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GP-416-SU-OP-S  
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## FOLDER NO.3

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MISSION NO. 189

LOADING LIST  
BOX I  
FLIGHT I

22 JANUARY 1945

1. 106 E  
Lt. Col. D.L. Willetts ✓ *1450*  
Lt. P.G. Royalty ✓ *H\**  
Cpl. J.W. Rose  
S/Sgt. L.D. McElhattan

2. 249 F  
Lt. T.J. Murray ✓ *525*  
S/Sgt. D.H. DeBower

3. 208 L  
Lt. J.C. Gary ✓ *600*  
S/Sgt. R.W. Cheuvront \*

4. 300 K  
Lt. F.W. Handersoh ✓ *550*  
S/Sgt. H.B. Fessler \*

5. 250 A  
Lt. W.H. Ames ✓ *525*  
S/Sgt. R.J. Brown

6. 265 V  
Lt. L.W. Edstrom ✓ *550*  
Cpl. P.A. Pampa

FLIGHT II

1. 075 J  
Lt. E.L. Miller ✓ *550*  
Lt. J.K. Conner ✓ *H\**  
S/Sgt. J.F. Malloy  
S/Sgt. J.M. Pemberton

2. 252 D  
Lt. E.J. Penth ✓ *550*  
S/Sgt. L. Moskowitz

3. 238  
Lt. C.E. Wainert ✓ *525*  
Cpl. R.D. Francis \*

4. 241 F-1  
Lt. J.F. Allen ✓ *510*  
S/Sgt. L.R. Getgen \*

5. 354 S  
Lt. D.E. Smith ✓ *525*  
Cpl. R. DeStafano

6. 306 M  
Lt. R.H. Hackley ✓ *Landed at 2:50 Rt Engine Cutting auto*  
Cpl. O.T. Hawk

FLIGHT III

1. 063 A-1  
Lt. R.H. Cornell ✓ *500*  
Lt. R.E. Ennen ✓ *H\**  
S/Sgt. A. Carter  
S/Sgt. K.A. Reid

2. 259 B  
Lt. R.W. Van Rope ✓ *Not Airborne*  
Cpl. W.H. Klingman *Not Airborne*

3. 269 K-1  
Lt. C.M. Anderson ✓ *525*  
Cpl. J.H. Deatherage \*

4. 271 R  
Lt. M.W. DuBose ✓ *600*  
S/Sgt. D.L. Griffin \*

5. 224 B  
Lt. E.C. Martin ✓ *Not Airborne*  
Cpl. W.R. Sumner *Rt. Engine Cut out immediately before takeoff.*

6. 244 I  
Lt. L.E. Poundstone ✓ *600*  
Pvt. E.A. Arendt, Jr.

SPARE

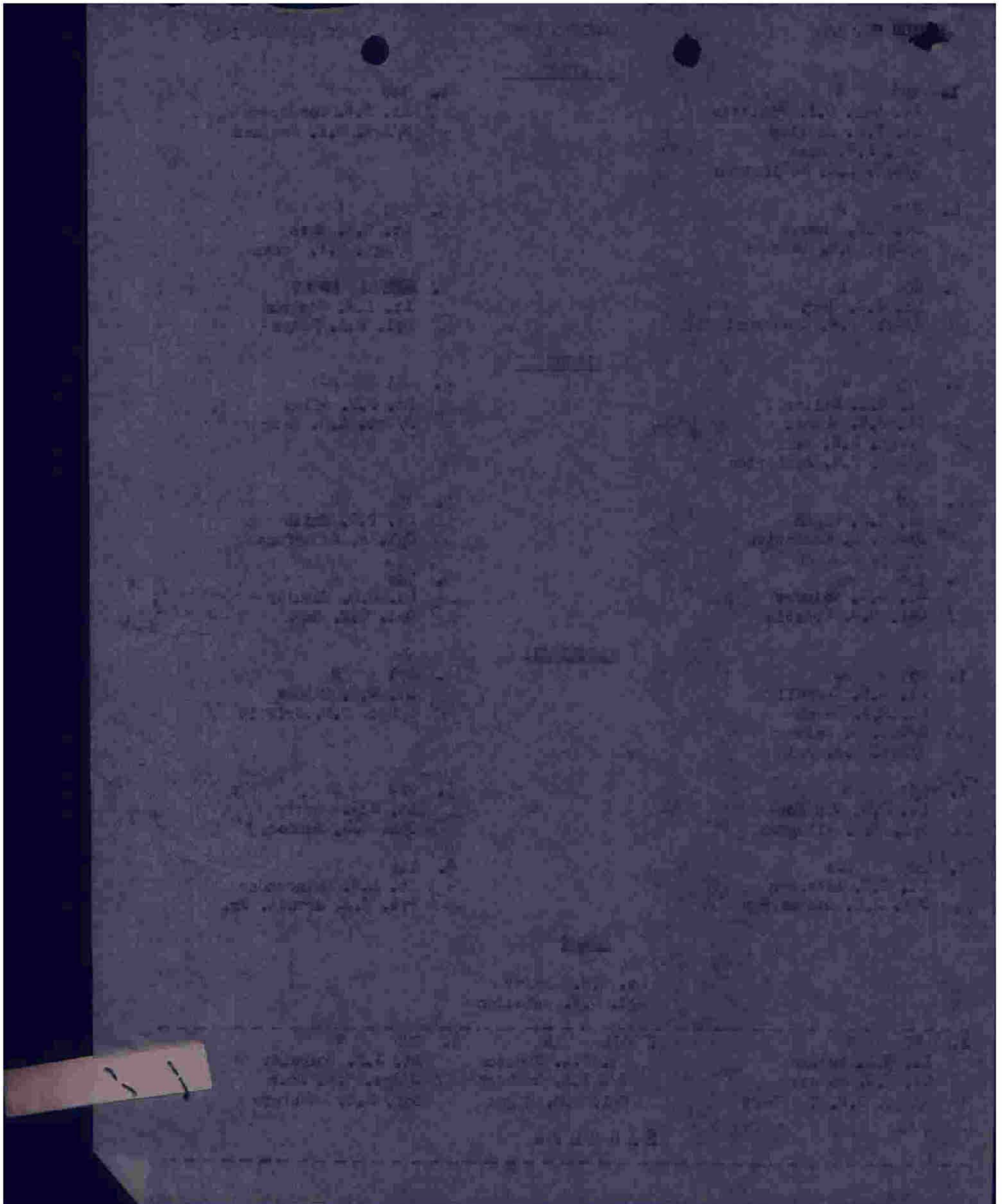
43-22334 G 5L  
Lt. S.H. Shaley ✓  
Sgt. D.V. Paladino

43-22334 A  
Lt. E.L. Johnson ✓  
S/Sgt. L.L. Lehigh  
Cpl. P.H. Riggs

43-22334 B  
Lt. J.K. Colquitt ✓  
S/Sgt. U.M. Mohr *420*  
Cpl. J.C. Edburn

WINDONS

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22 Jan 45



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LOADING LIST  
BOX II  
FLIGHT I

22 JANUARY 1945

44-185 G  
Captain H.F. Pair ✓ 625  
Lt. J.L. Corum ✓  
S/Sgt. C.R. Orvold H\*  
S/Sgt. A.E. DiMartino

41-39 2. 234 F  
Lt. S. Mooney ✓ 640  
Cpl. W.G. Buckley

41-39 3. 237 D  
Lt. J.B. Cooke ✓ 900  
D S/Sgt. W.A. MacCartney \*

43-22 1. 023 X  
Captain P.G. Atkinson ✓ 480  
D Lt. D.G. Ackerson  
Sgt. J.L. Collier H\*  
Sgt. L.R. Friday

41-39 2. 29315 F  
C Lt. P.P. Barausky ✓ 680  
S/Sgt. M. Hall

43-22 3. 2315 L  
Captain R.O. Gruetzemacher ✓ 600  
C Captain H.W. Borman ✓  
S/Sgt. D.S. Blackford J.I. RICKETSON S/Sgt.

44 1. 081 P-1  
Captain H.M. Evans ✓ 450  
A F/O T.M. McCartney ✓ H\*  
S/Sgt. O.N. Merritt  
S/Sgt. C.L. Skeens

41-39 2. 188 R  
Lt. J.F. Kenny ✓ 580  
A S/Sgt. J.J. Sittarich

41-39 3. 331 C  
Lt. R.C. Buchanan ✓ 550  
A Sgt. R.G. Hindman

43-22 4. 313 B  
Captain A.C. Sears ✓ 550  
D M/Sgt. J.J. Wells \*

43-22 5. 352 J  
Lt. M. Wallman ✓ 600  
D Cpl. A. Helt

41-39 6. 223 B-1  
Lt. A.E. Hlavko ✓  
C Cpl. R.E. Graub  
a/c out of communication for  
out back phase  
40 failed times

41-39 4. 235 M  
Lt. R.B. Hall ✓ 630  
C S/Sgt. L.C. Farger \*

41-39 5. 222 S  
Lt. F.G. Bishop ✓ 625  
C Sgt. L.W. Hudnutt \*

43-22 6. 337 O  
Lt. M. Errotabere ✓ 620  
C Cpl. A.E. Bowie

43-22 4. 321 T  
Lt. J.W. Wright ✓ 560  
A S/Sgt. H.J. Sylva

41-39 5. 219 E  
Lt. A. B. Nathanson ✓ 625  
A Sgt. C.M. Hicks \*

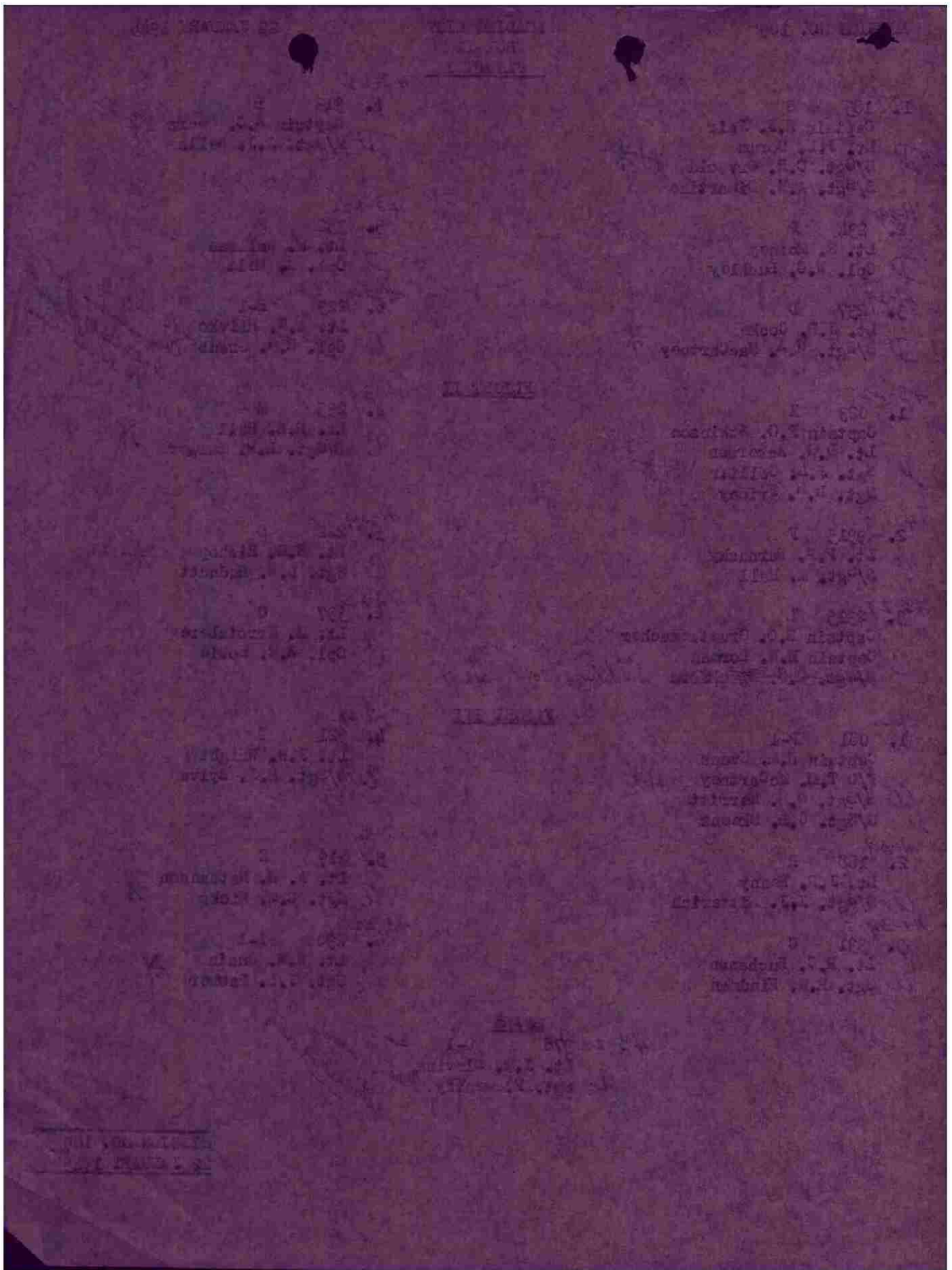
43-22 6. 290 L-1  
Lt. W.W. Annin ✓ 675  
A Sgt. J.L. Patter \*

