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5 JANUARY 1944

BOX I
FLIGHT I

1. 063 A 4.
Major R.F. Price ✓ *H**
Lt. A.R. Hand ✓ *H**
S/Sgt. G.S. Pfanning
S/Sgt. C. Wetko

2. 073 J 5.
Captain H.A. Monroe ✓
Lt. R.L. Kirk
S/Sgt. W.L. Kidd
S/Sgt. A. Terman

3. 1290 L 6.
Lt. W.L. Hale
S/Sgt. D.R. Bentzler

FLIGHT II

1. 178 L-1
Lt. J.E. Blomgren ✓ *H**
Lt. G.G. Johnson ✓ *H**
S/Sgt. E.W. Donnelly
Sgt. C.J. Rauger

4. ~~271~~ 271 R
Lt. J.A. Willard ✓
Cpl. C.V. Hinker

2. 367 K
Lt. R.A. Hackley
Cpl. C.T. Hawk

*Not Airborne
crash on Windalid*

3. 329 B
Lt. M.S. Street ✓ ** 65°*
S/Sgt. R.L. Hodgson

FLIGHT III

1. 467 W
Lt. R.E. Singletary ✓
Lt. A.E. Rosenquist
S/Sgt. R.G. Wiggins *H**
S/Sgt. A.A. Cianciosi

4. 334 G
Lt. M.G. Brown ✓
S/Sgt. J.A. Ottaviano *

2. 296 D
Lt. E.L. Johnson
T/Sgt. J.T. Goggin

3. 222 S
Lt. E.G. Bishop
Sgt. M.C. Harris

FLIGHT IV

1. 259 B
Lt. J.K. Colquitt ✓ ** 90°*
S/Sgt. G.M. Mohr

4. 378 O
Lt. T.D. McCreedy ✓
S/Sgt. W.F. Lemonds

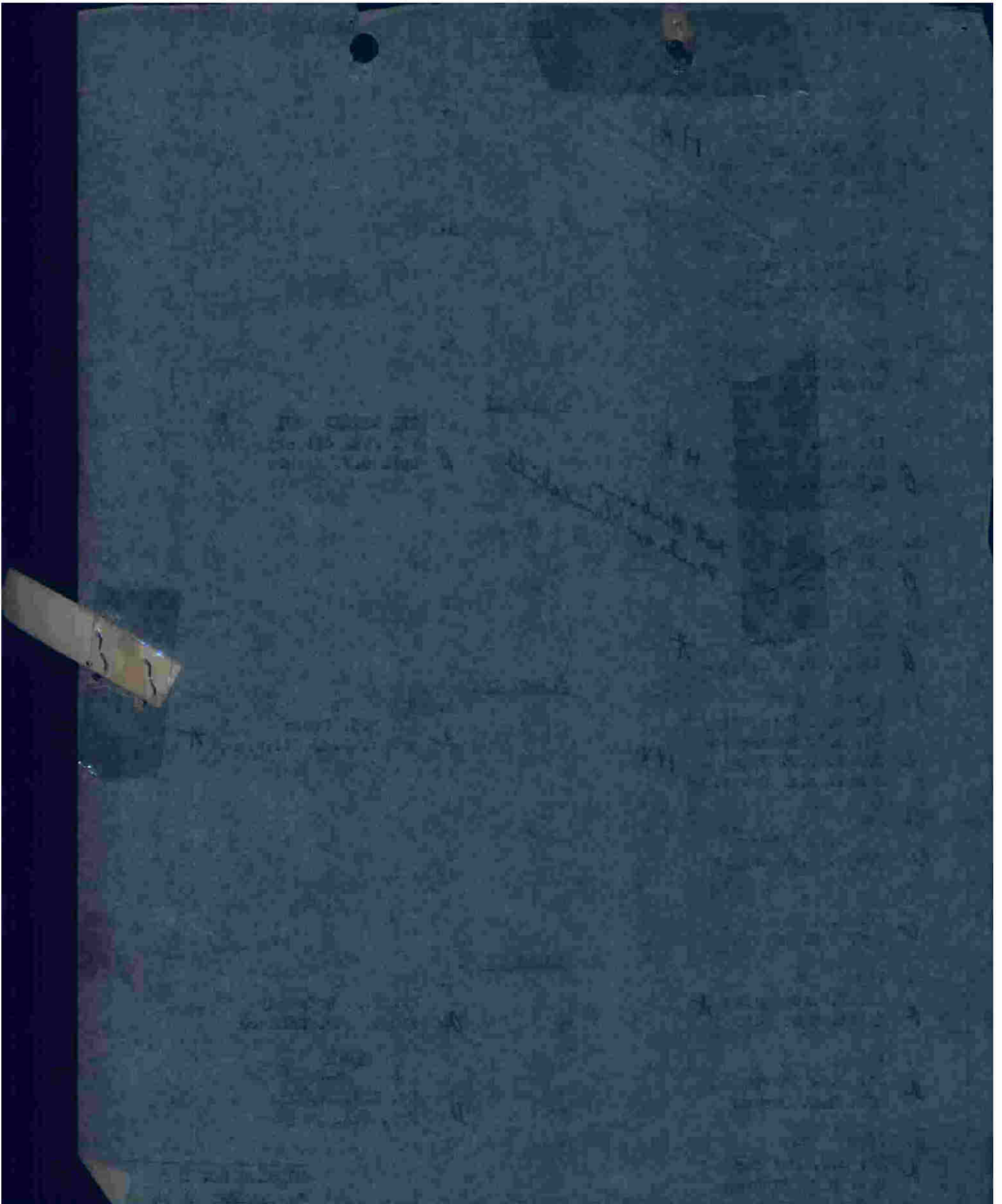
2. 188 R-1
Lt. J.H. Carver ✓ *90°*
Sgt. N.M. Graham

SPARE
4. 250 A-1 *90°*
Lt. L.W. Edstrom ✓
Cpl. P.A. Peopa

3. 269 E-1
Lt. R.C. Buchanan ✓ *69°*
Sgt. R.G. Hindman

*5 Jan 1944
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MISSION NO. 182
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MISSION NO. 182

LOADING LIST

5 JANUARY 1944

BOX II
FLIGHT I

41-39
1. 439 J
Captain G.M. McNulty ✓
Lt. W. Forma ✓
S/Sgt. W.F. Feuhrer ✓
S/Sgt. K.G. Lagerman ✓

2. 173 W 570
Captain F.G. Atkinson ✓
Lt. D.G. Ackerson ✓
Sgt. J.L. Collier ✓
Sgt. L.R. Friday ✓

41-39
3. 264 I 110
Lt. J.K. Wright ✓
Sgt. D.W. VanGalder *

FLIGHT II

44
1. 106 R 575
Lt. G.J. Brown ✓
Lt. J.E. Kerns ✓
S/Sgt. C.R. Orvold ✓
S/Sgt. H.E. Sunderland ✓

41-39 665
4. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 234 F
Lt. F.W. Henderson ✓
S/Sgt. P.E. Coulombe *

41-39
2. 210 J-1
Lt. D.M. Eastman
S/Sgt. A.B. Eaton
could get only 2" of sleep. changed to 326 "W" to late to take off.

41-39
3. 211 K 550
Lt. H.M. Van Noorden ✓
S/Sgt. R.I. Steffey ✓

FLIGHT III

41-39
1. 244 I-1 650
Lt. J.F. Allen ✓
S/Sgt. R.W. Carstens ✓

41-39
4. 333
Lt. E.C. Martin ✓
Cpl. W.R. [unclear] ✓
*not without *
Rt. may on Lt. Eng
Lt. may on Rt. Eng
cutting out.*

41-39
2. 252 D 670
Lt. G.J. Van Meter ✓
Sgt. C.M. Kiker ✓

41-39
3. 241 F 660
Lt. R.W. Van Rope ✓
Cpl. W.H. Klingman ✓

FLIGHT IV

41-39
1. 315 L 590
Lt. R.E. Hall ✓
Pvt. D.C. Finnell ✓

41-39
4. 224 E-1 590
Lt. T.S. Merritt ✓
S/Sgt. R.I. Gatti ✓

41-39
2. 235 M 590
Lt. J.R. Warren ✓
S/Sgt. C.C. Stroup *

41-39
3. 284 C 550
XXX F/O J.A. Green *
Cpl. R.R. Forbakken *

SPARE

41-39 237 D-1 950
Lt. S. Mooney ✓
Cpl. W.C. Buckley ✓

MISSION NO. 182
5 JANUARY 1944

POST MISSION REPORT

MISSION NO. 182

DATE 5 Jan 1945

1. NUMBER OF MEN WOUNDED: None

2. BOMBING MALFUNCTIONS:

811 - Station 3a released shortly after bomb doors were closed and bombing run. Fall on bomb bay doors & returned. Burned casing on surface. Return release lever seen & release lever on bomb shackle causing sluggish release. Aft one bomb shackle repaired returned to service.

