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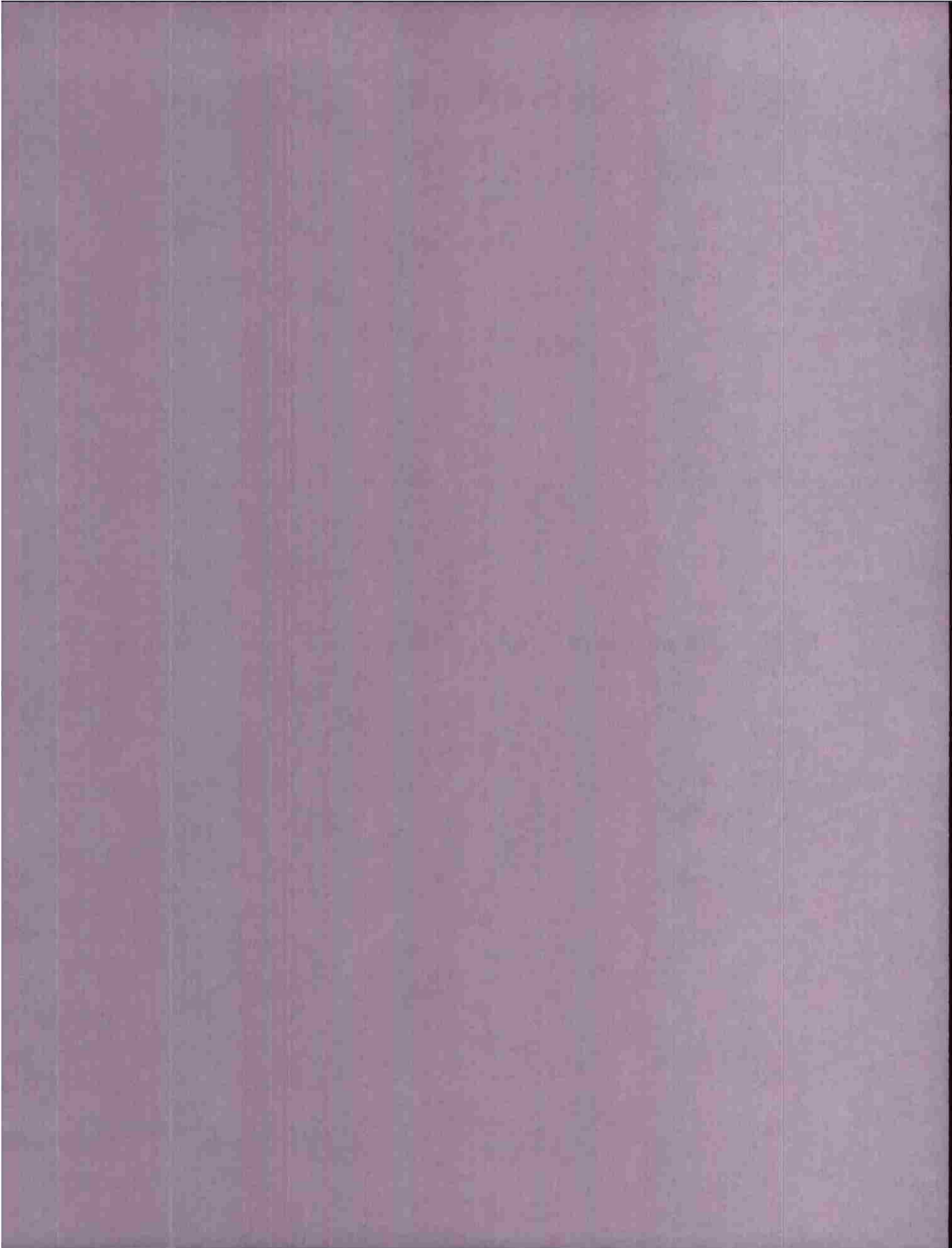
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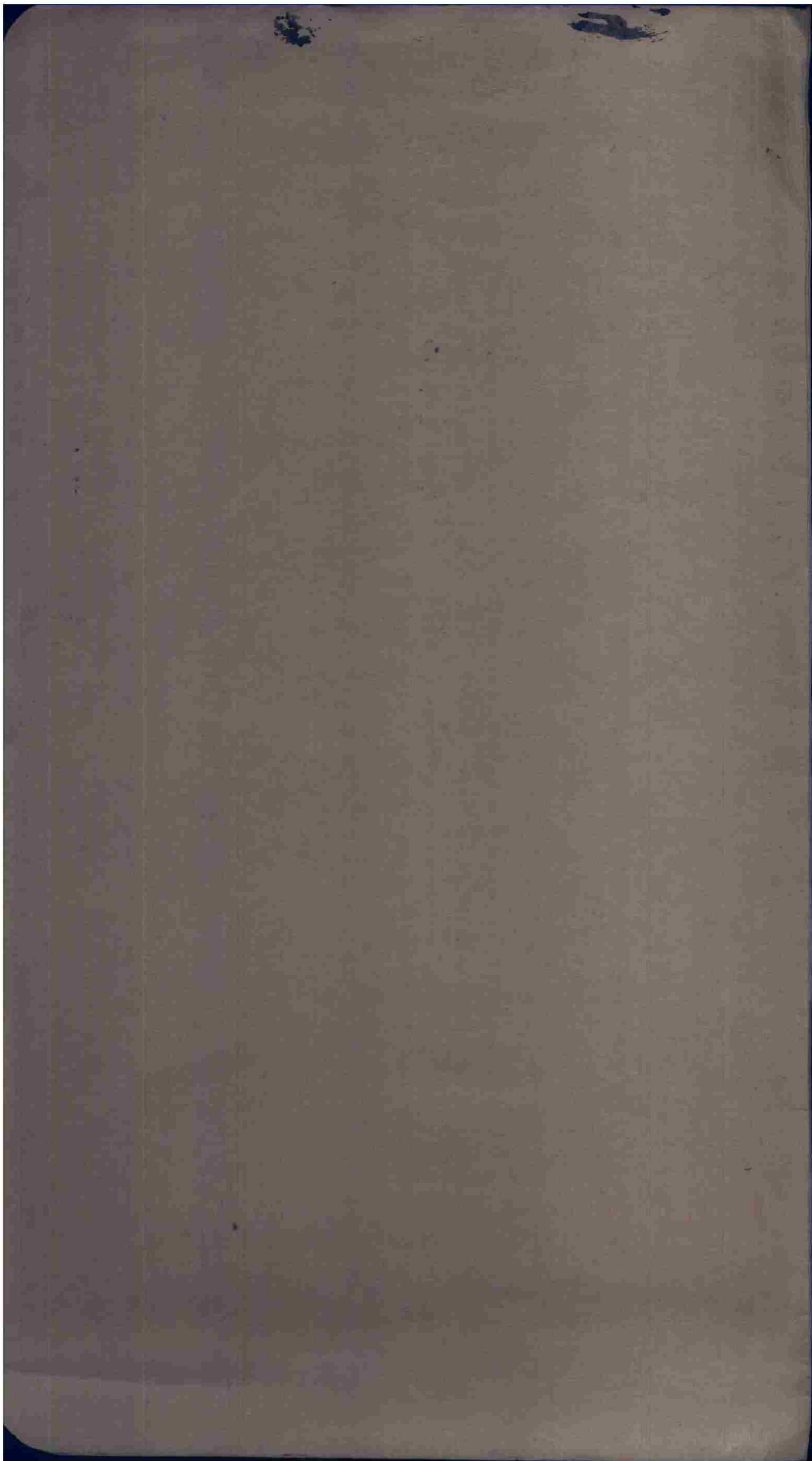
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AUTH: CO STA

DATE: 15 Jan 45

INIT: 15 Jan 45

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

TO:

From: 416th Bombardment Group (L), APO 140, U.S. Army.

Ref: Oprep A No. _____ for 24 hrs. ending midnight
Mission or Operation No. ~~124 97th Cav 207 126-706~~

15 January 1945

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target ~~Springbrook Road Bridge~~
Place of take-off ~~Station 1-25~~
Place of landing ~~Station 1-25~~
Take-off time ~~1843~~ Landing time _____
Time over target ~~1854~~ Bombing Altitude ~~1000~~
Nature of mission ~~bombing~~ Other ~~None~~
Weather ~~Scattered clouds over target area~~
Results ~~None~~
Enemy opposition ~~None~~

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched ~~4 - A-20's~~
~~17 - A-20's~~

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
~~4 - A-20's~~ ~~Springbrook Road Bridge~~
~~15 - A-20's~~

3. Abortive due to:
(1) Weather: ~~None~~
(2) Personnel: ~~None~~
(3) Mechanical: ~~1 - A-20 - landing gear would not retract~~
(4) Other: ~~1 - A-20 - late take-off due to crash on runway. Could not catch formation.~~

4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) ~~None~~

5. Destroyed - before reaching target ~~None~~
giving cause where known _____

6. Destroyed - over or after leaving ~~None~~
target giving cause where known _____

7. Damaged (give category & cause) ~~None~~

8. Sorties ~~A-20's - 4~~
~~A-20's - 15~~

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GEORGE SCHENKELIN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

For the Commanding Officer:

Destroyed
 Prob. Destroyed
 Damaged

H. Enemy aircraft by type or description (tentative status):

Type of Casualty	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	R. Gun	E. Gun	T. Gun
Killed in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wounded Seriously	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wounded Slightly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

a. Total Returned: 4-26' 8 x 1000 01' 2
 b. Lost or wrecked on missing e/c: None
 c. Detained: None

b. Expended on operations: 4-20' 16 x 500 01' 2 (List targets separately)

d. Bombs, flares, etc. used: Total carried into air: 4-20' 16 x 500 01' 2, 4-26' 8 x 1000 01' 2

e. Ammunition by caliber: Total carried into air: 4-20' 16 x 500 01' 2, 4-26' 8 x 1000 01' 2

