATES EATED BOMBS AS EXCEL.

2ND ELEMENT: SAME AS BOX III 1ST ELEMENT.

M. A - 14 100 PERCENT

B - 0 0 "

C " 0 0 "

N. APPROX 2 - 300 HUNDRED HOUSES DAMAGED 50 BURNED.

AYLESWORTH

BT 16/0015.-A

JF AS

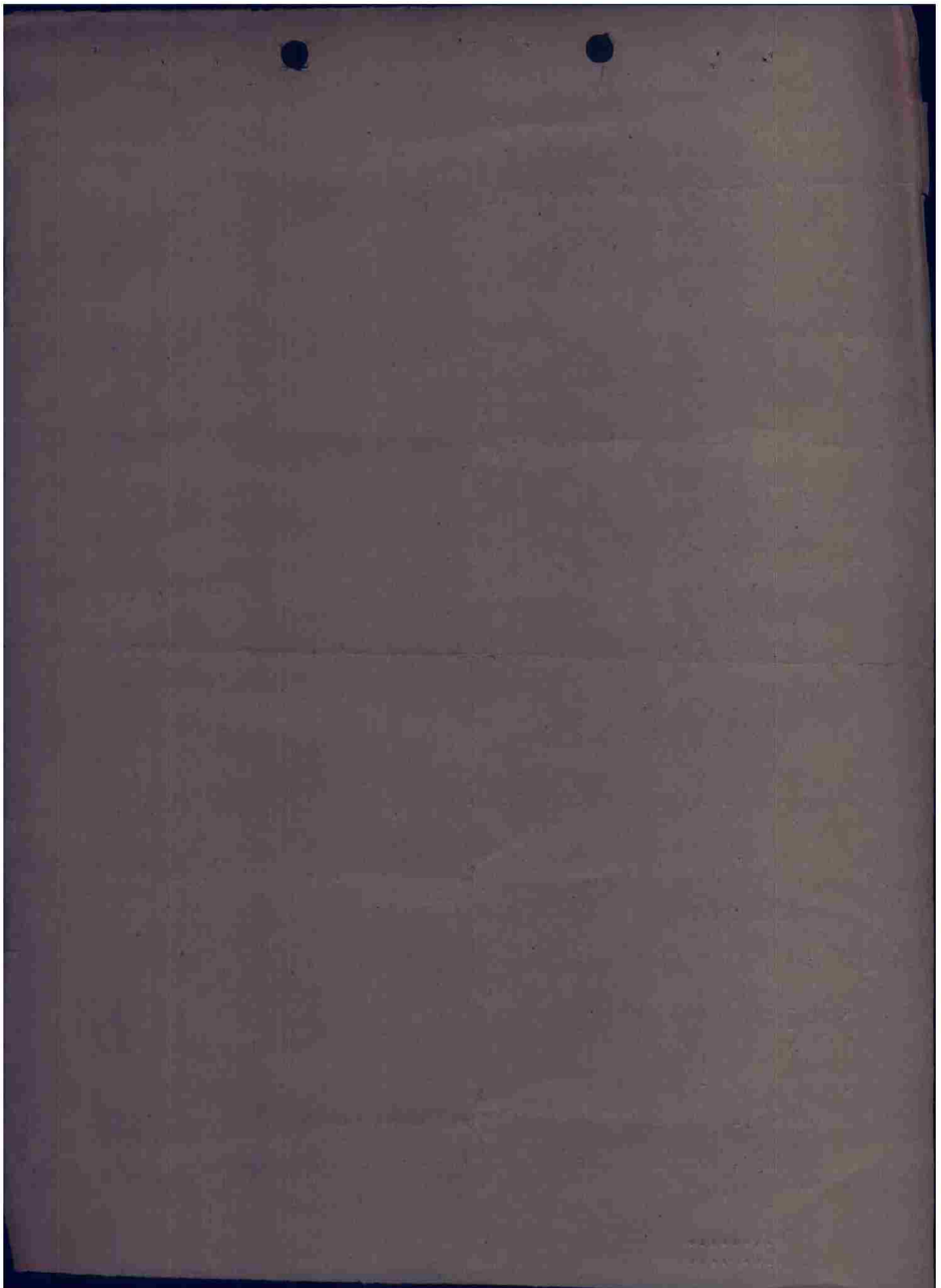
CC: UNDER J. BOX II FLT C: SHOULD READ :

FLT C. NAO: BOMBED ON FLT AX A WHEN FLT LEADER RETURNED TO BASE.
INSTEAD OF AS SENT

B B B

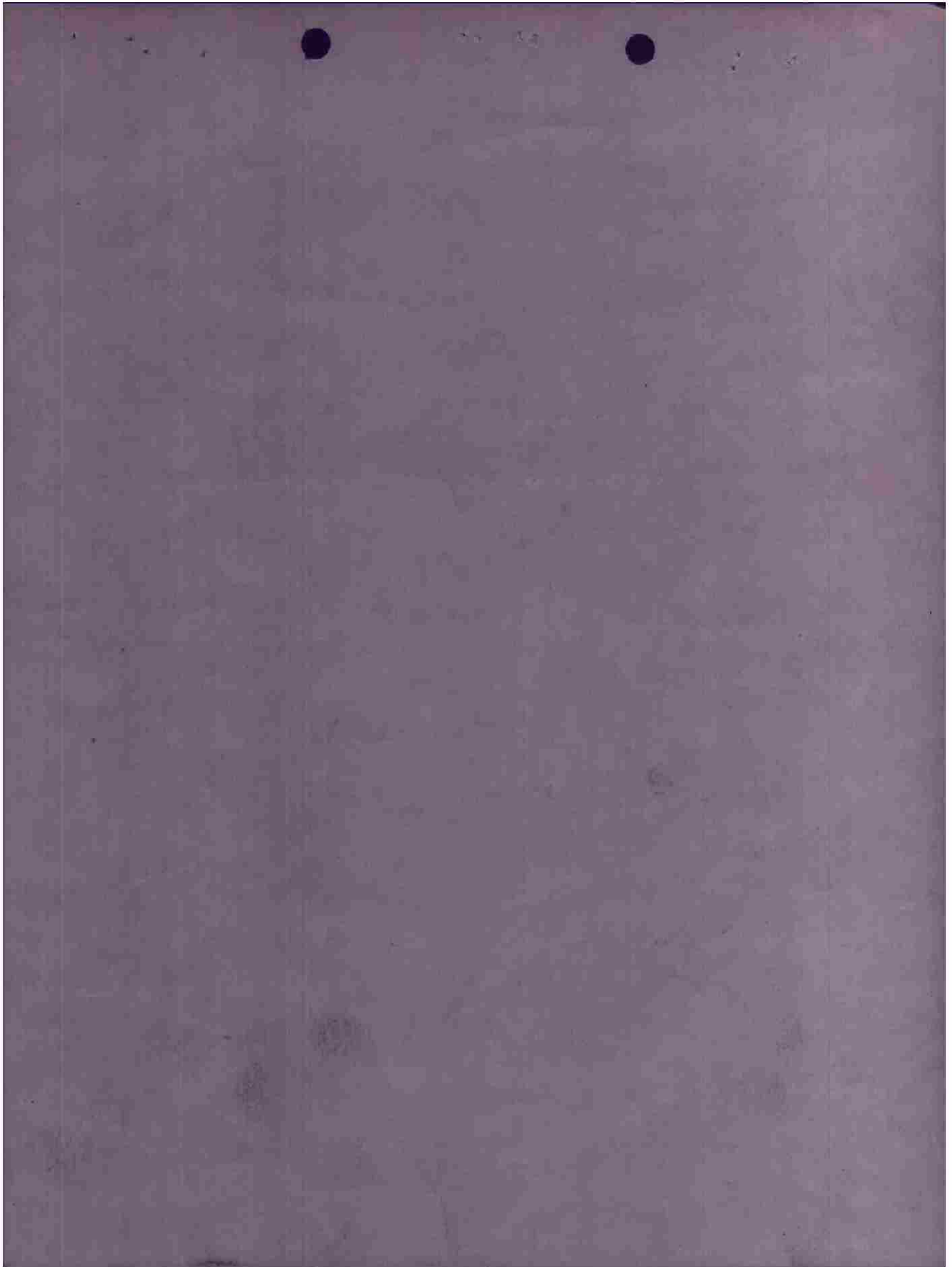
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JE A R.....16/0112A LCB KKK



Call being immediately after interrogation

- 1 - What % of bombs appeared to burst early.
2. What was estimated altitude of burst.
3. After bombing did fire diminish from flak position
- 4 - observations at target & flak positions bombed.



JEA V JKI JKI 05/15 OP-OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP 15/1300A
TO CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATTN: A-2
BT

CONFIDENTIAL R-307-D

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE MPI'S AT THE PRIMARY TARGET:

GSGS 4414, SHEET NO. 6811

XXXX GRID. COORD.	89856610
" "	89976605
" "	89976628
" "	90146608
" "	90366602
" "	90206644

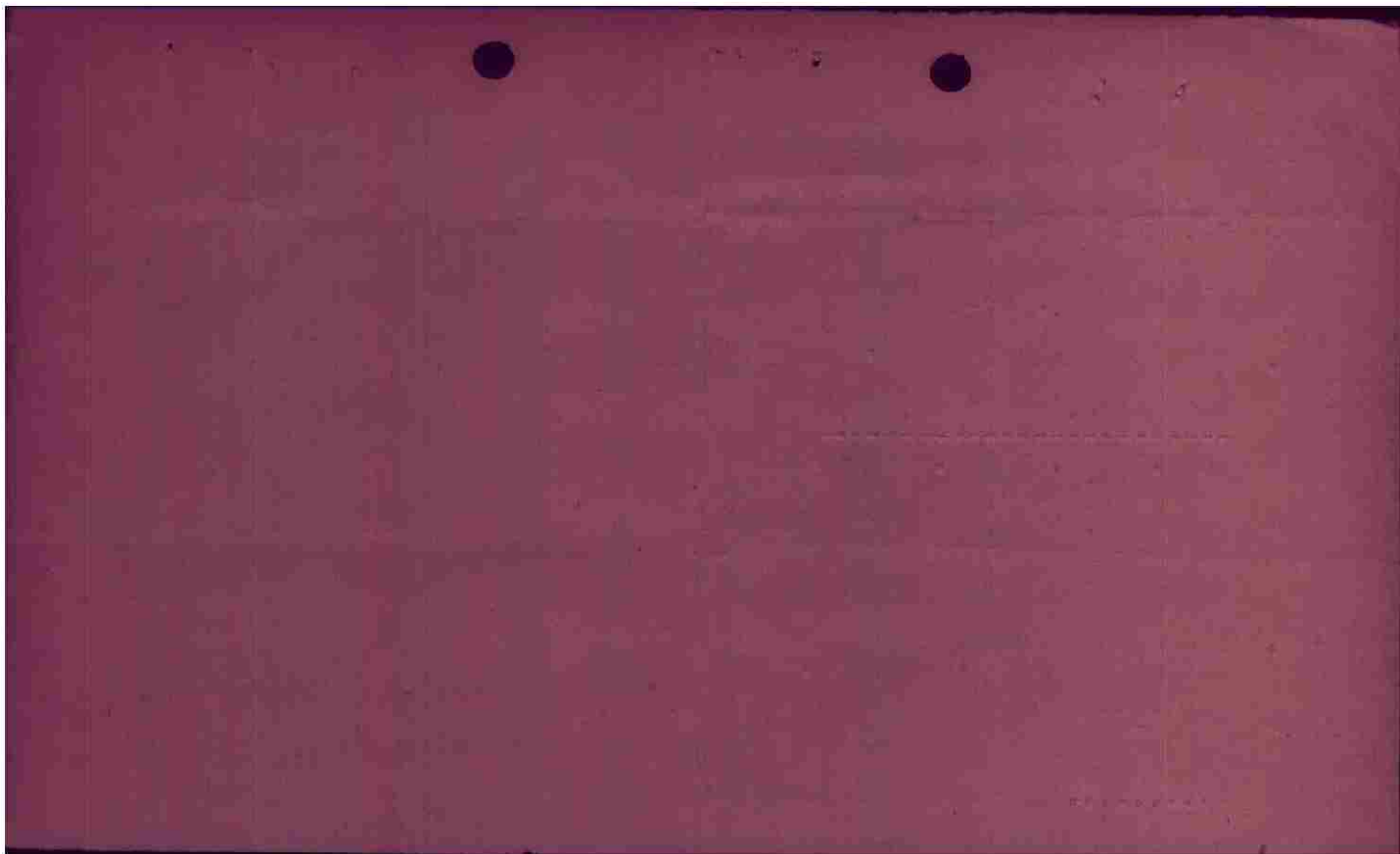


2. IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED SECONDARY TARGET WEIGENBURG WILL BE BOMBED.

BT 12/1300A

FD AR
JEA R.....15/1315SA DJP AR
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Following are the results of the search
 0865 4414 81 + 6811

8785 6610

8997 6605

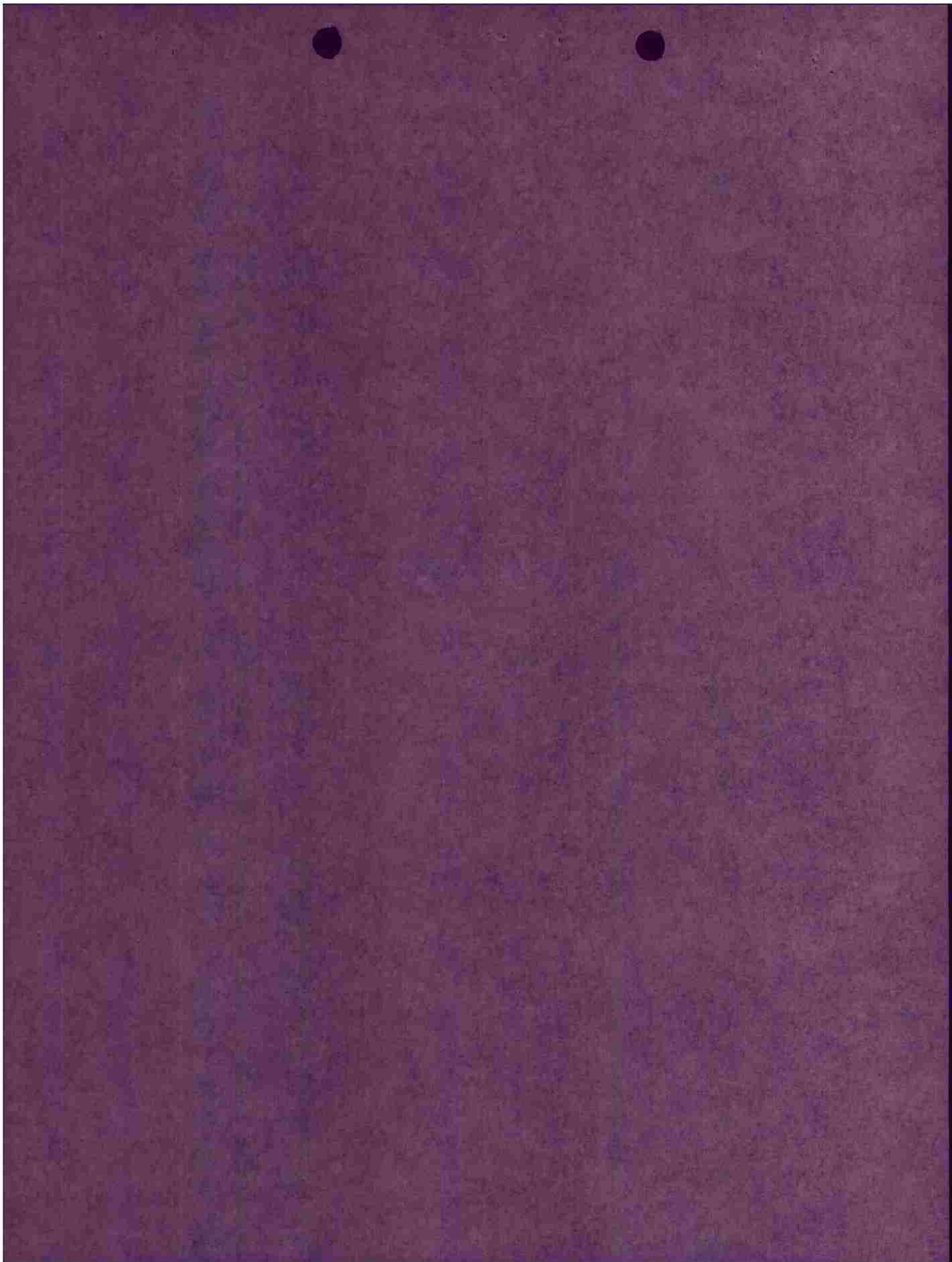
8997 6628

9014 6608

9036 6602

9020 6644

If primary to the search is
 that I am to get Weyenberg
 and he is to be



ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 3/15 (INFO)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 15/0455A
 TO COMBOMDIV NINE
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416

ATTN : SIGNALS OFFICER

ADV INFO OF PARA.5 OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW :

5. COMMUNICATIONS :

PLAN "A" OR "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (904666)

(2) LANDGIRL

(3) POKER

(4) BAGGAGE

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (904666)

(2) SKINDEEP

(3) POKER

(4) BAGGAGE

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (904666)

(2) PEBLAR

(3) POKER

(4) BAGGAGE

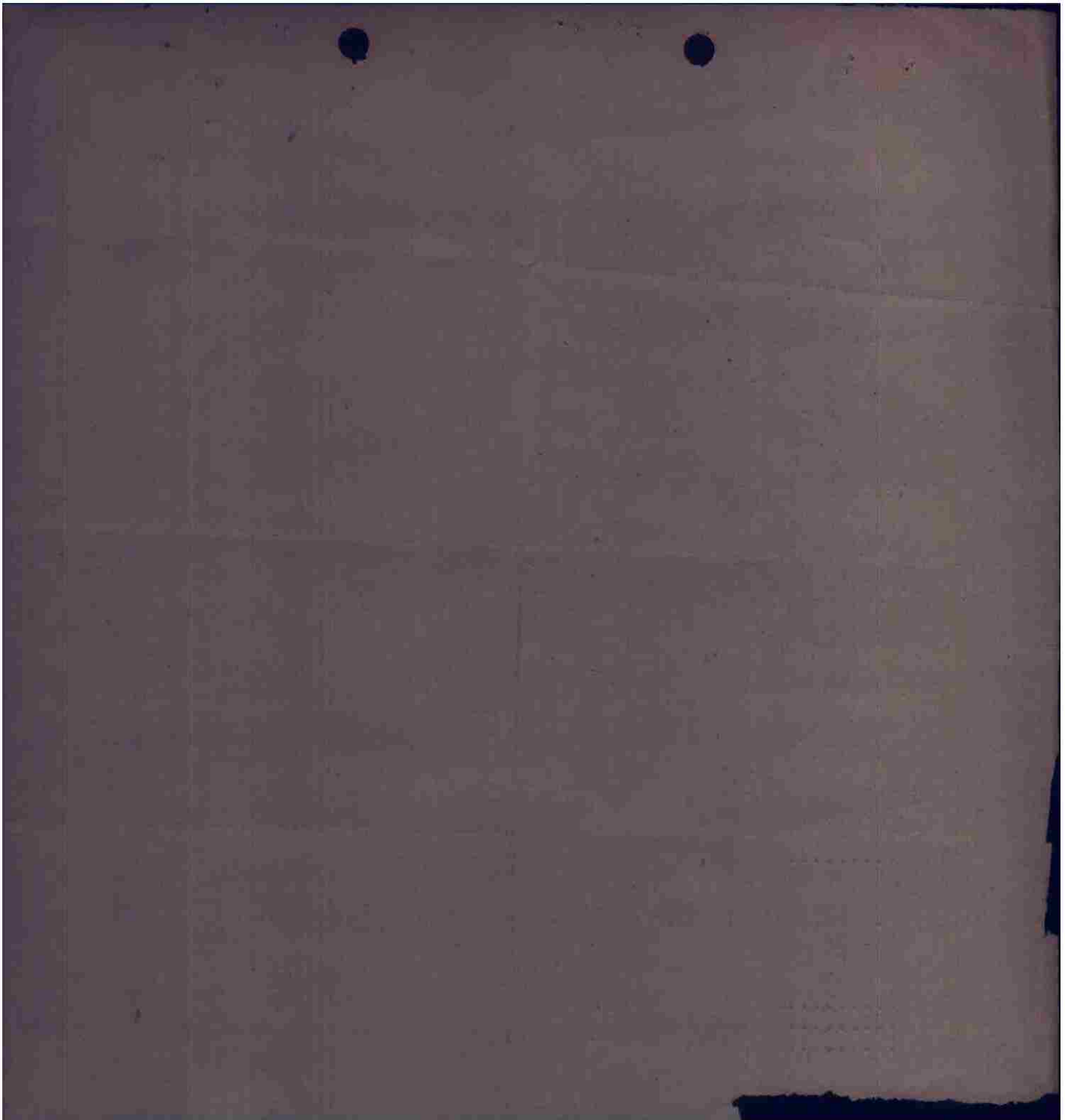
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 AR CES
 ITA R.....

IN PAR. 416THWHAT IS THE TGT NR. ON THAT ONE
 (904666)

OK T B F R

	15/0510	BIRD	AR.
JES R.....	19/0510A	JMB	AR
JPO R.....	15/0510A	CEN	AR
JKI R.....	14/0510A	EW	AR

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T (ITA T JJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 15/0940A
TO : COMBOMB DIV NINE
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN. (INFO)

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

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

R-153-E

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIEL ORDER NO. 205-793

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

ADD TO PAR. 3. A. (10) IN PLAN "A" AS FOLLOWS:
(10) M-81 FRAGS. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
CHANGE PAR. 3. C. (9) IN PLAN "A" AS FOLLOWS:
(9) INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 100 FEET FOR M-17 IN-
CENDIARY CLUSTERS, 100 FEET FOR M-81 FRAGS.
CHANGE PAR. 3. C. (14) IN PLAN "A" TO READ:
(14) IN EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED,
AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB
DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED.

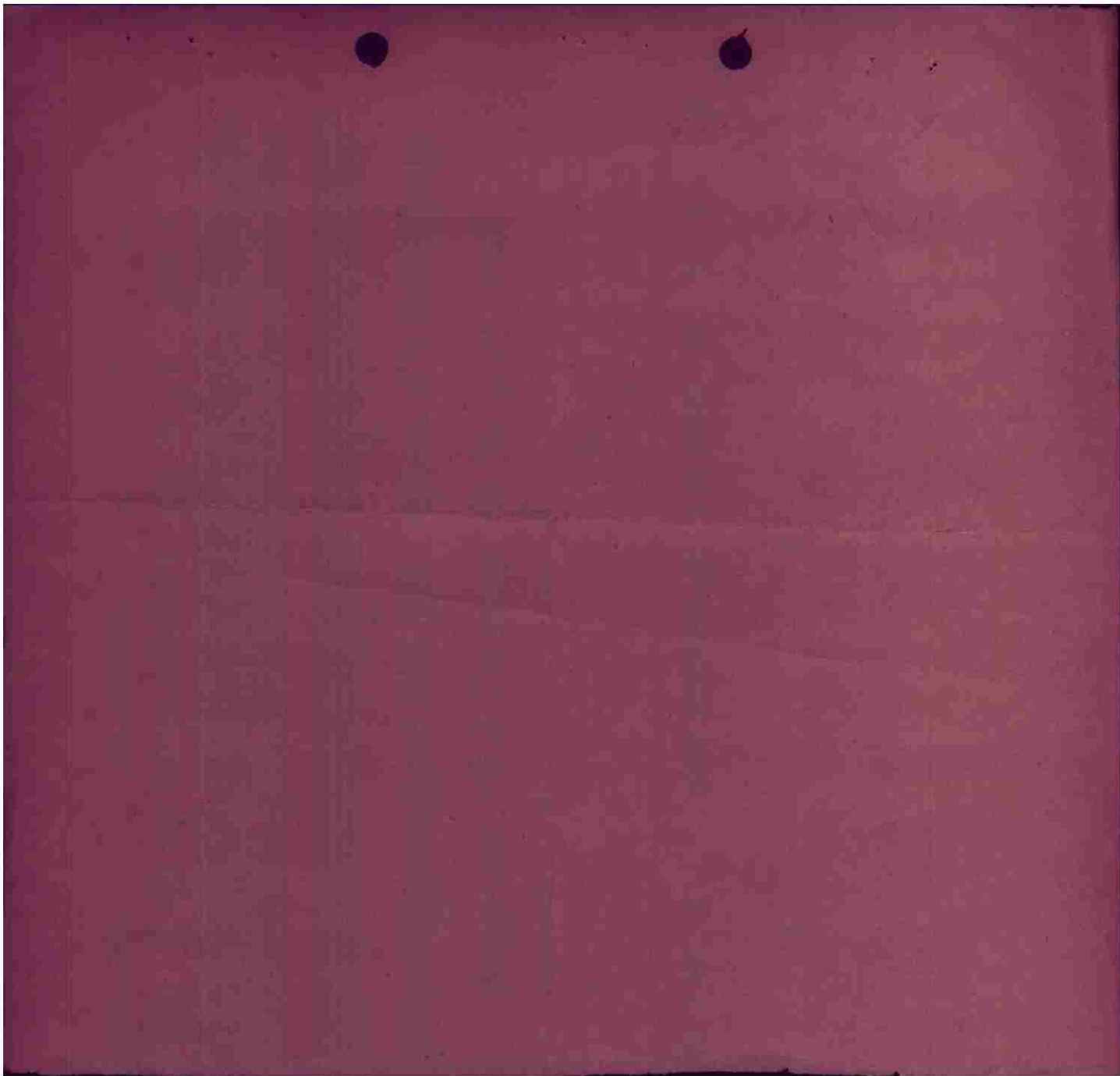
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ITA R	151047A	AL	AR
JES R	15/1047A	DC	AR
JKI R	15/1047A	DM	AR
JPO R	15/1047A	WAC	AR HM

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ITA JES JPO JKI JJF V JEA JEA 2/15 OP OP

T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 15/0340A
 TO COMBOMDIV NINE
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416
 1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN.

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97 CBW R-151-E BT

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NR.2 TO FIELD ORDER NR.205-793.

- (1) TARGET - PIRMASENS, ROAD AND COMMUNICATIONS CENTER. (Q-904666)
 (2) THE OBJECT OF OUR ATTACK IS TO DESTROY THE BUILT UP AREA OF PIRMASENS AND THUS DENY THIS COMMUNICATIONS CENTER TO THE ENEMY.

- (3) PHOTO COVERAGE :
 US 7GR/1639 PRINTS 7048, 7049
 -9 (A) 4/2 AND 3
 TTF SHEETS 4907E/6711 AND 6811
 MOSAIC GO, SHEET 36

MAP COVERAGE:
 4414 SHEETS 6711 AND 6811
 4416 SHEET V-2

- (4) FLAK : THERE WILL BE COUNTER BATTERY FIRE ON BOTH PLAN "A" AND "B" TWO G-GUN HEAVY POSITIONS WILL BE BOMBED BY THE 409TH AND 416TH GPS OF THIS WING. EACH GROUP ATTACKING EACH POSITION WITH 3 A/C. IN ADDITION, THESE SAME POSITIONS WILL BE BOMBED BY TWO OTHER GROUPS OF MEDIUM BOMBERS - EACH GROUP ATTACKING EACH POSITION WITH 3 A/C. THESE POSITIONS WILL BE ATTACKED BY GROUPS BOMBING PIRMASENS AT 0 PLUS 20 0 PLUS 60, 0 PLUS 80, AND 0.

- (5) A TOTAL OF 6 GROUPS ARE ATTACKING THIS TOWN AT 0, 0 PLUS 20, 0 PLUS 40, 0 PLUS 60, 0 PLUS 80, AND 0 PLUS 100.

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BT 15/0340A

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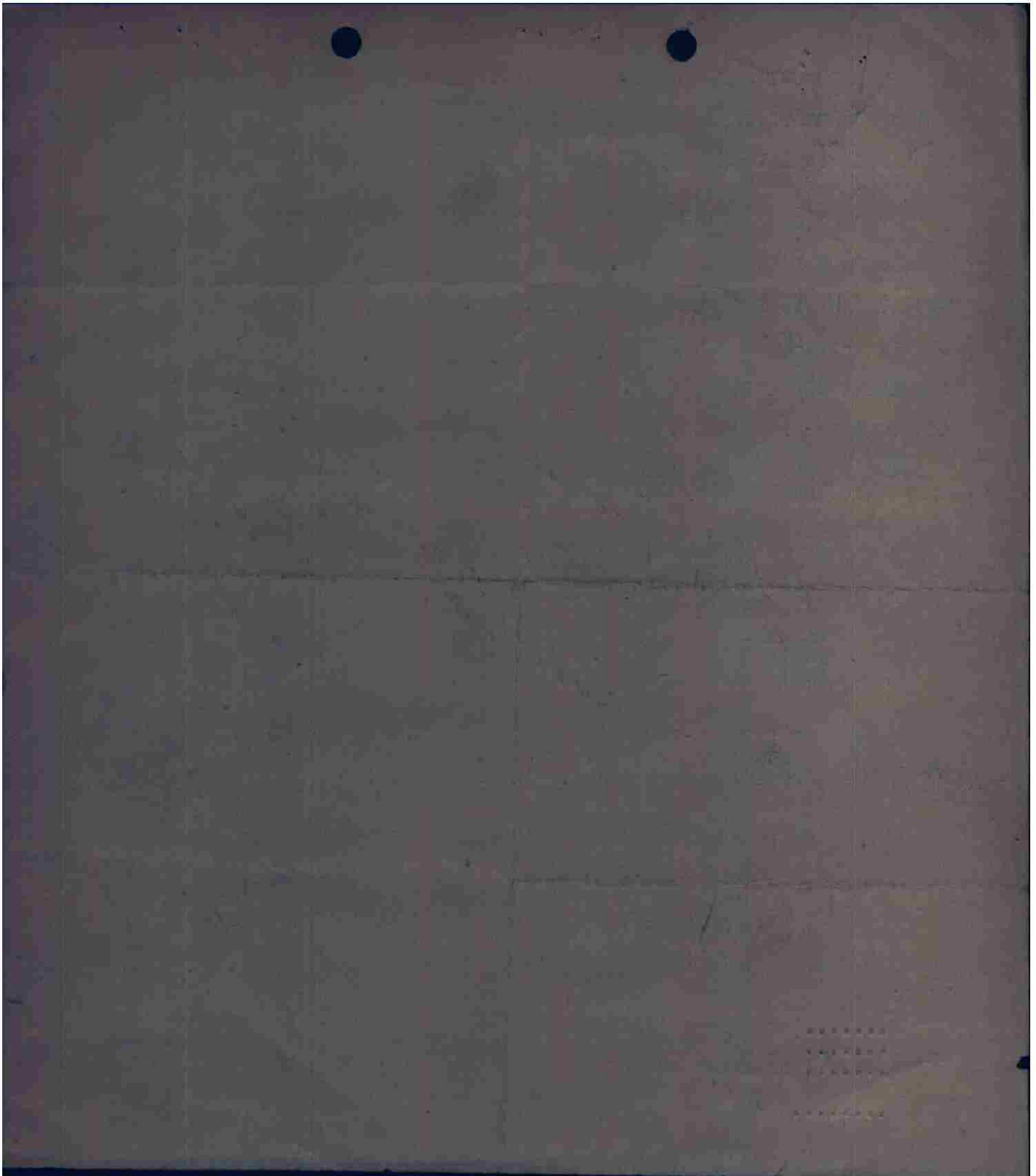
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JPO R.....15/0405A DB AR

JKI R.....15/0304A EW AR

ITA R.....15/0405A FREDDIE AR

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ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA

JEA 4/15

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T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
TO COMBOMDIV NINE

15/0530A

COBOMGP 409

COBOMGP 410

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1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN.

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R-152-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

APO 140

15 MARCH 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 205-793

MAPS : NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
(2) THE XXIX T.A.C. WILL FURNISH AREA COVER FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" 15/1300A
ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" 15/1300A

PLAN "A" VISUAL

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) PIRMASSENS ROAD JUNCTIONS Q-904666
FLAK POSITIONS AT Q-884615, Q-912707
- (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
1 FLIGHT OF 6 A/C BOMBING FLAK POSITIONS BY ELEMENTS
OF 3 A/C.
- (6) BOMB 13,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW
8,000 FEET.
- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO.6711. COVER ROAD JUNCTIONS
WITHIN AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD. 89776748
90806765, 91056700, 89706687. FLAK POSITIONS : ONE ELEMENT
ON EACH COORD. 884615, 912707.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 70 FEET.
- (10) 4 X 1000 LB.G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL
1 FLIGHT ON FLAK POSITIONS 12 X 250 LB. M-81 FRAGS FUSED
WITH T-50E-1 NOSE FUSE AND NON-DELAY TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN.
- (13) FLIGHT BOMBING FLAK POSITIONS WILL ACCOMPANY FORMATION ON
ROUTE OUT AND LEAVE FORMATION JUST BEFORE FLAK POSITIONS
ARE REACHED TO BOMB.

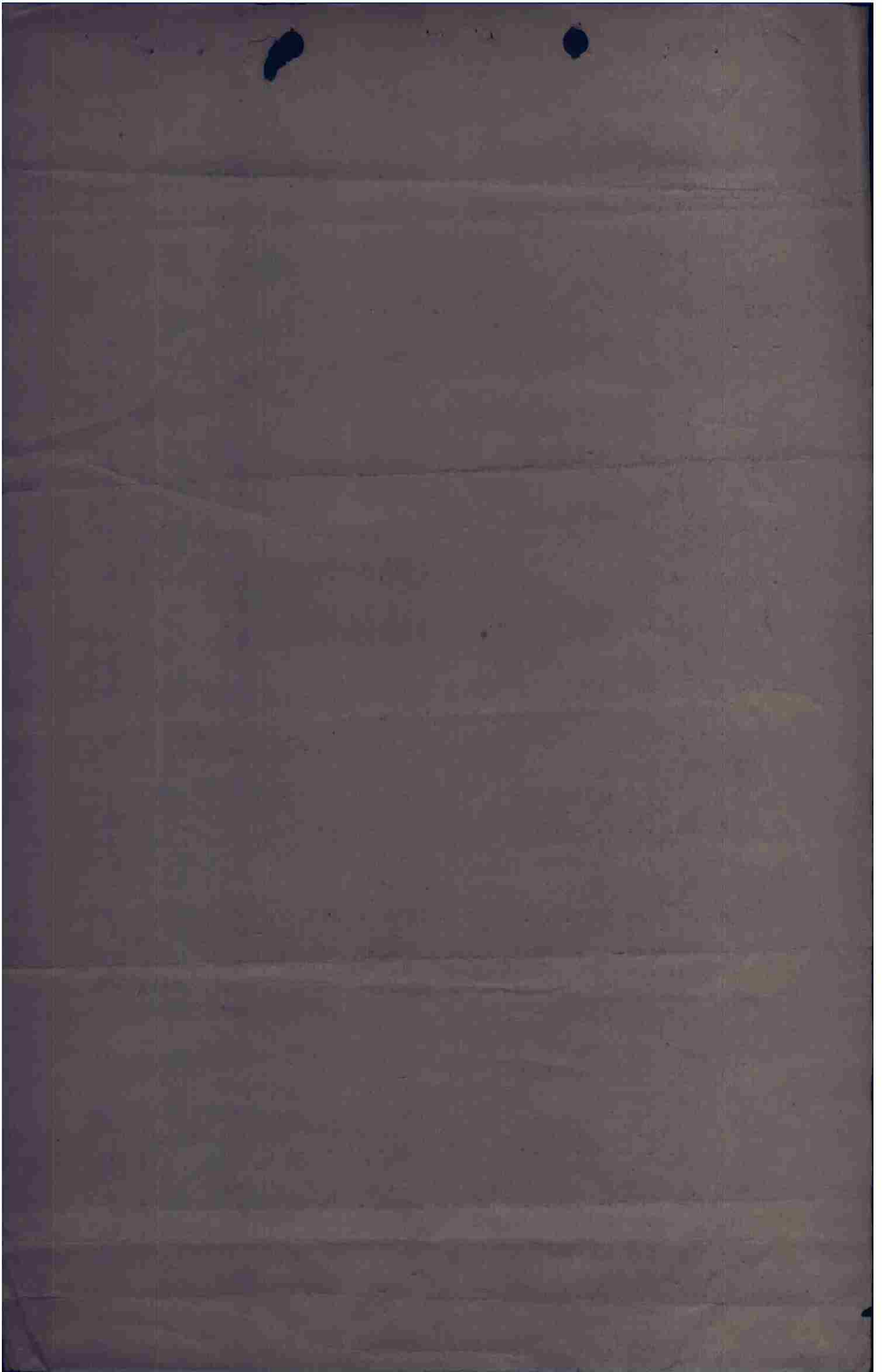
B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) PIRMASSENS ROAD JUNCTIONS Q-904666
- (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (6) BOMB 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000
FEET.
- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO.6711. COVER ROAD JUNCTIONS
WITHIN AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD. 89706687
89656585, 90506588, 90376692.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MIN.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) PIRMASSENS ROAD JUNCTIONS Q-904666
FLAK POSITIONS AT Q-884615, Q-912707.
- (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C. 1 FLIGHT OF
6 A/C BOMBING FLAK POSITIONS BY ELEMENTS OF 3 A/C.
- (6) BOMB 13,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW
8,000 FEET.