3. CAMERA MALFUNCTIONS:

359 Colquhoun Ref 4. under investigation
 224 - Stret - not on bomb. Malfunction in release receptacle
 No photos 10/10 cloudy

4. PERCENT OF BATTLE DAMAGE:

1 or 20 Category A

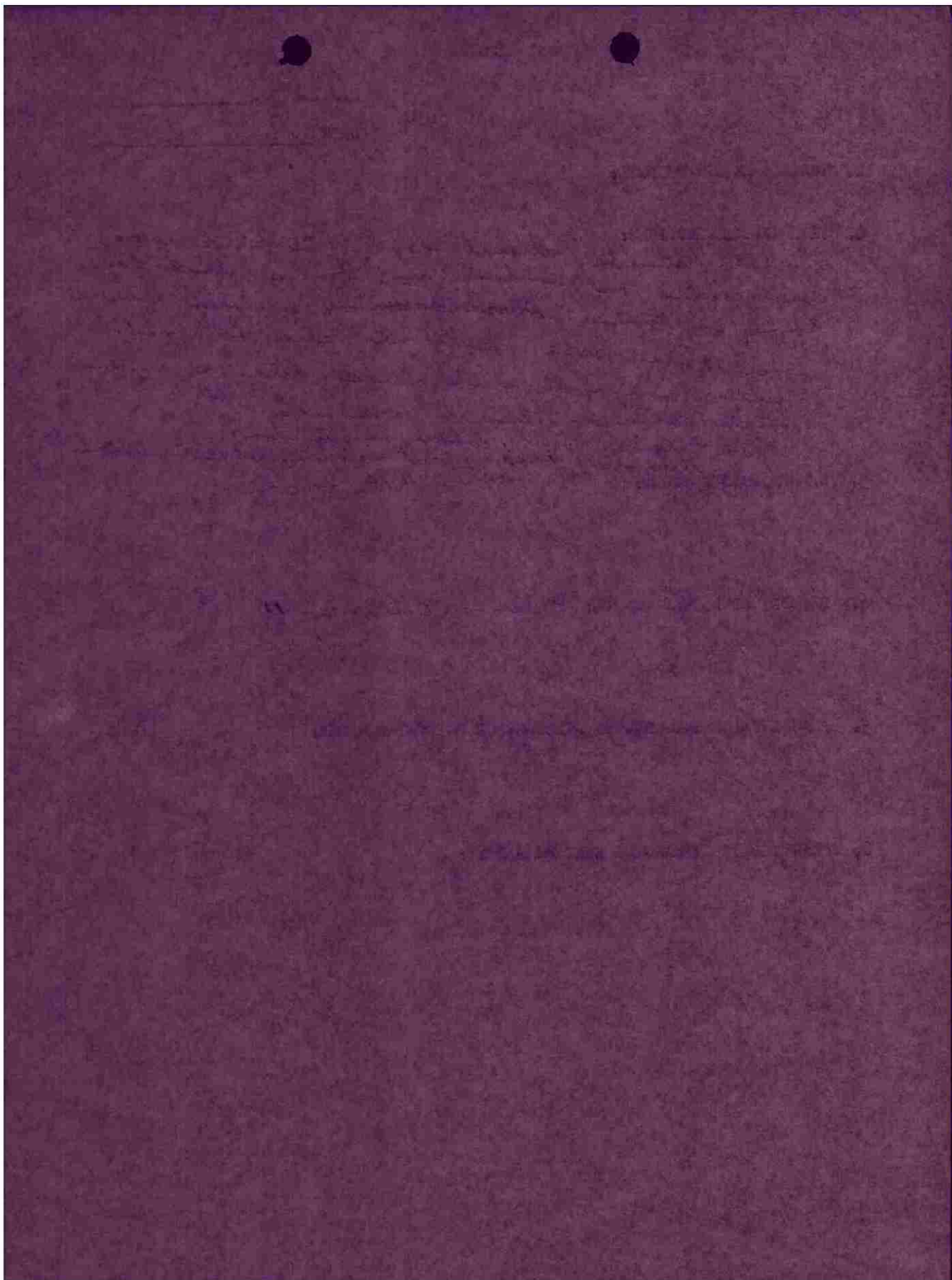
5. PLANES FAILING TO BECOME AIRBORNE OR RETURNING EARLY:

367 Hackley - hit by machine gun and damaged
 210 - Castro - Could get only 20' of flaps. Changed to
 224 too late to take off

6. PLANES LOST OR LANDING AWAY FROM BASE:

333 - missed but returned to base on right engine setting out

None



HEADQUARTERS 416 BOMB GROUP
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 140, U.S. Army

Date 5 January 1945

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Group Box Leaders on PFF Lead.

TO : CO, 1st. Pathfinder Squadron Prov., APO 140, U.S. Army.

DATE OF MISSION 5 Jan. 1945 PFF PILOT 1st Lt. Nichols

GROUP BOX LEADER Major R. F. Elice

1. Was PFF lead entirely satisfactory? If not, why not?

~~Yes, except that no evasive action was taken over known flak positions.~~

2. Opinion of evasive action taken. None taken.

3. Comment on PFF Navigation. Poor. Evidently equipment failure. However, visibility up to within 2 minutes of target was excellent, and it was obvious to our navigators that the course flown was not the briefed course.

4. Suggestions. Equipment readings should be checked by visual pilots whenever possible; thus gross errors could be avoided. Known flak areas should be avoided whenever possible. Also, when formation is passing over known flak positions, evasive action should be taken.

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2ND. BOX

PPF PILOT Unknown GP. BOX LEADER Capt. G. M. McNulty

1. Was PPF lead entirely satisfactory? If not, why not? No. Pilot

Lead very inconsistent throttle settings, and gave flights considerable trouble. In evasive action was taken over known flak positions in clear weather.

2. Opinion of evasive action taken. None taken.

3. Comment on PPF Navigation. Very poor. Although visibility was excellent all burning points were missed and box was led through flak which could have been avoided if briefed course had been flown.

4. Suggestions. Do mine pilotage with equipment navigation when possible. Leaders must use as steady constant throttle settings as possible, and must not make radical changes of throttle.

HAROLD A. BARRETT.
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116th Bomb. Group.