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise): None

d. Total operational flying hours: Day (Sunrise to sunset): 4-20' 16 x 500 01' 2, 4-26' 8 x 1000 01' 2

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9th B.D. S-2 Report 106

PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

CAMERAS INSTALLED	<u>6</u>		GROUP	<u>416th</u>
CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING	<u>4</u>	<u>67</u> %	WING	<u>97th</u>
CAMERA FAILURES	<u>1</u>	<u>16</u> %	DATE	<u>13 Jan 45</u>
PERSONNEL FAILURES	<u>1</u>	<u>16</u> %		
OTHERS	<u> </u>			

<u>241</u>		TARGET	<u>STEINBRUCK RR BRIDGE</u>
<u>233</u>		ALTITUDE	<u>11500</u> FEET
<u>219</u>		TRUE AIR SPEED	_____ MPH
<u>326</u>	<u>229</u> <u>235</u>	GROUND SPEED	_____ MPH

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

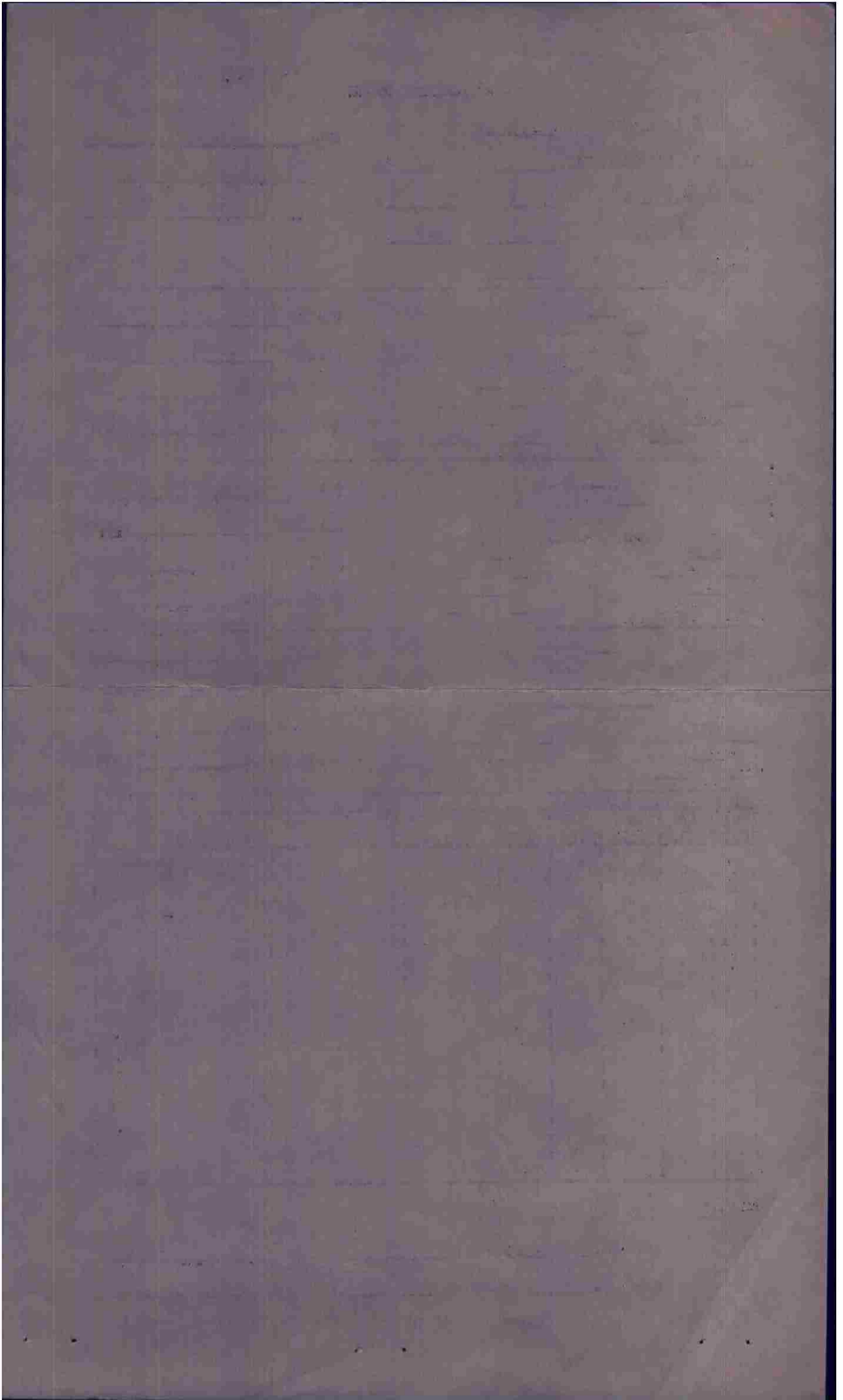
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_____	_____	ALTITUDE	_____ FEET
_____	_____	TRUE AIR SPEED	_____ MPH
_____	_____	GROUND SPEED	_____ MPH

STRIKE ATTACK CAMERAS:

BOX NO.	A/C NO.	CAM. TYPE	F.L.	INT.	PRINTED SORTIES	UNPRINT SORTIES	EXPLANATION
1	235	K 24	7				Duplicate coverage
1	241	"	"				" "
1	219	"	"		744		
1	233	"	"				Mech. failure * Did not run
1	229	"	"				Pers. failure- Ran on ground
1	326	"	"				Duplicate coverage.
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K-20 Cameras

Sortie No. <u>266</u>	Cameraman _____	Reason Failure _____
Sortie No. _____	Cameraman _____	Reason Failure _____



9th B.D. 8-2 Report 100A

416 TF	9th B.D. (34) WING 9701	B
GROUP	DATE 13-1-45	STEINBRUCK HWY BRIDGE
OTHER UNITS. TARGET		
	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION	TARGET HIT

- A. TARGET BRIEFED STEINBRUCK HWY BRIDGE PRIMARY
SECONDARY
- M.P.I. Center of bridge.
- A.P. Same
- C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 17 A-26's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 19
4 A-20's
- D. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's Box I IN FOLLOWING ORDER
- E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 68 x 1000 GP 12 x 500 GP SING 1/10 - 1/100
- F. HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED 180 deg. M.
- G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED 1430 1/2
- H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

J. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

BOX I - POOR - 27% of bombs fell within 1000 ft. of A/P in loose concentration. The MPI of the bursts is 1150 ft, N of the DMPI. The bombs hit in open fields causing no damage.

THOMAS O. PATTERSON
1/Lt, Air Corps
Photo Interpreter
323d Bombardment Group (M)

IX B.C.S-2-Form No. 108-B-Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

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

A. TARGET BRIEFED _____ PRIMARY
 _____ SECONDARY
 _____ CASUAL

M.P.I. _____
 A.P. _____

B. TARGET ATTACHED _____ MILES 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 WHERE BOMBS DROPPED _____ DEGREES MAG.

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED _____

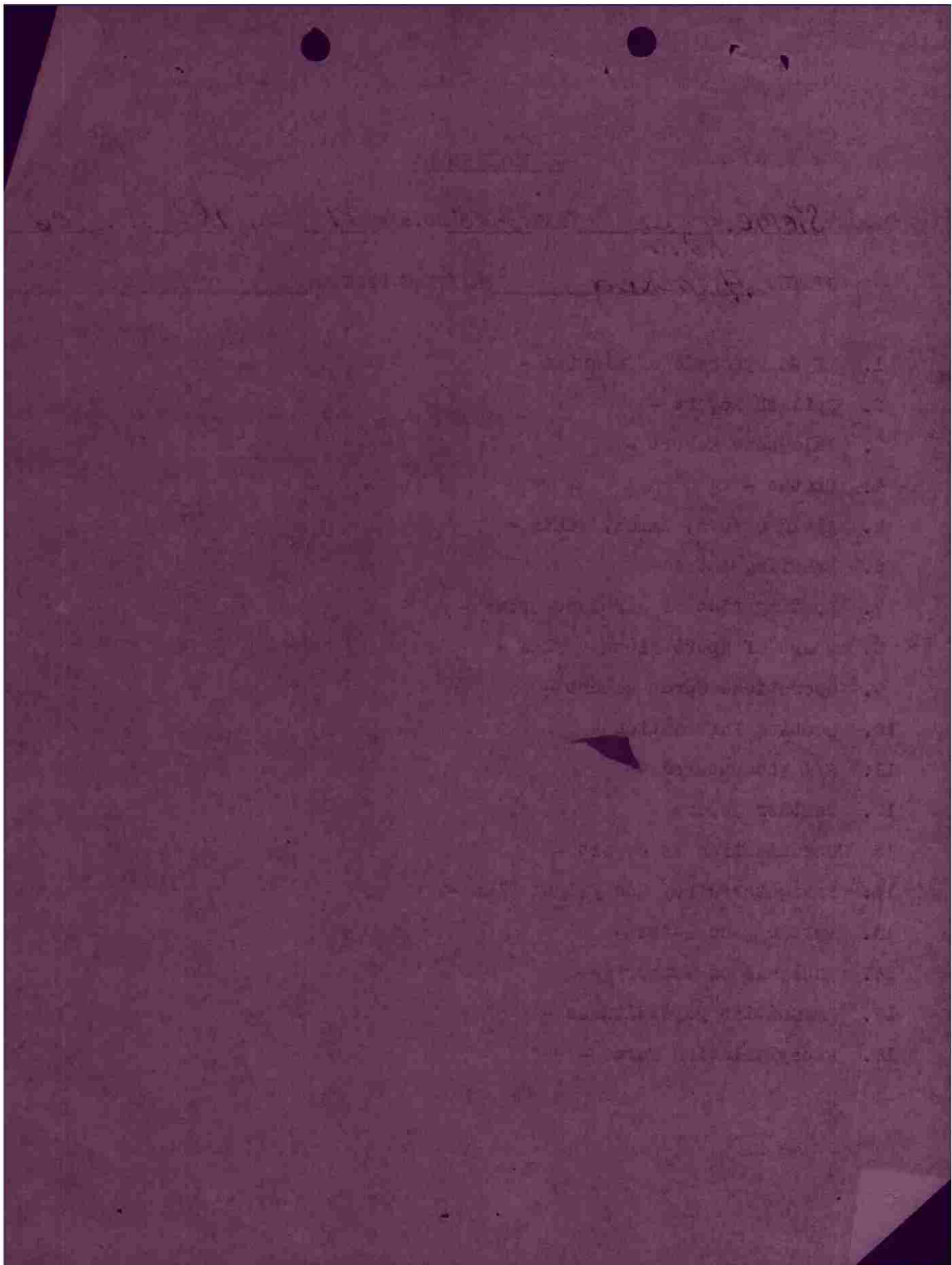
I. ACTIVITY AT TARGET:

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

GENERAL INDEX

TARGET Steinebruck DATE 13-1-45 No. a/c VI MISS.# 184 F.O.# 706
Rd/Bn
 STATUS Attacked BRIEFING OFFICER _____

1. IX BC Synopsis of Mission -
2. Opflash Report -
3. Telephone Report -
4. Photos -
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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)APO # 140
14 January 1945MISSION SUMMARY #8

13 January 1945

Section I

Field Order 706

GROUPTARGETMISSION RESULTS

397 BG

Danburg (P-848624)
Rail Bridge

Undet. (FF)

410 BG

Steinbruck (P-894832)
Road Bridge

Excellent (FF)

416 BG

Steinbruck (P-894832)
Road Bridge

Poor (FF)

387 BG

Simmern (L-839530)
Rail Bridge

Undet. (FF)

325 BG

St. Vith (P-854882)
Communications Center

No Attack

One full group did not attack because FF aircraft was unable to take-off, and cloud cover at the target prevented visual bombing.

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S E C R E T

Bombing by box on FFF lead from 13,000 ft.

Box I - POOR. 27% of bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPI. Loose concentration 1150 ft. N of DMPI. Bombs fell in open fields, causing no damage.

Simmern (Rail Bridge)

387 BG: 21 a/c dispatched (including 2 FFF), 16 dropping 60 X 1000, 4 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

2 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failures (including 1 FFF a/c, which made bomb run on wing of lead a/c with bomb bay doors closed in order to keep up with formation).

No losses, damage, casualties.

Bombing by box on FFF lead from 13,000 ft.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

St. Vith (Communication Center)

323 BG: 34 a/c dispatched; none bombed. 3 window a/c.

31 a/c failed to bomb: 1, mechanical failure; 30, other (FFF a/c scheduled to lead group was unable to take-off at the 397th BG base, because an a/c of that group blew a tire and blocked runway. Formation flew to target to attempt visual bombing but could not drop because of cloud cover).

No losses, damage, casualties.

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S E C R E T

S E C R E T

- 1 -

0	Claims
0	Injured
2	Missing
2	Wounded
0	Killed
11	A/C Battle Damaged
1	A/C Crash-Landed (397 DG)
0	A/C Missing
1	A/C Lost (397 DG)
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99,543.15	Total Bombs to Date
156.75	Bombs on Enemy Territory
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170	TOTAL
6	Other (Warfare)
39	A/C willing to bomb
95	A/C Bombing
170	A/C OFF

Section II

S E C R E T

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FAILURES TO BOMB

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. OF A/C</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASON</u>
397 BG	2	Mechanical	1 - Top turret out. 1 - Right engine out.
410 BG	1	Mechanical	Engine trouble.
	1	Personnel	Switch set incorrectly.
416 BG	1	Mechanical	Lose wheel would not retract.
	1	Other	Late take-off. Could not catch formation.
387 BG	1	Mechanical	Low oil pressure.
	1	Mechanical (FF)	High blower would not work correctly.
323 BG	1	Mechanical	Left engine cutting out.
	30	Other	FF a/c unable to take off due to runway being blocked by a/c which blew tire. Group continued to target but was unable to bomb visually because of cloud cover.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Dasburg 397 BG: 3/10 to 4/10 stratocumulus tops 2-3000 ft. 2/10 altostratus at 15,000 ft. Visibility on bomb run 3 to 4 miles, aloft 10 to 14 miles. Visual bombing not possible.

Steinbruck 410 BG: 9/10 stratocumulus tops 3000 ft with good holes. Visibility 3 miles up sun and 10 to 15 miles down sun. Also 10 to 15 miles on bomb run.

416 BG: 9/10 to 9/10 stratocumulus tops 6-7000 ft. Visibility through breaks 5 to 7 miles.

Simmern 387 BG: Overcast but broke east of target on line Landau to Bad Durrheim, south of Reichshoven 8/10 to 10/10 med cloud base 12,500 tops 14,000 ft.

St. Vith 323 BG: 10/10 stratocumulus tops 3-4000 ft. with few holes in area. Visibility unlimited above cloud.

S/A PHOTO REPORT

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING</u>	<u>CAMERA FAILURES</u>		<u>PERSONNEL FAILURES</u>	
		<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
397	100%	0	0	0	0
416	68%	1	16%	1	16%

S E C R E T

- 3 -

In c/a encountered during mission.

1.0.1.1.1: 1318 to 1775

FLYING AIRCRAFT

The 716 G, encountered near Inaugurate heavy Flak at the target that did no damage. The other groups enjoyed a Flak free mission.

0	% A/C Battle Damaged
0	A/C Battle Damaged
0	A/C Lost to Flak
123 G's	Sp. With Communications Center
187 G's	Sp. With Communications Center
716 G's	Sp. With Communications Center

lost Inaugurate heavy Flak was encountered in the target area. Further the 9/10 as the gunners were probably flying by radar control and did not choose to engage the formation. The full amount of Flak that was normally been encountered in this area.

0	% A/C Battle Damaged
6	A/C Battle Damaged
0	A/C Lost to Flak
716 G's	Sp. With Communications Center

Most Inaugurate heavy Flak was encountered on the beach and the turn off target. The c/a that was lost was seen to drop out of formation after the turn. It was last seen near London when control and flying was Flak free. The crew later bailed out over friendly territory. 3-4/10 along the gun-nare the opportunity to fire usually. The amount of Flak encountered is less than could be expected as our past experience has shown that moderate to intense accurate heavy Flak may be expected when attacking targets in the break-though area when the gunners are able to engage usually.

1	% A/C Battle Damaged
4	A/C Battle Damaged
1	A/C Lost to Flak
297 G's	Sp. With Communications Center
8.27%	% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED
10	A/C BATTLE DAMAGED
1	A/C LOSS TO FLAK
133	A/C OVER LAND TERRITORY

FLAK ANALYSIS SUMMARY

S E C R E T

PUBLIC RELATIONS
PRESS RELEASE

HEADQUARTERS NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, France:-- Despite wintry weather that has limited air activity over the western front, more than 100 Ninth Bombardment Division medium and light bombers attacked three bridges on supply routes to the Germans' dwindling salient Saturday afternoon.

Formations of A-26 Invaders and A-20 Havocs joined in pounding a road bridge spanning the Our River at Steinbruck, 15 miles south of St. Vith, on the German-Belgium border.

Another Our River bridge - a rail span at Dasburg, four miles south of St. Vith - was attacked by more than 30 Marauders.

A small force of B-26s bombed the Simmern railway bridge over the Simer River, 26 miles south of Koblenz, on the only open rail route from Koblenz to the battle sector.

