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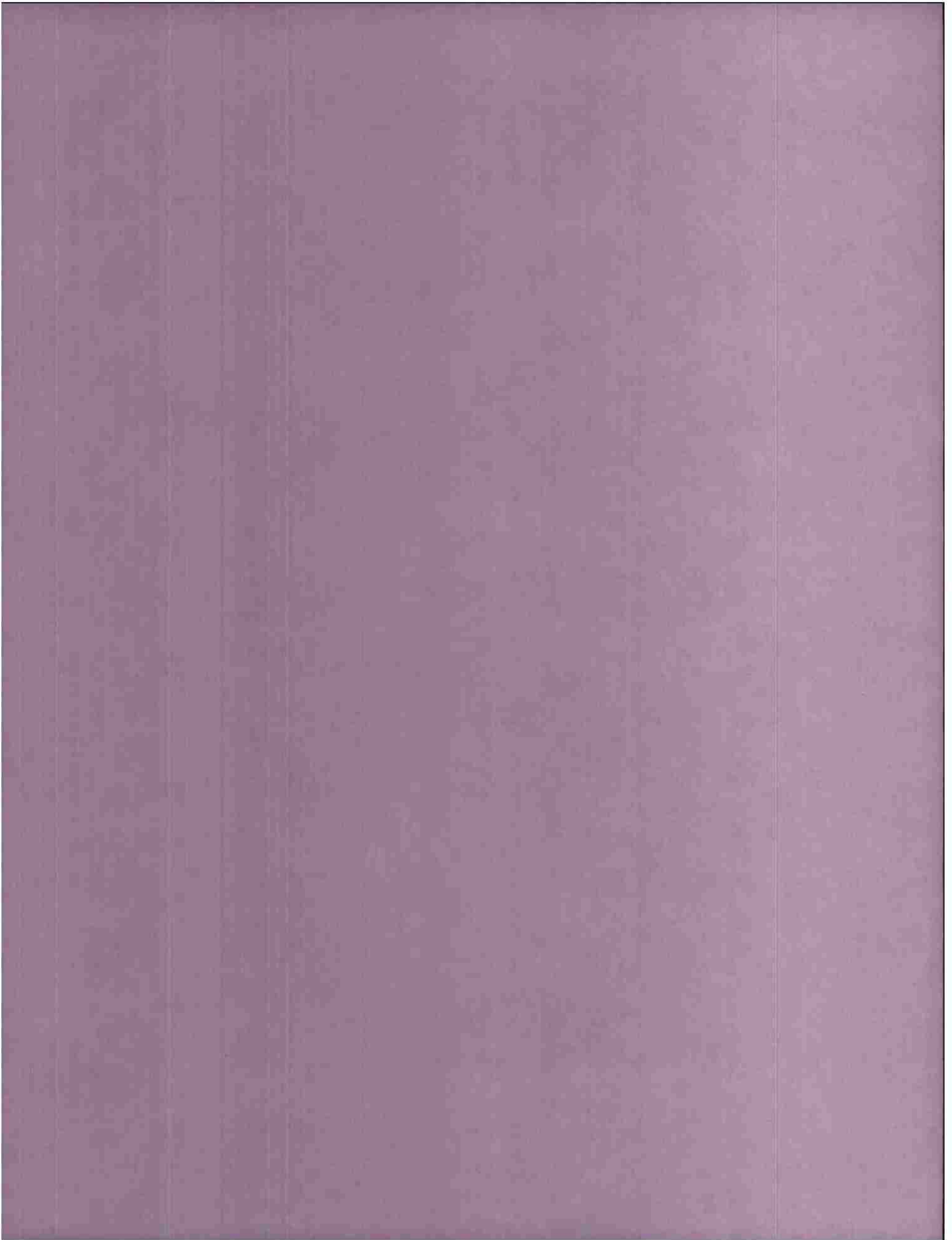
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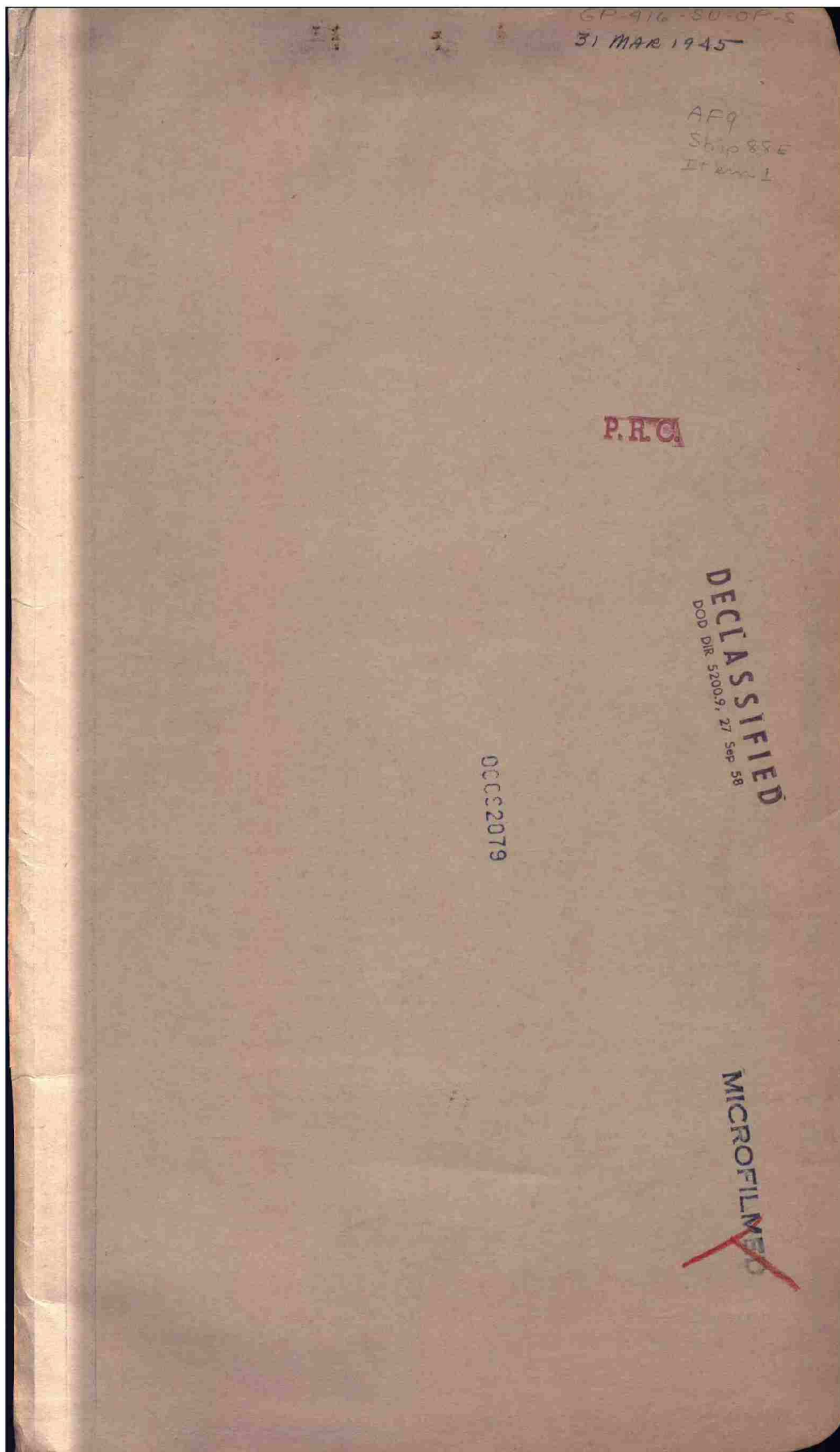
NUMPAGE 82**Title Extensions:****Abstract** CONTAINS TARGET DATA AND MISSION REPORT. TARGET: WURZBURG DEPOT.**Descriptive
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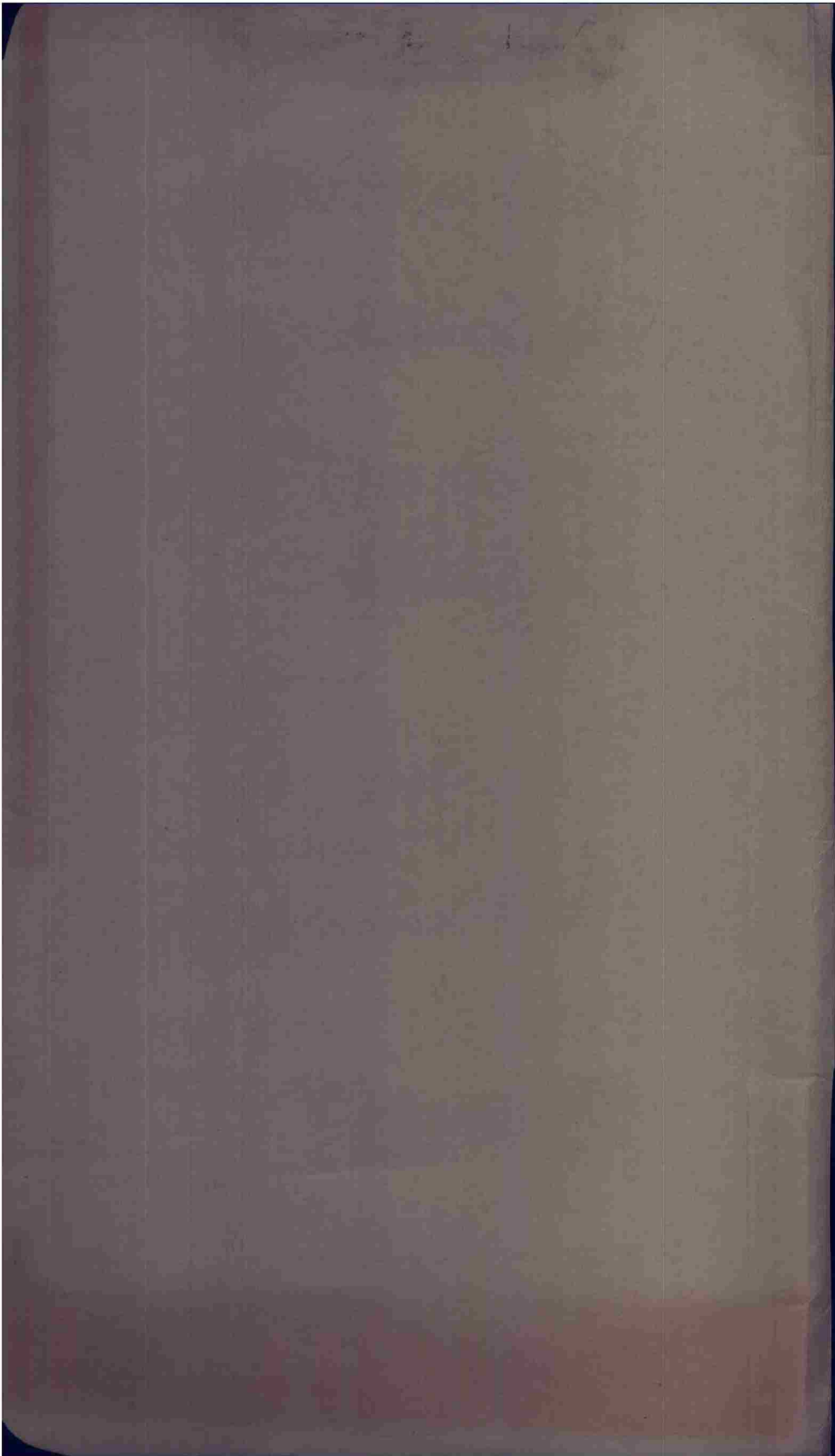
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TARGET WURZBURG STORAGE DEPOT DATE 31 MAR 45 NO. A/C 38 MISS. # 258
 COORD. N-539 371 P.O.# 232-827 STATUS ATTACKED
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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)APO # 140
31 March 1945MISSION SUMMARY #37
(Morning Missions)
Section I

Field Order 627

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
322 BG	Ebrach (O-001420) Oil Storage Depot	Unsat. (PFF)
391 BG	"	Unsat. (PFF)
344 BG	"	Unsat. (PFF)
386 BG	"	Box I - Undet. Box II - Undet. (AMPI)
387 BG	Wurzburg (N-540373) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Superior Box II - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Superior Flight C - Superior
323 BG	"	Box I - N.A.O. Box II - Unsat. (PFF)
394 BG	"	Box I - Flight A - Superior Flight B - N.A.O. Flight C - Undet. Box II - Flight A - Excellent (PFF) Flight B - Undet. Flight C - Excellent (PFF)
409 BG	"	Box I - Flight A - Excellent (AMPI) Flight B - Superior Flight C - Excellent Box II - Flight A - Superior (AMPI) Flight B - Unsat. Flight C - Excellent
410 BG	Wurzburg (N-539372) Storage Depot	Box I - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Excellent Box II - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Superior Flight C - Superior
416 BG	"	Undet. (PFF)

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386 BG: 32 a/c dispatched (30 a-26, 2 MW), 15 dropping 84 x 500 lb, 7 x 500 lb on primary. 15 a/c dropped 84 x 500 lb, 7 x 500 lb on other targets. Bomb disposition unknown of 2 lost a/c.

Box II - RW - UNIDENTIFIED. No bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DFL. Good concentration 3700 ft. S of DFL. Stripes in forest and on secondary road.

Box I - RW - UNIDENTIFIED. No bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DFL. Poor pattern 2000 ft. S of DFL. Stripes on hill and high way, probably entering both. Majority of hits were in forest.

Bombing by boxes on RW lead from 12,400 - 12,500 feet. No losses, damage, casualties.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

on primary.

344 BG: 34 a/c dispatched (including 2 RW), 33 dropping 122 x 1500, 8 x 500 lb

Box II - RW - UNIDENTIFIED. All bombs are east 1000 ft. from DFL. Dispersed concentration about 4700 ft. W of DFL. In woods.

Box I - RW - UNIDENTIFIED. All bombs were east 1000 ft. from DFL. Dispersed concentration about 2100 ft. E of DFL. across one secondary road and in woods.

Bombing by boxes on RW lead from 12,000 - 12,500 feet.

8 a/c did battle-damaged; no losses, casualties.

on primary.

391 BG: 32 a/c dispatched (including 2 RW), all dropping 840 x 150, 8 x 500 lb

Box II - RW - UNIDENTIFIED. All bombs outside 1000 ft. radius of DFL. Good concentration, centered in woods 2700 ft. E of DFL. some stripes on secondary road and in woods.

Box I - RW - UNIDENTIFIED. All bombs outside 1000 ft. radius of DFL. Scattered pattern, scattered about 4000 ft. S of DFL. Bombs fell across RR, highway, and in woods.

Bombing by boxes on RW lead from 12,700 - 13,700 feet.

No losses, damage, casualties.

on primary.

322 BG: 32 a/c dispatched (including 2 RW), all dropping 475 x 250, 8 x 500 lb

Branch (Oil Storage Depot)

Two groups attacked an oil storage depot, a marshalling yard, and a storage depot, recording significant or to be determined results.

GROUP 1

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5 additional a/c flak battle-damaged; 6 crewmen missing.

Visual bombing by boxes on group lead from 12,000 feet. Box I PFF dropped on Primary on equipment; Box II PFF dropped on group lead on Other target.

Box I - DAPI - UNDETERMINED. Bursts do not appear on any of four rolls of negatives, probably due to type of bombs employed, and heavy ground haze. However, ground features can be identified as I/A. Bombardier reports bombing visually through breaks in clouds with fair results.

Box II - DAPI - UNDETERMINED. Unable to identify Primary through breaks in clouds. Bombed town of Rothenburg (S-770889), 39 1/2 miles SSW of Primary. Incendiary bursts do not appear on any of negatives, but ground features are identified as town of Rothenburg. Crews report good results.

Wurzburg (Marshalling Yard)

387 BG: 34 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), all dropping 128 X 1000, 8 X 500 GP on Primary.

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

Visual bombing by flights from 10,500 - 12,500 feet. Box I PFF dropped on group lead, Box II PFF visually.

Box I - Flt. A - DAPI - EXCELLENT. 80 percent of bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DAPI. Excellent pattern, centered approximately 900 ft. S of DAPI. Bursts on E edge of river bank. Later photographs show this flight started fires in three large storage warehouses on western border of sorting sidings.

Flt. B - DAPI - EXCELLENT. 70 percent of bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DAPI. Pattern is centered approximately 920 ft. NW of DAPI, on eastern river bank. Still pattern to S, possibly pathfinder bombs, as bursts appear smaller.

Flt. C - DAPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts inside 1000 ft. radius of DAPI. Good pattern, centered 170 ft. W of DAPI. Bursts track across sorting sidings, causing one major explosion, which appears to have set off explosion at far end of goods wagon train, near S end of Marshalling yard, also severing through lines, and destroying or badly damaging 30 goods wagons.

Box II - Flt. A - DAPI - EXCELLENT. All bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DAPI. Excellent pattern centered 790 ft. W of DAPI, falling in river and on E bank.

Flt. B - DAPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts inside 1000 ft. radius of DAPI. Good pattern centered 150 ft. S of DAPI, blanketing center of sorting sidings in area of closely parked goods wagons. Probably also severed through lines.

Flt. C - DAPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DAPI. Superior pattern centered 245 ft. S of DAPI, blanketing eastern choke point and goods wagons in this area, causing a major explosion.

323 BG: 32 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), all dropping 120 X 1000, 4 X 500 GP, 4 X 500 Frag on Primary.

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

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the N/I, E. of depot. Later photos show it to be completely destroyed at a point directly over tracks.

Flt. B - DAPI - DUPLICATOR. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DAPI. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 140 ft. N. of DAPI. Pattern blankets DAPI, and cuts completely across both depot area and N/I, E. of it. Later photos show that at least three large buildings in depot area were fired by this strike, and one of these can be seen to be about one-half destroyed. Goods wagons and tracks in N/I were probably damaged or destroyed.

Flt. C - DAPI - EXCELLENT. 85 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DAPI. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 680 ft. E. of DAPI. Main weight of bombs is in N/I, E. of depot area, with some near misses to warehouses immediately adjacent to it. The N/I, in area of strikes, contained upwards of 20 goods wagons and several loading tracks. These and the track system, which was narrowing down to near choke-point width, were probably damaged.

Box II - Flt. A - AAPI - SUPERIOR. Bombardier misidentified AAPI, selecting for AAPI the edge of a building in depot area, approximately 1100 ft. S. of DAPI. 100 percent of bombs are within 1000 ft. radius of AAPI. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 90 ft. E. of AAPI. Pattern blankets building, the edge of which was AAPI. Later photos show this building to be partly destroyed, as is a wing of a very large building immediately S. of it. N. of AAPI a smaller building caught fire some time after bombs hit. It can be seen burning fiercely before bombs from Flt. C, Box II, hit.

Flt. B - DAPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DAPI. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 2750 ft. NW of DAPI. Bombs cut across N/I for nearly its entire width, close to its northern choke-point. Goods wagons, normal level and elevated tracks were probably damaged in area of strikes. Bombardier states he was synchronized at bombs away.

Flt. C - DAPI - EXCELLENT. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DAPI. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 375 ft. E. of DAPI. Pattern blankets building S. of DAPI, as well as wing of large building still farther S. Since these buildings were hit by previous strikes it is very probable that they and their contents were destroyed or very severely damaged.

Warzburg (Storage Depot)

410 BG: 43 a/c dispatched (38 A-20, 3 B-26, 2 PFF), 37 (35 A-20, 2 PFF) dropping 218 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 B-26 window a/c.

3 a/c failed to bomb: 2, weather; 1, other (bombs did not release - racks checked out on ground; possible personnel error).

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,000 - 12,500 feet. Both PFF a/c dropped on equipment.

Box I - Flt. A - DAPI - SUPERIOR. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DAPI. Long, tight pattern centered inside yard, 130 ft. E. of DAPI. Bursts blanketed main line, sidings and approximately 20 RR cars, severing 3 strings of cars near center of yard.

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no photo coverage due to clouds, smoke, and adverse action. Ground report good to excellent results by visual observation.

Bombing by boxes on RV lead from 12,500 - 13,500 feet.

4 A-26 a/c flak battle-damaged; no losses, casualties.

1 A-26 a/c failed to bomb: weather.

on primary.

416 DG: 40 a/c dispatched (38 A-26, 2 RF), 39 dropping 222 x 500 lb, 8 x 500 GP

and destroy a number of railroad cars. extending across main line and forward; stalling to blanket DFL, blanketing small buildings at west edge of R/I, and radius of DFL. Excellent pattern centered in area of bombs within 1000 feet

FLIGHT B - DFL - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000 feet radius of DFL. Excellent pattern centered in area of bombs within 1000 feet radius of DFL. Bursts extend from small buildings distinct but photographic building shows bursts radiated across main line and sidings, and pattern extended to eastern edge of yard.

FLIGHT A - DFL - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000 feet radius of DFL. Excellent pattern centered at edge of R/I, 785 feet south of DFL. Bursts blanketed forward stalling, several buildings, and extend across main line.

Box II -

FLIGHT C - DFL - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000 feet radius of DFL. Excellent pattern centered on and near main line, 380 feet south of DFL. Bursts extend from small buildings at western edge of R/I to blanket main line, stalling, and approximately twenty to thirty railroad cars.

FLIGHT B - DFL - EXCELLENT. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DFL. Excellent pattern centered on forward stalling, 700 ft. south of DFL. Bursts extend from small buildings at edge of yard to blanket main line and sidings. Direct hits scored on two stalling at R/I cars; destroying a large number of RR cars.

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Section II

A/C OFF		357
A/C Bombing	341	
A/C Failing to Bomb	3	
A/C Recalled (Weather)	3	
Other		
Window	6	
Spare	2	
Bombs of 2 A/C Unaccounted for	10	
TOTAL		357

Bombs on Enemy Territory	613,275
Total Bombs to Date	138,250.715

A/C Lost (383 BG)	2	
A/C Missing	0	
A/C Crash-Landed	0	
A/C Battle Damaged	33	9.420
Killed	0	
Wounded	0	
Missing	6	
Injured	0	
Claims	0	

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410 BG: 6-7/10 contains top 6-7000 ft. 10/10 stratigraphic base 14-15000 ft. 7-3 miles up sun, 6-8 miles down sun.

410 BG: 3/10 top of bed (no case on top) 3/10 stratigraphic base 14-15000 ft. 8-10 miles up sun, 6 miles down sun.

409 BG: 4/10 section of 4/10 stratigraphic base 14-15000 ft. 8-10 miles up sun, 6 miles down sun.

396 BG: 10/10 section of 10/10 stratigraphic base 14-15000 ft. 8-10 miles up sun, 6 miles down sun.

383 BG: 8-3/10 stratigraphic base 14-15000 ft. 8-10 miles up sun, 6 miles down sun.

367 BG: 1/10 stratigraphic base 14-15000 ft. 8-10 miles up sun, 6 miles down sun.

365 BG: 6-7/10 contains top 6-7000 ft. 10/10 stratigraphic base 14-15000 ft. 8-10 miles up sun, 6 miles down sun.

344 BG: 3/10 stratigraphic base 14-15000 ft. 8-10 miles up sun, 6 miles down sun.

341 BG: 6/10 stratigraphic base 14-15000 ft. 8-10 miles up sun, 6 miles down sun.

328 BG: 1/10 stratigraphic base 14-15000 ft. 8-10 miles up sun, 6 miles down sun.

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GROUP	NO. 4/10	OPERATION	REMARKS
344	1	Mechanical	Oil conserved - left engine.
409	1	Personnel	Ground crew did not replace oil.
410	1	Other	Some did not drop, although cable operated satisfactorily on ground check.

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GROUP	CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING	MECHANICAL FAILURES		PERSONNEL FAILURES	
		NO.	PERCENT	NO.	PERCENT
322	100%	0	0	0	0
391	89%	1	11%	0	0
344	100%	0	0	0	0
386	Report not available.				
387	100%	0	0	0	0
323	82%	0	0	2	18%
394	92%	1	8%	0	0
409	100%	0	0	0	0
410	100%	0	0	0	0

FLAK ANALYSIS ALEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	351
A/C LOST TO FLAK	1
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	32
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	9.42%
<u>Ebrach Oil Storage</u>	<u>322, 391, 344, 386 Gps.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	1
A/C Battle Damaged	14
% A/C Battle Damaged	11.62%

Three groups reported nil flak at target. However, the 391 Gp encountered weak inaccurate fire in target area. The 386 Gp encountered moderate accurate fire that lasted about 2 minutes in the vicinity of Karlsruhe (R-420470). The lost a/c received a direct hit in the fuselage aft of the turret. The tail was blown off and a/c went down out of control in the vicinity of Karlsruhe. No chutes were seen.

<u>Wurzburg M/V</u>	<u>387, 323, 394, 409 Gps.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	14
% A/C Battle Damaged	9.86%

Weak to moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered by all groups in target area. The 387 Gp reported the fire was accurate on low flight of Box II only. 323 Gp reported that flak first engaged them on last part of bomb run and followed through turn off target. The crews also reported that they observed a 4 gun battery firing near M-500380. 387 Gp also reported observing fire from this area. At a point near Waldbüttelbrunn (N-520345), several roads make an intersection. The usual enemy flak position is in the neighborhood of such a spot.

<u>Wurzburg Storage Depot</u>	<u>410, 416 Gps.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	4
% A/C Battle Damaged	5.0%

Both groups reported weak to moderate accurate flak in the target area. The same guns that were engaging the previous attack were probably in action.

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A single-jet aircraft was observed by the 410 Group near Denmark (N-660720) at 0940 hours. The aircraft approached from 2 o'clock, 5000 feet above the formation. It then turned with power on and followed formation for 2 minutes, but did not attack.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
PRESS RELEASE

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, France, March 31'---American tanks and infantry advancing in the face of new opposition toward the German city of Murnburg Saturday drew a valuable assist from 400 medium and light bombers, striking heavy blows against the Murnburg railway yard and storage depot and enemy oil reserves at Ebrach, 27 miles northwest of Murnburg.

With skies over Western Germany clearing gradually, Major General Samuel E. Anderson sent his Ninth Bombardment Division's bomber forces out in mid-morning equipped to attack either visually or by instrument. Both bombing techniques were employed, with results of attack varying from unobserved to superior. Although enemy fighters were not sighted throughout the 75-minute offensive, flak defenses were active and one medium bomber is missing.

In the Murnburg dual assault, Marauders and Invaders singled out the town's large railroad yard, located on the main line between Frankfurt and Murnburg, while other Invaders, with a Havoc force, rained high explosives on a nearby storage depot. Crews had been told that an enemy counter-attack, if planned, might be expected from this direction.

The Murnburg rail yard, which aerial reconnaissance had revealed very active with military traffic, sustained heavy damage, according to returning crews. A Marauder pilot and flight leader reported seeing tank cars at both ends of the yard in flames. Explosions and oil fires also were spotted by other crew members.

At the nearby storage depot, which comprises some 11 warehouse buildings served by road and rail, bombs crashed into the target area and set off a series of explosions, Invader and Havoc crews reported.

Still other Invader formations, together with Marauders, struck at the enemy's dwindling oil reserves at Ebrach, but results were unobserved to only fair. The attack was in continuation of the Ninth Bombardment Division's program to destroy scattered oil depots and completely immobilize the Wehrmacht.

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CONSOLIDATED MISSION STATISTICS

31 March 1945

A/C OFF

570

A/C Bombing

A/C Failing to Bomb

A/C Recalled (Weather)

Other

Window 9

Spare 2

Bombs of 2 A/C Unaccounted for 13

TOTAL

570

Bombs on Enemy Territory

1,018.295

Total Bombs to Date

138,655.735

A/C Lost (386 DG)

2

A/C Missing

0

A/C Crash-Landed

0

A/C Battle Damaged

33

5.38%

Killed

0

Wounded

0

Missing

6

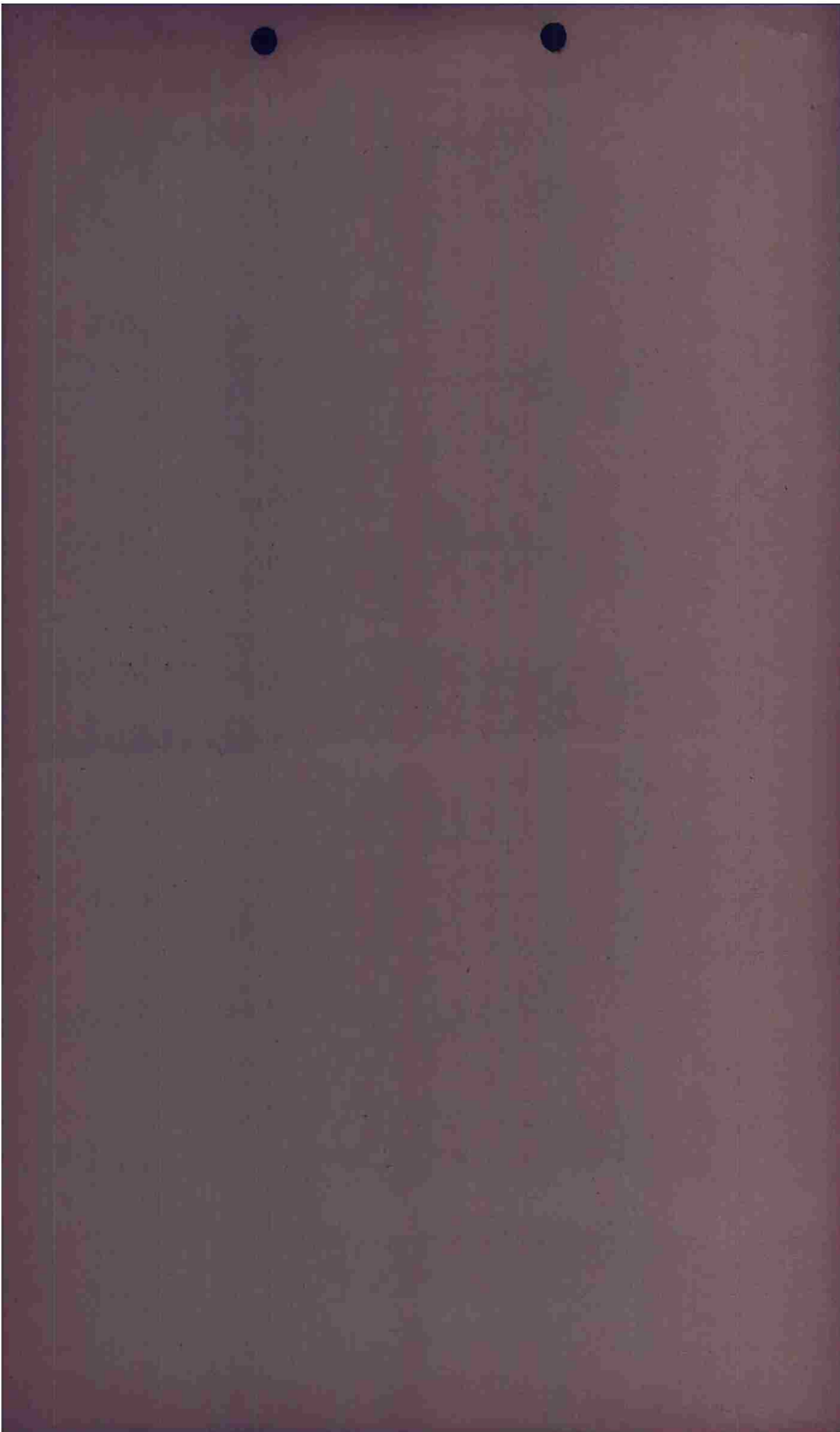
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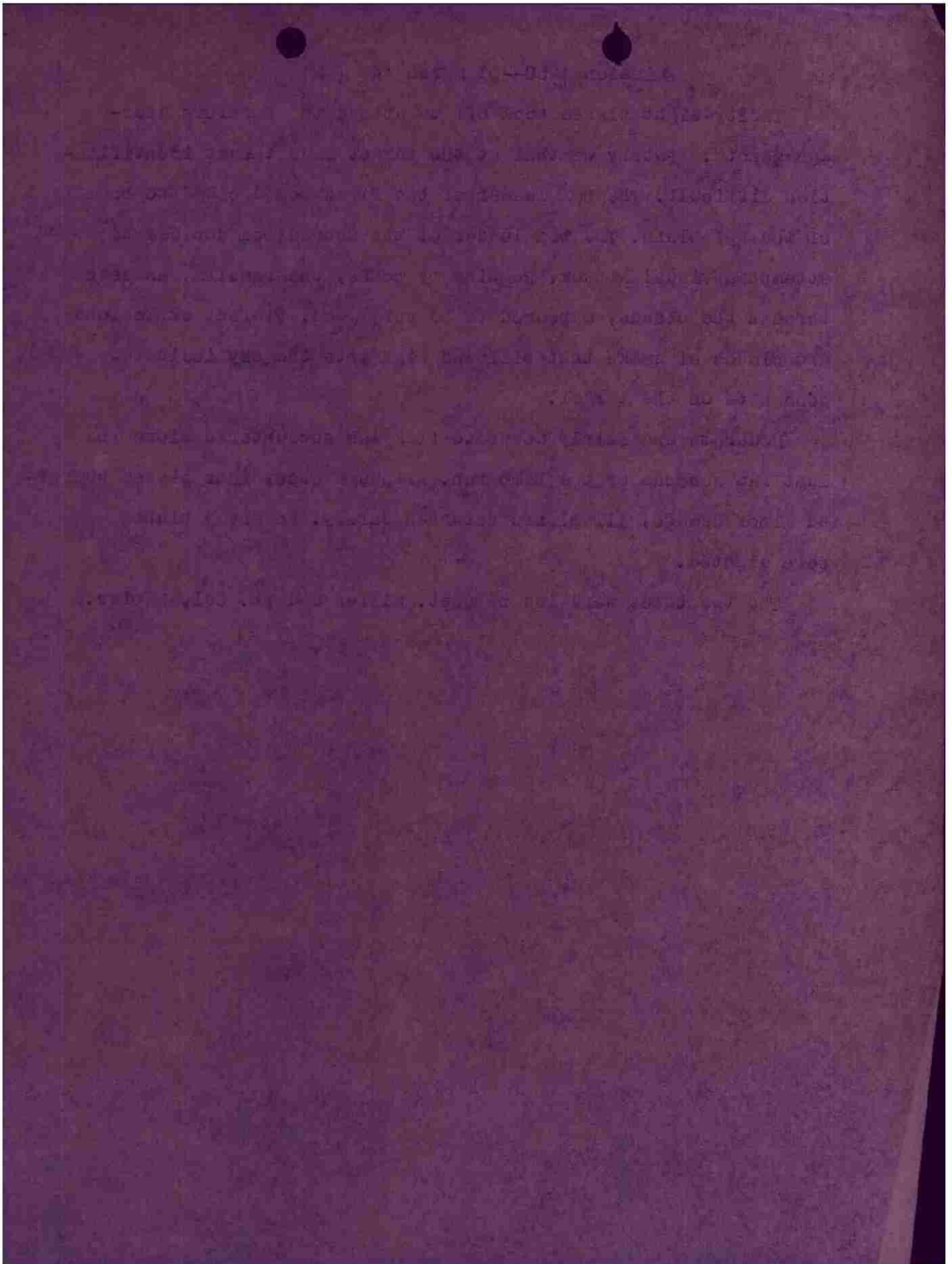


Mission #258--31 March '46 (AM)

Thirty-eight planes took off to attack the Wurzburg storage depots. Patchy weather at the target made target identification difficult. The box leader of the first box decided to bomb on the PPF plane. The box leader of the second box decided to attempt a visual attack. Bombing by boxes, the results, as seen through the clouds, appeared to be very good. Violent explosions and clouds of smoke that billowed high into the sky indicated good hits on the target.

Moderate and fairly accurate flak was encountered along the last few seconds of the bomb run. Although about four planes suffered minor damage, all planes returned safely. No enemy planes were sighted.

The twonboxes were led by Capt. Miller and Lt. Col. Napier.



