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MISSION NO. 207

LOADING LIST  
BOX I  
FLIGHT I

19 FEBRUARY 1945

1. <sup>43-22</sup> 501 W  
Major L.F. Dunn ✓  
Lt. W.S. Brewer ✓  
C Lt. A.H. Malby ✓  
S/S A. Faran ✓

2. <sup>43-22</sup> 499 G  
Capt. R.J. Tutt ✓  
Lt. J.P. Beck ✓  
Sgt. D. Schwartzepel ✓

3. <sup>43-22</sup> 2915 L  
Capt. R.O. Gruetsmacher ✓  
C Lt. J.F. Stankowski ✓  
S/S J.J. Rickteon ✓

4. <sup>41-39</sup> 229 B  
Lt. T.S. Merritt ✓  
C S/S A.C. Basile ✓

5. <sup>43-22</sup> 390 F  
Lt. S.H. Shaley ✓  
C Sgt. A. Kubjalko ✓

6. <sup>41-39</sup> 416 O  
Lt. J.A. Beck ✓  
C Sgt. T.R. Langley ✓

FLIGHT II

1. <sup>43-22</sup> 507 aux Q  
Lt. R.J. Rooney ✓  
Lt. R.L. Kirk ✓  
C Lt. O.R. Koch ✓  
T/S J.F. Goggin ✓

2. <sup>43-22</sup> 469 A  
Lt. W.R. Heinke ✓  
Lt. M.C. McNitt ✓  
C Lt. J.F. Wallace ✓  
S/S G.R. Van Wert ✓

3. <sup>41-39</sup> 224 E  
Lt. E.O. Turner ✓  
C S/S J. Sainkiewicz ✓

4. <sup>41-39</sup> 215 R  
Lt. J.R. Warren ✓  
C S/S G.C. Stroup ✓

5. <sup>41-3</sup> 3015 F  
Lt. M. Errotabere ✓  
C Sgt. E.A. Bowie ✓

6. <sup>41-39</sup> 205 M  
Lt. E.G. Bishop ✓  
C Sgt. L.W. Rudnutt ✓

FLIGHT III

1. <sup>43-22</sup> 498 R  
Lt. J.A. Buckirk ✓  
Lt. R.O. Hanna ✓  
C S/S C.H. Corbitt ✓

2. <sup>41-39</sup> 208 L  
Major G.H. Harris ✓  
C S/S F. Elliott ✓

3. <sup>41-39</sup> 297 T  
Capt. L.J. Sutton ✓  
C S/S D.C. Galliam ✓

4. <sup>41-39</sup> 237 D  
Lt. A. Bemiszewski ✓  
C S/S J.H. Miguez ✓

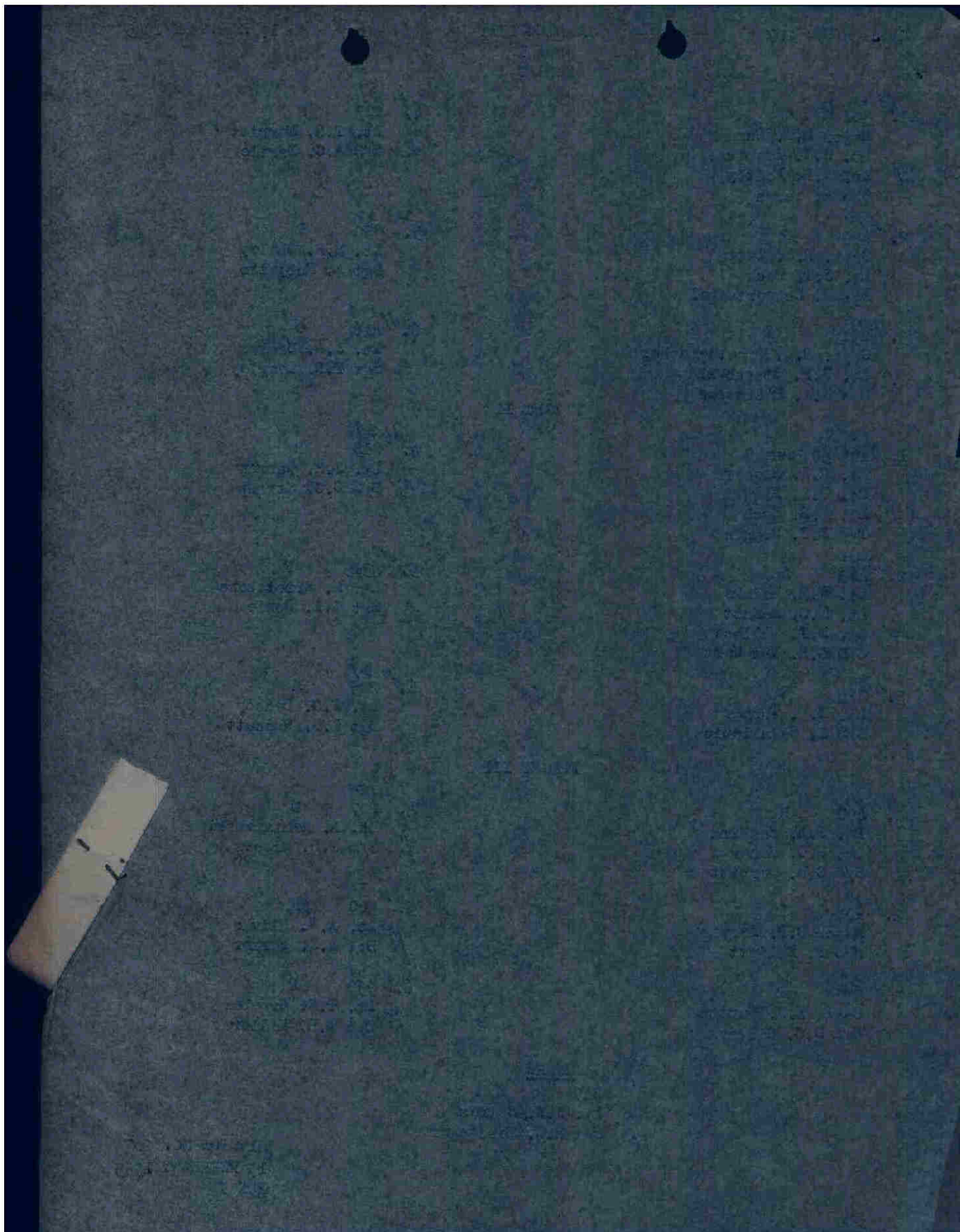
5. <sup>41-39</sup> 300 K  
Lt. A.E. Hivko ✓  
C Sgt. L.J. Zamer ✓

6. <sup>41-39</sup> 332 P  
Lt. T.E. Graeber ✓  
C Sgt. A.H. Miller ✓

<sup>41-39</sup> SPARE  
249 F  
Lt. J.W. Spires ✓  
C Sgt. R.E. Messinger ✓

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MISSION NO. 207

LOADING LIST  
BOX II  
FLIGHT I

19 FEBRUARY 1945

1. <sup>43-39</sup> 521 N  
Lt. Col. J.G. Napier ✓ 560  
Lt. D.W. Moore ✓  
Lt. R.J. McQuade ✓  
S/S R.P. Sharp ✓

2. <sup>43-39</sup> 492 B  
Lt. R.H. Cornell ✓ 500  
Lt. R.E. Emsan ✓  
S/S A. Carter ✓

3. <sup>41-39</sup> 229 B  
Lt. R.W. Van Rope ✓ 650  
S/S D.A. West ✓

4. <sup>41-39</sup> 252 D  
Capt. R.L. Bahlmer ✓ 650  
S/S H.B. McClain ✓

5. <sup>41-39</sup> 241 F  
Lt. C.S. Weinert ✓ 500  
Sgt R. Dubi ✓

6. <sup>41-39</sup> 244 I  
Lt. L.E. Foundstone ✓ 600  
Cpl E.H. Arendt, Jr. ✓

FLIGHT II

1. <sup>43-39</sup> 508 Z  
Capt. C.J. Anderson ✓ 500  
Lt. W. Babbage ✓  
S/S P.G. Euga ✓

2. <sup>41-39</sup> 305 U  
Lt. L.E. Cennen ✓ 500  
S/S J.W. Robinson ✓

3. <sup>41-39</sup> 271 S  
Lt. J.F. Keny ✓ 590  
S/S L.V. Metzler ✓

4. <sup>41-39</sup> 264 I  
Lt. P.E. Parker ✓ 650  
S/S S. Keenan ✓

5. <sup>41-39</sup> 335 W  
Lt. W.W. Annin ✓ 750  
Sgt J.O. Parker ✓

6. <sup>41-39</sup> 213 A  
Lt. J.P. Phillips ✓ 650  
Sgt R.A. Miller ✓

FLIGHT III

1. <sup>43-39</sup> 525 N  
Capt. H.M. Evans ✓ 500  
Lt. L.M. McCartney ✓  
S/S D.W. Jordan ✓

2. <sup>43-39</sup> 321 T  
Lt. R.A. Russell ✓ 675  
Sgt R.P. Windisch ✓

3. <sup>43-39</sup> 381 Q  
Lt. L.J. Frucha ✓ 640  
S/S L.C. Ferguson ✓

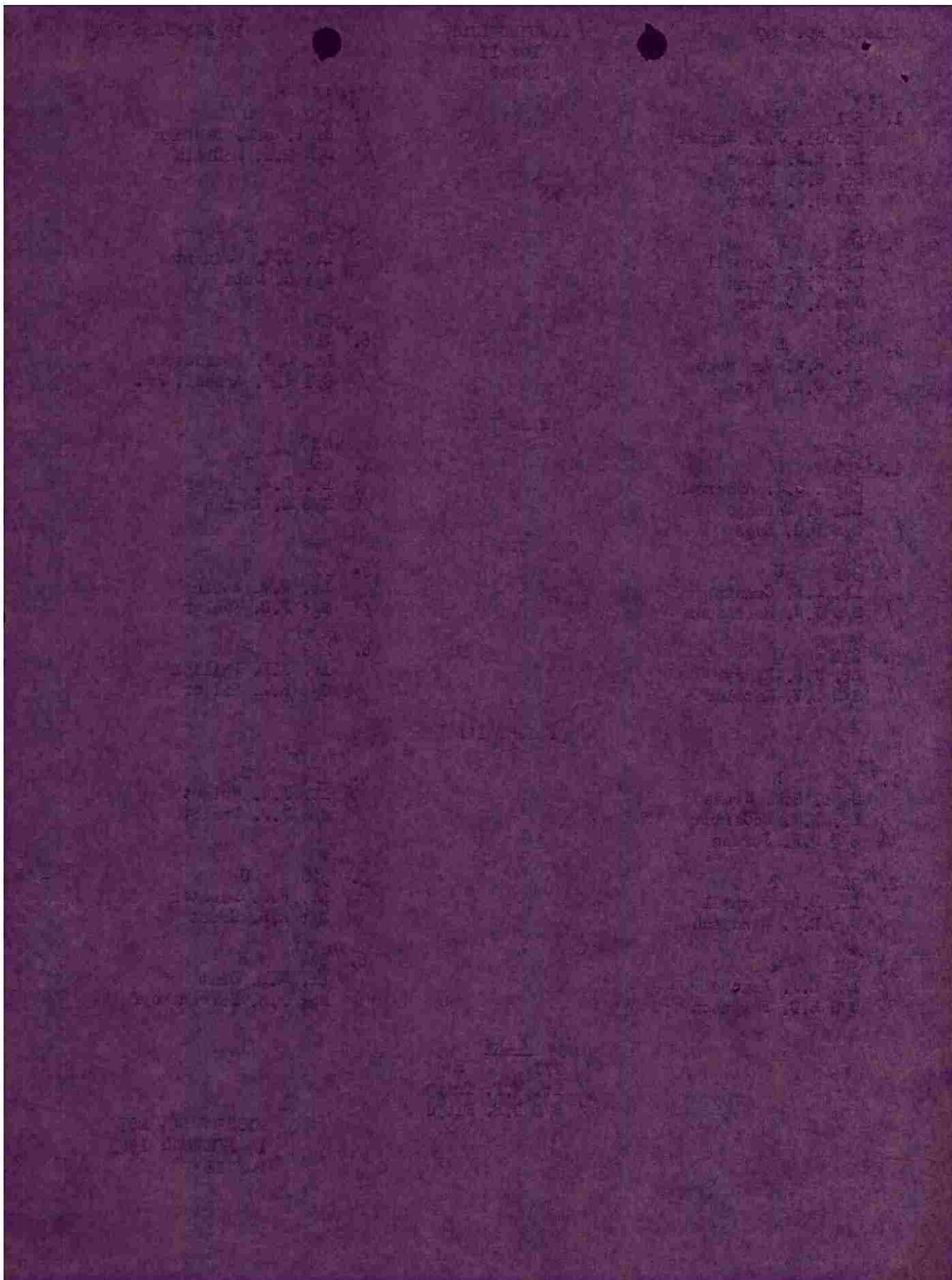
4. <sup>43-39</sup> 354 S  
Lt. J.W. Wright ✓ 600  
S/S P.J. Profitta ✓

