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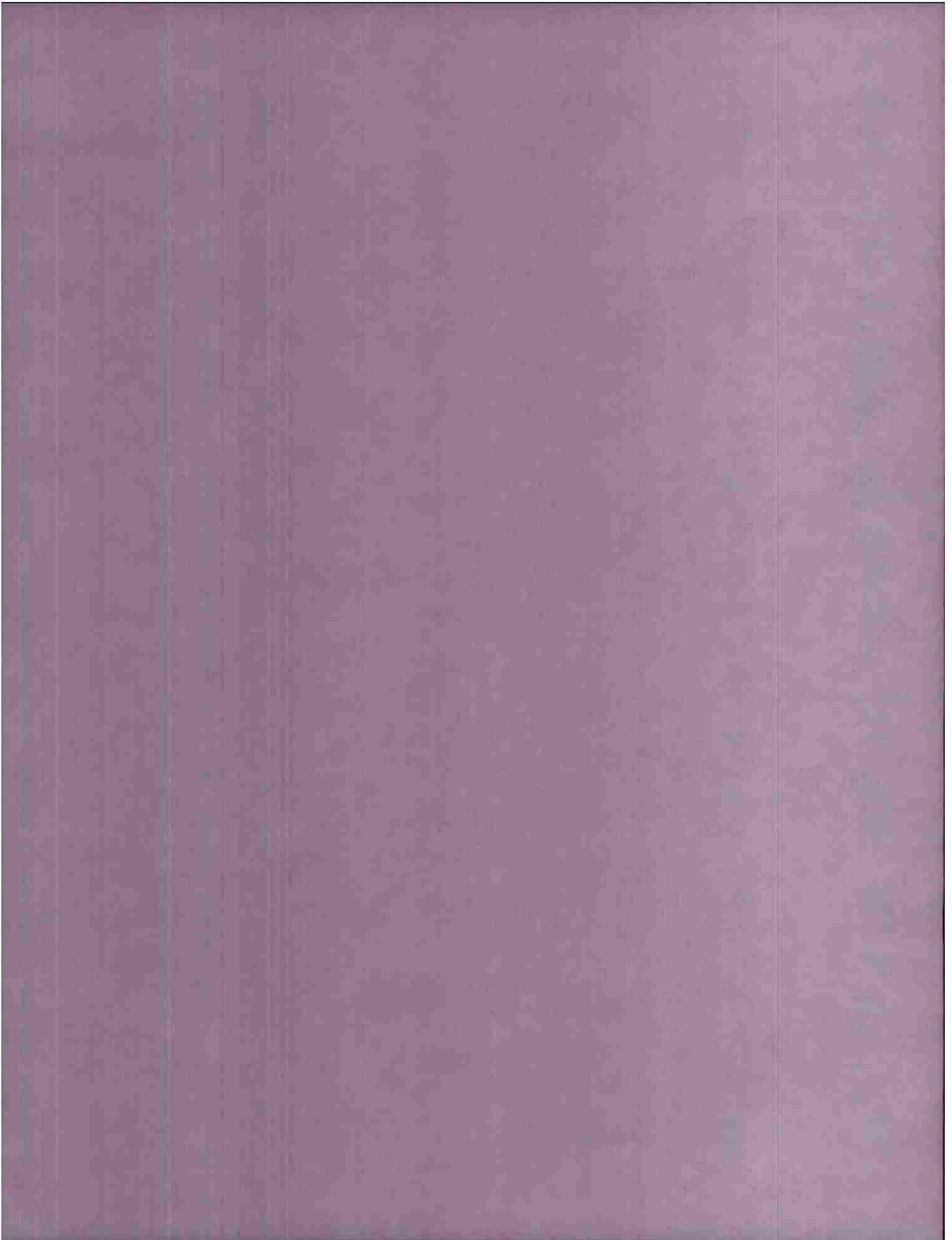
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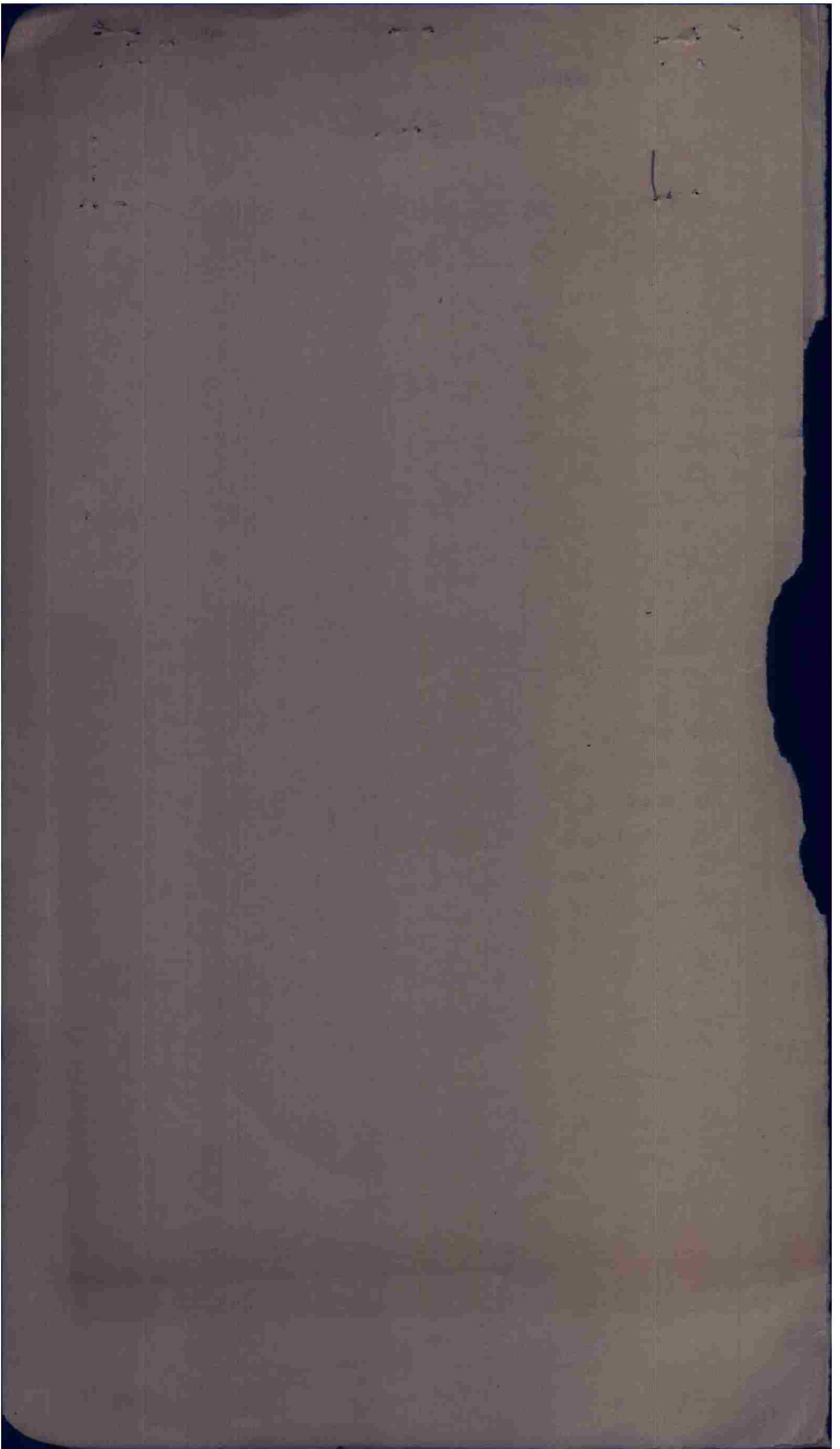
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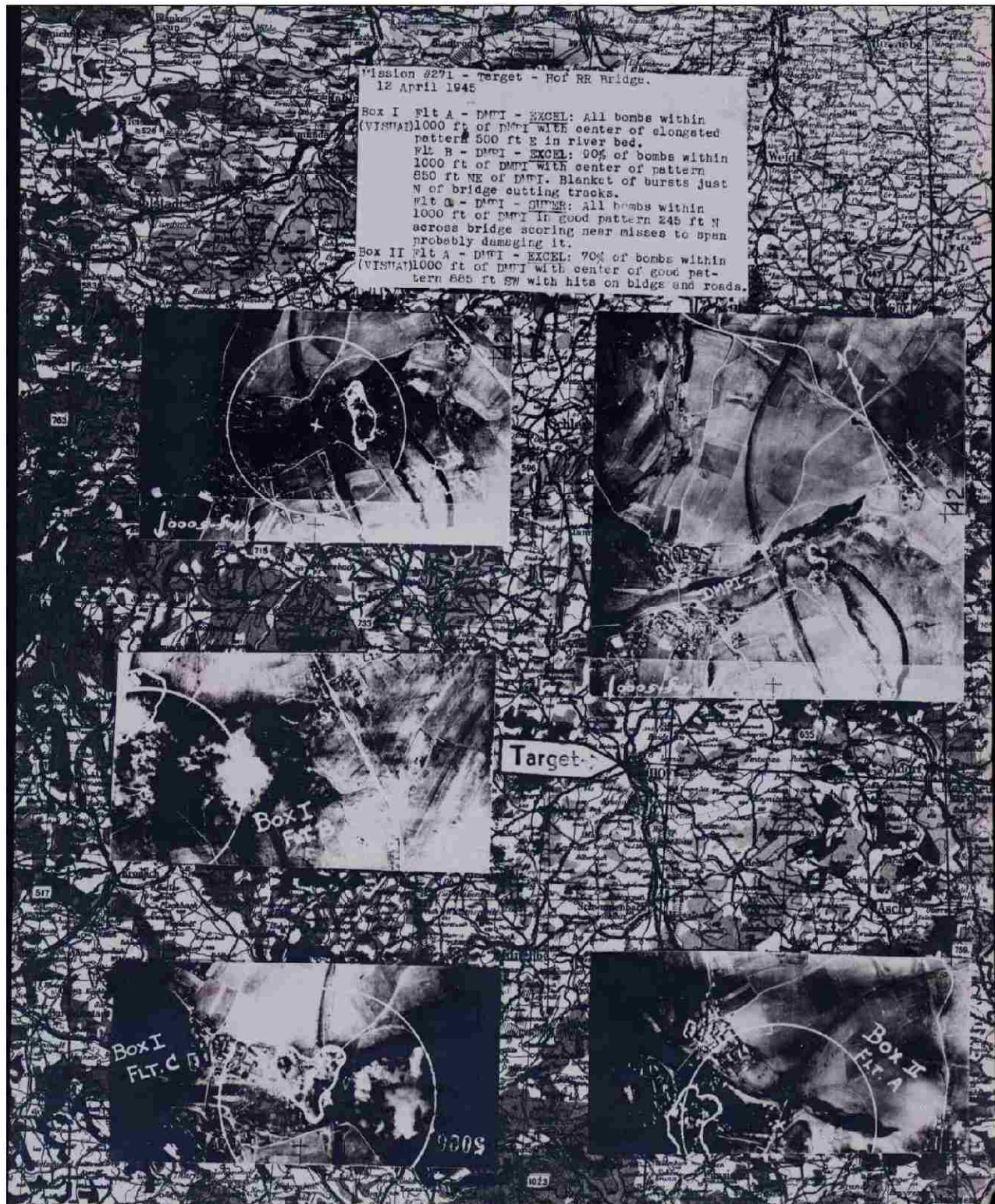
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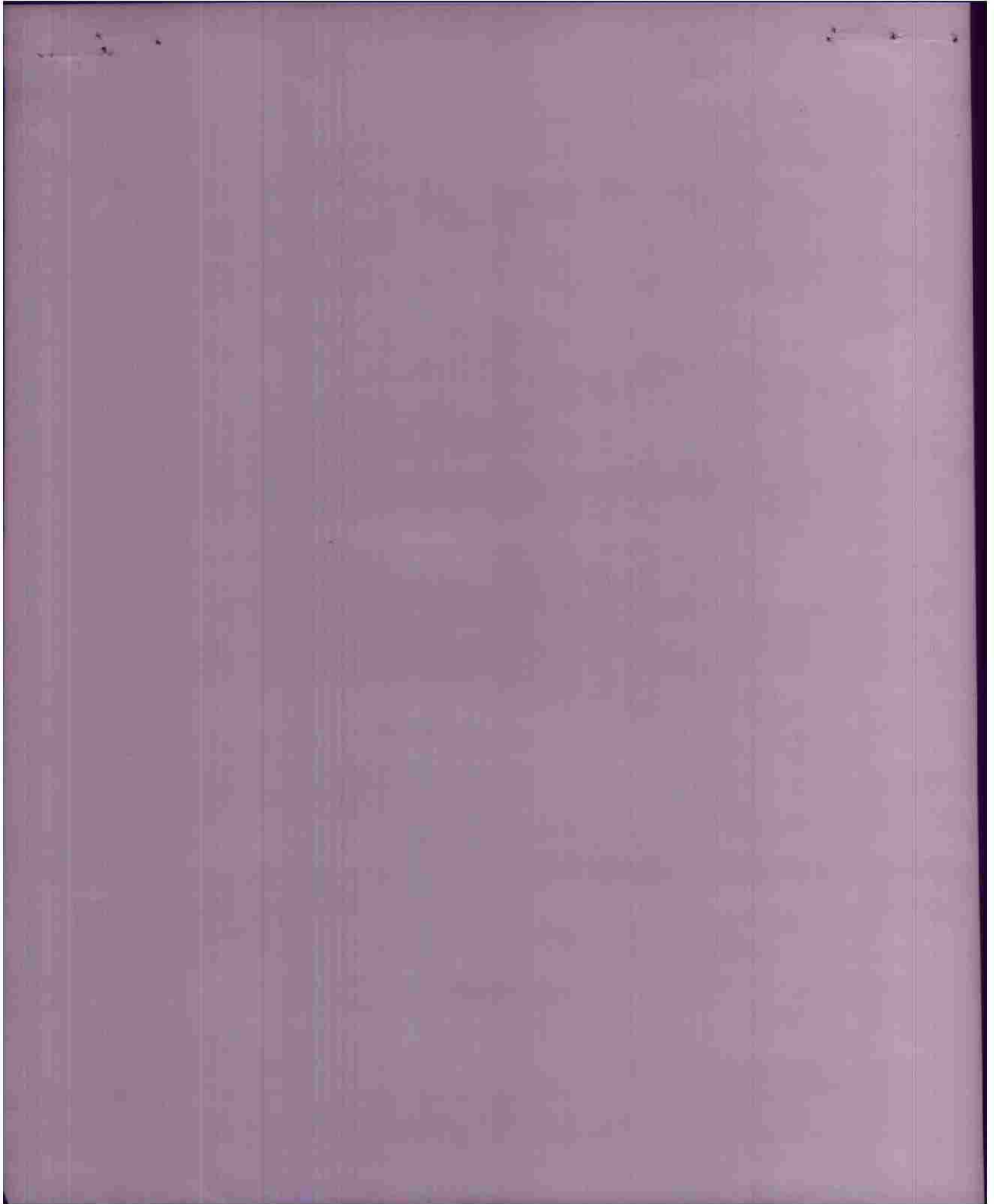
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- (A) TARGET: HOF RR/BR 4416/36 - WJ/964013
 (B) SORTIE: US 416/6 THRU 9
 (C) DATE: 12 APR 45 TIME: 1710-1719 B
 (D) ATTACKING A/C: 26 A-26's BY 6's
 (E) BOMBS: 104/1000 GP 1/10 N., 1/100 T.
 (F) COVER: TARGET SHOWN ON FAIR QUALITY PHOTOGRAPHS.
 (G) RESULTS OF BOMBING: ONE FLT'S BOMBS STRUCK IN A GOOD CONCENTRATION NEAR THE DESIRED MPI. A PORTION OF THE BOMB PATTERN COVERS THE UPPER HALF OF BRIDGE. INCOMPLETE PATTERNS OF TWO OTHER FLTS' BOMBS SHOWN. BOMB PATTERN OF THE FOURTH FLT COVERS PART OF THE RIVER JUST E OF THE BRIDGE.

(I) ANNOTATED PRINT: 7 SORTIE: 416/7

NOTE: RECTANGLE ENCLOSES BOMB PATTERN AREA.

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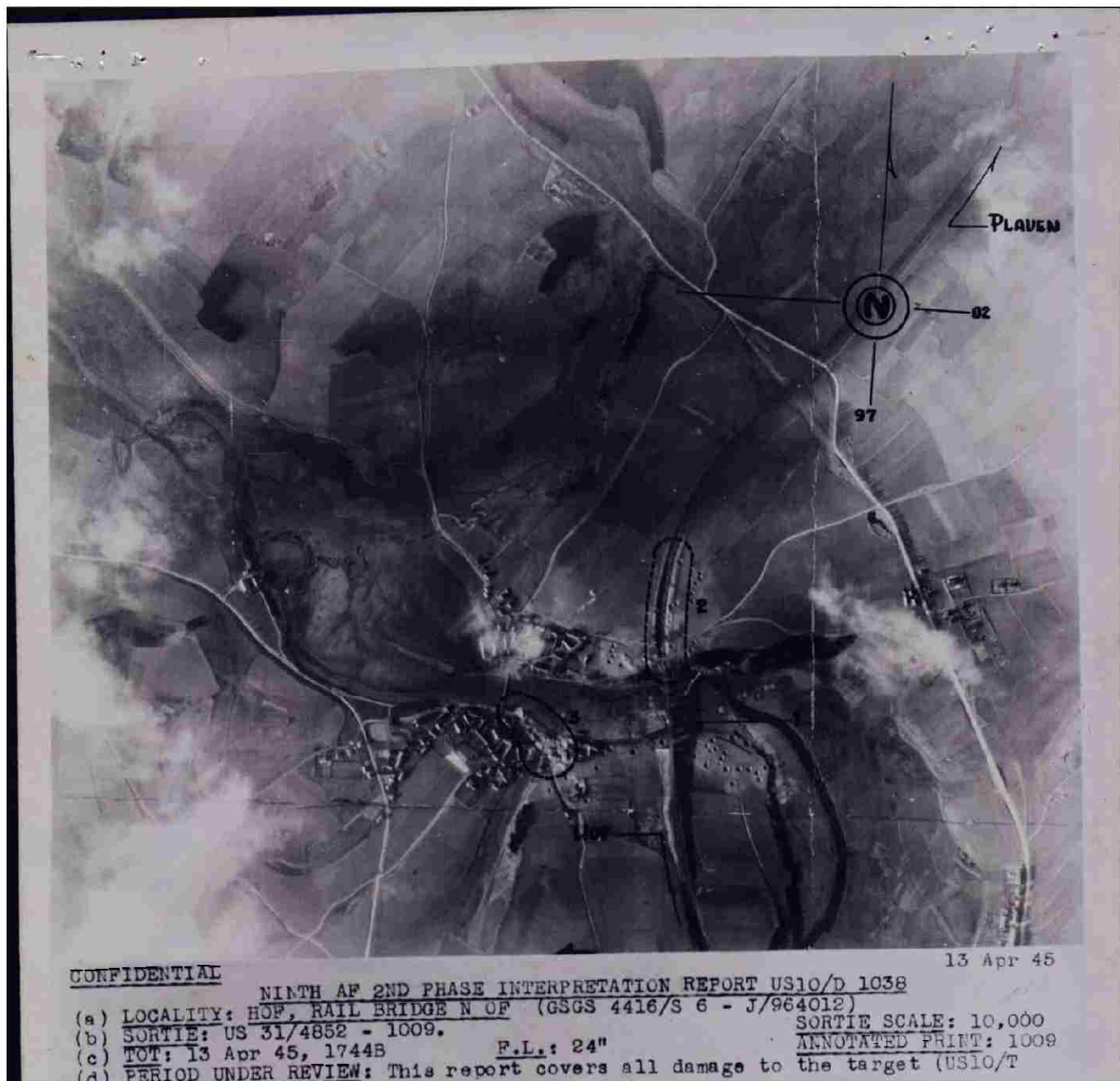
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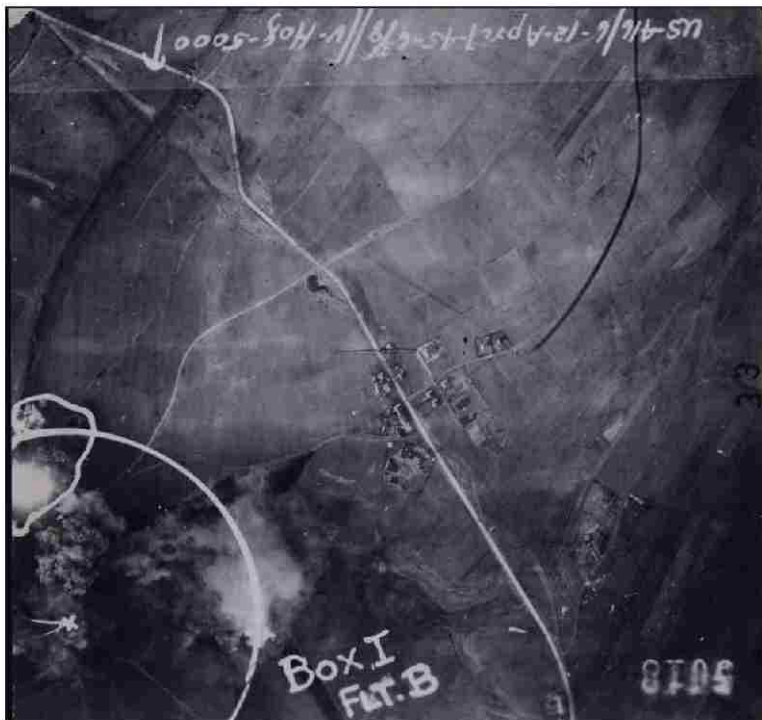
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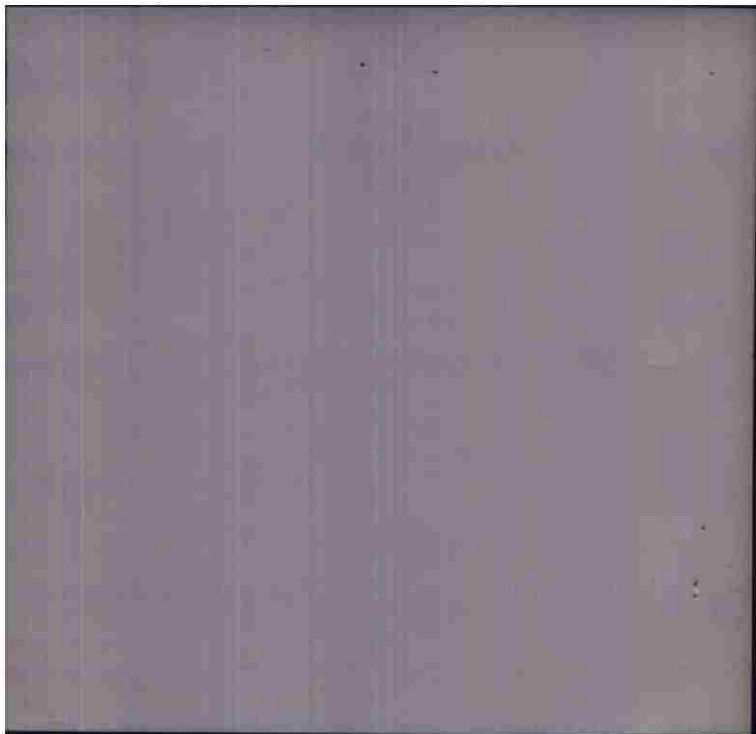
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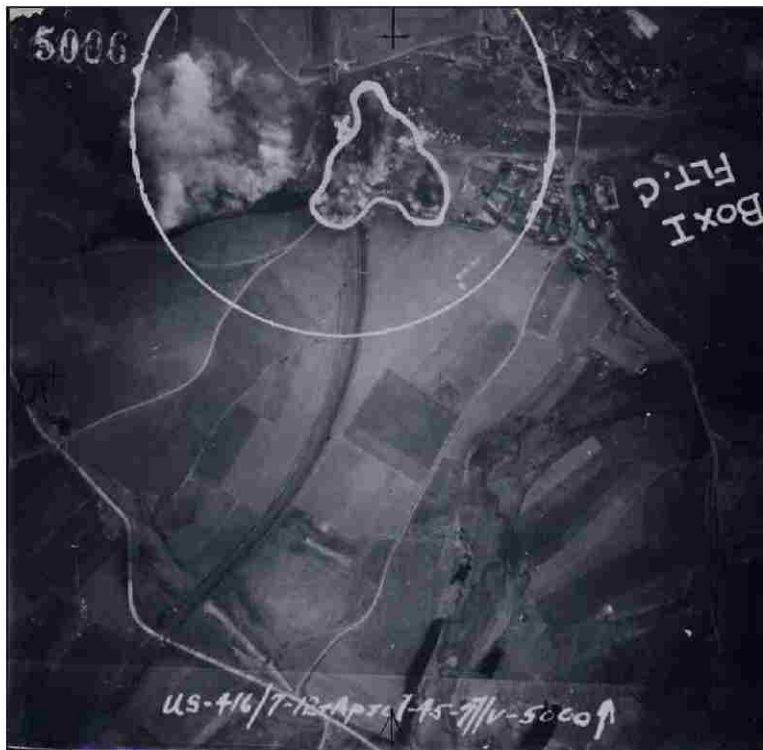
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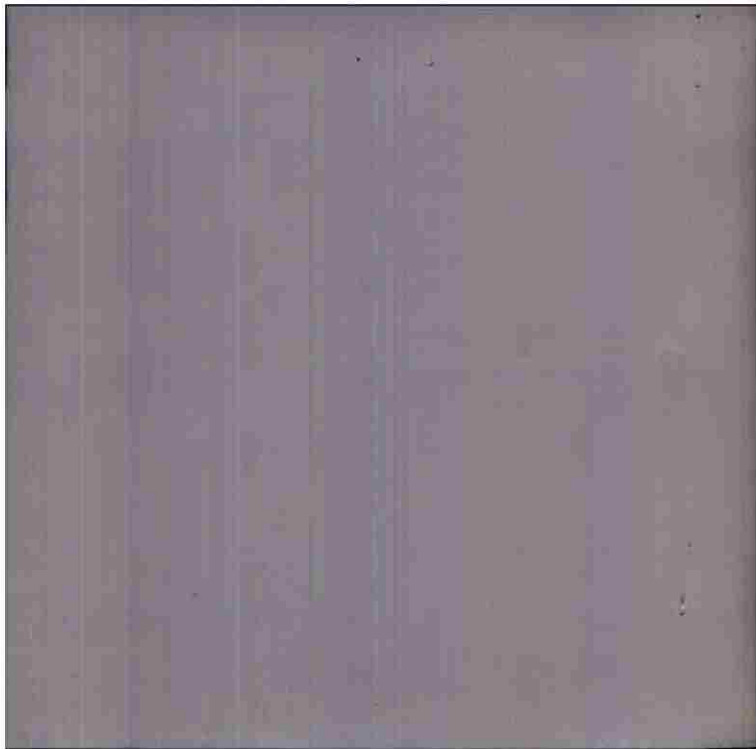
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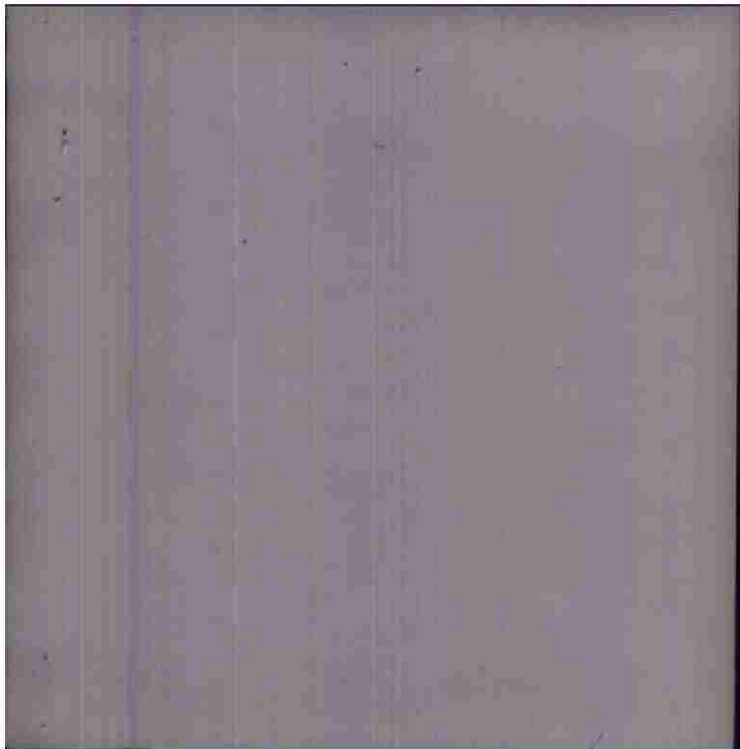
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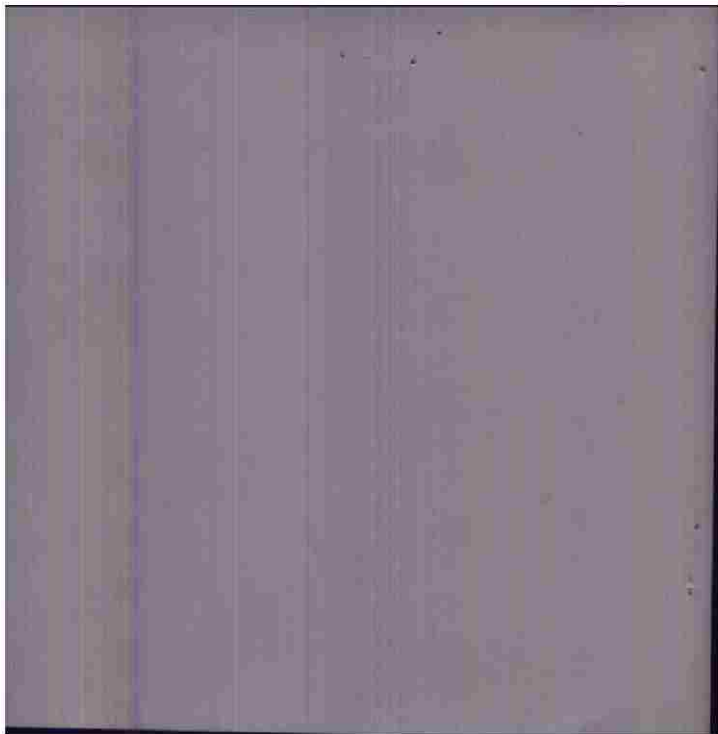
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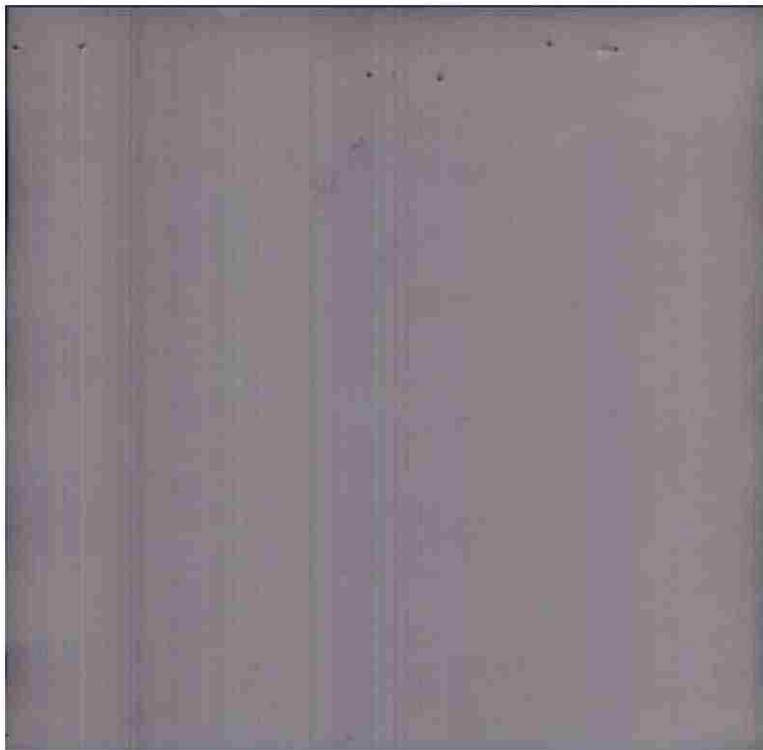
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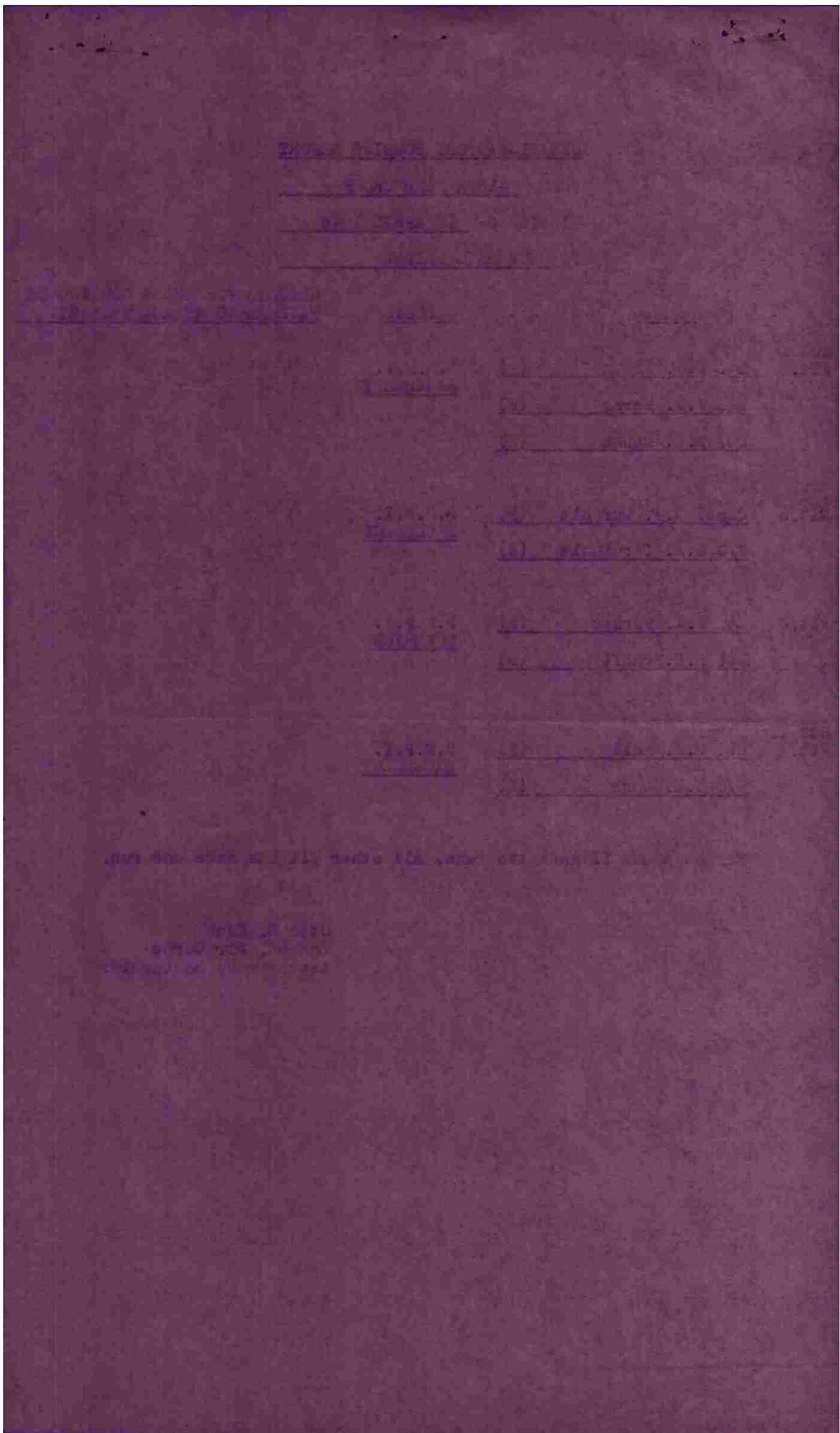
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UNSATISFACTORY BOMBING REPORTGROUP 416TH BOMB GROUPMISSION OF 12 APRIL 1945TO HOF RAIL BRIDGE

