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# A-26 MISSION REPORTS

## FOLDER NO.3

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191	138 - 718	23 " 45
192	138 - 718	23 " 45
193	139 - 719	24 " 45
194	140 - 720	25 " 45
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196	147 - 728	1 FEB. 45
197	149 - 730	2 " 45
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199	158 - 136	6 " 45
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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B. C. FIELD ORDER NO. 159-71BOX I Flt 1 GROUP 416 DATE 24 Jan. '45 TARGET ATTACKED Schlaiden Road Junct.

1. Method of Sighting:

**Pre-set with corrections.**

2. Bombing approach:

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X4. Did entire ~~bomb~~ (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

**Pre-set with corrections. G-1 auto-pilot not used.**5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. A. R. Hand6. Name of lead Pilot: Major B. F. Price7. Intervalometer setting: Minimum8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground speed: 250 Altitude: 100009. Length of bomb run: 60 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: A-20 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N  
A-26 6 x 500 1/40 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 34

12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X. If answer is "YES" state to what extent did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

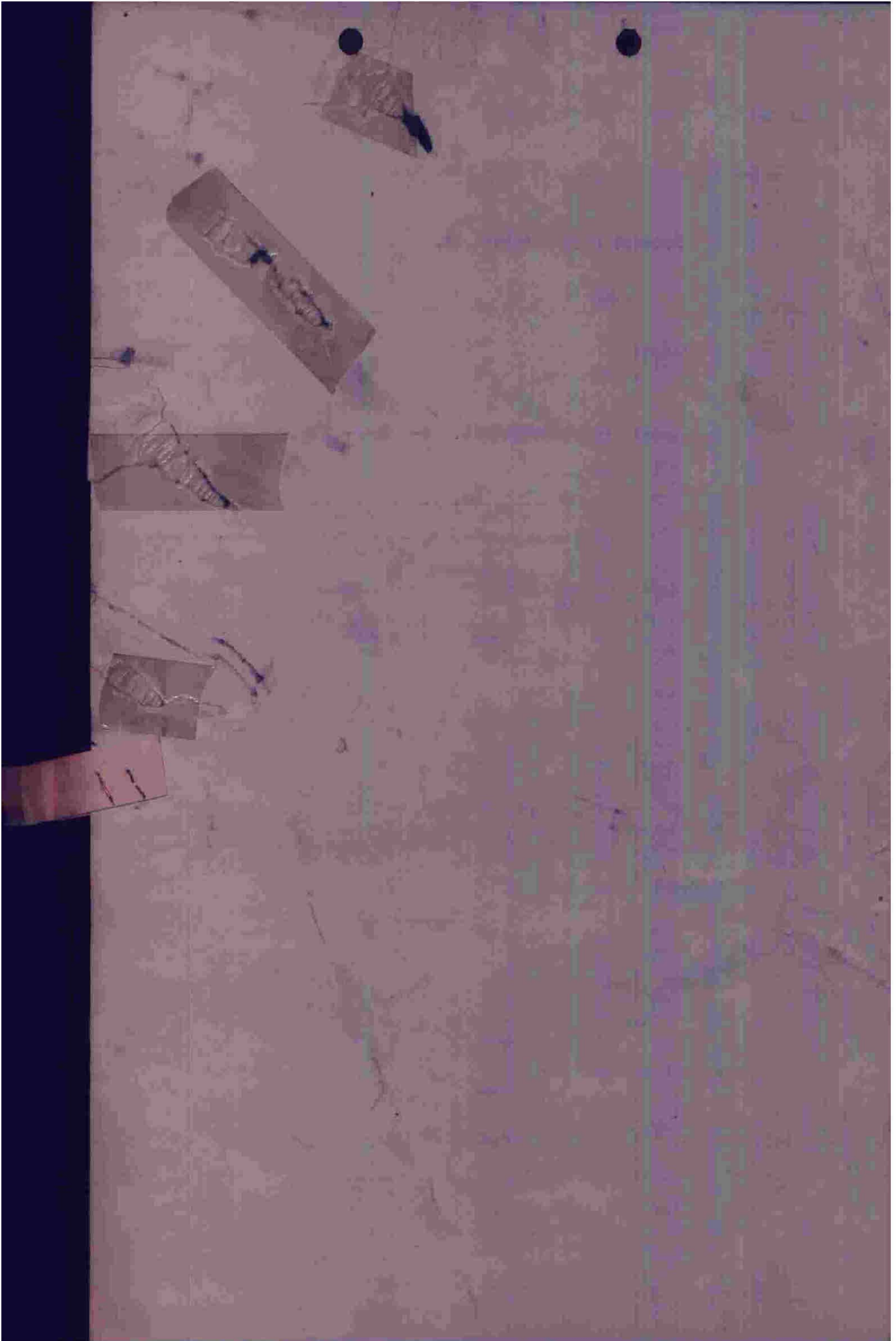
(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: **None**(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: **None**

(g) Bombing results as reported by crew:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_Results claimed: EXCEL X GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR \_\_\_\_\_ POOR \_\_\_\_\_ GROSS \_\_\_\_\_

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## S E C R E T

ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 132-719BOX I Flt. 3 GROUP 418 DATE 24 Jan. '45 TARGET ATTACKED Schleiden Road Junct.

1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach:

50°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X4. Did entire ~~X-axis~~ (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

Pre-set with corrections. C-1 Auto Pilot not used.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. G. G. Johnson6. Name of lead Pilot: Lt. J. E. Blongren7. Intervalometer setting: Minimum8. Indicated Air Speed: 290 Ground Speed: 288 Altitude: 116009. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/G: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N (A-20)  
6 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/40 T (A-26)11. Total Bombs Dropped: 34

12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X. If answer is "YES" state to what extent did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?

None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

None

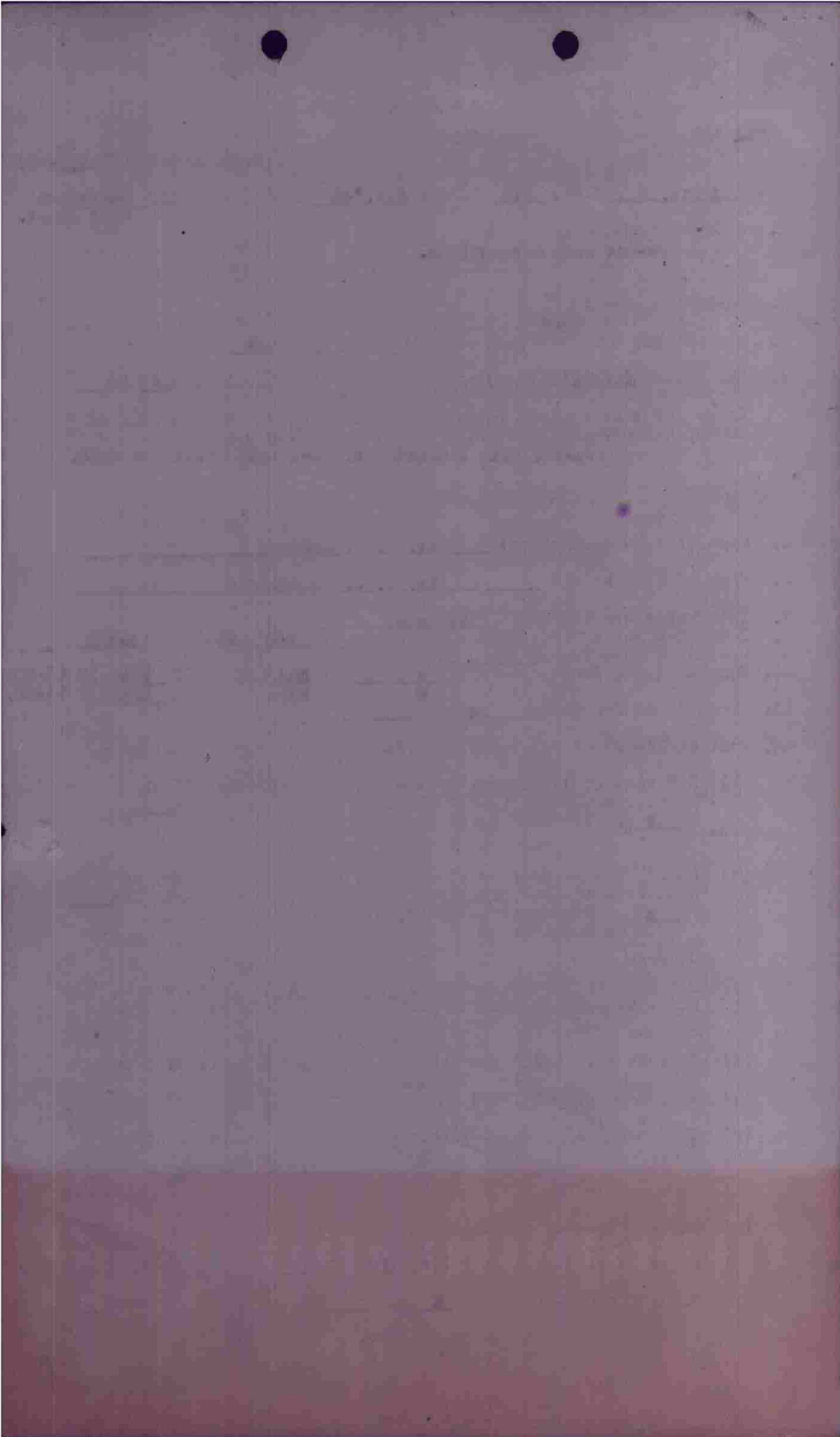
(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_Results claimed: EXCEL X GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR \_\_\_\_\_ POOR \_\_\_\_\_ GROSS \_\_\_\_\_

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SECRET  
 AHNK: CC, A-GE  
 24 Jan 45  
 INITIAL:

HEADQUARTERS  
 41ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)  
 Office of the Commanding Officer

Ref-2

APO 140, U.S. Army,  
 25 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

TO : Commanding General, 8th Bombardment Division (M), APO 140, U.S. Army.  
 (Attn: A-4 Section)

I. 24 January 1945, T.O. 1300, Schleiden Road Junction, F.O. 132-719.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 44-75 All bombs returned. Telescope cable broke in bomb sight just before bomb run.

(Lt Col. Napier)

41-39271

All bombs returned.

Flight leader failed to drop.

