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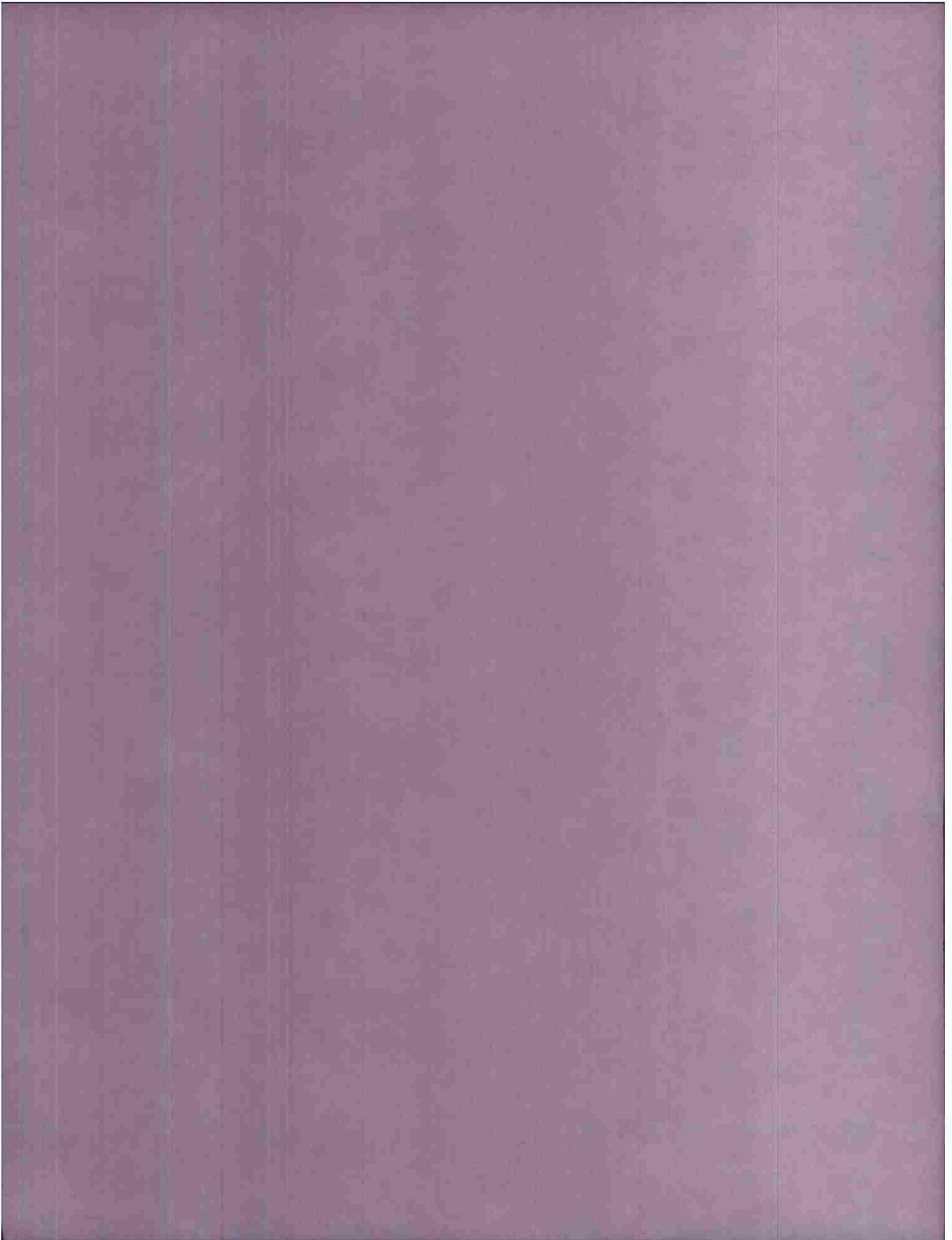
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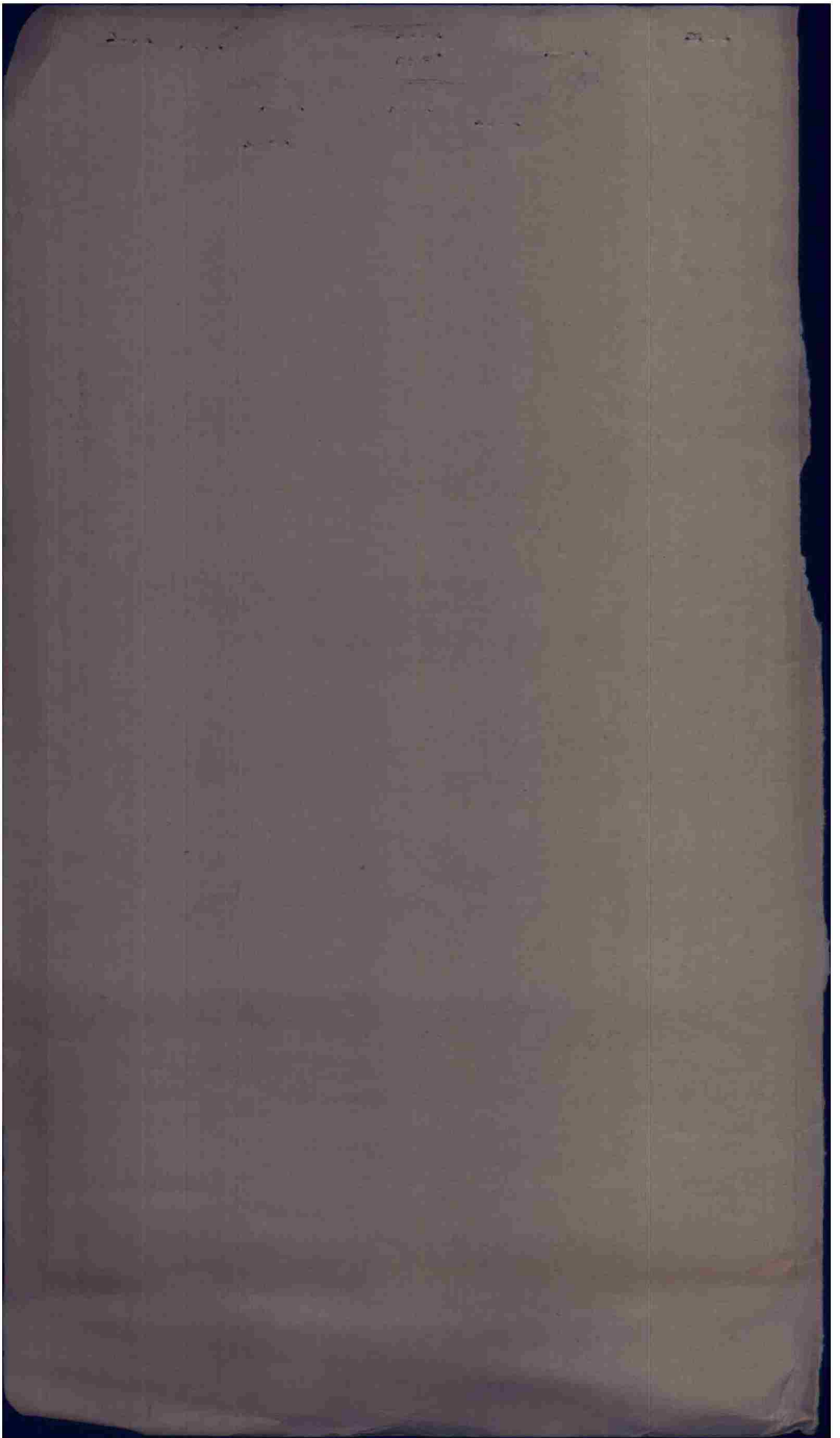
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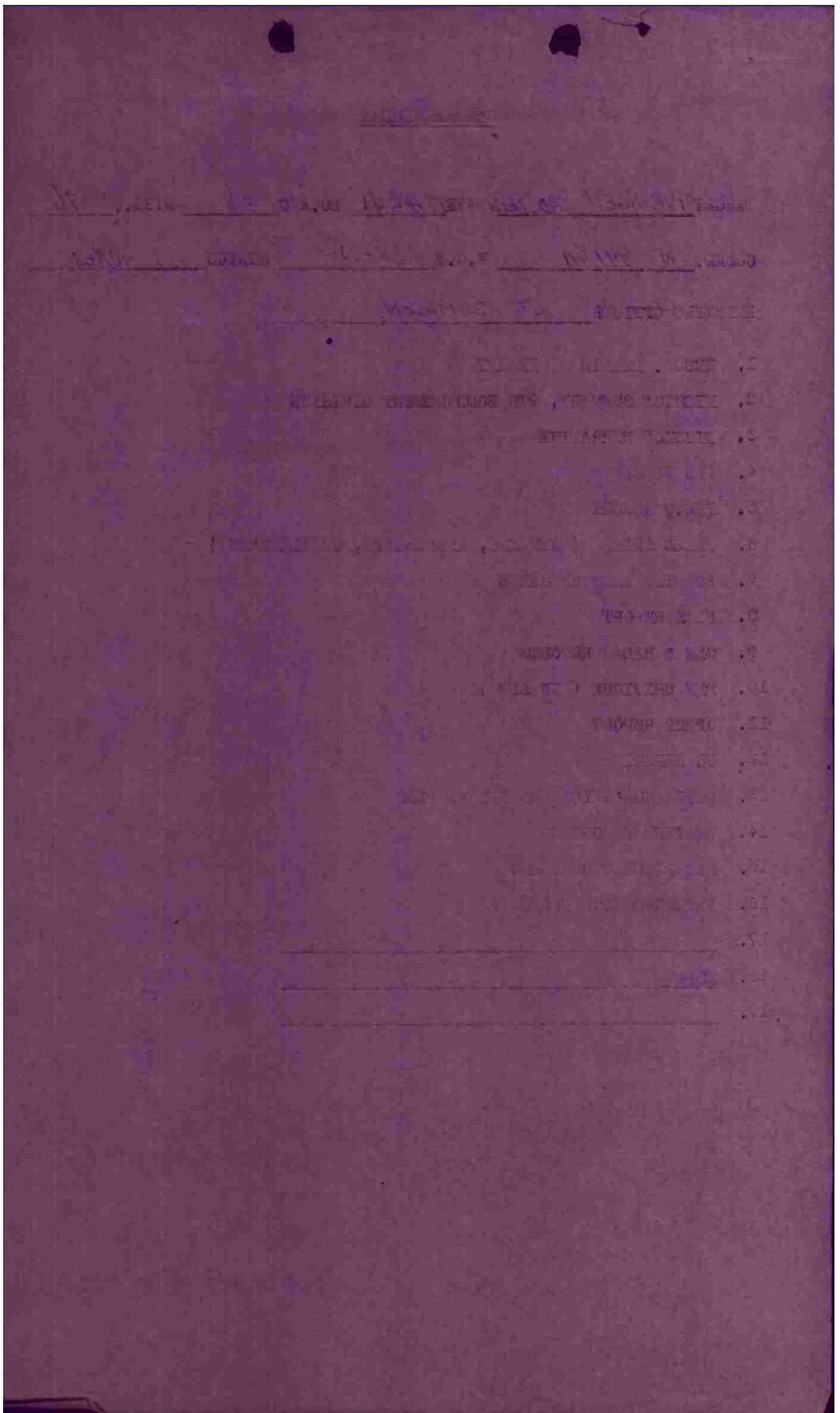
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HEADQUARTERS

9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

Field Order #657

RECEIVED
APR 19 1945
INTELLIGENCE
410th Bomb Gp

MISSION SUMMARY #116

AFO # 140

17 April 1945

Section I

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
409 BG:	Tubingen (WW-991911) Ordnance Depot	Box I - Flt. A - Superior B - Excellent C - Superior (SMPI)
		Box II - Flt. A - Superior B - Superior
416 BG:	" "	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent B - No attack C - Undet.
		Box II - Flt. A - Excellent B - Excellent C - Undet.
344 BG:	Tubingen (WW-991911) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent B - Excellent C - Unsat.
		Box II - Flt. A - Superior B - Superior C - Excellent
410 BG:	Ravensburg/Weingarten (WX-423147) Ordnance Depot	Box I - Flt. A - Superior B - Superior C - Superior
		Box II - Flt. A - Excellent B - Superior C - Superior
366 BG:	" "	Box I - Flt. A - Superior B - Excellent C - Excellent
		Box II - Flt. A - Superior B - Superior C - Excellent
322 BG:	Aalen (WS-727285) Ordnance Depot	Box I - Flt. A - Superior B - Excellent C - Superior
		Box II - Flt. A - Excellent B - Superior C - Undet.
323 BG:	Aalen (WS-731296) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flt. A - Superior B - Superior C - Undet.
		Box II - Flt. A - Excellent (SMPI) B - Excellent C - Excellent

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NO LOSS, 'BUT', 'SOMETHING'

476 DE: 30 a/c (B-26) attached, 31 attached, 127 x 1000 G2 on display.

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ALL THE C. SMT - SECTION, because of damage to DMI,
the number was not able to make a satisfactory identification
of this as, in theory selected a building in a portion of
target area for an MI. This is approximately 970 feet NE
of DMI. 100' of slope are within 1000 foot radius of SMT.
SMT. Pattern blankets a very long width, (the SMT),
and covered adjacent smaller ones. Clashes for this MI in
the obtained from photo taking coming from north MI in over-
lapping assessment is that four assignments.

PL 14-111. DUFFI - EXISTENCE. That appears to be first bombs to hit ground can be seen just a of smoke from next, flight bombs. During a normal mission upon this and the known location of attack, 100% of the bombs are accounted within a 1000 foot radius of DUFFI. From the center of pattern is approximately 575 feet in of DUFFI. A heavy loss, several small buildings and one very long building are in area covered by weapons strikes.

Visual copy from 0000 - 10200 5095.

MO LOSSES, DAMAGE, CASUALTIES.

409 DG: 32 a/c (u-26) dispatched, 32 dropping 125 x 1000 gr on refinery.

Environnement (Ordinance Depot)

Given above attached three original deposits and the marshalling funds for the purpose of undetermined results.

GROUP 2000

LEADS

S E C R E T

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Bombs fell in good pattern with center of bursts 690 feet N of DMPI. Hits scored on buildings and roads causing considerable damage.

Flight B. NO ATTACK. Malfunction of bomb release mechanism.

Flight C. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photos of bomb bursts from this flight as target area runs off edge of film before bombs hit. Crews report good to excellent results.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI with center of pattern 430 feet NW of DMPI. Excellent pattern of bombs on buildings in target area causing destruction and damage to ordnance buildings.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 60% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of pattern 1000 feet NE of DMPI. Bombs hit in excellent pattern 1000 feet NE of DMPI. Bombs hit in excellent pattern on edge of target area, hitting roads and small buildings.

Flight C. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage due to camera malfunction in one a/c and other camera a/c not becoming airborne. Visual reports state bombs fell out of target area.

Tubingen (Marshalling Yard)

344 BG: 36 a/c dispatched, 35 dropping 560 x 250 GP on primary.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 8,300 - 11,400 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 429 feet N of DMPI. Bombs hit along edge of river just N of M/Y with strikes across residential buildings and river dam. 2 bombs salvoed 2330 feet SE of DMPI, hitting choke point.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. Approximately 50% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 980 feet SE of DMPI. Hitting in supply area. Strikes across at least three storage type buildings and main road.

Flight C. DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. Poor synchronization and short run due to interphone incoherence. No bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 1870 feet S of DMPI, hitting in barracks and residential area.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Long pattern 240 feet E of DMPI. Practically all bombs hit in M/Y, extending across heavy concentration of rolling stock. Probable severe damage to rolling stock and siding sidings.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Long pattern 220 feet S of DMPI. Bombs cover road bridge over choke point and extend along SW edge of M/Y.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Long pattern 420 feet NW of DMPI. Strikes just N of M/Y hitting in residential area and in river.

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D-2

Box II - Flight A - DML - EXCELLENCE. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DML. Center of extended pattern 135 feet N of DML with about 50% of pattern covering large buildings at edge of depot with some to edge of depot.

Flight C, DML - EXCELLENCE. 95% of bursts within 1000 foot radius of DML. Center of long pattern 470 feet W of DML, causing with pattern and 1 with falling on edge of depot, causing some to damage to one large building.

Flight B, DML - EXCELLENCE. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DML. Center of very smoky pattern is approximately 725 feet E of DML, falling on eastern edge of depot.

Box I - Flight A, DML - EXCELLENCE. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DML. Center of pattern 75% of pattern covers ordnance depot area with some on buildings.

Visual bombing 4 flights from 7,200 - 9,000 feet.

No losses, damage, casualties.

306 DG: 36 a/c (A-26) dispatched, 36 dropping 144 x 1000 lb. on primary.

Flight C, DML - EXCELLENCE. 100% of bursts within 1000 foot radius of DML. Pattern covered 225 feet west of DML, bursting in smoke of burning flight over target. Pattern blankets a portion of two buildings and 1 not in the area of depot.

Flight A, DML - EXCELLENCE. 100% of bursts within 1000 foot radius of DML. Good pattern centered 100 feet N of DML. Pattern blankets at least six buildings and road not in SE corner of target area.

Box II - Flight A, DML - EXCELLENCE. 95% of bursts within 1000 foot radius of DML. Long pattern covered 550 feet W of DML, blanketing at least two buildings and severely damaging two others. Pattern also covered road not inside target area.

Flight C, DML - EXCELLENCE. 100% of bursts within 1000 foot radius of DML. Good pattern centered 200 feet W of DML. Blanketing at least two buildings and damaging two others. Pattern also covered road not within target area.

Flight B, DML - EXCELLENCE. 100% of bursts within 1000 foot radius of DML. Pattern of bursts centered on DML and bursting in smoke of burning flight over target. Pattern blankets at least four large buildings, road not within target area and across E-W highway south of target area.

Box I - Flight A, DML - EXCELLENCE. 100% of bursts within 1000 foot radius of DML. Excellent pattern blankets four large buildings, road not within depot area and a main E-W highway south of target area.

Visual bombing 4 flights from 8,200 - 10,000 feet.

No losses, damage, casualties.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

470 DG: 40 a/c dispatched, 39 dropping 236 x 500 lb on primary.

Reverse with/without (Ordinance Depot)

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Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of concentrated pattern is 700 feet SSW of DMPI, with large portion of bursts falling on buildings at western edge of depot.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 75% of bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of concentrated pattern is 700 feet SSW of DMPI, falling across road at SW edge of depot with probable hits on same.

Aalen (Ordnance Depot)

322 BG: 36 a/c dispatched, 33 dropping 66 x 2,000 GP on primary.

3 a/c failed to bomb: 2, mechanical; 1, other. (could not catch formation.)

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 7000 - 8250 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. A good concentration centered 90' S of DMPI, covering about 1/2 the T/A.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. A loose pattern 370' N of DMPI, covering a main E-W highway and buildings in the vicinity of the T/A.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. A good concentration centered on DMPI. The remainder of the T/A was covered by these bursts, and all four of the large buildings were hit.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. About 95% of bombs fell within 1000' radius of DMPI. A long pattern centered 620' E of DMPI, covering the NE corner of the T/A. Rail lines, roads and buildings, and probable stores in the vicinity of the T/A.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. A good concentration centered on the DMPI. Bursts cover about 2/3 of T/A.

Flight C. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. One camera failed to work and one camera a/c aborted. Crews report excellent results.

Aalen (Marshalling Yard)

323 BG: 36 a/c dispatched, 36 dropping 72 x 2000 GP on Primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 8,700 - 10,250 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good concentration, with MPI 275' NW of DMPI. Bombs hit on road and built up area W of M/Y with at least two bombs in M/Y.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI in good concentration. MPI 80' N of DMPI. Several hits were obtained on passenger station with other bombs falling in M/Y and salvos falling among workshops E of M/Y. A salvo hit gas plant E of M/Y setting it afire.

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Flight C. DMP1 - UNDETERMINED. Bombs fell into smoke of previous flights with no new bursts appearing on one wall of the from this flight. Other camera ran but not over target. Green report bombs in W/V.

Box II - Flight A. SMPI - EXCELLENT. Due to smoke from three previous flights completely obscuring DMP1, bombardier moved W/V. Good concentration. Bombs fell across northern choke point W/V and on road NE of W/V, continuing into open fields.

Flight B. DMP1 - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMP1 in excellent concentration. W/V of bursts 360° S of DMP1. Bombs hit in built up area N of W/V as well as in W/V. Other bombs hit in W/V under smoke from previous bombs.

Flight C. DMP1 - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMP1 in good concentration. Along the last part of pattern fell in W/V under smoke from previous bombs. It is impossible to measure W/V of pattern. Early bombs fell in built up area just W of W/V.

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SECTION II

A/C OFF		254
A/C Bombing	242	
A/C Failing to Bomb	12	
TOTAL		254

Bombs on Enemy Territory	464.50
Total Bombs to Date	147,392.38

A/C Lost	0
A/C Missing	0
A/C Crash-Landed	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
Killed	0
Wounded	0
Missing	0
Injured	0
Claims	0

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Plak was not encountered enroute or at the target.

4/0 OVER ENEMY TERRITORY
250
4/0 LOST TO FLAK
0
4/0 BATTLE DAMAGED
0
4/0 LOST TO FLAK
0
4/0 BATTLE DAMAGED
0
4/0 BATTLE DAMAGED
0

4/0 Ordnance Dropped
322 Gp.
4/0 Ordnance Dropped
344 Gp.
4/0 Ordnance Dropped
416 Gp.
4/0 Ordnance Dropped
416 Gp.
4/0 Ordnance Dropped
416 Gp.

FLAK ANALYSIS SUMMARY

WEATHER: Partly Cloudy
409 DG: 2/10 obscuring tops 19,500 feet. Visibility 5 miles.
416 DG: Clear. Visibility 5 miles on boat run in haze.
344 DG: 2-3/10 obscuring tops 5000 feet. Visibility 10-15 miles from sun; 5-7 miles up sun.
410 DG: 3/10 obscuring base 5-9000 feet; tops 15,000 feet. 8-10/10 obscuring above 20,000 feet. Visibility 12-15 miles on boat run.
322 DG: 5/10 high level obscuring base 8,000 feet; tops 12,000 feet with occasional obscuring tops 20,000 feet. Visibility 4-5 miles up to ground in moderate haze.
323 DG: 4/10 obscuring base 5-10 obscuring tops 20,000 feet. Visibility 7-8 miles in light haze to 12,000 feet.

OBSERVATIONS

GROUP NO. 4/0 OBSERVATION REASON

416	1 (426)	Mechanical	Right loader had malfunction in bomb release mechanism. Loader did not drop.
344	1	Mechanical	Left engine cutting out.
410	1	Mechanical	Right engine cutting out.
322	2	Mechanical	1-left engine cutting out.
			1-bomb bay doors would not open.
			4/0 could not catch formation.

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

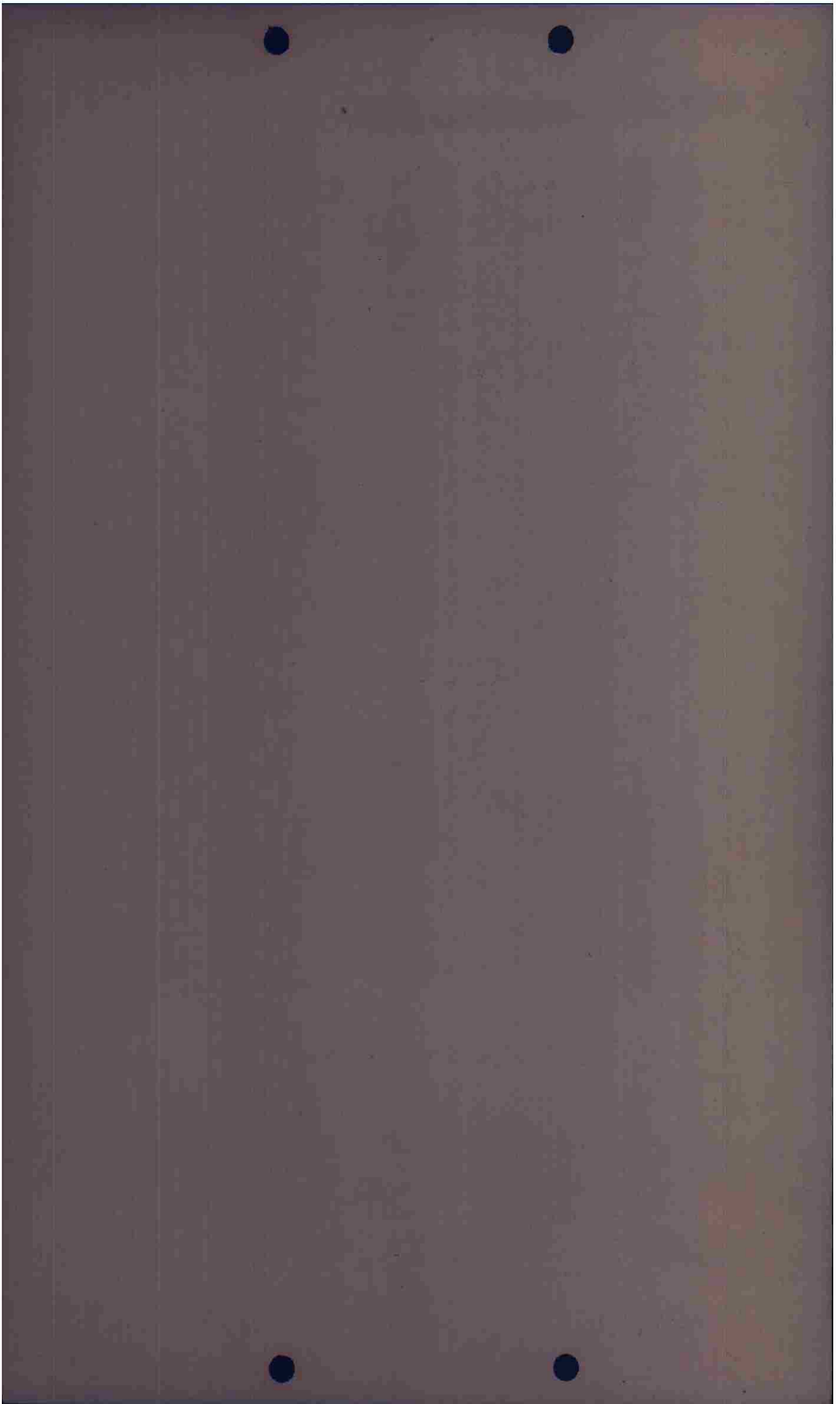
T.O.P.'s: 1753½ to 1919

No e/a were encountered.

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>
409	100%	0	0	0	0
416	91%	1	9	0	0
344	100%	0	0	0	0
410	100%	0	0	0	0
386	100%	0	0	0	0
322	76%	1	11	1	11
323	92%	0	0	1	8

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
PRESS RELEASE

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, Belgium, April 17 -- The heavily defended city of Magdeburg, standing in the way of the Ninth Army's advance across the Elbe River, was pounded for nearly four hours today by 450 medium and light bombers of Ninth Bombardment Division.

Starting at 11:00 a.m., after U. S. forces withdrew 1,500 yards, Invaders, Marauders and Havocs were over the already bomb-damaged Elbe River city at 20-minute intervals. The order was to "completely level the town" where U. S. forces have met their heaviest organized resistance since their breakthrough. The last formation released bombs on Magdeburg at 2:40 p.m.

Reports indicated crews carried out their order with superior results. Airmen in one of the last formations said the town was gutted, with the exception of the southern portion when they arrived. That section of the city was heavily damaged, too, when they left.

Crews said Germans living near Magdeburg spread white sheets on the ground, apparently as a sign to the bombers not to bomb them.

The only opposition attempted by the Germans, was by three FW 190s that fired on the first bombers over Magdeburg without damage. No flak was encountered and all bombers returned.

-30- N. & R. 1745, Press Camp 2215.

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, Belgium, April 17 -- Three supply centers for the Nazis' proposed final stronghold in the Bavarian hills of southwestern Germany were bombed with excellent results by 250 Ninth Bombardment Division medium and light bombers after 6:00 p.m. today.

The late bombing missions, together with an earlier four-hour assault on Magdeburg, totaled 700 sorties by Invaders, Marauders and Havocs today without loss.

Large quantities of stores were believed damaged, warehouses destroyed and rail lines cut at Tübingen, 18 miles south of Stuttgart, and at Aalen, 42 miles south of Stuttgart, where ordnance depots and adjoining railway yards were attacked. The third target was an ordnance depot at Weingarten, 16 miles north of Lake Constance, where large storage buildings and a barracks area were reported extensively damaged. The attacks were designed to destroy stores and facilities for repair of motor transport and armored vehicles.

No flak or enemy fighters were encountered and attacks were carried out in clear weather with ground haze that obscured visibility for some crews. All bombers returned.

-30- News Room 2200, Press Camp 2215.

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Altogether dispatched 209
Altogether over camp territory 201
Bombers lost 1
Bomb damage 1247
Defended cities struck 1
Gun positions attacked 3
Large military units destroyed 2
Ordinances depots attacked 3
At five cubes 112
Railroad cuts 87
Buildings destroyed or damaged 274
Goods in one destroyed or damaged 50
Flowers bridges damaged 2
Gas plants damaged 2
Warehouses destroyed 3

THIRD EIGHTH DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, 1941, April 17 - following are
operational statistics, including preliminary data on areas with losses, for com-
bined divisions of 3-26 divisions, 4-26 divisions and 4-21 divisions of the Fifth Bomb-
ardment Division Headquarters:

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FROM 416TH BOMB GP (L) 17/2130B
 TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIV (H) ATT: A-2
 CG, 97TH COMBAT WING (L) ATT: A-2

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SECRET 416BG P-308-D OPFLASH FOR 17 APRIL 1945 (AFTERNOON MISSION)

- A. 416TH BOMB GP (L)
 B. TUBINGEN ORDNANCE DEPOT (U-991911)
 C. 38 A-26'S
 D. 31 A/C ON PRIMARY.
 E. 1A/C DID NOT BOMB (FLIGHT LEADER) BECAUSE BOMB RELEASE MECHANISM WOULD NOT RELEASE BOMBS. MADE 4 BOMB RUNS ON TARGET.
 6 A/C DID NOT BOMB BECAUSE FLIGHT LEADER DID NOT BOMB.
 F. 124 X 1000 FPS ON PRIMARY
 28 X 1000 GPS RETURNED
 G. BOX I FLT I - GOOD - 1 RUN
 FLT II - DID NOT BOMB, 4 RUNS
 FLT III - GOOD - 2 RUNS
 BOX II FLT I - EXCELLENT - 1 RUN
 FLT II - EXCELLENT - 2 RUNS
 FLT III - GROSS, 1 RUN
 H. NIL
 I. NIL
 J. NIL
 K. NIL
 L. BOX I FLT I - 9500
 FLT II - DID NOT BOMB
 FLT III - 9300
 BOX II FLT I - 8800
 FLT II - 8300
 FLT III - 8700
 M. BOX I FLT I - 1820 1/2
 FLT II - DID NOT BOMB
 FLT III - 1829
 BOX II FLT I - 1822
 FLT II - 1822
 FLT III - 1833
 N. BOX LEADER COULD NOT CONTACT FIGHTER GROUND CONTROL STATION.

1ST LT., MAZANEC

BT 17/2130B

JP AR AR

ITA R17/2259B

CLEV

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JEA R17/2359B

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AC 528
 Right hand
 bomb down
 safety switch
 adjusted too
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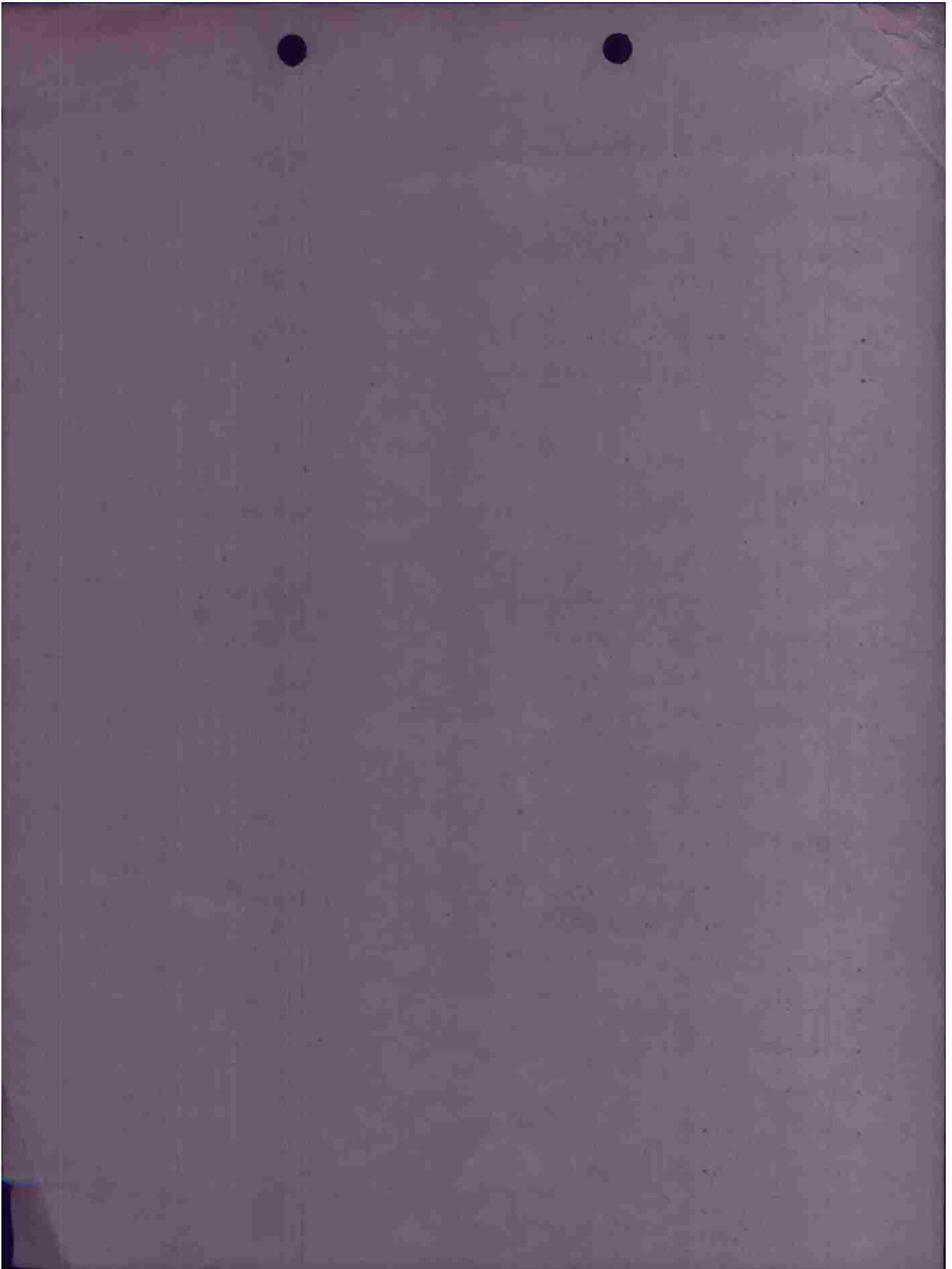
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CG, 97th Combat Wing, Att: A-2

From 416th Bomb Grp. (L)

Opflash for 18 April 1945 (Afternoon mission)

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- A. 416th Bomb. Grp. (L).
- B. Tubingen Ordnance Depot (W-991911)
- C. 38 A-26 a/c
- D. 31 a/c on primary.
- E. ~~7/4/6~~
1 a/c did not bomb (flight leader) because bomb release mechanism would not release bombs, made 4 bomb runs on target.
6 a/c did not bomb because flight leader did not bomb.
- F. 124 x 1000 Gps on primary
28 x 1000 Gps returned
- G. Box I flt. I Good 1 run.
flt. II Did not bomb, 4 runs.
flt. III Good, 2 runs.
Box II flt. I Excellent, 1 run
flt. II, did not bomb.
flt. III, excellent, 2 runs.
Gross, 1 run.
- H. Nil.
- I. Nil.
- J. Nil.
- K. Nil.
- L. Box I flt. I 9500
flt. II did not bomb
flt. III 9300



Box II flt. I 8800

flt. II 8000

flt. III 8700

M. Box I flt I. 1820½

flt. II did not bomb.

flt. III 1829

Box II flt. I 1822

flt. II 1822

flt. III 1833

X. Box leader could not contact Fighter Ground Control station.

TP Report
A-38

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62)

Offlash
by Lt. Mazzone

B 31 on P T

C 62

D. Good

E nil

F nil

G nil

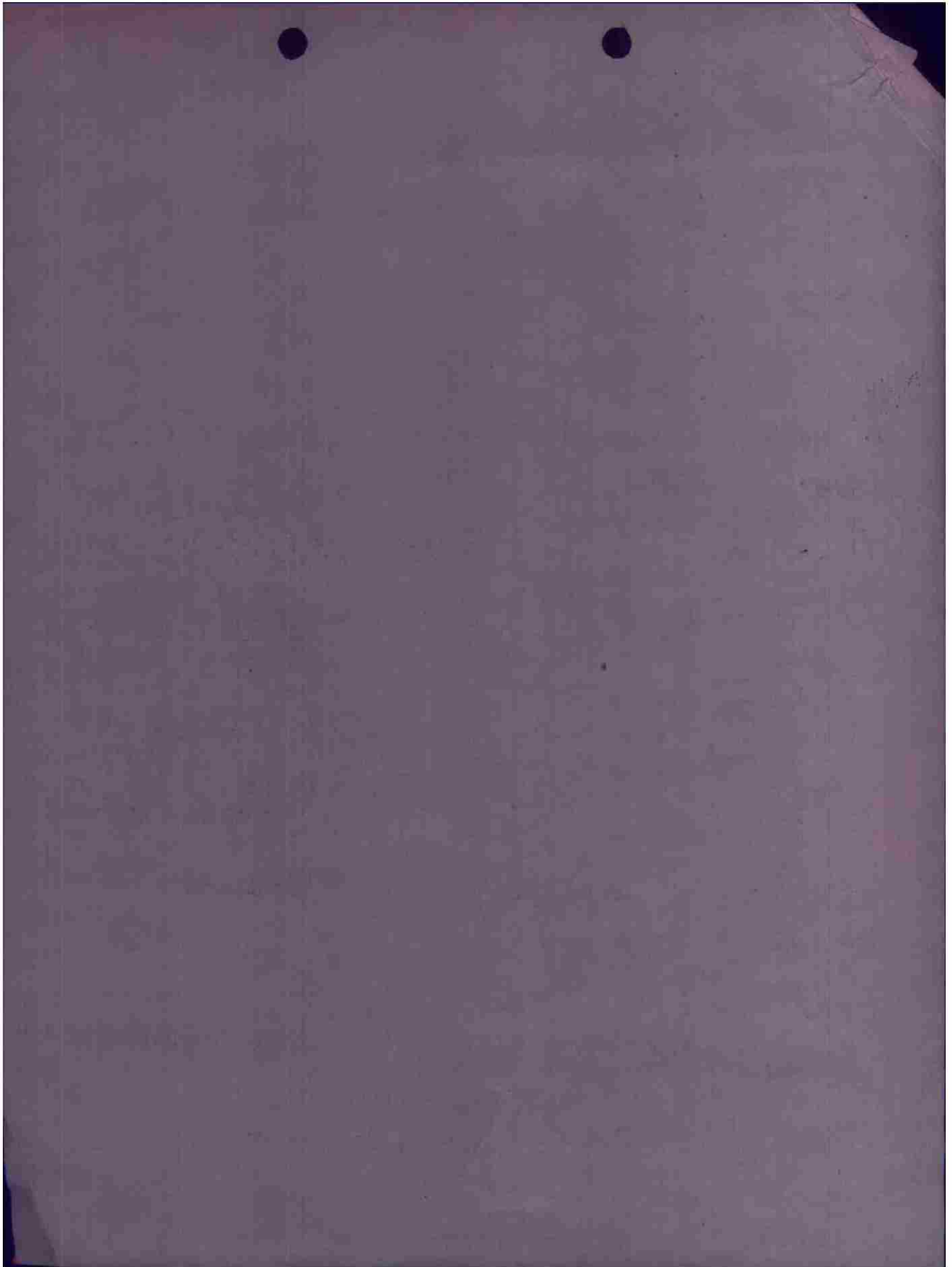
H nil

I nil

J 1 fl. 4 runs

K 0930

SAL
0930



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FROM HQS, 416TH BOMB GP, APO 142, U.S. ARMY 12/0100B

TO HQS, 9TH BOMB DIV (M) APO 142 U.S. ARMY ATTN: A-2 PI OFFICER
HQS, 97TH COMBAT WING, APO 142 U.S. ARMY ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER

BT

SECRET 416BG P-312-D

B. TUBINGEN ORDNANCE DEPOT.

G. 1820 1/2 - 1833

J. BOX I EX FLT A DMPI - EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 100 FT OF DMPI. BOMBS
(VISUAL) FELL IN GOOD PATTERN WITH CENTER OF BURSTS
600 FT N OF DMPI. HITS SCORED ON BUILDINGS
AND ROADS CAUSING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE.

