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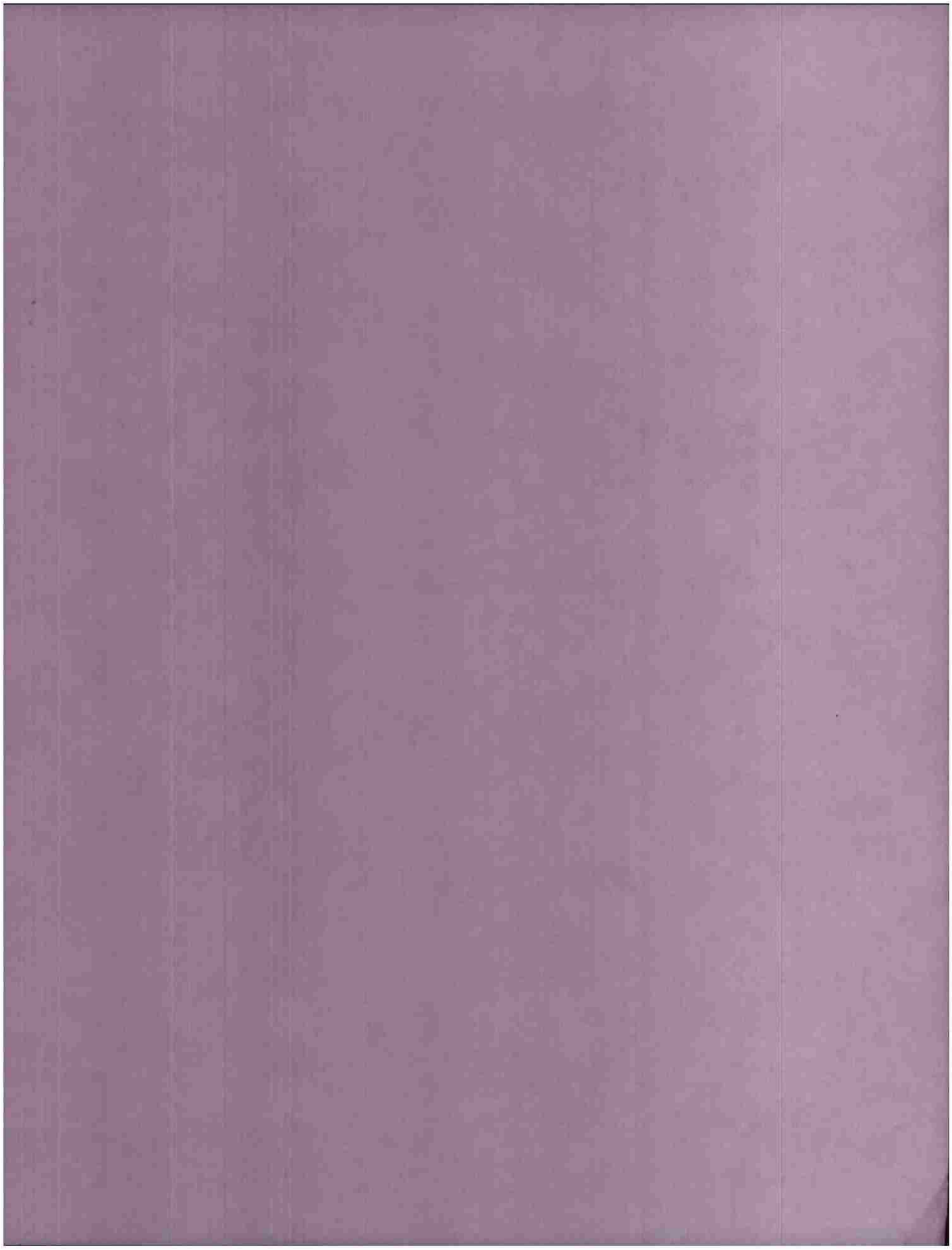
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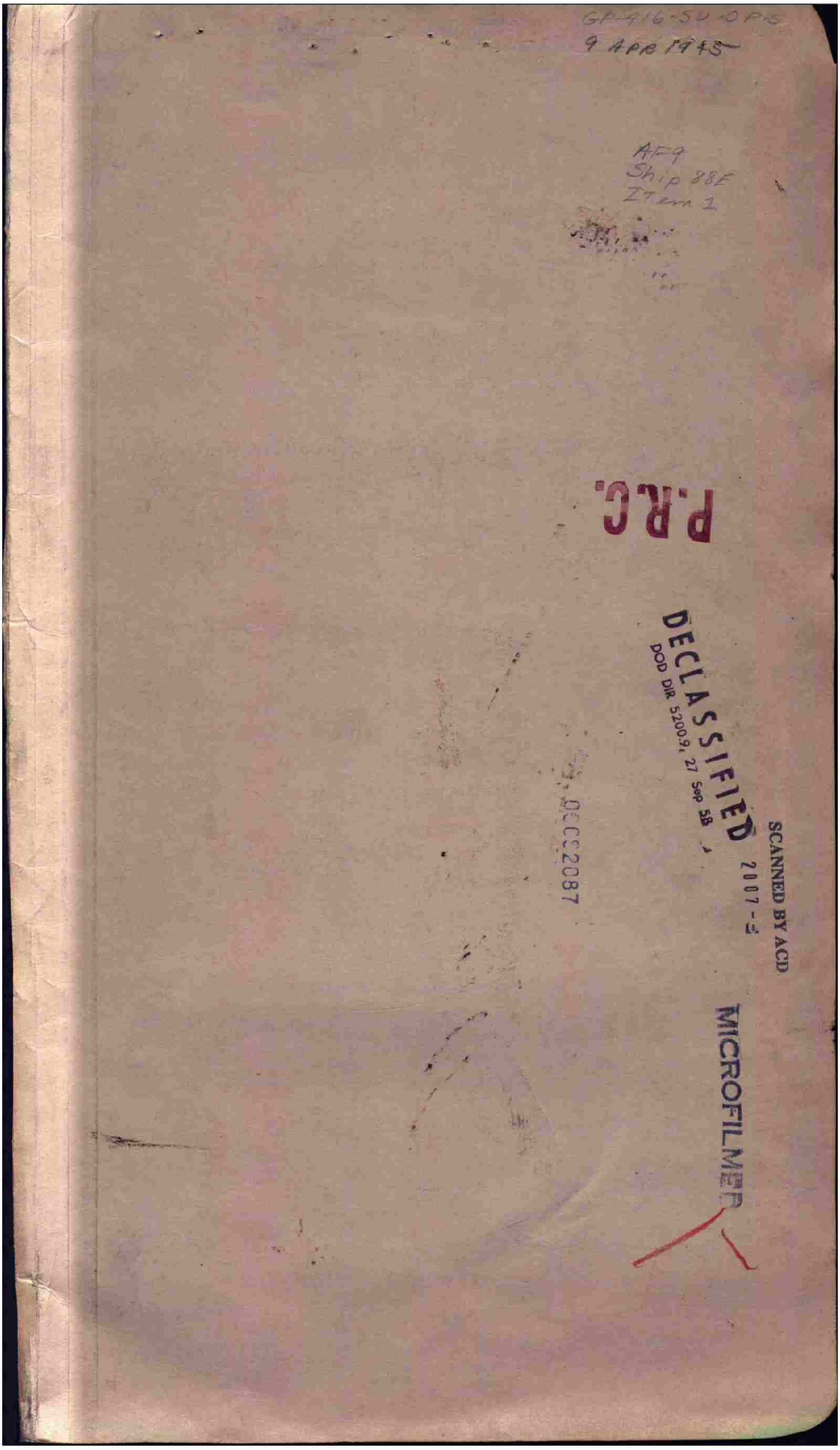
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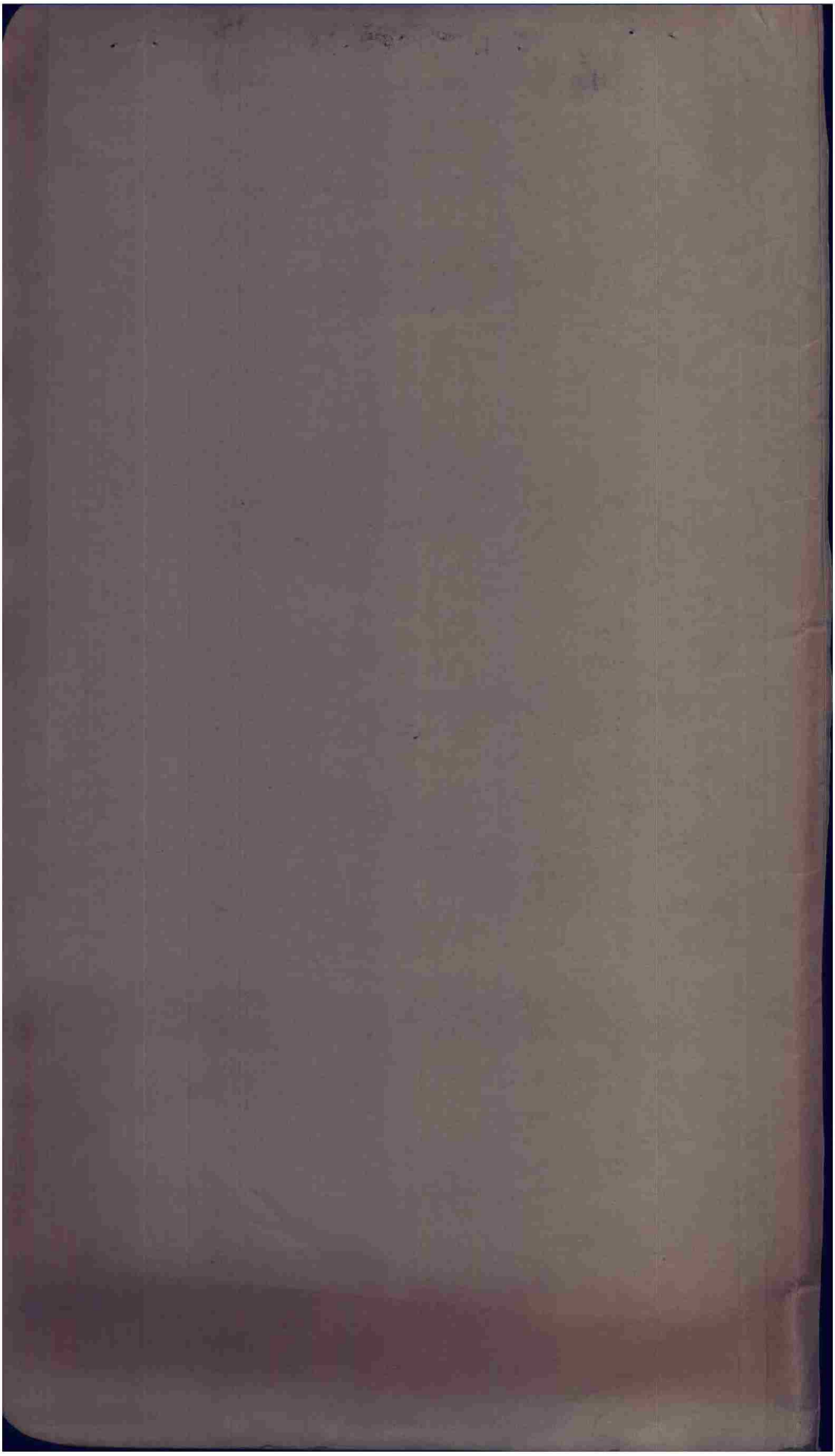
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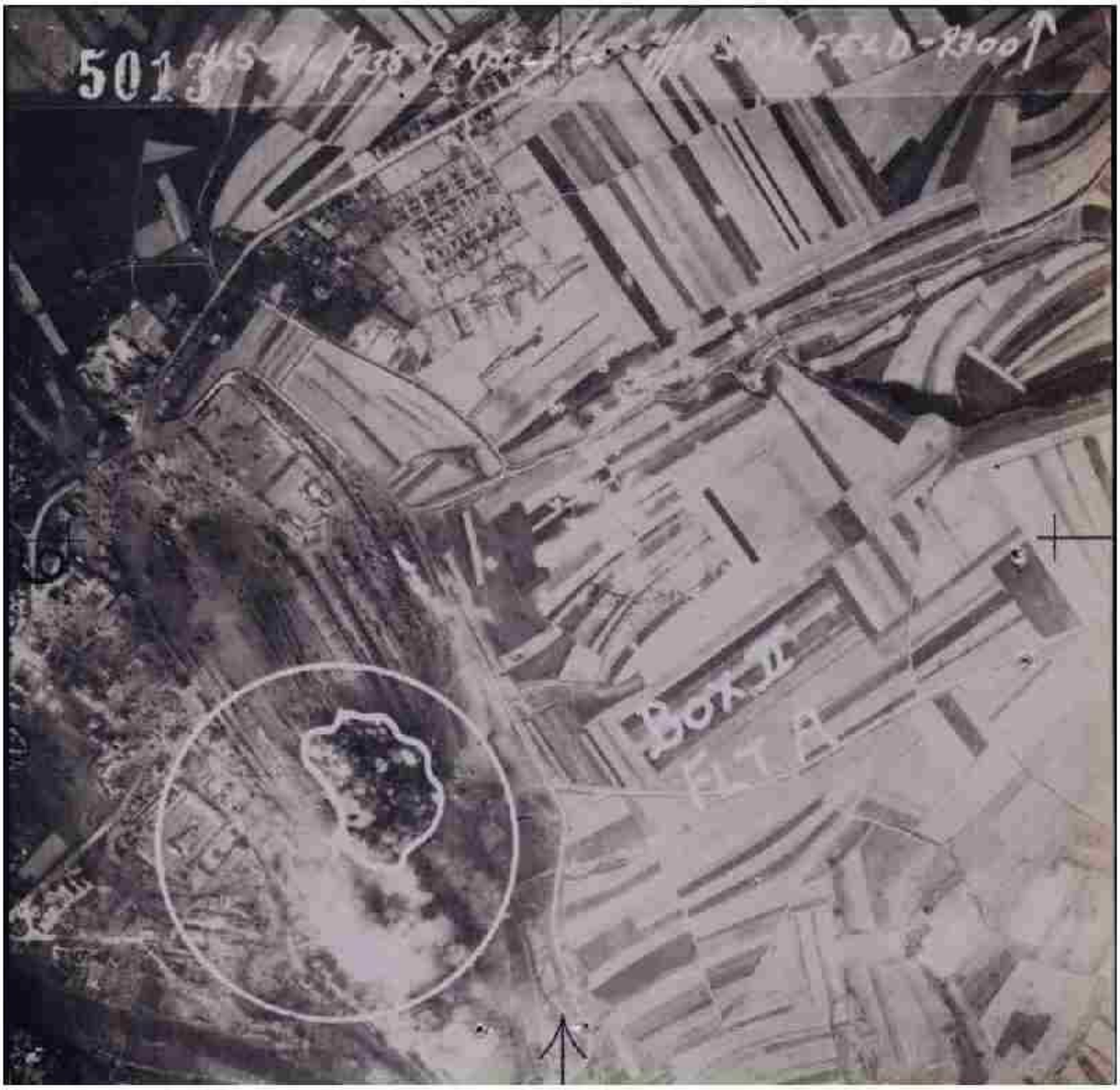
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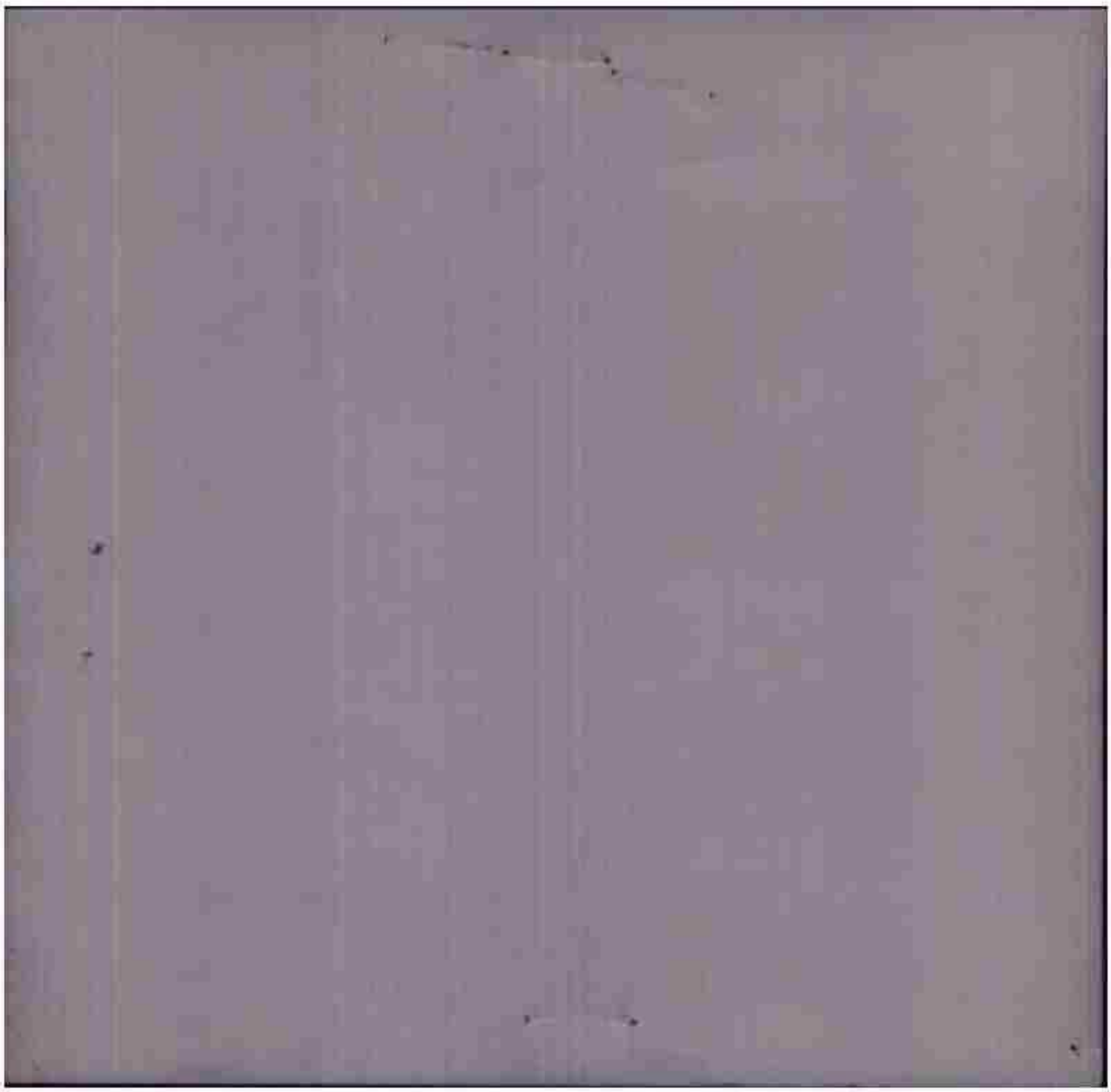
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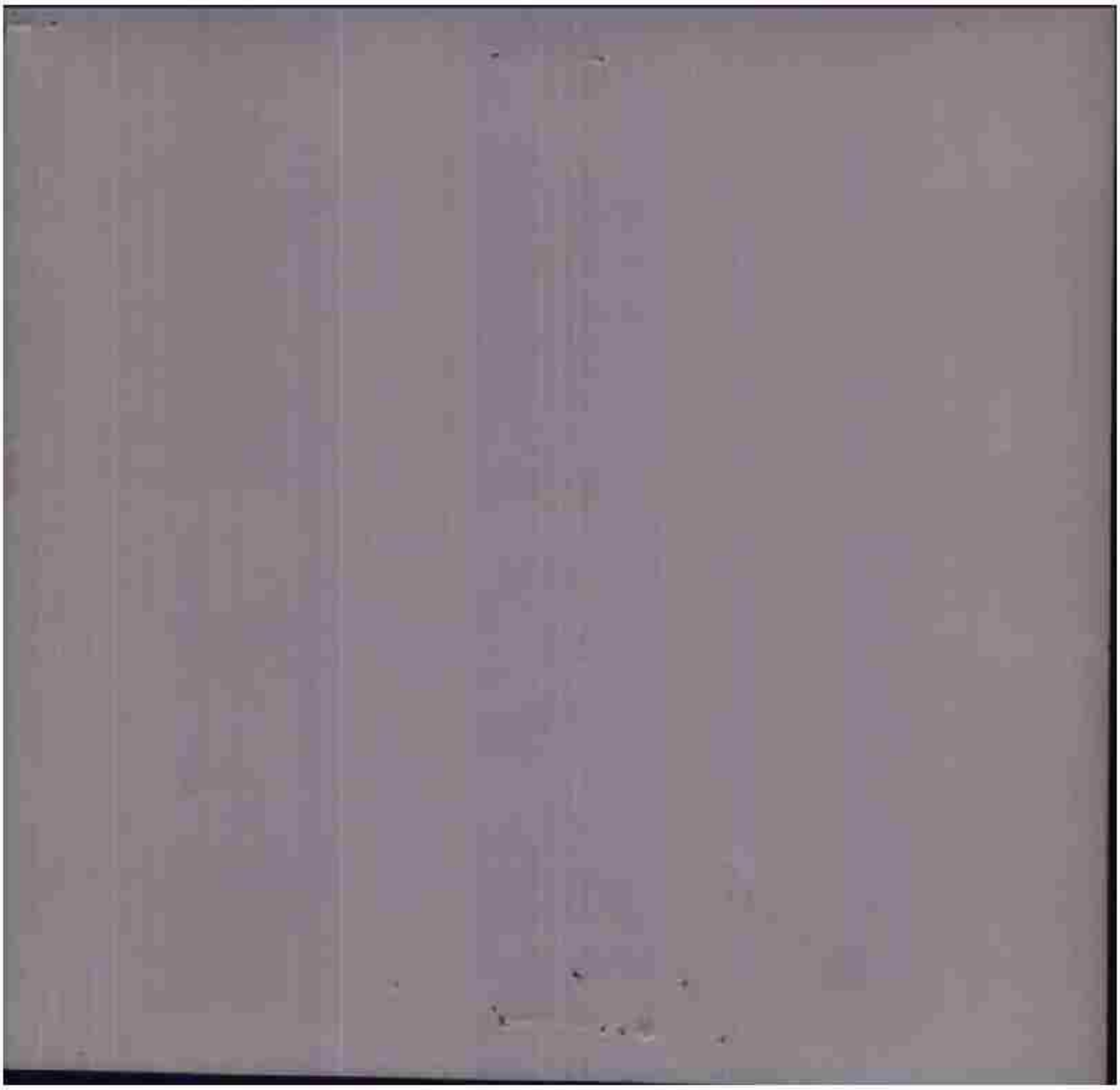
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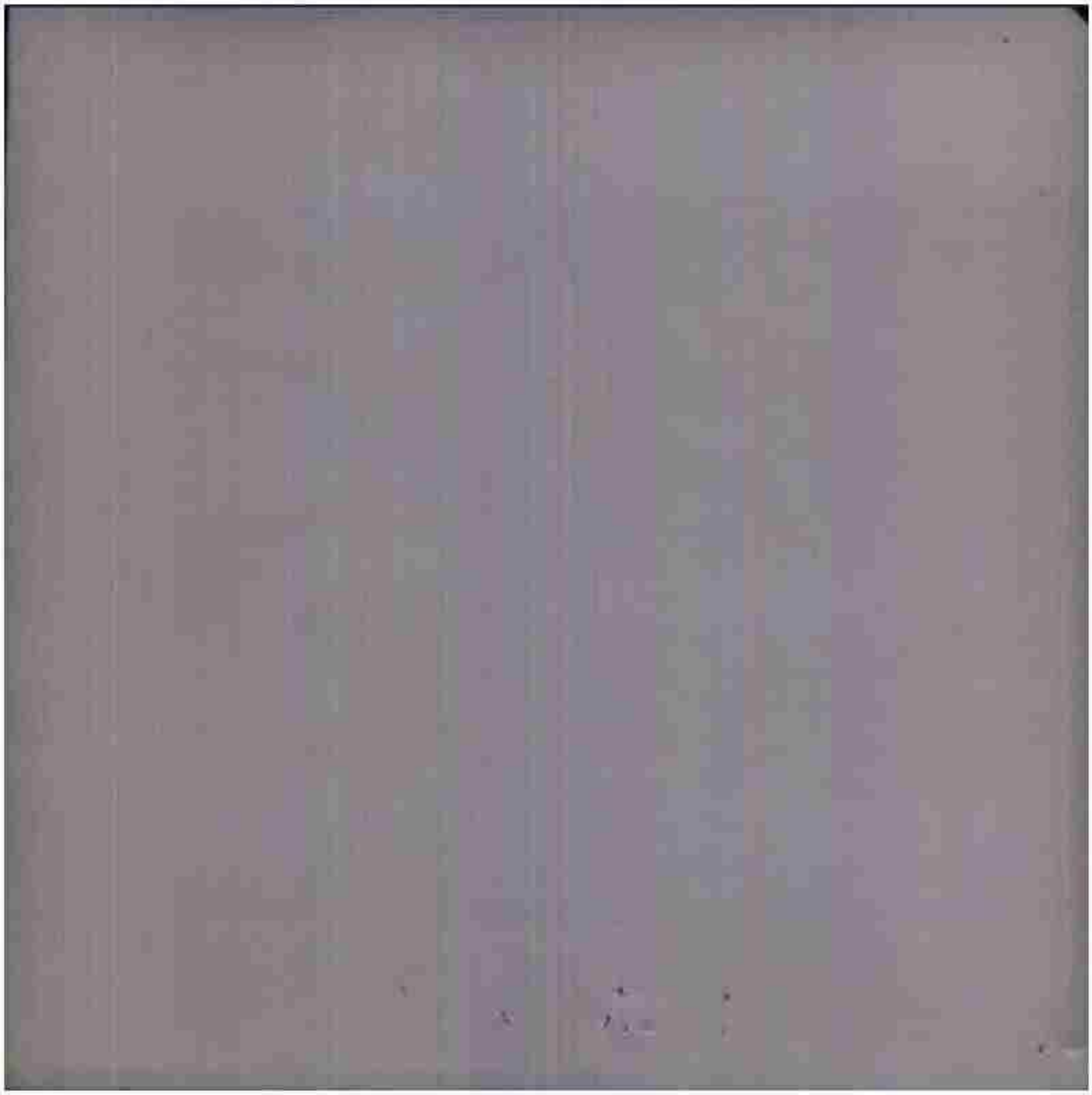
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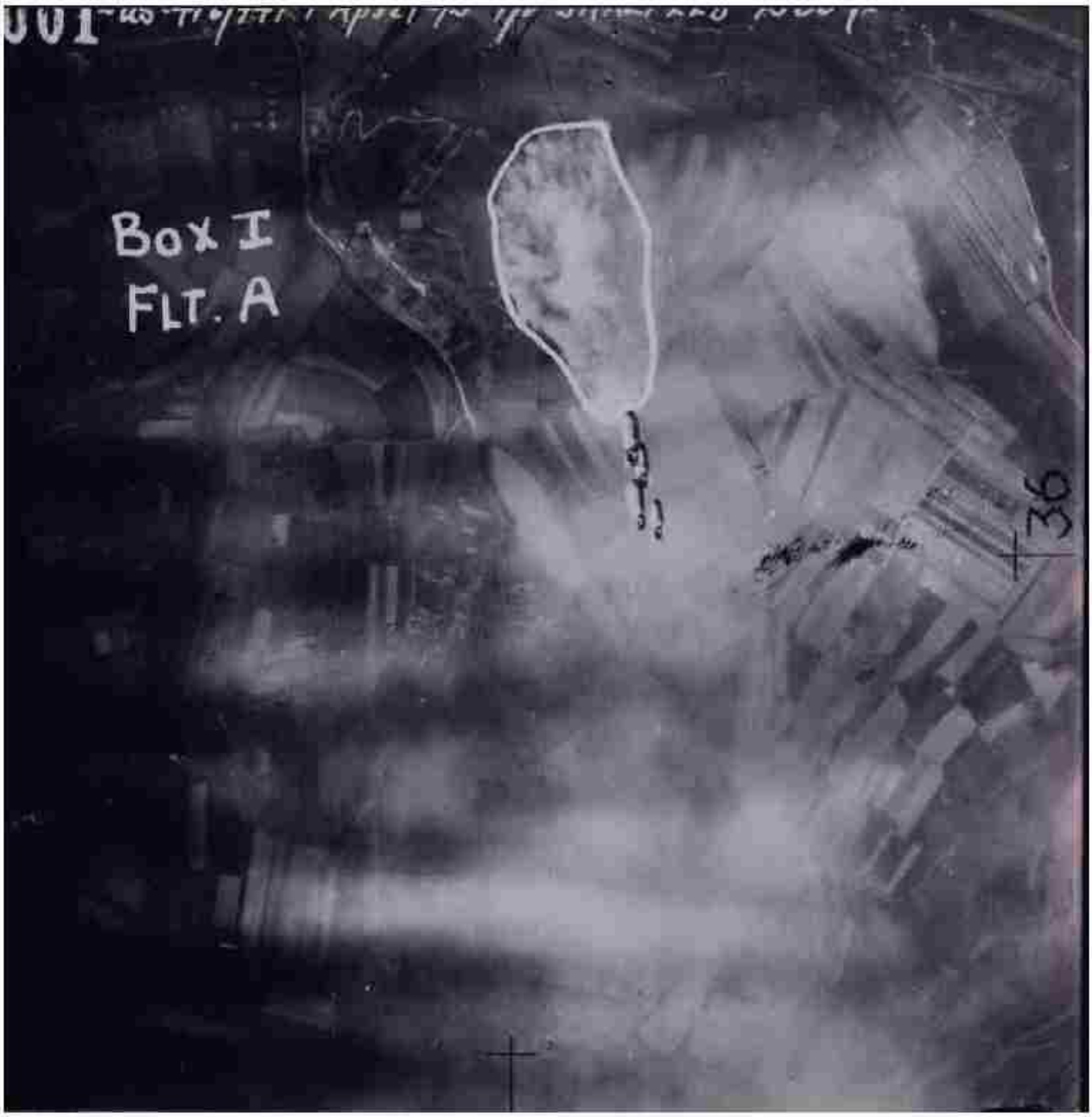
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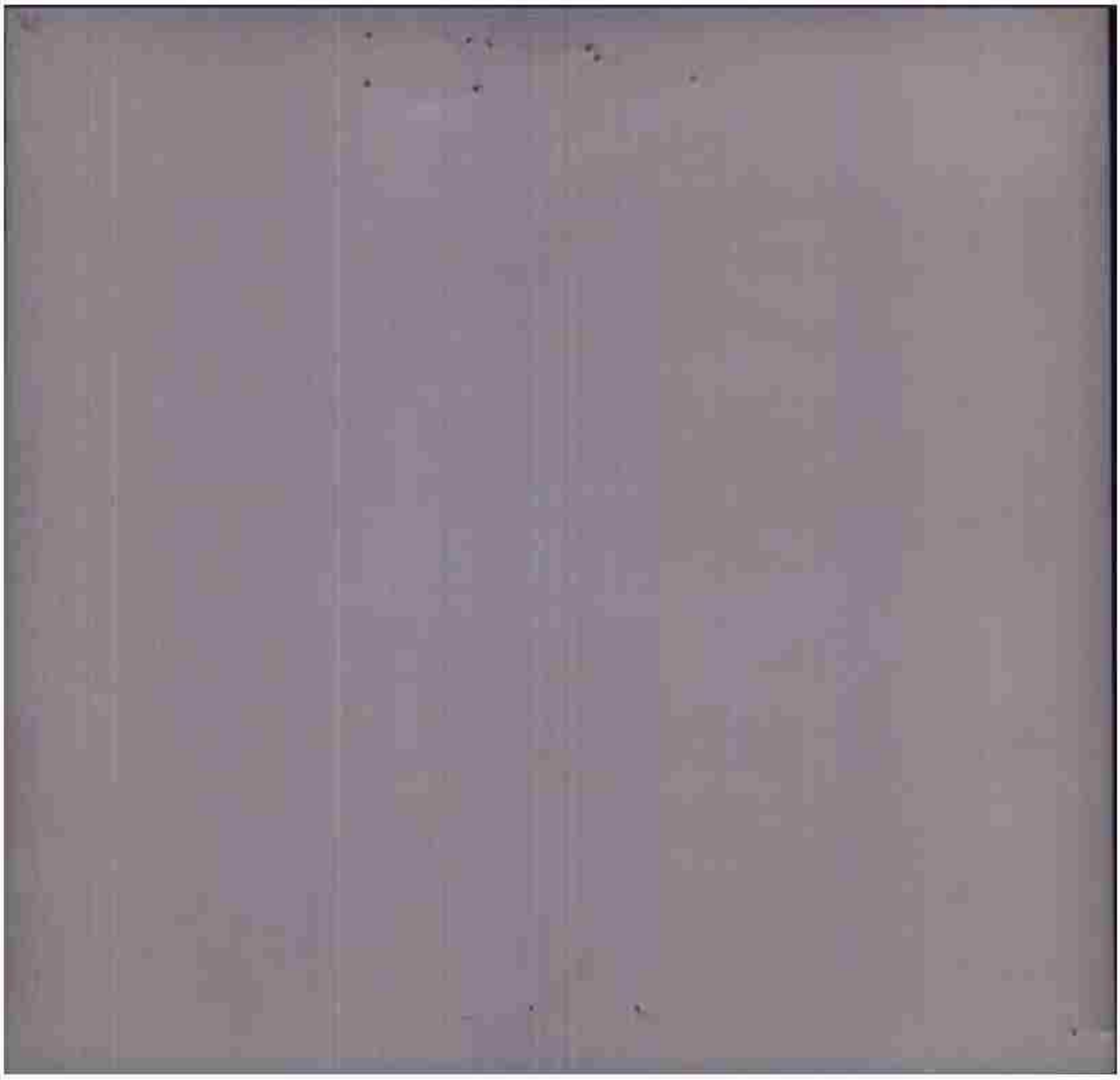
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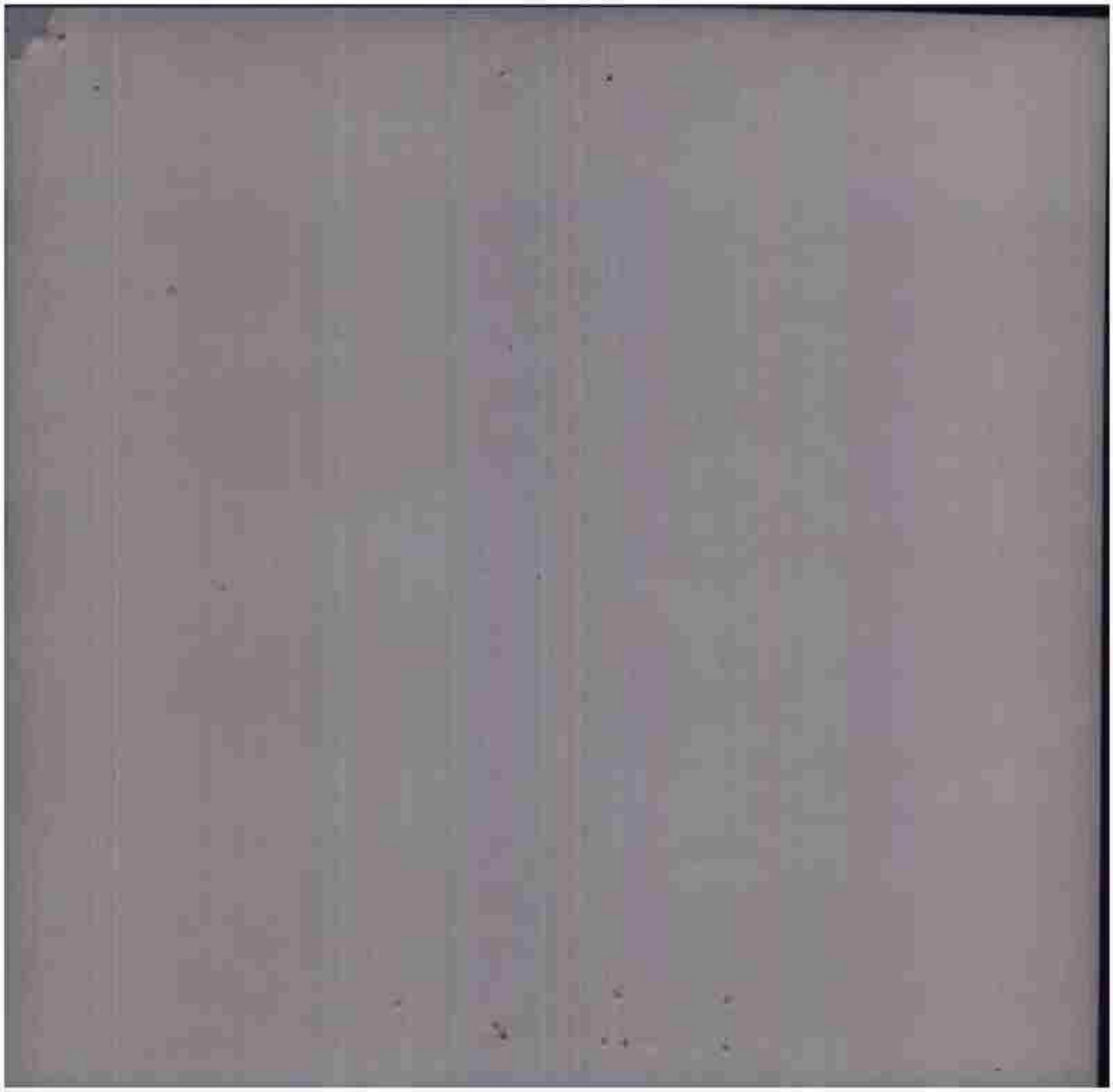
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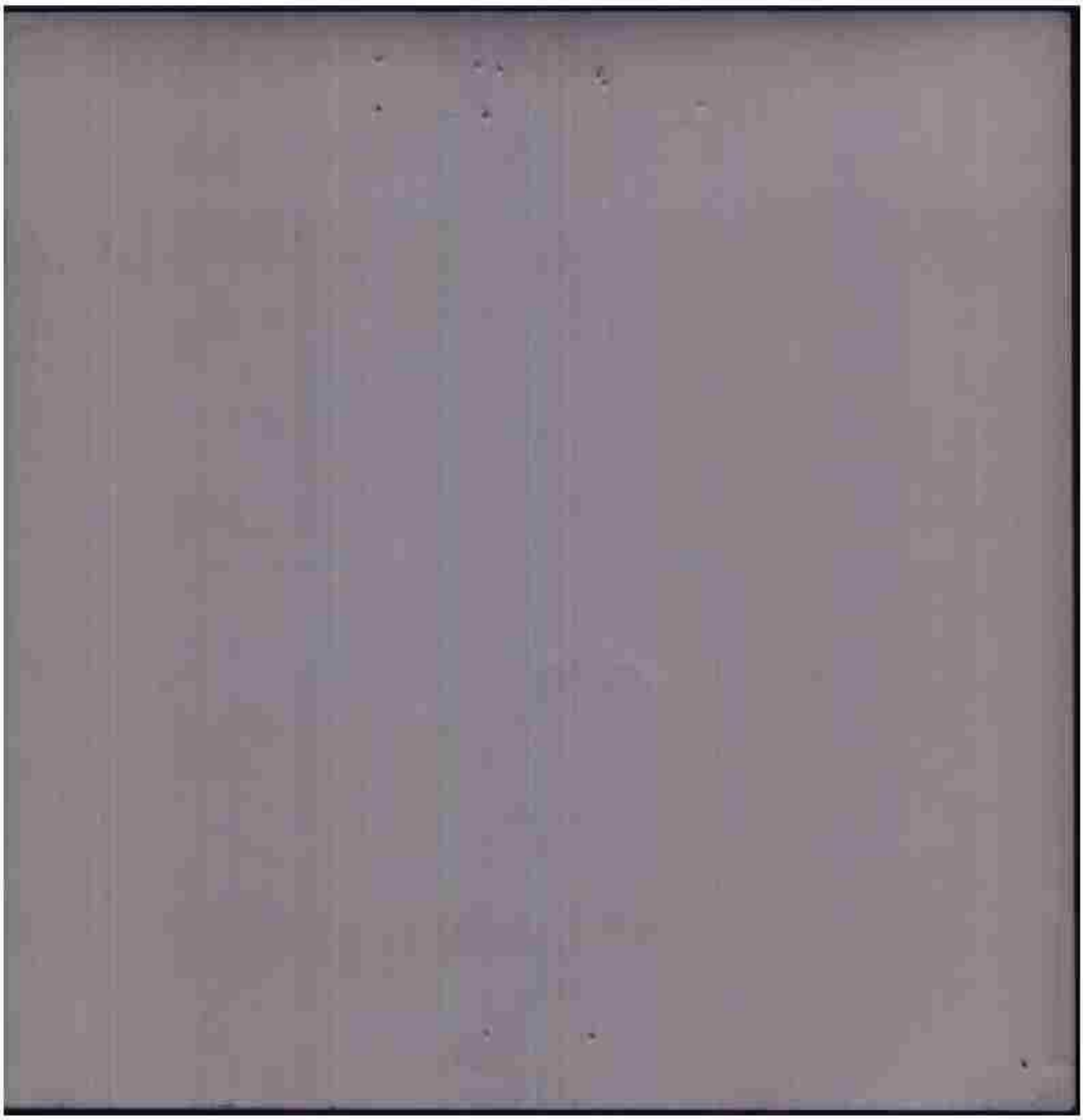
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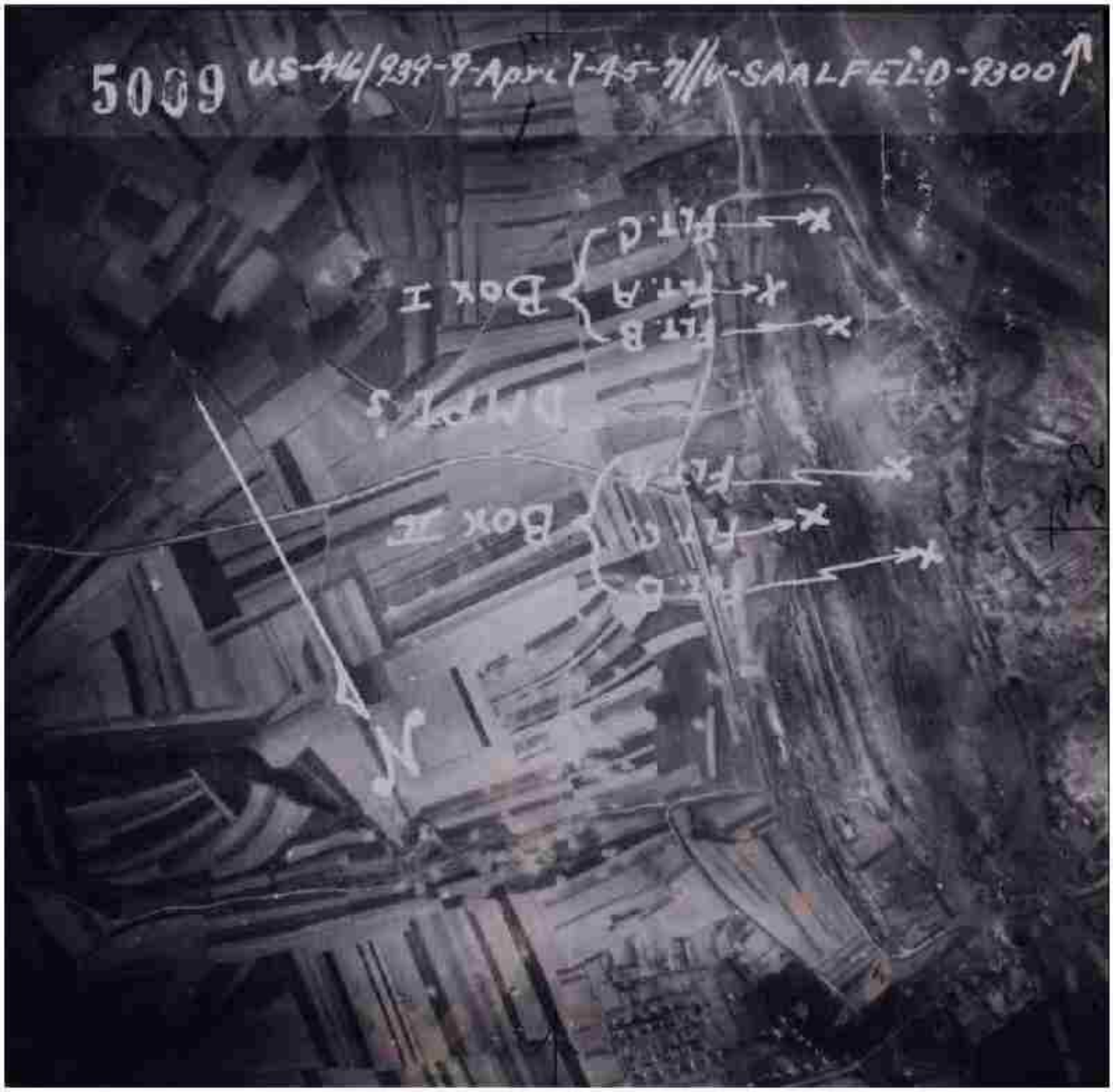
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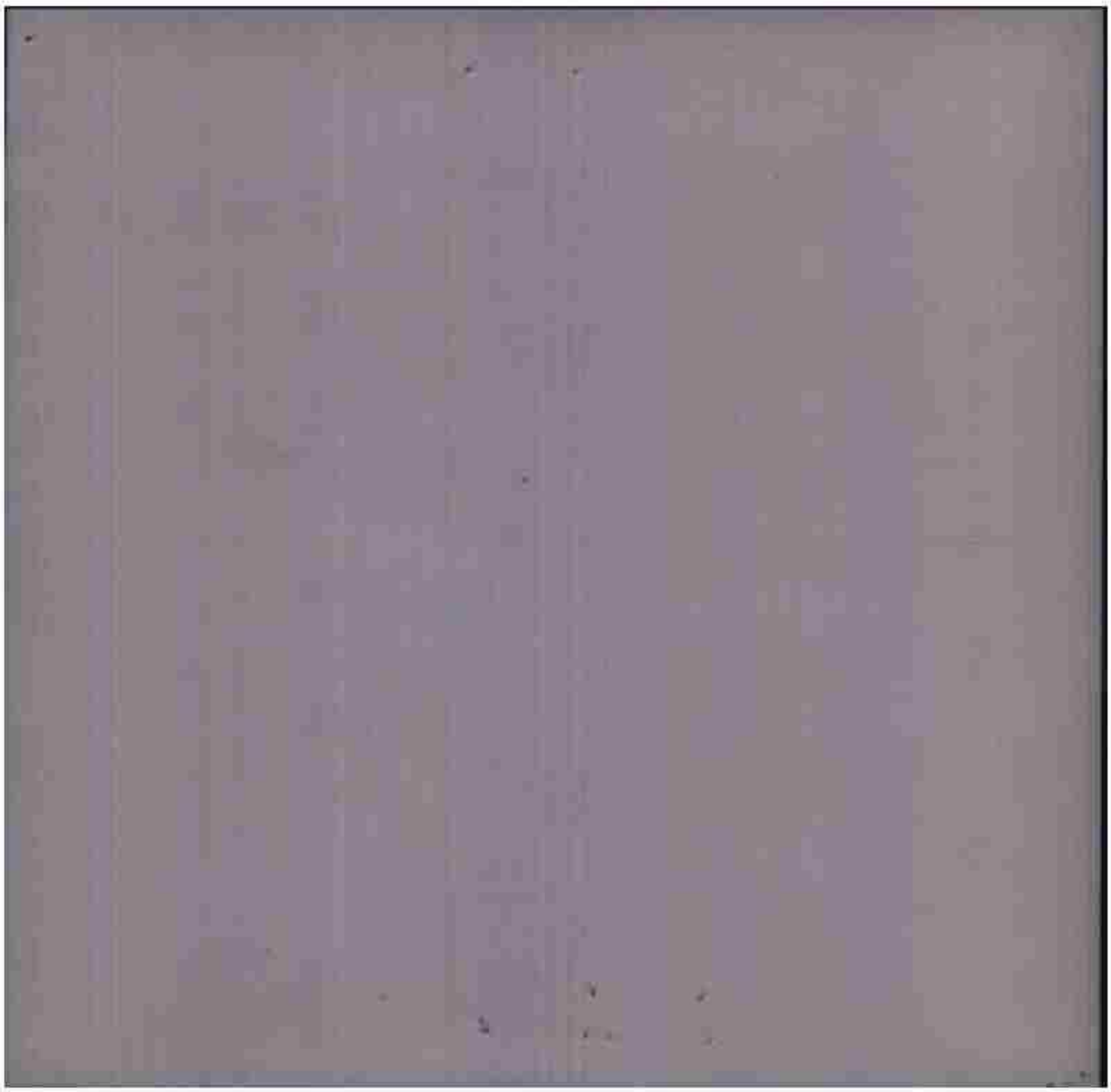
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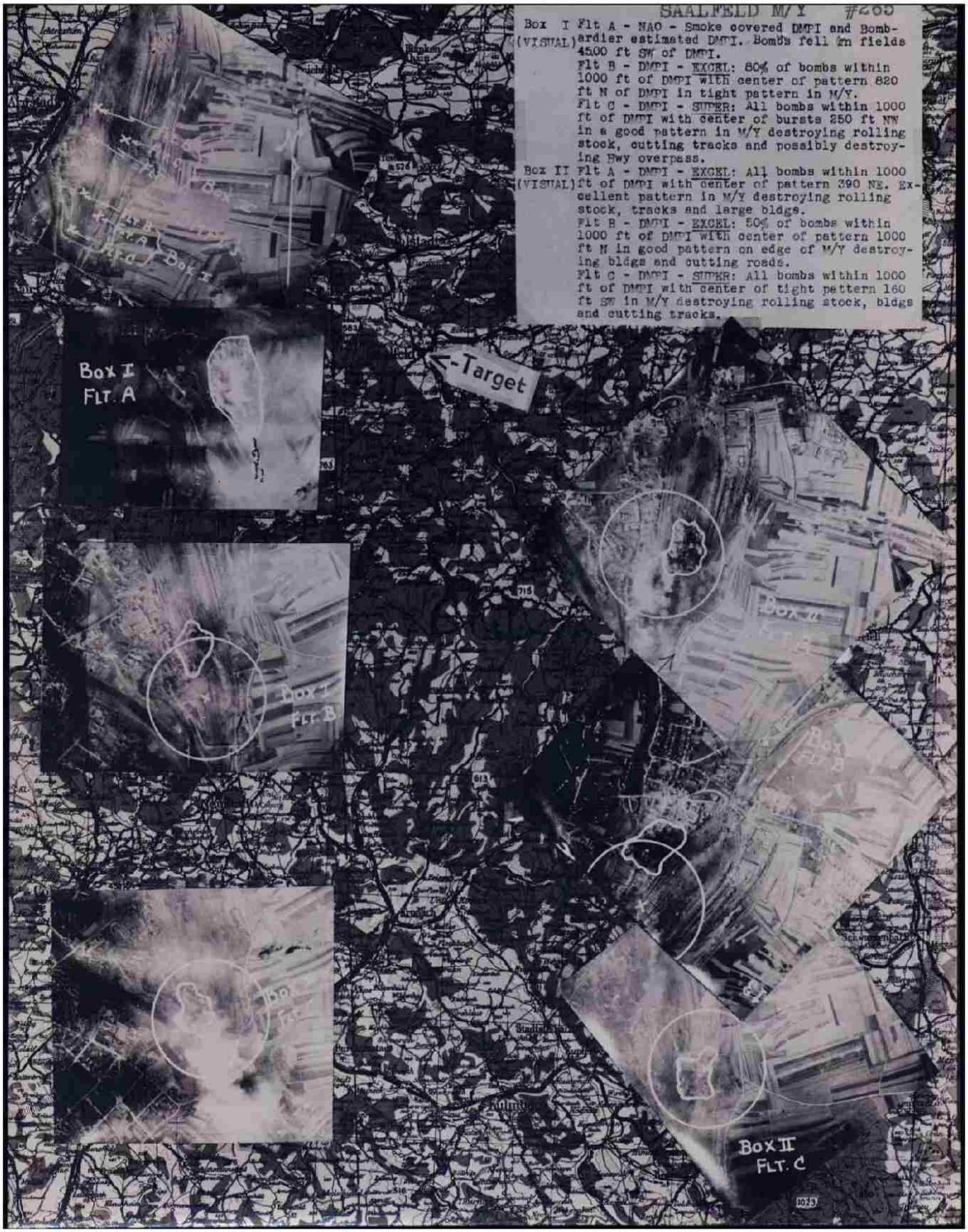
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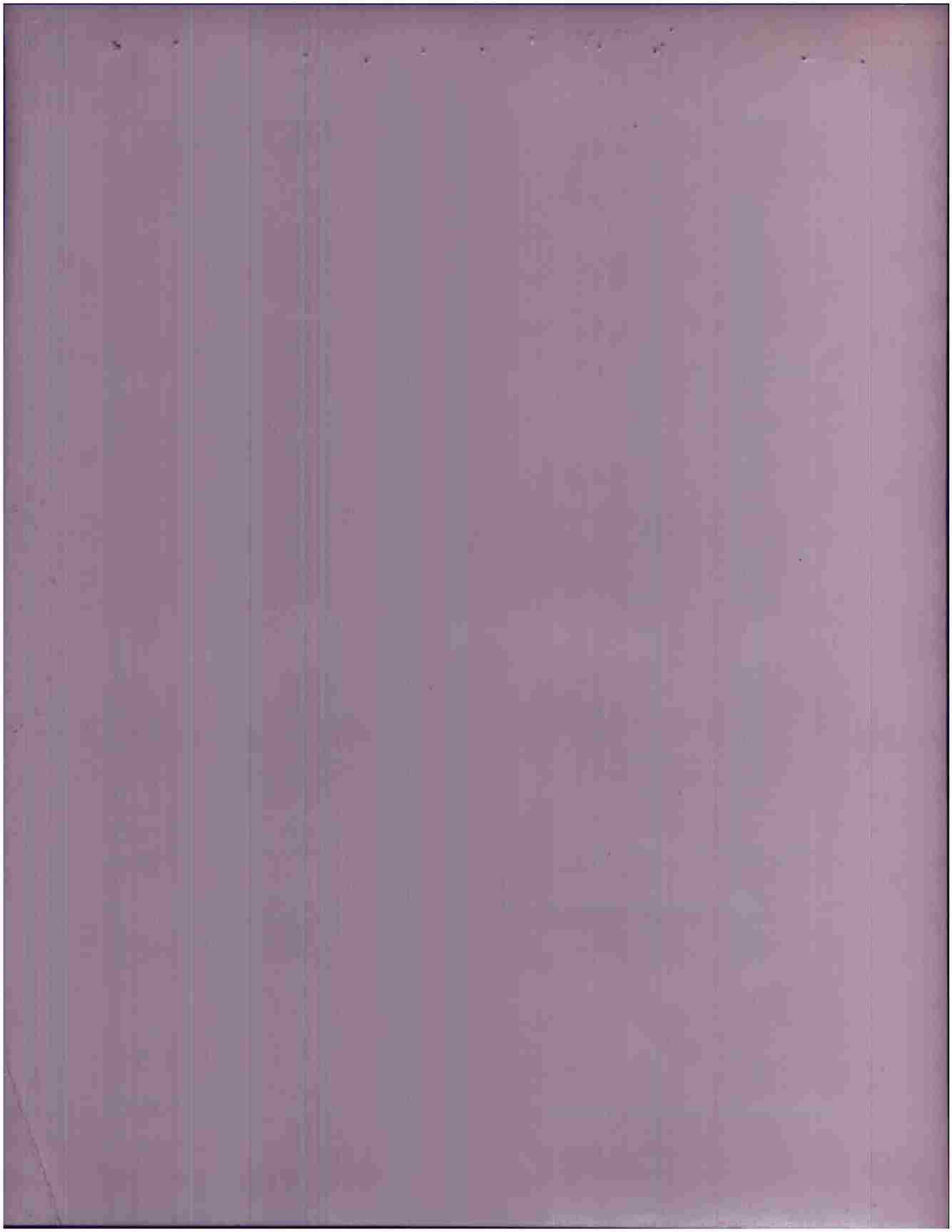
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Hq. 3 D. S-2 Report No. 84