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FROM 416TH BOMB GP (L) 31/1355A
TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVM ATTN: A2
97TH COMBAT WNG " A2

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SECRET 416BG R-719-D OPFLASH FOR 31 MARCH 1945:

A. 416TH BOMB GP.

B. WURZBURG STORGE DEPOT (N-539371)

C. 38 A26'S

D. 37 A-26'S ON PRIMARY

E. 1 A-26(RETURNED TO BASE AFTER BEING UNABLE TO LOCATE FORMATION
FOLLOWING SEPARATION WHEN BOEXES MADE ASCENT THROUGH CLOUD)

F. 222 X 500 M17 CLUSTERS ON PRIMARY
6 X 500 M16 CLUSTERS RETURNED (SEE PARA. "E")

G. RESULTS RXXXX BELIEVED TO BE TXXX GOODFTO EXCELLENT. OBSERVATIONS
RESTRICTED BY SMOKE IN AREA. ONE RUN.

H. 4 A/C CAT. "A" DAMAGE-FLAK

I. NONE

J. MODERATE ACCURATE HFF AT TARGET . NIL ELSEWHERE.

K. NIL

L. BOX I - 13,800 (ON PFF)
BOX II - 12,500 (VISUALLY)

M. BOX I - 1029
BOX II - 1030 1/2

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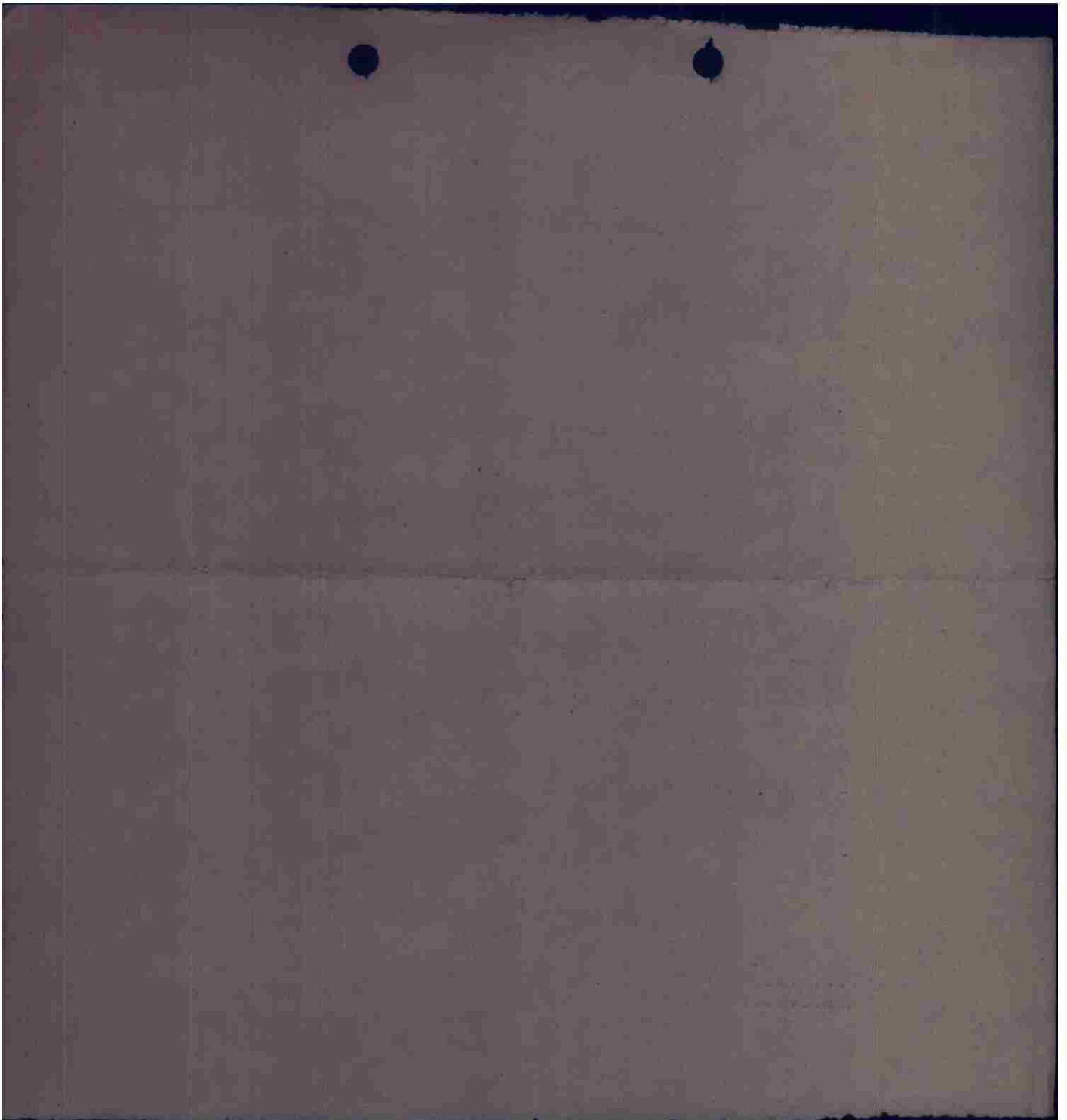
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JEA R.....31/1517A LEG

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To: CG, 9th Bombardment Division, att. A2
97th Combat Wing, att. A2

From: 416th Bombardment Gp.

Opflash for 31 March 1945

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A. 416th Bomb. Gp.

B. Wurzburg Storage Depot (N-539371)

C. 38 A26's

D. 37 A26's on primary

E. 1 A26 (returned to base after being unable to locate formation following separation when Boxes made ascent through cloud)

F. 222 x 500 M17 clusters on primary
6 x 500 M17 clusters returned (see paragraph "E".)

G. Results believed to be good to excellent. Observations restricted by smoke in area.)

H. 4 A/C cat. "A" damage-flak.

I. None

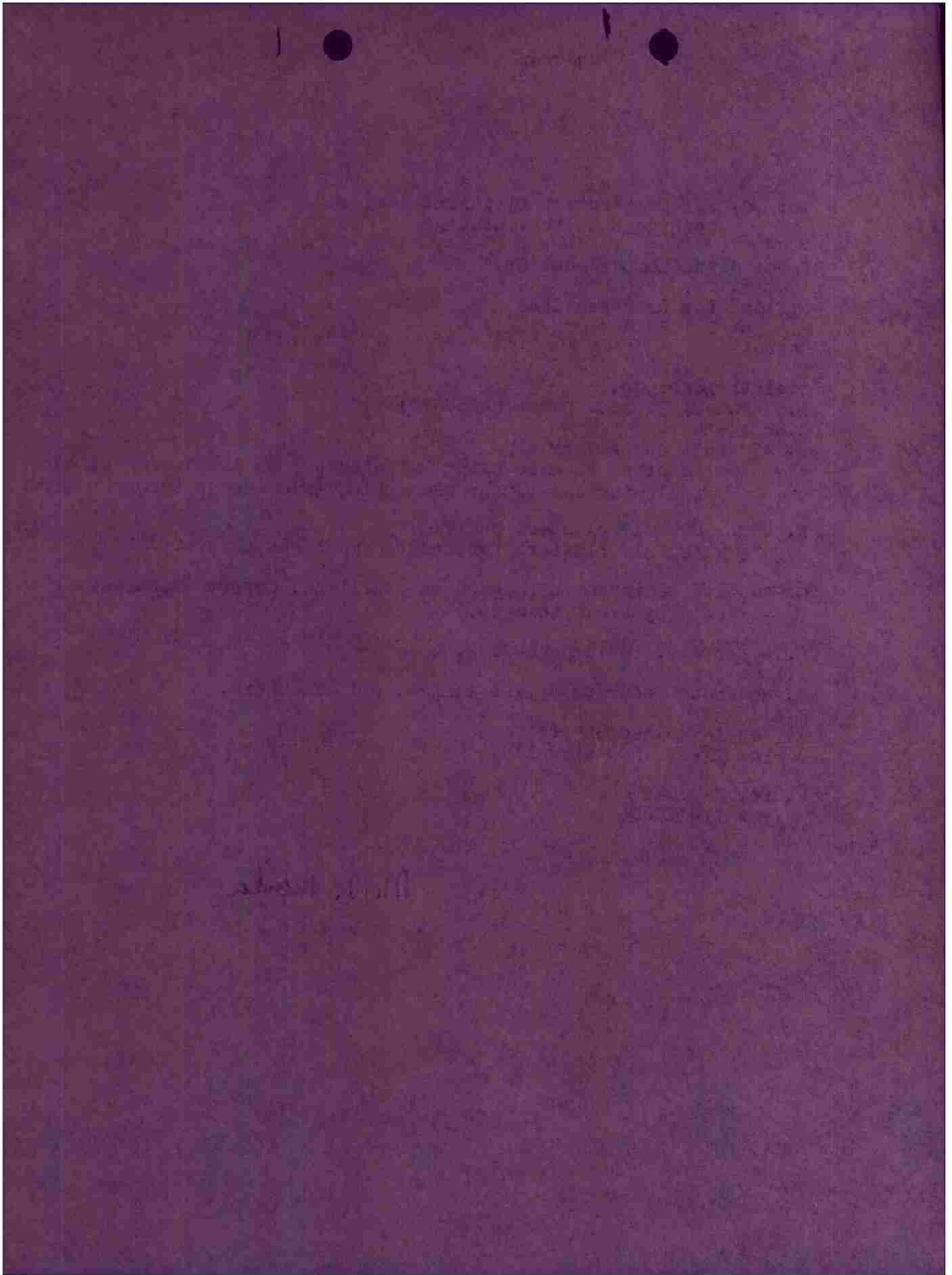
J. Moderate accurate HFF at target. nil elsewhere.

K. Nil

L. Box I- 13,800 (on Pff)
Box II- 12,500 (visually)

M. Box I- 1029
Box II- 1030½

M. B. Shinder



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TO: CG, 9th Bomb Division, ATT A₂
CG, 97th Combat Wing, ATT A₂

FROM: 416th Bomb. GP.

OPFLASH FOR 31 MAR. 1945

A. 416 Bomb. GP.

B. WURZBURG STORAGE DEPOT (N-539371)

C. 38 A₂₆'s

D. 37 A₂₆'s ON PRIMARY

E. 1 A₂₆ (RETURNED TO BASE AFTER BEING UNABLE TO LOCATE FORMATION FOLLOWING SEPARATION WHEN BOX MADE ASCENT WITH PFF THROUGH CLOUD.)

F. 222 X 500 M17 CLUSTERS ON PRIMARY
6 X 500 M17 CLUSTERS RETURNED (SEE PARA. "E")

G. RESULTS BELIEVED GOOD TO EXCELLENT. OBSERVATIONS RESTRICTED BY SMOKE IN AREA.

H. ~~4000~~ 4A/C CAT. "A" DAMAGE (FLAK)

I. NONE

J. MODERATE ACCURATE HFF AT TARGET.
NIL ELSEWHERE

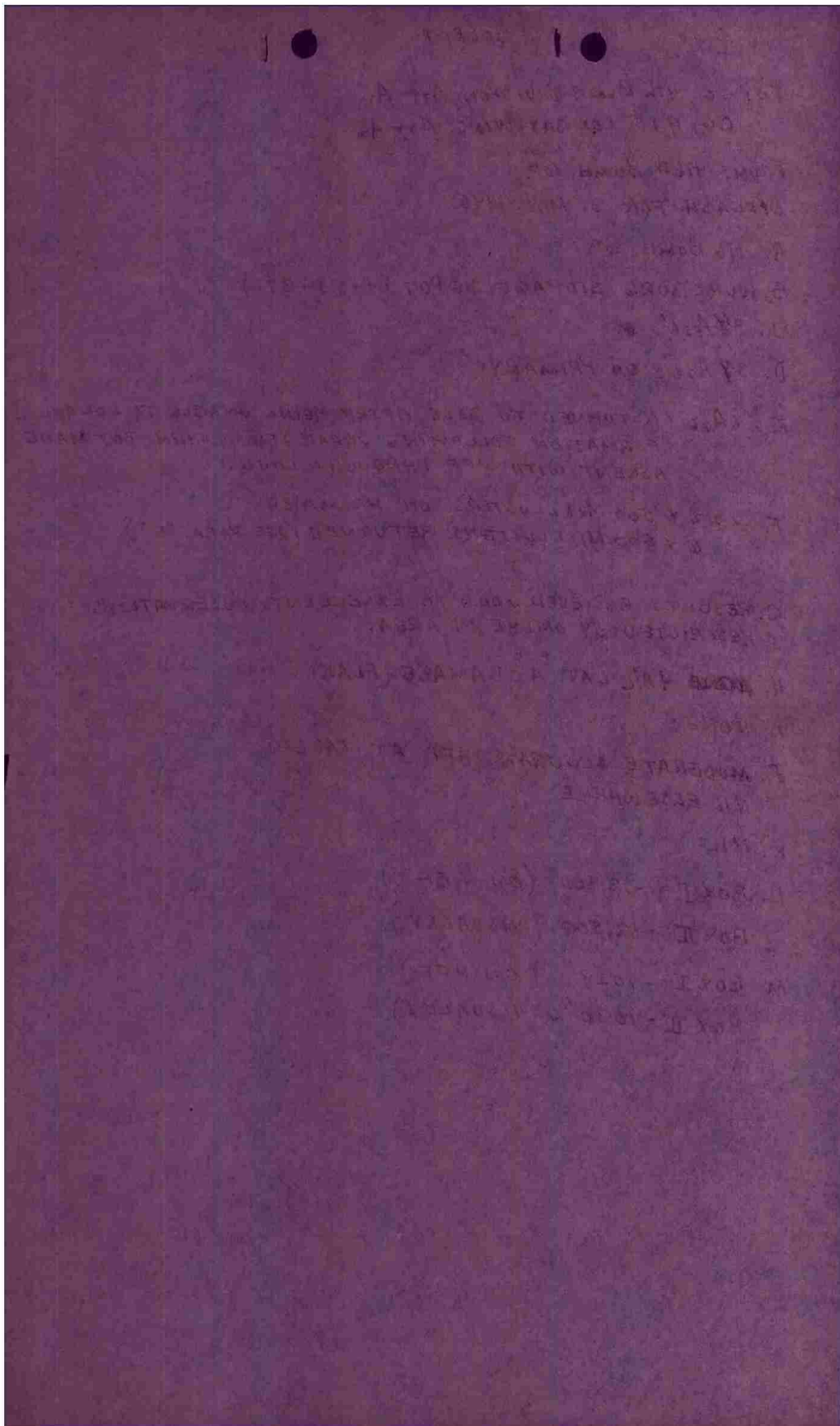
K. NIL

L. BOX I - 13,300 (ON PFF -)

BOX II - 12,500 (VISUALLY)

M. BOX I - 1029 (ON PFF)

BOX II - 1030 1/2 (VISUALLY)

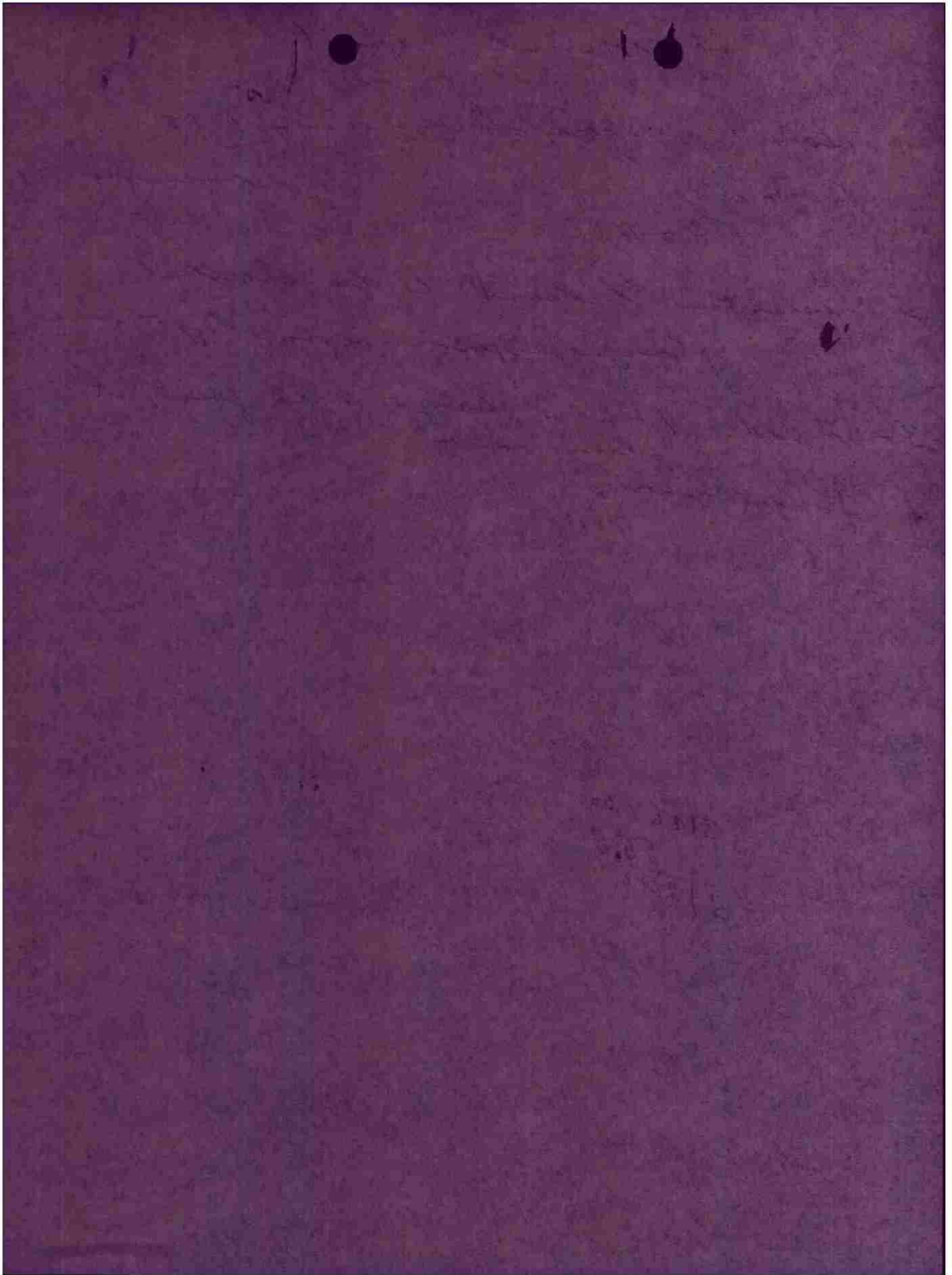


15 minute report

1. Box 1 - bombed primary PTF
Box II - usually by
box.
2. results - believed to be excellent.
Large explosion in tgt area.
- 3 - Fled. - XH+ at target area just at
release point.
4. Losses none

410 - X - XX at tgt
409 - mil

$$\begin{array}{r} 37 \times 6 \times .500 \\ 55.5 \\ 4 \overline{) 222} \end{array}$$



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FROM HQS 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) S-2 PI 31/1700A
TO HQS 9TH BOMB DIVM. ATTN: A-2 PI
HQS 97TH COMBAT WING " A-2 DUTY OFF.
BT
SECRET 416BG R-727-D

B. WUTRZBURG SUPPLY DEPOT

J. NO STRIKE PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUDS, SMOKE AND EVASIVE ACTION.

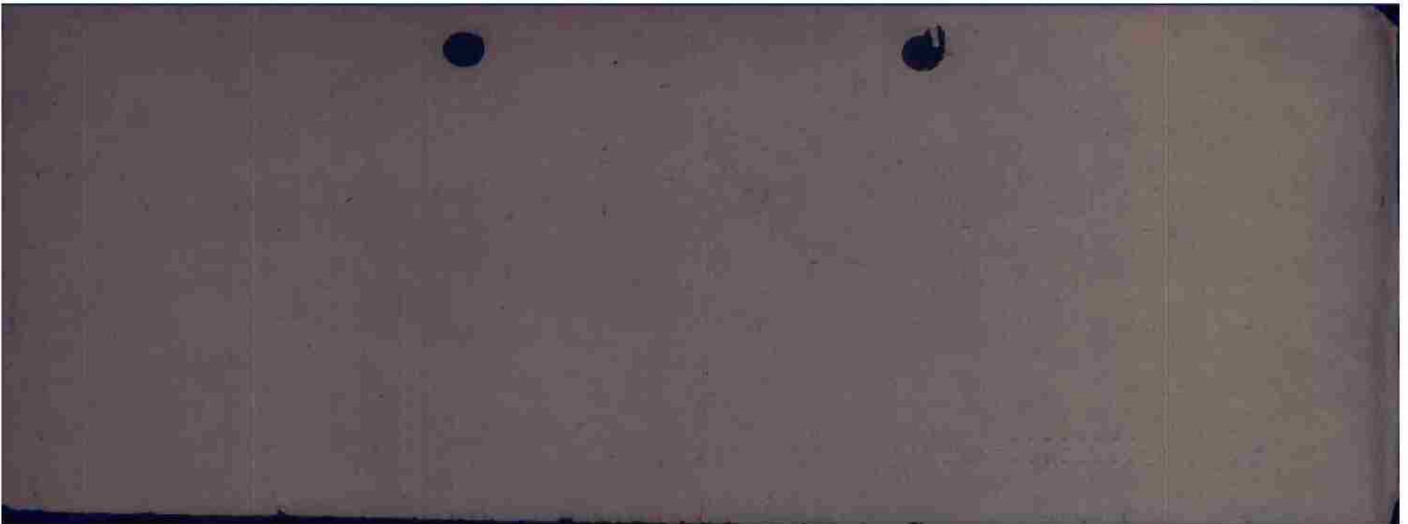
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A - 38

B - 37 - PRIMARY.

C - 55 1/2

D - 64 - results.

E - NONE

F - NONE

G - NONE

H - 4 CAT. "A"

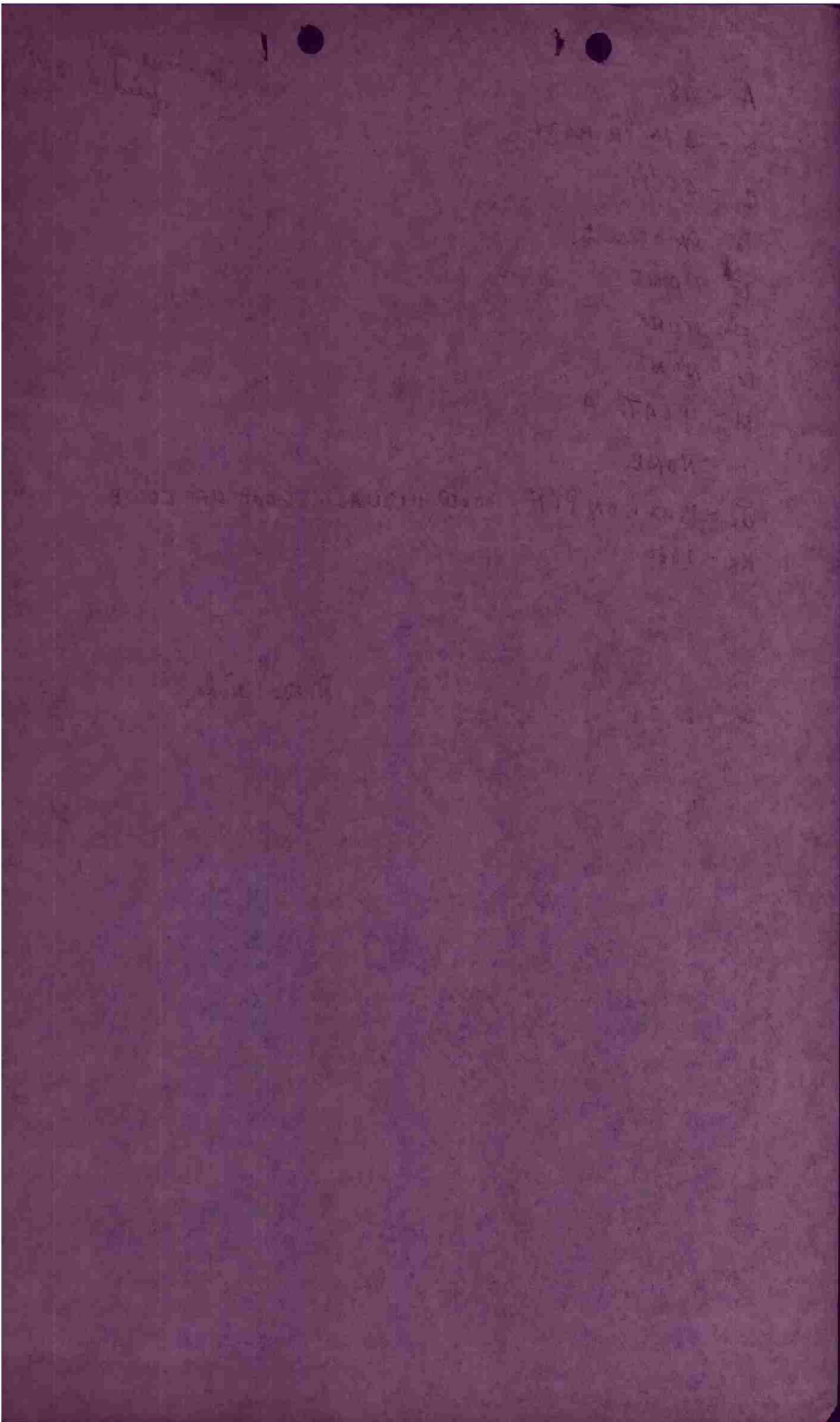
I - NONE

J. - Box I ON PPF - Box II VISUAL - GOOD PFFLEDE

K. - 1330

Two-hour rept.
filed at 1329

M. B. Shindler,



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 6/31 OP OP

FROM: 416TH BOMB GP (L) 31/0925A
 TO : CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIV (M) ATTN:A-2
 CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) ATTN: A-2

BT

SECRET 416BG R-715AD

1. VISUAL AIMING POINTS BY FLIGHTS ON PRIMARY:

ILL. 6(D) (VI) 96/3

-01600545
 -018505909
 -01480602
 -01630655
 -01350652
 -01420710

2. ALTERNATE TARGET EBENHAUSEN- OIL SOTXX STORAGE DEPOT:

ILL. 1(A) (V) 26/2

AIMING POINTS BY BOXES:H

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 -03700472

CAPT. M.B. SHERIDAN,

BT31/0925A

CC : 4TH LINE OF 1. SHOULD BE -01850590

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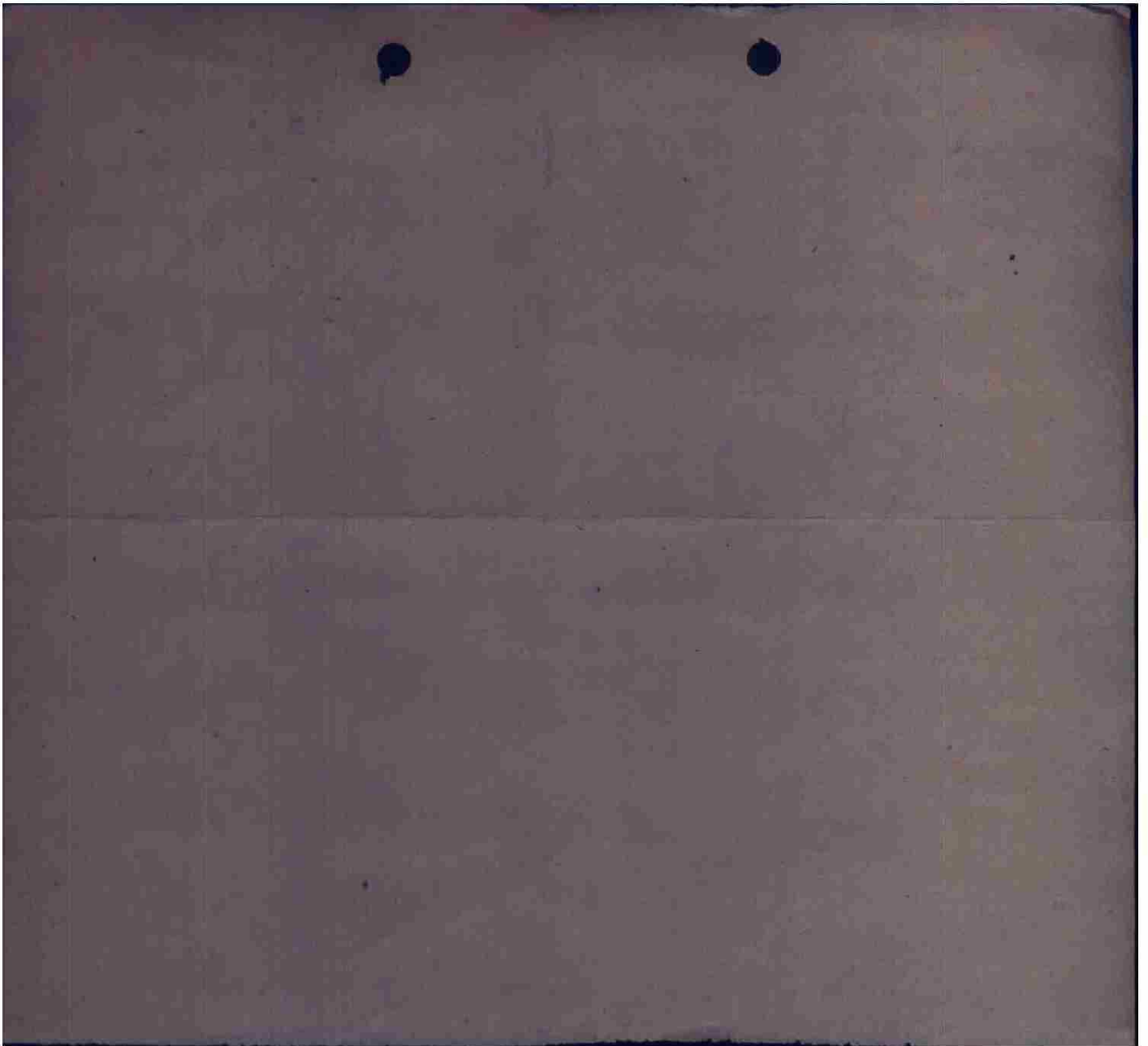
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ITA R.....310945A DEG K

JEA R.....31/0925/0945A

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VISUAL AIMING POINTS BY FLIGHTS PRIMARY
(ILL. 6(d)(vi) 96/3)

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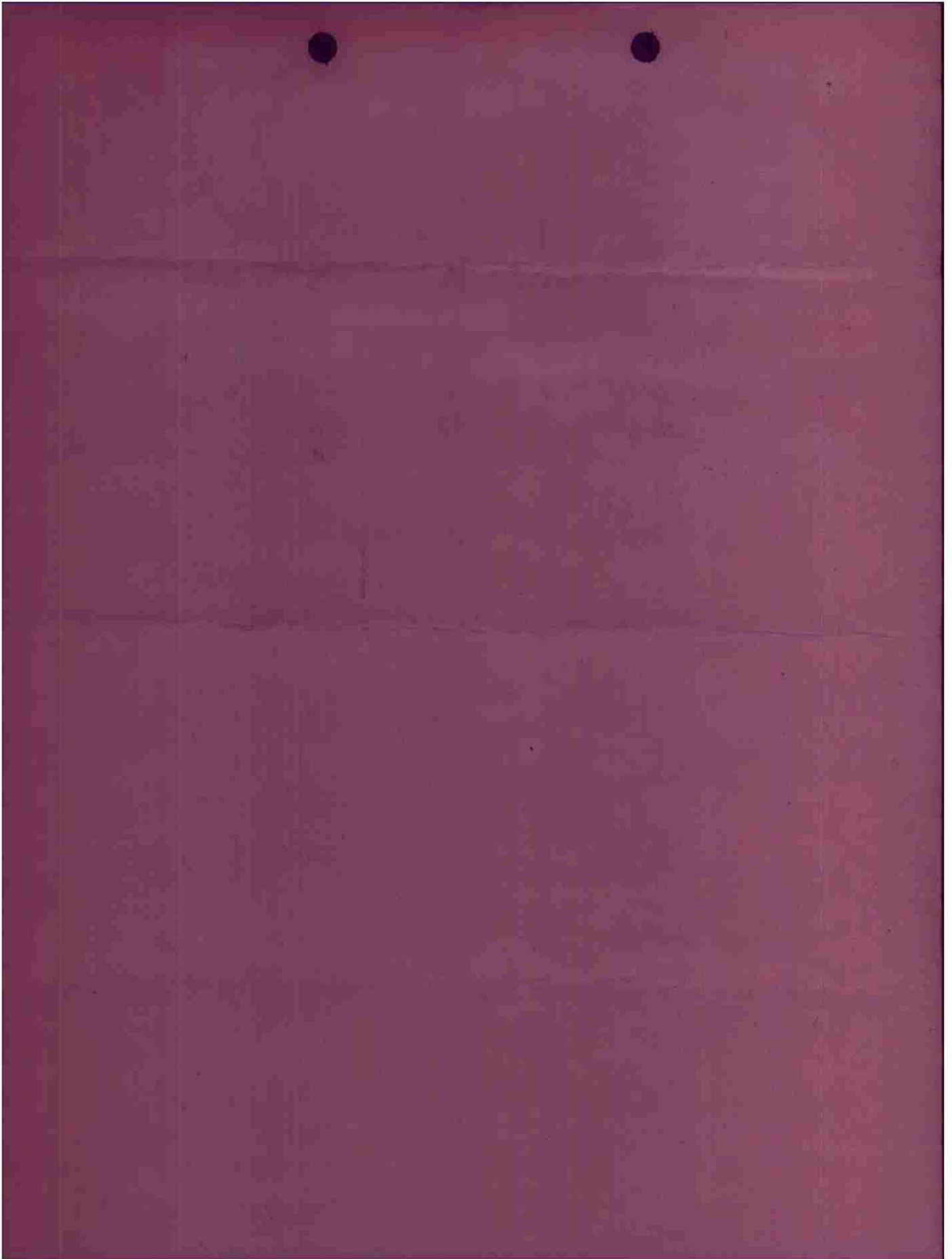
ALTERNATE TARGET (ILL. 1(a)(v) 26/2)

AIMING POINTS BY BOXES:

02950430
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morning mission
21 / Mar / 45

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ITA JEA JKI JPO V JEA JEA 23/30

(INFO-INFO)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 30/2353A
 TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
 COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416

BT

ATTENTION SIGNAL OFFICERS

ADV. INFO COPY OF COMMUNICATIONS OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP: (357975)
 (2) BREWER
 (3) GAYLIFE
 (4) SWEEPSTAKES

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP: (357975)
 (2) COFFEE
 (3) BYPASS
 (4) SWEEPSTAKES

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP: (357975)
 (2) GENTRY
 (3) CABMAN
 (4) SWEEPSTAKES

PLAN "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP: (539371)
 (2) QUICKSTART
 (3) SLEEPY
 (4) RIPSAW

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP: (540373)
 (2) MARGIN
 (3) SLEEPY
 (4) RIPSAW

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP: (539371)
 (2) SHAVING
 (3) SLEEPY
 (4) RIPSAW

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(11) SWEEPSTAKES AVAILABLE FOR BULLSEYE

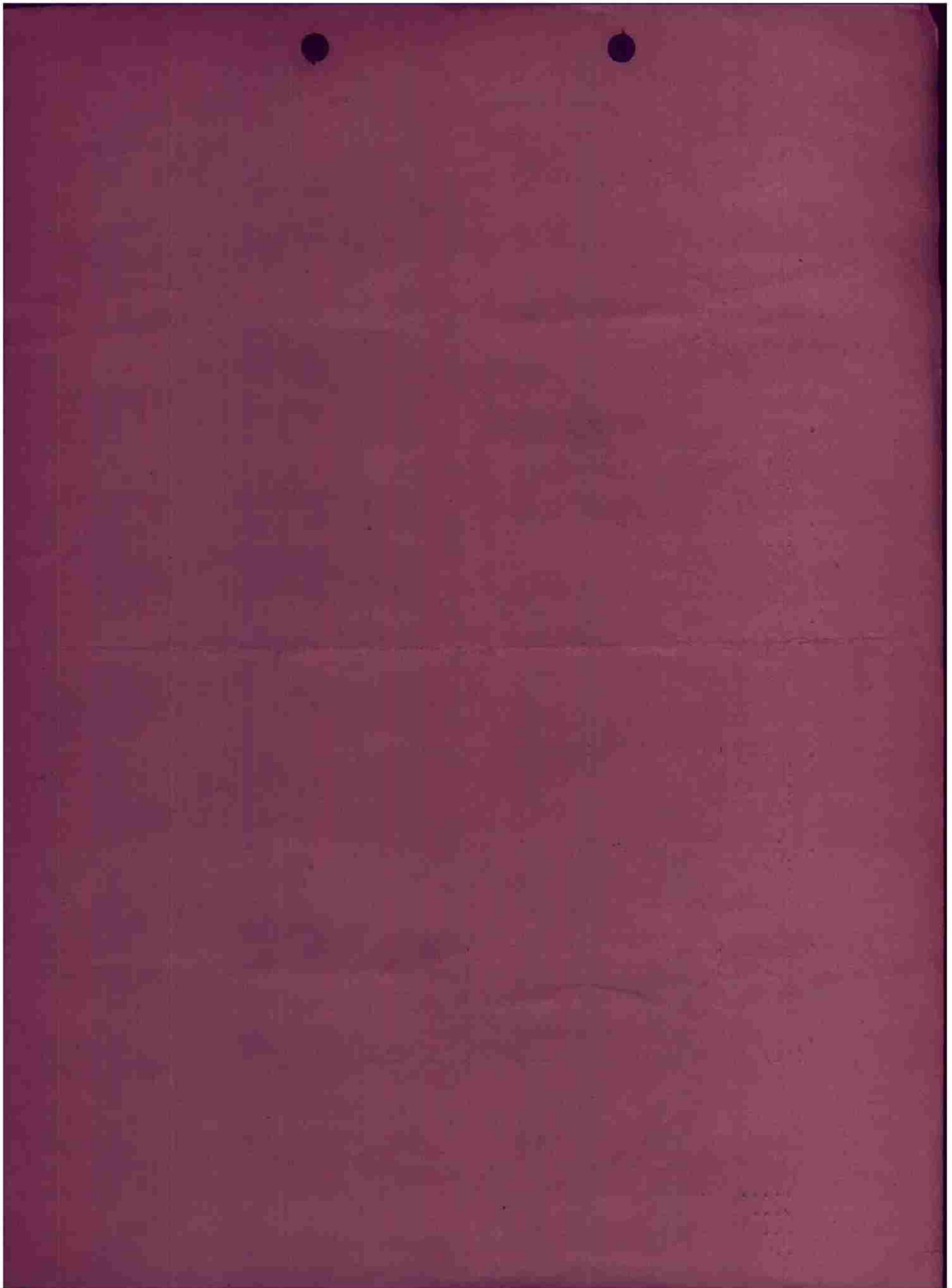
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JKI R	...	31/0006A	EW	AR	
JPO R	..				



ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 13/31 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) 31/1435A
 TO COMBOMDIV NINE
 1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQD.
 409TH COBOMGP
 410TH COBOMGP
 416TH COBOMGP

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)
 A P O 143
 31 MARCH 1945

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 232-827

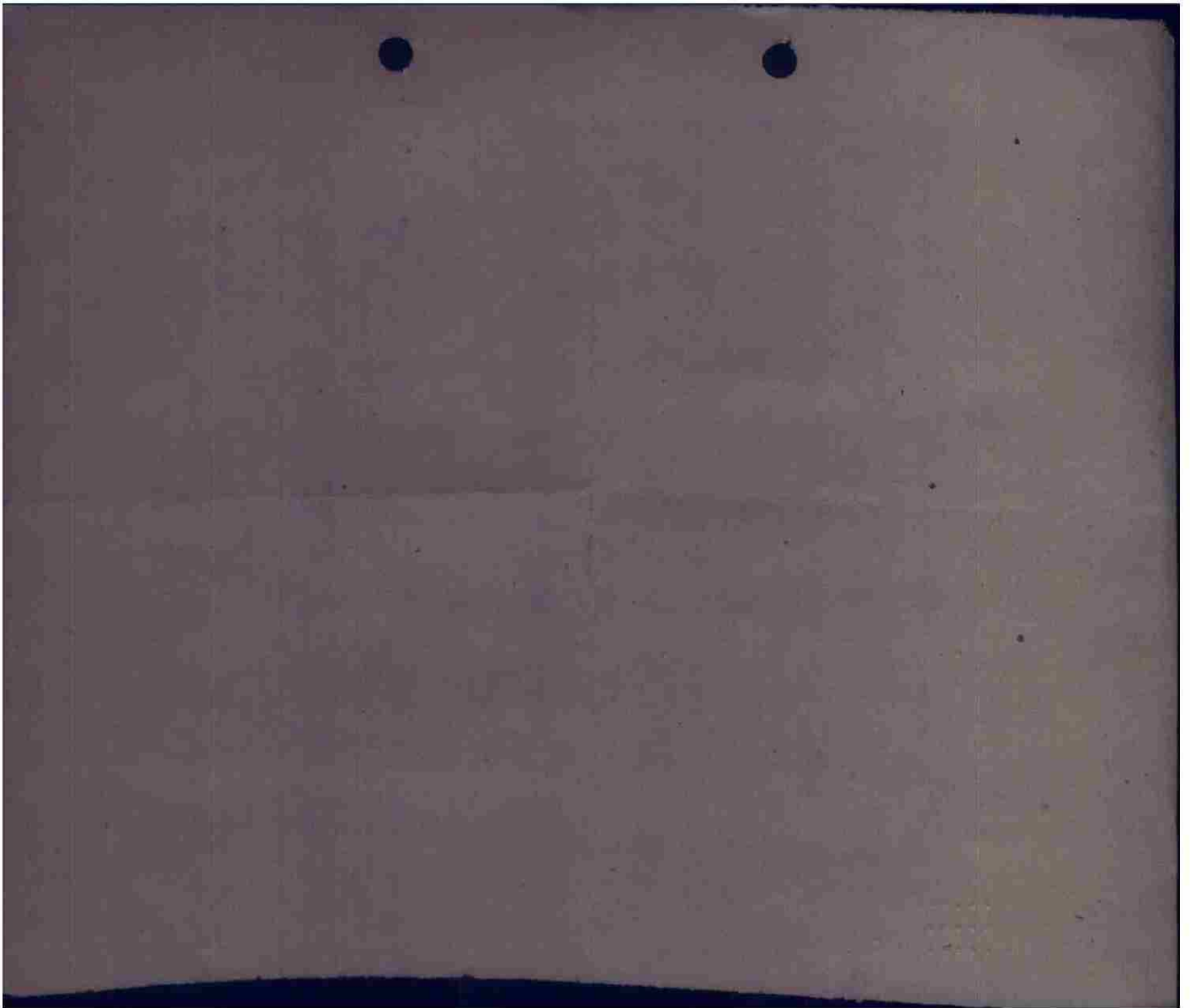
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CANCEL PLAN "A".

PLAN "B" IN EFFECT WITH ZERO HOUR TO READ: 31/0915A

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 BT 31/1435A
 AR JMB
 EEEEEEEEE

JES R31/1450A WL K
 JPO R
 JKI R31/1450A JF KK



ITA JJF JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 22/30 OP OP
T (ITA T JJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 30/2310A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE (ATTN: A-2)
COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416 (ATTN: S-2)
CO, 1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN. (ATTN: S-2)

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

97TH COMBAT ZOMB WING
A P O 140
30 MARCH 1945

R-341-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO: 232-827

PLAN "A"

1. TARGET: HELSA, ORDNANCE DEPOT (H-357975)

2. PHOTO COVERAGE:

----- 5109E/4724
IX BOMB. DIV. INTERPRETATION REPORT T-4 (THIS
PHOTOGRAPH TO BE PICKED UP BY 409 AND 416 GROUPS AT WING HDQTRS.
IT WILL BE DELIVERED TO 410 BY BOMB. DIV. COURRIER)

MAP COVERAGE:

----- 4414 SHT. 4724

3. ATTENTION IS CALLED TO P/W CAMP LOCATED AT H-386926.

PLAN "B"

1. TARGET: WURZBURG M/Y (410) N-540373 AND STORAGE DEPOT (409 AND 416)
N-539371. SEE INFORMATION SHEET AND TARGET MAP FOR GH-646.
INFORMATION SHEET CONCERNS M/Y ONLY.

2. PHOTO COVERAGE:

----- 6(D)(VI)96/1 AND 3
3/AIR/494/2
----- US10/T408
E/378 PRINTS 3047 AND 3048

MAP COVERAGE:

----- 4416 SHT. T-4

3. ATTENTION IS CALLED TO P/W CAMP IN TOWN OF WURZBURG.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 30/2310A

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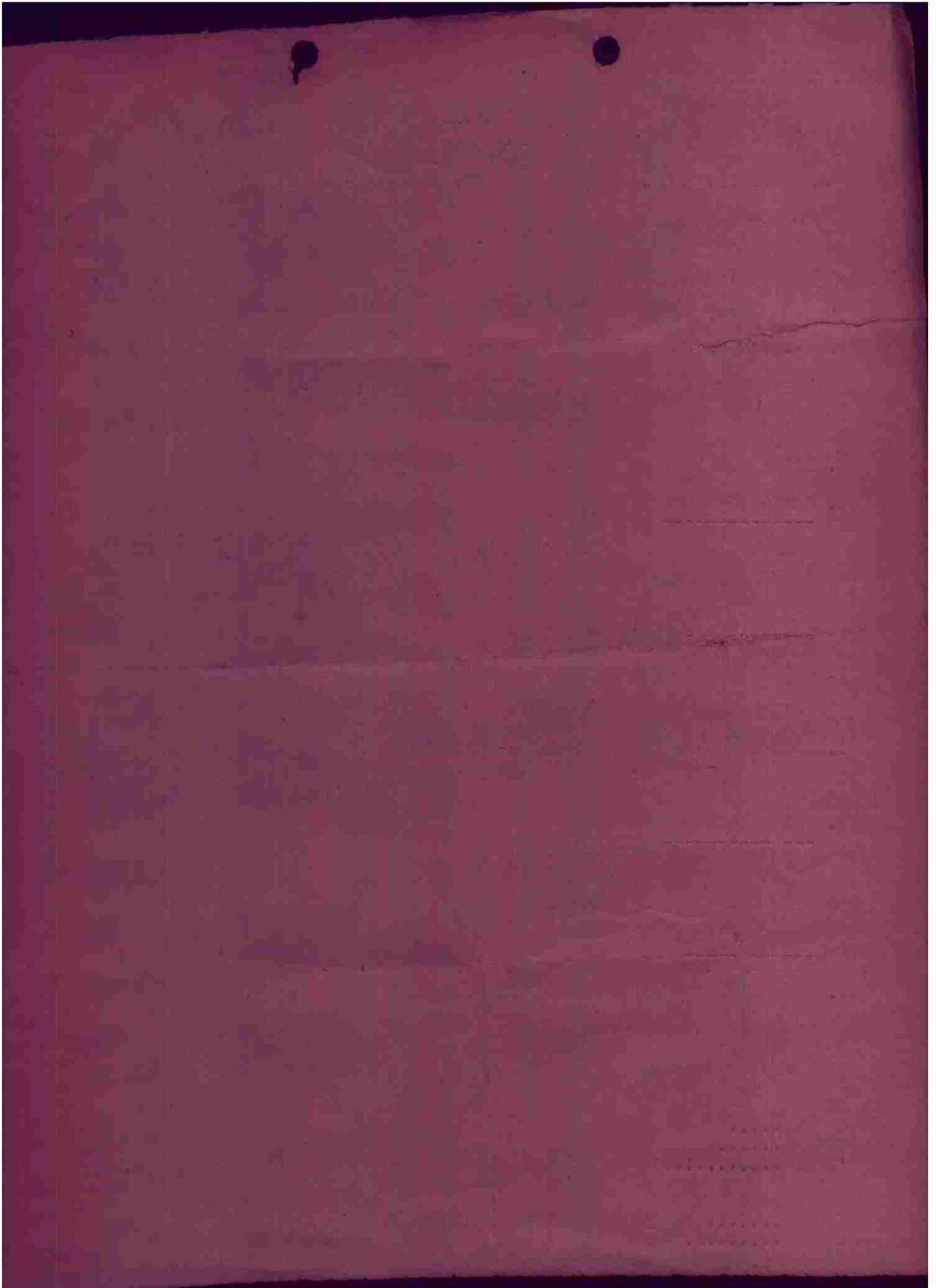
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ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 01/31 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 31/0025A
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

97CBW R-342-E

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

FIELD ORDER NO. 232-827

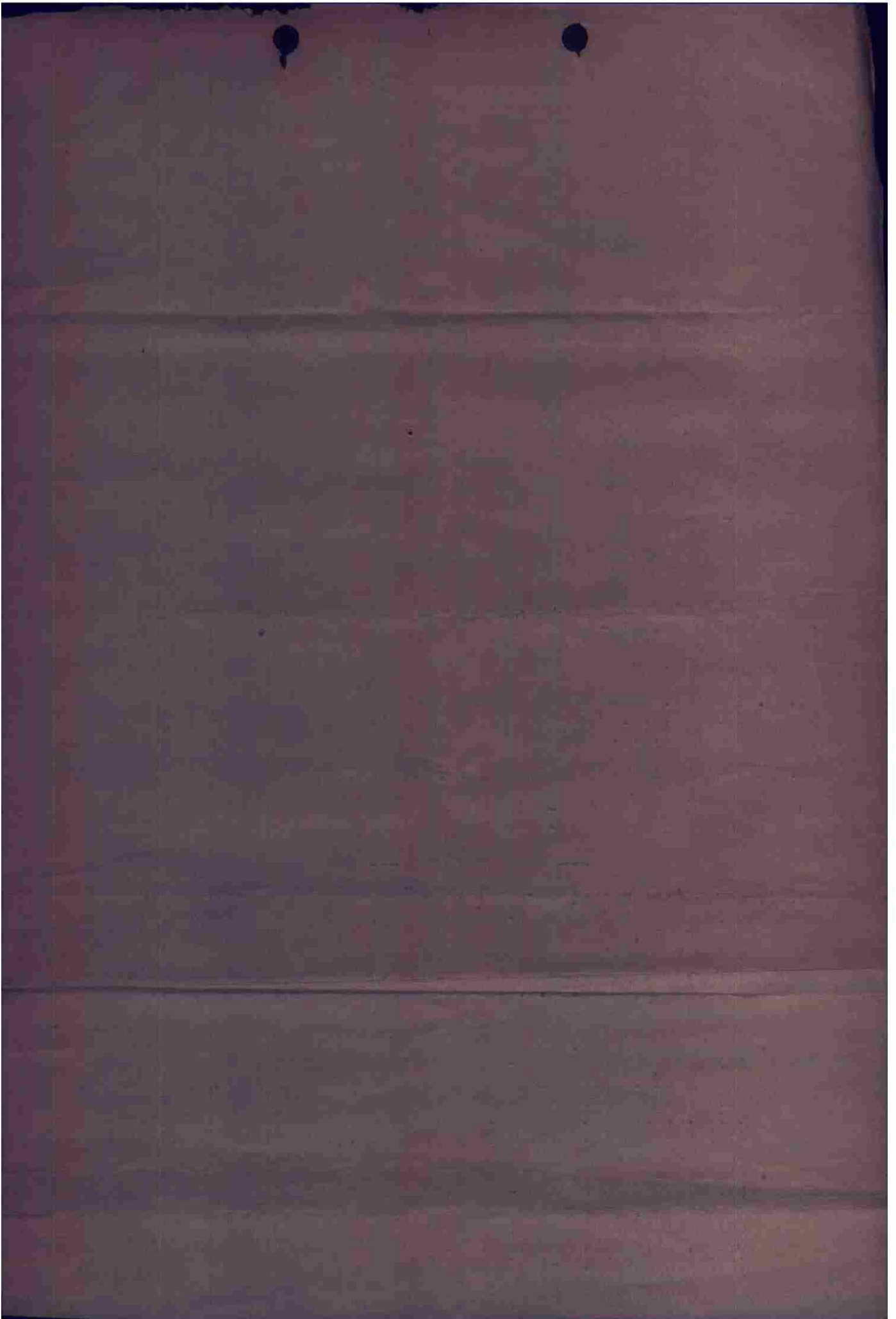
MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
(2) 9 T.A.C. WILL PROVIDE CLOSE ESCORT FOR PLAN "A"
19 T.A.C. WILL PROVIDE AREA COVER FOR PLAN "B".
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR: PLAN "A" - 31/0800A
ZERO HOUR: PLAN "B" - 31/0915A

---PLAN "A" VISUAL---

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT L-6392 AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES.
(6) MINIMUM ALTITUDE 5,000 FEET.
(9) M.P.I.: ILL. IX BOMB. DIV. T/5. COVER ANNOTATED AREA 1.
(10) 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT L-6392 AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES.
(6) MINIMUM ALTITUDE 5,000 FEET.
(9) M.P.I.: ILL. IX BOMB. DIV. T/5 COVER ANNOTATED AREA 2.
(10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT L-6392 AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES.
(6) MINIMUM ALTITUDE 8,000 FEET.
(9) M.P.I.: ILL. IX BOMB DIV. T/5 COVER ANNOTATED AREAS 1 AND 2.
(10) 6 X 500 LB. M-17 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS TO OPEN AT 5,000 FEET.
1 FLIGHT 6 X 500 LB. M-76 INCENDIARY BOMBS.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.



- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.
 (5) TARGET: HELSA ORDNANCE DEPOT (H-357975)
 (6) A/C REQUIRED: MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO L-6392 TO G-7347 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
 (9) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 (10) I.P.: H-3176
 (11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SW TO NE.
 (12) R.P.: H-3176
 (13) IN THE EVENT CLOUDS OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 (A) PRIMARY VISUALLY
 (B) ALTERNATE VISUALLY
 (C) BULLSEYE IF AVAILABLE
 (D) ALTERNATE ON "GEE"
 (E) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.
 (14) GROUPS ARE CAUTIONED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.
 (15) A B-26 GROUP WILL ATTACK THIS TARGET AT ZERO HOUR.

PLAN "B" PATHFINDER

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

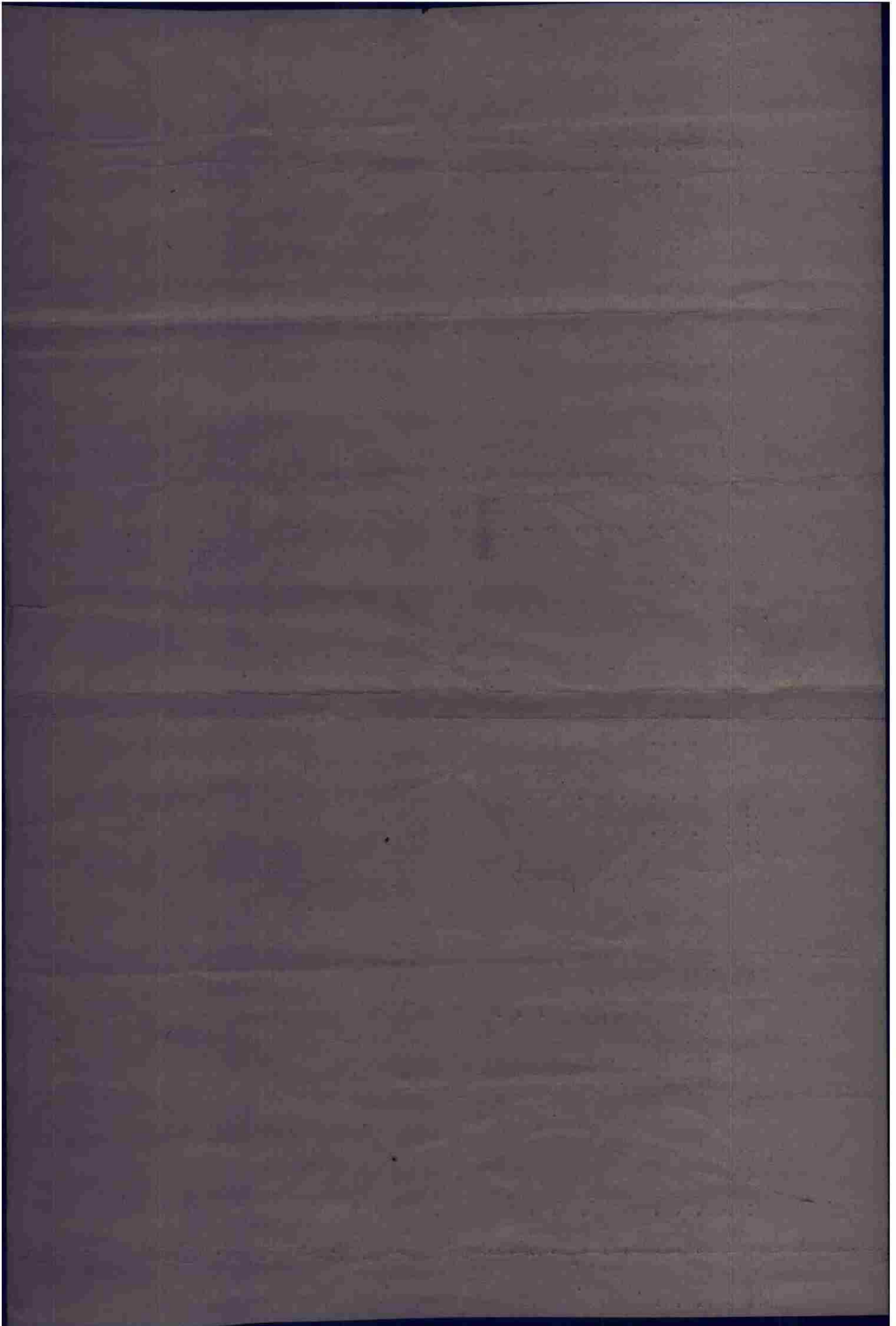
- (6) BOMB 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET, 2ND BOX 13,000 FEET.
 MINIMUM ALTITUDE 5000 FEET, LOSE 1500 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 (9) M.P.I. ILL. U.S. 10/T408 COVER ANNOTATED AREA IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
 P.P.F. M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4416 SHEET NO. T-4, COORD. 539372.
 (10) 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE. 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
 INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MIN.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) WURZBURG MARSHALLING YARD (N-540373)
 (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 P.P.F. A/C.
 (4) BASE TO L-8555 TO M-8961 TO N-1279 TO TARGET.
 (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO M-6640 TO BASE.
 (6) BOMB 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET, 2ND BOX 13,000 FEET.
 MINIMUM ALTITUDE 5000 FEET. LOSE 1500 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 (9) M.P.I. : ILL. 6(D) (VI) 96/3 COVER MARSHALLING YARD.
 BETWEEN REF. 024054 AND 030037 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
 P.P.F. M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4416 SHEET NO. T-4, COORD. 542367
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE. 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 45 MIN.
 (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND USE N-4211 AS A VISUAL I.P. DUE TO PROXIMITY OF P/W CAMP IN TARGET AREA. IF CLOUDS OBSCURE TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 (A) PRIMARY VISUALLY
 (B) PRIMARY ON P.P.F.
 (C) ALTERNATE VISUALLY
 (D) BULLSEYE IF AVAILABLE
 (E) ALTERNATE ON "GEE"
 (F) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.
 (14) GROUPS ARE CAUTIONED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (6) BOMB 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET, 2ND BOX 13,000 FEET,
 MINIMUM ALTITUDE 8000 FEET. LOSE 1500 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 (9) M.P.I. : ILL. U.S. 10/T408. COVER ANNOTATED AREA IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
 P.P.F. M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4416 SHEET NO. T-4 COORD. 539372
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. M-17 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS TO OPEN AT 5000 FEET.
 INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 75 MIN.



- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.
 (5) TARGET: WURZBURG STORAGE DEPOT (N-539371)
 (6) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 P.P.F. A/C.
 (7) ROUTE OUT : BASE TO L-8555 TO M-8961 TO N-1279 TO TARGET.
 (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO M-6640 TO BASE.
 (9) 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 GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND USE N-4211 AS A VISUAL I.P. DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF P/W CAMP IN TARGET AREA. IF CLOUDS OBSCURE PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 (A) PRIMARY VISUALLY
 (B) PRIMARY ON P.P.F.
 (C) ALTERNATE VISUALLY
 (D) BULLSEYE IF AVAILABLE
 (E) ALTERNATE ON "GEE"
 (F) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.
 (10) GROUPS ARE CAUTIONED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A"

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP: (357975)
 (2) BREWER
 (3) GAYLIFE
 (4) SWEEPSTAKES
 B. 410TH BOMB GROUP: (357975)
 (2) COFFEE
 (3) BYPASS
 (4) SWEEPSTAKES
 C. 416TH BOMB GROUP: (357975)
 (2) GENTRY
 (3) CABMAN
 (4) SWEEPSTAKES

PLAN "B"

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP: (539371)
 (2) QUICKSTART
 (3) SLEEPY
 (4) RIPSAB
 B. 410TH BOMB GROUP: (540373)
 (2) MARGIN
 (3) SLEEPY
 (4) RIPSAB
 C. 416TH BOMB GROUP: (539371)
 (2) SHAVING
 (3) SLEEPY
 (4) RIPSAB

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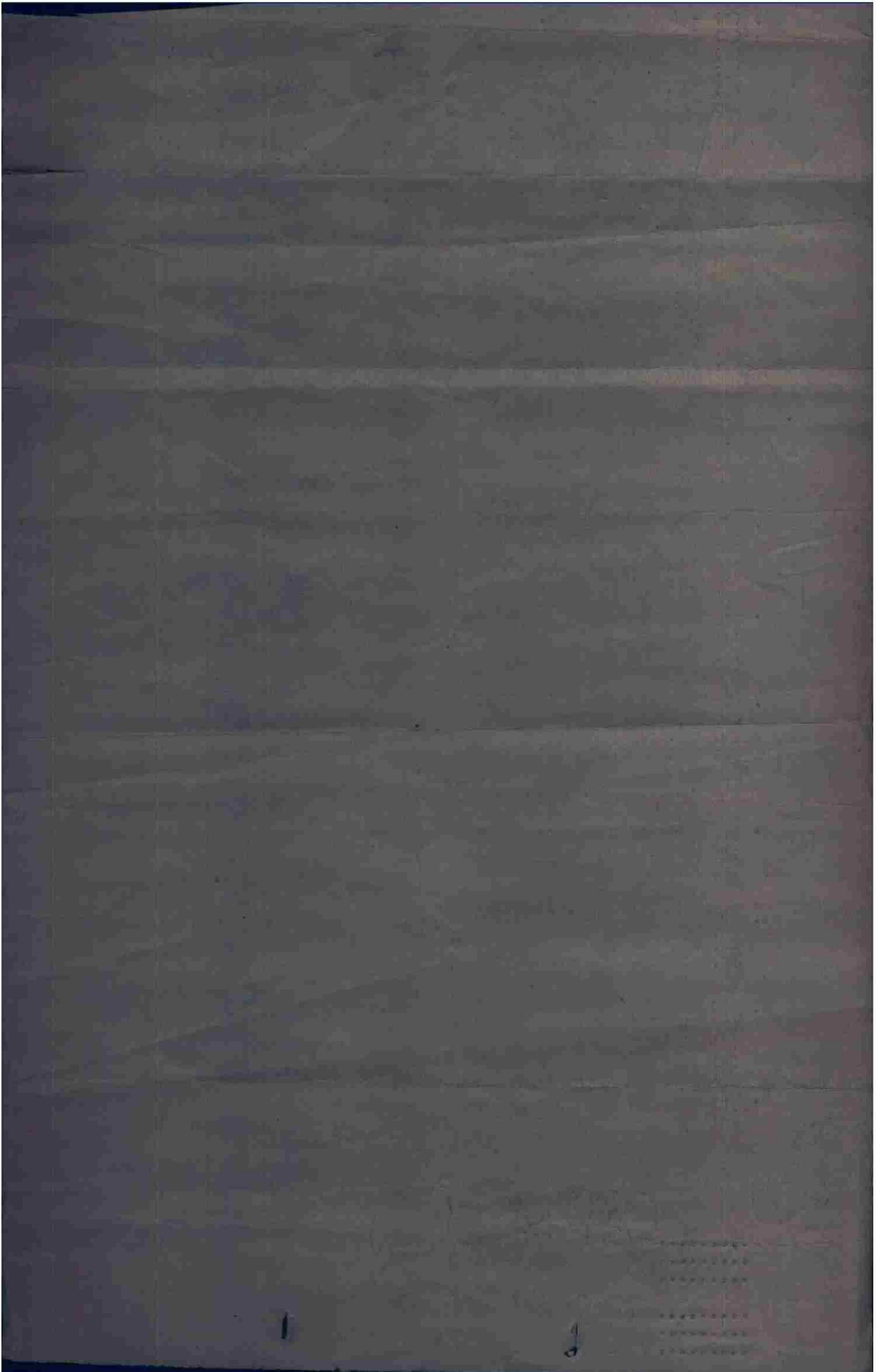
- (11) SWEEPSTAKES AVAILABLE FOR BULLSEYE

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JPO R.....	31/0200A	HJS	AR
JKI R.....	31/0200A	EW	AR
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JKI R.....	31/0200A	EW	AR
JJF R.....	31/0155A	SSR	AR
ITA R.....	31/0155A	JOHNNY P	AR



JES JPO JKI VIA JEA V A JJF 5/31 OP OP

FROM NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (N)
TO: ALL COMBAT WINGS
ALL COMBAT BOMB GROUPS

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 31/1300A
TO: CG IX BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (N)

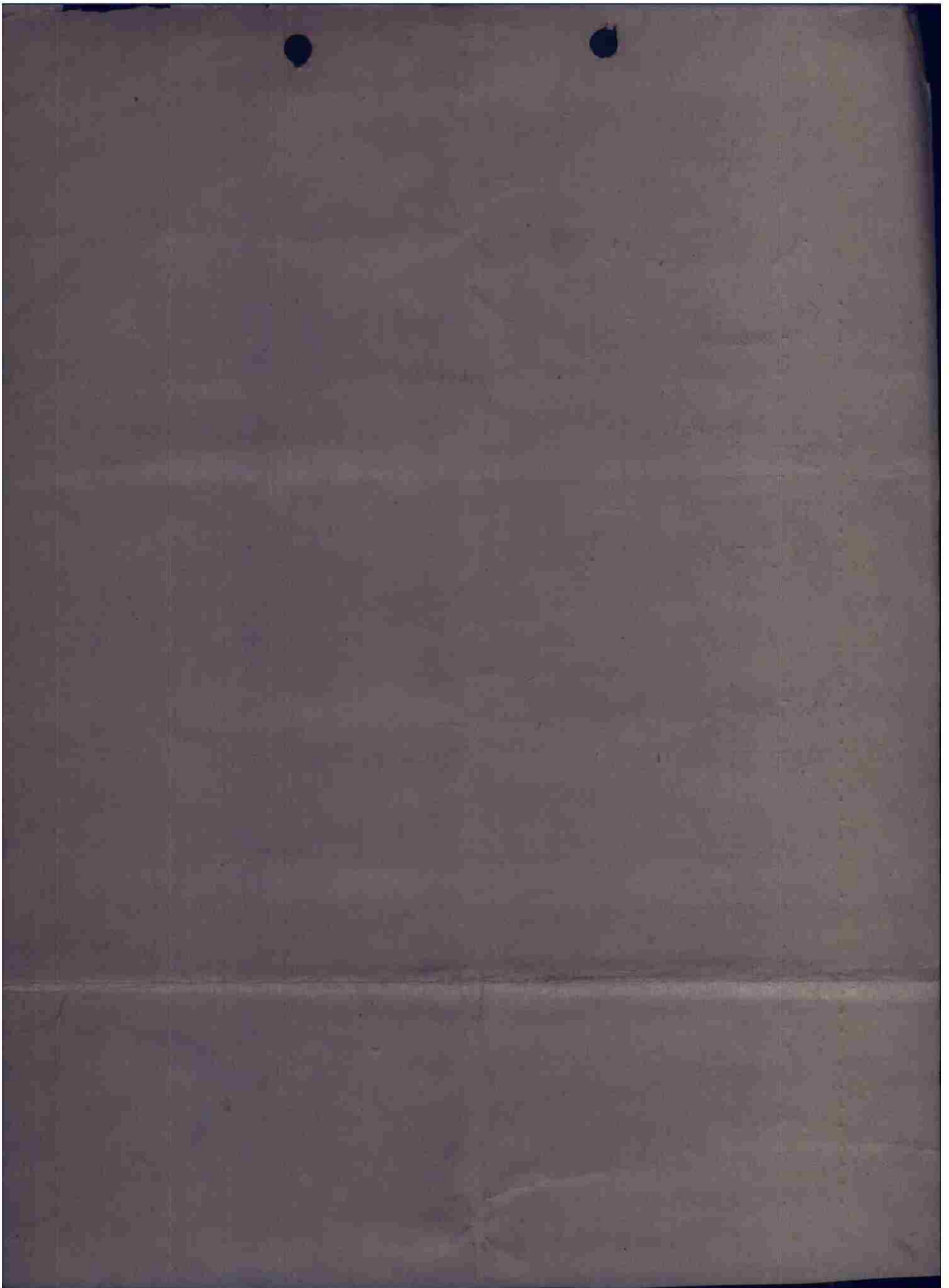
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1ST PPF SQ PROV R-722-D OPS-FLASH

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 387TH BOMB GROUP
B. WURZBURG (M/Y) WN-538377
C. 2 B-26
D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY (1 B-26 WITH 1ST BOX VISUAL ON GROUP LEAD)
(1 B-26 WITH 2ND BOX DROPPED ALONE, WHEN GROUP WENT VISUAL, ON COMBINATION OF EQUIPMENT AND NORDEN.)
E. NONE
F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
G. EXCELLENT RESULTS
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. MAIFF TARGET AREA ----
K. NONE
L. 12,500 - 11,500 PRIMARY
M. 915 - 915 1/2 PRIMARY.
REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT.

