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A-26 MISSION REPORTS

FOLDER NO.3

MISSION NO.	F.O. NO.	DATE
185	127 - 707	14 JAN. 45
186	128 - 708	15 " 45
187	129 - 709	16 " 45
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189	131 - 715	22 " 45
190	136 - 716	22 " 45
191	138 - 718	23 " 45
192	138 - 718	23 " 45
193	139 - 719	24 " 45
194	140 - 720	25 " 45
195	144 - 724	29 " 45
196	147 - 728	1 FEB. 45
197	149 - 730	2 " 45
198	153 - 731	3 " 45
199	158 - 136	6 " 45
200	160 - 738	8 " 45

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 30 Jan 46
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HEADQUARTERS
 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
 Office of the Commanding Officer

R-1-2

AFG 140, U.S. Army,
 30 January 1946.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 29 January 1946, T.O. 1032, Nonweiler R.R. Bridge, F.O. 144-734.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 43-2237 Station 3A released
 (Lt J.R. Warren) late and safe.

Investigation revealed that the A-4 release unit rotary solenoid was defective. Binding of bearings on rotary shield on face of solenoid against bracing surface on rotary solenoid housing prevented fire and instantaneous rotation of solenoid.

43-22334 Station 3A failed to
 (Lt J.A. Cook) release.

Excessive moisture on felt washer around release unit arms froze preventing rotation of arms when energized. Moisture is believed to have gotten on unit during defrosting of fuselage.

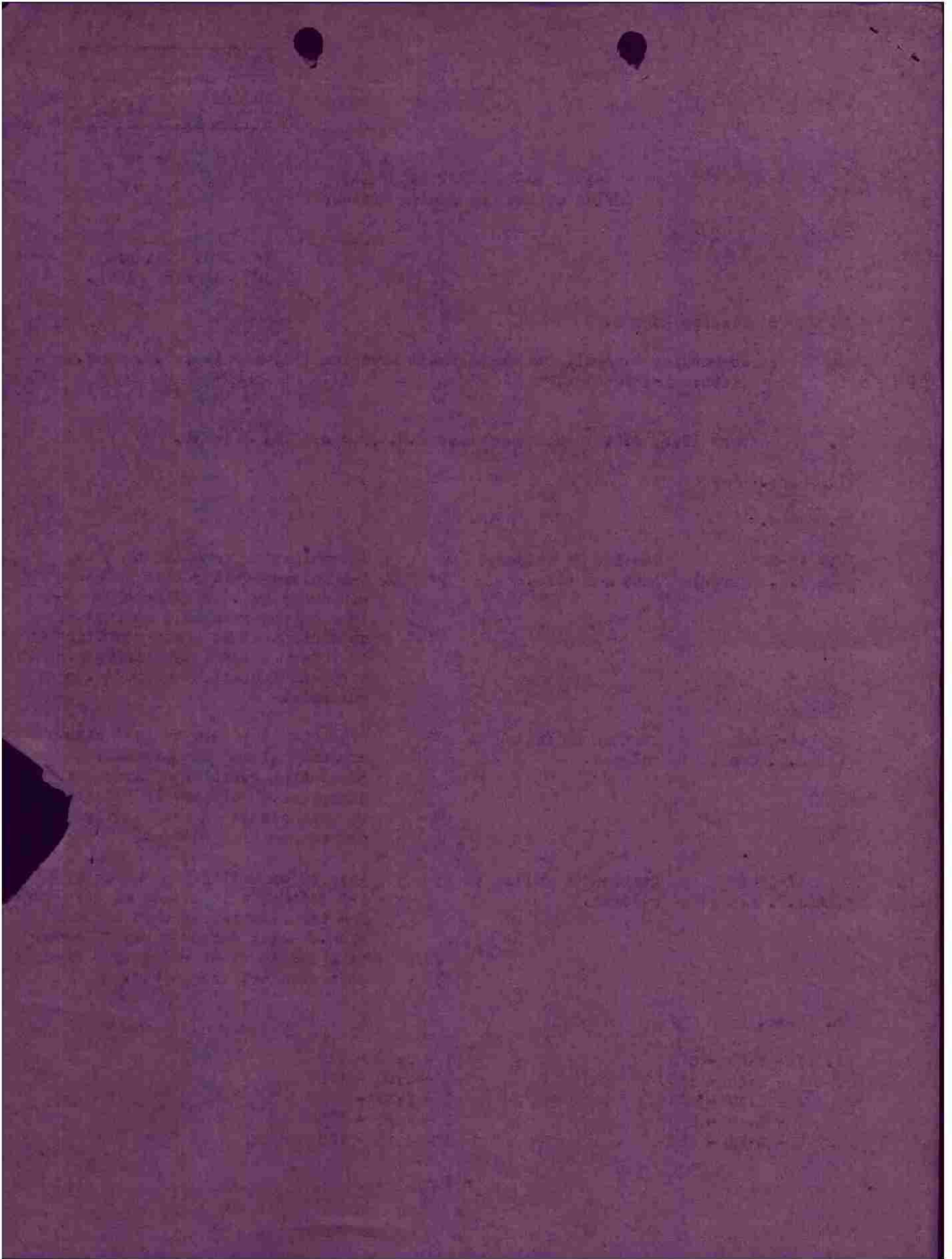
41-39488 Station 4A failed to
 (Lt J.P. Kenny) release.

Pole #2 on mating plug assembly of A-4 release unit broken at nose during installation of unit on bomb rack. Break was probably affected as a result of mis-alignment of unit with A-1 receptacle.

V. None.

VI. 1 - 2:30 - 380
 2 - 2:25 - 350
 3 - 2:30 - 450
 4 - 2:40 - 575
 5 - 2:25 - 420

1 - 2:30 - 410
 2 - 2:30 - 475
 3 - 2:30 - 465
 4 - 2:30 - 375
 5 - 2:30 - 400



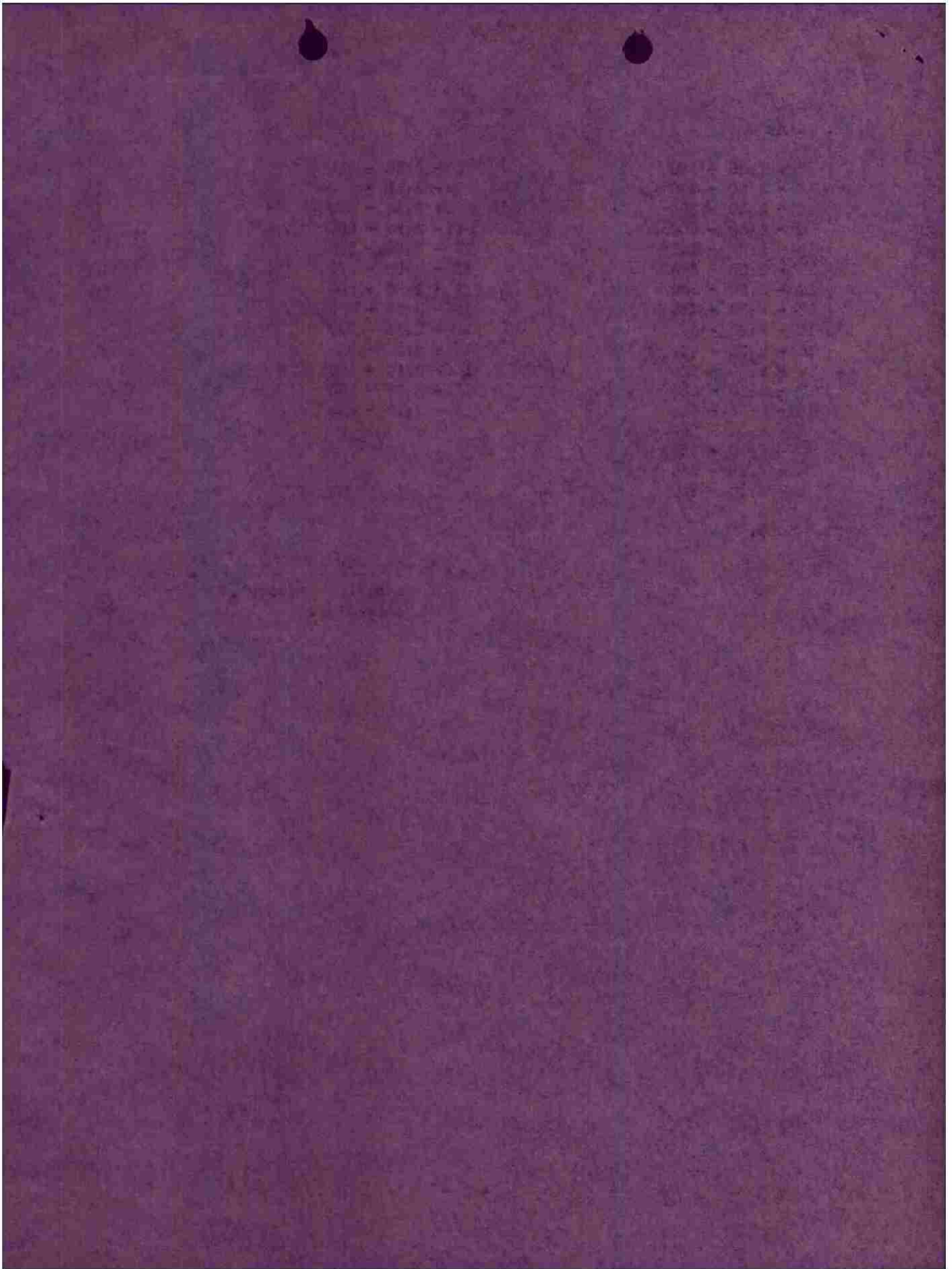
VI. Cont'd

6 - 2:25 - 480
 7 - 2:30 - 480
 8 - 2:30 - 350
 9 - 2:30 - 400
 10 - 2:30 - 450
 11 - 2:30 - 390
 12 - 2:30 - 650
 13 - 2:30 - 450
 14 - 2:30 - 475
 15 - 2:30 - 400
 16 - 2:30 - 325
 17 - 2:30 - 450
 18 - 2:35 - 425
 19 - 2:30 - 500
 20 - 2:10 - 350
 21 - 2:15 - 350
 22 - 2:10 - 350

23 - 2:30 - 525
 24 - 2:35 - 400
 25 - 2:35 - 500
 26 - 2:30 - 525
 27 - 2:35 - 530
 28 - 2:30 - 575
 29 - 2:30 - 520
 30 - 2:30 - 465
 31 - 2:35 - 500
 32 - 2:35 - 530
 33 - 2:40 - 540
 34 - 2:35 - 430
 35 - 2:40 - 550

VII. None.

THEODORE E. AYLESBORTH,
 Colonel, Air Corps,
 Commanding.



