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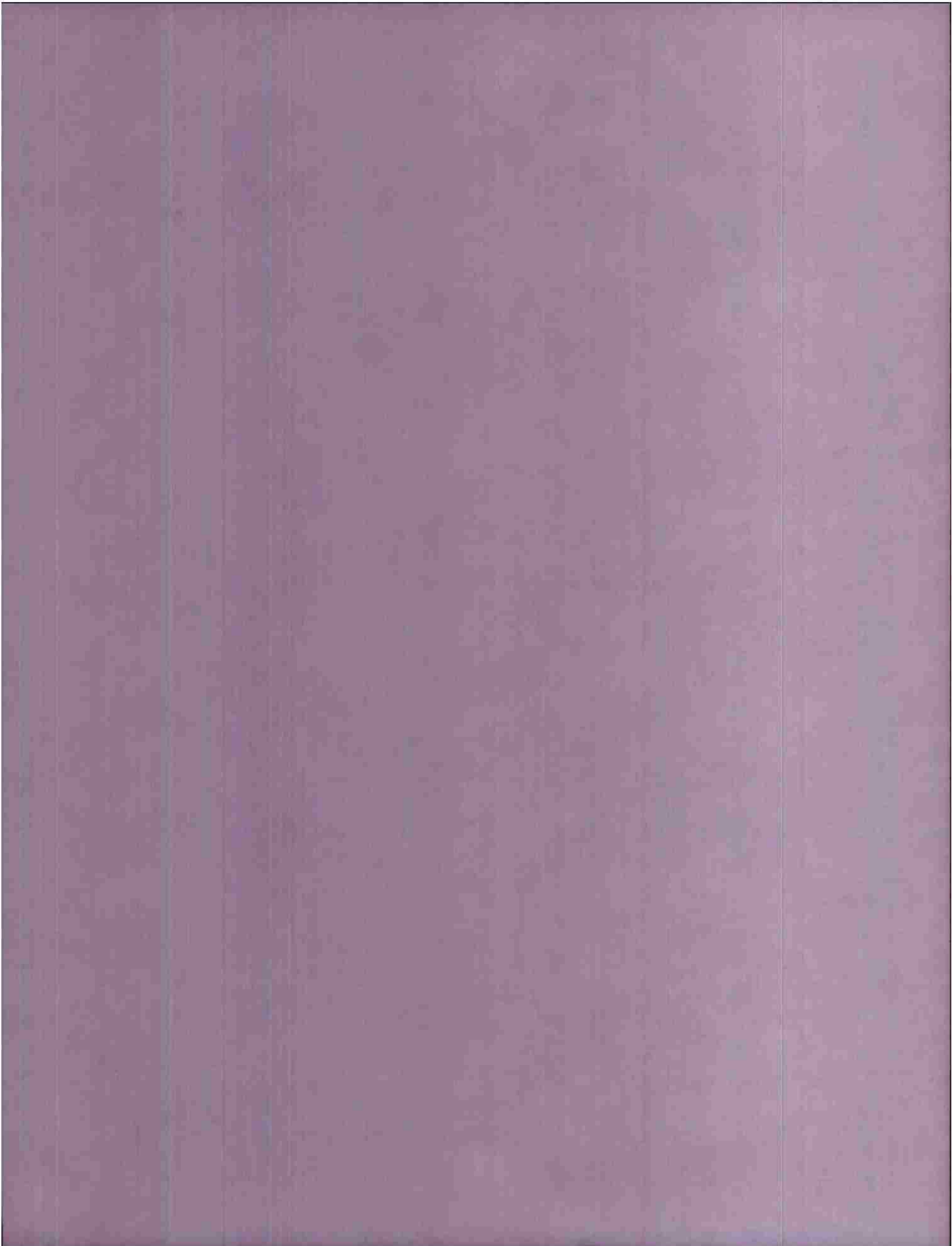
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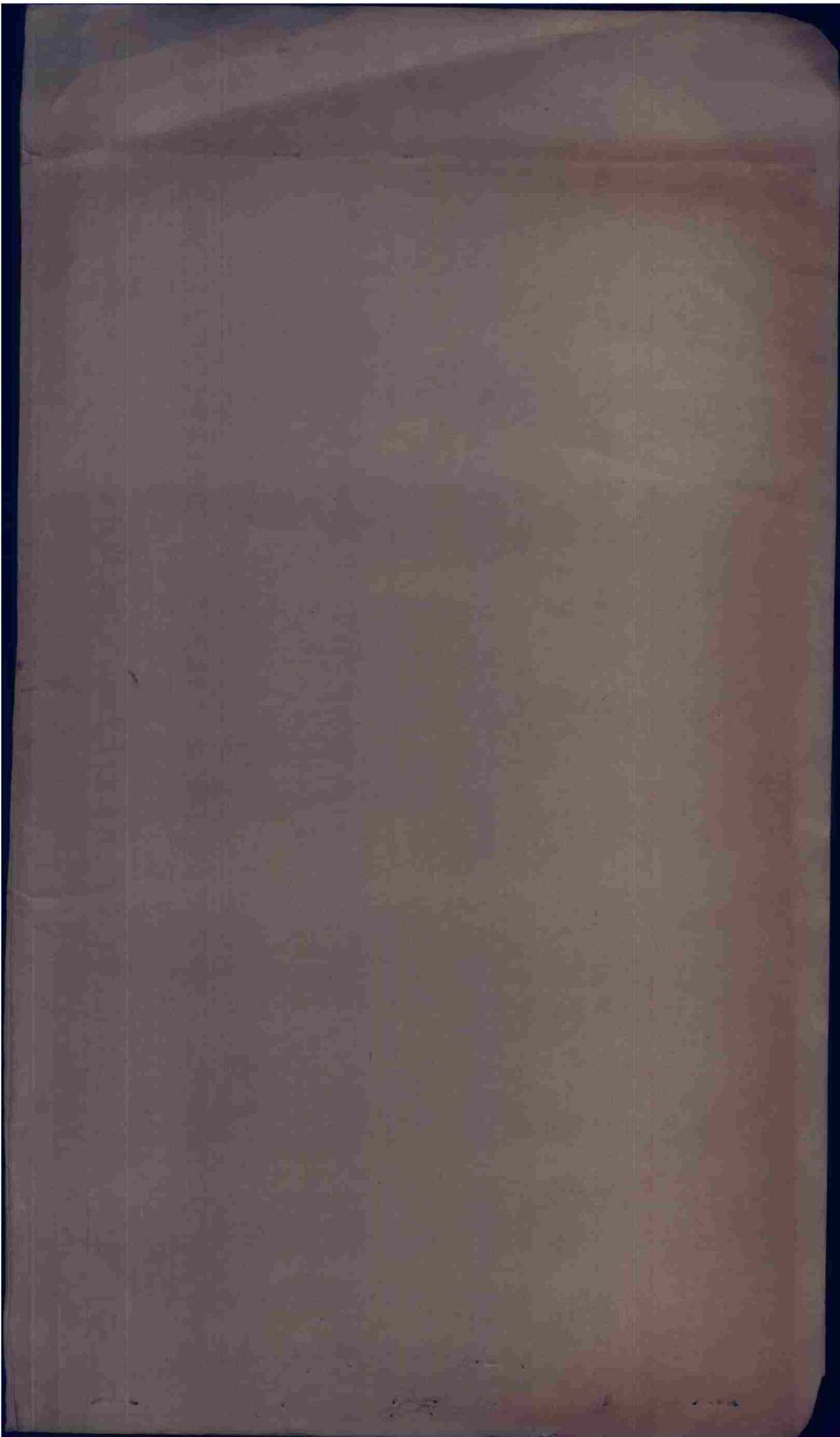
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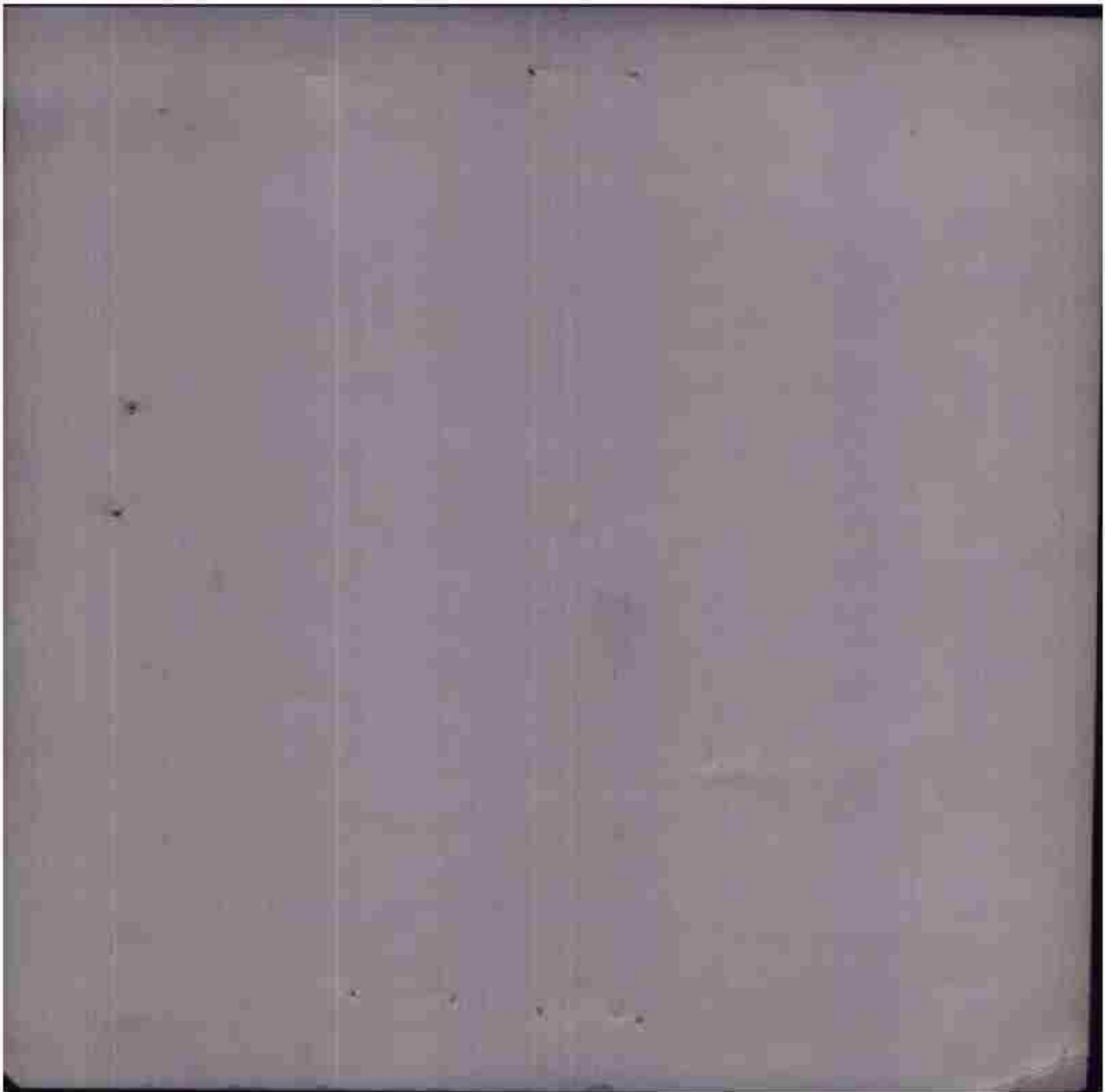


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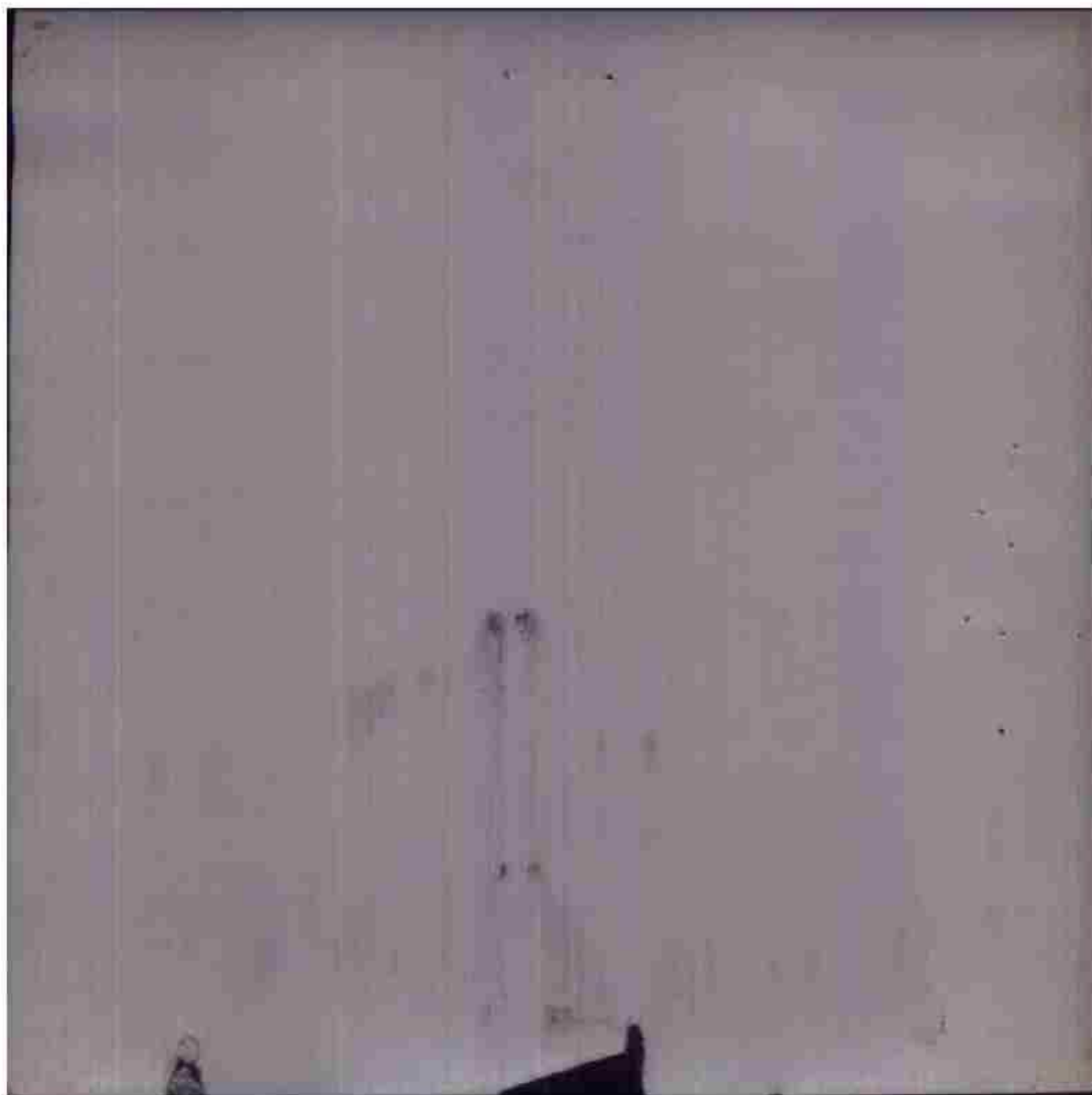
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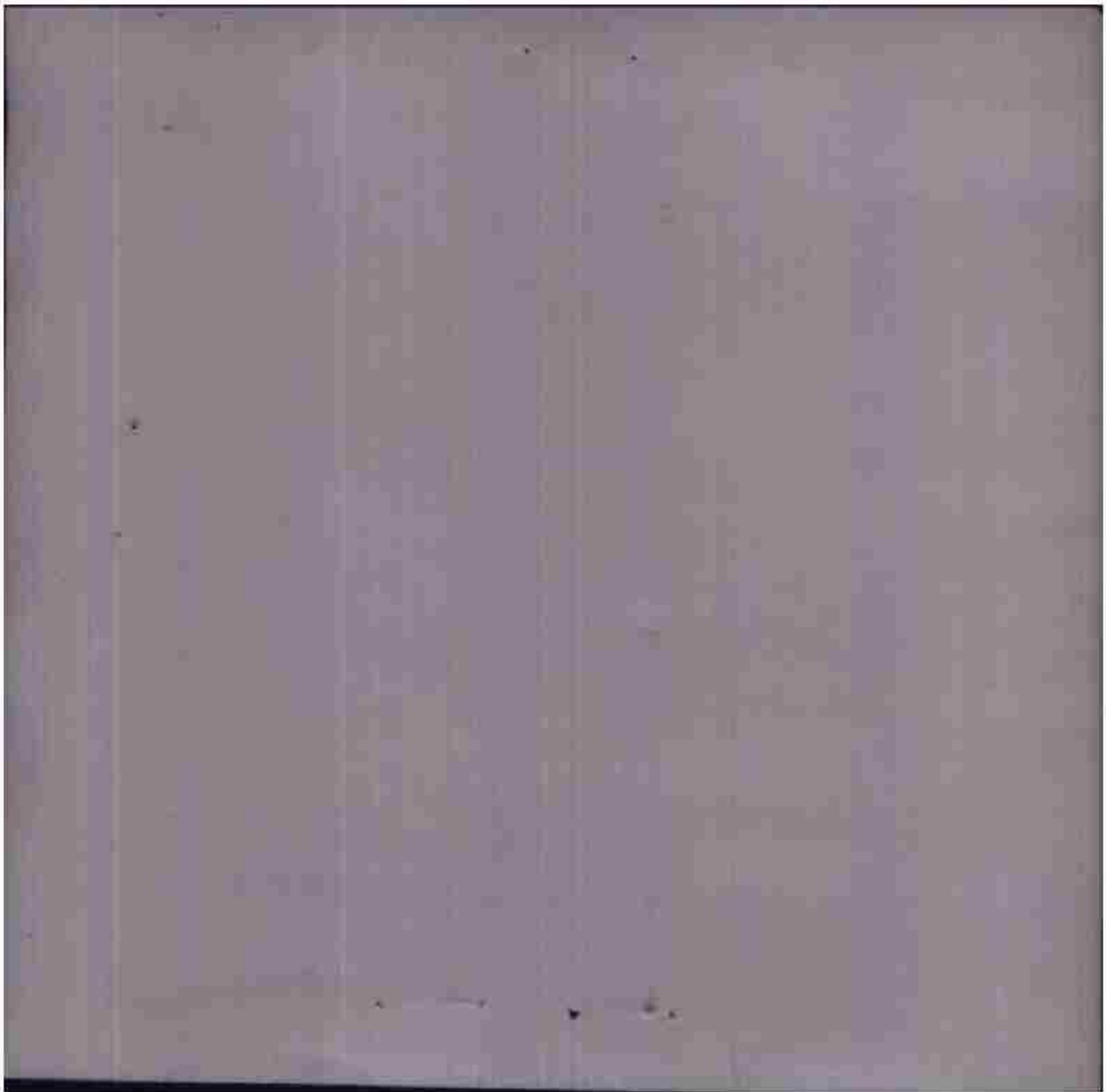
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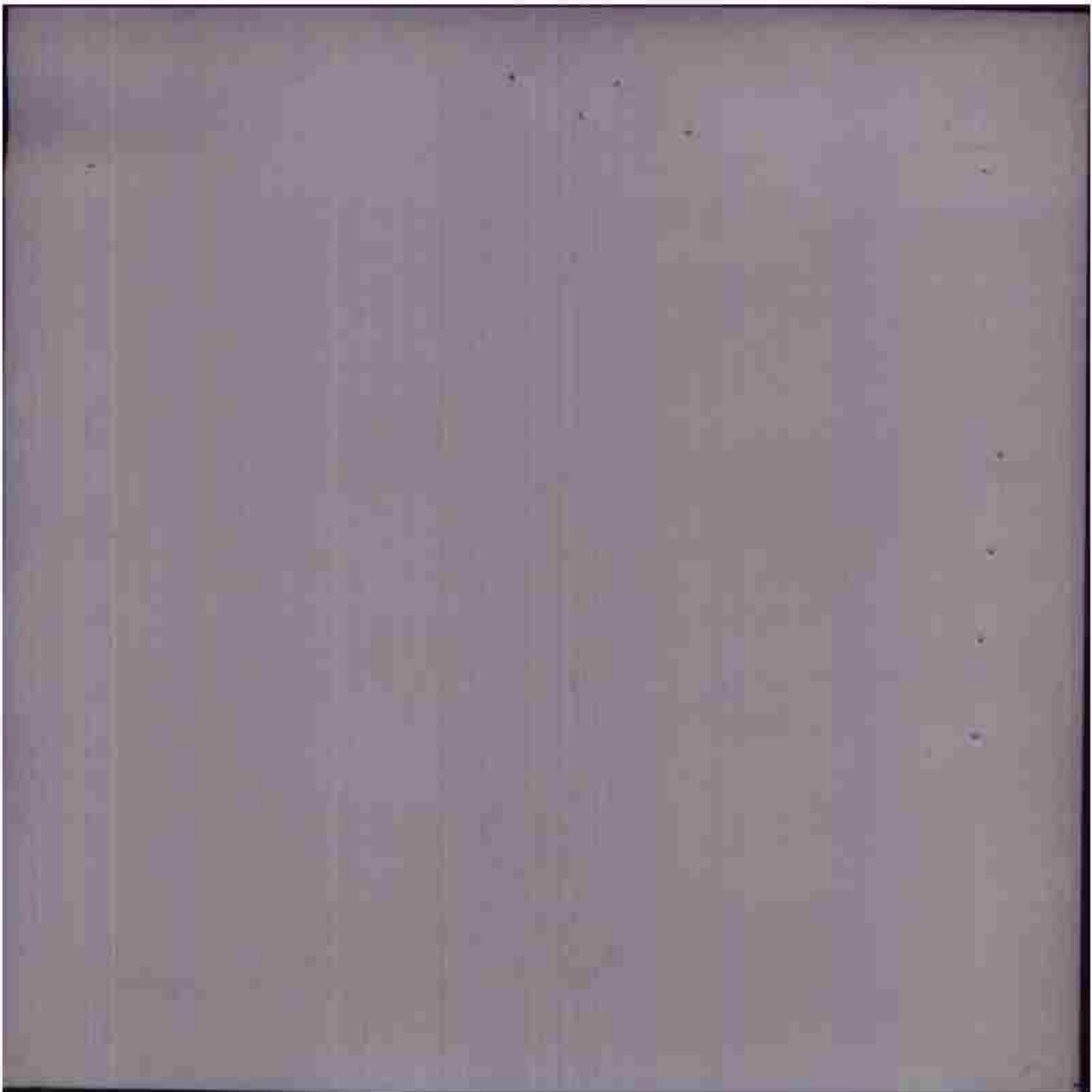
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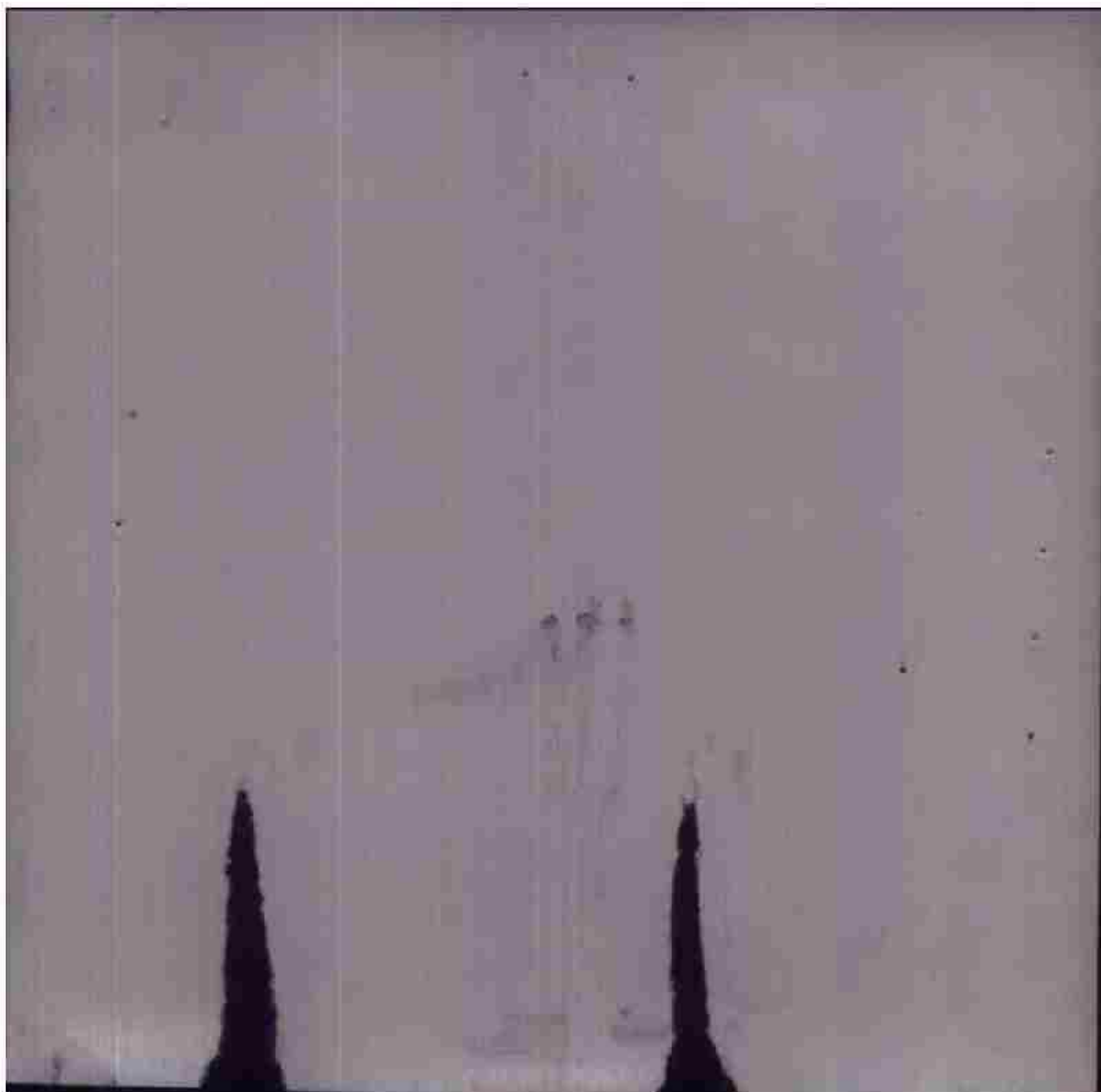
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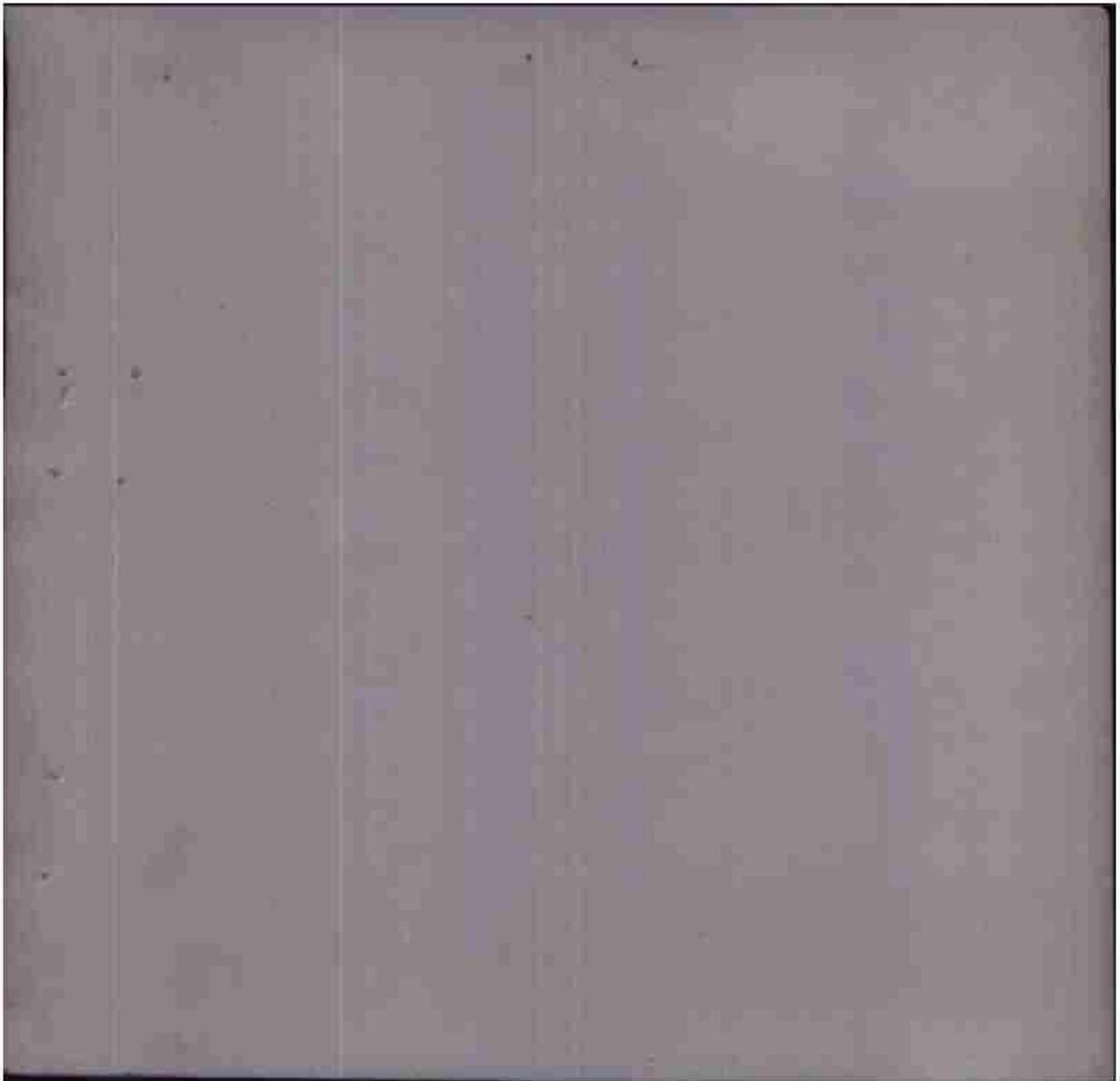
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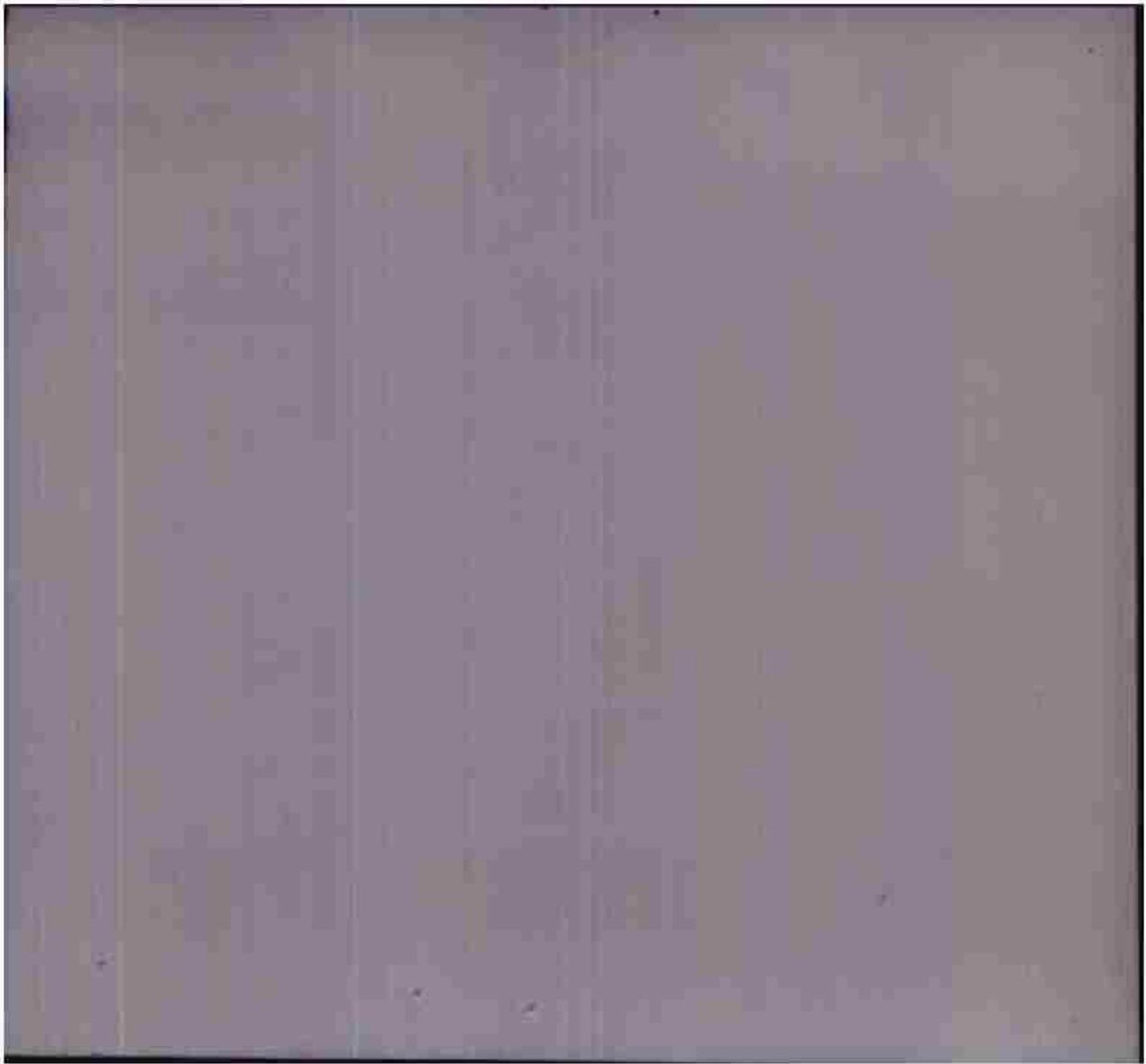
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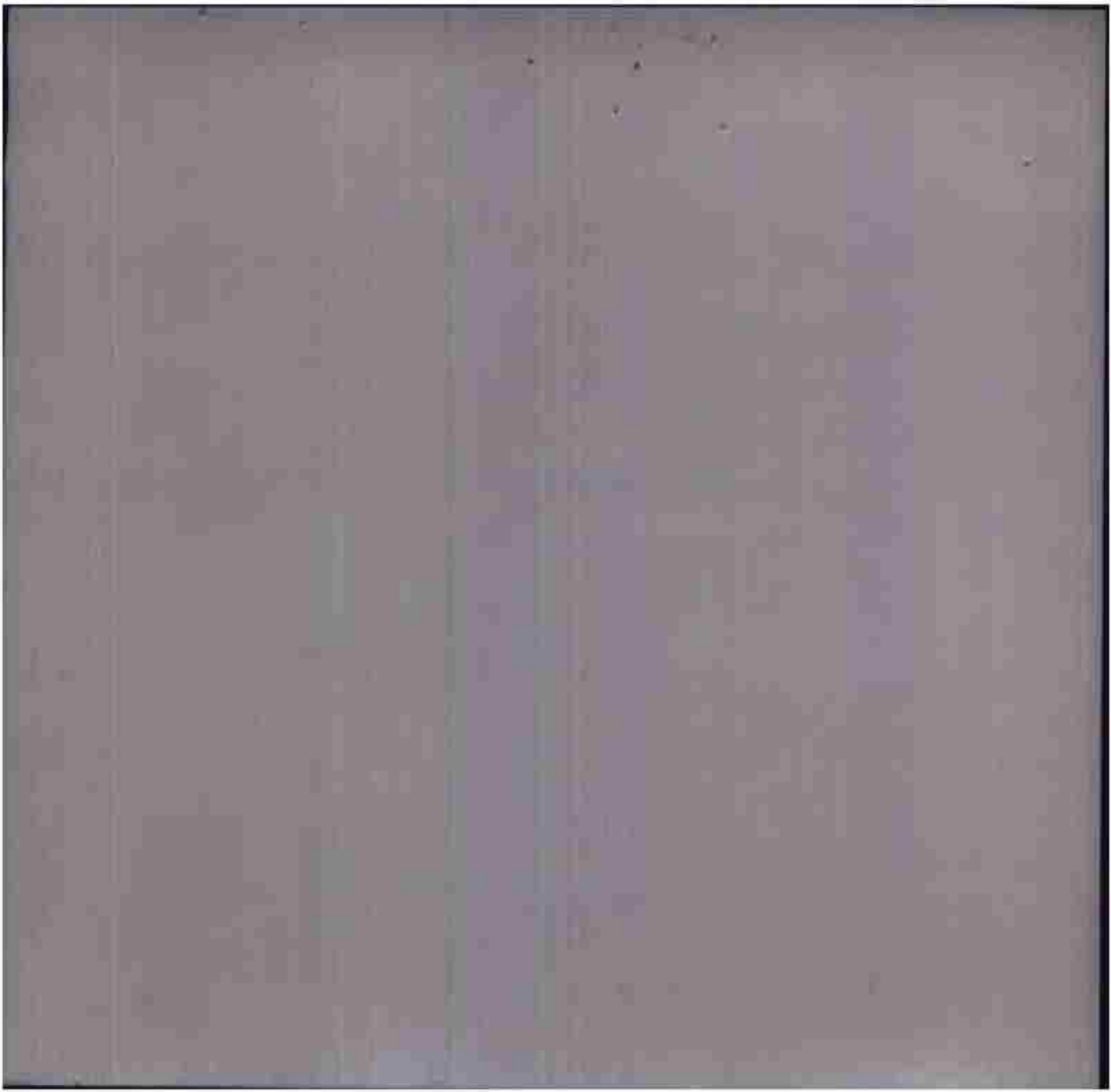
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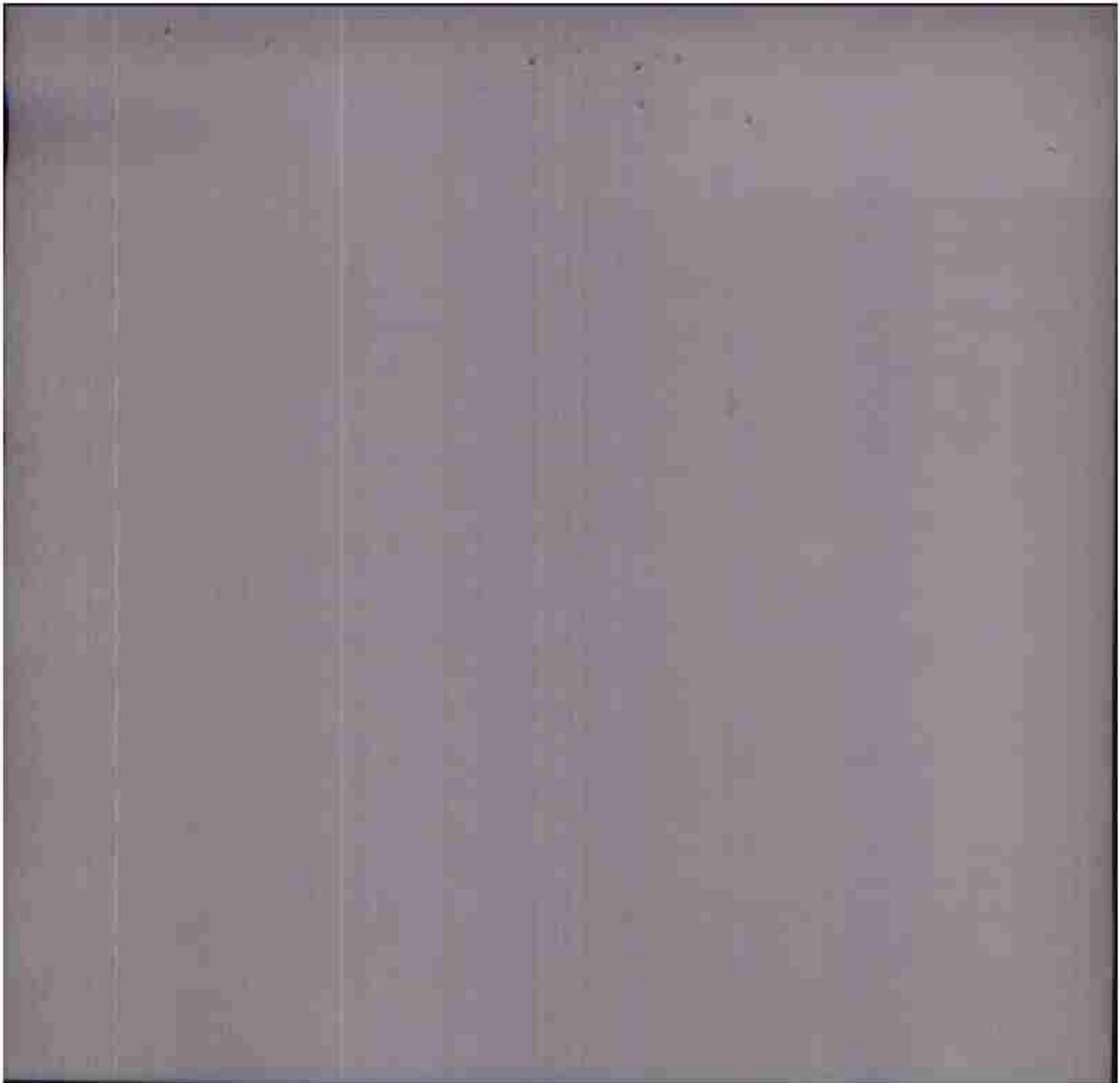
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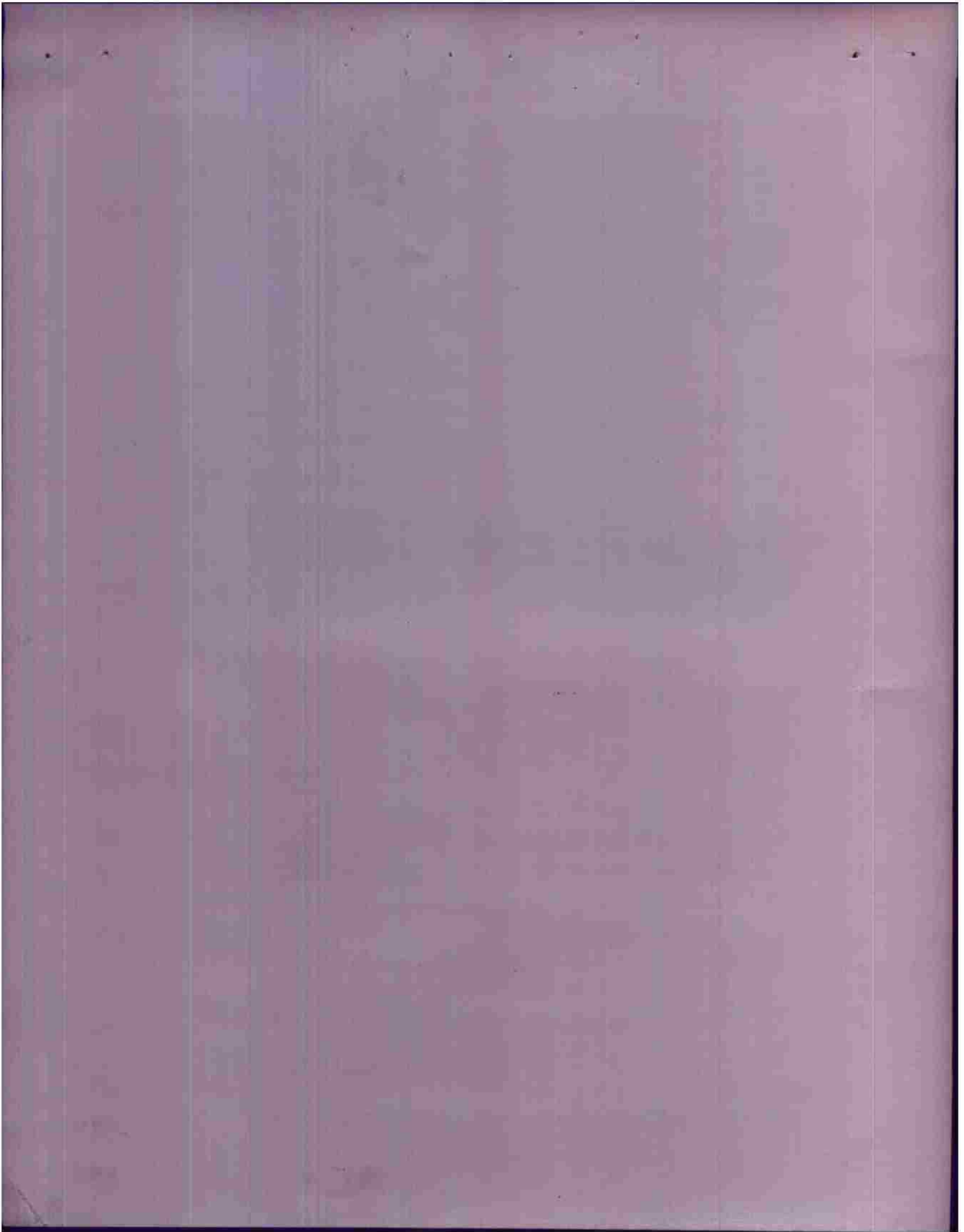
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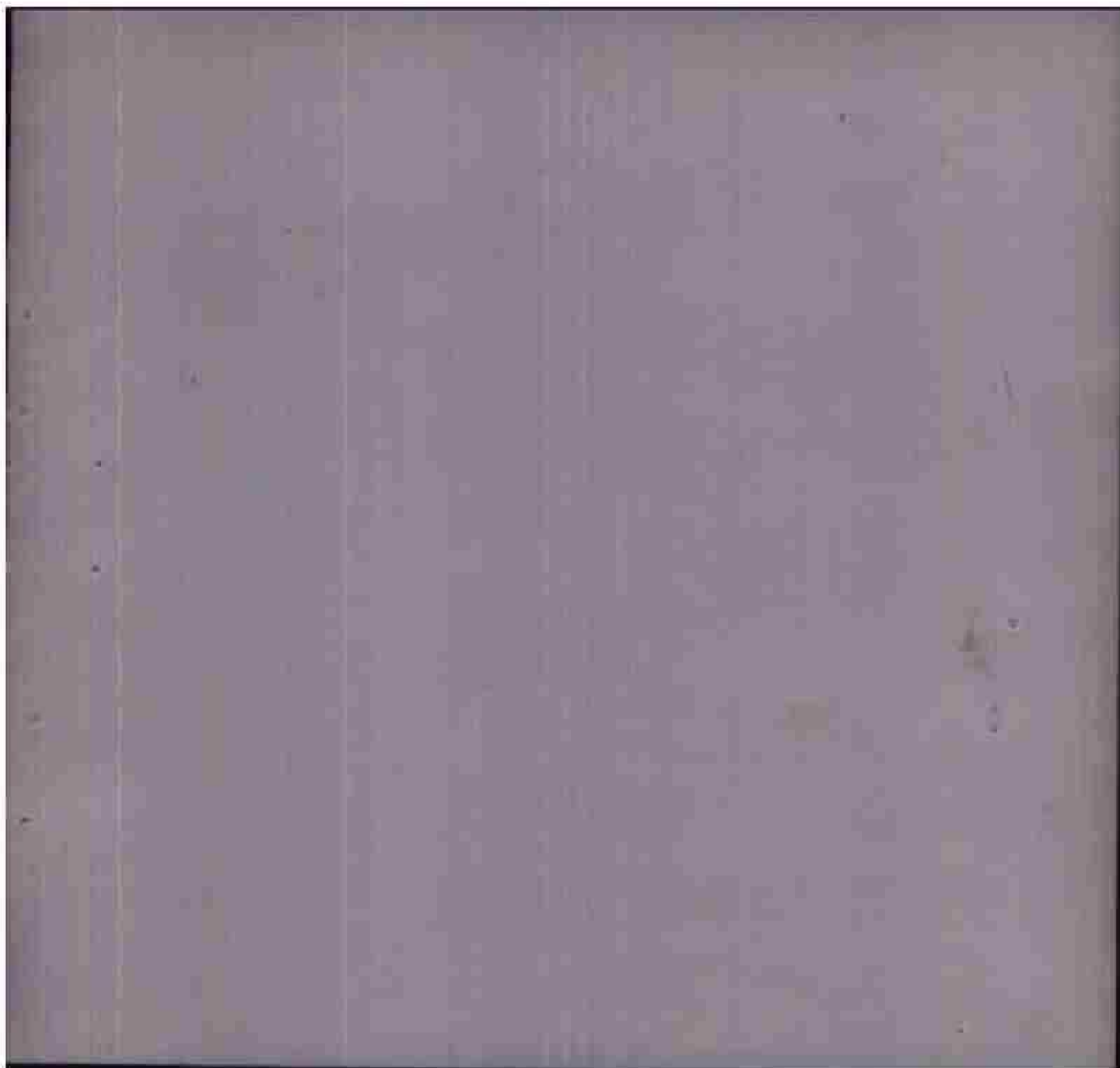


