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LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

23 MARCH 1945

43rv
1. 492 E
CAPT E L MILLER ✓
LT J K CONNER ✓ 480
LT G G JOHNSON ✓
S/S C F FLOYD ✓

43rv
2. 351 F
LT J A WILLARD ✓ 490
S/S C V HINCH ✓

41-39
3. 252 D
LT C M ANDERSON ✓
S/S J H DEATHERAGE ✓ 440

41-39
4. 398 O
LT M W DUBOSE ✓
S/S L B GRIFFIN ✓ 445

41-39
5. 362 Y
LT B A SMITH ✓
SGT R P WILSON ✓ 500

41-39
6. 271 R
LT R B HARPER ✓
CPL R M BLACK ✓ 450

FLIGHT II

43rv
1. 490 X
LT J J LACKOVICH ✓
LT R C MUIR ✓ 450
COL T R AYLESWORTH ✓
CPL R M BARRY ✓

43rv
2. 356 O
LT H M VAN NOORDEN ✓ 500
LT T W SAMPSON (INTEL) ✓
S/S R I STEFFY ✓

41-39
3. 360 L
LT D L WITHERINGTON ✓
S/S L D McELHATTEN ✓ 450

41-39
4. 297 T
CAPT L C NIELSEN ✓ 500
S/S F E BARBER ✓

41-39
5. 209 M
CAPT Z R MOORE ✓ 550
S/S H R DAVIS ✓

43rv
6. 352 J
LT A E HILVKO ✓ 450
SGT L J FARMER ✓

FLIGHT III

43rv
1. 498 R
CAPT L J SUTTON, JR. ✓
LT J V REED ✓ 455
LT COL D L WILLETTS ✓
S/S D G WILLIAMS ✓

43rv
2. 313 B
LT A REMISZEWSKI ✓
S/S J H MICHUEZ ✓ 415

41-39
3. 249 F
LT J C GARY ✓
CPL A W SCHROEN ✓ 500

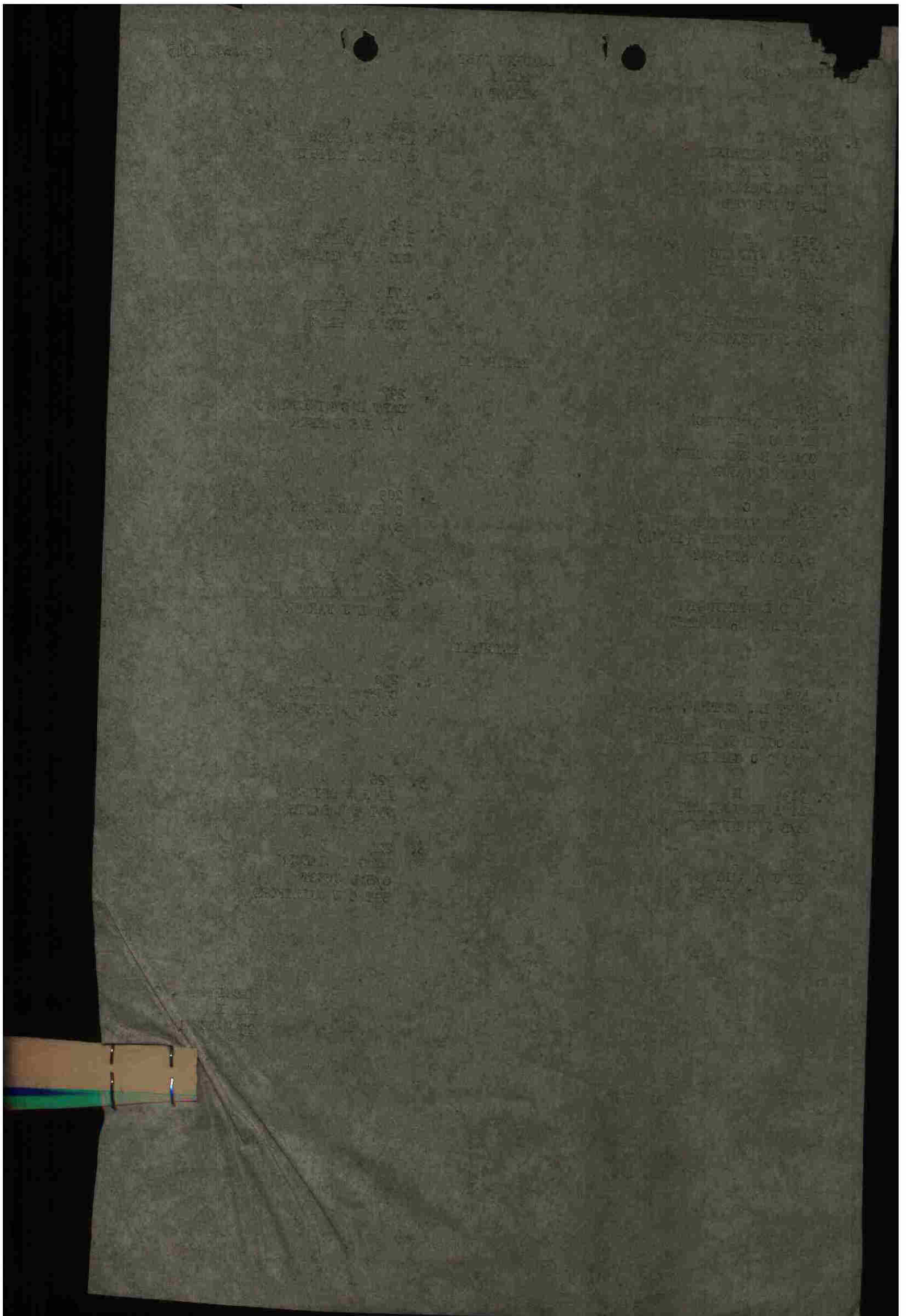
41-39
4. 250 A
CAPT S M HIXON ✓ 450
SGT K W SCHMIDT ✓

43rv
5. 226 W
LT J W SPIRES ✓ 440
SGT L E DAVIS ✓

41-39
6. 224 B
LT C L MILFORD ✓
S/S D CHEST ✓
SGT C W WILLIFORD ✓ 465

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LOADING LIST
BOX II
&
EXTRA FLIGHT

23 MARCH 1945

FLIGHT I

- 13-
1. 609 N
LT COL J G MAPTER ✓
LT D L MOORE ✓
F/O W M WRIBELLE ✓
S/S H B McCLAIN ✓
430
- 13-
2. 496 L
LT A W DEPNER ✓
SGT R H GILLESPIE ✓
440
- 13-
3. 205 M
LT E R HAYTER ✓
S/S F P BASTONE ✓
535

- 41-39
4. 229 B
CAPT H L SOMMERS * 480
S/S C E REITER
- 41-39
5. 314 H
LT E C MARTIN ✓
LT J W BRITT ✓
S/S L B DRAFT ✓
450
- 41-39
6. 244 I
LT C H HOUSLEY ✓
CPL P J BLOCK ✓
430

FLIGHT II

- 13-
1. 469 A
LT D B GRUNIG ✓
LT B C MORRIS ✓
S/S H J NOWOSIELSKI ✓
475
- 13-
2. 528 T
LT J R WARREN ✓
LT T M FOREES ✓
S/S C C STROUP ✓
595
- 13-
3. 307 N
LT R FORD ✓
S/S F M THARP ✓
430

- 13-
4. 330 F
LT W MUSGROVE ✓
S/S H O SEIGHMAN ✓
1600
- 43-
5. 2915 L
CAPT H W BOGIAN ✓
PFC D O FINNELL ✓
595
- 41-39
6. 223 B
LT A G HENSON ✓
CPL R K HOMLER ✓
560

FLIGHT III

- 13-
1. 505 Y
LT O F JAGOBSEN ✓
F/O R W HARVEST ✓
LT R L MARTIN ✓
SGT A PETTINIOCHI ✓
600
- 41-39
2. 325 L
LT W H ROBERTS ✓
S/S R P WINDISCH ✓
500
- 43-
3. 385 O
LT J H MONTROSE ✓
S/S J W ROBINSON ✓
475

- 43-
4. 495 G
LT T D McCREADY ✓
CPL D HAWK ✓
570
- 41-39
5. 274 S
LT A S NATHANSON ✓
SGT C J KAMINSKI ✓
525
- 41-39
6. 305 U
LT A V EVARIS ✓
S/S J H ROBERTS ✓
475

