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MISSION NO. 298

LOADING LIST
BOX 1
FLIGHT 1

17 March 1945

1. ⁴³190 X
MAJOR L F DUNN 3.15
LT W E BREWER 4.80
SGT J W ROSE
LT R C MUIR

2. ⁴³223 N
CAPT C S STANLEY 3.15
F/O J H ROUNT 5.00
SGT J C EIDENBURN

3. ⁴¹237 D
LT J C GARY 3.15
M/S J J WELLS 4.75

4. ⁴³419 Z
LT W H AMES 3.15
S/S R J BROWN 5.25

5. ⁴¹297 T
LT M WALLMAN 3.15
SGT A HELT 6.00

6. ⁴³313 B
LT A B HLIVED 3.15
SGT L J FARMER 5.50

FLIGHT 11

1. ⁴³521 N
LT COL J G NAPIER 3.15
LT D L MOORE 5.60
SGT E A ARENDT

2. ⁴¹993 M
LT C M ANDERSON 3.15
S/S J H DEATHERAGE 5.35

3. ⁴¹244 I
LT R W VAN ROPE 3.25
S/S W H KLINGMAN 5.90

4. ⁴³304 T
CAPT W F DUFADIT 3.15
F/O C A CARDINALE 5.00
S/S R E VORCE

5. ⁴³354 B
LT C E WEINERT 3.15
SGT R DUBI 5.50

6. ⁴¹362 Y
LT B A SMITH 3.15
SGT D A RICHARDS 5.10

FLIGHT 111

1. ⁴³487 J
CAPT E L MILLER 3.15
LT JK CONNER 5.25
S/S C F FLOYD

2. ⁴³496 L
LT A W DEPMER 3.15
SGT R H GILLISPIE 5.40

3. ⁴³981 Q
LT J F ALLEN 3.15
LT J W BRITT 6.00
S/S L R GETEN

4. ⁴¹338 O
LT M W DUBOSE 3.15
LT C H HOUSLEY 4.25
S/S J H WALTERS

5. ⁴¹314 H
LT B E SMITH 3.15
S/S S J KIRIK 4.75
S/S C W WILLIFORD

6. ⁴¹259 R
LT R W HASKELL
SGT E W LEA
*Not airborne
fell into
pile of rocks
but 4 prop.*

SPARE

4. ⁴¹264 I
LT S MOONEY 3.15
SGT W C SCHILLACHER 6.00

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MISSION NO. 238

LOADING LIST
BOX 11
FLIGHT 1

17 MARCH 1945

1. 499 G
LT C J BROWN
LT J E KERNS
~~LT J E KERNS~~
S/S H E SUNDERLAND

2. 469 A
LT R B HALL
F/O T L GOSS
S/S W S JACKSON

3. 352 J
LT D L WITHINGTON
S/S L D MC ELHATTAN

4. 239 N
CAPT S M HIXON
SGT K W SCHMIDT

5. 256 O
LT G L MILHORN
S/S H R DAVIS

6. 209 M
CAPT Z R MOORE
SGT M F HARDIN

FLIGHT 11

1. 491 P
CAPT C J ANDERSEN
LT W BABEAGE
MAJOR E R LEWIS
S/S E L SCHAFER

2. 321 T
LT W H ROBERTS
S/S P G EUGA

3. 378 O
LT W W ANNIN
S/S J H ROBERTS

4. 213 A
LT W L HALE
S/S J F GEYER

5. 305 U
LT A V EVARTS
SGT D YOUSLIOS

6. 495 G
F/O H G GUNDEL
SGT L J GRZONA

FLIGHT 111

1. 507 Q
LT F S BREWSTER
LT L W DENNIS
S/S W O CLARK

2. 205 M
LT R FORD
SGT D J MURRO

3. 223 B
LT R S BOWER
SGT A C PASILE

4. 416 O
LT W E DOWNING
S/S L R FRIDAY

5. 233 F
CAPT H W BORMAN
PFC D O FINNELL

6. 330 P
LT J V O'BRIEN
SGT F E COHEY
SGT D B RICHARDS

SPARE

2315 L
LT J H MILLER
S/S A B EATON

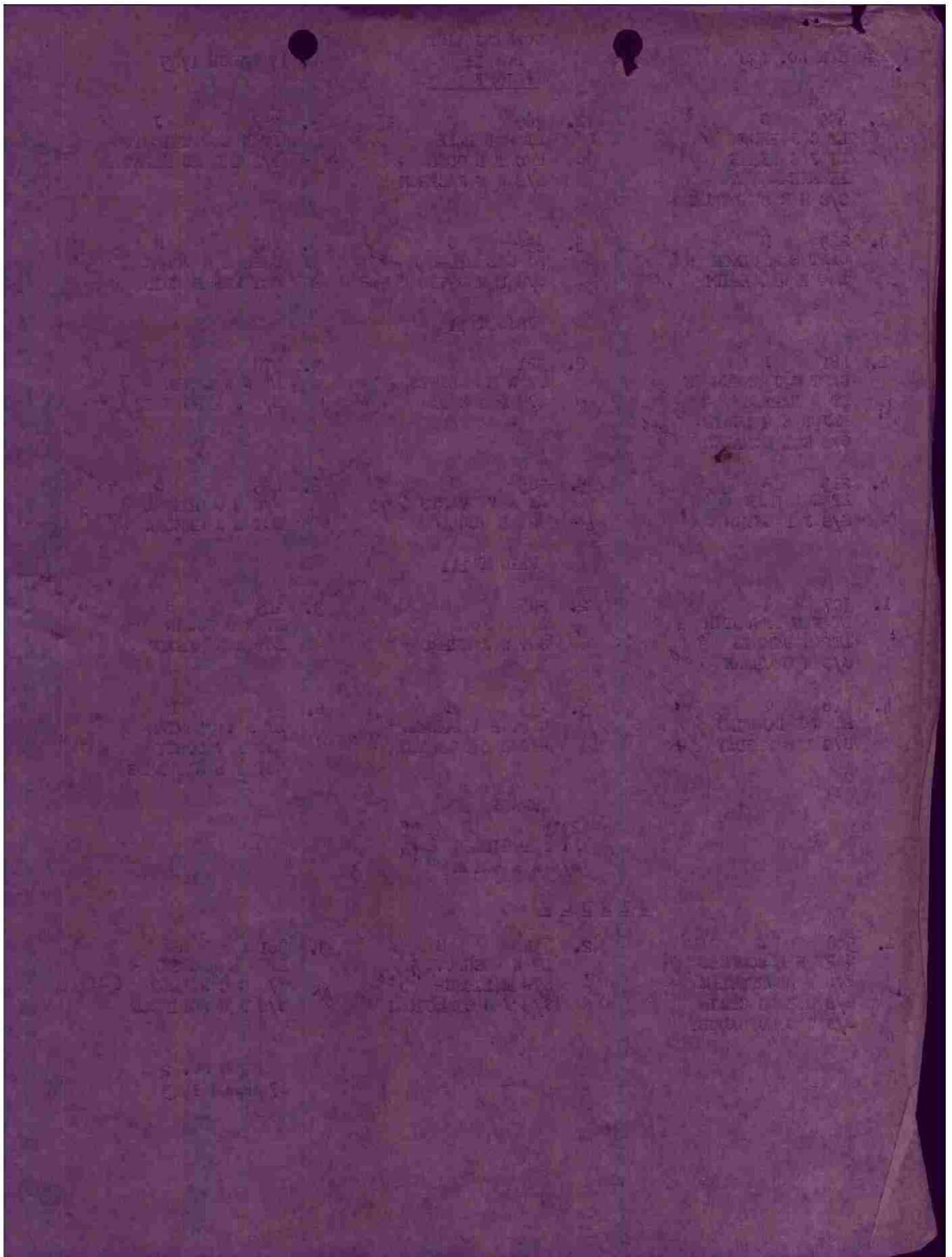
WINDOW

1. 508 Z
CAPT H L SOMMERS
F/O W M WRUBELLE
S/S H B MC CLAIN
S/S W S MC GAUGHY

2. 334 G
LT W MUSGROVE
S/S M EICKER
S/S W S CIANCIOSI

3. 361 M
LT W H LASTER
T/S G C WILSON
S/S J W ROBINSON

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17 MARCH 1945



SECRET

AUTH: CO, A-89

19 Mar 45

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HEADQUARTERS
41ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

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

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 17 March 1945, T.O. 1604, Bad Homburg N/Y, P.O. 208-799.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 42-23354 Station SA failed
(Lt. C.E. Weinert) to release.

