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LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

28 FEBRUARY 1945

1. 501 E
Major L.E. Dunn
Lt. W.B. Brewer ✓ 560
Lt. A.H. Maltby ✓
Col. T.R. Aylesworth
S/S S.J. Majewski ✓

2. 492 E
Lt. J.E. Blomgren ✓ 505
Lt. G.G. Johnson ✓
S/S L.R. Fleming ✓

3. 416 O
Lt. E.G. Bishop ✓ 475
Sgt M.C. Harris ✓

4. 330 F
Lt. W. Musgrove ✓ 675
S/S M. Kicker ✓

5. 307 N
Lt. R. Ford
Cpl D.J. Murrie ✓ * 650

6. 286 D
Lt. A.R. Turman ✓ 675
S/S L.L. Leahigh ✓ *

P.R.C.

FLIGHT II

1. 505 Y
Capt. C.S. Stanley
F/O J.H. Blount ✓ 650
Sgt J.C. Edenburn ✓

2. 508 Z
Lt. O.F. Jacobsen
F/O L.M. Harvest ✓ 600
Sgt A. Pettinicchi ✓

3. 325 L
Lt. W.L. Hale ✓ 550
S/S J.F. Gayer ✓

4. 209 M
Lt. P.E. Parker
S/S S. Kochan ✓ 700
Lt. L.R. Zinn ✓

5. 305 V
Lt. J.C. Elevation ✓ 675
Pvt D. Hawk ✓ *

6. 361 M
Lt. W.H. Lester ✓ 550
Sgt R.M. Cross ✓ *

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FLIGHT III

1. 481 P-1
Capt. C.J. Anderson
Lt. W. Babbage ✓ 525
S/S P.G. Euge ✓

2. 495 G
Lt. R.O. Buchanan
S/S C.L. Calabrese ✓ 600

3. 321 T
Lt. J.H. Carver ✓ 725
Sgt A.B. Stewart ✓

4. 274 S
Lt. L.J. Frucha ✓ 615
T/S G.C. Wilson ✓ *

5. 385 D-1
F/O H.C. Gunkel ✓ 600
Sgt L.J. Grzema ✓

6. 378 O-1
Lt. W.L. Annin ✓ 700
Sgt J.L. Faulker ✓ *

43-39 SPARE
394 G-1
Lt. J.C. Sewell
Sgt D.B. Richards ✓ 600

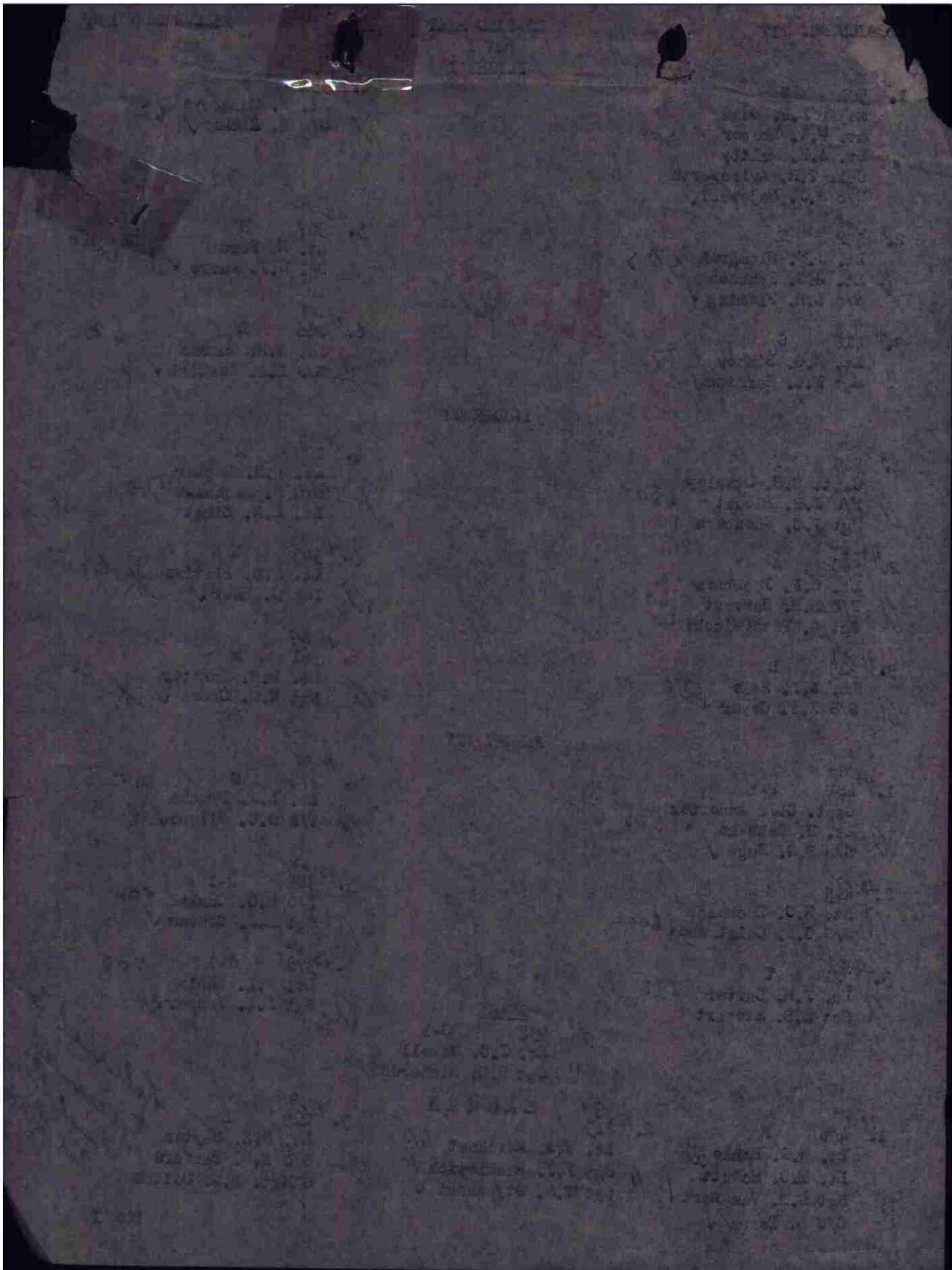
1. 498 R
Lt. W.R. Heake ✓
Lt. M.C. McNutt
Sgt G.R. Van Wert
S/S A. Teran ✓

2. 499 WINDON
213 A
Lt. W.A. Merchant ✓ 675
Sgt J.J. Ruskiewich ✓
Sgt V.S. Stypenski ✓

3. 229 B
Lt. E.R. Hayer
S/S E.P. Benford
Sgt A.A. Dalton

Returned Early
Excesses
Fuel Tank
Oil Tank

BOX I



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LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

28 FEBRUARY 1945

⁴³⁻²²
1. 503 X
Lt. R.J. Rooney
Lt. R.L. Kirk
Lt. O.R. Koch
C Sgt R.J. Kamischke ✓

⁴³⁻²²
2. 499 G
Lt. J.J. Lackovich
Lt. R.C. Muir
D S/Sgt T. Connery ✓

⁴³⁻²²
3. 2315 L
Capt. E. R.O. Gruetzemacher
S/S W.L. Kidd
C S/S J.J. Ricketson ✓ * 650

⁴¹⁻³⁹
4. 215 R
Lt. J.R. Warren
C Sgt G.C. Streup ✓ 575

⁴¹⁻³⁹
5. 224 E
Lt. J.F. Stankowski
C Lt. A.R. Kimball ✓ * 670

⁴³⁻²²
6. 320 S
Lt. J.F. Wallace
C Sgt R. Plant ✓ 600

FLIGHT II

⁴³⁻²²
1. 497 E-1
Capt. R.J. Tutt
Lt. J.T. Beck
D Sgt W. Wood ✓ 580

⁴¹⁻³⁹
2. 300 K
Lt. W.R. Jenkins
D Sgt E.J. Cressden ✓ 570

⁴¹⁻³⁹
3. 239 N
Lt. F.W. Henderson
D S/S R.G. Schram ✓ * 550

⁴¹⁻³⁹
4. 249 F
Capt. L.J. Sutton
D Sgt C.W. Gurkin ✓ 625

⁴¹⁻³⁹
5. 297 T
Lt. G.L. Milhern
D Sgt D. Chest ✓ * 625

⁴¹⁻³⁹
6. 332 F
Lt. D.A. Fore
D S/S T. W. Skelton ✓ 625

FLIGHT III

⁴³⁻²²
1. 521 N-1
Capt. B.D. Stebbins
D Lt. A.S. Calloway
S/S W.J. Brown ✓ 610

⁴³⁻²²
2. 344 G
Lt. E.G. Martin
D Sgt L.B. Draft ✓ * 640

⁴¹⁻³⁹
3. 252 D
Lt. C.M. Anderson
D Sgt J.H. Deatherage ✓ * 625

⁴¹⁻³⁹
4. 314 H
Lt. M.W. DuBose
D S/S D.L. Griffin ✓ 590

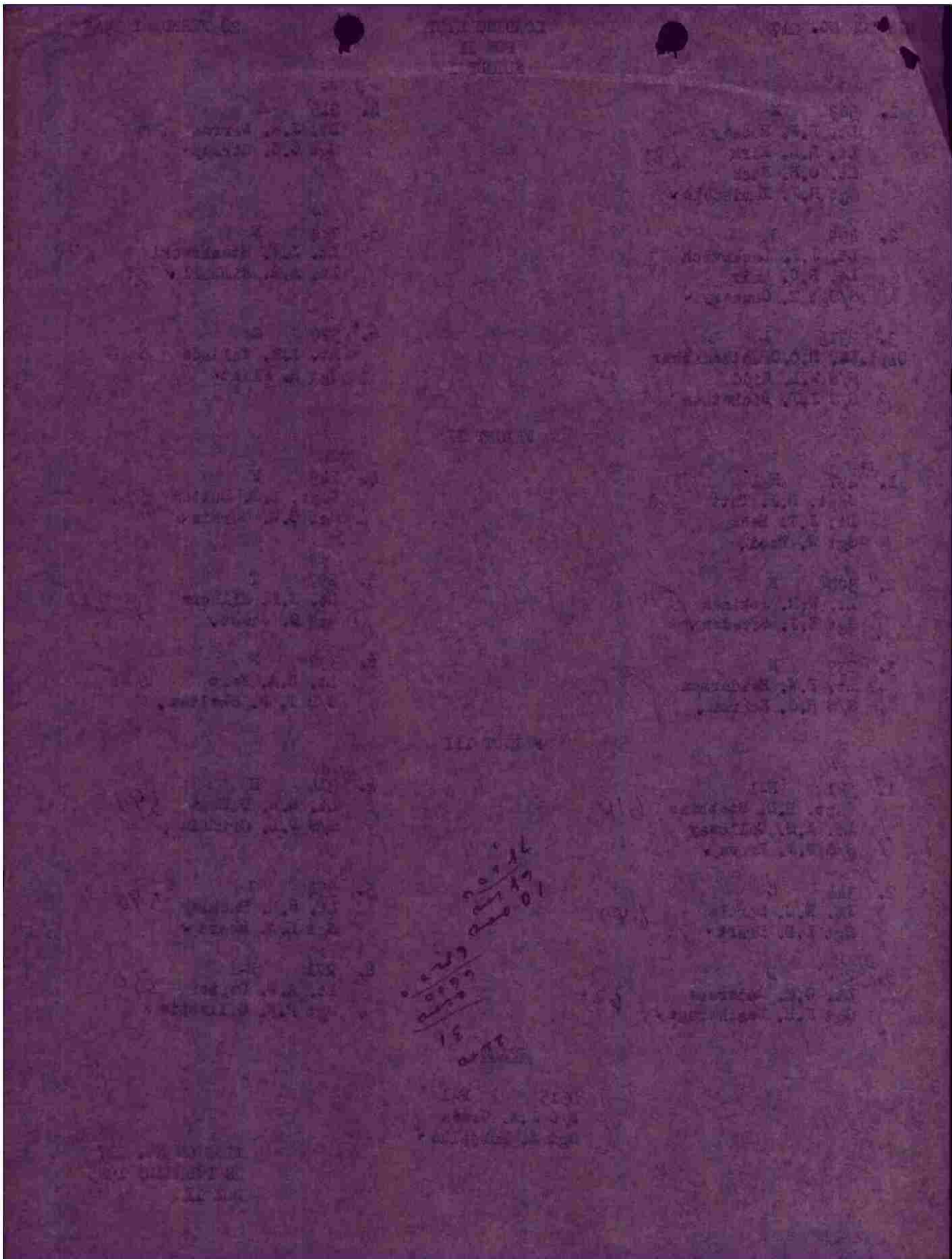
⁴³⁻²²
5. 954 S
Lt. R.H. Hackley
D Sgt H.A. Keens ✓ 390