416 TH GROUP OTHER UNITS: TARGET	9TH A.D. (M) WING 97TH DATE 9 April 1945 FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION	B Saalfeld M/Y TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED Saalfeld M/Y PRIMARY

SECONDARY

M.P.I. 6 Points in M/Y.

A.P.

C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 39 A-26's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 38

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

E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 151x1000GP SETTING 1/10 -- 1/100

F. HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED

G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED

H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

Box I Flt	A -	31 deg	1702½
	B -	27	1650
	C -	28	1703½
Box II Flt	A -	30	1650½
	B -	30	1652
	C -	30	1700½

J. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

Box I Flt A - NAO - Smoke covered DMPI and bombardier estimated (VISUAL) DMPI. Bombs fell in fields 4500 ft SW of DMPI.

Flt B - DMPI - EXCEL: 80% of bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 820 ft N of DMPI. Tight pattern of bursts in M/Y destroying rolling stock and cutting tracks.

Flt C - DMPI - SUPER: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of bursts 250 ft NW of DMPI. Good pattern of bursts in M/Y destroying rolling stock, large bldgs, and cutting tracks. Several bursts on road and Hwy overpass probably cutting it.

Box II Flt A - DMPI - EXCEL: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with (VISUAL) center of pattern 390 ft NE. Excellent pattern of bombs in M/Y destroying rolling stock and tracks and severly damaging large bldgs.

Flt B - DMPI - EXCEL: 50% of bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 1000 ft N of DMPI. Good pattern hit on edge of M/Y destroying bldgs and cutting roads.

Flt C - DMPI - SUPER: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 160 ft SW. Tight pattern of bombs hit in M/Y destroying rolling stock, bldgs and cutting tracks.

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

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IX BC, 8-2- Form No. 106-B Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

OTHER TYPES: TARGET	IX BC 97TH WING	416TH GROUP
	DATE	
	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 WHEN BOMBS DROPPED _____ DEGREES MAG.

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED _____

J. ACTIVITY AT TARGET:

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

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GROUP 416TH BOMB GROUP

MISSION OF 9 APRIL 1945

TO SAALFELD MARSHALLING YARD

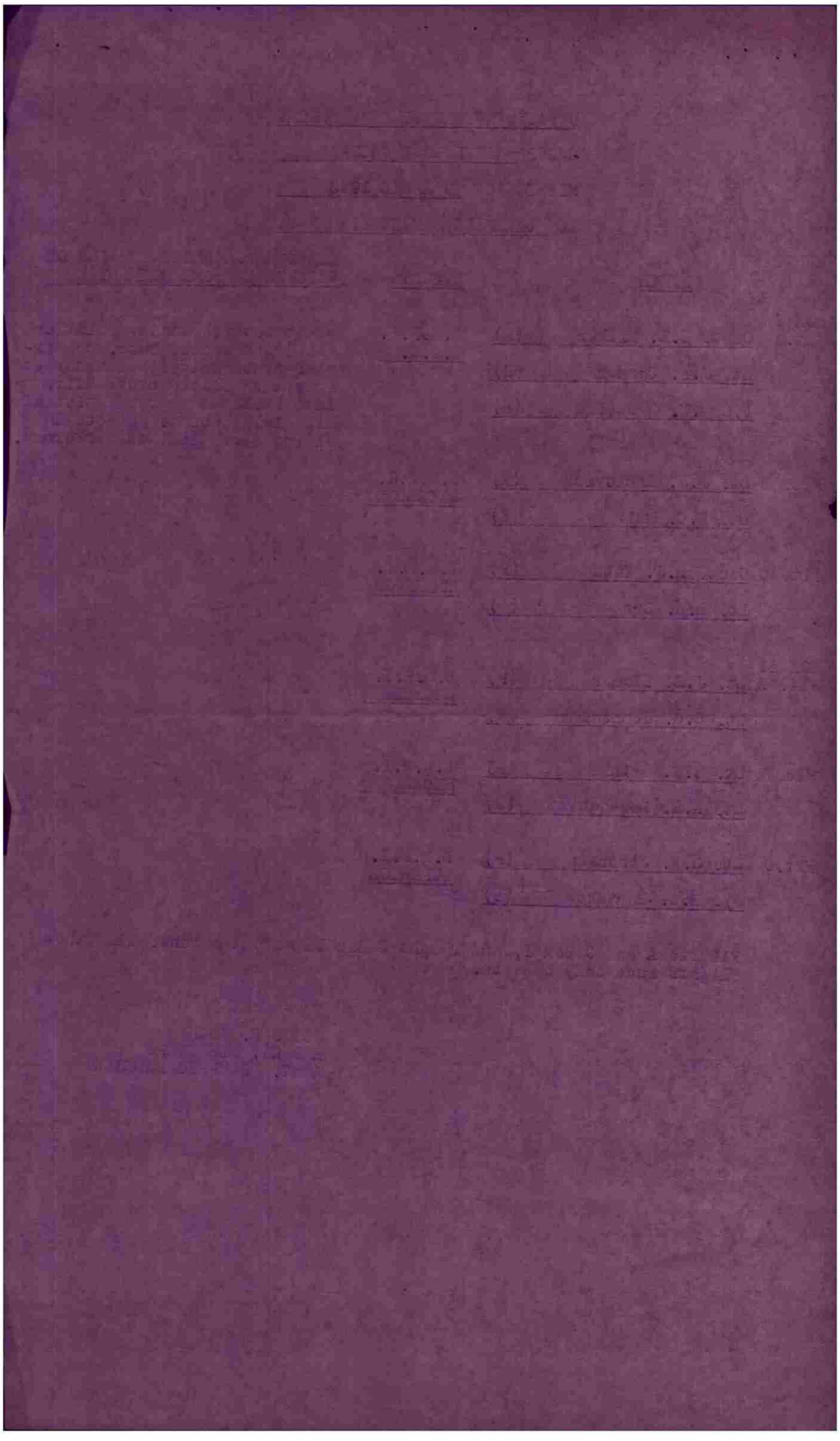
	NAMES		RESULTS	REASONS FOR GROSS BOMBING OR FAILURE TO BOMB PRIMARY
BOX I Flt.A	Capt. E.L. Miller	(P)	D.M.P.I. N.A.O.	Smoke covered aiming point on first and second runs. Bombardier synchronized below target area, then placed cross hairs into smoke at approximation of his aiming point. No actual aiming operation was performed.
	Lt. J.K. Conner	(B)		
	F/O W/M/ Wrubelle	(N)		
Flt. B	Lt. J.J. Lackovich	(P)	D.M.P.I. EXCELLENT	
	Lt. R.C. Muir	(B)		
Flt. C	Capt. R.J. Tutt	(P)	D.M.P.I. SUPERIOR	
	Lt. L.A. Orr	(B)		
BOX II Flt. A	Lt. J.E. Blomgren	(P)	D.M.P.I. EXCELLENT	
	Lt. C.C. Johnson	(B)		
Flt. B	LT. W.R. Heinke	(P)	D.M.P.I. EXCELLENT	
	Lt. A.E. Rosenquist	(B)		
Flt.C	Lt. O.F. Jacobsen	(P)	D.M.P.I. SUPERIOR	
	F/O R.W. Harvest	(B)		

Flights A and C Box I, and flight C Box II made two runs. All other flights made only one run.

OTTO R. KOCH
2ND LT. AIR CORPS
ASST. GROUPBOMBARDIER

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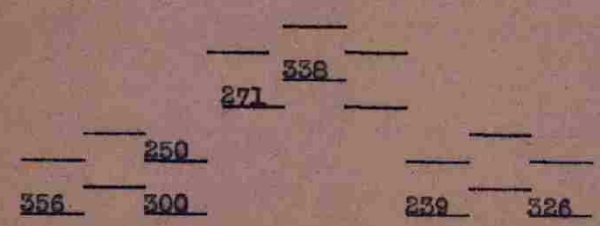
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CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING 13 100 % WING 9 April 45

CAMERA FAILURES 0 0 % DATE 97th. C.B.

PERSONNEL FAILURES 0 0 %

OTHERS 0

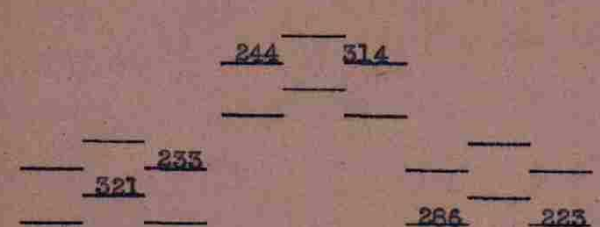


TARGET SAALFELD

ALTITUDE 9500 FEET

TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH

GROUND SPEED 219 MPH

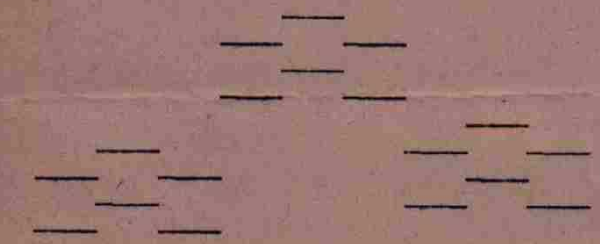


TARGET SAALFELD

ALTITUDE 8500 FEET

TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH

GROUND SPEED 219 MPH



TARGET

ALTITUDE FEET

TRUE AIR SPEED MPH

GROUND SPEED MPH

STRIKE ATTACK CAMERAS:

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1	250	"	6 3/8	0			"	"
1	300	"	7	0			"	"
1	356	"	7	0	941			
1	239	"	7	0			"	"
1	326	"	7	0	939			
2	244	"	6 3/8	0			"	"
2	314	"	7	0	938			
2	233	"	6 3/8	0	940			
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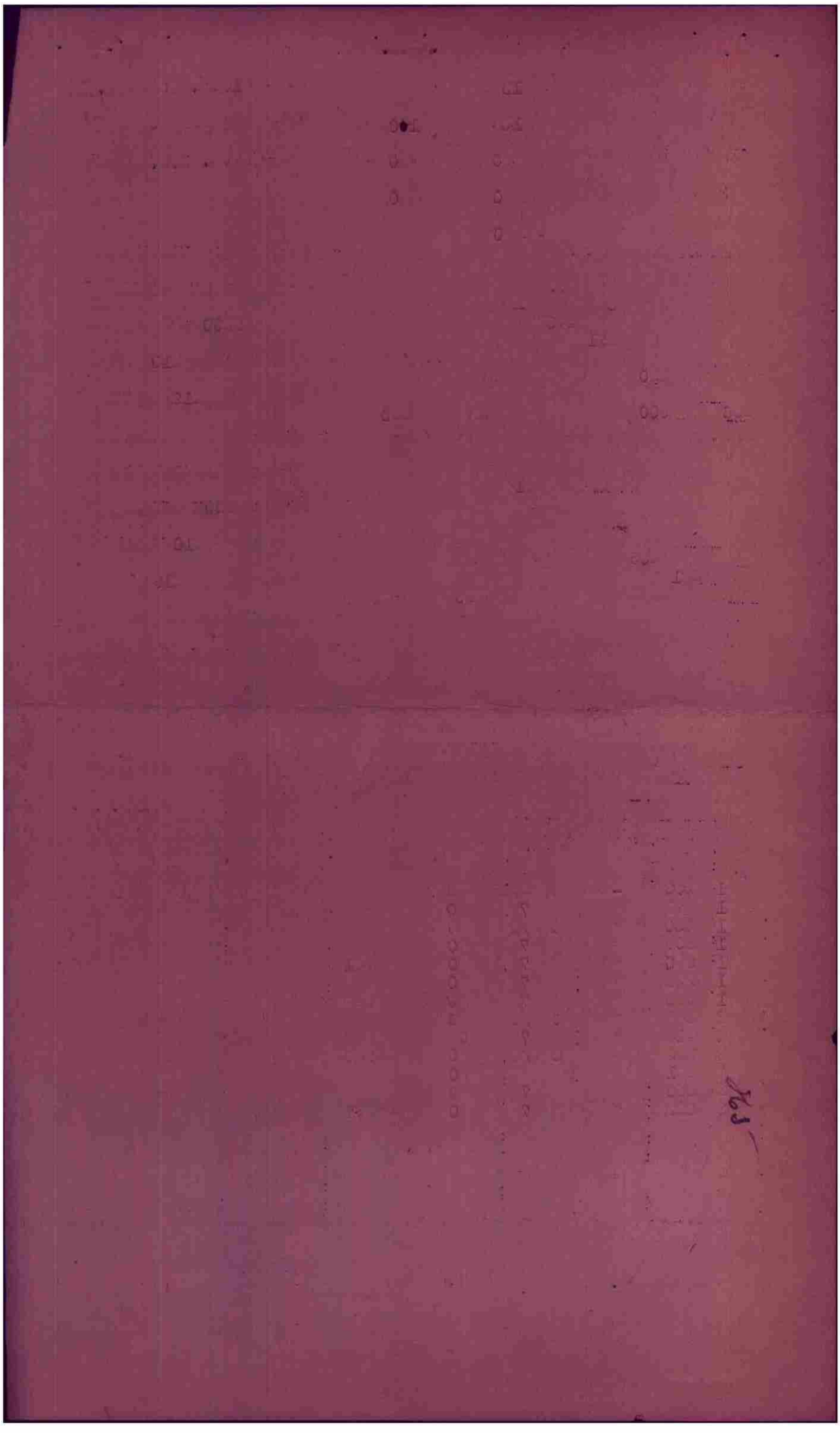
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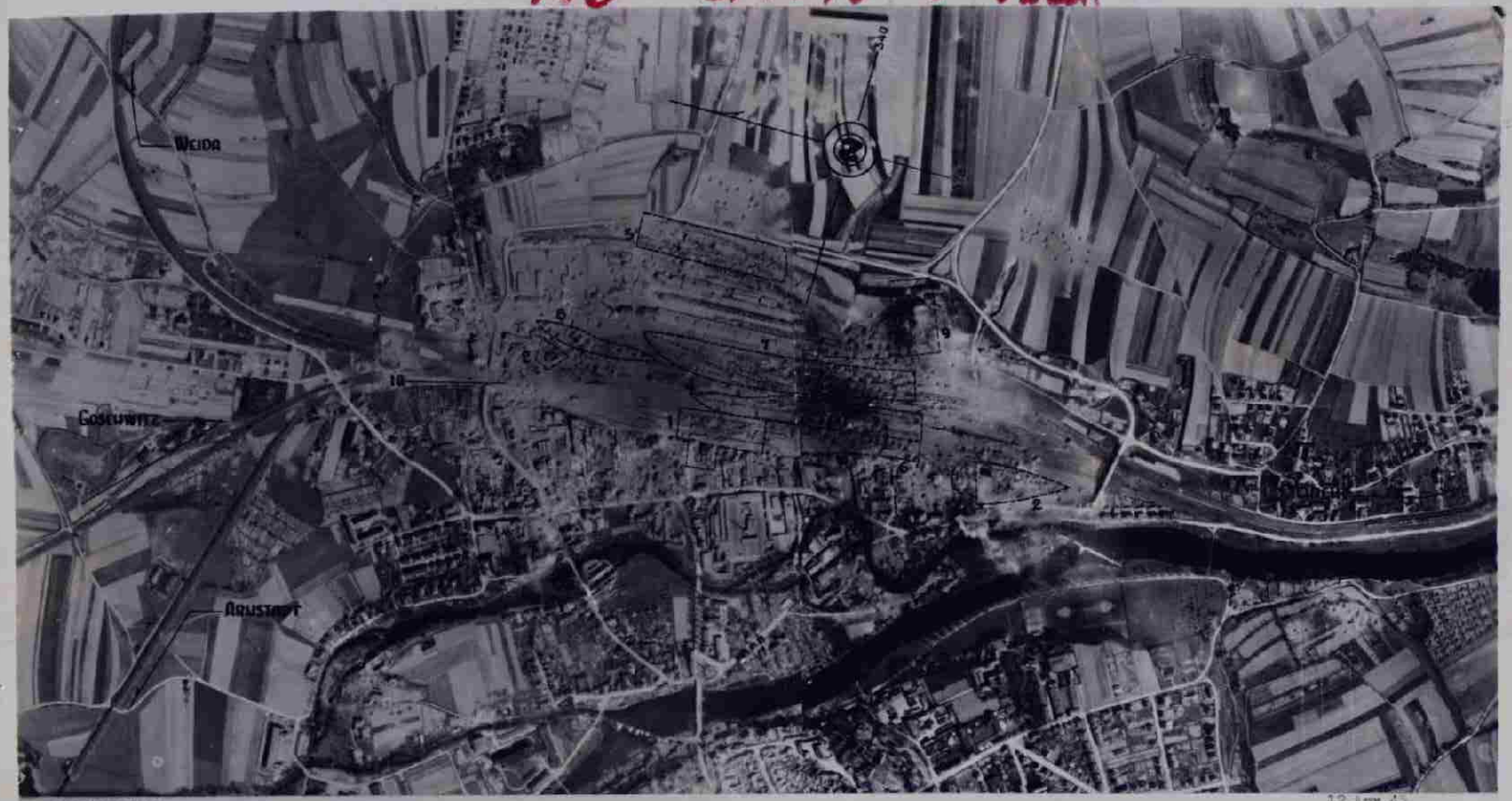
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416th 9.4.45 2 - Super 3 - Exec 1 - N.A.O.



CONFIDENTIAL 12 Apr 45

NINTH AF 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT (US10/D 1071)

(a) LOCALITY: SAALFELD M/Y (GSGS 4416/86 - J/573340)
(b) SORTIE: US 31/4809 - 1065,66; 2065,66
(c) DAT: 10 Apr 45, 1450B
(d) PERIOD UNDER REVIEW: This report supplements reports US10/D 995 and US10/D 1071 and covers in detail all of the damage to the target.
(e) COVER: The target is covered on excellent quality prints.
(f) STATEMENT:

NORTH SCALE: 10,000
ABSTRACTED FROM: Mosaic
Alt.: 24"

1. The passenger station is three-fourths destroyed and all lines are cut.
2. The subsidiary station is totally destroyed.
3. The locomotive depot is one-third destroyed and at least 6 locomotives are damaged or derailed.
4. The station sidings are cut in at least 23 places and 30 wagons are destroyed or derailed.
5. The wagon repair shop is gutted and only 3 walls are standing. The sidings that serve it are cut in at least 14 places and 25 wagons are destroyed.
6. The carriage sidings are cut by 10 hits.
7. At least 30 hits have destroyed the holding sidings, cutting all lines and destroyed 75 wagons.
8. Ten hits have cut all lines in the storage sidings and destroyed 10 wagons.
9. An industrial building is severely damaged and is still burning at the time of photography.
10. The choke point is cut by 13 craters blocking traffic from ROHRA to WEIDA, GOSCHWITZ, and ARNSTADT.

Severe damage was caused in the industrial area just west of the M/Y.

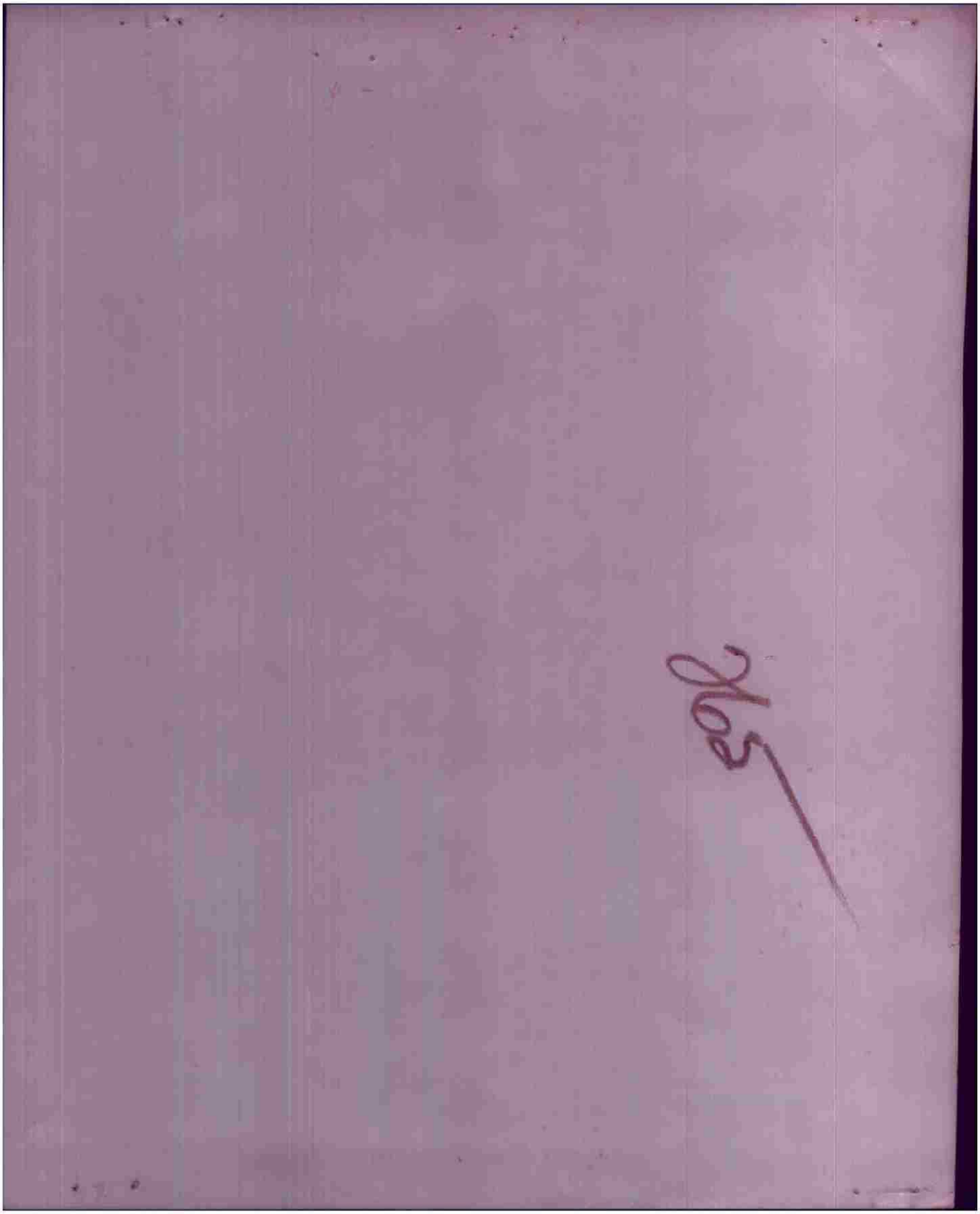
(g) ACTIVITY: The M/Y is moderately loaded. No activity is noted.

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12 Apr 45

NINTH AF 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT US10/D 1021

.) LOCALITY: SAALFELD M/Y (GSGS 4416/S6-J/573340).

b) SORTIE: US 31/4796 - 1006-08 SORTIE SCALE: 10,000

c) TOT: 10 Apr 45 F.L. 24" ANNOTATED PRINT: None

d) PERIOD UNDER REVIEW: This report covers damage from 0745B hours 8.4.45 to date and supplements report US10/D 995.

e) COVER: The target is covered on prints of fair quality.

f) STATEMENT: All damage reported in Report US10/D 995 is verified on these photographs and the following additional damage is seen. The engine-roundhouse is over 1/3 destroyed and six engines are probably damaged. Approximately 24 craters are visible in the central section of the sidings where at least 48 engines have been derailed and damaged. Five medium-size unidentified buildings within the sidings have been severely damaged and the M/Y is completely unserviceable.

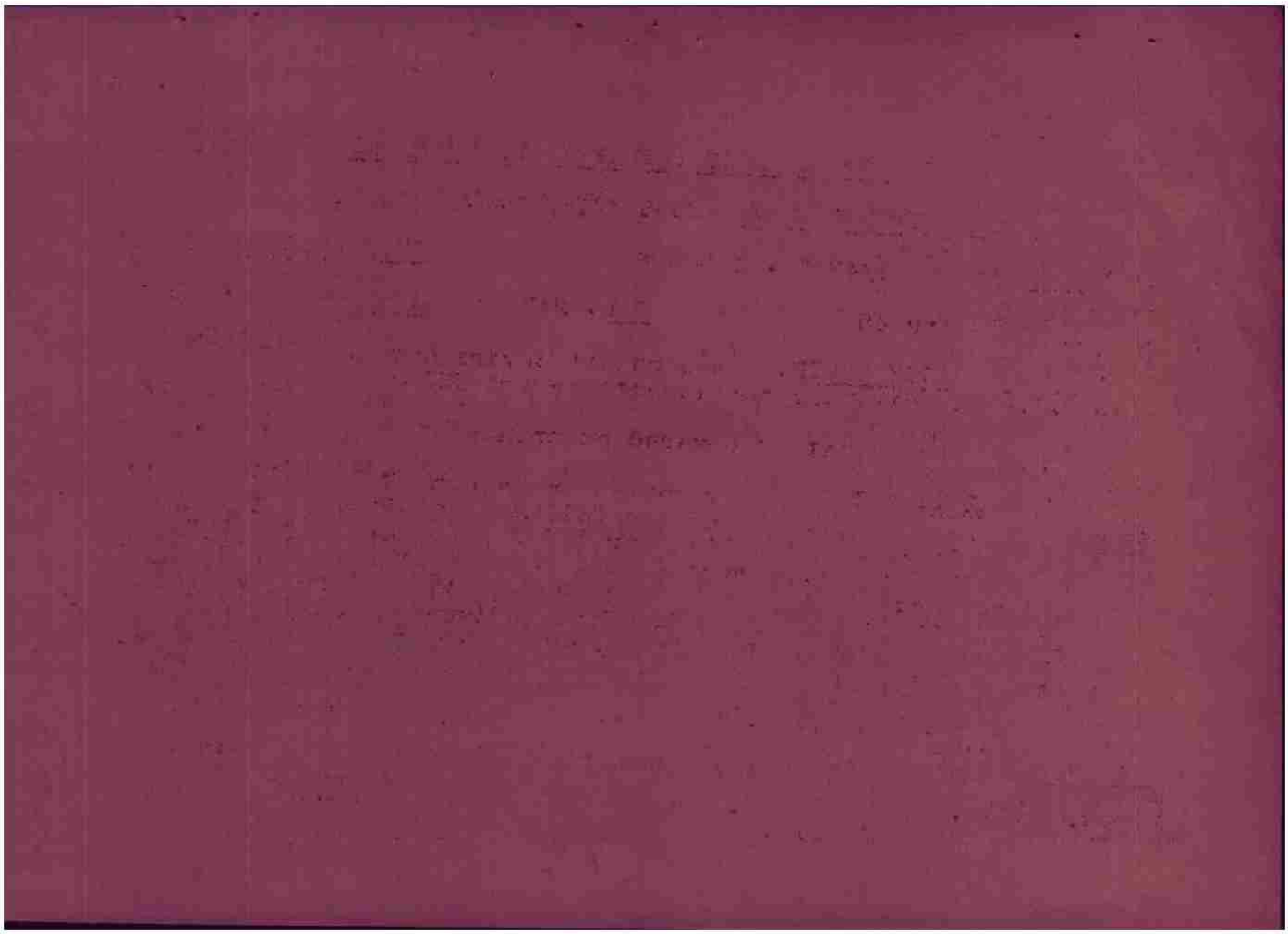
g) ACTIVITY: The M/Y is moderately loaded, no activity is noted.

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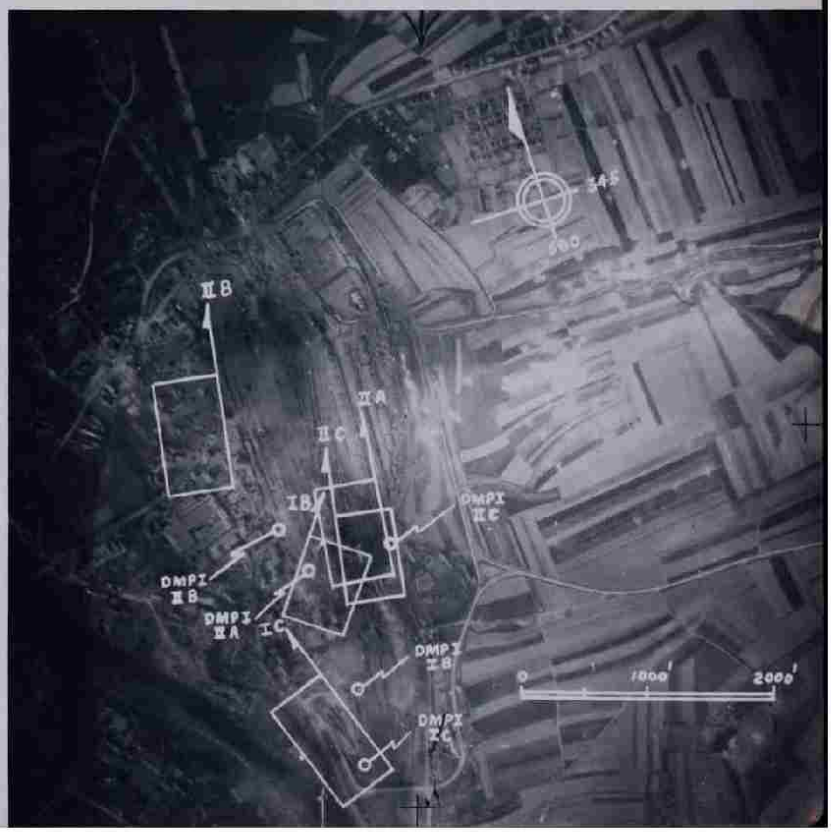
(G) RESULTS OF BOMBING: BOMBS OF THREE FLTS FALLS THEIR RESPECTIVE DESIRED MPI's BLANKETING WAGONS, TRACKS AND SERVICING FACILITIES. ONE FLT BOMBED 800' N OF ITS DESIRED MPI WITH BURSTS SEEN IN CENTRAL PART OF M/Y. A FIFTH FLT BOMBED ACROSS BUILDINGS AND ROADS ALONG W EDGE OF M/Y. I-A BOMBED IN FIELDS 4500' SW OF DESIRED MPI.

(H) ACTIVITY: LOADING IN M/Y IS MODERATE. PRIOR TO THIS ATTACK, THRU LINES IN N END OF M/Y APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN CUT.

(I) ANNOTATED PRINT: 5018 SORTIE: US 416/939

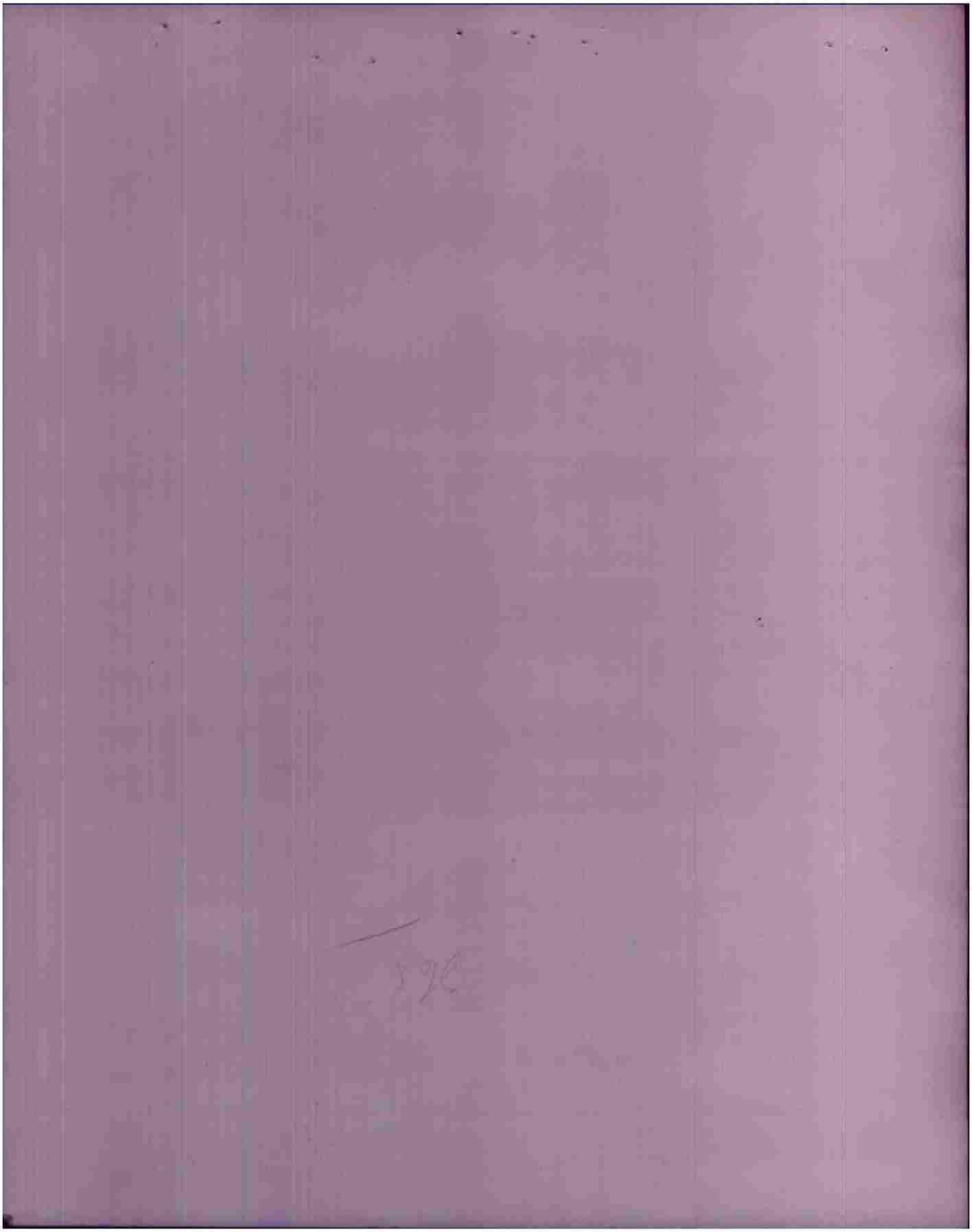
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GENERAL INDEX

TARGET SAALFELD M/Y DATE 9 APR 45 NO. A/C 39 MISS. # 265

COORD. WJ-J73338 F.O.# 245-842 STATUS ATTACKED

BRIEFING OFFICER LT. RODGERS

1. HEDCO. PRINTS (IF ANY)
2. MISSION SUMMARY , 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
3. MISSION NARRATIVE
4. OPS FLASH
5. PHOTO REPORT
6. FIELD ORDER (ANNEXES, AMENDMENTS, SUPPLEMENTS)
7. LOADING LIST OF CREWS
8. FLAK REPORT
9. GEE & RADAR REPORTS
10. PFF CRITIQUE (IF ANY)
11. OPREP REPORT
12. YS REPORT
13. NAVIGATOR'S LOG AND FLIGHT PLAN
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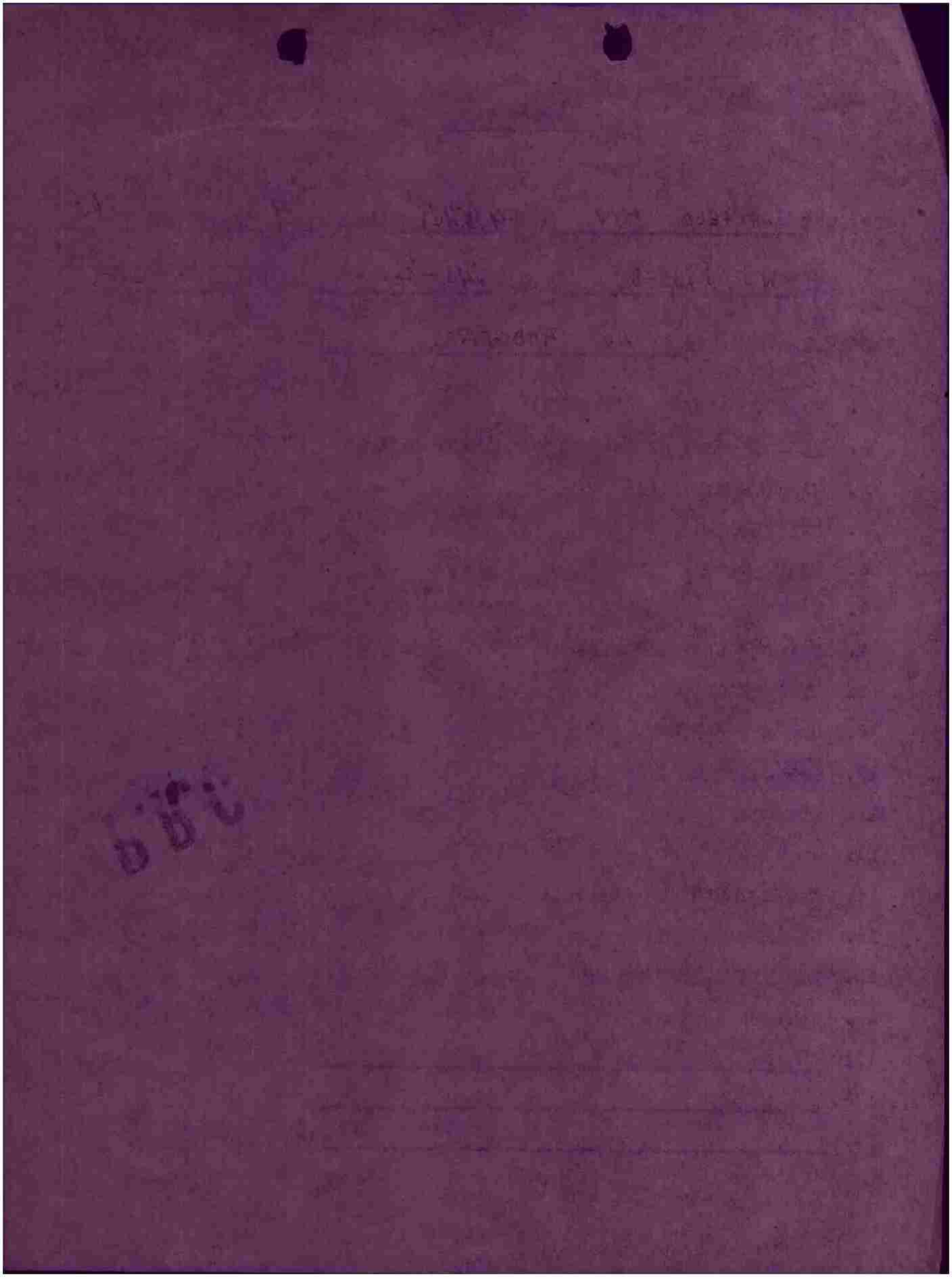
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9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (H)

Mission Folder

APO # 140
9 April 1945

Field Order 842

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MISSION SUMMARY #106
(afternoon Missions)

Section I



GROUP	TARGET	MISSION RESULTS
391 BG	Jena (J-710660) Marshalling Yard	Superior
397 BG	" "	Box I - Flight A - Unsat. Flight B - Unsat. Flight C - Excellent (AMPI) Box II - Flight A - Excellent (SMPI) Flight B - Unsat. Flight C - Excellent (SMPI)
387 BG	" "	Box I - Flight A - Superior Flight B - N.a.O. Flight C - Excellent Box II - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Superior
394 BG	Dedenhausen (X-706294) Oil Refinery	Box I - Flight A - Excellent (AMPI) Flight B - Unsat. (AMPI) Flight C - N.a.O. Box II - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Superior Flight C - Superior (AMPI)
410 BG	Saalfeld (J-573338) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Superior Flight C - Unsat. Box II - Flight A - N.a.O. Flight B - Superior Flight C - Excellent.
409 BG	" "	Box I - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Superior Flight C - Excellent Box II - Flight A - Superior (SMPI) Flight B - Undet. Flight C - Superior (SMPI)
416 BG	" "	Box I - Flight A - N.a.O. Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Superior Box II - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Superior

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323 BG Deadfield (J-57/5328) Box I - Flight A - Superior
Lawrenceling Yard Flight B - Brocellent (SUFI)
Flight C - A.A.C.
Box II - Flight A - Excellent (SUFI)
Flight D - Excellent (S.F.I)
Flight C - Excellent

3/4 BG " " Box I - Flight A - Excellent (A.F.I)
Flight B - Good (A.F.I)
Flight C - Excellent (A.F.I)
Box II - Flight A - Excellent (A.F.I)
Flight B - Excellent (A.F.I)
Flight C - Excellent (A.F.I)

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Nine groups attacked two marshalling yards, and an oil refinery, recording Superior to Undetermined results.

