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LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

15 MARCH 1945

1. ⁴³ 521 N
Lt. Col. J.G. Napier ✓
Lt. Col. D.L. Willetts ✓
Lt. D.L. Moore ✓
Lt. G.G. Johnson ✓
S/S R.W. Carstens ✓

2. ⁴¹ 244 I
Lt. R.W. VanRope ✓
S/S R.P. Sharp ✓

3. ⁴¹ 252 D
Lt. O.M. Anderson ✓
S/S J.H. Deatherage * 590

4. ⁴¹ 338 O
Lt. D.W. Sorrels ✓
S/S V.A. Malara *
Lt. R.W. Haskell ✓

5. ⁴¹ 362 Y
Lt. B.A. Smith ✓
Sgt R.P. Wilson ✓

6. ⁴³ 383 V
Lt. A.W. Danner ✓
S/S R.H. Gillespie ✓ 590

FLIGHT II

1. ⁴³ 499 G
Lt. G.J. Brown ✓
Capt. G.B. Lundberg (INFANTRY)
Lt. J.E. Kerns ✓
S/S H.E. Sunderland ✓

2. ⁴³ 352 J
Lt. J.C. Gary ✓
Pvt A.E. Schoen * 400

3. ⁴³ 497 E
Capt. L.J. Sutton ✓
Lt. J.V. Reed ✓
S/S G.F. Huss ✓

4. ⁴¹ 209 M
Lt. T.J. Murray ✓
Sgt W.W. Maupin * 550

5. ⁴¹ 332 P
Lt. G.L. Milhorn ✓
S/S H.R. Davis ✓

6. ⁴³ 419 Z
Lt. J.W. Spires ✓
Sgt L.E. Davis ✓ 450

FLIGHT III

1. ⁴³ 498 R
Capt. H.F. Pair ✓
Lt. J.L. Cornum ✓
S/S R.J. Brown ✓

2. ⁴³ 356 O
Lt. H.M. Van Noorden ✓
S/S G. Thompson * 350

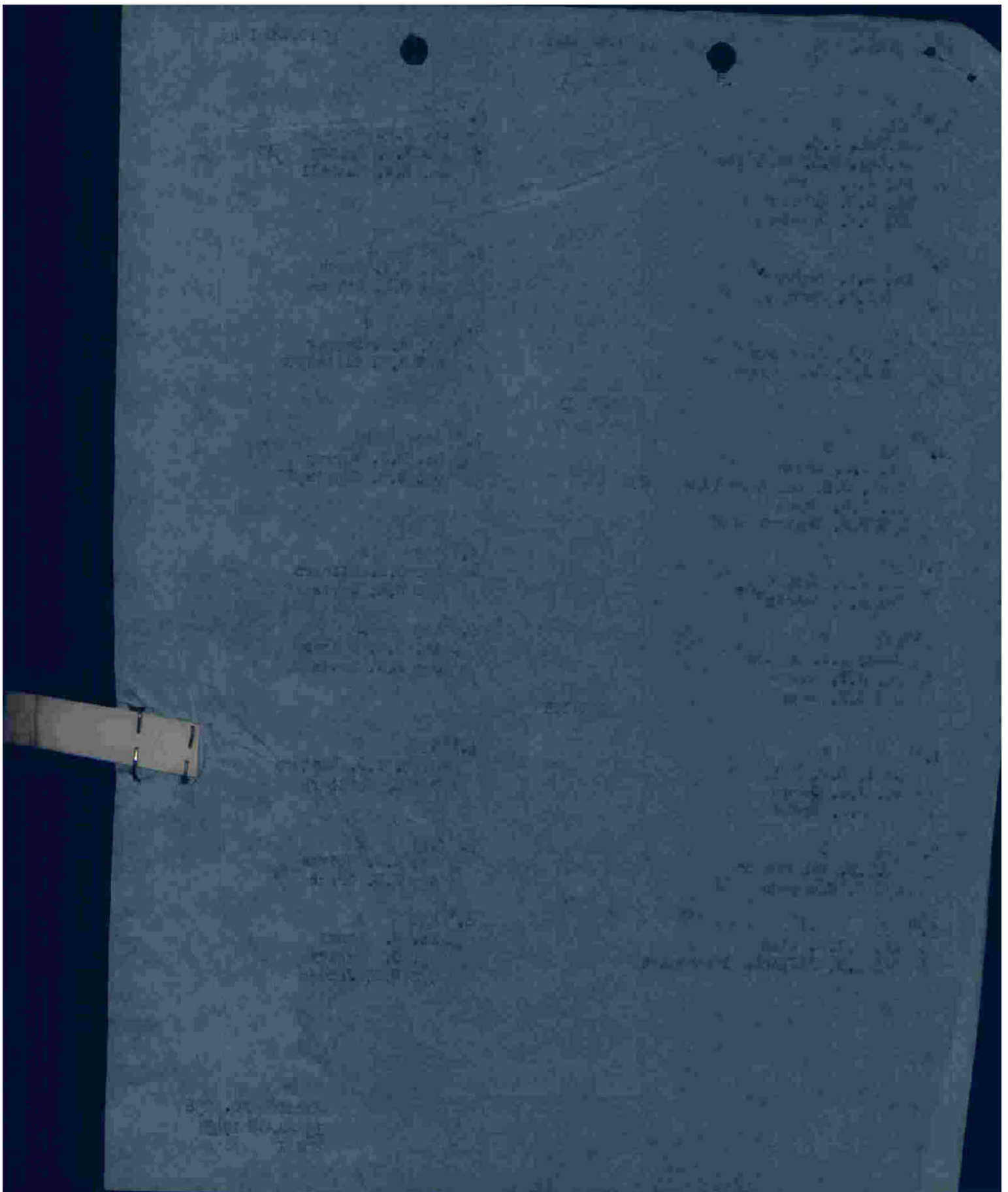
3. ⁴¹ 239 H-1
Lt. A.J.P. Winn ✓
S/S G.G. ~~Stephenson~~ * 375

4. ⁴³ 326 W
Capt. L.O. Nielsen ✓
Sgt L. Goldberg ✓

5. ⁴³ 313 B
Lt. A.E. Blivko ✓
Sgt R.E. Graub * 475

6. ⁴¹ 250 A
Lt. S. Mooney ✓
Sgt C. Buckley ✓
S/S D.A. Jordan ✓ 575

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MISSION NO. 236

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

15 MARCH 1945

1. ⁴³487 J
Capt. E.L. Miller ✓
Lt. J.K. Conner ✓ 520
Lt. R.E. Emen ✓
Lt. Colonel T.R. Aylesworth ✓
S/S C.F. Floyd ✓

2. ⁴³354 S
Lt. O.S. Weinert ✓ 430
Sgt R.D. Francis ✓

3. ⁴³381 Q
F/O F.W. Swap ✓
Lt. J.W. Britt ✓ 500
Sgt Santandrea ✓

4. ⁴³351 F
Lt. M.W. DuBose ✓ 515
S/S D.L. Griffin ✓

5. ⁴¹314 H
Lt. D.E. Smith ✓ 400
S/S S.J. Kirik ✓
Capt. D.E. Eastlake (2ND ARMORED)