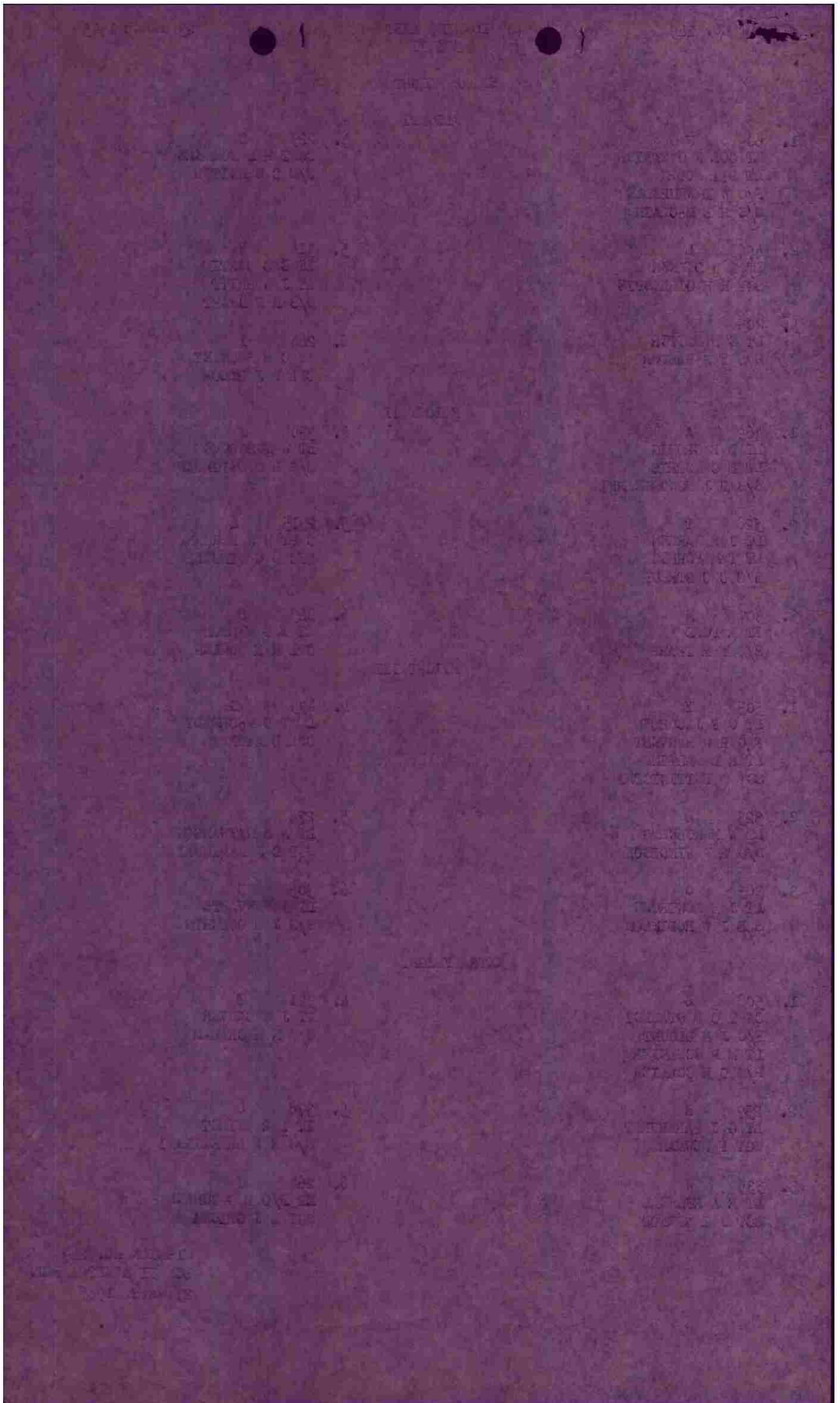
EXTRA FLIGHT

- 13-
1. 508 Z
CAPT C S STANLEY ✓
F/O J H BLOUNT ✓
LT M P SCHLETER ✓
S/S C B COLLIER ✓
450
- 41-39
2. 259 H
LT G J PARKHURST ✓
SGT F NEWMAN ✓
550
- 41-39
3. 335 W
LT R A RUSSELL ✓
SGT J I SPENCE ✓
520

- 43-
4. 321 T
LT J H CARVER ✓
S/S N M GRAHAM ✓
625
- 43-
5. 378 O
LT L R ZELMET ✓
S/S E P BRZEZINSKI ✓
500
- 41-39
6. 264 I
LT F/O H G GUNKEL ✓
SGT L J GRZONA ✓
550

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BOX II & EXTRA FLIGHT
23 March 1945

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

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

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 23 March 1945, P.O. 0855, Dinslaken Factory Area, F.O. 220-811.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. None.

V. 43-22492
 (Lt E.L. Miller)

Fire in cockpit.

Internal short in pilots bell-tale indicator. The indicator has been disconnected until a replacement item can be located. A C.R. is being written on this malfunction.

43-22707
 (Lt E. Ford)

One engine out and the other one bad.

Flak.

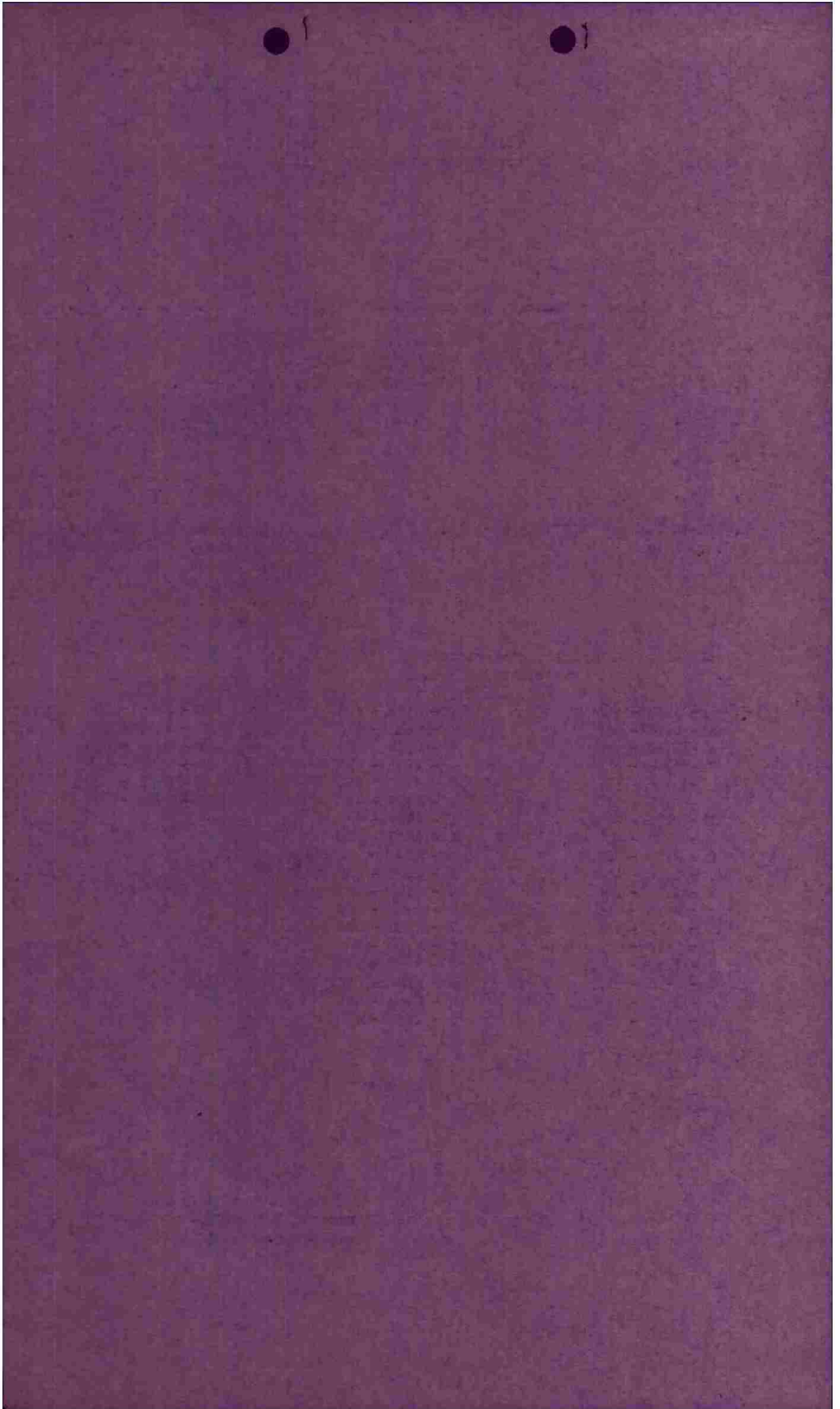
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 2 - 2:35 - 490
 3 - 2:30 - 440
 4 - 2:35 - 425
 5 - 2:35 - 500
 6 - 2:30 - 450
 1 - 2:35 - 450
 2 - 2:35 - 500
 3 - 2:35 - 450
 4 - 2:35 - 500
 5 - 2:35 - 550
 6 - 2:35 - 450
 1 - 2:35 - 425
 2 - 2:40 - 475
 3 - 2:35 - 500
 4 - 2:35 - 450
 5 - 2:35 - 440
 6 - 2:35 - 625

1 - 2:40 - 430
 2 - 2:40 - 440
 3 - 2:35 - 535
 4 - 2:50 - 480
 5 - 2:40 - 450
 6 - 2:40 - 450
 1 - 2:45 - 475
 2 - 2:40 - 595
 3 - Did not return to base.
 4 - 2:40 - 600
 5 - 2:35 - 595
 6 - 2:35 - 560
 1 - 2:40 - 600
 2 - 2:40 - 500
 3 - 2:35 - 475
 4 - 2:35 - 570
 5 - 2:40 - 525
 6 - 2:35 - 475

1 - 2:40 - 450
 2 - 2:40 - 550
 3 - 2:40 - 520
 4 - 2:35 - 625
 5 - 2:40 - 500
 6 - 2:35 - 550

VII. 41-39233 - A
 43-22528 - A
 43-22515 - A
 43-22530 - A
 43-22507 - B

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



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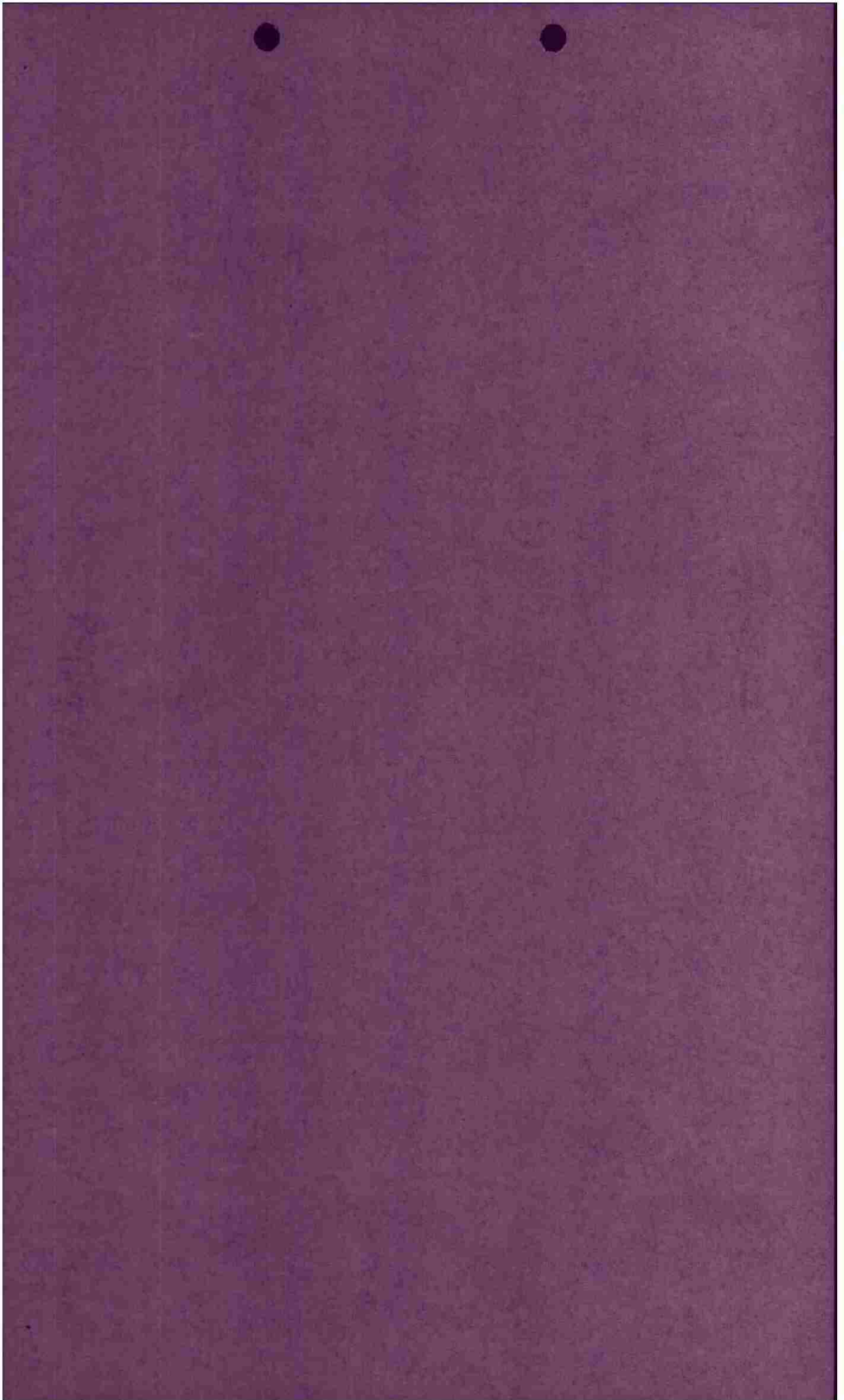
416 DOWNS GP (-)
FILED 011 25 MAR 1971
TOT DUNLAVEN
TOT 1144-1002
AKT 1-20-71 400
WINDOW -ND
PLANT EQUIPMENT
4 CAT 1140
1 CRT AC
1 CRT AC
1 CRT AC