FLT B

FLT C DMPI - UNDET: NO PHOTOS OF BOMB BURSTS FROM THIS
FLT AS TARGET AREA RUNS OFF EDGE OF FILM BE-
FORE BOMBS HIT. CREWS REPORT GOOD TO EXCELLENT
RESULTS.

BOX II FLT A CMPI - EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH
(VISUAL) CENTER OF PATTERN 450 FT NW OF DMPI. EXCELLENT
PATTERN OF BOMBS ON BUILDINGS IN TARGET AREA
CAUSING DESTRUCTION AND DAMAGE TO ORDNANCE
BUILDINGS.

FLT B DMPI - EXCEL: 60 PERCENT OF BOMBS EX WITHIN 1000 FT
WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 1000 FT NE OF DMPI.
BOMBS HIT IN EXCELLENT PATTERN ON EDGE OF
TARGET AREA HITTING ROADS AND SMALL BUILDINGS

FLT C DMPI - UNDET: NO PHOTO COVERAGE DUE TO CAMERA MAL-
FUNCTION IN ONE SHIP AND OTHER CAMERA SHIP
NOT BECOMING AIRBORNE. VISUAL REPORTS STATE
BOMBS FELL OUT OF TARGET AREA.

K. FLT B, BOX I - MALFUNCTION. WAS UNABLE TO RELEASE BOMBS. ABANDONED
MISSION AFTER MAKING FOUR RUNS AND TRYING ALL
POSSIBLE RELEASE SYSTEMS.

M. 18 - 21

1 - 9

9 - 2

N. 15 - 20 HITS BN OR NEAR MISSES ON HHKX BUILDINGS CAUSING CONSIDERABLE
DAMAGE. 20 HITS ON ROADS CUTTING THEM.

CAPT. C. V. ZESIGER

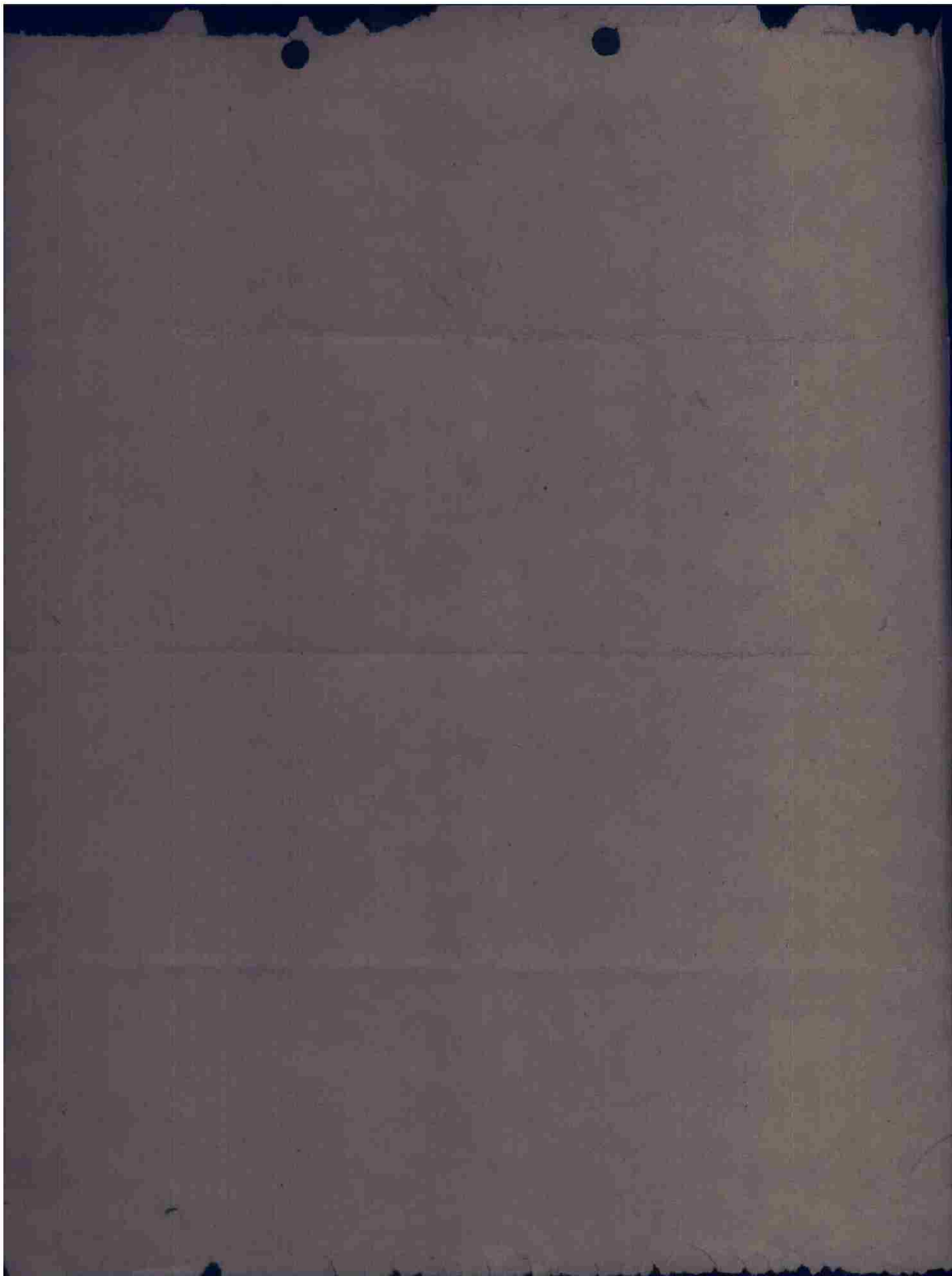
CCCCBOX II FLT A EX WORD FOLLOWING SHLD BE DMPI INSTEAD OF CMPI
RPT DMPI

BT 0100B

WFG AR

ITA R.....18/0100B RJS D

NEA R.....18/0100B DJP KKK AR



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JEA V JKI JKI 9/17 OP OP

FROM: 416TH BOMB GP (L) 17/1630B
TO : CG 97TH COMABT WING (L) ATTN: A-2

BT

SECRET 416BG P-301-D

TWO FLIGHTS ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING MPI'S ON ILLUSTRATION NO. 4809E/1
-072027, 073026, 075026-LAUPHEIM (X5961) ALTERNATE.

LT. SAMPSON.

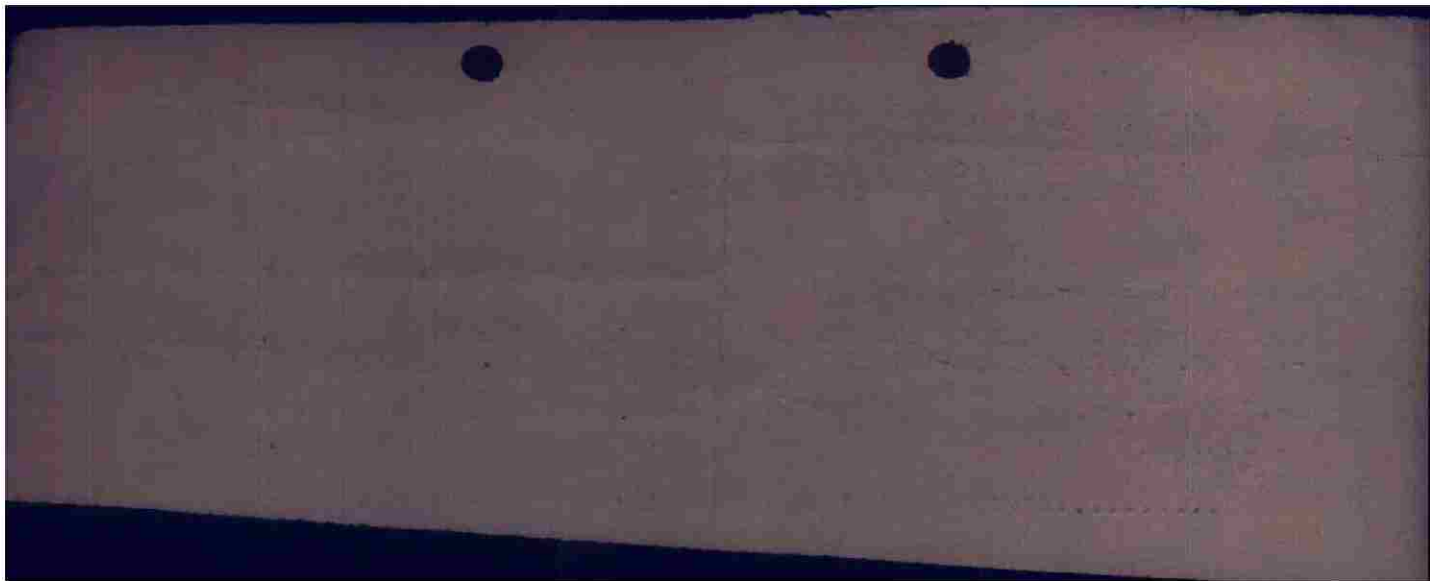
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JEA R.....17/1004B LCB AR

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ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 10/17 (INFO)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 17/1150B

TO : IX BOMB DIV.

409TH BOMB GROUP.

410TH BOMB GROUP.

416TH BOMB GROUP.

P-611

ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER:

ADVANCED INFO COPY OF PARA. 5 (COMMUNICATIONS) OF F.O. TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP. (991911)

(2) SKIPPER

(3) EVENING

(4) BABY

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP. (423147)

(2) CLOTHING

(3) PALLMALL

(4) BABY

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP. (991911)

(2) NINGUS

(3) MEASURE

(4) BABY

LOMCBTWIG 97

BT 17/1150B

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ITA R.....17/1155B OEN

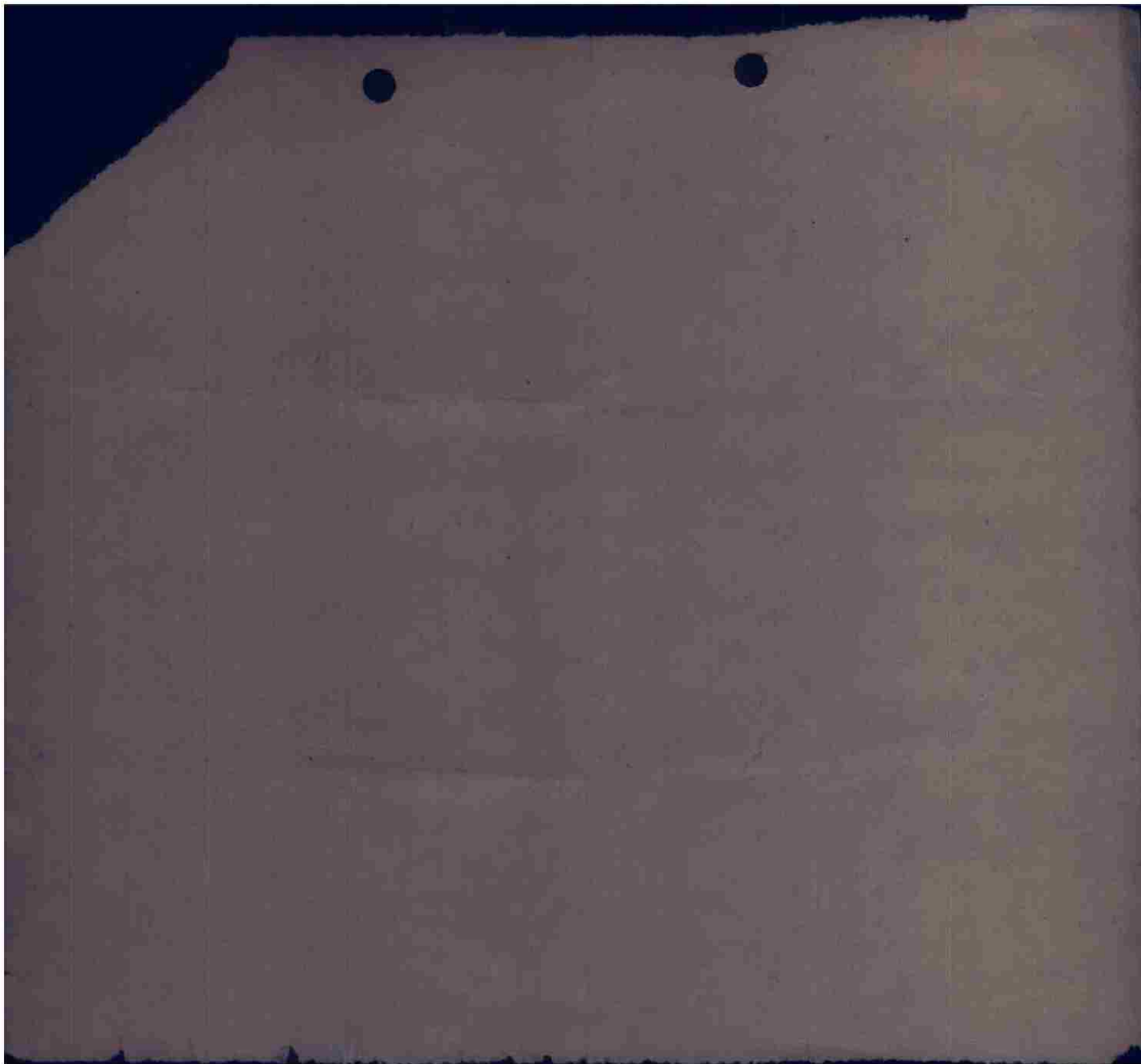
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JKI R.....17/1155B FD AR

JPO R.....17/1155B LB AR

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ITA JES JKI V JEA JEA 11/17 OP - OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 17/1245B
 TO : IX BOMB DIV. ATTN: A-2
 409TH BOMB GROUP. ATTN: S-2
 416TH BOMB GROUP. ATTN: S-2

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

97CBW P-142-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 258-856

(1) TARGET. TUBINGEN, ORDNANCE DEPOT (WW-991911)

(2) PHOTO COVERAGE.

4809E/1

106W/89 PRINT 7020.

MAP COVERAGE.

4416 SHEET W-3

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 17/1245B

FK-AR GPS - B ITA

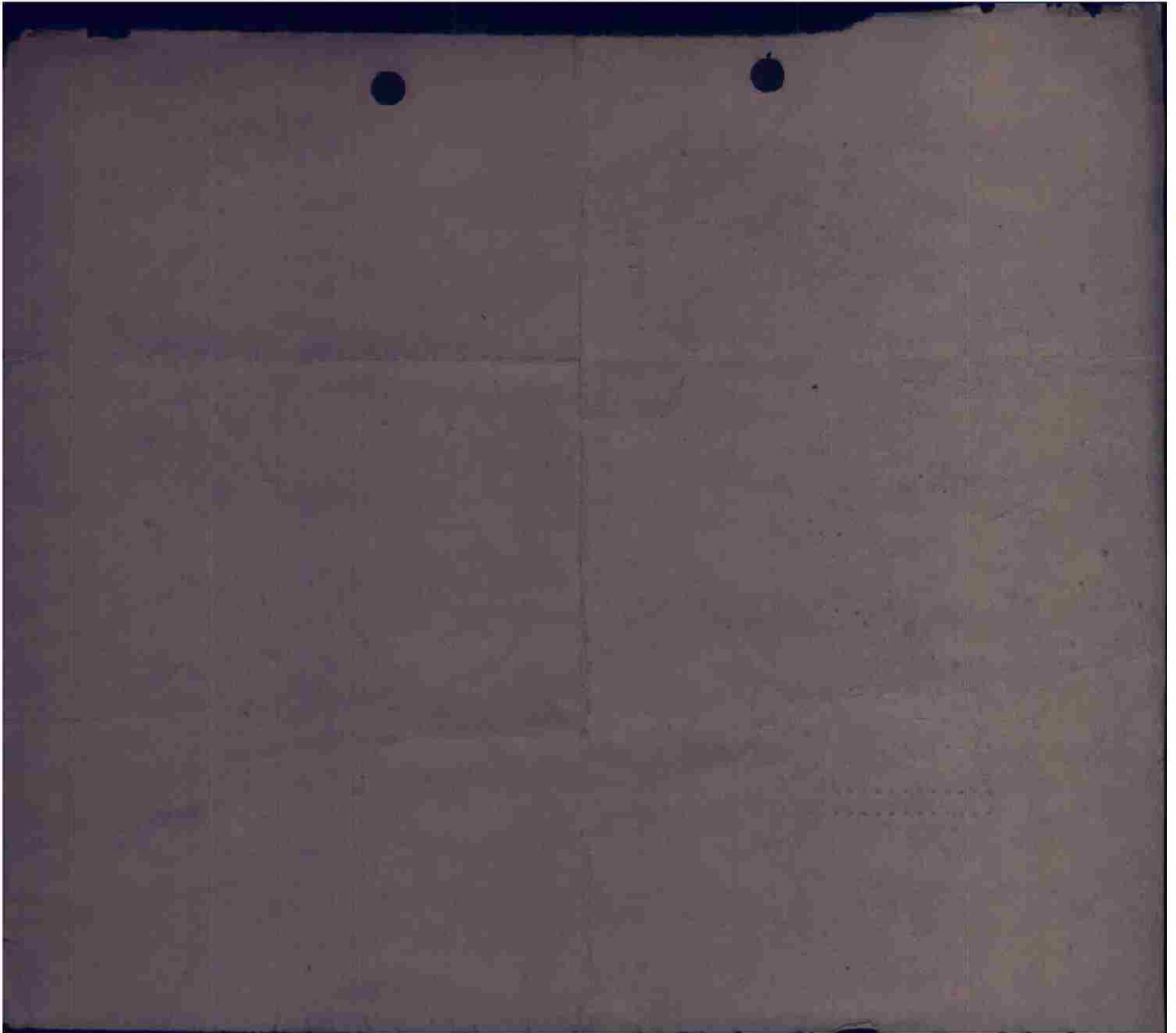
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JES R.....17/1255B JMB AR

JKI R.....17/1255B WJF AR

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Sampson

ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 13/17 OP - OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 17/1320B
 TO : IX BOMB DIV.
 409TH BOMB GROUP.
 410TH BOMB GROUP.
 416TH BOMB GROUP.

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

97CBW P-144-E

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

FIELD ORDER NO. 258-356

MAPS: NORMAL

1. D. (1) REF. CURRENT DOWNLIN.
- (2) THE IX T.A.C. AND XIX T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.

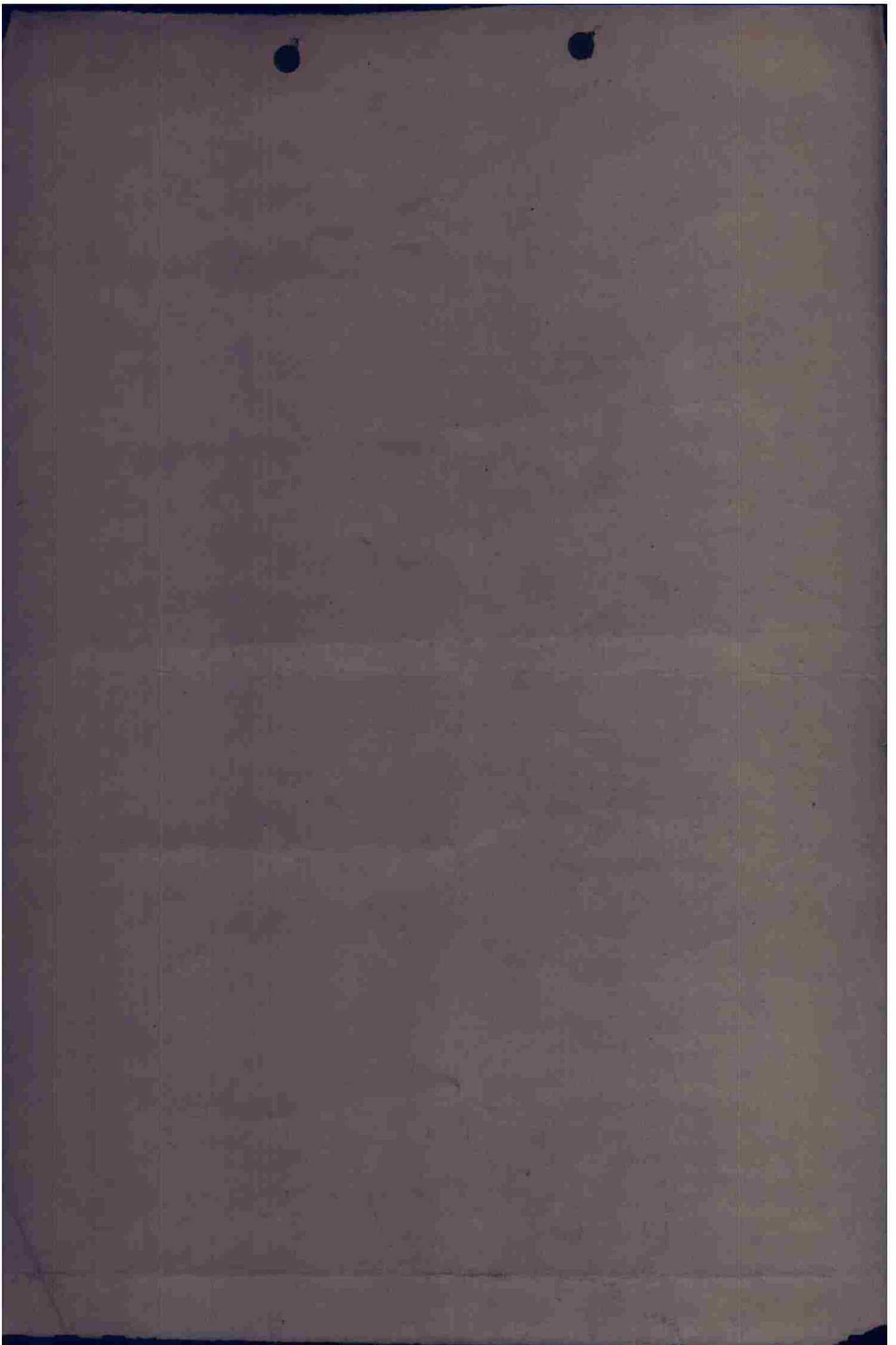
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR: 17/1730E

- - -PLAN "A" VISUAL- - -

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (3) WITH IX T.A.C. FIGHTERS AT Q-9167 AT 7,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES.
 - (9) H.P.I. ILL. 4509E/1 COVER ANNOTATED AREA. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.

- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (1) PAVENSBURG/WEINGARTEN ORDNANCE DEPOT (X-423147)
 - (2) 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 - (3) WITH XIX T.A.C. FIGHTERS AT V-7878 AT 7,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES.
 - (4) BASE TO RENDEZVOUS TO U-7826 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB 9,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 4,000 FEET ABOVE THE TERRAIN. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 - (7) I.P. X 1426
 - (8) GENERALLY UNW TO RSE
 - (9) H.P.I. ILL. 4709E/1 COVER AREA REF. 053084, 053086, 054086, 054087, 057087, 057084.
 - (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
 - (11) R.P. X-1426
 - (12) IF CLOUDS OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - (A) ALTERNATE VISUALLY
 - (B) PRIMARY ON "GEE"
 - (C) ALTERNATE ON "GEE"
 - (D) PRIMARY ON TAR35 3.T.A.
 - (E) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.
 - (13) GROUP MAY SELECT ANY OF THE ALTERNATE TARGETS LISTED BELOW:
 - U-3831
 - U-2565
 - X-4811



X-4112

X-5961

MAY AT THESE POINTS WILL BE ATTACKED.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (5) WITH EX T.A.C. FIGHTERS AT Q-9167 AT 7,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 30 MINUTES. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN PLANES.
- (9) H.P.I. ILL. 4800E/1 COVER AREA REF. 070026, 071023, 076027, 075020. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.

X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.

- (5) TARGET. TUBINGEN ORDNANCE DEPOT (W-991911)
- (6) 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (7) ROUTE OUT. BASE TO RENDEZVOUS TO R-7133 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK. TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO Q-9167 TO BASE.
- (9) ALTITUDES. BOMB 9,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 4,000 FEET ABOVE THE TERRAIN. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.

(10) I.P. R-7403

(11) AXIS OF ATTACK. GENERALLY NW TO SE.

(12) 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED. 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.

(13) R.P. R-6220

(14) IF CLOUDS OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:

(A) ALTERNATE VISUALLY

(B) PRIMARY ON "GEE"

(C) ALTERNATE ON "GEE"

(D) PRIMARY ON TARGET E.T.A.

(E) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.

(15) GROUPS MAY SELECT ANY OF THE ALTERNATE TARGETS LISTED BELOW:

W-3031

W-2563

X-4011

X-4112

X-5961

MAY AT THESE POINTS WILL BE ATTACKED.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP. (991911)

- (2) SKIPPER
- (3) EVENING
- (4) BABY

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP. (423147)

- (2) CLOTHING
- (3) FALLMALL
- (4) BABY

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP. (991911)

- (2) NIMBUS
- (3) MEASURE
- (4) BABY

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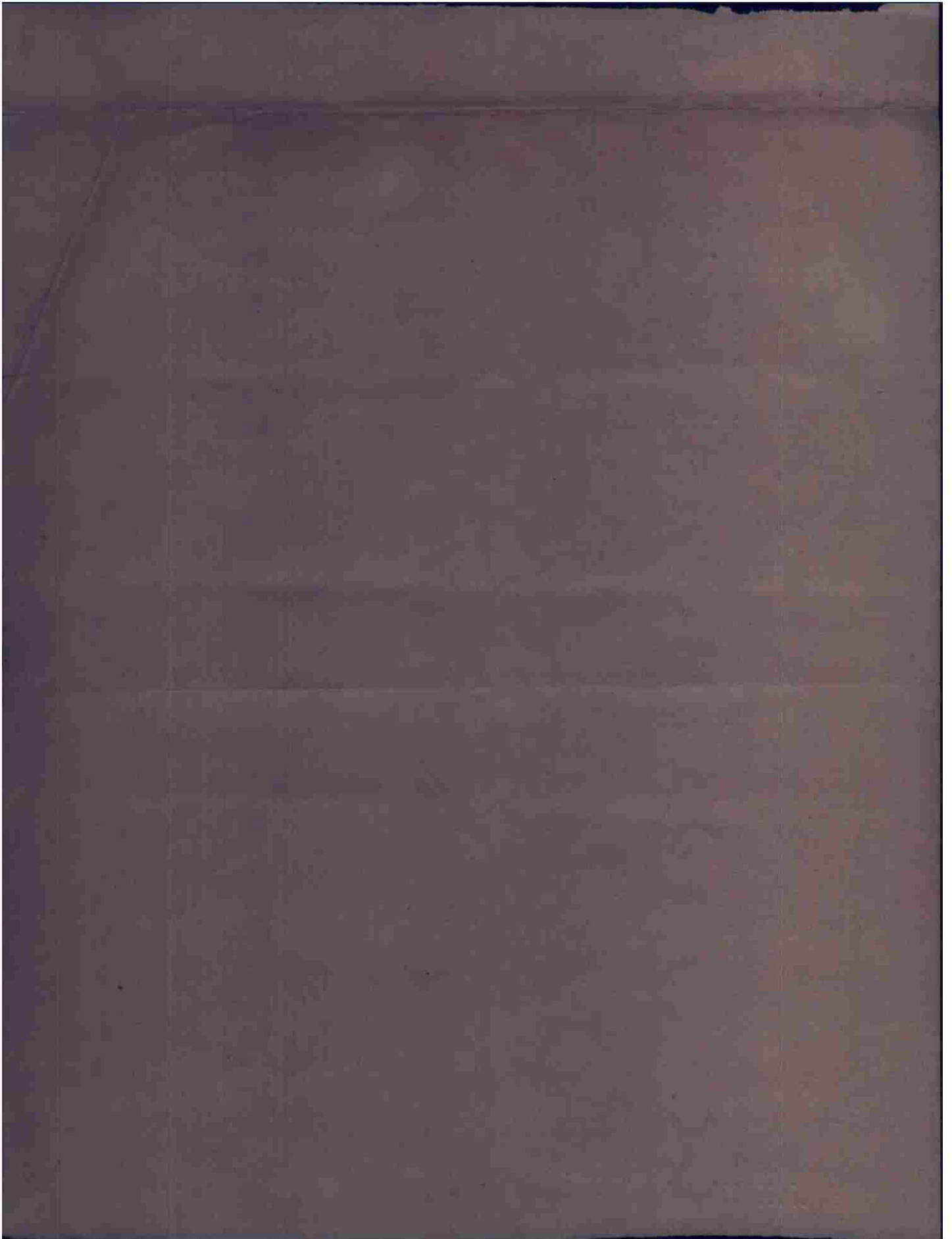
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EE: I E. B. (12) (D) SHOULD READ: (D) PRIMARY ON TARGET E.T.A.