	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>REASONS FOR GROSS BOMBING OR FAILURE TO ATTACK PRIMARY</u>
BOX I			
Flt.A	<u>Lt. C.J. Brown (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. J.E. Kerns (B)</u>	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	
	<u>Lt. R.C. Hanna (N)</u>		
Flt.B	<u>Capt. W.F. Dufault (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>F/O O.A. Cardinale (B)</u>	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	
Flt.C	<u>Lt. P.E. Parker (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. R.E. Shaft (B)</u>	<u>SUPERIOR</u>	
BOX II			
Flt.A	<u>Lt. R.B. Hall (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>F/O T.L. Goss (B)</u>	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	

Flight A box II made two runs. All other flights made one run.

Otto R. Koch
2nd Lt. Air Corps
Asst. Group Bombardier



Sta B.D. S-2 Report 100A

418 TH	9TH B.D. (M) WING 87th	B
GROUP	DATE 12 April 1945	Hof RR Bridge
OTHER UNITS	TARGET	
	FIRST PHASE	
	INTERPRETATION	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED Hof RR Bridge PRIMARY

SECONDARY

M.D.I. Center of bridge.

A.P.

C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 27 A-26's OF A/C ATTACKING 26D. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 6's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 1,3,2,4.E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 104x1000 GP SING 1/10 -- 1/100F. HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED Box I Flt A - 40 deg 1710g

B - 40 1712

G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED C - 40 1711Box II Flt A - 30 1719

H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

I. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

Box I Flt A - DMPI - EXCEL: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 500 ft E. Bombs hit in elongated pattern in river bed.

Flt B - DMPI - EXCEL: 90% of bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 850 ft NE of DMPI. Blanket of bursts on RR just N of bridge, cutting tracks.

Flt C - DMPI - SUPER: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 245 ft N. Good pattern of bursts across bridge scoring near misses to span probably damaging it.

Box II Flt A - DMPI - EXCEL: 70% of bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI Bombs fell in good pattern in town 885 ft SW of DMPI with hits scored on bldgs and roads.

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

IX B. C. S-2 FORM No. 106-B Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

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

A. TARGET BRIEFED _____ PRIMARY
 _____ SECONDARY
 _____ CASUAL

M.P.I. _____

A.T. _____

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

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

D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DETACHED _____ 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. BEARING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED _____ DEGREES MAG.

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED _____

I. ACTIVITY AT TARGET:

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

CAMERAS INSTALLED	<u>10</u>	GROUP <u>21st. Bomb GP. (L)</u>	
CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING	<u>10</u>	<u>100</u>	% WING <u>12 April 45</u>
CAMERA FAILURES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	% DATE <u>97th. C.B.</u>
PERSONNEL FAILURES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	%
OTHERS	<u>0</u>		

				TARGET	HOF	
		313		ALTITUDE	5000	FEET
	352			TRUE AIR SPEED	210	MPH
233	259		354	GROUND SPEED	256	MPH
	274		252			

_____	_____	TARGET	<u>HOF</u>	_____
_____	<u>2315</u>	ALTITUDE	<u>5500</u>	FEET
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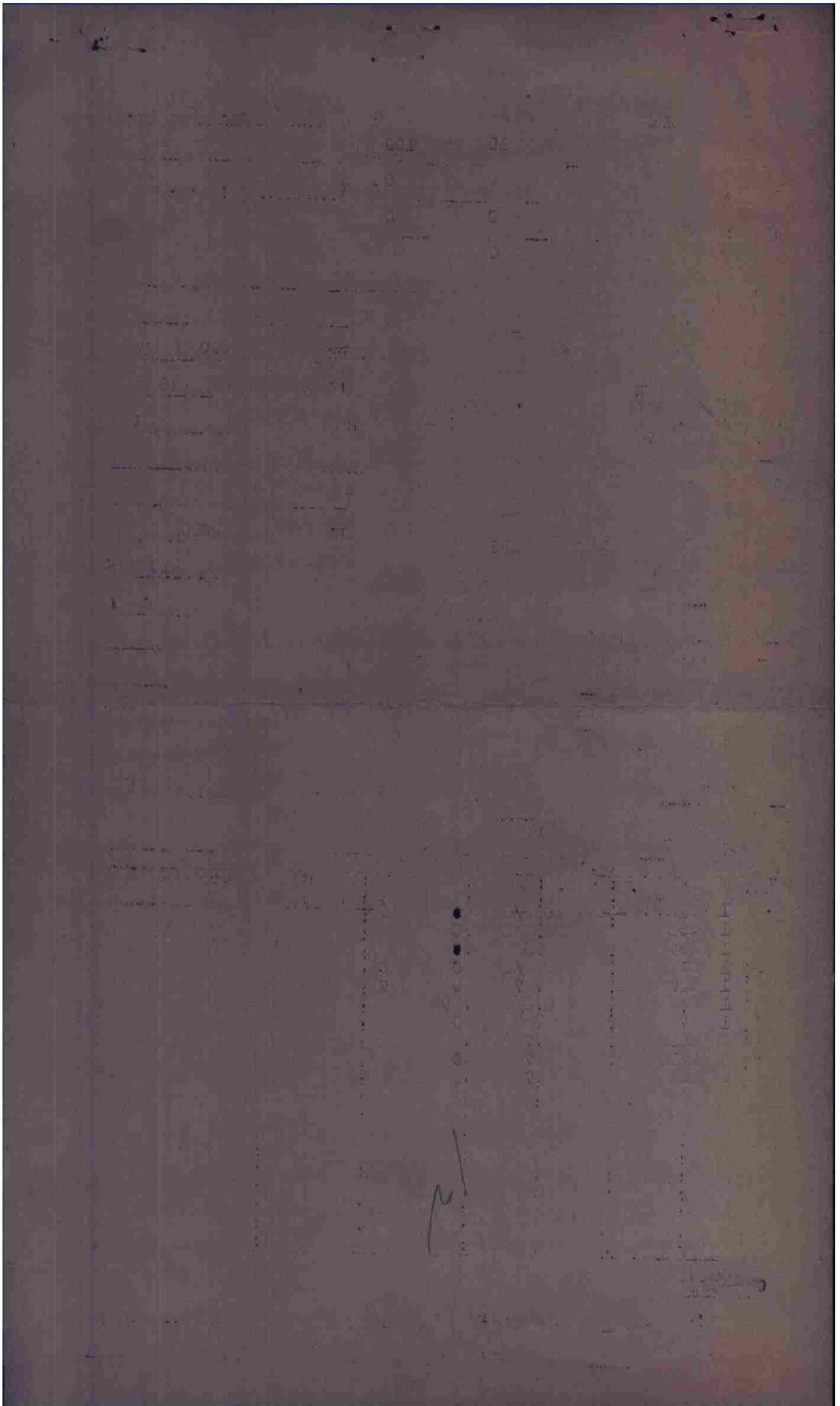
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1	313	K-24	6 3/8	0	9		
1	352	"	"	0			Duplicate coverage
1	354	"	5	0			" "
1	253	"	6 3/8	0	6		
1	259	"	7	0	7		
1	233	"	6 3/8	0			" "
1	274	"	"	0			" "
2	2315	"	7				" "
2	9315	"	7	0			" "
2	232	"	7	8			" "

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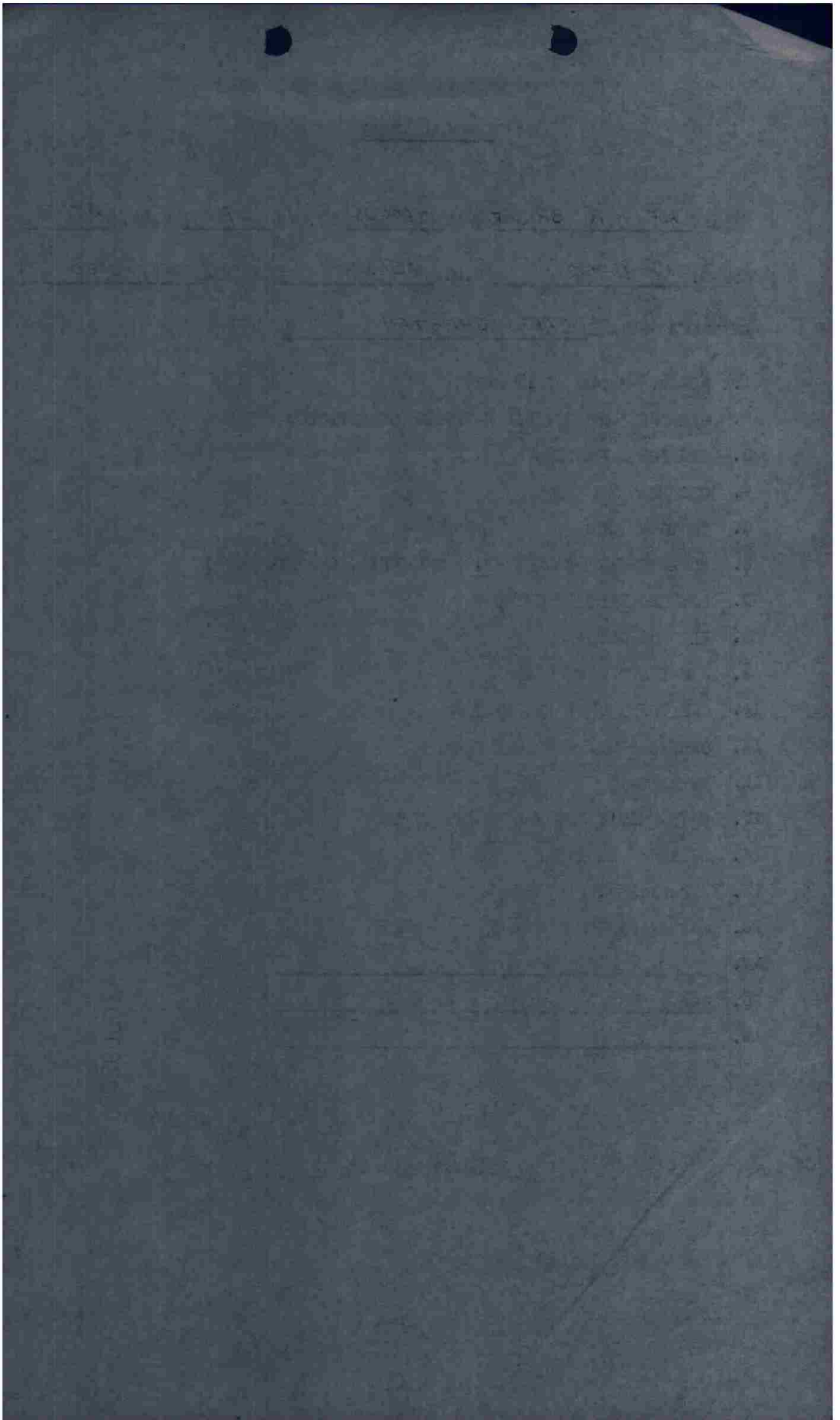


GENERAL INDEXTARGET HOF R/R BRIDGE DATE 12 APR 45 NO.A/C 27 MISS.# 271COORD. NJ-964012 F.O.# 251-848 STATUS ATTACHED.BRIEFING OFFICER CAPT. SHERIDAN.

1. RECCO. PRINTS (IF ANY)
2. MISSION SUMMARY, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
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4. OPS FLASH
5. PHOTO REPORT
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12. YS REPORT
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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

Field Orders 847, 848.

MISSION SUMMARY #110APO # 140
12 April 1945Section I

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
410 BG:	Kempton (WX-945076) Ordnance Depot	Box I Superior Box II - Flt. A - Excellent B - Unsat. C - Unsat.
322 BG:	" "	Box I - Flt. A - Superior B - Superior (SMPI) C - Superior Box II - Flt. A - Excellent B - No attack C - Excellent (SMPI) D - Excellent
397 BG:	" "	Box I - Flt. A - Undet. B - Excellent (SMPI) C - No attack Box II - Flt. A - Excellent B - Undet. (SMPI) C - No attack Box III - Flt. A - Excellent (SMPI)
386 BG:	" "	Box I - Flt. A - No attack B - No attack C - Undet. Box II - Flt. A - N.A.O. B - Undet (AMPI) C - N.A.O.
416 BG:	Hof (WJ-964013) Rail Bridge	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent B - Excellent C - Superior Box II - Flt. A - Excellent
386 BG:	" "	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent (AMPI) B - Superior Box II - Excellent

- A -

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- B -

Of fourteen groups airborne, including three groups which were dispatched in both morning and afternoon, eight abandoned operations because of adverse weather conditions enroute or at targets.

No attack

Hof (WJ-964013)
Rail Bridge

323 DG:

No attack

" "

367 DG:

No attack

" "

394 DG:

No attack

" "

323 DG:

No attack

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409 DG:

No attack

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391 DG:

No attack

" "

416 DG:

No attack

Kampton (WJ-945076)
Ordnance Depot

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GROUP-NARRATIVE

Five groups attacked an ordnance depot and a railway bridge, recording Superior to Undetermined results. A sixth group bombed briefed secondary and other targets.

Kempton (Ordnance Depot)

410 BG: 39 a/c dispatched, all dropping 233 X 500 GP on Primary.

1 a/c lost to flak; observed to crash 2 miles E of Offenburg (NW-220804).
3 crewmen bailed out and are missing; 2 chutes were seen to open.

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

Visual bombing by flights from 7,000 - 7,500 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered 100 ft. NE of DMPI. Pattern blankets at least 4 large buildings and a portion of 3 others. A large amount of supplies stored in this area were destroyed.

Flt. B - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Good pattern centered 200 ft. WNW of DMPI. Pattern blankets 3 large buildings, a portion of a fourth building, and a large amount of supplies stored in this area. Pattern also extends over rail line E of depot, probably cutting the line and damaging at least 5 cars.

Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. There was no vertical coverage for this flight due to low altitude and violent turn off target. Oblique camera shows pattern centered approximately on DMPI. Long oblique makes damage assessment difficult but pattern blankets at least three large buildings, road net, and supplies stored near the buildings.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 85 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Pattern centered 785 ft. WNW of DMPI, blanketing railway line, one N/S highway, and a portion of two buildings.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Pattern centered 1450 ft. NE of DMPI. Bombs fell in fields and across N/S highway. Bombardier not synchronized at bombs away.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Pattern centered in river and across two highways 2800 ft. WNW of DMPI. Bombardier accidentally hit displacement knob, causing indices to cross prematurely.

322 BG: 40 a/c dispatched, 32 dropping 255 x 500 GP on Primary.

8 a/c failed to bomb: 7, weather; 1, mechanical failure.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 5,500 - 7,650 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Zero circular error. Excellent pattern on 4 or 5 large building in target area.

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Flt. C - NO ATTACK. Did not reach 1/2 due to weather.

Flt. B - SNIP - UNDETERMINED. Bombarrier selected building 1700' NW of DMPI due to weather and smoke. No photo coverage. No new bursts appear on 8/a photos, possibly due to low altitudes of attack. Cross report bombs fell short.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Smoke obscured pattern 500' E of DMPI. Pattern probably hits among buildings on E edge of 1/2.

Flt. C - NO ATTACK. Abandoned due to weather.

Flt. B - SNIP - EXCELLENT. Bombarrier selected a building 1750' NW of DMPI due to weather and smoke. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Poor pattern 650' W, generally in open area. Possible fuel fire from underground tanks started by this pattern. One late bomb possibly damaged N end of building used as DMPI. Another bomb fell in open area.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage due to camera a/c aborting. Cross report bombs fell short.

Visual bombing by flights from 7,500 feet.

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

19a/c failed to bomb: weather (including 2 full flights and 8 a/c from other flights).

397 BG: 40 a/c dispatched, 19 dropping 384 x 2000 GF on primary. 1 a/c on single engine, jettisoned 2 x 2000 GF armed near Ravensburg (WX-410120). Another a/c, in spin due to covers falling, jettisoned 2 x 2000 GF near Gibraltar (WC-761957) - both locations in enemy territory.

Flt. D - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered 380' S of DMPI, covering all or part of seven buildings.

Flt. C - SNIP - EXCELLENT. Bombarrier misidentified DMPI, and synchronized on another building in same area. About 95% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI, centered 690' S of DMPI. Good pattern in an area containing probable camouflaged ammo stores, 1700' SE of DMPI.

Flt. B - NO ATTACK. Rain and poor visibility at both primary and secondary prevented bombing.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All but 1 or 2 bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. A rather large pattern centered approximately 500' E of DMPI, partially in smoke, with possible hits on buildings.

Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Zero circular error. Bombs fell in excellent pattern covering buildings in target area.

Flt. B - SNIP - SUPERIOR. This flight was too close to lead flight, so bombarrier selected W 3000' S of DMPI. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Pattern centered 130' E of DMPI, hitting at least 2 buildings.

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Box III - Flt. A - SMPI - EXCELLENT. DMPI not bombed due to weather. Selected a building 1460' NNW of DMPI as SMPI. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI. Split pattern 385' W of SMPI, landing across road and probably hitting building used as SMPI. One late falling bomb may have hit a building E of SMPI.

386 BG: 38 A-26 a/c dispatched; none bombed Primary. 7 a/c dropped 42 x 500 GP on briefed Secondary target. 19 a/c dropped 114 x 500 GP on Other targets. 12 a/c failed to bomb: weather.

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

Bombing by flights from 5,000 - 6,500 feet.

Box I - Flts. A & B. NO ATTACK. Abandoned operations because of weather.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Due to cloud cover at Primary, briefed Secondary target (Goppingen N/Y, WS-432132) was attacked. No photo coverage due to camera malfunction. Bombardier reports excellent results.

Box II - Flt. A - N.A.O. Unable to attack Primary due to weather. When gas ran low bombs were dropped in fields. No bursts appear on negatives due to low altitude, but area can be identified as WY-095415, 25 miles NNE of Primary.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Unable to attack Primary due to weather. Bombardier selected town of Kaufbeuren (WY-160235). Bursts do not appear on negatives but area can be identified as WY-155230, 20 miles NE of Primary. Bombardier reports excellent results.

Flt. C - N.A.O. Unable to attack Primary because of weather. When gas ran low bombs were dropped in fields. No bursts appear on negatives but area can be identified as WS-180060, 75 miles NW of Primary.

Hof (Rail Bridge)

416 BG: 27 A-26 a/c dispatched, all dropping 104 x 1000 GP on Primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 5,000 - 5,500 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Center of good pattern 500' E. Bombs hit in river bed.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 90% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Center of good pattern 850' NE of DMPI. Blanket of bursts on R.R. just N of bridge, cutting tracks in 4 places.

Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Center of good pattern 245' N of DMPI. Bursts across bridge, scoring near misses to span, and probably damaging it.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 70% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Bombs fell in good pattern in town 885' SW of DMPI with hits scored on buildings and roads.

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No losses, damage, casualties.

all a/c failed to bomb: 2 mechanical failures; 3c. weather (abandoned operations near Dillingen (S-900100) - enemy territory, due to cloud cover, rain, and poor visibility).

391 BG: 38 a-26 a/c dispatched; none bombed.

No losses, damage, casualties.

40 a/c failed to bomb: weather (abandoned operations in vicinity of Hri-mary, due to clouds and rain at primary and secondary targets).

1 x 500 lb on bomb run due to mechanical malfunction. 1 a/c accidentally released.

416 BG:

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

40 a/c failed to bomb: weather (abandoned operations due to clouds from 4000 - 17,000 feet, turning back at Heidenheim (S-775125); and again (S-774360) - enemy territory).