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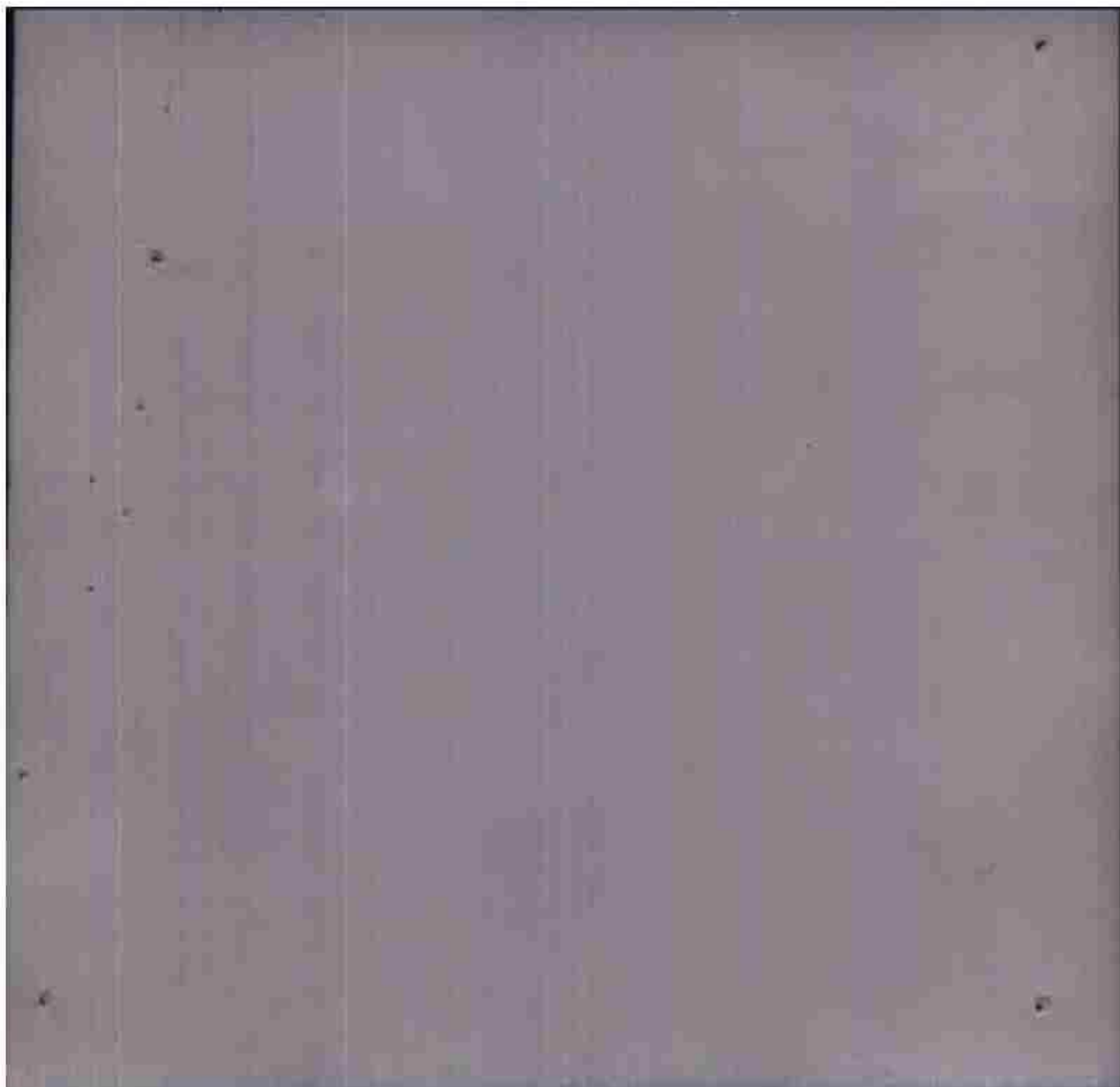
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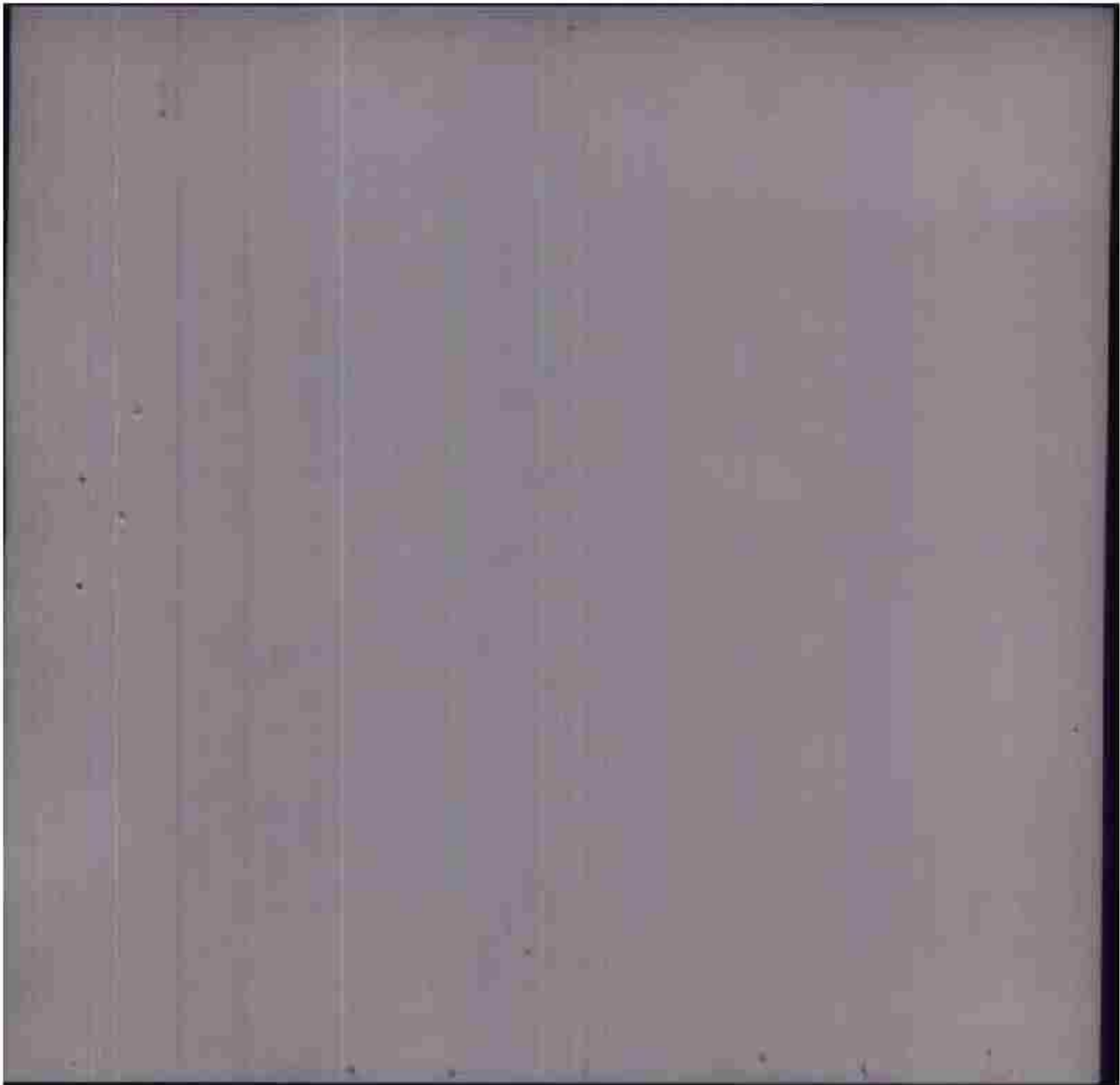
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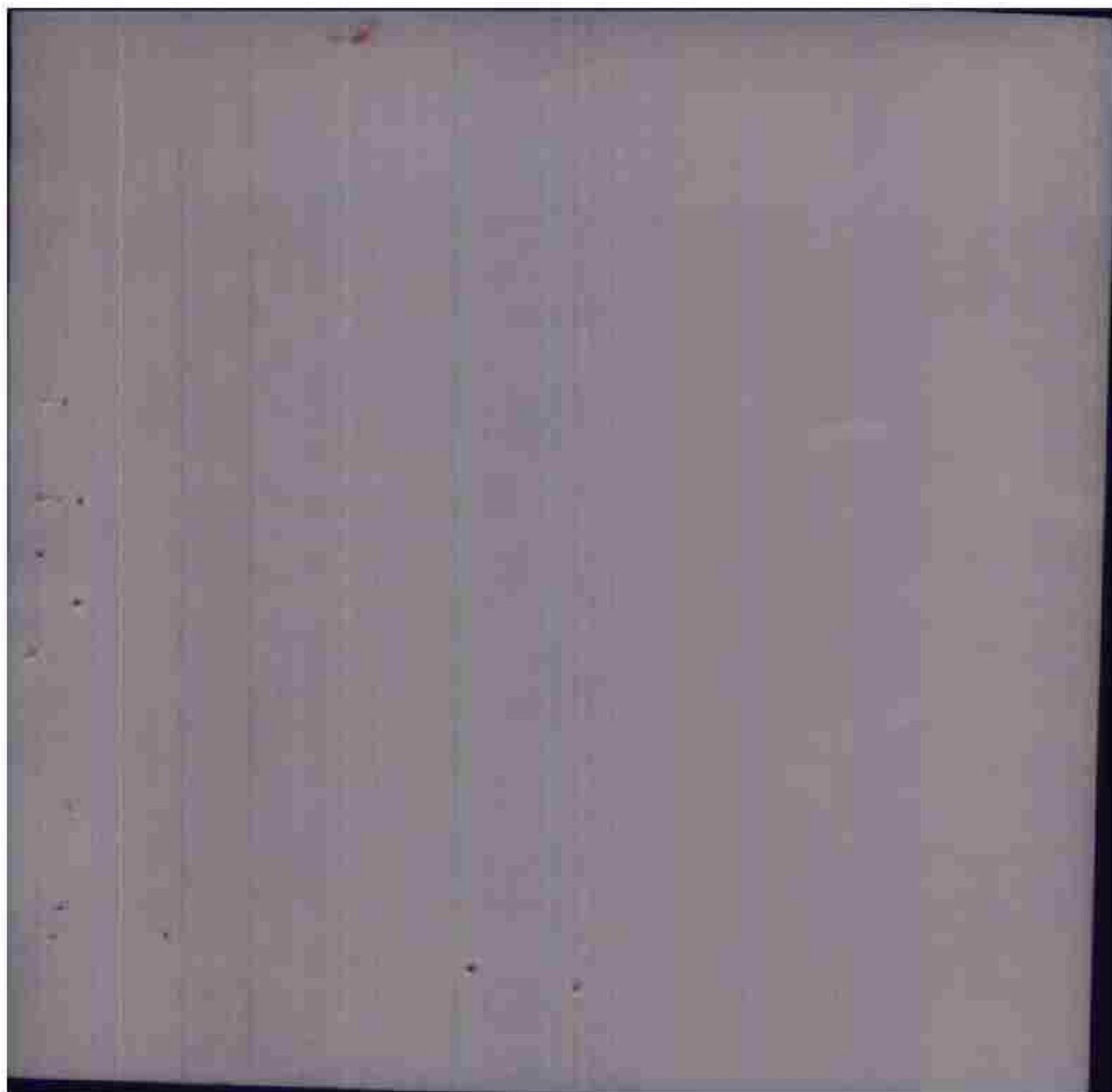
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9TH B.D. S-2 REPORT 10044

416 TF	9TH B.D. (M) WING 978th	B
GROUP	DATE 8 April 1945	Sondershausen RJ and
OTHER UNITS: TARGET		Built Up Area
		(Casual-Nordhausen)
	REPORT PHASE	
	INTERPRETATION	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED Sondershausen RJ and Built Up Area. PRIMARY
SECONDARY

M.P.I. 6 Cross roads in town.

A.P.

C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 39 A-26's. OF A/C ATTACKING 39
3, 6, 2, 4, 5, 1.

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

E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 156x1000 GPSING 1/10 -- 1/10

F. HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED	Box I Flt A - 65 deg.	1902
	B - 60	1803
	C - 80	1759½
G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED	Box II Flt A - 60	1807
	B - 360	1817½
H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET	C - 32	1802

J. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

Box I Flt A - DMPI - EXCEL: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of bursts 650ft S of DMPI. Bombs fell in excellent pattern on bldgs and roads causing considerable damage and blocking roads.

Flt B - DMPI - EXCEL: 98% of bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of bursts 642 ft SW of DMPI. Excellent pattern of bursts on hwy intersection, cutting roads and destroying bldgs.

Flt C - NAO - Dropped on ETA with 386th Bomb Group. No photos due to cloud cover.

Box II Flt A - DMPI - UMDET: Bombs fell into smoke covering town, no bursts from this Flt is visible.

Flt B - AMPI - EXCEL: Because clouds obscured target at altitude of 8500 ft, bombardier chose alternate target and bombed town of Nordhausen, 10 miles NW of primary target (Map Q5 Coord. 125270). Bombs fell in excellent pattern 440 ft NW of AMPI with hits scored on bldgs and roads.

Flt C - DMPI - EXCEL: 85% of bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI. Bombs fell in long pattern on roads and bldgs, center of bursts 650 ft NW of DMPI, with a number of hits scored on roads and bldgs.

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

XIB.C.9-2-Form No. 1061-B Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

OTHER UNIT: TARGET :	IX BC 97TH	WING :	
:	:	:	416TH
:	DATE	:	GROUP
:	:	:	
:	ATTACKING UNITS	:	
:	:	:	
:	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION:	:	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED _____ PRIMARY _____
 _____ SECONDARY _____
 _____ CASUAL _____

M.P.I. _____

A.P. _____

B. TARGET ATTACKED _____ MILES FROM PRIMARY _____
 DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY _____

C. COORDINATES _____ ON 1:50,000 MAP NO. _____

D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED _____ A-20's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING _____

E. BOMBING BY _____ IN FOLLOWING ORDER _____

F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED _____	FUSING	NOSE	TAIL
	FUSING	NOSE	TAIL

G. HEADING OF A/C WHERE BOMBS DROPPED _____ DEGREES MAG.

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED _____

I. ACTIVITY AT TARGET:

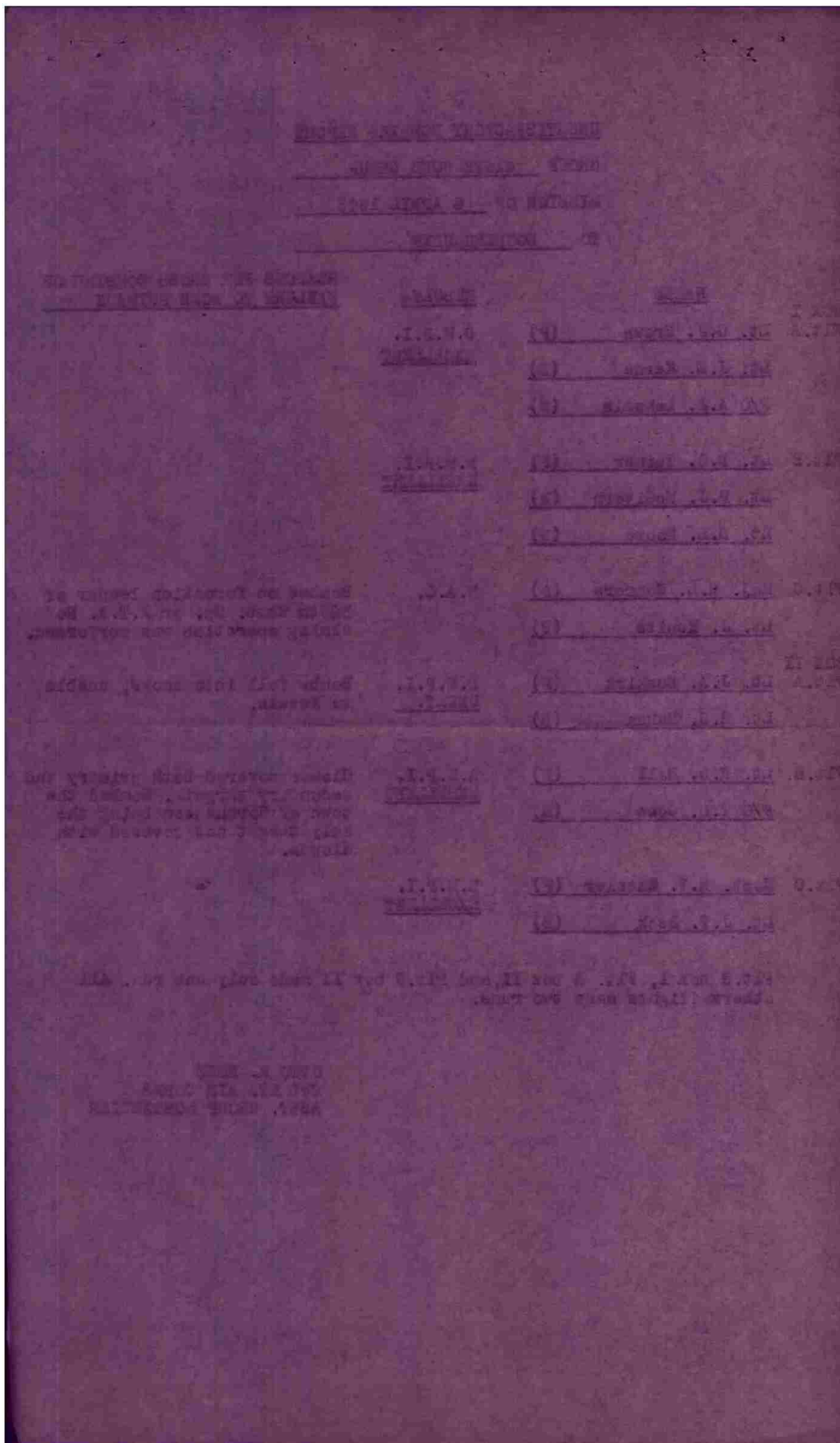
K. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

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	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>REASONS FOR GROSS BOMBING OR FAILURE TO BOMB PRIMARY</u>
BOX I			
Flt.A	<u>Lt. C.J. Brown (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. J.E. Kerns (B)</u>	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	
	<u>F/O A.J. Lehneis (N)</u>		
Flt.B	<u>Lt. D.O. Turner (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. P.J. McGivern (B)</u>	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	
	<u>Lt. D.L. Moore (N)</u>		
Flt.C	<u>Maj. H.L. Sommers (P)</u>	<u>N.A.O.</u>	Bombed on formation leader of 385th Bomb. Gp. on E.T.A. No aiming operation was performed.
	<u>Lt. J. Kupits (B)</u>		
BOX II			
Flt.A	<u>Lt. J.A. Buskirk (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	Bombs fell into smoke, unable to assess.
	<u>Lt. R.G. Hanna (B)</u>	<u>UNDET.</u>	
Flt.B	<u>Lt. R.B. Hall (P)</u>	<u>A.M.P.I.</u>	Clouds covered both primary and secondary targets. Bombed the town of Nordhausen being the only target not covered with clouds.
	<u>F/O T.L. Goss (B)</u>	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	
Flt.C	<u>Capt. R.V. Wheeler (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. J.T. Beck (B)</u>	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	

Flt.B box I, Flt. A box II, and Flt.C box II made only one run. All other flights made two runs.

OTTO R. KOCH
2ND LT. AIR CORPS
ASST. GROUP BOMBARDIER



CAMERAS INSTALLED	<u>14</u>	GROUP	<u>416th. Bomb Grp.</u>
CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING	<u>14</u>	<u>100</u> % WING	<u>97th. C.B.</u>
CAMERA FAILURES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> % DATE	<u>8, April 1945</u>
PERSONNEL FAILURES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> %	
OTHERS	<u>0</u>		

					TARGET <u>Sondershausen</u>
					Flt. <u>A-B-C</u>
		<u>249</u>			ALTITUDE <u>9500-5000-8000</u> FEET
			<u>300</u>		
					TRUE AIR SPEED <u>210</u> MPH
<u>271</u>	<u>381</u>			<u>314</u>	GROUND SPEED <u>210</u> MPH
			<u>252</u>		

					TARGET <u>Sondershausen</u>
					<u>Flt. A-B-C</u>
		<u>250</u>			ALTITUDE <u>5000-8500-4500</u> FEET
	<u>297</u>		<u>313</u>		
					TRUE AIR SPEED <u>210</u> MPH
			<u>223</u>		
<u>325</u>					GROUND SPEED <u>220</u> MPH
<u>264</u>			<u>232</u>	<u>286</u>	

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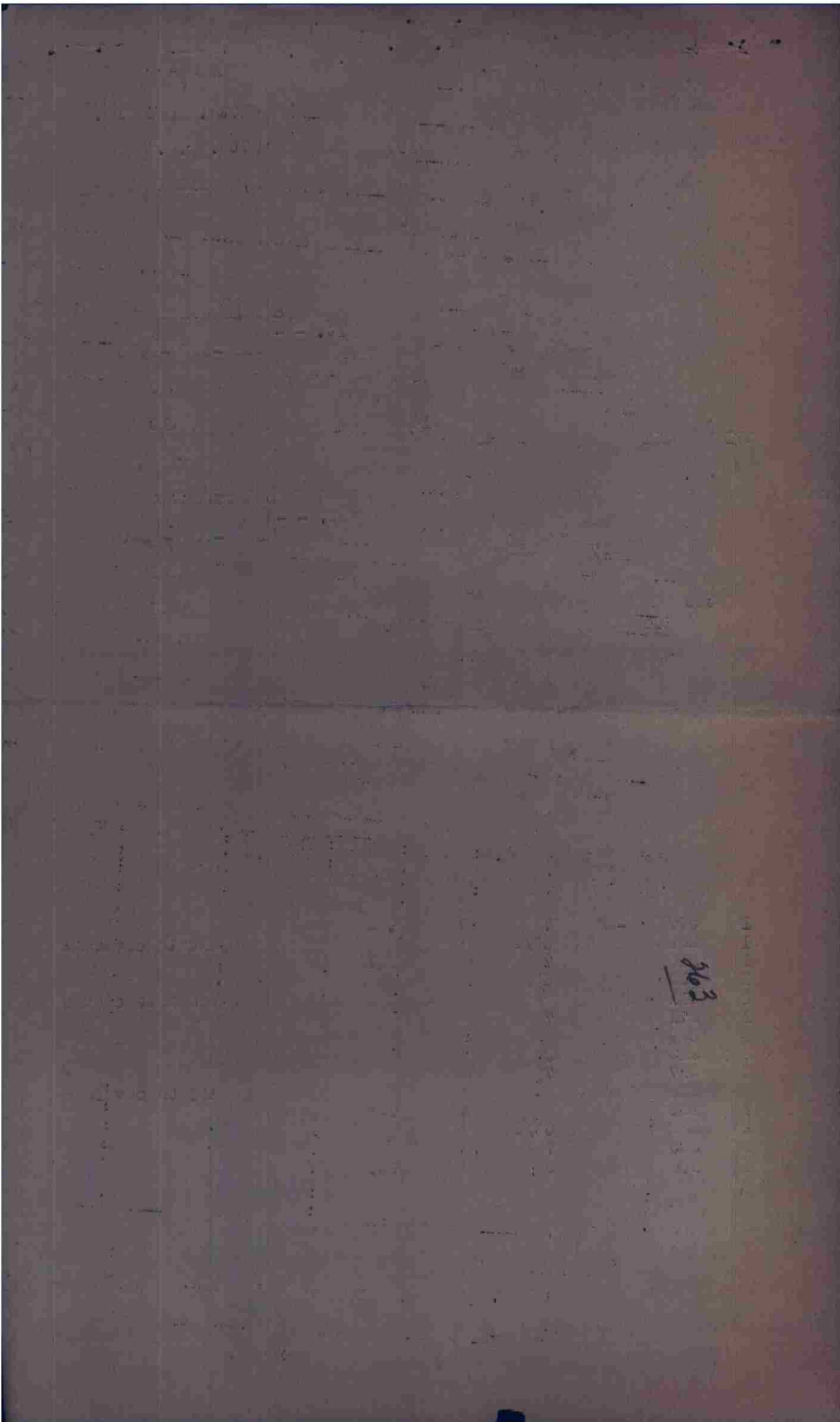
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TRUE AIR SPEED _____ MPH

GROUND SPEED _____ MPH

BOX NO.	A/C NO.	CAM. TYPE	F.L.	INT.	PRINTED SORTIES	UNPRINT SORTIES	EXPLANATION
1	300	K-24	7	0	933		
1	249	"	6 ³ / ₈	"			Duplicate coverage
1	314	"	7	"	931		
1	252	"	6 ³ / ₈	"			" "
1	381	"	"	"			Bombed into clouds
1	271	"	7	"			" " "
2	250	"	"	"			" " smoke
2	313	"	5	"			" " "
2	297	"	7	"			" " "
2	223	"	"	"			Duplicate coverage
2	286	"	"	"	932		
2	232	"	6 ³ / ₈	"			" "
2	325	"	7	"			" "
2	264	"	5	"	930		

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Sortie No.	Cameraman	Reason Failure



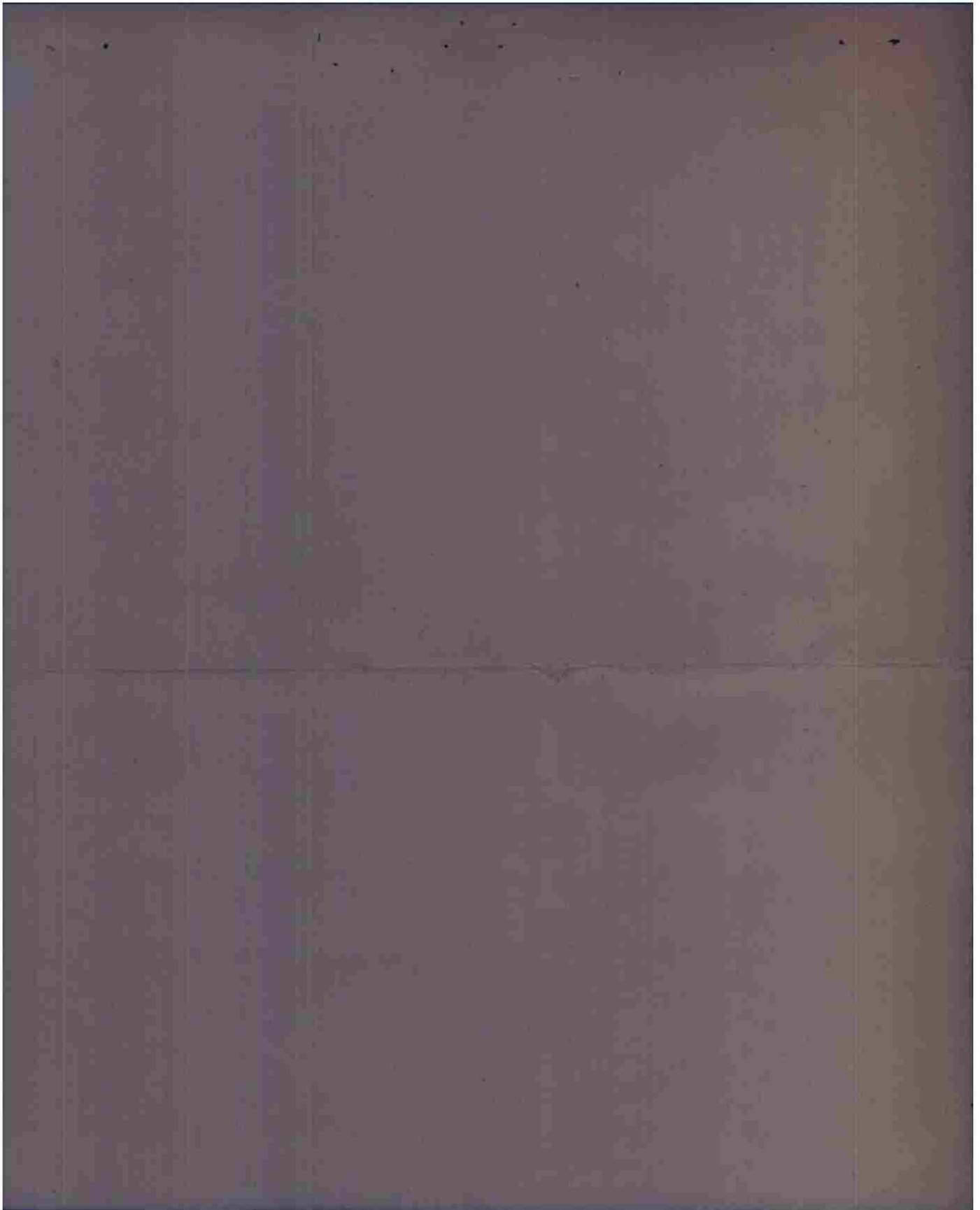
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- (A) TARGET: SONDERSHAUSEN COMM/CENTER 4416/Q5 - RD/183126
(ALTERNATE) NORDHAUSEN 4416/Q5 - RD/120266
- (B) SORFIE: US 416/930 THRU 933
- (C) DATE: 8 APR 45 TIME: BOX I FLTS B, C & II: 1800-1817 B
BOX I FLT A: 1902 B
- (D) ATTACKING A/C: 39 A-26's BY 6's
- (E) BOMBS: 156/1000 GP 1/10 M.: 1/40 T.
- (G) COVER: THE TARGET IS COVERED ON FAIR QUALITY PRINTS.
- (G) RESULTS OF BOMBING: FLTS I-A, I-B AND II-C BOMBED THE
PRIMARY TARGET AND THEIR BOMB PATTERNS EXTEND OVER
BLDGs, STREETS AND INTERSECTIONS. BURSTS FROM
FLT II-B ARE SEEN IN BUILT-UP AREA OF NORDHAUSEN.
THERE IS NO PHOTO COVERAGE FOR FLT I-C AND THE BOMBS
OF II-A FELL INTO SMOKE OVER THE TARGET.

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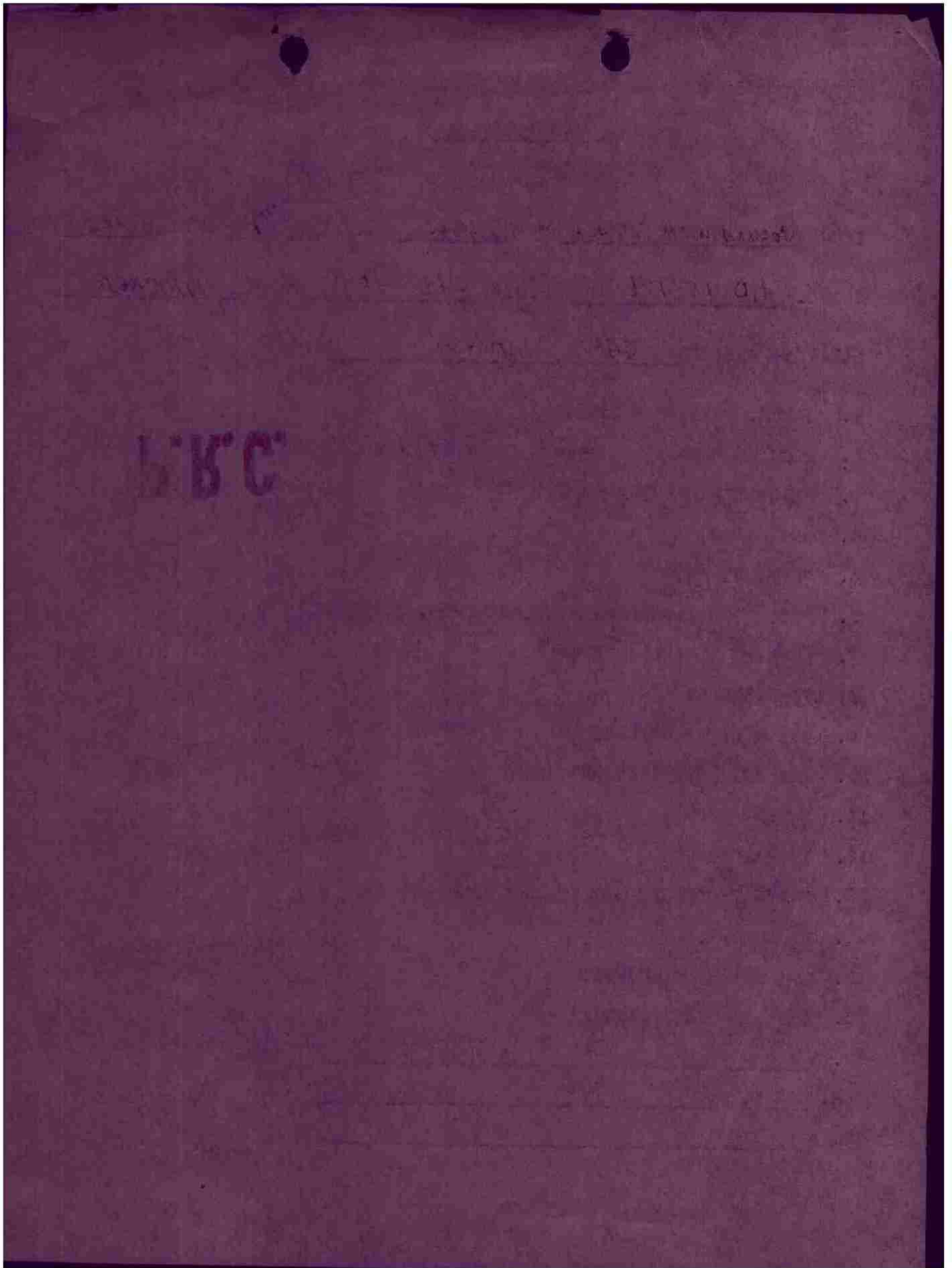
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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

Field Order 839 & 840

APO # 14C
8 April 1945

MISSION SUMMARY #104

(Afternoon Missions)

Section I

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
386 BG	Sondershausen (L-940541) Communications Center	Box I - N.A.O. (GEE) Box II - Flight A - Undet. (AMPI) Flight B - Undet. (AMPI) Flight C - N.A.O.
410 BG	Sondershausen (L-940541) Communications Center	Box I - Flight A - N.A.O. Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Excellent (SMPI) Box II - Flight A - No Attack Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Excellent (SMPI)
416 BG	Sondershausen (L-940541) Communications Center	Box I - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Excellent Flight C - N.A.O. Box II - Flight A - Undet. Flight B - Excellent (AMPI) Flight C - Excellent
409 BG	Sondershausen (L-940541) Communications Center	Box I - Undet. Box II - Flight A - Undet. Flight B - Undet. (AMPI) Flight C - Undet.
323 BG	Nienhagen (H-600393) Oil Refinery	Box I - Flight A - Excellent (SMPI) Flight B - Undet. (SMPI) Flight C - Excellent (SMPI) Box II - Flight A - N.A.O. Flight B - Undet. (SMPI) Flight C - Excellent (SMPI) Box III - Flight A - N.A.O. Flight B - Excellent (SMPI) Flight C - Undet. (SMPI)
394 BG	Nienhagen (H-600393) Oil Refinery	Box I - Flight A - Excellent (SMPI) Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Excellent Box II - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Undet. Flight C - Excellent (SMPI) Box III - Flight A - Undet. Flight B - Excellent (SMPI)
397 BG	Nienhagen (H600393) Oil Refinery	Undet.

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GROUP FIVE

Seven groups, whose Zero Hour on Field Order 839 was delayed from early morning to late afternoon because of adverse weather at target, attacked an oil refinery and a marshalling yard. Four additional groups, which had previously been dispatched on morning missions, bombed a communication center. Superior to Undetermined results were recorded.

Sondershausen (Communications Center)

386 BG: 37 a/c dispatched, 6 dropping 24 x 1000 Comp B on primary. 18 a/c dropped 69 x 1000 Comp B on briefed secondary target. 7 a/c dropped 28 x 1000 Comp B on Other target. Bomb disposition unknown of 4 a/c (3 missing, 1 landed at Euskirchen).

2 a/c failed to bomb: 1 mechanical failure; 1, other (pilot's hatch blew off).

3 missing a/c are unreported, but are believed to have landed away from base for refueling. 6 crewmen missing.

No losses, damage, further casualties.

Box I bombed on GEE, Box II visually by flights, from 4400-9000 feet.

Box I - M.A.O. (GEE). Cloud and haze obscured primary target. After second run bombardier dropped on briefed secondary target, town of Sangerhausen (D475265), 20 miles SE of primary. No photo coverage due to cloud and haze.

Box II - Flights A and B. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Bombardier was unable to bomb primary target due to cloud cover. Chose town of Nordhausen (D125270), 10 miles NNW of primary as MPI. Bomb bursts do not appear on negatives due to low altitude (5000') of formation, and intervalometer setting of automatic camera (20 sec). This put camera a/c well over bomb bursts when first picture was taken. However, area that appears on negatives can be identified as outskirts of Nordhausen. Crews report excellent results.

Flight C. M.A.O. Bombardier reports that bomb bay doors would not fully open. Therefore, he salvaged late. Bomb bursts do not appear on negatives due to low altitude and intervalometer setting of camera. Crews report poor results on primary.

410 BG: 38 a/c dispatched, 32 dropping 192 x 500 GP on and in vicinity of primary. (P.M.)

6 a/c failed to bomb: other (abandoned operations when bombardier failed to locate target due to haze. "GEE" equipment was out and gas shortage made it inadvisable to bomb on GEE).

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 4000-5000 feet.

Box I - Flight A. M.A.O. Bombardier could not pick up target on first two runs due to haze and smoke. On third run he was synchronizing for rate on point short of target, because DMPI could not be seen until latter part of run, due to haze and smoke. Target area could be seen, so bombardier placed his trigger in up position and called pilot to give him a verbal correction over interphone. Indicos crossed and bombs fell in fields, and across two N/S highways 2.6 miles SW of primary.

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Box II - 214th St. DEPT - UNIDENTIFIED. Bombs fell into smoke covering town. No bursts visible.

Flight 4. DRI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DRI. Center of bursts 650 feet S of DRI. Excellent pattern on buildings and roads.

NO LOSSES, DAMAGE, CASUALTIES.

476 BG: 39 +26 e/o dispatched, 27 dropping 108 x 1000 GP on primary. 12 e/o dropped 48 x 1000 GP on other target.

Plants B, DAPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bolls within 1000 foot radius of DAPI. Eastern covered 350 feet NW of DAPI. Planting was interseeded and a length of 4 1/2 and 5 1/2 ft. rows. A 1000 acre plot of a number of bollings.

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409 BG: 38 A-26 a/c dispatched, 32 dropping 192 x 500 IB on primary. 6 a/c dropped 36 x 500 IB on Other target.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 3800-9500 feet.