MISSION NO. 195

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

29 JANUARY 1945

1. ⁴¹173 W
Major L.F. Dunn *360*
Lt. W.E. Brewer
C S/S S.J. Majewski *H**
Sgt C.B. Rhoney

2. ⁴¹⁻³⁹249 F
Lt. E.O. Turner *350*
S/S J.C. Belcas

3. ⁴³⁻²²306 X
Lt. J.C. Sewell *410*
S/S J.A. Hummer

4. ⁴³⁻²²337 O
Lt. J.R. Warren
C S/S C.C. Stroup **575*

5. ⁴¹⁻³⁹250 A
Lt. E.G. Bishop *420*
Sgt L.W. Hudnutt

6. ⁴¹⁻³⁹241 F
Lt. P.P. Barausky *480*
S/S M. Hall

FLIGHT II

1. ⁴³⁻²¹467 W-1
Lt. R.J. Rooney
Lt. R.L. Kirk *H**
C S/S S.R. Caudell *430*
Sgt J.G. Krantz

2. ⁴¹⁻³⁹215 R
Lt. M. Errotabere *350*
C S/S W.E. Arnett

3. ⁴³⁻²¹2315 L
Capt. R.O. Gruetzemacher *400*
C S/S J.J. Ricketson

4. ⁴¹⁻³⁹223 B
Lt. H. Popeney *450*
C S/S H.C.S. Candler ***

5. ⁴¹⁻³⁹222 S
F/O J.A. Green *390*
C Sgt R.R. Rorbakken

6. ⁴³⁻²²334 G
Lt. J.A. Cook *550*
C Sgt T.R. Langley ***

FLIGHT III

1. ⁴¹106 E
Lt. J.A. Buskirk
Lt. R.C. Hanna *H**
P S/S C.H. Corbitt *450*
S/S O.E. Swank

2. ⁴³⁻²²352 J
Capt. A.C. Sears *475*
P M/S J.J. Wells

3. ⁴³⁻²²313 B-1
Lt. J.W. Spires *400*
P Cpl R.W. Messinger

4. ⁴¹⁻³⁹239 N-1
Lt. F.W. Henderson **325*
P Sgt A.H. Hinson

5. ⁴¹⁻³⁹208 L-1
Lt. J.B. Cocke *450*
P S/S W.A. MacCartney ***

6. ⁴¹⁻³⁹300 K
Lt. W.R. Jokinen
P Sgt E.J. Creeden *425*

SPARE

⁴¹⁻³⁹237 D-1
Lt. S. Mooney *500*
P Sgt W.C. Buckley

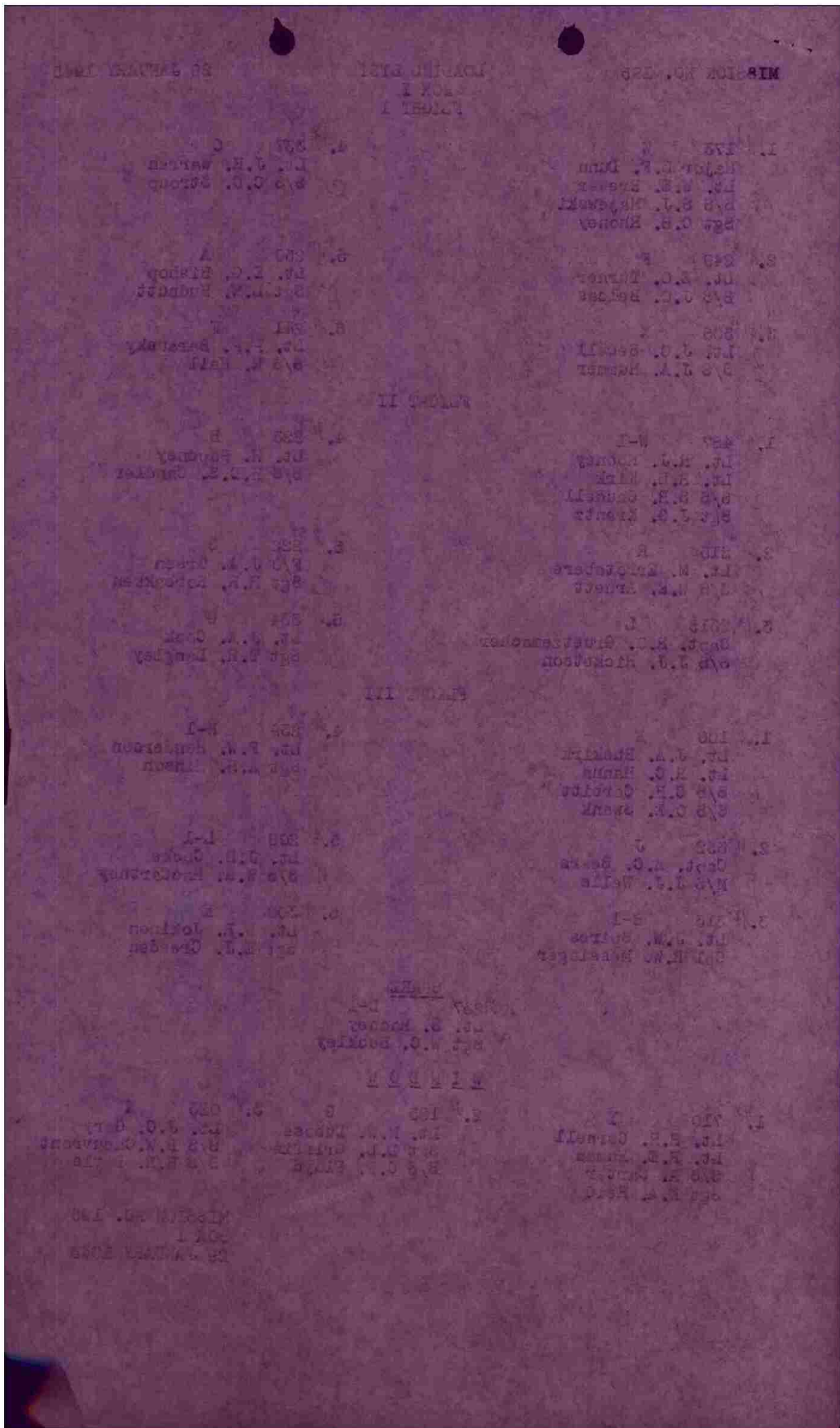
WINDOW

1. ⁴³⁻²¹710 Y
Lt. R.H. Cornell
Lt. R.E. Enman
P S/S A. Carter *350*
Sgt K.A. Reid

2. ⁴⁴185 G
Lt. M.W. Dubose
P Sgt D.L. Griffin
S/S C.F. Floyd *350*

3. ⁴³⁻²²025 X
Lt. J.C. Gary *350*
P S/S R.W. Cheuvront
S/S H.R. Davis

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29 JANUARY 1945



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LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

29 JANUARY 1945

- 1. ⁴³⁻²² 063 A
Capt. H.M. Evans ✓
F/O T.M. McCartney ✓
S/S G.L. Skeens ✓ * 410
S/S O.N. Merritt ✓
- 2. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 188 R
Lt. J.P. Kenny ✓ 475
S/S J.J. Sittarich ✓
- 4. ⁴³⁻²² 290 L
Lt. W.L. Hale ✓ * 465
S/S J.F. Geyer ✓ *

- 3. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 213 A
Lt. G.J. Parkhurst ✓ 375
Sgt R.P. Windisch ✓
- 5. ⁴³⁻²² 378 O
Lt. R.G. Buchanan ✓ 400
Sgt C.L. Calabrese ✓
- 6. ⁴³⁻²² 321 T
Lt. J.H. Carver ✓
Sgt N.M. Graham ✓ * 525

FLIGHT II

- 1. ⁴⁴ 073 W
Lt. C.C. Mish ✓
Lt. R.E. Shaft ✓ * 400
S/S J.H. Roberts ✓
Cpl F.B. Harmon ✓
- 2. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 259 H
Lt. O.F. Jacobsen ✓ 500
Sgt A. Fettinicchi ✓
- 3. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 331 C
Lt. L.E. Cannon ✓ 525
S/S J.W. Robinson ✓

- 4. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 264 I
Lt. F.W. Harris ✓ 530
Sgt C.W. Williford ✓ *
- 5. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 233 F
Lt. A.S. Nathanson ✓
Cpl C.J. Kaminski ✓ *not airborne pilot ill.*
- 6. ⁴³ 344 C-1
Lt. W.W. Annin ✓
Sgt C.J. Rivard ✓ * 520

FLIGHT III

- 1. ⁴⁴ 085 T-1
Capt. E.E. DeMun ✓
Lt. R.J. McQuade ✓ * 465
S/S W.W. Donnelly ✓
Sgt C.J. Kruger ✓
- 2. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 271 R-1
Lt. C.M. Anderson ✓ 500
Sgt J.H. Deatherage ✓
- 3. ⁴³⁻²² 381 Q
Lt. E.C. Martin ✓ * 580
Sgt L.R. Draft ✓

- 4. ⁴³⁻²² 354 S
Lt. J.F. Smith ✓ 540
Sgt S.J. Kirik ✓
- 5. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 244 I-1
Lt. R.W. Van Rope ✓ 430
Sgt W.H. Klingman ✓
- 6. ⁴¹⁻³⁹ 252 D
Lt. C.E. Weinert ✓ 530
Sgt R. Dubi ✓ *

⁴³⁻²² SPARE
383 V
Lt. R.K. Johnson ✓ 575
Sgt H.E. Brandt ✓

241-280
300-410

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MISSION NO. 195
BOX II
29 JANUARY 1945

23 JANUARY 1953

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FIRST

LIBBON NO. 155

A
315
Lt. E.L. Winkler
Sgt. R.E. Winkler

1. 305
Capt. E.L. Winkler
Sgt. R.E. Winkler
Sgt. C.L. Adams
Sgt. G.M. Harris

B
316
Lt. E.L. Winkler
Sgt. C.L. Adams

2. 306
Lt. E.L. Winkler
Sgt. C.L. Adams

C
317
Lt. E.L. Winkler
Sgt. G.M. Harris

3. 307
Lt. E.L. Winkler
Sgt. G.M. Harris

FLIGHT II

D
318
Lt. E.L. Winkler
Sgt. G.M. Harris

4. 308
Lt. E.L. Winkler
Sgt. G.M. Harris
Sgt. J.E. Roberts
Sgt. E.B. Hanson

E
319
Lt. E.L. Winkler
Sgt. G.M. Harris

5. 309
Lt. E.L. Winkler
Sgt. G.M. Harris

F
320
Lt. E.L. Winkler
Sgt. G.M. Harris

6. 310
Lt. E.L. Winkler
Sgt. G.M. Harris

FLIGHT III

G
321
Lt. E.L. Winkler
Sgt. G.M. Harris

7. 311
Capt. E.L. Winkler
Sgt. G.M. Harris
Sgt. W. Donnelly
Sgt. G.L. Kiger

H
322
Lt. E.L. Winkler
Sgt. G.M. Harris

8. 312
Lt. E.L. Winkler
Sgt. G.M. Harris

I
323
Lt. E.L. Winkler
Sgt. G.M. Harris

9. 313
Lt. E.L. Winkler
Sgt. G.M. Harris

CLASS V
303
Lt. E.L. Winkler
Sgt. G.M. Harris

LIBBON NO. 155
BOX II
23 JANUARY 1953

POST MISSION REPORT

MISSION NO. 195

DATE 29 Jan. 1945

1. NUMBER OF MEN WOUNDED: None

2. SCORING MALFUNCTIONS:
334 - Cook - 1 hit - Probably wing
188 - Henry - 1 hit - Probably wing
Bunker PPF - Results undetermined
337 - 1 Bomb jettisoned safe in target area

