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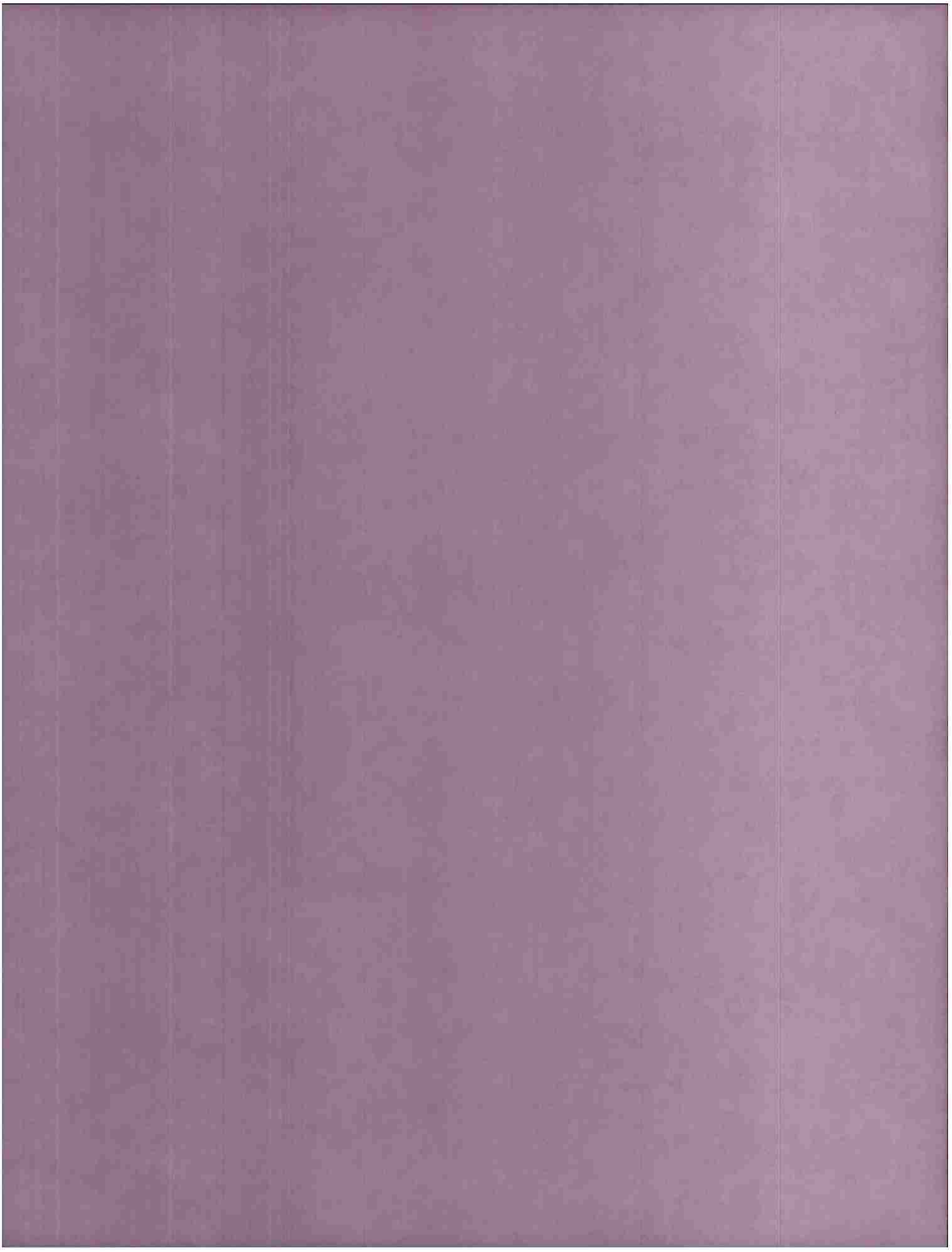
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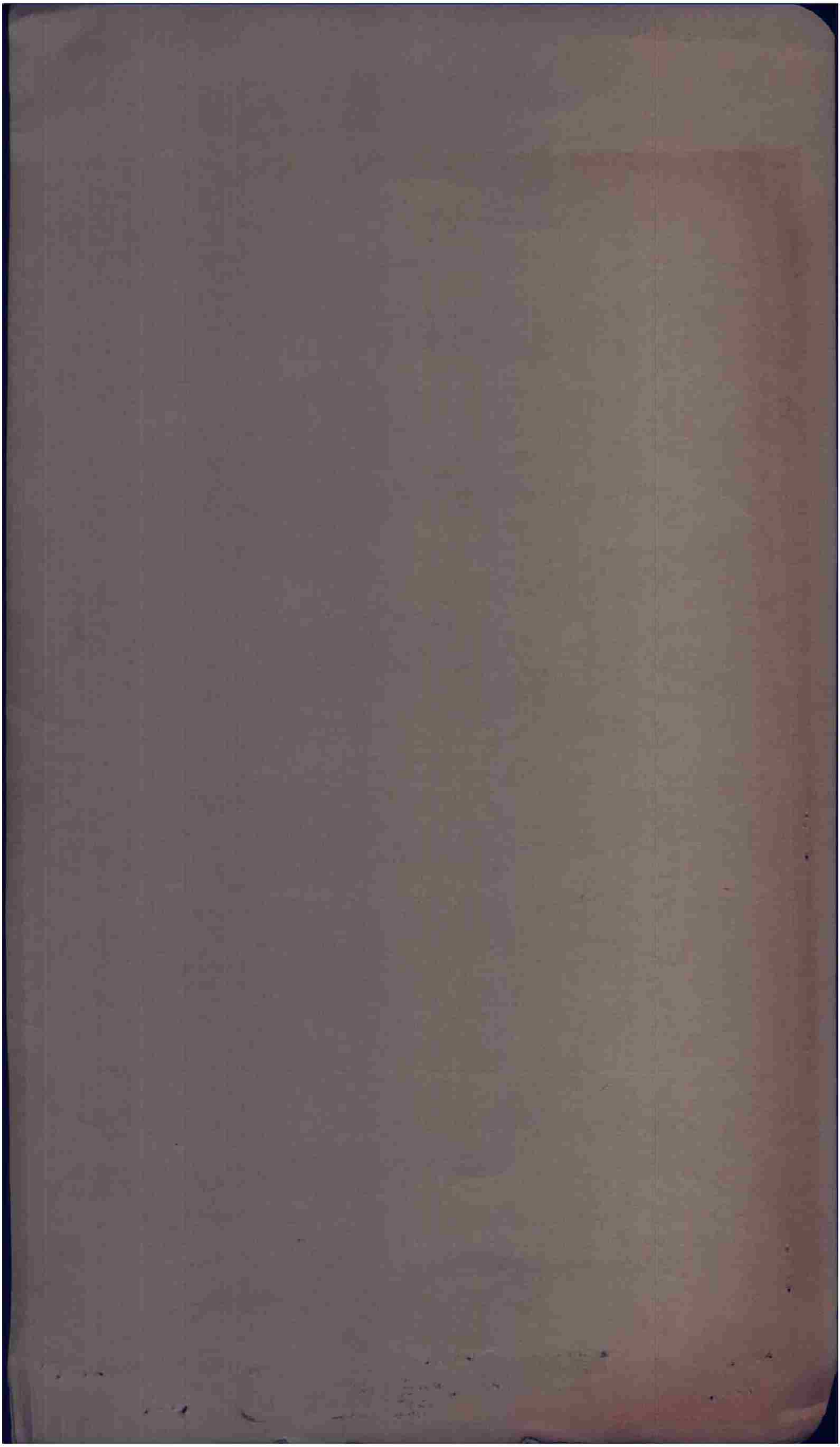
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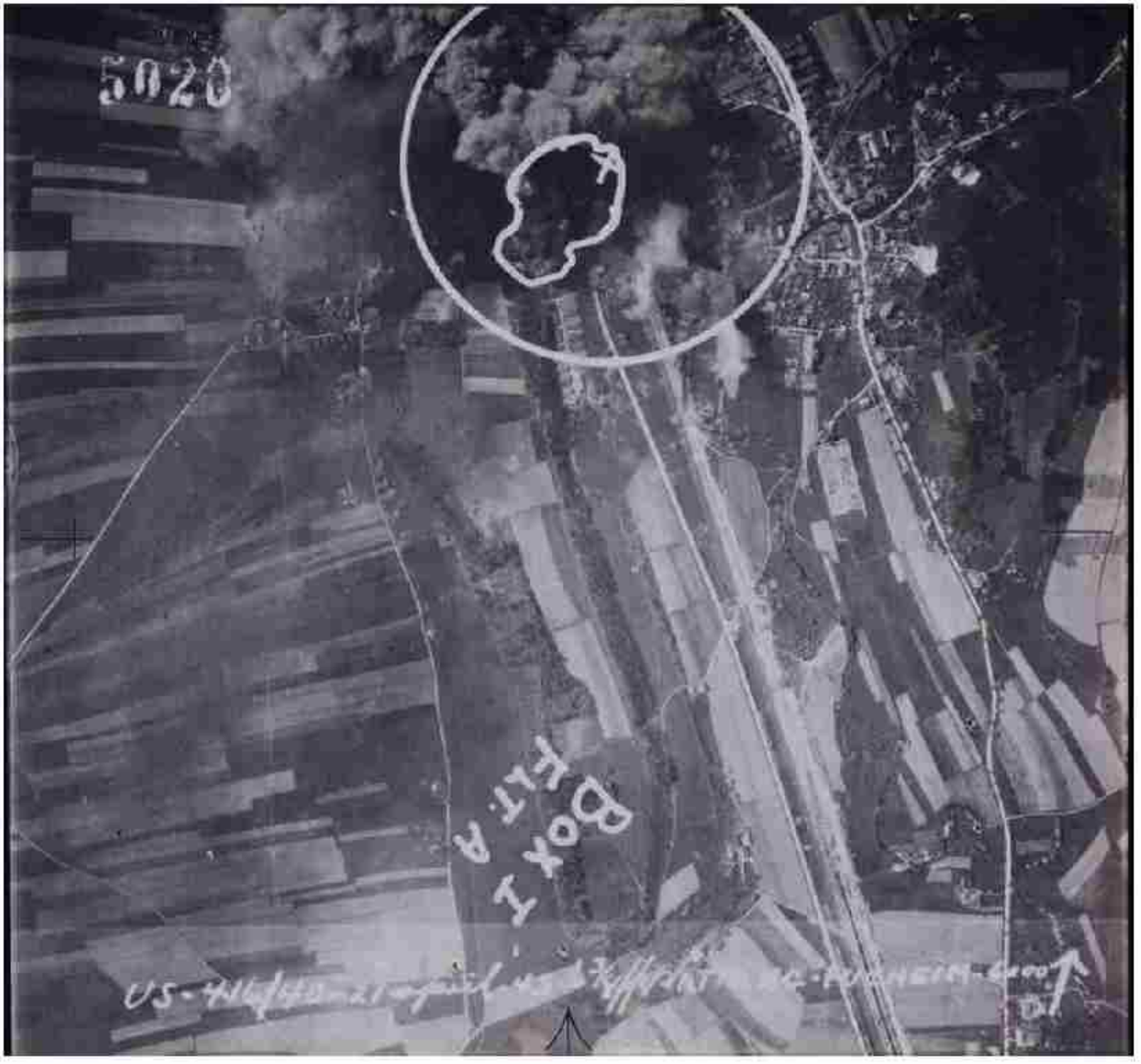
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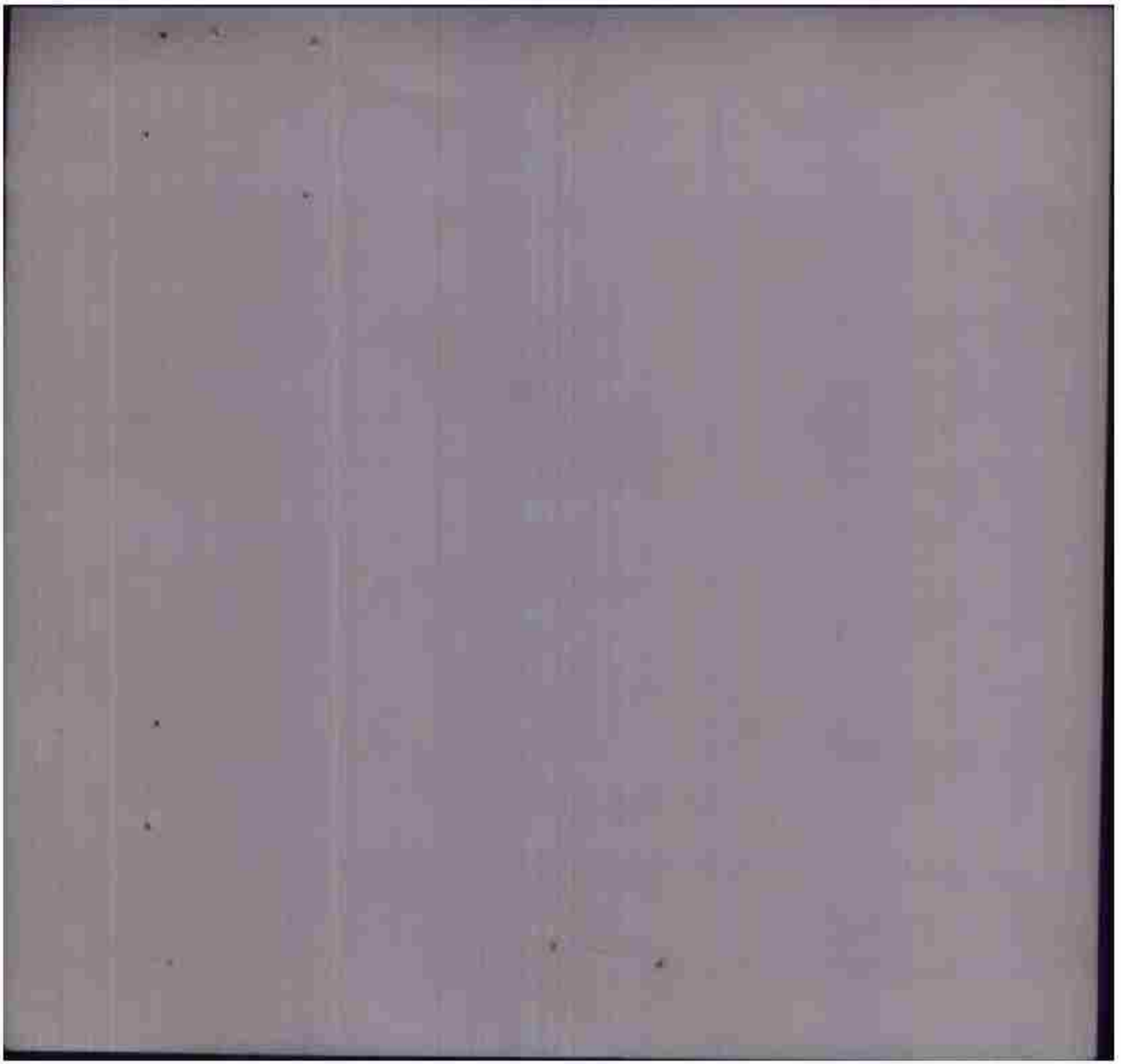
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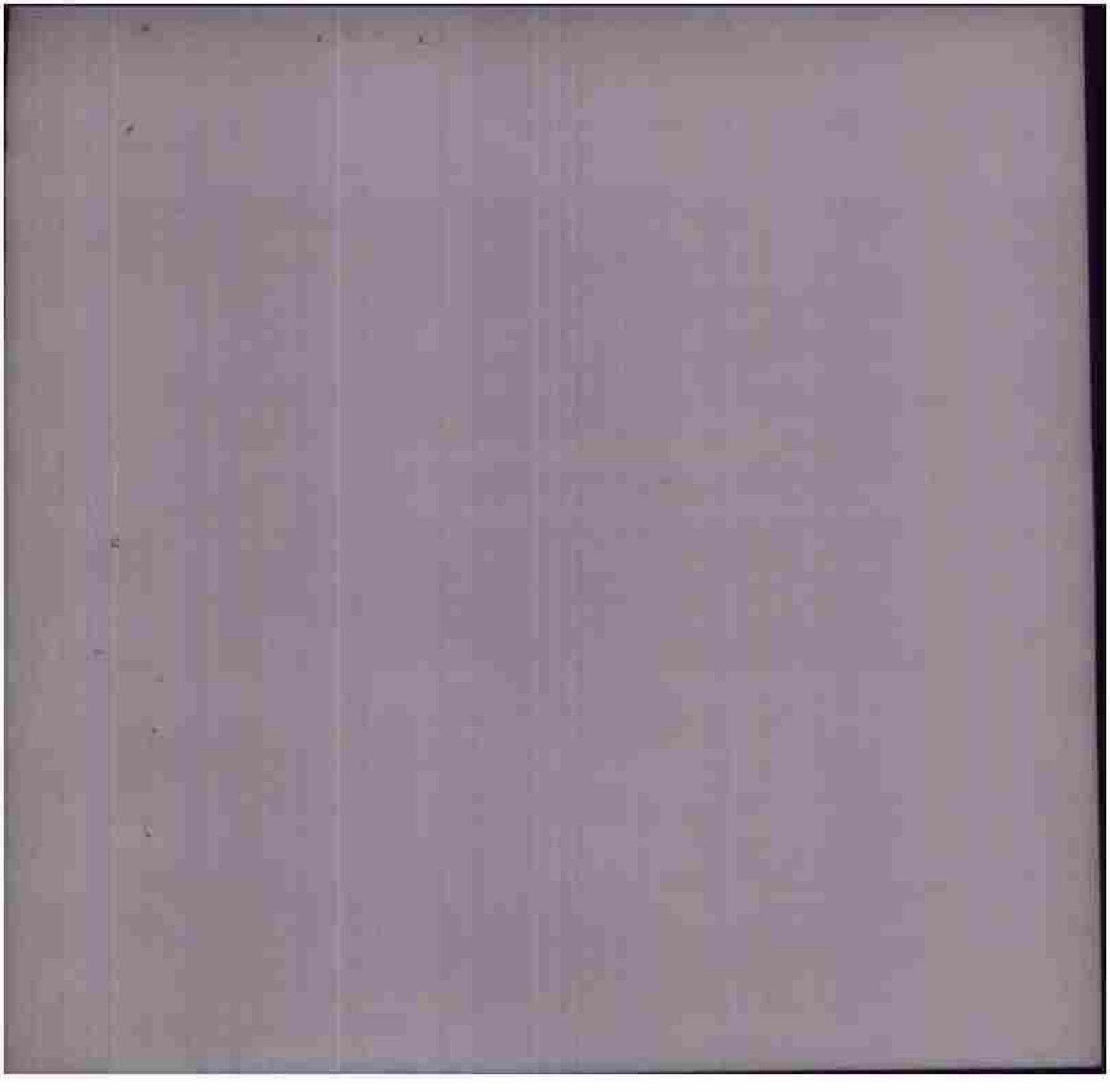
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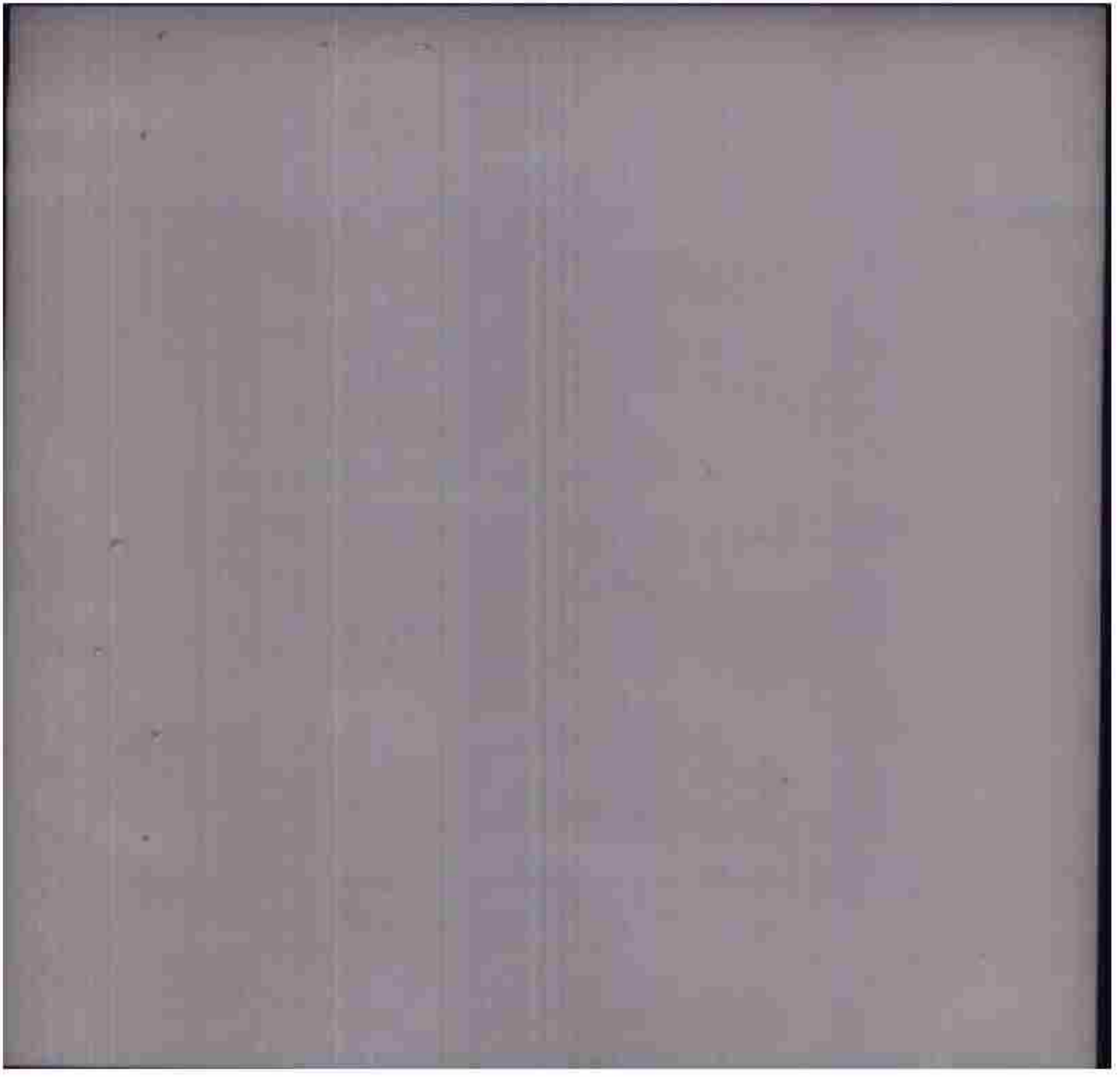
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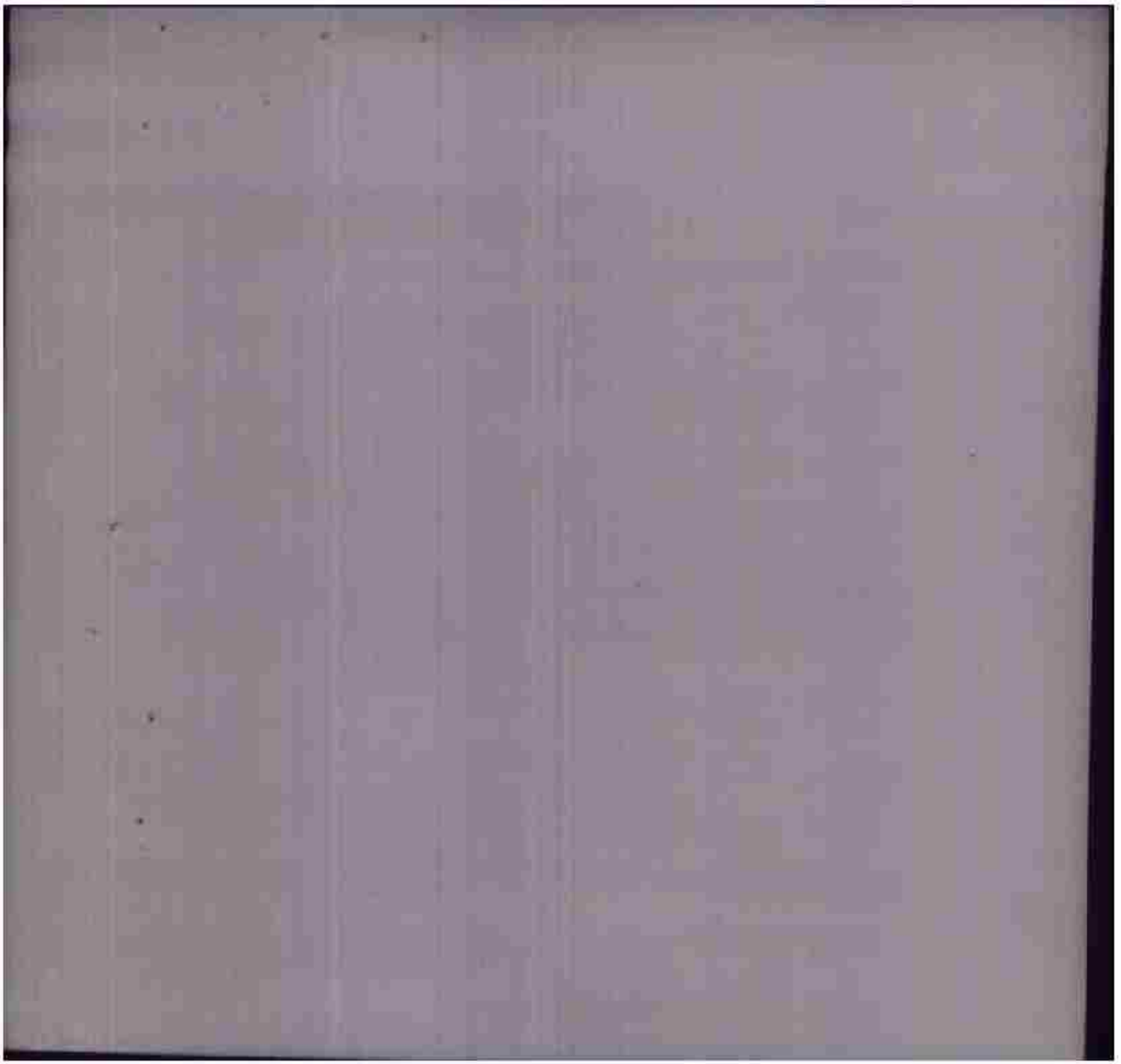
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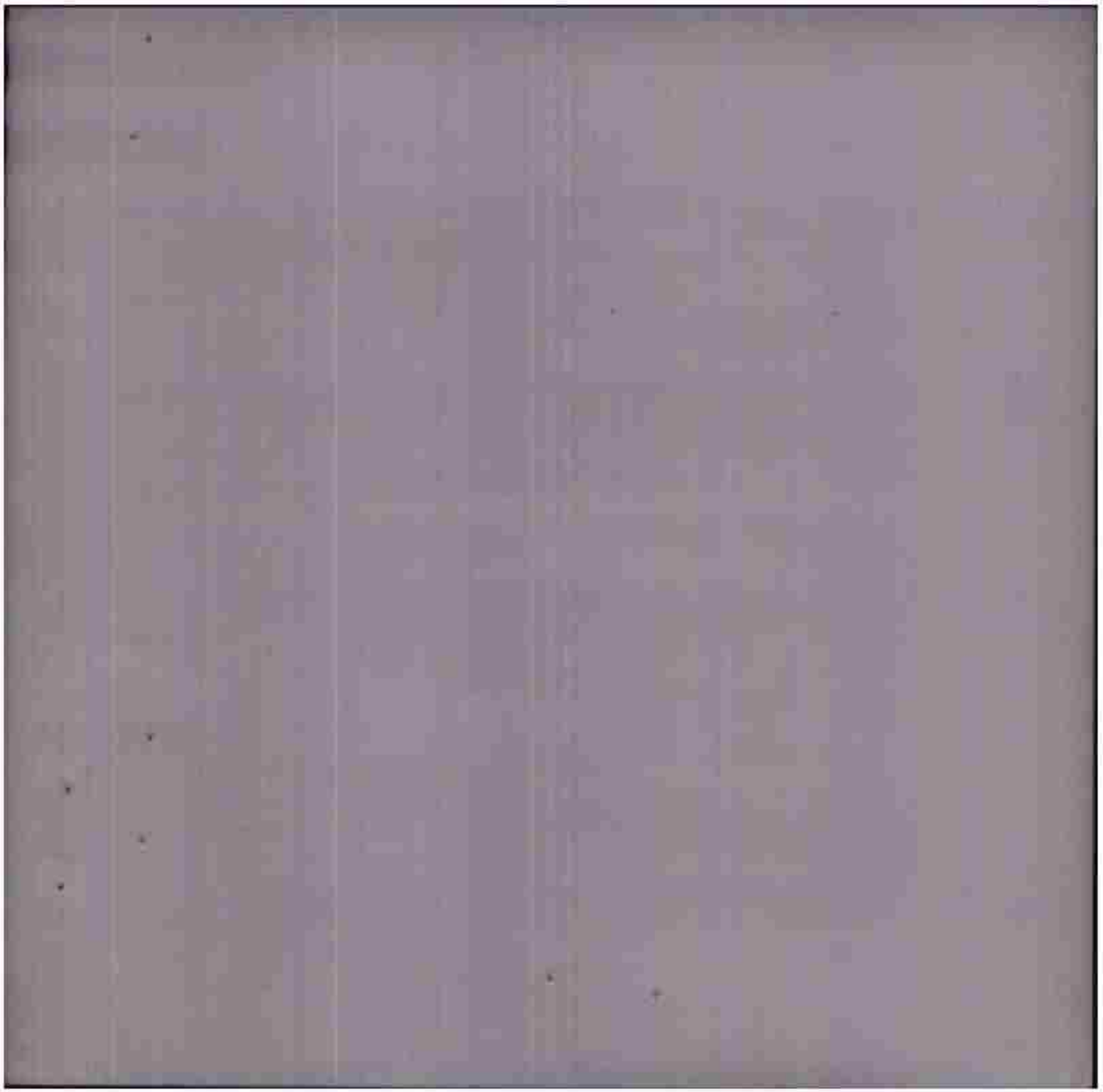
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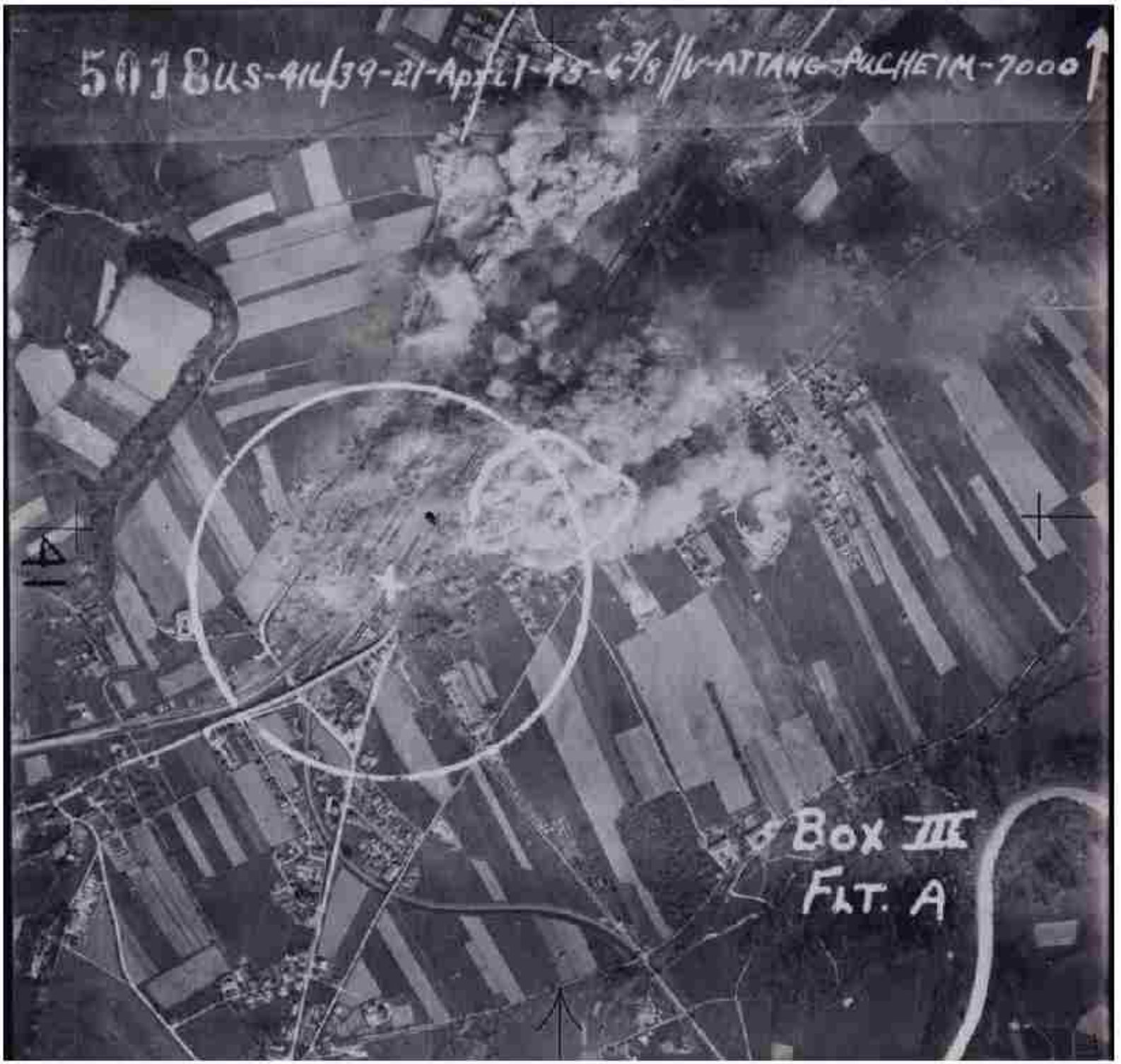
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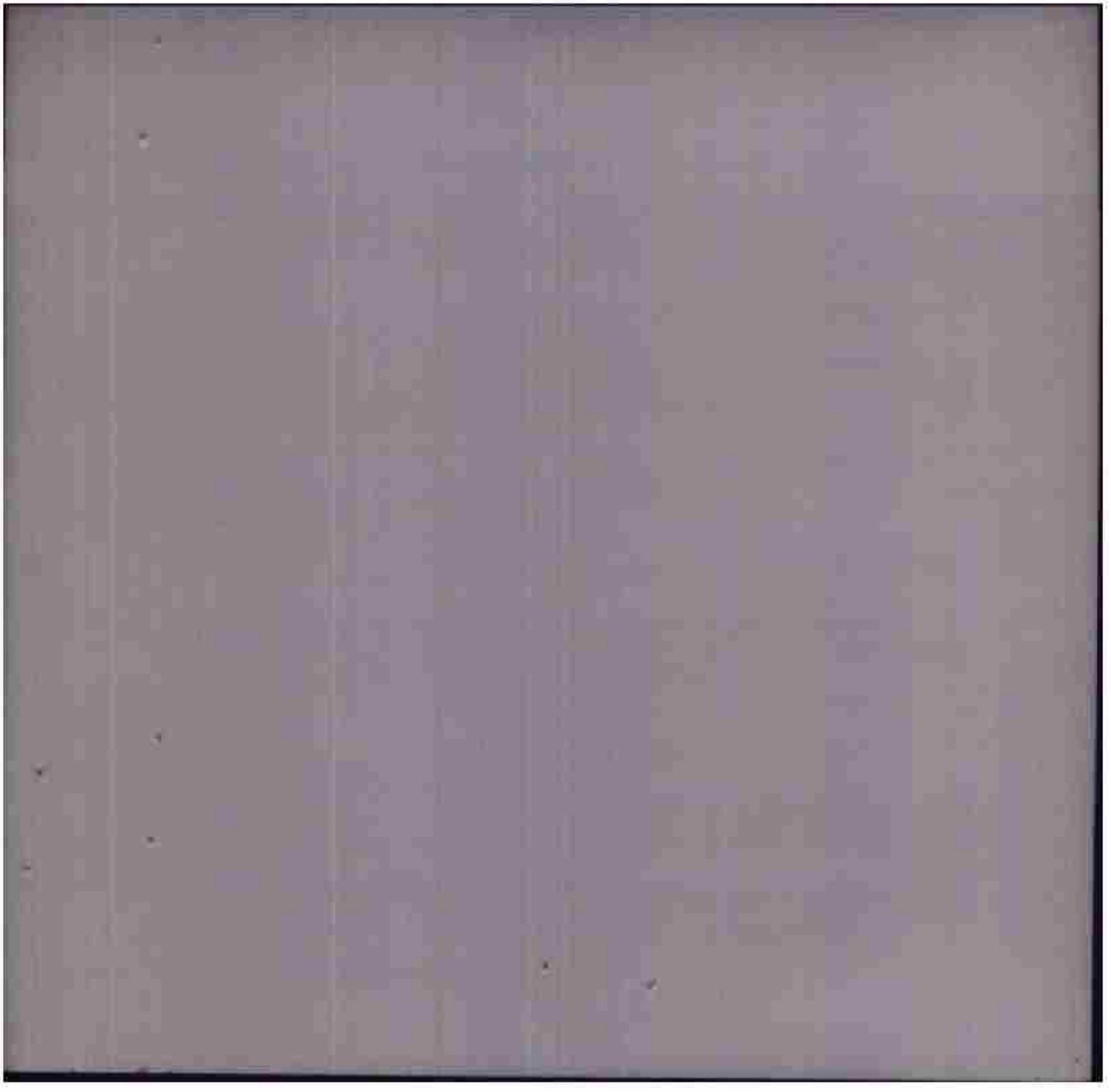
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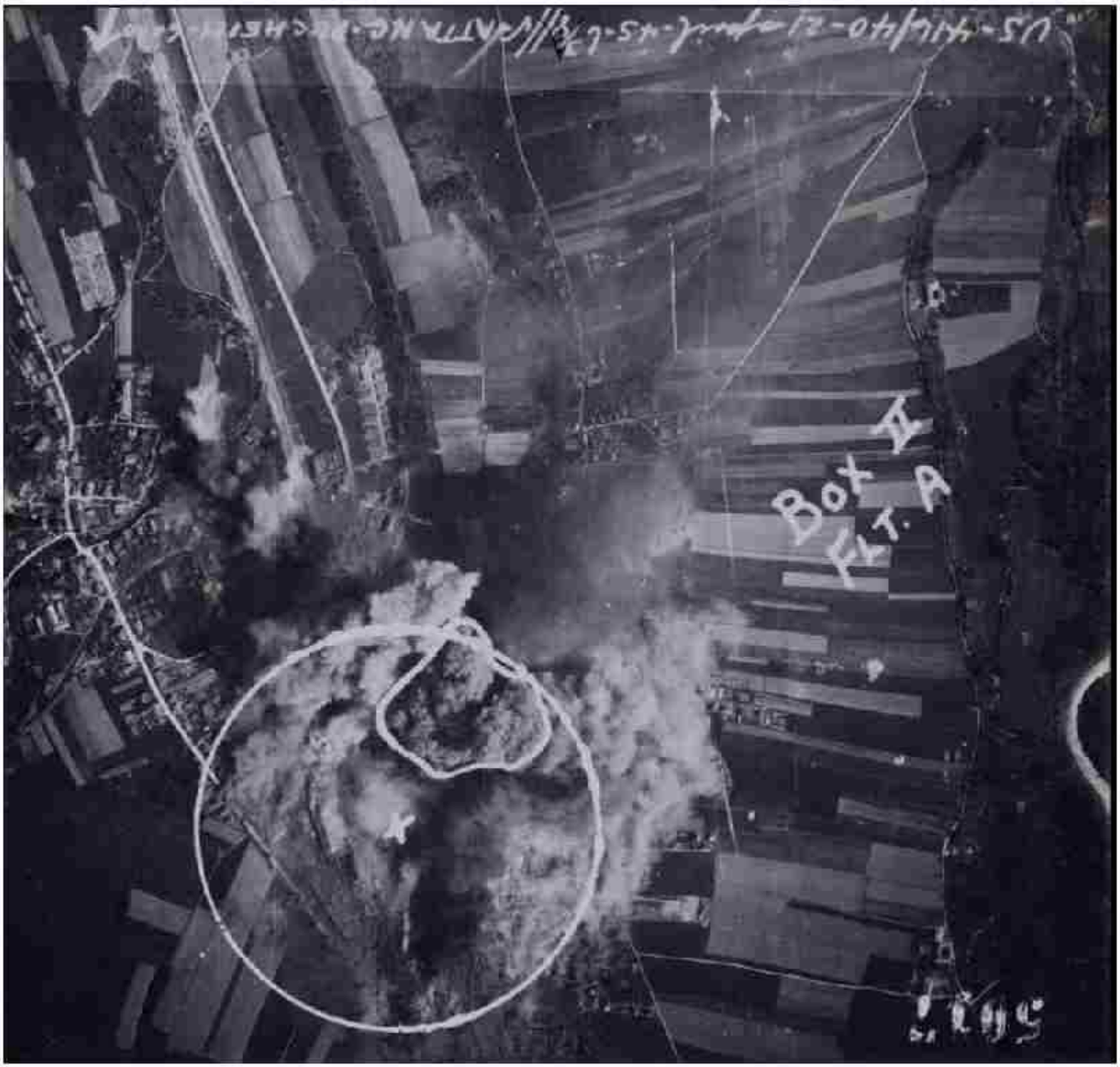
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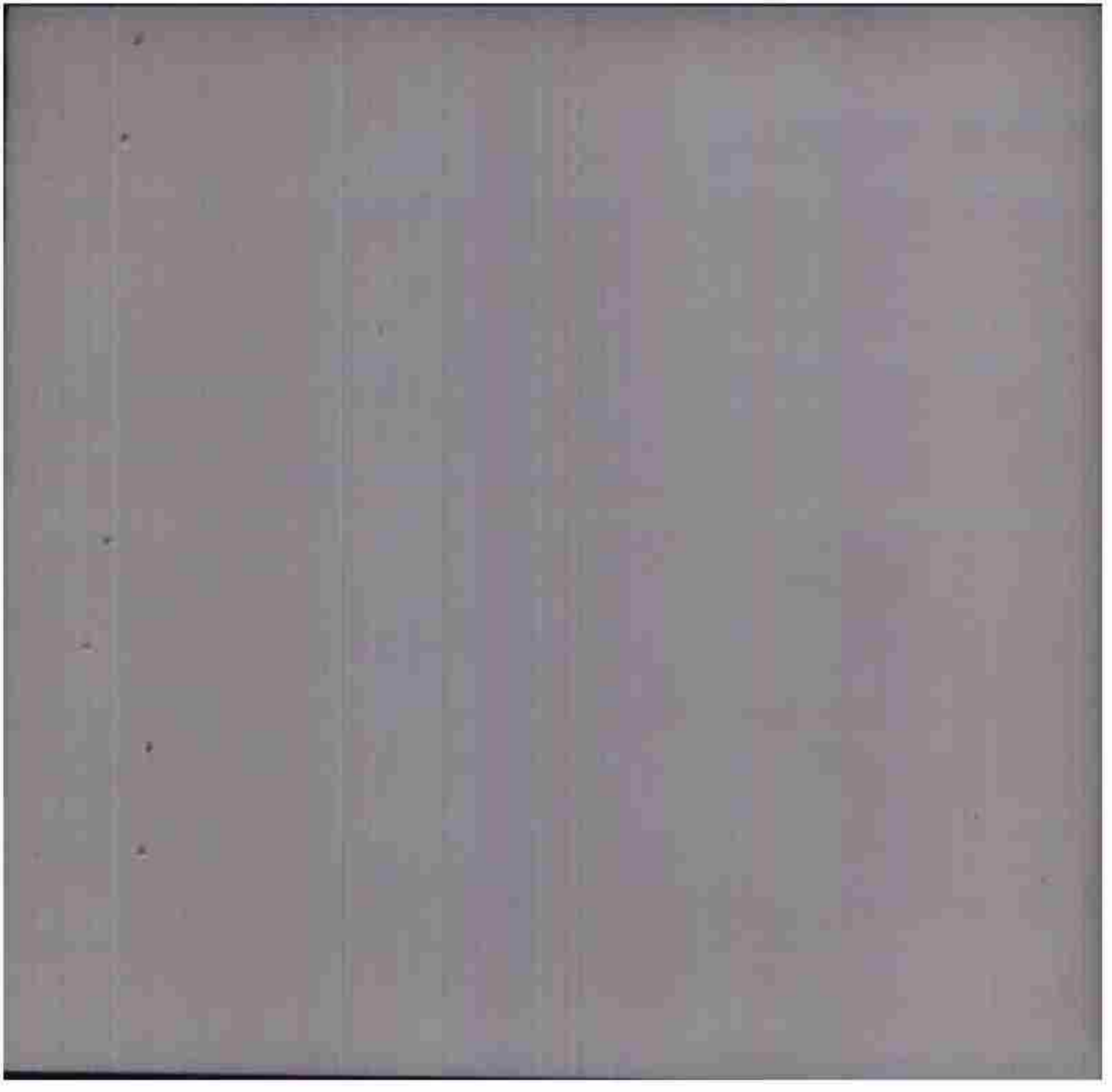
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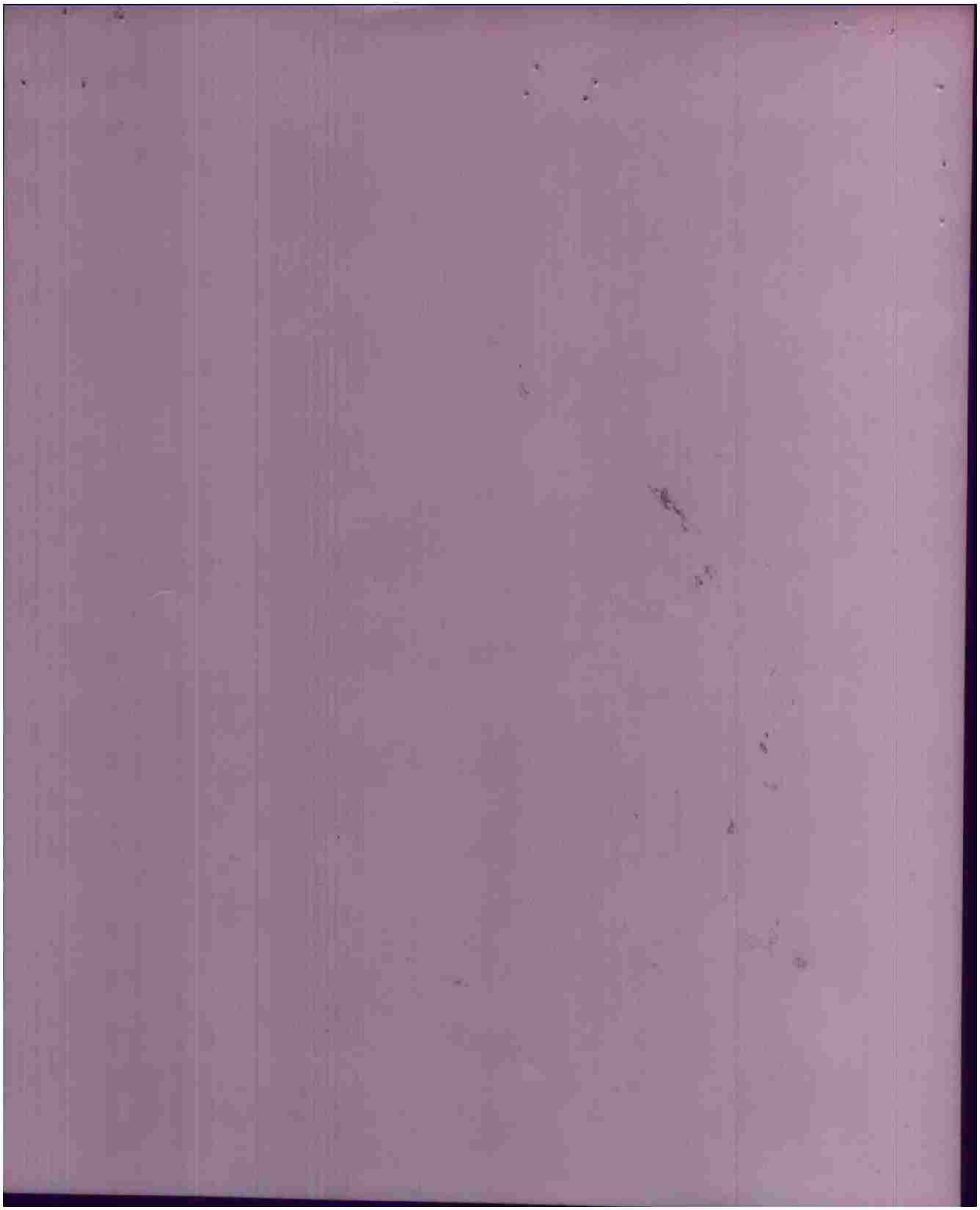