Box I and II (Except Box II - Flight B): DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Incomplete coverage due to smoke, and the nature of bombs themselves makes it impossible to trace individual bombardier patterns. One pattern covers the north central portion of town, across the Stockhausen Bebra road junction, and started fires in residential area. Two patterns fell in the area West and South west of the 5 road junctions in NE section of Sondershausen. Bombs from those two patterns walked across NE portion of town, and caused fires in built up areas. One pattern fell on the northern outskirts of Sondershausen. The southerly extent of this pattern cannot be determined because of smoke drift. The final pattern covers at least 8 to 10 school or barracks buildings in SE outskirts of Sondershausen. Photos from the last flight to bomb show a great ball of smoke hanging over Sondershausen.

Box II - Flight B. AMPI - UNDETERMINED. After two runs at primary target, bombardier, not wishing to go to secondary target because of low gasoline supply, chose center of town of Dachwig and bombed. Pattern cannot be determined because only one bomb is seen to burst in field on northern outskirts of town. Dachwig is located 20 1/4 miles S of Sondershausen, at J187800, 3 1/2 miles W of bombline and 3 miles east of nearest troop line.

Nienhagen (Oil Refinery)

323 BG: 52 a/c dispatched, 46 dropping 368 x 500 GP on primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 4 a/c (1 missing, 2 landed at Eindhoven, 1 at B-100, (GE-893343).

2 a/c failed to bomb: 1 mechanical, 1 personnel failures.

Missing a/c was last seen falling behind formation after turn off target. 6 crewmen missing.

14 a/c flak battle-damaged; 4 crewmen wounded. No losses.

Visual bombing by flights from 9500 - 12300 feet.

Box I - Flight A. SMPI - EXCELLENT. Since target area was completely obscured by smoke, bombardier selected MPI approximately 1200 feet N of DMPI. 100% of bombs, except for two salvos, within 1000 foot radius of SMPI. Good concentration, MPI of which is 480 feet east of SMPI. Bombs fell in wooded area adjacent to target area, with possible hits on pipelines running through area.

Flight B. SMPI - UNDETERMINED. DMPI obscured. Bombardier selected MPI approximately 1000 feet east of DMPI. Due to one camera being turned on before bombs away, and the diversion of camera-carrying a/c, no photo coverage is available. Crews report bombs in east end of target area.

Flight C. SMPI - EXCELLENT. DMPI obscured. Bombardier selected MPI approximately 400 feet NE of DMPI. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of SMPI. Fair concentration, MPI of which is 390 feet MNW of SMPI. Hits and near misses were obtained on roads and RR immediately north of target area.

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394 BG:

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Box II - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern approximately 800 feet south of DMPI. Bursts covered installations and storage area. Damage should be heavy.

Flight B. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. One camera a/c of this flight landed away from base. The remaining camera did not show bomb hits, due to burn off target. Bombardier could not sight on primary due to smoke, so bombed secondary, town of Gifhorn (X909353). Crews report excellent results.

Flight C. SMPI - EXCELLENT. Due to heavy smoke over target, bombardier selected MPI approximately 1400 feet SW of DMPI. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of SMPI. Partly smoke covered concentration 500 feet W of SMPI. Smoke prevents damage estimate.

Box III - Flight A. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Due to heavy smoke at target bomb hits can not be seen. Crews report excellent results.

Flight B. SMPI - EXCELLENT. Due to heavy smoke over target, bombardier picked MPI approximately 1800 feet SW of DMPI. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of SMPI. Partly covered pattern is 675 feet SW of SMPI. Smoke prevents damage estimate.

397 BG: 45 a/c dispatched, 44 dropping 174 x 1000 GP on primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which was lost.

Lost a/c was hit by flak in vicinity of Peine (X-710170), and crashed in flames. 2 chutes observed. 6 crewmen missing.

12 additional a/c flak battle-damaged; no further casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 8000 - 11000 feet.

No photo coverage due to fires and smoke from previous attacks. Crews report good to excellent results by visual observation.

387 BG: 47 a/c dispatched, all dropping 376 x 500 IB on primary.

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

Visual bombing by flights from 7,500 - 11,300 feet.

No photo coverage due to lateness of mission and smoke in target area. Crews report excellent to superior results by visual observation.

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322 BG: 52 a/c dispatched, all dropping 208 x 1000 GP on primary.

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

Visual bombing by flights from 6150 - 10400 feet.

Box I - Flight A. SMPI - SUPERIOR. Bombardier could not distinguish target sidings, so chose M/Y to south, with its many cars. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of SMPI, centering 250 feet to the east. Good concentration on some cars, sidings, and adjoining rail shops, and small buildings.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 130 feet NW of DMPI, covering sidings, south choke point, and about one half the cars of a passenger train. Also, some houses adjoining to the west.

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Flight C, DMR - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMR. First bombs caused a large explosion approximately 180 feet W of DMR. Smoke from explosion covered east of DMR, probably measuring. Strikes in W/V with damage to rolling stock.

Box II - Flight A, DMR - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMR. Because of large explosion started by Flight B, which bombed first, pattern can not be separated from other two flights, and no measurement is possible. Strikes just W of DMR, hitting across W/V with probable damage to rolling stock.

Flight C, DMR - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMR. Good pattern 570 feet E of DMR. Bombs at edge of W/V and in factory area.

Box I - Flight A, DMR - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMR. Loose pattern 450 feet SE of DMR. Strikes across half the width of W/V and in open. Hits on at least two tracks of wagons.

Visual bombing by flights from 9000 - 11900 feet.

4 a/c like battle-damaged; no losses, casualties.

344 BG: 43 a/c dispatched, all dropping 85 x 2000 lb on primary.

Flight C, DMR - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMR. Excellent pattern covering 500 feet to the east, on houses, buildings, and a main road just east of loading platform.

Flight B, DMR - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMR with zero elevation error. Excellent pattern almost in pattern of Box I, Flight B, on cars and adjoining buildings.

Flight A, DMR - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMR. Excellent pattern covering 250 feet to SE. Bombs fell partially in smoke, just between siding and W/V, almost in pattern of Box I, Flight A, on tracks, cars, and possible adjoining buildings.

Box III - Flight A, DMR - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMR. Good pattern centered 935 feet E of DMR, on residences, other buildings, and gas works.

Flight C, DMR - EXCELLENT. 90% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMR. Excellent pattern, covering approximately 90 feet to the south, covering loading platform and W/V over a wide road. Also, probable hits on RR bridge over river, and houses on either side of tracks.

Flight B, DMR - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMR. Excellent pattern, covering approximately 90 feet to the south, covering loading platform and W/V over a wide road. Also, probable hits on RR bridge over river, and houses on either side of tracks.

Box II - Flight A, DMR - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMR. Excellent pattern, covering 80 feet to the south, on center of siding, cars, tracks, and houses on both sides.

Flight C, DMR - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMR. Pattern is centered 90 feet to the south, covering W/V's north choke point on first Mt and passenger cars. About 2 stray bombs hit on or near residences just to the west.

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Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Pattern cannot be separated from other two flights because of smoke from explosion. Strikes across L/Y with damage to rolling stock.

Box III - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 150 feet west of DMPI. Pattern extends across L/Y covering DMPI. Smoke prevents damage assessment.

391 BG: 37 a/c dispatched, all dropping 74 x 2000 GP on primary.

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

Visual bombing by flights from 7500 - 9300 feet.

Box I - Flight A. SMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier did not bomb DMPI due to smoke in assigned area. Chase RR intersection about 2100 feet south of DMPI as MPI. Bombs fell in tight pattern about 600 feet SSW of SMPI, with all bombs within 1000 foot radius of SMPI. 4 RR lines and one roadway cut, with hits on at least 8 residential type buildings.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Flight pattern centered about 350 feet east of DMPI cutting at least one RR line, 1 roadway, and hitting at least 3 residential type buildings.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Flight pattern about 100 feet ENE of DMPI, cutting at least 10 RR lines, and damaging several goods wagons in an already heavily damaged part of the yards.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs, except 2 salvaged bombs, within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Split pattern, with majority of bombs about 550 feet ESE of DMPI, and several bombs on tracks about 350 feet NNE of DMPI. At least 3 tracks cut and 3 warehouse type buildings hit.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Pattern centered on DMPI, across the entire width of the yard, partially into burning goods wagons; cutting at least 10 RR lines, and damaging at least 8 goods wagons.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Flight pattern about 500 feet N of DMPI, hitting 2 roadways and at least 12 residential type buildings.

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0	Claims
0	Injured
18	Missing
4	Wounded
1	Killed
53	A/C Battle Damaged
1	A/C Crash-Landed (374 BG)
4	A/C Missing (386 BG-3, 323 BG-1)
1	A/C Lost (397 BG)

141,291.61	Total Bombs to Date
875.50	Bombs on Enemy Territory

476	TOTAL
9	Bombs of 9 A/C Unaccounted for
0	Other
0	Window
0	Barbs
0	A/C Recalled (weather)
10	A/C Falling to Bomb
457	A/C Bombing
476	A/C C/P

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FAILURES TO BOMB

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. A/C</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASON</u>
386	1	Mechanical	Trim tab elevator inoperative.
	1	Other	Pilot's hatch blew off.
410	6	Other	Bombardier failed to locate target due to haze. "GLE" equipment was out and gas shortage made it inadvisable to bomb secondary target.
323	1	Personnel	Bombardier sick.
	1	Other	Gas cap missing.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Sondershausen

386 BG: Heavy haze and smoke from surface to 10-12,000 feet. Visibility nil air to ground. Clear to north, south, and west.

410 BG: Clear. Smoke, base 5000 feet, tops variable 7800-9000 feet. Visibility 1 mile air to ground below smoke.

416 BG: Nil cloud. Large pall of battle smoke, base 4-5000 feet, tops 7500 feet. Visibility 2-5 miles air to ground in smoke.

409 BG: Nil cloud. Visibility $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 mile in heavy haze; top of haze 8000 feet.

Nienhausen

323 BG: Clear. Visibility generally unrestricted air to air and ground to ground, but local restrictions due to smoke.

394 BG: Nil cloud. Visibility 10 miles down sun.

397 BG: Nil cloud. Visibility 3-5 miles in dense smoke and haze.

387 BG: Nil cloud. Visibility 10 miles air to ground.

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322 BG: Clear. Visibility 10-20 miles air to ground.

344 BG: Nil cloud. Visibility 10 miles up sun, unlimited down sun.

391 BG: Nil cloud. Light haze, top 6-8000 feet. Visibility 10-12 miles.

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The 387 gp experienced night incendiary heavy fire just before bombs away.
Flak fire was received north of Jenebat (X175400). The lost a/c was seen to go down near 06595. Two parachutes were seen to open.
Flak was also observed at a road and railroad crossing. Note the incendiary heavy fire (X590600), and northeast of Jenebat (0550995), above Jenebat from 8
Flak was also seen firing (X170170), south of Jenebat (X130525), and
target, continuing for 1 minute after burning time. Moderate incendiary heavy
The 397 gp received moderate incendiary heavy fire between the IF and the
The 397 gp encountered night incendiary heavy fire between X590410 and X510700.
was last seen falling during formation just after the turn off target.
incendiary heavy fire on the bomb run at X590420 to X590400. The missing a/c
Flak was experienced by all groups on this mission. The 383 gp reported heavy

383, 394, 397, 387 Gps
Mong Huan Oil Refinery
a/c Lost to Flak
a/c Missing
a/c Flak Battle Damaged
a/c Flak Battle Damaged
18,438

Flak was not encountered enroute or at the target.

386, 419, 410, 409 Gps
Songphaphan Comm. Center
a/c Lost to Flak
a/c Flak Battle Damaged
a/c Flak Battle Damaged
0

472
a/c OVER TARGET (MISSED)
a/c Lost to Flak
a/c Missing
a/c Flak Battle Damaged
a/c Flak Battle Damaged
11,238

FLAK RESULTS SUMMARY

GROUP	CALIBER	PHOTOGRAPHIC	NO. CALIBER	PHOTOGRAPHIC	NO. CALIBER	PHOTOGRAPHIC
391	100%	0	1	9%	0	0
344	89%	1	1	11%	0	0
322	86%	1	1	7%	1	7%
394	100%	0	0	0	0	0
323	70%	1	1	6%	4	24%
409	100%	0	0	0	0	0
416	100%	0	0	0	0	0
410	100%	0	0	0	0	0

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Cello Marshalling Yard 322, 344, 391 Gps

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Flak Battle Damaged	18
% A/C Flak Battle Damaged	13.64%

The 322 Gp encountered moderate tracking heavy flak fire from two gun batteries near Nienberg (X0152 to X1954). The first box was being tracked and the fire was accurate, especially for altitude. The third box reported only weak inaccurate heavy flak fire over this defended area.

The 344 Gp received weak inaccurate to weak accurate heavy flak fire in the same area near Nienberg (X014505), while enroute to the target. A railroad battery was seen firing 6 miles NE of Nienberg. On return from the target area, this battery was observed to have been knocked out.

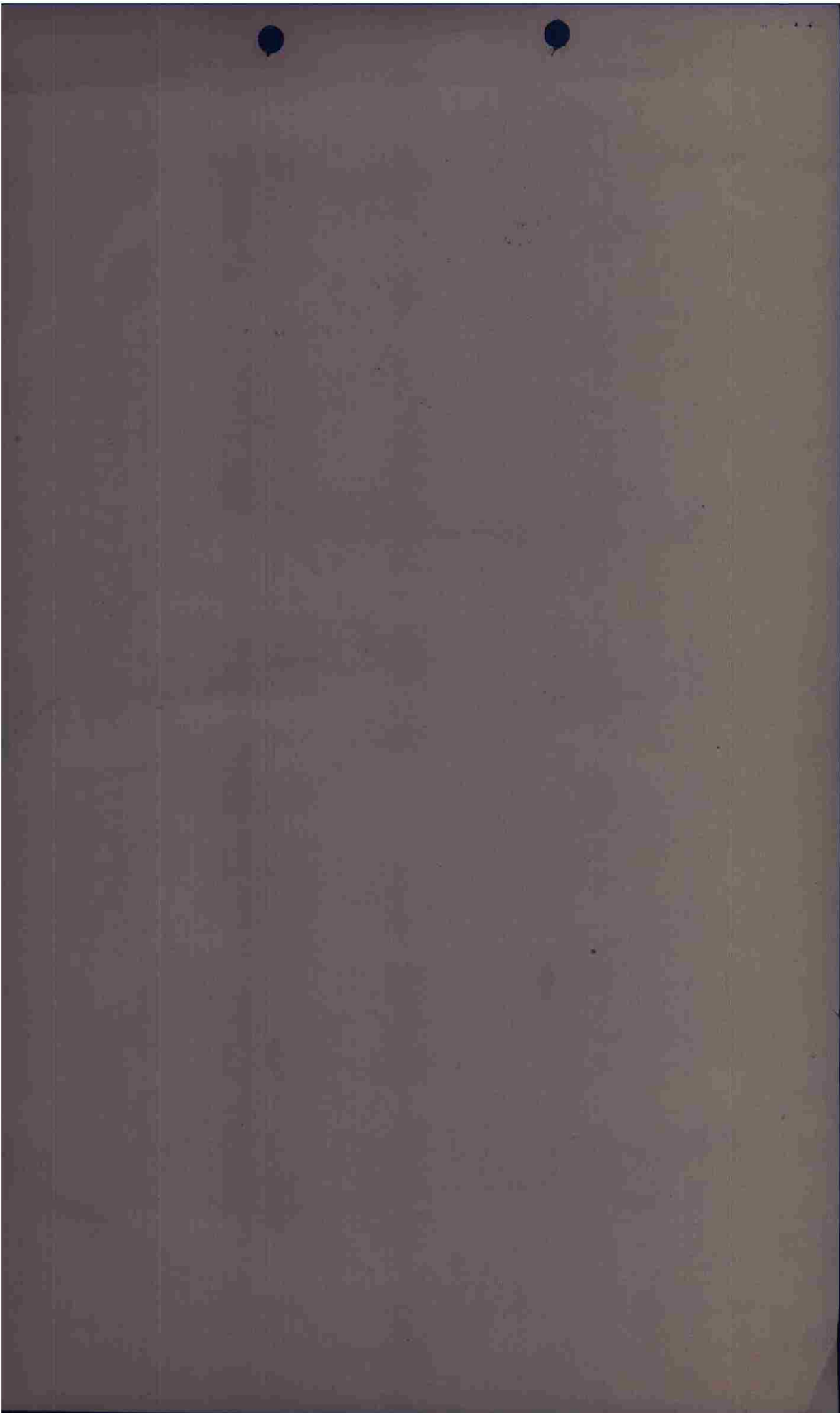
The 391 Gp received weak to moderate heavy flak fire beginning at the bomb line near Nienberg (W990500) and tracking the first box with fair accuracy for approximately 3 to 5 minutes. The second box avoided the fire by skirting the area.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.T.'s: 1756 to 1904

The 322 Group encountered three Me 163's just beyond target (Cello) at approximately 1813 hours. The "Comets" were flying north at 6000 feet. No effort was made to attack the formation.

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CONSOLIDATED MISSION STATISTICS

8 APRIL 1945

Missin Total

A/C OFF

636

A/C Bombing

614

A/C Failing to Bomb

13

Bombs of 9 A/C Unaccounted

9

TOTAL

636



Bombs on Enemy Territory

1,000.85

Total Bombs to Date

141,291.81

A/C Lost (397 EG)

1

A/C Missing (386 EG-3, 323 EG-1)

4

A/C Crash-Landed (394 EG)

1

A/C Battle Damaged

53

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Killed

1

Wounded

4

Missing

18

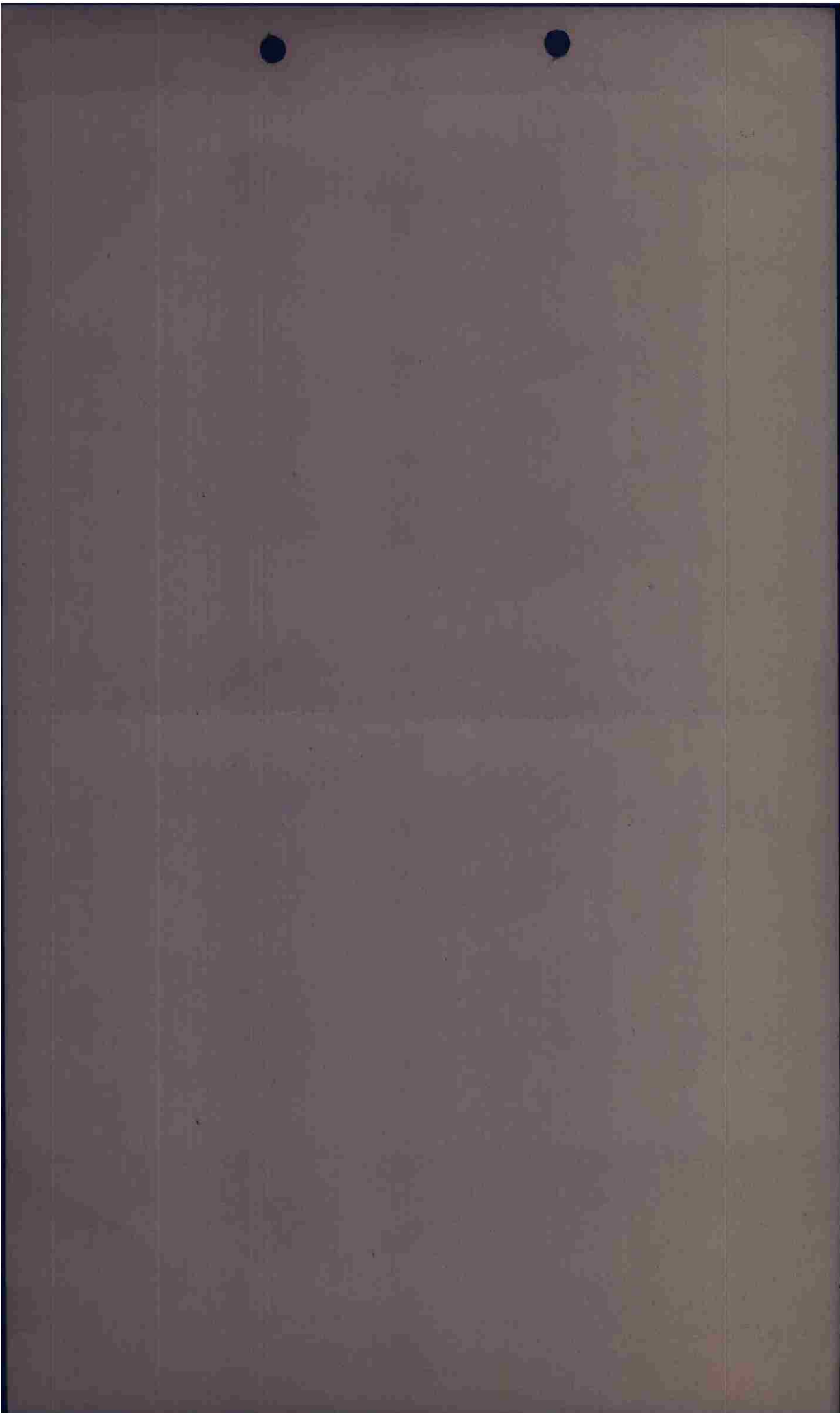
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Claims

0

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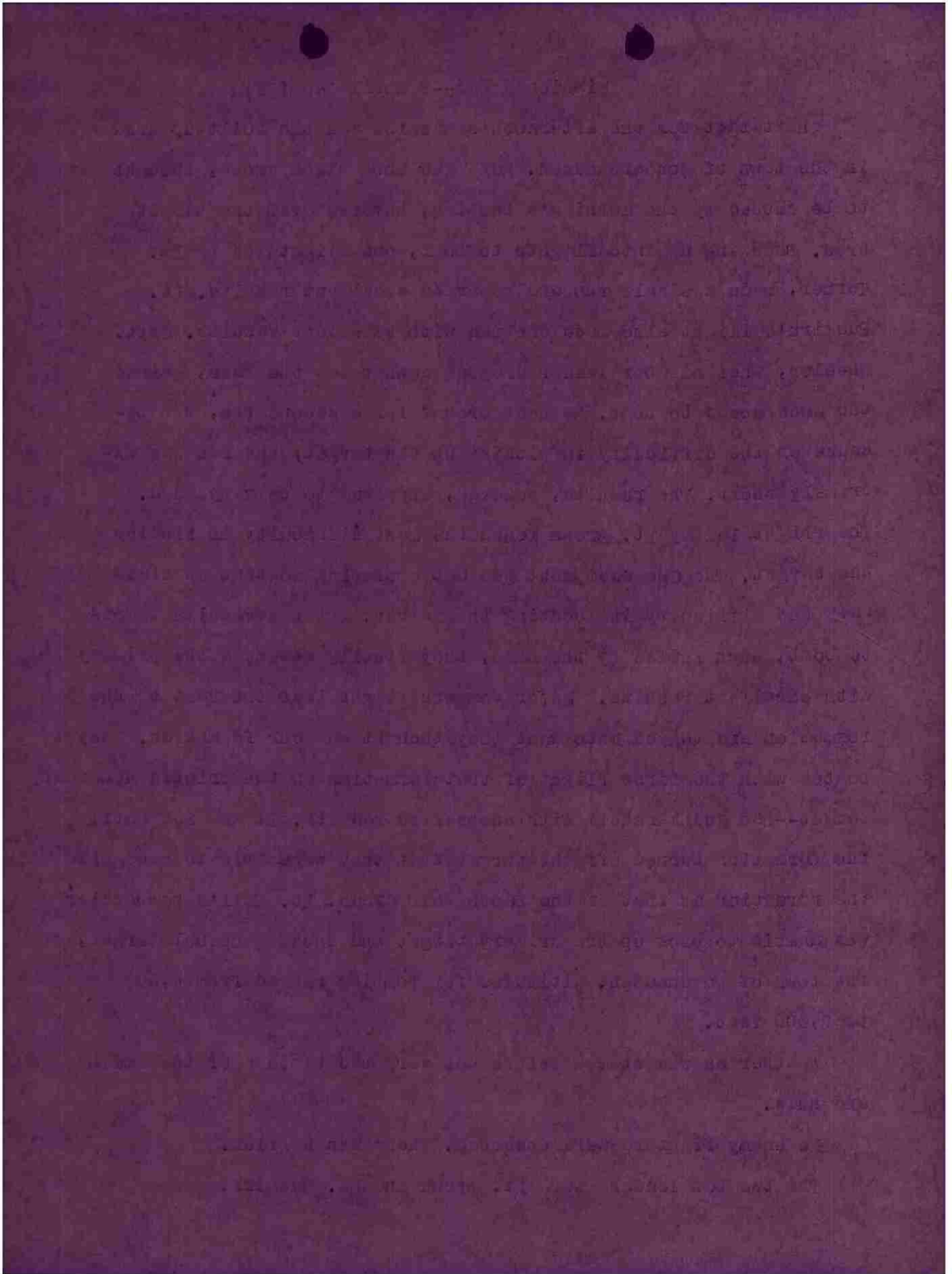
Mission # 263--8 April '45 (PM)

The target for the afternoon's mission was the built-up area in the town of Sondershausen. Haze and much black smoke, thought to be caused by the morning's bombing, hovered over the target area. Breaking up into flights to bomb, one flight led by Lt. Turner, made a single run and reported excellent results. Lt. Buskirk's flight also made one run with excellent results. Capt. Wheeler, when his box leader dropped down below the haze, gained too much speed to bomb. He went around for a second run, but because of the difficulty in picking up the target, the run was extremely short. The results, however, appeared to be very good. The flight led by Lt. Brown found the most difficulty in finding the target. The Gee equipment was not operating so that at times they had difficulty in locating themselves. After several attempts to bomb, each foiled by the haze, they finally attacked the primary with excellent results. Major Sommers flight lost the rest of the formation and tagged onto what they thought was our formation. They bombed with the first flight of that formation on the briefed secondary target--Bad Frankensheim with unobserved results. It was not until the formation turned off the target that they were able to recognize the formation as that of the 386th Bomb Group. Lt. Hall's bombardier was unable to pick up the primary target and chose a casual target, the town of Nordhausen. Altitudes for bombing ranged from 4,500 to 9,000 feet.

Weather as was stated before was very bad because of the smoke and haze.

No enemy fighters were observed. There was no flak.

The two box leaders were Lt. Brown and Lt. Buskirk.



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 14/08 OP OP
 FROM 416TH BOMB GRP. (L) 08/2220B
 TO CG 9TH BOMB DIV. ATTN: A-2
 CG 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

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SECRET 416BG P-132-D
 OPSFLASH FOR 8 APRIL 1945 AFTERNOON MISSION

- A. 416TH BOMB GRP. (L).
- B. SONDERHAUSEN ROAD JCT. AND BUILT UP AREA (RD-183126)
- C. 39 A-26 A/C
- D. 27 A-26 A/C ON PRIMARY
 6 A-26 A/C ATTACKED WITH 386 BOMB GRP. SEE PARA-X
 6 A-26 A/C ATTACKED CASUAL AT NORDHAUSEN (D-125265) BECAUSE CLOUDS
 OBSCURED THE PRIMARY AND BRIEFED SECONDARY, BUT CASUAL TARGET WAS
 VISIBLE AND HWE BOMBARDEIR COULD IDENTIFY THE TARGET ATTACKED.
- E. NIL
- F. 108 X 1000 GPS ON PRIMARY
 24 X 1000 GPS ON CASUAL (D-125265)
 24 X 1000 GPS DROPPED ON ETA WITH 386 BOMB GRP. (TARGET UNKNOWN)
- G. BOX I FLT. A GOOD, MADE 2 BOMB RUNS
 FLT. B GOOD, MADE 1 BOMB RUN
~~TEXT~~
 FLT. C UNOBSERVED, MADE 2 BOMB RUNS WITH 386 BOMB GRP.
- BOX II FLT. A EXCELLENT, MADE 1 BOMB RUN
 FLT. B EXCELLENT, BOMBED CASUAL (D-125265) MADE 1 RUN
 FLT. C GOOD, MADE 2 BOMB HWE RUNS
- I. NIL
- J. NIL
- K. NIL
- L. BOX I FLT. A 9500
 FLT. B 5000
 FLT. C 3000
 BOX II FLT. A 5000
 FLT. B 3500
 FLT. C 4000
- M. BOX I FLT. A 1902
 FLT. B 1802
 FLT. C 1759 1/2
 BOX II FLT. A 1807
 FLT. B 1817
 FLT. C 1802
- N. FLT. C OF BOX I SEPARATED FROM REST OF FORMATION DUE TO DESCENT
 THROUGH THICK HAZE AND CLOUDS, ASCENDED TO PRIOR ALTITUDE AND
 COULD NOT SEE REST OF FORMATION BUT OBSERVED AND A-26 FORMATION.
 THE FLIGHT JOINED THE FORMATION WHICH WAS THE 386 BOMB GRP (L)
 WHICH WAS ON BOMB RUN. THE LEADER OF THE FORMATION WAS HEARD TO
 CALL HIS FORMATION ADVISING THEM THAT HE WAS MAKING ANOTHER
 BOMB RUN AND DROPPING ON ETA. THIS EXIENEX FLIGHT JOINED
 THEM AND DROPPED WITH THEM, WHICH WAS IN AREA D-345123.
 FORMATION LEADER CALLED RIPSAN ADVISING THEM THAT THEY WERE ONE
 MINUTE EARLY.

LT MAZANEC

BT 08/2220B

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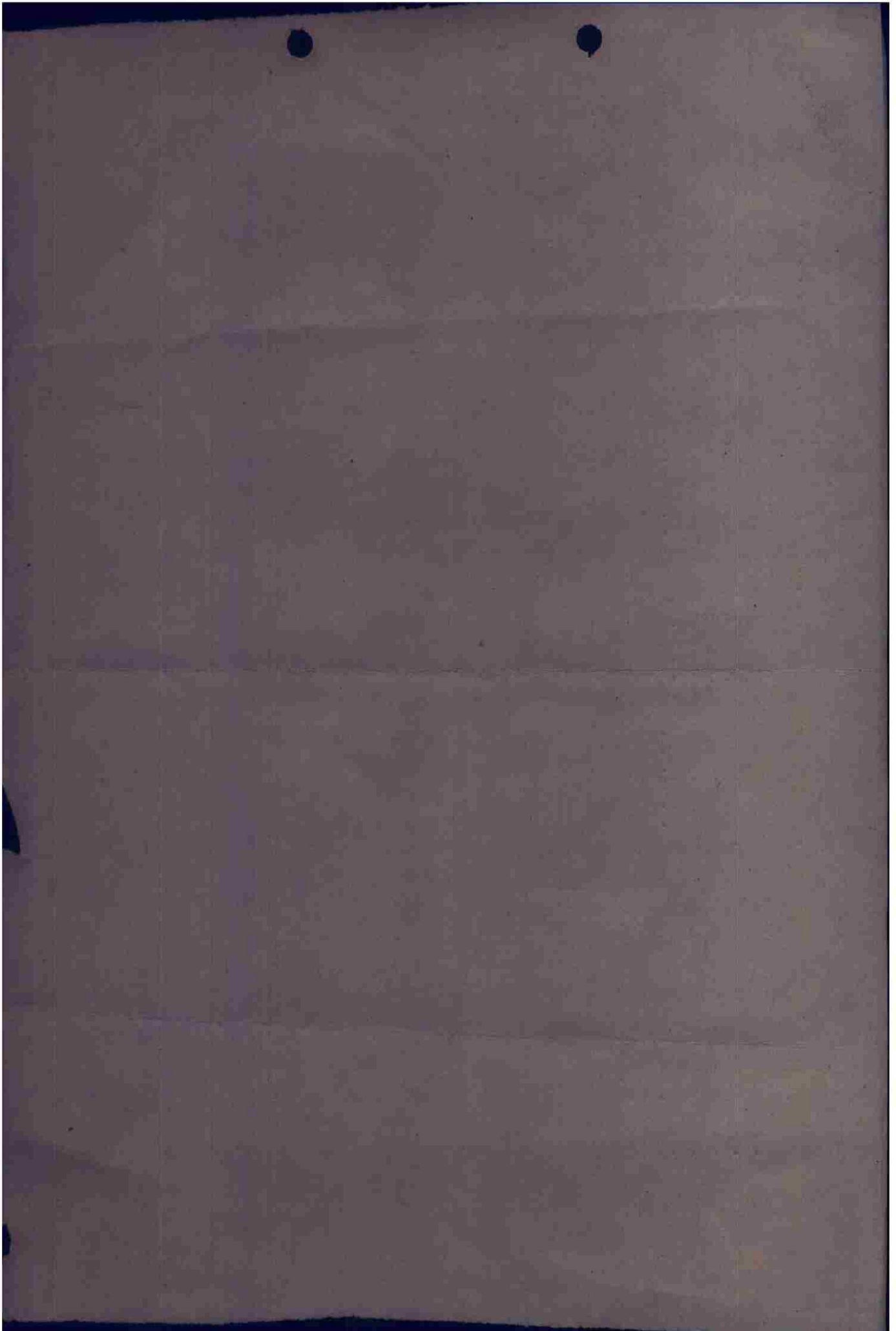
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ITA R. 082255B DEC AR

JEA R. 08/2255B LCB AR

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OPSFLASH REPORT

TO: CG 9th Bomb Div. Attn. A-2
CG. 97th Combat Wing Attn. A-2

FROM: 416th Bomb Grp. (L).

OPSFLASH for 8 April 1945 Afternoon mission, secret.

A. 416th Bomb Grp. (L).

B. Sonderhausen Road Jct. and built up area (RD-183126)

C. 39 A-26 a/c.

D. 27 A-26 a/c on primary.

6 A-26 a/c attacked ~~#####~~ with 386 Bomb Grp. when separated from formation due to thick haze and smoke, target attacked unknown, see para. X.

6 A-26 a/c attacked casual at Nordhausen (D-125265) because clouds obscured the primary and briefed secondary, but casual target was visible and bombardier could identify the target attacked.

E. Nil.

F. 108 X 1000 Gps on Primary.

24 X 1000 Gps on casual (D-125265)

24 X 1000 Gps dropped on ETA with 386 Bomb Grp. (target unknown)

G. Box I Flt. A Good made 2 bomb runs.

Flt. B Good made 1 bomb run

Flt. C Unobserved made 2 bomb runs with 386 Bomb Grp.

Box II Flt. A Excellent made 1 bomb run.

Flt. B Excellent bombed casual (D-125265) made 1 run.

Flt. C good 1/2 made 2 bomb runs.

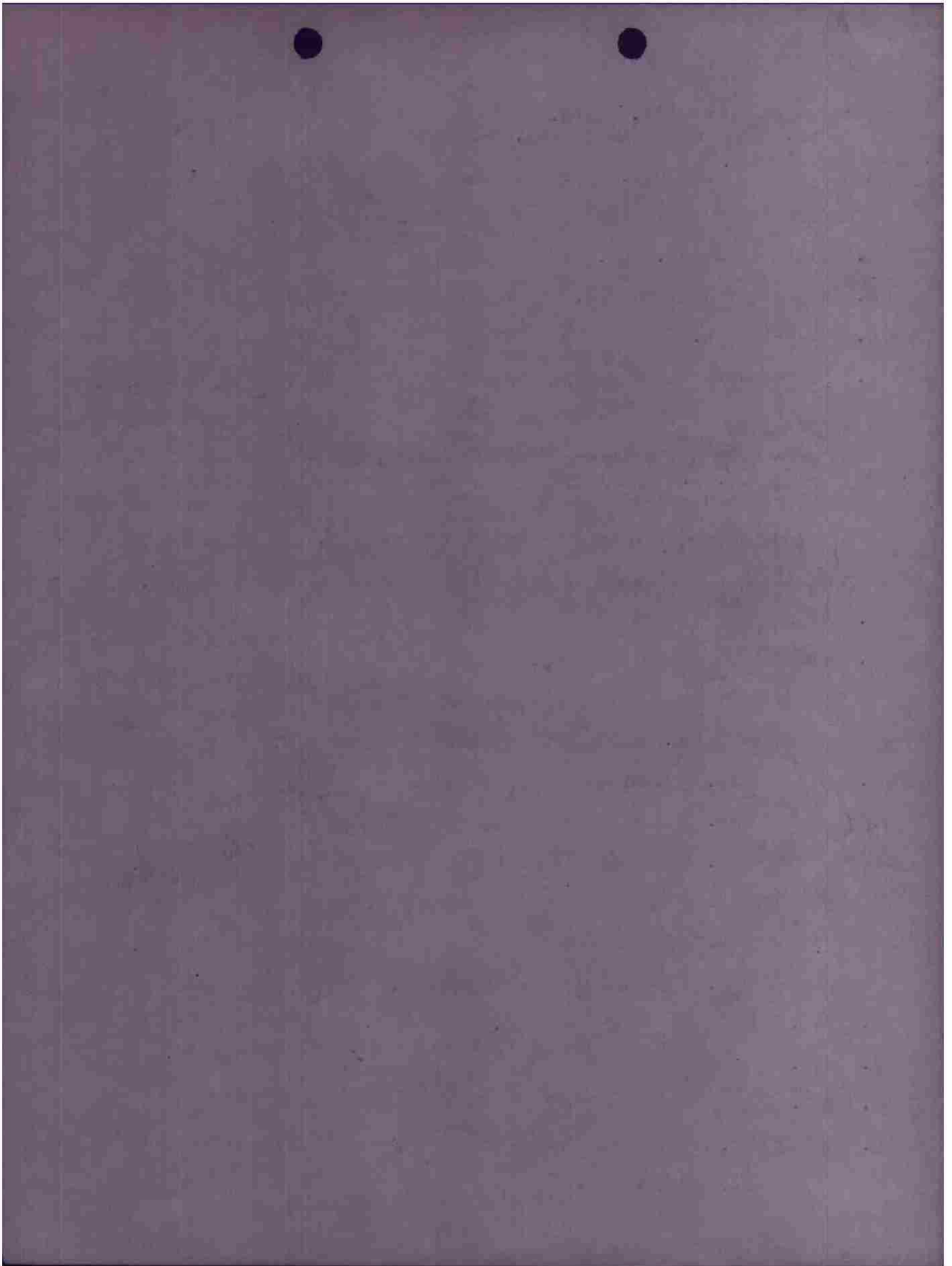
I. Nil.

J. Nil.

K. Nil.

L. Box I Flt. A 9500

Flt. B 5000



Flt. C 8000

Box II Flt. A 5000

Flt. B 8500

Flt. C 4900

M. Box I Flt. A 1902

Flt. B 1803

Flt. C 1759½

Box II Flt. A 1807

Flt. B 1817

Flt. C 1802

X. Flt. C of Box I separated from rest of formation due to descent through thick haze and clouds, ascended to prior altitude and could not see rest of formation but observed an A-26 formation. The flight joined the formation which was the 386 Bomb Grp (L) which was on bomb run. The leader of the formation was heard to call his formation advising them that he was making another bomb run and dropping on ETA. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ This flight joined them and dropped with them, which was in area D-345123. Formation leader called Ripsaw advising them that they were one minute early.

last q/c down at 2035

9. 39 q/c

a. ~~6 q/c~~ ^{21 q/c on primary} with 386 bomb grp (Tgt unknown but in area (D-345123))
6 q/c on Nordhavn (D-120265)

c. 54 two on primary
12 two on D-120265
12 two with 386

D. good results on primary
eye on coastal D-120265
unobserved, with 386

E. Nil.

F. Nil.

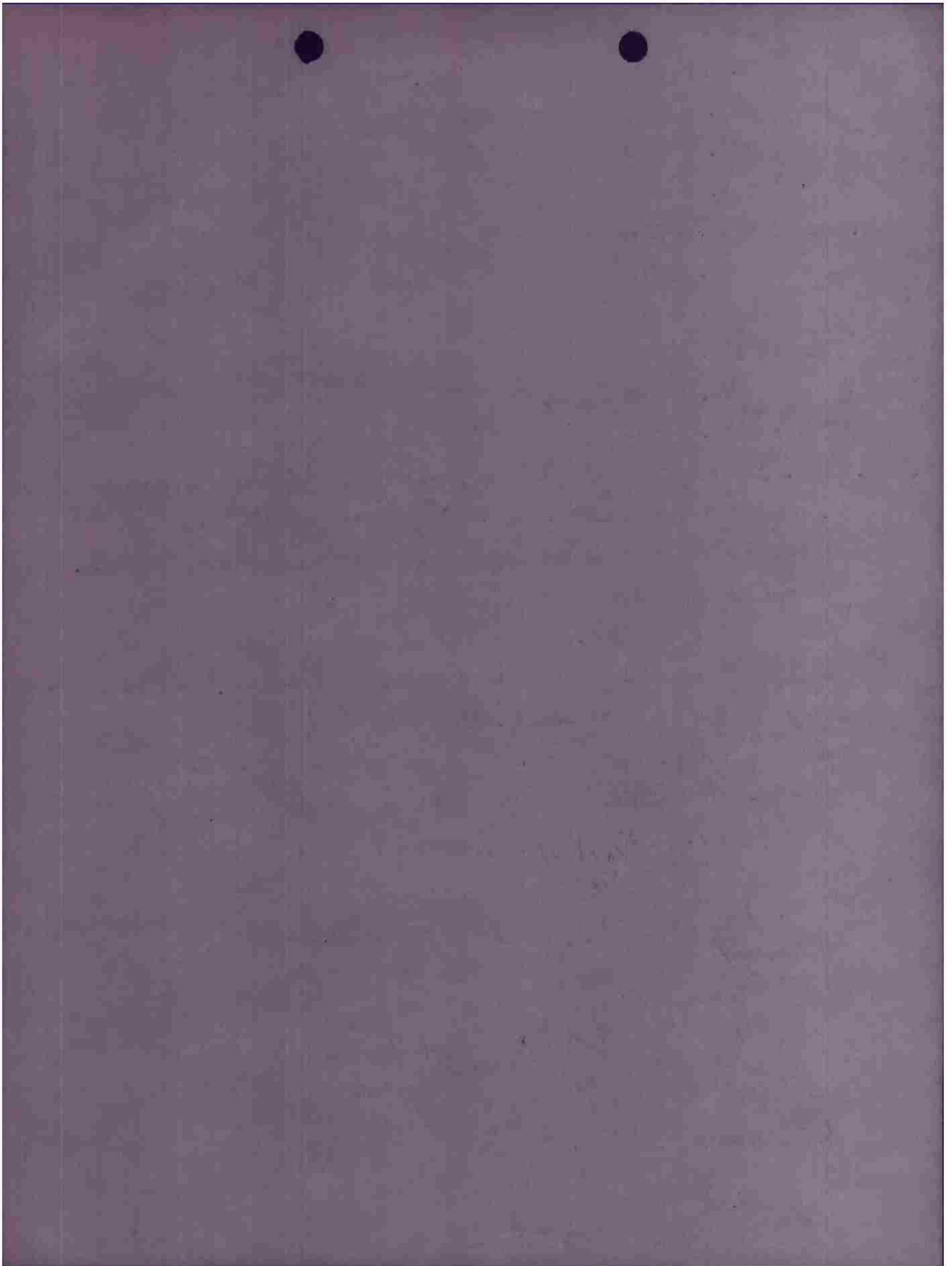
G. Nil.