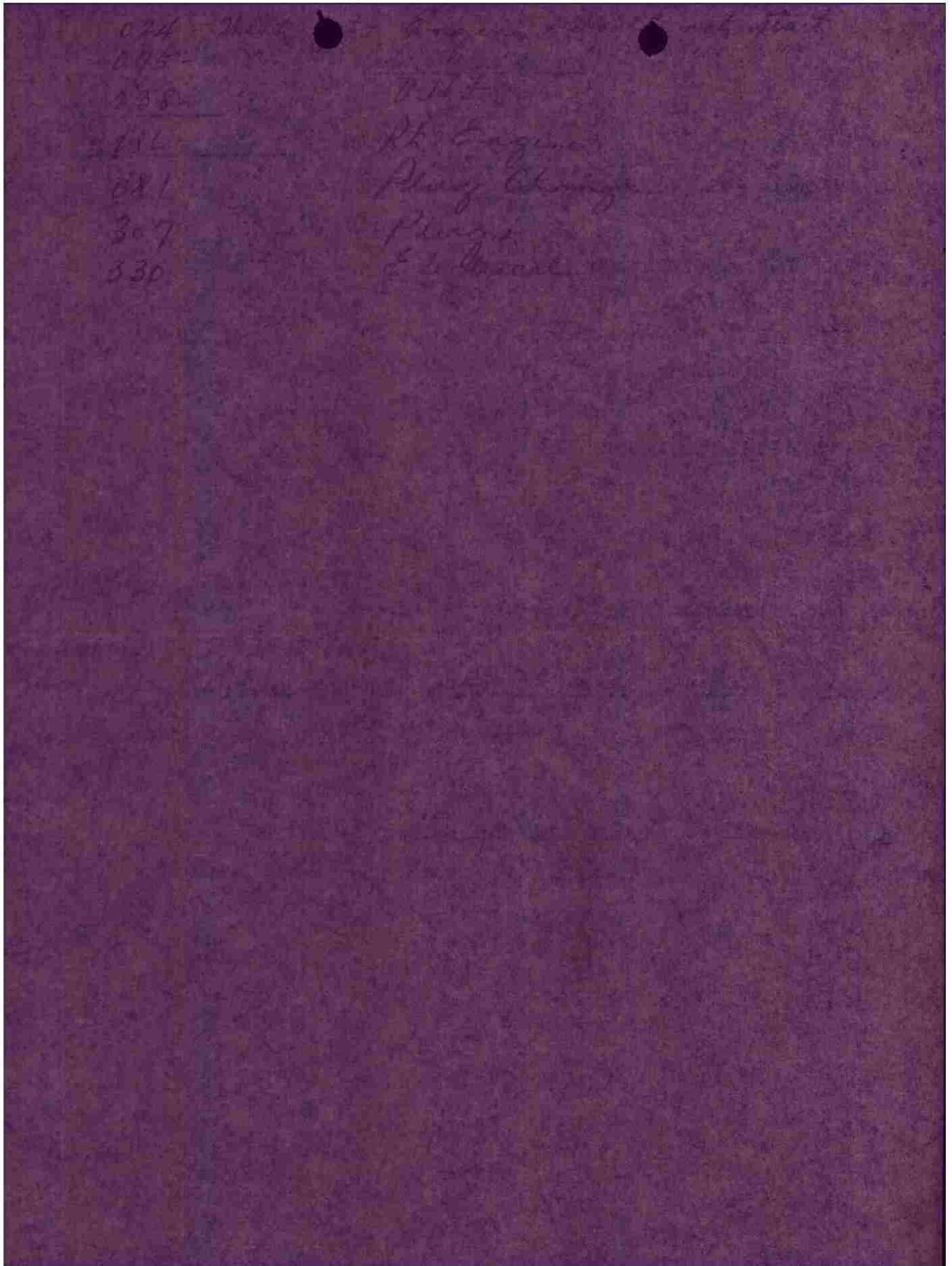
3. CAMERA MALFUNCTIONS: None

4. BATTLE DAMAGES: None

5. PLANES FAILING TO BECOME AIRBORNE OR RETURNING EARLY:
233 - Nathanson - hit engine - Lls

6. PLANES LOST OR LANDING AWAY FROM BASE: None

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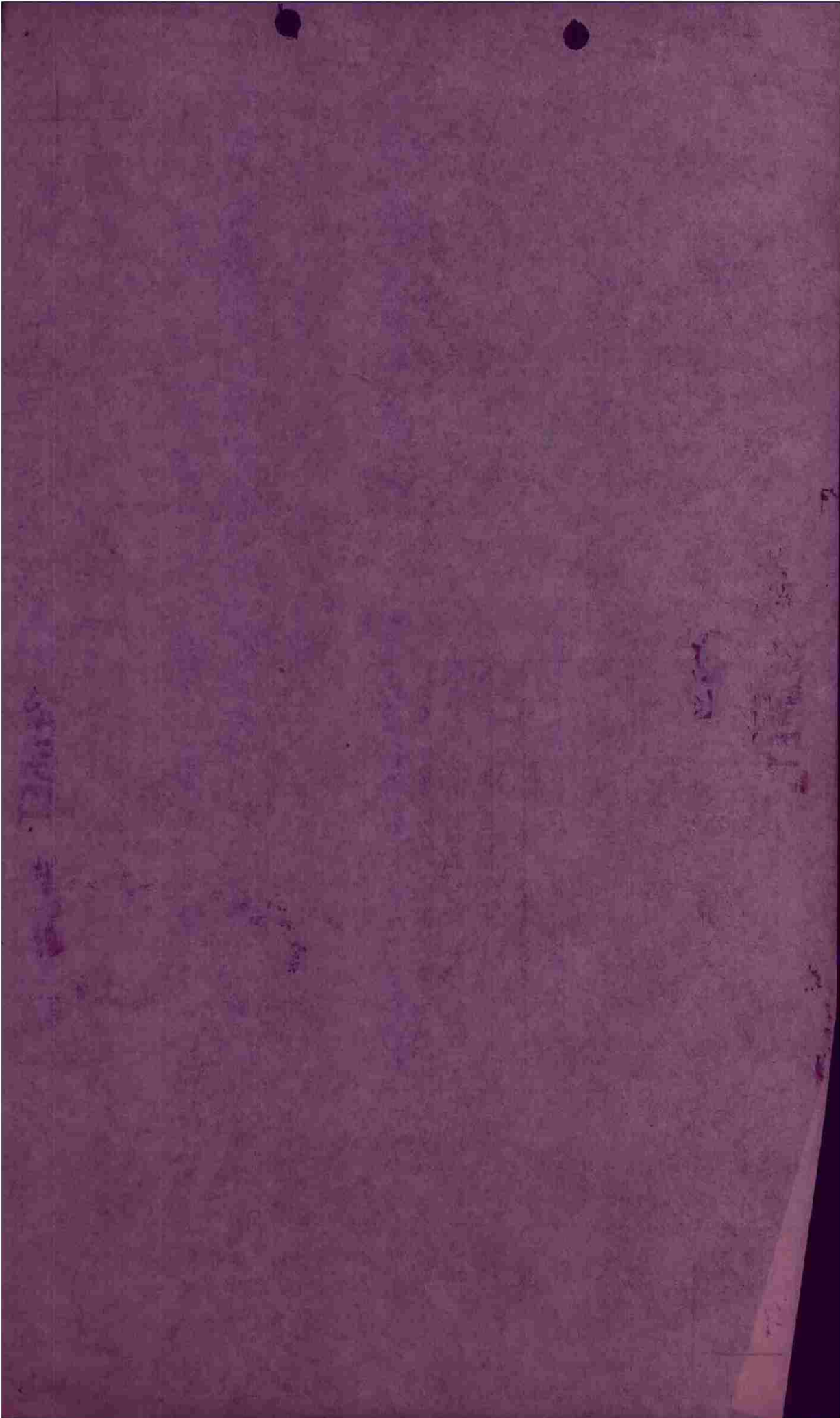
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N. FLANK ENCOUNTERED

416 th Bomb GP (L)
EO 144-204 24 JAN 1945
ALT 13000 TOT 11432
WINDON CALLED
WEATHER - 10/10 CLOUD
A/C DISPATCHED 67130 31 A-26
No FLANK

IPD

TARGET

SECRET



OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)
97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)
1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (PROV)