41 a/c dispatched, none bombed primary. 1 a/c jettisoned 8 x 500 GF in vicinity of Heidenheim (0-806250) - enemy territory - when hit by flak.

344 BG:

Kempten (Ordance Depot)

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. Over 75% of bursts within 1000' radius of DMPI. Center of concentrated pattern 900' W of DMPI, completely covering built-up area, with probable hits to houses and buildings.

Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bursts within 1000' radius of DMPI. Center of incomplete long pattern is 450' SE of DMPI, falling in area between bridge and river, with hits on secondary road.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bursts within 1000' radius of

DMPI. Center of large pattern is 150' SE of DMPI, completely covering DMPI area, with very probable hits and damage to bridge.

Flt. B - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000' radius of DMPI. Pattern falls across bridge (part of autobahn), with probable hits on base of bridge.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier misidentified primary due to clouds, sighting on bridge 2 miles NW. Majority of bombs fell within 1000' radius of DMPI. Concentrated pattern 2 miles NW of

Visual bombing by flights from 7,450 - 8,750 feet.

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

2 a/c failed to bomb: 1, weather (this a/c lost formation in clouds; due to extremely adverse weather 4 x 1000 GF were jettisoned on unoccupied hill at NC-450940, 4-1/2 miles W and 7-1/2 miles E, of latest plotted bomb and troop lines). 1, other (light engine knocked out by flak - jettisoned bombs in open fields at VK-650570, friendly territory).

24 x 1000 GF on other targets. 17 dropping 68 x 1000 GF on primary. 6 a/c dropped

386 BG:

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409 BG: 32 A-26 a/c dispatched; none bombed.

All a/c failed to bomb: weather (abandoned operations near Dillingen (WT-045020), enemy territory, due to extremely poor visibility in rain).

1 a/c, on single engine enroute to base, jettisoned 6 x 500 GP safe in open fields 7 miles NE of Laon (WO-130200) - friendly territory; one bomb was seen to explode.

No losses, damage, casualties.

323 BG: 42 a/c dispatched; none bombed.

All a/c failed to bomb: weather (abandoned operations at V-900750, friendly territory, due to heavy clouds and rain).

No losses, damage, casualties.

394 BG: 36 a/c dispatched; bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which is missing.

35 a/c failed to bomb: weather (Box I abandoned operations one-half minute beyond fighter rendezvous; Box II, Flight A, abandoned at Elzach (W-250530), and Flight B at the IP.

1 a/c missing; peeled out of formation in vicinity of Verdun, apparently under control. 6 crewmen missing.

No losses, damage, further casualties.

387 BG: 36 a/c dispatched; bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which is missing.

35 a/c failed to bomb: weather (abandoned operations SW of Pfullendorf (X-100200) - enemy territory.

1 a/c is missing; last seen when formation abandoned operations. 6 crewmen missing.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Hof (Rail Bridge)

323 BG: 23 a/c dispatched; none bombed.

23 a/c failed to bomb: weather (abandoned operations at St. Vith (P-8608) due to solid front).

No losses, damage, casualties.

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Section II

498	A/C OFF	A/C Bombing	170
		A/C Failing to Bomb	5
		A/C Recalled (Weather)	321
	Other	Bombs of 2 A/C Unaccounted for	2
495	TOTAL		
195.25	Bombs on Enemy Territory		
144,931.24	Total Bombs to Date		
1	A/C Lost (410 BG)		
2	A/C Missing (394 BG - 1, 387 BG - 1)		
0	A/C Crash-Landed		
37	A/C Battle Damaged		
7.43%			
0	Killed		
0	Wounded		
15	Missing		
0	Injured		
0	Claims		

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FAILURES TO BOMB

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. A/C</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASON</u>
322	1	Mechanical	Right engine cutting out.
344	1	Mechanical	Left engine cutting out.
391	2	Mechanical	1 - Lost canopy on take-off. 1 - Rack malfunction.
386	1	Other	Flak knocked out right engine.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Kempton 410 BG: 2/10 strato-cumulus at 3000'. Visibility 8 miles.
322 BG: 10/10 multi-layer and medium cloud at 7000'. Visibility 3-5 miles in haze and intermittent rain.
397 BG: 10/10 multi-layer, base 9000', tops 15,000'. Visibility 100-200 yards in cloud and 1 mile between cloud patches.
386 BG: 10/10 multi-layer cloud at 7000' lowering to 5000' in heavy rain. Visibility 1-2 miles.
416 BG: 10/10 multi-layer clouds at 6500'. Continuous rain. Visibility 1 mile.
Hof 416 BG: 3-5/10 cumulus, tops 5000', base 3000'. 7-9/10 alto-cumulus and alto-stratus, tops 14,000', base 7000'.
386 BG: 10/10 medium cloud, tops 12,000', base 10,000'. 7/10 stratus-cumulus at 6-7000'. Visibility 5-8 miles.

S/A PHOTO REPORT

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING</u>	<u>MECHANICAL FAILURES</u>		<u>PERSONNEL FAILURES</u>	
		<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
410	100%	0	0	0	0
322	100%	0	0	0	0
397	86%	1	14	0	0
386	Not available.				
416	100%	0	0	0	0
386	100%	0	0	0	0

FLAK ANALYSIS - ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY 496
A/C LOST TO FLAK 1
A/C MISSING 2
A/C FLAK BATTLE DAMAGED 36
% A/C FLAK BATTLE DAMAGED 7.43%

S E C R E T

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Two Ju 52's were observed by the 410th Group flying west in vicinity of Elzach (WM-240535). No attack.

Too early: 1111 to 1156
1710 to 1747

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

The 416 Gp. received no flak enroute or at the target.
The 386 Gp. experienced heavy flak fire at the target varying from weak, inaccurate on the first run to moderate, accurate on the second run. The attack was made between 7450 and 8500 feet altitude.

Hot Railroad Bridge	416, 386, 323 Gp.
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Flak Battle Damaged	11
% A/C Flak Battle Damaged	22%

The 410 Gp. encountered moderate, accurate, heavy flak fire near Offenburg at W-165878. The 416 Gp. received weak, inaccurate, heavy flak fire (six bursts) enroute at S-140580. The 397 Gp. experienced weak, accurate, heavy and light flak fire in the vicinity of Wehlberg (W-150620). Smoke from heavy flak positions was reported to have been seen in the woods west of Wehlberg. Light flak travers came through the formation, which was flying at 6000 feet at the time.
The 322 Gp., in addition, received moderate, inaccurate, heavy flak fire at Stuttgart. The 322 Gp., in addition, received moderate, inaccurate, heavy flak fire from Schorndorf (S-320245), and moderate, accurate, heavy and light flak accurate, light flak fire at X-925055. The 386 Gp. also received intense light flak fire 6 miles northeast of the target; and the 322 Gp. received moderate, in- the area. The 386 Gp. experienced 3 bursts of heavy flak fire and weak light Of the groups which reached the target, only the 386 and 322 Gp. encountered flak in the area. The 386 Gp. experienced 3 bursts of heavy flak fire and weak light Going groups reached the target area.
The 409, 391, 323 and 394 Gps. encountered no flak. The 344 Gp., flying at 5000 - 7500 feet altitude, experienced moderate, accurate - and some intense, inaccurate - light flak fire at Heilbronn (O-806250). Weak, inaccurate, heavy flak fire was re- ceived at Ludwigsburg (S-075350). The 387 Gp. not weak, inaccurate, heavy flak fire in the area between Haslocht (W-260640) and Lahr (X-100200). None of the fore-

Kempton Ordnance Depot	All Groups
A/C Lost to Flak	1
A/C Missing	2
A/C Flak Battle Damaged	25
% A/C Flak Battle Damaged	5.54%

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
PRESS RELEASE

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, France, April 12 - Despite rain that prevented some formations from completing operations, 140 Ninth Bombardment Division Invaders, Marauders and Havocs attacked a large ordnance storage and repair depot at Kempten, 62 miles southwest of Munich, and the communications center of Laupheim, 50 miles southeast of Stuttgart, before noon today.

Returning crews reported bombs destroyed a cluster of ordnance buildings at Kempten. Explosions followed the successful bombing attack, sending huge columns of black smoke rolling skyward.

The depot is located near the Bavarian Alps where the Germans are reported to be preparing their national "redoubt" defenses. It contained stores of weapons, ammunition, food, vehicles and facilities for repairing motor transport and armored force vehicles.

One Havoc was lost to flak over the target at Kempten. No enemy aircraft were seen.

-30- News Room 1500, Press Camp 1520.

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, France, April 12 - Bombing through scattered clouds, 50 Ninth Bombardment Division Invaders damaged a railway bridge and cut approaches at Hof, near the Czechoslovakian border in Germany, this evening. Earlier operations brought the total to 190 completed bombing sorties for the day.

* Despite rain and clouds that forced other bombers to turn back without completing operations, the Invaders attacked visually. Some flak was encountered, but all bombers returned. No enemy aircraft were seen.

Before noon, 140 Invaders, Marauders and Havocs attacked an ordnance depot at Kempten, 62 miles southwest of Munich, and a communications center of Laupheim, 50 miles southeast of Stuttgart, with the loss of one bomber.

-30- Press Camp 2045, News Room 2120.

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Photo interpretation officers estimated 65 percent of supplies stored in a large ordnance storage and repair depot at "Compton" were destroyed by bombing and light bombers. The depot was reported to contain stores of weapons, ammunition, food and vehicles.

The Thursday attack against the railroad and light bombers returned at night day of operations.

170	Aircraft bombing
1	Bombers lost
105	Boat tonnage
1	Ordnance depot attacked
1	Communications center attacked
1	Railroad bridge attacked
1	Railroad bridge damaged
9	Railroad cuts
10	Railroad cuts
61	Buildings destroyed or damaged

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, "Compton", April 12 - "Following are operational statistics, including preliminary damage assessment figures, for combined missions of 4-26 bombers, 4-20 Havocs and 4-26 "Wendies" of the 4th Bombardment Division Thursday:

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PRESS RELEASES

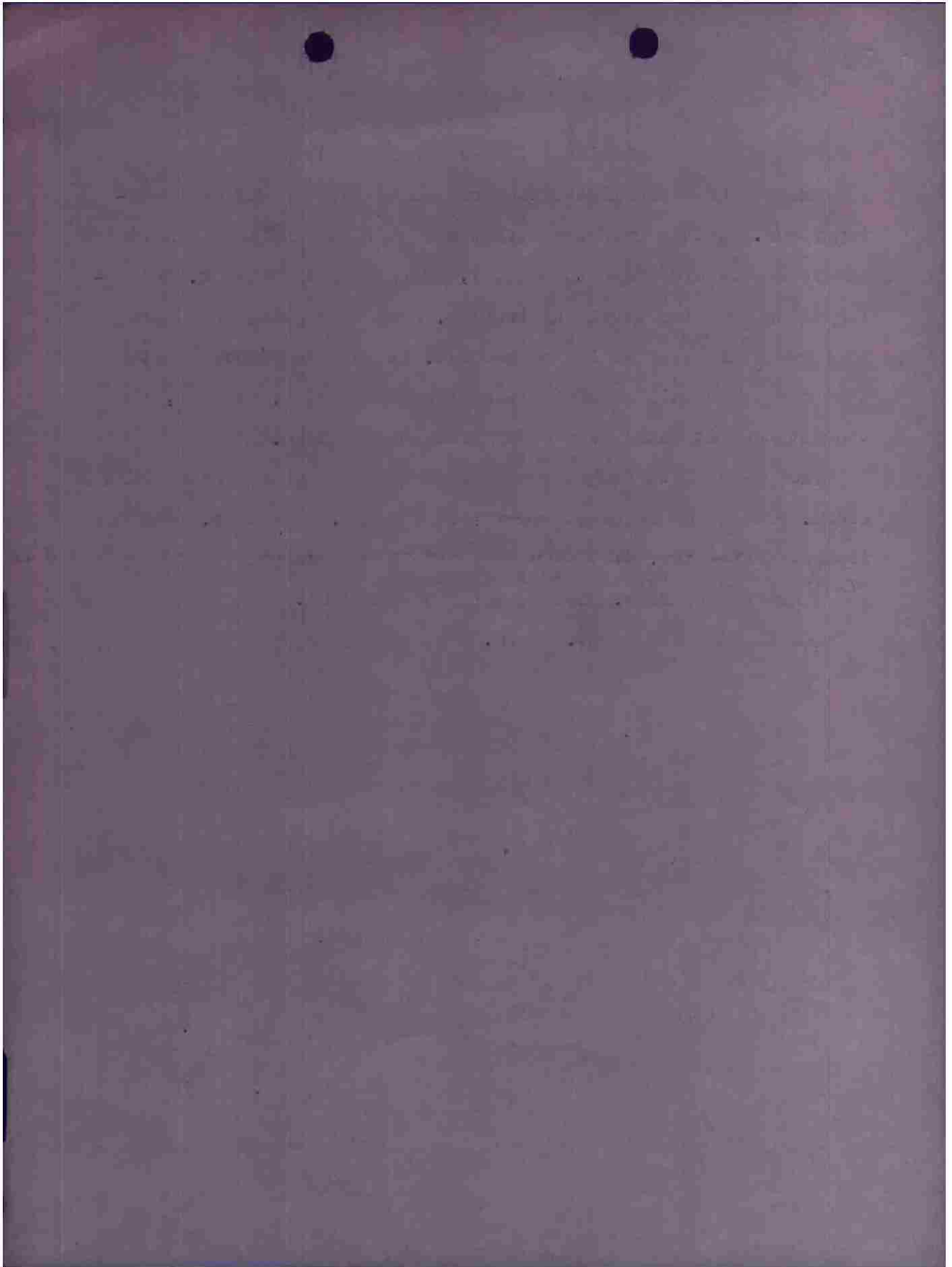
Mission # 271--12 April (PM)

One box of four flights took off to attack the Hof ^{Railroad} ~~marshalling~~ ^{bridge} yards. Weather over the target was poor so that the formation was forced to drop down to about 7,000 ^{feet} to make the attack. Returning crews reported excellent results. Four bomb patterns covered the bridge and each of its approaches. It appeared though that the bridge was still standing when the planes left. However, they thought that it would be ~~useless~~ ^{damaged by} after the bombing.

The planes returned to the Base in the middle of a heavy rain storm. All planes returned ^{to base} ~~safely~~, except one. ~~As yet~~ Lt. Downing is unaccounted for. ~~It is now known that he landed safely at the 387th Bomb Gp, diverting because of the bad weather.~~
There was no flak. No enemy planes were seen.

The box was led by Lt. Brown.

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 18/12 OP OP

FROM: 416TH BOMB GP (L) 12/2126B
TO : CG, 9TH BOMB DIV , ATT A2;
97TH COMBAT WING , ATT A2
BT

SECRET 416BG P-213-D OPFLASH FOR 12 PXX APRIL 1945 (AFTERNOON)

A. 416TH BOMB GP (L)
B. HOF RR BRIDGE (WJ-964012)
C. 27 A-26'S
D. 27 A-26'S ON PRIMARY TARGET
E. NIL
F. 108 X 1000 GP ON PRIMARY TARGET
G. FLIGHT A- EXCELLENT
B- GOOD TO EXCELLENT
C- EXCELLENT
D- FAIR

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

L. FLIGHT A-5400 FEET
B- 5000 FEET
C-5200 FEET
D- 5500 FEET

M. FLIGHT A- 1710 1/2
B- 1711
C- 1712

D- 1719(TWO RUNS- TO OBTAIN BETTER VIEW OF AP.)
X. LEADER REPORTED HE WOULD BE 5 MINUTES LATE IN CONTACT WITH SWEEP-STAKES.

CAPT. SHERIDAN

BT 12/2126B

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WJF AR

ITA R.....122140B LBC B OP (JEA)
JEA R.....122140B DJP KKKKKKK

200 Buildings
3/18 7 1/2 bat I 7 through 16
bat II 7 through 24
B.N. 5846
~~3 AIR (125) / 1~~
3 AIR / 315 / 1
3C. 123 / 1
106 X. 906
PRINT 9010
106 X. 2626
P. 3130

secret

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

From: 416th Bomb. Gp(L)

Opflash for 12 April 1945 (afternoon)

Secret

A. 416th Bomb Gp(L)

B. Hof RR Bridge(~~WJ~~ WJ-984012)

C. 27 A26's

D. 28 A26's on primary target

E. ~~1 A26 not yet returned to field, unaccounted for.~~ *nil*

F. 108 x 1000 GP on primary target

~~4 x 1000 GP unaccounted for (in A/C 2315 not yet returned to base.)~~

G. Flight A-Excellent

B-Good to excellent

C- Excellent

D- Fair to good

H. Nil

I. Nil

J. Nil

K. Nil

L. Flight A- 5400 feet

B- 5000 feet

C- 5200 feet

D- 5500 feet

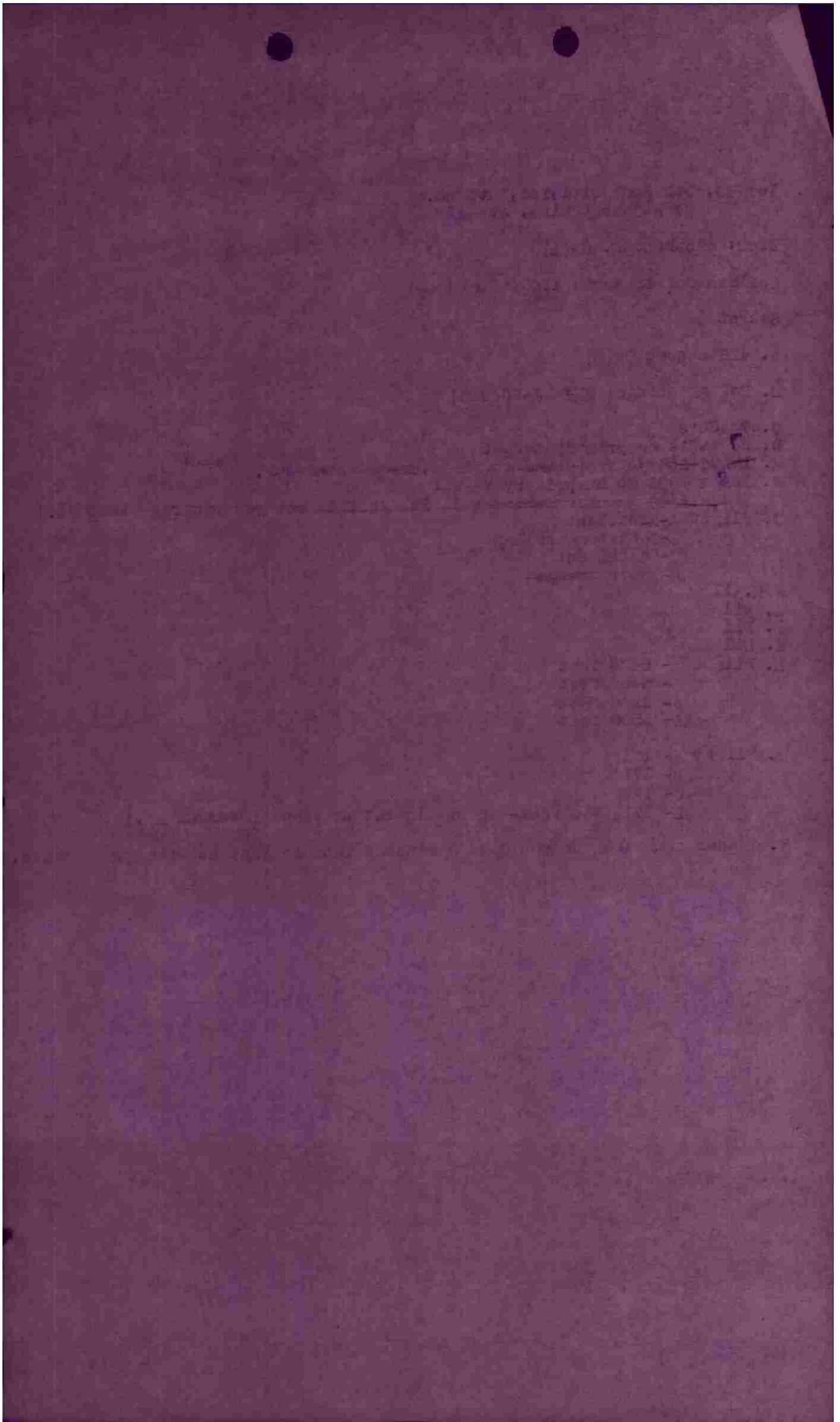
M. Flight A- 1710 $\frac{1}{2}$

B- 1711

C- 1712

D- 1712 (two runs- to obtain better view of ~~target~~ AP.)

X. Leader reported he would be 5 minutes late in contact with Sweepstakes



ITA JEA V JRI JRI 1/13 OP - OP
 FROM HQ 416TH BOMB GCP (L) S-2 PI 122/2345B
 TO HQ 9TH BOMB DIV. (H) ATT: A-2 PI
 HQ 9TH WING (L) " A-2 DUTY OFF.

BT
 SECRET 416BG P-215-D

B. HOF RR BRIDGE

C. 1710 - 1710

J. BOX I FLT A - DMPI - EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 500 FT E. BOMBS HIT IN ELONGATED PATTERN IN RIVER DEEPER BED.

FLT B - DMPI - EXCEL: 90PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH IN CENTER OF PATTERN 500 FT NE. BLANKET OF BURSTS ON RR JUST N OF BRIDGE CUTTING TRACKS.)

FLT C - DMPI - SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 500 FT N. GOOD PATTERN OF BURSTS ACROSS BRIDGE SCORING NEAR RISES TO SPAN PROBABLY DAMAGING IT.

BOX II FLT A - DMPI - EXCEL: 70 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI NE BOMBS FALL IN GOOD PATTERN IN TOWN 500 FT SW OF DMPI WITH HITS SCORED ON BLDGS AND ROADS.

K. NIL

L. A) 10 100PERCENT
 B) 0 0 "
 C) 0 0 "

N. 4 DIRECT HITS ON RR TRACKS CUTTING THEM. 8 HITS ON RAILROAD ROADS CUTTING THEM. 20 BLDGS DESTROYED OR SEVERELY DAMAGED.

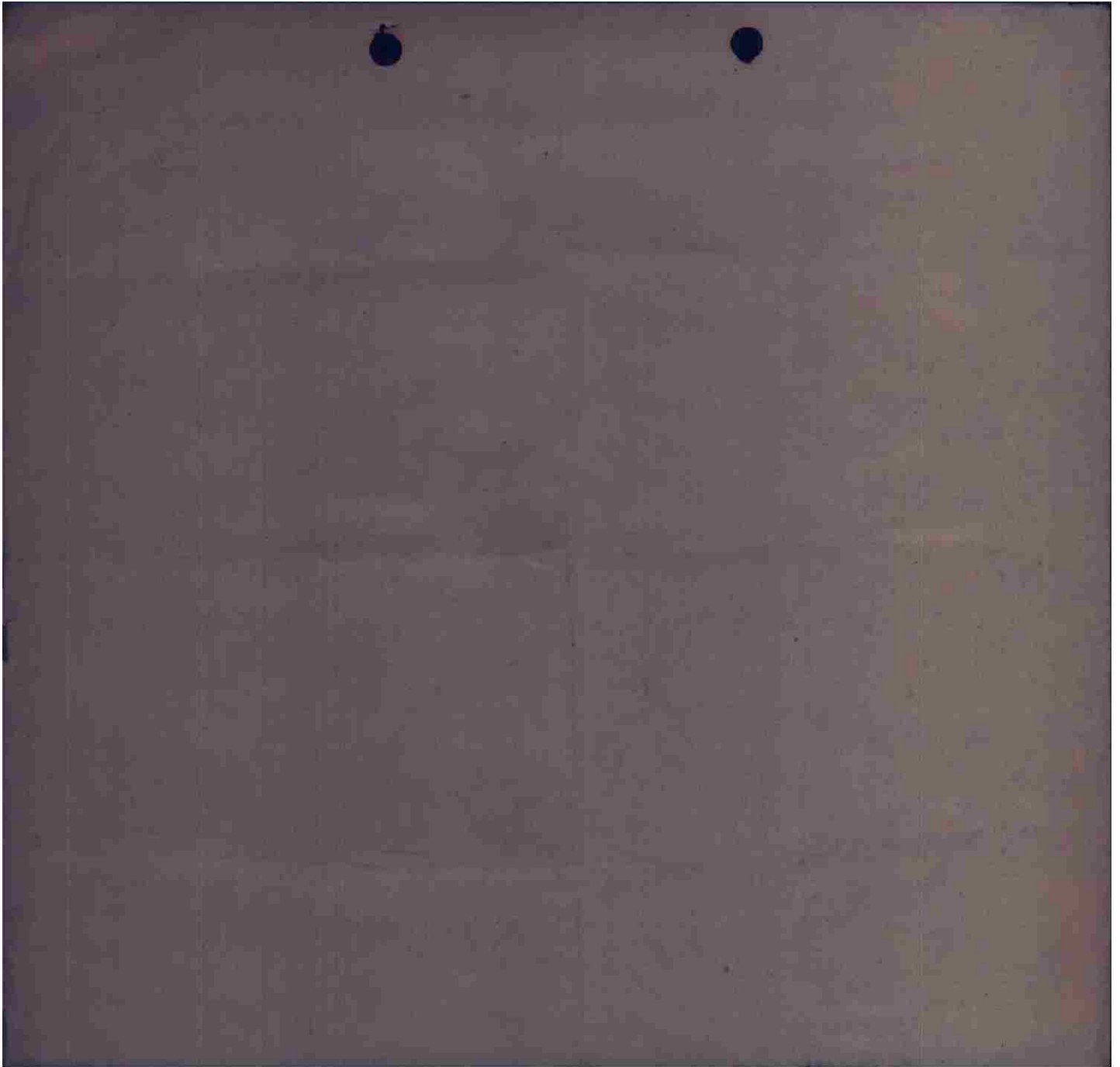
CAPT. ZESIGER

BT 12/2345B

JF B B

ITA 1.....V13/01100 HW BDB INCK
 JEA 1.....13/01100 SS INCK

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TO: CB, 9th Bomb Division; att: A-2

CH, 97 Combat Wing, att: A-2

FROM: 416th Bomb Group

Op flash for 12-4-45 (afternoon)

A. 416th Bomb Group

B. Hof R.R. bridge (W-1-964012)

C. 27 A-26's

D. 2 to A-26's ON PRIMARY TARGET

E. 1 A-26 UNACCOUNTED FOR.

F. 10² x 1000 lb of DP on Primary TARGET
14 x 1000 IN AIR 2315 - HAS NOT RETURNED TO BASE

D. Flight A - Excellent C - excellent
B - Good - Excellent D - Fair to good

H. 0
I. 0
J. 0
K. 0 } nil

L. ~~1000~~, 2L 1, 5400

M. 2L 2, 5000

2L 3, 5200

2L 4, 5500

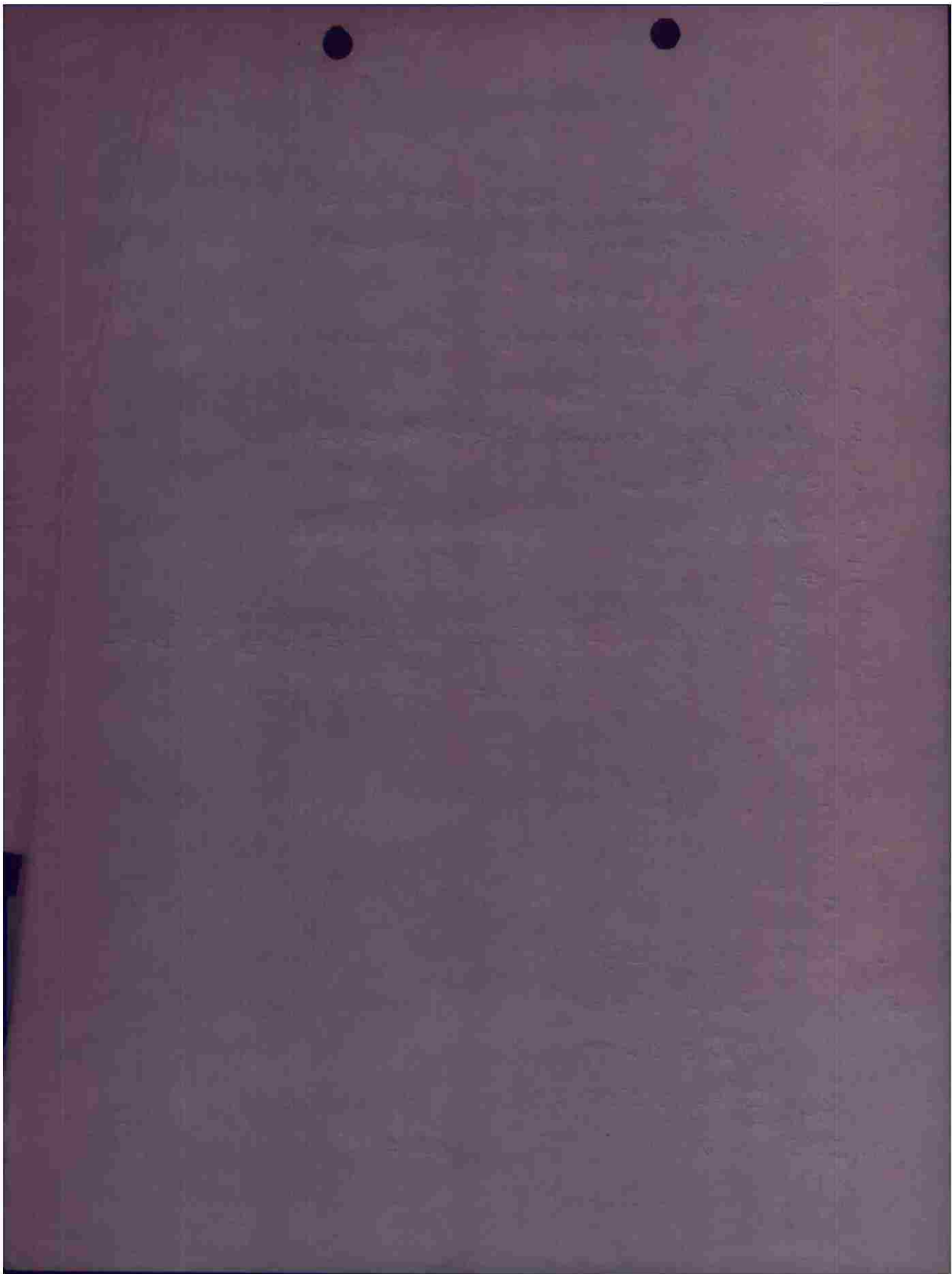
N. 1710^{1/2}

1711,

1712,

2 mins
1719

* Lenth called Sweepstakes, inform



ITA JKI V JEA JEA 05/12 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 12/1025B
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 416

BT

SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE

97CBW P-101-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT 1 FIELD ORDER 251-848:

- (1) TARGET: RAIL BRIDGE NORTH OF HOF AT WJ-964012. SEE US10/T618
(RECEIVED BY YOU LAST NIGHT). THE MPI IS THE CENTER OF THE
ANNOTATED AREA.
- (2) NOTE P/W CAMP AT WO-980990 JAHNHEIM/HOF-SAALE.
- (3) PHOTO COVERAGE AND MAP COVERAGE
US10/T-618
G.S.G.S. 4492 SHEET 8
G.S.G.S. 4416 SHEET S-6
- (4) TARGET IS ABOUT TWENTY FIVE MILES WEST OF BOMBLINE NO. 208.
- (5) FLAK: NO PLOTTED POSITIONS ON ROUTE OR AT TARGET.

