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MISSION NO. 245

LOADING LIST

21 MARCH 1945

BOX I
FLIGHT I

13-22
1. 492 E
CAPT E I MILLER ✓ 500
LT J K MILLER ✓
LT A S CALLOWAY ✓
S/S G F FLOYD ✓

43-22
2. 505 Y
CAPT O S STANLEY ✓
F/O J H ELICONT ✓
LT M L SCHIEFER ✓
SGT J O EDENBURN ✓

41-39
3. 338 C
LT M W DUROST ✓ 500
S/S D L GRIFFIN ✓

43-22
4. 351 F 570
CAPT R L SCHMIDT ✓
S/S G E REITER ✓

41-39
5. 271 R 520
LT F G DUNN ✓
SGT L C STEIN ✓

43-22
6. 496 L 580
LT C H HOUSLEY ✓
CPL P J BLOCK ✓

FLIGHT II

13-22
1. 497 E-1
LT J J LACKOVICH ✓
LT R C MUIR ✓ 550
CPL R M BERRY ✓

41-39
2. 297 T
LT A J P WIND ✓ 575
S/S W G DAVIS ✓

41-39
3. 360 L-1
LT D L WITHERINGTON ✓ 550
S/S L D M. ELHATTAN ✓

41-39
4. 209 M
LT T J MURRAY ✓
S/S R J BROWN ✓ 575

41-39
5. 250 A
CAPT L C NIELSEN ✓ 675
M/S J J WELLS ✓
CAPT W D CASTLE ✓

43-22
6. 419 Z
LT A E HLIVKO ✓ 550
SGT R E GRAUB ✓

FLIGHT III

13-22
1. 490 X
LT J J HUSKIRK ✓ 50
LT J J HANNA ✓
S/S G H CORBITT ✓

43-22
2. 352 J
LT S MOONEY ✓
SGT R C SCHUMACHER ✓ 650

43-22
3. 356 C
LT H M VAN NOORDEN ✓ 550
S/S R I STEFFY ✓

41-39
4. 239 N
CAPT S M NIXON ✓ 500
S/S A H HINSON ✓

41-39
5. 249 E-1
LT G L MILBORN ✓ 575
S/S D CHEST ✓

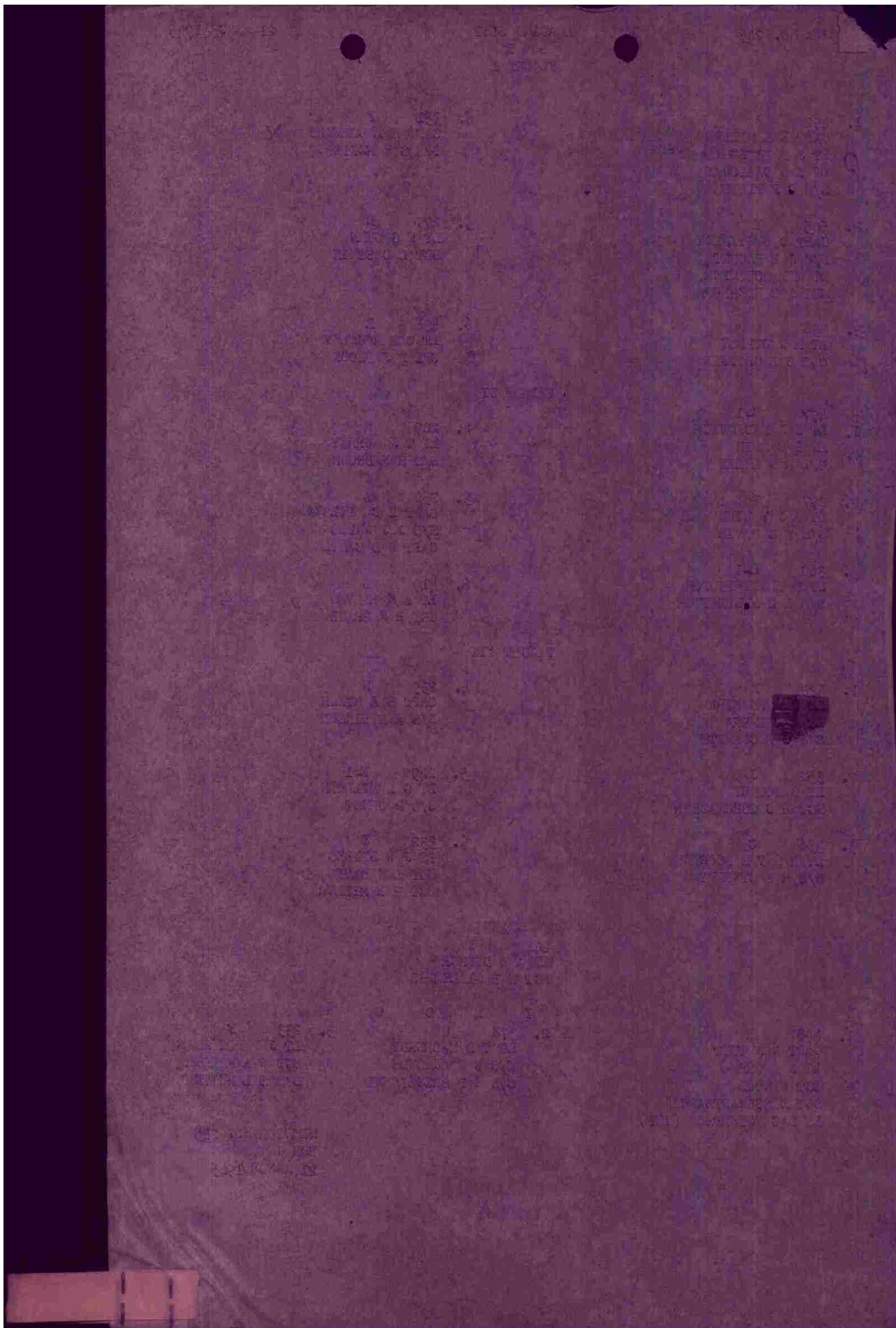
41-39
6. 332 F
LT J W SPRINGS ✓ 550
SGT L E DAVIS ✓
SGT H K MILLER ✓

41-39 SPARE
244 I 540
LT A W DEYNER ✓
SGT R H GILLESPIE ✓

13-22
1. 498 R
CAPT R J TUTT ✓
LT J A ORR ✓ 550
SGT W WOOD ✓
SGT D SCHWARTZAPFEL ✓
LT L C ROBERTSON (INF) ✓

W 41-39 N D 570 W 41-39 F 550
2. 378 O
LT T D McCREADY ✓
S/S W E LEMONDS ✓
S/S E P BRZEZINSKI ✓
3. 233 F
LT J P PHILLIPS ✓
SGT W A MILLER ✓
S/S S L HETFIELD ✓