Jena (Marshalling Yard)

391 BG: 33 a/c dispatched, all dropping 132 x 1000 GP on primary.

10 a/c flak battle-damaged; 1 crewman wounded. No losses.

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

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Tight pattern about 75 feet SW of DMPI, cutting 6 through RR lines and 10 dead end sidings, with damage to at least 20 goods wagons and 2 bays of 1 large wagon repair shop.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Tight pattern about 200 feet SW of DMPI, cutting 3 station sidings and 2 through RR lines, with damage to at least 6 goods wagons.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Tight pattern about 100 feet SW of DMPI, choking off end of M/Y by cutting 2 through lines and 2 station sidings. Several hits on passenger station, 2 loading platforms, and goods depot. 2 roadways and 2 residential type buildings also hit.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Tight pattern about 150 feet SSE of DMPI, hitting 8 small buildings alongside wagon repair shops, and one bay of wagon repair shops. Also cut 2 through RR lines and 2 roadways.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. No bomb bursts seen due to bombing into smoke. Craters on photos from Box II, Flight C, show all bombs within 1000 feet of DMPI. Tight pattern about 200 feet SW of DMPI, with severe damage to passenger station, 2 loading platforms, 2 through RR lines, and 4 sidings.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Dispersed pattern about 75 feet E of DMPI, cutting three through RR lines and 5 sidings, and scoring several hits on wagon repair shop.

397 BG: 37 a/c dispatched, 19 dropping 76 x 1000 GP on primary. 16 a/c dropped 64 x 1000 GP on briefed secondary and Other targets. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which landed at Florennes/Juzaine.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure (this a/c, on single engine, jettisoned 4 x 1000 GP safe in open field near Bellicourt-N780610--friendly territory).

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

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

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 5100 feet SW of DMPI, hitting among buildings and roads in town. Reason for unsatisfactory bombing undetermined.

Flight B. DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 2600 feet SW of DMPI, among buildings and roads in town.

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Flight C. AMPI - EXCELLENT. Primary not bombed due to smoke and haze. 90% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of AMPI, cross roads in town of Blankenburg (J-495375), 20 miles SW of primary. Split pattern 540 feet SW of AMPI, across roads, among houses, and possibly hitting RR tracks. Navigator believed target attacked was briefed secondary (Possneck, J-723396), although bombardier claimed it was not.

Box II - Flight A. SMPI - EXCELLENT. Primary not bombed due to smoke and haze. Attacked Possneck, briefed secondary, 16 miles S of primary. Bombardier selected MPI, RR overpass, due to lack of photo coverage preventing assignment of DMPIs. Good pattern 580 feet SW of SMPI, hitting generally in open area. One bomb cut secondary road.

Flight B. DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Extended pattern 2000 feet SW of DMPI, landing among buildings and across road network in town. Reason for unsatisfactory bombing undetermined.

Flight C. SMPI - EXCELLENT. Primary not bombed due to smoke and haze. Attacked briefed secondary, Possneck. Bombardier selected MPI, due to lack of photo coverage preventing assignment of DMPI. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of SMPI, hitting in good pattern 516 feet NE in open area, probably damaging small buildings and road feeding RR station.

387 BG: 40 a/c dispatched, 34 dropping 136 x 1000 GP on primary. 6 a/c dropped 96 x 260 Frag on flak positions in target area.

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

Visual bombing by flights from 10000 - 13000 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered 240 feet NW of DMPI. Hits scored on railroad tracks at SW end of M/Y, and on houses along N border.

Flight B. N.A.O. Bombardier started run on target, but GEE operator notified him that fixes showed them approximately 12 miles off course. Bombardier left sight to look at target and when he was positive it was correct, it was too late for run. He then cranked up telescope and indices crossed, releasing bombs. Bursts on main road, aproximately 1500 feet N of DMPI.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. MPI of bursts in smoke of previous pattern, approximately 600 feet W of DMPI. Possible hits to tracks along N border of M/Y, and to warehouses in this area.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered 180 feet SE of DMPI, scoring hits to goods wagons, and tracks in parking area in E portion of yard.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 95% of bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern, centered approximately 800 feet NW of DMPI, blanketing main road and several houses in this area.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern, centered 200 feet NE of DMPI. Bursts blanket carriage repair shop on E end of M/Y, possibly severing rail lines and road.

NOTE: 6 a/c attacked flak positions in target area. Bombs of 3 a/c attacking position at J-749659 fell in open fields in that area. Bombs of 3 a/c attacking position at J-709705 fell across

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perimeter and onto landing ground of apparent fighter base in that area.

Dedenhausen (Oil Refinery)

394 BG: 38 a/c dispatched, all dropping 304 x 500 GP on and in vicinity of primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 11000 - 12500 feet.

Box I - Flight A. AMPI - EXCELLENT. Due to heavy haze in target area, a similar area approximately 2 miles SW of DMPI was bombed. 95% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of AMPI. Good pattern approximately 550 feet NW of AMPI. Strikes on road and depot area, with probable damage.

Flight B. AMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. Due to heavy haze, an area approximately 2 miles SW of DMPI was bombed. All bombs outside 1000 foot radius of AMPI, and approximately 3000 feet SE. Strikes covered a road, with probable damage. Very short run due to haze.

Flight C. N.A.O. Due to heavy haze in target area, bombardier sighted on a similar target 2 miles SW of DMPI, but did not attack on first run. He started to make second run, but failed to release sight trigger, bombs falling 4100 feet SW of AMPI, on a road and in fields.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Tight pattern approximately 400 feet NE of DMPI. Bursts cover oil tanks and sidings. Damage should be heavy.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Partly smoke covered concentration approximately 200 feet NE of DMPI. Bursts cover oil storage tanks and sidings. Damage should be heavy.

Flight C. AMPI - SUPERIOR. Due to heavy haze in target area, a target of similar appearance was bombed, approximately 2 miles SW of DMPI. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of AMPI. Long pattern approximately 200 feet S of AMPI, on depot area and across a road and the M/Y. Damage should be heavy.

Saalfeld (Marshalling Yard)

410 BG: 40 a/c dispatched, all dropping 240 x 500 GP on primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 8200 - 9300 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered 250 feet WSW of DMPI, blanketing all lines at choke point, a section of main E-W highway, and scoring probable hits on western portion of roundhouse.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Pattern centered 230 feet East of DMPI. Bombs are seen bursting at eastern edge, and extending into smoke of previous flight over target. Pattern blankets rail lines in eastern half of yard and extends over N-S highway east of yard. Probable hits were also scored on eastern section of roundhouse and a number of cars in the yard.

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Flight C. DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Long pattern straddling N-S highway, centered 2700 feet NW of DMPI. Bombs were released while a/c was in bank.

Box II - Flight A. N.A.O. Malfunction in rate end of bombsight caused bombs to fall short. No bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Pattern centered 1900 feet SW of DMPI, extending from river over secondary road net and a large number of "factory type" buildings.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of visible bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Clouds obscured DMPI and most of A/P, but bursts are visible under and east of cloud. Pattern centered 250 feet east of DMPI. Bursts are seen in A/P and across N-S highway east of yard. Dark smoke under clouds indicate that bombs extended to DMPI.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern centered 575 feet N of DMPI. Pattern blankets main highway intersection and a number of large buildings. Cloud cover on subsequent exposures makes it impossible to determine whether bombs extended into A/P or not.

409 BG: 38 a/c dispatched, 37 dropping 148 x 1000 GP on primary.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 3000 - 9500 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Pattern centered approximately 175 feet ENE of DMPI.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Pattern is centered 120 feet ESE of DMPI. Photos from Flight A Box II show following damage for Flights A and B Box I. S portion of roundhouse and two buildings beside roundhouse have been damaged. Poor damage photo cover shows that 5 to 10 wagons have been damaged or destroyed, and access road to warehouses has been blocked by craters. Portions of two warehouses have been destroyed. One warehouse building is burning from Flight B attack.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Pattern is centered 330 feet NNE of DMPI. There is probable damage to tracks in choke point, further damage to roundhouse, direct hits or near misses to cluster of buildings N of DMPI. There is also probable further damage to warehouses access road. Smoke from four bombs of an unidentified flight can be seen E of DMPI.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. On first run smoke obscured target, and on second run target was obscured by smoke and haze. Bombardier chose point in freight unloading yard and bombed. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Pattern is centered over DMPI, which is 740 feet ESE of DMPI. Pattern covers 50 plus goods wagons, and many road trailers which are backed up to cars unloading.

Flight B. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. There was no photo cover of this flight. 2 cameras installed both malfunctioned. Bombardier reports excellent to superior results.

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Flight C. SMPI - SUPERIOR. On first run bombardier could not see DMPI because of smoke. After starting second run, another flights bombs exploded in target area completely obscuring it, Bombardier continued run and changed MPI, placing it upon road junction on edge of town. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of SMPI. Pattern centered 170 feet ESE of SMPI, and covers road junction and residential area of town.

416 BG: 39 a/c dispatched, 38 dropping 151 x 1000 GP on primary.

1 a/c failed to bomb: Other (2 bombs broke loose from shackles when plane hit air pocket while still in friendly territory. Bombs were released, 3 x 1000 GP exploding in open field at O-920330, and 1 x 1000 GP falling safe in open field at O-080390).

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 8300 - 9500 feet.

Box I - Flight A. N.A.O. Smoke covered DMPI, so bombardier estimated it and released. Bombs fell in field 4500 feet SW of DMPI.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 80% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of pattern 820 feet N of DMPI, destroying rolling stock and cutting tracks.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of pattern 250 feet NW of DMPI, destroying rolling stock, large buildings, and cutting tracks and probably cutting overpass.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of pattern 390 feet NE, destroying rolling stock and tracks and severely damaging large buildings.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 50% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of pattern 1000 feet N of DMPI, Pattern hit on M/Y, destroying buildings and cutting roads.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of pattern 160 feet SW. Bombs hit in M/Y, destroying rolling stock, buildings and cutting tracks.

323 BG: 36 a/c dispatched, 27 dropping 108 x 1000 GP on and in vicinity of primary. 6 a/c dropped 24 x 1000 GP on briefed secondary target.

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

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 8700 - 10300 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent concentration, except for several salvoes. MPI is 225 feet W of DMPI. Bombs fell across southern end of marshalling yard and among industrial buildings W of M/Y. One bomb fell short of pattern, falling on choke point at southern entrance to M/Y.

Flight B. SMPI - EXCELLENT. Due to smoke obscuring target, bombardier synchronized in reference to check points, which brought SMPI 1500 feet S of DMPI. Approximately 85% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of SMPI. Good concentration, MPI of which is 825 feet SW of SMPI. Bombs fell in open fields and across secondary road.

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Flight C. N.a.O. Bombardier was properly alligned on target as to course but was searching for proper DMPI when indices crossed, short of desired point of release. All bombs outside 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good concentration, MPI of which is 5440 feet SSW of DMPI. Bombs fell in open field.

Box II - Flight A. SMPI - EXCELLENT. Attacked briefed secondary, Possneck (J-730390), due to smoke at primary target. DMPI was center of town but when bombardier sa: red crosses on building there, moved MPI to left and aimed at road intersection. 100% of bombs within 1000 feet of DMPI. Excellent concentration, MPI of which is 315 feet NW of DMPI. Bombs fell across several roads and in built up area.

Flight B. SMPI - EXCELLENT. Due to smoke covering most of A/F bombardier selected N choke point of A/F as MPI. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent concentration, MPI of which is 435 feet N of DMPI. Bombs blanketed eastern approach to road bridge, built up area and roads in area.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent concentration, MPI of which is 290 feet W of DMPI. Bombs fell in A/Y, and on sheds adjacent to it.

344 BG: 36 a/c dispatched, all dropping 152 x 1000 GP in vicinity of primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 9100 - 11400 feet.

Box I - Flight A. AMPI - EXCELLENT. Because of smoke in target area, bombardier misidentified DMPI. He aimed 2040 feet S of DMPI. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of AMPI. Good pattern 350 feet N of AMPI, hitting across A/F. Smoke prevents assessment of damage.

Flight B. AMPI - GOOD. Bombardier misidentified target due to smoke, selected same MPI as Flight A: approximately 40% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of AMPI. Bursts seen only in late stages, but approximate center is 1100 feet SW of AMPI. Strikes in open.

Flight C. AMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier misidentified target due to smoke, aiming 1570 feet S of DMPI. 100% of bombs within 1000 feet radius of AMPI. Excellent pattern 350 feet west of AMPI. Strikes across factory type buildings and edge of A/F.

Box II - Flight A. AMPI - EXCELLENT. Smoke obscured target area. Bombardier selected part of A/Y where Box I had bombed, believing it to be DMPI. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of AMPI. No measurement possible because of smoke. Bombs hit in A/Y with large flashes, indicating explosions.

Flight B. SMPI - EXCELLENT. Smoke obscured DMPI. Bombardier selected MPI 930 feet W of DMPI. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of SMPI. Excellent pattern 480 feet SE of SMPI. Strikes at edge of A/F and across storage area.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. Smoke obscured target area. Bombardier approximated center of target area and dropped into smoke. Good pattern 560 feet N of DMPI, hitting in open.

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SECTION II

A/C OFF			339
	A/C Bombing	332	
	A/C Failing to Bomb	6	
	Bombs of 1 A/C Unaccounted for	1	
TOTAL			339

Bombs on Enemy Territory		643.98
Total Bombs to Date		142,617.40

A/C Lost	0	
A/C Missing	0	
A/C Crash-Landed	0	
A/C Battle Damaged	26	7.81%
Killed	0	
Wounded	1	
Missing	0	
Injured	0	
Claims	0	

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FAILURES TO BOMB

GROUP	NO. A/C	CLASSIFICATION	REASON
397	1	Mechanical	Left engine out.
409	1	Mechanical	Switch malfunction - landing flaps stuck.
416	1	Other	Two bombs broke loose from shackles in friendly territory.
323	2	Mechanical	Leaking Gas.
	1	Personnel	Radio operator forgot chute.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Jena

391 BG: 2-4/10 cirrus above 20,000 feet. Visibility air to ground 7 to 10 miles in light haze, top estimated 7000 feet.

397 BG: 6/10 cirrus above 20,000 feet. Visibility aloft 15 to 20 miles. air to ground visibility 15 miles.

387 BG: 3-5/10 cirrus above 18,000 feet. Visibility 5 to 7 miles in haze to 5200 feet.

Dedenhausen

394 BG: 1/10 cirrus estimated 20,000 feet. Air to ground visibility 3 to 4 miles. Heavy smoke layer to 2500 feet. Haze to 5-6000 feet.

Saalfeld

410 BG: 3/10 cirrus estimated 20,000 feet. One cloud patch between IP and target top 2-3000 feet. Visibility 4 to 5 miles up sun and 6 miles down sun.

409 BG: 6/10 cumulus top 6-7000 feet. Visibility 5 miles.

416 BG: 1-2/10 cumulus base 4000 top 5000 feet. 3-5/10 altocumulus estimated 10000 feet. Light haze. Visibility 4 miles up sun and 8 miles down sun.

323 BG: Clear. Visibility 4 to 5 miles.

344 BG: 3-4/10 stratus and stratocumulus top 5-7000 feet. Visibility 1 to 2 miles in smoke and haze.

S/A PHOTO REPORTS

GROUP	CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING	CAMERA FAILURES NO.	CAMERA FAILURES PERCENT	PERSONNEL FAILURES NO.	PERSONNEL FAILURES PERCENT
391	100%	0	0	0	0
397	100%	0	0	0	0
387	100%	0	0	0	0
394	100%	0	0	0	0
410	100%	0	0	0	0
409	84%	1	8%	1	8%
416	100%	0	0	0	0
323	100%	0	0	0	0
344	91%	1	8%	0	0

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FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	333
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	26
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	7.81%

Saalfeld Marshalling Yard — 410, 409, 416, 323, 344 Gps

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

Flak was neither anticipated nor experienced enroute or at the target. There are no heavy flak defenses plotted within range of the target.

Jena Marshalling Yard — 391, 397, 387 Gps

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	26
% A/C Battle Damaged	23.85%

All three groups encountered heavy flak fire, varying from weak inaccurate to moderate accurate, at the target. There are 18 heavy flak guns plotted in a well-balanced defense around Jena. Moderate flak is to be anticipated from such a defense. The 391 BG reported moderate, accurate, heavy flak fire at the target, and weak, inaccurate, heavy flak fire at Kohla (J-710520). Kohla is within range of two plotted guns of the Jena flak defenses.

The 397 Gp received weak to moderate, accurate, heavy flak fire at the target only.

The 387 Gp experienced only weak heavy flak fire, mostly inaccurate, at the target. One burst of red flak was reported. This group, in addition to attacking Jena Marshalling Yard, bombed two of the flak positions in the Jena defenses. Flak for this group was less intense and less accurate (doing less damage) than for the preceding two groups.

Dedenhausen Oil Refinery — 394 Gp

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

Three crews reported weak, inaccurate, heavy flak fire (12 bursts), received while making a turn for a second run on the target, near Lehrte (X5322). There are 6 heavy flak guns plotted at Lehrte.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.T.'s: 1611 to 1937

No e/a encountered during mission.

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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVSION HEADQUARTERS, France, April 9 - Following are operational statistics, including preliminary damage assessment figures, for combined missions of B-26 Marauders, A-20 Havocs and A-26 Invaders of the Ninth Bombardment Division Monday:

Aircraft dispatched	748
Aircraft over enemy territory	745
Bomber losses	1
Bomb tonnage	1403.25
E/A claims	1-0-0
Marshalling yards attacked	2
Ordnance depots attacked	2
Oil storage depots attacked	1
Oil refinery attacked	1
Communications centers attacked	2
Railroad bridges damaged	1
Highway bridges destroyed	1
Railroad cuts	77
Highway cuts	85
Roundhouses damaged	1
Turntables damaged	1
Goods wagons destroyed or damaged	266
Railroad stations destroyed	1
Warehouses damaged or destroyed	31
Buildings destroyed or damaged	133
Stores huts destroyed	23
Factory buildings destroyed or damaged	41
Railroad workshops destroyed	2
Oil storage tanks destroyed	5
M/T trailers damaged	25

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Mission

CONSOLIDATED MISSION STATISTICS

9 april 1945

a/C OFF		748
a/C Bombing	733	
a/C Failing to Bomb	10	
Bombs of 5 a/C Unaccounted For	5	
TOTAL		748

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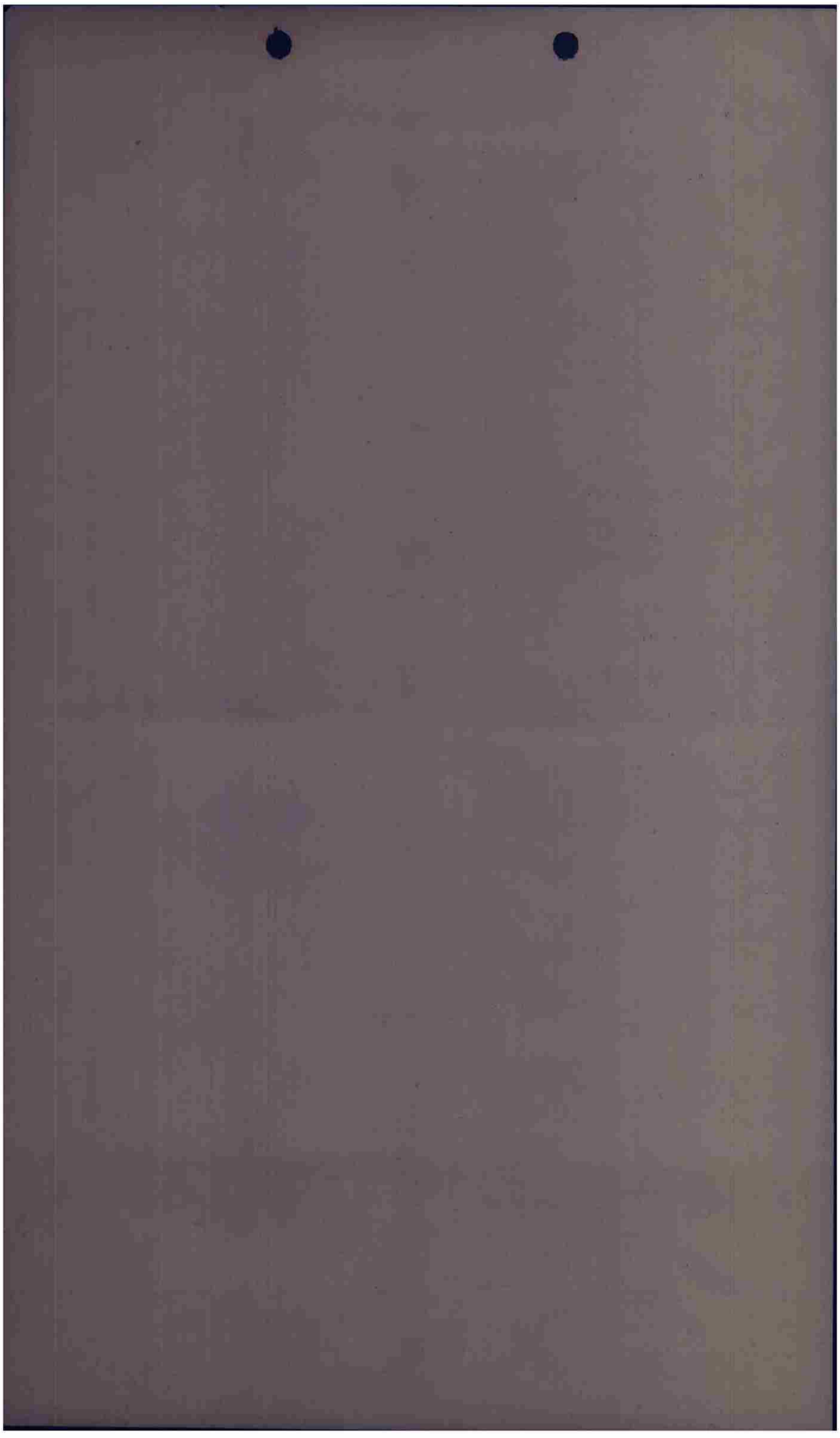
Bombs on Enemy Territory	1,403.255
Total Bombs to Date	142,617.400

a/C Lost (387 BG)	1	
a/C Missing	0	
a/C Crash-Landed	0	
a/C Battle Damaged	30	4.02%
Killed	0	
Wounded	1	
Missing	6	
Injured	0	
Claims	1-0-0	

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Mission # 265--9 April '45 (PM)

Two boxes took off in the afternoon on another long-range attack on the Saalfeld marshalling yards. The enormous yards were to be attacked by two other Groups of the Wing. The yards were filled with smoke by the time our planes arrived. Five of the six flights scored excellent to superior results, eliminating any possibility of the yards being used in the near future. The other flight found its aiming point obscured. Trying to synchronize on the smoke was almost impossible. As a result his bombs missed the target.

There was no flak and no enemy planes were seen.

Weather was ideal for bombing. Smoke from the target itself was the main obstacle for good bombing.

The two boxes were led by Capt. Miller and Lt. Blomgren.

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TO : CG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION
CG, 97TH COMBAT WING
ATTENTION: A-2
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(AFTERNOON MISSION) TO PARAGRAPH "F" ADD: 4 X 1000 G.P. SALVOED
SEE PARAGRAPH "E" OPFLASH.
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A. 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

B. SAALFELD M/Y (WJ-573338)

C. 39 A-26'S.

D. 38 A-26'S ON PRIMARY.

E. 1 A-26 RETURNED EARLY. TWO (2) BOMBS BROKE LOOSE FROM SHACKLES WHEN PLANE HIT AIRPOCKET EN-ROUTE TO TARGET AND WHILE STILL IN FRIENDLY TERRITORY, PILOT HAD GUNNER RELEASE 3 X 1000 GP'S AT 0-9233 (EXPLODED IN OPEN FIELD) AND 1 X 1000 GP BOMB AT 0-0839 (SAFE IN OPEN FIELD). BOTH LOCATIONS BASED ON REPORT FROM" PARADE" CONTROL.

F. 151 X 1000 GP. BOMBS ON PRIMARY.
1 X 1000 GP. BOMB RETURNED (MECHANICAL SALVO FAILED TO RELEASE)

G. BOX 1.
~~XXIXME~~
FLIGHT "A" POOR.
FLIGHT "B" EXCELLENT
FLIGHT "C" EXCELLENT
BOX 2.
FLIGHT "A" EXCELLENT
FLIGHT "B" GOOD TO EXCELLENT
FLIGHT "C" EXCELLENT

H. NIL
I. NIL
J. NIL
K. NIL

L. BOX 1.
FLIGHT "A" 9500
FLIGHT "B" 9000
FLIGHT "C" 9300
BOX 2.
FLIGHT "A" 8500
FLIGHT "B" 8300
FLIGHT "C" 8500

M. BOX 1.
FLIGHT "A" 1702 1/2 (TWO RUNS)
FLIGHT "B" 1650 1/2
FLIGHT "C" 1703 1/2 (TWO RUNS)
BOX 2.
FLIGHT "A" 1650
FLIGHT "B" 1652
FLIGHT "C" 1700 3/4 (TWO RUNS)

X. FORMATION LEADER CALLED RIPSAW 15 MINUTES BEFORE REACHING FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AND REPORTED THAT HE WAS ON COURSE AND ON TIME.
HAROLD W. ANDERSON.
CAPTAIN A.C.

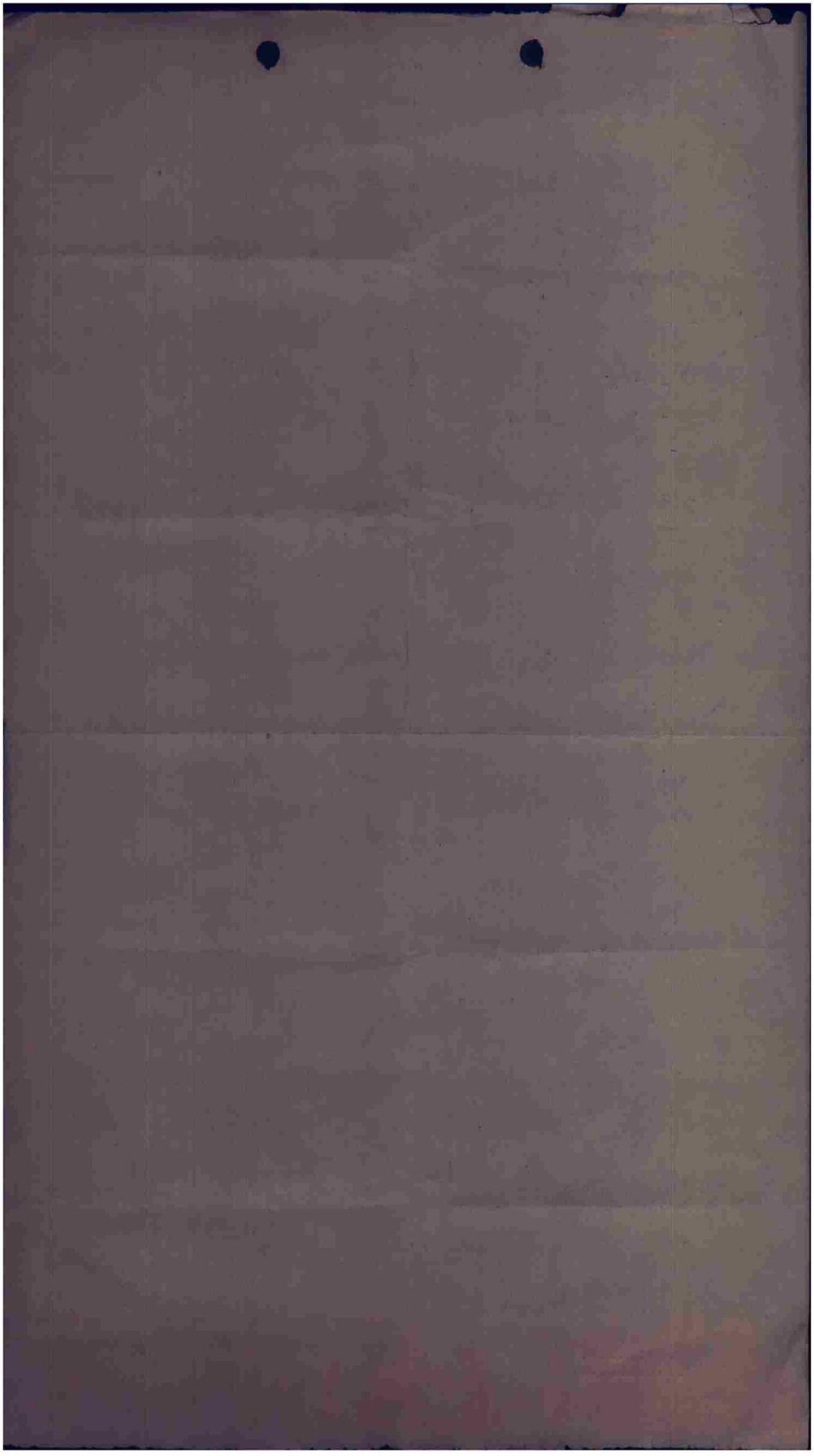
AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 09/2040B
EW BBBB (OP)

ITA R.....092150B MJS TIC PAPER
JEA R.....092150B SH KK

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TO : CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, ATTN. A-2
DG, 98TH COMBAT WING, ATTN. A-2

FROM: 416TH BOMB GP.

SECRET OPS PRIORITY

OPSFLASH FOR AFTERNOON MISSION 9 APRIL 1945

A. 416th Bomb. Gp. (L)

B. SAALFELD M/Y (WJ-573338)

C. 39 A-26's

D. 38 A-26's on primary.

E. 1 A-26 returned early. Two (2) bombs broke loose from shackles when plane hit airpocket en-route to target and while still in friendly territory, pilot had gunner release 3 x 1000 Gp's at O-9233 (Exploded in open field) and 1 x 1000 Gp bomb at O-0839 (Safe in open field). Both locations based on report from "Parade" control.

F. 151 x 1000 Gp. bombs on primary.
1 x 1000 Gp. bomb returned (Mechanical salvo failed to release)

G. Box 1
Flight "A" Poor
Flight "B" Excellent
Flight "C" Excellent

Box 2
Flight "A" Excellent
Flight "B" Good to excellent
Flight "C" Excellent

H. Nil

I. Nil

J. Nil

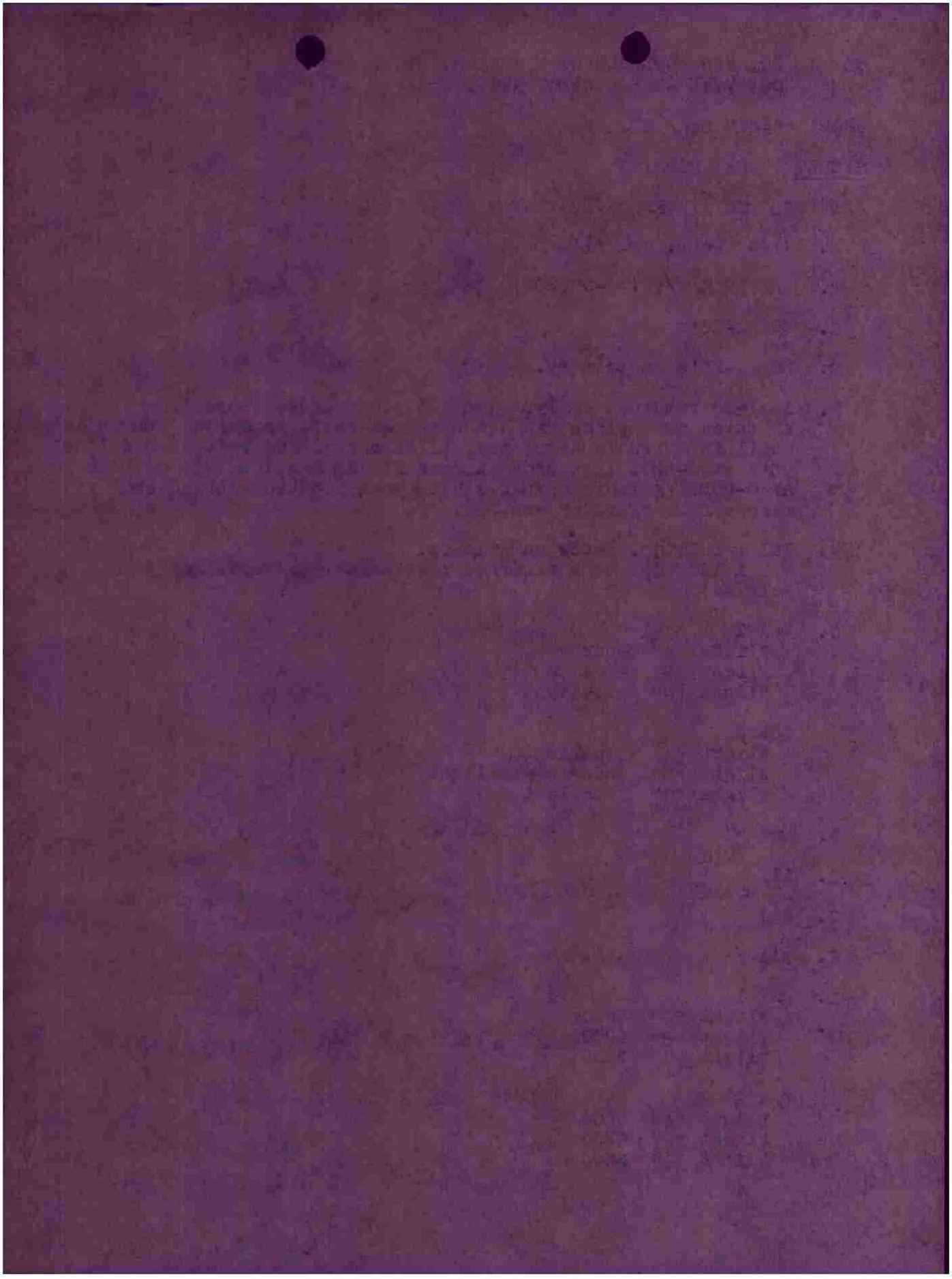
K. Nil

L. Box 1
Flight "A" 9500
Flight "B" 9000
Flight "C" 9300

Box 2
Flight "A" 8500
Flight "B" 8300
Flight "C" 8500

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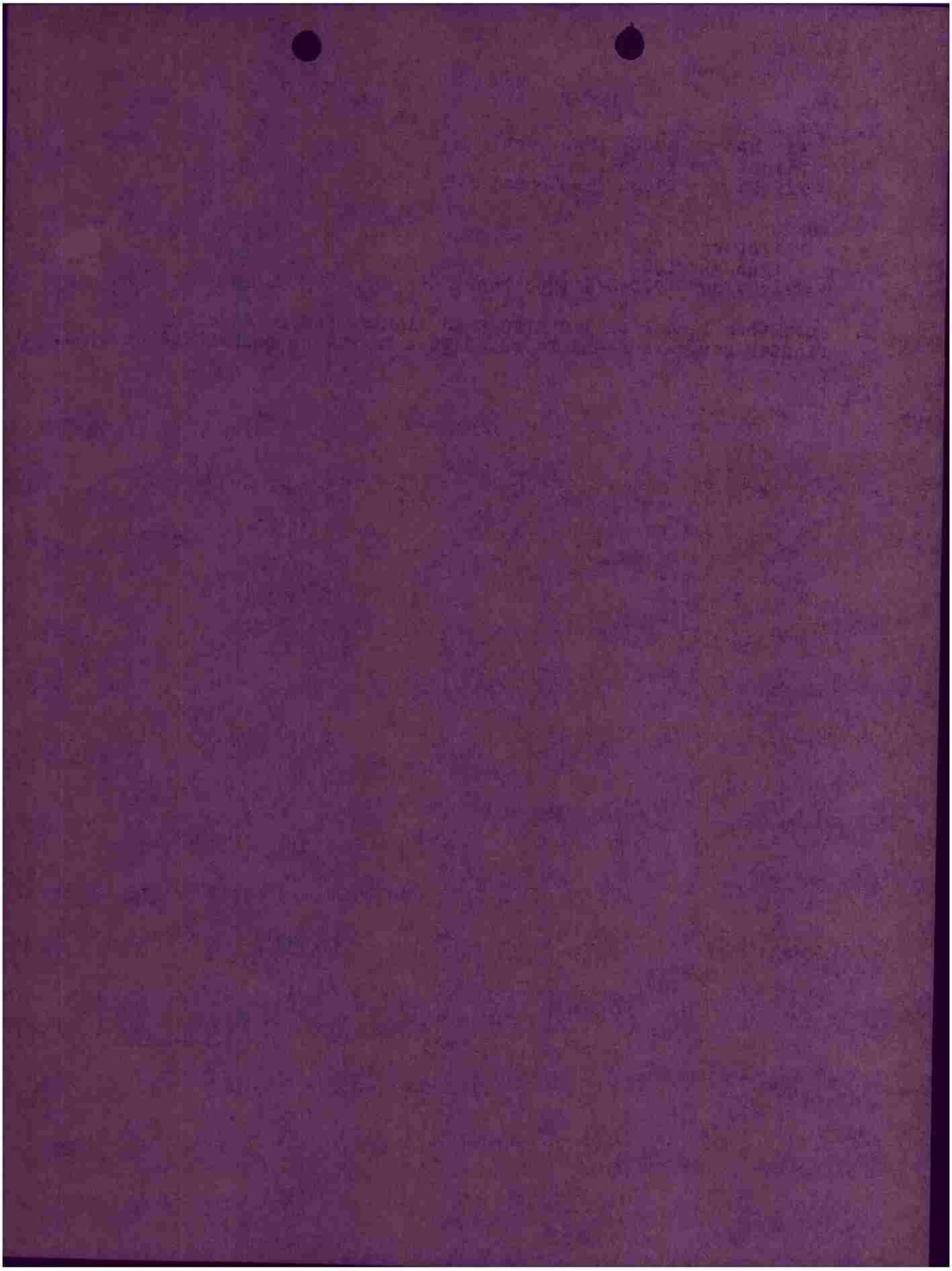
M. Box 1
Flight "A" 1702½ (Two runs)
Flight "B" 1650½
Flight "C" 1703½ (Two runs)

Box 2
Flight "A" 1650
Flight "B" 1652
Flight "C" 1700 3/4 (Two runs)

X. Formation leader called RIPSAW 15 minutes before reaching fighter rendezvous and reported that he was on course and on time.

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SECRET

TO: CG, 9th Bomb Div. Att A2
CG 97 Combat Wing Att A2

FROM: 416th Bomb Gp.

OPFLASH FOR 9 APRIL 1945 (AFTERNOON MISSION)

A. 416 Bomb Gp.

B. SAALFELD M/y (WJ-573338)

C. 39 A26's

D. 38 A26's ON PRIMARY

E. 1 A26 RETURNED EARLY. 2 BOMBS BROKE LOOSE FROM SHACKLES WHEN PLANE HIT AIR POCKET EN ROUTE TO TARGET AND WHILE STILL IN FRIENDLY TERRITORY. PILOT HAD GUNNER RELEASE 3 X 1000 AT 0-9233 (EXPLODED IN OPEN FIELD.) AND 1 X 1000 AT 0-0839 (SAFE IN OPEN FIELD.) BOTH LOCATIONS BASED ON REPORT FROM "PARADE" CONTROL.

F. 151 X 1000 ON PRIMARY
1 X 1000 RETURNED (MECHANICAL. SALVO FAILED TO RELEASE.

G. BOX I - FLIGHT A - POOR
B - EXC.
C - EXC.

BOX II - FLIGHT A - EXC.
B - GOOD TO EXC.
C - EXC.

H. NIL

I. NIL

J. NIL

K. NIL

L. BOX I - FLIGHT A - 9500
B - 9,000
C - 9,300

BOX II - FLIGHT A - 8500
B - 8300
C. - 8500.

M. BOX I - FLIGHT A - 1702 1/2 (2 runs)
B. - 1650 1/2
C: 1703 1/2 (2 runs)

BOX II. - FLIGHT A - 1650 -
B. - 1652 -
C. - 1700 3/4 (2 runs)

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West of - Besseval
La Chaussee - 1 - 1000

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 03/10 OP OP

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FROM: HQ, 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) S-2 PI 10/0200B
TO : HQ, 9TH BOMBER DIVISION (M) ATTN: A-2 PI S-3
HQ, 97TH COMBAT WING (L) ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER.
BT

SECRET 416TH BG P-157-D PERIOD

B. SAALFELD M/Y.

G. 1650 - 1703.

J. BOX 1 FLT A - ~~XNØ~~ NAO - SMOKE COVERED DMPI AND BOMBARDIER ESTIMATED
(VISUAL) DMPI. BOMBS FELL IN FIELD 4500 FT SW OF DMPI.
FLT B - DMPI - EXCEL: 80 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 820 FT N OF DMPI. TIGHT PATTERN OF ~~ØVØZ~~ BURST DESTROYING ROLLING STOCK AND CUTTING TRACKS.
FLT C - DMPI - SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 250 FT NW OF DMPI. GOOD PATTERN DESTROYING ~~ØØLLØ~~ ROLLING STOCK, LARGE BLDGS, AND CUTTING TRACKS. PROBABLY CUTTING OVERPASS.
BOX 2 FLT A - DMPI EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH
(VISUAL) CENTER OF PATTERN 390 FT NE. EXEELLENT PATTERN DESTROYING ROLLING STOCK AND TRACKS AND SEVERELY DAMAGING LARGE BLDGS.
FLT B - DMPI - EXCEL: 50 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 1000 FT N OF DMPI. GOOD PATTERN HIT ON EDGE OF M/Y DESTROYING BLDGS AND CUTTING ROADS.
FLT C - DMPI - SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 160 FT SW. TIGHT PATTERN OF BOMBS HIT IN M/Y DESTROYING ROLLING STOCK, BLDGS AND CUTTING TRACKS.

K. NIL

M. (A) 13 100 PERCENT
(B) 0 0
(C) 0 0

N. 28 HITS ON ROADS.
65 GOODS WAGONS DESTROYED.
35 FACTORY BLDGS DESTROYED OR SEVERELY DAMAGED.
50 HITS ON R.R. TRACKS.

CLAYTON W. ZESIGER,
CAPT. A.C.