⁴¹⁻³⁹
6. 271 B-1
Lt. A.W. Depner
D Sgt R.W. Gillespie ✓ 530

SPARE

4139315 F-1
F/O J.A. Green
C Sgt A. Kubjalke ✓ 625

MISSION NO. 217
28 FEBRUARY 1945
BOX II



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FORM: CO, A-39
4 Mar 45
INITIAL:

File

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

R-10-1

APC 140, U.S. Army,
4 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 28 February 1945, T.O. 1343, Unna Ordnance Depot, P.O. 134-789.

II. None.

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| III. 41-39229 (Lt C.R. Bayter) | Pilot reported high fuel pressure and an oil leak on right engine. | The high fuel pressure was caused by a faulty fuel pressure transmitter and the oil leak was traced to the dip stick which had not been screwed down tight. |
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IV. None.

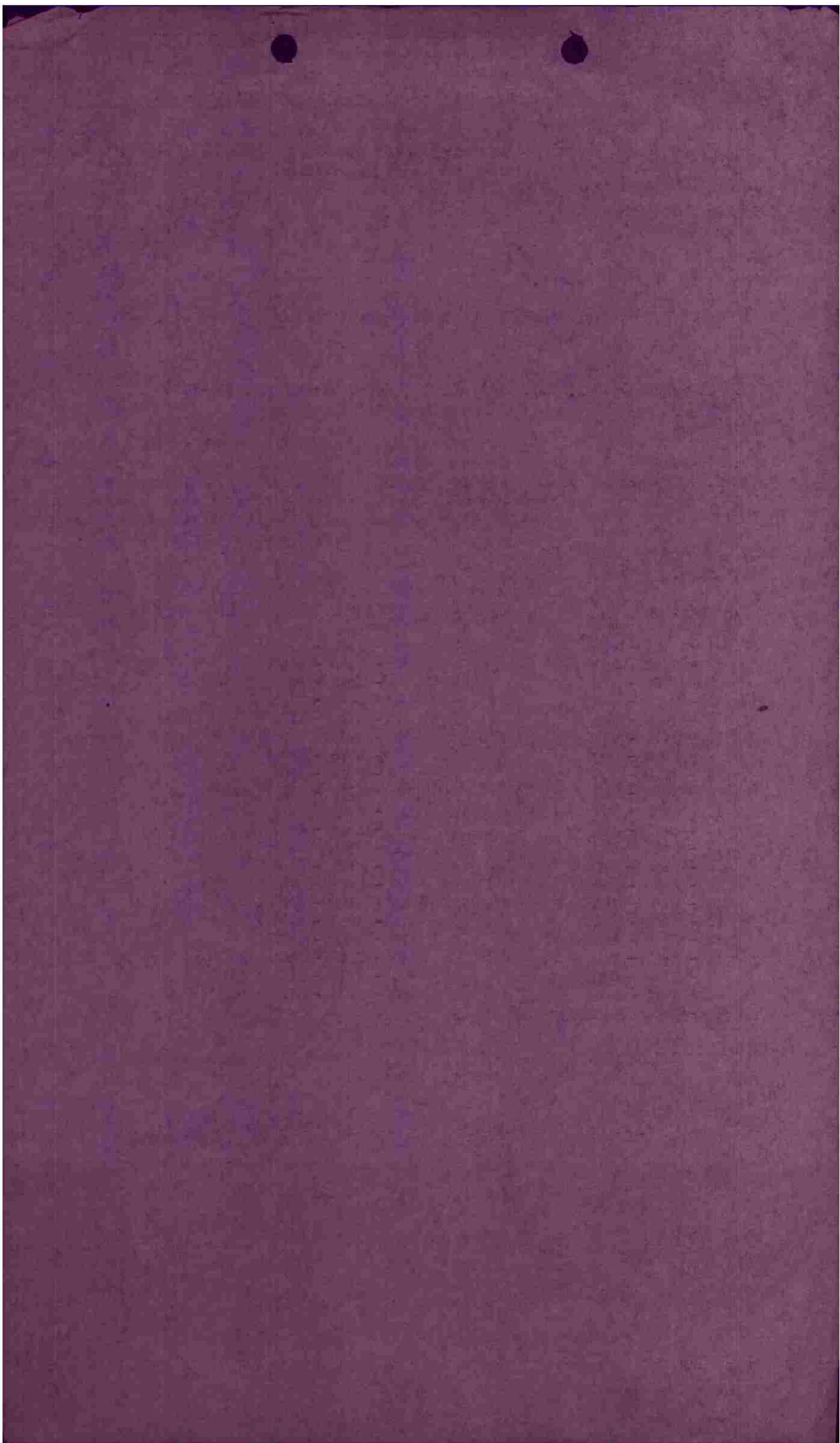
V. None.

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| VI. 1 - 3:40 - 860 2 - 3:45 - 805 3 - 3:45 - 575 4 - 3:45 - 675 5 - 3:45 - 650 6 - 3:45 - 625 7 - 3:45 - 650 8 - 3:45 - 600 9 - 3:45 - 550 10 - 3:25 - 700 11 - 3:40 - 675 12 - 3:40 - 550 13 - 3:45 - 525 14 - 3:45 - 600 15 - 3:45 - 725 16 - 3:45 - 615 17 - 3:45 - 500 18 - 3:45 - 700 S - 3:40 - 600 W - 3:10 - 550 W - Returned early | 1 - 3:45 - 675 2 - 3:45 - 800 3 - 3:45 - 650 4 - 3:45 - 575 5 - 3:45 - 670 6 - 3:45 - 600 7 - 3:45 - 580 8 - 3:45 - 570 9 - 3:45 - 550 10 - 3:45 - 625 11 - 3:45 - 625 12 - 3:45 - 625 13 - 3:45 - 610 14 - 3:45 - 640 15 - 3:45 - 625 16 - 3:45 - 590 17 - 3:40 - 590 18 - 3:45 - 580 S - 3:20 - 625 W - 3:20 - 675 |
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VII. None.

MAROLE A. BAUTSKY,
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

AIR PRIORITY

TO : 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)
97TH COMBAT WING (L) (INFO COPY)

ATTN: RADAR OFFICER

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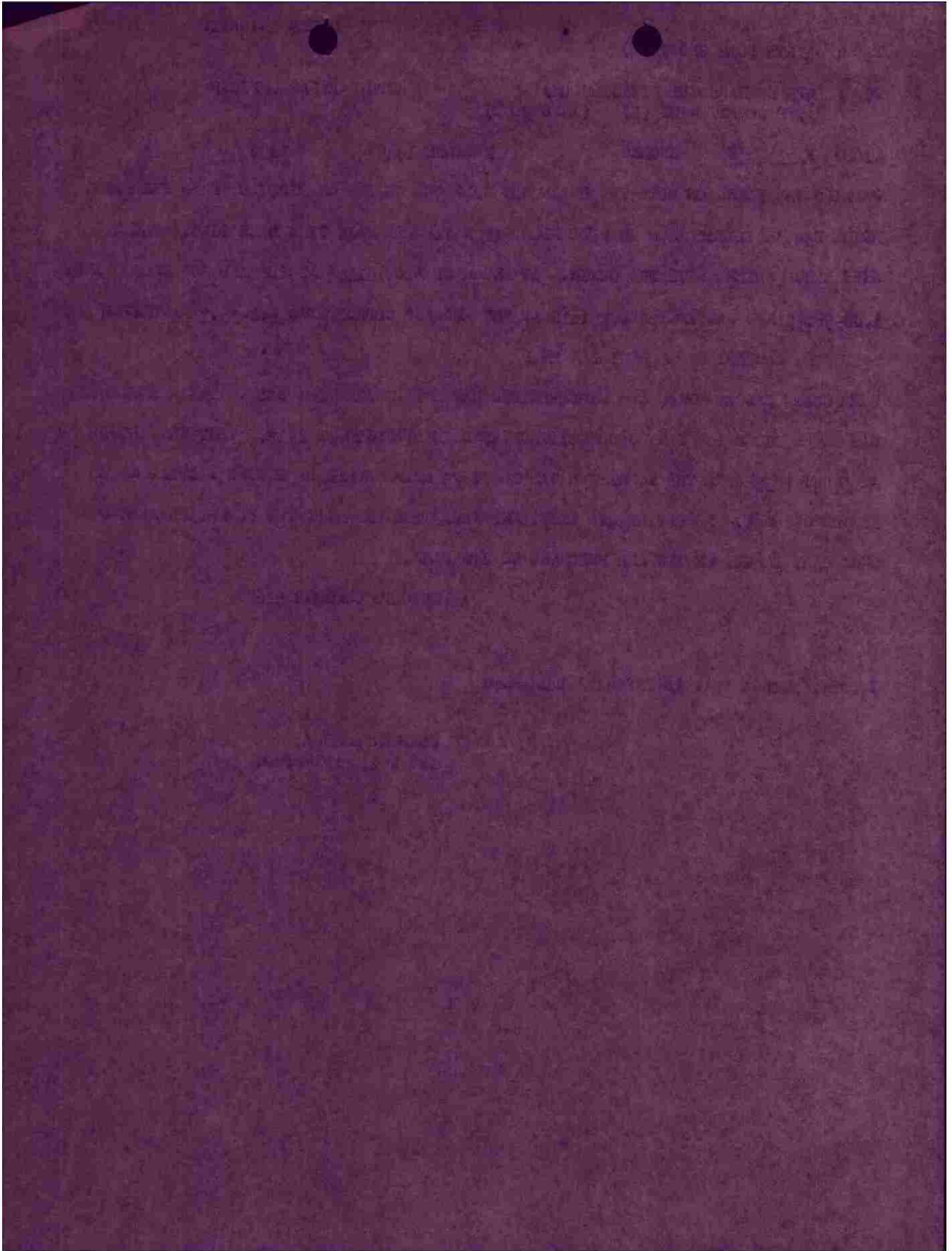
JAMMING WAS FOUND ON BOTH THE REIMS AND RUHR GEE CHAINS ON MISSION OF 28 FEBRUARY. REIMS HAD "RAILING" JAMMING WITH ABOUT 11 RAILES PER MAIN TIME BASE LINE. THESE WERE SYNCHRONIZED WITH THE CHAIN. IT BEGAN AT ABOUT 1444 AT "B" AND "C" COORDINATES 6.80-36.90 AND WAS LOST ABOUT 1616 AT "B" AND "C" COORDINATES 5.4-33.3 ANTIJAM SWITCHING WAS NOT OF APPRECIABLE HELP

RUHR CHAIN HAD ABOUT 20 NON SYNCHRONIZED RAILES PER MAIN TIME BASE. THEIR BEGINNING WAS NOT NOTICED BUT THEY SUDDENLY INCREASED IN STRENGTH AT 1513. THEY WERE LOST AT ABOUT 1555 WHEN THE FORMATION WAS ABOUT 25 MILES NORTH OF STEGEN - STILL WELL INSIDE GERMANY. RECEPTION WAS EXCELLENT FROM THEM ON WHILE THE FORMATION BOMBED A SECONDARY TARGET ON GEE AND RETURNED TO ITS BASE.

