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LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

10 March 1945

43-22
1. 521 N
LT COL J G NAPIER ✓
LT D L MOORE ✓ 460 331
LT R J McQUADE ✓
S/S R P SHARP ✓

43-22
2. 508 Z
LT C C MISH ✓ 550 310
LT R E SHAF ✓
S/S J H ROBERTS ✓

43-3A
3. 252 D
LT G M ANDERSON ✓ 560 335
SGT J H DEATHERAGE ✓

43-22
1. 498 B-1
CAPT H F PAIR ✓ 400 345
LT J L CORUM ✓
S/S H S FESSLER ✓

41-39
2. 250 A 675
LT L W EDSTROM ✓ 340
S/S H R DAVIS ✓

43-22
3. 419 Z-1 550 300
LT J W SPIES ✓
SGT L E DAVIS ✓

43-22
1. 497 E
LT C J BROWN ✓ 640 340
LT J E KERN ✓
S/S L D McLEATHEN ✓

43-22
2. 356 C 500
LT S MOONEY ✓ 471
SGT W E HUCKLEY ✓

41-39
3. 297 T 575 337
CAPT L J SUTTON ✓
S/S A H HINSON ✓

43-22
1. 490 X 625
LT J E BLONGREN ✓
LT G G JOHNSON ✓ 305
S/S M BOOKACH ✓
S/S T R FLEMING ✓

43-22
SPARE
378 O
CAPT R V WHEISER ✓ 638 325
S/S F W ELLIOTT ✓

41-39
W I N D O W
2. 259 H
MAJOR R F PRICE ✓ 500 303
S/S C FETKO ✓
S/S E P BRZEZINSKI ✓

41-39
4. 338 O
MP R L BEHLER ✓ 525 335
S/S W S McGAUGHY ✓

41-39
5. 271 R
F/O F W SWAP ✓ 575 345
SGT N MELINIOTIS ✓

41-39
6. 229 B
LT A W DEINER ✓ 580 340
SGT V F FAIR ✓

FLIGHT II
41-39
4. 239 NO1 500
LT F W HENDERSON ✓ 345
SGT W W MAUPIN ✓

43-22
5. 352 W 450
LT G L MILHORN ✓ 330
SGT D CHEST ✓

41-39
6. 237 D-1 675
LT T E GRAEER ✓ 335
SGT A H MILLER ✓

FLIGHT III
41-39
4. 209 M 600 330
LT T J MURRAY ✓
SGT E W FIDLER ✓

41-29
5. 249 F 625 337
CAPT L C NIELSEN ✓
CAPT L E LINCOLN (97 WING) ✓
FVT E R ELLIOTT ✓

43-22
6. 313 B-1
LT A E HELIVKO 550
SGT L J FARMER ✓ 345

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LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

10 MARCH 1945

43-22
1. 487 J
LT E L MILLER ✓ 510
LT J K CONNER ✓ 345
LT R E ENMAN ✓
S/S J M PEMBERTON ✓

43-22
2. 507 R
LT D B GRONIG ✓ 630
LT B C MORRIS ✓ 325
S/S H G NOWOSIELSKI ✓

41-39
3. 244 I
LT R W VAN ROPE ✓ 530
SGT W H KLINGMAN ✓ 375

41-34
4. 263 G
LT C S JORDAN ✓ 480
S/S K F JENSEN ✓ 330

41-39
5. 362 Y
LT B A SMITH ✓ 550
SGT R A RICHARDS ✓ 340

41-39
6. 314 H
LT D E SMITH ✓ 470
SGT S J KIRIK ✓ 310

FLIGHT II

43-22
1. 501 W
LT W R HEINKE ✓ 540
LT A E ROSENQUIST ✓ 315
S/S W L KIDD ✓

43-22
2. 330 P
LT W D CHIPPY ✓ 530
SGT V B RACCIO ✓ 315

43-22
3. 2915 L
CAPT R O GRUETZEMACHER ✓ 500
S/S J J RICHETSON ✓ 320
F/O S B BOERNER ✓

41-3
4. 9315 F
LT M ERROTABERE ✓ 550
S/S L R FRIDAY ✓ 320

41-39
5. 224 E
LT J F WALLACE ✓ 525
SGT R PLANT ✓ 320

41-39
6. 223 B
LT J V O'BRIEN ✓ 605
SGT O R MULZET ✓ 320

FLIGHT III

43-22
1. 481 R-1
CAPT C J ANDERSON ✓ 565
LT W RABEAGE ✓ 315
S/S P G EUGA ✓

41-39
2. 325 L-1
LT W L HALE ✓ 445
S/S D BENTZLER ✓ 315

41-39
3. 274 S
LT J W ELEVINS ✓ 575
SGT F GENTRY ✓ 335

43-22
5. 321 T
LT J H MONTROSE ✓ 575
S/S J W FELKEL ✓ 315

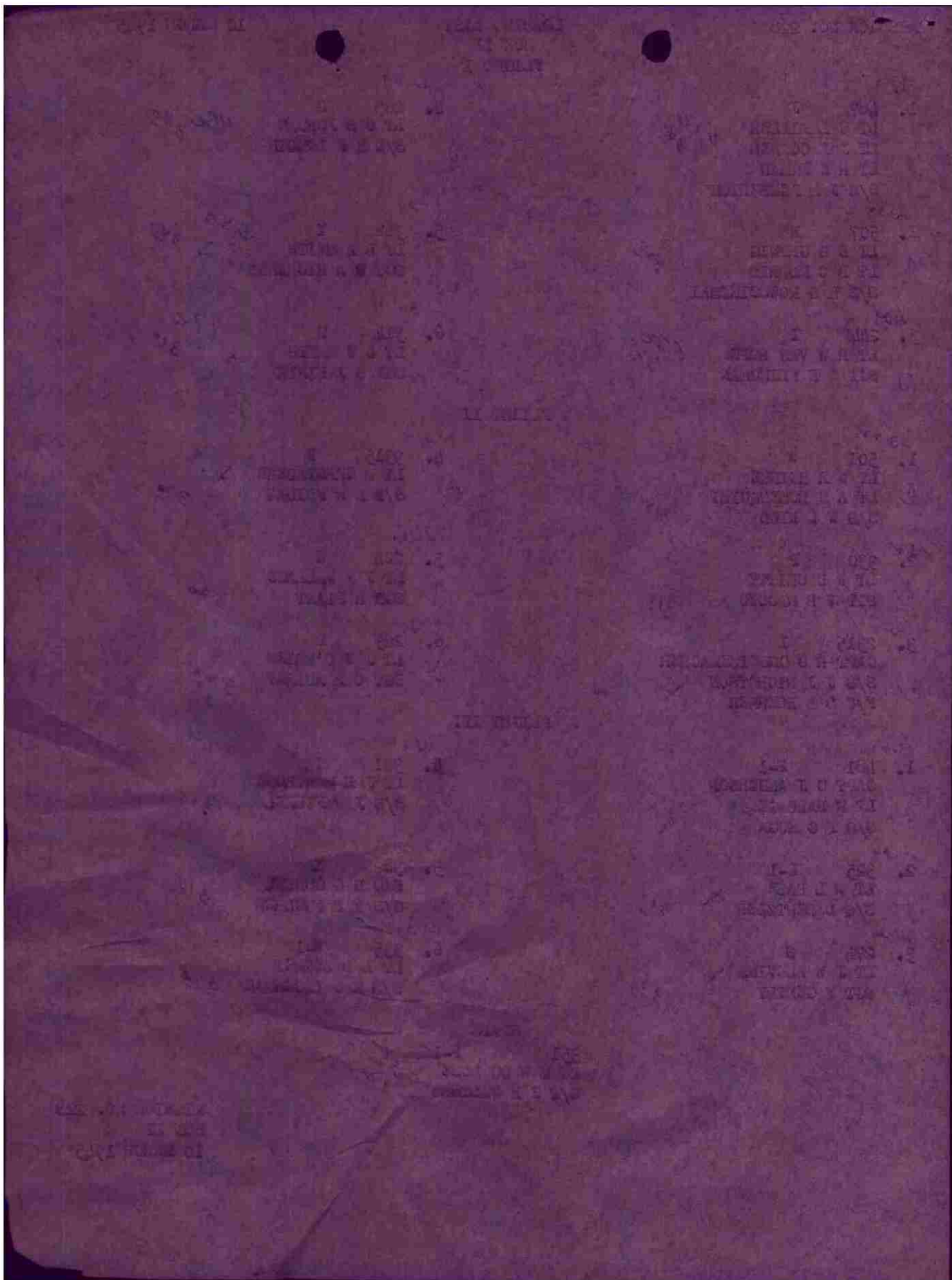
43-22
5. 389 X
E/O H G GUNKEL ✓ 600
S/S W F FUERNER ✓ 315

41-39
6. 335 W-1
LT L R ZELMET ✓ 600
S/S K G LAGERMAN ✓ 320

43-22 SPARE

351 R-1
LT M W DU BOSE ✓ 525
S/S J H WALTERS ✓ 325

MISSION NO. 228
BOX II
10 MARCH 1945



SECRET
 AUTH: GO A-69
 12 Mar 45
 INITIAL
 8-1-2

HEADQUARTERS
 415TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
 Office of the Commanding Officer

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

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 10 March 1945, Y.O. 1223, Hillenburg W/V, P.O. 197-783.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. 41-39229 (Lt A.S. Dugan)	Stations 3A, 2, 5A and 6A were salvoed after failure in train.	Faulty demolition bomb release relay would not function at minimum interval setting on intervalometer.
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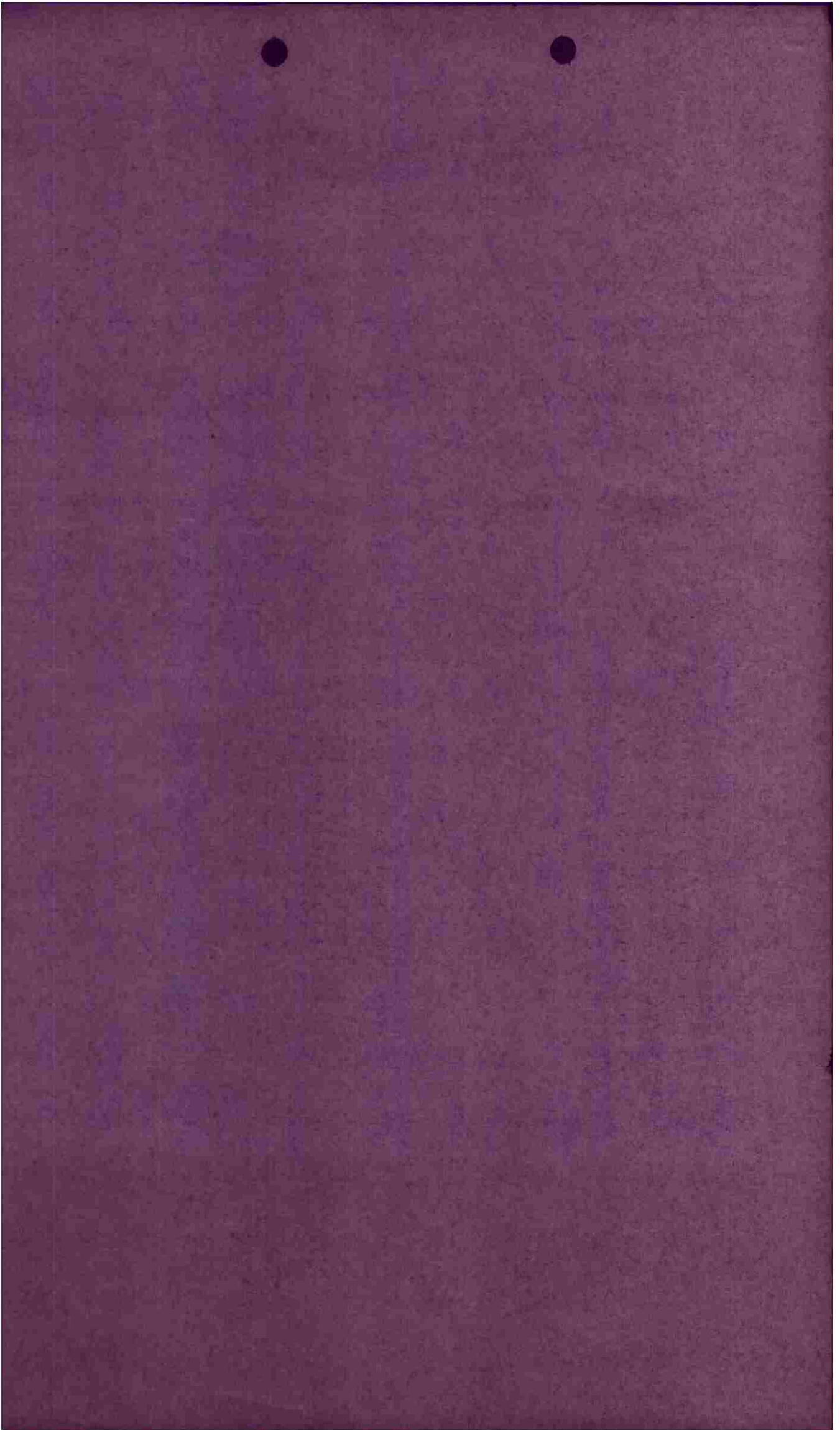
43-23378 (Capt R.W. Wheeler)	Pilot salvoed bombs after target when train released.	Pilot did not have bombay selector switch on.
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V. None.