416BG J _____ E

29 JANUARY 1945

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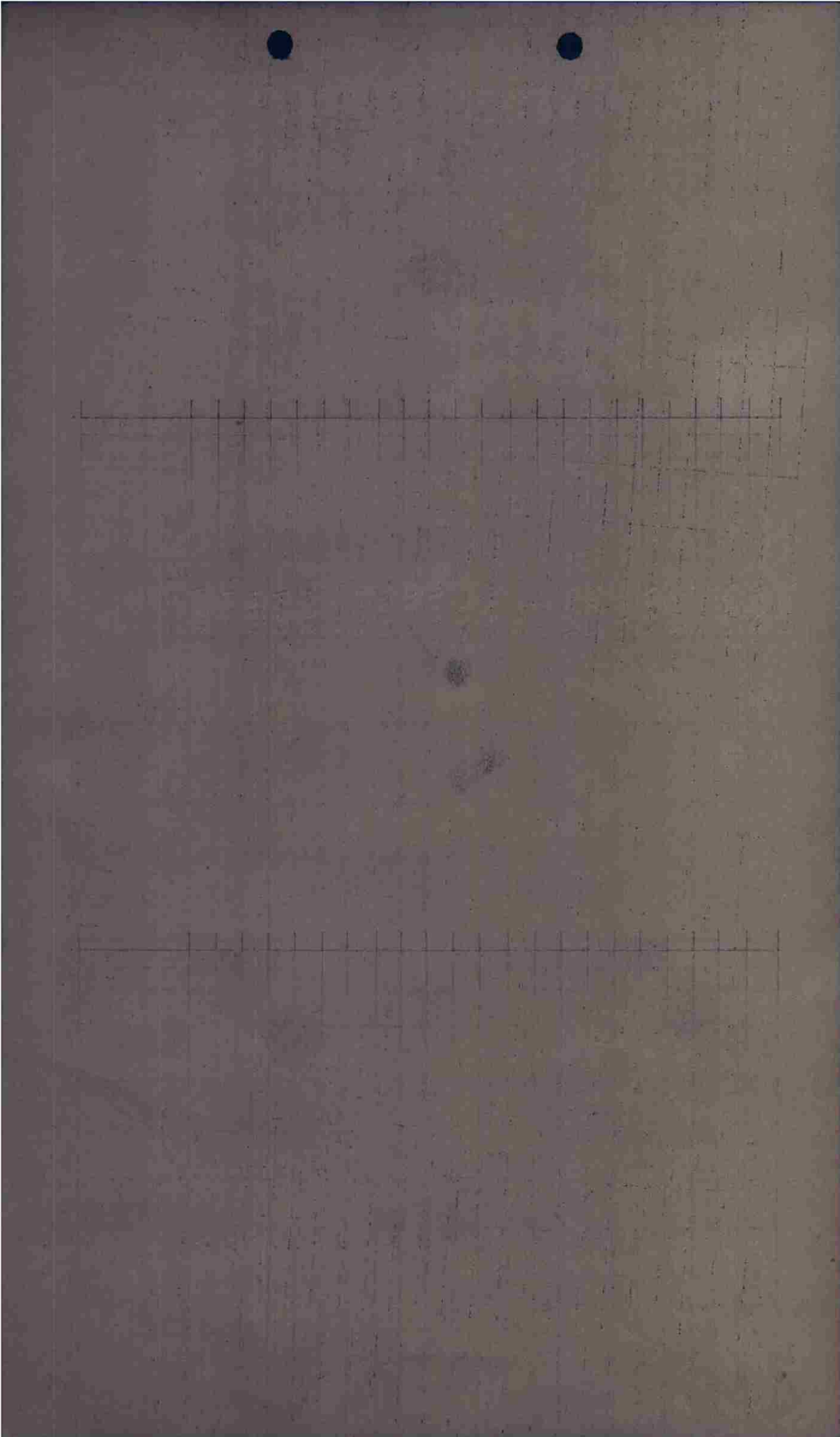
VERNON H. POWELL,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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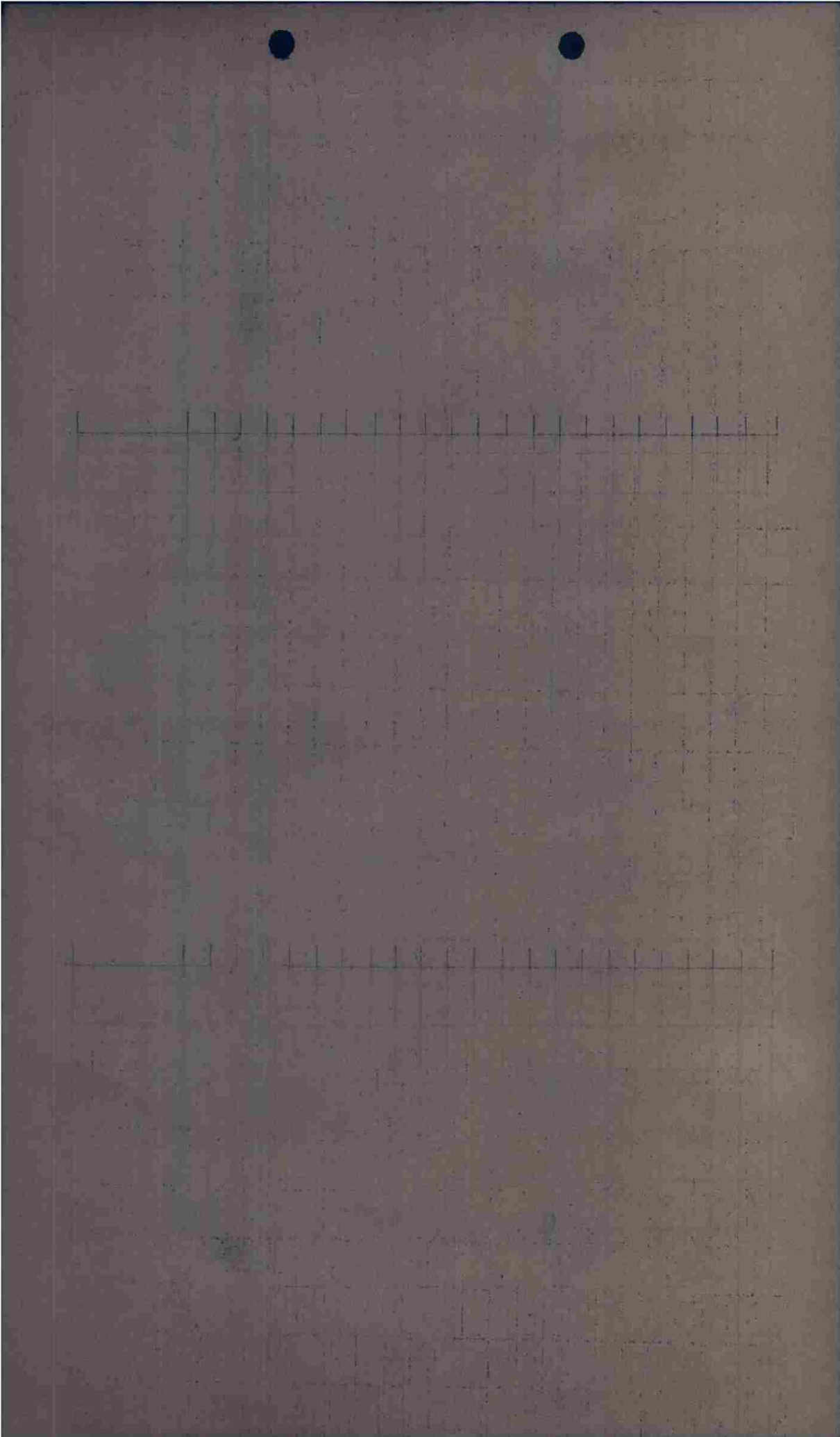
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29 January 1945

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C	M	173	Raman			1037						H*				1308	2:30
B	H	249	Turner			1034										1318	2:25
B	X	306	Beville			1037										1319	2:30
B	O	337	Mason			1037						*				1309	2:40
B	A	250	Bishop			1035						*				1300	2:45
B	W	286	Korakoby			1038						**				1319	2:45
C	M	467	Rosen			1033						**				1300	2:30
C	K	215	Smith			1033						*				1301	2:30
C	J	235	Lyetson			1033						*				1300	2:30
C	B	223	Fogarty			1034						*				1304	2:30
C	S	222	Reed			1034						*				1303	2:30
C	H	334	Cook			1035						*				1302	2:30
D	E	106	Burbitt			1036						**				1304	2:30
B	Q	352	Levin			1037						*				1304	2:30
B	B	313	Spina			1037						*				1304	2:30
B	M	239	Minderman			1037						*				1305	2:30
B	A	208	Cocher			1037						*				1305	2:30
B	X	300	Dobson			1038										1310	2:35
B	D-1	227	Proseny			1038										1306	2:30
			Minderman														
B	Q	710	Cannell			1046										1354	2:10
B	Q	185	Murphy			1052										1354	2:15
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A	A	063	Coona			1039						H*				1306	2:30
A	R	188	Greeny			1039										1309	2:30
A	A-1	213	Paul Hurst			1039										1309	2:30
A	L	290	Spale			1040						*				1308	2:30
A	O	318	Buchanan			1040						*				1308	2:30
A	T	321	Lawer			1040						*				1309	2:30
A	SP	081	Truck			1041						H*				1318	2:35
A	H	259	Jacobson			1041										1318	2:35
A	C	331	Lamm			1041										1311	2:30
A	F	264	Harris			1041						*				1312	2:35
A	F	333	Mathanson		Not Destroyed	1042						*				1312	2:35
A	C-1	344	Gruin			1042						*				1312	2:30
A	T-1	085	De Gruin			1046						H*				1314	2:35
A	R-1	211	Anderson			1047										1314	2:35
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A	S	354	Smith, R.F.			1042						*				1322	2:40
A	I-1	244	Van Rabe			1045										1316	2:35
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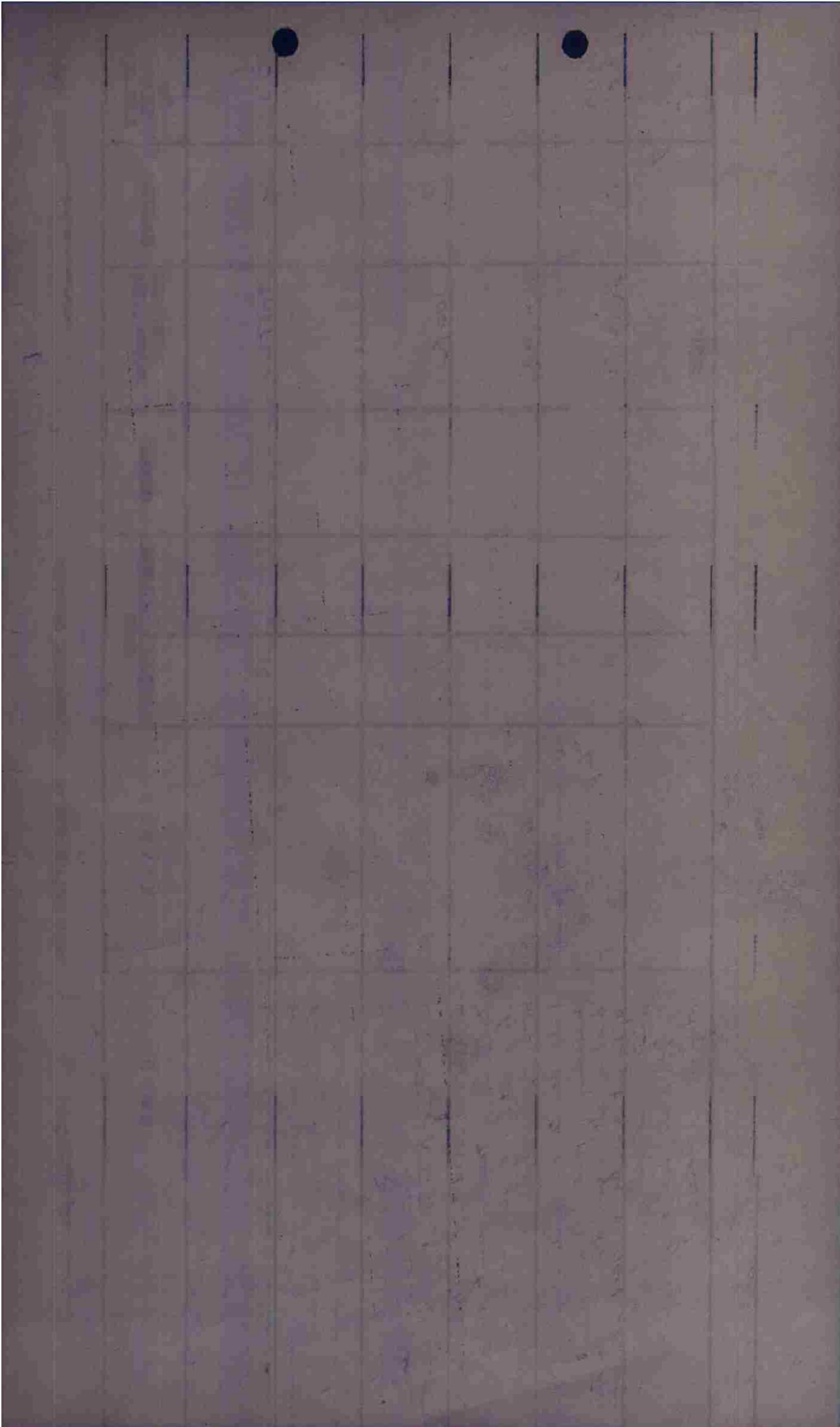
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ARMAMENT INTERROGATION AND MALFUNCTIONS FORM