6. ⁴¹263 G
Lt. F.G. Dunn ✓ 475
Sgt L.C. Stein ✓

FLIGHT II

1. ⁴³507 Q-1
Lt. D.B. Grunig ✓ 560
Lt. B.C. Morris ✓
S/S H.G. Nowosielski ✓

2. ⁴¹223 B
Lt. N.D. Chitty ✓ 565
Sgt B. Raccio ✓

3. ⁴¹224 E
Lt. W. Musgrove ✓ 510
S/S J.O. Polcas ✓

4. ⁴¹416 O
Lt. R.B. Singletary ✓ 450
S/S H.G. Wiggins ✓
Lt. A.G. Henson ✓

5. ⁴³320 S-1
Lt. J.V. O'Brien ✓ 540
Sgt F.E. Corey ✓

6. ⁴¹215 R
Lt. J.F. Wallace ✓ 450
Sgt R. Plant ✓

FLIGHT III

1. ⁴³481 P
Capt. O.J. Andersen ✓ 650
Lt. W. Babbage ✓
S/S E.I. Schefer ✓

2. ⁴¹264 I
Lt. P.E. Parker ✓ 475
S/S S.L. Heitell ✓

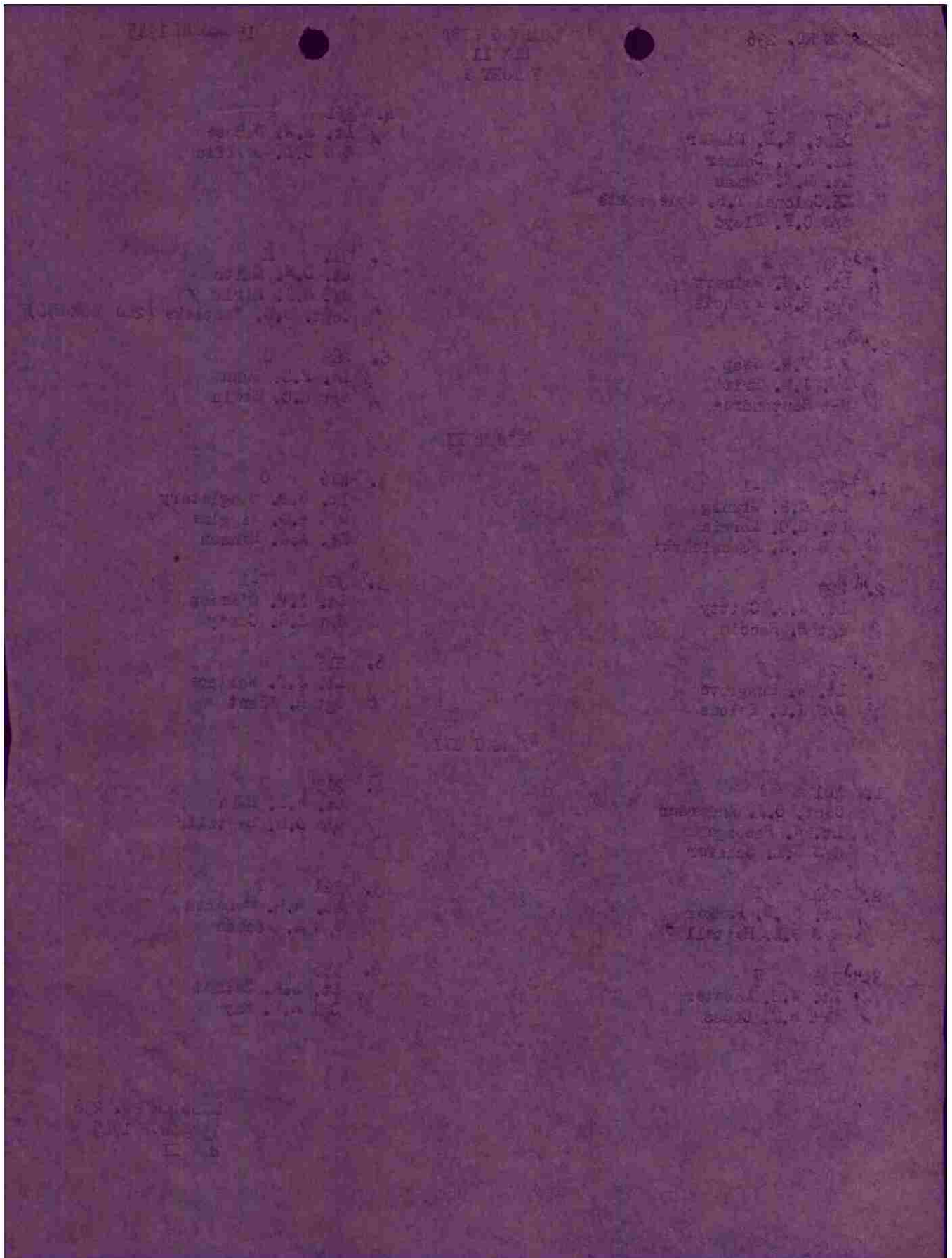
3. ⁴³385 D
Lt. W.H. Laseter ✓ 400
Sgt R.M. Cross ✓

4. ⁴¹213 A
Lt. W.L. Hale ✓ 525
S/S D.M. Bentzler ✓

5. ⁴³321 T
Lt. W.H. Roberts ✓ 400
S/S S. Kochan ✓

6. ⁴¹335 W
Lt. L.R. Zeimet ✓ 500
Cpl R.K. Ray ✓

MISSION NO. 236
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BOX II



MISSION NO. 236

LOADING LIST
BOX III
FLIGHT I

15 MARCH 1945

1. ⁴³501 W
Lt. F.S. Brewster ✓
C Lt. L.W. Dennis ✓
S/S R.J. Gatti ✓ 500

2. ⁴³307 N
Lt. R. Ford ✓
C S/S G.D. Harmon ✓ 490

3. ⁴¹9315 F
Lt. J.A. Green ✓
C Sgt A. Kubjalko * 480

4. ⁴³528 T
Capt. C.S. Stanley ✓
C F/O J.H. Blount ✓
Sgt J.C. Edenburn ✓ 545

5. ⁴³330 F
Lt. J.F. Stankowski ✓
C S/S J.A. Hummer ✓ * 575

6. ⁴³496 T-1
Capt. H.W. Borman ✓
B Sgt R.L. Ferujo ✓ 530

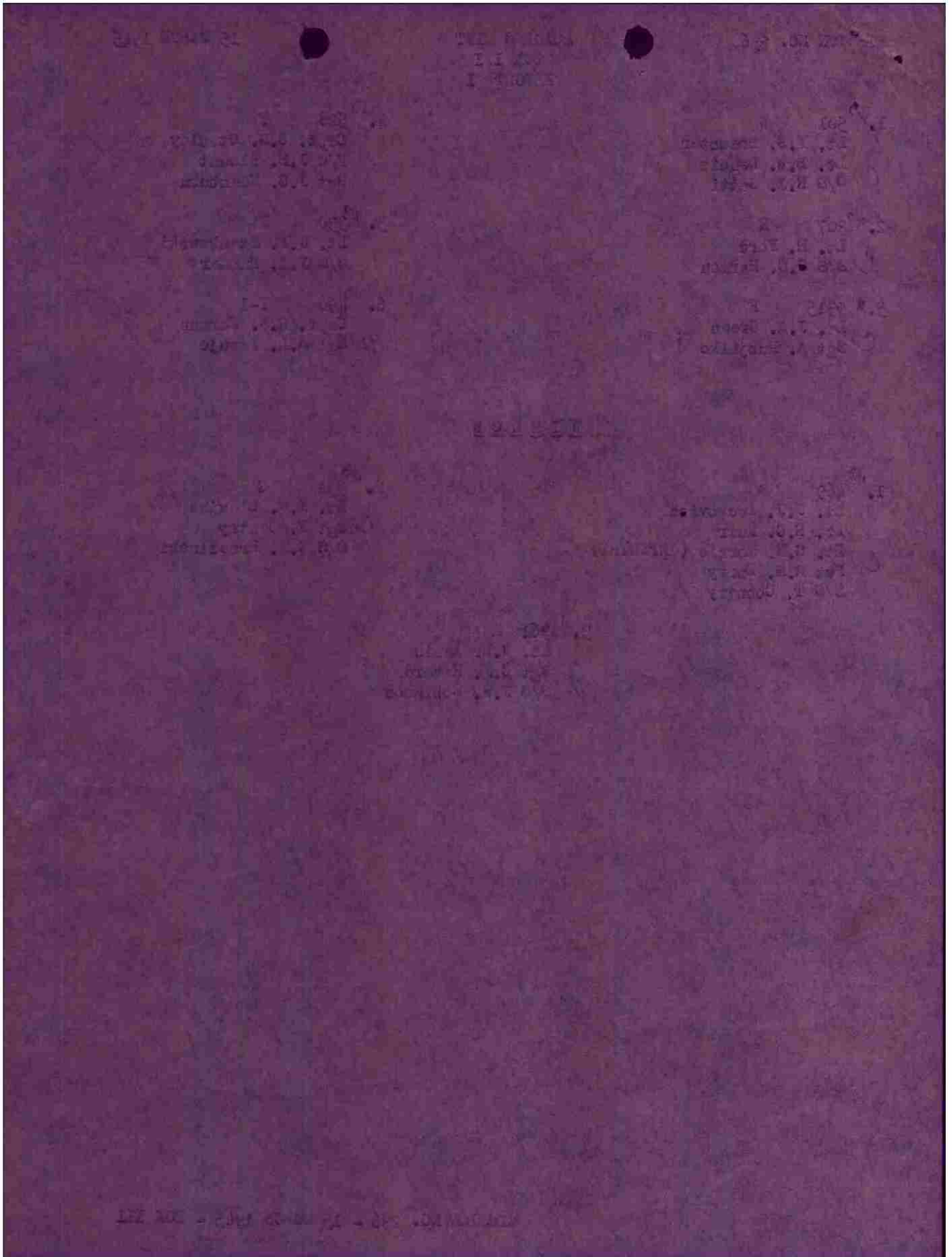
WINDOW

1. ⁴³469 A
Lt. J.J. Lackovich ✓
Lt. R.G. Muir ✓
C Lt. G.E. Morris (INFANTRY)
Pvt R.M. Barry ✓
S/S T. Connery ✓ 450

2. ⁴³334 G
Lt. J.W. Blevins ✓
C Sgt F. Gentry ✓
S/S E.P. Brzezinski ✓ 500

3. ⁴¹361 M
Lt. W.W. Annin ✓
Sgt C.J. Rivard ✓
A S/S J.W. Robinson ✓ 550

MISSION NO. 236 - 15 MARCH 1945 - BOX III



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

U-11-1

APO 140, U.S. Army,
 18 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

TO : Commanding General, 5th Bombardment Division (L), APO 140, U.S. Army.
 (Attn: A-4)

I. 15 March 1945, T.O. 1235, Pirbright Road Junction, T.O. 205-793.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. None.