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NINTH AF CONSOLIDATED REPORT 9TH BD / SA 1389

(A) TARGET: ATTNANG-PUCHEIM M/Y 4416/X8 - XV/456523
(B) SORTIE: US 416/36 THRU 40
(C) DATE: 21 APR 45 TIME: 1148-1159 B
(D) ATTACKING A/C: 42 A-26's BY 8's
(E) BOMBS: 168/1000 GP 1/10 N., 1/100 T.
(F) COVER: TARGET IS SEEN ON PRINTS OF GOOD QUALITY.
(G) RESULTS OF BOMBING: OF 7 FLTS BOMBING, TWO HAD PATTERNS IN THE YARD PROPER, ONE WAS IN THE REPAIR FACILITIES SECTION, & THE REMAINING 4 FLTS PATTERNS FRINGED THE E SIDE OF M/Y, IN A BUILT UP SECTION, & ON SEVERAL SHED TYPE BUILDINGS.
(H) ACTIVITY: M/Y SHOWS HEAVY LOADING ACTIVITY.

(I) ANNOTATED PRINT: 5019 SORTIE: US 416/39

NOTE: RECTANGLE ENCLOSES BOMB PATTERN AREA.

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9th B.D. S-2 Report 164A

416 TH GROUP	9TH B.D. (M) WING 97th	B.
OTHER UNITS: TARGET	DATE 21 April 1945	Attang - Puchelm M/Y
	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED Attang - Puchelm M/Y PRIMARY

SECONDARY

M.P.I. 7 points in M/Y

A.P.

C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 42 A26 NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 42

D. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 6's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 3657241

E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 168 x 1000 GP FUSING 1/10 - 1/100

F. HEADING OF A/C WHEN DROPPED

G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED

H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

J. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

Box I Flt	A -	65 deg	1159
	B -	20	1157½
	C -	30	1148½
Box II Flt	A -	50	1158½
	B -	30	1155
	C -	333	1152
Box III Flt	A -	0	1156

Box I Flt A - (VISUAL) DMPI - SUPER: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI in tight pattern, center of bursts 250 ft E. Bombs hit on edge of choke point, cutting tracks and destroying goods wagons and adjacent bldgs. Used impulse bombing.

Flt B - DMPI - EXCEL: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI in good pattern, center of bursts 395 ft NE. Bombs fell on edge of M/Y, destroying or severely damaging engine round house, nearby small bldg, cutting tracks and destroying a number of goods wagons. Used impulse bombing.

Flt C - DMPI - SUPER: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 75 ft E. Excellent pattern of bursts centered on M/Y and covering DMPI, cutting tracks at choke point, destroying freight cars and bldgs.

Box II Flt A - (VISUAL) DMPI - EXCEL: 98% of bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 600 ft NE. Excellent pattern of bursts hit into smoke covering M/Y. Bombs fell on edge of yard destroying bldgs and freight cars and probably cutting tracks.

Flt B - DMPI - SUPER: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 250 ft SE. Not all of pattern is shown on this photo due to fact target goes off edge of film before entire pattern hit. Bombs built up farther into M/Y. Small pattern of bombs on edge of M/Y destroying freight cars and cutting tracks. Used Impulse bombing.