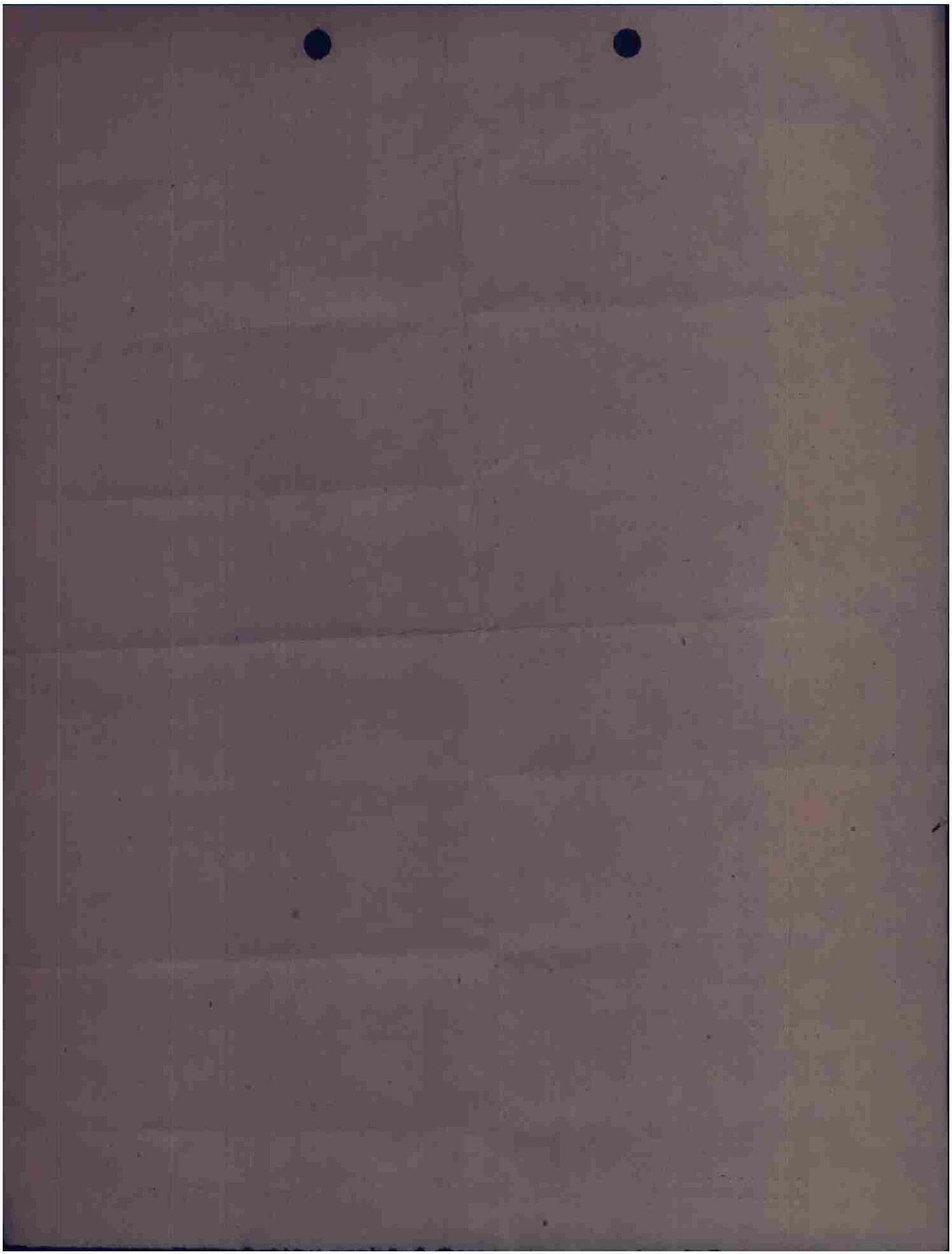
AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 10/0200B
EW AR AR

ITA R.....10/0220B MILT BBBBBBBBB TO JES
JEA R.....10/0220B RL AR

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 10/09 OP-OP

FROM HQS. 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 09/1425B
TO CG, 9TH BOMBER DIVISION ATTN: A-2
CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2
BT

SECRET P-142-D
THE FOLLOWING M.P.I.S WILL BE ATTACKED ON AFTERNOON MISSION:

ILLUSTRATION NO. 6(D) (VL)164/2

02600437
02750495
02900560
02950615
03030471
03460570

THE SECONDARY TARGET IS POSSNECK (J-721400).

BT 09/1425B

FD AR
ITA R.....091215B JDH BBB
JEA R.....09/1433A B LEG AR

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VITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 5/09 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 09/1210B
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416

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1300
9 April
SHL

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

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
9 APRIL 1945

ANNEX NO.1 TO FIELD ORDER NO.245-842

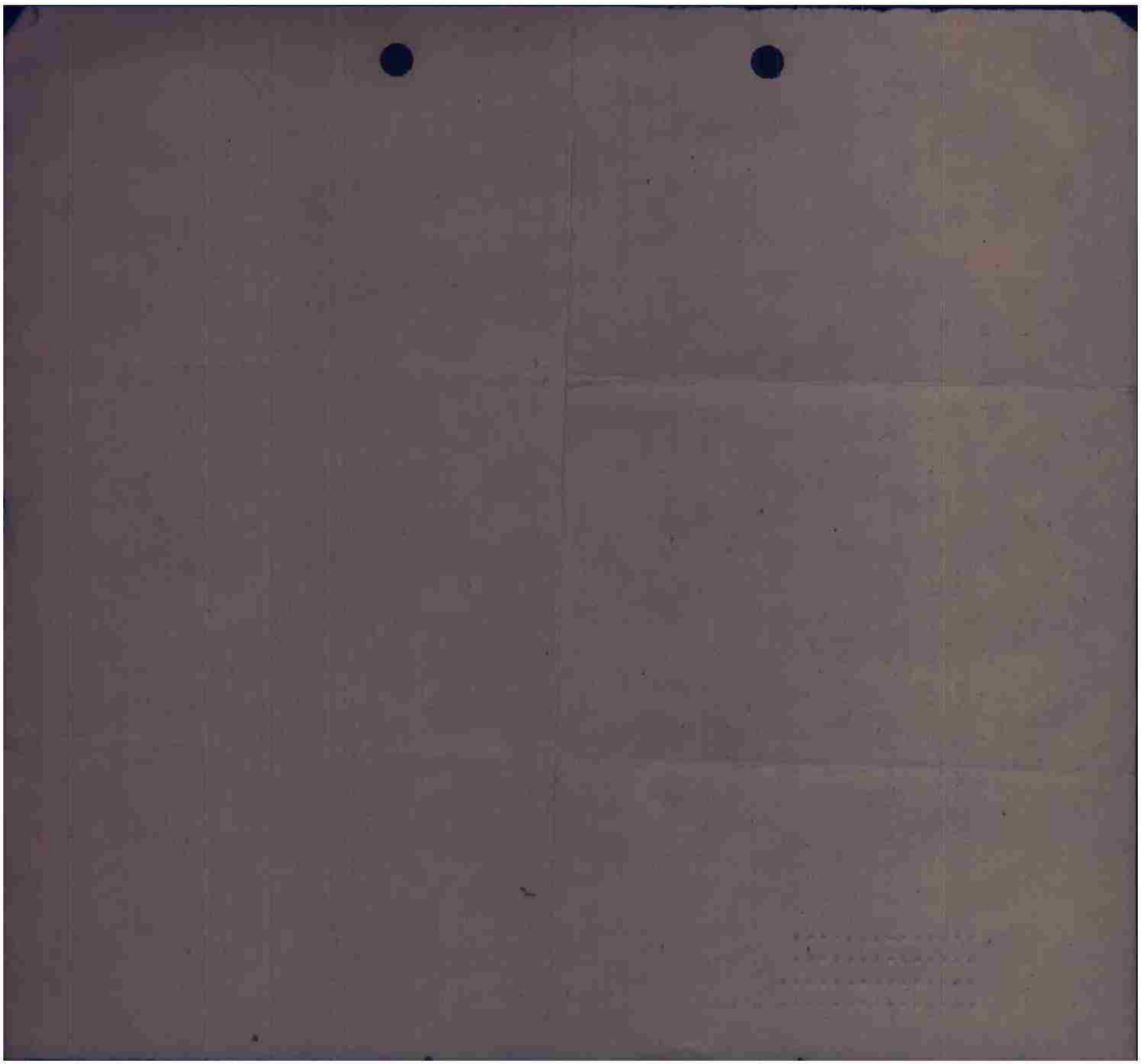
5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (573338)
(2) GOLDWAY
(3) POKER
(4) RIPSAW
B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (573338)
(2) LIFEGUARD
(3) JUDITH
(4) RIPSAW
C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (573338)
(2) HOTEL
(3) SHOWDOWN
(4) RIPSAW

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 09/1210B
AR CES
MMMMMI
ITA R.....09/1227B AT K TIC
JES R.....09/1227B HO AR K
JPO R.....09/1227B LB KK
JKI R.....09/1227B FD AR

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JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 1/09 OP OP

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 09/0943B
TO COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
COMBOMDIV NINE

SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH : COL. MC AFEE

97 CBW P-71-E BT

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO.1 TO FIELD ORDER NO.245-842.

(1) TARGET : SAALFELD RAILWAY CENTER AT WJ-573338. TARGET NO. GH-5564. THE 409 & 410 WILL COVER, ON ILLUSTRATION 6 (D) (VI) 164/2, THE AREA BOUNDED BY 031081-037080-037064-028066. THE 416TH ON THE SAME ILLUSTRATION, WILL COVER THE AREA BOUNDED BY 028066-038064-029042-024043.

(2) THE 410 WILL PRECEDE THE 409TH BY 20 MINUTES WHO WILL PRECEDE THE 416TH BY 20 MINUTES.

(3) FLAK : NO PLOTTED POSITIONS AT TARGET OR ON ROUTE.

(4) BOMBLINE - TARGET IS NINE MILES EAST OF BOMBLINE. TROOPS SHOULD BY PRETTY CLOSE TO BOMBLINE.

(5) NO PW CAMPS KNOWN AT TARGET.

(6) PHOTO COVERAGE
SEE GH-5564
6 (D) (VI) 164/1, 12
F-899
US 7GP/1647 PRINT NO. 3007 AND 3008

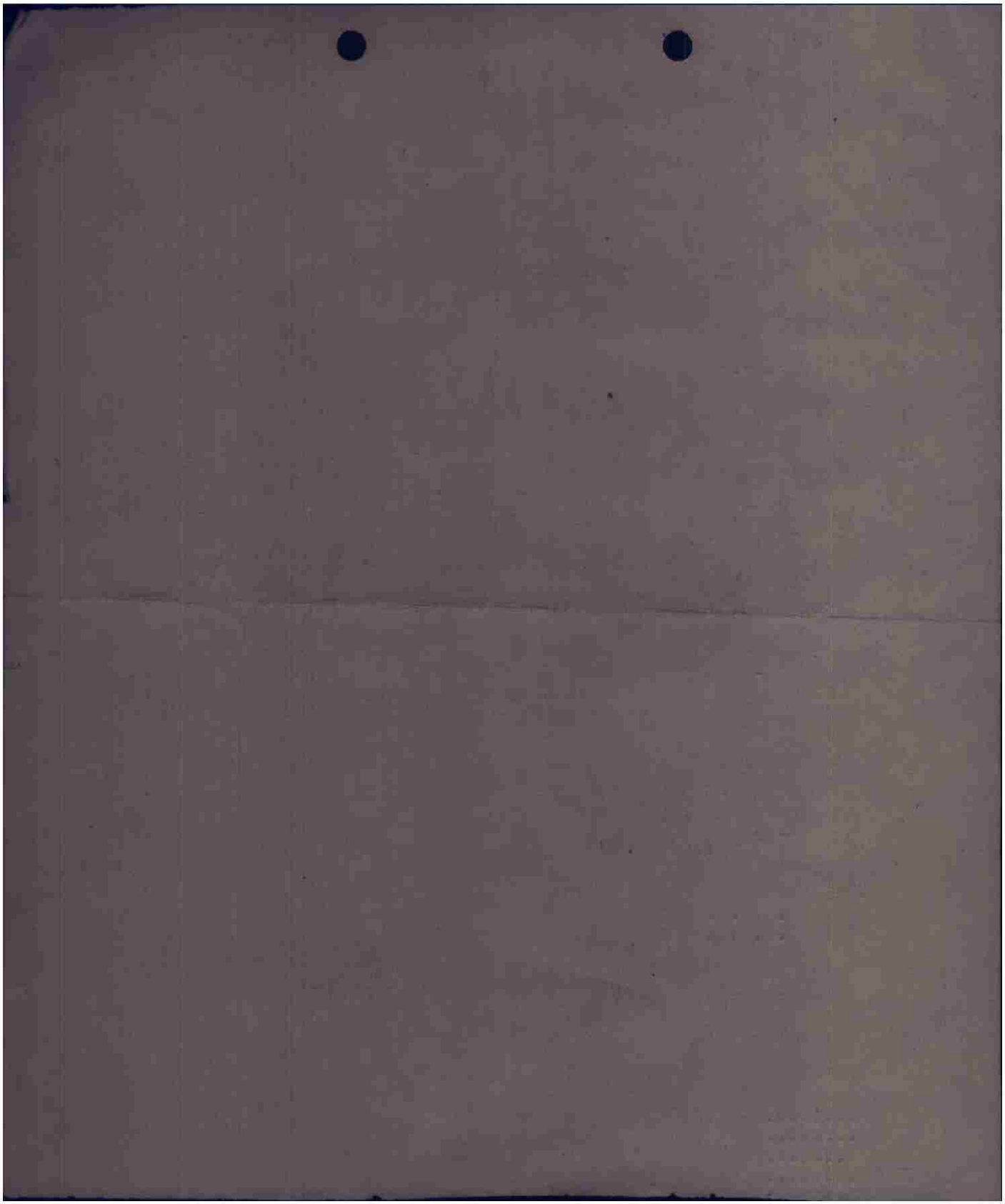
MAP COVERAGE
G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 5734—
G.S.G.S. 4416 SHEET 5/6

(7) IF TARGET IS IN 6TH ARMY GROUP AREA, REFER TO 9TH BOMB DIV TELETYPE P-413-E, AND HAVE ALTERNATE TARGETS APPROVED, IF ALSO IN THE 6TH ARMY GROUP AREA.

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 09/0943B
AR CES
JES R.....09/1020B JW AR
JPO R.....09/1020B WAC AR KK
JKI R.....09/1020E EJ AR KS
ITA R.....

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ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 4/09 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 09/1050B
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416

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

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
9 APRIL 1945

FIELD ORDER NO.245-842

MAPS : NORMAL

1. B. (1) REFER. CURRENT BOMBLINE
(2) THE IX T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN GERMANY

ZERO HOUR 09/1530B

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT M-6768 AT 8,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES.
(9) M.P.I. ILL. 6 (D) (VI) 164/2. COVER M/Y BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING REFERENCES : 031081, 037080, 037064, 028066. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
(10) 4 X 1,000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT M-6768 AT 8,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES.
(9) M.P.I. ILL. 6 (D) (VI) 164/2. COVER M/Y BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING REFERENCES: 031081, 037080, 037064, 028066.
(10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT M-6768 AT 8,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES.
(9) M.P.I. ILL. 6(D)(VI) 164/2. COVER M/Y BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING REFERENCES: 028066, 038064, 029042, 024043. INTERVALOMETER SETTING: 50 FEET.
(10) 4 X 1000 LB GP FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/100 SEC TAIL.

X. (1) - (3) NO CHANGE.
(4) EMERGENCY SHORT FIELDS: Y-57.
(5) TARGET: SAALFELD M/Y WJ-573338.
(6) A/C REQ: 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
(7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO M-6768 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO M-6768 TO BASE.
(9) ALTITUDES: BOMB 9,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET.
(10) I.P. : WJ-4304.
(11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SW TO NE.
(12) R.P. : WJ-2537.
(13) IF CLOUDS PREVENT VISUAL BOMBING GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
(A) ALTERNATE VISUALLY
(B) ALTERNATE ON "GEE"
(C) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.
(14) ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

4. NO CHANGE.

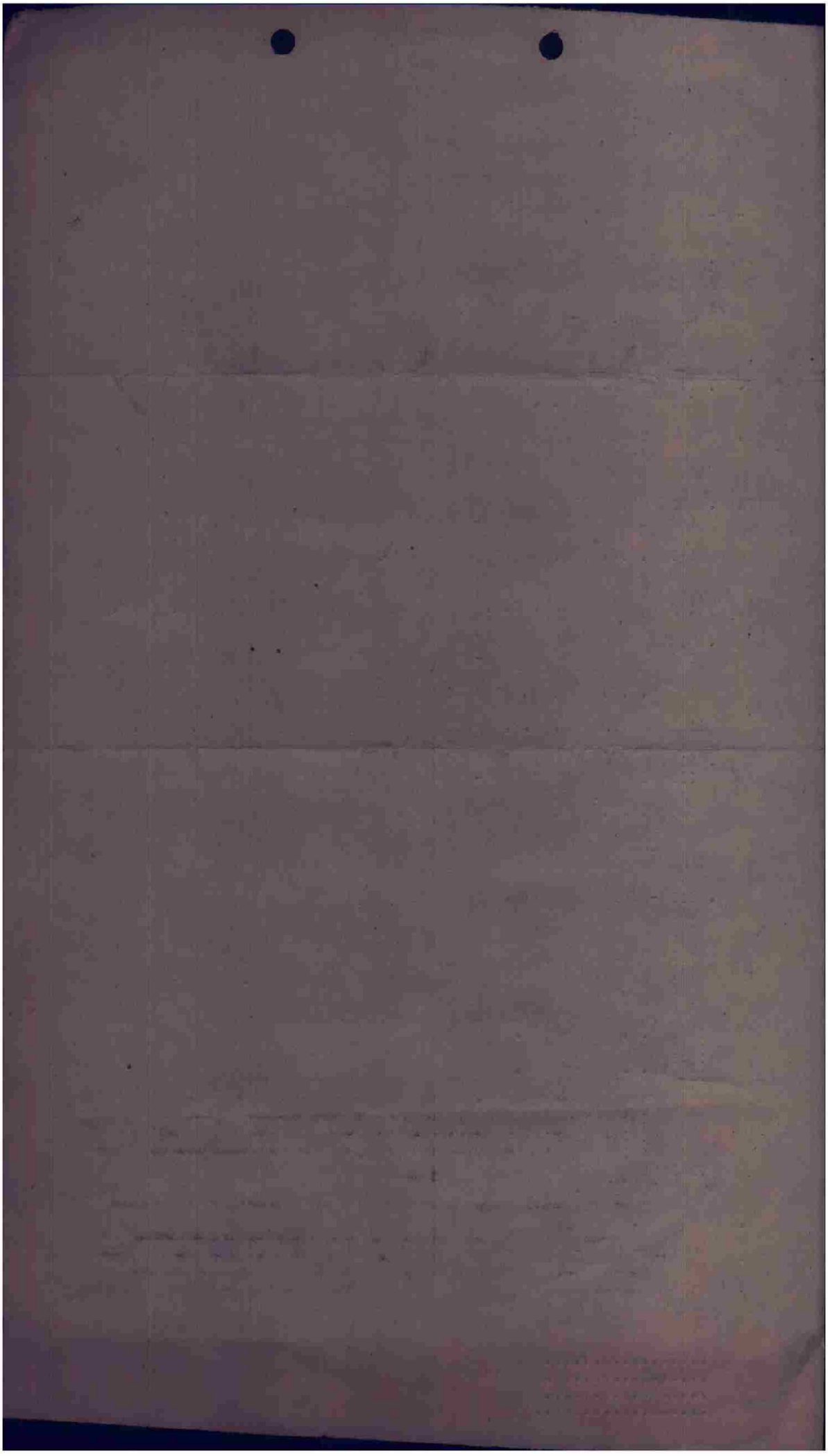
5. COMMUNICATIONS TO FOLLOW

BT 09/1050B
XX LEG/CES
BBB TO ITA
AR TO GPS
ITA R.....09/1129B EG KKK
JES R.....09/1130B JGN KKKKK AR
JPO R.....09/1130B WAC AR
JKI R.....09/1130B DN AR

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N - 239 Lt. Price, Pilot Abt 1620.

Hunt: worked with
Third Peace Leader - No dice
worked wings - hit Prairie & his foot
Charles Lucke, Cottingham Art.
Could have punished, Gunner
reported this bomb leader a radio
Award. Supposed to be safe unit
area. Picked a field
Bru with opening, Picked a field
to drop the 2. Then vomited -
drop. Dropped 2 in field. Then
mother (Bomb mission who turned in)

Shepherd & me didn't, Jimmer
crawled up in BB, + Richard shoved,
Jimmer was spunky in one -

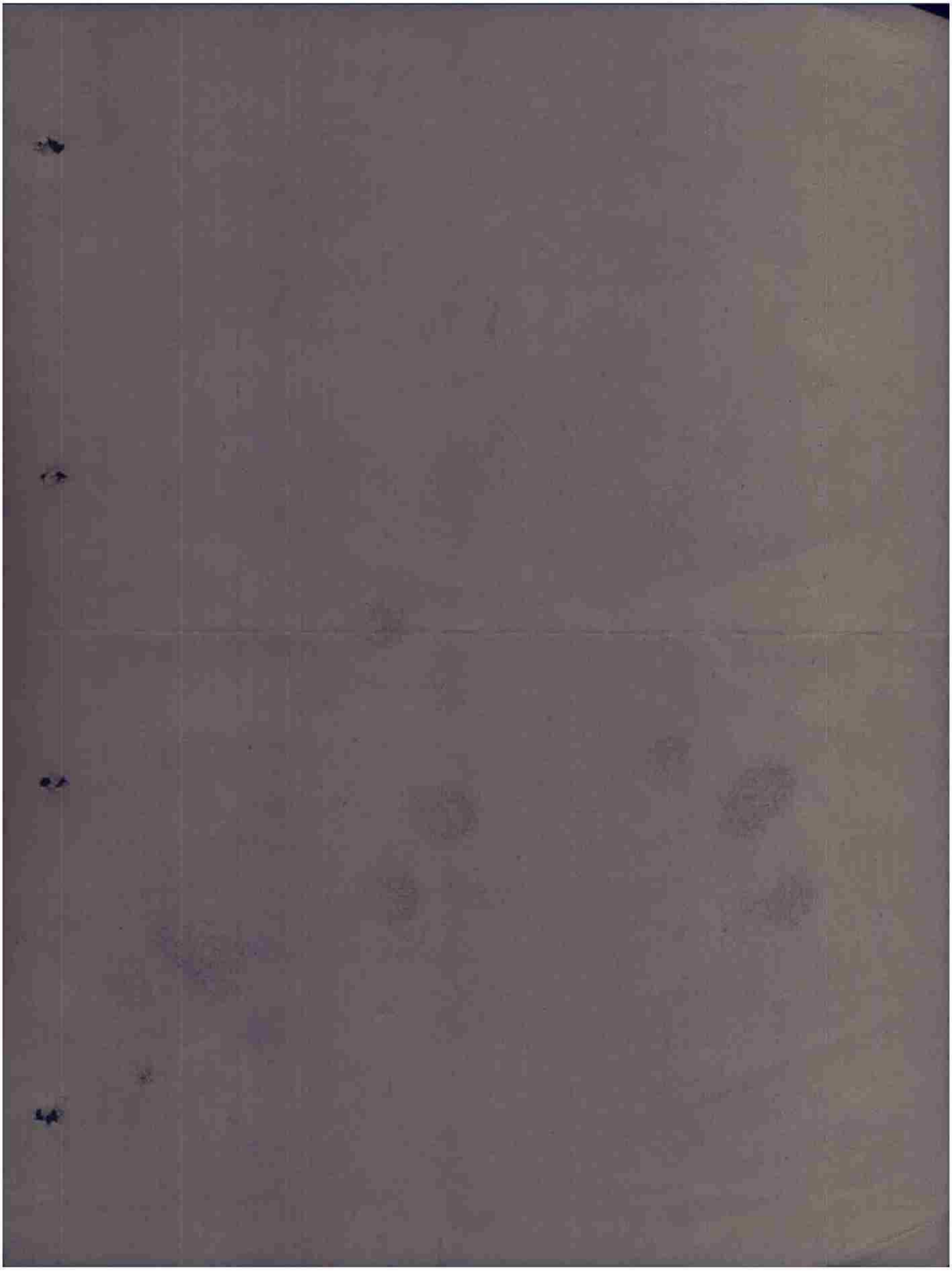
Called Parade for five - 3 -
3. 46 mi from field 271° back to field.
1 - Parade Disp for me.

Time for claims of
Ops is of month after
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3 x 1000 - dropped. O-9233.
1 x 1000 - Supp - Judge & Bldg near town.
O-08394

1-A. ~~EXCELLENT~~ SHORT.
B. EXC.
C. EX.
II A - EX
B - G to EX
C - EX.

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Intelligence

BOX I

FLIGHT I

1. 487 J
Captain W.J. Miller
Lt. J.H. Gumery
F/O W.A. Grubelle
S/Sgt. J.F. Malloy
Lt. Col. J.P. McAfee

2. 263 G
Lt. G.T. Geinert
Sgt. R. Rubi

3. 354 M
Lt. A.F. Depury
Sgt. R.N. Gilligate

4. 336 Q
Lt. D.W. Sorrels
S/Sgt. H.I. Triber

5. 362 T
Lt. B.A. Smith
Sgt. D.A. Richards

6. 271 R
Lt. R.B. Harper
Sgt. H.M. Black

FLIGHT II

1. 490 X
Lt. F.F. Leskovich
Lt. R.C. Muir
S/Sgt. T. Gomery

2. 209 M
Lt. J.E. Cocke
S/Sgt. F.L. MacCartney

3. 865 T
Lt. S. Mooney
Sgt. R.C. Buckley

4. 379 C
Captain A.C. Sears
F/O S.J. Prayeitowski
S/Sgt. J.F. Bass

5. 226 S
Lt. A.[illegible]. Klivko
Sgt. L.J. Farmer

6. ~~859 N~~
Lt. B.L. Price
~~Sgt. J.F. Nichols~~

FLIGHT III

1. 497 N
Captain R.J. Putt
Lt L.A. Orr
S/Sgt. E. Reed

2. 250 A
Lt. J.H. Wright
S/Sgt. R.C. Dixon

3. 416 O
Lt. A.J.F. Wimm
S/Sgt. F.C. Davis

4. 360 L
Lt. W.E. Ames
T/Sgt. H. Childs
Cpl A E Scholar

5. 300 K
Lt. T.T. Crowder
S/Sgt. J.N. Miller

6. 356 C
Lt. M. Calhoun
Sgt. M.F. Hardin
S/Sgt. B.E. Miller

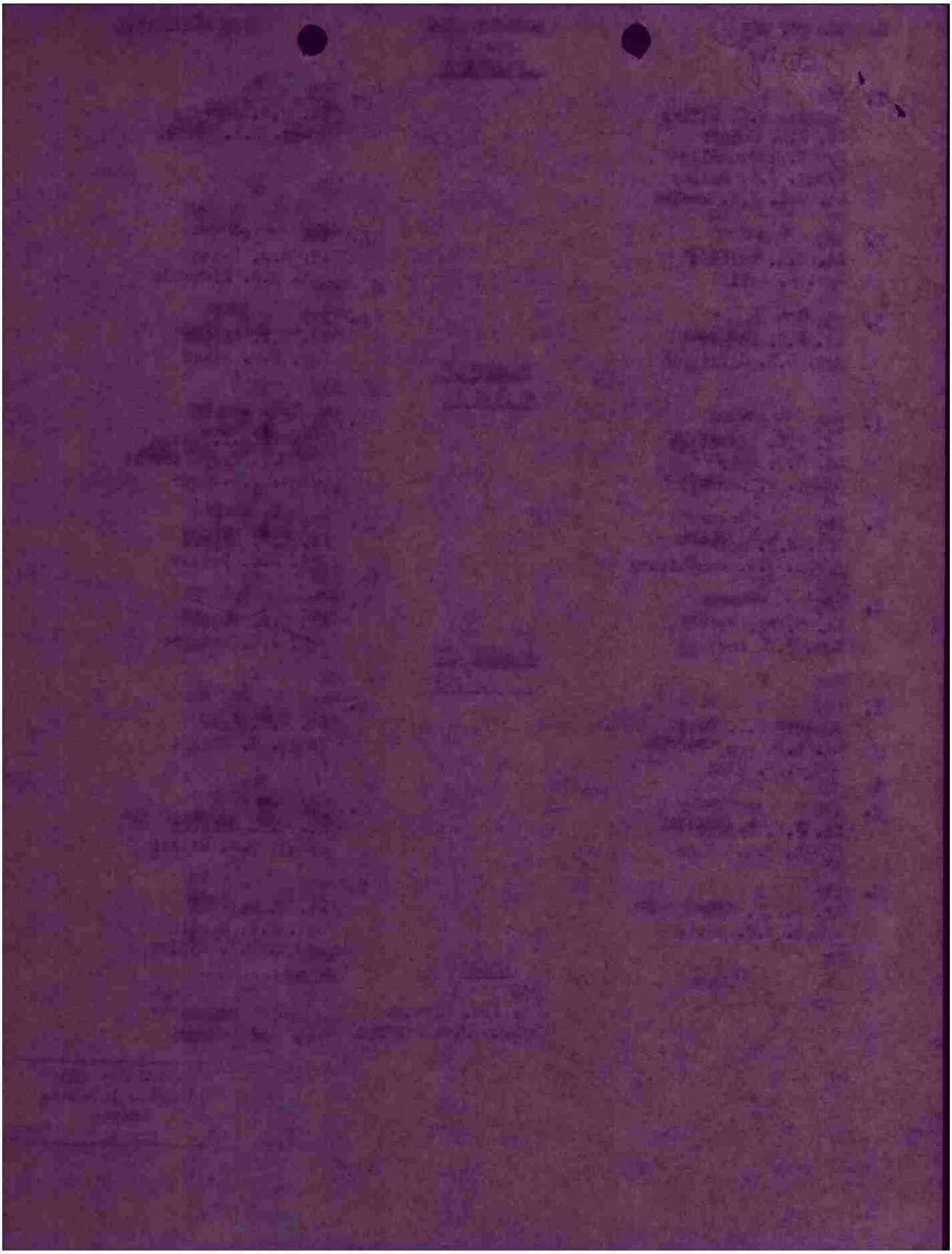
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310 A
Lt. J.N. Elevins
S/Sgt. R.G. Hindmen

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38 A/C & 1 Camera Ship
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BOX II

FLIGHT I

1. 348 T
Lt. J.E. Blomgren
Lt. G.B. Johnson
S/Sgt. L.R. Fleming

2. 314 R
Lt. R.C. Martin
Lt. J.V. Smith
S/Sgt. L.E. Pratt

3. 344 I
Lt. H.H. Wills
S/Sgt. M. Rootman

4. 389 V
Lt. J.F. Allen
S/Sgt. L.R. Gehgen

5. 329 S
Lt. G.E. Hawley
Sgt. P.J. Slack

6. 378 M
Lt. D.F. Smith
S/Sgt. R.J. Firth

FLIGHT II

1. 501 W
Lt. W.R. Reinke
Lt. A.B. Rosenquist
Lt. W.H. LeRoy
S/Sgt. G.E. VanFort

2. 350 P
Lt. A.R. Turman
S/Sgt. G.P. Harmon

3. 354 G
Lt. A.E. Brown
S/Sgt. D.A. Burns

4. 388 A
Lt. R.F. Deming
S/Sgt. M. Hall
S/Sgt. J.J. Gilmartin

5. 323 S
Lt. G.M. Shirley
Sgt. L.M. Wilson

6. 336 D
Lt. J.F. Pollock
Sgt. J.D. Brents

FLIGHT III

1. 385 T
Lt. C.F. Jacobsen
F/O R.W. Harvest
S/Sgt. A. Pettinicki

2. 353 F
Lt. T.D. McGrady
S/Sgt. W.F. Lemonds

3. 335 H
Lt. J.M. Wright
S/Sgt. D.W. Van Gelder

4. 321 F
Lt. F.W. Harris
Sgt. J.R. Young

5. 389 I
Lt. T.H. Drum
Sgt. F.H. Schmertzkopf

6. 274 S
Lt. A.V. Everts
Sgt. G.D. Ralph Pagen

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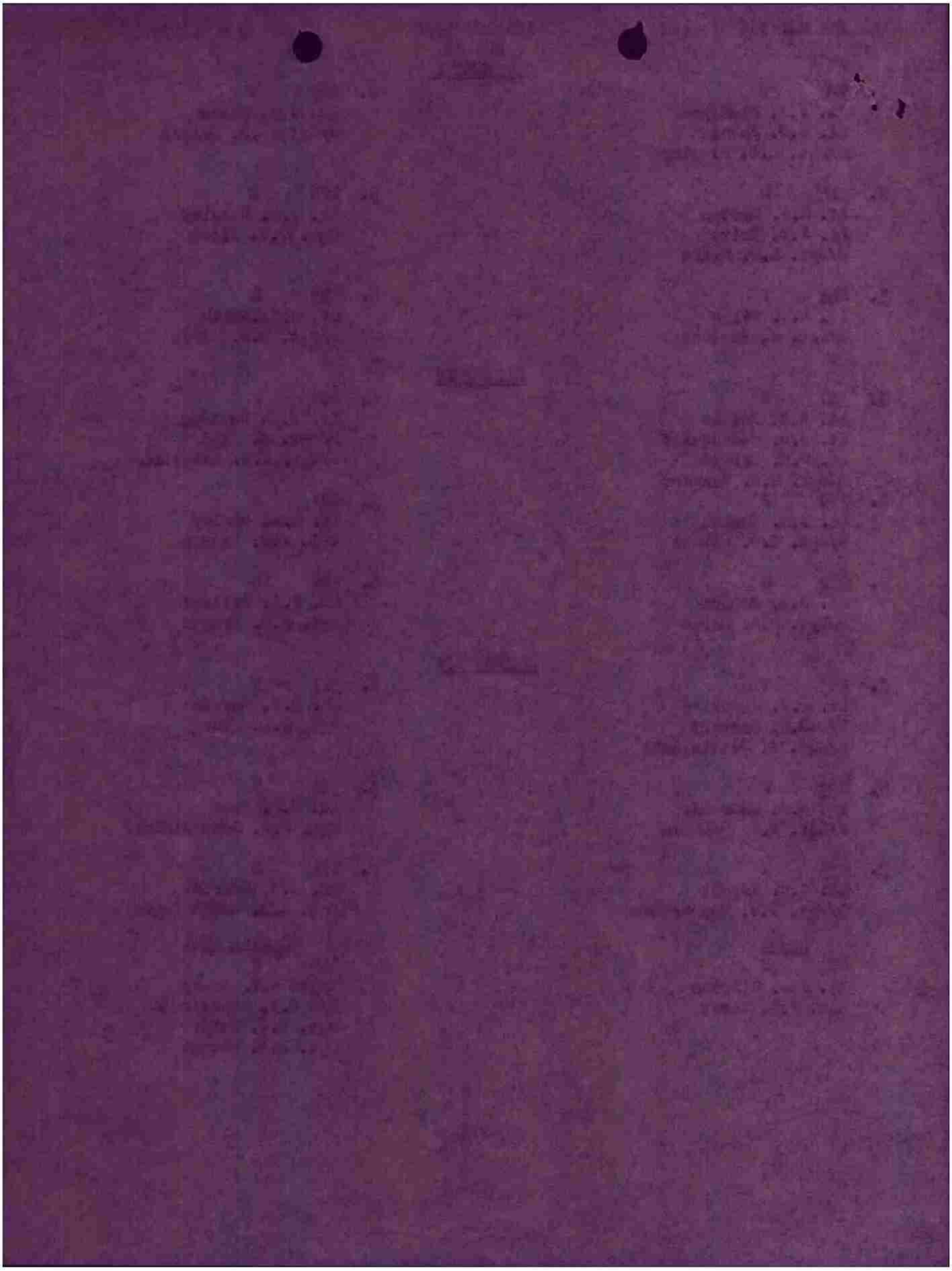
324 E
Lt. J.V. O'Brien
Sgt. F.S. Comey

SPARE (2)

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Major S.T. Posey
F/O W.S. Schnurman
Sgt. C.J. Snider
Sgt. D.K. Bowman

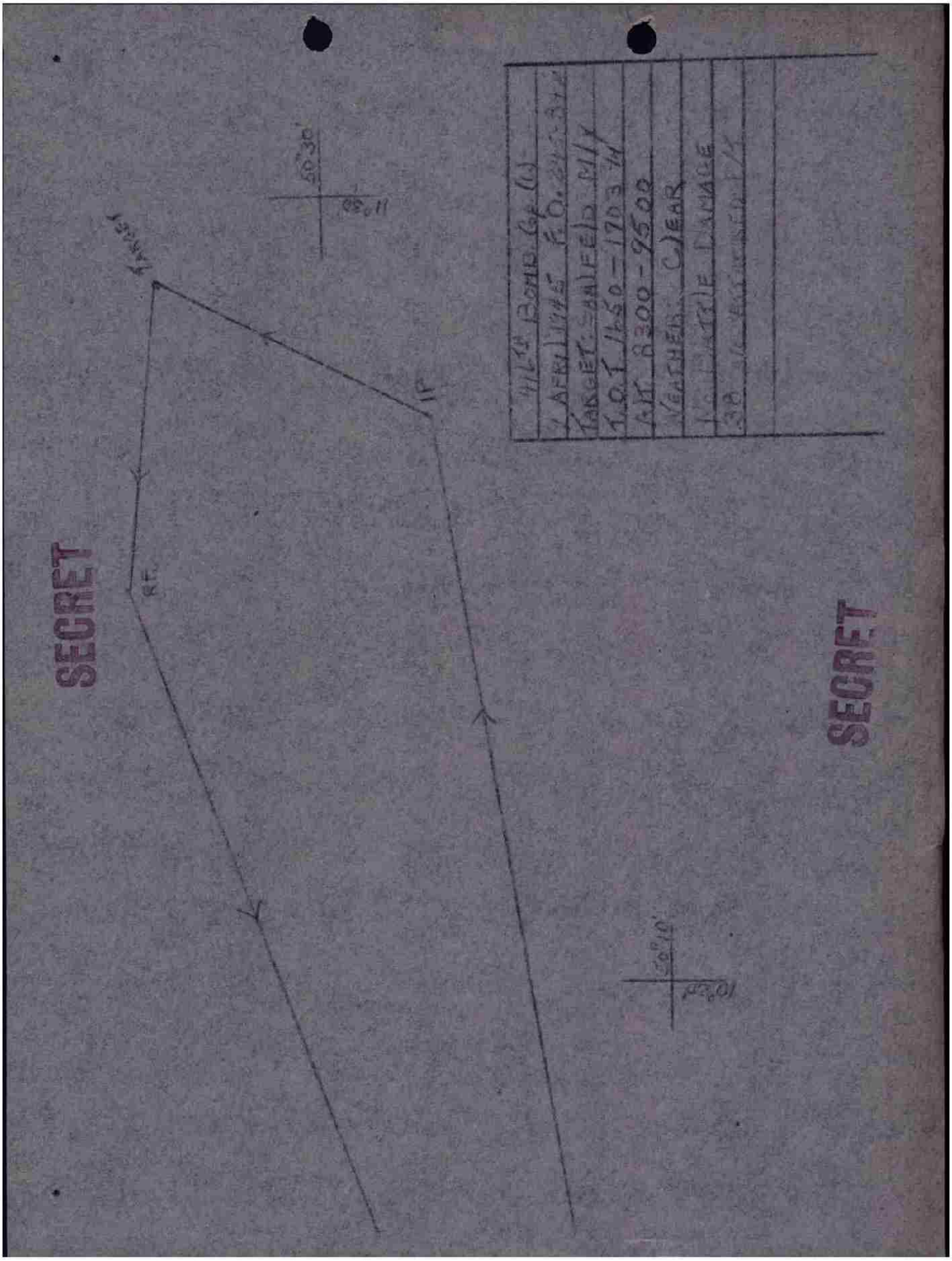
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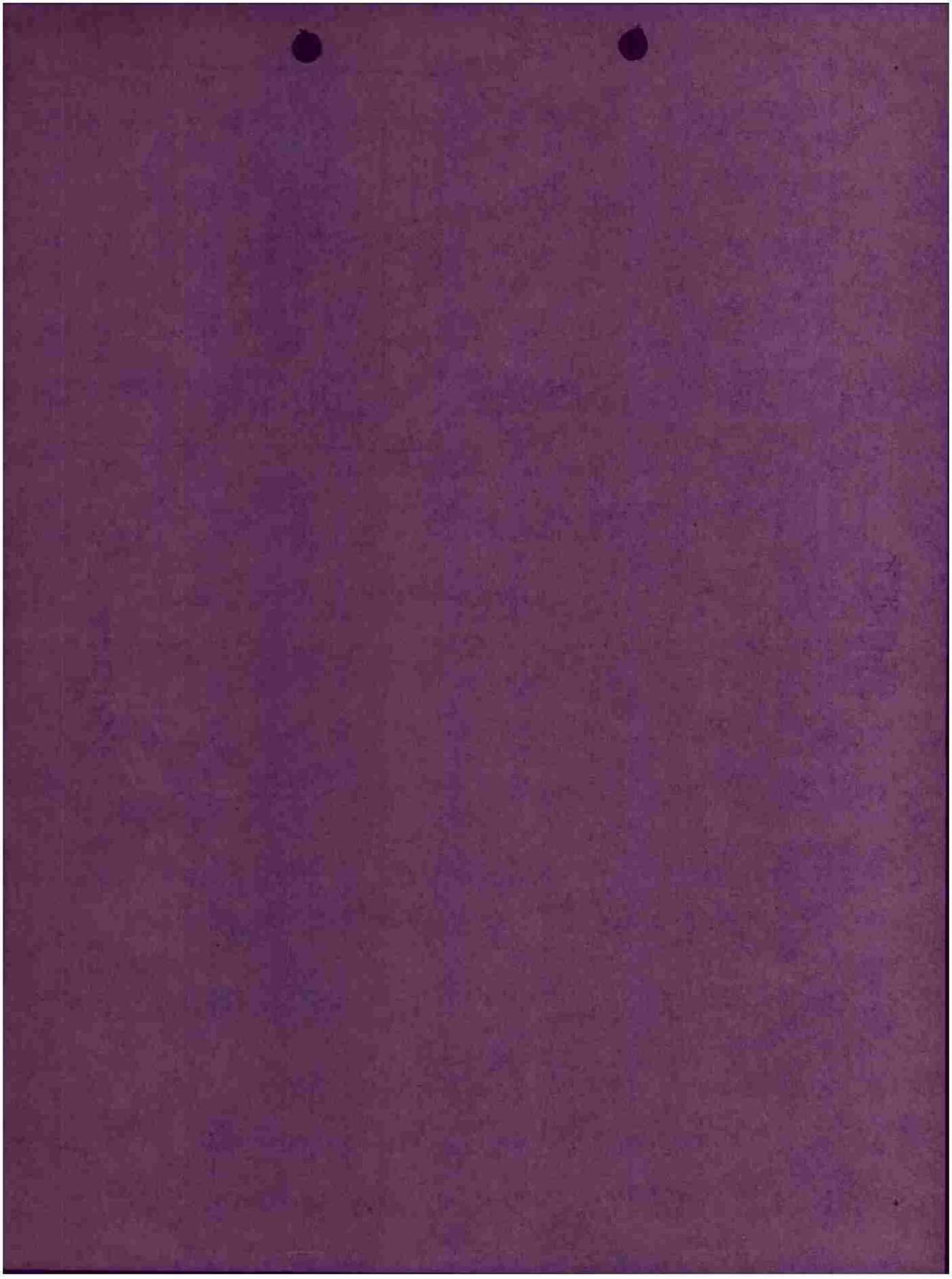
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AUTH: CO Sta A-69
DATE: 11 April 1945
INIT:

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

10 April 1945

SUBJECT: A-26 OPRT No. 94 for 24 hours ending sunset 9 April 1945

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

Mission No. 265, 97th Combat Wing Field Order No. 265-942.

1. Operational Factors:
Place of take-off Station A-69 Place of Landing Station A-69.
Take-off time 1430 type mission Bombing T.O.T. 1650-1700
Targets Gaulard M/Y (primary) Fatmark (secondary)
Landing time 1902 Oper. hours (a) 155:05 Oper. Hours (b) 1:30.
Weather

2. Effort:
Dispatched 39 A-26's Sorties 38 Effective sorties 38.
A/C expending bombs 38 Non-effective sorties None:

A/C returning early 1- turret was not functioning properly and pilot, not being able to contact flight leader on VHF tried to signal him by rabbling wings. While doing this, ship hit airpocket, and some of bombs broke loose from shackles. (Mechanical).

3. Bombs carried into air: 152 x 1000 lb GP's Fused 1/10SI 1/100I
Expended 151 x 1000 lb GP's fused 1/10 N 1/100 T Alt. 8500-9500
target Gaulard M/Y results 240, Yds. Super, Yds, Yds, Super.
Expended fused N T Alt.
target results.
Expended fused N T Alt.
target results.

