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LOADING LIST
BOX 1
FLIGHT 1

3 MARCH 1945

1. 521 N
LT COL J G NAPIER ✓
LT D W MOORE ✓ 510
LT R J MC QUADE ✓
S/S R F SHARP, JR. ✓

2. 523 N-1
CAPT C S STANLEY ✓
F/O J H BLOUNT ✓ 565
SGT R P WINDISCH ✓

3. 378 O
LT D E SMITH ✓ 575
S/S S J KERIK ✓

4. 354 S
LT C S JORDAN ✓
S/S K F JENSEN ✓ 520 X

5. 252 P
LT E J RENTH ✓
S/S L MOSKOWITZ ✓ 560 X

6. 381 Q
CAPT W F DU FAULT ✓
S/S K E VORCE ✓ 530

FLIGHT 11

1. 497 E
CAPT R J TUTT ✓ 680
LT J T BECK ✓
SGT D SCHWARTZAPFEL ✓

2. 256 A
LT R VAN NOORDEN ✓
S/S A H HENSON ✓

3. 239 N-2
LT A E HLTVIC ✓ 500
SGT R E GRAUB ✓

4. 237 D-1
CAPT L J SUTTON ✓ 700
S/S D C GILLIAM ✓

5. 209 M
LT D W EASTMAN ✓
S/S R J JOHNSON ✓

6. 332 P
LT G L MILHORN ✓ 565
S/S H R DAVIS ✓

FLIGHT 111

1. 498 R
CAPT H F PAIR ✓
LT J L CORUM ✓
S/S R J BROWN ✓

2. 297 T 1600
LT D A FERD ✓
S/S A A ROTAS ✓

3. 356 C 1450
LT A J P WINN ✓
S/S G G STEPHENSON ✓

4. 247 S
LT A E HERMAN ✓ 530
S/S F E EAKER ✓

5. 419 Z 1625
CAPT L O NIELSEN ✓
SGT L GOLDBERG ✓

6. 300 K
LT T E GRAEBER ✓
SGT M APFLEMAN ✓

SPARE
325 L
F/O F W SWAP
SGT W MELINIOTIS ✓

WINGEN

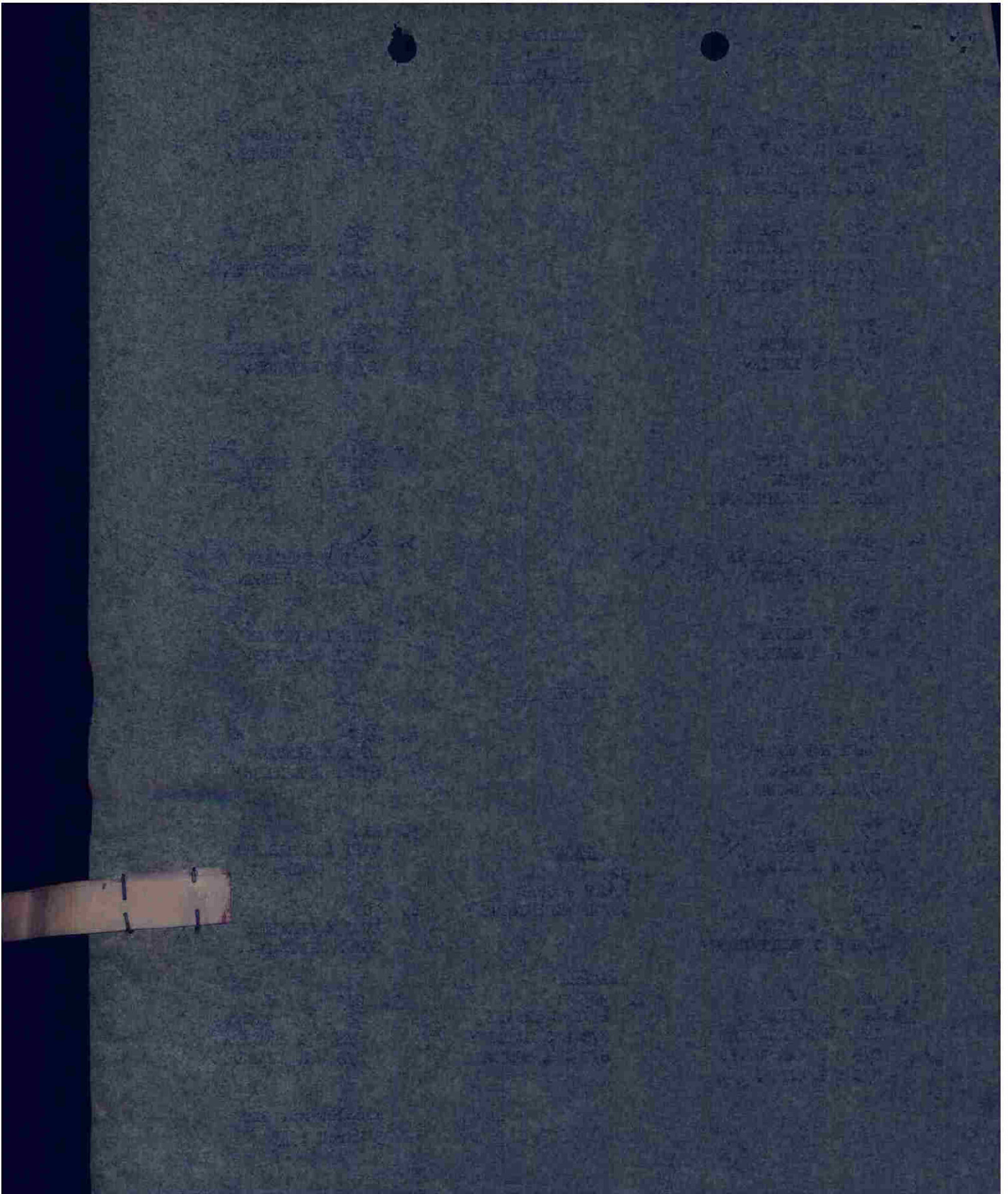
1. 487 J
LT W E HEINHE ✓
LT A E ROSENQUIST ✓
S/S G B VAN WERT ✓
S/S W L KIDD ✓

2. 385 D 500
LT J C SEWELL ✓
S/S R J GATTE ✓
S/S J A HUNGER ✓

3. 213 A
LT P D MC CREADY ✓
S/S P G PROFFIT ✓ 575
S/S W E LEMMONS ✓

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LOADING LIST
BOX 11
FLIGHT 1

3 March 1945

1. 492 E
LT E J MILLER ✓
LT J S CONNER ✓
LT G G JOHNSON ✓
S/S J M BEMBERTON ✓

4. 344 C
LT D O TURNER ✓
S/S M R REYES ✓

2. 501 W
LT W E DOWNING D.B. GRUND 500
SGT D E NEAL G.E. MORRIS
S.M. ZORAN ✓

5. 271 R
LT E C MARTIN ✓
SGT L B DRAFT ✓

3. 351 F
LT J A WILLARD ✓
SGT C V HINKER ✓

6. 244 I
LT A W DEPNER ✓
SGT R H GILLESPIE ✓

FLIGHT 11

1. 505 Y
LT G C MISH ✓
LT R E SHAFT ✓
S/S J H ROBERTS ✓

4. 321 T
LT J K COLQUITT ✓
SGT A R HOOD ✓

2. 305 U
LT J W ELEVINS ✓
SGT D W VAN CALDER ✓

5. 495 G
LT E E DRUM ✓
SGT J R SCHWARTZKOPF ✓

3. 361 M
LT G J PARKHERST ✓
S/S D W JORDAN ✓

6. 335 W
LT L R ZEIMER ✓
CPL R K RAY ✓

FLIGHT 111

1. 503 X
LT W E BREWSTER ✓
LT L W DENNIS ✓
S/S W O CLARK ✓

4. 330 P
LT H POPENEY ✓
S/S W E ARNETT ✓

2. 307 N
LT W E DOWNING ✓
SGT D E NEAL ✓

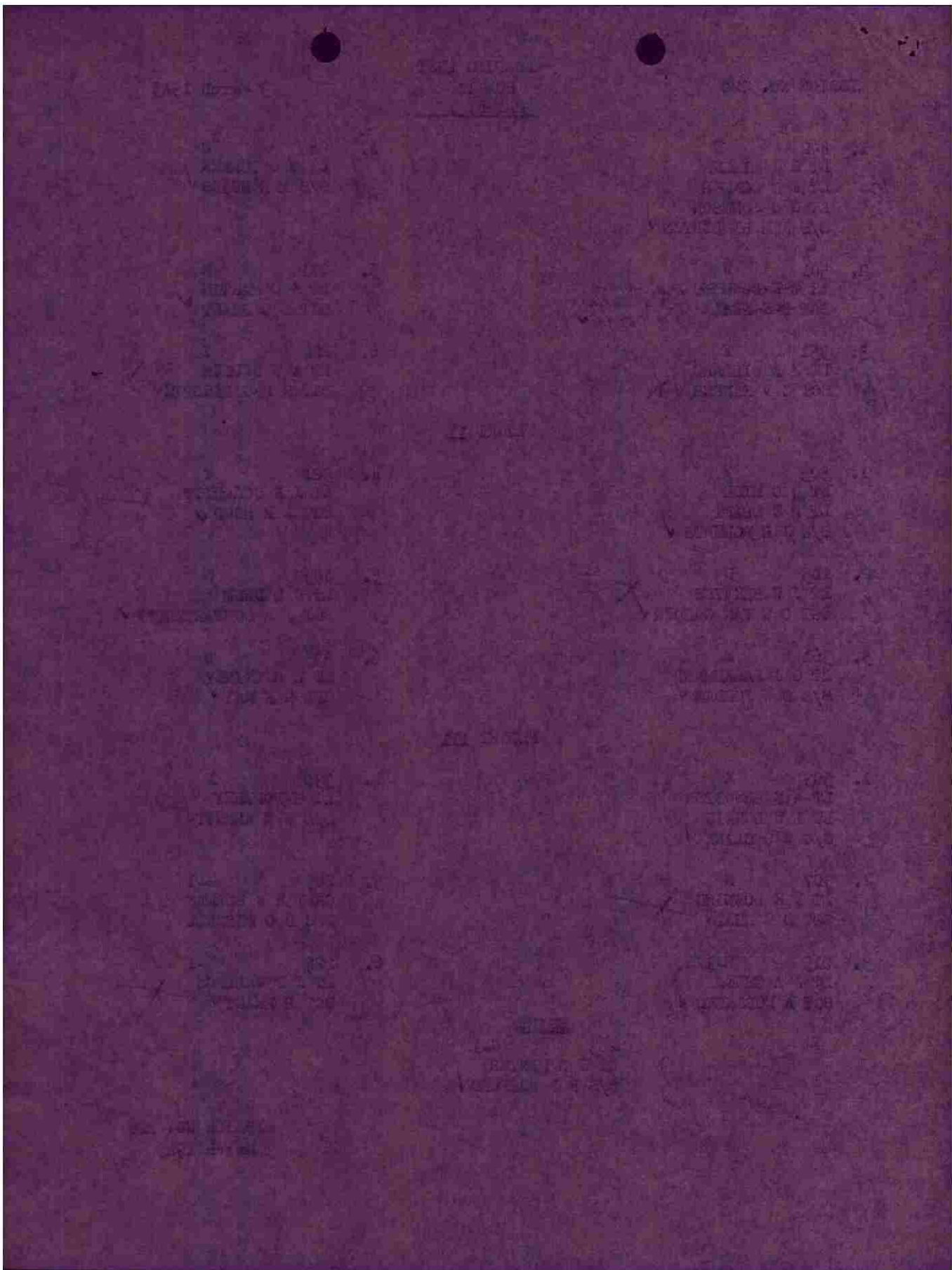
5. 205 N-1
CAPT H W BORMAN ✓
PFC D O FINNELL ✓

3. 215 R-1
LT J A GREEN ✓
SGT A KUBJALKO ✓

6. 224 R-1
LT J F WALLACE ✓
SGT R PLANT ✓

SEAH
263 G-1
LT E R HAYTER ✓
S/S F P BASFORD ✓

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3 March 1945



SECRET
 AUTH: CO, A-59
 7 Mar 45
 INITIAL:
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HEADQUARTERS
 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
 Office of the Commanding Officer

AFPO 140, U.S. Army,
 7 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 8 March 1945, T.O. 0920, Giessen Ordnance Depot, F.O. 198-773.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 43-22354 Station 3A failed
 (Lt C.S. Jordan) to release.

The aircraft was completely checked and found OK. All accessible wiring was checked for a possible short and no irregularities were found. The aircraft is still being investigated at the present time.

43-22361 Station 3A failed
 (Lt J.A. Willard) to release.

A previous failure of this nature had been attributed to failure of the R-32 unit but replacement of this unit failed to correct the mal-function. The aircraft is still being investigated at the present time.