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ENOFAT II BOX
WHICH WAS XHA

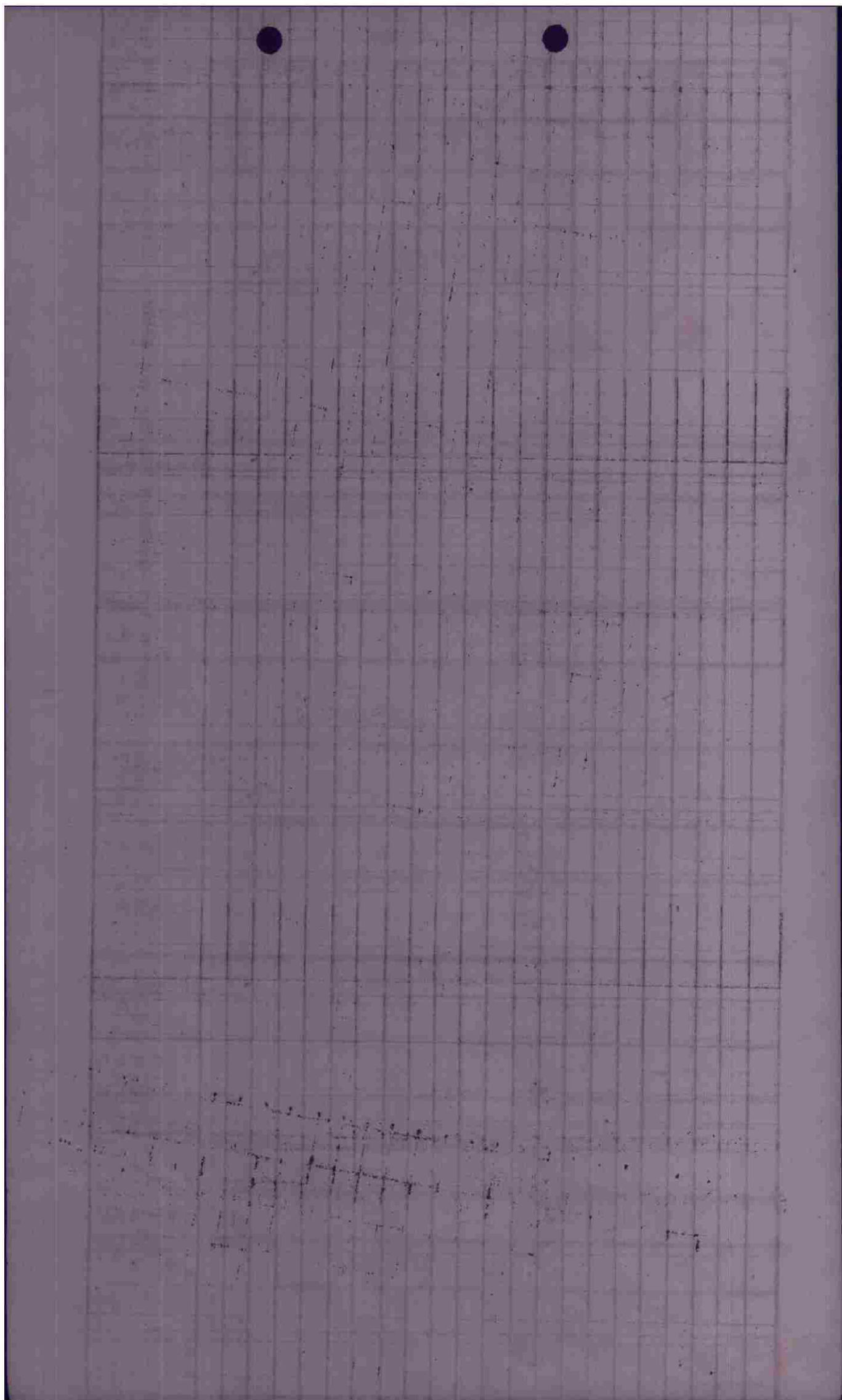


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B	E	492	Miller			0835	1103	2:30									
B	F	351	Phillips			0835	1108	2:35									
B	R	259	Anderson			1835	1105	2:30									
B	O	338	Rutledge			0835	1106	2:35									
B	Q	361	Smith			0836	1107	2:35									
B	R	271	Storper			0836	1106	2:30									
B	R	490	Stebanich			0836	1108	2:35									
B	C	352	Van Housden			0839	1108	2:35									
B	L	360	Whittington			0837	1108	2:35									
B	T	291	Whitman			0837	1109	2:35									
B	M	209	Wheeler			0838	1110	2:35									
B	Q	352	Wick			0838	1109	2:35									
B	R	498	Wittman			0838	1111	2:35									
B	B	313	Wynn			0838	1112	2:40									
B	H	249	Young			0838	1111	2:35									
B	A	250	Zimmer			0839	1112	2:35									
B	H	326	Harvey			0840	1113	2:35									
C	E	224	Richardson			0840	1112	2:35									

Wheeler 249

Box I

23 March



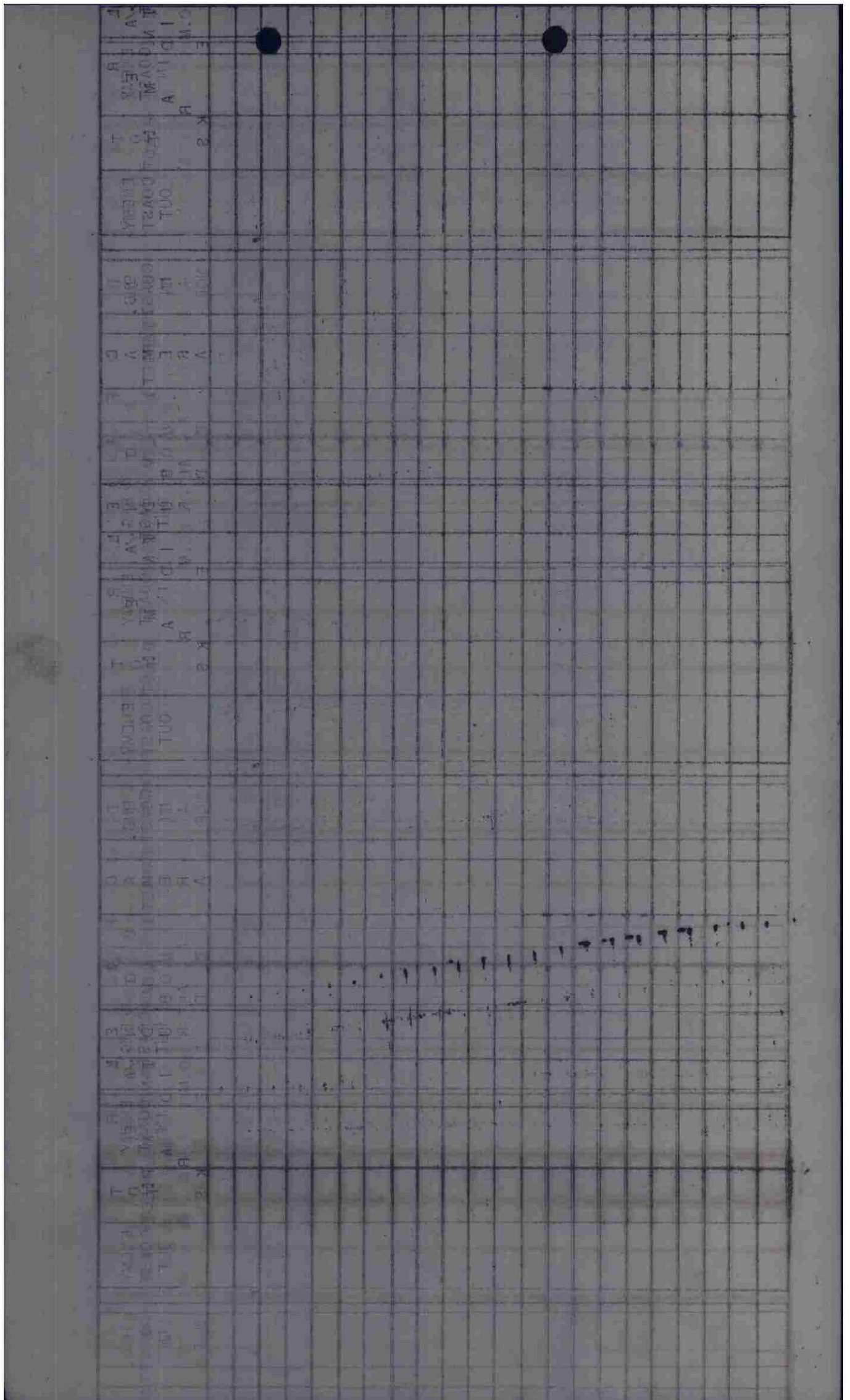
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B	N	609	Thompson			0840	1116	2:40									
B	J	196	Roberts			0841	1119	2:40									
C	M	205	Hayton			0841	1116	2:35									
B	H	229	Hammer			0841	1127	2:50									
B	H	314	Martin			0842	1118	2:40									
B	I	244	Husley			0842	1118	2:40									
C	A	469	Quinn			0844	1124	2:45									
C	T	528	Martin			0843	1119	2:40									
C	N	307	Ford			0843	Did not Return										
C	F	330	Murphy			0844	1124	2:40									
C	H	2315	Bushman			0844	1119	2:35									
C	H	223	Heuser			0844	1118	2:35									
A	H	505	Carroll			0844	1120	2:40									
A	H	325	Parsons			0845	1121	2:40									
A	O	395	Martinez			0845	1120	2:35									
A	H	495	McBride			0846	1121	2:35									
A	S	274	McBride			0846	1132	2:40									
A	H	305	Smith			0846	1121	2:35									