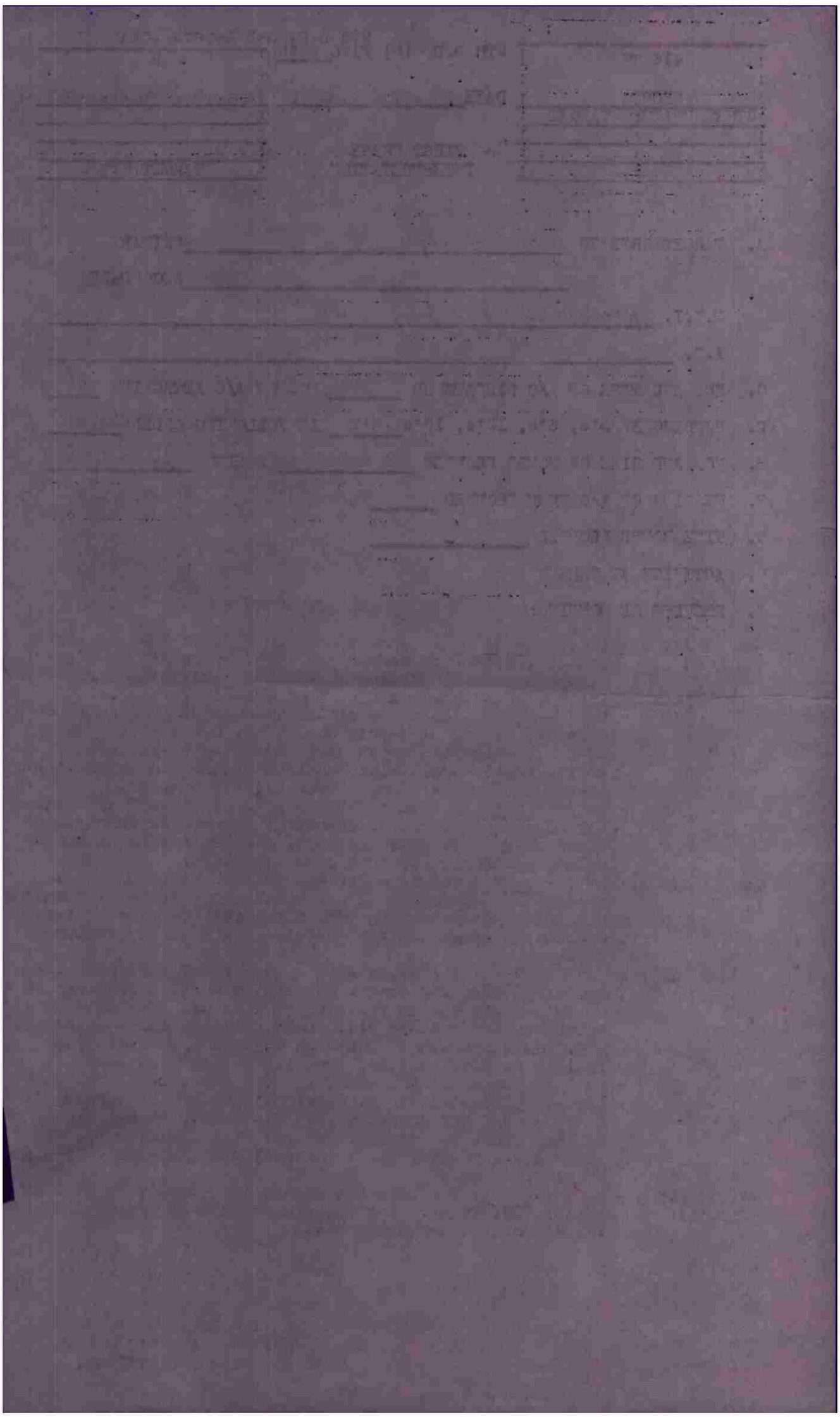
Flt C - DMPI - SUPER: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of bursts 175 ft NE. Excellent pattern of bursts hit in center of M/Y covering DMPI with heavy damage to rolling stock and tracks. Several hits on large warehouse bldgs destroying or severely damaging them. Impulse bombing.

Box III Flt A - (VISUAL) DMPI - EXCEL: 65% of bombs within 1000 ft with center of pattern 825 ft NE. Good pattern on edge of M/Y destroying warehouses and other bldgs.

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Captain, Air Corps,
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GROUP 416TH BOMB GROUP

MISSION OF 21 APRIL 1945

TO ATIANG - PUCHHEIM M/Y

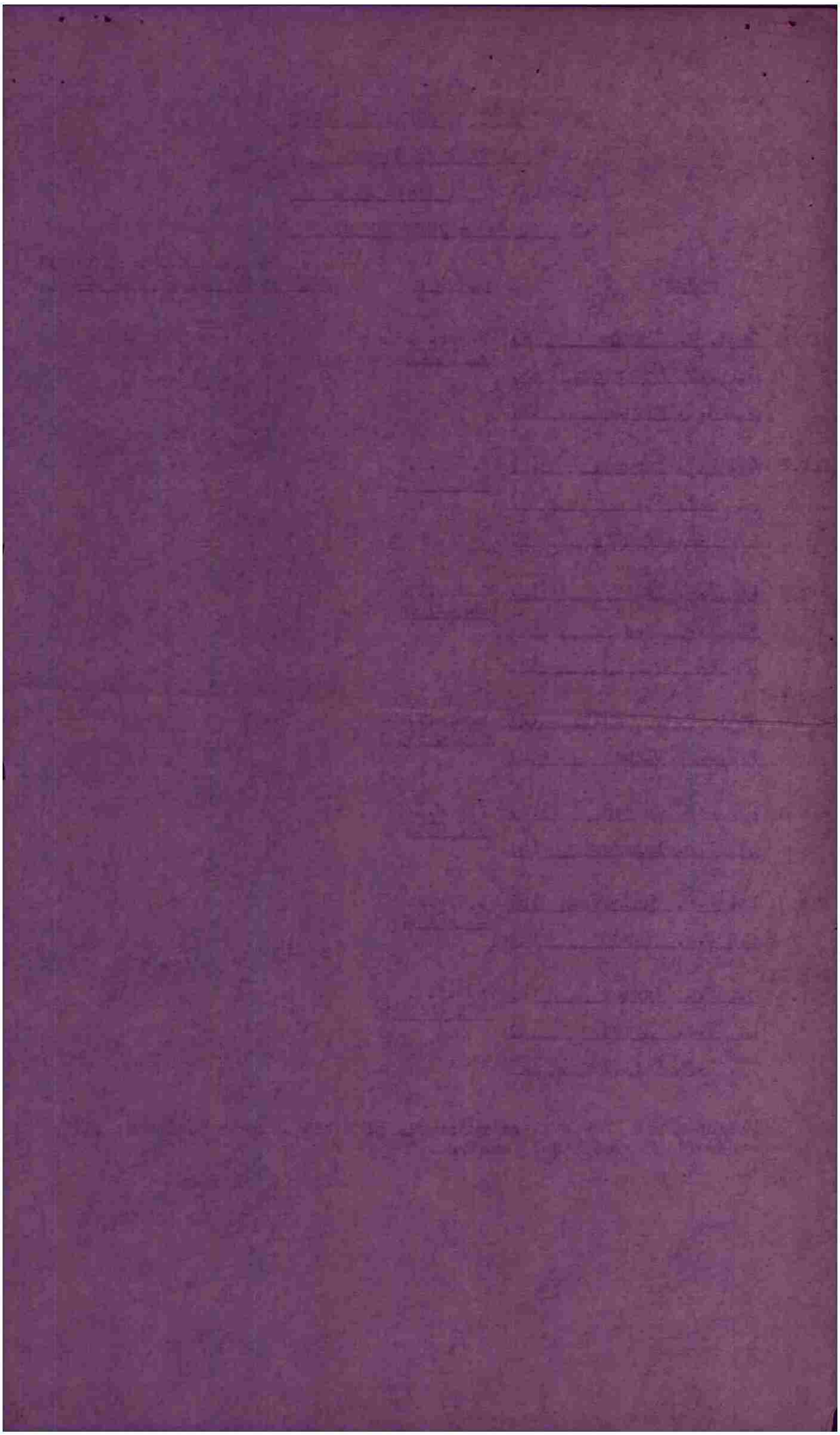
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BOX I				
Flt.A	Capt. H.L. Evans	(P)	D.N.P.I. SUPERIOR	
	Lt. T.M. McCartney	(B)		
	Lt. M.E. Myrold	(N)		
Flt.B	Lt. E.V. Pomeroy	(P)	D.N.P.I. EXCELLENT	
	Lt. C.F. Fry	(B)		
	Lt. R.L. Pompere	(N)		
Flt.C	Lt. R.B. Hall	(P)	D.N.P.I. SUPERIOR	
	F/O T.L. Goss	(B)		
	Lt. M. Pavey	(N)		
BOX II				
Flt.A	Capt. C.S. Stanley	(P)	D.N.P.I. EXCELLENT	
	F/O J.H. Blount	(B)		
Flt.B	Lt. G.B. Jordan	(P)	D.N.P.I. SUPERIOR	
	Lt. R.F. Mulgrew	(B)		
Flt.C	Lt. H.N. VanNoorden	(P)	D.N.P.I. SUPERIOR	
	F/O C.M. Brandt	(B)		
BOX III				
Flt.A	Lt. D.C. Turner	(P)	D.N.P.I. EXCELLENT	
	Lt. F.J. McGivern	(B)		
	Lt. E.J. Morley	(N)		

Flight A box I made three runs; flight A box II made two runs; all other flights made only one run.

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2ND LT. AIR CORPS
ASST. GROUP BOMBARDIER

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CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING 13 100 %

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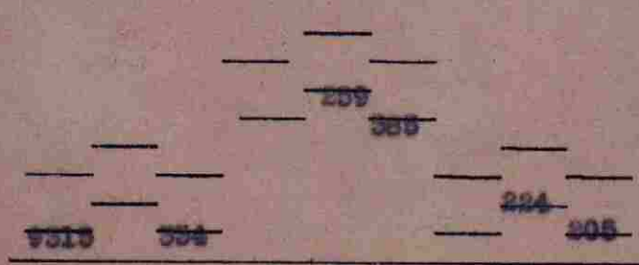
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GROUP 416th. Bomb Gp. (L)

WING 97th. C.B.

DATE 21 April 45

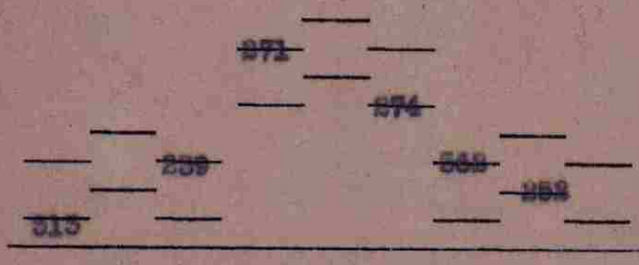


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TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH

GROUND SPEED 246 MPH



TARGET [illegible]

ALTITUDE 6500 FEET

TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH

GROUND SPEED 248 MPH



TARGET [illegible]

ALTITUDE 6500 FEET

TRUE AIR SPEED 215 MPH

GROUND SPEED 249 MPH

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1	224	"	"	0			" "
1	205	"	"	0			" "
1	534	"	"	0	38		
1	315	"	"	0			" "
2	271	"	6 3/8	0	39		
2	362	"	"	0	38		
2	252	"	"	0			" "
2	239	"	"	0	37		
2	274	"	6 3/8	0			" "
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2	564	"	6 3/8	0			A/C Aborted

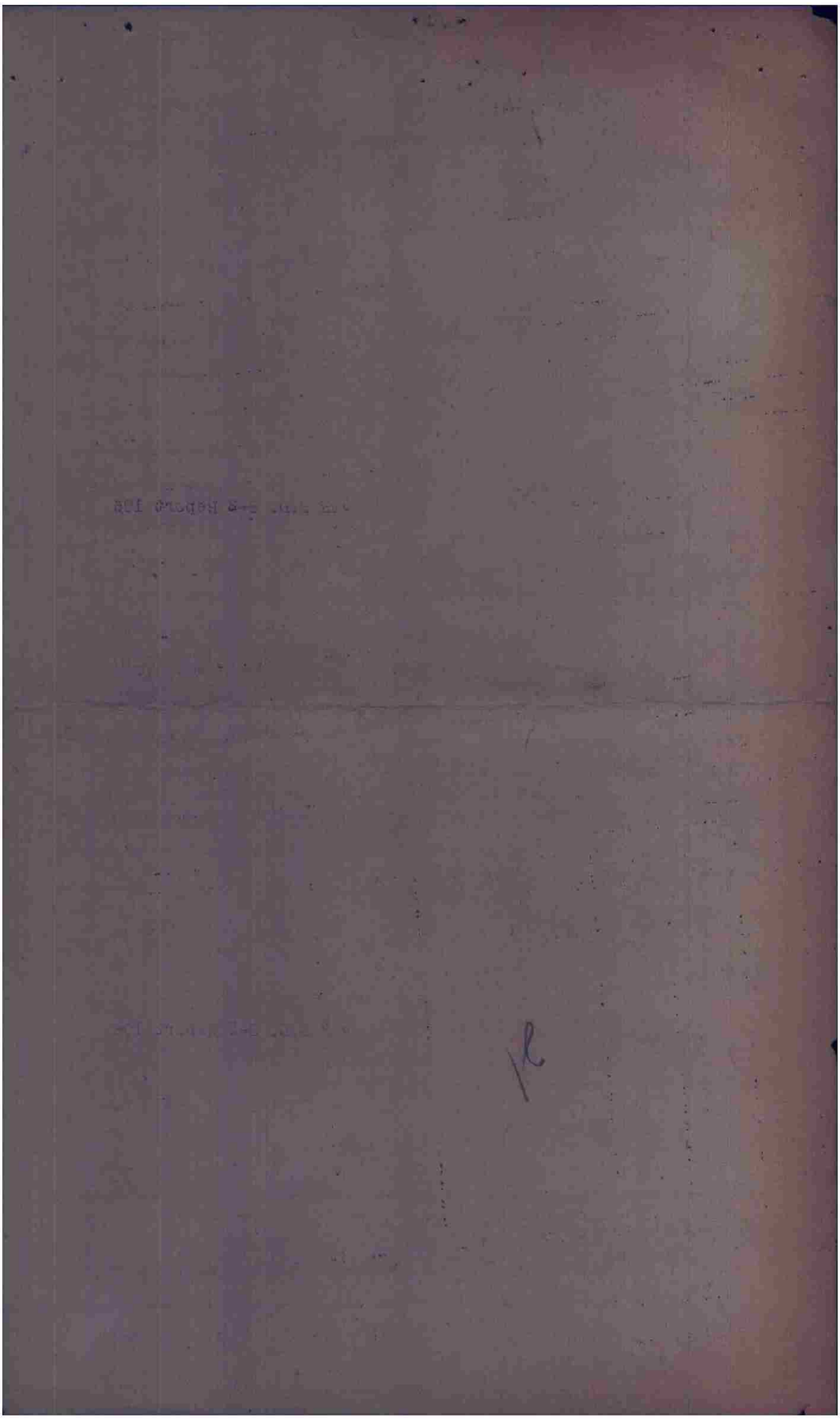
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TARGET ATINANG-PUCHEIM M/Y DATE 21 APR 45 NO. A/C 47 MISS. # 284

COORD. V-4563V3 F.O. # 265 868 STATUS ATTACKED.

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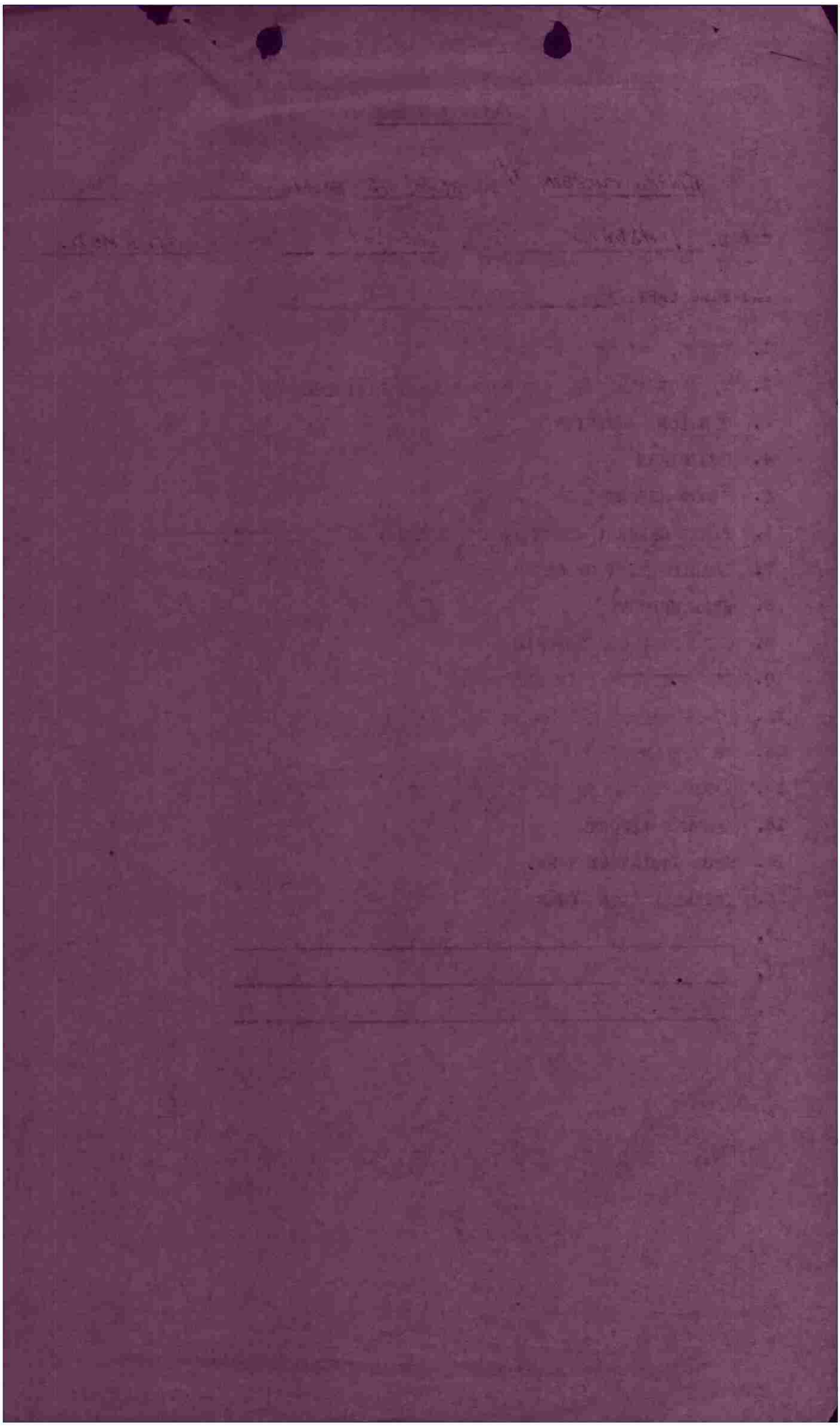
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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (H)

APO # 140
21 April 1945

MISSION SUMMARY #123

Field Order 868 Section I

GROUP	TARGET	MISSION RESULTS
391 BG	Attnang-Pucheim (XV-456523) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flight A - Undet. Flight B - Undet. Flight C - Excellent Box II - Flight A - Superior (SkPI) Flight B - Superior Flight C - Superior Box III - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Excellent
416 BG	Attnang-Pucheim (XV-456523) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Superior Box II - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Superior Flight C - Superior Box III - Flight A - Excellent
386 BG	Attnang-Pucheim (XV-456523) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flight A - M.A.O. Flight B - Superior (SkPI) Flight C - Superior Box II - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Superior Flight C - Superior
410 BG	Mengen (WX-194404) Marshalling Yard	No Attack

Mission Summary #123 is hereby revised to include information, regarding aircraft landed away from base, which was not available when the original report was prepared.

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Three groups attacked a marshalling yard, recording superior to Undetermined results. A fourth group was recalled from friendly territory because weather at base prevented escort from taking off.

Attnang-Puchheim (Marshalling Yard)

391 BG: 50 A-26 a/c dispatched, 46 dropping 180 x 1000 GP on Primary.

4 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failures.

No losses, battle damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 6300 - 8600 feet.

Box I - Flight A. D.P.I - UNDETERMINED. Bomb bursts not visible because target area obscured by clouds.

Flight B. D.P.I - UNDETERMINED. Bombs fell into thick bomb smoke of earlier flights. No bomb bursts visible.

Flight C. D.P.I - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of D.P.I. Long pattern 300 ft. N of D.P.I, probably cutting 2 RR lines, with damage to one locomotive and 2 goods wagons. Bursts also on 3 warehouses, farm type buildings, and a main roadway.

Box II -Flight A. D.P.I - SUPERIOR. D.P.I obscured by heavy smoke. Bombardier chose choke point at the NE end of M/Y, 1200 feet NE of D.P.I as the M.P.I. All bombs within 1000 feet of D.P.I with strikes 165 feet N of D.P.I. Bombs fell in tight pattern across NE choke point of M/Y cutting all sidings at NE end of yard with hits on 2 highway overpasses at NE end of M/Y. Other hits on 2 roadways and on 7 buildings.

Flight B. D.P.I - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 feet of D.P.I. Bombs fell on D.P.I in tight pattern blanketing center of M/Y with direct hits on more than 150 goods wagons and cuts on all 25 RR sidings in the center of the M/Y.

Flight C. D.P.I - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 feet of D.P.I. Bombs fell 220 feet ESE of D.P.I into smoke of earlier flights cutting RR sidings with hits on 3 goods wagons and across roadway.

Box III - Flight A. D.P.I - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of D.P.I. Tight pattern about 300 ft. NW of D.P.I, hitting along a main roadway, cutting it in several places, 4 RR lines, damaging at least 10 goods wagons, and hitting 3 warehouses and 7 residential or farm type buildings along the road and tracks.

Flight B - D.P.I - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of D.P.I. Tight pattern about 600 ft. N of D.P.I, cutting choke points of 4 RR sidings, hitting freight warehouse, and cutting a main roadway in several places, with damage to 6 small buildings.

416 BG: 42 A-26 a/c dispatched, all dropping 166 x 1000 GP on Primary.

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

Visual bombing by flights from 8500 feet.

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Box I - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Tight pattern, with center of bursts 250 ft. E of DMPI. Bombs hit on edge of choke point, cutting tracks and destroying goods wagons and adjacent buildings. Impulse bombing.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPI. Good pattern, with center of bursts 395 ft. NE of DMPI. Bombs fell on edge of M/Y, destroying or severely damaging engine round house, nearby small building, cutting tracks, and destroying a number of goods wagons. Impulse bombing.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern 75 ft. N of DMPI with bursts centered on M/Y, and covering DMPI, cutting tracks at choke point, destroying freight cars and buildings.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 97 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern 600 ft. NE of DMPI, in smoke covering M/Y. Bombs fell on edge of yard, destroying buildings and freight cars, and probably cutting tracks.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of pattern 250 ft. SE of DMPI. Not all of pattern is shown on this photo due to fact target goes off edge of film before entire pattern hit. Bombs built up farther into M/Y. Small pattern of bombs on edge of M/Y, destroying freight cars and cutting tracks. Impulse bombing.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of bursts 175 ft. NE in excellent pattern. Bursts hit in center of M/Y, covering DMPI, with heavy damage to rolling stock and tracks. Several hits on large warehouse buildings, destroying or severely damaging them. Impulse bombing.

Box III - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 65 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of pattern 825 ft. NE. Good pattern on edge of M/Y, destroying warehouses and other buildings.

386 BG: 34 A-26 a/c dispatched, 33 dropping 132 x 1000 GP on Primary.

1 a/c failed to bomb: other (believed flight leader had salvoed, and held bombs; subsequently jettisoned 4 X 1000 GP safe in lake approximately 15 miles from Biblis (WA-550210).

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 8000 feet.

Box I - Flight A. NAO. Bombardier reported that smoke from previous bombing of another group rose up in air between center of M/Y and his DMPI, which was at roundhouse just south of burning area. A few seconds before bombs away he moved his cross hairs up to a point where he judged DMPI was. At time of bombs away cross hairs were on smoke. Bursts fell in field 1920 ft. NE of DMPI, with no apparent military damage.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. Bombardier changed his aiming point, as preceding group had bombed his DMPI. Chosen DPI was rolling stock at low center of M/Y. All bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Pattern is smoke obscured. However, there appears to be no radial error. Bursts cover center of M/Y, with very probable damage to cars and tracks.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of long pattern is 245 ft. NW of DMPI, falling

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across AR tracks before roundhouse, with hits on tracks.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of concentrated pattern is 240 ft. W of DMPI, falling at western edge of tracks in center portion of Y/Y. Probable hits on rolling stocks and tracks.

Flight B - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of concentrated pattern is 100 ft. W of DMPI, covering choke point of L/Y, and also road and railroad intersection point.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of concentrated pattern is 245 ft. W of DMPI, with E end of pattern covering section of tracks near choke point area.

Hengen (Marshalling Yard)

410 BG: 45 a/c dispatched; none bombed.

45 a/c failed to bomb: weather (formation was recalled from friendly territory due to inclement weather at base of fighter escort).

No losses, damage, casualties.

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Section II

A/C OFF			171
A/C Bombing	121		
A/C Failing to Bomb	5		
A/C Recalled (Weather)	45		
TOTAL			171

Bombs on Enemy Territory	238.0
Total Bombs to Date	150,534.1

A/C Lost	0	
A/C Missing	0	
A/C Crash-Landed	0	
A/C Battle Damaged	1	(0.81%)
Killed	0	
Wounded	0	
Missing	0	
Injured	0	
Claims	0	

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FAILURES TO BOMB

GROUP	NO. A/C	CLASSIFICATION	REASON
391	4	Mechanical	1 - bombay door malfunction. 1 - left engine out. 1 - pilot's hatch sprung open. 1 - malfunction of cowling flaps and electrical system out.
386	1	Other	Believed flight leader had salvoed, so held bombs.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Attnang-Puchoim 391 BG: 8 to 10/10 medium cloud tops unknown, base 8,000 feet. Visibility 10 miles.
416 BG: 4 to 5/10 altocumulus, base 5500 feet tops 6500 feet. 4/10 cirrostratus at 17000 feet. Visibility 10-12 miles air to ground.
386 BG: 10/10 middle cloud base 8000 feet. Nil low cloud. Visibility 15 miles.

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	123
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C FLAK BATTLE DAMAGED	1
% A/C FLAK BATTLE DAMAGED	0.81%

Attnang-Puchoim Marshalling Yard
416, 391, 386 Gps

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Flak Battle Damaged	1
% A/C Flak Battle Damaged	0.81%

The 391 Group received no flak enroute or at the target. The 386 Group experienced moderate, inaccurate, light flak fire at Wassenburg (MA-330520). Both 416 and 386 Groups experienced the same type of flak at Erding (MA-095770). The 416 Group was flying at true altitude of between 1500 and 3000 feet at time fire was received.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.T.'s: 1025 to 1148

Crews of 391 BG at 1052 hours observed 2 jetcraft in target area at 18,000 feet. No combat.