Capt. Anderson
Brief. Officer
John



WITHIN AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD.
 89706687, 89656585, 90506588, 90376692. FLAK POSITIONS :
 ONE ELEMENT ON EACH COORD. 884615, 912707.
 INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET FOR M-17 INCINDIARY CLUSTERS
 70 FEET FOR M-81 FRAGS.

- (10) 6 X 500 LB. M-17 INCINDIARY CLUSTERS TO OPEN AT 5,000 FEET.
 1 FLIGHT ON FLAK POSITIONS : 12 X 260 LB. M-81 FRAGS FUSED
 WITH T-50E-1 NOSE FUSE NON-DELAY TAIL.
 - (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MIN.
 - (13) FLIGHT BOMBING FLAK POSITIONS WILL ACCOMPANY FORMATION ON
 ROUTE OUT AND LEAVE FORMATION JUST BEFORE FLAK POSITIONS
 ARE REACHED TO BOMB.
 - (14) IN THE EVENT PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED GROUP WILL
 RETURN INCINDIARY BOMBS TO BASE.
- X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE
- (5) ROUTE OUT : BASE TO U-8512 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 - (6) ROUTE BACK : TARGET TURN RIGHT OT R.P. TO Q-4829 TO BASE.
 - (7) I.P. : Q-7750
 - (8) AXIS OF ATTACK : GENERALLY SW TO NE.
 - (9) R.P. : R-0451
 - (10) IF CLOUDS OBSCURE PRIMARY TARGET, PRIMARY TARGET WILL BE
 BOMBED ON (A) "GEE" (B) TARGET E.T.A. IF I.P. IS VISUALLY
 IDENTIFIED.
 - (11) IN THE EVENT PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED AN ALTERNATE
 TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45)
 WILL BE ATTACKED.
 - (12) COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WILL BE ARRANGED TO NEUTRALIZE
 ENEMY FLAK BATTERIES WITHIN RANGE.
 - (13) B-26 GROUPS WILL BE ON THIS TARGET AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:
 ZERO HOUR, ZERO HOUR PLUS 80 MIN, ZERO PLUS 100 MIN.
 - (14) GROUPS WILL USE CAUTION THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5
 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

PLAN "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

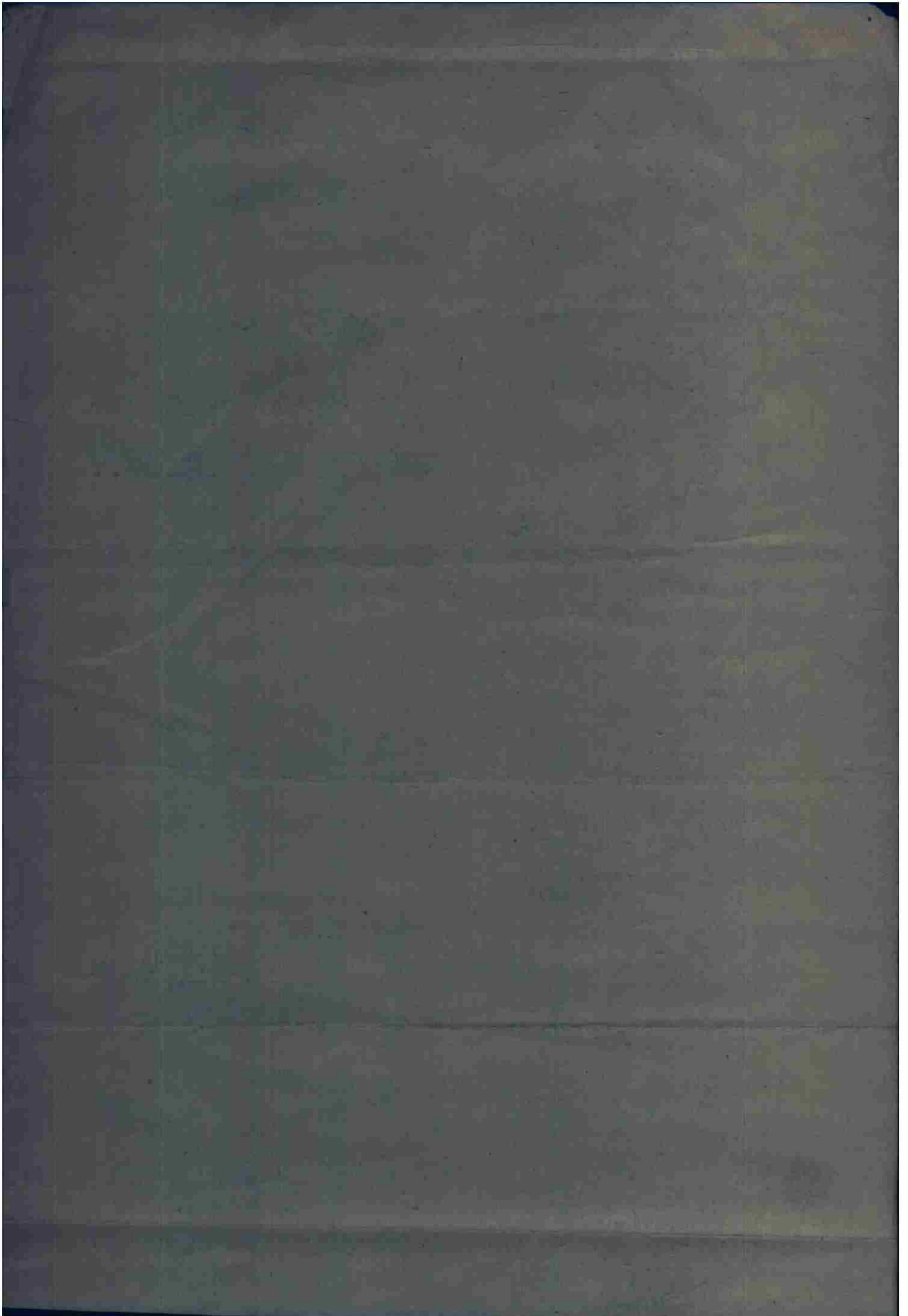
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C
- (3) WITH PPF A/C OVER BASE
- (6) BOMB 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET. 2ND BOX 13,000 FEET
- (9) MPI - GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 6711. COVER ROAD JUNCTIONS
 WITHIN AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GRID COORD. 89776748,
 90806765, 91056700, 89706687. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY
 FLIGHTS OR BOXES. PPF MPI - GRID COORD. 90306720
 INTERVALOMETER SETTING 70 FEET
- (10) 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C
- (3) WITH PPF A/C OVER FIELD
- (6) BOMB 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET. 2ND BOX 13,000 FEET
- (9) MPI - GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 6711. COVER ROAD JUNCTIONS
 WITHIN AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GRID COORD. 89706687,
 89656585, 90506588, 90376692. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY
 FLIGHTS OR BOXES. PPF MPI - GRID COORD 90056637
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MIN.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON ONE PPF A/C
- (3) WITH PPF A/C OVER FIELD
- (6) BOMB 13,500 FEET
- (9) MPI - GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 6711. COVER ROAD JUNCTIONS
 WITHIN AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GRID COORD. 89706687,
 89656585, 90506588, 90376692. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY
 FLIGHTS OR BOXES. PPF MPI - GRID COORD. 90056637.
 INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. M-17 INCINDIARY CLUSTERS TO OPEN AT 5000 FEET.
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MIN.
- (13) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED, GROUP WILL RETURN
 INCINDIARY BOMBS TO BASE



- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE
 (5) TARGET: PIRMASENS ROAD JUNCTIONS (Q-904666)
 (6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO U-8512 TO Q-5924 TO TARGET
 (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R-0451 TO U-8512 TO BASE
 (8) ALTITUDES: LOSE 1000 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING 8000 FEET
 (9) 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 Q-7750 AS A VISUAL IP. IF CLOUDS OBSCURE PRIMARY TARGET, GROUPS WILL BOMB PRIMARY IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY: (A) PPF (B) GROUP GEE (C) TARGET E.T.A., IF IP CAN BE IDENTIFIED VISUALLY.
 (10) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED, GROUPS WILL ATTACK AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45)
 (11) COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WILL BE ARRANGED TO NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK BATTERIES WITHIN RANGE
 (12) B-26 GROUPS WILL BE ON THIS TARGET AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES. ZERO HOUR, ZERO HOUR PLUS 80 MIN., ZERO HOUR PLUS 100 MIN.
 (13) GROUPS WILL USE CAUTION THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

PLAN "A" OR "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (904666)

- (2) LANDGIRL
- (3) POKER
- (4) BAGGAGE

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (904666)

- (2) SKINDEEP
- (3) POKER
- (4) BAGGAGE

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (904666)

- (2) PEDLER
- (3) POKER
- (4) BAGGAGE

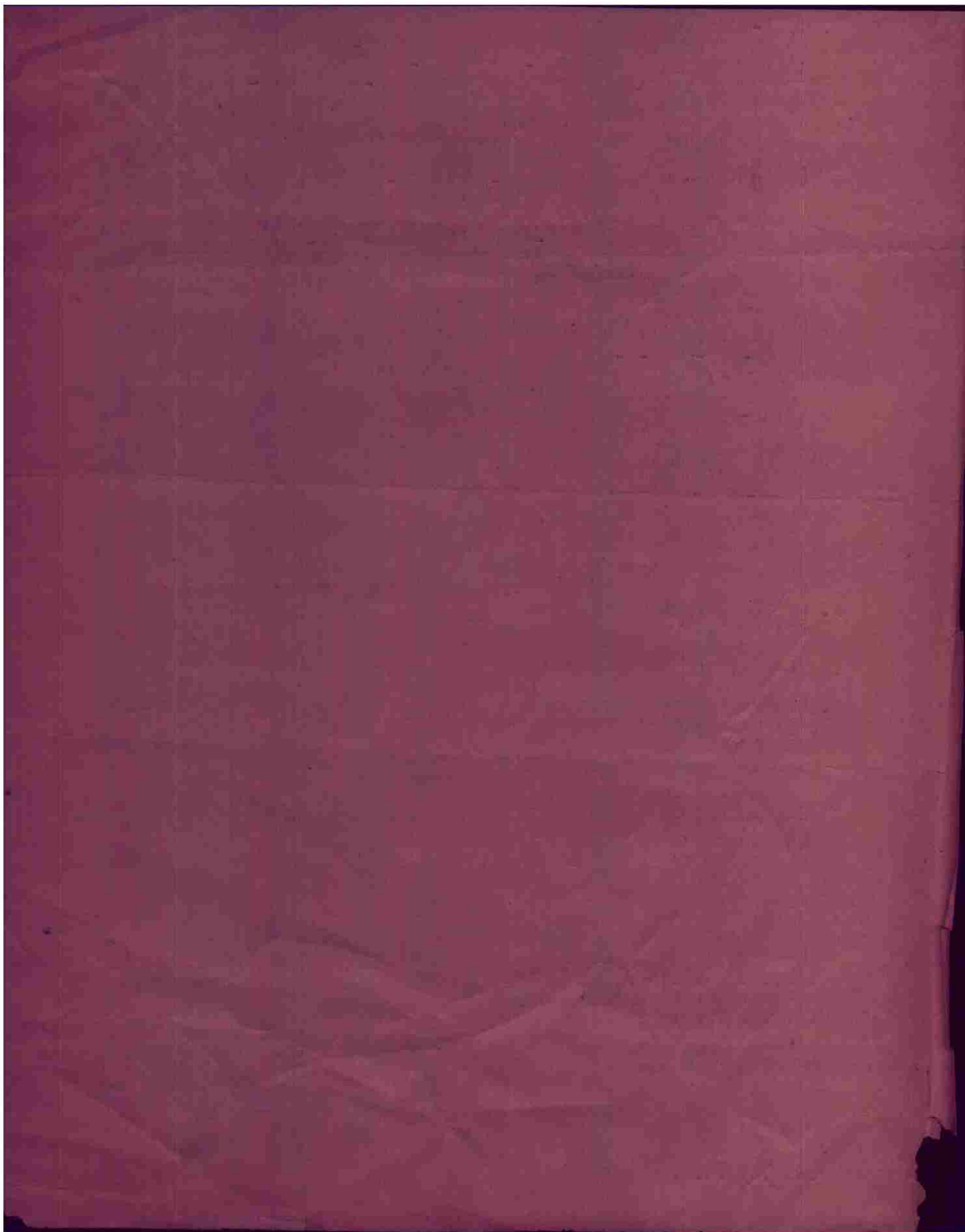
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ITA R. 15/0655A MILT KK
 JES R. 15/0655A JMB AR
 JPO R.

JKI R. 15/0655A EW AR



MISSION NO. 236

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

15 MARCH 1945

1. 521 H
Lt. Col. J.G. Napier
Lt. Col. D.L. Willette
Lt. D.L. Moore
Lt. G.G. Johnson
S/S R.W. Carstens

4. 338 O
Lt. D.W. Sorrels
S/S V.A. Malara
Lt. R.W. Haskell

2. 244 I
Lt. R.W. VanRope
S/S R.P. Sharp

5. 362 Y
Lt. B.A. Smith
Sgt R.P. Wilson

3. 252 D
Lt. G.M. Anderson
S/S J.R. Deatherage

6. 383 V
Lt. A.W. Depner
S/S R.H. Gillespie

FLIGHT II

1. 499 G
Lt. G.J. Brown
Capt. G.D. Lundberg (INFANTRY)
Lt. J.E. Korns
S/S H.E. Sunderland

4. 209 H
Lt. T.J. Murray
Sgt W.W. Maupin

2. 352 J
Lt. J.O. Gary
Pvt A.E. Schoen

5. 332 P
Lt. G.L. Milhorn
S/S H.R. Davis

3. 497 E
Capt. L.J. Sutton
Lt. J.V. Reed
S/S G.F. Huss

6. 419 A
Lt. J.W. Spires
Sgt L.E. Davis

FLIGHT III

1. 498 R
Capt. H.F. Peir
Lt. J.L. Gorum
S/S H.J. Brown

4. 326 W
Capt. L.C. Nielsen
Sgt L. Goldberg

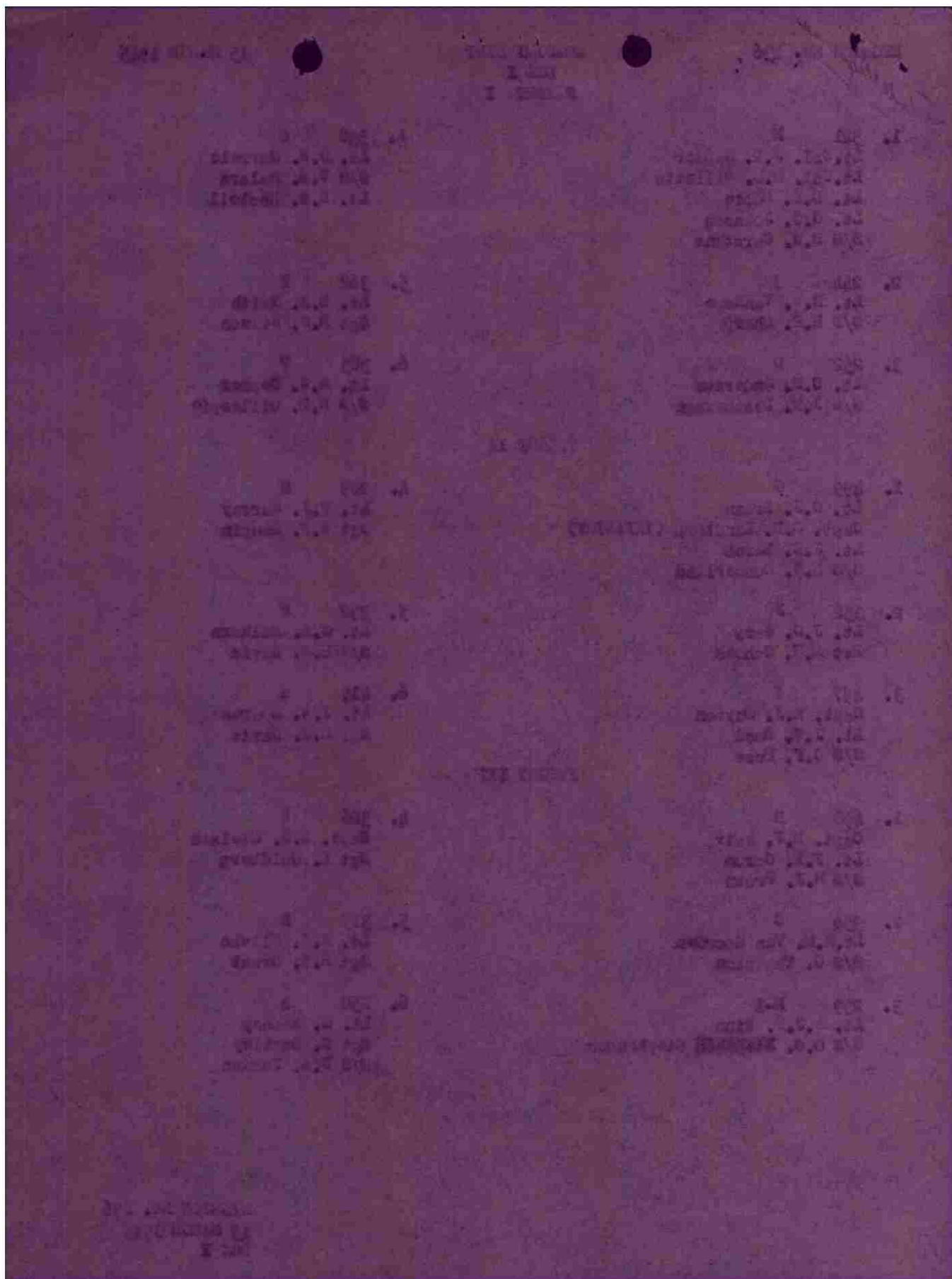
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Lt. H.M. Van Noorden
S/S G. Thompson

5. 313 B
Lt. A.E. Elivko
Sgt R.S. Graub

3. 239 H-1
Lt. A.J.P. Winn
S/S G.C. STEPHANSON Stephenson

6. 250 A
Lt. S. Mccoy
Sgt G. Buckley
S/S D.A. Jordan

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15 MARCH 1945
BOX I



MISSION NO. 236

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

15 MARCH 1945

1. 487 J
Capt. E.L. Miller
Lt. J.K. Connor
Lt. R.E. Egan
M. Colonel T.R. Aylesworth
S/S C.F. Floyd

2. 354 S
Lt. C.S. Weinert
Sgt R.D. Francis

3. 381 Q
P/O F.W. Swap
Lt. J.E. Britt
Sgt Santandrea

4. 351 F
Lt. M.W. DuBose
S/S D.L. Griffin

5. 314 H
Lt. D.E. Smith
S/S S.J. Kirik
Capt. D.E. Eastlake (2ND ARMORED)

6. 263 G
Lt. F.G. Dunn
Sgt L.O. Stein

FLIGHT II

1. 507 Q-1
Lt. D.E. Grunig
Lt. B.C. Morris
S/S H.G. Nowosielski

2. 223 B
Lt. N.D. Chitty
Sgt B. Raccio

3. 224 B
Lt. W. Muagrove
S/S J.O. Belcas

4. 416 O
Lt. R.E. Singletary
S/S H.G. Wiggins
Lt. A.G. Benson

5. 320 S-1
Lt. J.V. O'Brien
Sgt F.E. Gorey

6. 215 H
Lt. J.F. Wallace
Sgt R. Plant

FLIGHT III

1. 481 P
Capt. C.J. Andersen
Lt. W. Ebbage
S/S E.L. Schafer

2. 264 I
Lt. F.E. Parker
S/S S.L. Heitell

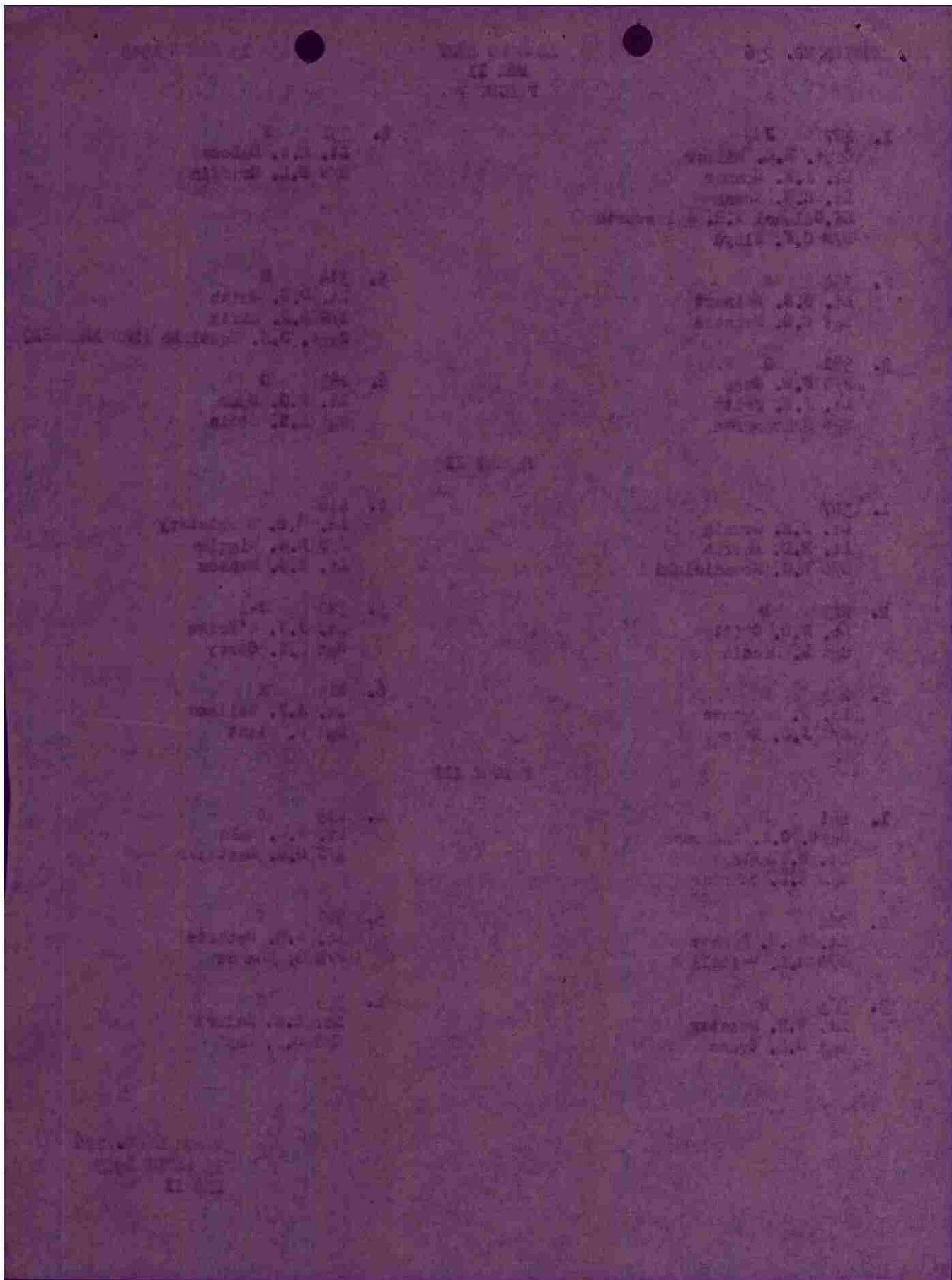
3. 385 D
Lt. W.H. Laster
Sgt R.E. Gross

4. 213 A
Lt. W.L. Hale
S/S D.M. Bentzler

5. 321 T
Lt. W.H. Roberts
S/S S. Kochan

6. 335 W
Lt. L.R. Zeimet
Cpl R.K. Ray

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LOADING LIST
BOX III
FLIGHT I

15 MARCH 1945

1. 501 W
Lt. F.S. Brewster
Lt. L.W. Dennis
S/S R.J. Gatti

2. 307 N
Lt. R. Ford
S/S C.D. Harmon

3. 9315 F
Lt. J.A. Green
Sgt A. Kubjalko

4. 528 T
Capt. C.S. Stanley
F/O J.H. Blount
Sgt J.O. Edsall

5. 330 P
Lt. J.F. Stankowski
S/S J.A. Hummer

6. 496 T-1
Capt. H.W. Boman
Sgt R.L. Perujo

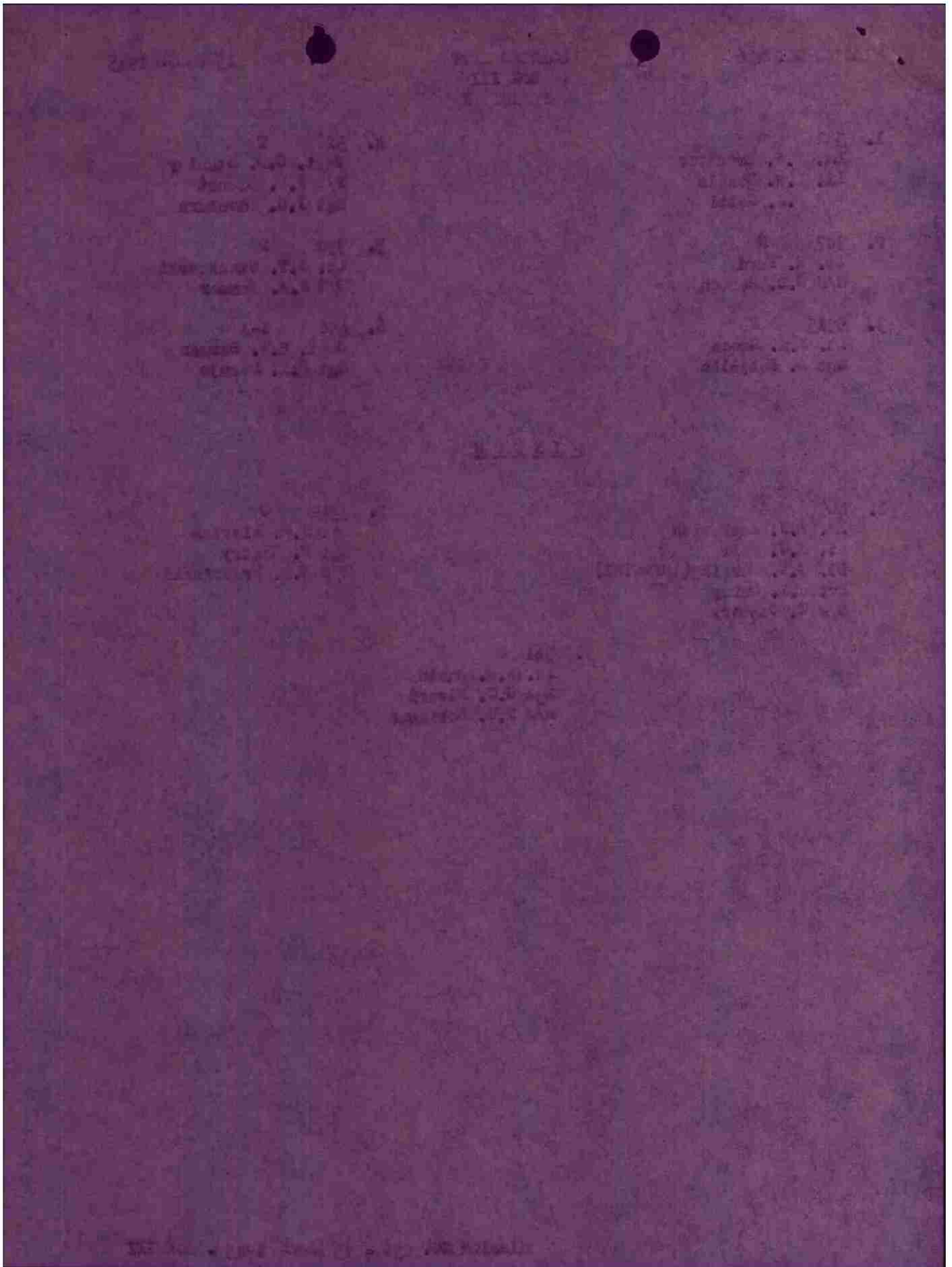
WINDON

1. 469 A
Lt. J.J. Lackovich
Lt. R.C. Muir
Lt. G.E. Morris (INFANTRY)
Pvt M.M. Barry
S/S T. Connery

2. 334 G
Lt. J.W. Blevins
Sgt F. Gentry
S/S R.P. Brzezinski

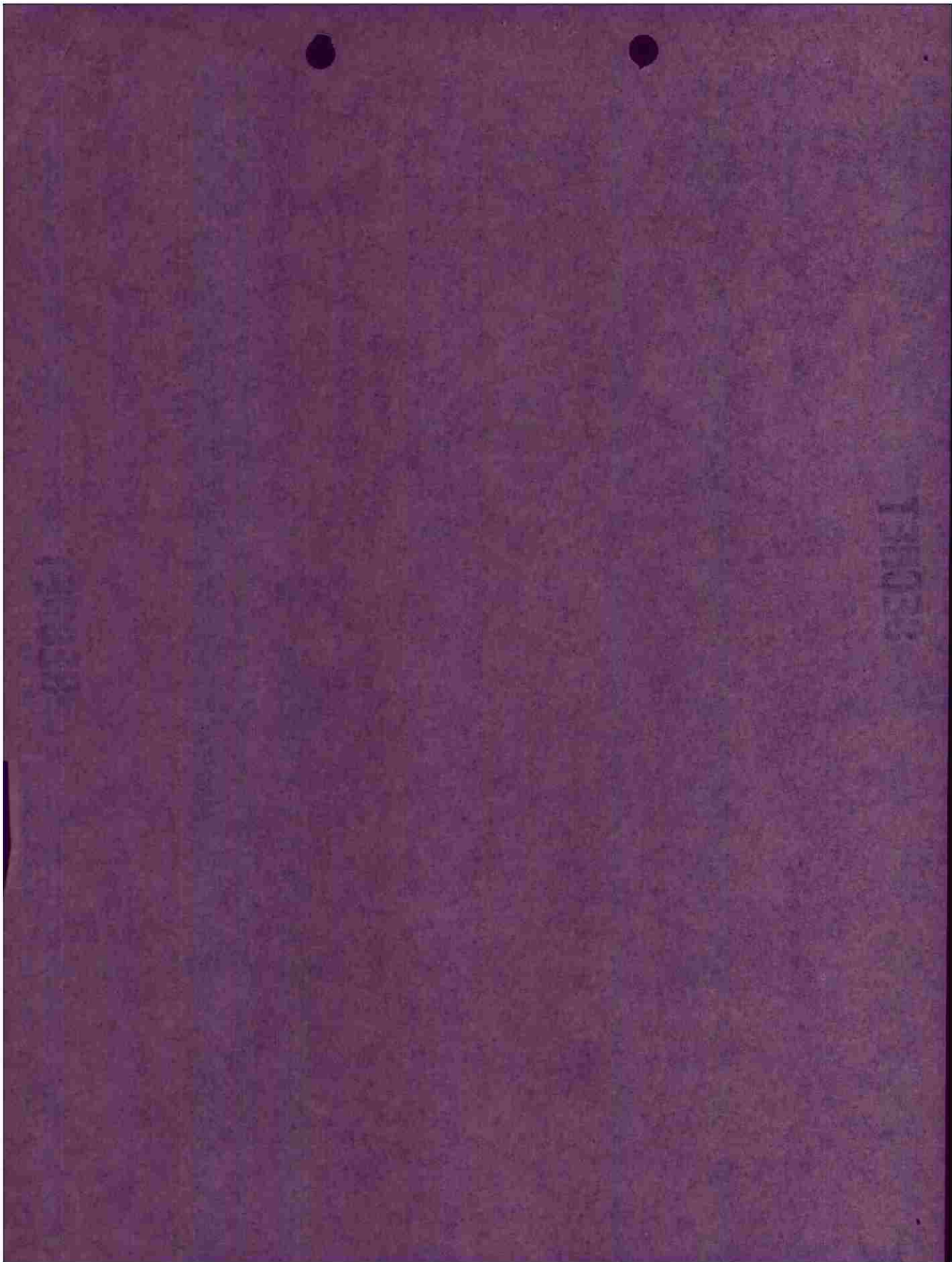
3. 361 M
Lt. W.W. Annin
Sgt G.J. Rivard
S/S J.W. Robinson

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

AUTH: CO STA 4-49
DATE: 17 March 1945
INIT:

TO: Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M), APO 140, U. S. Army.
Attention: Statistical Control.

From: 416th Bombardment Group (L), APO 140, U.S. Army.

Ref: Oprep A No. 386 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 15 March 1945
Mission or Operation No. 236 97th GRV FOR 205-793

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Pittsburg Road Junction
Place of take-off Station 4-69
Place of landing Station 4-69
Take-off time 1235 Landing time 1325
Time over target 1402 Bombing Altitude 12000
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather Clear over target area.
Results Due to type bombs used no strikes are visible. Visual reports excellent.
Enemy opposition Weak heavy inaccurate FW.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 45 A-26's

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.

<u>36</u>	<u>Pittsburg R/T</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>Casual Flak position</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>Window</u>

3. Abortive due to:

(1) Weather: None
(2) Personnel: None
(3) Mechanical: None
(4) Other: None

4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None

5. Destroyed - before reaching target None
giving cause where known

6. Destroyed - over or after leaving None
target giving cause where known

7. Damaged (give category & cause) None

8. Sorties 45

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GEORGE SCHENKEL
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

For the Commanding Officer:

Destroyed	None
Prob. Destroyed	None
Damaged	None

II. Enemy aircraft by type or description (tentative listing):

Type of	Illot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	R. Gun	L. Gun	Wounded
Destroyed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Killed in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slightly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

C. Own Personnel Casualties:

Detached	None
Lost or wrecked on missing e/c	None
Total Returned	None
Expended on operations: (List targets separately)	25 x 500 M-1
Total	25 x 500 M-1

F. Bombs, Flares, etc. used:
Total carried into air:
25 x 500 M-1 incendiary flares
25 x 500 M-1 incendiary flares
Used to open at 5000 feet

Ammunition by caliber:	2500 x .50 caliber
Total carried into air	2500 x .50 caliber
Expended on operations	2500 x .50 caliber (loading)
Lost on wrecked or missing e/c	None
Detached	None
Day (Sunset to sunset)	15:05
Night (Sunset to sunset)	None

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9TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE RADAR OFFICER

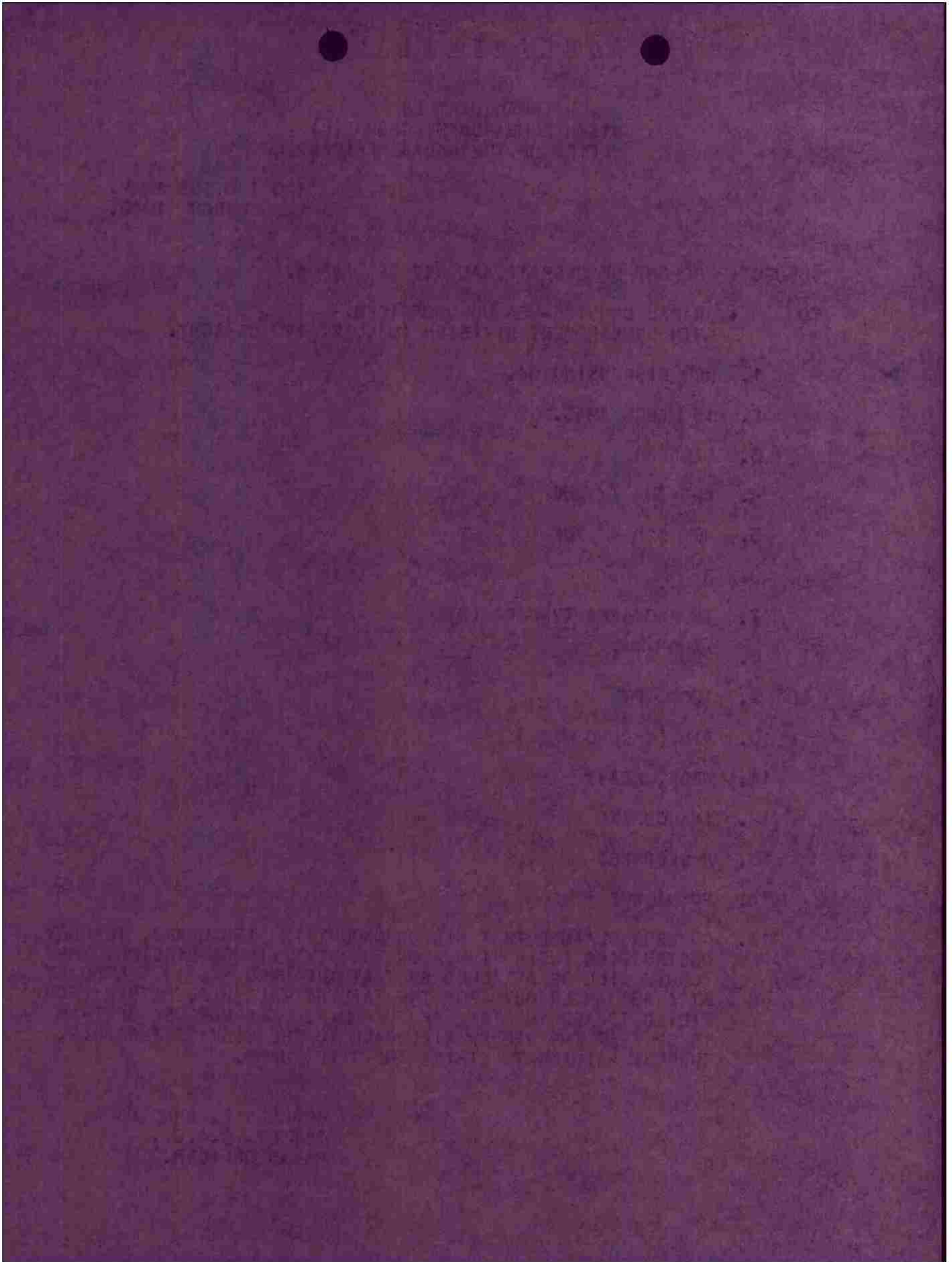
APO 140, US ARMY,
16 MARCH 1945.

