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BOX I

FLIGHT I

1. 43-37 487 J
B — Captain E.L. Miller
Lt. J.K. Conner
Lt. K.A. Vollmayer 625 4:25
S/Sgt. J.M. Pemberton

2. 41-39 314 H
B — Lt. E.C. Martin
Lt. J.W. Britt 550
S/Sgt. L.F. Draft 4:30

3. 41-39 393 M
B — Captain J.M. Shapard 640
S/Sgt. J.J. McGuire 4:25

4. 41-39 244 I ✓660
B — Lt. R.W. Van Pope 4:30 *
S/Sgt. W.H. Klingman

5. 43-37 381 Q 625
B — Lt. R.W. Haskell 4:25
Sgt. G.A. Martin

6. 41-39 229 B ✓670
B — Lt. D.E. Smith 4:30 *
S/Sgt. S.J. Kirik

FLIGHT II

1. 43-37 497 E
D — Captain H.F. Fair
Lt. J.L. Sorum 550
S/Sgt. O.E. Swank 4:20

2. 41-39 249 F
D — Lt. J.W. Spires 650
S/Sgt. L.E. Davis 4:30

3. 43-37 356 C ✓600
D — Lt. G.L. Milhorn 4:30 *
Cpl. M.J. Doran

4. 41-39 360 L ✓
D — Lt. D.L. Withington
S/Sgt. T. Conrery 720
4:30

5. 41-39 265 V ✓
D — Lt. T.E. Greeter
S/Sgt. A.H. Miller 625
S/Sgt. H.K. Miller 4:30

6. 41-39 239 N ✓
D — Lt. R.L. Simpson 565
Sgt. V.S. Styrenski 4:30 *
F/O T.L. Smetanka

FLIGHT III

1. 43-37 490 X ✓
A — Lt. J.J. Lackovich
Lt. R.C. Muir 750
Cpl. R.M. Barry 4:30

2. 41-39 328 D ✓
A — Lt. J.B. Cocke 575
S/Sgt. R.D. Redding 4:30
Sgt. R.F. Mowell

3. 43-37 352 J ✓
A — Lt. S. Mooney 550
Sgt. W.C. Buckley 4:30

4. 41-39 250 A ✓685
A — Lt. D.A. Fero 4:30 *
S/Sgt. T.W. Skelton

5. 41-39 209 M ✓650
A — Lt. D.L. Price 4:30 *
Sgt. C. Helton

6. 43-37 313 B ✓600
A — Lt. A.E. Hlivko 4:30
Sgt. L.J. Farmer

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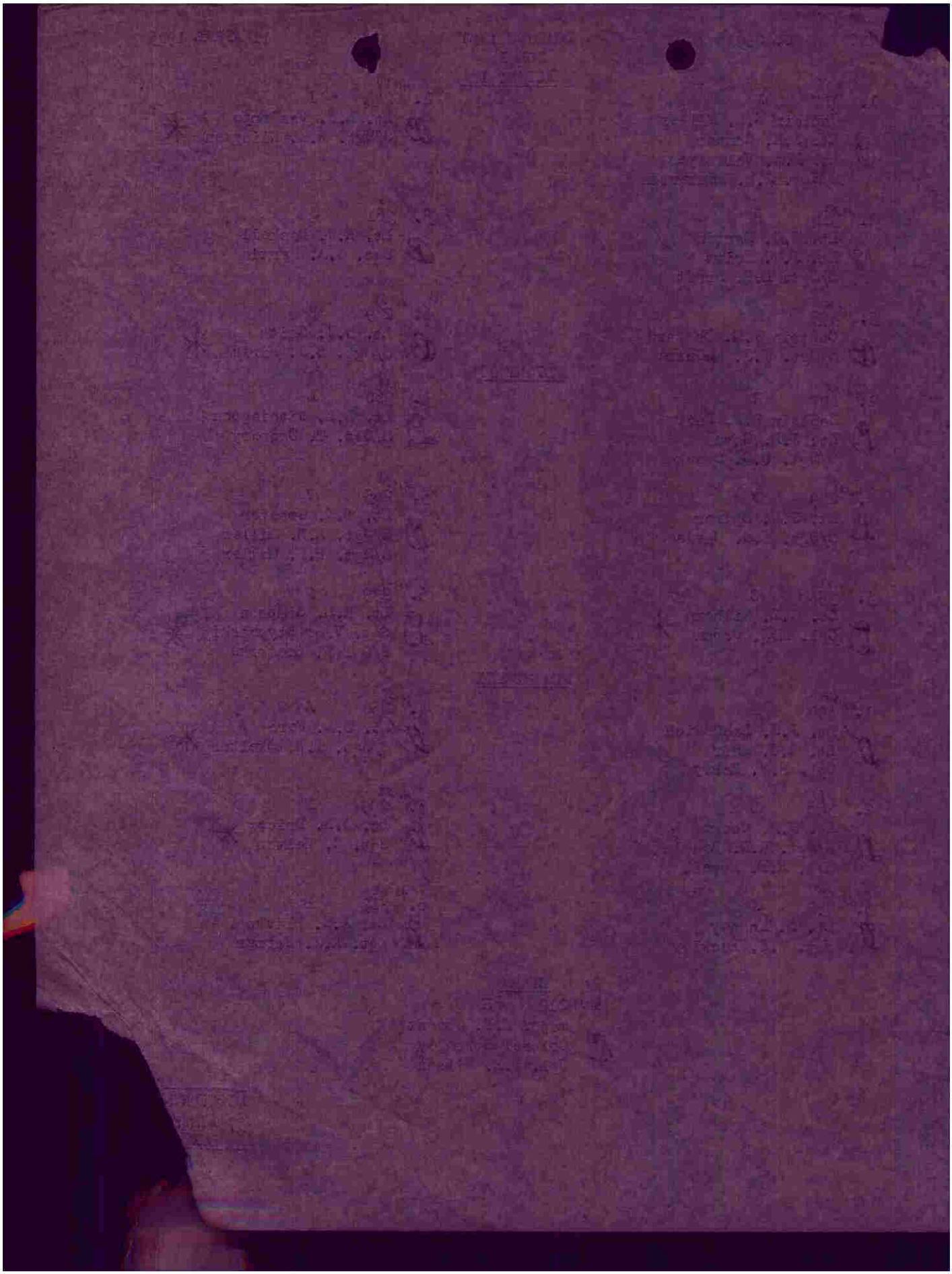
41-39 212 K 900 ✓
C — Major H.F. Conent 4:30
Colonel Stromley
Cpl. E.R. Wilson

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FLIGHT I

1. 41-37 492 B — Lt. J.E. Blomgren — Lt. G.G. Johnson — S/Sgt. L.R. Fleming — 625 — 4:30
2. 43-37 383 V — Lt. P.W. Wills — S/Sgt. W.S. McGaughy — 635 — 4:30
3. 43-37 354 S — Lt. R.H. Hackley — S/Sgt. O.T. Hawk — 685 — 4:15
4. 41-39 264 I — Lt. J.W. Blevins — S/Sgt. R.G. Hindman — 665 — 4:25
5. 41-39 395 W — Lt. C.E. Weinert — Sgt. R. Dubi — 700 — 4:30
6. 41-3 9315 F — Lt. E.A. Smith — Sgt. D.A. Richards — 670 — 4:30

FLIGHT II

1. 43-37 469 A — Lt. H. Popeney — Lt. C.F. Fry — S/Sgt. D.E. Burns — 625 — 4:15
2. 43-37 330 P — Captain R.V. Wheeler — S/Sgt. M. Hall — 700 — 4:30
3. 41-39 223 B — Lt. E.G. Bishop — S/Sgt. M.C. Harris — S/Sgt. J.O. Ottaviano — 675 — 4:30
4. 41-39 224 E — Lt. W.E. Downing — Sgt. C.J. Thompson — 715 — 4:30
5. 41-39 232 N — Lt. A.R. Turman — S/Sgt. C.D. Harmon — 675 — 4:30
6. 41-39 564 V — Lt. A.G. Henson — Cpl. R.M. Holmer — 650 — 4:30