AYLESWORTH CORSMR 416

I certify that this is official business:

JOHN M. BONURA,
1st Lt., Air Corps.



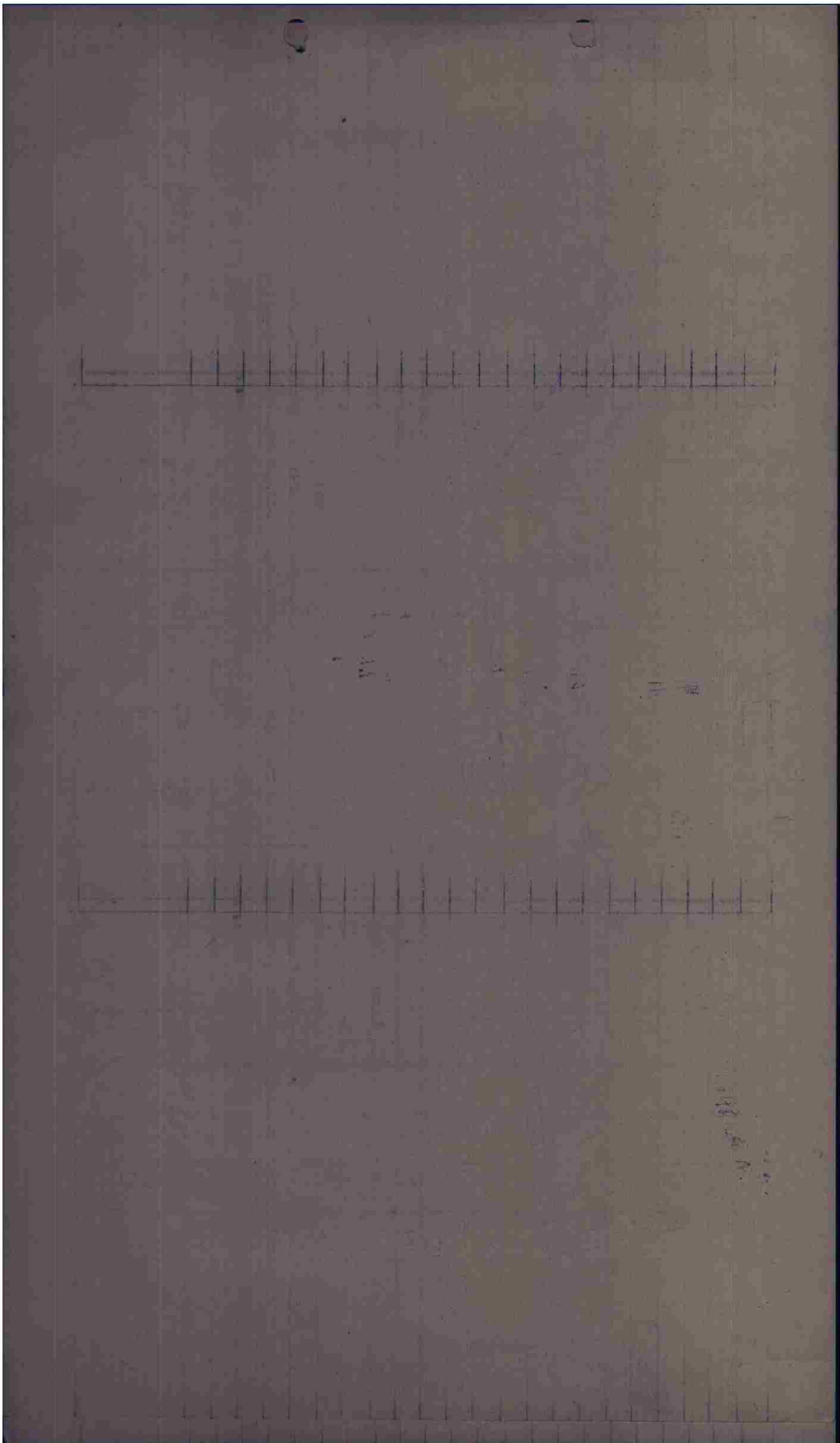
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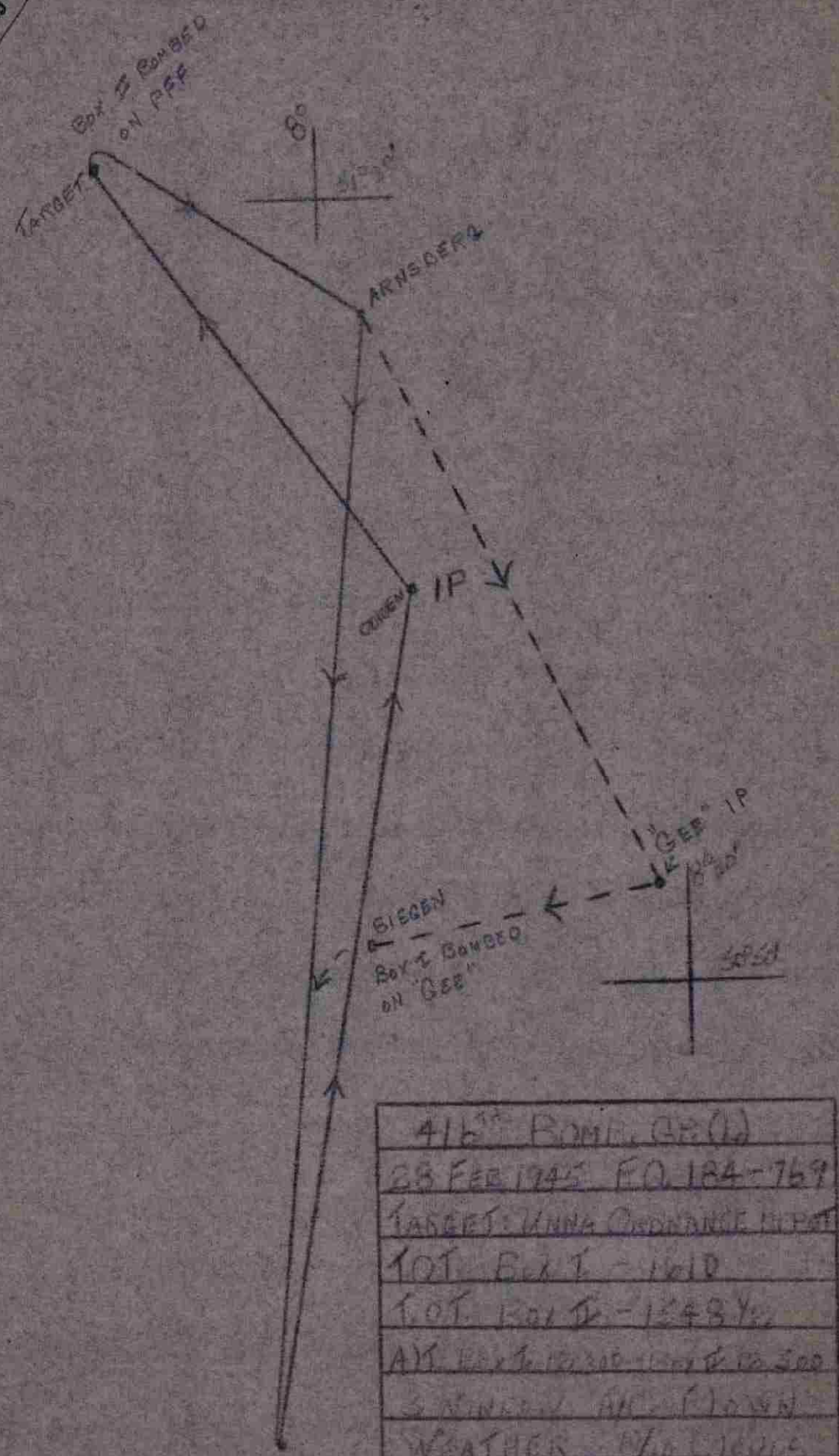
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| C | W | 501 | Renn | | | 1343 | | | | | | | | | | 1728 | 3:40 |
| B | E | 492 | Blomgren | | | 1343 | | | | | | | | | | 1724 | 3:45 |
| C | O | 416 | Birdsall | | | 1343 | | | | | | | | | | 1724 | 3:45 |
| C | P | 330 | McSproue | | | 1344 | | | | | | | | | | 1725 | 3:45 |
| C | N | 307 | Ford | | | 1344 | | | | | | | | | | 1725 | 3:45 |
| C | D | 286 | Jerman | | | 1344 | | | | | | | | | | 1725 | 3:45 |
| A | Y | 505 | Stanley | | | 1345 | | | | | | | | | | 1726 | 3:45 |
| A | Z | 508 | Jacobson | | | 1345 | | | | | | | | | | 1726 | 3:45 |
| A | L | 325 | Kate | | | 1346 | | | | | | | | | | 1728 | 3:45 |
| A | W | 335 | Harber | | | 1410 | | | | | | | | | | 1731 | 3:25 |
| A | V | 305 | Blewing | | | 1347 | | | | | | | | | | 1729 | 3:40 |
| A | M | 361 | Faactor | | | 1347 | | | | | | | | | | 1729 | 3:40 |
| A | P-1 | 481 | Robert Anderson | | | 1347 | | | | | | | | | | 1729 | 3:45 |
| A | G | 495 | Buchanan | | | 1347 | | | | | | | | | | 1729 | 3:45 |
| A | T | 321 | Carson | | | 1348 | | | | | | | | | | 1730 | 3:45 |
| A | S | 274 | Furber | | | 1348 | | | | | | | | | | 1730 | 3:45 |
| A | D-1 | 385 | Beckler | | | 1348 | | | | | | | | | | 1731 | 3:45 |
| A | O-1 | 378 | Romin | | | 1349 | | | | | | | | | | 1731 | 3:45 |
| C | G-1 | 334 | Lowell | | | 1349 | | | | | | | | | | 1728 | 3:40 |
| D | 498 | R | Heinke | | | 1402 | | | | | | | | | | 1717 | Windsor 3:10 |
| A | 213 | A | Meredith | | | 1403 | | | | | | | | | | 1719 | Windsor 3:20 |