SUBJECT: REPORT OF OPERATIONAL USE OF WINDOW.

TO : RADAR COUNTER-MEASURES OFFICER,
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M), APO 140 US ARMY.

1. RCM DISPENSING 64.
2. 15 MARCH 1945.
3. LAMBERG
4. 49° 3N 7° 25E
5. 49° 12N 7° 36E
6. 3
7. 18 PACKAGES TYPE 28 (3)
8. 220° AT 12 MPH
9. 12000 FT
10. NIL (GROUND HAZE)
11. WEAK, HEAVY
12. INACCURATE
13. 2 SECONDS.
14. NO DAMAGE
15. GUNNERS CLAIMED THAT WINDOW CAUGHT IN SITE GUARD, THEREBY OBSTRUCTING THEIR VIEW. ON THE NEXT WINDOW MISSION, THE CHUTE WILL BE ATTACHED SO THAT THE OPEN END IS TILTED AT AT A 45° ANGLE OUT FROM THE TAIL OF THE SHIP, RATHER THAN TILTED TOWARD THE TAIL OF THE SHIP. THE PURPOSE OF THIS IS SO THAT THE WINDOW WILL FALL TO THE SIDE OF THE SHIP, THEREBY FAILING TO STRIKE THE SITE GUARD.

CHARLES F. GUNDERSON,
1ST LT, C.A.C.,
RADAR OFFICER.



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 07/15 P-P

FROM COBOMGR 416 15/1620A
TO (1) COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER
(2) COMCBTWIG 97 (INFO)
BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-309-J

A - YS - 6A
B - 15 MARCH 1945 (1247-1449)
C - N-NAN AND J-JIG REPORTED "OPS" COMPLETE TO PARADE.
D - N-NAN CONTACTED FIGHTER GROUND CONTROL CENTER AND REPORTED
L FORMATION WAS IN TACTICAL AREA, HE DID NOT NEED A FIX AND
DID NOT REQUEST ONE BECAUSE OF EXCESSIVE TRAFFIC ON CHANNEL C.
E - NONE
F - NONE
G - NONE
H - NONE
I - NONE
J - NONE
K - BUNCHER BEACON WAS REPORTED BY ONE PILOT TO BE LOUD AND CLEAR
AT 152 XXXX MILES.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGP 416
BT 15/1620A

CORR: DELETE THE LETTER "L" IN FRONT OF WORD FORMATION
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JEA R.....15/1700 A SH KKKK

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GEE FIXES

TIME	"B"	"C"	"D"	LOCATION
1314 $\frac{1}{2}$	8.75	42.1		
1319	9.12	40.12		
1323	9.2	38.0		
26 $\frac{1}{2}$	9.1	35.92		
36	9.0	32.4		
48	8.62	32.55		
1351 $\frac{1}{2}$	8.3	32.85		
.54	8.1	33.0		
1411 $\frac{1}{2}$	7.9	33.0		
1415	7.8	33.2		
1417	7.9	33.05		
1420	8.2	32.85		
1427	8.1	33.4		
14.33	8.1	34.4		
1438 $\frac{1}{2}$	8.0	36.56		
1443	8.0	38.64		
1451 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.85	42.3		

Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
		13/43				LACROVICH	TOT	
							L/D	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.		
No.	Reason	F S O	F S J F R	M D A C B E D	F D K W M			
469								
334								
361								

469 ✓
LACROVICH
361 ✓ 334 ✓
ANNIN BIEVINS

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Box #	CpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
15/3/45							TOT	
							L/D	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.		
Pers No.	Reason	P	B	O	P	D	K	W
521			b					
244			b					
252			b					
338			b					
362			b					
383			b					
499			b					
352			b					
497			b					
209			b					
332			b					
419			b					
498			b					
356			b					
239			b					
326			b					
313			b					
250			b					

521
NAPIER

252 244
ANDERSON VAN DOPE

338
SORREIS

383 362
DEPNER SMITH

498
PAIR

499
BROWN

239 356 497 352
WINN VAN NORDEN SUTTON GARY

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NIELSEN

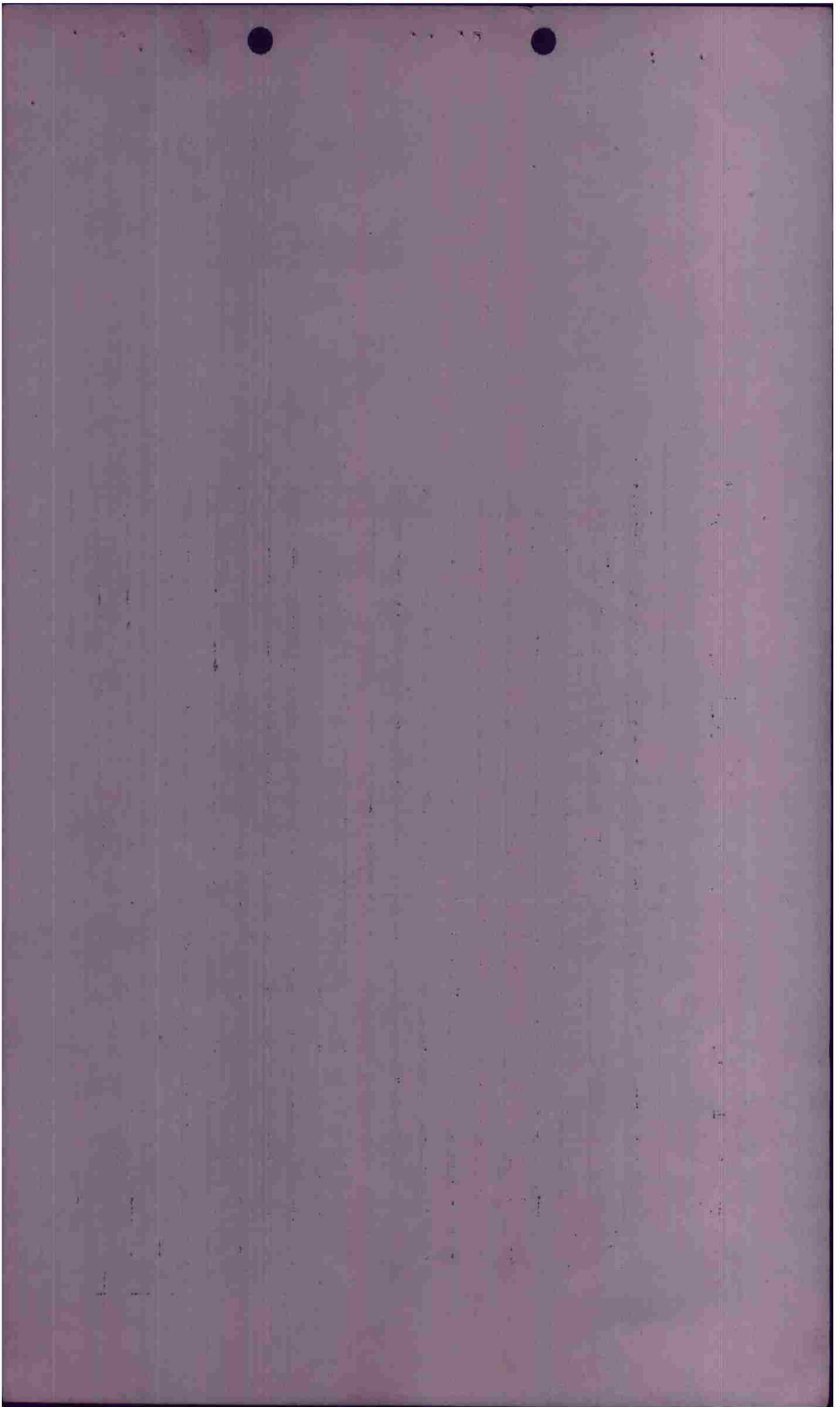
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MURRAY

250 313
MOONEY HILKO

419 332
SPIRES MILLHORN

521 NAPIER
252 244
ANDERSON VAN ROPE
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DEPNER SMITH
499
498 PAIR
497 352
WINN VAN NORDEN SUTTON GARY
326 209
NIELSEN MURRAY
250 313
MOONEY HUVKO SPIRES MILLHORN

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Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
II		15/3/45				MILLER	TOT	
							L/D	
A/C	Fall to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.		
Pas No.	Reason	P 30	P 30	M D A C B E D P D K W M				
487			6					487 MILLER 381 SWAP 354 WEINERT
354			6					351 DUBOSE
381			6					363 DUNN 314 SMITH
351			6					
314			6					
263			6					
507			6					
223			6					
224			6					
416			6					481 ANDERSON 507 GRUNIG
320			6					385 CASSETER 264 PARKER 224 MUSGROVE 223 CHITTY
215			6					213 HALE 416 SINGLETARY
481			6					
264			6					
385			6					335 ZEIMET 321 ROBERTS 215 WALLACE 320 O'BRIEN
213			6					
321			6					
335			6					

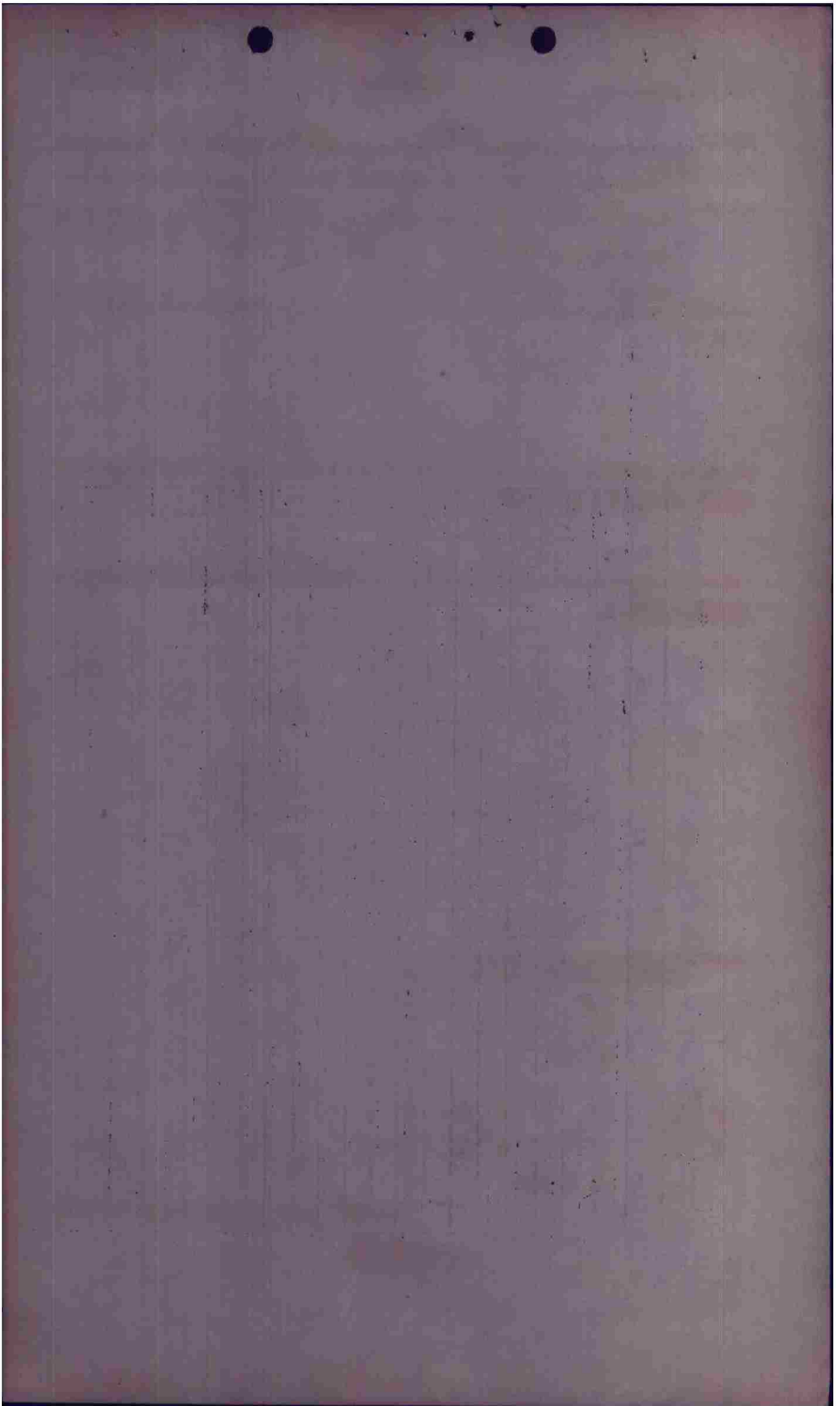
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Box #	Opstl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.													
III		15/3/43				BREWSTER	TOT L/D														
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb	Ilsp	A/C	Dam	E/A	Pers.													
Pers. No.	Reason	F	S	O	P	S	J	F	R	M	D	A	C	B	E	D	F	D	K	W	M
501					12																
307					12																
9315					12																
528					12																
330					12																
496					12																

501
BREWSTER
9315 ✓ 307
GREEN FORD
528
STANLEY
496 330
BREMNER STANKOWSKI

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WINDOW

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PILOT LACKOVICH A/C# 469 BOX _____ FLT _____

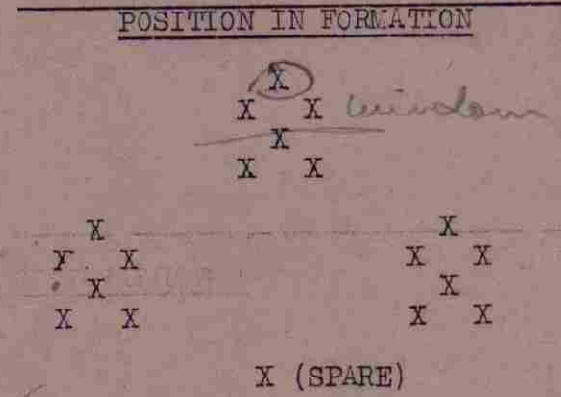
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>X</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : noys dis bkn' so on turn off - X H/into window

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : None seen
35 rep. around Uerlseden.

OBSERVATIONS : Near Uerlseden - plane crashed
to side of hill - don't know if ours -
saw smoke from explosion
at I.P. - + past T/A - 4-4 1/2 min.
3/4-1 min. ahead - alt - 10,000 ft.
uncared but in center.
opened well



all on fire in area.

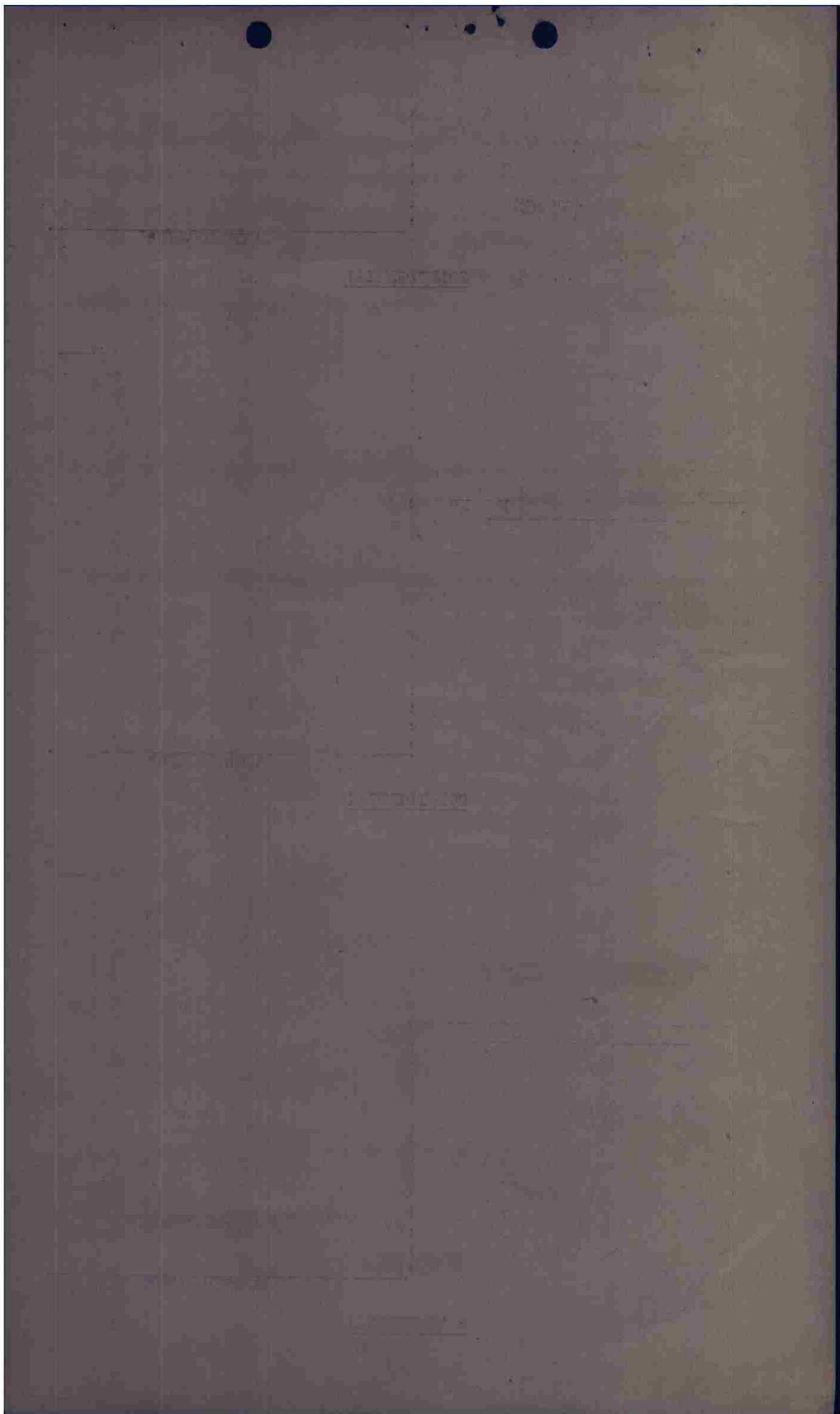
smoke from T. in town

TOT - 1403

one A 20000 ft. off
shortly after.

to go

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	RETURNED				
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED				

FLAK : WHIA AT Tgt.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

OBSERVATIONS : fire & smoke coming Tgt area
smoke to 2000-3000'
large m/t activity between IP & Tgt.
4" before bomb away #2 'after Tgt.
500' below 1st flight
1/2 mile ahead of formation
windows scattered good.

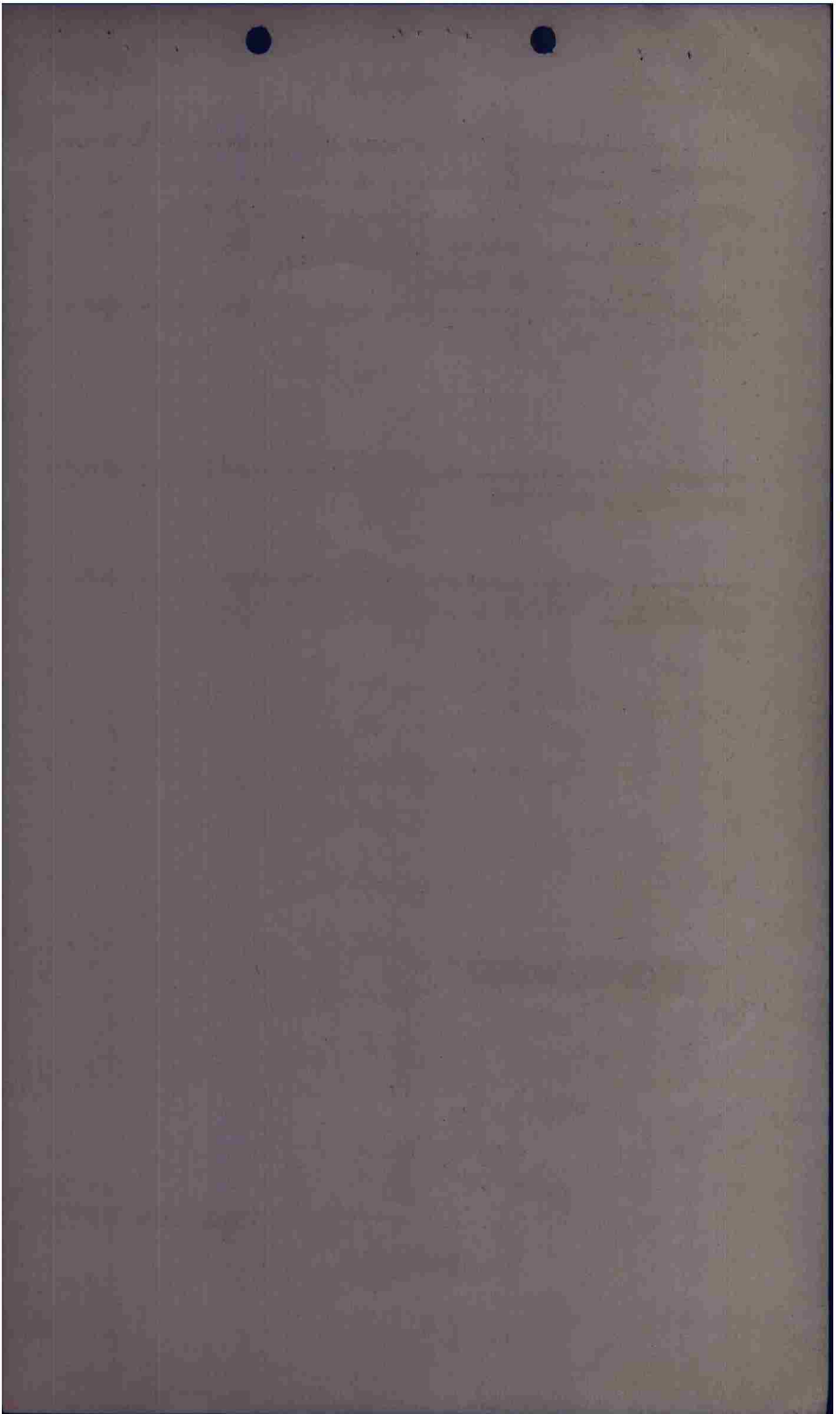
POSITION IN FORMATION

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CASUALTIES None

FLAK : 12 Bursts in tgt area - after passed tgt
looked like were shooting at window of lead window A/C - 4
Bursts at a time.
Again possibly at Base line -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : *None*

OBSERVATIONS :

11000.
500 feet below
500 yds ahead -
Started thru out at I.P. across tgt -
in all about 3 minutes -

$$x^x \circledast x$$

POSITION IN FORMATION

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POSITION IN ROOM

X (S) (S)

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POSITION IN ROOM

X (S) (S)

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PILOT DEPNER A/C# 383 BOX 1 FLT 1

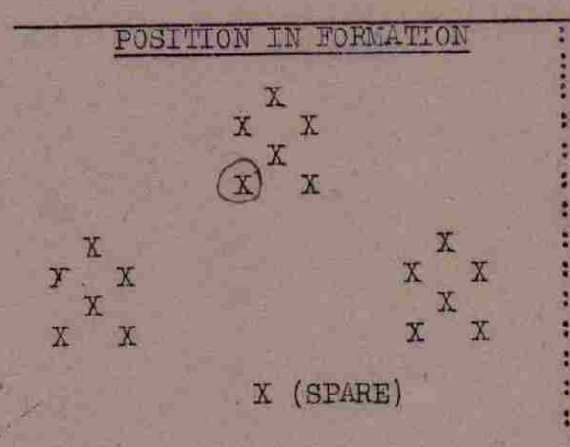
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	X	<u>500</u>	ON	<u>P.T.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		X		RETURNED		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
		X		JETTISONED				

FLAK : after 1st turn off - 4 lines to way back

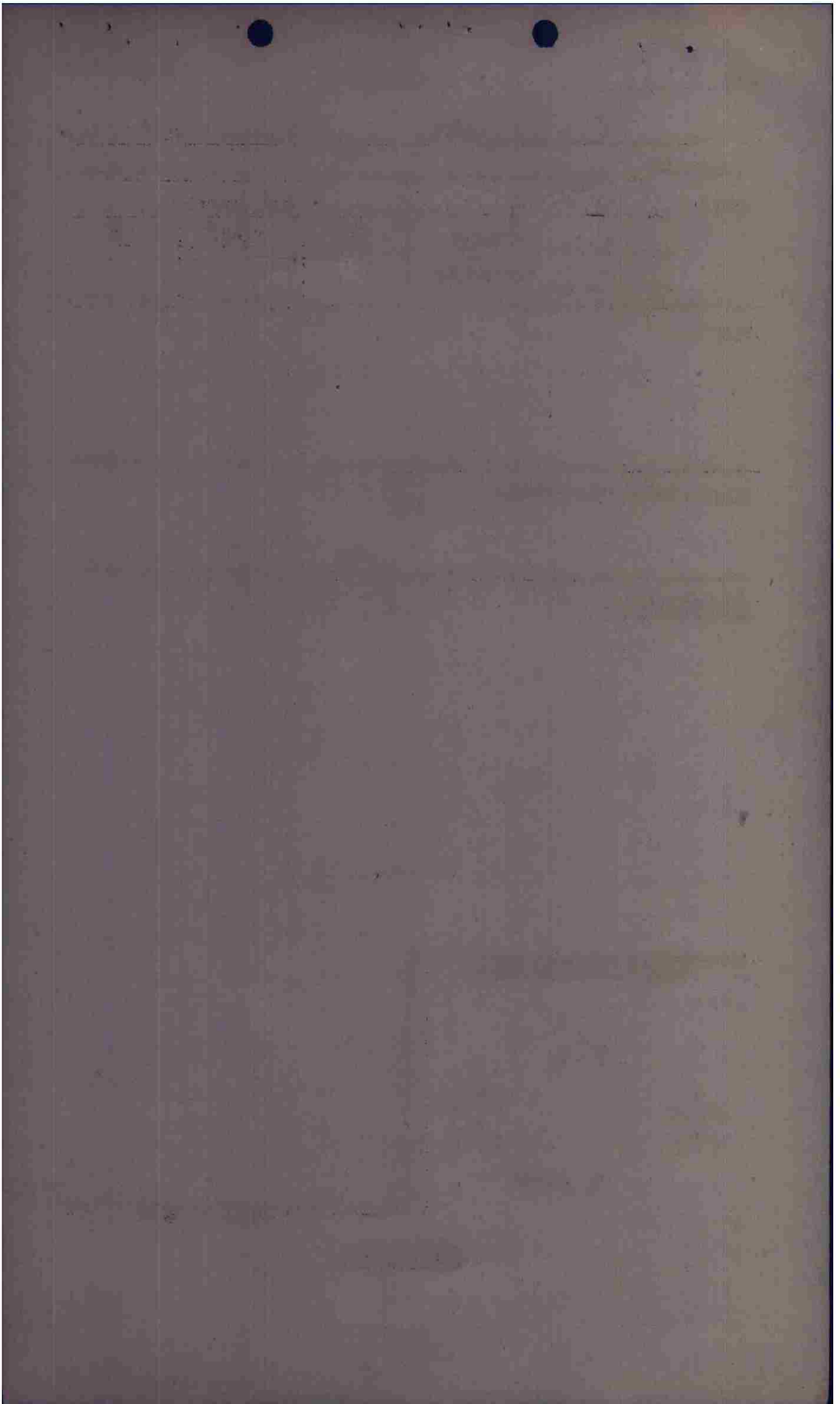
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : 

OBSERVATIONS : Smoke on 3 main roads.



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PILOT ANDERSON A/C# 252 BOX 1 FLT 1

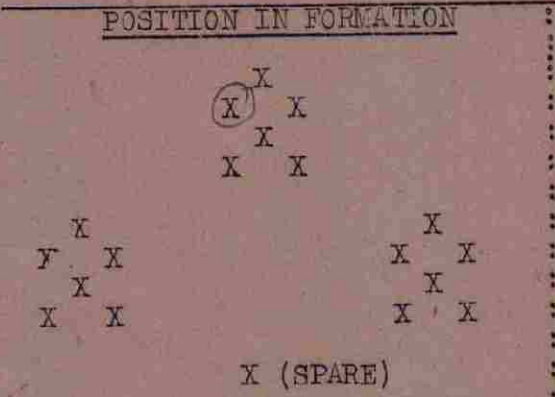
CASUALTIES _____

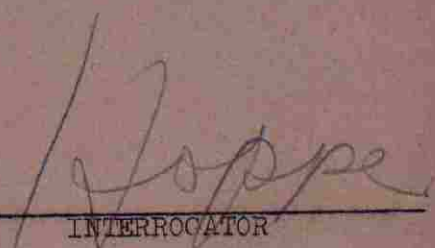
BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>6</u>	<u>X500</u>	<u>PT</u>	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
<u>X</u>		RETURNED			
<u>X</u>		JETTISONED			

FLAK : on leg cut - 6 bursts to right -
1/2 way from P.P. to bomb line
on left rear target - XH1

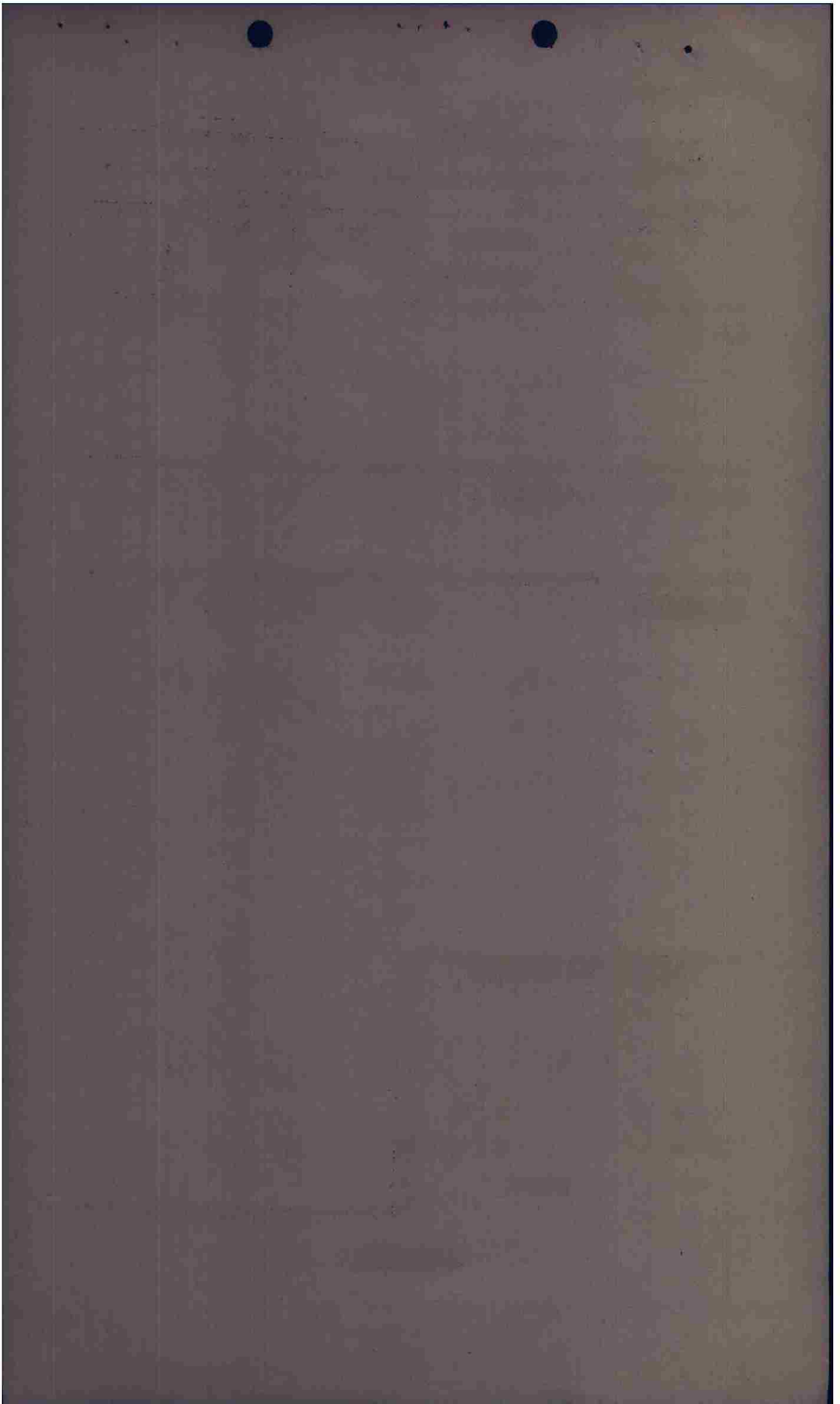
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : 

OBSERVATIONS : fires in center - 1/3 of bomb line
smoke up to 5000 ft.
24 well or better burning - (11 counted)




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PILOT NAPIER A/C# 581 BOX 1 FLT 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>6</u>	<u>X</u> <u>500</u> ON <u>P.T.</u>	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u> RETURNED			
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED			

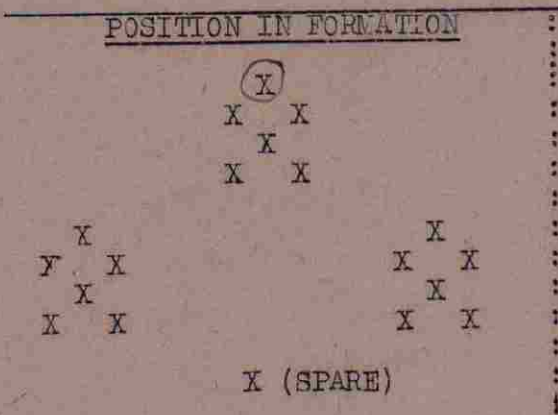
FLAK : stale flak on turn off T/A

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :  Schm P-47 area cover

OBSERVATIONS : most of W side of town burning

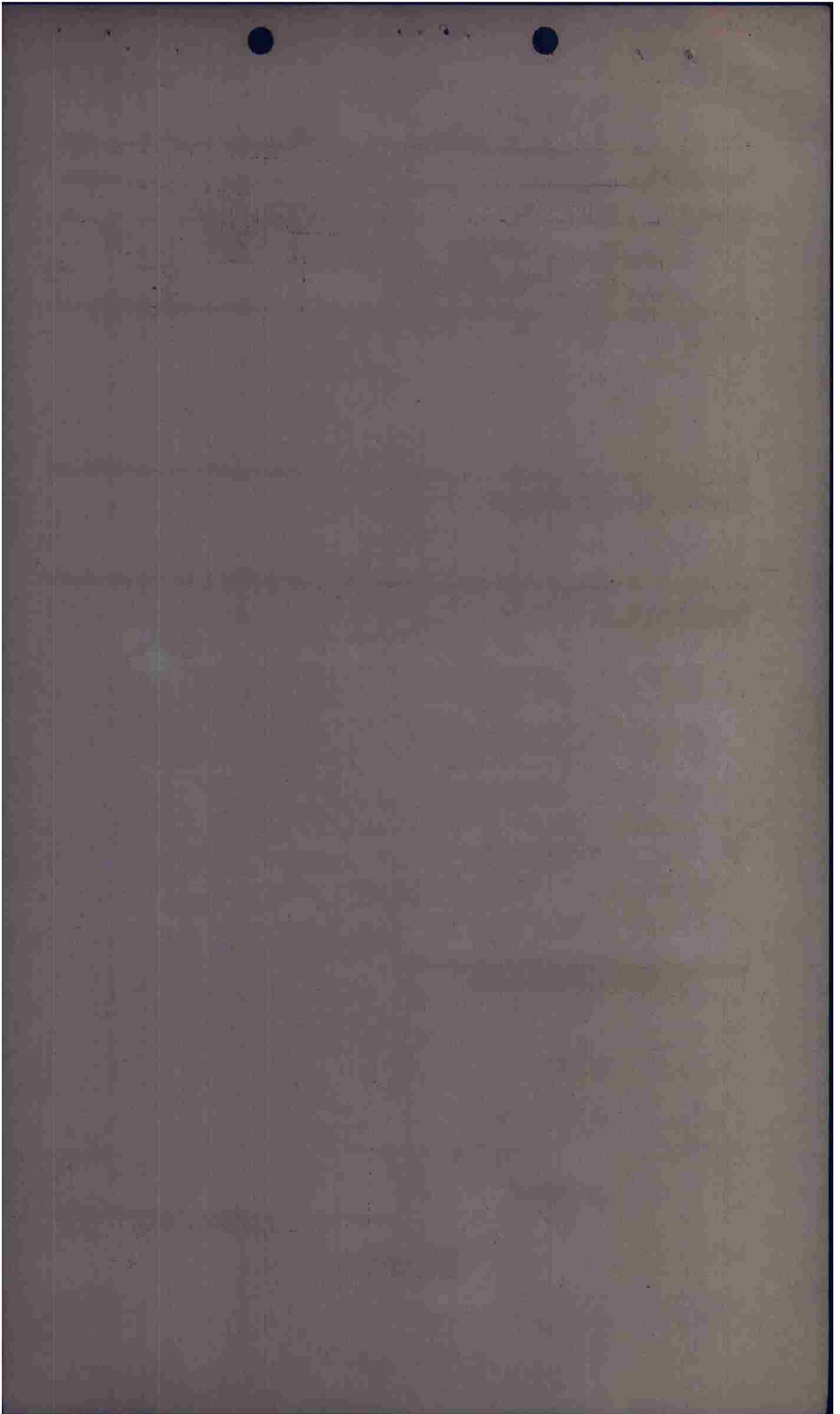
TOT-1401 $\frac{2}{3}$
ALT - 13,000
IAS - 210
M.H. - 043° $\frac{1}{4}$ 40°

must be briefed for C/B fire - but lost a bit there.