DATE 29 January 45

AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO.	SQUADRON	PILOT and/or BOMBARDIER	GUNNERS	BOMBS		REMARKS	CAUSE
				DROPPED	RETURNED		
337	C	WARTEN		4	0	Station 34 released a few second late and released early.	In investigation revealed that the A-4 release unit rotary solenoid was defective. Brindley's drawings on rotary shield on face of solenoid against timing purpose on rotary solenoid housing prevented pivot and mistimed release rotation of solenoid.
334	C	COOK		3	1	Station 3A failed to release.	Excessive moisture on belt working around release unit armature prevented rotation of armature emergency E. moisture in belt caused to have set the on unit during the practice of practice -
188	A	Kenny		3	1	Station 4A failed to release -	Pole No. 2 on mating plug assembly of H-4 release unit broken off long during installation of unit on bomb rack. Release was probably effected as a result of that alignment of unit with H-4 receptacle -

Nelson C. McQuinn
 Capt. R.A.
 Ordnance



- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (PPF MISSION)
- (1) HABSCHIED ROAD JUNCTION (P953777)
 - (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C WITH 1 PPF A/C
 - (4) BASE TO 5015N 0536E TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 5007N 0548E TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB AT 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 5,000 FEET.
 - (9) M.P.1. GSGS 4414 SHEET 5803. THREE FLIGHTS ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID COORD: 95277767 AND 95407760 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS. ONE BOX ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID COORD: 95277767 AND 95407760 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES.
PPF M.P.1. GRID COORD: 95277767.
 - (10) 6 X 500 LB GP FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/40 SEC TAIL.
 - (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 35 MINUTES
 - (13) GROUP WILL BOMB ON PPF EQUIPMENT REGARDLESS OF WEATHER CONDITIONS. IF PPF EQUIPMENT FAILS GROUP WILL BOMB A SUITABLE ALTERNATE TARGET 10 MILES OR MORE FROM THE BOMB LINE IN ENEMY HELD TERRITORY.

- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (PPF MISSION)
- (1) NONNWEILER RAILROAD BRIDGE (L-449119)
 - (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C WITH 1 PPF A/C
 - (4) BASE TO 4931N 0622E TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN LEFT AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB AT 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 5,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 - (9) M.P. GSGS 4414 SHEET 6307 GRID COORD 449119 (CENTER OF BRIDGE) INTERVALOMETER SETTING 30 FEET.
 - (10) 4 X 1,000 LB GP FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE NON-DELAY 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 TO OR RETURN AS THE CASE MAY BE, TO 4931N 0622E 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 TO TARGET OR RETURN TO 4931N 0622E AS THE CASE MAY BE 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. P.P.F.
 - B. GROUP "GEE"
 - C. E.T.A.
 - (14) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND RUN FOR VISUAL BOMBING GROUP WILL RETURN TO 4931N 0622E TO BEGIN RUN.
 - (15) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED, AN ALTERNATE TARGET 10 MILES OR MORE FROM THE BOMBLINE IN ENEMY HELD TERRITORY WILL BE BOMBED.
 - (16) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY 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.

X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- PLAN "A" OR "B"
- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (546161)
- (2) VISION
 - (3) SHOWDOWN
 - (4) SWEEPSTAKES

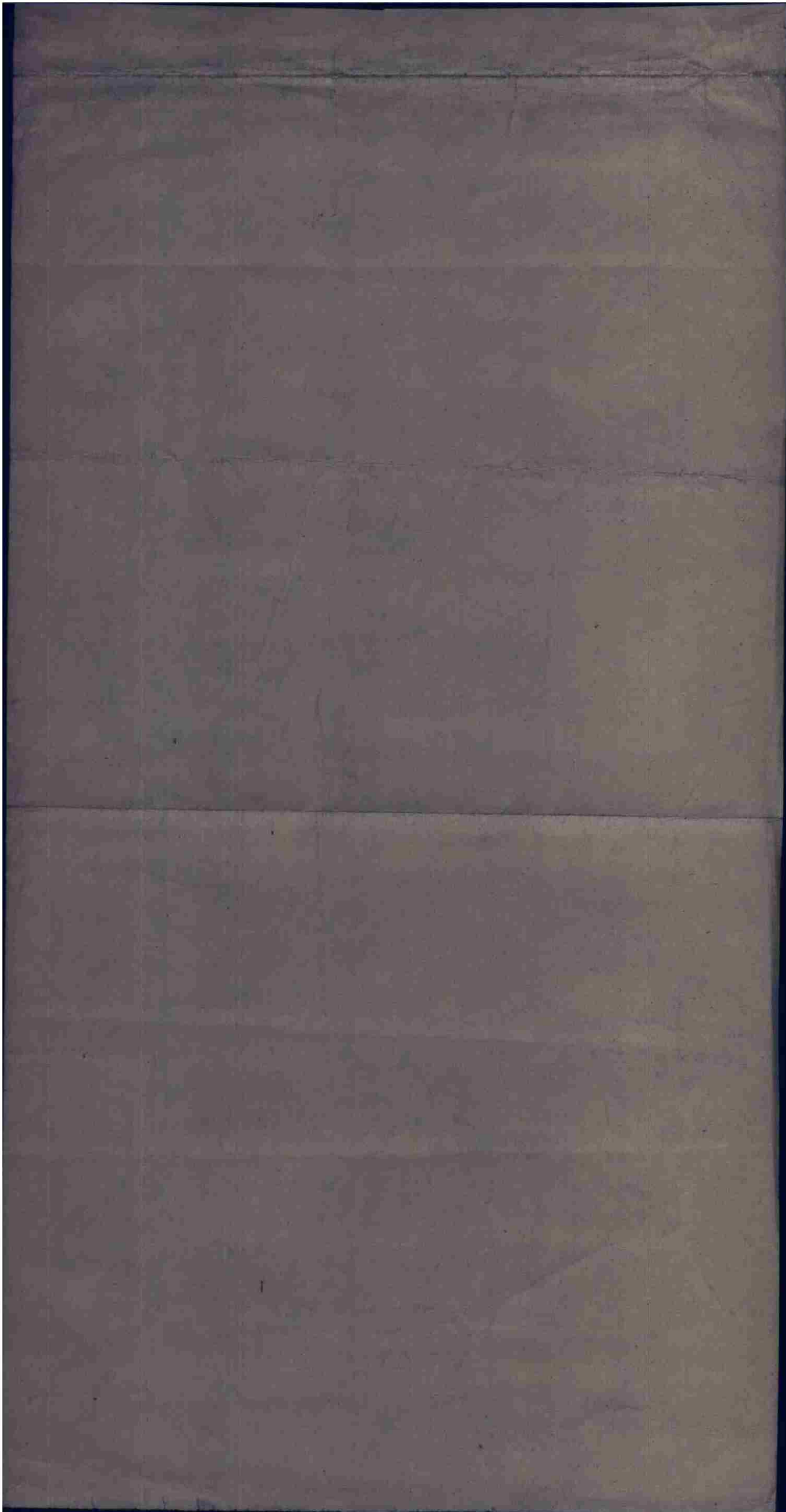
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (953777)
- (2) CORNHILL
 - (3) CABMAN
 - (4) RIPSAW
 - (11) BOX LEADERS WILL CALL BLENDWELL ON C/C 10 MINUTES BEFORE TROOPLINE ADVISING HOW MUCH THEY ARE AHEAD OF OR BEHIND SCHEDULE.

- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (134688 - 449119)
- (2) PROCTOR
 - (3) JUDITH
 - (4) RIPSAW

CONCBTWIG 97

BT 29/0440A
CS/CV AR

OIITA / OIJE A R.....29/0550A AT AR
 OIJKI / OIJE A R.....29/0550A FAG AR
 OIJESN/ OIJE A R.....19/0550A WS AR
 OIJPO R.....29/0550A LB AR
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 29/0440A
TO COBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

J-312-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
29 JANUARY 1945

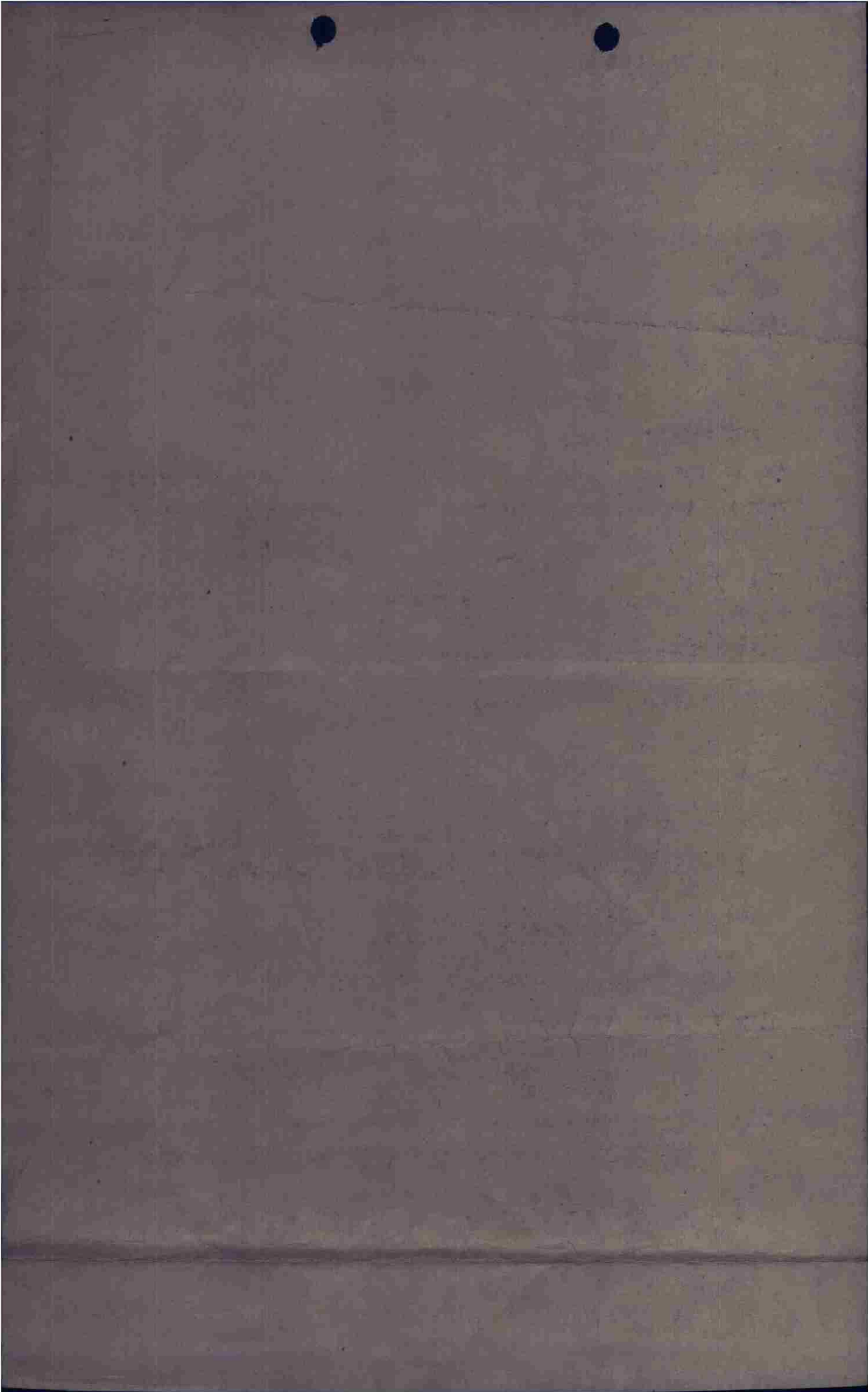
FIELD ORDER NO. 144-724

MAPS NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE
(2) 19TH T.A.C. WILL FURNISH AREA COVER FOR THE 410TH AND 416TH GROUPS. 9TH T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE COVER FOR THE 409TH GROUP.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR 29/1200A