B 229 B Hayter 1400 RTH only - Reservoir fuel Reservoir all tanks. 1926 Windsor



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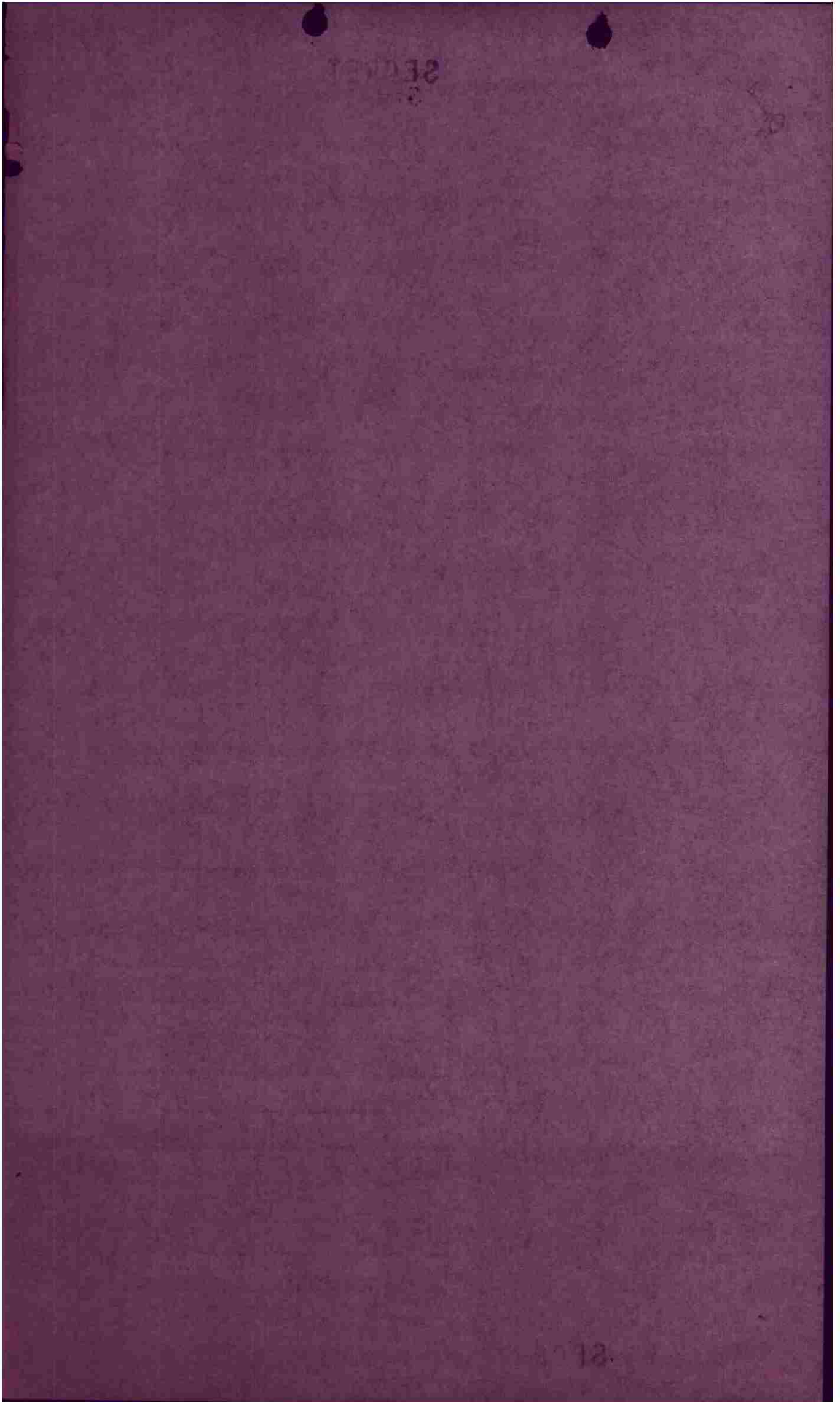
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| 416 th Bomb. Grp (L) |
| 23 FEB 1945 FO 184-769 |
| TARGET: MUNN Ordnance Depot |
| TOT. Box I - 1010 |
| TOT. Box II - 1548 1/2 |
| Alt. Box I 10,300 - 10,500 ft ca 300 |
| 2 MINIMUM ALT. 10,000 |
| WEATHER: B/0 VISIB |
| NO BATTLE DAMAGE |
| 2 TOXC. OF 1E AC |

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SECRET



FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) INFO. COPY
97TH COMBAT WING INFO. COPY
1ST PATH FINDER SQUADRON

416BG F _____ E CONFIDENTIAL

28 FEBRUARY 1945 (2115)

PIF REPORT FOR 28 FEBRUARY 1945

THE PATH FINDER SHIP FOR THE FIRST BOX DID NOT DROP AND MADE A GRADUAL RIGHT TURN OFF THE TARGET WHEN BRIEFED TO MAKE A SHARP PEEL UP TO THE LEFT IN THE EVENT OF A MALFUNCTION. THE PATHFINDER DID NOT CONTACT FORMATION LEADER AND TELL HIM THAT HE WAS HAVING TROUBLE. THE BOMB RUN WAS MADE AT 13,000 FEET INSTEAD OF 13,500 FT AS BRIEFED. THE PATHFINDER HEADING THE SECOND BOX MADE BOMB RUN AT 12,500 FEET INSTEAD OF 13,000 FEET AS BRIEFED. THE PIF LEAD WAS VERY SATISFACTORY THROUGHOUT.

AYLESWORTH COBOMER 416

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS;

JOHN M. BONURA,
1ST., AIR CORPS.
Ops Stat Officer

ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA 3/28 OP OP

T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 28/0045A
 TO COMBONDIV NINE
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416
 1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

F-249-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 28 FEBRUARY 1945

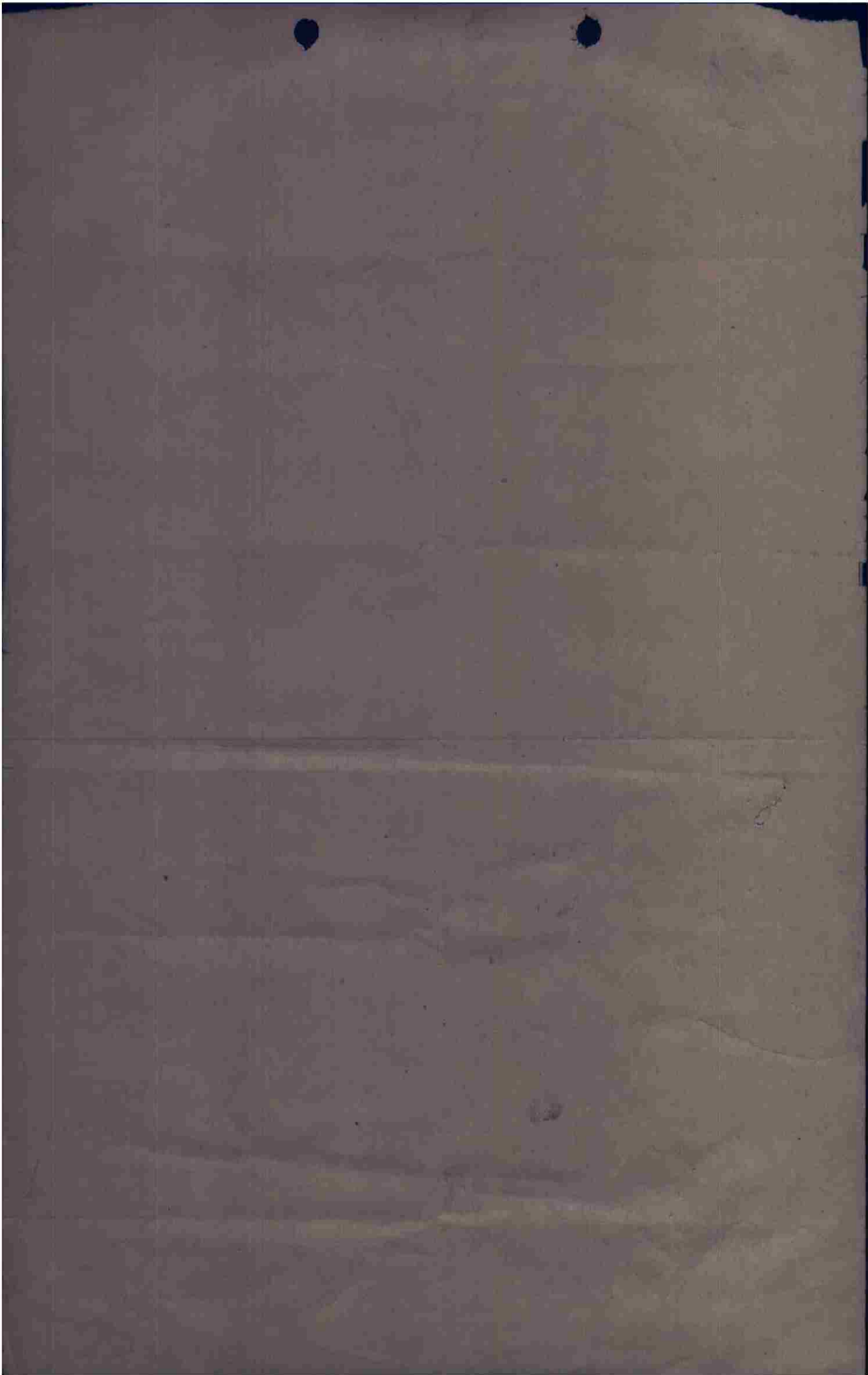
FIELD ORDER NO. 184-769

MAPS : NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE
 (2) THE XXIX T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" 28/1200A
 ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" 28/1300A - 1440

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8413 AT 12,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS
 60 MIN.
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC TAIL.
 (12) INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8413 AT 12,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS
 40 MIN.
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8413 AT 12,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS
 20 MIN.
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. INCENDIARY CLUSTERS (M-17). CLUSTER TO OPEN AT
 5,000 FEET.
 (12) INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
- X. (1) TO (3) NO CHANGE
 (4) A-24, A-28, A-29, Y-34, A-62 TO BE USED AS EMERGENCY SHORT
 FIELDS FOR REFUELING.
 (5) TARGET : UNNA ORDNANCE DEPOT A-966298.
 (6) A/C REQUIRED : MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
 (7) ROUTE OUT : BASE TO FIGHTER RNDV. (P-8413) TO L-4313 TO L-3254
 TO L-3767 TO M-2978 TO G-1205 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 (8) ROUTE BACK : TARGET RIGHT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
 (9) ALTITUDES : BOMB 12,500 FEET OR BELOW THE CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT
 NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. LOSE 1200 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
 (10) I.P. : B-2311
 (11) AXIS OF ATTACK : GENERALLY SE TO NW.
 (12) M.P.I. ILL. 3 (K) (34)/2. COVER ANNOTATED AREA.
 (13) R.P. : B-2311
 (14) IN THE EVENT PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE BOMBED BY VISUAL MEANS.
 IT WILL BE BOMBED ON (A) GEE (B) TARGET I.T.A.
 (15) IN THE EVENT FIGHTER RENDEVOUS IS NOT MADE OR PRIMARY TARGET
 CANNOT BE ATTACKED GROUPS WILL ATTACK AN ALTERNATE TARGET
 IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (2-9-45)
 (16) FIGHTER ESCORT WILL DIVE BOMB FLAK POSITIONS IN TARGET AREA.



3. A. 489TH BOMB GROUP

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8413 AT 12,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 26 MIN.

(9) P.P.F. M.P.I. GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4412. GRID COORD. 96352963

(10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.

(11) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 25 MIN.

(13) INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.

3. B. 416TH BOMB GROUP

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8413 AT 12,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 66 MIN.

(9) PPF MPI GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4412. GRID. COORD. 96602975

(10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL

(12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 45 MIN.

3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8413 AT 12,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 14 MIN

(9) PPF M.P.I. GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4412 GRID. COORD. 96472970

(10) 6 X 500 LB. INCENDIARY CLUSTERS (M-17). CLUSTER TO OPEN AT 9,000 FEET.

(12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 63 MINUTES.

(13) INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.

X. (1) TO (3) NO CHANGE

(4) A-94, A-98, A-90, Y-34, A-62 TO BE USED AS EMERGENCY SHORT FIELDS FOR REFUELING.