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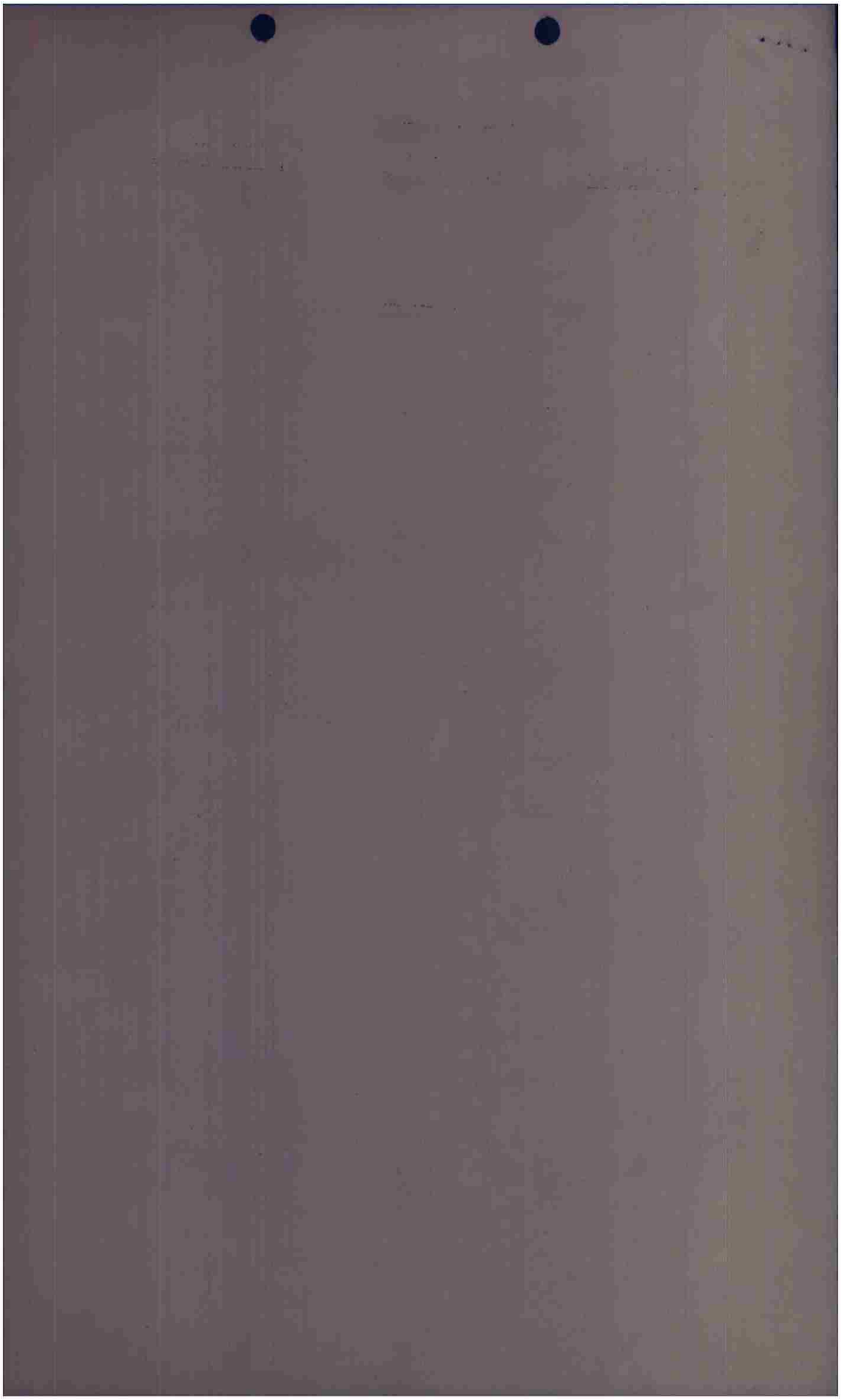
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GROUP	CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING	CAMERA FAILURES NO.	CAMERA FAILURES PERCENT	PERSONNEL FAILURES NO.	PERSONNEL FAILURES PERCENT
391	100%	0	0	0	0
416	100%	0	0	0	0
386	100%	0	0	0	0

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APO # 140
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9th Bomb Div (H)

MISSION SUMMARY #123

Field Order 868

Section I

GROUP	TARGET	MISSION RESULTS
391 BG	Attnang-Puchoim (XV-456523) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flight A - Undet. Flight B - Undet. Flight C - Undet. Box II - Flight A - Superior, (SMPI) Flight B - Superior Flight C - Superior Box III - Flight A - Undet. Flight B - Undet.
416 BG	" "	Box I - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Superior Box II - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Superior Box III - Flight A - Excellent
386 BG	" "	Undet.
410 BG	Mengen (WX-194404) Marshalling Yard	No attack

One group was recalled from friendly territory because of inclement base weather.

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Three groups attacked a marshalling yard recording Superior to Undetermined results.

Attnang-Puchein (Marshalling Yard)

391 BG: 48 A-26 a/c dispatched, 39 dropping 154 x 1000 GP on primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 5 a/c (1, crash-landed at Aachen; 4, landed at Maastrich).

4 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical.

The a/c mentioned above crash-landed due to slippery runway. No casualties.

No losses, further damage, or casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 6300 - 8800 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Bomb bursts not visible because target area obscured by clouds.

Flight B. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Bombs fell into thick bomb smoke of earlier flights. No bomb bursts visible.

Flight C. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Landed away from base.

Box II - Flight A. SMPI - SUPERIOR. DMPI obscured by heavy smoke. Bombardier chose choke point at the SE end of M/Y, 1200 feet SE of DMPI as the MPI. All bombs within 1000 foot of SMPI with strikes 165 feet N of SMPI. Bombs fell in tight pattern across SE choke point of M/Y cutting all sidings at SE end of yard with hits on 2 highway overpasses at SE end of M/Y. Other hits on 2 roadways and on 7 buildings.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 feet of DMPI. Bombs fell on DMPI in tight pattern blanketing center of M/Y with direct hits on more than 150 goods wagons and cuts on all 25 RR sidings in the center of the M/Y.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 feet of DMPI. Bombs fell 220 feet ESE of DMPI into smoke of earlier flights cutting RR sidings with hits on 3 goods wagons and across roadway.

Box III - Flight A. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Landed away from base.

Flight B. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Landed away from base.

416 BG: 42 a/c dispatched, all dropping 168 x 1000 GP on primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 7100 - 8500 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombs fell in good pattern on edge of M/Y at SE end, cutting tracks and destroying buildings. (a/c landed away from base and no information is available as to altitude of flight, time bombs were dropped, order of bombing, etc.; therefore, distance could not be accurately measured and all ratings are merely estimates. It is also not known at this time as to whether DMPI or SMPI was used.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombs hit in good pattern on edge of M/Y destroying warehouses, buildings and cutting tracks. (a/c landed away from base and no information is available as to

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altitude of flight, time bombs were dropped, order of bombing, etc; therefore, distance could not be accurately measured and all ratings are merely estimates. It is also not known at this time as to whether DMPI or SMPI was used.)

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. Bombs hit on choke point in excellent pattern at NE end of M/Y causing explosions, cutting tracks and destroying a large number of goods wagons and nearby RR sheds. (A/C landed away from base and no information is available as to altitude of flight, time bombs were dropped, order of bombing etc; therefore, distance could not be accurately measured and all ratings are merely estimates. It is also not known at this time as to whether DMPI or SMPI was used.)

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. Bombs hit in excellent pattern in center of M/Y destroying goods wagons and adjacent buildings and cutting tracks in a number of places. (A/C landed away from base and no information is available as to altitude of flight, time bombs were dropped, order of bombing, etc.; therefore, distance could not be accurately measured and all ratings are merely estimates. It is also not known at this time as to whether DMPI or SMPI was used.)

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombs hit on edge of M/Y at SW end in good pattern destroying goods wagons, cutting tracks and destroying nearby buildings and blocking roads. (A/C landed away from base and no information is available as to altitude of flight, time bombs were dropped, order of bombing, etc.; therefore, distance could not be accurately measured and all ratings are merely estimates. It is also not known at this time as to whether DMPI or SMPI was used.)

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. Bombs hit in excellent pattern in center of M/Y causing explosions and starting fires, destroying a large number of goods wagons and cutting tracks in many places. (A/C landed away from base and no information is available as to altitude of flight, time bombs were dropped, order of bombing, etc.; therefore, distance could not be accurately measured and all ratings are merely estimates. It is also not known at this time as to whether DMPI or SMPI was used.)

Box III - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombs fell in good pattern on N edge of M/Y severely damaging roundhouse and small buildings, and destroying large number of goods wagons and cutting tracks in many places. (A/C landed away from base and no information is available as to altitude of flight, time bombs were dropped, order of bombing, etc.; therefore, distance could not be accurately measured and all ratings are merely estimates. It is also not known at this time as to whether DMPI or SMPI was used.)

386 BG: 34 A-26 a/c dispatched, all dropping 132 x 1000 GP on primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 8000 feet.

No photo coverage available as group landed away from base. Crews report excellent results.

Hengen (Marshalling Yard)

410 BG: 45 a/c dispatched, none bombed.

45 a/c failed to bomb: weather (formation was recalled from friendly territory due to inclement weather at base).

No losses, damage, casualties.

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SECTION II

A/C OFF		169
A/C Bombing	115	
A/C Failing to Bomb	4	
A/C Recalled (Weather)	45	
Bombs of 5 A/C Unaccounted for	5	
TOTAL		169

Bombs on Enemy Territory	227.0
Total Bombs to Date	150,523.1

A/C Lost	0
A/C Missing	0
A/C Crash-Landed (391 BG - A-26)	1
A/C Battle Damaged	0
Killed	0
Wounded	0
Missing	0
Injured	0
Claims	0

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FAILURES TO BOMB

GROUP	NO. A/C	CLASSIFICATION	REASON
391	4	Mechanical	1 - bombay door malfunction. 1 - left engine out. 1 - pilot's hatch sprung open. 1 - malfunction of cowling flaps and electrical system out.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Attnang-Pucheim 391 BG: 8 to 10/10 medium cloud tops unknown, base 8,000 feet. Visibility 10 miles.
416 BG: No report as a/c landed away from base.
386 BG: No report as a/c landed away from base.

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	116
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C FLAK BATTLE DAMAGED	0
% A/C FLAK BATTLE DAMAGED	0

Attnang-Pucheim Marshalling Yard

	416, 391, 386 Gps.
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Flak Battle Damaged	0
% A/C Flak Battle Damaged	0

The 391 Group received no flak enroute or at the target. Both the 416 and 386 Groups reported weak inaccurate, light flak fire at Erding A/F (Z-0976). The formations were flying between 7000 and 8500 feet altitude. In addition, the 386 Group experienced moderate, inaccurate, light flak fire at Z-3551.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.T.'s: 1048 to 1148

Crews of 391 BG at 1052 hours observed 2 jetcraft in target area at 18,000 feet. No combat.

S/A PHOTO REPORT

GROUP	CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING	CAMERA FAILURES NO.	CAMERA FAILURES PERCENT	PERSONNEL FAILURES NO.	PERSONNEL FAILURES PERCENT
391	100%	0	0	0	0
416	100%	0	0	0	0

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
PRESS RELEASE

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, Belgium, April 21 -- Crossing the Austrian border for the first time, 120 Invaders flew below a cloud ceiling that prevented visual bombing from medium level to attack a railway yard at Attnang-pucheim, Austria, in the only operation by Ninth Bombardment Division today.

Making their bomb runs below 8,000 feet, the medium bombers hit the rail installation, 35 miles northeast of Salzburg, with excellent results, crews reported. The rail yard, containing 40 sidings, was attacked to cut the main line from Vienna leading into the Nazis' redoubt area of Southern Germany and to destroy military supplies.

No flak was encountered over the target, but some formations were fired on from ground positions while enroute. No enemy aircraft were seen. Weather conditions prevented some bomber formations from returning to their bases, but it was believed none was lost.

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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, BELGIUM, April 21 - Following are operational statistics, including preliminary damage assessment figures, for attacks by A-26 Invaders on a marshalling yard at Attnang-Pucheim, Austria, Saturday:

Aircraft dispatched	169
Aircraft over enemy territory	116
Bomber losses	0
Bomb tonnage	227
Railroad cuts	50
Goods wagons destroyed or damaged	360
Roundhouses destroyed	1
Highway cuts	10
Buildings destroyed	32

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Mission #280-21 April '45

Again for the 3rd time in a month our Group was the first to bomb virgin country among Ninth Air Force bomb groups. The target was the Attang-Puchheim marshalling yards in Austria about 20 miles southwest of the city of Linz. The trip totalled 970 miles. Bad weather forced the formation down to low altitude. The bombing, done visually by flights, was from about 8,200 feet. High mountains in the vicinity made this a very dangerous altitude. Fortunately, however, there were no accidents. Dropping their 1,000poundersa, the formation completely destroyed their target.

Returning, some flights almost on the deck, the formation flew directly over an airfield at Erding. Crews reported that they could see Jerries running for shelter as the formation approached, expecting an attack. When no bombs were dropped, they came out of hiding and fired weak light flak at the last flight of the formation of seven flights. Lt. Hackley's plane suffered some battle damage, but in return, his gunner opened up on the airfielf with his turret guns. He inflicted some light damage before his guns jammed.

Forty planes were diverted to A-64 for the night. Two planes were diverted to Y-64. Information on these two planes is lacking at this time.

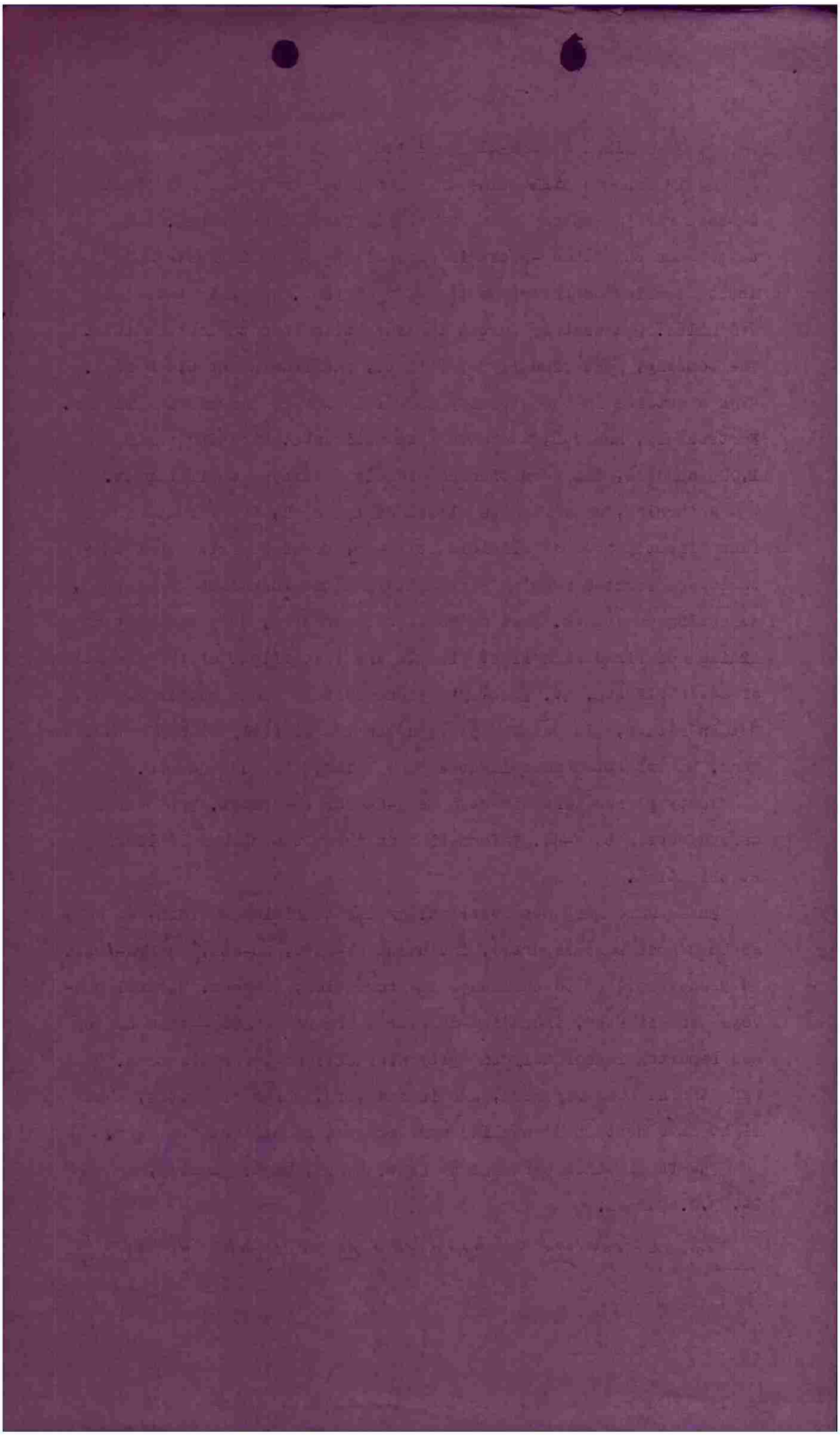
There were many observations. On the airfield ar Erdin, as many as 50 planes were reported, including Me-109s, Henns Ju-88s, Ju-52s and Me-163s. No planes rose up to challenge the formation, however. Several convoys were sighted, including one large armored convoy--this convoy was reported immediately to "Baby" for action by our fighters. Many trains were reported, and in one yard, boxes or crates, that might have contained supplies were stacked throughout the yard.

The three boxes were led by Capt. Evans, Capt. Stanley, and Lt. D.O. Turner.

Impulse bombing was again used by 4 flights successfully.

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FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 22/1335B
TO : CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION ATTN: A-2
CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATTN: A-2
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SECRET 416TH BG P-403-D RERIOD OPFLASH FOR 21 APRIL 1945.

A. 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

B. ATTANG-PUCHEIM M/Y (V-456523)

C. 42 A-26'S.

D. 42 A/C ATTACKED PRIMARY.

E. NIL

F. 168 X 1000 GP ON PRIMARY

G. GOOD TO EXCELLENT.

H. 1 A/C DAMAGED CAT. A-C, FLAK.

I. NIL

J. WEAK ACCURATE LIGHT FLAK FROM ERDING (Z-089765) AT ONE FLIGHT WHICH WAS BETWEEN 1500-3000 FT. TRUE ALTITUDE (FROM THE A/D).

K. APPROXIMATELY 40 ENEMY A/C WERE OBSERVED AT ERDING A/D (Z-089765) INCLUDING 109'S, HE111S, JU-88'S AND TWO ME-163'S. GUNNER OF ONE A/C STRAFFED THE A/D. HIS GUNS JAMMED. NO CLAIMS.

L. 8500

M. 1159

X. A LARGE EXCAVATION WAS OBSERVED AT Z-185585. TWO BULLDOZERS WERE OBSERVED BUT NO OTHER ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED.

FRANK MAZANEC
1ST LT., A.C.

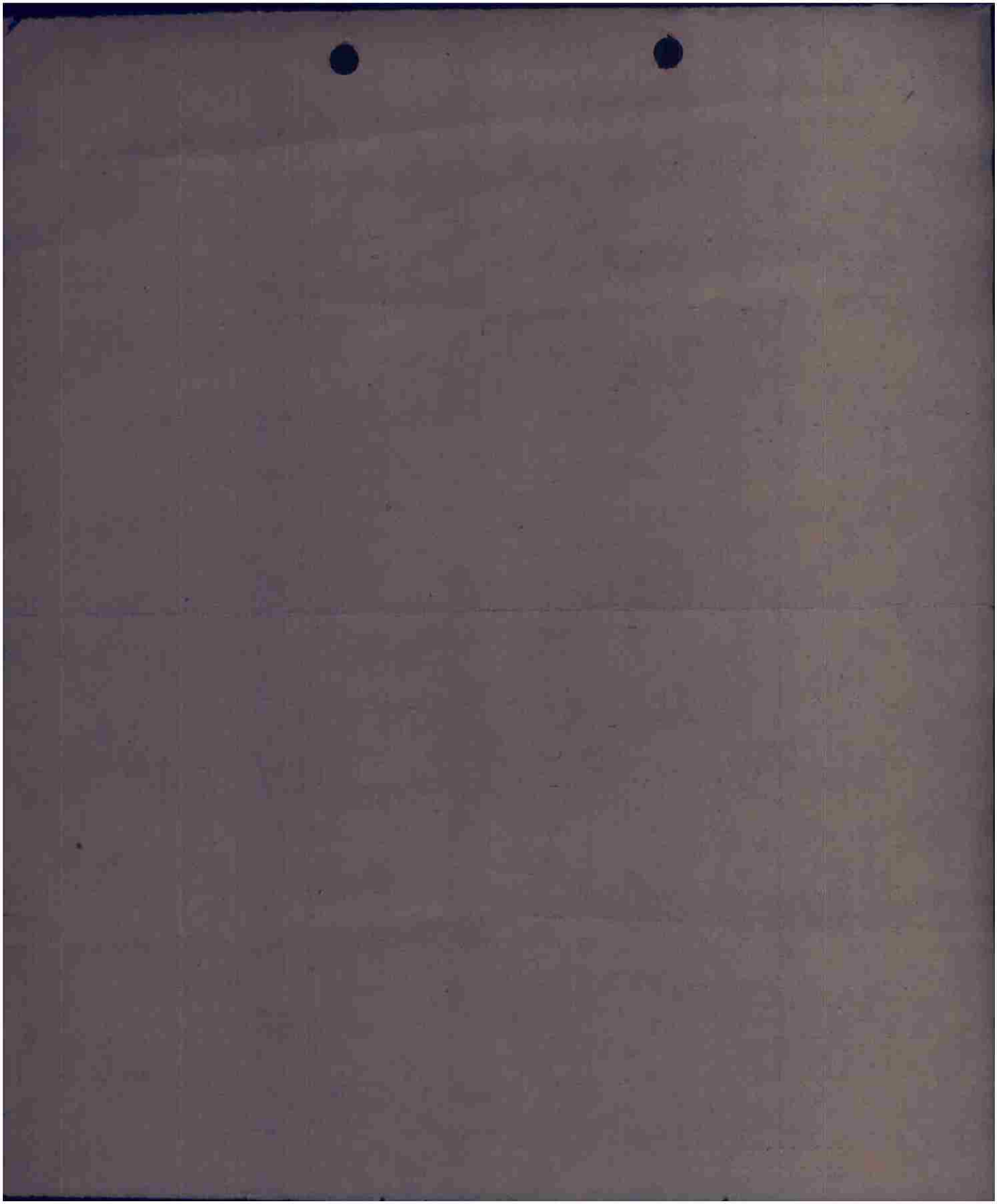
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To: CO, 9th Bombardment Division, Att. A-2
CO, 97th Combat Wing, Att. A-2

From: 416th Bomb Group (L)

Outlook for 21 April 1945

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A. 416th Bomb Group (L)

B. Attang-Puchheim A/F (Y-456853)

C. 42 A-26.

D. 42 a/c attacked primary.

E. Nil.

F. 168 x 1000 GP on primary.

G. Good to Excellent.

H. 1 a/c damaged Cat. A-3, Flak.

I. Nil

J. Weak inaccurate light flak from grding (Z-009765) at one flight which was between 1000-3000 ft. true altitude above the A/D).

K. Approximately 40 enemy a/c were observed at Erding A/D (Z-009766) including 109s, Me 410s, Ju 88s and two Me 163s. Gunner of one a/c strafed the A/D. His guns jammed.

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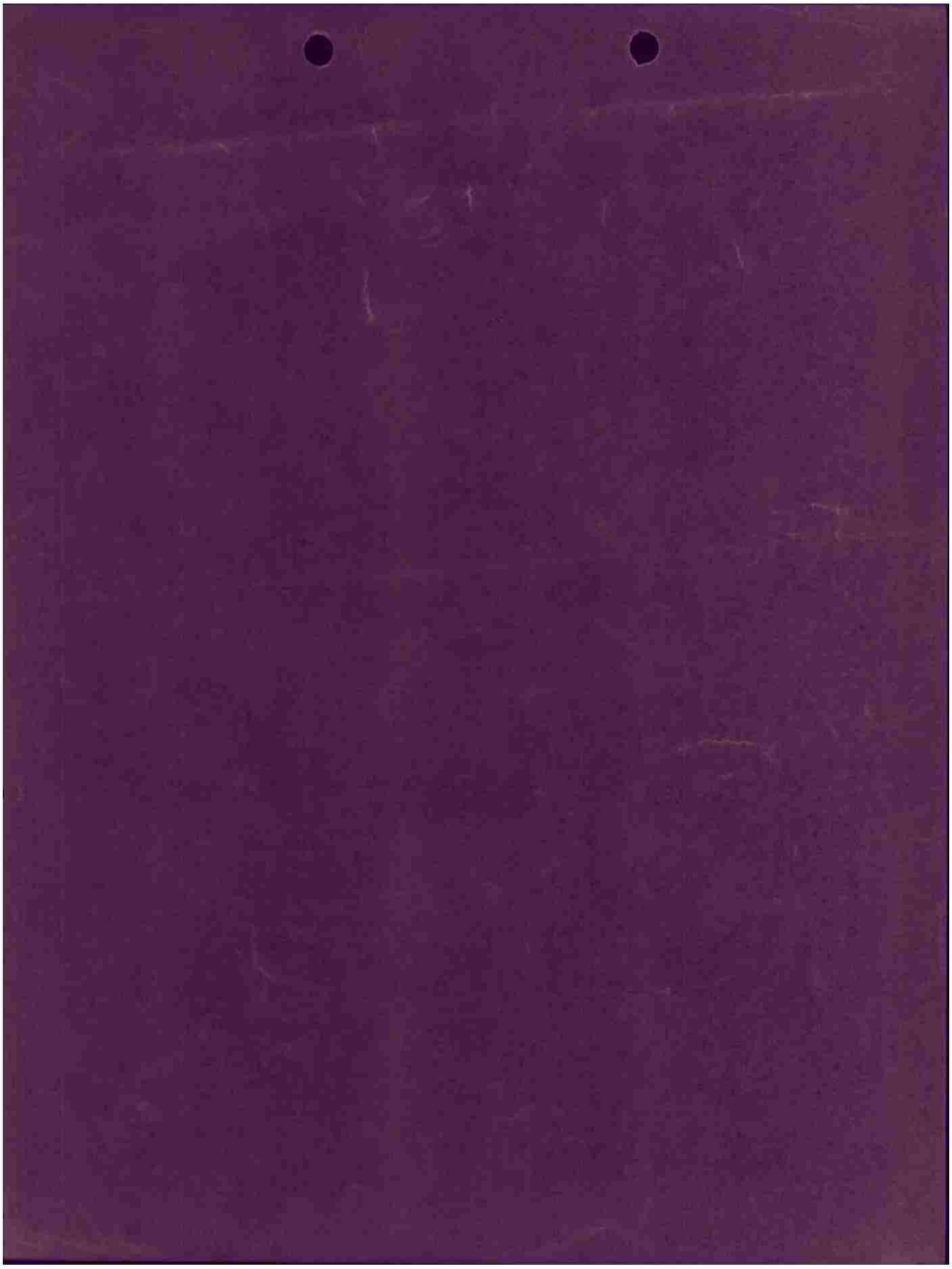
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N. A light interception was observed at Z-180580. Two bulldozers were observed but no other activity was observed.

Paul Monroe
1st Lt., AC
S-2 Duty Officer

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CG 97th combat Wing att A-2

From 416th Bomb Grp (L).