(Lt M. J. VanLape)

41-39293

(Lt P. A. Pero)

43-22292

(Lt M. W. LaBose)

43-22320

(Lt L. F. Foundstone)

43-22352

(Lt E. Hoensy)

V. None.

VI. 1 - 2:40 - 390

2 - 2:40 - 425

3 - 2:40 - 450

4 - 2:40 - 575

5 - 2:45 - 500

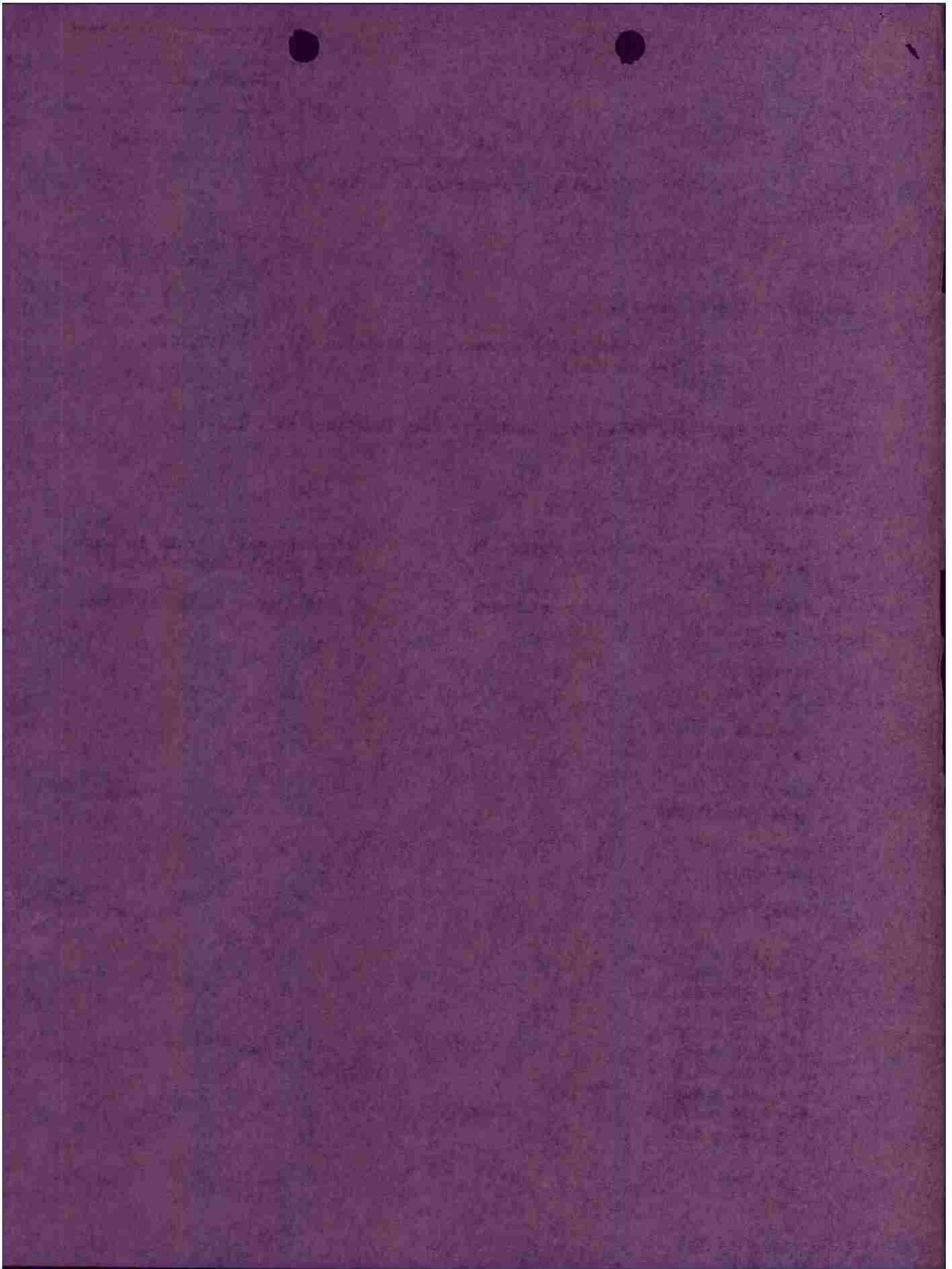
6 - 2:40 - 475

7 - 2:50 - 465

8 - 2:45 - 510

9 - 2:55 - 475

10 - 2:45 - 490

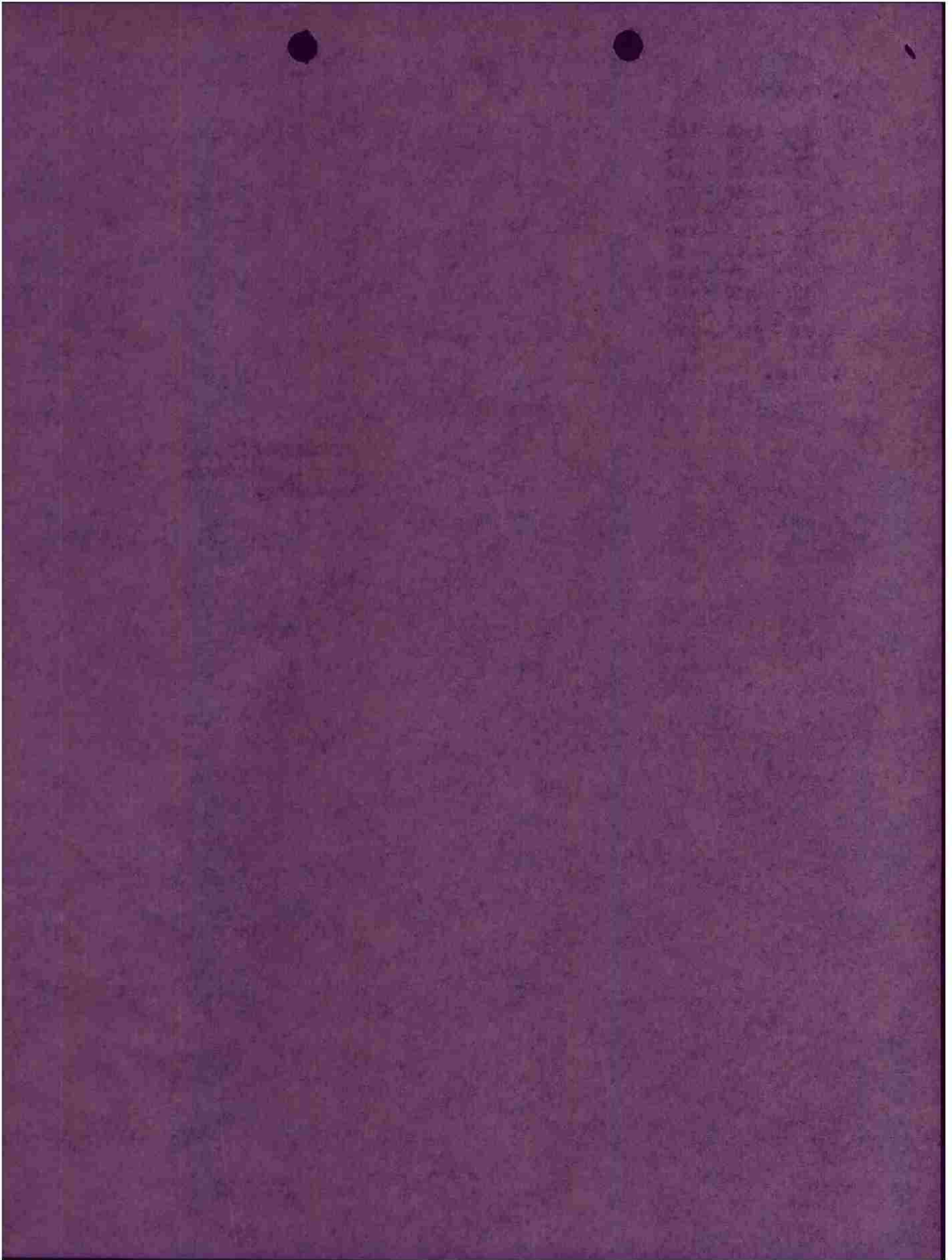


VI. Cont'd

11 - 2:55 - 550  
12 - 2:55 - 500  
13 - 2:40 - 450  
14 - 2:40 - 500  
15 - 2:40 - 435  
16 - 3:00 - 450  
17 - 2:45 - 425  
18 - 2:55 - 475  
19 - 2:50 - 400  
20 - 2:30 - 480  
21 - 2:50 - 375

VII. Name.

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



MISSION NO. 193

LOADING LIST  
BOX I  
FLIGHT I

24 JANUARY 1945

43-22  
1. 063 A  
Major R.F. Price ✓ 390  
Lt. A.R. Hand ✓ H\* 2:40  
S/Sgt. C. Fetko ✓  
S/Sgt. H.J. Sylva ✓

41-39  
2. 233 F  
Lt. J.P. Kenny ✓ 425  
S/Sgt. L.V. Metzler ✓ 2:40

43-22  
3. 290 L  
Lt. W.L. Hale ✓ 450  
S/Sgt. D.H. Bentzler ✓ H\* 2:40

44-  
1. 075 J  
Lt. Col. J.G. Napier ✓ 465  
Lt. D.L. Moore ✓ H\* 2:50  
S/Sgt. R.W. Carstens ✓  
S/Sgt. R.P. Sharp ✓

41-39  
2. 271 R  
Lt. R.W. Van Rope ✓ 510 2:45  
Cpl. W.H. Klingmen ✓

41-39  
3. 208 L-1  
Lt. D.A. Fero ✓ 475 2:55  
S/Sgt. T.W. Skelton ✓

43-22  
1. 024 E  
Lt. J.E. Blomgren ✓ 450  
Lt. G.G. Johnson ✓ H\* 2:40  
S/Sgt. M. Bockach ✓  
S/Sgt. L.R. Fleming ✓

43-22  
2. 381 Q  
Lt. J.A. Willard ✓ 500 2:40  
Cpl. G.V. Hinker ✓

41-39  
3. 252 D  
Lt. E.J. Renth ✓ 435  
S/Sgt. L. Moskowitz ✓ H\* 2:40

41-39  
4. ~~331~~ 331 C 675  
Lt. J.K. Wright ✓ 2:40  
S/Sgt. P.J. Profita ✓ H\*