(5) TARGET: UMMA ORDNANCE DEPOT A-966298

(6) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON ONE PPF A/C EACH BOX.

(7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS (P-8413) TO L-4313 TO L-5954 TO L-5767 TO M-0978 TO G-1205 TO G-2887 TO TARGET

(8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO B-2311 TO G-1205 RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE

(9) ALTITUDES: BOMB 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET.

2ND BOX 13,000 FEET.

LOSE 2,000 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING 8,000 FEET.

(10) M.P.I. ILL. 3(K) (34)/2. COVER ANNOTATED AREA. TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL. BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.

(11) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT TARGET GROUPS WILL BOMB BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 AND A-26 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 OR BOXES AND WILL USE B-2311 AS A VISUAL I.P. IN THE EVENT CLOUDS OBSCURE THE PRIMARY TARGET AND PPF EQUIPMENT FAILS GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:

(A) GROUP "GEE"

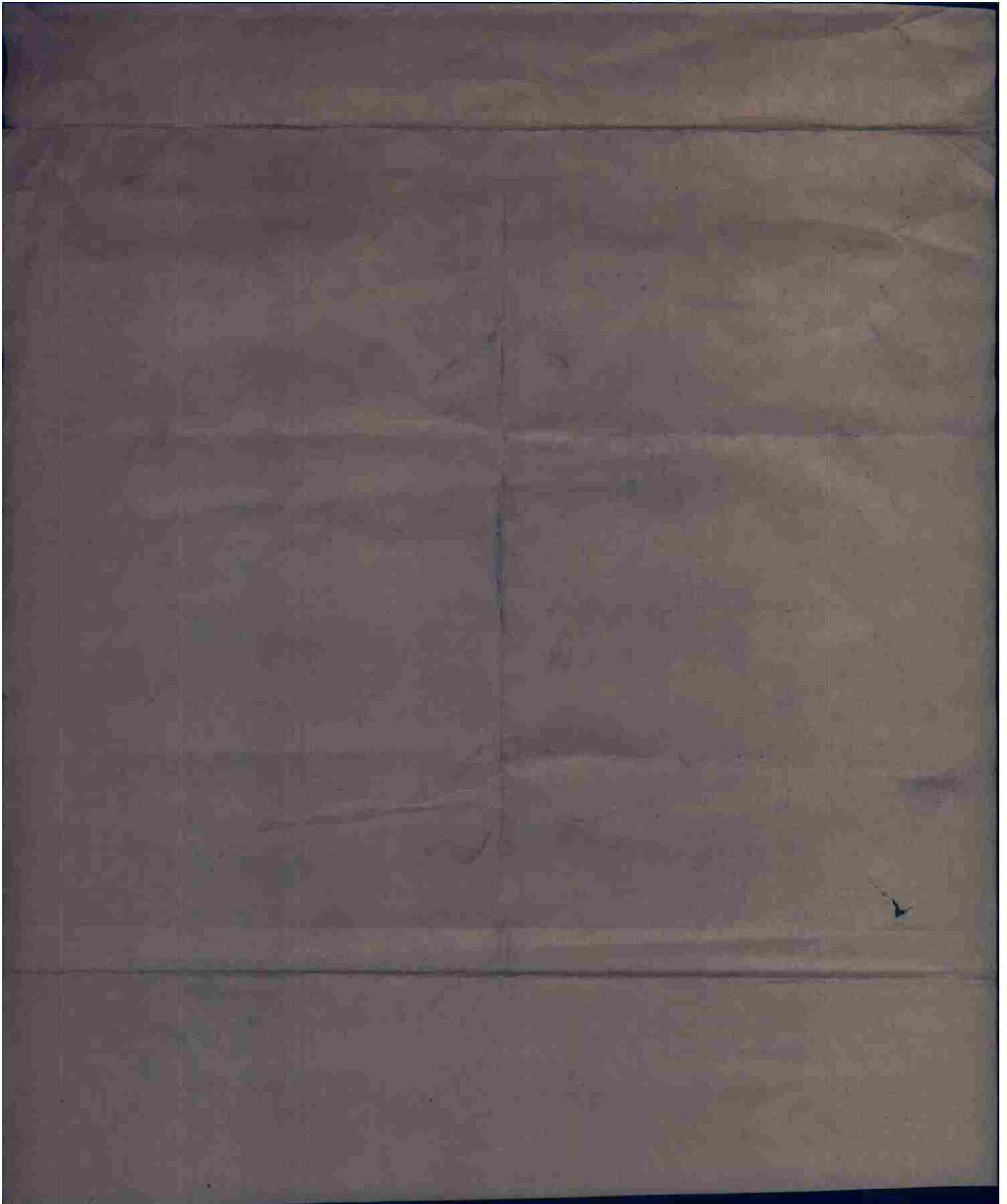
(B) TARGET E.F.A.

(12) IN THE EVENT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS IS NOT MADE OR PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED GROUPS WILL ATTACK AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX Bomber Division CIPHER F-576-E (2-9-45)

(13) IF WEATHER PERMITS, FIGHTER ESCORT WILL DIVE BOMB ENEMY FLAK POSITION IN TARGET AREA.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:
PLAN "A" OR "B"



A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
(2) WAYSIDE
(3) SHOWDOWN
(4) RIPSAW

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP
(2) PEDLAR
(3) POKER
(4) RIPSAW

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
(2) SKINDEEP
(3) JUDITH
(4) RIPSAW

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12
R
B
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X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(11) LEADERS OF EACH GROUP WILL CALL THEIR RESPECTIVE ESCORT USING C/S AS ABOVE ON CHANNEL C/C AND TRANSMIT "COMPLETE YOUR MISSION". IN THE EVENT R/T CONTACT IS NOT MADE THREE GREEN FLARES WILL BE FIRED.

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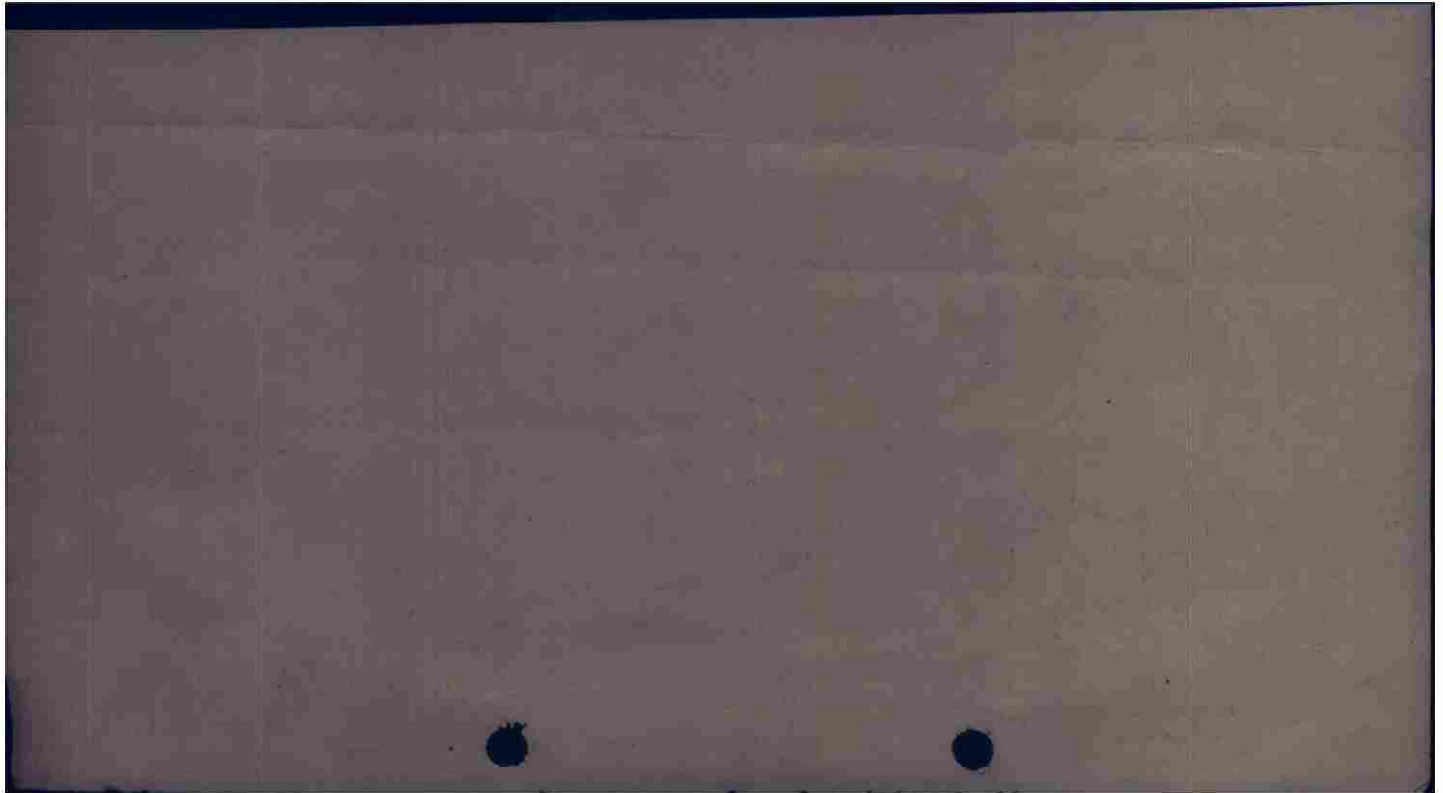
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1. NUMBER OF MEN BOARDED;