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Box II

23 March

Had out on high engine

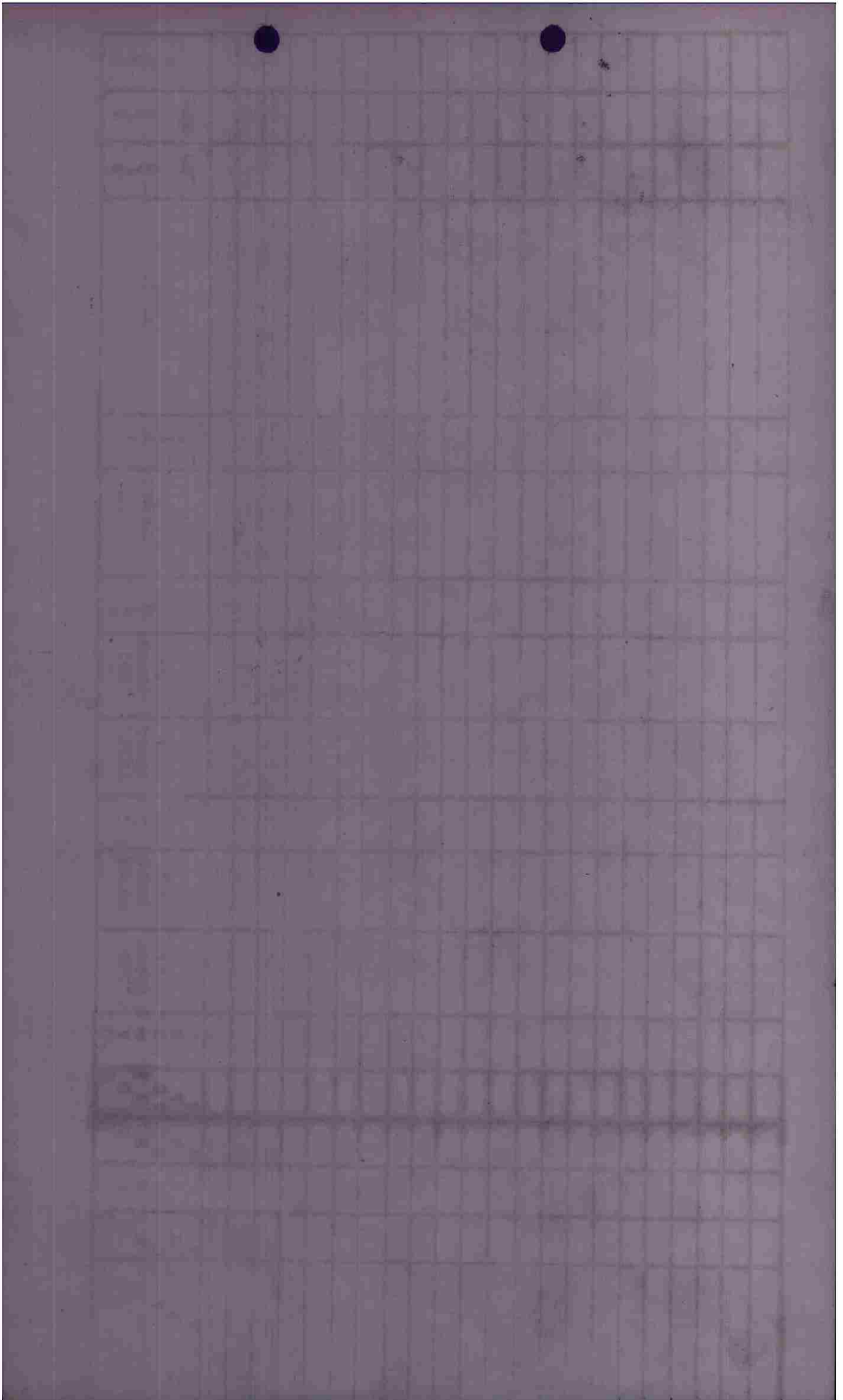


S G D N	A / C L T R	A / C N O.	P I L O T	D I S T A N C E	T A R G E T	A T O	E N G C O A S T O U T	E N E M Y C O A S T I N	T O T	E N E M Y C O A S T O U T	E N G C O A S T I N	C A M E R A	F U L L O B D	O M B D	E N D U R	L A T I T U D E	R E M A R K S	
A	I	508	Stonley			0847	1124	2:40										
A	H	259	Fordham			0847	1126	2:40										
A	M	335	Freese			0847	1125	2:40										
A	T	321	Carver			0848	1123	2:35										
A	O	378	Reinert			0848	1128	3:40										
A	I	261	Humbel			0848	1123	2:35										

Maximum #29

Part II

23 March



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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 23/0205A
 TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
 COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416
 1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

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

R-252-E

FIELD ORDER NO. 220-811

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REFER. CURRENT BOMBLINE. COUNTER BATTERY FIRE AGAINST ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR 416TH GROUP ON PLAN "A" AND "B".
- (2) 2ND TAF WILL PROVIDE ESCORT FOR THE 409TH AND 410TH GROUPS, AND AREA COVER FOR THE 416TH GROUP.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

PLAN "A" ZERO HOUR: 23/0930A
 PLAN "B" ZERO HOUR: 23/0930A

PLAN "A" VISUAL

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

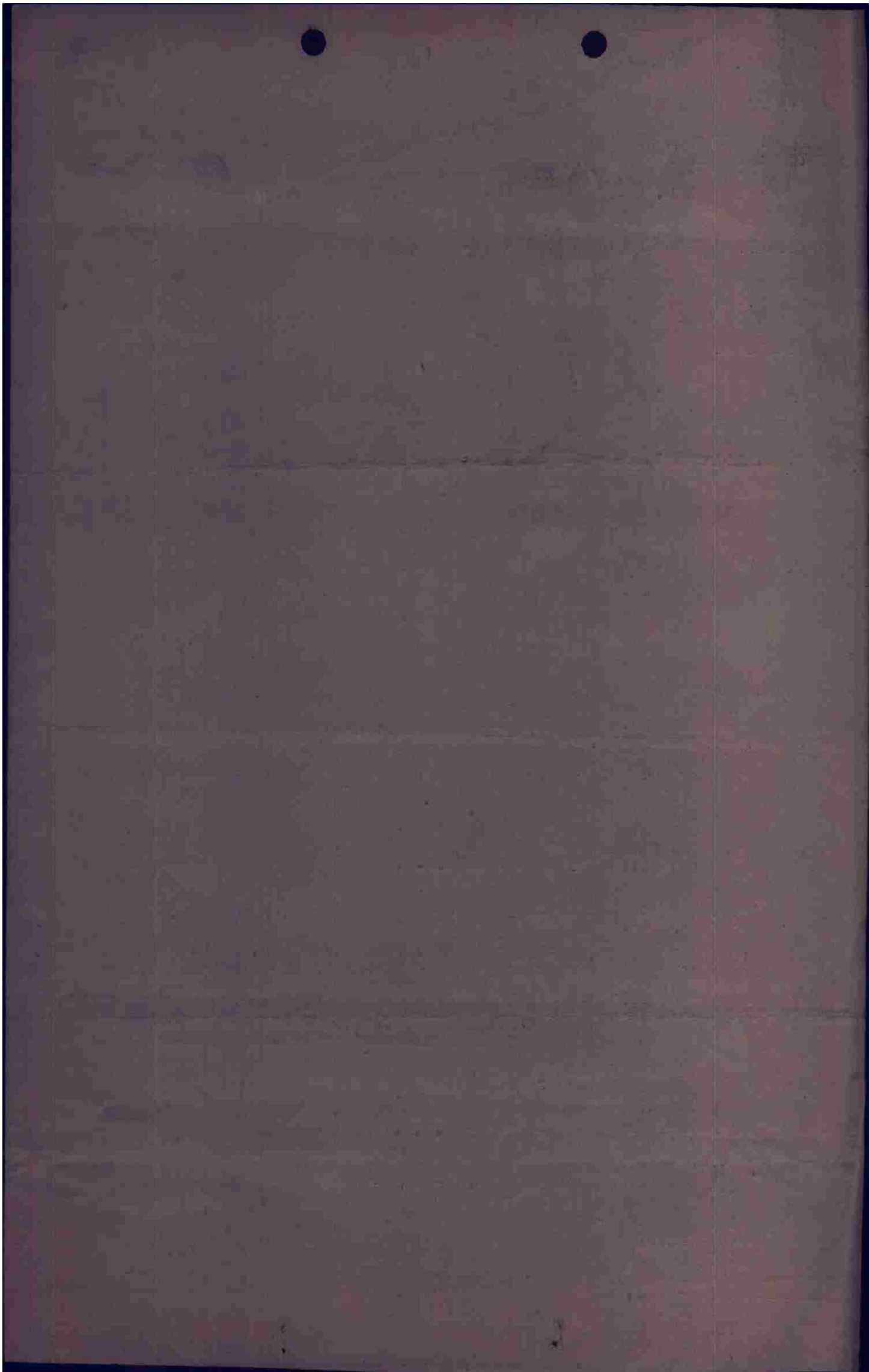
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-4318 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MINUTES. FIRE RED FLARES AT FR.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. M-17 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS FUSED TO OPEN AT 5,000 FEET.
- (12) IF THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE BOMBED BY VISUAL MEANS, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - (A) BULLSEYE PROCEDURE.
 - (B) ALTERNATE TARGET VISUALLY.
 - (C) ALTERNATE TARGET ON GROUP "GEE".
 - (D) ALTERNATE TARGET ON E.T.A.

- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-4318 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR. FIRE YELLOW FLARES AT FR.
- (10) 6 X 500 GP. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) IF THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE BOMBED BY VISUAL MEANS, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - (A) EITHER BULLSEYE PROCEDURE OR PRIMARY TARGET ON GROUP "GEE". IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GROUP LEADER TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT FORMATION HAS SUFFICIENT FUEL FOR BULLSEYE PROCEDURE. IF NOT, PRIMARY TARGET WILL BE BOMBED ON GROUP "GEE".
 - (B) ALTERNATE TARGET VISUALLY.
 - (C) ALTERNATE TARGET ON GROUP "GEE".
 - (D) ALTERNATE TARGET ON E.T.A.

- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) DINSLAKEN FACTORY AREA (A-315297)
- (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (4) BASE TO K-5897 TO IP TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO RP TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,500 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE, DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. LOSE 1,500 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
- (7) A-0808.
- (8) GEN. S W TO N E.
- (9) MPI: MAP SERIES GSGS 4414, SHEET 4406.
 COVER FACTORY AREA BOUNDED BY FOLLOWING GRID.
 COORDS.: 31252980, 31452993, 31902945, 31632930.