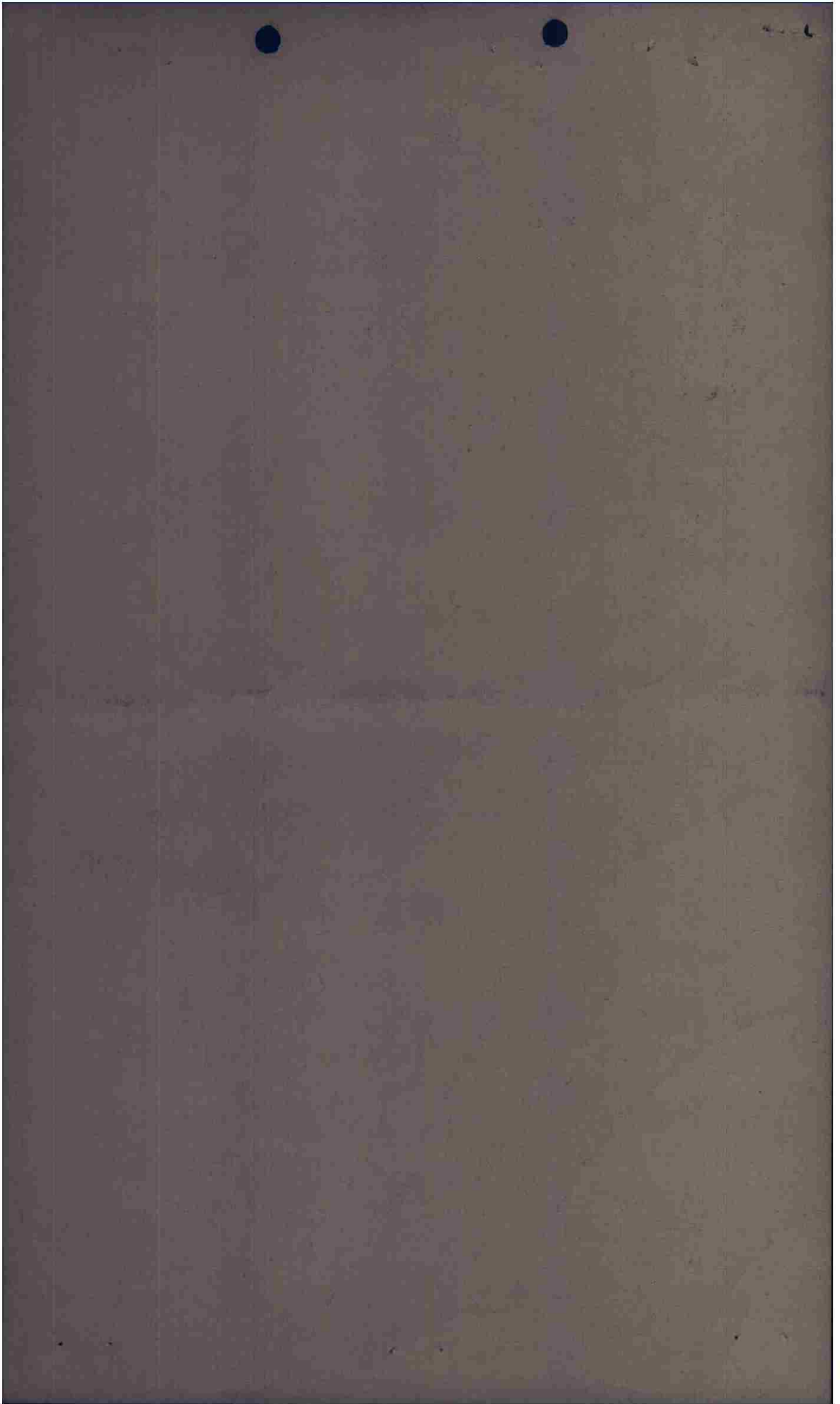
Both of the Our River bridges were bombed with the aid of pathfinders. However, crews in one Marauder formation reported they could see bomb hits on the Dasburg bridge with good results. Results of the attacks on bridges at Steinbruck and Simmern were unobserved due to clouds.

Weak and moderate flak was encountered over the Our River bridges. No enemy aircraft were seen and no bombers were reported lost.

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Press Camp 1750



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TO JEA

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IN OUR J-171-D CHANGE THE SECOND LINE OF F. TO READ
16 X 500 ON PRIMARY REPEAT 16 X 500 ON PRIMARY

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FROM 416TH BOMB GP 14/1315A J-171-D
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
97TH COMBAT WING

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OPFLASH FOR 416TH BOMB GP FOR 13 JAN 1945

X- AMEND OPFLASH J-176-D TO READ.
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F. 60 X 1000 PRIMARY
16 X 500 PRIMARY

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416TH BOMB GROUP

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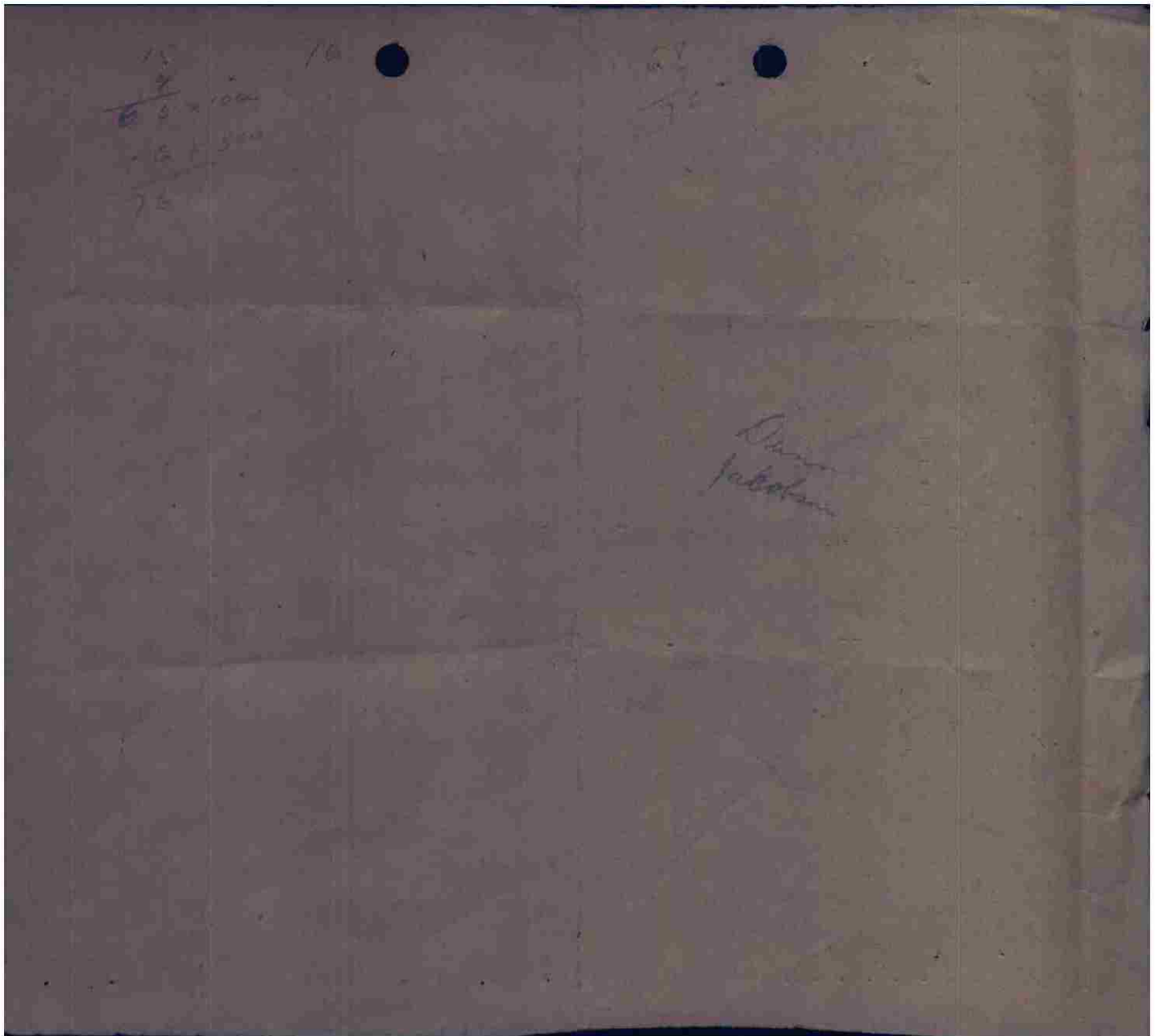
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OPFLASH FOR 416TH BOMB GROUP FOR 13 JAN. 1945

- A. 416 BOMB GROUP
- B. STEINBRUCK R. R. BRIDGE
- C. 17 A-26)
4 A-20) PLUS 1 PFF
- D. 15 A-26 PRIMARY
4 A-20 PRIMARY
- E. 2 A-26 - EARLY RETURNS. 1 - TOOK-OFF LATE - COULDN'T CATCH FORMATION.
1 - NOSE WHEEL WOULD NOT RETRACT.
- F. 68 X ~~1000~~ PRIMARY 60 - 1000
8 X ~~500~~ PRIMARY 70 - 500
- G. UNOBSERVED--BOMBED ON PFF
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. MEAGER, INACC. HFF ON BOMB RUN AND OVER TARGET.
- K. NONE
- L. 13000 PRIMARY
- M. 1430 1/2 PRIMARY

COMBOMDIV NINE

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OP OP

FROM: 1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (M) PROV

13/2309A

TO : CG, 9TH BOMB DIV
CG, 97TH COMBAT WING
CG, 98TH COMBAT WING
CG, 99TH COMBAT WING
CO, 410TH BOMB GROUP
CO, 416TH BOMB GROUP
CO, 387TH BOMB GROUP
CO, 397TH BOMB GROUP

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1ST P

J-218-D

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 416TH GROUP.
- B. STEINEBRUCK RR BRIDGE
- C. ONE B-26
- D. ONE B-26 - PRIMARY
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP - PRIMARY
- G. TARGET AREA BLANKETED BY SMOKE FROM BURSTS - PATTERN WELL CENTERED ON TARGET
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. MEAGER AT TARGET
- K. NONE
- L. 12,500
- M. 1431

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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 13/0830A J-135-E
TO : COMBOMDIV. IX
409TH BOMB GROUP
410TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: LT. COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
13 JANUARY 1945.

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 126-706

CANCEL PLAN "A" PLAN "B" IS IN EFFECT. RPT CANCEL PLAN "A"
PLAN "B" IS IN EFFECT.