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MISSION NO. 245

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BOX II
FLIGHT I

21 MARCH 1945

43-rr

1. 503 A
LT COL J G NAPIER ✓
LT D L MOORE ✓
CAPT R D POINDEXTER (WING) ✓
S/S H B L. ~~CLARK~~ S/S W.W. DONNELLY ✓

43-rr

2. 469 A
LT M ERROTABERE ✓
LT M E WILBUR ✓
SGT E A POWIE ✓

43-rr

3. 381 Q
LT C E WEINERT ✓
SGT R D FRANCIS ✓

43-rr

1. 502 Q-1
LT F B HALL ✓
F/O E L GOSS ✓
S/S S J JANKOWSKI ✓

43-rr

2. 2315 L
LT J R WARREN ✓
S/S S J TURPIN ✓

41-39

3. 416 O
LT W D CHITTY ✓
SGT V B RACCIO ✓

43-rr

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

43-rr

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

41-39

3. 325 W
LT R A RUSSELL ✓
S/S L V MEYLER ✓

4. 304 T
CAPT W F DUEFAULT ✓
F/O O T CARDINALE ✓
S/S K E VORCE ✓
CAPT J J RABBITT (INF) ✓

41-39

5. 263 G
LT R W HASKELL ✓
SGT E W IEA ✓

41-39

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

FLIGHT II

- 41-39
4. 224 E
LT E O TURNER ✓
S/S J SIENKIEWICZ ✓

41-39

5. 9315 F
LT A H BALCH ✓
CPL J D RHENNAN ✓

41-39

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

FLIGHT III

- 41-39
4. 259 H
LT J K COLQUITT ✓
S/S L E SINGLETON ✓

41-39

5. 305 U
LT A S NATHANSON ✓
SGT C M HICKS ✓

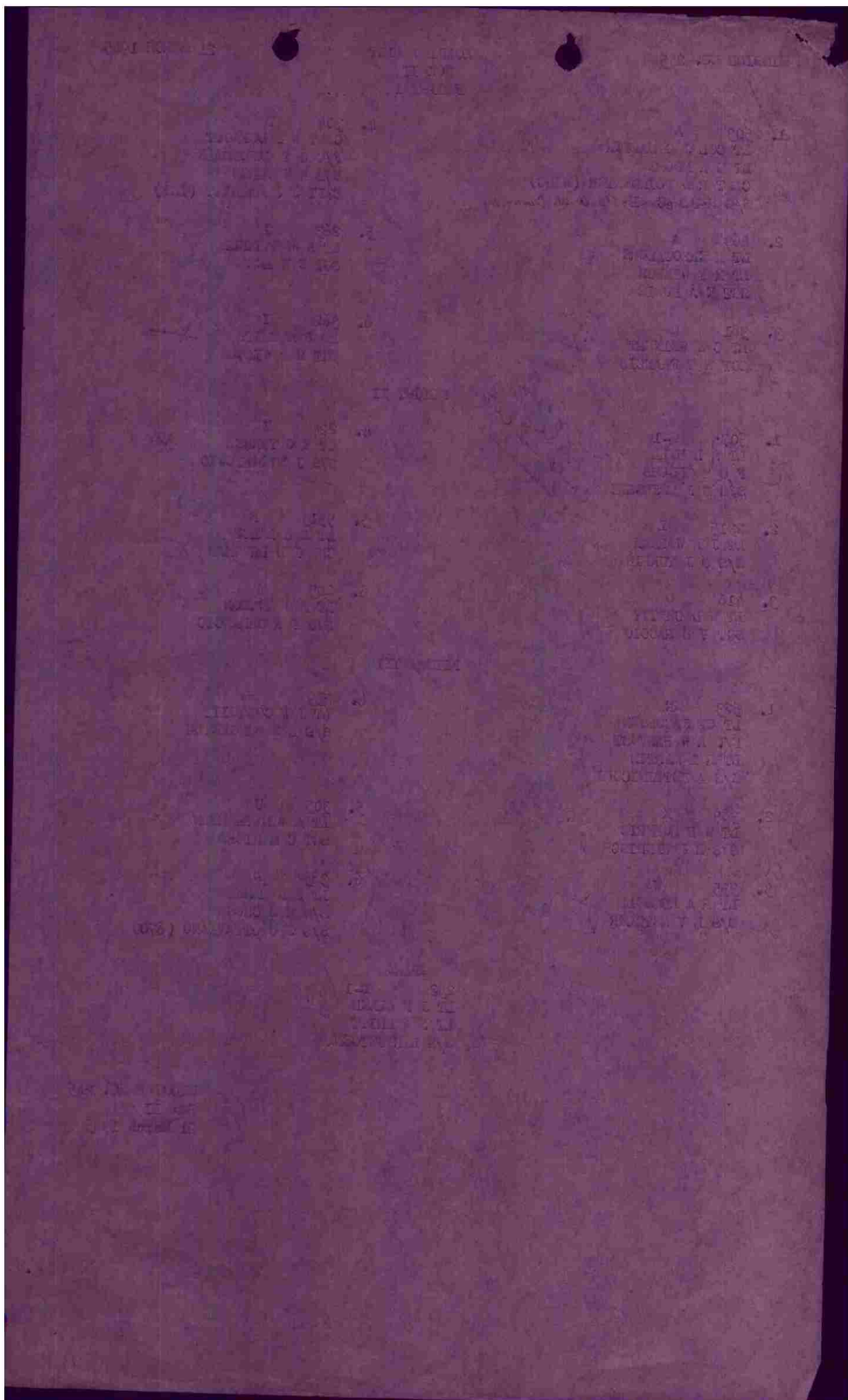
43-rr

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

41-39 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



SECRET

AUG: 69, A-69

28 Mar 45

INITIAL

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

AFG 140, U.S. Army,
28 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 21 March 1945, T.O. 0955, Coesfeld, Road Junction, T.O. 216-806.

II. None.

III. 45-22607
(Lt R.B. Hall)

Oil leak on right
engine.

Dip stick for measuring oil was
not tightened down enough to
prevent leakage. Personnel error
by ground crew.

IV. 41-59300
(Lt P.L. Withington)

Two bombs in front
bombay salvaged.

Back selector unit burned out
failing to relay current from
rear to forward bombay. Back
selector unit replaced.

41-30805
(Lt A.S. Mathanson)

Quarter salvaged bombs
upon instructions from
pilot who could not
release.

System thoroughly checked by
armament officer and no trouble
found. Aircraft has since bombed
with no failure. Personnel error.