VI. 1 - 3:35 - 460	1 - 3:45 - 510
2 - 3:10 - 550	2 - 3:25 - 630
3 - 3:35 - 580	3 - 3:25 - 580
4 - 3:35 - 525	4 - 3:30 - 490
5 - 3:45 - 575	5 - 3:40 - 550
6 - 3:40 - 530	6 - 3:10 - 470
7 - 3:45 - 700	7 - 3:15 - 540
8 - 3:40 - 675	8 - 3:15 - 580
9 - 3:30 - 550	9 - 3:20 - 600
10 - 3:45 - 500	10 - 3:20 - 560
11 - 3:30 - 450	11 - 3:20 - 525
12 - 3:55 - 575	12 - 3:20 - 605
13 - 3:40 - 640	13 - 3:15 - 605
14 - 3:55 - 600	14 - 3:15 - 445
15 - 3:35 - 575	15 - 3:55 - 575
16 - 3:30 - 500	16 - 3:15 - 575
17 - 3:55 - 625	17 - 3:15 - 600
18 - 3:45 - 580	18 - 3:20 - 600
19 - 3:25 - 630	19 - 3:25 - 525
20 - 3:05 - 625	
21 - 3:05 - 500	
22 - 3:05 - 575	

VII. None.

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



PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

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

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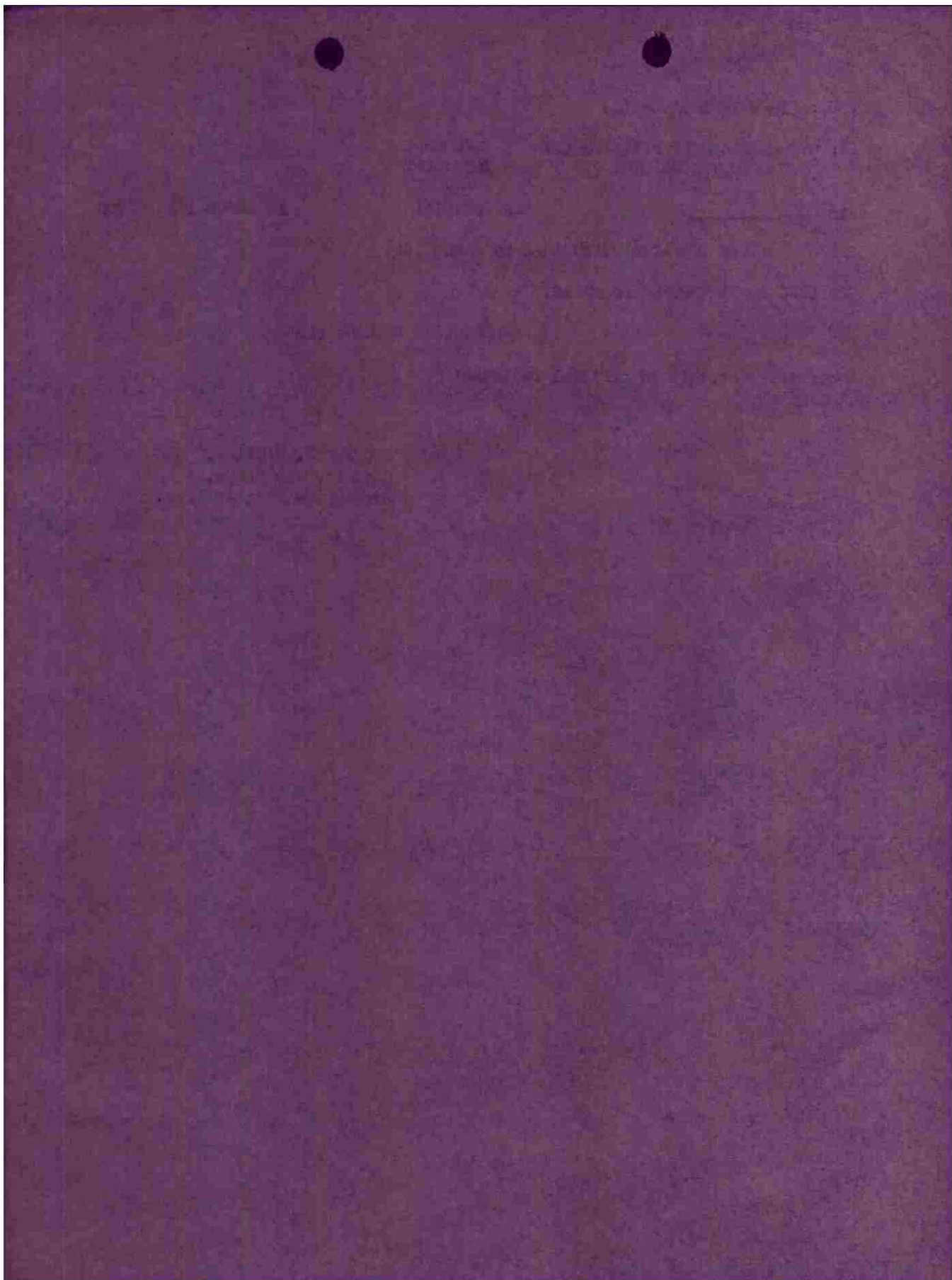
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REF LEAD ENCLOSURE. NO COMMENTS.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

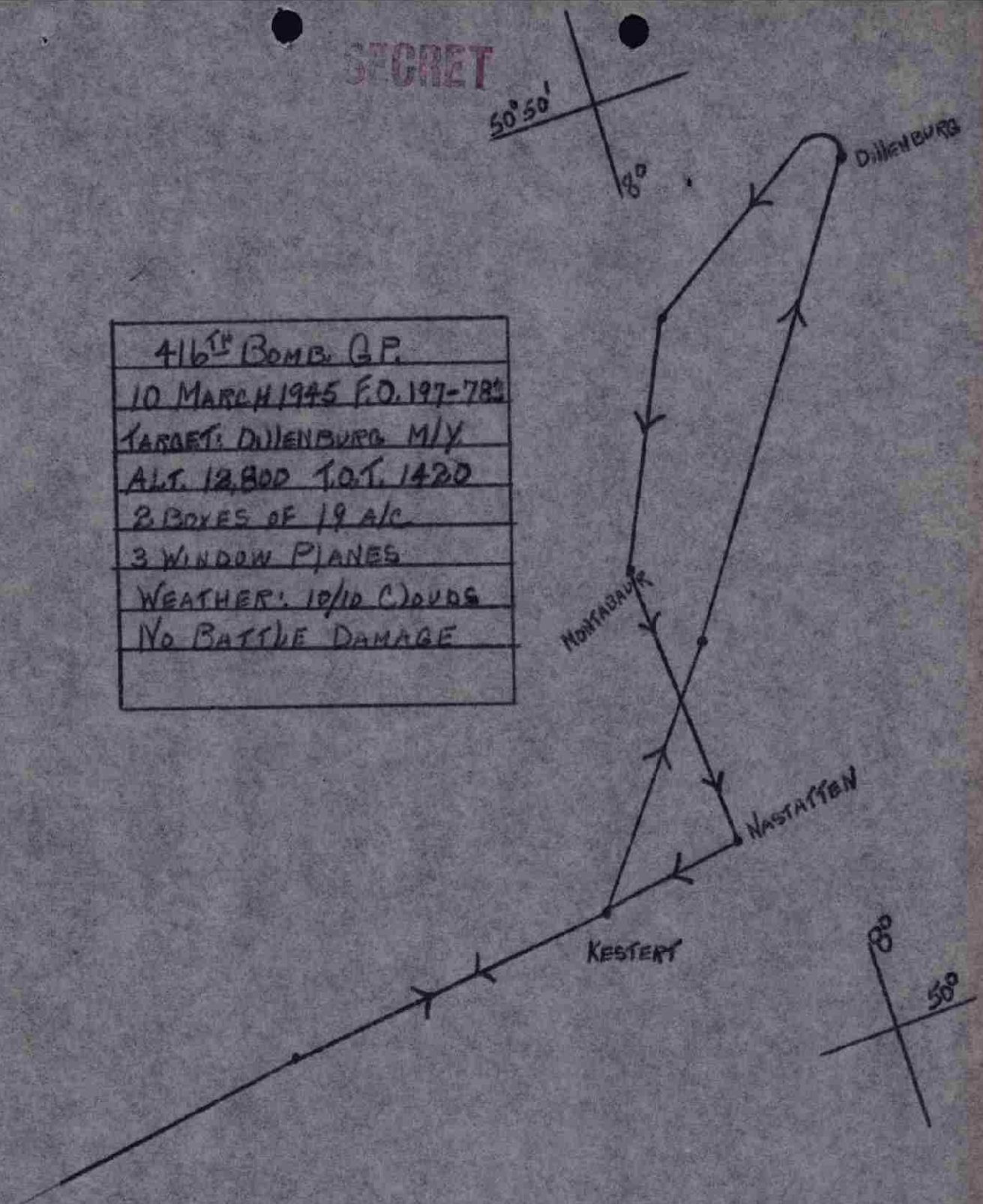
I certify that this is official business:

RICHARD V. WHEELER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst Operations Officer.

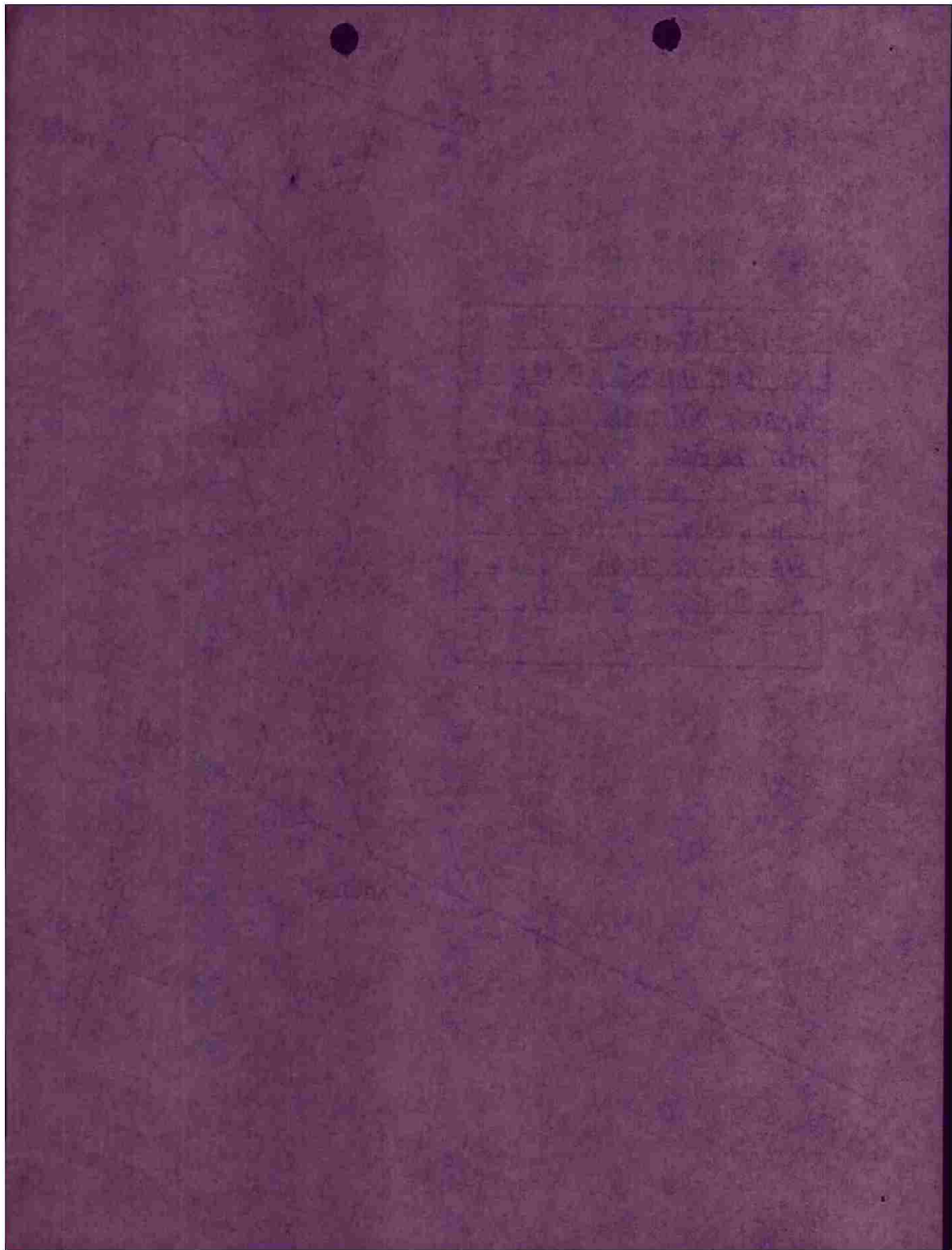


SECRET

416 th BOMB GP.
10 MARCH 1945 F.O. 197-783
TARGET: DILLENBURG M/Y
ALT. 12,800 T.O.T. 1420
2 BOXES OF 19 A/C
3 WINDOW PLANES
WEATHER: 10/10 CLOUDS
NO BATTLE DAMAGE