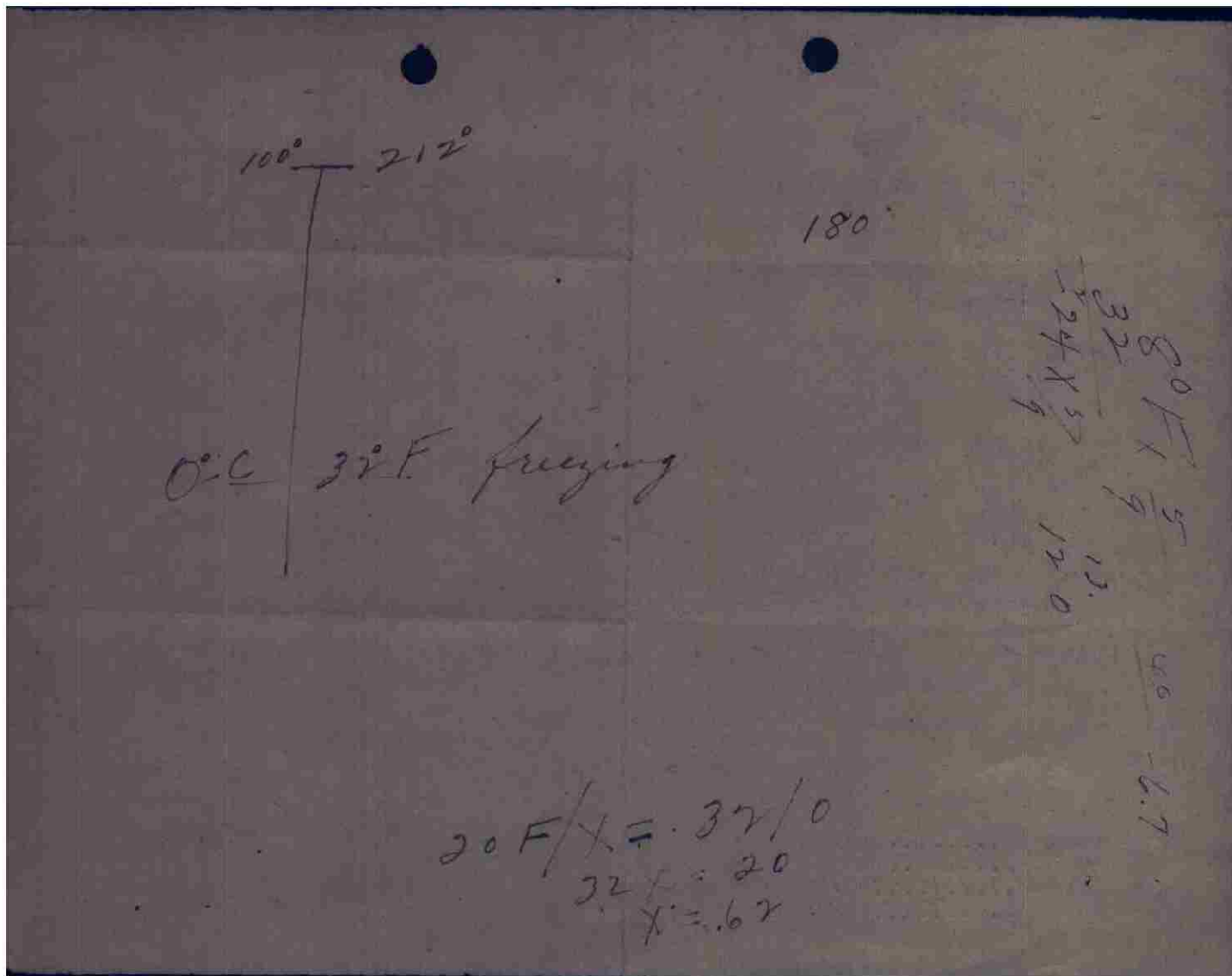
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BT 13/0830A

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OIJES R.....	13/0845A	HARV	AR
OIJKI R.....	13/0835A	JF	AR
OIJPO R.....	13/0845A	SH	AR



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T-(OIITA PASS TO OIJJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 13/1200A J-137-E
TO : IX BOMBER DIV.
409TH BOMB GROUP.
410TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.
1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV.)

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A.P.O. 140
13 JANUARY 1945

ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 126-706

IN PLAN "B", CHANGE PARA. 3. B. (1), (4), (9) AND (14) TO READ AS
FOLLOWS:

- (1) STEINEBRUCK - ROAD BRIDGE (P-894832)
- (4) BASE TO 5052N 0542E TO 5039N 0602E TO TARGET.
- (9) M.P.I. - MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 5703, GRID.
COORD. 89378321 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL.
P.P.F. A/C M.P.I. - GRID. COORD. 89378321.
- (14) 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 CAN CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR
NOT.

IN PLAN "B", ADD TO PARA. 3. B.

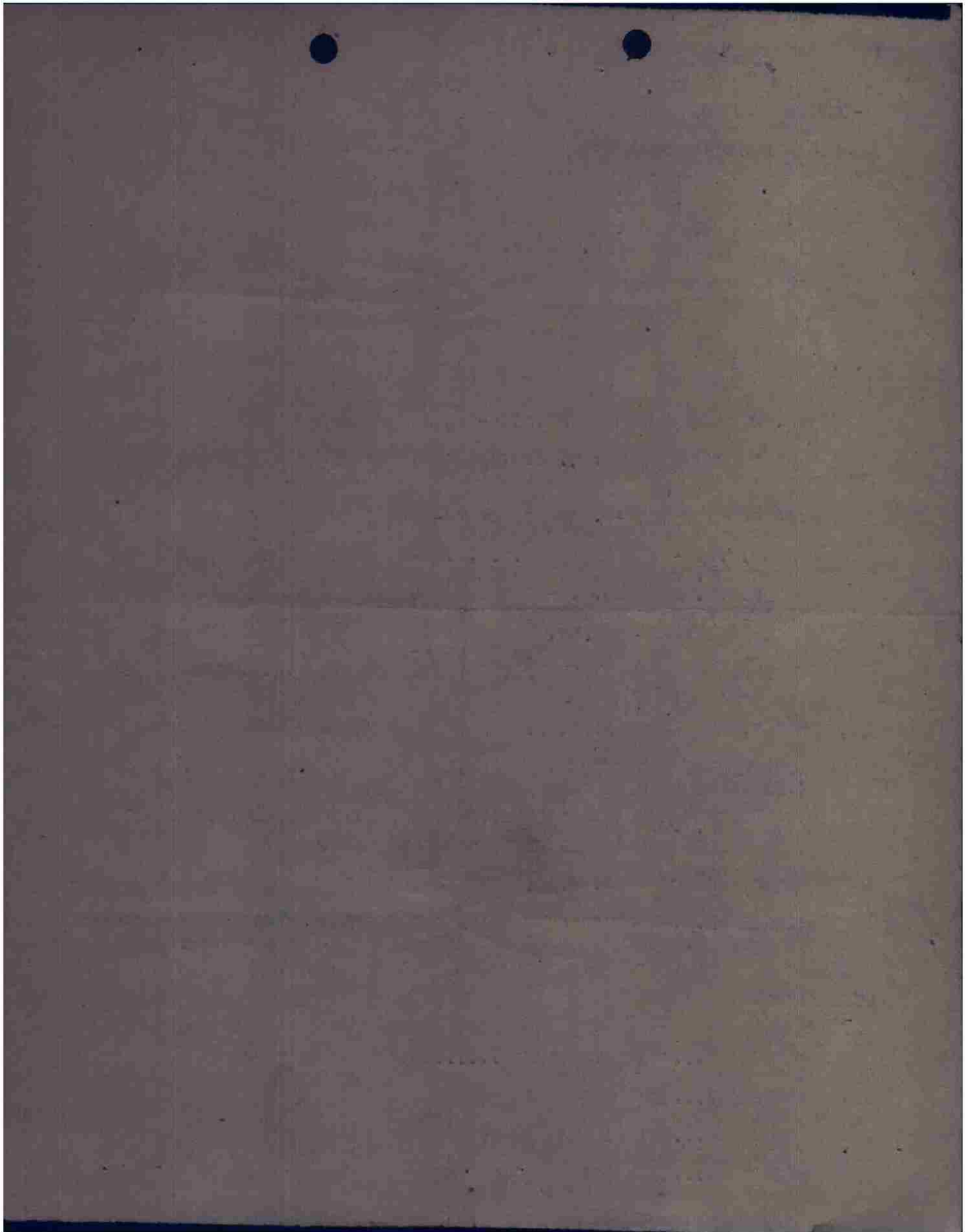
- (15) MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING IS 5,000 FEET.
- (16) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND RUN FOR VISUAL
BOMBING, GROUP WILL RETURN TO 5029N 0552E TO BEGIN RUN.
- (17) IF P.P.F. EQUIPMENT FAILS AND VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT
EXIST, BOMBS WILL BE RETURNED TO BASE.

IN PLAN "B", CHANGE PARA. 3. C. (17) TO READ:

- (17) IF P.P.F. EQUIPMENT FAILS AND VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT
EXIST, BOMBS WILL BE RETURNED TO BASE.