V. 43-22380 left main tire blew
 (Lt S. Jopney) out on landing.

As the tire was so torn up after landing it was impossible to determine the cause. It was not the result of a hard landing.

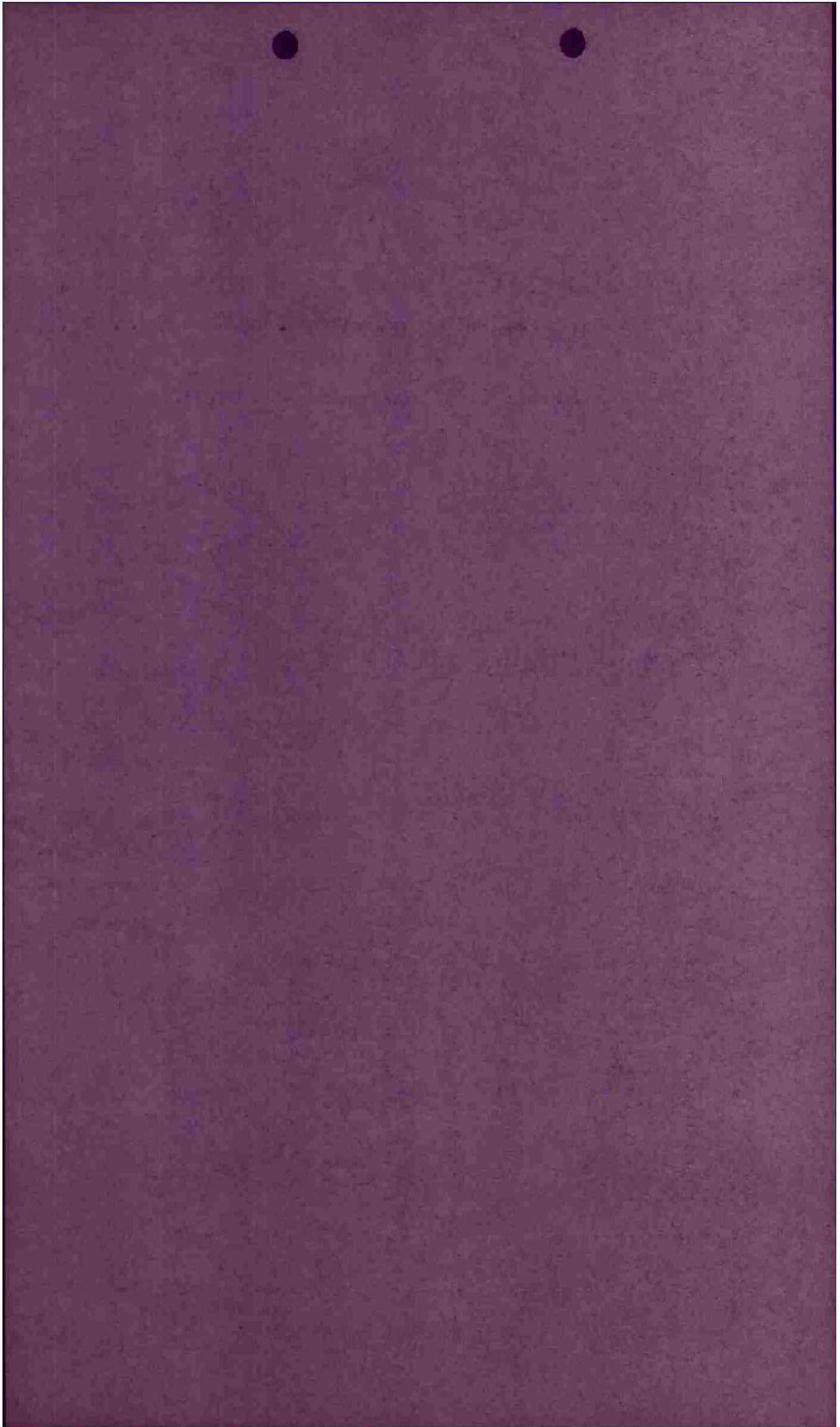
- VI. 1 - 3:29 - 510
- 2 - 3:30 - 565
- 3 - 3:30 - 575
- 4 - 3:30 - 520
- 5 - 3:30 - 560
- 6 - 3:30 - 530
- 7 - 3:30 - 590
- 8 - 3:15 - 515
- 9 - 3:30 - 500
- 10 - 3:30 - 700
- 11 - 3:15 - 565
- 12 - 3:30 - 565
- 13 - 3:20 - 590
- 14 - 3:35 - 600
- 15 - 3:35 - 480
- 16 - 3:35 - 530
- 17 - 3:35 - 525
- 18 - 3:35 - 560

- 1 - 3:40 - 600
- 2 - 3:40 - 500
- 3 - 3:30 - 540
- 4 - 3:30 - 630
- 5 - 3:30 - 500
- 6 - 3:40 - 590
- 7 - 3:40 - 700
- 8 - 3:25 - 500
- 9 - 3:25 - 600
- 10 - 3:25 - 700
- 11 - 3:25 - 550
- 12 - 3:25 - 650
- 13 - 3:25 - 575
- 14 - 3:25 - 590
- 15 - 3:25 - 375
- 16 - 3:25 - 580
- 17 - 3:25 - 585
- 18 - 3:40 - 600

- 9 - 3:10 - 485
- 9 - 3:10 - 500
- 9 - 3:10 - 575

VII. None.

HAROLD A. FAUSTY,
 Lt Colonel, Air Corps,
 Commanding.



SECRET
 FORM: 30, A-69
 4 Mar 45
 INITIAL:

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

R-M-1

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

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 3 March 1945, T.O. 1027, Iserlohn Warehouses, F.O. 186-771.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 41-89271
 (Lt J.F. Allen)

Pilot salvoed after bombs
 failed to release at
 target.

A short in the bomb door safety
 switch tripped the circuit
 breaker for the bomb bay circuit.
 This aircraft had an auxiliary
 safety switch for salvo release
 and pilot salvoed bombs after
 target area.

43-22351
 (P/O F.W. Swap)

Station 3A failed to
 release.

R-62 unit failed to relay impulse
 back to front bomb bay for
 release of last station.

V. 43-22389
 (Lt L.E. Cannon)

landing gear would not
 retract until the solenoid
 was pushed manually.

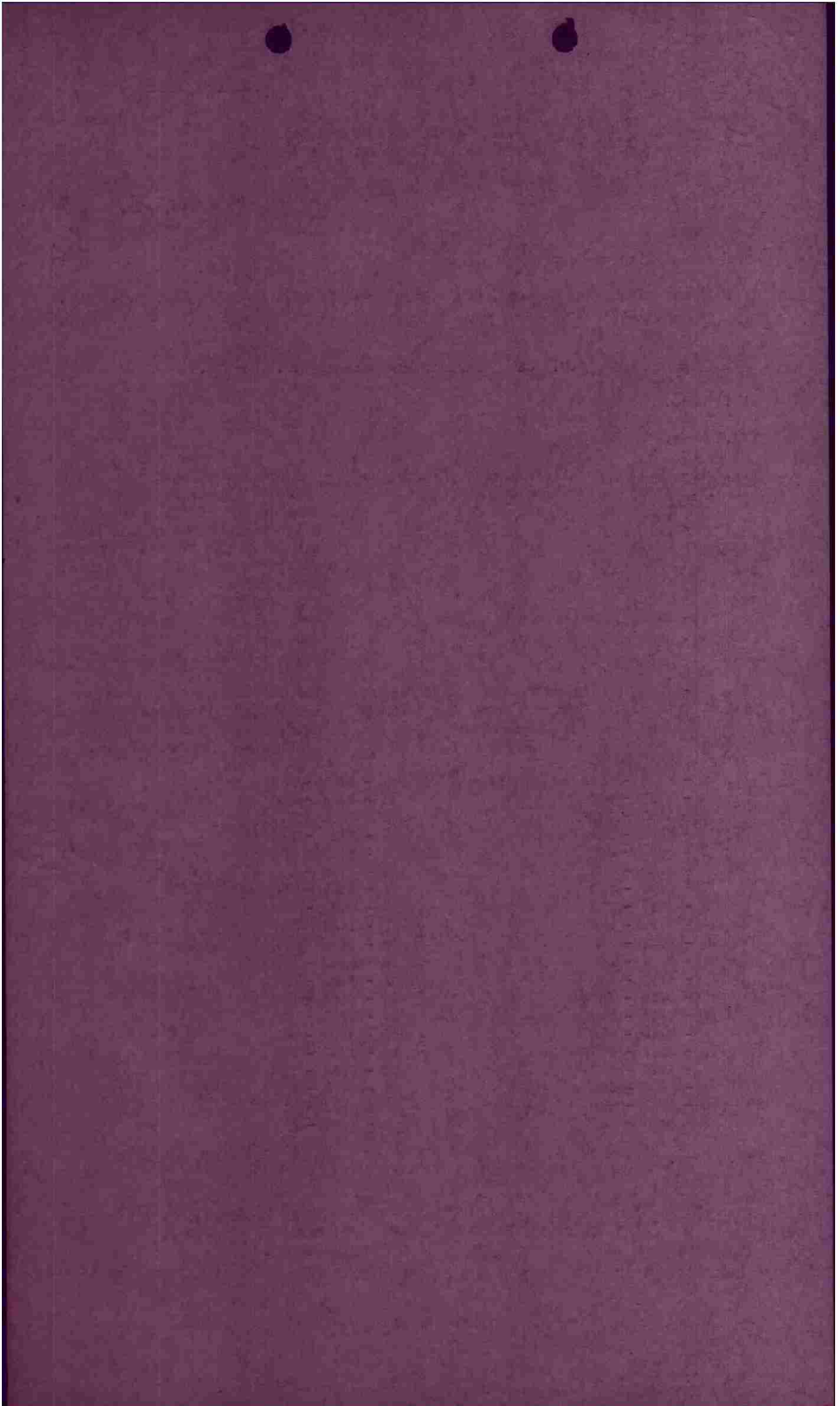
The landing gear micro switch
 was out of adjustment. The
 switch was adjusted and the
 landing gear retracted O.K.

VI. 1 - 3:25 - 525
 2 - 3:25 - 560
 3 - 3:30 - 475
 4 - 3:25 - 625
 5 - 3:30 - 660
 6 - 3:30 - 600
 7 - 3:30 - 550
 8 - 3:35 - 575
 9 - 3:30 - 570
 10 - 3:30 - 550
 11 - 3:25 - 520
 12 - 3:30 - 600
 13 - 3:25 - 600
 14 - 3:25 - 575
 15 - 3:25 - 600
 16 - 3:25 - 580
 17 - 3:10 - 580
 18 - 3:25 - 600
 9 - 3:30 - 525
 W - 3:00 - 465

1 - 3:25 - 485
 2 - 3:25 - 560
 3 - 3:30 - 675
 4 - 3:25 - 575
 5 - 3:30 - 600
 6 - 3:30 - 600
 7 - 3:30 - 470
 8 - 3:30 - 580
 9 - 3:30 - 545
 10 - 3:30 - 520
 11 - 3:30 - 680
 12 - 3:25 - 520
 13 - 3:30 - 600
 14 - 3:30 - 600
 15 - 3:20 - 600
 16 - 3:30 - 550
 17 - 3:25 - 725
 18 - 3:30 - 550
 W - 3:00 - 550
 W - 3:00 - 875

VII. None.

HAROLD A. BADESKY,
 Lt. Colonel, Air Corps,
 Commanding.