ITA R.....2171452B MJS B OP

JKI R.....17/142832G EJ B TO ITA AND JE



MISSION NO. 276

LOADING LIST

17 APRIL 1945

FLIGHT I

1. 640 M
Capt. H.H. Evans
Lt. T.M. McGinty
Lt. H.S. Myrland
S/S G.H. Morritt

4. 9352 J
Lt. F.H. Roberts
S/S A.S. Hood

2. 259 H
Lt. J.P. Phillips
S/S J.L. Laufer

5. 373 O
Lt. S.V. Blowing
S/S G.H. Hicks

3. 935 H
Lt. S.B. Dixon
S/S A.B. Stewart

6. 925 E
Lt. A.V. Swarts
Sgt D. Youlton

FLIGHT II

1. 528 F
Lt. R. Popenay
Lt. G.F. Fry
S/S S.B. Amett

4. 416 O
Lt. R.D. Singletary
S/S S.J. Turpin

2. 923 B
Lt. R.S. Bower
S/S A. Subjalko

5. 9315 F
Lt. S. Macgrove
S/S M. Licker

3. 212 K
Lt. W.D. Chitty
S/S J.J. Richardson

6. 286 D
Lt. A.O. Hanson
Sgt C.T. Thompson

FLIGHT III

1. 501 F
Lt. W.R. Hainke
Lt. A.B. Rosenquist
S/S W.L. Kidd
Lt. M. Tavey

4. 232 N
Lt. W.H. Downing
Sgt A.P. Hyatt

2. 469 A
Lt. F.P. Barausky
Lt. W.L. Sheehan
S/S D.V. Paladino
Lt. R.B. Peppers

5. 2315 L
Lt. W.H. Balch
S/S G.C. Strong

3. 235 H
Lt. T.O. Bishop
S/S R.J. Doraja

6. 254 G
Lt. J.V. O'Brien
Sgt H.T. Wright

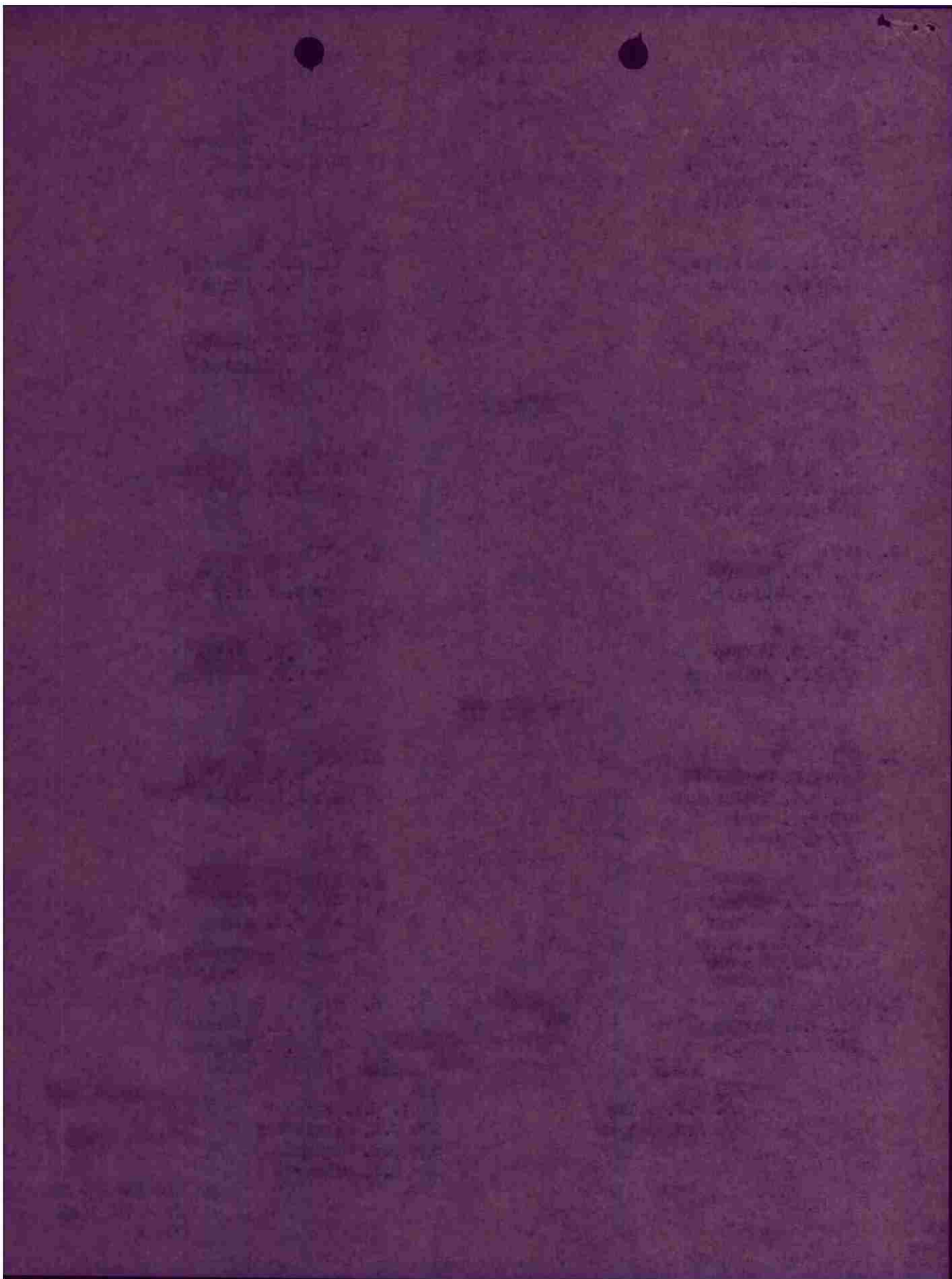
SPARE

229 B
Lt. J.F. Allen
S/S L.R. Getzen

CAMERA

490 K
Capt. R.V. Wheeler
W/O G.H. Schenckman
Sgt M.B. Noonan
Sgt M.J. Salder

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17 APRIL 1945
BOX I



MISSION NO. 276

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

17 APRIL 1945

1. 302
Capt. G.S. Stanley
P/O J.J. Almont
S/S G.B. Collier

2. 307
Lt. L.F. Cannon
S/S L.V. McFarler

3. 305
Lt. V.F. Montross
S/S E.B. Remonds

4. 264
Lt. F.W. Harris
S/S W.H. Pashner
Sgt E.A. McBelle

5. 233
Lt. G.T. Fackhurst
Sgt D. Nash

6. 362
Lt. R.J. Lockner
Sgt A.J. Musarra

BOX II

1. 609
Lt. C.M. Jordan
Lt. R.P. Balgrew
S/S R.P. Tenen

2. 324
Lt. R.M. Hurdley
Sgt G.T. Hank

3. 361
Lt. E.C. Maxton
S/S L.R. Craft

4. 338
Lt. D.W. Gonsolo
S/S V.A. Halcom

5. 314
Lt. D.W. Smith
S/S W.H. Donnelly

6. 271
Lt. A.E. Wenger
Sgt R.M. Smith

FLIGHT III

1. 137
Lt. F.J. Lockwood
Lt. R.G. Blair
Sgt R.M. Barry

2. 3052
Lt. L.N. Harris
S/S L.N. Davis

3. 360
Lt. T.R. Granger
S/S A.H. Miller

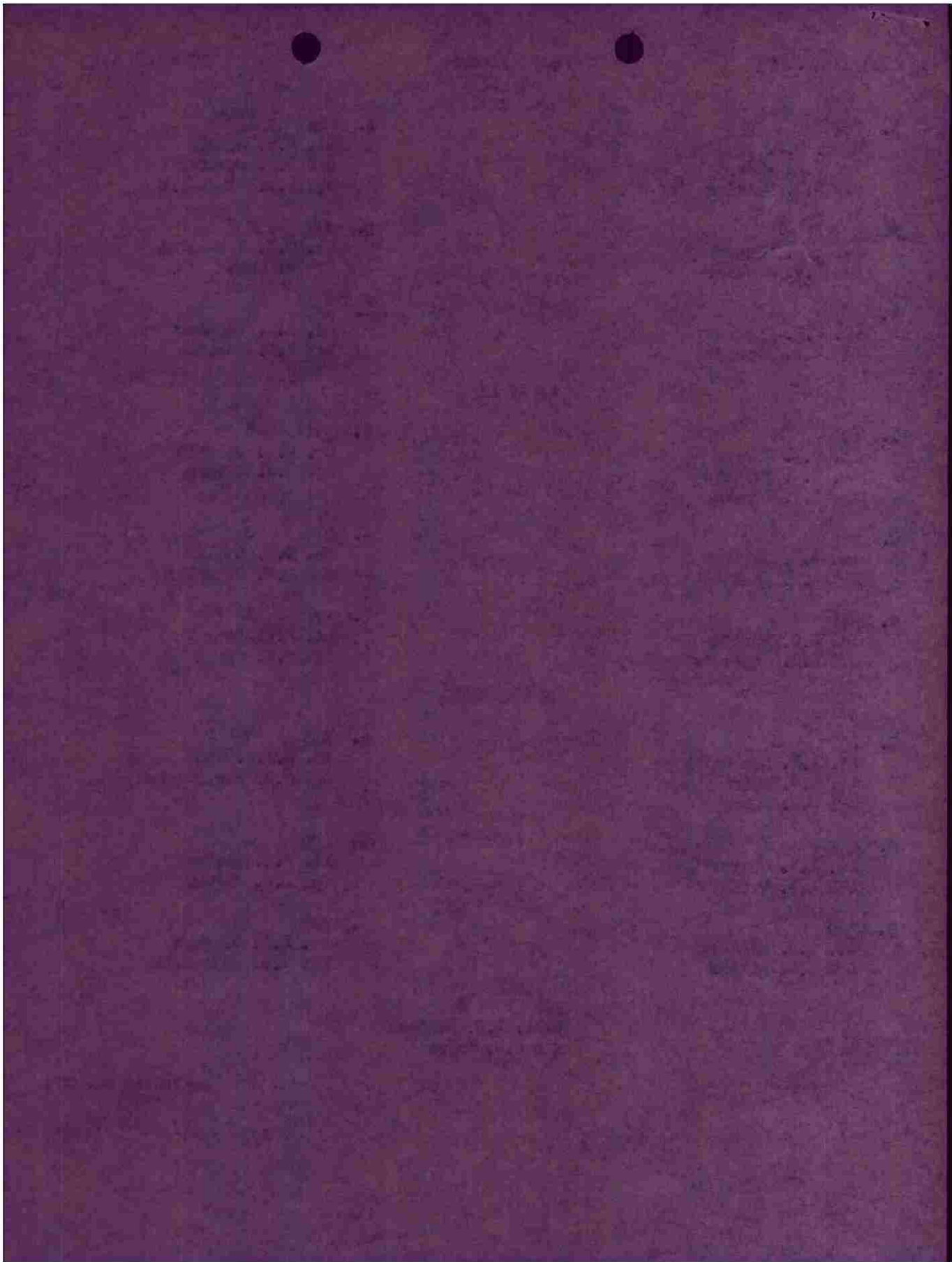
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Lt. A.J.F. Vinn
S/S G.D. Stephenson

5. 209
Lt. A.T. Hyslop
Sgt L.J. Fawcett

6. 247
Lt. H.L. Simpson
Sgt V.S. Styranski

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Capt. L.G. Winkham
S/S A.B. Eaton

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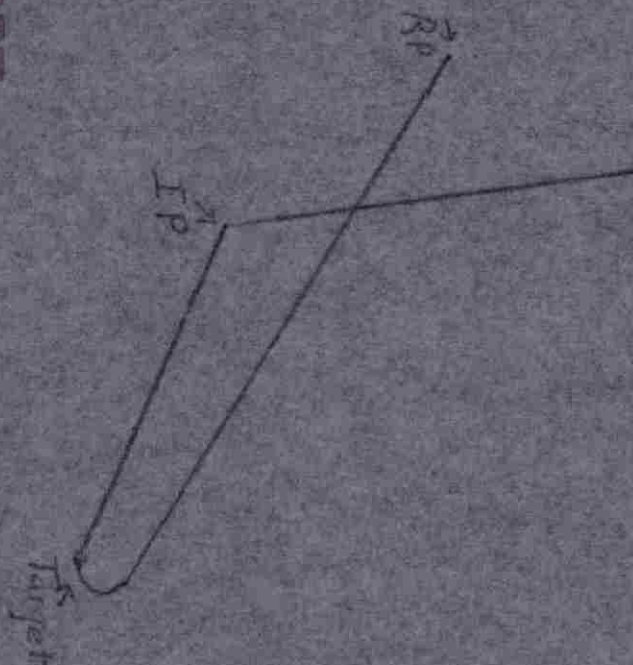
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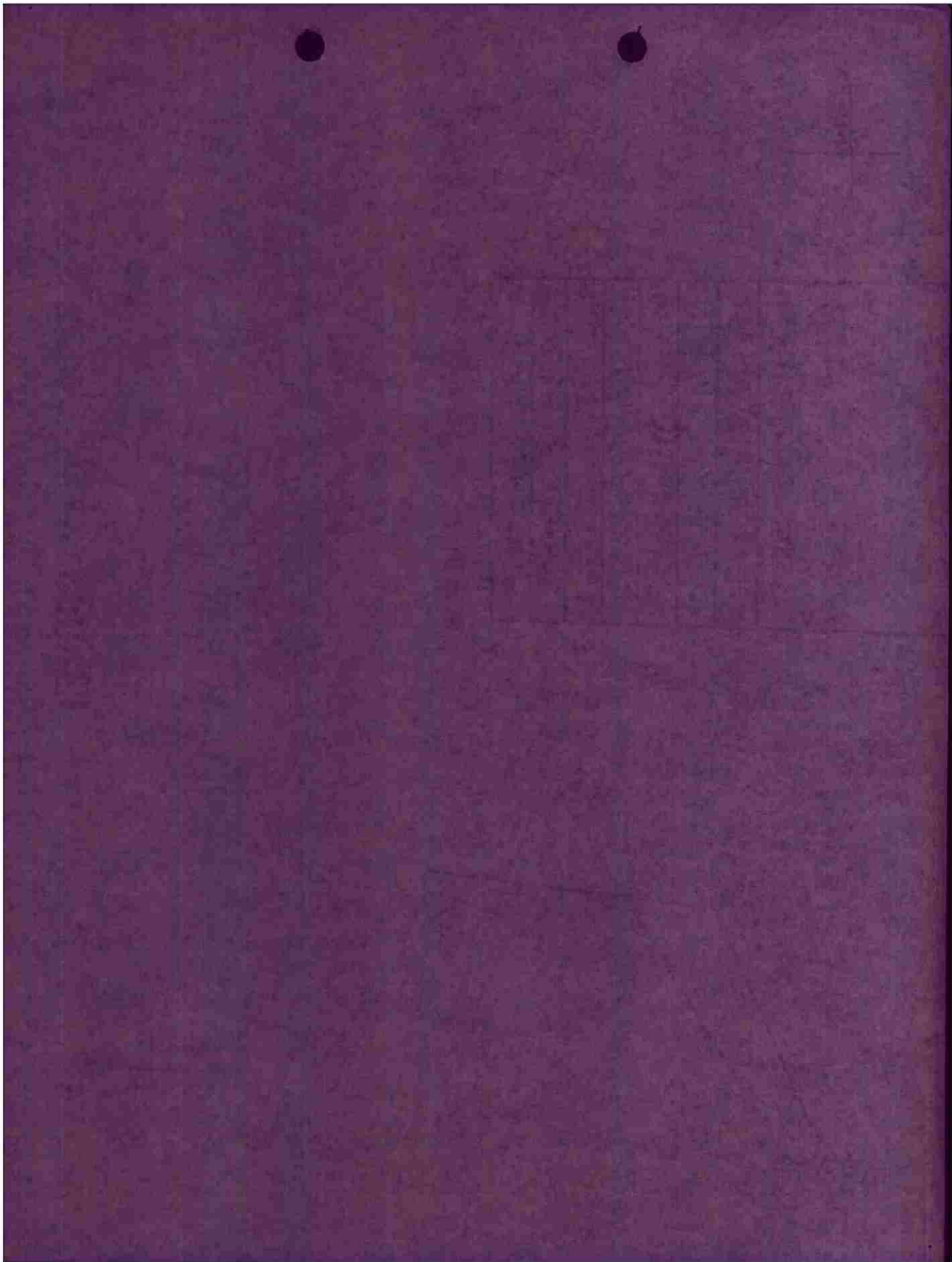
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48°20'N

416 th Bomb Grp (A)
17 Apr 1945 FO 258-856
Target - Tübingen DmD Dp
Alt 9,000 ft TOT 18.25
Wind dir: Not used
No Flak
2 Boxes of 18 M/L
Weather - Hazy

SECRET



9°E
48°20'N



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

AUTH: CO Sta

A-69

DATE:

INIT:

18 April 1945

SUBJECT: A-26 OFREP No. 134 for 24 hours ending sunset 17 April 1945

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

Mission No. 275 ^I 97th Combat Wing Field Order No. 253-954

1. Operational Factors:

Place of take-off Station A-40 Place of Landing Station A-40

Take-off time 1653 type mission Bombing T.O.T. 1653

Targets Tabinaga Crd. Depot (primary) Launches W/T (secondary)

Landing time 2015 Oper. hours (a) 0910 Oper. hours (b) 2015

Weather No clouds. Thick haze over target area.
2. Effort:

Dispatched 38 - A-26's Sorties 38 Effective sorties 31

A/C expending bombs 31 Non-effective sorties 7

Malfunction of bomb release mechanism resulting in failure of flight leader to release bombs. (mechanical)

A/C returning early None
3. Bombs carried into air: 152 x 1000 lb GP's 1/10N 1/100T
- Expenditure: 124 x 1000 lb GP's fused 1/10 N 1/100 T Alt. 2000 - 2500
- target Tabinaga Crd. Depot results Real. No Attack, Indet, Real, Real
- Expenditure: fused N T Alt. Indet.
- target results
- Expenditure fused N T Alt.
- target results
4. Ammunition carried: 71600 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

SECRET

16 15 14 13 12 11

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 14/17 P - P

FROM COBOMBRP 416 17/2100B
TO COMBOMDIV NINE (ATTN: SIG O)
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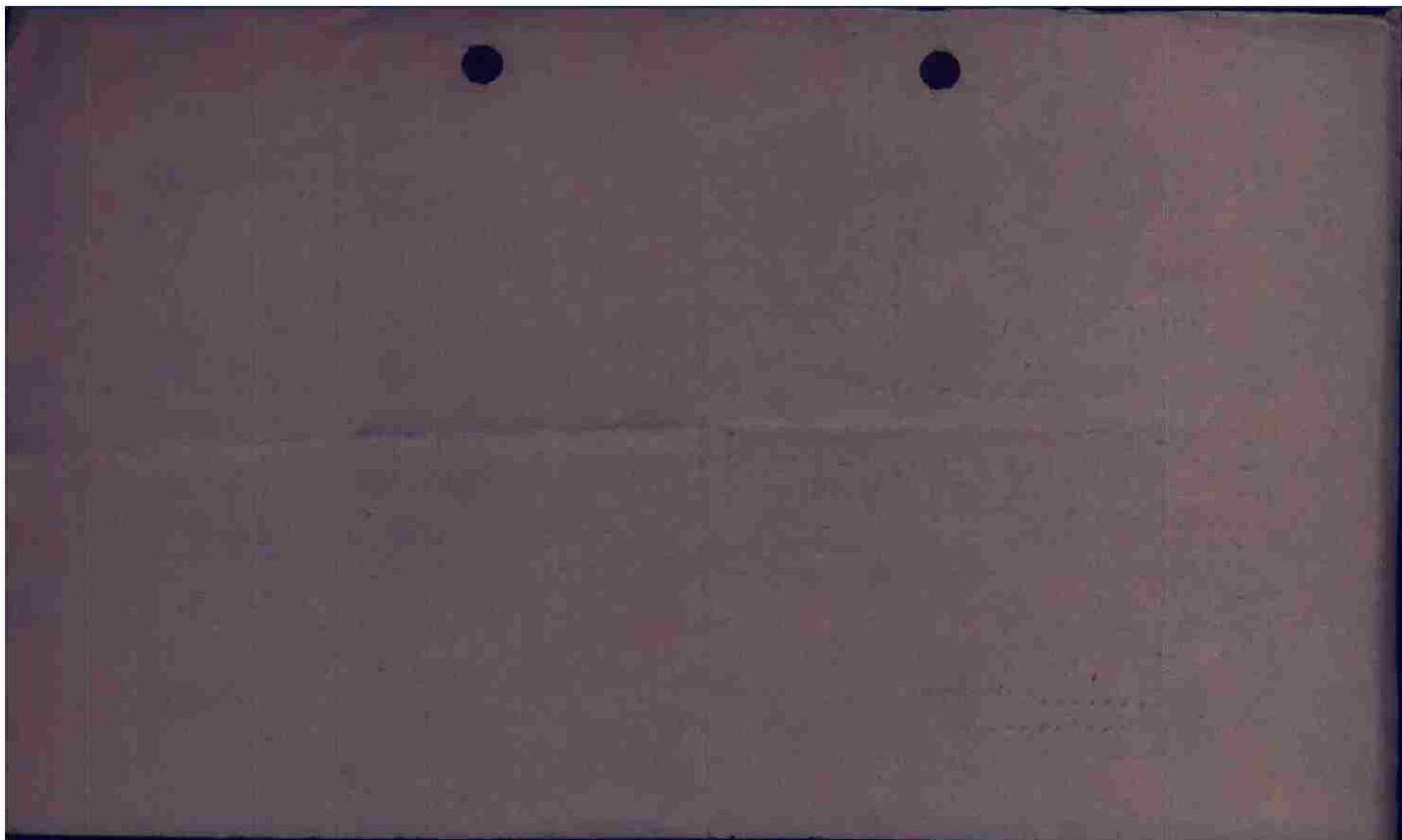
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A - YS - 103
B - 17 APRIL 1945 (1659 - 1927)
C - N-NAN REPORTED "OPS COMPLETED" TO PARADE FOR BOTH BOXES AFTER
LEAVING TARGET .
D - N-NAN COULD NOT CONTACT FIGHTERS OR FIGHTER GROUND CONTROL.
PARADE HEARD CALLS AND RELAYED MESSAGES.
E - THRU K - NONE

AYLESWORTH
BT 17/2100B

JF BBBB
ITA R.....17/2255B CLEV KKKK
JEA R.....17/2255B WCB KK

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Box #	CpsFL	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Loader	T/O	15 min.
I		17 April 95				EVANS	TOT L/D	
A/C	Tell to Bomb	ATP	Bomb List	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.		
1	640							
2	259							
3	335							
4	9352							
5	378							
6	325							
7	528							
8	223							
9	212							
9	416							
5	435 393							
6	286							
1	501							
2	469							
3	205							
4	232							
5	2315							
6	334							
SPARE	229							
CAMERA	490							

38 A-26

13 1/2

5 1/2

72

52

12 1/4

501 HEINKE

528 POPENEY

205 BISHOP

469 DRANSKY

212 CHITTY

223 BOWER

232 DOWNING

416 SINGLETARY

334 O'BRIEN

2315 BALCH

286 HENSON

9315 MUSGROVE

SPARE 229

CAMERA 490

ALLEN WHEELER

640 EVANS

335 DRUM

259 PHILLIPS

9352 ROBERTS

325 LEVARTS

378 BLEVINS

31

124X1000 one Prime

28 X1000 Refracted

TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

- (2) No. a/c off by type: _____
 A-20C'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.C.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).

Box #	CDSPFL	Date	F/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
II		17 April 45				STANLEY	TOT L/D	
A/C	Feil to Bomb	ATT	Bomb	ISP	A/C Dam	E/A	PATS.	
1 508	Reason	T 3 0	T 3 T	F R	N D A A C B E D P D K W M			508 STANLEY
2 389								389 MONTROISE CANNON
3 385								264 HARRIS
4 264								362 233 LACINER PARKHURST
5 233								
6 362								
1 609								497 609 LACHNOVICH JORDAN
2 354								
3 381								
4 338								
5 314								
6 271								360 2352 381 354 GREERER SPIRES MARTIN HACKLEY
1 497								265 338 WINN SORRELS
2 2352								
3 360								
4 265								249 209 271 314 SIMPSON HLIVKO HARPER SMITH
5 209								
6 249	NOT Deficient							
SPARE 356								SPARE 356 NIELSEN

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).

INTER. FORM

CASUALTIES

FLAK :

mil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

with

POSITION IN FORMATION

X X X
X X X
X X X

X X X
X X X
X X X

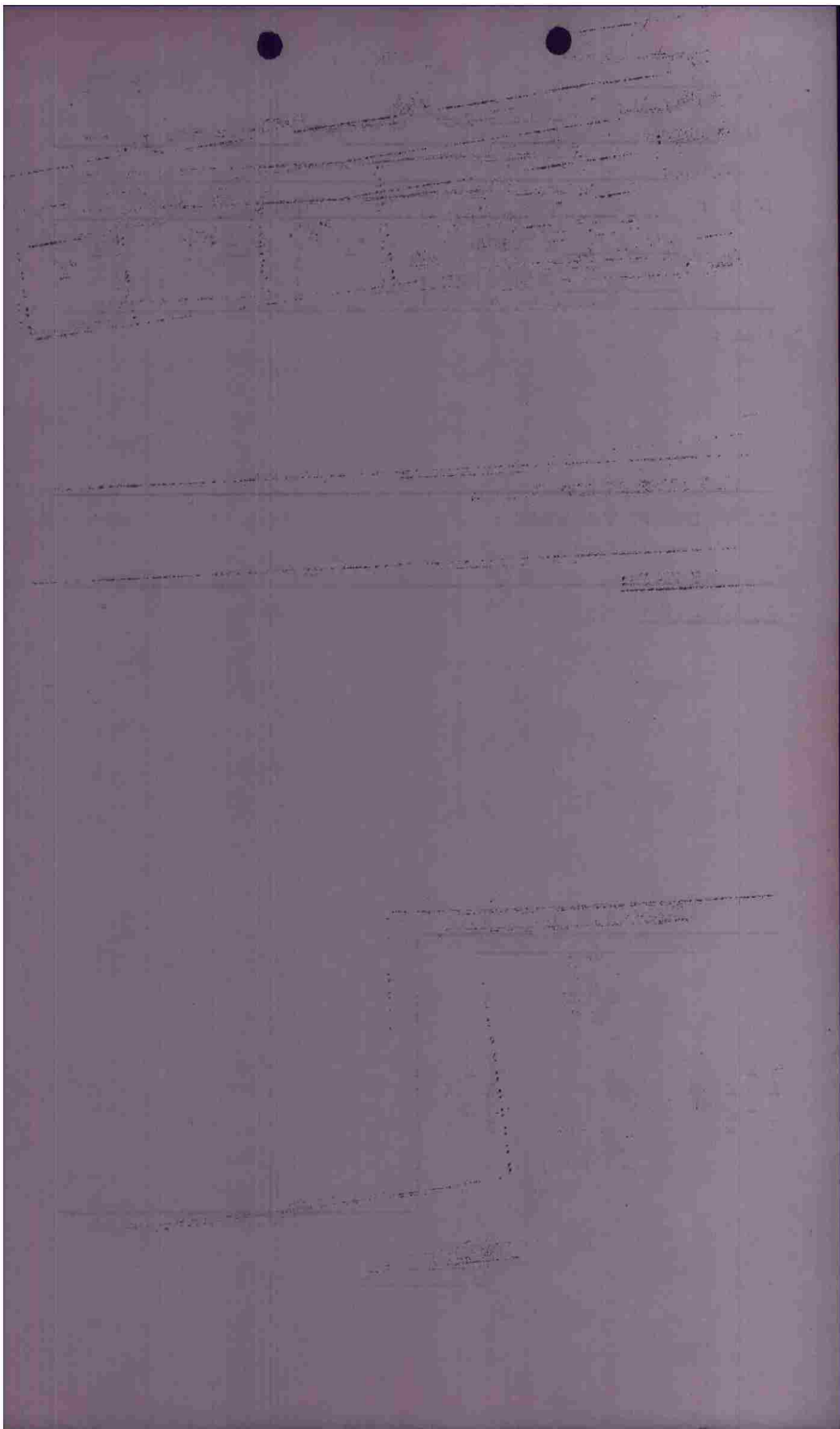
X (SPARE) X

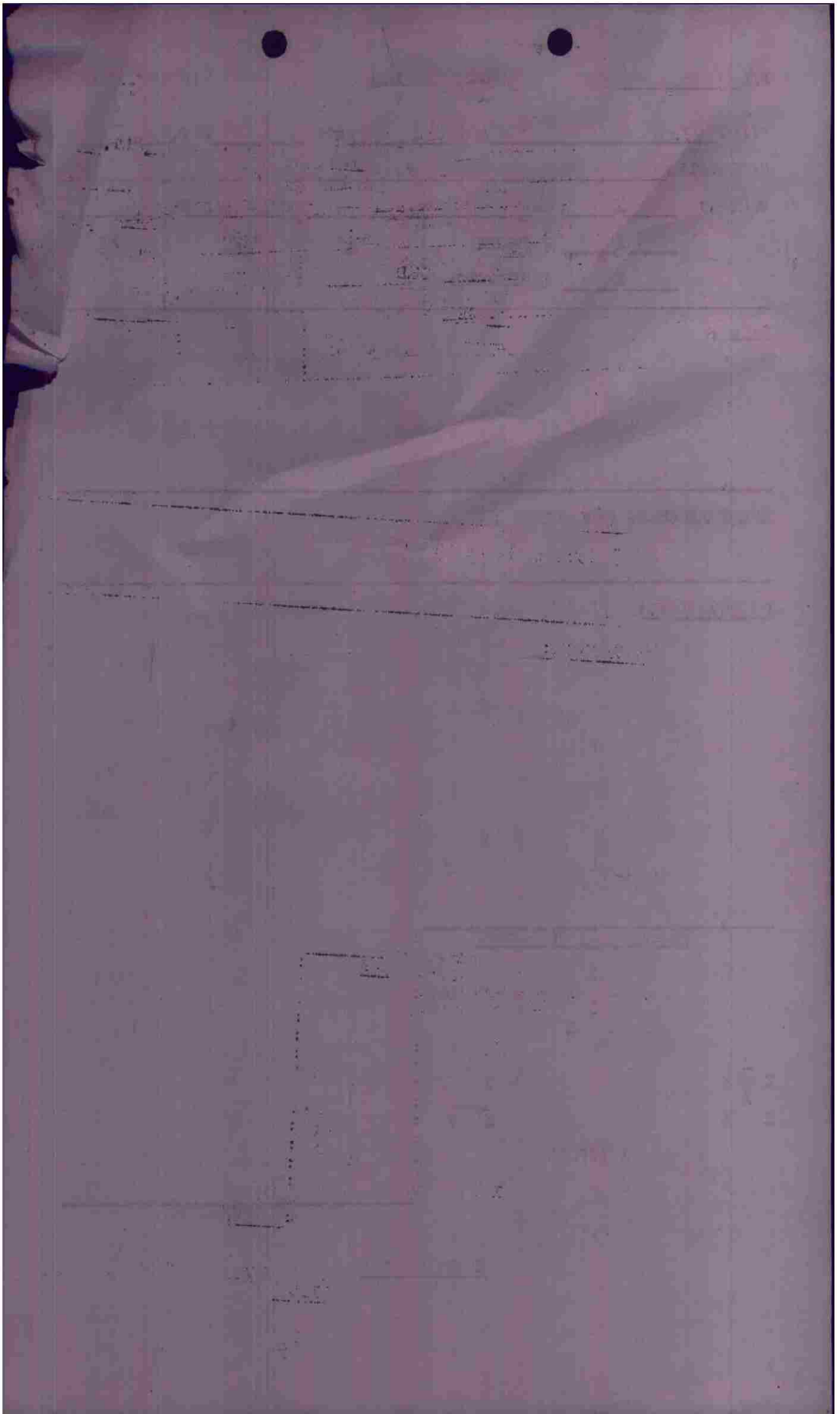
~~(X) (SPARE)~~



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INTERROGATOR

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INTERR. FORM

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

mil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

ml

OBSERVATIONS: Fl's pattern slightly short but on depot.

TOT-1828 (2 runs)

alt - 9300

IAS - 270

axis 120° mag

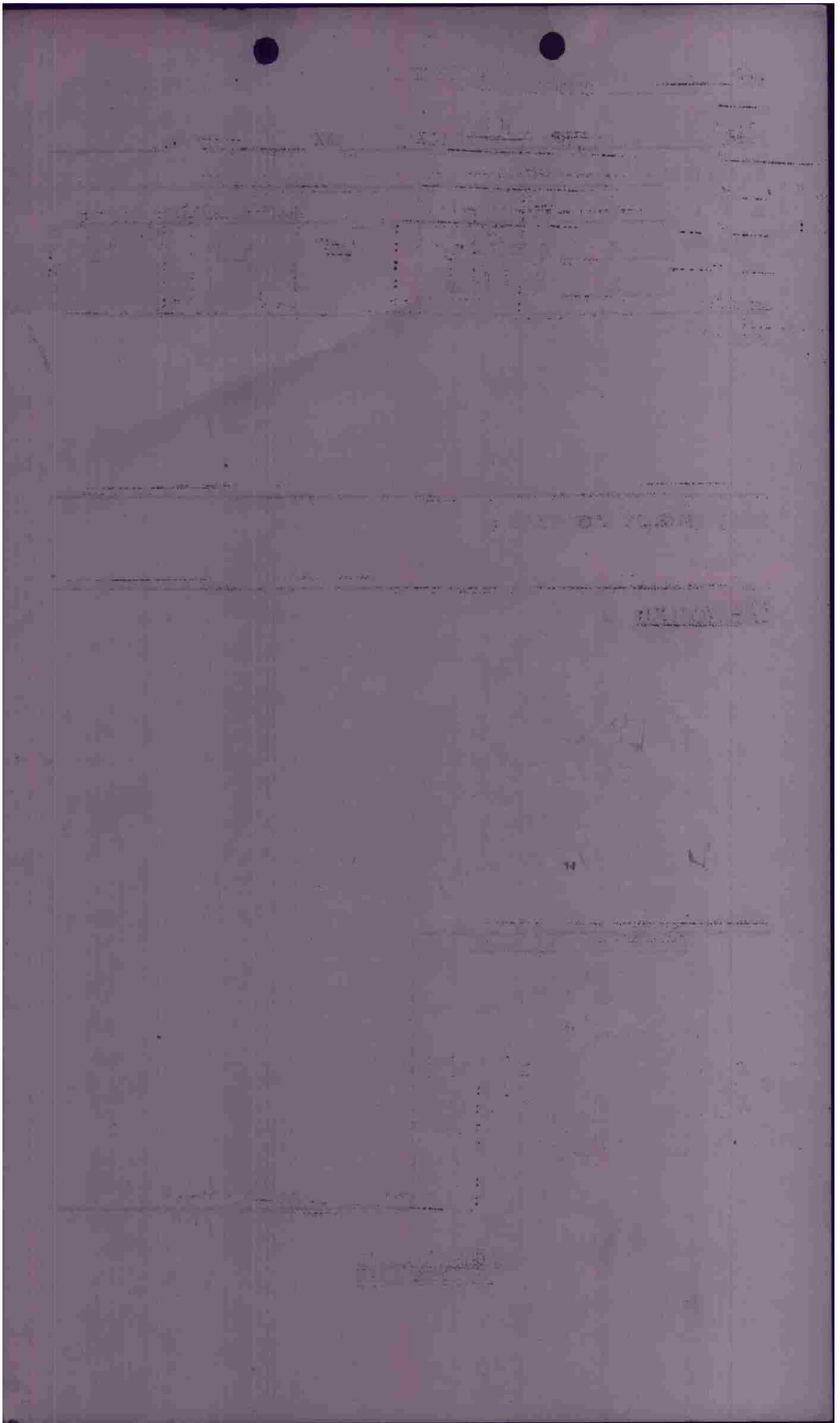
POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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INTERROGATOR

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INTERR. FORM

CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

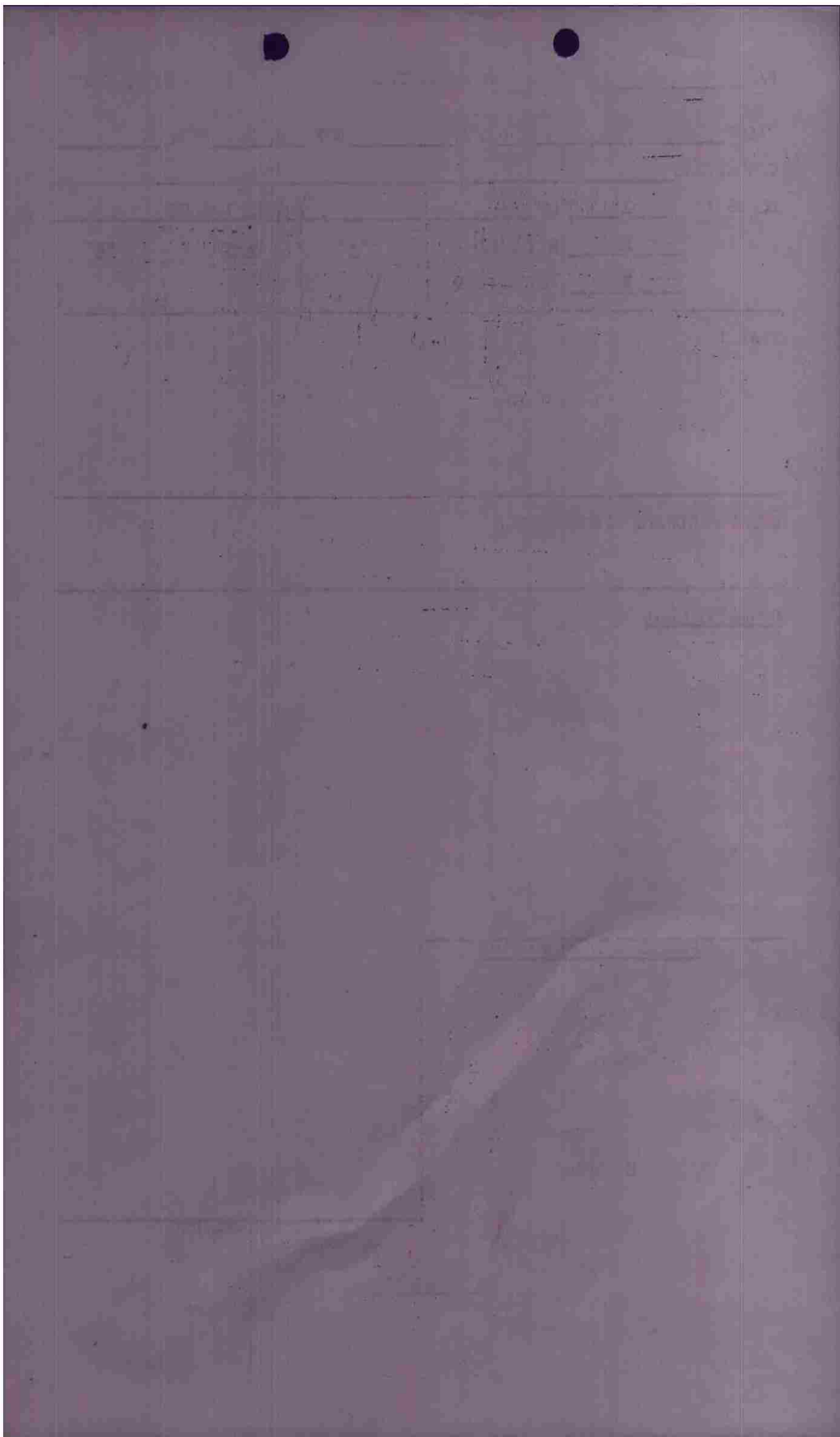
POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

X X
X X
X X

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INTERR. FORM

CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs in T_qT

Comesq.