41-39  
5. 239 N  
Lt. J.H. Carver ✓ 500 2:45  
Sgt. A.B. Stewart ✓ D

41-39  
6. 250 A-1  
Lt. G.J. Parkhurst ✓ 475 2:40  
Cpl. F. Newman ✓ D

41-39  
4. 292 H  
Lt. M.W. DuBose ✓ 440  
S/Sgt. D.L. Griffin ✓ H\* 2:45

41-39  
5. 326 W  
Lt. L.E. Foundstone ✓ 550 2:55  
Sgt. L.L. Richardson ✓ H\*

41-39  
6. 300 K  
Lt. J.P. Winn ✓ 500 2:35  
S/Sgt. G.G. Stephenson ✓ D

43-22  
4. 352 L-1  
Lt. S. Mooney ✓ 450 2:40  
Cpl. R.C. Schumacher ✓ D

41-39  
5. 249 F-1  
Lt. G.E. Weinert ✓ 475 2:45  
Cpl. R. Dabi ✓ H\* D

41-39  
6. 313 B  
Lt. J.W. Spires ✓ 475  
Sgt. L.E. Davis ✓ H\* 2:35

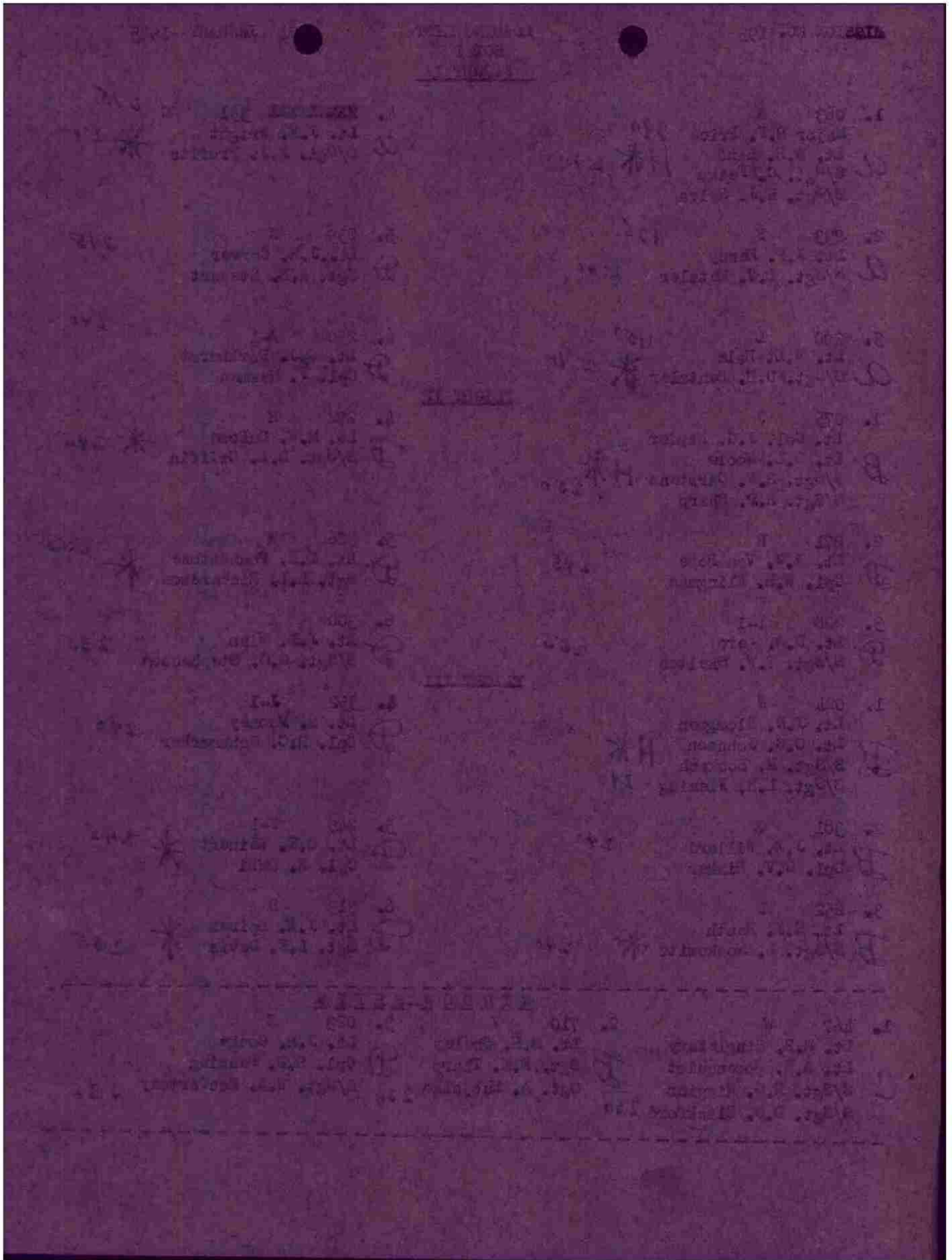
FLIGHT II

FLIGHT III

43-21  
1. 467 W  
Lt. R.B. Singletary ✓ 470  
Lt. A.E. Rosenquist ✓ B  
S/Sgt. H.G. Wiggins ✓ 2:30  
S/Sgt. D.S. Blackford ✓

43-21  
2. 710 Y  
Lt. S.H. Sholey ✓  
Sgt. F.M. Tharp ✓  
Sgt. A. Kubjalko ✓ 480

43-22  
3. 023 X  
Lt. J.E. Cooke ✓ 475  
Cpl. R.D. Redding ✓ D  
S/Sgt. W.A. MacCartney ✓ 2:30



POST ACCIDENT REPORT

IRIDIUM NO. 193  
DATE 24 Jan 1965

1. POSITION OF JET ENGINE None

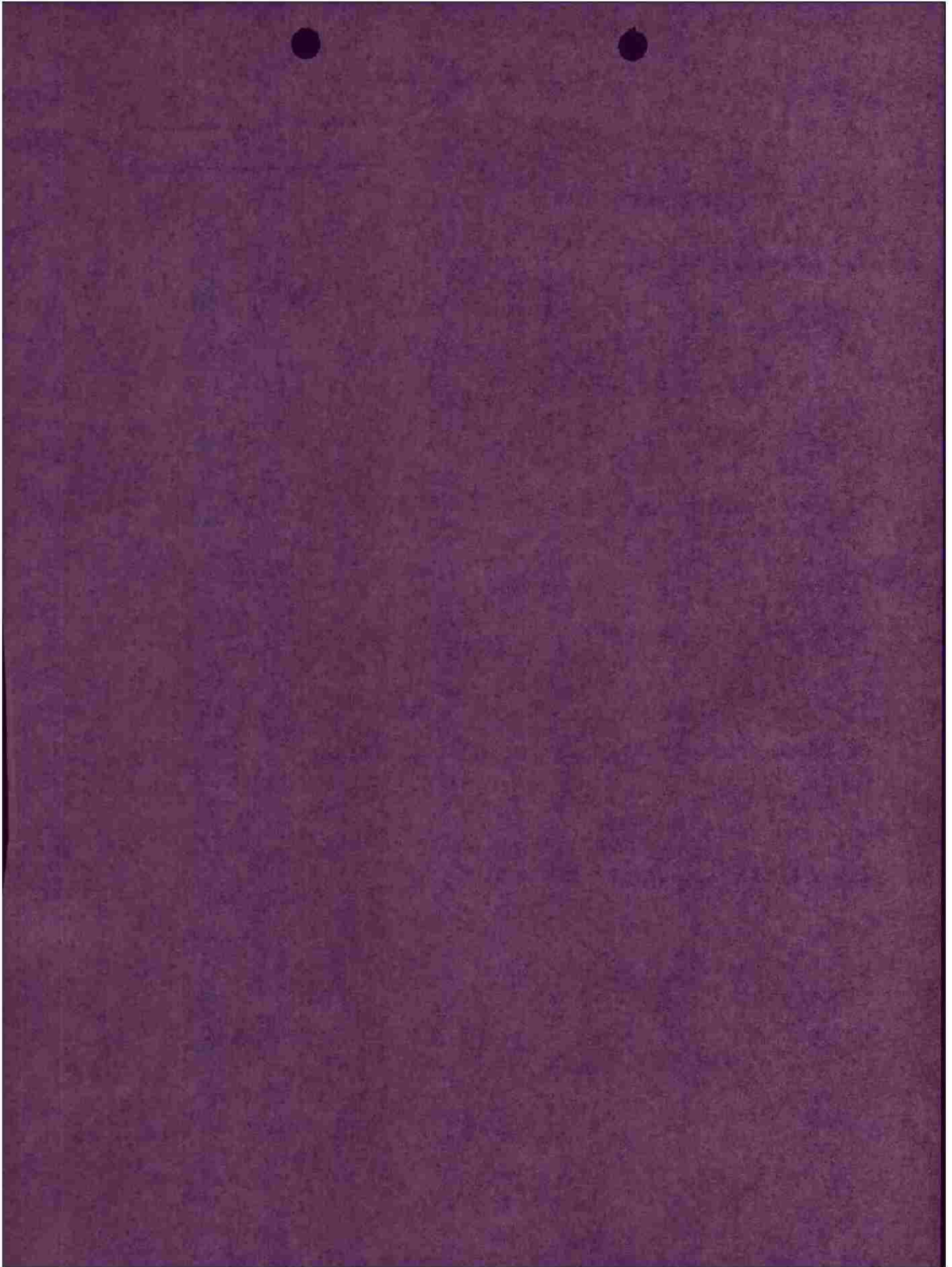
2. ENGINE MALFUNCTIONS  
075 Bombight malfunction. Telescope  
cable broke at beginning of first  
pass. No bombs released in white  
flight