H. J. Pope
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PILOT VAN NORDEN A/C# 356 BOX 1 FLT 3

CASUALTIES _____

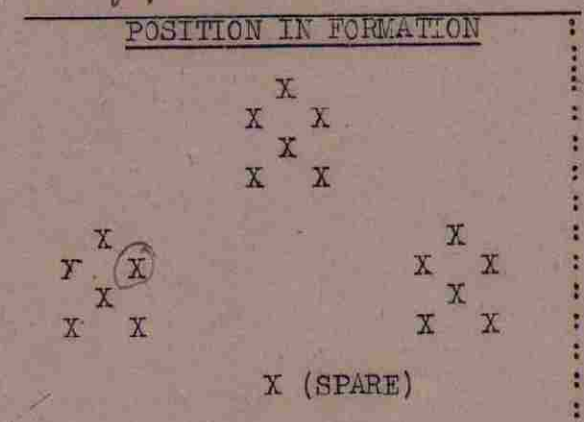
BOMBS :		ON <u>Primary</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>6</u>	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

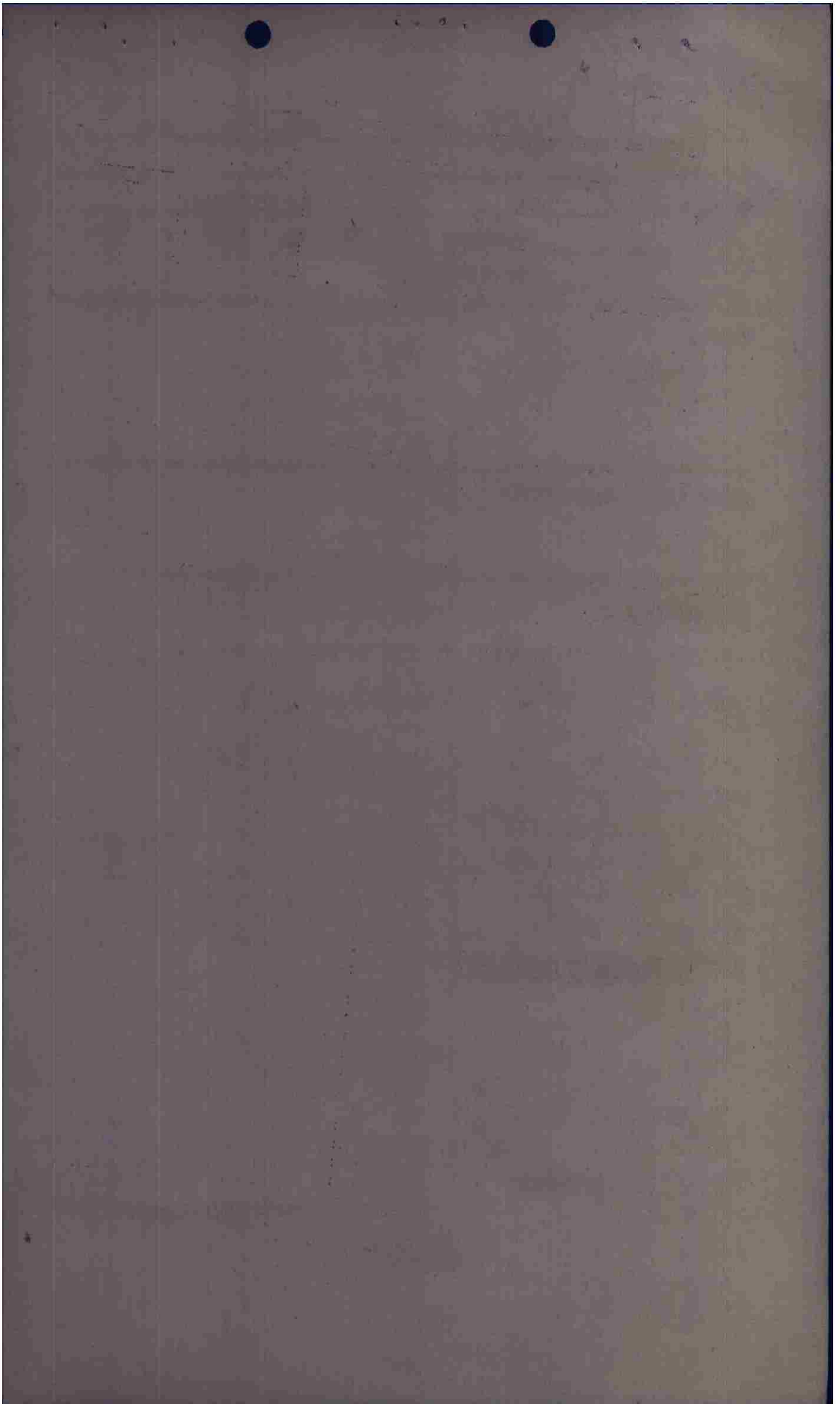
OBSERVATIONS :

Heavy smoke all over town.
Good obs. weather.
Smaller towns short of target were burning.
Dropped with #3 man when gunner of lead A/C wanted to drop bombs. Lead A/C had malfunction in bomb bay doors. Dropped bombs later.

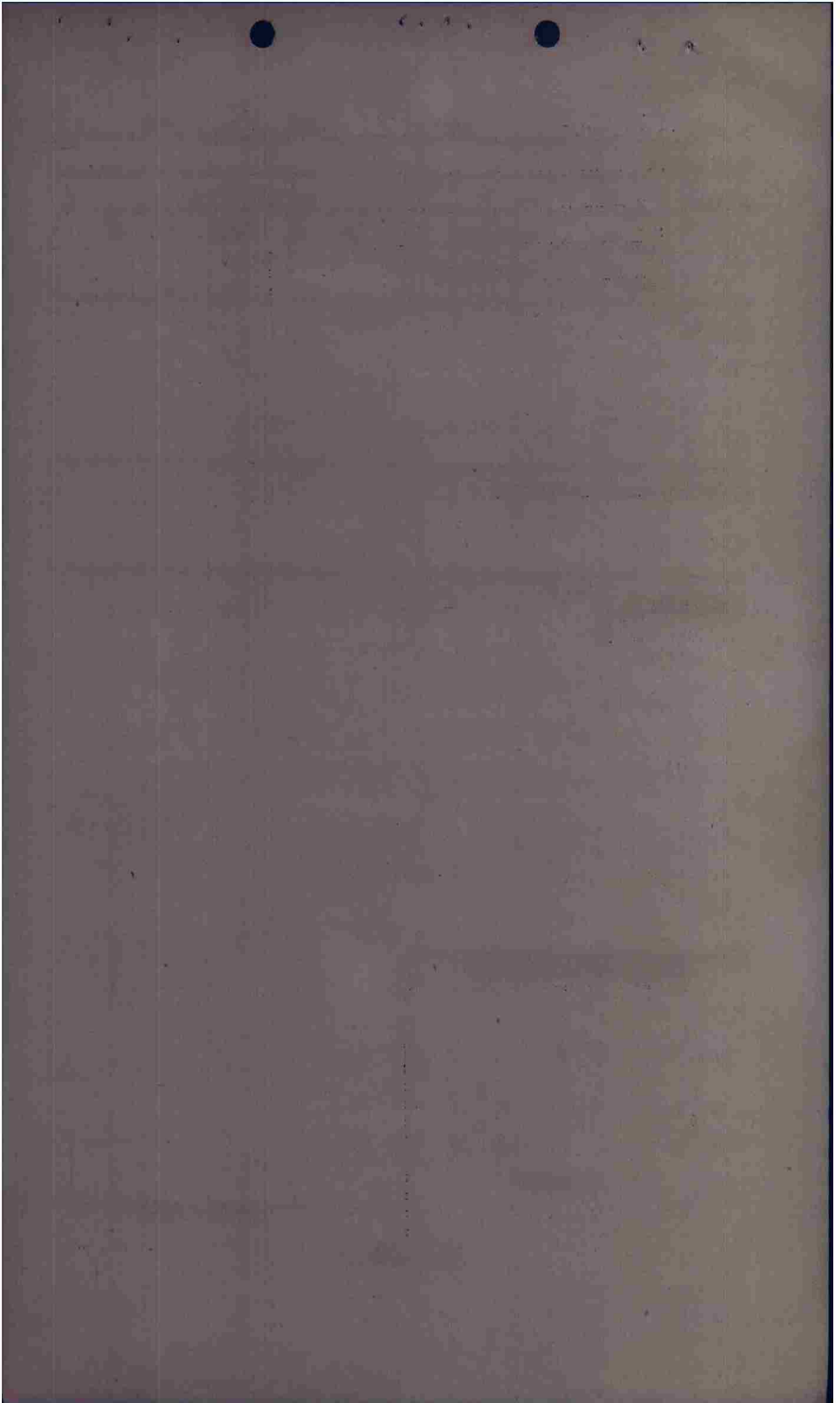


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PILOT WINN A/C# 739 BOX 1 FLT 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>6</u> <u>X 500</u> ON <u>Inc.</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	" <u>A</u> "	" <u>A-G</u> "	" <u>E</u> "
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : 8 bursts 10-15 miles to right on way to RP. & just on turn off tgt.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Bomb hit in center of town. possible excellent.
Dropped on command of lead B/N when lead AC had malfunction in barby lance target burning heavily.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

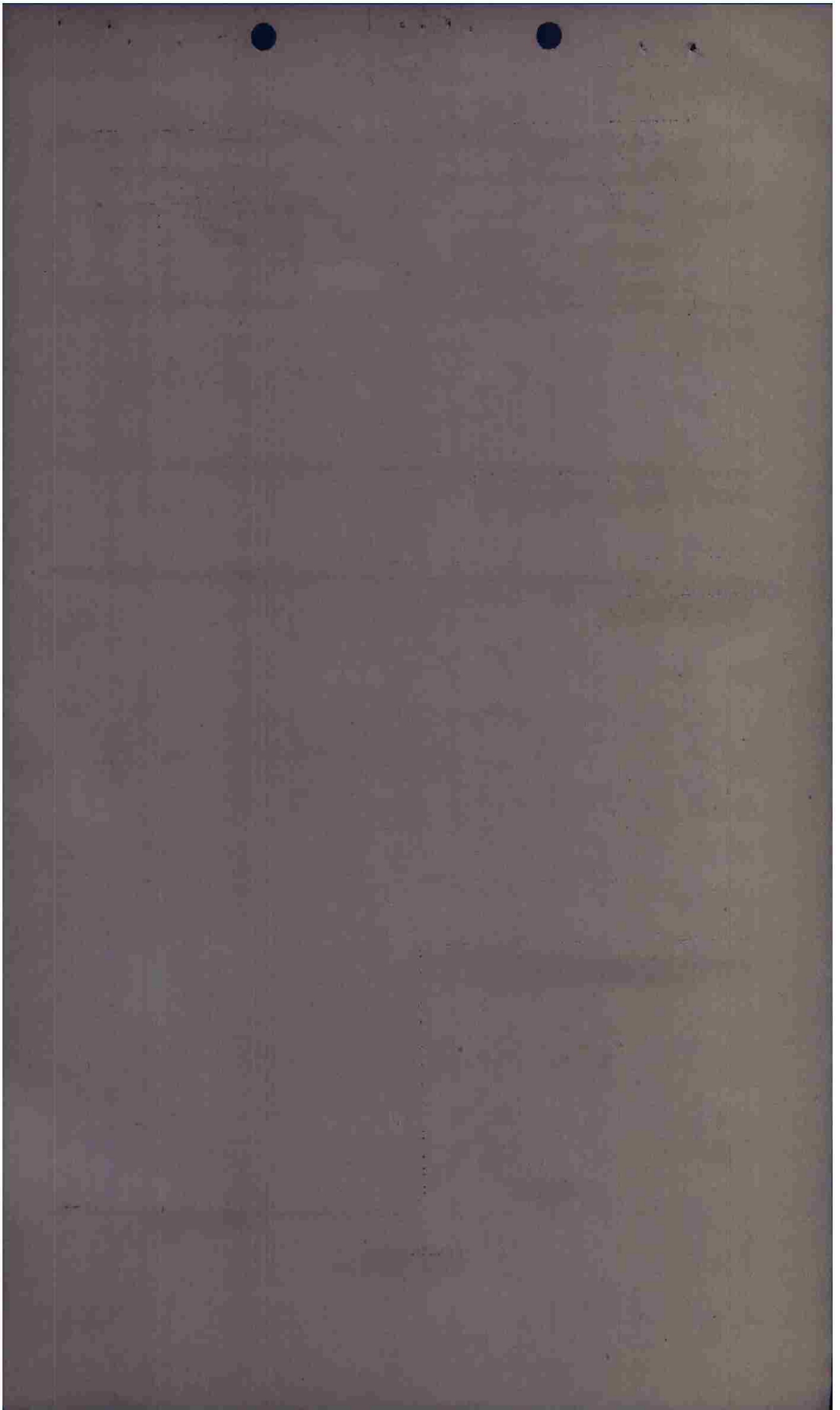
  (Y) X
    X X
    X X

      X
    X  X
      X X
    X  X

X (SPARE)
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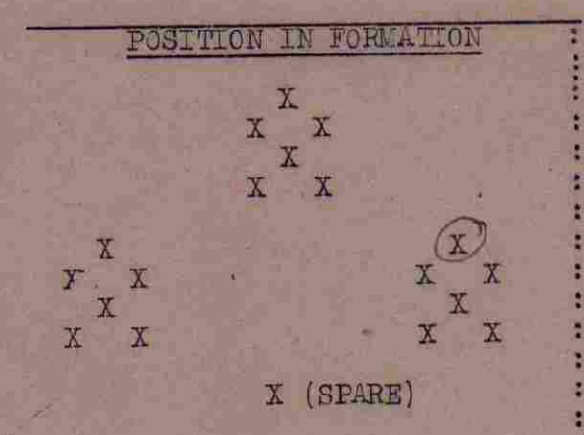
F/C _____ CONFIDENTIAL INTERR. FORM
PILOT BROWN A/C# 499 BOX 1 FLT 2

CASUALTIES		BATTLE DAMAGE		
BOMBS :	<u>6</u> X <u>500</u> ON <u>line</u>	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X RETURNED			
	X JETTISONED			

FLAK : X#1 to left on bomb run & came
X#1 seen to east of tgt.

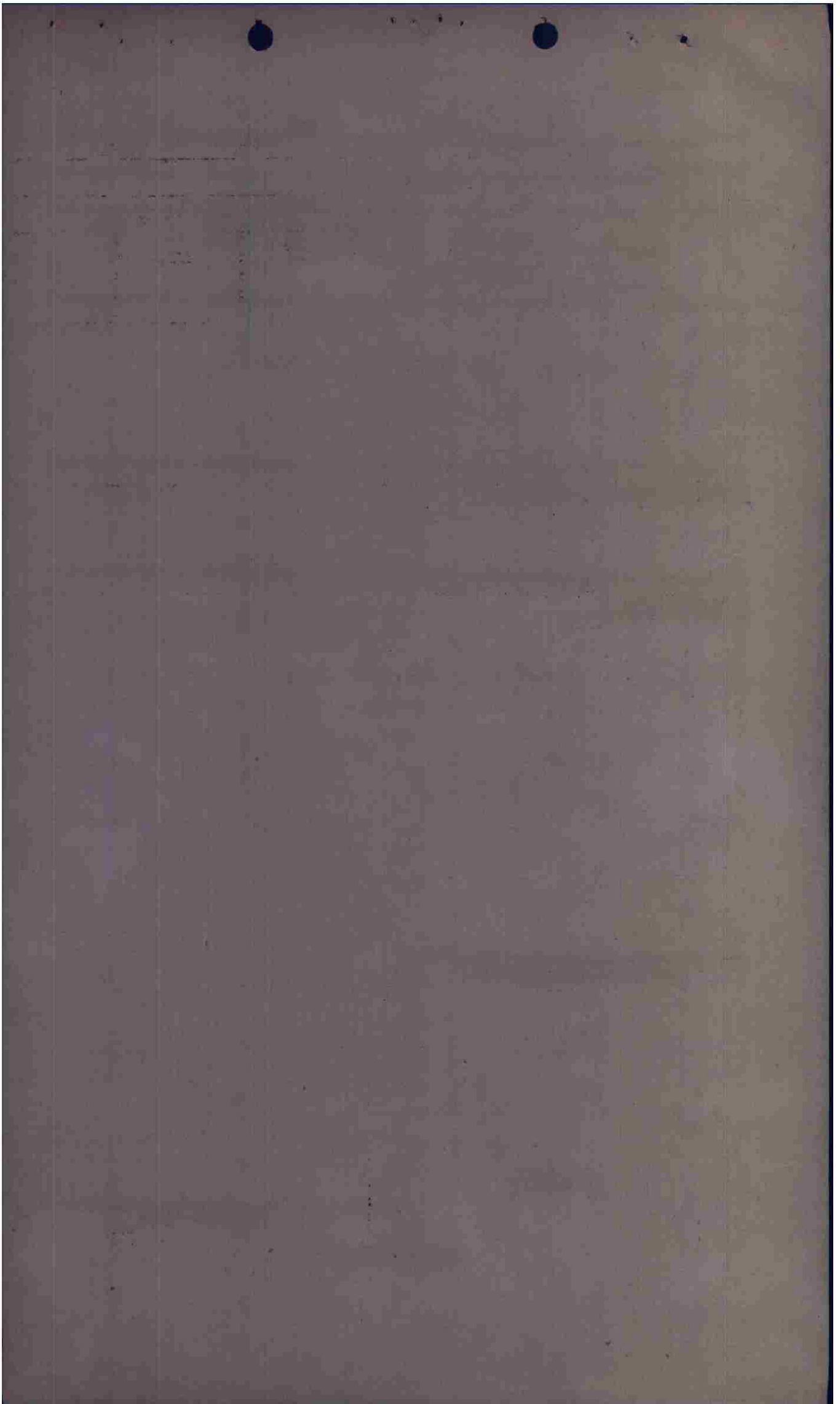
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :
all bombs in tgt area. Heavy fire
started. 3rd flt to bomb.
t.o.t. - 1403
alt. - 12500
Head - 45°
I.A.S. - 210
all flt dropped.



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PILOT PAIR A/C# 498 BOX 1 FLT 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : 4 bursts of flak at target.
XHI.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Salvage bombs in lake at
Q 965 538 at 1504 $\frac{1}{2}$
couldn't get bombay down open so
called flight to drop on bomb away from B/N.
Bombs fell on the area of A.P. in the town.
Large fire started in town.
to.t. 1403 $\frac{1}{2}$
alt : 11400
Head - 40°
1.A.S. - 2100

POSITION IN FORMATION

X

X X

X

X X

X

X X

X X

X (SPARE)

X

X X

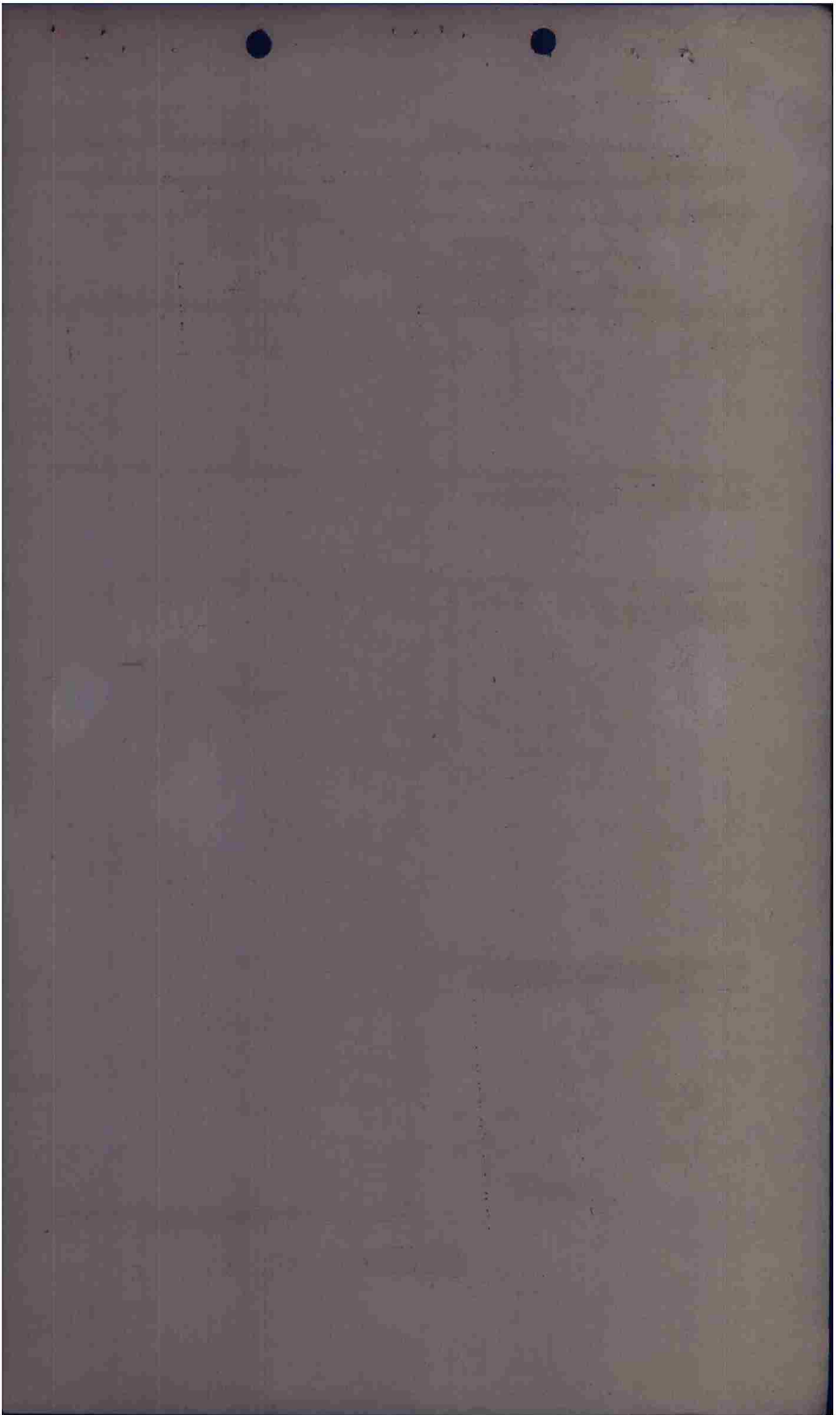
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PILOT VAN ROPE A/C# 244 BOX 1 FLT 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>6</u>	<u>X 500</u> ^{inc} ON	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X RETURNED	—	—	—
	X JETTISONED			

FLAK : 8 bursts in target area.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : _____

OBSERVATIONS : fias & smoke covered the town.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X

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X

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X (SPARE)

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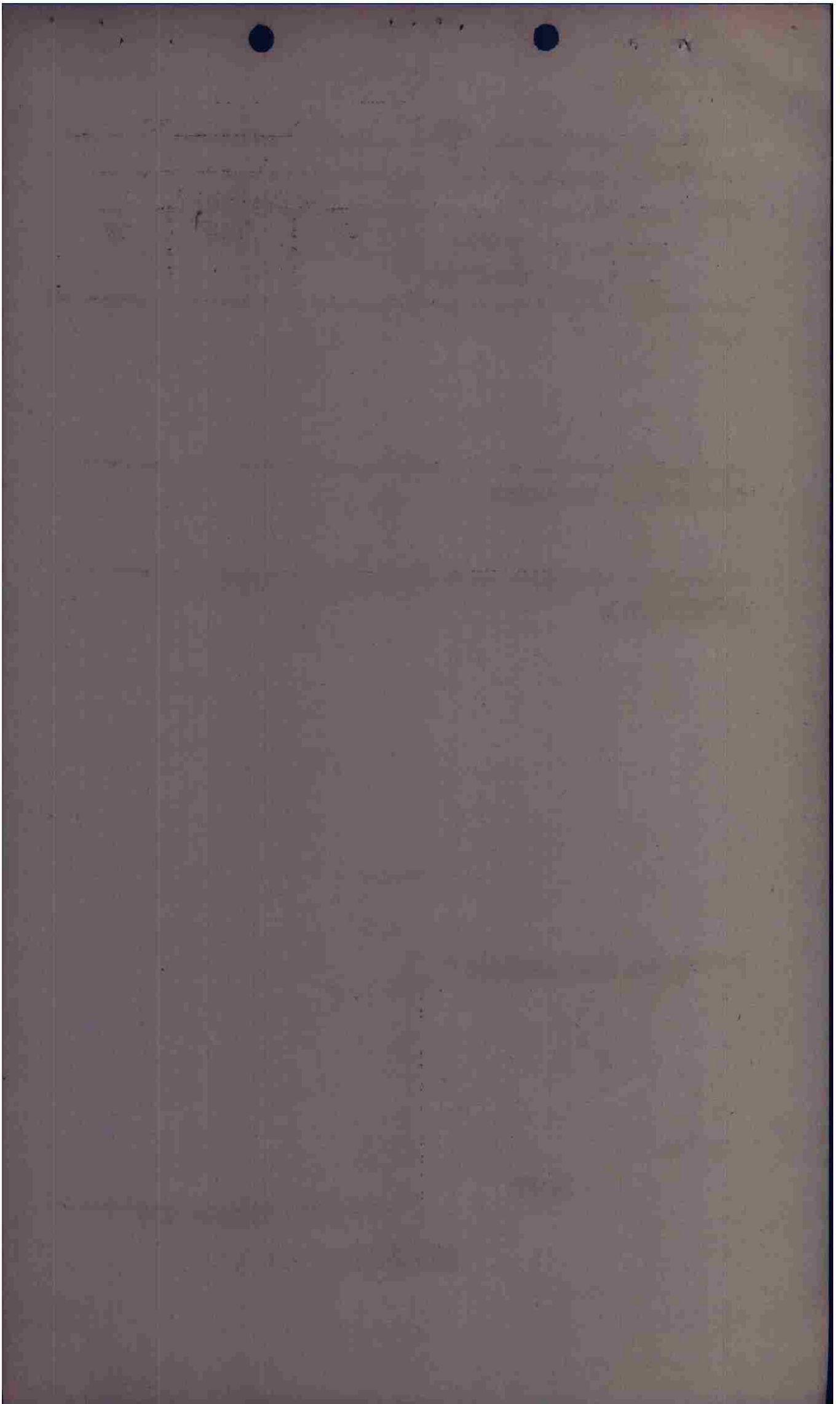
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PILOT SPIRES A/C# 419 BOX 1 FLT 2

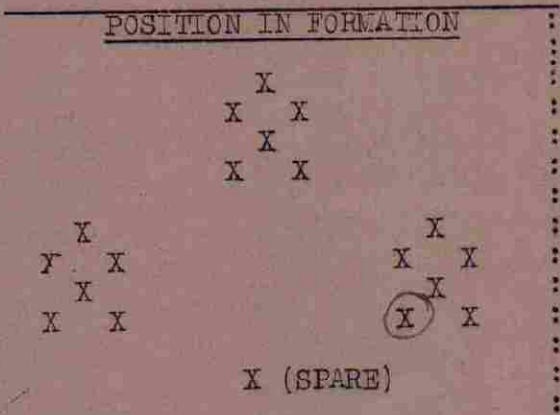
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	X	<u>500</u>	ON <u>1st</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X			RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X			JETTISONED			

FLAK :

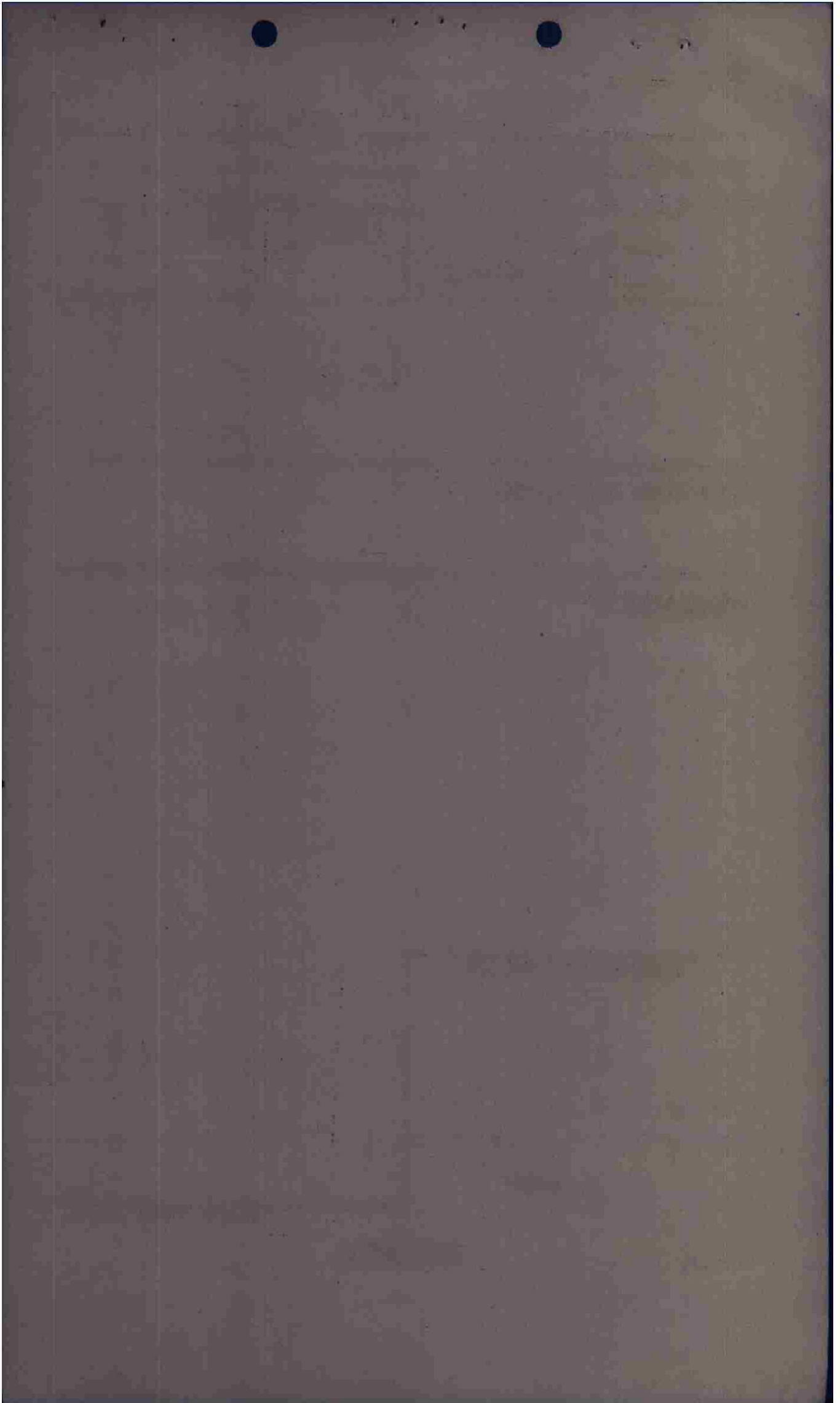
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : bombs in the town, fires & smoke
covered the town.