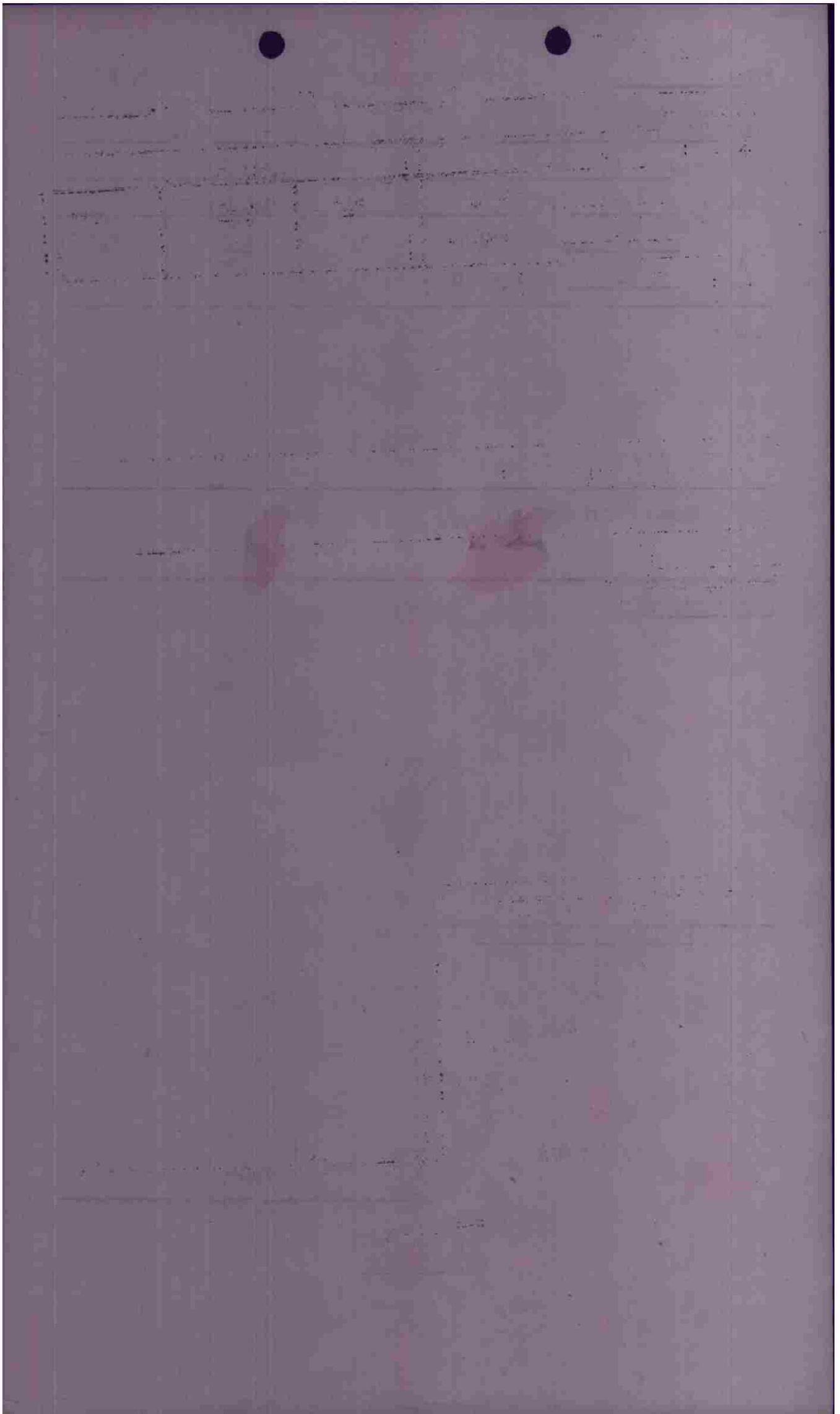
POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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INTERR. FORM

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS: - None - Haze + Smoke

POSITION IN FORMATION

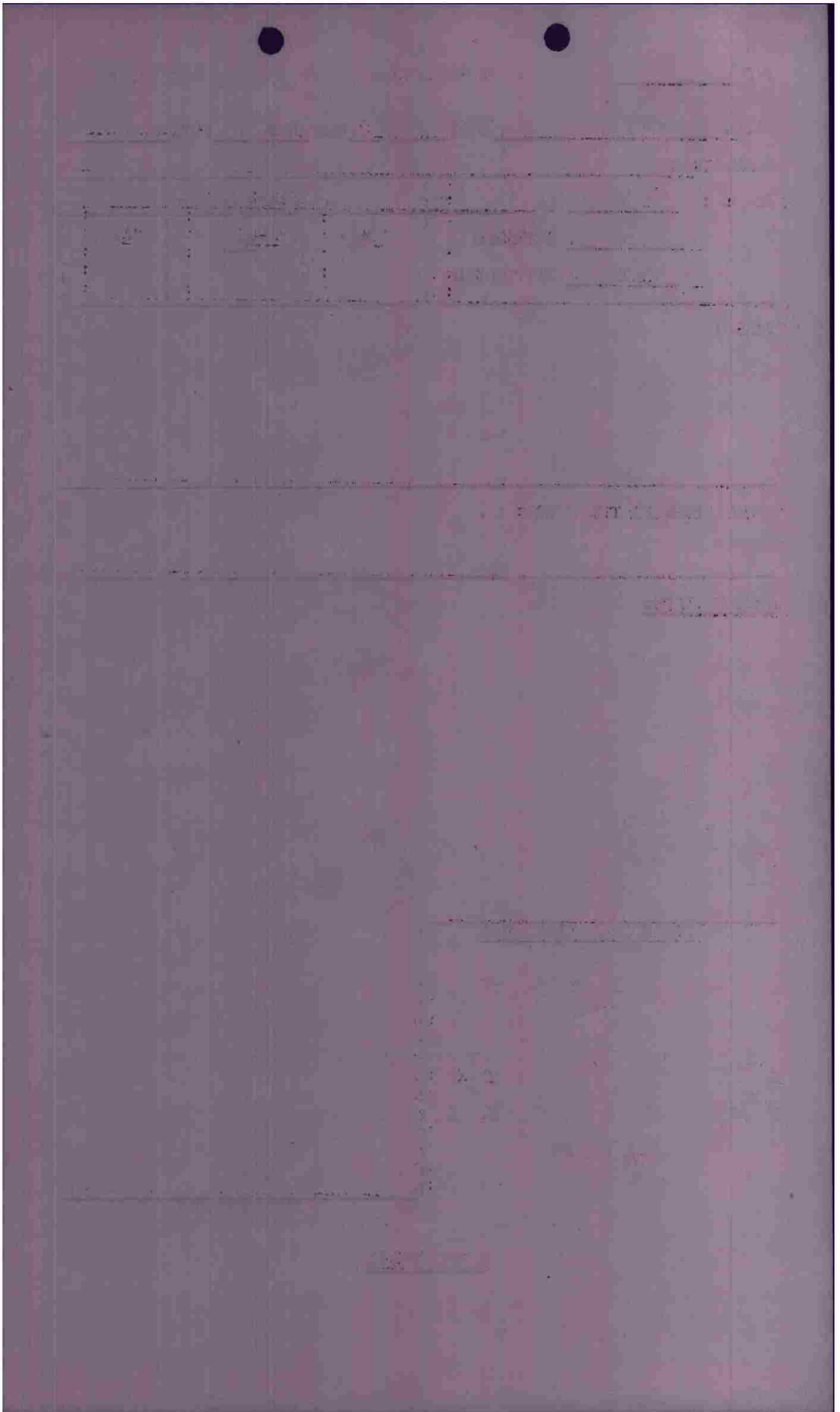
X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES *nil*

FLAK : *mf*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : *nil*

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION INFORMATION

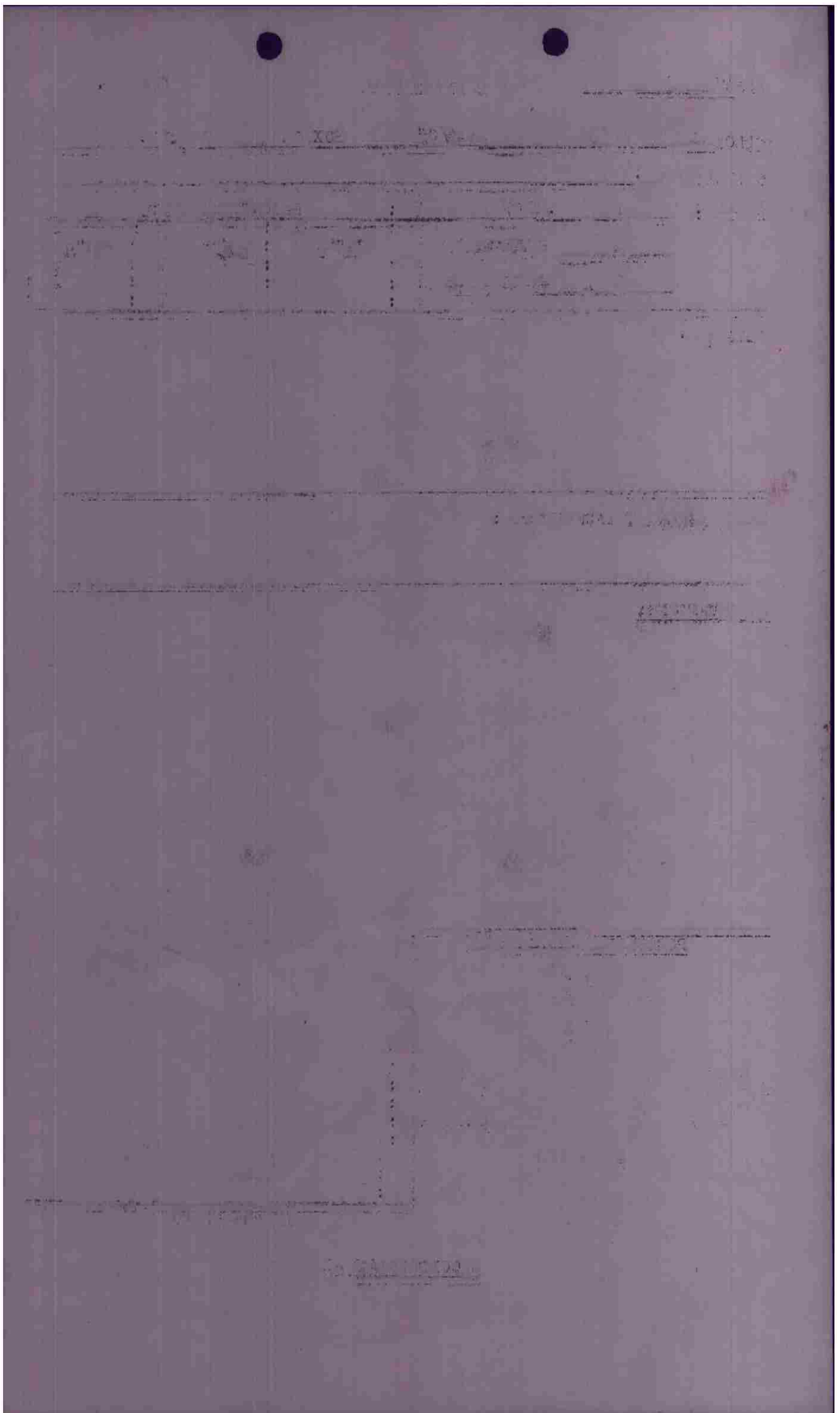
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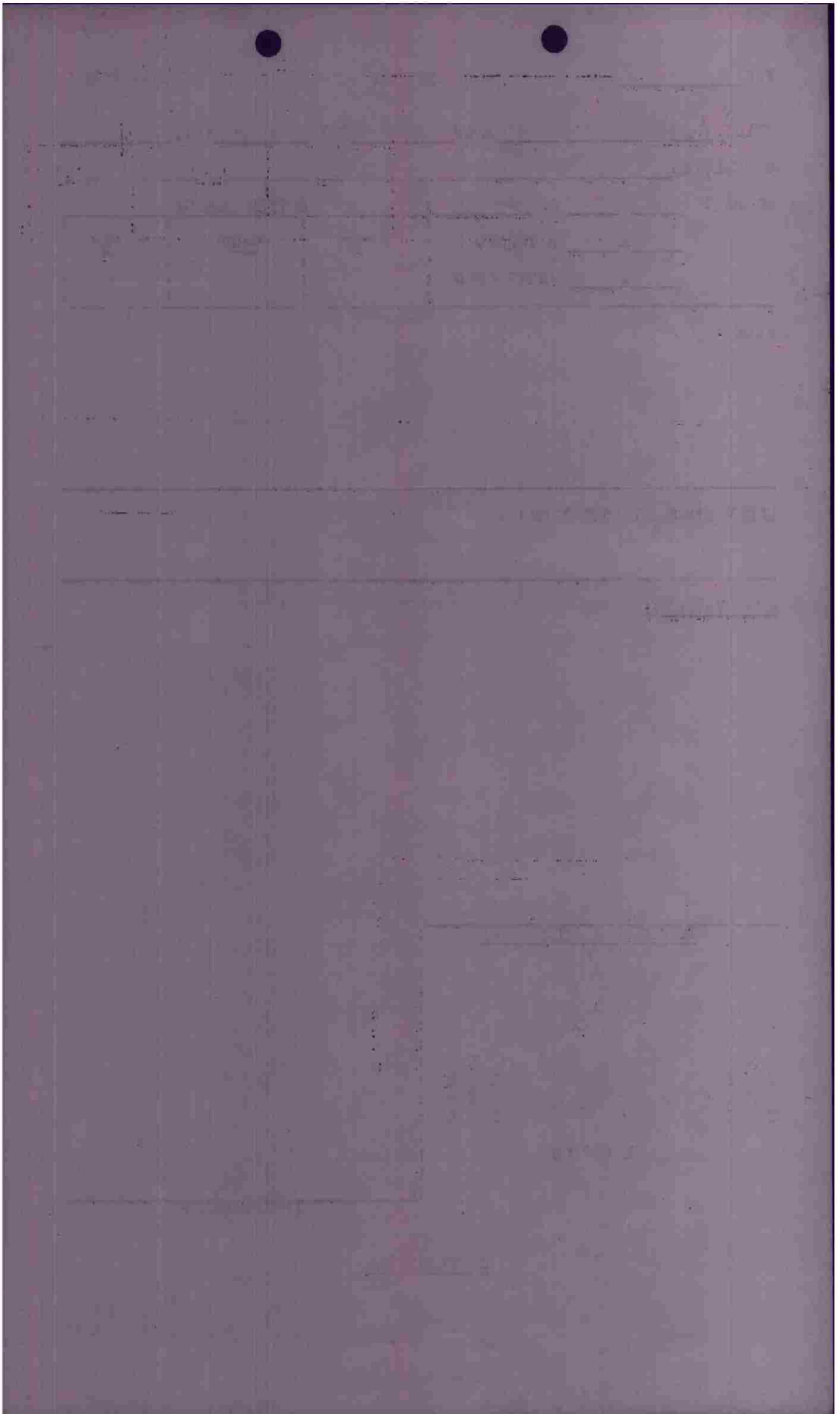
CASUALTIES

FLAK : *zif*

OBSERVATIONS:

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PILOT WHEELER A/C# 490 BOX I FLT. _____

CASUALTIES _____
BOMBS : X ON Camera BATTLE DAMAGE
 X RETURNED "A" "A-C" "E"
 X JETTISONED not

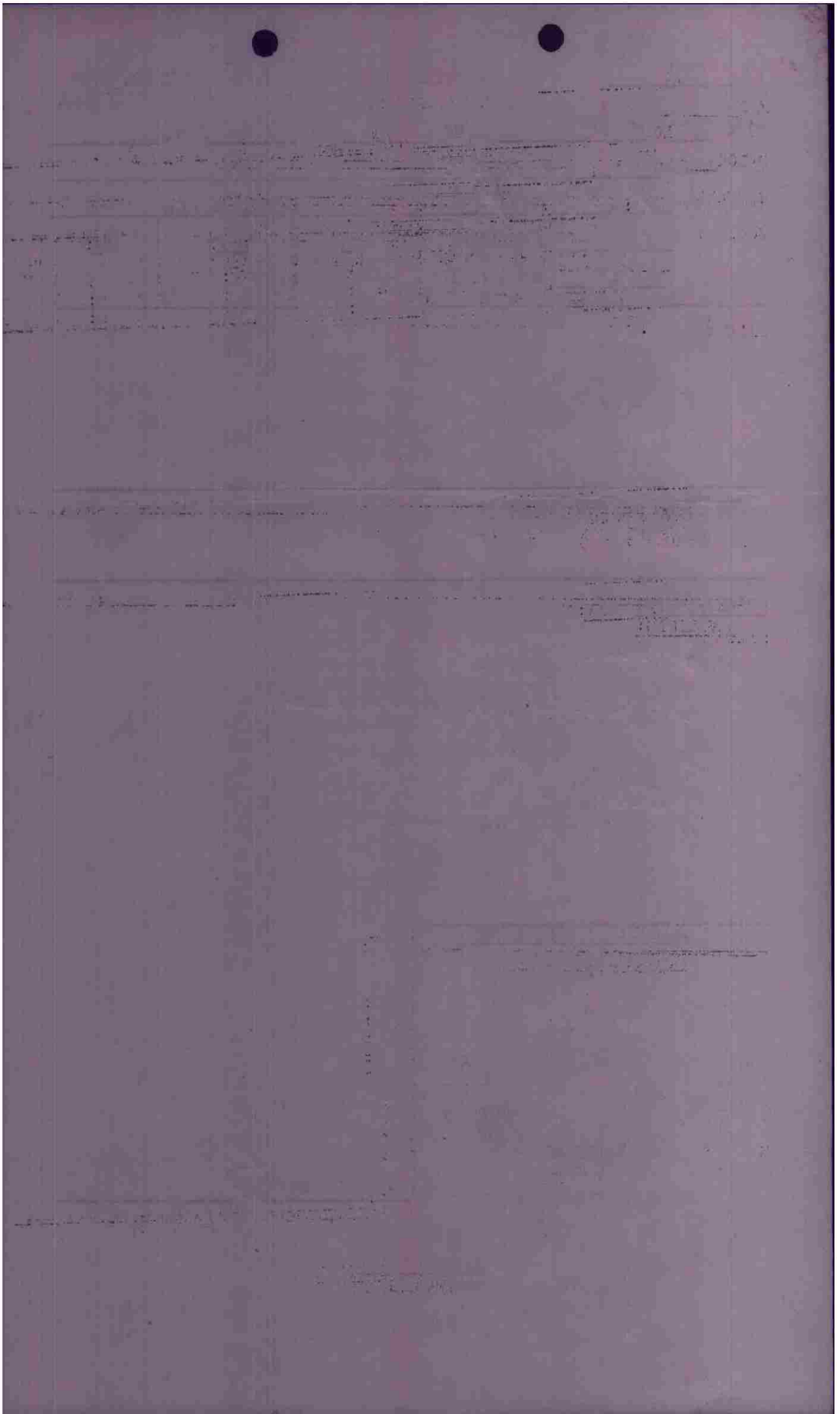
FLAK : hite

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS:
2 runs -
back to IP for full run
Stanley's flight OK.

POSITION IN FORMATION
 X
 X X
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 X X
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X X X
X X X
X (SPARE)
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PILOT DRUM A/C# 335 BOX I FLT. _____

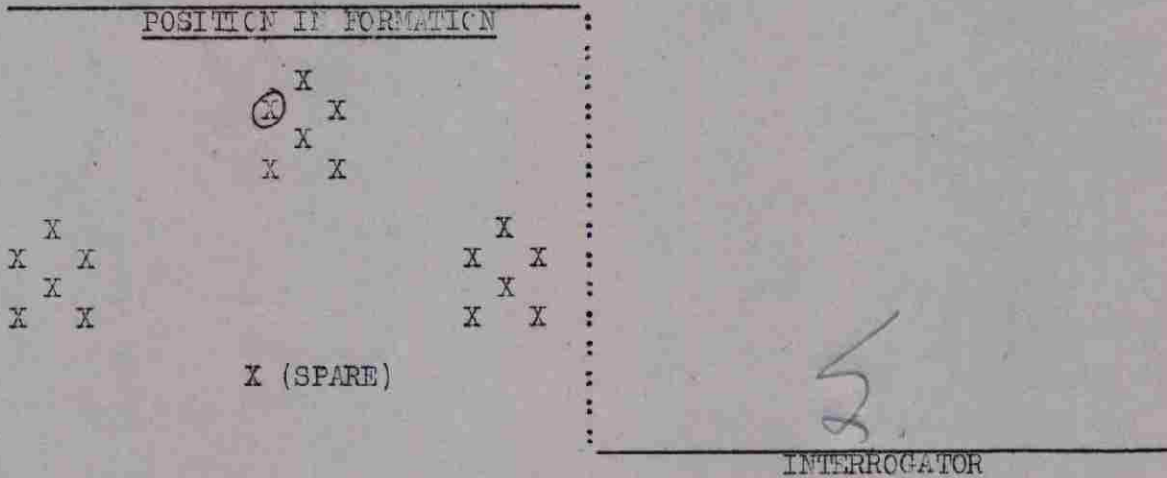
CASUALTIES _____

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

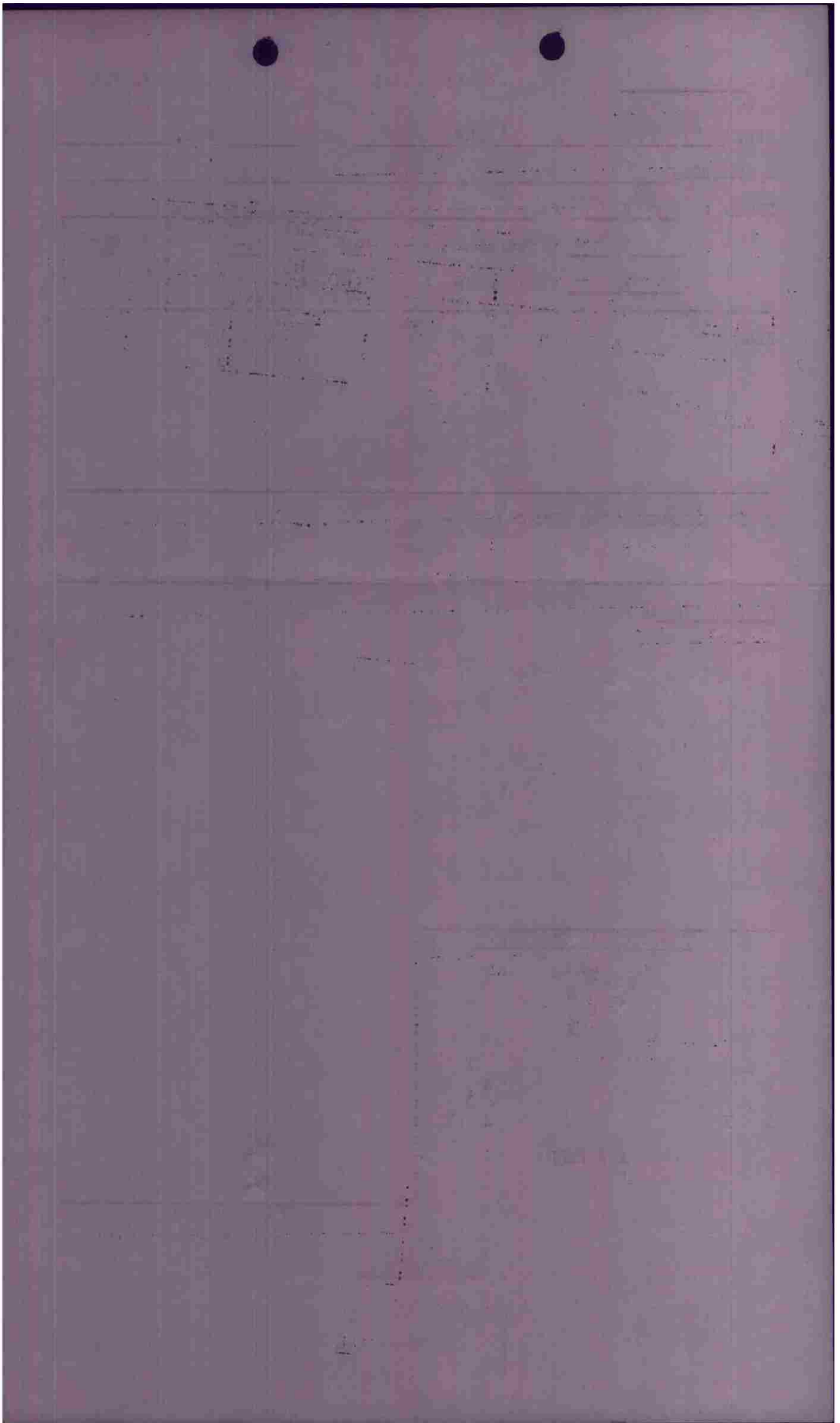
FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS:
High in target area



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CASUALTIES

FLAK : *hml*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : *None*

OBSERVATIONS:

2nd run - exploding further along
run than end of row 1

POSITION INFORMATION

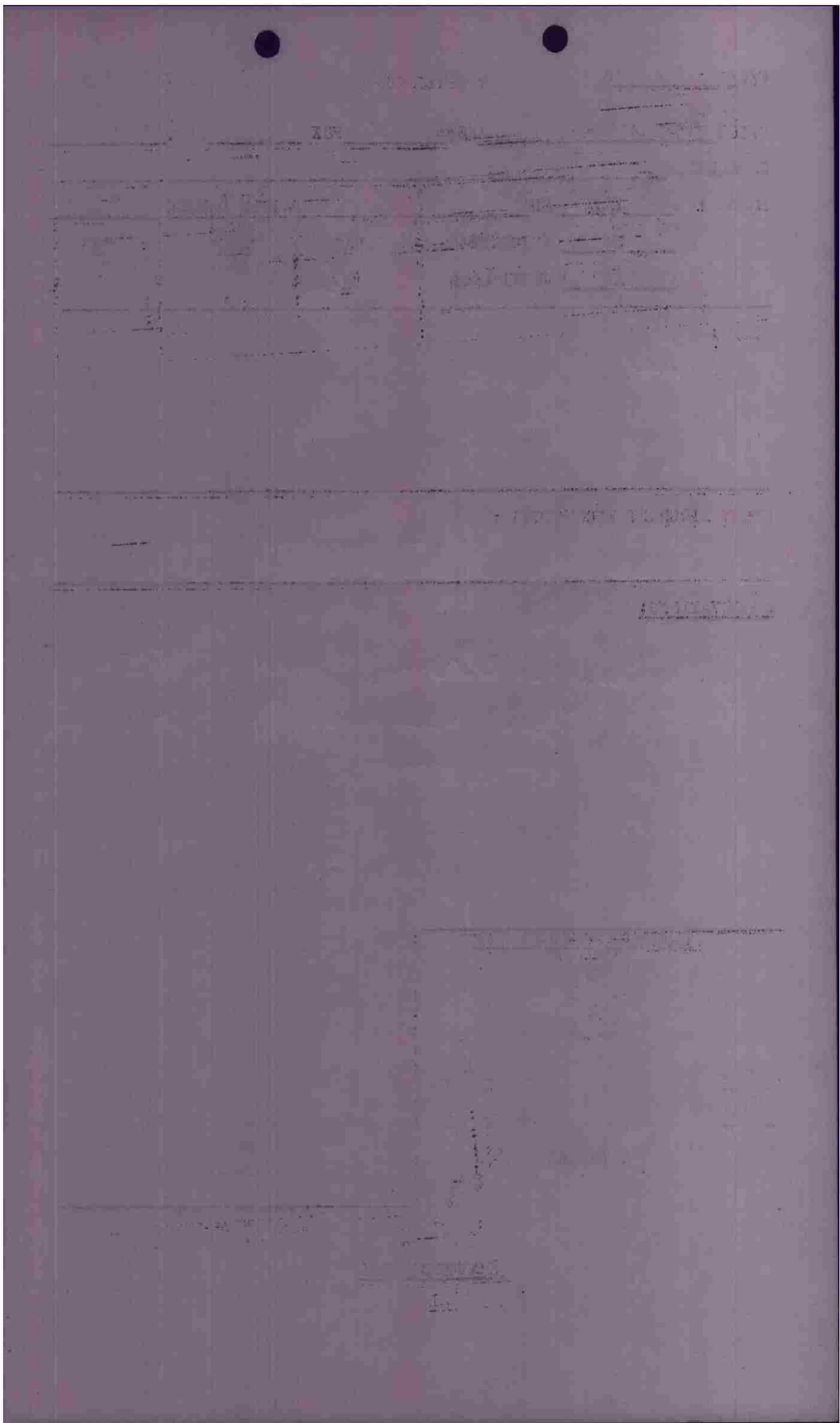
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X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>46</u>	<u>X</u> <u>ON</u>			
<u>X</u>	<u>RETURNED</u>	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
<u>X</u>	<u>JETTISONED</u>			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Flight!
— ours in smoke of flight,
explosion & flames as ours hit

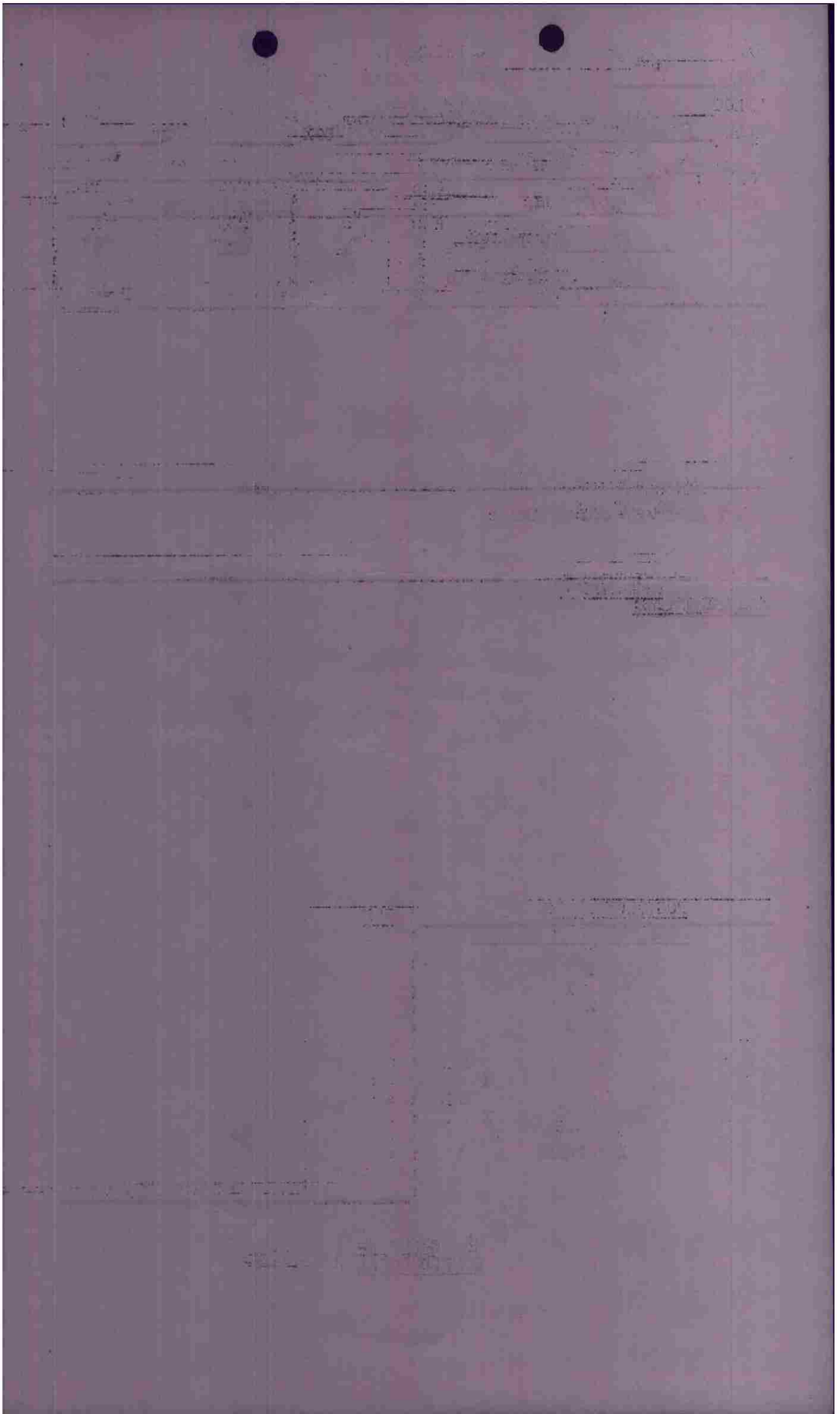
POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

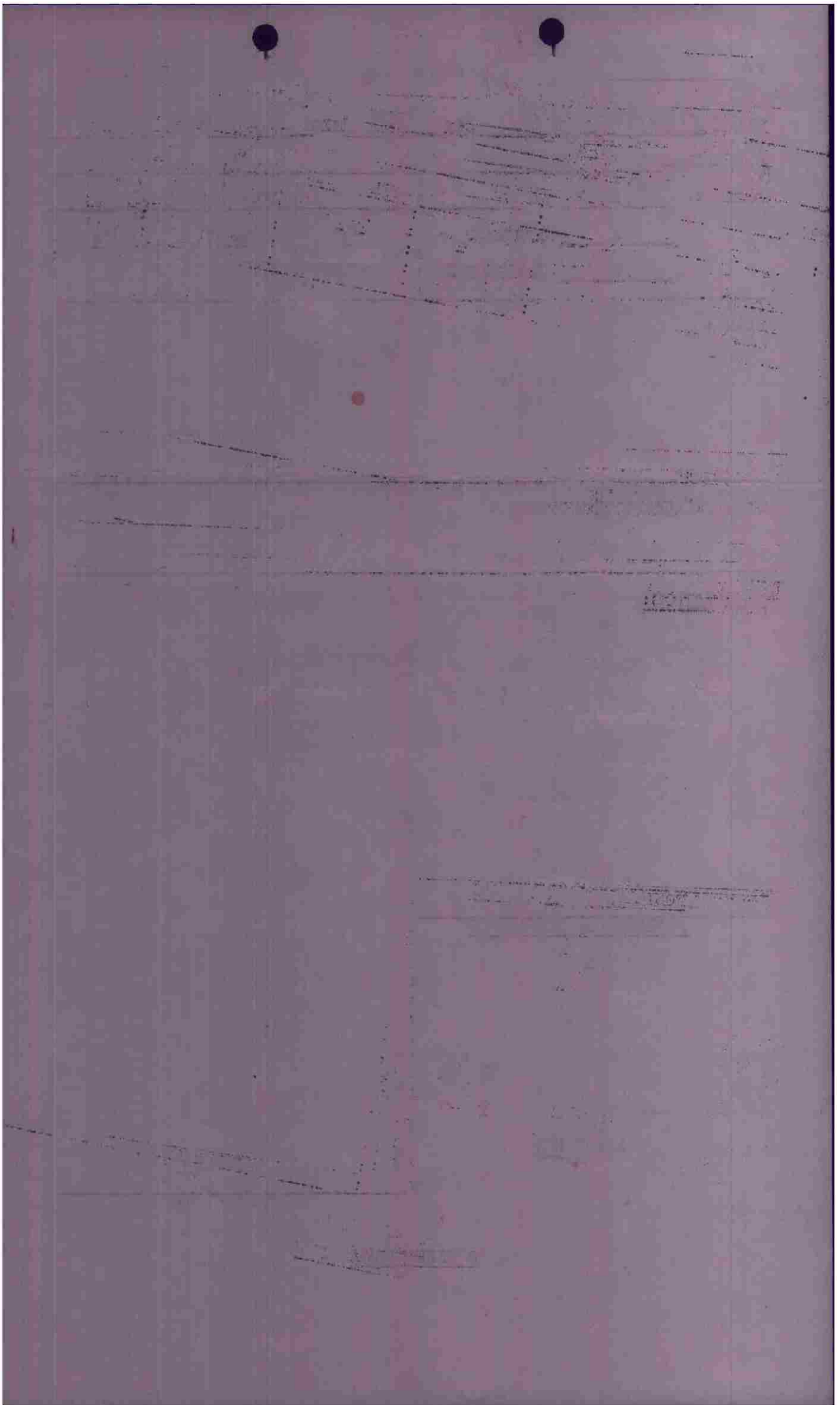
Hard escorts -
Hits on edge of Bldgs & main road,
Smoke & Large -
2 Runs.