4. Ammunition carried: 73800 x .50 calibre
Ammunition expended: None

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: None

9. U. S. Aircraft casualties: None
Destroyed Missing
Damaged

10. U. S. Personnel casualties: None
No. type cause

11. Remarks: None

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1. Effort:
Dispatched [redacted] Sorties [redacted] Effective Sorties [redacted]
Non-effective sorties [redacted] : [redacted]

2. Bombs carried into air: [redacted] fused 1/10 N 1/100 T
264 x 500 M-17 Inc Clus fused to open at 5000ft.
fused N T
fused N T

Expended on operations: [redacted] fused 1/10 N 1/100 T
264 x 500 lb M-17 Inc fuses to open at 5000 ft.
fused N T
fused N T

Jettisoned : [redacted]

Lost on wrecked a/c : [redacted]

Returned : [redacted]

3. Ammunition expended : [redacted]

Ammunition lost on wrecked or missing a/c : [redacted]

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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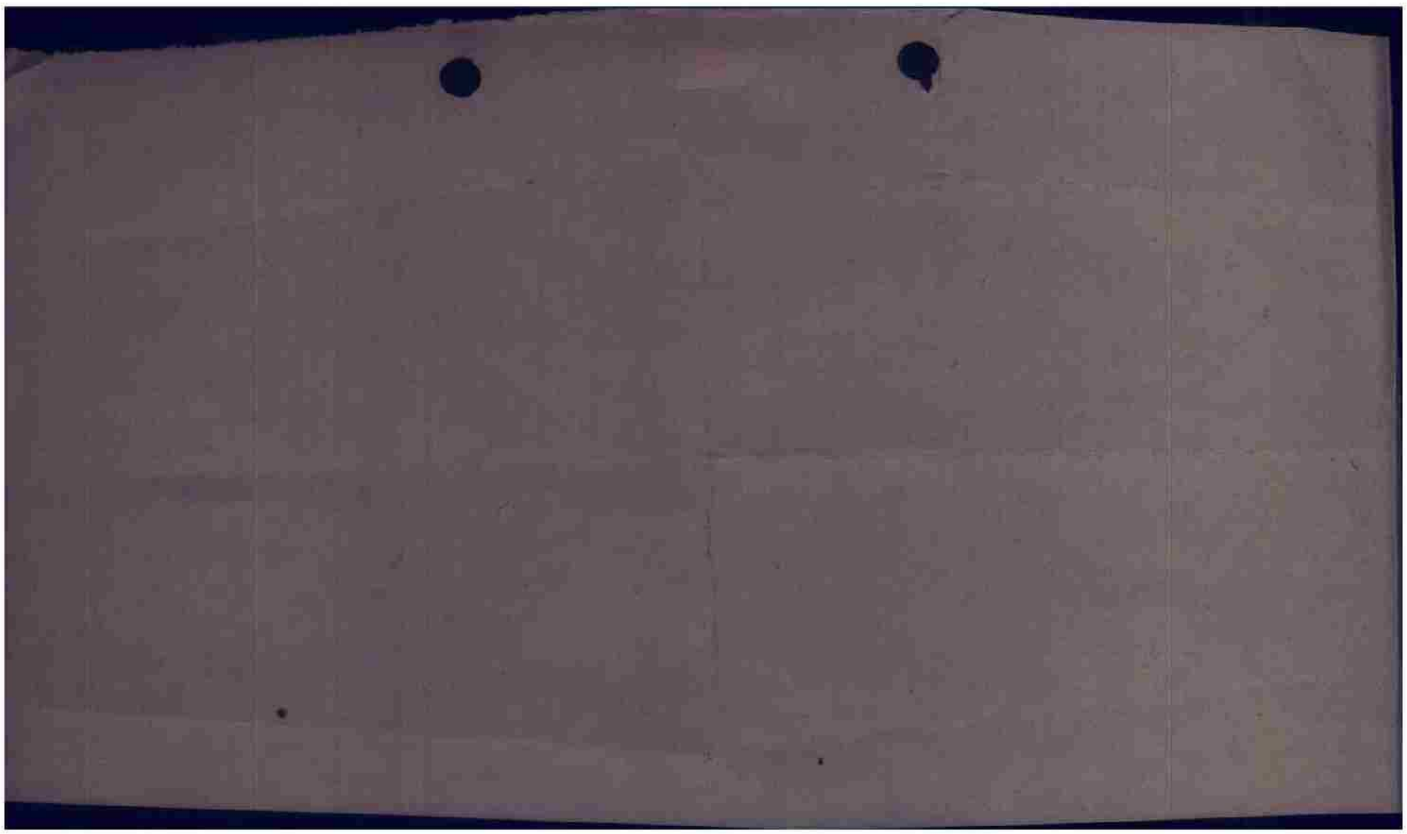
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TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER
COMCBTWIG 97 (INFO)
BT
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A - YS - 92
B - 9 APRIL 1945 (1444-1814)
C - J-JIG COULD NOT CONTACT PARADE SO HAD RIPSAW RELAY MESSAGE.
T-TARE HOWEVER, REPORTED 'OPS' COMPLETED FOR BOTH BOXES.
D - J-JIG REPORTED TO RIPSAW UPON ENTERING TACTICAL AREA.
E - NONE
F - NONE
G - NONE
H - NONE
I - NONE
J - NONE
K - NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416
BT 09/2000B
VN AS AR
ITA R. . . . . 091948B DEG K AR
JEA R. . . . . 091948B SH KK AR
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Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O TOT L/D	15 min.
I		April 9 1945				Miller		

	A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT			Bomb Disp					A/C Dam						E/A			Pers.		
Pos	No.	Reason	P	S	O	P	S	J	F	R	M	D	A	AC	B	E	D	F	D	K	W	M
	487					4																
	263					4																
	354					4																
	338					4																
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	271					4																
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	499					4																
	326					4																
	239	Returned Early																				
	497					4																
	250					4																
	328					4																
	360					4																
	300					4																
	356					4																
SPARE	310					4																

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Sorrels
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Ames
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Sears
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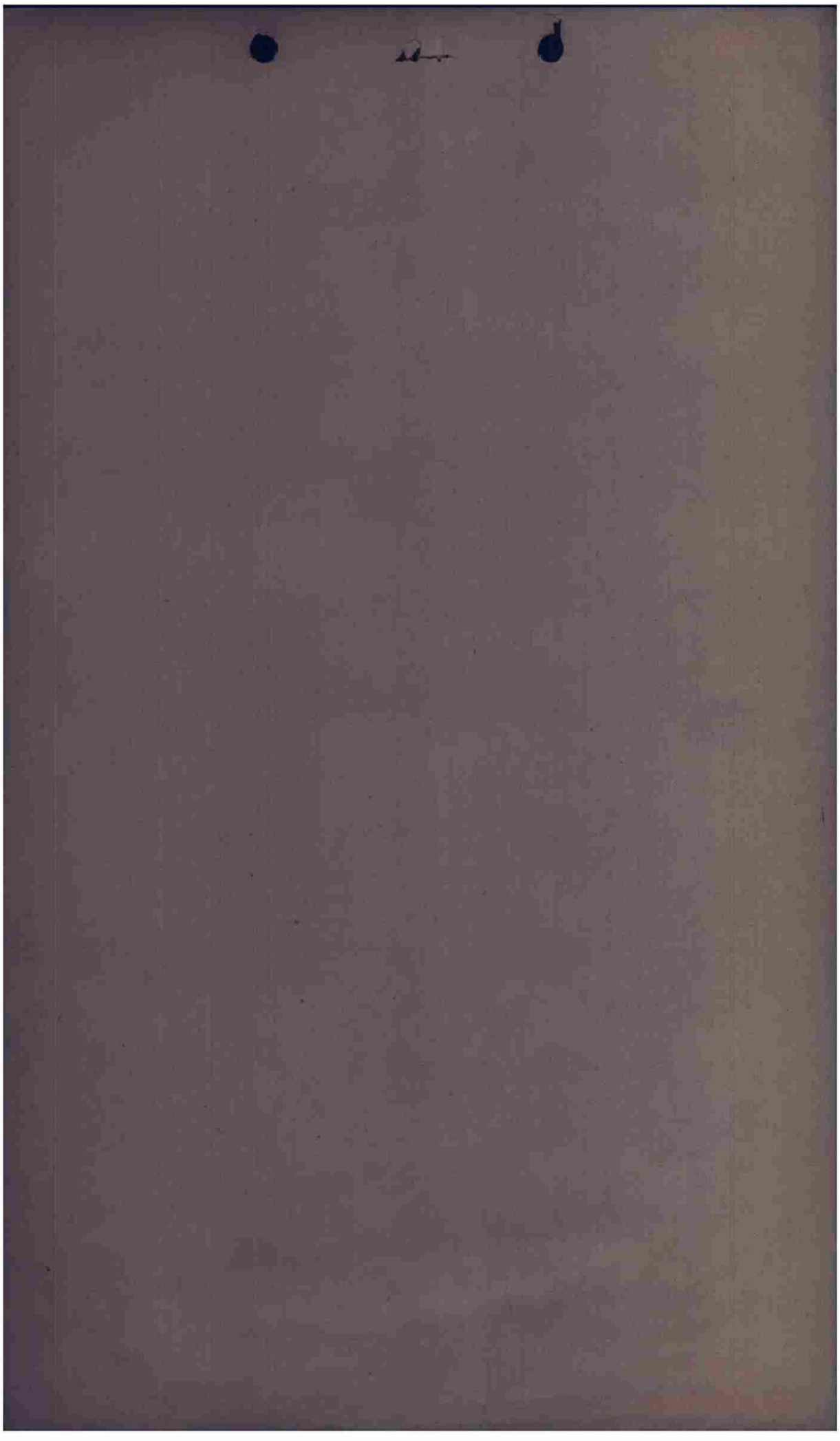
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Blevins
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Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O / TOT / L/D	15 min.
II		April 9 1945				Blomgren		

A/C		Fail to Bomb	ATT			Bomb Disp					A/C Dam						E/A			Pers.		
Pos	No.	Reason	P	S	O	P	S	J	F	R	M	D	A	AC	B	E	D	P	D	K	W	M
	304					4																
	314					4																
	344					4																
	383					4																
	229					4																
	393					4																
	501					4																
	330					3			1													
	334					4																
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	505					4																
	233					4																
	335					4																
	321					4																
	389					4																
	274					4																
	224					4																
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Blomgren 304

Wills 244 Martin 314

Allen 383

Smith D.E. 393 Housley 229

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Wright 335 McCready 233 Henson 334 Turman 330

Harris 321 Downing 205

Ewart 274 Drum 389 Wallace 286 Skeley 223

SPARE CAMERA Boney 528

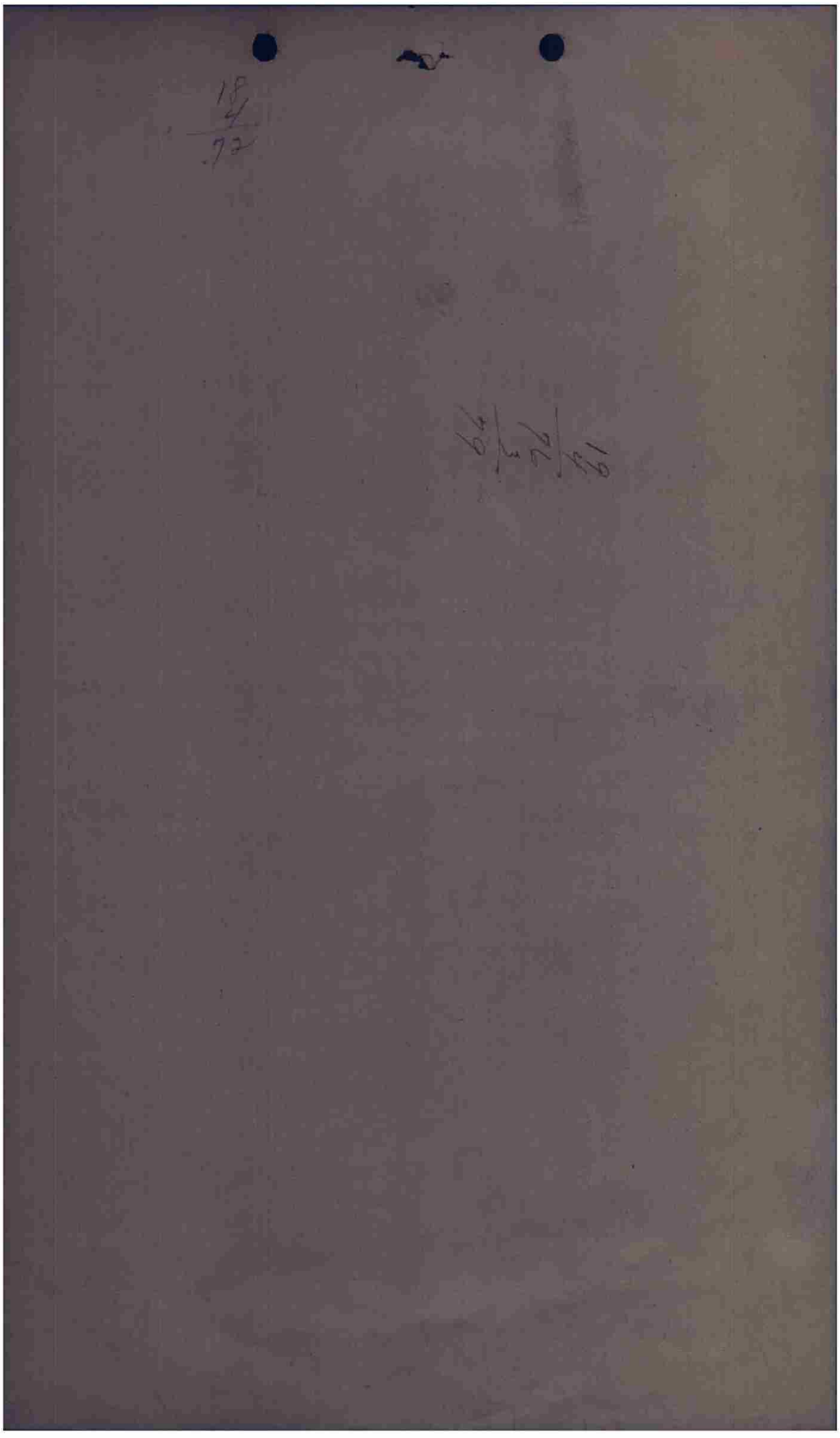
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PILOT Miller A/C# 487 BOX I FLT. 1

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS: 1st run, doors open, smoke & clouds obscured target until too late to bomb. On 2nd run, still not able to pick up PT for same reasons - altho synchronized on base of smoke. Just about to go to secondary (grabbing for freight + clutch) when bombs went away. [SHORT of target.]

Alt 9500
TOT 1702 1/2
attis 31° mag
IAS 220

Cloud of smoke - as if from bombing - over LEMENAU (our RP) - wrong side of B/L.

1635 COBURG - large convoy Roads enemy territory

POSITION IN FORMATION

(X)
X X
X
X X

X
X X
X
X X

X
X X
X
X X

X (SPARE)

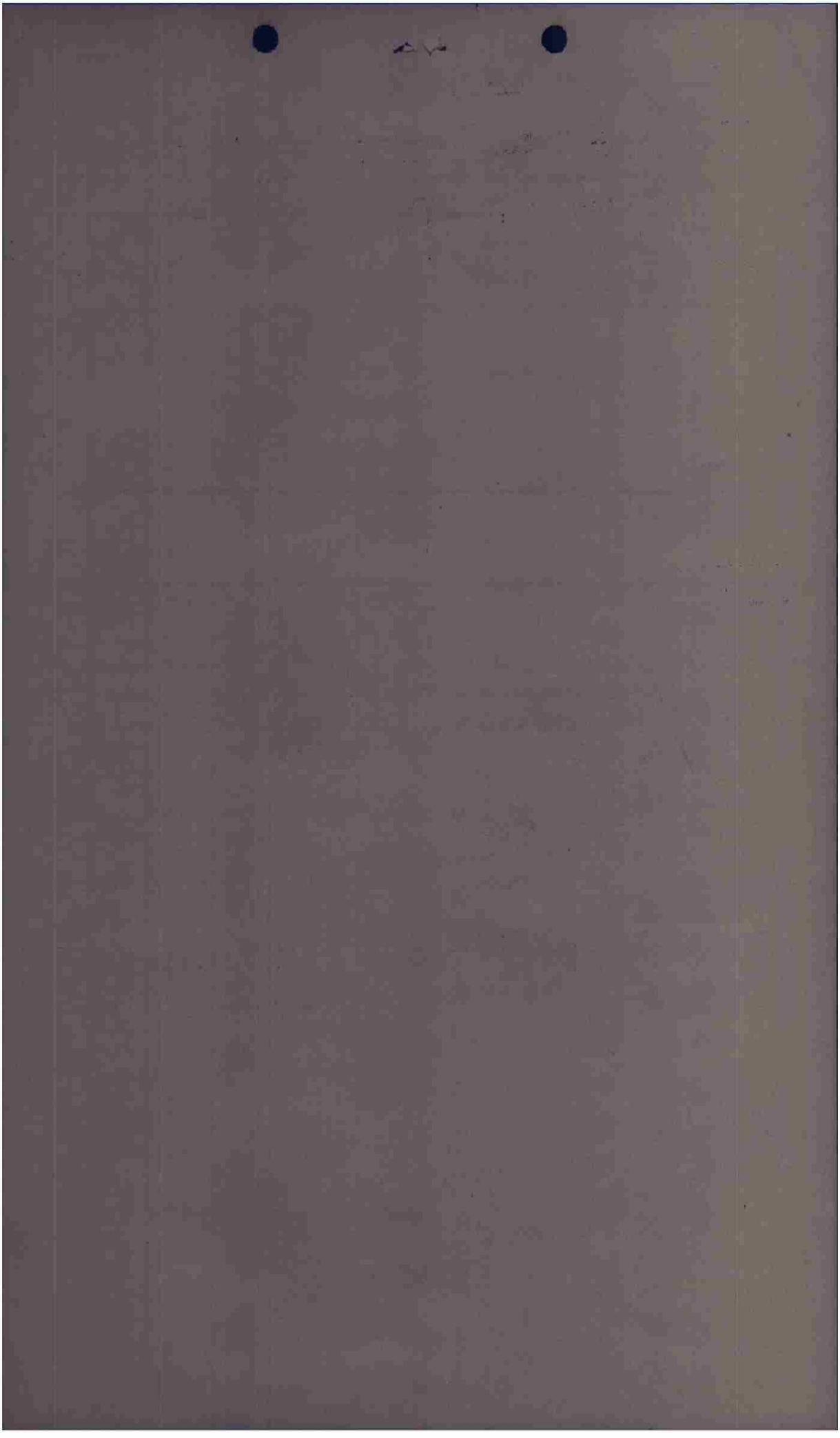
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PILOT Tutt A/C# 497 BOX I FLT. 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON P

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

2nd run

tot. .1703½

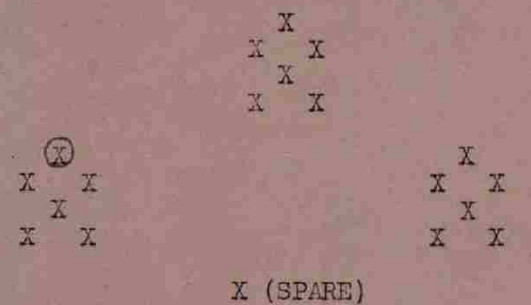
alt. 9300

185 – 218

Head – 28°

MPI practically on AP. Course & slightly. Rate Excellent.

POSITION IN FORMATION



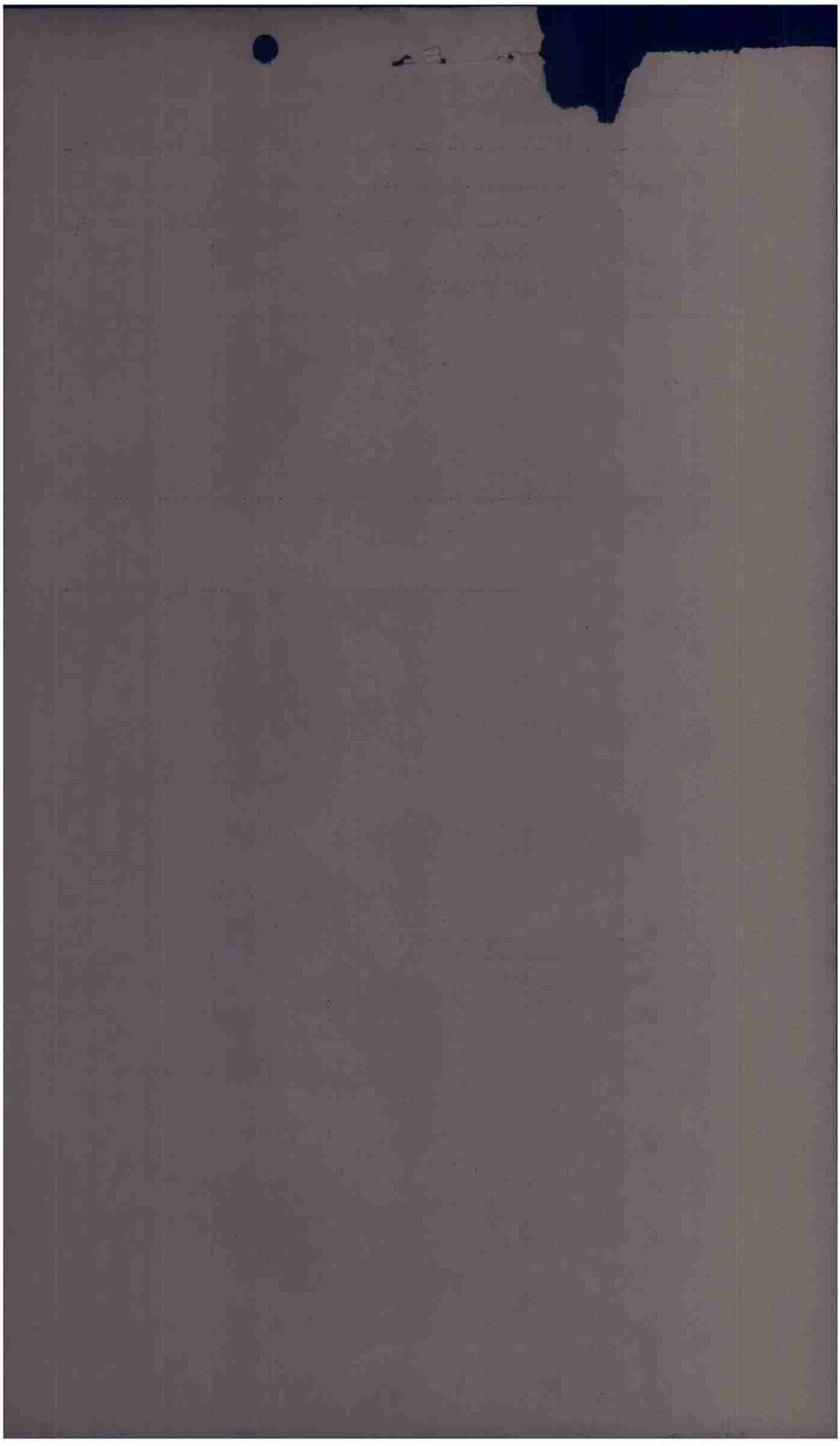
Huge fire & explosion on bombline due W of Sidlfeld. Heavy traffic in bombline area W of target.

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PILOT Jackovich A/C# 490 BOX I FLT. 2

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
4 X 000 ON Primary				
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: Bombing results Excellent - lots of fires in yard fire burning in yards after attack. (Superior).

m/y at I.P.

G.S. 283 - 6 warehouse N.N.

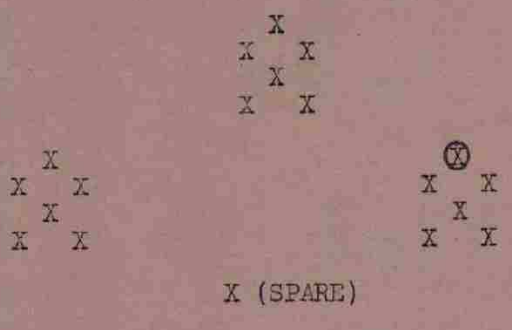
T.O.T. 1650½

alt. 9,000

heading 270°

A/S 205 -

POSITION IN FORMATION



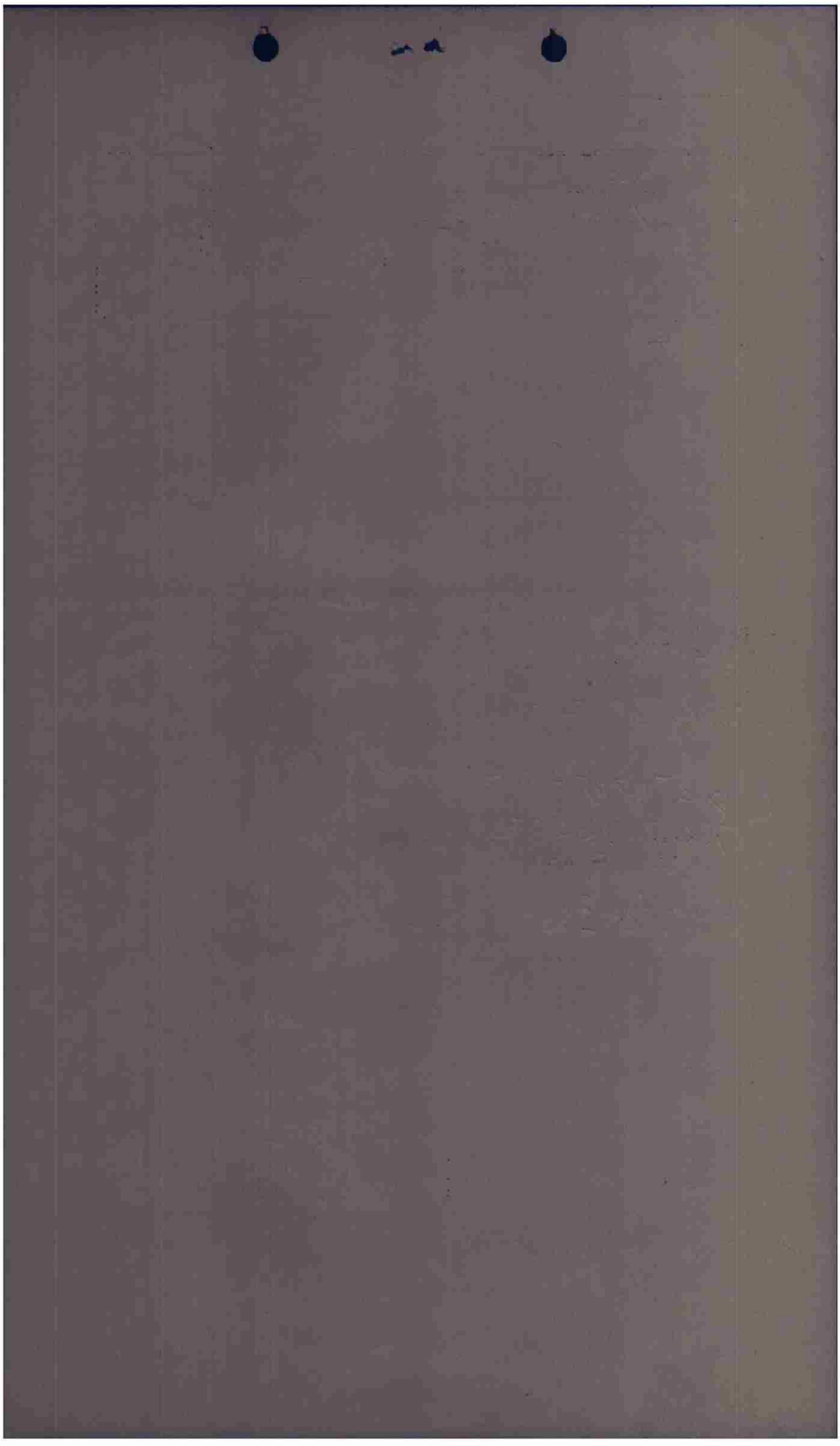
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PILOT Sorrels A/C# 338 BOX I FLT. 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 X 100 ON P

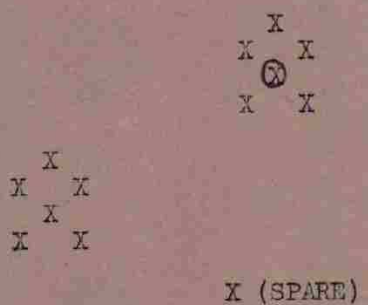
		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED	Nil		

FLAK : Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : Nil.

OBSERVATIONS: Flight hit along line of push.

POSITION IN FORMATION

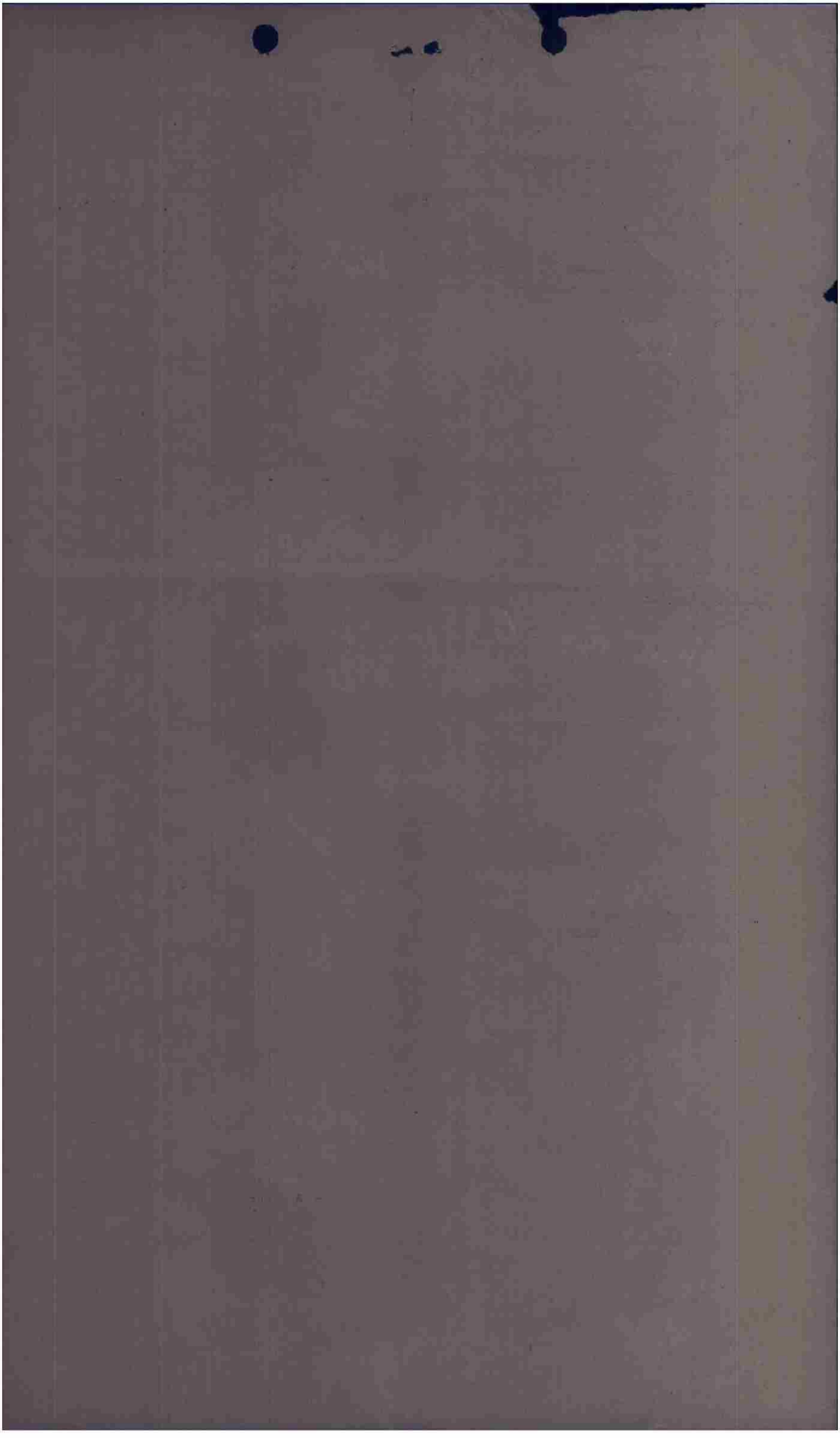


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PILOT Harper A/C# 271 BOX I FLT. 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON P.

		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED	Nil		

FLAK :

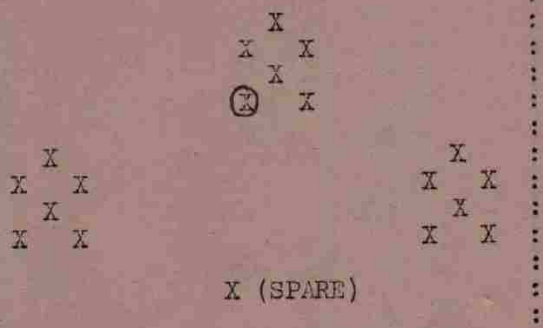
Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil.

OBSERVATIONS: white headed east 4 to 5 MIN E of BL.

POSITION IN FORMATION



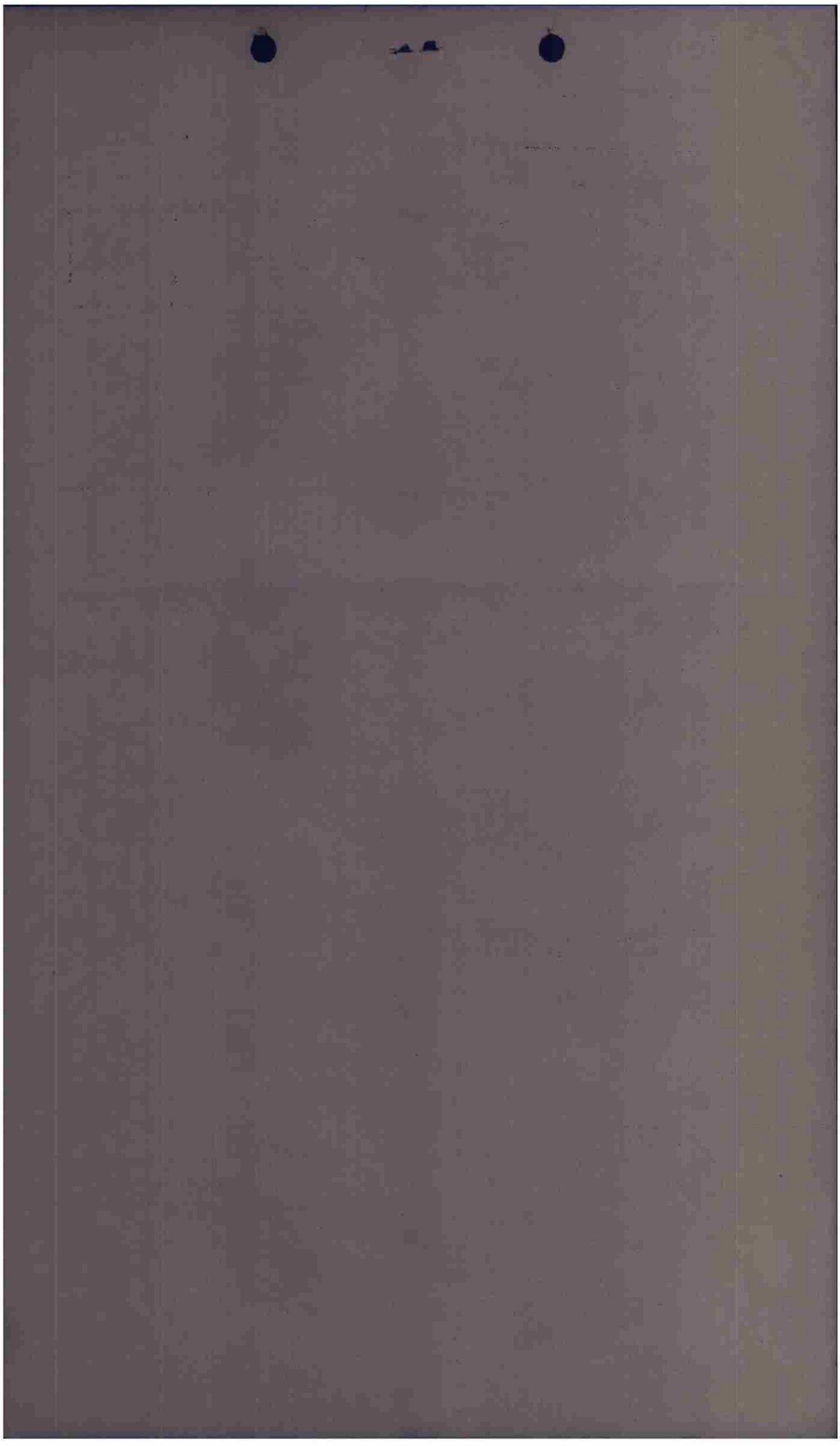
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PILOT Winn A/C# ~~328~~ 416 BOX I FLT. 3

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK :

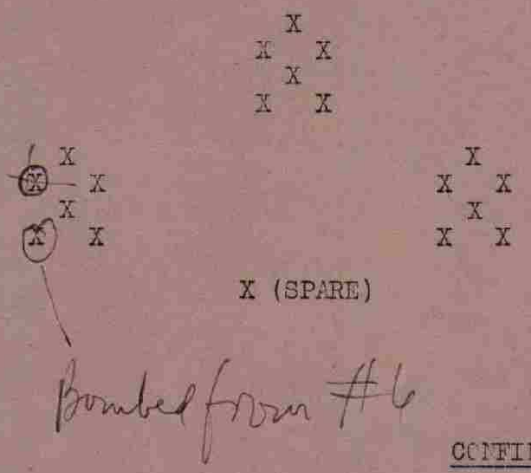
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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS: Gunner — Bombs near Y in M/Y. 2 trains smothered by pattern.

POSITION IN FORMATION



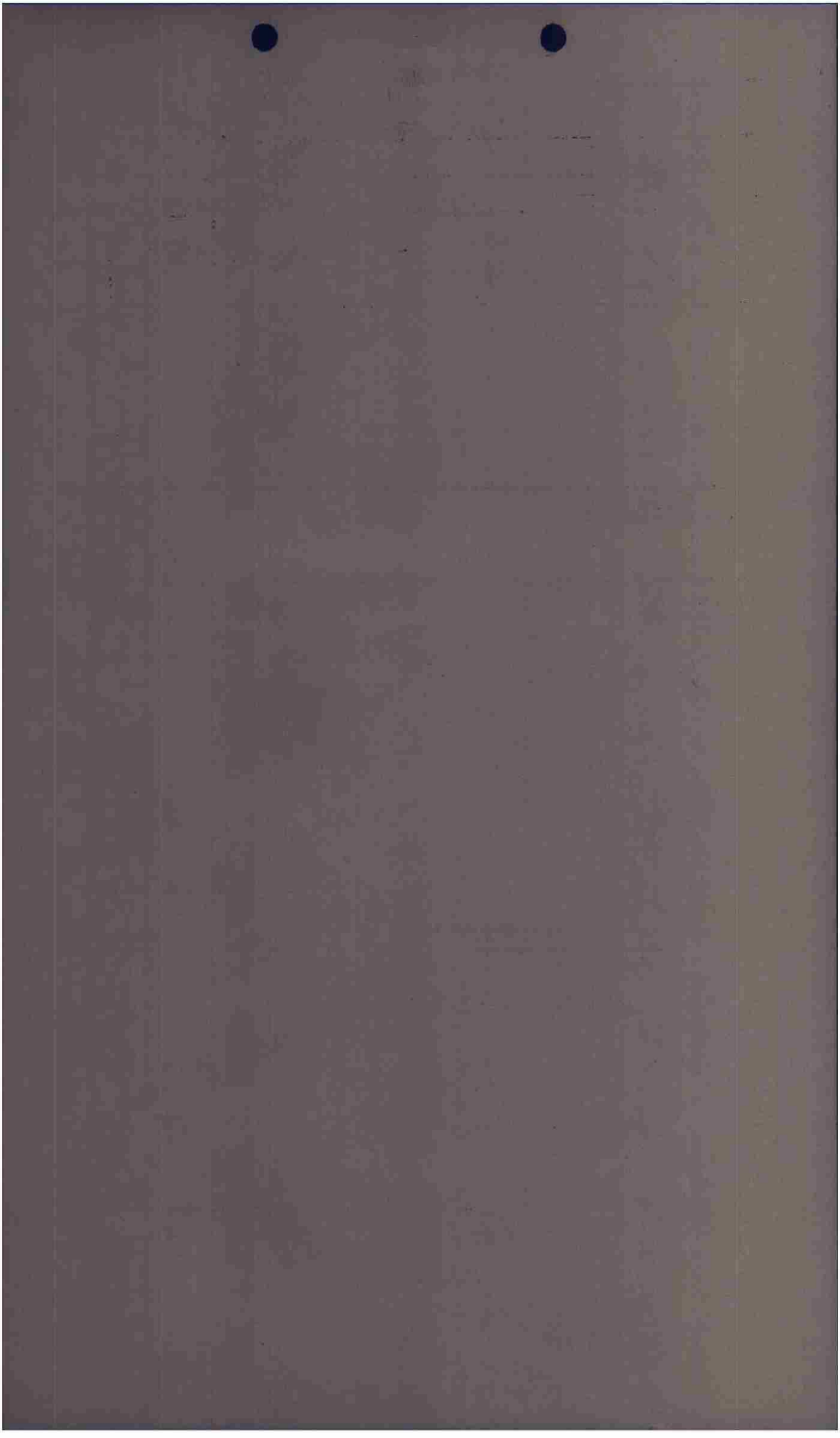
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PILOT Wallman A/C# 356 BOX I FLT. 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 X 1000ON

2 RUNS

		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
____X____	RETURNED			
____X____	JETTISONED		nil	

FLAK :

nil

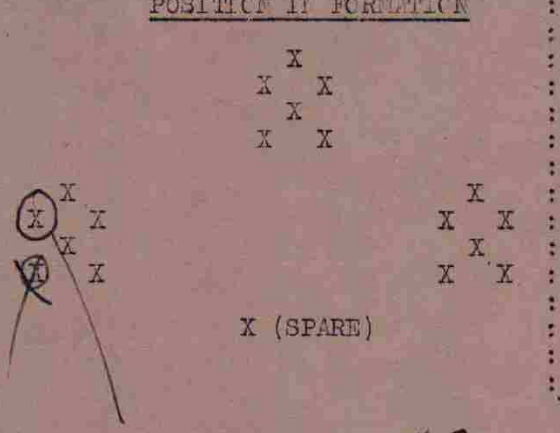
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nil

OBSERVATIONS:

nil

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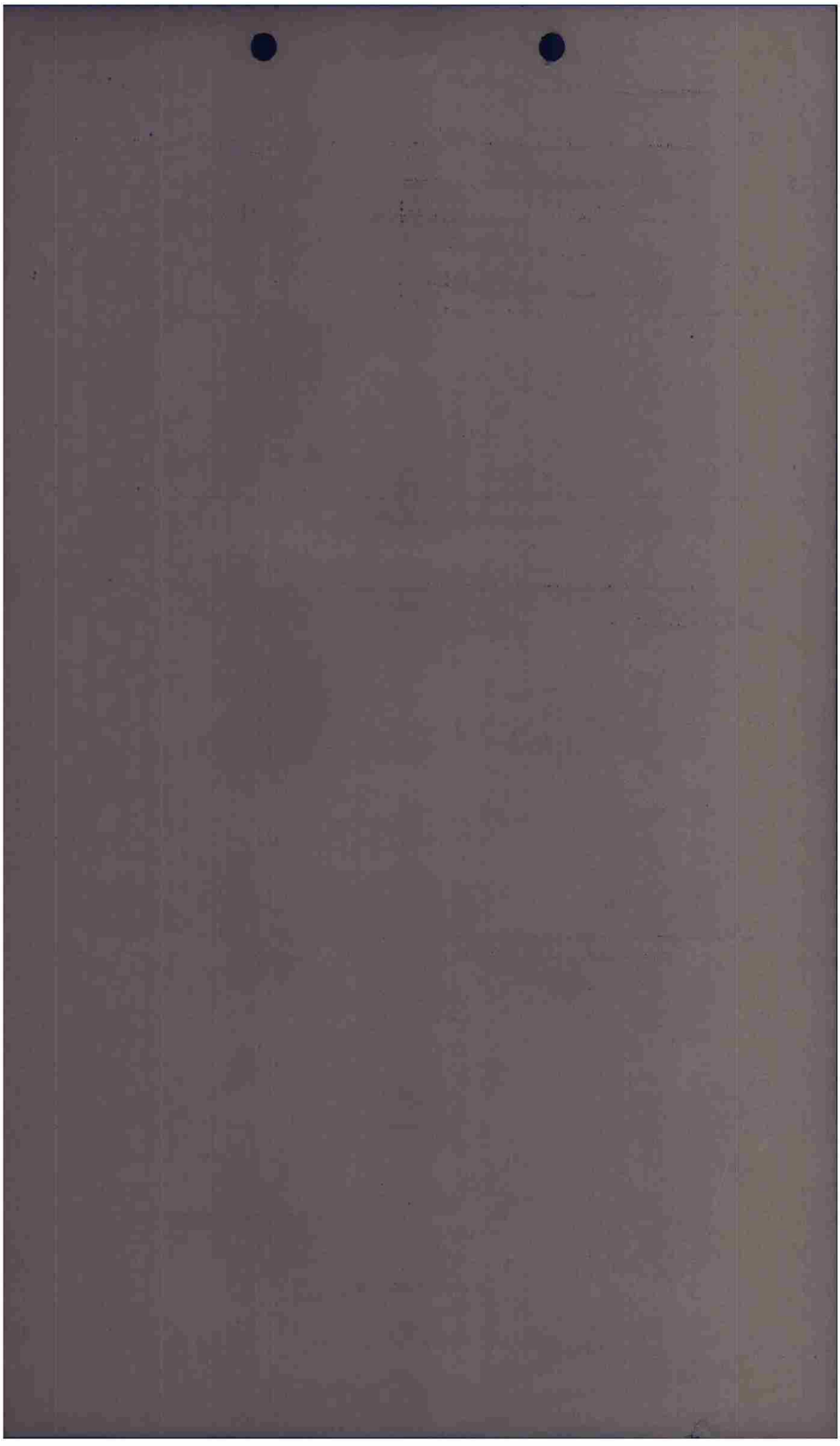
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PILOT Wright J.R. A/C# 250 BOX I. FLT. 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON _____	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
~~RUNS~~ _____X_____ RETURNED	nil		
_____X_____ JETTISONED			

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

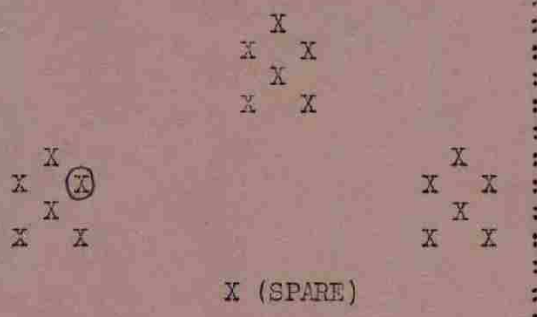
OBSERVATIONS:

M/V at IP - rolling stock.

Good results at target

Did anybody salvo in woods at 1705?

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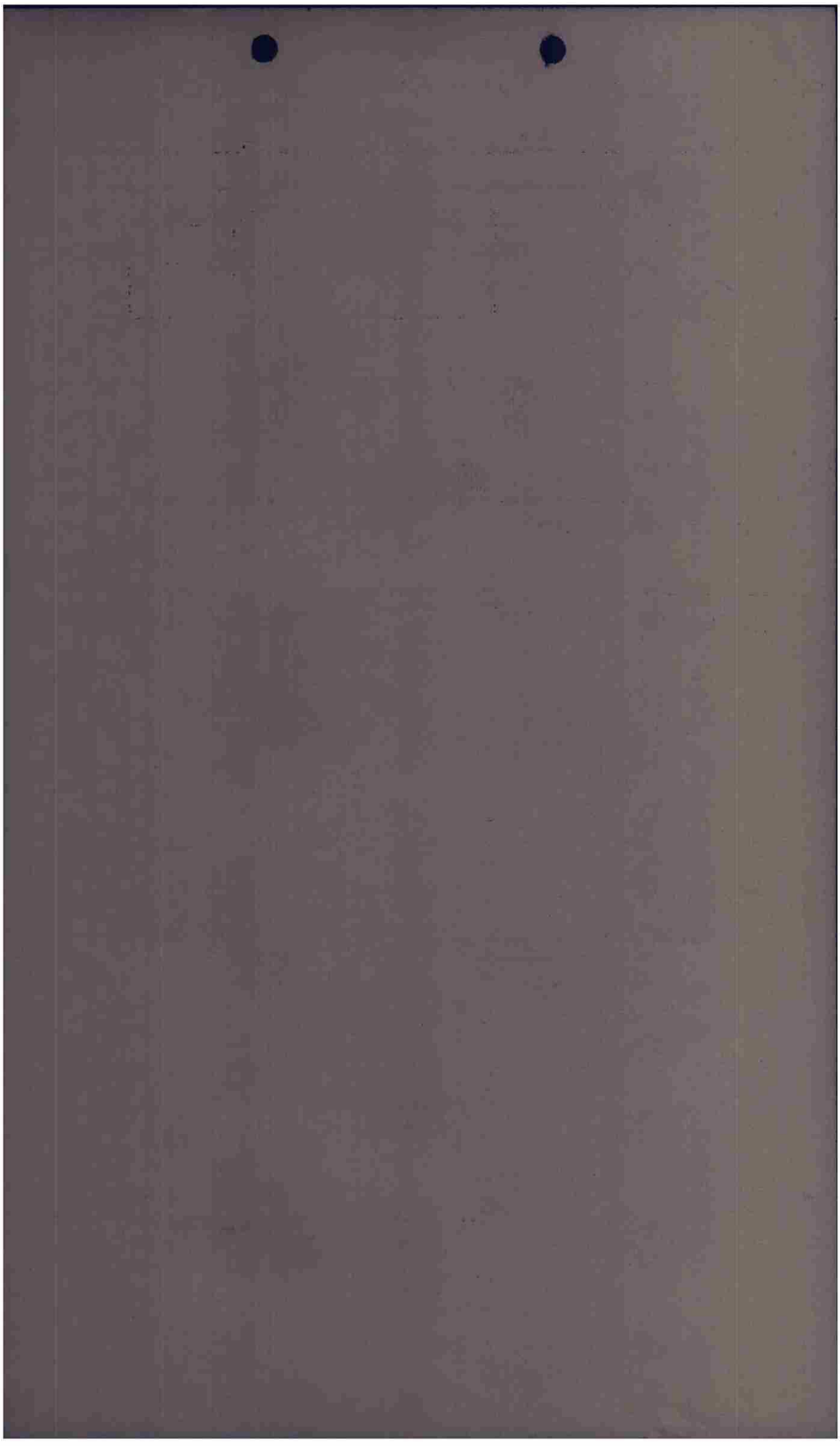


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PILOT Depner A/C# 354 BOX I FLT. 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON P

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

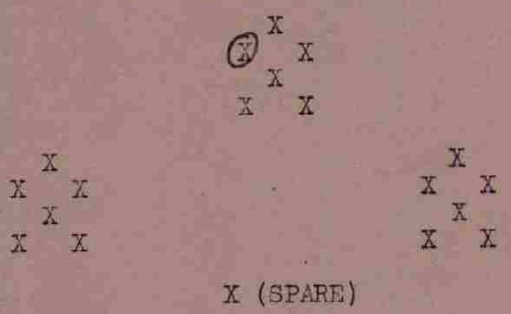
FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs hit short in W side of river in open field.
2 runs made by flt.