V. 43-22498
 (Capt H.F. Fair)

Loss of hydraulic pressure.

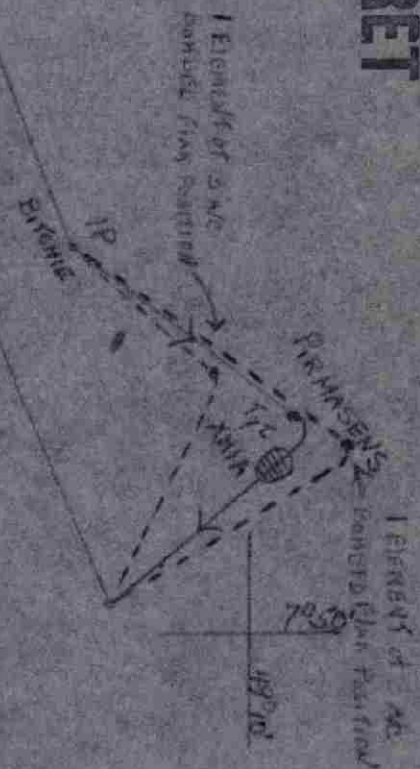
The neoprene seal in the balanced pressure relief valve to the bomb door system was broken, allowing pressure to by-pass back to the system. A. UR is being written on this condition.

VI. 1 - 2:30 - 485
 2 - 2:30 - 560
 3 - 2:30 - 590
 4 - 2:30 - 495
 5 - 2:35 - 510
 6 - 2:30 - 530
 1 - 2:35 - 490
 2 - 2:40 - 400
 3 - 2:35 - 525
 4 - 2:40 - 550
 5 - 2:35 - 500
 6 - 2:35 - 450
 1 - 2:30 - 600
 2 - 2:35 - 360
 3 - 2:35 - 375
 4 - 2:30 - 500
 5 - 2:35 - 475
 6 - 2:30 - 575
 W - 2:10 - 450
 W - 2:10 - 500
 W - 2:10 - 550

1 - 2:35 - 520
 2 - 2:35 - 450
 3 - 2:35 - 500
 4 - 2:30 - 515
 5 - 2:30 - 400
 6 - 2:30 - 475
 1 - 2:35 - 560
 2 - 2:35 - 565
 3 - 2:40 - 510
 4 - 2:35 - 450
 5 - 2:35 - 540
 6 - 2:35 - 450
 1 - 2:30 - 650
 2 - 2:30 - 475
 3 - 2:30 - 400
 4 - 2:30 - 525
 5 - 2:30 - 400
 6 - 2:30 - 500
 1 - 2:35 - 500
 2 - 2:35 - 490
 3 - 2:30 - 420
 4 - 2:30 - 545
 5 - 2:30 - 575
 6 - 2:30 - 530

VII. None.

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

SECRET716th BOMB GR (L)

15 MARCH 1945 FO. 205-793

T.O.T. 140225

TARGET PRIMASSENS ROAD JUNCT.

2 BOXES OF 18 A/c

VULCAN BOMBING BY FLIGHTS

3 WINDY & CLOUDY

ALTITUDE 12000

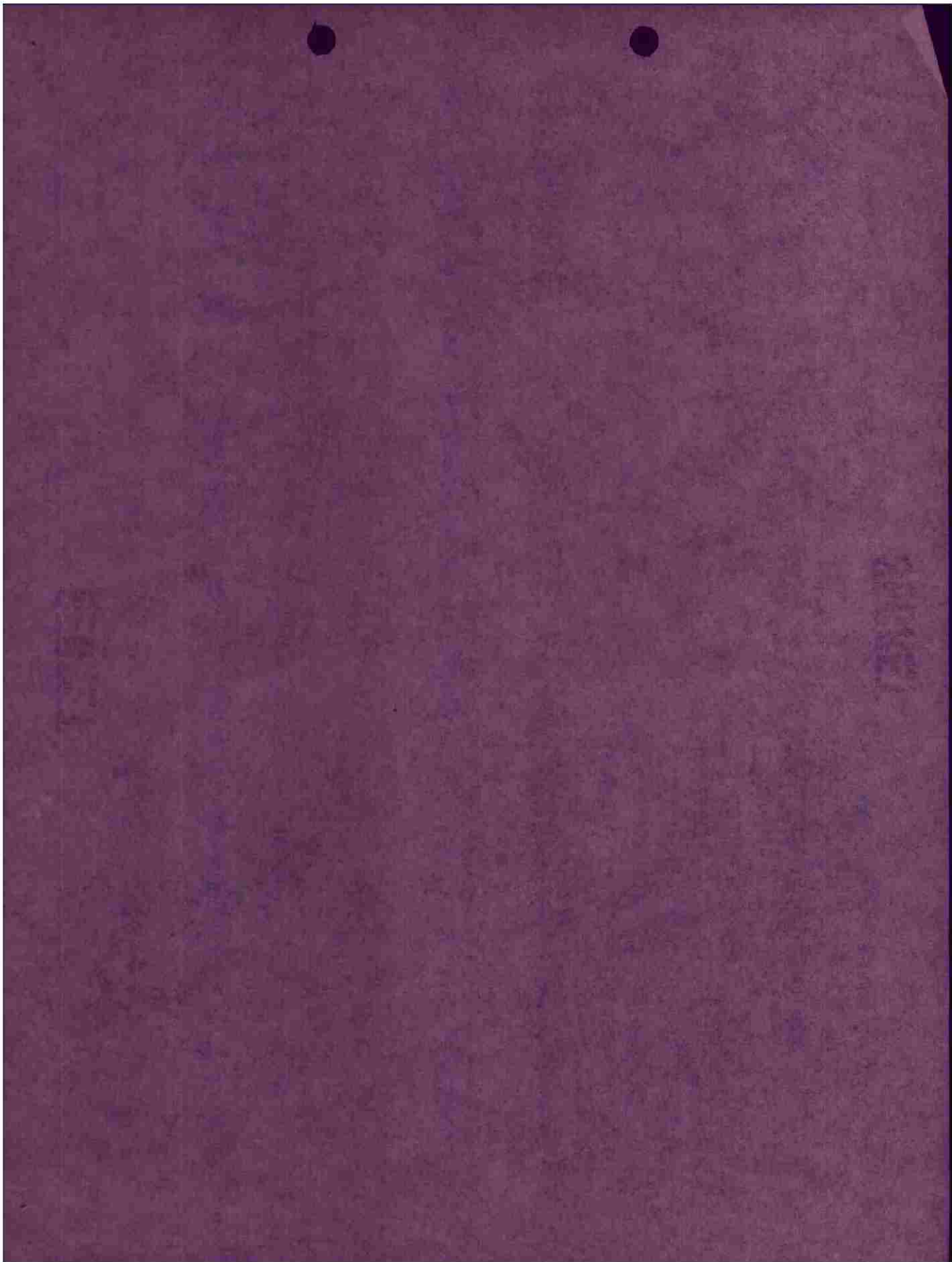
WEATHER: CLEAR

NO HEAVY DAMAGE

1 FLIGHT OF 6 A/c CAUSED

FLAK POSITIONS - NO DAMAGE

SECRET



Mission # 236									
BUT									
15 March									
S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	TARGET	A T O	ENEMY COAST IN	ENEMY COAST OUT	T O T
B	N	521	Thayer			1235	1504	2:30	
B	I	241	Van Roper			1235	1505	2:30	
B	R	252	Anderson			1235	1505	2:30	
B	O	338	Parrell			1235	1505	2:30	
B	W	362	Smith			1236	1459	2:25	
B	W	388	Reynolds			1236	1506	2:30	
B	B	499	Brown			1236	1508	2:35	
B	U	352	Gray			1236	1513	2:40	
B	E	497	Whitton			1237	1512	2:35	
B	M	309	Murray			1237	1513	2:40	
B	P	332	Richardson			1237	1510	2:35	
B	Z	419	Spivack			1238	1511	2:35	
B	K	498	David			1238	1528	2:50	
B	C	356	Paul Marden			1238	1509	2:35	
B	N	239	Thorn			1239	1514	2:35	
B	W	326	Threlton			1239	1509	2:30	
B	B	313	Alvino			1239	1510	2:35	
B	A	250	Mooney			1240	1510	2:30	
C	A	449	Jackovich			1253	1502	2:10	
C	B	334	Alvino			1254	1503	2:10	
A	M	361	Amun			1254	1503	2:10	