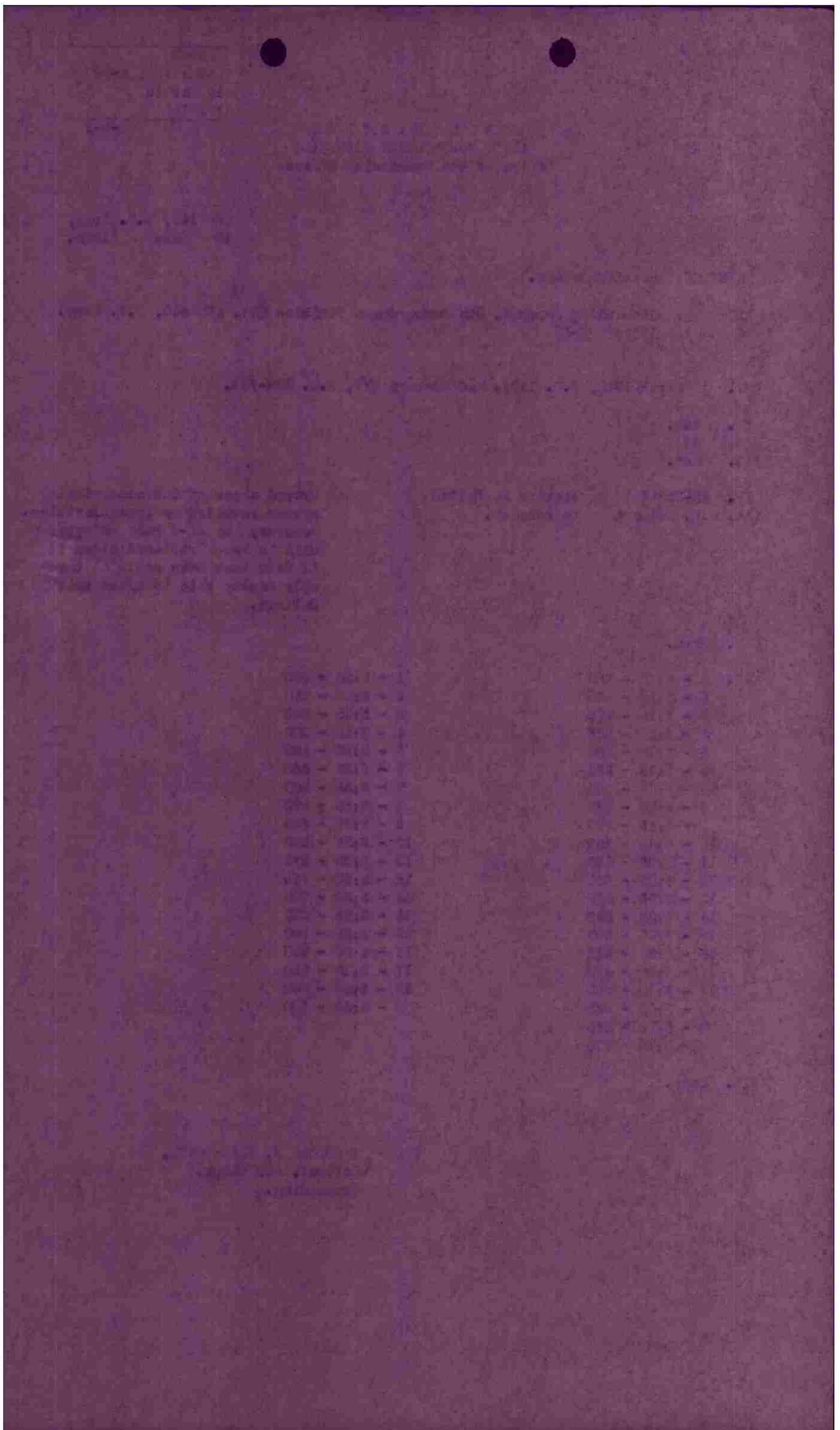
Ground check of the electrical system revealed no irregularities. However, the RS-2 rack selector unit is being replaced since it is felt that this could be the only faulty unit to cause this failure.

V. None.

VI. 1 - 3:15 - 480	1 - 3:30 - 540
2 - 3:15 - 500	2 - 3:35 - 650
3 - 3:15 - 475	3 - 3:30 - 500
4 - 3:15 - 525	4 - 3:40 - 600
5 - 3:15 - 600	5 - 3:35 - 425
6 - 3:15 - 550	6 - 3:35 - 650
7 - 3:15 - 550	7 - 3:35 - 600
8 - 3:05 - 535	8 - 3:35 - 680
9 - 3:25 - 550	9 - 3:35 - 625
10 - 3:15 - 500	10 - 3:25 - 590
11 - 3:05 - 550	11 - 3:30 - 575
12 - 3:05 - 510	12 - 3:35 - 745
13 - 3:05 - 525	13 - 3:20 - 600
14 - 3:05 - 540	14 - 3:35 - 650
15 - 3:05 - 600	15 - 3:55 - 800
16 - 3:05 - 425	16 - 3:20 - 540
17 - 3:05 - 475	17 - 3:10 - 550
18 - 3:10 - 600	18 - 3:20 - 560
W - 3:05 - 525	3 - 3:30 - 590
W - 3:35 - 550	
W - 3:15 - 525	