5. <sup>41-39</sup> 328 U  
Lt. W.H. Lasater ✓ 650  
Sgt R.M. Gross ✓

6. <sup>41-39</sup> 324 H  
Lt. E.B. Drum ✓ 500  
Sgt J.R. Schwartzkopf ✓

41-39 SPARE  
271 R 550  
Lt. W.F. Tripp ✓  
S/S O.E. Floyd ✓

MISSION NO. 207  
19 FEBRUARY 1945  
BOX II



SECRET  
 AUTH: CG, A-69  
 20 Feb 45  
 INITIAL:

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

R-M-1

APO 140, U.S. Army,  
 20 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 19 February 1945, T.O. 1249, Wiesbaden Ordnance Depot, F.O. 171-755.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 43-22501  
 (Maj L.F. Dunn)

Pilot had to salvo on secondary target when bombs failed to release at primary target.

The left hand bomb door safety switch was faulty and incorrectly adjusted to compensate for binding of plunger.

V. None.

VI. 1 - 3:30 - 550  
 2 - 3:30 - 500  
 3 - 3:30 - 620  
 4 - 3:30 - 630  
 5 - 3:25 - 625  
 6 - 3:30 - 550  
 1 - 3:45 - 620  
 2 - 3:35 - 680  
 3 - 3:35 - 580  
 4 - 3:35 - 575  
 5 - 3:35 - 650  
 6 - 3:35 - 650  
 1 - 3:40 - 800  
 2 - 3:40 - 850  
 3 - 3:40 - 600  
 4 - 3:40 - 675  
 5 - 3:40 - 550  
 6 - 3:40 - 575

1 - 3:35 - 560  
 2 - 3:36 - 500  
 3 - 3:35 - 650  
 4 - 3:40 - 850  
 5 - 3:35 - 520  
 6 - 3:40 - 600  
 1 - 3:40 - 575  
 2 - 3:40 - 575  
 3 - 3:40 - 590  
 4 - 3:40 - 650  
 5 - 3:40 - 750  
 6 - 3:40 - 450  
 1 - 3:40 - 575  
 2 - 3:40 - 675  
 3 - 3:40 - 640  
 4 - 3:40 - 580  
 5 - 3:40 - 650  
 6 - 3:45 - 585

VII. None.

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

*File*  
 FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M), AFHQ: RADAR OFFICER

416 BG F \_\_\_\_\_ S

SECRET

19 FEBRUARY 1945

REPORT ON JAMMING:

JAMMING ON BOTH RHSTES AND HURR GEE CHAINS WAS REPORTED. IT WAS OF RAILING TYPE WITH ABOUT 25 SIGNALS ON A "MAIN TIAN BASE" SWEEP. IT WAS FIRST NOTICED AT REINFIELD AT ABOUT 1420 HRS ON THE ROUTE IN AND WAS NOT LOST UNTIL ABOUT 1505 HRS AT ST. LITTON ON THE ROUTE OUT. SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT WAS REPORTED ON X, Y, AND Z POSITIONS OF THE ANTLJAM SWITCH, ACCORDING TO INDIVIDUAL OPINION.

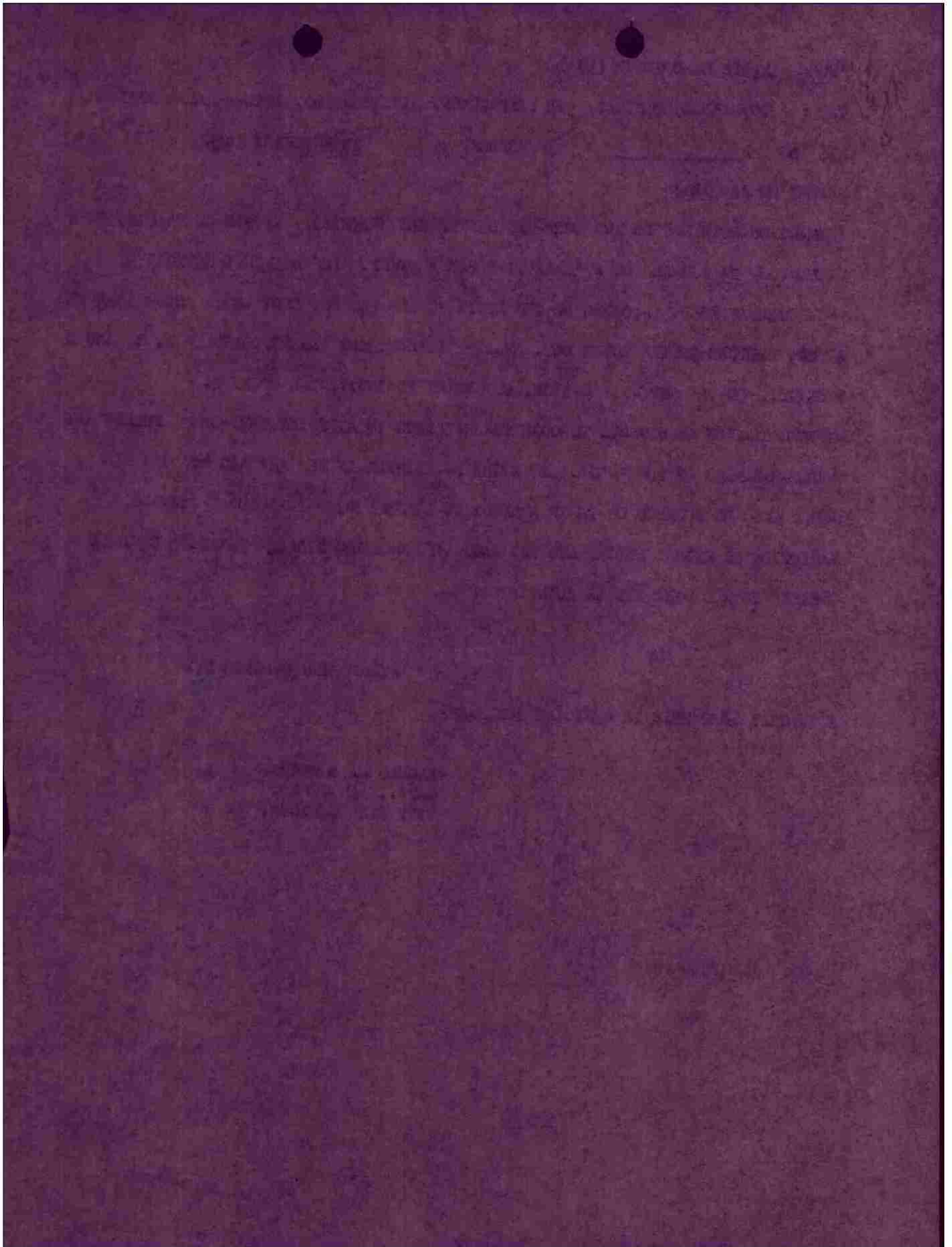
IDENTIFICATION OF SIGNALS THROUGH THE RAILINGS IS AIDED BY THE "GHOST PULSE" AND DOUBLE SIGNALS OF THE "D'S". IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IF THE "B" AND "C" SIGNALS COULD ALSO BE DOUBLED ON THEIR RESPECTIVE LINES DURING PERIODS OF JAMMING. VARIATION OF SIGNAL HEIGHT AND THE FACT THAT JAMMING SIGNALS ARE LESS CLEARLY DEFINED IS A SLIGHT AID IN IDENTIFICATION.

AYLESWORTH CORONER 416

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS;

HAROLD L. SOMMERS,  
 CAPT., AIR CORPS,  
 DUTY CORP OFFICER.





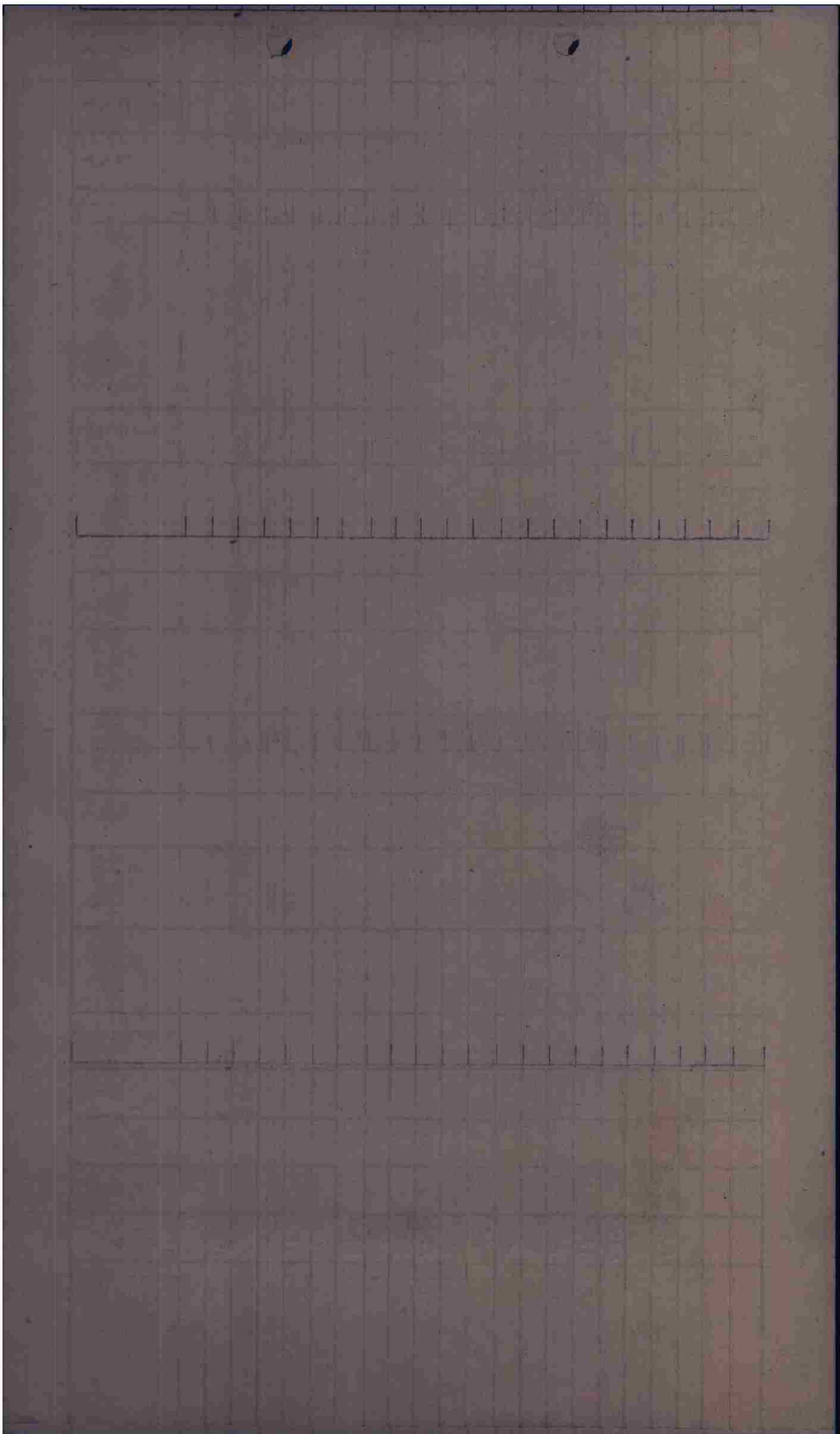
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Box I