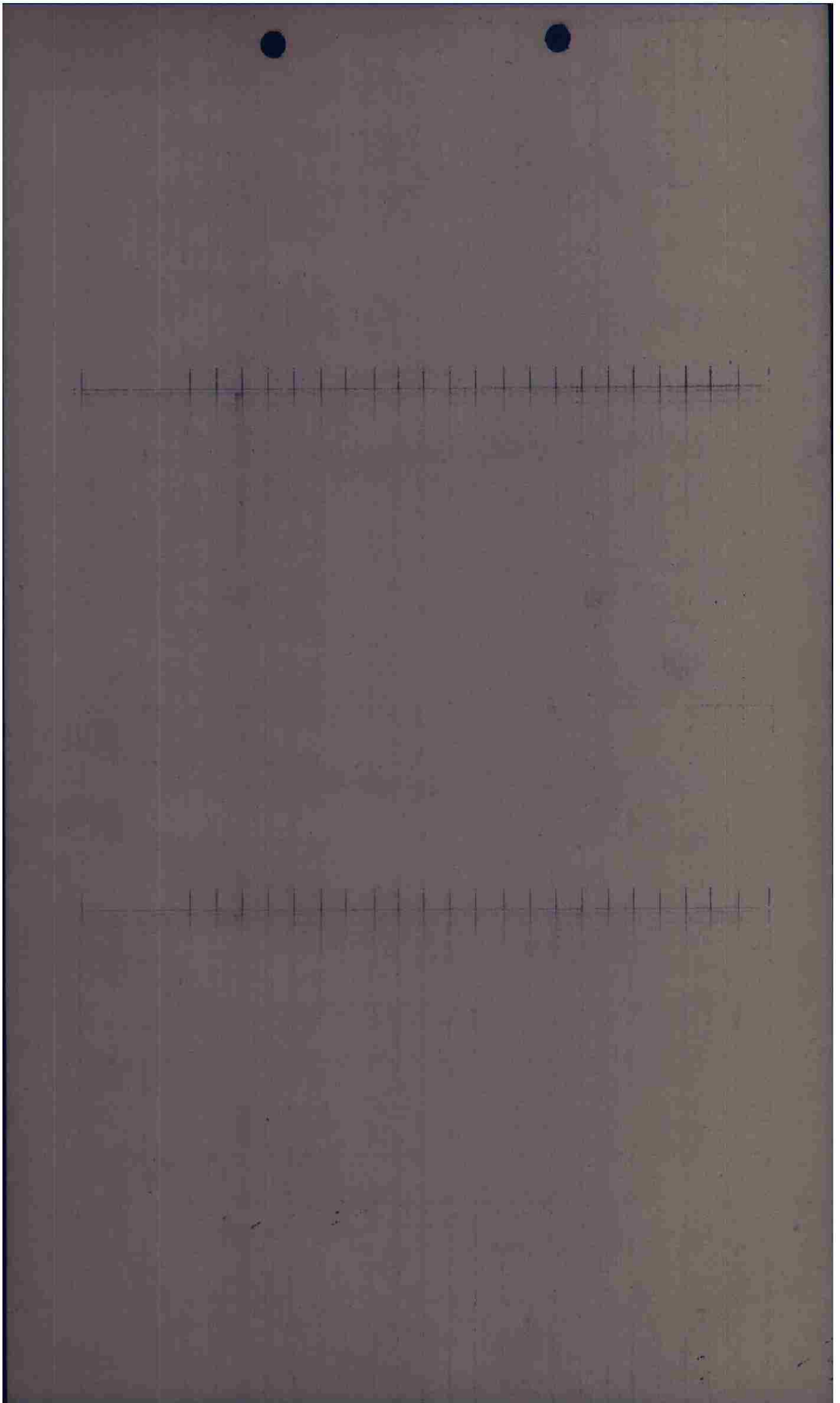


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July

31 March 1945

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B	N	521	Hopewell	59M		0920										1247	3:30
A	N-1	523	Stanley			0921										47	3:30
A	O	378	Chick			0921										48	3:30
B	S	352	Conrad			0922						*				48	3:30
B	D	252	Paul			0923						*				1512	3:30
B	Q	381	DeWalt			0922										1248	3:30
A	E	497	Just			0923										57	3:30
A	A	250	Van Norden		aircraft	west	out of commission					*				53	3:50
A	N-2	239	Williams		aircraft	west	out of commission									53	3:50
A	D-1	237	Shuster			0923										52	3:50
A	M	209	Estman		aircraft	west	of commission					*				52	3:30
A	P	332	Richard			0924										54	3:30
A	R	498	Pavi			0924										54	3:30
A	T	497	Shaw			0924						*				55	3:35
A	L	356	Winn			0925										55	3:35
A	B	313	Stroman		aircraft	west	of commission									57	3:35
A	Z	419	Wickard			0925										56	3:35
A	X	300	Bradley			0925						*				56	3:35
A	L	325	Shaw			0921										58	3:15
B	J	487	Heisk			0940										1249	3:10
A	D	385	Heisk			0940										1250	3:10
A	A	213	DeWalt			0940										1250	3:10

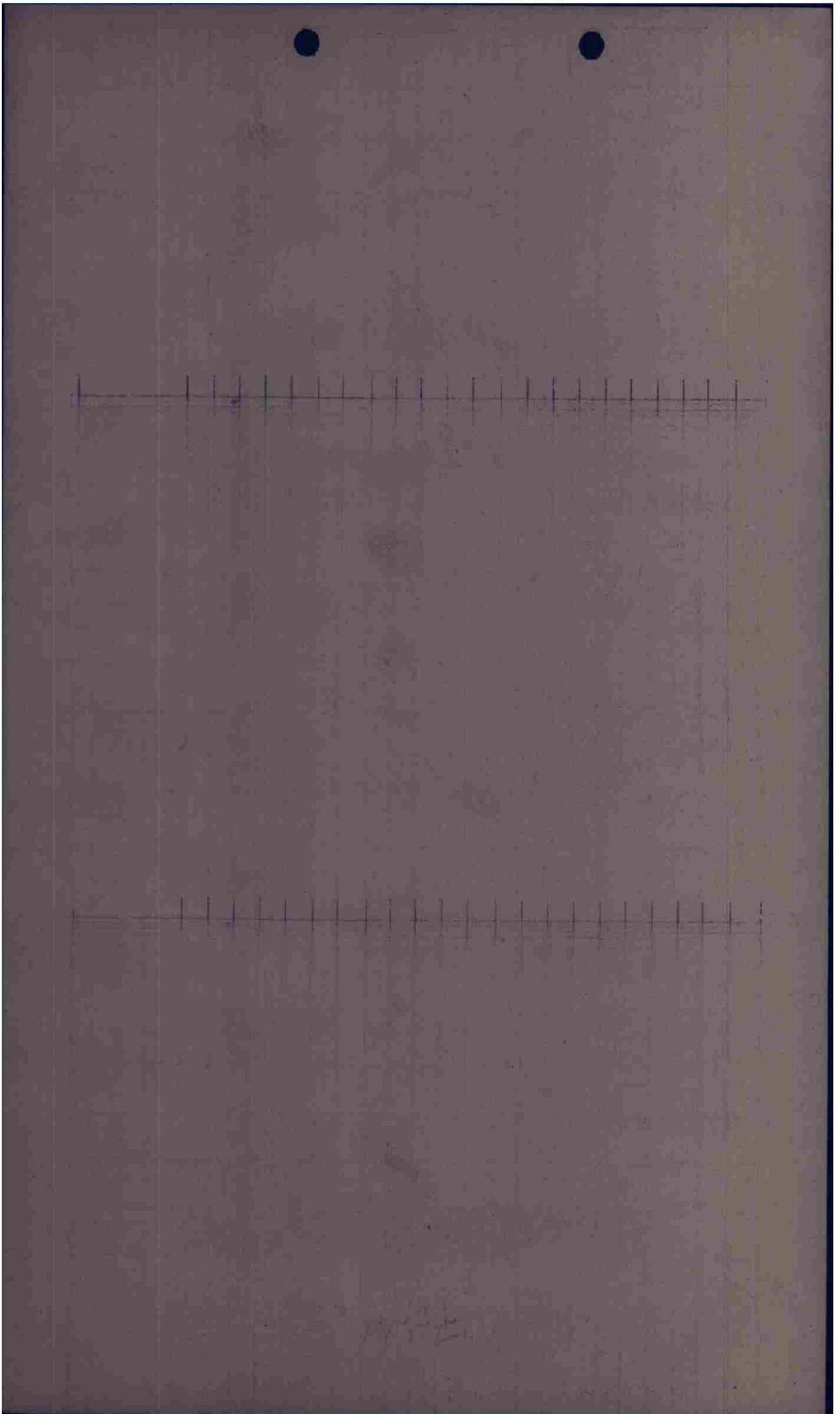


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3 March 1945

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B	F	490	Moller			0933										1311	3:40
C	W	501	Griming			0934										10	3:40
B	F	351	Willard			0934						X				1301	3:30
B	C	341	Gunnard S. O.			0935										01	3:30
B	R	071	Martin			0922						X				1248	3:30
B	T	001	Hepner			0935						X				1311	3:40
A	Y	505	Myick			0935										1315	3:40
A	V	305	Blevins			0936						X				1258	3:25
A	M	361	Parshlow			0936										1259	3:25
A	I	321	Calquist			0936						X				1300	3:25
A	Q	495	Armer			0937										1300	3:25
A	W	335	Barnet			0937										1300	3:25
C	X	503	Brunette			0937										1302	3:25
C	N	307	Burning			0938						X				1300	3:25
C	R	315	Green			0938										1303	3:25
C	D	330	Hopwood			0938										1303	3:25
C	M	305	Hornum			0939										1303	3:25
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B	G	263	Hayden			0939										1252	3:15





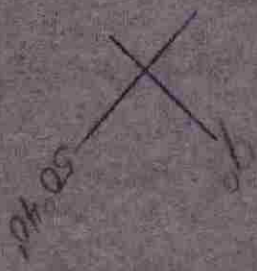
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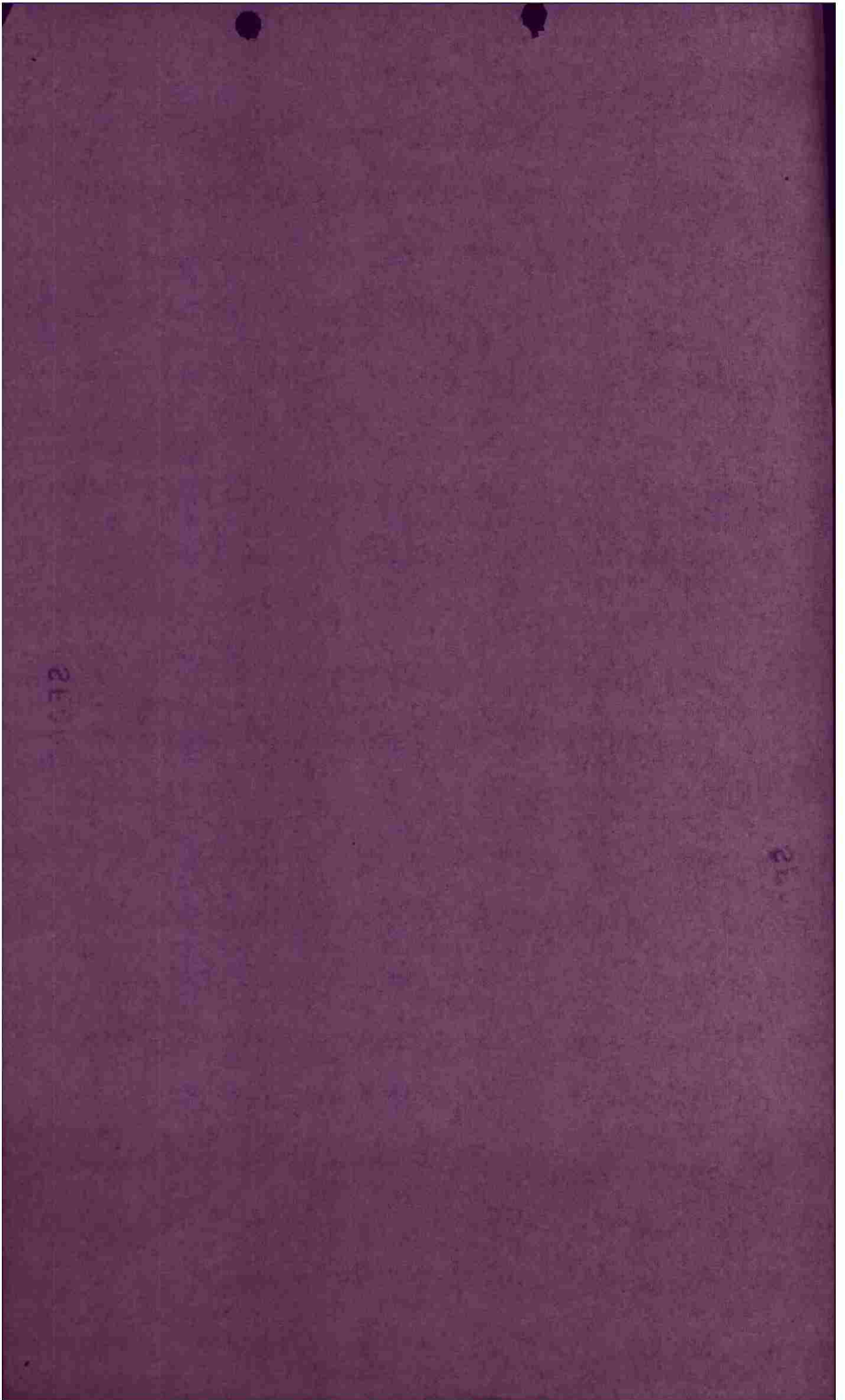
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3M Squad 45 F/02/12
16/01 and 1/11/13500
Woodrow Carroll
10/11/38
D. H. B. D...