VII. None.

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

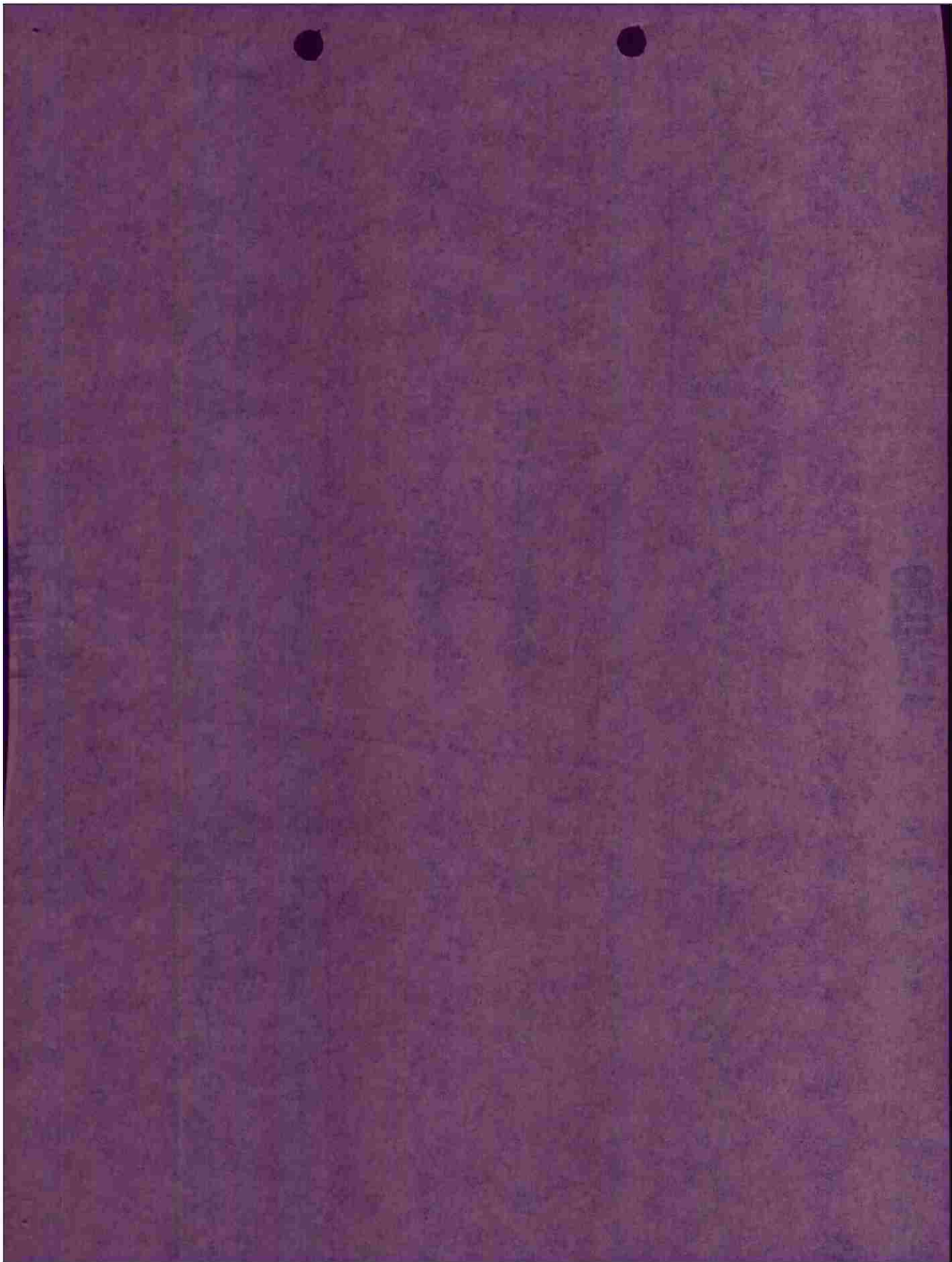


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NOTE: 9 CHILLED STEAKS & 1 FROST
X MEATS: DO NOT
POUNT

SECRET

 $+50^{\circ}$



Mission No. 238

Box I.

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	C A M E R A	F U L L O A D	B O M B O A D	E N D U R	L A N D I N G	R E M A R K S
B	X	490	Burns			1504	1815	3:15									
A	N	523	Stanley			1504	1815	3:15									
B	D	237	Lang			1504	1816	3:15									
B	Z	419	Conder			1504	1817	3:15									
B	T	297	Wallman			1517	1813	3:15									
B	B	313	Albino			1505	1818	3:15									
B	N	521	Thapier			1505	1808	3:15									
B	M	393	Anderson, C. M.			1505	1810	3:05									
B	I	244	Van Roper			1506	1830	3:25									
B	T	304	San J. Smith			1506	1818	3:15									
B	S	354	Winnant			1506	1809	3:05									
B	Y	362	Smith, B. A.			1507	1809	3:05									
B	J	487	Miller, E. S.			1507	1811	3:05									
B	L	496	Deppner			1507	1811	3:05									
B	Q	381	Allen			1508	1812	3:05									
B	O	338	DeBoer			1508	1814	3:05									
B	H	314	Smith, D. E.			1508	1816	3:05									
B	H	334	MacBelle		Not	1508											
A	E	264	Morrey		1509	1817	3:10										
			Windsor														
A	Z	508	Somner			1516	1819	3:05									
C	G	334	Magnum			1517	1820	3:35									
A	M	361	Jaeger			1516	1827	3:15									

304	500
521	560
487	525
244	590
354	550
393	535
496	540
362	510
338	425
314	475
381	600

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423	550
2315	580
330	560
334	550
416	540
469	650
507	600
205	650
223	800

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Box II.

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	C A M E R A	F U L L O L O B A D	B O L O B A D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D I N E	R E M A R K S
A	G	499	Brown, C. J.			1510	18 40	3:20									
C	A	469	Hall, R. B.			1510	19 41	3:35									
B	J	352	Withington			1511	18 44	3:30									
D	N	339	Nikard			1511	18 49	3:40									
D	C	356	Millhorn			1511	18 42	3:35									
D	M	209	Moore			1512	19 43	3:35									
A	P	481	Anderson, C. J.			1512	18 43	3:35									
A	T	321	Roberts			1512	18 46	3:35									
A	O	378	Lewis			1513	18 44	3:35									
A	A	213	Nale			1513	18 25	3:25									
A	U	305	Donald			1513	18 47	3:30									
A	G	495	Bunkel			1513	19 44	3:35									
C	Q	507	Brewster			1514	18 30	3:20									
C	M	205	Ford			1514	19 45	3:35									
C	B	223	Bower			1514	19 09	3:55									
C	O	416	Browning			1515	19 34	3:20									
C	F	233	Bornard			1515	19 23	3:10									
C	P	330	McGuire			1515	18 32	3:20									
C	L	2315	Milley, G. N.			1516	18 42	3:30									

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PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO: 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)
9TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)
GO 1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (PROV)INFO COPY
INFO COPY

416 BG R _____ S

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17 MARCH 1945 2000

PTF REPORT FOR OPERATIONAL MISSIONS 17 MARCH 1945.

MORNING MISSION:

PTF LEAD EXCELLENT.

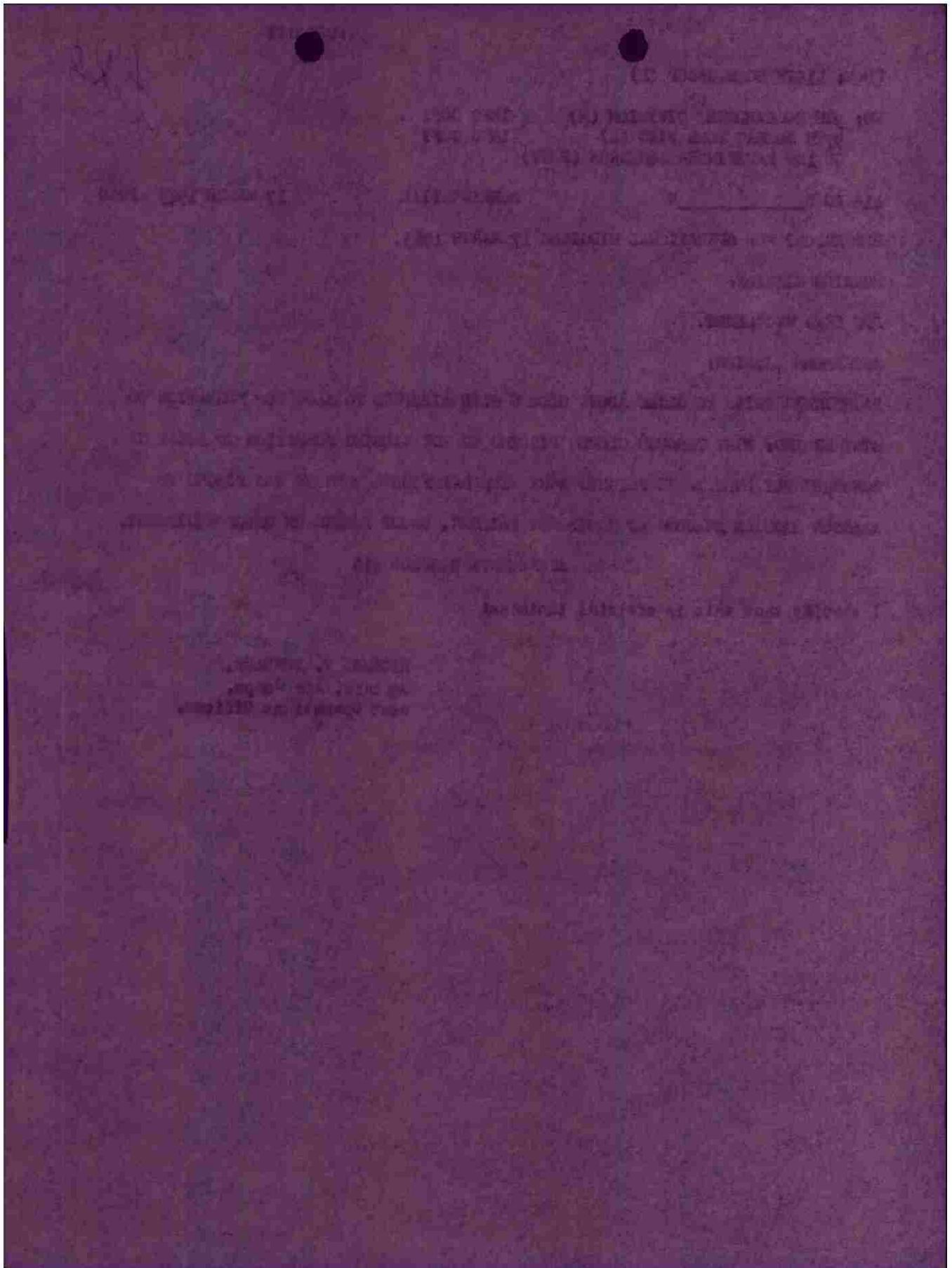
AFTERNOON MISSION:

PATHFINDER TRIED TO CLIMB ABOVE CLOUDS WITH AIRSPEED TO SLOW FOR FORMATION TO
STAY BEHIND. WENT THROUGH CLOUDS PICKING UP ICE CAUSING FORMATION TO BREAK UP
CONSEQUENTLY ONLY THREE FLIGHTS WERE WITH PATHFINDER WHEN HE WAS FORCED TO
ABANDON MISSION BECAUSE OF EQUIPMENT FAILURE. GROUP BOMBED ON GROUP EQUIPMENT.

AYERSWORTH COBOMER 416

I certify that this is official business.

RICHARD V. SHEELER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst Operations Officer.



ITA JJF JES JPO JKI JEA JEA 07/17 OP 01
T (ITA PASS JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) 17/1245A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQD.
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH. LT. COL. MC AFEE
R-176-E
97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)
A P O 140
17 MARCH 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 209-799

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE
(2) 9 TAC WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 409TH GROUP. 19 TAC
WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 410 AND 416 GROUPS.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY

ZERO HOUR 17/1600A

"PATHFINDER"

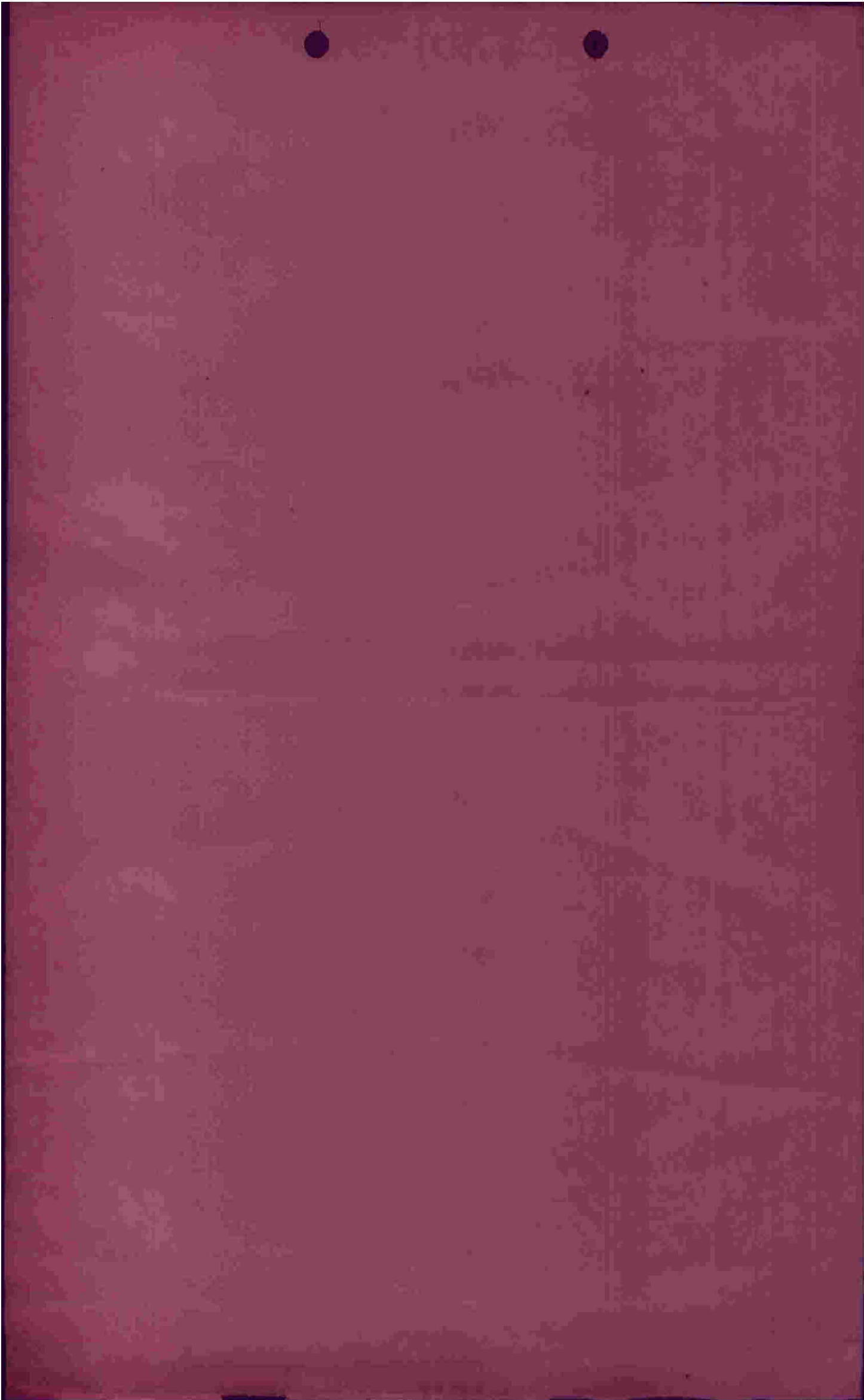
3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) DILLENBURG MARSHALLING YARD (G-395370)
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 P.P.F. A/C
- (3) WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER THE FIELD
WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8642 AT 12,000 FEET.
AT ZERO PLUS 46 MINUTES.
- (4) BASE TO P-8642 TO L-5972 TO M-2472 TO M-4690 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO G-0026 TO F-6802 TO BASE
- (6) BOMB AT 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET.
2ND BOX 13,000 FEET.
MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 5,000 FEET.
DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 6(D)(VI)196/2 COVER MARSHALLING YARD FROM
REF. 010078 TO REF. 035023 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL
AND BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID. COORD. 39563695
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (10) 4 X 1,000 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE 1/100 SECOND TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 80 MINUTES.
- (13) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
- (14) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, BOMBING WILL
BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE
THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO
SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING
IS VISUAL CROWN WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND
WILL USE G-2417 OR G-1027 AS A VISUAL I.P. AT THE DISCRETION
OF THE GROUP LEADER. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE PRIMARY
TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
A. P.P.F.
B. GROUP GEE.
- (15) IF THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE BOMBED AN ALTERNATE TARGET
WILL BE SELECTED BY THE GROUP AND WILL BE BOMBED IN THE
FOLLOWING PRIORITY
A. VISUALLY
B. GROUP GEE
C. TARGET E.T.A.
- (16) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITH-
IN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

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- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:

- (3) WITH PPF A/C OVER THE FIELD.
WITH FIGHTERS AT P-2558 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR.
- (9) PPF MPI: GRID. COORD.: 63058051.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) TOT: ZERO PLUS 40 MIN.