3. ENGINE MALFUNCTIONS None

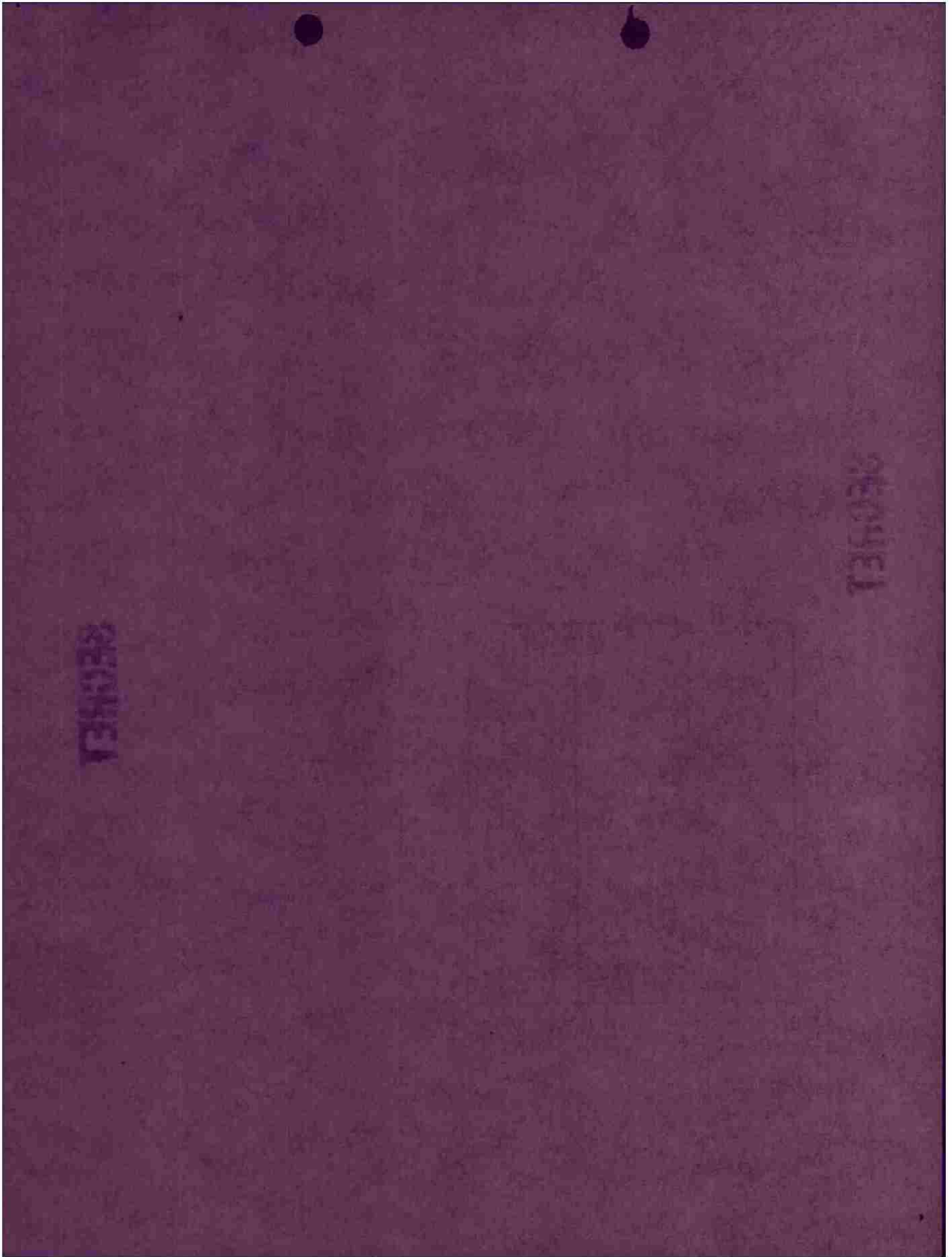
4. STATUS OF ENGINE GAGES None

5. ENGINE FAILING TO EXHAUST AIRFUEL OR RETURN TO NORMAL None

6. OTHER LIST OF EVENTS AND FIRE DATA None







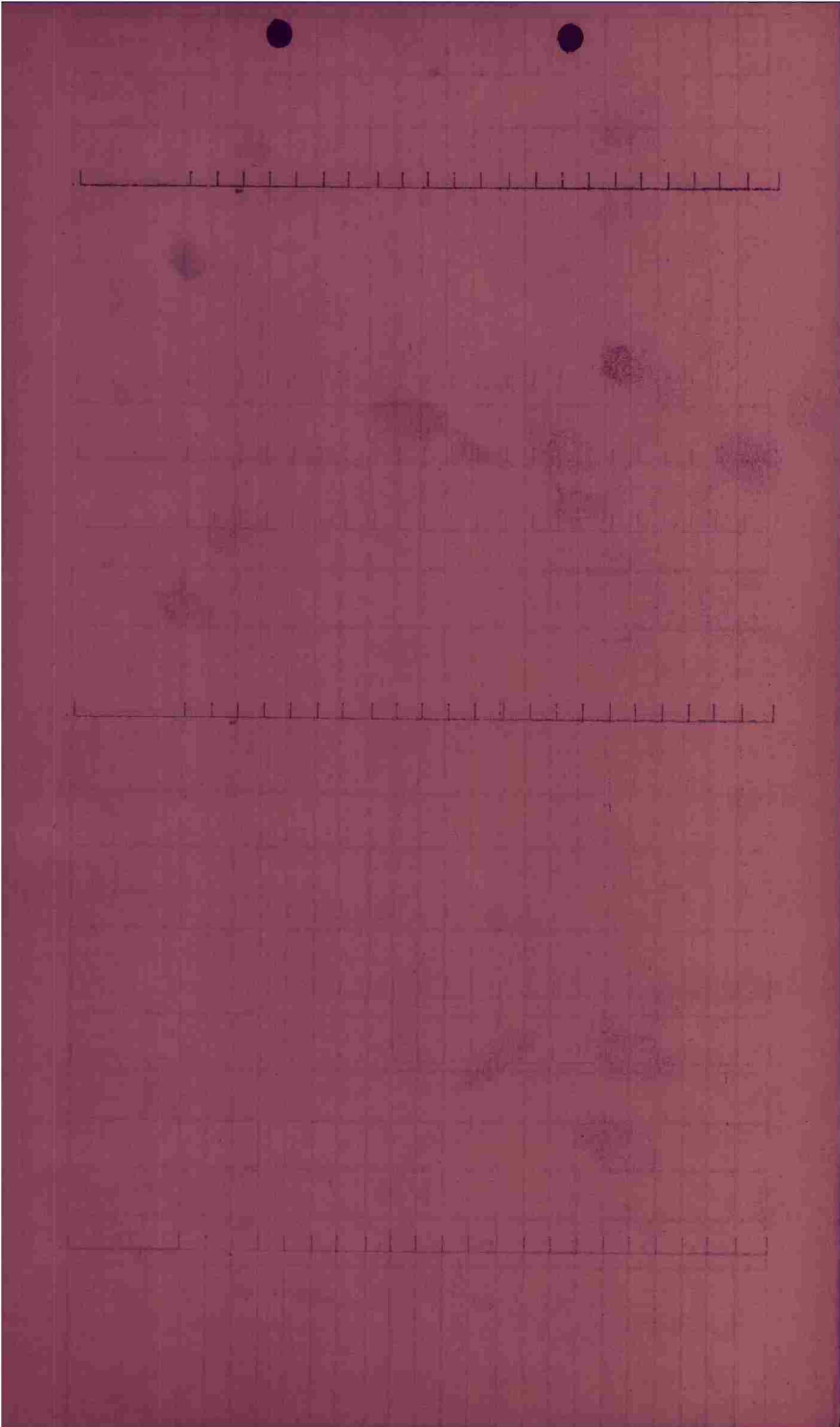
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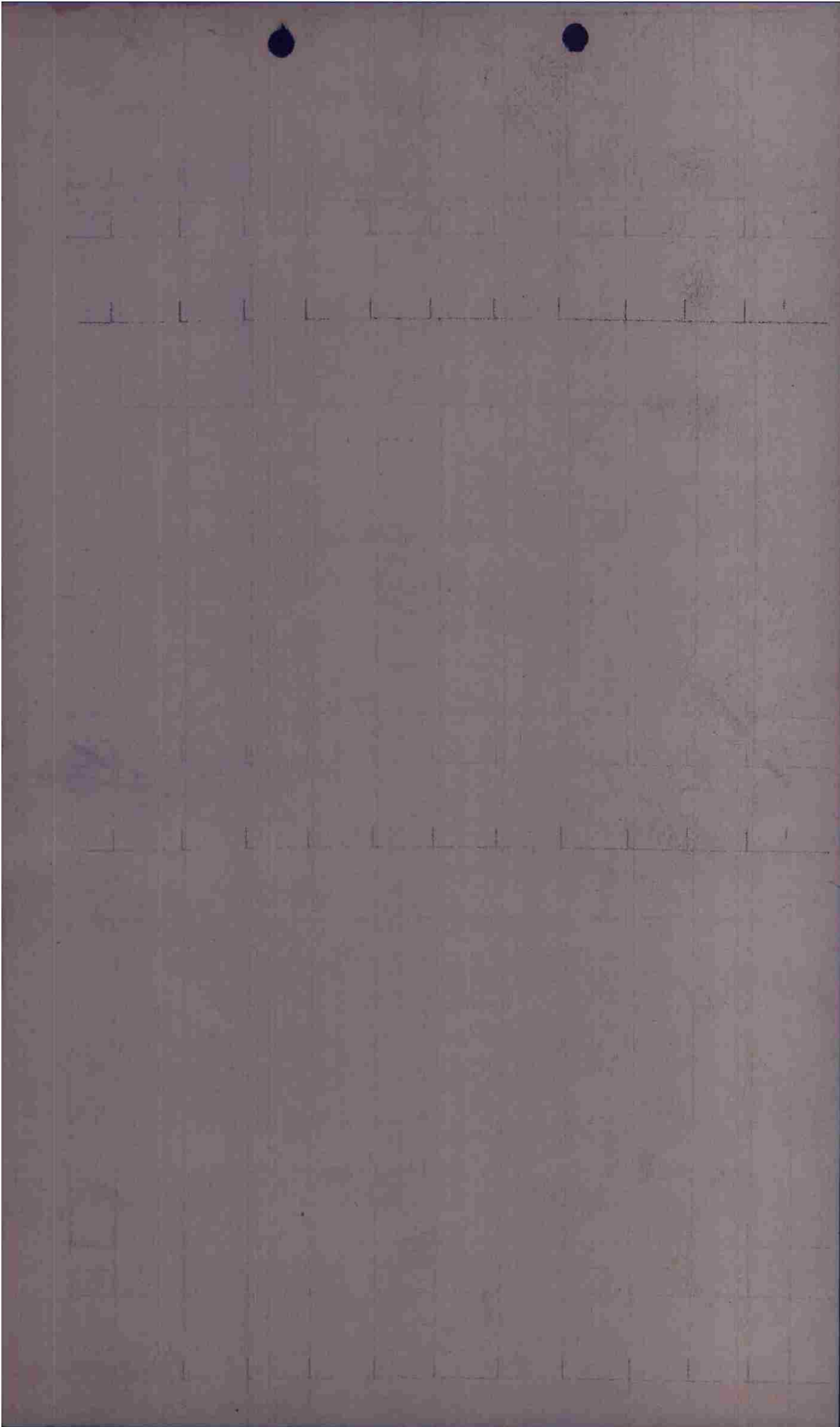
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W	A	063	Rice			1340						HC				1538	2:40
W	F	233	Kenny			1340						C				1540	2:40
W	L	290	Hale			1340						C				1539	2:40
W	C	331	WRIGHT			1301						C				1540	2:40
W	N	239	CARVER			1301						HC				1546	2:45
W	A-1	250	PARKHURST			1301						HC				1540	2:40
W	T	075	NAPIER			1301										1551	2:50
W	R	271	Van Rope			1302										1545	2:45
W	L-1	208	FERO			1305						C				1546	2:45
W	H	292	DeBose			1302						C				1546	2:45
W	W	326	POUNDSTONE			1302						C				1537	2:35
W	K	340	WINN			1308						HC				1543	2:35
W	E	024	Blomgren			1303						HC				1541	2:40
W	Q	381	Willard			1303										1542	2:40
W	D	252	Renth			1304						C				1544	2:40
W	5-1	352	MOONEY			1308						C				1544	2:40
W	F-1	249	Weinert			1304						C				1549	2:45
W	B	312	Spires			1310						C				1542	2:35
W	W	467	SingleTary			1306										1536	2:30
W	Y	710	Sheley			1306										1535	2:30
W	X	023	Cocke			1306										1534	2:30

W = window



SHIP NO	SQUADRON	PILOT and/or BOMBARDIER	GROUP S	MISSIONS	CROSS OF MISSIONS
Mission No. 193					
24 January 1945					
075-	B	Napier		All bombs returned	Telescope cable broken in front sight joint before bomb run
271	B	Van Pope		All bombs returned	Sight under failed to bomb
208	D	Fero		"	"
292	B	De Base		"	"
326	D	Toward Stone		"	"
352	D	Mooney		"	"

W.A. [Signature] Capt. A.C.  
Asst. Officer -



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OIITA OIJJF OIJES OIJPO OIJKI V OIJE A OIJE A 08/24 OP OP.  
T (OIITA PASS TO OIJJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 24/0240A  
TO COMBOMDIV IX  
COBOMGP 409  
COBOMGP 410  
COBOMGP 416  
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

