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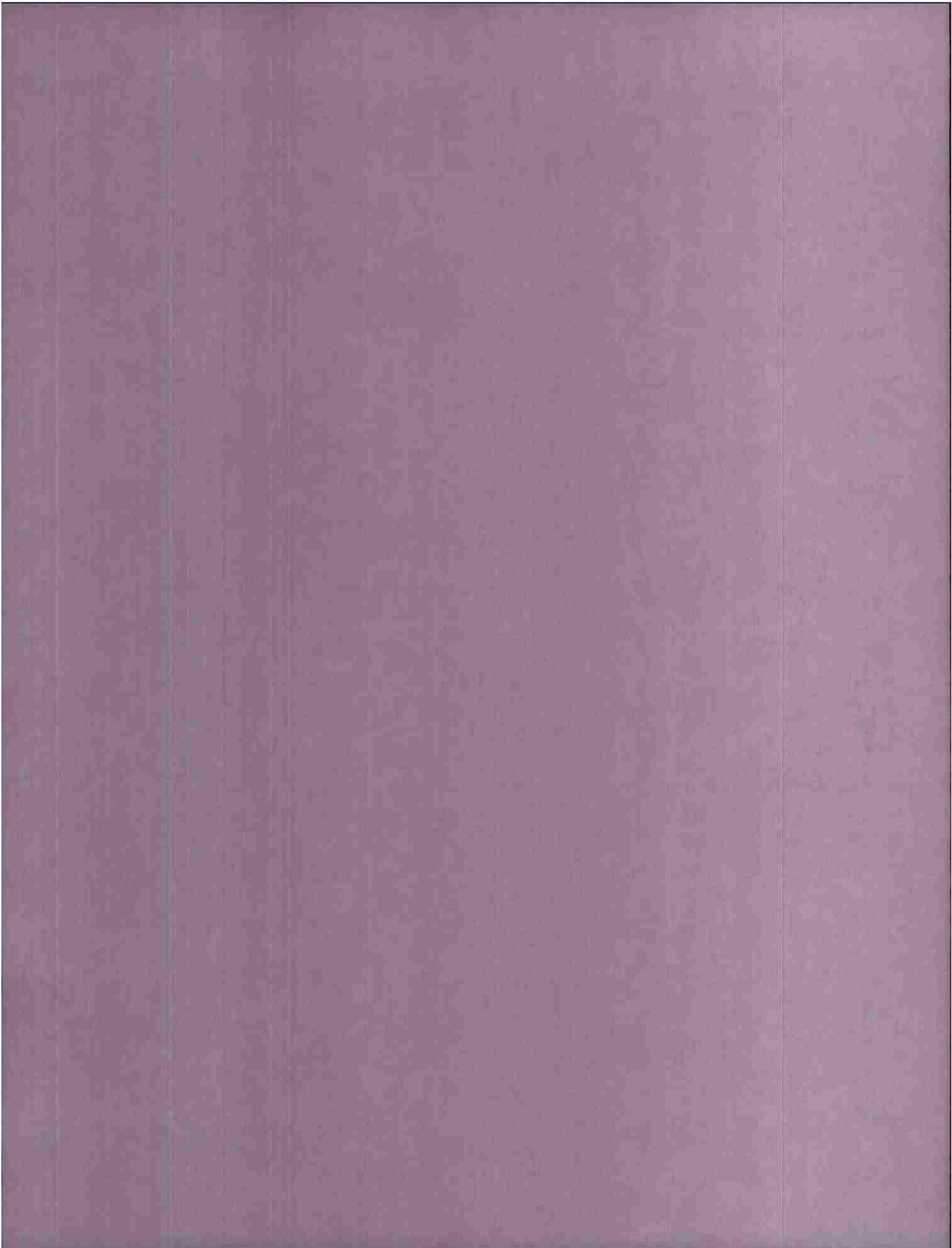
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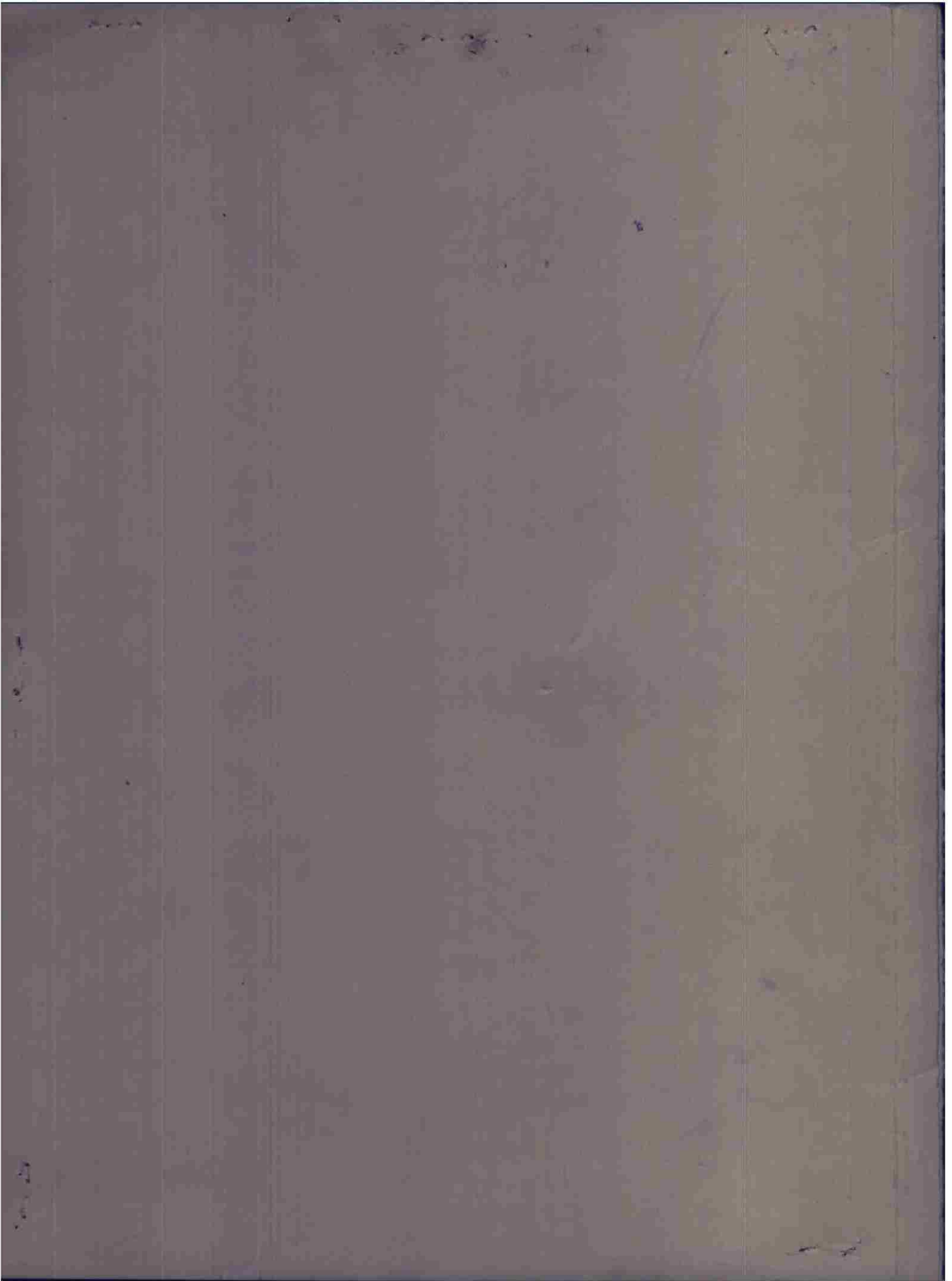
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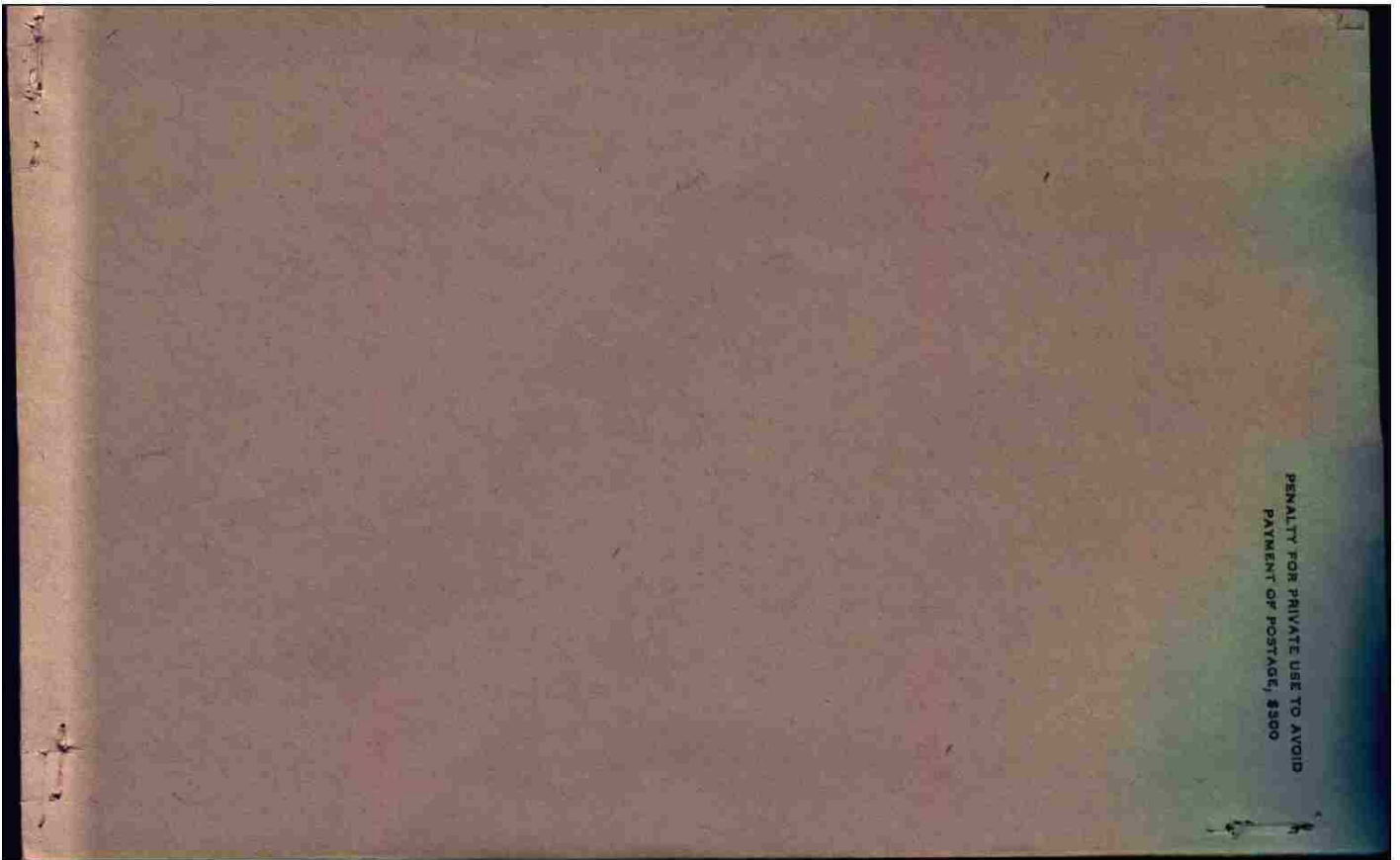
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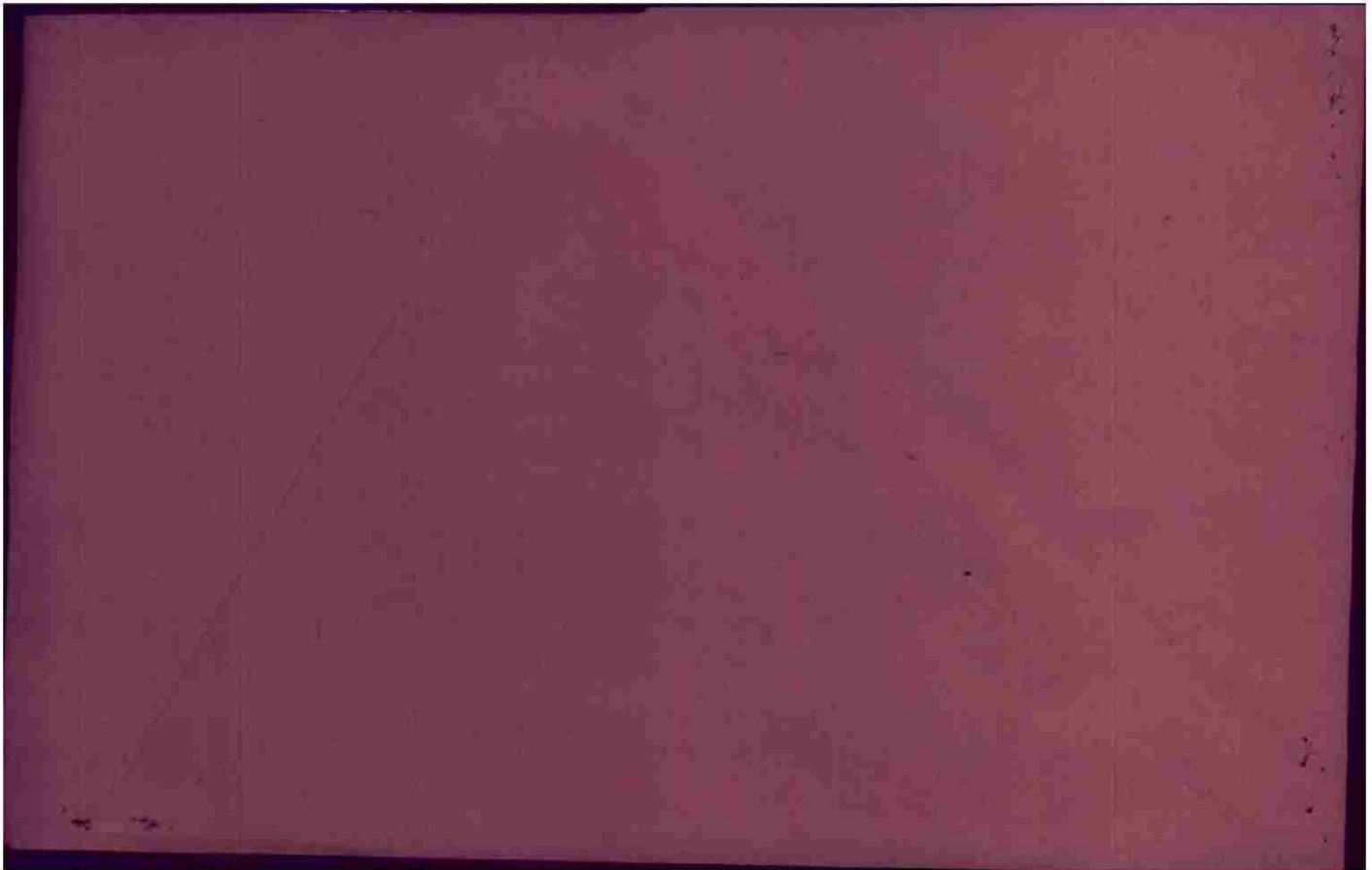
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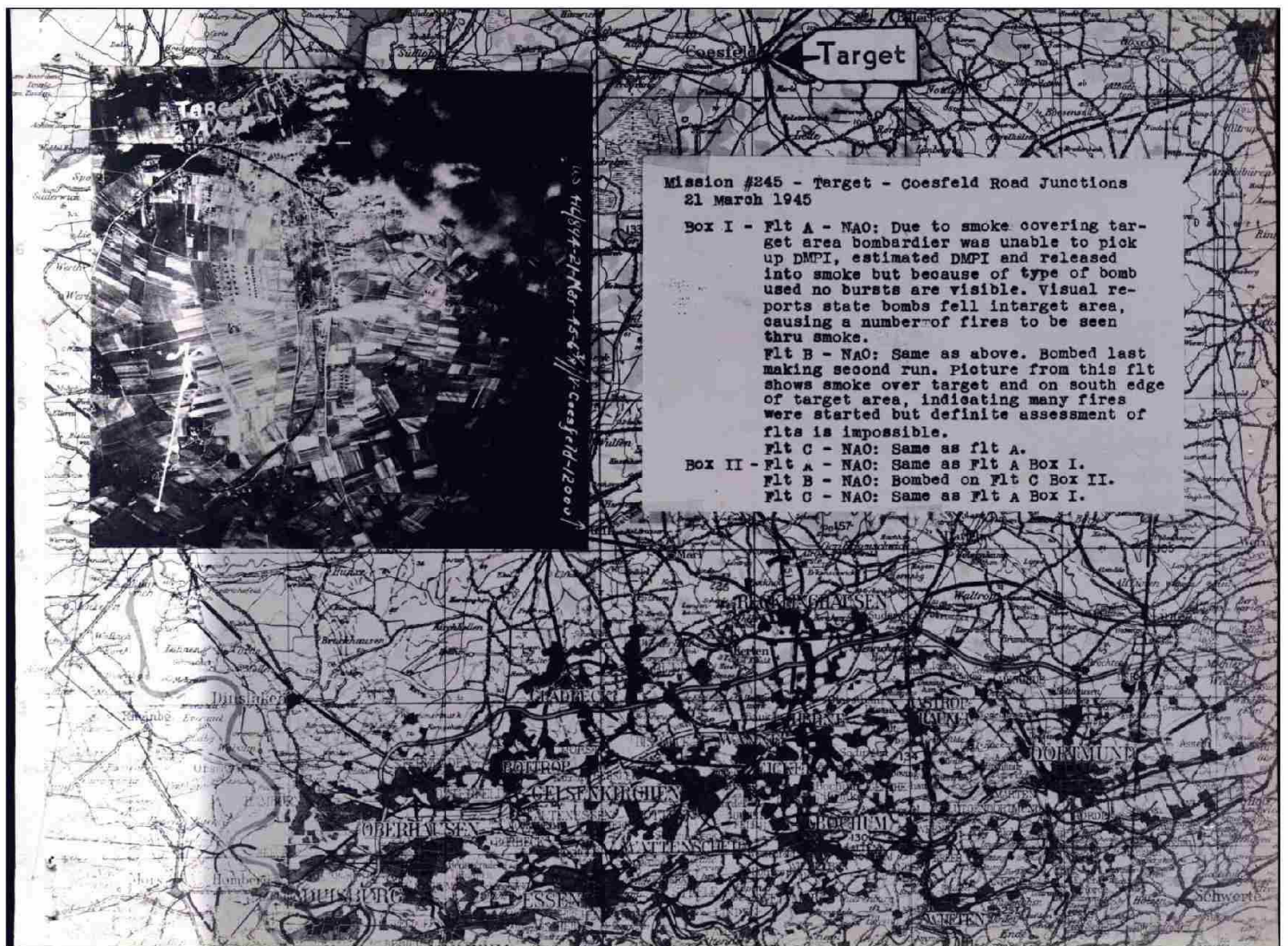


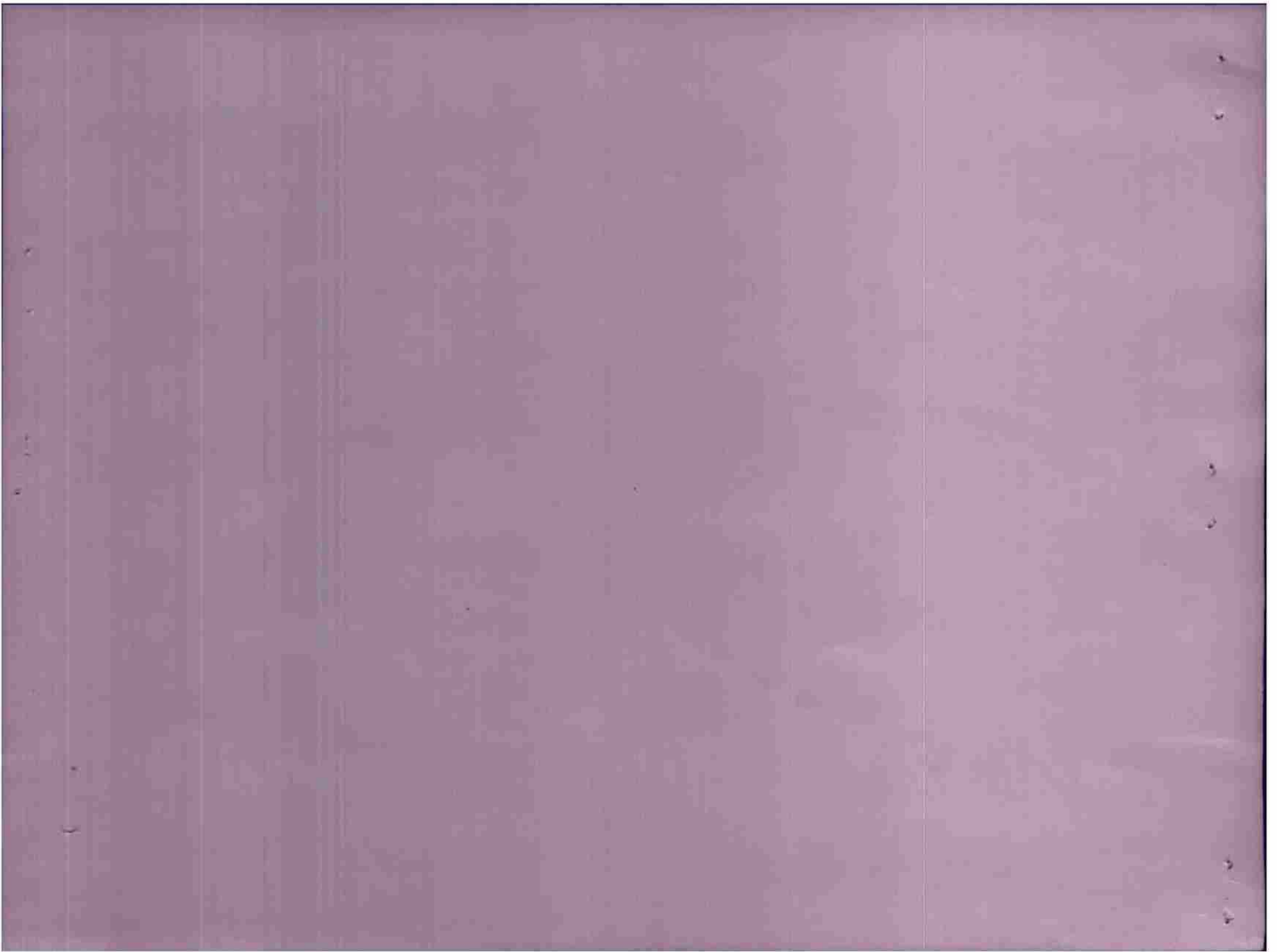


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PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

CAMERAS INSTALLED 14 GROUP 416th. Bomb Gp.
 CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING 14 100 % WING 97th. C.B.
 CAMERA FAILURES 0 0 % DATE 21 March 45
 PERSONNEL FAILURES 0 0 %
 OTHERS 0

TARGET GOESFELD
 ALTITUDE 12200 FEET
 TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
 GROUND SPEED 273 MPH

TARGET GOESFELD
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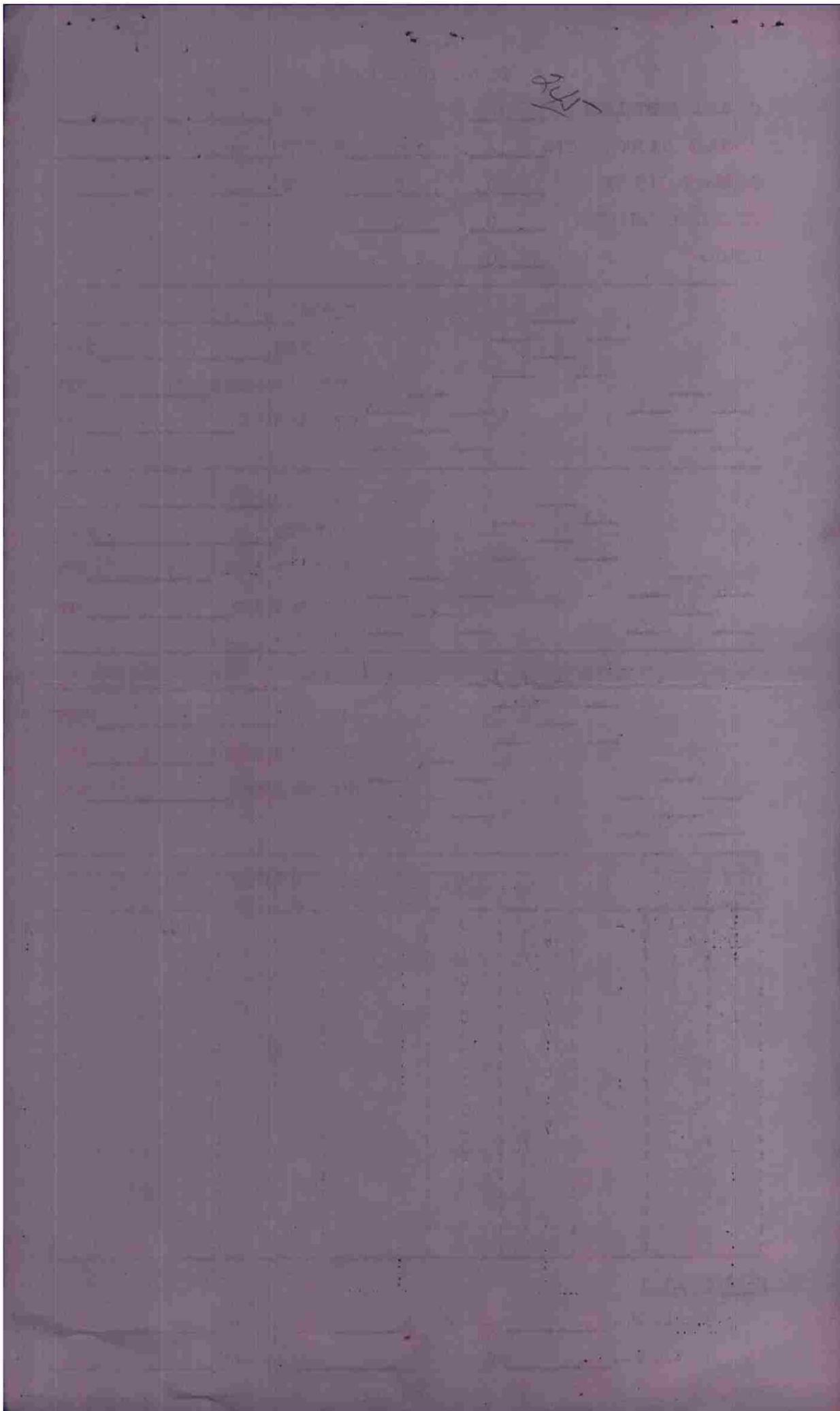
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:NO.	:NO.	:TYPE	:	:	:SORTIES	:SORTIES	:
1	351	K-24	7	0			Duplicate coverage
1	496	"	7	0			" "
1	297	"	6 3/8	0	894		" "
1	209	"	5	0			" "
1	352	"	7	0			" "
1	356	"	7	0			" "
2	381	"	7	0			" "
2	362	"	6 3/8	0			" "
2	2315	"	5	0			" "
2	224	"	6 3/8	0			" "
2	9315	"	"	0			" "
2	335	"	7	0			" "
2	259	"	6 3/8	0			" "
2	305	"	7	0			" "

K-20 CAMERAS

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 Sortie No. _____ Cameraman _____ Reason Failure _____



UNSATISFACTORY BOMBING REPORT

GROUP 116 TH BOMB GROUPMISSION OF 21 MARCH 1945TO COESFELD
WIDEN ROAD JUNCTION

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>REASONS FOR GROSS BOMBING OR FAILURE TO ATTACK PRIMARY</u>
BOX I Flt A <u>Capt. T.L. Miller (P)</u> <u>Lt. J.K. Conner (E)</u> <u>Lt. A.S. Calloway (N)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u> <u>N.A.O.</u>	Due to dense smoke over target from previous bombing Bombardier was unable to pick out D.M.P.I. Aimed into smoke of previous bombing. States that bombs fell into target area. Unable to assess due to smoke.
Flt B <u>Lt. J.J. Lackovich (P)</u> <u>Lt. R.C. Muir (E)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u> <u>N.A.O.</u>	Same as Box I Flt A.
Flt C <u>Lt. J.A. Buskirk (P)</u> <u>Lt. R. C. Hanna (E)</u>	<u>D. M.P.I.</u> <u>N.A.O.</u>	Same as Box I Flt A.
Box II Flt A <u>Col. J.G. Napier (P)</u> <u>Lt. D.L. Moore (E)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u> <u>N.A.O.6</u>	Same as Box I Flt A.
Flt B		Flight leader aborted due to oil leak in engine. Remainder of flight joined with and bombed on Flt.C Box II.
Flt C <u>Lt. O.F. Jacobsen (P)</u> <u>F/O R.W. Harvest (E)</u> <u>Lt. R.L. Martin (N)</u>	<u>D. M.P.I.</u> <u>N.A.O.</u>	Same as Box I Flt A.

All flights bombed on first run except Flt B Box I which bombed on second run.

OTTO R. KOCH
2ND LT. AIR CORPS.,
GROUP BOMBARDIER

5th B.D. S-2 Report 100A

416. TH	9TH B.D. (M) WING 97th	B
GROUP	DATE 21 MARCH 1945	
OTHER UNITS: TARGET		GOESFELD R/J'S
	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED Goesfeld R/J'S PRIMARY
SECONDARY

M.P.I. R/J IN TOWN.

A.P. _____

(3 WINDOW)

C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 41 A-26'S NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 37

D. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 6'S IN FOLLOWING ORDER 1,5,2,3,4,4.

E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 222 X 500 M17 OPEN AT 5000 FT

F. HEADING ON A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED _____ BOX I FLT A - 122° - 1144

FLT B - 110° - 1149

G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED _____ BOX II FLT A - 105° - 1145½

FLT B - 110° - 1146

H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET _____ FLT C - 120° - 1146

J. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

BOX I - FLT A - NAO: DUE TO SMOKE COVERING TARGET AREA, BOMBARDIER WAS UNABLE TO PICK UP DMPT, HE THEREFORE ESTIMATED DMPT AND RELEASED INTO SMOKE BUT BECAUSE OF TYPE OF BOMB USED NO BURSTS ARE VISIBLE. VISUAL REPORTS STATE BOMBS FELL INTO TARGET AREA, CAUSING A NUMBER OF FIRES TO BE SEEN THROUGH SMOKE.

FLT B - NAO: SAME AS ABOVE. BOMBED LAST MAKING SECOND RUN. PICTURE FROM THIS FLT SHOWS SMOKE OVER TARGET AND ON SOUTH EDGE OF TARGET AREA, INDICATING MANY FIRES WERE STARTED BUT DEFINITE ASSESSMENT BY FLTS IS IMPOSSIBLE.

FLT C - NAO: SAME AS FLT A.

BOX II - FLT A - NAO: SAME AS FLT A BOX I.

(VISUAL) FLT B - NAO: BOMBED ON FLT C BOX II.

FLT C - NAO: SAME AS FLT A BOX I.

LLOYD H. PERKINS,
2nd Lt, Air Corps,
Asst Photo Intelligence Officer.

IX B.C.S.-2 FORM No. 1061-B-Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

OTHER UNITS: TARGET :	IX BC 97TH	WING :	416TH
:	DATE	:	GROUP
:	ATTACKING UNITS	:	
:	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION:	:	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED _____ PRIMARY
 _____ SECONDARY
 _____ CASUAL

M.F.I. _____

A.P. _____

B. TARGET ATTACKED _____ MILES FROM PRIMARY
 _____ DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY

C. COORDINATES _____ ON 1:50,000 MAP NO. _____

D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED _____ A-20's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING _____

E. BOMBING BY _____ IN FOLLOWING ORDER _____

F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED	FUSING	NOSE	TAIL
	FUSING	NOSE	TAIL

G. HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED _____ DEGREES MAG.

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED _____

I. ACTIVITY AT TARGET:

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

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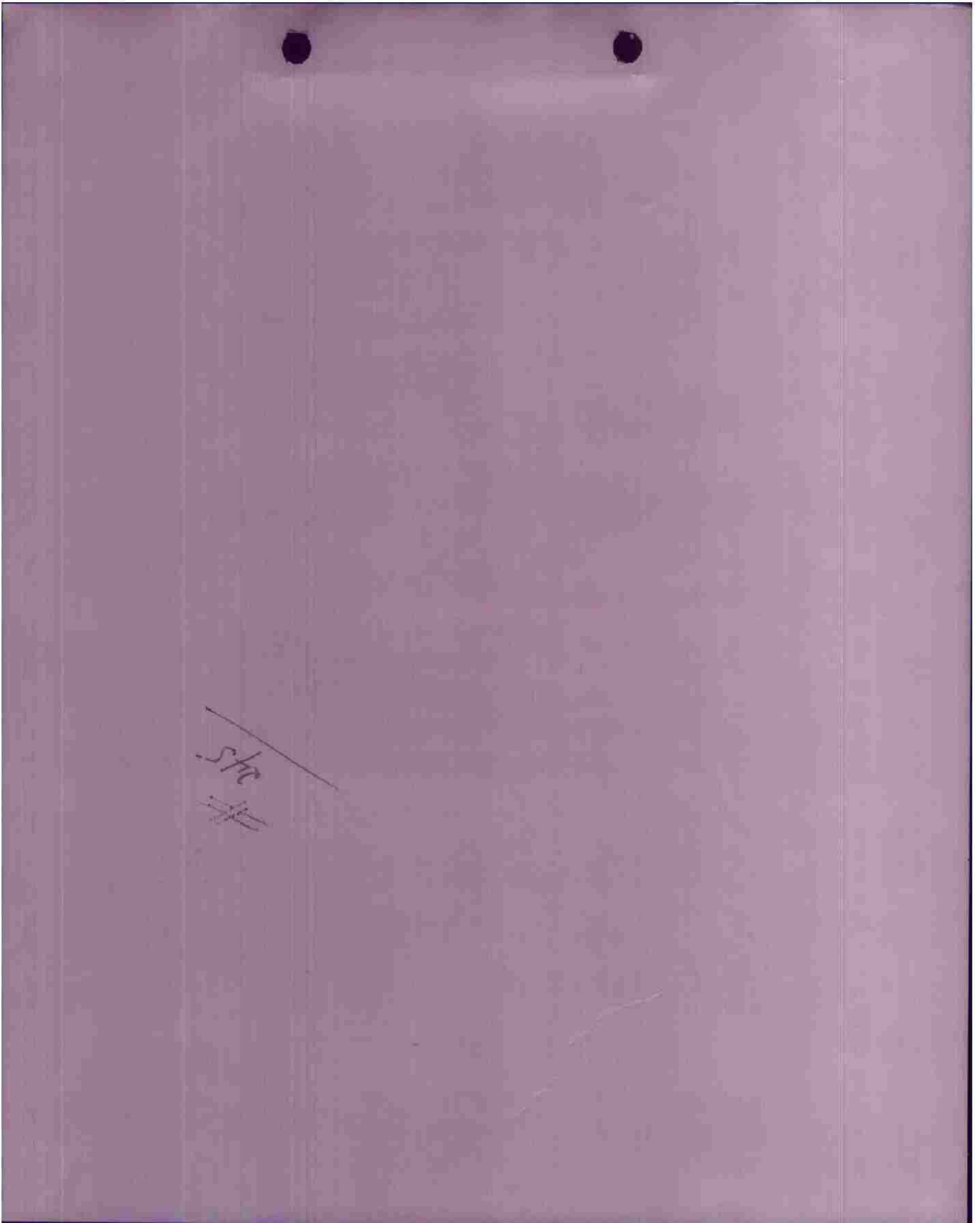
NINTH AF CONSOLIDATED REPORT 9TH BD / SA 1110

- (A) TARGET: COESFELD R/J 4416/P1 - RA/609723
 (B) SORTIE: US 416/894 ANNOTATED PRINT: 12, 13
 (C) DATE: 21 MAR 45 TIME: 1144-49 A
 (D) ATTACKING A/G: 37 A-26's BY 6's.
 (E) BOMBS: 222/500 M-17 OPEN AT 5000'
 (F) COVER: GOOD CLEAR PHOTOS SHOW AREA OF TARGET ENVELOPED IN SMOKE.
 (G) RESULTS OF BOMBING: DUE TO SMOKE OVER THE T/A THE BOMBARDIER ESTIMATED THE POSITION OF THE DESIRED MPI AND DROPPED BOMBS INTO THE SMOKE. IDENTIFICATION OF BOMB PATTERNS IS NOT POSSIBLE AS SEEN ON PHOTOS REPRODUCED BELOW.

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DET "C" 20th PID
AT HQ. 9TH B.D.



GENERAL INDEX

TARGET COESFELD RD. JUNE DATE 21 MAR 45 NO. A/C 41 MISS. # 245
 CGORD. A-610721 F.O.# 216-806 STATUS ATTACHED
 BRIEFING OFFICER CAPT. SHERIDAN

1. RECCO. PRINTS (IF ANY) _____
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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (H)MISSION SUMMARY #84
(Morning Missions)140
21 March 1945

Field Order 806

Section I

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
344 BG	Goesfeld (A-610721) Communications Center	Excellent
387 BG	Goesfeld (A-610721) Communications Center	Box I - Excellent Box II - Flt. A - Excellent (SMPI) Flt. B - Excellent Flt. C - Excellent
397 BG	Goesfeld (A-610721) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Undetermined Flt. B - N.A.C. Flt. C - N.A.C. Box II - Flt. A - Excellent (SMPI) Flt. B - Excellent Flt. C - N.A.C.
416 BG	Goesfeld (A-610721) Communications Center	N.A.C.
410 BG	Goesfeld (A-610721) Communications Center	Box I - Undet. Box II - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Undet. Flt. C - Undet.
386 BG	Dulmen (A-685592) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent (SMPI) Flt. B - Excellent (SMPI) Flt. C - Excellent (AMPI) Box II - Fair (AMPI)
322 BG	Dulmen (A-685592) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Superior Flt. C - Undet. Box II - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Excellent Flt. C - N.A.C.
409 BG	Dulmen (A-685592) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Unsnt. Flt. B - Unsnt. Flt. C - N.A.C. Box II - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Superior Flt. C - Undet. Box III - Flt. A - Undet.
323 BG	Dulmen (A-685592) Communications Center	Undet. (AMPI)

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Visual bombing by flights from 11,000 - 12,500 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMLP - EXCELLENT. All bursts within 1000' radius of DMLP. Excellent pattern centered approximately 700' S of DMLP, severing main e-w road and damaging several houses.

Flt. B - DMLP - EXCELLENT. All bursts within 1000' radius of DMLP. Excellent pattern centered 350' NE of DMLP. Bursts sever roads and score several hits to large building in target area.