C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

- (3) WITH PPF A/C OVER THE FIELD.
WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5558 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 20 MIN.
- (9) PPF MPI: GRID. COORD.: 63288046
- (10) 4 X 1,000 LB. GP. FUSED 17/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (12) TOT: ZERO PLUS 60 MIN.
- (13) FLIGHT LEADER WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.

X. (1 - 4)

FOR THE 410 AND 416 GROUPS.

- (5) TARGET: BADHOMBURG MARSHALLING YARD (M-632804)
- (6) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C
- (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO P-5558 TO F-6802 G-0529 TO G-5636 TO
TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO M-3880 TO M-2472 TO L-5972
TO BASE.
- (9) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET.
2ND BOX 13,000 FEET.
MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 8,000 FEET.
DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (10) MPI: MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 5717. COVER MARSHALLING
YARD FROM 62688055 TO 63558045 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS
VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
- (11) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, BOMBING WILL
BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE
THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 OR 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 WILL USE G-670A AS A VISUAL IP. IF CLOUD
COVER OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET AND PPF EQUIPMENT FAILS
GROUP WILL NOT BOMB PRIMARY TARGET ON GROUP GEE DUE TO A
P/W CAMP AT M-585802, 5,000 YARDS WEST OF TARGET.
- (12) IF THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE BOMBED AN ALTERNATE TARGET WILL
BE SELECTED BY THE GROUP AND WILL BE BOMBED IN THE FOLLOWING
PRIORITY:
A. VISUALLY
B. GROUP GEE
C. TARGET E.T.A.
- (13) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGET
WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

---PLAN "B" ONLY---

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (395370)

- (2) BYLAW
- (3) JUDITH
- (4) RIPSAN

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (632804)

- (2) KINGPIN
- (3) POKER
- (4) RIPSAN

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (632804)

- (2) WASHOUT
- (3) SLEEPY
- (4) RIPSAN

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

- (2) PARADE D/D. RESPECTIVE FIGHTER GROUND CONTROL C/C.
- (11) CONTACT WITH FIGHTER GROUND CONTROL FOR CHECKING WILL
BE ON B/B PER 9BD TELETYPE R-1187-J.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 17/1245A

AR JMB/SS

ITA R.....17/1325A

BAD

AR

JES R.....17/1325A

JGN

AR KEK

JPO R.....17/1325A

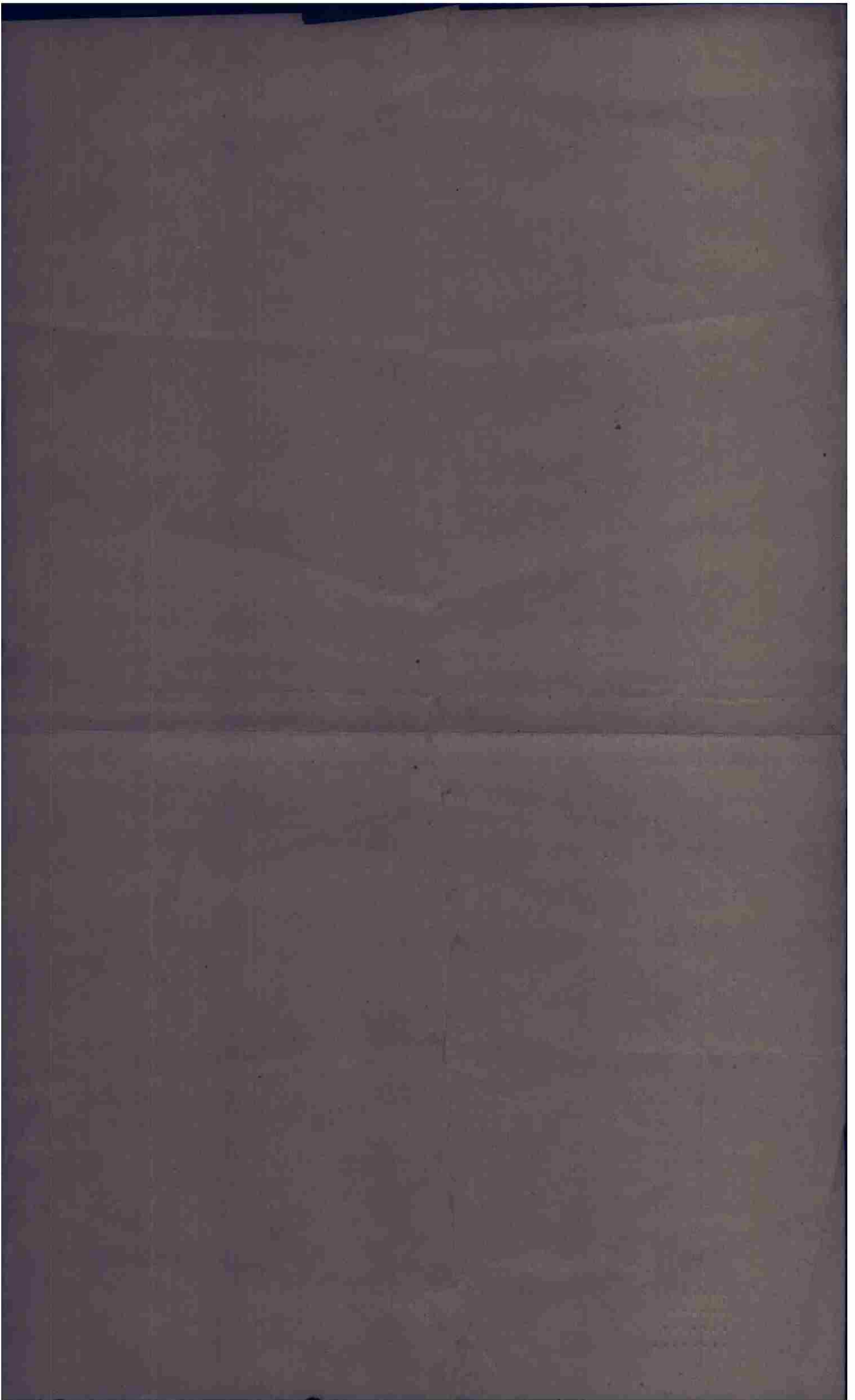
NGP

AR KK

JKI R.....17/1325Q

RSS

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ITA JPO JKI JJF V JEA 06/17 OP OP
 T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 17/1145A
 TO COMBOMDIV IX
 COBOMGP 410TH
 COBOMGP 416TH
 1ST PATHFINDER SQ. (PROV)