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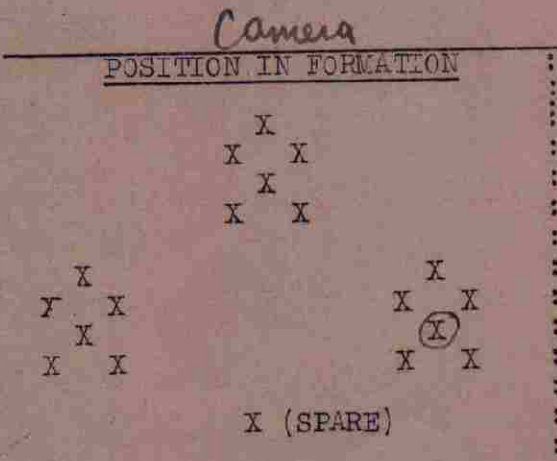
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PILOT MURRAY A/C# 209 BOX 1 FLT 2

CASUALTIES			
BOMBS :	<u>6</u> X <u>500</u>	ON _____	BATTLE DAMAGE
	<u> </u> X <u> </u>	RETURNED	"A" : "A-C" : "E" :
	<u> </u> X <u> </u>	JETTISONED	: : :

FLAK : _____

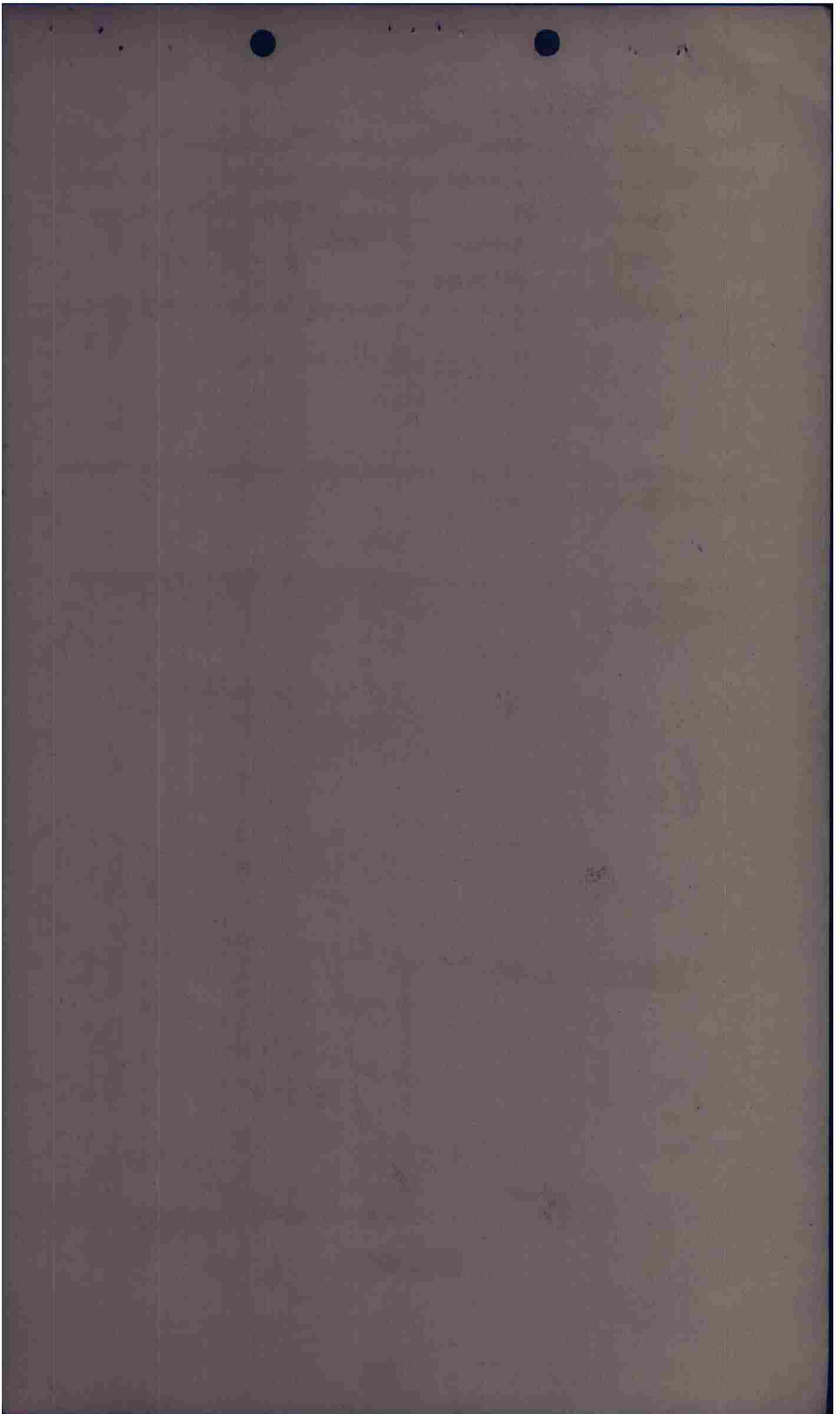
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs in the city, fires and smoke in the town



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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

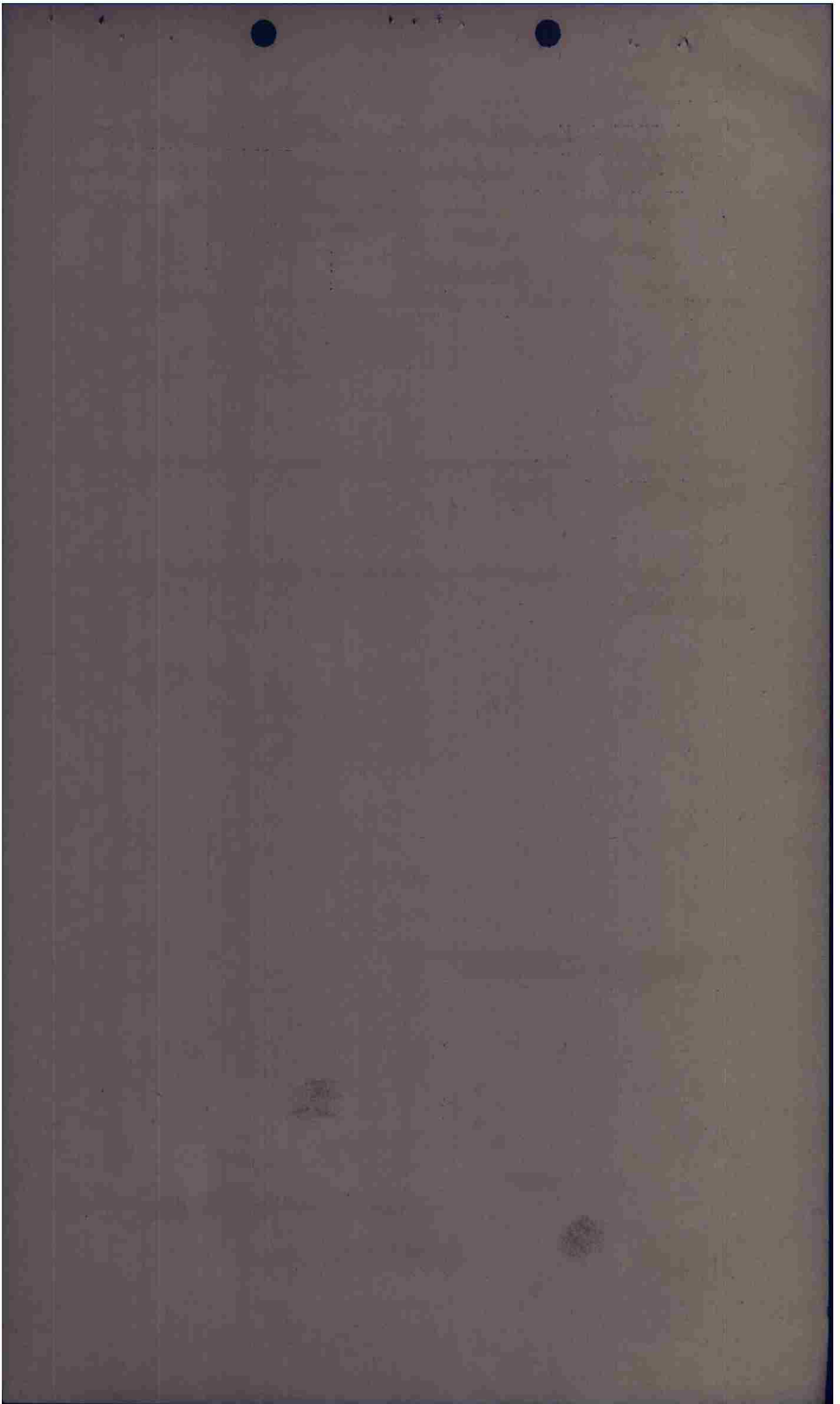
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	X	
Y		X
	X	
X		X

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PILOT NIELSEN A/C# 326 BOX 1 FLT 3

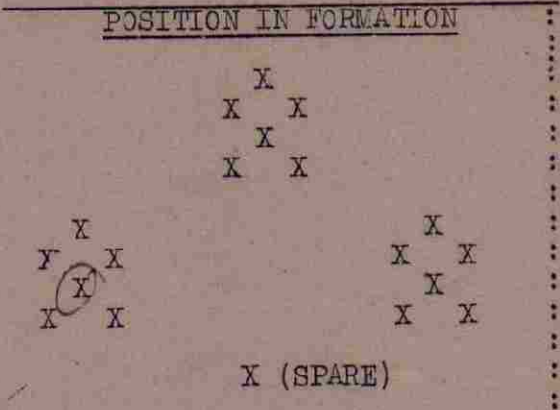
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	X	<u>ON</u>	<u>Prison</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		X	RETURNED		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
		X	JETTISONED				

FLAK : saw about 25 bursts near Lumber not at the formation though

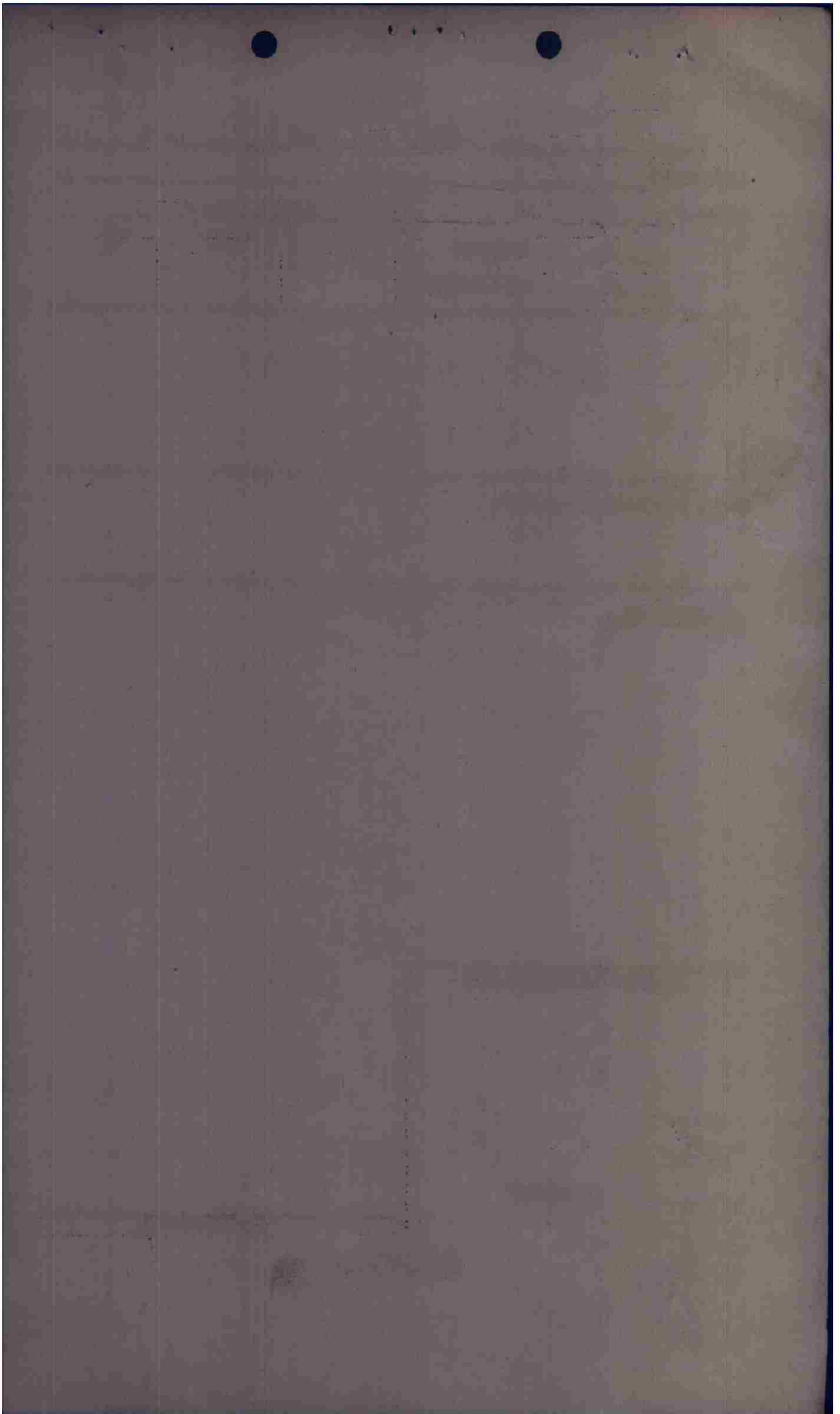
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : X

OBSERVATIONS : Dropped on radio command on flt leader's hydraulic system missed



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PILOT MILHORN A/C# 332 BOX 1 FLT 2

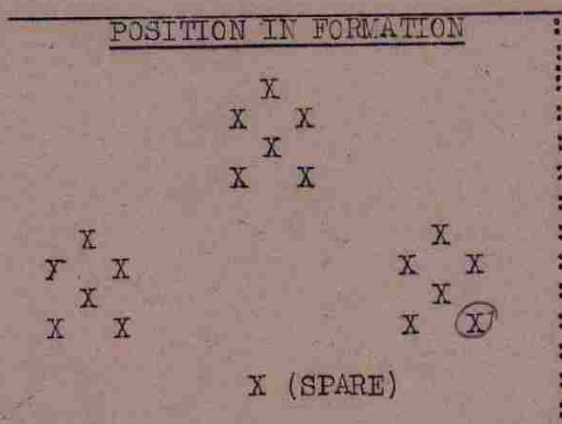
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	X	<u>Incision Primary</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
		X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : just arrived off target, saw 3 bursts
XHI

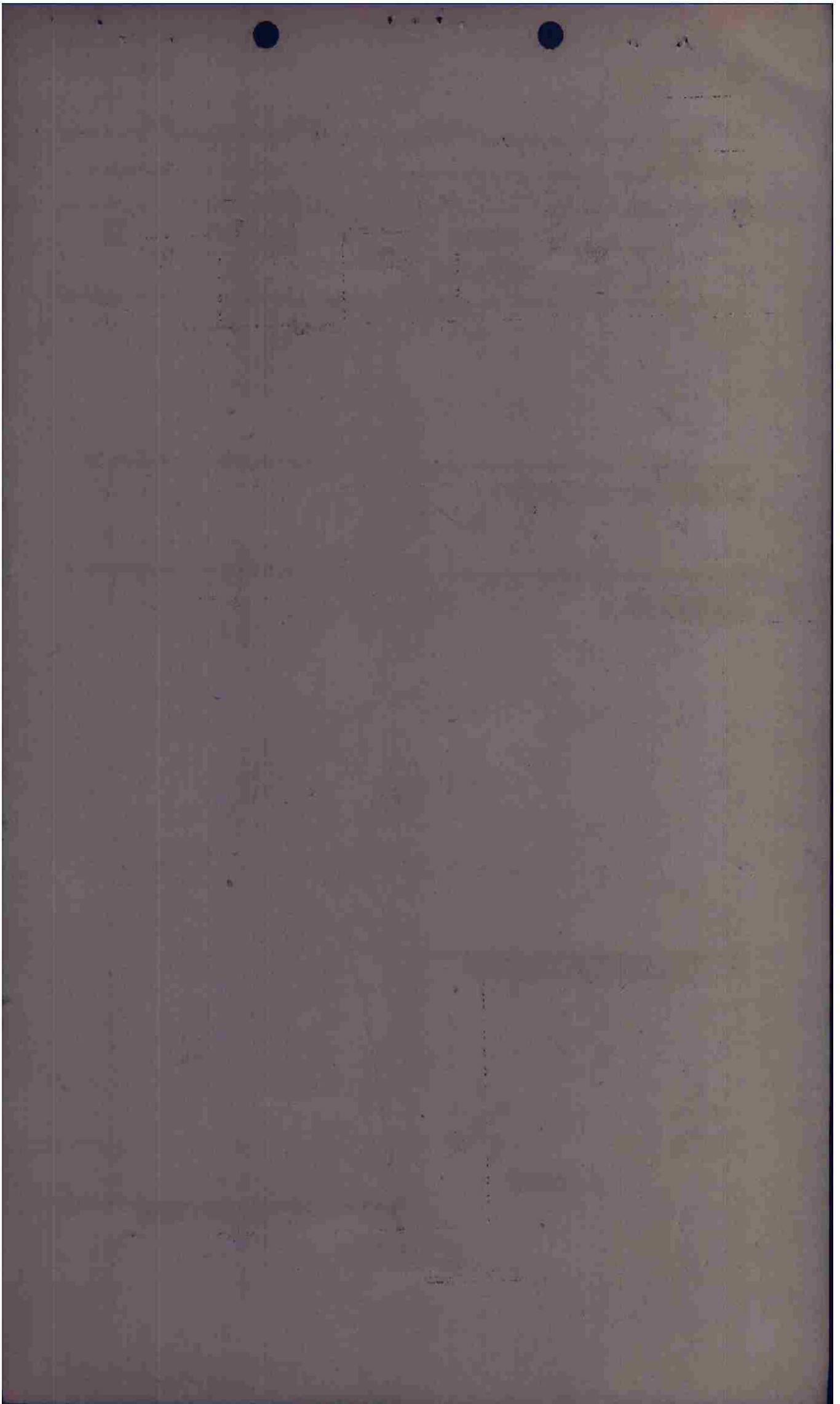
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Town was smoking heavily



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CASUALTIES

BATTLE DAMAGE

55-56

"A-C"

"E"

X JETTISONED

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X X (X)

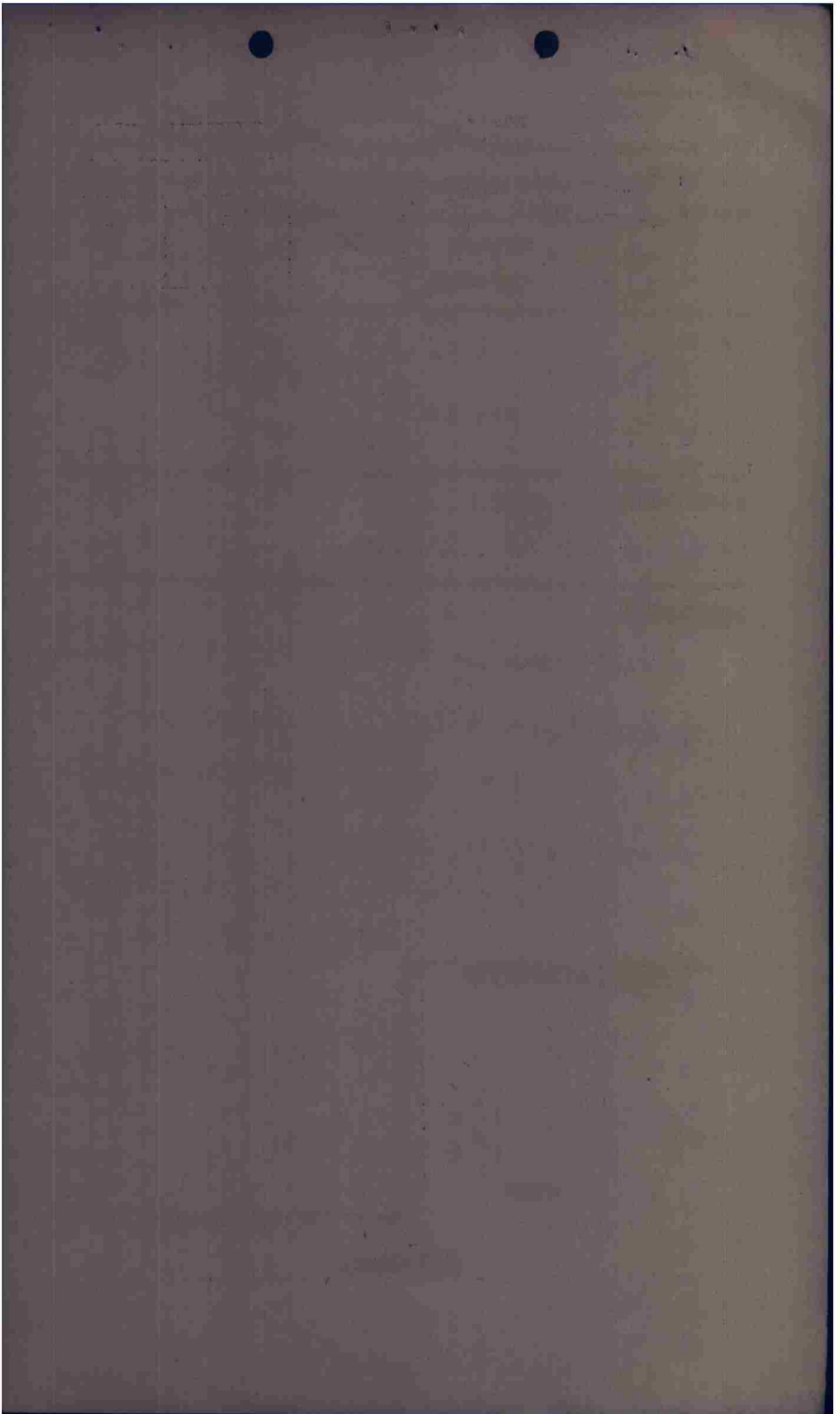
	X	
Y		X
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X		X

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PILOT GARY A/C# 352 BOX 1 FLT 2

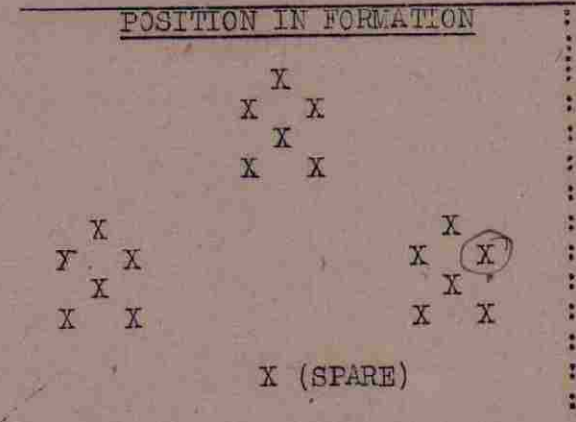
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>6</u>	<u>X 500</u> ON <u>P</u>	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	:	:
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:	<u>kill</u>	:

FLAK : 2 at turn - far below - for bursts
burst at window - AHI (can)

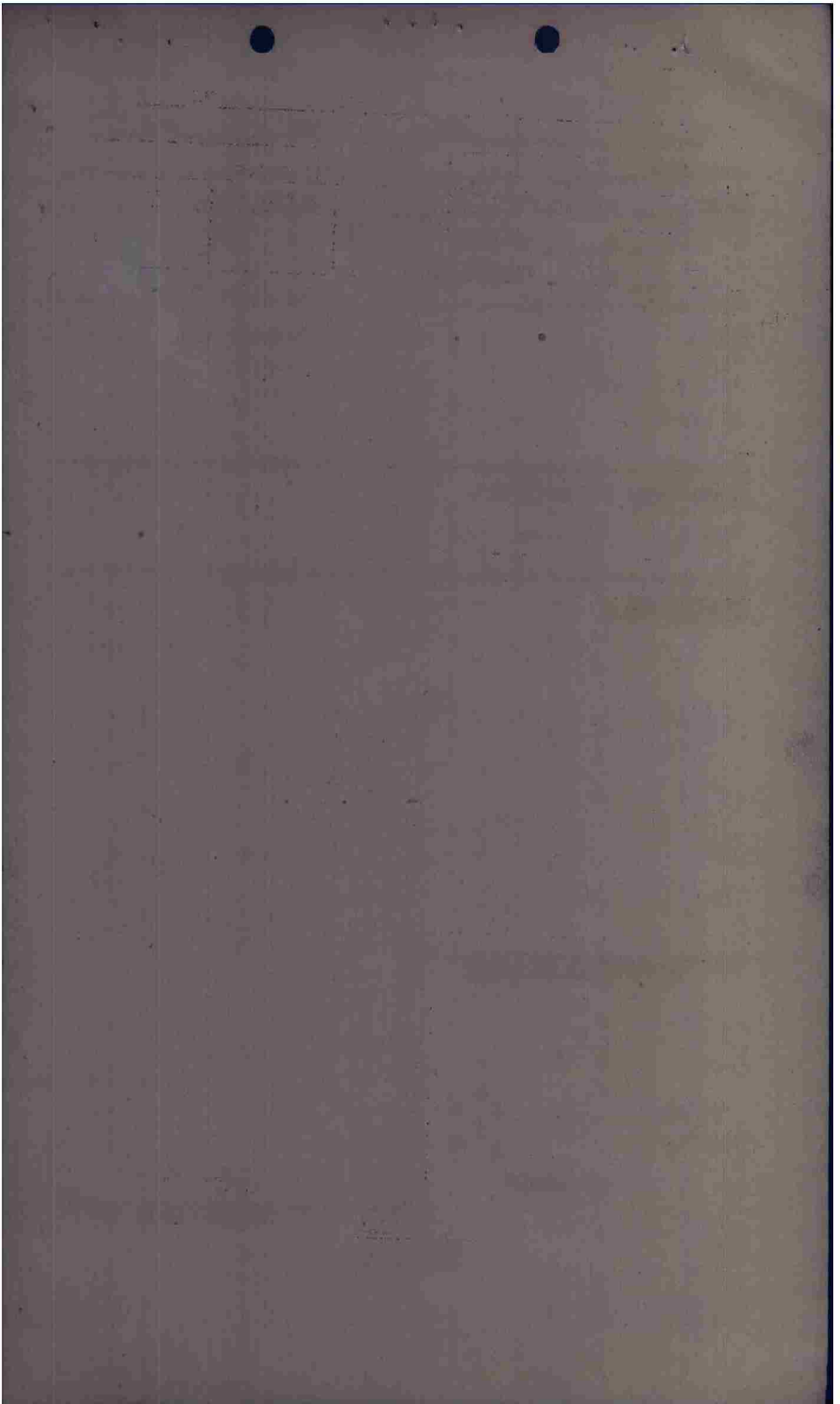
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : W-9
Radios reported bandits - none seen.

OBSERVATIONS :
Saw smoke (shrapnel) & ocean
cloud at 1:2000 ft from
previous bombing. Bombs hit
in small square & target
was smoking & burning when
we left.



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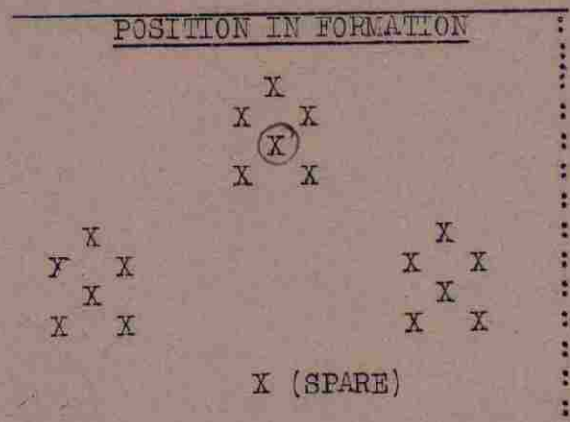
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PILOT SORRELS A/C# 338 BOX 1 FLT 1

CASUALTIES
BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON P
 X RETURNED : "A" : "A-C" : "E"
 X JETTISONED : : :
BATTLE DAMAGE

FLAK :
Nil - 4 units just in turn
for off.

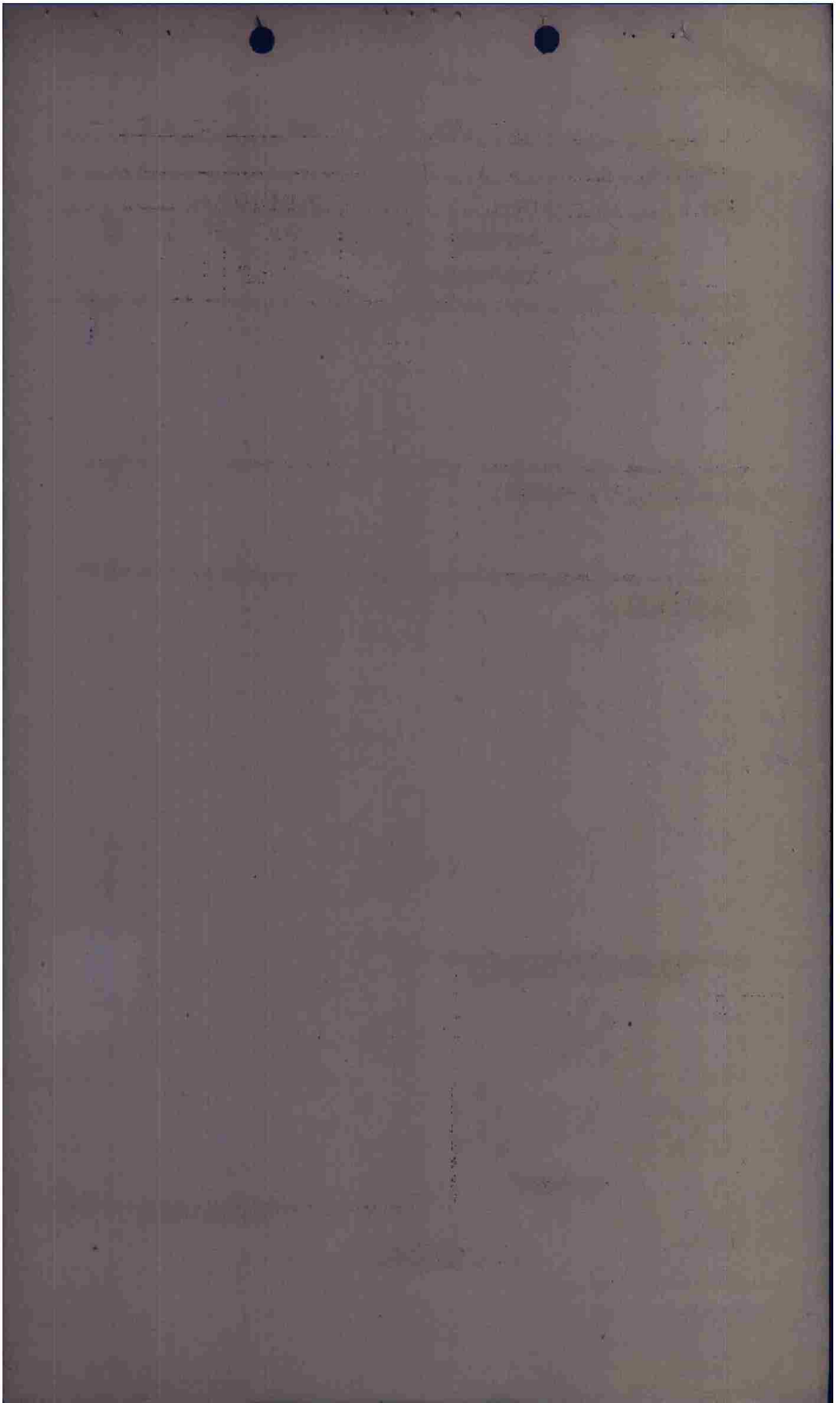
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : Nil.

OBSERVATIONS :
Center of tower in smoke
after bombing.



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PILOT SUTTON A/C# 497 BOX 1 FLT 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON P.T

BATTLE DAMAGE

X RETURNED

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"A-C"

"E"

X JETTISONED

FLAK :- XH I on bomb run all filled.
at another formation -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X -

OBSERVATIONS :

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs hit right in town on target - Town on fire -

TOT- 1402 $\frac{1}{2}$ -

AH 13,000 - 450

POSITION IN FORMATION

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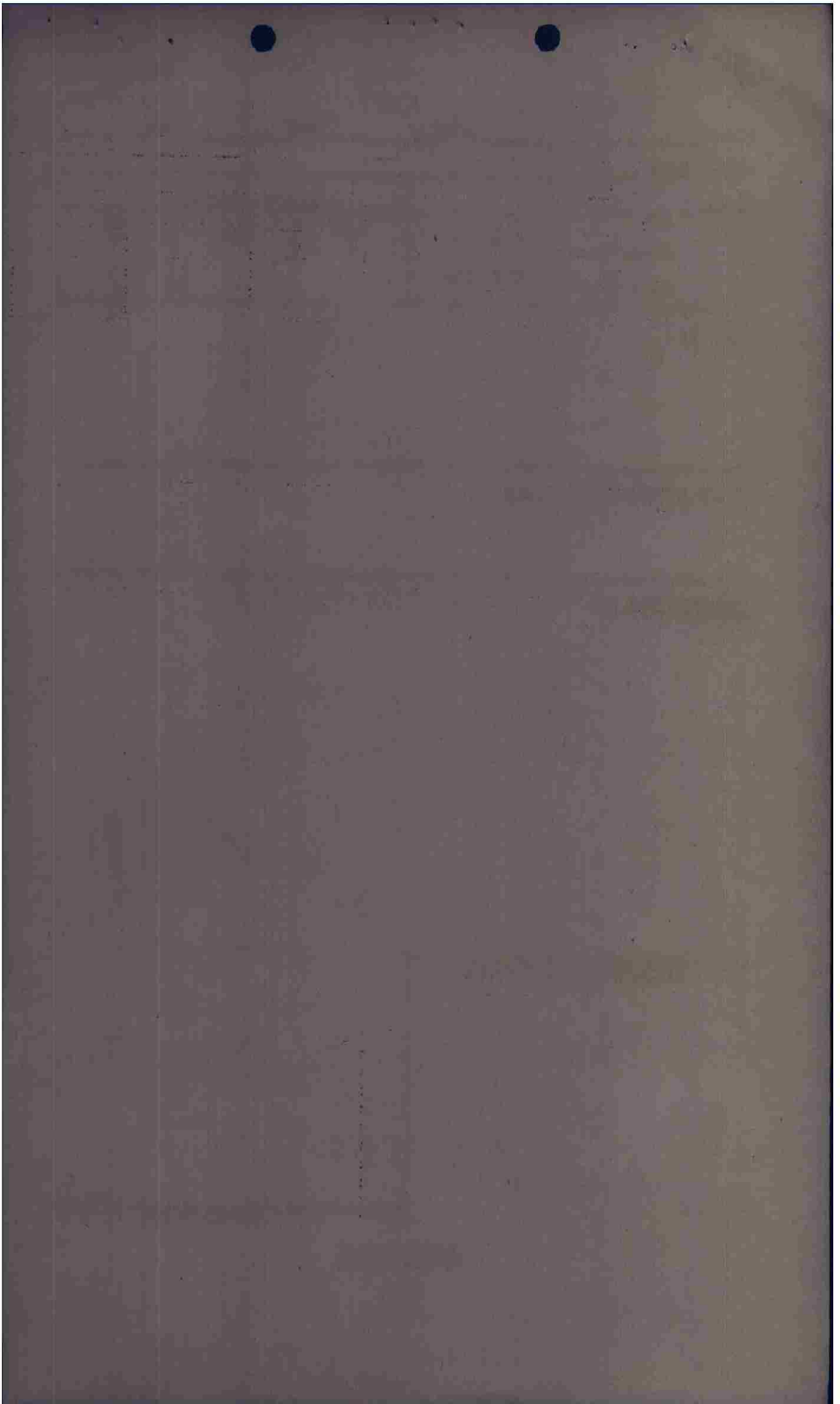
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Y		X
	X	
X		X

X
X
X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT MUSGROVE A/C# 224 BOX 2 FLT 2

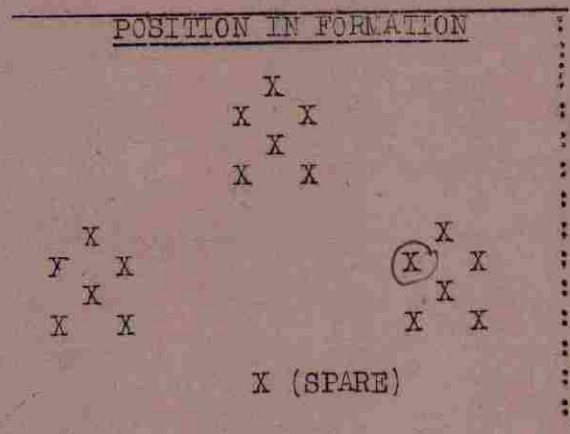
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		<u>6</u> X <u>500</u> ON <u>P.T.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : at B release 45 bursts - X H1.

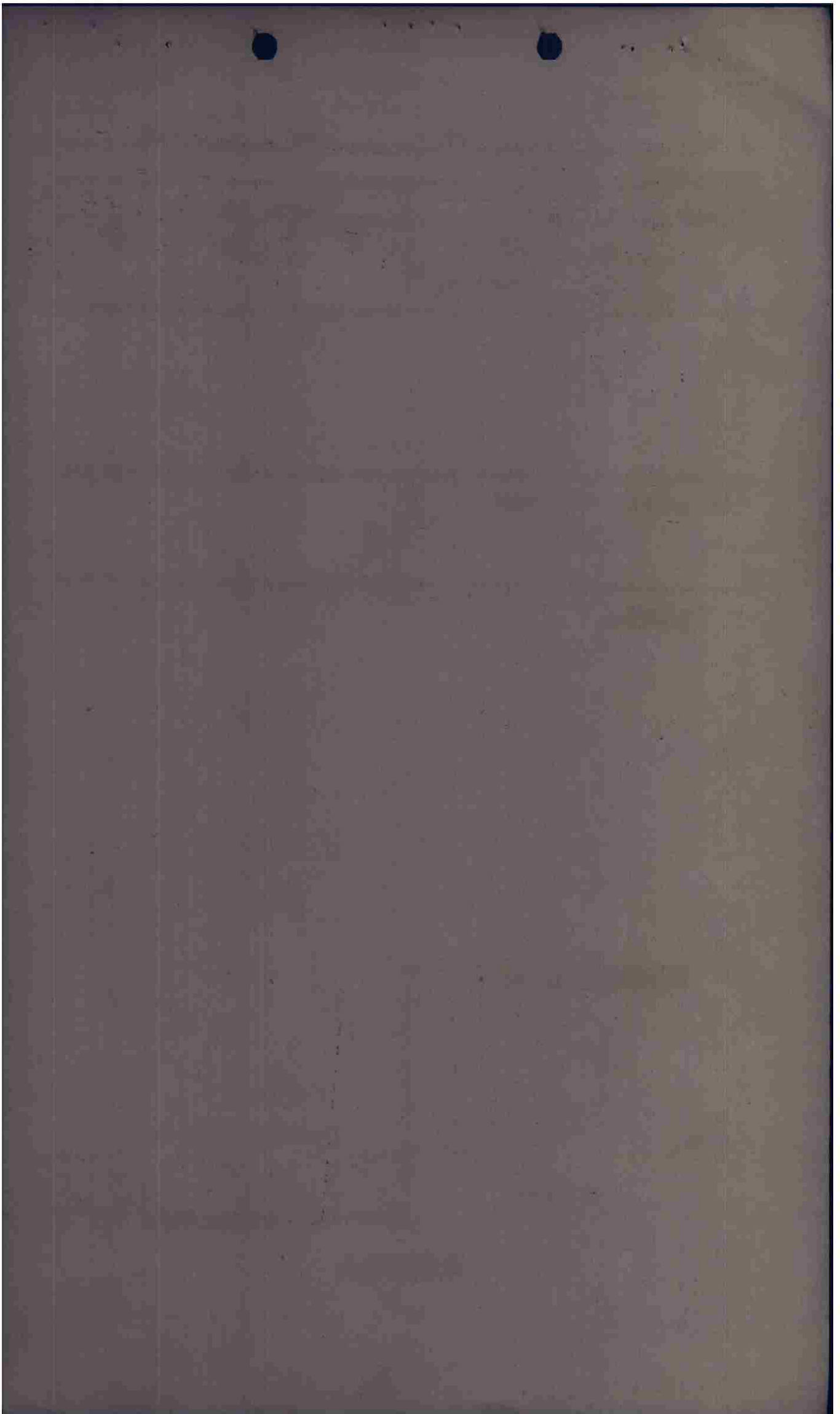
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :  P-47 + 38000.