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FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : 9TH BOMB DIVISION (M) ATTN: RADAR OFFICER
97TH COMBAT WING (L) INFO COPY

416 BG M _____ 3 MARCH 1945 1515 SECRET

THE RUHR GER CHAIN WAS JAMMED WITH "RAILINGS" TODAY. IT WAS NOTICED AS SOON AS THE NAVIGATORS SWITCHED FROM THE RHINES TO THE RUHR CHAIN AT ABOUT 1045 SOUTH OF COBLENZ AND IT LASTED UNTIL THE NAVIGATORS CHANGED BACK TO THE RHINES CHAIN NEAR THE SAME PLACE AT ABOUT 1115. THE "RAILINGS" WERE UNEVENLY SPACED, OF VARIABLE HEIGHTS AND MOVED IRREGULARLY BACK AND FORTH ACROSS THE TIME BASE. ANTI-JAM SWITCHING WAS NOT REPORTED HELPFUL.

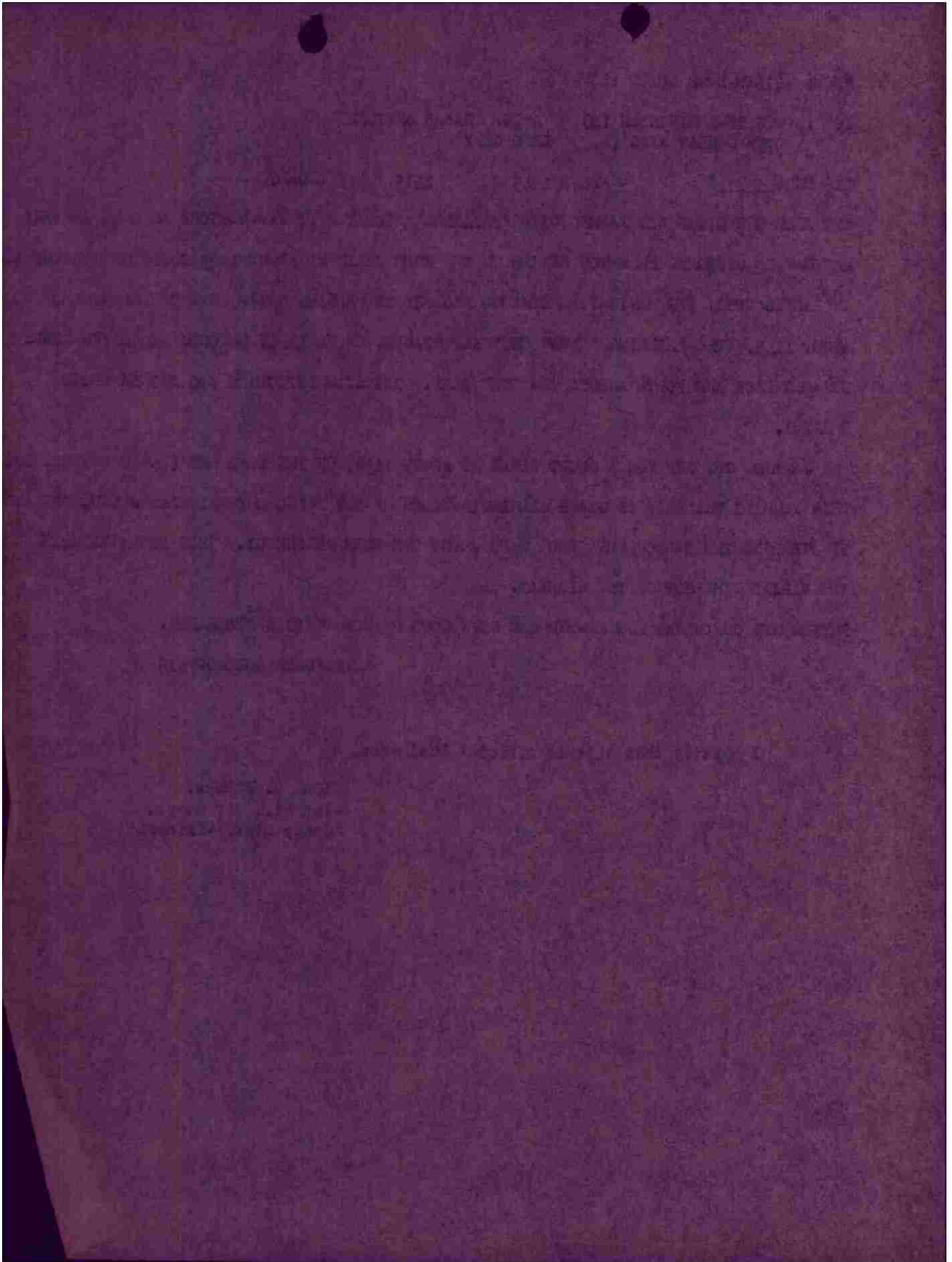
THE JAMMING CUT OFF FOR A SHORT WHILE AT ABOUT 1130. ON THE BOMB RUN (NEAR REIDENDORF) THIS JAMMING TRANSMITTER GIVES ALL INDICATIONS OF NOT BEING CRYSTAL CONTROLLED, AND MAY BE SWEEPING THE NARROW FREQUENCY BAND ABOUT THE RUHR FREQUENCY. THIS MIGHT EXPLAIN THE VARIABLE HEIGHT OF THE SIGNALS.

RHINES GER CHAIN WAS NOT JAMMED AND GAVE GOOD RESULTS WITHIN ITS RANGE.

AYLESWORTH COBORGER 416

I certify that this is official business:

JOHN M. BONURA,
1st Lt., Air Corps.
Opn. Stat. Officer



FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : 9TH BOMB DIVISION (M)
97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)

CG 1ST PATHFINDER PROV SQDN 3 MARCH 1945 1510

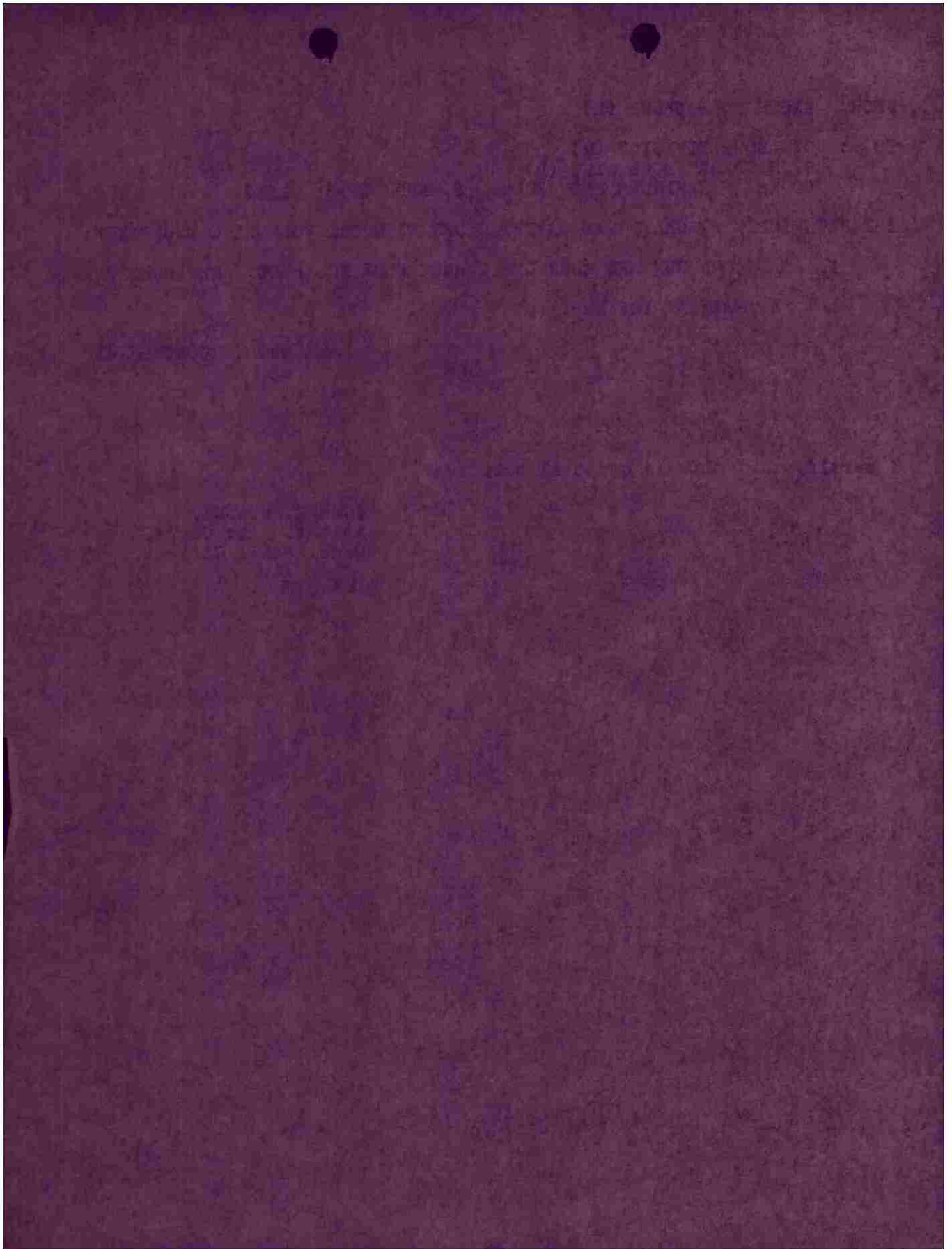
THE PATHFINDER AIRCRAFT WAS SATISFACTORY WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTION:

1. THE BOMB RUN AND TURN OFF TARGET WERE TOO SLOW. THE BOMB RUN WAS MADE AT 185 MPH.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

JOHN M. BONURA,
1st Lt. Air Corps,
Coms. Stat. Officer.



ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 04/03 OP OP

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 03/0415A
 TO COMBOMDIV NINE
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416
 1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

R-2E-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 3 MARCH 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 182-773

MAPS : NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
 (2) IX T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR 409TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS ON ALL PLANS.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" 03/1500A
 ZERO HOUR PLAN "C" 03/1000A

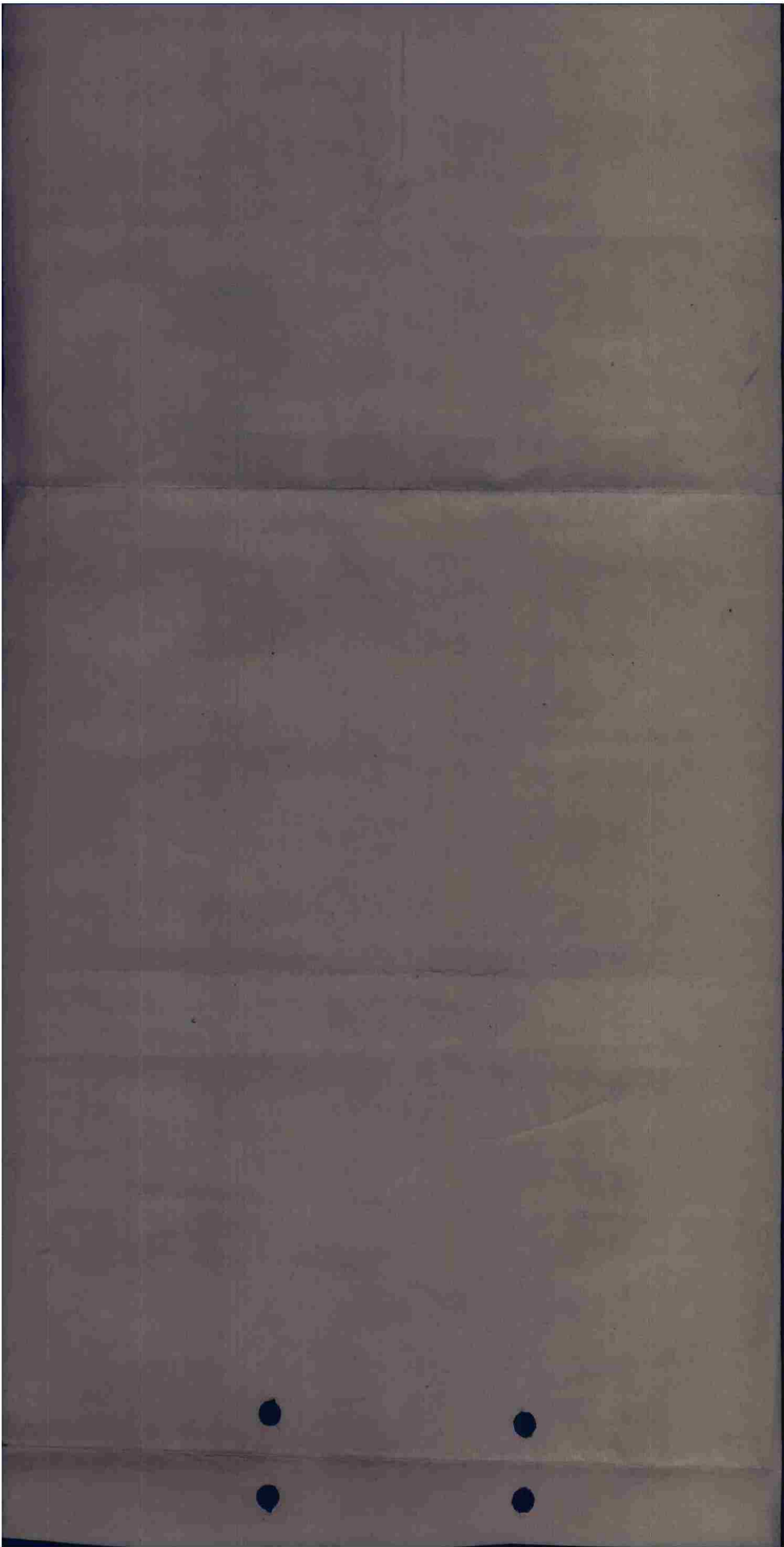
PLAN "A" VISUAL

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-6122 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 10 MIN.
 - (12) GROUP WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES STARTING ONE MINUTE BEFORE RNDV. POINT AND CONTINUE UNTIL RNDV. POINT IS REACHED.
3. B. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 - (1) HEIMERZHEIN ROAD JUNCTIONS F-419358
 - (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 - (4) BASE TO K-8343 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB 12,500 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET.
 - (7) F-2333
 - (8) GENERALLY W TO E
 - (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 5207 3 FLIGHTS ON EACH GRID. COORD. 41833578, 41913591, 41983559.
 - (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
 - (11) F-1247
 - (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 30 MIN.
 - (13) IN THE EVENT PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED, AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E WILL BE ATTACKED.
 - (14) COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WILL BE PROVIDED TO NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE.
3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-6122 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 30 MIN.
 - (12) GROUP WILL FIRE RED FLARES STARTING ONE MINUTE BEFORE RNDV. POINT AND CONTINUE UNTIL RNDV. POINT IS REACHED.
- X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE

FOR 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS ONLY.