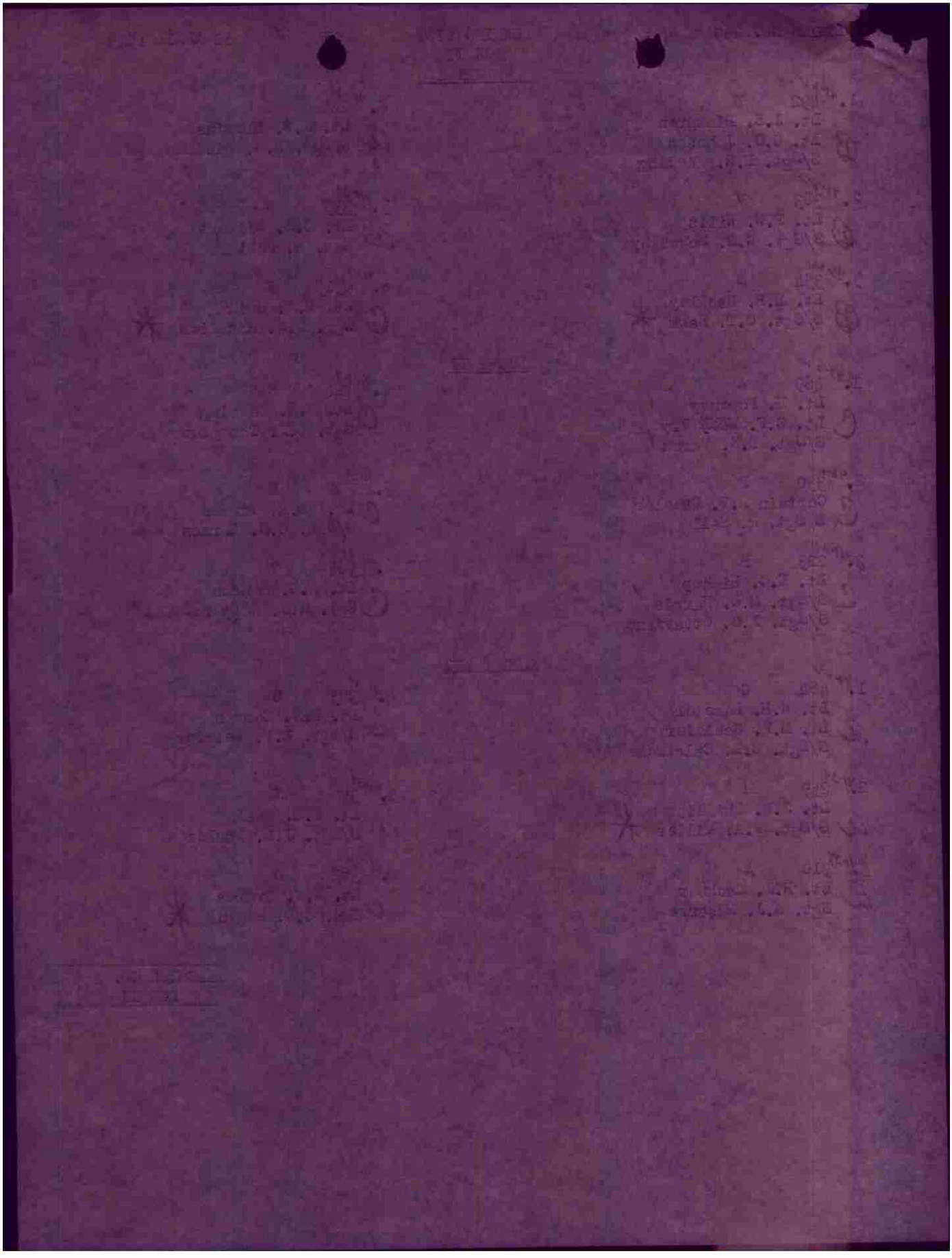
FLIGHT III

1. 43-37 484 C — Lt. W.H. Lasater — Lt. M.P. Schlefer — S/Sgt. C.L. Calabrese — 590 — 4:30
2. 41-39 259 H — Lt. J.P. Phillips — S/Sgt. W.A. Miller — 775 — 4:30
3. 41-39 310 A — Lt. R.J. Lackner — Sgt. A.J. Muserre — 640 — 4:15
4. 41-39 305 U — Lt. L.E. Cannon — S/Sgt. L.V. Metzler — 625 — 4:30
5. 41-39 352 J — Lt. F.R. Tank — S/Sgt. J.L. Fauker — 625 — 4:30
6. 43-37 385 D — Lt. A.V. Everts — Sgt. C.D. Fagen — 625 — 4:19

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

APO 140, U. S. Army,
14 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

TO : Commanding General, 8th Bombardment Division (H), APO 140, U. S. Army. (Attn: A-4)

I. 11 April 1945, T.O. 1513, Zwicken M/Y, F.O. 249-248.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 43-22497 (Capt E.L. Miller)	Gunner salvoed 6x bombs away on third run intervalometer failed to run down.	Intervalometer tubes faulty. Tubes not matched to give proper timing to relays for train release.
41-39244 (Lt W.A. VanHope)	Stations 4A, 5A and 2A salvoed.	After flight the system was checked and found OK in every way. It is believed that the train selector switch was incorrectly set or pilot failed to allow intervalometer to warm up properly before attempt release.
41-39305 (Lt L.E. Cannon)	Bomb doors would not open.	The poppel valve in the bomb door selector valve stuck in the doors closed position which kept full hydraulic pressure on the bomb doors. The selector valve has been replaced and a T.S. is being written on the valve.
41-39224 (Lt W. F. Downing)	Station 1A released early.	Premature release as yet not determined. Aircraft has been called out for complete investigation of bombing circuit.

V. None.

VI.

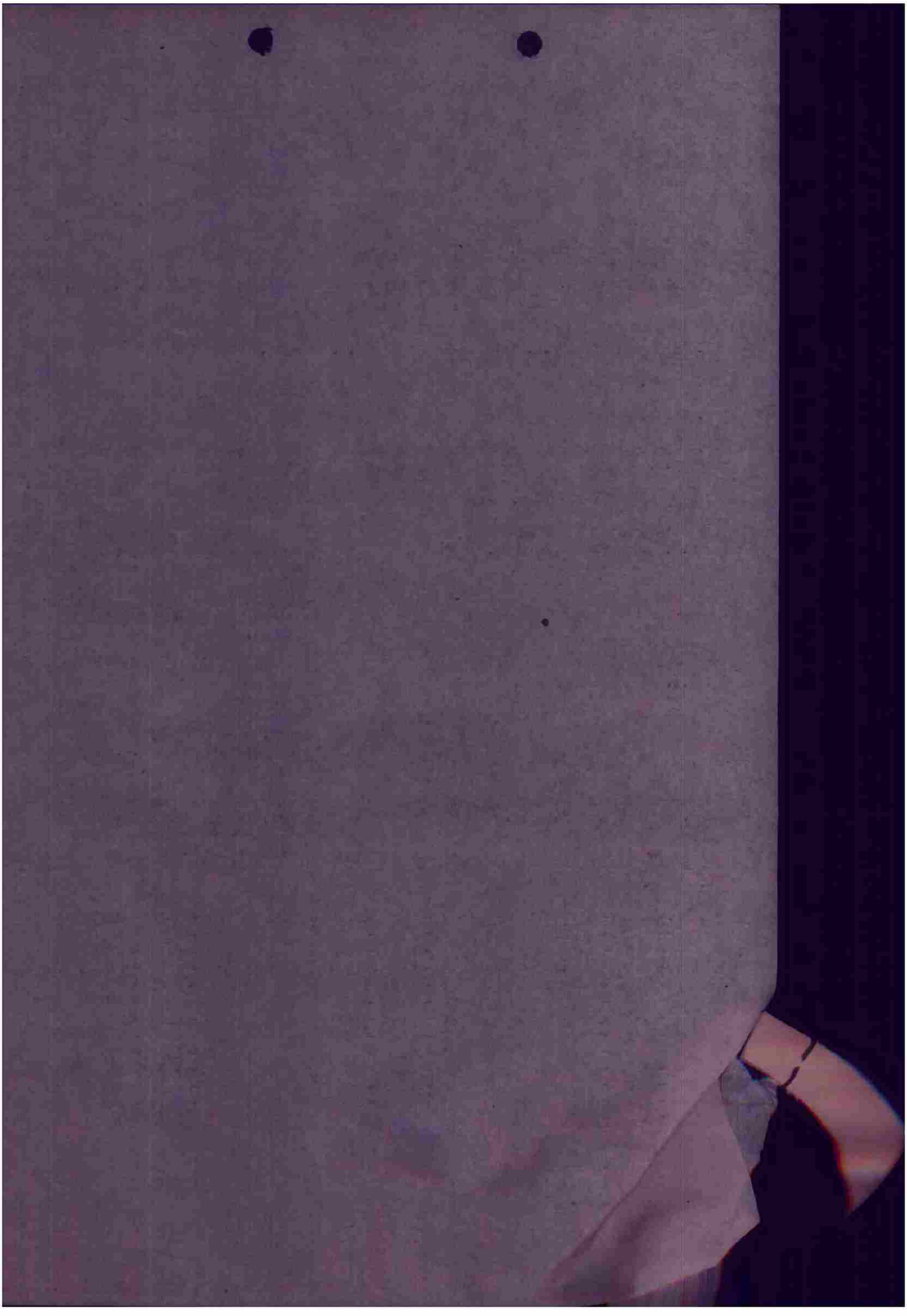
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2 - 4:30 - 550	2 - 4:30 - 575	2 - 4:30 - 700
3 - 4:30 - 640	3 - 4:30 - 650	3 - 4:30 - 675
4 - 4:30 - 660	4 - 4:40 - 685	4 - 4:30 - 715
5 - 4:35 - 620	5 - 4:30 - 650	5 - 4:30 - 675
6 - 4:30 - 670	6 - 4:30 - 600	6 - 4:30 - 660
1 - 4:20 - 550	1 - 4:30 - 625	1 - 4:30 - 550
2 - 4:30 - 650	2 - 4:30 - 685	2 - 4:30 - 725
3 - 4:30 - 600	3 - 4:15 - 695	3 - 4:15 - 640
4 - 4:50 - 720	4 - 4:25 - 665	4 - 4:30 - 625
5 - 4:30 - 625	5 - 4:30 - 700	5 - 4:30 - 625
6 - 4:30 - 585	6 - 4:30 - 670	6 - 4:10 - 625
1 - 4:30 - 700		