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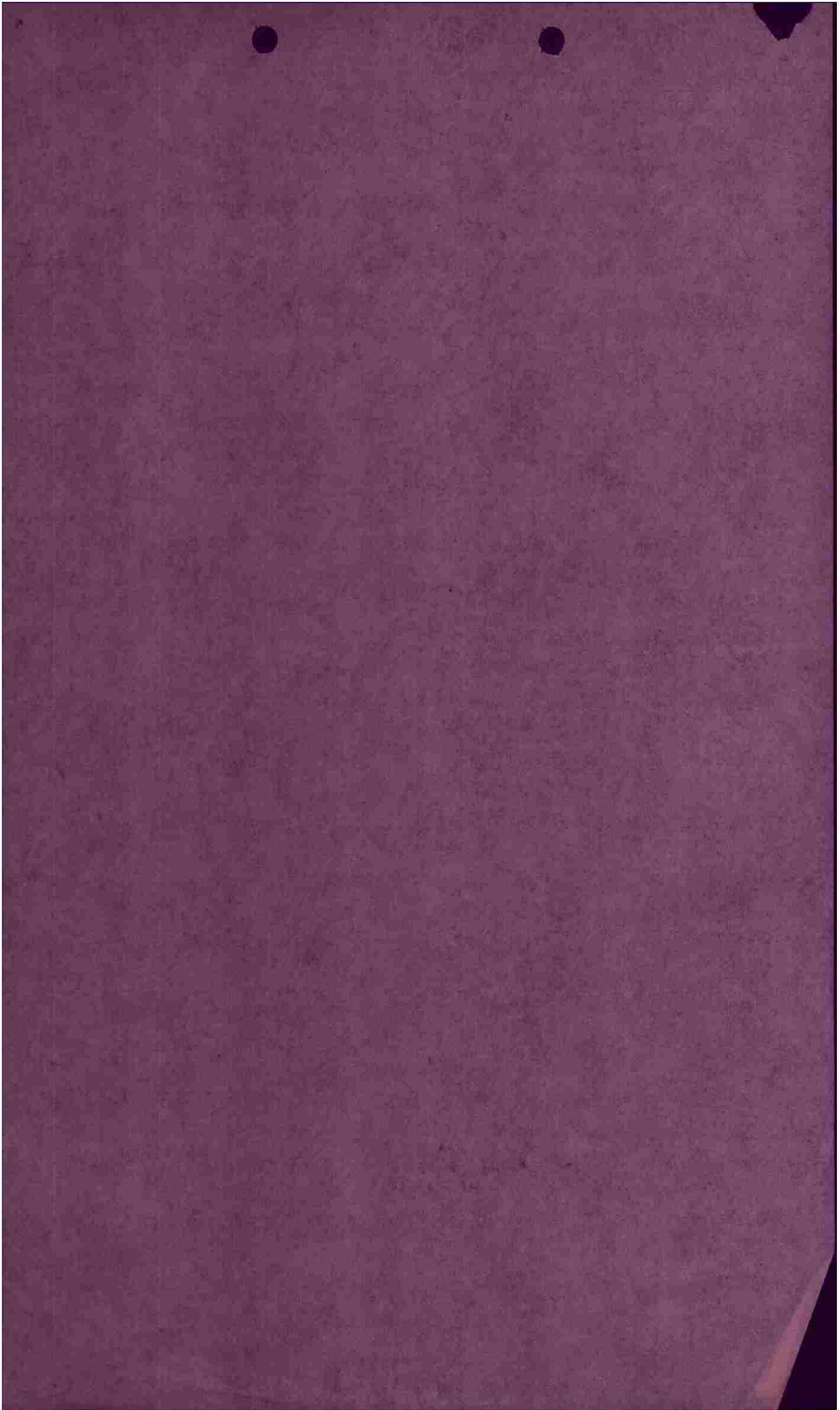
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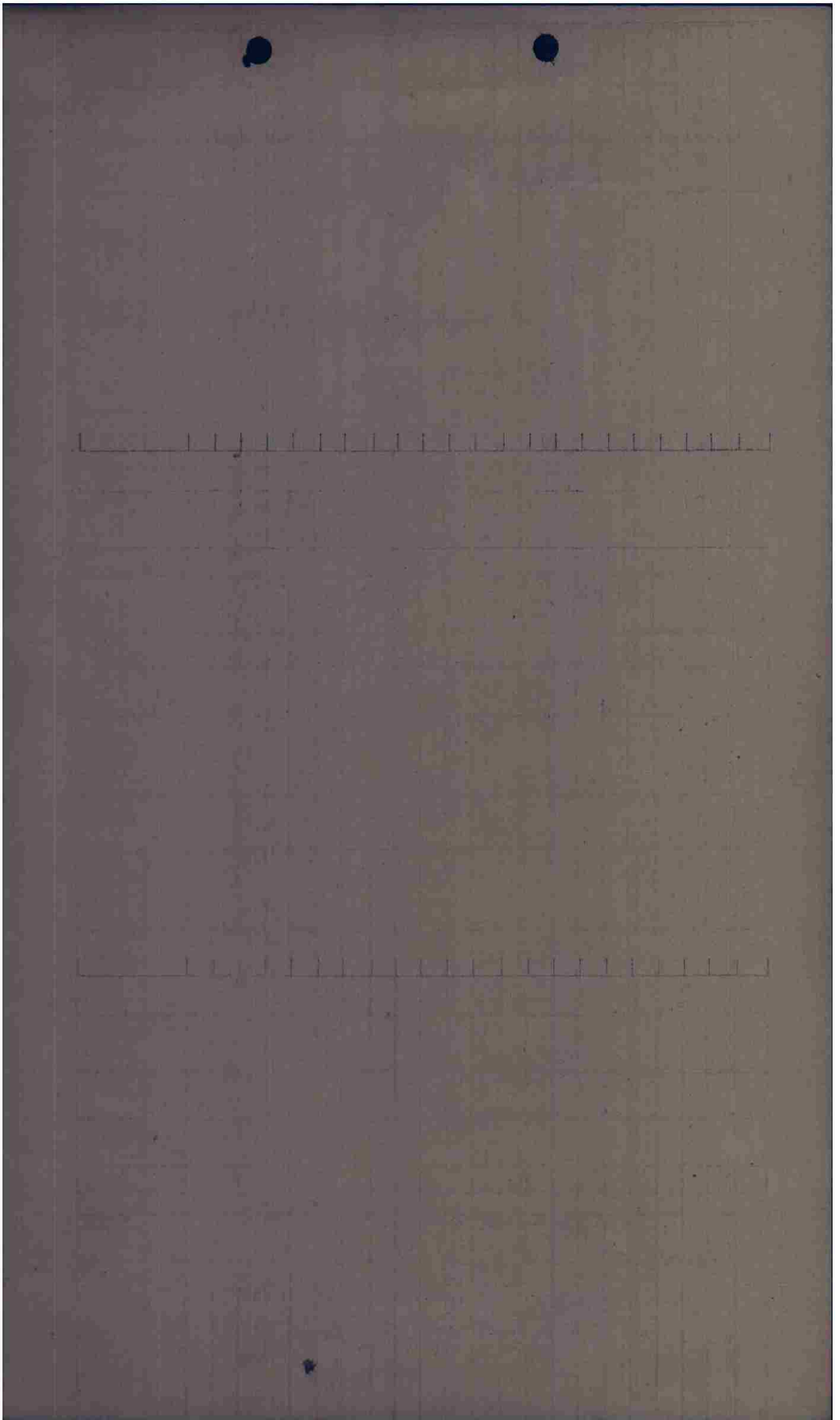
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Mission No. 182
118.698
130° - 138°
Bar I
5 January 1945

Squad N	A/C LTR	A/C NO.	PILOT	DISTANCE	TARGET	A TO	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	CAMERA	FUEL	BOMB	ENDUR	L A T I M E	R E M A R K S
A	A	063	Jones	636	Simons	1220						HC	725	4500		1609	3:50
C	J	073	Thomas	==	RAILROAD	1220						HC	975	4000		1609	3:50
B	L	290	Hale		BRIDGE	1210						HC		How		1614	3:55
B	L-1	178	Stromgren			1211						HC		How		1609	3:50
B	K	347	Stackby														
B	B	229	Stunt														
B	R	371	Wittark														
C	W	467	Langston									HC				1611	3:50
C	D	296	Johnson W.S.													1610	3:50
C	S	222	Bridgman													1617	3:55
C	G	334	Arnold A.B.													1614	3:55
A	H	259	Colquhoun													1613	3:50
A	R-1	188	Colquhoun													1611	3:50
A	R-1	269	Quackenbush													1612	3:50
A	O	378	Dr. Quackenbush													1613	3:50
A	A-1	250	Edwards													1614	3:50
																1610	3:45