Flt. C - DMLP - EXCELLENT. 65% of bursts within 1000' radius of DMLP. Excellent pattern centered approximately 950' S of DMLP, blanketing closely built-up area in town.

24 a/c flak battle-damaged; 1 overman killed, 1 wounded, 6 missing. No losses.

1 a/c is missing; last seen on single engine, returning to friendly territory and apparently under control (this a/c jettisoned bombs at E-535930, after direct hit by flak).

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

33 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFW), 28 dropping 112 x 1000 GF on Primary. 1 a/c, flak damaged, jettisoned 4 x 1000 GF at E-535930, 9 miles N of bomb-line, in enemy territory. FFW, also flak damaged, released 4 x 500 GF at A-120890, 20 miles NW of bombing, in enemy territory. 2 window a/c.

387 BG:

Window target (located in A-47773) and released on GML. Bombs fell in vicinity of target (A-500870), 5 miles NE of target. Light pattern in open, 3500' E of town.

WINDOW A/C - N.A.O. (GER). Bombardier was unable to synchronize on briefed window target. Bombs failed to explode on GML. Bombs fell in vicinity of target (A-500870), 5 miles NE of target. Light pattern in open, 3500' E of town.

Box II - DMLP - EXCELLENT. Approximately 50% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMLP. Excellent concentration 1000' S of DMLP. Strikes in southern part of city covering built up area and at least three road junctions.

Box I - DMLP - EXCELLENT. Approximately 65% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMLP. Spade pattern 375' N of DMLP. Two concentrations of bombs in north central parts of city. Hits cover built up area and at least three main road junctions.

Visual bombing by boxes (Box I on FFW lead, Box II on group lead) from 11,500 - 12,500 feet.

9 a/c flak battle-damaged; 1 overman killed. No losses.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

36 a/c dispatched (including 2 FFW), 32 dropping 120 x 1000 GF on Primary. 3 window a/c dropped 12 x 1000 GF on other target.

344 BG:

Destroyed (Communication Center)

Eight groups attacked two communications centers, recording SURVIVOR to UNDETERMINED results. A third group attacked other target.

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Box II - Flt. A - SMPI - EXCELLENT. This flight was crowded during bomb run, compelling lead bombardier to select MPI, road junction 1500' SE of DMPI. All bursts within 1000' radius of SMPI, in good pattern. MPI of bursts 450' S of SMPI. Bursts score hits to highway junction and buildings in suburban area.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bursts within 1000' radius of DMPI in excellent pattern. MPI of bursts approximately 500' SW of DMPI, scoring hits to large buildings and roads in center of town.

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 95% of bursts within 1000' radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered 700' W of DMPI. Bursts blanked road junction and surrounding buildings on edge of town.

397 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), 30 dropping 116 x 1000, 4 x 500 GP on Primary. 2 a/c, flak damaged, salvoed 8 x 1000 GP at A-170922 and A-110916 miles and 15 miles NE, respectively, of bomblines, in enemy territory. 1 PFF a/c dropped 4 x 500 GP at A-180621, 15 miles SW of Primary, when group took over for visual run. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which crash-landed at Mill (E-620460), due to flak damage. 3 window a/c.

In addition to the above-mentioned a/c, 2 other a/c crash-landed: 1 at base, when nose wheel stuck for reasons unknown; 1 at J-625670, 6 miles N of Brussels, for undetermined reasons; 1 crewman injured.

27 additional a/c flak battle-damaged; 2 crewmen wounded. No losses.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,000 - 13,000 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage. Camera a/c did not take off.

Flt. B - N.A.O. This flight dropped on Flt. A. Bombs fell 4150' SW of DMPI. Fair pattern in open area, with no apparent damage.

Flt. C - N.A.O. This flight released on Flt. A. Scattered pattern 4300' W of DMPI in open area. 4 bombs hit factory at A-596718, starting fires. Some bursts across roads at A-597716 and A-598712. Several buildings at A-598712 are probably damaged.

Box II - Flt. A - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Haze obscured DMPI. Bombardier selected road junction in center of town, 3150' S of DMPI. 95% of bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI. Fair pattern 630' NW of SMPI. Bombs fell among buildings and across main roads in NW corner of town.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 75% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Loose pattern 880' SE of DMPI. Bombs hit generally in open area, possibly hitting several small buildings.

Flt. C - N.A.O. This flight dropped on Flt. A. Bomb pattern of the two flights cannot be separated.

416 BG: 41 A-26 a/c dispatched, 37 dropping 222 x 500 IB on Primary. 3 window a/c 1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

No losses, damage casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,300 - 12,300 feet.

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Primary.
in fields and across a secondary road at A-698696, 67 mi. NE of
2 a/c of this flight had accidental release, with bursts occurring
15 residential type buildings damaged. Also hits on a road.
one part 750 ft. S. of DMPI and other part 800 ft. N. at least
within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Bursts occur in split pattern,
Selected center of built-up area 3400 ft. SW of DMPI. All bombs
as he was unable to attack DMPI due to position of Lt. A.
Lead bombardier in this flight made separate sighting operation,
Lt. B - SMPI - EXCELLENT. When box leader went on single engine
600 ft. NE of SMPI. Damage unknown due to smoke.

Box I - Lt. A - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier selected MFI 1300 ft. SE
of DMPI. A/C was on single engine on bomb run due to flak damage
All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of SMPI. Bursts occur in smoke
results.

Box I bombed visually by flights, Box II visually by box, from 10,500 -
11,200 feet. 6 a/c dropped on 3 flak positions at A-058658, A-072631 and
A-088579. There were no cameras in these a/c but crews report excellent
21 a/c flak battle-damaged; 2 crewmen wounded. No losses.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.
2 a/c which landed at Aech and Venlo.
9 miles NE of bombing, in enemy territory. Bomb disposition unknown of
tione in vicinity of bombing. 1 a/c dropped 4 x 500 GP at A-010750.
500 GP on Primary. 6 a/c dropped 55 x 250, 44 x 120 frag. on flak posi-
40 a/c dispatched (including 2 HFF), 30 dropping 116 x 1000 comp. B, 4 x

386 BG:

Dulman (Communications Center).

FLt. B & C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. These 2 flights released into
smoke of previous bombings. No patterns are visible.
damage assessment.

Box II - Lt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of
DMPI. Long tight pattern centered 375' SW of DMPI, scoring pro-
bable direct hits on buildings. Cloud cover prevents further

bombings. No patterns are visible.

Box I - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. All 3 flights bombed into smoke of previous
Visual bombing by flights from 11,800 - 12,800 feet.

11 a/c flak battle-damaged; 1 crewman wounded. No losses.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

410 BG: 37 a/c dispatched, 36 dropping 216 x 500 GP on Primary.

Box II - Lt. B - N.A.O. This flight dropped on Lt. C, Box II. No bur-
visible due to type of bombs employed.

FLt. B - N.A.O. This flight made 2 runs, but bombardier could
not pick up DMPI due to smoke. He released into smoke. No bur-
visible because of type of bombs employed.

Due to type of bombs dropped no bursts are visible.
smoke in target area. They estimated DMPI and bombed into smoke
Box II - Lt. A & C) N.A.O. Bombardiers could not pick up DMPI due to

Box I - Lt. A & C)

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Flt. C - AMPI - EXCELLENT. This flight became separated from box because of sun, and dropped on 4th run. Smoke obscured DMPI, so bombardier chose center of built-up area $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles SE of Primary as AMPI. More than 60 percent of bombs are within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI. Center of fairly concentrated pattern is 860 ft. NW of AMPI. Damage to at least 10 residential type buildings in area.

Box II - AMPI - FAIR. Bombardier evidently misidentified Primary and bombed Coesfeld (A-610721), $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles NNW of Primary. About 30 percent of bursts are within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI. Center of spread pattern is 1200 ft. SE of AMPI, blanketing numerous houses and streets in town of Coesfeld.

322 BG: 33 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), 30 dropping 119 X 1000 GP on and in vicinity of Primary. 1 a/c, flak damaged, jettisoned 4 X 1000 GP at A-025046, 12 miles NE of bomblinc, in enemy territory.

2 a/c (PFF) failed to bomb: 1, mechanical failure; 1, other (abandoned operations when group decided to make visual run).

27 a/c flak battle-damaged; 1 crewman wounded. No losses.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,500 - 12,250 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI, centering 310 ft. to SW. Two group pattern on buildings, and main streets on the SW edge of town. Three bombs hung up, hitting in a park near other strikes.

Flt. B - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI, centering 210 ft. to the east. Excellent pattern, blanketing the E. central part of town.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Bomb bay doors of No. 2 a/c would not open and in attempt to open them, bombs were salvaged. No. 5 a/c dropped on this lead, $5\frac{3}{4}$ miles NW of DMPI in fields, at A-665663. Cameras were in these a/c, so there are no photos of remaining bomb bursts. Crews report hits in town center.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. Over 50 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Main concentration 350 ft. to the E, on buildings, and main streets. A few late bombs hit about 1200 ft. to NW, on or near factory buildings.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. Only 2 or 3 bombs outside 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Good pattern, centered 700 ft. to SE, covering several large buildings, and main road intersection of roads leading SE from town.

Flt. C - NAO - Flight leader hit by flak, No. 4 a/c took lead. Sight gyro tumbled, pilot could not hear intercom instructions and bombs went out when indices crossed, before bombardier could release the trigger. Good pattern 1 mile SSE of DMPI in fields.

409 BG: 47 a/c dispatched (36 A-26, 11 A-20), 36 (28 A-26, 8 A-20) dropping 112 X 1000, 32 X 500 GP on Primary. 4 A-26 a/c dropped 82 X 100 Frag. on flak positions in vicinity of bomblinc. 2 A-26 a/c were unable to identify briefed flak position and dropped 44 X 100 Frag. at A-062645, 6 miles NE of bomblinc, in enemy territory. 2 A-20 window a/c.

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13 additional a/c (11 A-26, 2 A-20) plus battle-damaged; 6 crewmen missing. Visual bombing by fighters from 10,400 - 12,500 feet.

Box II - 216. A - DIRT - EXPOSURE. 95 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DIRT. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 725 ft. S of DIRT. Pattern blankets approximately 550 ft. of a main road running SE 1 out of Dilmun, and also covers junction of this road with a street running around the outskirts of Dilmun to the E.

Post III - Lt. A - DAPI - U. DOWNS, MD. 4 c/c attached 2 film positions at 4-072631 and 4-088578. No photo coverage due to camera malfunction. Greys report excellent results from visual observation.

S E C R E T

323 BG: 34 a/c dispatched, 30 dropping 240 X 500 IB on and in vicinity of Primary.
3 window a/c.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

6 a/c flak battle-damaged; no losses, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,500 - 12,860 feet.

Box I & II - AMPI - UNDETERMINED. Lead bombardier and navigator apparently misidentified target, remaining flights following. Attacked town of Coesfeld (A-610721), 9½ miles NNE of Primary. Check points are very similar. Nearly all bombs fell in good concentration within the town, starting many fires. Patterns cannot be separated into flights because of type of bomb employed.

3 a/c released in vicinity of Billerbock (A-695753), 6 miles ENE of Coesfeld.

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0	Claims
1	Injured
12	Missing
7	Wounded
2	Killed
139 (42.27%)	A/C Battle Damaged
3	A/C Crash-Landed (397 BG)
1	A/C Missing (387 BG)
2	A/C Lost (409 BG)

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Bombs on Enemy Territory
Total Bombs to Date

338

Total

331	A/C Bombing
11	A/C Falling to Bomb
	Other
	Window 13
16	Bombs of 3 A/C Unaccounted For

338

A/C Off

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FAILURES TO BOMB

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. A/C</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASONS</u>
344	1	Mechanical	Engine trouble.
387	1	Mechanical	Right engine would not go into high blower.
416	1	Mechanical	Engine trouble.
410	1	Mechanical	Leaking gas.
386	1	Mechanical	Nose wheel would not retract.
322	1 (PTF)	Mechanical	Left engine overheated and runaway prop.
	1 (PTF)	Other	Group bombed visually.
409	1	Mechanical	Engines cutting out.
	2	Other	2 a/c lost to flak enroute to target.
323	1	Mechanical	High blower out.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Coesfeld

344 BG: Nil cloud. Visibility 8 miles down sun air-to-ground; 3 miles up sun air-to-ground.

387 BG: 5/10 medium above 15,000'. Visibility 6 miles in haze to 8000'.

397 BG: 3-5/10 thin medium cloud 15,000'. Visibility 5-6 miles in light haze.

416 BG: 2/10 small cumulus, top 4000'. 4/10 cirrus estimated 23,000'. Visibility 3 miles on bomb run. 1-2 miles up sun, 3-5 miles down sun.

410 BG: Haze and smoke up to 5000'. 5/10 cumulus, tops 5000', base 4000', occasional tops to 6000'. Visibility 7 miles on bomb run.

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386 BG: Trace of strato-cumulus at 4-5000'. 5/10 thin alto-stratus at 14,000'. Visibility 5 miles up sun, 10 miles down sun.

322 BG: No low or medium cloud. 3-5/10 cirrus above 20,000'. Visibility 3-5 miles up sun air-to-ground, 8-12 miles down sun air-to-ground.

409 BG: Nil cloud. Visibility 8-10 miles in haze. Smoke patches in area.

323 BG: 3/10 cirrus. Visibility 6 miles on bomb run.

45.69%

Even though the target was free of flat, near inaccurate to intense accurate heavy flat was encountered at a number of points en route. All groups that crossed the battalies in the American area encountered moderate accurate heavy flat. Other points en route with the exception of the battle area where flat was experienced were on important communication points. Flat at the (2-810184) was near accurate for the 344 gp. and 410 gp. The 397 gp. reported moderate accurate flat from Appledoon (2-720705) to December (2-927082) to Ruyphen (2-958361). The 410 gp. encountered moderate to intense accurate flat near Konigsbelt (A-081155). Other points were Tibbings (A-125606); moderate accurate; direct (A-235834); near: inaccurate; Gandingham (A-063675); moderate accurate; intersmitt (A-303756); weak accurate. Flat at December (2-930083) was intense accurate for the 397 gp. Moderate accurate heavy flat was experienced at Ruyphen (2-950950), Beckolt (A-230620), Walter (A-235680) and Standish (A-420770).

70.33%	1/0 Post to Plate
73	1/0 Missing
1	1/0 Battle Damaged
0	1/0 Battle Damaged

Coastal Communications Center 377, 387, 397, 416, 419 Gb.

332	A/C OVER EARTH LIGHTHOUSE
2	A/C LEFT TO FLAK
1	A/C MISSING
142	A/C BURNED DAMAGED
12.776	3 A/C BURNED DAMAGED

PLATE 5. SIGHTS IN VALLEY

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S/A PHOTO REPORT

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING</u>	<u>MECHANICAL FAILURES</u>		<u>PERSONAL FAILURES</u>	
		<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
344	100%	0	0	0	0
387	100%	0	0	0	0
397	100%	0	0	0	0
416	100%	0	0	0	0
410	100%	0	0	0	0
386	100%	0	0	0	0
322	100%	0	0	0	0
409	45%	3	27%	3	27%
323	78%	0	0	2	22%

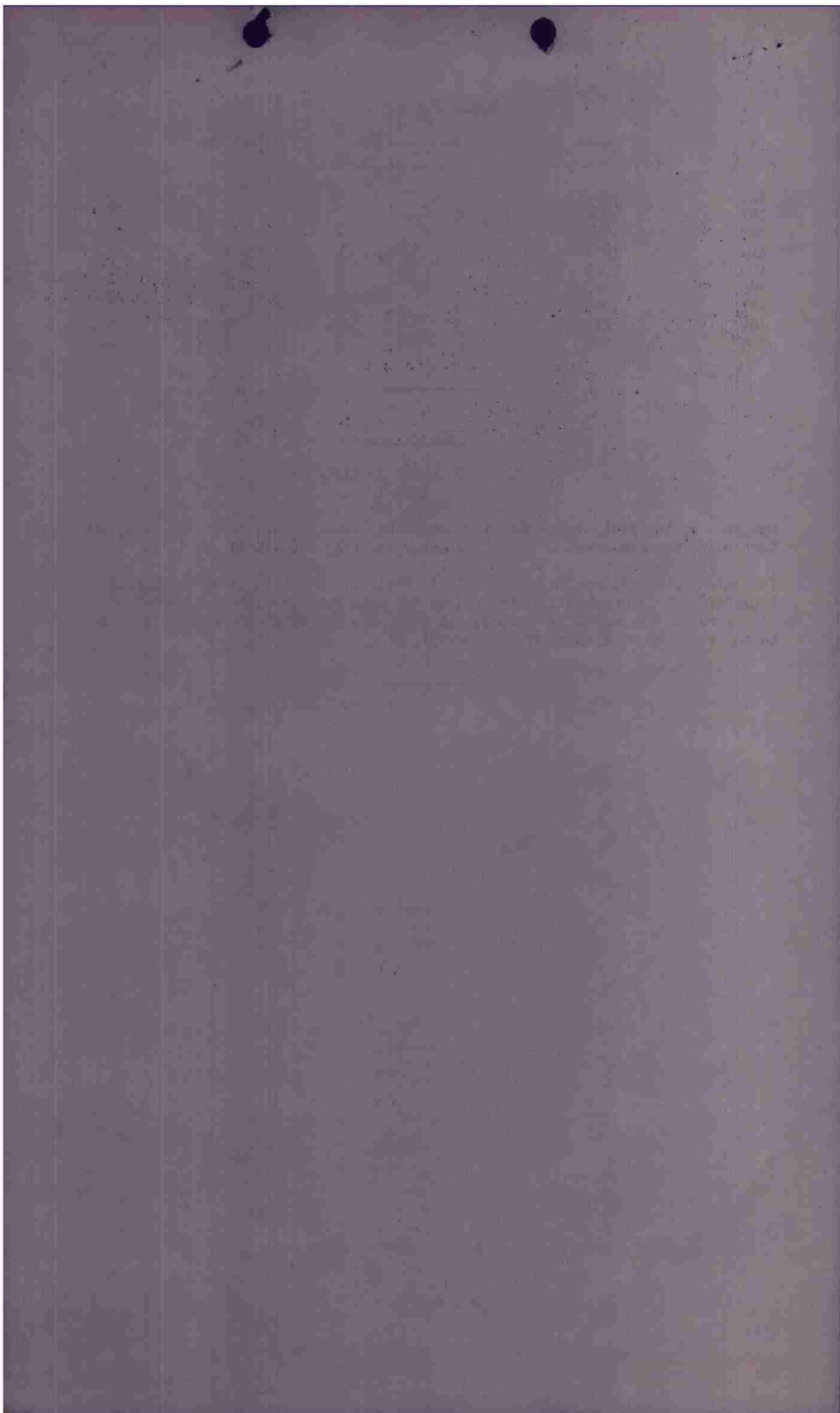
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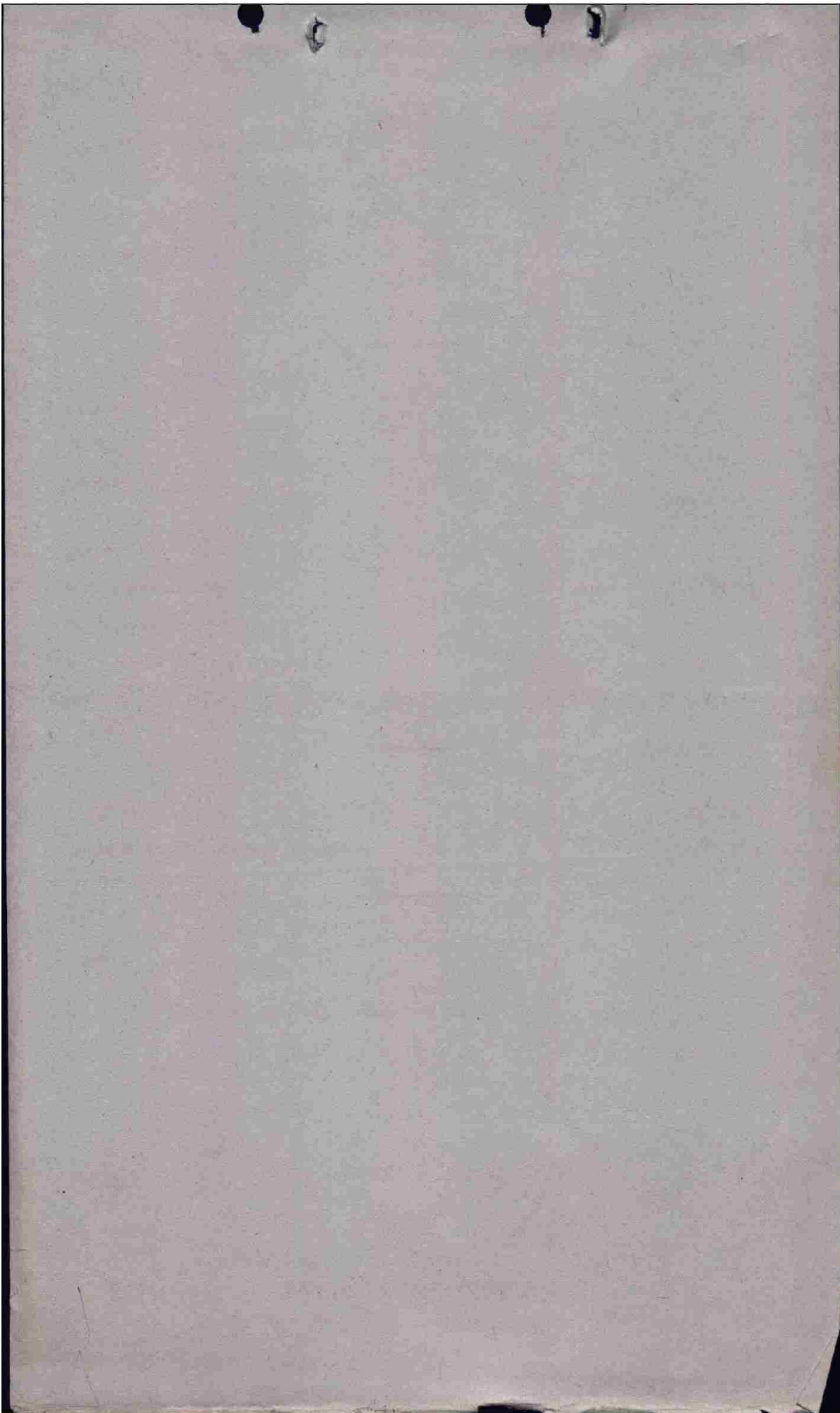
T.O.T.'s: 0920 to 1149
1431 to 1435

One crew of the 397th Group observed an e/a believed to have been an Me 109, 2000 feet below the formation as they approached the target (Wesfeld) at 1014.

The 344th Group reports that from 0918 to 0924, in the vicinity of the target (Goesfeld), the formation was trailed by two twin-jet aircraft at 17,000 feet and 1500 yards to the rear. No attack. At 0931, two FW 190's were seen at 4000 feet in the vicinity of Winterswijk (A-302755).

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0	Claims
1	Injured
20	Missing
15	Wounded
2	Killed
218	A/C Battle Damaged
3	A/C Crash-Landed (397 BG)
2	A/C Missing (387 BG, 323 BG)
4	A/C Lost (409 BG - 2; 416 BG - 2)
1,101.95	Bombs on Enemy Territory
137,292.21	Total Bombs to Date
636	TOTAL
28	Bombs of 6 A/C Unaccounted for
	Window 22
	Other
21	A/C Falling to Bomb
587	A/C Bombing
636	A/C OFF

CONSOLIDATED MISSION STATISTICS

21 March 1945

SECRET

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Mission #245--21 March 1945.

A morning attack was made by two boxes of aircraft on the town of Goesfeld, in Holland. The bomb load consisted of 500-lb incendiary bombs. Thirty-seven planes attacked the primary, starting fires that swept from one side of the town to the other.

Weather was very clear. Flak guns generally were inoperative. Some weak but fairly accurate flak was encountered along the route going in to the target. Flak at the bomb line was almost nil. There was no battle damage.

No enemy planes were reported. Spitfires and P-47s accompanied the formation which made almost a complete tour of Holland in following their course.

The boxes were led by Capt. Miller and Lt. Col. Napier.

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 16/21 OP OP

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 21/1700A
 TO : CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION ATTN: A-2
 : CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATTN: A-2
 BT

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 21 MARCH 1945 (MORNING MISSION)

PARAGRAPH J. SHOULD READ NIL AT TARGET.

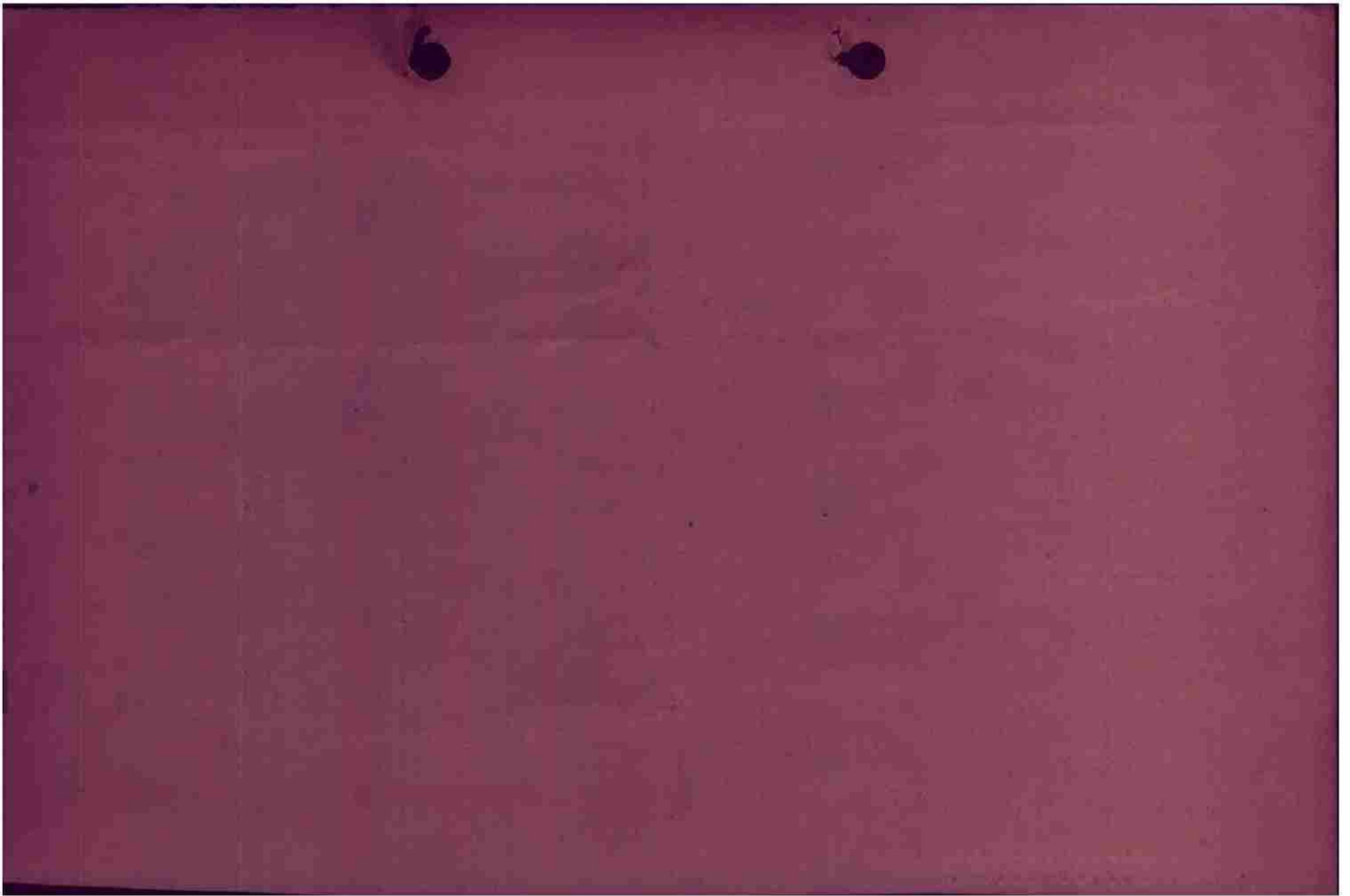
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 EPE.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 21/1700A
 EW BBBBBBB

ITA R.....4211801A JLPOPP KKKKKKK
 JEA R.....211801A LCB KKKKKO

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 14/21 OP OP

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TO : CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION ; ATT: A-2
CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ; ATT: A-2

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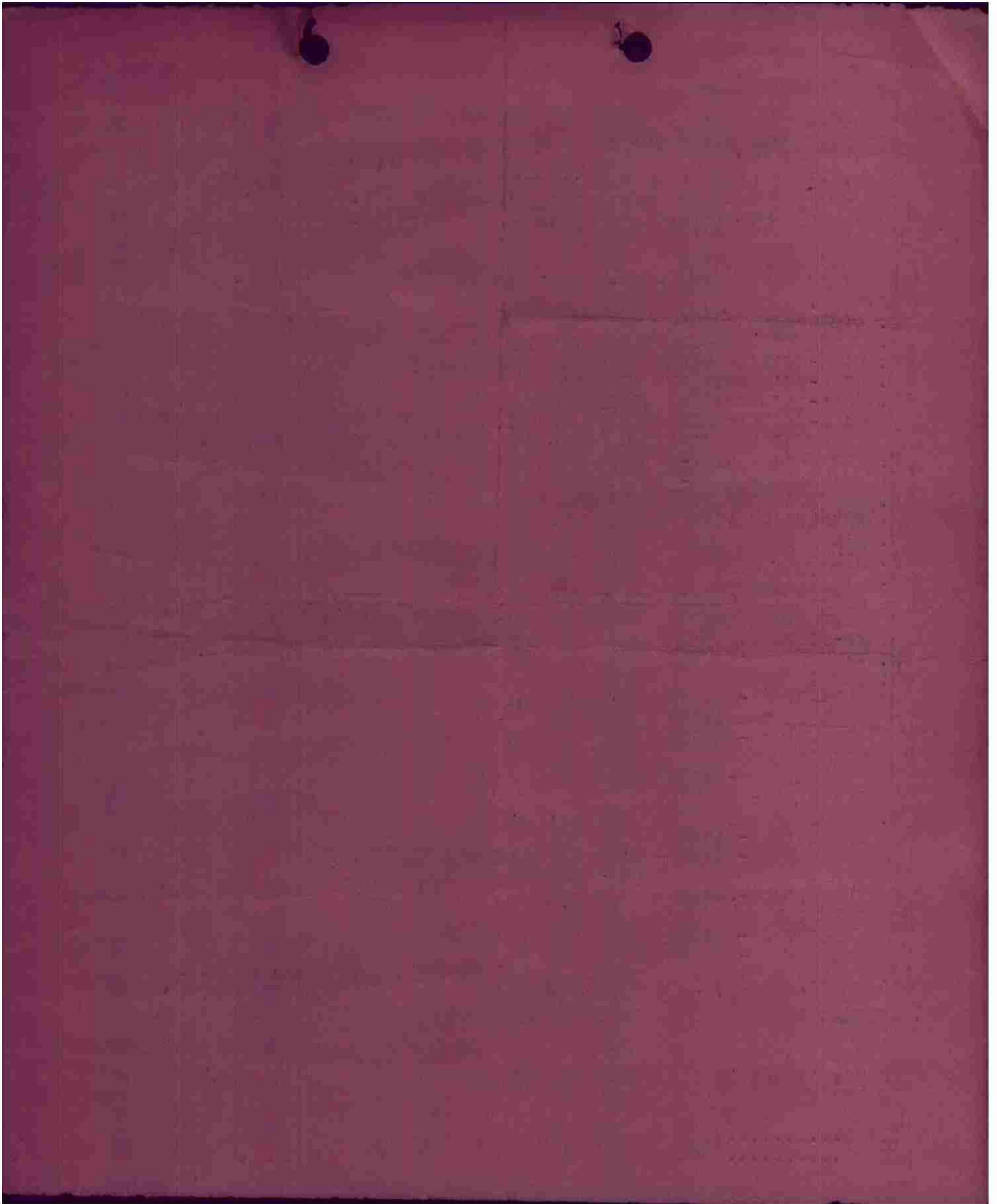
- A. 416TH BOMB GROUP
- B. COESFELD ROAD JUNCTIONS (A-610721)
- C. 41 A-26'S OF WHICH 3 CARRIED WINDOW ONLY
- D. 37 A-26'S ATTACKED PRIMARY
- E. 3 A-26'S CARRIED WINDOW ONLY
 - 1 A-26 RETURNED BECAUSE OF ENGINE TROUBLE ANE WAS UNABLE TO OVERTAKE FORMATION ON SECOND TAKE OFF. RETURNED EARLY.
- F. 222 X 500 LB. M-17 ON PRIMARYP
6 X 500 LB. M-17 RETURNED
- G. OBSERVATIONS DIFFICULT DUE TO SMOKE AND HAZE OVER TARGET BUT RESULTS BELIEVED EXCELLENT.
- H. NIL
- I. NIL
- J. NIL AT TARGET
MEAGER INACCURATE HEAVY FLAK IN VICINITY ~~XXXXXXX~~ OF A-280140
NEAR ANHOLT AND AT STADTLOHN (A-445782) AND WNXXX WINTERSWIJK (A-310769).
- K. NIL
- L. BOX I
 - FLIGHT A - 12100
 - FLIGHT B - 12300
 - FLIGHT C - 12300
- BOX II
 - FLIGHT A - 11500
 - FLIGHT C - 11300
- M. BOX I
 - FLIGHT A - 1144
 - FLIGHT B - 1149 - MADE TWO RUNS ONTARGET P.D.I. ERRATIC ON FIRST RUN- CAUSE AS YET UNKNOWN.
 - FLIGHT C - 1145
- BOX II
 - FLIGHT A - 1145 1/2
 - FLIGHT C - 1145 1/2
- X. FLIGHT B OF BOX II BOMBED ON LEADER OF FLIGHT C BOX II - -
LEADER OF FLIGHT B HAVING RETURNED EARLY, SEE PARAGRAPH E.
~~SEVERAL~~ SEVERAL TOWNS IN ENEMX TERRITORY OBSERVED TO BE ON FIRE.

BT 211455A

AK CC: 4TH GR LAST LINE ENEMY RPT ENEMY

EJ BBB K

ITA R.....211608A DD KK
JEA R.....21/1608A DJP KKK



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CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

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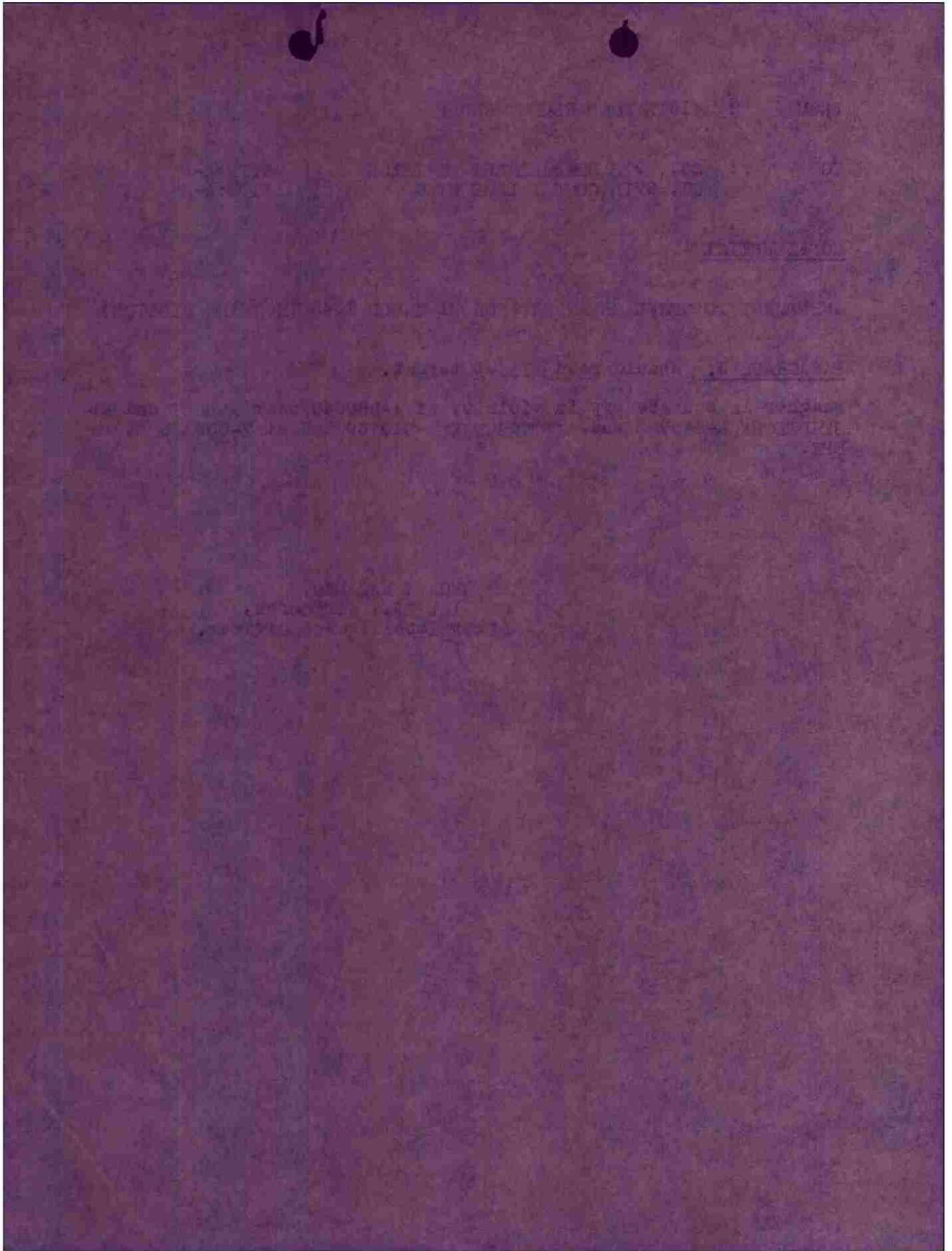
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Meagher Inaccurate HFF in vicinity of A-080640 near ANHOLT and at
STADTLOHN A-445782 and WINTERSWIJK A-310769 and at Z-805145 near
EPE.

FRANK MAZANEC,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Duty Intelligence Officer.