OBSERVATIONS : Smoke + fire all the time



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PILOT SMITH A/C# 314 BOX 2 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>6</u>	X	<u>500</u>			
	X	RETURNED			
	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : in middle of Tri of I.P. T/A + R.A.
10 bursts
few bursts on line off V.H.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :



OBSERVATIONS :

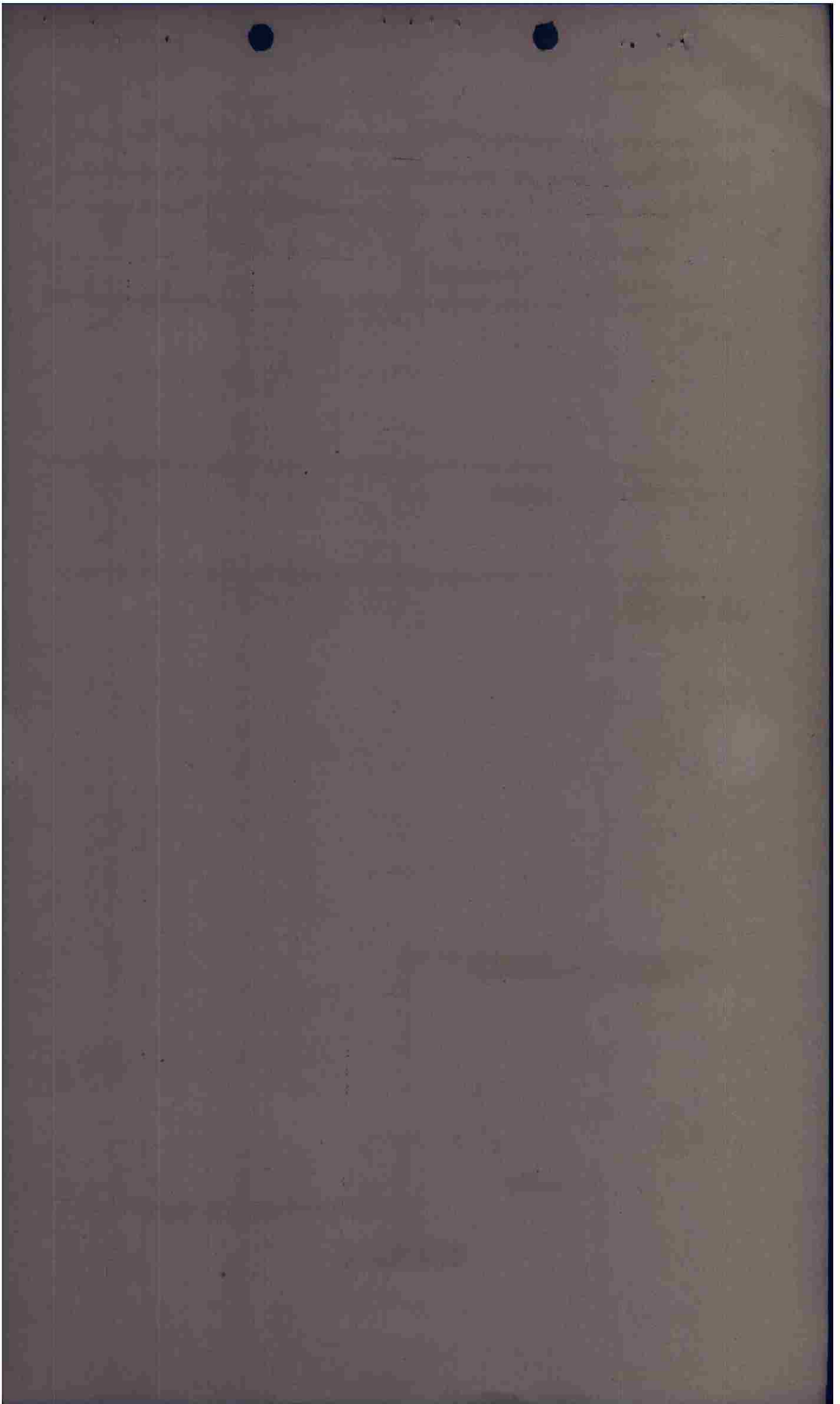
plane spun in on B.L. or trap
line - 2, or 3,000 ft. - no smoke or crash
fires in center - ^{S+W} edges of
flashes at T.P. - prob A.H.
smoke of musketeer near lake. 4 or 5 sub. per

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		(X)	
X	X			X
				X
X	X			X
		X (SPARE)		

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PILOT SWAP A/C# 381 BOX 2 FLT 1

CASUALTIES _____

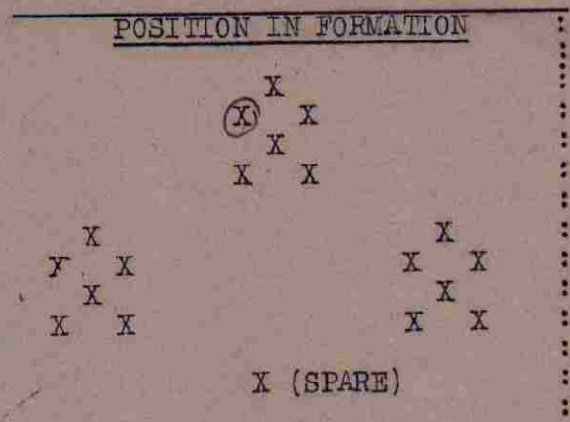
BOMBS : <u>6</u> X <u>500</u> ON <u>PT.</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

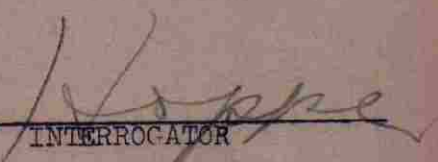
FLAK : at B.L. - 6 bursts x H1 runway
off to rx.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : 

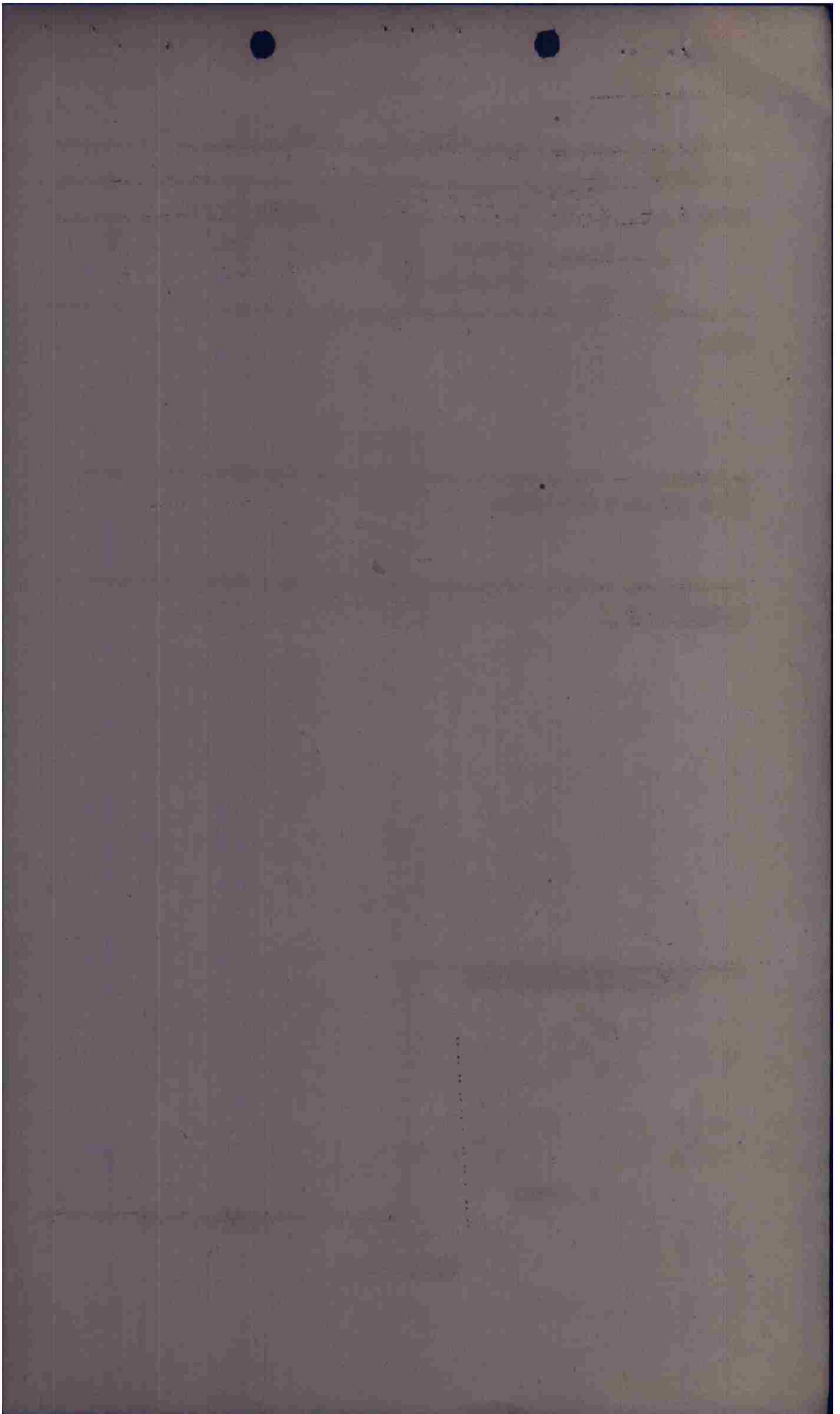
OBSERVATIONS : in center of town.

smoke of art or bombs before
out may be




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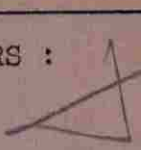
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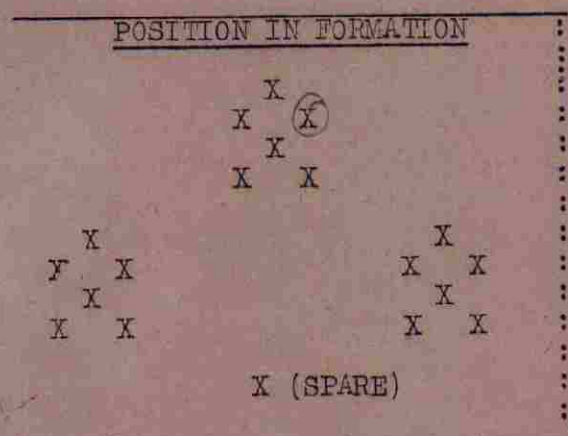
F/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL INTERR. FORM
PILOT WEINERT A/C# 354 BOX 2 FLT 1

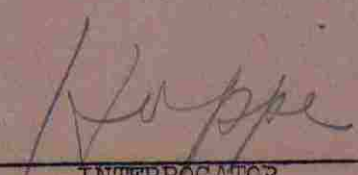
CASUALTIES		BATTLE DAMAGE		
BOMBS :	<u>6</u> X <u>500</u> ON <u>P.T.</u>	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X RETURNED			
	X JETTISONED			

FLAK : 1359 off to left - fa - X H 1
on turn off 1.5 hrs ahead - miles off.

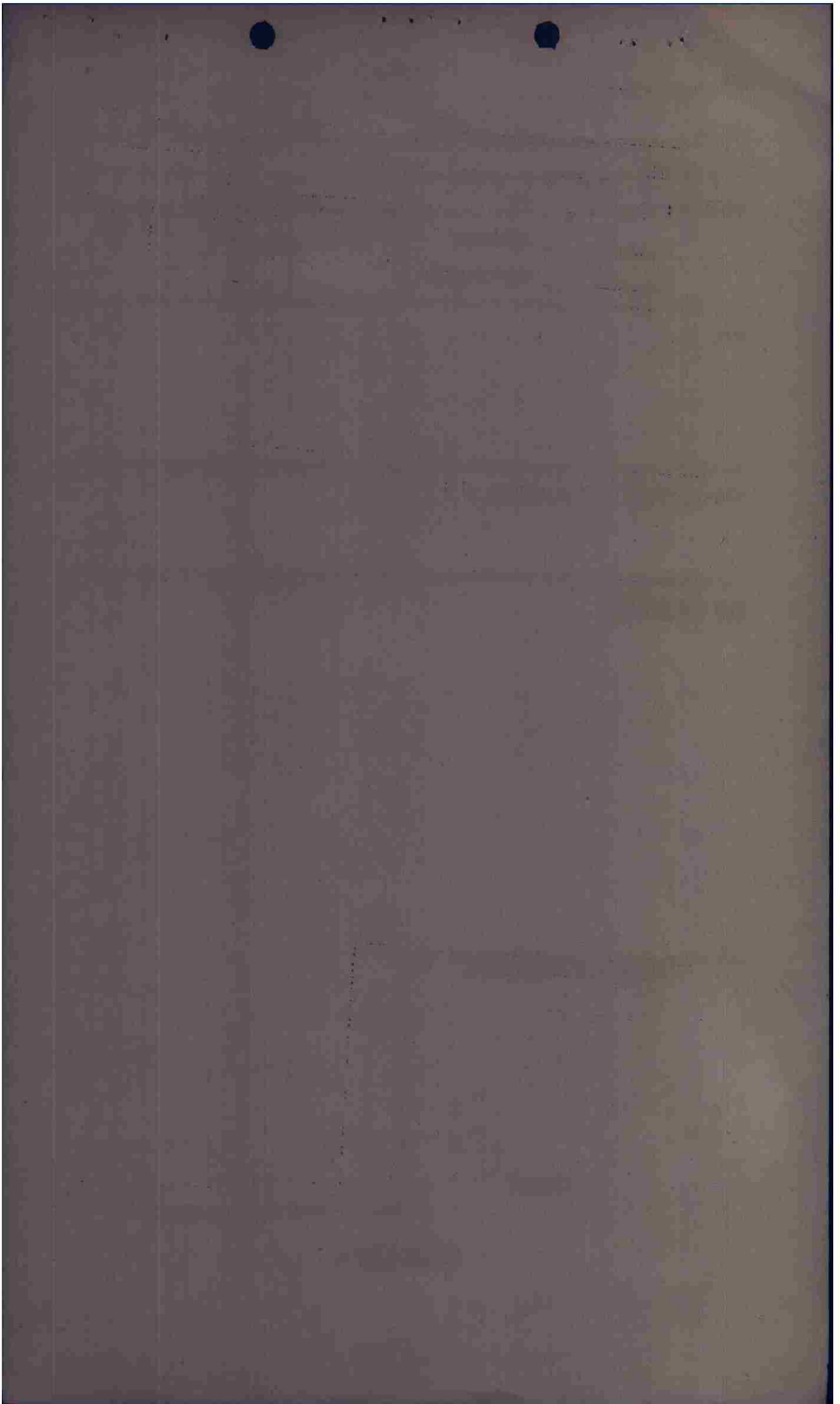
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : 

OBSERVATIONS : whole town - white & black smoke




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PILOT ANDERSON A/C# 481 BOX 2 FLT 3

CASUALTIES

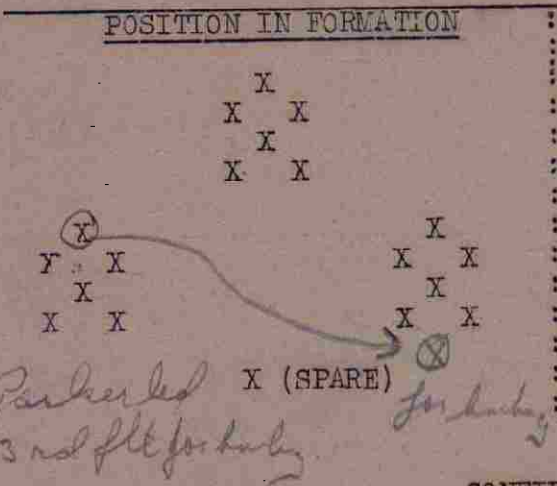
BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	X <u>500</u>	ON <u>P.T.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
		X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : 10-12 bursts. on turn off + on inside.
6 barrages not at form.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : lot of planes below
perhaps some bomb flake.

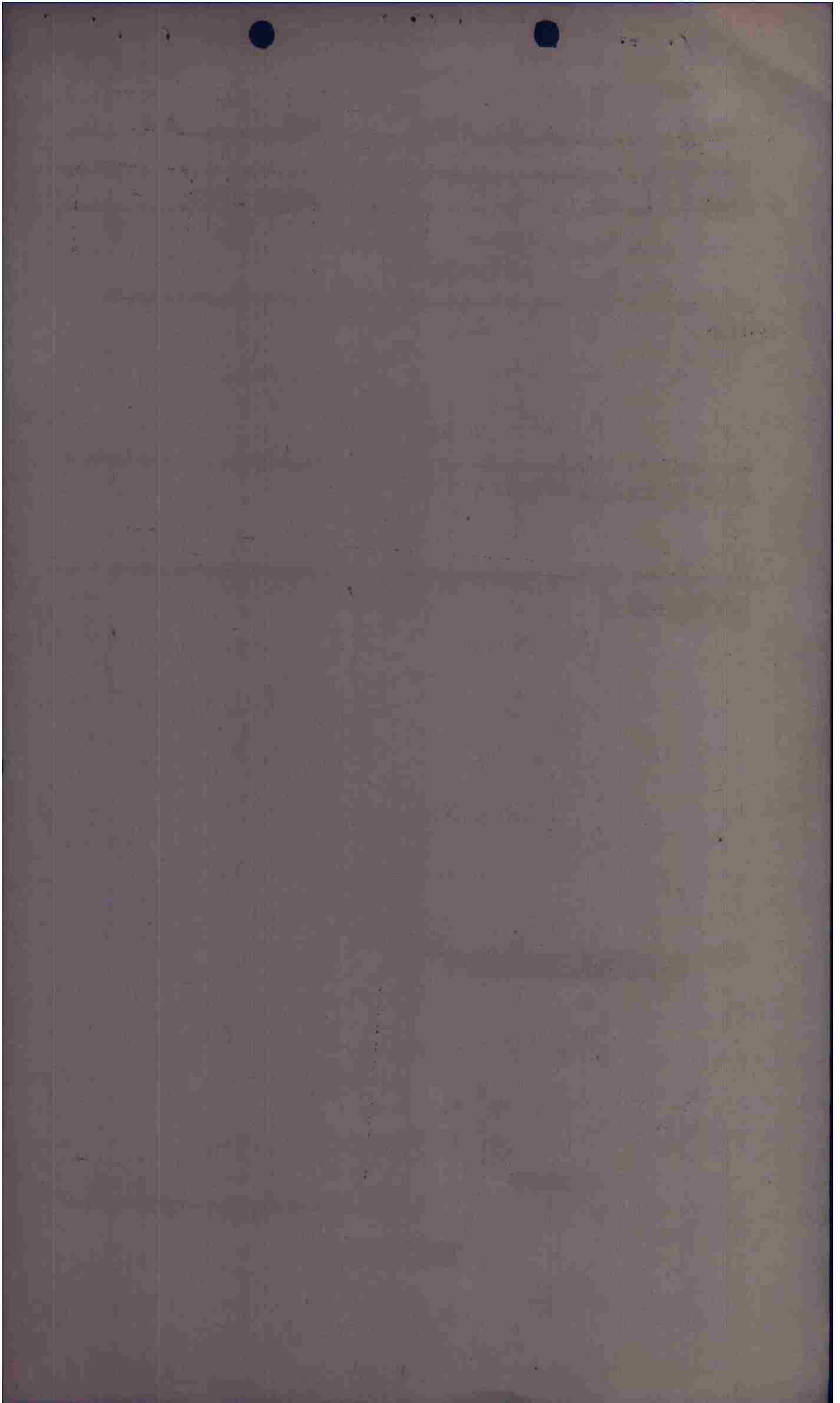
OBSERVATIONS : dropped an incendiary
got late start

TOT - 1403
- 11,600
- 210
- 40°



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PILOT MILLER A/C# 487 BOX 2 FLT 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>6</u>	<u>X 500</u> ON <u>P</u>			
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : 8 flares from 49° 11' - 7° 32'
at rim of woods.
2-4 gun pointers

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

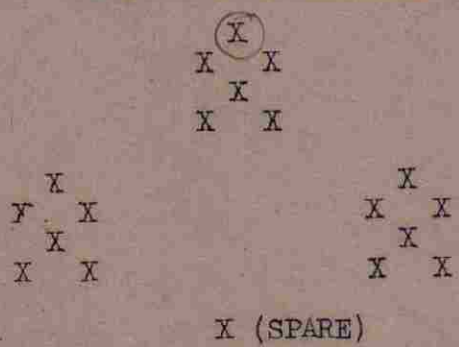
OBSERVATIONS :

1200.
40°
210
1402 hrs.

Results excellent.
Edge of pattern
at MPT.

Fires from Bitcher
SE to Birchville

POSITION IN FORMATION



1-10 mi vis. at
44.
bunker at it &
1 to 3 miles.

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Stamps

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON P.

BATTLE DAMAGE

X RETURNED

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"A-C"

"U"

X JETTISONED

FLAK : XHI on bomb run 10 bursts

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

E/A reported.

OBSERVATIONS :

Fires in all small towns.
Bombs hit in middle of town causing
large fires.
Good bomb run.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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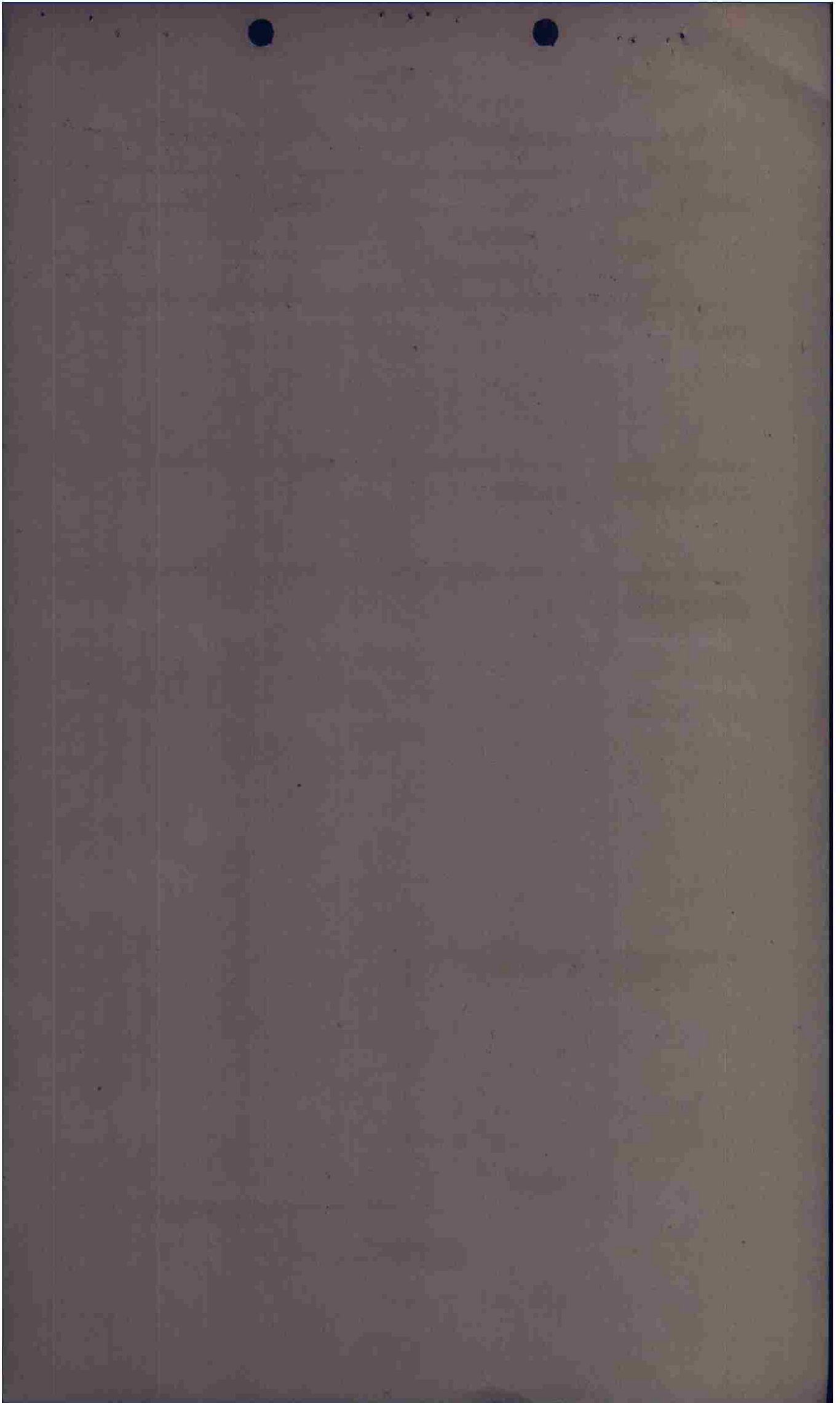
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Y		X
	X	
X		X

X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT O'BRIEN A/C# 320 BOX 2 FLT 2

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	300	ON		
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : 4 bursts - below and ahead on bomb run.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

E/A reported

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombs hit in middle of target area
Heavy fire coming up.
all area was smoking.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X

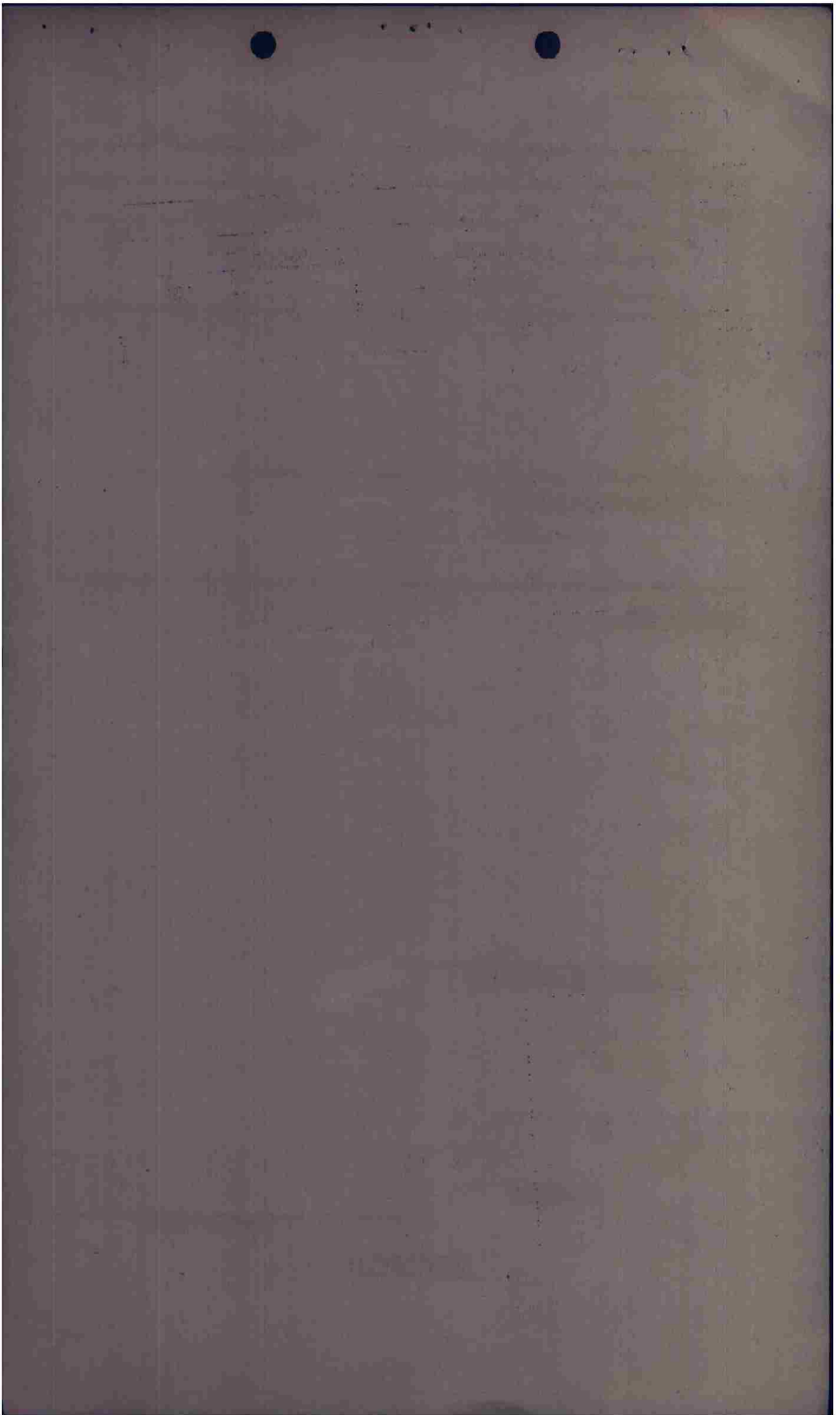
X      X
X      X
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X      X
X      X
X      X

X (SPARE)
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PILOT LASBTER A/C# 385 BOX 2 FLT 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : <u>6 505</u>		ON <u>inc.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>		RETURNED			
<u>X</u>		JETTISONED			

FLAK :

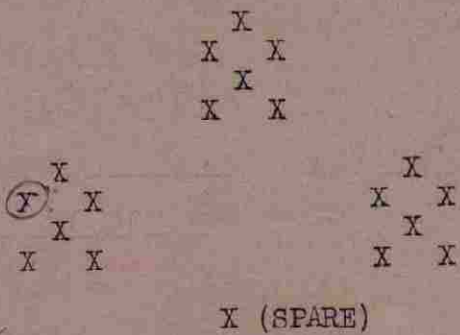
only 3 bursts off target -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

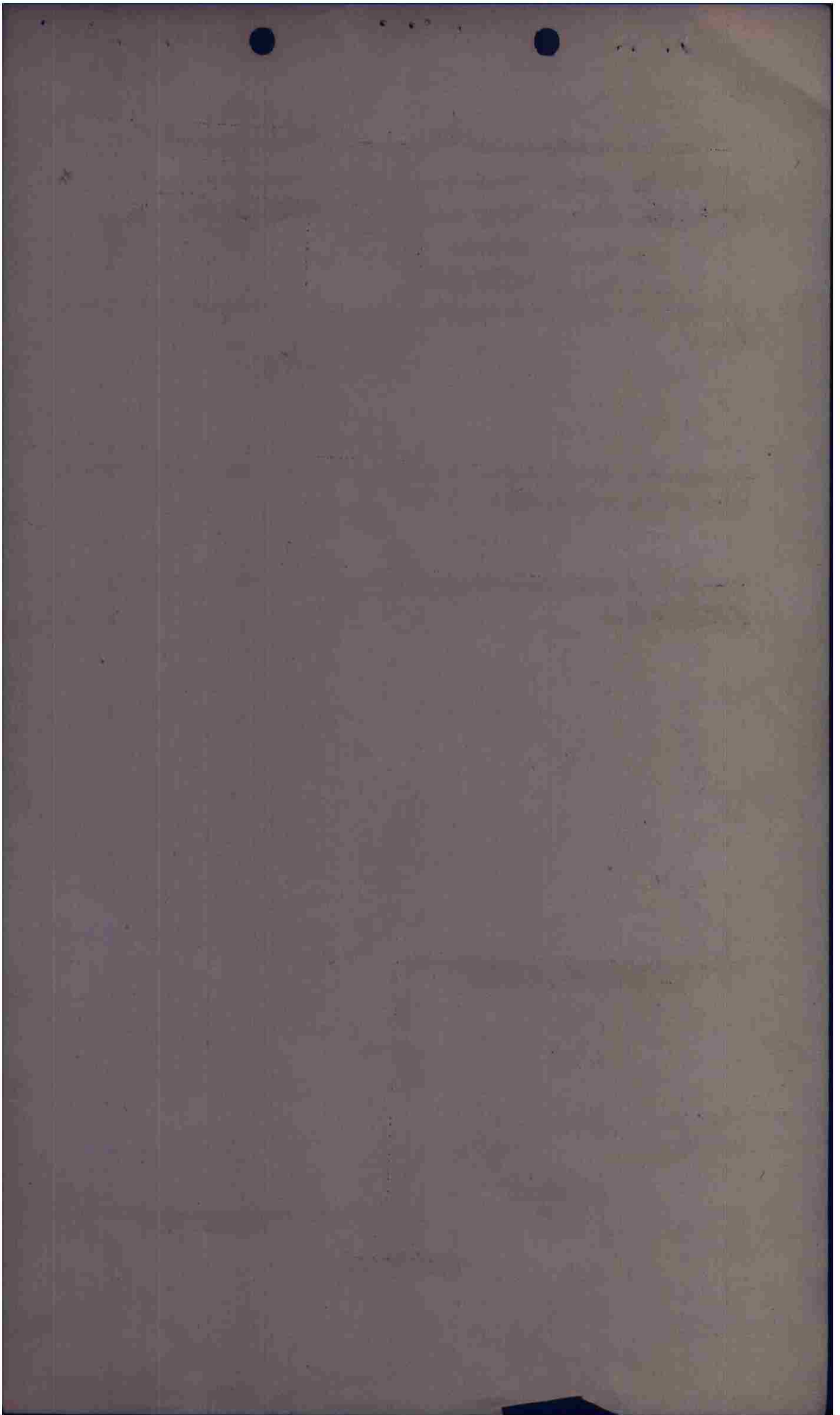
*Bomb hit in tgt. area tower all flames
Heavy smoke.
Ground fire seen from our side
of line.*

POSITION IN FORMATION



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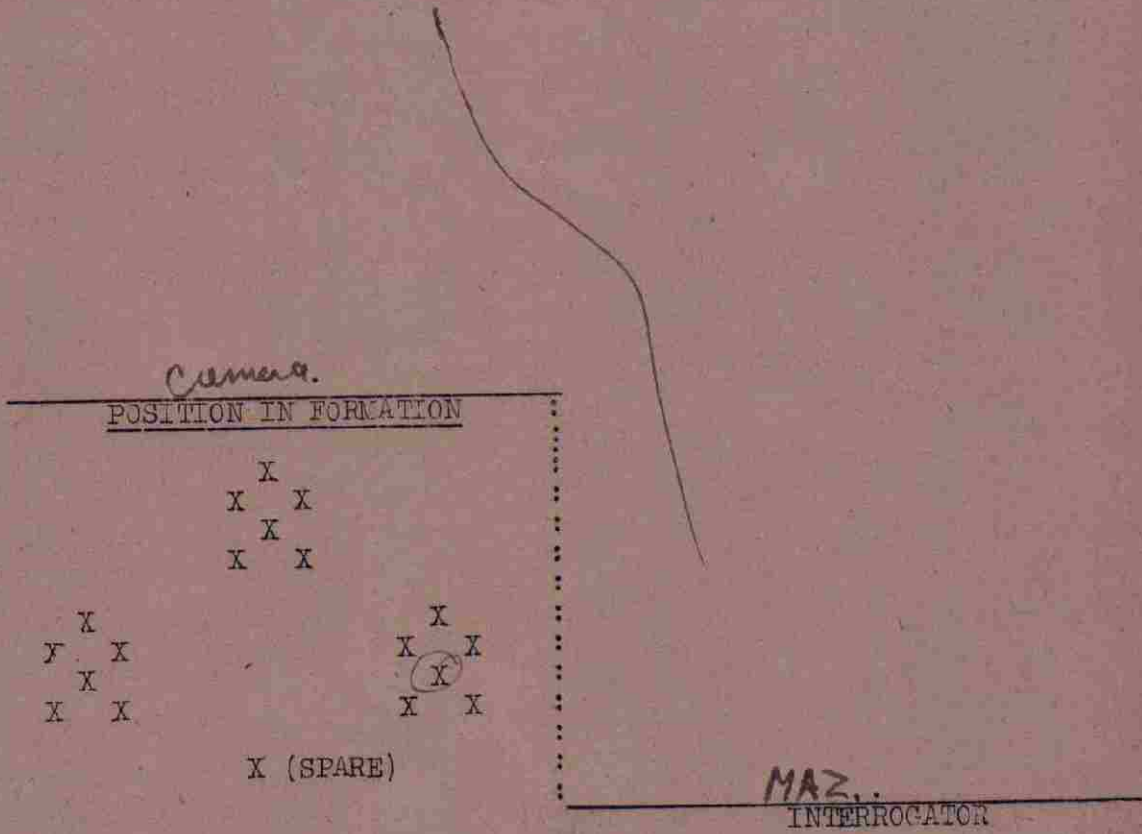
E/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL INTERR. FORM
PILOT SINGLETARY A/C# 416 BOX 2 FLT 2

CASUALTIES		BATTLE DAMAGE		
BOMBS :	<u>6</u> X <u>500</u> ^{INC} ON _____	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u> RETURNED			
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED			

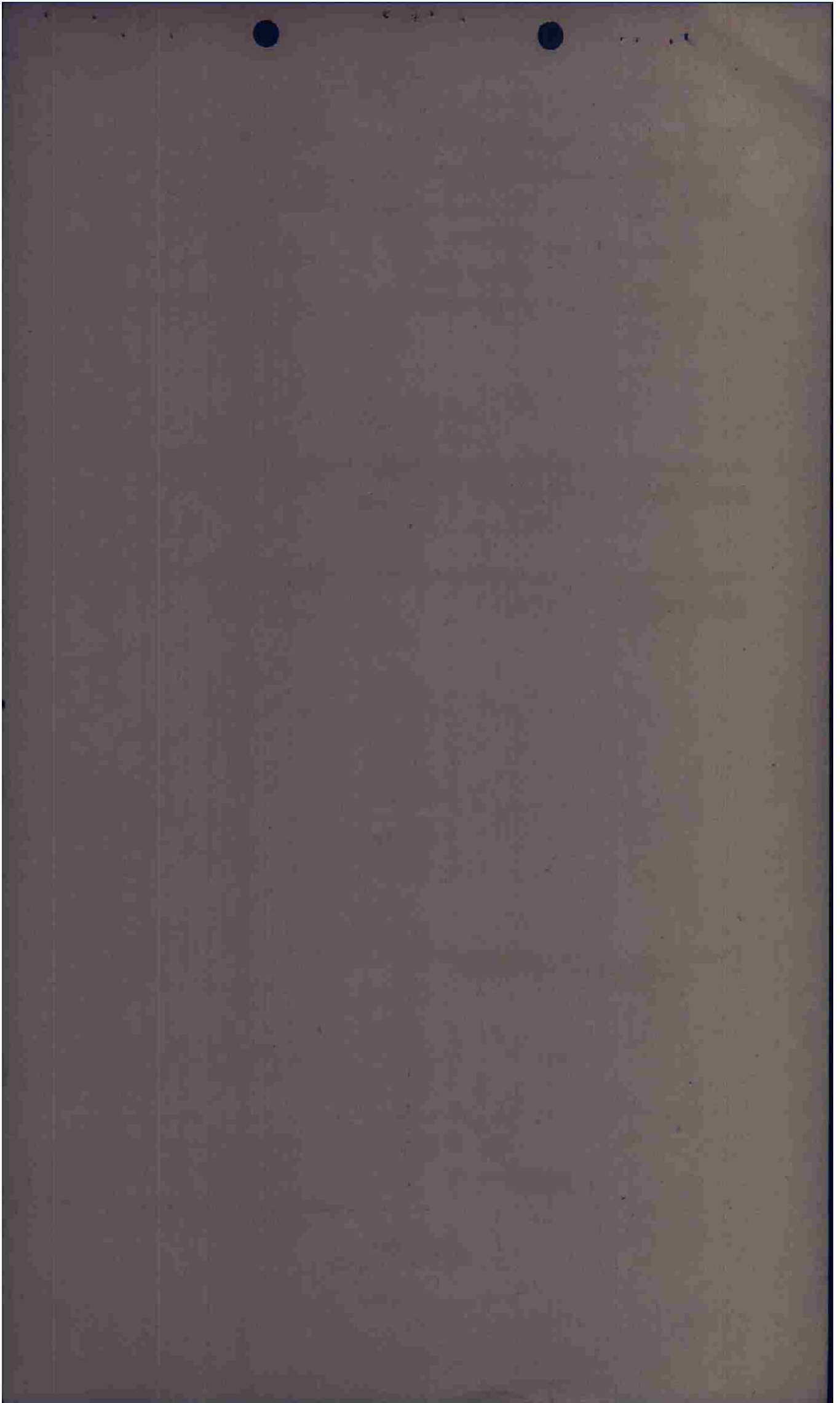
FLAK : WHIA at TIT

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Fires & smoke to 5000'
black smoke topped by white smoke.