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BT 1025B
RL AR K

JKI R.....121030B EJ K
ITA R.....12/1037B CFB AR



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ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 8/12 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 12/1328B
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409 (INFO)
COBOMGP 410 (INFO)
COBOMGP 416

12:15:45

~~CA~~

SAC

1400

BT
SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH COL. MC AFEE

97CBW P-104-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
12 APRIL 1945

ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 251-848:

AMEND PARA. 3. A. (12) TO READ:
(12) GROUP WILL BOMB BY VISUAL MEANS ONLY IN THE FOLLOWING
PRIORITY:
(A) PRIMARY TARGET
(B) ALTERNATE TARGET

CHANGE PARA. 3. X. (4) TO READ:
(4) EMERGENCY SHORT FIELDS Y-1, Y-2, A-78, A-93

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 1328B
RL AR K

JES R.....12/1340B	WL	AR
JPO R.....12/1340 ?	HGP	AR
JKI R.....12/1340B	RSS	AR
ITA R.....12/1340B	MD	B

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ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA 09/12 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 12/1430B

TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409TH (INFO)
COBOMGP 418TH (INFO)
COBOMGP 416TH

BT

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

A P O - 140

12 APRIL 1945

ANNEX NO. 3 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 251-SAS

97CEW P-105-E

CHANGE PAR. 3. A. (6) TO READ: BOMB 9,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS
DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 4,000 FEET
ABOVE THE TERRAIN.

CONCETUIG 97

BT 12/1430B

LEG AR

JES B12/1440B EJK AR

JPO B12/1440B WAC AF KK

J D12/1440B EJ AR

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ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA 06/12 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 12/1100B
 TO COMBOMDIV IX
 COBOMGP 409TH (INFO)
 COBOMGP 410TH (INFO)
 COBOMGP 416TH

BT

SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O - 140
 12 APRIL 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 251-848

97CBW P-102-E

MAPS: NORMAL

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

ZERO HOUR: 12/1630B

3. A. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (1) HOF RAIL BRIDGE WJ-964013.
 - (2) 24 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT M-6867 AT 7,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES.
 - (4) BASE TO M-6867 TO WO-3089 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO M-6867 TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB 9,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET.
 - (7) WO-3484.
 - (8) GENERALLY SW TO NE.
 - (9) M.P.I. ILL. US10/T618. CENTER OF ANNOTATED BRIDGE. INTERVALOMETER SETTING: 50 FEET.
 - (10) 4 X 1000 LB GP FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/100 SEC TAIL.
 - (11) WO-3089.
 - (12) IF CLOUDS PREVENT VISUAL BOMBING OF PRIMARY TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB AN ALTERNATE TARGET EAST OF THE PRIMARY IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - (A) VISUALLY
 - (B) "GEE"
 - (C) TARGET E.T.A.
 - (13) GROUP IS CAUTIONED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.
 - (14) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED ON BOMBING PRIMARY TARGET DUE TO PROXIMITY OF P/W CAMP IN TARGET AREA.

X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS TO FOLLOW.

COMCBTWIG 97
 BT 12/1100B
 LEG AR

JES R121125B JAB AR
 JPO R12/1125B WAC AR
 JKI R12/1125B WFG AR
 ITA R

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Colony
Munich
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MISSION NO. 271

LOADING LIST

12 APRIL 1945

Intell

BOX 1

FLIGHT I

1. 190 H
Lt. G.J. Rosen
Lt. J.E. Norris
Lt. H.G. Hansen
S/Sgt. G.R. Corbitt

4. 192 F
Lt. D.L. Hightower
S/Sgt. A.B. Eaton
Colonel J.L. Strom

2. 213 H
Lt. A.T. Hlavin
Sgt. R.B. Grubb

5. 300 H
Lt. T.T. Gruber
Sgt. M. Appelman

3. 240 F
Lt. J.B. Cooke
S/Sgt. R.D. Redding

6. 345 V
Lt. D.L. Price
Sgt. J.F. Reicher

FLIGHT II

1. 301 T
Captain W.F. DeWalt
S/O G.A. Cardinale
S/Sgt. R.H. Vance

4. 352 D
Lt. J.F. Allen
S/Sgt. G.W. Veeney

2. 351 F
Lt. J.A. Willard
S/Sgt. G.V. Hinkler
Lt. J.W. Britt

5. 393 H
Lt. R.W. Marshall
Sgt. R.W. Lee

3. 354 S
Lt. R.H. Hackley
S/Sgt. G.T. Hawk

6. 314 H
Lt. R.H. Smith
S/Sgt. W.H. Brinkman

FLIGHT III

1. 404 G
Lt. F.B. Parker
Lt. H.F. Craft
S/Sgt. C. Neenan

4. 100 H
Lt. J.T. Phillips
S/Sgt. W.A. Miller

2. 239 H
Lt. H.V. Hlavin
S/Sgt. F. Gentry

5. 274 S
Lt. A.V. Sumter
Sgt. D. Ivalice

3. 235 F
Lt. V.B. Dym
S/Sgt. G.J. Steward

6. ³¹⁰ ~~235~~ A
Lt. R.J. Lachner
Sgt. G.H. Fidler
T/Sgt. R. Childs

FLIGHT IV

1. 501 V
Lt. R.B. Hall
S/O T.L. Goss
S/Sgt. W.G. Jackson
Lt. W.H. McRae

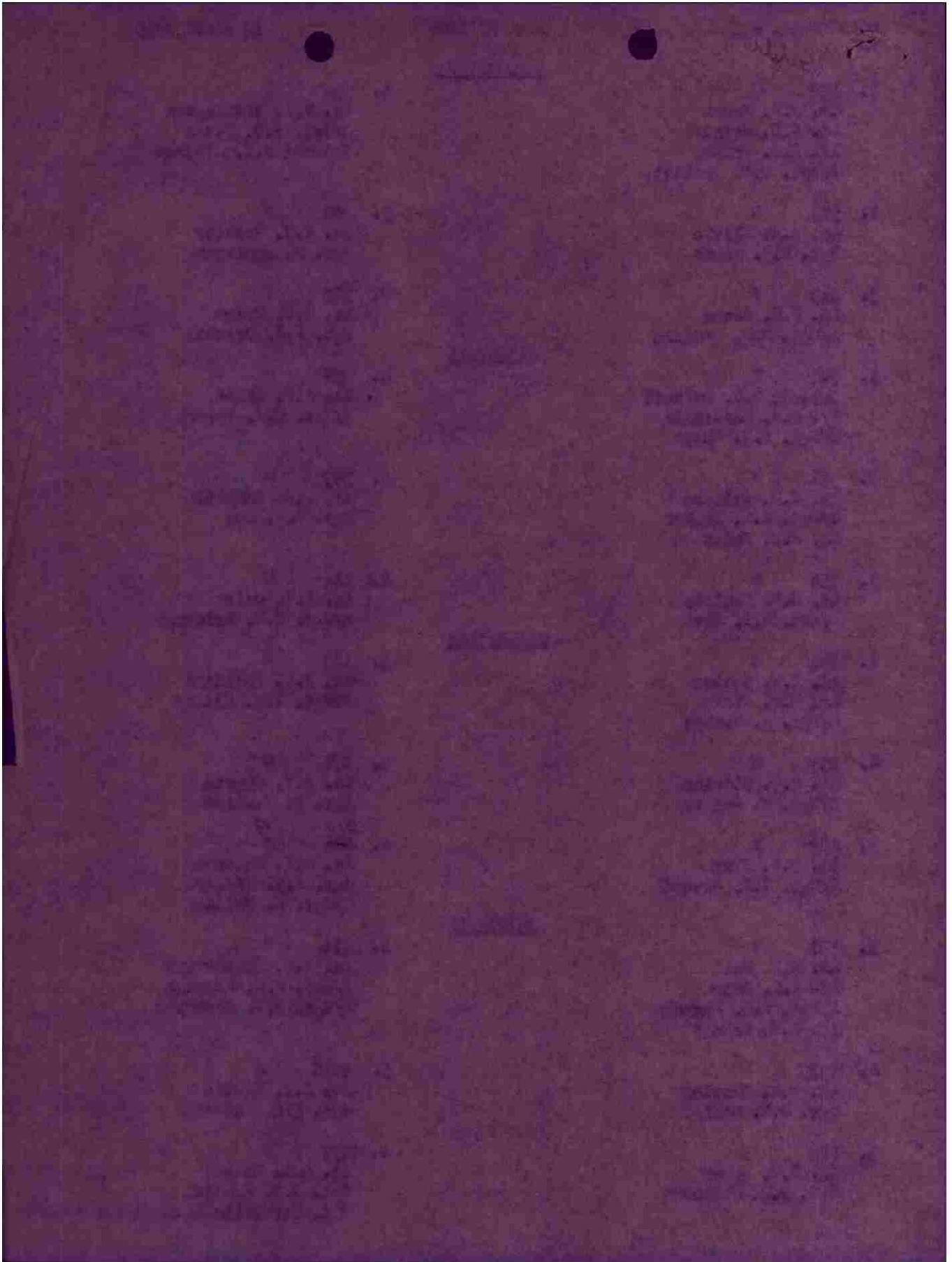
4. 416 O
Lt. H.B. Singletary
S/Sgt. H.G. Wiggins
S/Sgt. D.B. Richards

2. 2315 L
Lt. V.J. Downing
Sgt. D.H. Neal

5. 9315 F
Lt. J.C. Curtis
Sgt. J.M. Matthews

3. 223 H
Lt. R.H. Rower
Opl. R.H. Wilson

6. 232 H
Lt. A.G. Hanson
Opl. R.H. Rower
Sgt. Mirabella (4th Combat Camera)

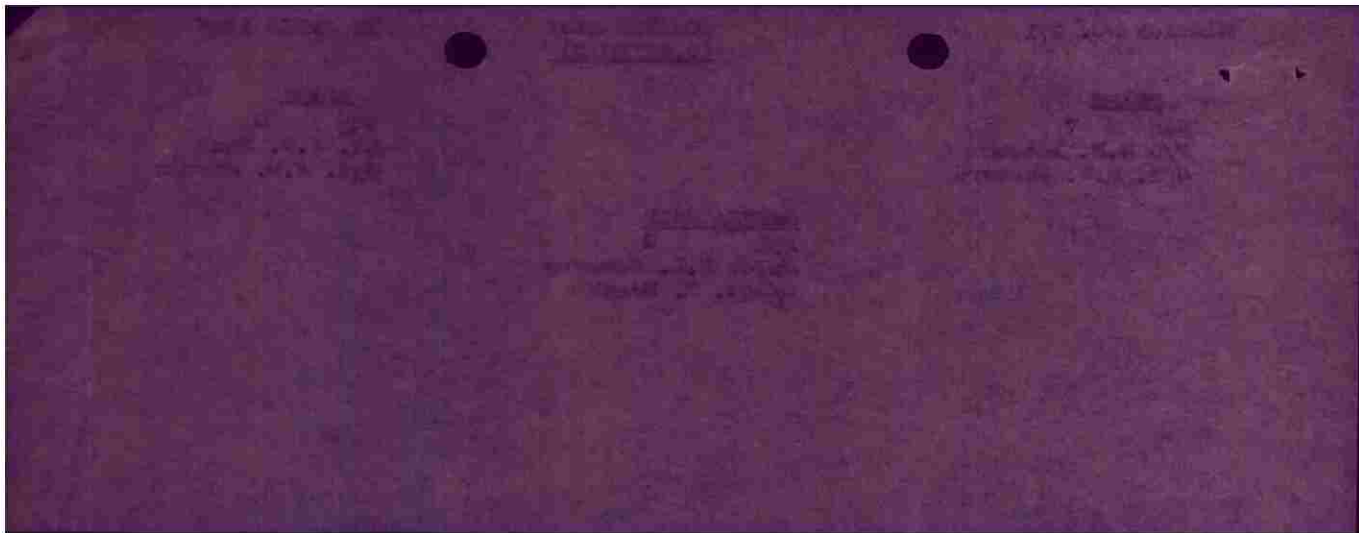


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MISSION NO. 271	LOADING LIST (CONTINUED)	12 APRIL 1945
<u>SPARE</u>		<u>SPARE</u>
564 V		385 D
P/O S.B. Boerner		Lt. F.R. Tank
Cpl. M.W. Shivers		Sgt. F.B. Harmon
	<u>CAMERA SHIP</u>	
	492 S	
	Major H.L. Scamers	
	S/Sgt. K. Heath	

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

AUTH: CO Sta
A-69
DATE: 24 Apr 45
INIT: _____

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SUBJECT: A-26 OPREP No. 124 for 24 hours ending sunset 20 April 1945

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

I
Mission No. 27, 97th Combat Wing Field Order No. 211-245

1. Operational Factors:
Place of take-off Station A-69 Place of Landing Station A-69
Take-off time 1317 type mission Sortie T.O.T. 1710-1719
Targets 1st Rail Bridge (primary) None (secondary)
Landing time None Oper. hours (a) 1317-03 Oper. hours (b) None
Weather _____
2. Effort:
Dispatched 27 A-26's Sorties 27 Effective sorties 27
A/C expending bombs 27 Non-effective sorties None

A/C returning early None

3. Bombs carried into air: 100 x 1000 LB GP 1/10 & 1/120 T
Expended 100 x 1000 LB GP fused 1/10 N 1/120 T Alt. 5000-5500
target 1st Rail Bridge results Excl. Excl. Excl. Excl.
Expended _____ fused _____ N _____ T Alt. _____
target _____ results _____
Expended _____ fused _____ N _____ T Alt. _____
target _____ results _____
4. Ammunition carried: 47,492 x 50 Cal.
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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For the Commanding Officer:

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ITA JEA V JMI JMI 12 P P

FROM: COMBOUTV 416 122035Z
TO : COMBOUTV NINE ATT: SIGNAL OFFICER
INFO : COMBOUTV 97
BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416DG P-212-J

A- VS -98
B- 12 APRIL 1945 (1516-1834)
C- B- ROGER REPORTED OPERATIONS COMPLETED TO PARADE.
D- B- ROGER REPORTED TO SWEEPSTAKES UPON ENTERING TACTICAL AREA.
E- NONE
F- NONE
G- NONE
H- NONE
I- NONE
J- NONE
K- NONE

AYLESWORTH COMBOUTV 416
BT 122035Z
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BOMBARDIER'S LOG

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TARGET

4-12-45
DATE

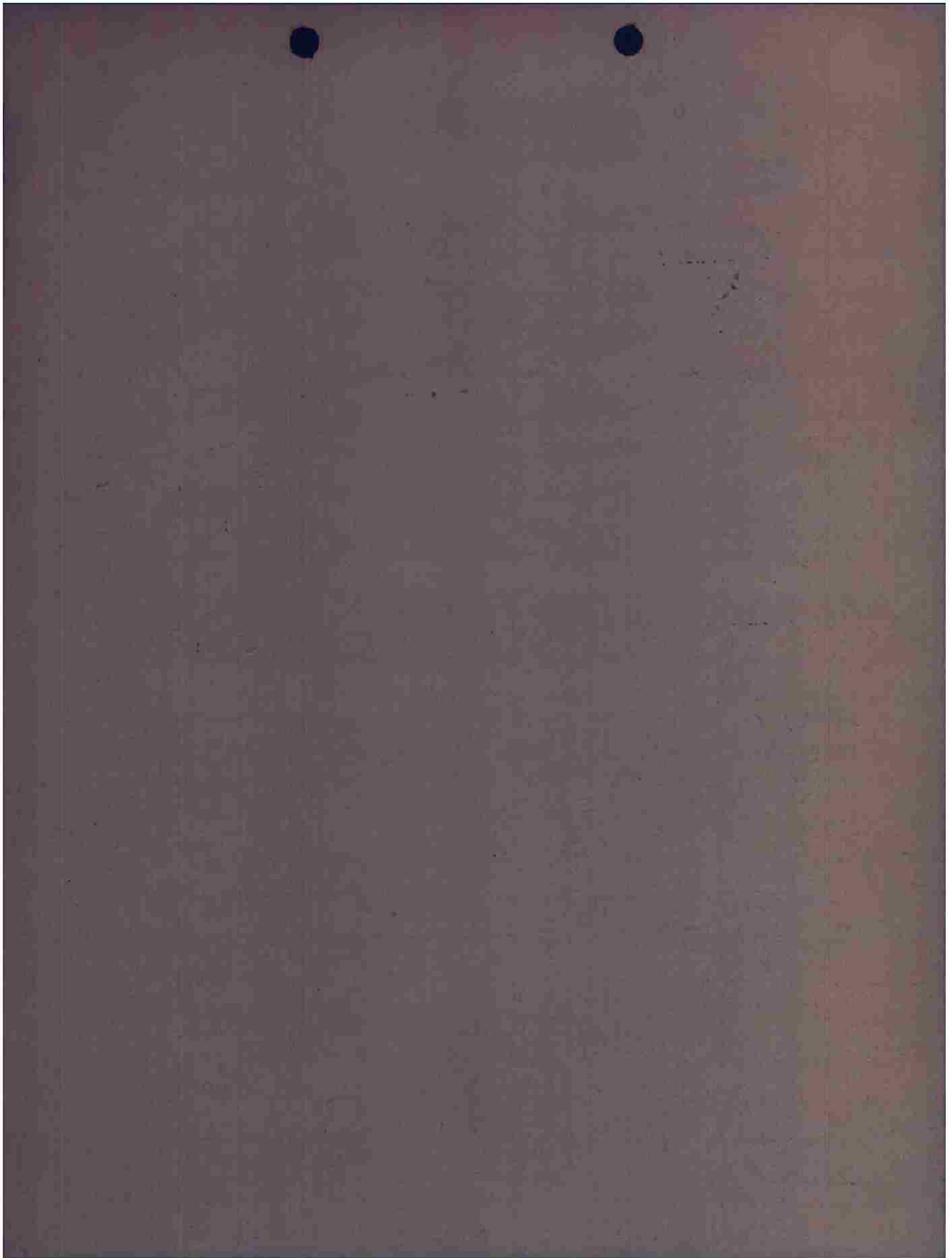
Pressure Altitude of Target : +1025	Type of Release: Train Ind. Slvo.
Altimeter Setting : 29.92	Interval : 50'
Ind. Alt.: 8900 True Alt.: 7350	Length of Run: Time of Release
Tan. Dropping Angle : 1.045	Mag. Heading : 038°
Disc Speed : 243.5	Aircraft Number :
Trail : 43 Drift : -5	Pilot : Hall
IAS : 210 TAS : 242 GS : 254	Bombardier-Navigator : Goss
4 X 1000 Nose : 15 Tail : 100	Box : I Flight : D

Left

Right

Heading	Drift	Tangent	GroundSpeed	Heading	Drift	Tangent	GroundSpeed
038°	-6	1.015	250	048°	-5	1.05	258

Altitude	Disc Speed	Trail	TAS	GS	Tang.	Altitude	Disc Speed	Trail	TAS	GS	Tang.
-5 8500	250.6	43	240	251	1.065						
-5 8000	261.0	42	230	249	1.085						
-5 7000	284.6	41	225	245	1.17						
-4 6000	315.9	40	222	244	1.29						
4000	331.5	35	218	232	52.5						
4 6500	299.1	41	234	243	1.23						



Box I
Box II
Box III

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Camera 498

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Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O TOT L/D	15 min.												
<i>1</i>		<i>12 Apr 45</i>				<i>Brown</i>														
A/C	Fall to Bomb	ATT	F	S	J	T	R	A/C	Dem	E/A	Pers.									
Reg No.	Reason							W	D	A	A	C	B	E	D	P	D	K	W	M
<i>1</i>	<i>498-K</i>																			
<i>2</i>	<i>313</i>																			
<i>3</i>	<i>249-3</i>																			
<i>4</i>	<i>353-9</i>																			
<i>5</i>	<i>Sec-K</i>																			
<i>6</i>	<i>265-V</i>																			
<i>1</i>	<i>304-T</i>																			
<i>2</i>	<i>351-3</i>																			
<i>3</i>	<i>314-S</i>																			
<i>4</i>	<i>252-8</i>																			
<i>5</i>	<i>393-M</i>																			
<i>6</i>	<i>314-H</i>																			
<i>1</i>	<i>454-C</i>																			
<i>2</i>	<i>259-H</i>																			
<i>3</i>	<i>233-3</i>																			
<i>4</i>	<i>151-C</i>																			
<i>5</i>	<i>274-S</i>																			
<i>6</i>	<i>310-A</i>																			
<i>1</i>	<i>324-V</i>																			

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498-K
Brown

313
Alinto

353-9
Wickings

265-V
Price

304-T
Buckley

454-C
Garber

259-H
Blavin

352-8
Allen

351-3
Wickland

354-S
Shackley

314-S
Amick

393-M
Shackell

310-A
Amick

324-V
Amick

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TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

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

C.

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

D.

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

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

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

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

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Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
<i>I</i>		<i>12 Apr 45</i>				<i>Shae</i>	TOT L/D	
A/C	Fall to Bomb	ATF	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.		
Pos. No.	Reason	F	S	O	P	S	T	F
R								
1	469-A				4			
2	2315				4			
3	223-B				4			
4	416-C				4			
5	9315-3				4			
6	232-N				4			
1	815-B							
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469-A
Shae

223-B
Shae

2315
Shae

416-C
Shae

9315-3
Shae

232-N
Shae

815-B
Shae

SPARE

TOTALS FOR MISSING

E.

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

G.

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

D.

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

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

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

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

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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombo walked ~~in~~ up to bridge and across
but when smoke cleared bridge was up.

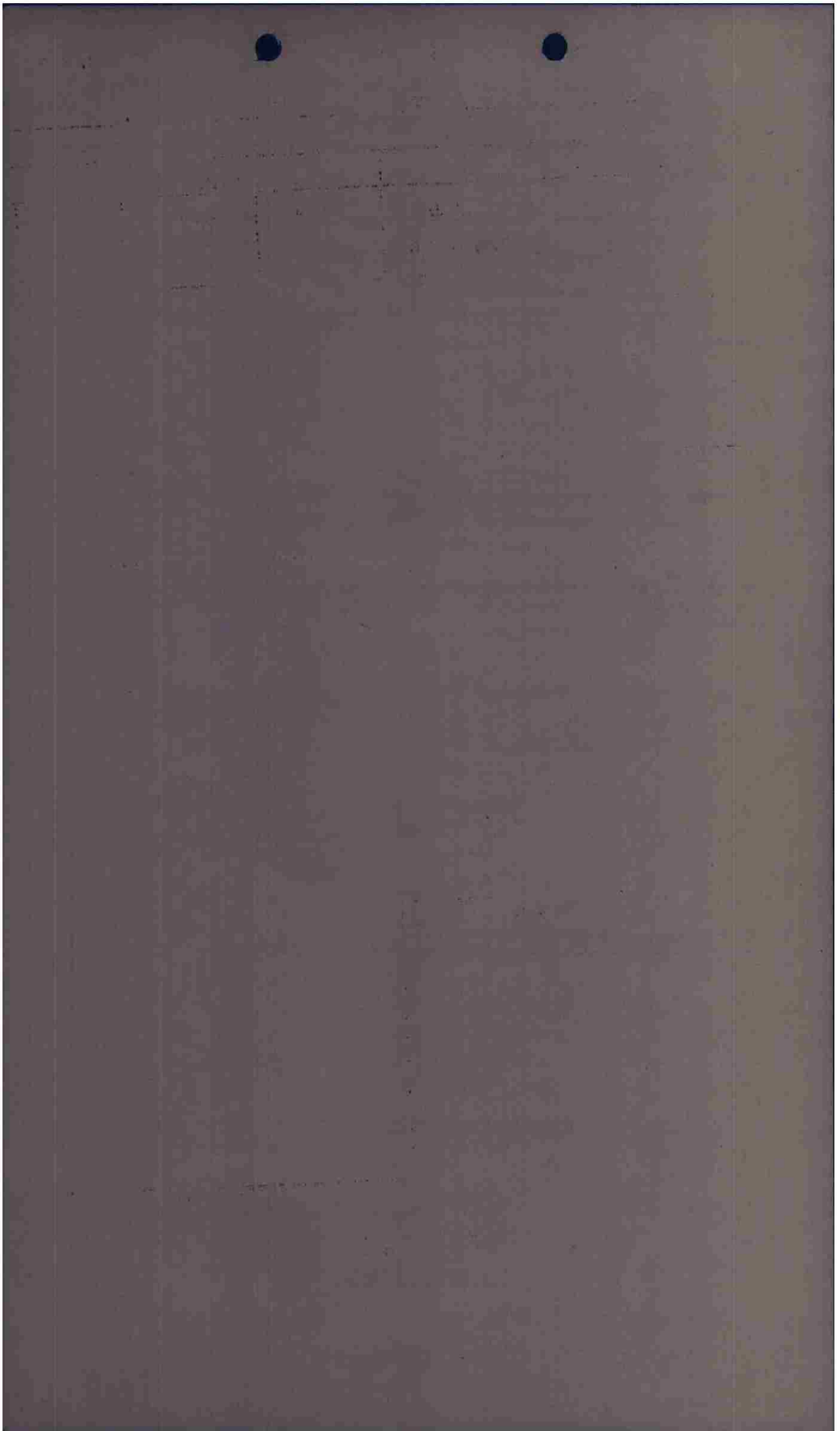
POSITION IN FORMATION

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X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

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OBSERVATIONS:

Saw 3 ^{stallions} ₁ buck patterns but bridge
was still up despite direct hits which
tore up tracks.