VII. Category - A - 0
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THEODORE R. AYLESWORTH,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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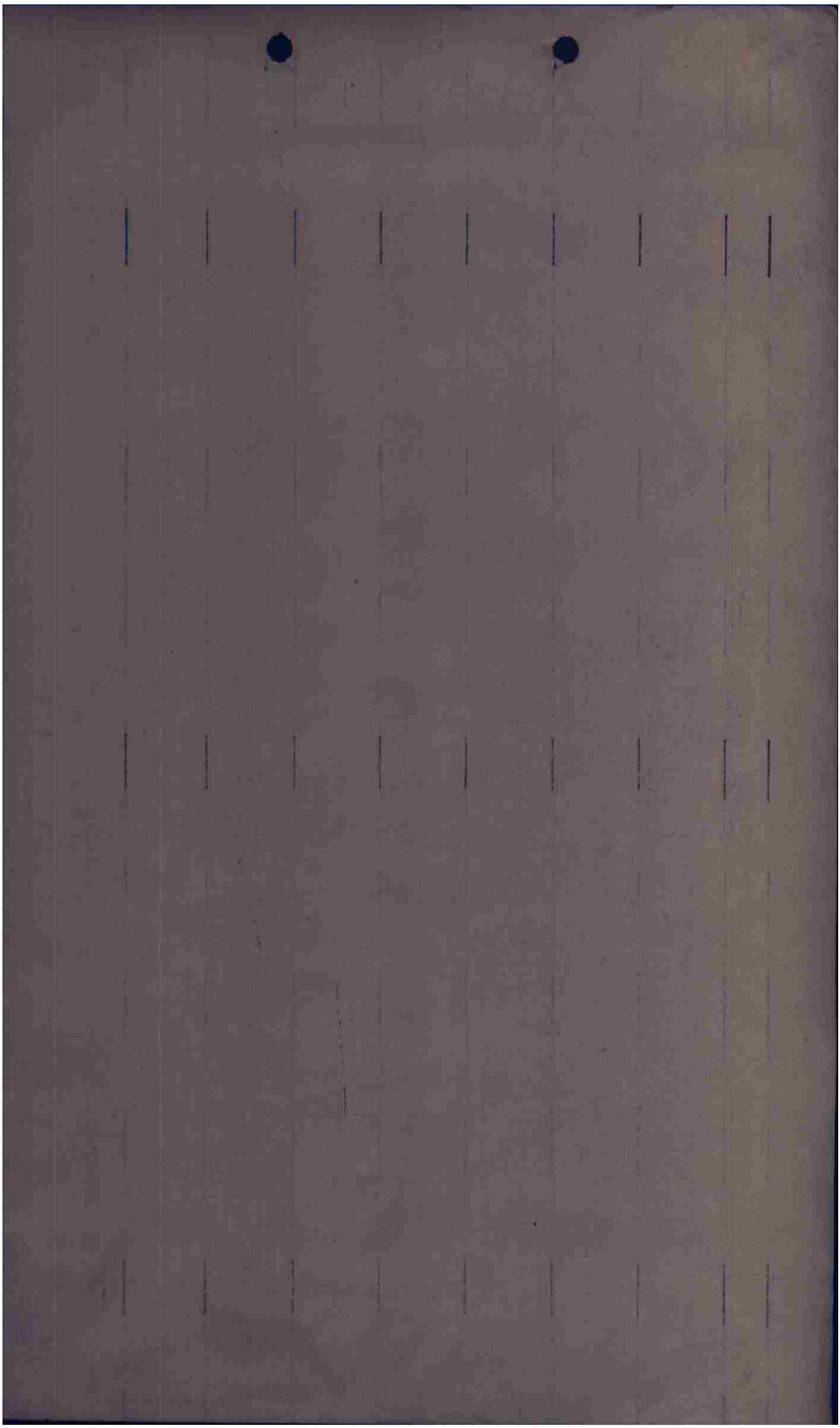
MISSION NUMBER 269 ARMAMENT INTERROGATION AND MALFUNCTIONS FORM DATE 11 April 45

AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO.	SQUADRON	PILOT and/or BOMBARDIER	GUNNERS	BOMBS DROPPED	BOMBS RETURNED	REMARKS	CAUSE
487	B	MILLER		4		Gunner released one bomb away on third run Intervalometer failed to turn bombs.	Intervalometer timer faulty. Timer not rotated to give proper timing to release for train release.
214	B	VAN BOPP		4		Salvoed Station 4H. 3H. 2H	After flight found system to function properly. On recovery after 27 it is believed that the train Selector switch was in incorrect position or pilot failed to allow intervalometer to warm up properly before attempt at release.
305	H	CHANNON		0	4	Could not get bomb open	Bomb door hydraulic system selector Valve faulty.
224	C	DOWNING		4		Station No. 1 R. salvoed early just as doors were closed on second run other bombs released OK on third run	Prematurely release as yet not determined Airplane & Armament put complete check on bombing account.
224	C	Mission No. 270 BOERNER		1	5	Station No. 1 released Prematurely.	" "

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FROM 416TH BOMB GP 11/2100B
TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION ATT: A-2
CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATT: A-2
BT
SECRET 416BG P-196-D
OPFLASH FOR 11 APRIL 1945