2. BOARDING MALFUNCTIONS;

3. CASUALTY MALFUNCTIONS;

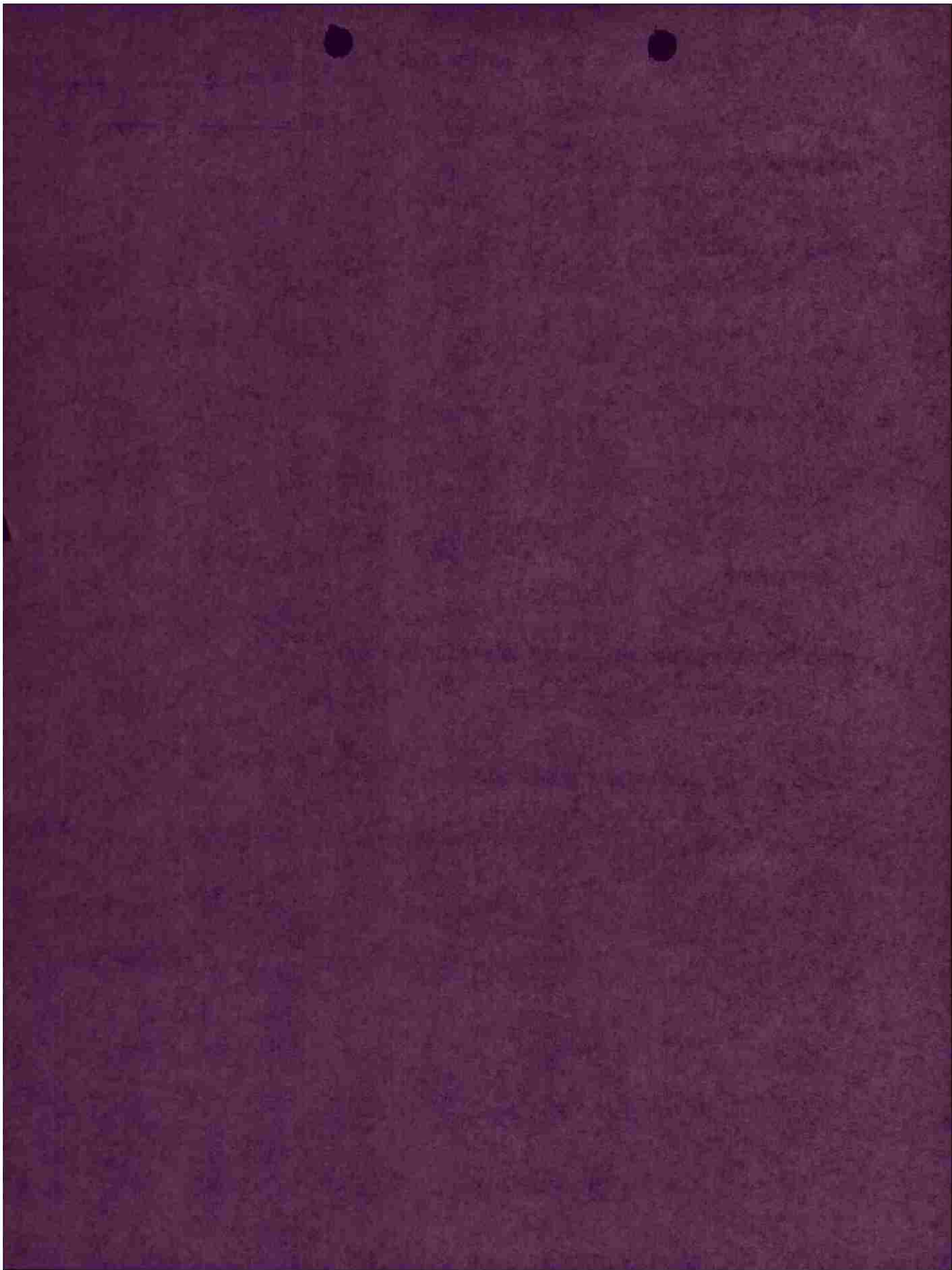
4. BATTLE DAMAGE

5. FLIGHTS FAILING TO RECORD AIRBORNE OR REACHING TARGET;

229. Haystack Release to Enemy

6. FLIGHT LIST OR LANDING AWAY FROM BASE.

None



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TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
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ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 184-769

AMMEND PAR. 5. X. (11) TO READ:

FIGHTER ESCORT WILL DIVE BOMB ENEMY FLAK BATTERIES IN TARGET AREA.
LEADERS OF EACH GROUP WILL CALL THEIR RESPECTIVE ESCORT AT THE I P
USING C/S AS ABOVE ON CHANNEL C/C AND TRANSMIT "COMPLETE YOUR MISSION".
IN THE EVENT R/T CONTACT CANNOT BE MADE WITH FIGHTER ESCORT, GROUP
LEADERS WILL FIRE THREE GREEN FLARES AT THE I P AS A SIGNAL FOR
FIGHTER ESCORT TO BEGIN THEIR ATTACKS.

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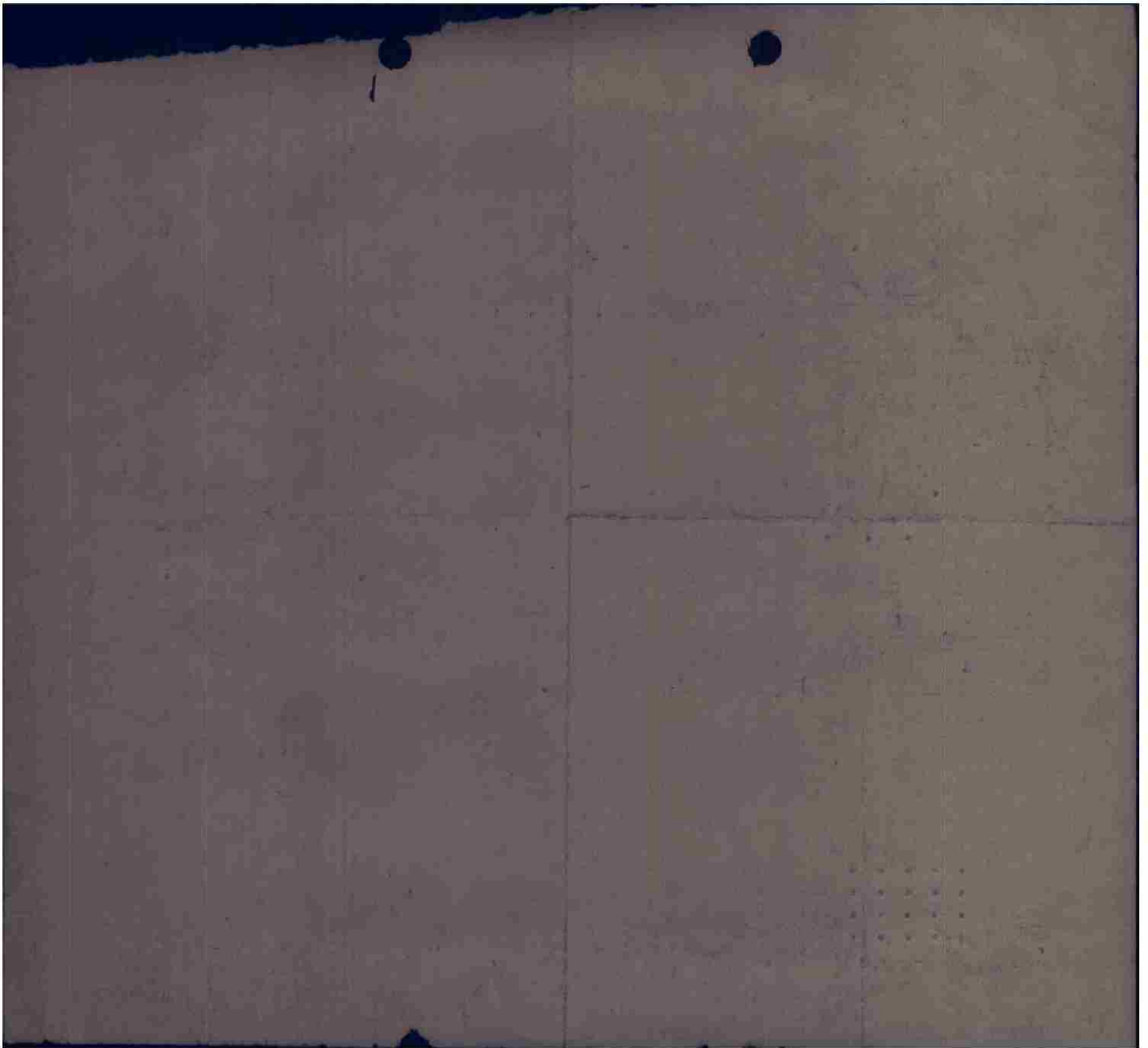
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ANNEX NO 2. TO F.O. 184- 769 F-251-E

ADD TO PAR 1. B (2)
2ND T.AF. SPITFIRES WILL FURNISH AREA COVER IN TARGET AREA.

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

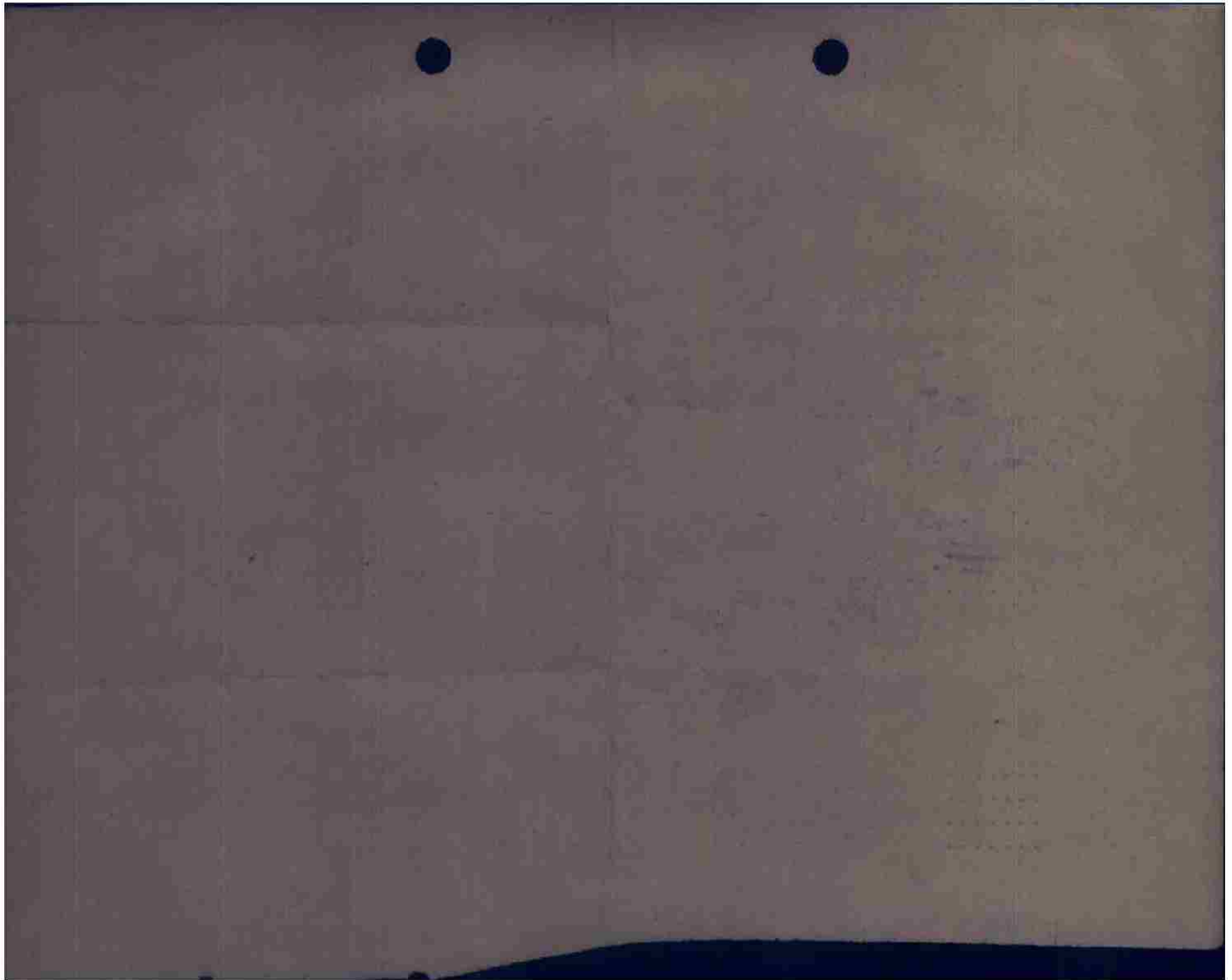
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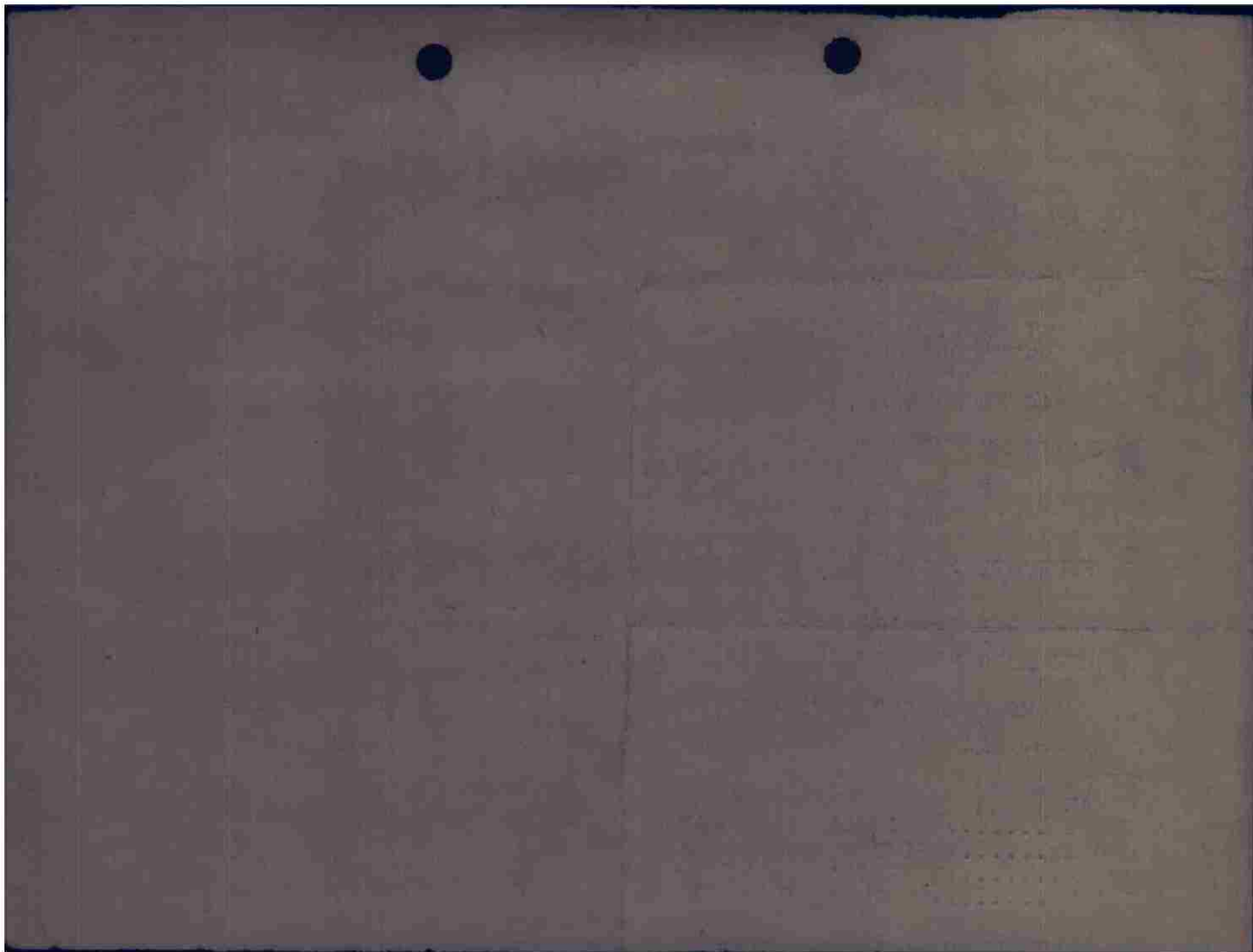
CHANGE ZERO HOUR ON PLAN "B" TO READ .

ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" 28/1440A

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

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F-247-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 184-769.

- (1) TARGET: UNNA ORDNARCE DEPOT AT A-966298. TAGET GN-5809 OR 5107E/4412/F/1. FOR DESCRIPTION OF TARGET, SEE INFORMATION SHEET IN THESE FILES.
- (2) WITH THE PRESENT OFFENSIVE AND THE TARGET BEING THE KEY DEPOT SUPPLYING ADVANCE DEPOTS OR THE WESTERN FRONT, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ATTACK IS EVIDENT. ALL THREE GROUPOSE THE 97TH WINGRE TO ATTACK THIS TARGET UNDER PLAN "A" OR "B", AND NO OTHER GROUPS WILL ATTACK. A SUCCESSFUL ATTACK MIGHT WELL HAVE FOR REACHING CONSEQUENCES.

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(3) PHOTO COVERAGE

----- BB 73 PRINT 8093 AND 8094
 BB 72 PRINT 9070
 5107E/4412 AND 4412/1
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THE 409TH OGROUP HAS ITS OWN STRIKE ATTACK PHOTOS OF FEB, 16.

(4) FLAK. ON FEBRUARY 16TH THIS TARGET WAS ATTACKED UNDER TWO TO FIVE TENTHS CLOUD. BY THE 409TH -416TH AND 386 GROUPS THE 409TH REPORTED INTERSE ACCURATE HEAVY FLAK AT TARGET AND LOST THREE SHIPS. THE 416TH REPORTED CONTIOUS MODERATE ACCURATE HEAVY FLAK FROM COESFELD (A-610700) TO TARGET AND BACK, WITH THREE SHIPS MISSING (INCLUDING ONE PPF) THE 386TH REPORTED MODERATE ACCURATE HEAVY FLAK AT TARGET, AT HALTERN (A-623002), HAMI (D-500433), MUNSTER (A-925740), AND BEKMKX BETWEEN HAMI AND SOEST, LOSING ONE HIP NEAR MUNSTER.

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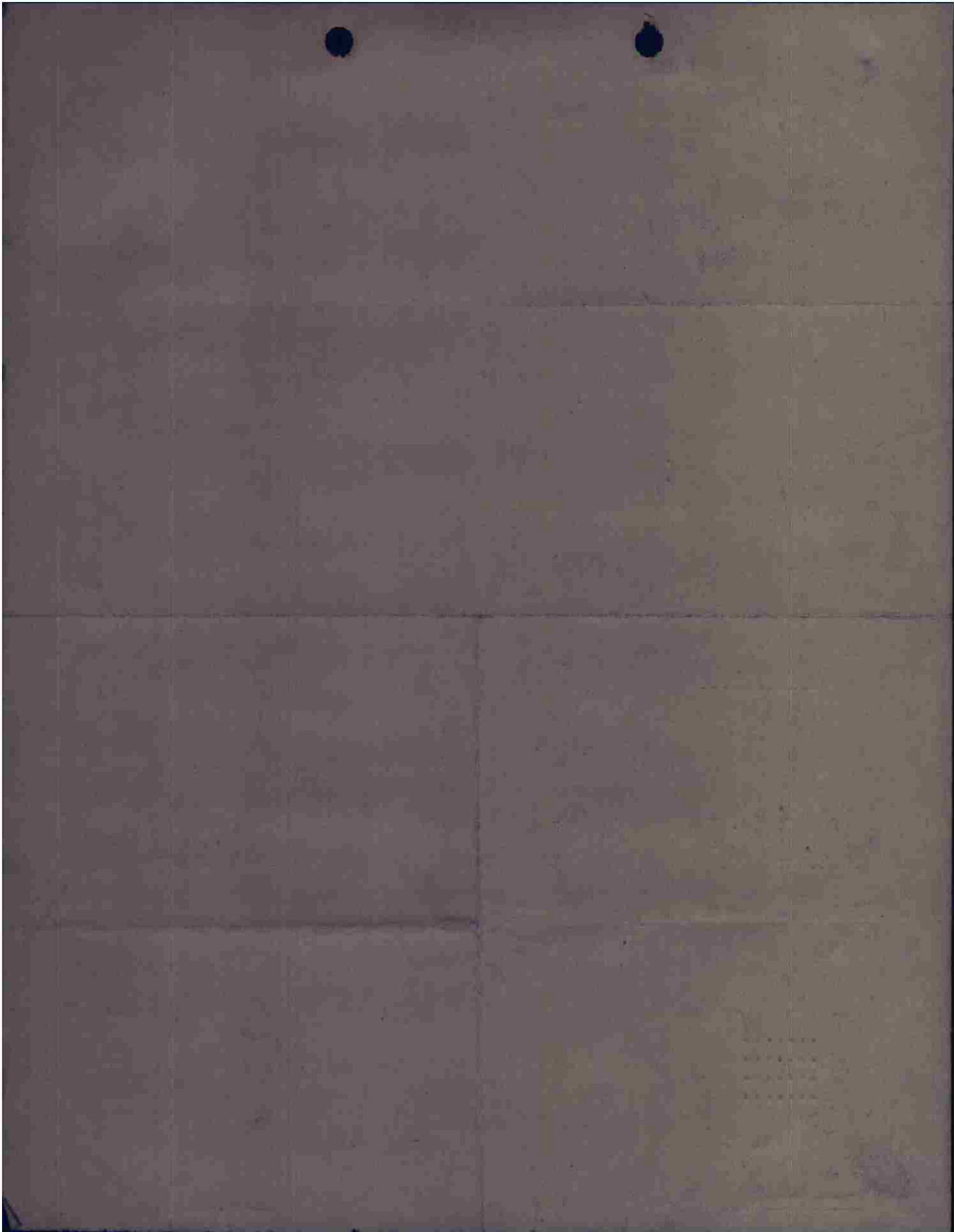
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GROUPS COME IN PLS ITA ARE YOU THERE PL
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PHOTO COVERAGE

----- BB 73 PRINT 8093A



ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 01/28 (INFO)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 28/0005A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416

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ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICERS

SUPPLEMENT TO ADVANCED INFO COPY OF PAR. 5. OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

ADD:

5. X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(11) LEADERS OF EACH GROUP WILL CALL THEIR RESPECTIVE ESCORTS USING C/S AS ABOVE ON CHANNEL C/C AND TRANSMIT "COMPLETE YOUR MISSION". IN THE EVENT R/T CONTACT IS NOT MADE, THREE GREEN FLARES WILL BE FIRED.

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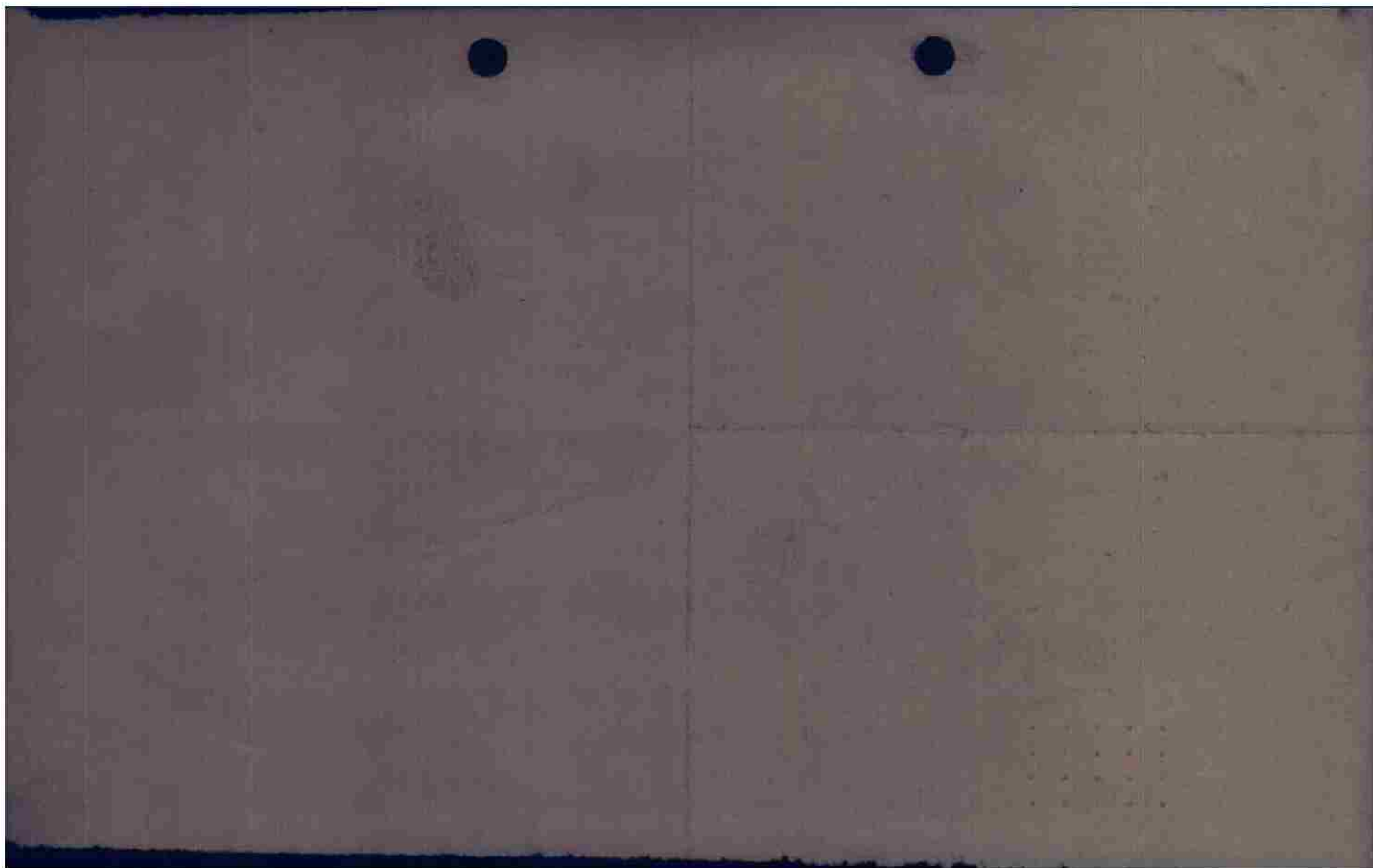
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INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 2 FIELD ORDER NO. 184-769