- (11) A-0808.
- (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MINUTES.
- (13) IF THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE BOMBED BY VISUAL MEANS, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - (A) BULLSEYE PROCEDURE.
 - (B) ALTERNATE TARGET VISUALLY.
 - (C) ALTERNATE TARGET ON GROUP "GEE".
 - (D) ALTERNATE TARGET ON TARGET E.T.A.
- (14) GROUP SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION SINCE IT IS FOLLOWED BY SIX OTHER FORMATIONS AT 20 MINUTE INTERVALS.

X. (1-4) NO CHANGE.

- (5) GROUPS SHOULD USE EXTREME CAUTION THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS ARE NOT SELECTED.

FOR 409TH AND 410TH GROUPS ONLY.

- (6) TARGET: BORKEN BUILT UP AREA (A-396612)
- (7) A/C REQUIRED: MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (8) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO FR TO E-6055 TO E-5396 TO Z-8119 TO V-0122 TO A-2394 TO IP TO TARGET.
- (9) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO RP AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (10) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 13,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE, DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. LOSE 1,500 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
- (11) IP: A-5087.
- (12) AXIS OF ATTACK: GEN. N E TO S W.
- (13) MPI: GSGS 4414, SHEET 4107. COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY FOLLOWING GRID. COORDS.: 39406090, 39306112, 39726138 39906110 AND 39606073.
- (14) RP: A-2394.

PLAN "B" PATHFINDER

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

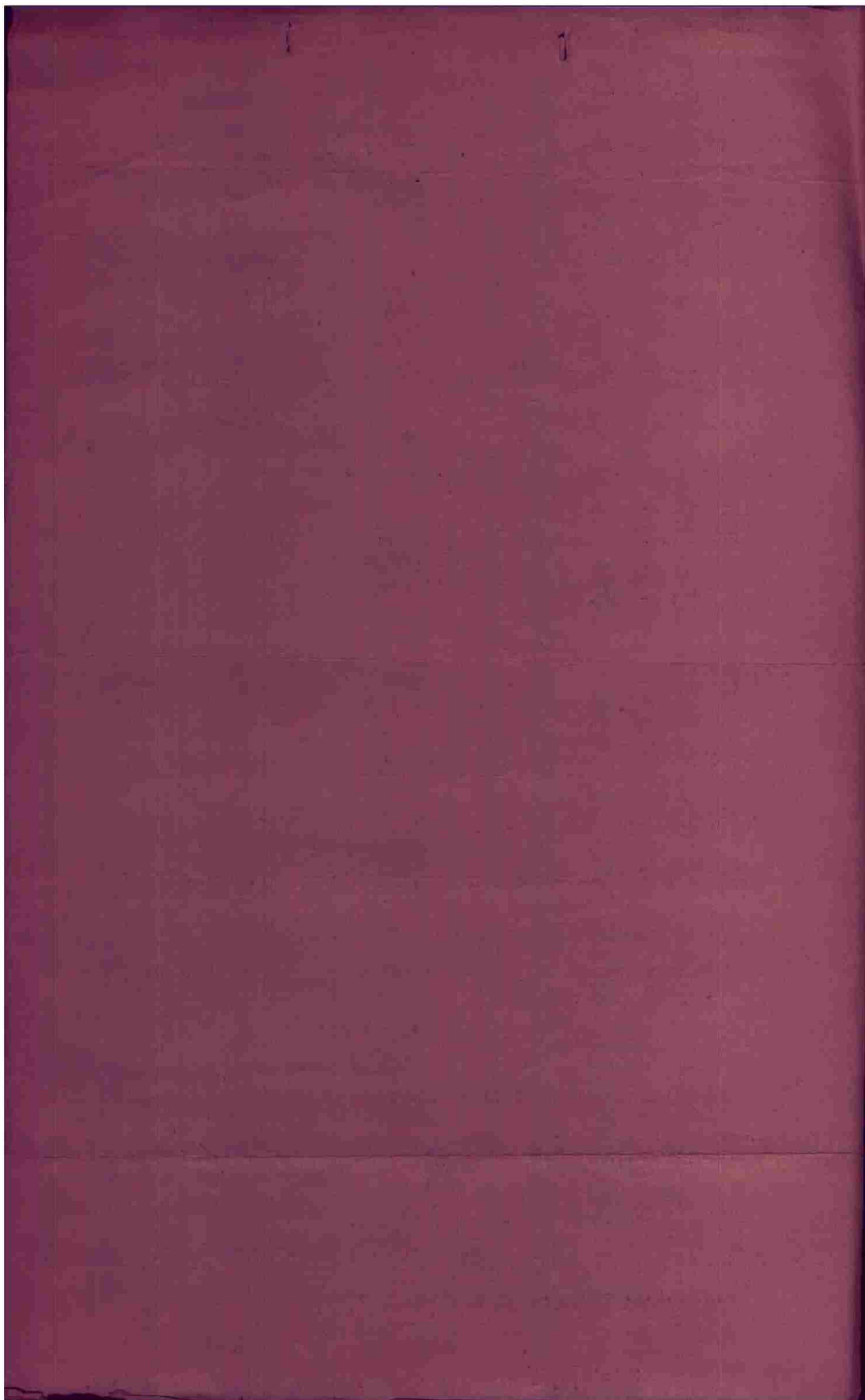
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-4318 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 08 MINUTES. FIRE RED FLARES AT FR WITH PPF. A/C OVER FIELD.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. M-17 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS FUSED TO OPEN AT 5,000 FEET. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
- (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MINUTES.
- (13) VISUAL IP: A-5087.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-4318 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 14 MINUTES. FIRE YELLOW FLARES AT FR. WITH PPF. A/C OVER FIELD.
- (10) 6 X 500 GP. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MINUTES.
- (13) VISUAL IP: A-5087.
- (14) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED BY VISUAL MEANS OR ON PPF A/C, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - ~~XXXX~~ (A) EITHER BULLSEYE PROCEDURE OR PRIMARY TARGET ON GROUP "GEE". IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GROUP LEADER TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT FORMATION HAS SUFFICIENT FUEL FOR BULLSEYE PROCEDURE. IF NOT, PRIMARY TARGET WILL BE BOMBED ON GROUP "GEE"
 - (B) ALTERNATE TARGET VISUALLY
 - (C) ALTERNATE TARGET ON GROUP "GEE"
 - (D) ALTERNATE TARGET ON E.T.A.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) DINSLAKEN FACTORY AREA (A-315297)
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C
- (3) WITH 2 PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
- (4) BASE TO E-5522 TO E-7846 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO A-0808 TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB : 1ST BOX - 12,500 FEET, 2ND BOX - 12,000 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IN EVENT OF VISUAL BOMBING IS 8,000 FEET.
- (9) M.P.I. - GSGS. 4414, SHEET 4406. COVER FACTORY AREA BOUNDED BY FOLLOWING GRID, COORDS: 31252980, 31452993, 31902945, 31632930, TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. PPF M.P.I. - 31602965
- (10) 4 X 1000 G.P. - FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.



- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 120 MINUTES.
- (13) GROUP SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION SINCE IT IS THE SEVENTH FORMATION USING ROUTE TO TARGET AT 20 MINUTE INTERVALS.
- (14) VISUAL I.P. - A-0808

- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.
- (5) GROUPS SHOULD USE EXTREME CAUTION THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS ARE NOT SELECTED.
- (6) 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 OR 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 DESIGNATED VISUAL I.P.'S. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES PRIMARY TARGET, GROUPS WILL BOMB ON PPF A/C.
- (7) IF 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS CANNOT ATTACK PRIMARY TARGET BY VISUAL MEANS OR ON PPF A/C, GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - (A) BULLSEYE PROCEDURE
 - (B) ALTERNATE TARGET VISUALLY
 - (C) ALTERNATE TARGET ON GROUP "GEE"
 - (D) ALTERNATE TARGET ON E.T.A.

-- FOR 409TH AND 410TH GROUPS ONLY ----

- (8) TARGET - BORKEN BUILTUP AREA (A-396612)
- (9) A/C REQ- 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 1PPF A/C.
- (10) ROUTE OUT- BASE TO F.R. TO E-6055 TO EXX E-5396 TO Z-8119 V-0122 TO V-1709 TO TARGET.
- (11) ROUTE BACK - TARGET TURN LEFT A-5087 TO A-2394 TO V-0122 AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (12) ALTITUDE - BOMB AT 13,000 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IN EVENT OF VISUAL BOMBING IS 8,000 FEET. LOSE 1,500 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
- (13) M.P.I. - G.S.G.S. 4414, SHEET 4107. COVER BUILT-UP AREA ZBOUNDED BY FOLLOWING GRID. COORDS: 39406090, 39306112, 39726138, 39906110, AND 39606073, TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
PPF M.P.I. - 39606110.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

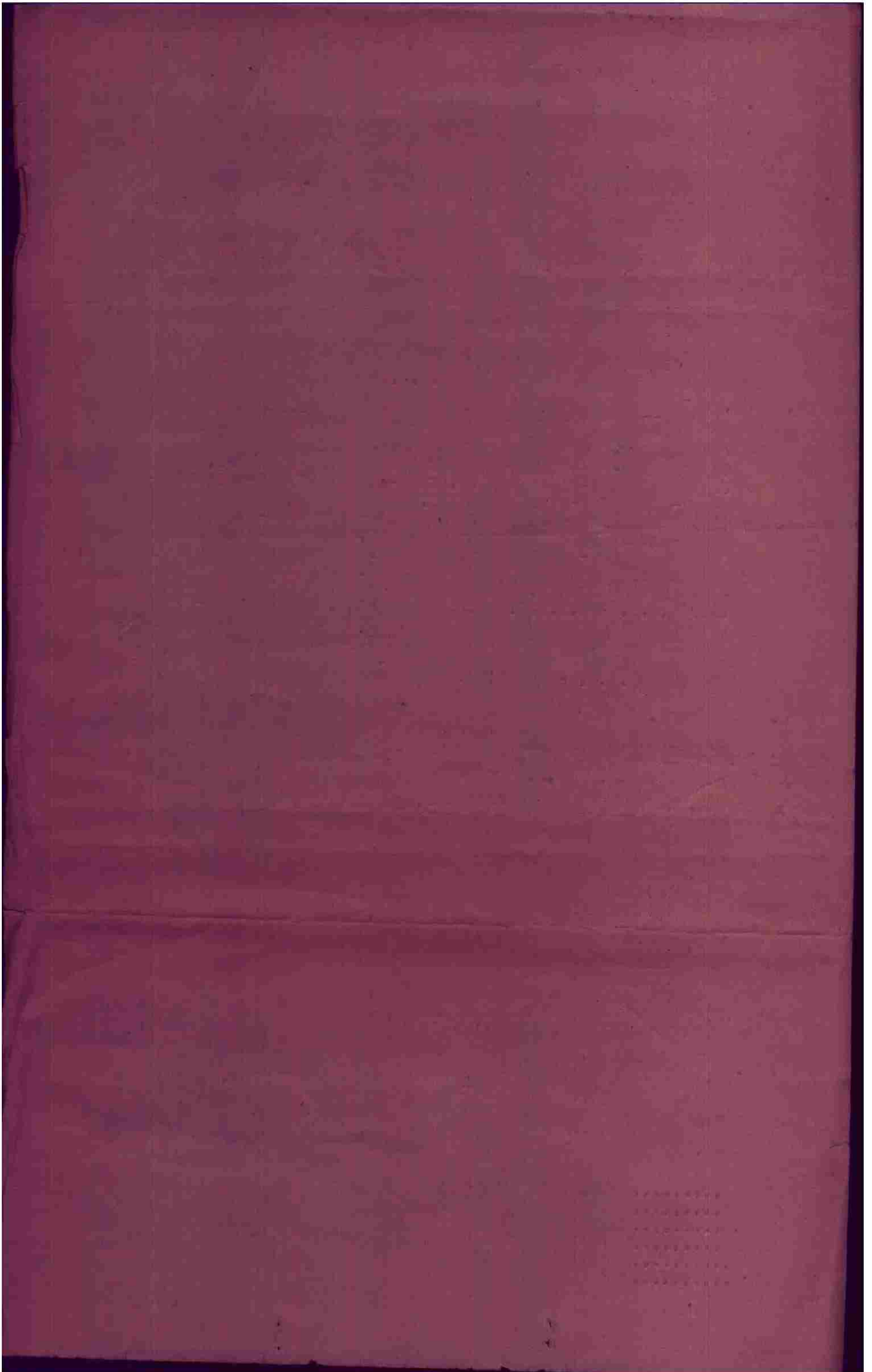
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 - (2) CORNHILL
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 - (2) PROCTOR
 - (4) ROSELEE
 - (5) KENWAY B/B