SPARE

43-22 7. 0-1  
Lt. J.W. Blevins  
A Sgt. P. Gentry

Not Airborne  
Instrument out

MISSION NO. 189  
22 JANUARY 1945



SECRET

AUTH: CO, A-58

24 Jan 45

INITIAL:

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

R-8-1

APC 140, U.S. Army,  
24 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

TO : Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (H), APC 140, U.S. Army.  
(Attn: A-4 Section)

I. 22 January 1945, T.O. 1121, Simmera R.R. Bridge, P.O. 185-715.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 41-39168  
(Lt J.P. Kenny)

Station 3A released  
several seconds after other  
bombs had been released.

Inspection of A-4 release unit  
revealed that moisture had gotten  
inside unit around rotary solenoid  
and release arm causing sluggish  
release. A-4 units and shackles  
are being removed from these  
stations when not in use in an  
effort to prevent moisture from  
getting on units over night.

45-22321  
(Lt J.W. Wright)

Station 3A failed to  
release.

Armament personnel failed to cock  
A-4 release unit when loading.

41-39262  
(Lt E.J. Renth)

All 4 bombs returned.

Pilot lost formation and made no  
attempt to release.

45-22364  
(Lt D.E. Smith)

Station 3A failed to  
release.

Moisture in A-4 release unit which  
froze release unit entirely.

45-22354  
(Lt C.R. Shelley)

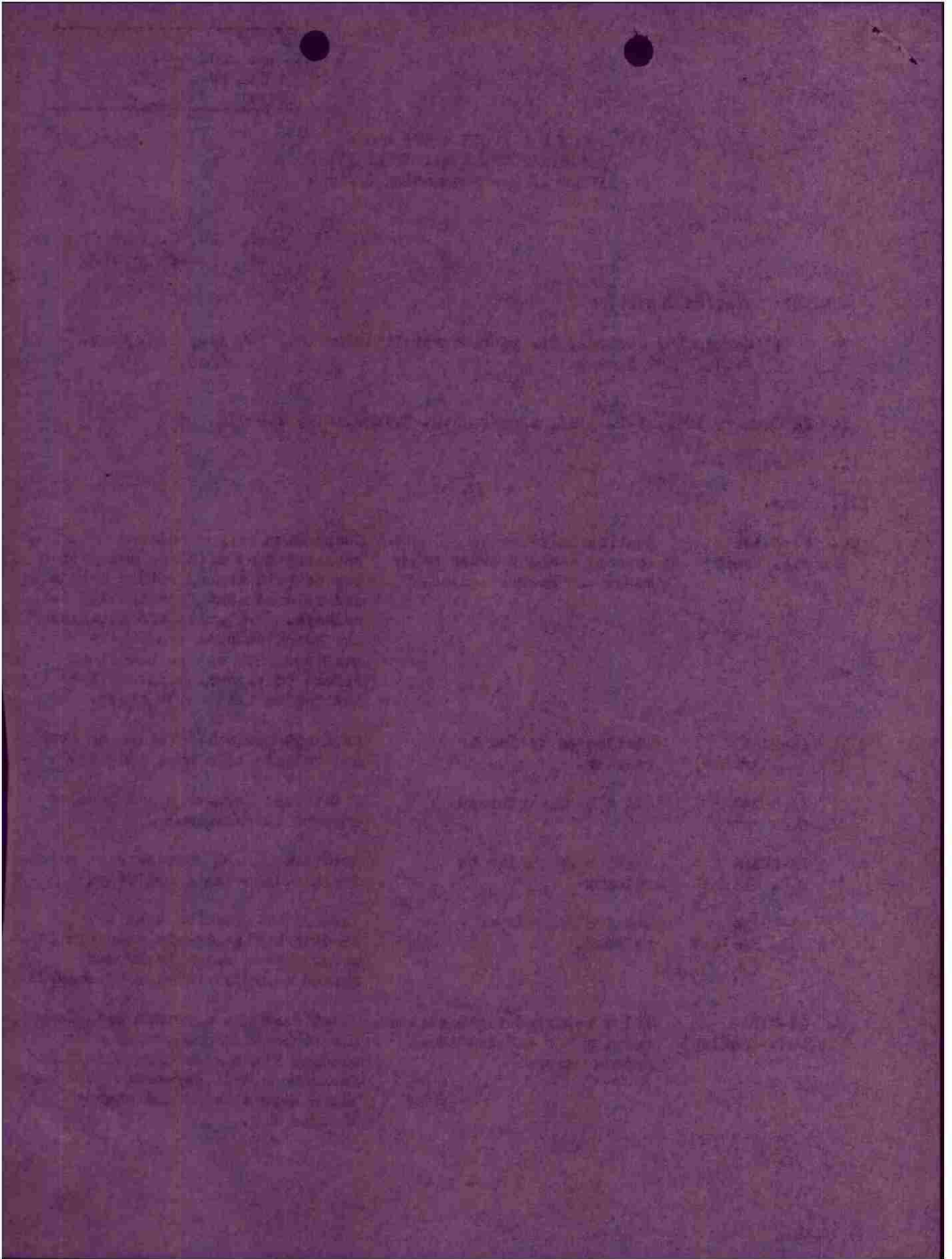
Station 3A delayed  
release.

Inspection revealed that B-7  
shackle had excessive moisture in  
working part which froze and  
caused sluggish release of shackle.

V. 41-39236  
(Lt R.H. Mackley)

Pilot reported right engine  
cutting out and landed at  
another base.

Pilot flew his aircraft back from  
the other base and ground crew  
checked his engine upon return and  
found No 3 cylinder dead. Spark  
plugs were changed and engine  
checked O.K.



VI. 1 - 3:15 - 450  
 2 - 3:15 - 525  
 3 - 3:15 - 600  
 4 - 3:15 - 600  
 5 - 3:15 - 525  
 6 - 3:15 - 550  
 7 - 3:15 - 550  
 8 - 3:55 - 550  
 9 - 3:15 - 525  
 10 - 3:15 - 510  
 11 - 3:15 - 525  
 12 - landed away from base.  
 13 - 3:15 - 500  
 14 - 3:15 - 580  
 15 - 3:15 - 530  
 16 - 3:20 - 500  
 17 - 3:15 - 600  
 W - 2:55 - 500  
 W - 2:55 - 510  
 W - 2:55 - 450

1 - 3:25 - 525  
 2 - 3:20 - 640  
 3 - 3:20 - 700  
 4 - 3:20 - 550  
 5 - 3:15 - 600  
 6 - 3:20 - 480  
 7 - 3:20 - 590  
 8 - 3:10 - 600  
 9 - 3:20 - 630  
 10 - 3:20 - 625  
 11 - 3:35 - 620  
 12 - 3:20 - 480  
 13 - 3:20 - 530  
 14 - 3:20 - 520  
 15 - 3:20 - 560  
 16 - 3:30 - 625  
 17 - 3:20 - 670

VII. None.

THEODORE R. AYLESWORTH,  
 Colonel, Air Corps,  
 Commanding.

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)  
TO : CO, 1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON  
INFOR COPY - 97T COMBAT WING

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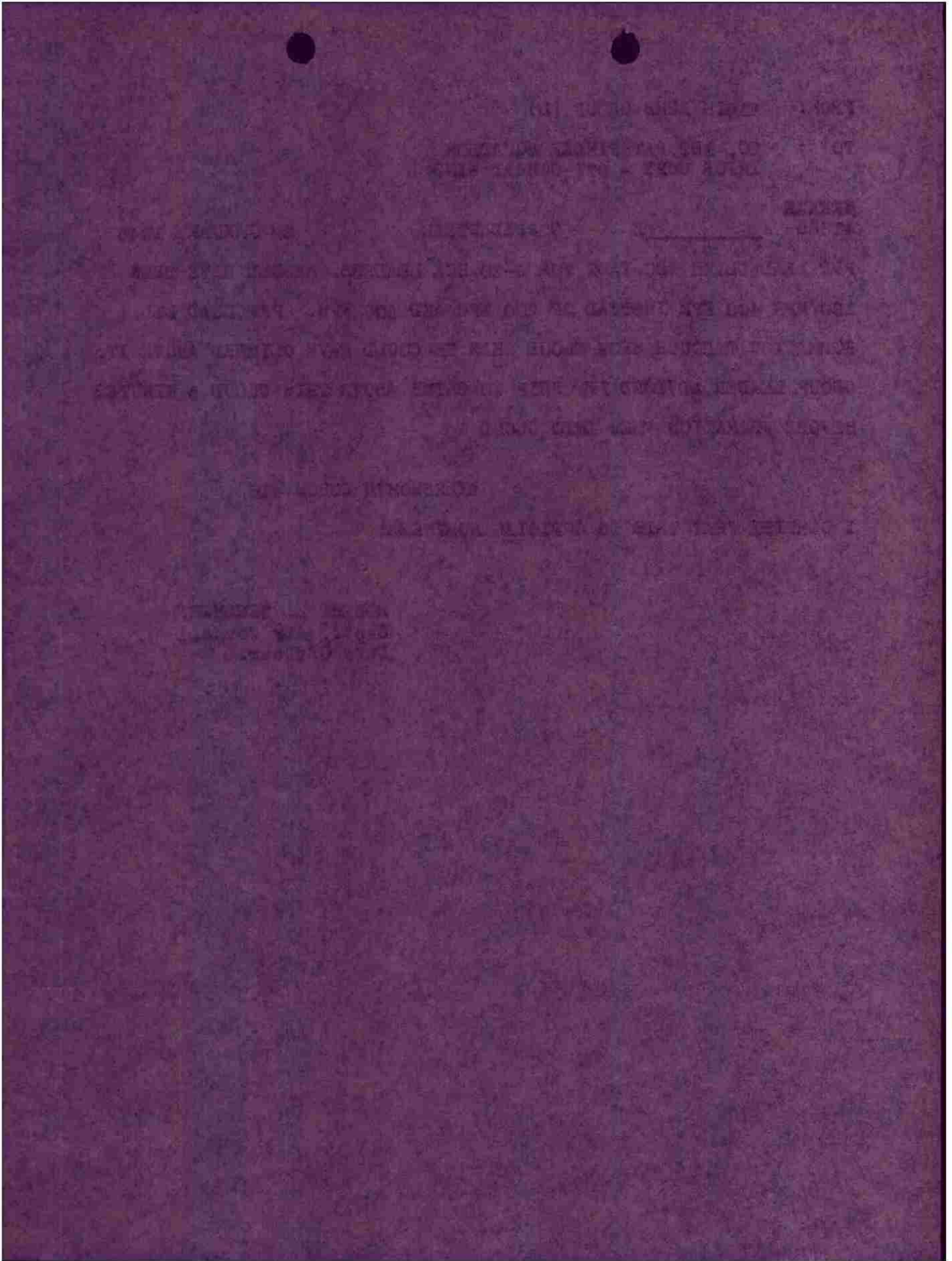
22 JANUARY 1945

PFF LEAD CLIMB TOO FAST FOR A-20 BOX LEADERS. SHOULD HAVE BEEN  
190 MPH 400 FPM INSTEAD OF 200 MPH AND 500 FPM. PFF LEAD LED  
FORMATION THROUGH SNOW CLOUD WHEN HE COULD HAVE CLIMBED ABOVE IT.  
GROUP LEADER ADVISED PFF SHIP TO CLIMB ABOVE THIS CLOUD 5 MINUTES  
BEFORE FROMATION FLEW INTO CLOUD

AYLESWORTH COBOM 416

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

ROBERT L. BEHLMER,  
Capt., Air Corps,  
Duty Officer.