Circles 3 times at 6000 ft.
no clouds below 6,000 ft.

4/10 at 7500 ft.

1705 m/y 3/4 full

POSITION IN FORMATION

X X
X X
X X

X X
X X
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X

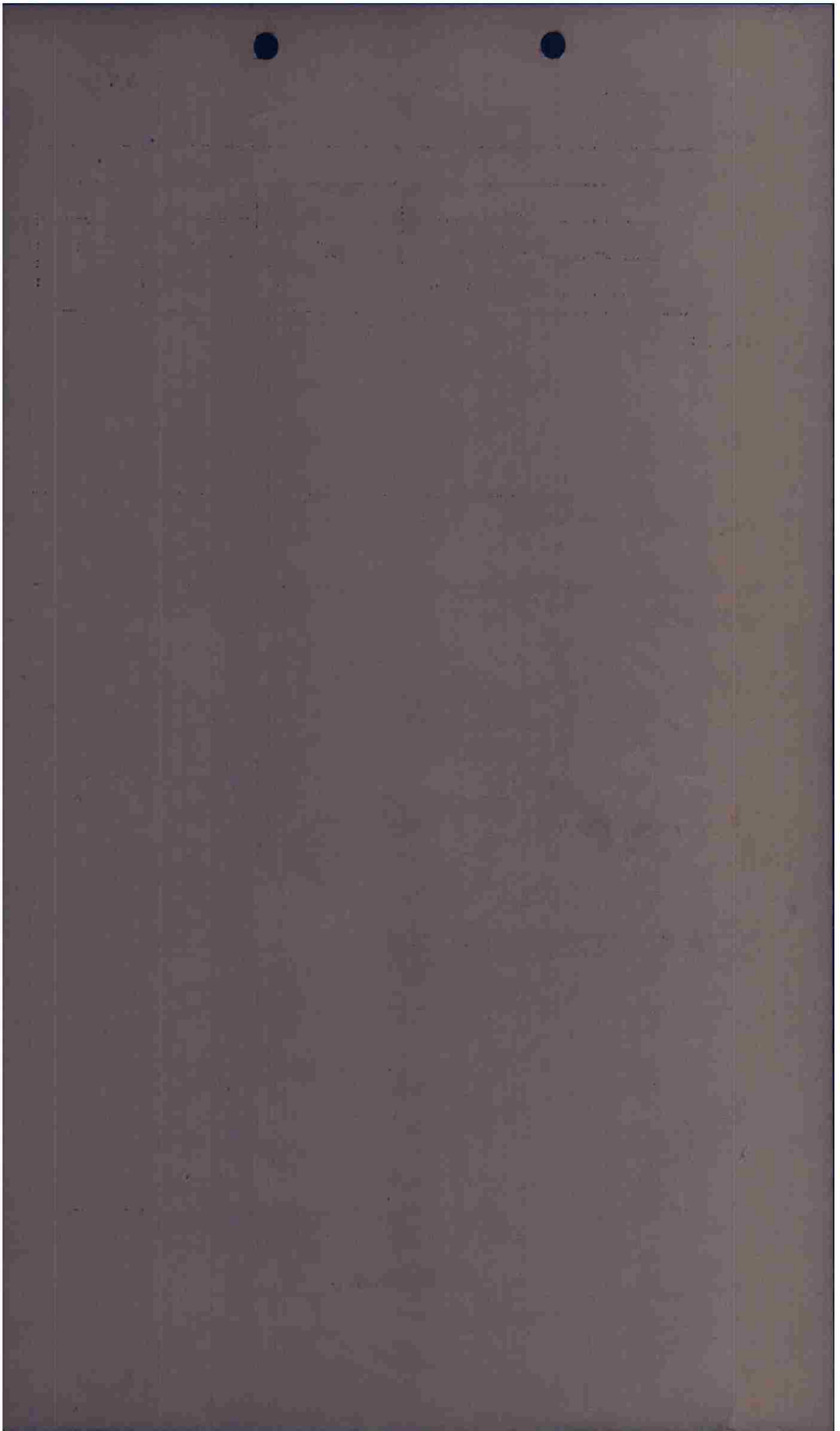
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PILOT Allen A/C# 252-D BOX 1 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES nil

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

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: Bunker said bombs hit bridge

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

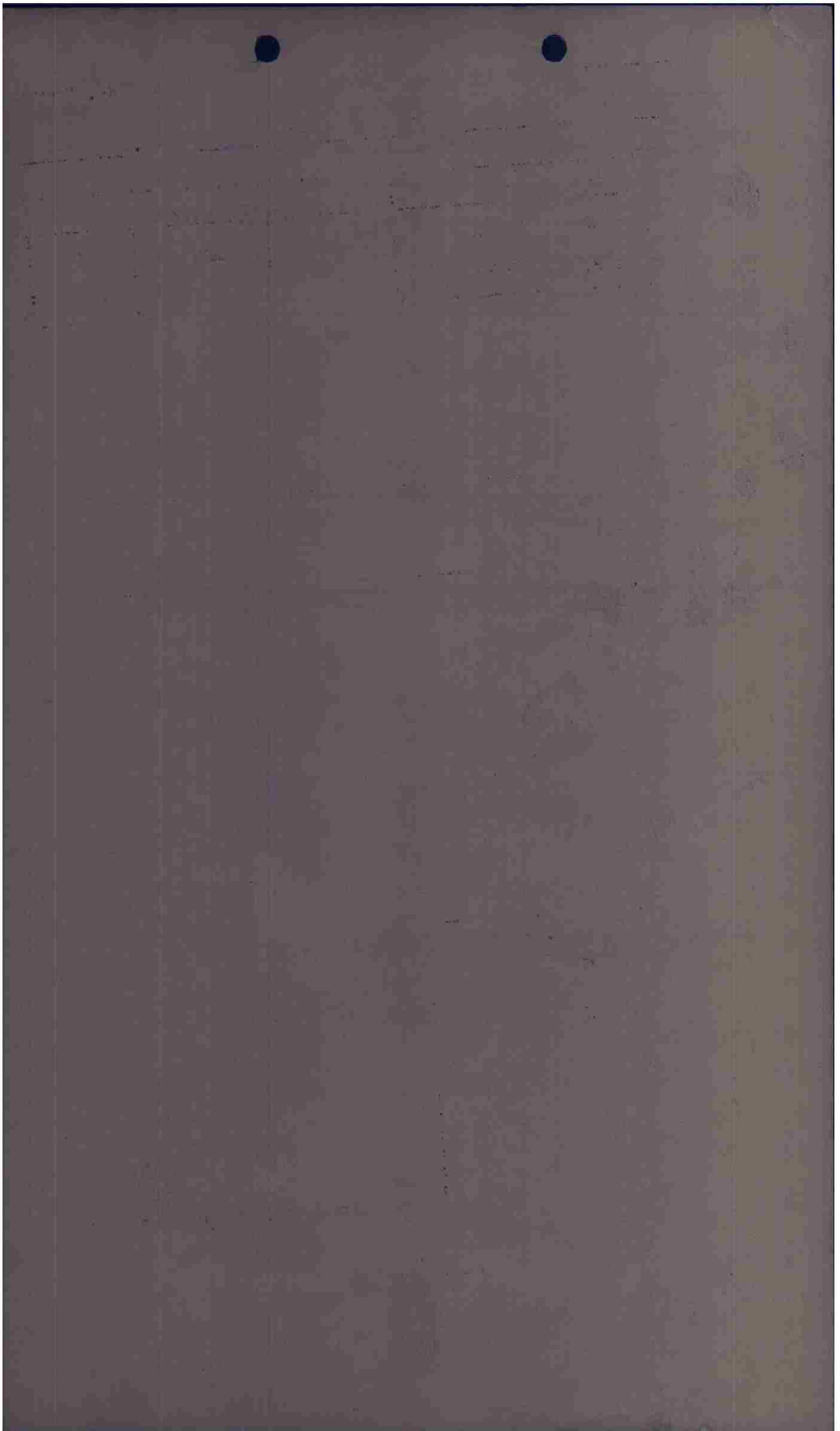
X  X  X
X  X
X  X

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

X (SPARE)
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PILOT Willard A/C# 351-3 BOX I FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> <u>X/100</u> ON <u>D</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

1st flt in sight
 2nd flt hit bridge
 3rd flight on last part of bridge in Tgt area.
 50-60 P.R. cars in m/y in town at 1.P.
 m/y at target half full with supplies stacked on side.
 possible supply stacks along autobahn

POSITION IN FORMATION

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

X (SPARE)

	X	
X	(X)	
	X	
X		X

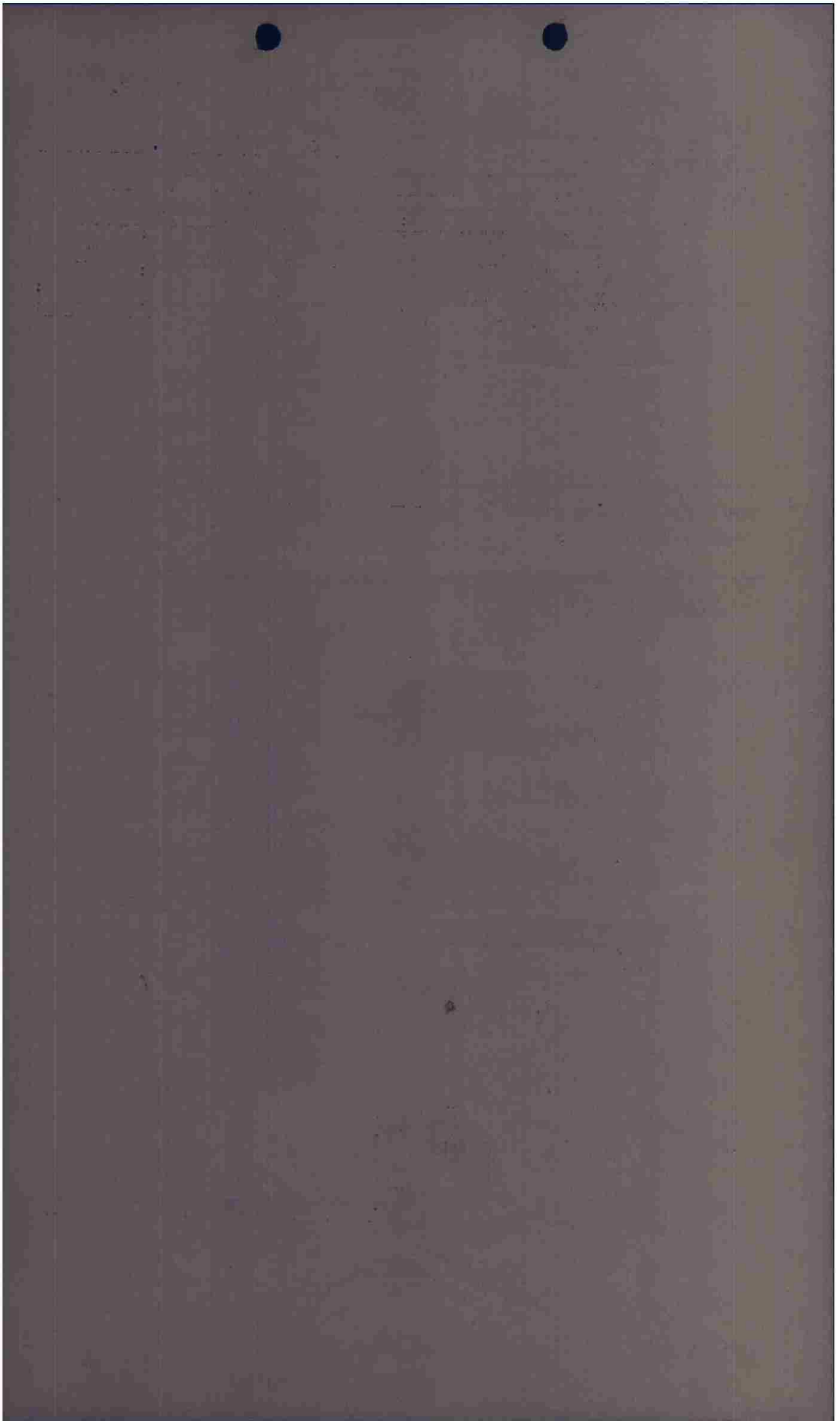
N of target.

Fires on B/L

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PILOT Haskell A/C# 393-2 BOX 1 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

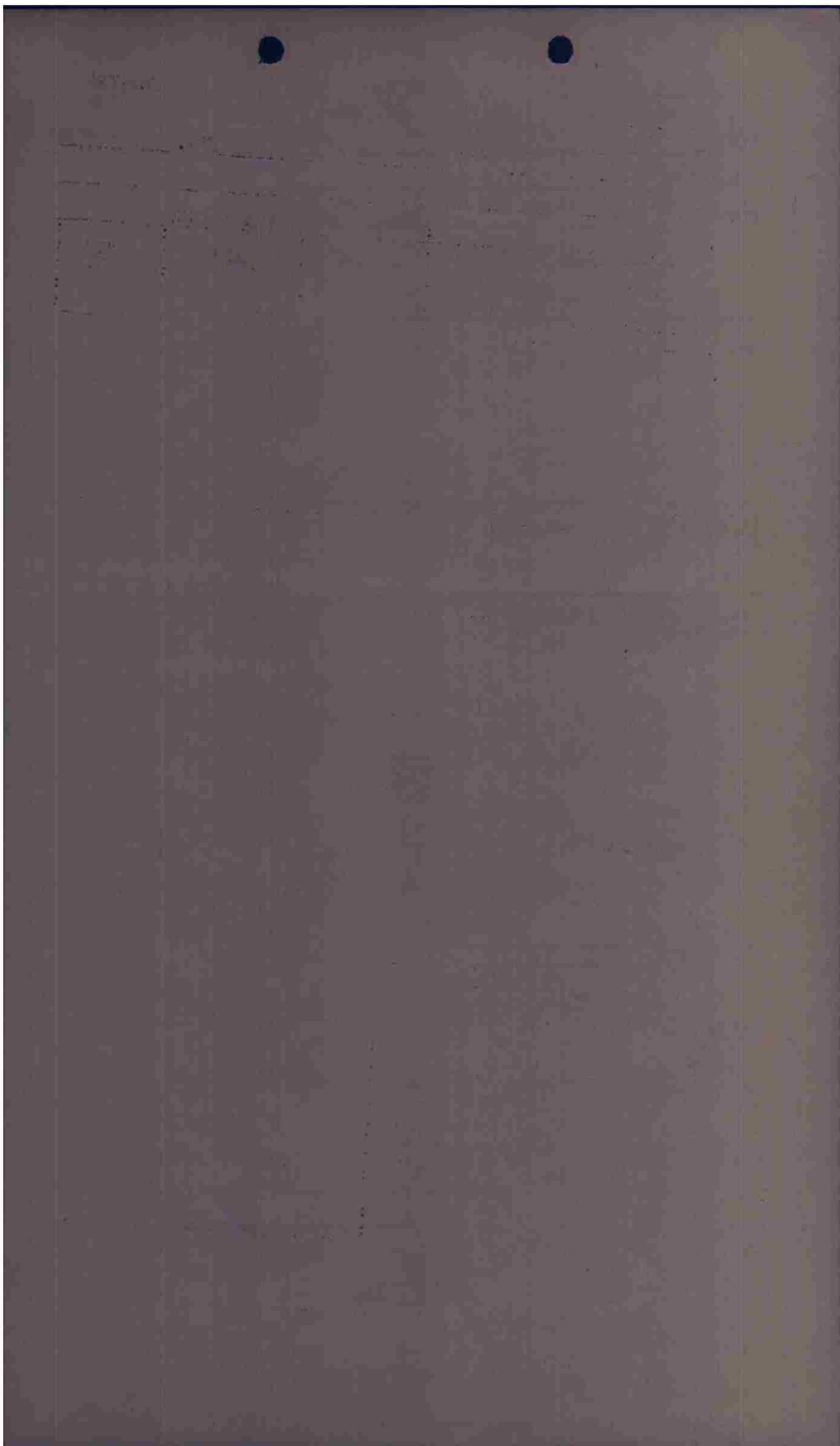
POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Boerner A/C# 564-V BOX 1 FLT. 2 SPARE

CASUALTIES

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

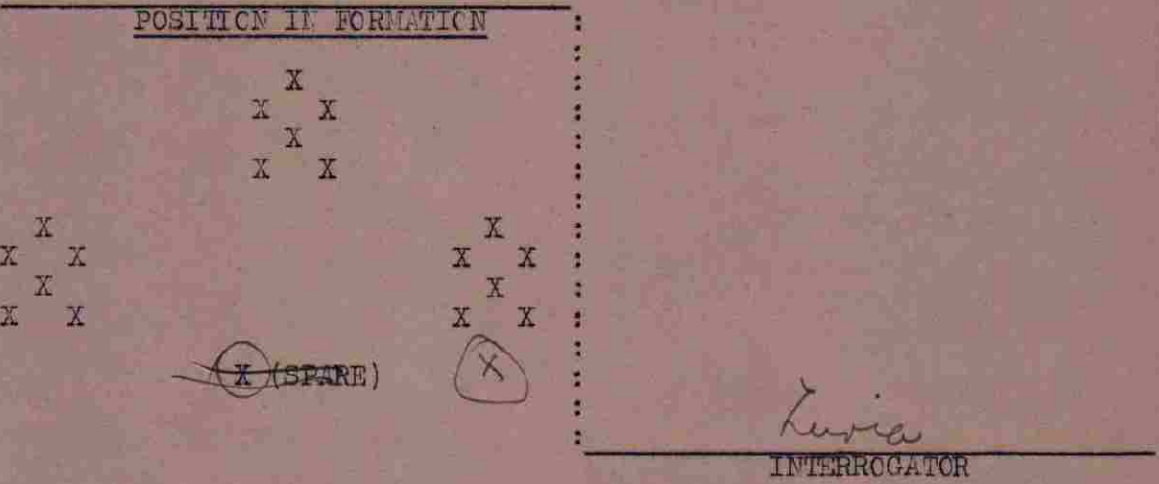
FLAK :

nil

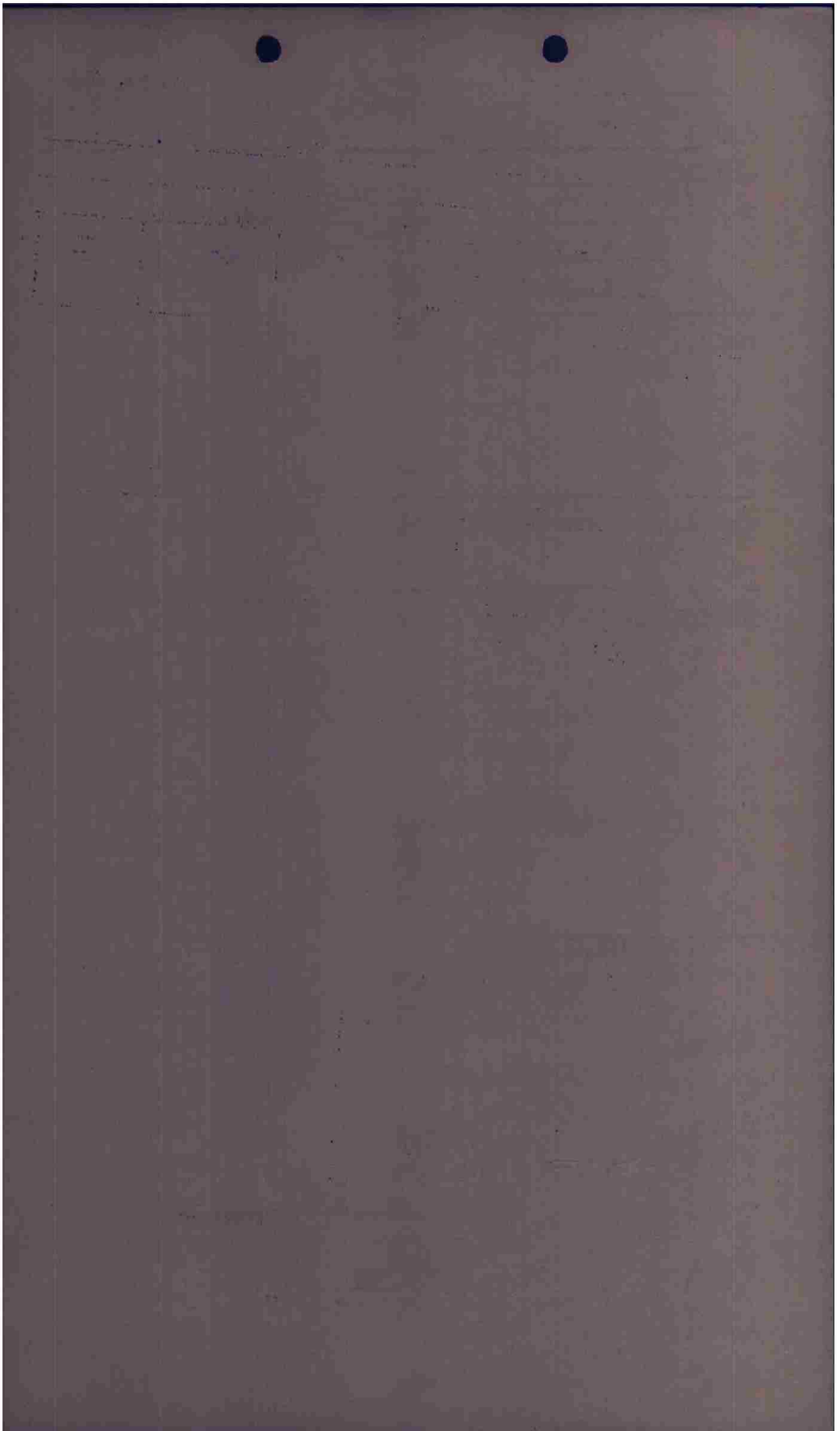
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS: This fl on North end of bridge.



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PILOT Smith, D.E. A/C# 314-N BOX 1 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

None no bombs on tgt. Some flt in tgt area.

POSITION IN FORMATION

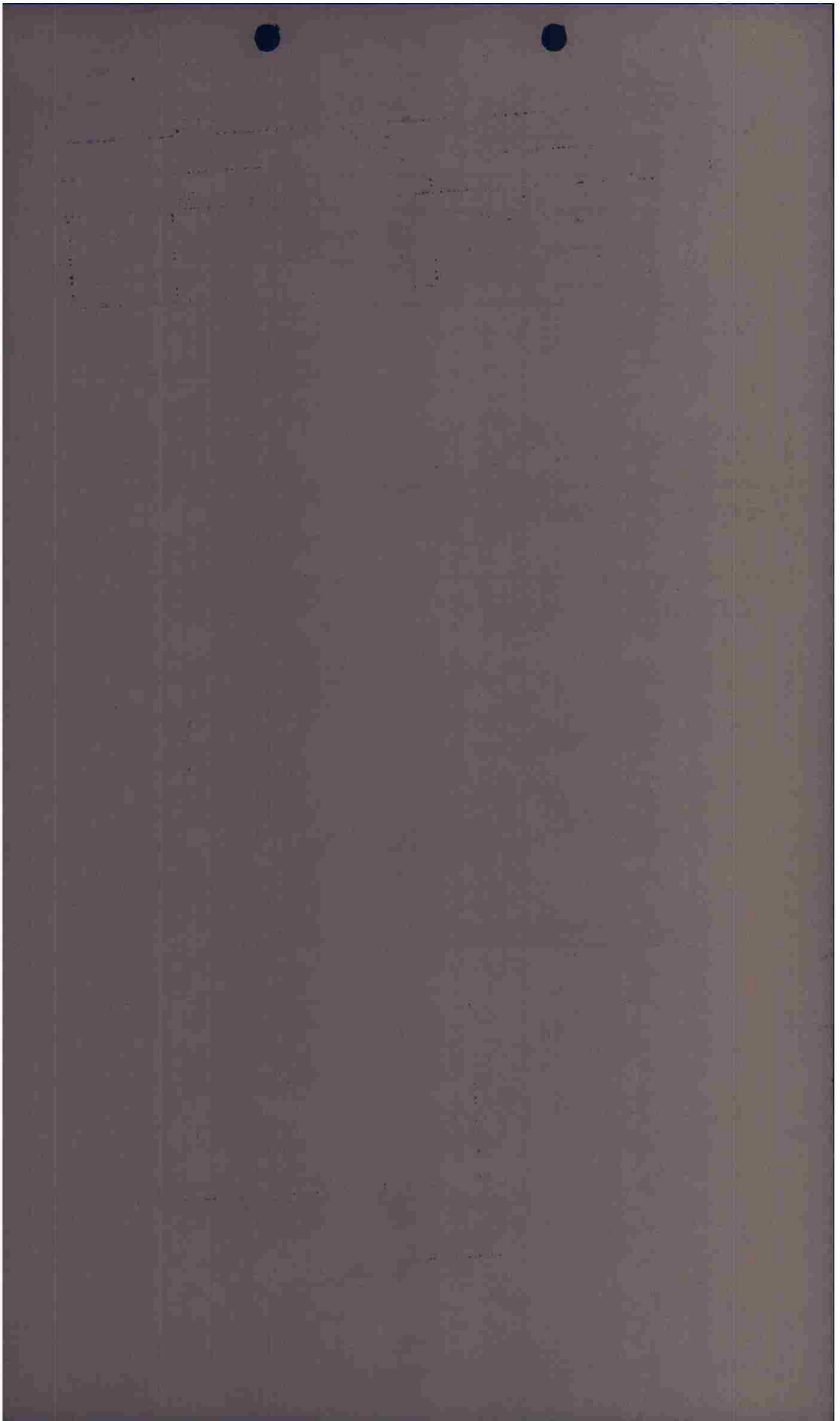
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	X		X		
		X			
	X		X		
X	X			X	
				X	X
X	X			X	
				X	X

X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

FLAK : mil .

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS (3)

OBSERVATIONS:

activity on front.
all flight to tgt area. Budge was
hit.