To: CG 9th Bomb Division; ATT: A-2
 CG 97th Combat Bomb Wing ATT: A-2

From: 416th Bomb Group
 Confidential - Ops Priority
 Ops flash for 21st March 1945 morning mission

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B. Coesfeld Road Junctions (A-610721)

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F. 222 x 500 LB M-17 on Primary
 6 x 500 LB M-17 returned

G. Observations difficult due to smoke and haze over target but results believed excellent.

H. Nil

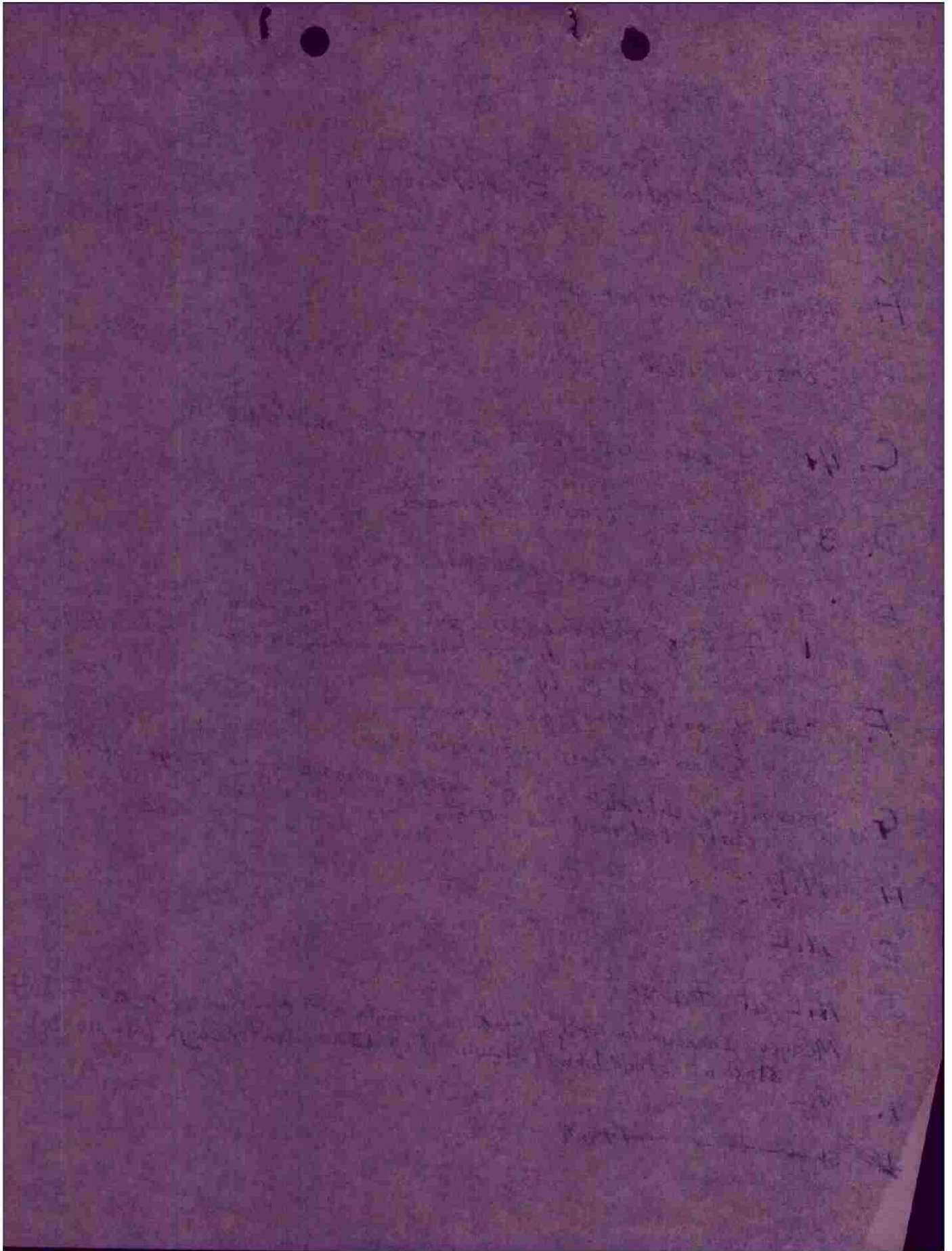
I. Nil

J. Nil at target

Meager Inaccurate Heavy flak in vicinity of A-080140 near Anholt
 and at Stadthorn (A-445782) and Winterswijk (A-310769)

K. Nil

~~Flight A~~ Flight



L. Box I
 Flight A - 12100
 Flight B - 12300
 Flight C - 12300

Box II
 Flight A - 11500
~~Flight B~~
 Flight C - 11300

M. Box I
 Flight A - 1144
 Flight B - 1149
 Flight C - 1145

Box II
 Flight A - 1145 1/2
~~Flight B~~
 Flight C - 1145 1/2

X Flight B of Box II bombed on Leader of Flight C
 Box II — leader of Flight B having returned early
 See Paragraph E.
 Several towns in Enemy territory observed to be
 on fire.

TO: CG, 9th Bombardment Division; ATT: A-2

CG, 97th Combat Bomb Wing; ATT: A-2

From: 416th Bomb Group

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K. Nil

L. Box I

Flight A - 12100

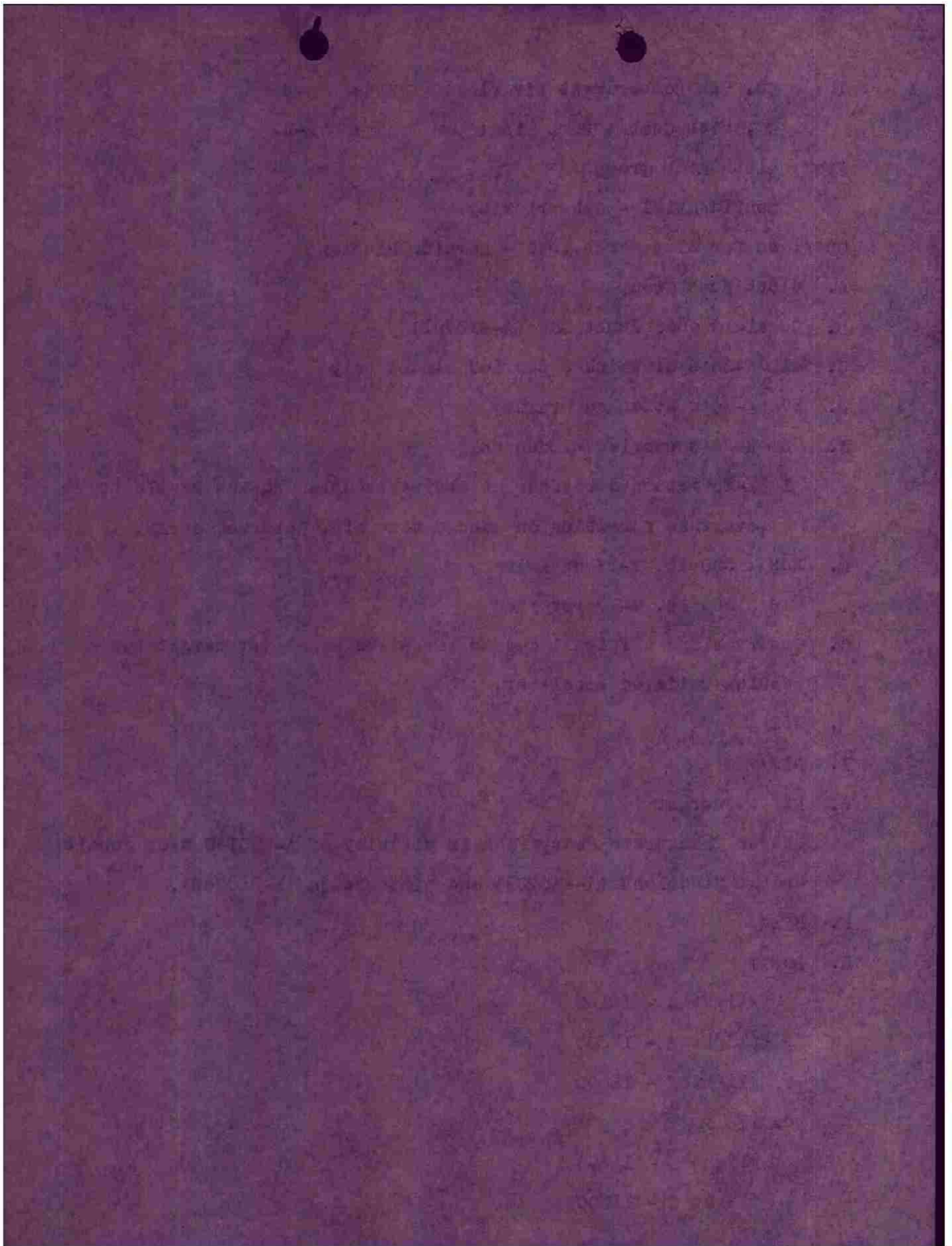
Flight B - 12300

Flight C - 12300

Box II

Flight A - 11500

Flight B - 11300



M. Box I

Flight A - 1144

Flight B - 1149 - made two runs on target. P.D.I. erratic on first run -
cause as yet unknown.

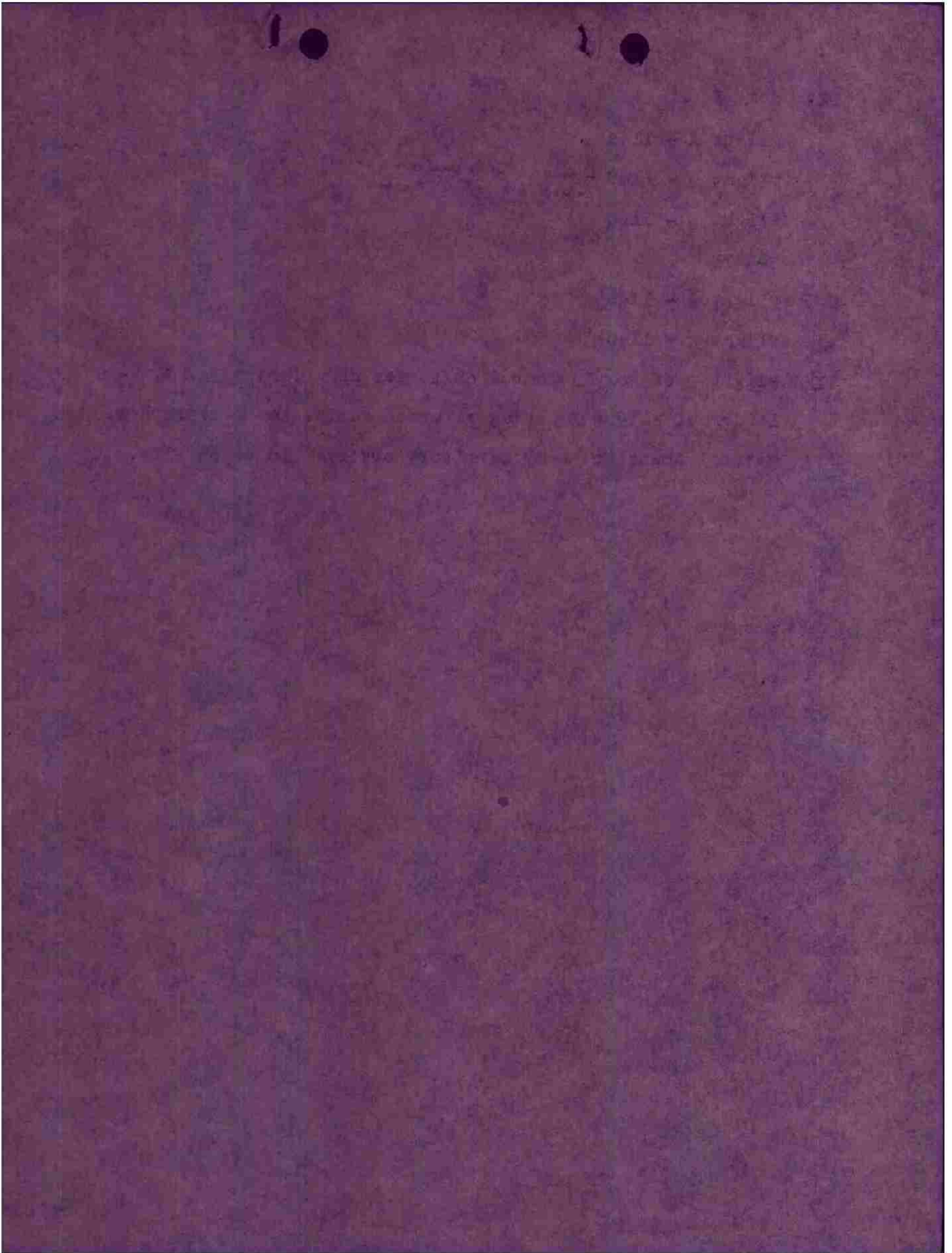
Flight C - 1145

Box II

Flight A - 1145 $\frac{1}{2}$

Flight C - 1145 $\frac{1}{2}$

- X Flight B of Box II bombed on leader of Flight C Box II --
leader of Flight B having returned early, see paragraph E.
Several towns in enemy territory observed to be on fire.



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 29/21 OP OP

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) S-2 PI 21/2245A
 TO : HQ, 9TH BOMBER DIVISION (M) ATTN: A-2 PI
 : HQ, 97TH COMBAT WING (L) ATTN: DUTY OFFICER.
 BT

SECRET 416TH BG R-480-D PERIOD

B. COESFELD ROAD JUNCTIONS.

G. 1144 - 1149

J. BOX 1 FLT A - NAO: DUE TO SMOKE COVERING T/A, BOMBARDIER WAS UNABLE TO PICKUP DMPI. ESTIMATED DMPI AND RELEASED INTO SMOKE BUT BECAUSE OF TYPE OF BOMBS NO BURSTS ARE VISIBLE. VISUAL REPORTS STATE BOMBS FELL INTO TARGET AREA.

FLT B - NAO: SAME AS ABOVE. ~~XXXX~~ BOMBED LAST MAKING SECOND RUN. SMOKE OVER TARGET AREA MAKES DEFINITE ASSESSMENT BY FLTS IMPOSSIBLE.

FLT C - NAO: SAME AS FLT A.

BOX 2 FLT A - NAO: SAME AS FLT A BOX 1.

FLT B - NAO: BOMBED ON FLT C BOX 2.

FLT C - NAO: SAME AS FLT A BOX 1.

K. BOX 1 FLT A - NAO: DUE TO DENSE SMOKE OVER TARGET FROM PREVIOUS BOMBING BOMBARDIER WAS UNABLE TO PICK OUT DMPI AIMED INTO SMOKE OF PREVIOUS BOMBING. STATED THAT BOMBS FELL INTO TARGET AREA. UNABLE TO ASSESS DUE TO SMOKE.

FLT B - NAO: SAME AS BOX 1 FLT A.

FLT C - NAO: SAME AS BOX 1 FLT A.

BOX 2 FLT A - NAO: SAME AS BOX 1 FLT A.

FLT B - NAO: FLT LEADER ABORTED DUE TO OIL LEAK IN ENGINE. REMAINDER OF FLIGHT JOINED WITH AND BOMBED ON FLT C BOX 2.

FLT C - NAO: SAME AS BOX 1 FLT A.

ALL ~~XX~~ FLIGHTS BOMBED ON FIRST RUN EXCEPT FLT B BOX 1 WHICH BOMBED ON SECOND RUN.

M. (A) 14 100 PERCENT

(B) 0 0 "

(C) 0 0 "

N. 100 TO 200 BUILDINGS SEVERELY DAMAGED OR BURNED OUT.

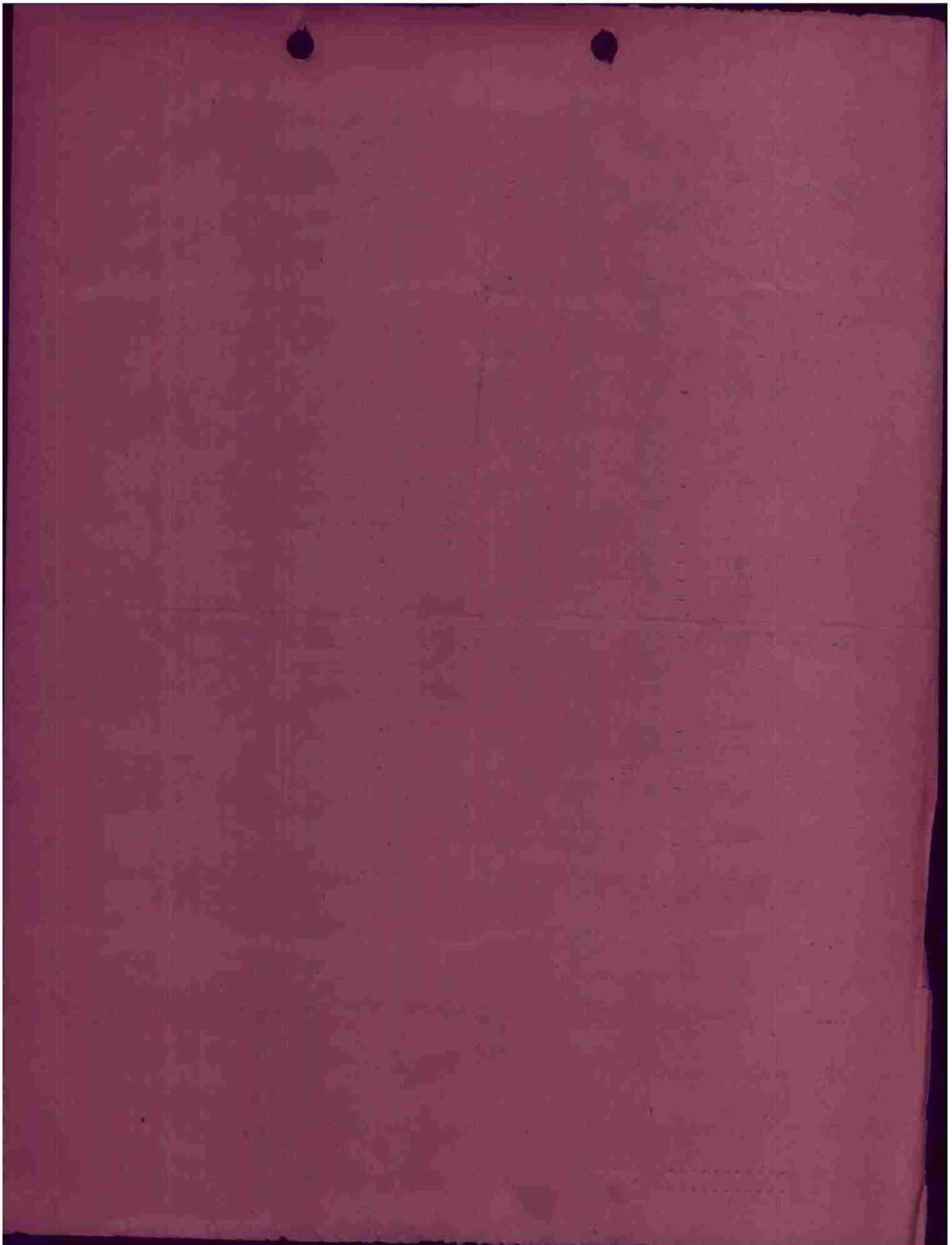
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BT 21/2245A

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ITA R.....212301 A HW AR K
 JEA R.....21/2304A LCB AR



ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 05/21 (INFO - INFO)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 21/0426A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416

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BT

ATTENTION SIGNALS OFFICERS

ADV. INFORMATION COPY OF COMMUNICATIONS OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP: (685592)
(2) VISION
(5) KENWAY B/B REPEAT B/B

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP: (610721)
(2) PROCTOR
(5) KENWAY B/B REPEAT B/B

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP: (610721)
(2) CORNHILL
(5) KENWAY B/B REPEAT B/B

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BT 21/0426A
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ITA R

JKI R 21/0436A DM AR

JPO R 21/0436-
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 ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 01/21 (INFO-INFO) 1007

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 21/0030A
 TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
 COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416

BT

ATTENTION SIGNALS OFFICERS

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5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A" OR "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP: (523599)
 (2) BESTMAN
 (5) KENWAY (CHANNEL B/B)

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (502473)
 (2) CIRCLE
 (5) KENWAY (CHANNEL B/B)

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP: (396612)
 (2) MARGO
 (5) KENWAY (CHANNEL B/B)

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:
 (2) EMERGENCY HOMING:
 PARADE CHANNEL D/D
 ROSELEE CHANNEL C/C

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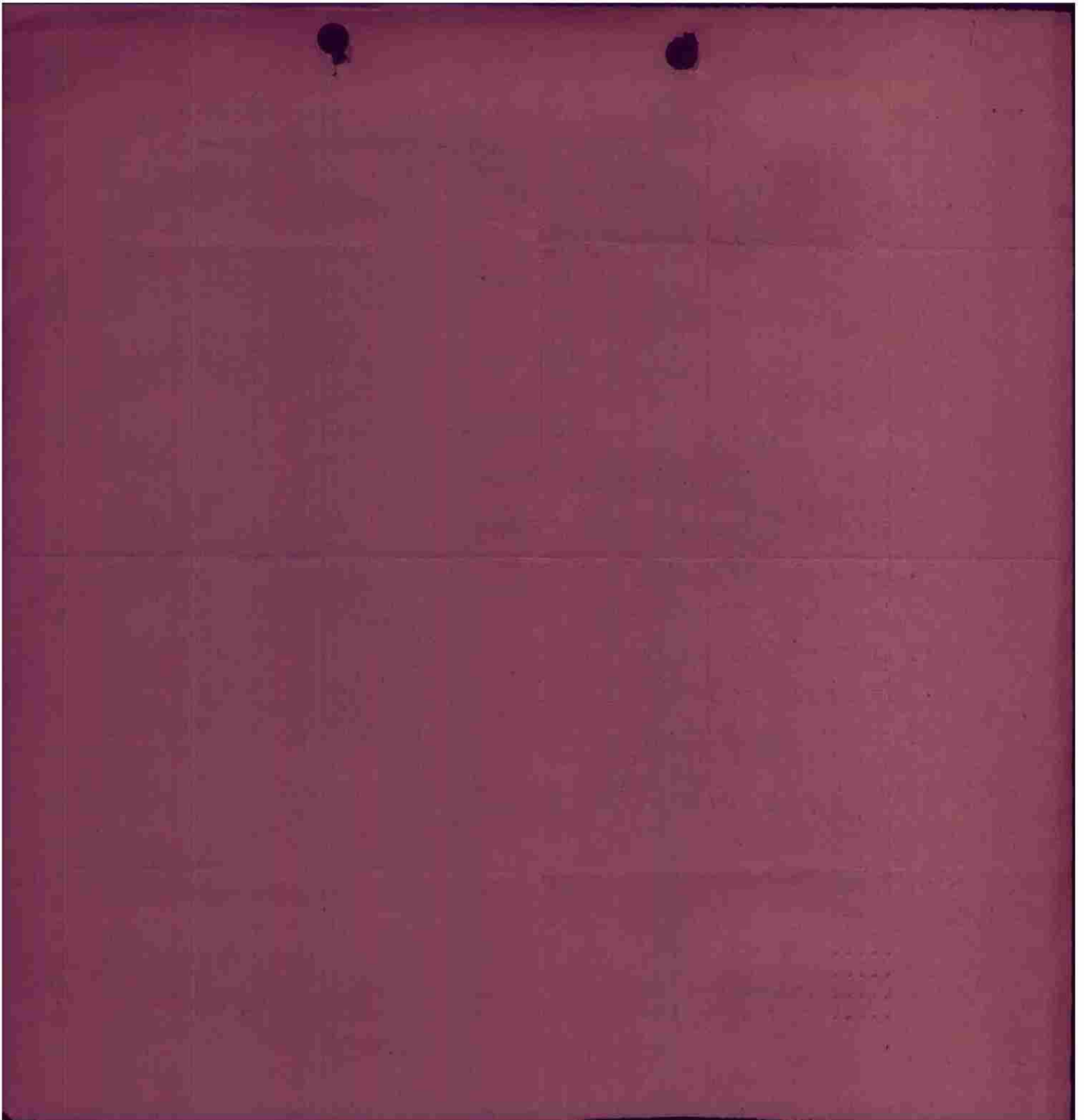
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ITA R		220042A	AL	AR
JES R		22/0042A	JW	AR
JKI R		22/0042A	DM	AR
JPO R		22/0042 A	LB	AR

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ITA JJF JPO JKI V JEA JEA 3/21 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 21/0305A
 TO COMBOMDIV NINE
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416
 1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN

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

97 CBW R-224-E BT

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NR.1 TO FIELD ORDER NR.216-806

(1) TARGET : COESFELD ROAD JUNCTIONS (A-610721)

(2) PHOTOS : BB73 PRINTS 8184 - 8185
 6 (D) (21) 199/1
 5107E/4008

MAPS : GSGS 4414 SHEET 4008 AND 4009

(3) FLAK : SEE CURRENT PLOTS

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BT 21/0305A

CES BBB

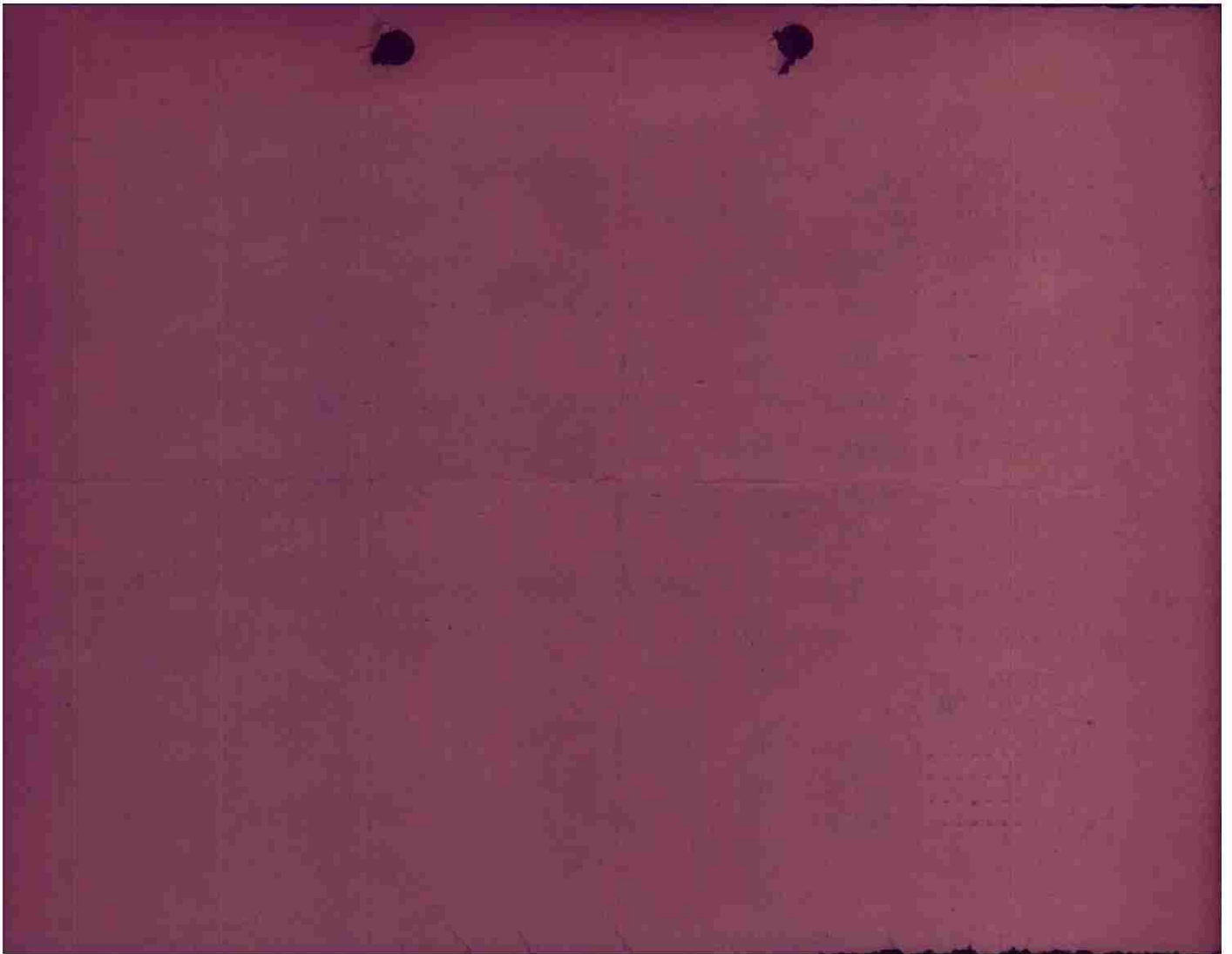
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ITA JES JKI JJF V JEA JEA 08/20 OP - OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 20/1115A
 TO IX BOMB DIV ATT: A-2
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 416
 1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV) ATT: S-2

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97TH CBW R-214-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMSNT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 216-806

1. TARGET - LENNEP M/Y (F-662880)
2. RECCE OF 15 MARCH SHOWS YARD TO BE 75PER CENT SERVICEABLE AND LOADED WITH APPROXIMATELY 150 WAGONS, 20 OF WHICH SHOW DAMAGE. GOODS SHED 50PER CENT DESTROYED. SIDINGS UNDamAGED AND CONTAIN APPOX 100 MIXED WAGONS. THROUGH SERVICE POSSIBLE
3. PHOTO COVERAGE:
 5107E/4809
 US10/D 835
 F-780
 D/863 PRINT 3068
 US 12/4209 PRINT 5058
 MAP COVERAGE:
 4414 SHEET 4809

COMBTWIG 97

BT 20/1115A

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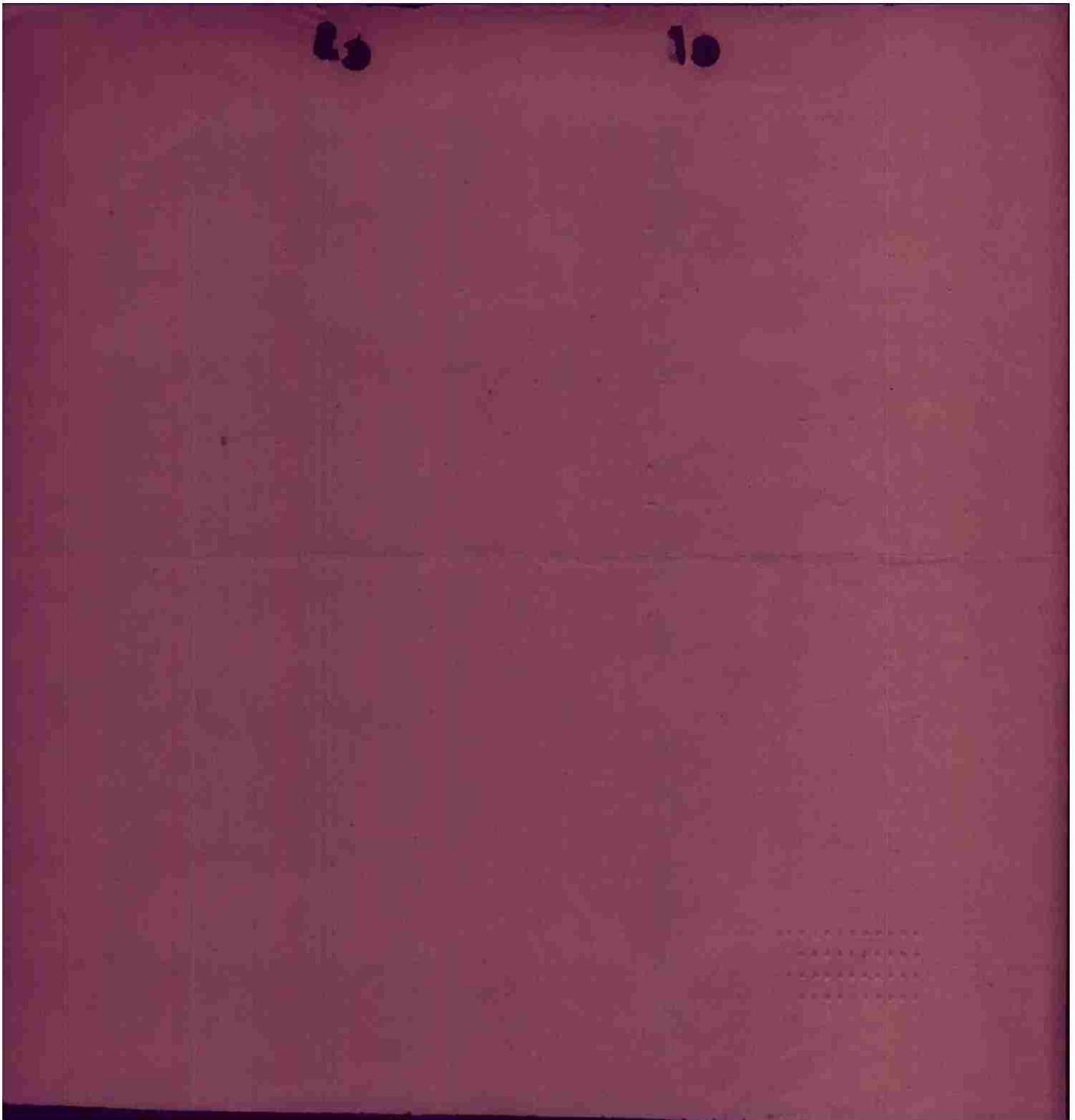
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20 March

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ITA JJF JKI V JEA JEA 09/20 OP OP

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 COBOMGP 416 ATTN: S-2
 1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN. ATTN: S-2

BT

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

97CBW R-215-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT 2 FIELD ORDER 216-806

(1) TARGET: SINSEN M/Y (A-615408)

(2) RECCE OF 15 MARCH SHOW THROUGH LINES TO BE OPEN. YARD HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY ATTACKED AND RECCE SHOWS CONCENTRATION OF ATTACK ON SE END OF TARGET, CUTTING SORTING LINES AND CAUSING SMALL DAMAGE TO ROLLING STOCK.
 RECCE OF 19 MARCH SHOWS YARD TO 40 PERCENT OCCUPIED WITH APPROX. 300 WAGONS PRESENT. THROUGH LINES ARE REPAIRED AND OPEN.

(3) PHOTO COVERAGE:
 6(D)(V1)26/1 AND 2
 5107E/4309
 SMOKE SCREEN PLOT RHUR EAST

MAP COVERAGE:
 4414 SHEET 4309

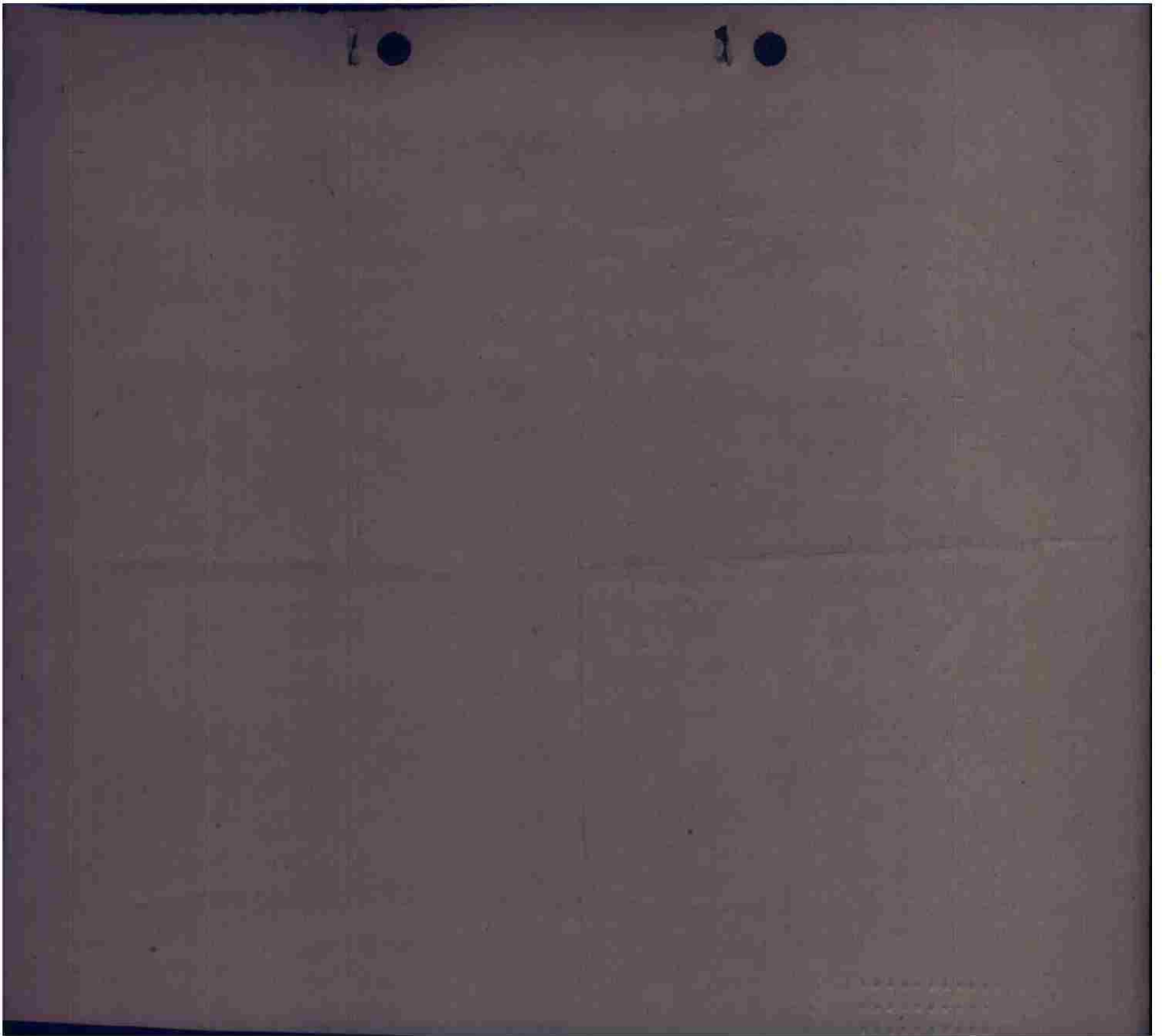
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 ITA R.....20/1130A DWE AR
 JJF R.....20/1131A WF KK

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20 March
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ITA JES JKI JPO JJF V JEA
T-(ITA PASS JJF)

JEA 11/21

OP OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 21/1255A
TO : IX BOMB DIV.
409TH BOMB GROUP.
410TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.
1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV)

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

97CBW R-230-E

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

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 216-806

ADD TO PARA. 3. A. (10) 1 FLIGHT OF 6A/C ON FLAK POSITIONS: 22 X
100 LB. M1A1 FRAG CLUSTERS.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 70 FEET.

AMMEND PARA. 3. B. (3) TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 266 MINUTES.