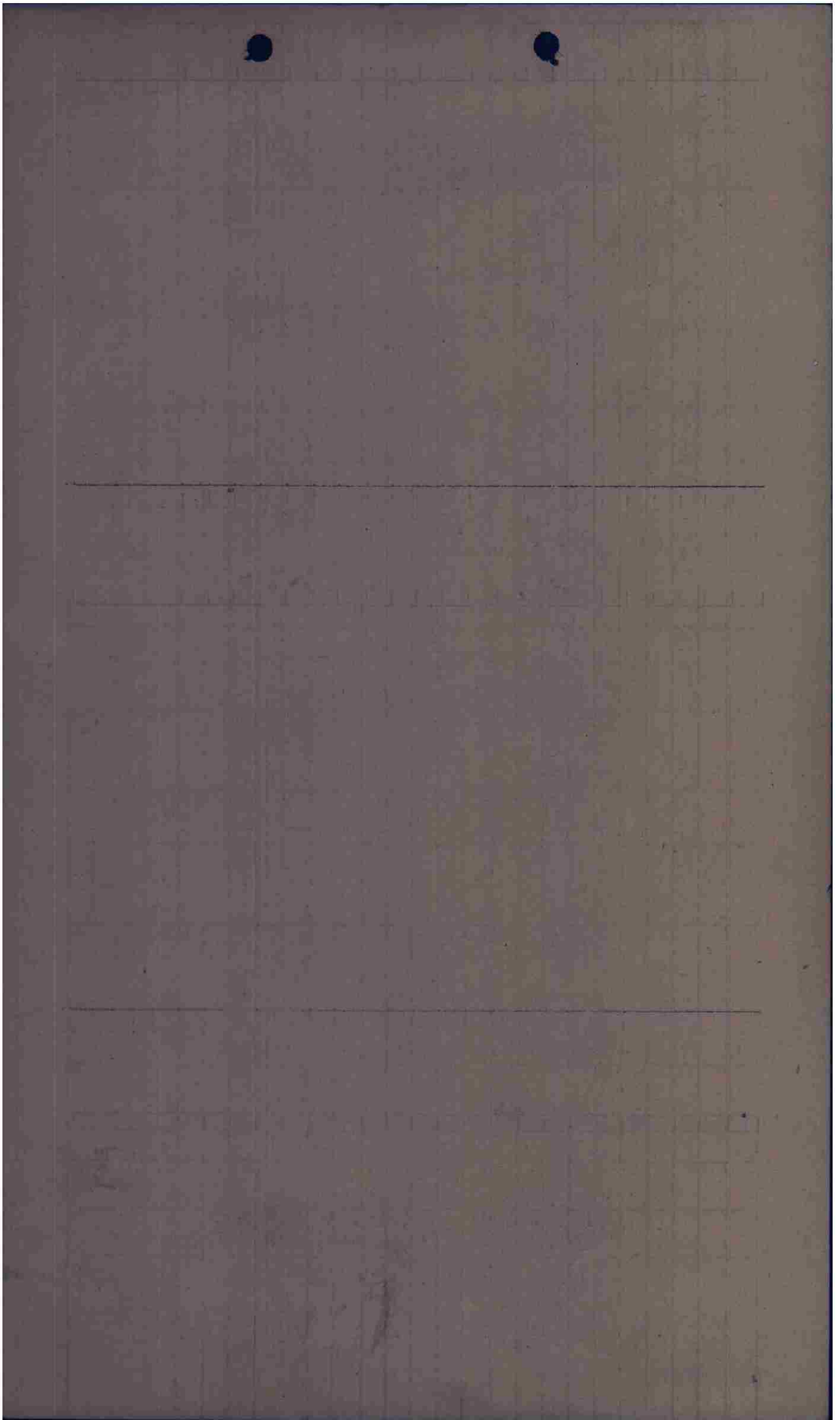


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Part II

5 January 1945

S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U L L O A D	B O M B O A D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D E	R E M A R K S
A	V	439	A. E. Mully			1226						Hc				1622	4:00
C	W	173	Whitcomb			1229						C				1623	4:00
B	I	264	Mudgett			1229						HC				1626	4:00
B	E	106	Brubaker			1229										1626	4:00
A	W	316	Gastman			1228										1627	4:00
A	R	311	Paul Gardner			1228										1626	4:00
B	P	234	Woodhouse			1228						C				1629	4:05
B	I	244	Allen			1228										1629	4:00
B	D	252	Tom Myster			1229										1620	4:05
B	F	241	Tom Roper			1229											
B	Q	333	Martin														
C	L	315	Hall			1230										1624	3:55
C	M	235	Martin			1231						C				1625	3:55
C	C	284	Lawson			1231										1625	3:55
C	E-1	224	Merritt			1232										1627	3:55
A	D-1	237	Moroney			1232											



SHIP NO	SQUADRON	PILOT and/or BOMBARDER	ENGINE'S	MALFUNCTIONS	OTHER'S OF MALFUNCTIONS
211	D	W. H. Borden		Station 3 H returned shortly after bomb down was ordered. Bomb bay doors returned.	<p>5 January 1945</p> <p>Comparison made between release logs for all releases. Release of 1000 lbs. bombs was not recorded. Release of 1000 lbs. bombs was recorded. Release of 1000 lbs. bombs was recorded. Release of 1000 lbs. bombs was recorded.</p>
229	B	Street		Station 3 H failed to release -	<p>Station operator properly through all ground checks and in distribution of warning signals. No irregularities. At release point was in a field for maintenance and now was found. It is believed that the electrical charge to release 3 A were partially contained. On a variety of maintenance checks on contacts to RA-1 switches. The ground wiring leads were through the tape and were in a bomb bay. Only slight traces of moisture were found.</p>
259	A	Colquhitt		All four (4) bombs returned -	<p>Overnight Kaslin. Thoroughly checked electrically and no irregularities were encountered. However, excessive moisture was found on contact of safety mechanism at ship for release of RA-52 bombs. Release of RA-52 bombs was not recorded. Release of RA-52 bombs was recorded. Release of RA-52 bombs was recorded.</p>

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Every and must cover are in
 order to eliminate the possible
 of maintenance. The individual matters
 has been removed and replaced
~~to~~ in order to complete a further
 study of a possibility of individual
 interests. An out of all the places
 with practices, books, when written
 permits as a final check -

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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 04/2240A J-42-E
TO : IX BOMBER DIV. 90
409TH BOMB GROUP.
410TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.
1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV.)

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 1 4 0
04 JANUARY 1945.

FIELD ORDER NO. 118-698

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REFER CURRENT BOMBLINE.
(2) 19TH T.A.C. WILL PROVIDE P-38 ESCORT FOR THE 409TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS.
2ND T.A.F. WILL PROVIDE SPITFIRE AREA COVER FOR THE 410TH BOMB GROUP.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY AND BELGIUM.

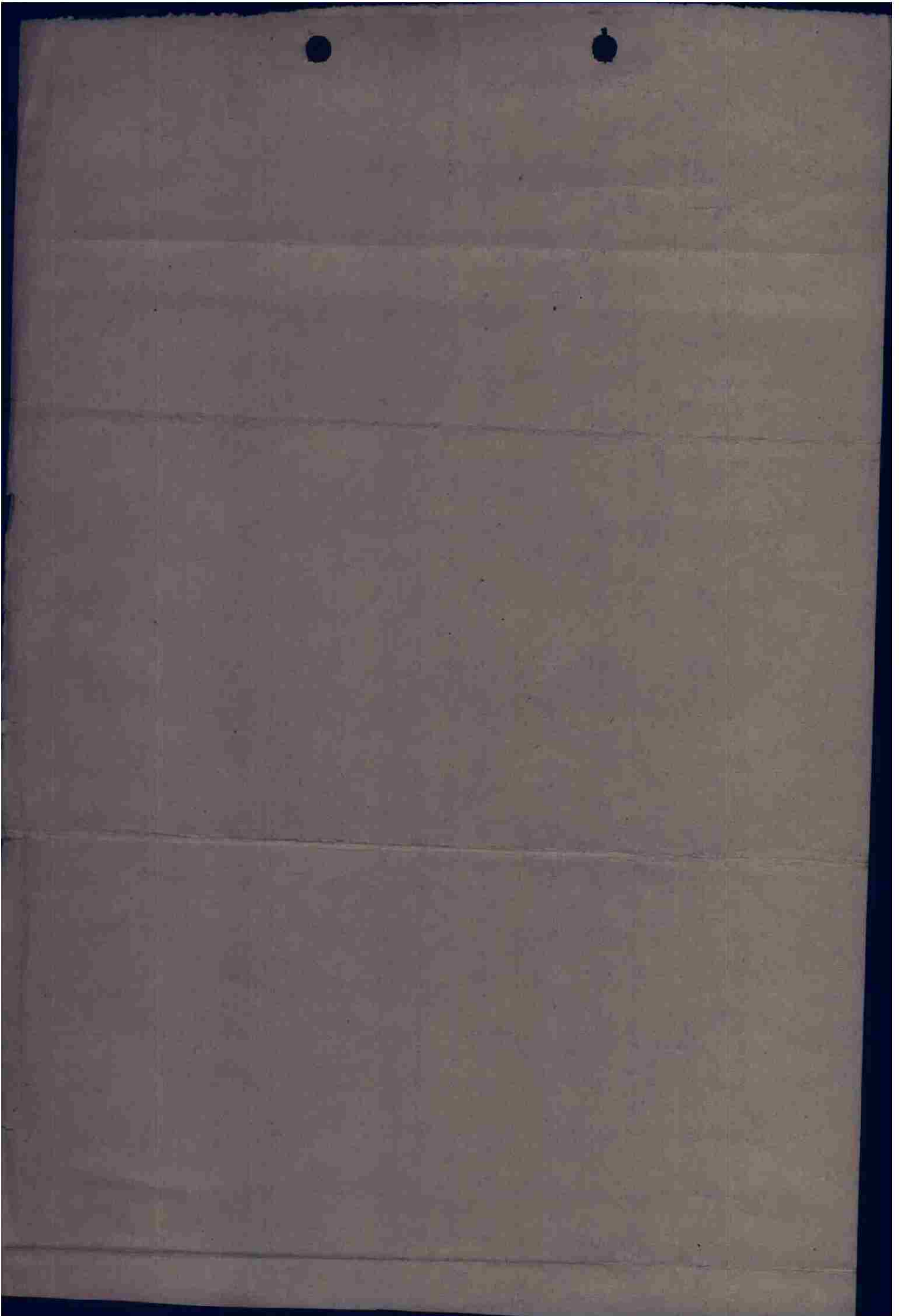
PLAN "A" - ZERO HOUR: 05/1030A
PLAN "B" - ZERO HOUR: 05/1030A 1130

- PLAN "A" - VISUAL -

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4855N 0603E AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
(1) CLERVAUX (COMMUNICATION CENTER) P-779631
(2) 30 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
(3) BASE TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(4) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
(5) BOMB 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET.
(6) 4942N 0549E
(7) GENERALLY SW TO NE
(8) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4040 SHEET NO. 107. 3 FLIGHTS ON GRID. COORD. 77916315 AND 3 FLIGHTS ON GRID. COORD. 77636309
(9) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
(10) 4942N 0549E
(11) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR
(12) ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL NOT BE ATTACKED.
(13) IF CLOUDS PREVENT VISUAL BOMBING, GROUP WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.

- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4855N 0603E AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 15 MINUTES.

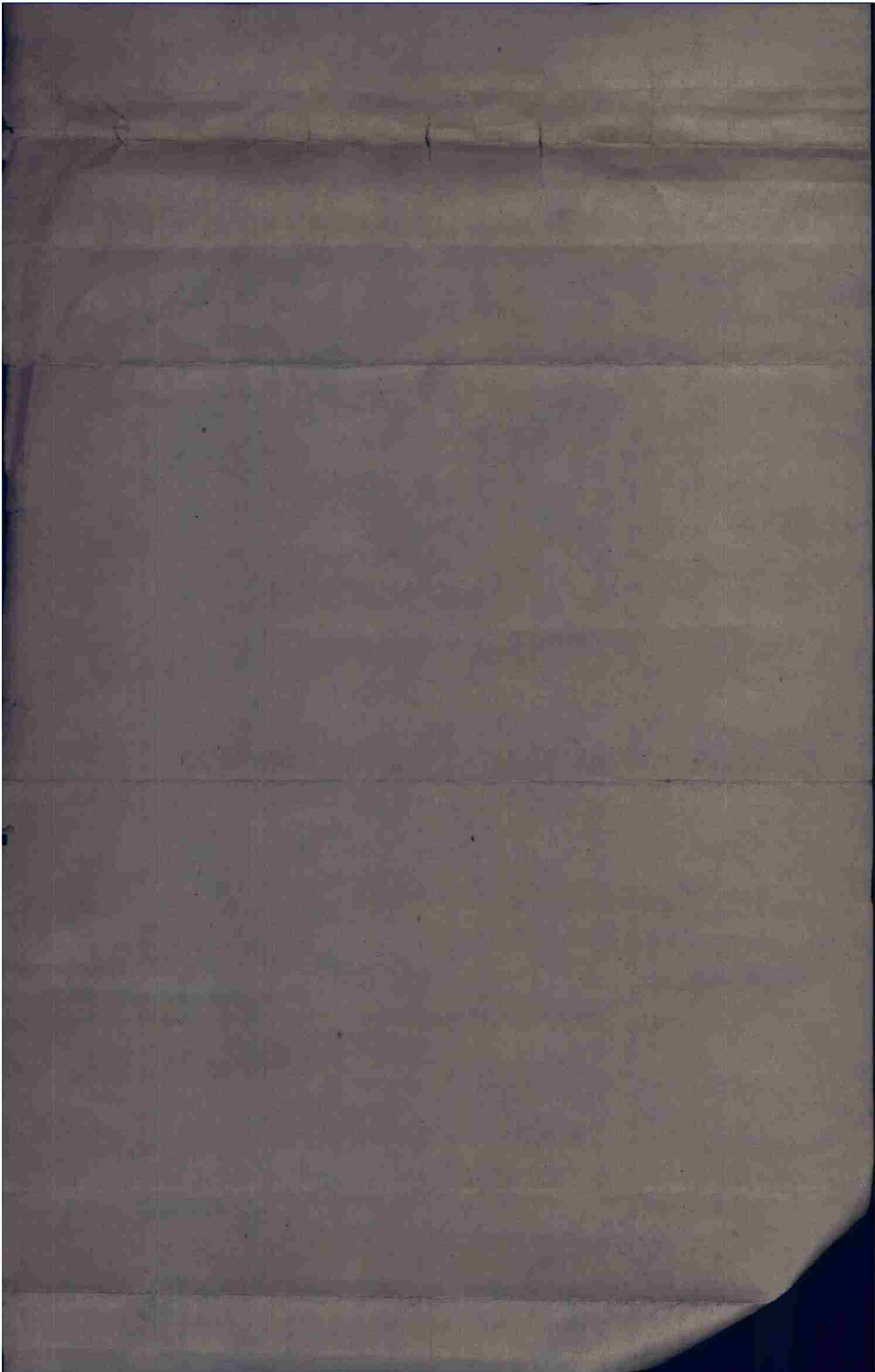
- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.
FOR 409TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS ONLY.
(5) TARGET: SIMMERN RAILROAD BRIDGE (L-840531)
(6) A/C REQ: 50 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
(7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO F.R. TO 4855N 0740E TO 4925N 0804E TO 4930N 0802E TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO



- BASE.
- (9) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE, DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
 - (10) I.P. - 4943N 0740E
 - (11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GEN. SE TO NW
 - (12) M.P.I. - IX AIR FORCE 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT U.S. 10/T374, ANNOTATED AREA NO. 1 (CENTER OF BRIDGE)
 - (13) BOMBS: 4 X 1,000 G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
 - (14) I.P. - 4943N 0740E
 - (15) IF CLOUDS PREVENT VISUAL BOMBING, ANZ AND "GEE" EQUIPMENT FAILS, BOMBS WILL BE RELEASED ON TARGET E.T.A.

PLAN "B" PATHFINDER

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
- (2) 1ST BOX 15 A/C 2ND BOX 18 A/C BOMBING ON 1 P.P.F. A/C.
 - (3) WITH P-38'S AT 4855N 0603E AT 13,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 45 MIN. WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER BASE.
 - (6) BOMB 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET. 2ND BOX CLOSE TO 1ST BOX AS POSSIBLE, SLIGHTLY BELOW AND IN TRAIL. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
 - (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 5 MIN.
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
- (1) CLERVAUX (COMMUNICATIONS CENTER) P-779631
 - (2) 1ST BOX 15 A/C 2ND BOX 18 A/C BOMBING ON 1 P.P.F. A/C.
 - (4) BASE TO 5049N 0512E TO 5035N 0557E TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 4942N 0549E TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB 1ST BOX 12,500 FEET, 2ND BOX AS CLOSE TO 1ST BOX AS POSSIBLE, SLIGHTLY BELOW AND IN TRAIL.
 - (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4040 SHEET NO. 107. ONE BOX ON EACH GRID. COORD. 77916315, 77636309. TO BE USED ONLY IF BOMBING IS VISUAL. P.P.F. M.P.I. 77916315.
 - (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
 - (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 75 MIN.
 - (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT TARGET. BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT.
 - (14) ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL NOT BE ATTACKED.
 - (15) PRIMARY TARGET WILL NOT BE BOMBED ON GROUP "GEE"
 - (16) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND RUN FOR VISUAL BOMBING GROUP WILL USE 4942N 0549E TO BEGIN RUN.
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 15 A/C BOMBING ON ONE P.P.F. A/C EACH BOX.
 - (3) WITH P-38'S AT 4855N 0603E AT 13,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 45 MIN.
 - (6) BOMB 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET 2ND BOX 13,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
 - (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR.
- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.
- FOR 409TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS ONLY.
- (5) TARGET: SIMMERN RAILROAD BRIDGE (L-840531)
 - (6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO F.R. TO 4856N 0740E TO 4934N 0811E TO 4937N 0756E TO TARGET.
 - (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO 4934N 0811E AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
 - (8) ALTITUDE: MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING IS 5,000 FEET.
 - (9) M.P.I. - P.P.F. A/C WILL BOMB GRID. COORD. 83905305
 - IN CASE OF VISUAL BOMBING, IX AIR FORCE 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT US 10/T374, ANNOTATED AREA NO. 1 (CENTER OF BRIDGE) WILL BE BOMBED.
 - (10) BOMBS: 4 X 1000 G.P. - FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING IS MINIMUM.
 - (11) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT TARGET, BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADER AND THEY WILL DO SO, WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT.
 - (12) IF A SECOND RUN ON TARGET IS NECESSARY FOR VISUAL BOMBING, GROUP WILL RETURN TO 4943N 0740E TO BEGIN RUN.
 - (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AND P.P.F. A/C FAILS TO BOMB, BOMB ON GROUP "GEE" EQUIPMENT. IF GROUP "GEE" EQUIPMENT FAILS, RELEASE BOMBS ON TARGET E.T.A.