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Mission # 236											
Day II											
15 March											
S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN
B	Q	489	Micco			1247	1540	2:55			
B	S	354	Meinert			1247	1520	2:35			
B	Q	391	Leute			1247	1519	2:35			
B	F	351	Hubace			1248	1515	2:30			
B	H	314	Smith			1248	1516	2:30			
B	H	363	Runni			1248	1516	2:30			
B	Q	507	Burns			1249	1524	2:35			
B	B	223	Chitty			1249	1524	2:35			
B	E	224	McKee			1249	1527	2:40			
B	O	416	Longfellow			1249	1521	2:35			
B	S	320	Williams			1250	1521	2:35			
B	R	215	Macrae			1250	1522	2:35			
B	P	481	Anderson			1250	1547	2:30			
B	Q	264	Parson			1250	1517	2:30			
B	B	385	Leute			1251	1517	2:30			
B	Q	213	Hale			1251	1517	2:30			
B	T	321	Podiat			1251	1518	2:30			
B	H	335	Greenet			1251	1518	2:30			

S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	T A R G E T	A T O	ENG. COAST IN	ENG. COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	ENG. COAST OUT	C A M E R A	F U L L O L O A D	B O M B O A D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D E	R E M A R K S
C	W	501	Bruno			12 52	1513	1:35								
C	N	307	Thomas Ford			12 52	1515	1:35								
C	W	9315	Green			12 52	1512	1:30			*					
C	T	528	Stanley			12 53	1512	1:30								
C	P	330	Wandowski			12 53	1513	1:30								
B	T-1	496	Barman			12 53	1523	1:30			*					



ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V. JEA JEA 4/15 OP OP

T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 15/0530A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

R-152-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
15 MARCH 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 205-793

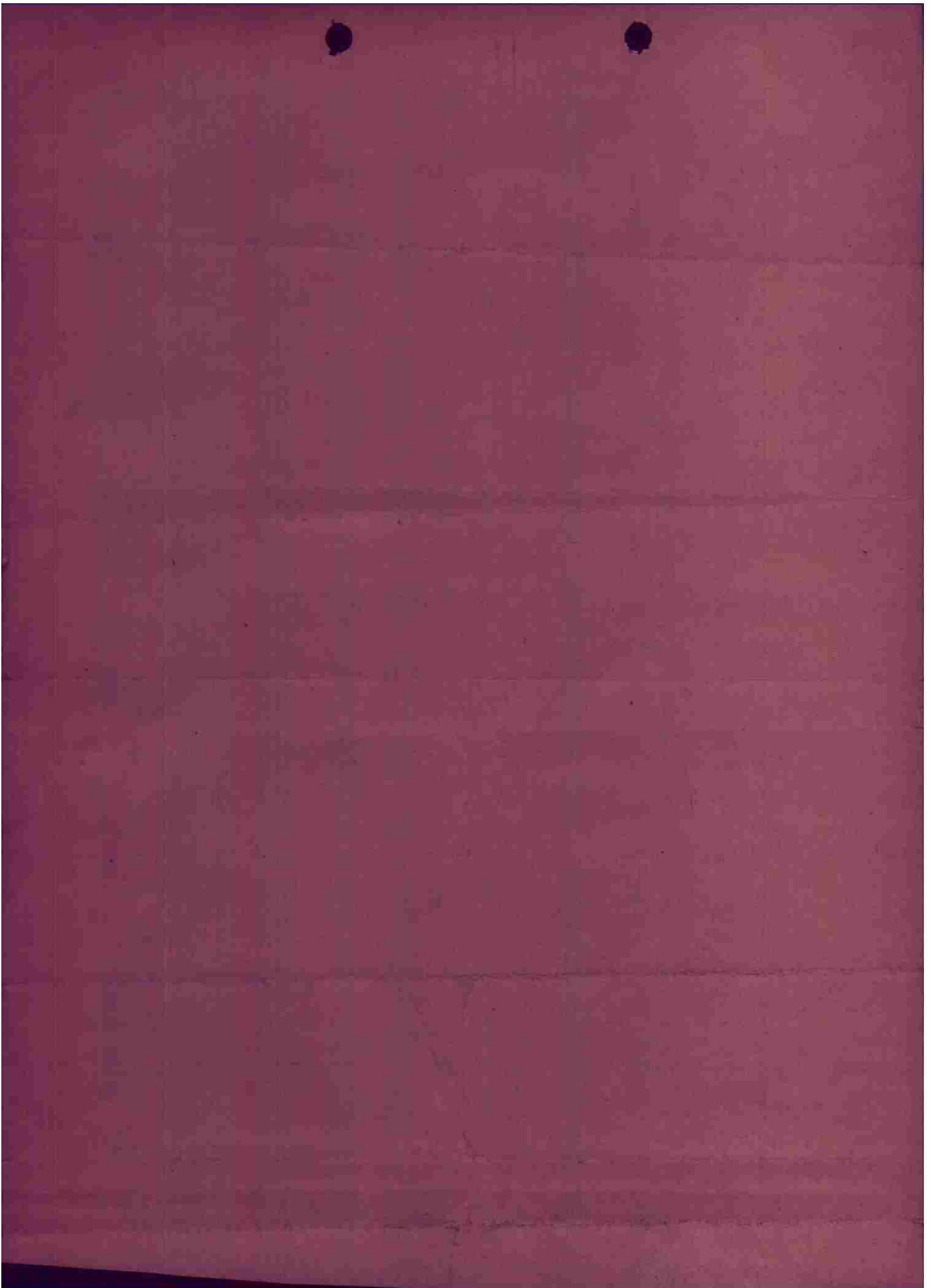
MAPS : NORMAL

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) PIRMASENS ROAD JUNCTIONS 0-904666
FLAK POSITIONS AT 0-884615, 0-912707
 - (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 260 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) PIRMASENS ROAD JUNCTIONS 0-904666
 - (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, 90376592.
 - (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. 415TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) PIRMASENS ROAD JUNCTIONS Q-884615, Q-912787.
FLAK POSITIONS AT Q-884615, Q-912787.
- (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.
- (3) 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. 89706687, 89656585, 90306585, 90376692. FLAK POSITIONS : ONE ELEMENT ON EACH COORD. 884615, 912787.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET FOR M-17 INCINDIARY CLUSTERS
100 FEET FOR M-21 FRAGS.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. M-17 INCINDIARY CLUSTERS TO OPEN AT 5,000 FEET.
1 FLIGHT ON FLAK POSITIONS : 12 X 250 LB. M-21 FRAGS.
WITH T-200-1 NOSE FUSE NON-DELAY TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MIN.
- (13) FLIGHT BOMBING FLAK POSITIONS WILL ACCOMPANY FORMATION
ROUTE OUT AND LEAVE FORMATION JUST BEFORE FLAK POS.
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-7753
- (8) AXIS OF ATTACK : GENERALLY SW TO NE.
- (9) R.P. : R-8451
- (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 CIPNER 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/V CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

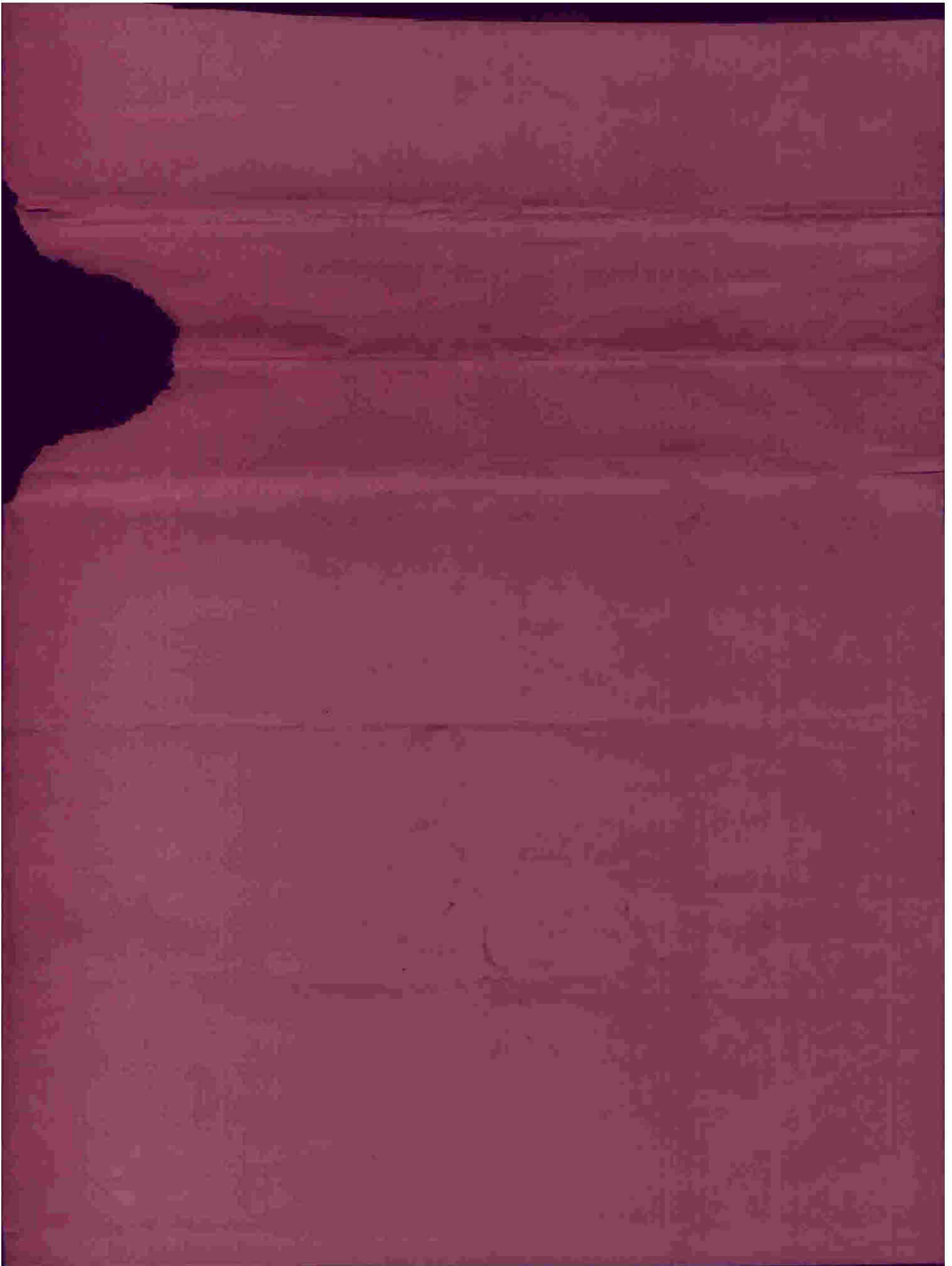
PLAN "B"