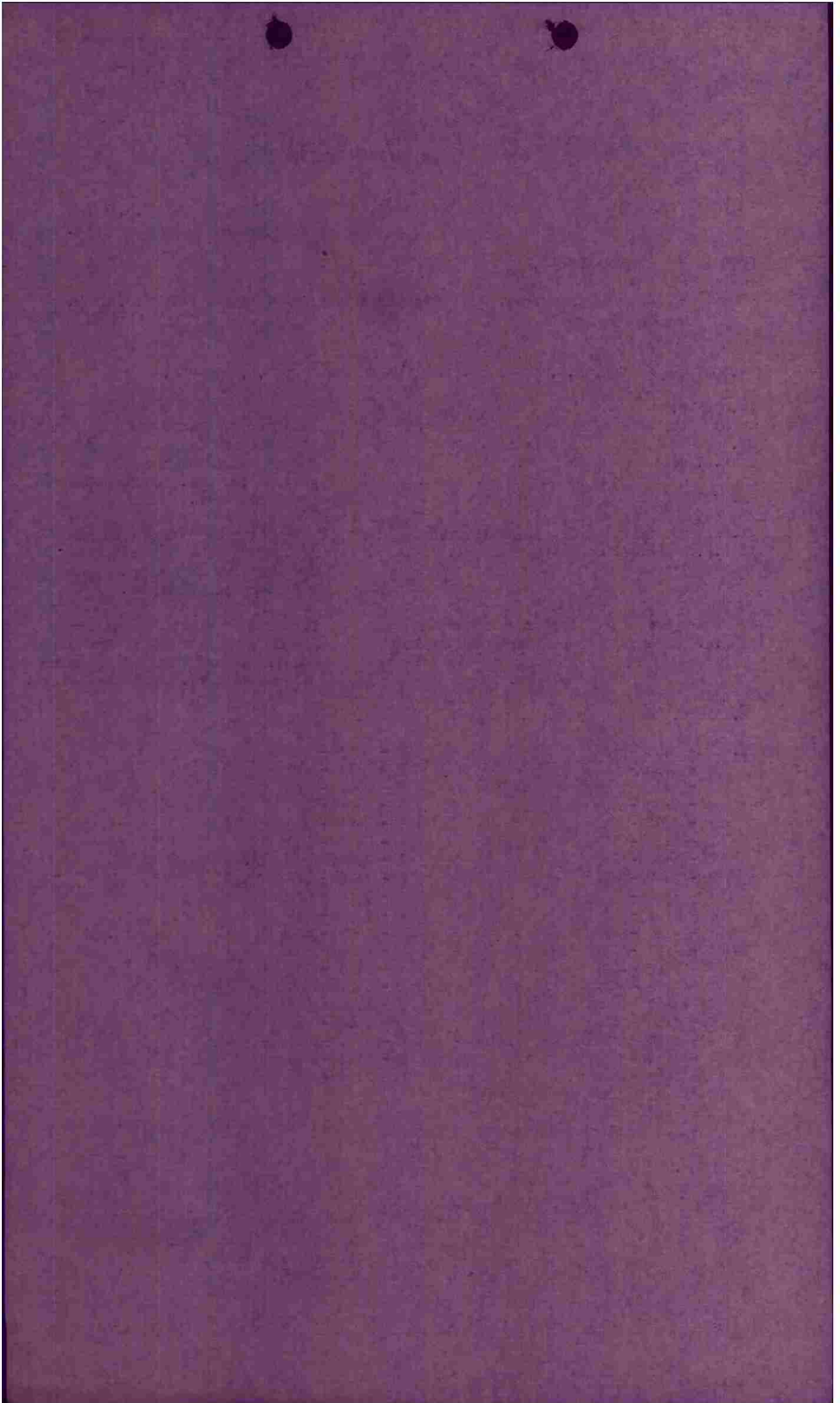
V. None.

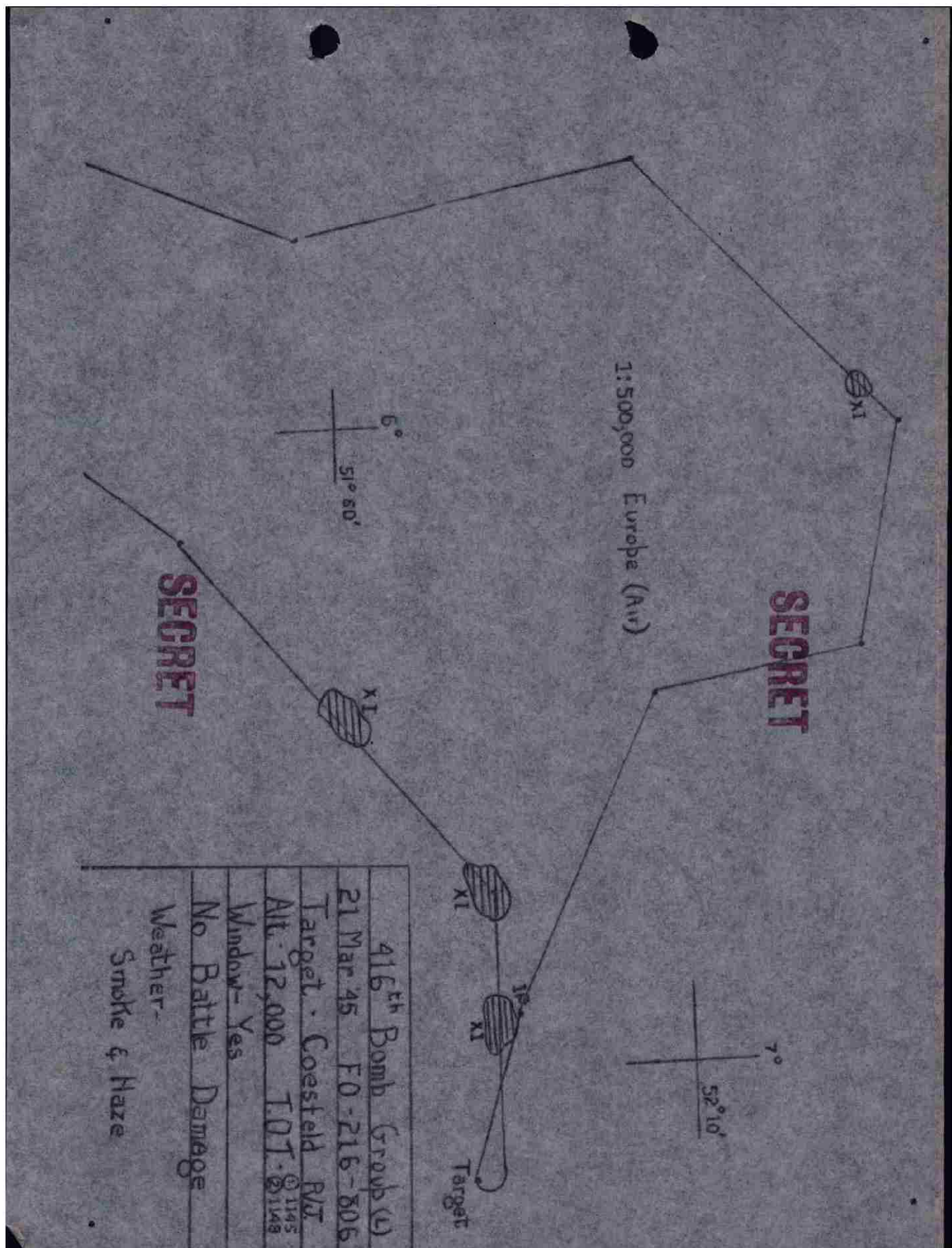
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8 - 3:00 - 575
9 - 3:00 - 550
4 - 3:00 - 575
5 - 3:00 - 575
6 - 3:00 - 550
1 - 2:55 - 450
2 - 2:55 - 550
3 - 2:55 - 550
4 - 2:55 - 500
5 - 2:55 - 525
6 - 2:55 - 550
7 - 3:00 - 540
8 - 2:40 - 550
9 - 2:40 - 520
10 - 2:40 - 550

1 - 3:00 - 520
2 - 3:00 - 470
3 - 3:00 - 530
4 - 3:00 - 490
5 - 3:00 - 600
6 - 3:00 - 580
1 - Returned early.
2 - 3:00 - 580
3 - 3:00 - 525
4 - 3:00 - 575
5 - 3:00 - 550
6 - 3:00 - 540
1 - 3:00 - 700
2 - 3:05 - 500
3 - 3:00 - 500
4 - 3:00 - 550
5 - 3:05 - 500
6 - 3:05 - 535
8 - 2:55 - 545