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OIITA / OIJE A R... (PASS TO OIJJF).....131227A AL AR
OIJES K WITH R
OIJES / OIJE A R...13/1227A JW AR
OIJPO K WITH R
OIJPO / OIJE A R...E/13/1227A CEN AR
OIJKI K WITH R
OIJKI / OIJE A R...13/1227A WJF AR



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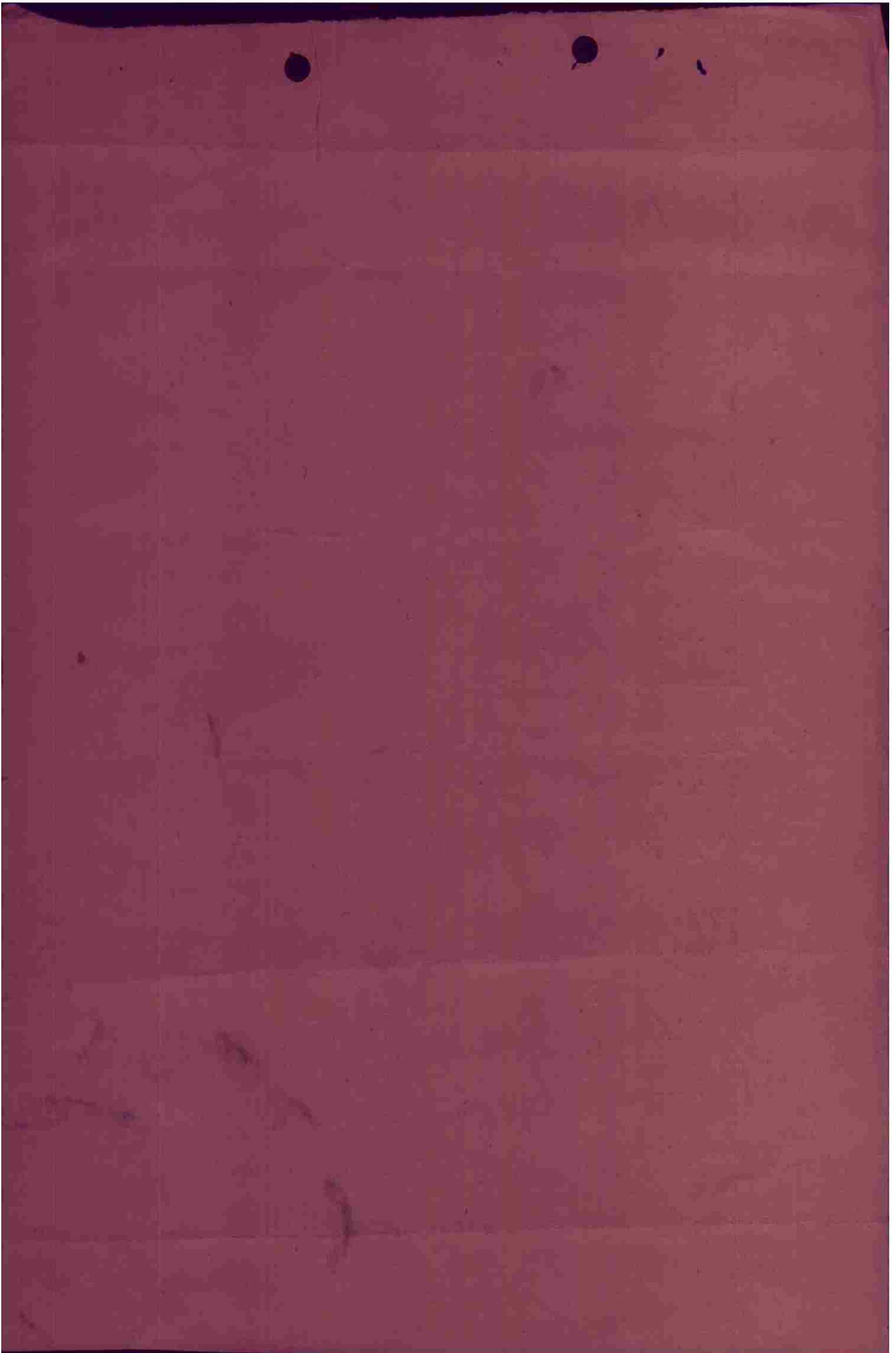
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 TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
 409TH BOMB GROUP
 410TH BOMB GROUP
 416TH BOMB GROUP
 1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

FIELD ORDER NO. 126-706

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
 (2) 2ND T.A.F. WILL FURNISH SPITFIRE AREA COVER FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN BELGIUM.
- ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" 13/1200A
 ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" 13/1200A
3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:
 (1) AMEL. ROAD JUNCTIONS (P-887963)
 (7) 5035N 0552E.
 (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET 5603.
 3 FLIGHTS ON GRID. COORD. 88709555
 " " " " " 88639620
 INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
 (10) 8 X 500 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
 (12) T.O.T.: ZERO PLUS 30 MIN.
 (13) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION.
 (14) IF CLOUD COVER PREVENTS VISUAL BOMBING, BOMBS WILL BE RETURNED TO BASE.
3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:
 (1) RECHT. ROAD JUNCTIONS (P-797946)
 (7) 5035N 0552E.
 (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES 4414 SHEET 5602.
 3 FLIGHTS ON GRID. COORD. 79689455.
 " " " " " 79689415.
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
 (12) T.O.T.: ZERO HOUR.
 (13) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION.
 (14) IF CLOUD COVER PREVENTS VISUAL BOMBING, BOMBS WILL BE RETURNED TO BASE.
 (15) DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:
 (1) STEINEBRUCK. ROAD BRIDGE (P-894832)
 (7) 5029N 0552E.
 (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET 5703.
 GRID. COORD. 89378321 (CENTER OF BRIDGE)
 INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
 (10) 4 X 1,000 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
 (12) T.O.T.: ZERO PLUS 20 MIN.
 (13) DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 (14) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION.
 (15) IF P.P.F. EQUIPMENT FAILS AND VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST, GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET BY USE OF "GEE" USING COLOGNE CHAIN, FRANKFURT CHART.
- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.
 (5) A/C REQUIRED. 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 (6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO 5027N 0452E TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO 5027N 0452E TO BASE.
 (8) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 12,000 FT. OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FT.
 (9) AXIS OF ATTACK: GEN NW TO SE.
 (10) R.P.: 5029N 0552E.



PLAN "B" - PATHFINDER.

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) AMEL - ROAD JUNCTIONS (P-887963)
- (4) BASE TO 5052N 0542E TO 5046N 0556E TO TARGET.
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 5603
P.P.F. GRID. COORD. 88639620.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
- (10) 8 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 80 MIN.
- (13) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION.
- (14) IF P.P.F. A/C DOES NOT BOMB, GROUP WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) RECHT. - ROAD JUNCTIONS (P-797946).
- (4) BASE TO 5052N 0542E TO 5046N 0556E TO TARGET.
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 5602
P.P.F. GRID. COORD. 7967 155.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 75 MIN.
- (13) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION.
- (14) IF P.P.F. A/C DOES NOT BOMB, GROUP WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) STEINEBRUCK - ROAD BRIDGE (P-894832)
- (4) BASE TO 5052N 0542E TO 5039N 0602E TO TARGET.
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 5703 GRID COORD
89378321 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL.
P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID COORD 89378321
INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
- (10) 4 X 1,000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 85 MIN.
- (13) MINIMUM ALTITUDE: IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 5,000 FT.
- (14) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION.
- (15) 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 LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT.
- (16) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND RUN FOR VISUAL BOMBING GROUP WILL RETURN TO 5029N 0552E TO BEGIN RUN.
- (17) IF P.P.F. EQUIPMENT FAILS AND VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST GROUP WILL ATTACK PRIMARY TARGET BY USE OF "GEE" USING COLOGNE CHAIN, FRANKFURT CHART.

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

- (5) A/C REQUIRED: 1 BOX OF 15 A/C AND 1 BOX OF 18 A/C WITH 1 P.P.F. A/C.
- (6) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 5029N 0552E TO 5027N 0452E TO BASE.
- (7) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 12,500 FT.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

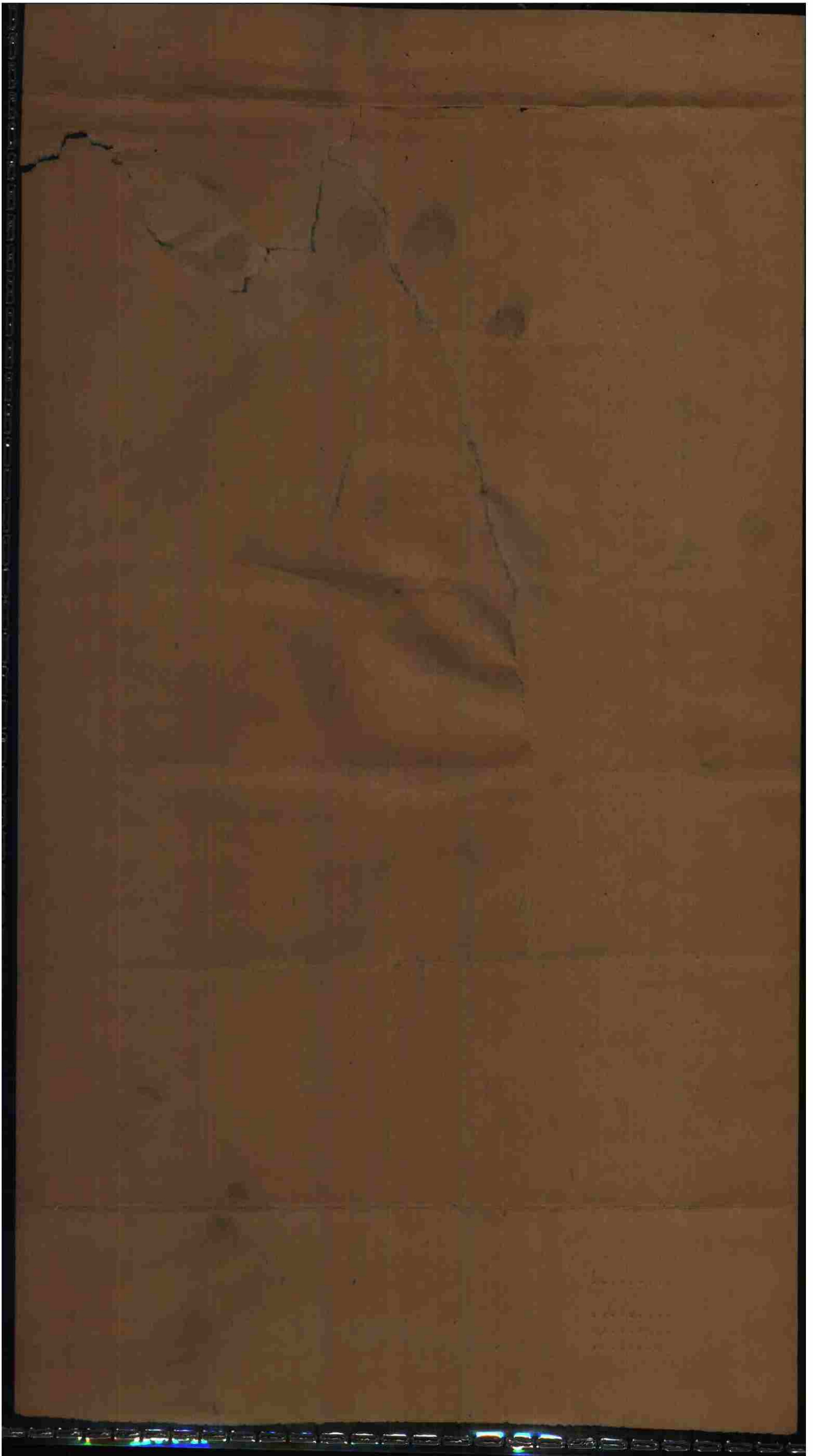
- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP 887963
(2) GOLDWAY
(4 - 5) SWEEPSTAKE
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP 797946.
(2) HOTEL
(4 - 5) SWEEPSTAKE
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP 894832
(2) LIFEGUARD
(4 - 5) SWEEPSTAKE