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,
90656585, 90306585, 90376692. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY
FLIGHTS OR BOXES. PPF MPI - GRID COORD. 90306637
- (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

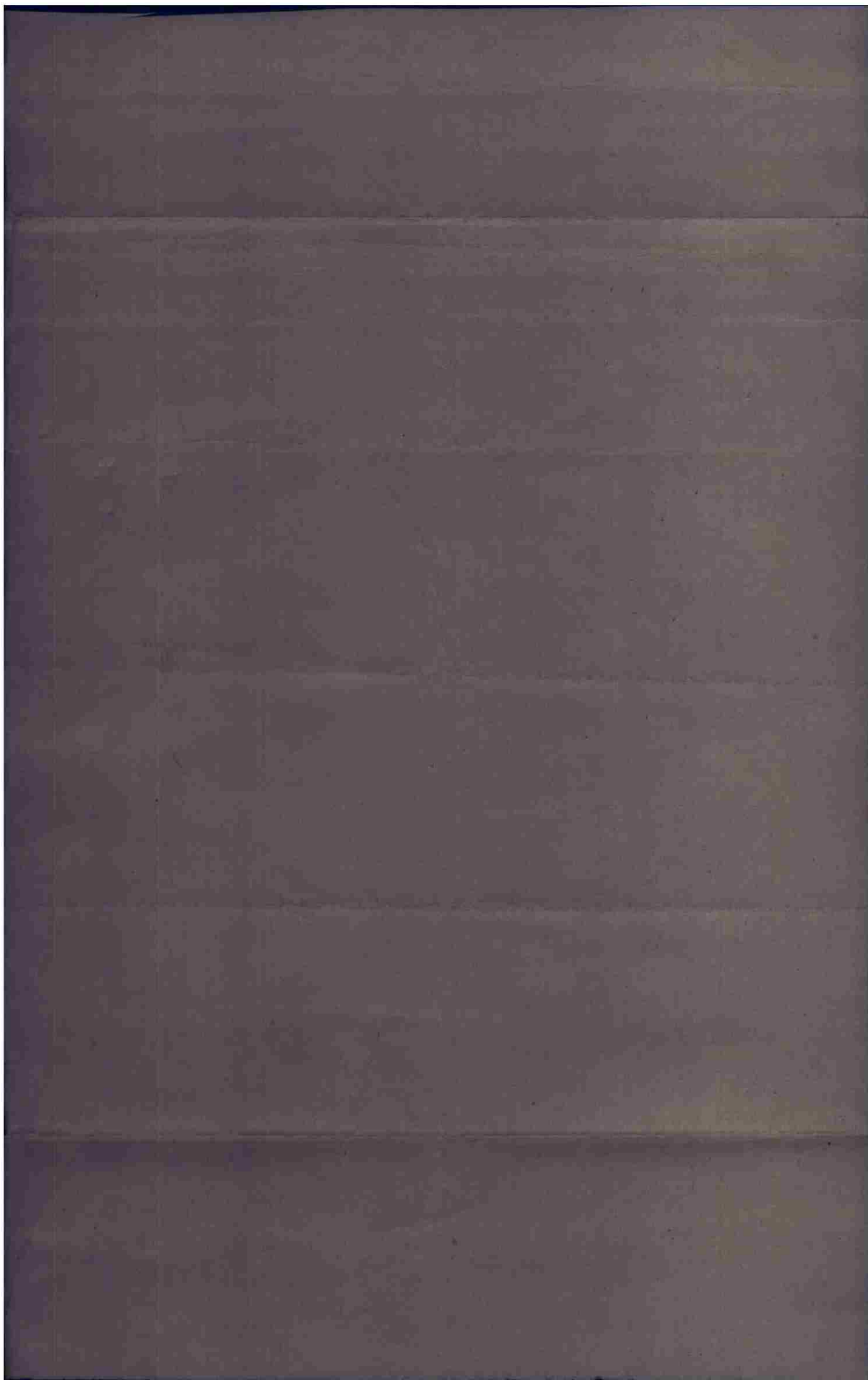
C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (904666)

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

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 15/0530A
CES LCB AR

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

JKI R. 15/0655A EW AR



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ITA JJF JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 05/15 OP OP
T (ITA T JJF)

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

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
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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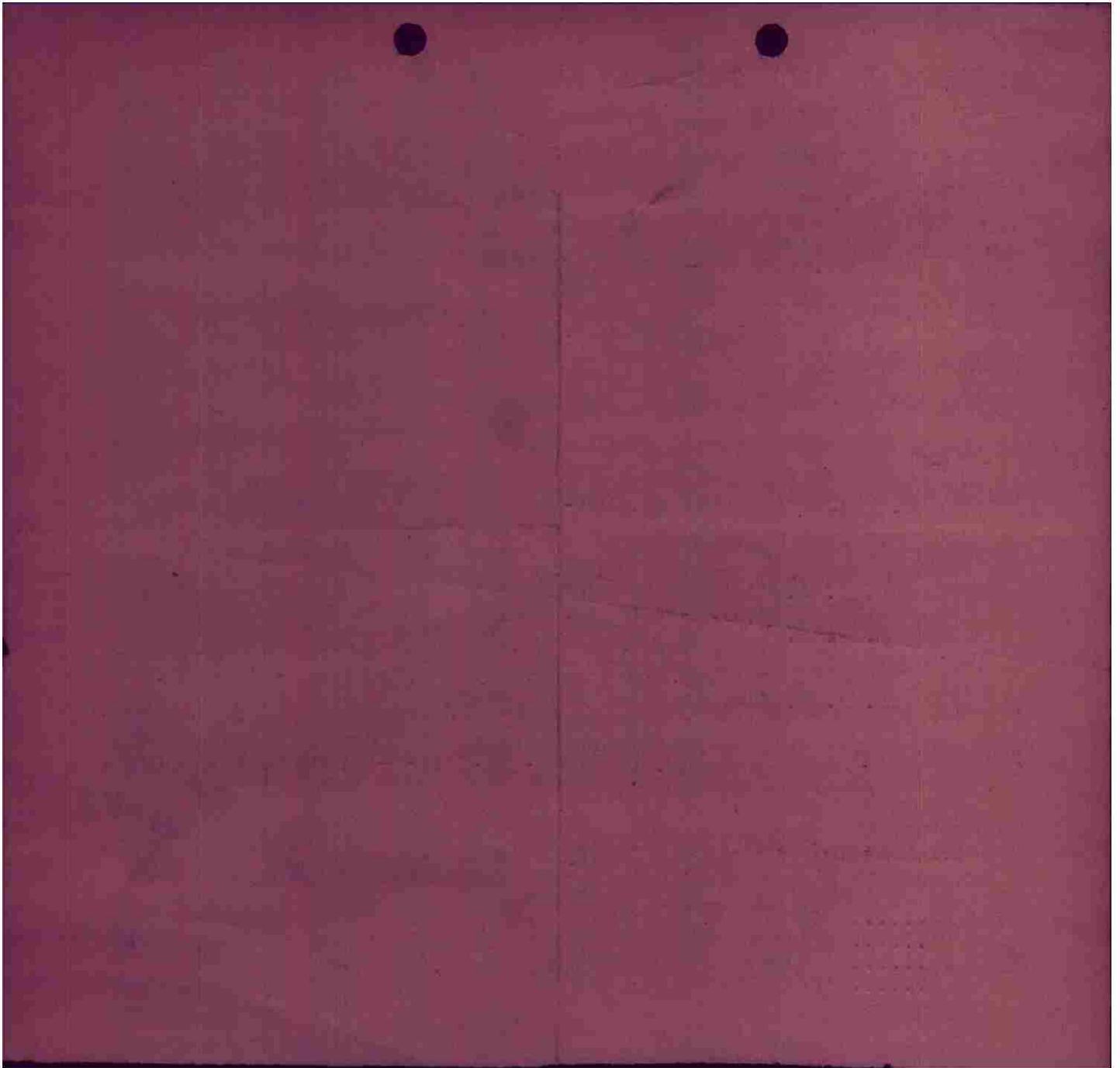
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JES R	15/1047A	DC	AR
JKI R	 15/1047A	DM	AR
JPO R	M..... 15/1047A	WAC	AR HM

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T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

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TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMCP 409
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1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN.