19 Feb. 1945

S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST FN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U L L A. D.	B O M B A D.	E N D U R	L A N D I N G	R E M A R K S
C	W	501	Dunn			1249										1618	3130
D	Q	499	Jett			1249										1619	3130
C	L	2315	Bruckman			1249										1619	3130
<del>C</del>	B	223	Merritt			1250										1620	3130
<del>C</del>	P	330	Shelby			1250										1619	
C	O	416	Cook			1250										1628	
C	Q	507	Rosney			1251										1631	3145
C	A	469	Heinke			1251										1626	3135
C	E	224	Jarman, E. O.			1252										1627	3135
C	R	215	Warren			1252										1628	3135
C	F	915	Christiane			1253										1628	3135
C	M	205	Beckley			1253										1628	3135
D	R	498	Brubick			1253										1630	3140
D	L	208	Ferrie			1254										1631	3140
D	T	297	Lutten			1254										1631	3140
<del>D</del>	D	237	Remigowski			1255										1632	3140
D	K	300	Heinke			1255										1632	3140
D	P	332	Brubick			1255										1632	3140
D	F	249	Spivey			1256										1630	3135

Returned early - empty blue spot.



PRIORITY

FROM: 116TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : C.O. 1ST PROVISIONAL PATHFINDER SQUADRON  
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)  
97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING (L)

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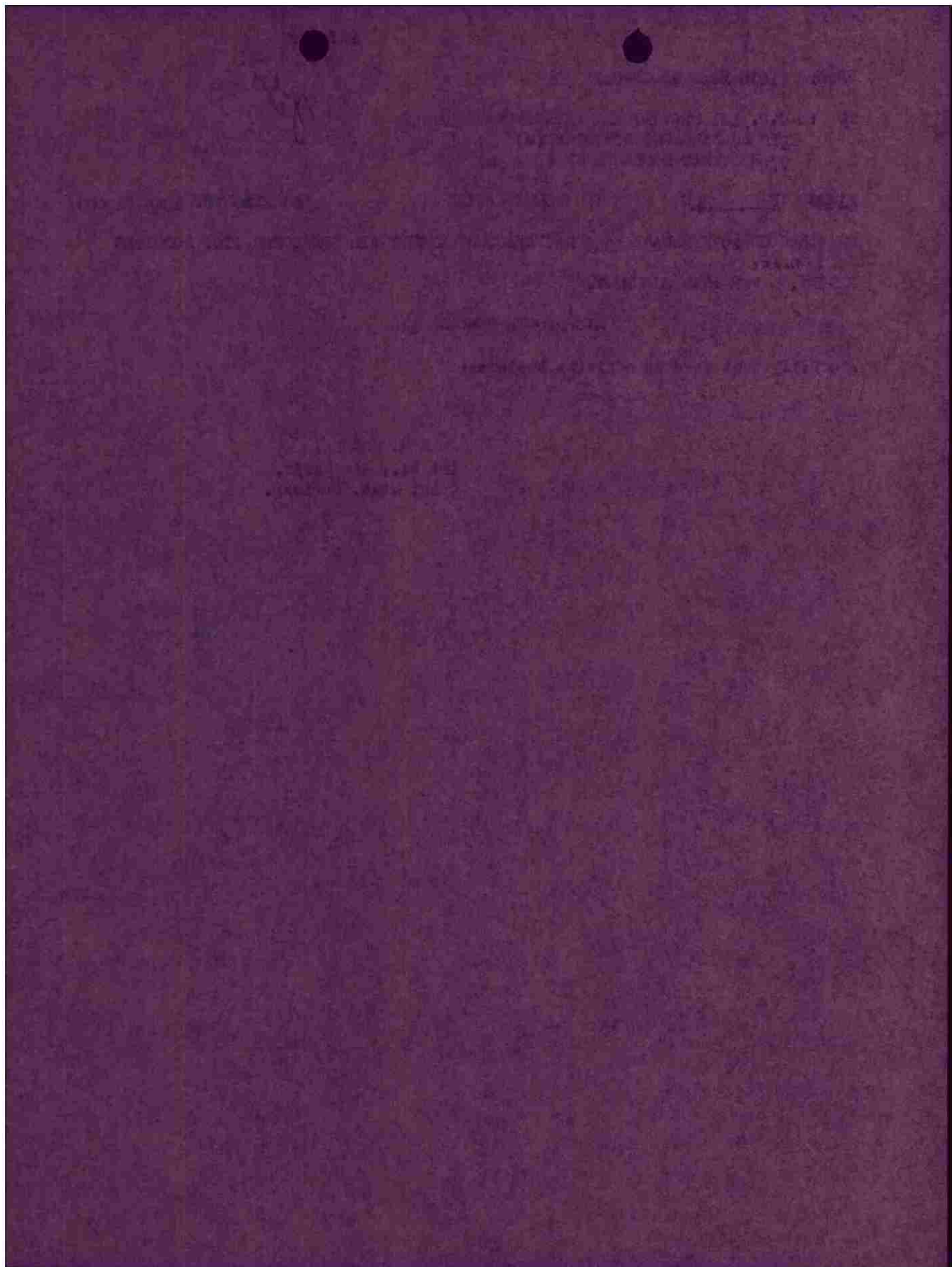
20 FEBRUARY 1945 (1000)

PEF LEAD ON 19 FEBRUARY 1945 SATISFACTORY EXCEPT AIR SPEED ERRATIC, POSSIBLE  
*Source*  
ENGINE ON PEF LEAD AIRCRAFT.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

JOHN M. BOWRA,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Ops. Stab. Officer.



POST MISSION REPORT

MISSION NO. 207

DATE 19 Feb 1945

1. NUMBER OF MEN WOUNDED:

*None*

2. BOMBING MALFUNCTIONS:

*Maj Dunn - 501 - Sq. C. - Could not release on primary. Faulty Bomb Door Safety Switch and faulty adjustment. Dropped OK on Primary*  
*None*

3. OTHER MALFUNCTIONS:

*None*

4. DAMAGE DONE:

*None*

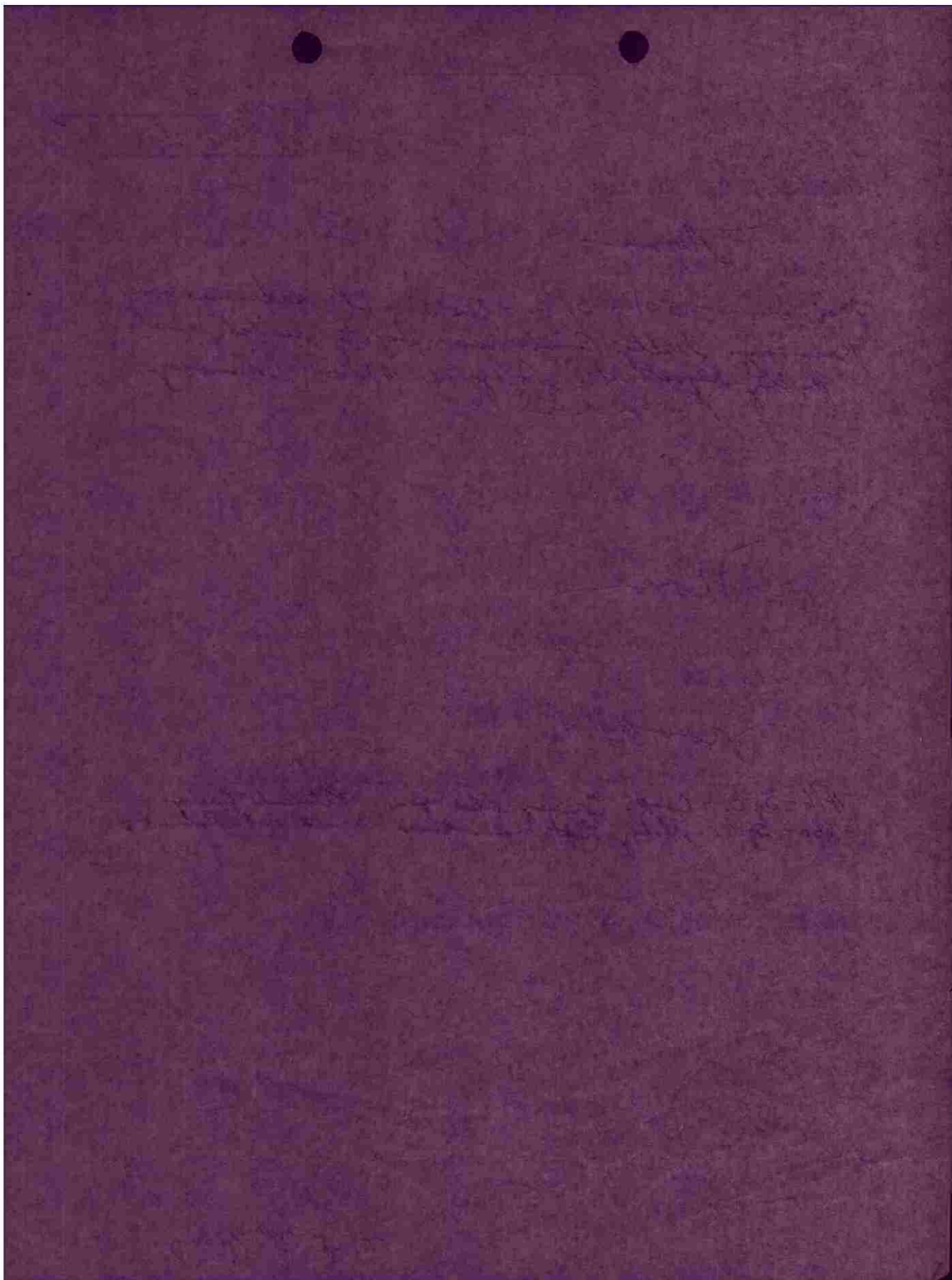
5. PLANES FAILING TO BECOME AIRBORNE OR RETURNING EARLY:

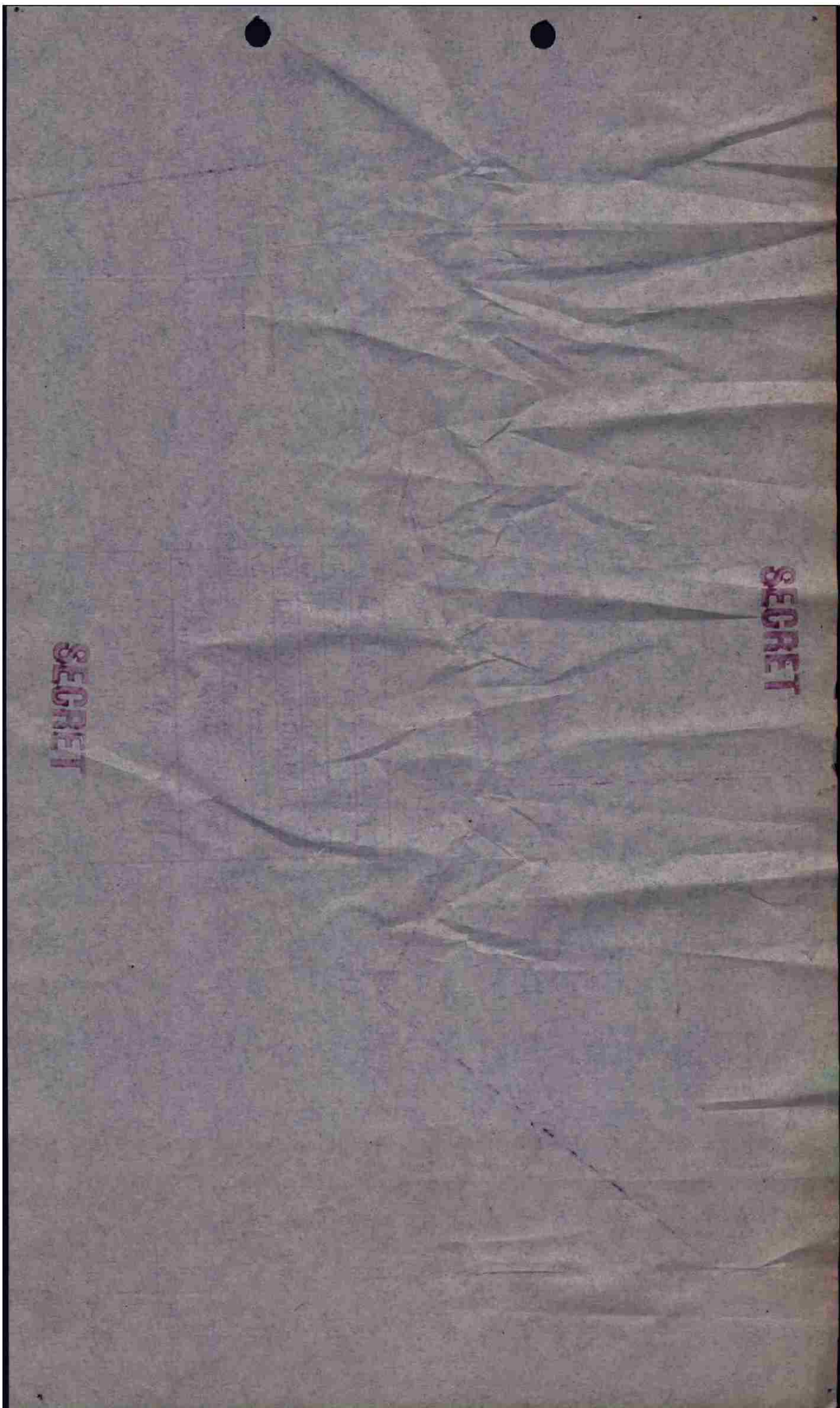
*416 - Sq. C. - Cook. Canopy blew open - Returned Early.  
330 - Sq. C. - Shley. Left main door would not retract.*

B. PLANES LOST OR LANDING AWAY FROM BASE:

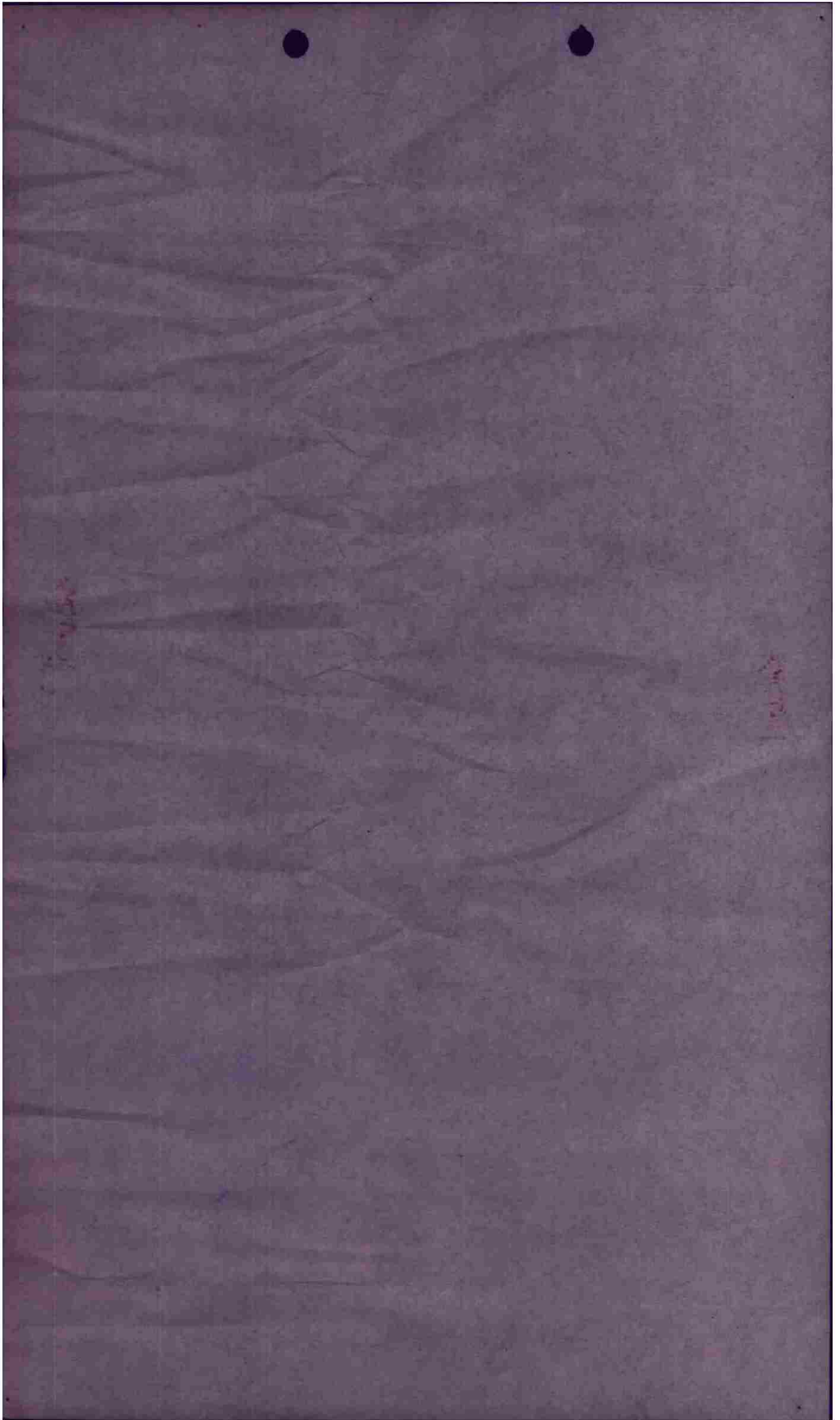
*None*

*W. C. Young*









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FROM 416 BOMB GROUP 19/1830A  
TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIV. (M) ATT: A-2  
CG, 97TH COMBAT WING 2 "

BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416BG FAX-103-D OFFLASH FOR 19 FEB. 1945.

- A. 416 BOMB GROUP
- B. WEISBADEN ORDNANCE DEPOT (M-345636)
- C. 36 A-26'S
- D. 35 A-26'S ATTACKED PRIMARY DROPPING ON PPF A/C  
1 A-26 SALVOD ON BRIEFED SECONDARY (NASTATTEN M-292784)  
ON GEE RUN (GEE COORDINATES RUMB CHAIN : 6.02-32.22) AFTER  
BOMB RELEASE MALFUNCTION OVER PRIMARY.
- E. NIL
- F. 100 X 1000 GP ON PRIMARY  
4 X 1000 GP ON SECONDARY (NASTATTEN)
- G. UNOBSERVED DUE TO CLOUD COVER
- H. NIL
- I. NIL
- J. TARGET : WEAK INACCURATE HFF ON TURN OFF PRIMARY  
ELSEWHERE : WEAK INACCUARTE HFF BETWEEN BADEN AND ST. LITGIN  
(L-190568 - L-349581)
- K. NIL
- L. PRIMARY 11,000 - 13,500 SECONDARY 12,700
- M. PRIMARY 1513 SECONDARY 1517

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BT 19/1830A

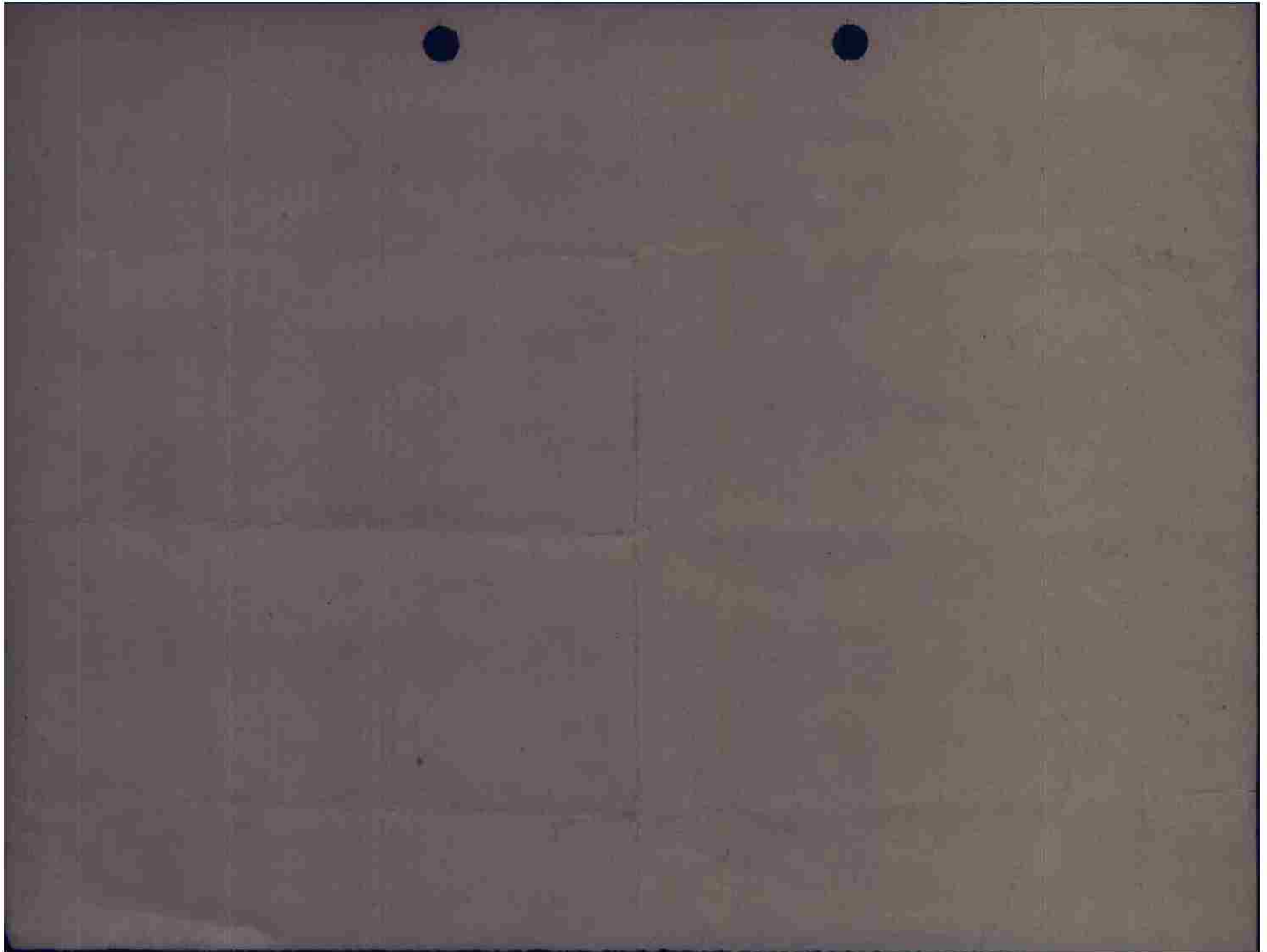
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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 18/2330A  
 TO : COMBODIV NINE  
 COBONGPS 409, 416  
 1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