## POST MISSION REPORT

MISSION NO. 189  
DATE 22 Jan 451. NUMBER OF MEN WOUNDED: None

2. MAJOR MALFUNCTIONS:

8 Bombs Returned, Malfunction Report not available when this report was completed.R

3. OTHER MALFUNCTIONS:

None

4. PRESENT OR LATENT DAMAGES:

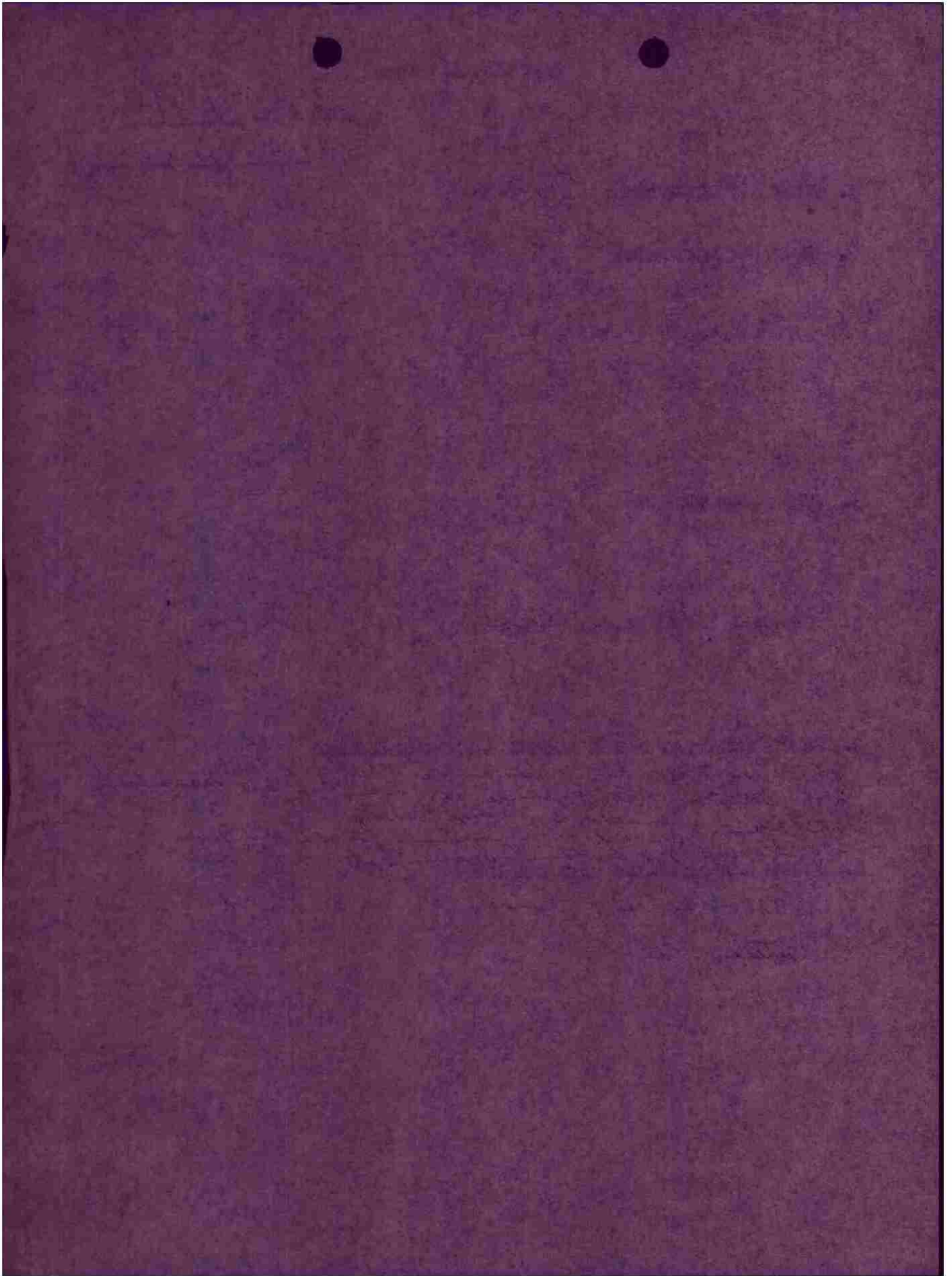
~~None~~ 1-4-26 Category 'a'

5. PLANE'S FAILING TO BECOME AIRBORNE OR RETURNING EARLY:

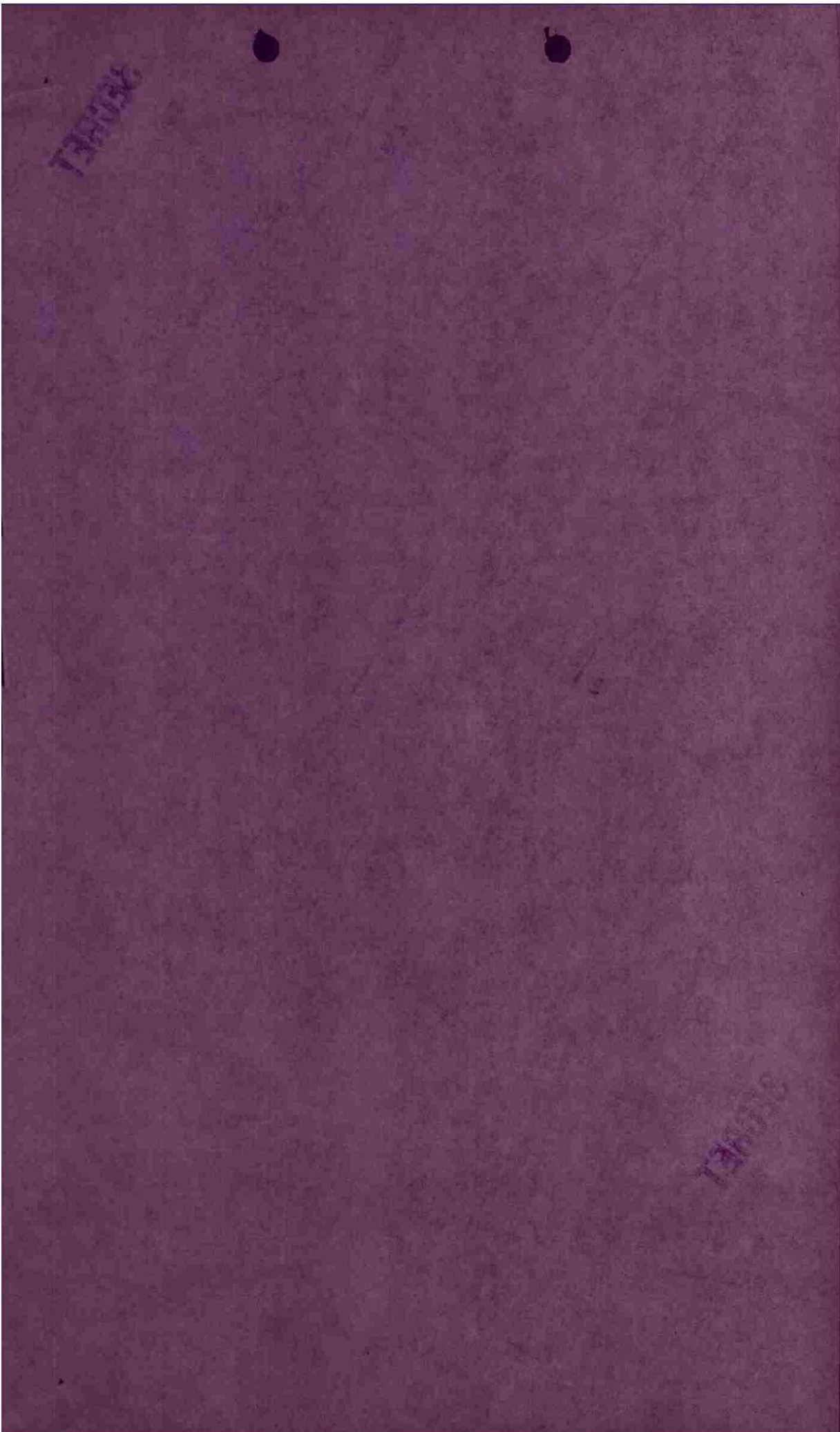
259 - Ven Kape - Hot Airplane - Hot Wheel Fire Sleet279 - Martin - Hot Airplane - Hot Engine Cut out momentarily223 - Pliuko - immediately before takeoff378 - Blewing - off out of commission from oil leak prior to take time

6. PLANE LOST OR LOSTING AWAY FROM BASE:

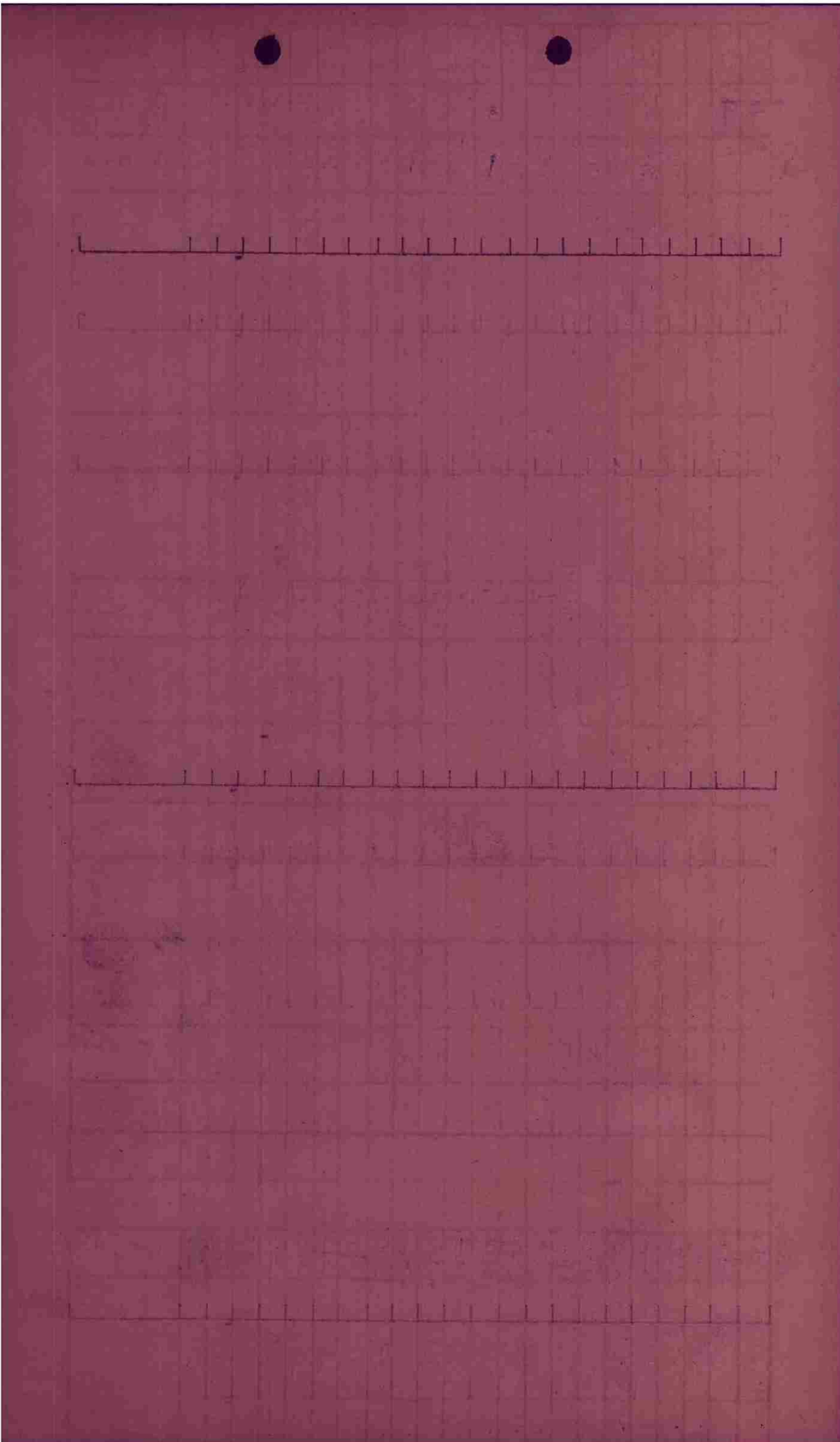
238 - Hackley - Landed at a.s. Right engine cutting out