CHANGE PARA. 3. B. (12) TO READ:
(12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 300 MINUTES.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 21/1255A

FK-BBBB

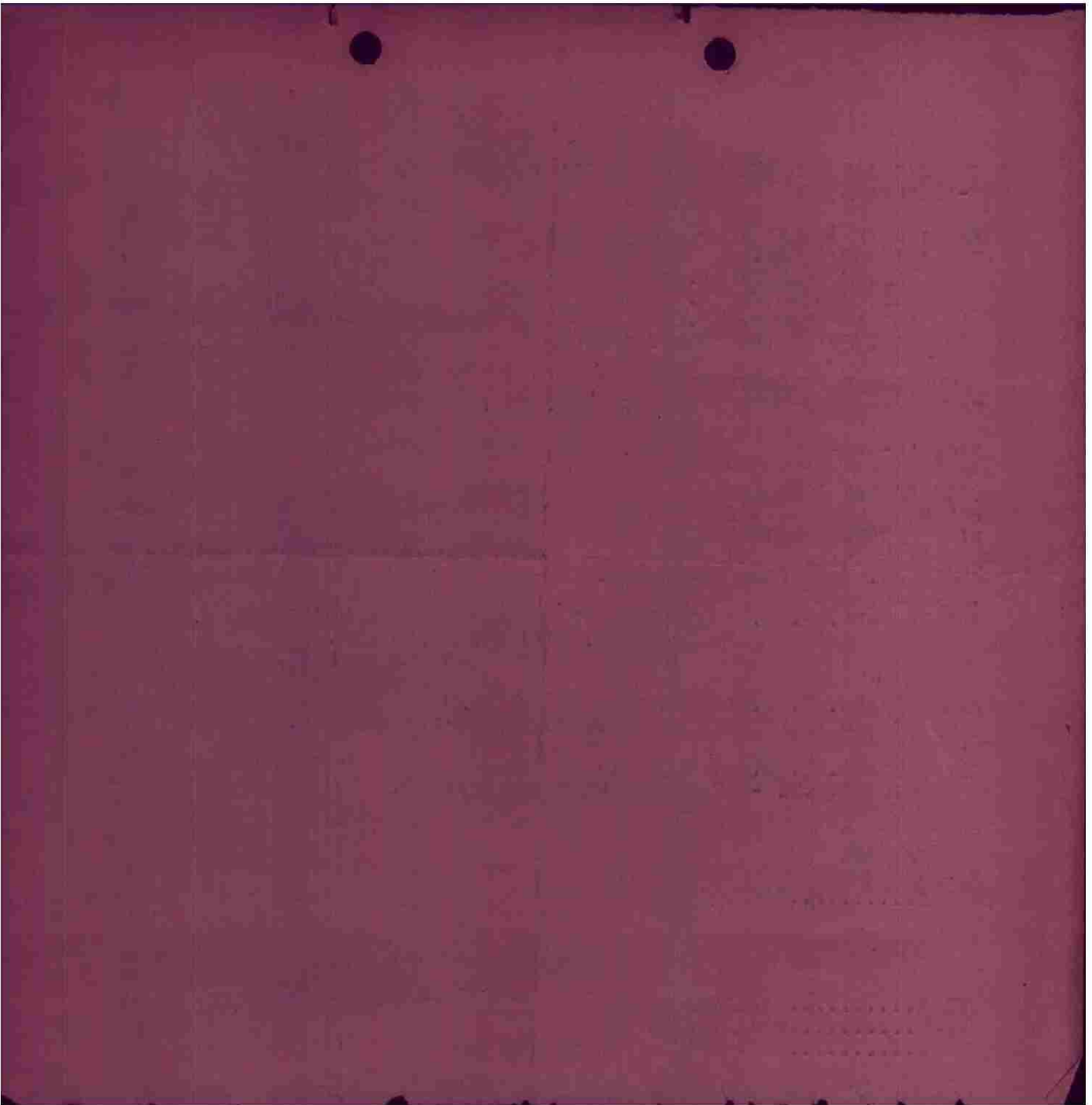
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JES R.....21/1315A EJK
JKI R.....21/1315A EJ K
JPO R.....21/1315A CEN

~~PLS COME IN OTHER MACHINE~~

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ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 6/21 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 210530A
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-226-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
21 MARCH 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 216-806

MAPS : NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
(2) THE 2ND T.A.F. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR 21/0930A

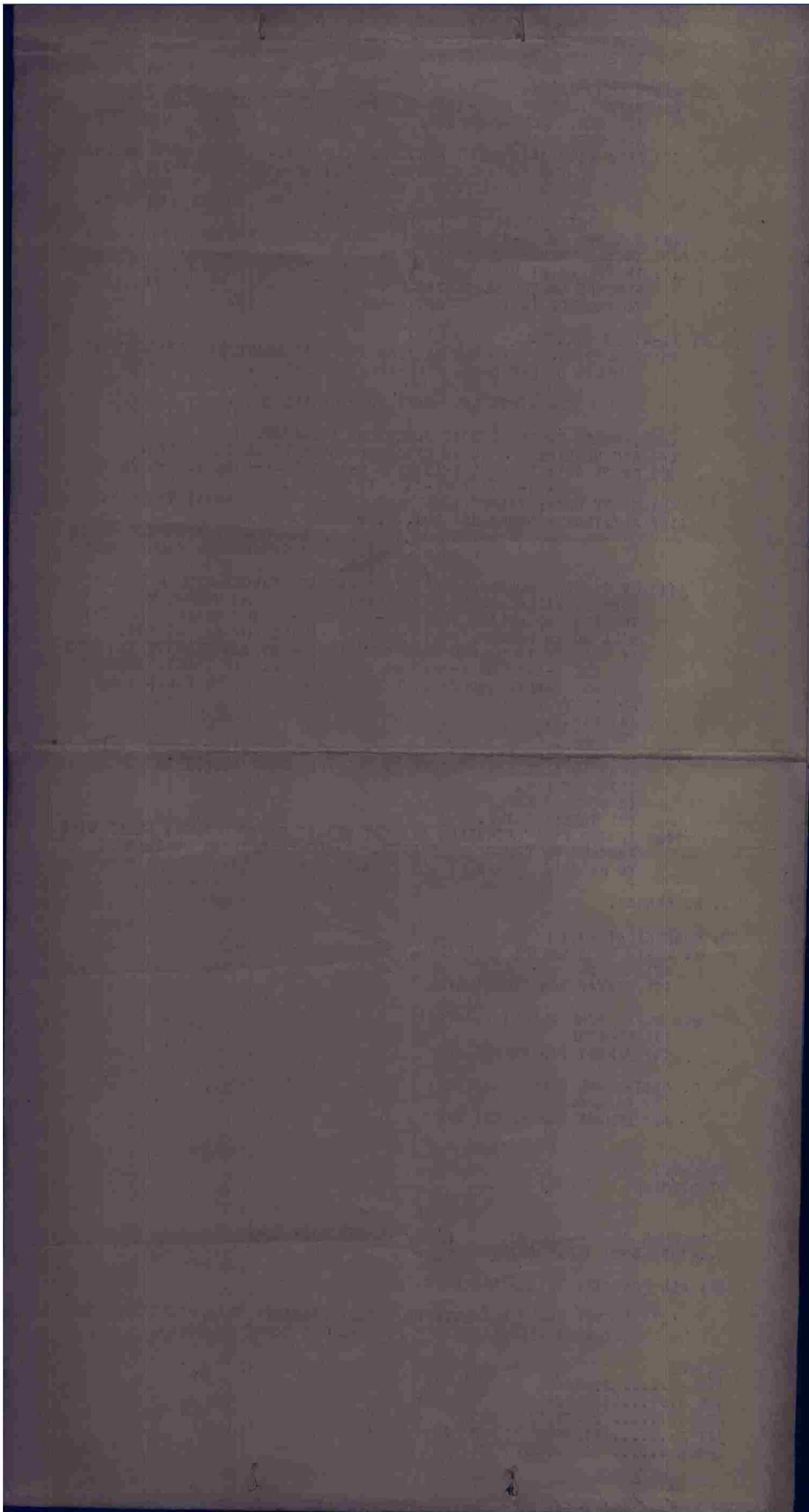
PATHFINDER

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) DULMEN ROAD JUNCTIONS A-685592 FLAK POSITIONS AT A-25806580
A-07206310, A-08835793.
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C.
1 FLIGHT OF 6 A/C BOMBING 2 A/C ON EACH FLAK POSITION.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-9109 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR
PLUS 69 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES.
WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER BASE.
- (4) BASE TO E-9109 TO E-9143 TO A-1683 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO A-7371 TO A-6981 TO A-3075 TO E-9143
TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB 1ST BOX 12,500 FEET, 2ND BOX 12,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000
FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL
BOMBING 5,000 FEET.
- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 4109 COVER ROAD JUNCTIONS WITH
IN AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES : 68455920,
68905945, 68755900, 68305895 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS
OR BOXES.
P.P.F. M.P.I. COORD. 68455920.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (10) 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 90 MIN.
- (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT TARGET BOMBING WILL BE BY VIS-
UAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS. AND THEY WILL DO SO
WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING
IS VISUAL GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND
USE A-4062 OR A-7876 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUDS OBSCURE
THE PRIMARY TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY :
(A) P.P.F.
(B) GROUP "GEE"
- (14) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED GROUP WILL BOMB AN
ALTERNATE TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY :
(A) VISUALLY
(B) GROUP "GEE"
(C) TARGET E.T.A.
- (15) FLIGHT BOMBING FLAK POSITIONS WILL ACCOMPANY FORMATION EN-
ROUTE TO TARGET AND LEAVE TO BOMB JUST BEFORE FLAK POSITIONS
ARE REACHED.
- (16) IN THE EVENT FIGHTERS ARE NOT MET AT FIGHTER RNDV. GROUP WILL
PROCEED ON COURSE TO TARGET. FIGHTERS WILL BE INSTRUCTED
TO PROCEED TO TARGET AND FURNISH AREA COVER.

3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-4318 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 86
MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES AT FIGHTER RNDV.
WITH PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
- (9) MPI: GSGS 4414 SHEET NOS. 4008 AND 4009. COVER ROAD JUNCTIONS
WITHIN THE AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES:
60987162, 60407203, 61007210 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY
FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
PPF MPI COORD: 60907200.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.



MISSION NO. 245

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

21 MARCH 1945

1. 492 E
CAPT E L MILLER
LT J K REISER *CONNER*
LT A S GALLOWAY
S/S G F FLOYD

4. 351 F
CAPT H L SOMMERS
S/S G E REITER

2. 505 Y
CAPT C S STANLEY
P/O J H BLOUNT
LT M L SCHLEIFER
SGT J C EDMUNDS

5. 271 R
LT F G DUNN
SGT L C STEIN

3. 338 O
LT H W DUBOSE
S/S D L GRIFFIN

6. 496 L
LT C H HOUSLEY
CPL P J BLOCK

FLIGHT II

1. 497 E-1
LT J J LACKOVICH
LT R C MUIR
CPL R M HENRY

4. 209 M
LT T J MURRAY
S/S R J BROWN

2. 297 T
LT A J P WING
S/S W G DAVIS

5. 250 A
CAPT L C NIELSEN
M/S J J WELLS
CAPT W D CASTLE

3. 960 E-1
LT D L WITHERINGTON
S/S L D McELHATTAN

6. 419 Z
LT A E BLIVED
SGT R E GRAUB

FLIGHT III

1. 490 K
LT J A HUSKIRK
LT R C HANNA
S/S C H CORBITT

4. 239 H
CAPT S M HIXON
S/S A H HINSON

2. 352 J
LT S MOONEY
SGT R C SCHUMACHER

5. 249 E-1
LT C L MILHORN
S/S D CHIST

3. 356 G
LT H M VAN NOORDEN
S/S R I STREY

6. 332 P
LT J W SPINES
SGT L E DAVIS
SGT H K MILLER

SPARE

244 I
LT A W DEFWEN
SGT R H GILLESPIE

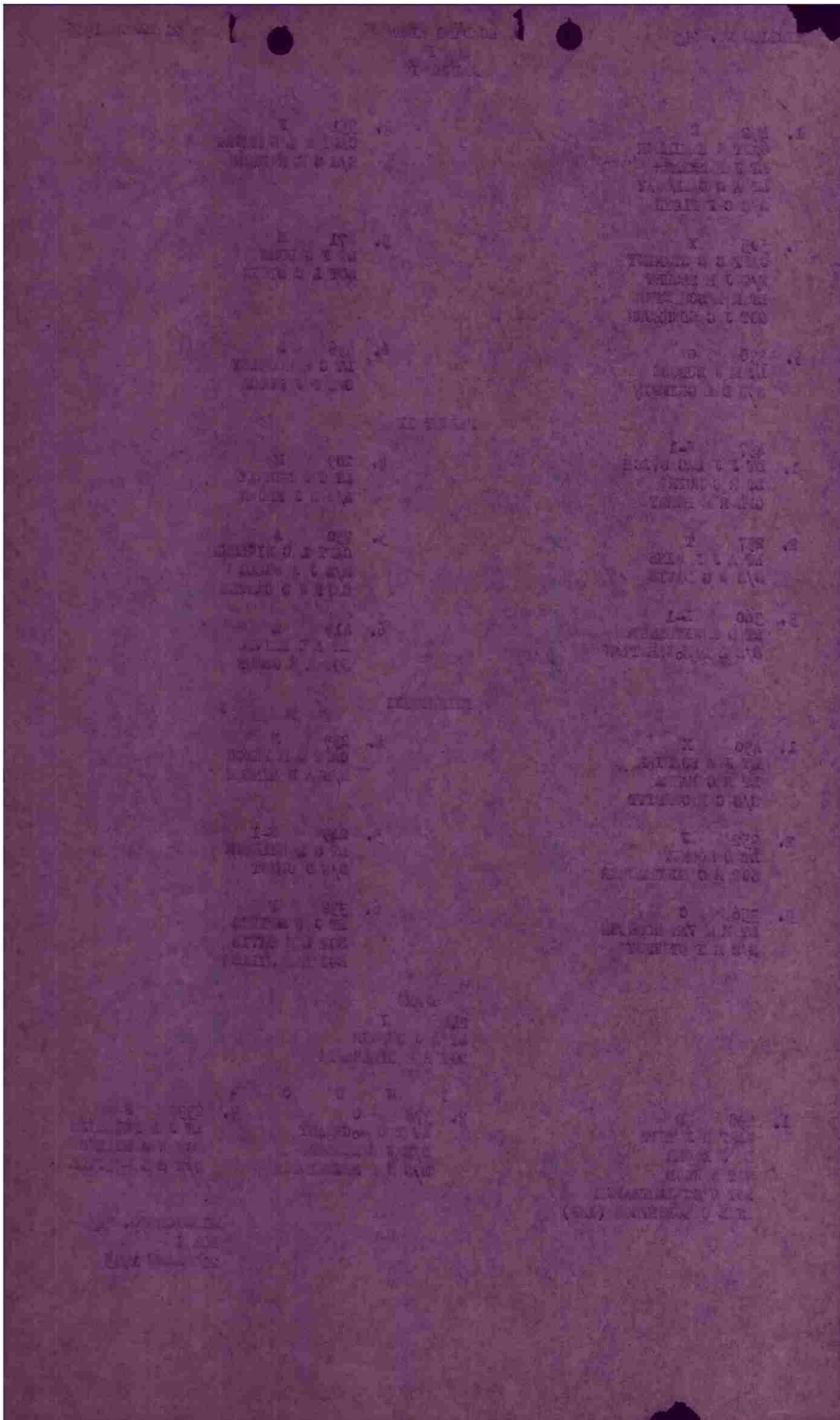
W I N D O W

1. 498 R
CAPT R J TUTT
LT J A ORR
SGT W WOOD
SGT D SCHWARTZAPFEL
LT L G ROBERTSON (INF)

2. 378 O
LT T D McCREADY
S/S W E LEMMONS
S/S E P BUEZINSKI

3. 293 F
LT J P PHILLIPS
SGT W A MILLER
S/S S L HEITELL

MISSION NO. 245
BOX I
21 MARCH 1945



MISSION NO. 245

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

21 MARCH 1945

1. 503 A
LT COL J G NAPIER
LT D L MOORE
CAPT R D POINDEXTER (WING)
S/S H B McCLAIN

4. 304 T
CAPT W F DUFALT
F/O O F CARDINAL
S/S K E VORSE
CAPT J J RABBITT (INF)

2. 469 A
LT M HROGOTANSKE
LT M F WILBUR
SGT E A BOWIE

5. 263 G
LT R W HASKELL
SGT E W LHA

3. 381 G
LT G E WEINERT
SGT R D FRANCIS

6. 362 Y
LT B A SMITH
SGT R P WILSON

FLIGHT II

1. 507 Q-1
LT R B HALL
F/O T L COSS
S/S S J MAJEWSKI

4. 224 E
LT E O TURNER
S/S J SIENKIEWICZ

2. 2915 L
LT J R WARREN
S/S S J TURPIN

5. 9315 F
LT A H BALCH
CPL J D BRENNAN

3. 416 O
LT W D CHITTY
SGT V B RAGGIO

6. 205 M
LT A G HENSON
S/S F R URBANCIO

FLIGHT III

1. 523 N
LT OF JACOBSEN
F/O R W HARVEST
LT R L MARTIN
S/S A PETTINICCHI

4. 259 H
LT J H COLQUITT
S/S L E SINGLETON

2. 389 X
LT W H ROBERTS
S/S R P WINDISCH

5. 305 U
LT A S NATHANSON
SGT G M HICKS

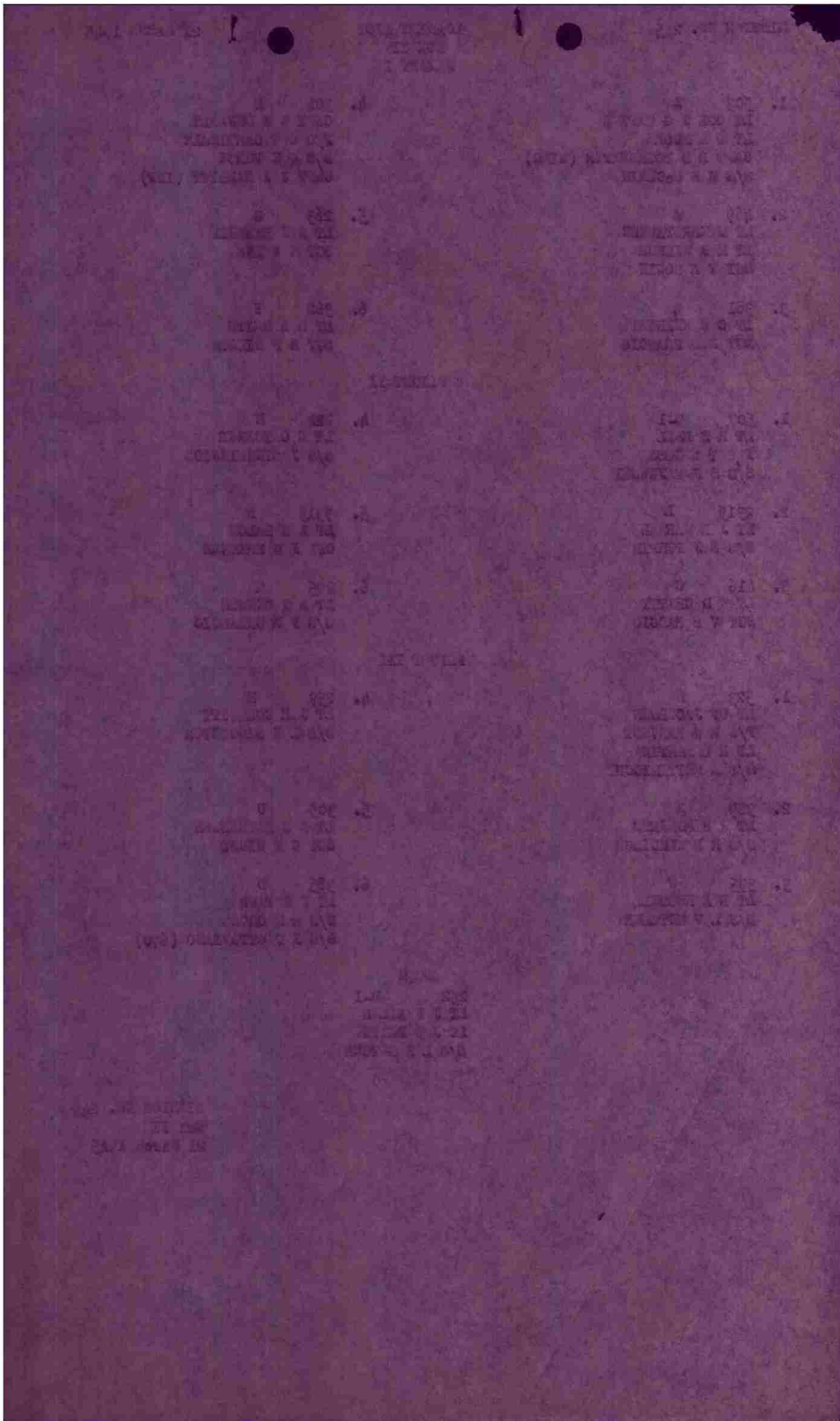
3. 395 W
LT R A RUSSELL
S/S L V METZGER

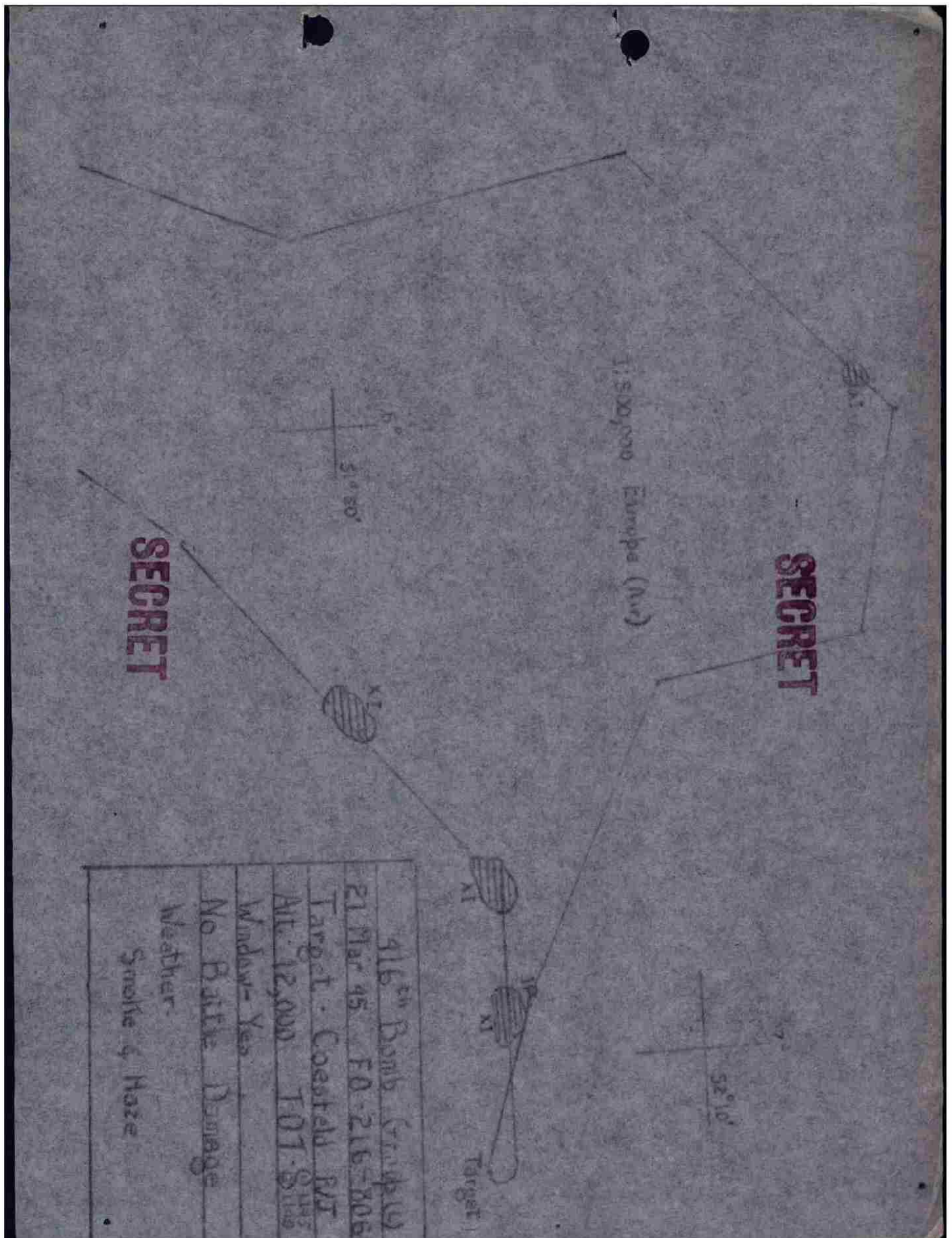
6. 385 D
LT F R TANK
S/S R M CROSS
S/S J O OTTAVIANO (670)

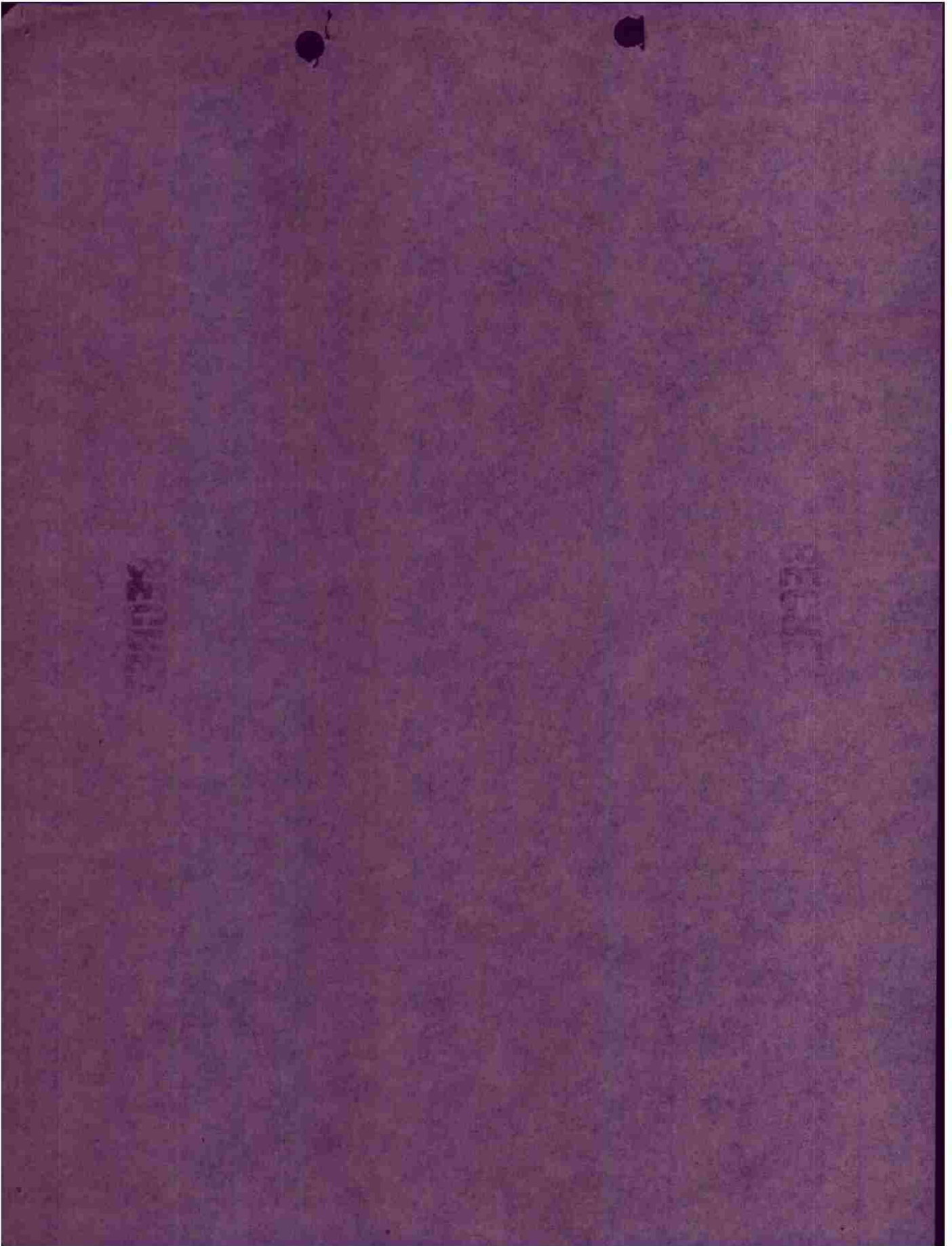
SPARE

252 D-1
LT J F ALLEN
LT J W BRITT
S/S L R GETZEN

MISSION NO. 245
Box II
21 March 1945







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416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE RADAR OFFICER

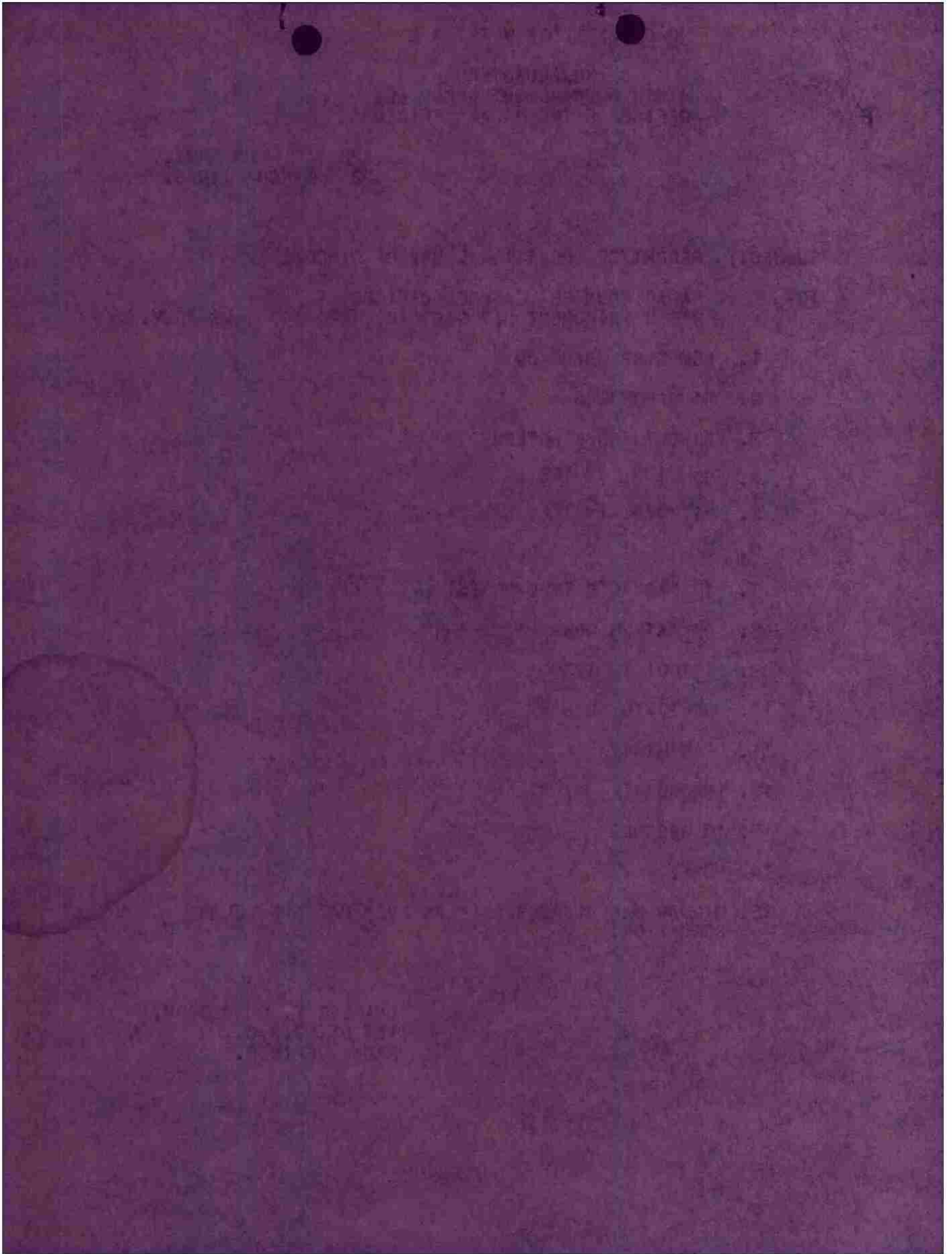
APD 140 - US ARMY,
28 MARCH 1945.

SUBJECT: REPORT OF OPERATIONAL USE OF WINDOW.

TO : RADAR COUNTER-MEASURES OFFICER,
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M), APD 140 - US ARMY.

1. RCM DISPENSING 69
2. 21 MARCH 1945
3. ANHOLT AND STADTLOHM
4. $52^{\circ} 10'N$ $6^{\circ} 19'E$
5. $51^{\circ} 57'N$ $7^{\circ} 12'E$
6. 3
7. 18 PACKAGES TYPE 28 (3)
8. 29° AT 28 MPH
9. 12100' TO 12300'
10. ONE TENTH
11. WEAK HEAVY
12. INACCURATE
13. 15 SECONDS
14. NONE.
15. WINDOW WAS DISPENSED IN AN EVEN PATTERN BELOW FORMATION.

CHARLES F. GUNDERSON,
1ST LT, C.A.C.,
RADAR OFFICER.



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

AUTH: CO STA **A-69**
DATE: **23 March 1945**
INIT:

TO: **Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (H), APO 140, U. S. Army.**
Attn: Statistical Control.

From: **416th Bombardment Group (L), APO 140, U.S. Army.**

Ref: Cprep A No. **352** for 24 hrs. ending midnight **21 March 1945**
Mission or Operation No. **245 97th CW JOP 216-806**

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target **Greenfield Road Junctions**
Place of take-off **Station A-69**
Place of landing **Station A-69**
Take-off time **0955** Landing time **1257**
Time over target **1145** Bombing Altitude **11300-12300**
Nature of mission **Bombing** Other **None**
Weather **Clear - all clouds.**
Results **No assessment due to smoke in target area.**
Enemy opposition **Heavier inaccurate heavy flak.**

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched **41 A-24's**
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
3 **Window**
37 **Greenfield Road Junctions**
3. Abortive due to:
 - (1) Weather: **None**
 - (2) Personnel: **None**
 - (3) Mechanical: **1 returned early - engine trouble.**
 - (4) Other: **None**
4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) **None**
5. Destroyed - before reaching target **None**
giving cause where known
6. Destroyed - over or after leaving **None**
target giving cause where known
7. Damaged (give category & cause) **None**
8. Sorties **40**

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(over)

For the Commanding Officer:

H. known attempt by type or description (to include details):

Type of	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	R. Gun	E. Gun	T. Gun
Killed in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Definitely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

G. Owen Forrester, Cambridge

Expenditures on operations:
(List targets separately)

*2003 0005 571 1000 01

1050 x .50 cutting

D. Total operational flying hours.

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(P. 44) THE WIND JESSE

Red 1860

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 13/21 P P
FROM: COBOMGR 416 211430A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER
COMCBTWIG 97 (INFO)
BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-463-J
A - YS - 73
B - 21 MARCH 1945 (1001-1242)
C - E-EASY ANDSN-NAN REPORTED "OPS" COMPLETED TO PARADE AFTER
LEAVING TARGET AREA.
D - PPF MISSION
E - NONE
F - NONE
G - NONE
H - NONE
I - NONE
J - NONE
K - NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR416
BT 211430A
EJ A R K

ITA R.....211612A DD BB TO JKI
JEA R.....211612A FK AR

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Box #	Opsfl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
4		21 Mar 1945				Miller	TOT	
							L/D	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	3000	1150	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.	
1. 492	Rosen	F S O	T S J	F R	M D A	A G B E D	P D K W M	
2. 505								
3. 338								
4. 351								
5. 271								
6. 446								
1. 497								
2. 297								
3. 360								
4. 209								
5. 250								
6. 419								
1. 490								
2. 352								
3. 356								
4. 231								
5. 244								
6. 332								
1. 244								

A.M.

Miller 492
 Bose 338 Stanley 505
 Summers 351
 Housley 496 Dunn 271
 Buskirk 410 Backovich 497
 VanDersten 356 Mowsey 352
 Wilkison 368 Winn 297
 Hixen 239 Murray 209
 Spires 332 Milborn 249
 Hinkle 419 Nielsen 250
 (Spore) DeGuer 244

TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

- (2) No. a/c off by type: _____
 A-20G's _____ A-20J's (obtained from Opns) _____
- (3) No. of a/c failing to bomb _____ explain each failure.
 Recall due to weather _____
 Personnel _____
 Mechanical _____
 Other Reasons _____
- (4) No. a/c bombing. _____
 Primary. _____
 Secondary. _____
 Other. _____
 (Obtained from recaps.) _____

C.

- (1) Time up _____
 T.O.T. _____ (Obtained from Tower).
 Time Down _____

D.

- (1) No. a/c _____
 Missing _____
 Destroyed _____
 Damaged _____ (cat. B/C)
 Damaged _____ (cat. A)
- (3) No. Crew _____ Killed _____ Wounded _____ Missing _____
 (Obtained from Recaps).

E. Results of Bombing. (Obtained from Group Bombardier).

	No.	Type	
I. Bombs on Primary	X	_____	
Bombs on Secondary	X	_____	
Bombs on Other	X	_____	
Bombs Returned	X	_____	
Bombs Jettisoned	X	_____	Where _____
(Obtained from Recaps)			

(The NCO in charge should fill this out immediately finishing taking the recaps and hand to the Officer making up the Ops Report).

Box #	OpSTL	Date	F/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O	IS min.
IV		21 Mar 145				Napier	TOT L/D	
A/C	Fell to Bomb	ATT	COB IISD	A/C Dum	E/A	Pers.		
1. 503			6					
2. 469			6					
3. 381			6					
4. 304			6					
5. 263			6					
6. 362			6					
1. 507			6					
2. 2305			6					
3. 416			6					
4. 224			6					
5. 9315			6					
6. 205			6					
1. 523			6					
2. 389			6					
3. 335			6					
4. 259			6					
5. 305			6					
6. 385			6					
252			6					

A.M.

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1. 503	Napier	503	
2. 469	Wierth	381	Errolabere
3. 381	DeFaulk	304	
4. 304	Smith, B.A.	362	Haskell
5. 263		263	
6. 362			
1. 507	Jacobson	523	Hall
2. 2305	Russell	335	Roberts
3. 416	Colquh	259	Chitty
4. 224	Turner	224	Warren
5. 9315	Tank	385	Nathanson
6. 205	Henson	205	Balch
1. 523	(spare)	252	Allen

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6
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Window - A.M.

TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

- (2) No. a/c off by type: _____
 A-20G's _____ A-20J's (obtained from Opns) _____
- (3) No. of a/c failing to bomb _____ explain each failure.
 Recall due to weather _____
 Personnel _____
 Mechanical _____
 Other Reasons _____
- (4) No. a/c bombing. _____
 Primary. _____
 Secondary. _____
 Other. _____
 (Obtained from recaps.) _____

C.

- (1) Time up _____
 T.O.T. _____ (Obtained from Tower).
 Time Down _____

D.

- (1) No. a/c _____ Missing _____
 Destroyed _____
 Damaged _____ (cat. B/C)
 Damaged _____ (cat. A)
- (3) No. Crew _____ Killed _____ Wounded _____ Missing _____
 (Obtained from Recaps).