POSITION II FORMATION

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PILOT MUSGROVE A/C# 9315 BOX I FLT. _____

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

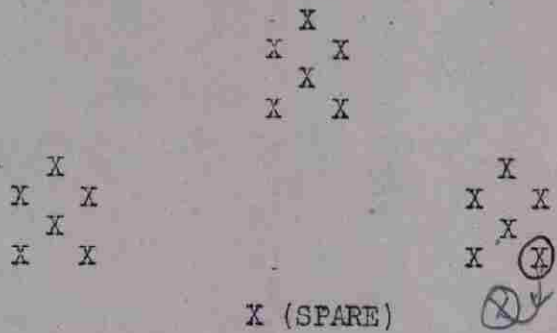
Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

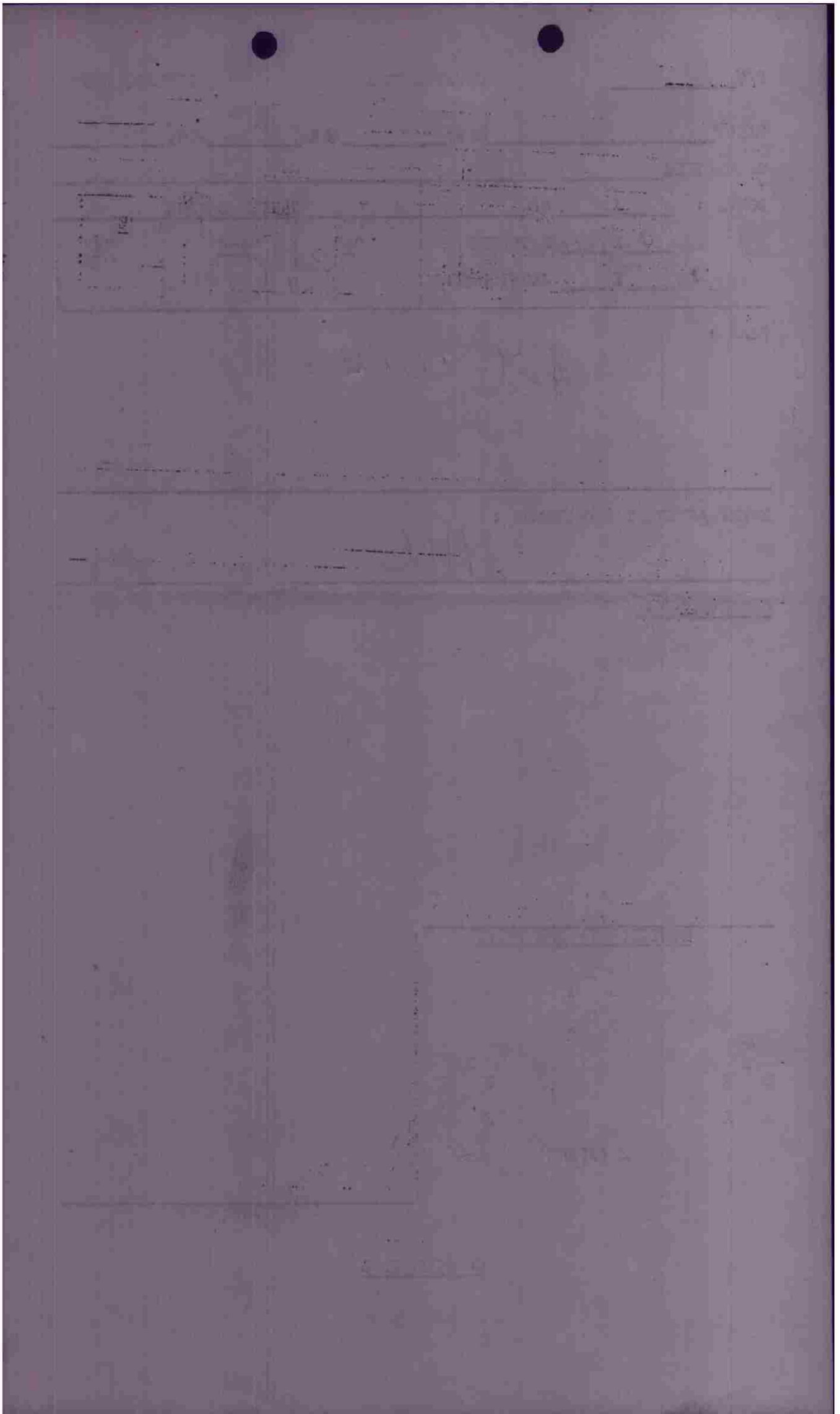
POSITION IN FORMATION



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CASUALTIES

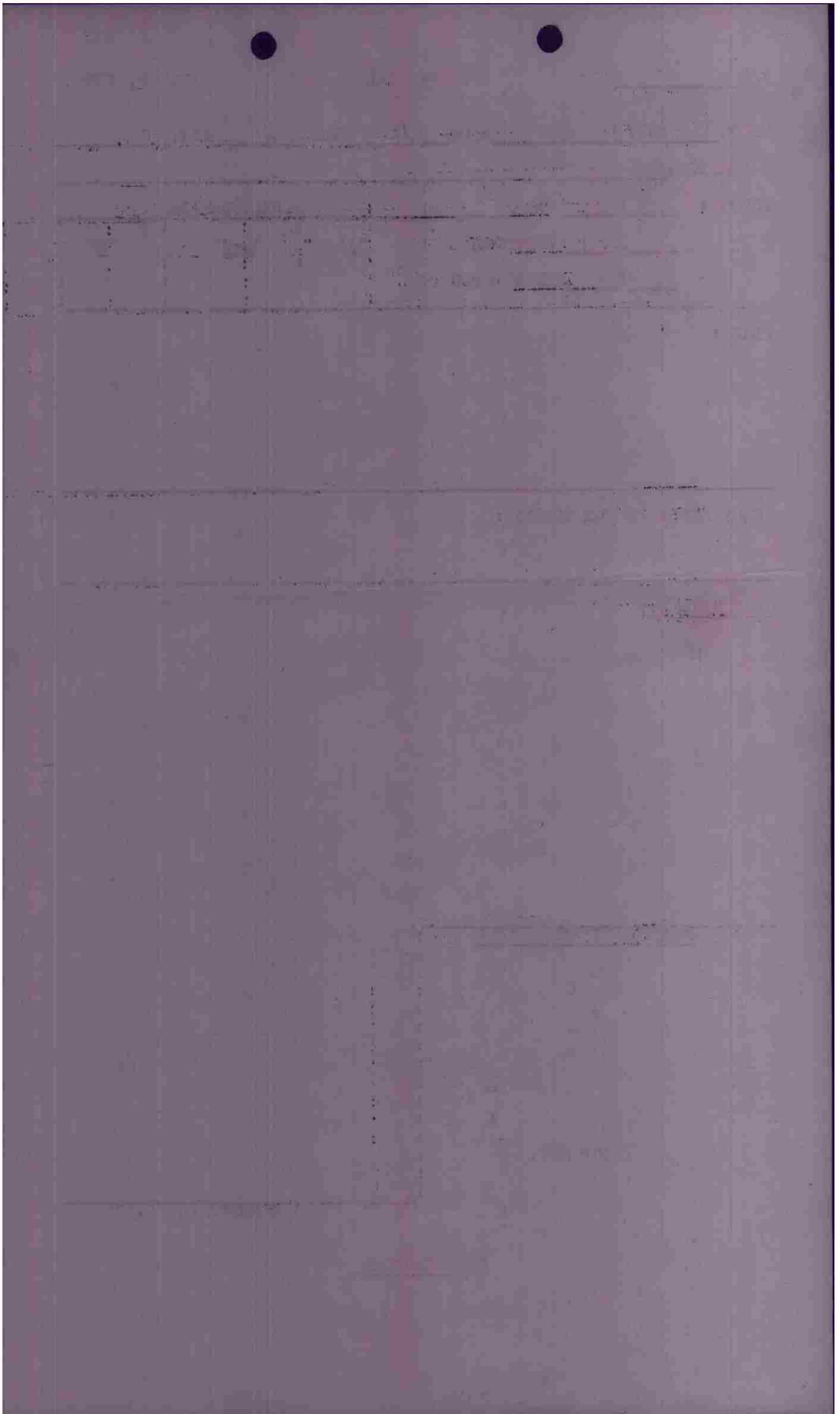
FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

4-5 runs.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

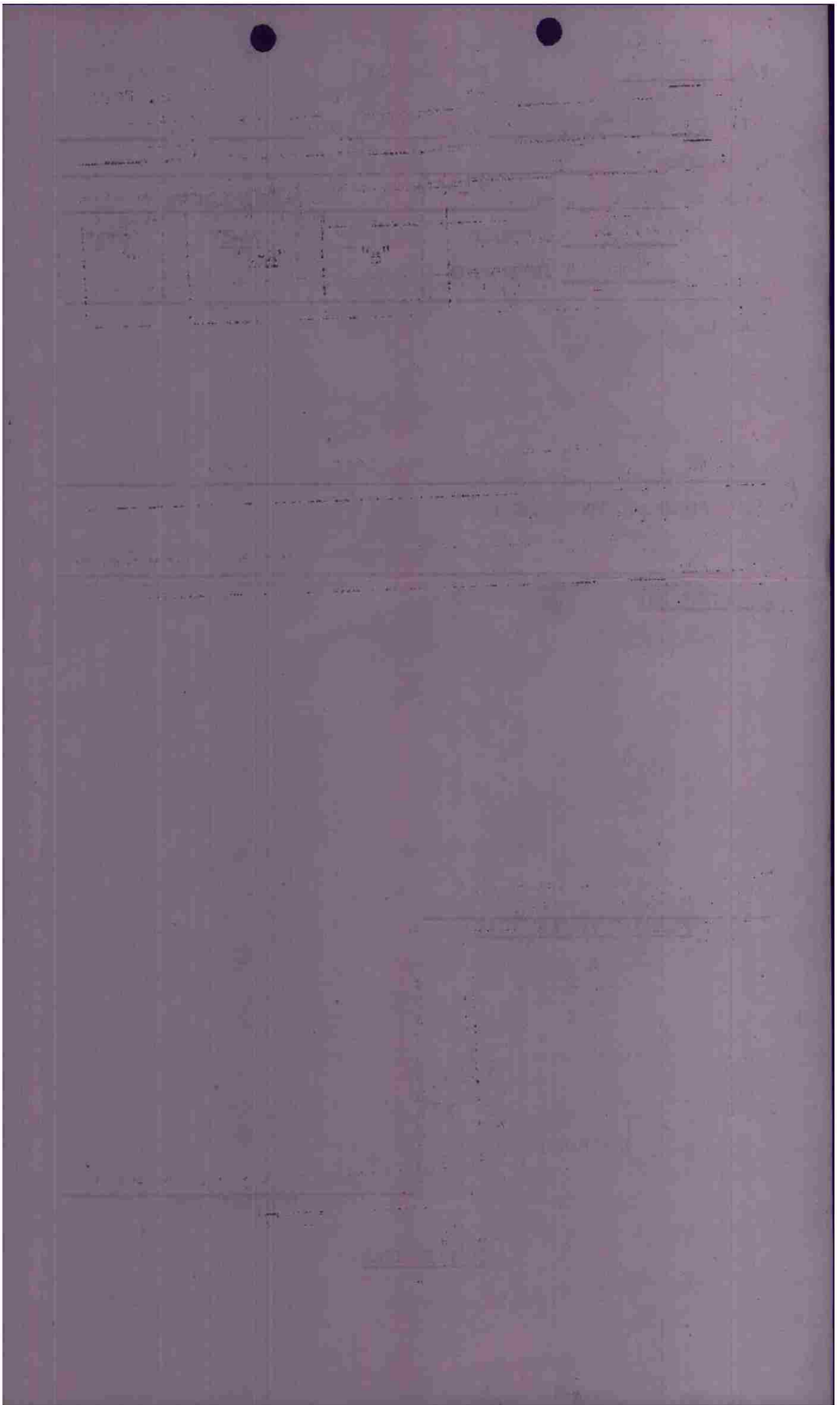
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X
X X
X (X) X
X X

1st fire -
target easy to see.

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CASUALTIES *til*

FLAK : *Nie*

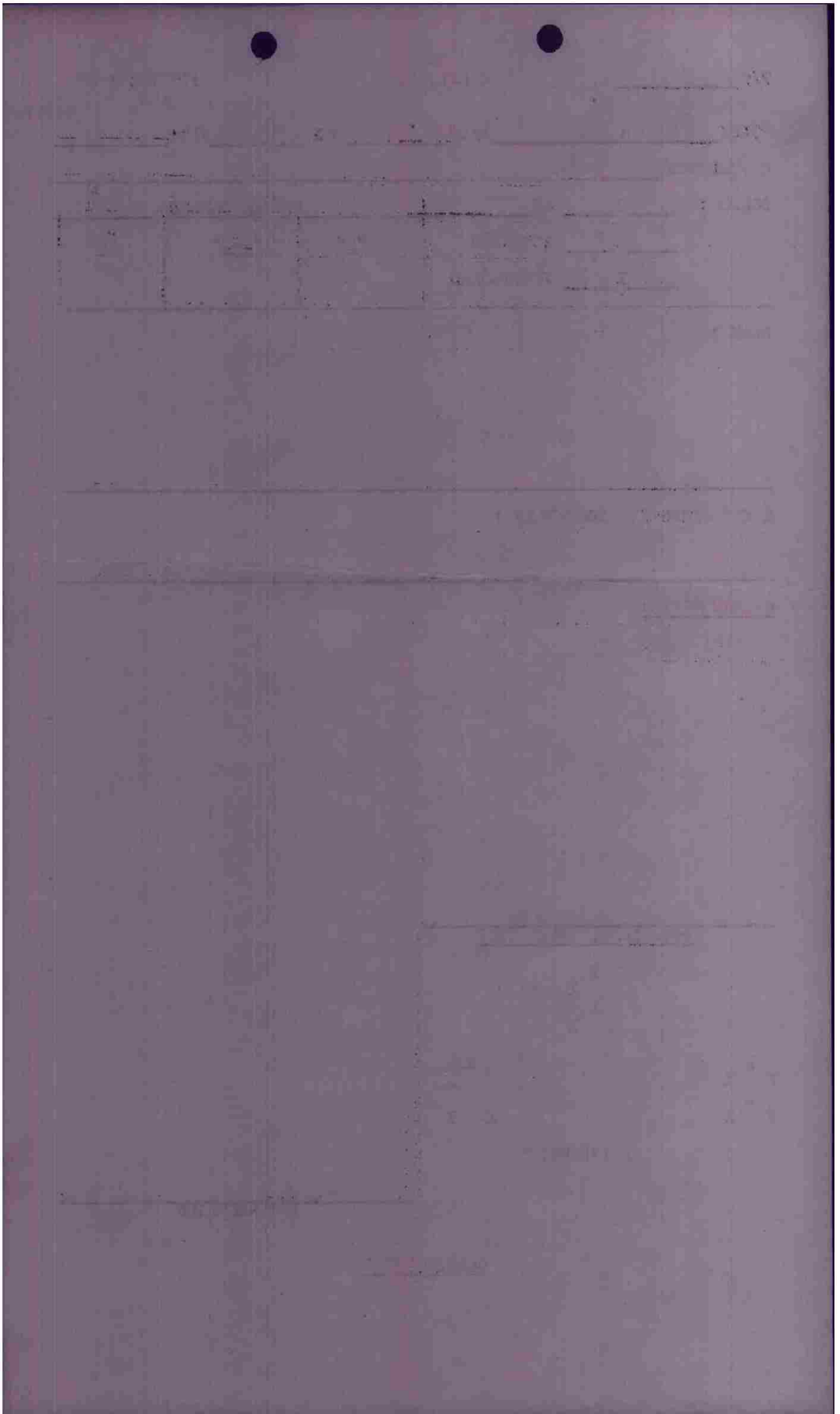
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : *nil*

Leader couldnt release
4-5 runs on target.

Explosions & fires in target area.
Art barracks type Bldg
hits on truck blas

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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATIONS:
~~4 runs on tgt.~~ 1 run on tgt.
 Fot. 1820 $\frac{1}{2}$ visibility poor
 alt. 9500
 head 125°
 L.A.S. 210.
 Bomber walked across east edge
 of target. possible good results.

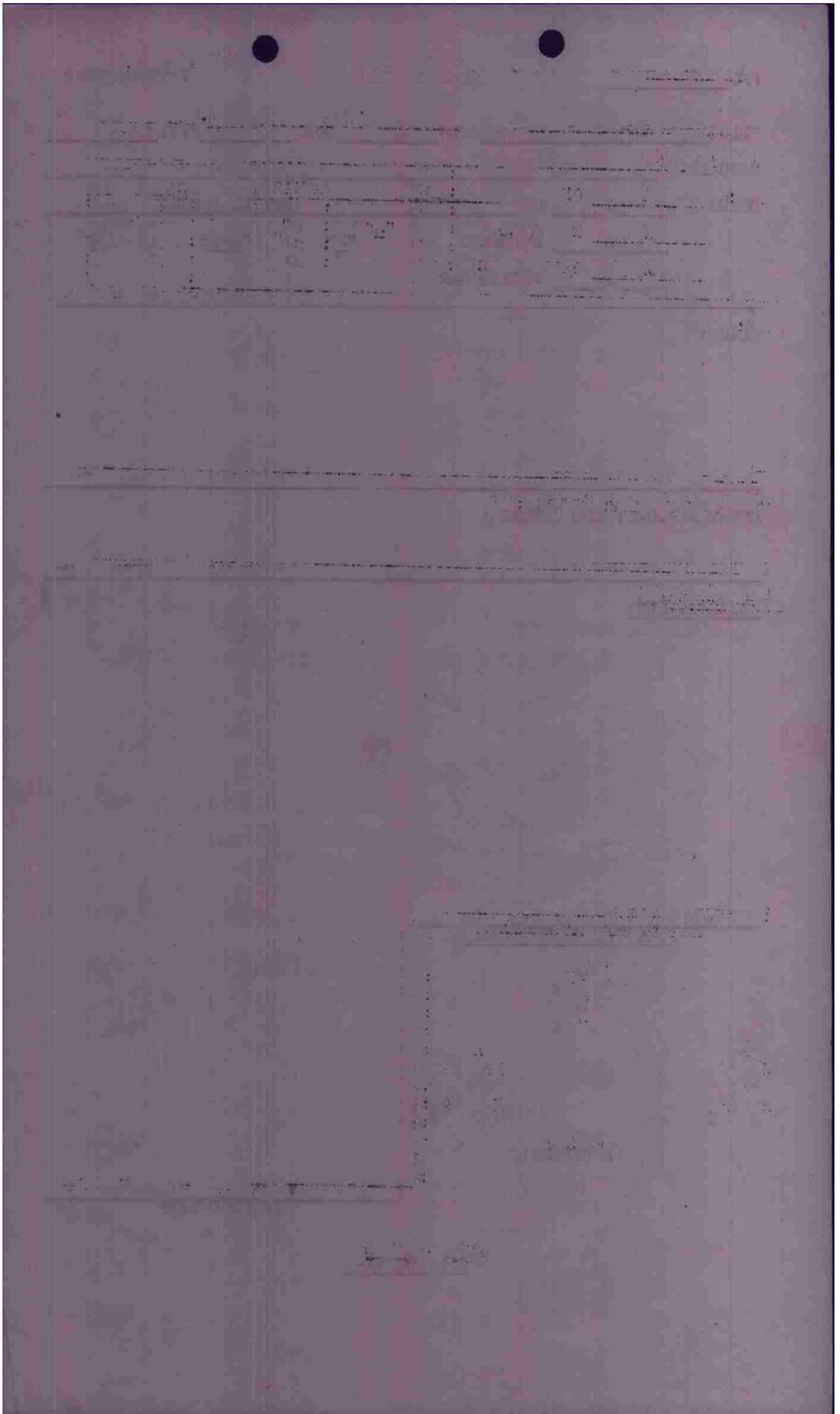
POSITION IN FORMATION

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constant contact
F.A.C. contacted
parade solo contacted
F.A.C.

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PILOT POPENY A/C# 528 BOX I FLT. _____

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

FLAK :
X

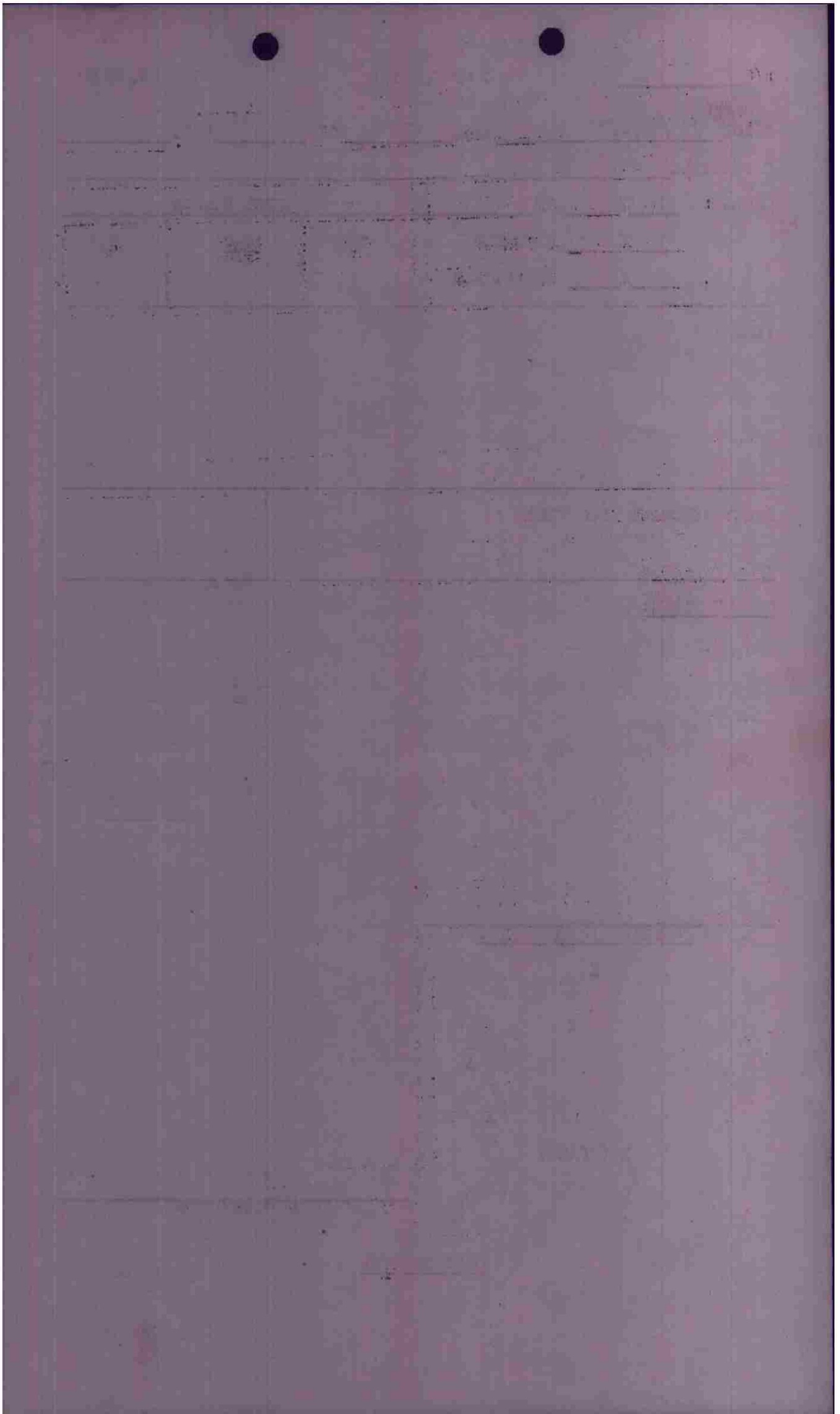
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
X

OBSERVATIONS: Made 4 runs on tgt, 3 runs made with ~~4~~ 8/s, 4th pilot tried to salvo, but bombs still would not fall. Saw other flights bombs fall in triangle No of tgt - None hit in tgt area Tot 1846 1st run Alt- 8600 -

POSITION IN FORMATION
X
X X
X
X X
X
X X
X X
X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

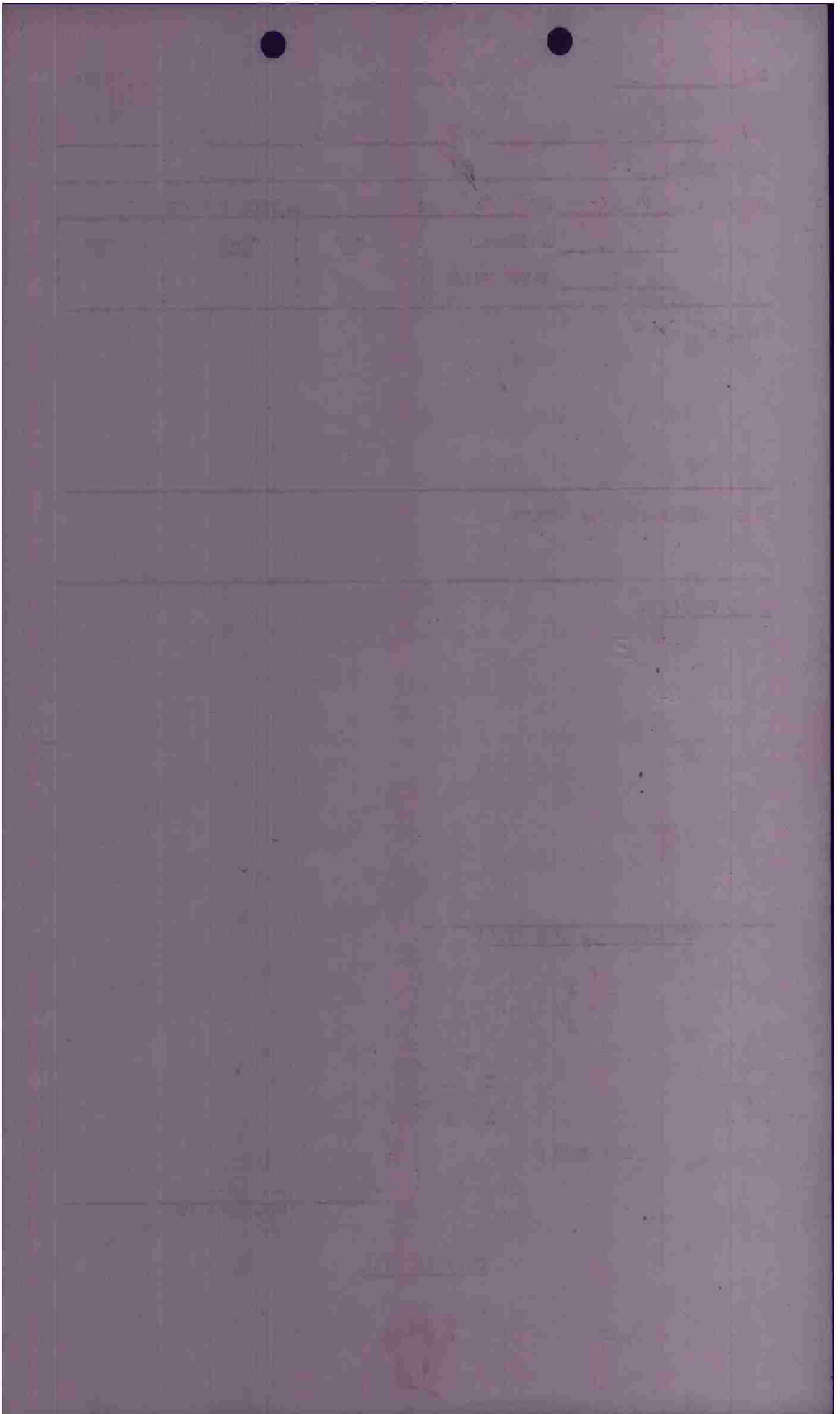
FLAK : 217

OBSERVATIONS: 9300 ft - head 124' - 1829 T. O. T.
veg - 2 to 3 mile - rose up to formation above
made 2 runs - bonded into smth of previous
flts - believe to have but short -

X (SPARE)

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PILOT SORRELS A/C# 338 BOX II FLT. ✓

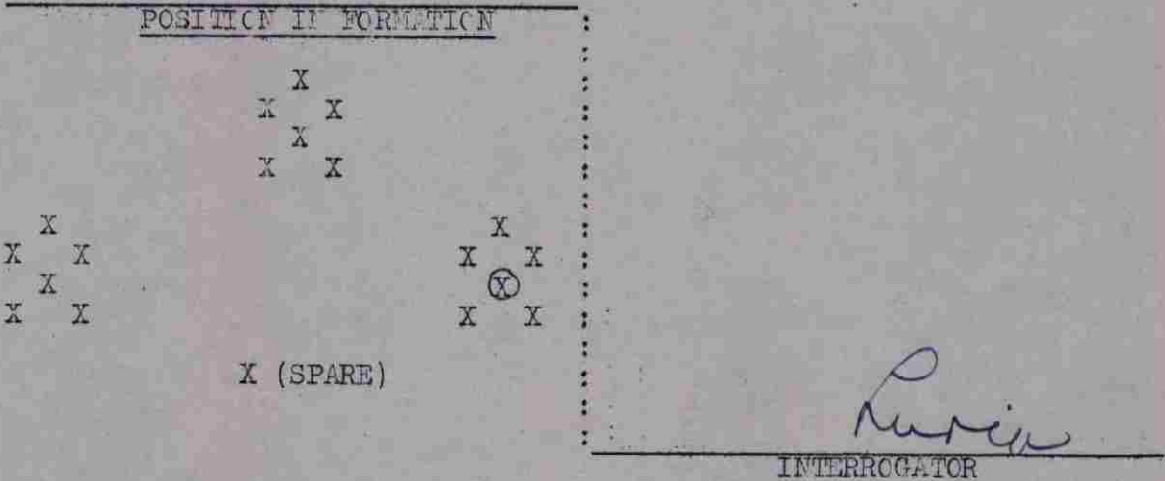
CASUALTIES

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

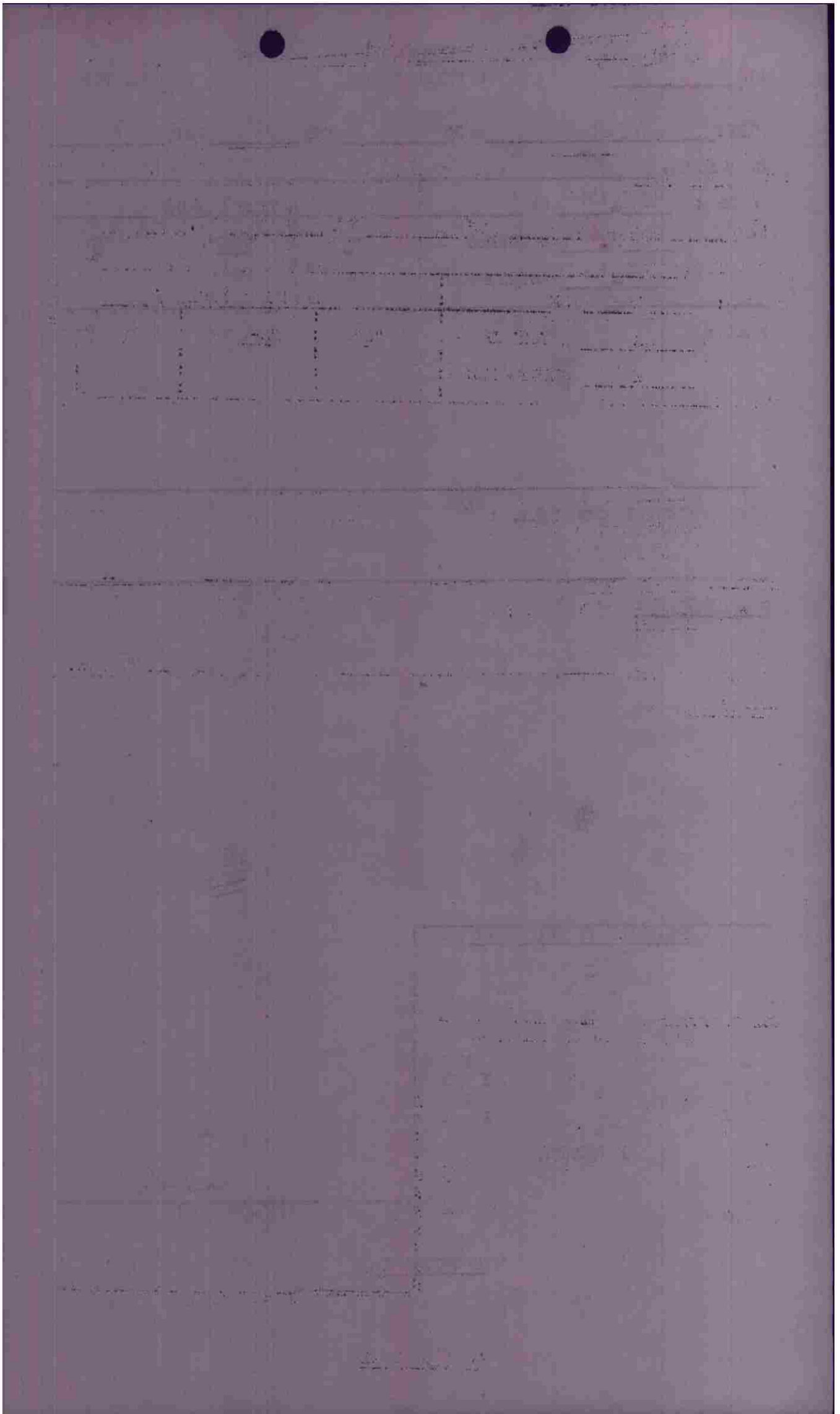
FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: nil - Hoge.
Results - Pattern on P 1



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PILOT LACKNER A/C# 362 BOX II FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : <u>4</u> <u>X/000</u> ON _____		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:

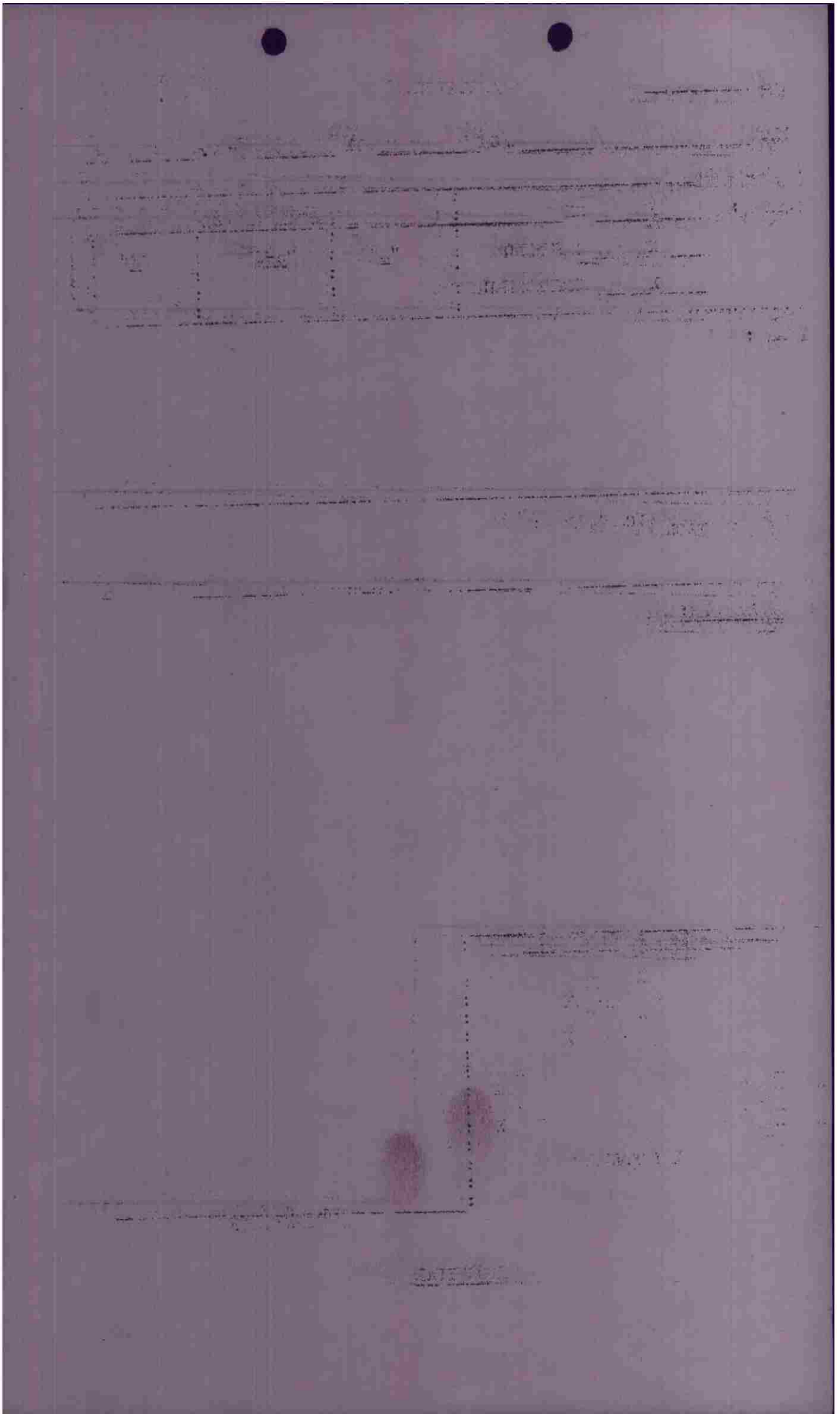
POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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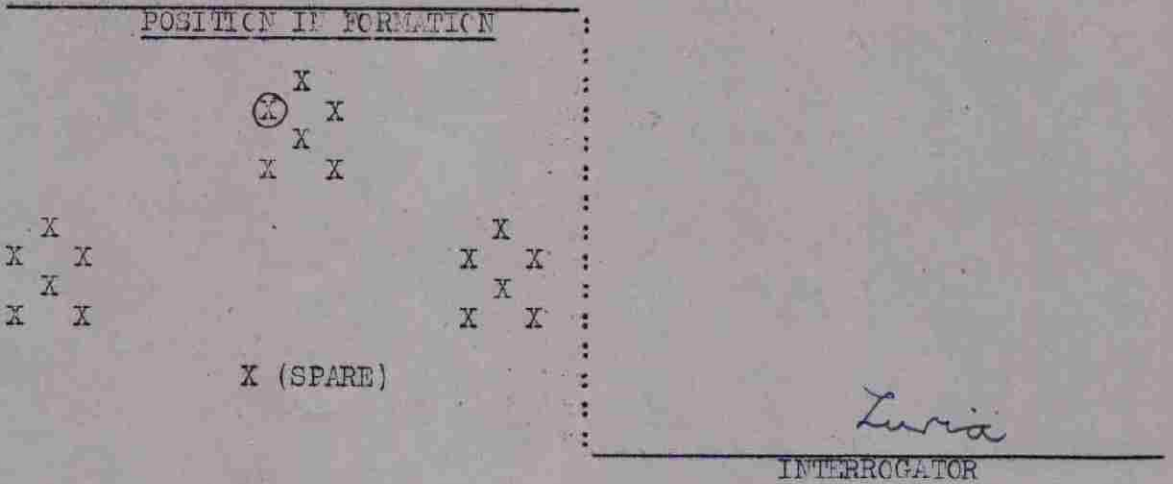
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PILOT MONTROSE A/C# 385 BOX II FLT. I