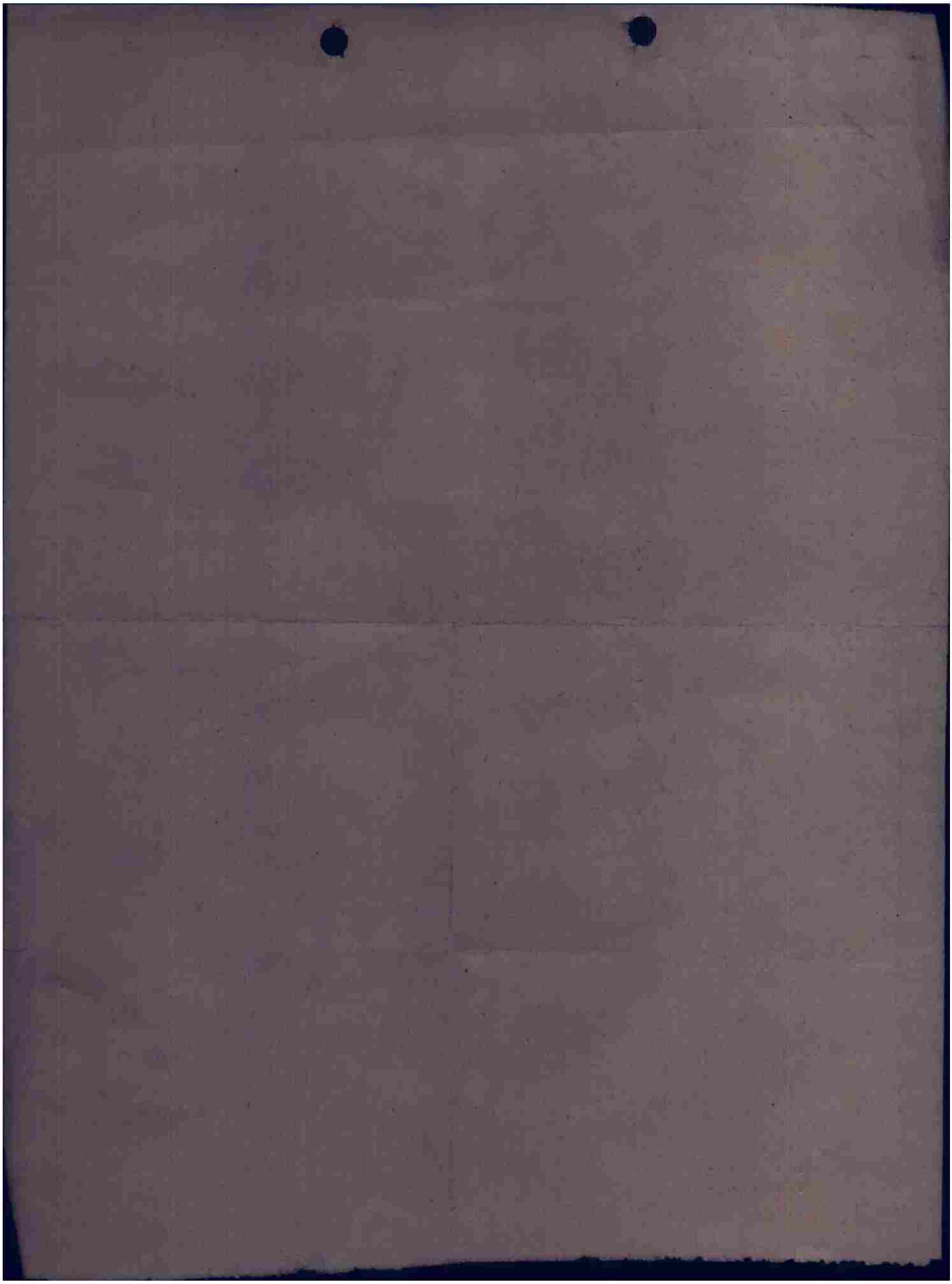
A. 416TH BOMB GP.
B. ZWICKAU M/Y (WK-330451)
C. 37 A-26'S
D. 36 A-26'S ON PRIMARY TARGET
E. 1 A-26 FAILED TO BOMB BECAUSE BOMBAY DOORS REFUSED TO OPEN ON SECOND AND THIRD RUN. MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION.
F. 139 X 1000 GP ON PRIMARY TARGET
4 X 1000 GP RETURNED
4 X 1000 GP AT ABOUT K-2838 WHEN PILOT RELEASED ON A PREMATURE DROP OF ONE BOMB CAUSED BY RACK MALFUNCTION.
1 X 1000 GP AT ABOUT K-2836 CAUSED BY RACK MALFUNCTION.
G. BOX I - FLIGHT A- FAIR BOX II - FLIGHT A- GOOD
B. GOOD B. EXCELLENT
C. EXCELLENT C. EXCELLENT
H. NIL
I. NIL
J. NIL
K. NIL
L. BOX I - FLIGHT A- 8000 BOX II - FLIGHT A-8,900
B- 9000 B- 8,500
C- 9,900 C. 8,700
M. BOX I - GLIGHT A- 1730 (2 RUNS) BOX II - FLIGHT A- 1714
B- 1728 (3 RUNS) B- 1733(3 RUNS)
C- 1726 (3 RUNS) C. 1725(2 RUNS)
MULTIPLE RUNS WERE MADE BECAUSE CLOUD (4/10 TO 5/10) MADE FUNCTIONAL APPROACH TO TARGET DIFFICULT.
N. BARRAGE BALOONS (ESTIMATED 15) AT 5000 MOORED AT LAKE NEAR SAALBERG (WJ-830290)
ESTIMATED 75 CARS ON RR BETWEEN WERDAU (WK270480) AND REICHENBACH (WK-235355) AND M/Y AT REICHENBACH THREE-FOURTHS FILLED WITH ROLLING STOCK.
LARGE BRIDGE AT PLANITZ (WK-350430) INTACT.
30 CARS IN M/Y AT POSZNECK (WJ-730400) TRAIN HEADED EAST IN SAME VICINITY.
M/Y AT GLAUCAU (WK-390580) ABOUT THREE-FOURTHS FULL.
M/Y AT GERA (WK-060635) ABOUT ONE-HALF FILLED.

M.B. SHERIDEN
CAPT AC

AYLESWORTH COMBOMGR A16
BT 11/2100B
WN AS AS
BBB TO ITA FOR THIS LAST ONE
JEA R. . . . . 11/2220B SH AR
ITA R. . . . . 112220B MJS K

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FROM: HQS, 416TH BOMB GROUP (L), APO 140 12/0200B
TO : HQS, 9TH BOMB DIVISION (M) ATTN: A-2 PI OFFICER.
HQS, 97TH COMBAT WING (L) ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER.
BT

SECRET 416TH BG P-198-D PERIOD

B. ZWICKAU M/Y.

G. 1714 - 1733.

J. BOX 1 FLT A - DMPI - UNDET: NO STRIKE PHOTOS AS CAMERAS WERE
(VISUAL) TURNED ON DURING FIRST RUN ON TARGET. BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON 2ND RUN. VISUAL REPORTS STATE BOMBS FELL FELL A LITTLE SHORT.
FLT B- DMPI - SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 110 FT N. EXCELLENT PATTERN OF BOMBS ON R R AND FREIGHT CARS, CUTTING TRACKS IN MANY PLACES AND DESTROYING OR DAMAGING 20 TO 25 FREIGHT CARS.
FLT C - DMPI - UNSAT: NO BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 1690 FT SW. BOMBS HIT IN FIELDS IN TIGHT PATTERN.
BOX 2 FLT A- DMPI - EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH
(VISUAL) CENTER OF BURSTS 740 FT E OF DMPI. BOMBS FELL IN GOOD PATTERN IN M/Y, DESTROYING A NUMBER OF GOODS WAGONS AND CUTTING TRACKS.
FLT B - DMPI - SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI. BOMBS FELL ON CHOKE POINT IN GOOD PATTERN, CENTER OF BURSTS 120 FT NE OF DMPI, CUTTING TRACKS IN A NUMBER OF PLACES AND DAMAGING OR DESTROYING SMALL BUILDINGS ON EDGE OF YARD.
FLT C - DMPI - EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 535 FT E OF DMPI. BOMBS FELL IN M/Y IN GOOD PATTERN WITH HITS ON GOODS WAGONS AND TRACKS, CAUSING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE.
K. BOX 1 FLT A - DMPI - UNDET: NOT PHOTOS DUE TO CAMERA BEING SWITCHED ON DURING FIRST RUN. MALFUNCTION: INTERVALOMETER TUBES NOT MATCHED, BOMBS WOULD NOT RELEASE IN TRAIN. BOMBS SALVOED AT BOMBARDIERS SIGNAL.
FLT C - DMPI - UNSAT: BOMBARDIER WAS NOT SYNCHRONIZED AT TIME OF RELEASE.

M. 12 - 92
1 - 5
0 - 0

N. 80 TO 100 FREIGHT CARS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. 40 TO 50 HITS ON TRACKS, CUTTING THEM. 3 BUILDINGS DESTROYED OR SEVERLY DAMAGED.