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Bombs on Secondary	X	_____
Bombs on Other	X	_____
Bombs Returned	X	_____
Bombs Jettisoned	X	_____ Where _____

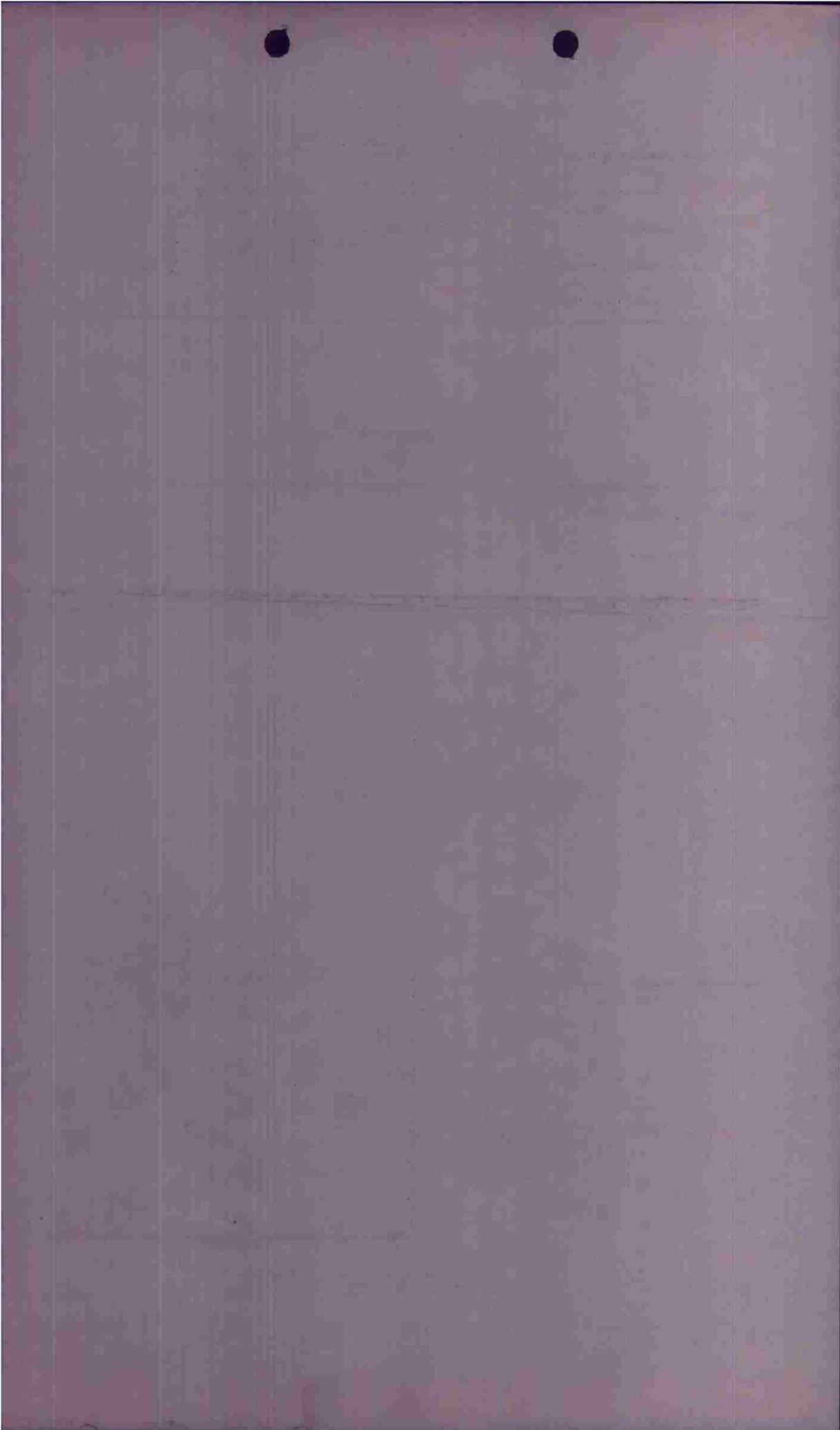
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INTERVIEW FORM

PILOT Hlivko A/C# 419 BOX Y FLT 2

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> X <u>M17</u> ON <u>P</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X JETTISONED	<u>Nil</u>		

FLAK : In from BL - 4 on left.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil

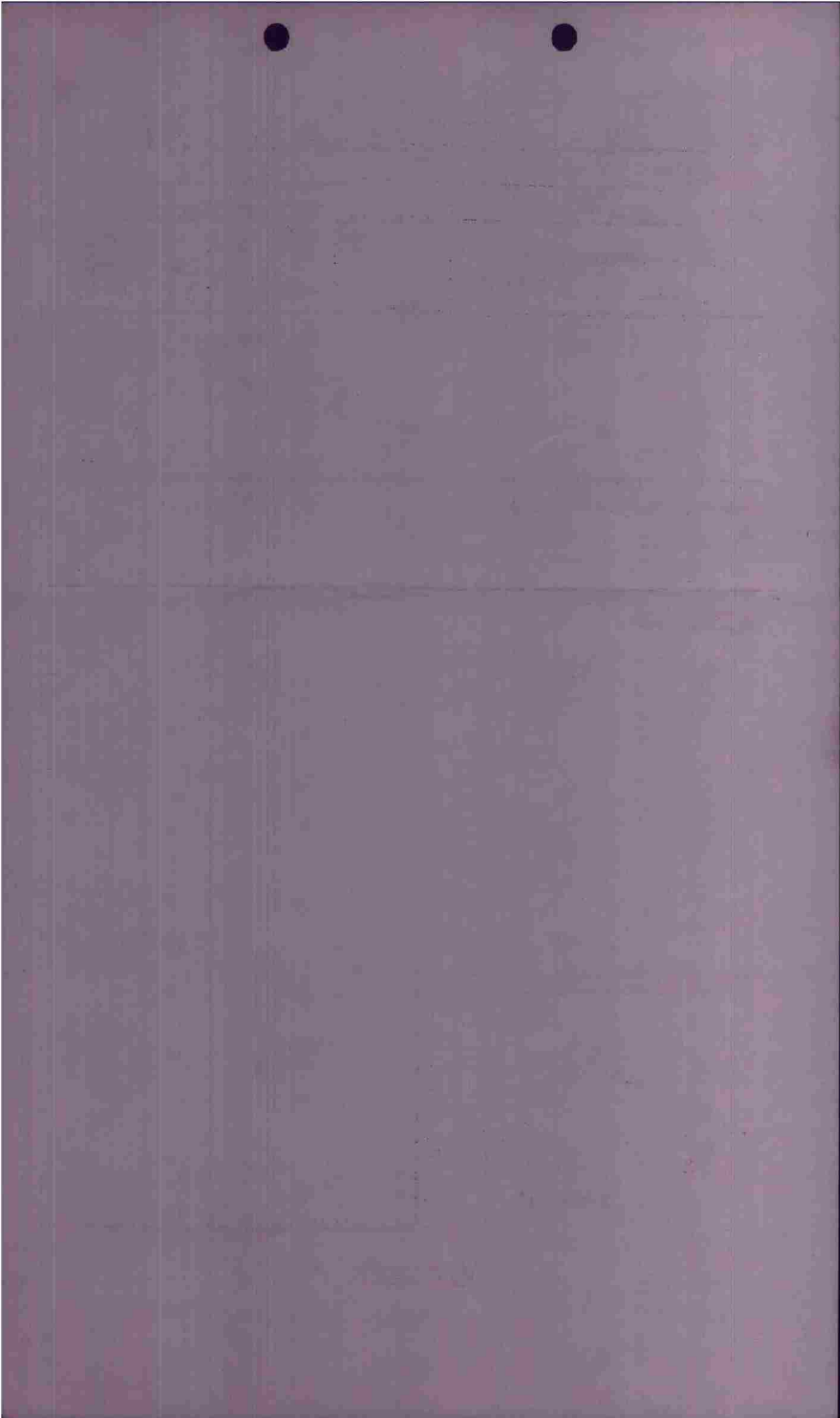
OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
X			X	
Y	X		X	
	X		X	
Y		X	X	
		(X)	X	
	X (SPARE)			

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CASUALTIES

FLAK : XHA - 8 bursts at alt. between
flights, on way at, & just before
turn on 1P.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS 5

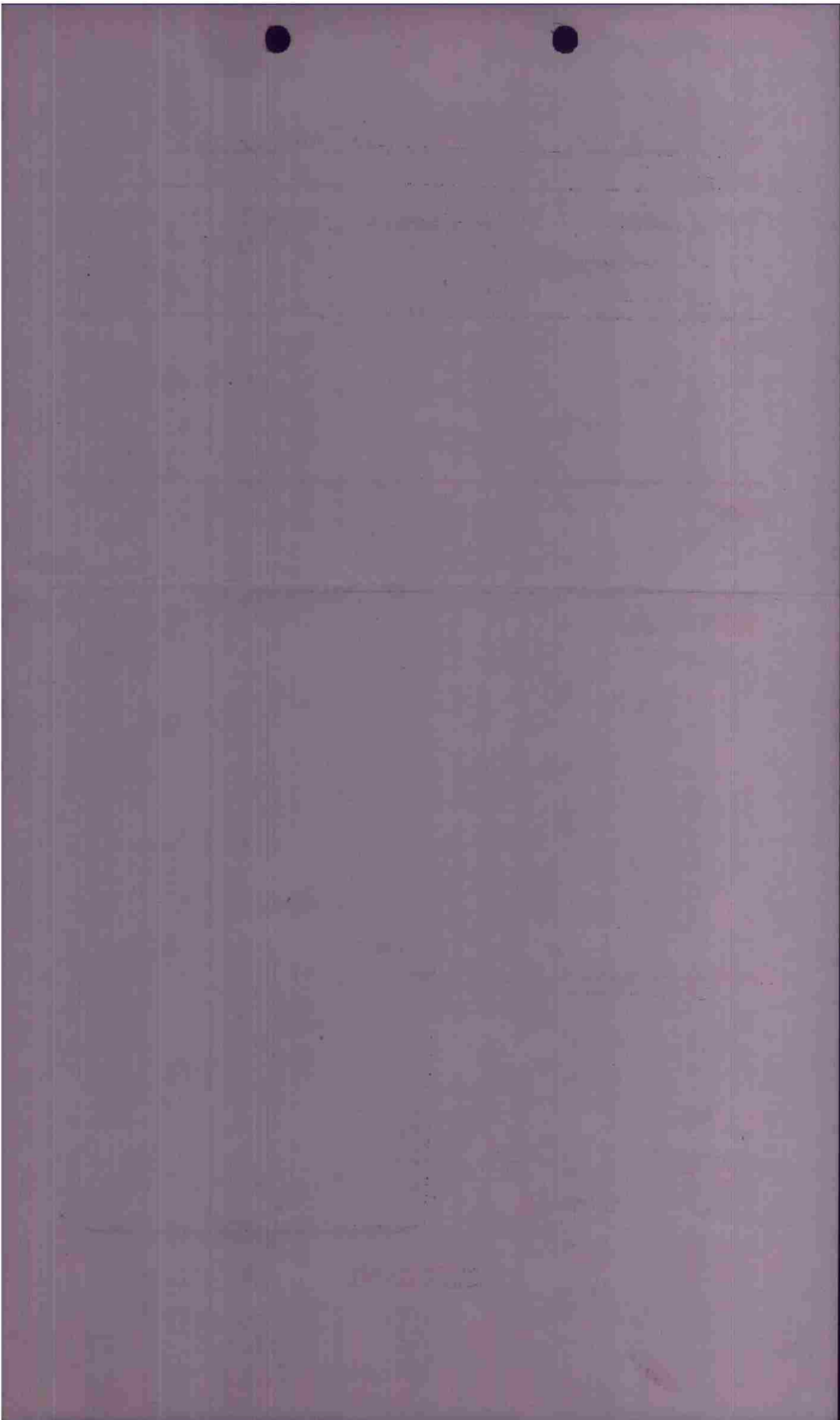
begin when we arrived

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

OBSERVATIONS	
12100	low st. hae Could see abt 3/4 of
1220	to east. rim road around
210	Scud broke up town. Smoke was in
1144	along way. target when we
	vis - 10 mi. arrived.
undet bec. of smoke.	

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

PPF (none)

visual by flights

one row.

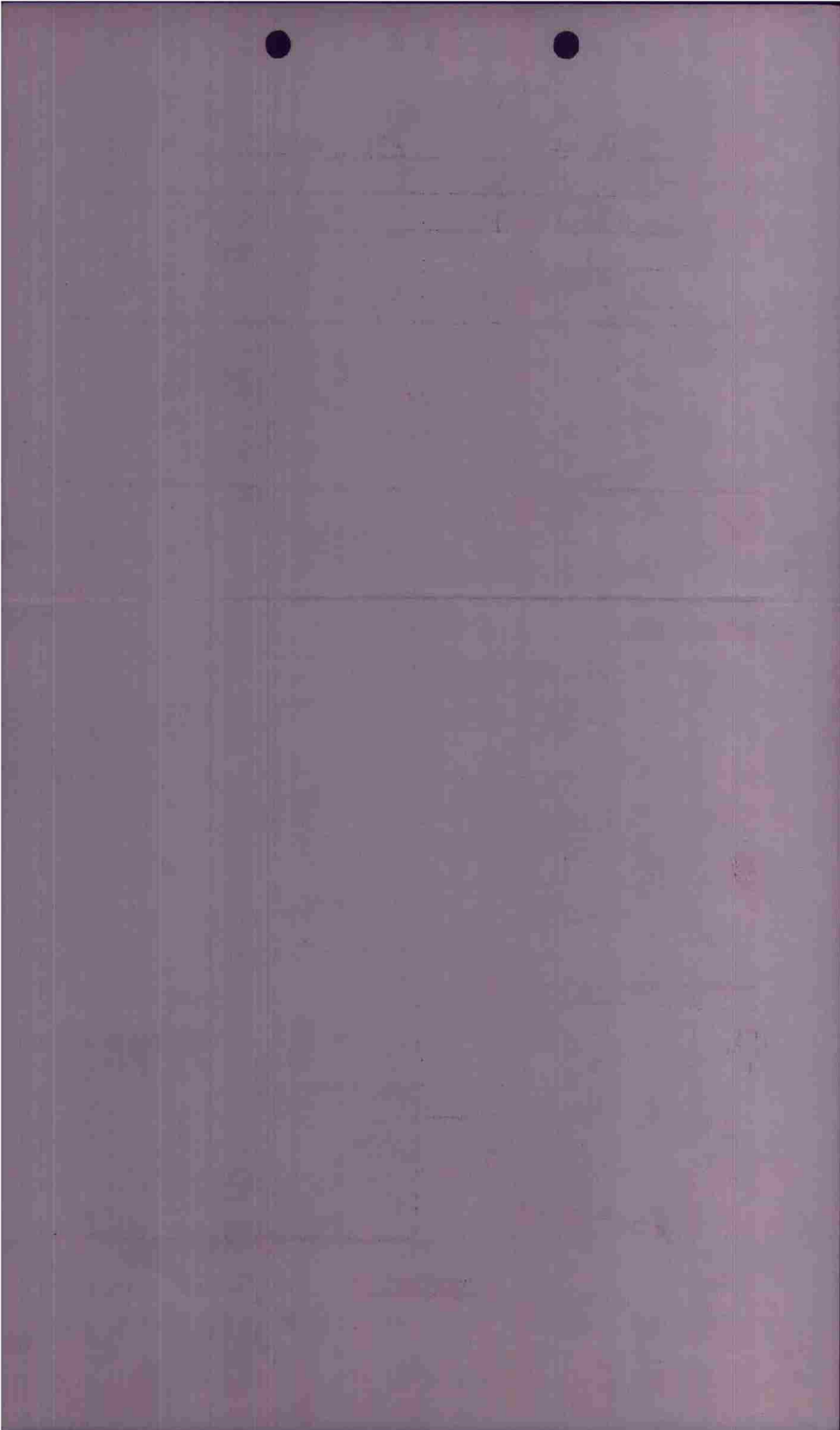
some flight mdr 2

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Bombed into town
but not at A.P.

Smoke screen 5.
on west at Rhein.



INTERNAL FORM

Bushirt

 $A/C \frac{H}{H}$

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BOX

Y

FBI

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BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON PT

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

47 A 74

 ${}^nA \sim C^H$

THE

X

JETTISONED

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Bomber hit in center of town

Alt 12300

152 100

IAS 210

TOT 1145

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X X

$\begin{array}{ccc} & \textcircled{X} & \\ Y & & X \\ & X & \\ X & & X \end{array}$

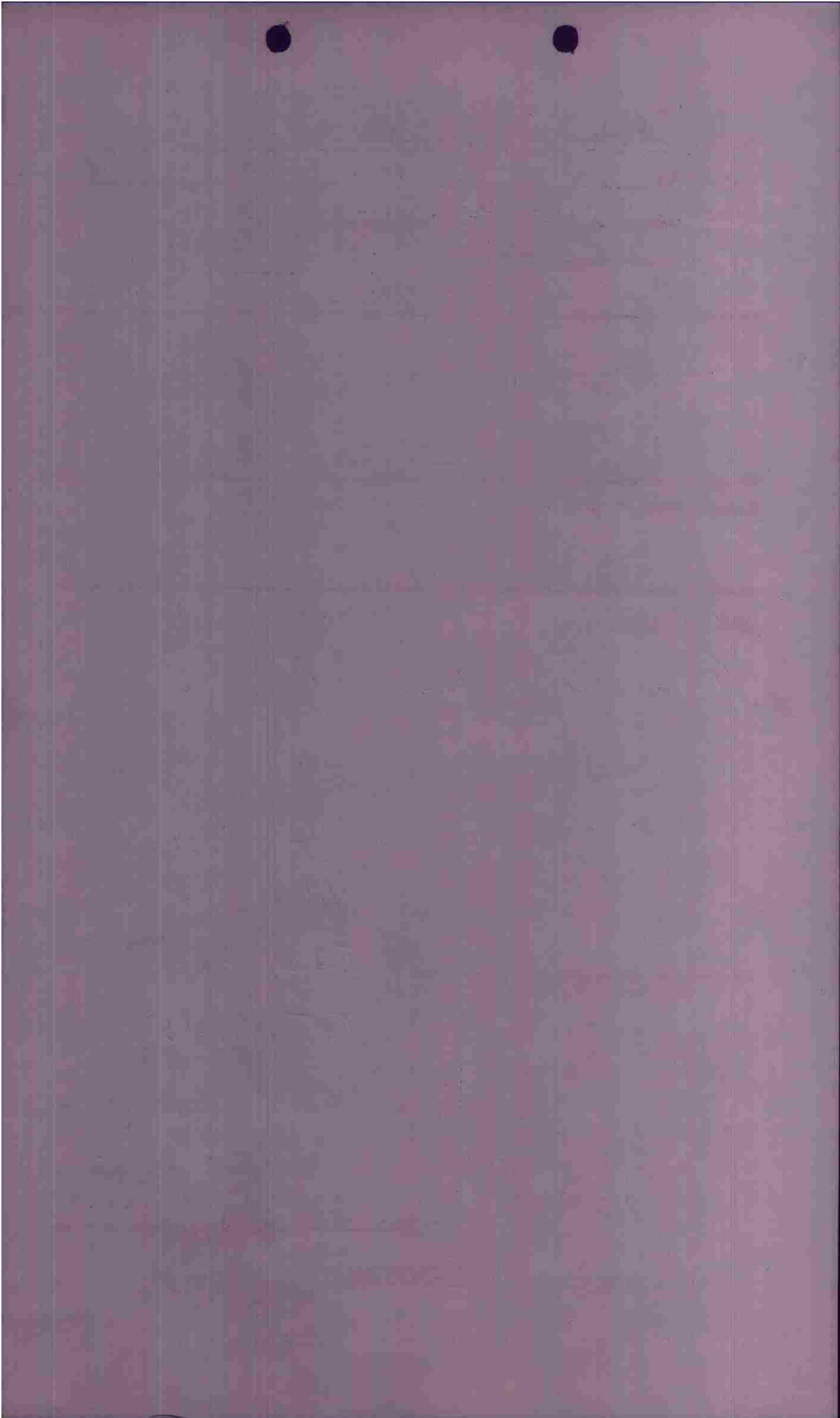
X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Lackovich A/C# 497 BOX 1 FLT 2CASUALTIES noneBOMBS : 6 X ON Pr BATTLE DAMAGE

X RETURNED "A" "A-C" "E"

X JETTISONED noneFLAK : Just after passed tgt -few bursts ahead and at
same alt -
Few Bursts just before T P

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

noneOBSERVATIONS : Made 2 Runs on Pr.Agt 12300TOT 1149 - second Runmade. 11002 A.S. 205weather - Patchy cloud
at tgt 1/10 P.D.II out.

POSITION IN FORMATION

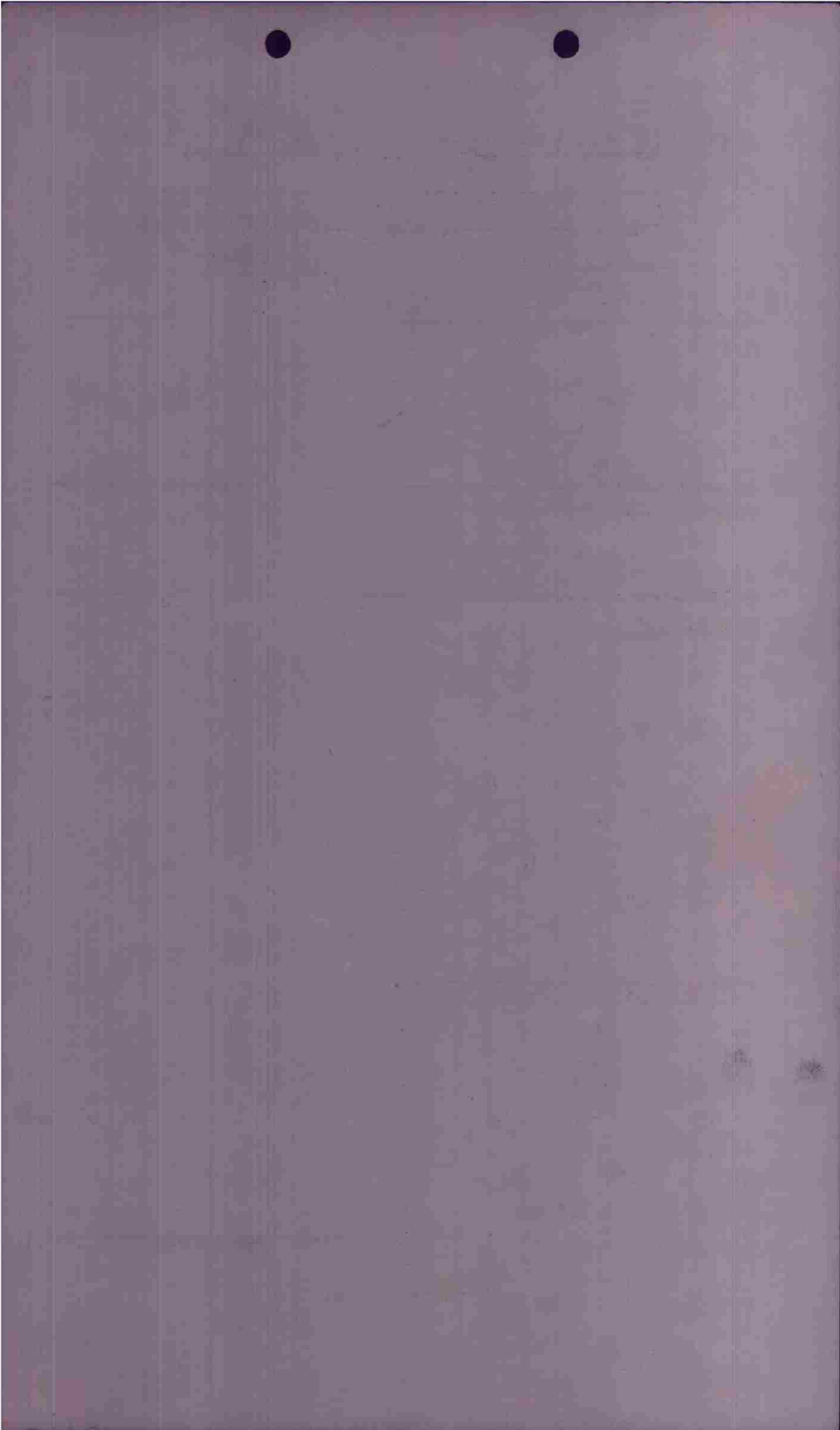
X
X X
X X
X XX
Y X
X X
X XX (X) X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

2nd Run -
activity observed
on A/F in
vicinity of tgt

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IN 514, 501M

CASUALTIES

FLAK :

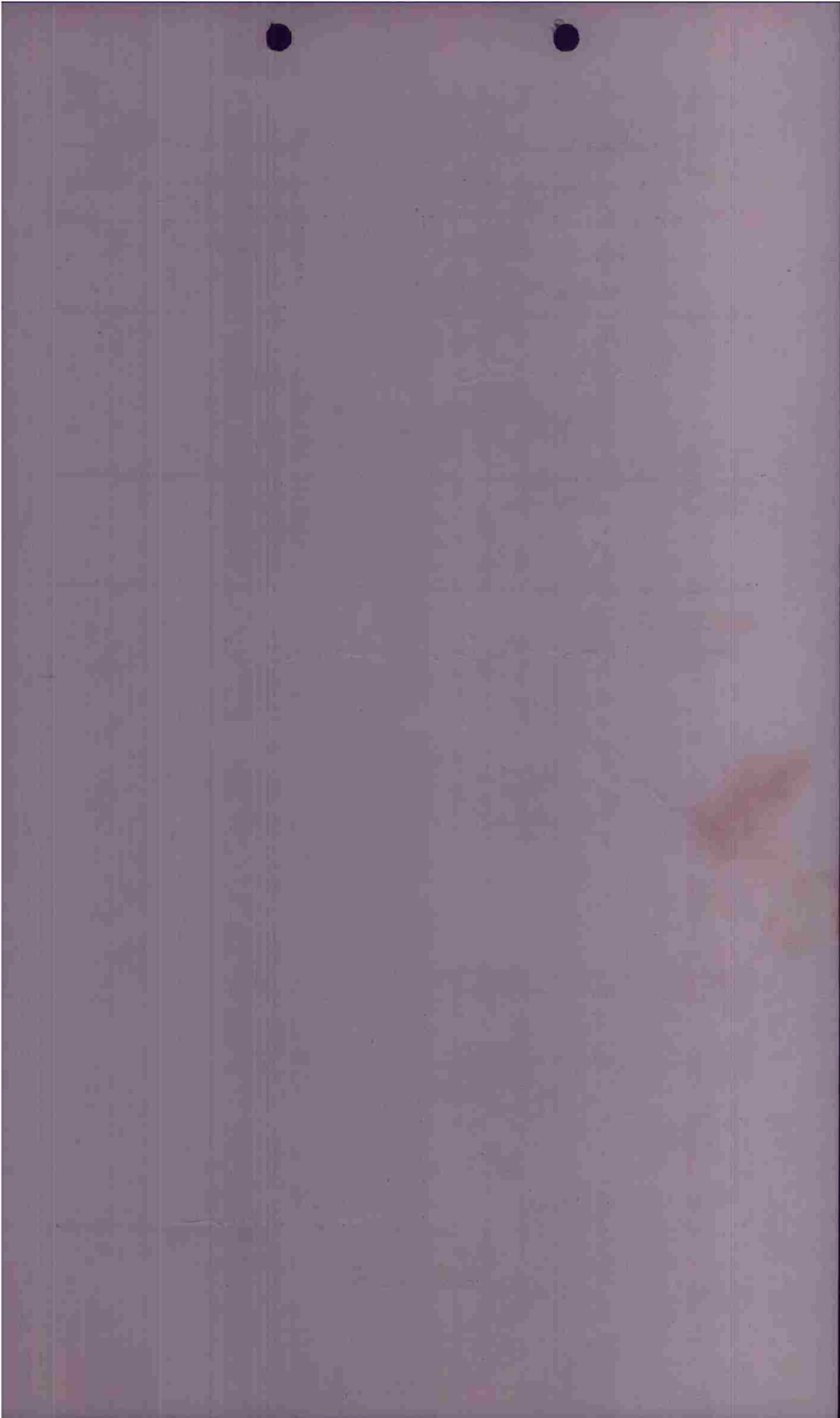
OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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INTERROGATION

PILOT Sommers A/C# 351 BOX 4 FLT 1CASUALTIES None

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> X	ON <u>Pr</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE
	X	RETURNED	"A" <u>None</u> "A-C" "E"
	X	JETTISONED	

FLAK :

R.P. low to sea
2-3 minutes before dropped 182800

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

None

OBSERVATIONS :

Smoke in tgt area

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
    (X)
     X X

  X   X   X
 F   X   X
  X   X   X
 X   X   X

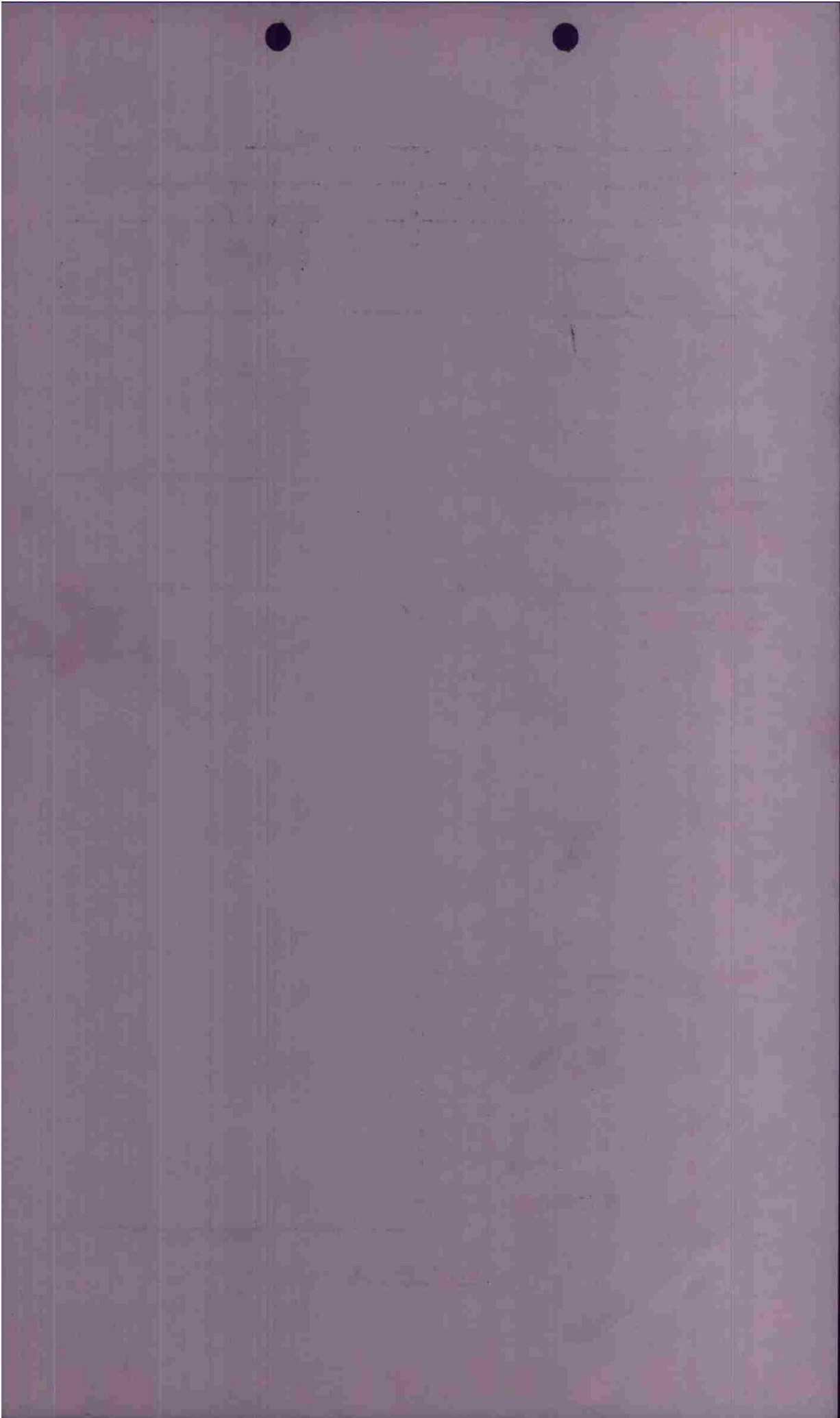
      X
     X X
    X X
    X X

X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

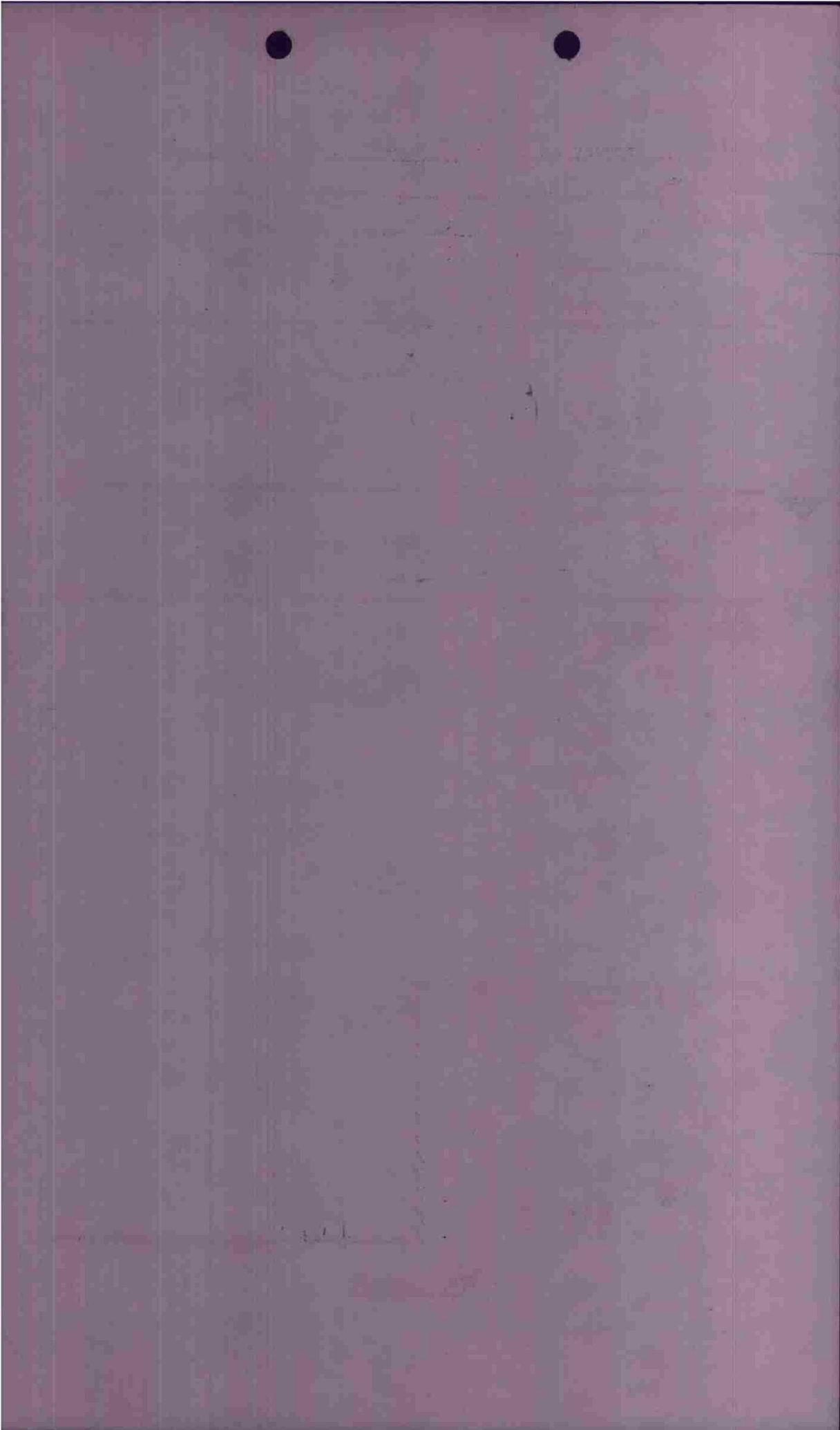
OBSERVATIONS 4

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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F/O

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INSTR. FORM

PILOT Withington A/C# 360 BOX I FLT 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 1 X ON Pr BATTLE DAMAGE

1 X RETURNED "A" "A-C" "E"

2 X JETTISONED None

FLAK :

Just prior to I.P. X #1 -

at R.P. X #1 -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS

None

OBSERVATIONS :

Cake Run

2 Bombs salvaged 2 seconds

after Bombs away - were

hung up - Reason why

unknown

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X
  
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X X
X X
X X
  
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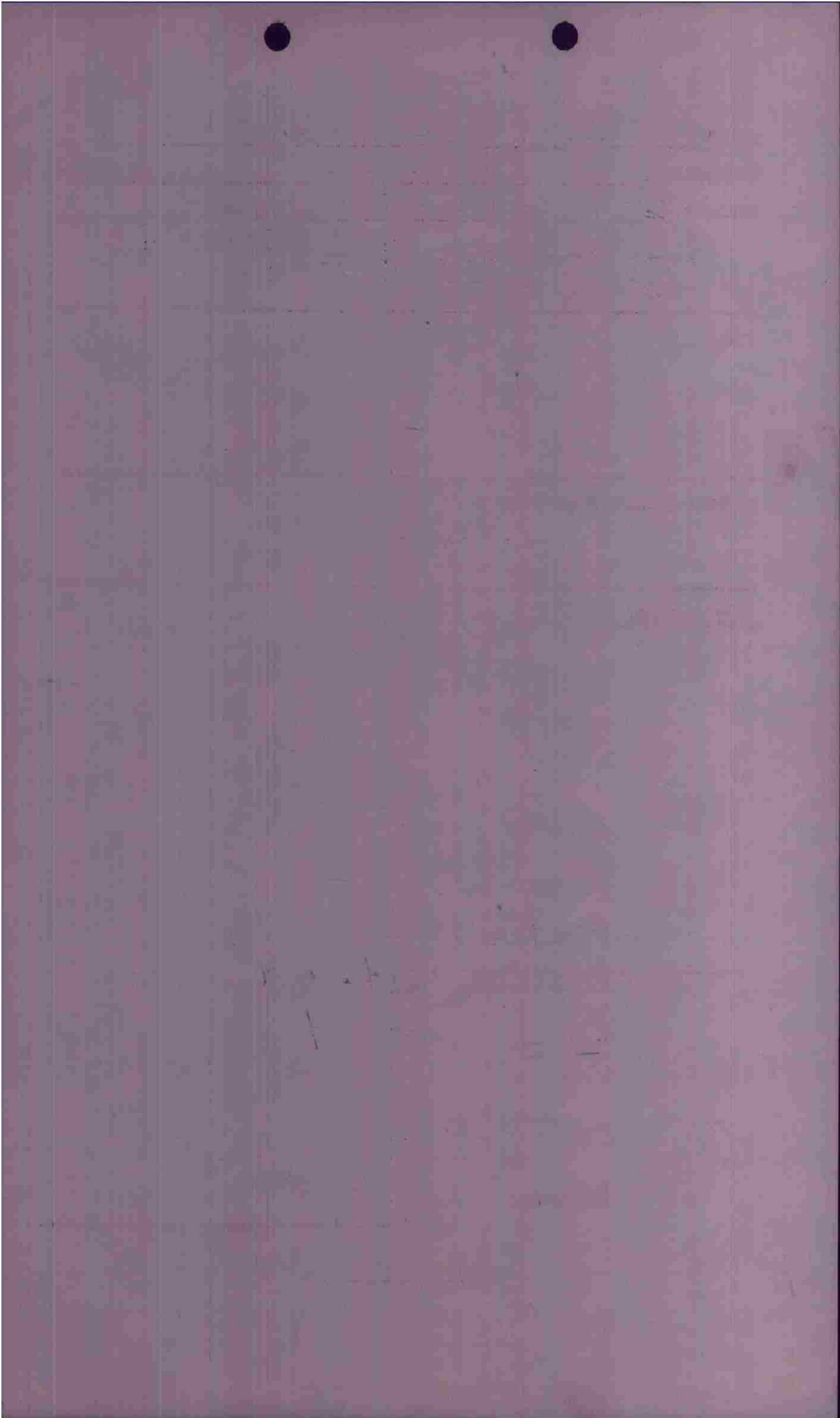
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     X X
      X
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X (SPARE)