SECRET



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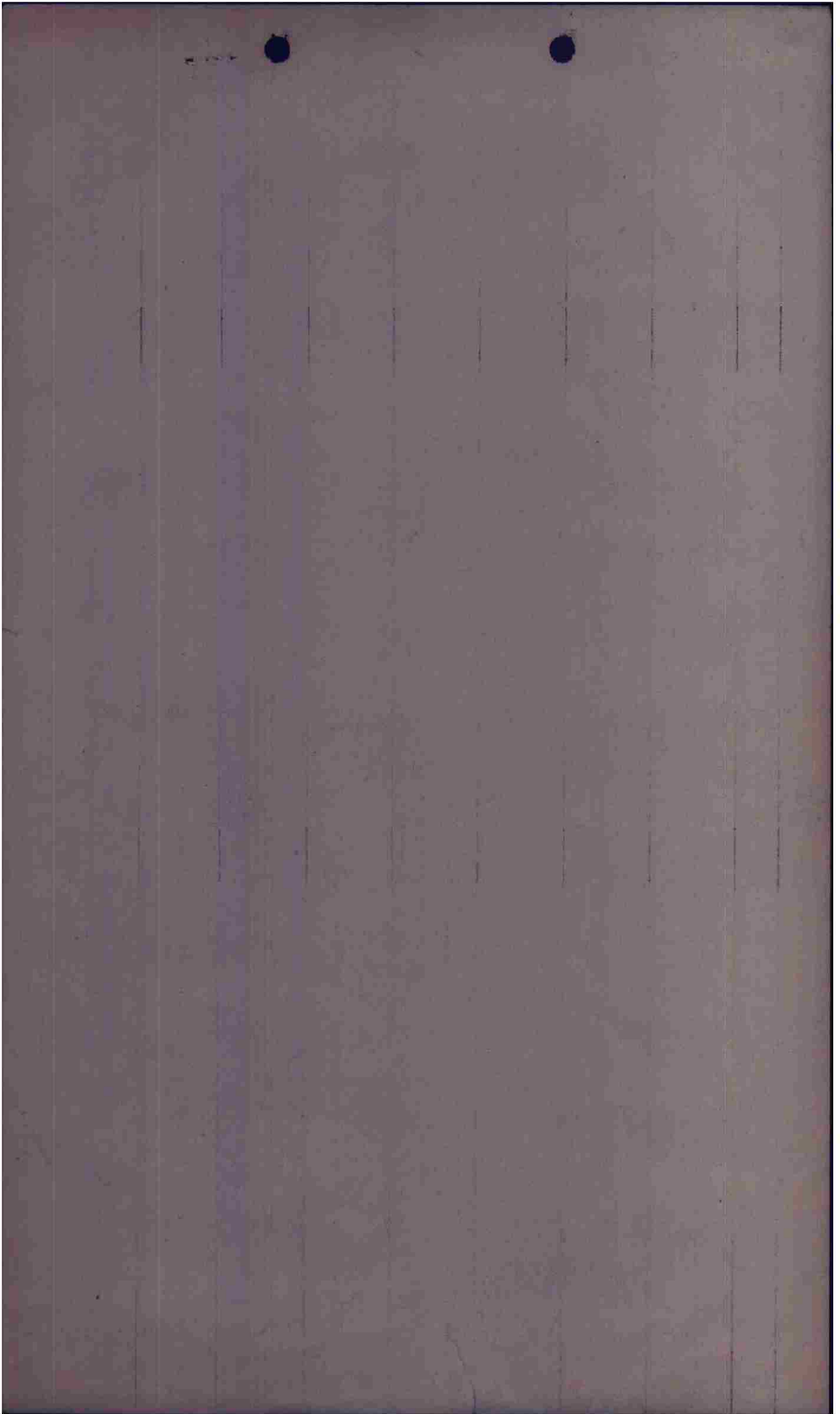
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ARMAMENT INTERROGATION AND MALFUNCTIONS FORM

DATE 10 March 1945

TARGET SERIAL NO.	SQUADRON	PILOT and/or BOMBARDIER	GUNNERS	BOMBS		REMARKS	CAUSE
				DROPPED	RETURNED		
229	B	Depler			6	Station 3A, 2, 5A and 6A, pilot released after failure in Train	Faulty detonation bomb release relay. Bomb not function at minimum interval setting on indicator
378	A	Wheeler			6	Pilot released bombs after target when Train release failed	Pilot did not have bomb bay selector switch on -

William G. McDonald
 Capt. H. C.
 Armament Officer

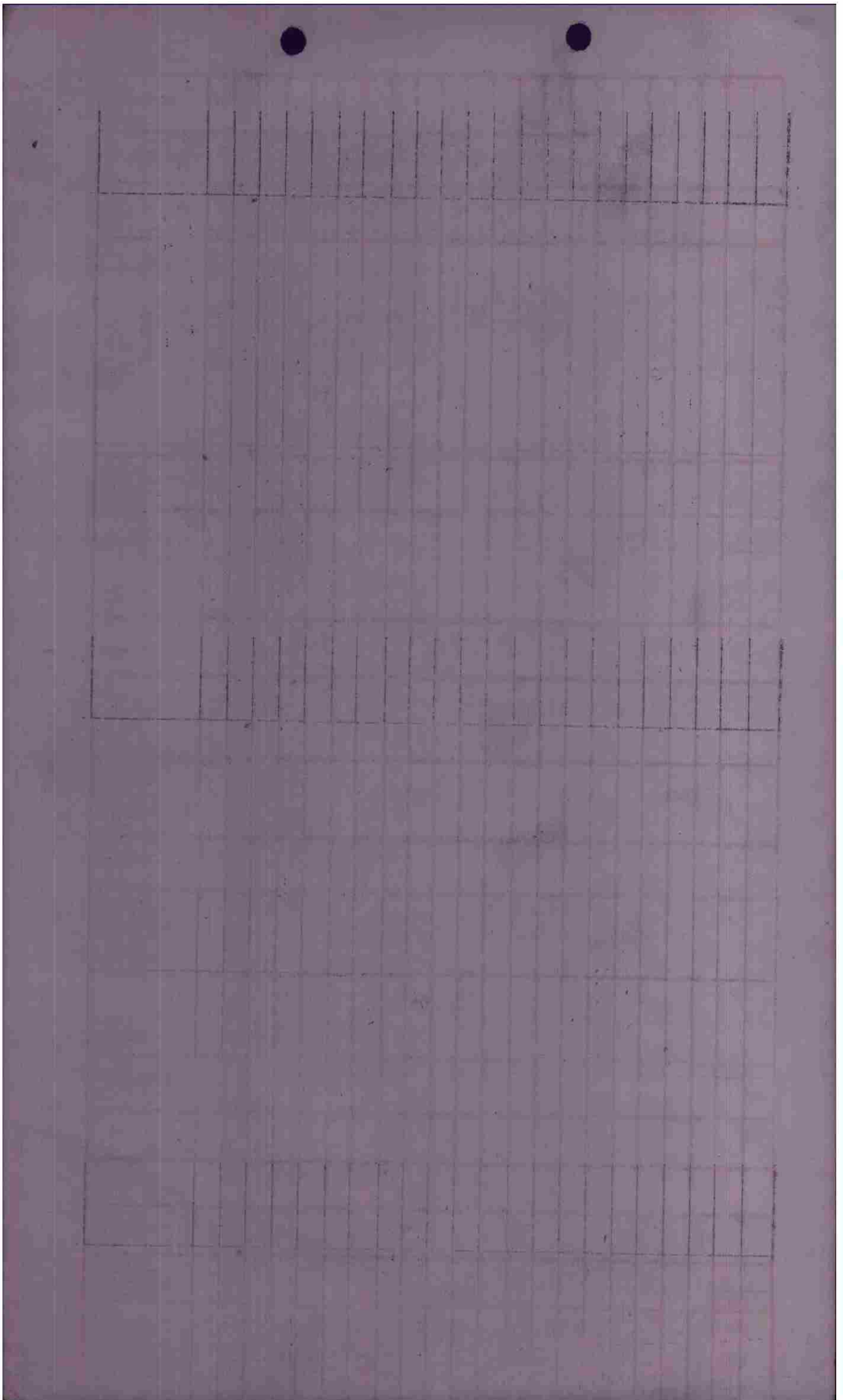


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S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U L L O A D	B O M B O A D	E N D U R	L A N T I M E	R E M A R K S
B	N	521	Hapburn	465		1223										1557	3:35
A	Z	508	Thiel			1223										1531	3:10
B	D	252	Anderson CM			1223										1557	3:35
B	D	338	Redmond			1224										1557	3:35
R	R	271	Shank			1224										1606	3:45
A	B	229	Deffen			1224										1602	3:40
A	R-1	498	Paw			1224										1605	3:45
A	A	250	E Johnson			1225										1604	3:40
A	Z-1	419	Sherris			1225										1559	3:30
A	N-1	239	Stenderman			1225										1607	3:45
A	W	352	Milham			1226										1554	3:30
A	D-1	237	Brackley			1226										1601	3:35
A	E	497	Brown			1226										1603	3:40
A	C	356	Moroney			1227										1602	3:35
A	T	297	Butter			1227										1558	3:35
A	M	209	Trueman			1228										1555	3:30
A	F	249	Quicks			1228										1559	3:35
A	B-1	313	Hicko			1228										1611	3:45
RA	B-1	313	Thuebe			1229	Thuebe									1551	3:25
A	X	290	Barringer			1240										1544	3:05
A	H	259	Pruce			1241										1544	3:05
A	I	261	Packer			1241										1545	3:05