 - (5) TARGET : LAGE R.R. BRIDGE B-717782
 - (6) A/C REQ : 24 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
 - (7) ROUTE OUT : BASE TO FIGHTER RNDV. (P-6122) TO P-9657 TO L-3666 TO M-0978 TO G-1618 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 - (8) ROUTE BACK : TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO G-1618 TO M-0978 TO L-3666 TO P-9657 TO BASE.
 - (9) ALTITUDES : BOMB 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 6,000 FEET.
 - (10) I.P. : B-7757-454
 - (11) AXIS OF ATTACK : GENERALLY S TO N
 - (12) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 4618. GRID. COORD. 71707825 (CENTER OF BRIDGE) INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
 - (13) BOMB LOAD AND FUSING : 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
 - (14) R.P. : B-7757-454
 - (15) IN THE EVENT PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED, OR FIGHTER RNDV. IS NOT MADE, GROUPS WILL ATTACK AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (2-9-45)
 - (16) IF CLOUD COVER PREVENTS VISUAL BOMBING GROUPS WILL ATTACK PRIMARY TARGET ON (A) GEE (B) TARGET T.A.

PLAN "C" PATHFINDER



3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-6122 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 65 MIN.
- (9) MPI: ILL. 3(K)48/4. 2 FLIGHTS ON CENTER OF BUILDING NO. 1 2 FLIGHTS ON CENTER OF ANNOTATED AREA NO. 3, ONE FLIGHT ON CENTER OF BUILDING NO. 2, ONE FLIGHT ON CENTER OF ANNOTATED AREA NO. 4. TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS. ONE BOX EACH ON REF.: 68802135. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES P P F MPI: REF.: 68802135
- (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR.
- (13) GROUP WILL FIRE RED FLARES STARTING ONE MINUTE BEFORE RNDV. POINT AND CONTINUE UNTIL RNDV. POINT IS REACHED.

3. B. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) HEIMERZHEIM ROAD JUNCTIONS F-419355
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 BOMBING ON 2 P P F A/C
- (4) BASE TO K-9651 TO K-9152 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO F-1247 TO BASE
- (6) BOMB 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET. 2ND BOX 13,000 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING 8,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
- (9) MPI: GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 5207. 2 FLIGHTS ON EACH GRID. COORD. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS: GRID. COORD.: 41833578, 41913391, 41983555. ONE BOX ON EACH GRID. COORD. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES: 42003570 AND 41833578. P P F MPI: GRID. COORD.: 42003570.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MIN.
- (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT TARGET BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMBING VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CONTACT THE P P F A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND USE F-2333 AS A VISUAL I P. IF CLOUDS PREVENT VISUAL BOMBING AND P P F EQUIPMENT FAILS, GROUP WILL ATTACK AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (2-9-45)
- (14) COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WILL BE PROVIDED TO NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE.

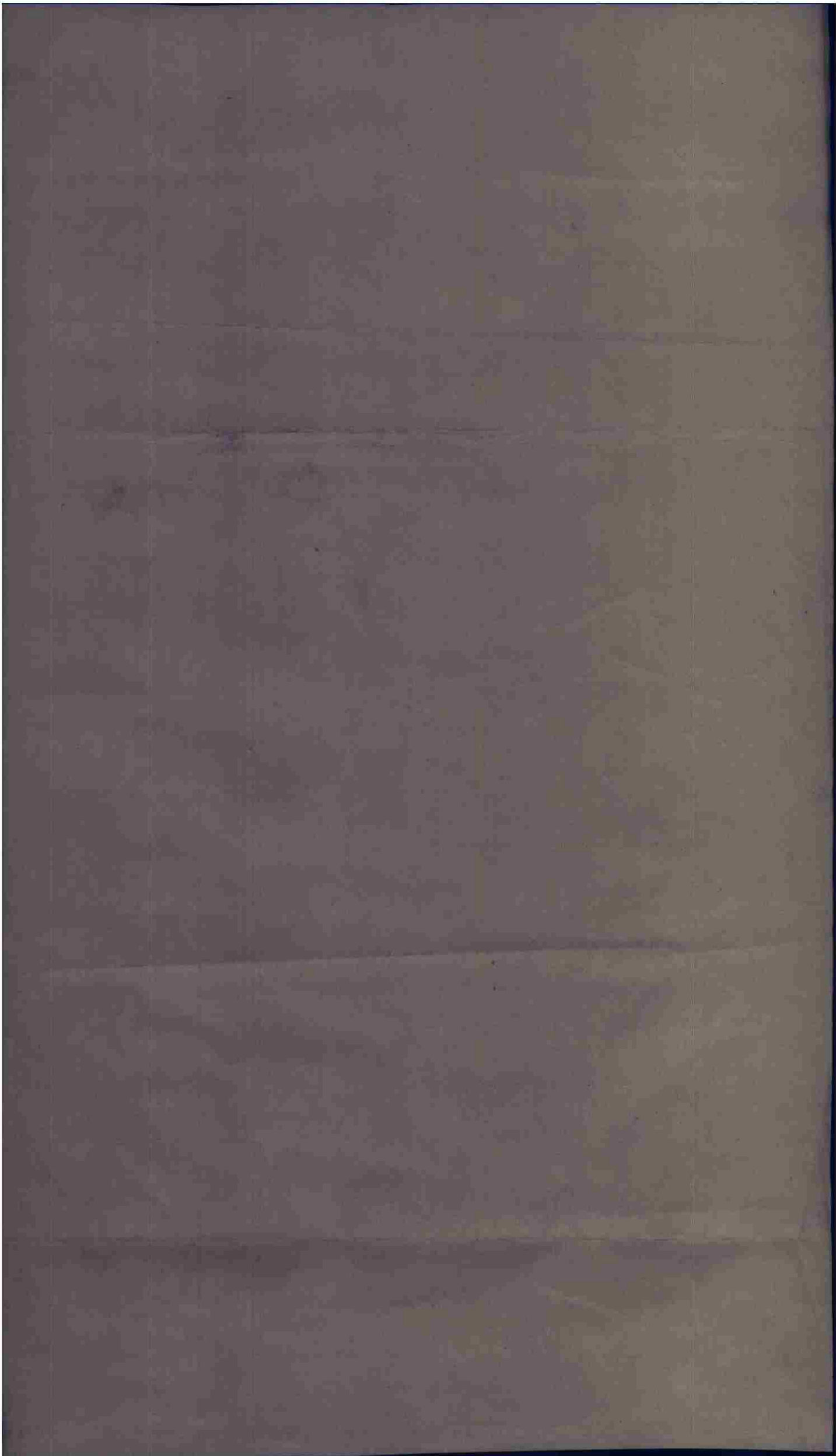
3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-6122 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 45 MIN.
- (9) MPI: GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 5418. COVER AREA BOUNDED BY 67982125, 67772093 67932083, 68222107, 68122130 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. P P F MPI: GRID. COORD.: 68052100.
- (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN.
- (13) GROUP WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES STARTING ONE MINUTE BEFORE RNDV. POINT AND CONTINUING UNTIL RNDV. POINT IS REACHED.

7. (1 - 4) NO CHANGE.

FOR 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS ONLY

- (5) TARGET: GIESSEN ORDNANCE AND SUPPLY DEPOT G-688214
- (6) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/ C BOMBING ON ONE P P F A/C
- (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO FIGHTER RNDV. TO P-9657 TO L-5667 TO M-0978 TO G-1055 TO G-4055 TO G-5079 TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO G-1719 TO M-0978 TO L-5667 TO P-9657 TO BASE.
- (9) ALTITUDES: BOMB 13,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING 8,000 FEET. LOSE 2,000 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
- (10) BOMB LOAD AND FUSING: 6 X 500 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS WILL BOMB BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE P P F A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND WILL USE G-4216 AS A VISUAL I P. IF CLOUDS PREVENT VISUAL BOMBING GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - (A) P P F
 - (B) GROUP "GEE"
 - (C) TARGET E.T.A.
- (12) IN THE EVENT THAT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS IS NOT MADE, OR GROUPS CANNOT REACH PRIMARY TARGET, AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (2-9-45) WILL BE ATTACKED.
- (13) INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.



4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A"

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (717782)
 - (2) MORTGAGE
 - (3) MUSTARD
 - (4) RIPSAW
- B. 416 TH BOMB GROUP (419358)
 - (2) PICKLE
 - (4) ROSELEE
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (717782)
 - (2) NOTHING
 - (3) SHOWDOWN
 - (4) RIPSAW

PLAN "B" AND "C"

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (688214)
 - (2) CIRCLE
 - (3) MEASURE
 - (4) RIPSAW
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (419358)
 - (2) PRIMUS
 - (4) ROSELEE
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (688214)
 - (2) BESTMAN
 - (3) EVENING
 - (4) RIPSAW

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

(11) ON PLAN "A", PICKLE LEADER CALL COCKSPUR ON "C" 15 MIN. PRIOR TO REACHING TROOP LINE, ADVISING HOW MUCH EARLY OR LATE. ALSO CALL COCKSPUR WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA, STATING OPERATIONS COMPLETED. ON PLAN "B" AND "C" PRIMUS LEADER CALL COCKSPUR ON "C" 15 MIN. PRIOR TO REACHING TROOP LINE ADVISING HOW MUCH EARLY OR LATE. ALSO CALL COCKSPUR WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA, STATING OPERATIONS COMPLETED.