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TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQD.
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410TH COMBGP
416TH COMBGP

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
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ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 220-811

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

CHANGE PAR. 1. B. (2) TO READ:

(2) 2ND TAF WILL PROVIDE AREA COVER FOR THE 416TH BOMB GROUP.

29TH TAC WILL PROVIDE CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 409TH AND 410TH GROUPS.

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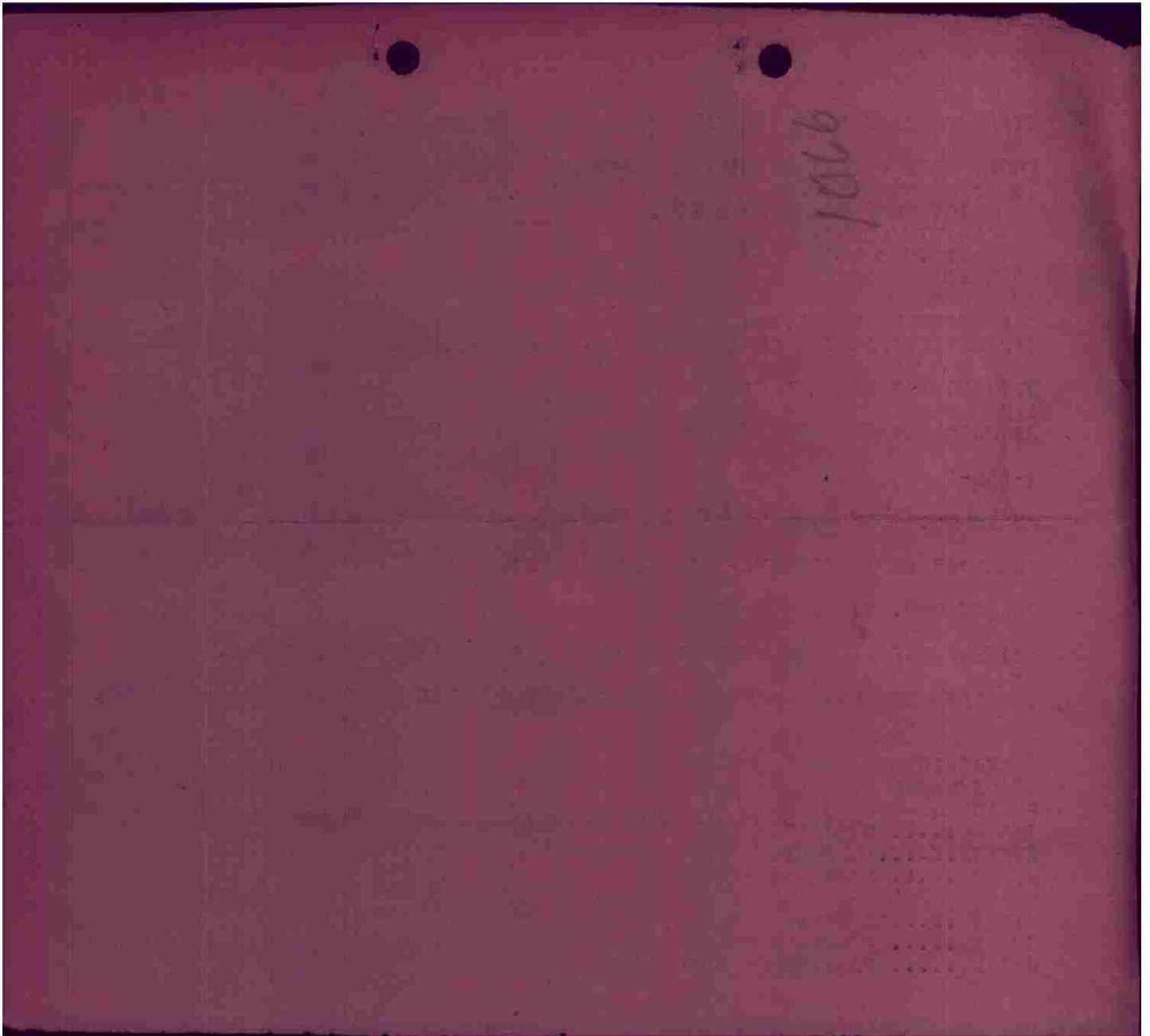
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CG, 97TH COMBAT WING

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SECRET 416TH BG R-494-D IF KXXX VISUAL CONDITIONS AT THE PRIMARY EXIST
THE FOLLOWING MPI'S WILL BE USED:

G.S.G.S. NO. 4414 SHEET 4107
39606063
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39406110
39546106
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VISUAL BY BOXES

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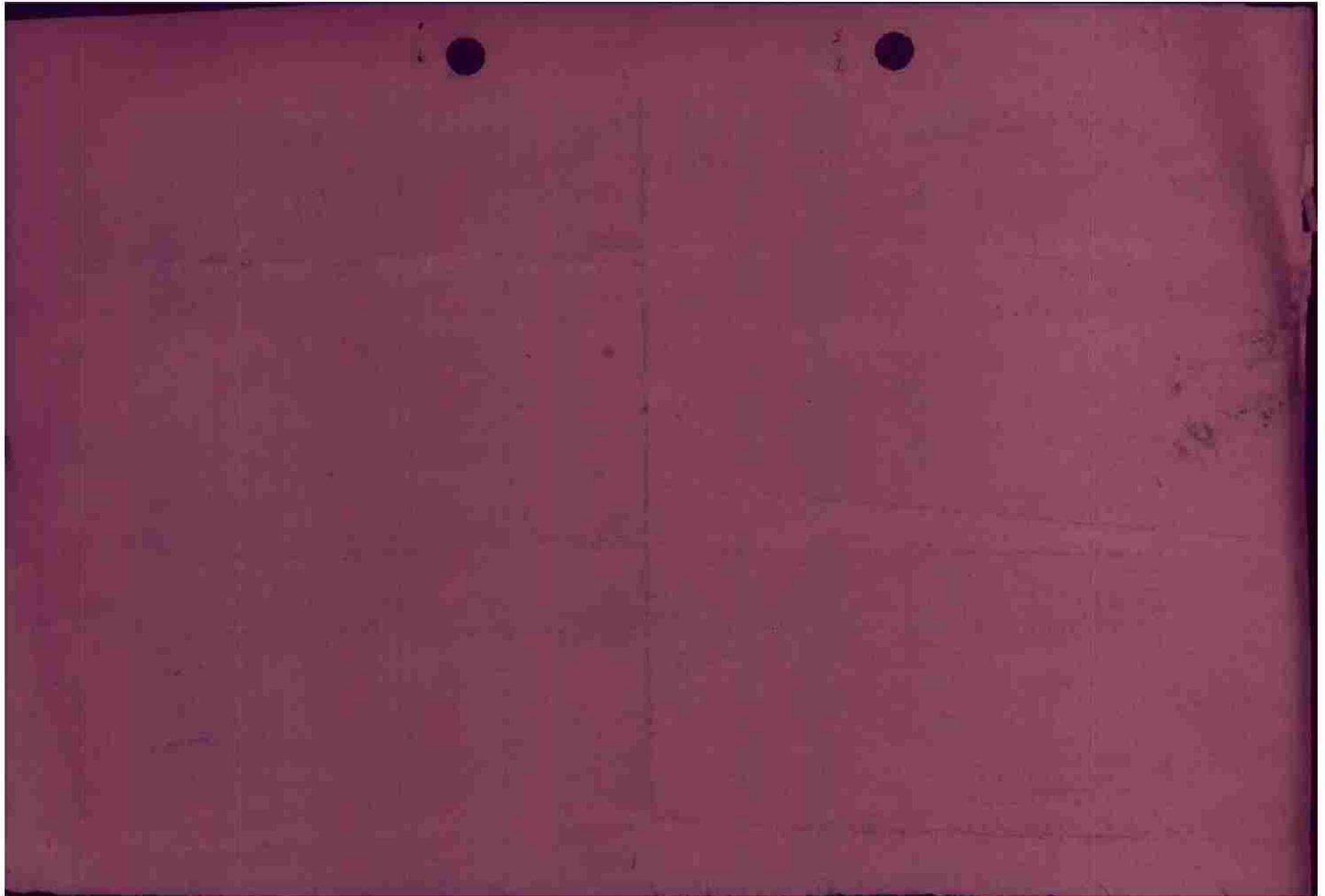
SECONDARY TARGET IS ANAUS (A500870)

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INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 2 FIELD ORDER NO. 220-811

1. TARGET: DINSLAKEN FACTORY AREA A-315297

TACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

----- FORMERLY A ROLLING STOCK MILL BUT BELIEVED
 TO BE AN OP POST AT THE PRESENT TIME.

2. MAP COVERAGE:

----- GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 4426.