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97 CBW R-151-E DT

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 7042, 7049

9 (A) 4/2 AND 3

TTF SHEETS 4907E/6711 AND 6811

MOSAIC CO, 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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DT 15/0340A

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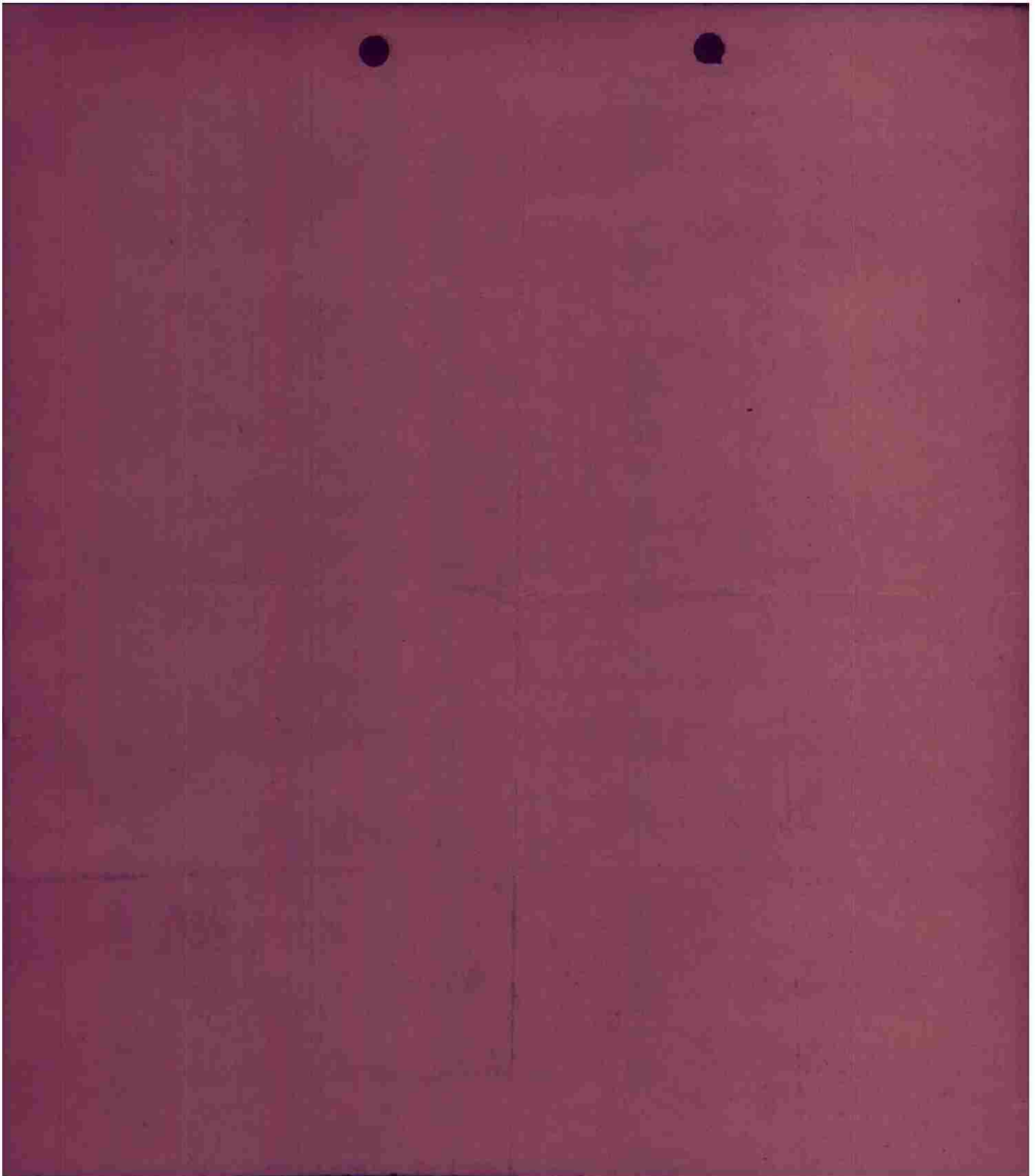
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JPO R.....15/0405A DB AR

JKI R.....15/0405A EW AR

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

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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

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

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

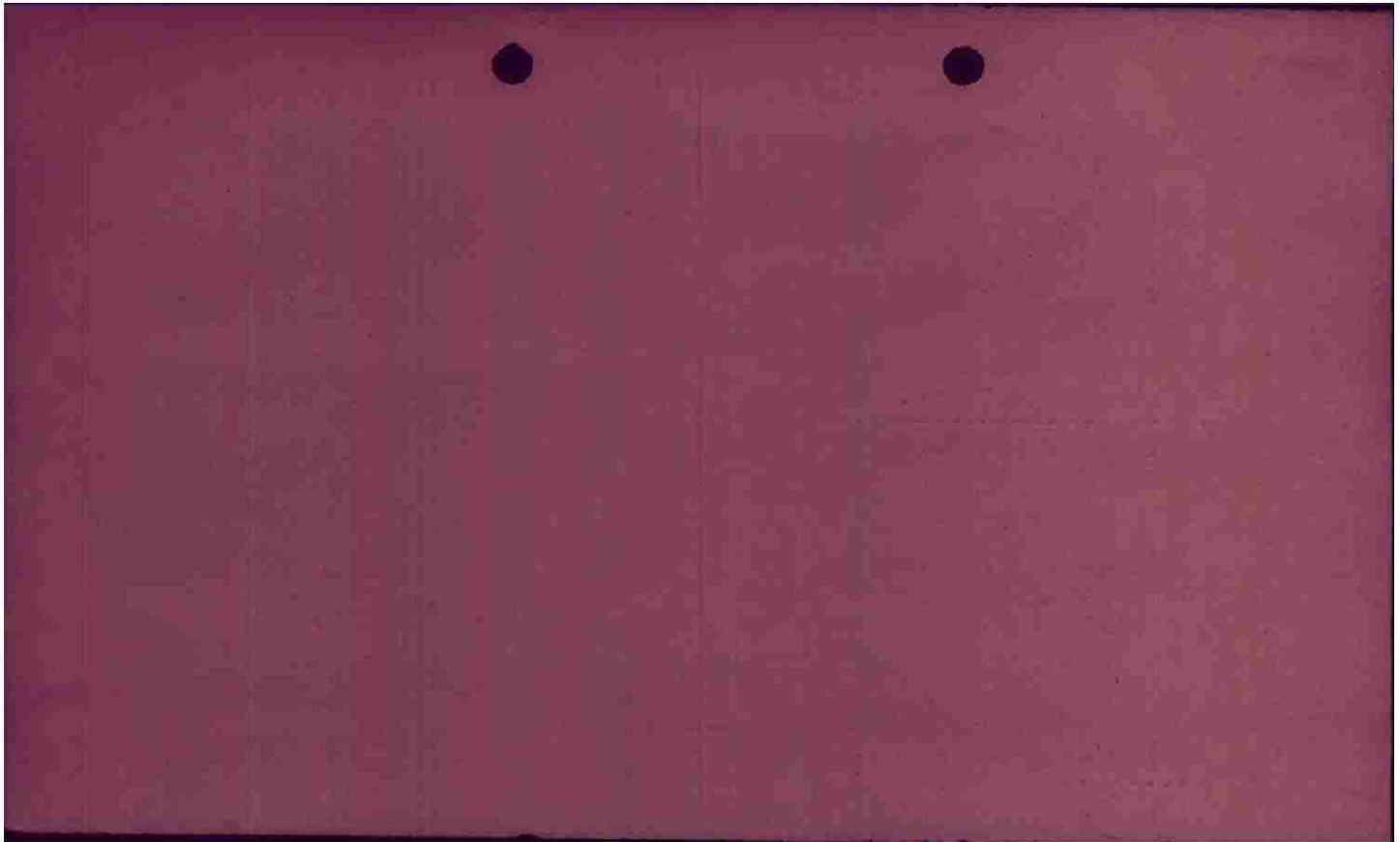
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FD AR

JEA R.....15/1313SA DJP AR

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T (JKI T JEW)

FROM: 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) 151020A
TO : CGS, ALL COMBAT WINGS
COS, ALL STATIONS & GROUPS (ATT: F/C)
COS, 1ST PSP, & 9TH WEATHER SQDNS.