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

1. PHOTO COVERAGE:

SEE US 10/D749 WHICH GIVES PRESENT STATUS OF TARGET,
AS A RESULT OF ATTACK ON FEBRUARY 16. VERY LITTLE DAMAGE APPEARS.

2. THE FLAK INFORMATION GIVEN FROM THE LAST ATTACK WAS BASED ON A
ROUTE COMING IN FROM THE NORTH. THE ROUTE FROM THIS MISSION SEEMS
CONSIDERABLY BETTER, AND HAS BEEN USED SUCCESSFULLY FOR ATTACKS ON
BERG GLADBACH (JUST EAST OF KOLN).

ACCURATE NAVIGATION IS ESSENTIAL TO AVOID TRIER AND TO KEEP MIDWAY
BETWEEN COBLENZ AND LIMBURG. IN THE TARGET AREA, DORTMUND AND
HAMM MUST BE AVOIDED. THE RIGHT TURN OFF TARGET IS PREFERRED AS IT
IS TURNING AWAY FROM THE STRONGER AREA, BUT THIS TURN MUST AVOID
HAMM TO BE COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL.

THE ESCORT WILL DIVE BOMB THE FLAK POSITIONS AT UNNA IN THE IMMEDIATE
TARGET AREA, AND THIS SHOULD HELP CONSIDERABLY.

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 TO C G IX BOMB DIV. ATTN A-3
 C G 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN A-3
 C O 416TH BOMB GROUP ATTN A-3

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1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. F-396-E
 "OPEPFF OPERATIONAL CRITIQUE"
 DATE: 28 FEBRUARY 1945
 PILOT : LT STONE

A. FORMATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION:
2. REMARKS: GOOD

B. WINDOW SHIPS:

1. CLASSIFICATION:
2. REMARKS: GOOD

C. NAVIGATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION:
2. REMARKS: GOOD

D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS:

GOOD

E. BRIEFINGS:

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F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS:

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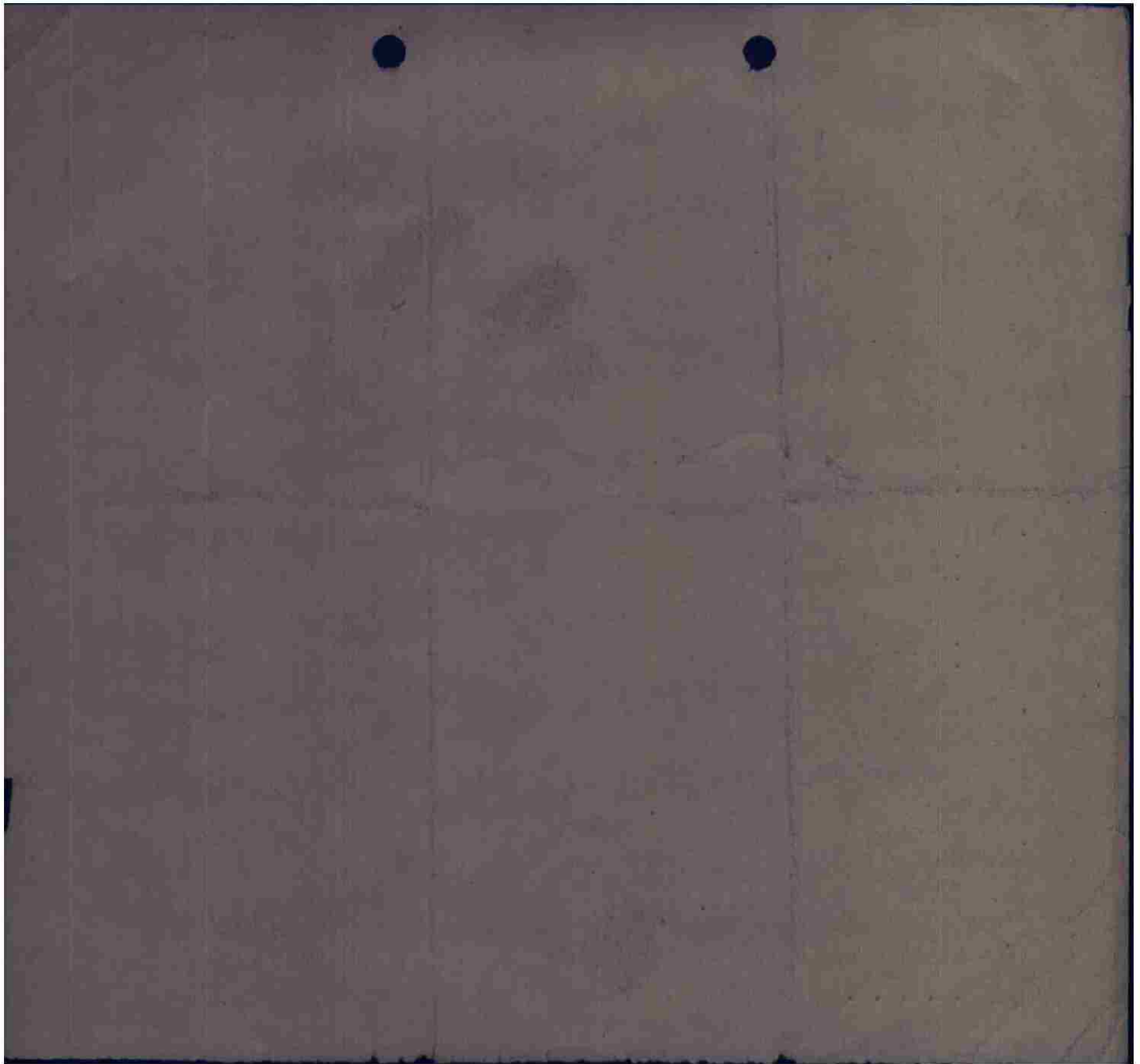
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TO : COMBOMDIV IX
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410TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.

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/ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICER,

ADVANCED INFORMATION OF PARA. 5 (COMMUNICATIONS) OF F.O. TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) WAYSIDE
- (3) SHOWDOWN
- (4) RIPSAW

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) PEDLAR
- (3) POKER
- (4) RIPSAW

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) SKINDEEP
- (3) JUDITH
- (4) RIPSAW

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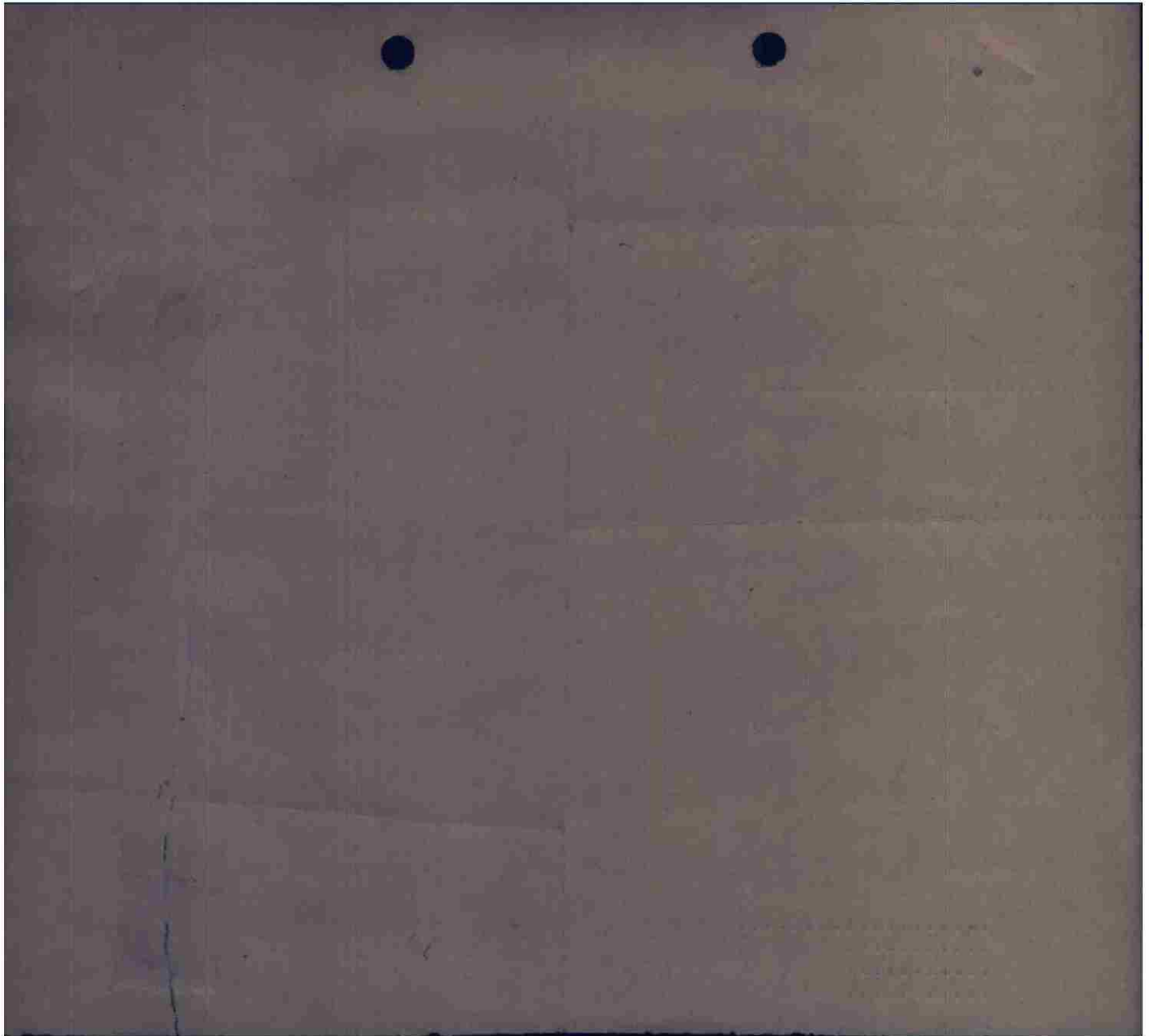
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