PHOTO COVERAGE:

----- E 205 542 SQDN. PRINT NO. 4181, 4182

TACTICAL TARGETS ILL. 5106E/36/A

3. TARGET IS 4,000 YARDS EAST OF THE CURRENT BOMBLINE.

4. FLAK: SEE CURRENT PLOTTED POSITIONS. COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WILL BE
 COORDINATED WITH E.T.A.

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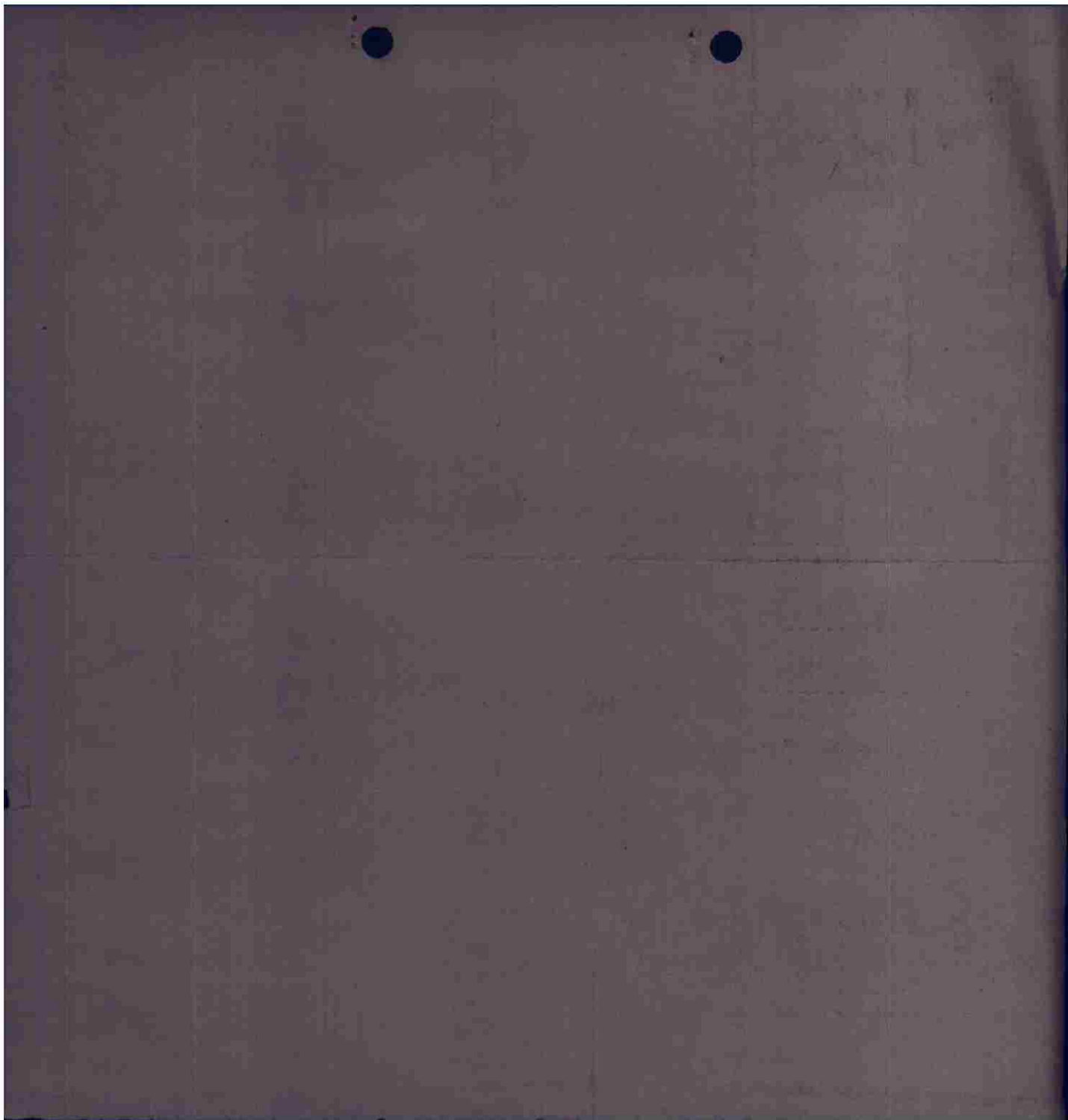
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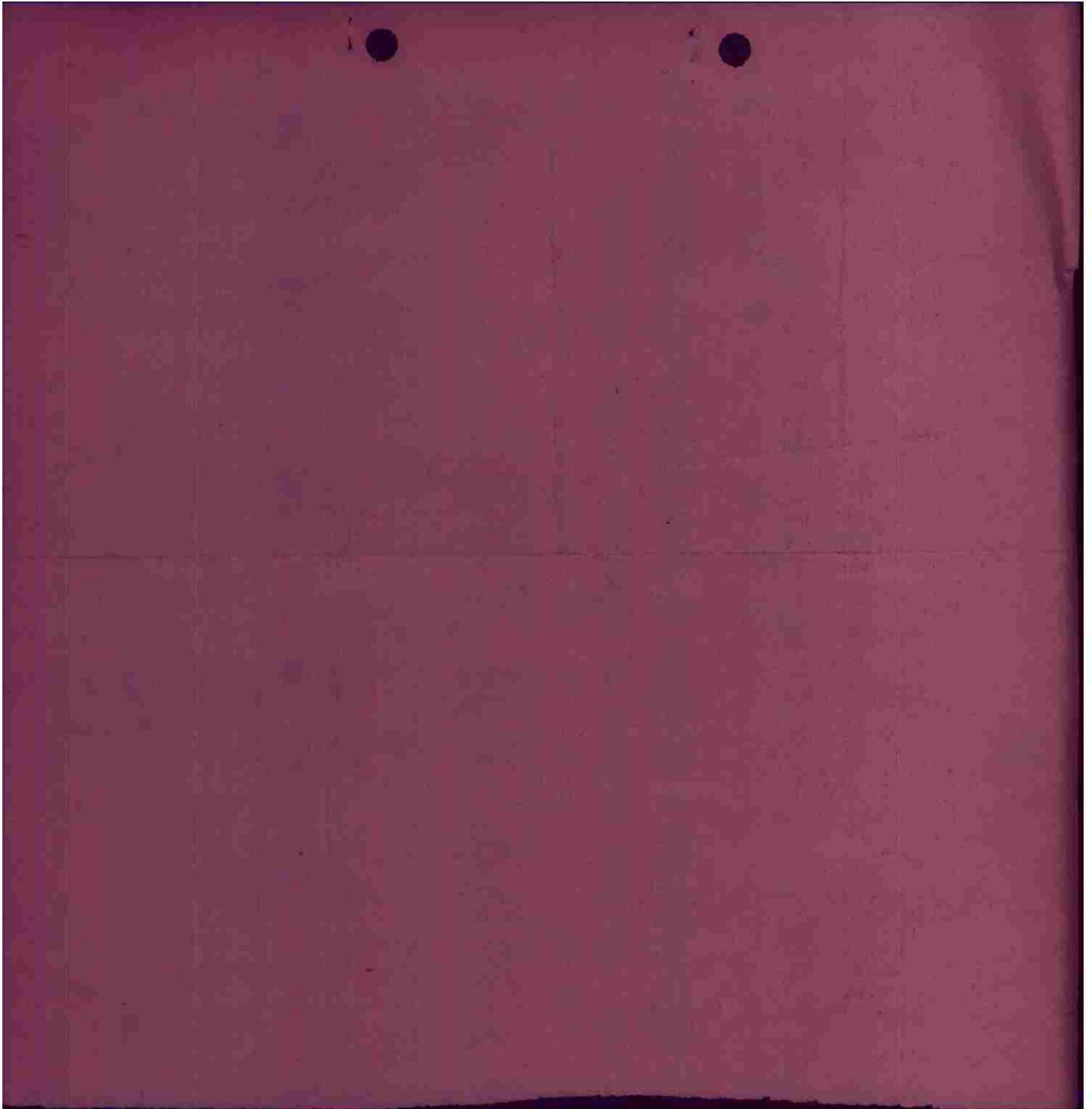
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 CG 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

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CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-514-D
 OPSFLASH REPORT FOR 23 MARCH 1945 MORNING MISSION.

- A. 416TH BOMB GP (L) .
- B. DIMSLAKEN FACTORY AREA (A-315297)
- C. 42- A-26 A/C
- D. 41 A-26 A/C ON PRIMARY.
- E. INFORMATION LACKING ON 1 A-26 A/C LAST SEEN ON SINGLE ENGINE HEADED TOWARDS FRIENDLY TERRITORY ESCORTED BY P-47'S. BOMBAY FLYING CONTROL REPORTS A PILOT AND GUNNER PARACHUTED FROM PLANE IN LIEGE AREA. UNCONFIRMED BUT MAY BE MISSING CREWS.
- B. 164 X 1000 GPS ON PRIMARY.
 4 X 1000 GPS ~~UN~~ UNACCOUNTED FOR INFORMATION LACKING, MISSING A/C.
- G. BOX I FLIT. A FAIR TO GOOD (1 RUN).
 FLT. B EXCELLENT (2 RUNS)
 FLT. C EXCELLENT (1 RUN)
 BOX II FLT. A SUPERIOR (2 RUNS)
 FLT. B GOOD (2 RUNS)
 FLT. C FAIR (2 RUNS)
 FLT. D SUPERIOR (1 RUN)
- H. 1 A-26 A/C MISSING , LAST SEEN ON SINGLE ENGINE HEADED TOWARDS FRIENDLY TERRITORY ESCORTED BY P-47S SEE PARAGRAPH "E".
 4 A-26 A/C CAT. A (FLAK)
 1 A-26 A/C CAT. AC (FLAK)
- I. 2 CREW MEMBERS MISSING (CREW OF MISSING A/C, 1 PILOT AND GUNNER, A/C NO. 307).
- J. WEAK ACCURAT HFF AT TARGET.
- K. NIL.
- L. 0948-1005
- M. 10500-12200
- X. BOX LEADER CONTACTED BASELINE -15 MINUTES BEFORE IP REPORTING THAT HE WAS 45 SECONDS LATE AND RECEIVED BASELINE ALRIGHT.

AYELSWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 23/1305A

CC:PARA AFTER E SHOULD BE MADE TO READ F . INSTEAD OF B

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 HQ, 97TH WING (L) " DUTY OFF.

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 SECRET 416BG R-524-D

B: DINSLAKEN FACTORY AREA.

G: 1000 0946 - 1005

J: BOX I FLT A NAO: BOMBARDIER WAS UNABLE TO SYNCNCHRONIZE DUE OXXX
 (VISUAL) TO SHORT IN RELEASE SYSTEM. BOMBS FELL IN GOOD
 PATTERN 1200 FT NW OF DMPI. BOMBS HIT IN TOWN.