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

97CEW R-175-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 209-799

1. TARGET - BAD HOMBURG M/Y (M-632804)
 RECCE OF 14 MARCH SHOWS THE YARDS TO BE UNDAMAGED
 AND VERY ACTIVE.

2. PHOTO COVERAGE:
 F-774
 4(B)9/2
 J742 PRINT NO. 4267
 US7GR/14307 PRINT NO. 7053

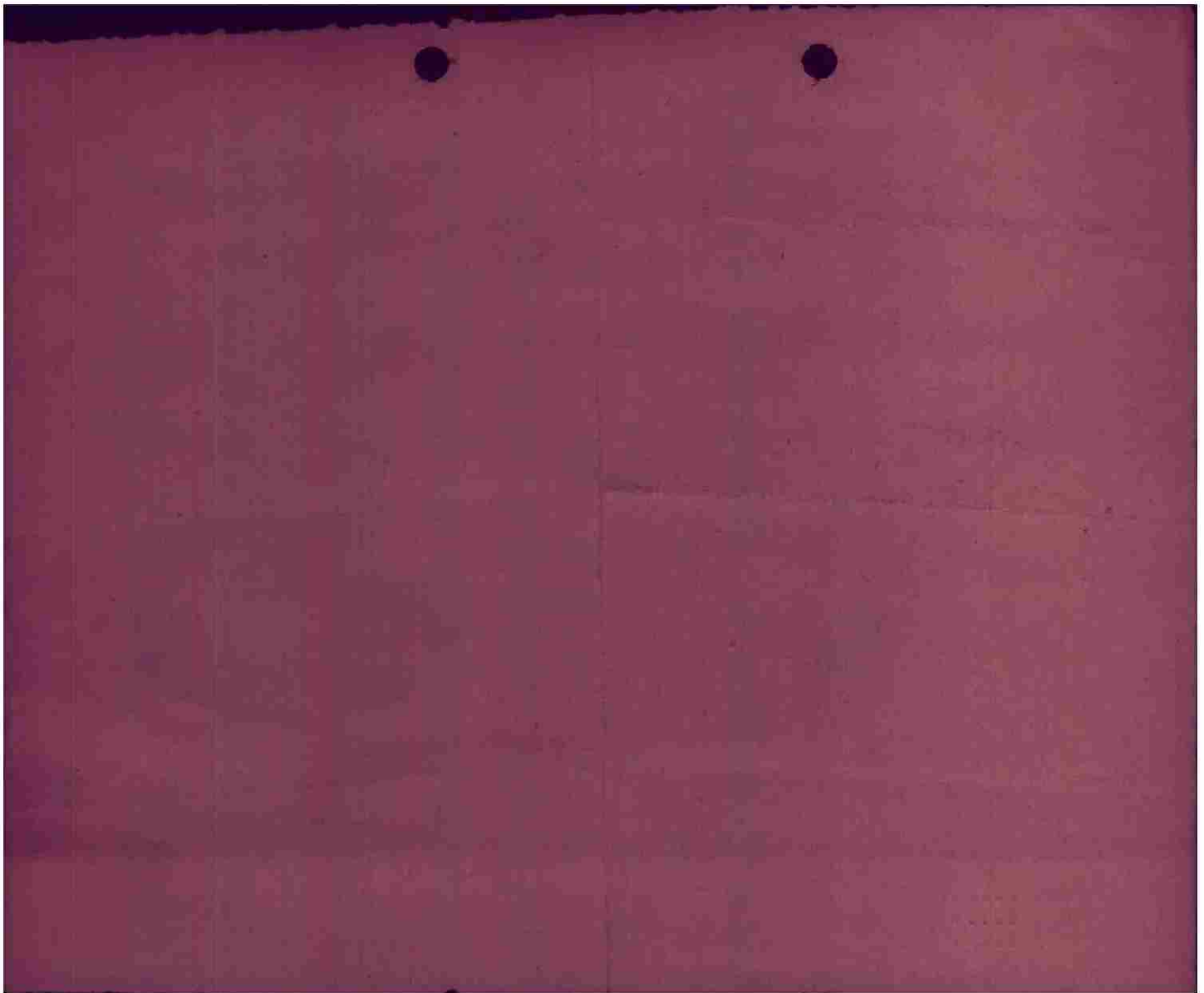
MAP COVERAGE:
 4414 SHEET 5717.

3. ATTENTION IS CALLED TO P/W CAMP LOCATED AT M-6078.

COMCBTWIG 97
 BT 17/1145A
 LEG AR

JPO R	17/1215A	LB	AR
JKI R	17/1215A	RSS	AR
ITA R	17/1214A	CJD	AR

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 21/17 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GP 172125A
TO (1) CG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION, ATTN: A-2
(2) CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2
BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-355-D OPFLASH FOR 17 MARCH 1945

- A. 416TH BOMB GP.
- B. BAD HOMBURG M/Y (M-632804)
- C. 40 A-26'S
- D. 21 A-26'S ON SECONDARY TARGET (WEILBURG, G-370090)
- ✓ 12 A-26'S ON SECONDARY TARGET (MONTABAU, G-070040)
- ✓ 1 A-26 BOMBED WITH 409TH GP. JOINED UP WITH THEM AFTER DESCENT THROUGH OVERCAST AT ABOUT 409TH IP.
- ✓ 1 A-26 ON HACKENBURG. SALVOED SAFE. LOST CONTROL IN TURBULENT CLOUD. CHECK WITH FLIGHT LEADER AFTER RETURN TO BASE. DROPPED IN VICINITY OF HACKENBURG.
- ✓ 1 A-26 ON KAMBERG (M380880). PERMISSION OF FLIGHT LEADER.
- ✓ 1 A-26 ON TARGET SELECTED BY PARADE (VECTORED IN.)
- E. 3 A-26'S - CARRIED WINDOW ONLY.
- F. 34 X 1000 ON SECONDARY (WEILBURG - G- 370040)
- ✓ 47 X 1000 ON SECONDARY (MONTABAU G- 070040)
- ✓ 4 X 1000 ON OTHER TARGET (VECTORED IN BY PARADE).
- ✓ 4 X 1000 ON TARGET B OMBED BY 409TH BOMB GP.
- ✓ 4 X 1000 ON OTHER TARGET (HACKENBURG - G -060280).
- ✓ 1 X 1000 RETURNED.
- 4 X 1000 ON KAMBERG (N-380880) ON PERMISSION OF LEADER
- G. UNOBSERVED FOR ALL BOMBING (10/10 CLOUD).
- H. NIL
- I. NIL
- J. NIL
- K. NIL
- L. WEILBURG - 6 A-26'S BOMBED AT 10,600 (ON GEE).
- 14 A-26'S BOMBED AT 10,100 (ON GEE).
- 1 A-26'S BOMBED AT 8,700 (ON GEE).
- MONTABAU - 12 A-26'S BOMBED AT 11,900 (ON GEE).
- KAMBERG - 1 A-26 BOMBED AT 11,000 (PERMISSION FROM LEADER).
- HACKENBURG - 1 A-26 BOMBED AT 11,000
- M. WEILBURG - 20 A-26'S AT 1712
- 1 A-26 AT 1739
- MONTABAU - 12 A-26'S AT 1709
- GBAKAMBE26 AT 1717
- HACKENBURG - 1 A-26 AT 1654
- (TIME AND ALTITUDE OF 1 A-26 VECTORED IN BY PARADE IS UNKNOWN.)
- (TIME AND ALTITUDE OF 1 A-26 WHICH BOMBED WITH 409TH IS UNKNOWN.)
- X. SINGLE SHIP RELEASES RESULTED FROM SEPARATIONS FROM NORMAL POSITION WHEN FORMATION PENETRATED CLOUD FORMATIONS.