POSITION IN FORMATION

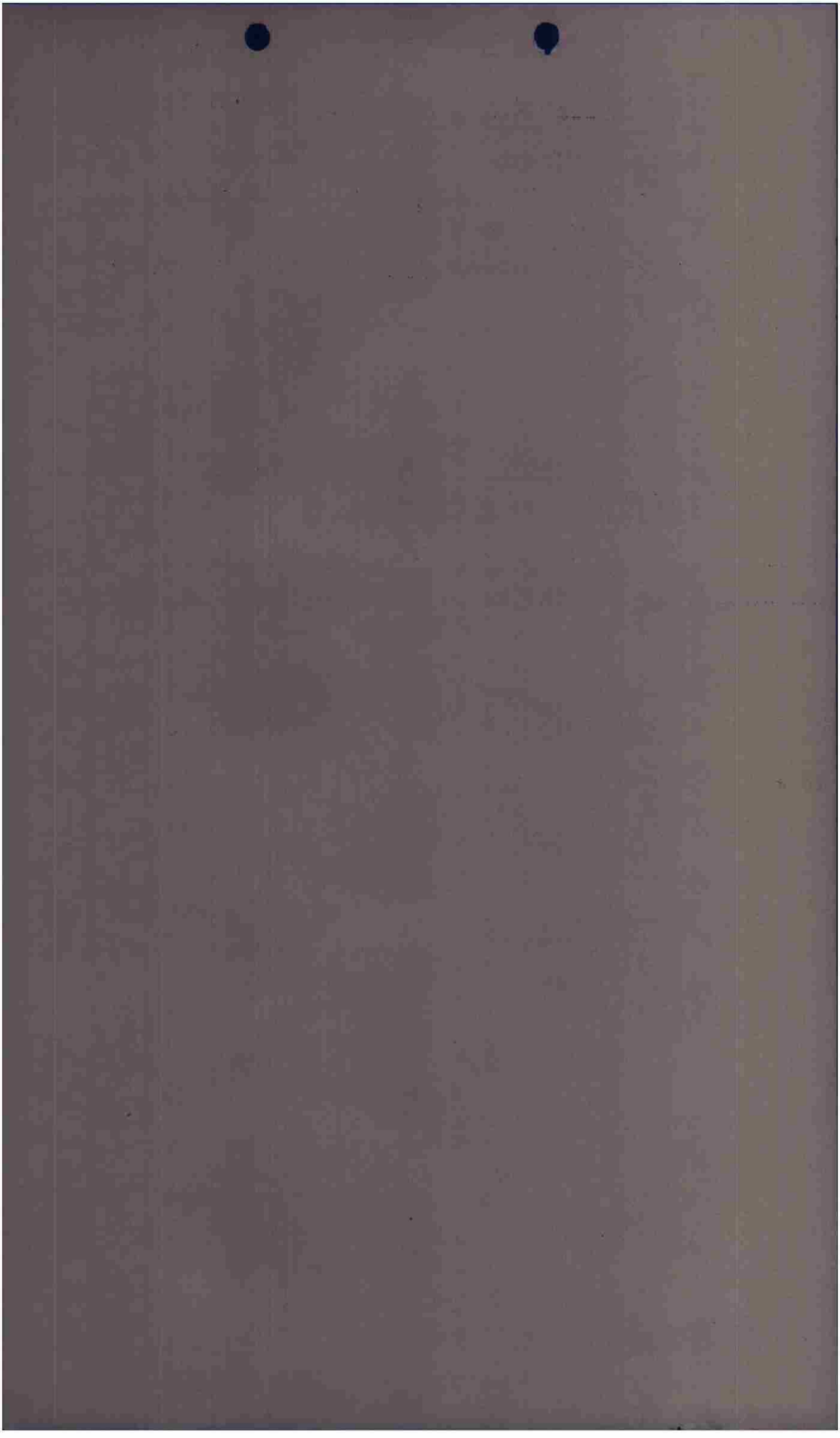


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PILOT Smith B.A. A/C# 362 BOX I FLT. 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 X 100 ON P

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

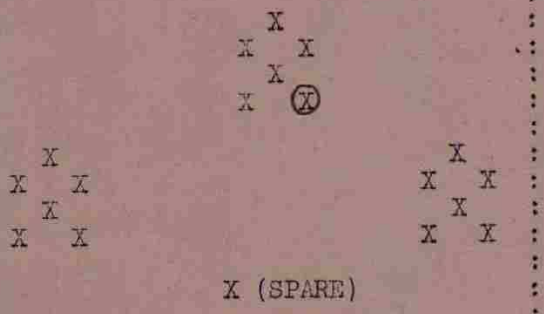
FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Heavy smoke at target.
Gunner reported bombs hit short of target on west side of R. in open field.

POSITION IN FORMATION

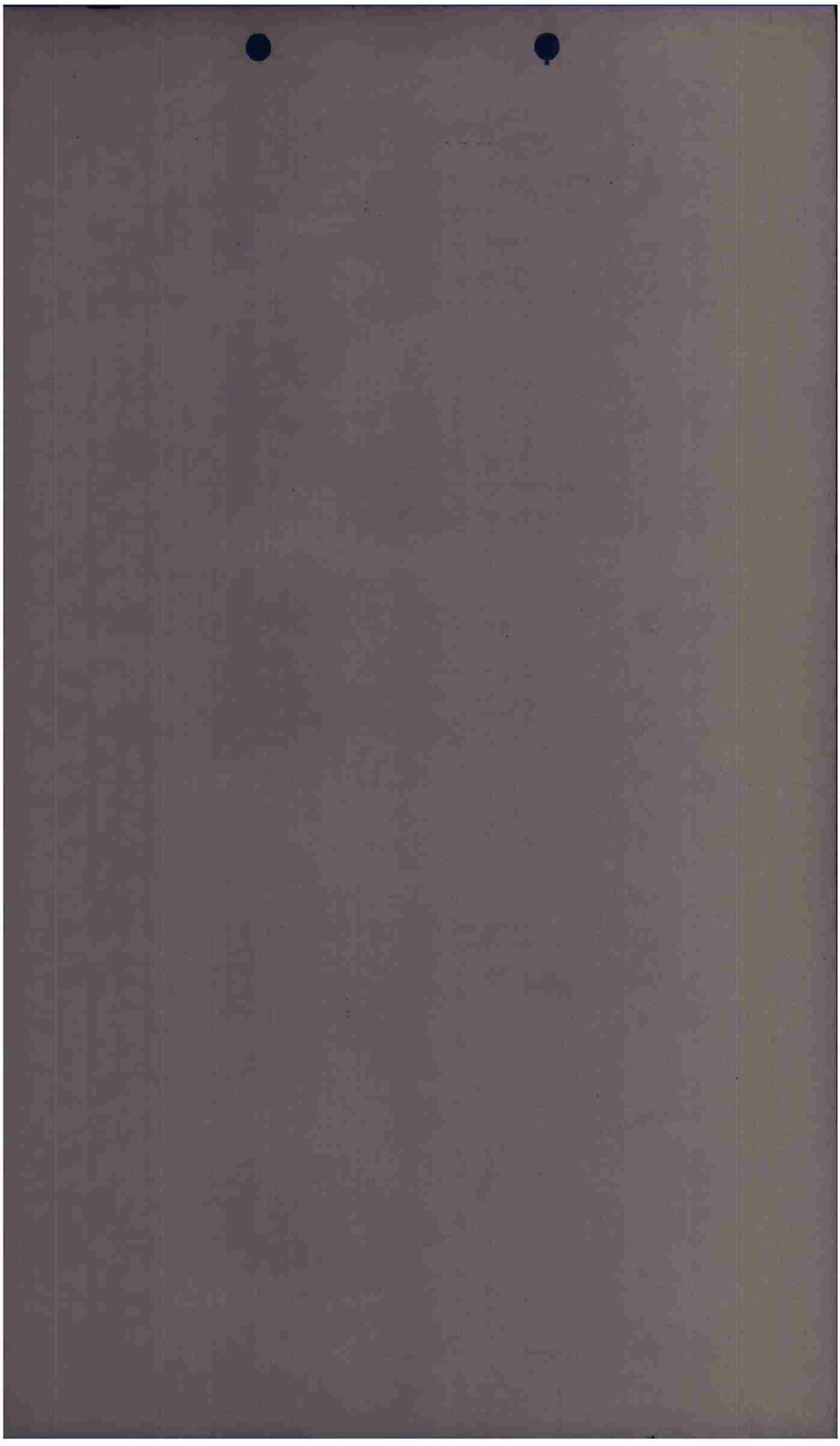


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PILOT Ames A/C# 360 BOX I FLT. 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
4 X 100 ON				
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

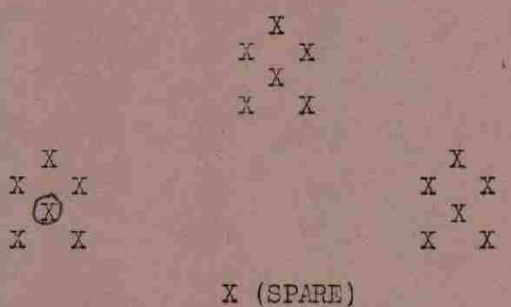
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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Bomb in m/y.

POSITION IN FORMATION

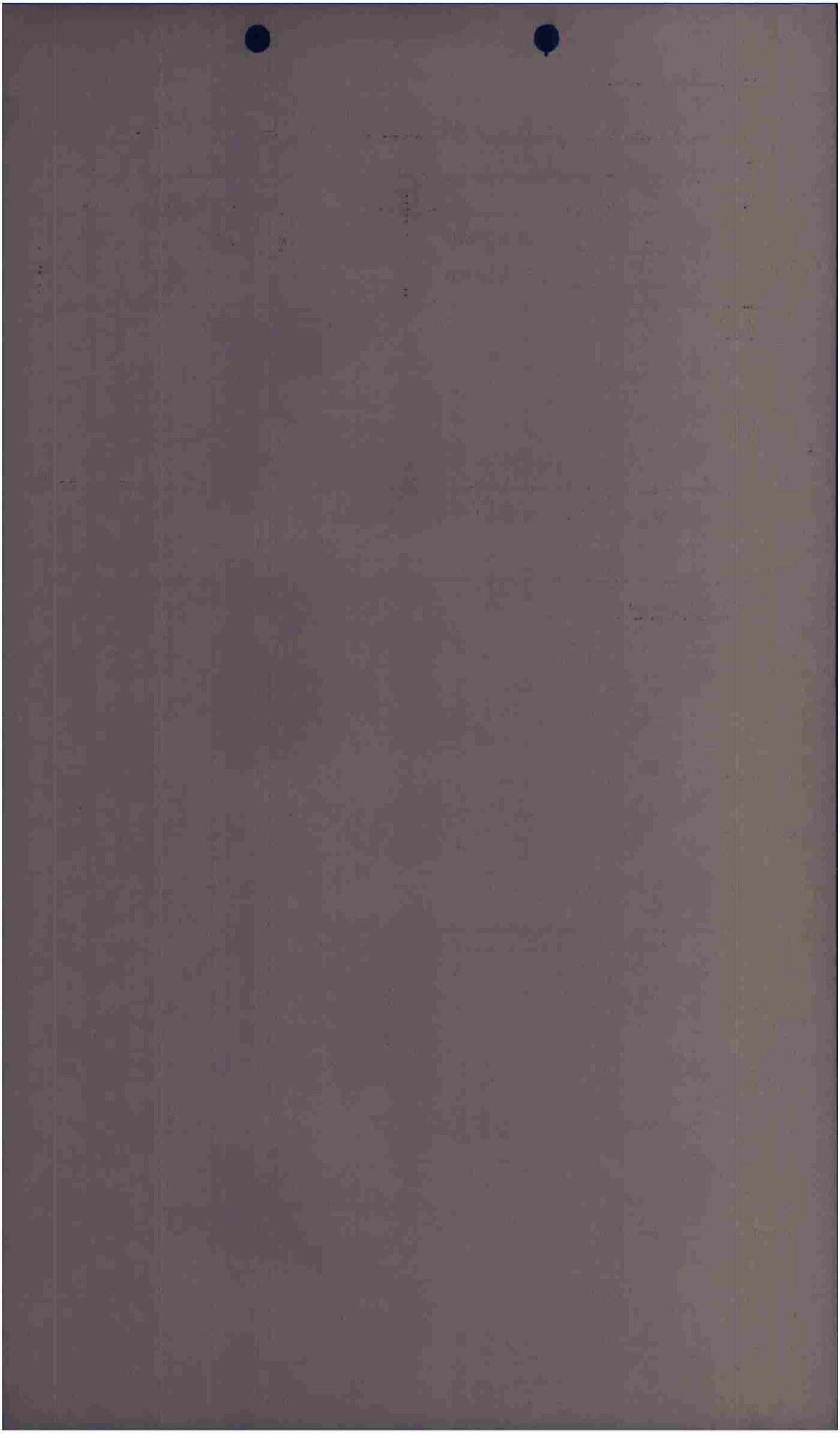


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PILOT Illivka A/C# 326 BOX 1 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK :

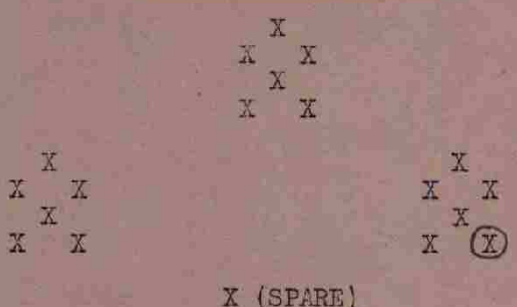
Barrage of Flak about 18 mile N of tgt.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombed m/y.

POSITION IN FORMATION

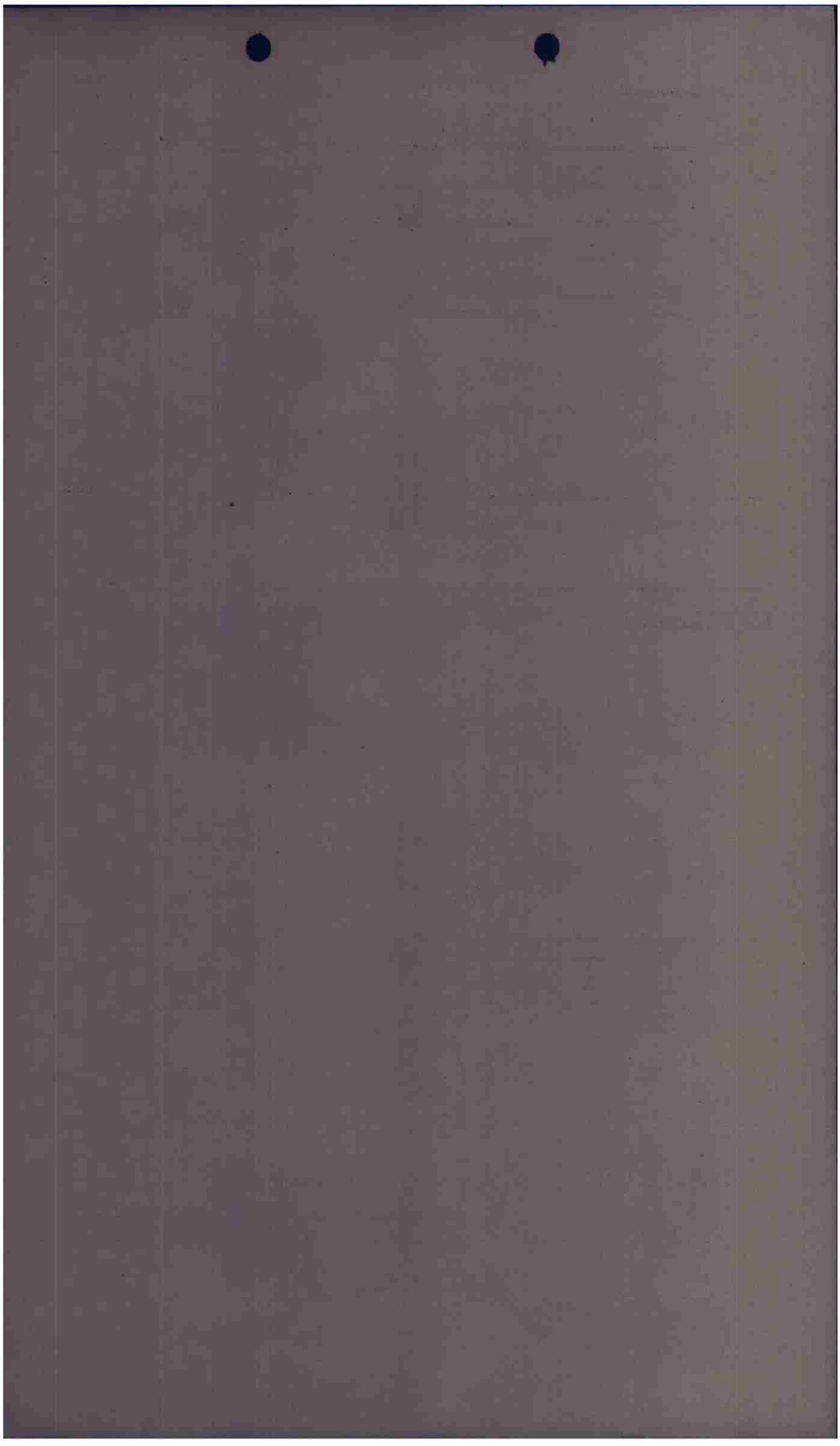


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CASUALTIES _____

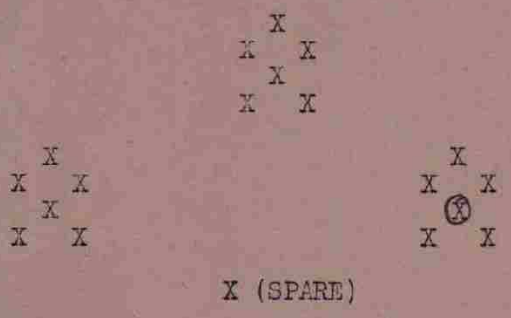
BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	ON			
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

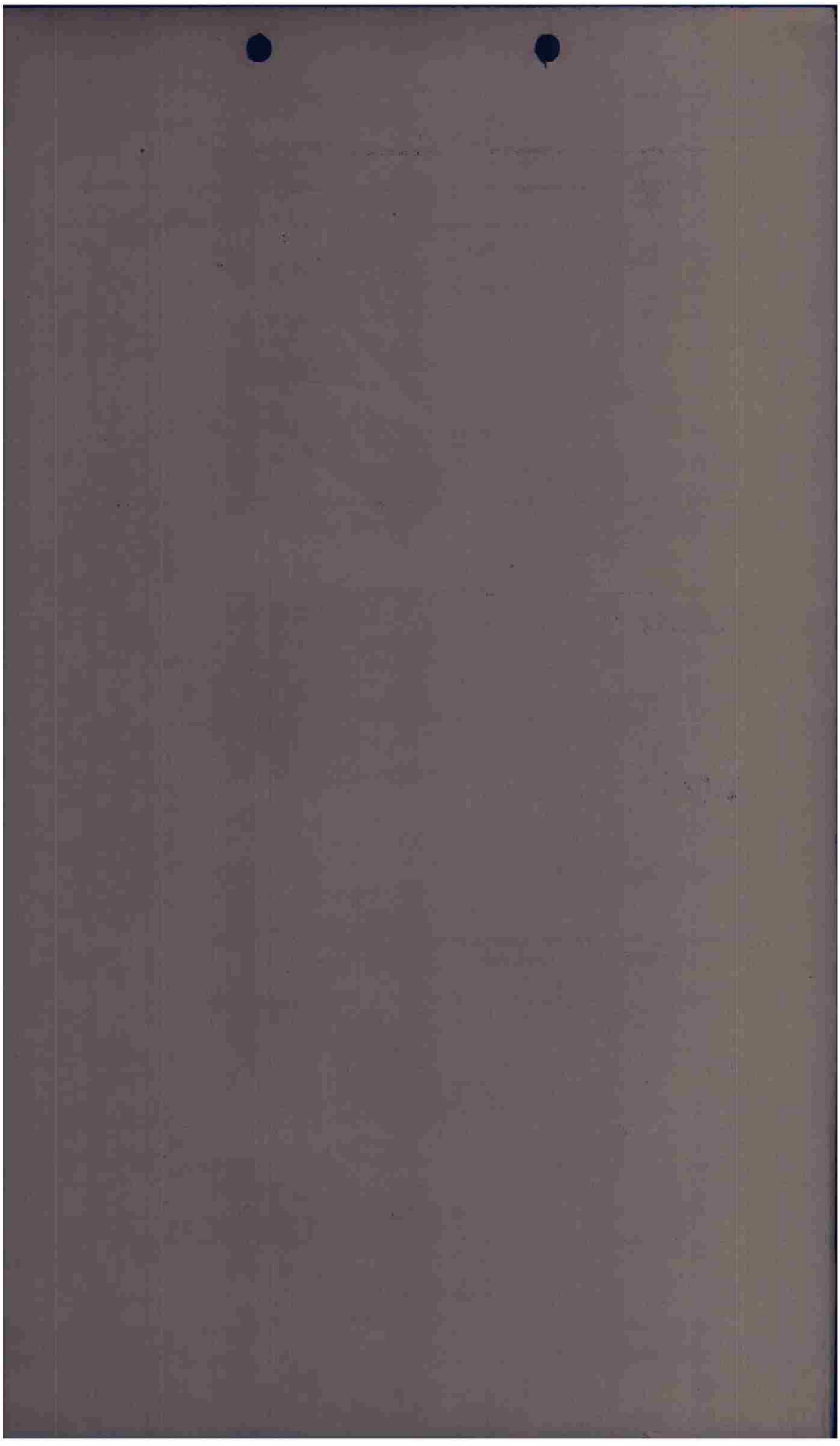


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CASUALTIES _____

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

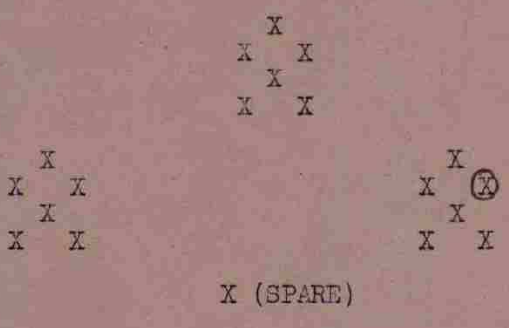
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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs on tgt.

POSITION IN FORMATION

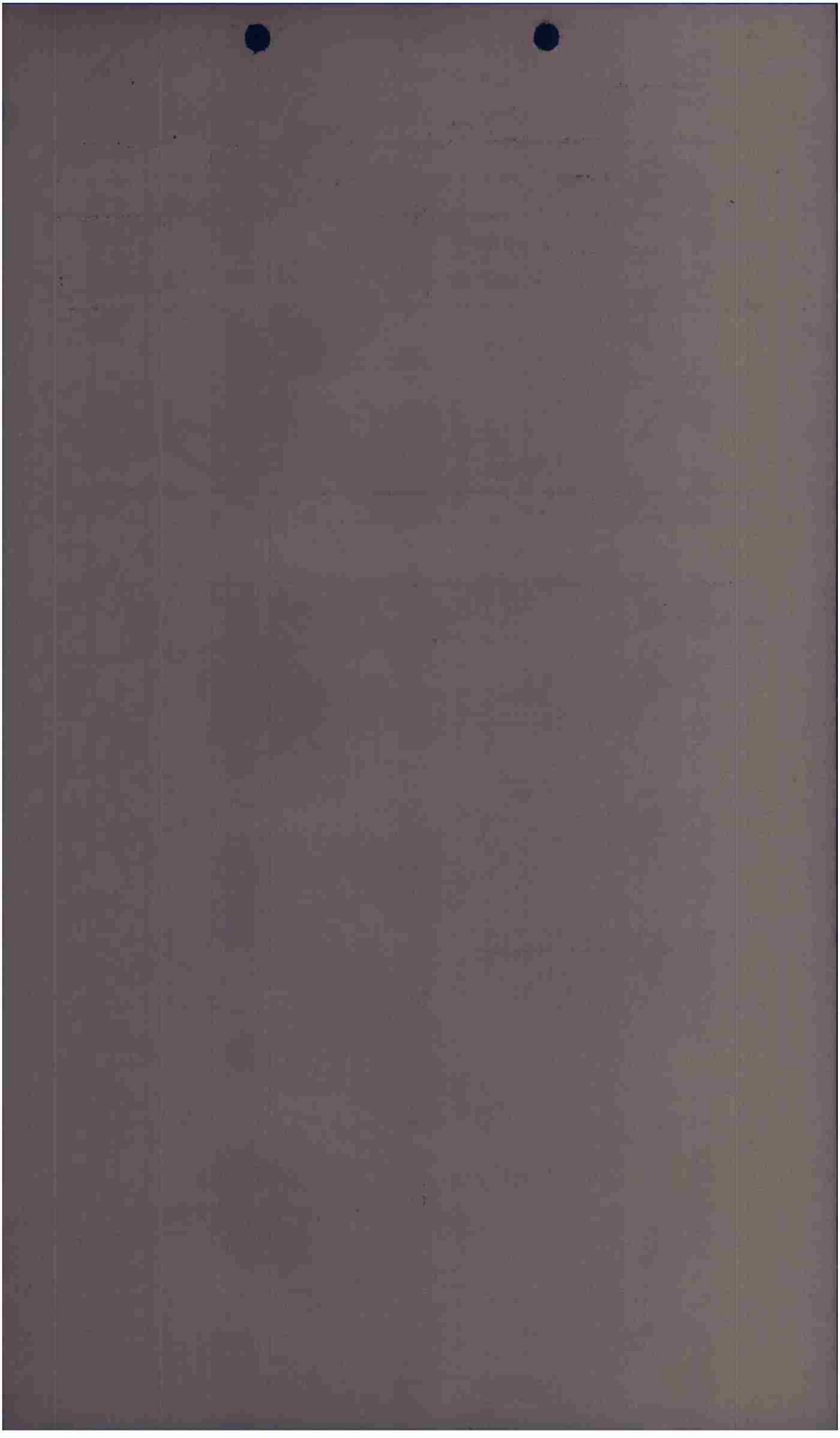


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PILOT Blevins A/C# 310 BOX I FLT. 3 SPARE

CASUALTIES

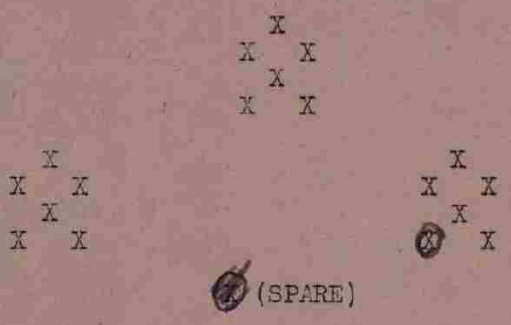
BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs in Tgt

POSITION IN FORMATION

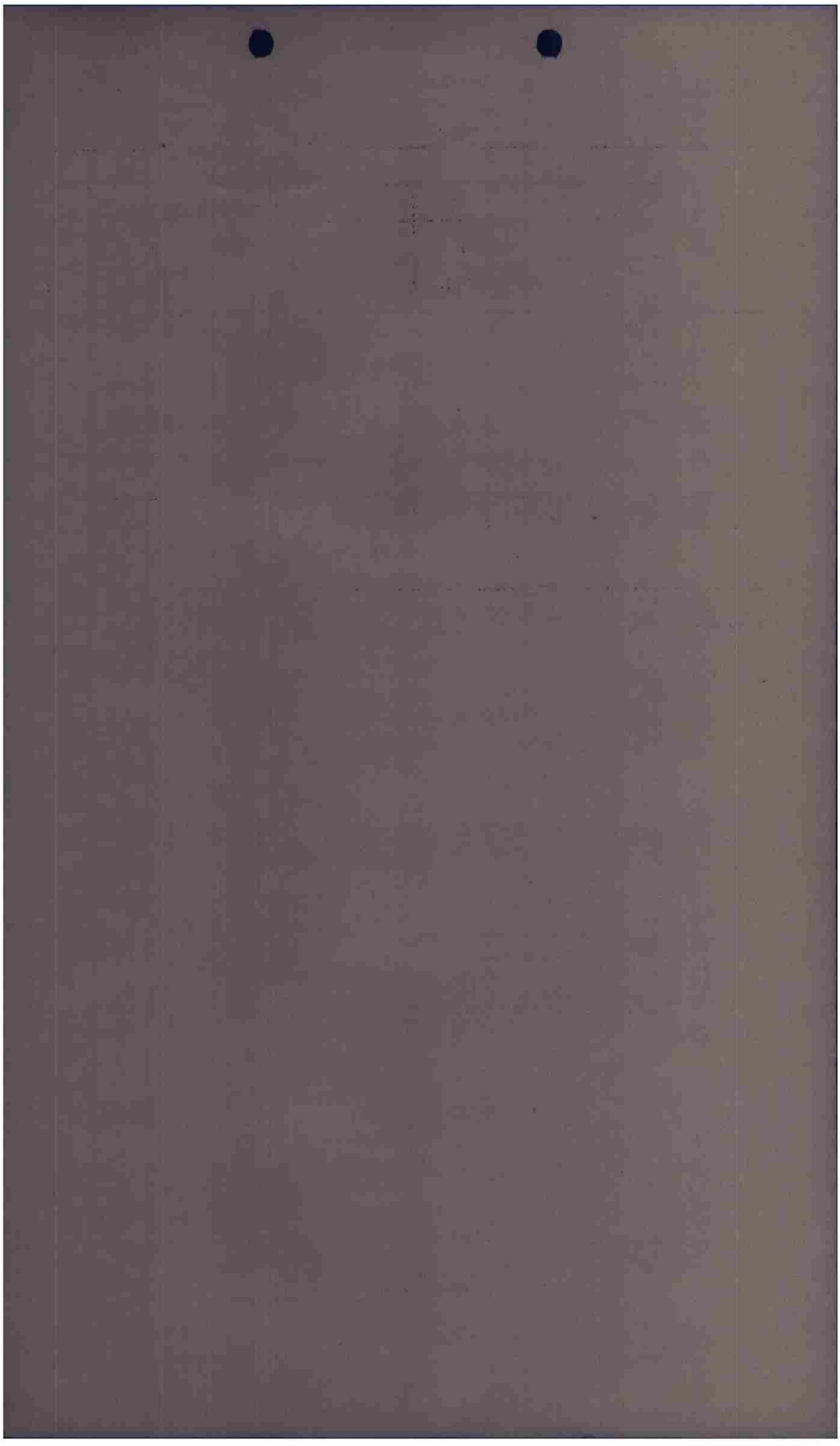


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CASUALTIES nil

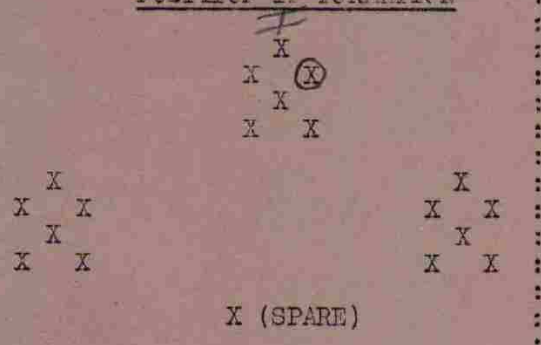
BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON Primary	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil.

OBSERVATIONS: Large explosion observed in Rudolstadt Bombs of the flt. fell over into town – none in yards –

POSITION IN FORMATION

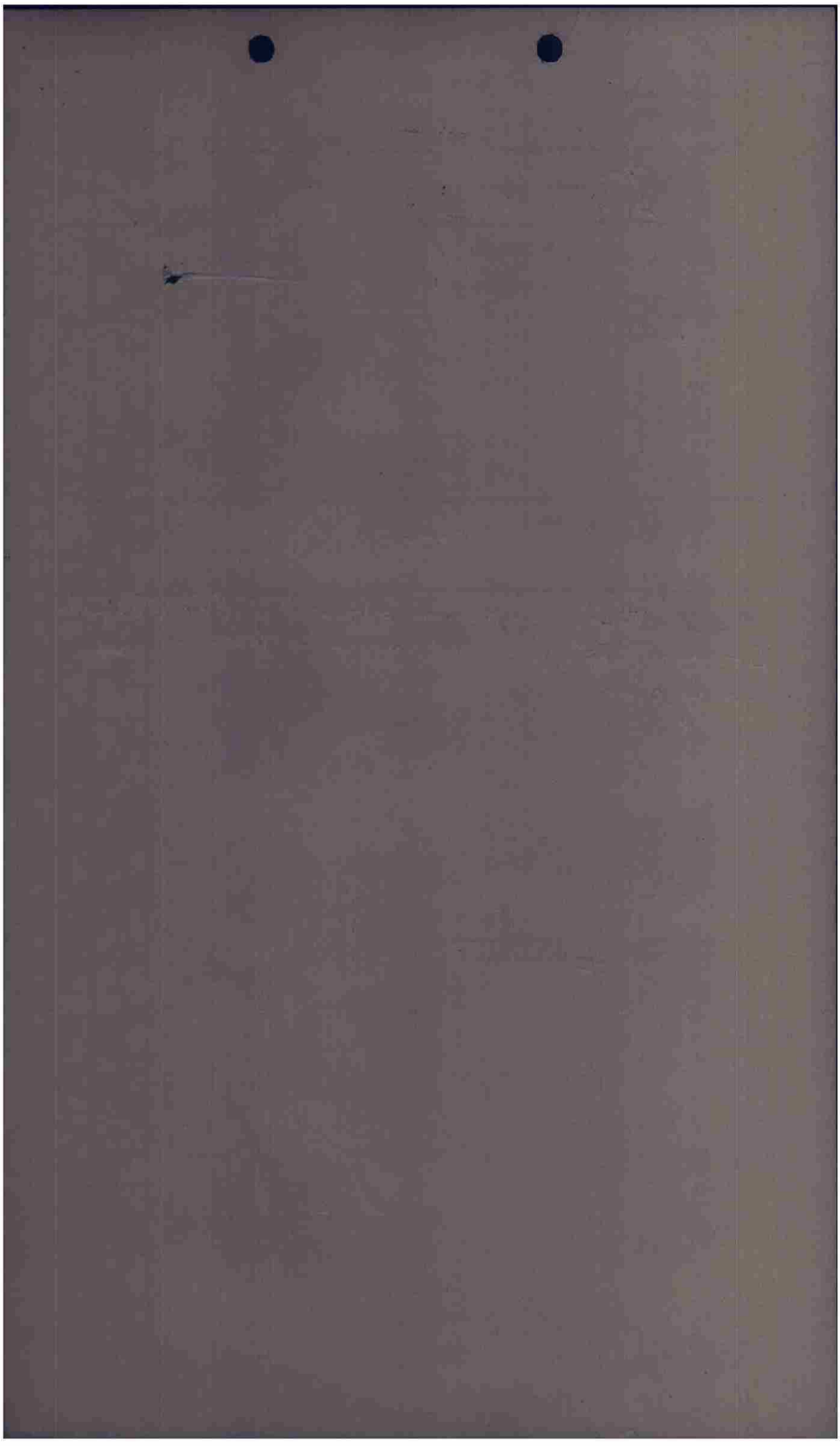


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CASUALTIES nil

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

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: bombs of the flt. hit in center of grid about 2/3 of way down

POSITION IN FORMATION

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X X
X
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X X

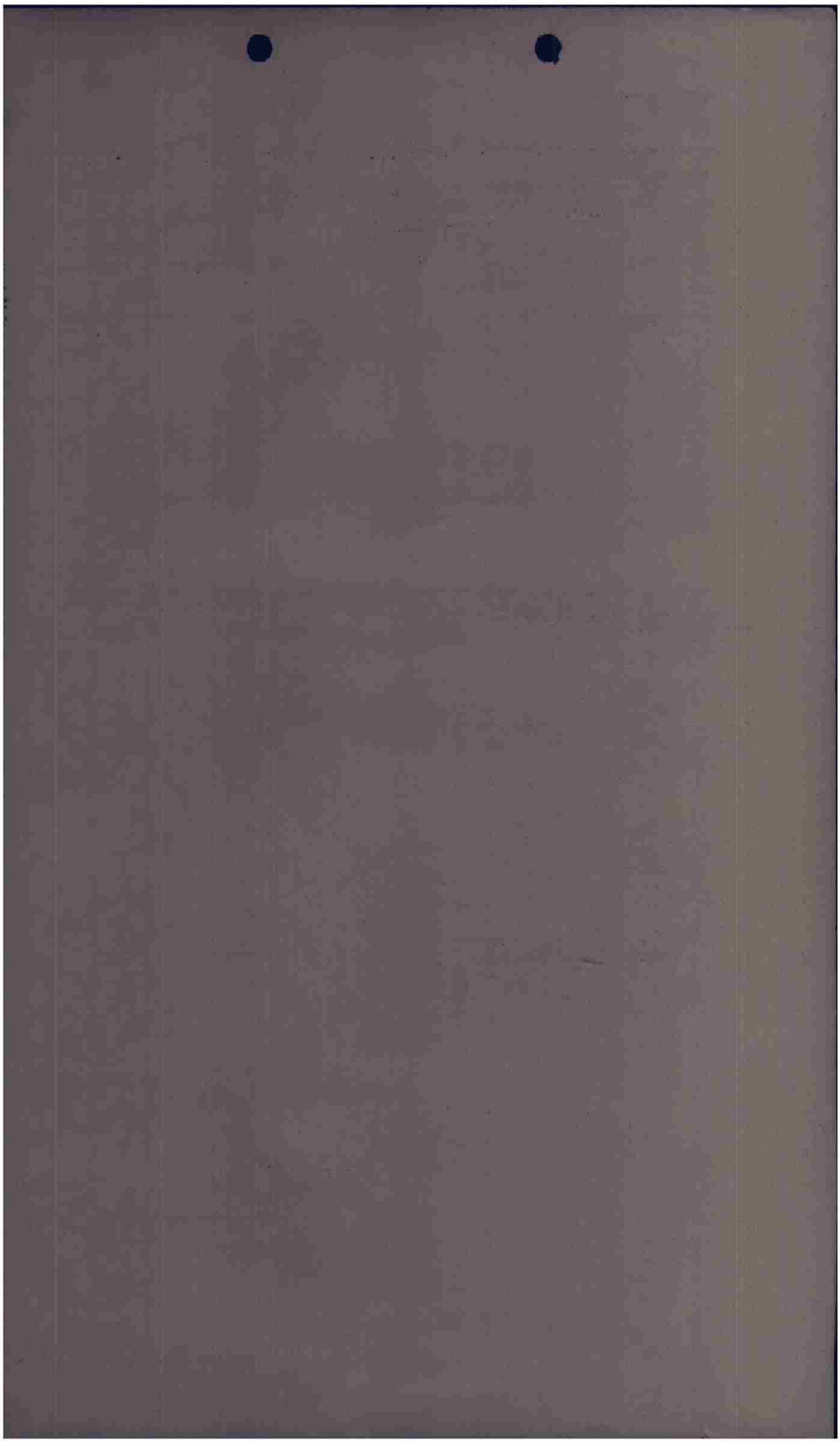
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CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON Primary

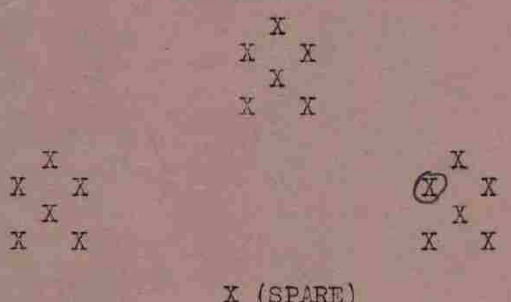
		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs observed to hit in middle of area

POSITION IN FORMATION

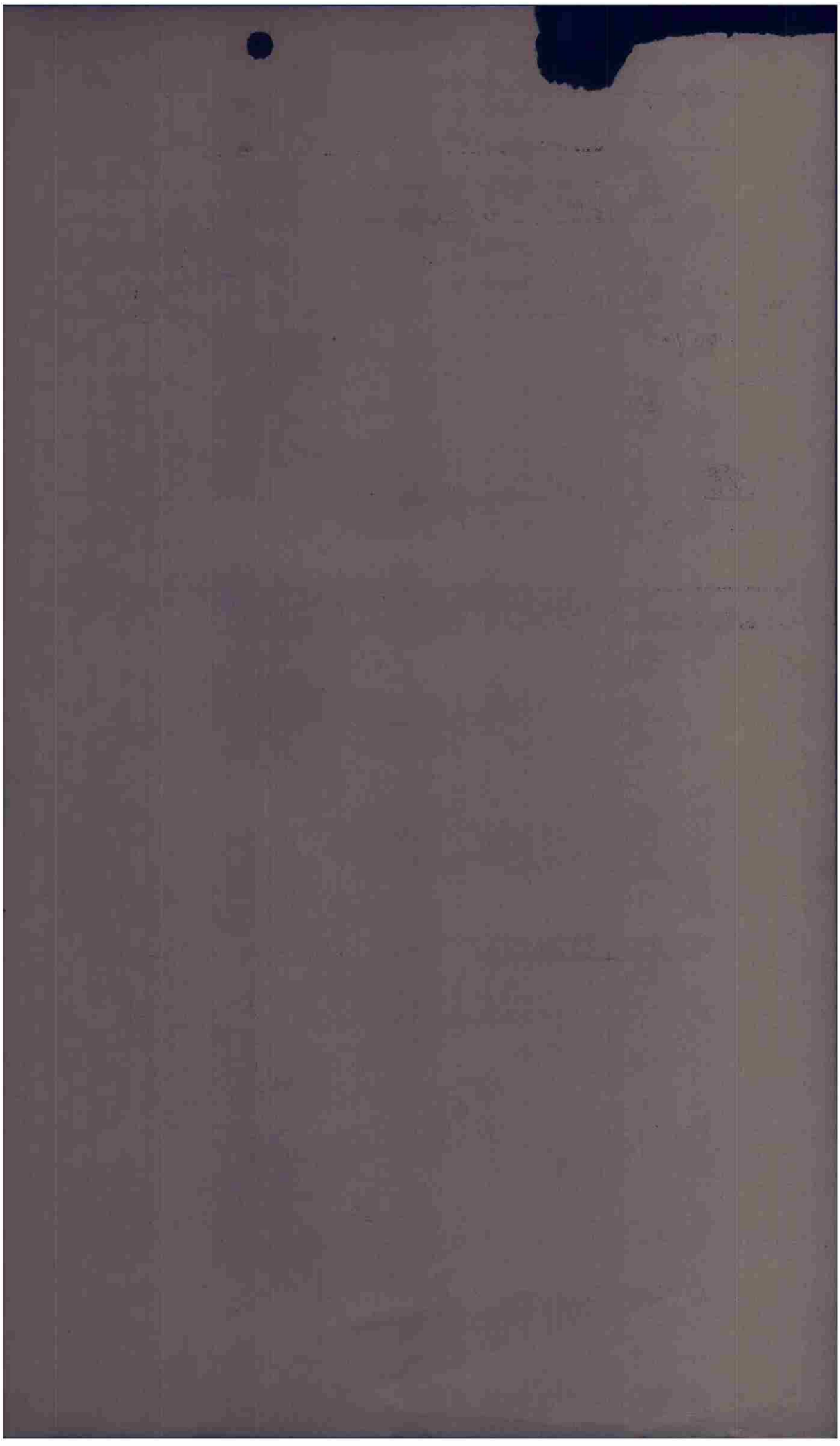


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PILOT Price A/C# 239 BOX I. FLT. 2

CASUALTIES_____

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

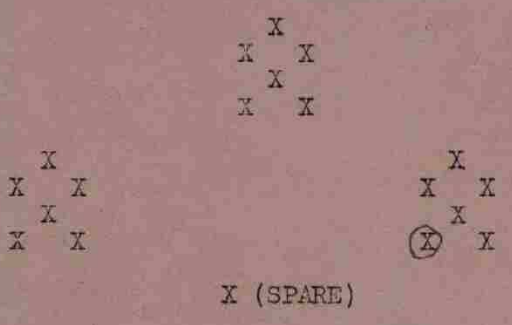
FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Returned Early

POSITION IN FORMATION



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F. nil.
G. nil.
H. nil.
I. nil.
J. nil.
K. 2020

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Called repair 15 minute
F.R. & repair

Formation leader called repair
15 minutes before reaching fighter
rendezvous and reported that he was
on course and on time.

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PILOT Turman A/C# 330 BOX II FLT. 2

CASUALTIES_____

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
3 X 100	ON P	Nil		
1 X 100	RETURNED			
4 X ___	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

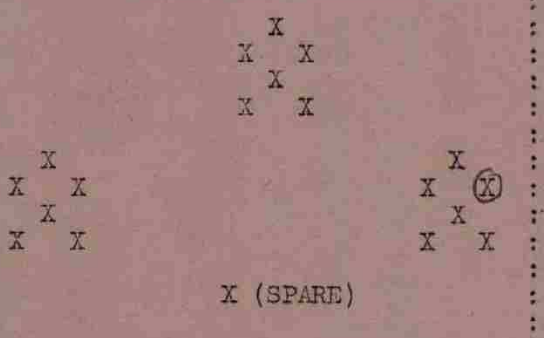
Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

would not release on normal procedure gunner salvoed immediately - only 3 left a/c. one returned. On return have it released on doors. (had to shake Rt main gear down - this may have released it).