QGX BT

SECRET SBD OR-1154-F/C VICINITY OF MOURMELON T-580632 RPT T-580632,
RESTRICTED TO ALL NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING, THURSDAY 13 MARCH 1945,
1400 HOURS TO 1700 HOURS

COMBOMDIV NINE

BT 151020A

AL BBBBB

SS (RELAY)

JES R 15/1130A

VL K

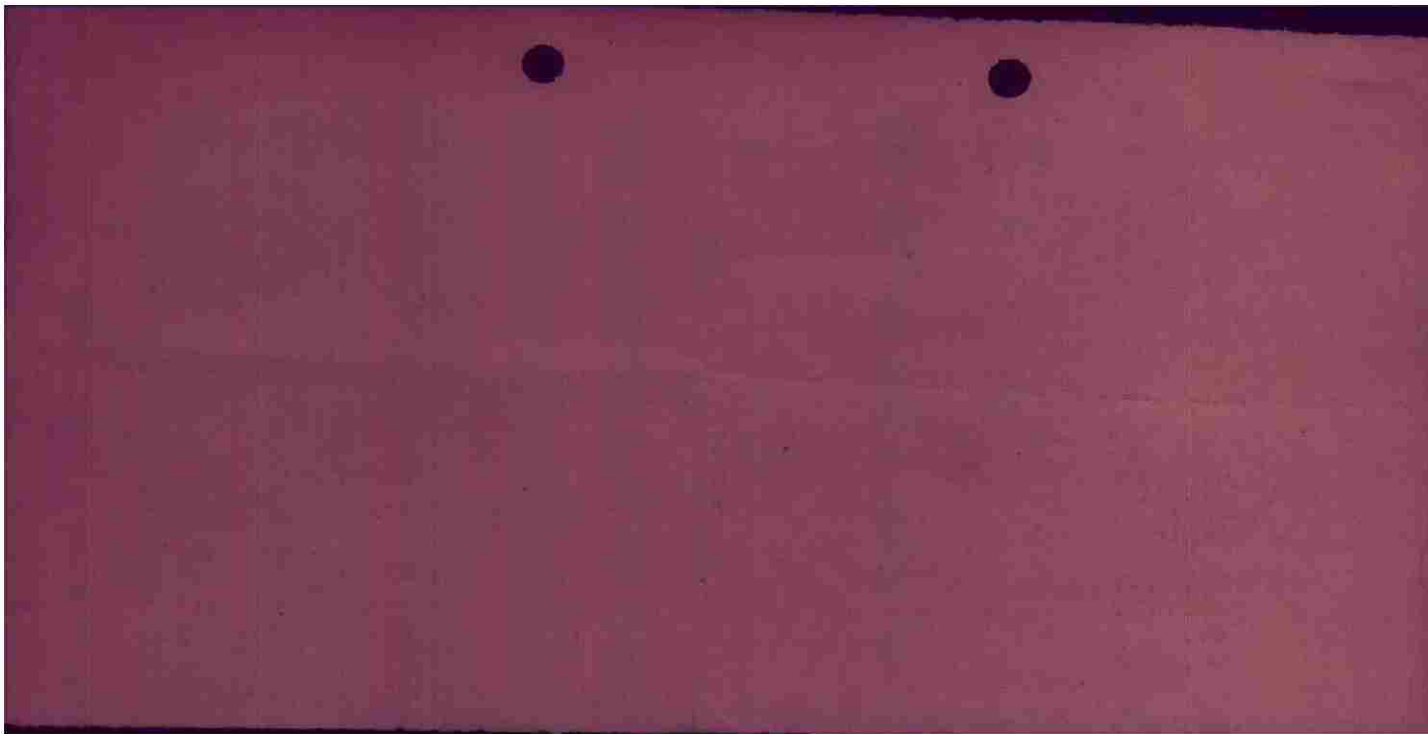
JKI R 15/1130A

M DN K

JPO R 15/1132A

WAC KKK

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 10/15 OP-OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP 15/1700A
TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION ATTN: A-2
CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATTN: A-2
BT

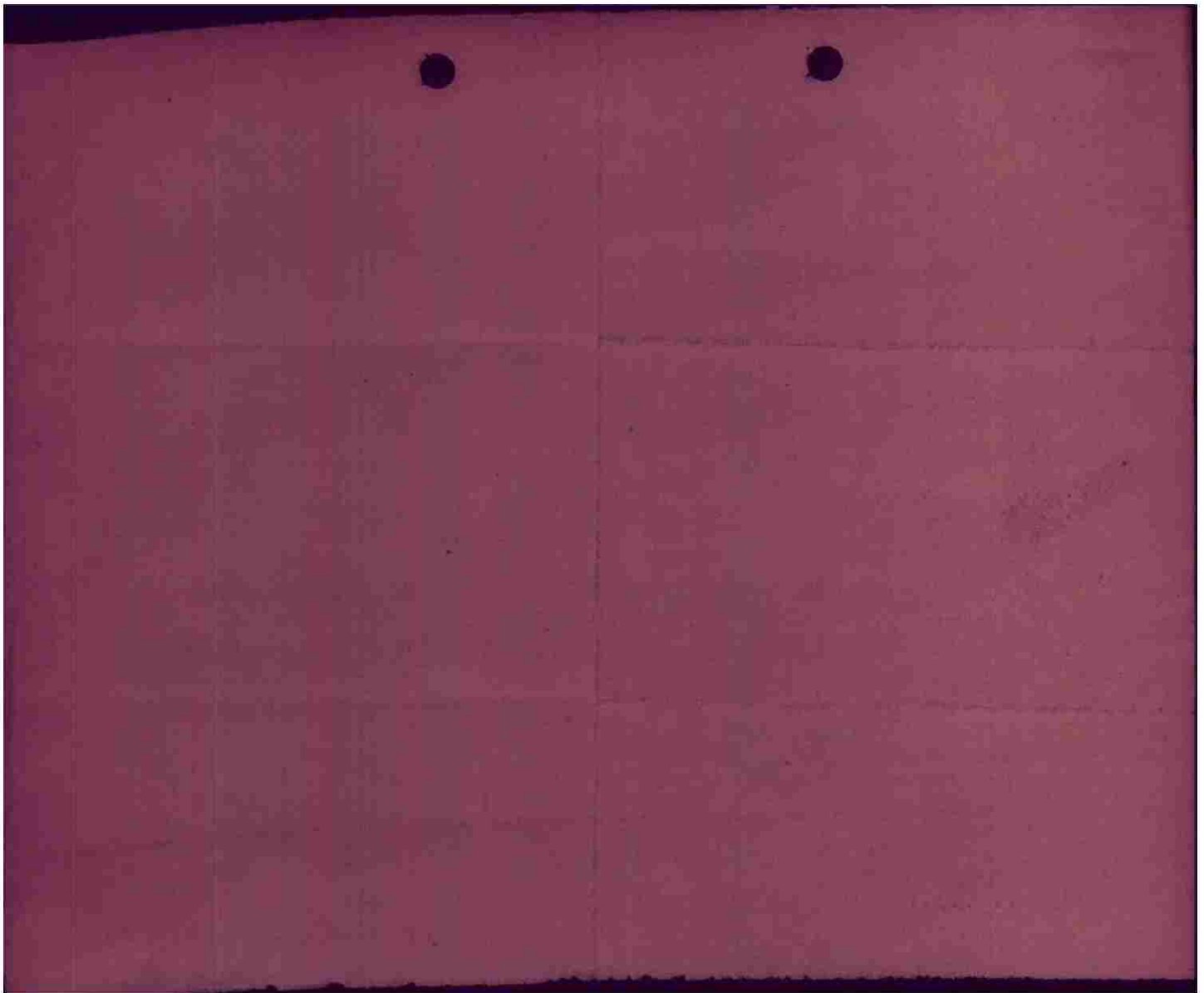
CONFIDENTIAL R-311-D
OPFLASH FOR 15 MARCH 1945.