H. Nil.

I. Nil.

J. 1 FLT

K. 2215



apflash Report.

to C. 6 9th Bomb Div att/W A-2
C. 6 9th Combat Wing att/W A-2

From 416th Bomb Sq (L)

apflash for 8 ~~th~~ April 1945, afternoon mission
secret

A. 416th Bomb Sq (L)

B. Landerhausen Road Jct. and built up area (PO-183126)

C. 39 A-269/C

D. 27 A-269/C on primary
6 A-269/C bombed with 386 Bomb Sq on ETR, Tgt Unknown
6 A-269/C bombed causal, Waidhausen (D-125-265)

E. Nil.

F. 108 K1000 Gps on Primary
24 K 1000 Gps on causal (D-125-265)
24 K 1000 Gps dropped with 386 Bomb Sq (Tgt Unknown)

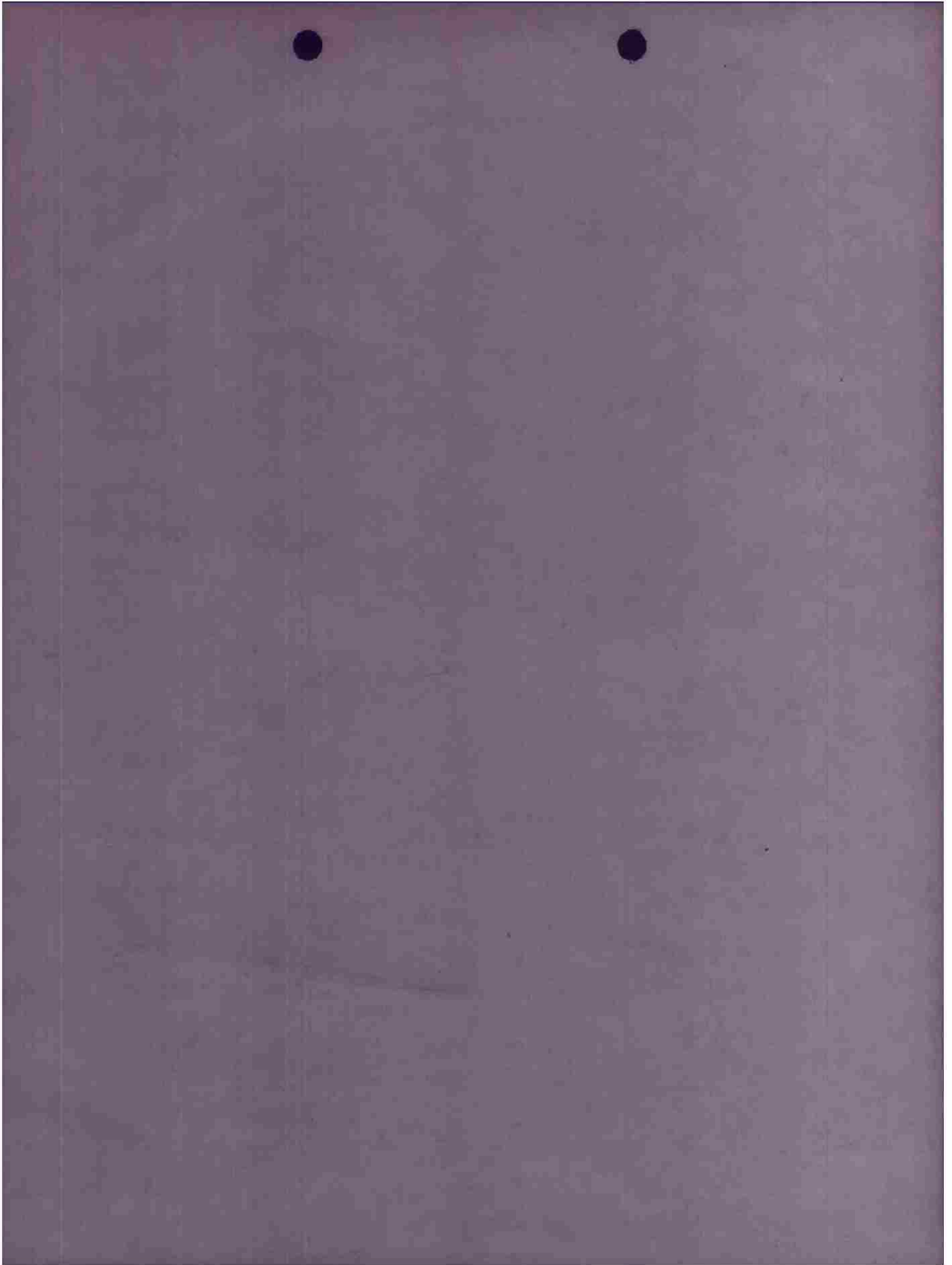
G. Box I ~~FLT A~~ good - two runs
B good - 1 run
C ~~unobserved, with 386, 2 runs~~

H. Box II
FLT A. FAC, 1 run
B. FAC, bombed causal (D-125-265) 1 run
C. good, 2 runs.

I. Nil.

J. Nil.

K. Nil.



L. Box I

FLT	A	9500
	B	5000
	C	8000

Box II

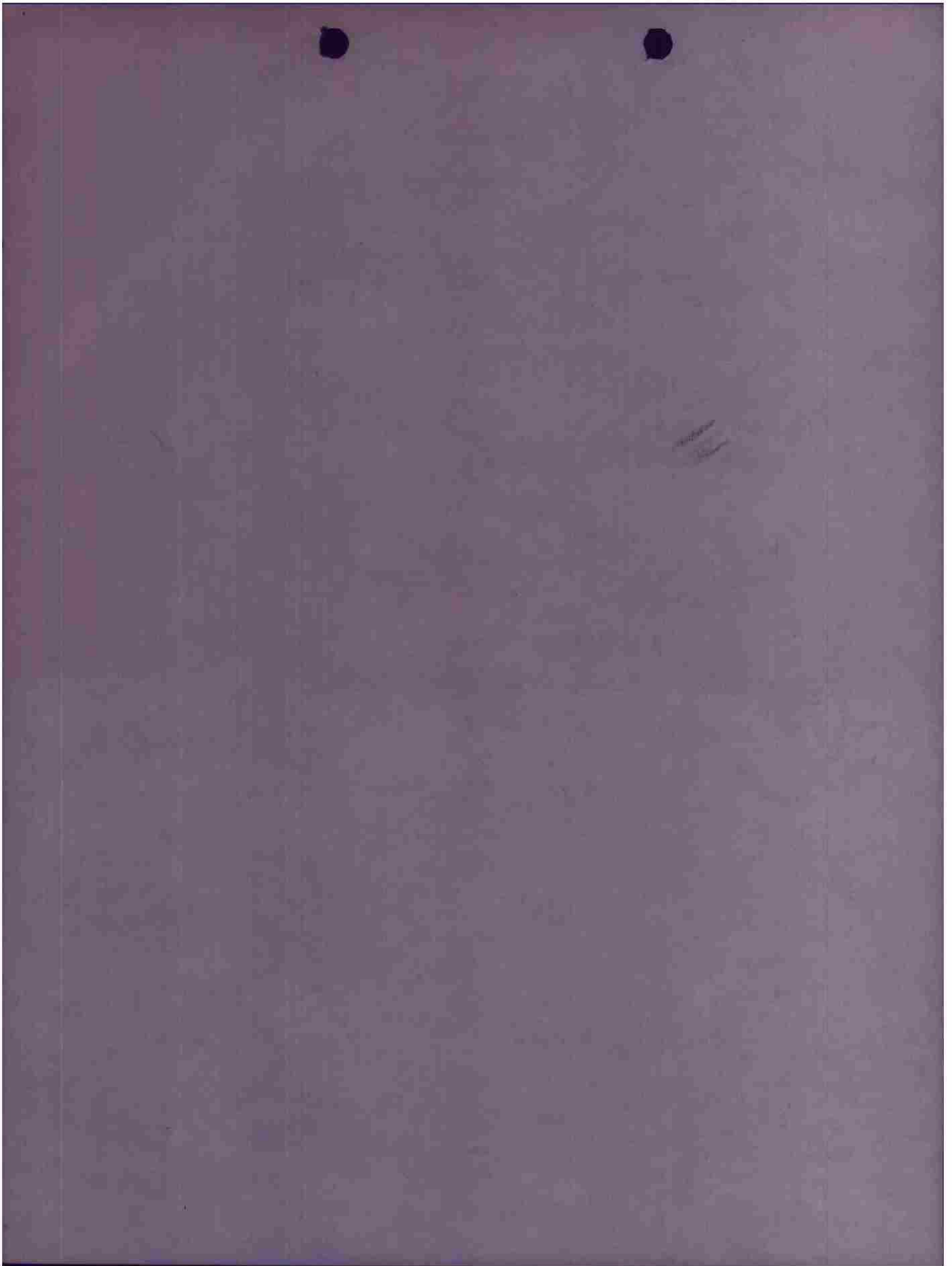
FLT	A	5000
	B	8500
	C	4900

M. Box I

FLT	A	1902
	B	1803
	C	1759 $\frac{1}{2}$

Box II

FLT	A	1807
	B	1817
	C	1802



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 08/08 OP-OP
FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 08/1602B
TO CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2
CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION ATTN: A-2
BT

SECRET P-126-D
M.P.I.'S ON THE PRIMARY TARGET ARE AS FOLLOWS:
G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 4631

COORDINATES:

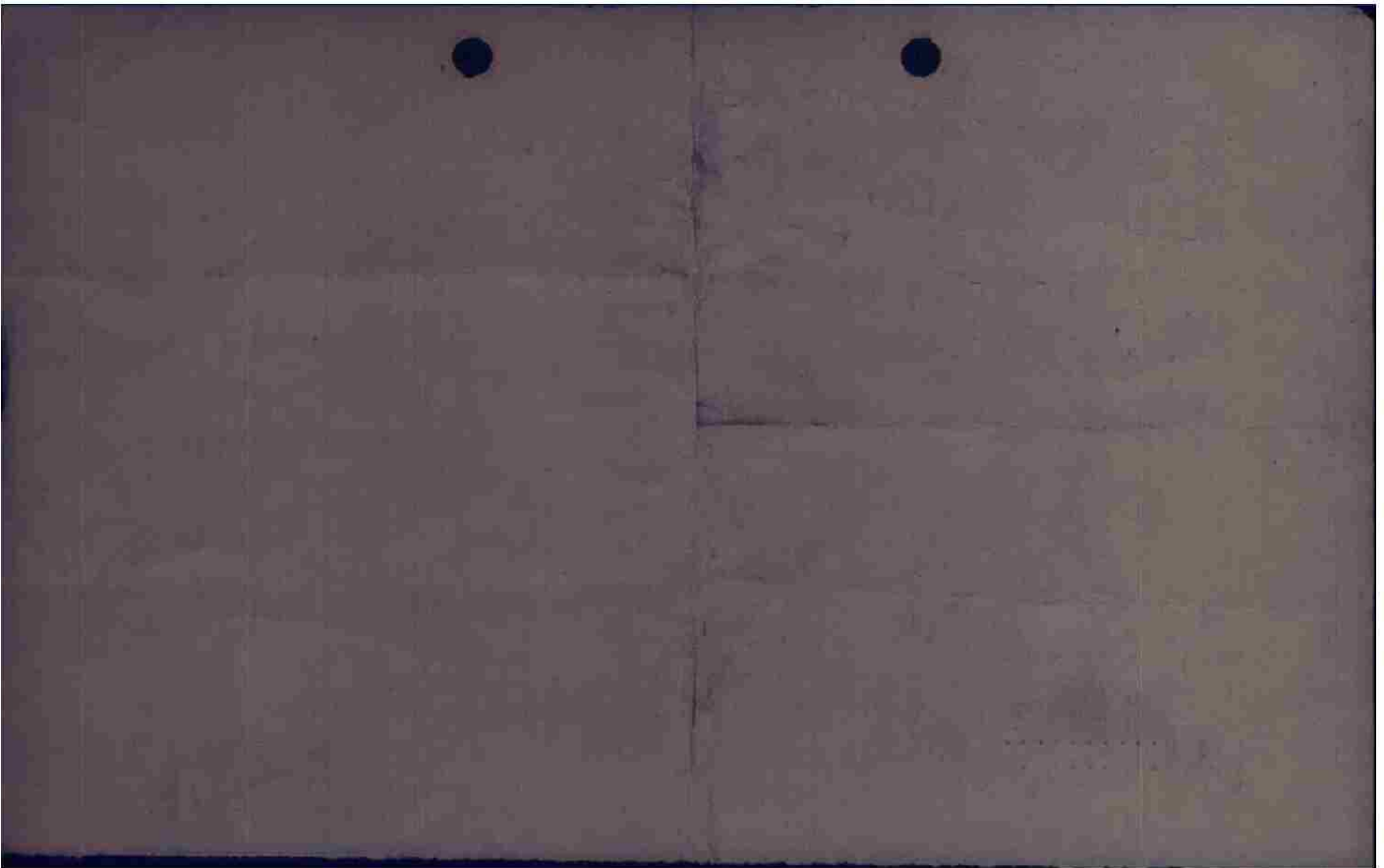
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18161238

THE SECONDARY TARGET IS BAD FRANKENHAUSEN: D340120

BT 08/1602B

FD AS BBBB JEA GIVE ME JES ALSON ON THIS NEXT
ITA R.....08/1707B CJD AR
JEA R.....08/1707B LCB TIC

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TO : C.G., 97TH BOMBAT WING, ATTN. A-2
C.G., 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, ATTN. A-2

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

SECRET OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

M.P.I.'S ON THE PRIMARY TARGET ARE AS FOLLOWS:
G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 4631

coordinates:

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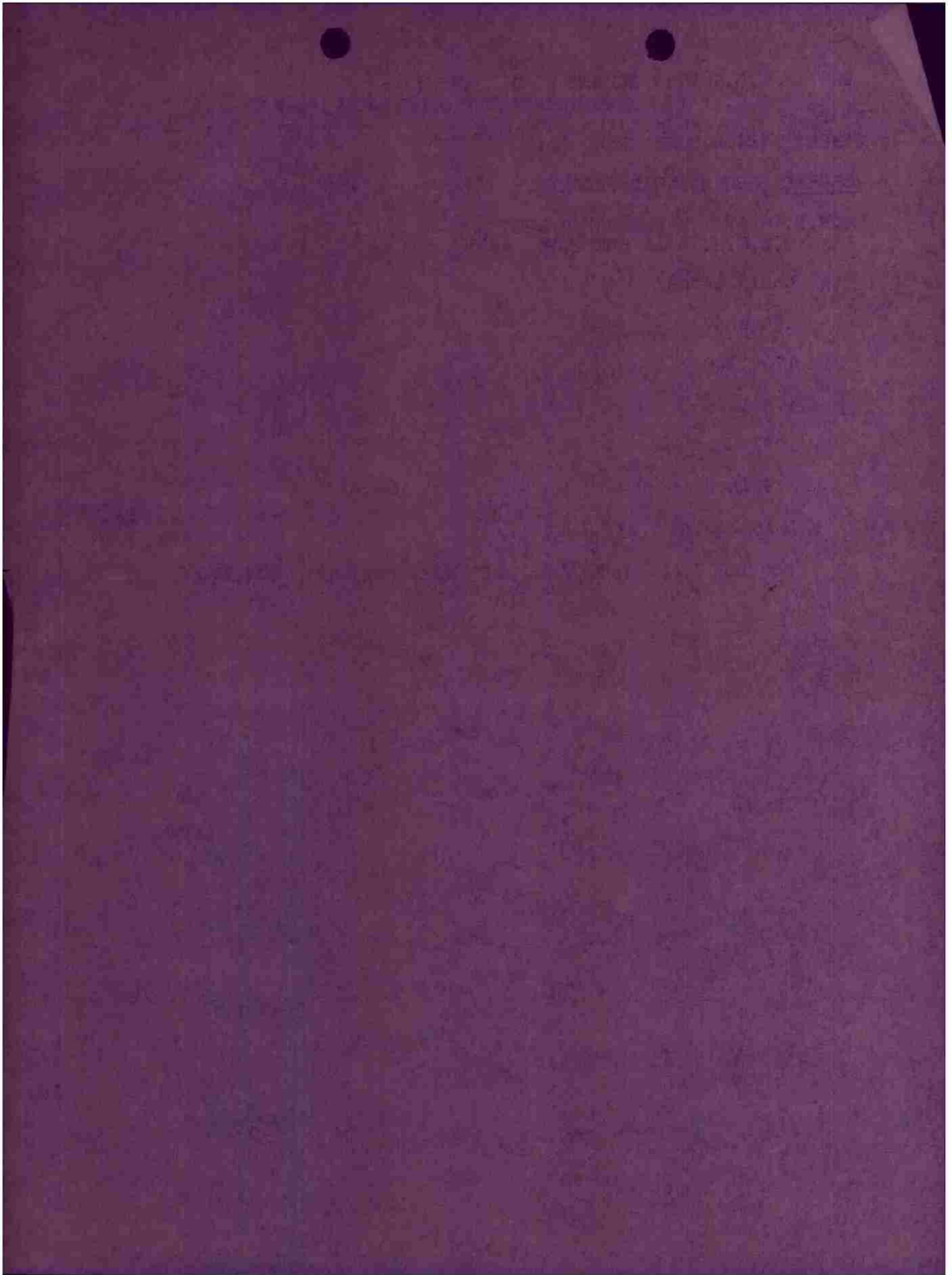
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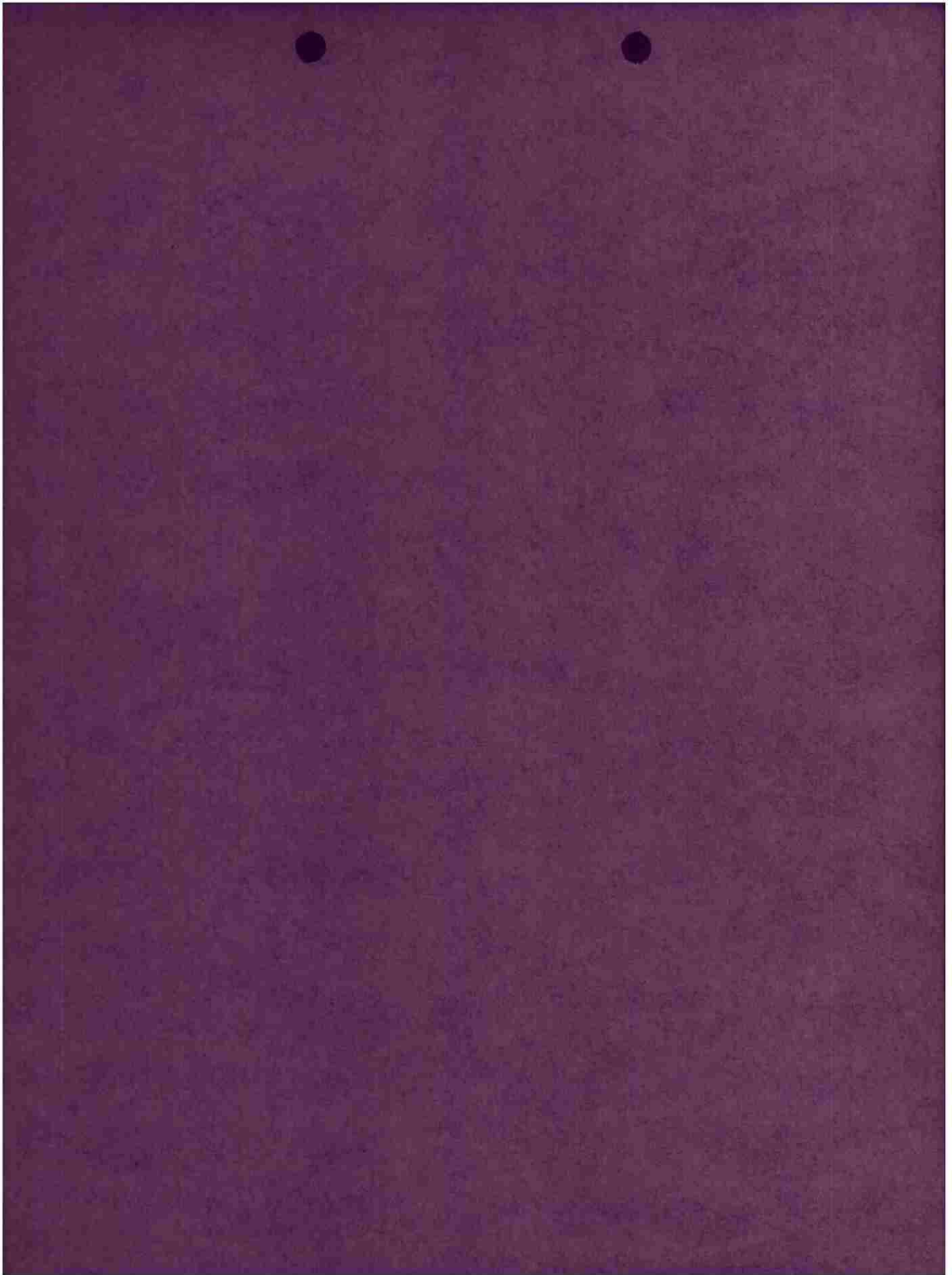
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18161238

THE SECONDARY TARGET IS BAD FRANKENHAUSEN: D340120



CG 9-00 Bad Frankenhausen D 340 120
 from 416 u from 12-12
 M.P.I. 5 on the primary target are
 as follows:
 CGS 4414 Sheet 4631
 coordinates
 1742 1237
 1756 1228
 1768 1254
 1773 1242
 1790 1262
 1814 1238
 The secondary target is Bad
 Frankenhausen D 340 120



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 09 OP - IP
 FROM HQ, 416TH BOMB GP K(L) S-2 PI
 TO HQ, 9TH BOMB DIV. (M) ATT: A-2 PI
 HQ, 97TH WING (L) ATT: A-2 DUTY OFF.
 BT
 SECRET 416BG P-135-D

B. SONDRSHAUSEN RJ AND BUILT UP AREA
 (CASUAL - NORDHAUSEN)

G. 1759 -- 1902

J. BOX I FLT A- DMPI - EXCEL: ALL BOMS WITHIN 1000 FT OF CENTER OF
 BURST S 650 FT S OF DMPI. EXCELLENT
 (VISUAL) PATTERN ON BLDGS AND ROADS.

FLT B - DMPI - EXCEL: 98PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000FT OF
 DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 642FT SW
 OF DMPI. EXCELELENT PATTERN OF BURST
 ON HWY INTERSECTION.

FLT C - NAO DROPPED ON ETA WITH 386TH BOMB GP. NO PHOTOS
 DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

BOX II FLT A- DMPI - IUNDET: BOMBS FELL INTO SMOKE COVERING TOWN.
 (VIASUAL) NO BURSTS VISIBLE FROM THIS FLT.

FLT B- AMPI - EXCEL: BECAUSE CLUDS OBSCURED TARGET AT ALTITUDE
 OF 8500FT BOMBARDIER CHOSE ALTERNATE TARGET AND
 BOMBED TOWN OF NORDHAUSEN, 10 MILES NW OF PRIMAX
 TARGET (MAP Q5 COORD 125270) BOMBS FELL IN EX-
 CELLENT PATTERN 440FT NW OF AMPI WITH HITS ON
 BLDGS AND ~~RODXXXX~~ ROADS.

FLT C- HA DMPI - EXCEL: 85PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF
 DMPI. BOMBS FELL IN LONG PATTERN ON ROADS AND
 BLDGS. CENTER OF BURSTS 650FT NW OF DMPI. WITH
 A NUMBER OF HITS SCORED ON ROADS AND BLDGS.

K. NIL

M. A) 14 100PERCENT
 B) 0 0 "
 C) 0 0 "

N. 26 BLDGS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED
 24 ROADS ~~BOXXXX~~ BLOCKED AND DAMAGED.

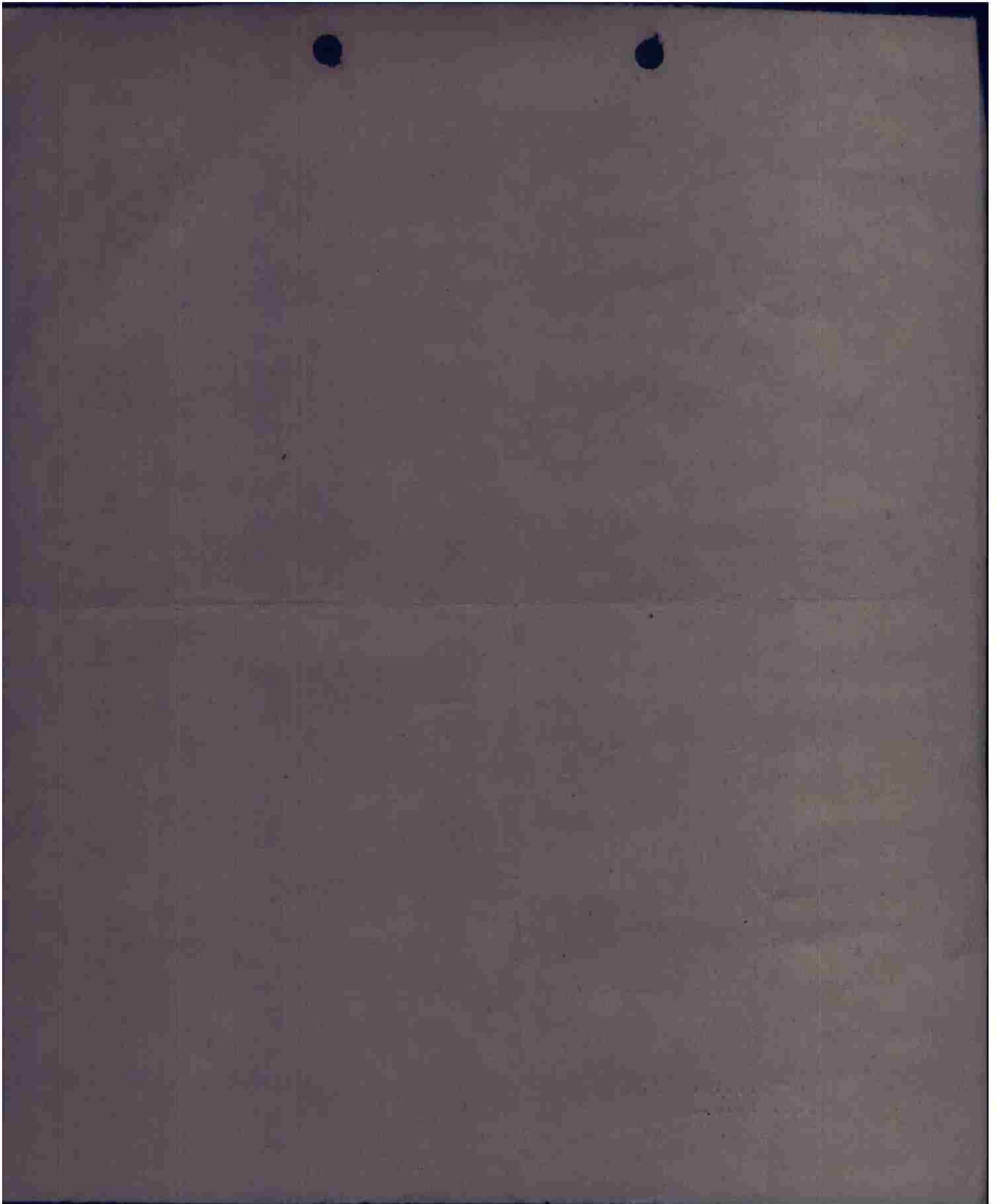
CAPTAIN ZESIGER

BT 09/0145B

JF TIC

BBBBB

ITA RMMMM.....09/0231B MILT KKKK
 UEA E.....09/0231B SS KKKK



263
ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA 03/08 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 08/0940B
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409TH
COBOMGP 410TH
COBOMGP 416TH

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

97CBW P-65-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 243-340.

- (1) TARGET: SONDESHAUSER ROAD JUNCTIONS AND BUILTUP AREA AT RD-183126.
416TH - ROAD JUNCTIONS AND BUILTUP AREAS BOUNDED BY FOLLOWING COORDINATES: 17401260, 17301215, 18251235, 18201280.
410TH - ROAD JUNCTIONS AND BUILTUP AREAS BOUNDED BY FOLLOWING COORDINATES: 18251235, 18201280, 18901290, 18901245.
409TH - BUILTUP AREA BOUNDED BY FOLLOWING COORDINATES: 18901245, 18901290, 17401260, 17301215.
- (2) THE 416TH PRECEDES THE 410TH BY TWENTY MINUTES WHO IN TURN PRECEDE THE 409TH BY TWENTY MINUTES.
- (3) PHOTO COVERAGE: US7/2152 PRINTS 8038 AND 8039
MAP COVERAGE: CSGS 4416 SHEET R-5
CSGS 4414 SHEET 4631
- (4) TARGET IS ON BOMBLINE - SEE GLO FOR QUESTIONS. 6TH ARMORED DIVISION SEEMS HEADED IN THIS DIRECTION.
- (5) FLAK: NO PLOTTED POSITIONS ON ROUTE OR TARGET.
- (6) NO P/W CAMPS KNOWN TO BE IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE TARGET.

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 08/0940B
LEG AR

JES R08/1000B DC NEED A CC
JPO R08/1000B WAC AR TKS KK
JKI R08/1000B EJAK K

ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 04/08 (INFO) (INFO) *21*

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) 28/1025B

TO COMBOMDIV NINE
409TH COBOMGP
410TH COBOMGP
416TH COBOMGP

BT

ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICERS

ADVANCED INFO COPY PARA. 5. COMMUNICATIONS OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (183126)

- (2) CARFAX
- (3) COMTAIL
- (4) SWEEPSTAKES

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (183126)

- (2) ROCKFISH
- (3) MOCCASIN
- (4) SWEEPSTAKES

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP ~~XXXX~~ (183126)

- (2) WALLSTREET
- (3) GAYNOR
- (4) SWEEPSTAKES.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 08/1025B

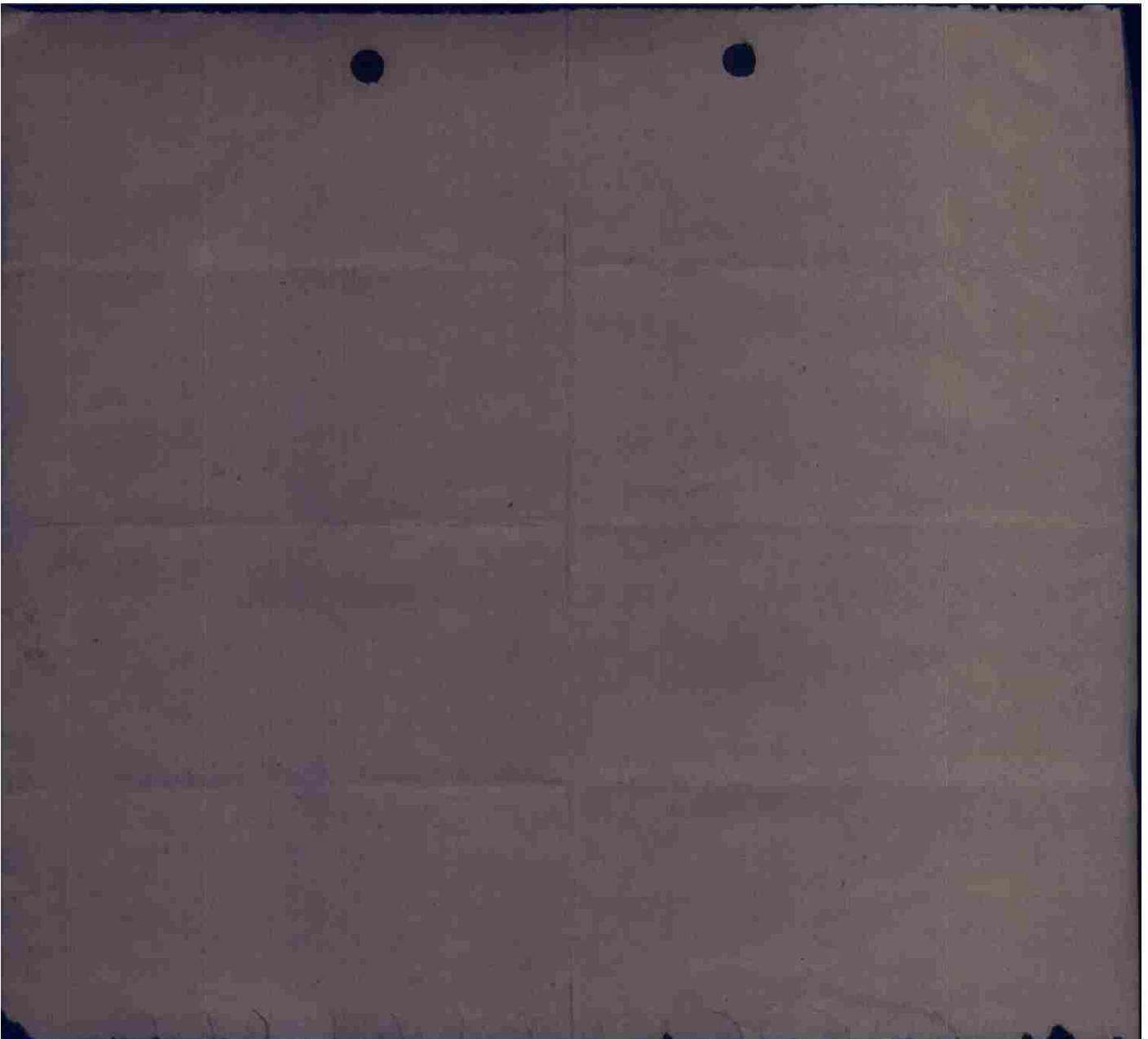
AR JMB

JES R.....08/1035B DC AR

JPO R.....08/1035B WAC AR KK

JKI R.....08/1030B EJ AR

V;



ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 6/08 OP - OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 08/1150B
TO BOMB DIV IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416

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

97CBW P-67-E

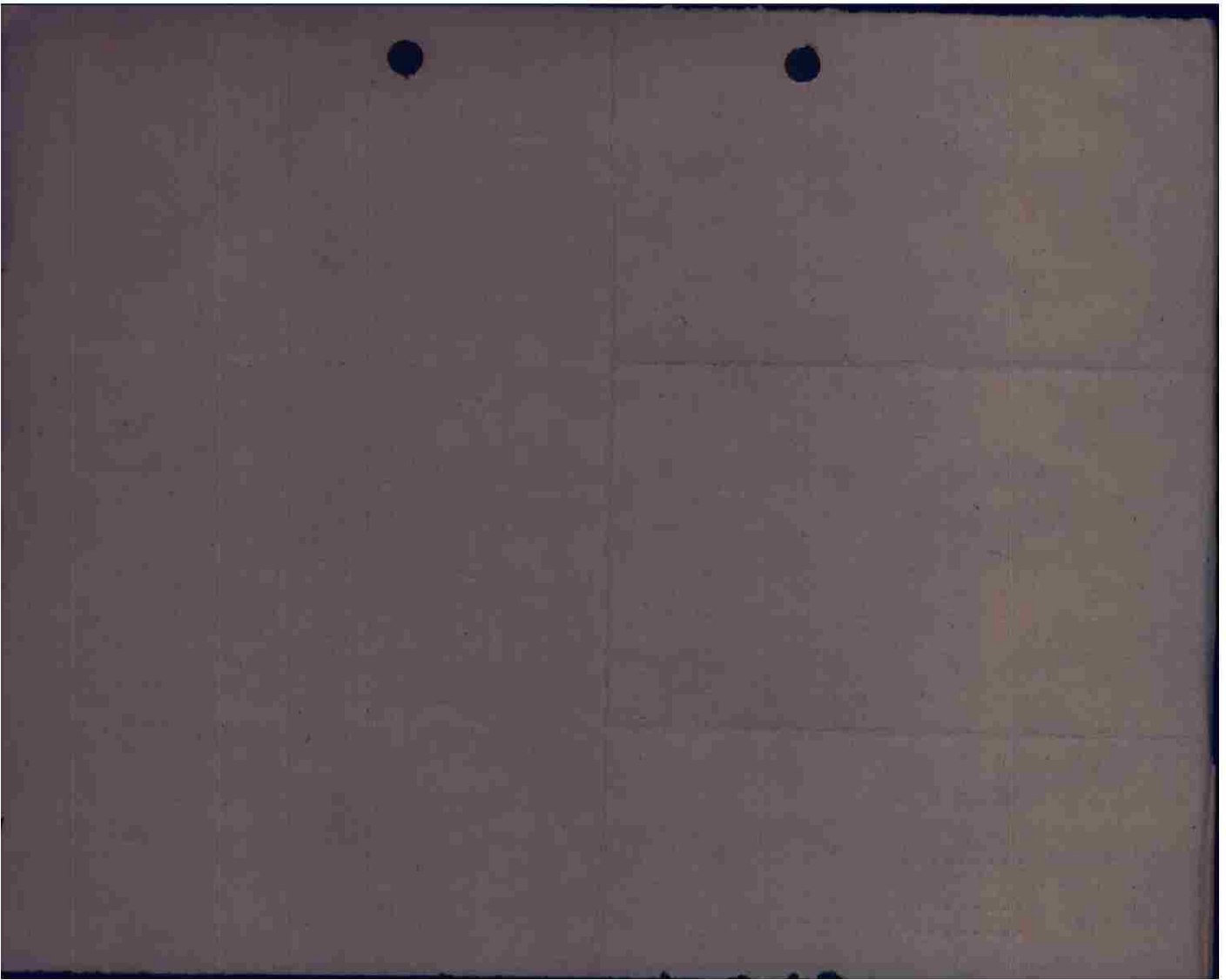
INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 2 FIELD ORDER NO. 243-840

AMEND. SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 PARAGRAPH 6 TO READ:

THERE IS A POSSIBLE PW CAMP AT BEBRA RD-160120, ALTHOUGH ITS EXACT LOCATION IN THE TOWN IS UNKNOWN. ASSUMING THAT PW CAMP IS IN NORTHERN EDGE OF BEBRA, IT WILL STILL BE ABOUT 1000 YARDS SSW OF THE SOUTHWEST EDGE OF TARGET AREA. CREWS SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY BRIEFED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION TO AVOID HITTING BEBRA. NOTE THAT THE RAILROAD TRACK FROM BEBRA TO THE WEST OF STOCKLAUSEN IS THE BOMBLINE AND MIGHT PROVIDE A GOOD CHECK FOR THE BOMBARDIER-NAVIGATORS.

COBTWIG 97
BT 08/1150B
DJP AR
ITA

JES R.....08/1210B JW AR
I T B F R PLS
JKI R.....08/1210B RSS AR
JPO R.....08/1210B SK AR
SAY IN THR THIRD D



ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 05/08 OP OP
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) 08/1035B
 TO COMBOMDIV NINE
 409TH COBOMGP
 410TH COBOMGP
 416TH COBOMGP

BT
 SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH. COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)
 A P O 140
 03 APRIL 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 243-840 97CBW P-66-E

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE
 (2) THE XIX TAC AND IX TAC WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR: 08/1700B

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (3) WITH IX TAC FIGHTERS AT G-6721 AT 8,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MINUTES. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES.
- (9) M.P.I. GSGS 4414, SHEET 4631 COVER BUILT UP AREAS BOUNDED BY REF. 18901245, 18901290, 17401260, 17301215. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. M-17 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS FUSED TO OPEN AT 5,000 FEET.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (3) WITH XIX TAC FIGHTERS AT G-6721 AT 8,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MINUTES. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES.
- (9) M.P.I. GSGS 4414 SHEET 4631 COVER ROAD JUNCTIONS AND BUILT UP AREAS BOUNDED BY REF. 18251235, 18201280, 18901290, 18901245.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE, 1/40 SECOND TAIL.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (3) WITH XIX TAC FIGHTERS AT G-6721 AT 8,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MINUTES. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES.
- (9) M.P.I. GSGS 4414 SHEET 4631 COVER ROAD JUNCTIONS AND BUILT UP AREAS BOUNDED BY REF. 17401260, 17301215, 18251235, 18201280. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (10) 4 X 1000 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE, 1/40 SECOND TAIL.

X. (1) - (3) NO CHANGE.

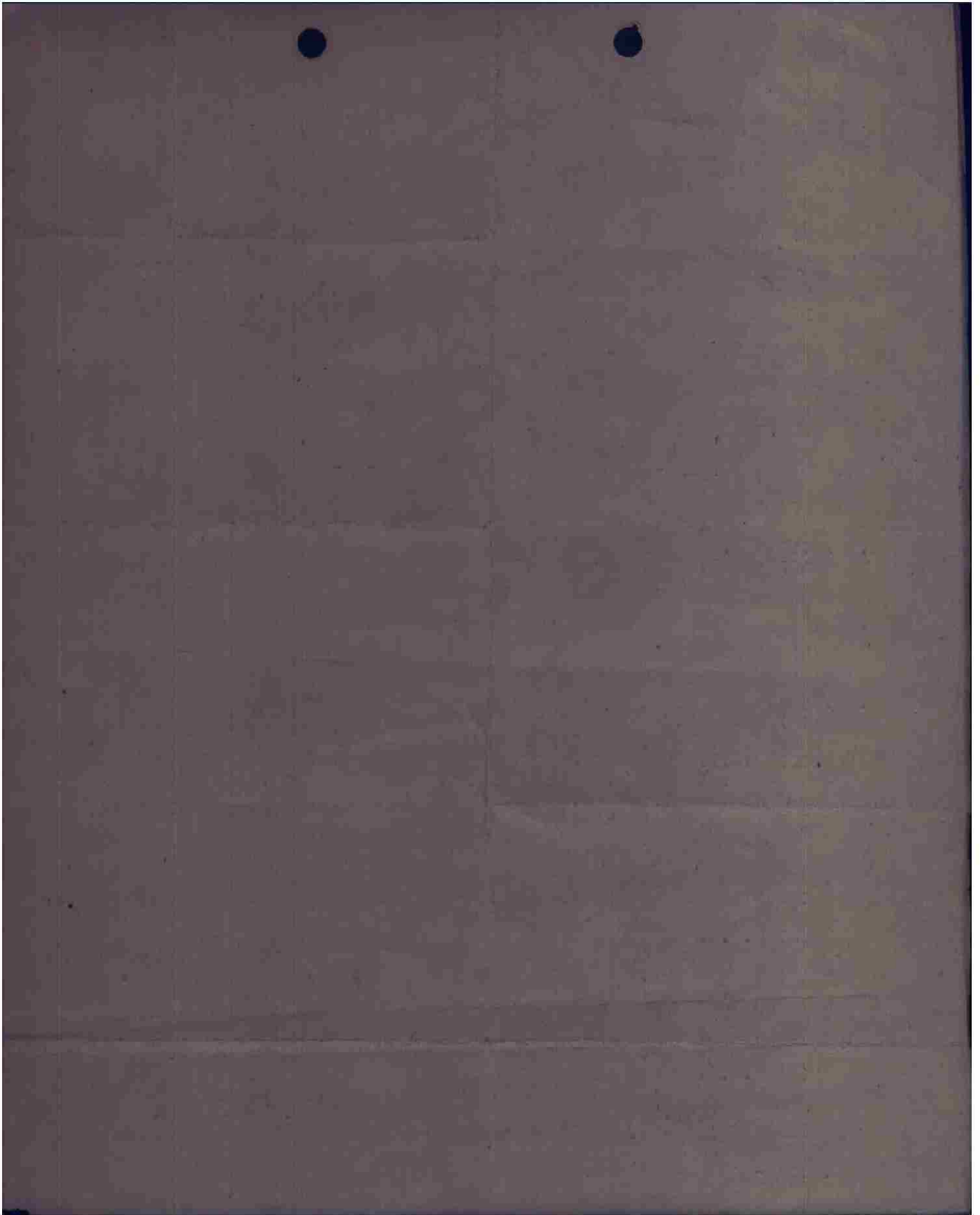
(4) Y-57 WILL BE USED AS AN EMERGENCY SHORT FIELD.

(5) TARGET: SONDRSHANSEN ROAD JUNCTION AND BUILT UP AREA

*Rec 1145
 2135.*

gv

*Capt Anderson
 Bruf. O.*



- (6) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES 18 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO RENDEZVOUS TO H-2777 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
 (9) ALTITUDES: BOMB 9,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING
 (10) I.P. WJ-0891
 (11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST.
 (12) R.P. H-2777
 (13) IF CLOUDS PREVENT VISUAL BOMBING AT PRIMARY TARGET, GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 (A) ALTERNATE VISUALLY
 (B) ALTERNATE ON "GEE"
 (C) 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) ONE GROUP OF B-26'S WILL ATTACK THIS TARGET 20 MINUTES BEFORE THE 416TH BOMB GROUP.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (183126)
 (2) CARFAX
 (3) COWTAIL
 (4) SWEEPSTAKES

- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (183126)
 (2) ROCKFISH
 (3) MOCCASIN
 (4) SWEEPSTAKES

- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (183126)
 (2) WALLSTREET
 (3) CAYNOR
 (4) SWEEPSTAKES.