VII. None.

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





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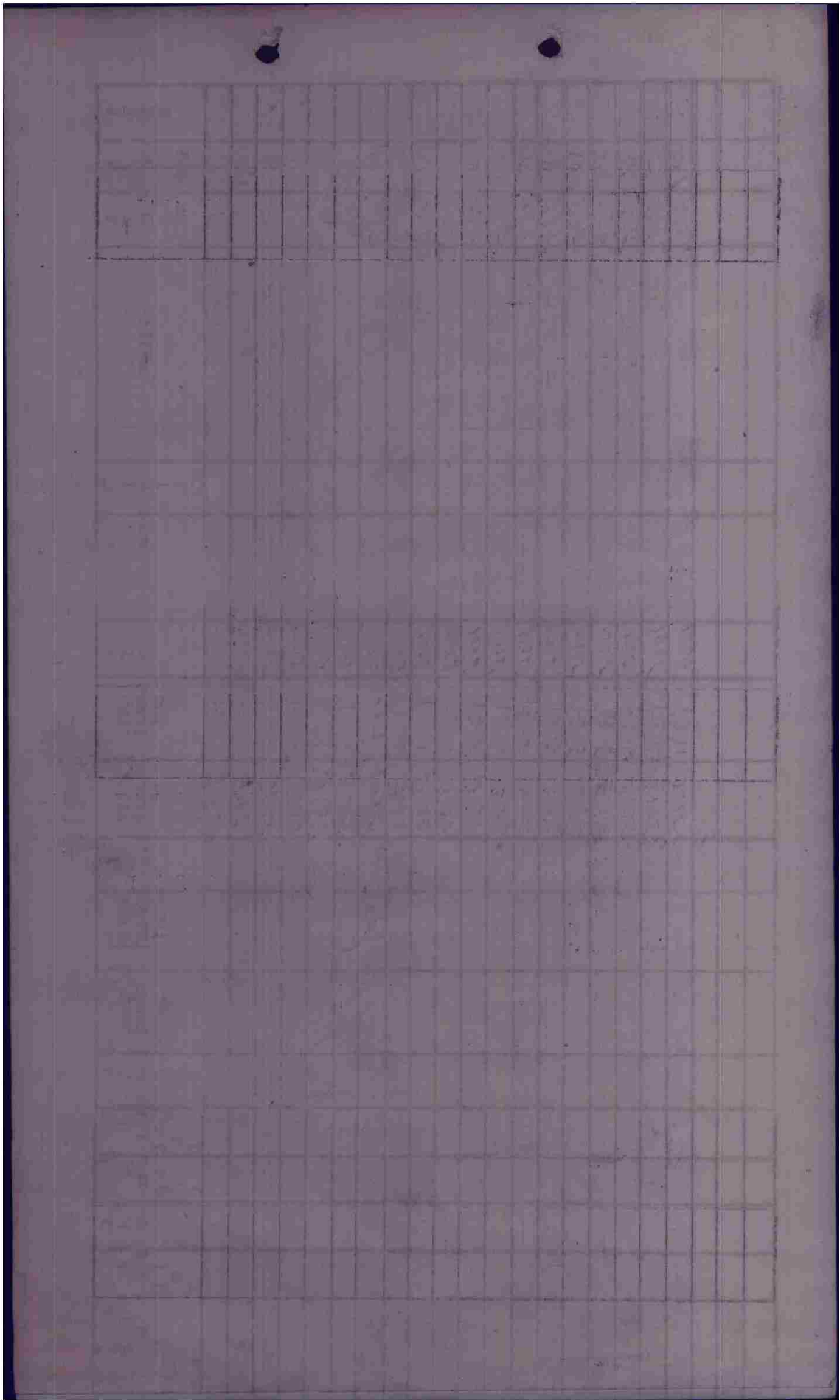
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Q	X	505	Stamby			0955	1249	2:55									
B	O	338	AvB 300			0955	1249	2:55									
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 210530A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 412
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN

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

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 142
21 MARCH 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 213-806

MAPS : NORMAL

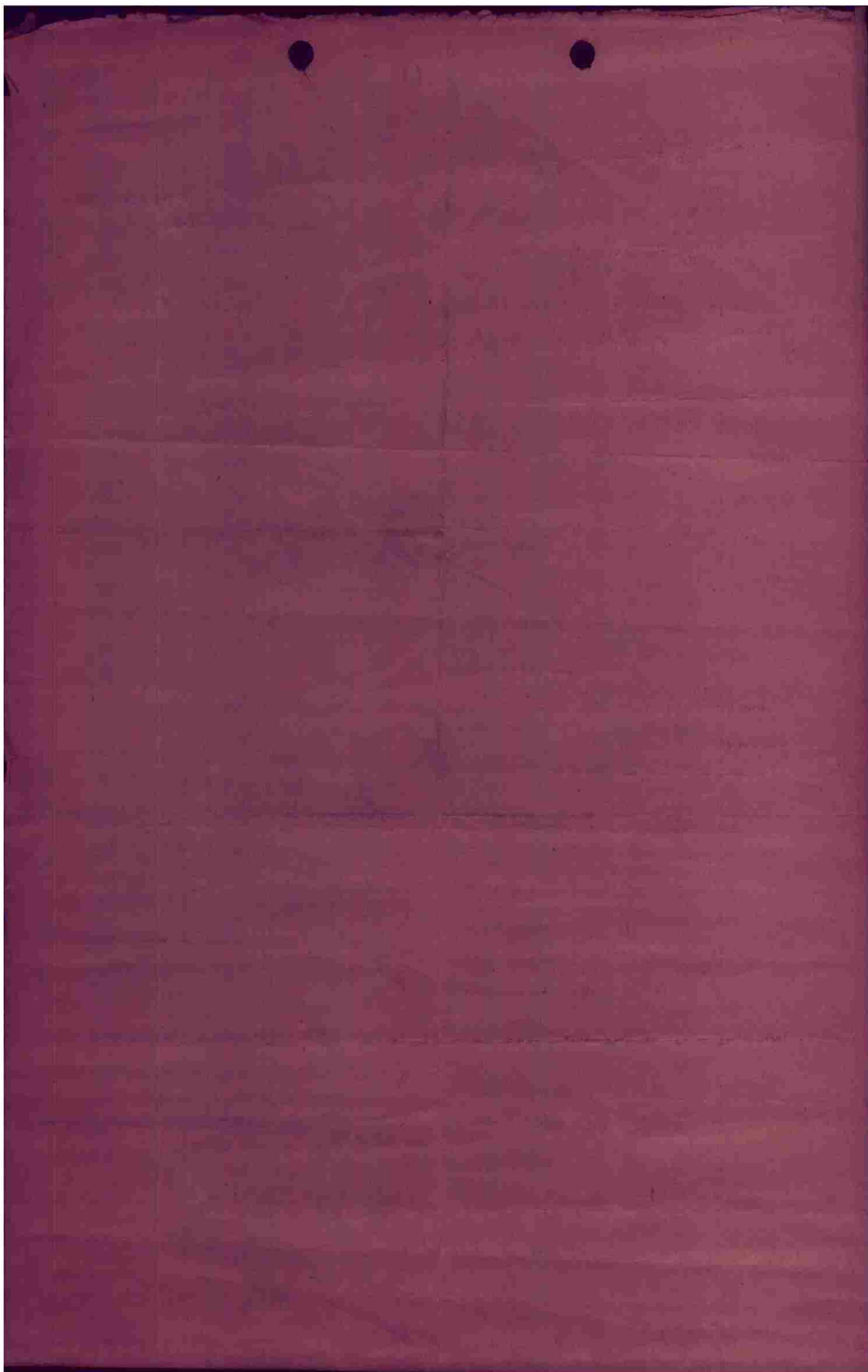
1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
(2) THE 2ND T.A.F. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR 21/0930A