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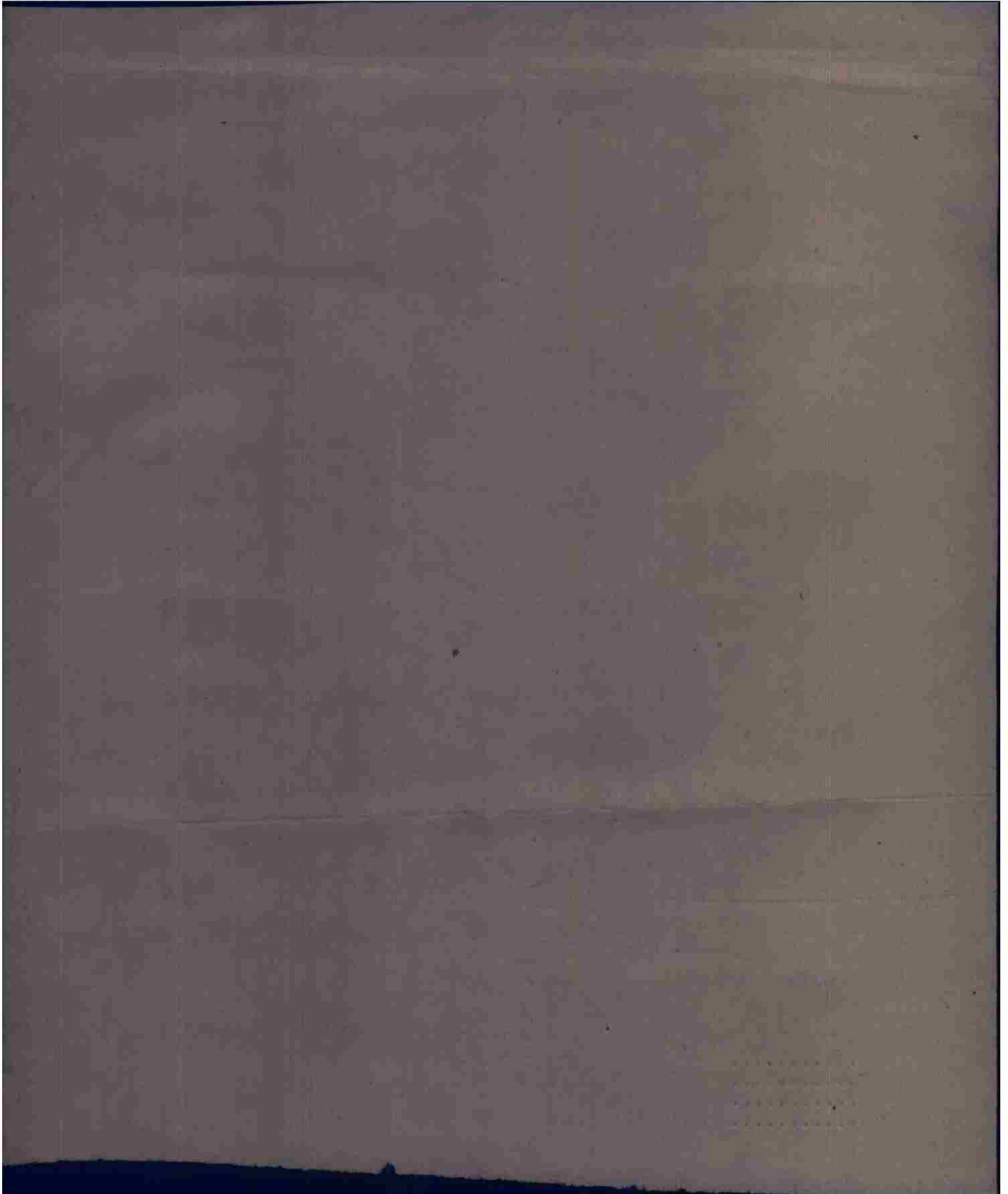
BT 03/0415A

CC CES

CC : INITIALS SH RD SS/CES

BBB TO GROUPS

ITA R.....03/0545A	HCB	AR
JES R.....03/0545A	IXR	AR
JPO R.....03/0545AS	SL	AR
JKI R.....03/0545A	FD	KKK



ITA JJF JES JPO JKI JEA JEA 06/03 OP OP
T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 03/0955A
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

97CBW R-30-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
03 MARCH 1945

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ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 188-773:

CANCEL PLAN "A" REPEAT: CANCEL PLAN "A".

IN PLAN "C": CHANGE PARA. 3. A. (3) TO READ:

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-6122 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR
PLUS 15 MINUTES.

CHANGE PARA. 3. A. (12) TO READ:

(12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 80 MINUTES.

CHANGE PARA. 3. C. (3) TO READ:

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-6122 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS
30 MINUTES.

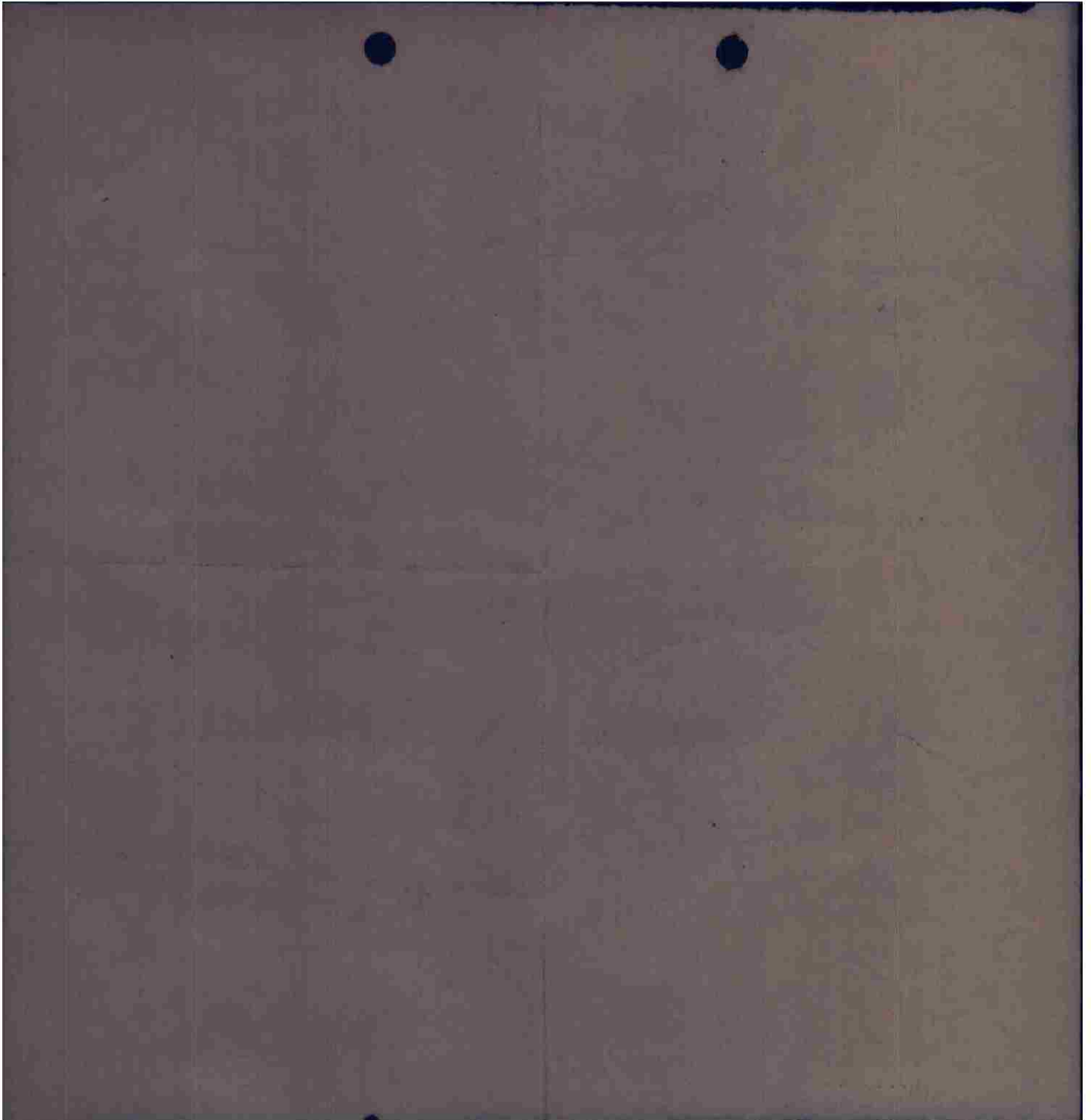
CHANGE PARA. 3. C. (12) TO READ:

(12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 95 MINUTES.

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 0955A
RL AR K

JES R.....03/1005A JJH AR
JPO R.....02/1015A LB AR
JKI R.....Z.BEAXARXXV0UXTNERKXKX.....03/1015A EJ AR

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ITA JES JKI V JEA JEA 03/03 OP OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 03/0223A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
CODOMGFS 409, 416

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

R-27-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 2 FIELD ORDER NO. 186-773

PLAN "A"

1. TARGET: LAGE RAILROAD BRIDGE AT B-71707825

2. PHOTO COVERAGE:

7/2136 PRINT 8031
XXIX TAC/T-196, T-244
1066/578 PRINT 4075 AND 4074

3. THIS TARGET HAS COME UNDER SEVERAL PAST OPERATIONAL PLANS AND IS A PRIORITY COMMUNICATION LINK, WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER NOW.

4. FLAK: SEE PLOTTED POSITIONS.

PLAN "B" AND "C"

1. TARGET: GIESSEN ORDNANCE AND SUPPLY DEPOT G-686214
SEE INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 173-735

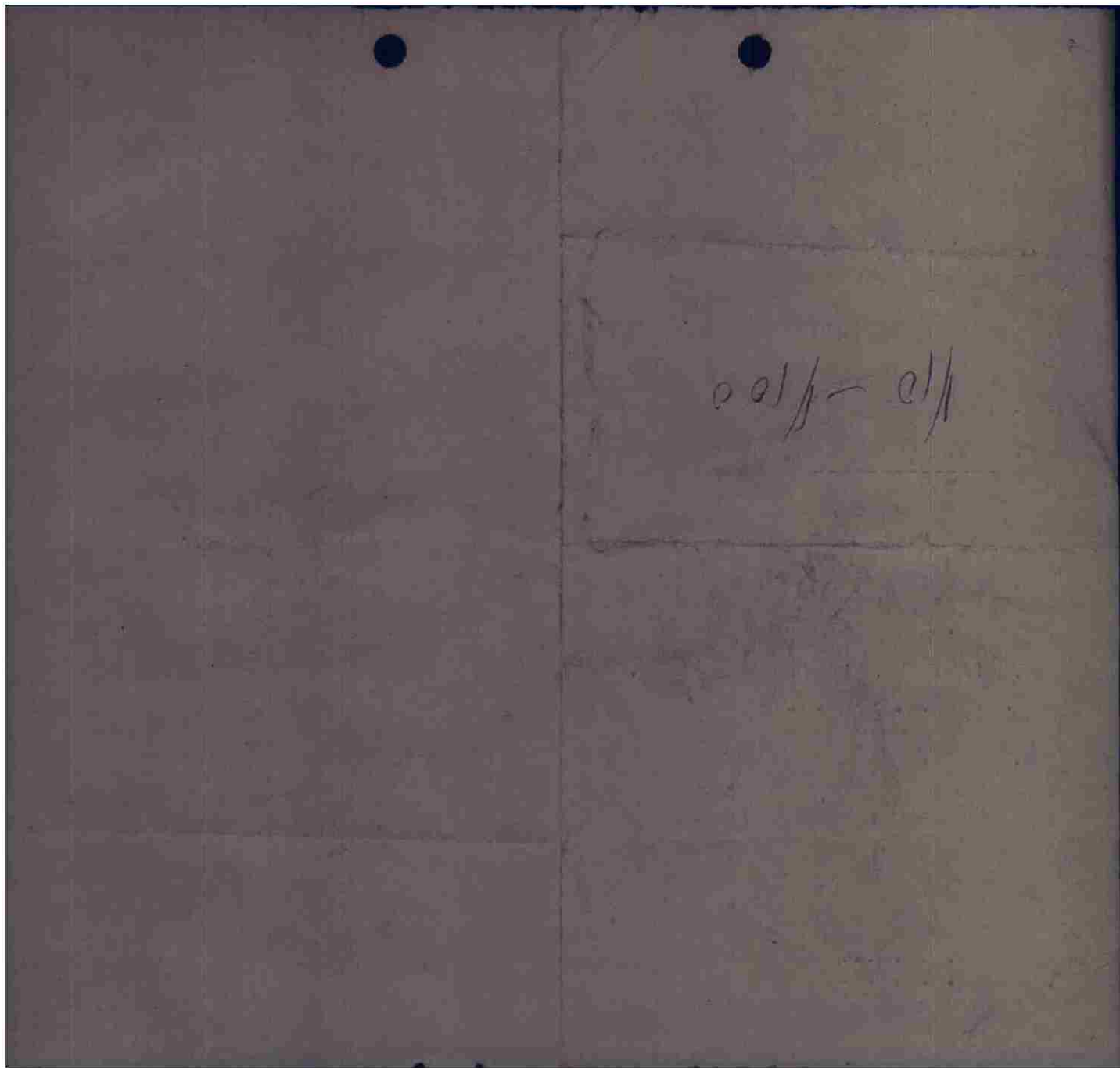
COMCBTWIG 97

BT 03/0223A

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SS

JES R 03/0240A WS AR
JKI R 03/0240 A FD AR



ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 01/03 (INFO - INFO)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 03/0105A
TO COMCOMDIV NINE
COBONGPS 409, 410, 416

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ATTENTION SIGNALS OFFICERS

ADV. INFO COPY OF PARAGRAPH 5. OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A"

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (717782)
 - (2) MORTGAGE
 - (3) MUSTARD
 - (4) RIPSAN
- B. 410 TH BOMB GROUP (419358)
 - (2) PICKLE
 - (4) ROSELEE
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (717782)
 - (2) NOTHING
 - (3) SHUTDOWN
 - (4) RIPSAN

PLAN "B" AND "C"

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (688214)
 - (2) CIRCLE
 - (3) MEASURE
 - (4) RIPSAN
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (419358)
 - (2) PRIMUS
 - (4) ROSELEE
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (688214)
 - (2) BESTMAN
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 - (4) RIPSAN

