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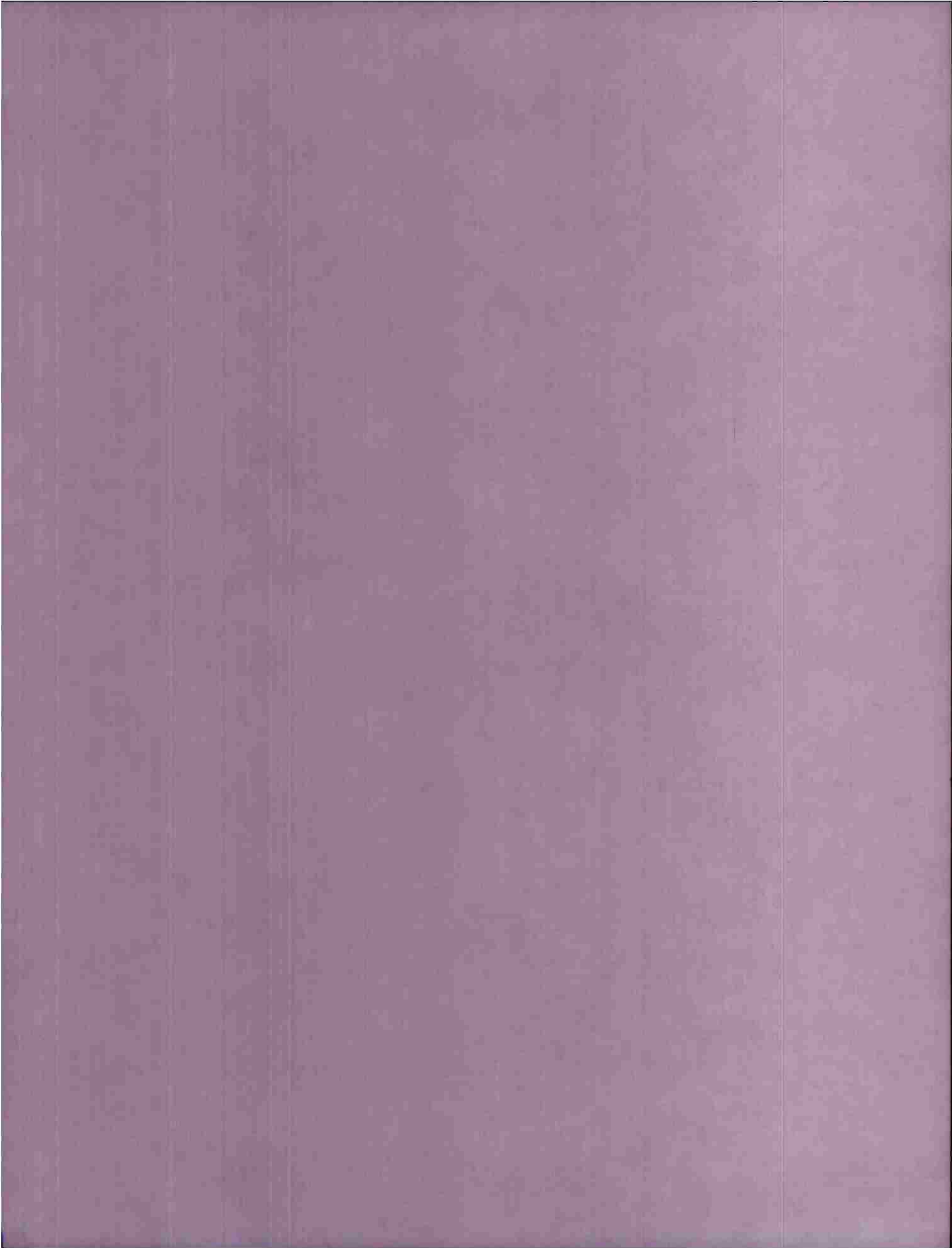
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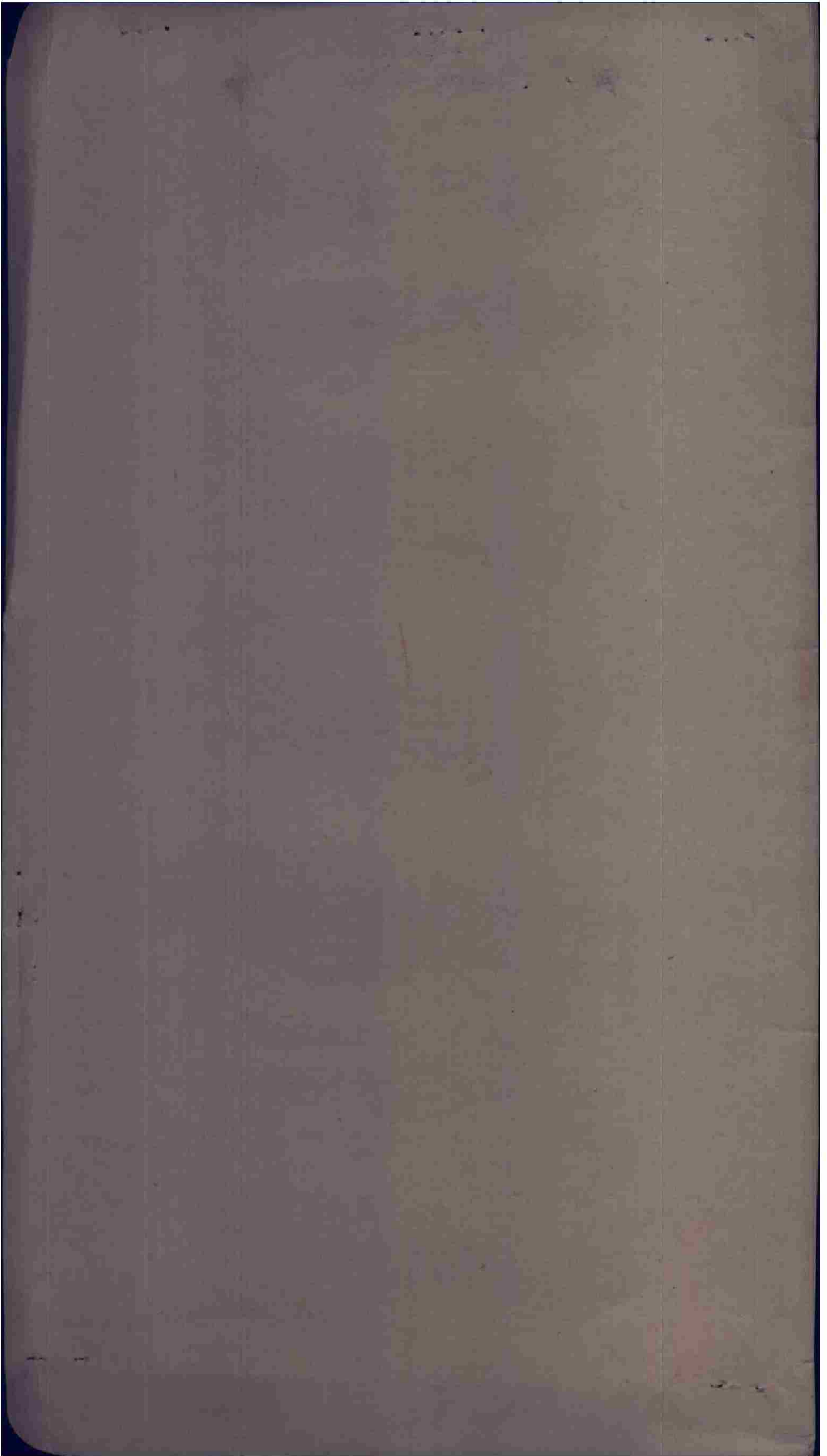
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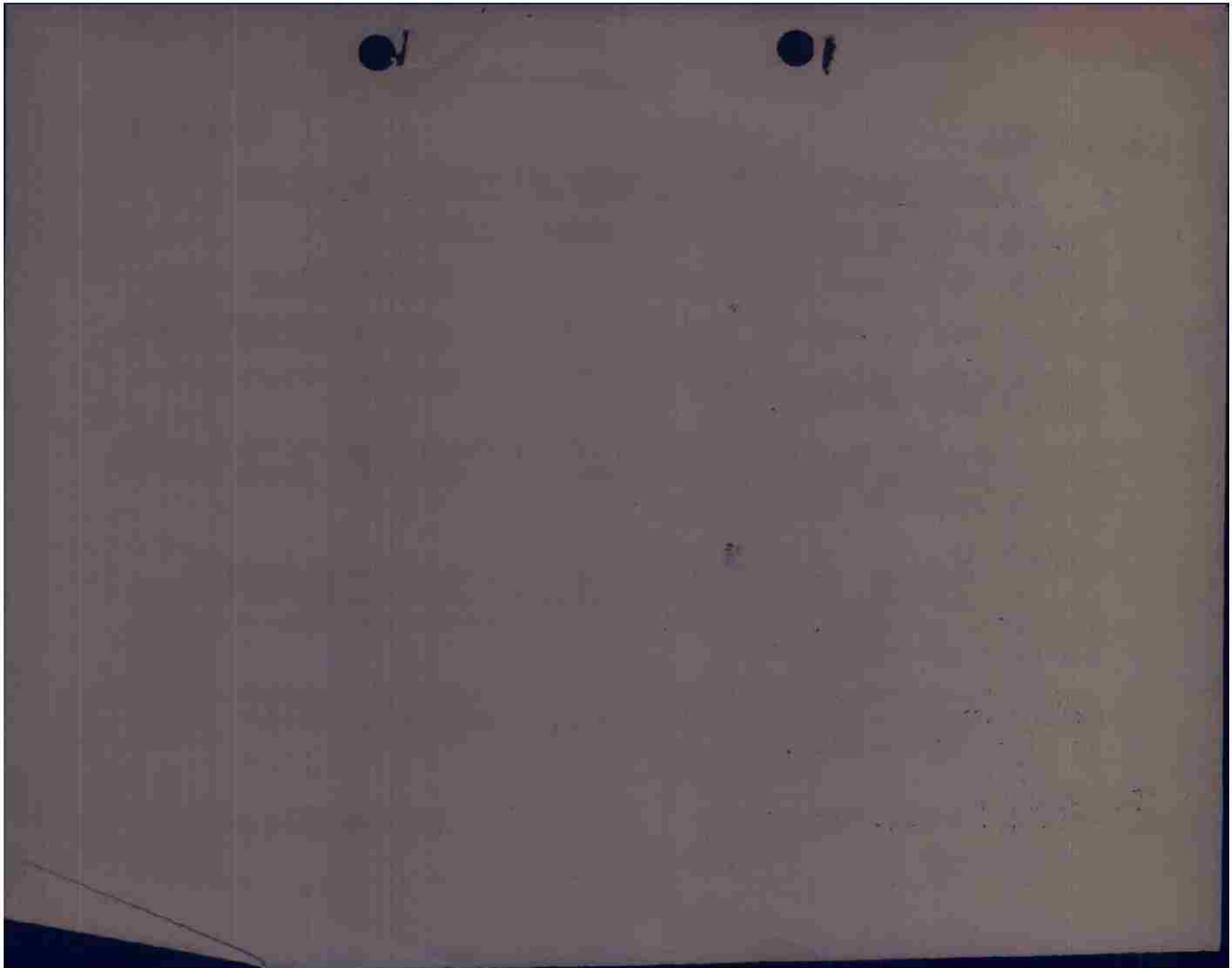
- (a) LOCALITY: FULDA M/Y (GSGS 4416/S4 - H/385175)
- (b) SORTIE: US 12/4387 - 5001-06 SORTIE SCALE: 4,000
- (c) TOT: 25 Mar 45, 0800A F.L.: 12" ANNOTATED PRINT: None
- (d) PERIOD UNDER REVIEW: This report covers damage from 22.3.45 (US10/D 944) to date.
- (e) COVER: The M/Y from the northern end of the sorting sidings north to the junction at H/378196 is covered on partially smoke obscured prints of fair quality.
- (f) STATEMENT:
The passenger station is burning. Fires are also burning just to the north of the sorting sidings and at H/375197 on the rail line to OBER. The quality of the prints precludes a more detailed interpretation.
- (g) ACTIVITY: Traffic between OBER and FULDA appears blocked. Traffic between HUNFELD and SCHLUCHTERN appears possible. Little change is noted in loading.