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 322ND BOMB GROUP
B. EBRACH OIL STORAGE NO 091420
C. 2 B-26
D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
E. NONE
F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
G. STRIKES OBSERVED IN TARGET AREA
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. NONE
L. 13500 PRIMARY
13000 " "
M. 8920 " "
8921 " "
REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 394TH BOMB GROUP
B. WURZBURG M/Y WN 538377
C. 2 B-26
D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT ALONE FOR NO. 1 PFF
PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT WITH 9 SHIPS FOLLOWING FOR NO 2 PFF
E. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
G. UNOBSERVED
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. MAIFF TARGET AREA
K. NONE
L. 102000 PRIMARY
115000 PRIMARY
M. 8945 " "
8948 " "

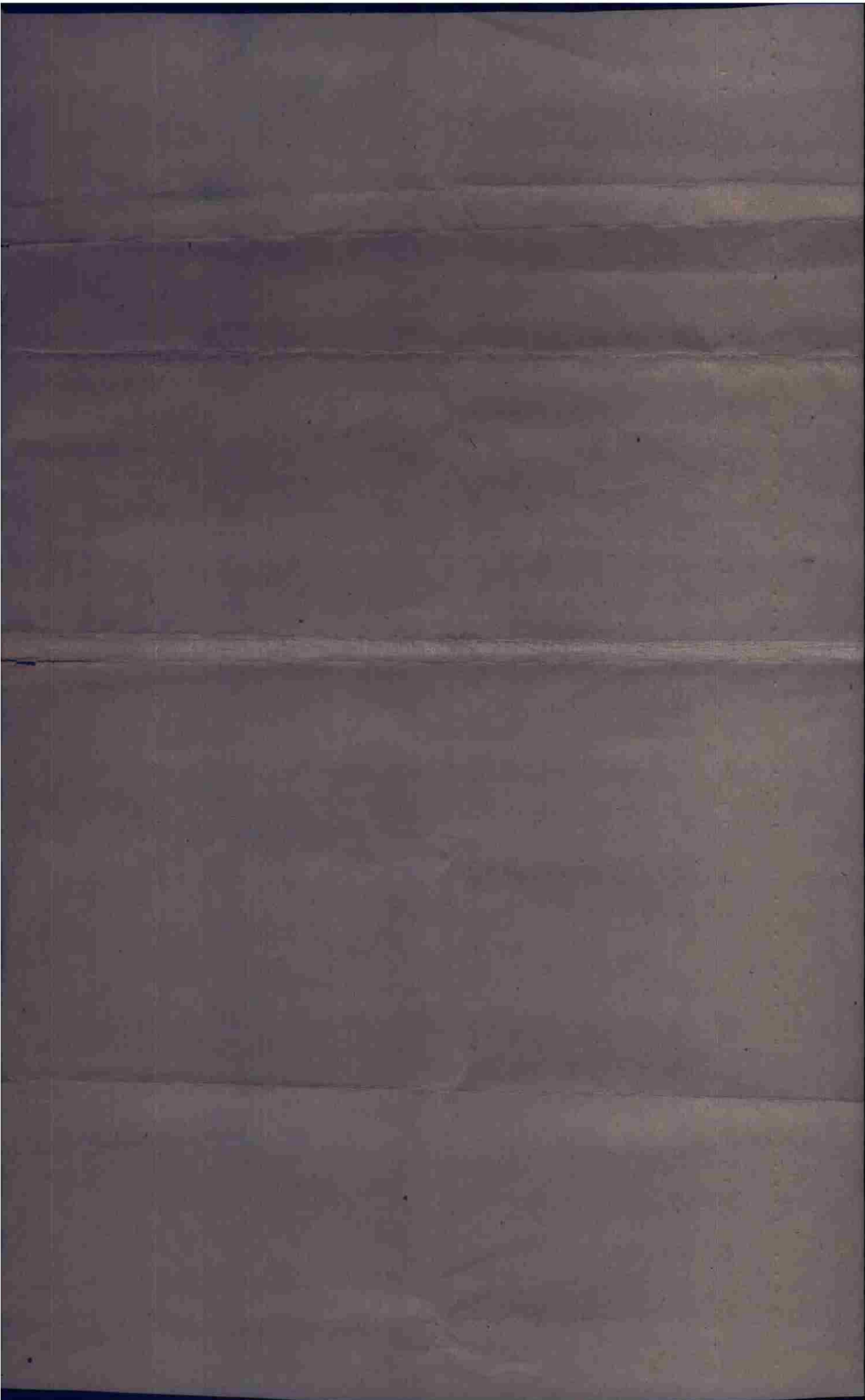


A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 323RD BOMB GROUP
 B. WURZBURG N/Y WN 538377
 C. 2 B-26
 D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 NO. 1 PFF DROPPED ALONE WHEN GROUP WENT VISUAL
 NO. 2 PFF DROPPED ON EQUIPMENT
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY (4 X 500 FLAGS PRIMARY
 G. UNOBSERVED
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 J. NAHFF TARGET AREA
 K. NONE
 L. 11500 PRIMARY
 10700 "
 M. 0931 "
 0931 1/2 "
 REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 409TH BOMB GROUP
 B. WURZBURG N/Y WN 542367
 C. 2 B-26
 D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT WITH 2 SHIPS FOLLOWING NO.1 PFF
 1 B-26 CASUAL KARLSTADT WN 450531 ON NORDEN NO. 2 PFF
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
 4 X 500 GP CASUAL
 G. GOOD RESULTS AT PRIMARY
 UNOBSERVED AT CASUAL
 H. 1 B-26 CAT "A" FLAK
 I. NONE
 J. NAHFF TARGET AREA
 K. NONE
 L. 13500 PRIMARY
 13000 CASUAL
 M. 1005 PRIMARY
 0957 CASUAL
 REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION VERY GOOD

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 391ST BOMB GROUP
 B. BREACH OIL STORAGE WO 001420
 C. 2 B-26
 D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY NO. 1 PFF BOMBED ON COMBINATION OF EQUIPMENT AND
 NORDEN
 NO. 2 PFF BOMBED ON EQUIPMENT
 E. NONE
 F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
 G. STRIKES SEEN IN TARGET AREA
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 J. NAHFF IN TARGET AREA
 K. NONE
 L. 13000 PRIMARY
 13000 "
 M. 0931 "
 0932 "
 REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION GOOD

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 419 TH BOMB GROUP
 B. WURZBURG OIL STORAGE WN 539372
 C. 2 B-26
 D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT ALONE -
 E. NONE
 F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
 G. GOOD
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 J. NAHFF TARGET AREA
 K. NONE
 L. 13500 PRIMARY
 13000 "
 M. 1018 "
 1020 "



A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 344TH BOMB GROUP
 B. EBRACH M/Y UG 331422
 C. 2 B-26
 D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY NO. 1 PFF NORDEN FOR RATE AND EQUIPMENT FOR COURSE
 NO. 2 PFF EQUIPMENT
 E. NONE
 F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
 G. BOX NO. 1 UNOBSERVED
 BOX NO. 2 POOR BOMBS SEEN TO HIT RIGHT OF TARGET
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 J. NONE
 K. NONE
 L. 13500 PRIMARY
 12600 "
 M. 095A "
 095B "
 REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION GOOD

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 416TH BOMB GROUP
 B. WURZBURG STORAGE DEPOT WN 332372
 C. 2 B-26
 D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 E. NONE
 F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
 G. EXCELLENT
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 J. MANFT IN TARGET AREA
 K. NONE
 L. 13500 PRIMARY
 13000 "
 M. 1030 "
 1031 "
 REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION GOOD

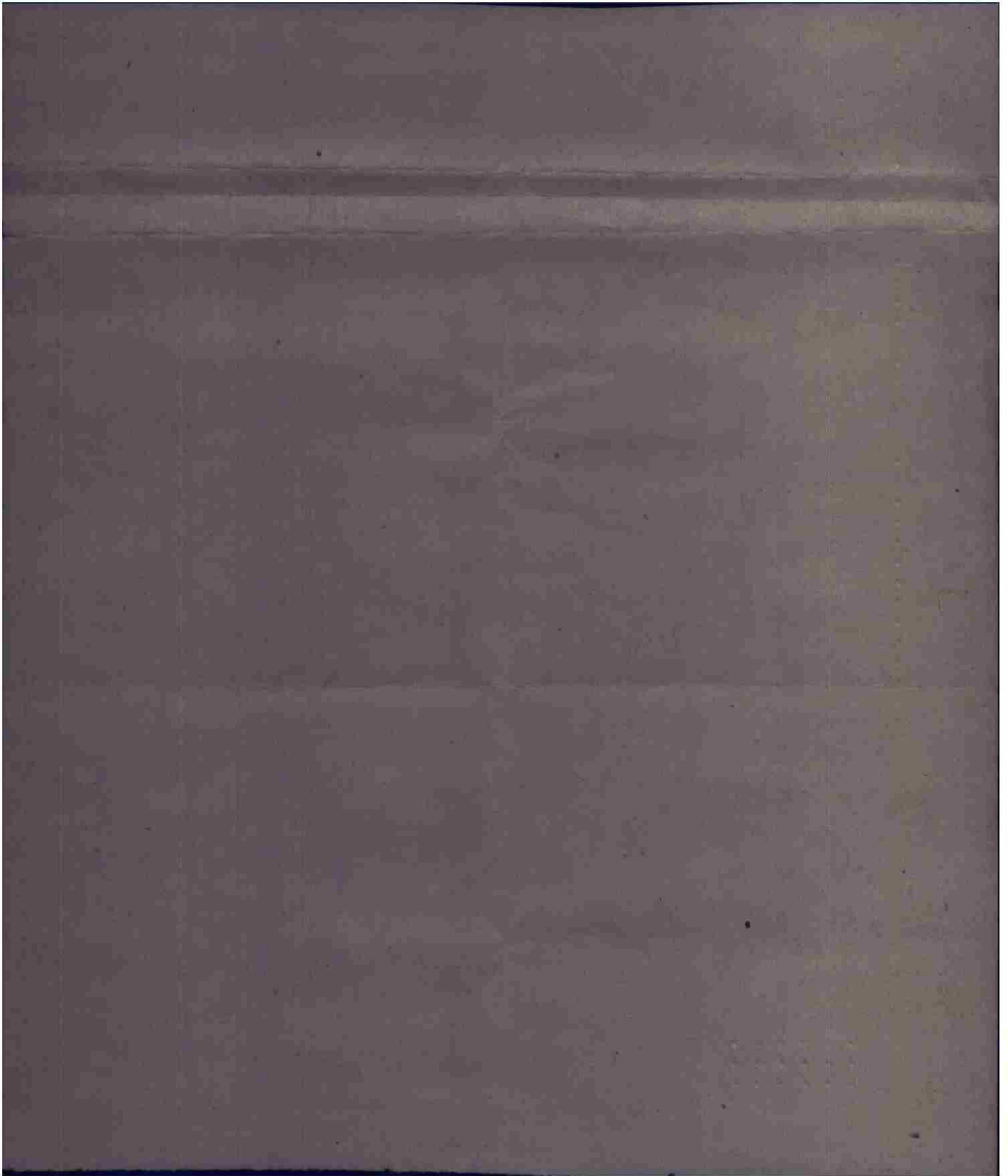
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CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 31/1300A
 UF JLP BBB

JKA
 (LCB BBB)

JES R.	31/1543 A	MC	KKK
JPO R.	31/1545A	SK	K
JKI R.	31/1545A	JF	KK



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JKI JEA V ITA JJF NR 32/01 OP OP

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV
 TO C G IX BOMB DIVISION
 C G 97 BOMB WING
 C O 416 BOMB GROUP
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01/0500A

1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV P-32-E

PFF PILOT: MATHIS

DATE: 31/3/45 TIME: AM

- A. FORMATION:
 1. CLASSIFICATION: GOOD
 2. REMARKS:
- B. WINDOW SHIPS:
 1. CLASSIFICATION: NONE SEEN
 2. REMARKS:
- C. NAVIGATION:
 1. CLASSIFICATION: PFF DID ALL
 2. REMARKS:
- D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS: GOOD
- E. BRIEFING: EXCELLENT
- F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS: NONE

C O 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 01/0500A

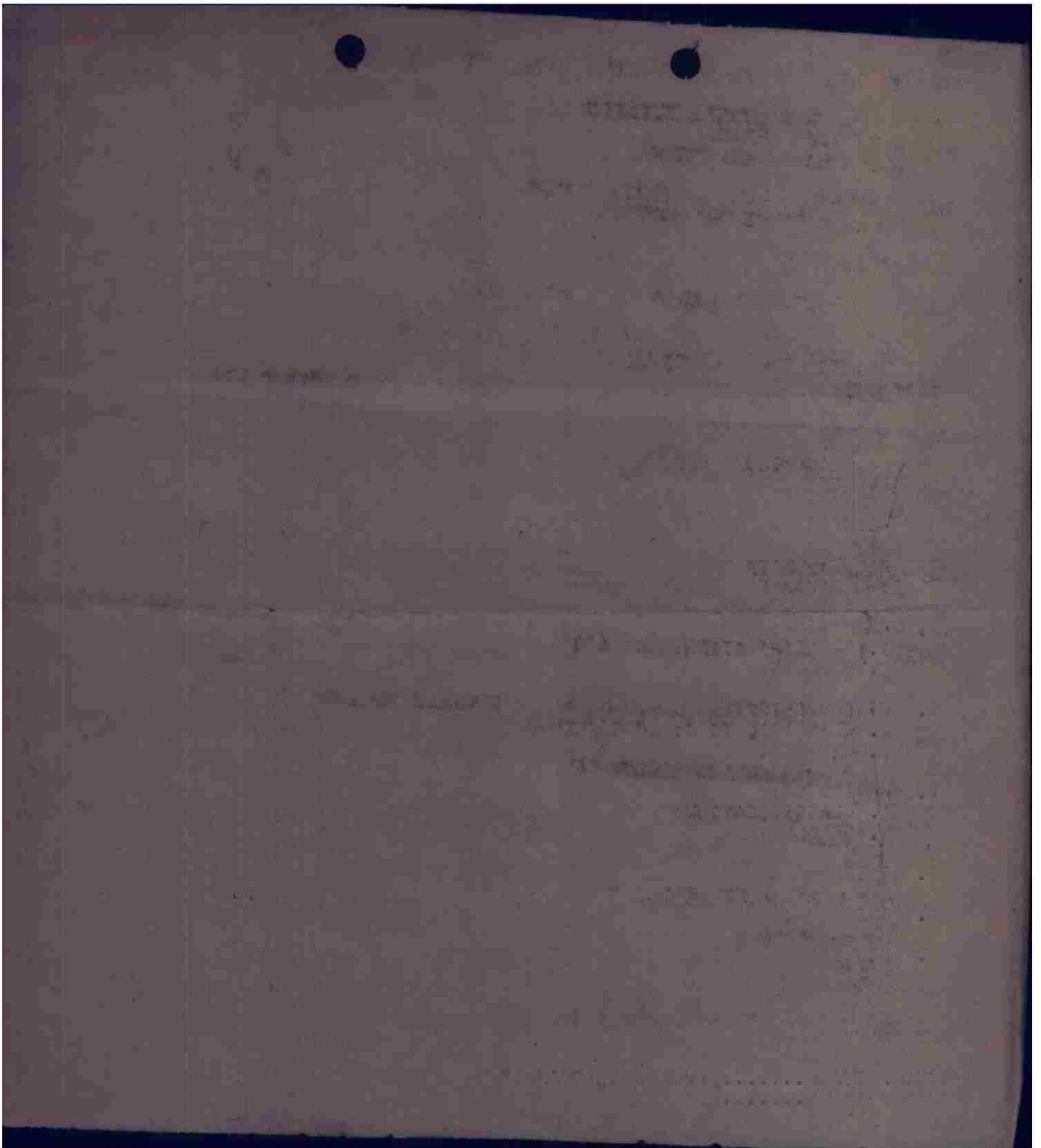
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JKI / ITA R.....01/0600A

WJF K

JEA / ITA R.....01/0600A

DJP KKKK



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LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

31 March 1945

1. 497 R
CAPT R L MILLER
LT J R CONNER
F/O W M WHISSELL
S/S J F MALLOY

2. 244 I
LT R W VAN ROHE
S/S W H KLINSMAN

3. 354 S
LT R H HACKLEY
S/S R A CLARK

4. 338 G
LT J F ALLEN
S/S L R GETSON

5. 271 R
LT R B HARPER
SGT R M BLACK

6. 362 Y
LT F G DUNN
SGT J M PIERL

FLIGHT II

1. 490 X
LT J J LACKOVICH
LT R C MUIR
S/S T OGDENRY

2. 498 R
LT D A FERO
F/O R L LANGHAM
S/S T W SHELTON

3. 360 L-1
LT D L WITHERINGTON
S/S C F HUSE

4. 239 H-1
CAPT R M NIXON
S/S H R DAVIS

5. 352 J
CAPT A C SEARS
M/S J J WELLS

6. 209 M
LT J R WRIGHT
SGT D O SIMON

FLIGHT III

1. 640 N
CAPT H M EVANS
LT T M MCCARTNEY
S/S W E JEMONS

2. 305 U
LT F W HARRIS
S/S W F FURNBER

3. 378 O
LT R J LACHNER
SGT A J MUSAIRA

4. 233 F
LT L E GARDNER
S/S L V METTLER

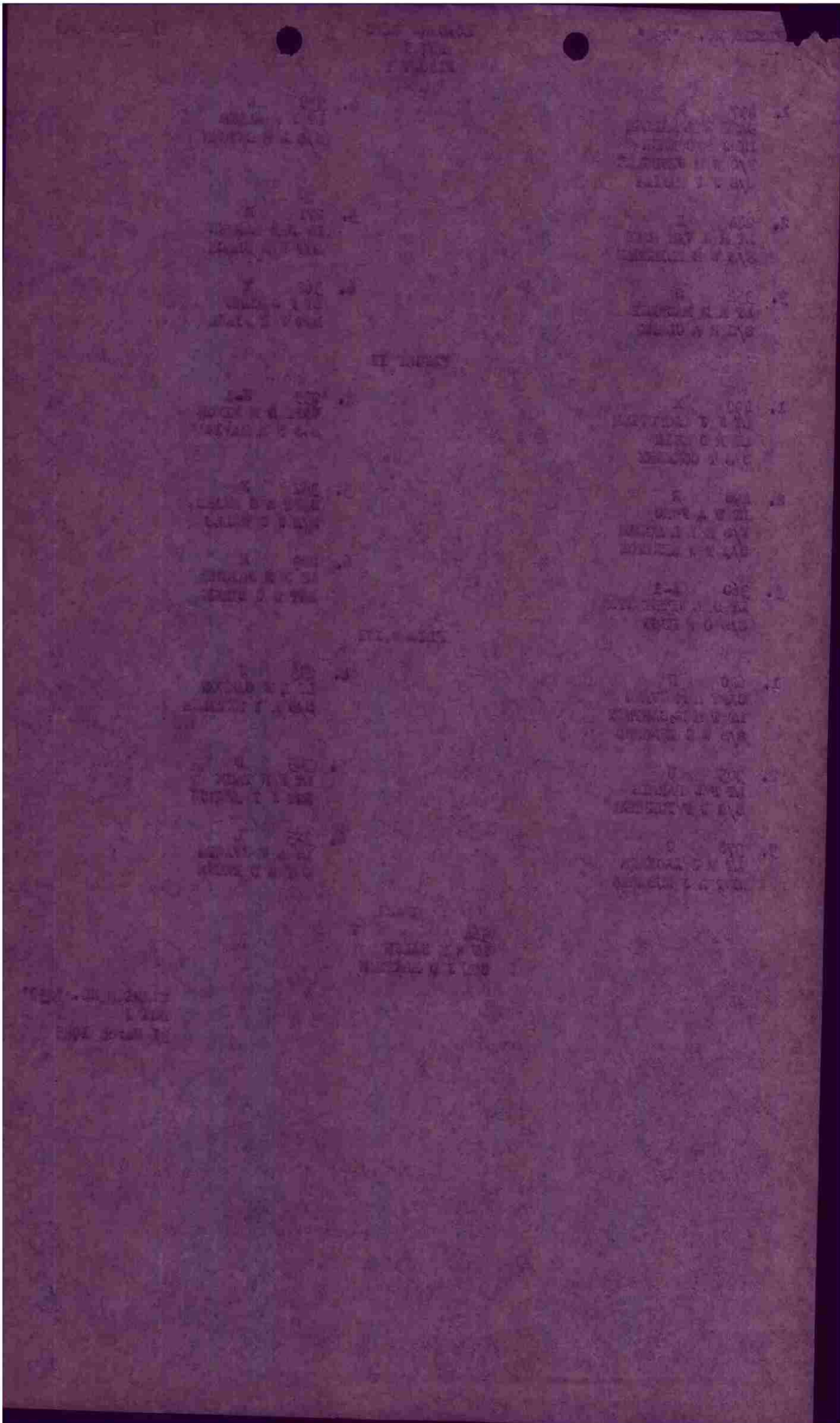
5. 385 D
LT F R TANK
SGT J I SPENCE

6. 325 L
LT A V EVARTS
SGT C D FAGEN

SPARE

564 V
LT W M BALCH
CPL J D BRENNAN

MISSION NO. "258"
BOX I
31 March 1945



MISSION NO. "258"

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

31 March 1945

1. 609 N
LT COL J G NAFFER
LT D L MOORE
S/S H B McCLAIN

2. 283 G
LT E R HAYTER
S/S F P BASFORD

3. 314 H
LT E G MARTIN
SGT W R SUMNER

4. 381 Q
CAPT H L SOMMERS
S/S K HEATH

5. 351 F
LT B A SMITH
SGT D A RICHARDS

6. 496 L
LT C H HOUSLEY
SGT P J BLOCK

FLIGHT II

1. 508 Z
CAPT C S STANLEY
P/O J H ELGUM
S/S C B COLLIER

2. 264 L-1
LT W H ROBERTS
S/S A R HOOD

3. 274 S-1
LT L J PRUCHA
S/S L E SINGLETON

4. 259 H
LT J K COLQUHITT
S/S J W HELMEL

5. 188 R-1
LT A S NATHANSON
SGT C J KAMINSKI

6. 352 J
LT L R ZEDMET
SGT R K RAY

FLIGHT III

1. 398 Q-1
LT D B GRUNIG
LT B C MORRIS
S/S L R FRIDAY

2. 2915 L-2
MAJOR H F CONANT
S/S D E BURGIS
CAPT H W BRIDLEY (WEATHER)

3. 330 P
LT W MUSHROVE
SGT E J WILLEVER

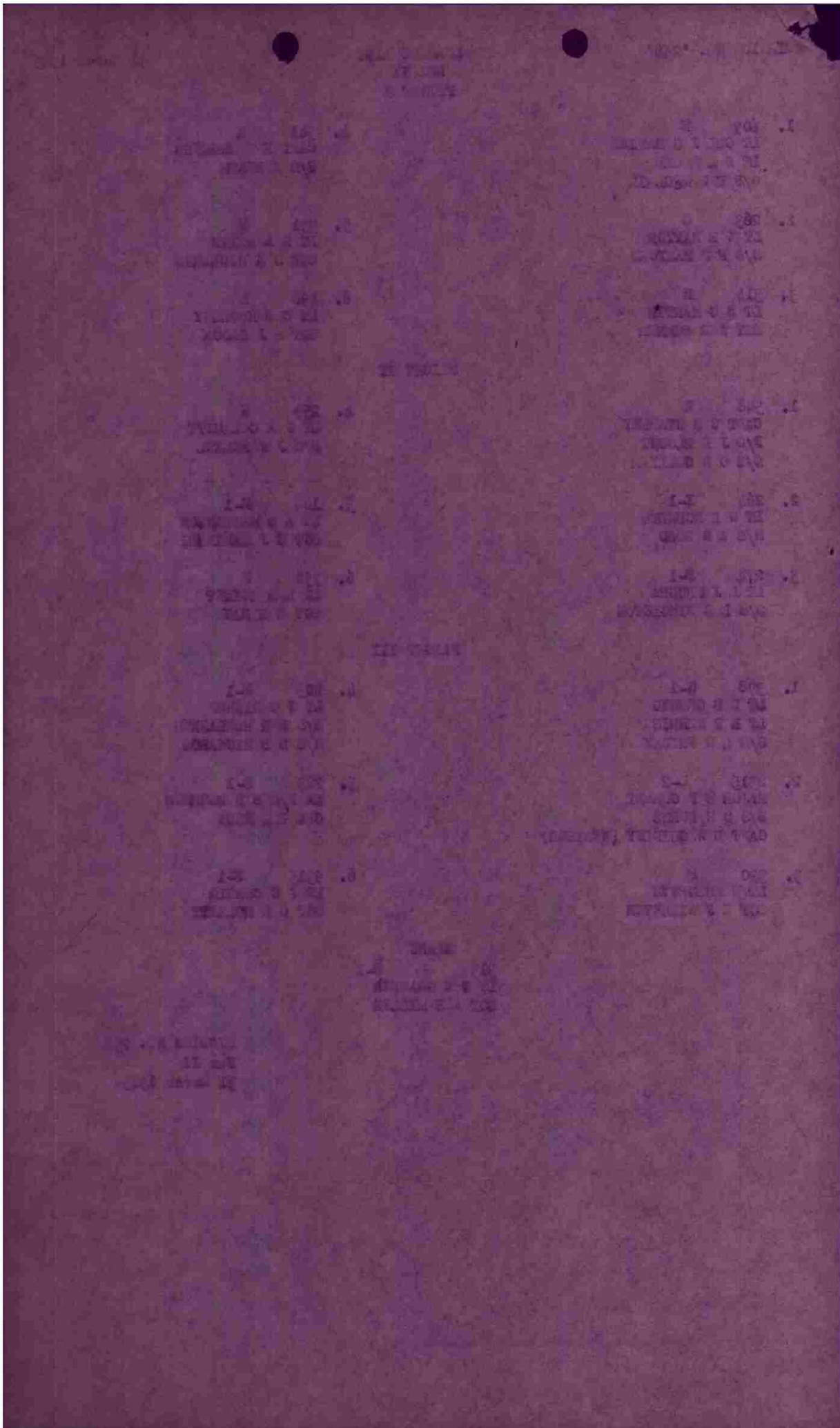
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LT E G BISHOP
S/S R N ROXBOROUGH
S/S D B RICHARDS

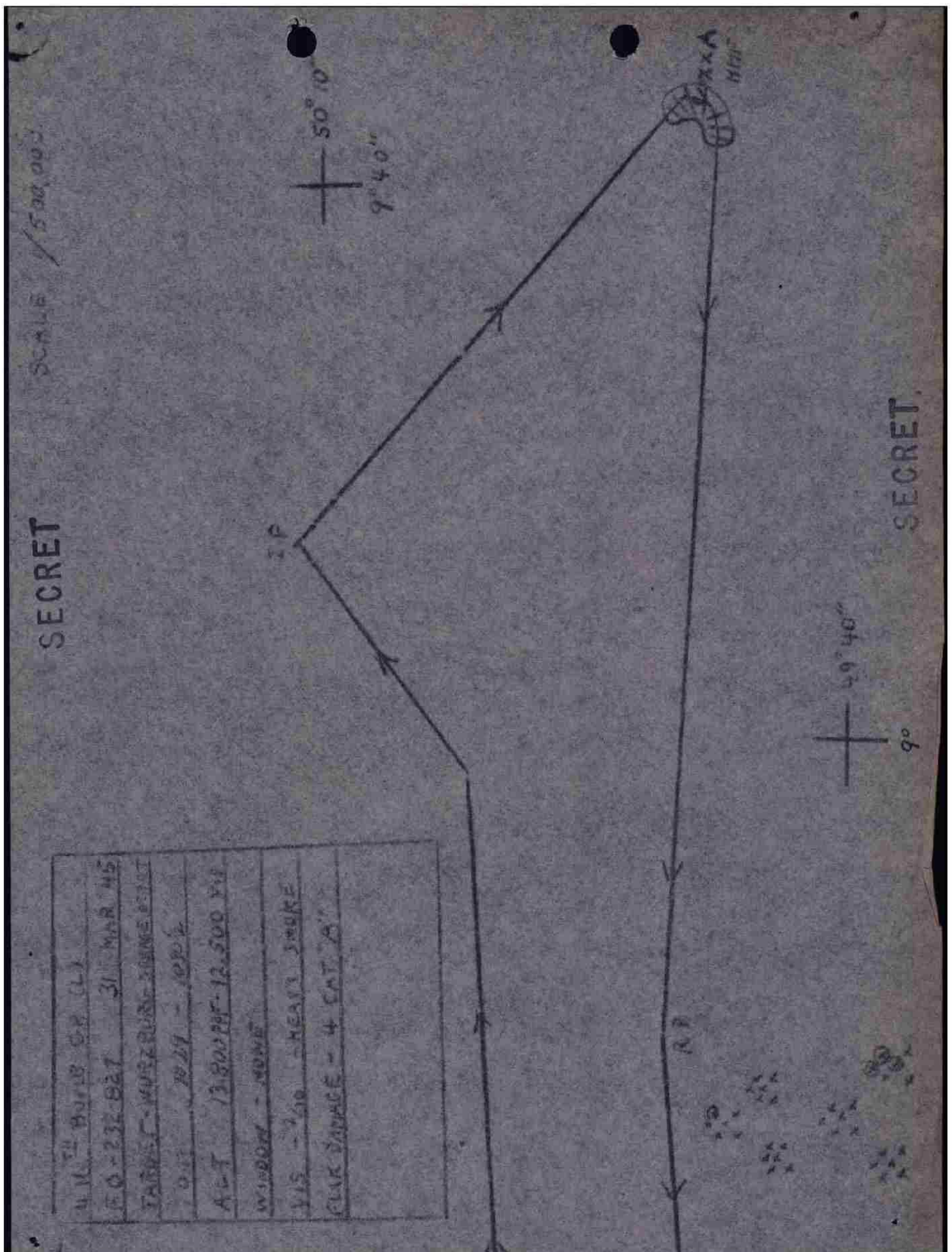
5. 223 B-1
EX P/O S B BOHNER
CPL K A EDY

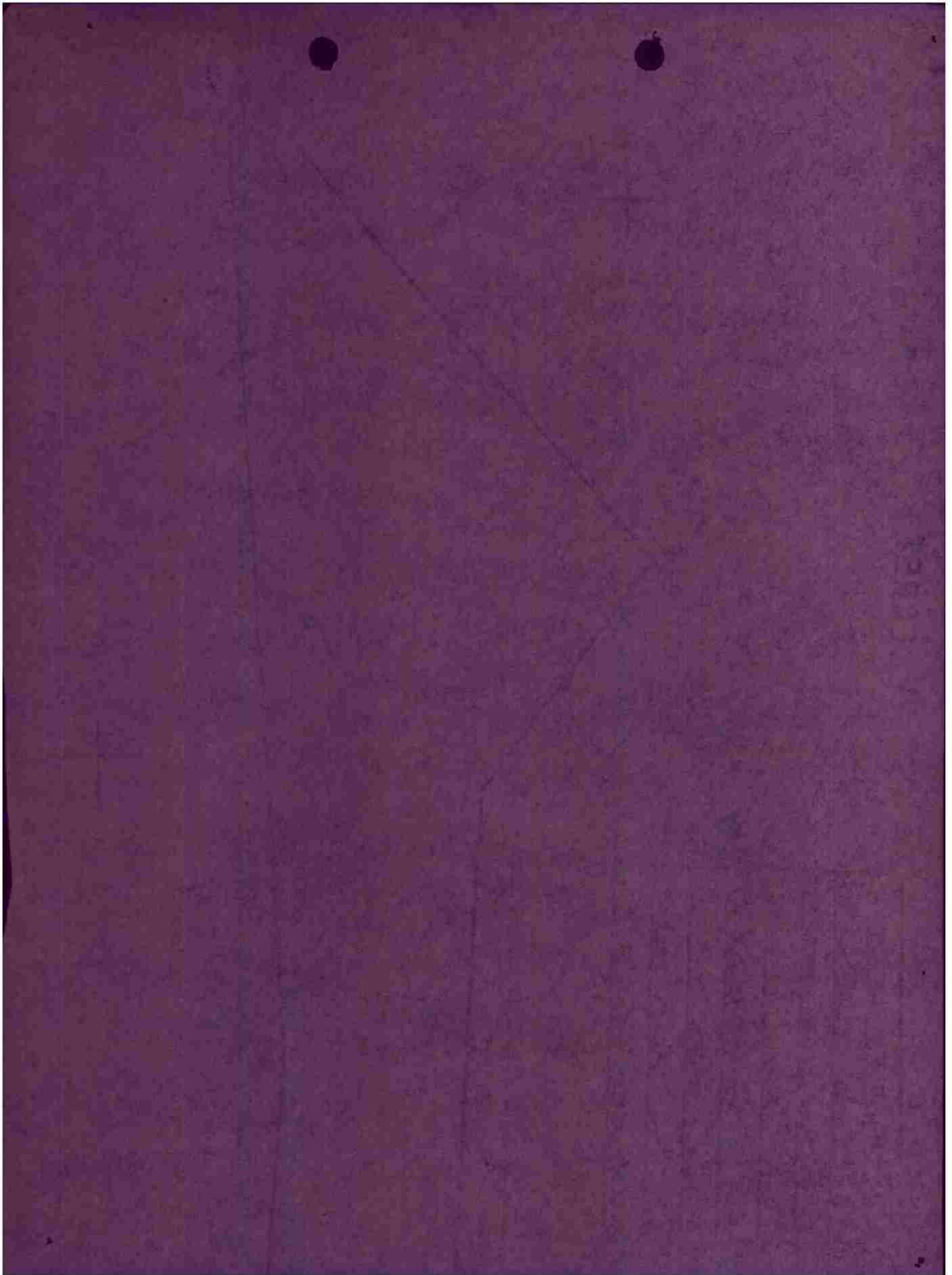
6. 9315 F-1
LT J C CURTIS
SGT O R MULLZETT

SPARE
913 L-1
LT E H GRAHAM
SGT A H MILLER

MISSION NO. 258
Box II
31 March 1945







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

AUTH: CO STA
DATE: 2 April 1945
INIT:

TO: Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M), APO 143, U. S. Army.
Attn: Statistical Control.

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

Ref: Oprep A No. 342 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 31 March 1945
Mission or Operation No. 358 9721 CNY TO 8232-227

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Warburg Storage Depot
Place of take-off Station 2-69
Place of landing Station 2-69
Take-off time 0905 Landing time 1012
Time over target 1025-1030 Bombing Altitude 12500-13000
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather 5 to 8/10's clouds, temp 12000, dew 5 to 6000. Visibility 2-3 miles.
Results Unobserved
Enemy opposition Moderate accuracy B7 at target.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 30 B-29's
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
37 Warburg Storage Depot
3. Abortive due to:
 - (1) Weather: None
 - (2) Personnel: Pilot error - pilot lost formation.
 - (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) 4 category "A" - flak
8. Sorties 37

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9. Day (sunrise to sunset)

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

• 5. Total carried into air

b. Expanded on operations

25 Lost on wrecked of ship

2. Total carried into slide

Expenditure on operations:

• 5. Testimony

по разраб. по 4507 *р

e. Total Returned

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

Type of	Infantry	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	R. Gun	R. Gun	T. Gun
Killed in							
Action							
Missing in							
Action							
Partially							
Wounded							
Slightly							
Wounded							

ii. Anywhere by type or description (font style) :-

3. Destroyed

H. Prob. Prob

5. Deleted

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHMIDT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 9/31 P - P

FROM COBOMGR 416 31/1315A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIG O.
COMCBTWIC 97 (INFO)

BT
CONFIDENTIAL 416BC R-718-J

A - VS - IXX 85

B - 31 MARCH 1945 (8856-1147)

C - E-EASY REPORTED OPS COMPLETED TO PARADE. N-NAN UNABLE TO REPORT
TO PARADE BECAUSE OF EQUIPMENT FAILURE.

D - NONE

E - NONE

F - NONE

G - NONE

H - NONE

I - NONE

J - NONE

K - BOATDECK CONTROL TEMPORARILY INOPERATIVE ON VHF - EQUIPMENT
IS BEING CHZCKED.

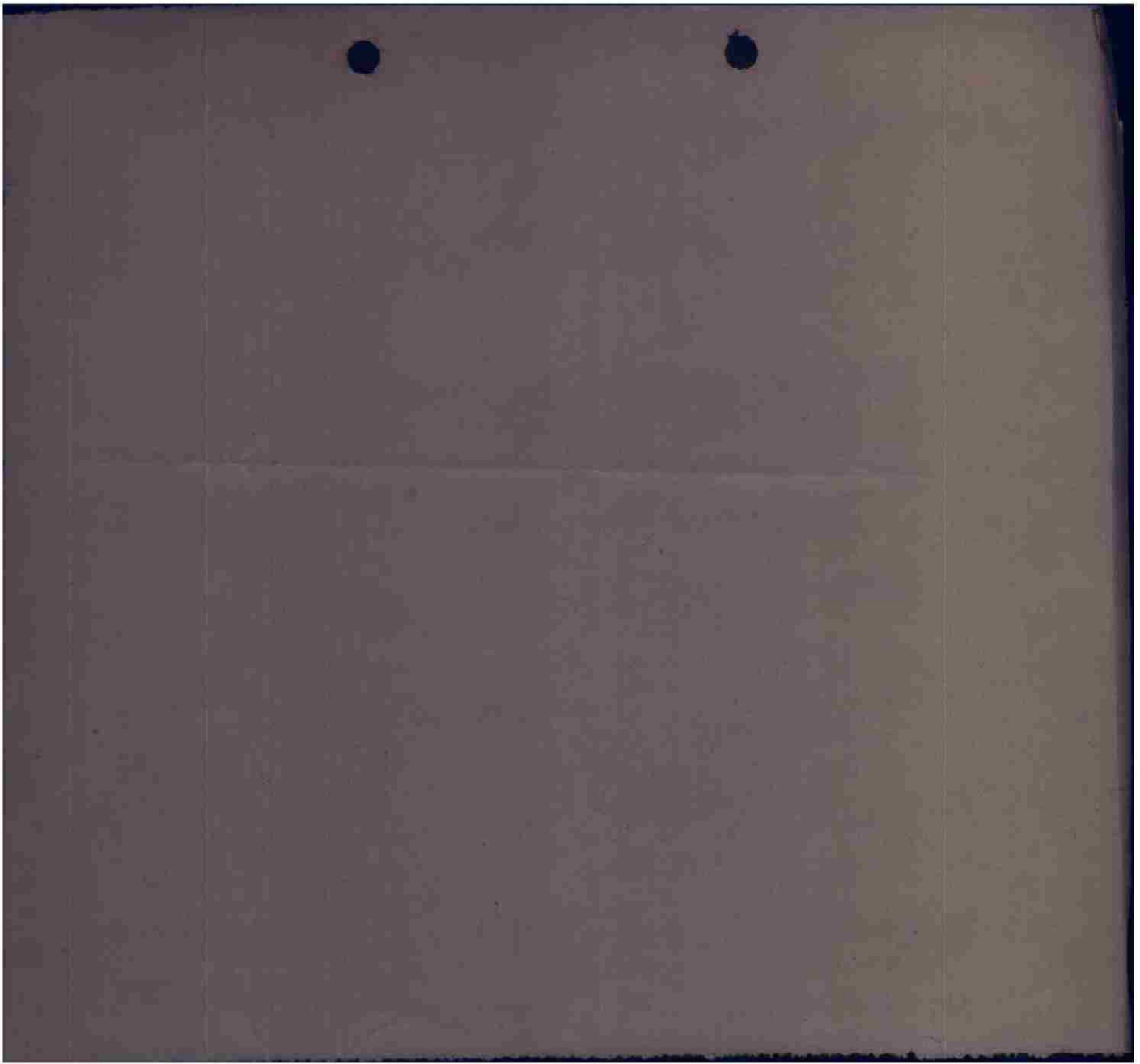
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BT 31/1318A

JF B B

ITA R.....31/1318A D C KK
JEA R.....31/1318A LEG KK

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Box II

TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

- (2) No. a/c off by type: _____
 A-20G's _____ A-20J's (obtained from Opns) _____
- (3) No. of a/c failing to bomb _____ explain each failure.
 Recall due to weather _____
 Personnel _____
 Mechanical _____
 Other Reasons _____
- (4) No. a/c bombing. _____
 Primary. _____
 Secondary. _____
 Other. _____
 (Obtained from recaps.) _____

C.