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PILOT ROBERTS A/C# 321 BOX 2 FLT 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>6</u>	<u>X</u> <u>DOWN ON Primary</u>	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

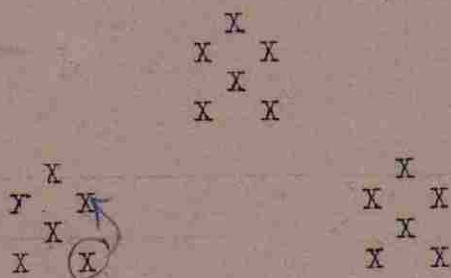
FLAK : 4 or 5 burst accurate just after turning off target

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :



POSITION IN FORMATION

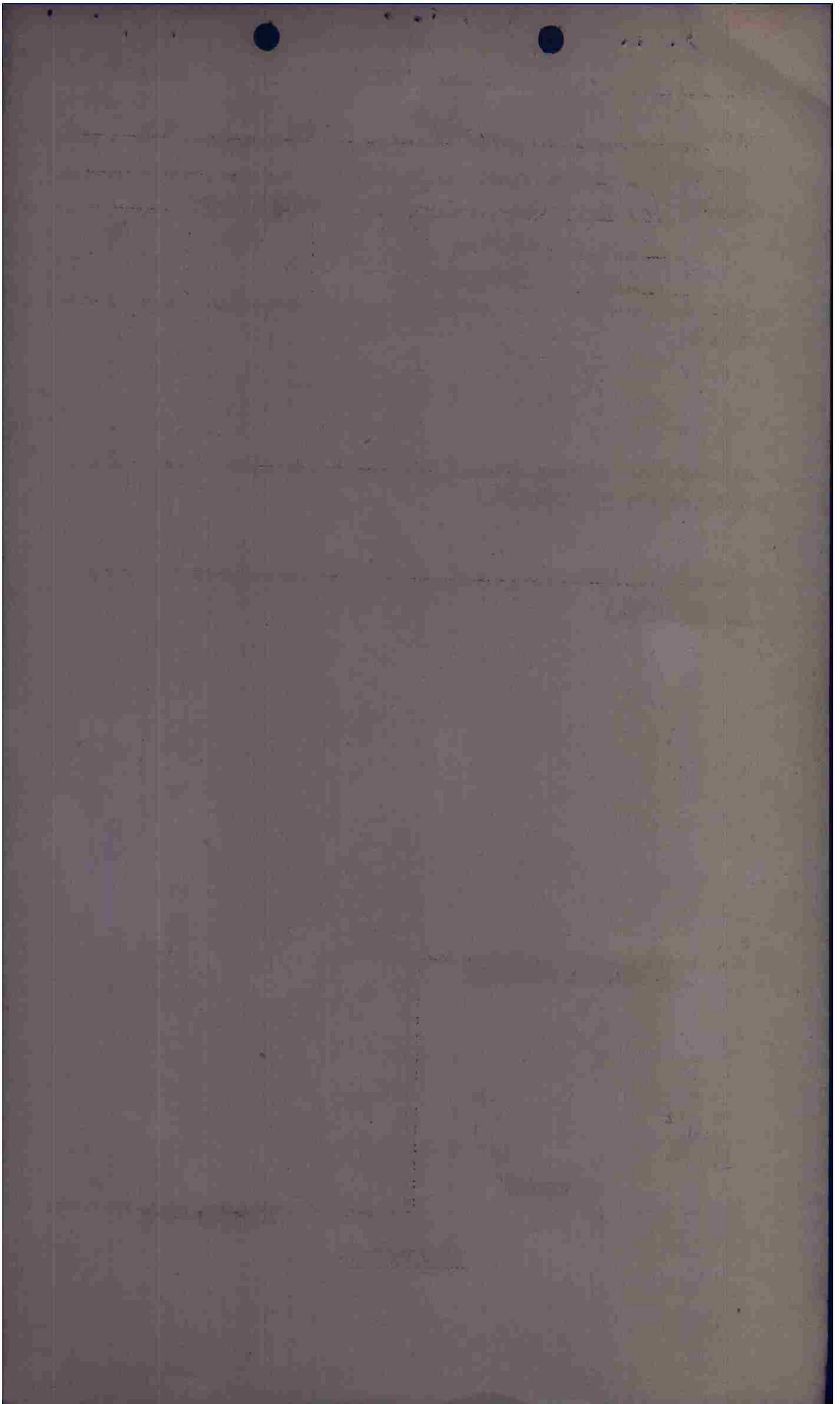


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X (SPARE)

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PILOT HAE A/C# 213 BOX 2 FLT 3

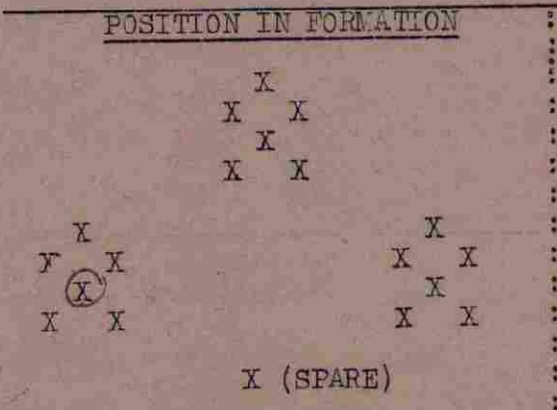
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		ON <u>Primary</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>Inc.</u>	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : 4 bursts just as turned off target
and before IT saw moderate flak but not
shooting at formation.

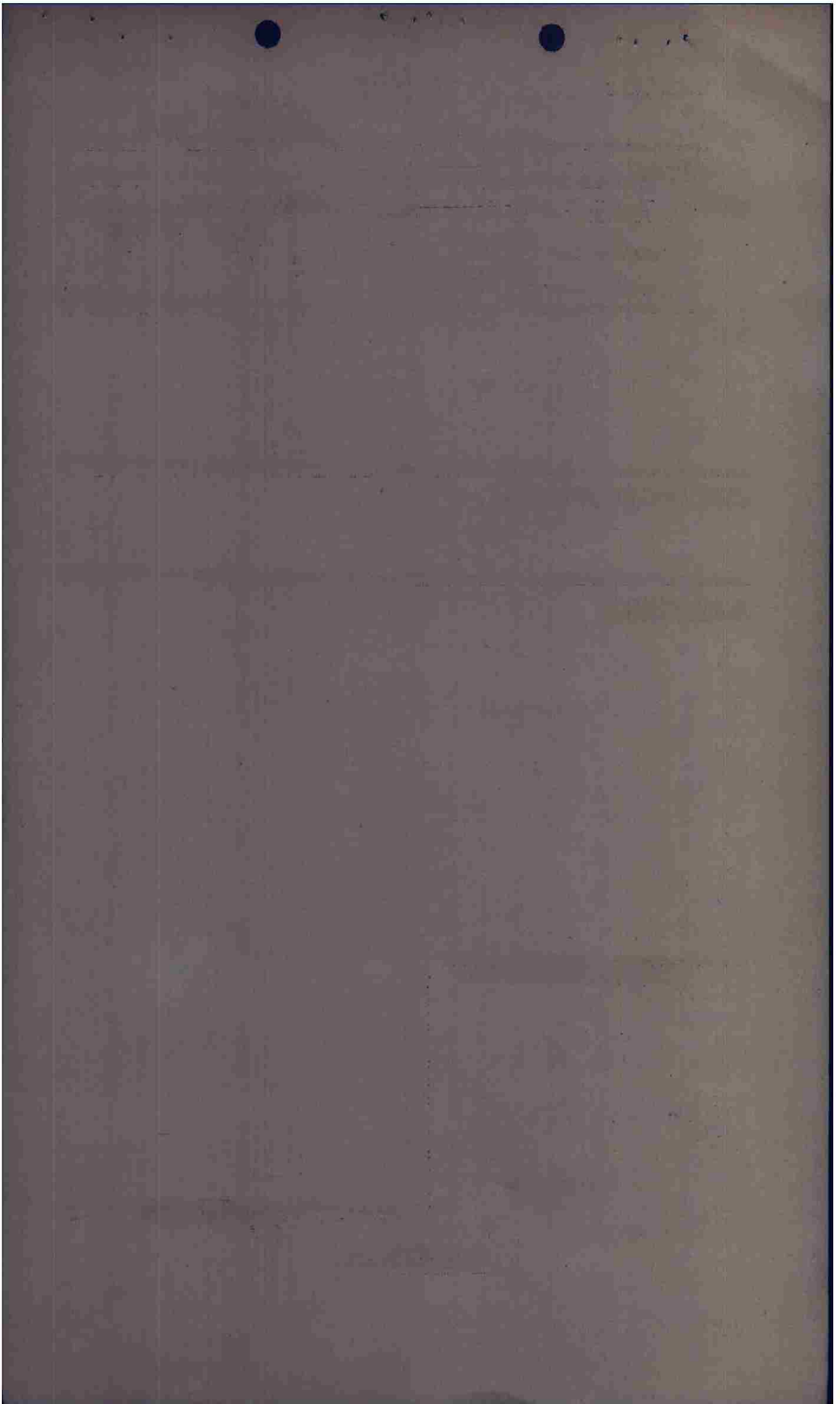
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :



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PILOT Du BOSE A/C# 351 BOX 2 FLT 1

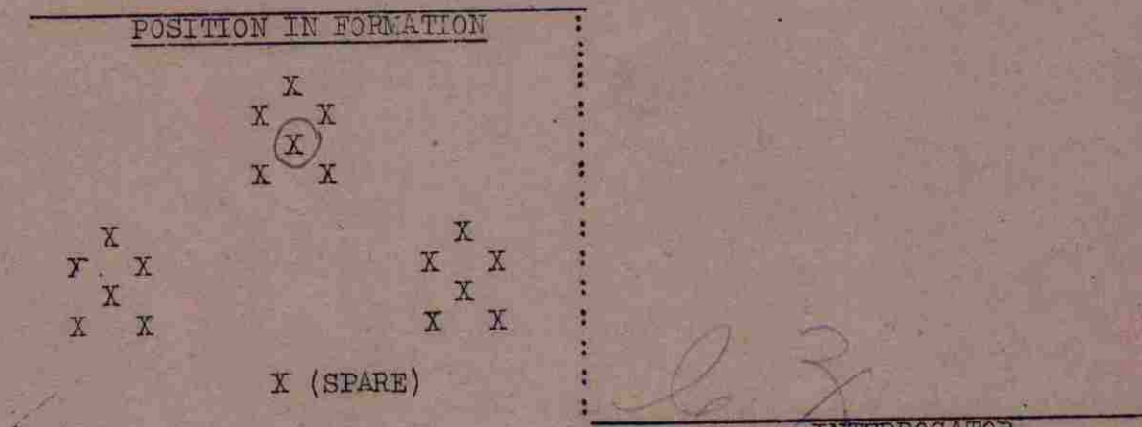
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		ON <u>Primary</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>		RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
<u>X</u>		JETTISONED			

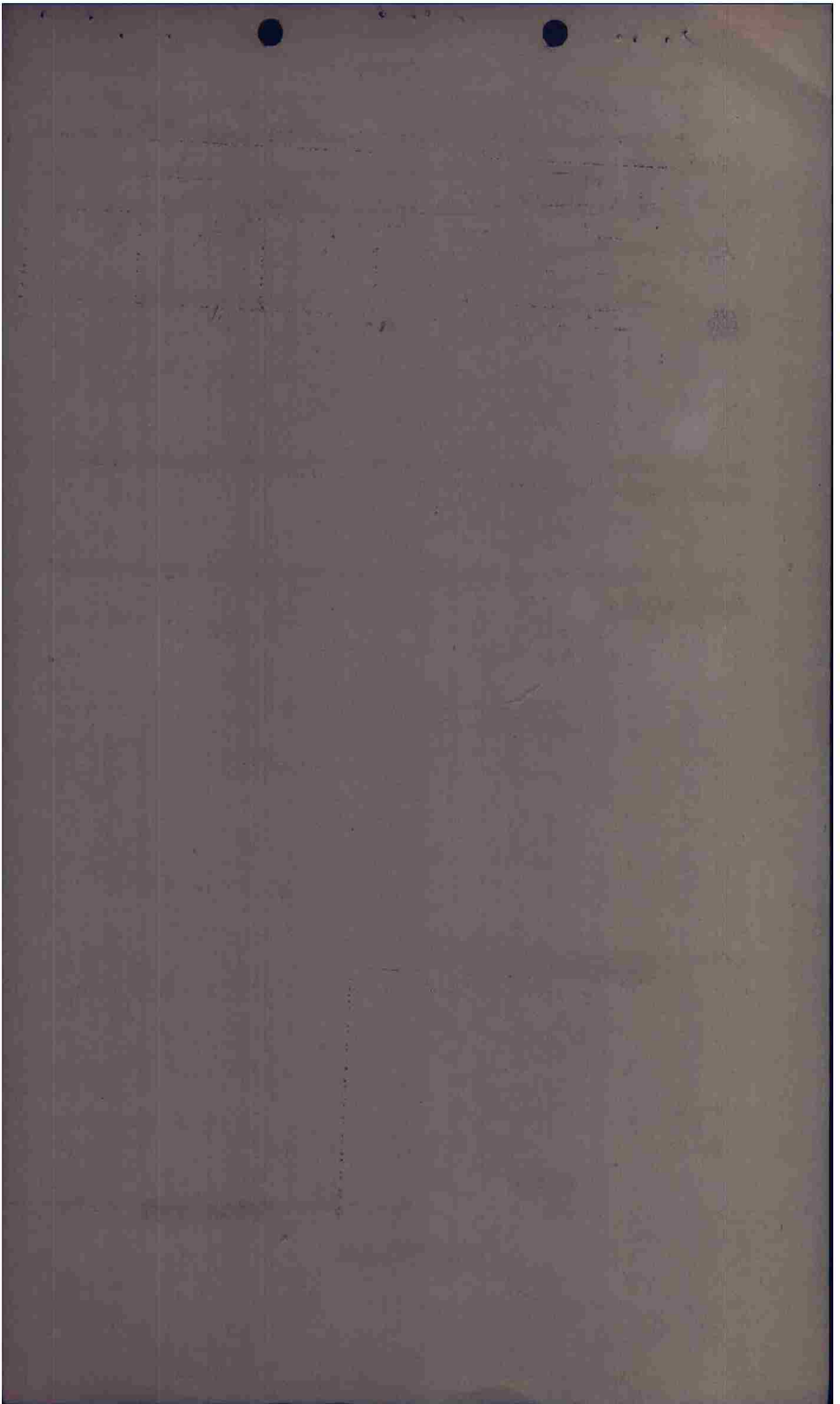
FLAK : 6 bursts just as turned off target X HI

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : X

OBSERVATIONS : X



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PILOT CHITTY A/C# 223 BOX 2 FLT 2

CASUALTIES _____

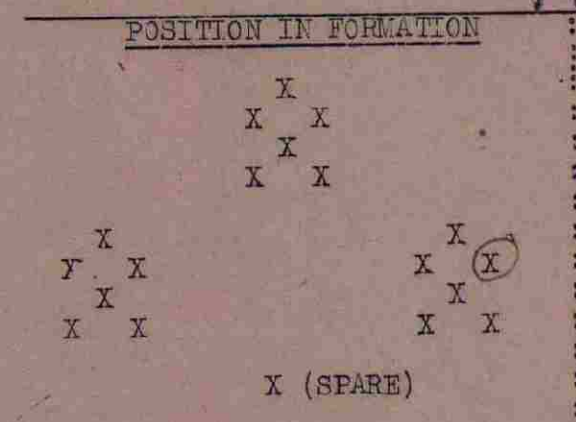
BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>6</u> X <u>500</u> ON <u>P</u>		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : 15 Bursts - 6-8 ahead on run,
after turn a few off
to left
about 1412 (near)

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : Nil,

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs hit on near side of town
which was smoking. All
bombs in tgt area.

Train - in small town off to
right after completing
turn to right off tgt.
8-10 cars, Standing.

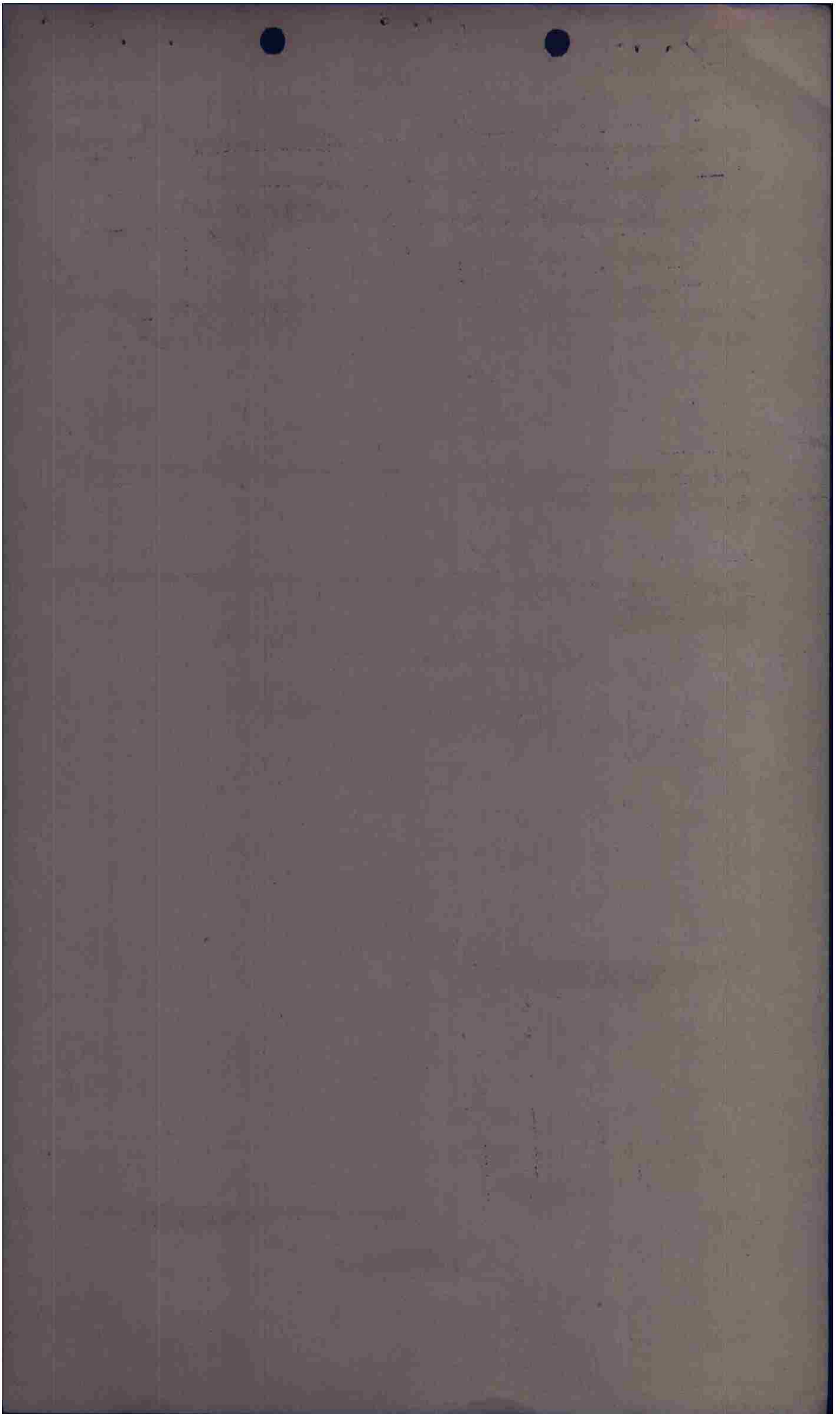


By flights,
we were first flight
to bomb.

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PILOT DUNN A/C# 263 BOX 2 FLT 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>6</u>	<u>X</u> ON <u>P</u>			
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : Dead bursts off tgt. not at us.

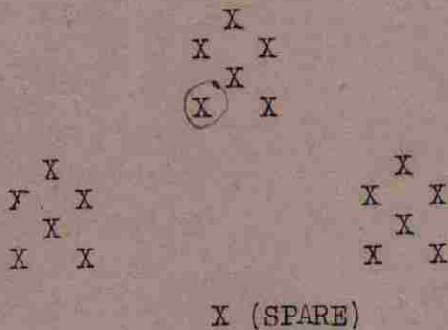
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

hit.

OBSERVATIONS :

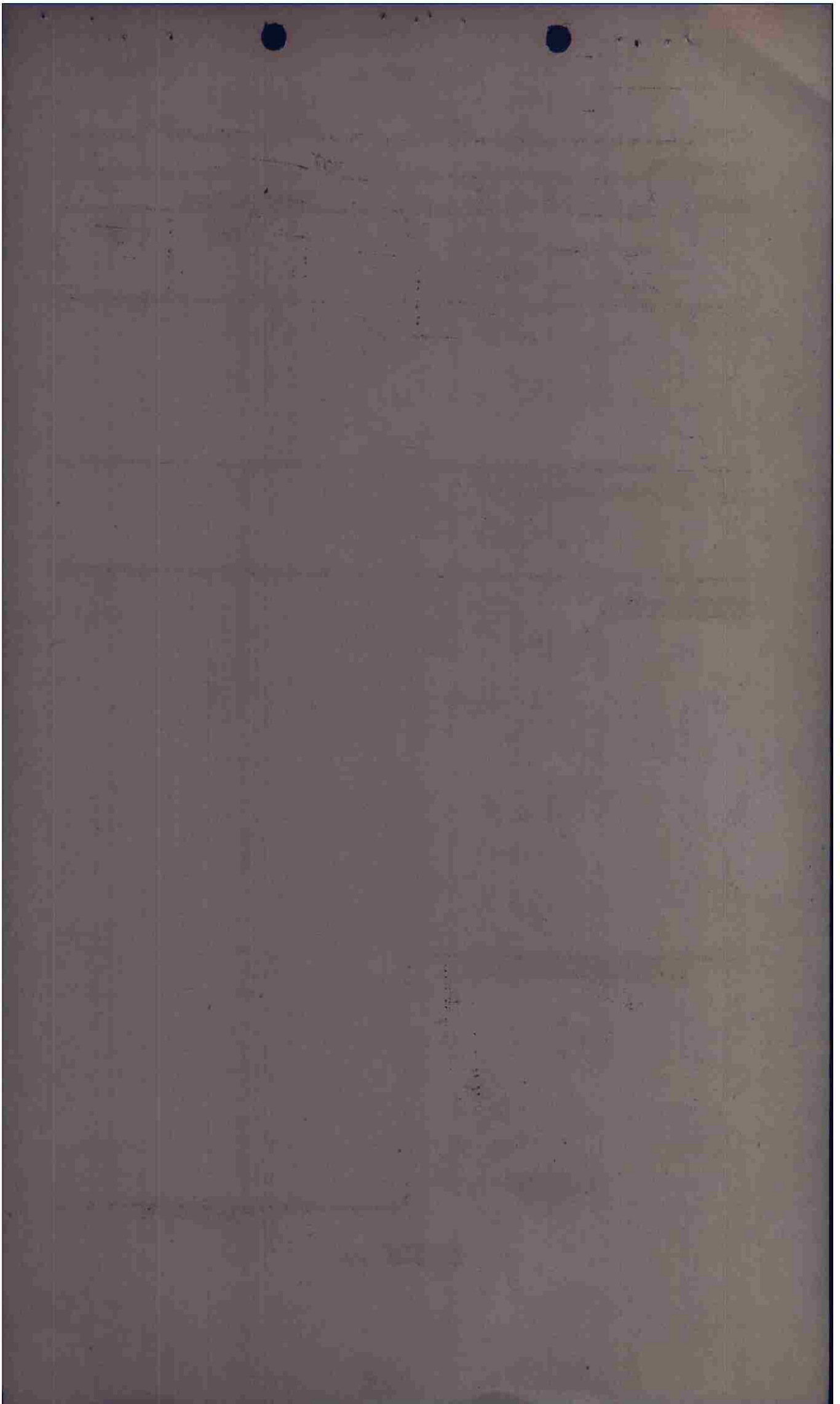
Area in smoke - bombs hit across middle of force.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT

GRUNIG

A/C#

507

BOX

2

FLT

2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

6

X

500

ON

P

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

FLAK :

Low + ahead - at turn off + left

Single burst near town.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS

Incend. were like fireworks

a the inter section of the

roads in the town - burst

fire.

1403 -

11,600

210 MPH

40°.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X

X X

X

X X

X

X X

X

X X

X X

X X

X X

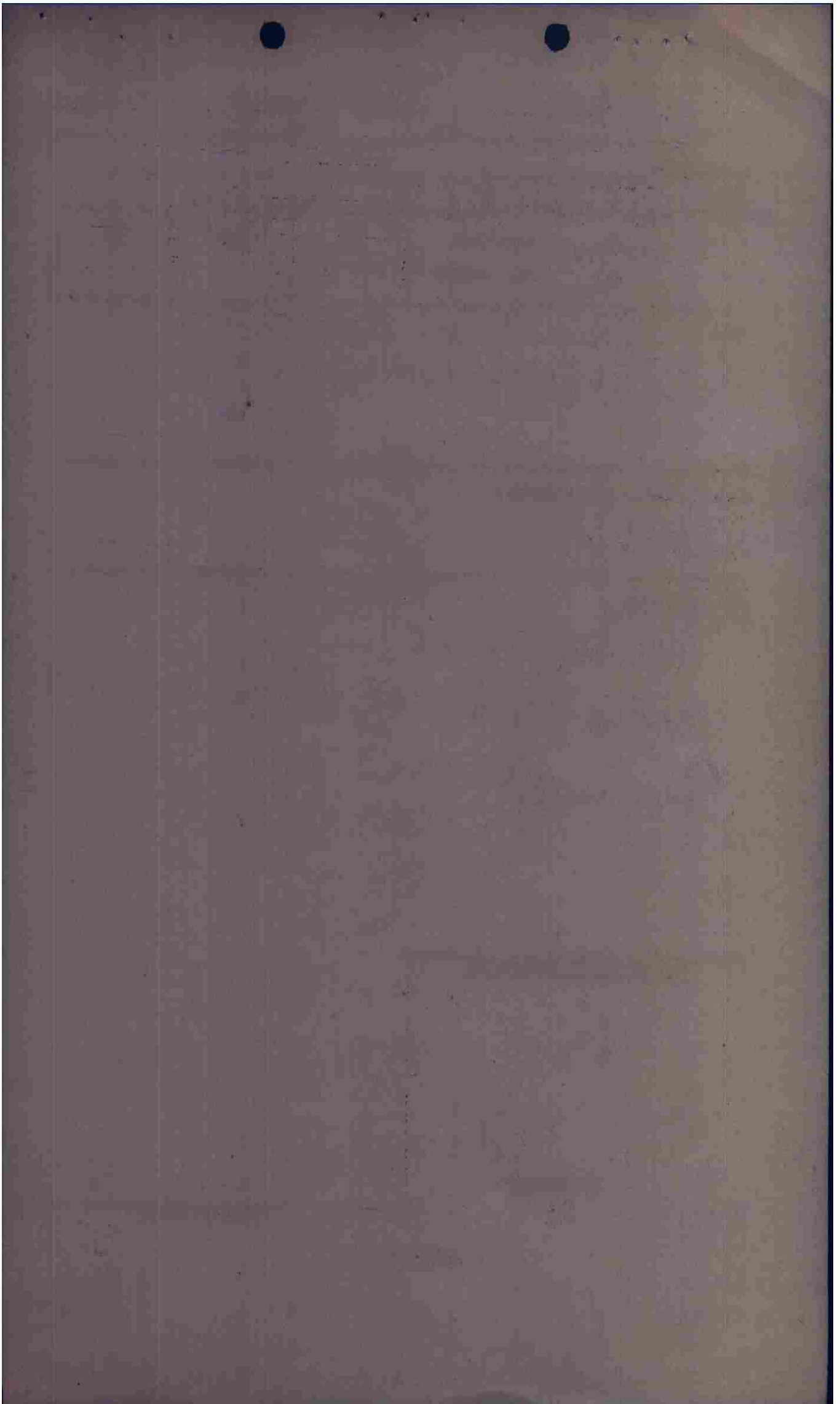
X X

X X

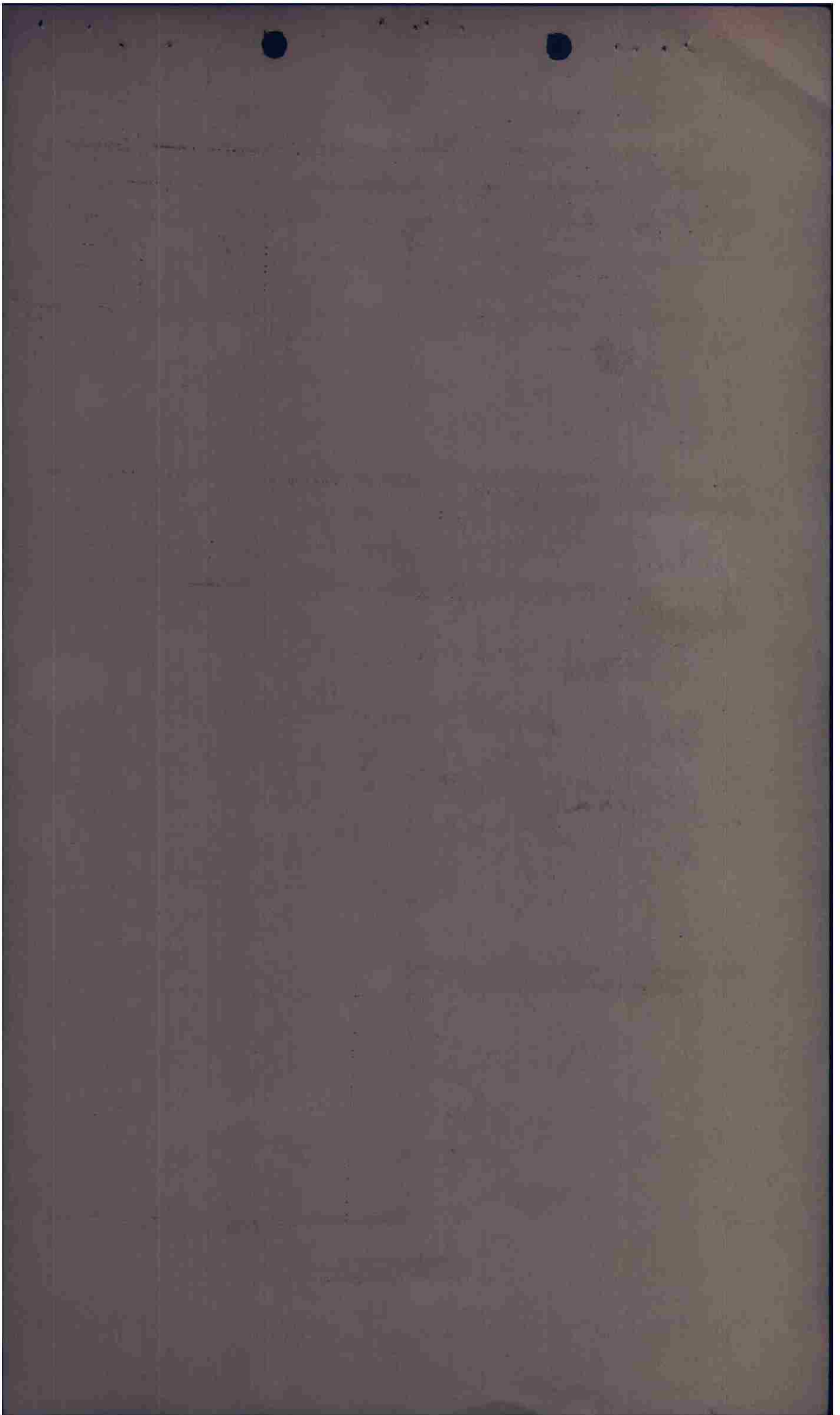
X (SPARE)

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PILOT PARKER A/C# 764 BOX 2 FLT 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>6</u> X <u>500</u> ON <u>P.</u>				
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED	<u>Nil</u>		

FLAK :
Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

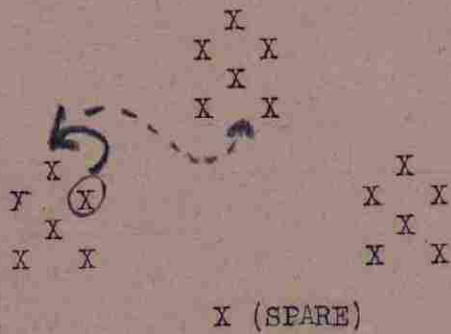
Didn't see reported fighters.