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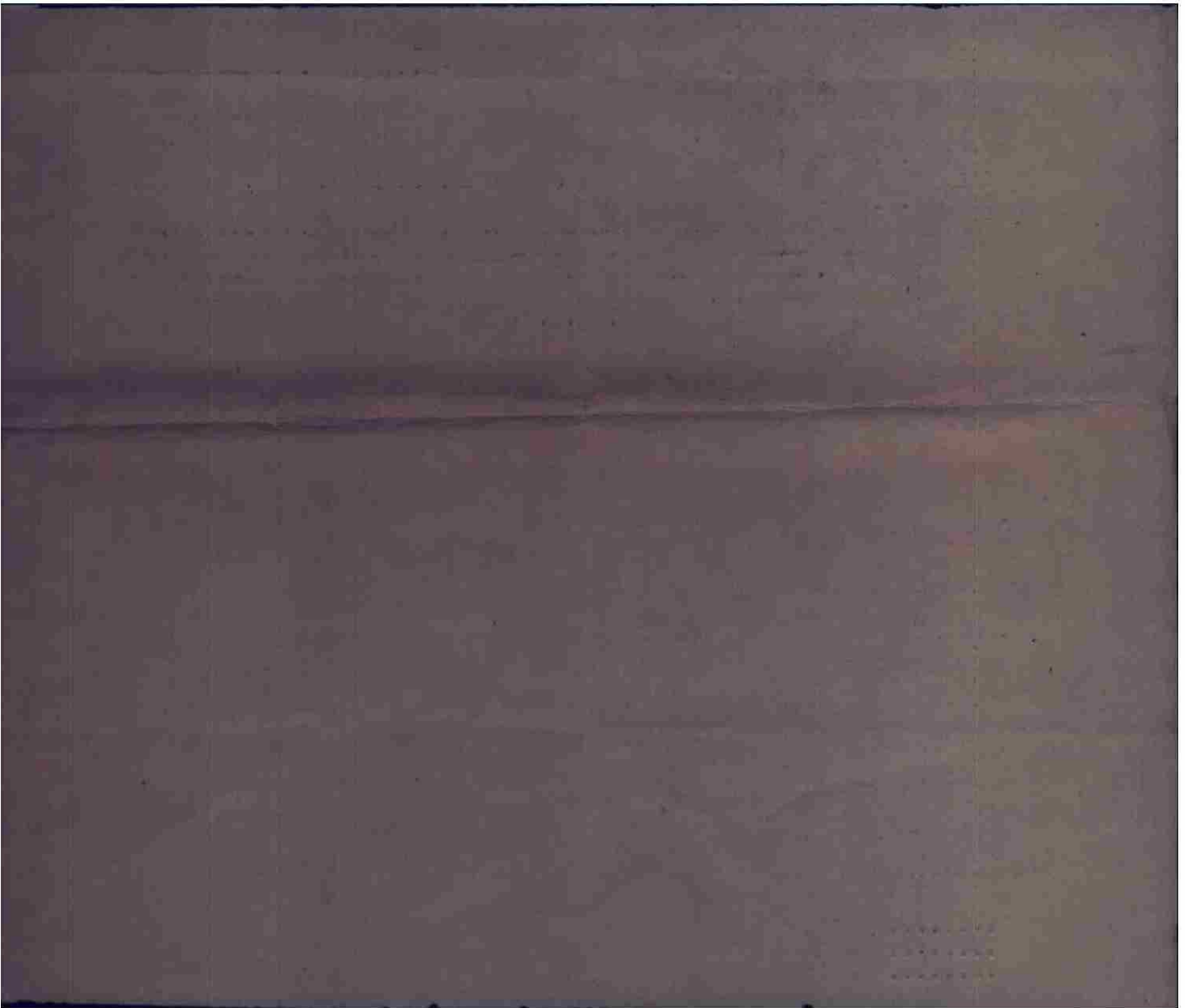
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AR JMB

JES R.....08/1110B JW AR

JPO R.....08/1110B WAC BB KK

JKI R.....08/1110B EJ AR K



MISSION NO. 263

LOADING LIST

8 APRIL 1945

BOX I

FLIGHT I

1. 497 E
Lt. G.J. Brown
Lt. J.E. Kerns
F/O A.J. Lehmeis
S/S H.W. Sunderland

2. 352 J
Lt. S. Mooney
Sgt C.W. Gurkin

3. 490 X
Lt. H.M. Van Noorden
F/O G.W. Brandt
S/S G. Thompson
Lt. T.W. Sampson

4. 249 F
Lt. W.H. Ames
S/S F.E. Barber

5. 300 K
Lt. M. Wallman
Sgt M.F. Hardin

6. 326 H
Lt. J.R. Wright
Sgt J.J. Ruskiewich

FLIGHT II

1. 487 J
Lt. D.O. Turner
Lt. P.J. McGivern
Lt. D.L. Moore
S/S M.R. Ryves
Col. T.R. Aylesworth

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

3. 398 C
Lt. D.E. Smith
S/S B.J. Kirik

4. 314 H
Lt. E.G. Martin
S/S L.B. Draft
Lt. J.W. Britt

5. 229 B
Lt. F.W. Wills
S/S M. Bookach

6. 252 D
Lt. G.H. Housley
Sgt F.J. Block

FLIGHT III

1. 492 E
Major H.L. Sommers
Lt. J. Kapite
S/S K. Henth

2. 244 I
Lt. R.W. Van Rop
S/S W.H. Klingman

3. 263 G
Lt. R.H. Hackley
S/S O.T. Hawk

4. 383 V
Lt. J.A. Willard
S/S O.V. Hinker

5. 381 Q
Capt. J.M. Shepard
S/S J.J. McGuire
Sgt D.K. Reenah

6. 271 R
Lt. R.B. Harper
S/S F.P. Basford

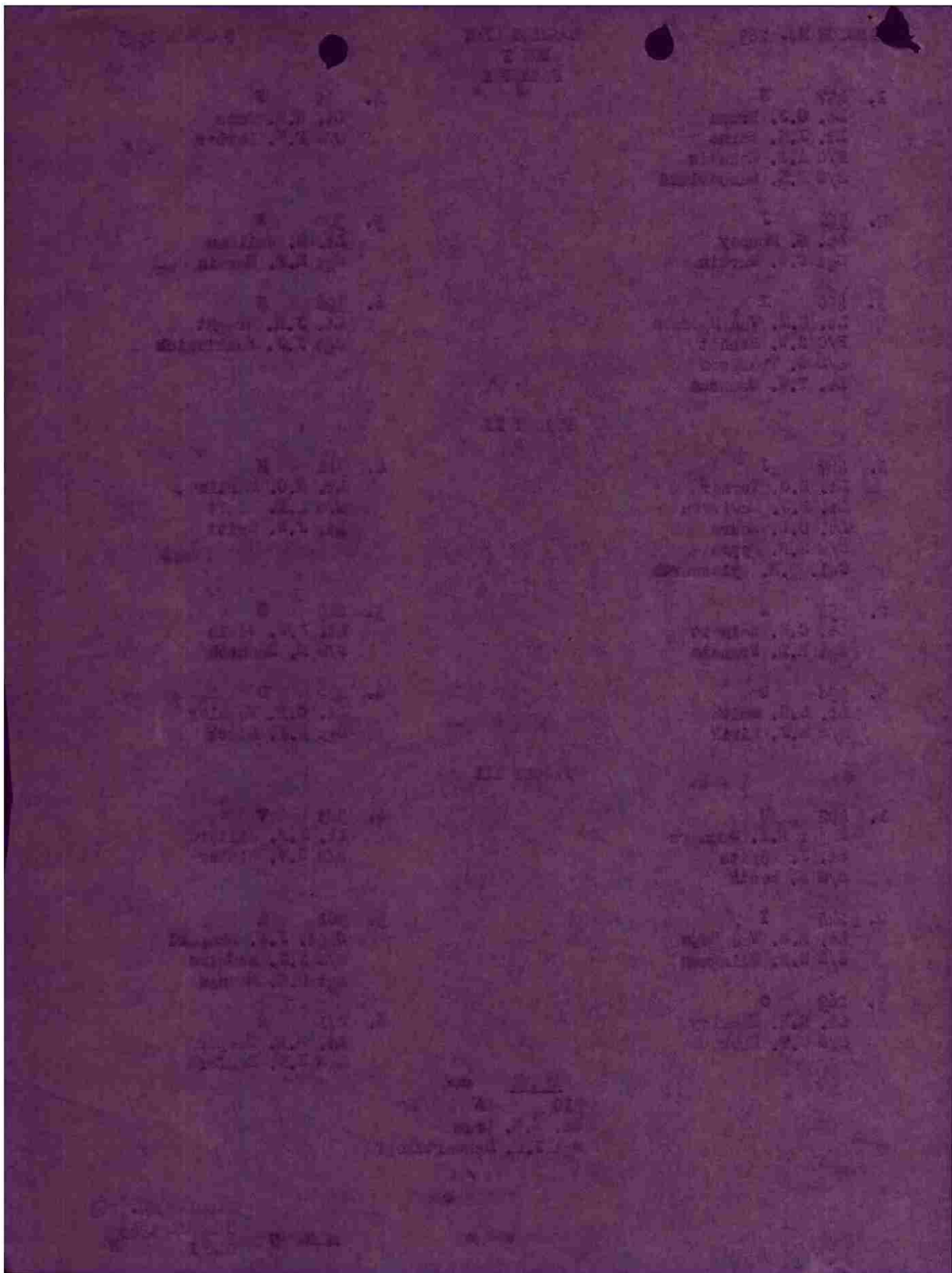
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310 A
Lt. E.B. Drum
Sgt J.P. Schwartzkopf

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FLIGHT I

8 APRIL 1945

1. 499 G
Lt. J.A. Buskirk
Lt. R.G. Hanna
S/S G.H. Corbitt

2. 328 D
Lt. J.B. Cooke
S/S R.D. Redding

3. 239 H
Lt. T.E. Grueber
Sgt A.H. Miller

4. 250 A
Lt. D.L. Withington
S/S R.J. Johnson

5. 313 B
Lt. D.L. Price
Sgt R.F. Reicher

6. 297 T
Capt. E.R. Moore
Sgt L. Goldberg

FLIGHT II

1. 501 W
Lt. R.B. Hall
W/O T.L. Goss
S/S W.S. Jackson

2. 398 Q
Major H.F. Conant
Lt. L.J. Page
S/S J.A. Hammer
Lt. W.H. Le Hays

3. 223 B
Lt. R.S. Bower
Sgt N.A. Ruckus

4. 212 K
Lt. W.E. Downing
Sgt A.F. Sgroi

5. 286 D
Lt. J.F. Wallace
Sgt H. Plant

6. 232 H
Lt. A.R. Tarnan
S/S L.L. Lehigh

FLIGHT III

1. 508 Z
Capt. R.V. Wheeler
Lt. J.T. Beck
S/S F. Elliott
Lt. Col. G.S. Towles, Jr.

2. 335 W
Lt. F.R. Tank
S/S J.W. Felkel

3. 9352 J
Lt. J.H. Montrose
S/S R.S. Gandy

4. 325 L
Lt. F.W. Harris
S/S W.F. Ruckner

5. 264 I
Lt. Col. W.J. Mang
S/S L.V. Metzler

6. 274 S
Lt. L.R. Zeimet
Sgt R.E. Ray

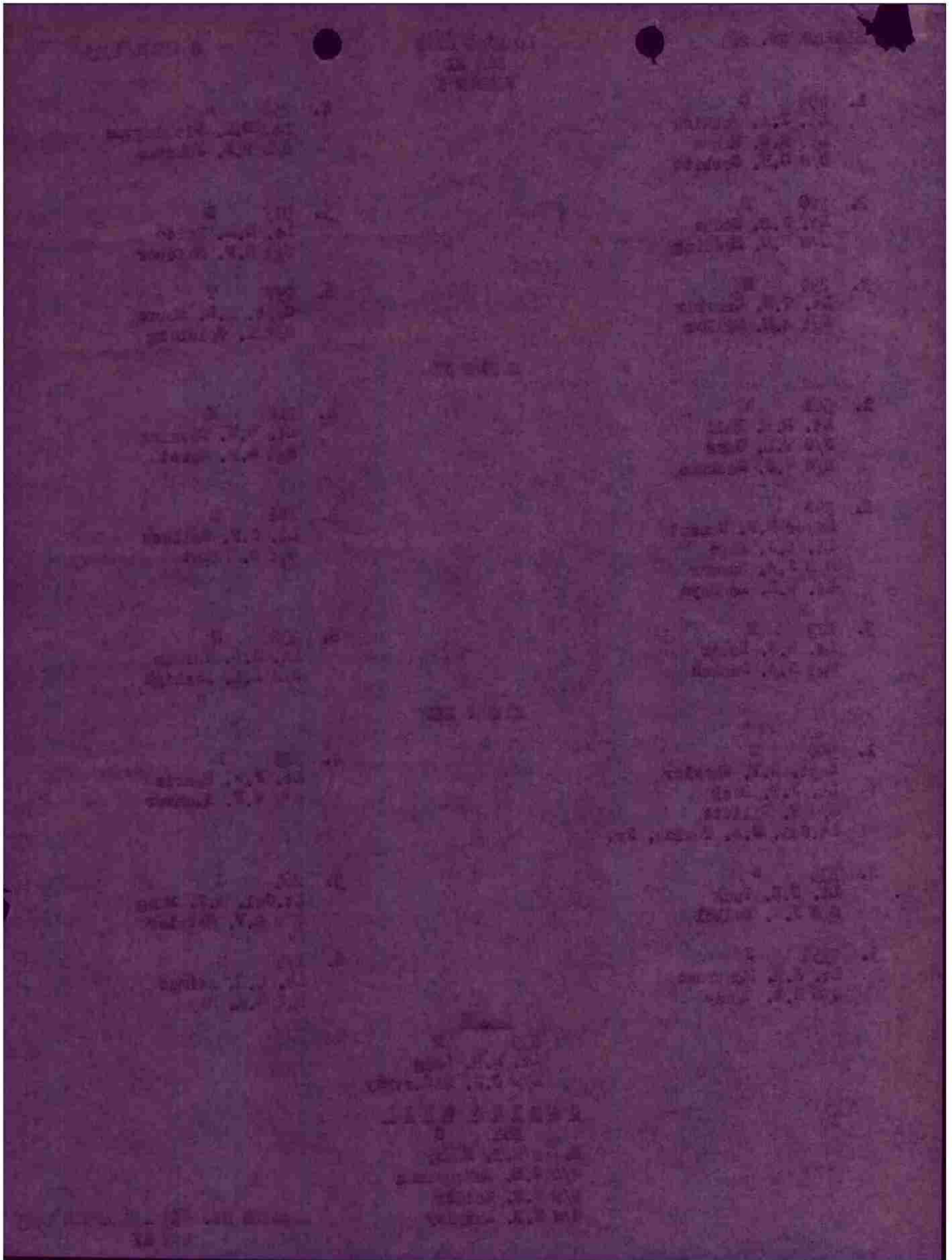
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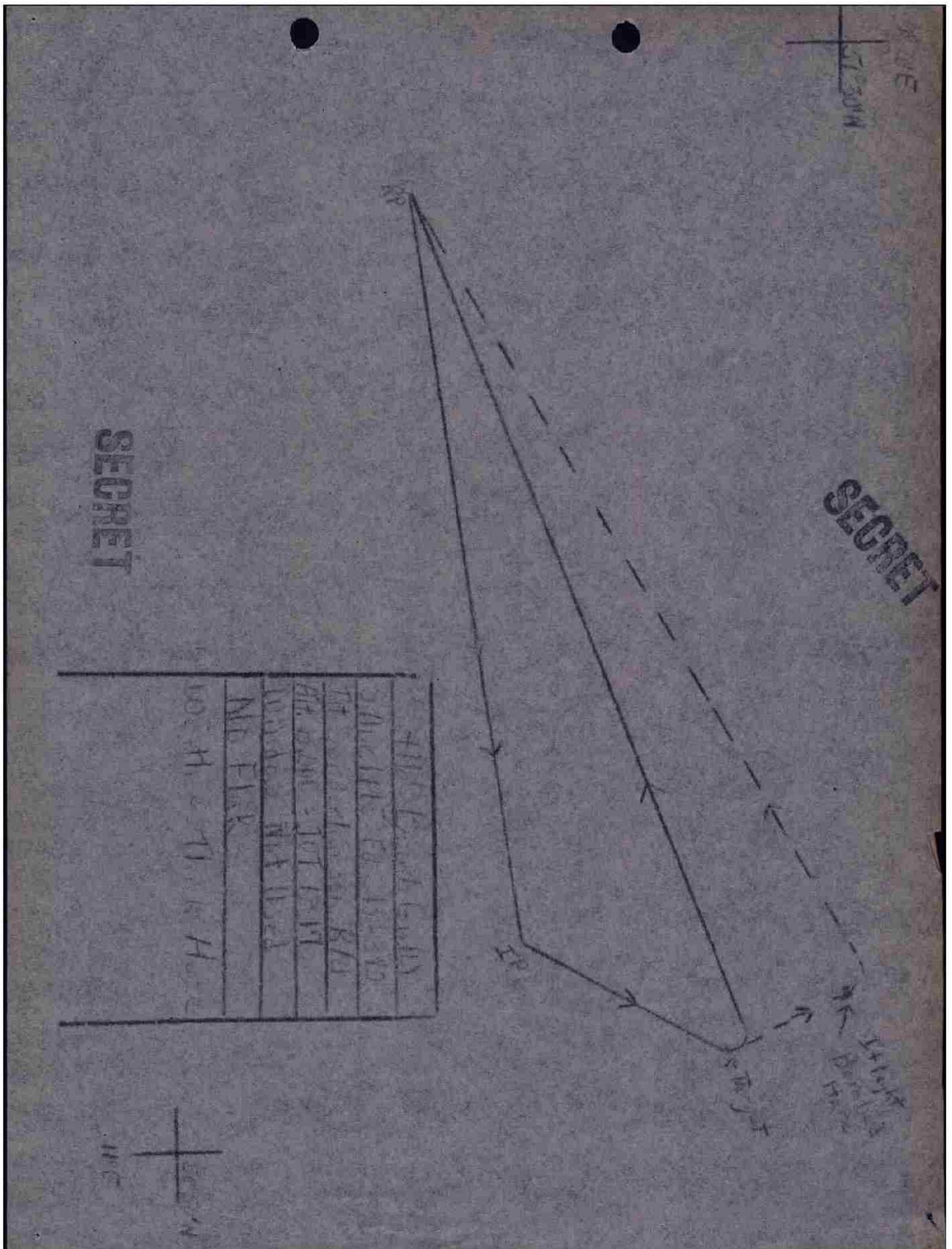
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Lt. R.H. Lang
S/S G.J. McCarthy

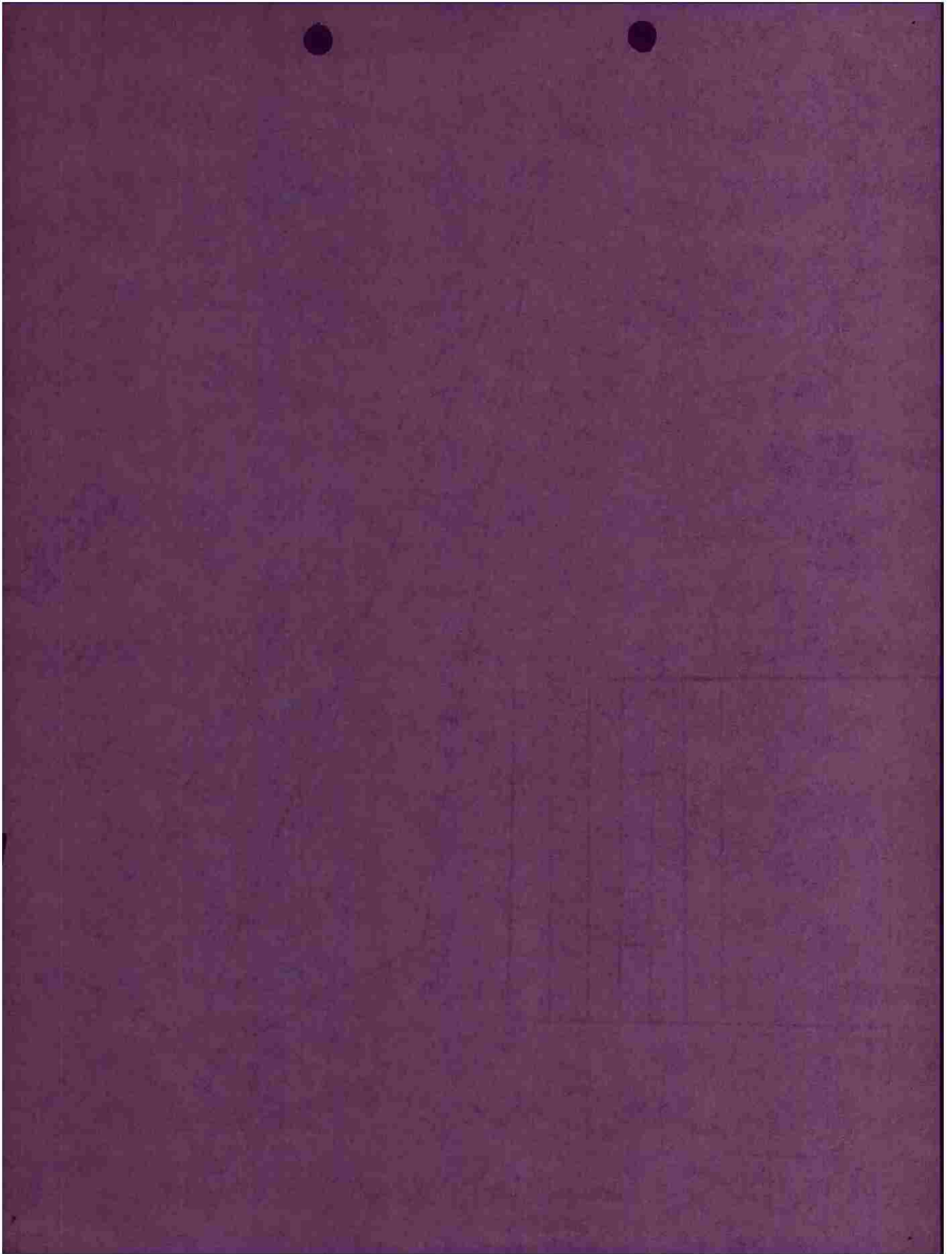
CAMERA CREW

454 C
Major K.T. Roney
W/O G.B. Schaeffer
S/S S.S. Snider
S/S T.R. Langley

MISSION NO. 263 - 8 APRIL 1945
BOX II







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

AUTH: 00 Sta
A-69
DATE: 9 April 1945
INIT: _____

9 April 1945

SUBJECT: A-26 ORTF No. 8 for 24 hours ending sunset 8 April 1945.

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

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Mission No. 243, 97th Combat Wing Field Order No. 243-240

1. Operational Factors:

Place of take-off Station A-69 Place of Landing Station A-69
Take-off time 1513 type mission Bombing T.O.T. 1817
Targets Bombinghaus 3/7 (primary) Red Frankenhause (secondary)
Landing time 1927 Oper. hours (a) 166:35 Oper. hours (b) None
Weather which have over target area.

2. Effort:

Dispatched 39 A-26's Sorties 39 Effective sorties 39
A/C expending bombs 39 Non-effective sorties None

A/C returning early None

3. Bombs carried into air:

155 x 1000 lb GP's 1/10 N 1/40 T
Expended 105 x 1000 lb GP fused 1/10 N 1/40 T Alt. 8000
target Bombinghaus 3/7 results See, See, undet, exc.
Expended 50 x 1000 lb GP fused 1/10 N 1/40 T Alt. 8000
target See's 4 hit with 35000 results Unknown
Expended 24 x 1000 lb GP fused 1/10 N 1/40 T Alt. 4900
target Bombinghaus results See.

4. Ammunition carried: 73,600 x 50 cal.

Ammunition expended: 990 x 50 cal. (testing)

5. None.

6. Flak encountered: None

Location _____ amount _____ accuracy _____ type _____

7. Enemy a/c encountered: None

- a. type and model of a/c _____
b. individual air claims _____
c. individual ground claims _____

8. Claims against miscellaneous ground targets: None9. U. S. Aircraft casualties: None

Destroyed _____ Missing _____
Damaged _____

10. U. S. Personnel casualties: None

No. _____ type _____ cause _____

11. Remarks: None

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For the Commanding Officer:

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 FROM COMBOMGR 416 08/2100B
 TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATT: SIGNAL OFFICER
 COMCBTWIG 97 (INFO)

BT
 CONFIDENTIAL 416BG P-131-J

A - YS - 90
 B - 8 APRIL 1945 (1543-1919)
 C - G-GEORGE REPORTED COMPLETION OF 'OPS' TO PARADE.
 E-EASY WAS UNABLE TO CONTACT PARADE BUT CONTACTED RIPSAN AND
 TOLD THEM TO REPLY MESSAGE TO PARADE; 'OPS COMPLETED'.
 D - E-EASY CONTACTED SWEEPSTAKES UPON ENTERING TACTICAL AREA.
 E - NONE
 F - NONE
 G - NONE
 H - NONE
 I - NONW
 J - NONW
 K - NONE
 CC: I AND J SHOULD READ I- NONE J- NONE

AYLESWORTH COMBOMGR 416

BT 08/2100B

WN AS BB

JEA R. 08/2134B DEG K

ITA R. SRY THAT WAS ITA GAVE R FOR JEA

K

JEA R. 08/2134B LCB TIC

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ITA R. 08/2134B DEG K

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Box #	OSSTL	Date	F/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	F/O	15 min.
✓		8 April 1945				Brown	TOT	
							L/D	
A/C	Fall to Bomb	ATT	Comb	Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.	
	Reason	T	E	O	T	S	J	T
1	497	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	352	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	496	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	249	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	300	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	326	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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6	271	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	310	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Brown 497 ✓
 Van Noorden 496 ✓
 Money 352 ✓
 Ames 249 ✓
 Wright 300 ✓
 Wallman 326 ✓
 Sommers 492 ✓
 Turner 487 ✓
 Hackley 263 ✓
 Van Rode 244 ✓
 Smith 338 ✓
 Weinert 354 ✓
 Willard 383 ✓
 Martin 314 ✓
 Harper 271 ✓
 Shepard 381 ✓
 Hooley 252 ✓
 Mills 229 ✓
 (Spare) 310 ✓
 Tvm 310 ✓

TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

- (2) No. a/c off by type: _____
 A-20G's _____ A-20J's (obtained from Cops)
- (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).

330/10000

P.M.

297 More Price 313
 239 Crabapple 338
 239 Washington 250
 499 Poskirk

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.) _____

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 Time Down _____

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Bombs Returned	X	_____
Bombs Jettisoned	X	_____ Where _____
(Obtained from Recaps)		

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INP-4-R, 50mm

Harper

A/C#

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BOX

FBI

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u>	<u>X/600</u> ON			
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Hazy & smoke 5000'

bombed with 380

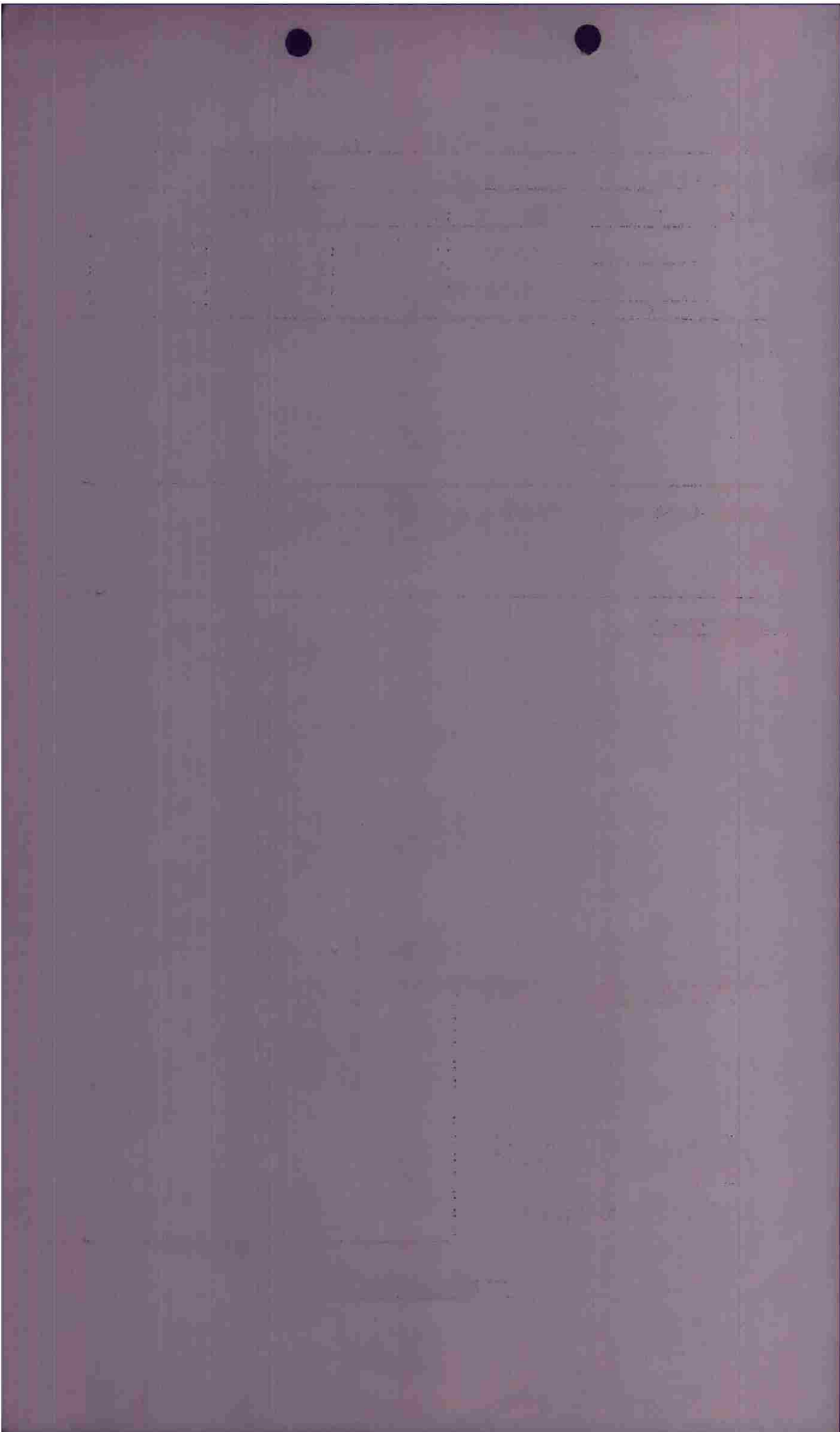
to the right of IP - Balloon/B (20-30)
7000'

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

INTERROGATOR

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INTERFORM

CASUALTIES

X	JETTISONED	:	:	:
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FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

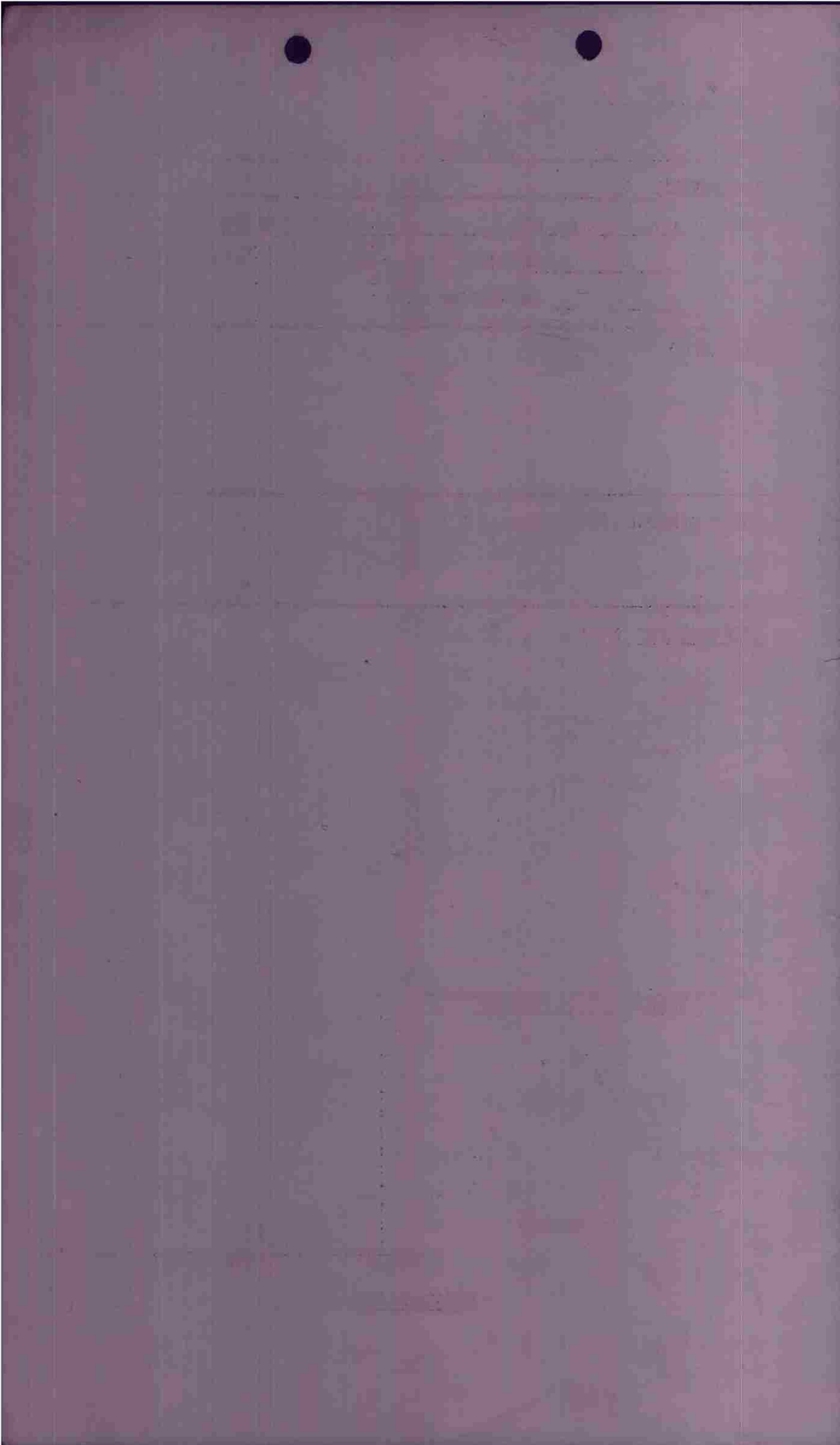
OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

MAZ.
INTERROGATOR

CONFIDENTIAL



P.M.

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PILOT Willard A/C# 383 BOX I FILE 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON <u>5</u>				
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

1 seen Hay
bombed with 386

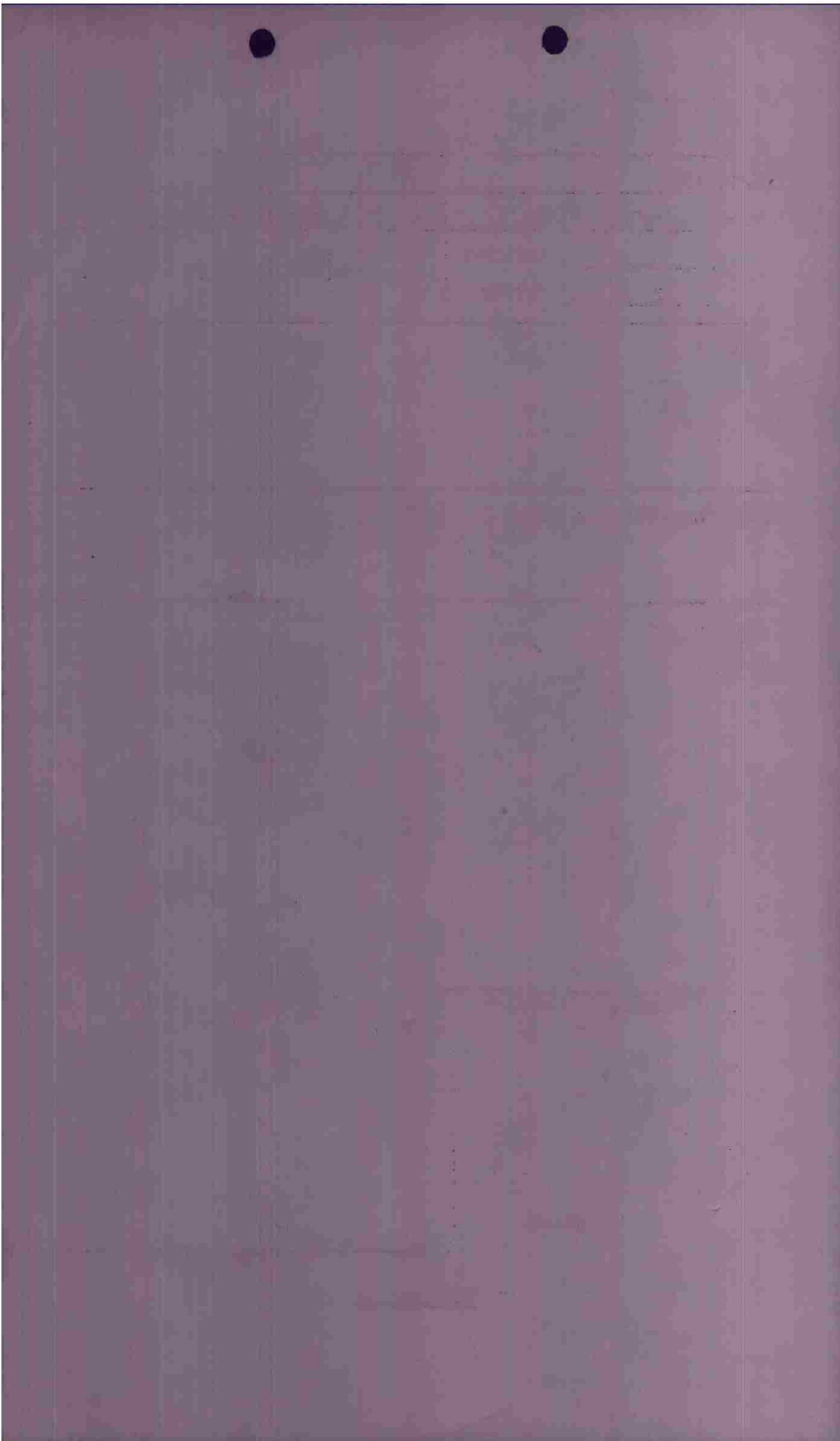
POSITION IN FORMATION

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

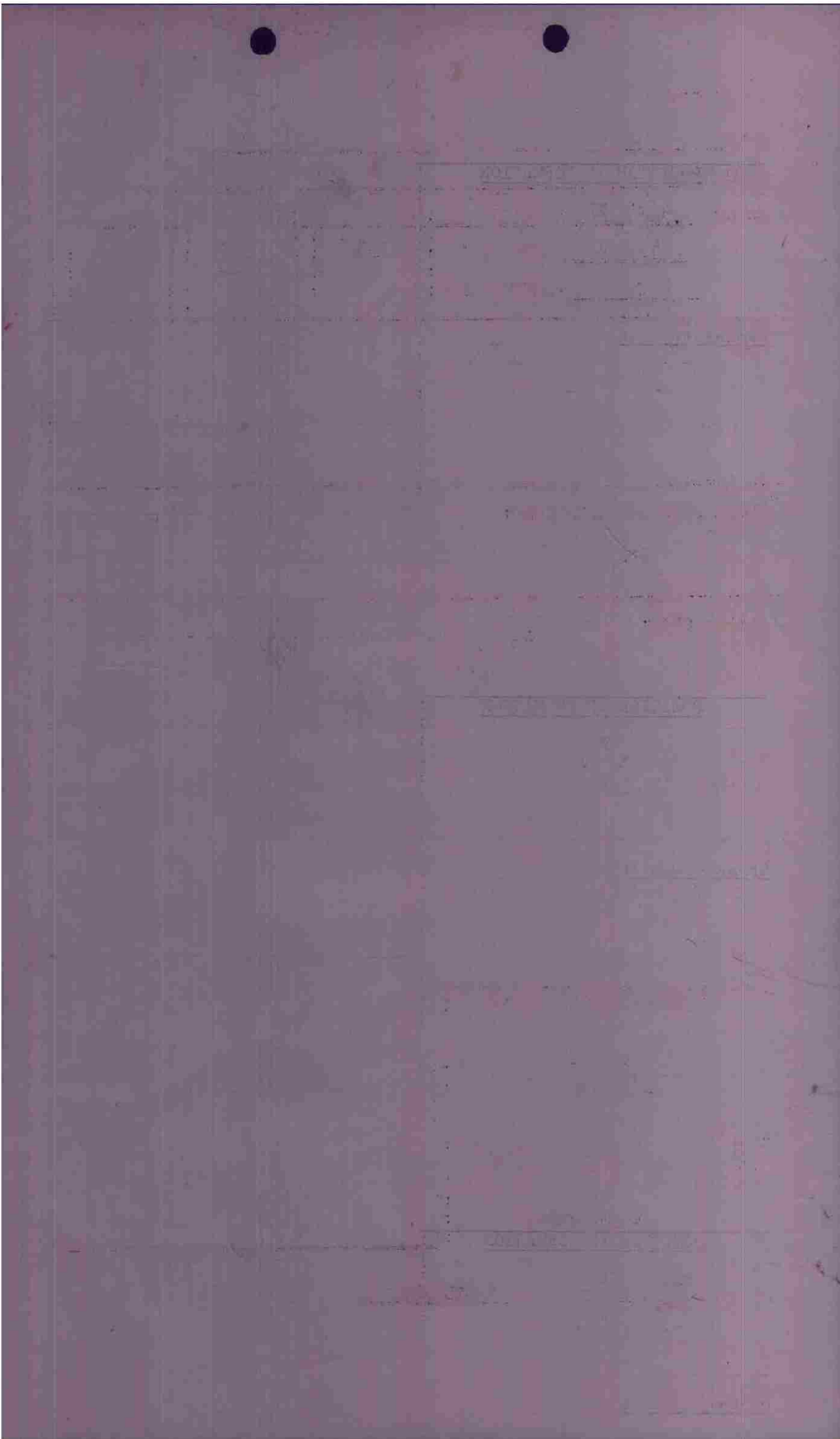
OBSERVATIONS : Bombs hit edge of tgt area