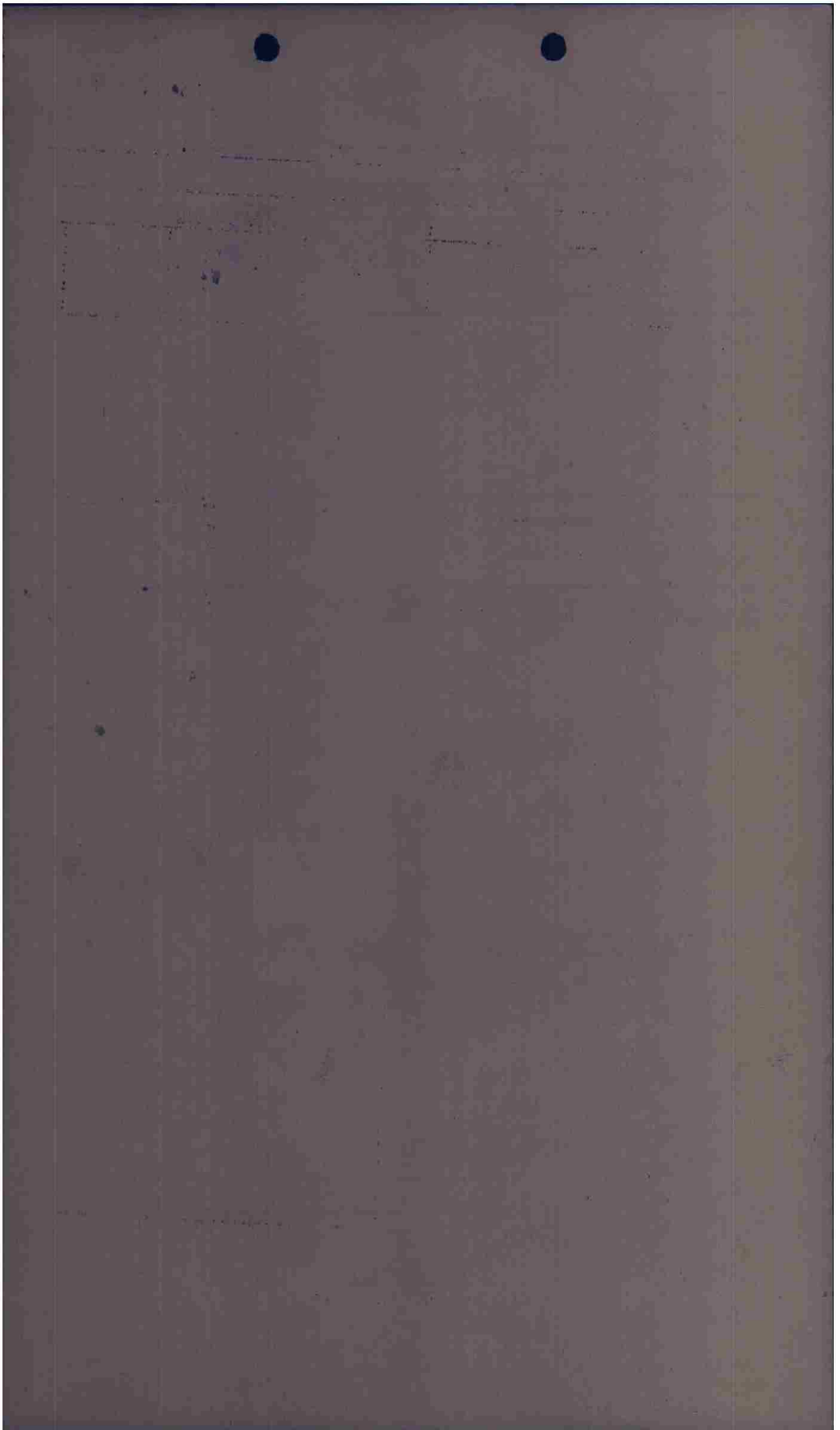
POSITION INFORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Pice A/C# 265-V BOX I FLT. 1

CASUALTIES _____

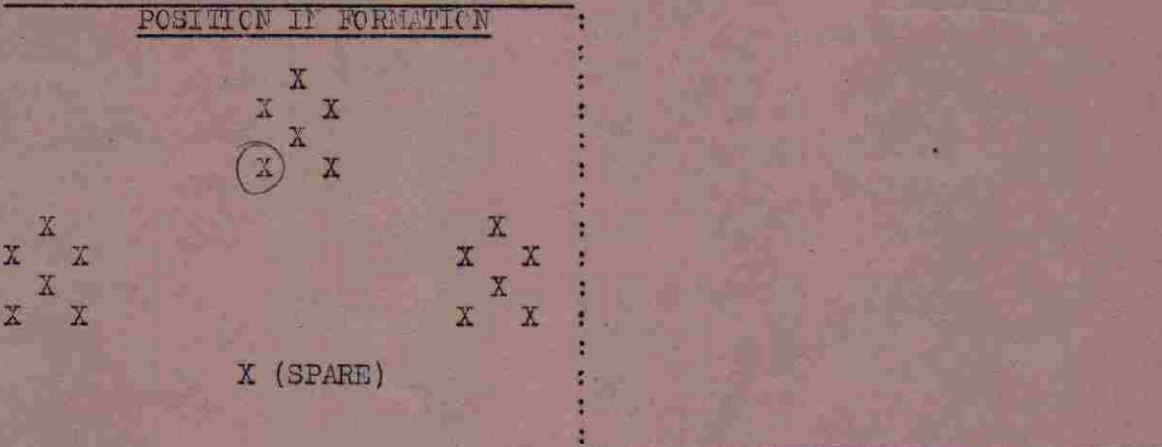
BOMBS :	<u>41</u> X <u>1000</u> ON <u>PT</u>	:		:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:		:
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	:	<u>"A-C"</u>	:	<u>"E"</u>	:
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	:		:		:		:

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

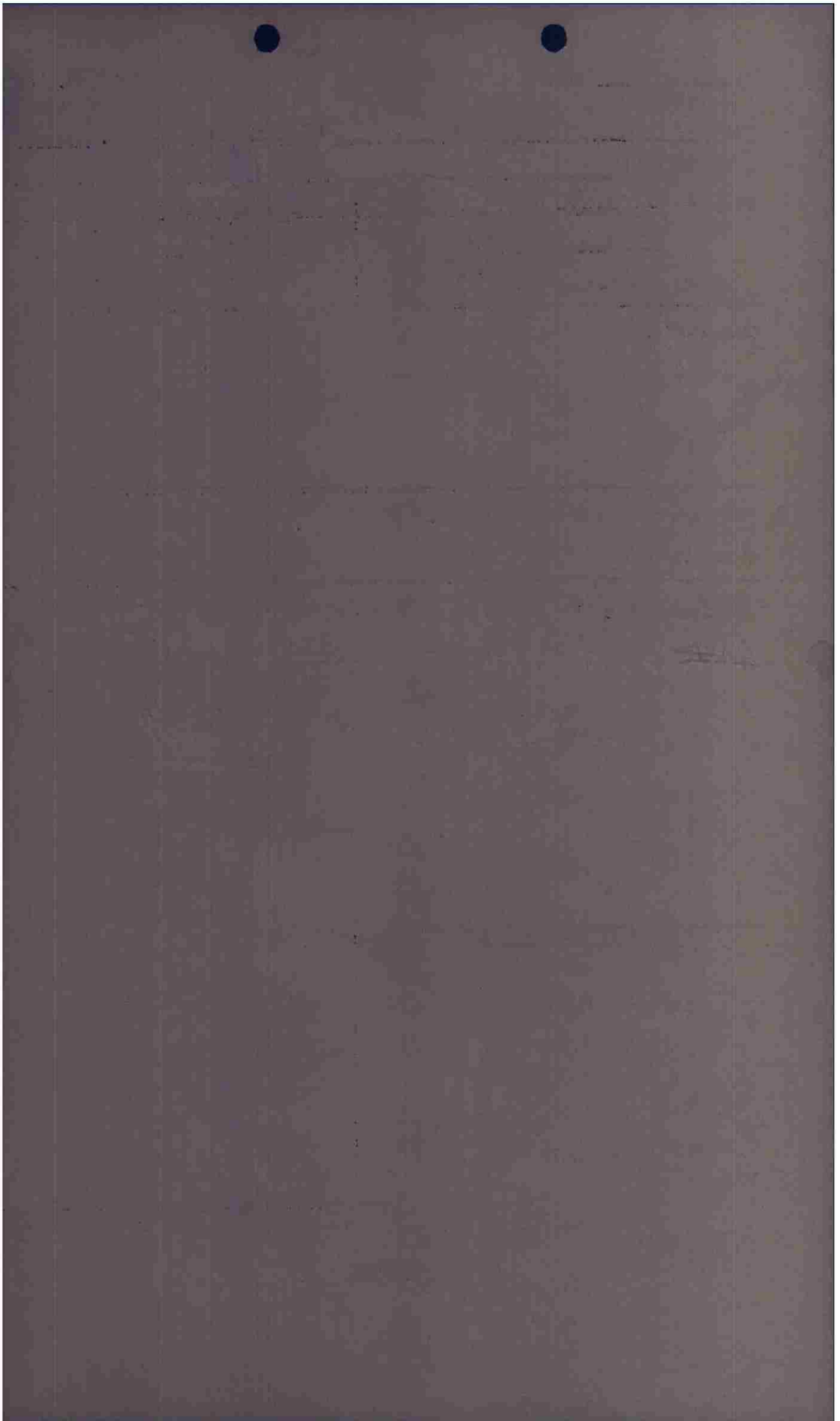
X

OBSERVATIONS: - Bombs to right of 1st -
A/C 3 St. right on 1st -
Weather - but not as Briefed



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PILOT Wickington A/C# 352-J BOX I FLT. 1

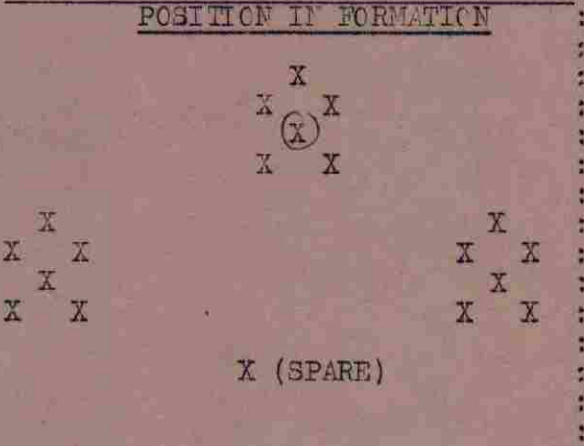
CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : X

OBSERVATIONS: - Bombs on Sgt-

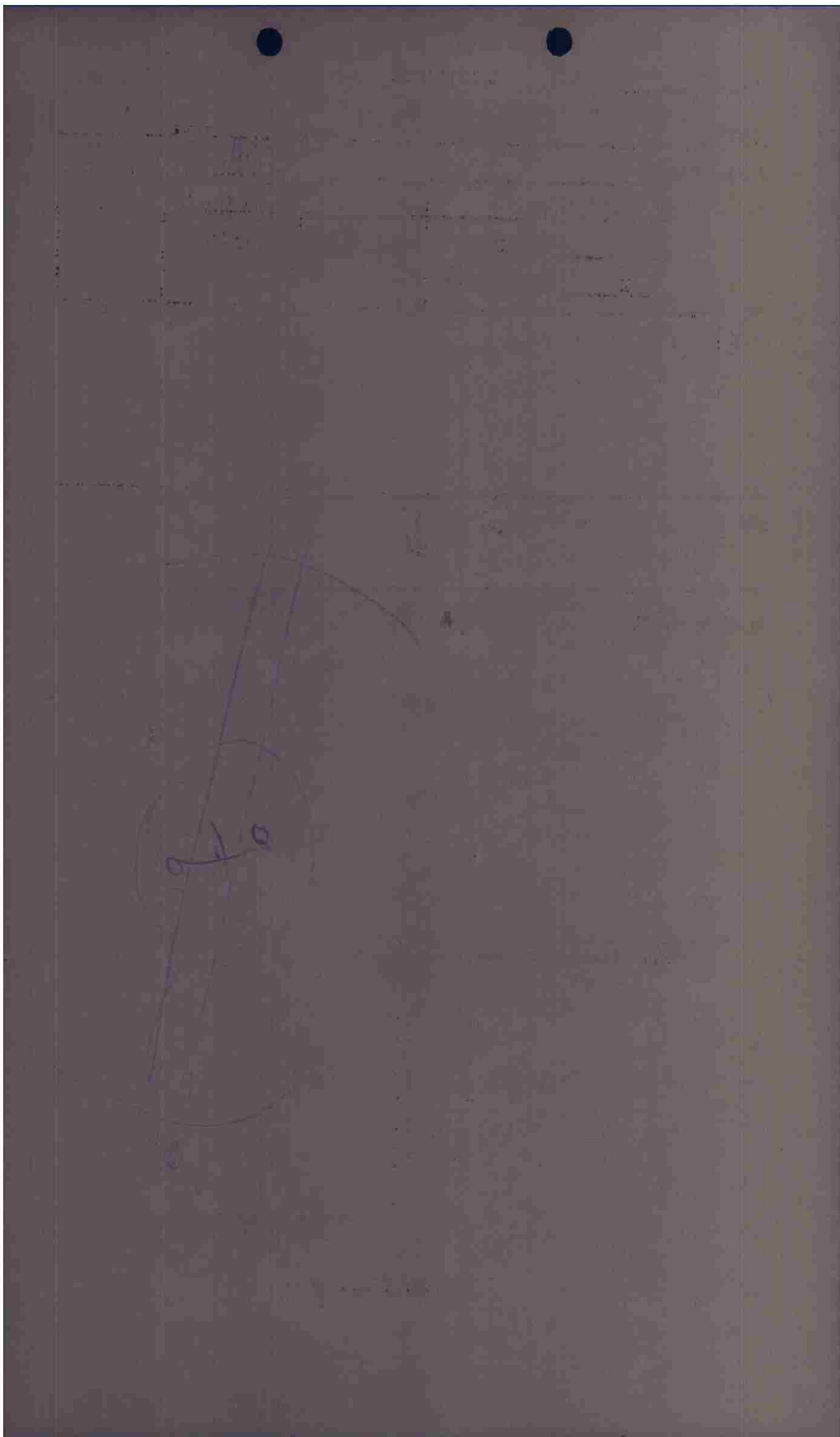


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CASUALTIES

FLAK : *nil*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : *Nil*

POSITION IN FORMATION

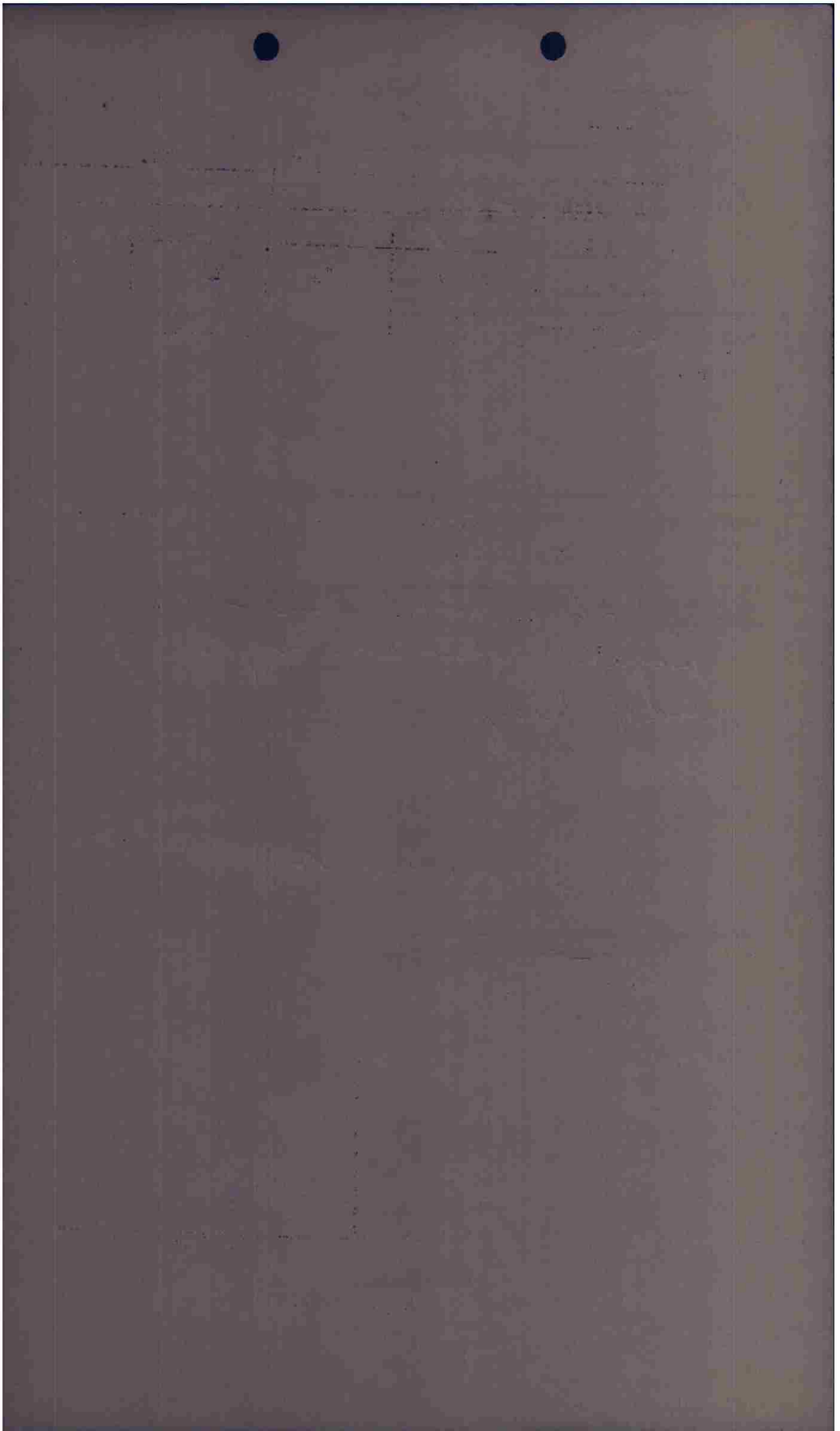
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X X
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X X

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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION INFORMATION

X X
X X
X X

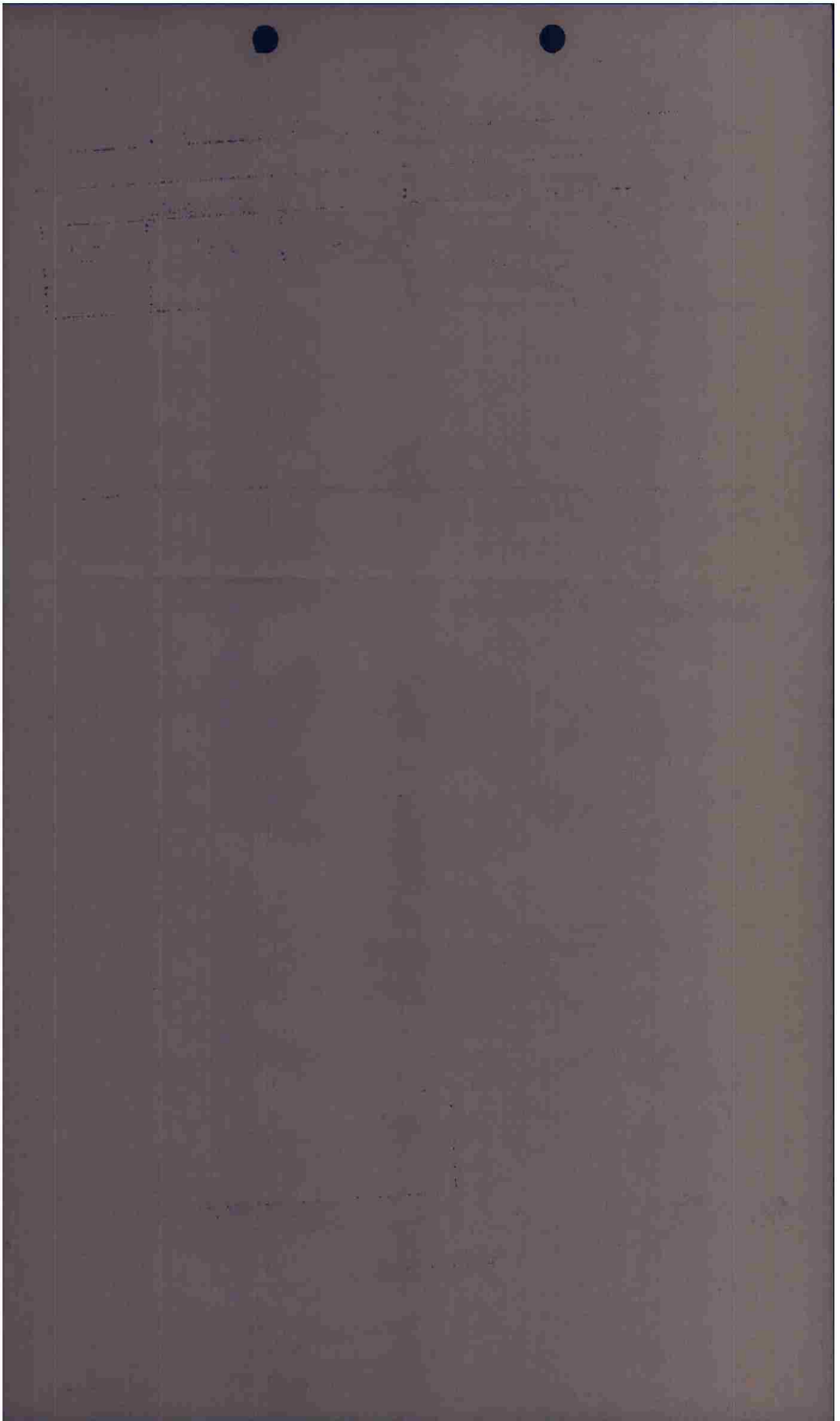
X X
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X (SPARE)

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PILOT *Evans* A/C# *274-S* BOX *I* FLT. *13*

CASUALTIES *nil*

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

FLAK : *nil*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : *nil*

OBSERVATIONS: *Circle still standing - bomb appeared to*
hit.

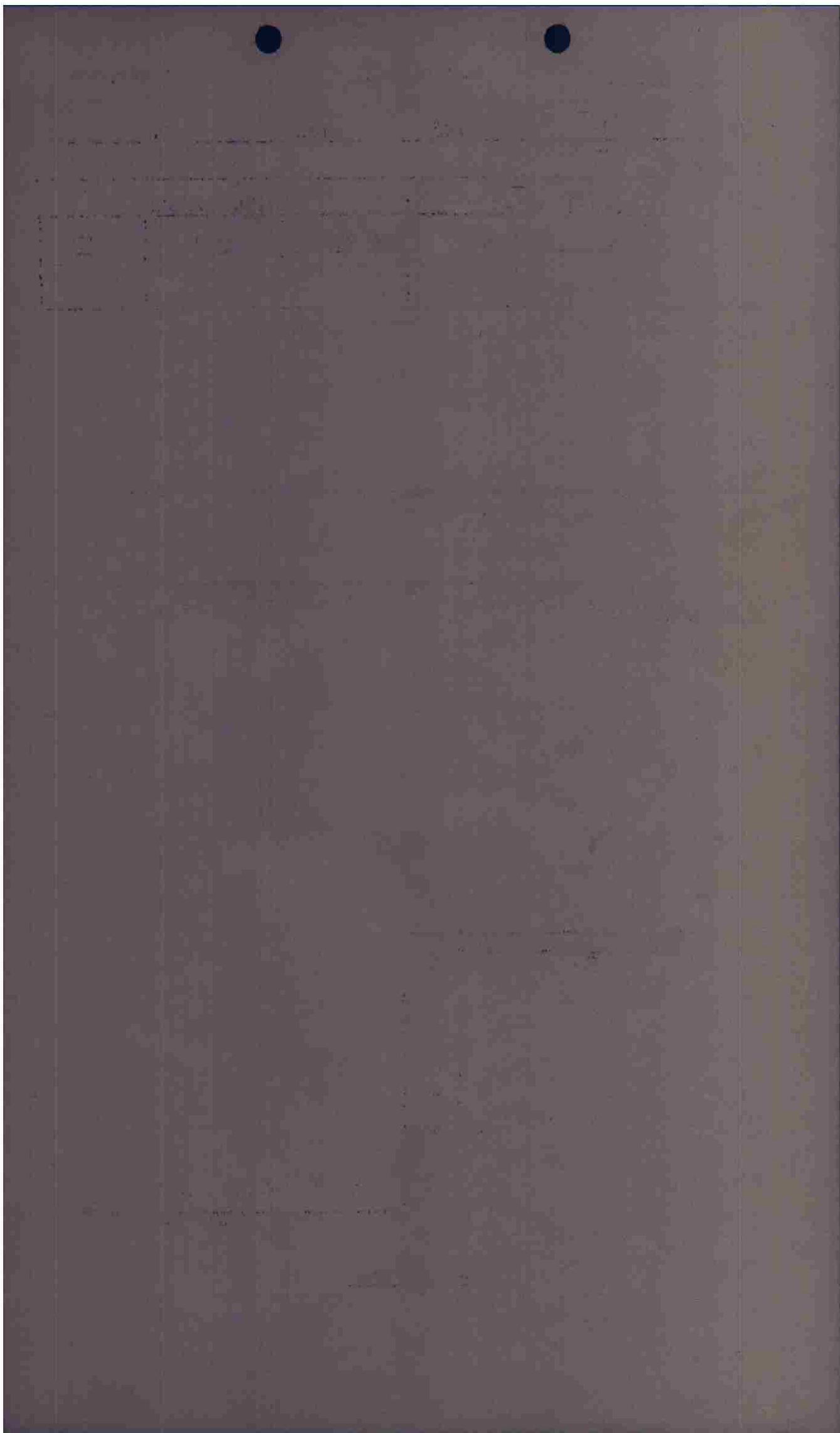
POSITION IN FORMATION :

X		X
X	X	X
X	X	X
X	X	X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT *Lake* A/C# *249-5* BOX *1* FLT. *1*

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

hit

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

hit

OBSERVATIONS:

1st. Pt of Br. 3-400
2 on Br.
3 on end of Br.