FX 297  
 S-2  
 S-3

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

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT 2 FIELD ORDER 171-753

PLAN "A"

1. TARGET: LAGE RAILWAY BRIDGE (B-717782). FOR DESCRIPTION OF TARGET SEE XXIX T A C T/196, AND LETTER, REGISTRY NO. 64 AND APPENDIX "A".
2. THIS BRIDGE IS ON A SECONDARY RAILROAD LINE RUNNING S W FROM HANNOVER TO THE RUHR. THIS ATTACK IS PART OF A COORDINATED PLAN OF RAIL INTERDICTION WITH THE PURPOSE OF ISOLATING THE NORTHERN PART OF THE WESTERN FRONT.

3. PHOTO COVERAGE:

----- 106G/575 PRINT NO. 4874 AND 4875.  
 7/2136 PRINT NO. 8031  
 XXIX T A C T/196

MAP COVERAGE:

----- GSGS 4414 SHEET A218  
 GSGS 4416 SHEET P-3

4. FLAK: SEE PLOTTED POSITIONS. STAY MIDWAY BETWEEN MUNSTER AND HAMM.

PLAN "A-1" - PRIMARY  
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1. TARGET: NDR. SCHELD RAILWAY BRIDGE (C-39853598)  
 SEE LETTER, REGISTRY NO. 64 AND APPENDIX "A".

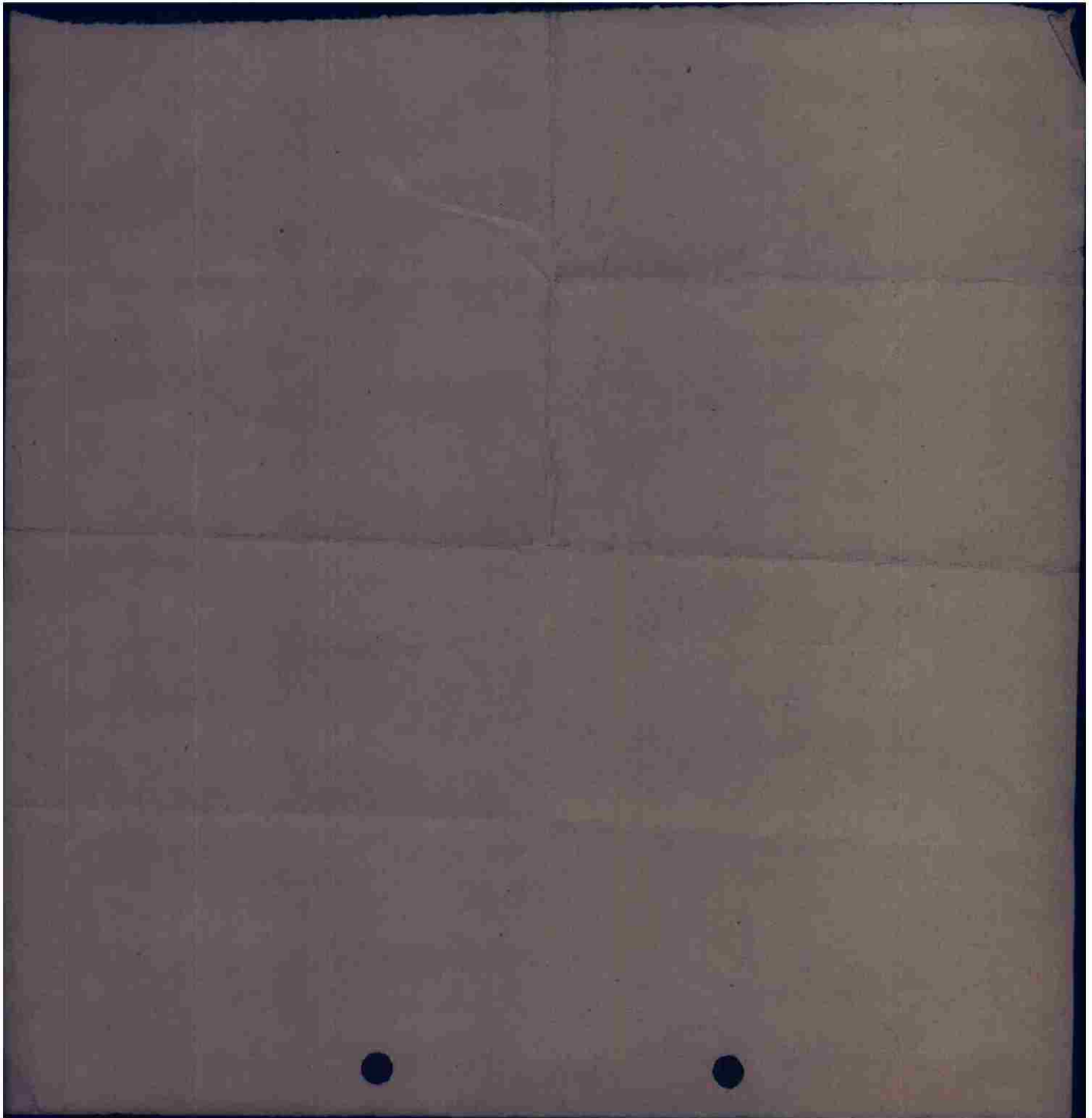
2. LAST SENTENCE OF PAR. 2, PLAN "A".

3. PHOTO COVERAGE:

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4. FLAK: SEE PLOTTED POSITIONS:

PLAN "A-1 - SECONDARY

1. TARGET: FREILINGEN ROAD JUNCTION (G-27001785)  
THIS TOWN IS ON THE MAIN LATERAL HIGHWAY JUST EAST OF THE  
RHINE RIVER.

2. PHOTO COVERAGE:  
----- MOSAIC NUMBER 38 SHEET NO. 27

MAP COVERAGE:  
----- GSGS 4414 SHEET 5412 AND 5413

PLAN "B"

1. TARGET: WIESBADEN ORDNANCE DEPOT (M-345636) SEE INFORMATION SHEET  
ON TARGET G N 5822 AND 5008E/5915/F/3.

2. THIS TARGET IS A SECONDARY TYPE DEPOT OR BRANCH DEPOT, AND IS  
IMPORTANT SINCE IT IS NEAR THE FRONT. THIS DEPOT PROBABLY HAS  
FACILITIES FOR THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF M/T.

3. PHOTO COVERAGE:  
----- 3 (K) 47/3 AND 4.  
G (D) (VI) 193/1  
5008E/5915/1  
US 13/2611 PRINT NO. 3825, 3827, 4037, 4034.

MAP COVERAGE:  
----- GSGS 4414 SHEET 5915.

4. FLAK: SEE PLOTTED POSITIONS.

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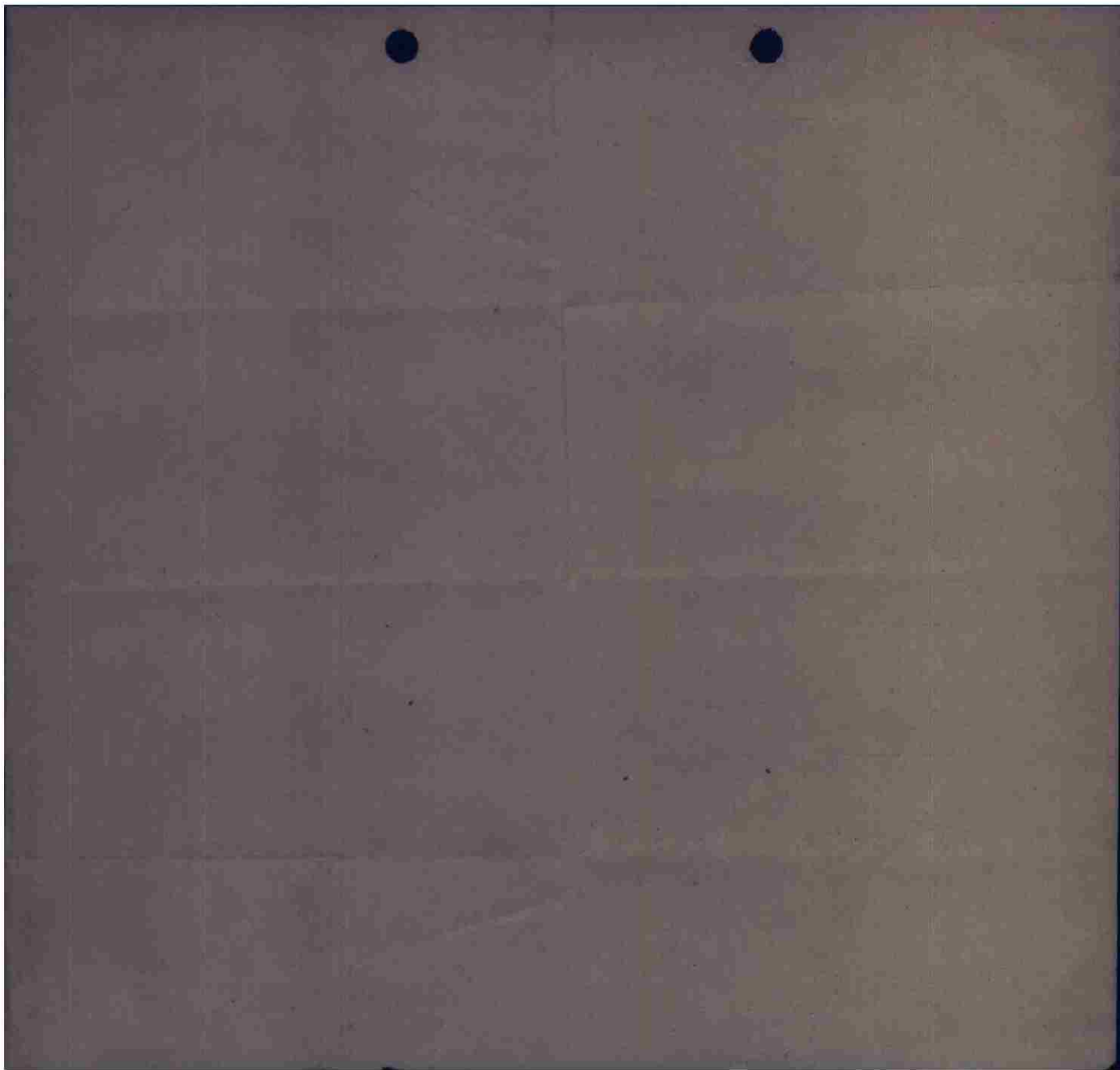
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OIIITA R. . . . . 19/0157A MD AR  
OIJES R. . . . . 19/0157A US AR  
OIJKI R. . . . . 19/0157A WFG AR

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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 18/2300A  
TO : COMBODIV NINE  
BOMB GROUPS 489, 418, 416  
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

FX 299

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
A P O 148  
18 FEBRUARY 1945

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0375  
2/19/45

F-154-E

FIELD ORDER NO. 171-753

MAPS: NORMAL

- 1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE
- (2) THE IX T A C WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT AND AREA COVER FOR TARGET "B-717702" ON PLAN "A."
- 19 T A C WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT ON TARGETS M-345636 AND G-393359.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR: PLAN "A" 18/1200A  
ZERO HOUR: PLAN "B" 18/1200A 1400 W-2

PLAN "A"

- 3. A. 489TH BOMB GROUP:
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-4318 AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 90 MIN. AT 12,000 FEET.