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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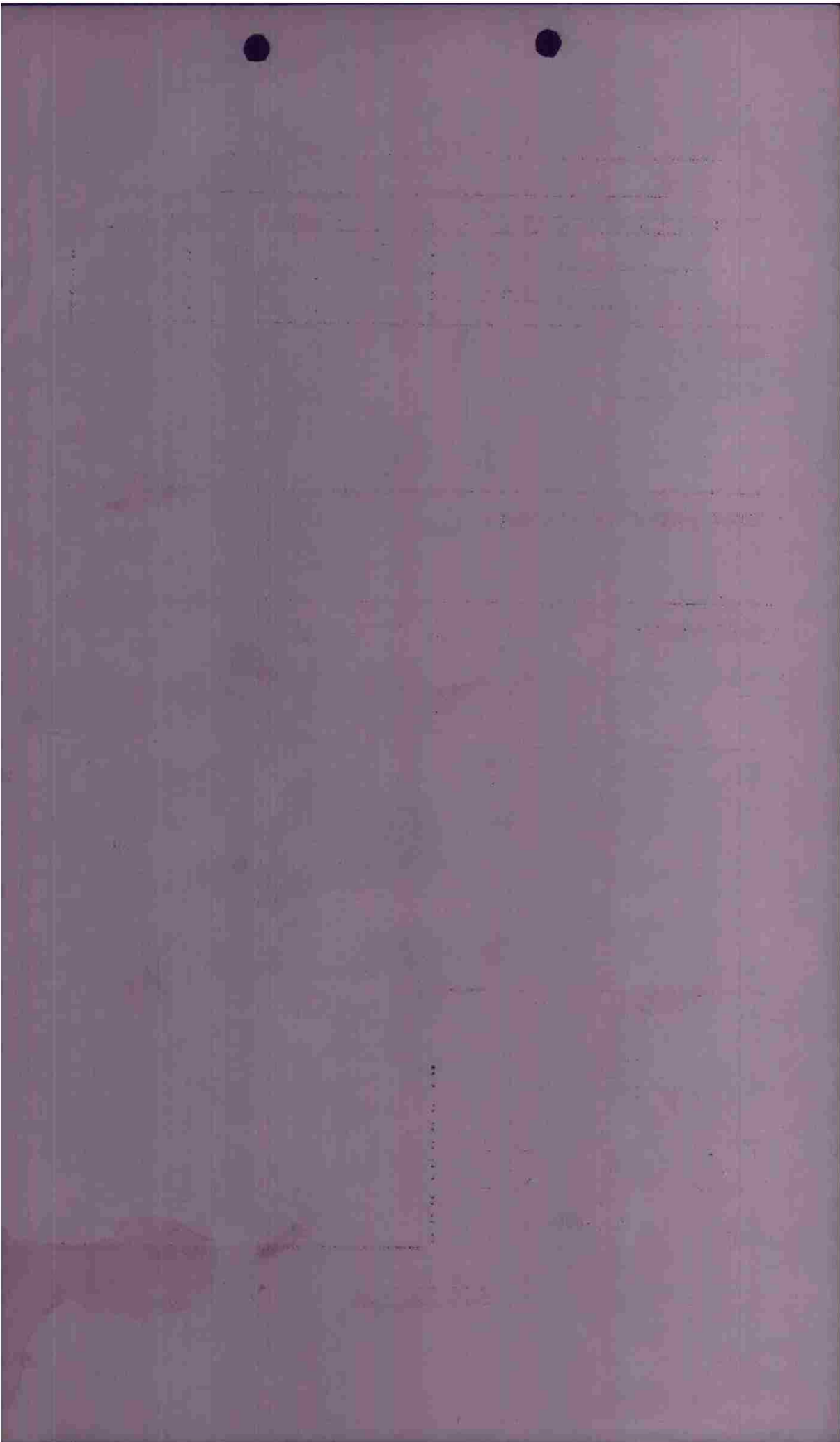
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PILOT Hmes A/C# 249 BOX 14 FILE 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	1000	RETURNED			
X		JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

cut thru town SW to N/E

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X  X
    (X)
    X  X

X      X
X  X  X
X      X
X  X  X

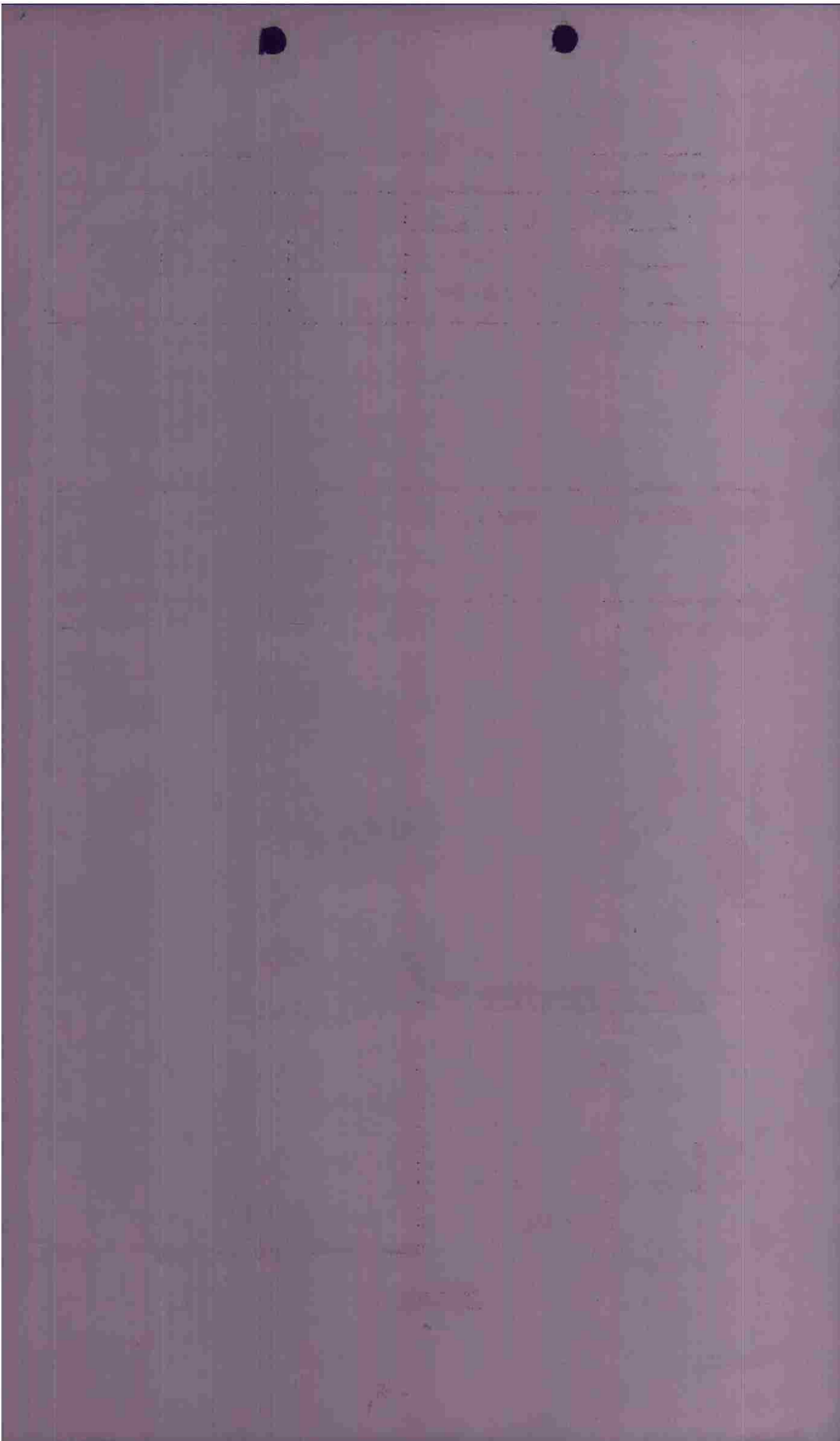
X (SPARE)

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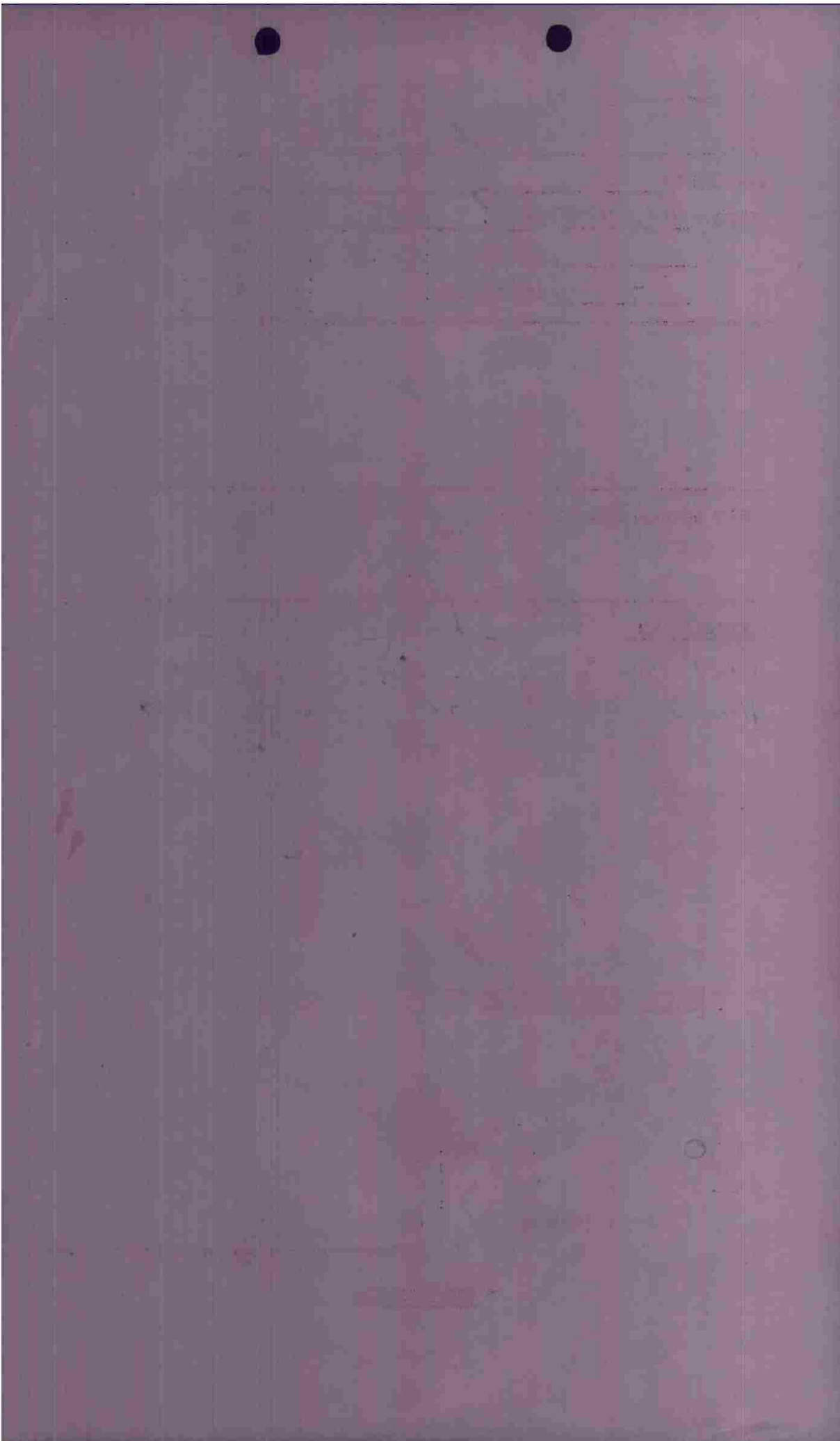
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PILOT Smith A/C# 338 BOX 1y FLT 2

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>4</u> X <u>10000N</u> <u>PT</u>	:	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED	:			
X JETTISONED	:			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : black fighter - silver fi
chasing it at about 1050. at alt.

OBSERVATIONS : lights in center of town.

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

  X
Y  X
  X
X  X

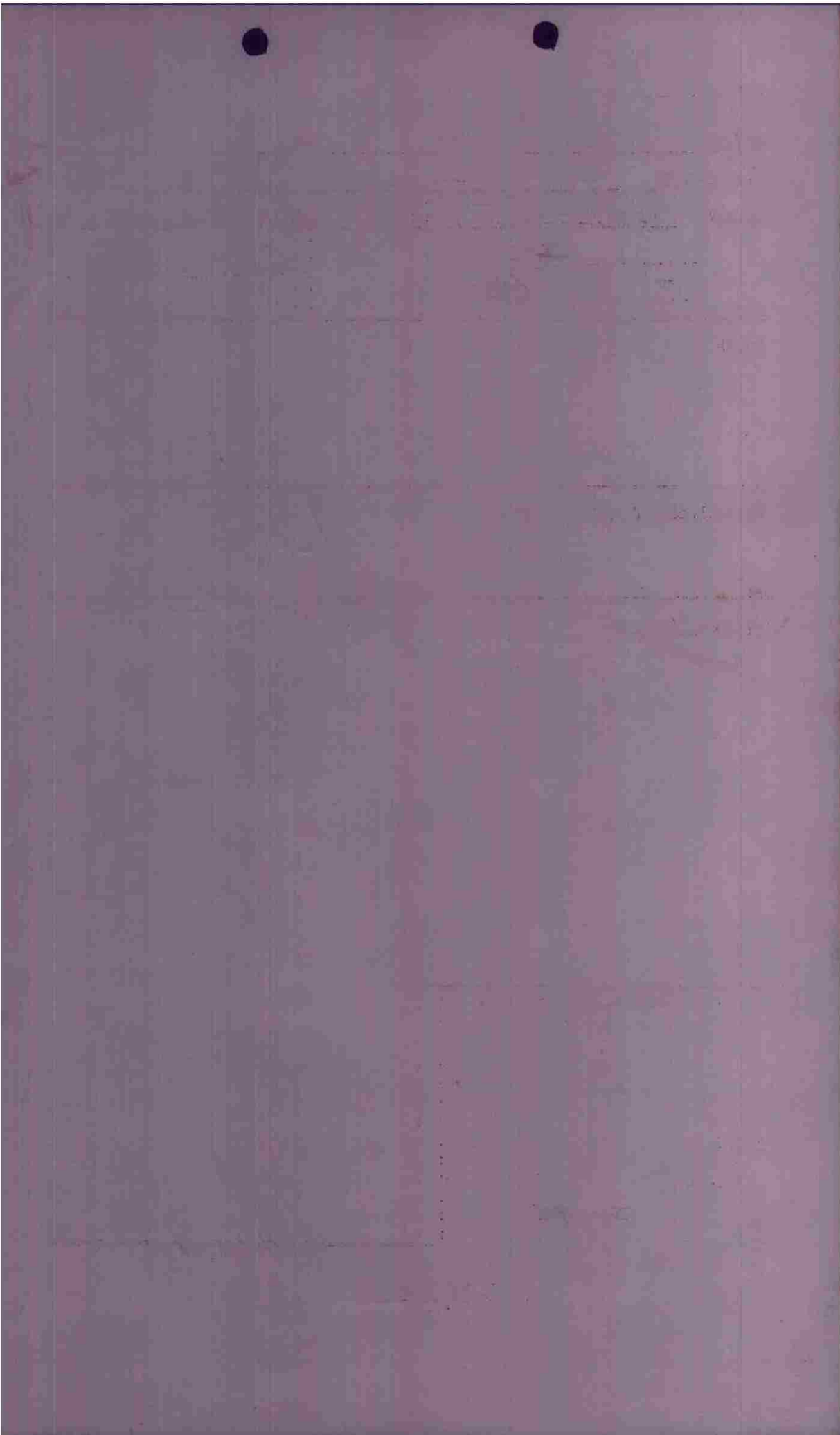
      X
    (X) X
      X
    X  X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Mooney A/C# 352 BOX IV FILE 1

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : 4 X/000 ON _____ BATTLE DAMAGE

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

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS : nil

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
     X (A)
      X
     X  X
  
```

```

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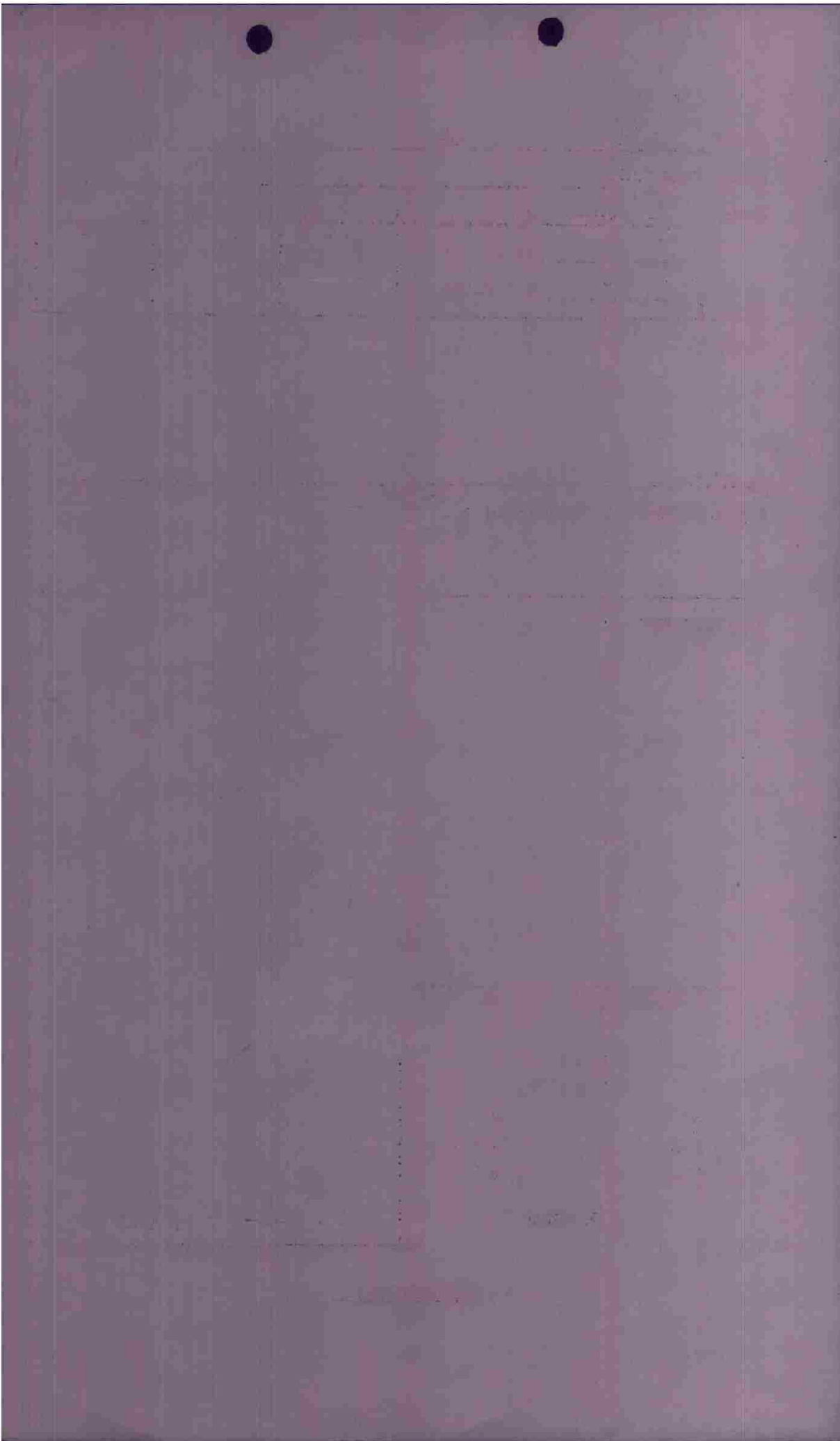
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      X
     X  X
    X  X
  
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X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES *nil*

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : *nil*

OBSERVATIONS : Bomb alt. 9500

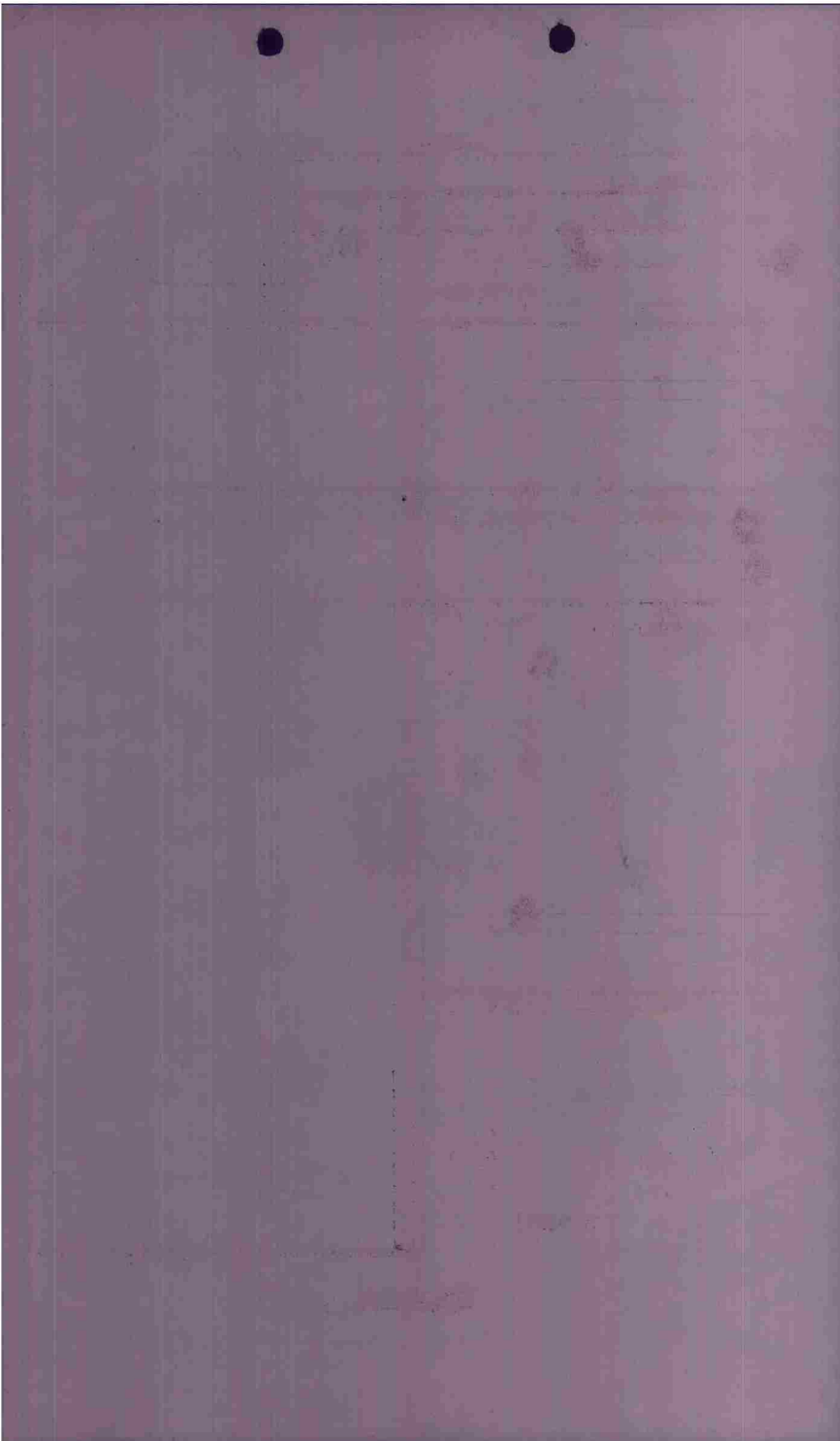
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X (SPARE)

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PILOT Willis A/C# 229 BOX ✓ FLT 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED		<u>nil</u>		
X JETTISONED				

FLAK :

nil

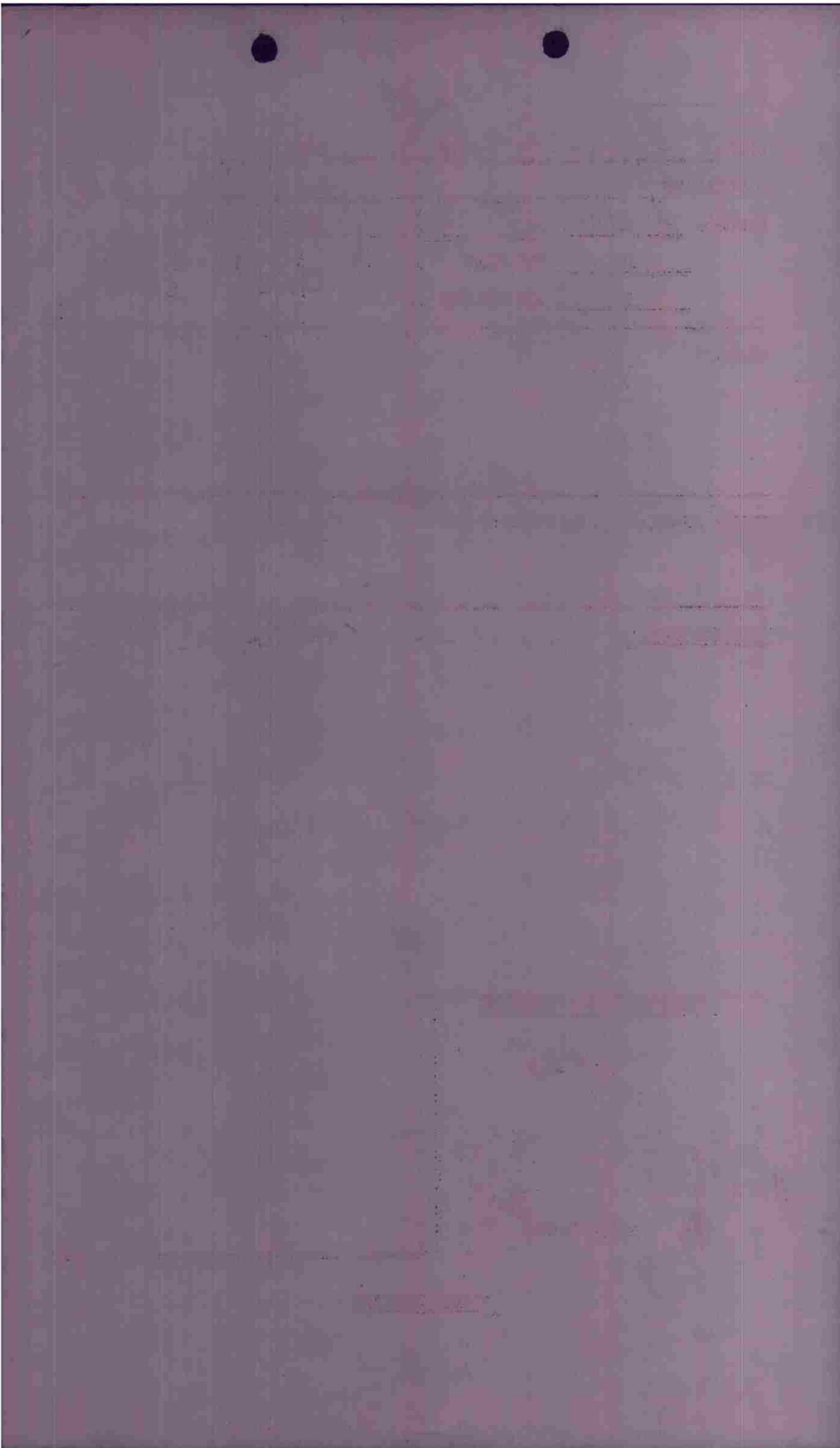
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nilOBSERVATIONS : Dropped from 5000 ft. on town

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<i>me</i>		

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

will

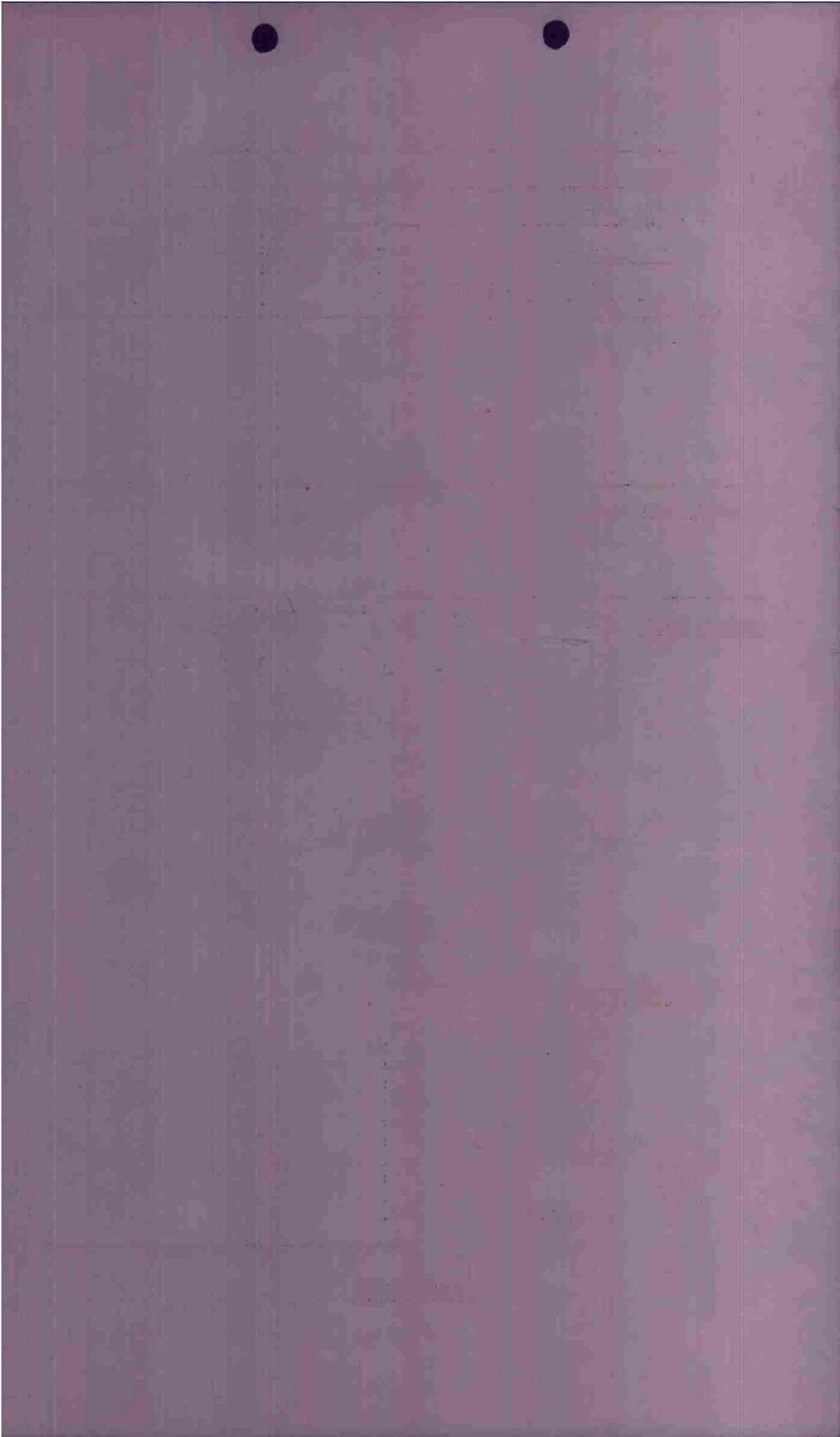
OBSERVATIONS : ~~Bent's~~ Believe ^{plus fl.} bombed as condorm
on ETA with 386 BLS.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Martin A/C# 314 BOX Y FLT 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>4</u> <u>X1000</u>	ON _____	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>nil</u>		
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Bombed from about 5300 - Smoke & flames in target town.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

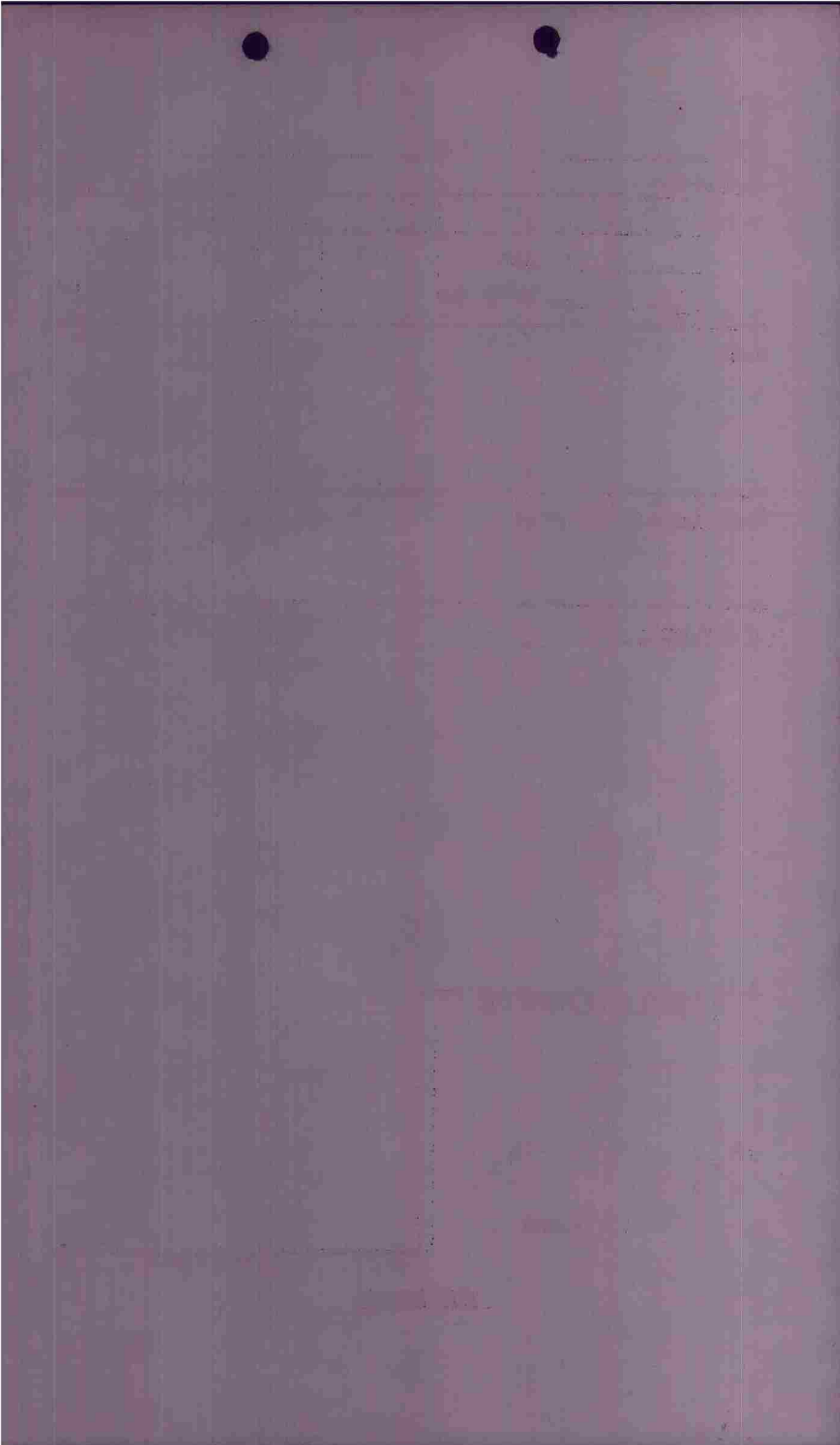
  X   X   X
Y   X   X
  X   X   X
X   X   X

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u>	ON <u>P.T.</u>	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED	:	:	:
X	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

little in center of town.POSITION IN FORMATION

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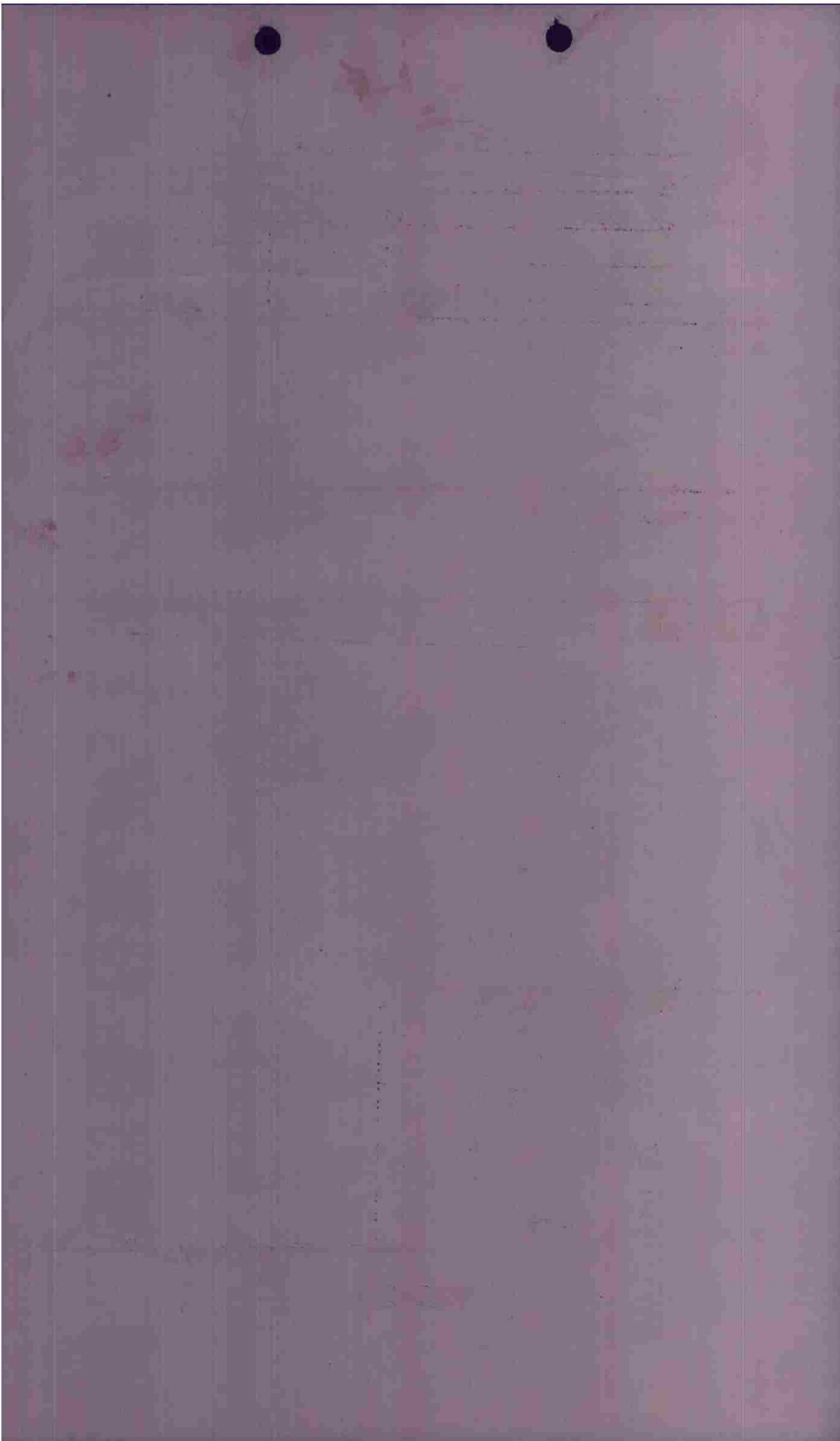
      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