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (PPF MISSION)
 - (1) AHRWEILER SUPPLY AND COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (F546161)
 - (2) 2 BOXES 18 A/C WITH 2 PPF A/C.
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4921N 0609E AT 12,500 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 22 MINUTES.
 - (4) BASE TO E/R TO 4941N 0653E TO 4956N 0651E TO 5006N 0708E TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO 4956N 0651E TO 4941N 0653E TO 4921N 0609E TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB AT 1ST BOX 12,500 FEET
2ND BOX 12,000 FEET
DROP 1000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL 5,000 FEET.
 - (9) M.P.I. PHOTO. US155/3722 PRINT NO. 5005. ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING M.P.I. REFERENCES. 02130050, 02620050, 03140053, 03640064, 04170063, 04700063 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS. ONE BOX ON REF. 02620050. ONE BOX ON REF. 04170063 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES. P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID. COORD 54641615. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
 - (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE TX 1/40 SEC TAIL.
 - (12) TOT ZERO PLUS 55 MINUTES.
 - (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 TO OR RETURN AS THE CASE MAY BE TO 5022N 0707E 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 P.P.F. ROUTE TO TARGET OR RETURN TO 5022N 0707E AS THE CASE MAY BE 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. P.P.F.
 - B. GROUP "CEE"
 - C. TARGET ETA.
 - (14) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND RUN FOR VISUAL BOMBING GROUP WILL RETURN TO 5022N 0707E TO BEGIN RUN.
 - (15) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED, AN ALTERNATE TARGET 10 MILES OR MORE FROM THE BOMBLINE IN ENEMY HELD TERRITORY WILL BE BOMBED.
 - (16) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY 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 CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT.



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T (OIITA PASS TO OIJJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 29/0755A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN.

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ANNEX NO1 TO FIELD ORDER NO.144-724

CANCEL PARA. 3. B. (9)

ADD NEW PARA. 3. B. (9) TO READ: PPF M.P.I. GRID COORD : 95277767.

FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL ATTEMPT TO NEUTRALIZE ENEMY GLAK WITH IT'S RANGE.

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BT 29/0755A
CC LAST LINE WORD SH RD FLAK NOT GLAK AS SEND
CES AR

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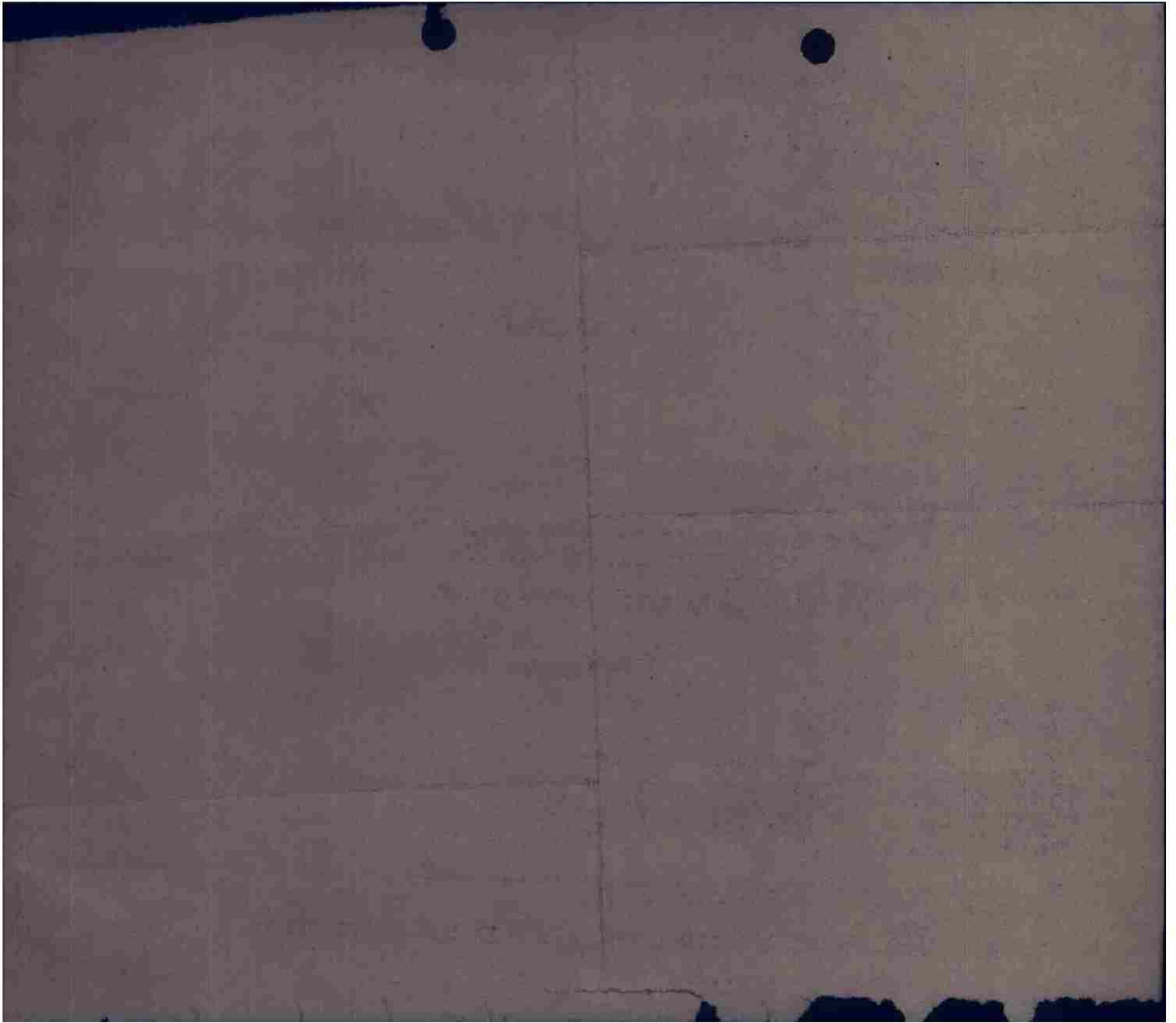
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OIITA OIJES OIJKI OIJPO OIJJF V OIJE A OIJE A 13/29 OP-OP
T (OIITA PASS TO OIJJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 29/1130A
TO : COMBOMB DIV NINE
409TH BOMB GROUP.
410TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.
1ST PATHFINDER PROV. SQ.

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING J-314-E
APO 140
29 JAN, 1945.

ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 144-724

CHANGE 3. A. (3) TO READ:
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4921N 0609E AT 12,500 FEET.
AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 26 MINUTES.

ADD: TO 3. B. (6) AS FOLLOWS:
(6) DROP 1,000 FEET. AFTER BOMBING.

COMBATWIG 97

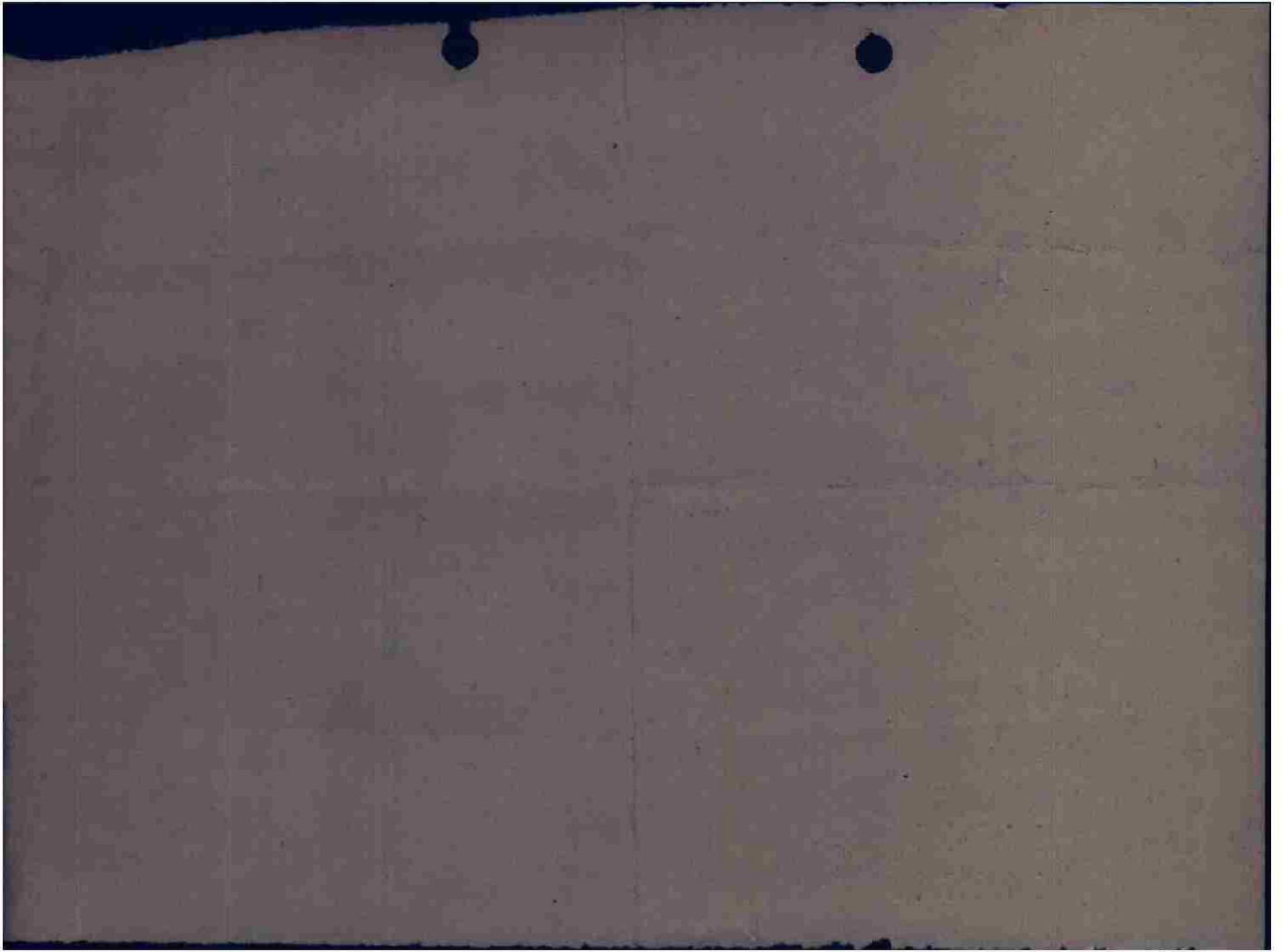
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OIJKI R	29/1140A	RSS	AR
OIJPO R	29/1140A	DB	AR