CASUALTIES
BOMBS : 4 X/000 ON : BATTLE DAMAGE
1 pm X RETURNED : "A" : "A-C" : "E" :
X JETTISONED : : nil : :
: : : : :

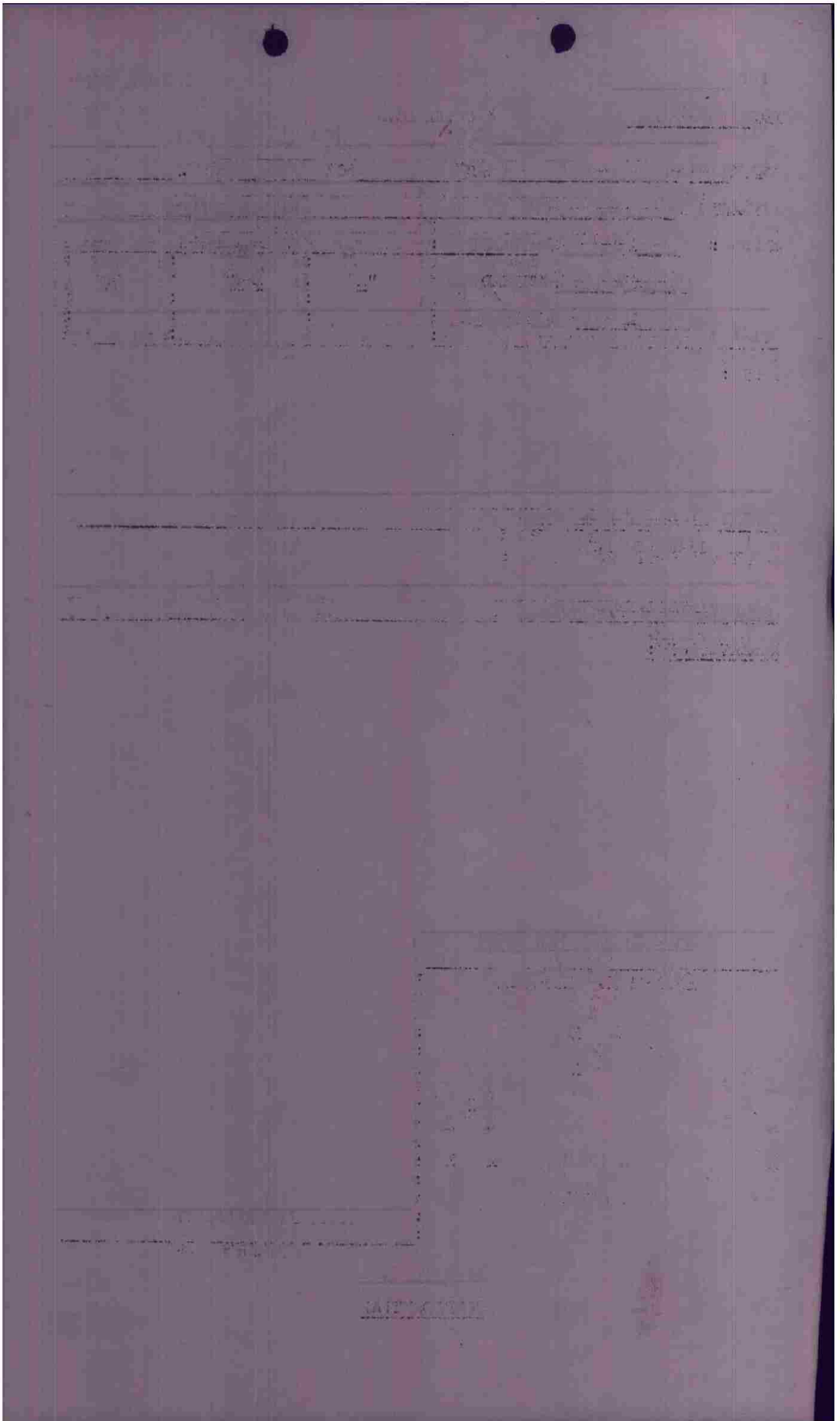
FLAK :
nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
nil

OBSERVATIONS: Pattern on right side of river.



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PILOT SMITH A/C# 314 BOX II FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: nil

POSITION IN FORMATION

X

X X

X

X X

X X

X X

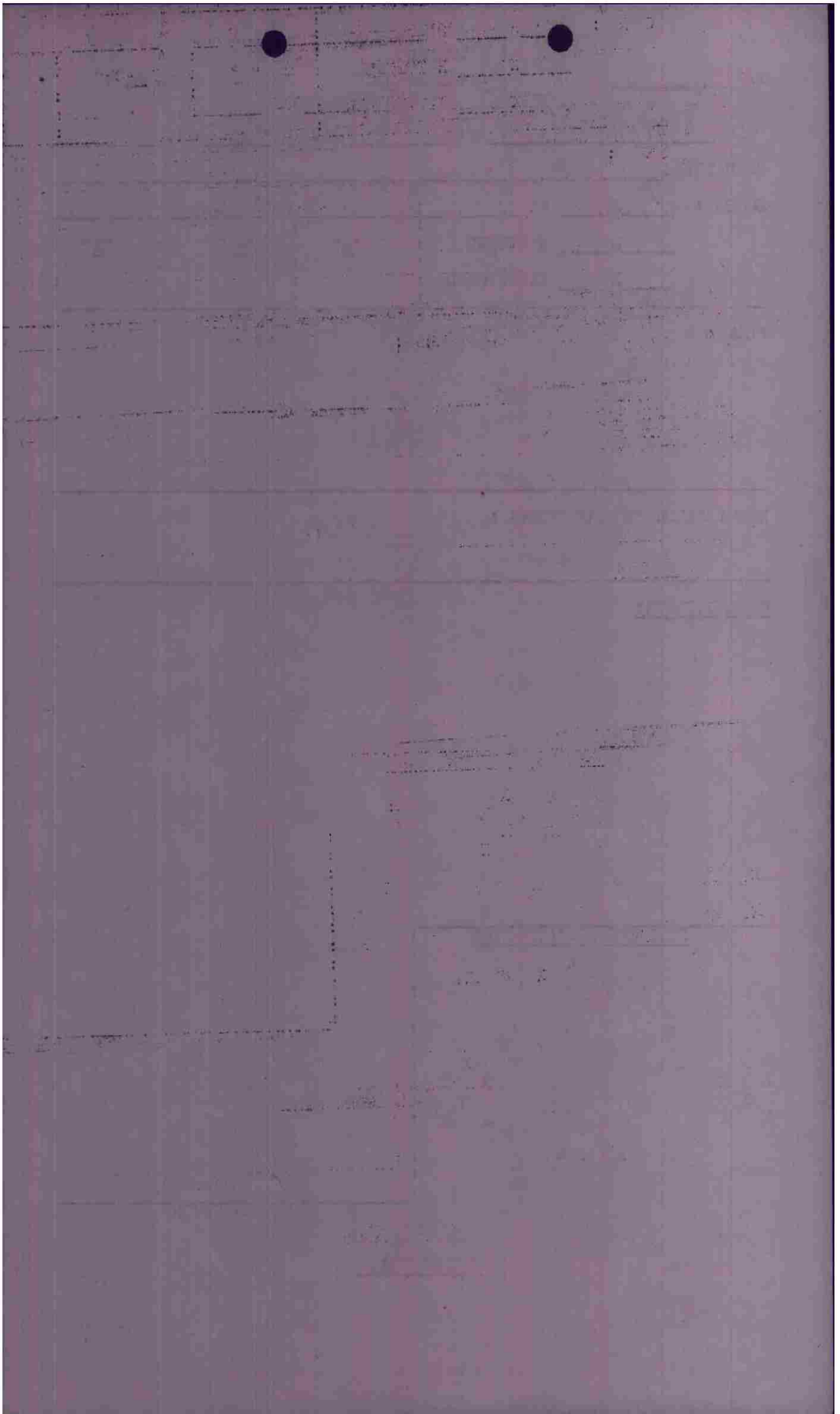
X (X)

X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

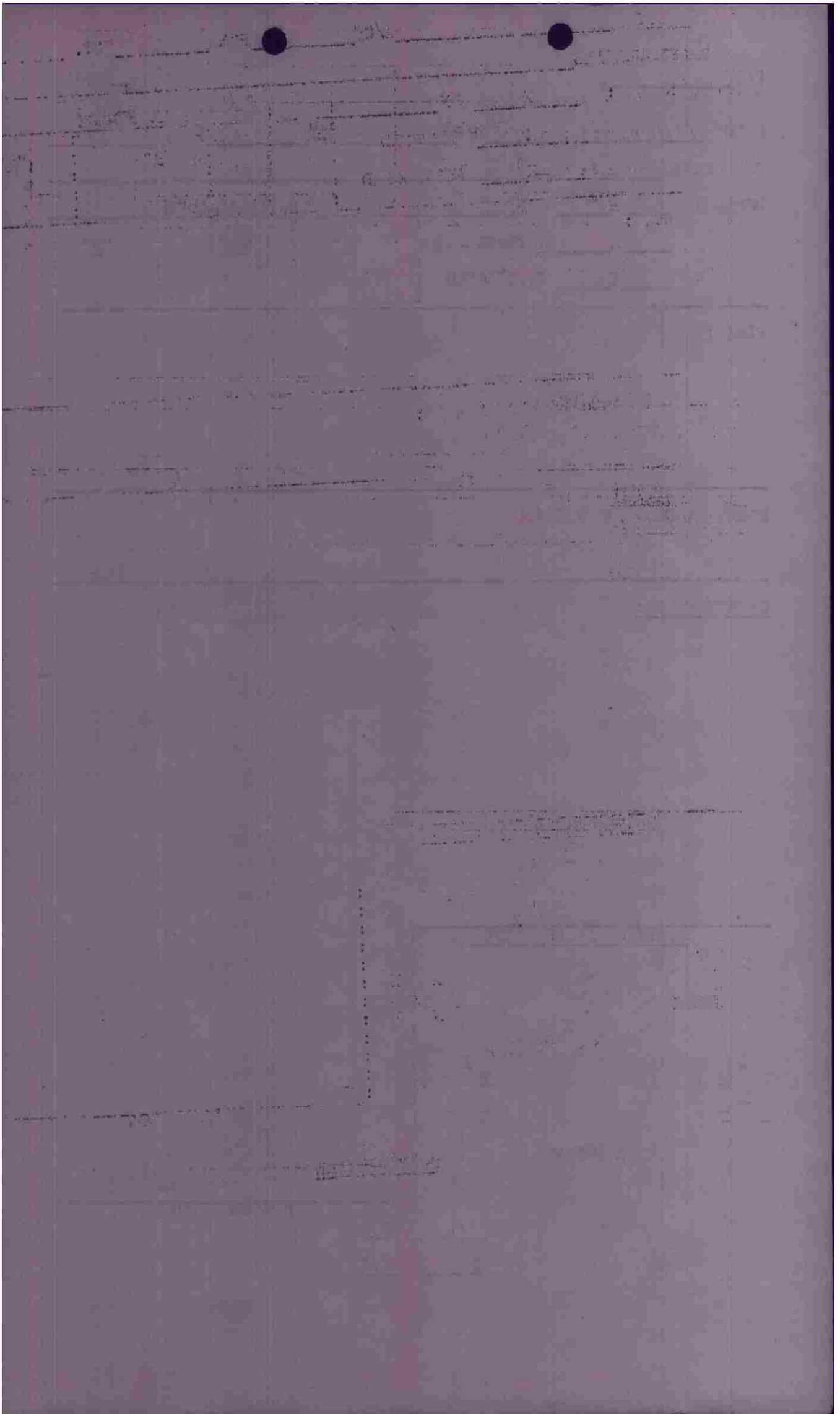
OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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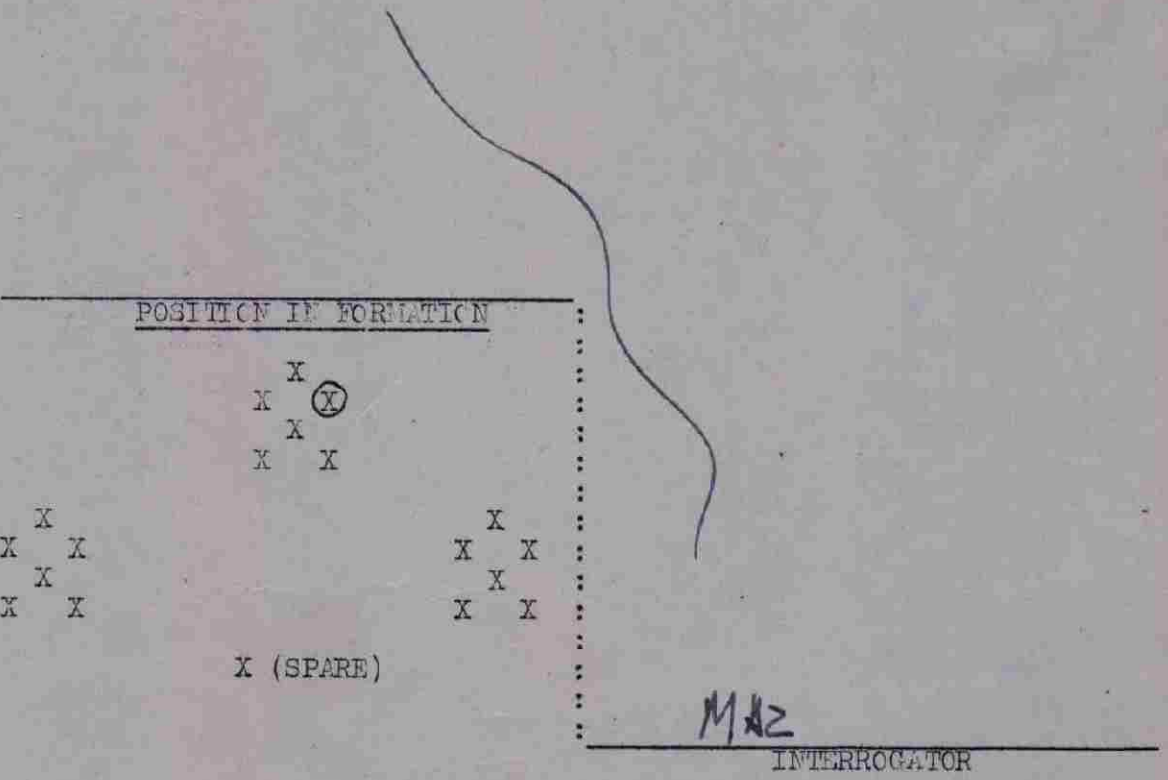
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PILOT CANNON A/C# 389 BOX II FLT. _____

CASUALTIES _____
BOMBS : 4 X1000 ON 1 : - - BATTLE DAMAGE
 X RETURNED : "A" : "A-C" : "E"
 X JETTISONED : _____ : _____ : _____

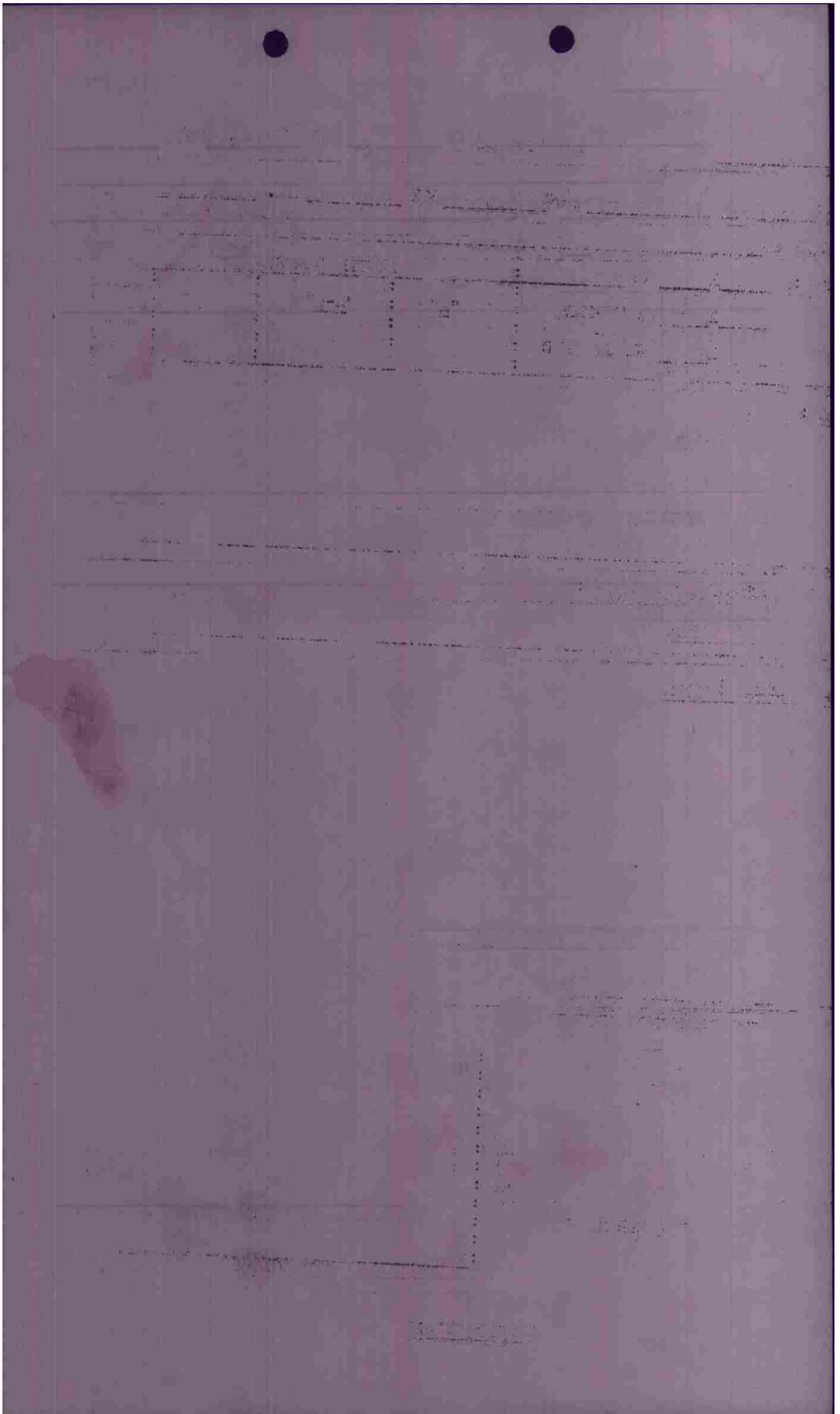
FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs in Tokyo



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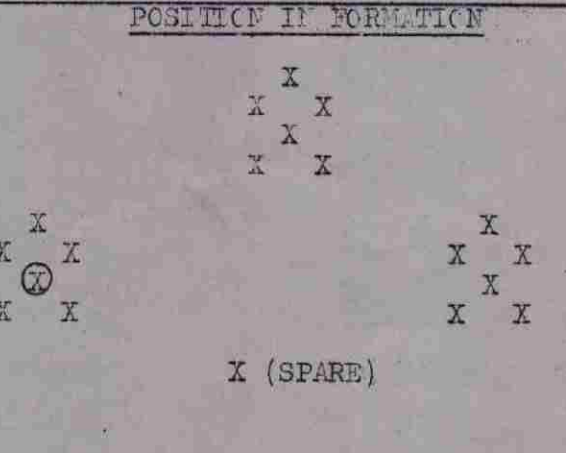
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PILOT WINN A/C# 265 BOX II FLT. _____

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

FLAK : _____

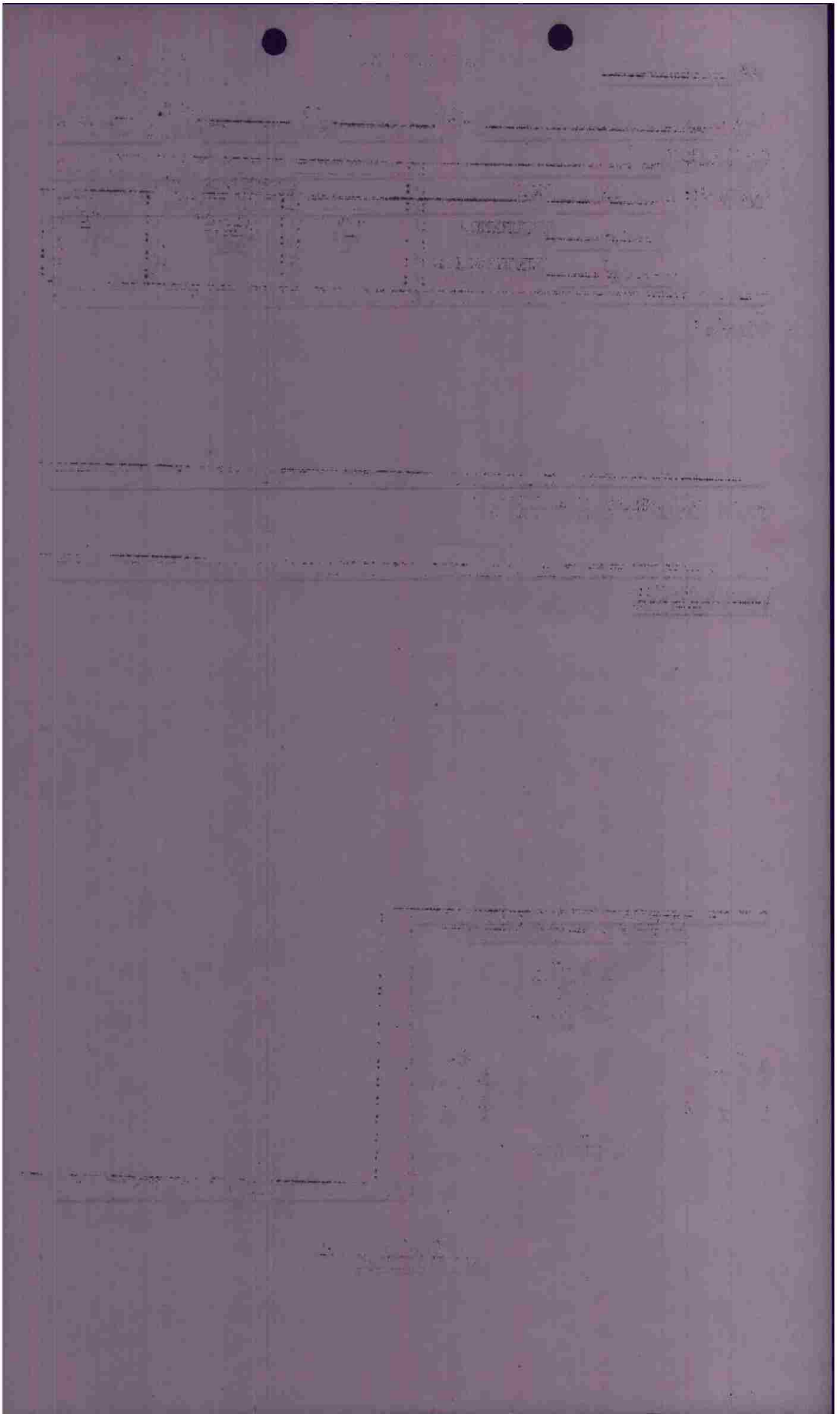
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : _____

OBSERVATIONS: visibility bad
made two runs
Bombs hit short of tgt area opposite
small bridge over canal. within 100 yds
radius of AP.



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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

OBSERVATIONS:

I run.
Bellevue bombs hit to east of Apr.
Legat haze.

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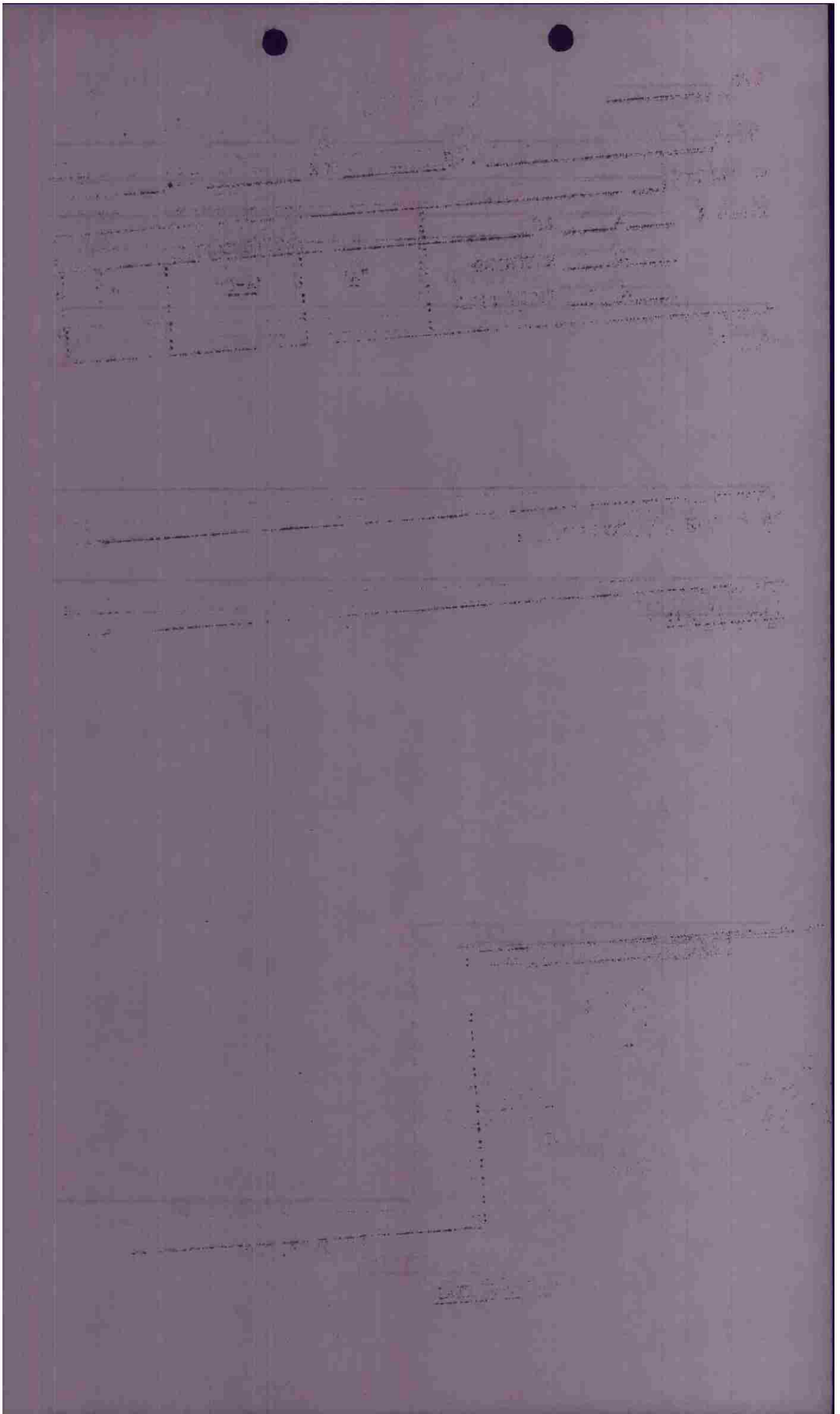
X
X X
X X
X (X)

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X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES *nd*

FLAK : *nil*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : *Nil*

OBSERVATIONS: Lf covered by smoke - boats hit in it

POSITION INFORMATION

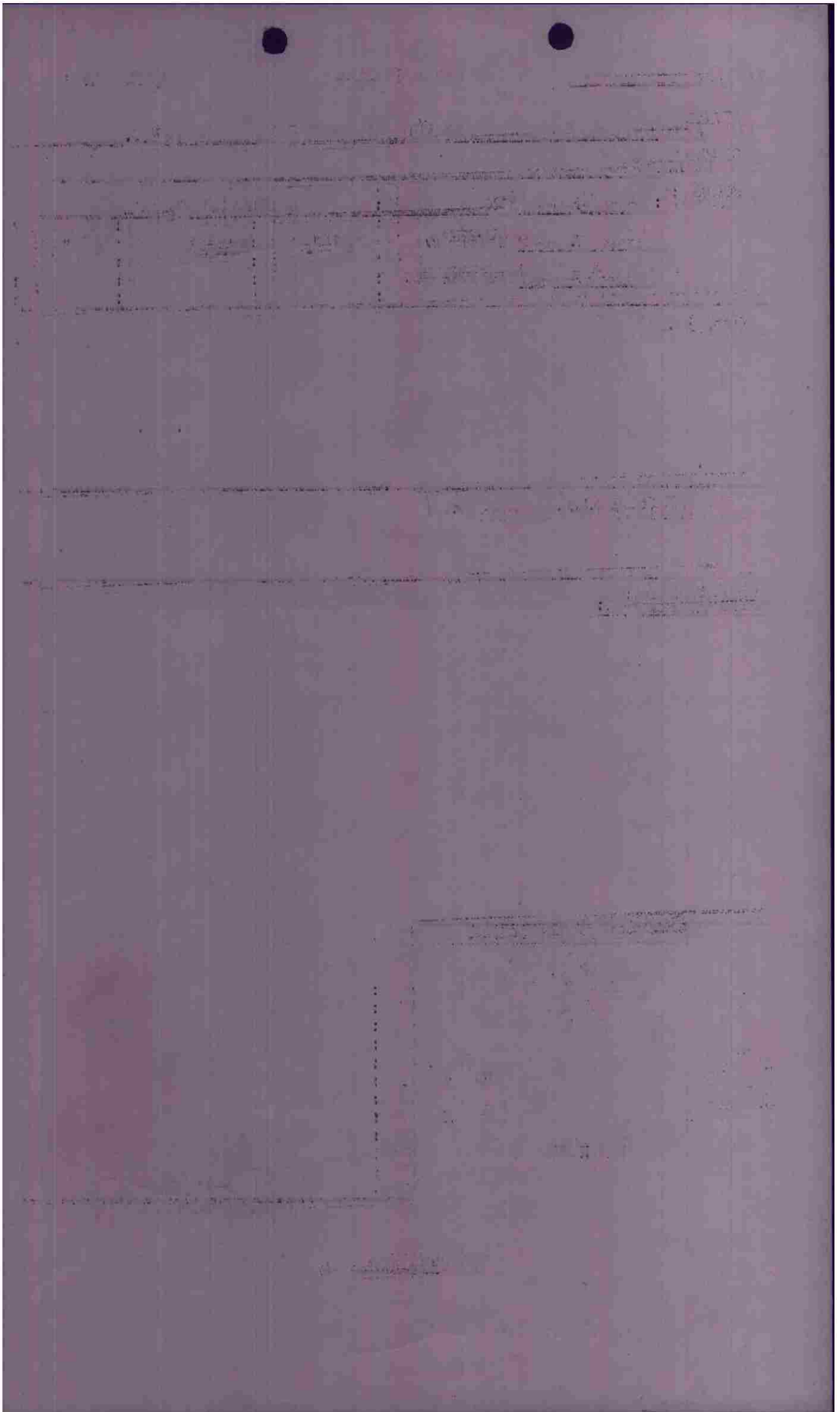
X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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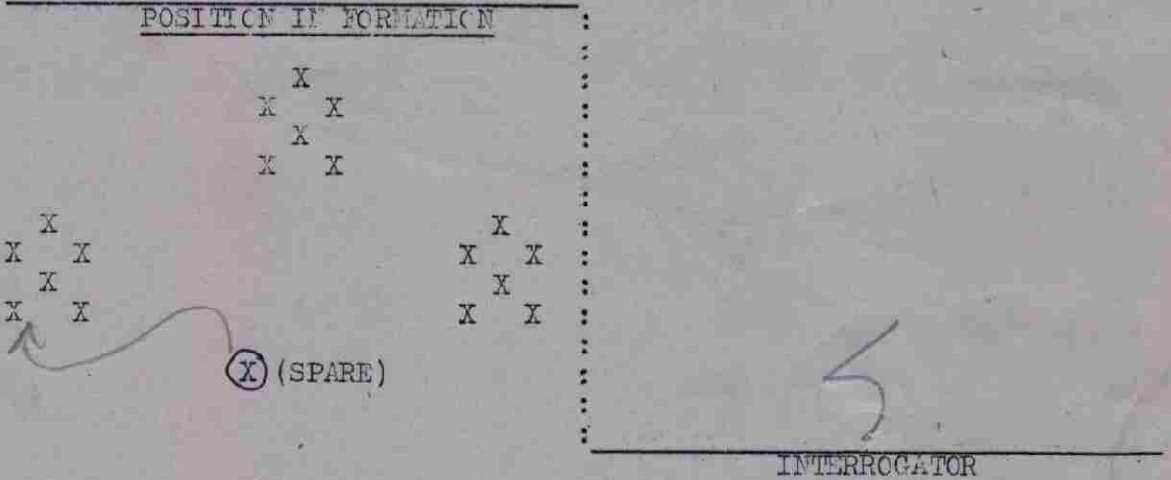
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PILOT NIELSEN A/C# 356 BOX II FLT. _____

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

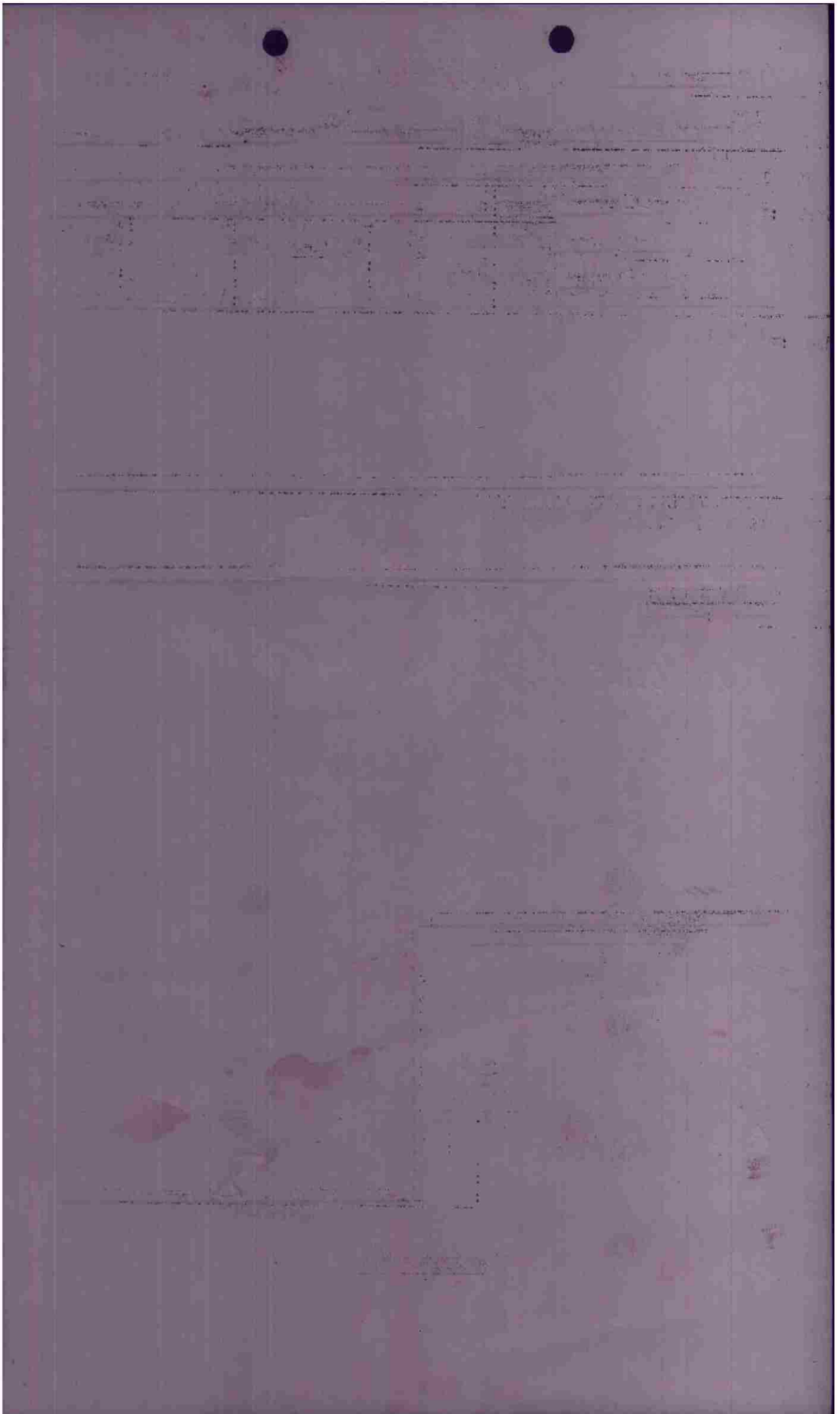
FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS:
2 Runs for the flight.