  X
Y  X  X
  X
X  X

      X
    X  X
    X  X
    X  X
  
```

X (SPARE)

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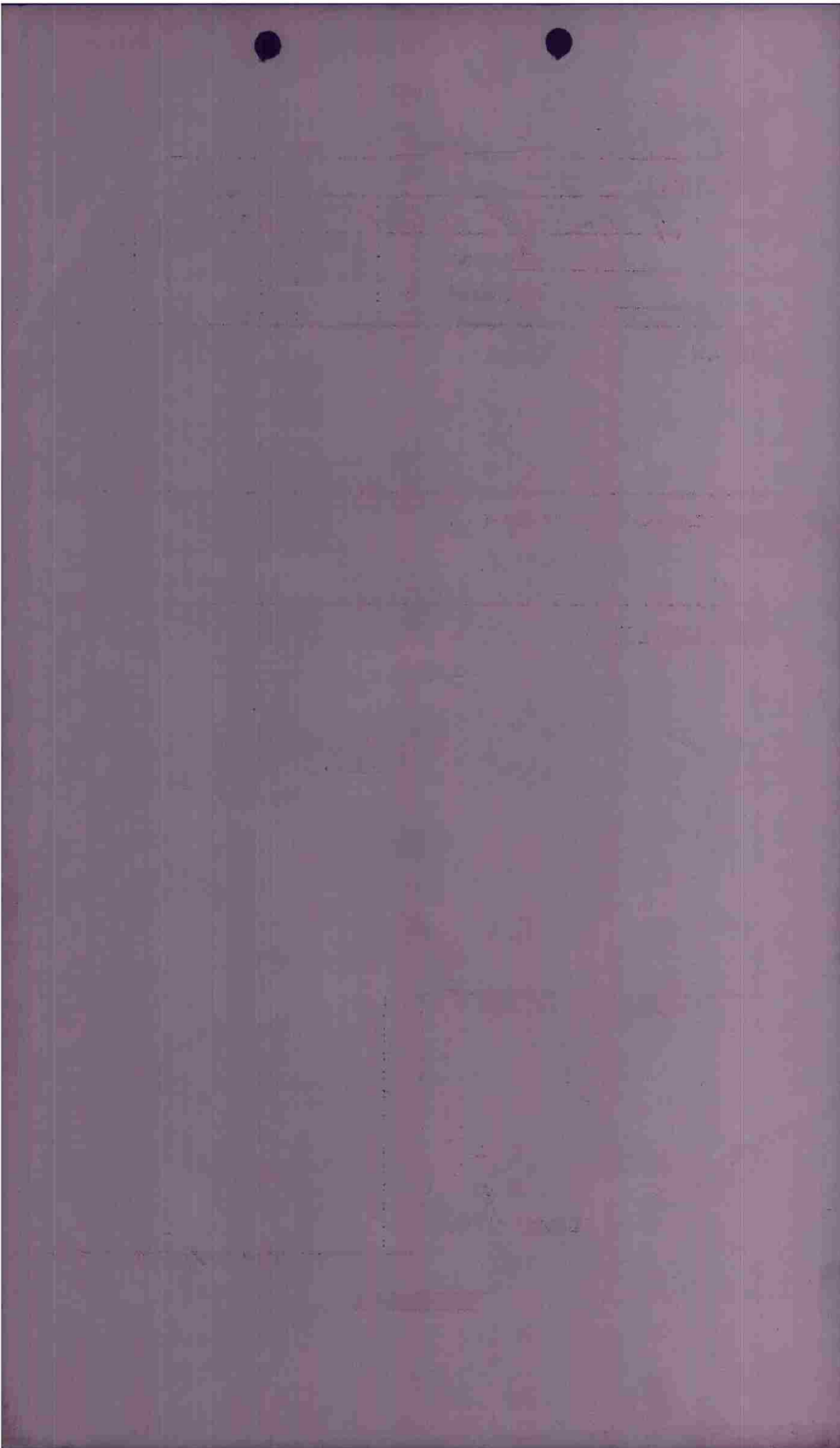
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Guns S E of town smoking 52
on course from P.T.
5, 200 ft.
ex. results.

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Turner A/C# 487 BOX ✓ FLT 2CASUALTIES nil

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

FLAK : nilENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : none observedOBSERVATIONS : Excellent

T.O.T. 1803
 burst alt 5000 ft -
 60° heading
 210 A/S.

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

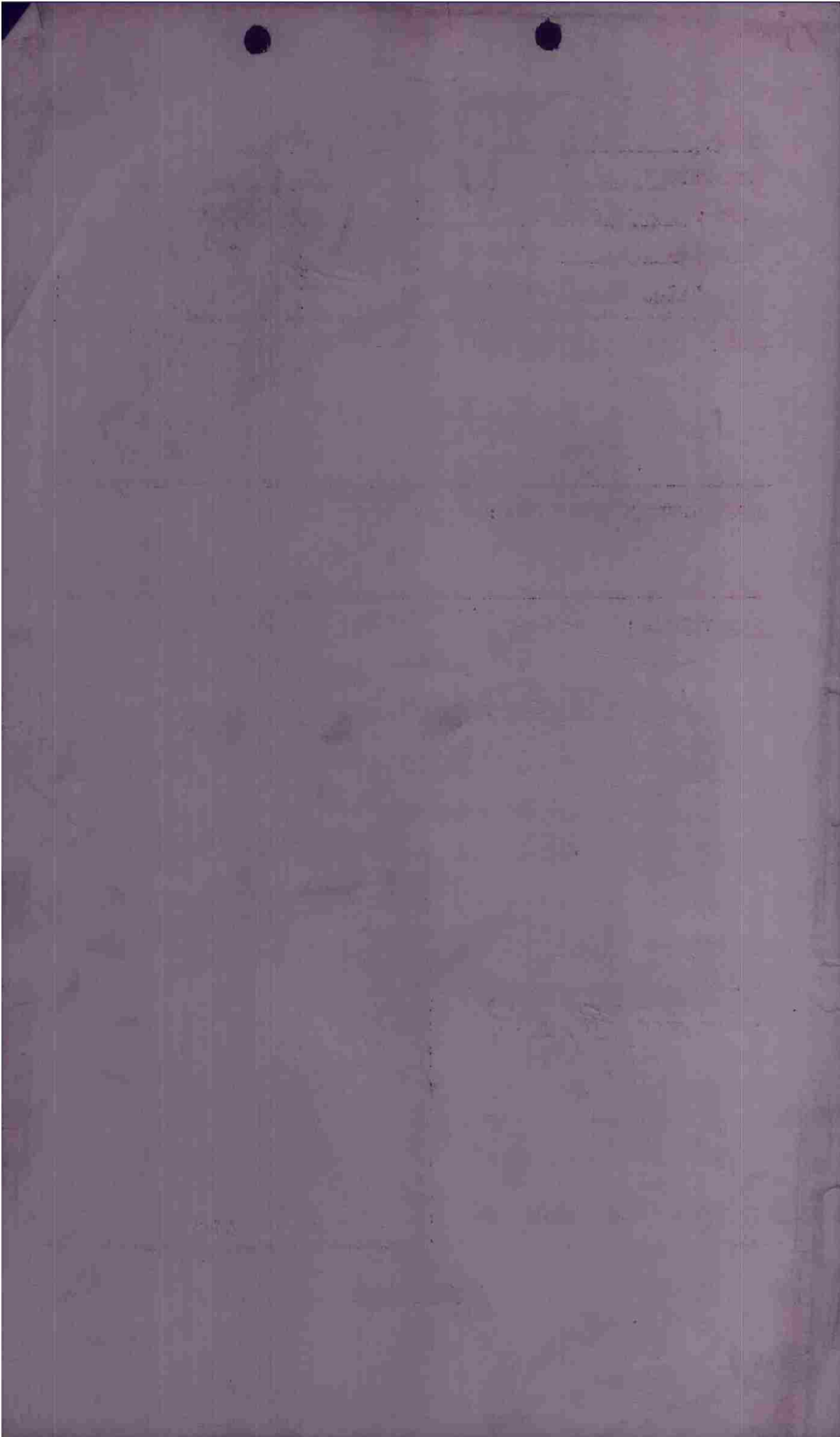
X      X (X) X
X      X
X      X

X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE			
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"	
4	X 1000 ON 				
	X RETURNED				
	X JETTISONED				

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

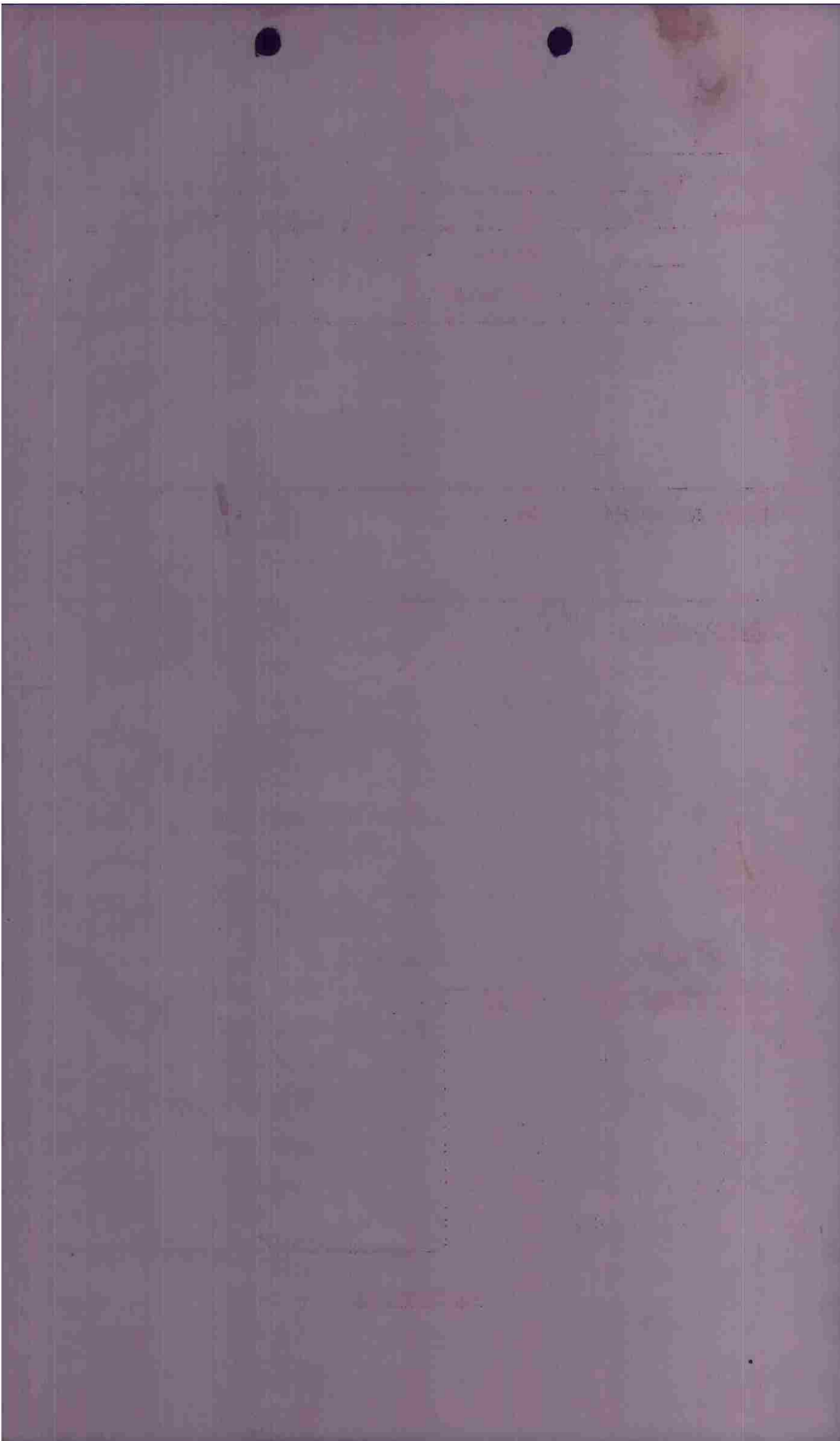
OBSERVATIONS : Dropped with 386 ~~th~~ on our secondary. Lost formation haze + smoke overcast at 6-7000 ft. Tagged on to A26 formation thinking it was ours. While near Muhauren saw A26 group cut our IP and Tagged on with them. Bombed with their 1st box. B/N didn't think visual run on P was possible and formation was seen to turn off target so dropped with them. Recognized it was another group after they turned off tgt. Heard 386 ~~th~~ say they were making run on F+A.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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A/C# 310

BOX 2

FSP (spare)

4. x 1000

55 A 55

W.A.-C.F.F.

"Σ"

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Doubt in GWN Lge Exp

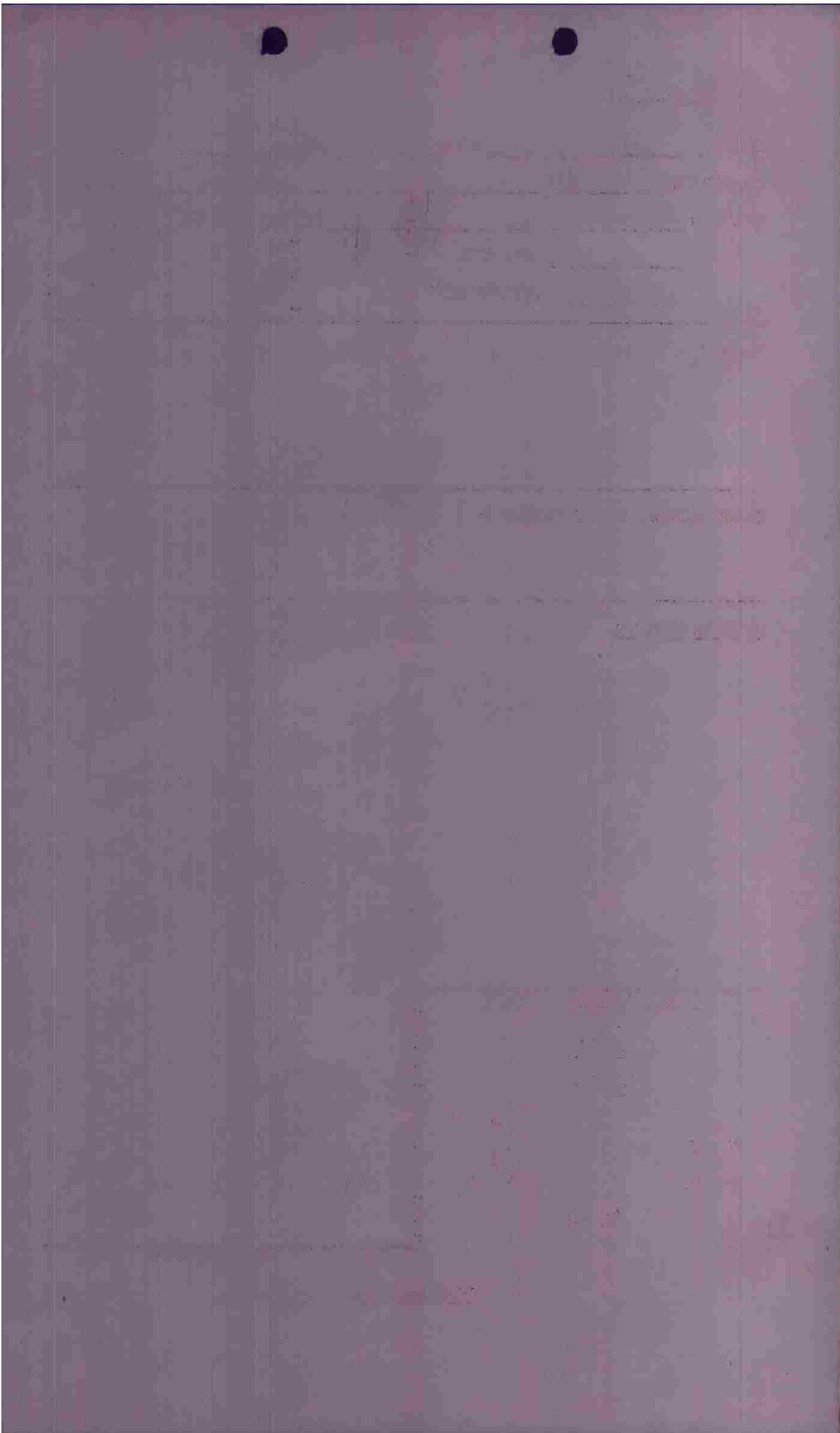
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(X) (SPARE)

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PILOT Brown A/C# 497 BOX I FLT 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON Primary

BATTLE DAMAGE

<u>nil</u>	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>nil</u>	X	JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

TOT 1902 —
 alt 9500
 Altis 65° mag.
 IAS 210

C. Carin
 Excellent results
 on PT

Called Ripshaw from vicinity of KR to say TOT
 would be 1 minute later.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      (X)
     X  X
      X  X
     X  X

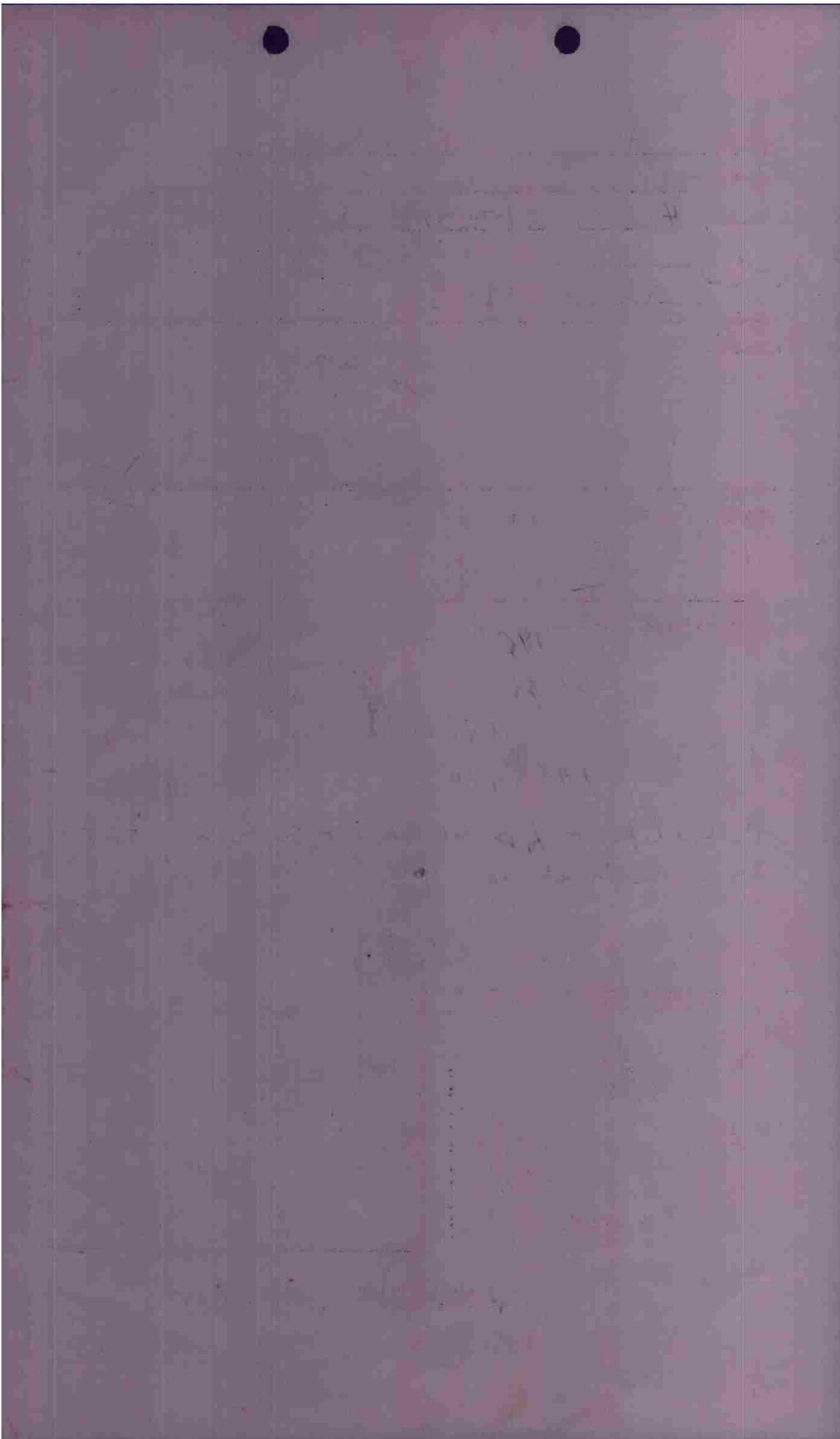
X      X      X
X      X      X
X      X      X
X      X      X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Cocke A/C# 328 BOX 11 FLT 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON <u>P</u>		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombs hit in NE part of town.
no obs.

Good flight lead.

Pitch parade on arrow seen
half way between target & IP.

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
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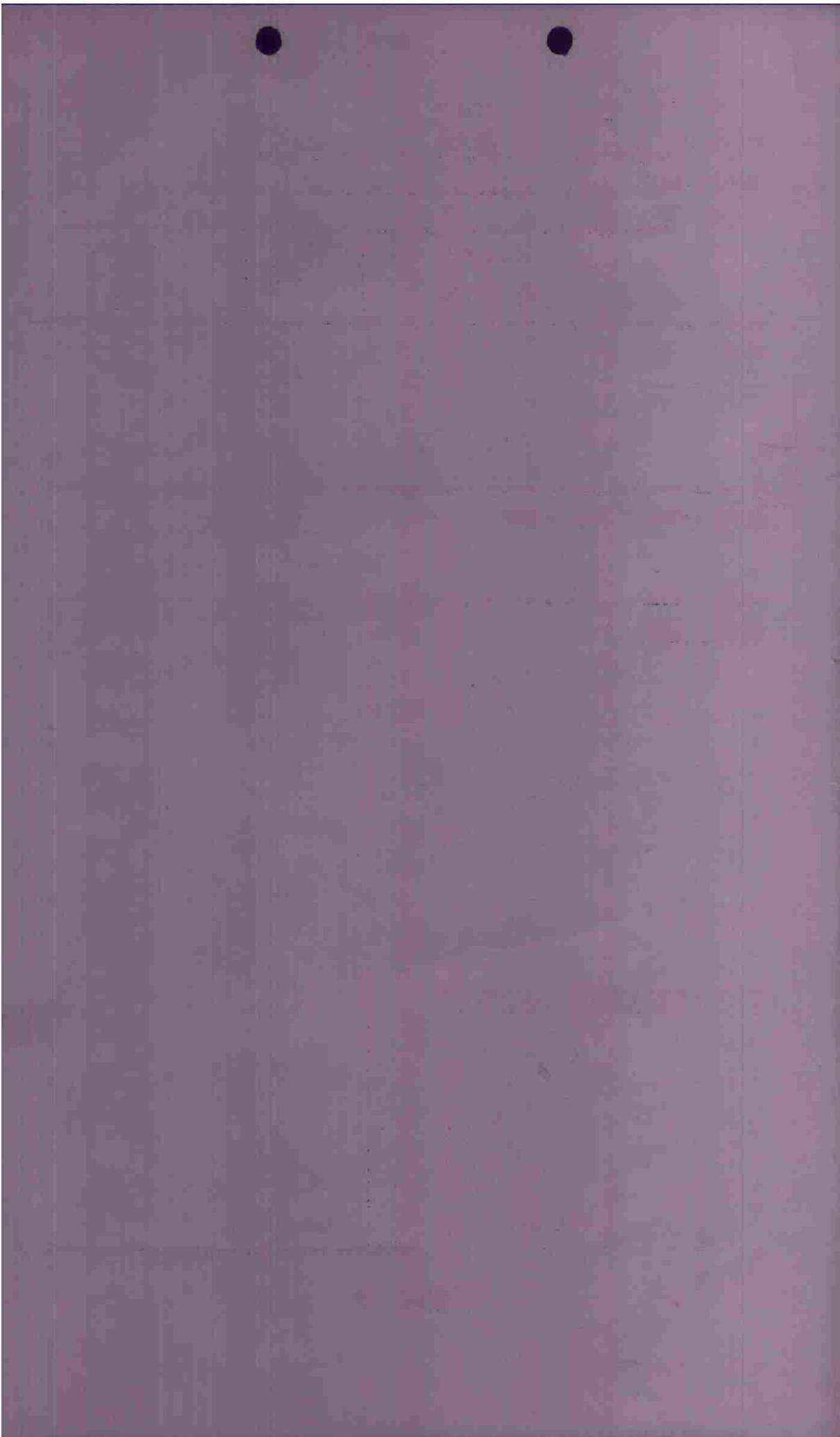
X (SPARE)

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
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PILOT Harris A/C# 325 BOX IV FLT 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON _____

BATTLE DAMAGE

X RETURNED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

X JETTISONEDnil

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

10000 smokingPOSITION IN FORMATION

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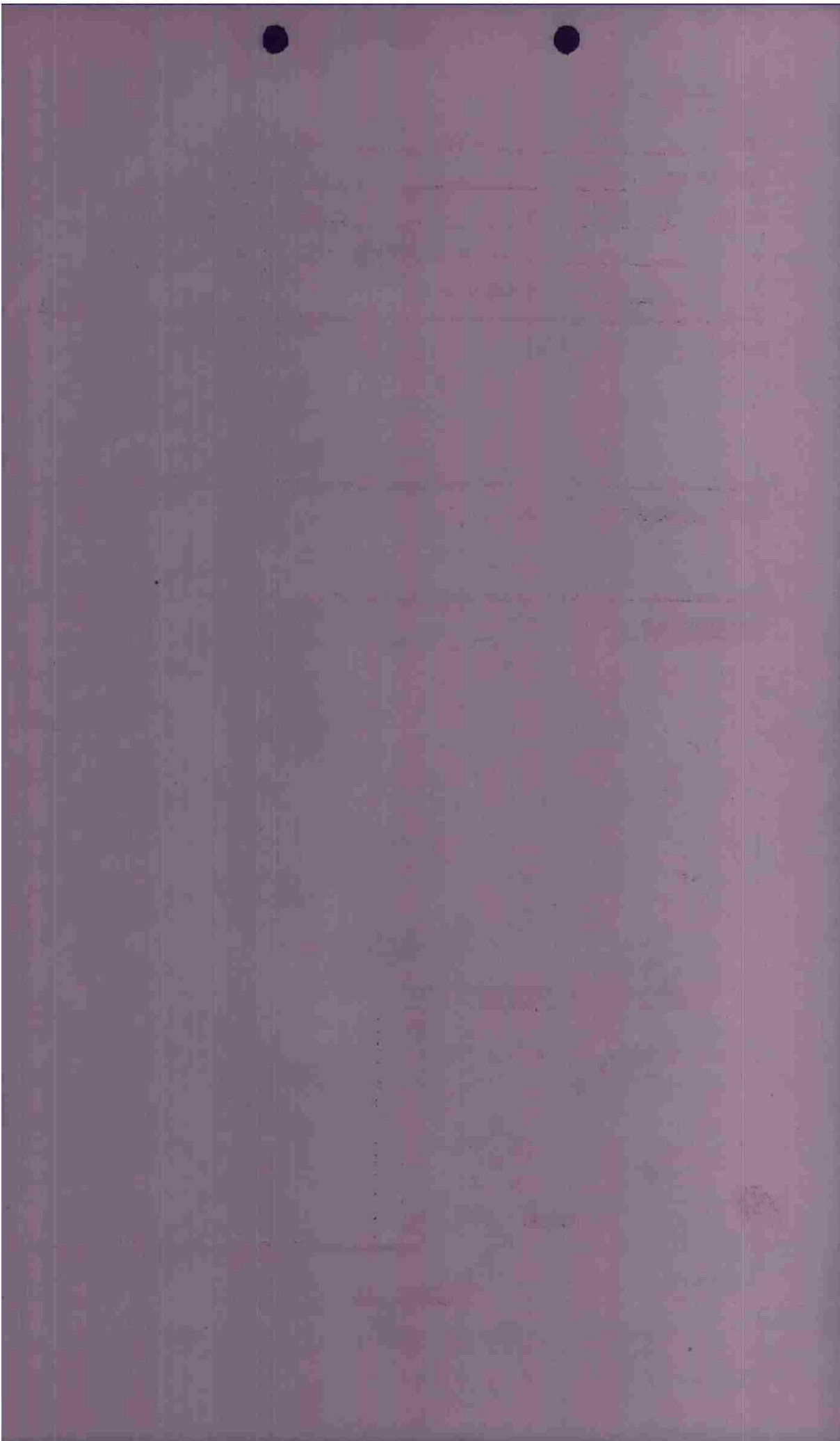
      X
    X X
    X X
  