- (1) Time up _____
 T.O.T. _____ (Obtained from Tower).
 Time Down _____

D.

- (1) No. a/c _____
 Missing _____
 Destroyed _____
 Damaged _____ (cat. B/C)
 Damaged _____ (cat. A)
- (3) No. Crew _____ Killed _____ Wounded _____ Missing _____
 (Obtained from Recaps).

E. Results of Bombing. (Obtained from Group Bombardier).

	No.	Type
I. Bombs on Primary	X	_____
Bombs on Secondary	X	_____
Bombs on Other	X	_____
Bombs Returned	X	_____
Bombs Jettisoned	X	_____ Where _____
(Obtained from Recaps)		

(The NCO in charge should fill this out immediately finishing taking the recaps and hand to the Officer making up the Cps Report).

Box #	CPSTL	Date	F/O	detect	Alt	Box Legend	T/O	15 min.
II						Mapiu	TOT	
							L/D	
A/C	Rel to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Insp	A/C Dam	E/A	PERS.		
1 609			6					
2 263			6					
3 314			6					
4 381			6					
5 351			6					
6 496			6 X					
1 508			6					
2 264			6					
3 274			6					
4 259			6					
5 188			6					
6 352			6					
1 398			6					
2 2315			6					
3 230			6					
4 205			6					
5 223			6					
6 9315			6					
313			6					

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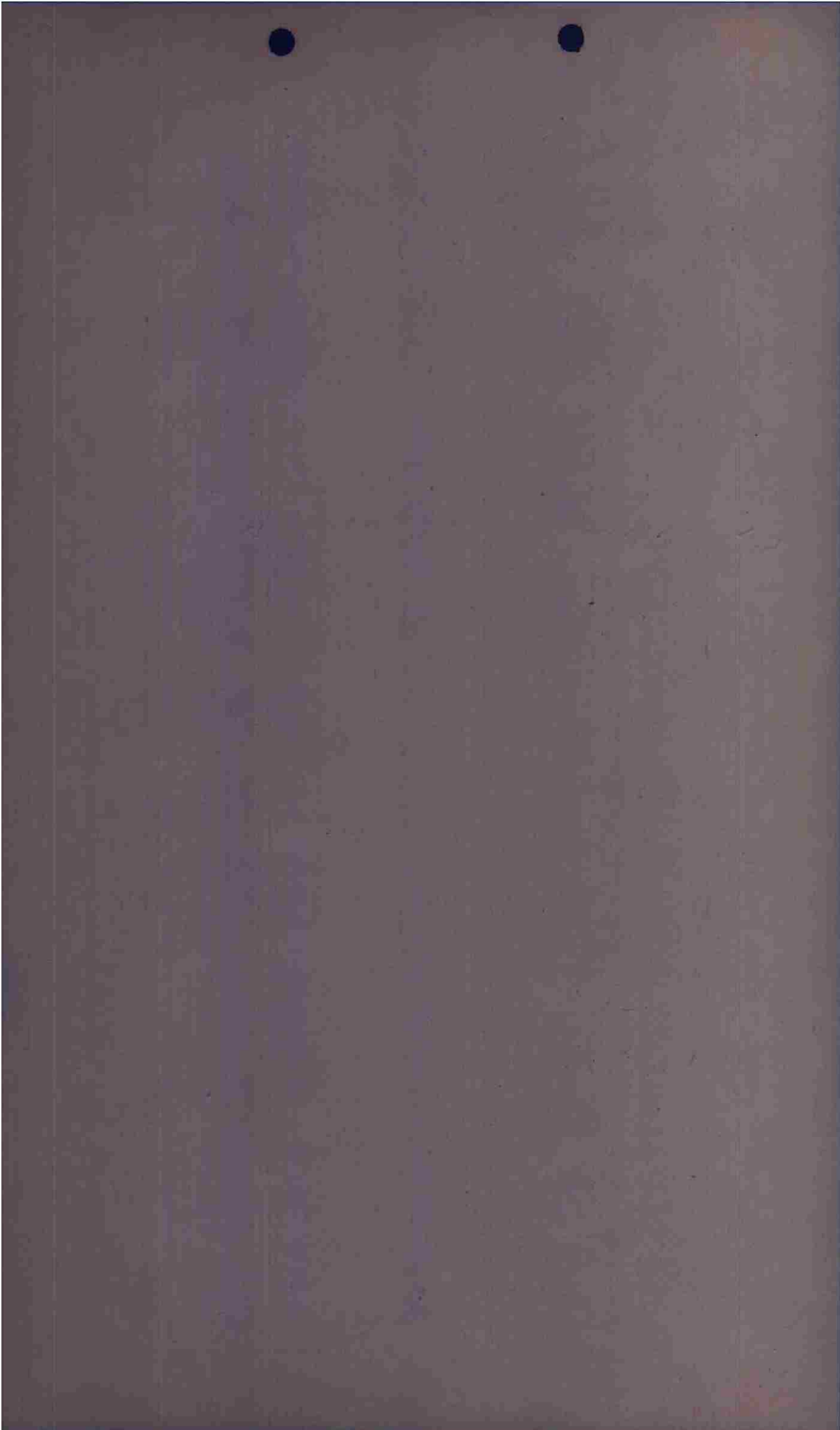
T/O 15 min.
 TOT
 L/D

Mapiu
 609
 314
 381
 496
 351

398
 2315
 205
 9315
 223
 313

508
 274
 264
 352
 188

Box - I



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INTERVIEW

PILOT

Evans

A/C#

640

BOX

I

FLT

III

CASUALTIES

None

BOMBS :

6

X

50

ON

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

X

JETTISONED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

FLAK :

Just before 6-50 target

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

None

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombed on Box leader -
 TOT 1029 Usually
 Alt 14000
 Head 150
 GAS 195
 One more

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

  (X) X
  X  X
  X  X

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

    X (SPARE)
  
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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>1</u> X <u>501</u> ON <u>q F5</u>				
X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

flak at 5 mil bat

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Big explosion in target area
Bombs in good pattern

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
    (X)
     X X

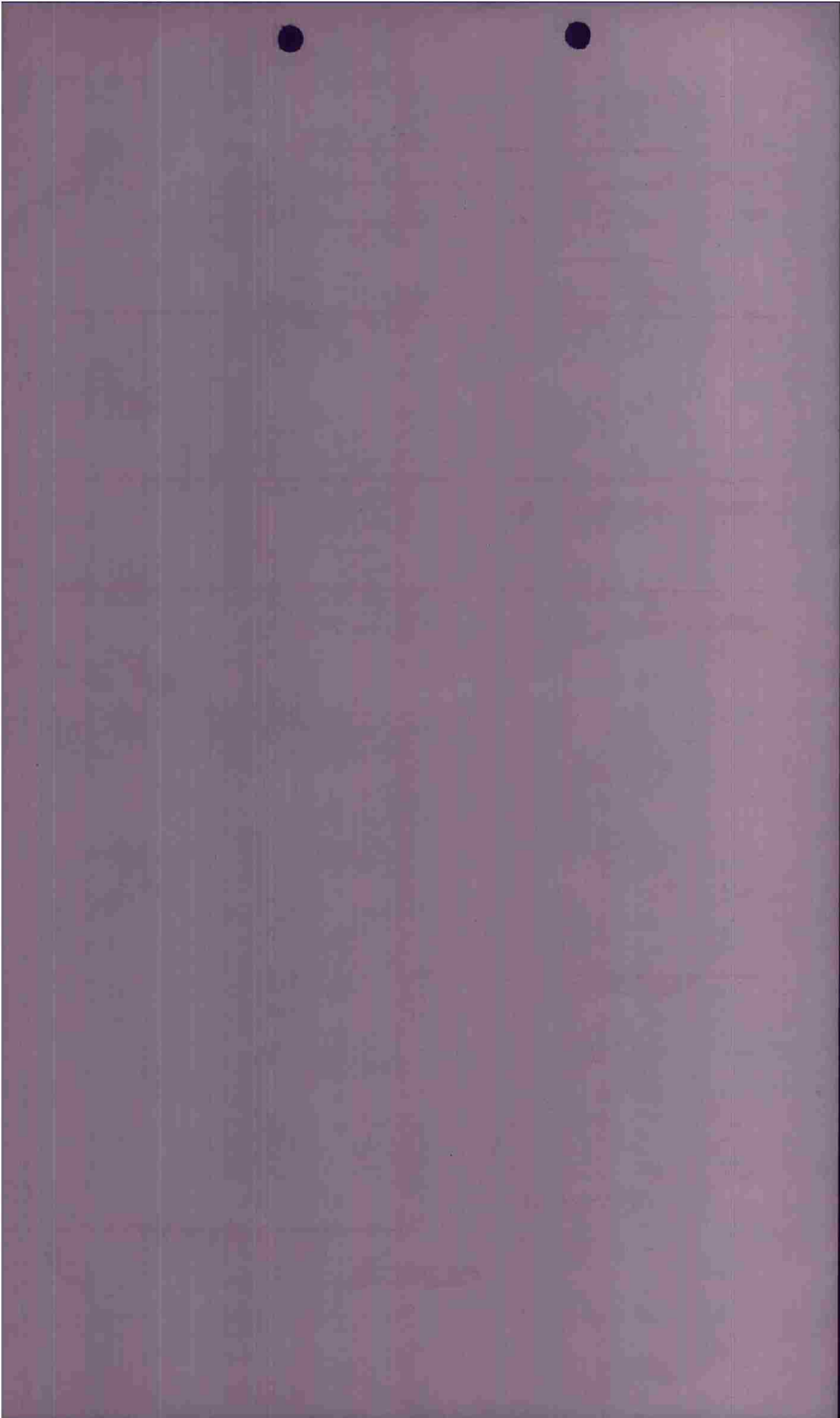
  X      X
Y  X    X X
  X      X
X  X    X X

      X (SPARE)

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PILOT Evarts A/C# 325 BOX I PLT III

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : on path off T - X H 1

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

one big expl. of bombs landed on both sides of river

2 flak gun flashes - 1 1/2 min from target - on course

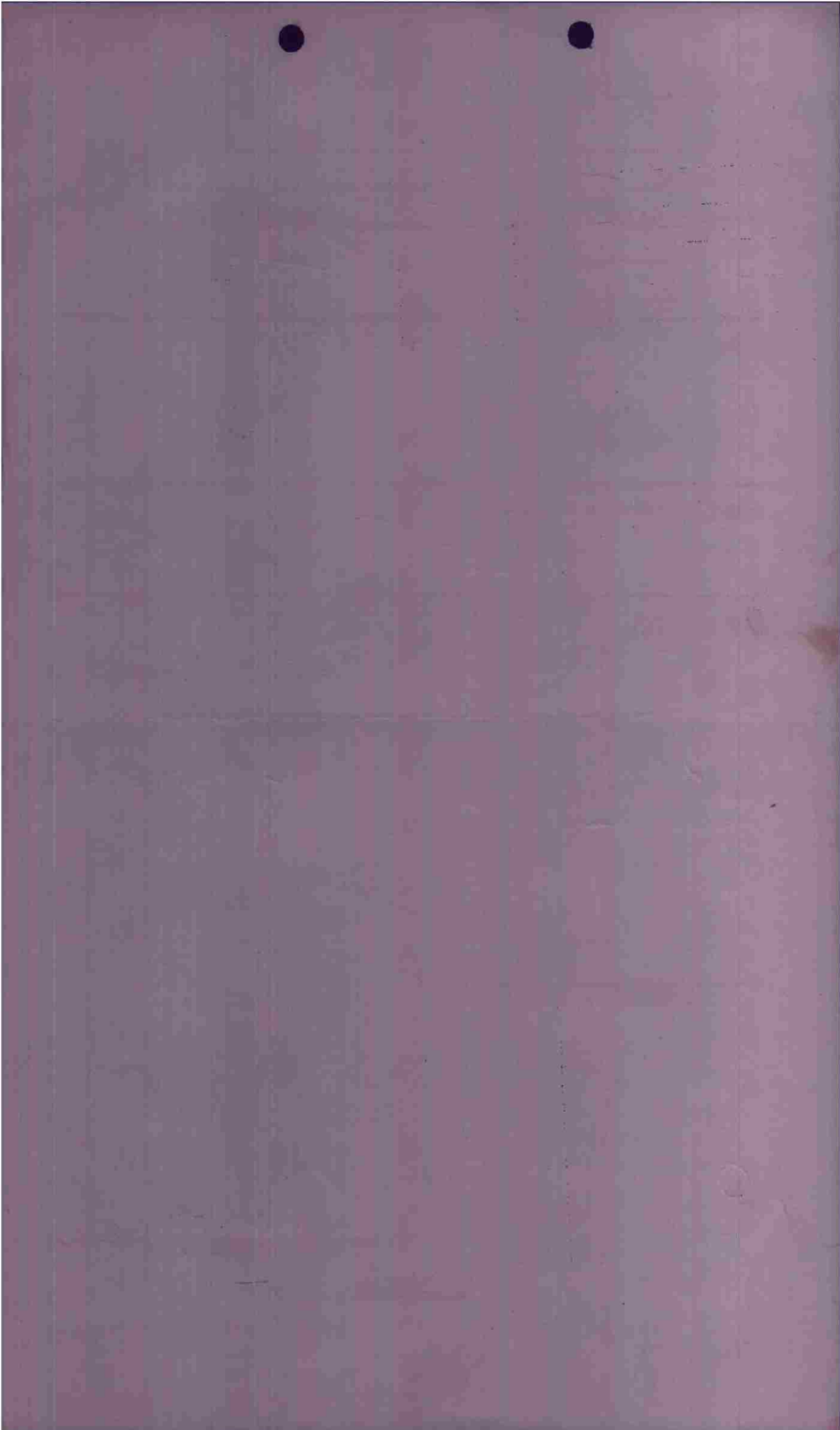
POSITION IN FORMATION

	X	
X	X	
	X	
X	X	
X		X
Y	X	X
X		X
(X)	X	X
		X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Balch

A/C#

564BOX I

REF

Spare

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

6 X5000NPT

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

X

JETTISONED

FLAK :

at Boney - XHA

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS :

big blaze from T# - gas (8)

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

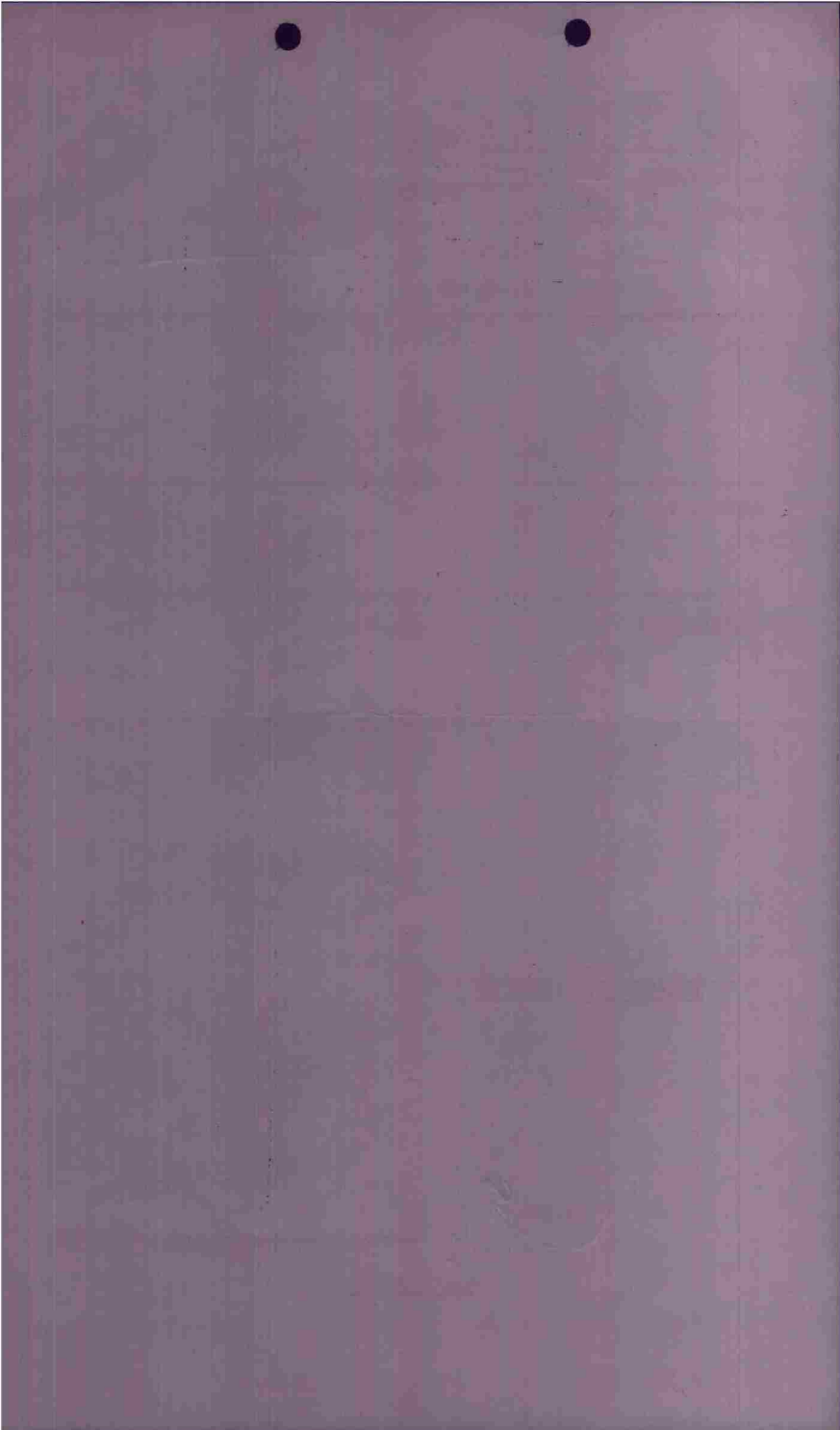
X
X X
X
X X

X
X X
X
X X

X (SPARE)

for BoneyKapper
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PILOT Harper A/C# 271 BOX I FLT I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>10</u> X <u>500</u>	<u>11-17</u> ON	"A"	"A-C"	"B"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : B/R X41A

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

*Bombs on both sides of river
 large exp. smoke to 11,000
 large activity at 121.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
    X X (X)
    X

  X   X   X
F   X   X
  X   X   X
X   X   X

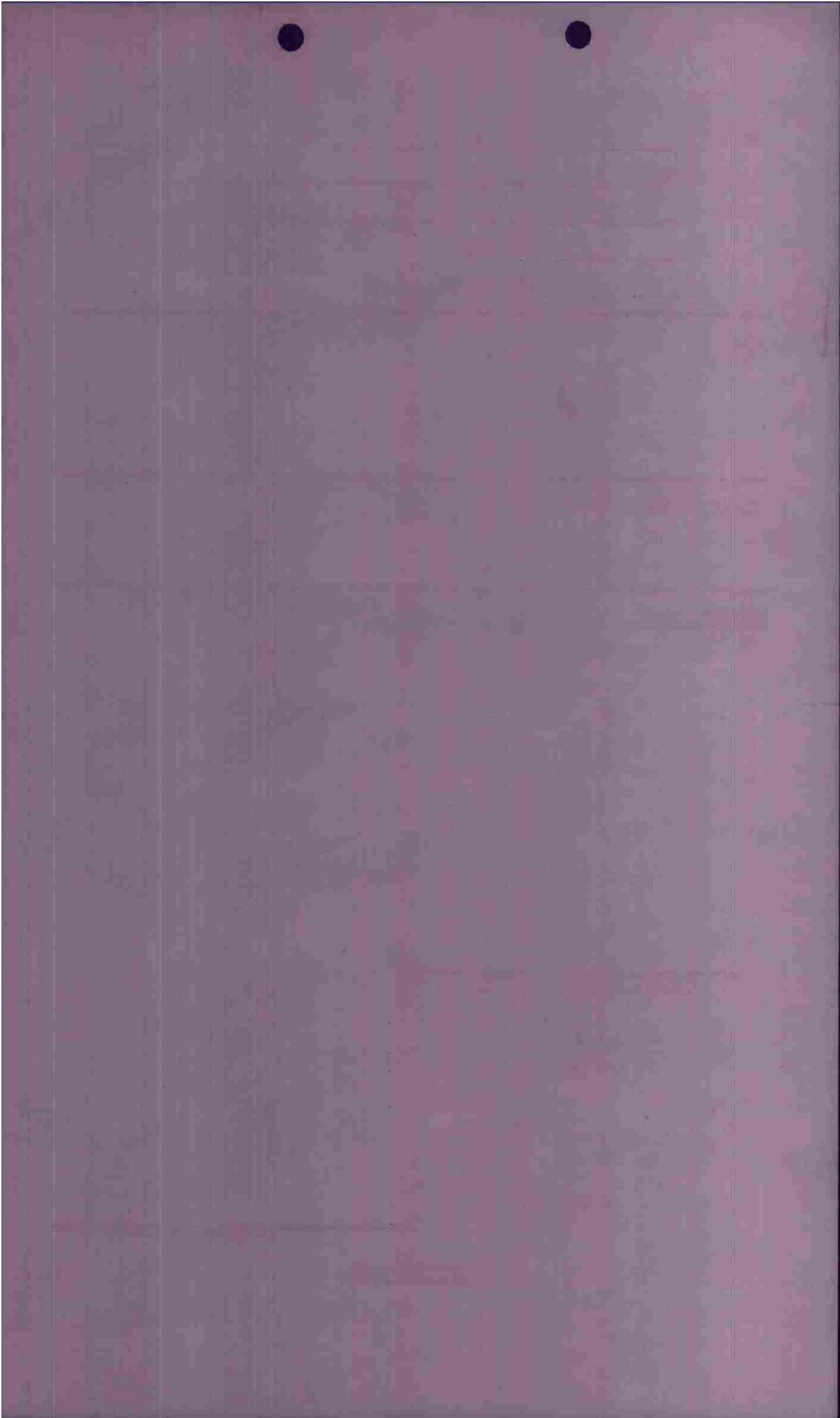
      X   X
      X   X
      X   X

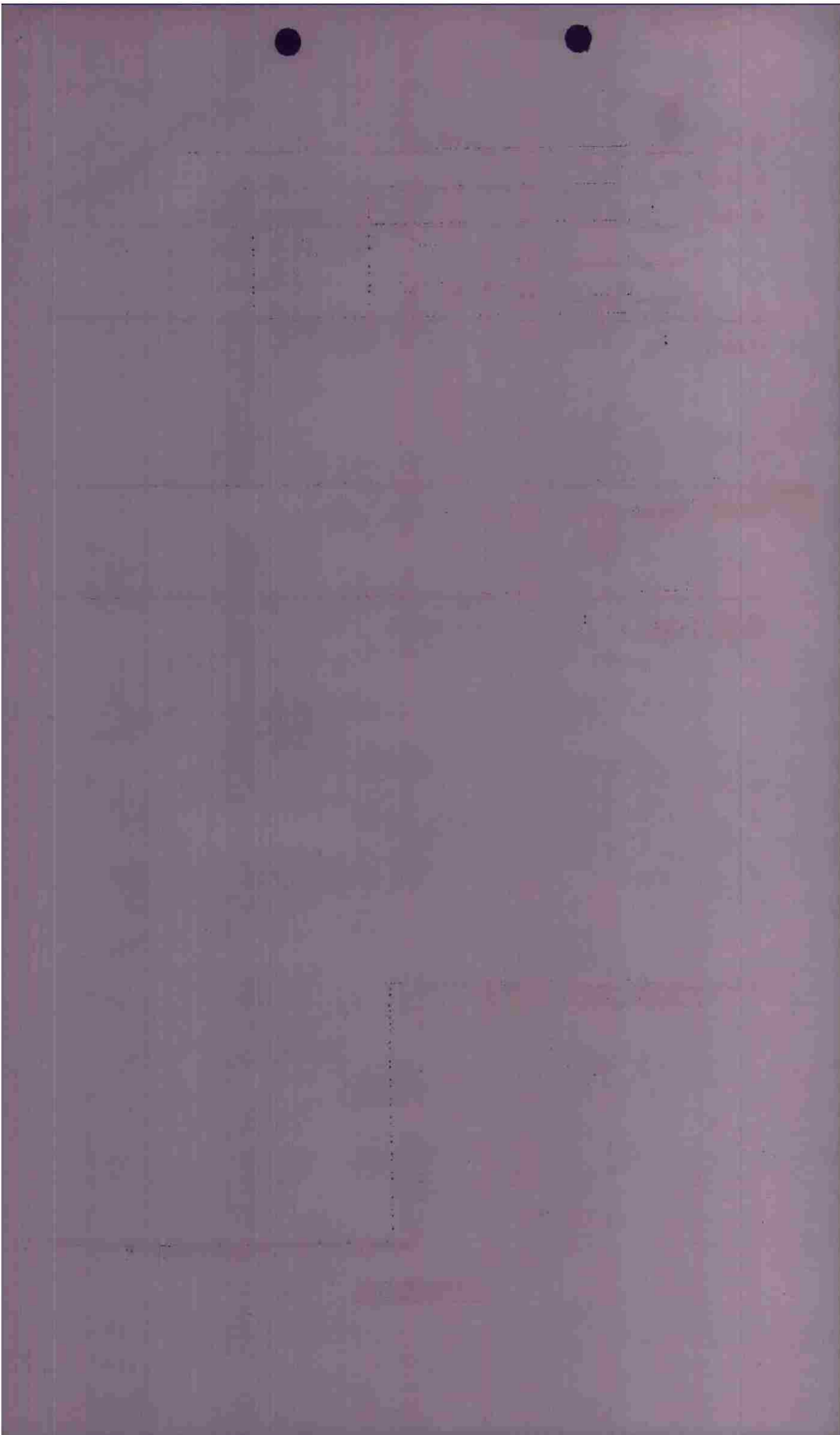
X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

FLAK : XH14 B/A + Turn off

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : a large explosion ~~gasoline~~
fuel explosion dark smoke

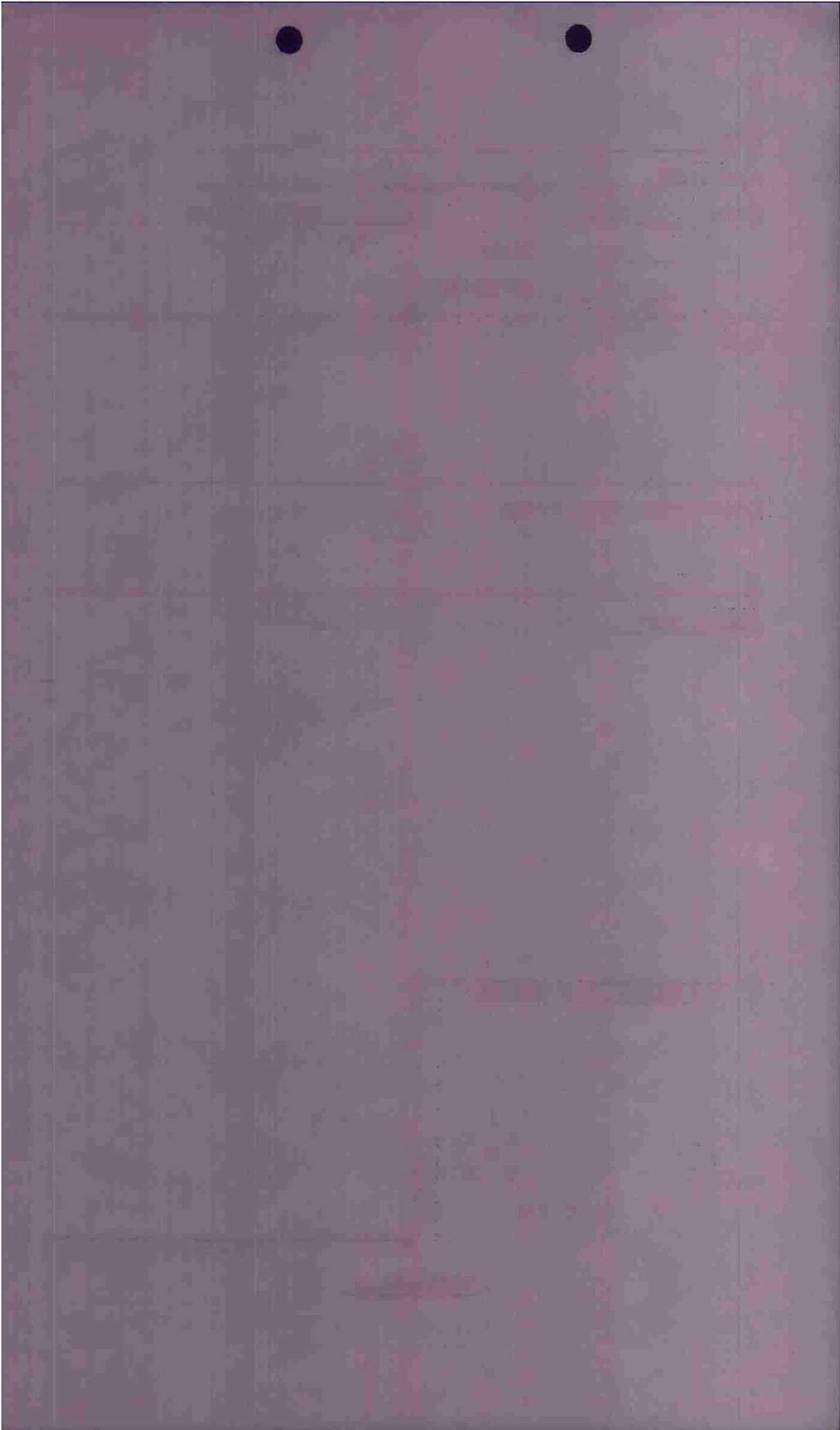
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POSITION IN FORMATION

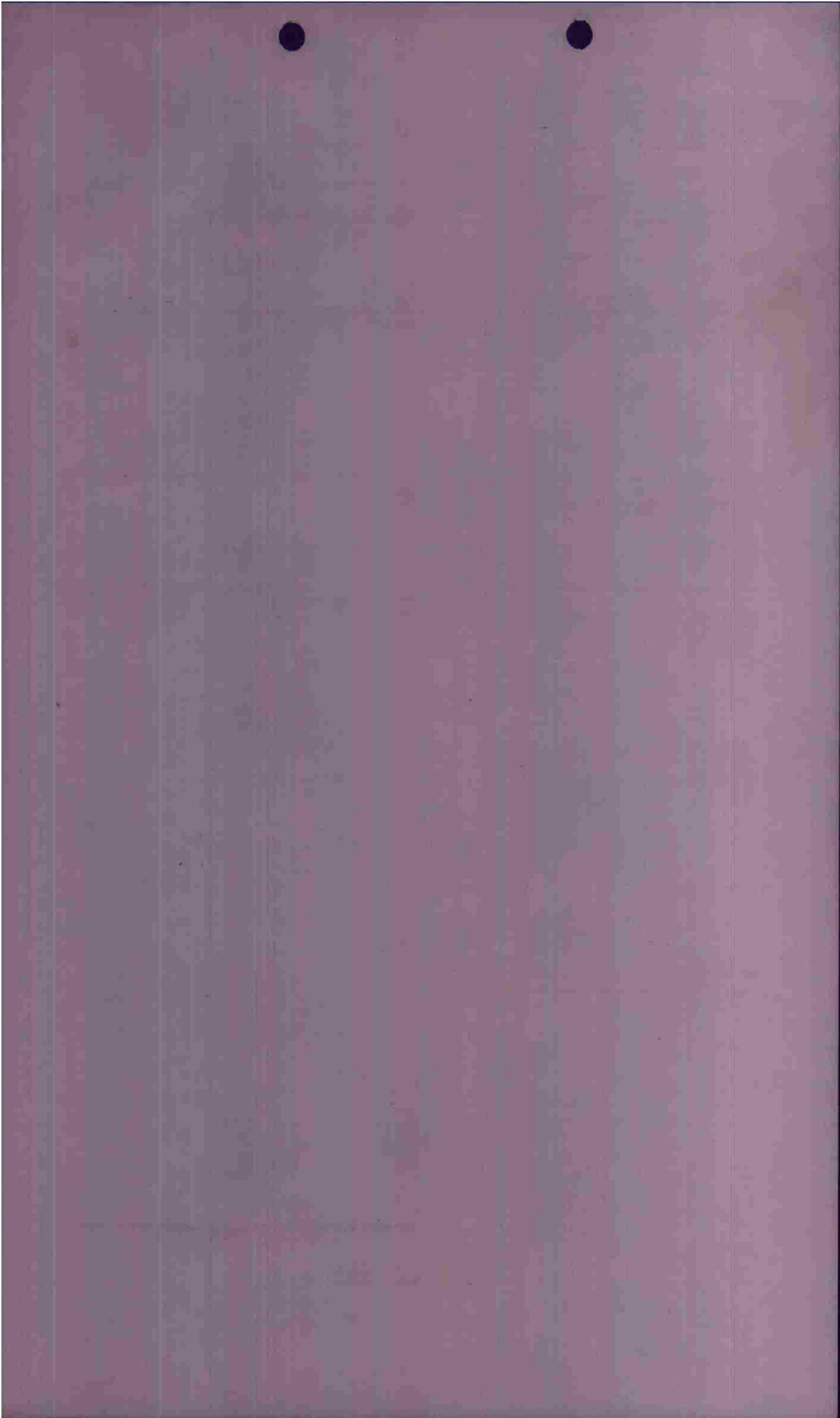
X (SPARE)

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PILOT Wright, J R A/C# 209 BOX I FLT II

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : - XXHA - Just before release -
Scam tgt area -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X -

OBSERVATIONS : - Bombs were in a good pattern.
 but went into smoke, and couldn't tell exactly
 whether on tgt or not -
 Fires and lots of smoke on both sides of
river.