FLT B DMPI: UNDET: NO STIKE PHOTOS DUE TO EVASIVE ACTION.
 VISUAL RPORTS STATE BOMBS HIT ON BLDGS IN TARGET
 AREA.

FLT C DMPI: SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI. BOMBS
 FELL IN GOOD PATTERN WITH CENTER BURSTS 245 FT NE
 OF DMPI. BURSTS BLANKET LARGE FACTORY BLDGS.

BOX II FLT A SMPI: SUPER: ASSIGNED DMPI WAS OBSCURED BY SMOKE SELECT
 ED NEW DMPI. ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF SMPI.
 BOMBS BLANKET SMPI WITH GOOD PATTERN, CENTER OF
 BURSTS BEING 185 FT NW OF SMPI, CASUING SEVERE
 DAMAGE TO LARGE BLDGS IN TARGET AREA.

FLT B SMPI: EXCEL: ASSIGNED DMPI WAS OBSCURED BY SMOKE, SELECT
 ED NEW DMPI. ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF SMPI.
 GOOD PATTERN 720 FT NW OF SMPI. BOMBS HIT ON
 BUILDINGS AND ROADS ON EDGE OF TOWN.

FLT C DMPI: UNDET: BOMBS FELL INTO SMOKE OF PREVIOUS FLTS.
 COVERING TARGET, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO RATE
 BOMBS. HOWEVER BOMBS DID HIT ON FACTORY BUILD-
 INGS WITH PROBABLE EXCELLENT RESULTS.

FLT D DMPI: SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000FT OF DMPI. BOMBS
 FELL IN EXCELLENT PATTERN 210 FT SW OF DMPI.
 BURSTS COVER LARGE GXX BUILDINGS AND ROAD, SEVER-
 LY DAMAGING BUILDINGS AND CUTTING ROAD.

K. BOX I FLT A NAO: FIRE IN TURRET INDEICATOR CAUSED SHORT IN BOMBING
 RELEASWE SYSTEM. BOMBARDIER WAS UNABLE TO DO
 CORRECT SYNCHRONIZATION OF RUN DUE TO DEAD GYRO.

BOX II FLT A SMPI: BOMBARDIER HAD TO CHANGE AIMING PIXX POINTS IN
 TARGET DUE TO SMOKE OF PREVIOUS BOMBING COVERING
 THE AREA.

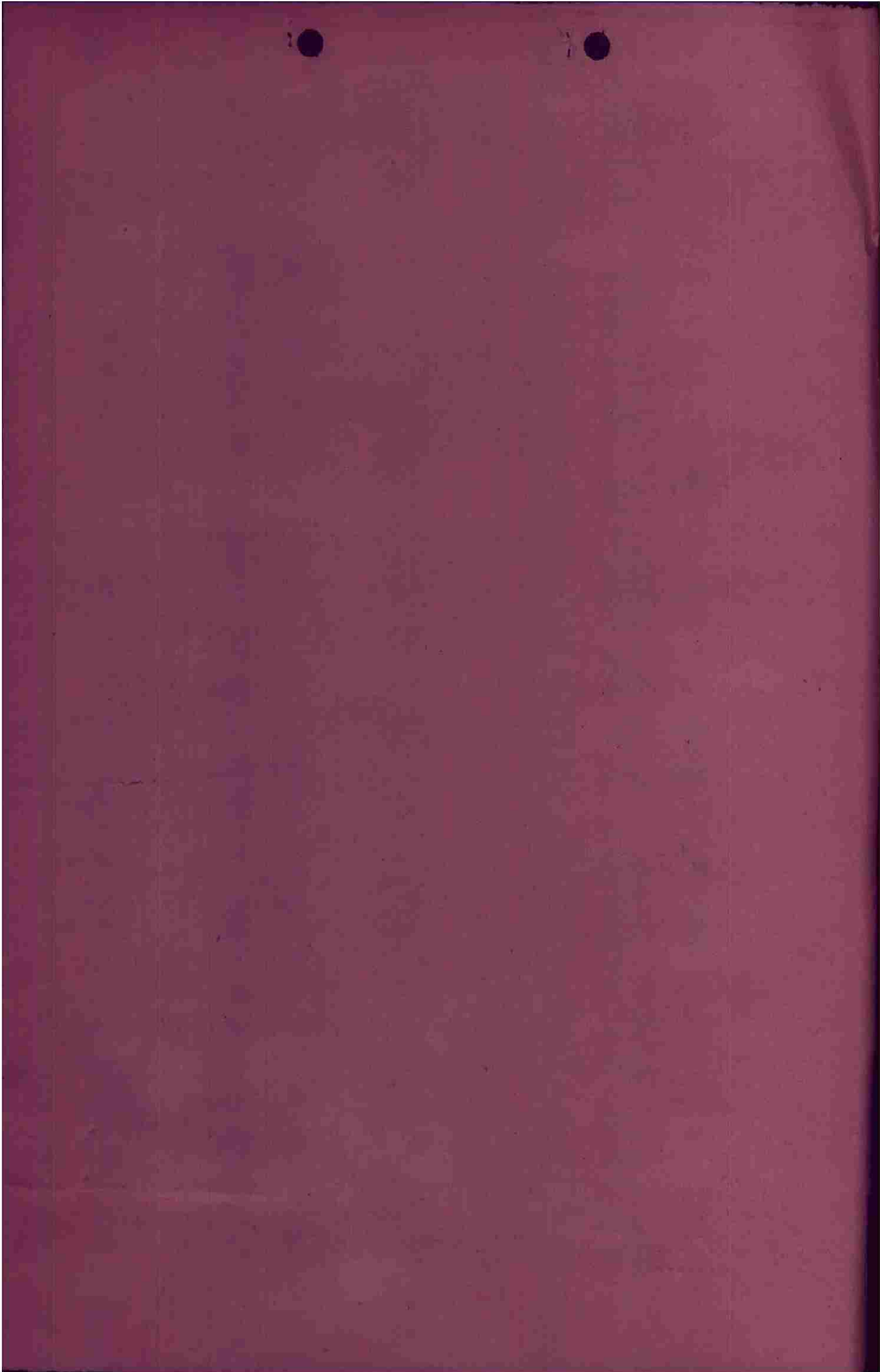
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 CUE TO SMOKE OF PREVIOUS BOMBING COVERING THE AREA.

M. A) 16 - 100 PERCENT
 B) 0 - 0 "
 C) 0 - 0 "

N. 50 DIRECT HITS ON FACTORY BUILDINGS SEVERELY DAMAGING THEM . 30
 OTHER BUILDINGS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. 12 HITS ON ROADS CUTTING
 THEM.

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 BT 23/1915A

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 JEA R.....23/2038A SH KKK



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FROM: COBOMGR 416 23/1600A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIG O
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B-23 MARCH 1945 (0835-1036)

C-E-EASY REPORTED MISSION RESULTS OF BOTH BOXES TO PARADE.

D- E-EASY CONTACTED BASELINE 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO REACHING TROOP LINE.

E THRU K- NONE.

RIX AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

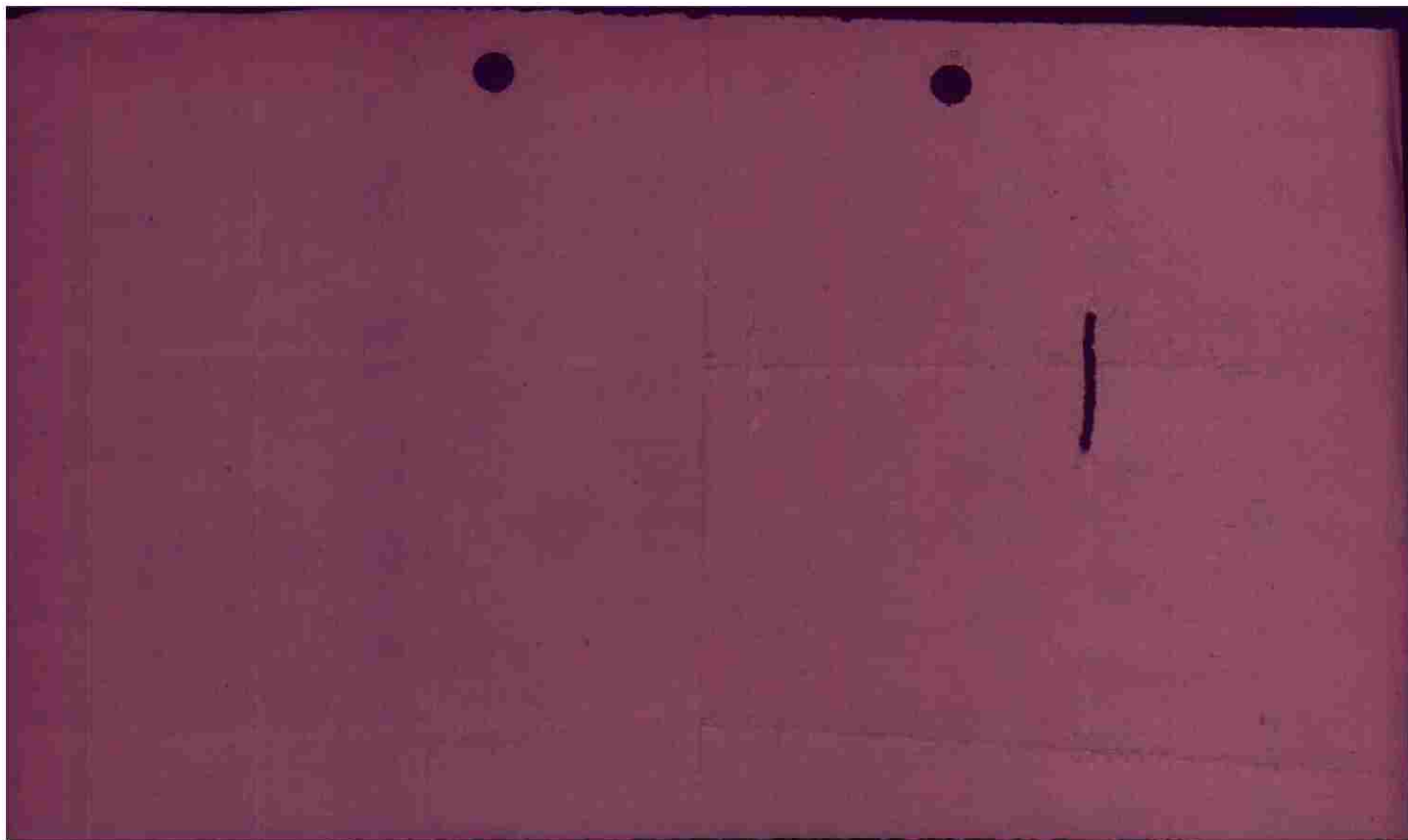
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