PATHFINDER

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) DULMEN ROAD JUNCTIONS A-685592 FLAK POSITIONS AT A-65806580
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-25 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. 41ST 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. 4088 AND 4089. 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: 60987200.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) ZERO HOUR PLUS 120 MIN.
- (13) 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.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

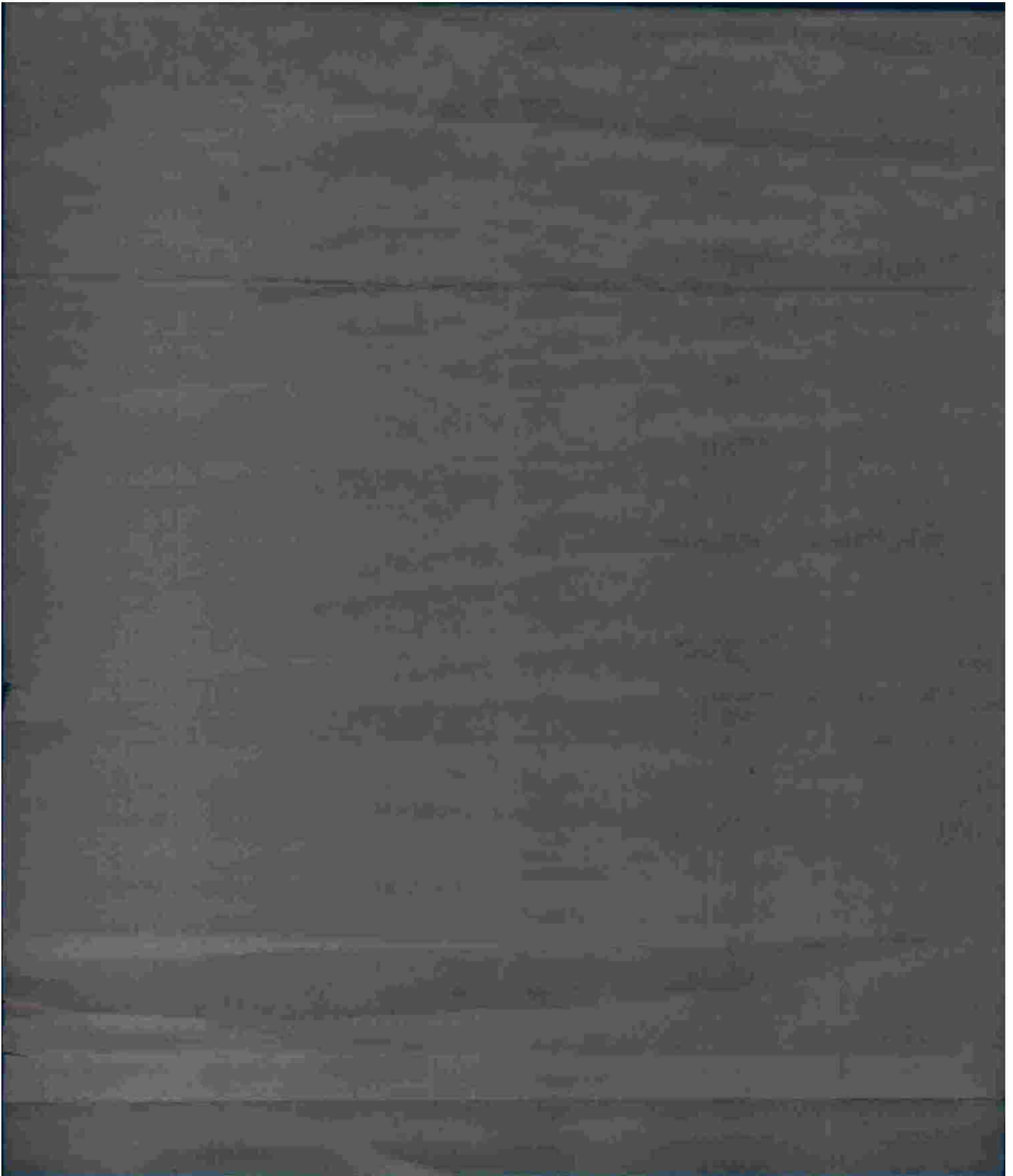
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-4318 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 101 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES. WITH PPF A/C OVER BASE.
- (9) MPI: GSGS 4414 SHEET NOS. 4088 AND 4089. COVER AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD: 60407203, 61077260, 61407245, 61337215, 61337163, 60987162 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. PPF MPI COORD: 61007210. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 400 FEET.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. M-17 INCINDIARY CLUSTERS TO OPEN AT 5,000 FEET.
- (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR PLUS 135 MIN.
- (13) 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.

X. (1-4) NO CHANGE.

- (5) GROUPS WILL EXERCISE CAUTION THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

FOR 410TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS ONLY.

- (6) TARGET: COESFELD ROAD JUNCTIONS A-610721.
- (7) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES OF 10 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C.
- (8) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO E-4318 TO E-5957 TO E-5396 TO Z-8119 TO V-8216 TO A-1199 TO TARGET.
- (9) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO A-3275 TO A-9143 TO BASE.
- (10) ALTITUDES: BOMB: 1ST BOX 12,500 FEET. 2ND BOX 12,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING 5,000 FEET.
- (11) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS WILL BOMB BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-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 USE A-4477 OR A-7087 AS A VISUAL IP. IF CLOUDS OBSCURE PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS WILL BOMB PRIMARY IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - (A) P.P.F.
 - (B) GROUP BOMB



(12) IN THE EVENT PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED GROUPS WILL
BOMB AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
(A) VISUALLY.
(B) GROUP "GEE".
(C) TARGET E.T.A.

(13) 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.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP: (685592)

(2) VISION

(5) KENWAY B/B REPEAT B/B

BEM 809TH BOMB GROUP: (610721)

(2) PROCTOR

(5) KENWAY B/B REPEAT B/B

C. 418TH BOMB GROUP: (610721)

(2) CORNHILL

(5) KENWAY B/B REPEAT B/B

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 210530A

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CC: UNDER COMMUNICATIONS PLS MAKE THE 2ND PAR. READ:

B. 418TH BOMB GROUP (ETC.)

CC: ADD PAR (17) TO 409TH BOMB GROUP

(17) IN THE EVENT ELEMENTS OF FLIGHT BOMBING FLAK POSITIONS CAN
NOT BOMB VISUALLY THEY WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.