97CEW J-263-E

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

FIELD ORDER NO. 139-719

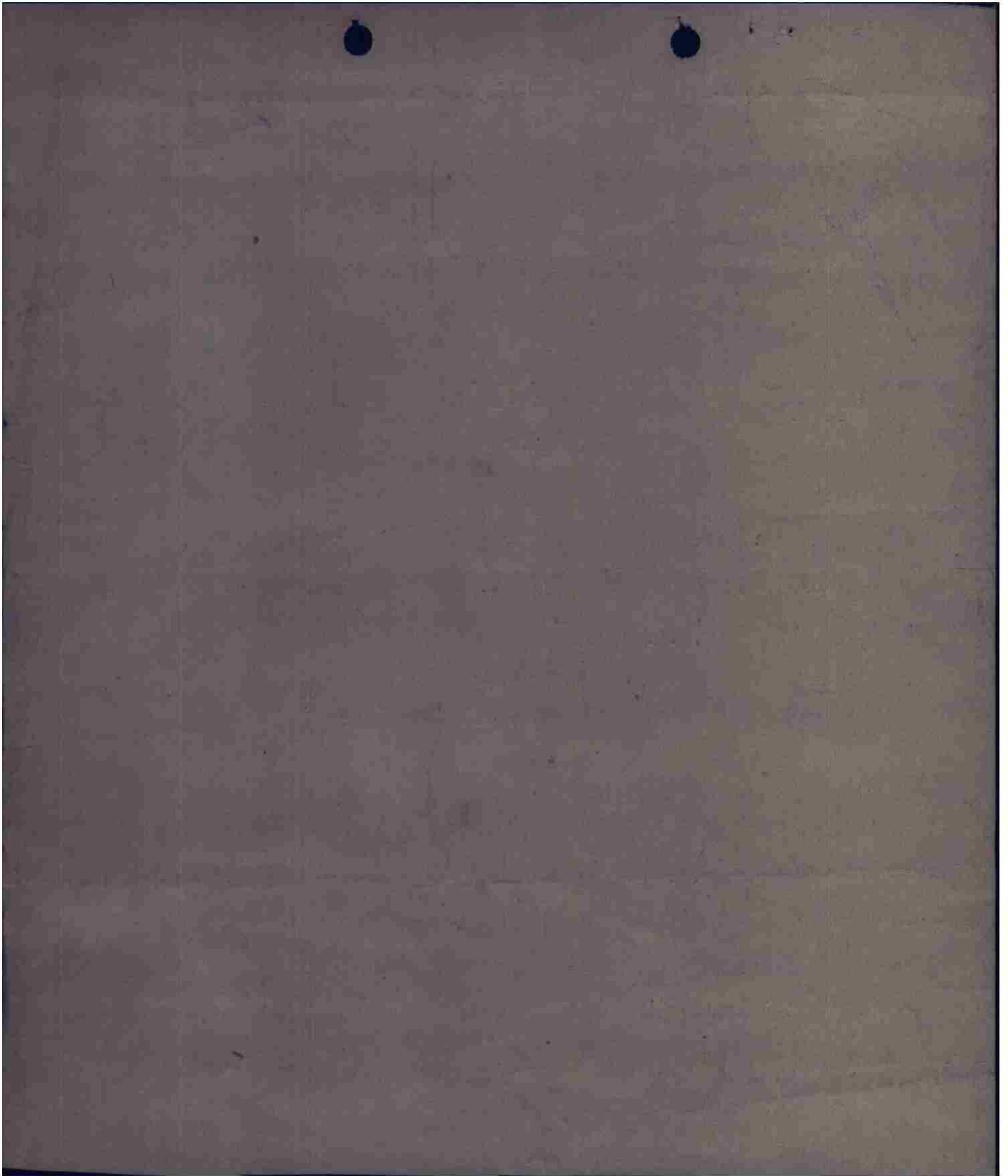
MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.  
(2) THE 2ND T.A.F. WILL FURNISH AREA COVER FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR: PLAN "A" 24/1300A  
ZERO HOUR: PLAN "B" 24/1300A

PLAN "A"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
  - (1) PRONSFIELD ROAD JUNCTION (L-002743)
  - (2) 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
  - (4) BASE TO I.P. TO TARGET.
  - (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO BASE.
  - (6) BOMB 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET.
  - (7) 4948N 0608E
  - (8) GENERALLY SW TO NE
  - (9) M.P.I. PHOTO IX A.F. 2ND PHASE REPORT, IX T.A.C. D/457  
REF: 04170251
  - (10) 3 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
  - (11) 4948N 0608E
  - (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR
  - (13) IF CLOUD COVER PREVENTS VISUAL BOMBING, BOMBS WILL BE RETURNED TO BASE.
  - (14) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL ATTEMPT TO NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK BATTERIES WITHIN RANGE.



## B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) STADTKVILL ROAD JUNCTIONS (L-142953)
- (2) 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (3) BASE TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (3) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET.
- (7) 5025N 0602E
- (8) GEN. WNW TO ESE
- (9) M.P.I. U.S. 10/D548. 3 FLIGHTS ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING  
REF: 04710105, 05550250.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) 5025N 0602E
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN.
- (13) 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 E.T.A.
- (14) BOMBS WILL NOT BE RELEASED ON TARGET E.T.A. UNLESS I.P. IS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED.
- (15) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL ATTEMPT TO NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK BATTERIES WITHIN RANGE.

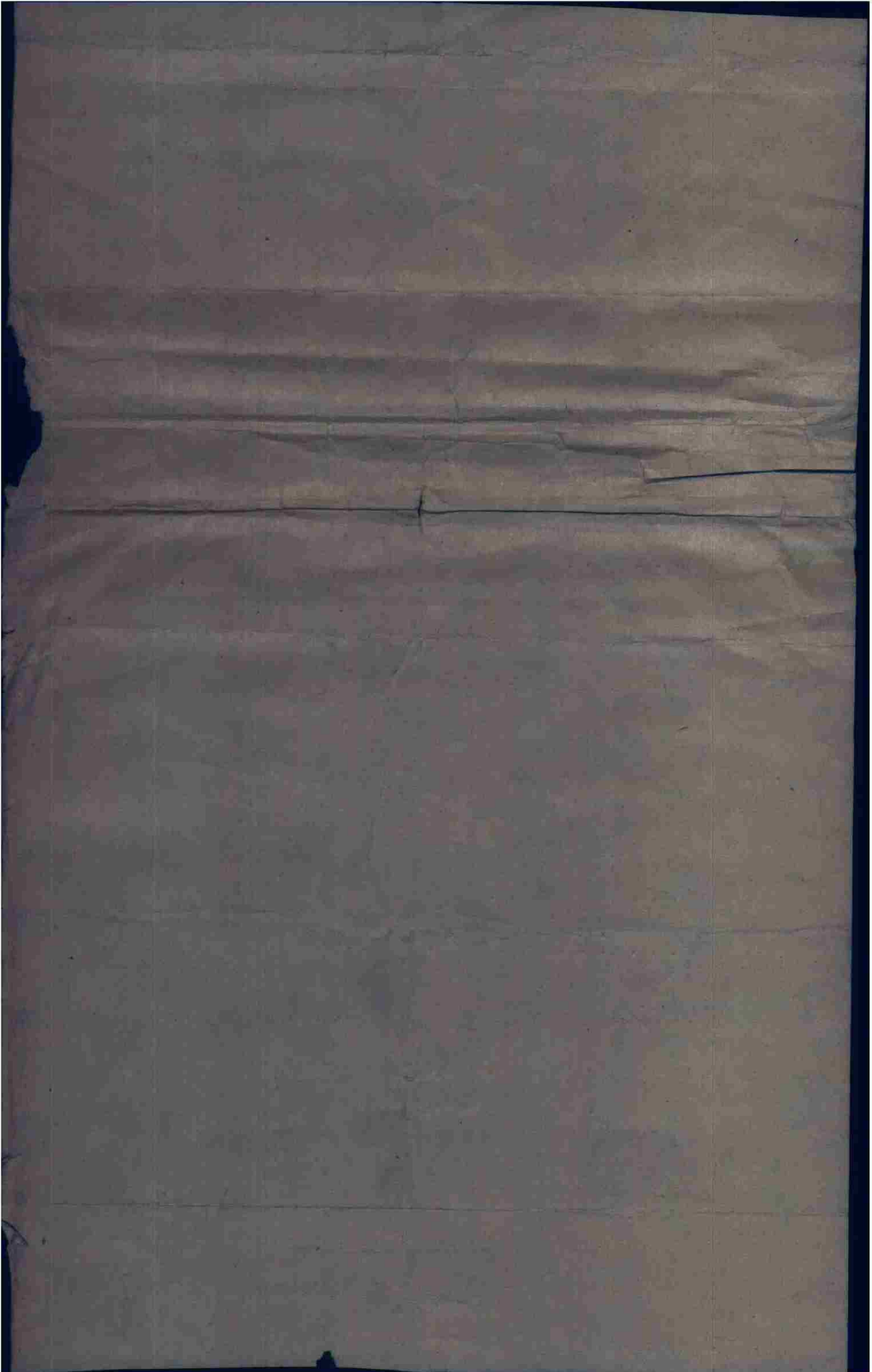
## C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) SCUTTIDEN ROAD JUNCTION (F188152)
- (2) 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (3) BASE TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (3) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET.
- (7) 5025N 0602E
- (8) GEN. WNW TO ENE
- (9) M.P.I. U.S. 31/3972 PRINT NO. 1017. REF: 01050210.  
INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) 5025N 0602E
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR.
- (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT TARGET, GROUP WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.
- (14) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL ATTEMPT TO NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK BATTERIES WITHIN RANGE.

## PLAN "B"

## 3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

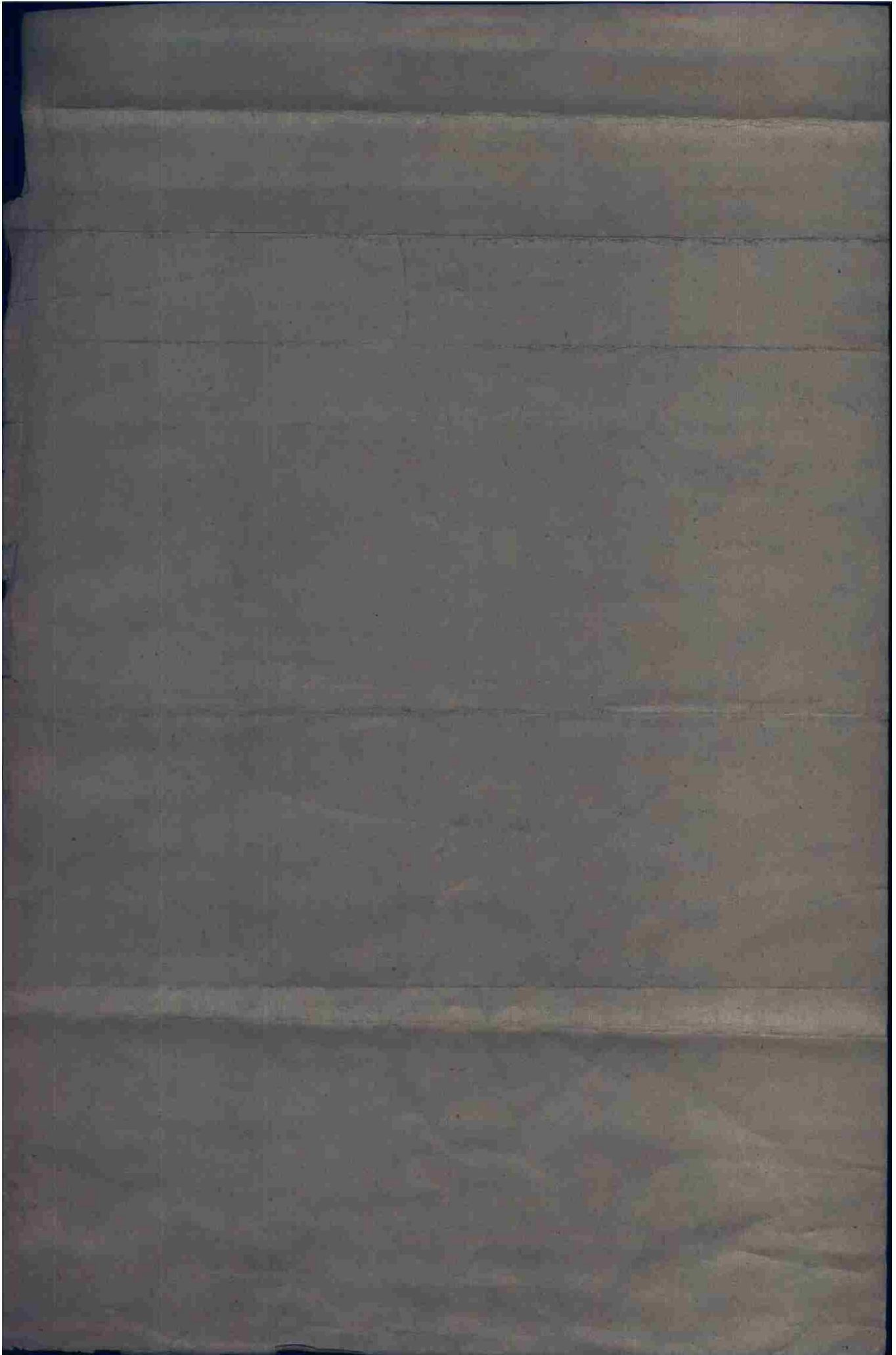
- (1) PROMSFIELD ROAD JUNCTION (L-002743)
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON ONE P.P.F. A/C.
- (4) BASE TO 4942N 0548E TO 4945N 0612E TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO 4942N 0548E TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB: 1ST BOX 12,500 FEET, 2ND BOX IN TRAIL. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL 9,000 FEET.
- (9) M.P.I. PHOTO IX A.F. 2ND PHASE REPORT. IX T.A.C. D/457.  
REF: 04170251. TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.  
P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID. COORD. 002743.  
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 30 FEET.
- (10) 8 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR
- (13) GROUP WILL PROCEED ON BRIEFED P.P.F. 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. (4945N 0600E) TAKE INTERVAL AND BOMB BY FLIGHTS. IF BOMBING BY FLIGHTS IS IMPOSSIBLE BUT A SMALL BREAK IN THE CLOUDS MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO BOMB BY BOXES OF 18 A/C, GROUP WILL CONTINUE ON P.P.F. ROUTE AND BOMB VISUALLY BY BOXES OF 18 A/C. IF 10/10 CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB BY P.P.F. ONLY. IF P.P.F. EQUIPMENT FAILS, BOMBS WILL BE RETURNED TO BASE.
- (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-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT.
- (15) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND RUN FOR VISUAL BOMBING, GROUP WILL RETURN TO 4945N 0600E TO BEGIN RUN.
- (16) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL ATTEMPT TO NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK BATTERIES WITHIN RANGE