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A. 416th Bomb Grp (L)

B. attang - Ruchheim M/y (V-456523)

C. 42 A-26 a/c

D 42 A/c attached primary, ~~information lacking~~

~~Lack of fuel~~

E. Nil.

F. 168 x 1000 CPS on primary

~~8 x 1000 CPS, information lacking, three A/c~~

~~from this Sqdn landed away from base~~

G. good to Excellent

H. ~~2 a/c landed away from base, information~~

~~lacking~~

1 a/c damaged CAT, A/c FLAK damaged

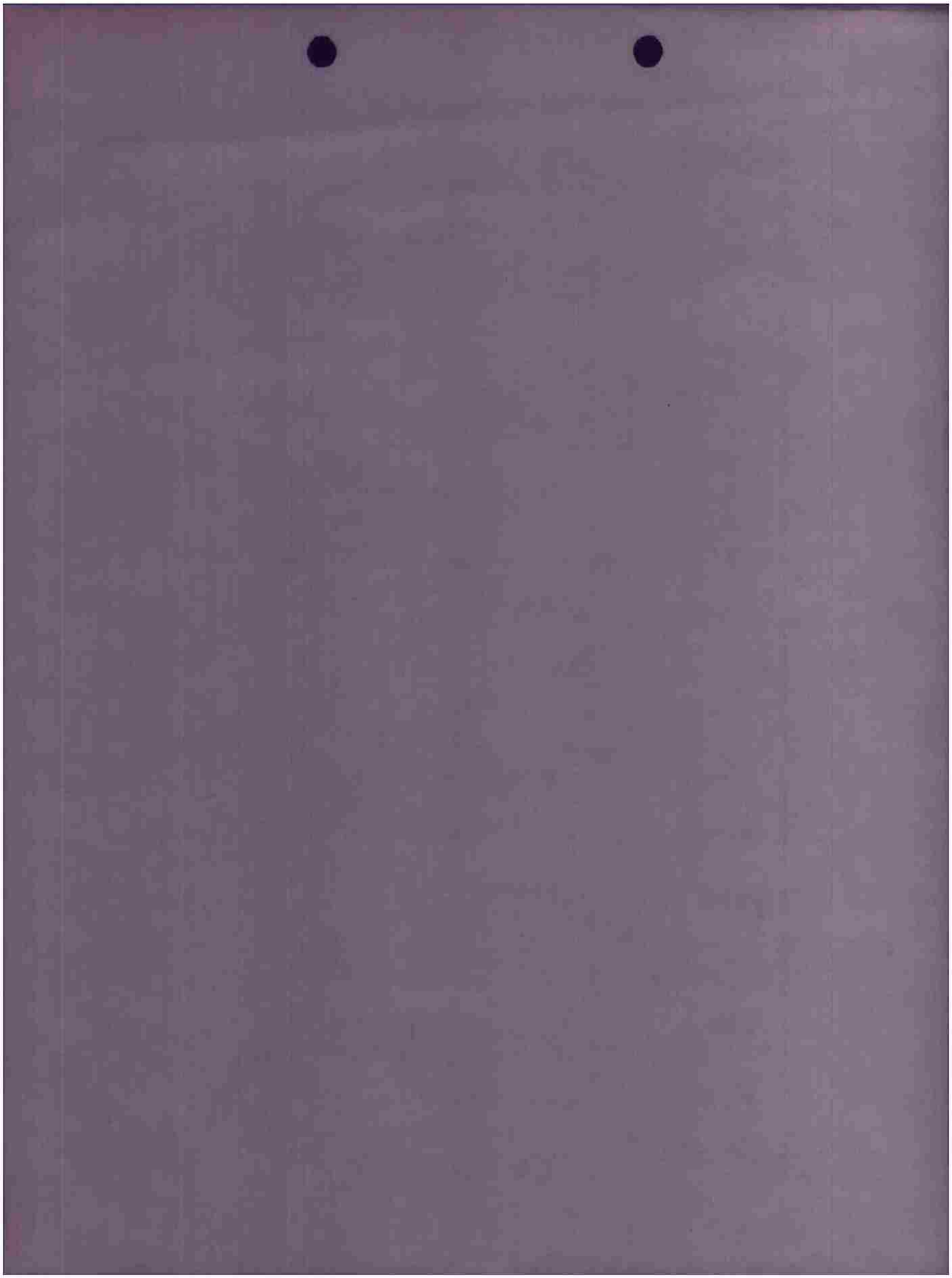
I. Nil.

J. XL FFA from Evding (Z099765) at one flight which was between 1500'-8000' True altitude (from the a/d)

K. approximately 40 Enemy a/c were observed at Evding a/d (Z-099765) including 109's, He 111, Ju-88's and 2 Me 163's

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GUNNER of 1 [redacted] STRUCK THE A/D, [redacted] GUNS JAMMED. [redacted] NO CLAIMS.

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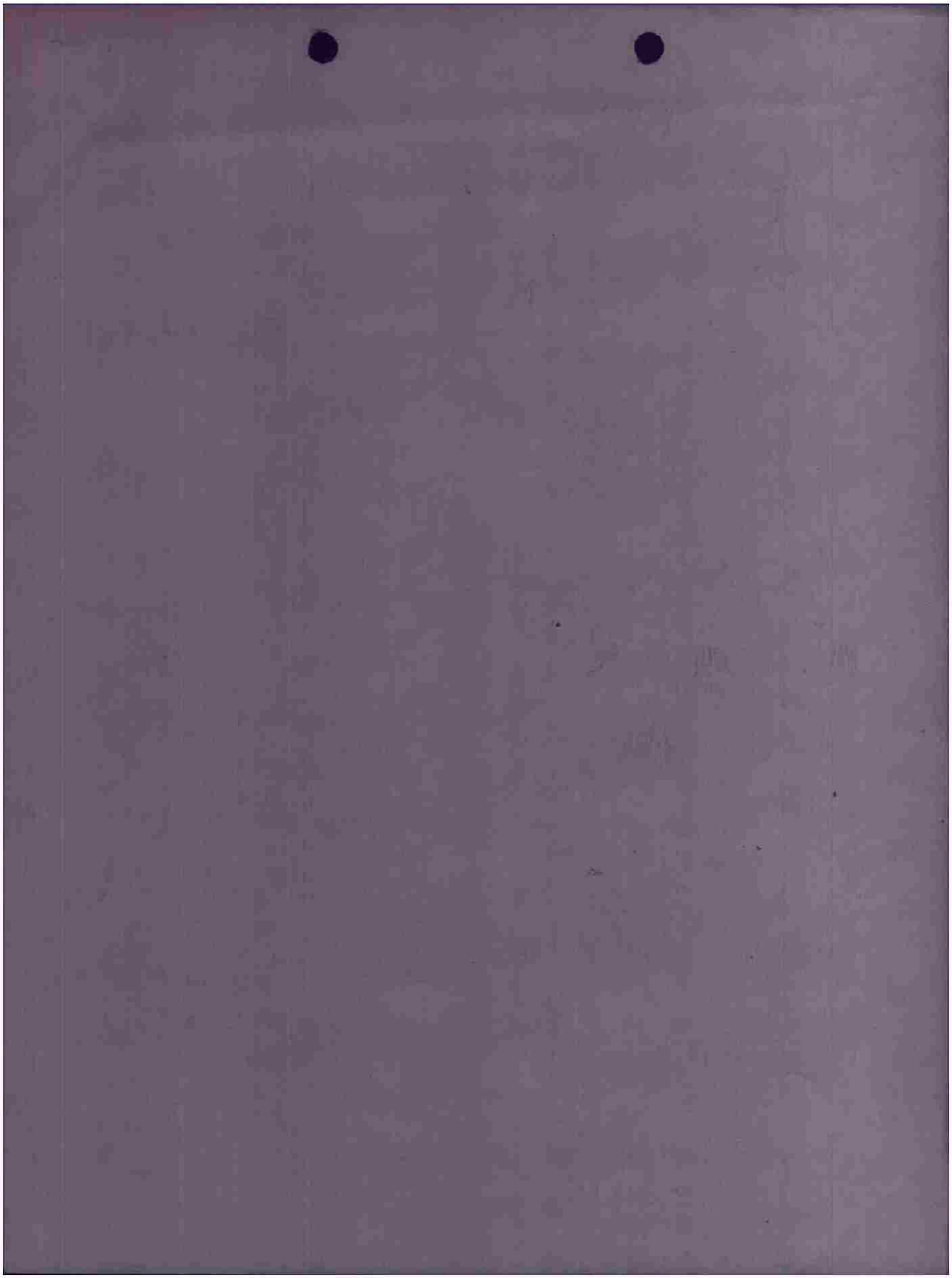
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X. a large excavation was observed at Z-185589, 2 bulldozers were observed but no other activity was observed.

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP S-2 P.I. 22/0045B
TO HQ. 9TH BOMB ~~XX~~ DIVISION ATT: A-2 P.I.
HQ. 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER
BT

SECRET 416BG P-399-D
21APRIL 1945

B. ATTANG-PUCHHEIM M/Y
G. 1155 - 1202
J. BOX I FLT. A- PROBABLY DMPI - PROBABLY EXCEL: BOMBS HIT ON EDGE OF M/Y AT NE END CUTTING TRACKS AND DESTROYING BUILDINGS.
FLT. B- PROB. DMPI. - PROBABLY EXCEL:- BOMBS HIT IN GOOD PATTERN ON EDGE OF M/Y DESTROYING WAREHOUSES, BUILDINGS AND CUTTING TRACKS.
FLT. C:- PROB. DMPI. - PROD. SUPER:- BOMBS HIT ON CHOKE POINT IN EXCELLENT PATTERN AT NE END OF M/Y CAUSING EXPLOSIIONS, CUTTING TRACKS AND DESTROYING A LARGE NUMBER OF GOODS WAGONS AND NEARBY RR SHEDS.

BOX II - FLT.A:- DMPI - PROBABLY SUPER:- BOMBS HIT IN EXCELLENT PATTERN IN CENTER OF M/Y DESTROYING GOODS WAGONS AND ADJACENT BUILDINGS AND CUTTING TRACKS IN A NUMBER OF PLACES.
FLT.B:- PROB. DMPI - PROBABLY EXCEL:- BOMBX HIT ON EDGE OF M/Y AT SW END IN GOOD PATTERN DESTROYING GOODS WAGONS, CUTTING TRACKS AND DESTROYING NEARBY BUILDINGS AND BLOCKING ROADS.
FLT.C:- DMPI - PROBABLY SUPER:-BOMBS HIT IN EXCELLENT PATTERN IN CENTER OF M/Y CAUSING EXPLOSIONS AND STARTING FIRES, DESTROYING A LARGE NUMBER OF GOODS WAGONS AND CUTTING TRACKS IN MANY PLACES.

BOX III - FLT A:- PROBABLY DMPI- PROBABLY EXCEL: BOMBS FELLIN GOOD PATTERN ON N EDGE OF M/Y SEVERELY DAMAGING ROUND HOUSE AND SMALL BUILDINGS, AND DESTROYING LARGE NUMBER OF GOODS WAGONS AND CUTTING TRACKS IN MANY PLACES.

AIRCRAFT LANDED AWAY FROM BASE AND NO INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AS TO ALTITUDE OF FLIGHT, TIME BOMBS WERE DROPPED, ORDER OF BOMBING, ETC. THEREFORE DISTANCES COULD NOT BE ACCURATELY MEASURED AND ALL RATINGS ARE MERELY ESTIMATES. IT IS ALSO NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME AS TO WHETHER DMPI'S OR SMPI'S WERE USED IN ALL CASES. JUST AS SOON AS THIS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE, A FULL AND COMPLETE REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED.
SINCE THERE IS NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO COMPLETE GROSS ERROR AND A-3 REPORTS, AND PHOTO REPORTS, THESE WILL FOLLOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

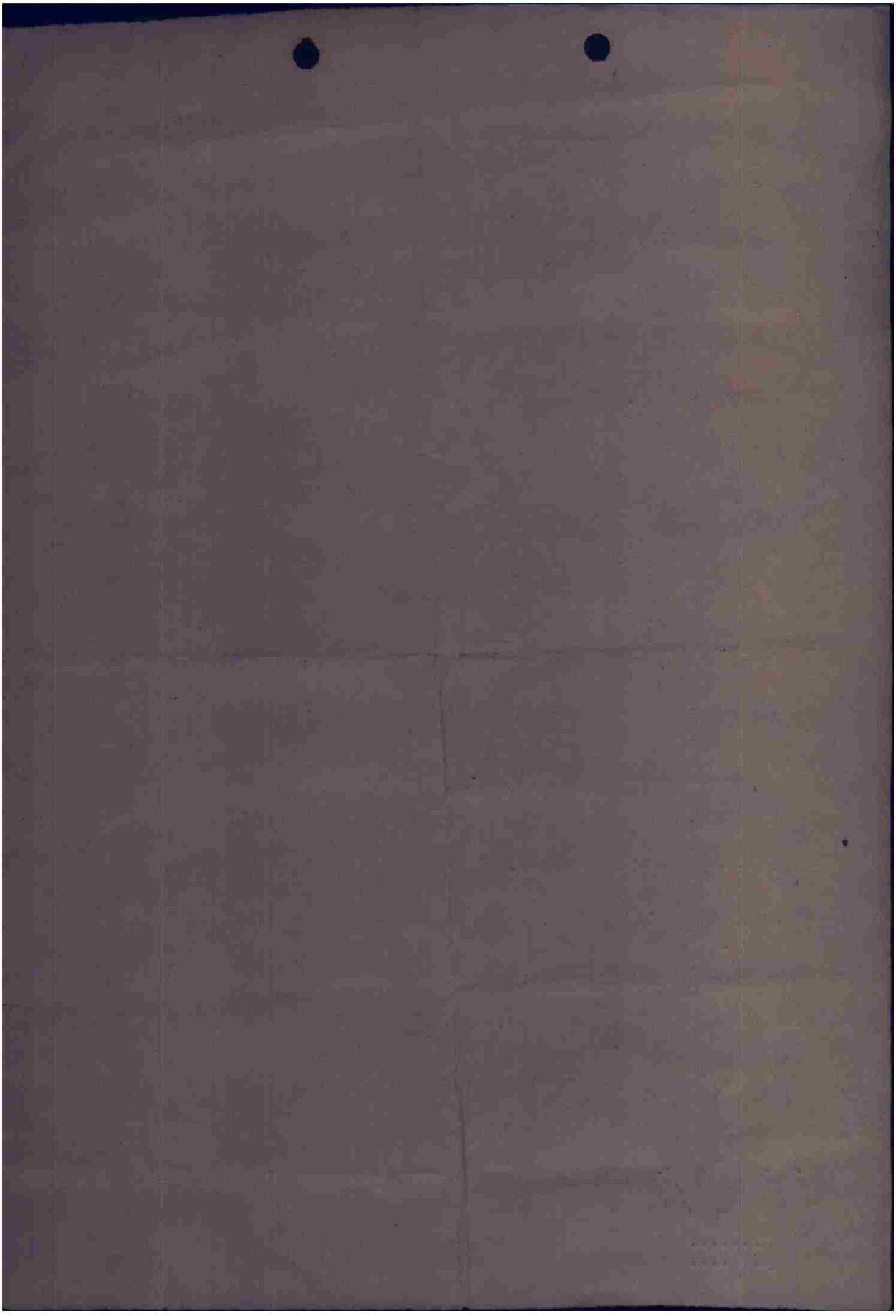
K. NIL
M. NIL
N. CUTS ON TRACKS 50 TO 60
FREIGHT CARS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED 300 TO 350
1 ROUND-HOUSE DESTROYED.
10 CUTS ON ROADS
25 BUILDINGS DESTROYED.

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Rec. 1625
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ITX JEA V JKI JKI 13/22 OP OP

FROM: HQ, 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) S-2 PI 22/1525B
TO : HQ, 9TH BOMBER DIVISION (M) ATTN: A-2 PI
HQ, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER.
BT

SECRET 416TH BG P-408-D PERIOD

B. ATTANG - PUCHEIM M/Y.
G. 1148 - 1159
J. BOX 1 FLT A - DMPI - SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI IN TIGHT PATTERN, CENTER OF BUSTS 250 FT E. BOMBS HIT ON EDGE OF CHOKE POINT, CUTTING TRACKS AND DESTROYING GOODS WAGONS AND ADJACENT BLDGS, USED IMPULSE BOMBING.
(VISUAL)
FLT B - DMPI - EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI IN GOOD PATTERN, CENTER OF BURSTS 395 FT NE. BOMBS FELL ON EDGE OF M/Y, DESTROYING OR SEVERELY DAMAGING ENGINE ROUND HOUSE, NEARBY SM SMALL BLDG, CUTTING TRACKS AND DESTROYING A NUMBER OF GOODS WAGONS. USED IMPULSE BOMBING.
FLT C - DMPI - SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 75 FT N. EXCELLENT PATTERN OF XXXIX BURSTS CENTERED ON M/Y AND COVERING DMPI CUTTING TRACKS AT CHOKE POINT, DESTROYING FREIGHT CARS AND BLDGS.
BOX 2 FLT A - DMPI - EXCEL: 98 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF
(VISUAL) DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 600 FT NE. EXCELLENT PATTERN OF BURSTS HIT INTO SMOKE COVERING M/Y. BOMBS FELL ON EDGE OF YARD DESTROYING BLDGS AND FREIGHT CARS AND PROBABLY CUTTING TRACKS.
FLT B - DMPI - SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 250 FT SE. NOT ALL OF PATTERN IS SHOWN ON THIS PHOTO DUE TO FACT TARGET FOES OFF EDGE XX OF FILM BEFORE ENTIRE PATTERN HIT. BOMBS BUILT UP FARTHER INTO M/Y. SMALL PATTERN OF BOMBS ON EDGE OF M/Y DESTROYING FREIGHT CARS AND CUTTING TRACKS. USED X IMPULSE BOMBING.
FLT C - DMPI - SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 175 FT NE. EXCELLENT PATTERN OF BURSTS HIT IN CENTER OF M/Y COVERING DMPI WITH HEAVY DAMAGE TO ROLLING STOCK AND TRACKS. SEVERAL HITS ON LARGE WAREHOUSE BLDGS DESTROYING OR SEVERELY DAMAGING THEM. USED IMPULSE BOMBING.
BOX 3 FLT A - DMPI - EXCEL: 65 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITH 1000 FT WITH
(VISUAL) CENTER OF PATTERN 825 FT NE. GOOD PATTERN ON EDGE OF M/Y DESTROYING WAREHOUSES AND OTHER BLDGS.
K. NIL
M. A. - 13 - 100 PERCENT
B. - 0 - 0 "
C. - 0 - 0 "
N. CUTTING TRACKS 50 - 00 60
FREIGHT CARS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED 300 - 350
1 ROUND HOUSE DESTROYED
10 CUTS IN ROADS
25 BLDGS DESTROYED.

CLAYTON W. ZESIGER,
CAPT. A.C.

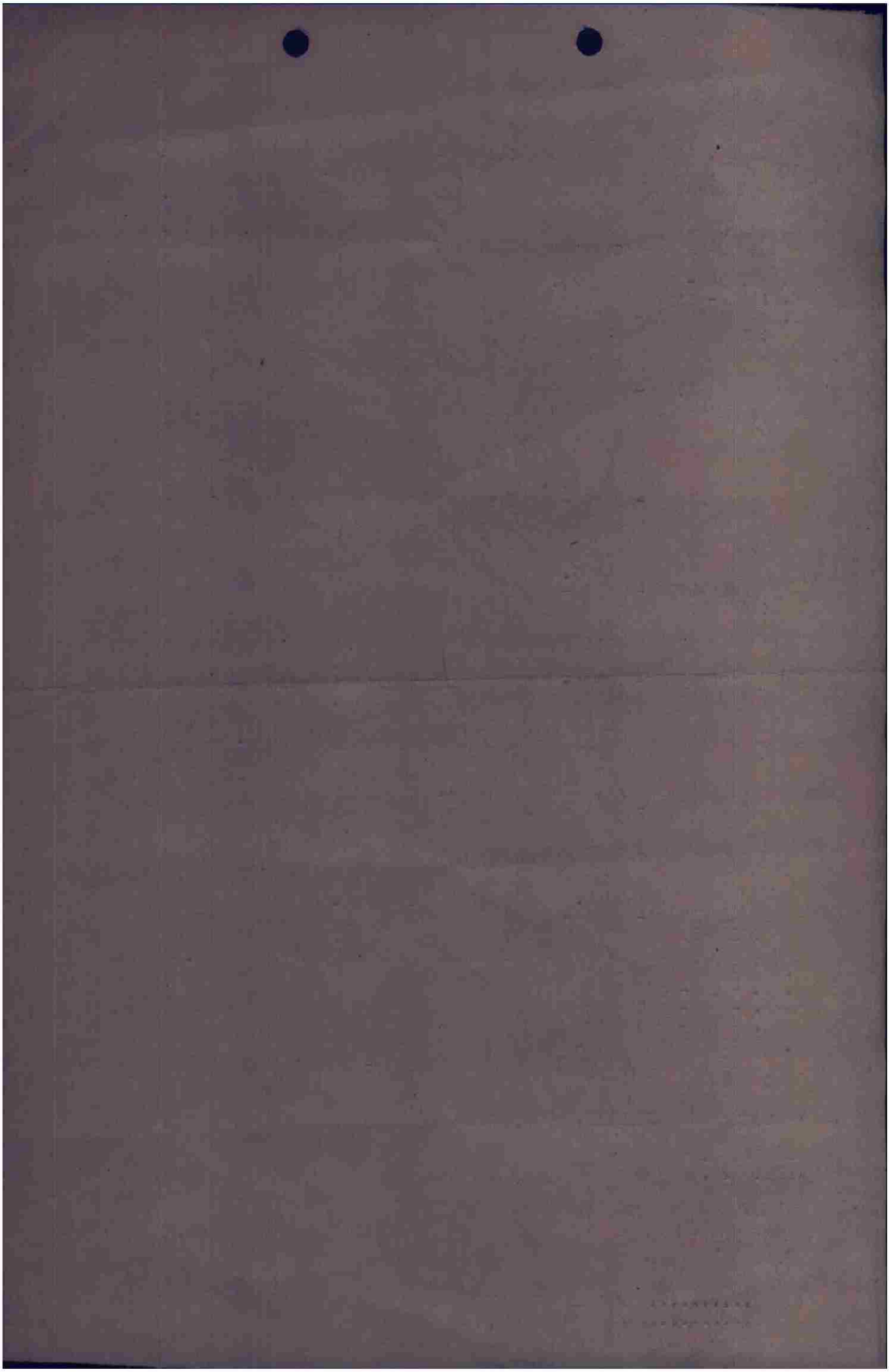
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BT 22/1525B
EW BBBB (OP)

ITA R.....22/1606B HAS KKK
JEA R.....22/1505B WCB KK

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 7/21 OP OP

FROM: 416TH BOMB GP (L) 21/0935B
TO : CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIV (M) ATTN: A-2
CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) ATTN: A-2
BT

SECRET P-385-D (MPI'S FOR MORNING MISSION,21 APRIL 1945)

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE MPI'S ON THE PRIMARY TARGET.

ILL. 6(D) (VI) 175/2

-02000300
-02250A39
-02550400
-02740543
-02850587
-03560630
-03900664

2. ALTERNATE TGT. TRAUNSTEIN M/Y (WZ-664308)

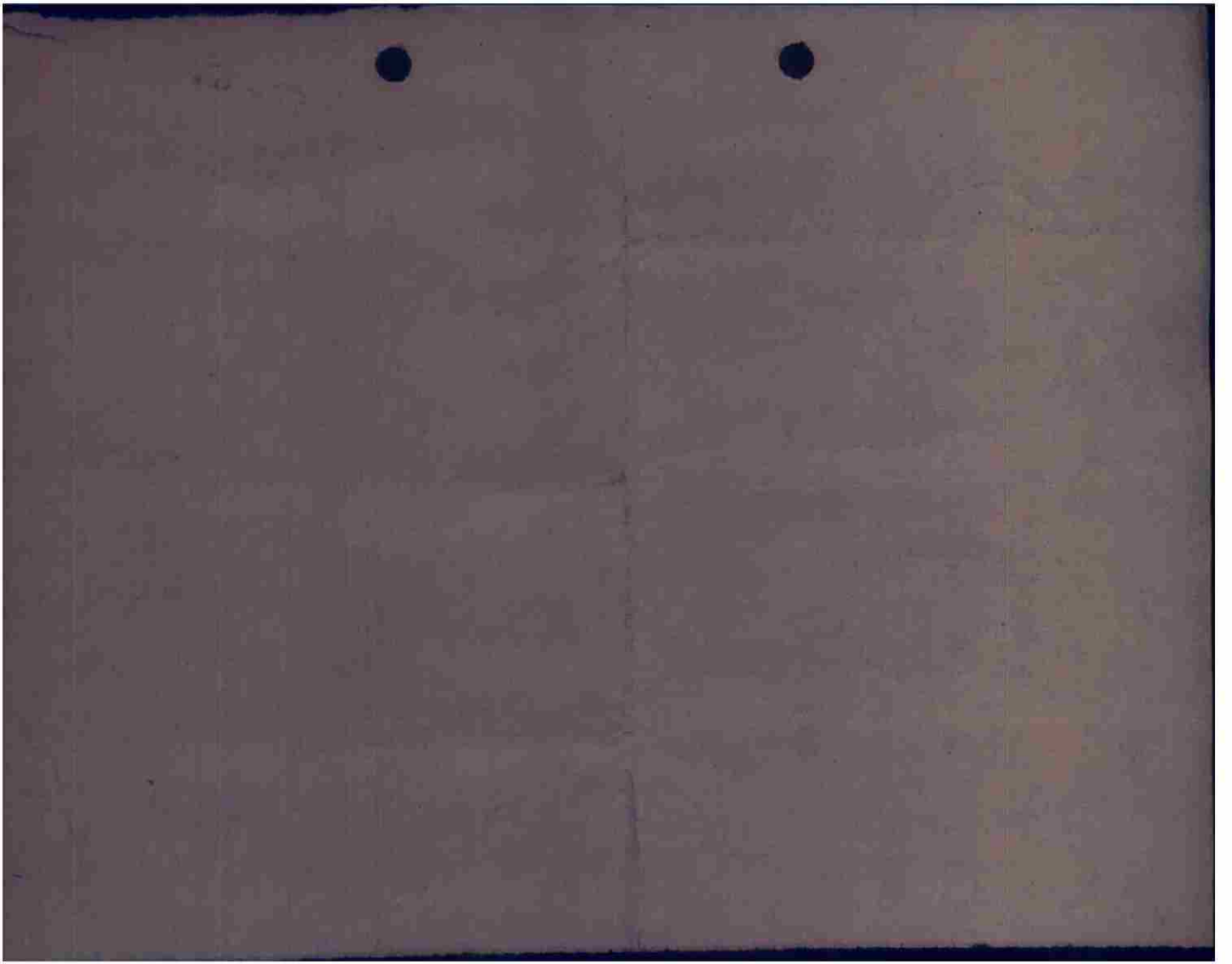
1ST LT.LILBURN S. ROGERS,

BT 21/0935B
WJF AR TO JEA

ITA R.....21/1000 BIRD BBBB
JEA R.....21/1000B DB AR

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TO : CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION ATTN:A-2
CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATTN:A-2

FROM : 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

SECRET (MPI'S FOR MORNING MISSION, 21 APRIL 1945)

1. The following are the MPI's on the primary Target.

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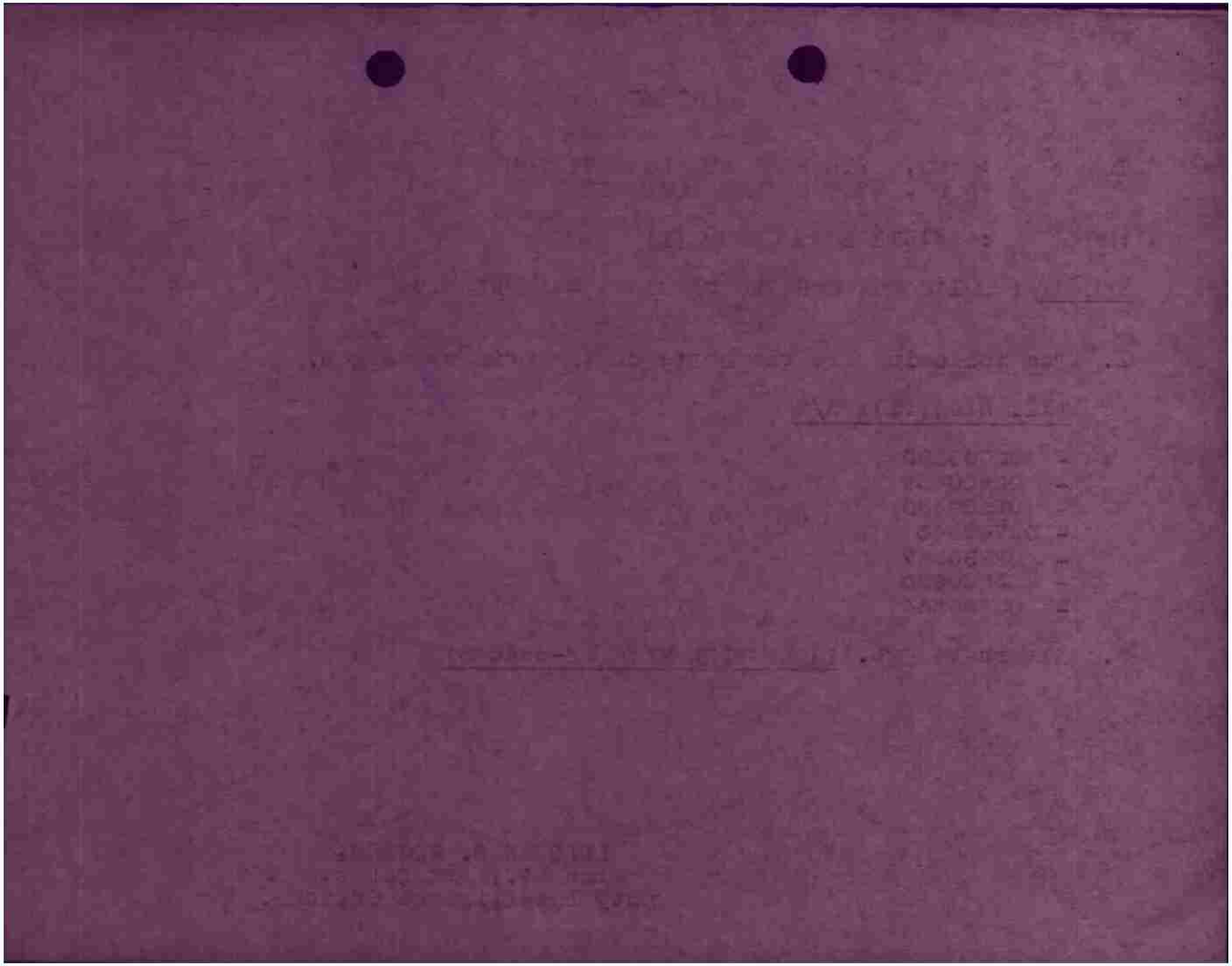
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- 02250439
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- 02740543
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- 03560630
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2. Alternate Tgt. TRAUNSTERN M/Y (WZ-664308)

LILBURN S. ROGERS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Duty Intelligence Officer.