4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

(PLAN "A" AND "B")

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) LATEWORK
- (3) POKER
- (4) RIPSAW

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) ROMA
- (4&5) SWEESTAKE

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) OAKLEAF
- (3) JUDITH
- (4) RIPSAW

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BT 04/2240A

WCB/FK/AR/TNKS

ALL STNS H/F/R

OIITA K WITH R

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OIJES K WITH R

OIJES / OIJE A R...05/0035A JMB AR

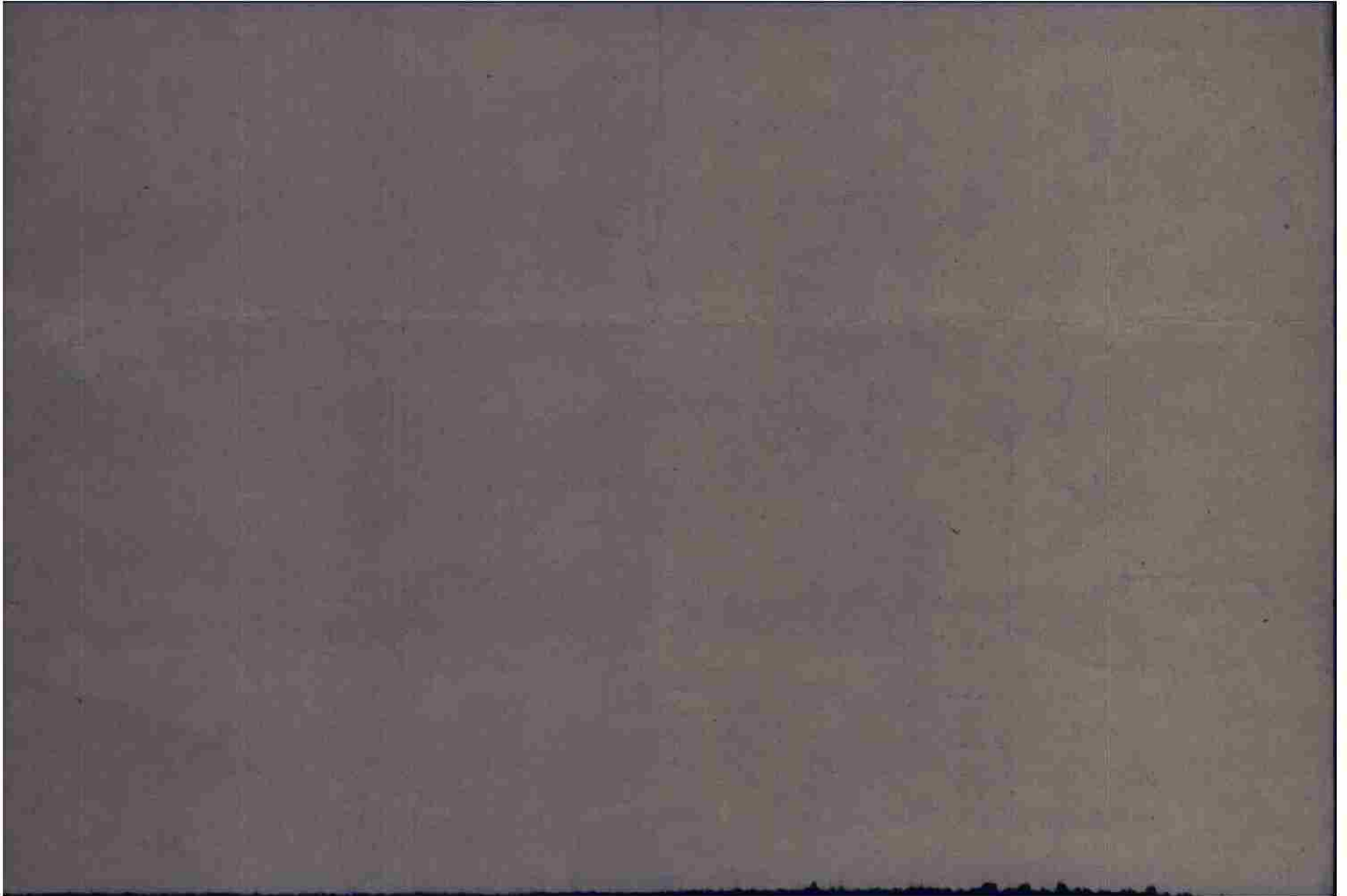
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 05/0315A J-43-E
TO COMBOMDIV IX
CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQDN.
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
05 JANUARY 1945

ANNEX NO. 1 TO F.O. NO. 112-698

PLAN "A"
ADD TO PAR. 3. B. (6) LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS

PLAN "B"
ADD TO PAR. 3. B. (6) MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL 5,000 FEET

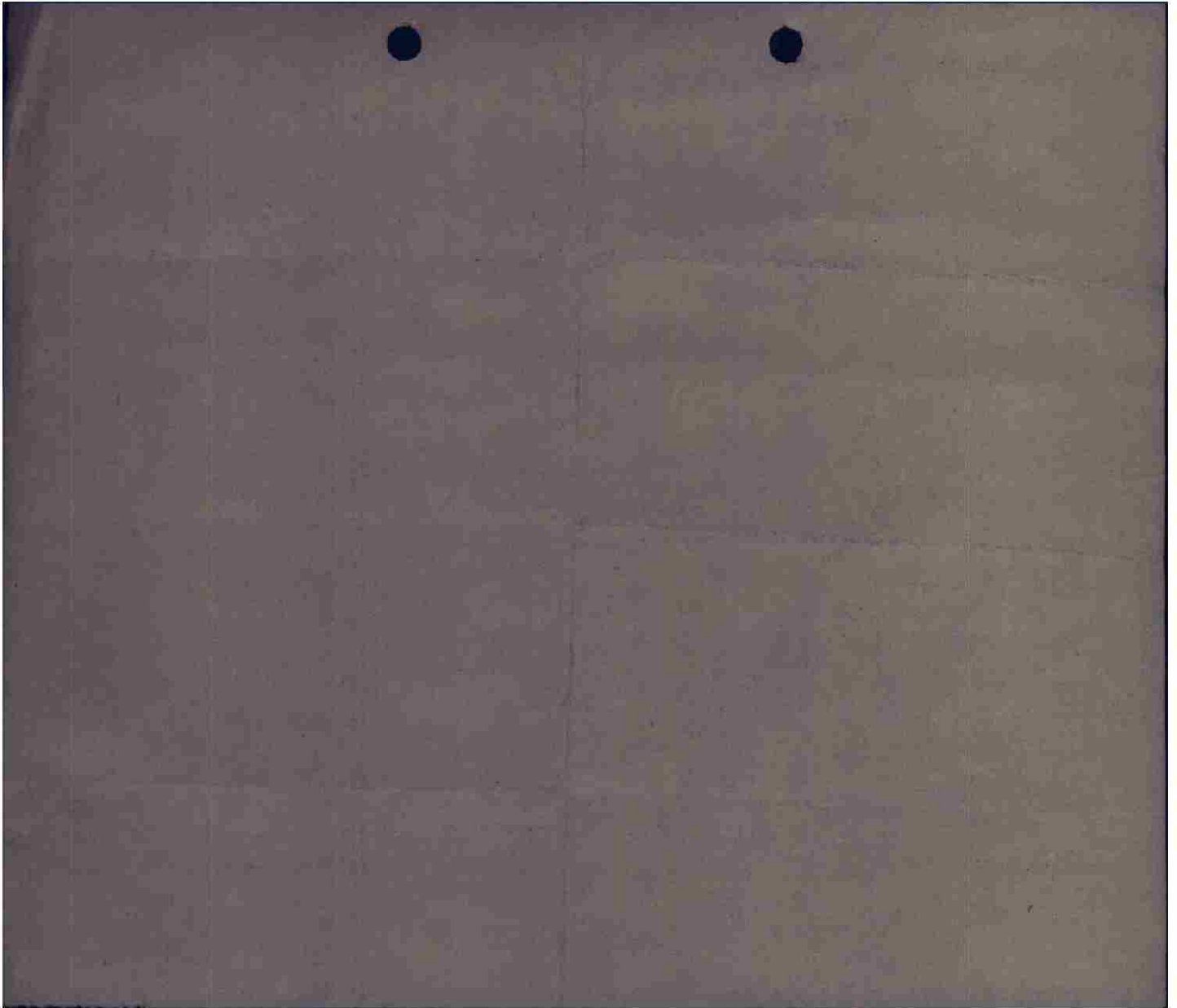
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TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409
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A P O 140
05 JANUARY 1945

ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 118-698:

CANCEL PLAN "A" REPEAT: CANCEL PLAN "A"

PLAN "B" IS IN EFFECT WITH NEW ZERO HOUR TO READ: 05/1130A.