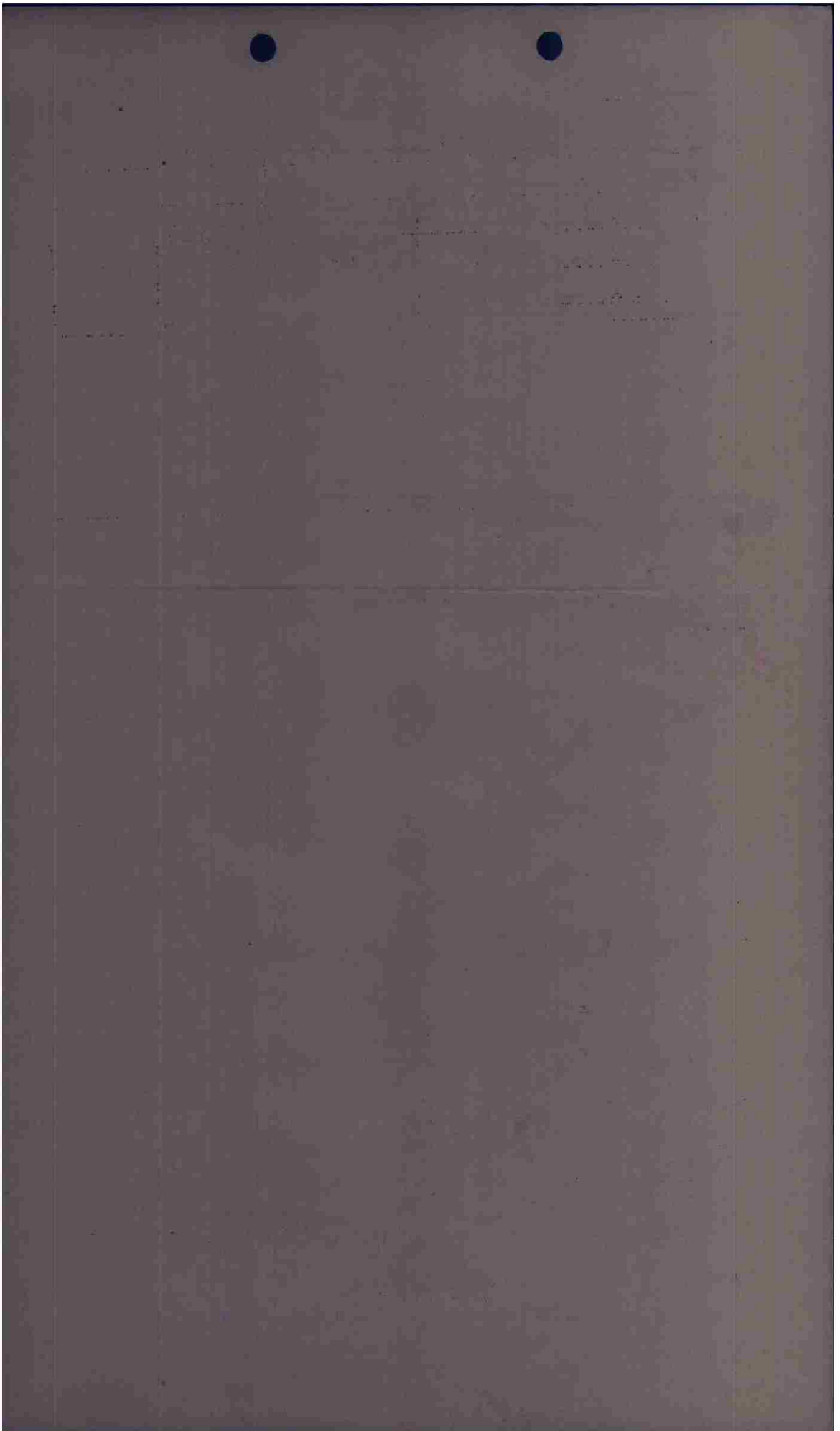
POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Gracher A/C# 300-K BOX I FLT. 1

CASUALTIES nil

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

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: Some one ~~of the~~ fired guns in formation - damn near hit the plane - missed less than 2 feet - if lights were in position it came from 2nd flt. Bombs hit slightly right and over -

POSITION IN FORMATION

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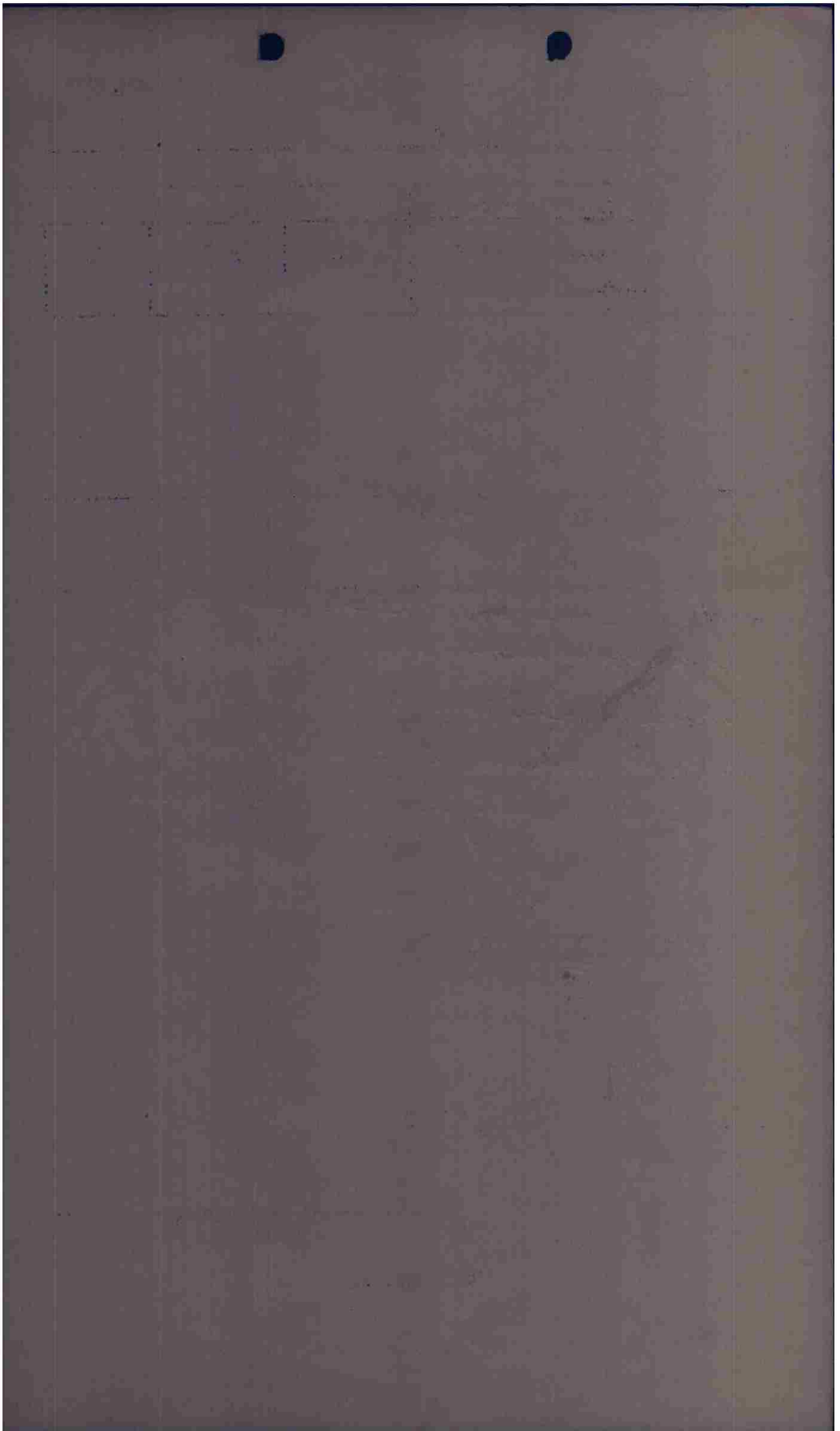
      I
      X
    X   X
      X
    X (X)

X   X   X
X   X   X
X   X   X

X (SPARE)
    
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PILOT Heinko A/C# 313-Box I FLT. 1

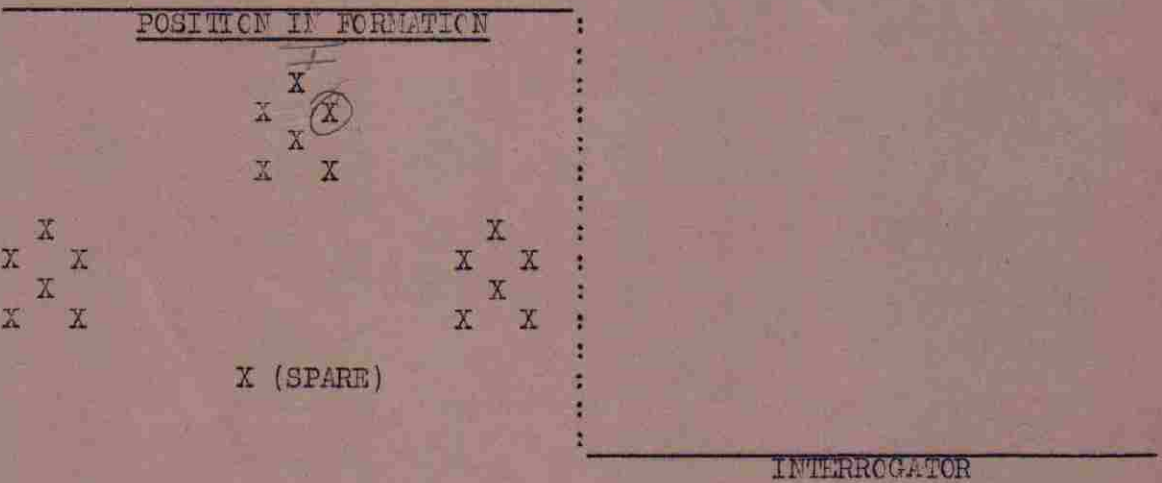
CASUALTIES nil

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

FLAK : nil

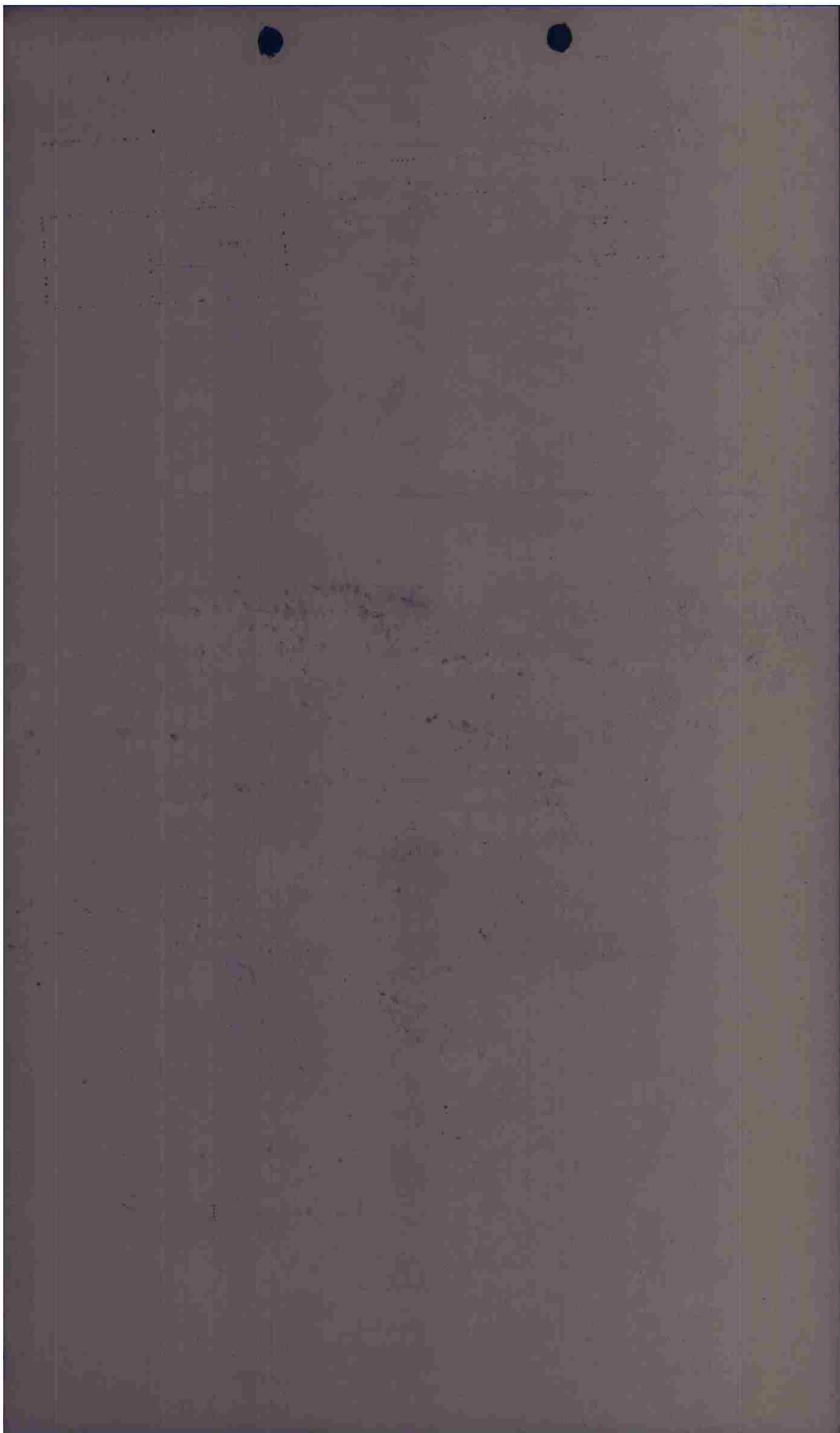
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: at 1702 column of vehicles about 2 miles long - bumper to bumper - going east



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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATIONS: Pattern 200 ft to right of bridge
at FR. " 5 mins later
called Sweepstakes " - also asked them
at target " - also asked them
to vector fighters to us - which
they did at about I.P.

TOT 1711
alt 6900 (I) - 5400 actual
axis 400
IAS 210

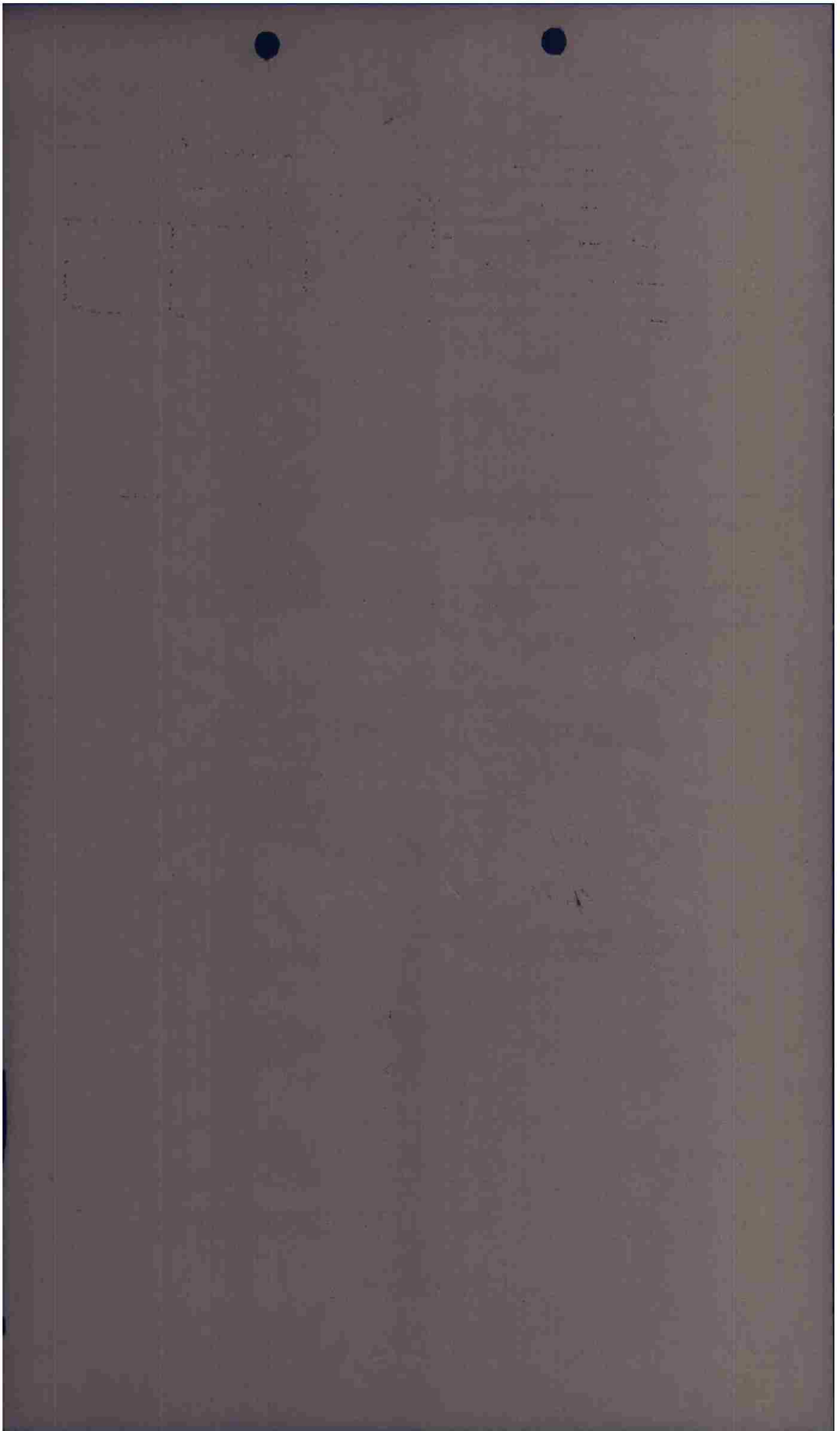
POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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(-1500 for actual alt)



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PILOT Du Zant A/C# 304-1 BOX I FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

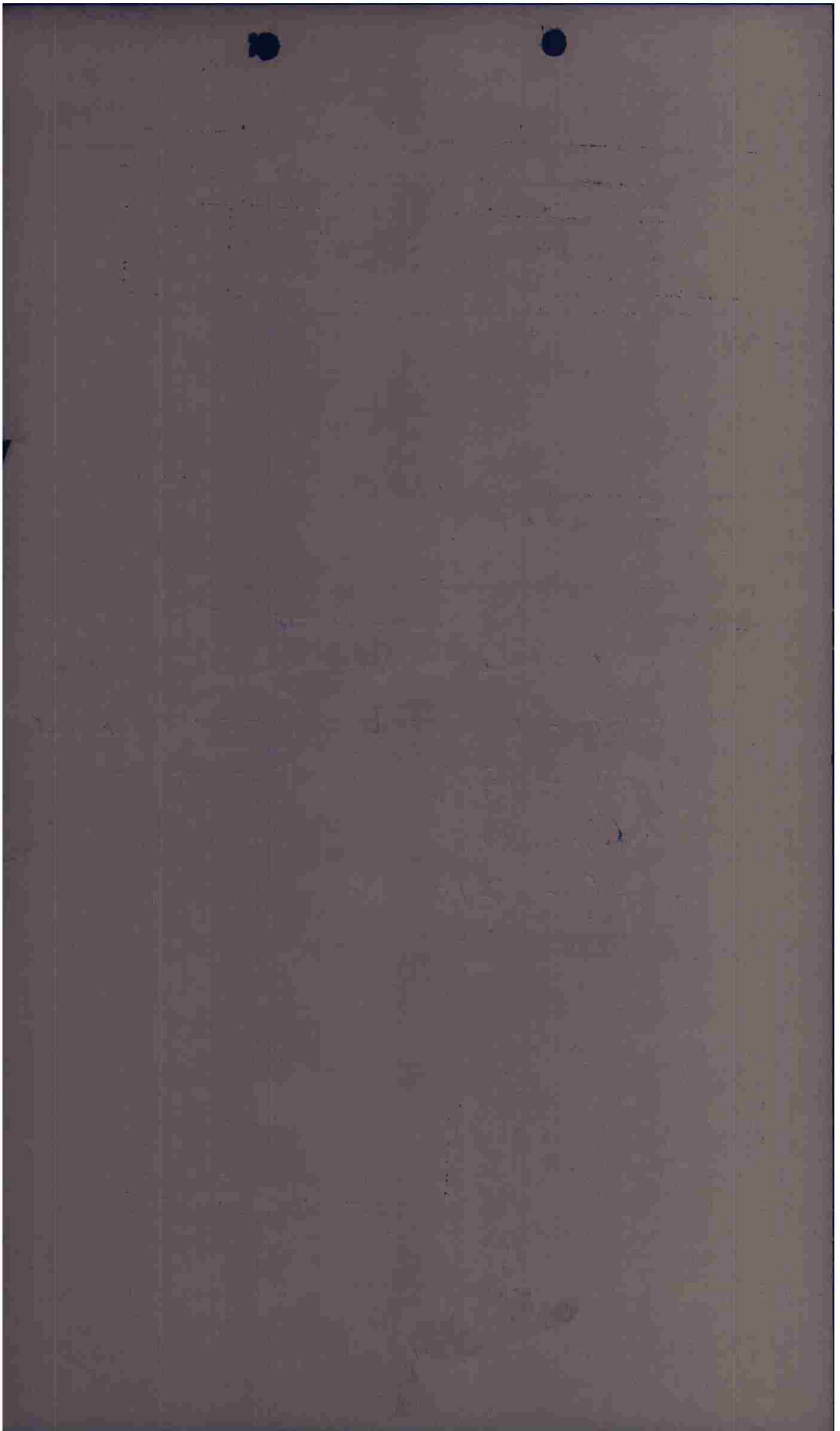
On RR tracks - ~~just~~ at northern approach to bridge
 alt - 6 500 (E) 5000 actual
 TOT - 1712
 DRG - 40°
 IAS - 210

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

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X
X X
X X

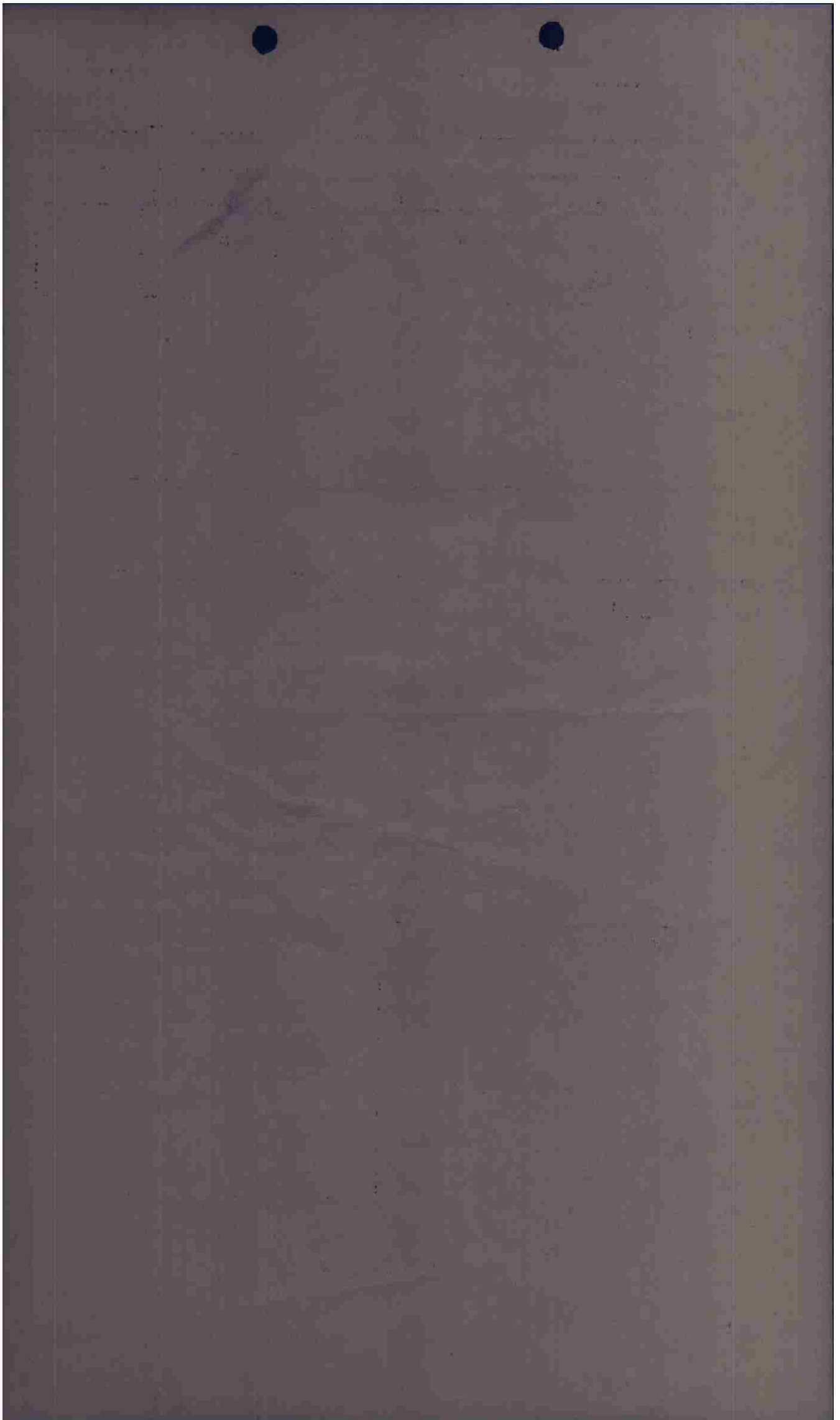
X X
X X
X X

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X (SPARE)

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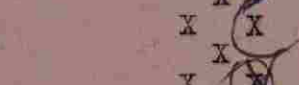
CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

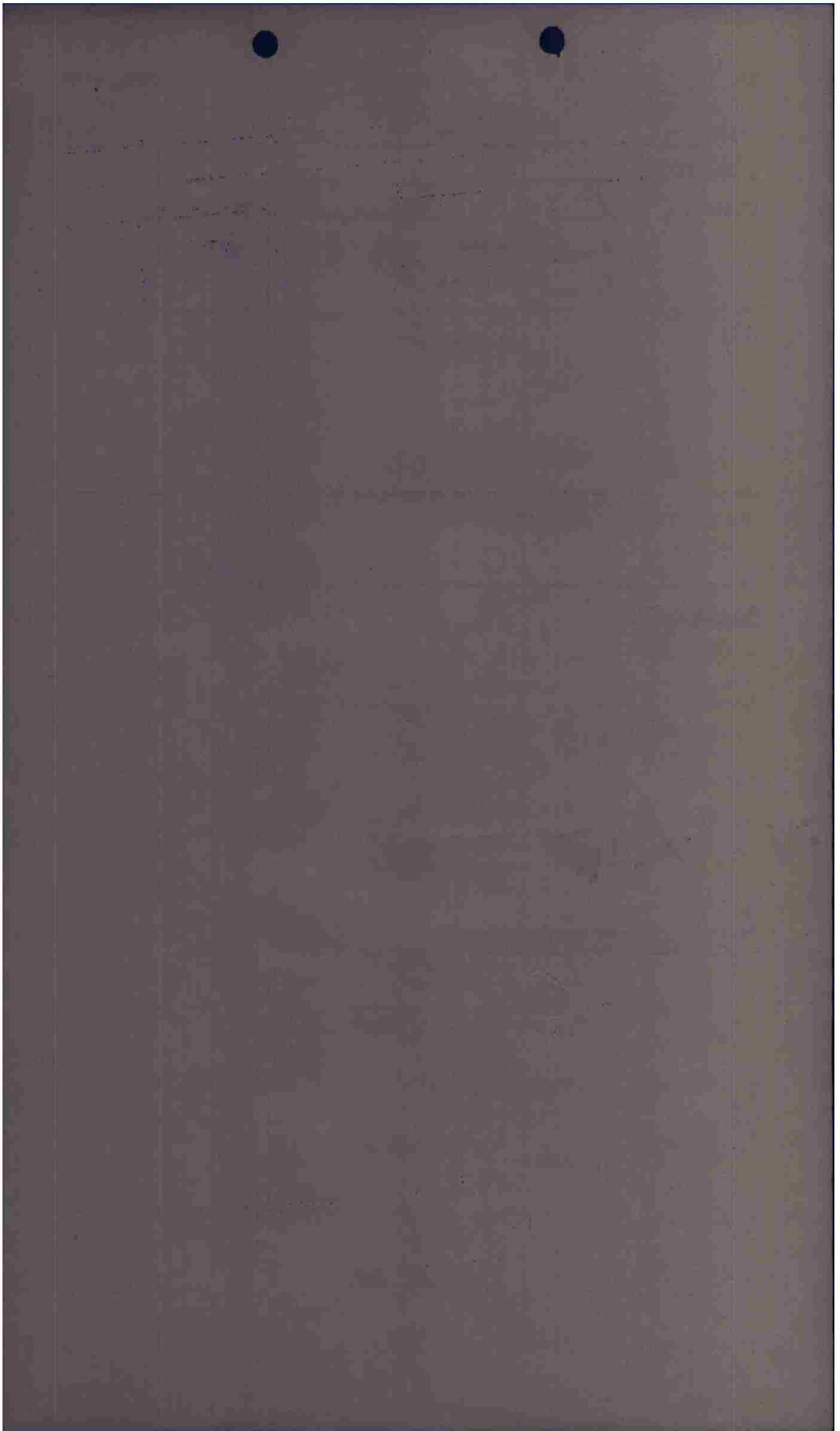
POSITION IN FORMATION


 Bombed this position

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Henson A/C# 232-N BOX II FLT. 1