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WZ 99 937042✓

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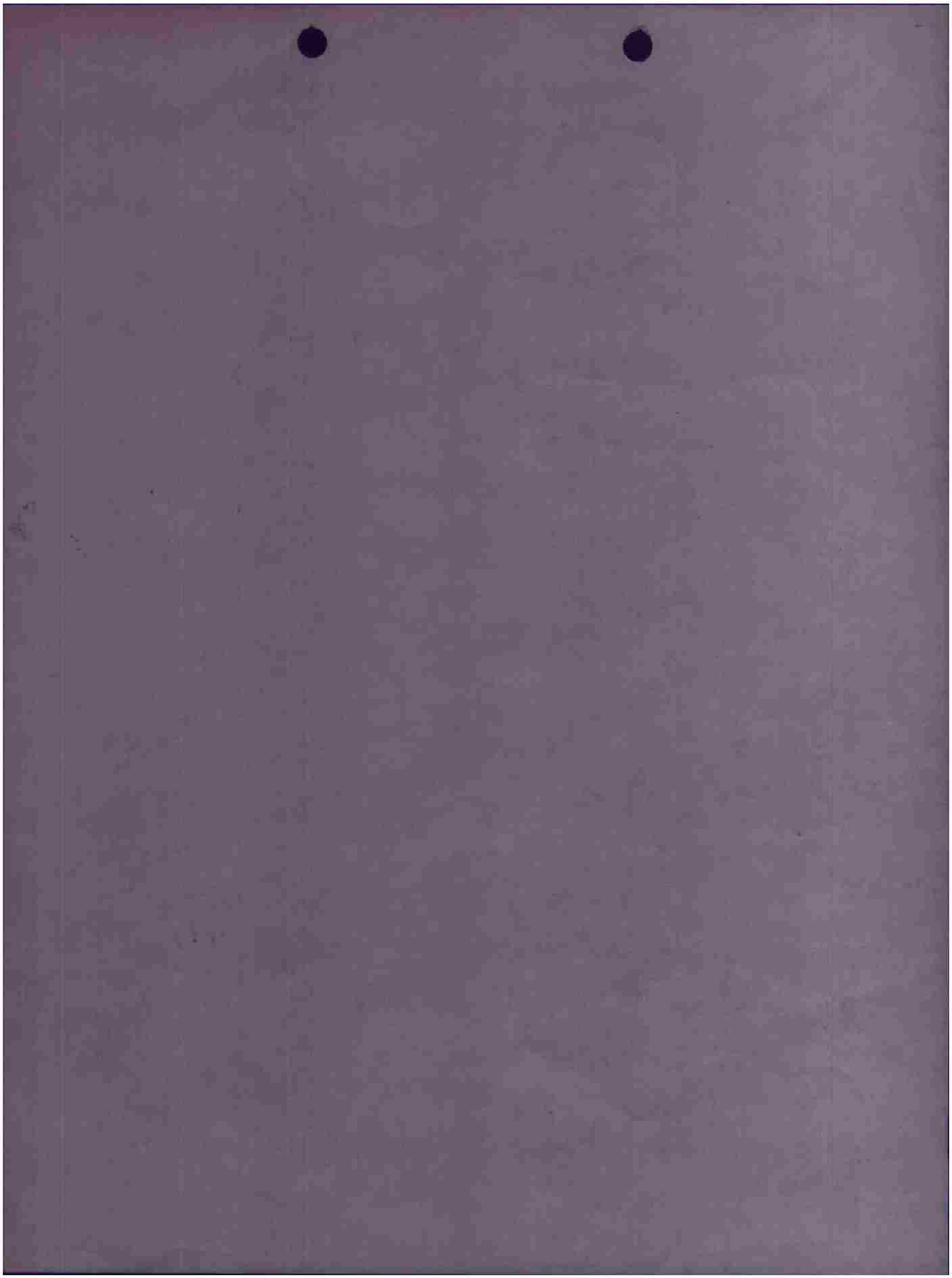
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WN 9684 retrace

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ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 17/2B (INFO-INFO)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 20/2345B
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
CODONGPS A09, A10, A16

BT

ADV. INFO. COPY OF COMMUNICATIONS OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

ATTENTION SIGNALS OFFICER

5. COMMUNICATIONS:
A. 409TH BOMB GROUP: (98A965)
(2) CORNHILL
(3) POKER
(4) BADY ON "C"

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP: (190A96)
(2) LANDGIRL
(3) SLEEPY
(4) BADY ON "C"

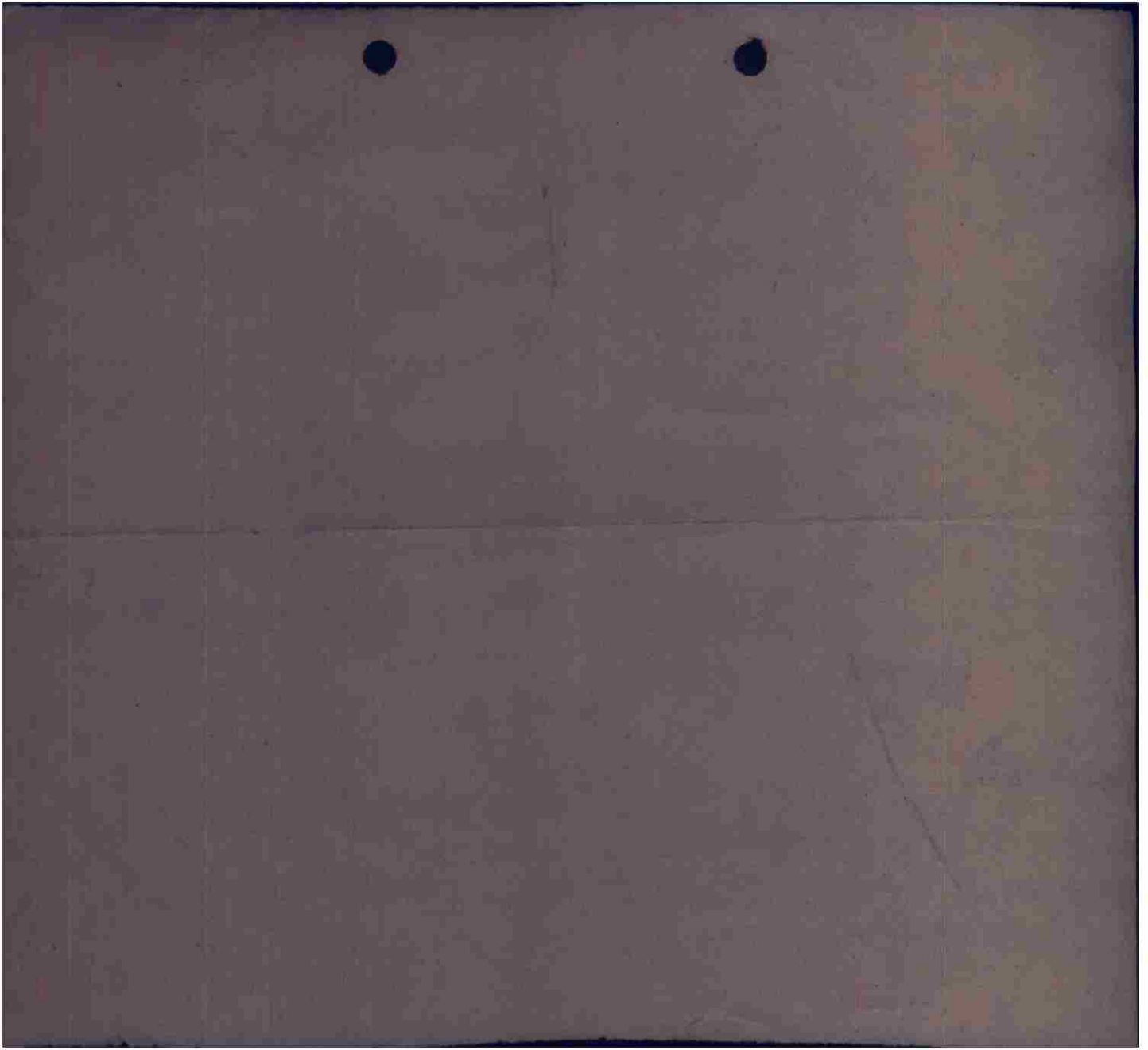
C. 416TH BOMB GROUP: (98A965)
(2) PROCTOR
(3) JUDITH
(4) BADY ON "C"

CONCUTWIC 97
DT 20/23A5D
AR TO ITA ONLY
SG
JES R ******* 21/0010B JHB A HHK
JKI R ******** 21/0010B DKI K
JPO R ********* 21/0010B HJS KK
ITA R ********** 21/0010B EH AH

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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 211105B
TO : IX BOMB DIV.
409TH BOMB GROUP.
410TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.

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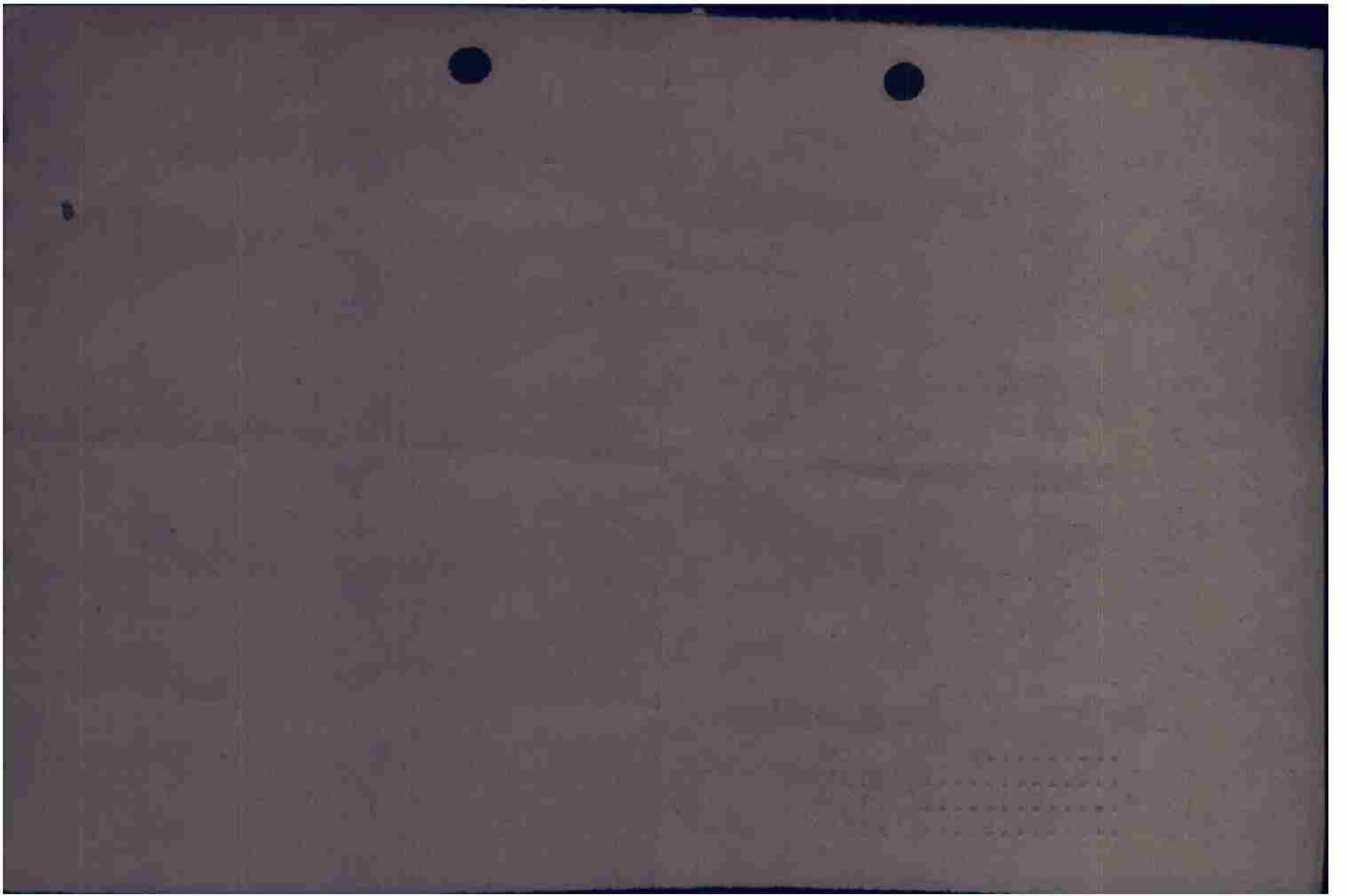
ANNEX NO. 3 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 265-868

CANCEL PARA. 3. A AND 3. B UNDER PLAN "A"

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 211105B
FK-AR
ITA R...../ 21/1113B MCB BBB TO JKI
JES R.....21/1113B DC AR
JPO R.....21/1113B SK AR
JKI R.....21/1113B WJF K TO ITA

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ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 09/21 OP - OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 210925B
TO : IX BOMB DIV.
409TH BOMB GROUP.
410TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.

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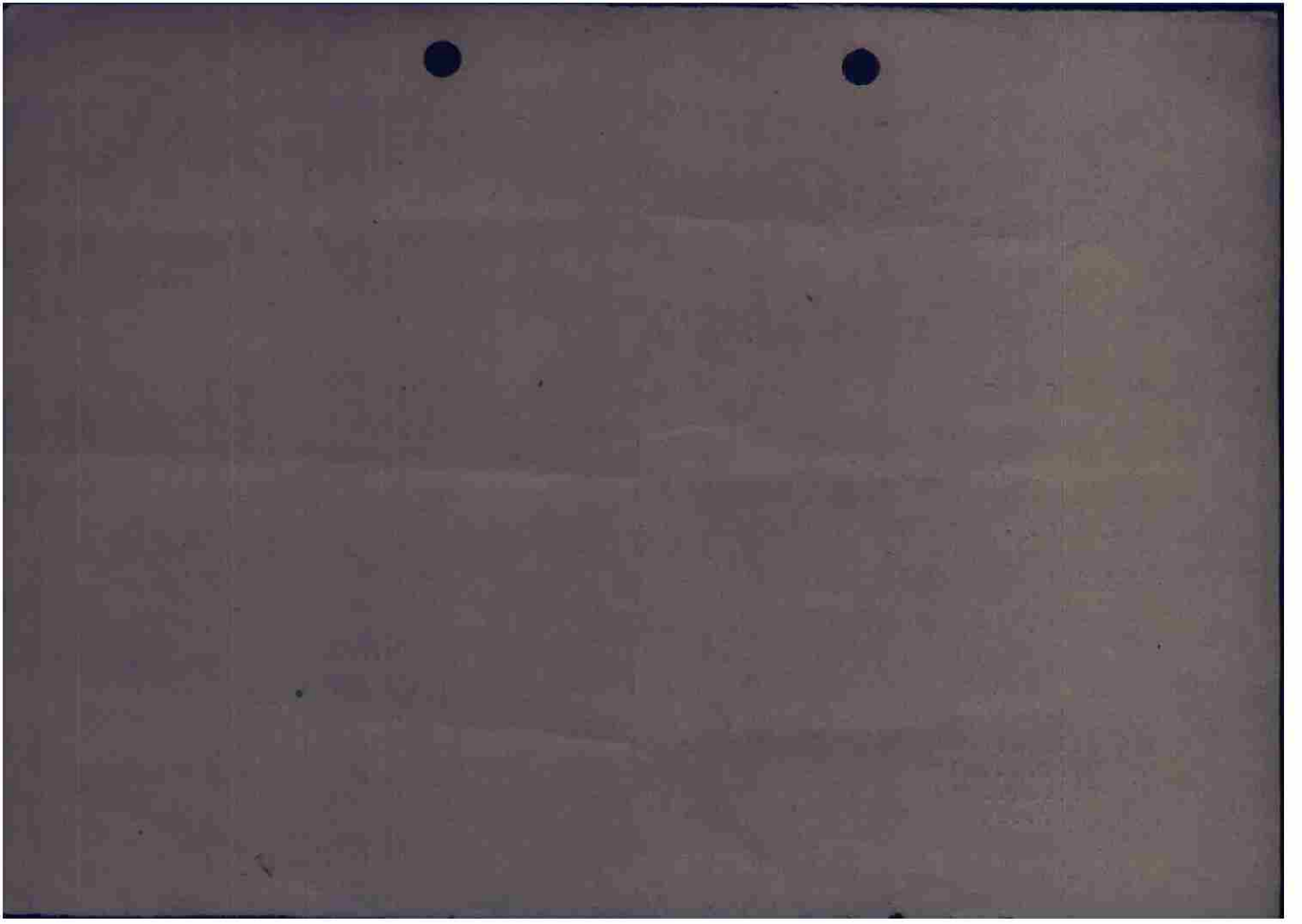
AMEND ZERO HOUR FOR 409TH BOMB GROUP TO READ:

ZERO HOUR 21/1100B

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 210925B
FK-AR
ITA R.....211935B JLP AR
JKI R.....210935B WJF AR
JES R.....21/935B DC AR
JPO R.....

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ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 08/21 OP - OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 210825B
TO : IX BOMB DIV.
409TH BOMB GROUP.
410TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
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21 APRIL 1945

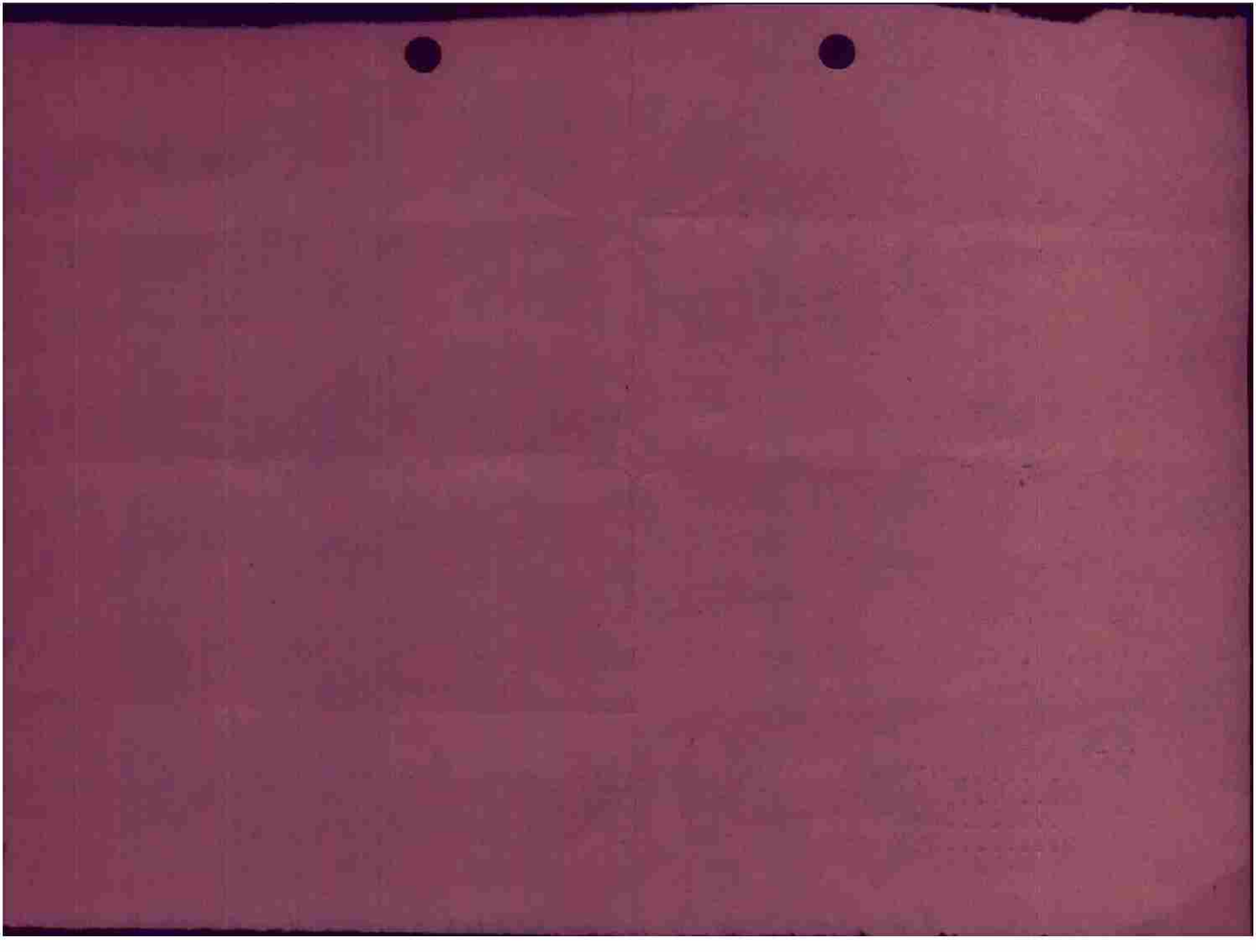
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PARA. 3. C. ADD DROP 1000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.

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BT 210825B
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JES R.....21/0845 SEW AR
JKI R.....ZZ/ 21/0845B WJF AR
JPO R.....21/0845B CEN AR

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ITA JKI V JEA 7/21 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 21/0520B
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 416
BT

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INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 4 FIELD ORDER NO. 265-868

CANCEL INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER 265-868

1. TARGET: ATTNANG-PUCHHEIM M/Y (V-456523)

2. MAP COVERAGE:
GSGS 4416 SHEET X-8

PHOTO COVERAGE:
GH 5575
6(D)(VI)175/1, 2

3. TARGET IS WELL BEYOND CURRENT BOMBLINE

4. FLAK: SEE CURRENT PLOTTED POSITIONS. FOLLOW COURSE CLOSELY IN ORDER TO AVOID HEAVY FLAK AREAS OF STUTTGART, AUGSBURG, MUNICH, AND SALZBURG, ALL OF WHICH ARE NOT FAR SOUTH OF THE COURSE

COMCBTWIG 97

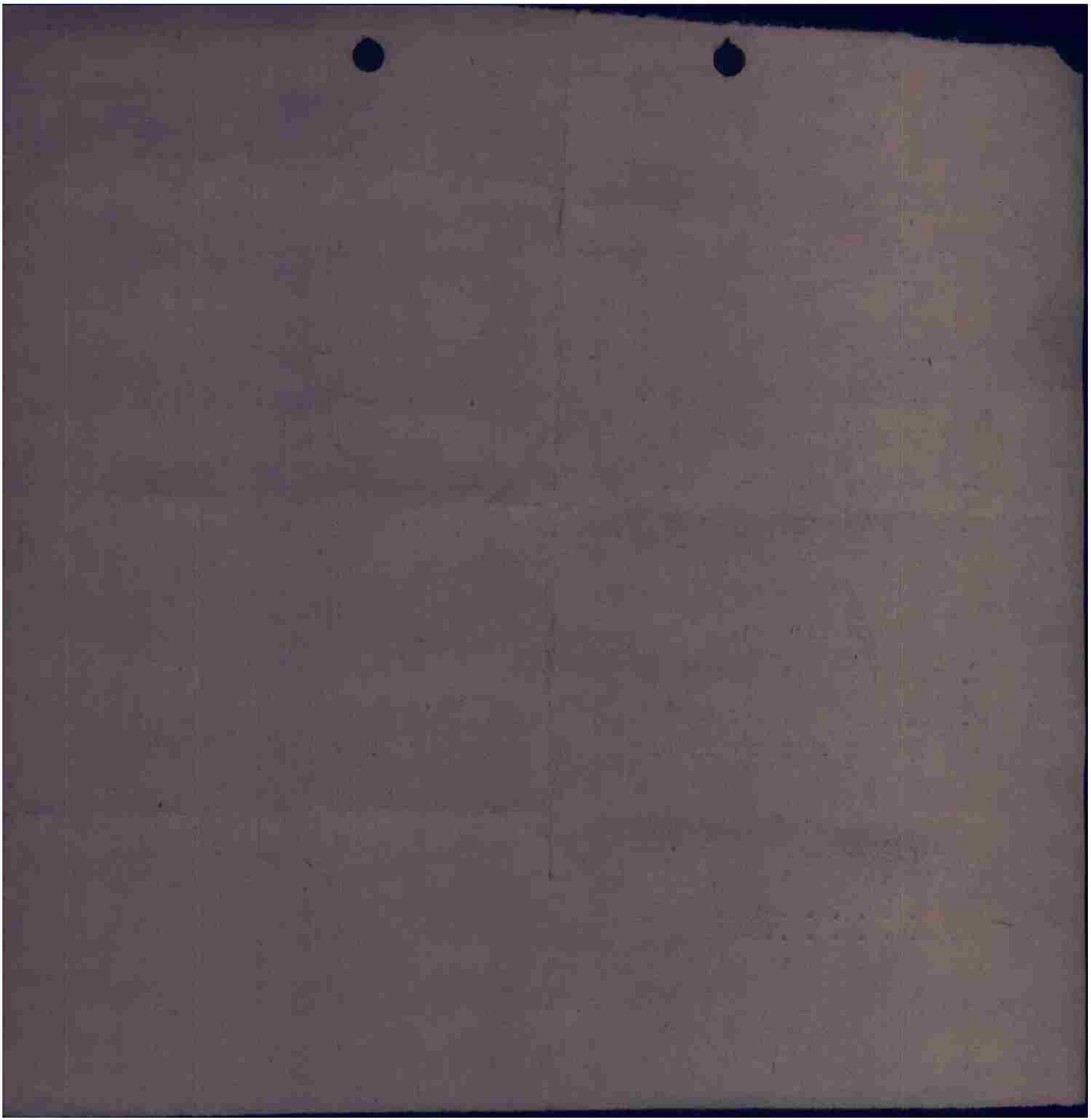
BT 21/0520B
LCB AR

ITA R. . . . . .210536B IC AR
JKI R. . . . . .21/0536B DM AR

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ITA JES JKI V JEA 1/21 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 21/0030B
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 416
BT

SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH. COL. MC AFEE 97CBW P-177-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 265-868

PLAN "A" VISUAL

1. TARGET: BERCHTESGADEN (Z-984065)

2. MAP COVERAGE:
GSGS 4416 SHEET Y-7

PHOTO COVERAGE:
GN 3770
3(K)20/1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7

416TH COVER BUILDINGS 1 AND 7
409TH COVER BUILDINGS 2, 8, AND 9
3(K)20/4

3. TARGET IS WELL BEYOND CURRENT BOMBLINE

4. FLAK:
6 GUNS AT Z-937042: 2 A/C ASSIGNED THIS POSITION

6 GUNS AT V-038047
6 GUNS AT V-038051
6 GUNS AT V-042049: 2 A/C ASSIGNED THESE THREE POSITIONS

6 GUNS AT V-026066
6 GUNS AT V-024064
6 GUNS AT V-027068: 2 A/C. ASSIGNED THESE THREE POSITIONS

5. ILLUSTRATION NO. 3(K)20/4 TARGET "B"- NOTE UNDER TARGET "B", SPECIAL ATTENTION OF BOMBARDIER NAVIGATORS IS CALLED TO AREA: 10(CAMP FOR CZECH WORKERS), 3800 FEET EAST OF TARGET. 11(SETTLEMENT FOR EVACUATED CHILDREN), 4400 FEET EAST OF TARGET.