POSITION IN FORMATION

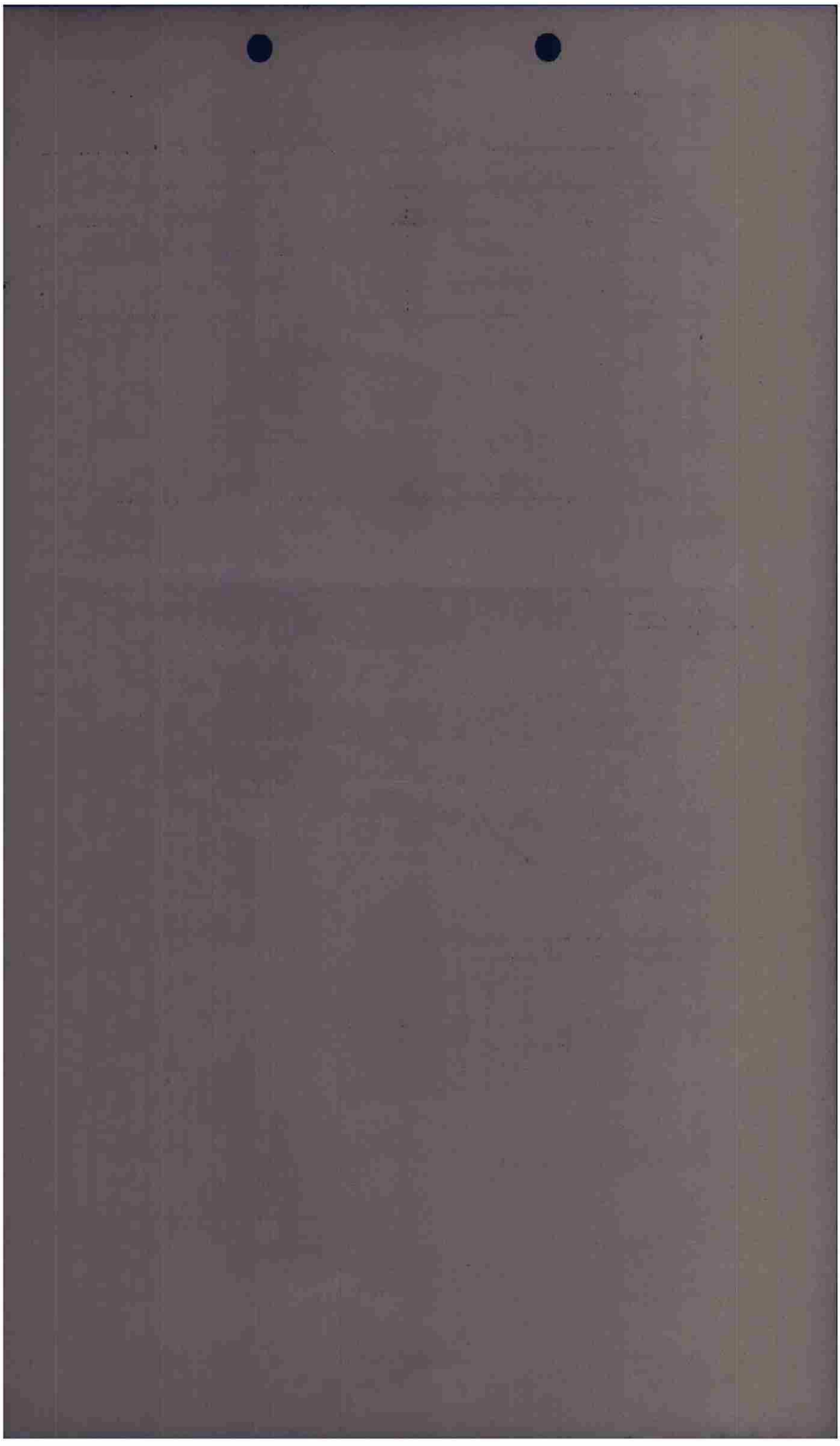


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PILOT Allen A/C# 383 BOX II FLT. 1

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : —

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : —

OBSERVATIONS: 1521 2 objects out of a/c one exploded observed

Bombs on tgt

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X X
X X

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X X
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X X

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X X

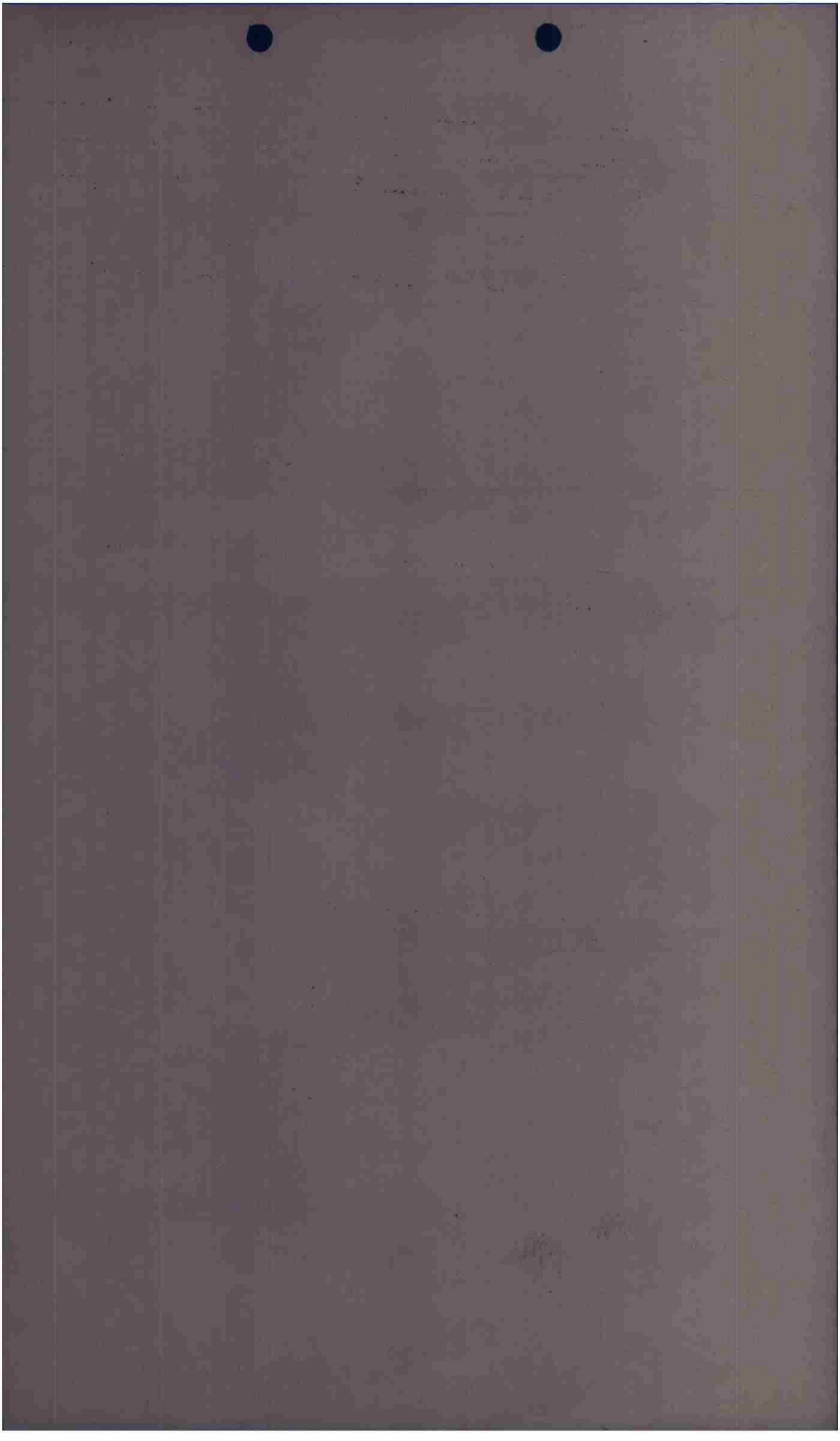
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PILOT Wright J. W. A/C# 335 BOX II FLT. 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 X 100 ON f.	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED	Nil		

FLAK :

Nil

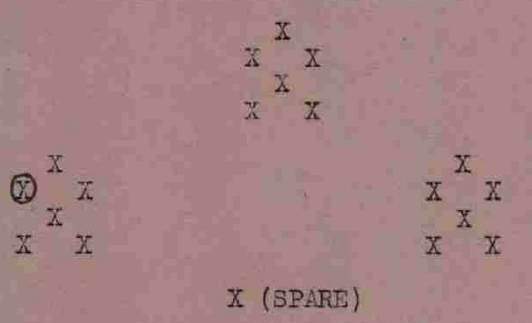
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Bge. results.
Bombs hit in
smoke at RR yards.

POSITION IN FORMATION



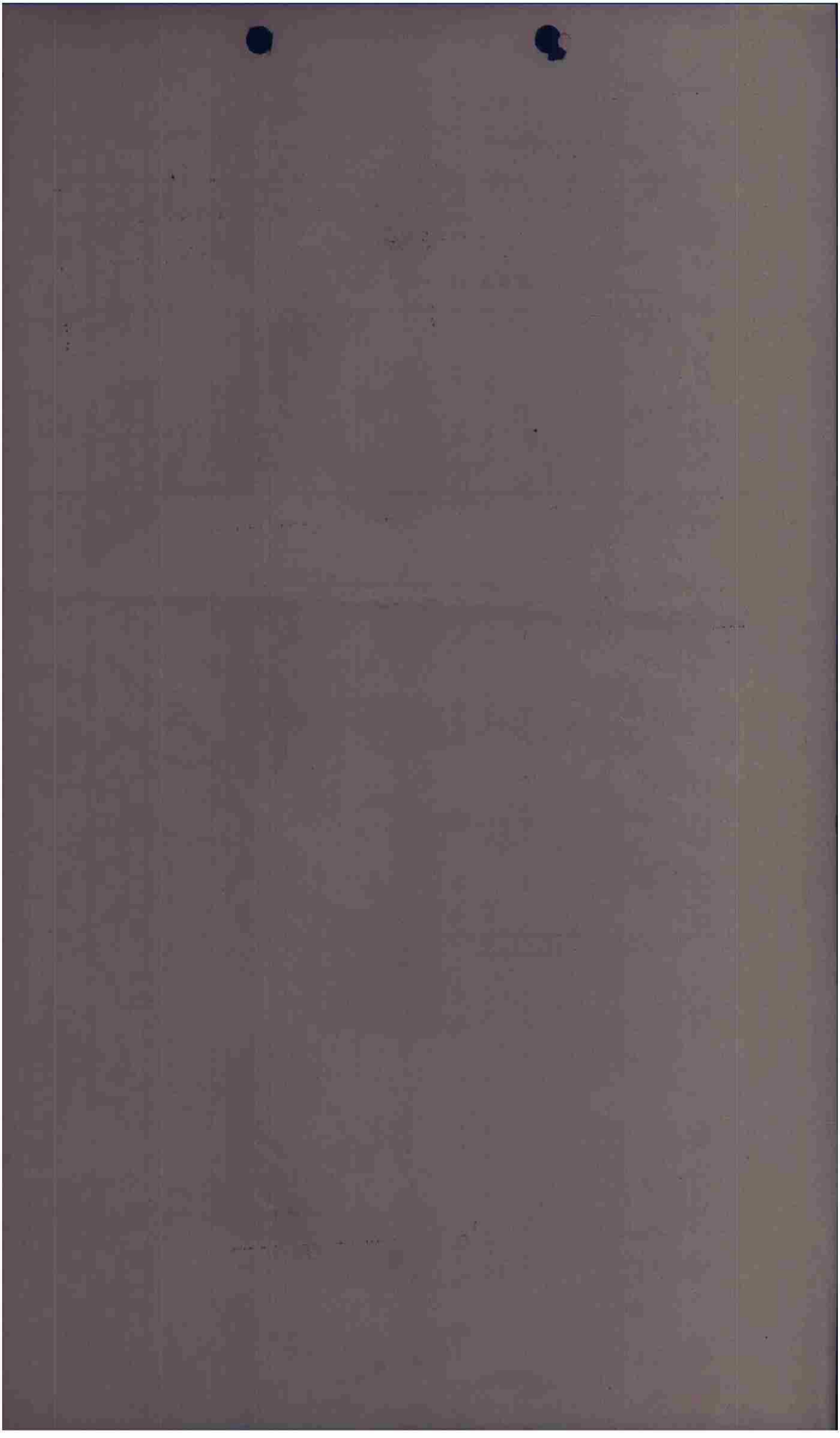
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PILOT Drum A/C# 389 BOX II FLT. 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 X 100 ON P	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED			

FLAK : Nil

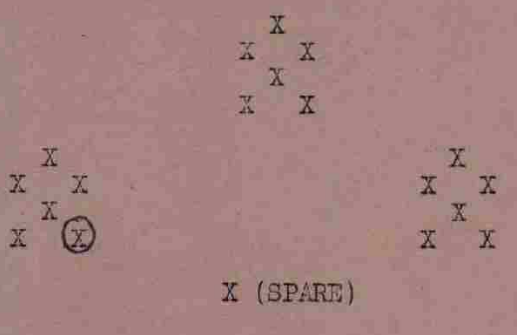
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs hit centre of yards.

2 runs.

POSITION IN FORMATION

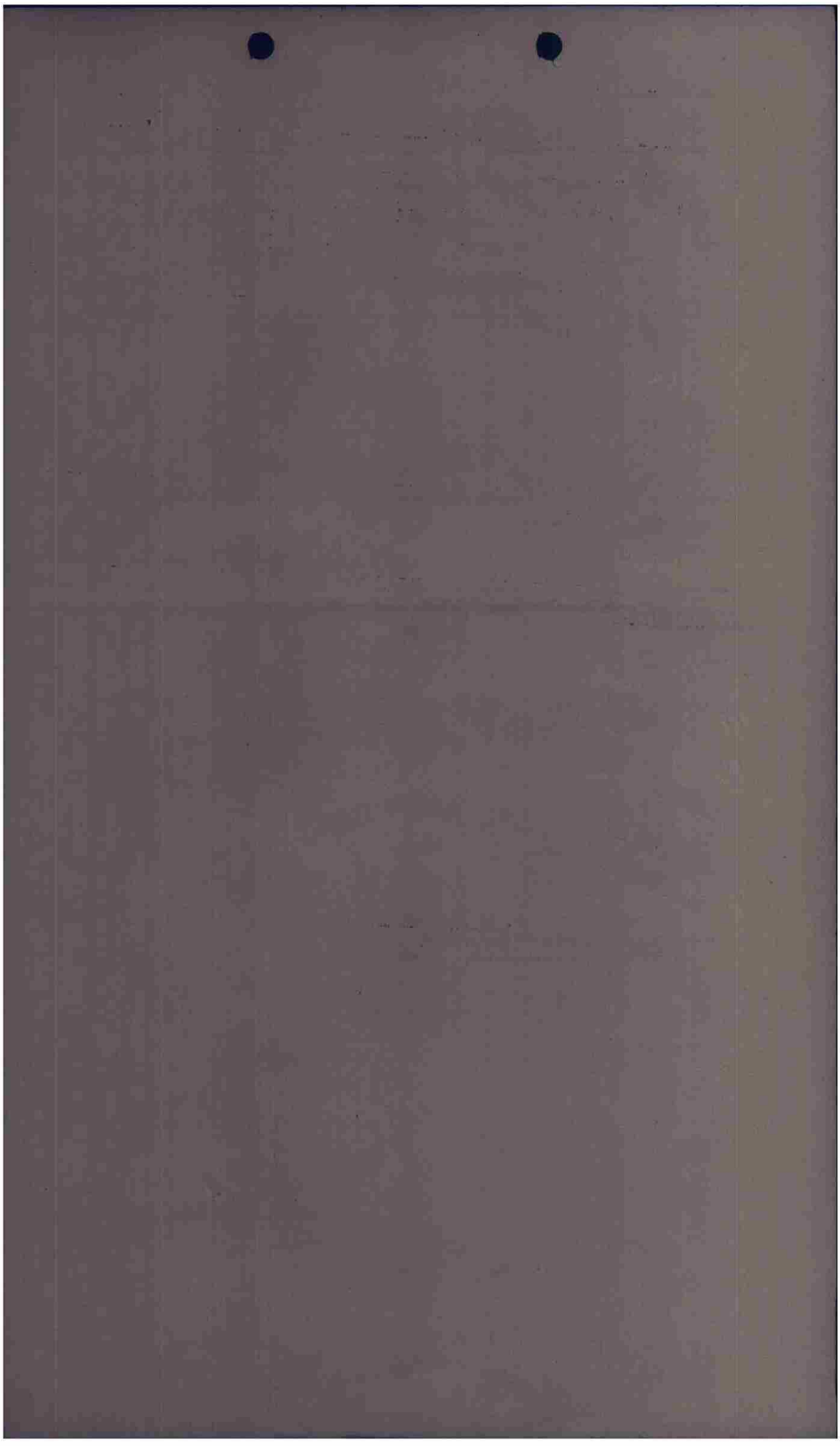


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PILOT Evarts A/C# 274 BOX II FLT. 3

CASUALTIES nil

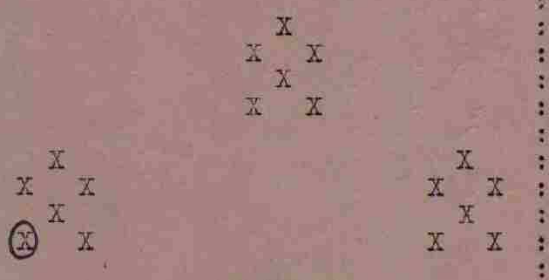
BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON Primary	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs wouldn't release — had to clear into target area —

POSITION IN FORMATION

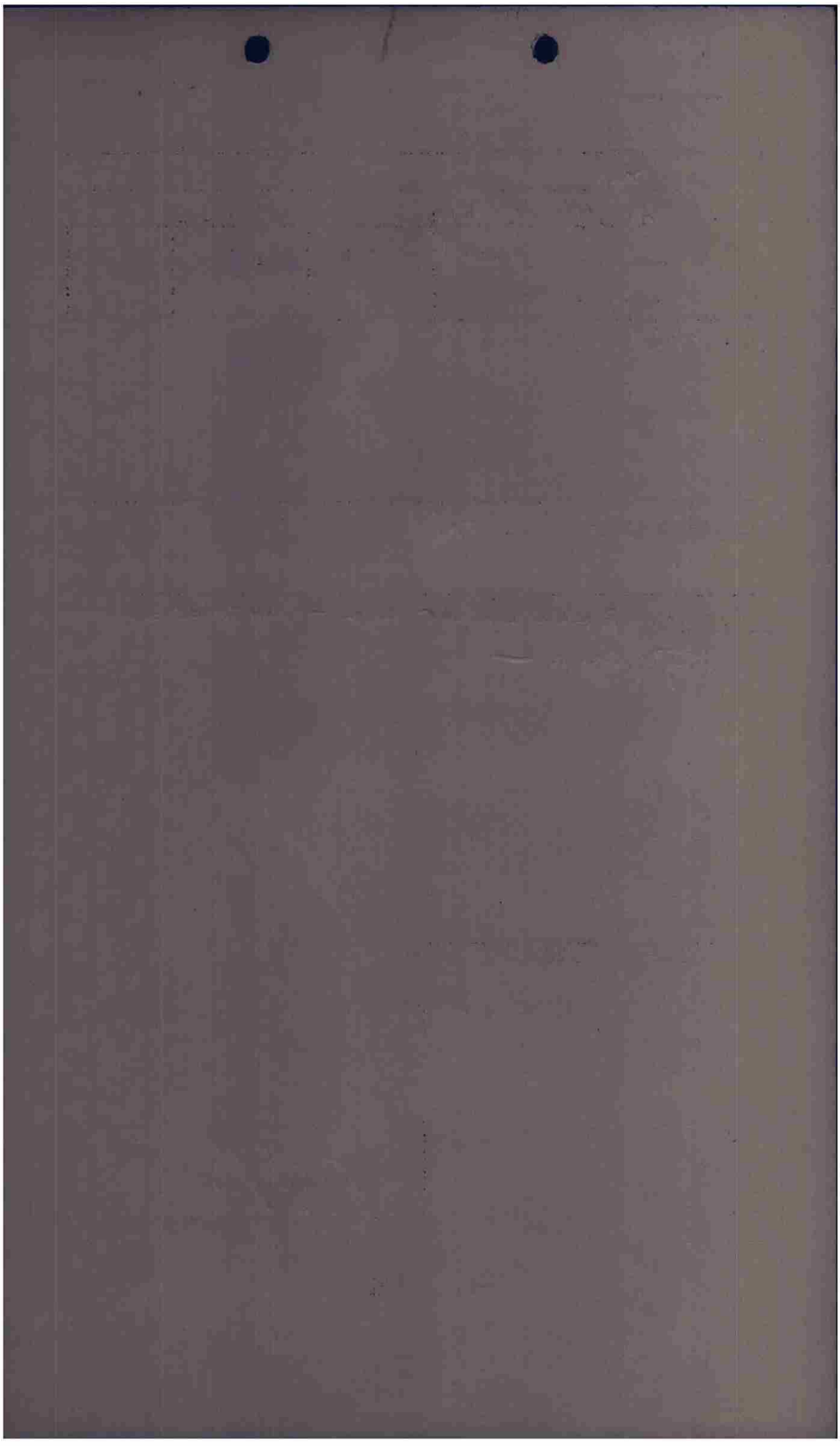


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CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON Primary

X RETURNED

X JETTISONED

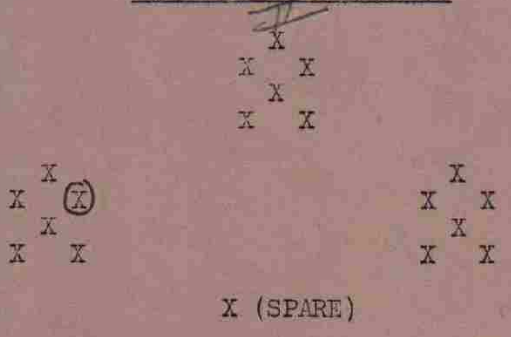
BATTLE DAMAGE		
"A"	"A-C"	"E"

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs & Graffiti Hit in M/Y

POSITION IN FORMATION



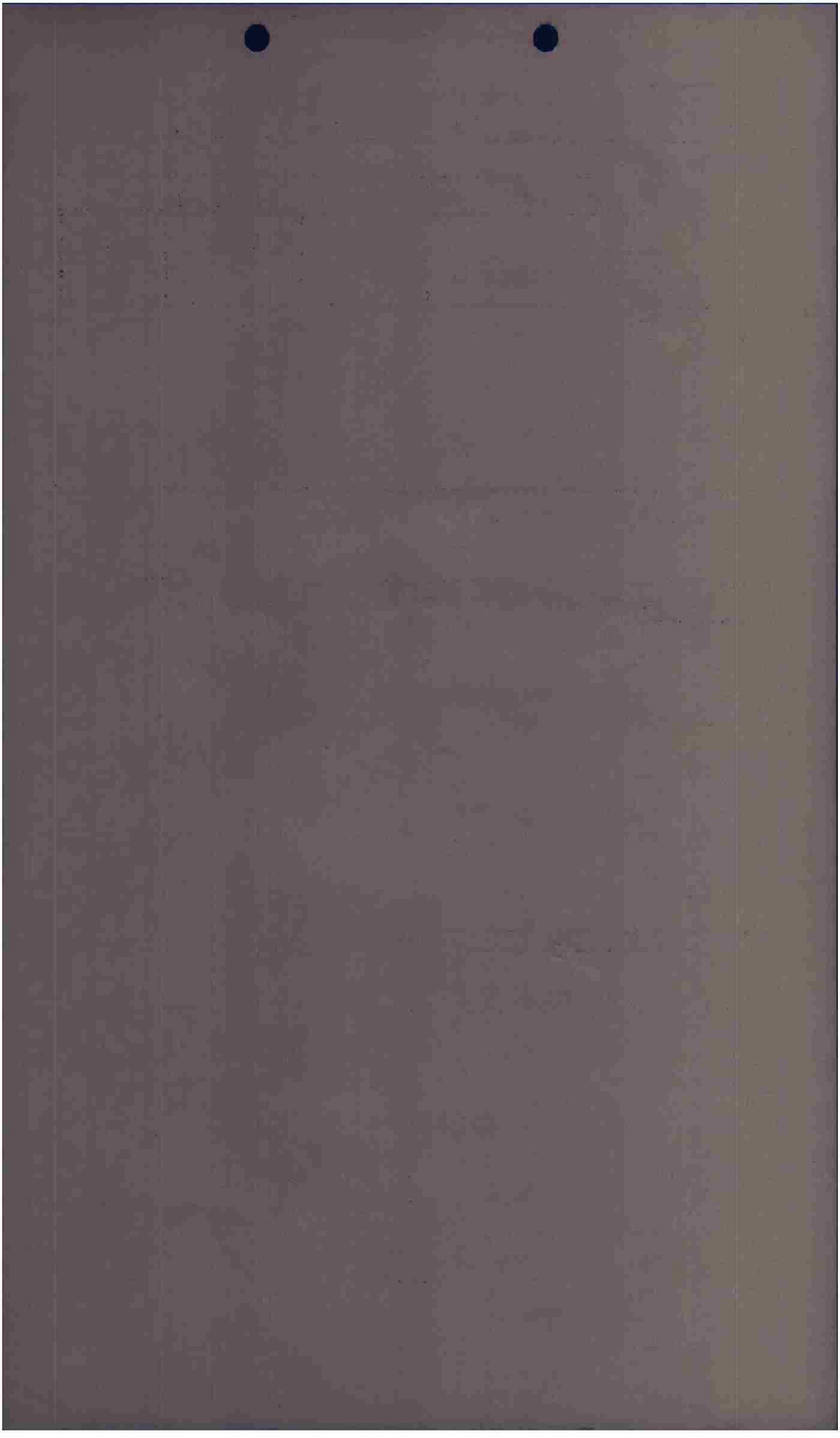
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CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON Primary

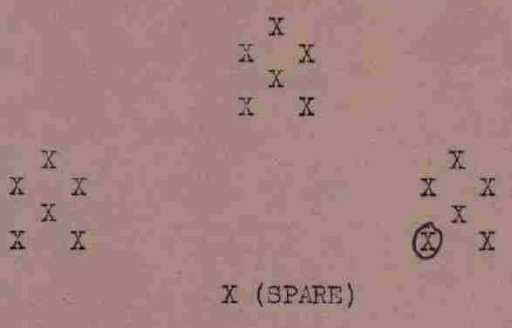
		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

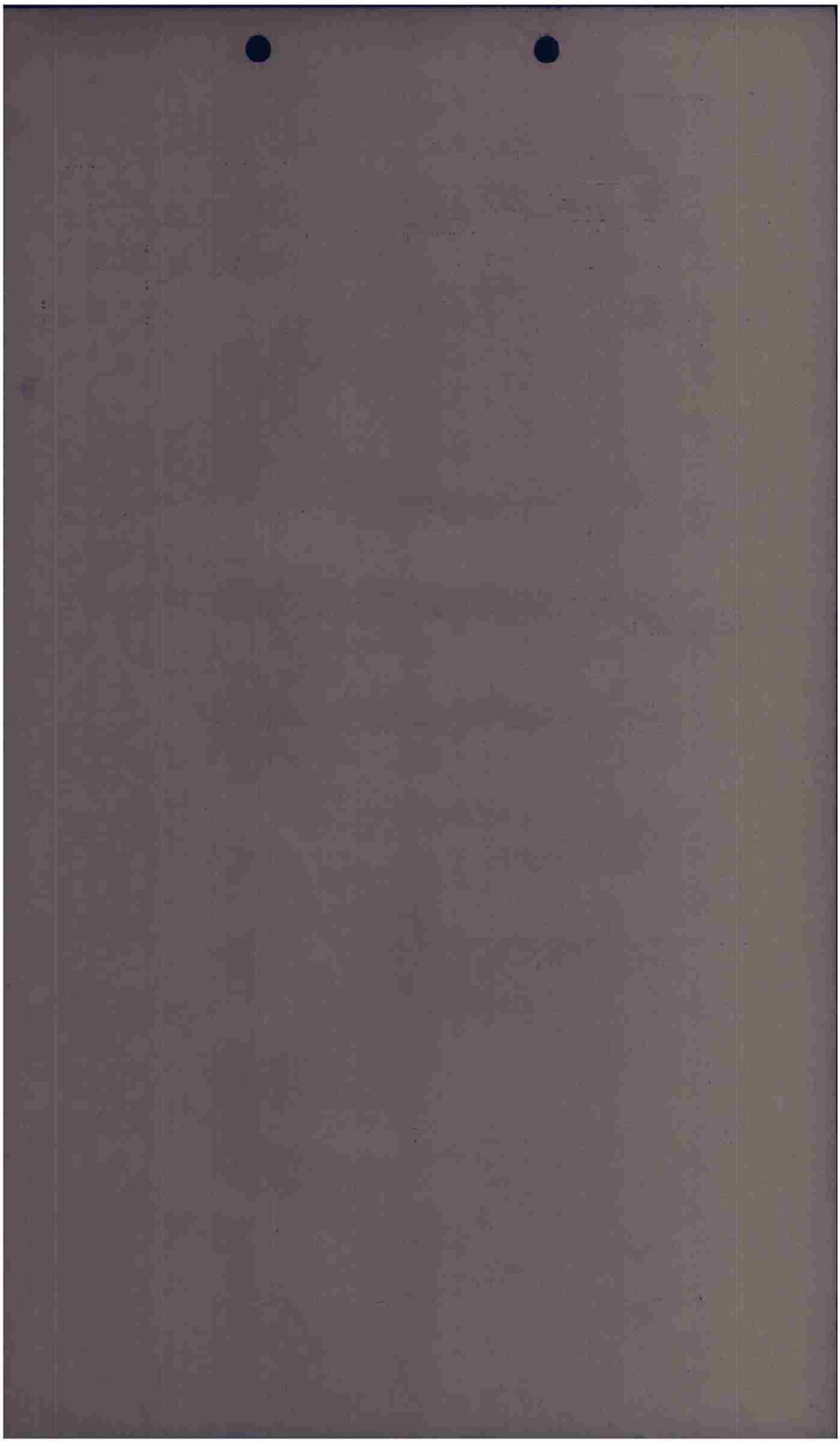


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PILOT Stenson A/C# 334 BOX II FLT. 2

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON Primary

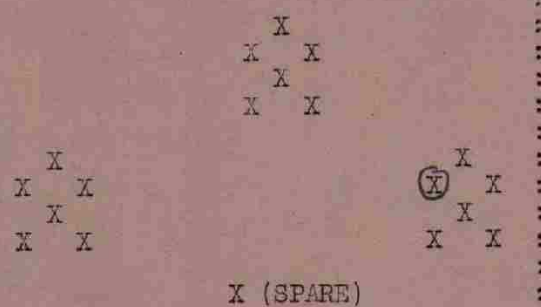
		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs of the flt. hit to west & north of A.P.

POSITION IN FORMATION

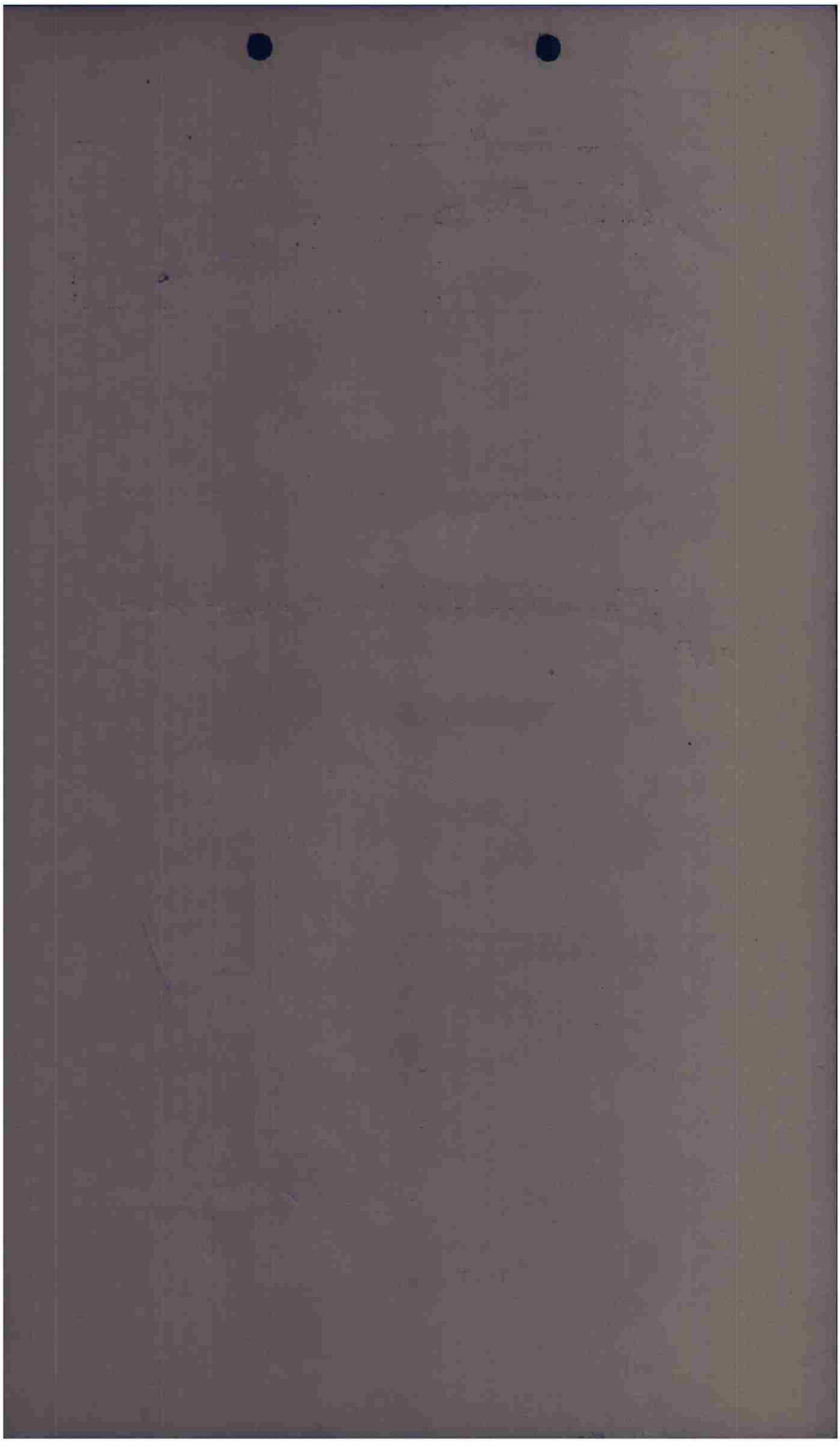


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PILOT Sheley A/C# 223 BOX 11 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 X 1602 ON P	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED	Nil		

FLAK : Nil.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

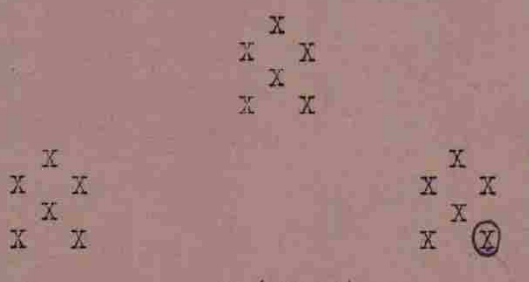
Nil.

OBSERVATIONS:

Hospital (large bldgs) left (W) of target - D

PW marked on Rt of course on way in.

POSITION IN FORMATION

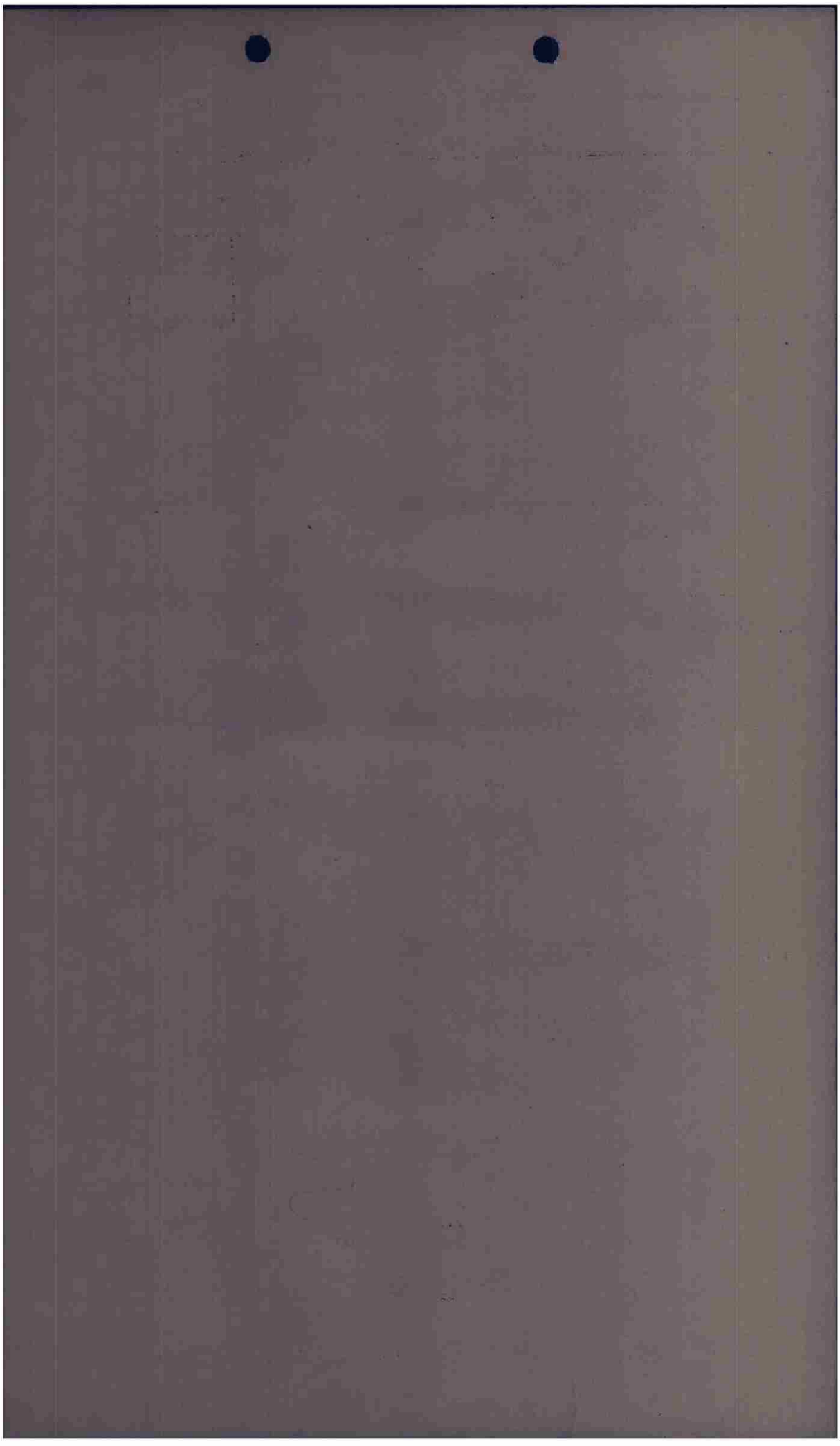


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PILOT O'Brien A/C# 224 BOX II FLT. Spare

CASUALTIES_____

BOMBS : 4 X 100 ON		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED				
X JETTISONED				

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS: bombs on m/y
1645 m/y & of course 5-15 cars in st.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
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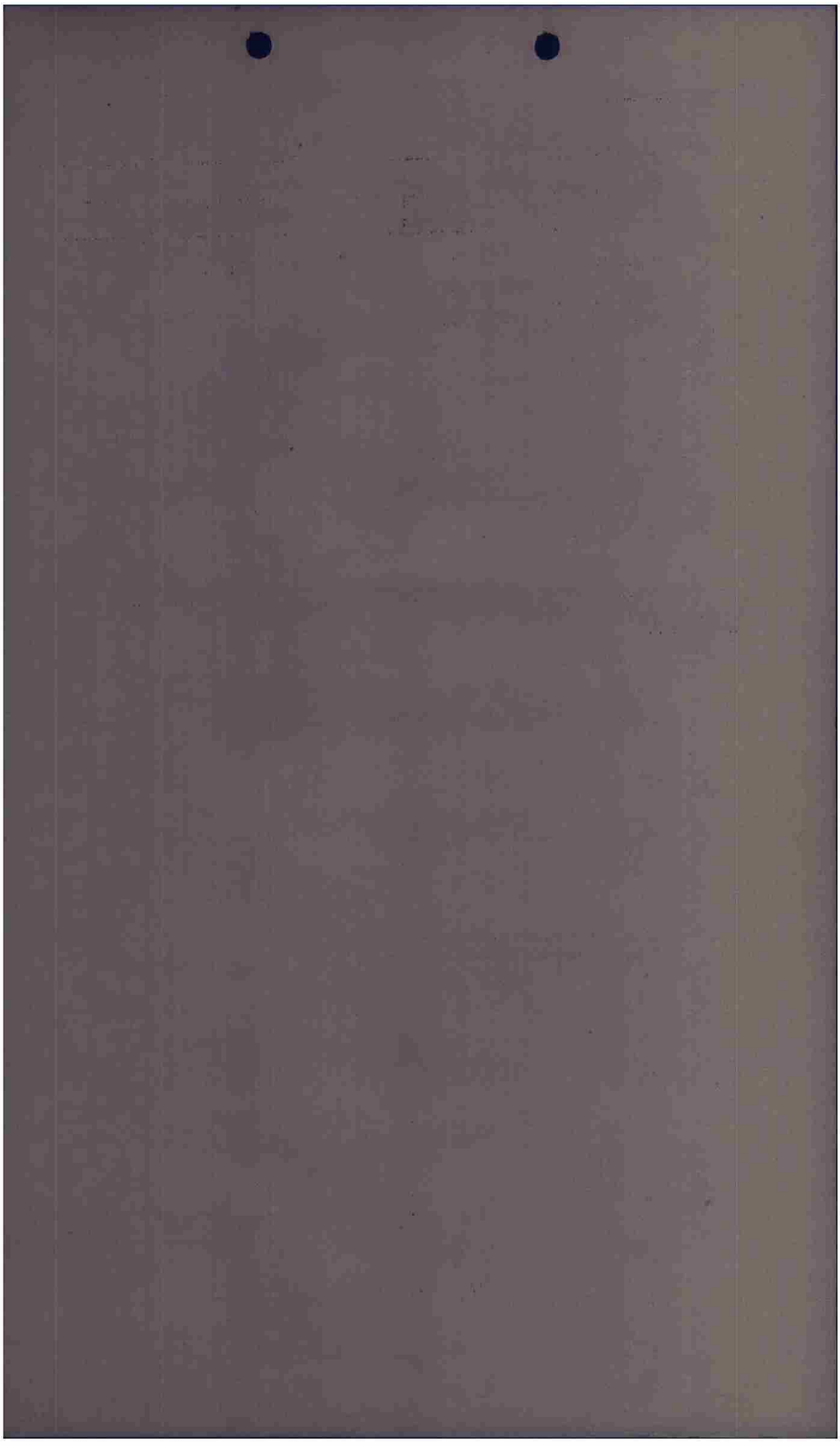
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PILOT Downing A/C# 205 BOX II FLT. 2

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 X 100 ON P	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED	Nil		

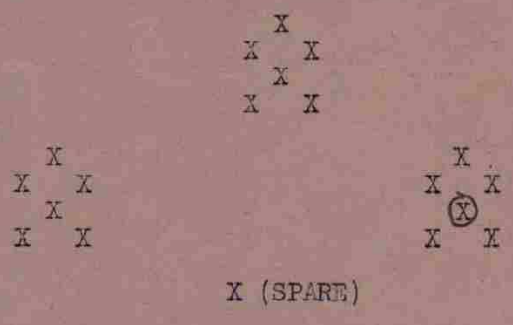
FLAK : Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

1st flight on end of M/y
this flight(?)