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INTERVIEW FORM

PILOT Hixon A/C# 239 BOX Y FLT 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON PR none

		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

major to mod inaccurate just before
I.P.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

none

OBSERVATIONS :

Town was burning
and this formations
bombs caused lots of black smoke

POSITION INFORMATION

dropped
2 on ground

	X	
X	X	X
	X	
X	X	X

X	X
X	X
X	X

X (SPARE)

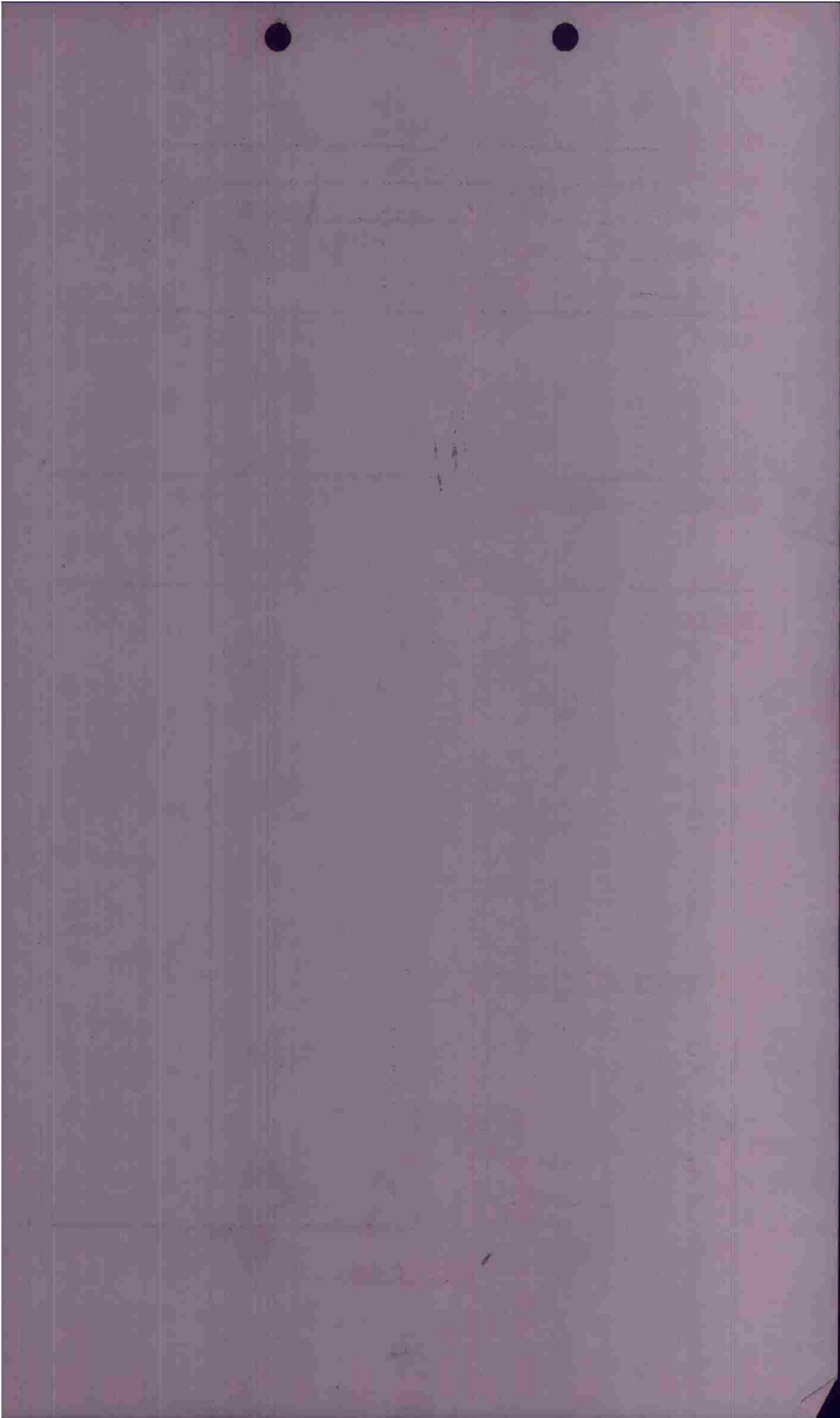
X	X
X	X
X	X

Tighter R. = TAO. T Tare
Parade - over Parade
Channel B - if anybody is
listening please answer -

Wry

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TNP-12, 50km

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON PT

BATTLE DAMAGE

X RETURNED

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¹⁵A-C¹⁶

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X JETTISONED

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Smoke

POSITION IN FORMATION

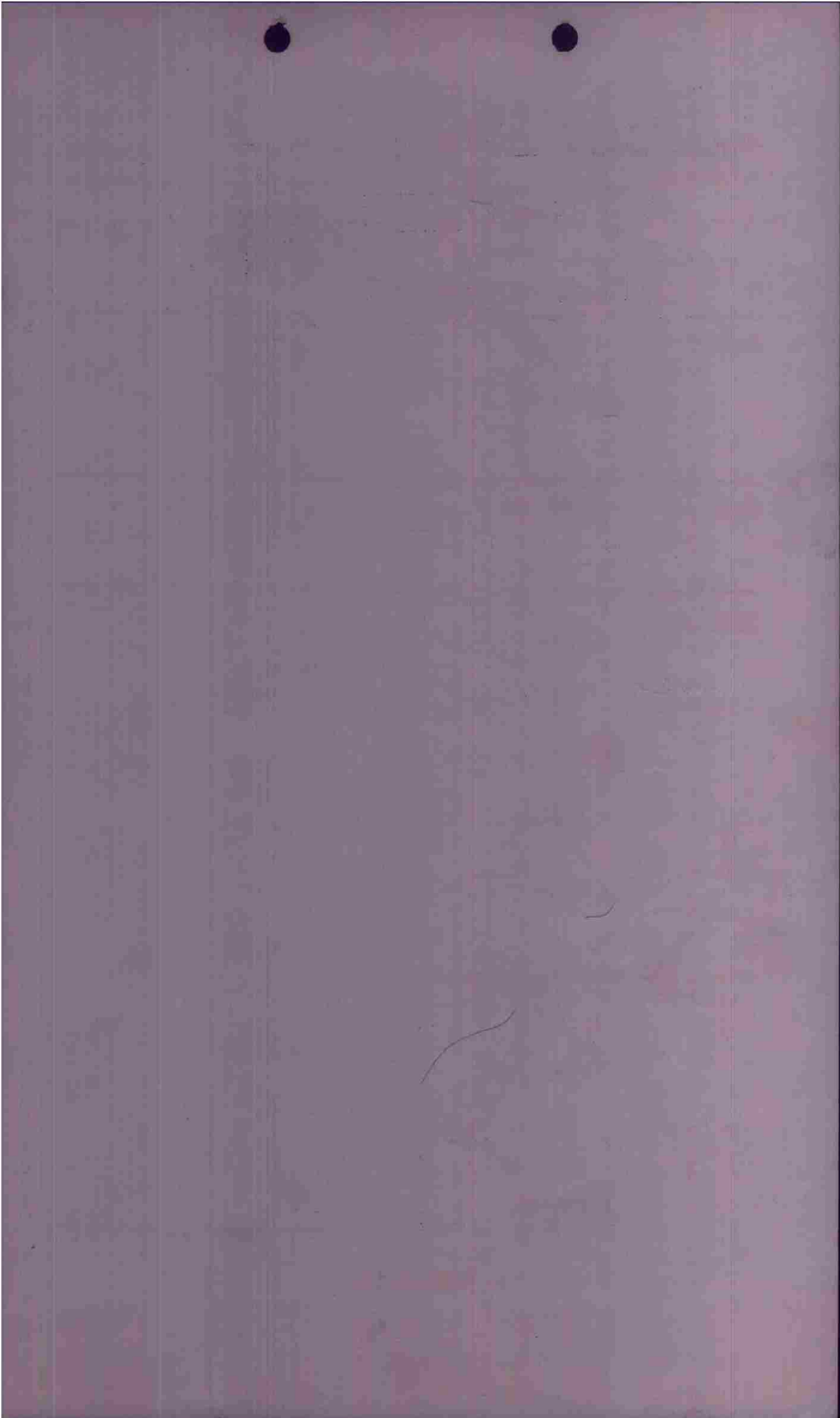
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X X
X X
X X

Y (SPARE)

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FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X (X)
X X
X X

X
Y X X
X X
X X

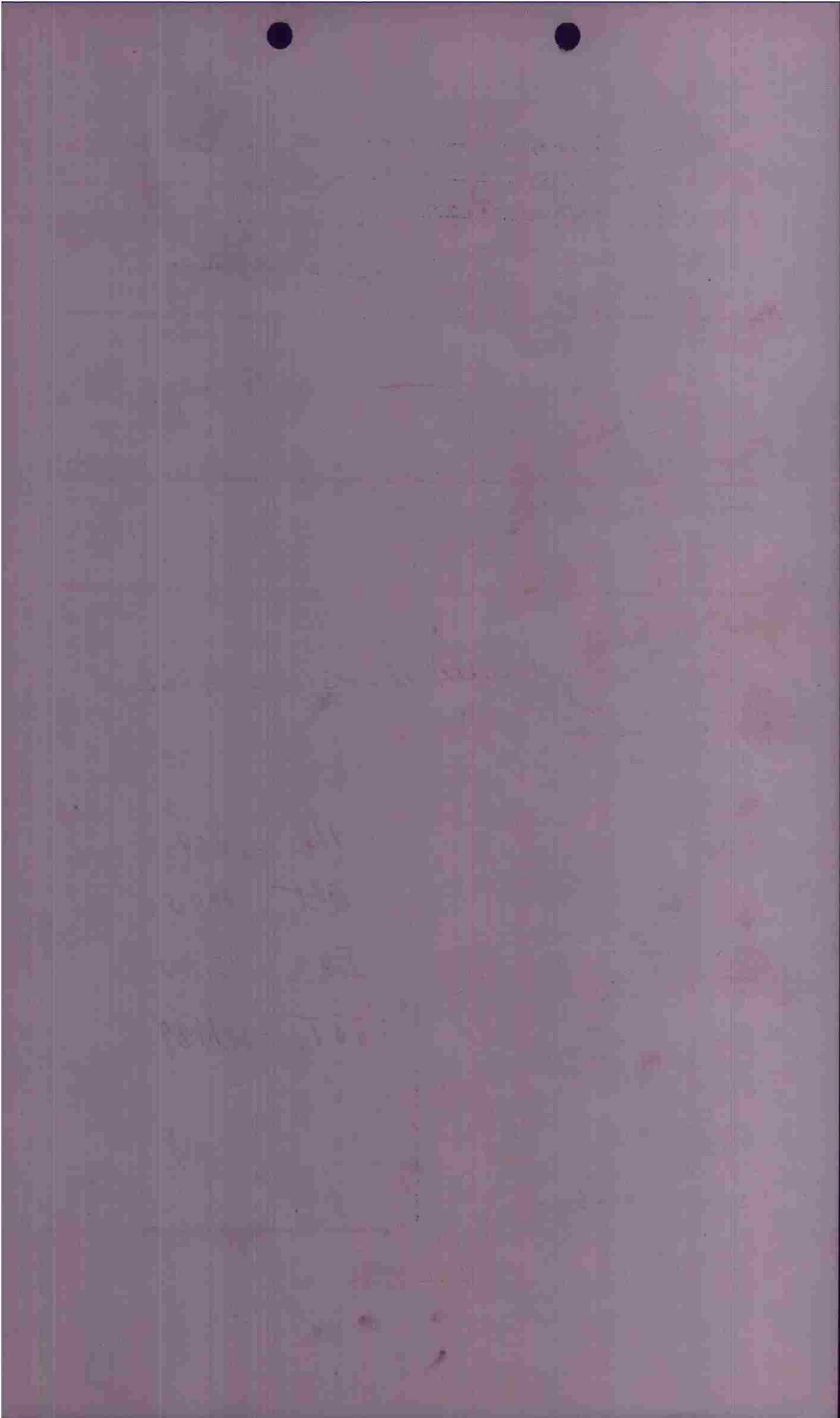
X
X X X
X X X

X (SPARE)

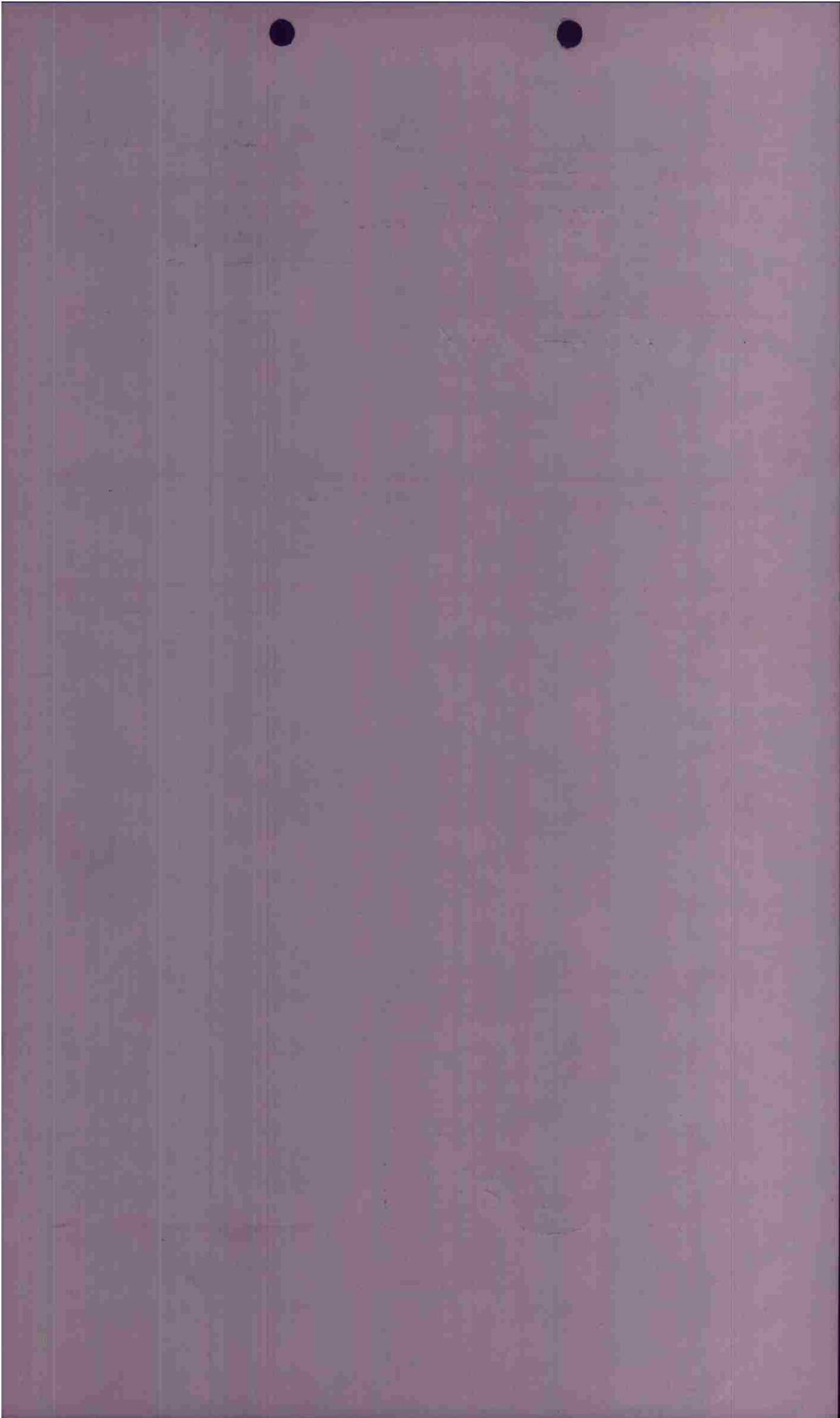
Pink

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CASUALTIES

FLAK : on leg at coast - X14
3 min off TA - X14/

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town leaving

X
X X
X X

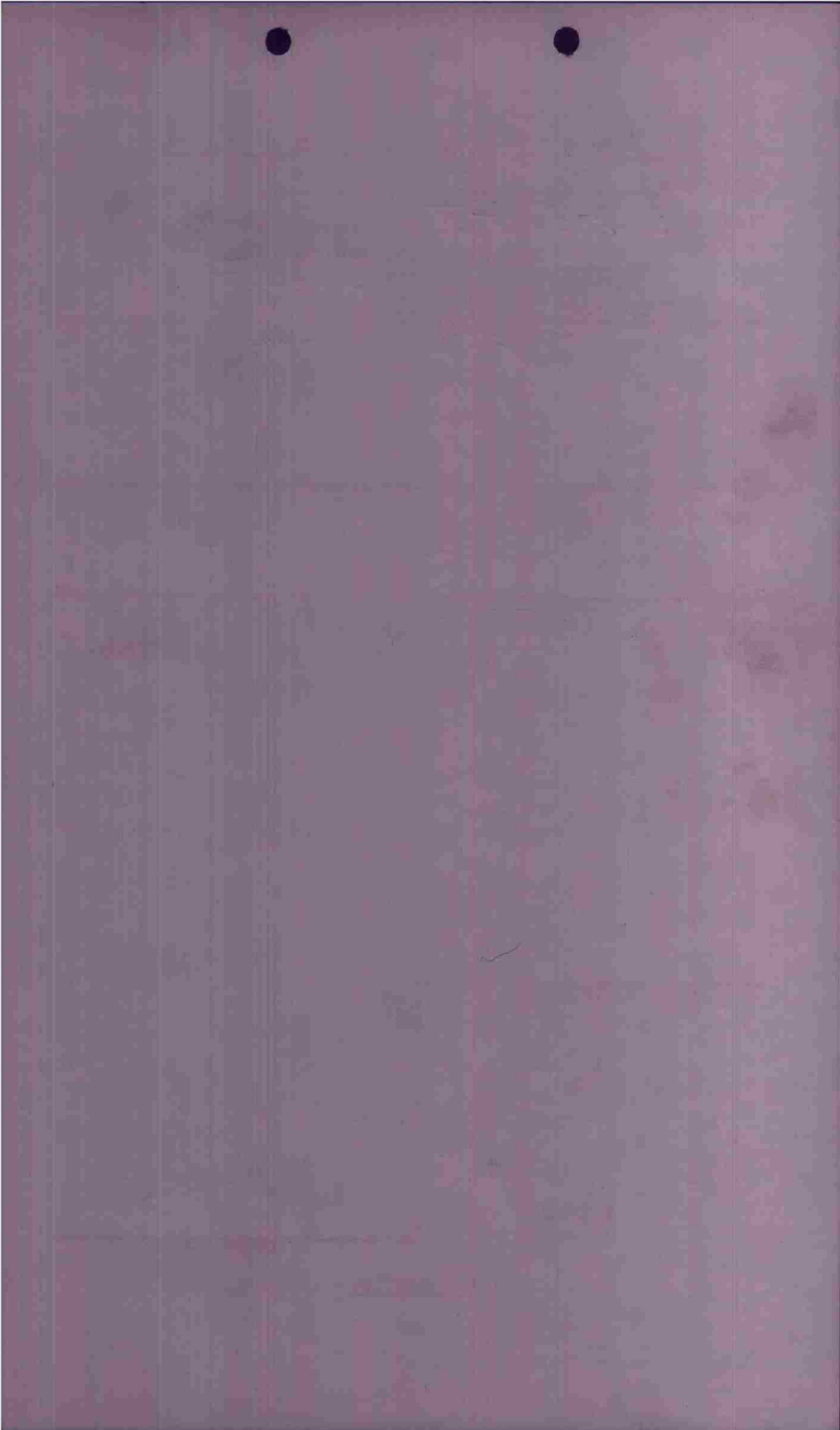
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X
X X
X (X) X
X X

Y (SPARE)

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INTERVIEW FORM

PILOT Dr Bose A/C# 338 BOX 4 FLT 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	500	RETURNED			
X		JETTISONED			

FLAK : *before turn to N to RP - XHA**meager circling R.P. XH1**XH1 - behind at R.L.*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

[Handwritten mark]

OBSERVATIONS :

*town burning**12 white smoke along road on Rhine shore*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    (X) X
      X
    X  X

  X
Y  X
  X
X  X

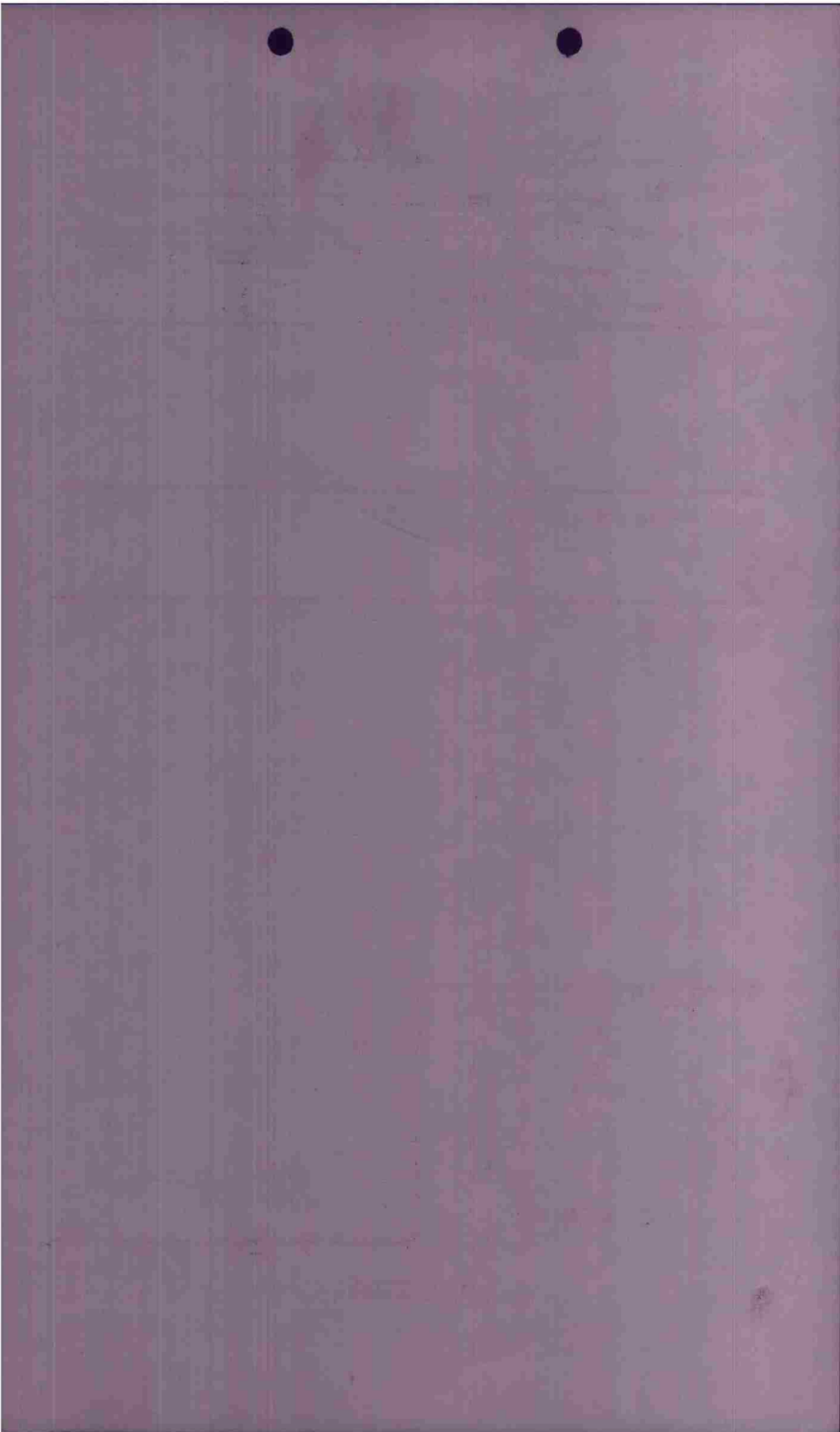
      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT

Milhorn

A/C#

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BOX

Y

FLT

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	500	RETURNED			
X		JETTISONED			

FLAK : on E wing going? X H 1
on turn off behind X H 1

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

touching from edge to edge.
Caster side could be seen for smoke

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

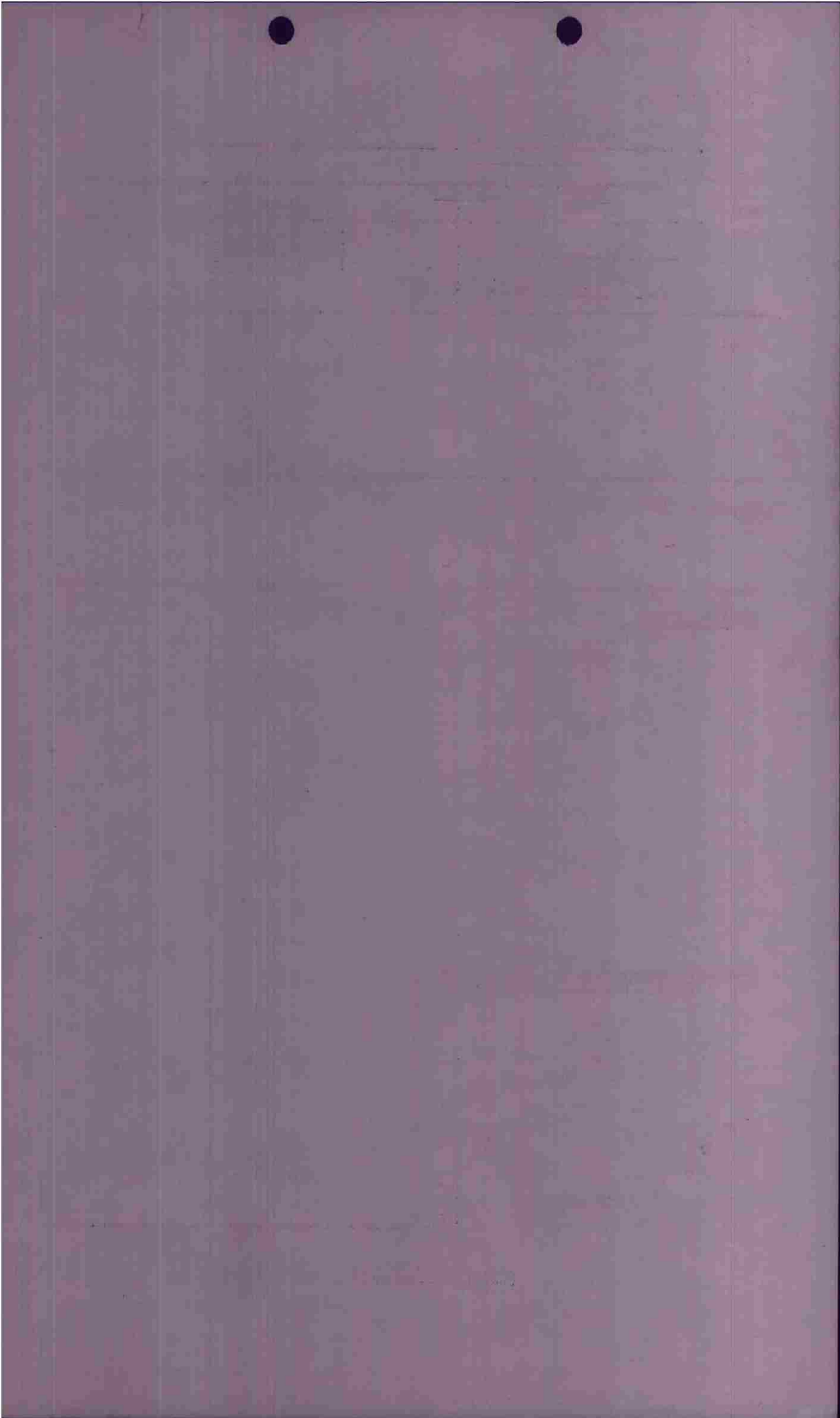
X  X  X
X  X  X
X  (K)

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Mooney A/C# 352 BOX V FLE 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>6</u>	<u>X</u> ON <u>Salvaged</u>			
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : E W leg gun, east - X H1Sew bursts outside PL - X H1

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS :

Dropped prematurely - sup sup
between Pilot & gunner. 15 sec before next
target a mass of flames.

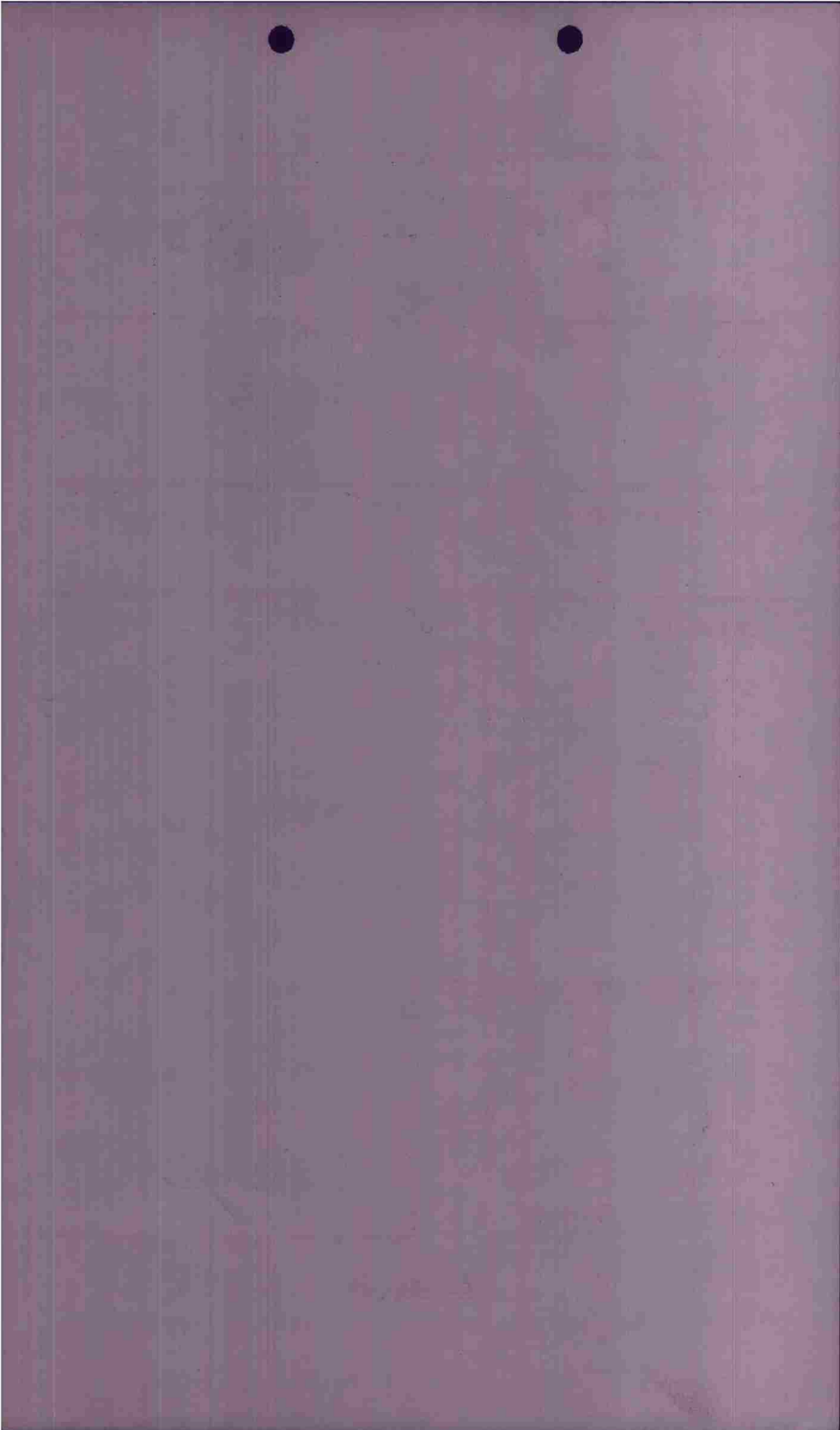
POSITION IN FORMATION

		X	
	X		X
		X	
	X		X
X	X		
		X	
X	X	X	X
		X	
		X	X
		X	
		X	X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Dunn A/C# 271 BOX Y FLT 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON PT.

BATTLE DAMAGE

	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X				
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : 2 several F-1's after bombing

OBSERVATIONS :

Townsend Ship

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  (3)

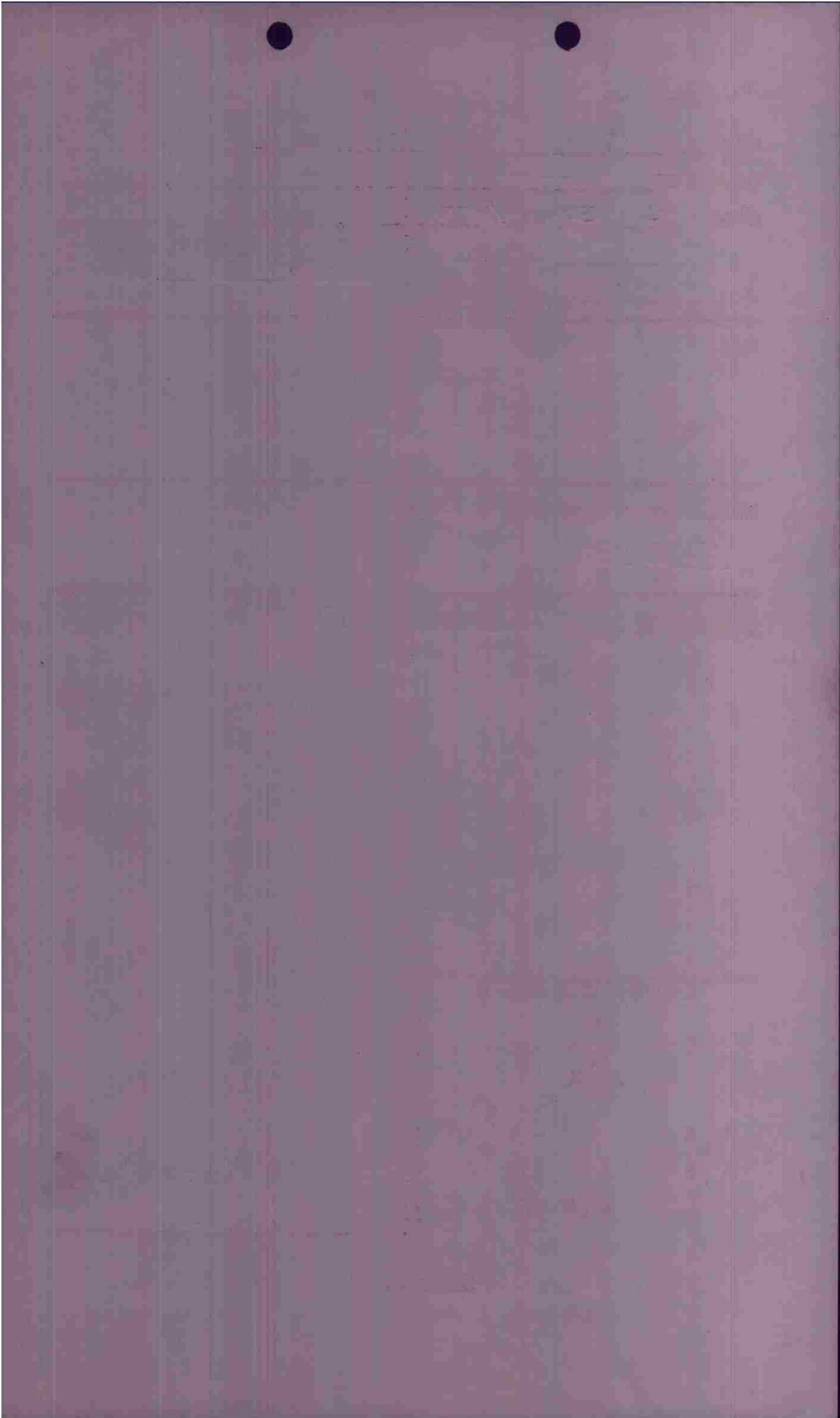
  X      X
X  X    X  X
X  X    X  X
X  X    X  X

X (SPARE)

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INTERB. FORM

PILOT Du Fault A/C# 304 BOX IV FLT 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	ON <u>P.T.</u>			
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : 1130 - X H1
1150 - R.P. - X H1

Intermittent flak along rt.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : *vapor trail off to left going in - above & to below.*

could not see center of target
mark.