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMBING 29/0310A
TO COBOMGP 416

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

J-308-E

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INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO.1 TO FIELD ORDER NO.144-724

PLAN "A"

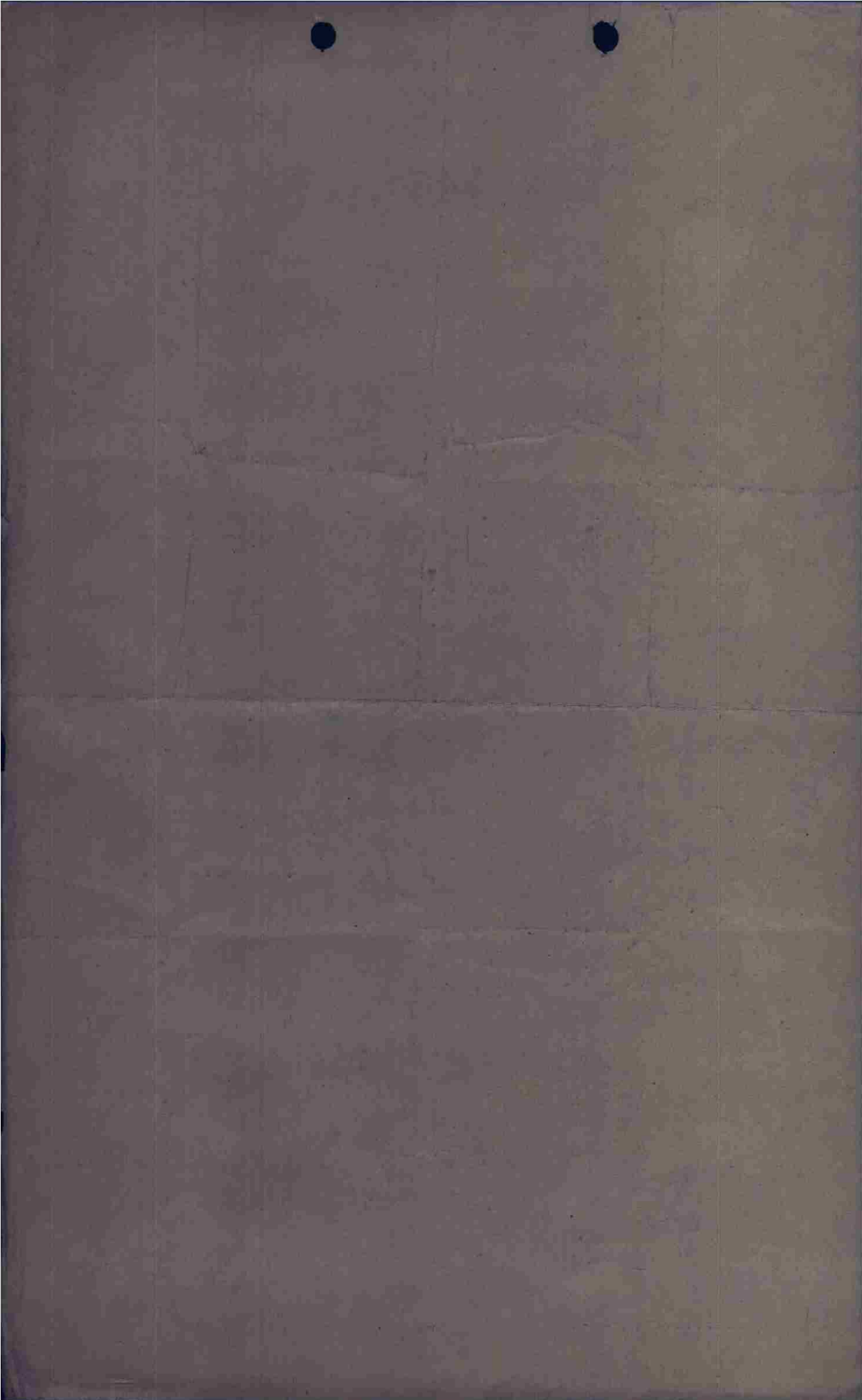
- 1. TARGET RINNTHAL RAILWAY BRIDGE - R-134688
THE TARGET IS A DOUBLE TRACK RAILWAY BRIDGE APPROX 65 FT. LONG, CROSSING A SECONDARY ROAD. THE LANDAU - ZWEIBRICKEN RR LINE IS AN IMPORTANT LATERAL COMM. LINE FOR THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE U.S. 7TH ARMY. IN ADDITION, THIS LINE PROVIDES DIRECT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN MANNHEIM AND THE PRESENT BATTLE AREA.
- 2. MAP COVER. G.S.G.S. 4414 NO. 6713
G.S.G.S. 4416 NO. V-2
- 3. PHOTO COVER. US7GR/1638 PRINT NO. 8059
US 31/3982 PRINT NO. 1021
US 31/3970 PRINT NO. 2010
US 31/3953 PRINT NO. 2033
2032
2031
US 10/T 151
- 4. FLAK. REFER TO CURRENT FLAK MAP.
- 5. BOMBLINE. TARGET IS APPROX. 22 MILES FROM CURRENT BOMBLINE.

PLAN "B"

- 1. TARGET NONNWEILER RAILWAY BRIDGE - L-449119
THE TARGET IS A SINGLE TRACK, MASONRY OR CONCRETE ARCH RAIL BRIDGE OF 3 SPANS APPROX. 200 FT LONG. THE WESTERN APPROACH OF THE BRIDGE IS ON AN EARTHEN EMBANKMENT APPROX. 200 FT. LONG.
- 2. MAP COVER - G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 6307
G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 6308
G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 6407
G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 6408
G.S.G.S. 4416 SHEET U-1
- 3. PHOTO COVER US10/D 594
US10/T 324
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US31/3850 PRINT 2001
US10/D 552
- 4. FLAK REFER TO CURRENT FLAK MAP.
- 5. BOMBLINE : TARGET IS APPROX. 20 MILES BEYOND CURRENT BOMBLINE.
- 6. IX A.F. INTERPRETATION REPORT OF 2 JAN. STATS THAT ALL 3 SPANS ARE DESTROYED AND THAT EMBANKMENT IS UNDERMINED MORE RECENT RECCE SHOWS THAT BRIDGE HAS BEEN REPAIRED AND IS NOW PASSABLE.

COMCETWIG 97

BT 29/0310A
CES AR
JKI R.....29/0350A FAG AR



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 7/29 OP-OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 29/1515A
 TO CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION ATTN: A-2
 CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

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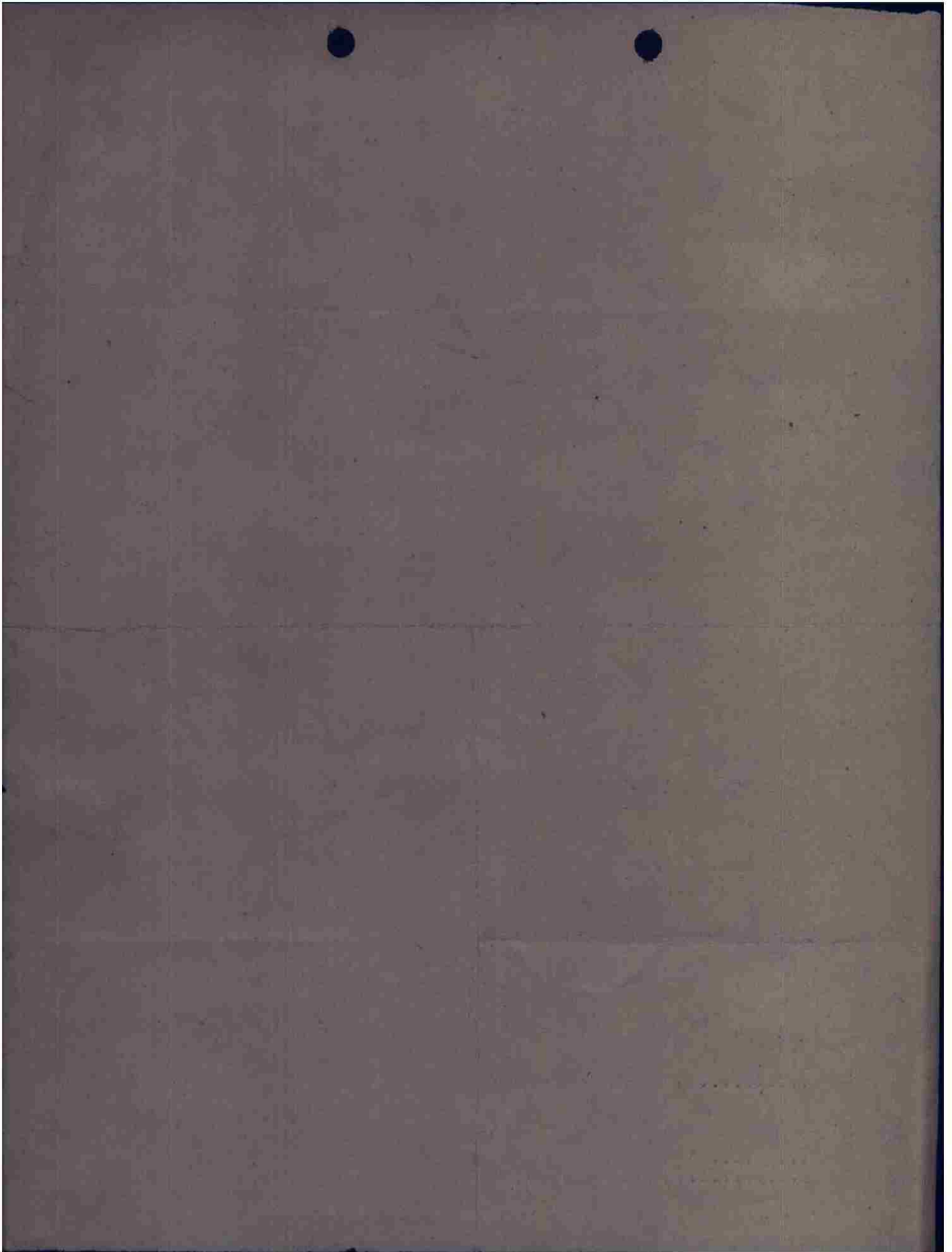
- A. 416TH BOMB GROUP
- B. NONNWEILER R/R BRIDGE
- C. 9 A20 OF WHICH 3 CARRIED WINDOW ONLY
 31 A26
 1 B26 PFF LEAD A/C
- D. 6 A-20S ON PRIMARY
 31 A-26S ON PRIMARY
 1 B-26 PFF
- E. 3 A-20S CARRYING WINDOW ONLY
- F. 24 X 500 LB GP ON PRIMARY
 122 X 1000 LB GP ON PRIMARY
 2 X 1000 LB GP RETURNED. ICING OF BOMB RELEASE MECHANISM.
 1 X 1000 LB GP JETTISONED SAFE IN TARGET AREA - RELEASE MECHANISM
 MALFUNCTION.
- G. UNOBSERVED. 10/10 CLOUD COVER AT TARGET.
- H. NIL
- I. NIL
- J. NONE
- K. E-0-0
- L. 13,000
- M. 1159 AND ONE HALF