POSITION IN FORMATION

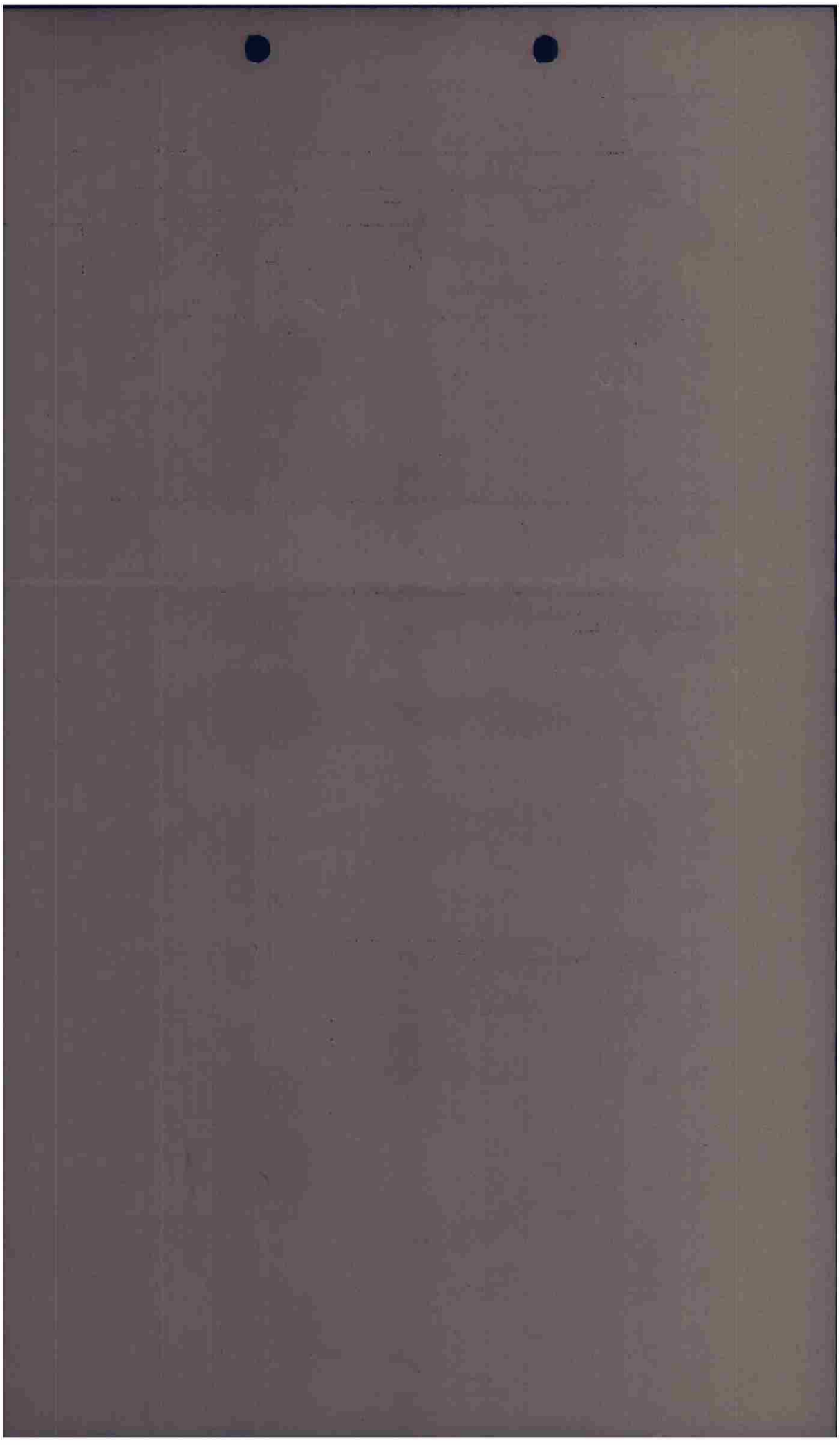


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PILOT Wills A/C# 244 BOX II FLT. 1

CASUALTIES_____

BOMBS : 4 X 100 ON P	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED			

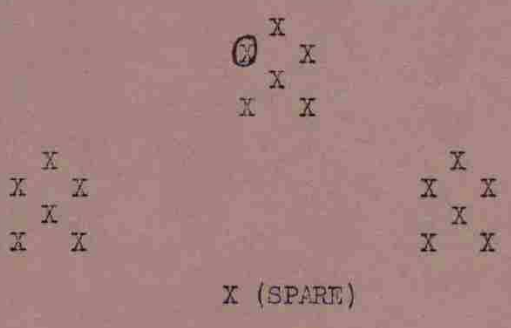
FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

all bombs of flight hit right at center of yards in stalled pattern

POSITION IN FORMATION

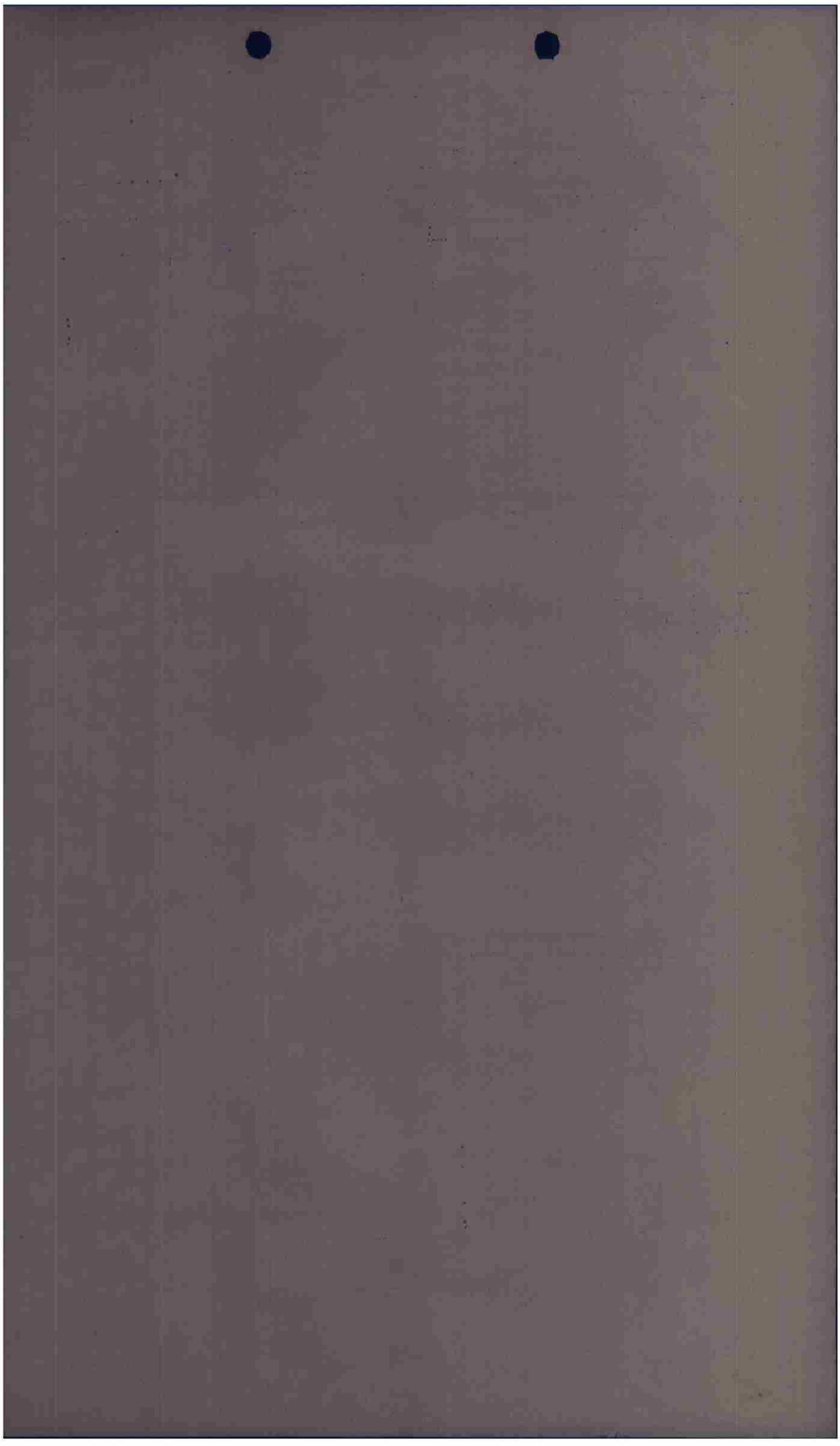


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PILOT Roney A/C# 528 BOX II FLT. Camera

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON P. : BATTLE DAMAGE

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

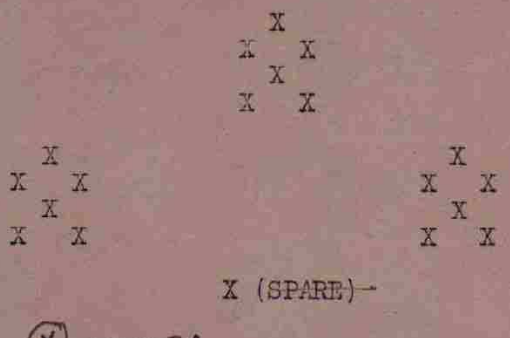
OBSERVATIONS:

all bombs gfet. hit on S end near A.P.

5 fires seen in m/y on turn fr.

no radio calls.

POSITION IN FORMATION

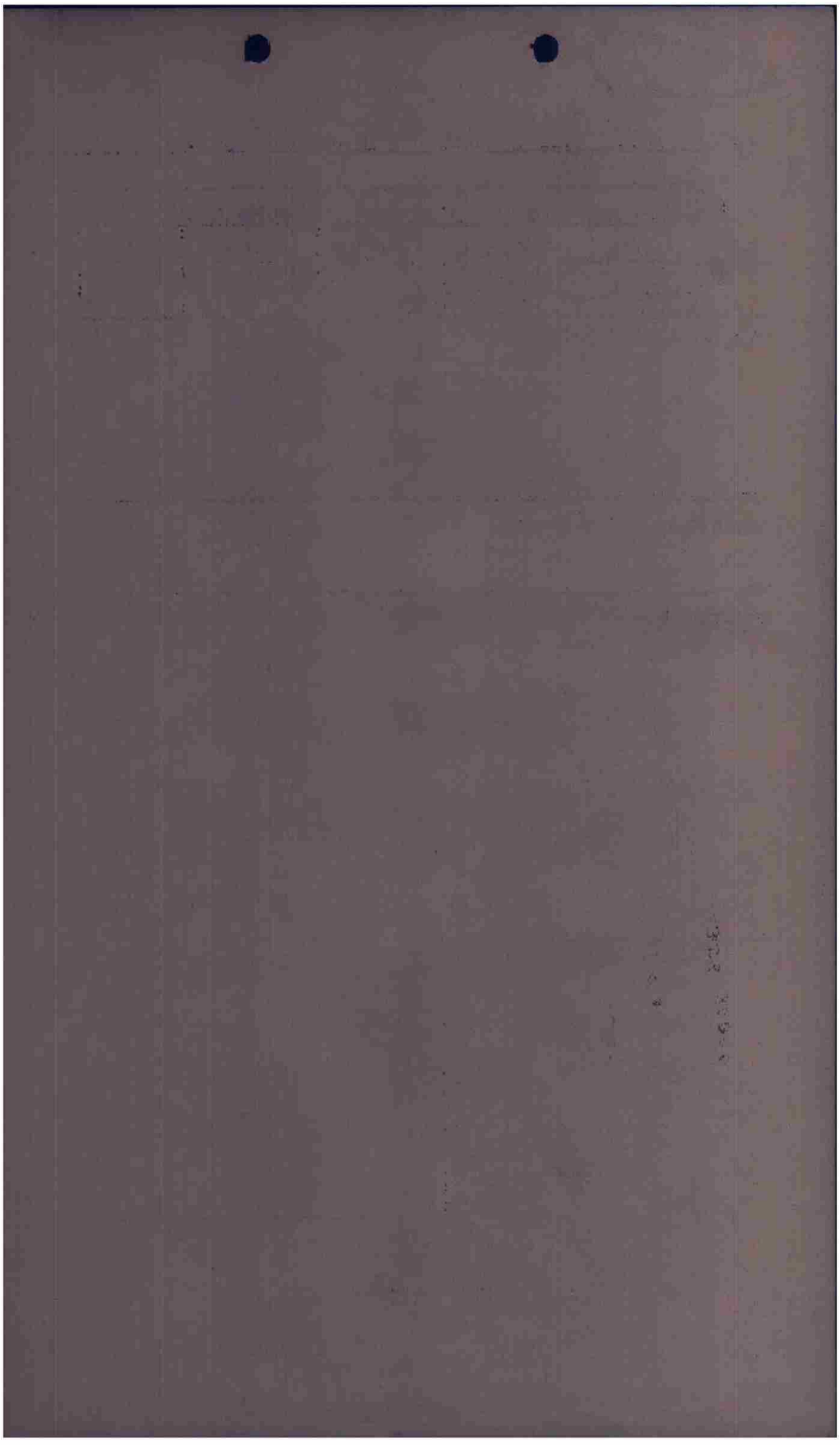


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PILOT Housley A/C# 229 BOX H FLT. 1

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
2 encountered off to left at 1ck alt. 1500 yds

OBSERVATIONS:
Explosion at target after we left. Large col of smoke

POSITION IN FORMATION

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X
X (X)

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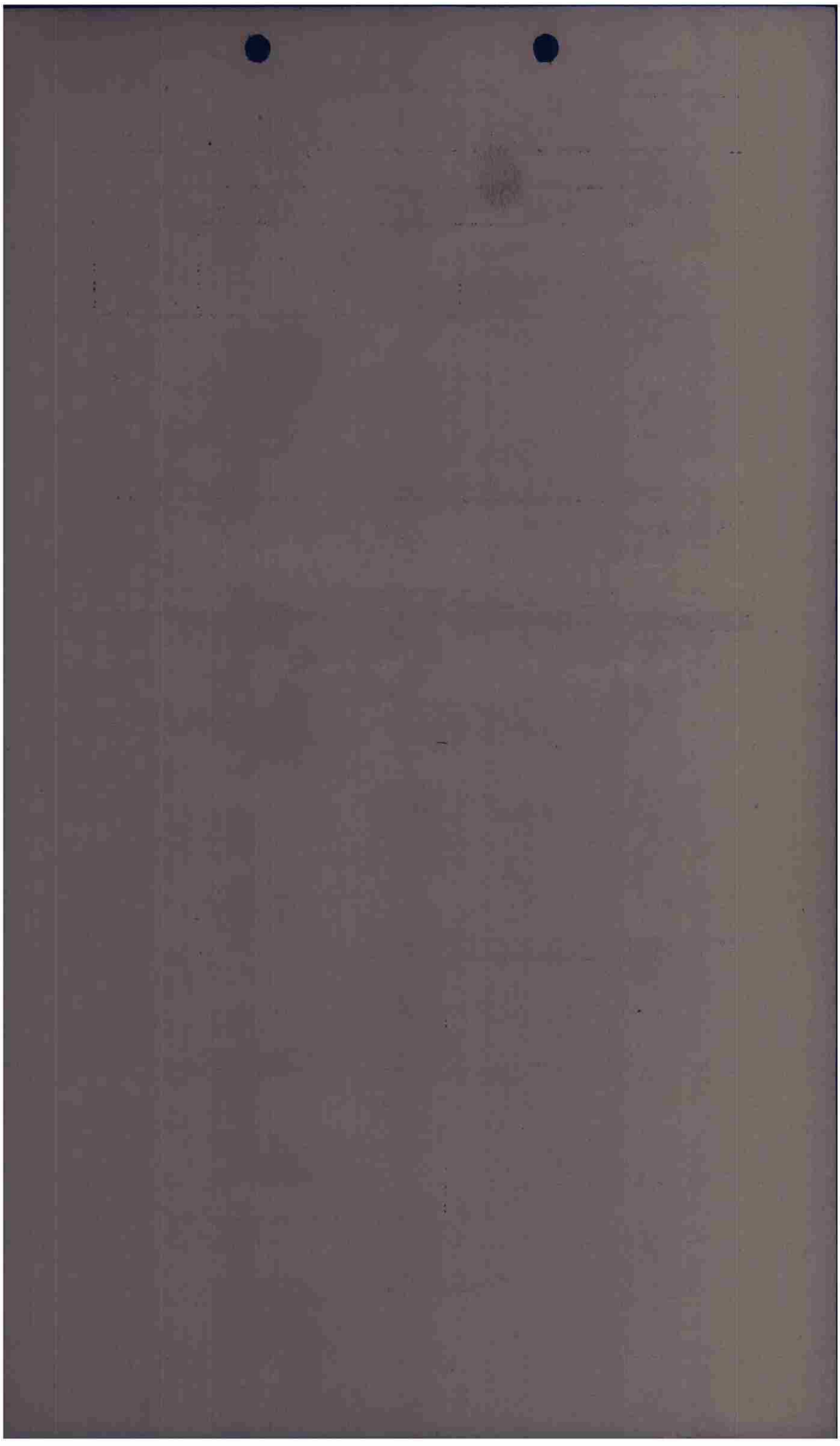
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PILOT Martin A/C# 314 BOX II FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : Some bursts (as plotted on briefing) not at this formation

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

15 vehicles Reported convoy at 1436 (COBURG) on road N. to Coburg)

15 vehicles at 1439 (~~Both~~ reported to Sweepstakes who said they would take care of it.
Accident results.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X (X)
X
X X

X
X X
X
X X

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30 cars on side at 12 Mi S of SAALFELD all closed

at RP. one small warehouse on fire. Pat's Village

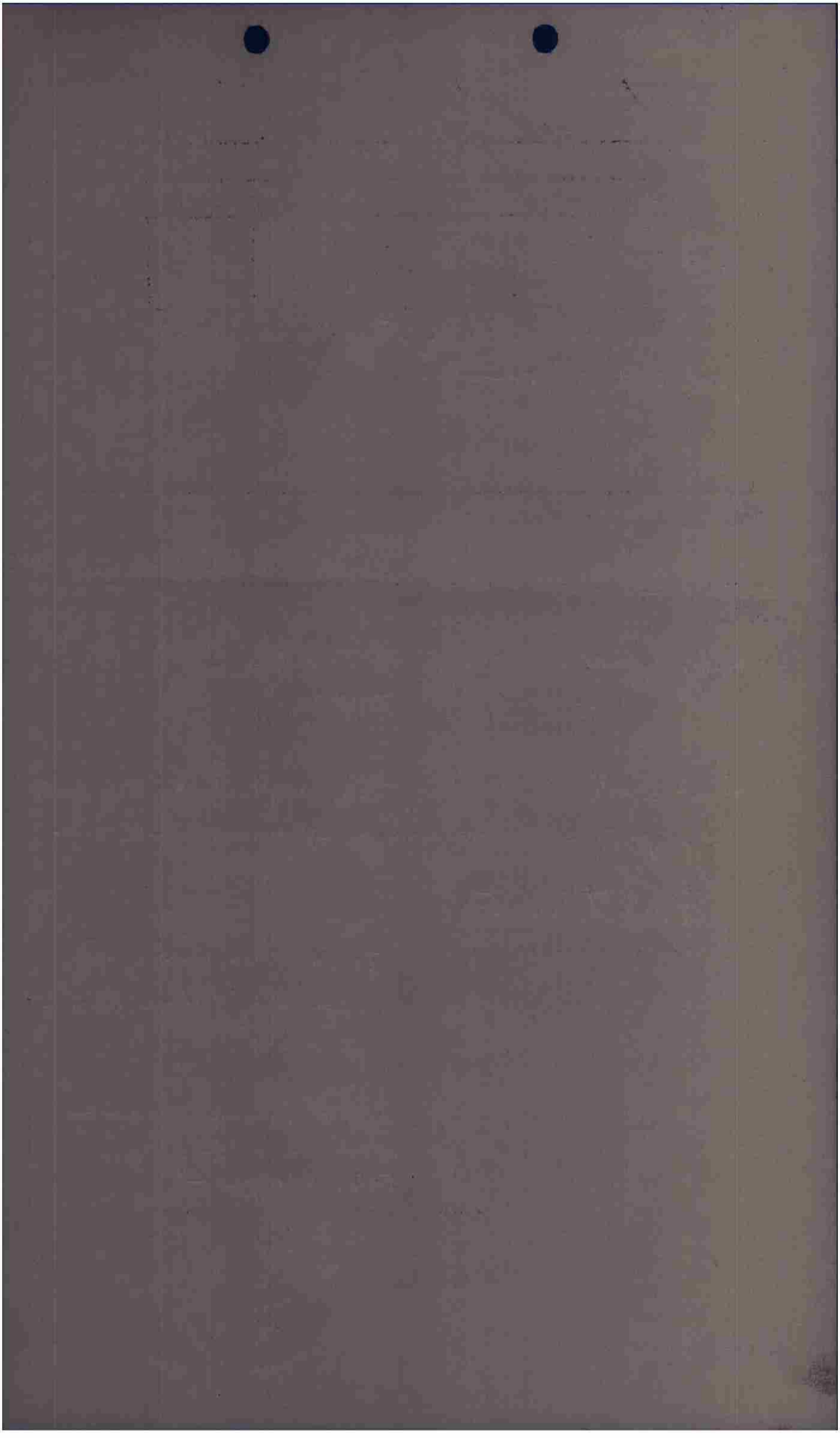
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PILOT Blomgren A/C# 304 BOX II FLT. 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 X 100 ON P.T.	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED			

FLAK : 1

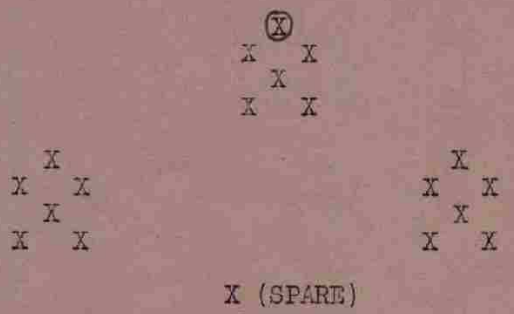
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : 1 P-47's. Good.

OBSERVATIONS: Spearhead box released bombs on a/c a 1522 - 2 miles west of Neufchateau - 1 engine smoking. 1 ~~destroyed~~ excellent results. (Rec'd 2nd Div. Prisoner & NE edge of tgt.

3rd flt to bomb hit S wedge along river & M/Y.

TOT - 1650
Alt - 8500
MH - 030°
IAS. 210 mph.

POSITION IN FORMATION

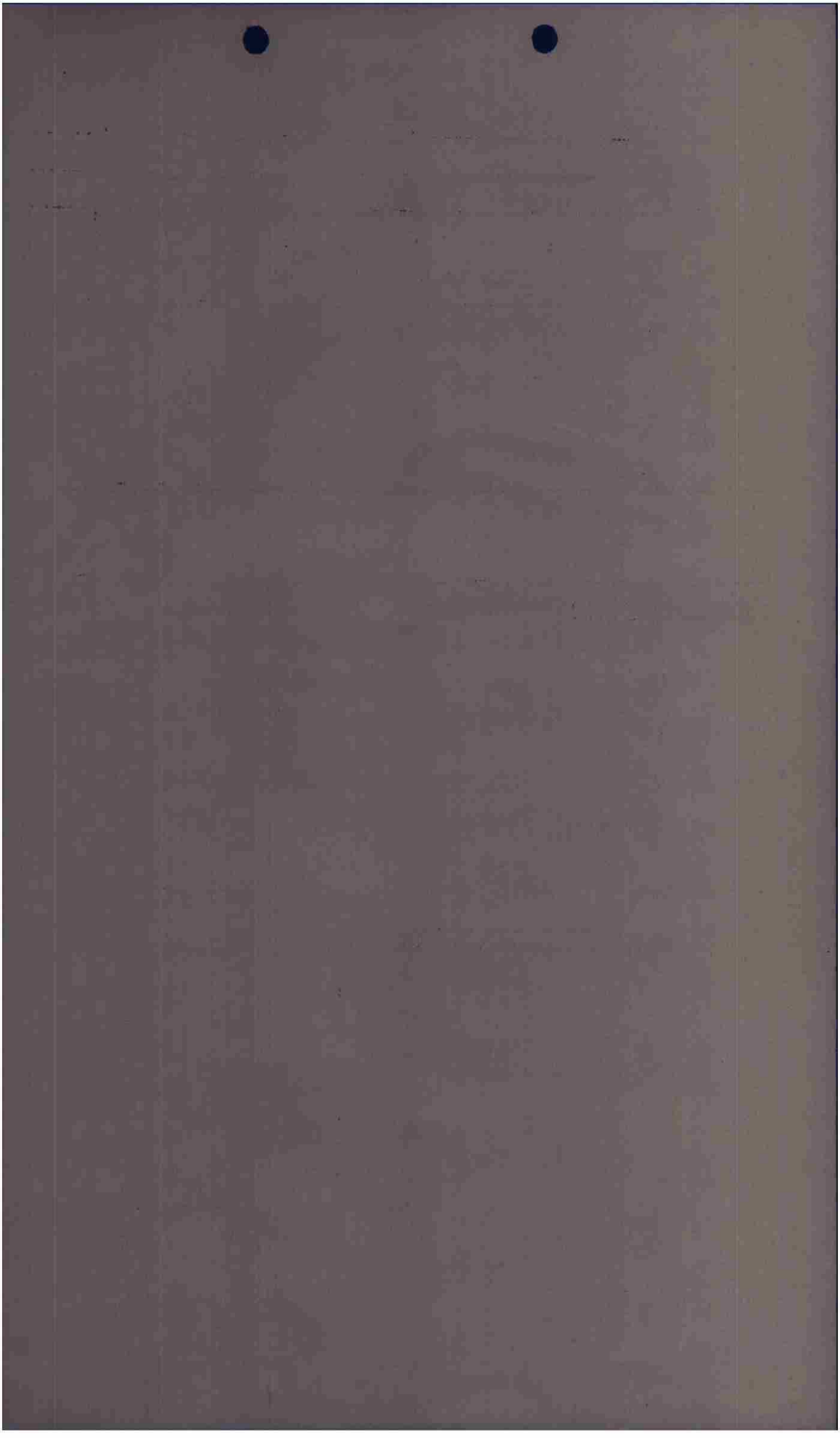


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PILOT Heinke A/C# 501 BOX H FLT. 2

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON Primary

X RETURNED

X JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE		
"A"	"A-C"	"E"

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs hit on A.P. across Passaquin shoal-haze & smoke obscured tgt.

1524 - 5 miles south of Neufchateau - east of P.R. hit in open field - did not go off - 3 ft I box - no 6 - N.

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POSITION IN FORMATION

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X X

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X X
X X

X (SPARE)

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X X

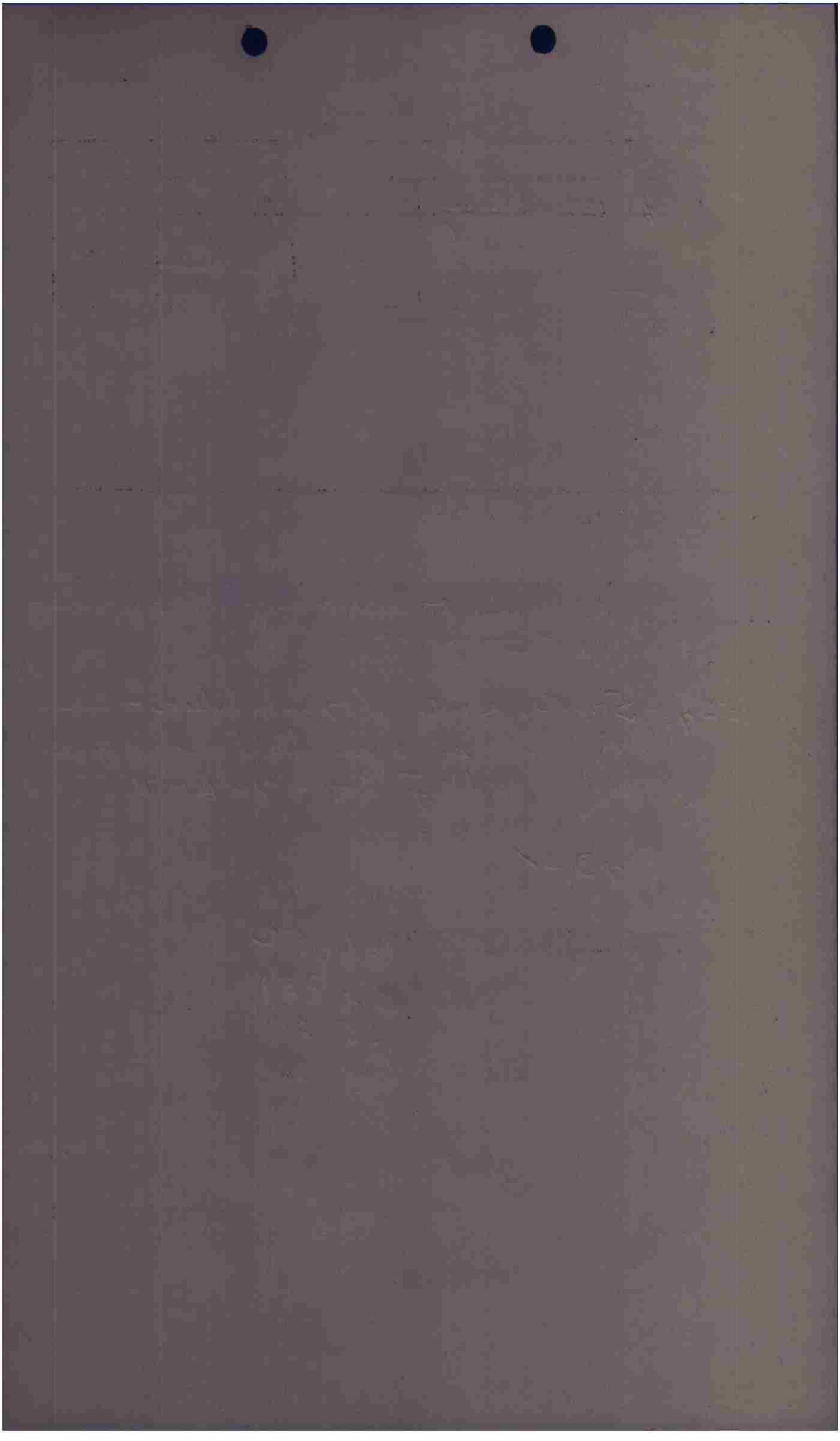
T.O.T. 1655
alt. 8300
AS 210
Head 330

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PILOT Harris A/C# 321 BOX II FLT. 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 X 100 ON P

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS: 2 runs. This flight hit in center of main yards.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

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X X
(X)
X X

X
X X
X
X X

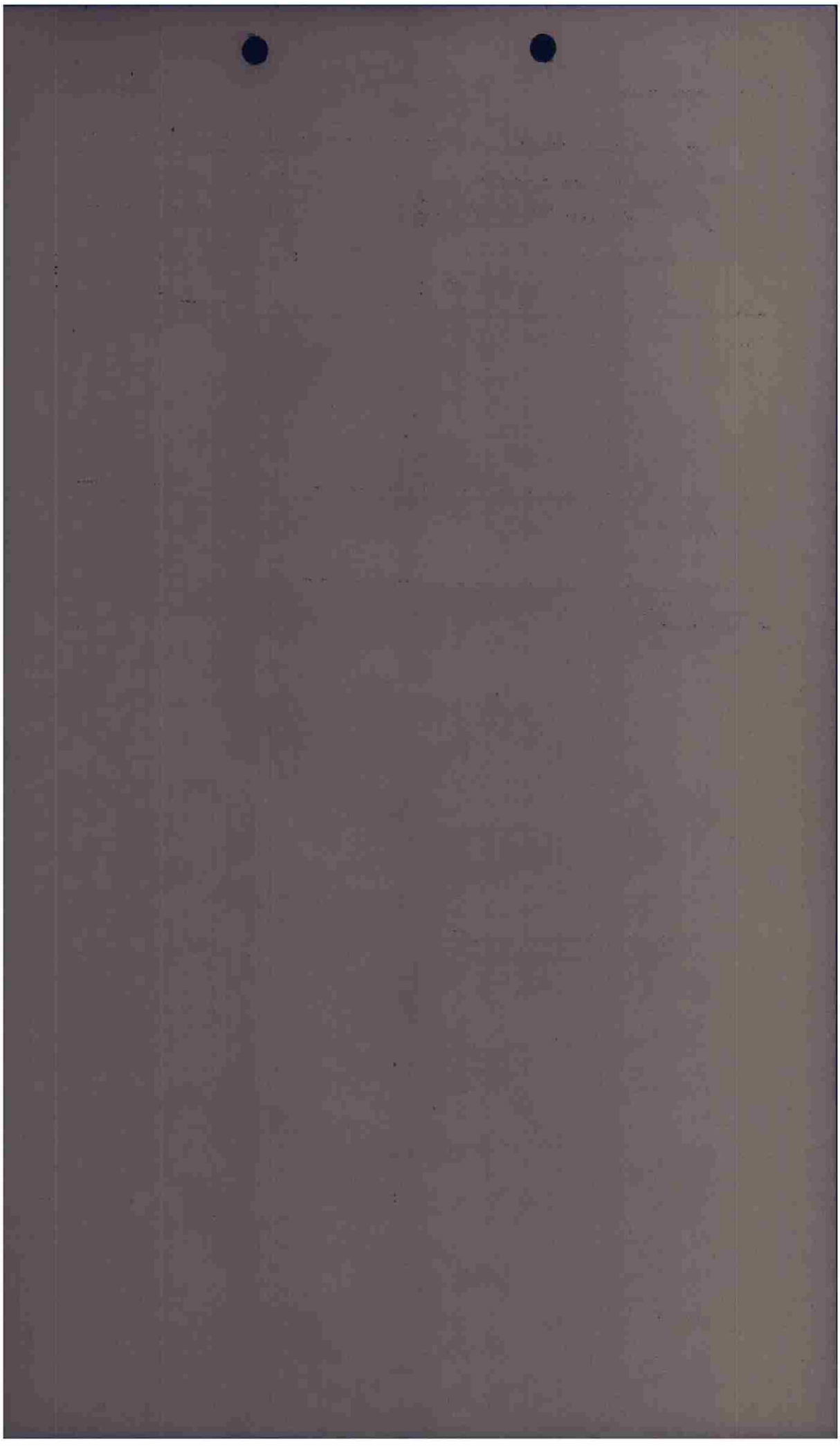
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PILOT Smith, D.E. A/C# 393 BOX II FLT. 1

CASUALTIES _____

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

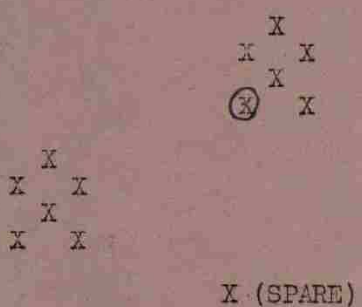
FLAK : Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

some cars on tracks and bombs hit in middle stacked them up.

POSITION IN FORMATION



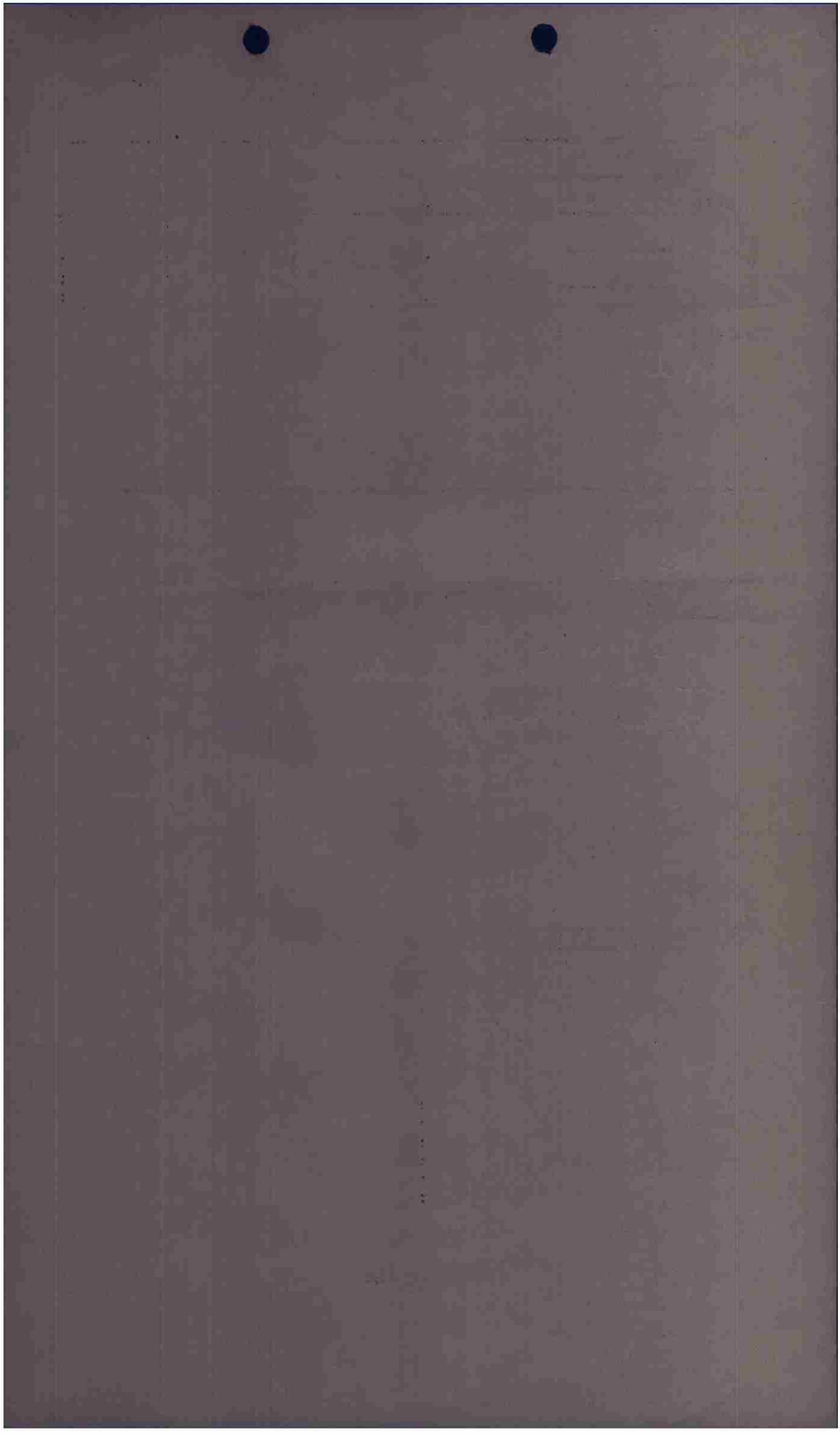
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PILOT Jacobsen A/C# 505 BOX II FLT. 3

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS: HIT IT DMPI. 1st run too much Smoke. Smoke thinning 150° had cleared somewhat on 2nd run. Last on not to last to bomb

alt 8500
a/c 070°
IAS 210
TOT 1700 3/4

1705 – on heading of 282° 2 boxes of bombs exploded in woods ~~north~~ south of GEHREN. ~~AA was mixed~~ No planes visible

POSITION IN FORMATION

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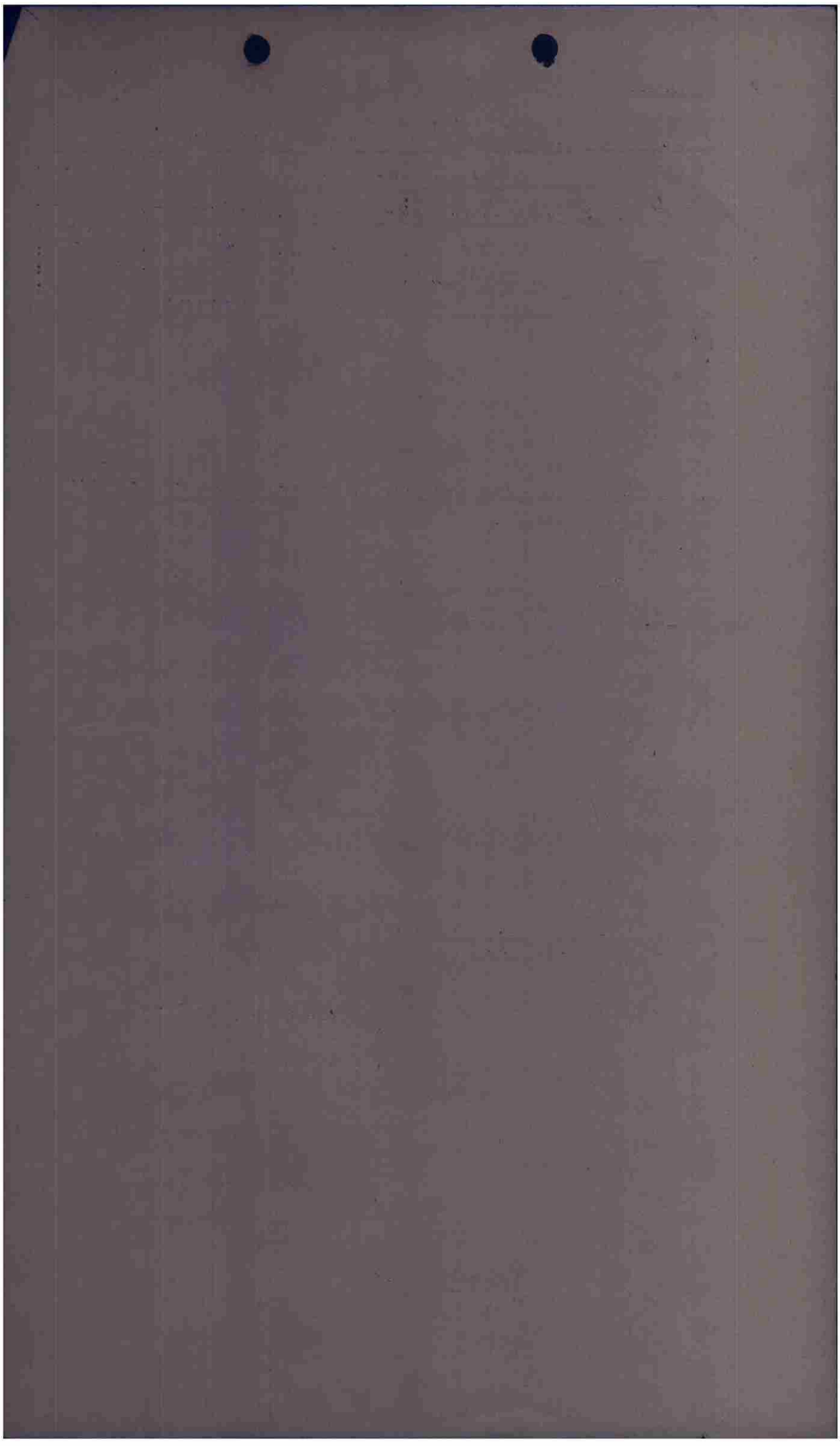
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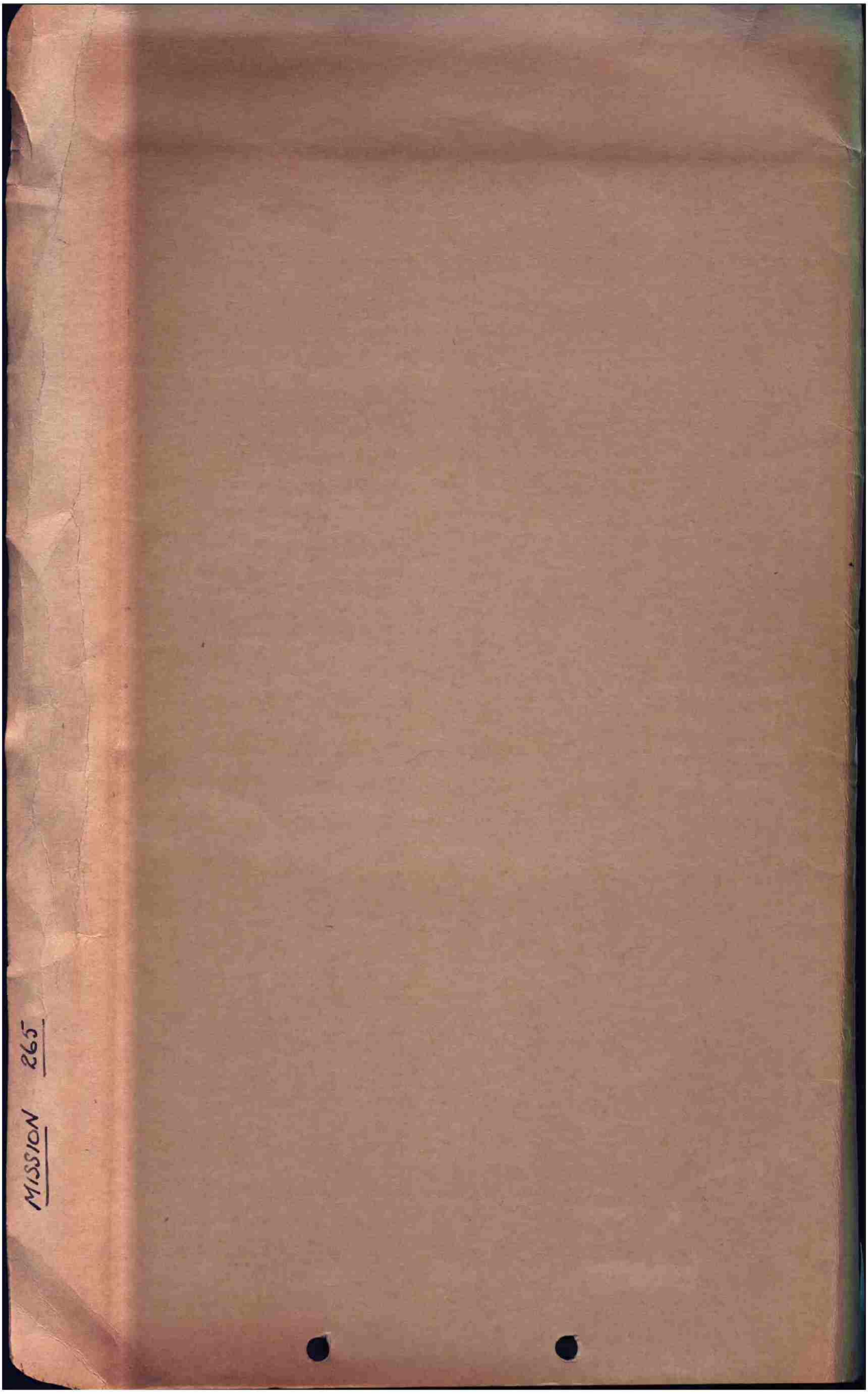
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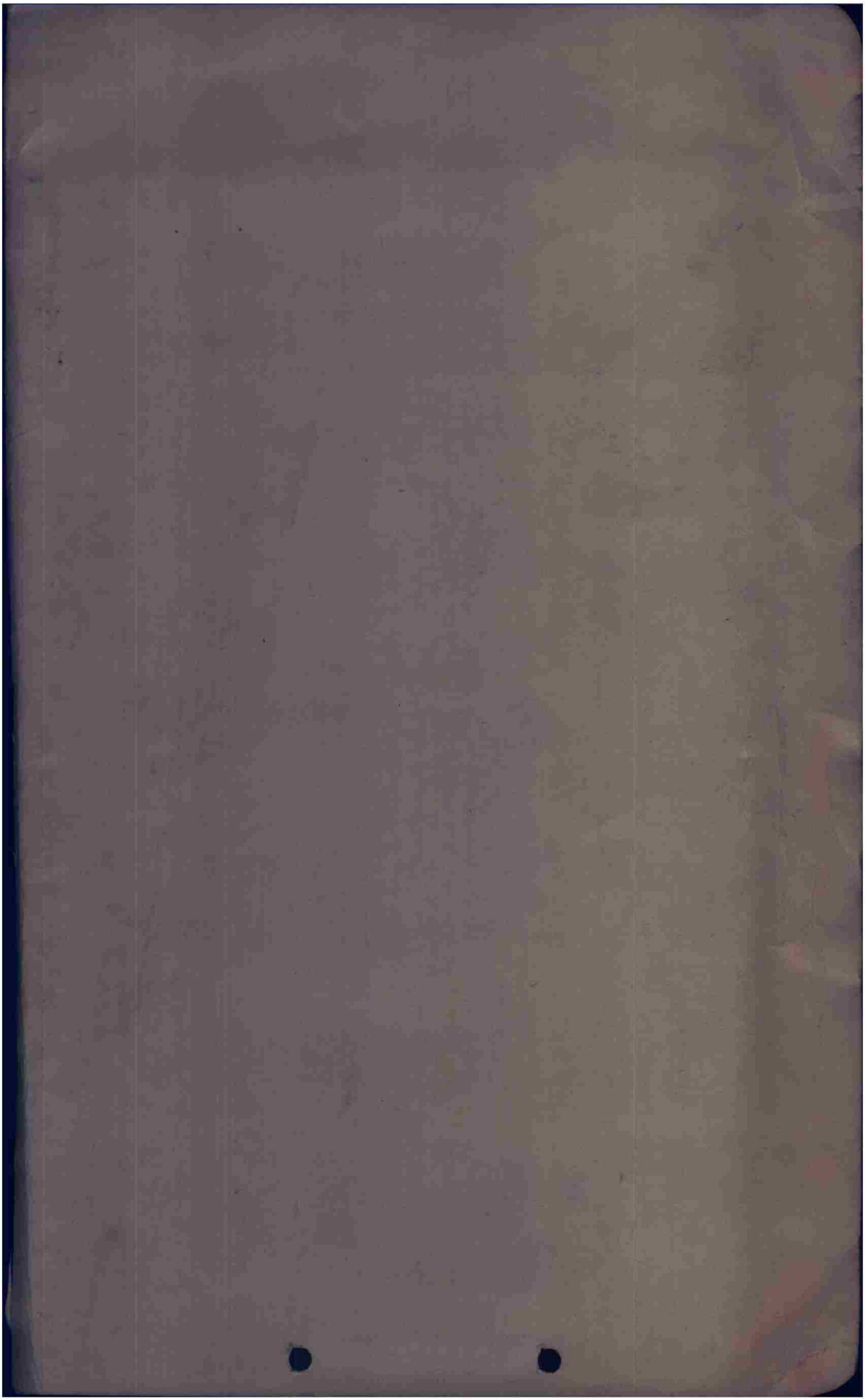
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