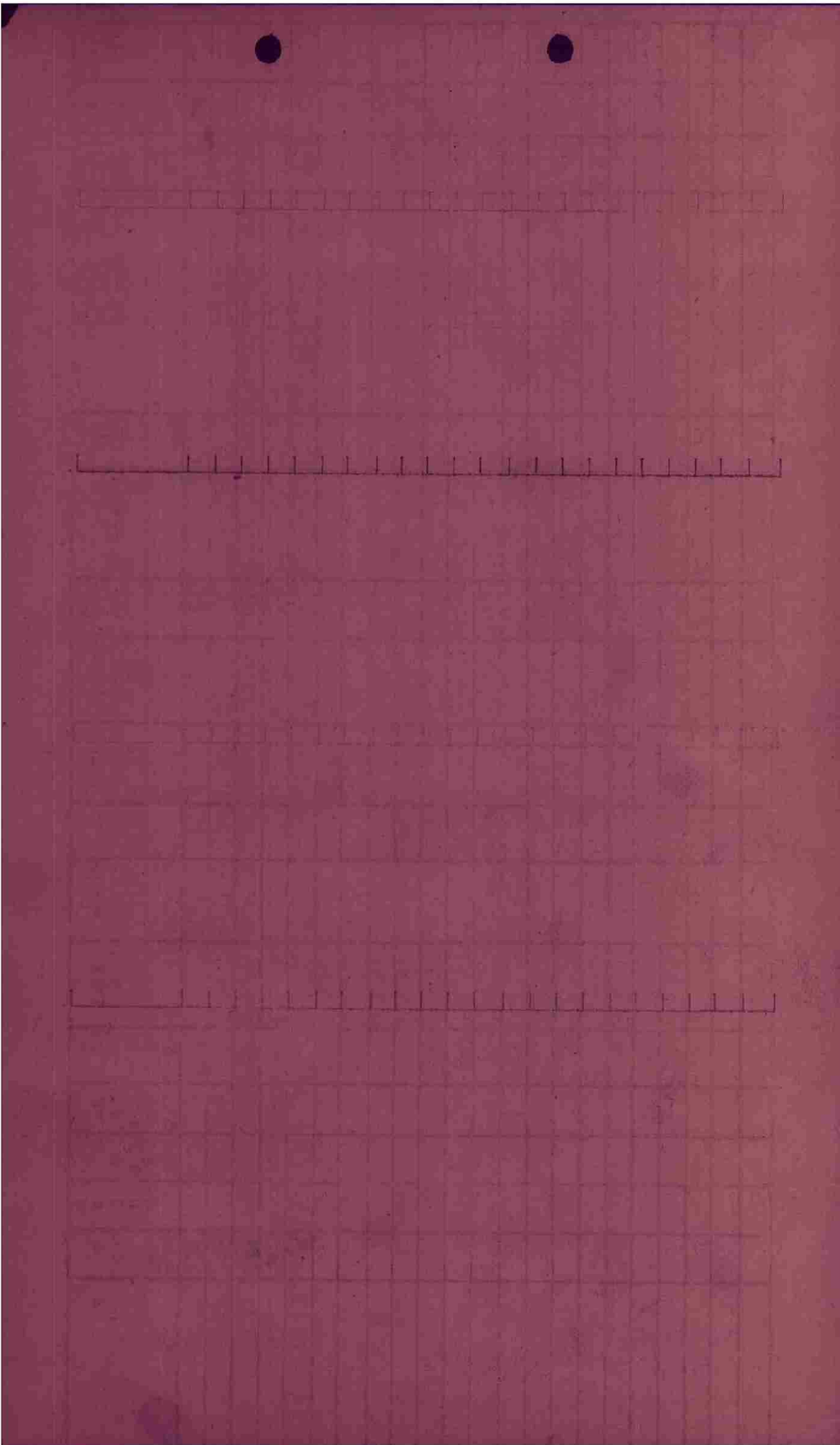




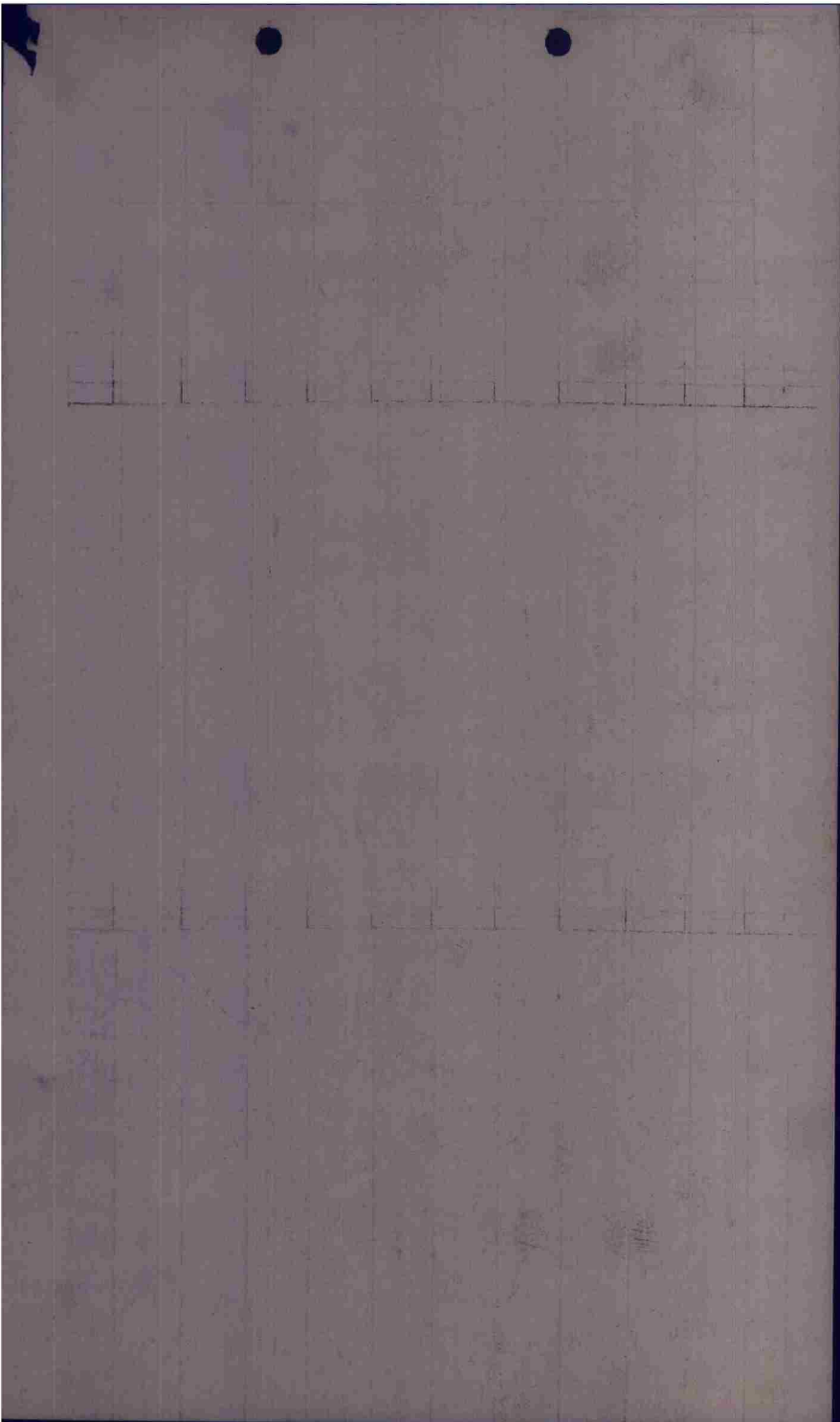
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| Box I.           |                    |                    |         |                                      |           |             |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 22 January 1945  |                    |                    |         |                                      |           |             |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| S<br>Q<br>D<br>N | A<br>/<br>C<br>LTR | A<br>/<br>C<br>NO. | PILOT   | D<br>I<br>S<br>T<br>A<br>N<br>C<br>E | TARGET    | A<br>T<br>O | ENG.<br>COAST<br>OUT | ENEMY<br>COAST<br>IN | T<br>O<br>T | ENEMY<br>COAST<br>OUT | ENG.<br>COAST<br>IN |
| 1                | E                  | 106                | Wheeler | 519                                  | Kusnecken | 1121        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 2                | F                  | 249                | Wheeler |                                      | R/R Base  | 1121        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 3                | L                  | 208                | Wheeler |                                      |           | 1121        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 4                | R                  | 300                | Wheeler |                                      |           | 1121        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 5                | A                  | 250                | Wheeler |                                      |           | 1121        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 6                | V                  | 265                | Wheeler |                                      |           | 1121        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 7                | J                  | 095                | Wheeler |                                      |           | 1123        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 8                | D                  | 252                | Wheeler |                                      |           | 1123        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 9                | X                  | 208                | Wheeler |                                      |           | 1124        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 10               | F1                 | 241                | Wheeler |                                      |           | 1123        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 11               | S                  | 354                | Wheeler |                                      |           | 1123        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 12               | M                  | 238                | Wheeler |                                      |           | 1123        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 13               | A-1                | 063                | Wheeler |                                      |           | 1123        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 14               | H                  | 259                | Wheeler |                                      |           | 1123        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 15               | K1                 | 269                | Wheeler |                                      |           | 1123        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 16               | R                  | 271                | Wheeler |                                      |           | 1123        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 17               | B                  | 229                | Wheeler |                                      |           | 1123        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 18               | I                  | 244                | Wheeler |                                      |           | 1123        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 19               | G                  | 334                | Wheeler |                                      |           | 1123        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 20               | M                  | 467                | Wheeler |                                      |           | 1135        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 21               | A                  | 614                | Wheeler |                                      |           | 1135        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 22               | E                  | 026                | Wheeler |                                      |           | 1135        |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 1135             |                    |                    |         |                                      |           |             |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 1431             |                    |                    |         |                                      |           |             |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |
| 2:55             |                    |                    |         |                                      |           |             |                      |                      |             |                       |                     |