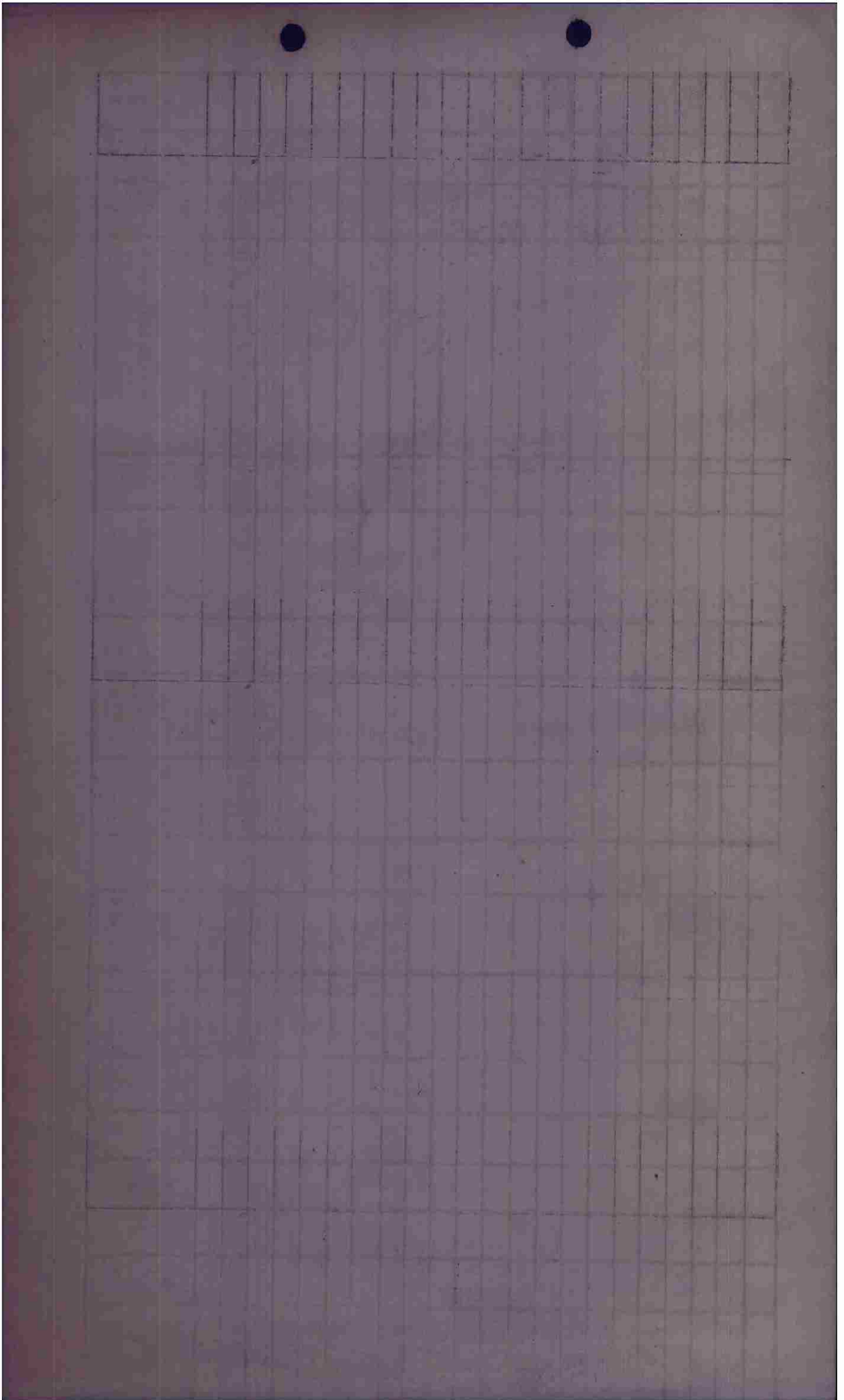


S Q D N	A / C LTR	A / C NO.	PILOT	D I S T A N C E	TARGET	A T O	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	T O T	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	C A M E R A	F U E L O L D	B O M B A D	E N D U R	L A N D I N G	R E M A R K S
B	J	487	Miller, E. K.			1235										1616	9:45
C	D	507	Burney			1235										1556	3:25
B	I	244	Van Kope			1235										1600	3:25
B	G	263	Jordan			1236										1603	3:30
B	Y	362	Smith, B. A.			1236										1613	3:40
B	H	314	Smith, D. E.			1236										1596	3:10
C	W	501	Heinke			1237										1550	3:15
C	P	330	Clifty			1237										1552	3:15
C	L	2315	Smith, E. J.			1237										1535	3:20
C	F	2315	Smith, E. J.			1238										1554	3:20
C	E	224	Wallace			1238										1547	3:20
C	B	223	O'Brien			1238										1559	3:20
A	R-1	481	Anderson, S. J.			1238										1552	3:15
A	X-1	325	Stale			1239										1553	3:15
A	S	274	Blairst			1239										1410	3:35
A	T	321	Montrose			1239										1552	3:15
A	X	389	Bankell			1240										1553	3:15
A	W-1	335	Yount			1240										1600	3:40
B	F-1	351	DeWitt			1240										1605	3:25

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Day II

10 Nov 1945



ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 01/10 OP OP
T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 10/0057A
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-97-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 100
10 MARCH 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 197-753

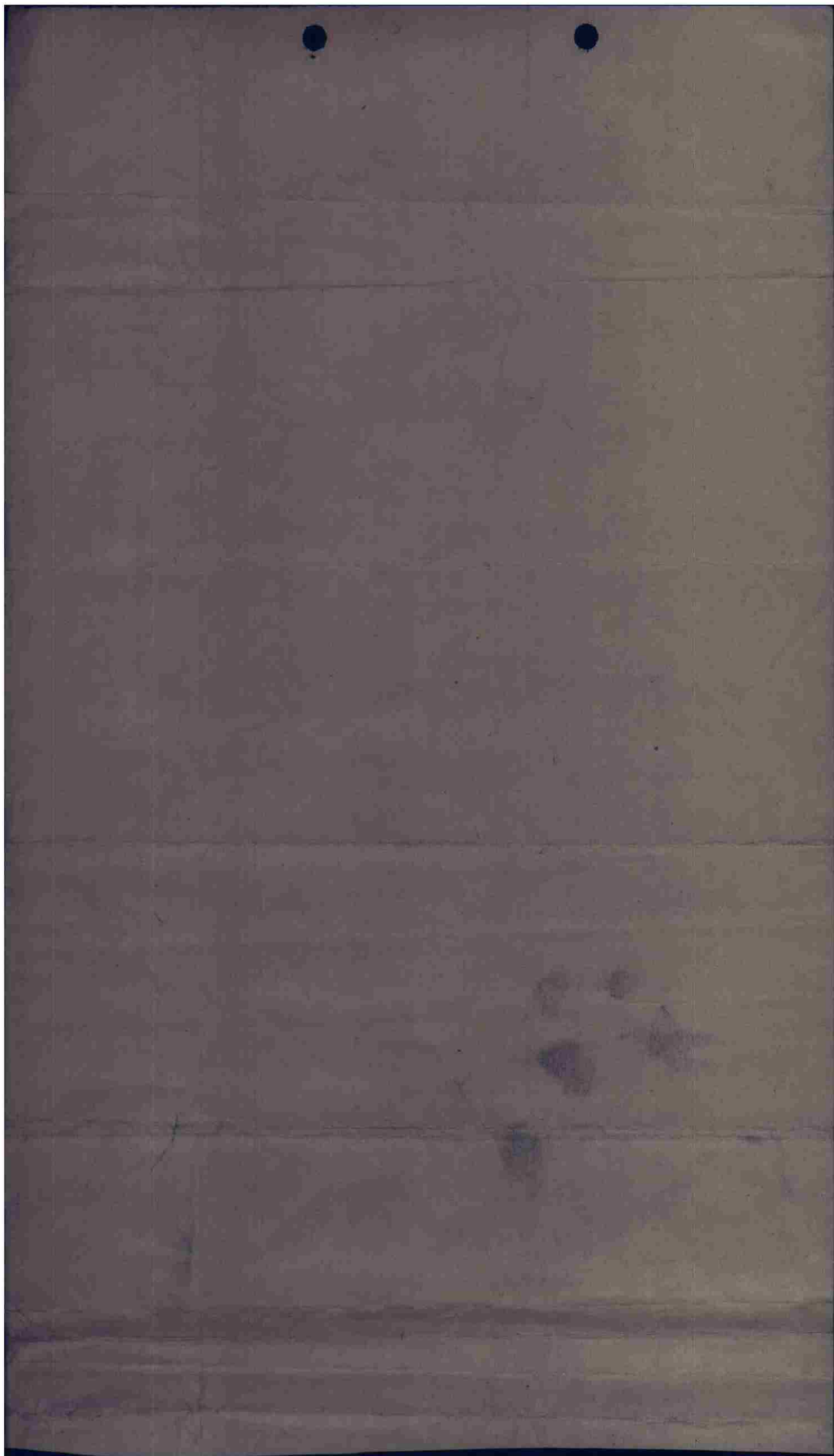
MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
(2) 8TH A.F. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR: PLAN "A" 10/1300A
ZERO HOUR: PLAN "B" 10/1300A

PLAN "A"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5650 AT 11,000 FT AT ZERO PLUS 15 MIN.
(12) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES 30 SEC. BEFORE FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AND WILL DO SO AFTER FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS WHENEVER THE FIGHTER LEADER REQUEST THEM.
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5650 AT 11,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 45 MIN.
(12) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES 30 SEC. BEFORE FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AND WILL DO SO AFTER FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS WHENEVER THE FIGHTER LEADER REQUEST THEM
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5650 AT 11,000 FT. AT ZERO PLUS 60 MIN.
(12) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES 30 SEC. BEFORE FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AND WILL DO SO AFTER FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS WHENEVER THE FIGHTER LEADER REQUEST THEM
- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE
(5) TARGET: DILLENBURG - MARSHALLING YARD (G-399362)
(6) A/C REQUIRED: MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
(7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO P-5650 TO L-6072 TO M-0970 TO G-0724 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(8) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
(9) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 11,000 FT. OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FT. DROP 1,000 FT. AFTER BOMBING.
(10) I.P. G-1027
(11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GEN SW TO NE
(12) M.P.I. MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO 5215 COVER MARSHALLING YARD FROM 39703625 TO 39503710.
(13) BOMB LOAD: 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FT.
FOR THE 409 AND 416 GROUPS.
(14) R.P. G-1027
(15) IN THE EVENT VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, GROUPS WILL BOMB TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
A. "GEE"
B. TARGET E.T.A.
(16) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F-376-E (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED.
(17) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISE THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.



PLAN "B"

3. A. 439TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 P.P.F. A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5658 AT 12,000 FT. AT ZERO PLUS 23 MIN. WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER THE FIELD.
- (6) BOMB AT 1ST BOX 12,500 FT.
2ND BOX 12,000 FT.
MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 5,000 FT. DROP 1,000 FT. AFTER BOMBING.
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO 5215 COVER MARSHALLING YARD FROM 39703625 TO 39503710 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. P.P.F. M.P.I. 1ST BOX ON GRID. COORD. 39703645, 2ND BOX ON GRID. COORD. 39653675. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FT.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 40 MIN.
- (13) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES 30 SEC. BEFORE FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AND WILL DO SO AFTER FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS WHENEVER THE FIGHTER LEADER REQUEST THEM.

3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

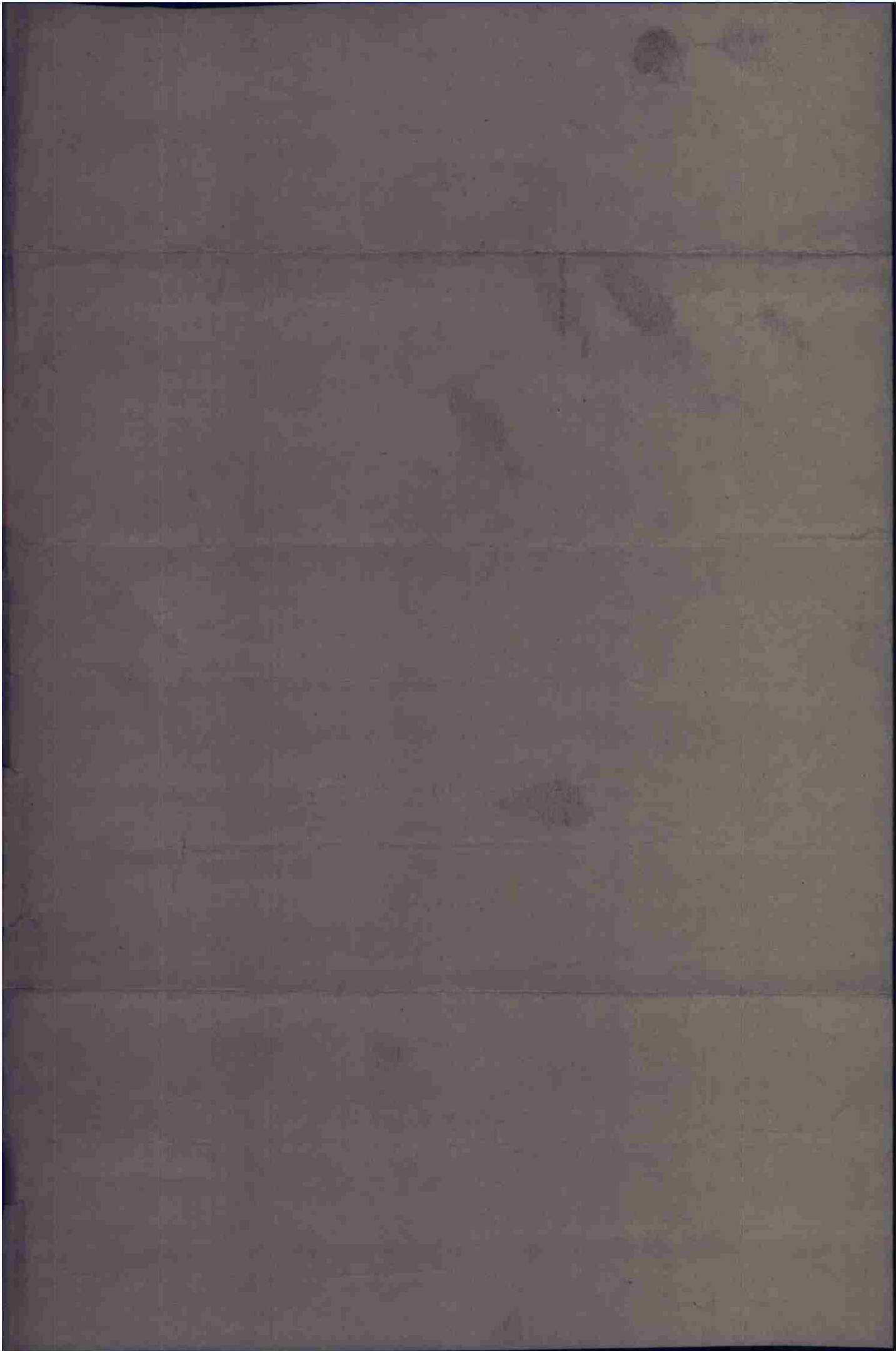
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 1 PPF A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5658 AT 12,000 FT. AT ZERO PLUS 23 MIN. WITH PPF A/C OVER THE FIELD.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,500 FT. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 5,000 FT. DROP 1000 FT. AFTER BOMBING.
- (9) MPI MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET 5215 COVERING MARSHALLING YARD FROM 39703625 TO 39503710 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. PPF MPI GRID COORD. 39703645.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 20 MIN.
- (13) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES 30 SEC. BEFORE FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AND WILL DO SO AFTER FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS WHENEVER THE FIGHTER LEADER REQUEST THEM.