CLAYTON W. ZESIGER
CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS,

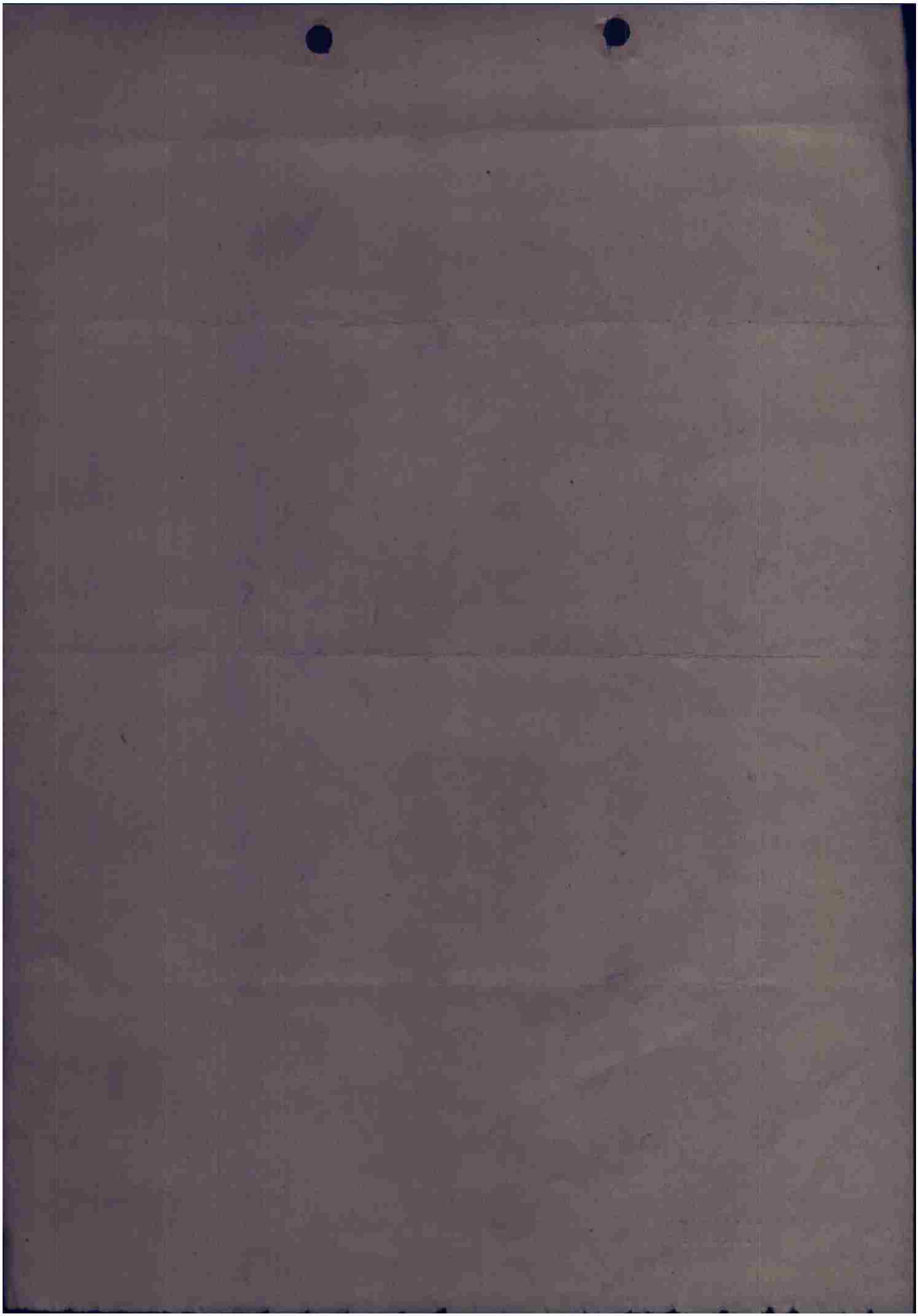
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JEA R.....12/0233B WCD AF

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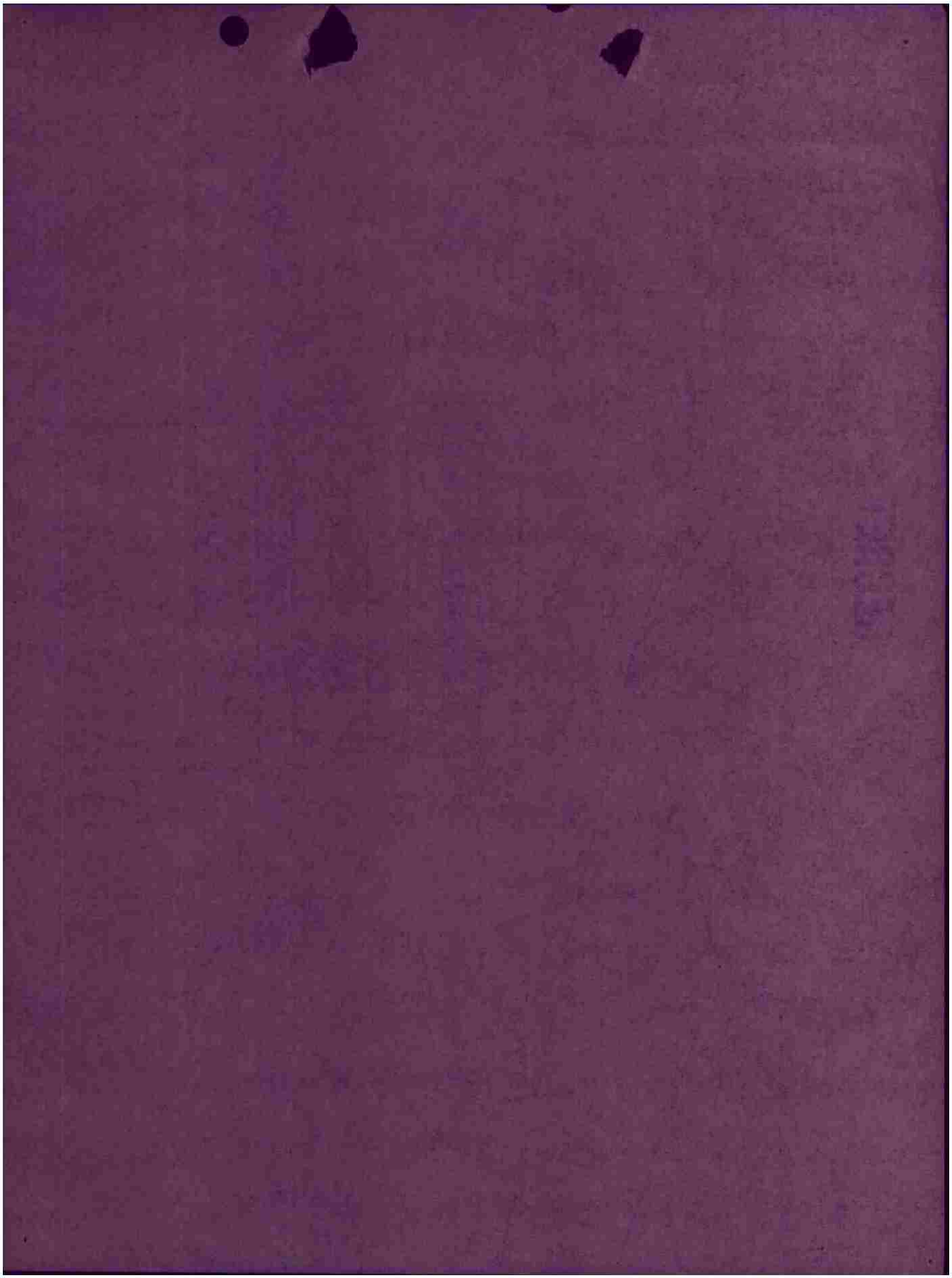