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| Box II          |           |           |         |               |        |       |                |                |       |                 |               |             |                 |
| 22 January 1945 |           |           |         |               |        |       |                |                |       |                 |               |             |                 |
| S Q D N         | A / C LTR | A / C NO. | PILOT   | D I S T A NCE | 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 L A D |
| 1               | 185       | 185       | 1st     | 579           |        | 1128  |                |                |       |                 |               | H X         |                 |
| 2               | 231       | 231       | Mooney  |               |        | 1128  |                |                |       |                 |               | X           |                 |
| 3               | 237       | 237       | Booke   |               |        | 1129  |                |                |       |                 |               | X           |                 |
| 4               | 313       | 313       | Heave   |               |        | 1129  |                |                |       |                 |               | X           |                 |
| 5               | 352       | 352       | Waltman |               |        | 1130  |                |                |       |                 |               |             |                 |
| 6               | 131       | 223       | Waltman |               |        | 1130  |                |                |       |                 |               |             |                 |
| 7               | X         | 023       | Waltman |               |        | 1130  |                |                |       |                 |               | H X         |                 |
| 8               | F         | 9315      | Waltman |               |        | 1130  |                |                |       |                 |               |             |                 |
| 9               | L         | 2315      | Waltman |               |        | 1131  |                |                |       |                 |               |             |                 |
| 10              | M         | 235       | Waltman |               |        | 1131  |                |                |       |                 |               | X           |                 |
| 11              | S         | 222       | Waltman |               |        | 1131  |                |                |       |                 |               | X           |                 |
| 12              | O         | 337       | Waltman |               |        | 1131  |                |                |       |                 |               |             |                 |
| 13              | P-1       | 081       | Waltman |               |        | 1131  |                |                |       |                 |               | H X         |                 |
| 14              | R         | 188       | Waltman |               |        | 1133  |                |                |       |                 |               |             |                 |
| 15              | C         | 331       | Waltman |               |        | 1133  |                |                |       |                 |               |             |                 |
| 16              | T         | 321       | Waltman |               |        | 1133  |                |                |       |                 |               |             |                 |
| 17              | E         | 219       | Waltman |               |        | 1134  |                |                |       |                 |               | X           |                 |
| 18              | L-1       | 290       | Waltman |               |        | 1135  |                |                |       |                 |               | X           |                 |
| 19              | O-1       | 378       | Waltman |               |        | 1135  |                |                |       |                 |               |             |                 |



| Mission No. 188 |          |                         |          |                                                                                                      | 21 January 1975                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
|-----------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| SHIP            | SQUADRON | PILOT and/or BOMBARDIER | GUNNER'S | FUNCTIONS                                                                                            | COM'S OF ALTERNATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 315             | C        | Shebey                  |          | Station 3H failed to release                                                                         | Transfer relay in R-82 unit for bomb back safety causing failure to transfer to last station in front bomb bay for release -<br>on the 4H.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| 188             | A        | Jacobsen                |          | Station 3H + 4H failed to release                                                                    | ice on A-4, release unit between body of unit and release arm caused failure of arm to rotate when unit was lowered. do not release of Station 4H prevented transfer of release to station 3H - ice on A-4 release unit was a result of thawing over and ice on the day before which came through to the aircraft and on to release unit. When froze again during night.                    |  |
| 238             | B        | Willard                 |          | Station 4H failed to release at Target - released after bomb run on to door                          | Carried B-7 shackle combined with manual reared camming overpass affecting delayed release close investigation revealed that no corrosion was present on B-7 shackle but did had leaked through from shackle on to B-7 shackle and B-4 release unit causing extensive burning of heavy oil to get on shackle and release unit. Oil caused shackle to operate sluggishly at low temperature. |  |
| 223             | C        | TURMAN                  |          | Station 4H failed at Target got on door on the bay back after bomb doors came open and bomb got out. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |



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OIITA OIJJF OIJES OIJPO OIJKI V OIJEA OIJEA 03/22 OP OP  
T (OIITA PASS TO OIJJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 22/0140A  
TO COMBOMB DIV IX  
COBOMGP 409  
COBOMGP 410  
COBOMGP 416  
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQBN.

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

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

FIELD ORDER NO. 135-715

MAPS: NORMAL

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

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR: PLAN "A" - 22/1200A  
ZERO HOUR: PLAN "B" - 22/1200A

PLAN "A"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

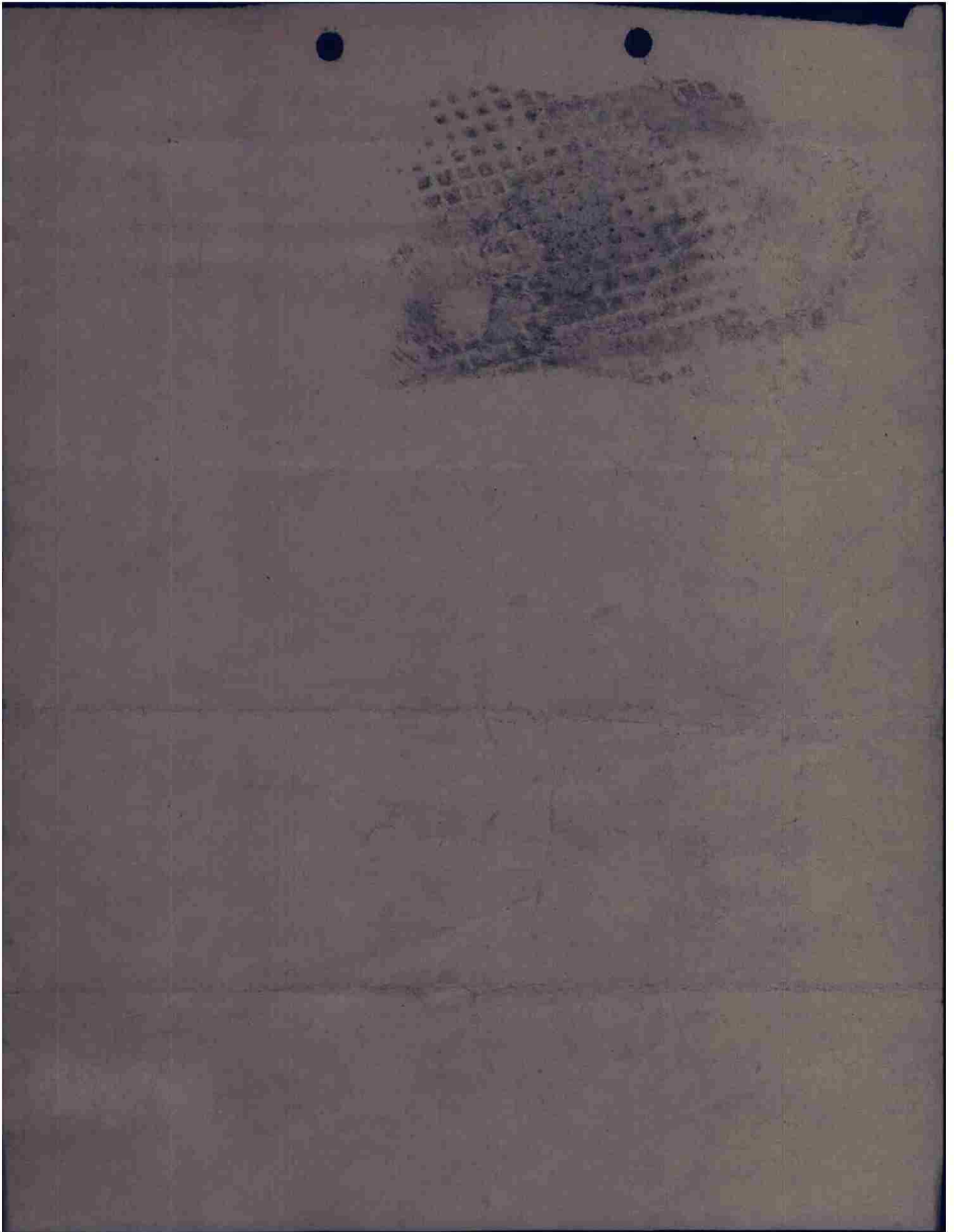
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4855N 0603E AT 12,000 FEET AT  
ZERO MINUS 20 MINUTES.

- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) GEROLSTEIN RAILROAD JUNCTION (L-235810)
- (2) 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4937N 0608E AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO MINUS  
20 MINUTES.
- (4) BASE TO 4937N 0608E TO 4941N 0653E TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT  
BELOW 5,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (7) 4959N 0653E
- (8) GEN: SE TO NW
- (9) M.P.I. - MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEETS 5705 AND 5706.  
ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID COORD: 23388111,  
23508115, 23658115, 23808115, 23958115 AND 24088111.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) 4959N 0653E
- (12) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT TARGET, GROUP WILL  
BOMB PRIMARY TARGET ON "GEE". IN EVENT OF "GEE" EQUIPMENT  
FAILURE, BOMBS WILL BE RELEASED ON TARGET ETA.

- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4855N 0603E AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO MINUS  
40 MINUTES.



- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGES.  
FOR THE 409TH AND 410TH GROUPS.
- (5) TARGET: SIMMERN RAILROAD BRIDGE (L-839530)
  - (6) A/C REQUIRED: 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
  - (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO F/R TO 4856N 0740E TO 4938N 0808E TO I.P. TO TARGET.
  - (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TO R.P. TO 4959N 0653E TO 4941N 0653E TO 4937N 0608E TO BASE.
  - (9) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
  - (10) I.P. - 4947N 0742E
  - (11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GEN. SE TO NW.
  - (12) M.P.I. - MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 6011 GRID. COORD. 53905305 (CENTER OF BRIDGE) INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
  - (13) BOMB LOAD: 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
  - (14) R.P.: 5007N 0708E
  - (15) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET ON "GEE". IF "GEE" EQUIPMENT FAILS, BOMB ON TARGET E.T.A.

## PLAN "B"

## 3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C WITH 1 PPF A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 13,500 FEET AT 4842N 0611E AT ZERO PLUS 40 MINUTES.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 90 MINUTES.

## B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) GEROLSTEIN RAILROAD JUNCTION (L-235812)
- (2) 2 BOXES 18 A/C WITH 1 PPF A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4922N 0610E AT 13,500 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 1 MINUTE.
- (4) BASE TO 4922N 0610E TO 4934N 0707E TO 4953N 0721E TO 4959N 0712E TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO 4959N 0653E TO 4941N 0653E TO 4922N 0610E TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 13,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 5,000 FEET
- (9) M.P.I. - MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEETS 5705 AND 5706. ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD: 23388111, 23508115, 23658115, 23808115, 23958115 AND 24088111 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEETS 5705 AND 5706 ONE BOX ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD. 23508115 AND 23808115 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES. P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID. COORD. 23788115.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO PLUS 30 MINUTES.
- (13) GROUP WILL PROCEED ON BRIEFED PPF ROUTE TO A POINT WHERE THE GROUP LEADER CAN ASCERTAIN THAT VISUAL BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C IS POSSIBLE. WEATHER BEING THE DETERMINING FACTOR. IF VISUAL BOMBING BY FLIGHTS IS POSSIBLE, GROUP WILL PROCEED OR RETURN, AS THE CASE MAY BE TO VISUAL I.P. (4959N 0653E) TAKE INTERVAL AND BOMB BY FLIGHTS. IF BOMBING BY FLIGHTS IS IMPOSSIBLE BUT A SMALL BREAK IN THE CLOUDS MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO BOMB VISUALLY BY BOXES OF 18 A/C, GROUP WILL CONTINUE ON PPF ROUTE AND BOMB VISUALLY BY BOXES OF 18 A/C. IF 10/10 CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
  - A. PPF
  - B. GROUP "GEE"
  - C. TARGET E.T.A.
- (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 PPF A/C OR NOT.
- (15) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND RUN FOR VISUAL BOMBING, GROUP WILL RETURN TO 4959N 0653E TO BEGIN RUN.



BT BUREAU PPF MFI GRID COORD. 8395325.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.