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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

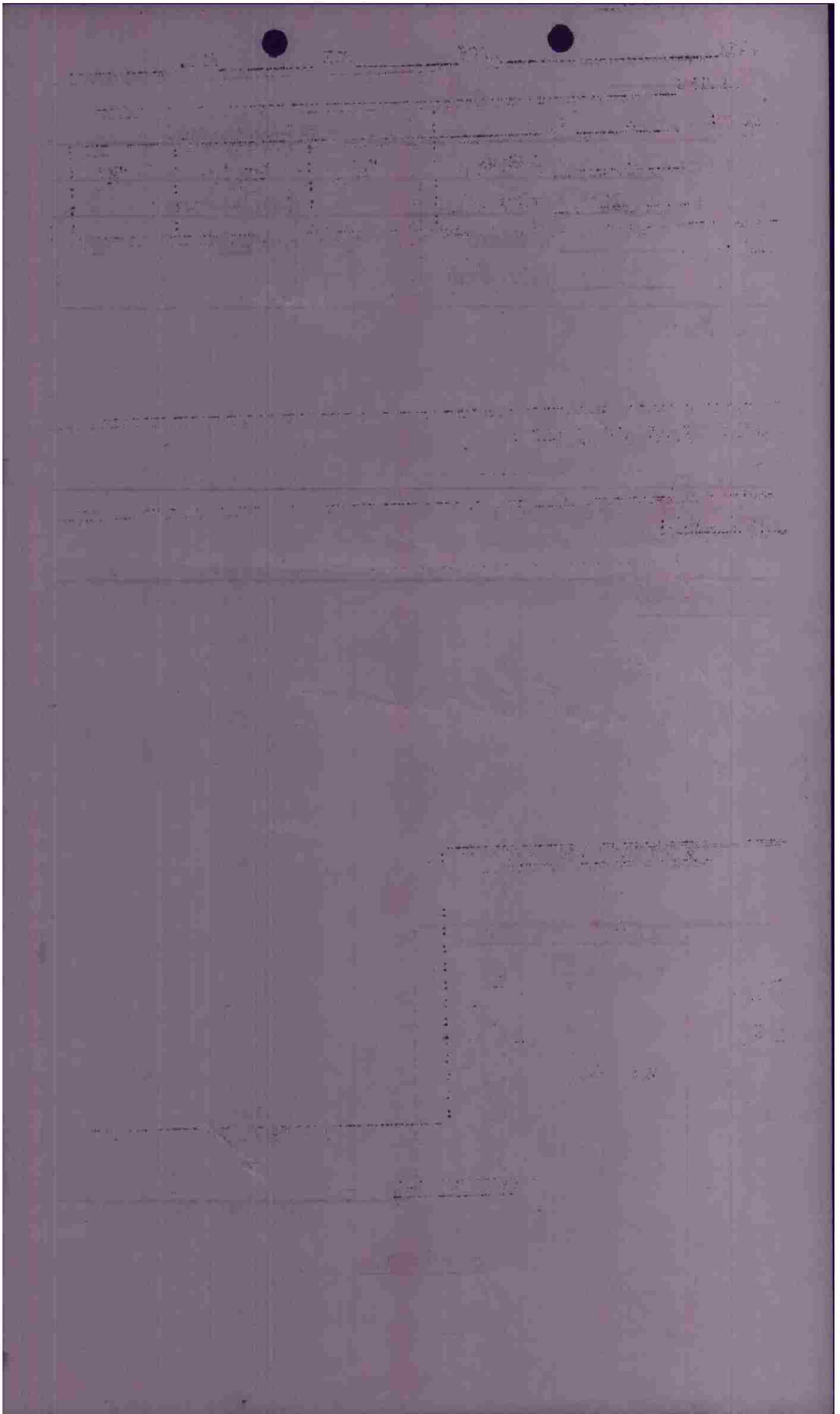
OBSERVATIONS:-

POSITION INFORMATION

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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

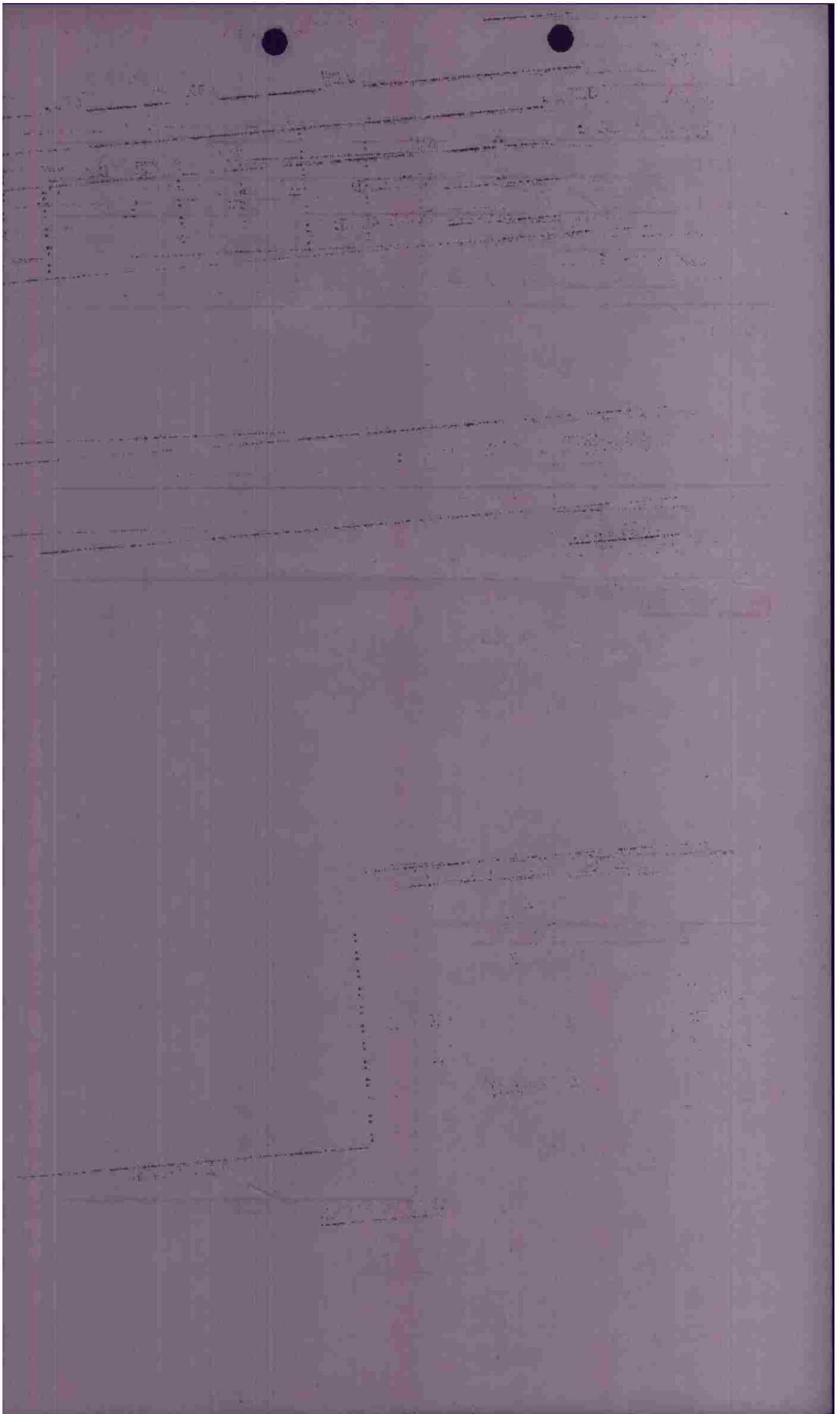
POSITION IN FORMATION

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PILOT MARTIN A/C# 381 BOX II FLT. IF

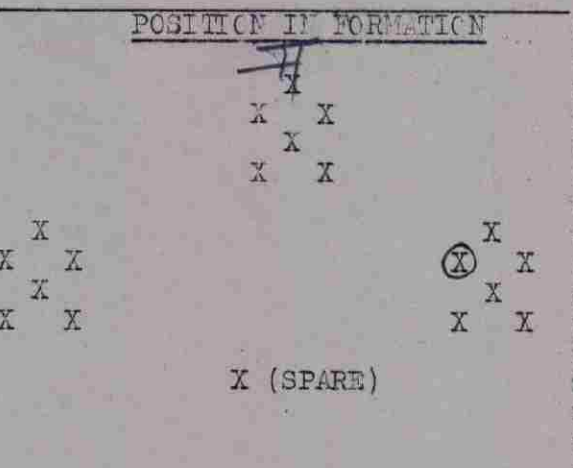
CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : Light machine gun flashes observed at R.P. shortly after formation - 05

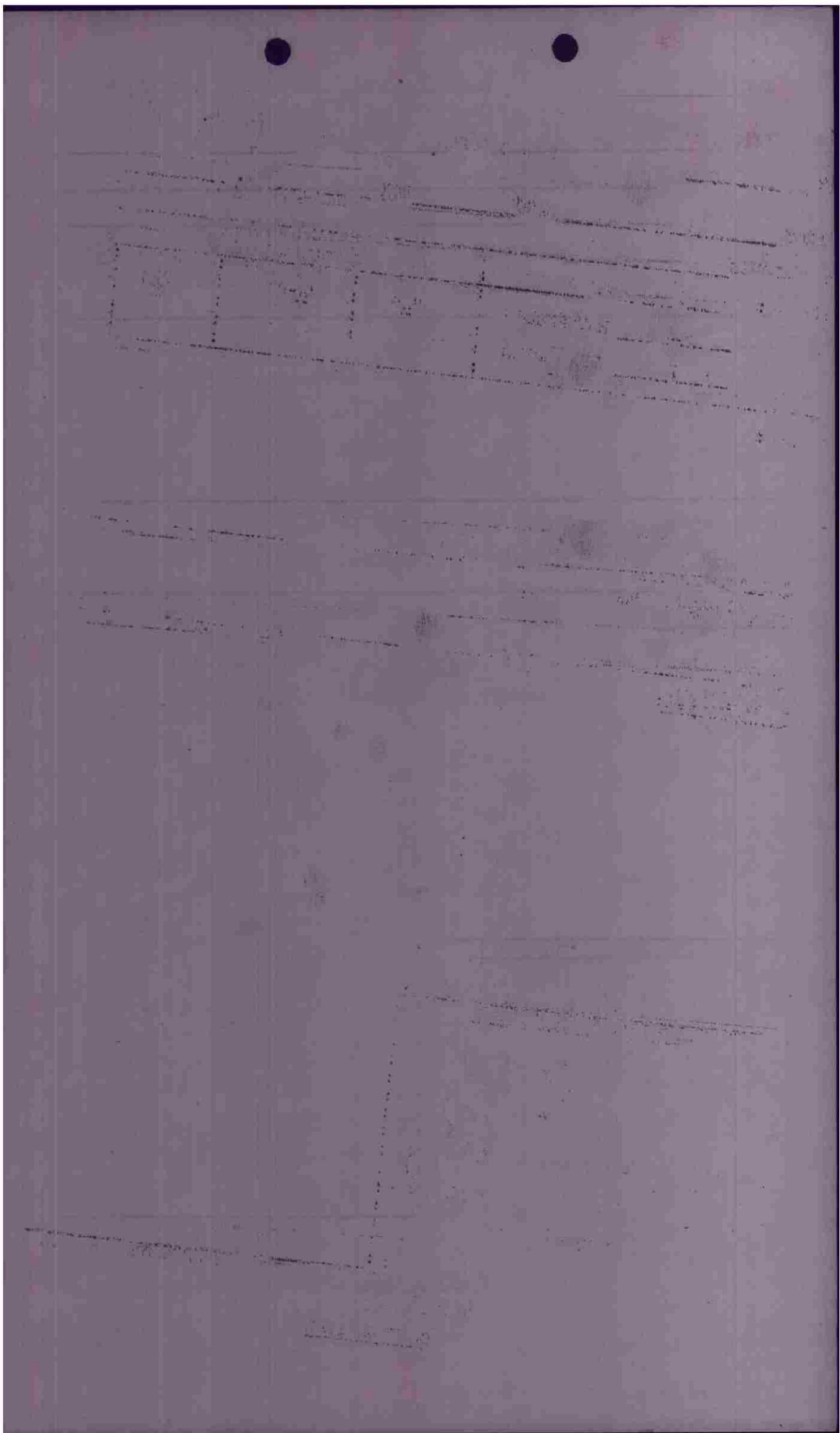
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil -

OBSERVATIONS: Believe that bombs hit in town on south side of river - very hazy - large L shaped hook on west side of bridge -



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PILOT HARPER A/C# 271 BOX II FLT. _____

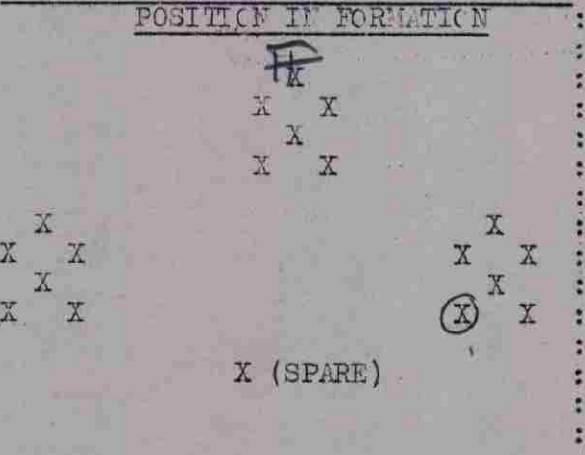
CASUALTIES nil

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

FLAK : nil

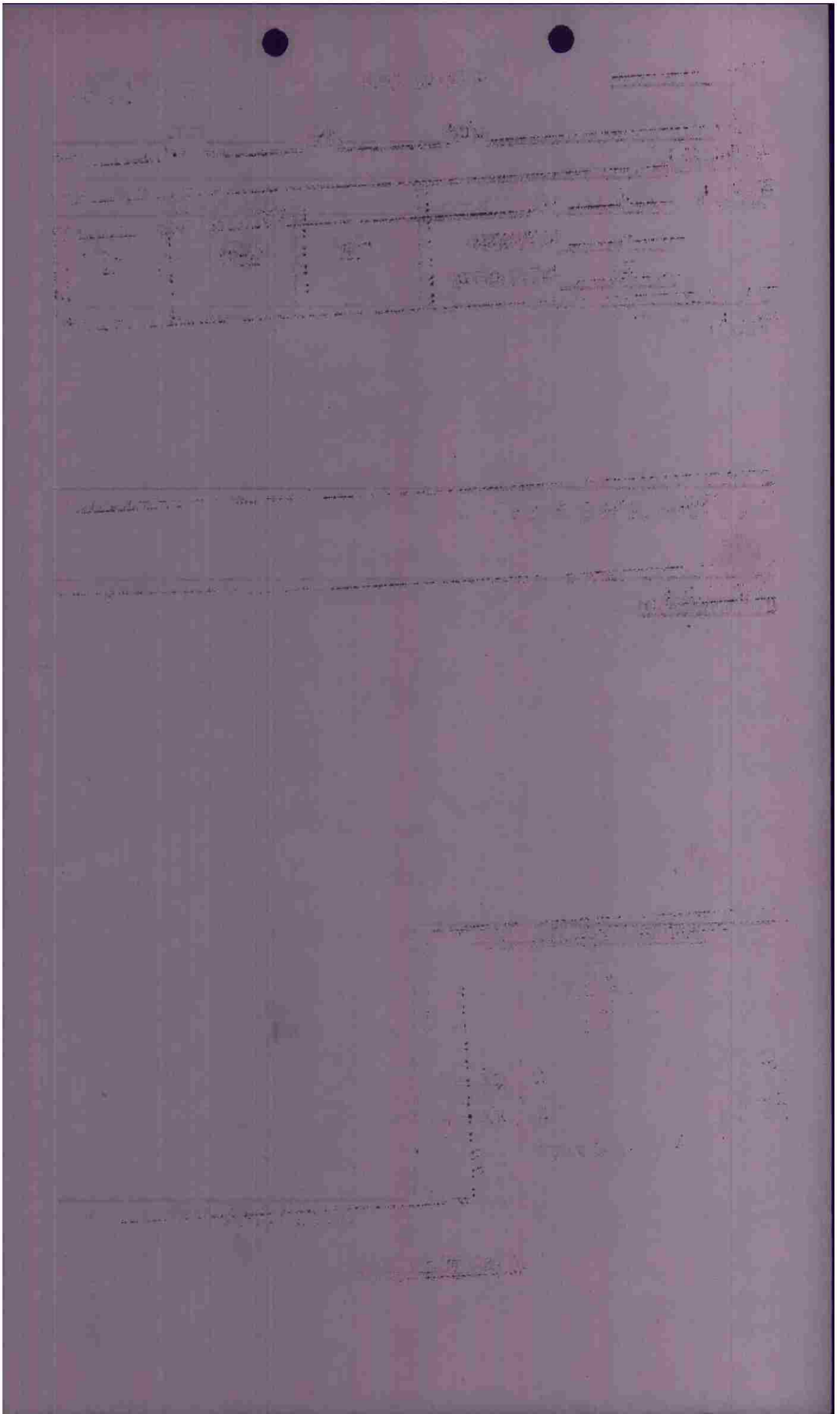
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS:



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

FLAK :

Not Airborne

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

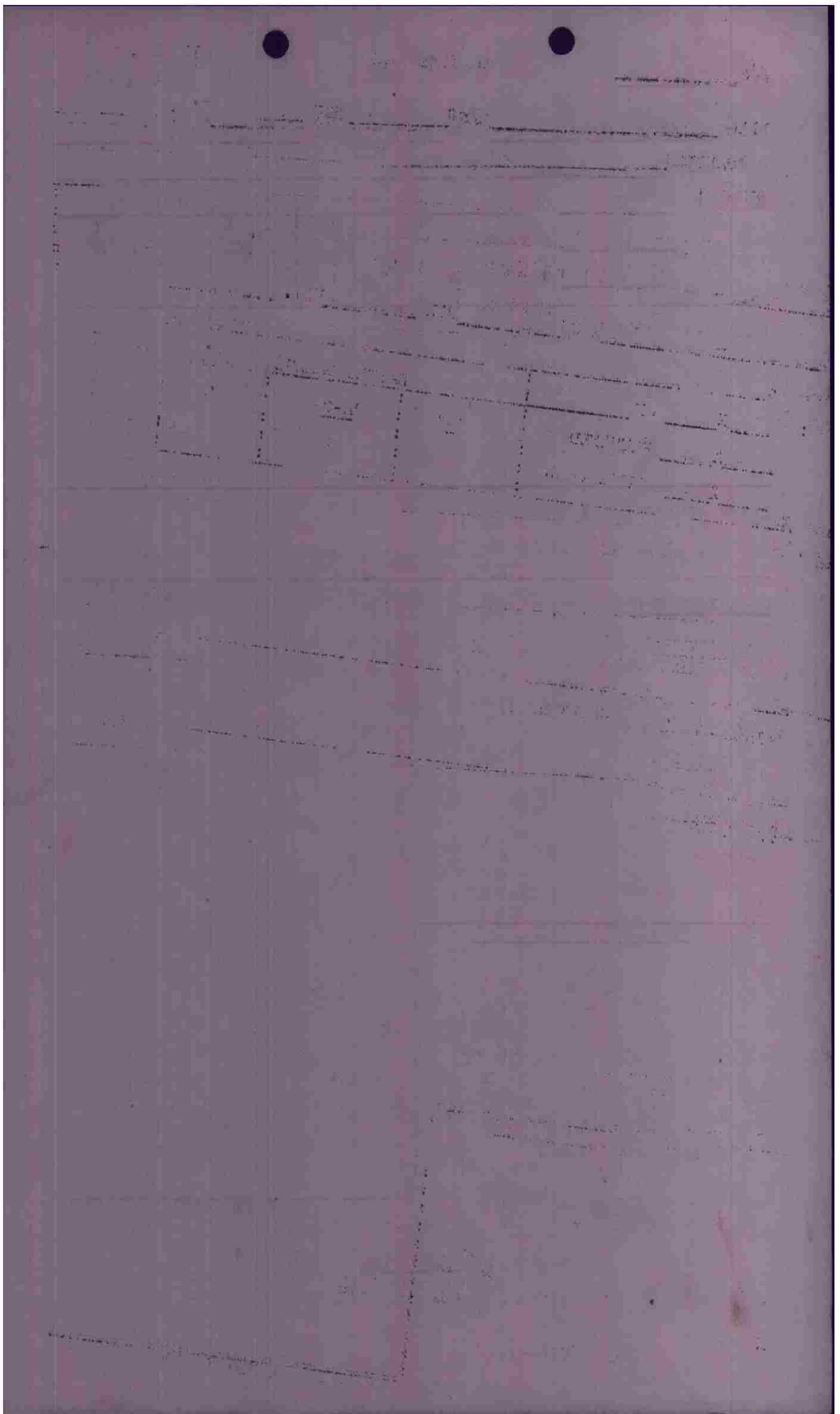
OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

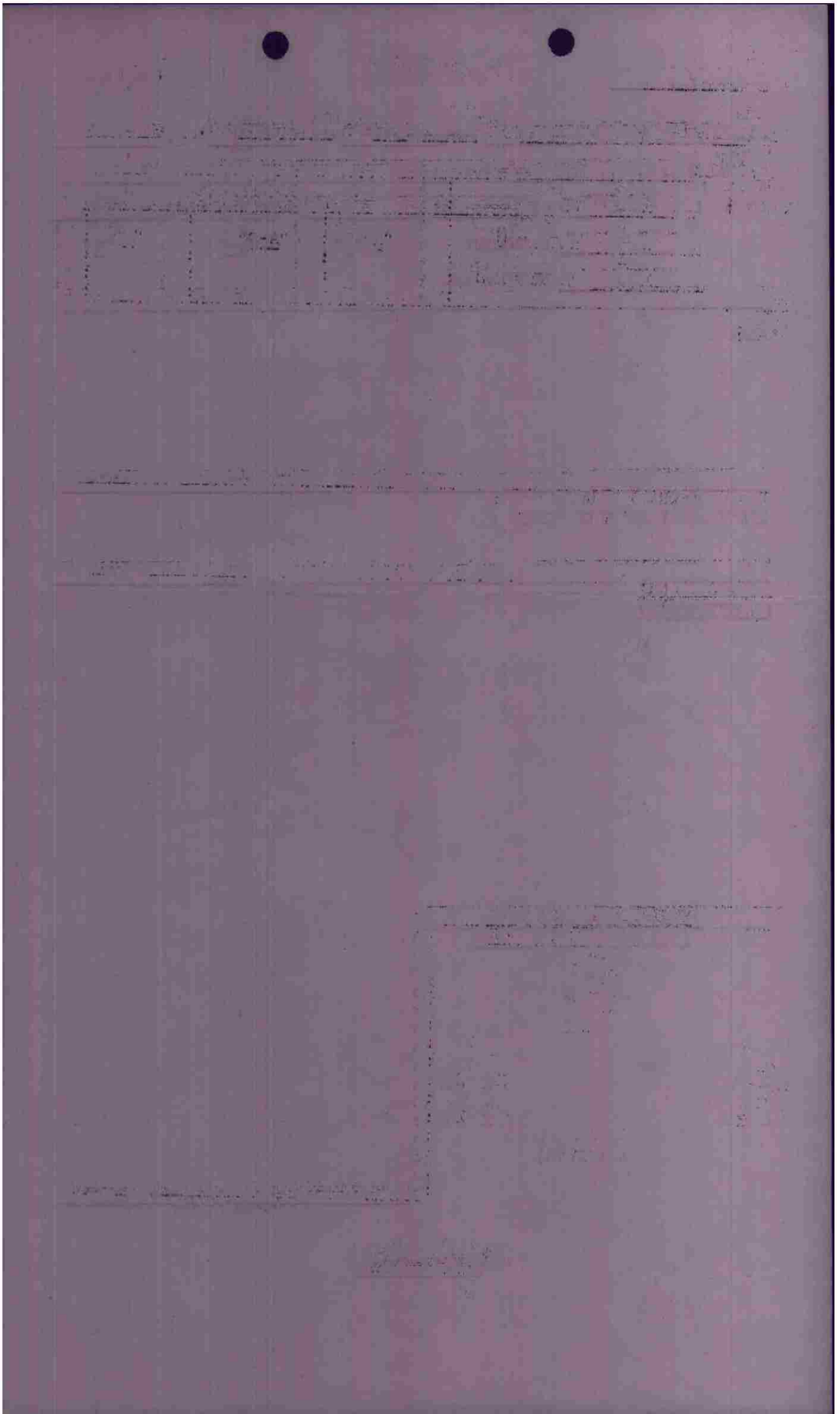
POSITION IN FORMATION

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	X	
X		(X)
	X	
X		X

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CASUALTIES

FLAK : *nil*

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TOT 1822 ^{+40 sec}
 alt 8800 (fl ahead was at our alt so we bombed
 8800 instead of briefed 8900)
 IAS - 205
 Az is 124° mag.

Haze "Picked up AP
last minute."

POSITION INFORMATION

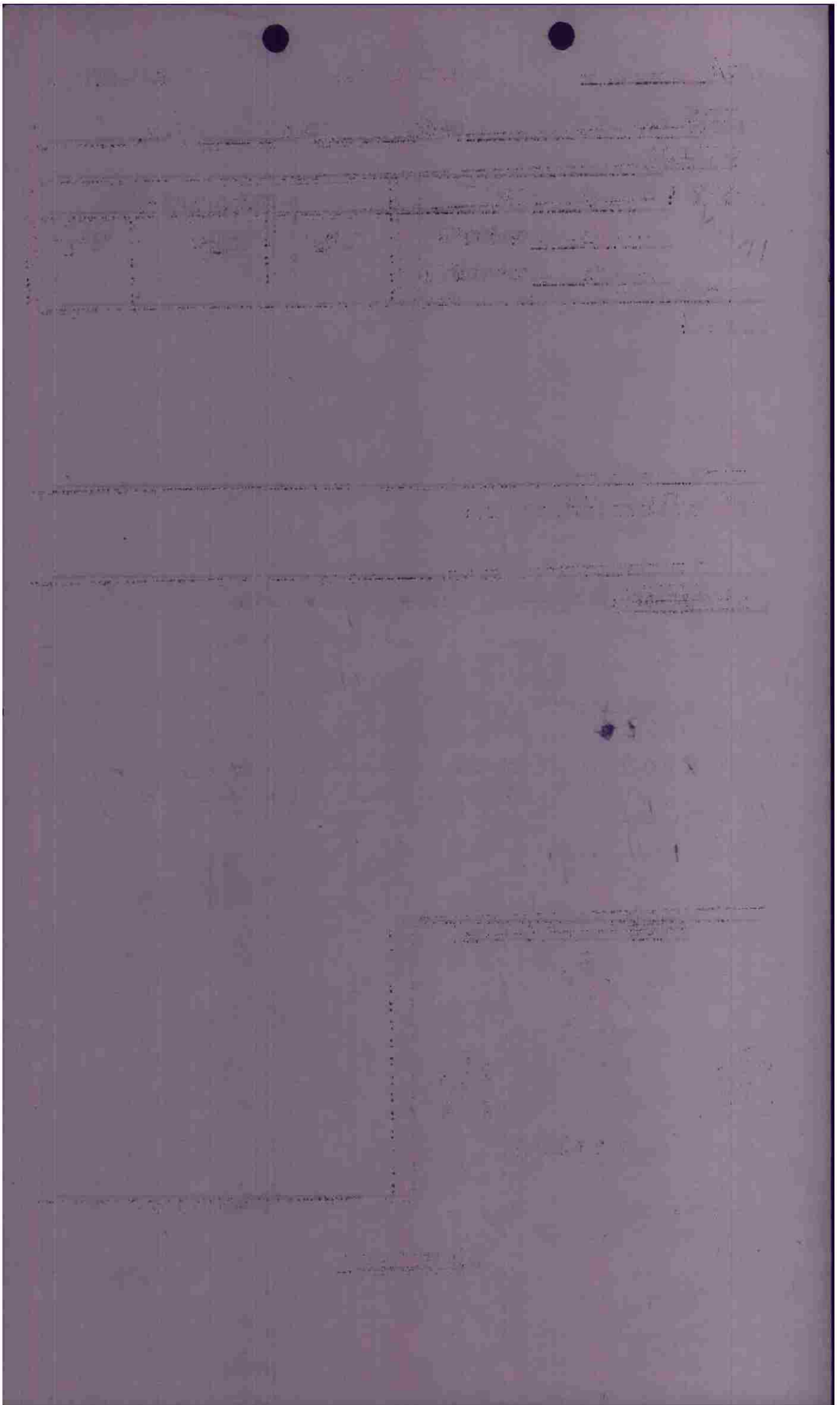
X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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PILOT JORDAN A/C# 609 BOX II FLT. _____

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS:

S473 down looking in area.

1 Run - 1822
8,000
130°
210 mph.

a tower short of Sgt r
to right was afire.
may have sucked a
flight in.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X X X
X X
X X

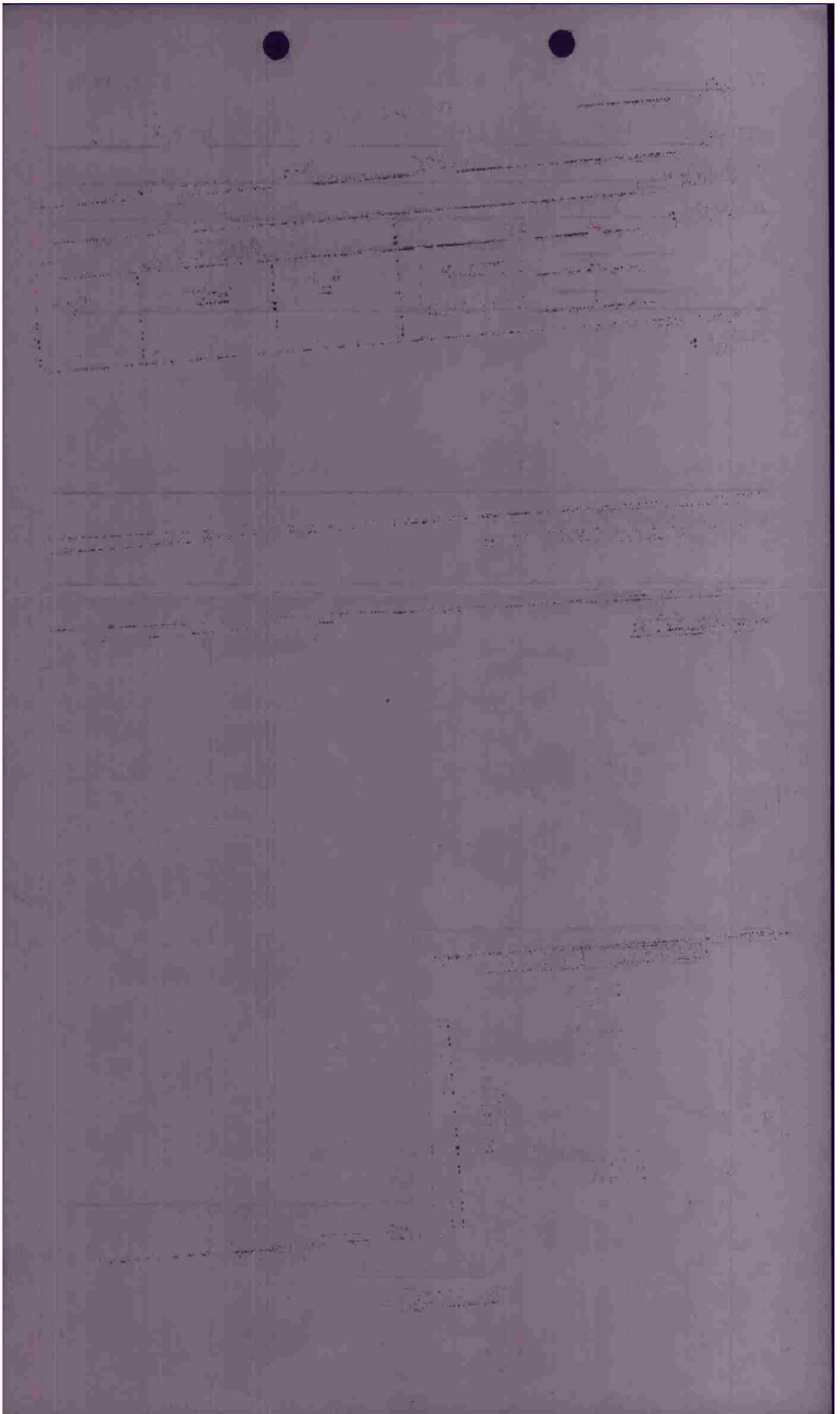
saw our bombs explode
in smoke of previous
bombing.

X (SPARE)

Bombed 4th.

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PILOT LACKOVICH A/C# 497 BOX II FLT. _____

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

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

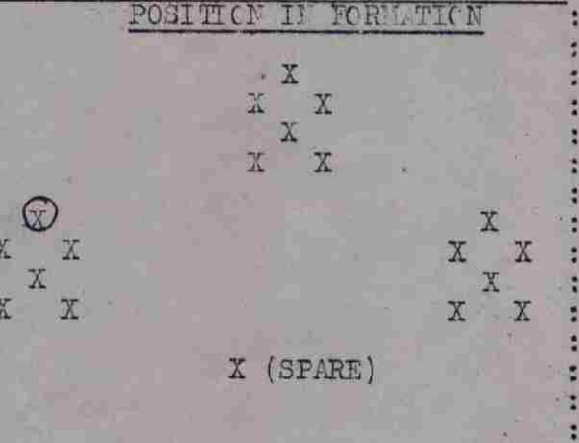
OBSERVATIONS: Bombs fell short -

Tot - 1833

Alt - 8,700 124° Alt 210

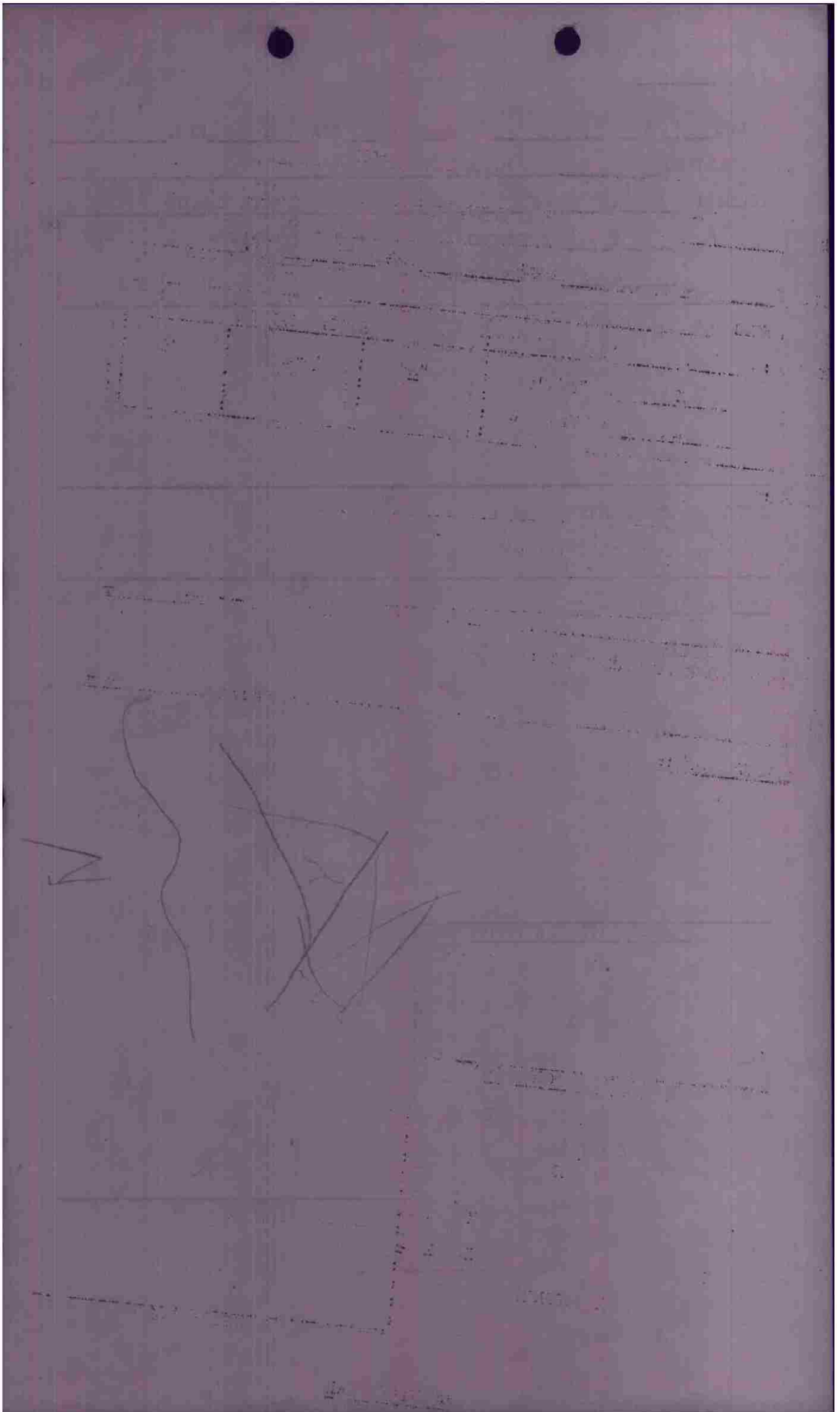
No activity

2 Runs due to malfunction of B.I.S.



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416 TH	9th B.D. (M) WING 97th	B
CPOMP	DATE	17 April 45
OTHER UNIT/ST. TARGET		Tubingen Ord Depot
	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED Tubingen Ord Depot PRIMARY
SECONDARY

M.V.I. 3 points in target area.