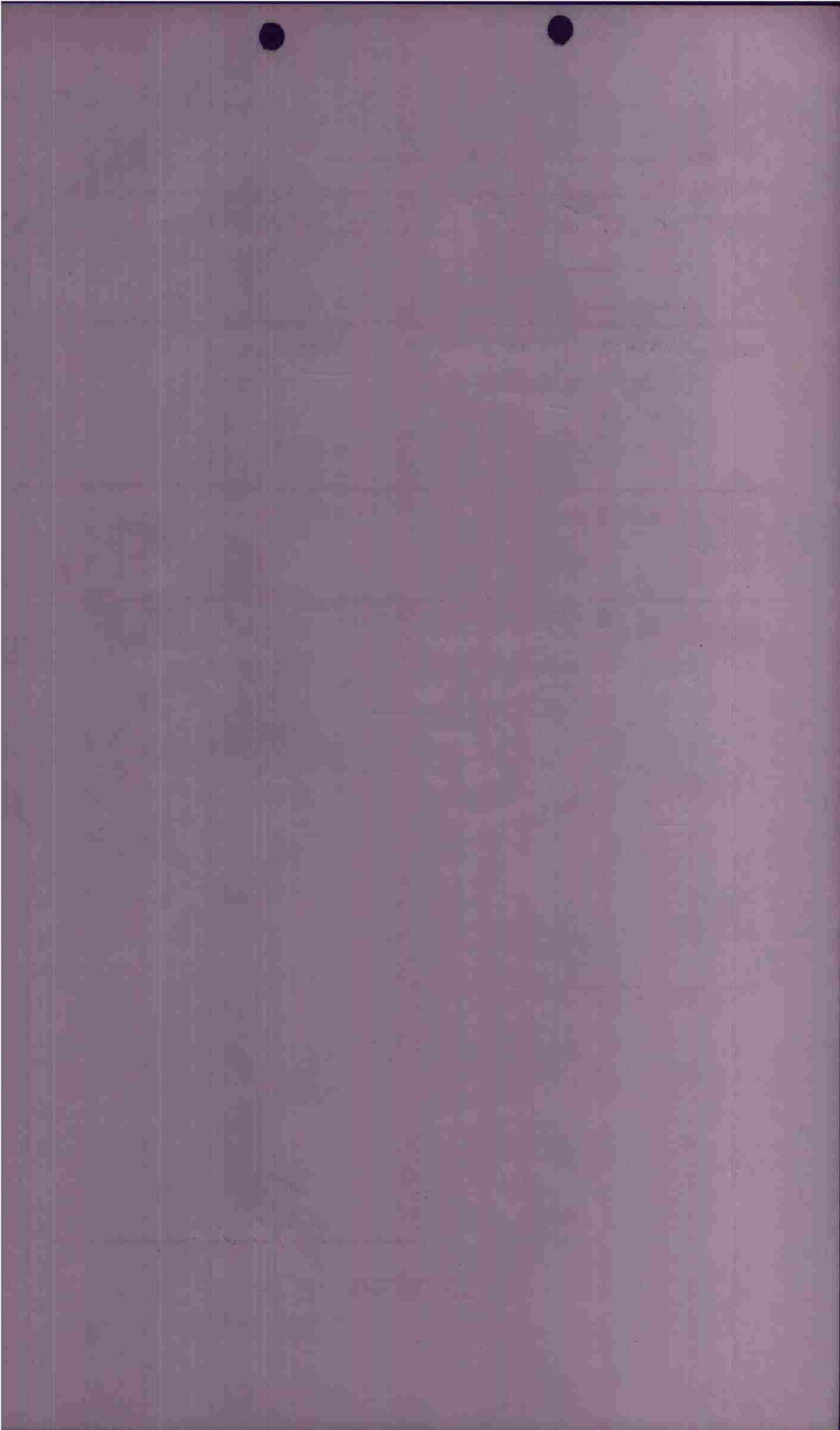
POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT Pucha A/C# 274 BOX 4 11

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON 17 BATTLE DAMAGE

	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED			

None

FLAK :

To left - same alt -
200 yds - + Behind just
after opened Bomb Bay -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS

None

OBSERVATIONS :

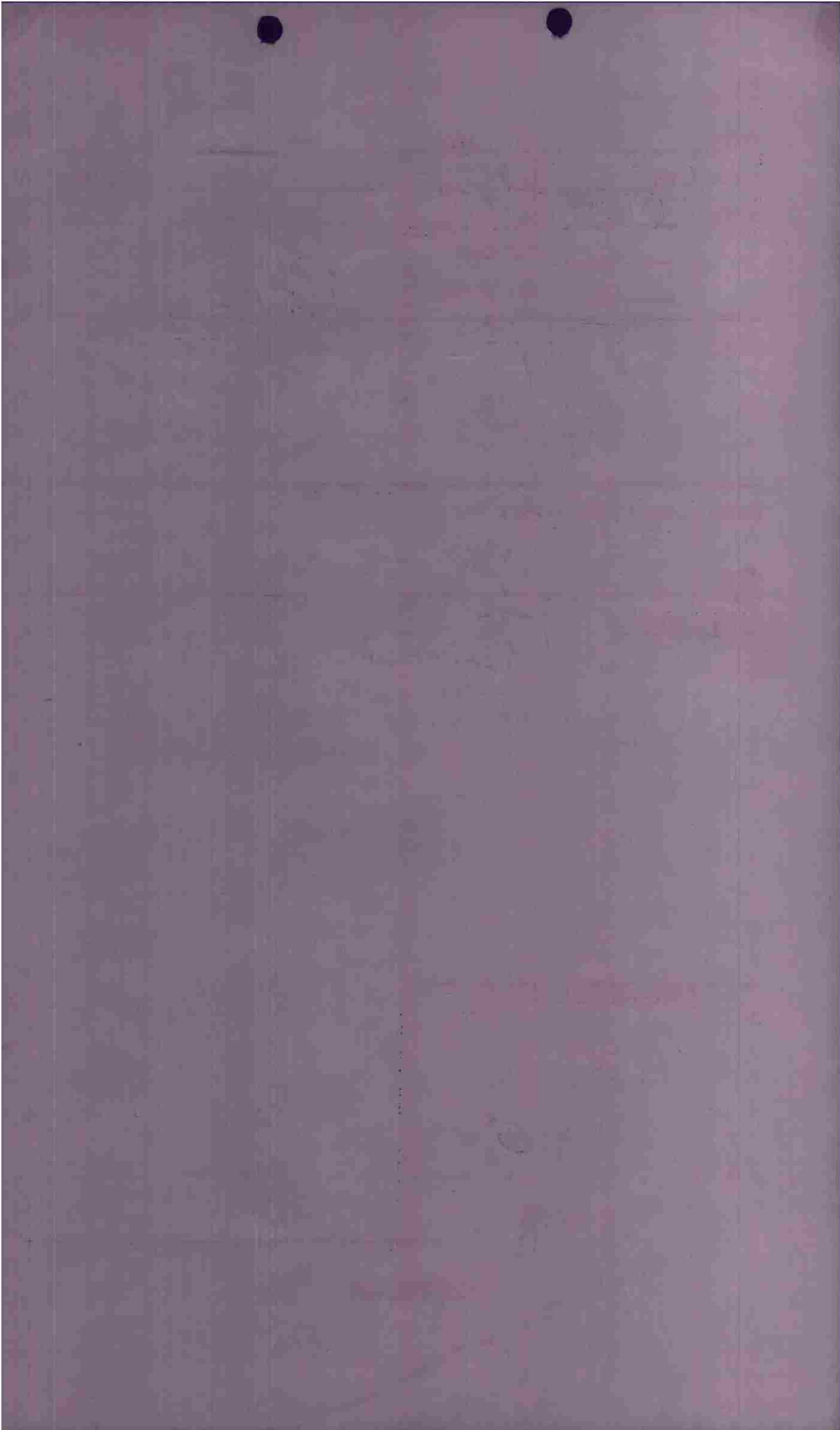
Bombed - Unis -
on Flight leader -

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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 PILOT Link A/C# 385 BOX I III
 CASUALTIES None
 BOMBS : 6 X DOWN BATTLE DAMAGE
 X RETURNED "A" "A-C" "E"
 X JETTISONED "None"
 FLAK : Turn 98 t9t = XX HA

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

None

OBSERVATIONS :

One Run

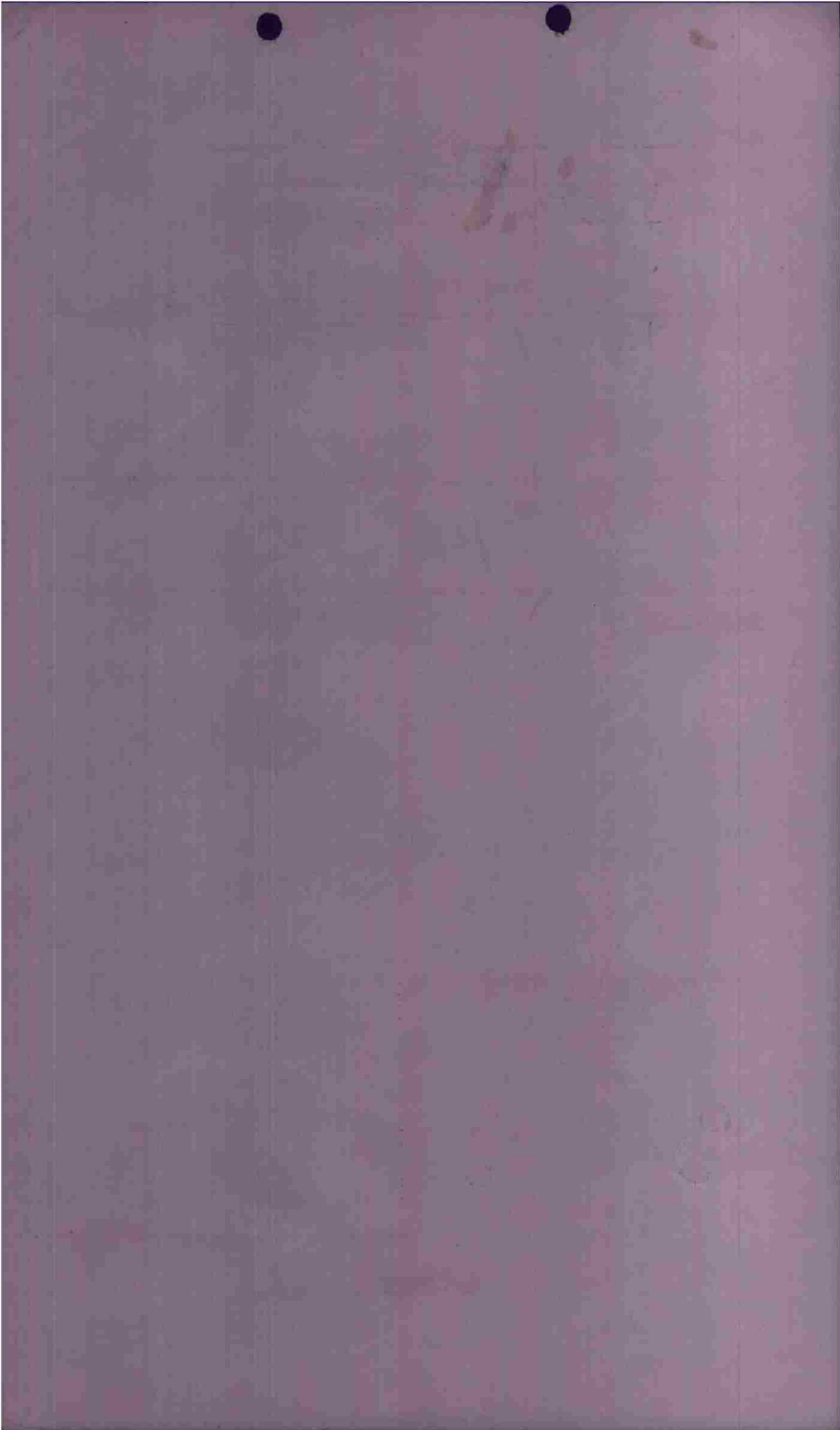
POSITION IN FORMATION

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

separated in clouds
 does not in
 formation - when
 Bombed -

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PILOT Fero A/C# 498 BOX I MAP II

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : XHI- on last part of Bomb run

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

OBSERVATIONS

Bombs hit over other side of
tgt.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

X      X
Y      X
X      X
X      X

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

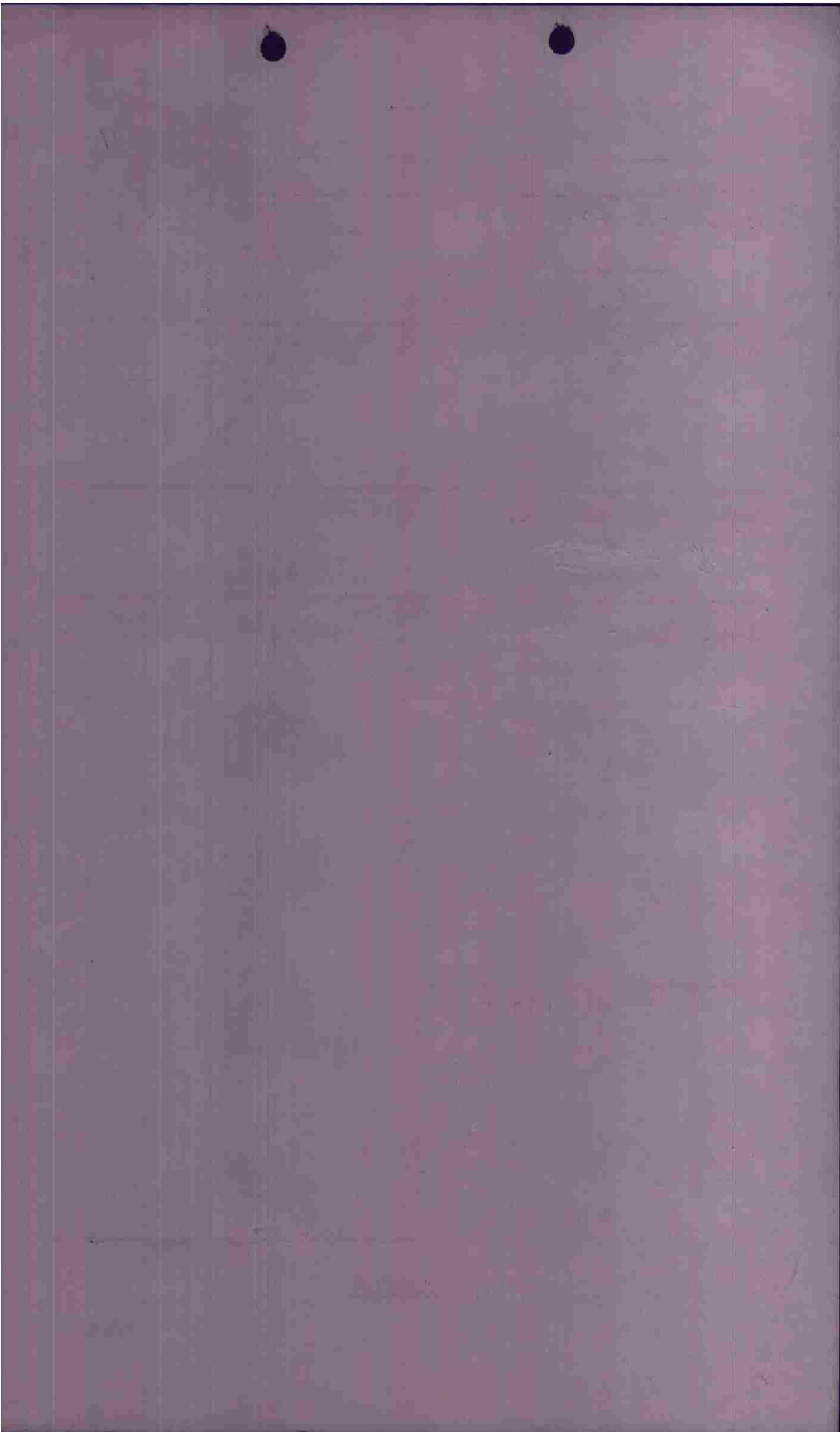
X (SPARE)

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PILOT Stanley A/C# 508 BOX 1 IT

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : XHA - on turn of target
about 2 six gun

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X -

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombs covered target -
 Many Sires
 TOT - 1029 ✓
 Alt - 13,500 -
 One run

1043 -
 Darmstadt -

Truck convoy -

1035 - Trucks and convoy
 activity in town

River traffic on river

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : XXHA - over target

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS :

- Bombs dropped prematurely,
Bombs fell when doors were opened -
Dropped armed. Location unknown -
rest of bombs hit target

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X  X
      X
  (X) X

X      X
Y  X  X
X      X
X      X

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

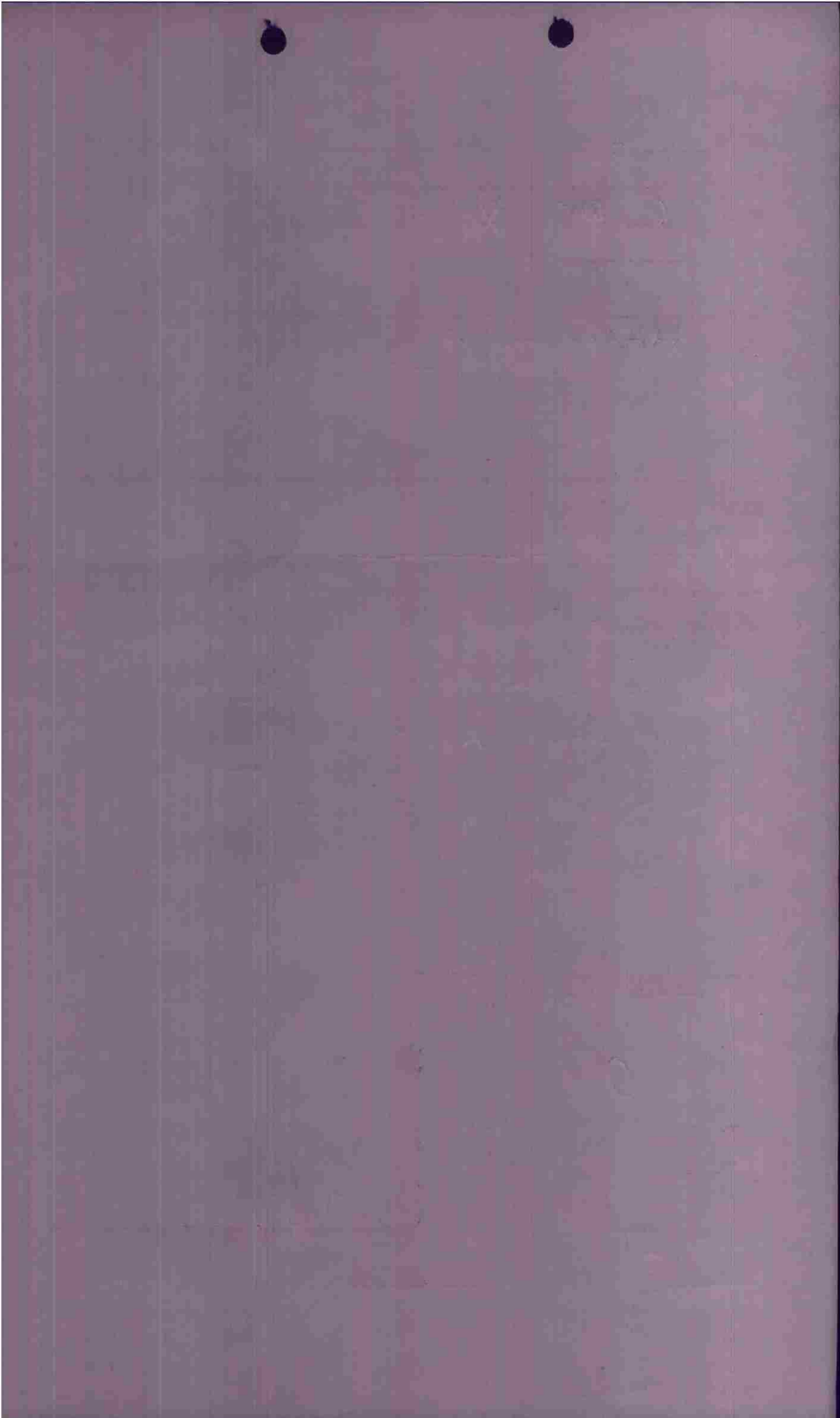
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PILOT

Hackley

A/C#

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

6

X

500

ON

P.T.

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

X

RETURNED

"A""A-C""E"

X

JETTISONED

FLAK :

- XH7 near 750

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombs hit on both sides of rd
 Did a lot of damage

POSITION IN FORMATION

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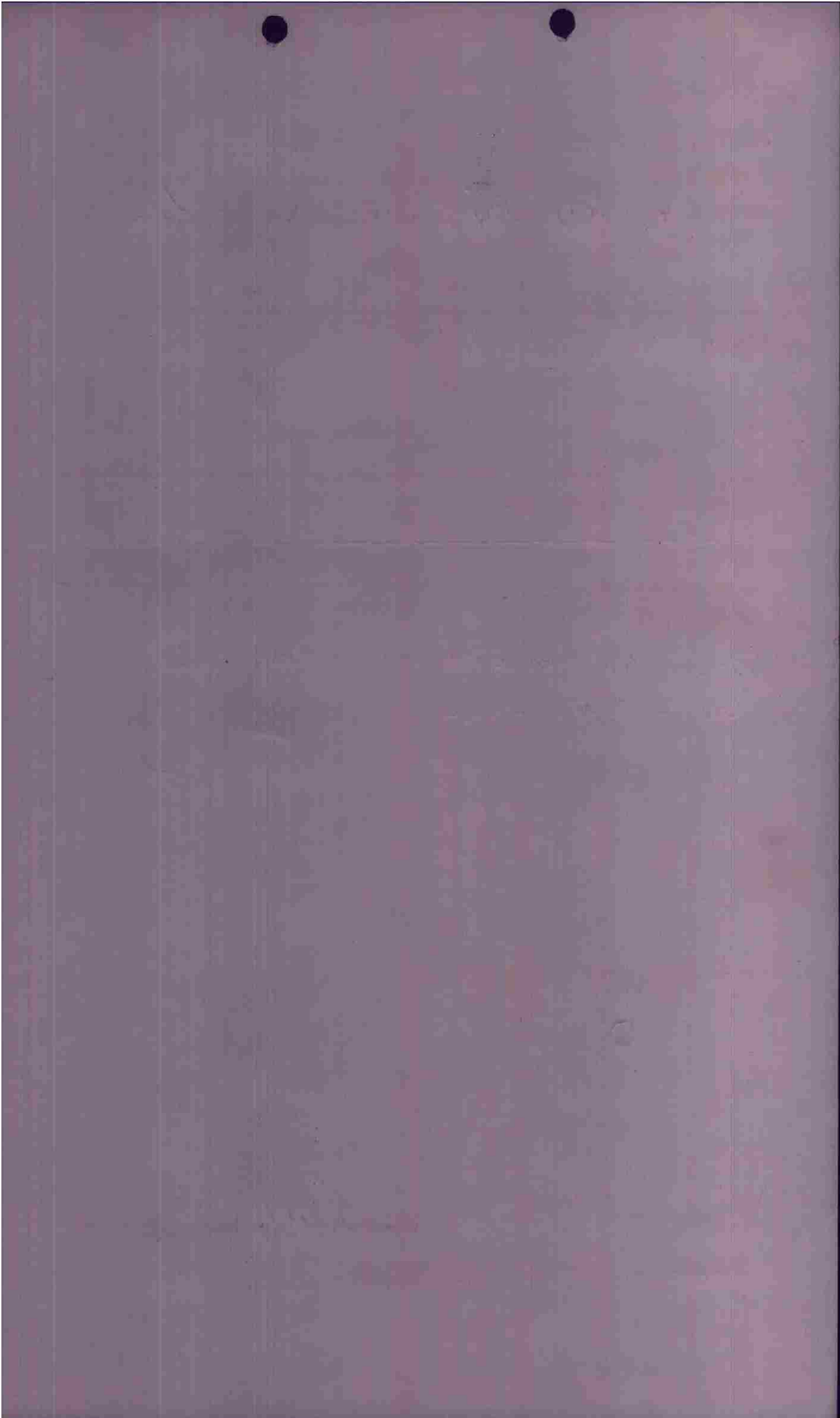
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      X
      X  X
      X
      X  X
  
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X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
<u>6</u>	X <u>500</u>	<u>M-17</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED				

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : got lost past B/L turned back at 1015 about
3 minutes over B/L.

POSITION IN FORMATION

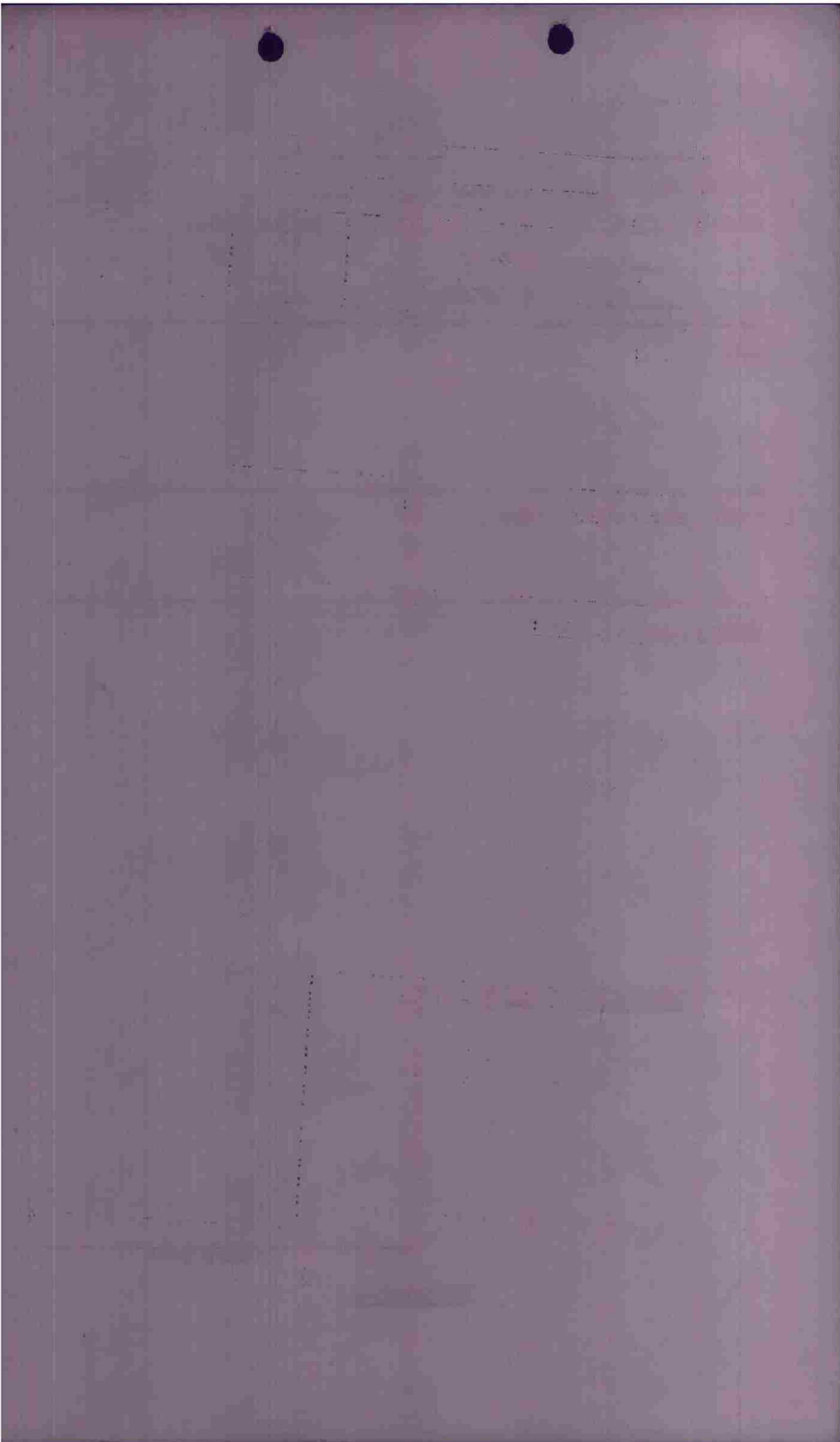
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	X	X	
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	X	X	
X	X		X
			X
			X
			X

X (SPARE)

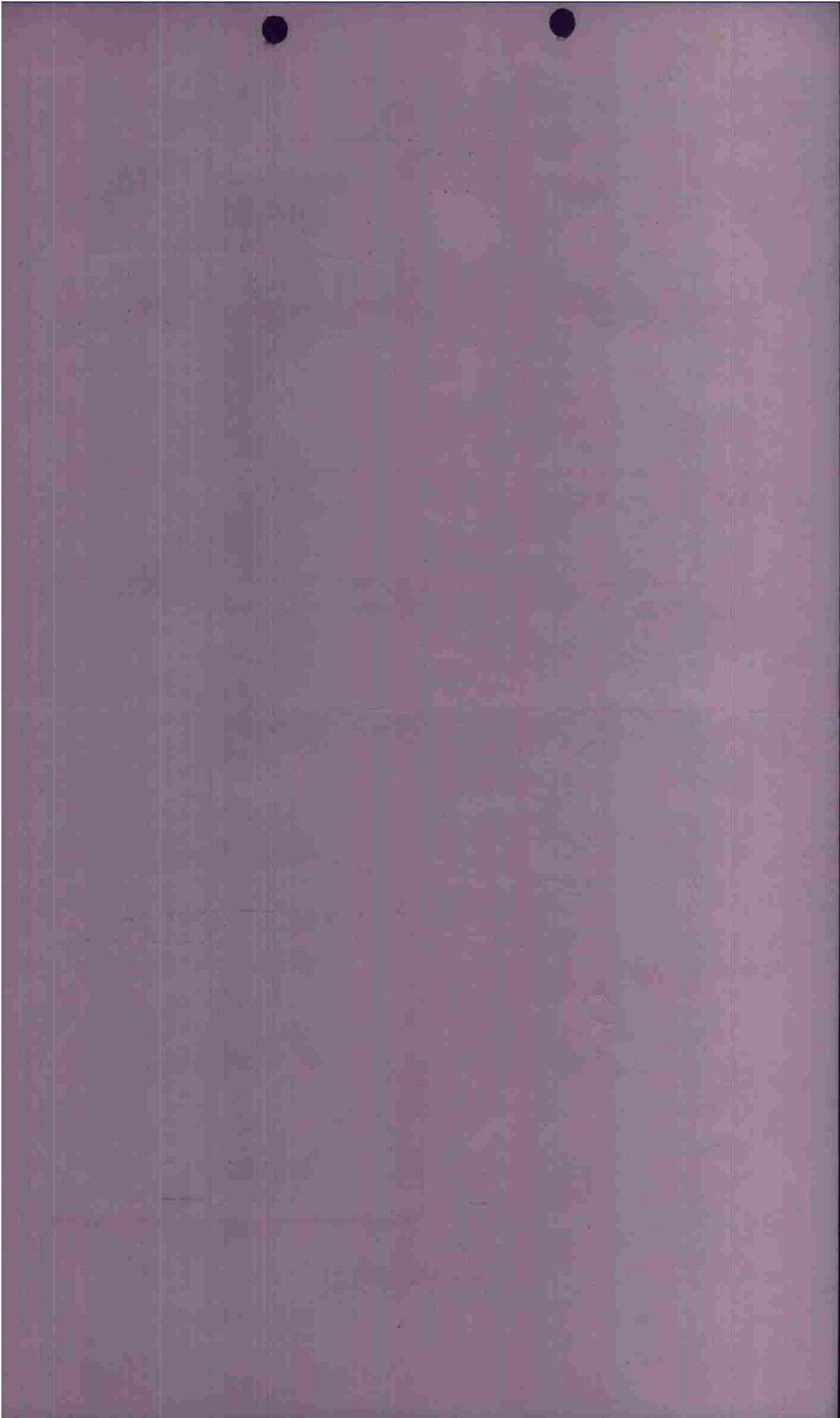
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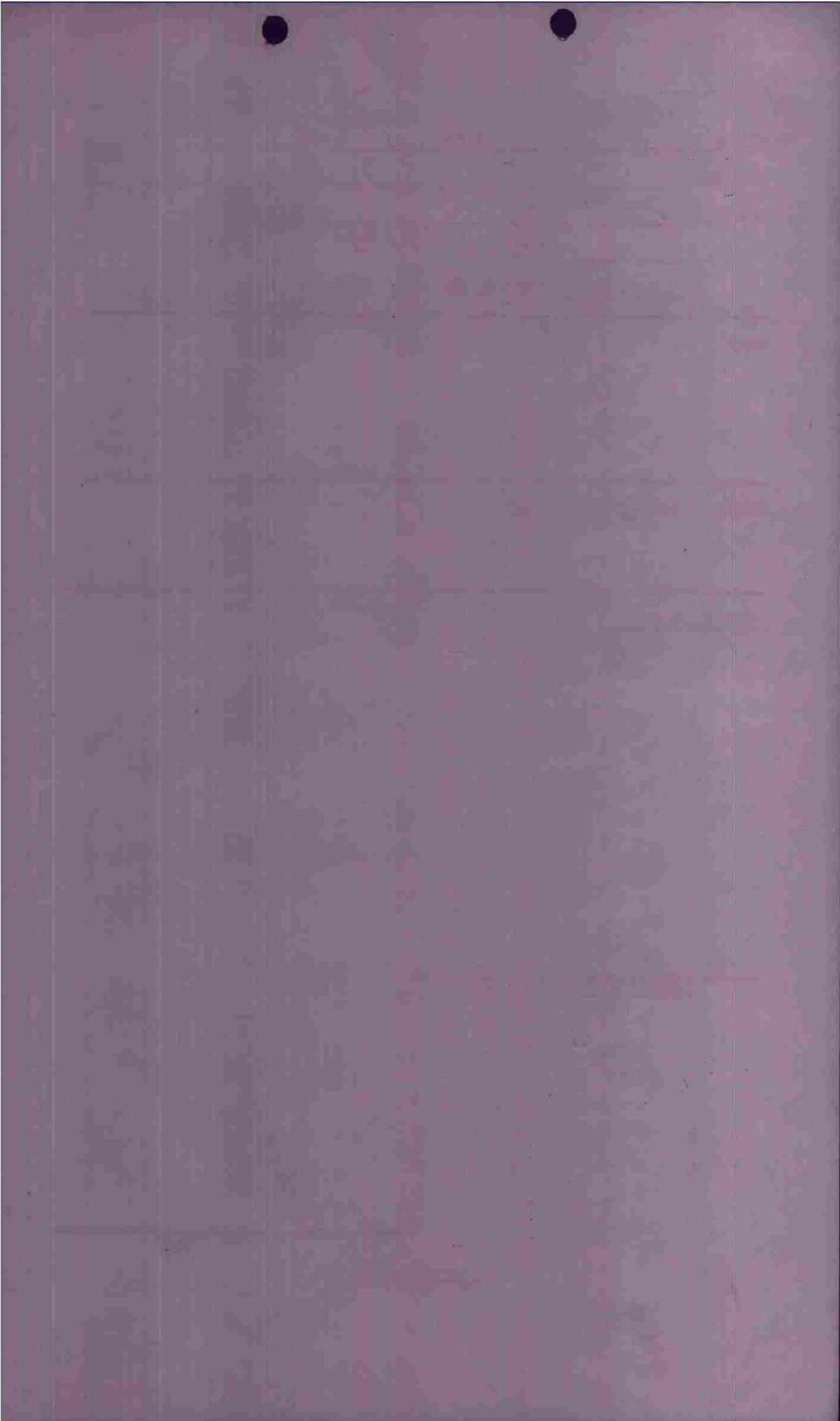
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PILOT

Graber

A/C#

313

BOX

II

TWO

Span

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

6 X 500

ON

PT

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

X

RETURNED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

X

JETTISONED

FLAK :

XXH-1 over tgt, on bomb run 14

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Saw target burning on turn offOil barges on river moving - near tgt2 or 3 towns on river burning

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

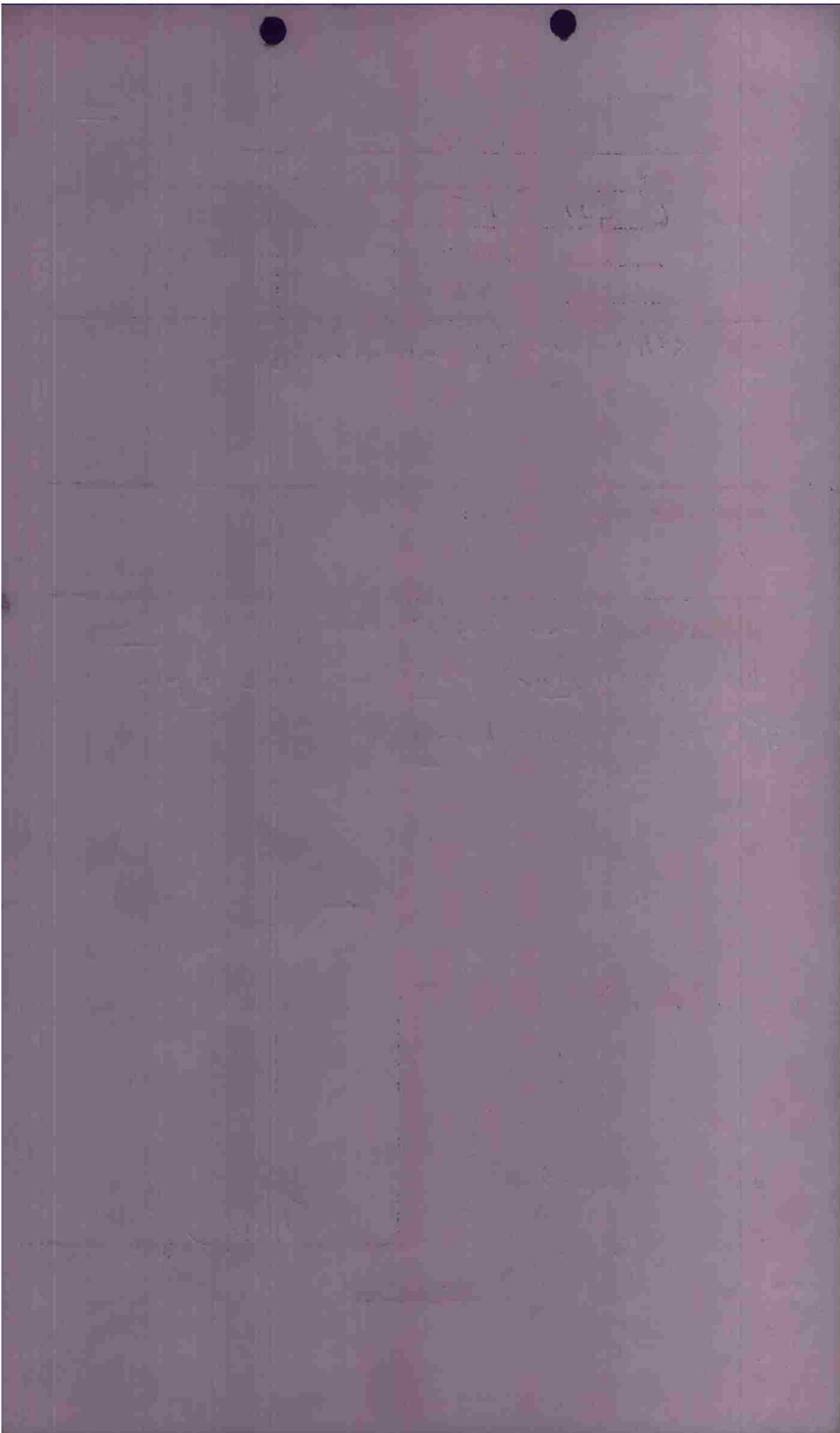
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X  X  X
X      X
X  X  X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Martin A/C# 314 BOX II REF L