- (10) BOMB LOAD - 4 X 1000 LB G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE  
1/100 SEC. TAIL
- (11) 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS WILL PROCEED ON BRIEFED PPF  
ROUTE TO A POINT WHERE GROUP LEADER CAN ASCERTAIN THAT  
BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C IS POSSIBLE, WEATHER BEING  
THE DETERMINING FACTOR. IF VISUAL BOMBING BY FLIGHTS  
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GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY  
A. PPF  
B. GROUP "GEE"  
C. TARGET E. T. A.
- (12) 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 PPF A/C  
OR NOT
- (13) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND RUN FOR VISUAL  
BOMBING, GROUPS WILL RETURN TO 4947N 8742E TO BEGIN RUN.

#### 4. NO CHANGE

#### 5. COMMUNICATIONS

PLAN "A" OR "B"

##### A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (839530)

- (2) PEDLAR
- (3) SHUTDOWN
- (4) SWEEPSTAKES

##### B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (235810)

- (2) HOTEL
- (3) BY PASS
- (4) SWEEPSTAKES

##### C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (839530)

- (2) SKINDEEP
- (3) MUSTARD
- (4) SWEEPSTAKES

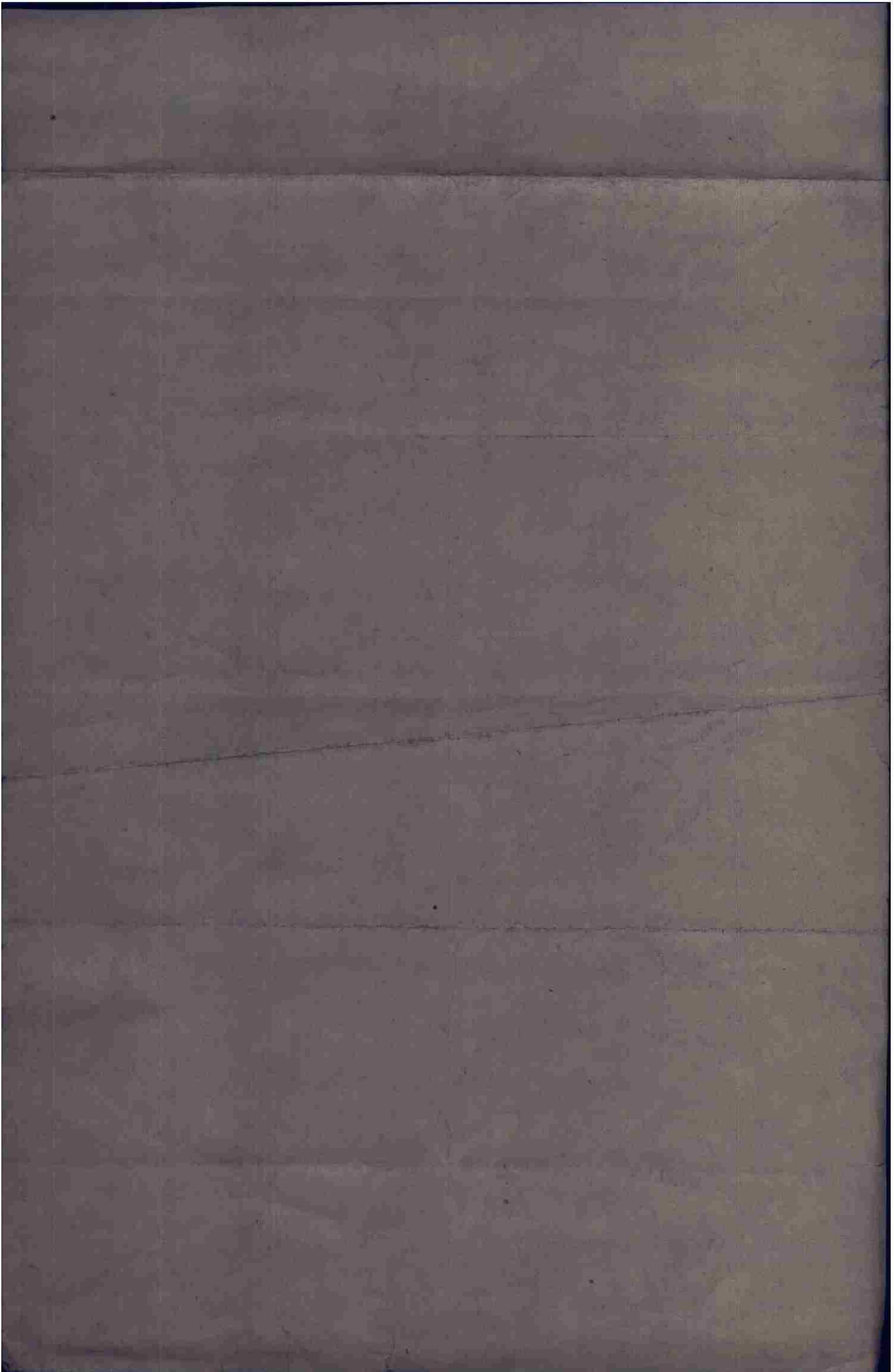
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RL/LCB AR

OIITA R. . . . . 22/0310A EG AR  
OIJES R. . . . . 22/0310A FR AR  
OIJKI R. . . . . 22/0310A EW AR

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OIITA OIJJF OIJKI OIJPO OIJES V OIJE A OIJE A 5/22 OP OP  
T (OIITA PASS TO OIJJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 22/1210A  
TO COMBOMDIV NINE  
COBOMGP 410  
COBOMGP 416  
COBOMGP 409  
1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
APO 140  
22 JANUARY 1945

J-240-E

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 135-715

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

ZERO HOUR ON PLAN "B" FOR THE 410TH GROUP ONLY IS CHANGED TO  
READ 22/1300A

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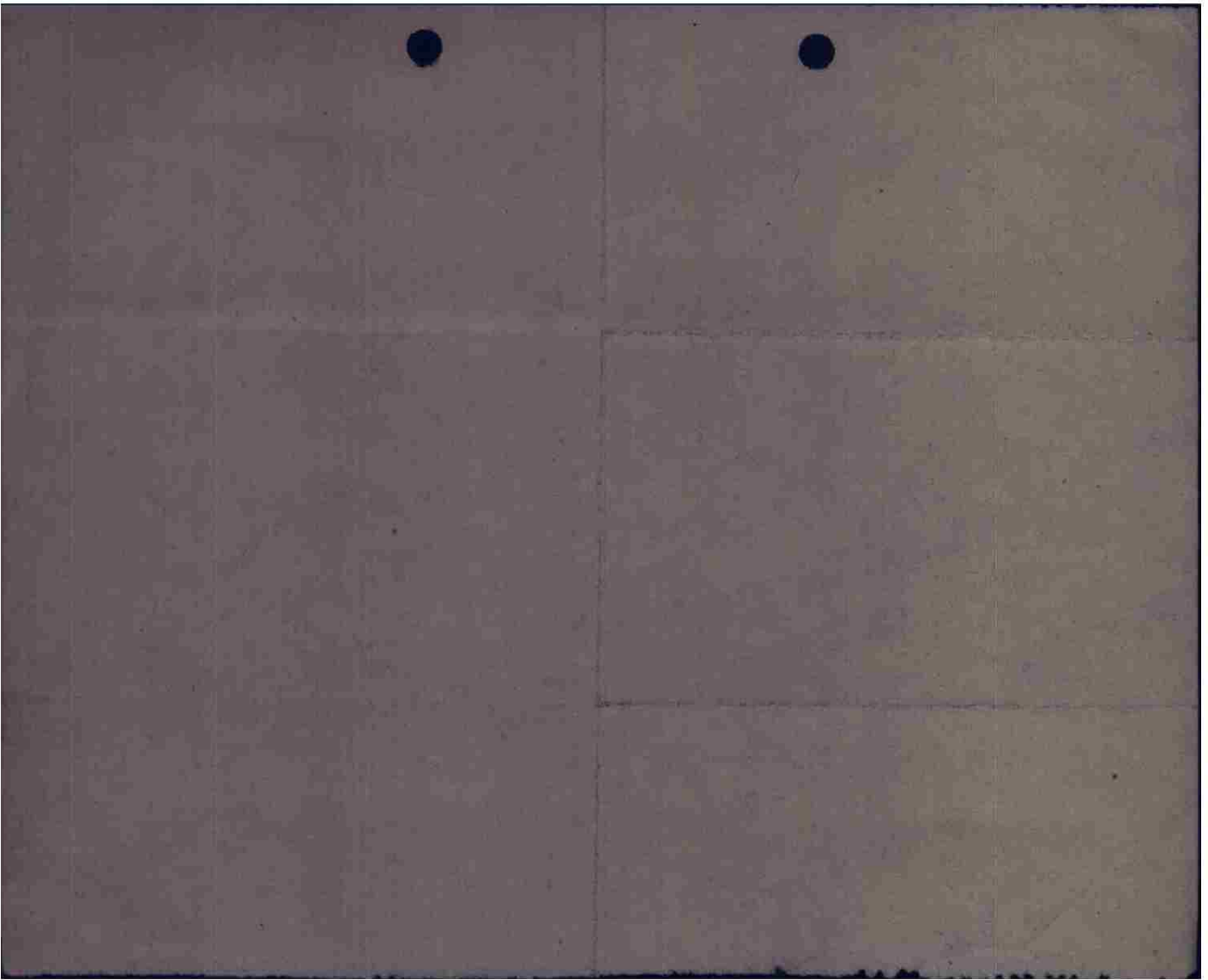
BT 22/1210A

CES AR

OIITA R.....221225A DFD AR

BBB TO ALL GROUPS

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|----------------------|-----|------|
| OIJKI R.....22/1225A | RSS | KKK  |
| OIJPO R.....22/1227A | SK  | KK   |
| OIJES R.....22/1227A | JJH | KKKK |



OLJES OLJKI V OLJEA 02/22 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 22/0015A  
TO COBOMCP 409TH  
COBOMCP 416TH

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH. LT. COL. MCAFEE

97CEN J-236-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 135-715.

(1) TARGET: SIEBERN RAILROAD BRIDGE (WL-839530). FOR EXACT NPI,  
SEE FIELD ORDER NO. 135-715.

(2) THIS IS A SINGLE TRACK, CONCRETE ARCH TYPE RAILROAD BRIDGE,  
COMPOSED OF TWO SPANS. OVERALL LENGTH IS 137 FEET, WIDTH  
IS 17 FEET, AND WATER GAP IS 24 FEET. THIS TARGET HAS BEEN  
ATTACKED NUMEROUS TIMES BUT IS CONSTANTLY REPAIRED. RECCE  
OF JANUARY 14 SHOWS BRIDGE STANDING AND SERVICEABLE.

(3) THIS IS A SECOND PHASE OPERATION BEHIND THE BATTLE AREA WITH  
THE PURPOSE OF INTERDICTION. NOTE THAT THIS RAILROAD LINE  
LEADS TO THE VERY SENSITIVE SAARLAUTERN-SAARBRUCKEN AREA,  
DESCRIBED IN THE G.L.O. SUMMARY DATED JANUARY 21. THIS BRIDGE  
IS ON THE ONLY LINE OPEN FROM THE MAINZ-KOBLENZ AREA.

(4) PHOTO COVERAGE:

US 12/T 374

US 12/D 604

IX TAC T/187

US 12/3861 PRINT NO. 5021, 5022, 5023

IX B.D./5A 782

MAP COVERAGE:

GSGS 4416 SHEET T-2

GSGS 4414 SHEET 6011

(5) FLAK - REFERENCE PLOTTED POSITIONS. ON JANUARY 13, THE 367  
GROUP RECEIVED NO FLAK UNDER PFF CONDITIONS. FROM  
WL-3955 TO WL-3920, MODERATE TO INTENSE EXPERIENCE ON  
BOTH SIDES OF COURSE.