CONCBTVIC 97

BT 0030B
LCB AR

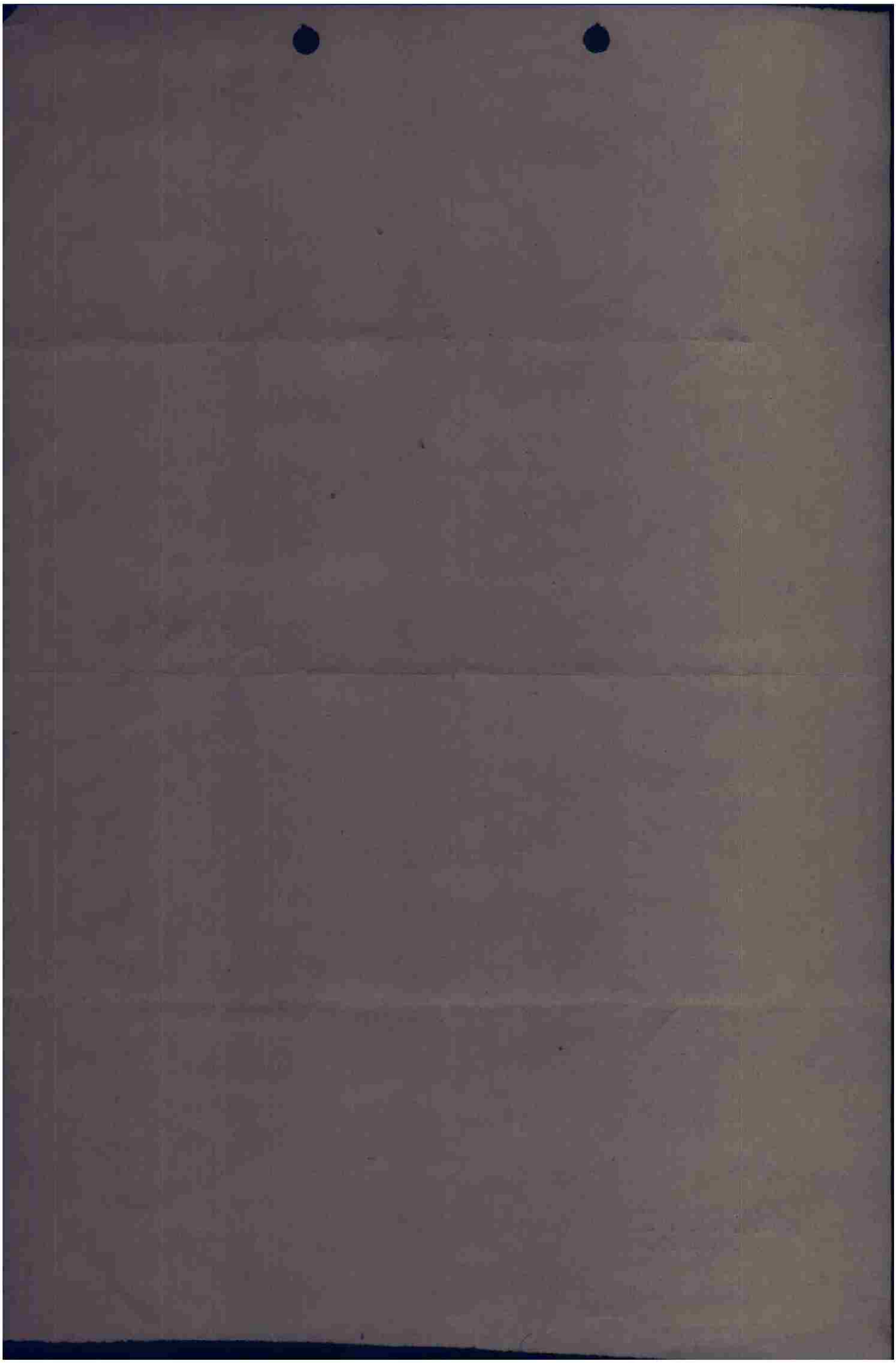
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JES R. . . . . .210056B JMB AR
JKI R. . . . . .21/0056B DM AR

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ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 04/21 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 21/0520B
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409
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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
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21 APRIL 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 265-868 97CBW P-178-E

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE
(2) 9 T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 409 GROUP.
19 T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 416 GROUP
29 T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 410 GROUP.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR: PLAN "A" - 21/1000 B
ZERO HOUR: PLAN "B" - 21/1000 B

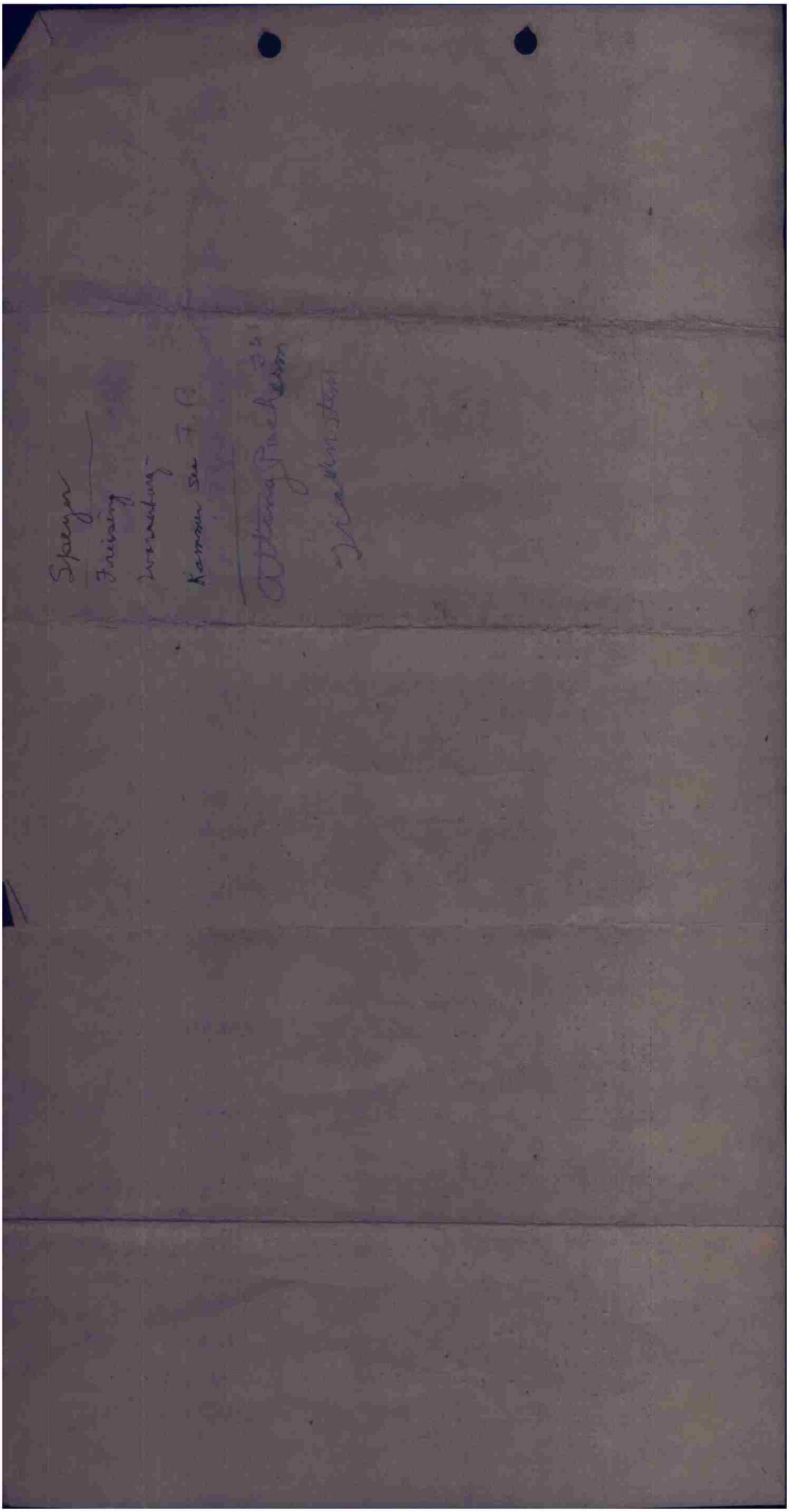
---PLAN "A" VISUAL---

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
(1) BAD AIBLING - ORDNANCE DEPOT (WZ-157282)
(2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT R-3428 AT 7,000 FT. AT ZERO PLUS 15 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
(4) BASE TO R-3428 TO Y-1624 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
(6) BOMB AT 9,000 FT. OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 4,000 FT. ABOVE THE TERRAIN. DROP 1,000 FT. AFTER BOMBING.
(7) Y-9813
(8) GEN. SW TO NE
(9) M.P.I. ILL. 3(K)69/2 COVER ANNONTATED AREA.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FT.
(10) 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
(11) Y-9813
(12) GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
A. PRIMARY VISUALLY
B. ALTERNATE VISUALLY OR RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.
(13) ALTERNATE TARGET SELECTED FOR GROUP. (WZ-664308)

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
(1) MENGEN M/Y (WX-194404)
(2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT R-3428 AT 7,000 FT. AT ZERO HOUR. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
(4) BASE TO R-3428 TO X-5961 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO R-3428 TO BASE.
(6) BOMB AT 9,000 FT. OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 4,000 FT. ABOVE THE TERRAIN. DROP 1,000 FT. AFTER BOMBING.
(7) X-5237
(8) GEN. E TO W.
(9) M.P.I. ILL. 3 AIR 207/1 COVER M/Y FROM REF. 041069 TO 056071.
(10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
(11) W-9892
(12) GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
A. PRIMARY VISUALLY
B. ALTERNATE VISUALLY
IF PRIMARY OR ALTERNATE TARGET CANNOT BE BOMBED VISUALLY BOMBS WILL BE RETURNED TO BASE.
(13) ALTERNATE TARGET SELECTED FOR GROUP (WX-530468)

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C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
(1) ATTANG-PUCHHEIM-M/Y (V-456523)
(2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT R-5080 AT 7,000 FT. AT ZERO PLUS 45 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
(4) BASE TO R-5080 TO Y-9686 TO Z-3451 TO V-0048 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
(6) BOMB AT 9,000 FT. OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 4,000 FT. ABOVE THE TERRAIN.
(7) V-3429
(8) GEN. SW TO NE
(9) M.P.I. ILL. 6(D)(VI)175/2 COVER AREA BOUNDED BY REF. 017037, 020035, 041066, 038067, 031065
(10) 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
(11) V-0048
(12) GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
A. PRIMARY VISUALLY
B. ALTERNATE VISUALLY OR REUTRN BOMBS TO BASE.
(13) ALTERNATE TARGET SELECTED FOR GROUP (WZ-664308)

X. (1) - (3) NO CHANGE.
(4) EMERGENCY FIELDS: Y-78, Y-79, Y-2, Y-59, Y-64, A-93.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.
A. 409TH BOMB GROUP. (456523)
(2) CORNHILL
(3) POKER AND DOLAN
(4) BABY ON "C"

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP. (194404)
(2) LANDGIRL
(3) SLEEPY
(4) BABY ON "C"

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP. (157282)
(2) PROCTOR
(3) JUDITH AND DOLAN
(4) BABY ON "C"

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BT 0520B
RL AR

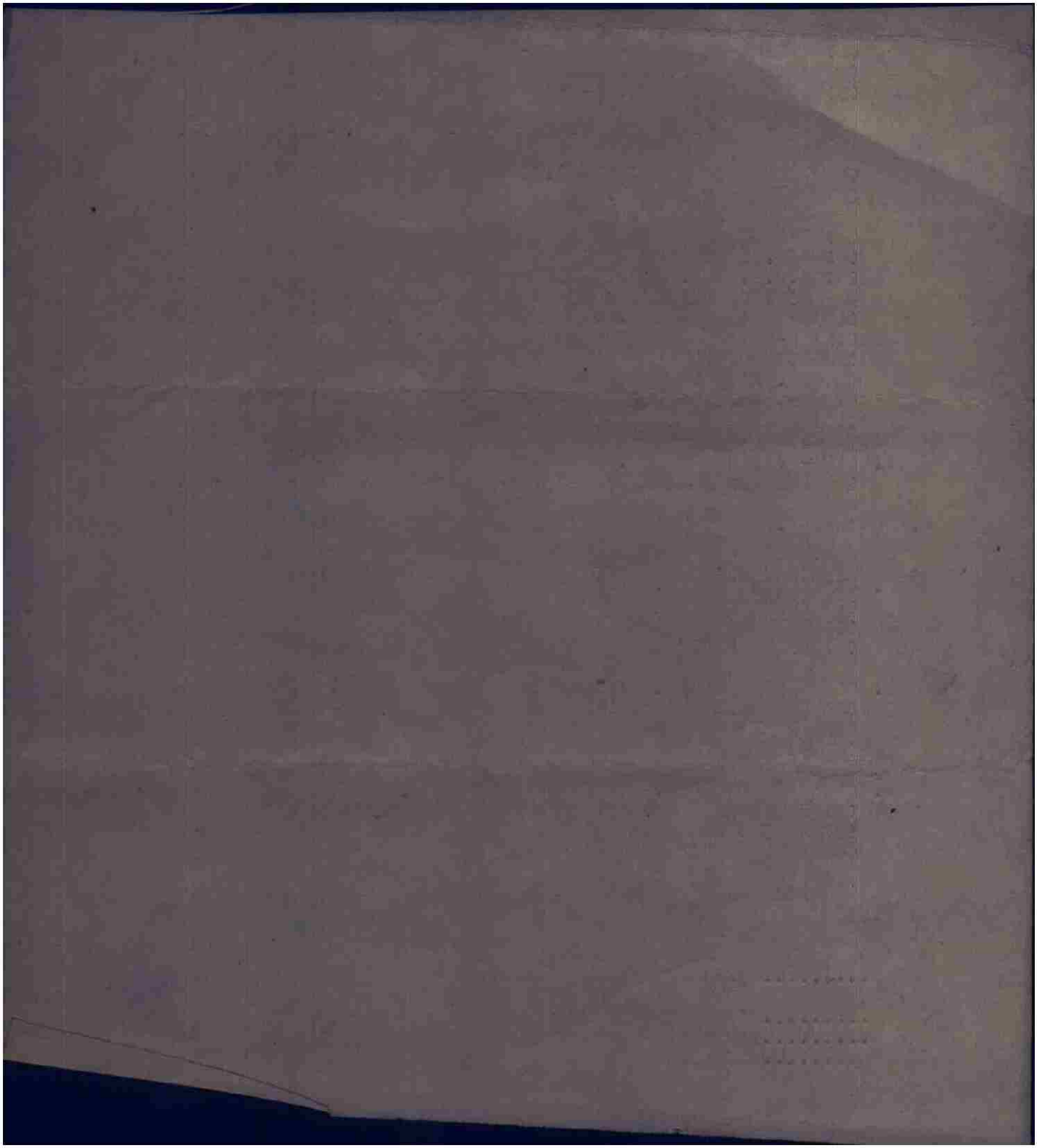
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JPO R.....21/0600B HJS AR
JKI R.....21/0600B DM AR
ITA RM.....2106Ø2B IC AR

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FLIGHT 1

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LT H E MEYROLD
S/S C L SKEENS
General S R BROWN

2. 288 R
LT L E CANNON
S/S W J TUNNICK

3. 356 O
LT J W BLEVINS
S/S F CENTRY

4. 259 E
LT J P PHILIPS
S/S W A MILLER

5. 385 D
LT T B LUNN
SGT J R SCHWARTZKOPF

6. 305 U
LT R H LONG
SGT D YOULIOS

FLIGHT 11

1. 328 T
LT H POP ENTY
LT C F HAY
LT R E PEPPERS
S/S H N ARNETT

2. 320 S
LT S H SHILEY
S/S M LICHTER

SPARE
3. 2315 L
CAPT R O GROETZMACHER
S/S J J RICHARDSON

4. 224 I
LT E TURNER
S/S J SIENKIEWICZ
S/S J O OTTAVIANO

5. 205 M
F/O S B BORNETH
SGT K A EUDY

6. 232 N
LT A R TURMAN
S/S A C BASILE

FLIGHT 111

1. 501 F
LT R B HALL
F/O T L GOSS
S/S W S JACKSON
LT M PAVEY

2. 398 Q
MAJOR H F COMANT
LT L J PAGE
S/S W I REED

3. 286 D
LT J F WALLACE
SGT R PLANT

4. 328 D
LT S D CHITTY
SGT V E RACCIO
SGT P A MIRABELLA

5. 334 C
LT J F STANKOWSKI
SGT J R VELLINGA

6. 9315 F
LT J V O'BRIEN
SGT F E GOMEZ
S/S D B RICHARDS

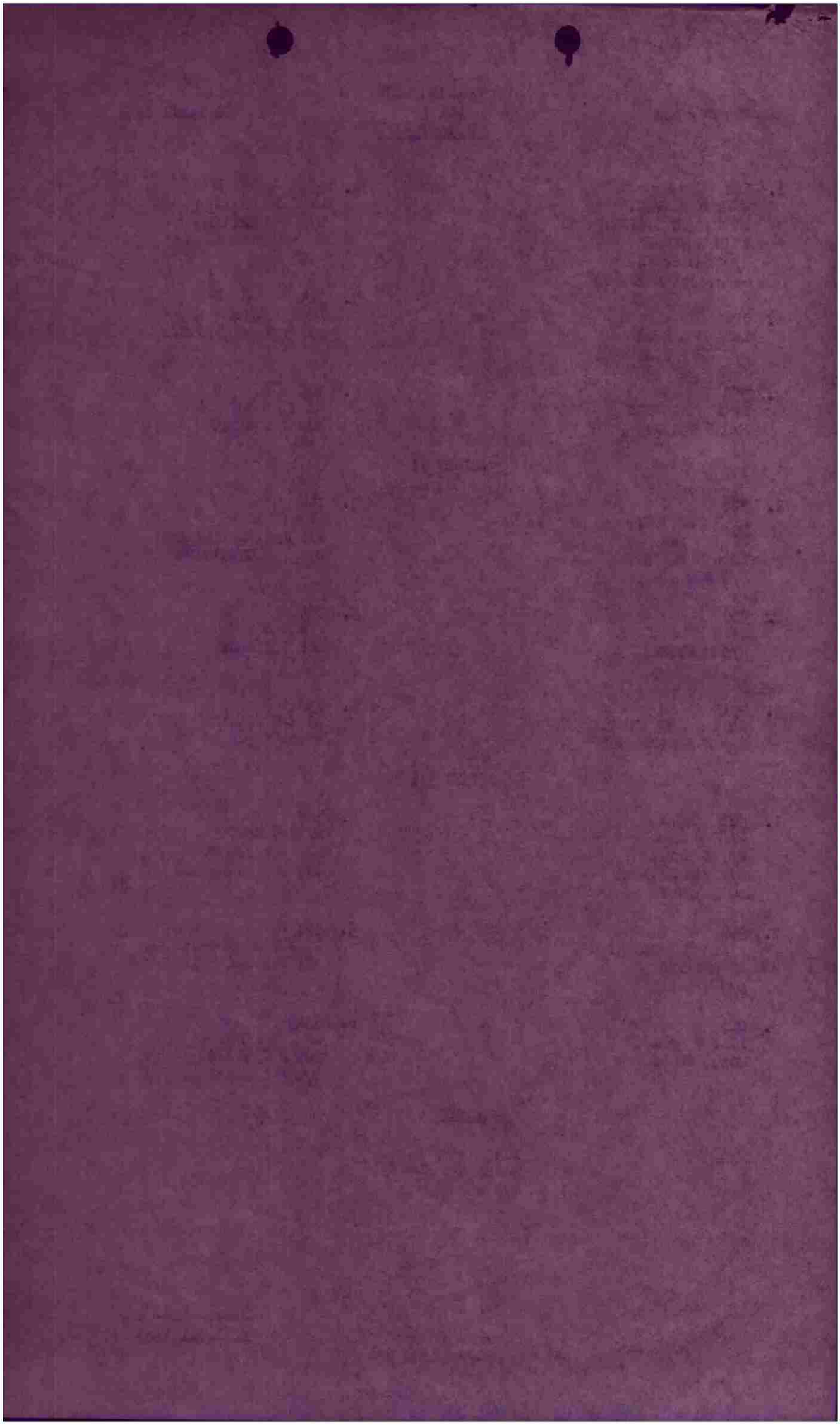
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209 M
MAJOR E T ROWEY
S/S A ROJAS

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LOADING LIST
BOX 11
FLIGHT 1

21 April 1945

1. 508 Z
CAPT G S STANLEY
F/O J H BLOUNT
S/S G B COLLINS

2. 505 Y
LT H A HUSSELL
LT D R F REID
S/S O F MERRITT

3. 271 R
LT T D MC CREADY
S/S W R LEMMONS

4. 352 J
LT W H ROBERTS
S/S A R HOOD

5. 274 S
LT F R TANK
S/S C L CALABRESE

6. 310 A
LT R J LACENER
SGT A J MUSARRA

FLIGHT 11

1. 609 N
LT G S JORDAN
LT R F MULHERN
S/S D F JENSEN

2. 393 M
CAPT J M SHAPARD
S/S J J MC GUIRE

3. 362 Y
LT E C MARTIN
S/S L B DRAFT
LT J W BRITT

4. 252 D
LT J V ALLEN
S/S G W FEAZEY
SGT D K HENNAN

5. 314 R
LT D E SMITH
S/S K A REID

6. 383 V
LT C E MEM WEINERT
SGT R D FRANCIS

FLIGHT 111

1. 499 G
LT VAN HOOGHTEN E M
F/O C W BRANDT
S/S G THOMPSON

2. 239 N
CAPT A C SEARS
M/SGT J J WELLS

3. 265 V
LT A J P WINN
S/SGT G G STEPHENSON

4. 360 L
LT J C GARY
SGT A E SCHORR

5. 297 T
LT J W SPINKS
S/S L E DAVIS

6. 313 B
LT A N OLIVER
SGT R E GRAHB
SGT D J SNIDER

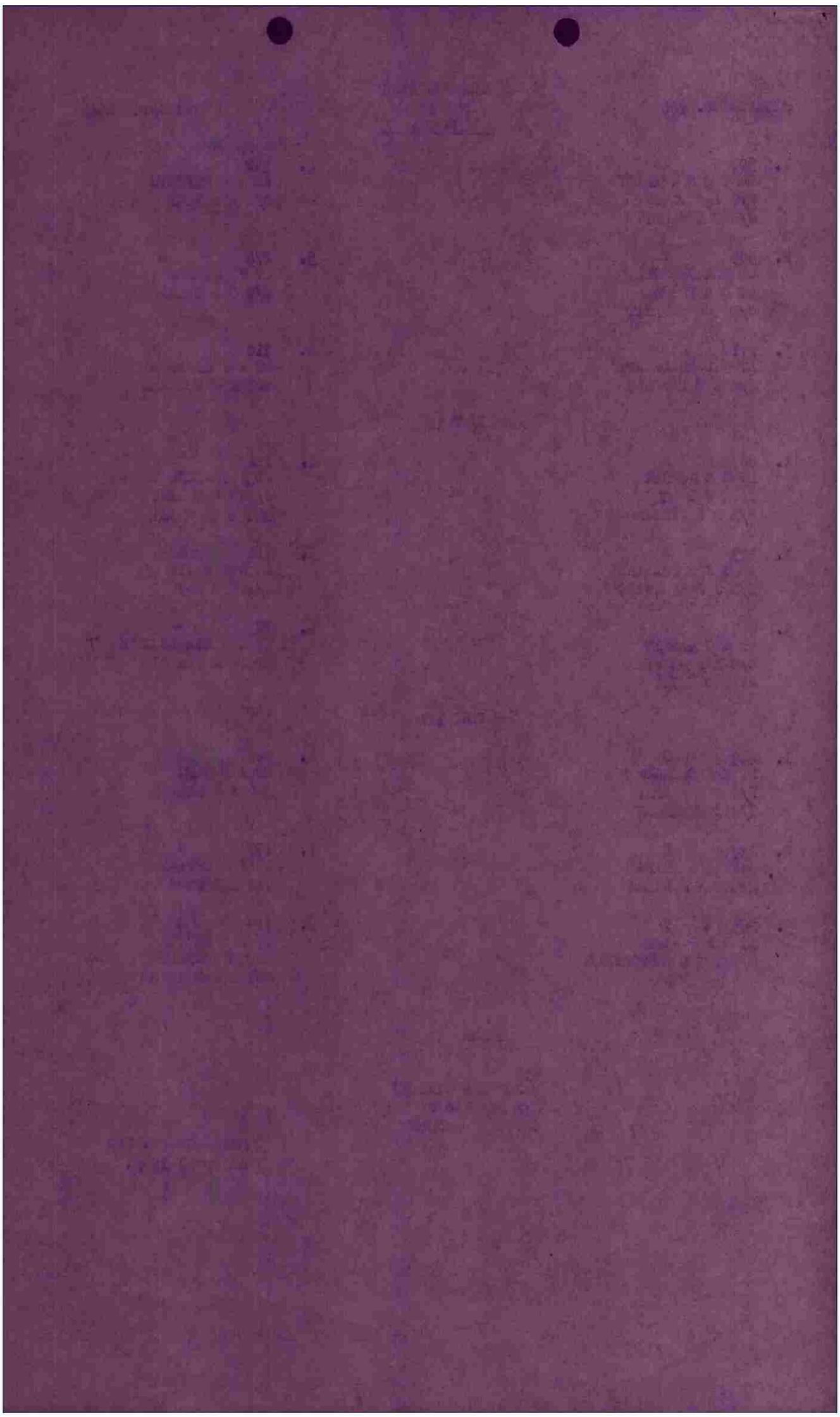
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250 A
MAJOR L C NIELSEN
S/S DI ORIO F
CAPT L P RANDLES