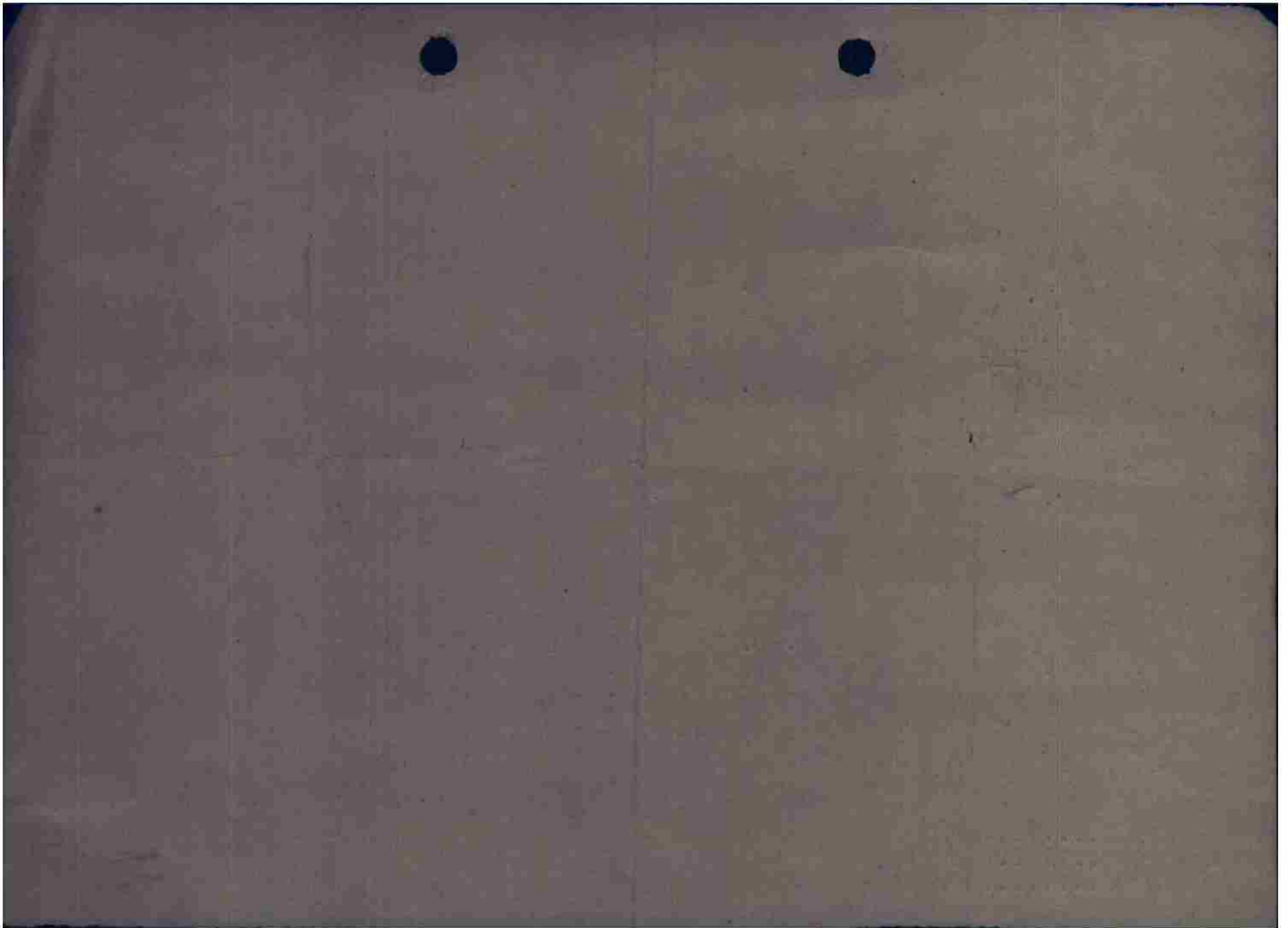
IN PLAN "B" CHANGE PAR. 3. B. (9) TO READ: M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET
NO. 5902. ONE BOX ON EACH GRID. COORD. 77916315, 77636309. TO BE USED
ONLY IF BOMBING IS VISUAL. P.P.F. M.P.I. 77916315.

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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 05/1048A J-46-E
TO : COMBOMB DIV NINE
409TH BOMB GROUP
410TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP
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ANNEX NO. 3 TO FIELD ORDER 118-698

CHANGE THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS ON PLAN "B" TO READ:

- 3. A. (2) 2 BOXES OF 15 A/C BOMBING ON 1 P.P.F. A/C EACH BOX
(3) WITH P-38'S AT 4855N 0603E AT 13,500 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 85 MIN.
WITH P.P.F. OVER THE BASE.
(12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 130 MIN.
- 3. C. (3) WITH P-38'S AT 4855N 0603E AT 13,500 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 80
MIN. WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER THE FIELD.
(12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 125 MIN.

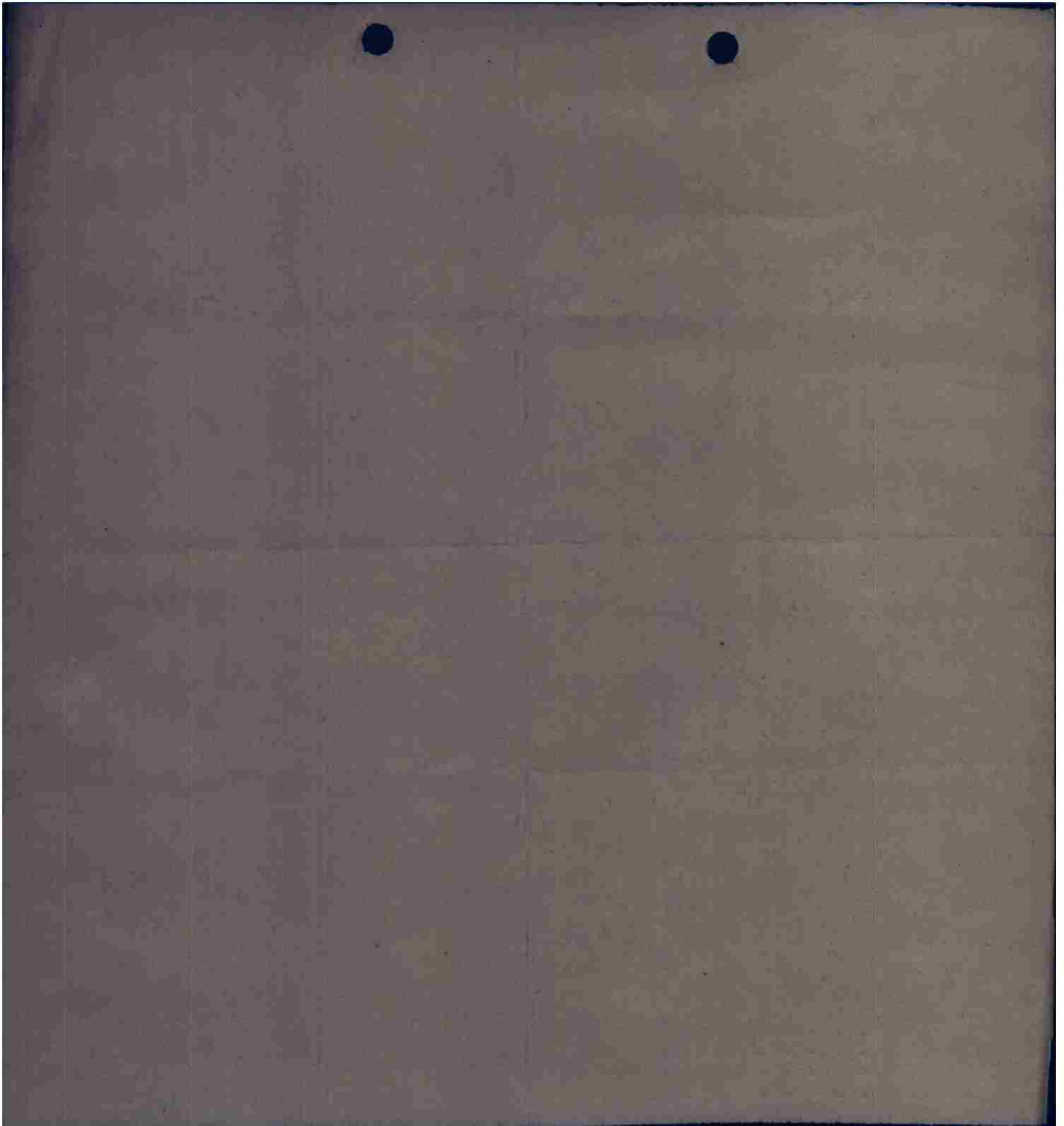
CHANGE ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" TO READ: 05/1230A

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OIITA R	05/1105A	DFD	AR
OIJES R	05/1105A	HO	AR
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OIJPO R	05/1105A	LB	AR

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

BT
 OPFLASH FOR 5 JANUARY 1945

- A. 416TH BOMB GROUP
- B. SIMMERN RR BRIDGE
- C. 7 A-20S AND 22 A-26S
- D. 7 A-20S AND 21 A-26S
- E. 1 A-26 FAILED TO DROP DUE TO BOMB RELEASE MECHANISM MALFUNCTION.
- F. 28 X 500 GP BY 7 A-20S
 82 X 1000 GP BY 21 A-26S
 6 X 1000 GP RETURNED