3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 1 PPF A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5658 AT 12,000 FT. AT ZERO PLUS 43 MIN. WITH PPF A/C OVER THE FIELD.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,500 FT. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 5,000 FT. DROP 1,000 FT. AFTER BOMBING.
- (9) MPI MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET 5215 COVER MARSHALLING YARD FROM 39703625 TO 39503710 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES PPF MPI GRID COORD. 39653675 INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FT.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 27 MIN.
- (13) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES 30 SEC. BEFORE FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AND WILL DO SO AFTER FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS WHENEVER THE FIGHTER LEADER REQUEST THEM.

X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE

- (5) TARGET: DILLENBURG - MARSHALLING YARD (G-399362).
- (6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO P-5658 TO L-8372 TO L-9475 TO M-1196 TO TARGET.
- (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO G-1827 TO G-2704 TO M-8978 TO L-5872 TO P-5658 TO BASE.
- (8) BOMB LOAD: 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (9) 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-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 (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND WILL USE G-1827 AS A VISUAL IP IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET
GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
A. PPF
B. GROUP "GET"
C. TARGET E.T.A.
- (10) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV, CIPHER P-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED.
- (11) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITH IN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.



4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

PLAN "A" OR "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) HOTEL
- (4) RIPSAN
- (2) RIPSAN

B. 417TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) NINEPIN
- (4) RIPSAN
- (5) RIPSAN

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) BROADCAST
- (4) RIPSAN
- (5) RIPSAN

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JKI R.....10/0200A WJF AR

ITA R.....1000KKA MJS AR

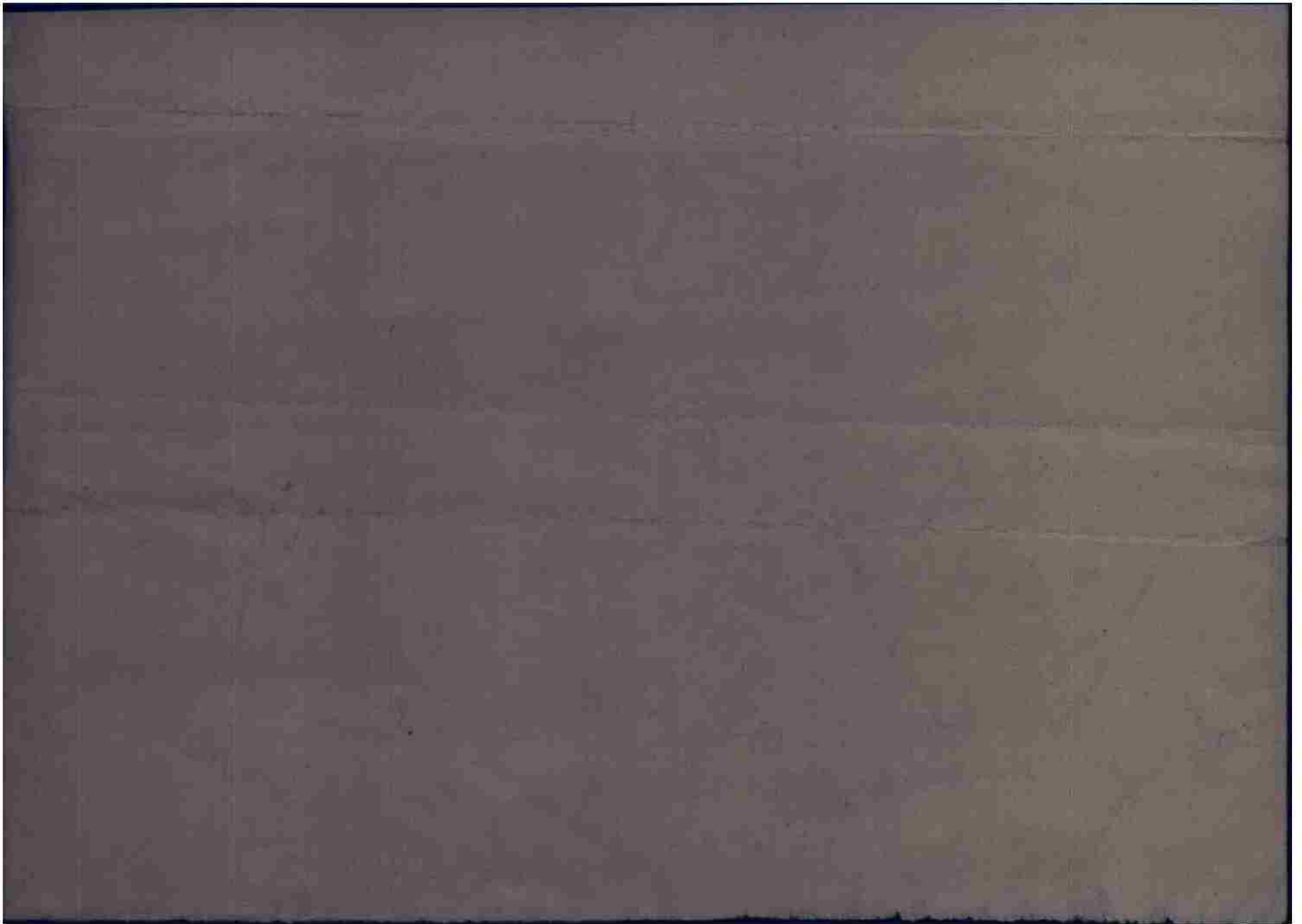
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ITA R.....100200A MJS AR

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ITA JES JKI JPO JJF V JEA JEA 03/10 OP - OP
T-(ITA PASS TO JJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 10/1020A
TO : IX BOMBER DIV.
409TH BOMB GROUP.
410TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.
1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV)

432

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

97CEW R-99-E

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

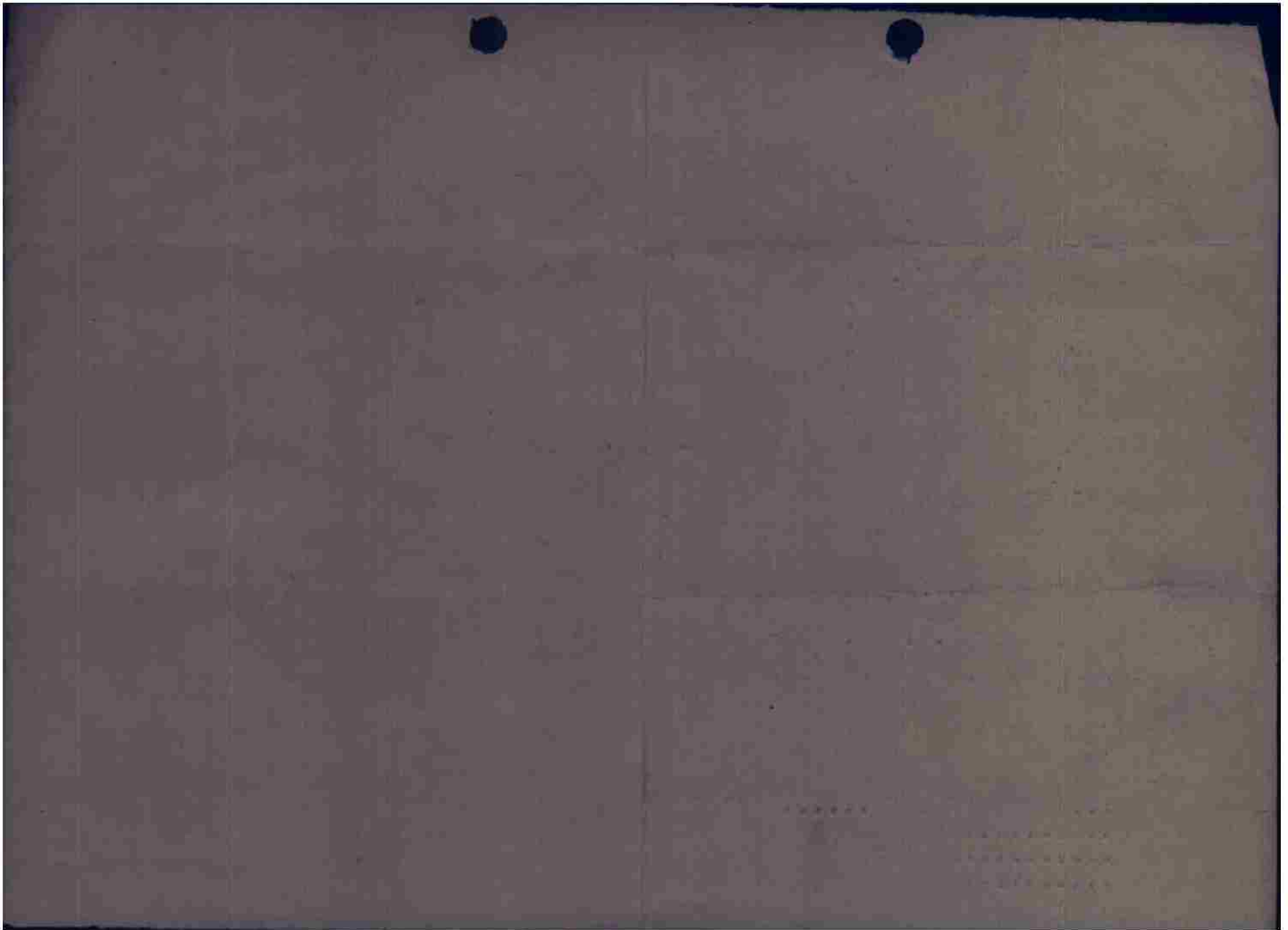
ANNEX NO. 1 TO F.O. NO. 197-783

CANCEL PLAN "A" - PLAN "B" IN EFFECT

COMCETWIG 97
BT10/1020A
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ITA R...(PASS TO JJF).....10/1020A MILT AR
JES R.....10/1020A IDR AR
JKI R.....10/1020A EU AR,
JPO R.....10/1020A S L AR

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JES JPO JKI ITA JJF V JEA 13/09 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 09/2250A
 TO COMBOMDIV NINE
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
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1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN.
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97 CEW R-96-E BT

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NR.1 TO FIELD ORDER NR.197-783

(1) TARGET : DILLENBURG M/Y (G-399362)

(2) PHOTO : IX T/415
 US 7GR/1435 PRINT NR.7026
 US 31/4275 PRINT NR.1011
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 MAPS : GSGS 4414 SHEET NR.5215

(3) FLAK : SEE CURRENT PLOTS:

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 09/2250A

CES AR

JJF R.....09/2305A T9/-385 A N NNNNN

ITA R.....REPEAT JJF ALSOOK TIF

JJF R.....09/2305A MT AR

ITA R.....09/2305A HAS AR

OK YES

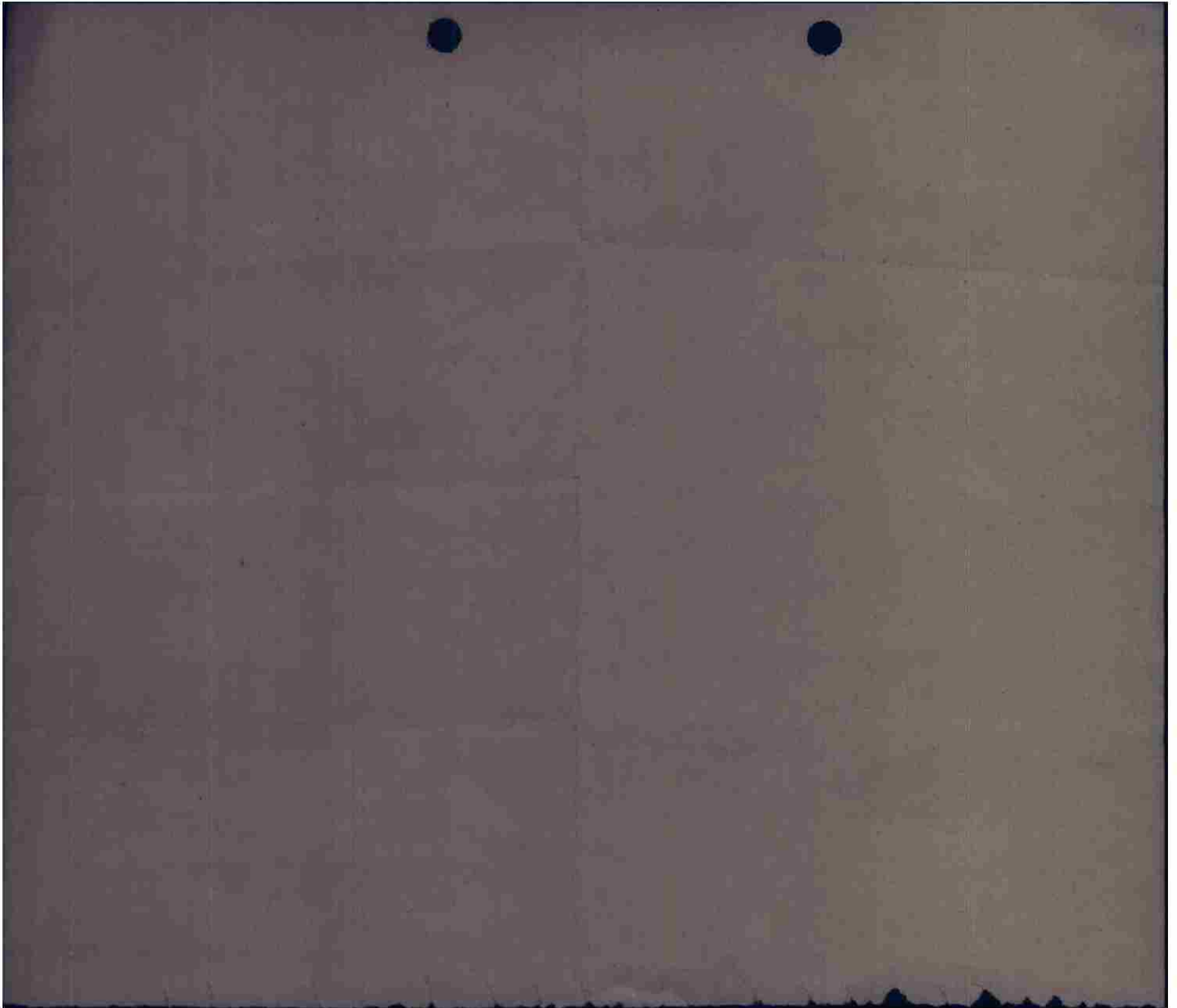
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JEA V JKI 05/10 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 101335A
TO CG 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATTN: A-2

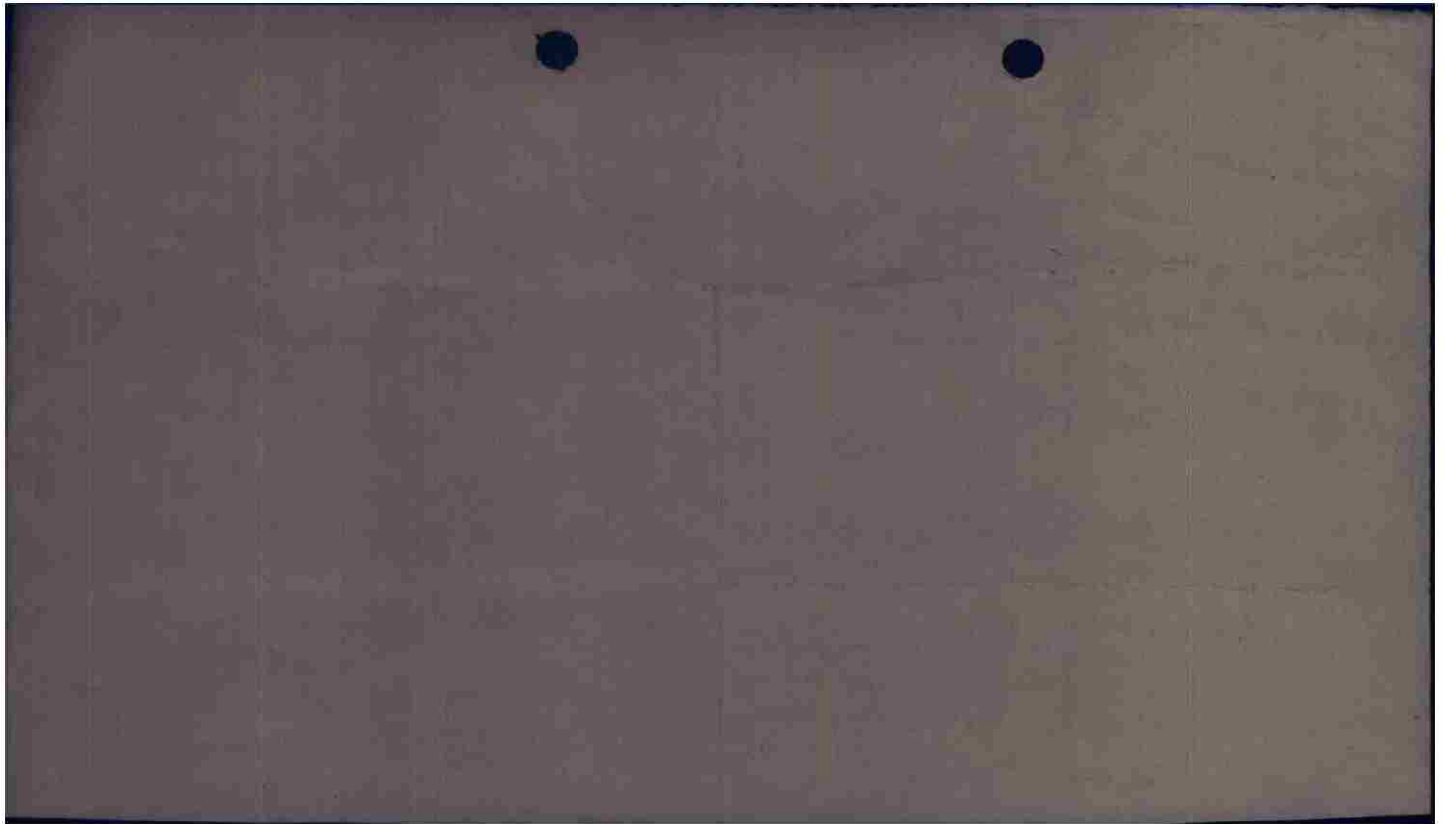
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CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-195-D

1. MPI'S IN EVENT PRIMARY IS BOMBED VISUALLY BY FLIGHTS:
ILLUSTRATION 6(D) XNEXX (VI)196/2
ONE FLIGHT ON EACH: ANNOTATED POINTS 3,5,4,10,1 AND ALSO REF.
035024.
2. THE SECONDARY TARGET IS NASTATTIN (M-090780).

BT 101335A
DM BBBB C
JEA R.....10/1340A JMB KKKK

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 13/18 OF OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GP (L) APO 146 US ARMY
TO HQ 9TH BOMB DIV (M) APO 146 U S ARMY
HQ 97 TH COMBAT WING APO 146 U S ARMY
SECRET BT

18/1788A
ATTN A-2 PI
ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER

416BG R-282-D

B. DILLENBERG MARCHALLING YARD
J. NO PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416
BT 18/1788A
RSS BBB

ITA R.....181738A MB KKKKK
JEA R.....18/1788A SS KKKKK

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11 Mar
0500*

JKI VIA JEA V JJF JJF50/10 OP OP

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ 10/2309
TO CG IX BOMB DIV
CG 97 BOMB WING
CO 416 BOMB GROUP

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SECRET BT

1ST PATHFINDER SQ

R-159-E

PFF PILOT : FITCH
DATE : 10/3/45 TIME : 1420

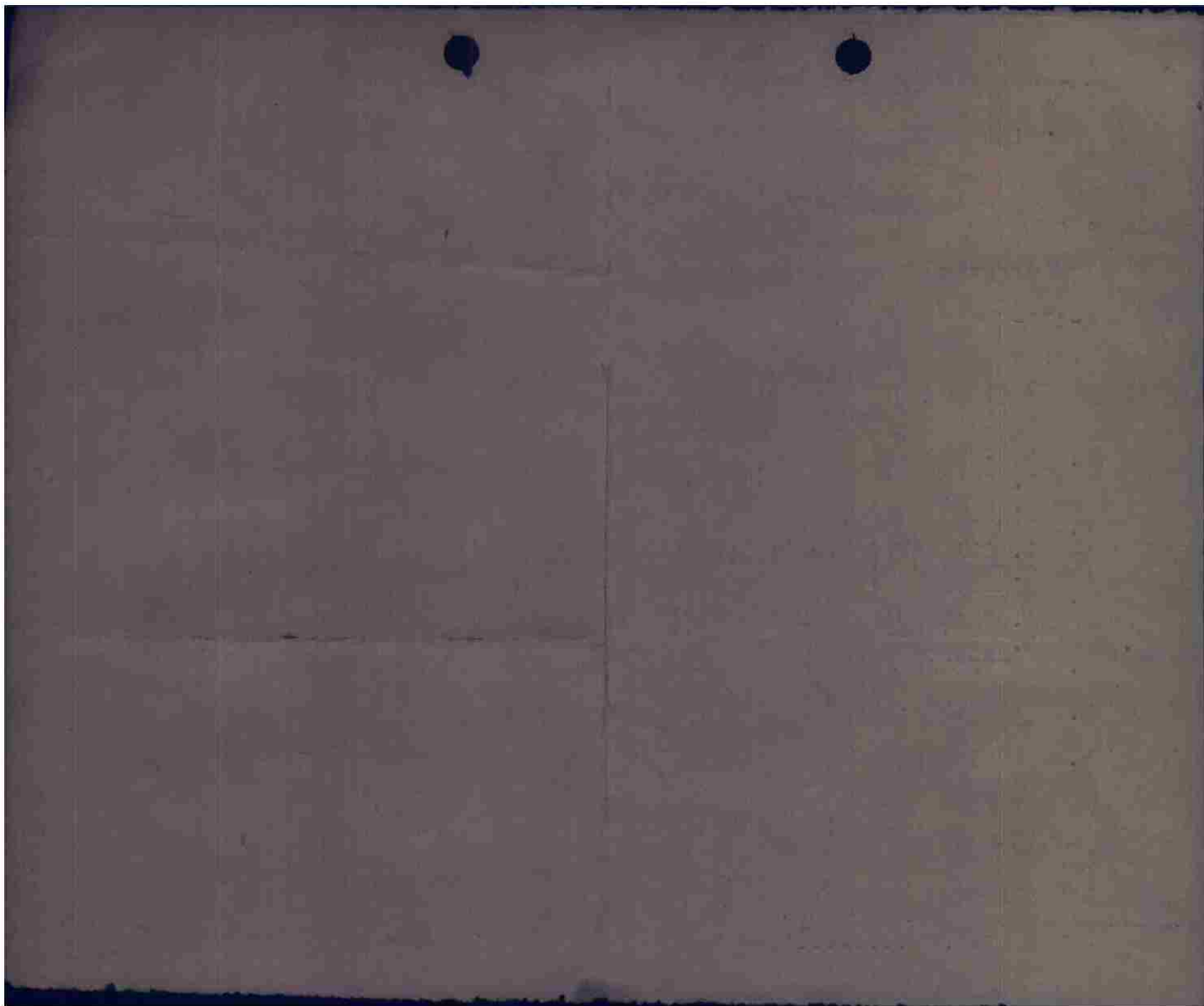
- A. FORMATION :
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION : SUPERIOR
 - 2. REMARKS :
- B. WINDOW SHIPS :
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION : EXCELLENT
 - 2. REMARKS :
- C. NAVIGATION :
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION : PFF DID ALL
 - 2. REMARKS :
- D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS : GOOD
- E. BRIEFING : VERY GOOD
- F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS : BEST GROUP FORMATION AND CO-OPERATION
IV'E EVER HAD THE LPLEASURE OF LEADING

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ

BT 10/2309
SSR BB
RELAYED BY RL AR

JKI R VIA JEA.....11/0455A EW AR

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ITA JEA V JKI 12/10 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 101700A
TO CG 9TH BOMB DIVISION (M) AAXXX ATTN: A-2
CG 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-200-D OPFLASH FOR 10 MAR 1945.