```

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      X
    X X
    X X
  
```

X (SPARE)

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Thank

A/C#

335

BOX

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FLP 3

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON

4 x 1000

ON

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

55 A 53

W. A. C. 11

THE

X

JETTISONED

FLAK :

mil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :



OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

~~X~~

$\begin{matrix} & X \\ Y & & \\ & X \\ X & & X \end{matrix}$

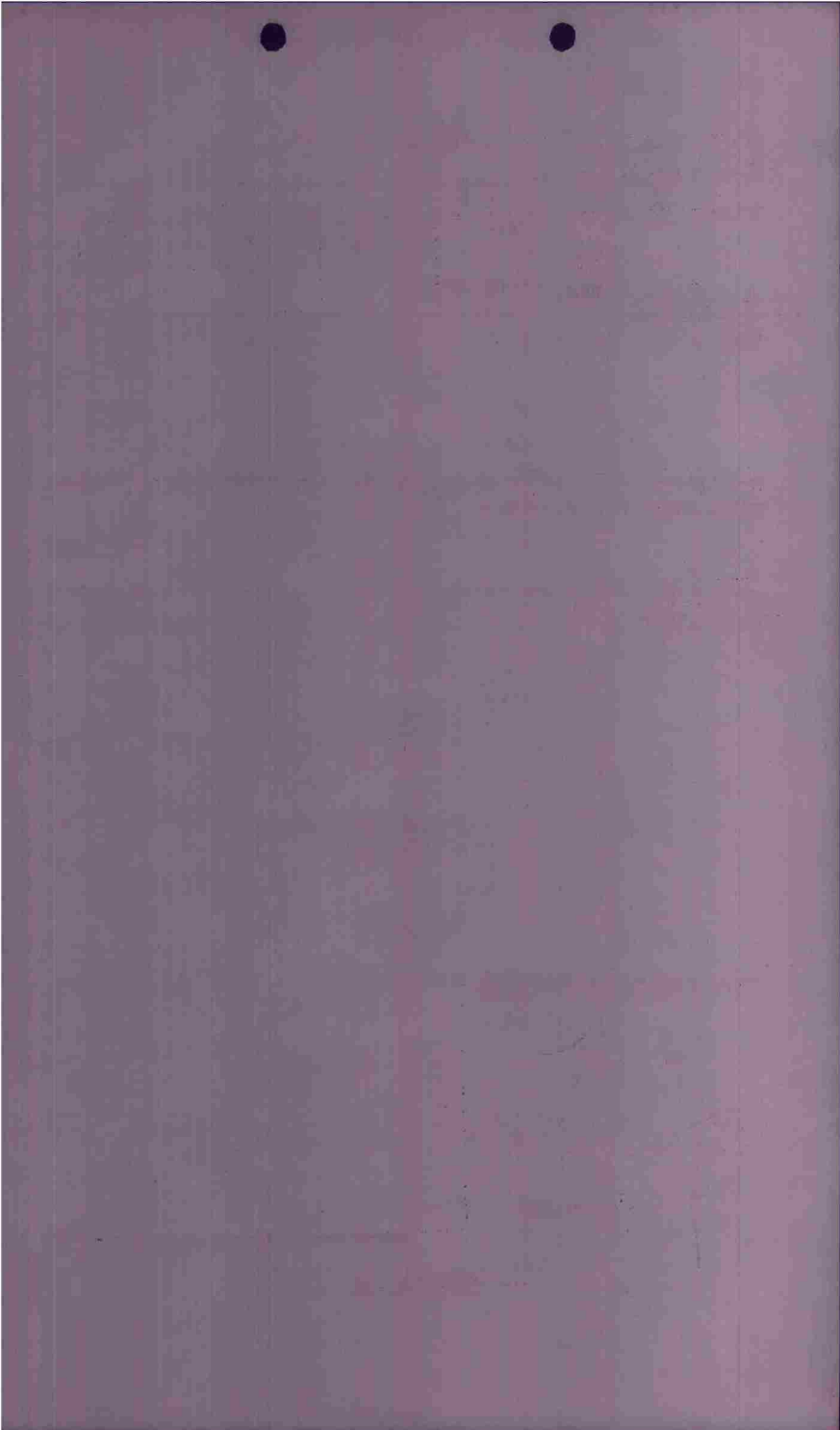
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X (SPARE)

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Bombed
this position



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BOX

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FLT

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

1/4 X 1000 ON Casual

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

X

JETTISONED

nil

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Casual was NORDHAUSEN.
 Bombs hit in town. (125 265)
 On 1st run on PT - haze prevented bombing.
 Altho. we were directly on course from briefed
 I.P. made right turn about 1/4 way from
 I.P. & made run on casual,
 alt on run on PT was 4000

Alt on casual 8500
 TOT 1815
 Aft's 010° mag.

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

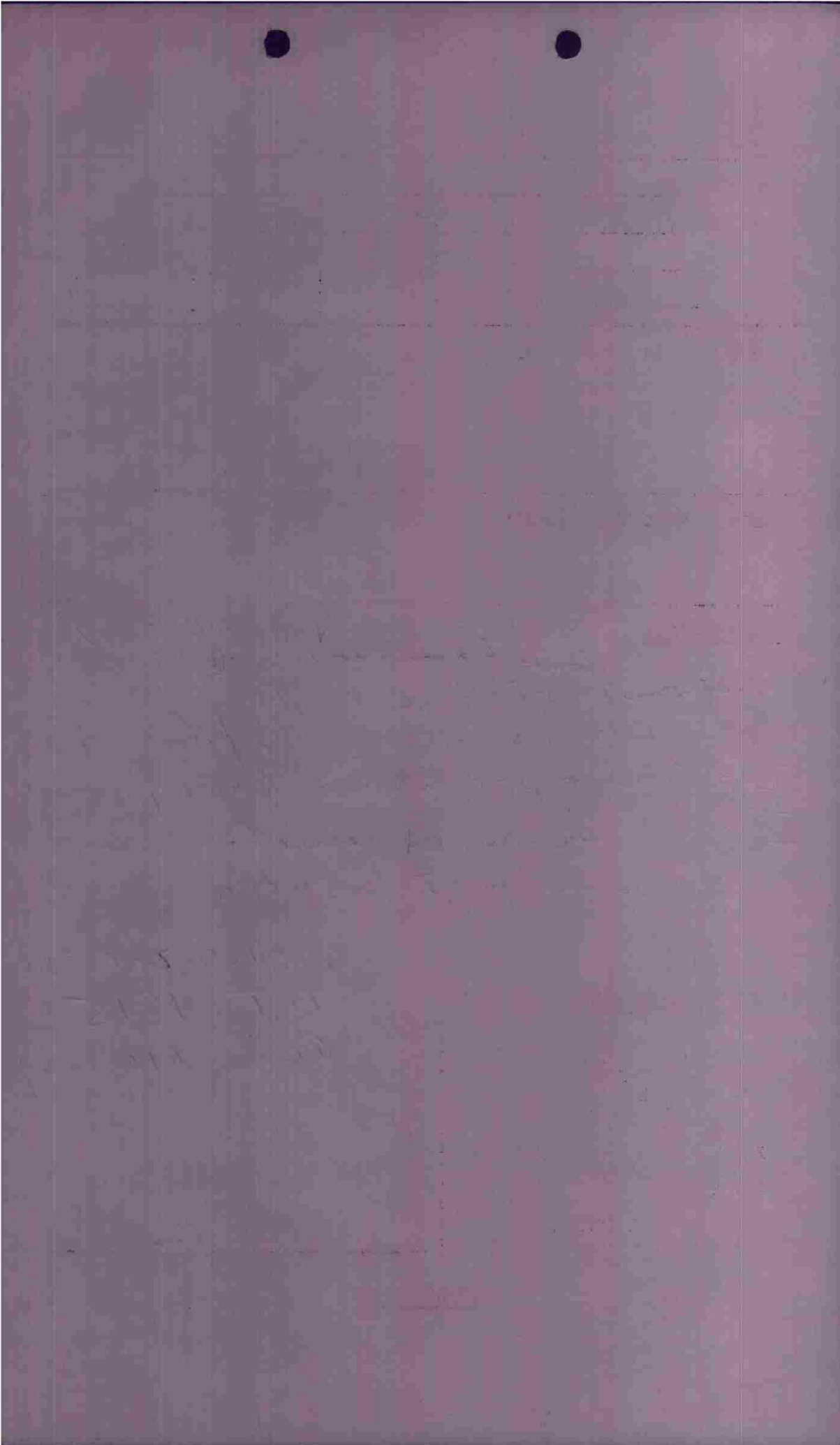
  X      X
Y  X    X  (X)
  X      X
X  X    X  X

      X (SPARE)

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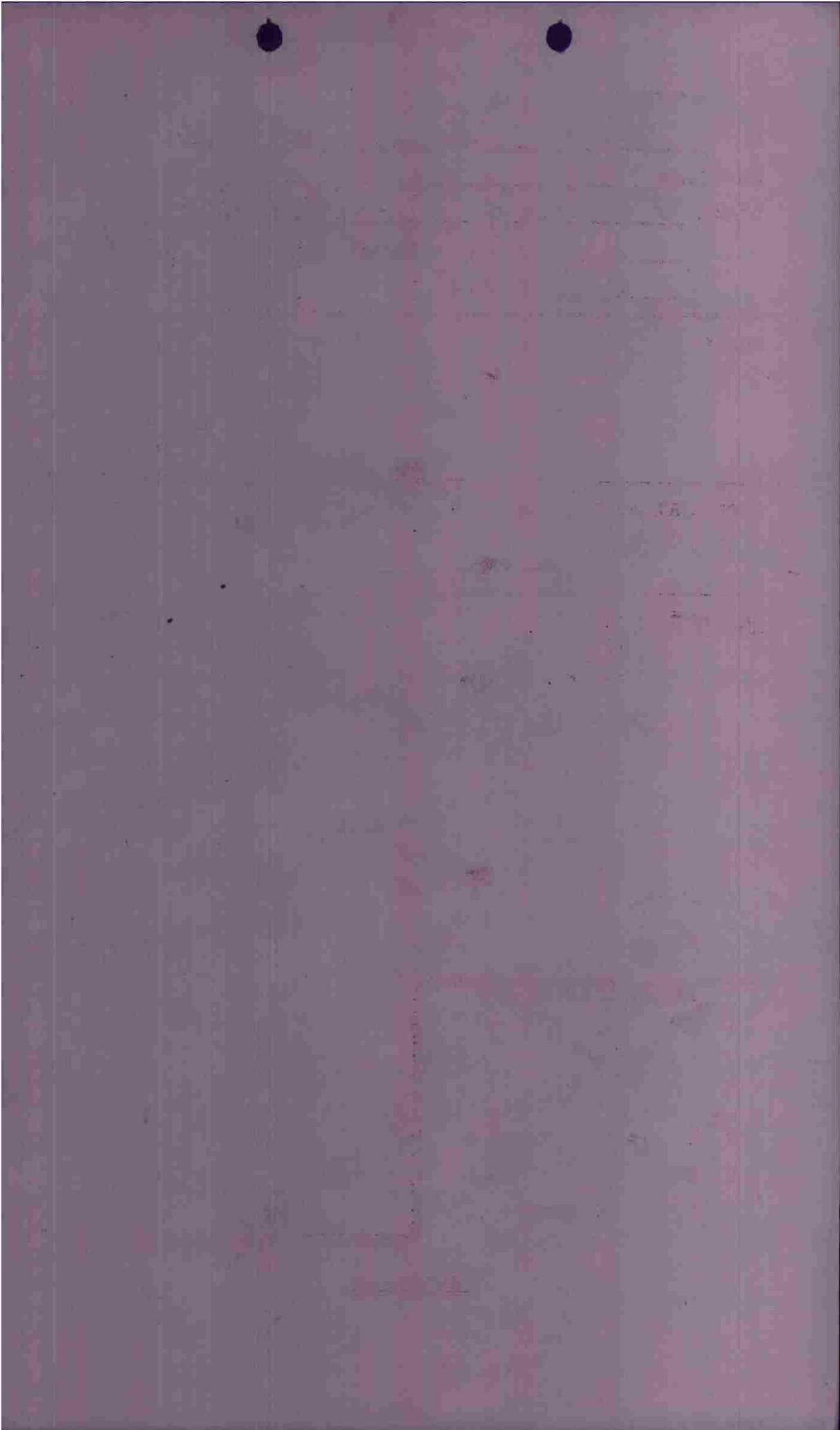
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FLAK :

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PILOT Hell A/C# 501 BOX 10 FLT 2CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u>	ON			
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : nilENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS : Bomb Nordhausen - hit row of buildings believed to be factories - Bombarrier could not pick up prisoners because of smoke and haze - same reason for not bombing 2nd saw to go at Nordhausen

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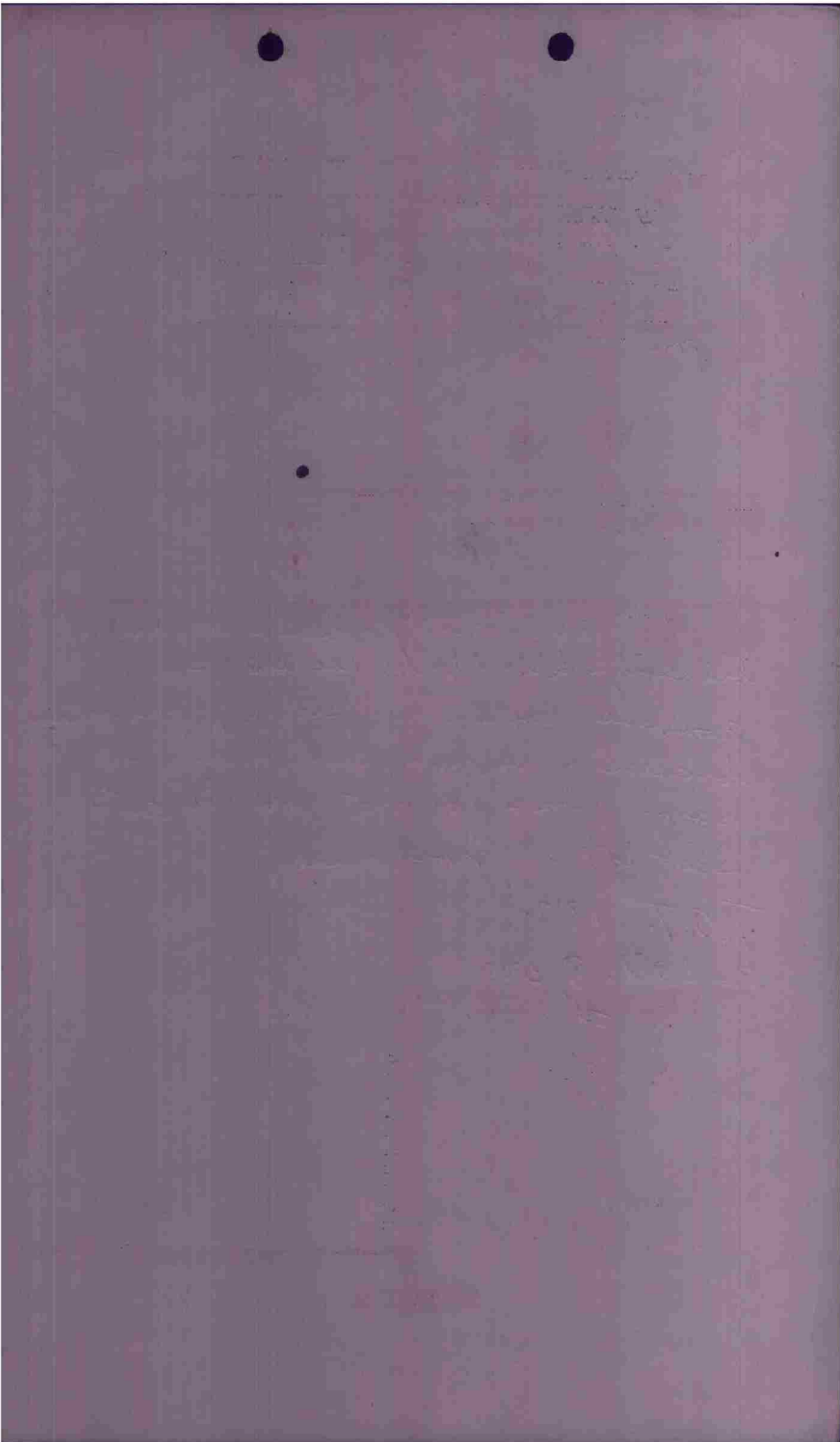
Bomb Alt. 8,500

POSITION INFORMATION

	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 Wheeler A/C# 508 BOX IV FLT 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON <u>at P.T.</u>				
X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

2 runs - (in larger of huge bomb bixence - back prior to T.P. for end run)

Alt - 4700 indicated

TOT - 1802

IAS - 210 mph

MH - 032

*for 2nd run
ship not broken
Bombs and*

*lost 1000 after TPA - 306 (yellow tails)
Came in at reciprocal heading - about
mi. to left.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

(X)
X X X X
X X X X
X X X X

X (SPARE)

*in woods just W of
A. P. other night
in town*

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POSITION IN FORMATION

X	X
X	X
X	X
X	X

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X	X
X	X
X	X
X	X

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X	X
X	X
X	X
X	X

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POSITION IN FORMATION

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FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

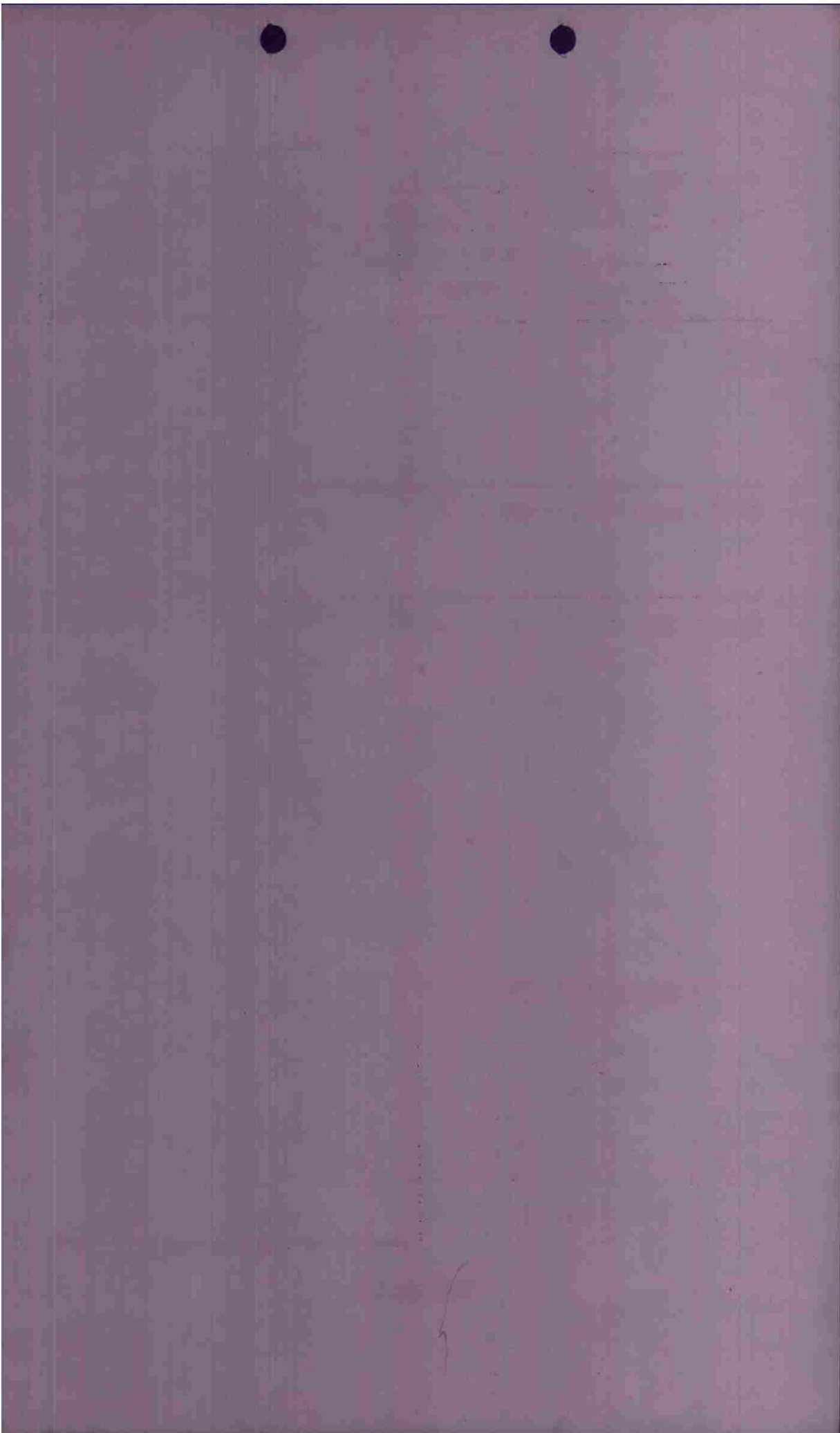
Salvage bomb on ~~Q~~ Casco (hardwood)
Bomb hit in center of tower.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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BATTLE DAMAGE

27E 99

JETTISONED

FLAK 5

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

of a reported man.

OBSERVATIONS :

2 bomb patterns seen -
one in center of town & the flt.
on edge of town in tgt area.

POSITION IN FORMATION

~~X~~ X X
 X X X

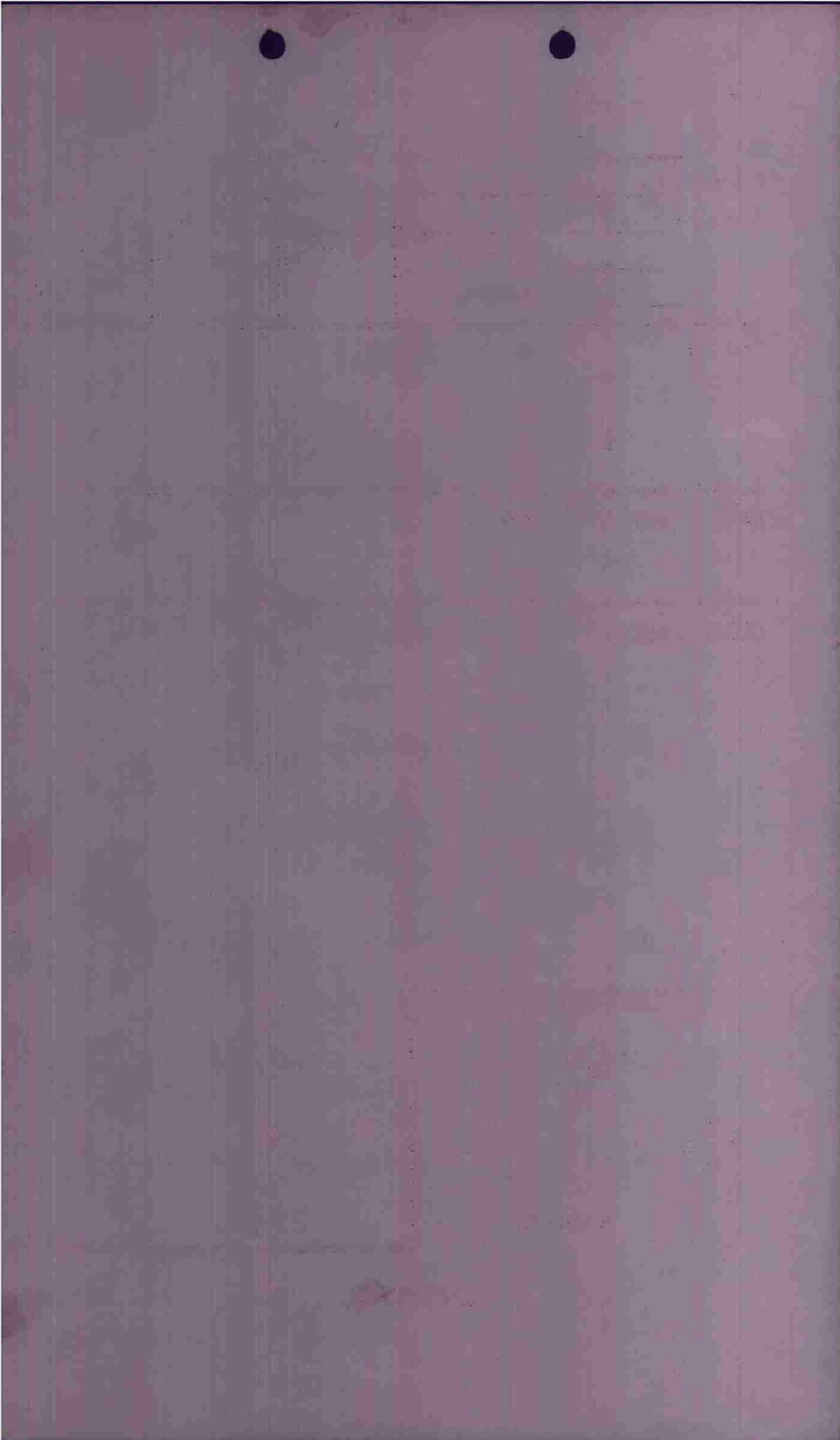
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X (SPARE)

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PILOT Graber A/C# 239 BOX 24 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON <u>P.T.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

P-47 seen

around P.R. F-1 reported

OBSERVATIONS :

hills in town (flt.)

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    (X) X
      X
    X  X

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

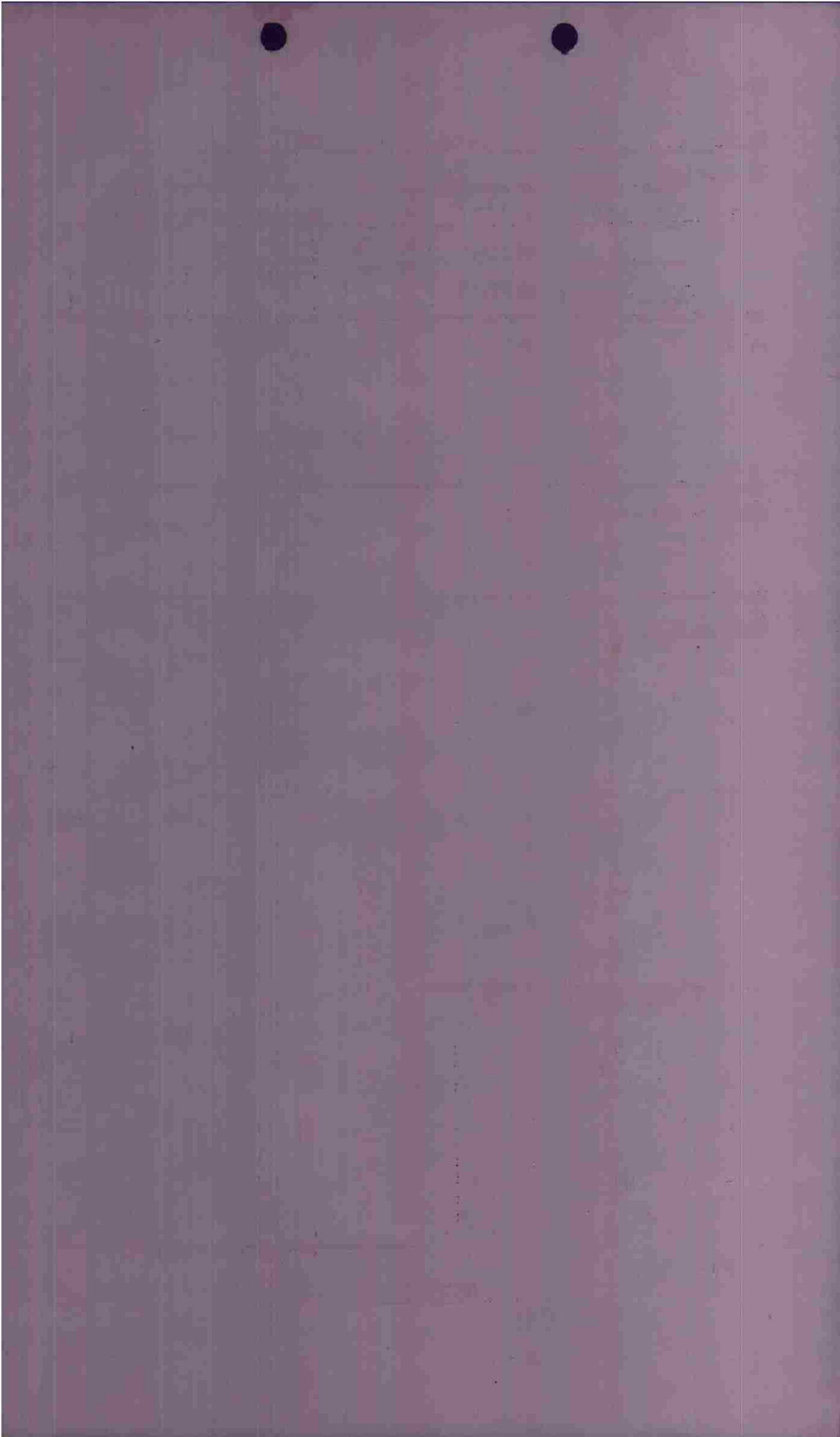
      X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

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

FLAK 8

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

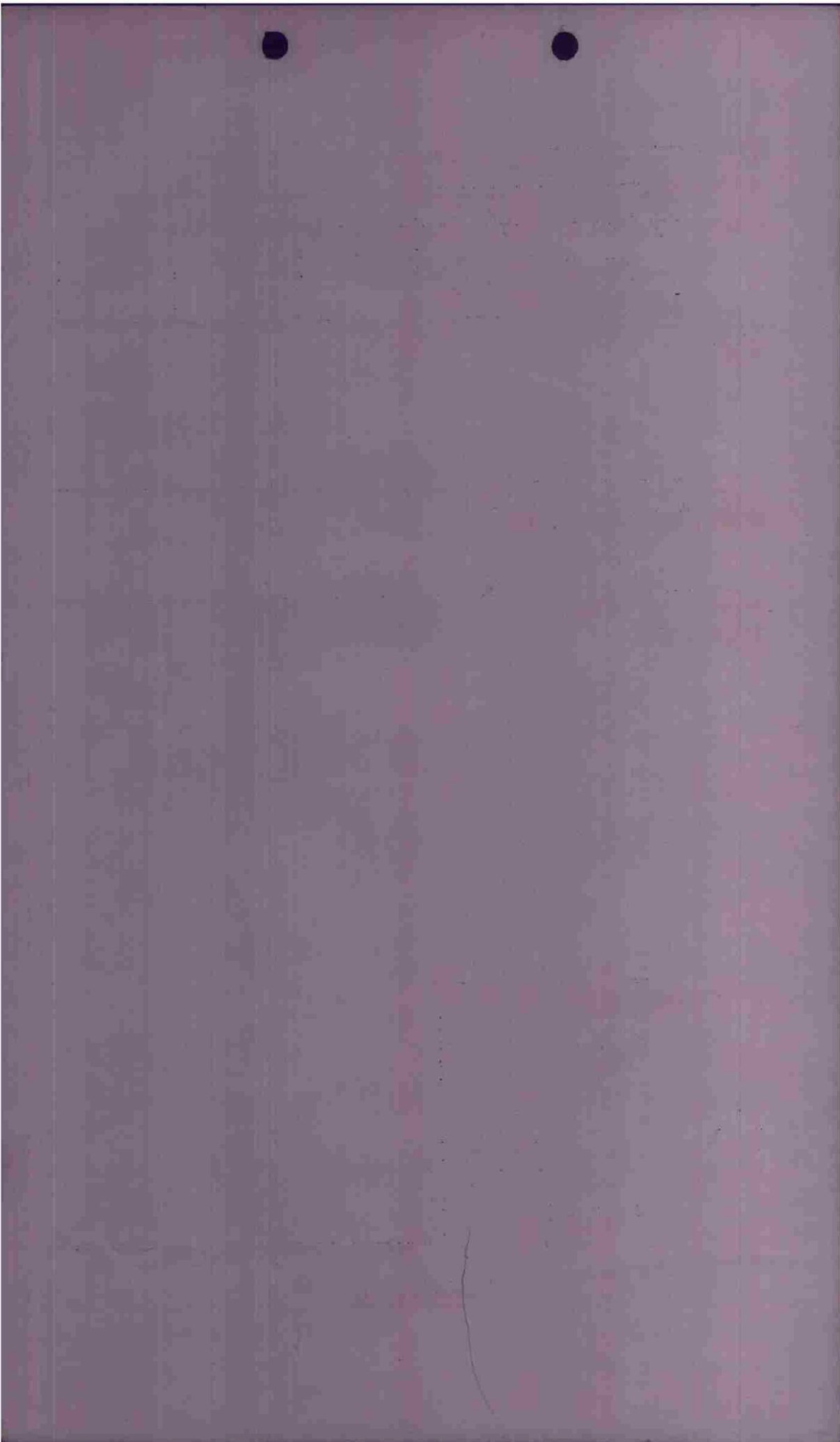
OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Withington A/C# 250 BOX 11 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON P.T.

BATTLE DAMAGE

X RETURNED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

X JETTISONED

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X  X
    X  X
      X

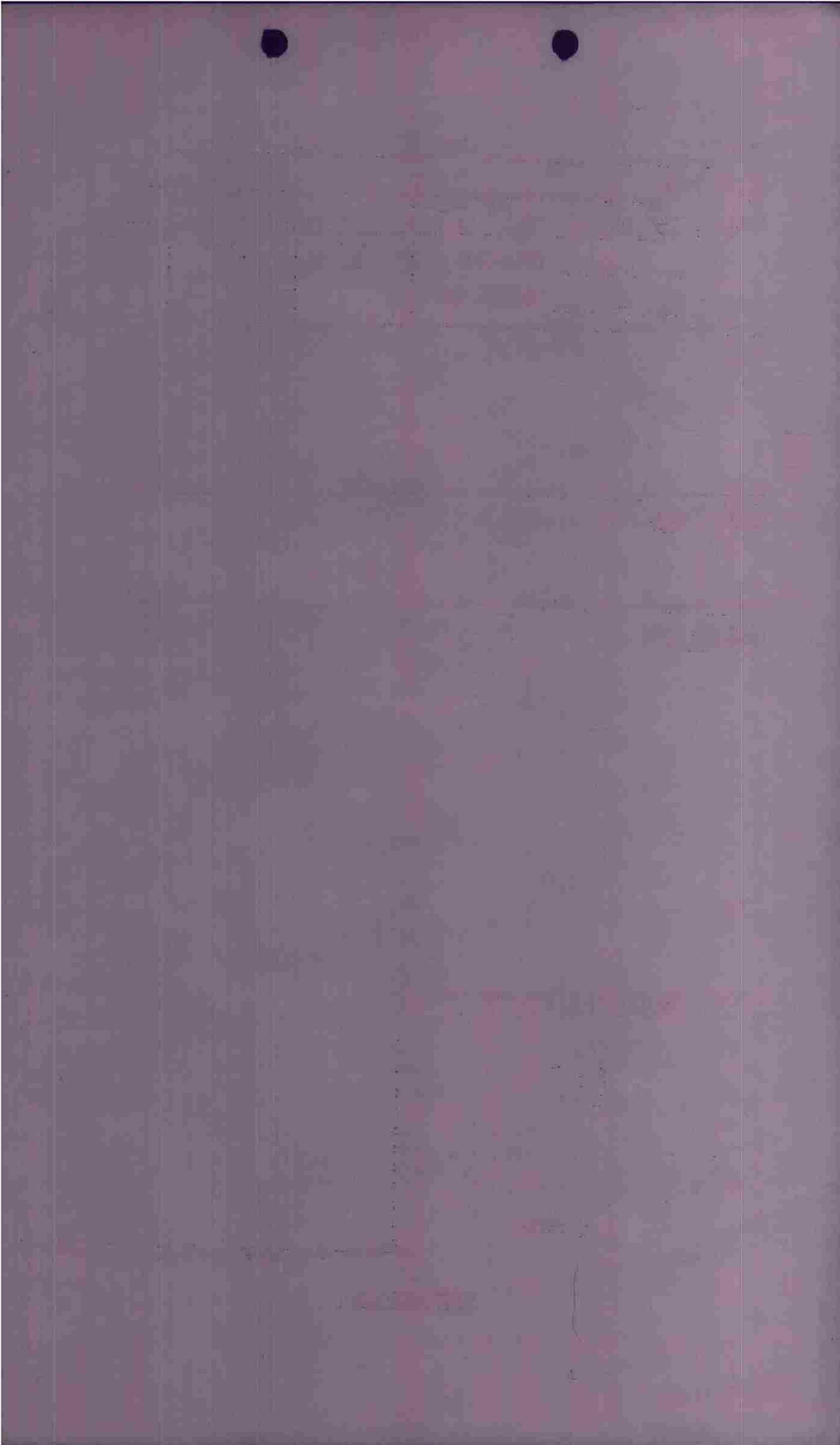
  X      X
Y  X    X
  X      X
X  X    X

      X
    X  X
      X
X (SPARE)

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PILOT Price A/C# 313 BOX IV FEB 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u>	<u>X/000</u>				
<u>X</u>		RETURNED			
<u>X</u>		JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

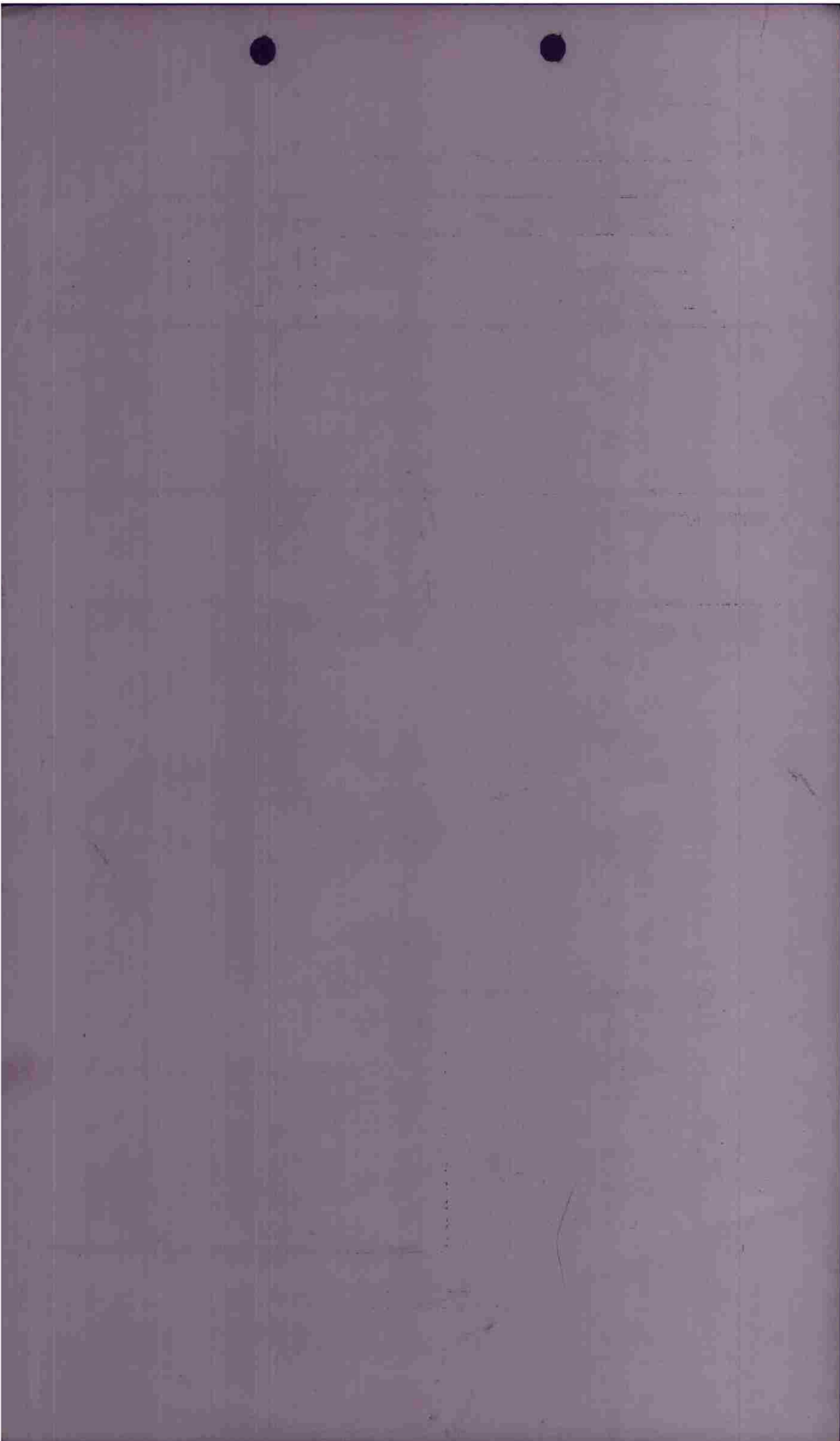
Smoke and fire in target town.

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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PILOT Turman A/C# 232 BOX IV FLT 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON				
<u>1 Run?</u> X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs in target town.POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

X      X
F      X
X      X
X      X

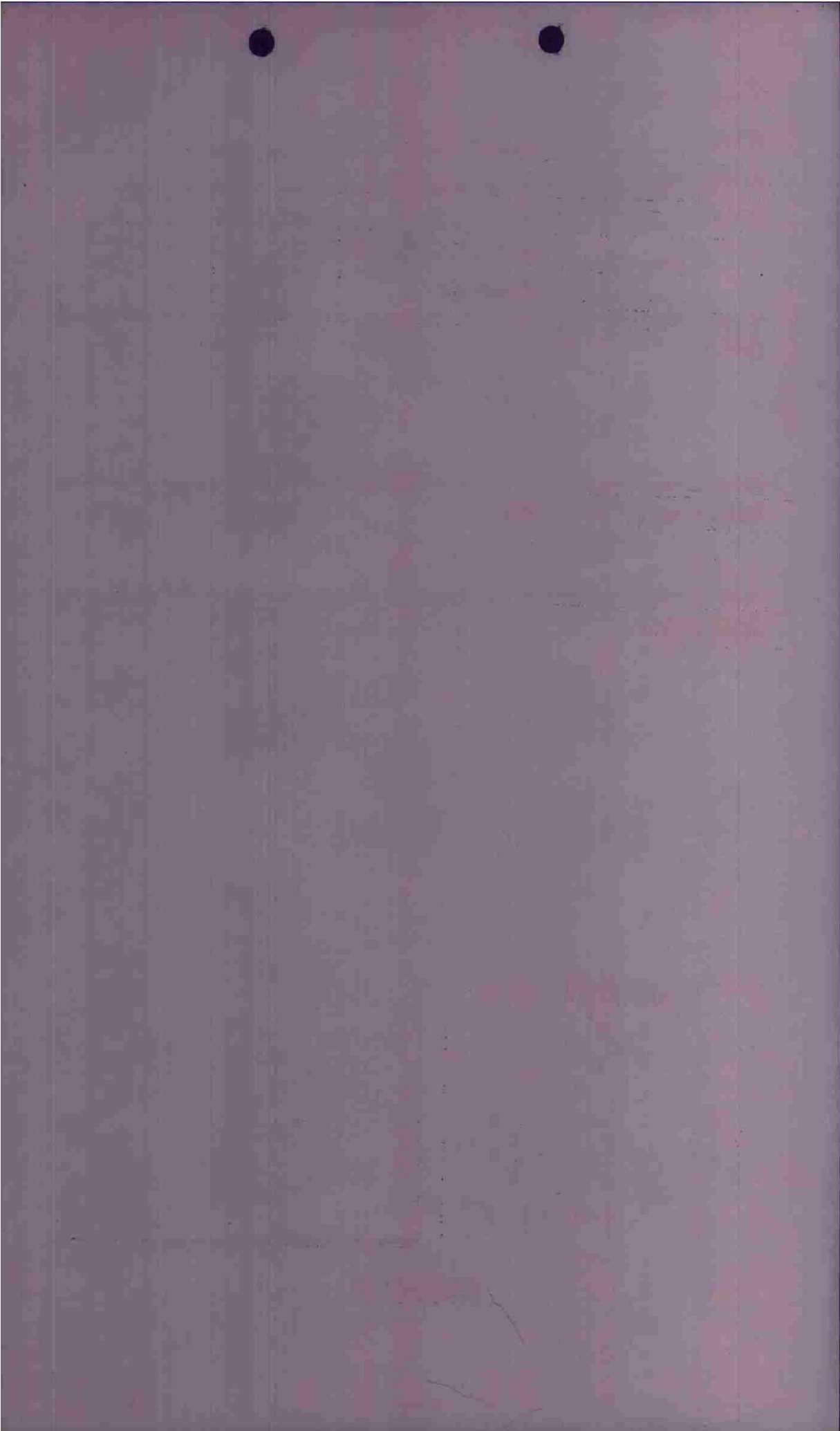
      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Moore A/C# 297 BOX 1 FILE 1

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : 4 X/000 ON Primary BATTLE DAMAGE

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

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : not observed

OBSERVATIONS : Bombing results excellent

POSITION IN FORMATION

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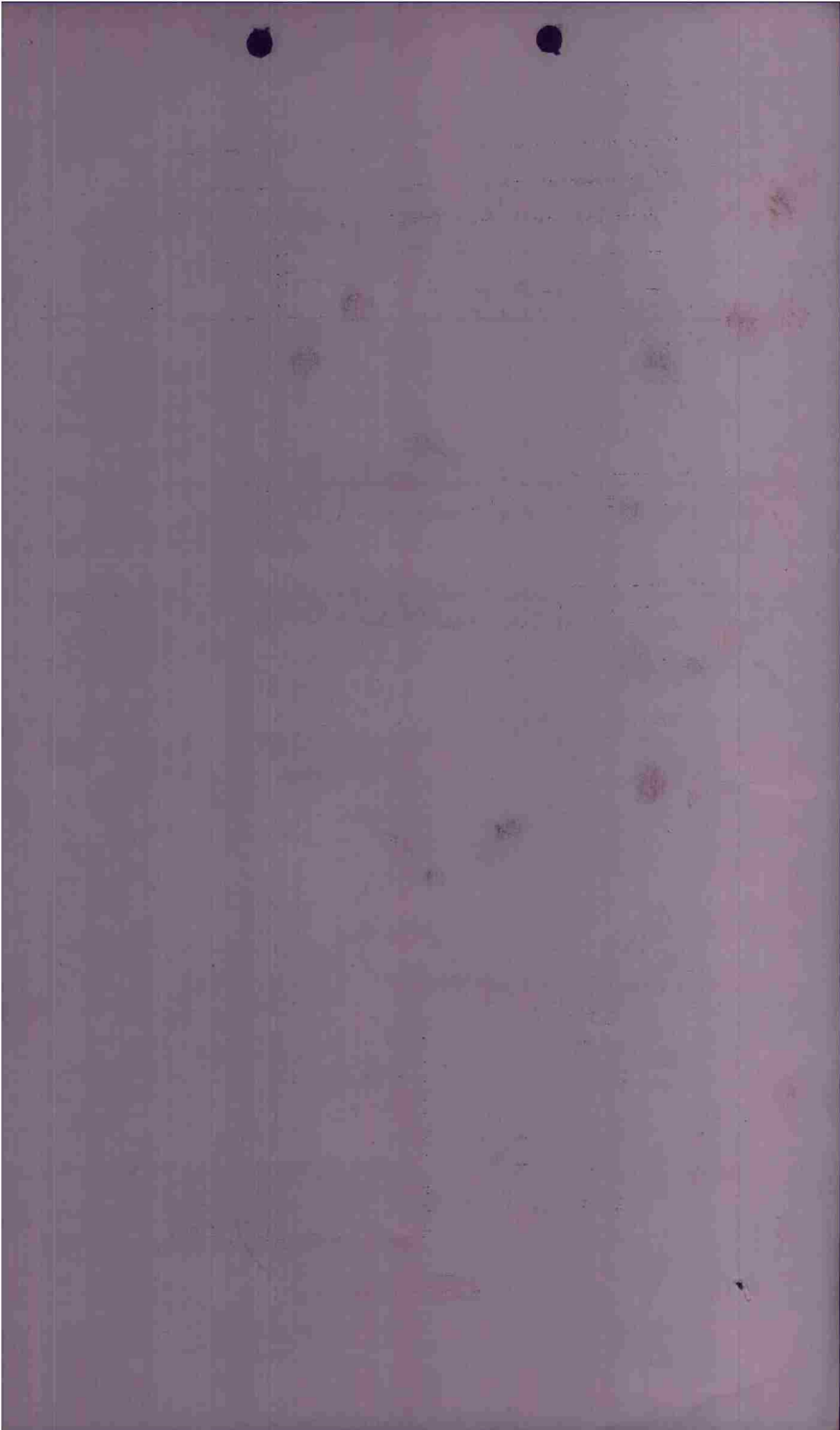
      X
    X  X
      X
  (X) X

X      X
X  X  X
X  X  X
X  X  X

X (SPARE)
  
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II

FIT 3

4 x 1000 - on P.

nil F. tank in danger

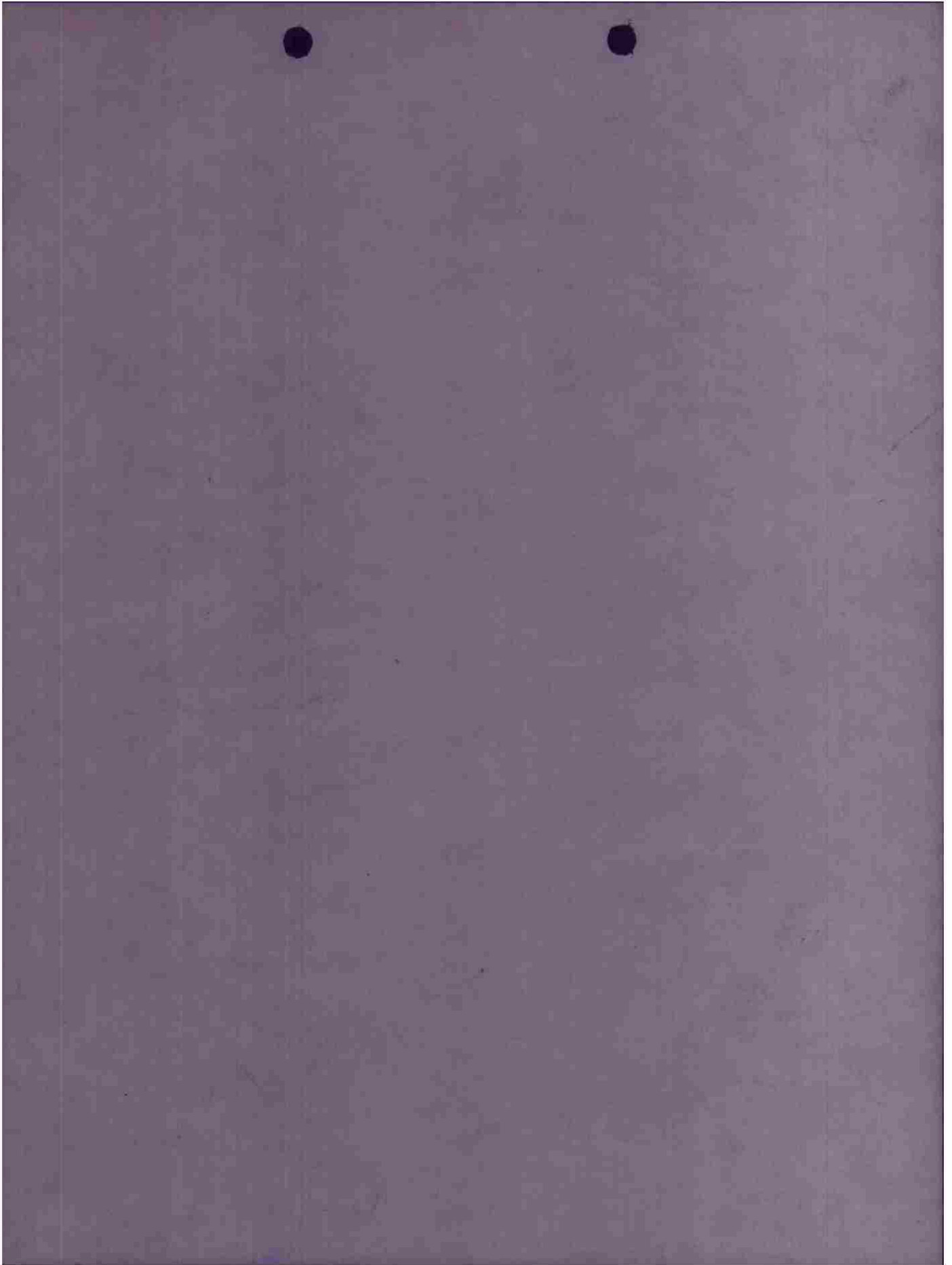
Bombs hit in edge of woods
short of target.

no radio contact made.

II - set III.

X
X X
X (X)

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IV

(camera ship)

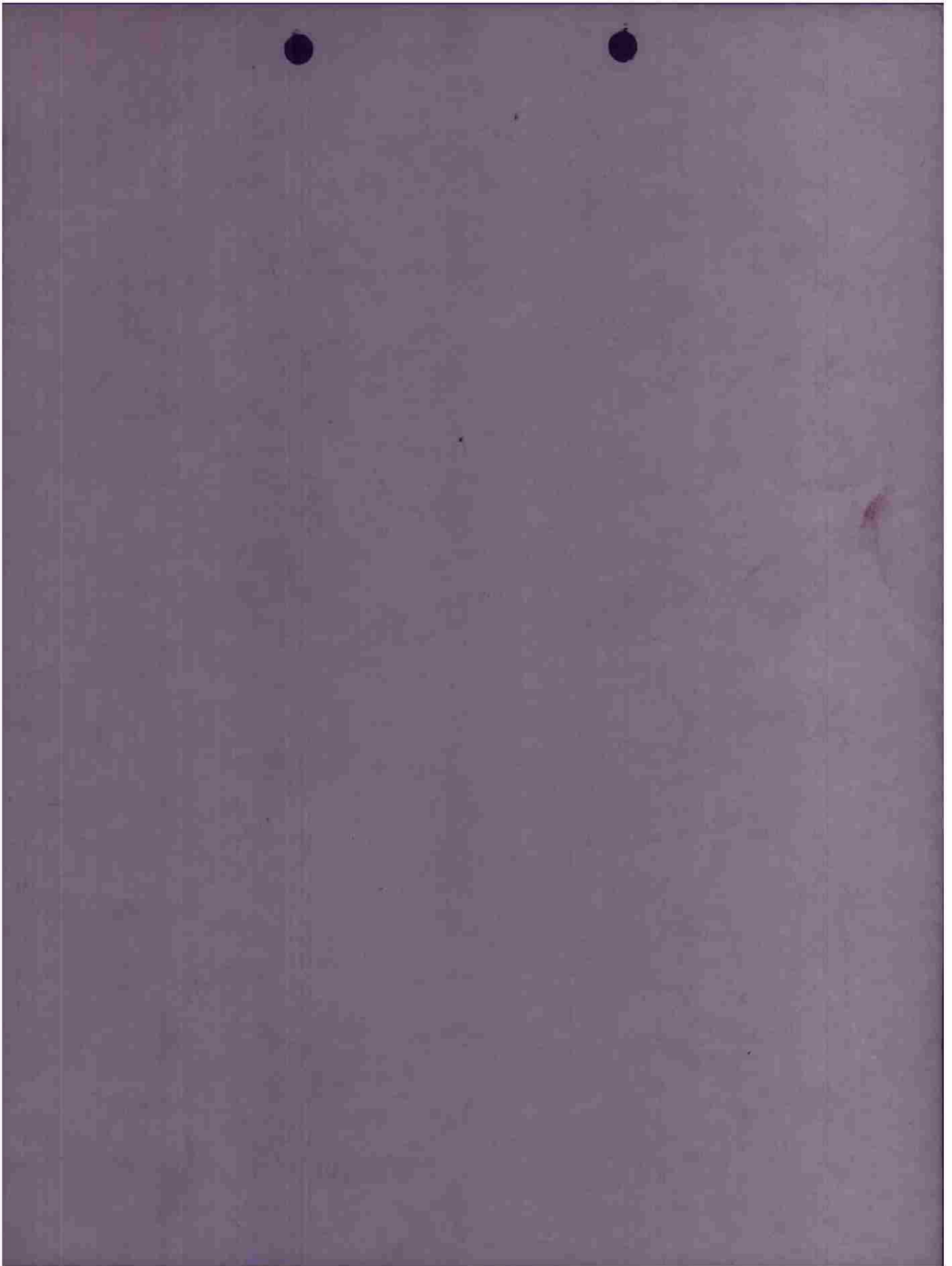
4 X 1000

mt flak

Bombed with flight 3 in # 8
position



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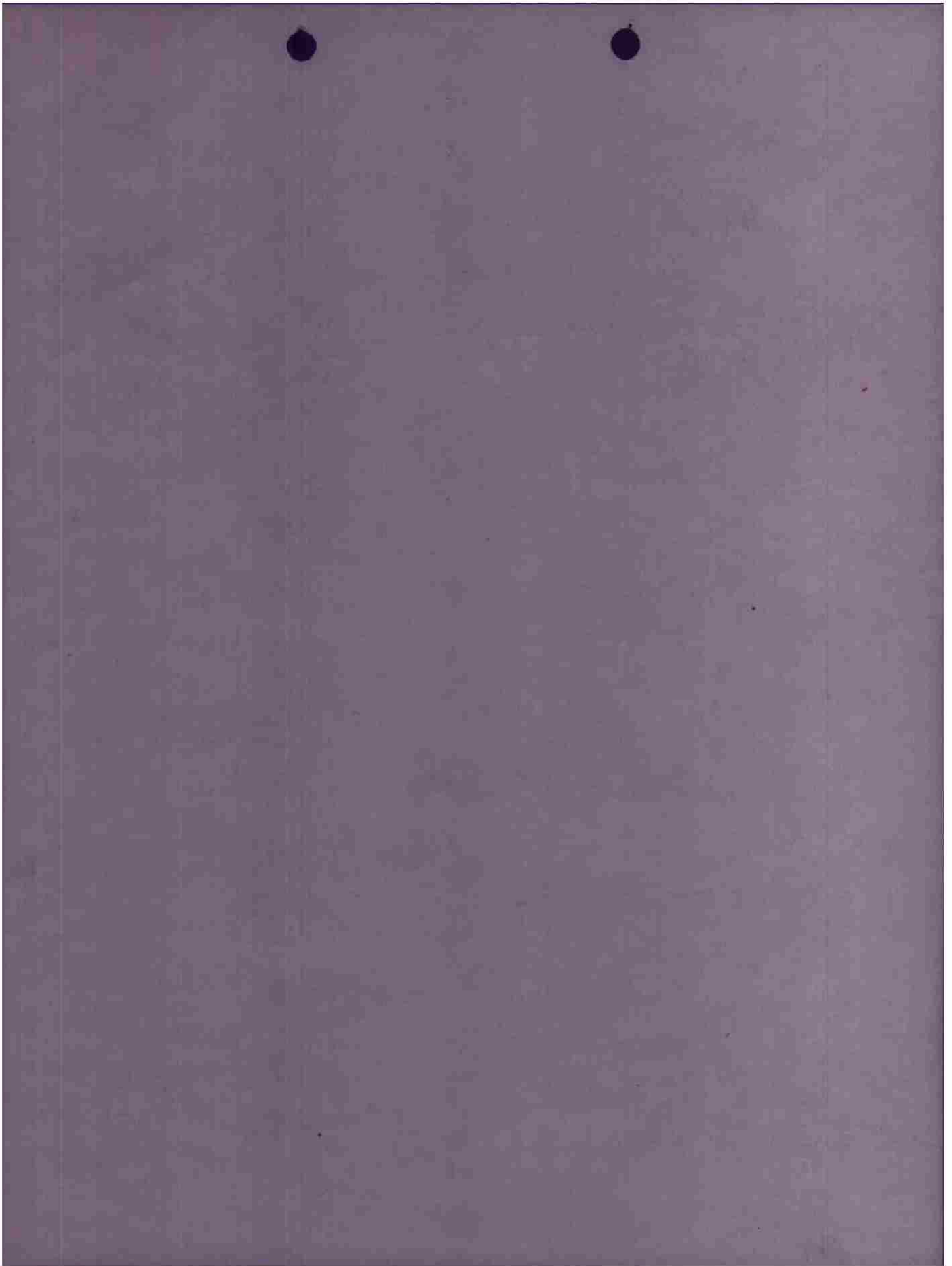
FIT3 H6

4X1000

nil flock

Town burning - smoke to 1000 ft

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PILOT Downing A/C# 212 BOX IV FLT 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON

BATTLE DAMAGE

X RETURNED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

X JETTISONED

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

bombs in townPOSITION IN FORMATION

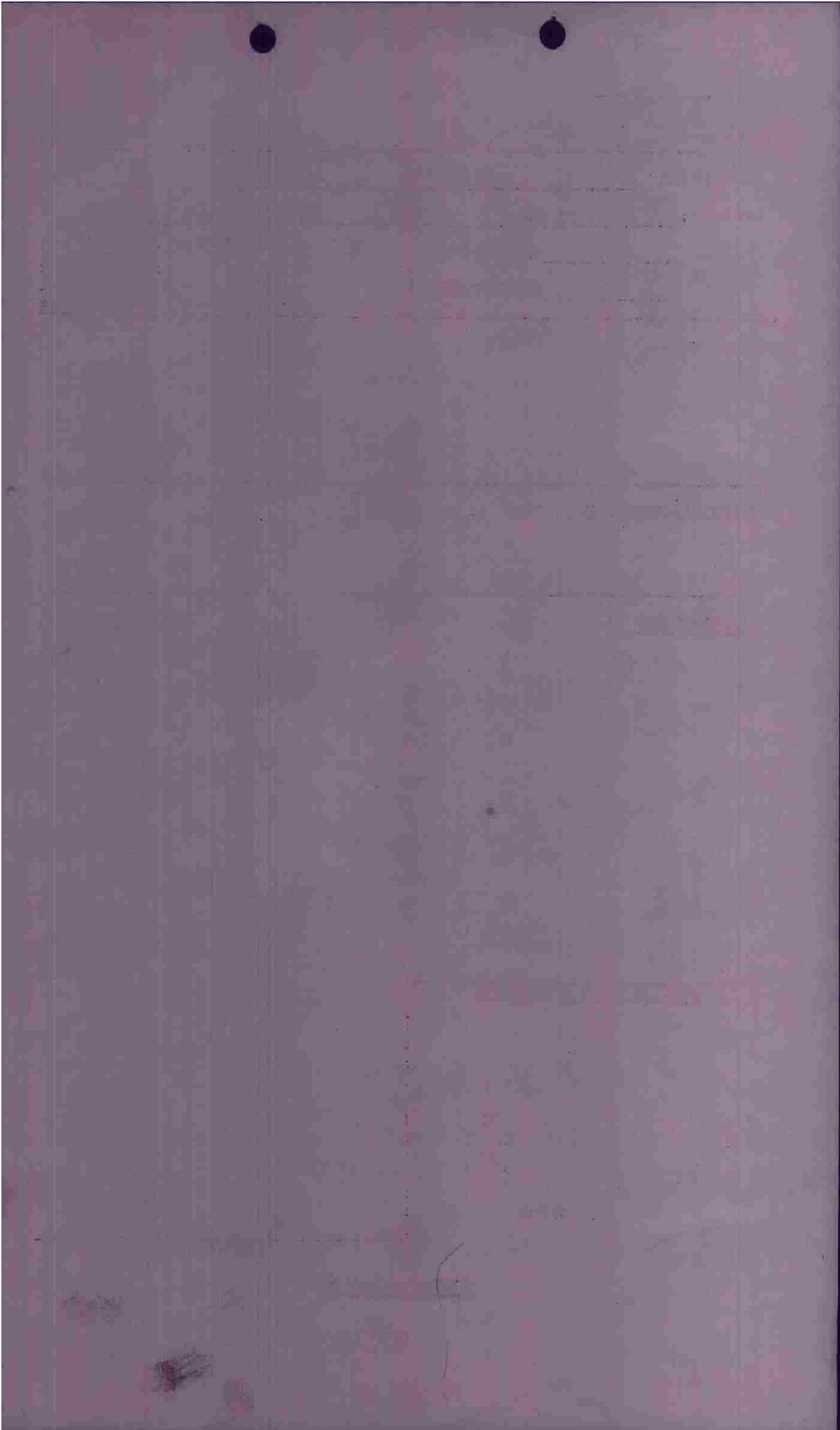
X
X X
X
X X

X
Y X
X
X X

X
X X
X
X X

X (SPARE)

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II

(spare)

4 1000

no flak

No E/A

Bombs in Town lge Exp. in town

FLT

+ + +
+ + +
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