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JAE R 21/0655A

SSR AR

JES R 21/0655A

JCN AR KK

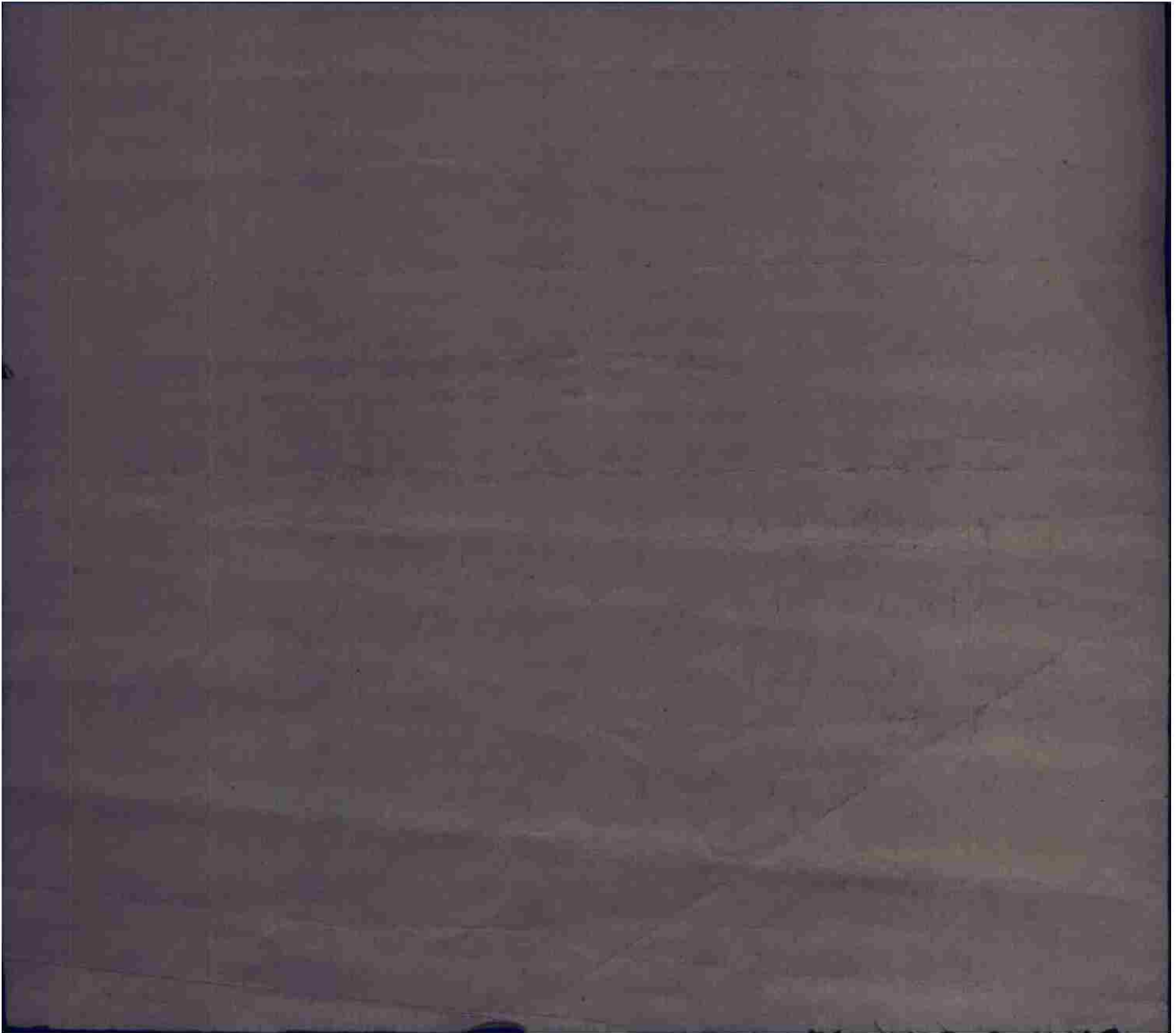
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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 21/1255A
TO : IX BOMB DIV.
409TH BOMB GROUP.
412TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.
1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV)

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. 216-206

ADD TO PARA. 3. A. (10) 1 FLIGHT OF SA/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.

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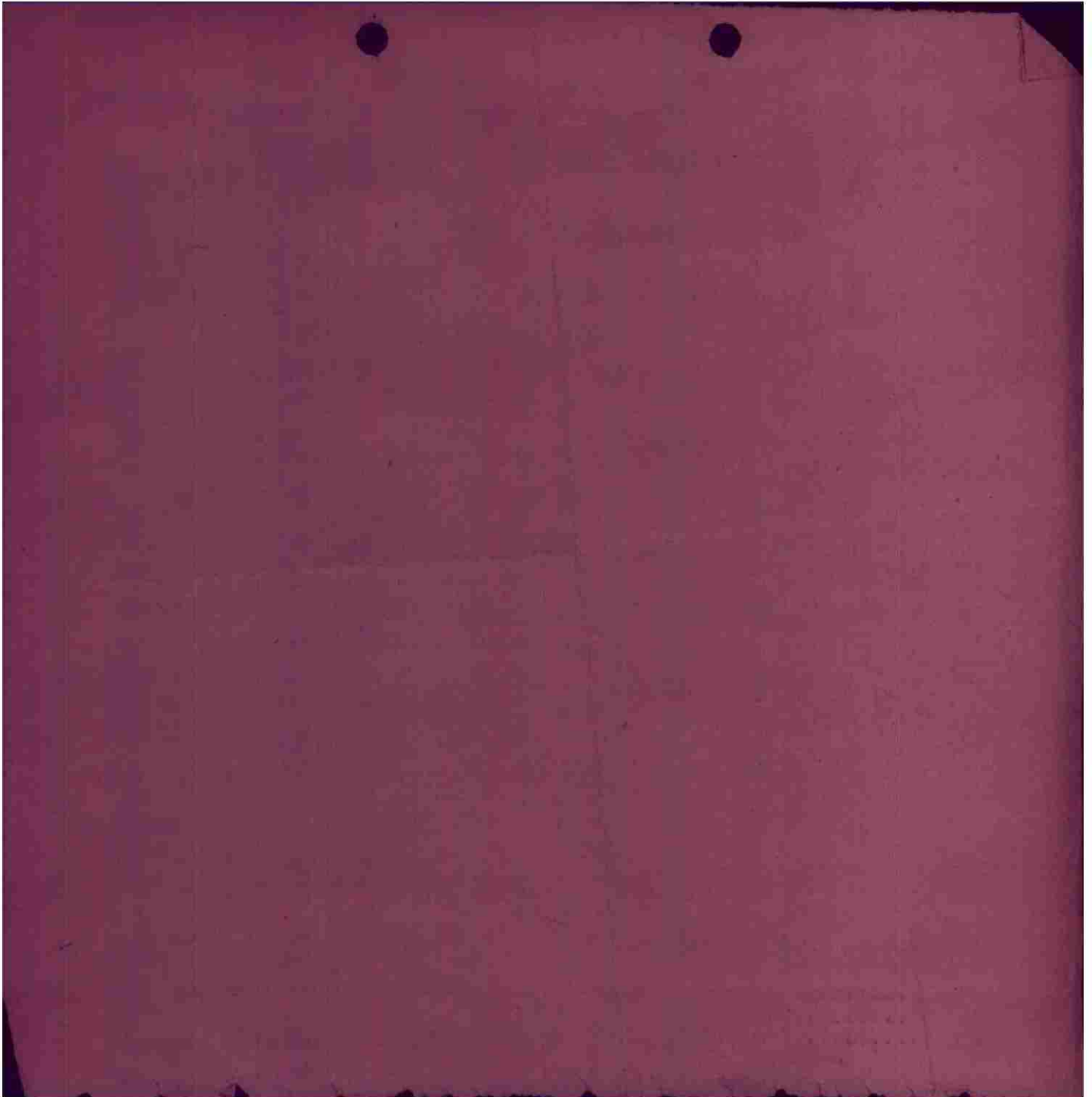
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 COBOMGP 416
 1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN

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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

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 21/0305A

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ITA R.....21/0320A SG KKKK

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JKI R.....21/0320A DM AR

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FROM 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
TO CG, 97TH BOMBARDMENT MN WING
BT

21/1050A
ATTN:A-2

CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-454-D

1. MPI'S ON THE PRIMARY TARGET IF BOMBING BY FLIGHTS:

CGSG 4414, SHEET 4009

COORDINATES - 61297237
- 61147210
- 60967233
- 60887217

CGSG 4414, SHEET 4008

COORDINATES - 60607210
- 60697191

2. MPI'S ON THE PRIMARY TARGET IF BOMBED BY BOXES:

CGSG 4414, SHEET 4009

COORDINATES - 60887217
- 60967233

3. IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED NEEDS (A-235945) WILL BE BOMBED

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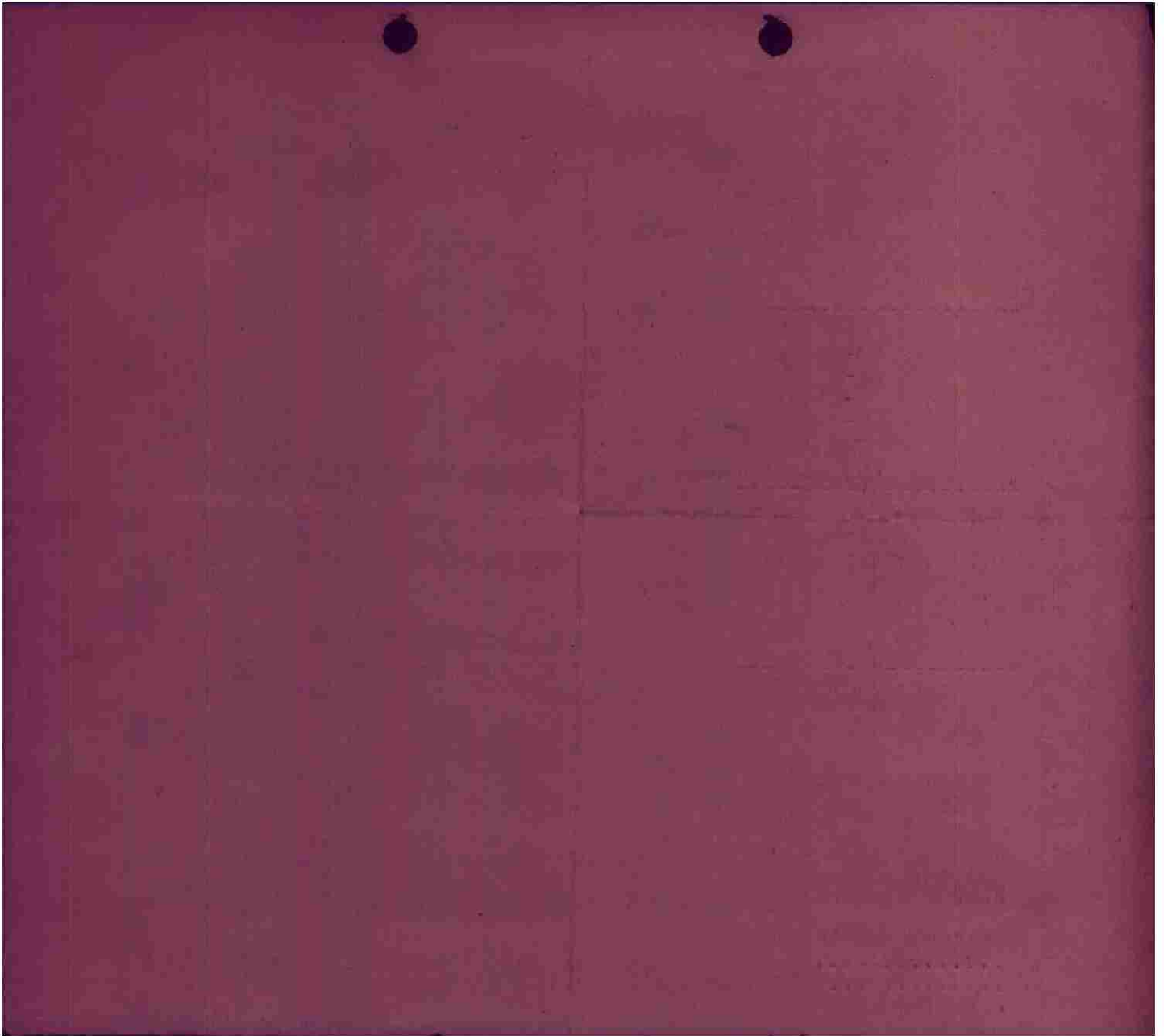
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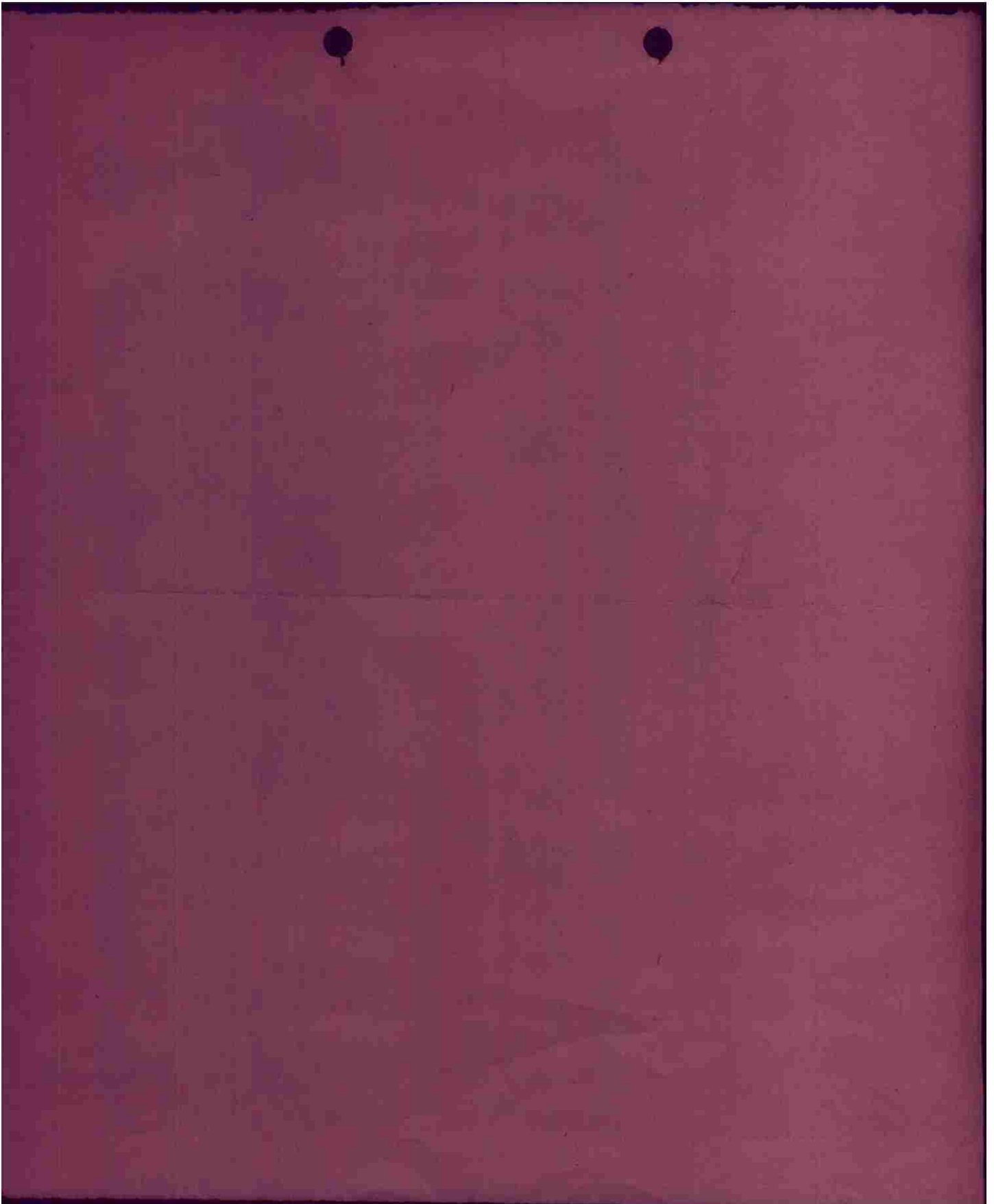
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CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-464-D OPSFLASH FOR 21ST MARCH 1945 - MORNING MISSION.