OBSERVATIONS :

Tacked onto flight 1
& bombed on their
release after leader
delayed jump.

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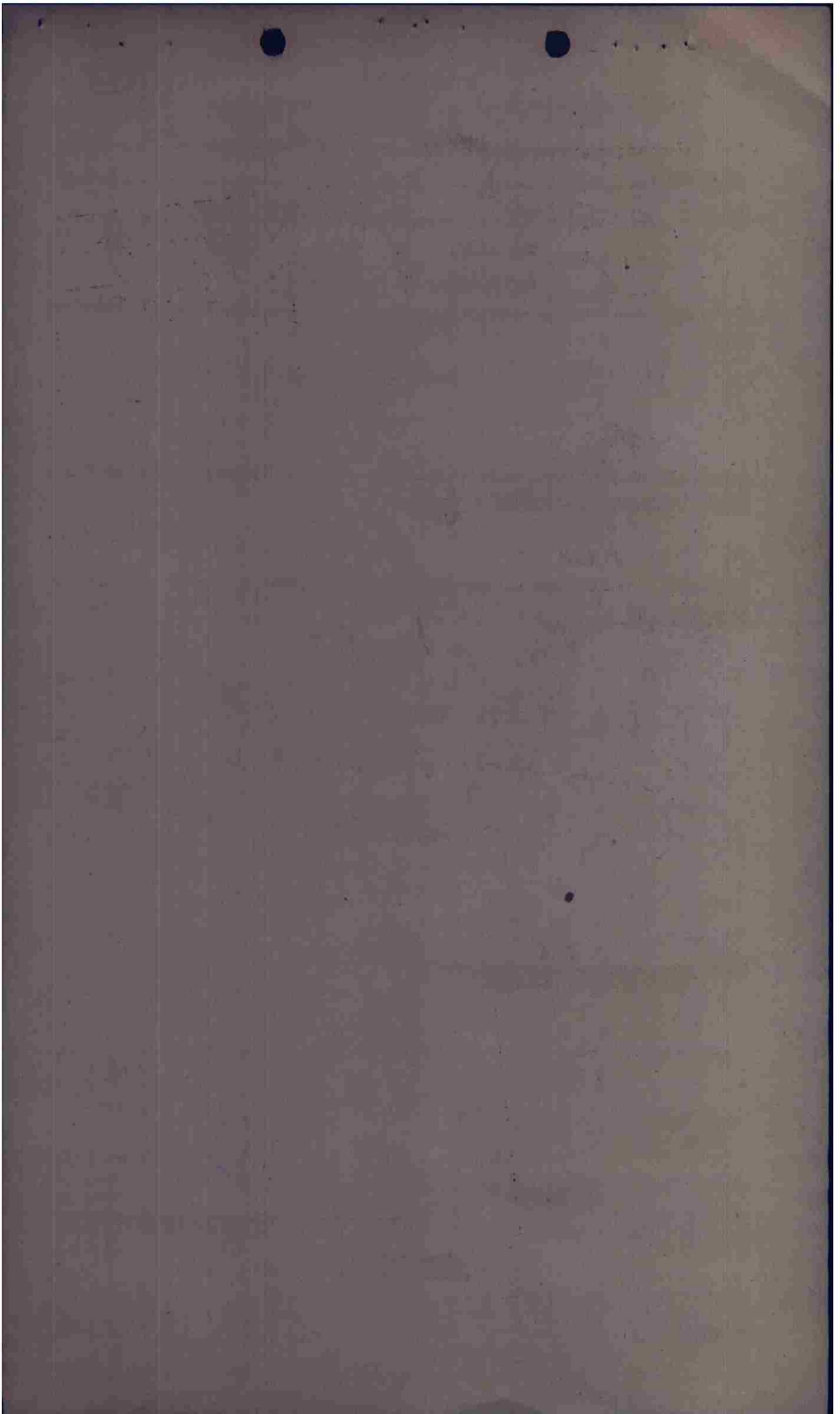
POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT BREWSTER A/C# 501 BOX 3 FLT 1

CASUALTIES Frag-

BOMBS : <u>12</u> X <u>250</u> ON <u>P21</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : one Burst on turn off target -
close to flight.

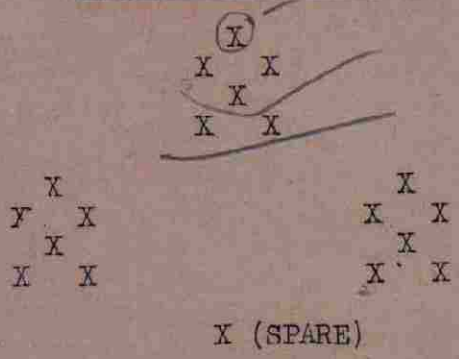
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS : - Town was under Blanket of
white smoke -
Smoke all along Bomb line -

1402 $\frac{3}{4}$ TOT
12,000 - Alt -

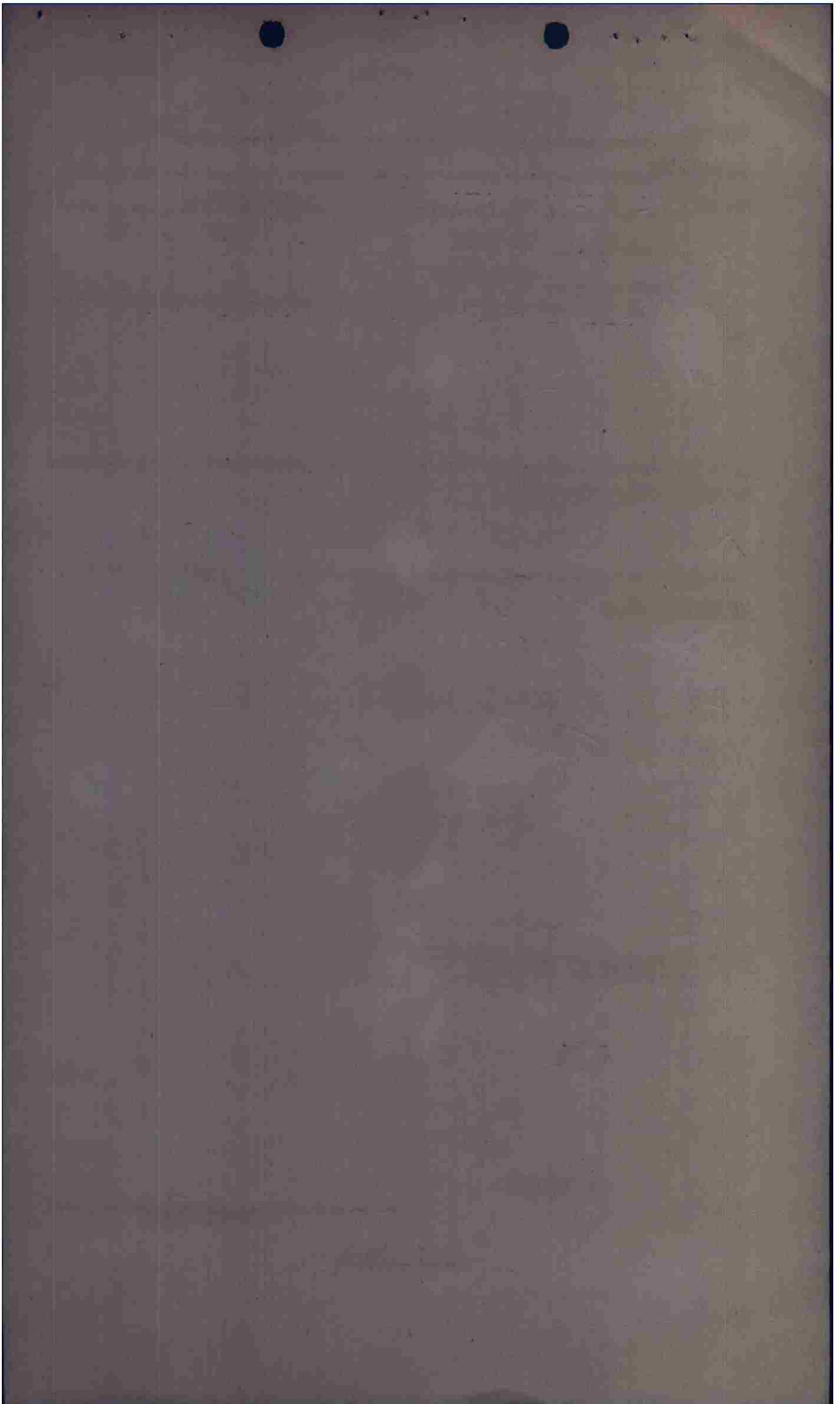
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PILOT GREEN A/C# 9315 BOX 3 FLT 1

CASUALTIES None

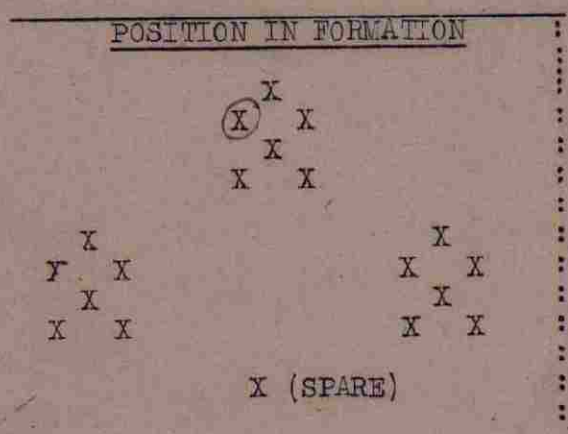
BOMBS : 12 X 500 frag ON _____

		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED	<u>None</u>		
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : 6 Bursts 5000 ft high - to right

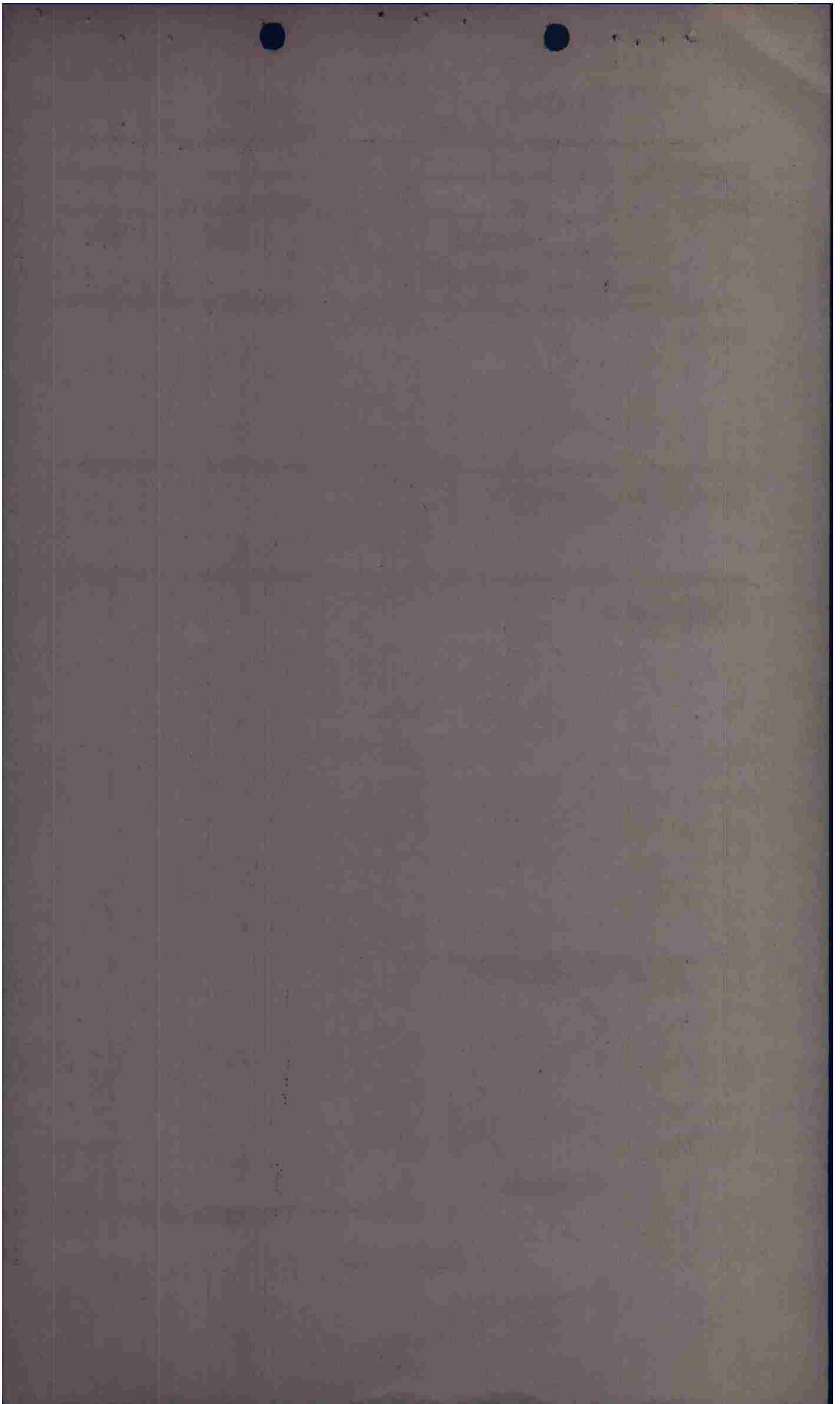
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
None

OBSERVATIONS :
1 All bombs burst
2 Concord estimates
3 Believe that Flak was coming from positions previously bombed
1 page over tgt



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PILOT FORD A/C# 307 BOX 3 FLT 1

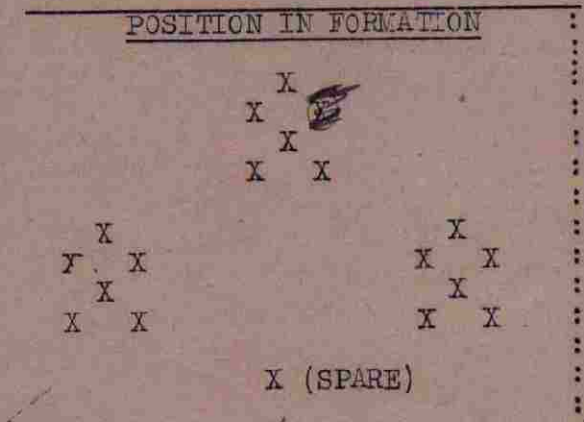
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>15</u> X <u>300</u> ON <u>5-10</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil seen.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

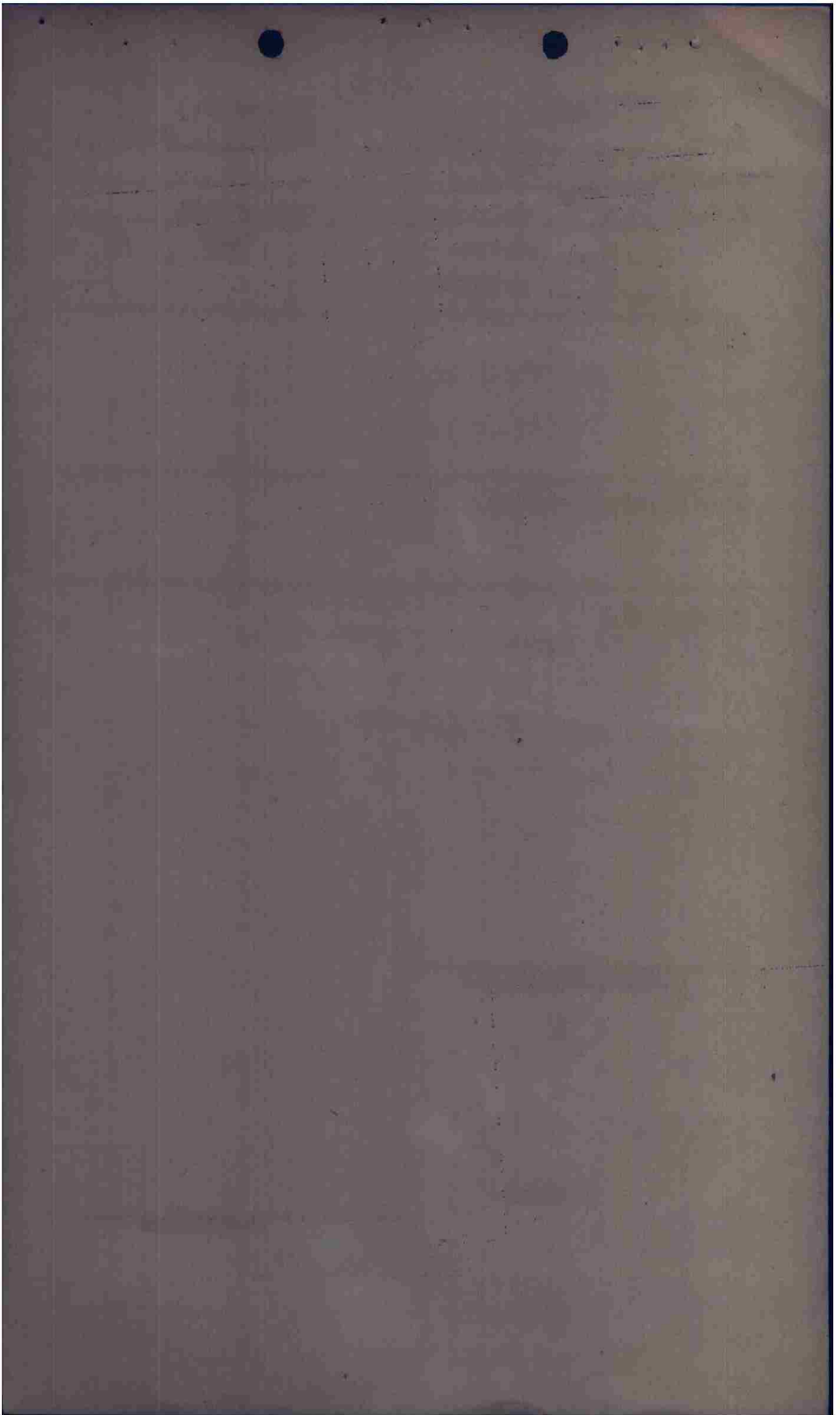
OBSERVATIONS :
5 bombs believed to be bombs at about
8000 ft -
could not identify target.
Bombed position over the target.



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PILOT BORMAN A/C# 496 BOX 3 FLT 1

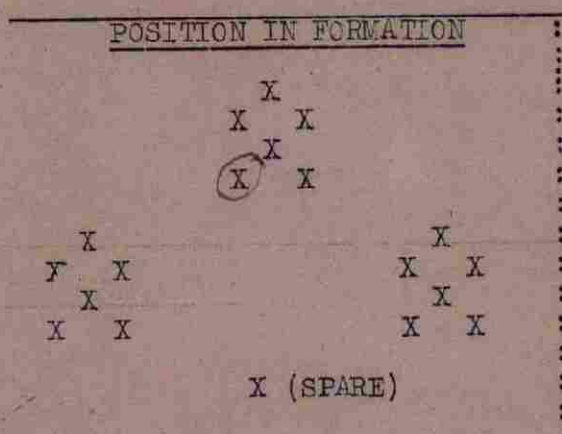
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>12</u> X <u>260</u> ^{sp. hogs.} ON _____		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : WHIN in TgTous.

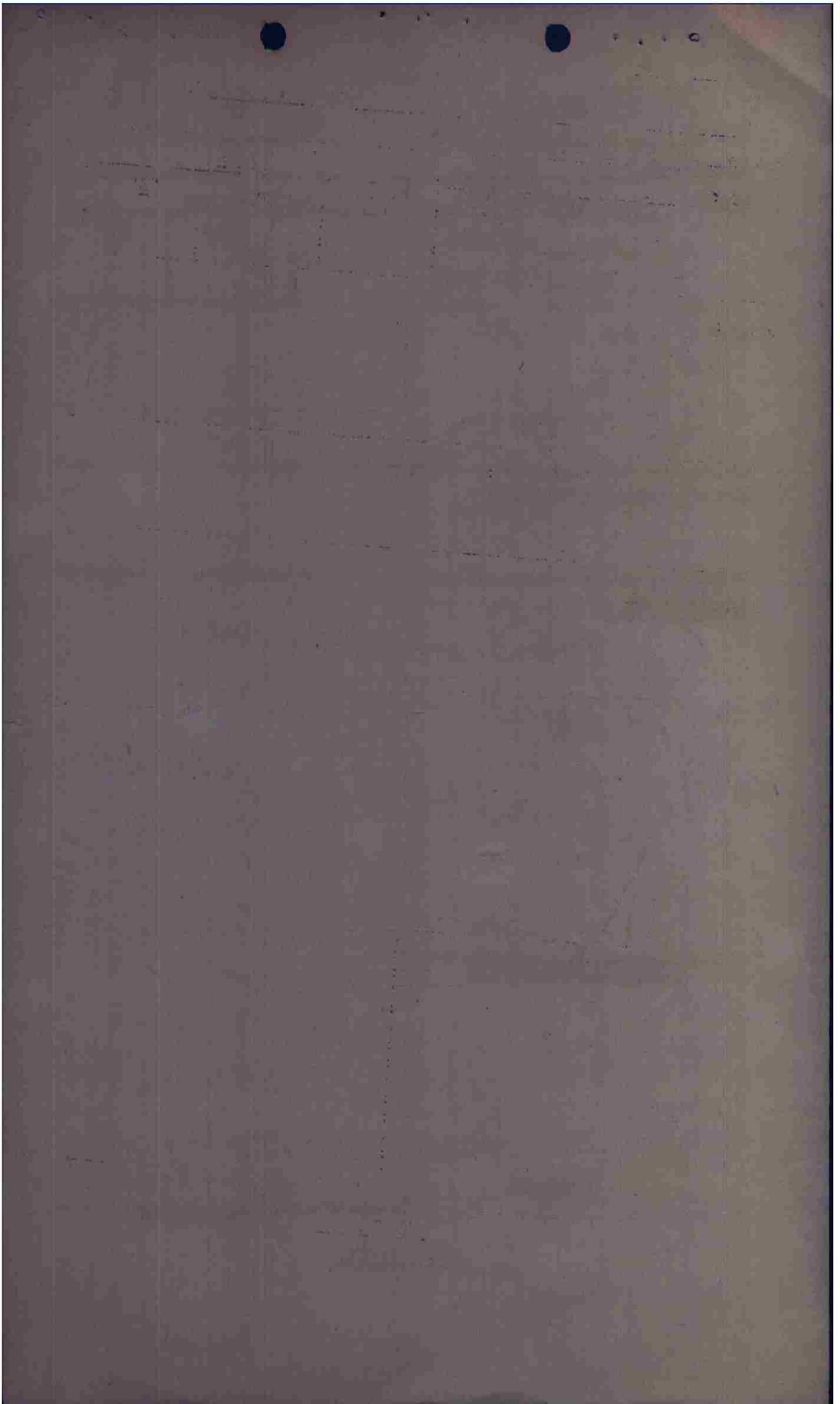
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : fires + smoke in towers
no bombs were seen to explode
Smoke from bombs observed after.



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PILOT STANLEY A/C# 528 BOX 3 FLT 1

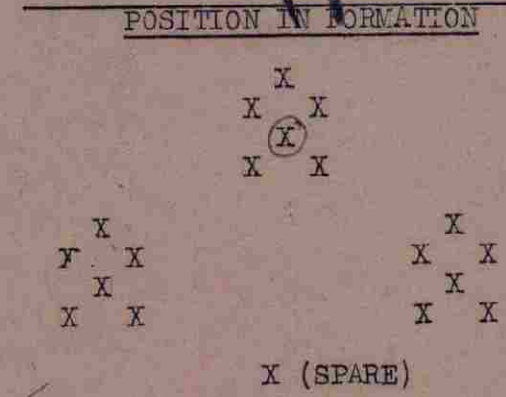
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>12 X 260</u>	ON <u>Sp.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK : nil
no flaking at 4yt.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
nil.

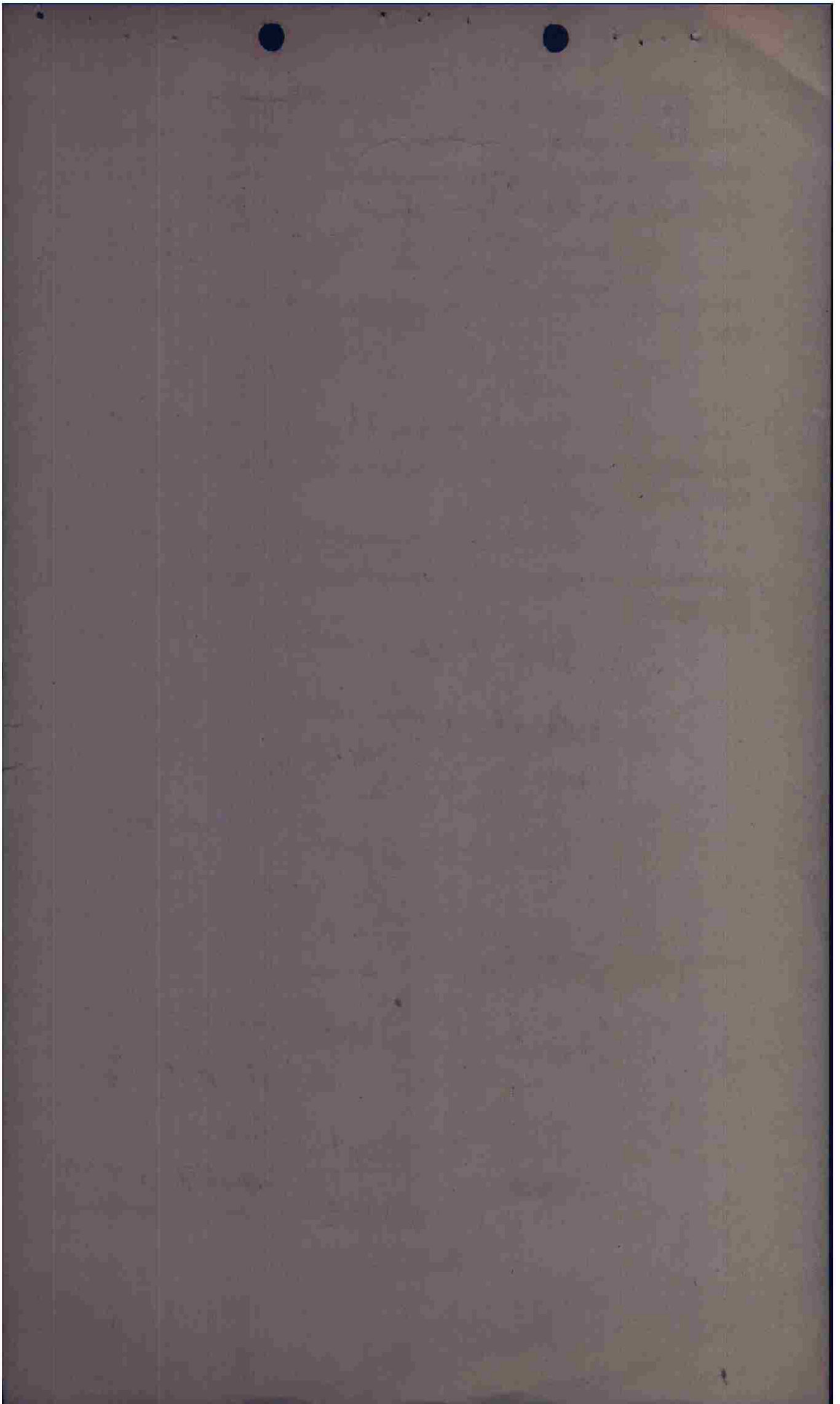
OBSERVATIONS :
Did evas. act. but no
flak appeared.
one ship salored & made separate
pattern from other ships.
appeared to go.



Made 2 runs.
to be sure of exact
installation of
gun position.

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PILOT STANKOWSKI A/C# 330 BOX _____ FLT _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>12</u> X <u>260</u>	ON <u>frag - 1120</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u> <u>"A-C"</u> <u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>none</u>

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

CTIONS :
Could not see any bomb bursts
now a tail armed switch was on -
Bomb away safe?
Made two runs on flood position
Salvaged -

POSITION IN FORMATION

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X X
X X
X
X (X)

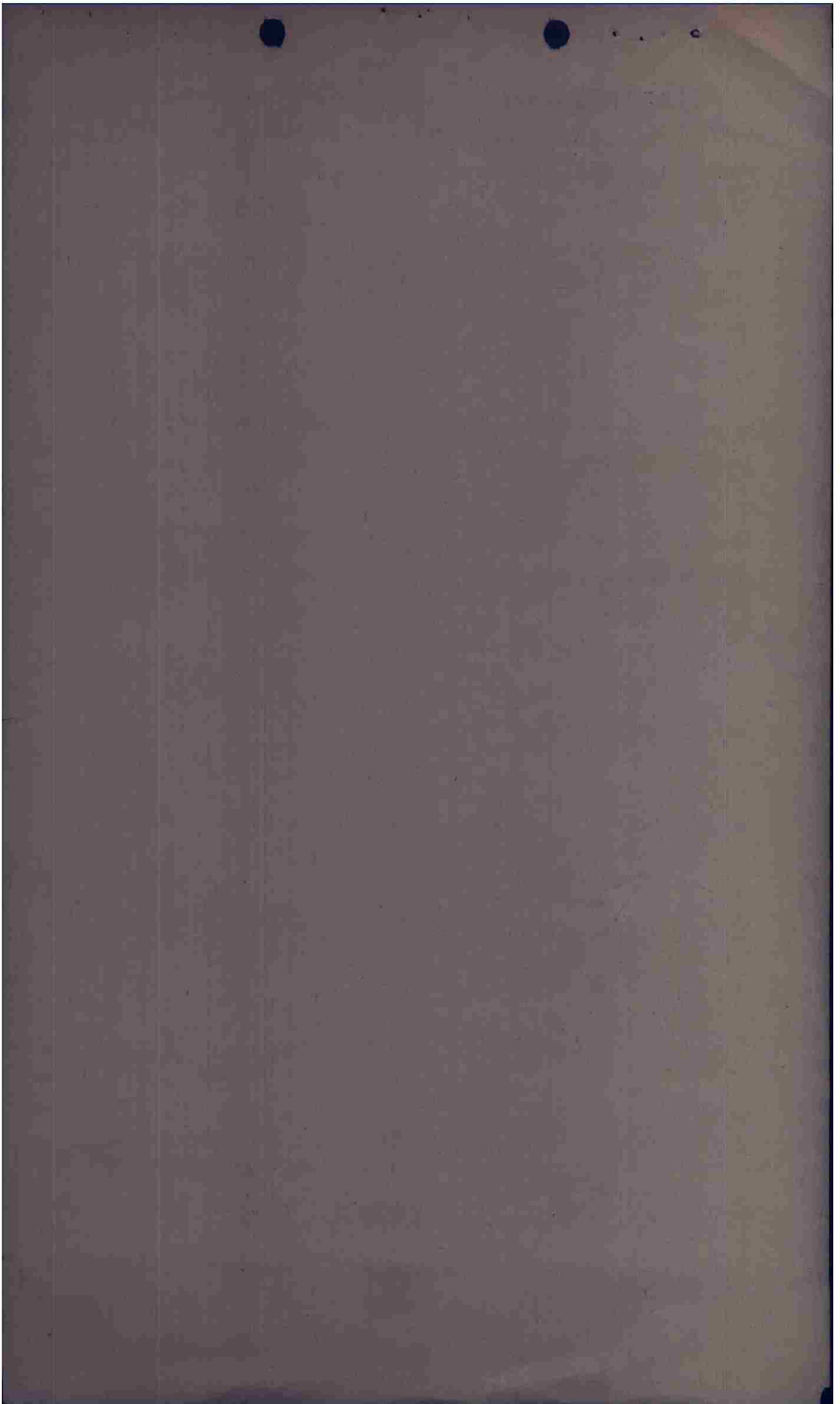
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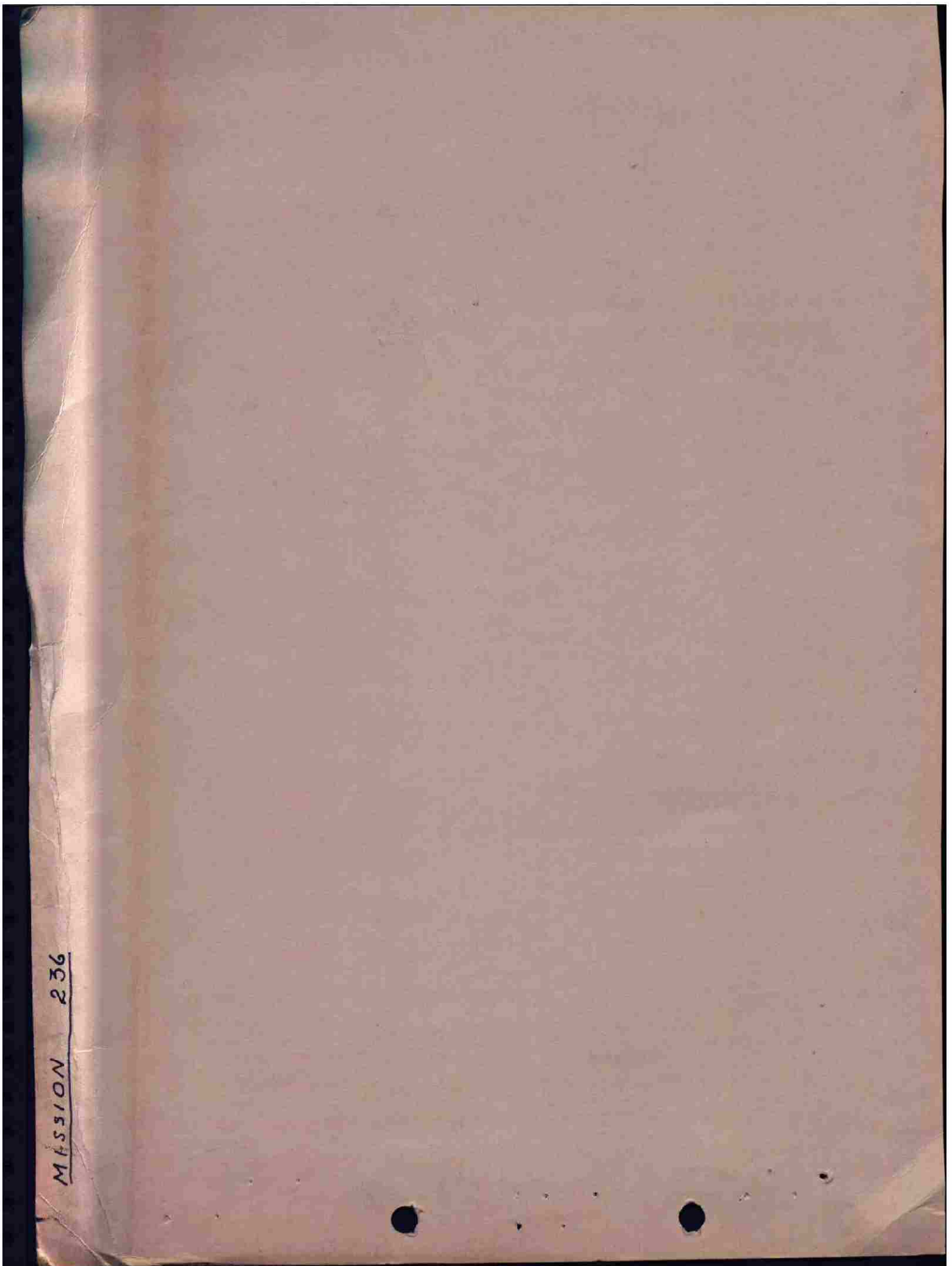
X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

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