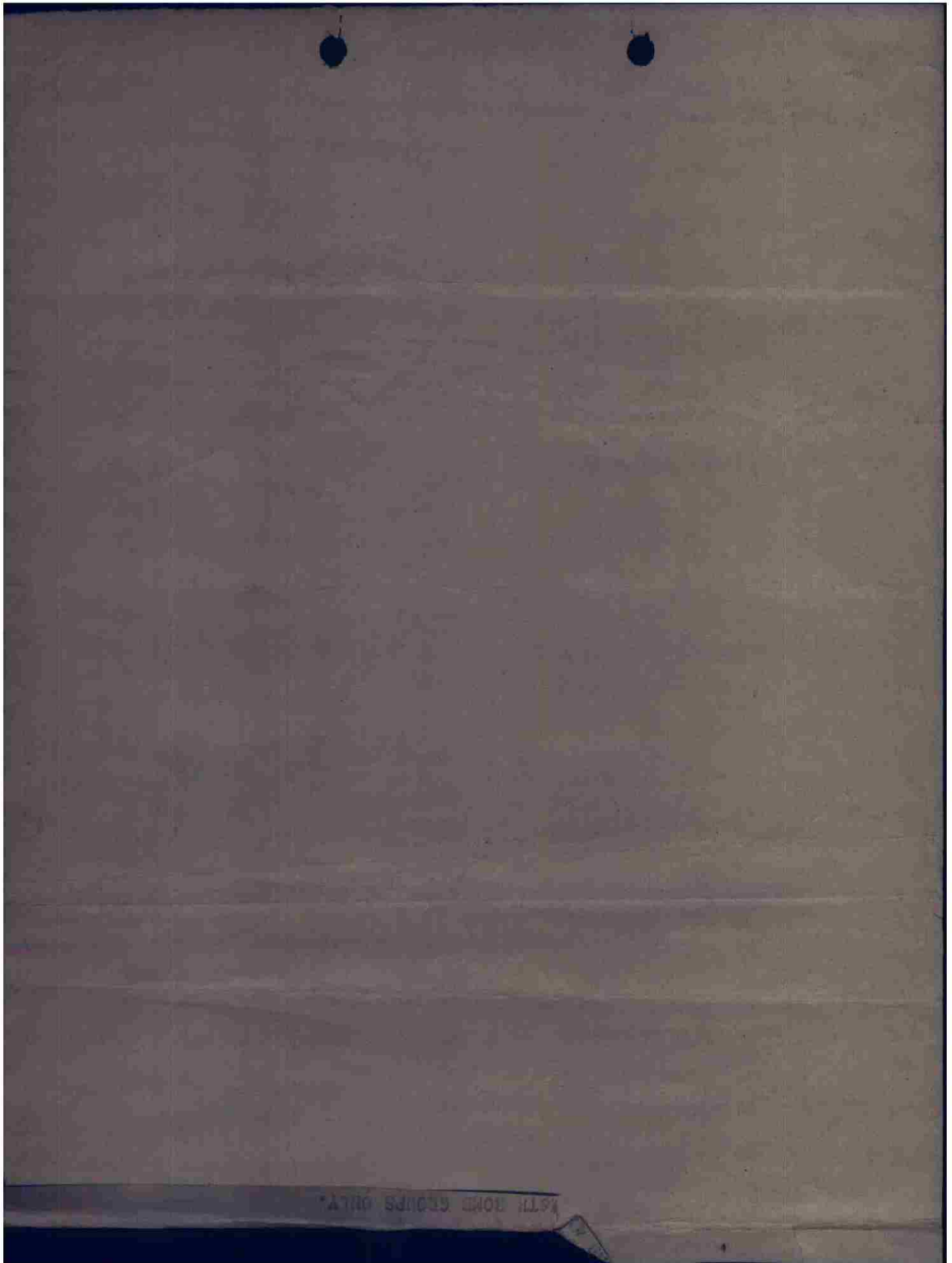
- 3. B. 418TH BOMB GROUP:
- (1) HECHERNICH MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR DEPOT F-223218.
- (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
- (4) BASE TO K-7905 TO I P TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R P AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB 9,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS BUT NOT BELOW 6,000 FEET.
- (7) K-9519
- (8) GEN. V TO E.
- (9) MPI: GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 5409. GRID. COORD.: 223218.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G P FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) K-7905
- (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR.
- (13) IN THE EVENT PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED BY VISUAL MEANS, GROUP WILL SELECT AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45)
- (14) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL ATTEMPT TO NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE.

- 3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-4318 AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 70 MIN. AT 12,000 FEET.

X. (1) - (3) NO CHANGE:

489TH AND 418TH BOMB GROUPS ONLY.





- (4) A-71, A-92, B-78, B-88, AND B-89 WILL BE USED IN EXTREME EMERGENCY FOR REFUELING AND LANDING.
- (5) TARGET: LAGE R.P. BRIDGE B-717782.
- (6) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES OF 12 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
- (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO F/R (E-4318) TO E-7193 TO E-9855 TO A-1372 TO A-4873 TO A-6860 TO B-2857 TO I P TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO H P TO B-2982 TO B-2857 AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (9) ALTITUDES: BOMB 5,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS BUT NOT BELOW 6,000 FEET. CLIMB 1,000 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
- (10) I P: B-5752.
- (11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GEN. S W TO N E.
- (12) M.P.I. GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4818. GRID. COORD.: 71727825 (CENTER OF BRIDGE)  
INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
- (13) BOMB LOAD AND FUSING: 4 X 1,000 LB. G P FUSED 1/18 SEC. NOSE, NON-DELAY TAIL.
- (14) R P: B-5899.
- (15) IN THE EVENT PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED BY VISUAL MEANS, THE GROUPS WILL ATTACK THE PRIMARY TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:  
A. GEE  
B. TARGET E T A.
- (16) GROUP WILL SELECT AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45).
- (17) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL ATTEMPT TO NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE ON THE ROUTE.

## PLAN "A-1"

## 3. A. 489TH GROUP.

- (2) 1 BOX 12 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
- (3) WITH 1 BOX OF 416TH GROUP AT 9-919. (TIME AND ALTITUDE TO BE COORDINATED BY 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ) 489TH GROUP WILL LEAD FORMATION. WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8413 AT ZERO PLUS 20 MIN. AT 12,000 FT

## C. 416TH GROUP.

- (2) 1 BOX 12 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
- (3) WITH 1 BOX OF 489TH GROUP AT 9-919. (TIME AND ALTITUDE TO BE COORDINATED BY 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING) 416TH GROUP WILL LEAD FORMATION. WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8413 AT ZERO PLUS 20 MIN AT 12,000 FT.

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

FOR THE 489TH AND 416TH GROUPS.

- (5) TARGET: NDR. SCHELD R.P. BRIDGE (G398359)
- (6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO BOMB-RNDV. TO P-8413 TO L-3821 TO L-3359 TO L-6264 TO M-8981 TO G-8718 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE
- (8) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS BUT NOT BELOW 6,000 FEET.
- (9) I.P.: G-2324
- (10) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SW TO NE
- (11) M.P.I. GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 5215. GRID COORD: 39853598 (CENTER OF BRIDGE)  
INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
- (12) BOMB LOAD AND FUSING: 4 X 1,000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/18 SEC NOSE, NON-DELAY TAIL.
- (13) R.P. : G-2324
- (14) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED BY VISUAL MEANS, THE GROUPS WILL BOMB THE PRIMARY TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:  
A. GEE  
B. TARGET E.T.A.
- (15) ALTERNATE TARGET: FREILINGEN (G-878178)  
M.P.I. 8781785

## PLAN "B"

## 3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8413 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 26 MIN. WITH PPF A/C OVER THE BASE
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 26 MIN.

## B. 418TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) MECHERNICH MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR DEPOT (F-223210)
- (2) 2 BOXES IF 10 A/C BOMBING ON 1 PPF A/C
- (3) WITH PPF A/C OVER THE BASE
- (4) BASE TO K-7135 TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO K-7985 TO BASE
- (6) BOMB: 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL 8,000 FEET.
- (9) M.P.I. GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 5405. GRID COORD 223210 TO BE USED ONLY IF BOMBING IS VISUAL. PPF M.P.I. GRID COORD: 223210
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/100 SEC TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MINUTES
- (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT TARGET, BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUP WILL BOMB BY FLIGHTS AND WILL USE K-9519 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE TARGET, AND PPF EQUIPMENT FAILS, GROUP WILL ATTACK AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV CYPHER F-56-E (9-2-45)
- (14) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL ATTEMPT TO NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE

## C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8413 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 16 MIN. WITH PPF A/C OVER THE BASE
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 16 MIN.

## K. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.

FOR 409TH AND 418TH GROUPS ONLY.

- (5) TARGET: HELSDRANEN ORDNANCE DEPOT (N-344635)
- (6) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES OF 10 BOMBING IN ONE PPF A/C
- (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO P-8413 TO L-3821 TO L-3358 TO L-5264 TO M-751 TO C-2712 TO G-4516 TO G-6825 TO TARGET
- (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO M-751 AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (9) ALTITUDES: BOMB 13,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL 8,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS
- (10) M.P.I.: ILL. 3 (K) 47/4 TWO FLIGHTS EACH GROUP ON REF. 33538325 AND 4 FLIGHTS EACH GROUP ON REF. 33538325. TO BE USED ONLY IF BOMBING IS VISUAL. PPF M.P.I. GRID COORD 34456362 INTERVALOMETER SETTING 70 FEET
- (11) BOMBS: 4 X 1,000 G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC NOSE, 1/100 SEC TAIL
- (12) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST, 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. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUPS WILL BOMB BY FLIGHTS AND USE M-4 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY: 4576
  - A. PPF
  - B. GROUP CEE
  - C. TARGET E.T.A.
- (13) GROUP WILL SELECT AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV CYPHER F-56-E (9-2-45)

A. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

PLAN "A"

A. 41ST BOMB GROUP. (717722)

- (2) COTTON
- (3) BYPASS

B. 41ST BOMB GROUP. (717722)

- (2) BLIZZARD
- (4) SWEEPSTAKES
- (11) LEADER WILL CALL WELLFED 15 MIN. BEFORE TROOP LINE STATING TIME AHEAD OF OR BEHIND SCHEDULE AND AGAIN CALL UPON LEAVING TARGET ADVISING COMPLETION OF OPERATIONS.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP. (171111)

- (2) VISION
- (3) CABMAN

PLAN "A-1"

A. 41ST AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS. (298359)

- (2) GENTRY
- (3) SKIPPER
- (4) RIPSAW
- (11) C/S AND FIRST BOX COLOR WILL BE USED BY 41ST. C/S AND SECOND BOX COLOR WILL BE USED BY 416TH.