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	6 <u>510</u>	ON <u>PR</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED	<u>None</u>		

FLAK : XXH1 to left of target
XH1 on turn off tgt

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

None

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombed Visually
 $\frac{10}{10}$ at IP. Out reduced
to $\frac{3}{10}$ - $\frac{4}{10}$
Bombed on Flight Leader
~~BA~~ ~~5000 feet~~ 4000 ft
Smoke up to
5000 feet
~~Both sides of River~~
~~but most to left of~~
~~Barges in River - 1026 1/2~~
~~Left~~

POSITION IN FORMATION

	X	
(X)	X	
	X	
X		X

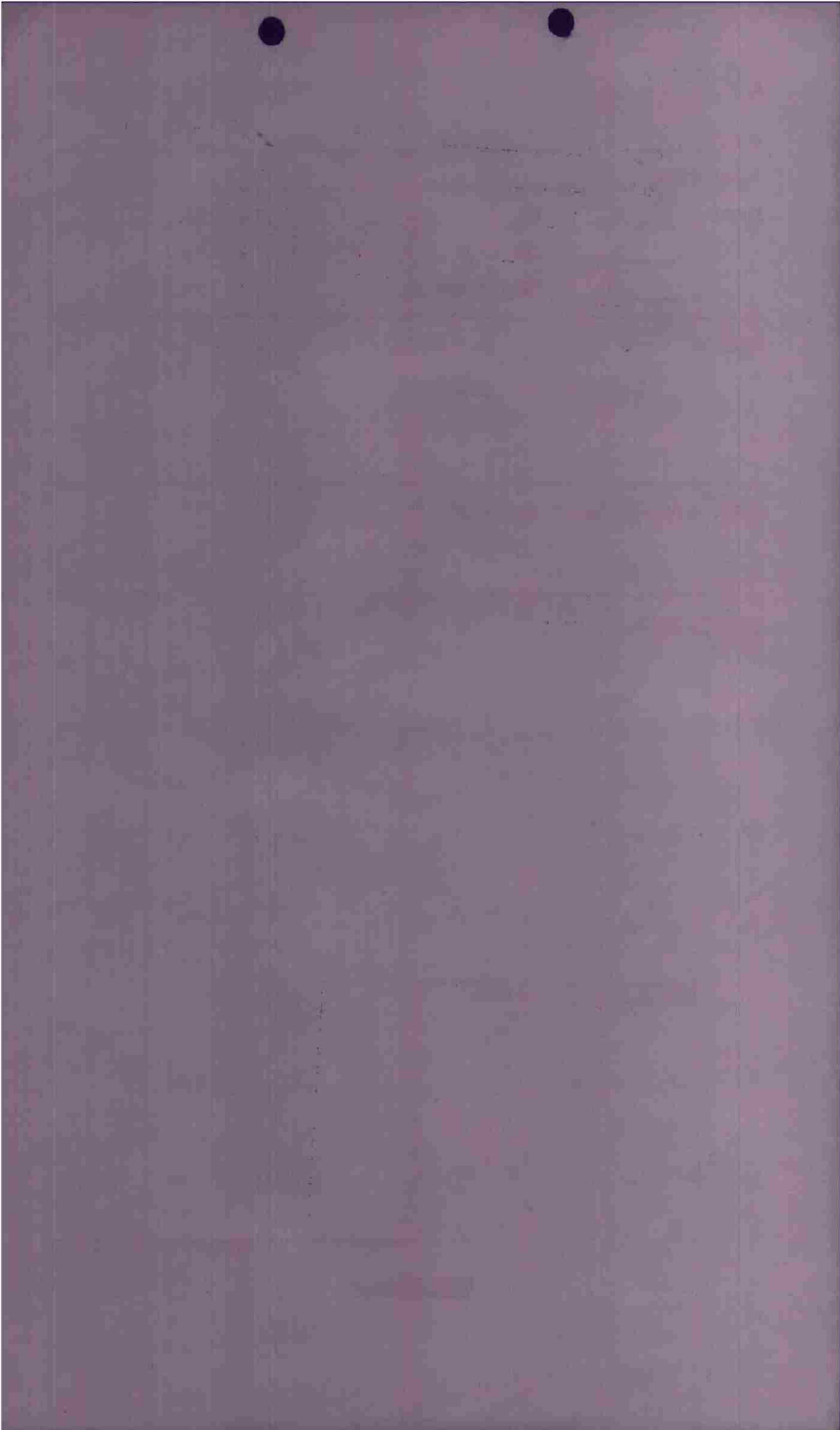
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X	
X	X

	X
X	X
X	
X	X

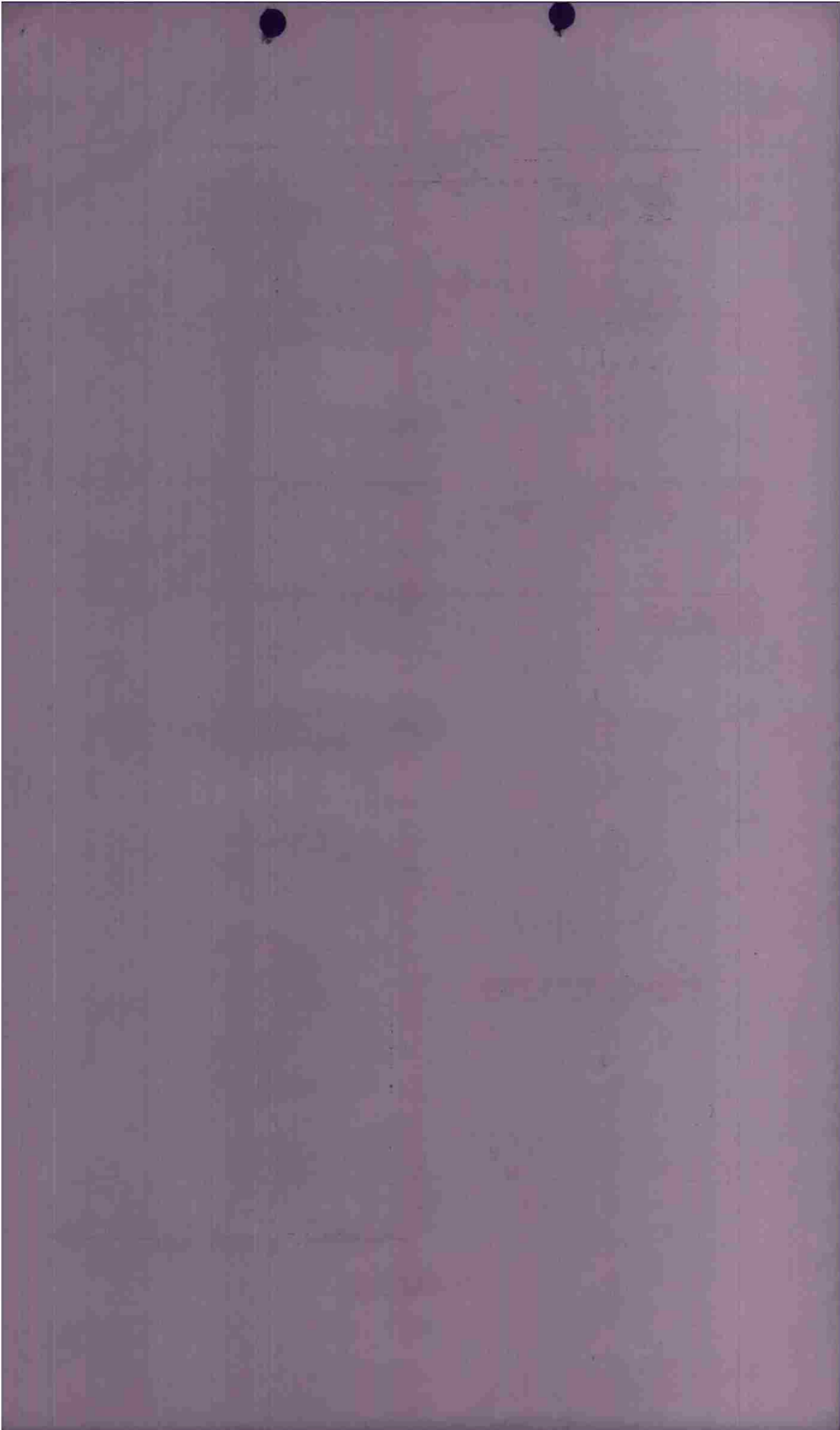
X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

X H A

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

P-49 1/2

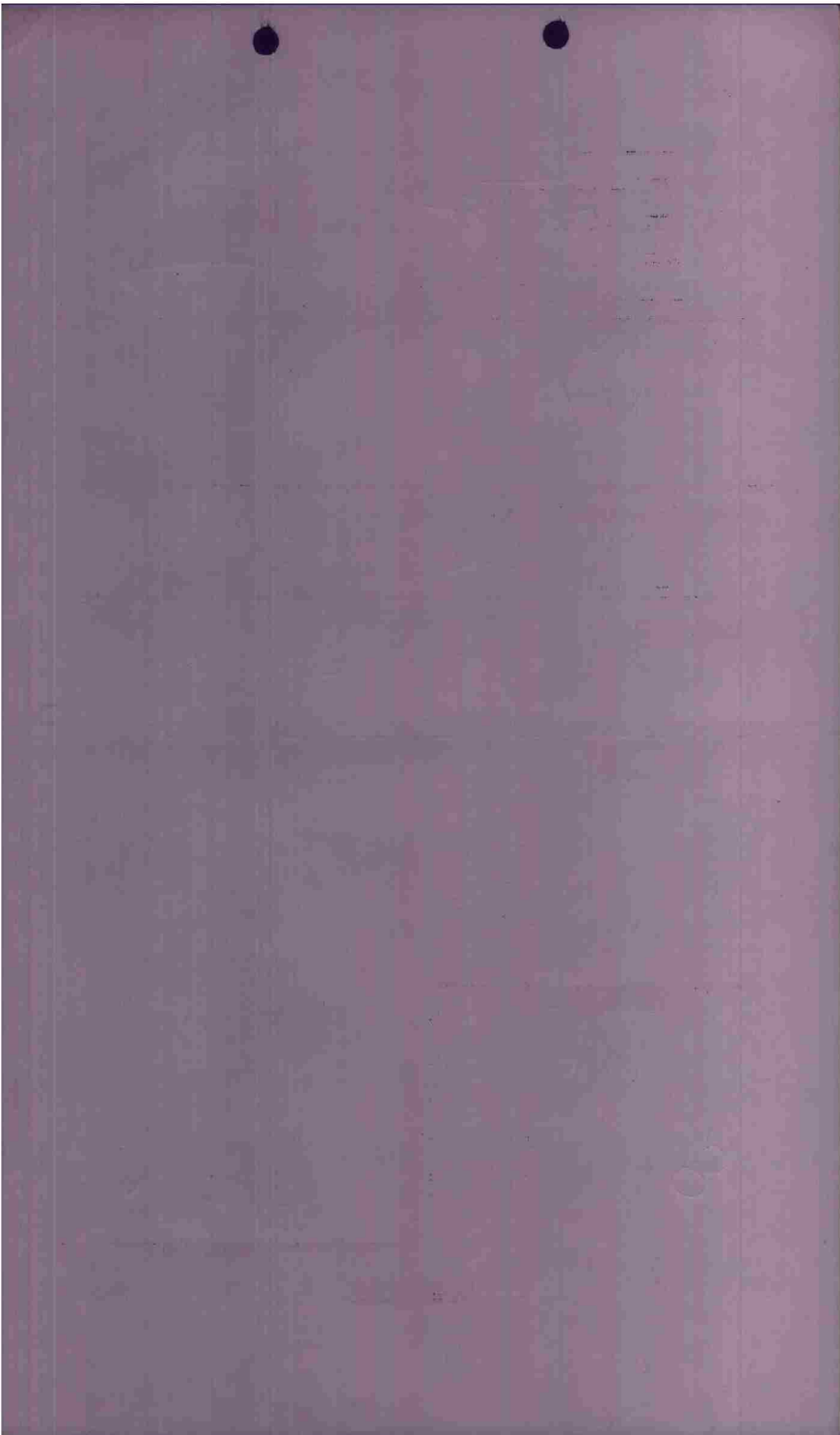
OBSERVATIONS : on both sides of river.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Zimet A/C# 352 BOX II DAY II

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : X HA - 70' clock
on B.R. - 45 sec. before B. Run

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

P-38's

OBSERVATIONS :

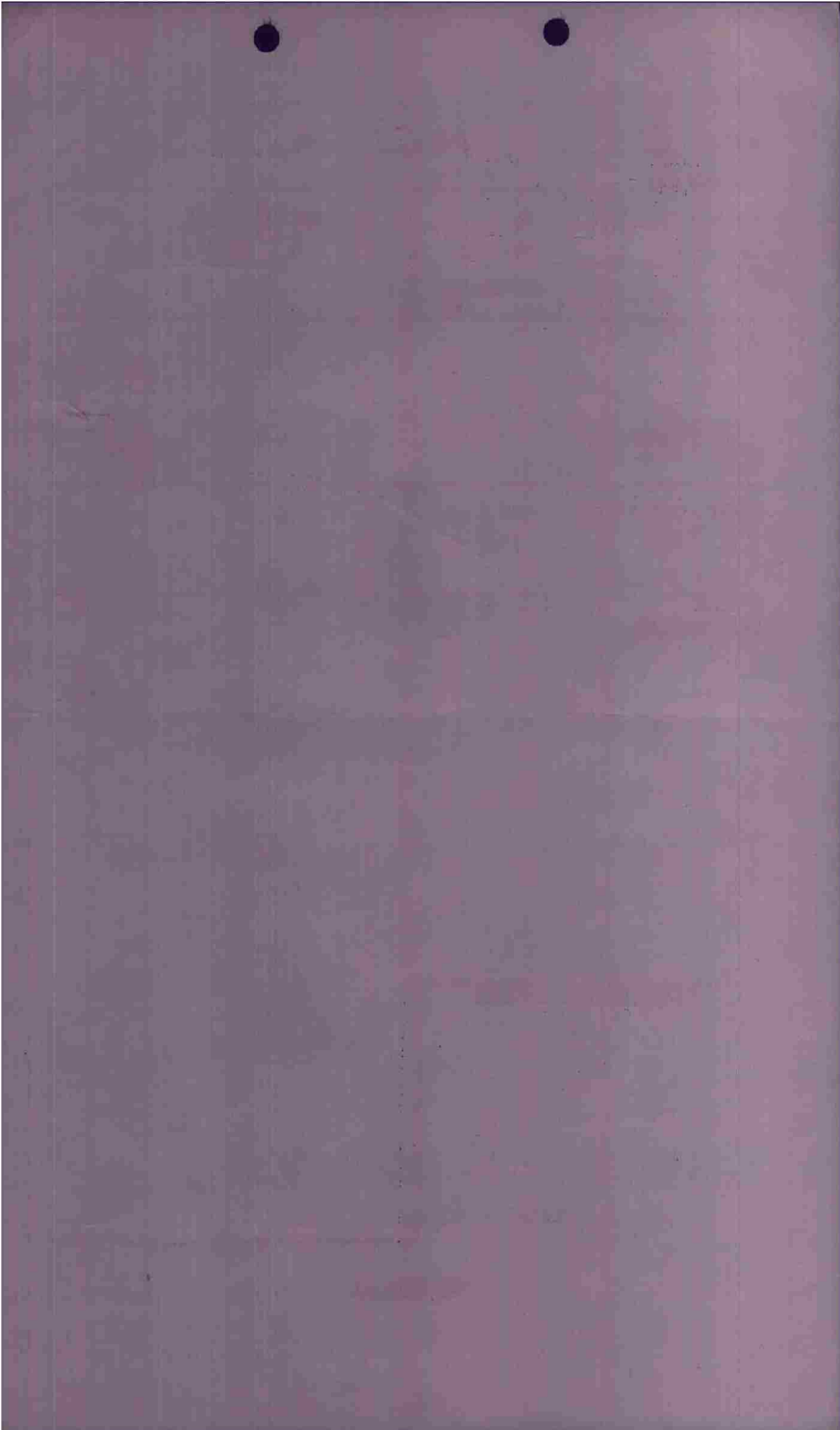
large column of smoke
2 or 4 large bombs canopied
trails of smoke in sky

no camera
POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT Hyter A/O# 263 BOX II TEST I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
6	X ^{no.} 500	P.T.	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	RETURNED			
	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : XXHA - flashes from tower across river on B.R.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

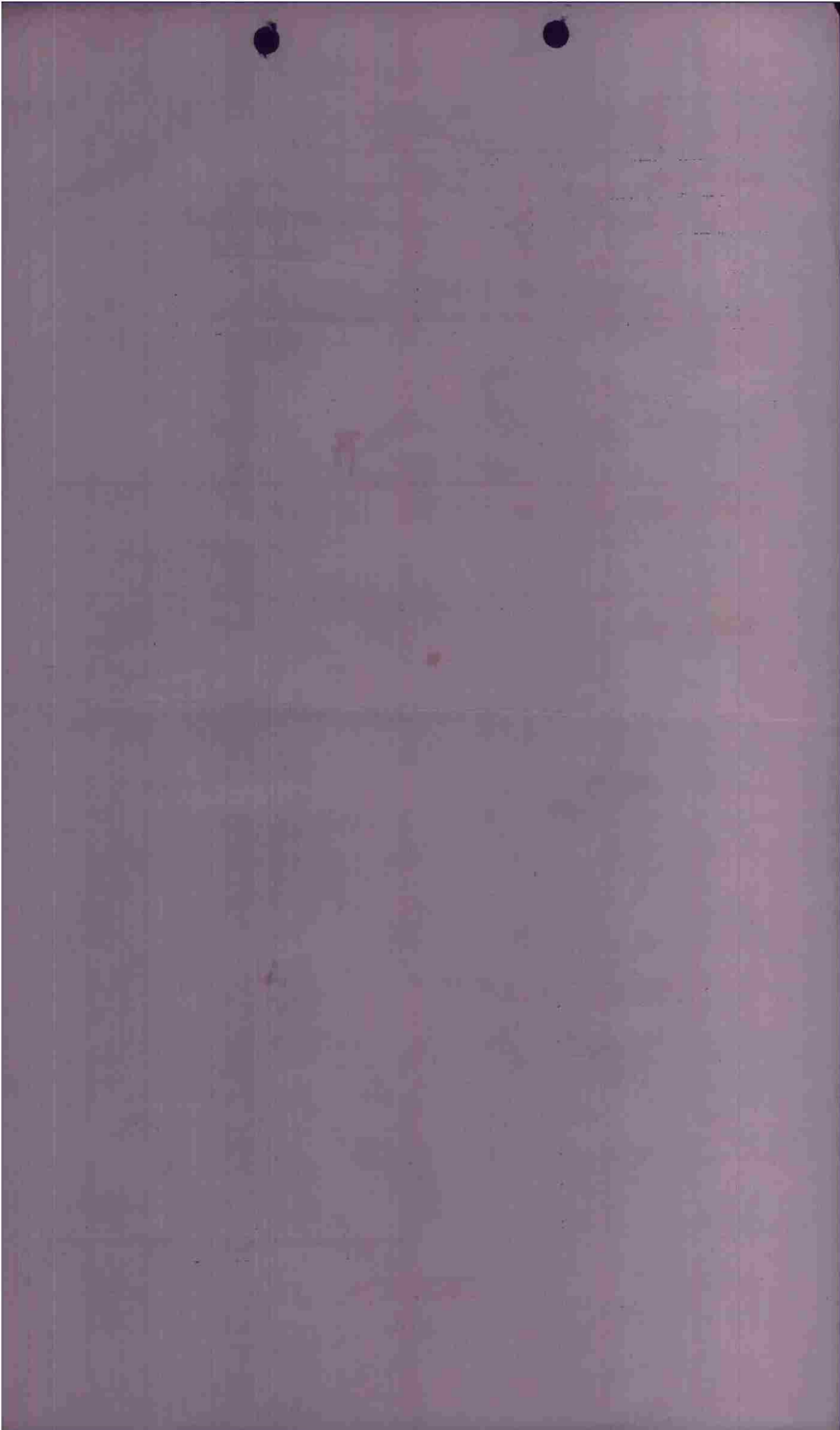
OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

	X	
X	(X)	2nd
	X	
X	X	Box
X		X
X		X X
X		X
X		X X
	X (SPARE)	

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PILOT Curtis

A/C#

9315

BOX

II

DET

III

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON 137

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

X

JETTISONED

FLAK :

XX H/1 - left + hi on B.R.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Smokes fires in T/A.
heavy muffs of smoke

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

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

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Over for Major Conant.

Major Conant

6x500 on PT. no B.A. Run

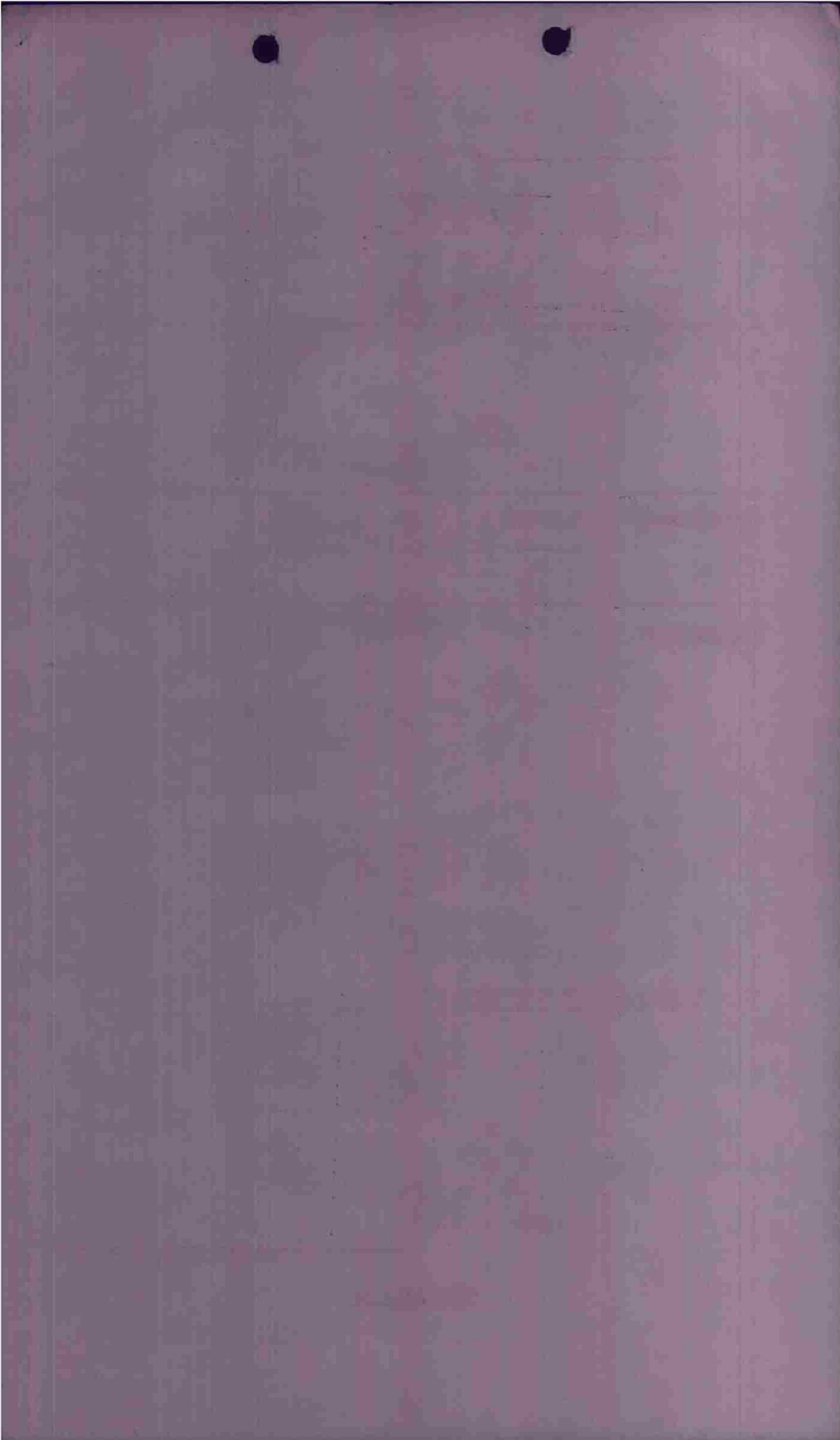
20 bursts of flak - XH1-A - hit hit +
to left. on West part of B.R. + couple
bursts after B. away.

flak to left + one below to left - may
have been gun flashes.

Smoke coming back over Plume
to left + up further - smoke too thin
so that there was no coverage

#2 in end of Box #2

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PILOT

Musgrove

A/C#

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BOX

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III

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

6 X 500

ON

17 p

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

X

JETTISONED

FLAK :

R-X-X-H-A B/A 174

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

bombs in towers on both sides of river.

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

  X  X  X
  X  X  X
  X  X  X

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

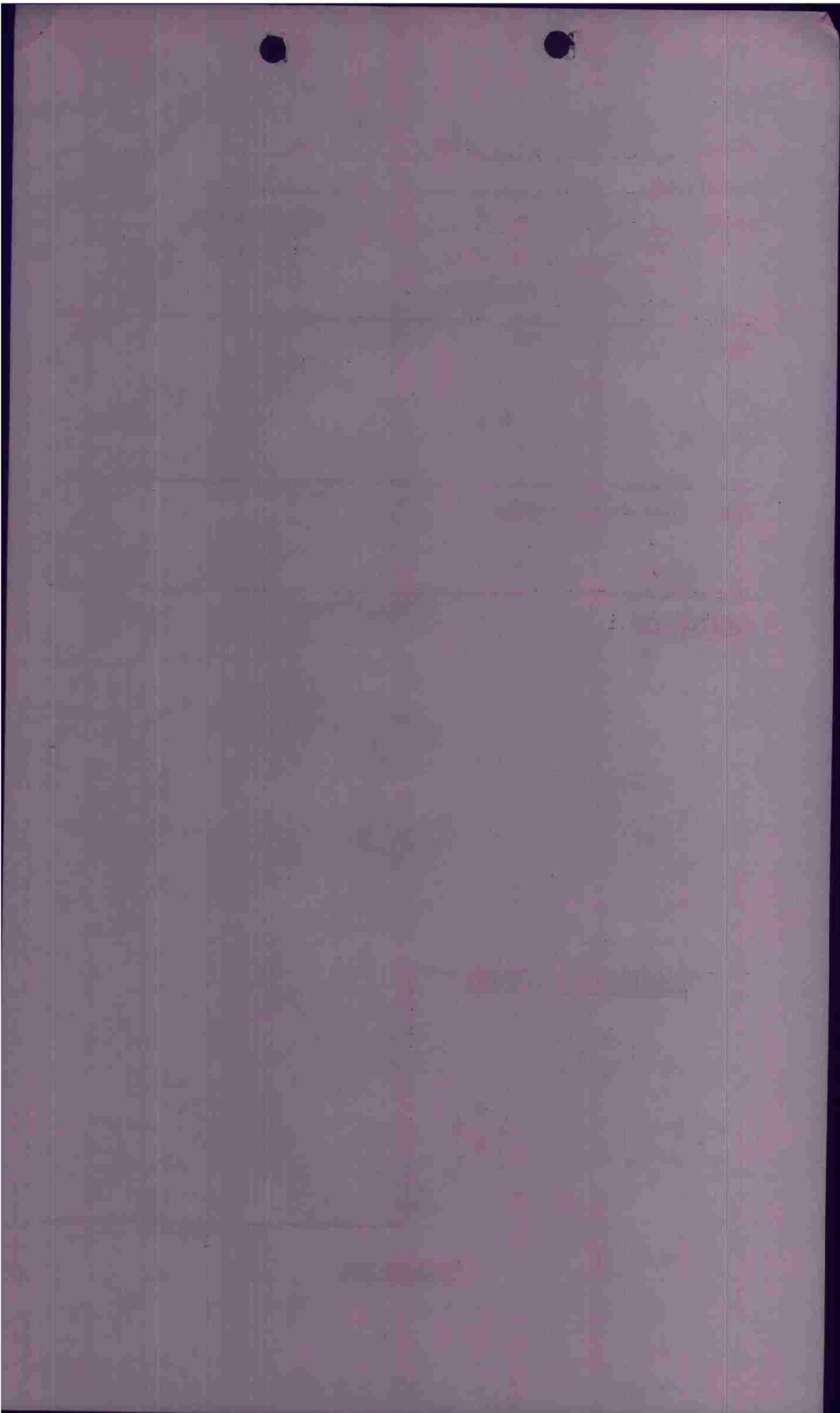
X (SPARE)

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PILOT Bishop A/C# 205 BOX II DES III

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : 2-44 H-1-A B/R-T

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : bombs in tower near river

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
     X X
      X
     X X
  
```

```

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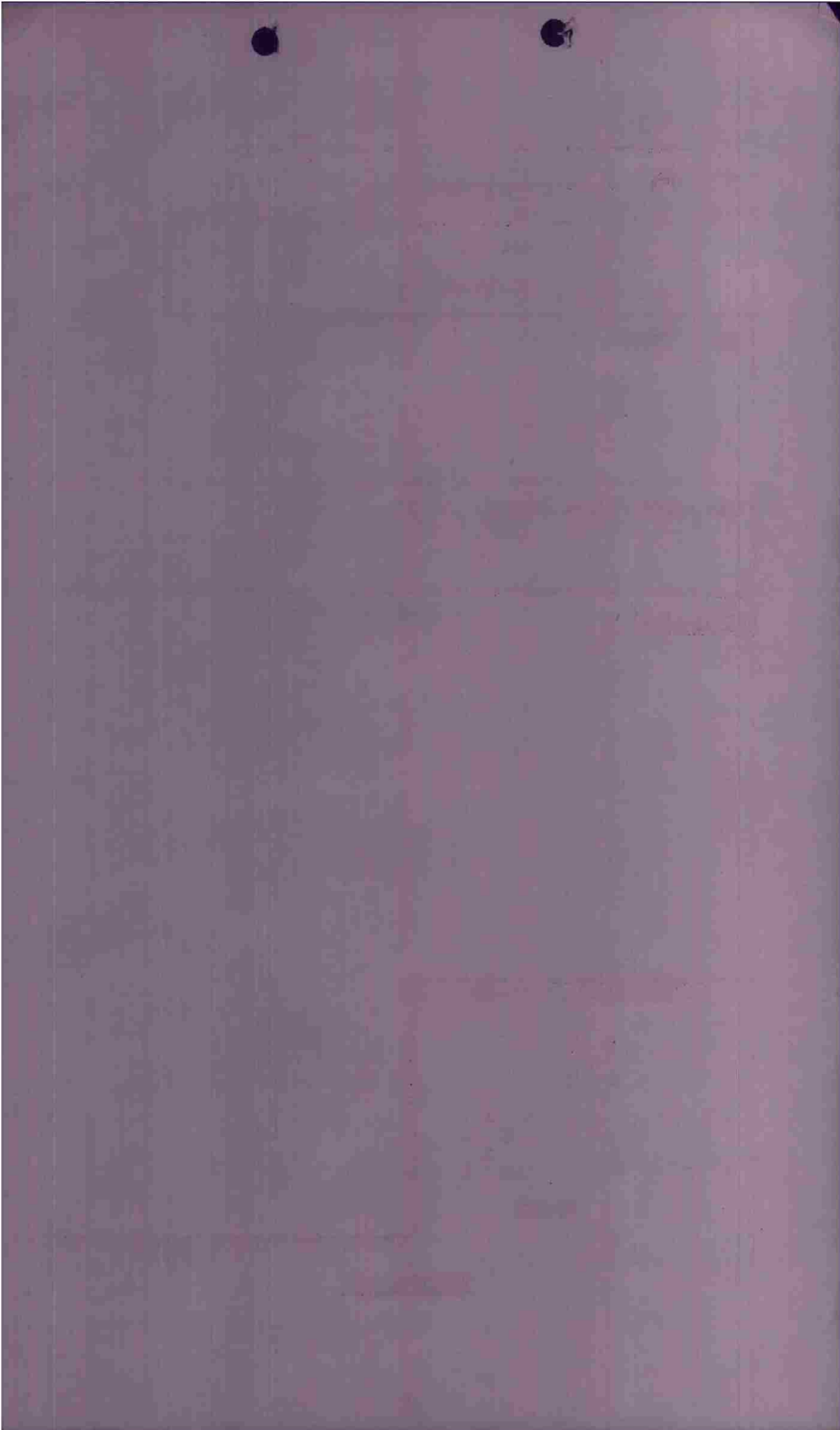
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      X
     X X
    X X
  
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X (SPARE)

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PILOT Conant A/C# 2315 BOX II SET III

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

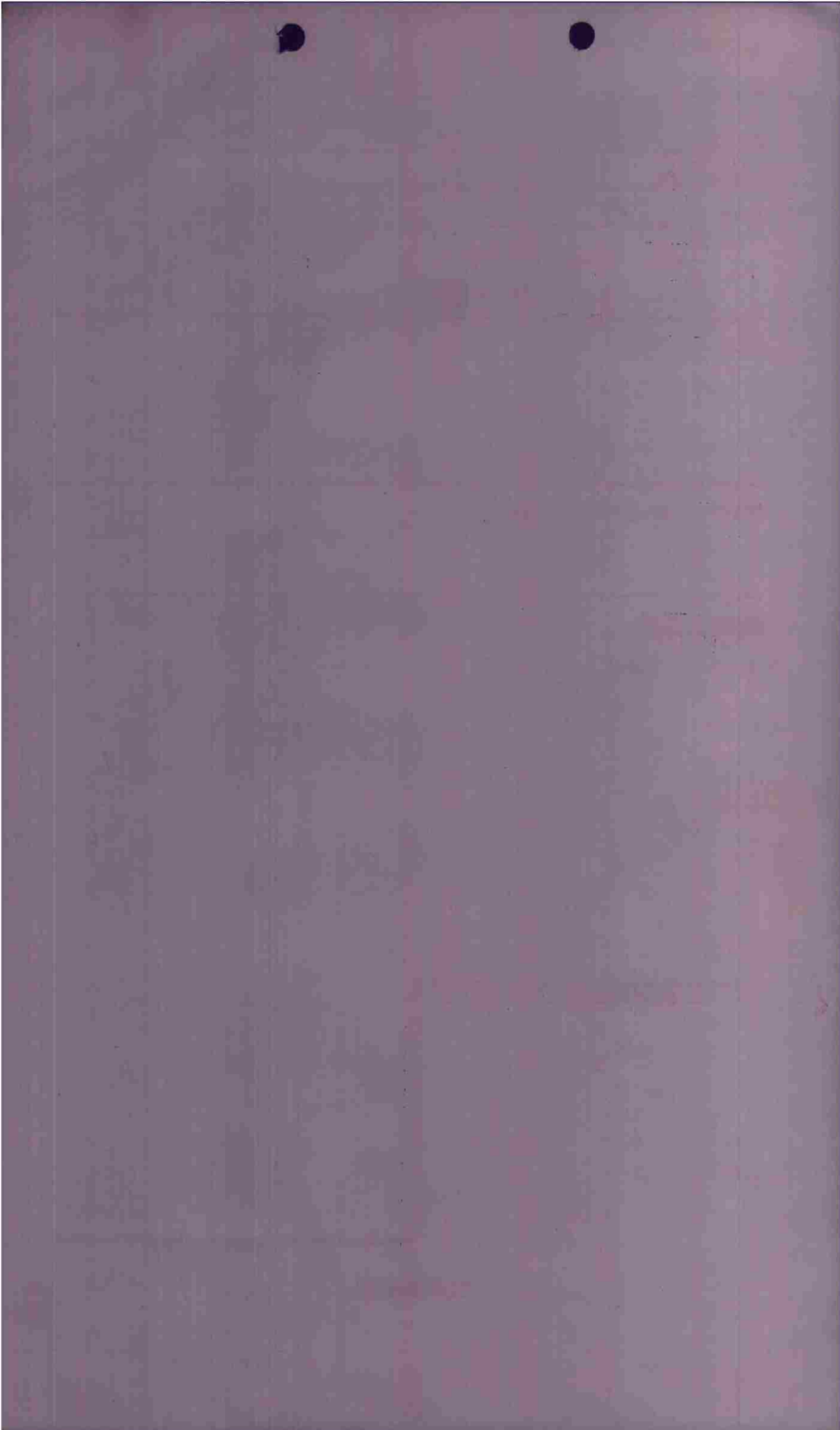
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F  X  X  X  X
  X      X
  X  X      X  X