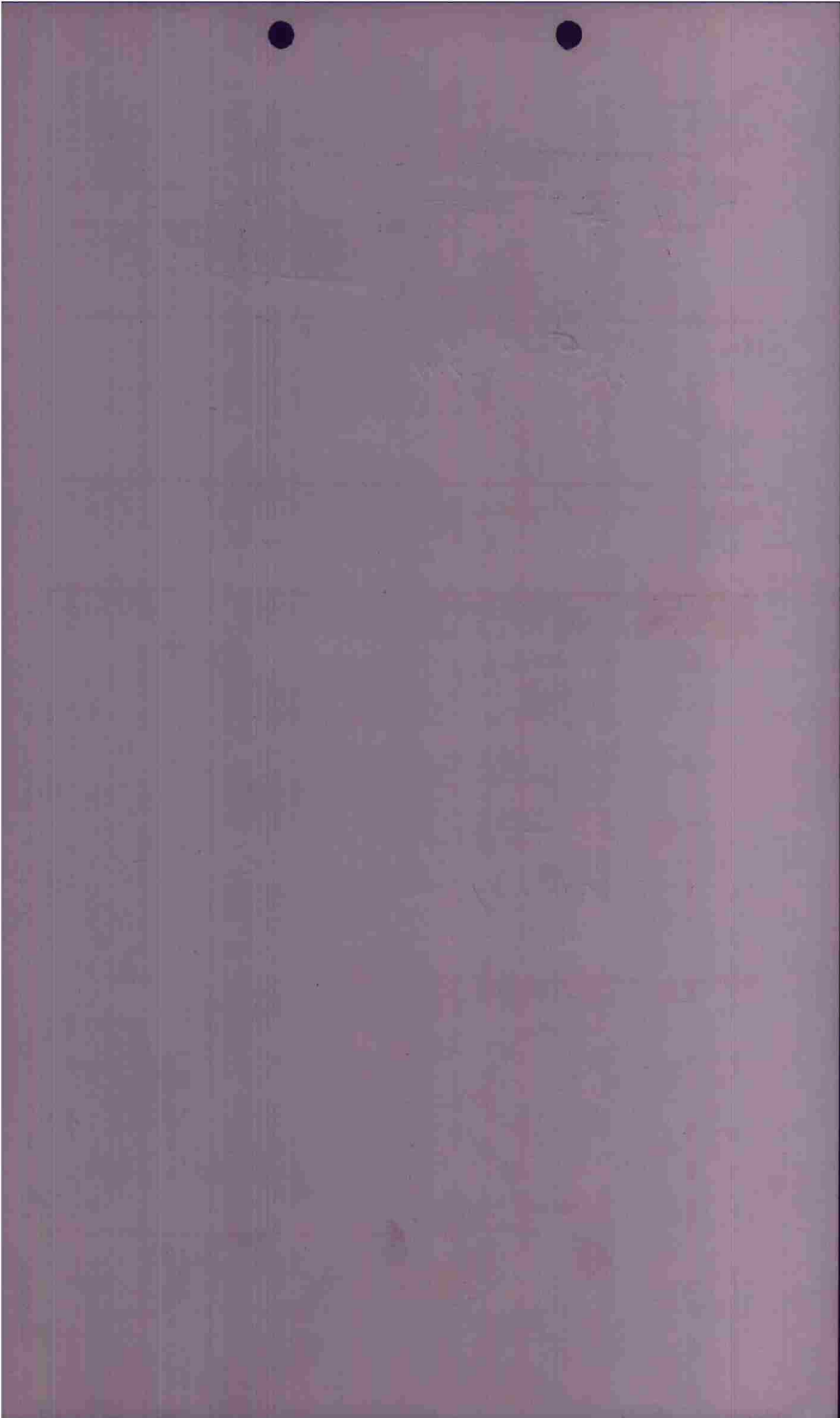
TOT 1145 185-210
 Alt - 12,800
 MH - 110°

POSITION IN FORMATION

	X	
X	X	
X	(X)	
X	X	
X		X
X	X	X
X	X	X
X	X	X
X (SPARE)		

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PILOT Henson A/C# 205 BOX II FLT 2

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>6</u>	<u>X 500 ON P.T.</u>			
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : after Bl in XH1
before out XH1
after level off - XHA - all good but the tank

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

3 feet away.

OBSERVATIONS :

one spot clear + hit them
10" smoke pots on Bl out - west
of town there.

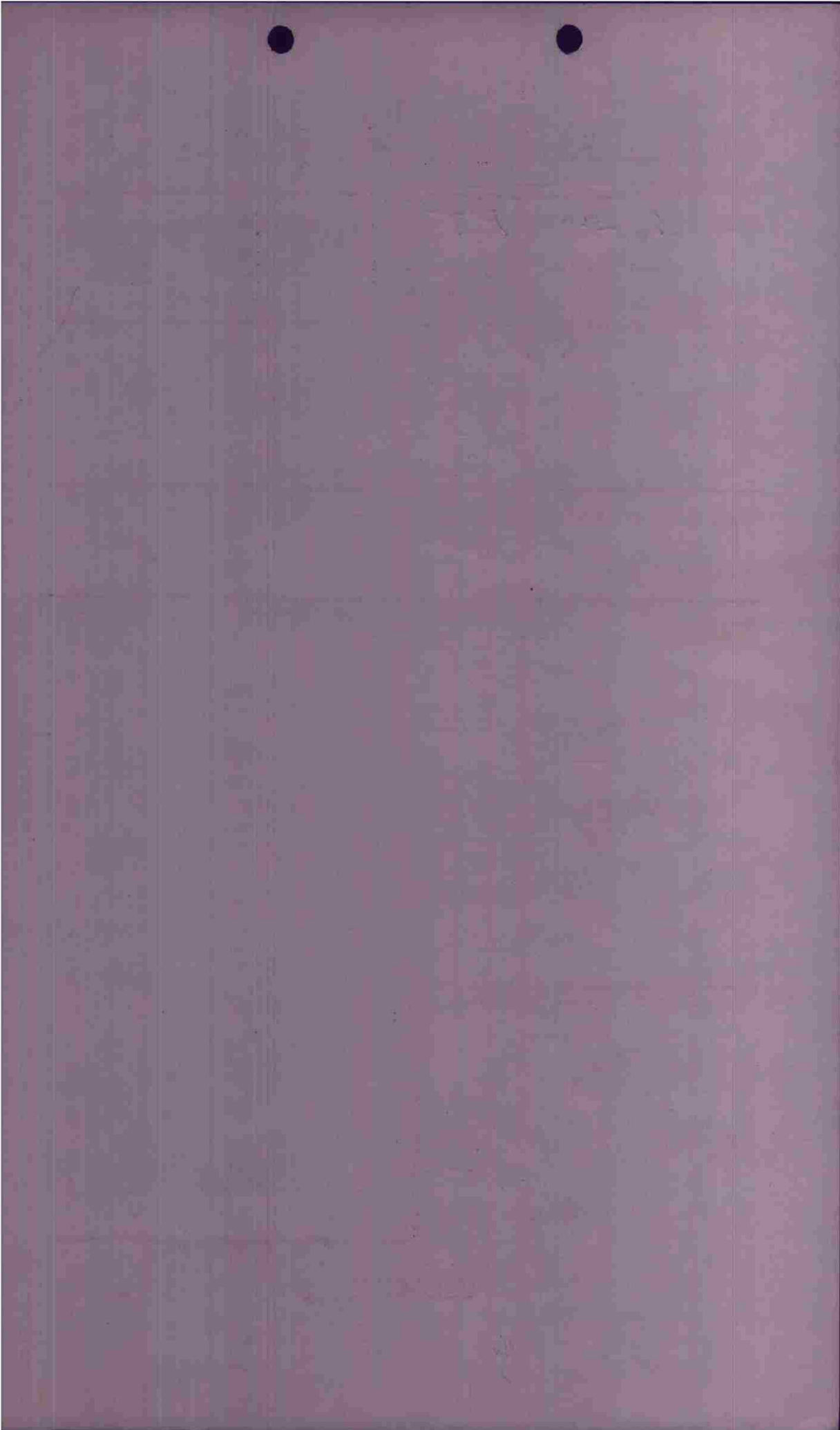
city burning after level off.

POSITION IN FORMATION

	X		
	X	X	
	X		
	X	X	
X			X
X		X	X
X		X	X
X		(X)	X
	X (SPARE)		

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CASUALTIES

X RETURNED "A" "A-C" "E"

X JETTISONED

FLAK: XH1 - Along coast
3 + then 2 bursts of 6. And at 1 P.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

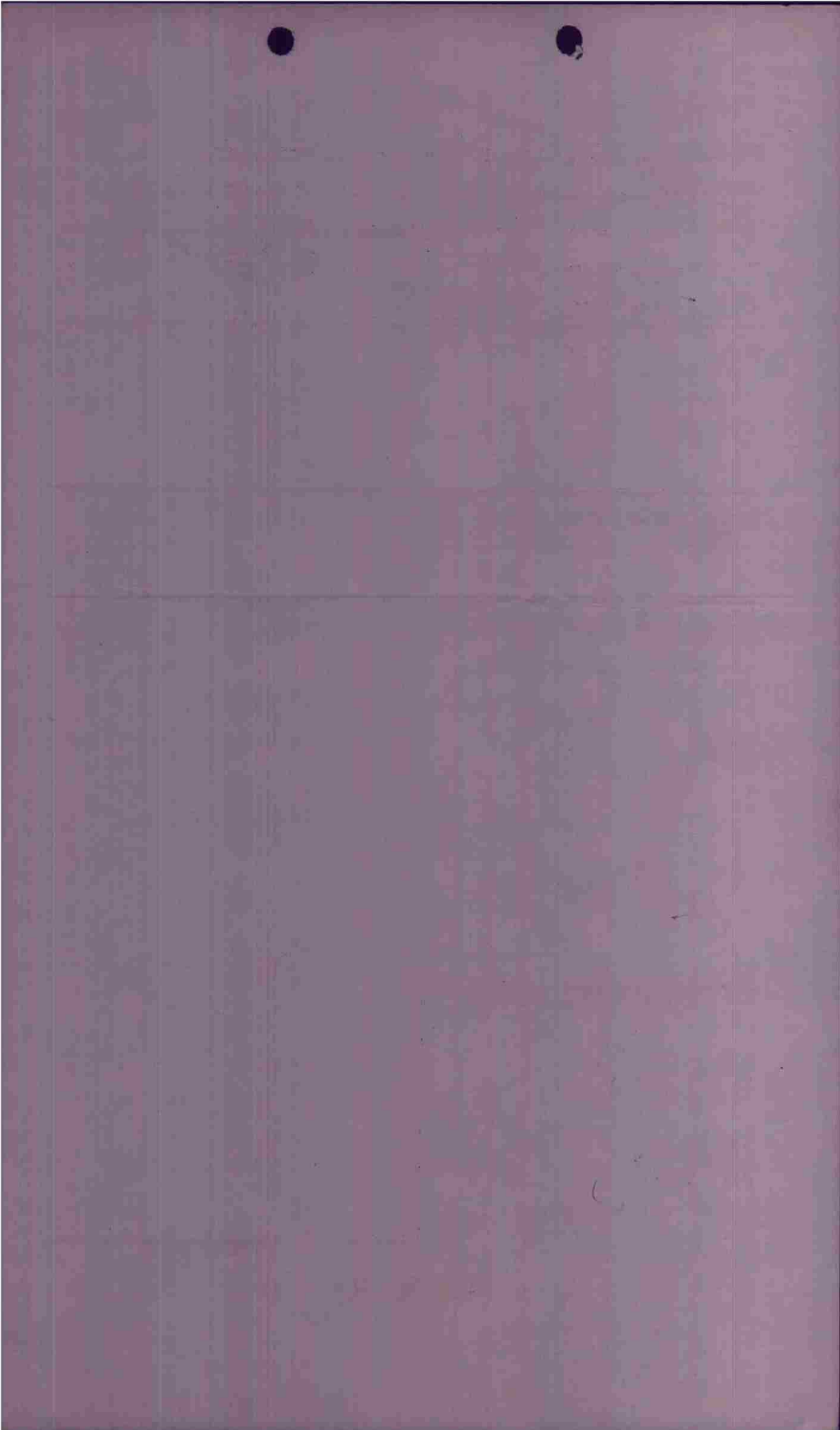
OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
6	X 500 ON			
	X RETURNED			
	X JETTISONED			

FLAK : 10-79T in KIA

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

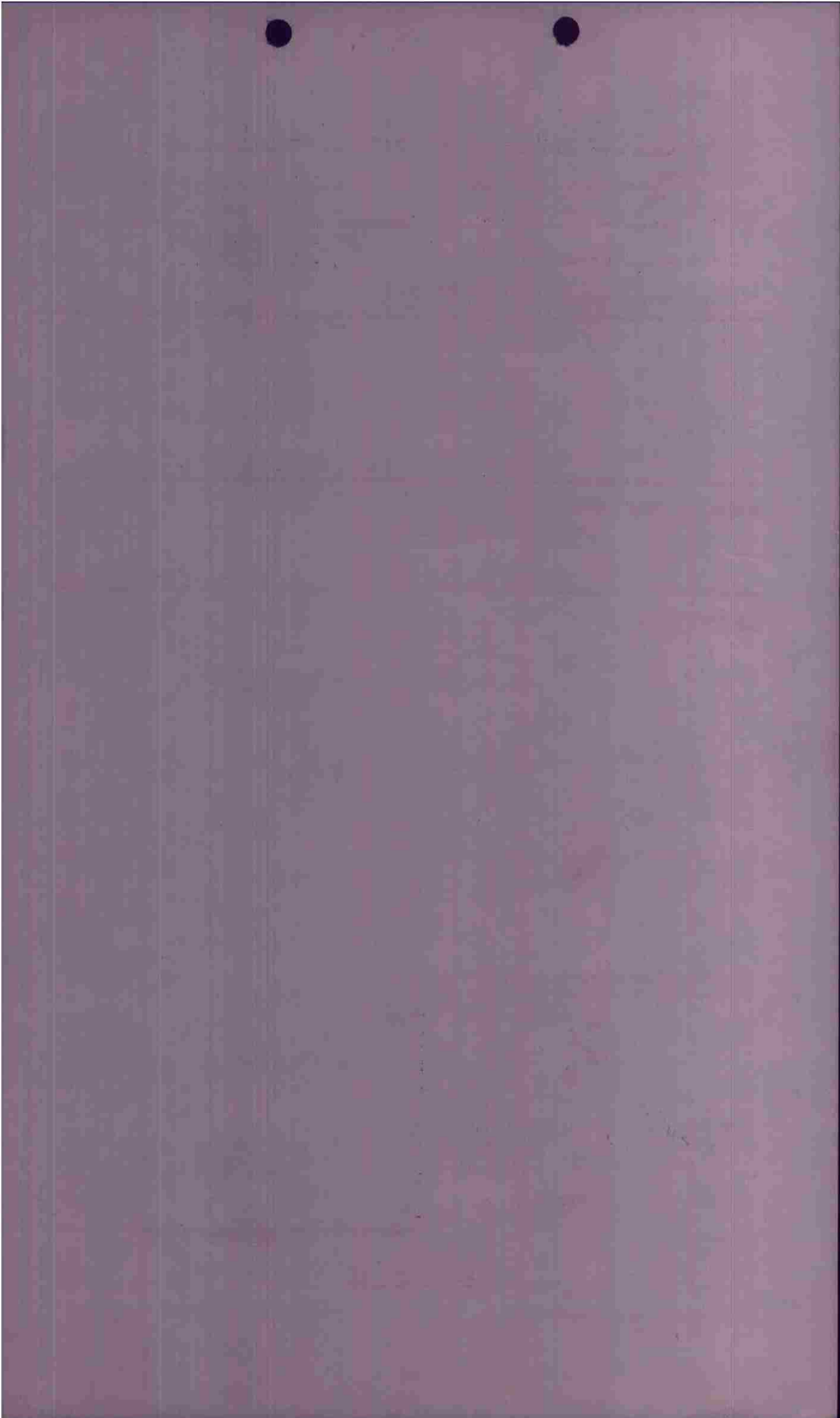
OBSERVATIONS : T&T - all banks in town
1127 Tak canopy 12 tracks headed SW
1129 Take " 15 tracks " SW

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Warten A/C# 2315 BOX IV FLT 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>6</u> X <u>500</u>	ON <u>PT</u>	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED	:	:	:
X	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK :

XHI along boat run going in & out

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Saw bomb hit in town - town burning & covered with smoke.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

X
Y  X
X
X  X

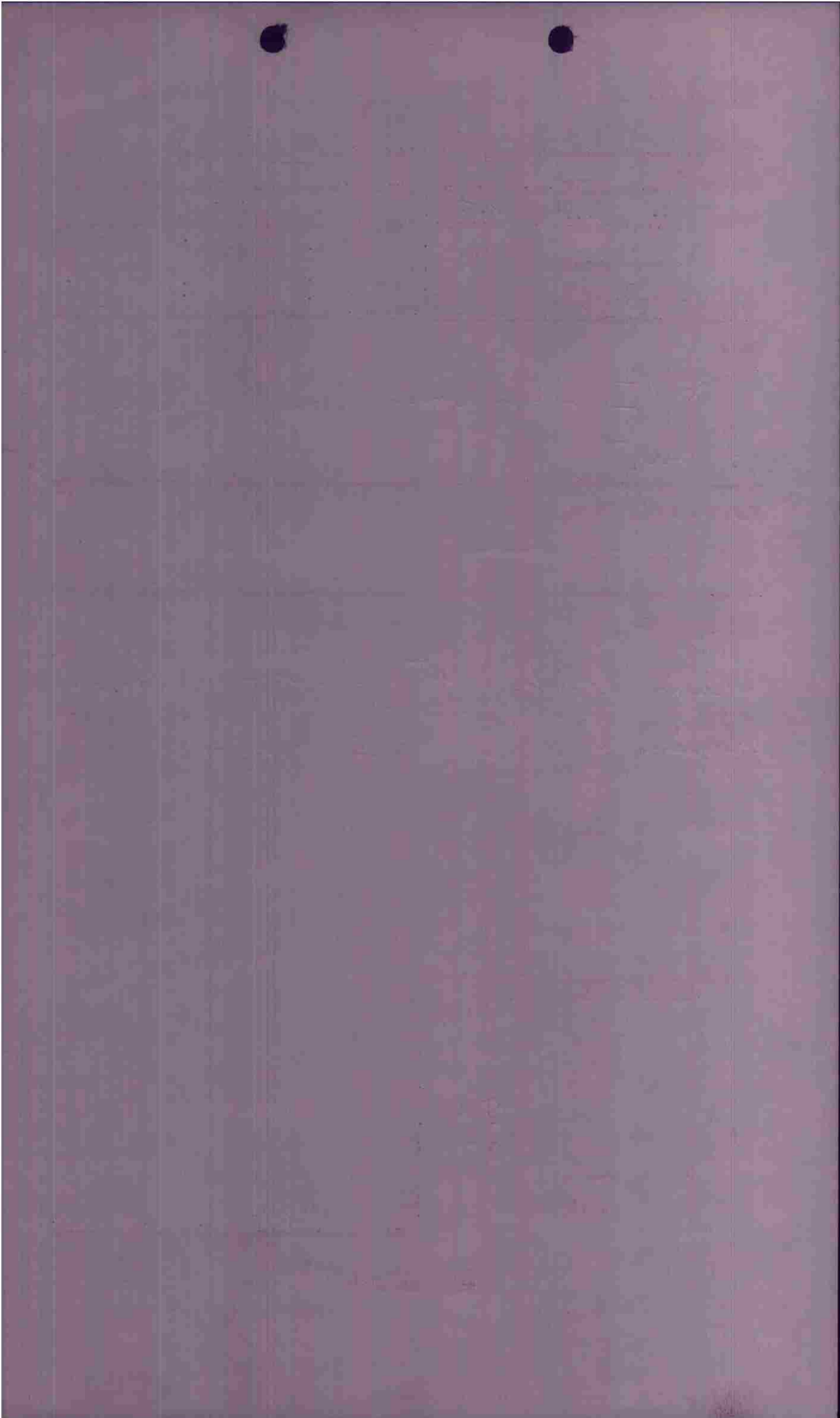
      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

X (SPARE)

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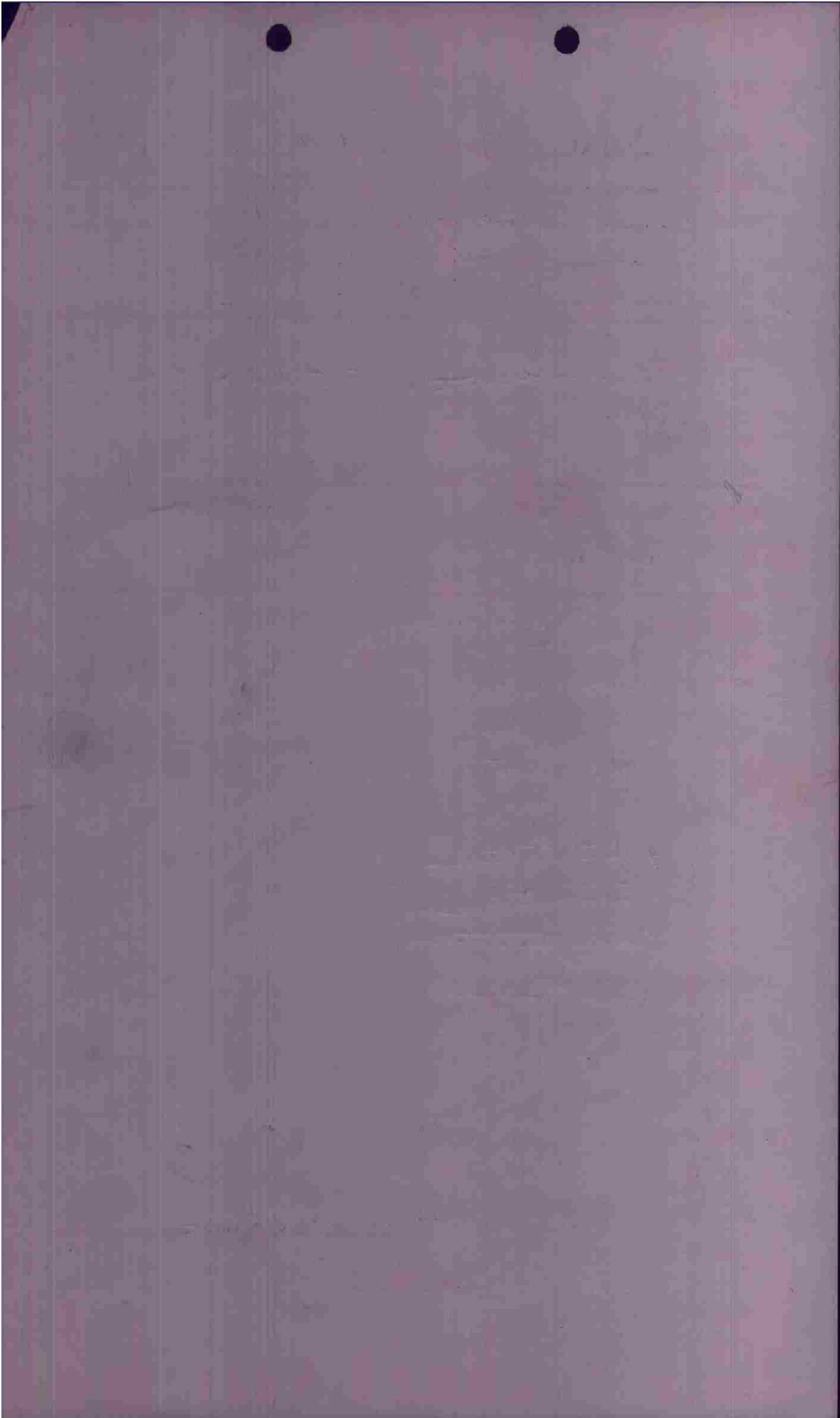
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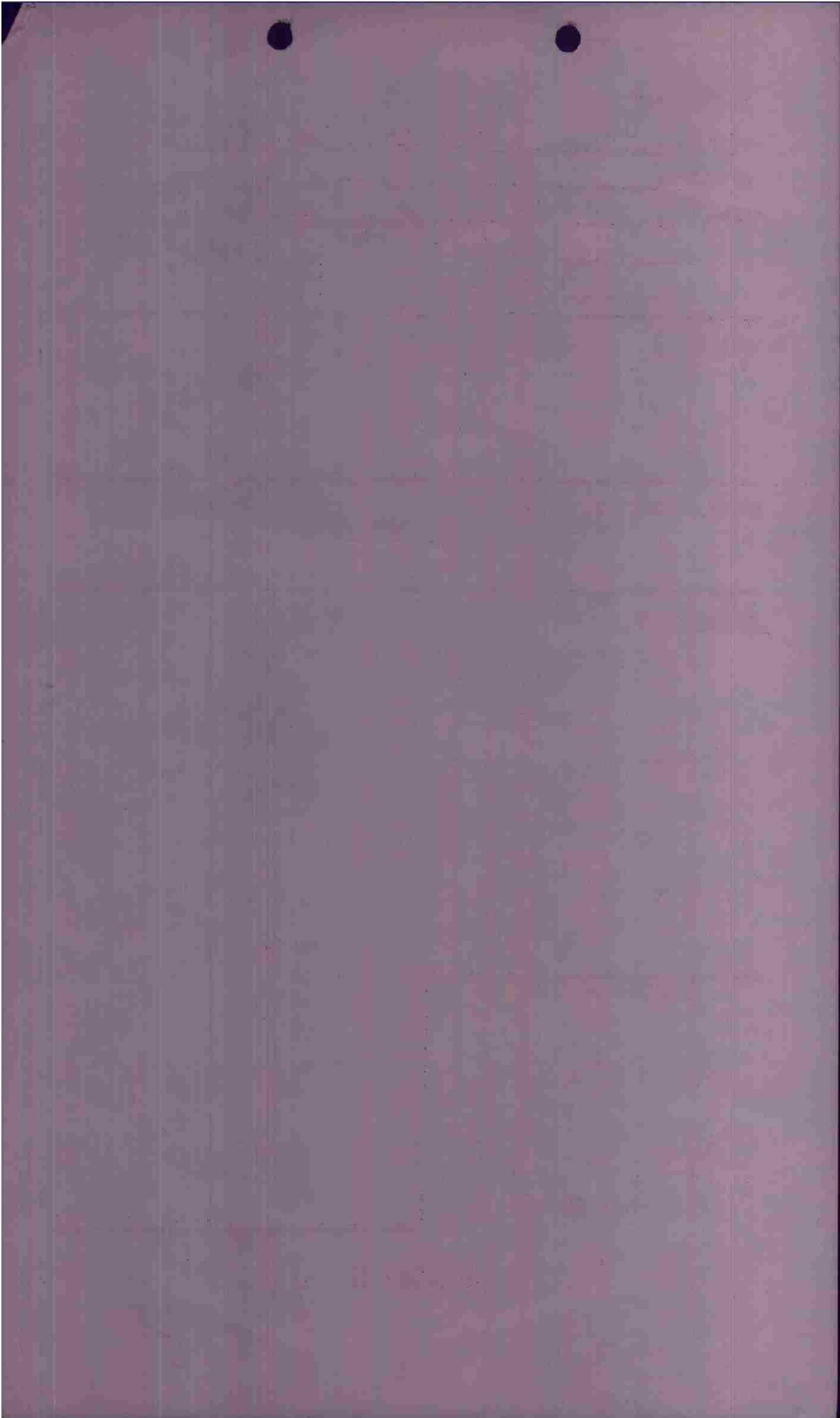
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PILOT Colquitt A/C# 259 BOX IV FLT 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>6</u> X <u>500</u> ON <u>P.T.</u>		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : X H I at I, P. (P.P.F.)
X H I couple of times along route

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

much better.

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

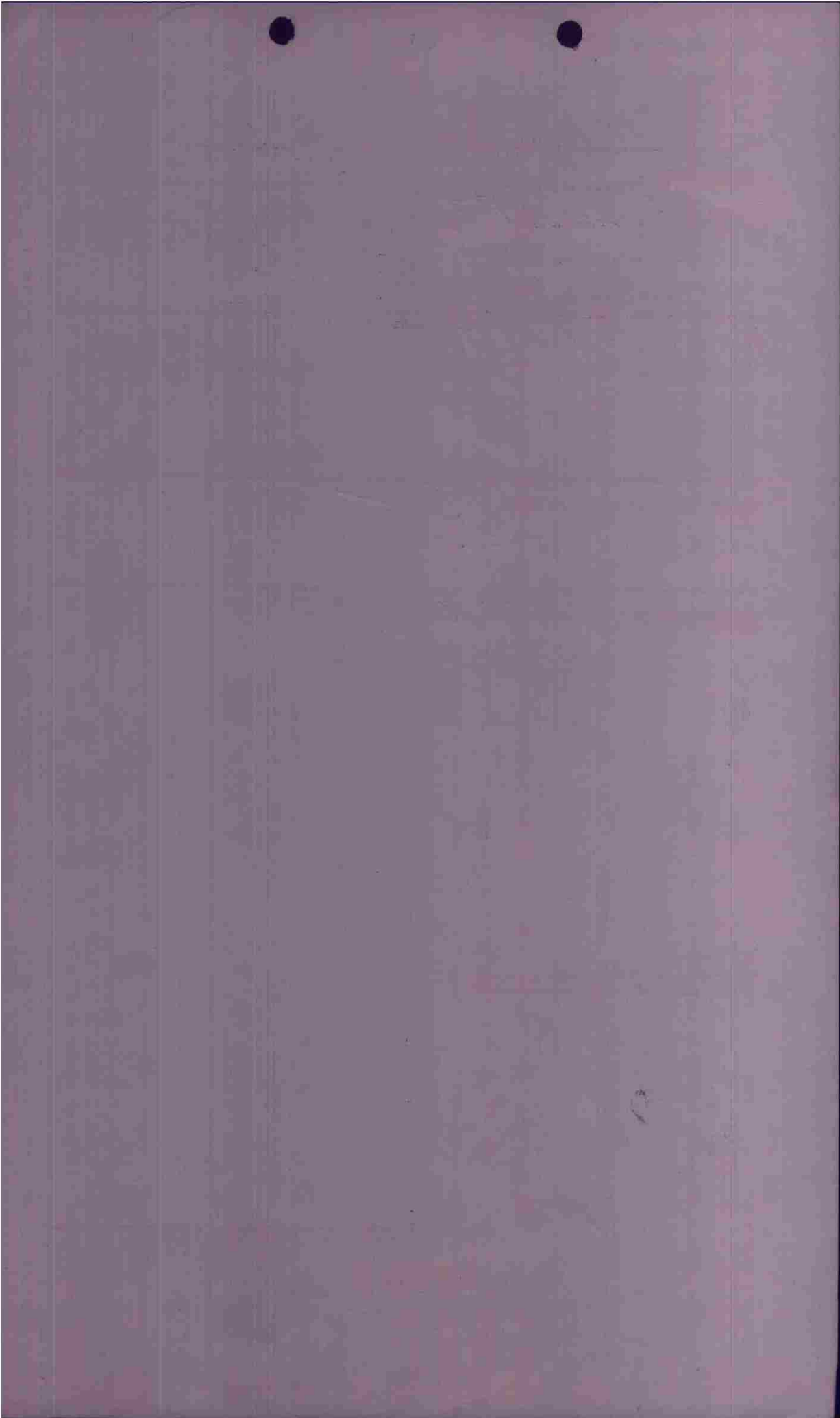
X  X      X
Y  X      X  X
X  X      X  X
      X  X

X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : 1132 - X H1 bit & broken
1152 - row of white puffs - ~~the~~
inaccurate
1156 - 500 & 1000 X H1
at start of level off - run off to a - alt good.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

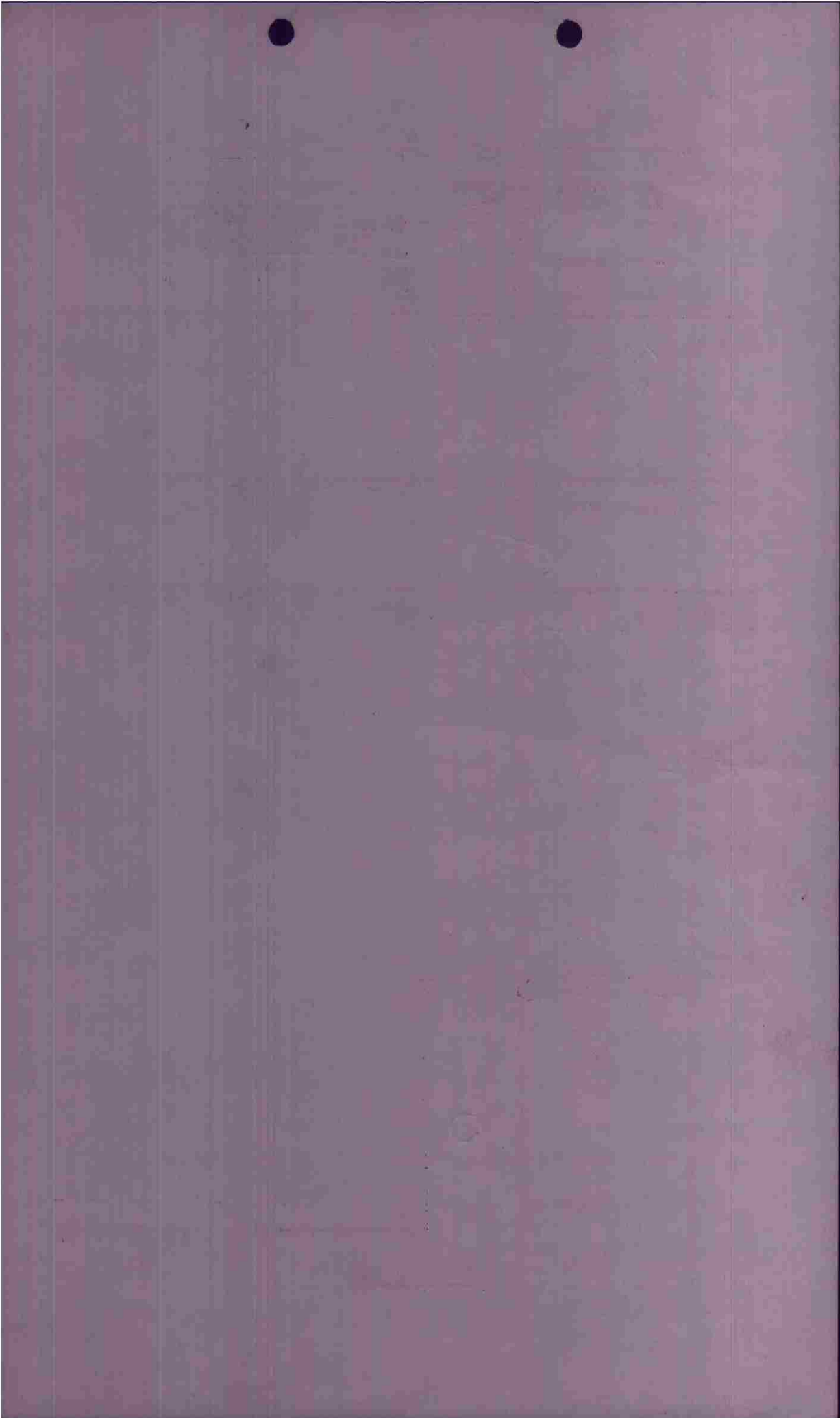
OBSERVATIONS : 1222 - in middle of field - S/E ac.
in middle of grass field & paths around it &

POSITION IN FORMATION

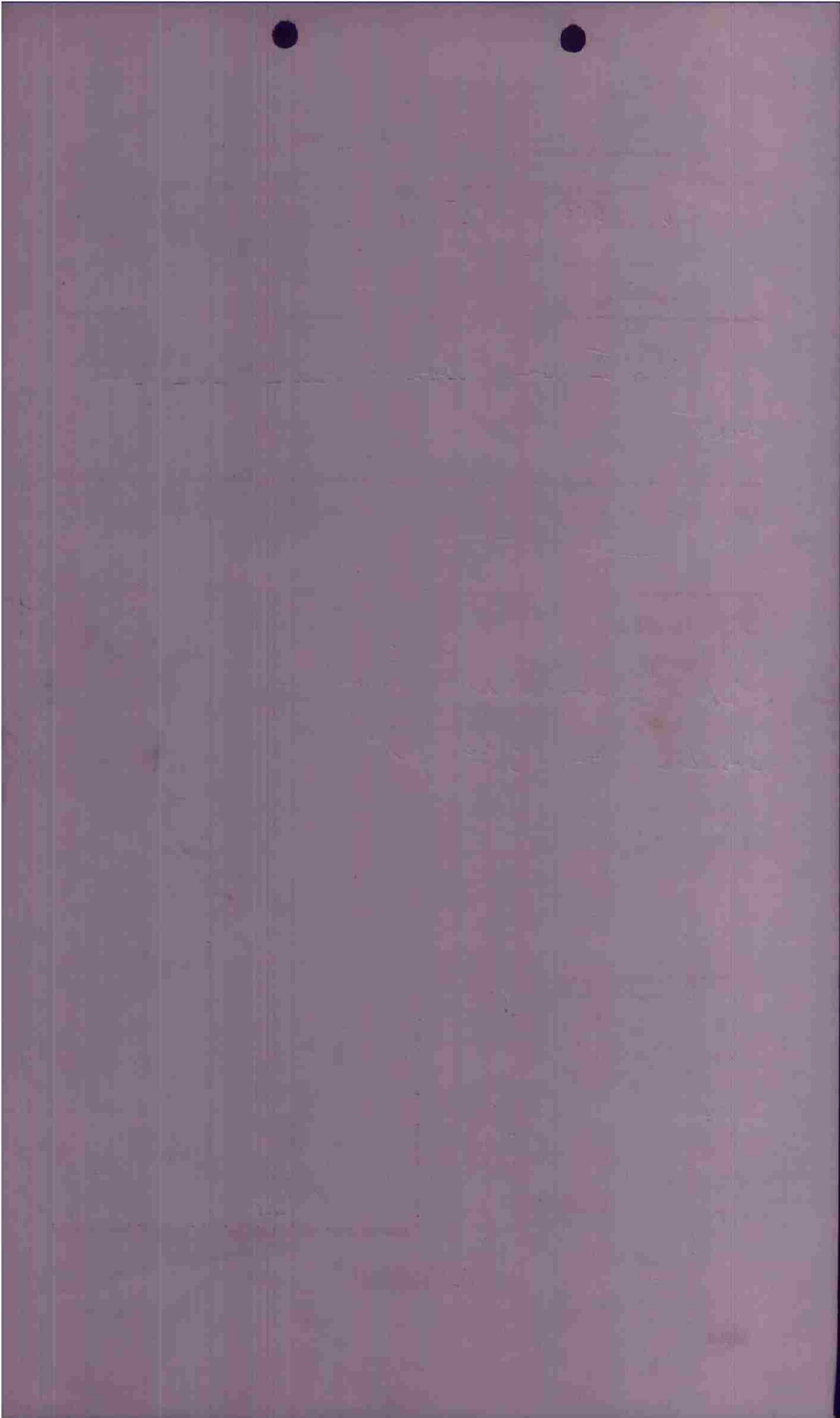
X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
6	X	ON		
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"
	X	JETTISONED		"E"

FLAK : 1 burst on turn off target
25-30 bursts ^{at} turn or boat
run and RP - probably same place