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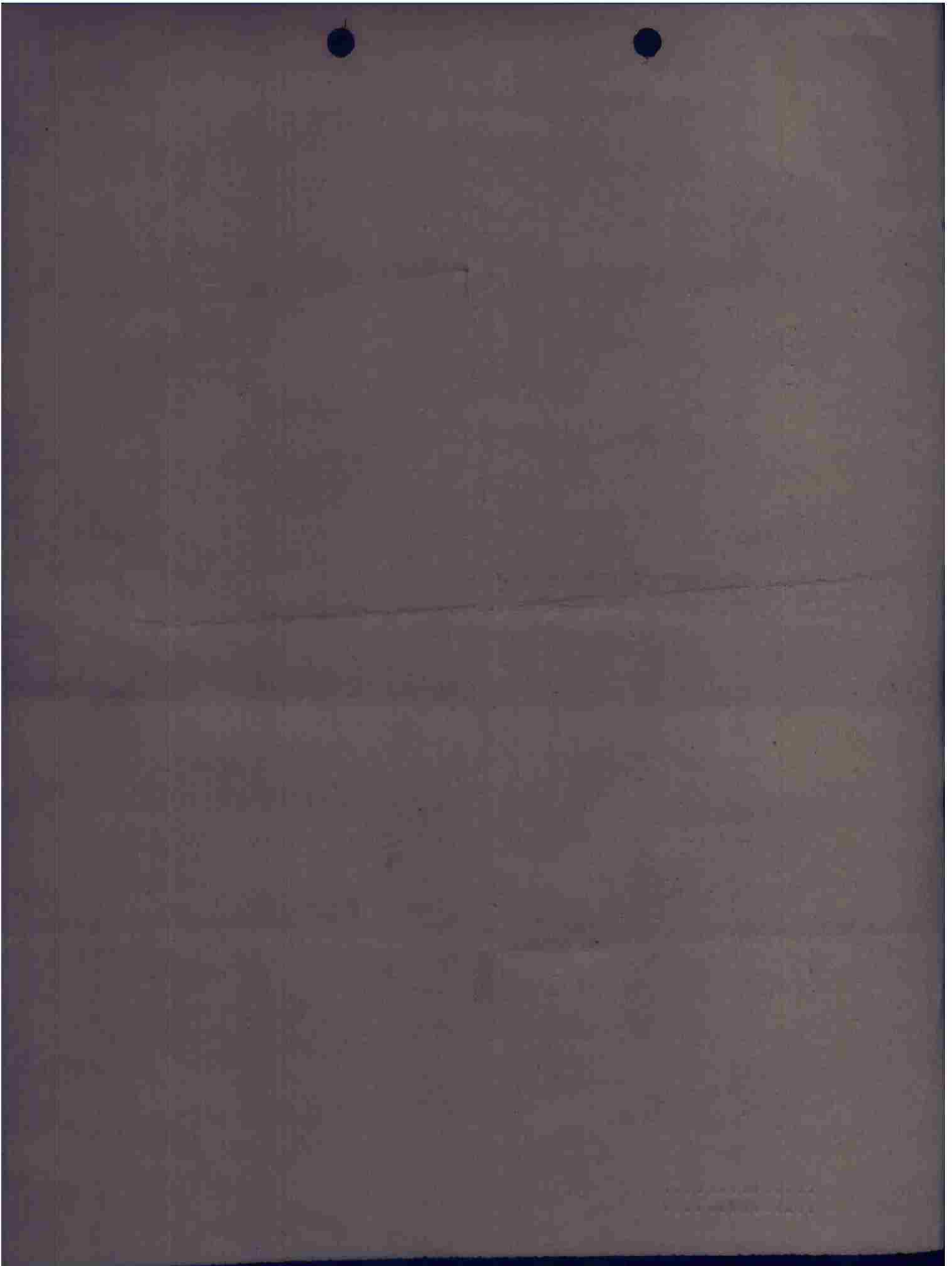
KAMBERG - 1 A-26 AT 1717 MAKE THAT THE 4TH LINE DOWN

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(3) CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (PROV)

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CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-353-E PPF REPORT FOR OPERATIONAL MISSIONS
17 MARCH 1945.

MORNING MISSION:

PPF LEAD EXCELLENT.

AFTERNOON MISSION:

PATHFINDER TRIED TO CLIMB ABOVE CLOUDS WITH AIRSPEED TO SLOW FOR FORMATION TO STAY BEHIND. WENT THROUGH CLOUDS PICKING UP ICE CAUSING FORMATION TO BREAK UP CONSEQUENTLY ONLY THREE FLIGHTS WERE WITH PATHFINDER WHEN HE WAS FORCED TO ABANDON MISSION BECAUSE ORXXX OF EQUIPMENT FAILURE. GROUP BOMBED ON GROUP EQUIPMENT.

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C: AFTERNOON MISSION:

C: IN TEXT 8TH LINE GR 5 TO READ "CONSEQUENTLY"

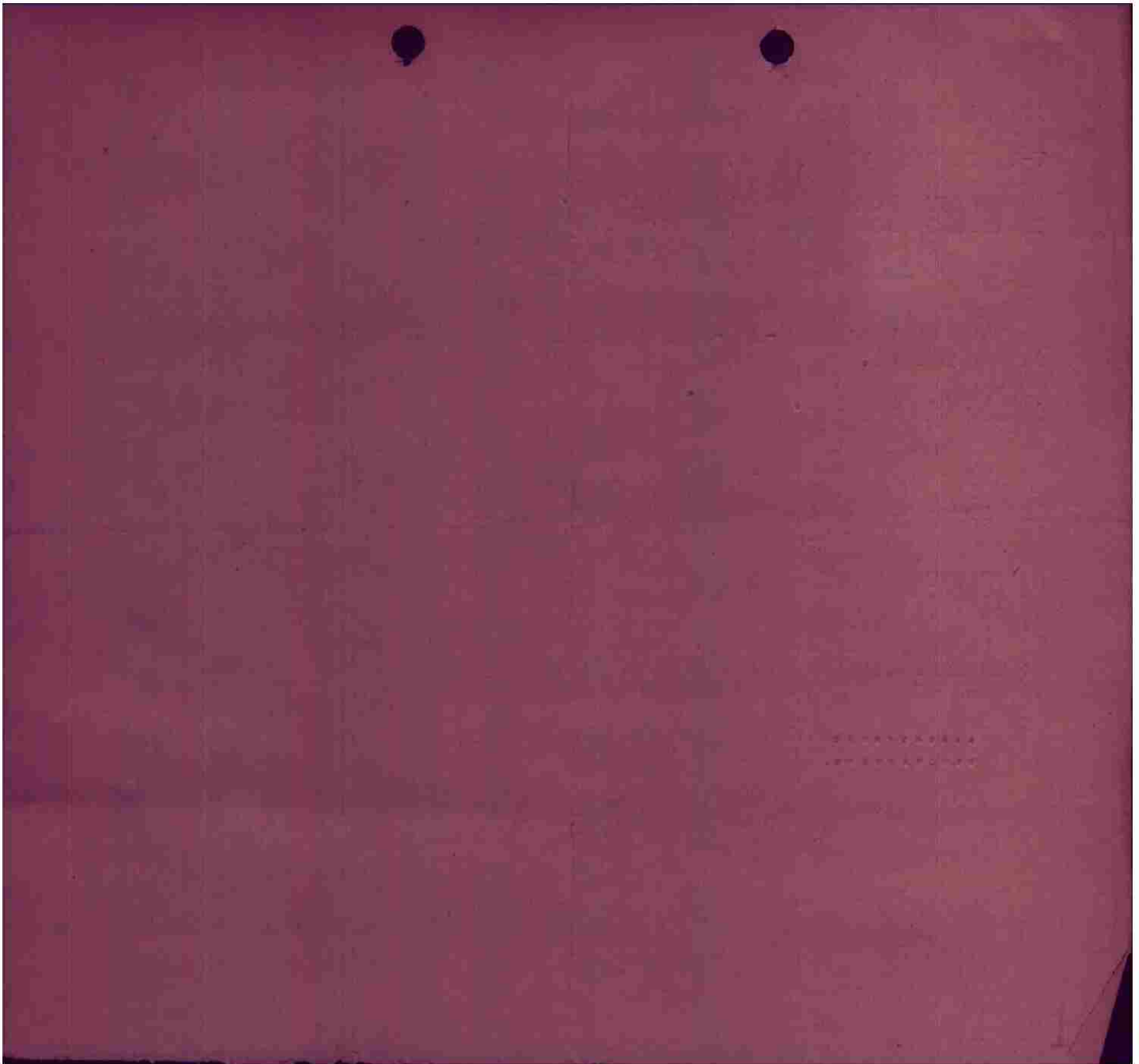
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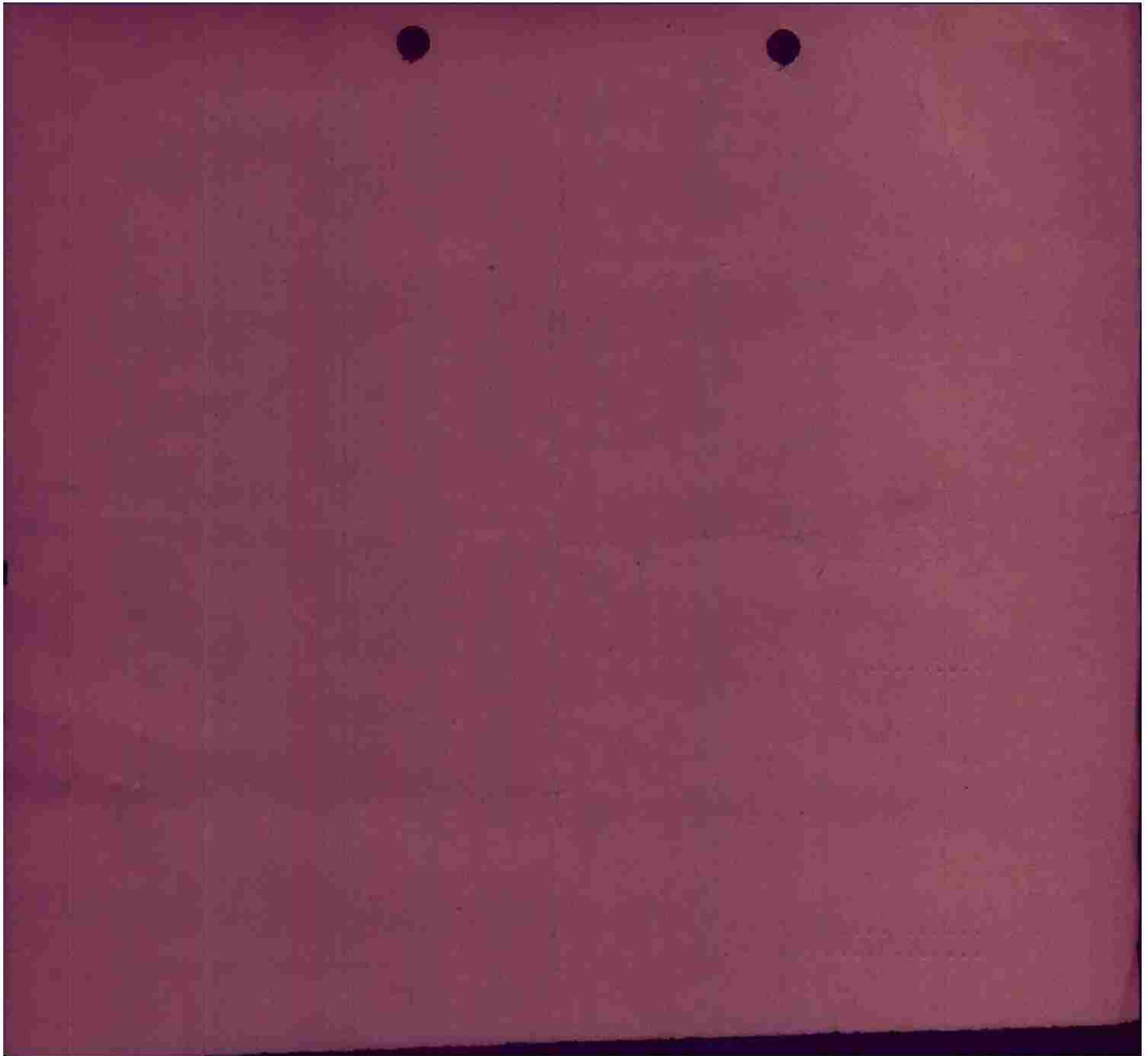
A - YS - 66
B - 17 MARCH
C - K - XRAY AND G-GEORGE REPORTED RESULTS OF MISSION TO PARADE.
D - PPF MISSION
E - NONE
F - NONE
G - NONE
H - NONE
I - NONE
J - NONE
K - NONE