      X (SPARE)

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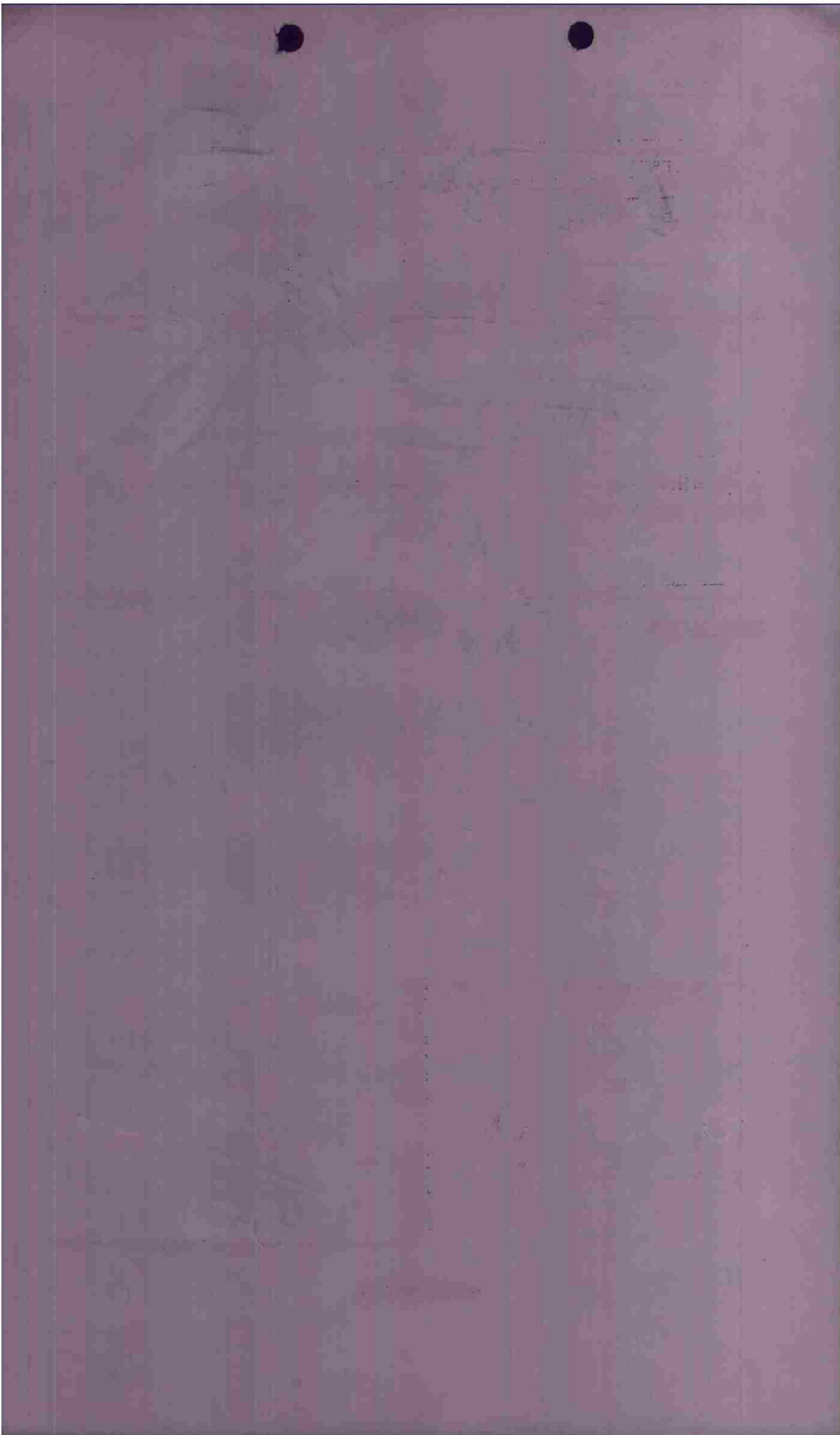


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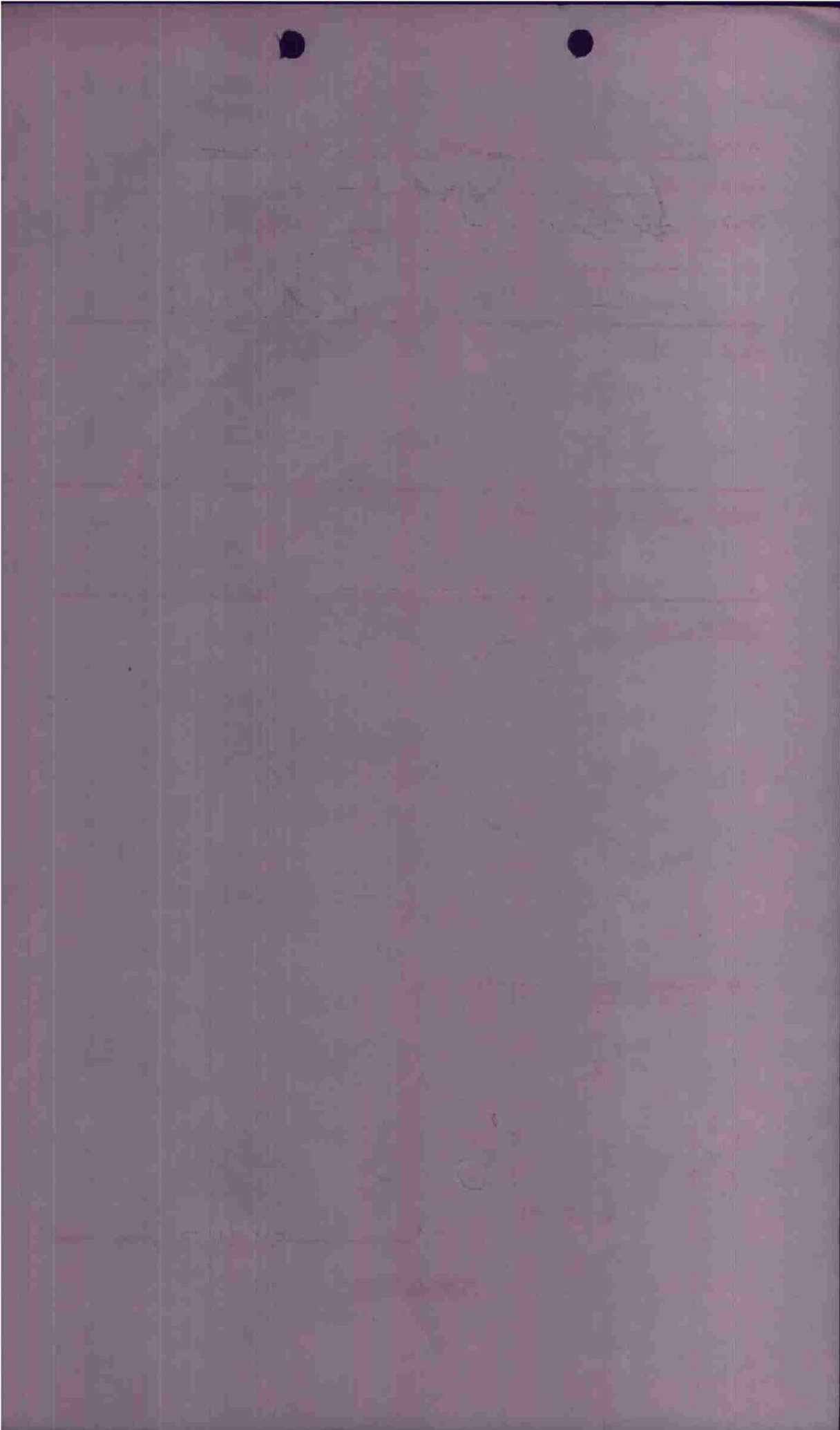
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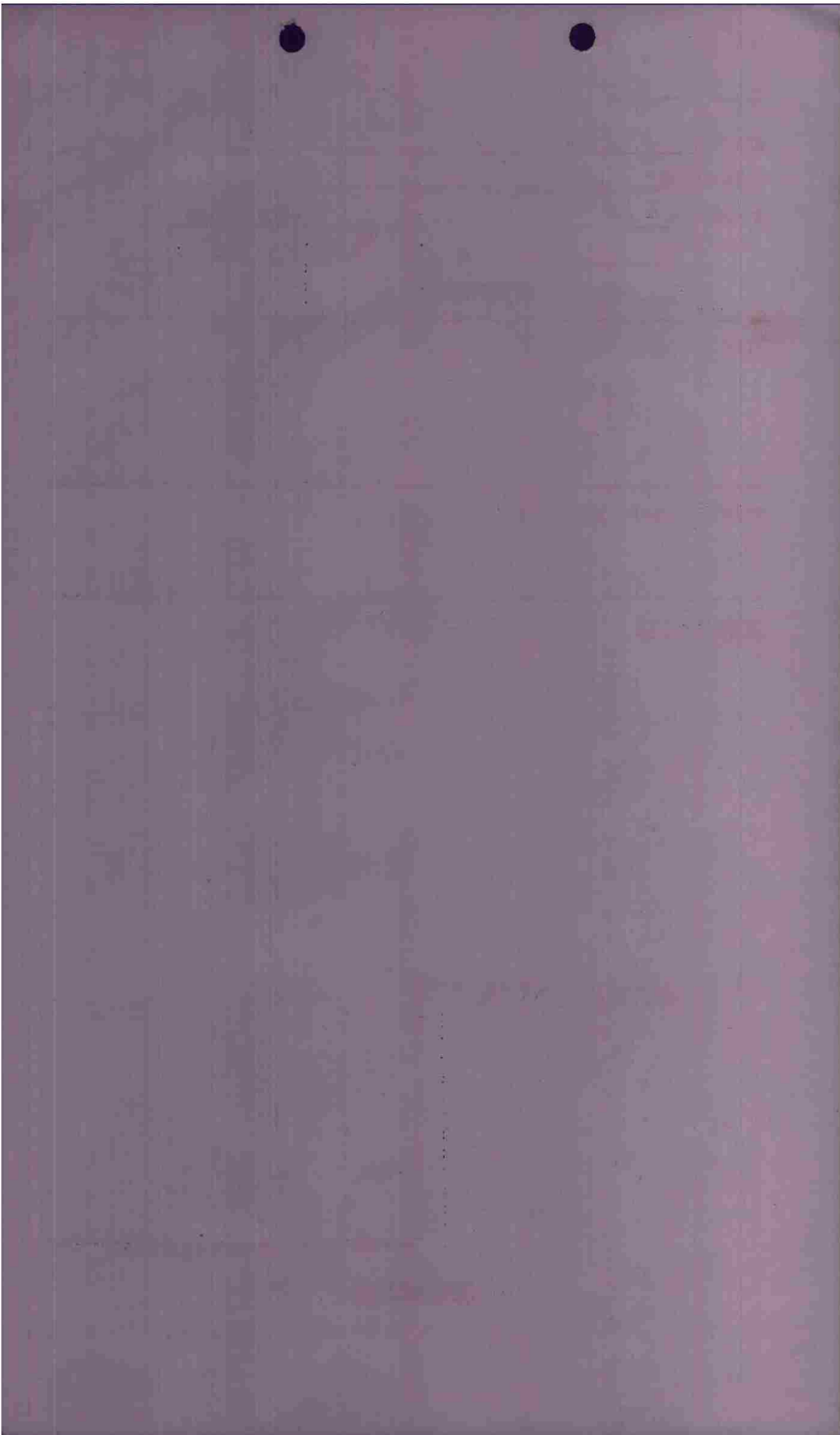
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CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON : None
X RETURNED : "A" : "A-C" : "E" :
X JETTISONED : ✓ : : : :

FLAK :

On Bomb Run are
turn off +gt = 55 bursts
Between #2 + 3 + light accurate
+ moderate

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

None

OBSERVATIONS :

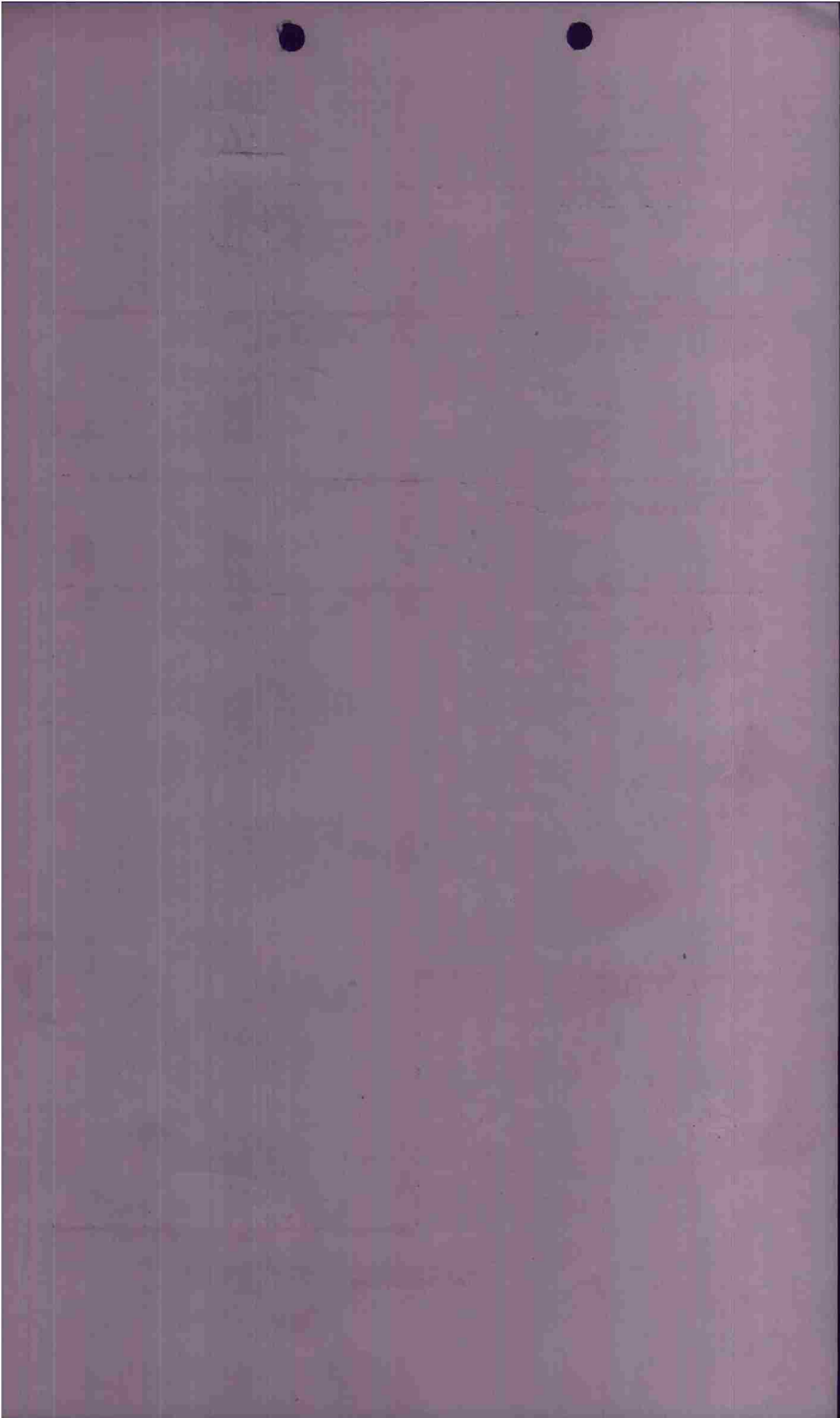
Good
ResultsImpulse Bomb
Box Leader Bombed
U.S. Bombed on
Box leader101 1031 1/2
Alt 11700?
180
190
head
1AS
WTH

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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CASUALTIES

JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE

54 Δ 17

 $\text{H}_2\text{A} \sim \text{C}^{11}$

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KNIA

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

X

X X

X

X X

X

 $\bar{y} \quad \bar{x}$

X

Y X

X

X X



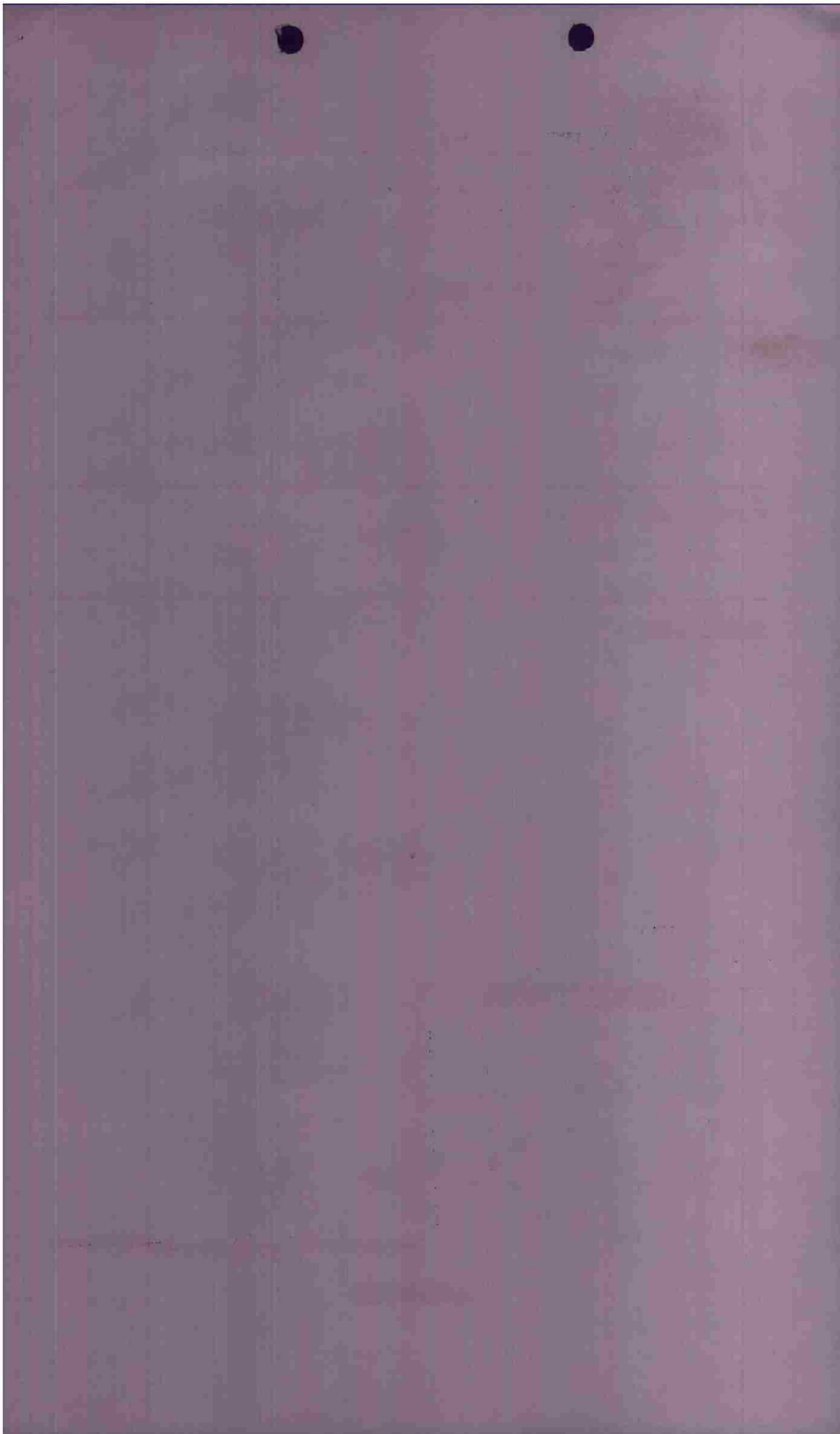
X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Napier A/C# 609 BOX II SET 5

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : XXHA - N of town & then from S of town
couple on then into T. off.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Box II bombed us by Boxes.
fire in T/A - on left hand going in.
DPF plane bombed off & wing.
DPF led well

TOT - 1030 1/2

Alt. - 12,500

MH - 150°

IAS - 195

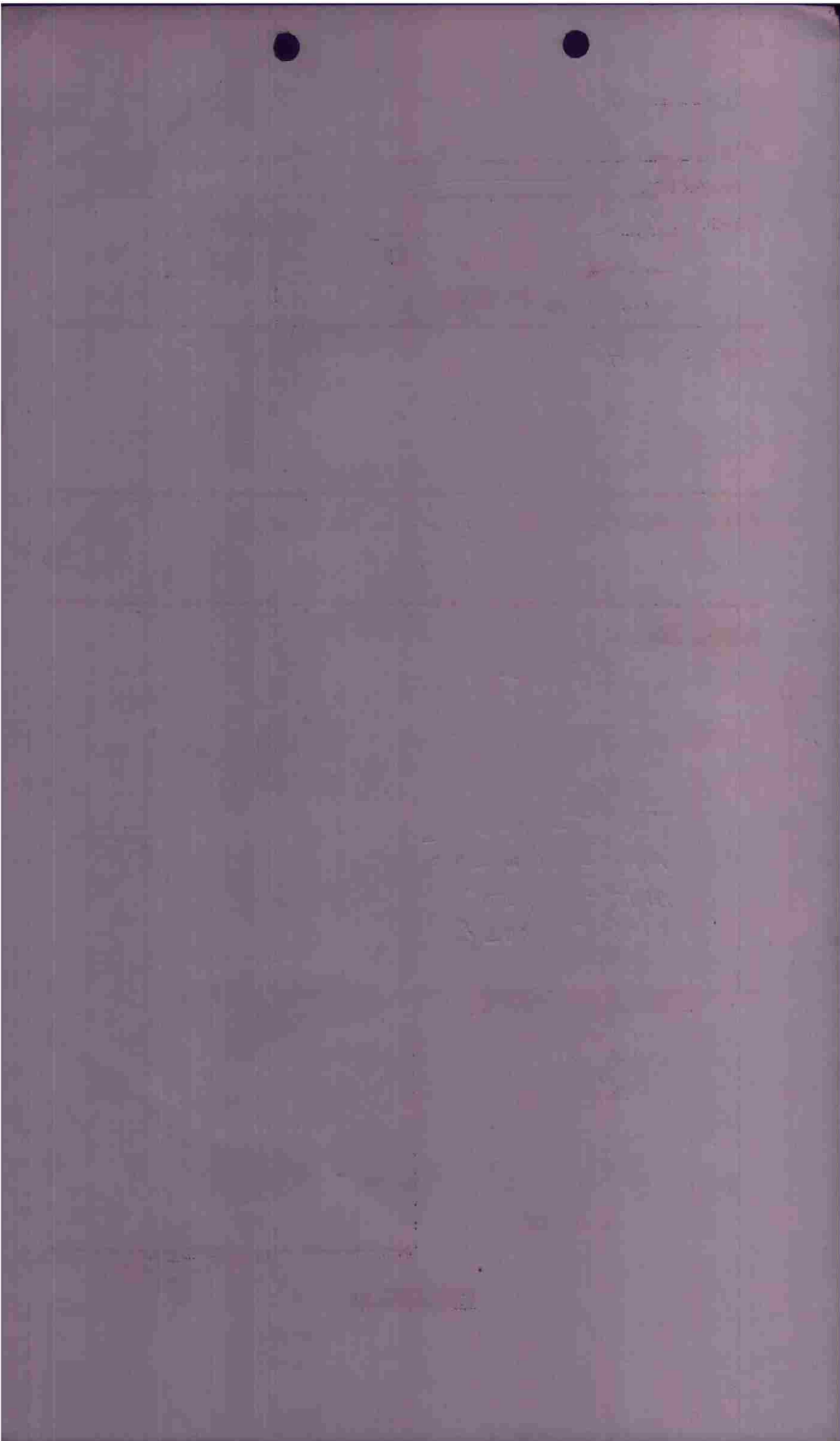
PH 7's flying then explosions.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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CASUALTIES

FLAK : KNIA B/R

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : *humble in towers on both sides of river*

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POSITION IN FORMATION

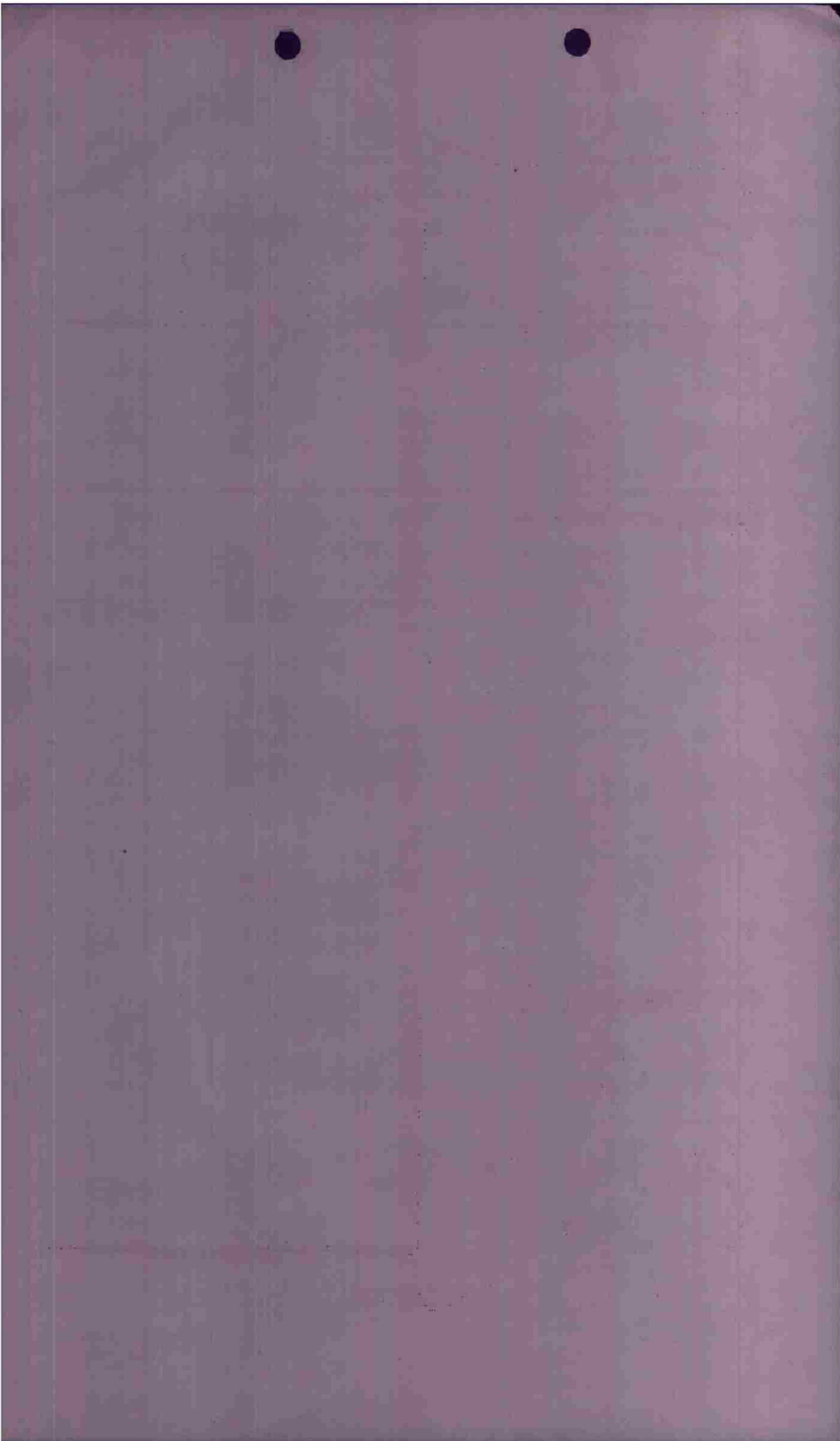
X
X X
 X
X X

X X
Y X X X
 X X
X X X (~~X~~)

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Smith A/C# 351 BOX II IIN I

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : XHI - close enough to hear

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS :

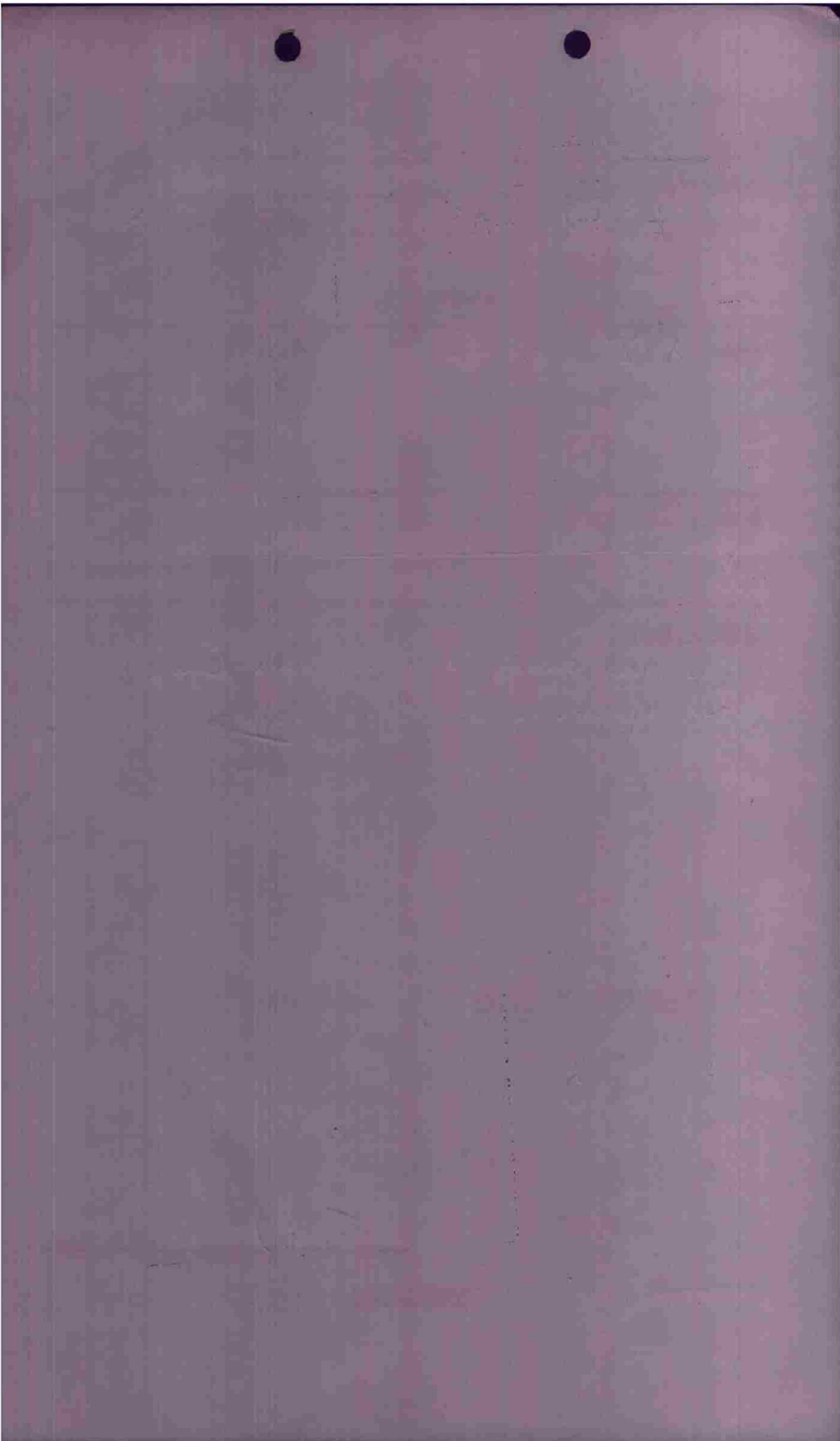
Too much smoke from 1st Box Bombs
for observation of bomb pattern

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT Hixson A/C# 239 BOX II FIF II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>6</u>	<u>X 501</u>	<u>Pit</u>			
<u>X</u>	RETURNED		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED				

FLAK : XXH A- over target

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombs hit warehouses
Many large fires

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X

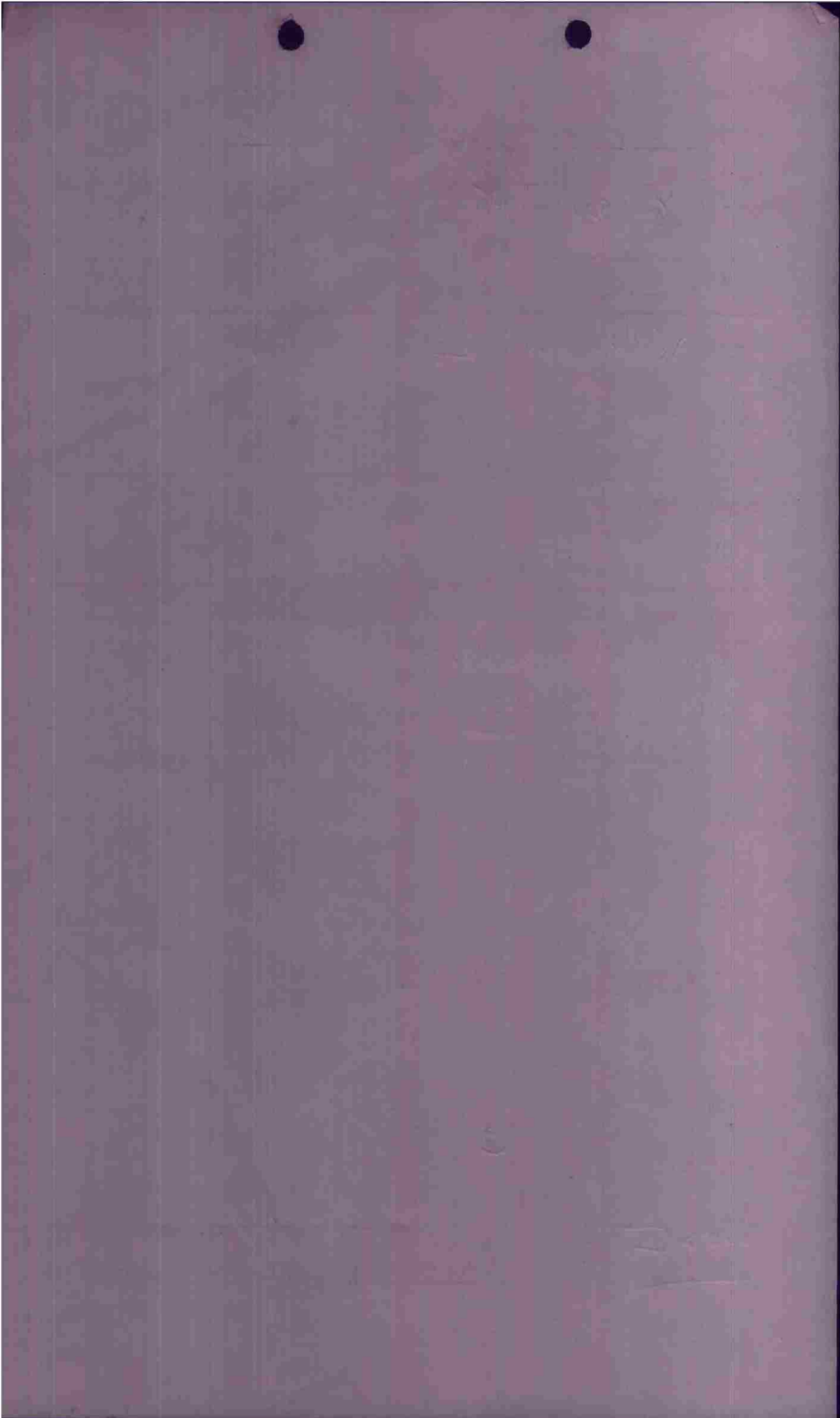
X   X   X   X
X   X   X   X
X   X   X   X

X (SPARE)

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