NOTE: RIPS AW WAS CALLED 3 MINUTES BEFORE IP. CONTACT WAS MADE
 AFTER SLIGHT DELAY DUE TO CHANNEL BEING CROWDED. FIX GIVEN
 WAS INCORRECT GRID LETTER.

BT 29/1515A
 FD BBBB
 ITA R.....

CORRECTION: THIS IS THE "OPFLASH FOR 29 JANUARY 1945" I FORGOT
 TO PLACE IT IN AT THE TOP OF MSG.

ITA R..... *29/1534A HW K
 JEA R.....29/1534A LEG KKK



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 9/29 . R - R

FROM COBOMGR 416 29/1545A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: COMM OFFICER
COMCBYWIG 97 (INFO)

CONFIDENTIAL BT

416 BG J-452-J

A - YS - 24

B - 29 JAN 45 (1032-1252)

C - W-WILLIAM AND A-ABLE REPORTED RESULTS OF MISSION TO PARADE.

D - W-WILLIAM RECEIVED FIX FROM FIGHTER GROUND CONTROL THE
COORDINATES OF WHICH WERE CORRECT, HOWEVER THE PREFIX WAS IN
ERROR.

E - NONE

F - NONE

G - NON

H - NONE

I - NONE

J - NONE

K - NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 29/1545A

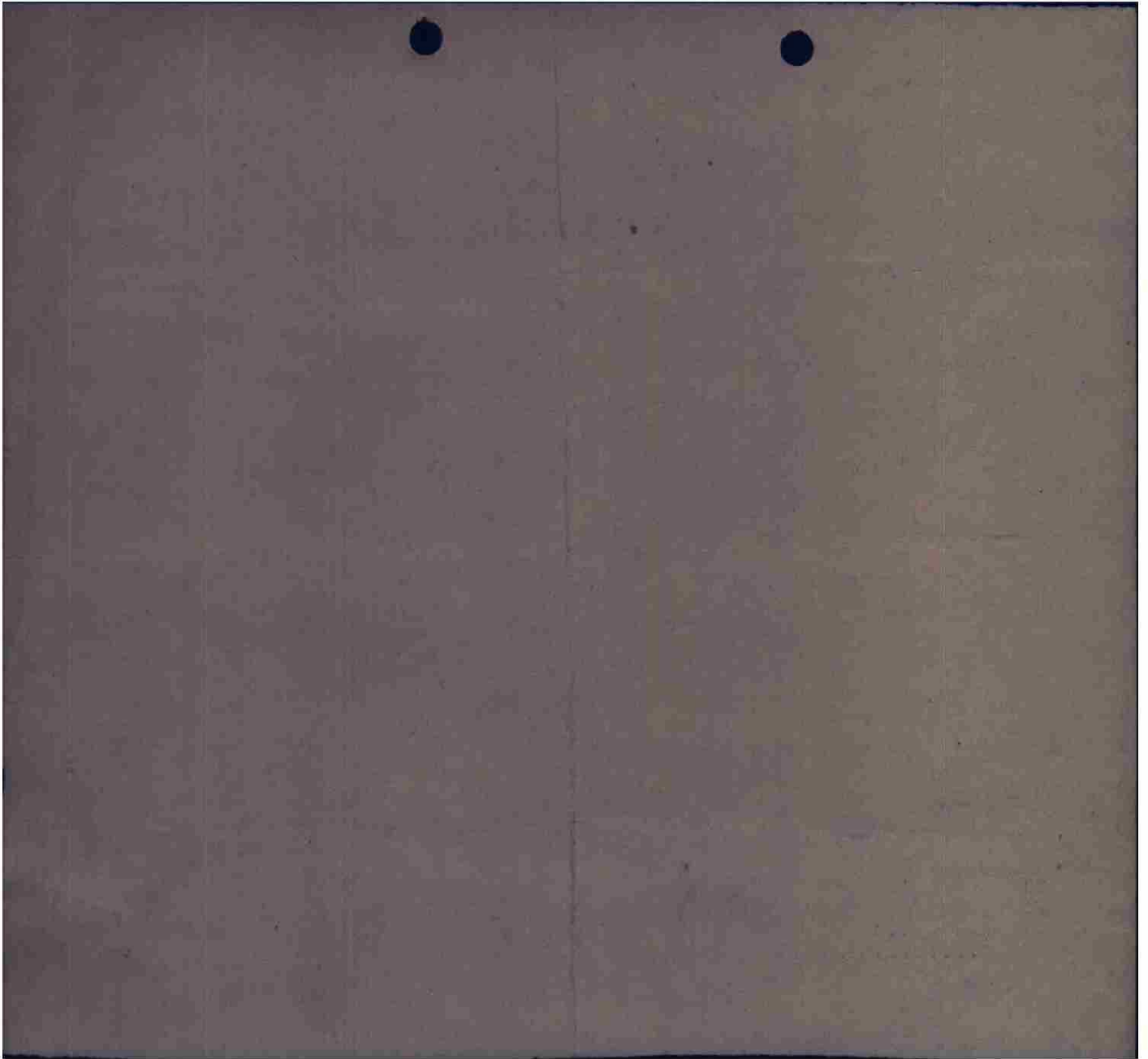
FD BBB

ITA R.....29/1615

PETE KK

JEA R.....29/1615A

SS KK



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 08/29 P-P

FROM HDQTS 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 29/1515A
TO HDQTS 9TH BOMB DIV. ATTN: A-2 P/I
HDQTS 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER

SECRET BT

J-451-D
FIRST PHASE S/A REPORT

B. NONNWEILER RAILROAD BRIDGE

G. 1159 AND ONE HALF

J. BOMBED ON PFF. NO PHOTOS DUE TO 10/10 CLOUD COVER AT TARGET.

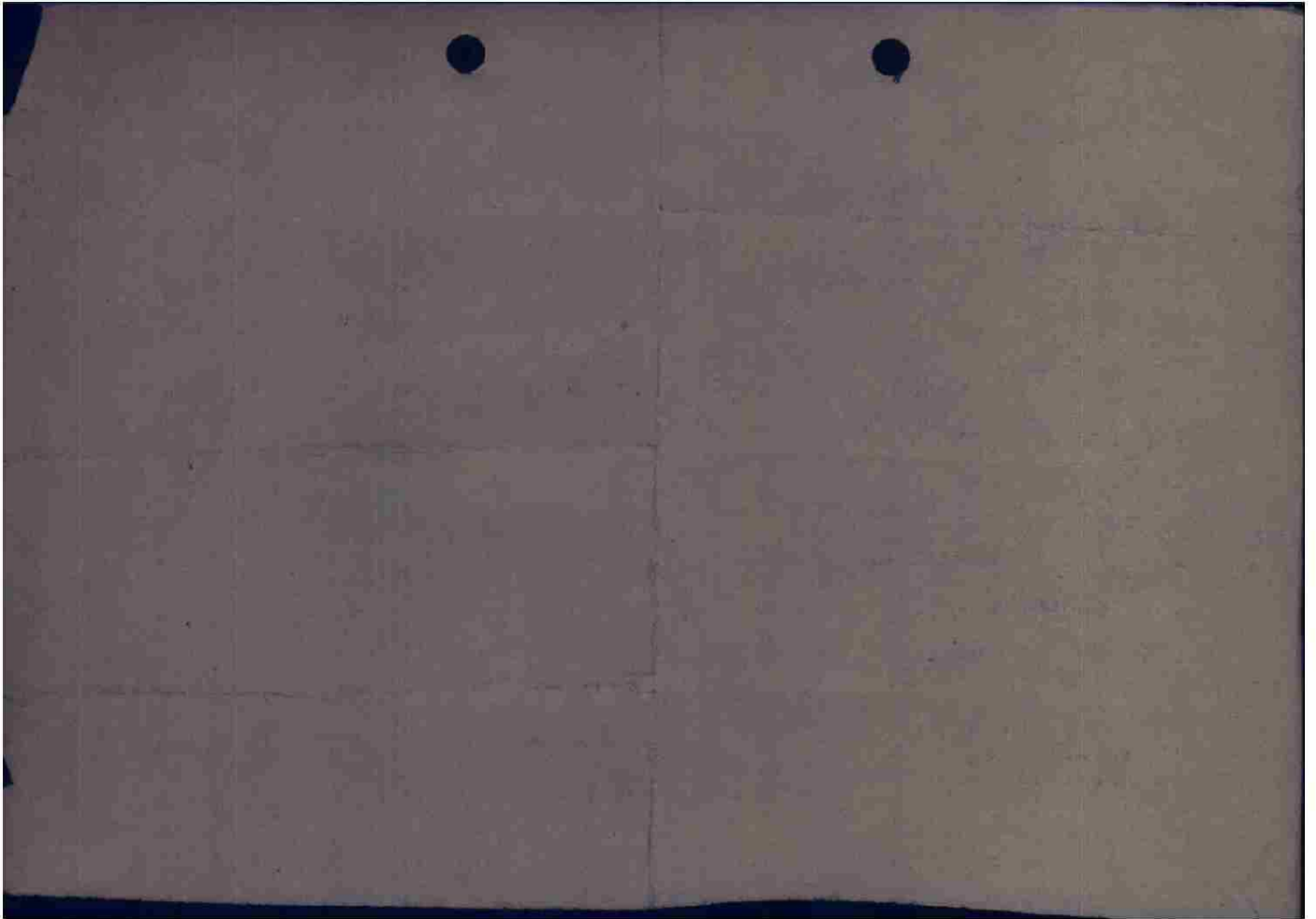
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ITA R.....29/1540A HW AR

JEA R.....29/1542A SS AR

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