- A. 416TH BOMB GROUP
- B. PIRMASENS ROAD JUNCTIONS
- C. 45 A-26'S
- D. 36 A-26'S ATTACKED PIRMASENS 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 PIRMASENS 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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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 - 64

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 150 XXXX MILES.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGP 416

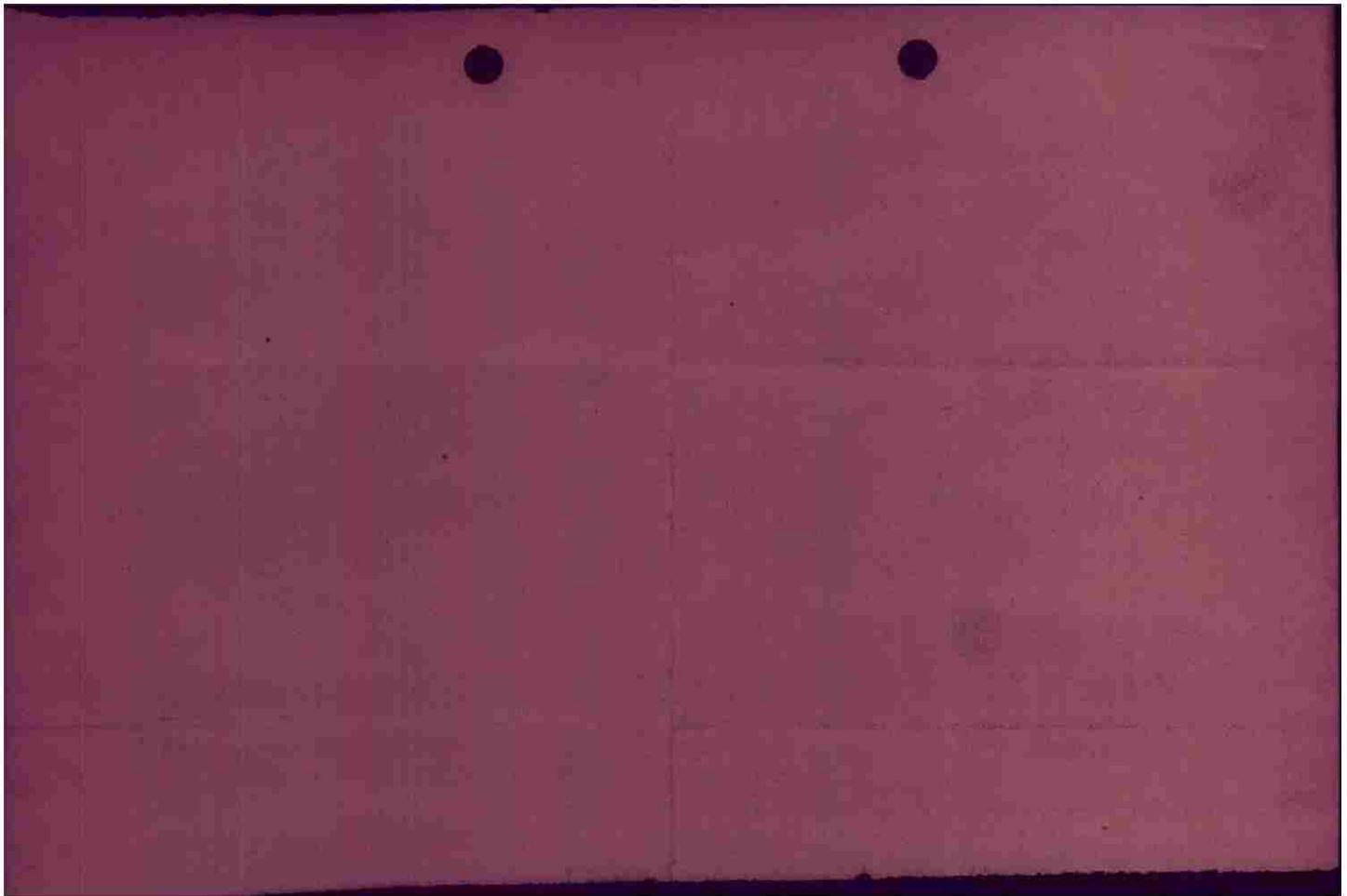
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CORR: DELETE THE LETTER "L" IN FRONT OF WORD FORMATION

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JEAN R.....15/1700 A SH KKKK

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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 " " "

I 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

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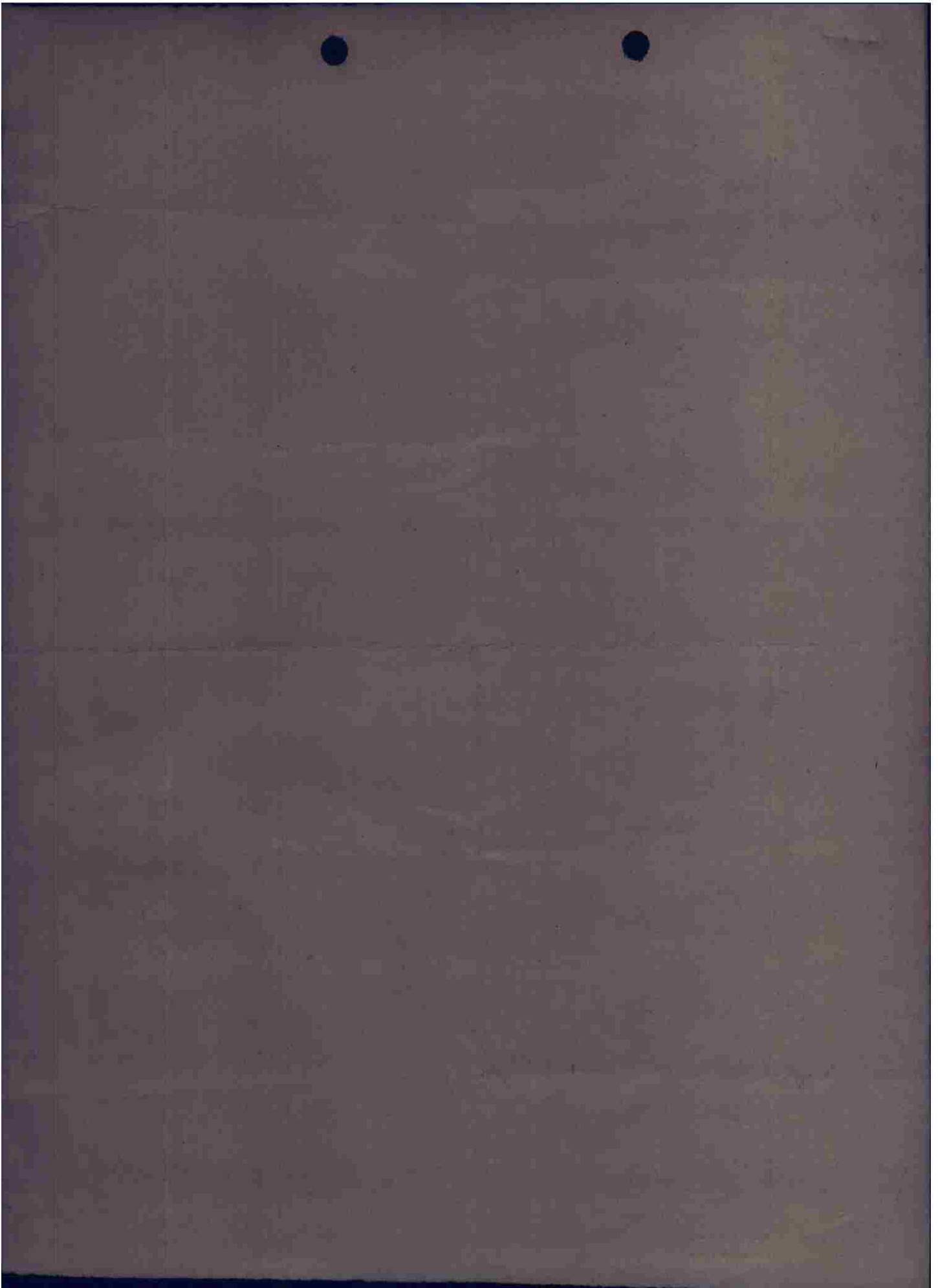
CC: UNDER J. BOX II FLT C: SHOULD READ :

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

B B B

ITA R.....16/0110A DF KK

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



MISSION NO. 235

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

14 MARCH 1945

1. 529 N 625
Capt H M Evans
Lt T M McCartney
Lt R E Shaft
Col T R Aylesworth
S/S C L Skene
2. 487 J
Lt J E Blomgren
Lt G G Johnson
S/S M Beckach
3. 361 M 625
Lt J P Kenny
Sgt J J Sitterich
Major E R Lewis (II Arm'd)
4. 213 A 625
Lt L E Cannon
S/S E P Brzezinski
S/E H W Anderson (II Arm'd)
5. 259 H 600
Lt F R Tamm
Sgt F E Harmon
6. 385 D 625
Lt G J Parkhurst
Cpl J B Young

FLIGHT II

1. 521 N
Capt B D Stebbins
Lt A S Calloway
Lt F A Reeves
S/S W J Brown
2. 351 F
Lt J A Willard
Sgt C V Hinker
3. 271 R
Lt C H Anderson
Sgt C Gilbert
4. 354 S
Lt M W DuBose
S/S D L Griffin
S/S J O Ottaviano
5. 389 T
Lt A W Deyner
Sgt R H Gillespie
6. 314 H
Lt D E Smith
S/S S J Kirik
Capt D E Eastlake (II Arm'd)

SPARE

- 274 S-1
Lt R H Long
Sgt C J McCarthy

WINDOW

1. 469 A
Lt H Popeney
Lt C F Fry
S/S W E Arnett
Sgt T R Langley
Lt S C Cappel (Inf)
2. 264 I 675
Lt J H Miller
S/S C F Huss
Sgt A Belt
3. 394 J 650
Lt T E Grasher
Sgt A H Miller
Sgt E W Fidler

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