SECOND BOX BOMBED BY PPF TECHNIQUE
 FIRST BOX BOMBED ON ETA FROM VISUAL IP TO PREDETERMINED RELEASE
 POINT

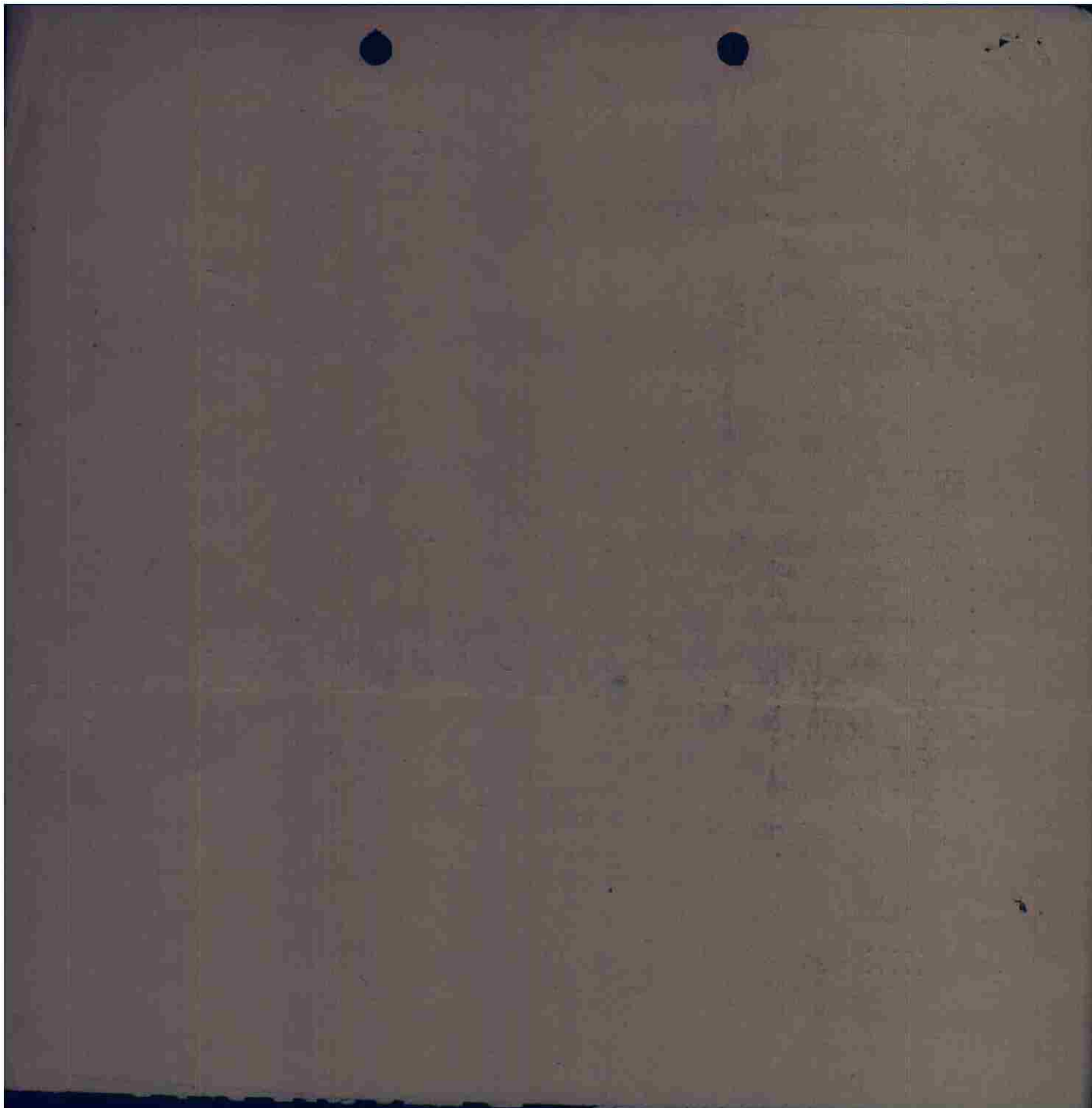
RESULTS UNOBSERVED DUE TO CLOUD COVER.
 THIS REPORT DOES NOT INCLUDE BOMBS OF 2 B-26S.

- G. UNOBSERVED DUE TO 10/10 CLOUD
- H. 1 A/C DAMAGED BY FLAK CATEGORY "A"
- I. NIL
- J. MODERATE INACCURATE HFF FROM LAMBSHEIM (M 4001) WHEN PPF A/C OF
 BOX II DEVIATED FROM BRIEFED COURSE ON RETURN FROM TARGET.
 WEAK ACCURATE HFF FROM BITCHE AS A-20 LEADER LED FORMATION BACK
 TO BRIEFED COURSE.
- K. NIL
- L. BOX I 14,500
 BOX II 13,000
- M. BOX I 1440 (SECOND RUN TO DROP ON ETA)
 BOX II 1433.

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TO IX BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) ATTN A-2 PI
97TH COMBAT WING ATTN A-2 DUTY OFFICER

SECRET BT

B. SIMMERN RAILROAD BRIDGE.

^{1433-1440.}
G. 1333-1340

J. NO PHOTOS DUE TO 10/10 CLOUD COVER.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 05/1745A

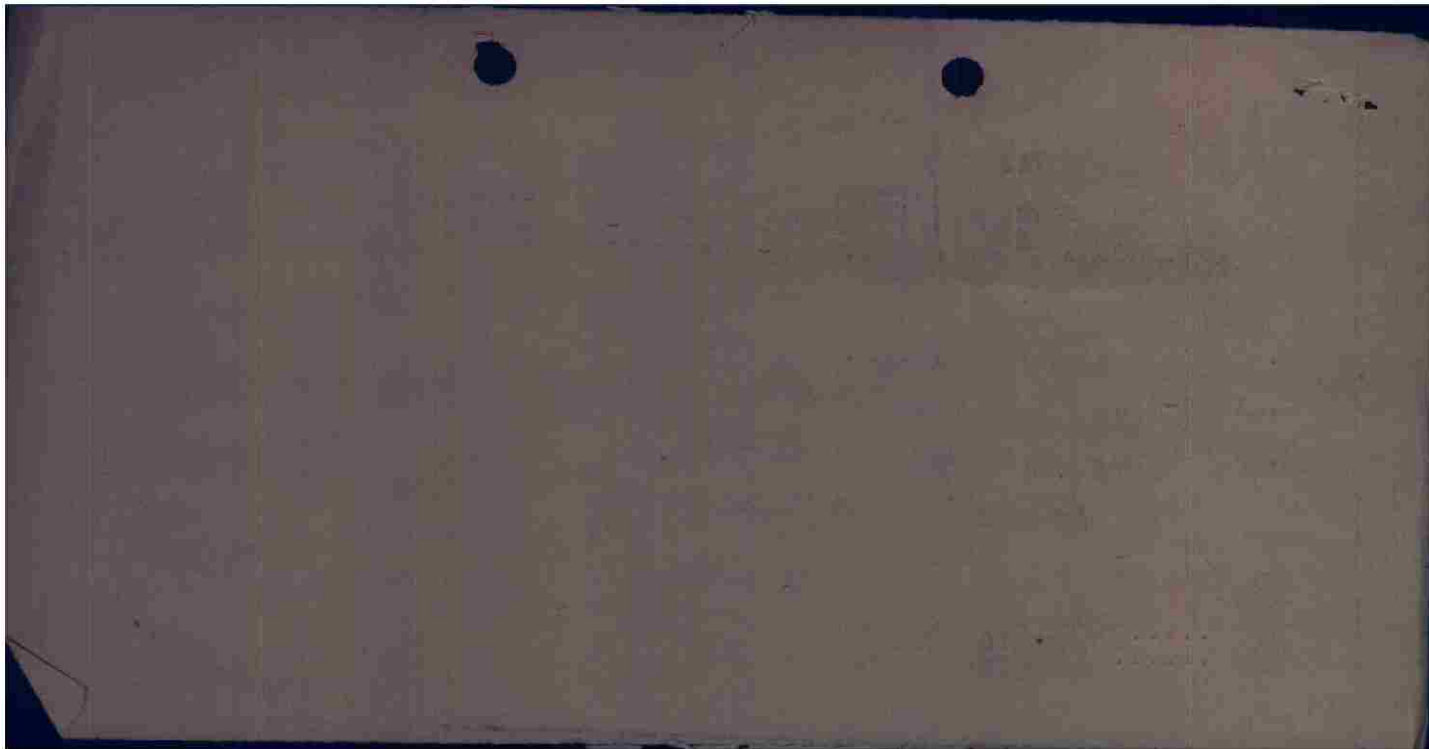
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