(6) BOMBLINE: TARGET IS WELL BEYOND BOMBLINE.

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BT 22/0015A

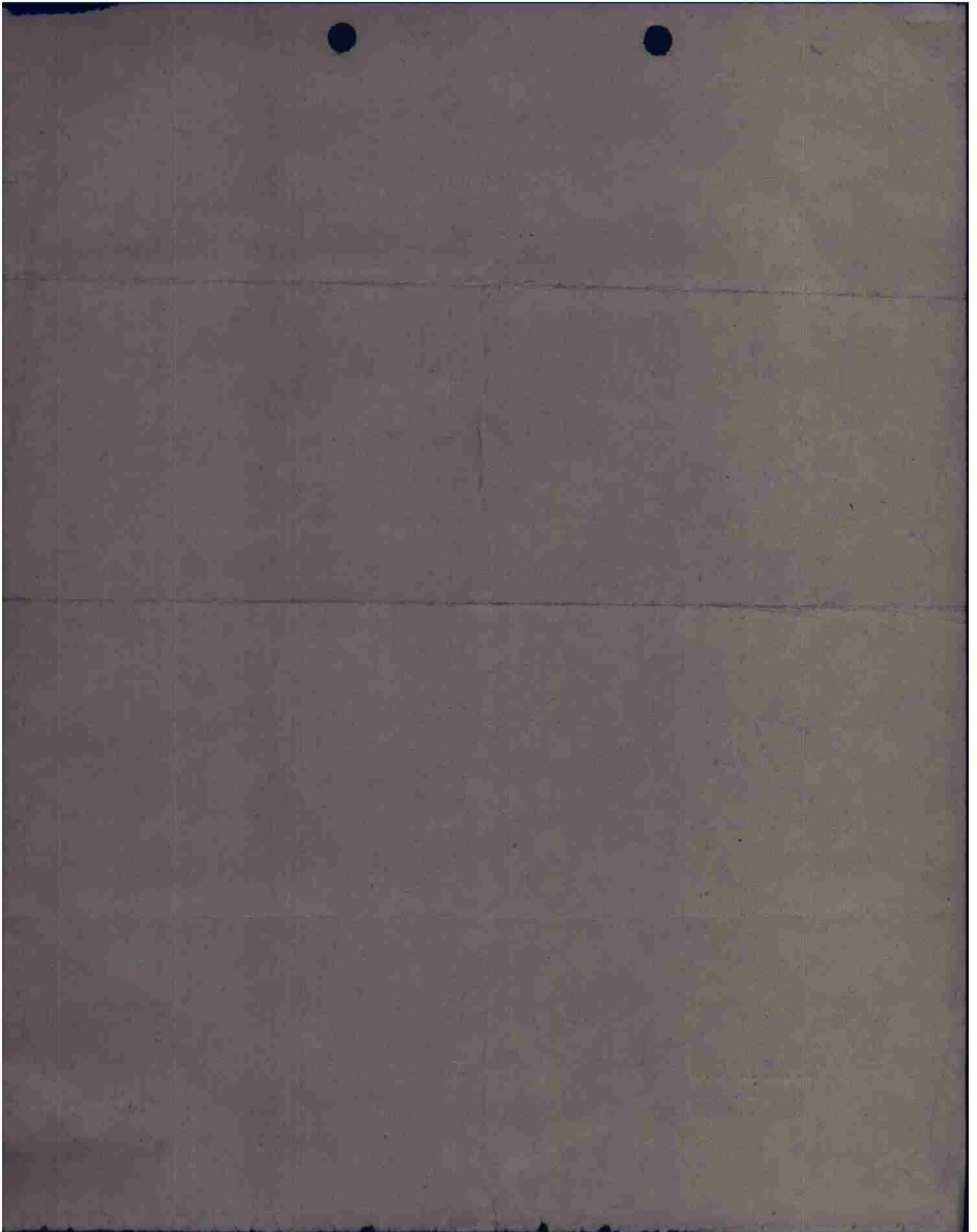
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OLJES R .....HEEXIX WXPPE/ 22/0030A FR AR

SEIBERNXXXXXXXXXX

OLJKI R .....22/0030A FD AR

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JEA ITA V JKI JKI 14/22 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP 221700A  
 TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION ATTN: A-2  
 CG, 97TH BOMB WING ATTN: A-2

CONFIDENTIAL BT

416BG J-316-D

OPFLASH FOR 22 JANUARY 1945.

- A. 416 BOMB GROUP.
- B. SIMMERN RR BRIDGE.
- C. 9 A-20'S, 28 A-26'S.
- D. 6 A-20'S ON PRIMARY
- 27 26 A-26'S ON PRIMARY
- E. 1 A-26 PERSONNEL. PILOT VERTIGO AT 1305 HOURS. LEFT FORMATION, TURNED BACK AT M200121.  
 1 A-26 LANDED AT A-52. ~~BOMB DISPOSITION UNKNOWN.~~  
 3 A-20'S CARRIED WINDOW ONLY
- F. 24 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY  
 106 ~~1~~ X 1000 GP ON PRIMARY. *1X1000 GP Retd - Ferryer Release Unit*  
~~4~~ ~~5~~ X 1000 GP RETURNED *1X1000 GP Retd - Station Not Contacted*  
~~4~~ ~~5~~ X 1000 GP UNACCOUNTED FOR; A/C LANDED AWAY FROM BASE.
- G. 1ST BOX BOMBED ON PPF. RESULTS UNOBSERVED.  
 2ND BOX. BOMBARDIER DID NOT SEE PFF BOMBS GO AWAY.  
 GEE BOX BURNED OUT. COULD NOT GET GROUND CONTROL CONTACT.  
 TURNED BACK SHORT OF SIMMERN ON HEADING OF 150 DEG. MAG. TO PFERDSFELDT L895395. TURNED AGAIN AND BOMBED ON ETA ON HEADING OF 327 DEG. MAG. USED AS CHECK POINTS ARGENSCHWANG L976432 AND RR NEAR TIEFENBACH L865490 AND SOONWALD FOREST. RESULTS UNOBSERVED.
- H. 1 A-26 DAMAGED. CAT. "A" (FLAK)
- I. NIL
- J. TARGET - NIL. MEAGRE INACCURATE HFF AT BOMBLINE AT L190235 ON WAY OUT.
- K. NIL
- L. 1ST BOX 15,000 FT.  
 2ND BOX 13,000 FT.
- M. 1ST BOX 1314  
 2ND BOX 1327

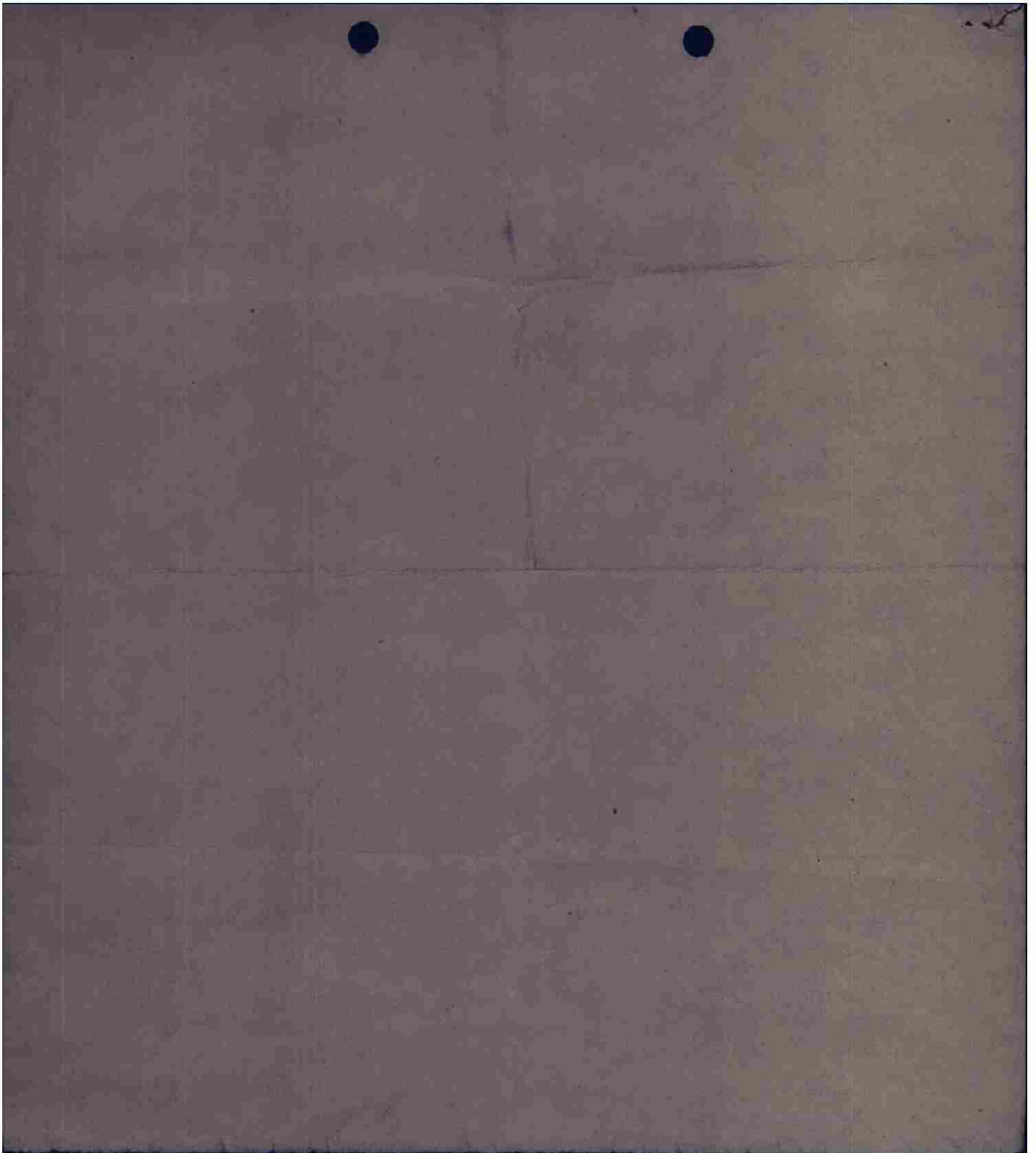
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BT 221700A

EJ AR K

ITA R.....221745A LBC AR

JEA RM.....22/1750A LEG AR



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 24/22 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 22/2110A

TO CG 9TH BOMB DIV. ATTA: A-2  
CG 97TH BOMB WING ATTA: A-2

CONFIDENTIAL BT

J-327-D

AMENDMENT TO OPSELASH FOR 22 JAN 1945.

AMEND PARA D TO READ:

6 A-20'S ON PRIMARY  
27 A-26'S ON PRIMARY

DELETE: " BOMB DISPOSITION UNKNOWN" IN PARA E.