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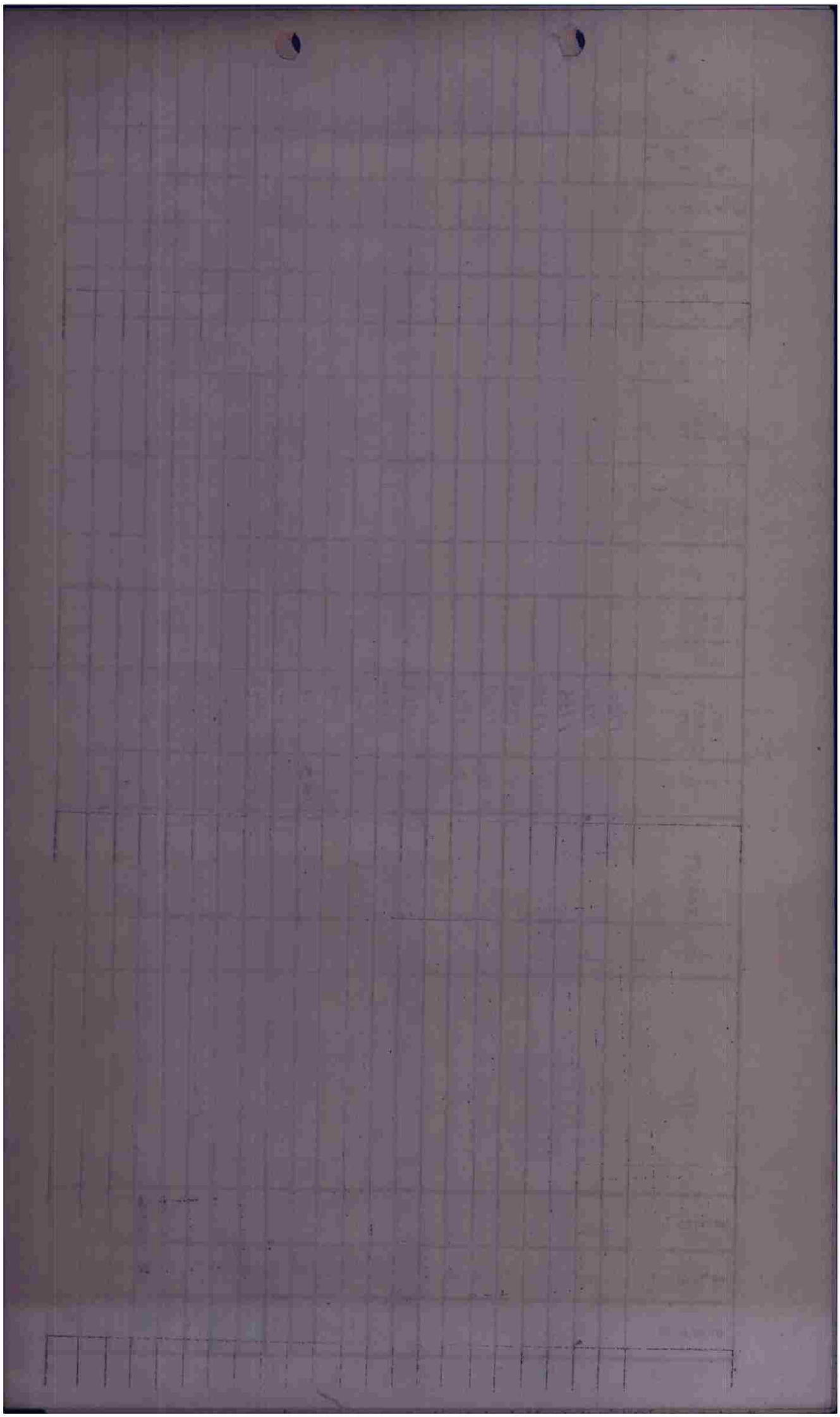
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SQDN	A/C LTR	A/C NO.	PILOT	DISTANCE	TARGET	ATO	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	CAMERA	FUEL LOAD	BOMB LOAD	ENDUR	LAND TIME	REMARKS
B	E	492	Blomgren			1516	1944										
B	V	383	Wills			1516	1945										
B	S	354	Hackley			1517	1931					C					
A	I	264	Blevins			1521	1946										
A	W	335	Weinert			1521	1944										
C	F	9315	Smith, B.A.			1517	1945					C					
C	A	469	Popeney			1518	1932										
C	P	330	Wheeler			1518	1947										
C	B	223	Bishop			1518	1947					C					
C	E-1	224	Downing			1518	1947										
C	N	232	Turnbow			1519	1947					C					
C	V-1	564	Henson			1519	1948										
A	C	414	Laseter			1519	1949										
A	H	259	Phillips			1520	1950					C					
A	A	310	Lackner			1520	1932										
A	U	305	Cannon			1520	1949										
A	J	352	Tsanke			1520	1950										
A	D	385	Evarts			1521	1931					C					

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 11/1110B
TO IX BOMBDIV
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410 (INFO)
COBOMGP 416

BT

SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE

97CBW P-96-E

FIELD ORDER NO. 249-846

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
(2) THE XXIX TAC WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.

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2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR - 11/1700B

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT M-6768 AT 8000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES.
(9) M.P.I. ILL. 3(K) 117/1 COVER M/Y FROM REF. 078038 TO 084041.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.

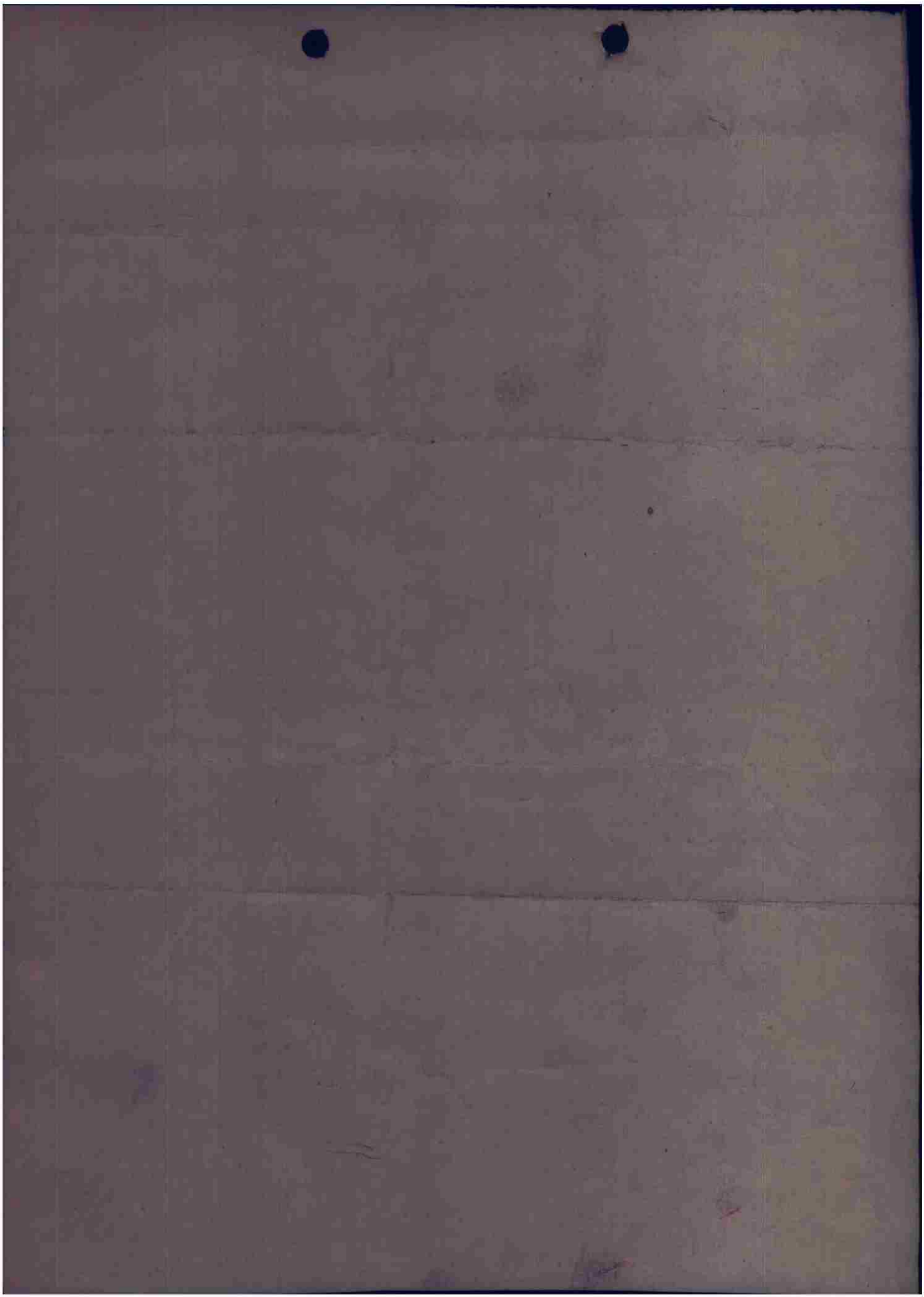
B. 416TH BOMB GROUP
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT M-6768 AT 8000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 30 MINUTES. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES.
(9) M.P.I. ILL. 3(K) 117/1 COVER M/Y FROM REF. 071035 TO 078038.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.