- (9) ... FEET  
 (10) ... FLIGHTS ON EACH OF THE  
 ... 04710105 AND 05550050 TO BE USED  
 IF ... AND BY FLIGHTS.  
 US ... ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REFERENCES  
 04710105 ... 05550050 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL  
 AND BY ... PPF M.P.I. GRID COORD: 14239521
- (10) 6 X 500 LB G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL  
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR  
 (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 DETERMIN-  
 ING FACTOR. IF BOMBING BY FLIGHTS IS POSSIBLE, GROUP WILL  
 PROCEED OR RETURN AS THE CASE MAY BE TO VISUAL I.P.  
 (5025N 0602E) TAKE INTERVAL AND BOMB BY FLIGHTS. IF BOMB-  
 ING 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  
 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 BOMB-  
 ING, GROUP WILL RETURN TO 5025N 0602E TO BEGIN RUN.
- (16) BOMBS WILL NOT BE RELEASED ON TARGET E.T.A. UNLESS  
 VISUAL I.P. OR PPF I.P. IS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED
- (17) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL ATTEMPT TO NEUTRALIZE ENEMY  
 FLAK BATTERIES WITHIN RANGE

## C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) SCHLVEIDEN ROAD JUNCTIONS (F-108152)  
 (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C WITH 1 PPF A/C  
 (4) BASE TO 5038N 0547E TO TARGET  
 (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 5025N 0602E TO BASE  
 (6) BOMB - 1ST BOX 12,500 FEET. 2ND BOX IN TRAIL. MINIMUM  
 ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING 5,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET  
 AFTER RELEASING BOMBS  
 (9) M.P.I. US 31/3972 PRINT 1017 REFERENCE 01850210 TO BE USED  
 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES  
 INTERVALOMETER SETTING 30 FEET
- (10) 8 X 500 LB G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL  
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR  
 (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 DETERMIN-  
 ING FACTOR. IF VISUAL BOMBING BY FLIGHTS IS POSSIBLE,  
 GROUP WILL PROCEED OR RETURN AS THE CASE MAY BE, TO VISUAL  
 I.P. (5025N 0602E) TAKE INTERVAL AND BOMB BY FLIGHTS.  
 IF BOMBING BY FLIGHTS IS IMPOSSIBLE BUT A SMALL BREAK  
 IN THE CLOUDS MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO BOMB 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 BY PPF ONLY. IF PPF EQUIPMENT FAILS,  
 BOMBS WILL BE RETURNED TO BASE
- (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-26 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 BOMB-  
 ING, GROUP WILL RETURN TO 5025N 0602E TO BEGIN RUN
- (16) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL ATTEMPT TO NEUTRALIZE ENEMY  
 FLAK BATTERIES WITHIN RANGE



3. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A" AND "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP  
(2) MANGO  
(4 - 5) SWEEPSTAKES

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP:  
(2) BESTMAN  
(4 - 5) SWEEPSTAKES

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:  
(2) CIRCLE  
(4 - 5) SWEEPSTAKES

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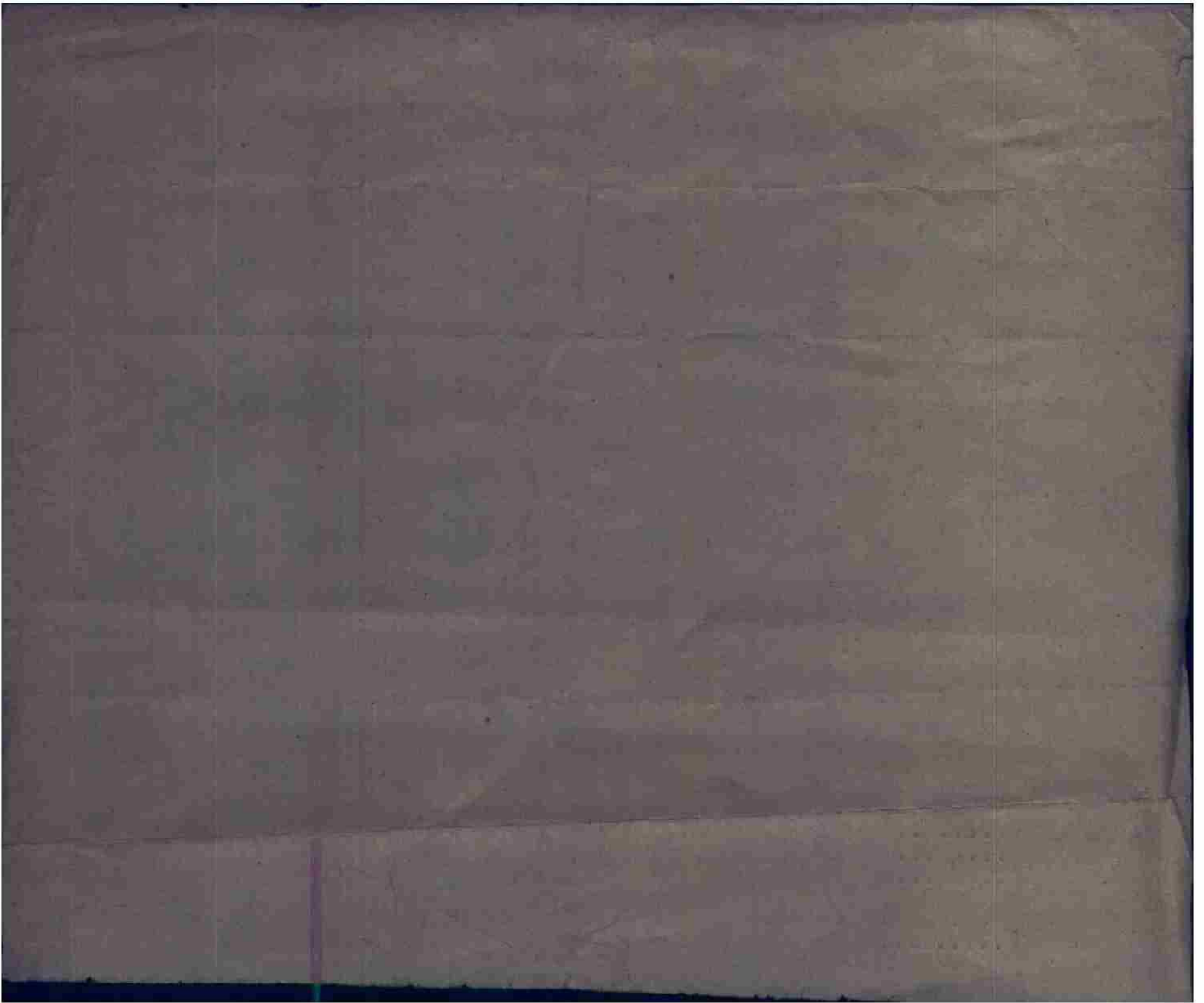
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BT 0240A  
RL/LCB BD TO GPS

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OIJKI R.....24/0430A	EU	KKKK

PLAN B. PAR. C. (1) FIRST GP IS CORRECTED TO READ "SCHLEIDEN"  
OIITA R.....55..240429A      ALI      A  
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T (011TA PASS TO 01JUF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 24/0805A  
TO COMBONDIV NINE  
COBONCF 416  
COBONCF 409  
COBONCF 416  
1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN,

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
APO 14E  
24 JANUARY 1945

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 139-719

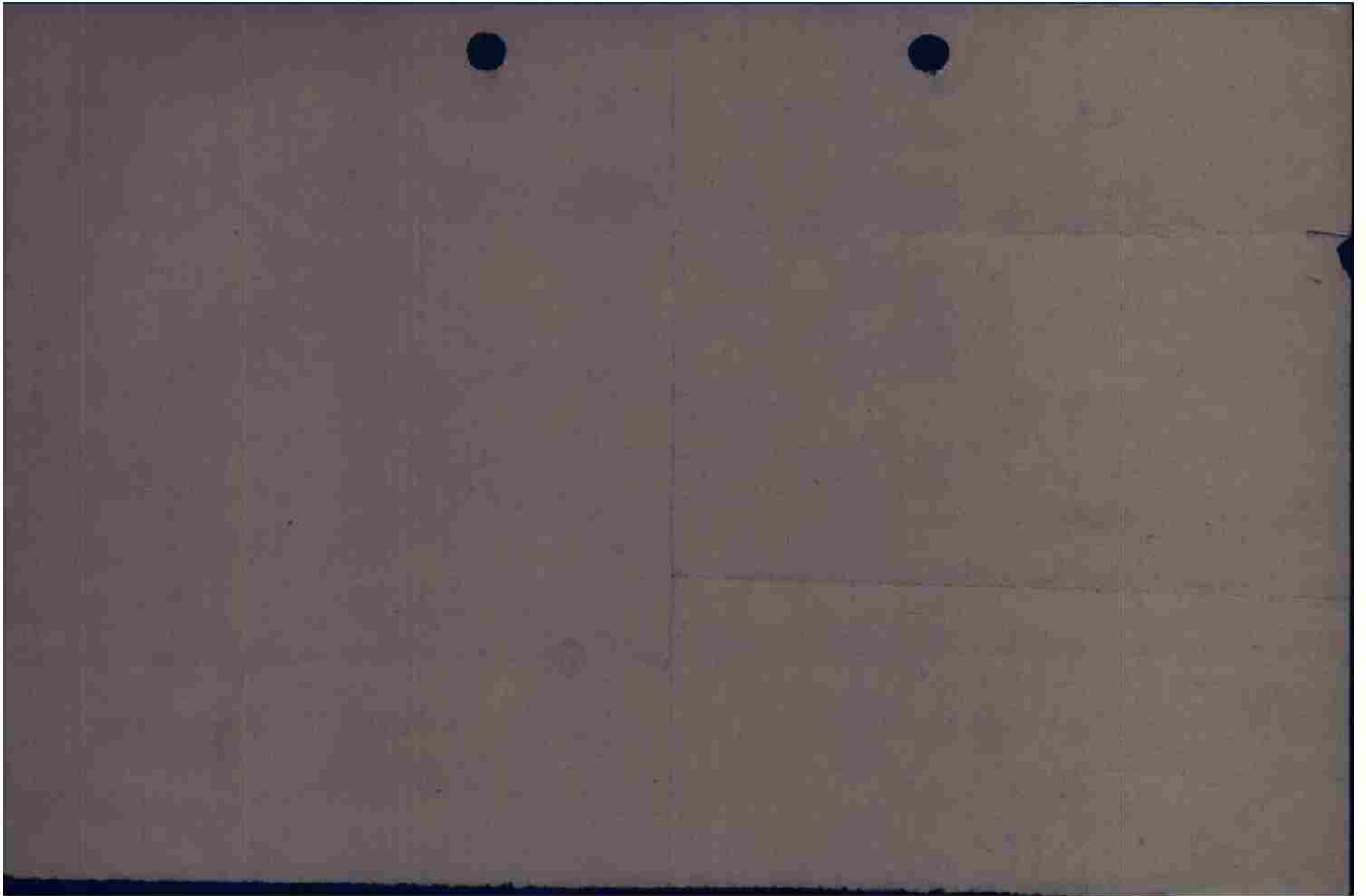
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24/1130A