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BT 13/0015A
CW/SS
AR

OIITA R..... POWER OFF SO MISSED MOST OF SIG . IMI PLSE
OK LATER
OIJES R.....13/0001A JGN AR KKKKK
OIJPO R.....13/0110A SK AR
OIJKI R.....13/0110A WFG AR



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BOX I
FLIGHT I

WINDOW

1. 063 J
Major R.F. Price
Lt. A.R. Hand
S/S J.H. Roberts
S/S J.C. Edenburn

1. 189 G
~~Capt. E.E. Deakin
Lt. R.S. McQuade
S/S W.R. Kennedy
Sgt. C.J. Kruger~~

2. 014 A
Capt. H.A. Monroe
Lt. R.L. Kirk
S/S W.L. KIDE
Cpl. R.J. Parajo

2. 023 X
~~Lt. D.A. Ford
S/S [unclear] Walton
S/S A.A. Rojas~~

3. 198 R
Lt. H.A. Russell
Cpl. J.I. Spence

3. 457 W
~~Lt. F.W. Henderson
S/S E.H. Power
S/S J.W. Chesser~~

FLIGHT II

1. ~~222~~ 108 E-1
~~XXXXXX~~ Lt. J.J. Lackovich
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Lt. R.C. Muir
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ S/S G.R. Orvold
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ S/S R.W. Chevront

4. 325 W
Lt. T.J. Murray
S/S R.J. Jones

2. 210 J-1
Capt. A.O. Sears
S/S J.J. Wells

5. 254 F
~~Lt. G.L. Milhorn
Sgt. D. Cheat~~

3. 265 Y
~~Lt. A.J. [unclear]
S/S C.C. [unclear]~~

6. 284 G
~~Lt. L.H. [unclear]
Cpl. T.H. [unclear]~~

FLIGHT III

1. 259 X
Lt. J.V. Chalmers
Sgt. K. Fortner

4. 219 Z
Lt. T.D. McGready
S/S W.E. Lemons

2. 258 H
Lt. J.K. Colquitt
S/S C.M. Hoar

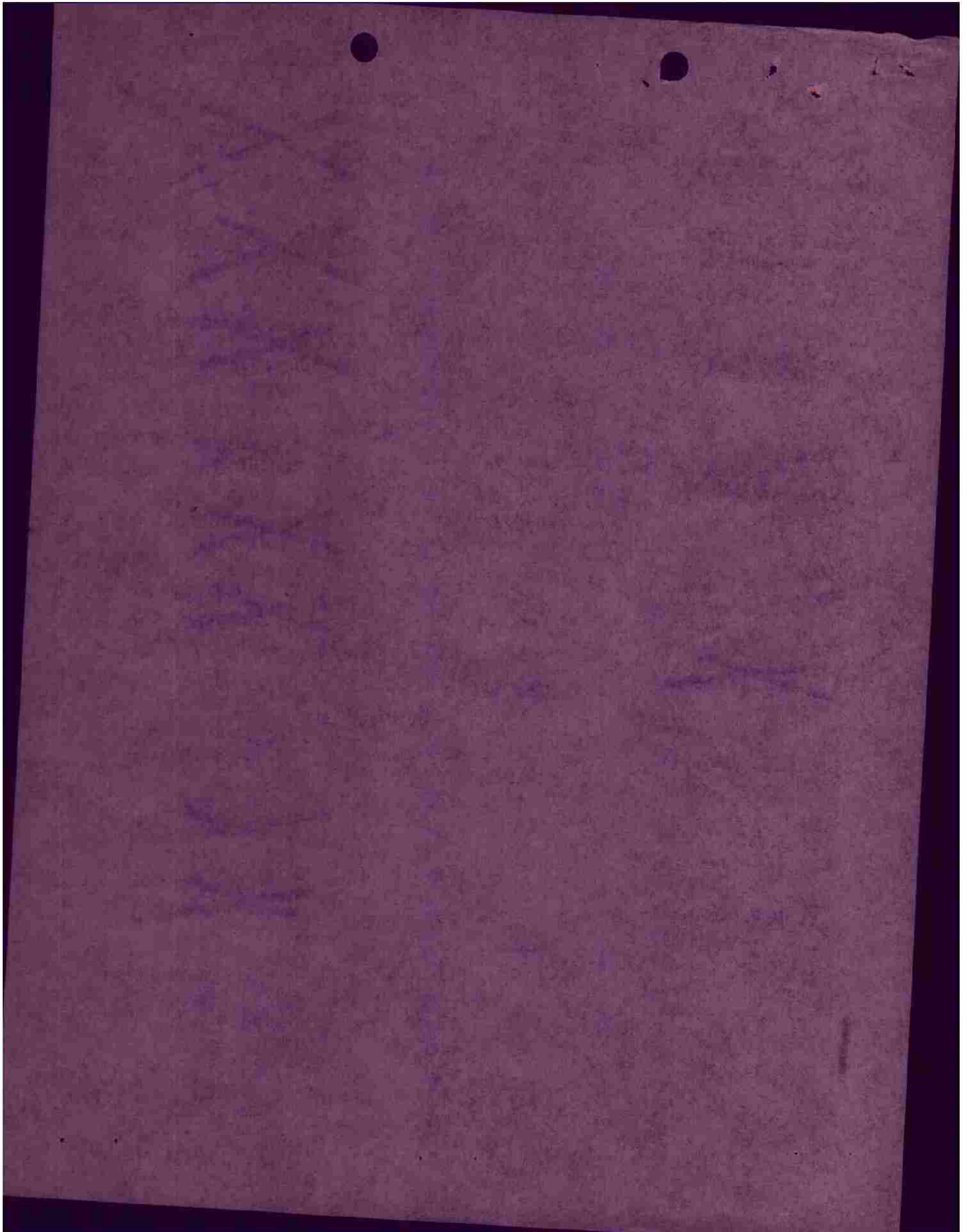
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~~Lt. J.H. Roberts
Sgt. M.P. [unclear]~~

3. 233 F
Lt. R.C. Buchanan
Sgt. C.L. Calabrese

6. 378 D
~~Lt. A.G. [unclear]
Cpl. G.J. [unclear]~~

SPARE

244 I
Lt. R.W. Van Rope
Cpl. V.H. Klingman



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BOX II
FLIGHT I

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1. 073 J
~~Sgt. F.G. Atkinson
Lt. [unclear]
Sgt. [unclear]
Sgt. J.L. Collier~~

2. 235 N
Lt. H. Popeney
S/S N.O.S. Candler

3. ~~319 B~~
Lt. [unclear]
~~Sgt. [unclear] T/S J.F. Goggin~~

FLIGHT II

1. 024 E
Lt. H.H. Cornell
Lt. R.E. Inman
S/S A. Carter
Sgt. R.A. Reid

2. ~~238 N-1~~
Lt. [unclear]
~~Cpl. [unclear]~~

3. 232 D-1
Lt. D.W. Sorrels
S/S V.A. Malara

FLIGHT III

1. ~~237 P-2~~
Lt. [unclear]
~~S/S L.G. Burgess~~

2. 222 S
Lt. E.F. Gurevsky
~~Pvt. [unclear]~~

3. 215 L-1
~~Sgt. R.D. [unclear]
S/S [unclear] Lackford~~

~~SPARE~~

~~Lt. [unclear] Van Meter
Sgt. C. [unclear]~~

4. 334 G
Lt. W.B. Heinke
S/S J.J. Ricketson

5. 337 O
Lt. A.N. Fursan
Cpl. R.R. Forbakken

6. 295 D
Lt. M. Errotabere
Cpl. E.A. Bowie

4. ~~271 R~~
Lt. H.G. [unclear]
~~S/S [unclear] Griffin~~

5. 229 S
Lt. R.E. Johnson
Cpl. H.E. Krondt

6. ~~241 F~~
Lt. J.A. Willard
CPL. C.V. HINKER

4. 239 N
Lt. F.H. Howell
S/S J.A. Hamner

5. 225 B-1
Lt. [unclear]
S/S [unclear]