A.P.

C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 38125 NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 51
D. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 6's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 1-5-4-3-6
E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 124x1000GP FUSING 1/10 1/100
F. HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED Box I Flt A 125 deg 1820g
G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED Box II Flt A 124 1822g
H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET Box I Flt B 130 1822g
Box I Flt C 124 1835g

M/Y near target full of freight cars.

J. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

Box I Flt A DMPI - Excel: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI. Bombs (Visual) fell in good pattern with center of bursts 690 ft W of DMPI. Hits scored on buildings and roads causing considerable damage.

Flt B

Flt C DMPI - Undet: No photos of bomb bursts from this Flt as target area runs off edge of film before bombs hit. Crews report good to excellent results.

Box II Flt A DMPI - Excel: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 430 ft NW of DMPI. Excellent pattern of bombs on buildings in target area causing destruction and damage to Ordnance Buildings.

Flt B DMPI - Excel: 60% of bombs within 1000 ft with center of pattern 1000 ft NE of DMPI. Bombs hit in excellent pattern on edge of target area hitting roads and small buildings.

Flt C DMPI - Undet: No photo coverage due to camera malfunction in one ship and other camera ship not becoming airborne. Visual reports state bombs fell out of target area.

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

IX B.C. 3-2-Form No. 106-B Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

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

A. TARGET BRIEFED _____ PRIMARY
_____ SECONDARY
_____ CASUAL

M.P.I. _____

A.P. _____

B. TARGET ATTACHED _____ TILES 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 _____

I. ACTIVITY AT TARGET:

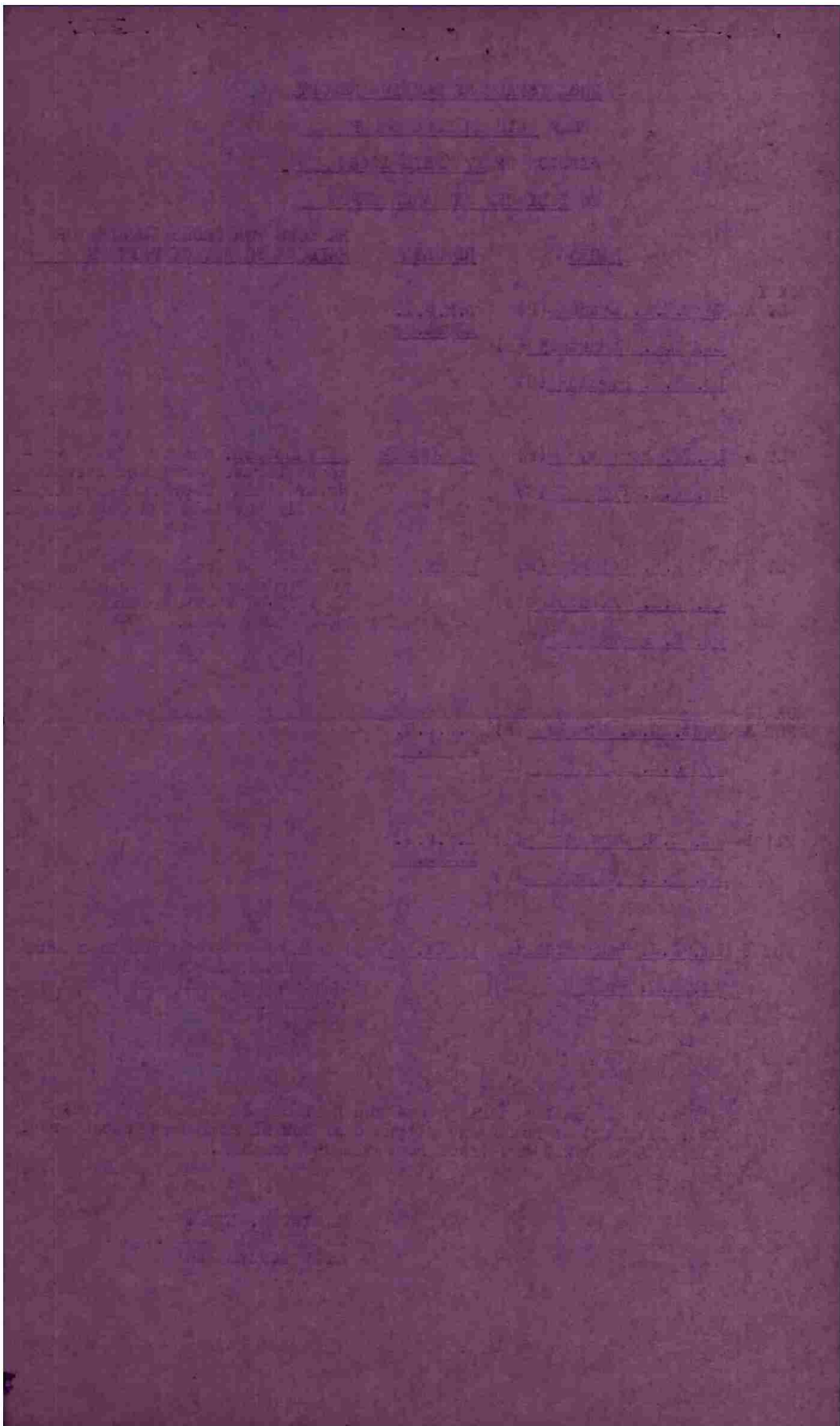
K. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

UNSATISFACTORY BOMBING REPORTGROUP 416 TH BOMB GROUPMISSION OF 17 APRIL 1945TO TUBINGEN ORDNANCE DEPOT

	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>REASONS FOR GROSS BOMBING OR FAILURE TO ATTACK PRIMARY</u>
BOX I			
FLT A	<u>Capt. H.M. Evans (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. T.M. McCartney (B)</u>	<u>EXCEL.</u>	
	<u>Lt. H.E. Myrold (N)</u>		
FLT B	<u>Lt. H. Popeney (P)</u>	<u>No Attack</u>	<u>Malfunction.</u> Was unable to re - lease bombs. Abandoned mission after making four runs and try - ing all possible release systems.
	<u>Lt. G.F. Fry (B)</u>		
FLT C	<u>Lt. W.R. Heinke (P)</u>	<u>UNDET.</u>	No photo coverage due to turn off target. Bombardier estimated that bombs started short and walked into DMF.
	<u>Lt. A.E. Rosenquist (B)</u>		
	<u>Lt. M. Pavey (N)</u>		
BOX II			
FLT A	<u>Capt. G.S. Stanley (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>F/O J.H. Blount (B)</u>	<u>EXCEL.</u>	
Flt B	<u>Lt. G.S. Jordan (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. R.P. Mulgrew (B)</u>	<u>EXCEL.</u>	
FLT C	<u>Lt. J.J. Laskovich (P)</u>	<u>UNDET.</u>	No photo coverage due to camera malfunction in one ship and other camera ship not becoming airborne.
	<u>Lt. R.C. Muir (B)</u>		

Flight A of Box I and flights A and B of Box II bombed on first run. Flight C of Box I and flight C of Box II bombed on second run. Flight B of Box I made four runs without bombing.

WILLIAM M. LYTLE
CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS.,
GROUP BOMBARDIER



PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

CAMERAS INSTALLED 11 GROUP 416th. Bomb gp. (L)
CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING 10 91 % WING 97th. C.B.
CAMERA FAILURES 1 11 % DATE 17 April 45
PERSONNEL FAILURES 0 0 %
OTHERS 0

TARGET TUBINGEN
ALTITUDE 9000 FEET
TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
GROUND SPEED 269 MPH
354 2315 416 9315
9352 378

TARGET TUBINGEN
ALTITUDE 8500 FEET
TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
GROUND SPEED 269 MPH
249 209 381 314
362 233

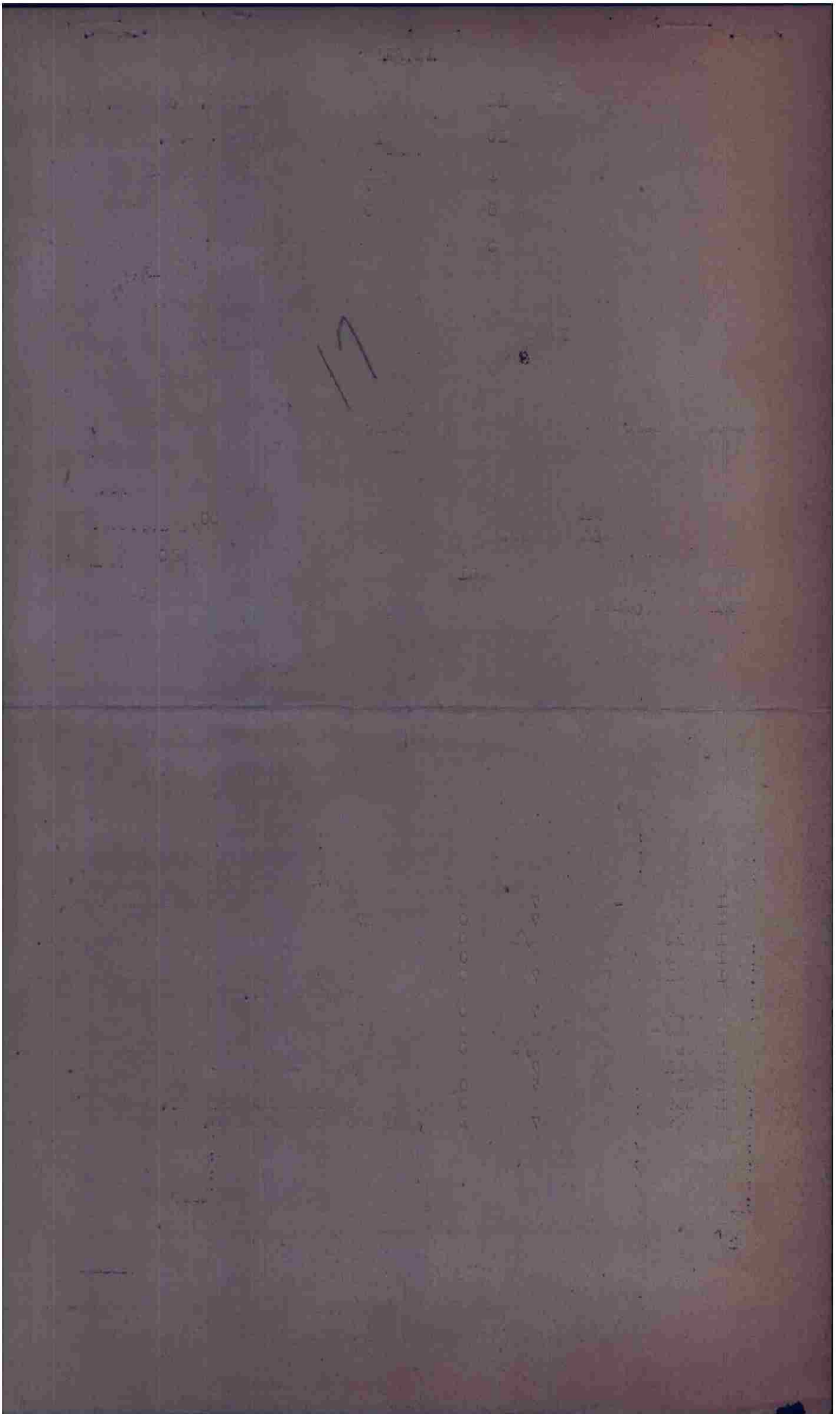
TARGET _____
ALTITUDE _____ FEET
TRUE AIR SPEED _____ MPH
GROUND SPEED _____ MPH

STRIKE ATTACK CAMERAS:

:BOX :	A/C :	CAM. :	F.L. :	INT. :	PRINTED :	UNPRINT :	EXPLANATION
:NO. :	NO. :	TYPE :	:	:	SORTIES :	SORTIES :	:
1	9352	K-24	7	0			duplicate coverage
1	378	"	7	0	17		
1	416	"	6 3/8	0			A/C did not bomb.
1	9315	"	"	0			" " " "
1	2315	"	7	0			No bomb burst show on film due to evasive act.
1	334	"	7	0			" " " " "
2	233	"	5	0	18		
2	362	"	6 3/8	0			duplicate coverage.
2	381	"	7	0			No photos due to evasive act.
2	314	"	7	0			" " " " "
2	209	"	5	0			camera shutter malif.
2	249	"	7	0			A/C was not airborne.
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K-20 CAMERAS

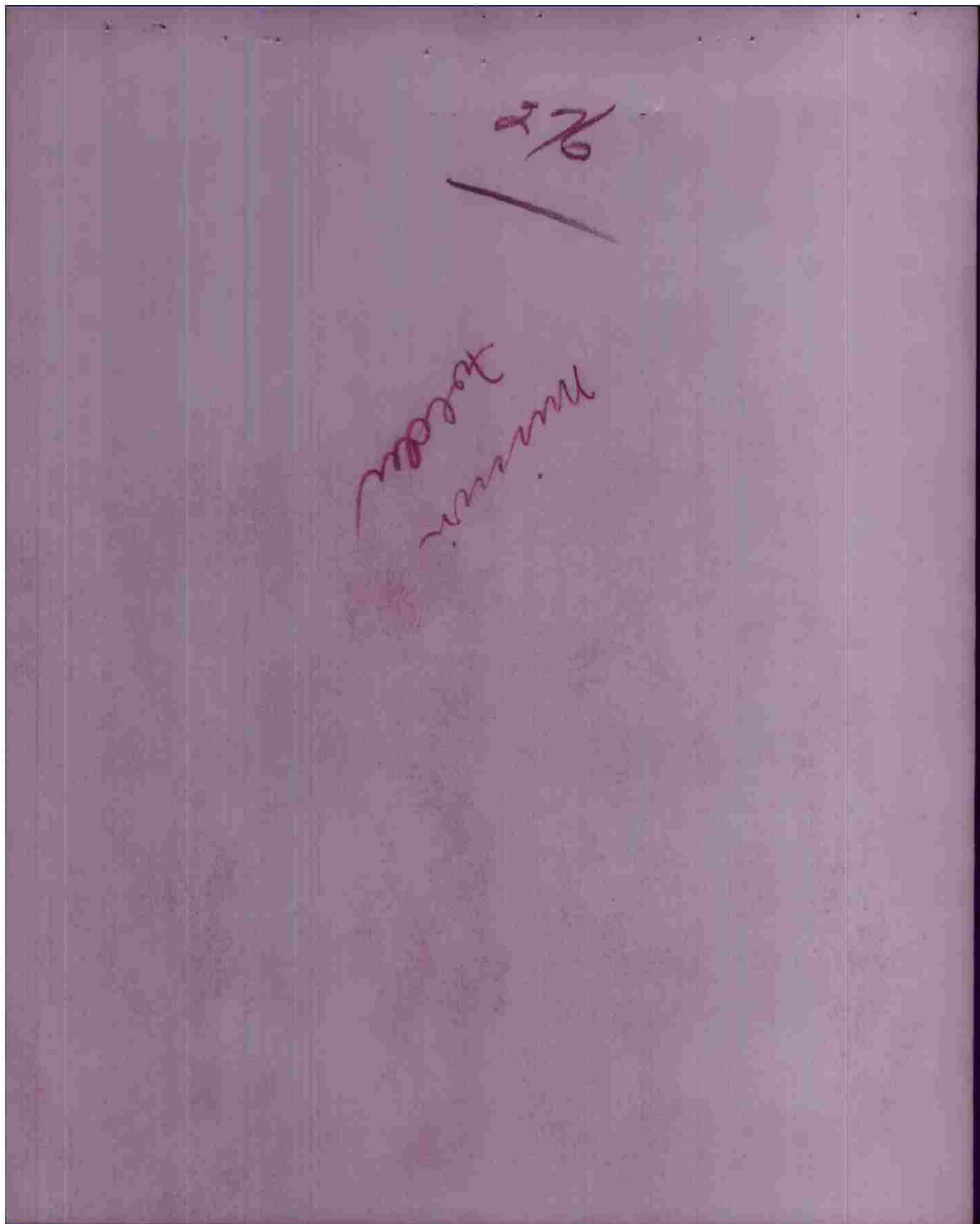
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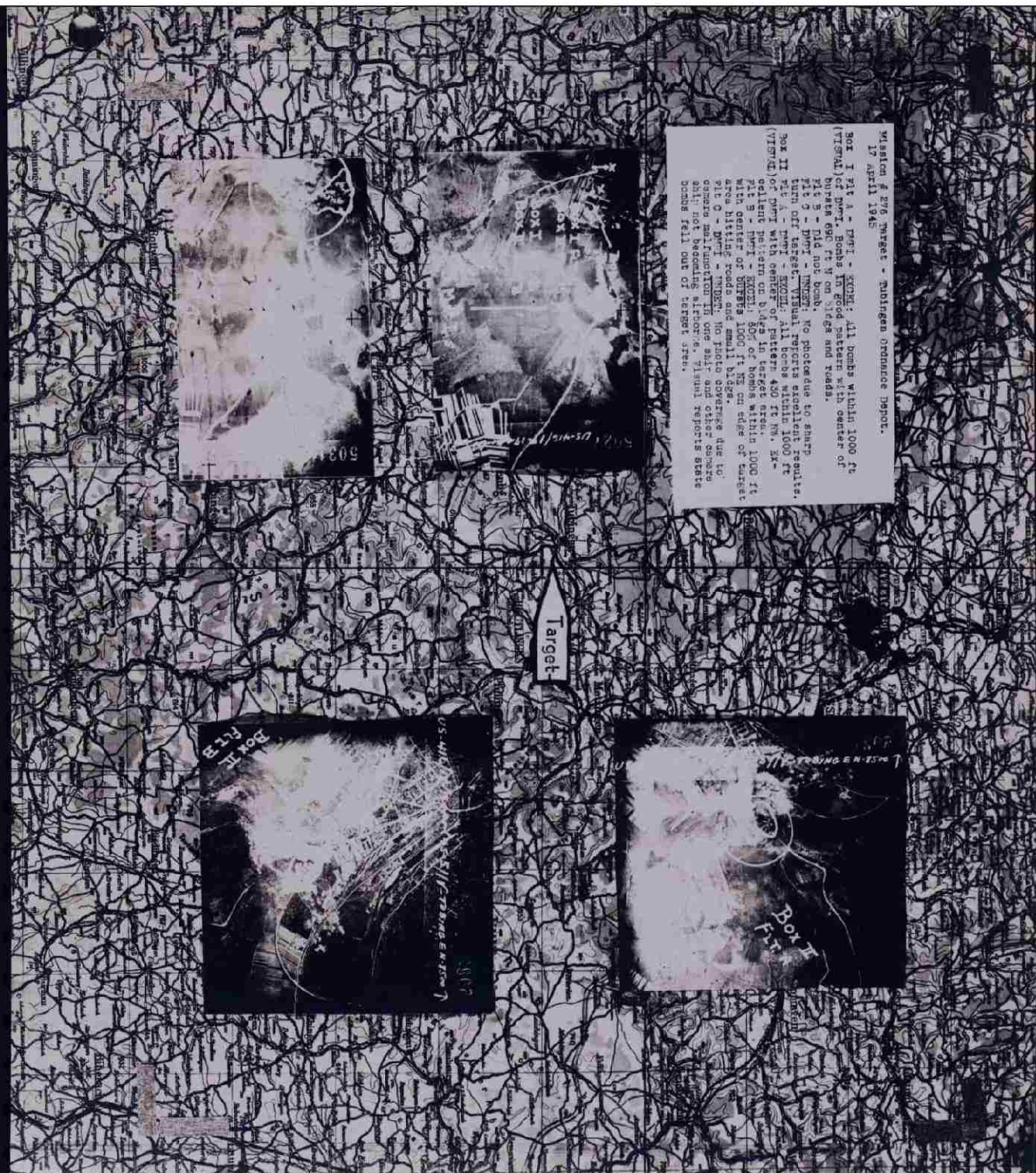


- NOTE: RECTANGLE ENCLOSES BOMB PATTERN AREA.

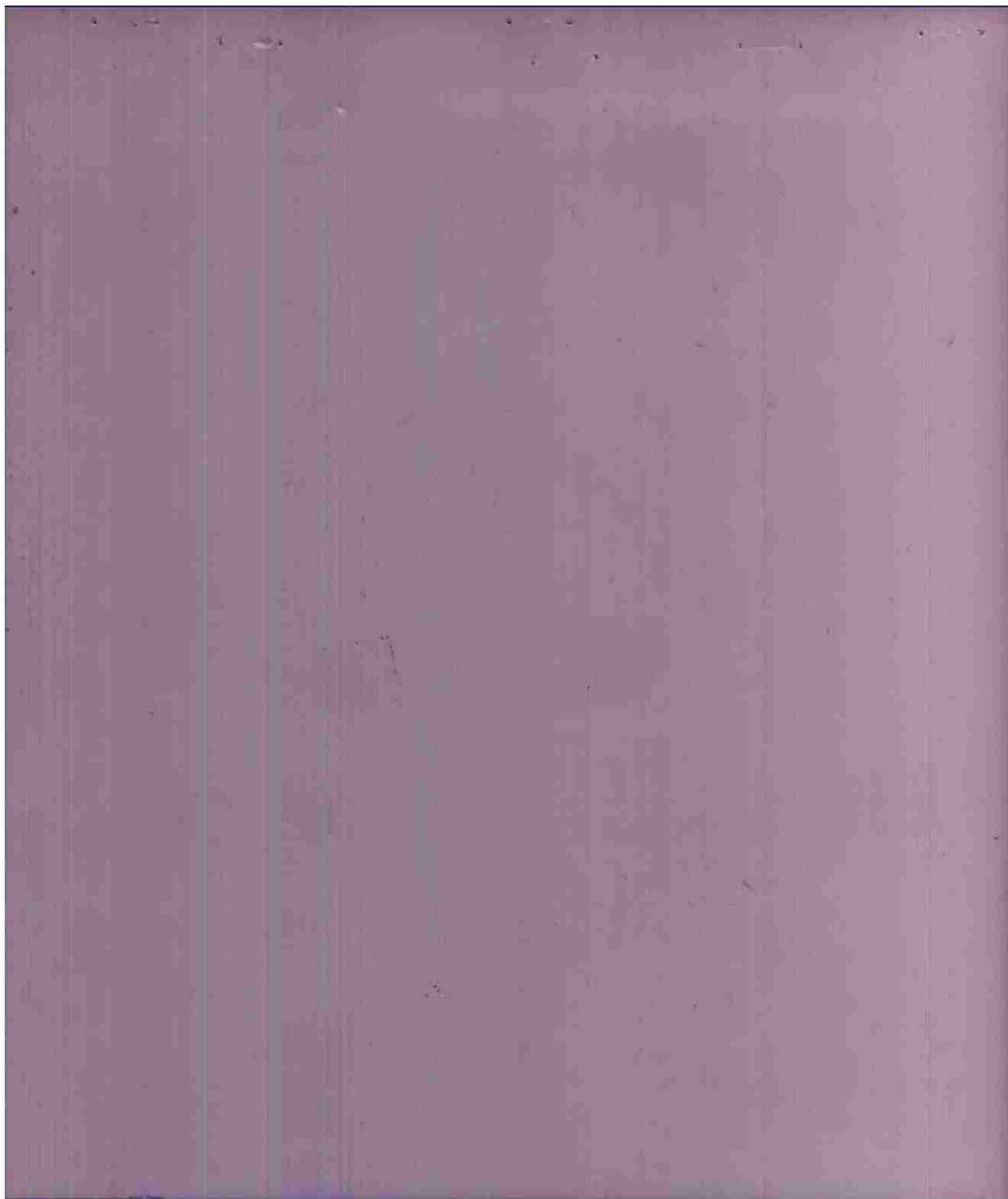
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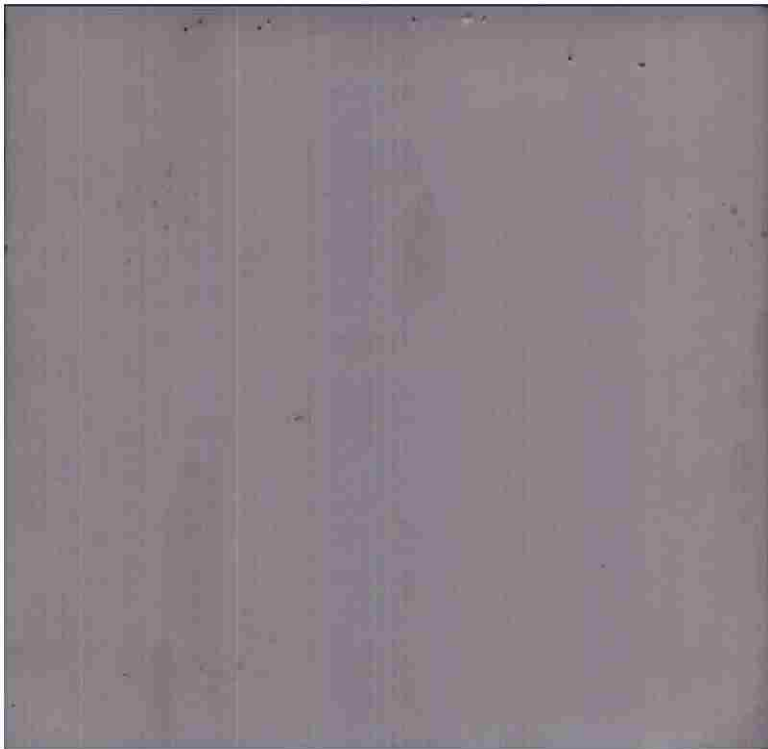
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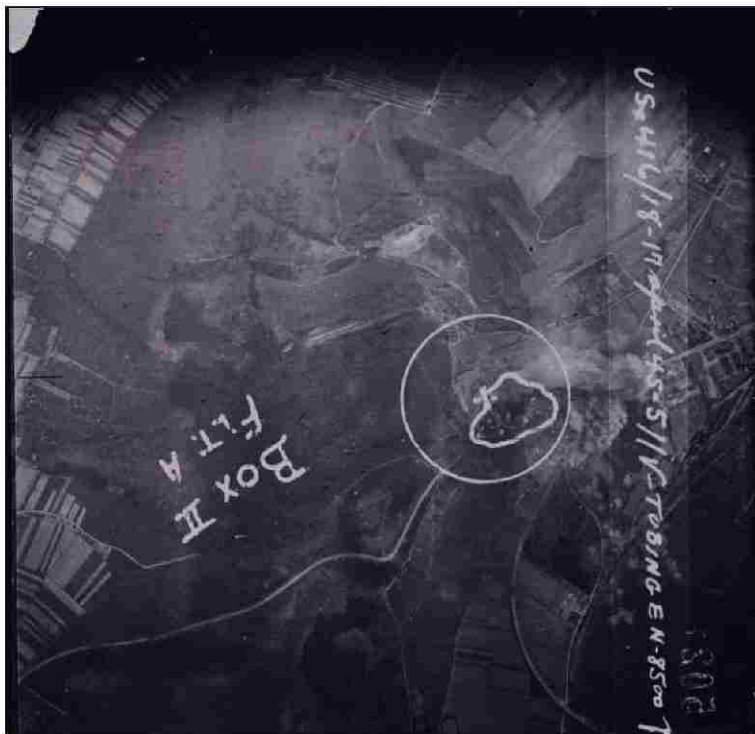
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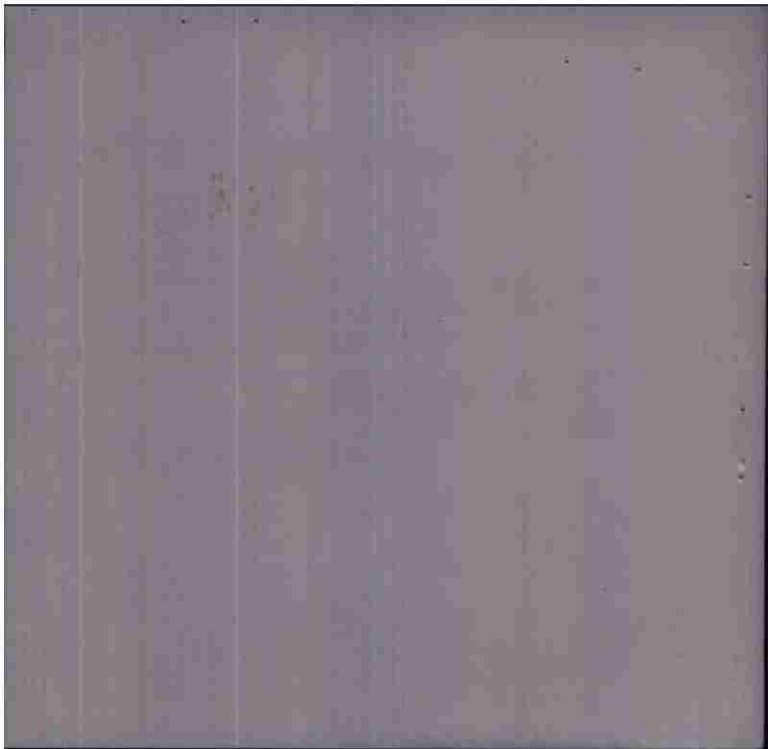
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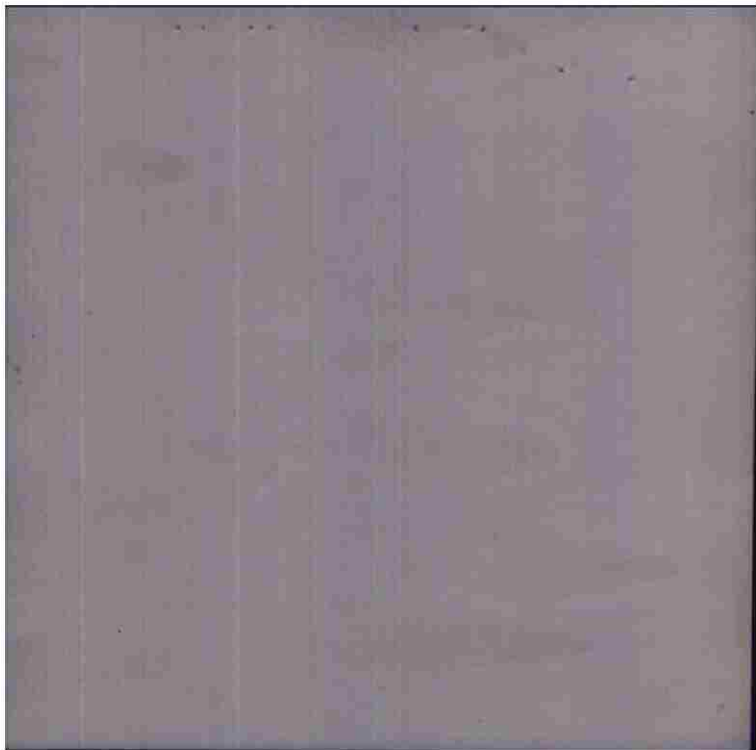
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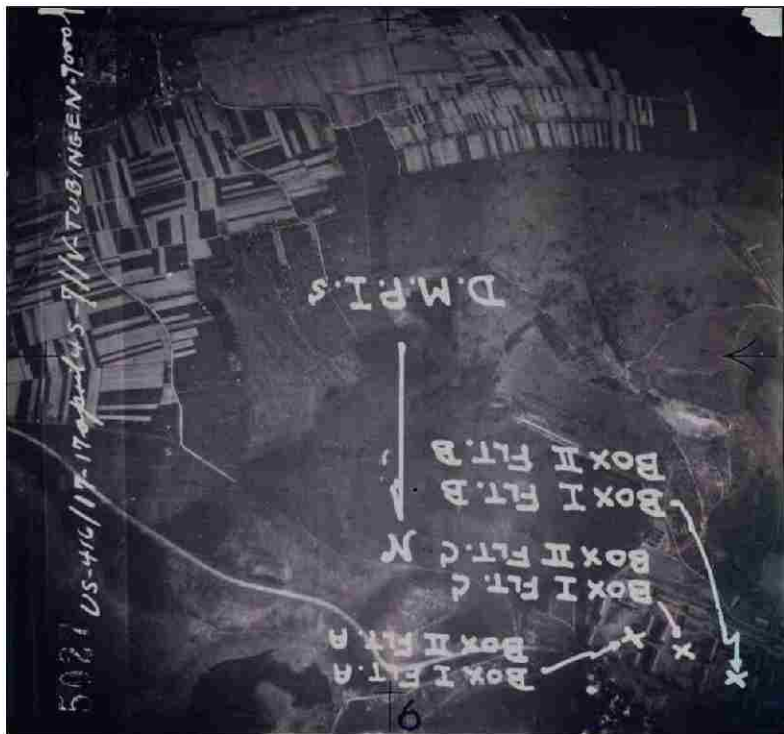
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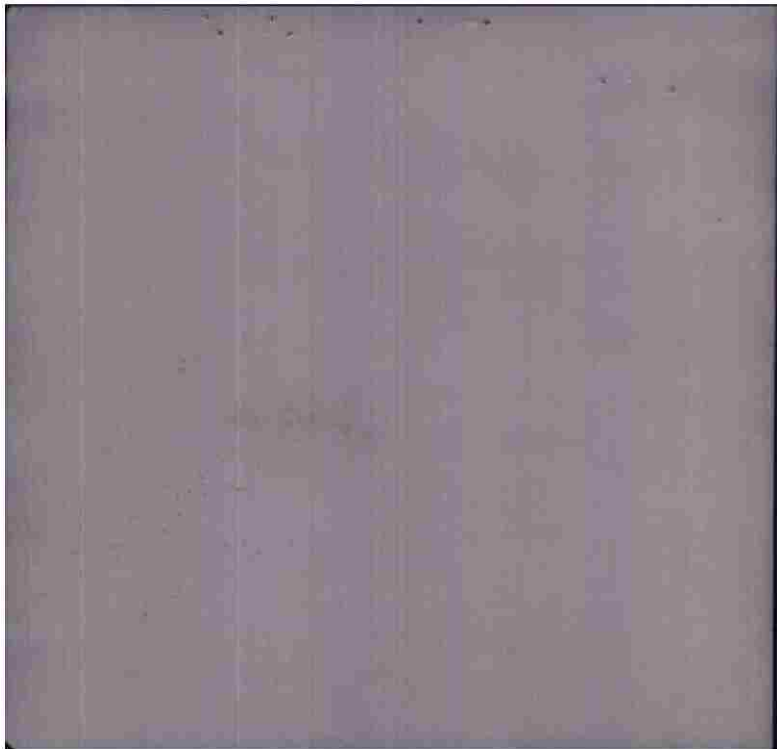
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