COMBETWIG 97

BT 24/0805A

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011TA R.....	24/0815A	BD		AR
01JKE R.....	24/1815A	UJF	AR	
01JPO R.....	24/0815A	REV	AR	
01JES R.....	24/0815A	HO	AR	



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OIJKI V OIJE A OIJE A 05/24 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 24/0130A  
TO COBONGP 416

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INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT 3 FIELD ORDER 139-719.

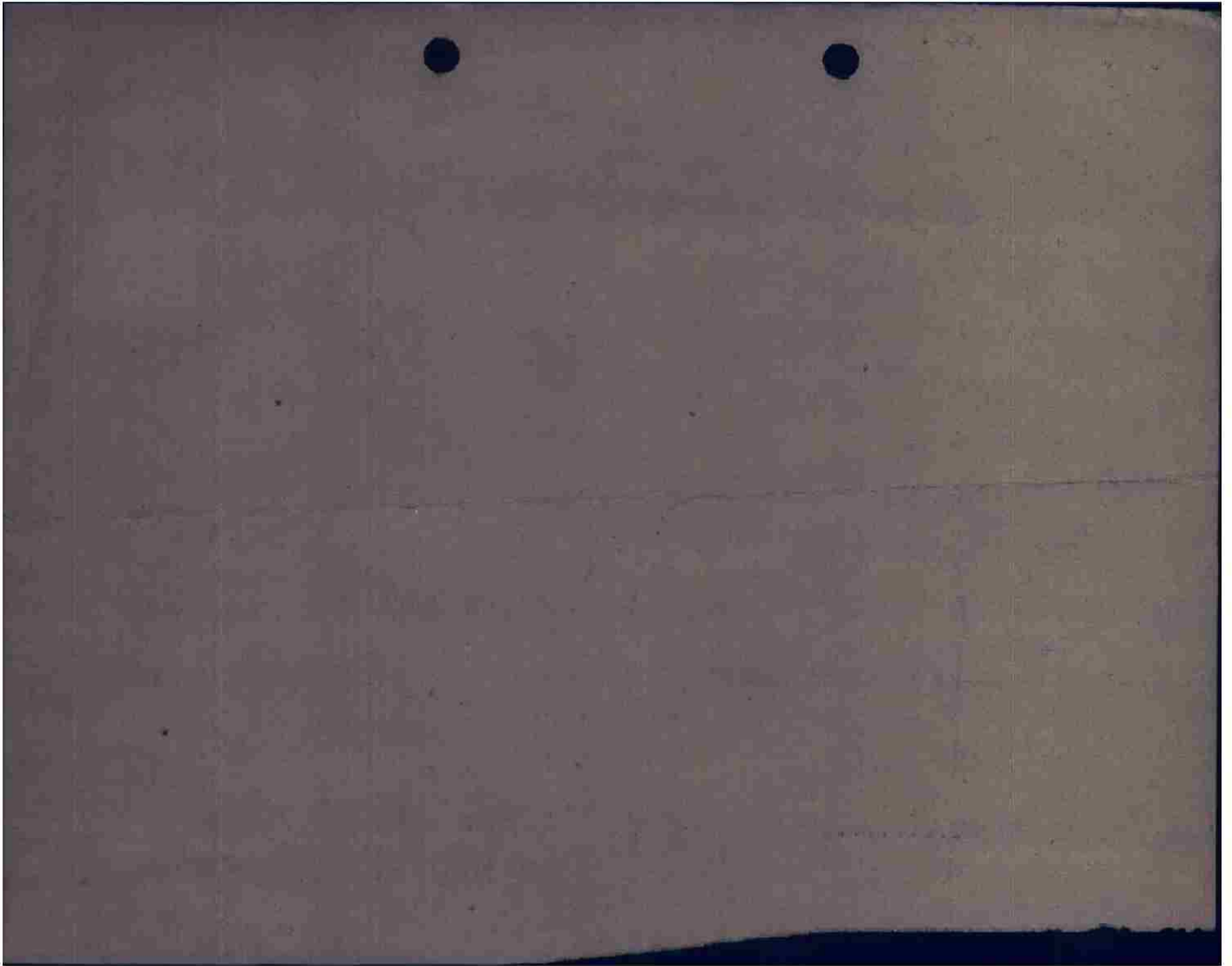
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COMCBTWIG 97

BT 0130A  
RL AR K

OIJKI YKY R.....24/0145A           EW   BBB BBB

YOU FIRST   THEN IF ITA CAN'T READ ME



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OIITA OIJES OIJKI OIJPO V OIJE A OIJE A 02/24 (INFO)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 24/0137A  
TO COMBOMDIV NINE  
409TH BOMB GROUP  
410TH BOMB GROUP  
416TH BOMB GROUP

ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICER

CANCEL PREVIOUS ADV. COPY OF SIGNALS TO F.O. MAKE ADV. COPY OF SIGNALS OF F. O. TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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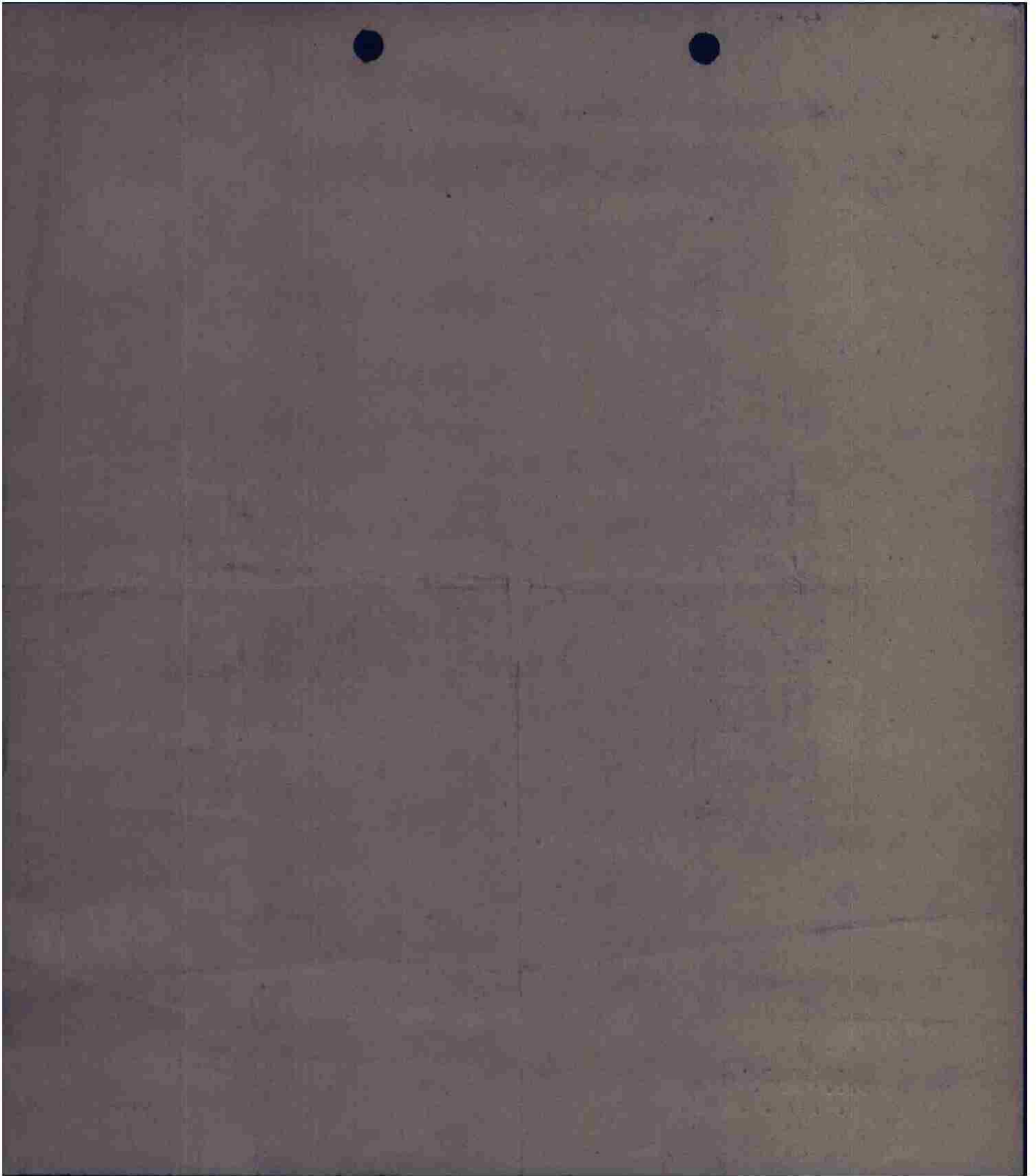
C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:  
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(4 - 5) SWEEPSTAKES

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OIITA R . . . . . 24/0146A SB AR K  
OIJES R . . . . . 24/0146A FR AR  
OIJKI R . . . . . 24/0146A EU AR  
OIJPO R . . . . . 24/0156A HERB ARVNMQH



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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 16/24 OP-OP  
 T- JEA PASS TO ITA

FROM 416 BOMB GROUP (L) 24/1820A  
 TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIV ATTN: A-2  
 CG, 97TH BOMB WING ATTN: A-2