PLAN "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP. (345636)

- (2) FISLOCK
- (4) PRODUCT
- (4) RIPSAW

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP. (201636)

- (2) BLIZZARD
- (4) SWEEPSTAKES

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP. (201636)

- (2) GIRCLE
- (3) REDBROWN
- (4) RIPSAW

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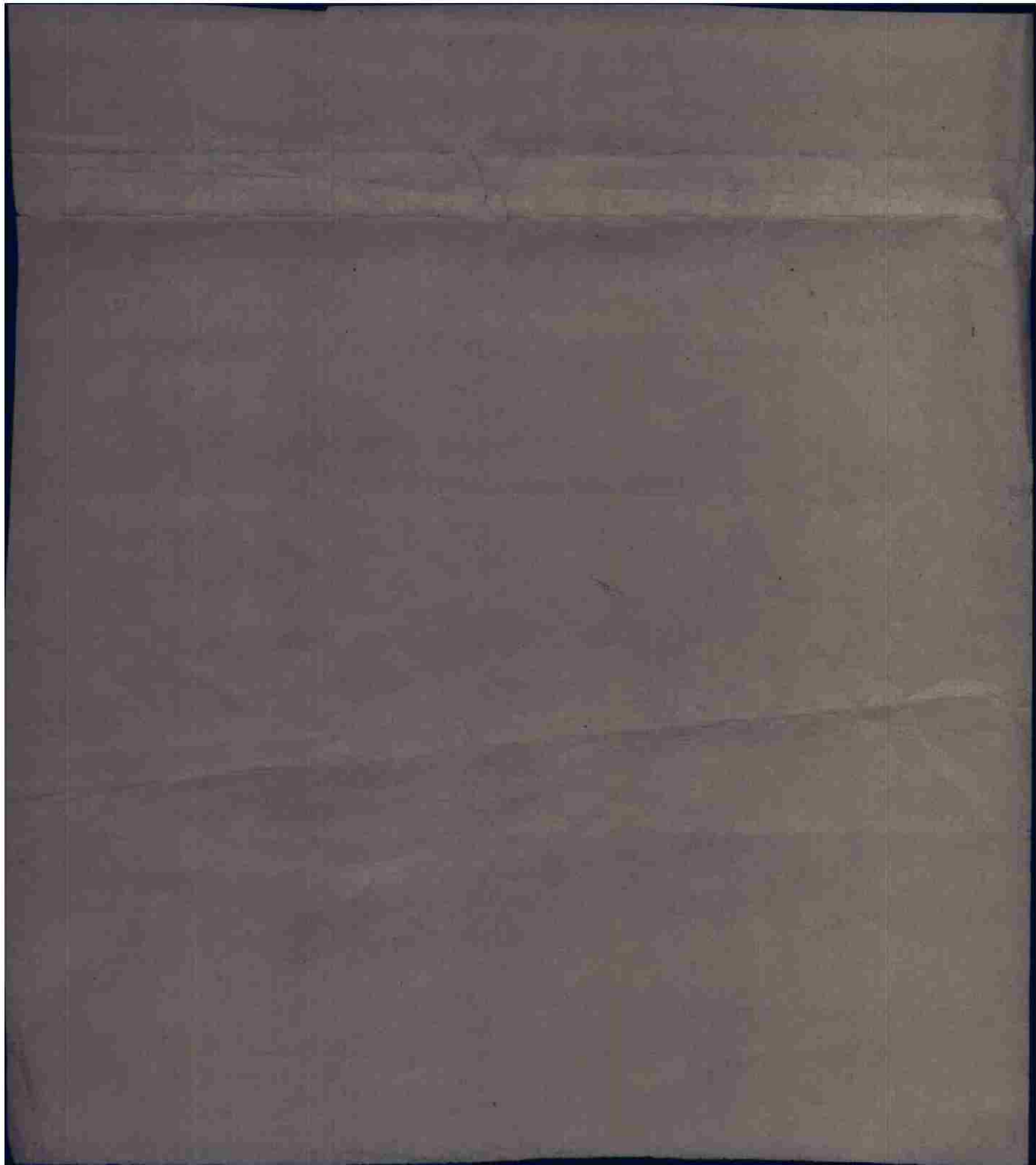
- (11) 416TH BOMB GROUP ON NON-OPERATIONAL FLIGHTS WILL USE ONLY LAST OF A LOTTER CALL SIGNS.

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TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFF.  
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CONFIDENTIAL 416BG FAX-102-J

A - YS - K 35  
B - 19 FEBRUARY 1945 (1301-1602)  
C-- N-MAN AND W-WILLIAM REPORTED TO DIVISION OPS COMPLETED AFTER  
LEAVING TARGET AREA.

D - PPF MISSION

E - NONE

F - NONE

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J - NONE

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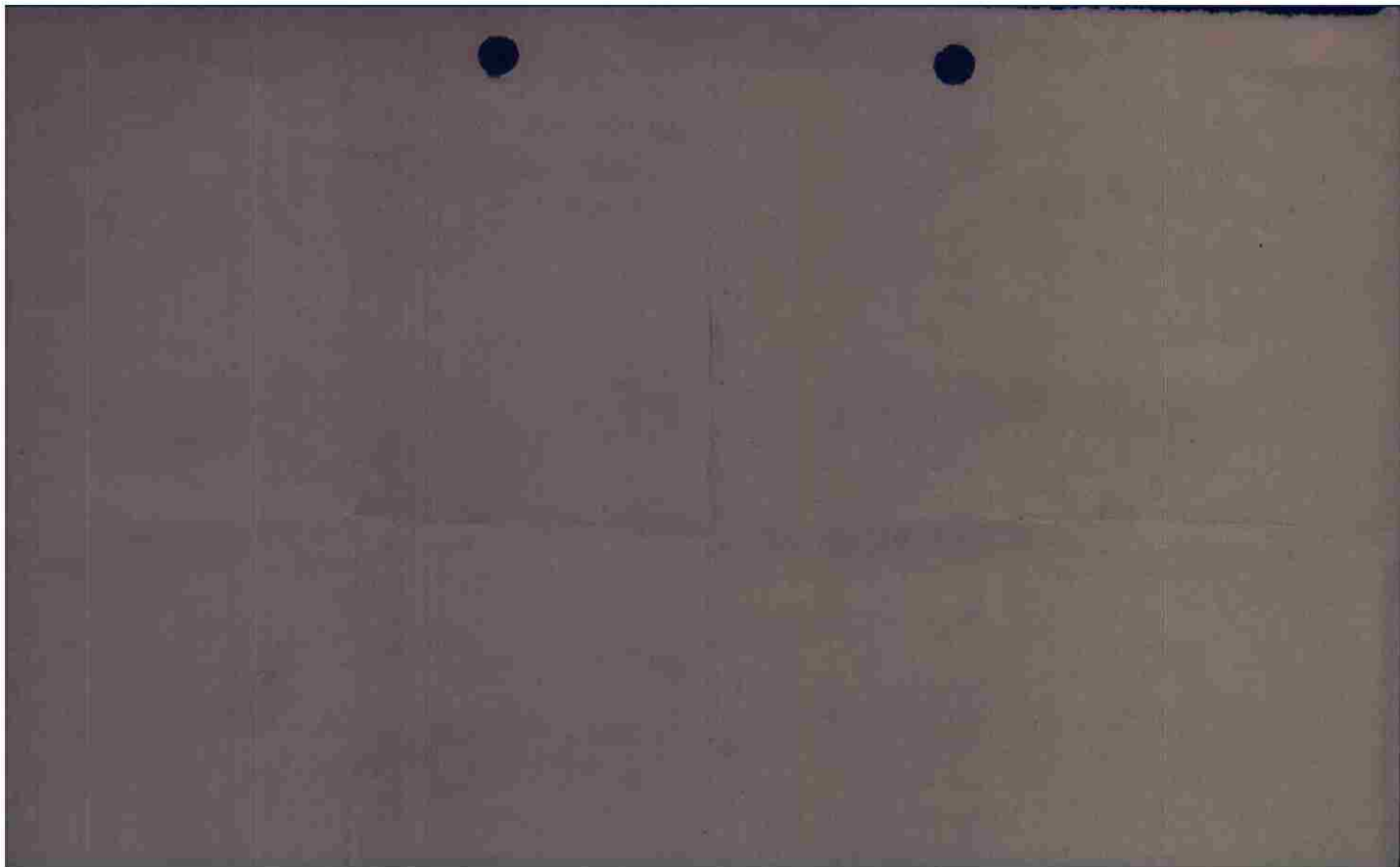
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 19/0715A  
TO COMBOMDIV IX  
COBOMGP 409  
COBOMGP 410  
COBOMGP 416  
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

*FX 275*

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

97CBW F-155-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
A P O 140  
19 FEBRUARY 1945

ANNEX NO. 1. TO FIELD ORDER NO. 171-753:

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ZERO HOUR: PLAN "B" 19/1400A.

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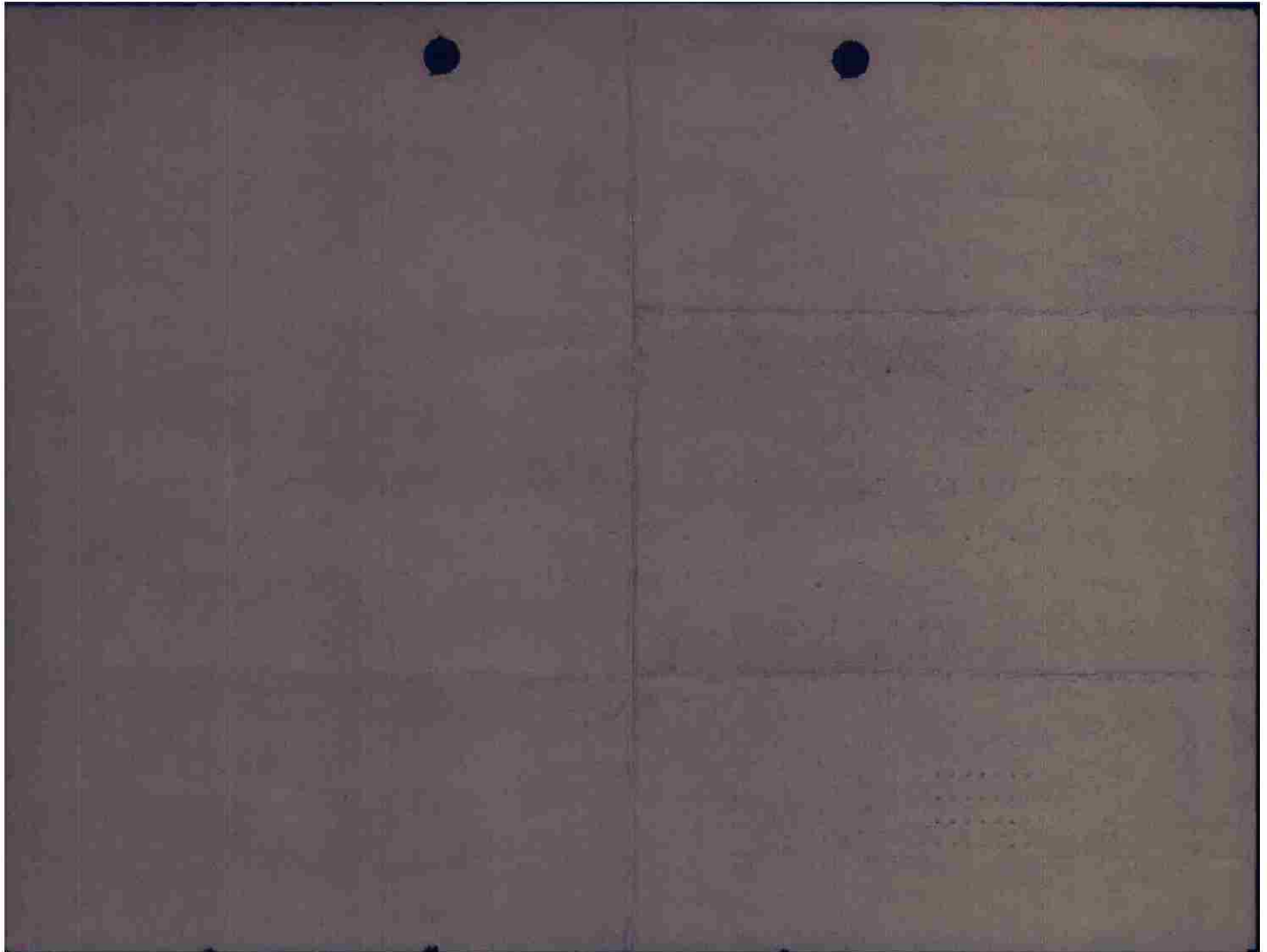
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FROM 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION 190430A  
TO 97, 98, 99 WINGS, 1ST PATHFINDER SQDN.  
9TH WEATHER RECON. SQDN.  
9 AF (ADV),  
9 AF MAIN. ATTN: DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH  
9, 19, 29 TACS  
2ND TAF MAIN