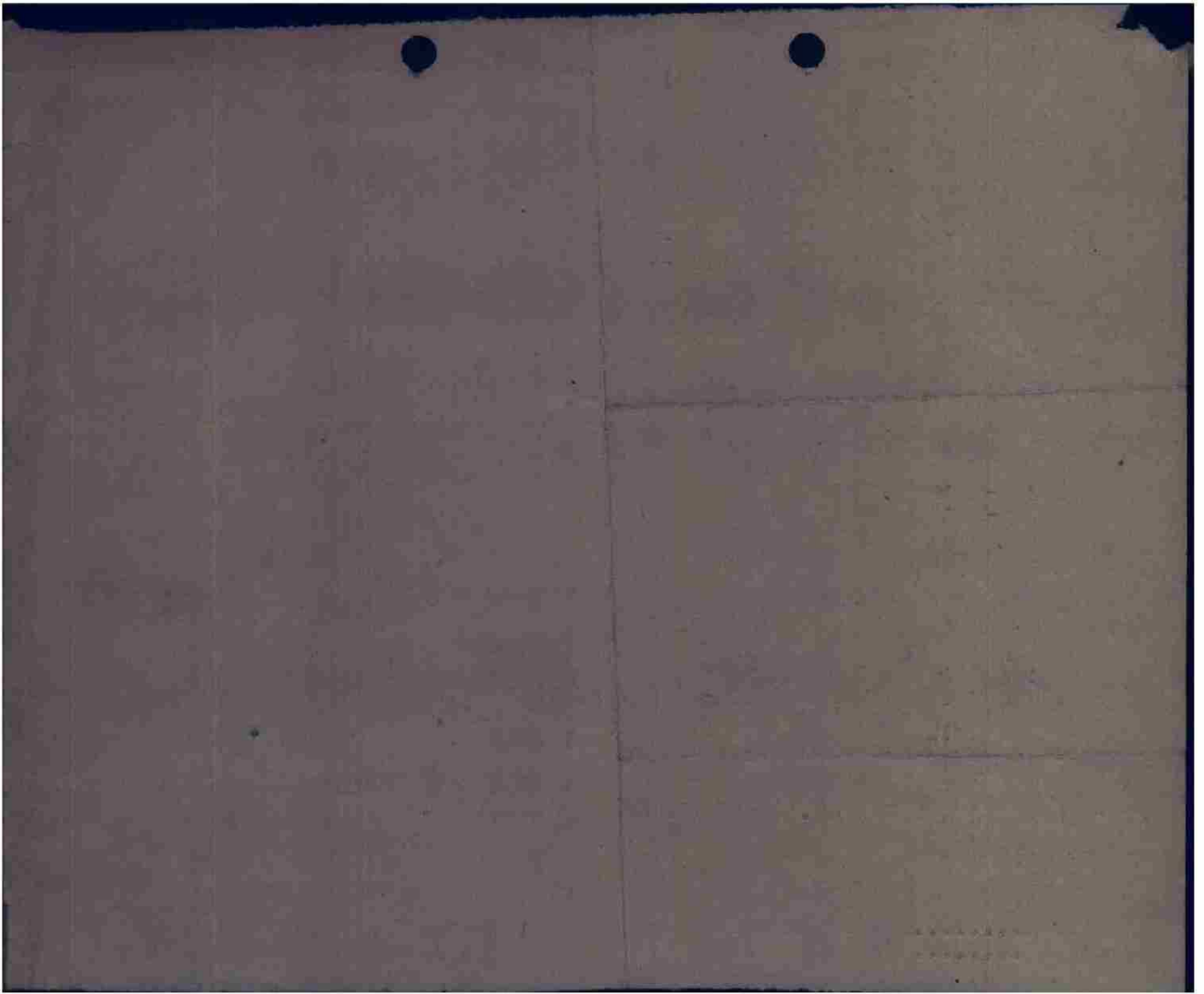
AMEND PARA F TO READ:

24 X 5000 GP ON PRIMARY  
106 X 1000 GP ON PRIMARY  
4 X 1000 GP RETURNED - PILOT VERTIGO AT 1305 HOURS  
1 X 1000 GP RETURNED FROZEN RELEASE UNIT.  
1 X 1000 GP RETURNED STATION NOT COCKED.

REMARKS: THE A/C WHICH LANDED XX AWAY FROM BASE HAVING RETURNED AND  
INFORMATION OBTAINED. ABOVE AMENDMENT SUBMITTED.

BT 2110A  
WFG AR

ITA R.....22/2145A MILT AR  
JEA R.....22/2145A LEG AR



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 2 22 P P

FROM COBOMGR 416 22/1645A  
TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: COM OFFICER  
COMCBTWIG 97 (INFO)

CONFID. BT  
J-310-J

- A. YS-21
- B. 22 JAN 45 (1127-1424)
- C. E-EASY AND G- GEORGE REPORTED TO PARADE AFTER TARGET.
- D. E- EASY AND G- GEORGE CALLED ~~XXXXXXXX~~ FIGHTER GROUND CONTROL TWICE PRIOR TO REACHING I. O. BUT RECEIVED NO ANSWER AND WERE TOO BUSY TO MAKE FURTHER CALLS.
- E. NONE
- F. NONE
- G. NONE
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE

--- AYLESWORTH COMBOMGR 416 ---

BT 22/1645A

DM

BBBB TO ITA

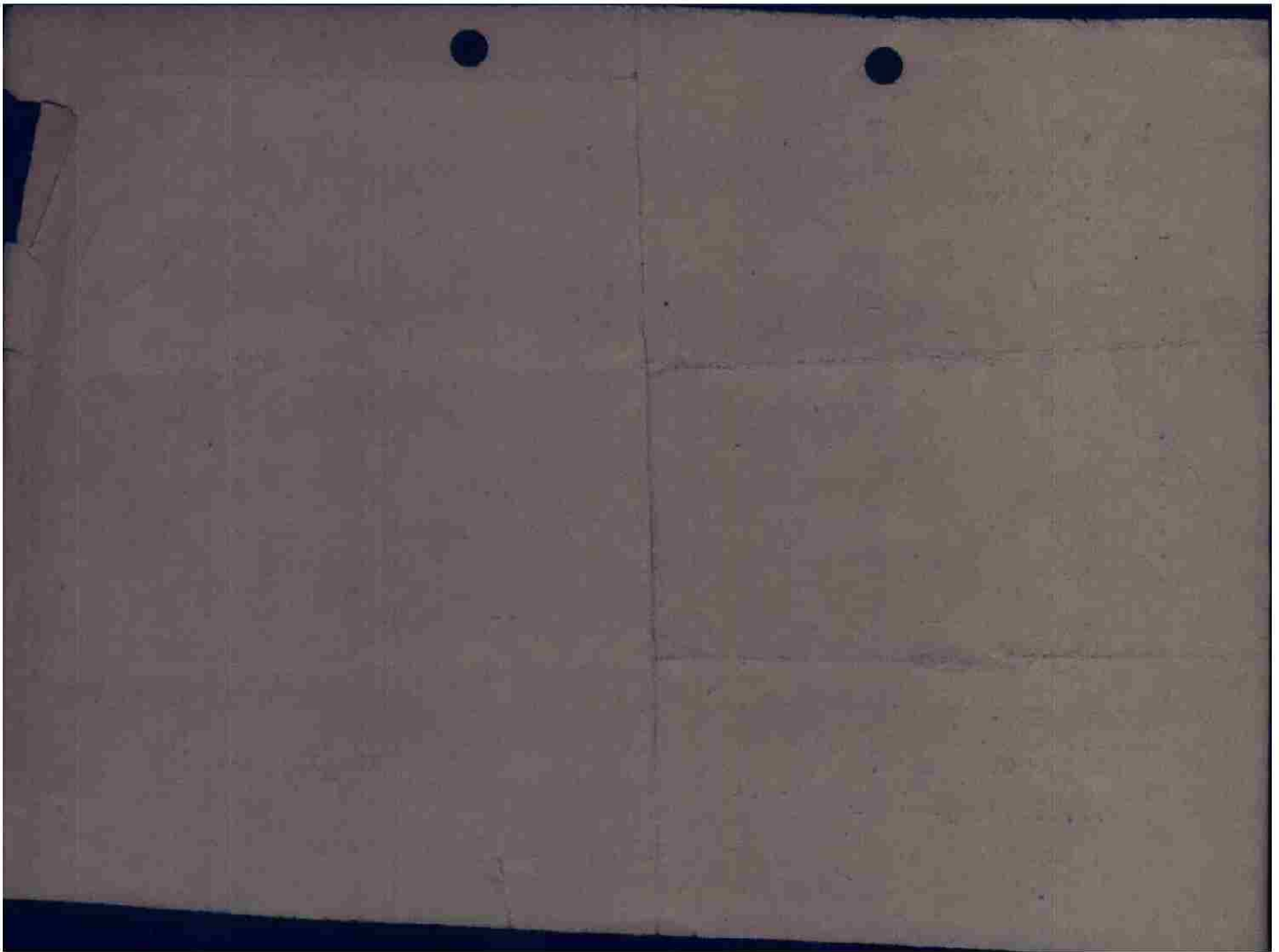
ITA R.....22-1639A DFD KKK

CCC PLS CCC: PARA D. 4TH WD 2ND LINE SHOULD READ AS ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

FOLLOWS I. P. REPT I. P.

JEA R.....22/1639A CW KKKK

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 15/22 OP-OP  
FROM HQS. 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) 22/1800A  
TO 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) ATTN: A-2 P/I  
97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER

SECRET BT

J-317-D

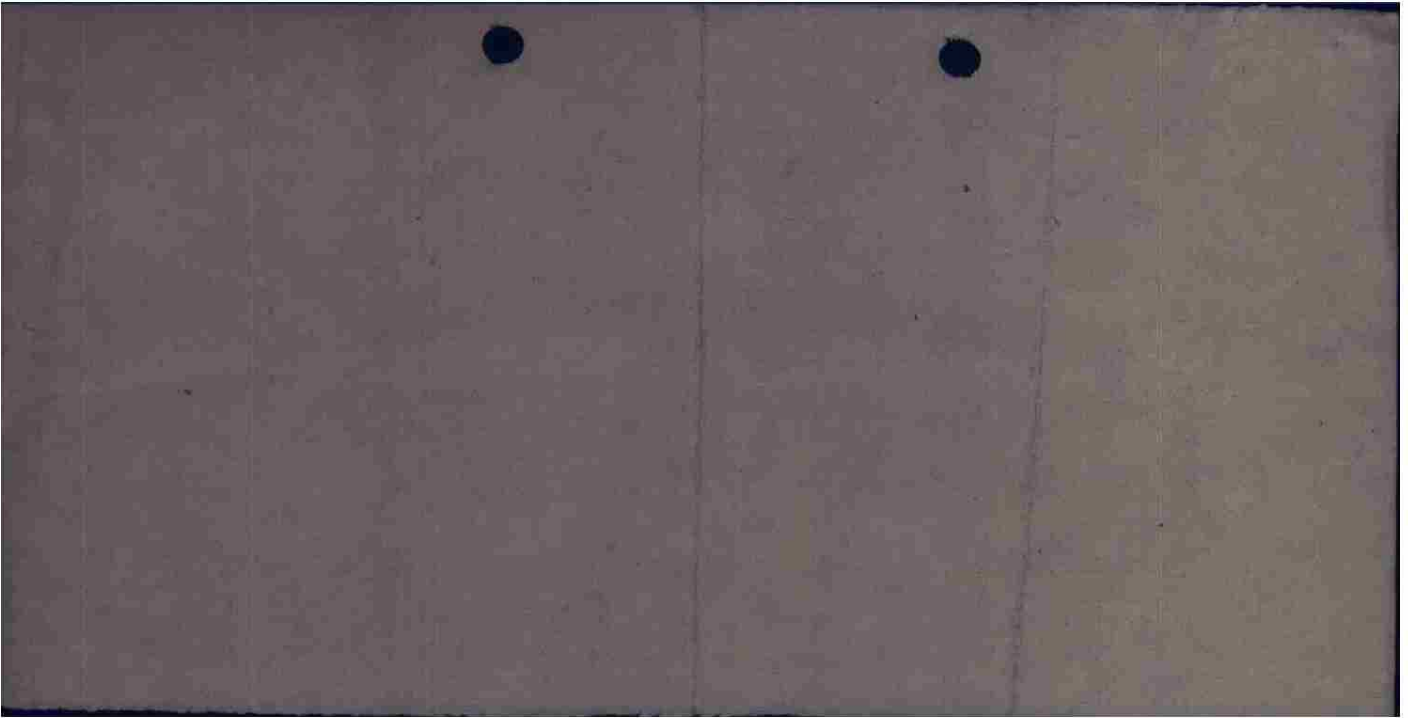
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B - SIMMERN RR BRIDGE

J - NO PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER

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ITA R.....~~WEXQ~~ITA MILT KK  
JEA R.....22/1825A WCB KK

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