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 AND WAS UNABLE TO OVERTAKE FORMATION ON SECOND TAKE OFF. RETURNED EARLY.
 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 ~~EXXXXXX~~ OF A-~~880140~~
 NEAR ANHOLT AND AT STADTLOHN (A-445782) AND WXXXX 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 ON TARGET 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
 N. FLIGHT B OF BOX II BOMBED ON LEADER OF FLIGHT C BOX II - -
 LEADER OF FLIGHT B HAVING RETURNED EARLY, SEE PARAGRAPH E.
~~SENNNNK~~ SEVERAL TOWNS IN ENEMY TERRITORY OBSERVED TO BE ON FIRE.

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 RE CC: 4TH GR LAST LINE ENEMY RPT ENEMY
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CONFIDENTIAL 416TH BG R-467-D PD AMENDMENT TO OPSFLASH REPORT FOR
21 MARCH 1945 (MORNING MISSION)

PARAGRAPH J. SHOULD READ NIL AT TARGET.

MEAGHER INACCURATE HFF IN VICINITY OF A-080640 NEAR ANHOLT AND AT
STADTLOHN A-445782 AND WINTERSWIJK A-310769 AND AT Z-805145 NEAR
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CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-463-J

A - VS - 73

B - 21 MARCH 1945 (1881-1242)

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

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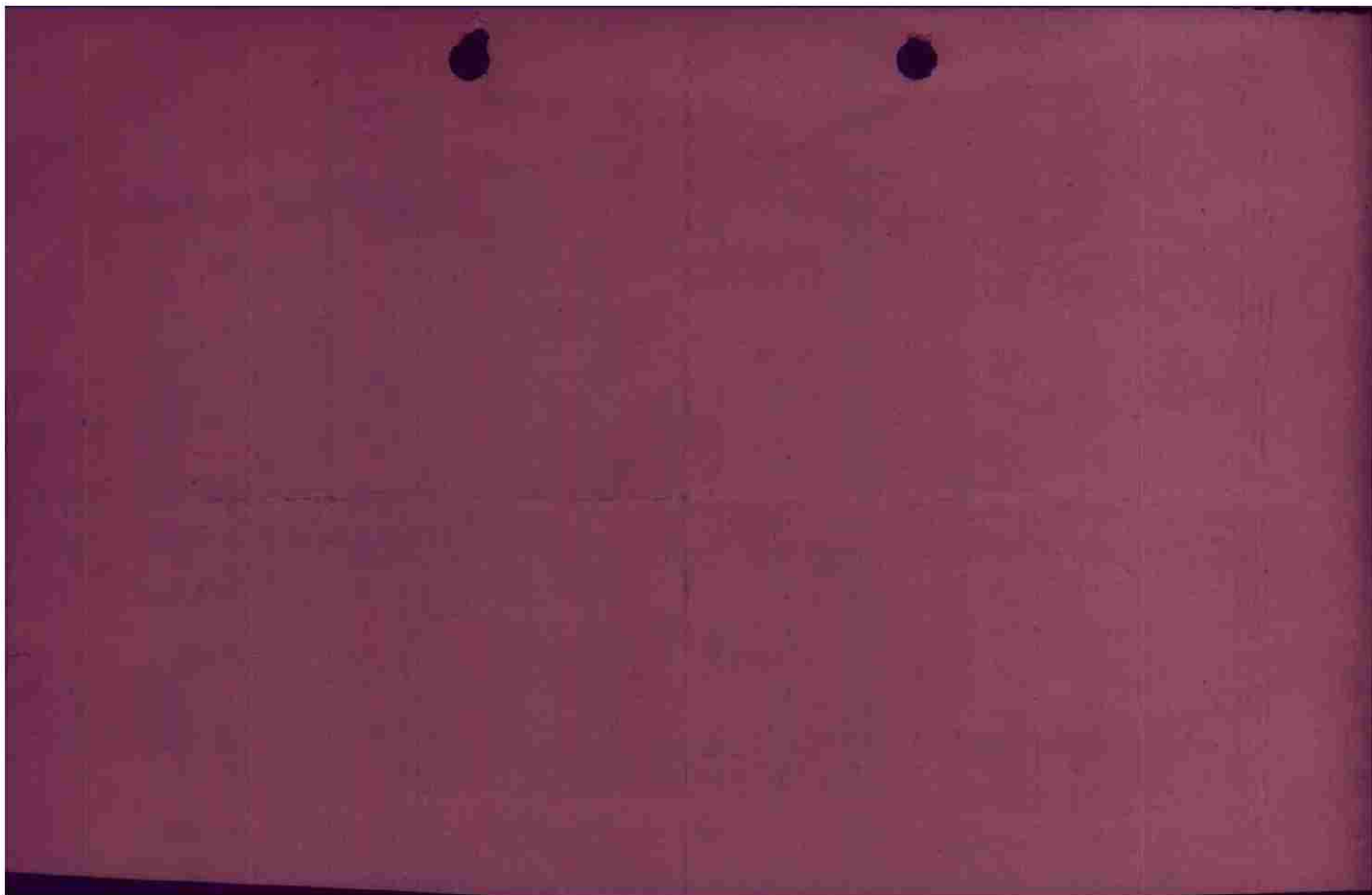
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SECRET 416TH BG R-480-D PERIOD

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. ~~WENKE~~ 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 ~~KE~~ 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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