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BGK 111

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SPECIAL FLIGHT

1. 492 T
LT D O TURNER
LT P J MC GIVERN
LT R J MONLEY
S/S H H MC CLAIN

2. 319 A
LT R H HACKLEY
S/S O T HANK

3. 263 G
LT F G DUNN
SGT J M PIRRE

4. 338 O
LT R V DUBOST
S/S E R BRILHART

5. 212 K
LT G W DEBNER
S/S G E WITTER

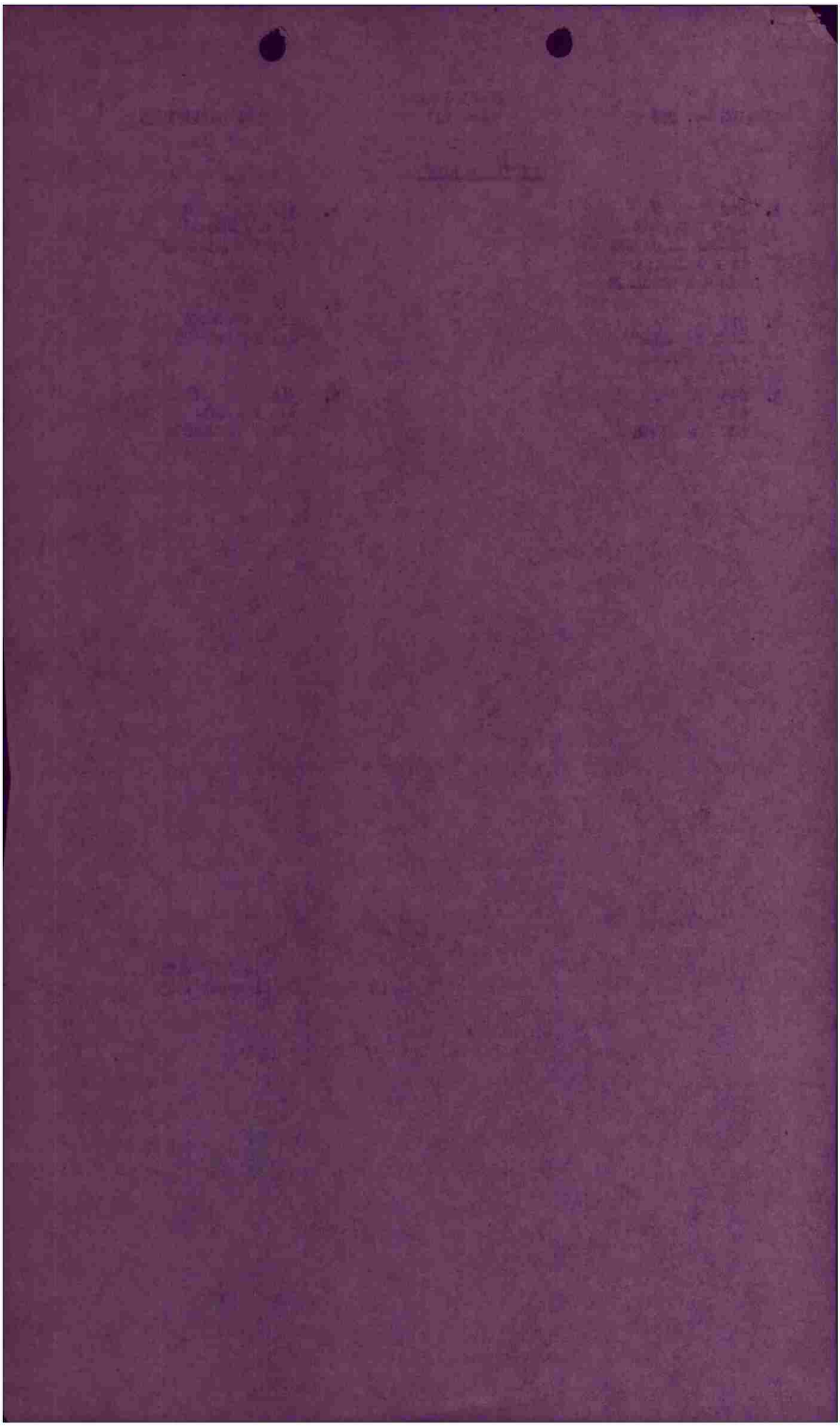
6. 564 V
F/O F W SWAP
SGT M SANTANDER

8T vs Red 1200 910 Guns Unarmed

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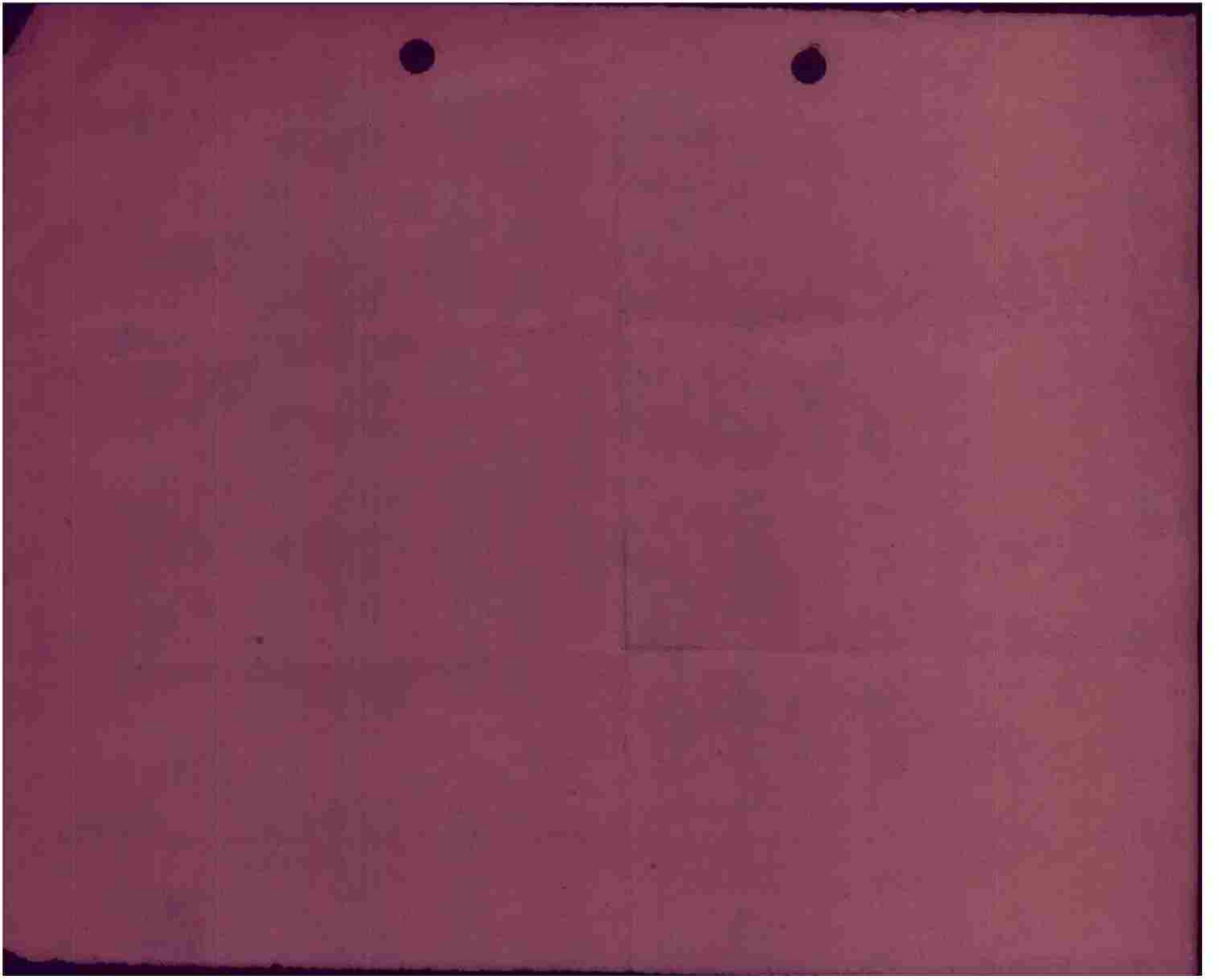
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A - YS - 107
B - 21 APRIL 1945 (0934-1415)
C - Z-ZEBRA REPORTED COMPLETION OF OPS TO PARADE FOR BOTH BOES.
N-NAN UNABLE TO RECEIVE PARADE CLEARLY.
D - Z-ZEBRA CONTACTED F.G.C. BEFORE REACHING [redacted] BOMB LINE.
O-OBOE REPORT LOCATIONS OF ENEMY CONVOY AND OCCUPIED AIRDROME
TO F.G.C.
E - NONE
F - NONE
G - NONE
H - NONE
I - NONE
J - NONE
K - REPORT DELAYED APPROXIMATELY 20 HOURS DUE TO DIVERSION.
AYLESWORTH COBOMGR416
BT 221100B
[redacted] CC: 1ST LINE UNDER C. LAST GR BOXES RPT BOXES
[redacted] CC: D. 2ND LINE 2ND GR REPORTED RPT REPORTED
EJ BBBB K
ITA R.....22/1114B NEH AR K

JEA R.....22/1114B LEG KK

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AUTH: CO Sta A-69
DATE: 25 April 1945
INIT:

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

22 April 1945

SUBJECT: A-26 OPERT No. 22 for 24 hours ending sunset 21 April 1945

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

Mission No. I, 97th Combat Wing Field Order No. 265-268.

1. Operational Factors:
Place of take-off Station A-69 Place of Landing Station A-69
Take-off time 0700 type mission Bombing T.O.T. 1155-1159
Targets [illegible] (primary) [illegible] (secondary)
Landing time 1400 Oper. hours (a) 7 Oper. hours (b) 7.
Weather Visibility 5+ miles. Clouds 2/10 ceiling 5000 feet.

2. Effort:
Dispatched 42 A/C's Sorties 42 Effective sorties 42.
A/C expending bombs 42 Non-effective sorties None:
A/C returning early None

3. Bombs carried into air: 144 x 1000 lb GP's fused 1/10th 1/100th
Expended 144 x 1000 lb GP's fused 1/10th N 1/100th T Alt. 7000-9700
target [illegible] results [illegible].
Expended fused N T Alt.
target results.
Expended fused N T Alt.
target results.

4. Ammunition carried: 50,400 x .50 caliber
Ammunition expended: 50 x .50 caliber

5. None.

6. Flak encountered:
Location [illegible] amount weak accuracy accurate type light.

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 1 enemy A/C - Missing
Damaged

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

11. Remarks:

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1. Effort:
Dispatched_____ Sorties_____ Effective Sorties_____
Non-effective sorties_____

NOT APPLICABLE

2. Bombs carried into air: 160 x 1000 lb GP's fused 1/10 N 1/100 T
fused N T
fused N T
fused N T

Expended on operations: 160 x 1000 lb GP's fused 1/10 N 1/100 T
fused N T
fused N T
fused N T

Jettisoned : None

Lost on wrecked a/c : None

Returned : None

3. Ammunition expended : 30 x .50 calibre

Ammunition lost on wrecked or missing a/c : None

For the Commanding Officer:

[redacted]
Group Captain,
Deputy Air Officer,
Advanced

[redacted]
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Deputy Group Commander.

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Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O TOT L/D	15 min.

A/C		Fail to Bomb	ATT			Bomb Disp					A/C Dam						E/A			Pers.		
Pos	No.	Reason	P	S	O	P	S	J	F	R	M	D	A	AC	B	E	D	P	D	K	W	M
	252	✓				4																
	393	✓				4																
	362	✓				4																
	313	✓				4																
	609	✓				4																
	263	✓ Oil Leak				4																
	271	✓				4																
	499	✓				4																
	505	✓				4																
	508	✓				4																
	274	Belly Tanks ✓ out.				4																
	360	✓				4																
	265	✓				4																
	239	✓				4																
	297	✓				4																
	2313	✓				4																
	320	✓				4																
	224	✓				4																
9	315	✓				4																

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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.

_____Result 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)

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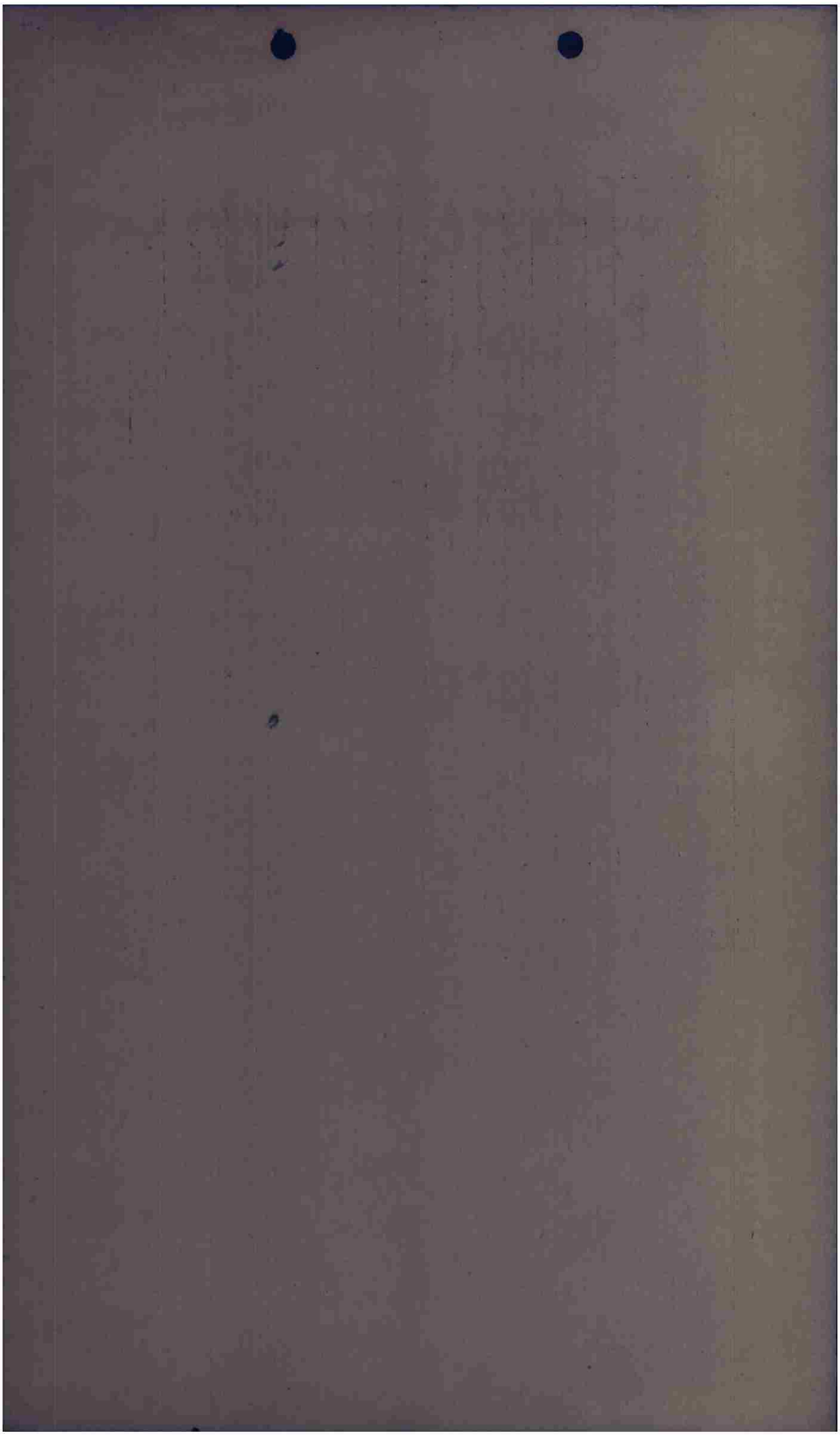
A/C		Fail to Bomb	ATT			Bomb Disp					A/C Dam						E/A			Pers.		
Ldr	No.	Reason	P	S	O	P	S	J	F	R	M	D	A	AC	B	E	D	P	D	K	W	M
	383	✓				4																
	319	✓				4							1									
	492	✓				4																
	356	✓				4																
	250	✓				4																
	640	✓				4																
	305	✓				4																
	385	✓				4																
	188	✓				4																
	259	✓				4																
	~~492~~					~~4~~																
	501	✓				4																
	286	✓				4																
	334	✓				4																
	212	✓	Salvo in Tgt			4																
	209	✓				4																
	398	✓				4																
	328	✓				4																
	314	✓				4																

Left gun.

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A/C		Fail to Bomb	ATT			Bomb Disp					A/C Dam						E/A			Pers.		
Ops	No.	Reason	P	S	O	P	S	J	F	R	M	D	A	AC	B	E	D	F	D	K	W	M
	232	✓				✓																
	528	✓				✓																
	205	✓				✓																
	252	✓ Y-64																				
	310	✓ Y-64																				
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_____Secondary.
_____Other.
(Obtained from recaps.)

C.
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T.O.T._____ (Obtained from Tower).
Time Down_____

D.
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_____Destroyed_____
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Bombs on Secondary	_____	X	_____
Bombs on Other	_____	X	_____
Bombs Returned	_____	X	_____
Bombs Jettisoned	_____	X	_____ Where_____

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F/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL INTERR. FORM

PILOT Swarp A/C# 564 BOX _____ FLT. _____

CASUALTIES _____

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

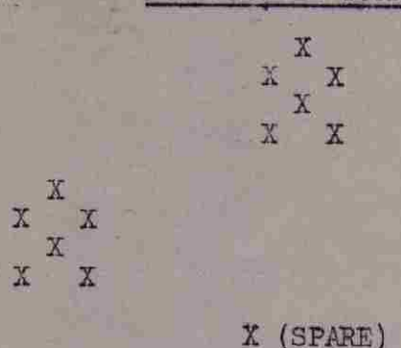
FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS: Couldn't find formation after take off — followed out on course - flew for 1½ hrs on course — turned back at 1045 —

Behind plane Vertical had locked brakes — late on take off

POSITION IN FORMATION

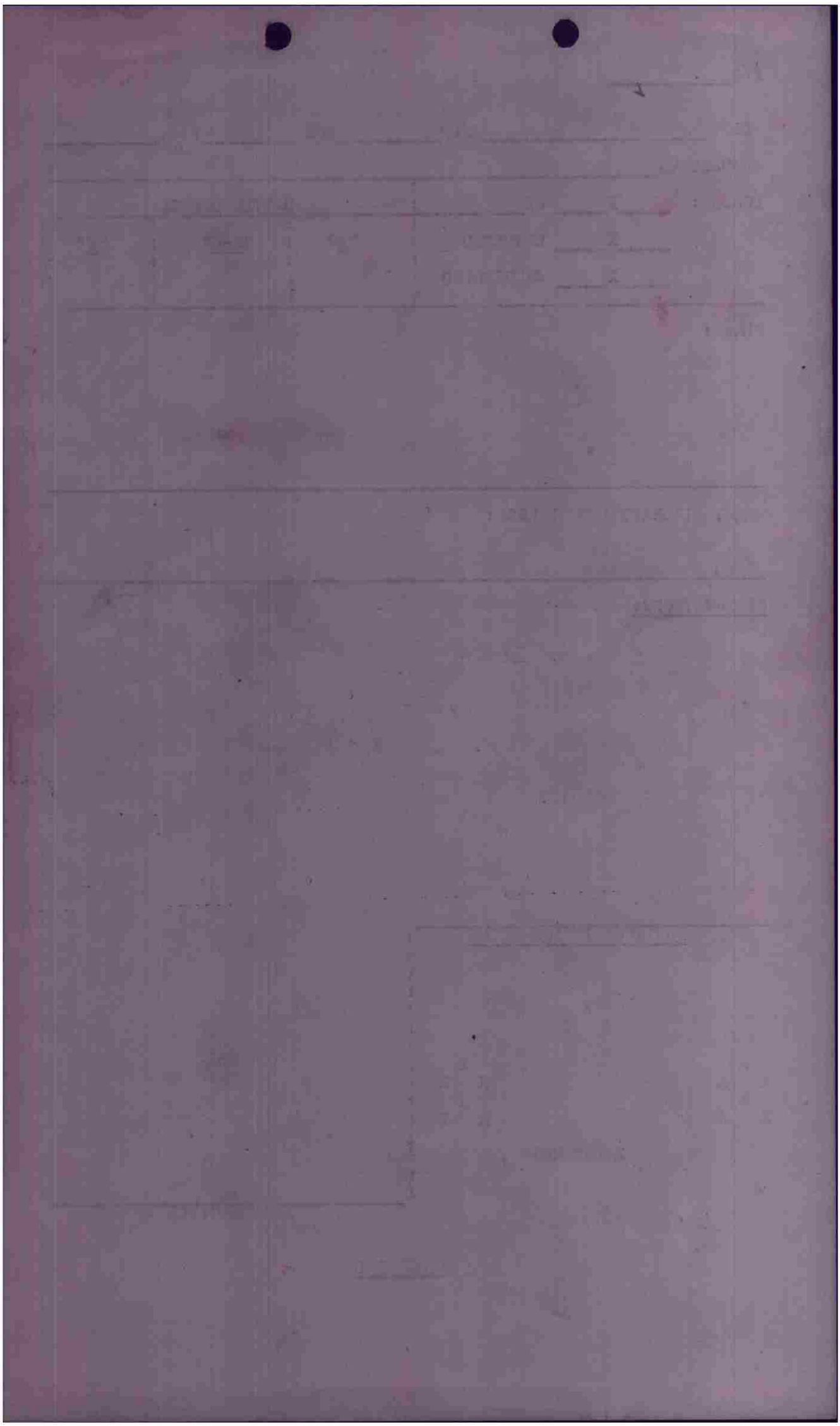


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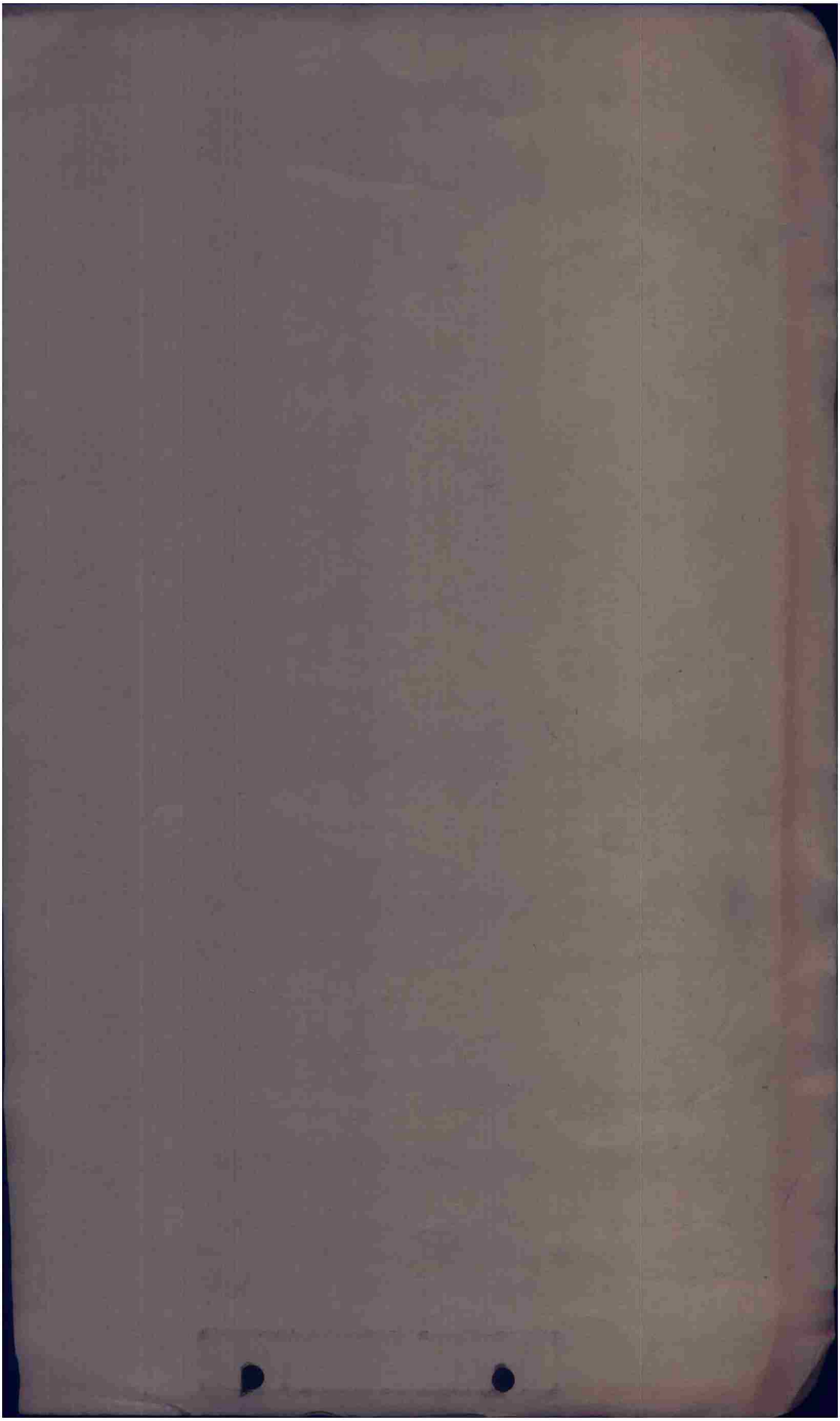
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