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

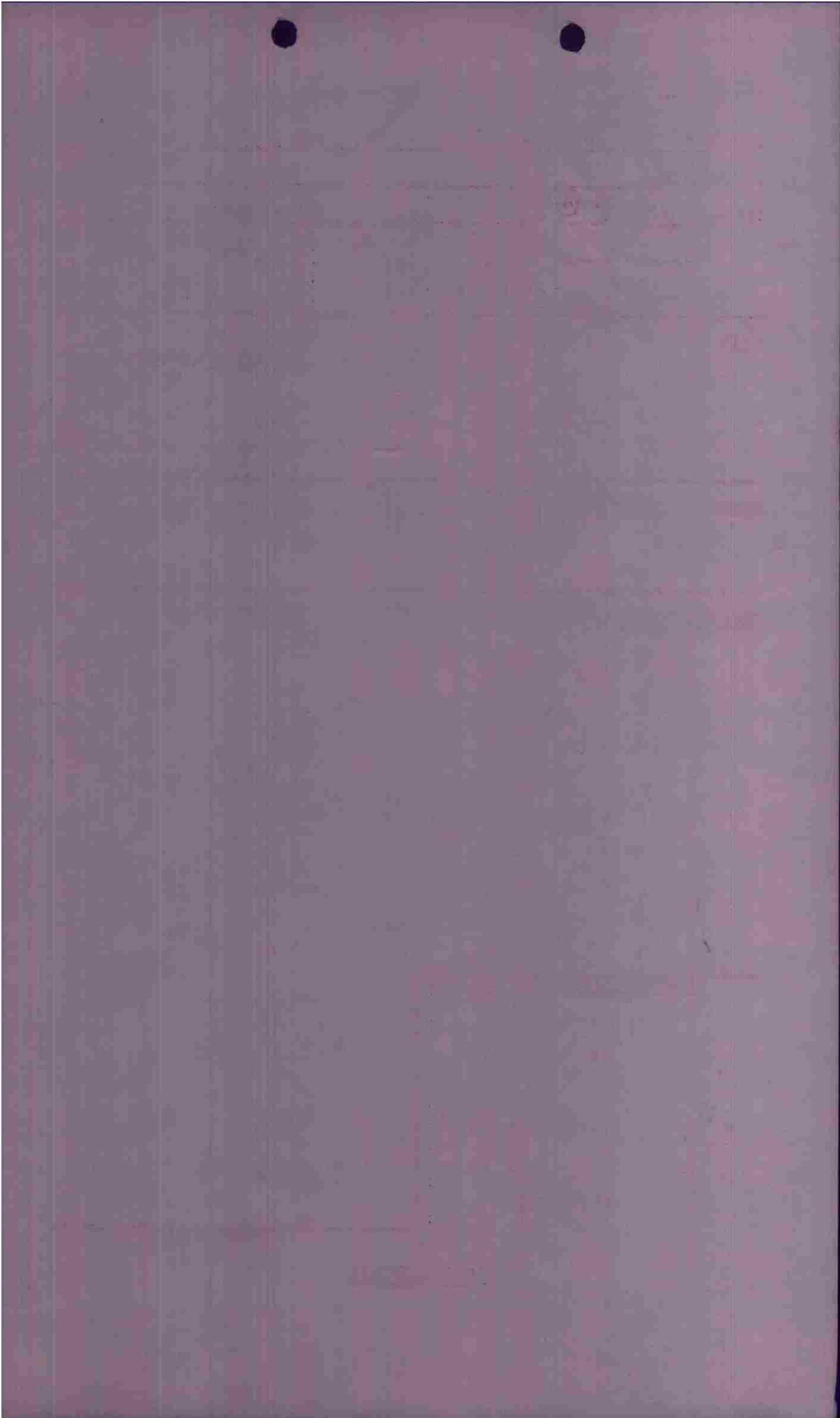
Bombs hit edge of town

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>0</u>	X	ON	<u>✓</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		X	RETURNED		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
		X	JETTISONED		None		

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS

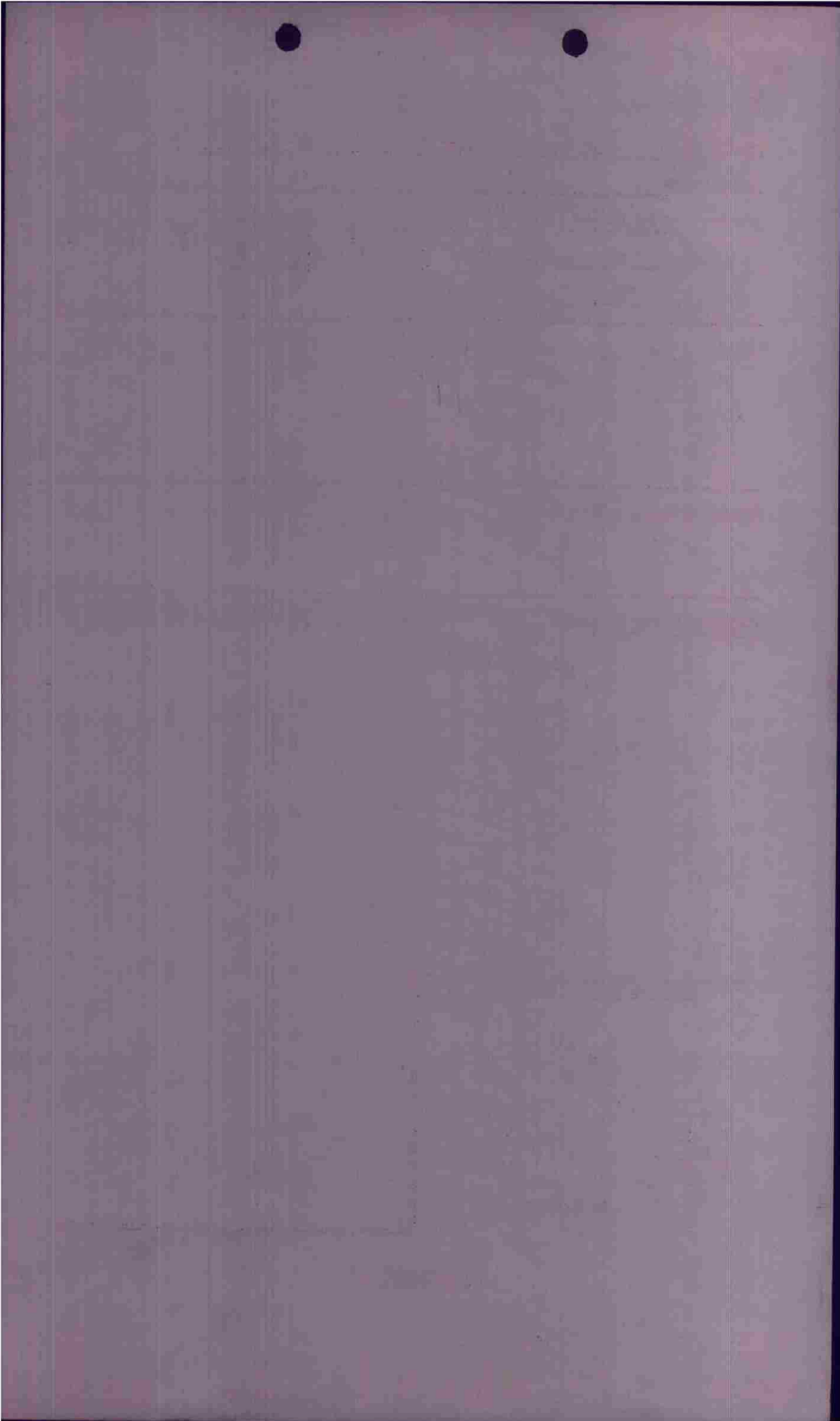
OBSERVATIONS

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : Single burst after dropping - see Mem.
had started common
ad. Also at BL (6) gain in (1/2 mi off)

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

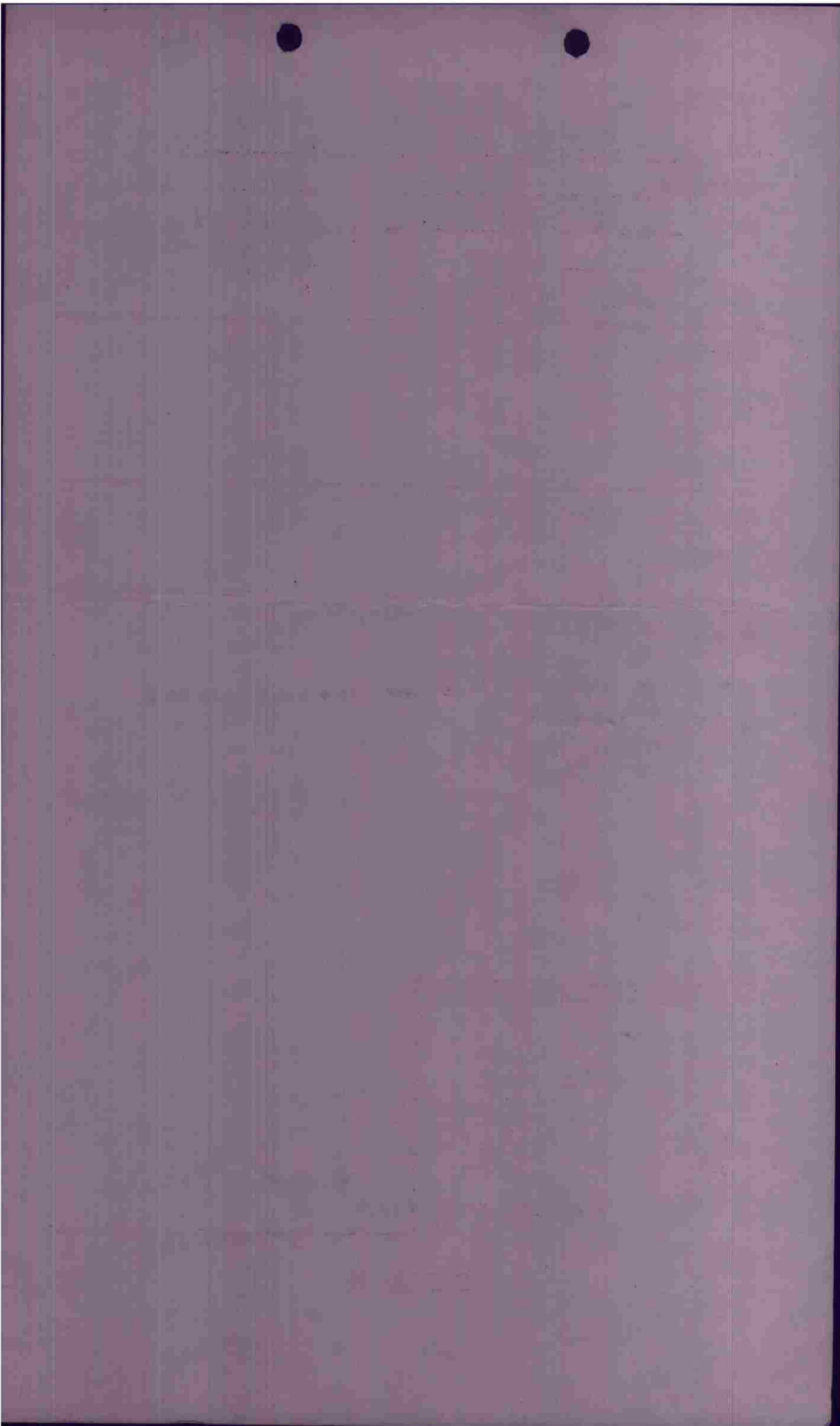
all guest except
Junkie.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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INTEGRATION

CASUALTIES

FLAK : Few birds - one dove

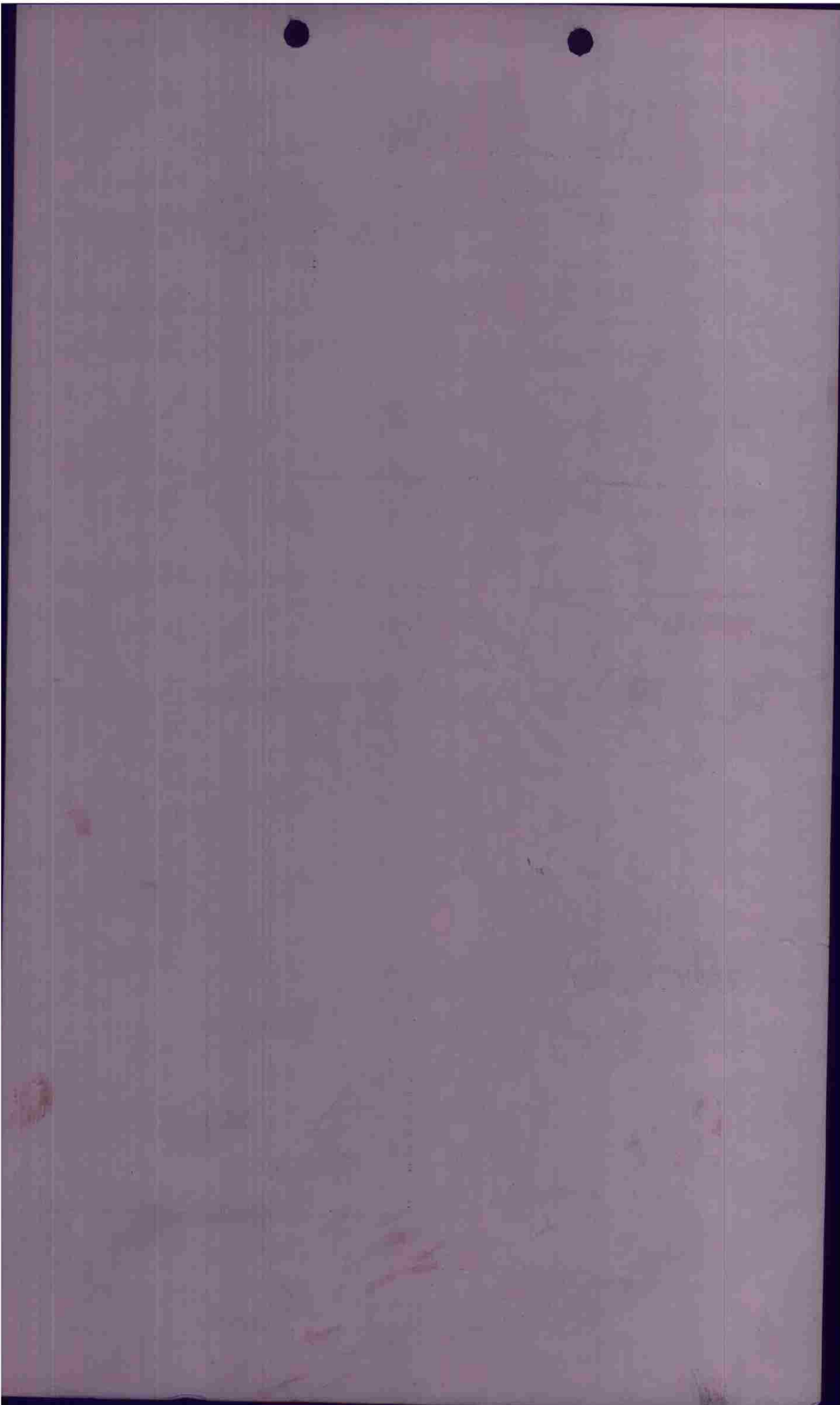
Nil

Another town (Bocault) afire.
Smoke seen across
them at Camakins

X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

FLAK : XH1 - across BL short way
Between Tgt. & BL on outer.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

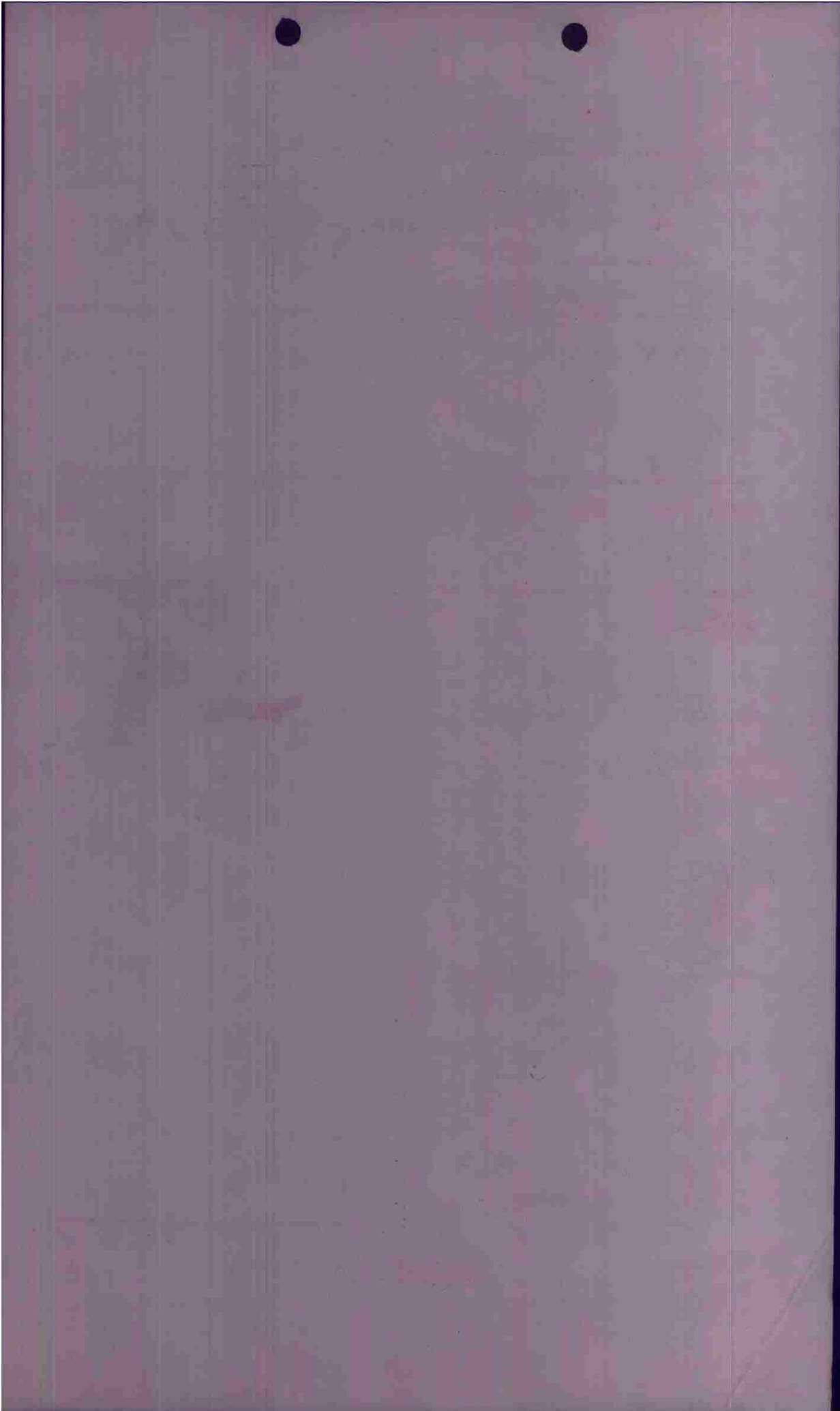
Several towns a fire
across our foot.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

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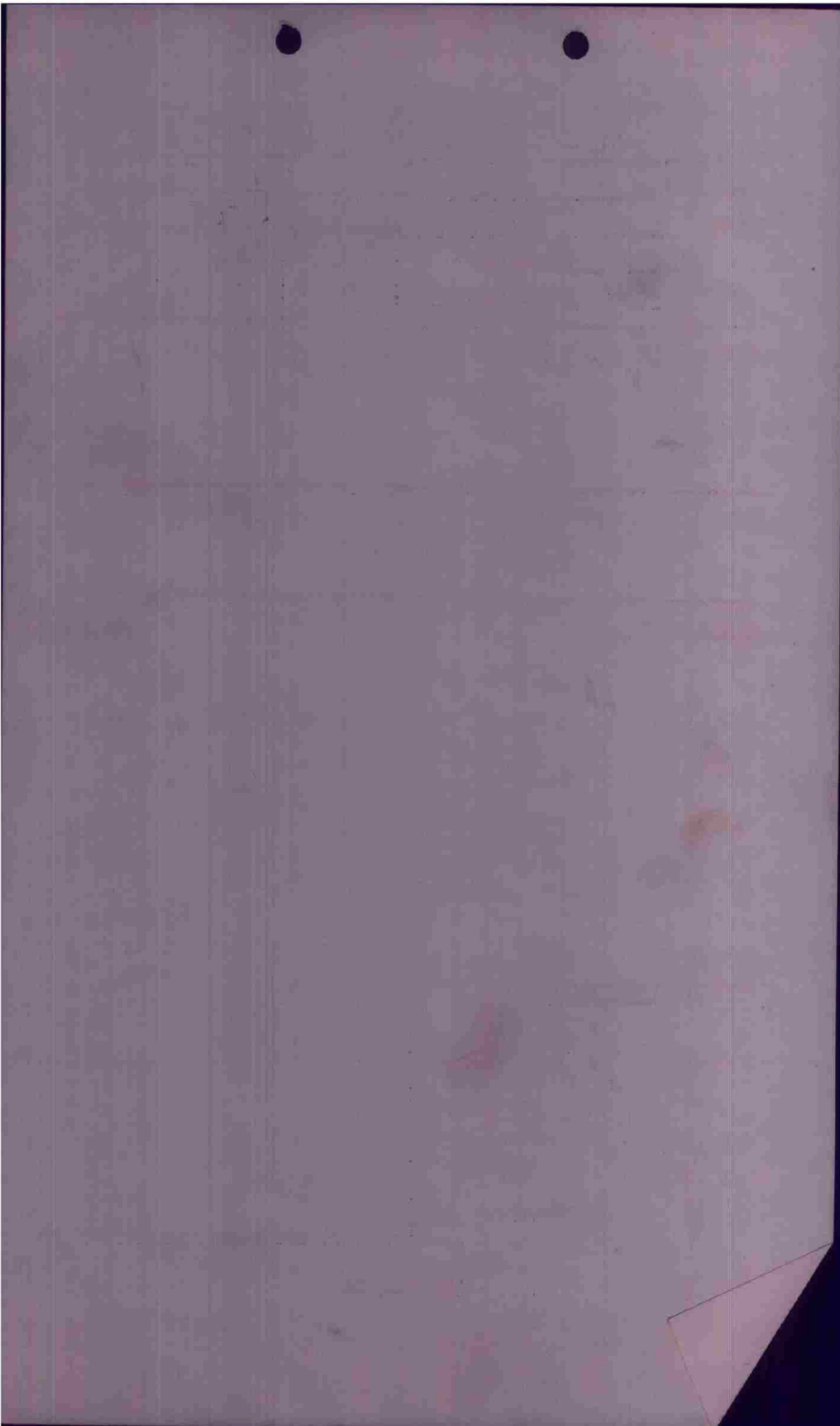
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PILOT Weinert A/C# 381 BOX IV FLT 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>6</u>	X	<u>P</u>	<u>None</u>		
	X	RETURNED			
	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

5-10 Bush felt some.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    (X) X
      X X
      X X

X      X
X      X
X      X

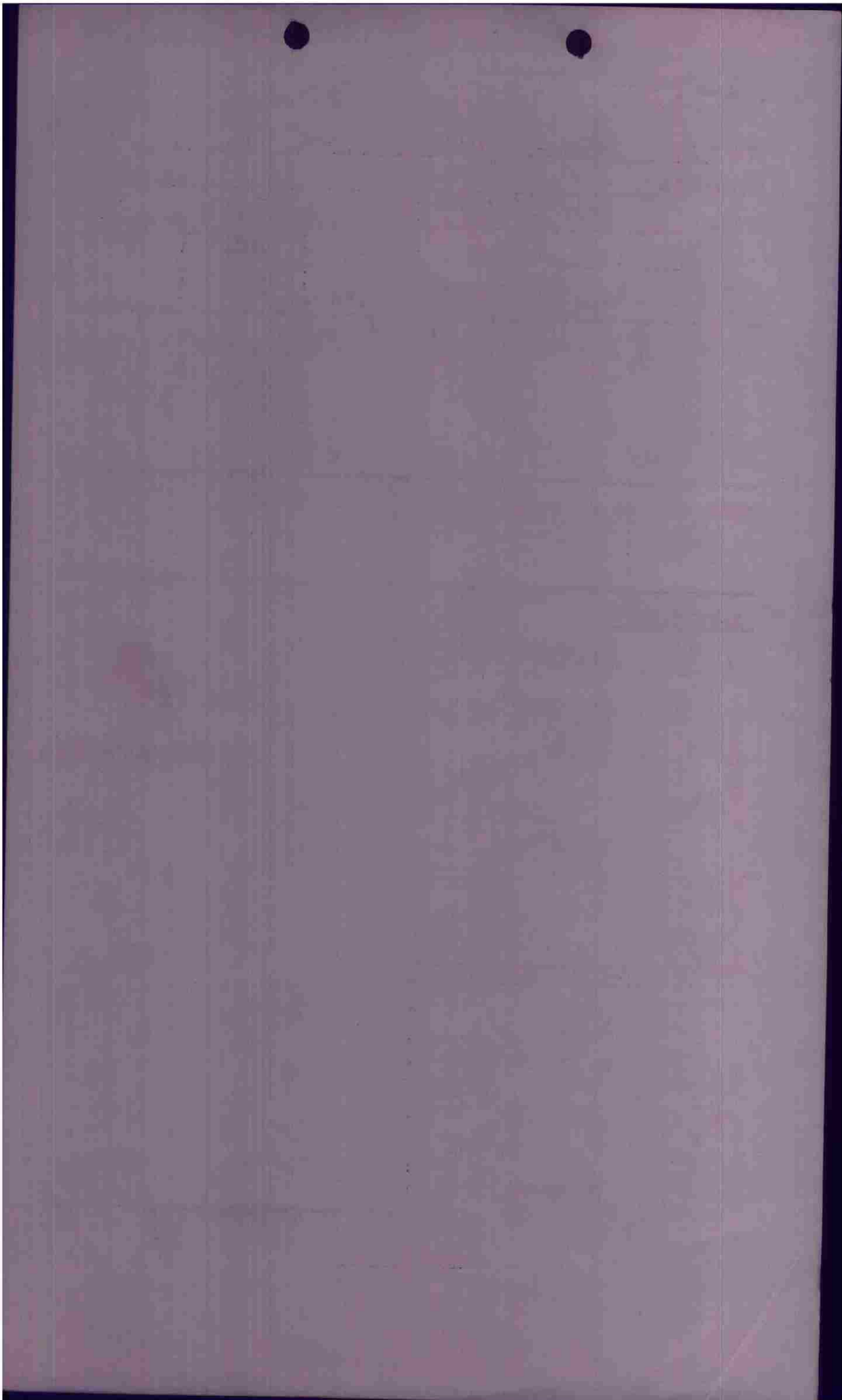
X      X
X      X
X      X

X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

11,300

110

210

1145 1/2

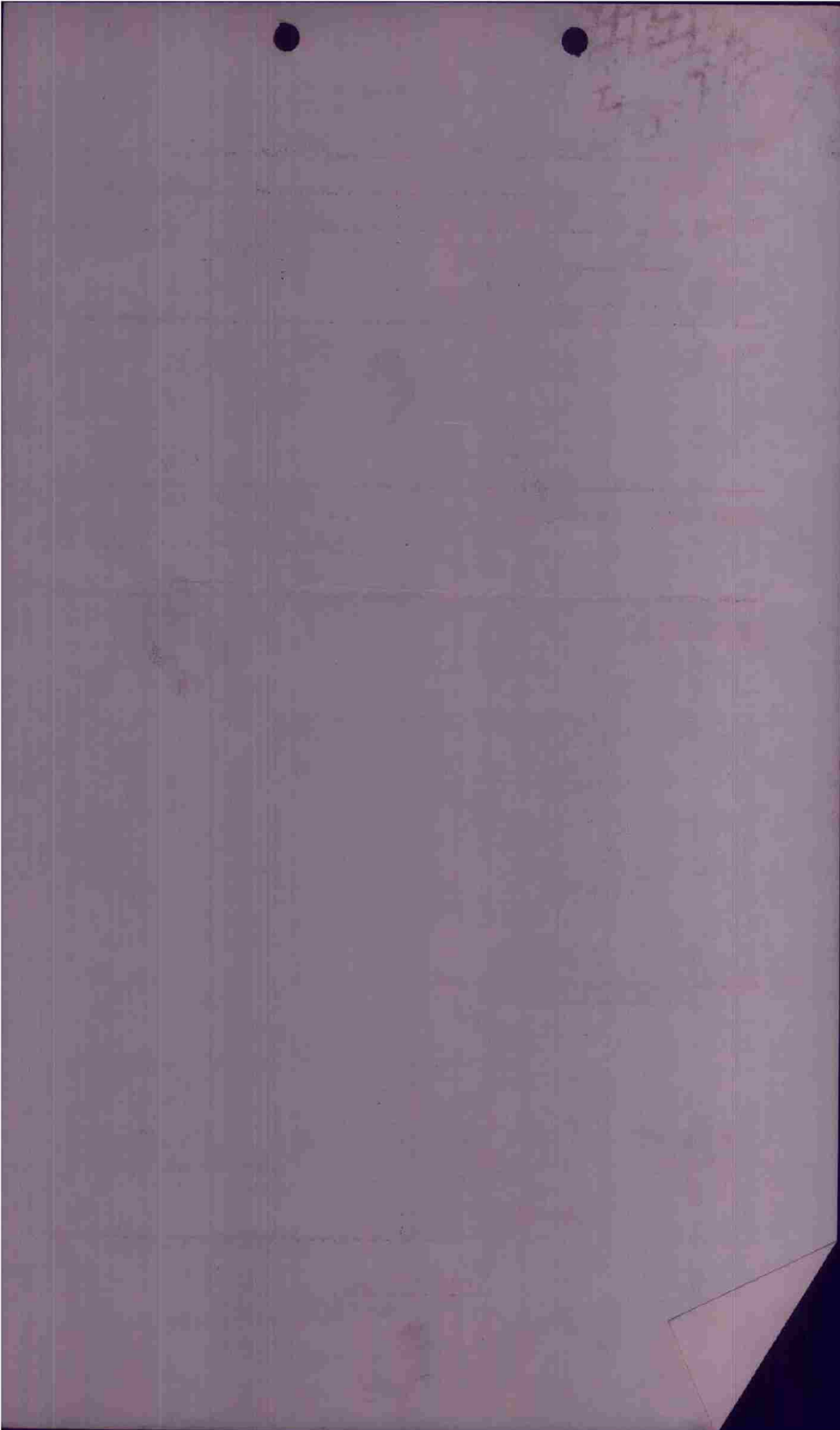
Results excellent

POSITION IN FORMATION

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

X

ON

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

X

JETTISONED

FLAK :

over River - X H A

over - X H A

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

target hunting. clear
after I.P. to after R.P.
1,000 ft. weaving in front of a
opening well. below upper stone
max 100 ft.

MH-110° 1AS-230°

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      (X)
     X  X
      X
     X  X

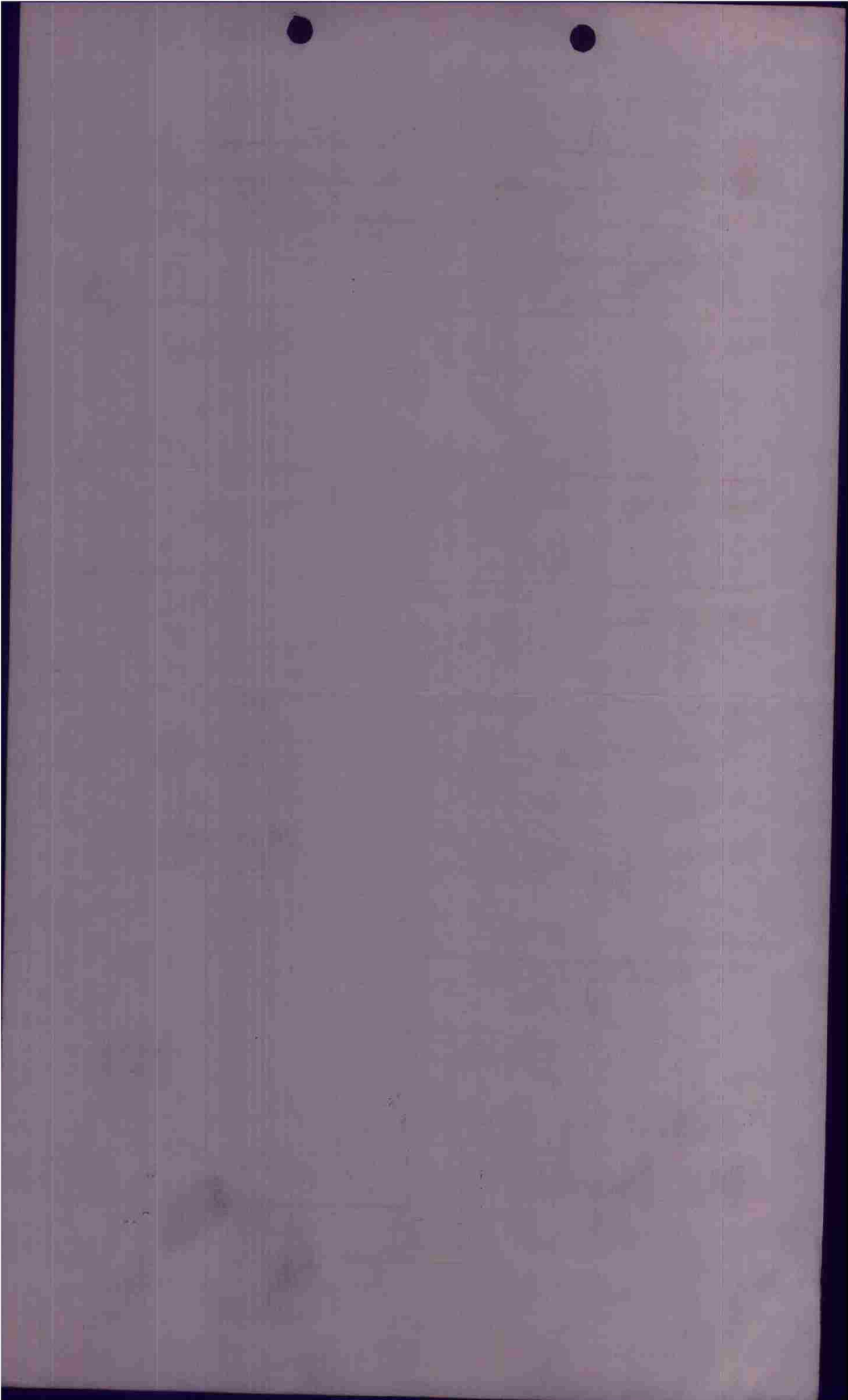
X      X
X      X
X      X
X      X

X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES None

FLAK : None

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
None

OBSERVATIONS :

Window started 20 seconds
before tqt held on tqt and
continued to R.R.
1/4 - 1/2 mile ahead of Formation
1000 feet Below -
one Run on tqt

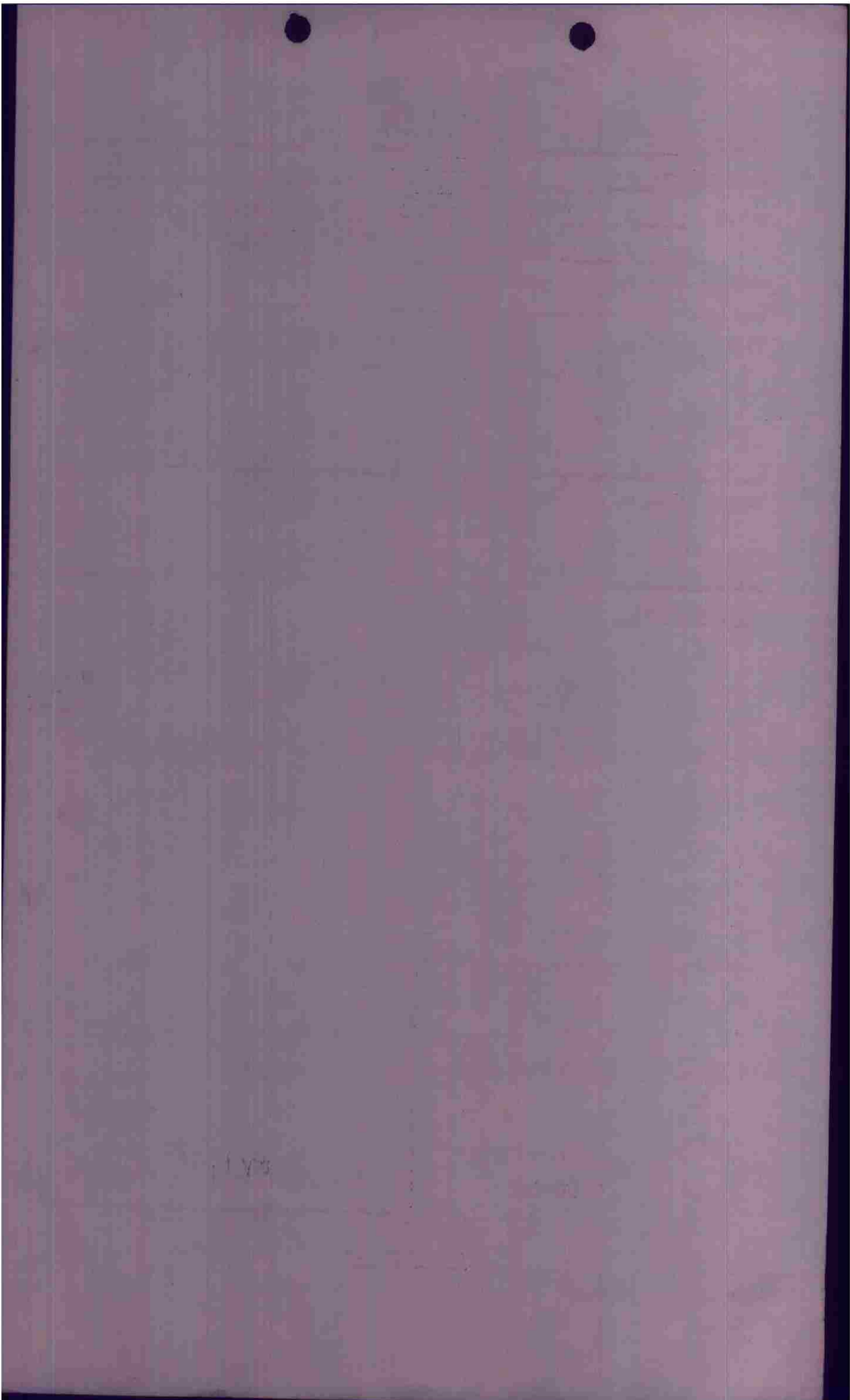
POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

1 fuzzy + Smoky -

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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

R.P

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Window displaced in steady stream
no difficulty encountered.

3/4 - 1 mi. ahead of form. dropped
evidence from IP to target. - scattered -
1000 ft below 1st box

POSITION IN FORMATION

$$\begin{array}{cc} & X \\ X & \textcircled{X} \\ & X \\ X & X \end{array}$$
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X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

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