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X. (1) - (3) NO CHANGE
(4) EMERGENCY SHORT FIELDS: Y-1, Y-2, A-82, A-93, A-96.
(5) TARGET: ZWICKAU M/Y (WK-330451)
(6) NORMAL EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C .
(7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO RENDEZVOUS TO J-8345 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO M-6768 TO BASE.
(9) ALTITUDES: BOMB 9000 FEET DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5000 FEET.
LOSE 1000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
(10) I.P.: K-1538
(11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY WSW TO ENE.
(12) 4 X 1000 LB. GP. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
(13) R.P.: K-1538
(14) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE BOMBED VISUALLY GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
(A) ALTERNATE VISUALLY
(B) ALTERNATE ON "GEE"
(C) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.
(15) NO BULLSEYE AVAILABLE.
(16) GROUPS ARE CAUTIONED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

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4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS.
   A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (330451)
      (2) BROADCAST
      (3) GUMBOIL
      (4) RIPSAW

   B. 416TH BOMB GROUP (330451)
      (2) NINEPIN
      (3) SLEEPY
      (4) RIPSAW

Fighter Attack
No High Blower

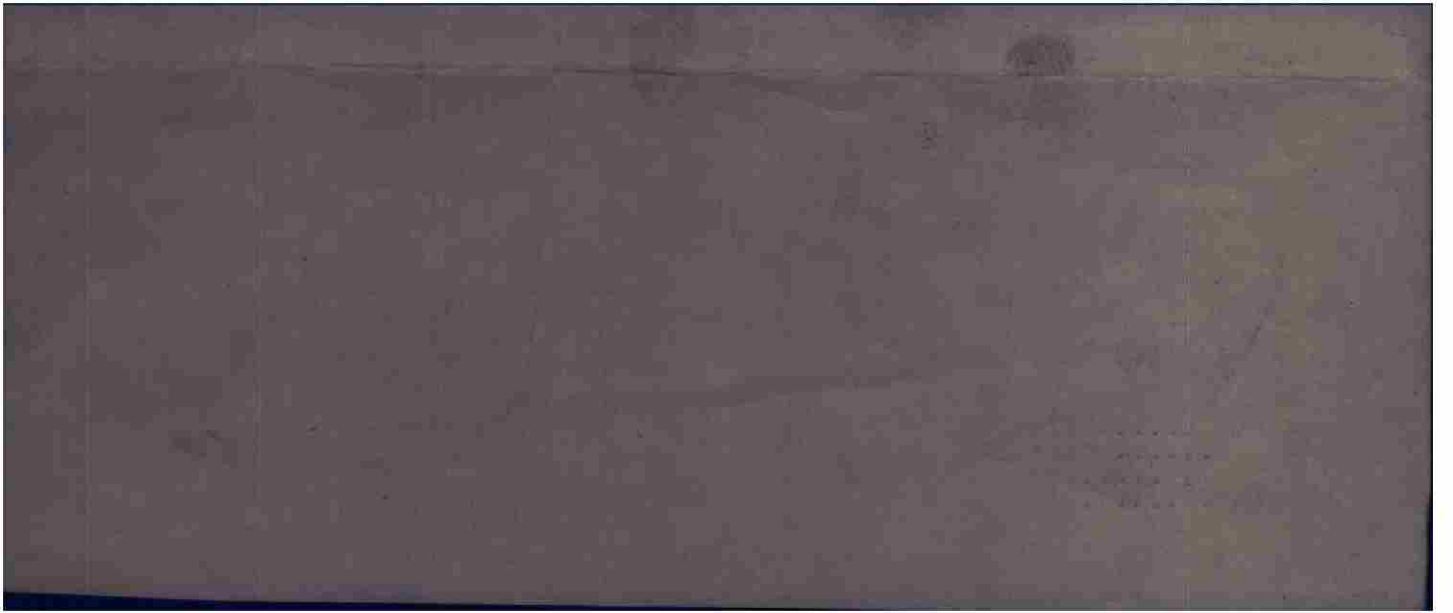
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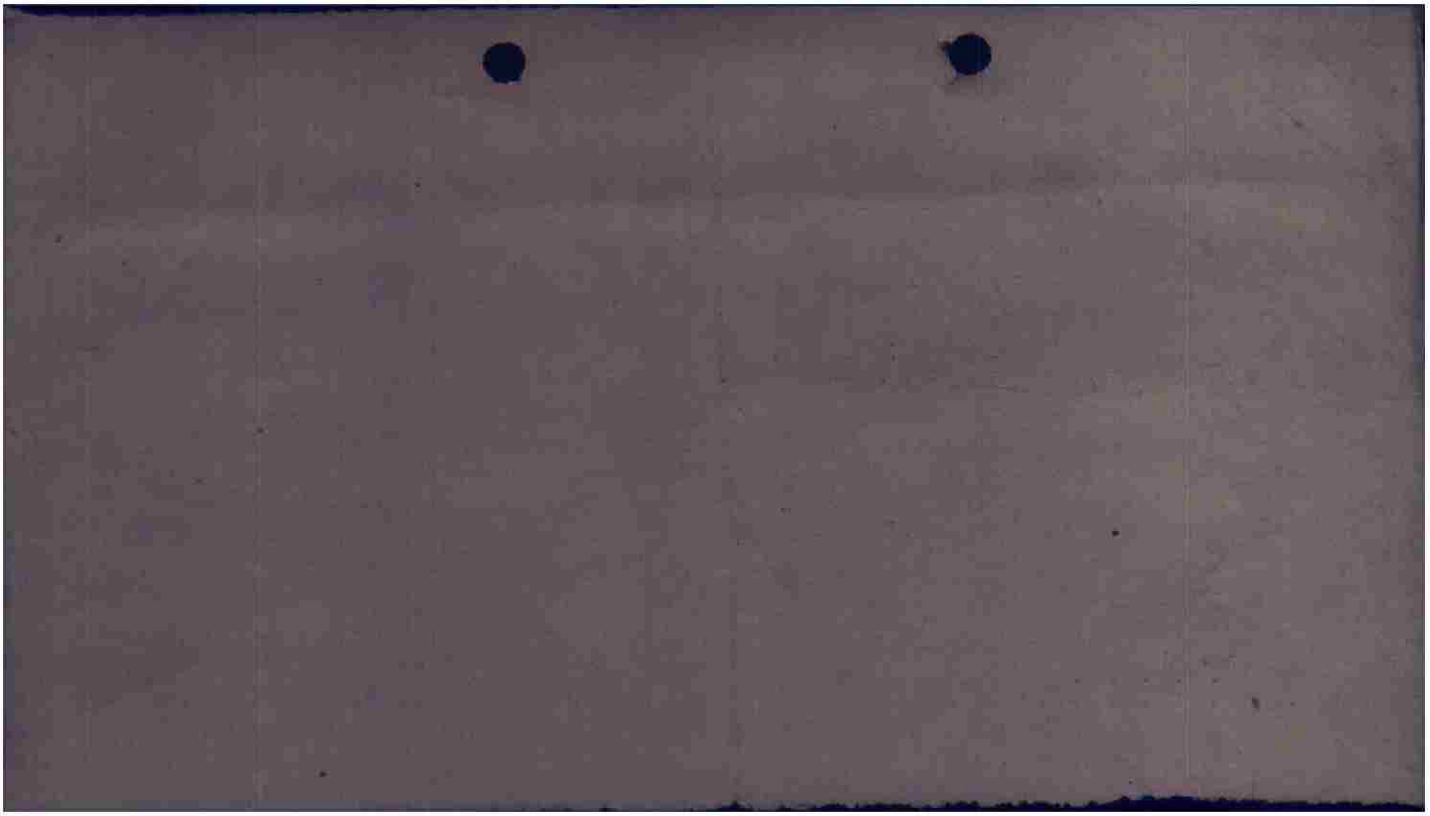
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A - YS - 97
B - 11 APRIL 1945 (1310-1906)
C - J-JIG AND E-EASY REPORTED 'OPS COMPLETED' TO PARADE AFTER LEAVING TARGET AREA.
D - J-JIG CHECKED IN TO 'RIPSAW' UPON ENTERING TACTICAL AREA.
E - NONE
F - NONE
G - NONE
H - NONE
I - NONE
J - NONE
K - NONE

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UN AS BB
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FROM 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) 11/1555B
TO CG, 97TH BB COMBAT BOMB WING ATTN: A-2
BT