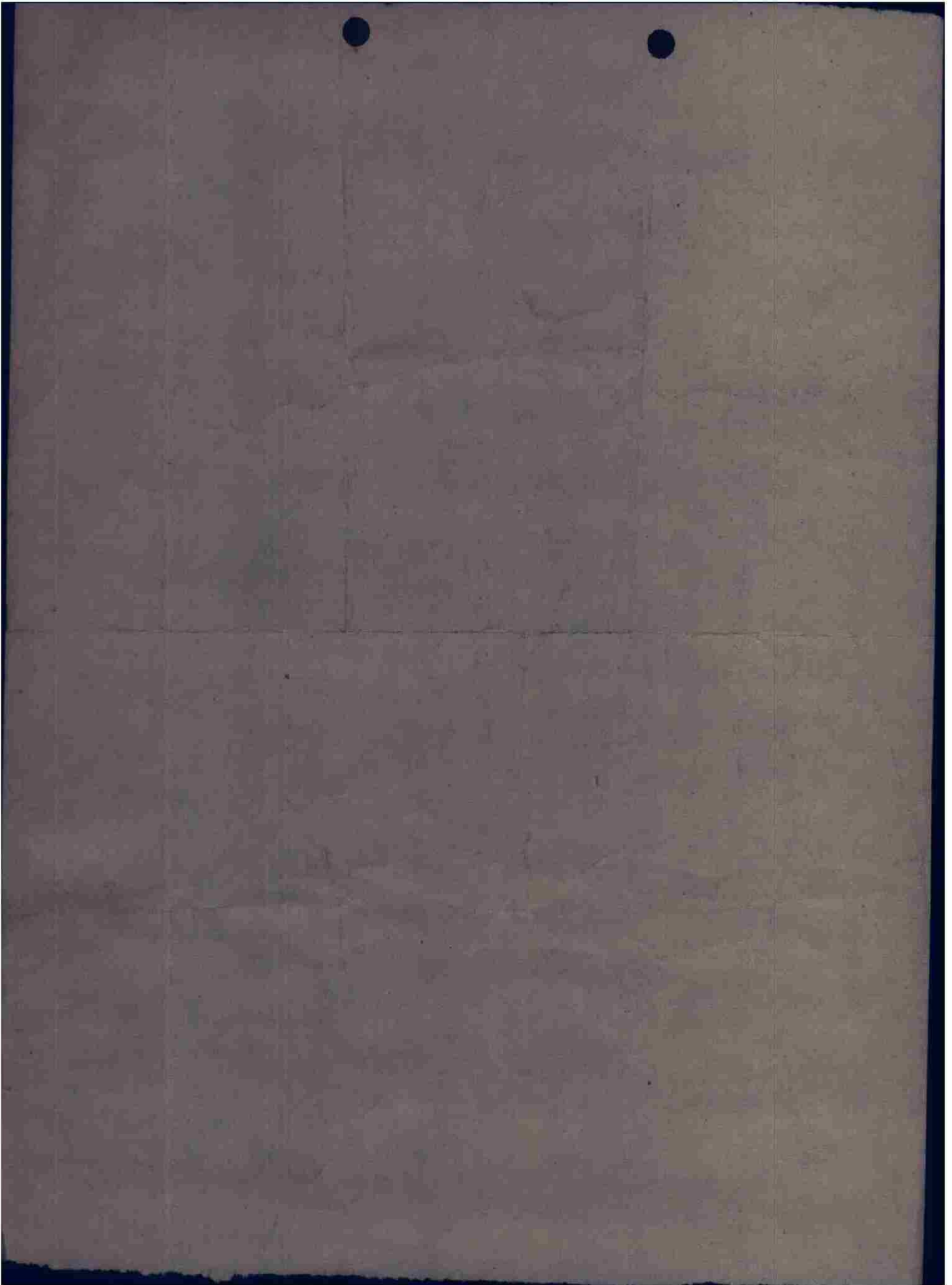
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J-368-D  
 OPFLASH FOR 24 JANUARY 1945

- A. 416 BOMB GROUP
- B. SCHLEIDEN ROAD JUNCTIONS (F-108152)
- C. 6 - A-26'S (3 A/C CARRIED WINDOW ONLY)  
 12 - A-26'S
- D. 2 - A-26'S  
 10 - A-26'S
- E. 1 - A-26 TELESCOPE CABLE OF FLIGHT B LEADER'S BOMBSIGHT BROKE  
 AT START OF FIRST RUN. UNABLE TO SYNCHRONIZE. MADE  
 3 RUNS IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE REASON FOR DIFFICULTY.  
 3 - A-26'S (A/C OF FLIGHT B)  
 3 - A-26'S CARRIED WINDOW ONLY.
- F. 68 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY  
 34 X 500 GP RETURNED (SEE PAR E FOR REASON)
- G. FLIGHT A - EXCELLENT  
 FLIGHT C - SUPERIOR  
 FLIGHT B - DID NOT BOMB
- H. 0-0-0-0
- I. 0-0-0-0
- J. WEAK INACCURATE LIGHT FLAK AT F085125  
 WEAK INACCURATE LIGHT FLAK AT F080030
- K. 0-0-0
- L. 12,000 FT FLIGHT A : 11,000 FT FLIGHT C.
- M. 1432 - 1437.

OBSERVATION - INTERMITTENT WHITE STREAK BELIEVED TO BE  
 CONTRAIL OF JET PLANE SEEN ABOVE FORMATION AT  
 ABOUT 20,000 FT OBSERVED AT 1440 HOURS AT  
 K980030.

BT 24/1820A  
 FD 00000  
 JEA R.....  
 JEA R.....1849A SS KKKKKK



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 15/24 OP-OP

FROM Hqs. 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) 24/2030A  
TO 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) ATTN: A-2 P/I  
97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER

SECRET BT

J-371-D  
FIRST PHASE S/A REPORT

B. SCHLEIDEN ROAD JUNCTION.

G. FLT. A - 1432. FLT. C - 1437.

J. BOX I - FLT. A - EXCEL - ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT. OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 560 FT. SE OF DMPI. BOMBS HIT ON BUILDINGS AND ROAD IN E SIDE OF TOWN DAMAGING BUILDINGS AND PROBABLY BLOCKING ROADS.

(VISUAL)

FLT. B - DID NOT BOMB. MADE 3 BOMB RUNS BUT WAS UNABLE TO BOMB DUE TO THE BOMB SIGHT TELESCOPE CABLE BEING BROKEN.

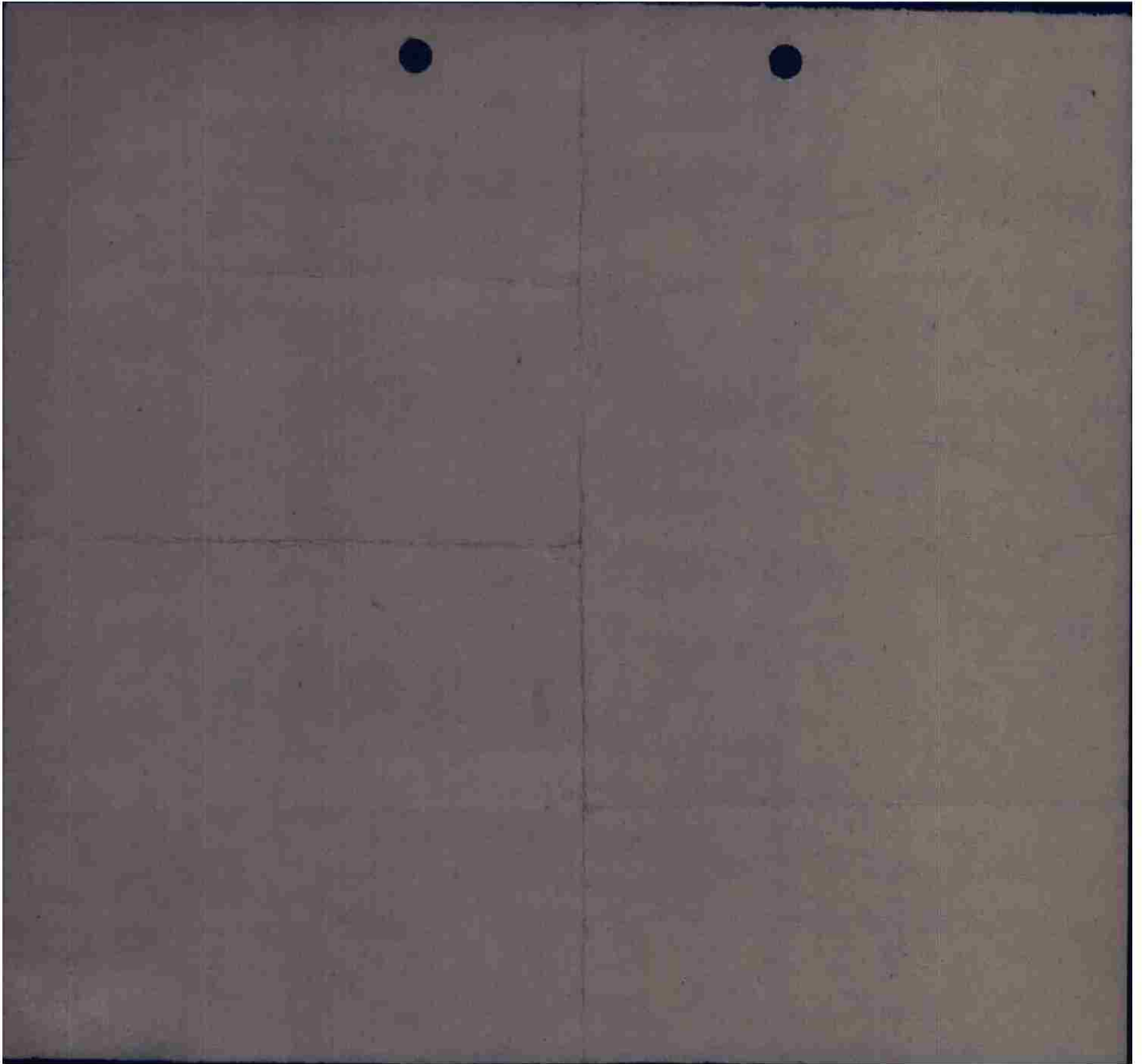
FLT. C - EXCEL - 98 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT. OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 670 FT. NE OF DMPI. LONG PATTERN OF BOMBS FELL ACROSS BUILDINGS AND ROADS E OF DMPI. SEVERAL POSSIBLE HITS AND NEAR MISSES ON LONG ROAD BRIDGE.

K. NO UNSATISFACTORY BOMBING REPORT.

M.	(1)	4	80 PERCENT
	(2)	0	0 PERCENT
	(3)	1	20 PERCENT

BT 24/2030A  
FD AR

JEA R .....242110A SS AR  
ITA R.....24/2115A MILT AR



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 15/24 P-P  
T- JEA PASS TO ITA

FROM COBOMGR 416 24/1645A  
TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: COM OFFICER  
COMCBTWIG 97 (INFO)

CONFIDENTIAL BT

J-367-J

A - YS - 22

B - 24 JAN 45 (1226-1524)

C - A-ABLE REPORTED RESULTS OF MISSION TO PARADE.

D - A-ABLE CONTACTED F.G.C., BUT DID NOT RECEIVE REPLY FROM  
CHINA BOY. HOWEVER COCKSPUR ANSWERED AND REPORTED THEY  
WERE NEARER AND WOULD ACCOMPLISH DESIRED RESULTS. OTHER  
MEMBERS OF FORMATION REPORTED HEARING CHINA BOY ANSWER BUT  
EVIDENTLY FORMATION LEADER DID NOT RECEIVE HIM.

E - NONE  
F - NONE  
G - NONE  
H - NONE  
I - NONE  
J - NONE  
K - NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 24/1645A  
FD ONE MORE  
JEA R.....24/1858A SS KKKKKKK