7. GENERAL INFORMATION

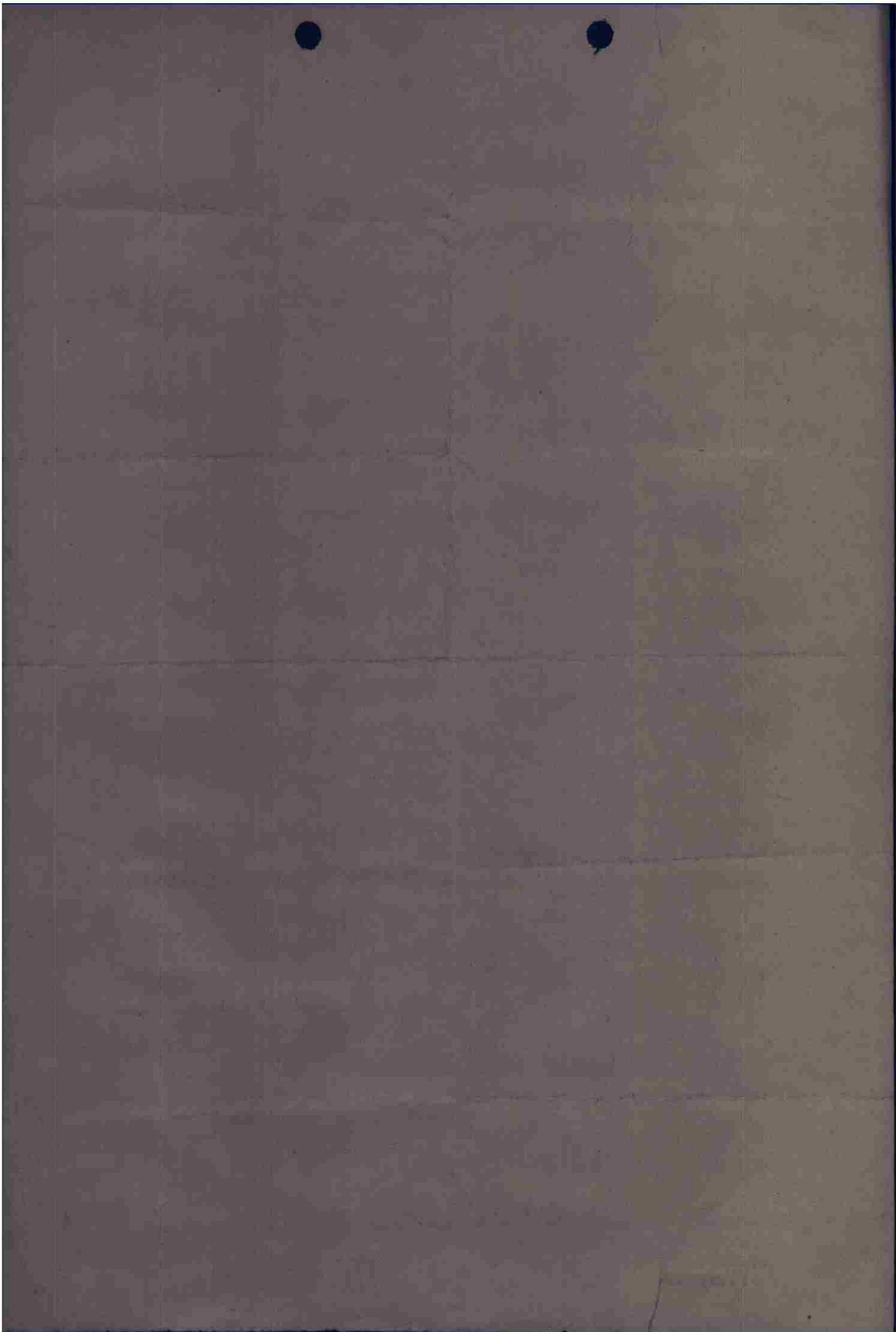
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BT 03/0105A

AR
SS

ITA R . . . (GEXPODIN CLEV AG
 JES R 03/0130-A US DBED
 JPO R GARDLED HERE PLS SEND ON OTHER CHANNEL R
 JKI R 03/0130A FB AR
 WTA CREV.AR..020003/00



JES JPO JKI VIA JEA V ITA 67/03 P P

VFROM: 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION 03/1500A
 TO : CG, ALL WINGS
 CO, ALL GROUPS
 CO, 1ST PSP
 ATT: 3-2

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RESTRICTED 9BD R-231-D TO CLARIFY OUR F-1959-D OF 28 FEBRUARY 1945, THE FOLLOWING APPLIES TO REPORTS OF BOMBING RESULTS, INCLUDING STRIKE-ATTACK LAYDOWNS. EFFECTIVE AS SOON AS MESSAGE RECEIVED;

1. THE TERM N.A.O. (NO AIMING OPERATION) WILL BE USED TO COVER CERTAIN INSTANCES AS ENUMERATED BELOW:

- (A) MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION.
- (B) SALVO, WITHOUT A SIGHTING OPERATION.
- (C) ANY SIMILAR OCCASION.
- (D) GEE
- (E) ETA
- (F) MEW
- (G) ANY SIMILAR MEANS.

2. THE TERM N.A.O. WILL BE USED WHEN A BOX OR FLIGHT, OR ANY ELEMENT THEREOF, BOMBS ON ANOTHER ELEMENT OF THE FORMATION DUE TO MISUNDERSTANDING AS TO THE BRIEFED METHOD OF BOMBING, OR THROUGH CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH PREVENT A NORMAL SIGHTING OPERATION.

3. THE TERM N.A.O. WILL NOT BE USED IN ANY CASE WHERE UNSATISFACTORY BOMBING IS DIRECTLY TRACEABLE TO A PERSONNEL FAILURE.

4. IN PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORTING OF N.A.O. BOMBING, THE TERM N.A.O. WILL BE FOLLOWED BY GEE, ETA, OR MEW, IF APPLICABLE, AS SHOWN BY EXAMPLE BELOW. IF THERE WAS AN ACCIDENTAL RELEASE, SALVO, ETC., THE NARRATIVE WILL FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TERM N.A.O. (SEE EXAMPLE BELOW). THE N.A.O. NARRATIVE PARAGRAPH WILL STATE:

FIRST: WHY PRIMARY (OR SECONDARY) WAS NOT BOMBED.

SECOND: NAME AND LOCATION OF PLACE WHERE BOMBS WERE DROPPED. IN CASE OF CASUAL TARGET, STATE DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY.

THIRD: DESCRIPTION OF PATTERNS.

FOURTH: STATEMENT OF DAMAGE OR PROBABLE DAMAGE.

FIFTH: IN CASE BOMBS FELL INSIDE BOMBLINE, STATEMENT AS TO NUMBER OF MILES BEHIND THAT LINE.

5. EXAMPLES OF N.A.O. REPORTING:

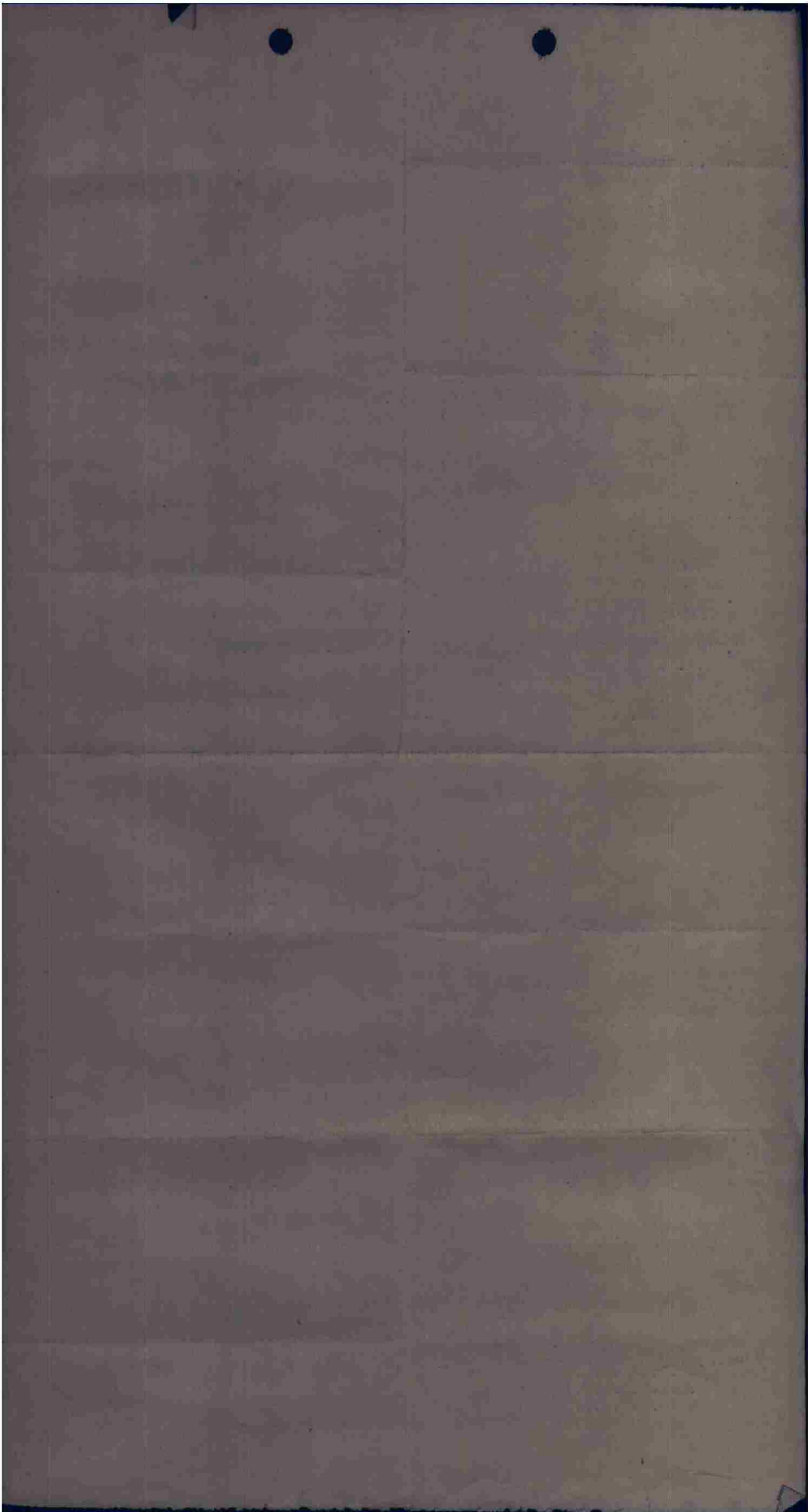
BOX I - N.A.O. GEE. PFF EQUIPMENT FAILURE AT PRIMARY. BOMBED BRIEFED GEE SECONDARY, REES COMMUNICATION CENTER, A-075522, ON BOX LEADER'S GEE. NO PHOTO COVERAGE OR VISUAL OBSERVATION OF RESULTS DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

BOX II - FLT. A - N.A.O. BOMBED ON ACCIDENTAL RELEASE. WHEN FLIGHT LEAD BOMBARDIER WAS PUTTING LEVER INTO SELECT POSITION, LEVER WENT INTO SALVO, AND BOMBS FELL. REST OF FLIGHT DROPPED ON LEAD. BOMBS FELL AT L-465573, NEAR BAUSENDORF, 8 MILES SW OF PRIMARY. PHOTOS SHOW BOMBS IN WOODED AREA IN FAIR CONCENTRATION. NO APPARENT MILITARY DAMAGE.