CASUALTIES _____

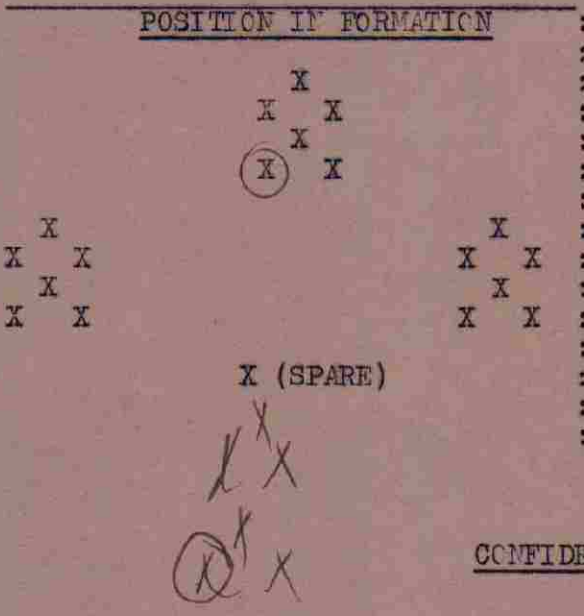
BOMBS :	<u>4</u> <u>100</u>	ON <u>P</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

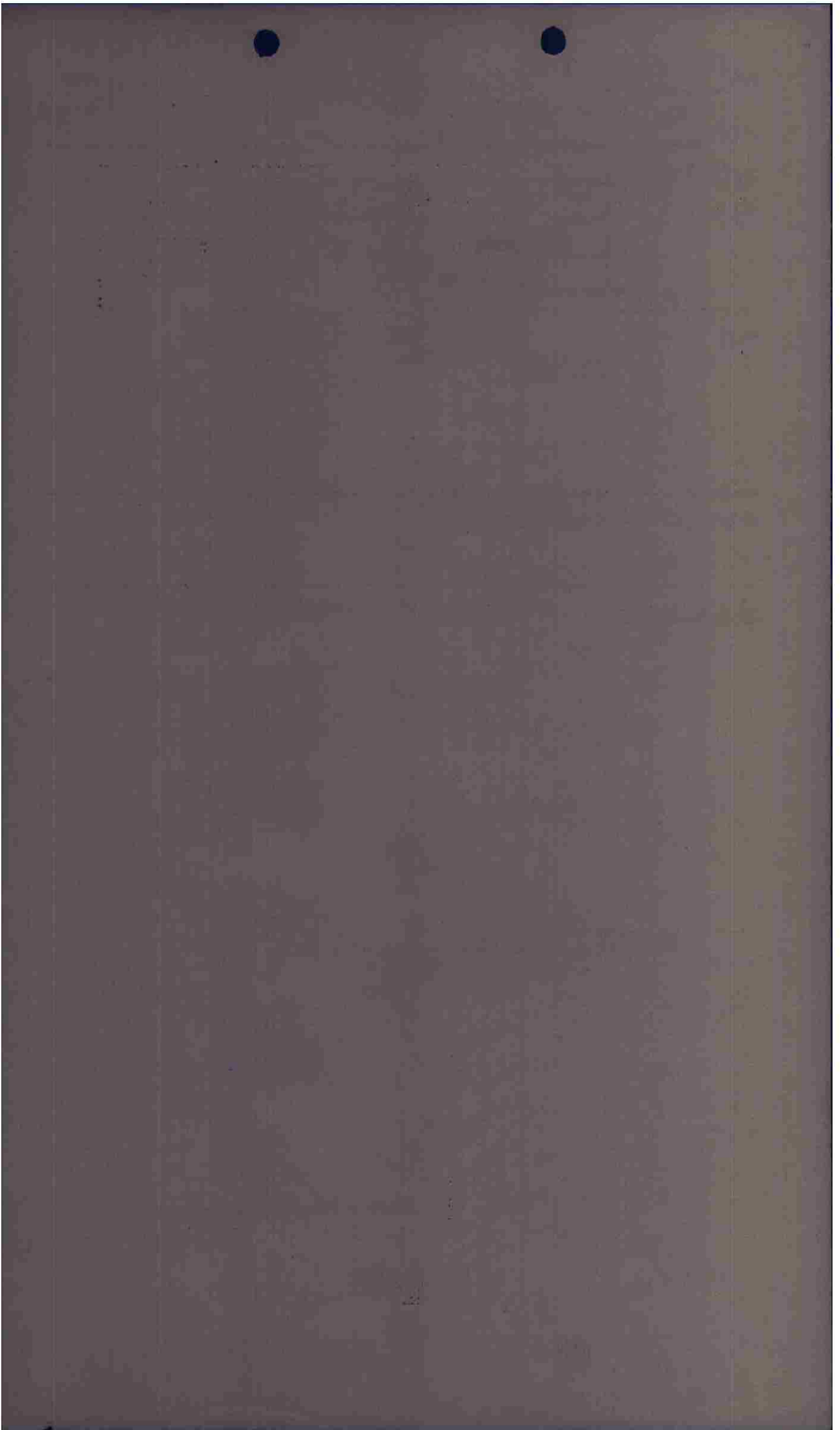
OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs of this flight hit in village
to side. Some flight hit on target
but bridge was still standing -



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CASUALTIES

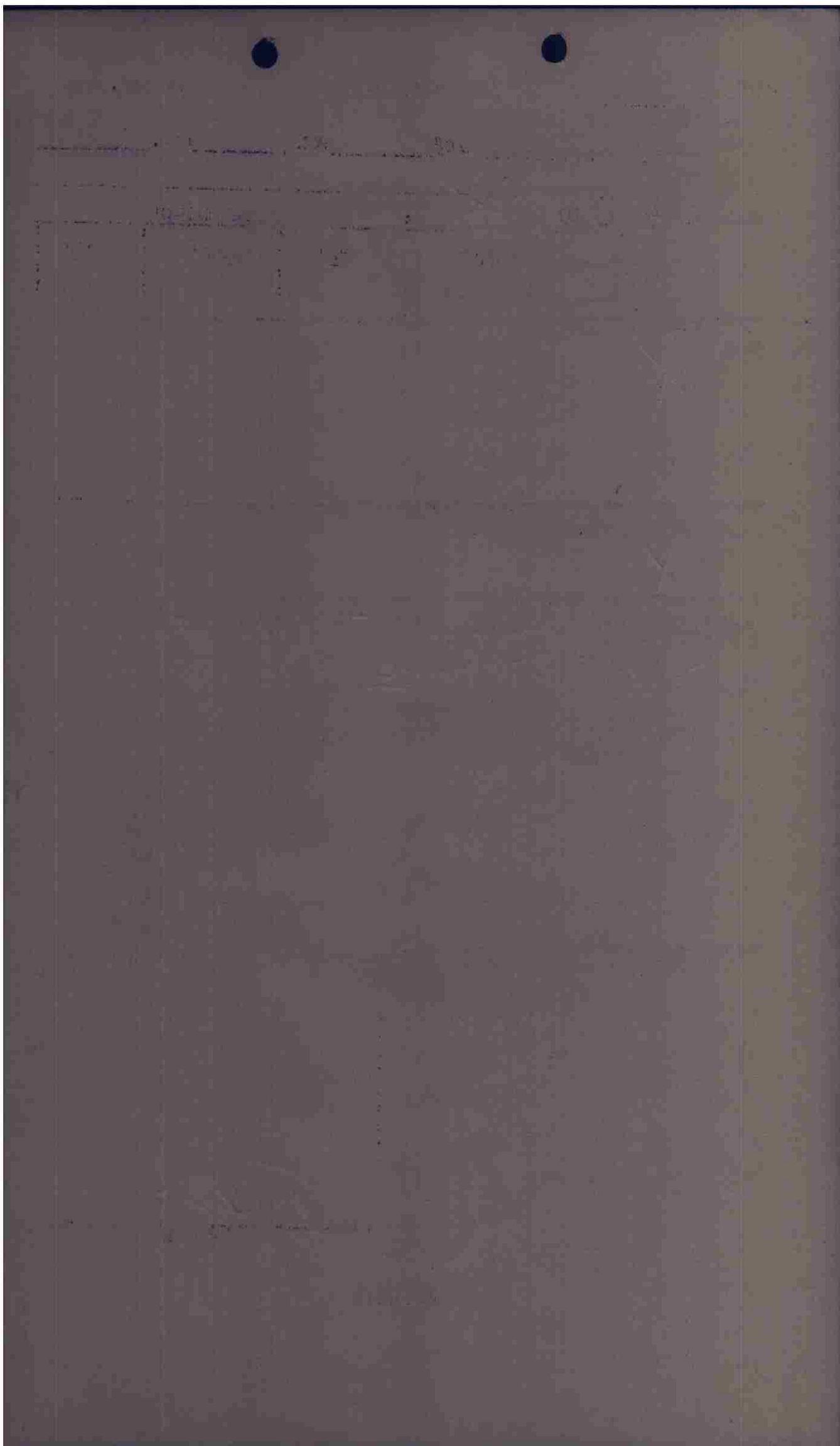
FLAK :

OBSERVATIONS: - Banks went into town
to left of bridge

POSITION IN FORMATION

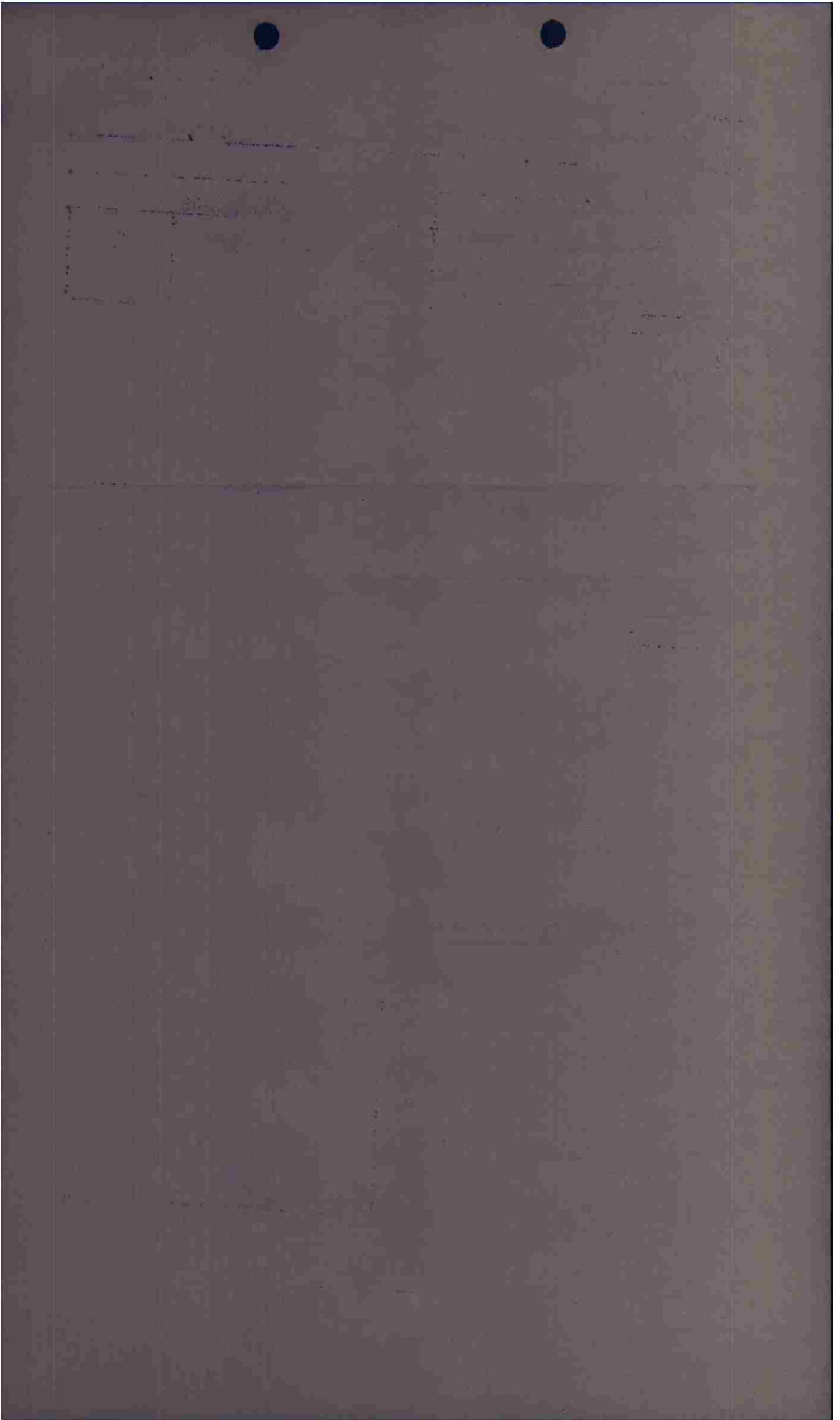
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PILOT *Tank* A/C# *385-D* BOX *11* FLT. *SPARE*

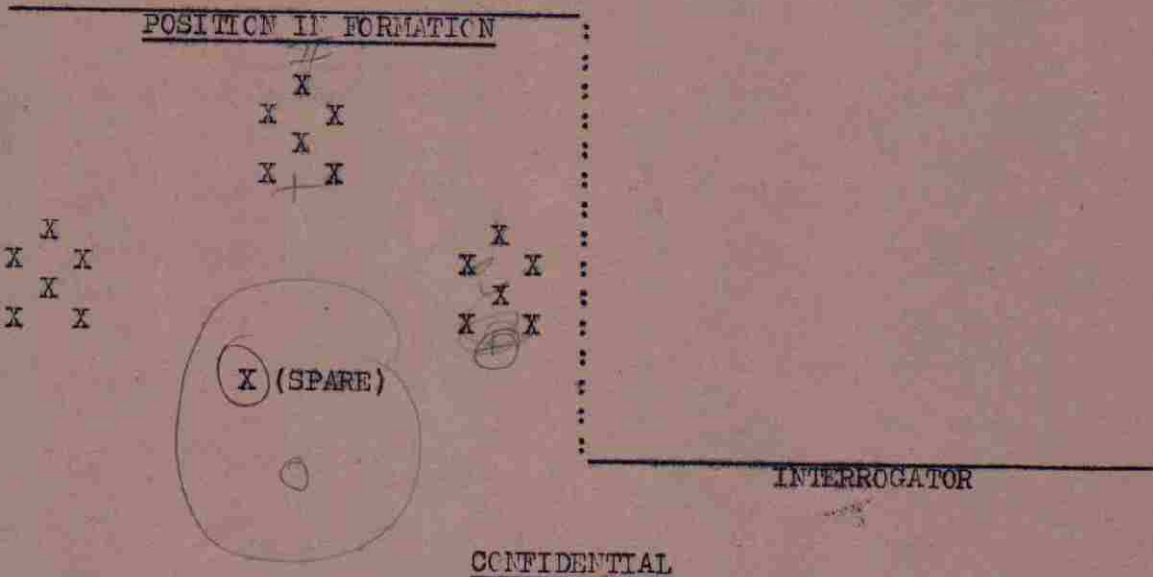
CASUALTIES *nil*

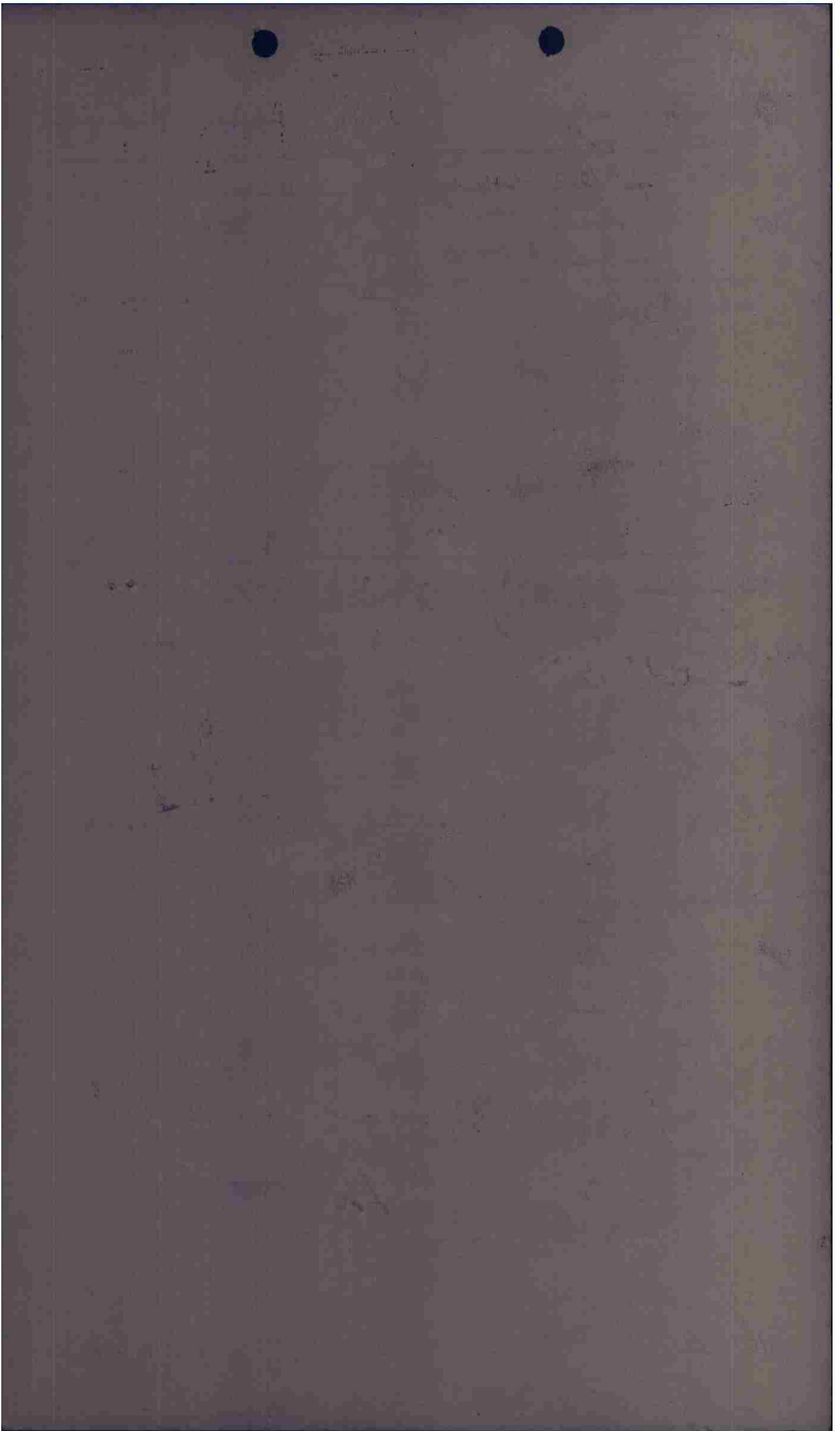
BOMBS :	<u><i>4</i></u> X/1000 ON <u><i>Primary</i></u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u><i>X</i></u> RETURNED	<u><i>"A"</i></u>	<u><i>"A-C"</i></u>	<u><i>"E"</i></u>
	<u><i>X</i></u> JETTISONED			

FLAK : *nil*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : *nil*

OBSERVATIONS: *1st 3 flts hit along side of bridge + smoke*
Dark - this flt. hit in village, approached on
South side





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PILOT Parker A/C# 484-C BOX 1 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : ml

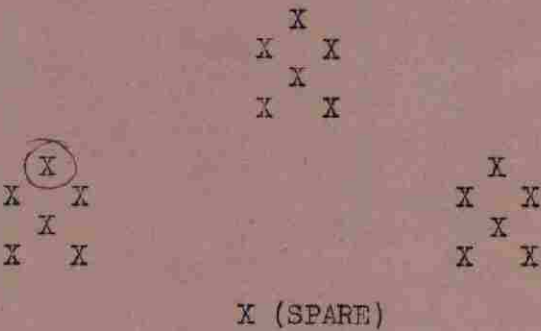
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : ml

OBSERVATIONS:

P38's
alt 6700
TOT 1711
40°
210

blue run.
Some direct hits
to others on R.R.
Patchy - weather
Bombed 2d.

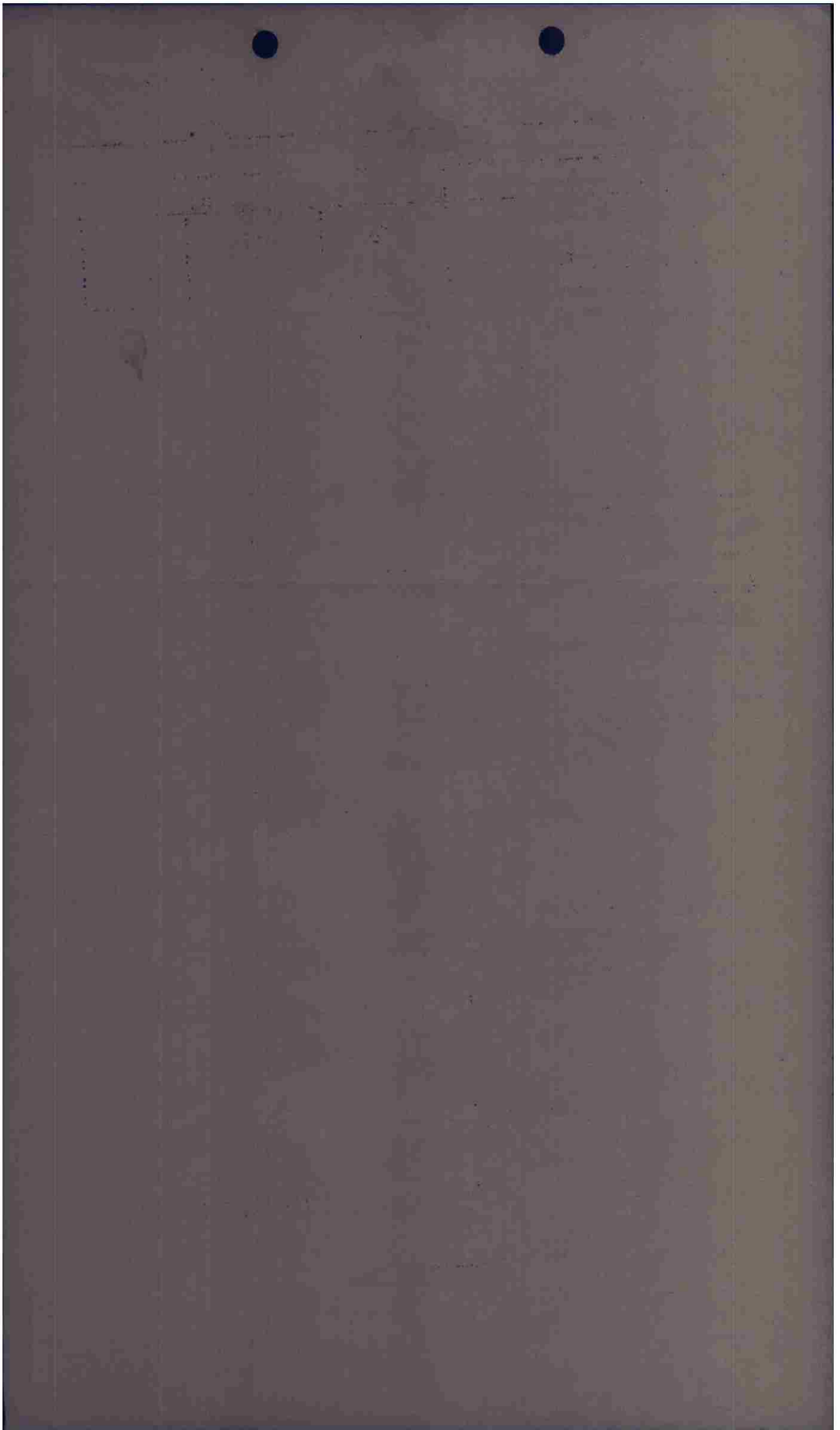
POSITION IN FORMATION



Last flight (W-) made second run

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PILOT Hall A/C# 469-A BOX 11 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs hit short of target
TOT 1719
Alt - 7,000
Errors - could not get
Alt. on 1st leg

POSITION IN FORMATION

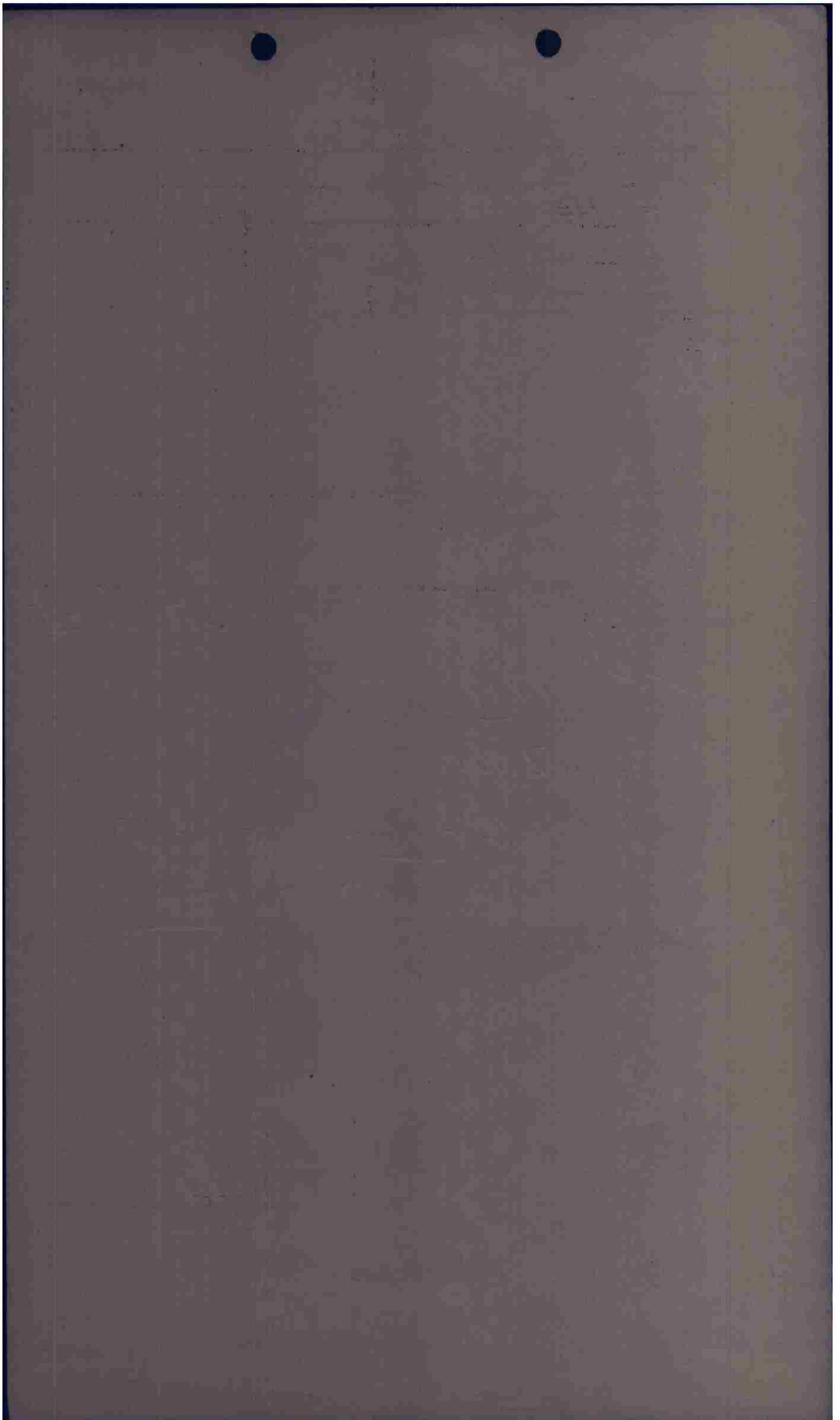
(X)
X X
X
X X

X X X
X X X
X X X

X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION INFORMATION

$\begin{array}{ccc} & & X \\ X & & (X) \\ & X & \\ X & & X \end{array}$

X X X
X X X

X
X X
X
X X

X (SPARE)

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