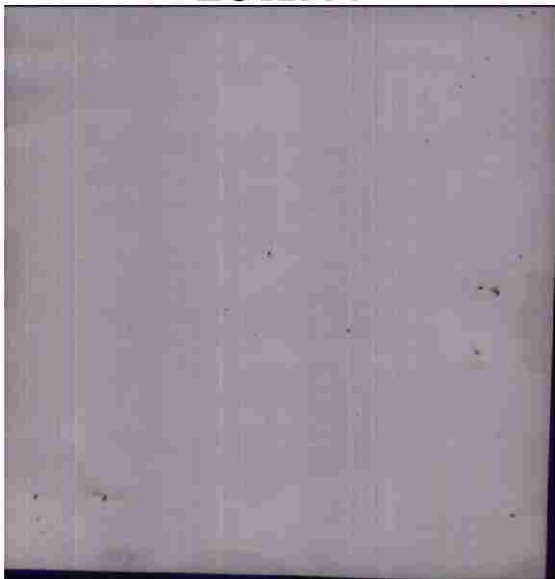
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Sgt. [unclear]

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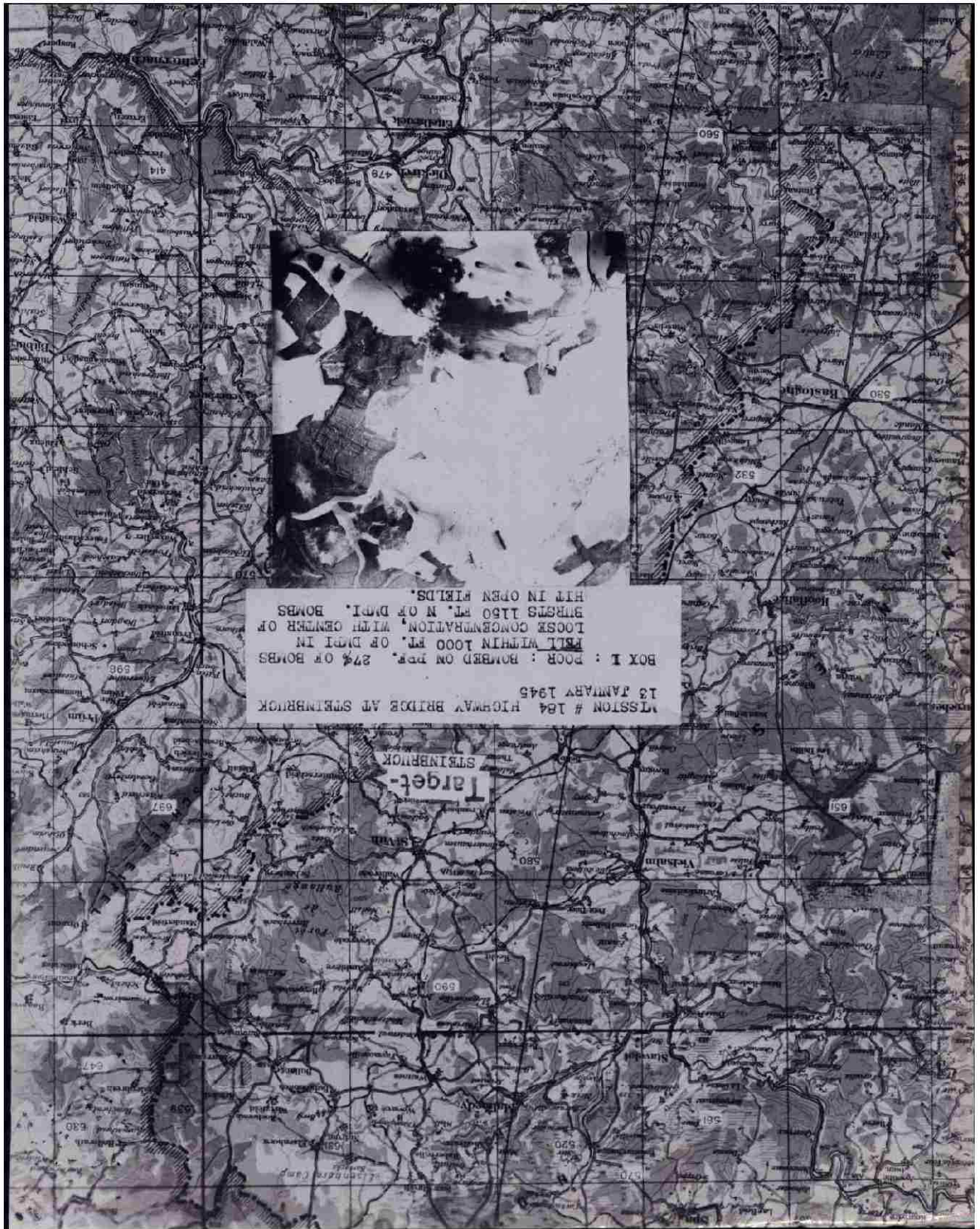


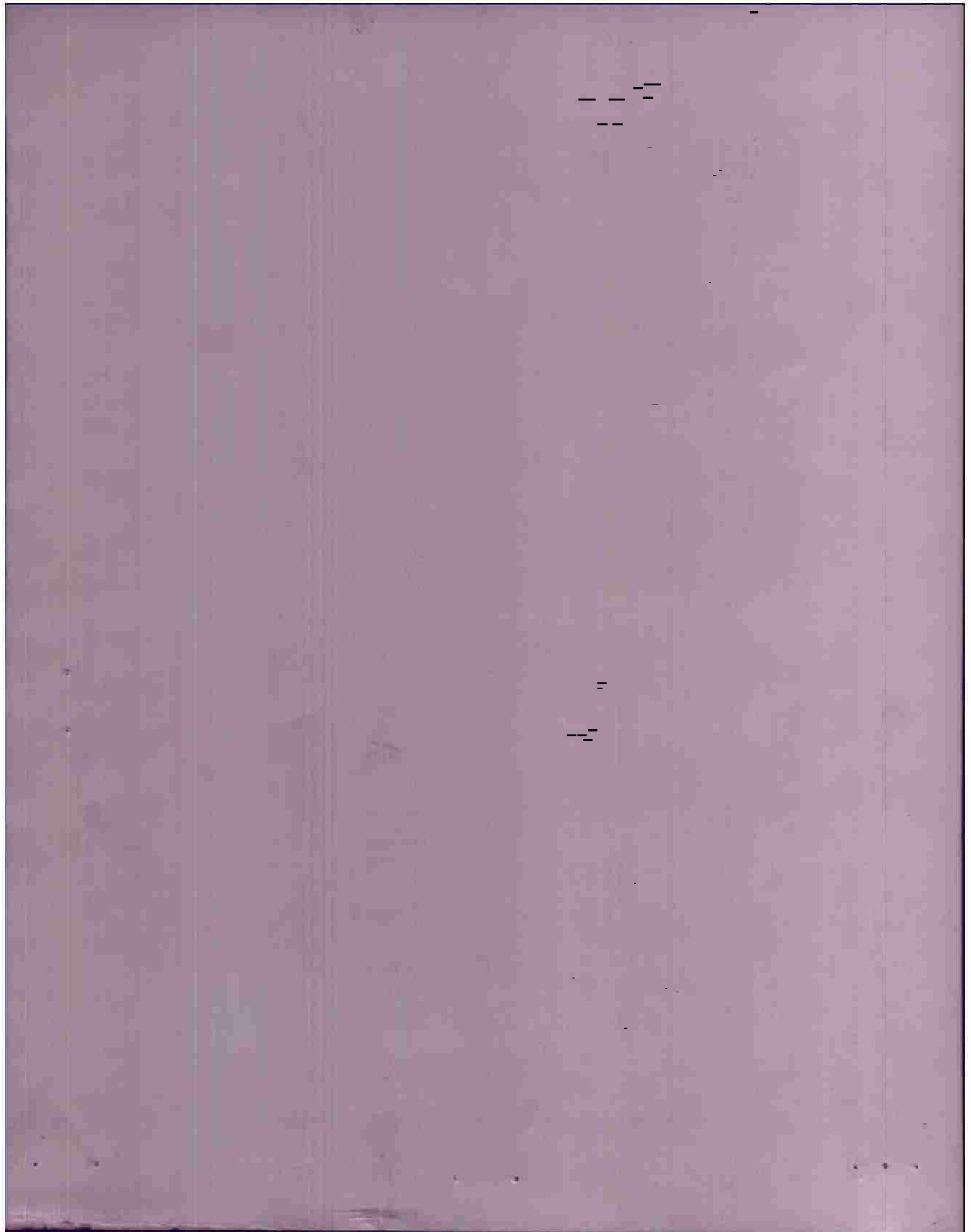
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(A) TARGET: STEINBUCK (HIGHWAY BRIDGE) 4416/11 - VI/394832
 (B) SORTIE: US 416/266-744
 (C) DATE: 13 JAN 45
 (D) ATTACKING A/C: 19 A-26^B AND A-20^B BY 19^B
 (E) BOMBS: 68/1000 GP 1/10 N., 1/100 I.
 (F) COVER: TARGET SHOWN ON GOOD QUALITY PRINTS.
 (G) RESULTS OF BOMBING: P.S. ALL BOMBS FELL IN OPEN FIELDS
APPROXIMATELY 1000 FEET SE OF THE HIGHWAY BRIDGE AND
ACROSS A SECONDARY ROADWAY.

(H) ACTIVITY:
 (I) ANNOTATED PRINT: 0034
SORTIE: US 416/744

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