- A. 416 BOMB GROUP.
- B. DILLENBURG-MARSHALLING YARD (G-399362).
- C. 41 A-26'S (INCLUDING 3 WITH WINDOW ONLY)
- D. 38 A-26'S ON PRIMARY TARGET (BOMBED ON PFF)
- E. 3 A-26'S (CARRIED WINDOW ONLY)
- F. 228 X 500 GP. ON PRIMARY.
- G. UNOBSERVED - 10/10 CLOUD - TOPS 7000 FT.
- H. NIL.
- I. NIL.
- J. NIL.
- K. NIL.
- M. 12,300
- M. 1420
- X. EXCELLENT LEAD BY PFF.
FINE ESCORT BY FIGHTERS.

BT 101700A

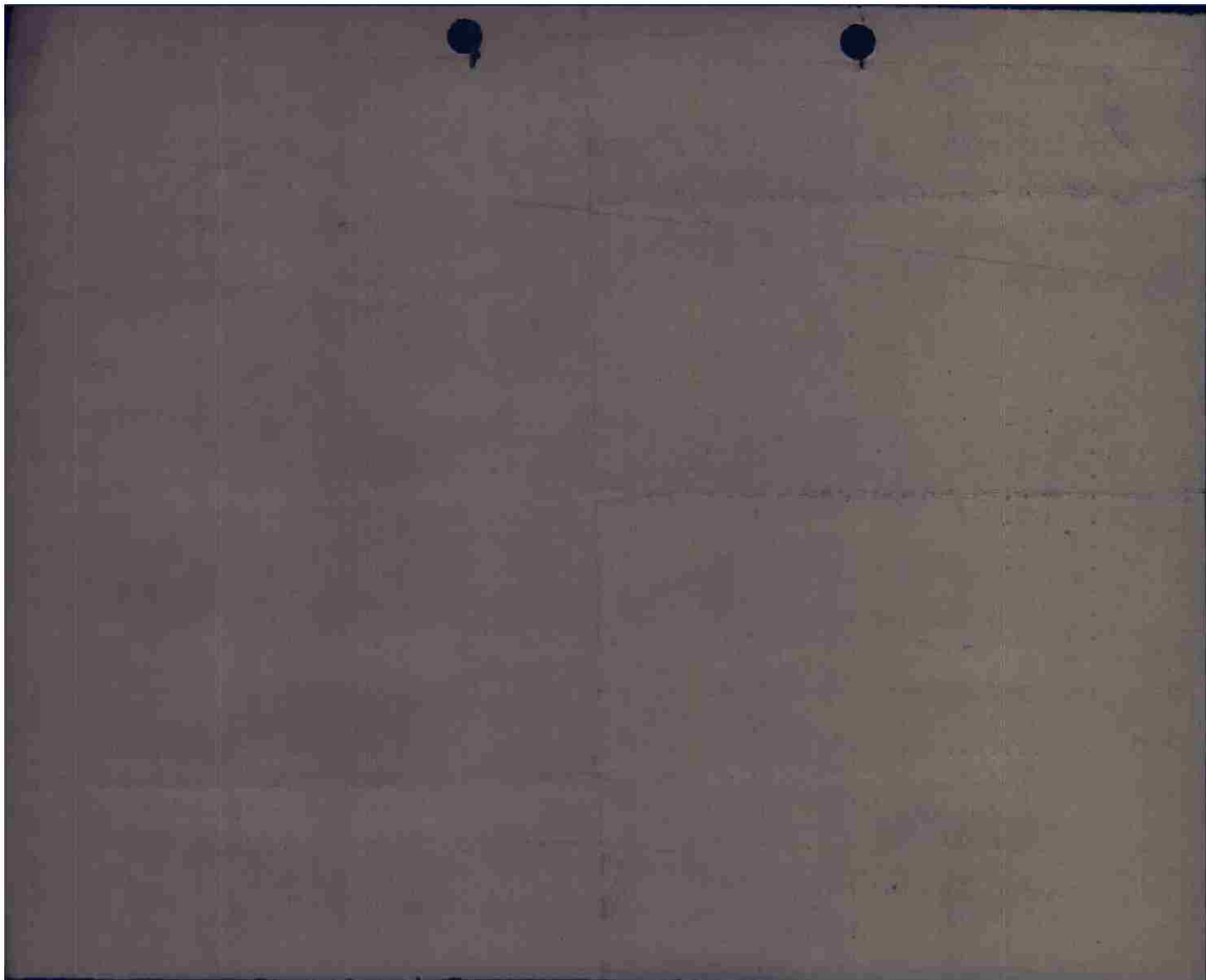
DM BBBBB

JEA R.....10/1720A SS KKKK

ITA R 10/1720A MDN AR

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2200
FROM COBONGR 416 10/1705A
TO COMBONDIV NINE ATT: SIGNAL OFFICER
COMCBTWIG (INFO)
CONFIDENTIAL BT

41600 R-301-J

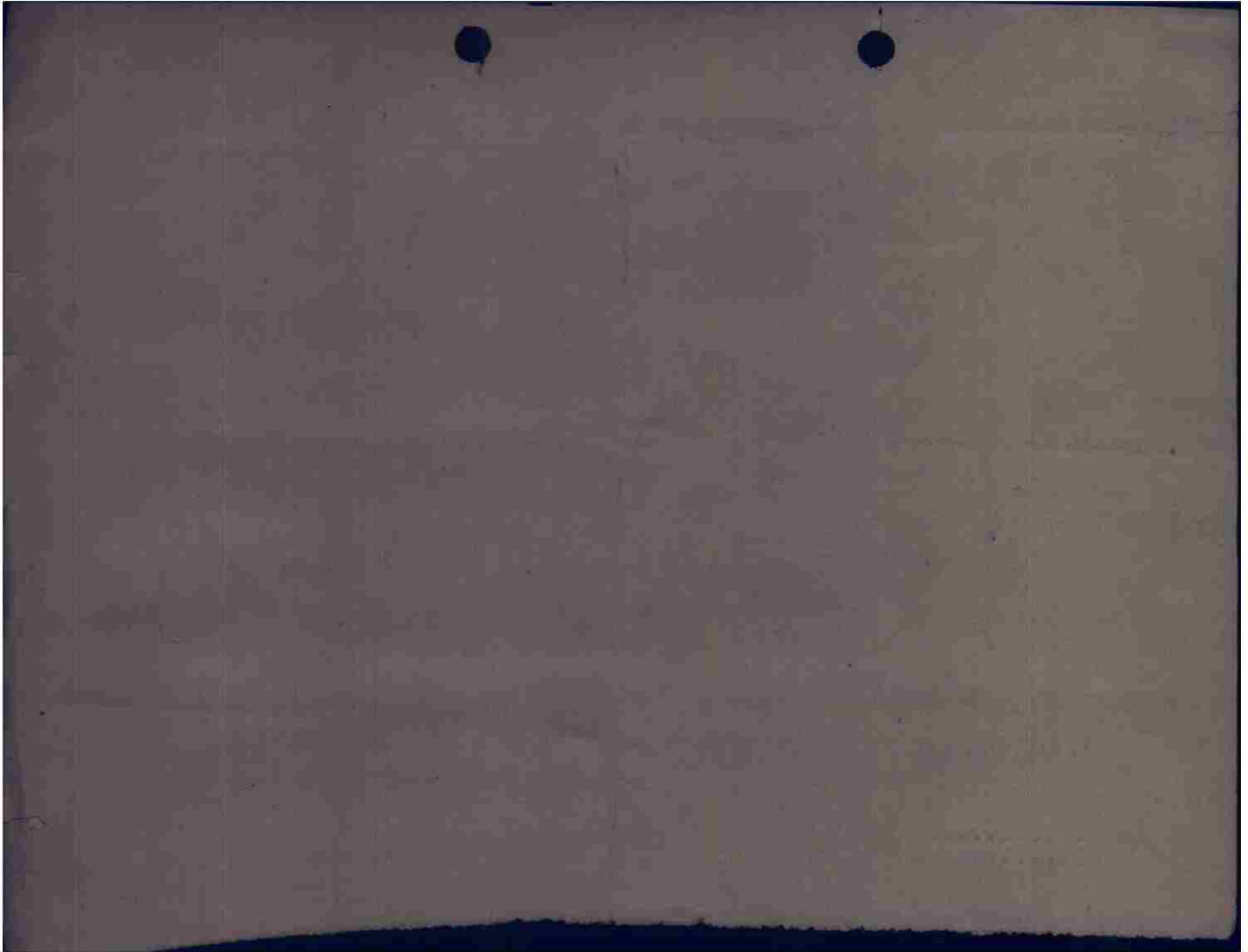
- A - VS - 55
- D - 10 MARCH 1949 (1223-1526)
- C - N N-NAN AND I-ITEM REPORTED OPERATIONS COMPLETED TO PARADE.
- D - PPT MISSION. PILOTS MONITORING CHANNEL C REPORTED THAT THE PATHFINDER SHIP RECEIVED SEVERAL FIXES FROM THE FIGHTER CONTROL CENTER. CONTACT WAS ALSO MADE WITH THE FIGHTERS THROUGH THE FIGHTER GROUND CONTROL CENTER.

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

K - MOST PILOTS IN THE FORMATION WERE HOMING ON THE BUNCHER BEACON AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. THEY REPORTED A STRONG AUDIO BUT COULD NOT SEEM TO RECEIVE AN ACCURATE READING ON THEIR INDICATORS UNTIL THEY WERE WITHIN 30 TO 40 MILES OF THE FIELD. SEVERAL PILOTS RECEIVED STRONG AUDIO AT A DISTANCE OF 75 MILES BUT NO ACCURATE INDICATOR READING UNTIL THEY WERE WITHIN THE 40 MILE RADIUS.