SECRET 416BG P-184-D

1. MPI'S FOR AFTERNOON MISSION 11 APRIL, ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

ILL. 3(K)117/1

- 071035
- 072034
- 073037
- 075036
- 076036
- 077039

2. ALTERNATE TARGET NEUSTADT (J-3345)

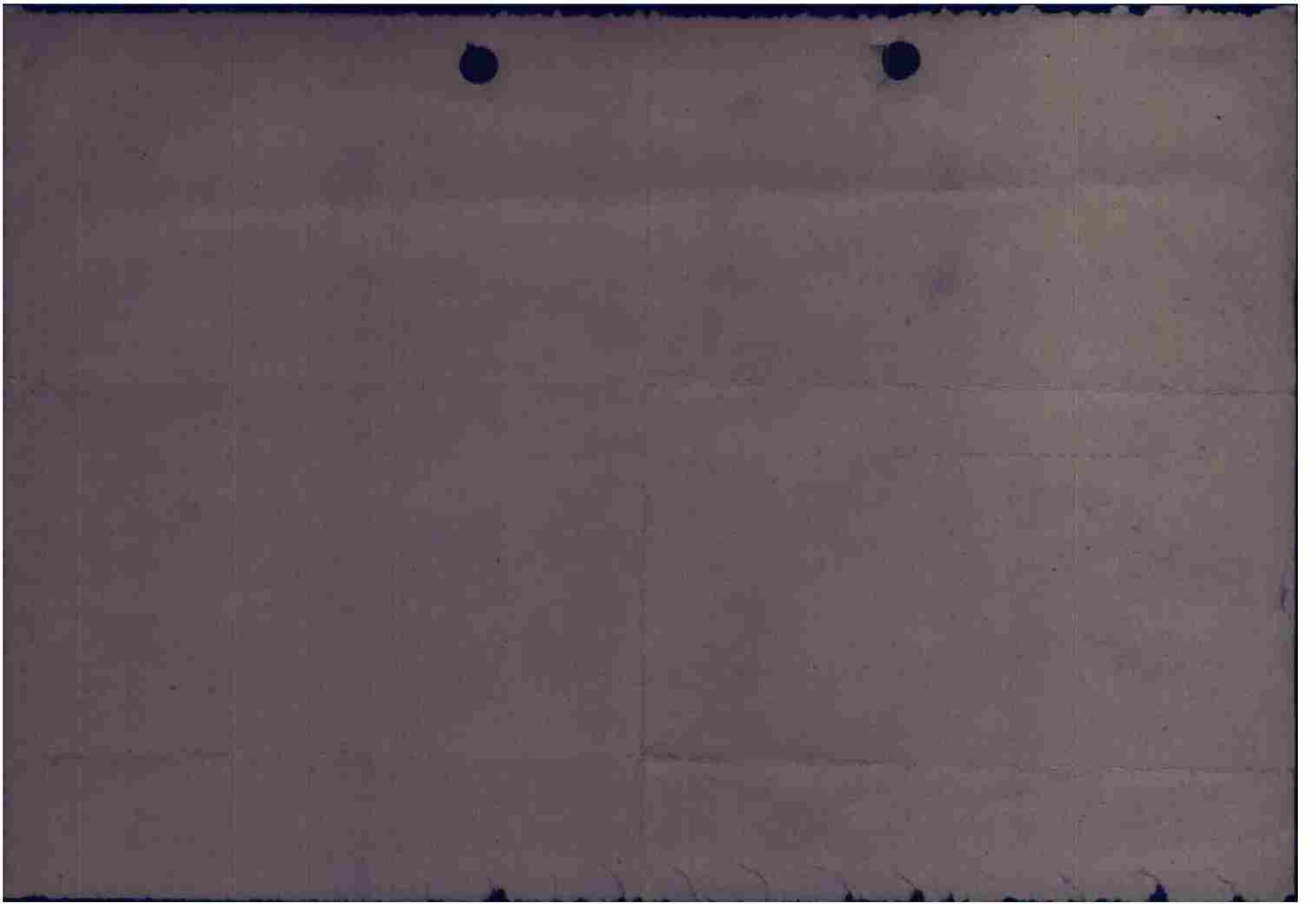
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ITA JES JKI V JEA 06/11 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 11/1013B
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409TH
COBOMGP 416TH
BT

S-2
S-3
S/C

SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE

97CBW P-95-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 249-846.

(1) TARGET: ZWICKAU M/Y AT WK-330451. ON ILLUSTRATION 3(K)117/1, THE 416TH WILL COVER THE M/Y FROM 071035 TO 078038 AND THE 409TH FROM 078038 TO 084041. THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN GROUPS IS AT POINT "F" ON F-958.

(2) PHOTO COVERAGE: SEE GN-5892 AND GY-4865
F-958
3(K)117/1
3(E)117/1

MAP COVERAGE: GSGS 4416 SHEET S-7

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

(4) P/W CAMPS: NOTE THE ZWICKAU MILITARY PRISON AT WK-350460. EXTREME CAUTION IS ADVISED TO HIT THE TARGET AREA ONLY.

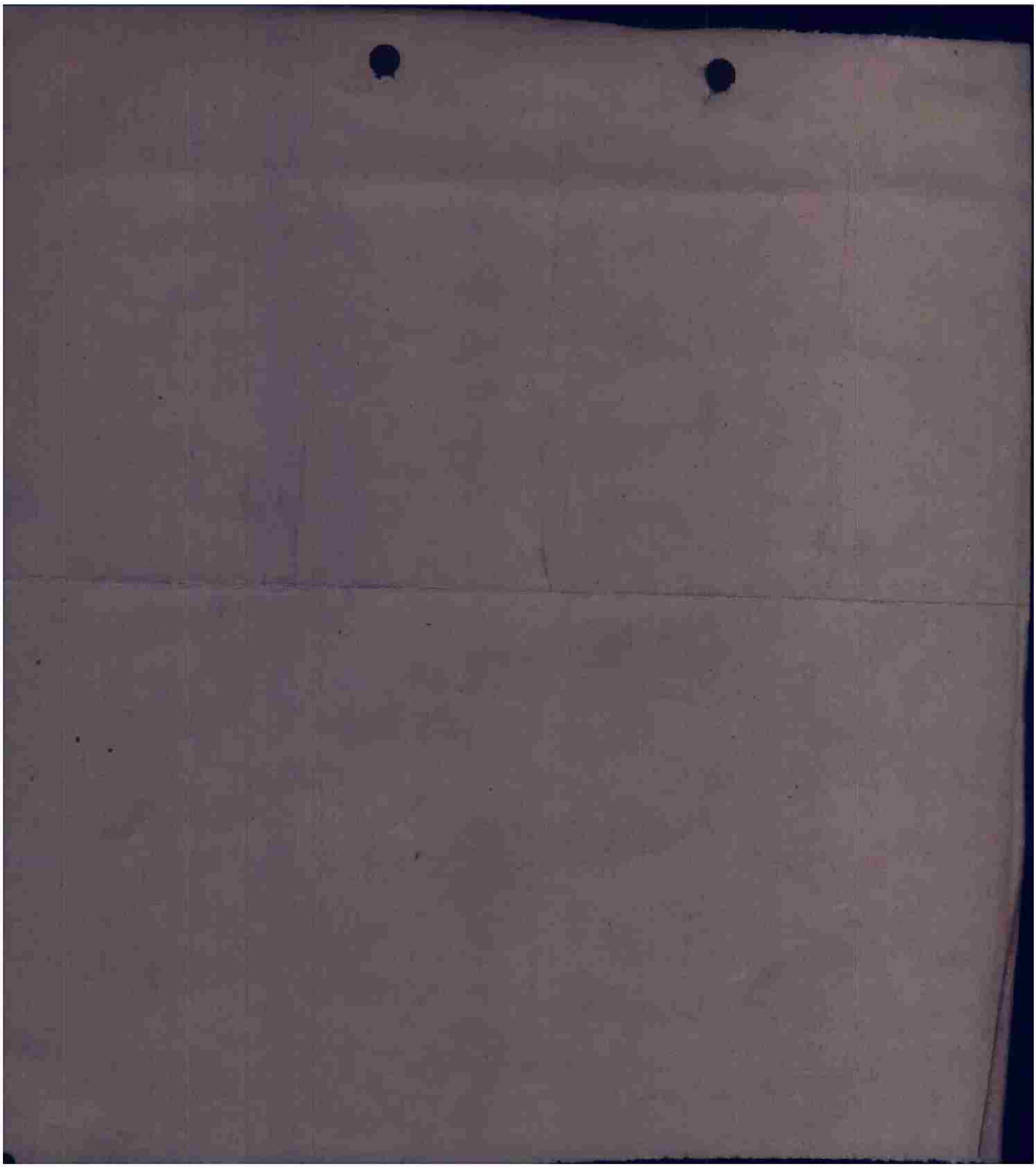
(5) THE 416TH WILL ATTACK 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE 409TH, AND TWO OTHER GROUPS WILL FOLLOW THE 409TH AT 30 MINUTE INTERVALS EACH.

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JKI R .....111030B AMM K
ITA R .....111030B RJS BB K

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