COMBOMDIV NINE

BT 03/1500A
 DC / SB BBB
 (LCB BBB)

JES R. 03/1800A DJP KKK
 JPO R. 03/1800 A DB K
 JKI R. 03/1800A WFC AR



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 07/03 OP OP

FROM HQS, 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 03/1400A
TO HQS, 9TH BOMB DIVISION
HQS, 97TH COMBAT WING

BT

SECRET 416TH BG R-64-D PERIOD

B. GIESSEN SUPPLY AND ORDNANCE DEPOT

J. NO PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 03/1400A
EU DREBBB (OP)

ITA R.....03/1440A DON KK
JEA R.....03/1440A RL K

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 08/03 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 03/1430A
TO CC, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
CC, 97TH COMBAT WING
ATTENTION: A-2

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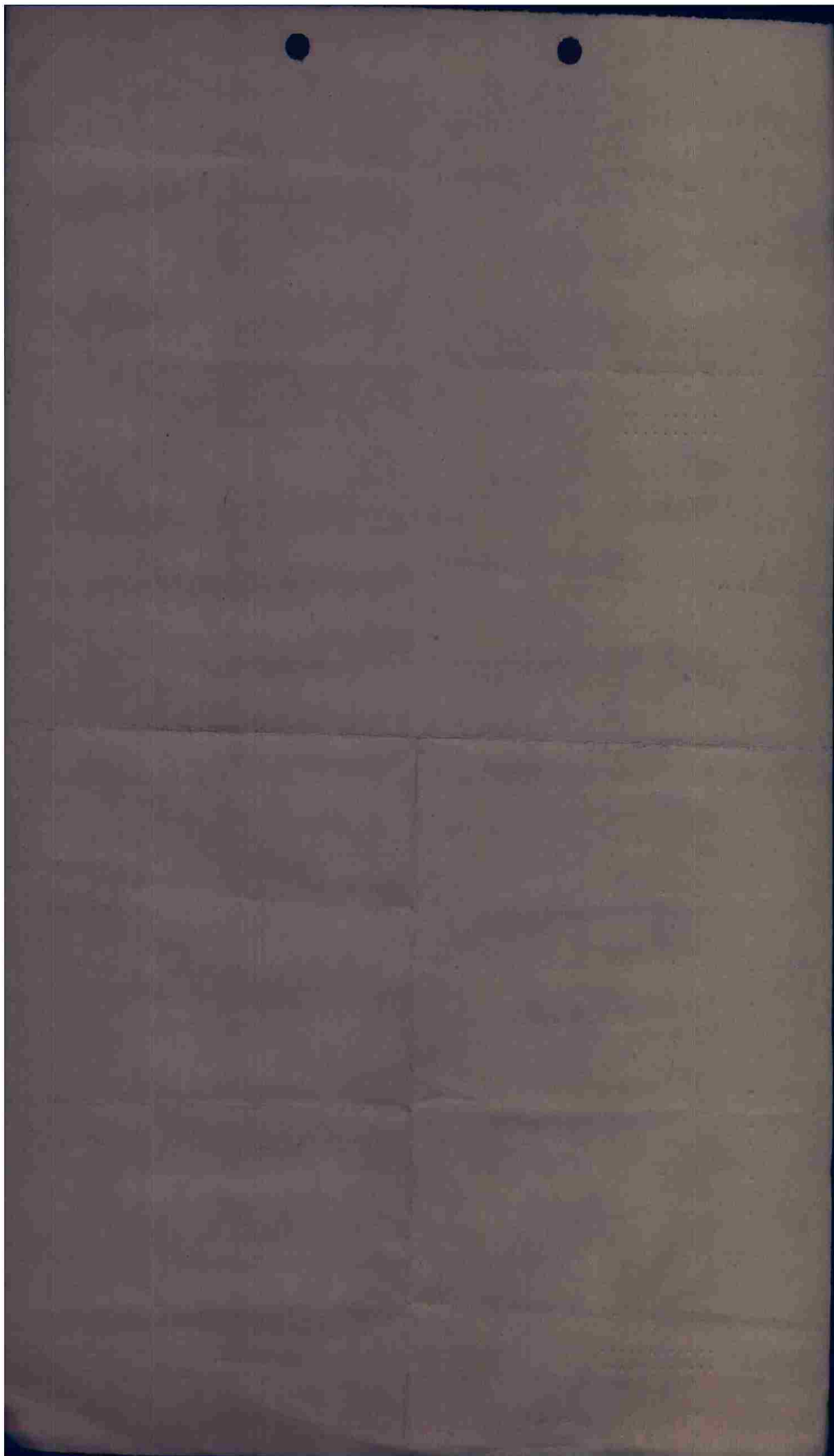
CONFIDENTIAL 416TH BG R-65-D PD
OPFLASH FOR 3 MARCH 1945.

- A. 416TH BOMB GROUP
- B. GIESSEN ORDNANCE AND SUPPLY DEPOT (G-688214)
- C. 39 A-26'S (INCLUDING 3 WITH WINDOWS ONLY)
- D. 36 A26'S ATTACKED PRIMARY ON PFF
- E. 3 A-26'S CARRIED WINDOW ONLY.
- F. 214 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
2 X 500 RETURNED.
- G. UNOBSERVED.
- H. NIL
- I. NIL
- J. NIL
- K. NIL
- L. 13,500 - 13,000
- M. 1132.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 03/1430A
EU AR AR

ITA R.....03/1445 A DON KK
JEA R.....03/1445A RL AR



ITA JES JKI JPO JJF V JEA JEA 12/03 OP - OP

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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 03/1820A
TO : IX BOMBER DIV.
409TH BOMB GROUP.
410TH BOMB VROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP. (INFO)
1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV.)

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

97CBW R-35-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A.P.O. 140
03 MARCH 1945

ANNEX NO. 1 TO F.O. NO. 189-774

CHANGE F.O. NO. 189-774 TO READ F.O. NO. 189-775

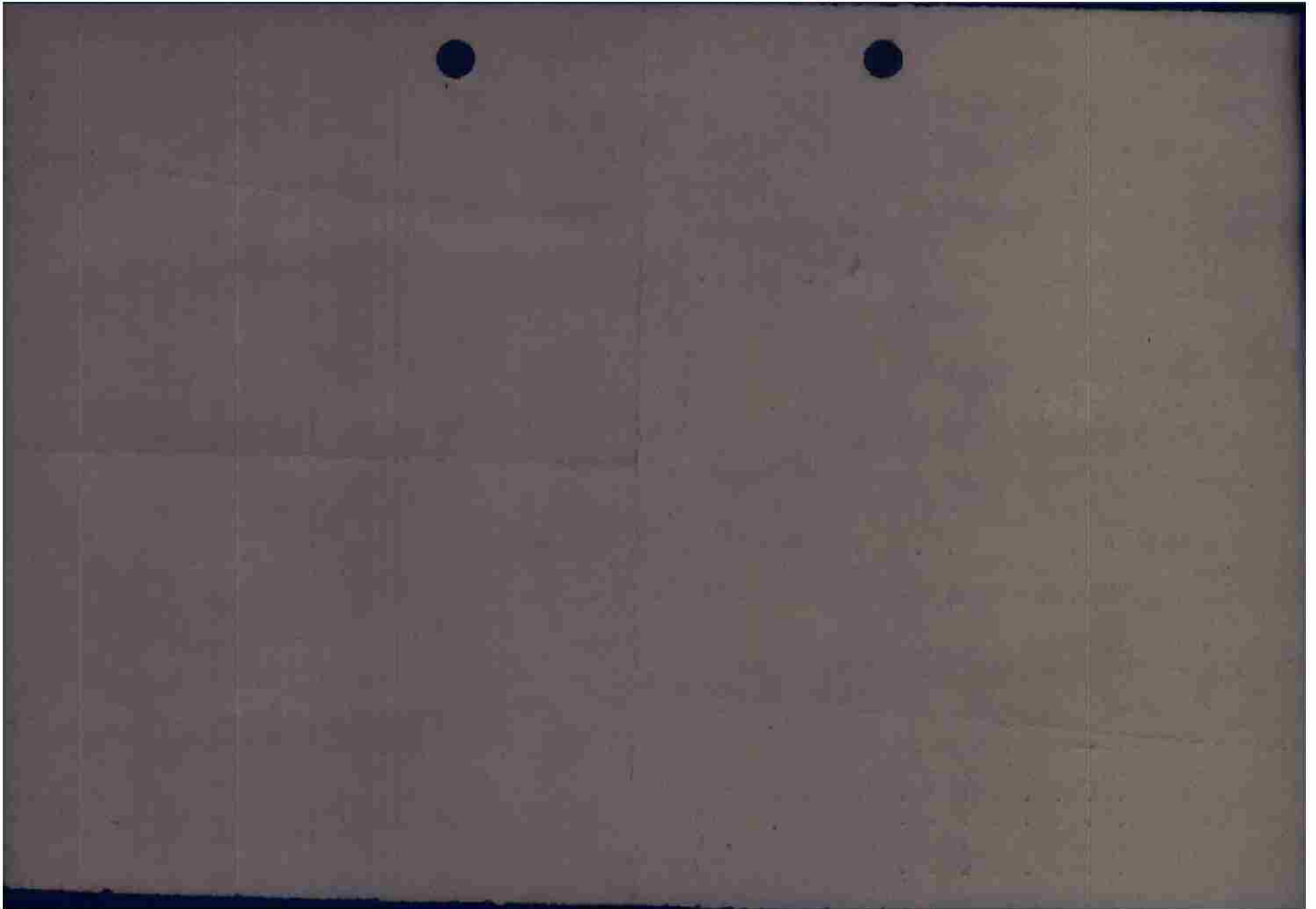
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BT 03/1820A
FK-AR

ITA R. ;31843A SB K
JJF R. // 03/1845A SSR KKKK
JES R. 03/1845A MC KKK
JPO R. 03/1845A DB K
JKI R. 03/1845E WFG AR

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 12/83 P P

FROM COMMANDING OFFICER, 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 03/1455A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER.
COMCETWIG 97TH (INFO COPY)

BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416TH BG R-67-J PERIOD

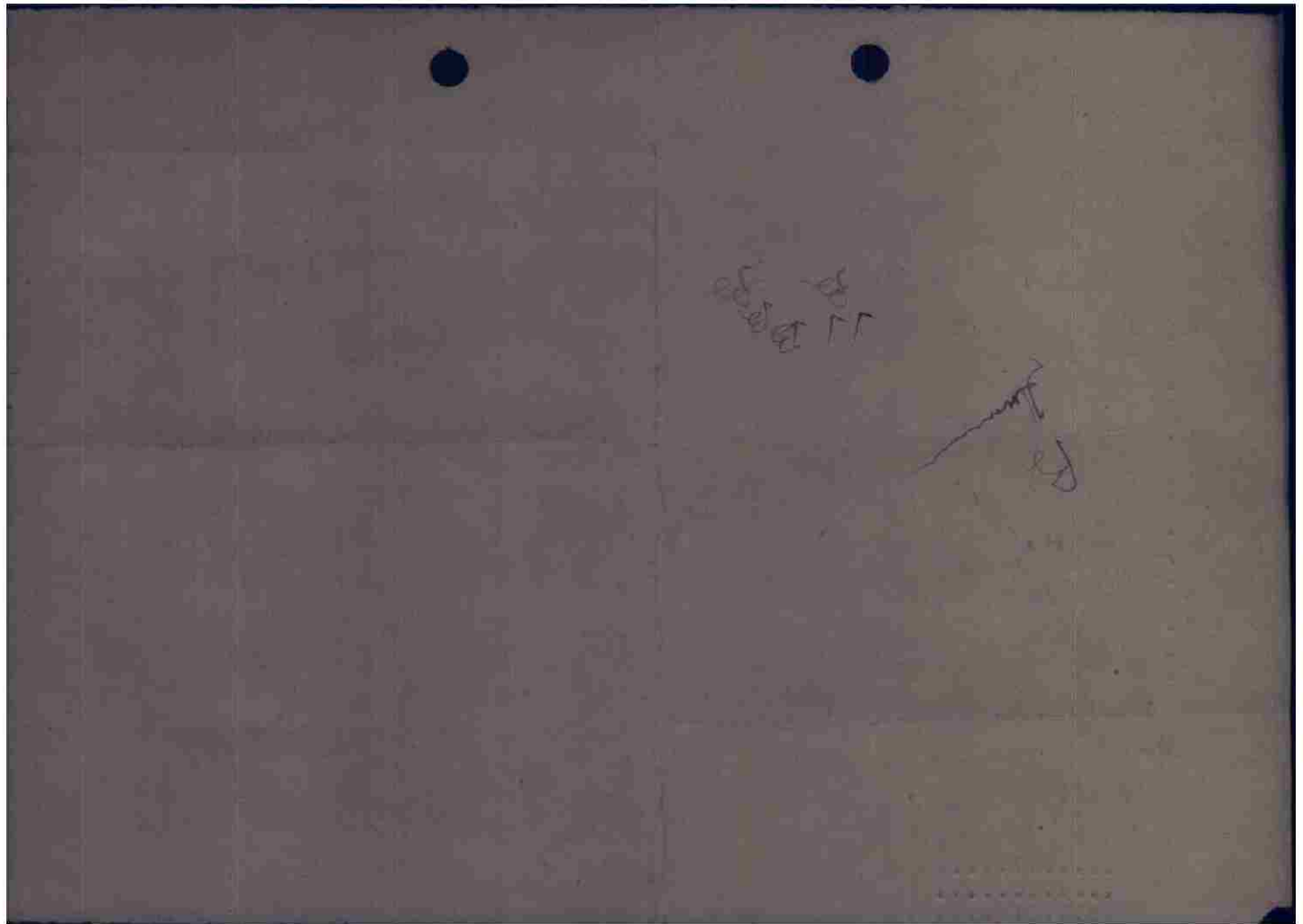
- A. YS + AS
- B. 3 MARCH 1945 (0924-1246)
- C. H-MAN AND E-EASY REPORTED OPERATIONS COMPLETED TO PARADE.
- D. PPF MISSION.
- E. NONE
- F. NONE
- G. NONE
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 03/1455A
EM AR AR

JEA R.....	03/1517A	DCN	AR
MEA R.....	03/1526A	SH	AR
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