AYLESWORTH COBONGR 416
BT 10/1705A
RSS BBB
CC F SHOULD B READ F - NONE
CC THIS SHOULD BE JKI 14/10 REPT 14/10
ITA R.....10/1738A ND K
JEA R.....10/1737A SS KKKK

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ITA JEA V JKI JKE 22/18 P P
T - (ITA PASS TO JJF)
FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 18/2142A
TO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ. PROV.
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION KE (M) (INFO)
97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) (INFO)
CONFIDENTIAL BT

416BE R-210-E

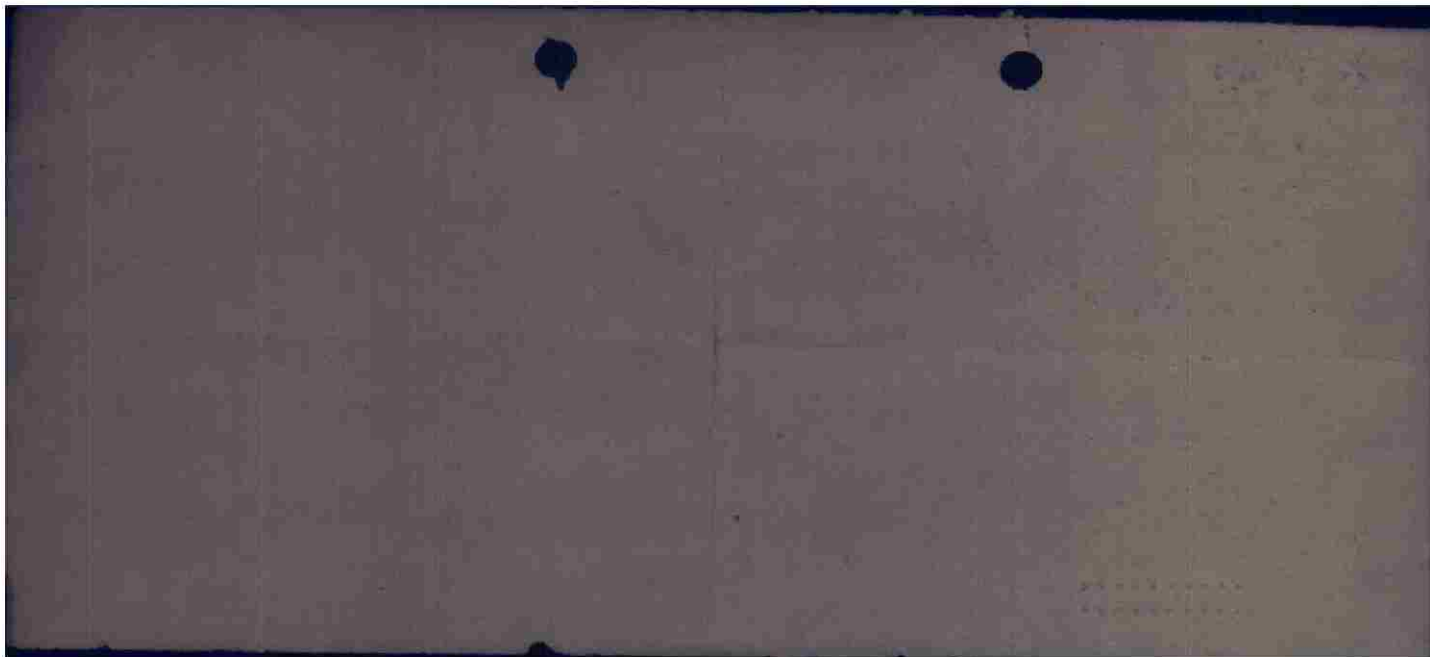
PPT REPORT FOR OPERATIONAL MISSION 18 MARCH 1945
PPY LEAD EXCELLENT. NO COMMENTS.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416
BT 18/2142A
RSS AR

ITA R.....182242A REV AR
JEA R.....18/2242A EG R

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JES JPO JKI VIA JKA V ITA JJF 35/10

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FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 12/1830A
TO : CG, IX BOMB DIVISION
CG, 99TH COMBAT WING
CG, 98TH COMBAT WING
CG, 97TH COMBAT WING
CO, 323RD, 394TH 397TH, 387TH, 386TH, 344TH, 410TH, 409TH,
416TH, 322ND, 391ST,.

SECRET QGX BT

1ST PFF SQ PROV R-244-D PFF OPS FLASH

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 323RD BOMB GROUP
B. LENNEP M/Y WF 663880
C. 2 B-26'S
D. 2 B-26'S PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
E. NONE
F. 8 X 500 IB'S ON PRIMARY
G. UNOBSERVED. 10/10.
H THRU K. NONE.

L. 12,500 - 11,200 PRIMARY

M. 1300 - 1301 PRIMARY.

REMARKS : WINDOW SHIPS TOO HIGH. BOX 1 FORMATION EXCELLENT. BOX 2
PFF DROPPED 700 FEET BELOW BRIEFED ALTITUDE BECAUSE IT COULD
NOT STAY UP WITH 1ST BOX.

ANNEX : CALLED RIPS AW GETTING FIX ONE MINUTE AFTER ENTERING AREA.

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 397TH BOMB GROUP.
B. ALTENKIRCHEN COMM. CENTER. WF 937321.
C. 2 B-26'S
D. 2 B-26X'S PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT.

E. NONE

F. 8 X 500 IB'S PRIMARY

G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S.

H. THRU K. NONE

L. 12,500. 12,000 PRIMARY

M. 1258-1259 PRIMARY

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION AND WINDOW SHIPS EXCELLENT. COVER GOOD.

ANNEX : CALLED RIPS AW GETTING FIX 4 MINUTES AFTER ENTERING AREA.

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 394TH BOMB GROUP.
B. LENNEP M/Y WF 663880.
C. 1 B-26
D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON GEE. EQUIPMENT FAILURE.

E. NONE

F. 4 X 500 IB'S.

G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S.

H. THRU K. NONE.

L. 12,500 PRIMARY

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION GOOD.

ANNEX : CALLED RIPS AW RECEIVING FIX 9 MINUTES AFTER ENTERING AREA.

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 387TH BOMB GROUP
B. ALTENKIRCHEN COMM. CENTER WF 937321
C. 2 B-26'S
D. 2 B-26'S PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT

E. NONE

F. 8 X 500 IB'S PRIMARY

G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S

H. THRU K. NONE

L. 13,000 - 12,400 PRIMARY

M. 1338 - 1339 PRIMARY

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION GOOD.

ANNEX : CALLED RIPS AW RECEIVING FIX FOUR MINUTES AFTER ENTERING AREA.

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 409TH BOMB GROUP
B. NIEDERSCHIED M/Y WG 397365T
C. 2 B-26'S
D. 2 B-26'S PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT

E. NONE

F. 8 X 500 IB'S PRIMARY

G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S

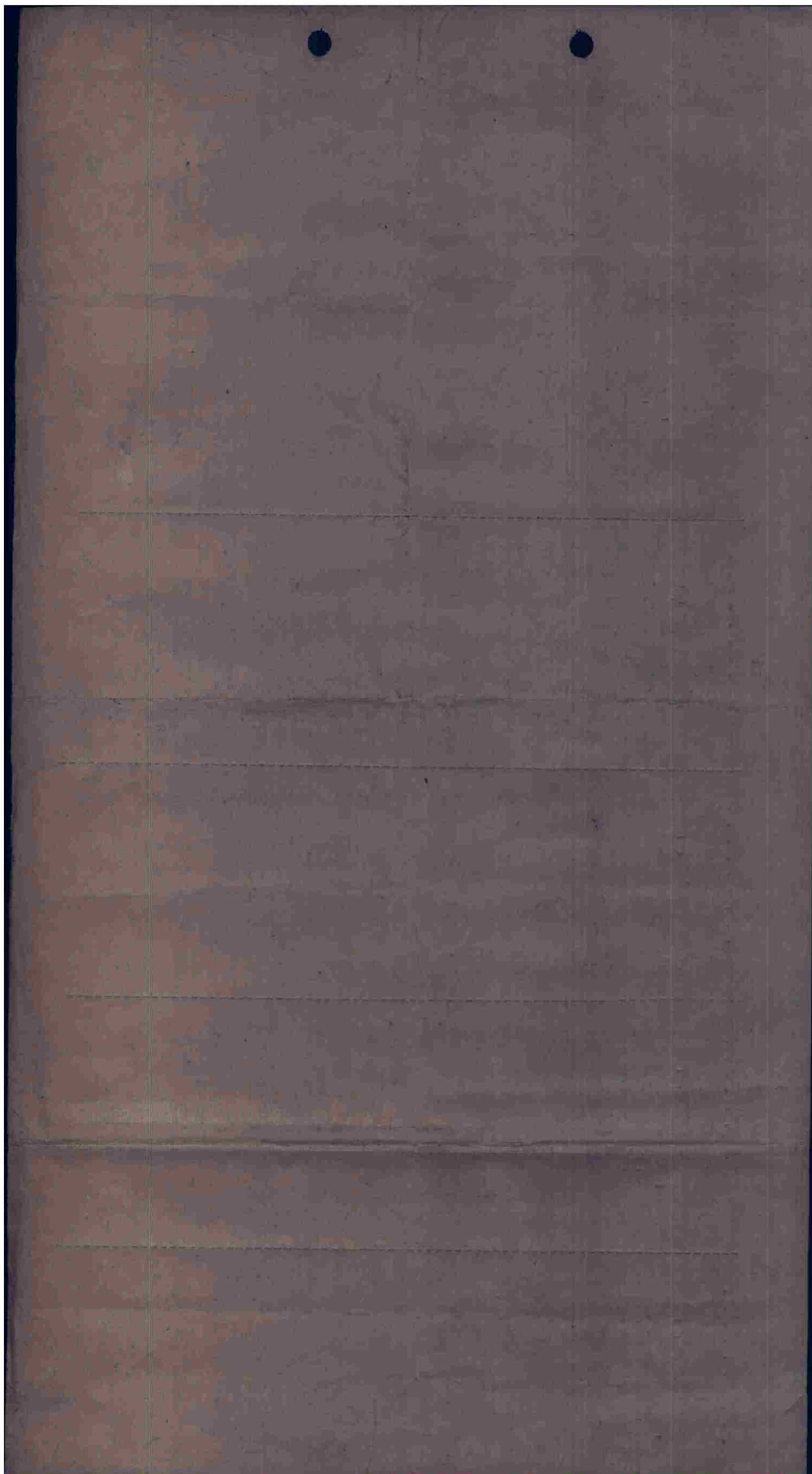
H. THRU K. NONE

L. 12,500 - 12,000 PRIMARY

M. 1337 - 1338 PRIMARY

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION GOOD.

ANNEX : CALLED RIPS AW RECEIVING FIX 30 SECONDS AFTER ENTERING AREA.



A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 344TH BOMB GROUP
 B. LIPPSTADT M/Y RB 417416
 C. 1 B-26
 D. 1 B-26 CASUAL ON CEE. (GROUP SECONDARY) GROUP LEADING. SIEGEN
 WG 20059530
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 IB'S CASUAL
 G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
 H. THRU K. NONE
 L. 12,500 CASUAL
 M. 1333 CASUAL
 REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION AND WINDOW SHIPS GOOD. NO FIGHTERS AT R/V.
 GROUP ELECTED TO SOME SECONDARY.
 ANNEX : CALLED RIPS AW COULD NOT CONTACT. VHF OUT

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 410TH BOMB GROUP
 B. NIEDERSCHIED M/Y WG 397365.5
 C. 1 B-26
 D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 IB'S PRIMARY
 G. UNOBSERVED
 H. THRU K. NONE
 L. 12,300 PRIMARY
 M. 1333 1/2 PRIMARY
 REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT.
 ANNEX : CALLED RIPS AW COULD NOT CONTACT. CHANNEL TOO CROWDED.

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 416TH BOMB GROUP
 B. NIEDERSCHIED M/Y WG 39736595
 C. 1 B-26
 D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 IB'S PRIMARY
 G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
 H. THRU K. NONE
 L. 12,500 PRIMARY
 M. 1420 PRIMARY
 REMARKS : EXCELLENT WINDOW SHIPS AND SUPERIOR GROUP FORMATION.
 ANNEX : CALLED RIPS AW RECEIVING 2 MINUTES AFTER ENTERING AREA.

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 322ND BOMB GROUP
 B. ERNDTEBRUK M/Y WG 36550660
 C. 2 B-26'S
 D. 2 B-26'S PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT. SECOND BOX PFF FOLLOWED FIRST BOX FOR
 COURSE AND DROPPED ON OWN RELEASE FIXX
 SIG.
 E. NONE
 F. 8 X 500 IB'S PRIMARY
 G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
 H. THRU K. NONE
 L. 12,500 - 11,260 PRIMARY
 M. 1438 1/2 - 1439 1/2 PRIMARY
 REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION SUPERIOR. FIGHTERS CAUGHT UP TO FORMATION
 AFTER TURN OFF TARGET.
 ANNEX : CALLED RIPS AW RECEIVING FIX 3 MINUTES AFTER ENTERING AREA.

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 391ST BOMB GROUP
 B. ERNDTEBRUK M/Y WG 365950660
 C. 1 B-26
 D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT.
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 IB'S PRIMARY
 G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
 H. THRU K. NONE
 L. 12,500 PRIMARY
 M. 159500 PRIMARY
 REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT.
 ANNEX : CALLED RIPS AW RECEIVING FIX 1 MINUTE AFTER ENTERING AREA.

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 10/1830A
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 CC IN B. OF 410TH BOMB GROUP
 B. NIEDERSCHIED M/Y WG 39736595
 RELAYED BY CES BBBB
 JES R.....10/2005A HO K
 JPO R.....10/2005A LB KK
 JKI R.....10/2005A FD KK
 JEA THIS JES IS ITA STILL ENGD