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY  
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19 FEBRUARY 1945

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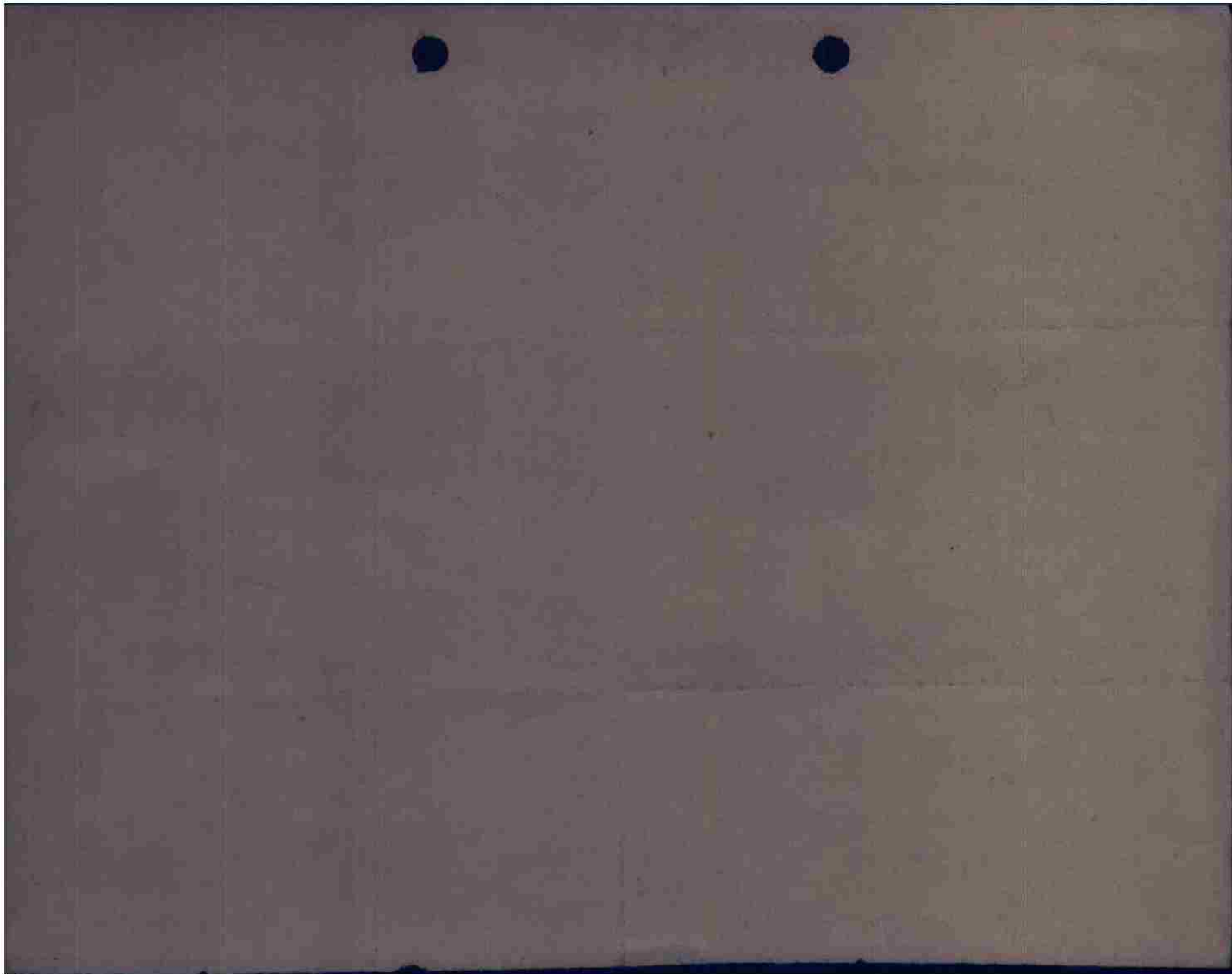
CANCEL PLAN "A". PLAN "B" IN EFFECT.

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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 15/2230A  
TO : IX BOMBER DIV.  
489TH BOMB GROUP.  
416TH BOMB GROUP.  
416TH BOMB GROUP.

ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER:  
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ADVANCED INFORMATION COPY OF PARA. 5 (COMMUNICATIONS) OF F.O. TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

PLAN "A"

A. 489TH BOMB GROUP. (717702)  
(2) COTTON  
(3) BYPASS

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP. (223210)  
(2) BLIZZARD  
(4) SWEEPSTAKES

(11) LEADER WILL CALL WELLBEF 15 MIN. BEFORE TROOP LINE STATING TIME AHEAD OF OR BEHIND SCHEDULE AND AGAIN CALL UPON LEAVING TARGET ADVISING COMPLETION OF OPERATIONS.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP. (717702)  
(2) VISION  
(3) CABMAN

PLAN "A-1"

A. 489TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS. (398359)  
(2) GENTRY  
(3) SKIPPER  
(4) RIPSAN

(11) C/S AND FIRST BOX COLOR WILL BE USED BY 489TH. C/S AND SECOND BOX COLOR WILL BE USED BY 416TH.

PLAN "B"

A. 489TH BOMB GROUP. (345636)  
(2) FISLOCK  
(3) PRODUCT  
(4) RIPSAN

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP. (223210)  
(2) BLIZZARD  
(4) SWEEPSTAKES

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP. (345636)  
(2) CIRCLE  
(3) REDBROWN  
(4) RIPSAN

X. GENERAL INFORMATION.

(11) 416TH BOMB GROUP ON NON-OPERATIONAL FLIGHTS WILL USE ONLY LAST 3 OF ALLGTTED CALL SIGNS.

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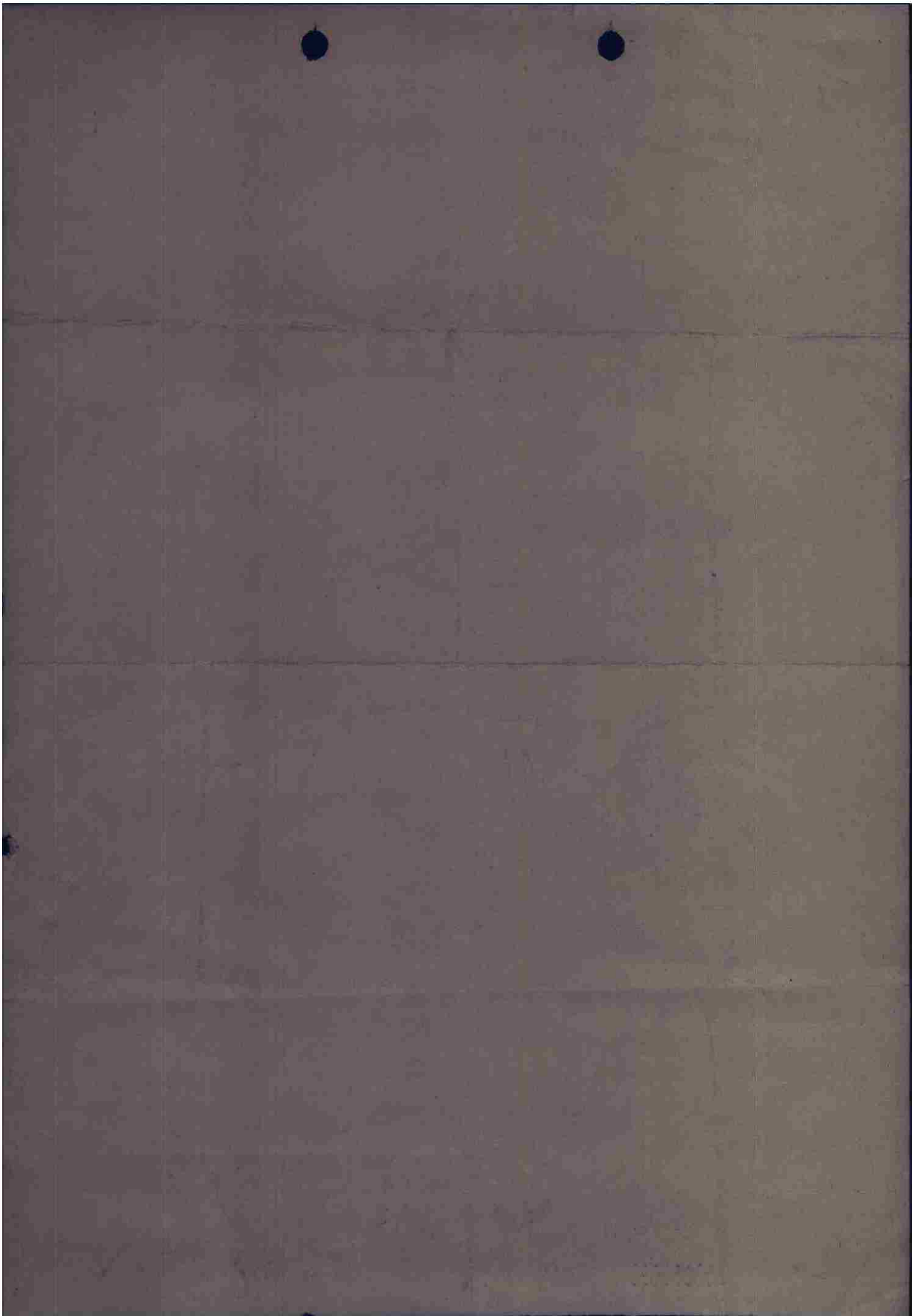
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FROM HQS 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) S-2 PI 91/1900A  
TO HQS 9TH BOMB DIV. (M) ATTN: A-2 PI  
HQs 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: STAFF DURY OFF.  
BT  
SECRET 416BG FAX-101-D  
B. WEISBADEN ORDNANCE DEPOT.  
J. NO STRIKE PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER.  
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