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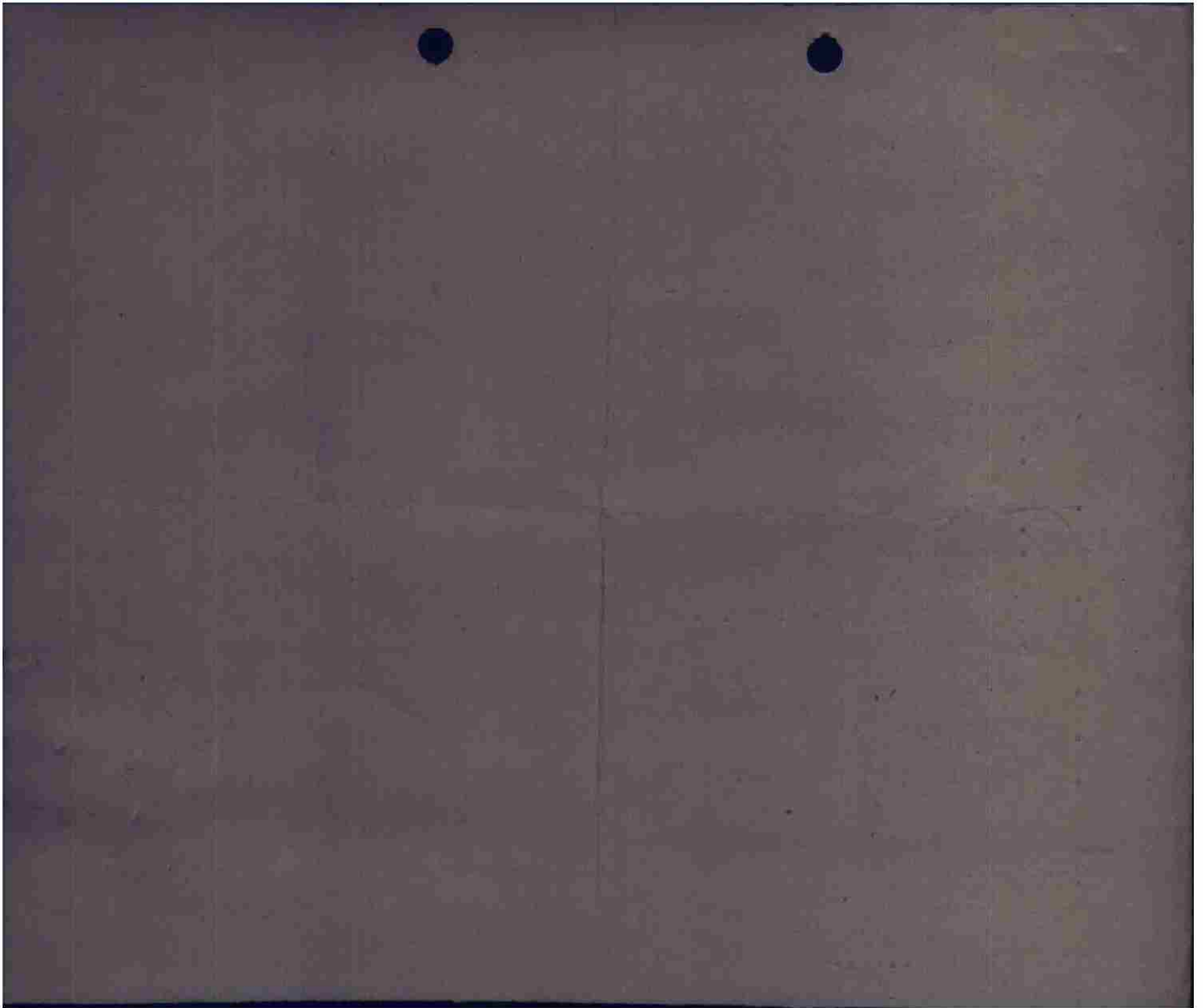
- A. FORMATION:
1. CLASSIFICATION: GOOD
2. REMARKS:
- B. WINDOW SHIPS:
1. CLASSIFICATION: EXCELLENT
2. REMARKS:
- C. NAVIGATION:
1. CLASSIFICATION: O.K.
2. REMARKS:
- D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATION: SATISFACTORY
- E. BRIEFING: GOOD
- F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS: NONE

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SECRET 416BG R-351-D
B. MONTABOUR (CASUAL)
WEILBURG (CASUAL)
J. NO PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER

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