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TARGET Fulda M/4 DATE 25-3-45 NO. 37 MTR. # 254
COORD. H-383178 P.O. # 225-817 ST. TO Attack
BRIEFING OFFICER Capt Sheridan

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Mission # 254--25 March 1945 (PM)

Two boxes of 37 aircraft attacked the very important and heavily-trafficked marshalling yards at Fulda--a key point for the transfer of supplies and equipment to German troops facing Patton's bridgehead. The target was attacked with excellent to superior results. Violent explosions in the target would indicate that the yards contained ammunition or fuel.

Ground defenses were exceptionally quiet. Weak inaccurate flak was encountered by the last part of the formation as they crossed the bomb line going in. There was no flak reported elsewhere.

Although enemy fighters were reported on the radio several times, there was no opposition from them. Our fighter escort of P-47s covered the formation very well. Some of them left the formation to go after enemy planes that they observed.

Major Ferris and Lt. Brewster led the two boxes that dropped 74 tons of 1,000-lb. bombs. Lt. Royalty, lead bombardier, completed his 65th mission with a superior job of bombing.

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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (H)APO # 140
25 March 1945

Field Order 3170

MISSION SUMMARY #93
(afternoon Missions)Section I

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION REPORTS</u>
394 BG	Friedburg (H-730931) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flt. A - Undet. Flt. B - Undet. Flt. C - Excellent Box II - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Superior Flt. C - Excellent
387 BG	Friedburg (H-730931) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Excellent Flt. C - Superior Box II - Superior
397 BG	Friedburg (H-730931) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flt. A - Superior Flt. B - Superior (SMPI) Flt. C - A.O. Box II - Flt. A - Undet. Flt. B - Superior Flt. C - Undet.
391 BG	Friedburg (H-730931) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Excellent Flt. C - Superior Box II - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Excellent (SMPI) Flt. C - Excellent (SMPI)
410 BG	Fulda (H-383178) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Superior Flt. C - Excellent Box II - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Excellent Flt. C - Undet. (SMPI)
416 BG	Fulda (H-383178) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flt. A - Superior Flt. B - Excellent Flt. C - Excellent Box II - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Superior Flt. C - Excellent
323 BG	Fulda (H-383178) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flt. A - Superior Flt. B - Superior Flt. C - Excellent (SMPI) Box II - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Undet. Flt. C - Undet.
409 BG	Altenkirchen (F-934320) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Undet. (IFF SHORAN) Flt. B - Undet. (AMPI)
322 BG	Friedburg (H-730931) Marshalling Yard	No Attack
386 BG	Fulda (H-383178) Marshalling Yard	No Attack

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B - 2

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Superior pattern, centered 750 ft. W of DMPI, falling on buildings along western border of N/A.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Superior pattern, centered 430 ft. W of DMPI, probably severing main through lines in several places, and blanketing closely parked goods wagons and northern roundhouse.

Visual bombing by flights from 9,900 - 13,300 feet.

No losses, damage, casualties.

387 BG: 31 a/c dispatched, 30 dropping 120 x 1000 lb on primary, 1 a/c dropped 7 x 1000 lb on Helstendach (A-178977), 8 miles W of bombing, in enemy territory.

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 95% of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Pattern fell alongside and in pattern from Flt. O, Box I, approximately 400 ft. from DMPI, across end of RR station and choke point. Through traffic should be impossible.

Flt. B - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Pattern centered approximately 225 ft. from DMPI, across RR station, main highway, and several goods wagons. Damage should be severe.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 98 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Pattern centered approximately 500 ft. W of DMPI, across several adjoining buildings, main highway, and end of station platform.

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 95 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Pattern centered approximately 325 ft. W of DMPI across the RR station, 30 or 40 goods wagons, and several adjoining warehouses.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Bomber dropped into smoke. No photo coverage, although photos indicate formation passed over I/A. Crews report good results.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Due to smoke from previous bombing, it is impossible to determine location of flts. Photos indicate formation passed over the I/A. Bomber dropped over the I/A. Bomber reported excellent results.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,000 - 13,500 feet.

No losses, damage, casualties.

3 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failures.

394 BG: 3 a/c dispatched, 27 dropping 108 x 1000 lb on primary.

Friedburg (marshalling yard)

Eight groups attacked the marshalling yard and one Communications Center, according superior to Undetermined results.

GROUP NARRATIVE

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Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Good pattern, centered 160 ft. W of DMPI, blanketing roundhouse, through tracks, and goods wagons.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 85 percent of bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Split pattern, main pattern centered 160 ft. NW of DMPI, falling in area of north roundhouse, workshops and surrounding rail network; secondary pattern, belonging to one a/c, is result of mechanical malfunction, hitting in area of former sorting sidings.

Flt. B - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered approximately 220 ft. NW of DMPI, in area of roundhouses and central portion of yards. While this pattern appears indistinct, fresh bursts can be seen erupting through dense smoke covering target.

Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All visible bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Good pattern, centered approximately 250 ft. ENE of DMPI, falling in area of densely parked goods wagons in sorting sidings.

397 BG: 35 a/c dispatched, 32 dropping 127 X 1000 GP on Primary.

3 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failures.

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

Visual bombing by flights from 11,500 - 13,500 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI, and 195 ft. S of it. Bombs in fair pattern across station, cars in yard, and all tracks in L/Y.

Flt. B - SMPI - SUPERIOR. MPI 1800 ft. S of DMPI selected because Flt. C interfered with run on DMPI. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of SMPI, and 200 ft. S of it, across many cars and tracks.

Flt. C - NAO. Both lead and deputy lead a/c aborted. Remaining four a/c moved in behind Flt. A and toggled on that release. Bombs fell W of Flt. A bombs, hitting roads and in warehouse area.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage of bombs. Strikes may be in smoke on photos made by this flight. Crews claim excellent results on DMPI.

Flt. B - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI, and on it (no error); direct hit scored on roundhouse used as DMPI. Some bombs may have hit in yard proper.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage due to camera a/c aborting. Crews claim excellent results on DMPI.

391 BG: 35 a/c dispatched, all dropping 140 X 1000 GP on Primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 12,000 - 13,000 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. About 90 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Tight pattern fell about 650 ft. S of DMPI, cutting 2 sidings and 2 roadways.

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Box II - Ft. A - DMP1 - EXCELLENT. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMP1. Good pattern centered 750 ft. W of DMP1. Pattern blankets eastern half of N/Y, covering approximately 300 ft. of track, and probably damaging a number of railway cars in yard. Hits were also scored in a portion of the large factory-like buildings E of N/Y.

Ft. C - DMP1 - EXCELLENT. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMP1. Pattern centered 395 ft. W of DMP1. Pattern blankets the railway overpasses, approximately 500 ft. of main highway, and a number of buildings. A few railway cars were probably damaged or destroyed.

Ft. B - DMP1 - SUPERIOR. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMP1. Long pattern centered 175 ft. W of DMP1. Pattern walked across N/Y and railway overpasses, probably cutting all lines and causing damage to a number of cars in the main highway on either side of N/Y.

Box I - Ft. A - DMP1 - EXCELLENT. 95 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMP1. Excellent pattern centered 790 ft. W of DMP1. Bombs fell in an open field E of N/Y.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,600 - 12,200 feet.

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

1 a/c failed to bomb; mechanical failure. (Due to insufficient power in left engine this a/c jettisoned 7 x 500 lb. bombs in field at C-020850 - friendly territory. Bombs did not explode.)

410 BG: 36 a/c dispatched, 35 dropping 210 x 500 lb. on primary.

Flak (marshalling yard)

Ft. C - SMP1 - EXCELLENT. Smoke obscured DMP1. Bombardier selected N. corner of passenger station, 1200 ft. W of DMP1. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of SMP1. Light pattern 375 ft. E of SMP1, cutting 3 through air lines and 5 other air lines, and 1 roadway. Damage to at least 15 goods wagons and 1 large warehouse alongside yards.

Ft. B - SMP1 - EXCELLENT. Smoke obscured DMP1. Bombardier selected a point between the SE and SW bound lines, where they began to spread, 2500 ft. SE of DMP1. About 80 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of SMP1. Light pattern 900 ft. SW of SMP1, cutting 2 rail lines, a 1/2 over road bridge, and 3 roadways.

Box II - Ft. A - DMP1 - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMP1. Light pattern about 700 ft. ENE of DMP1 along edge of N/Y, cutting 3 air lines and damaging at least 30 goods wagons. Hits also seen on 3 large partially demolished warehouses and 2 roadways.

Ft. C - DMP1 - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMP1. Light pattern 100 ft. E of DMP1, cutting 3 through air lines and 10 marshalling lines, with probable damage to at least 35 goods wagons.

Ft. B - DMP1 - EXCELLENT. About 85 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMP1. Dispersed pattern 650 ft. W of DMP1, across one roadway and an open field.

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Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Long pattern centered 650 ft. SW of DMPI. Pattern covers about half the width of M/Y, covering approximately 200 ft. of track. Pattern also blankets a portion of main E/W highway, a number of residential buildings, and a portion of two large factory-like buildings.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage. Camera a/c in this flight aborted. Bombardier made two runs on target. Smoke blanketed entire yard on second run and bombardier was unable to pick up assigned DMPI. He selected railway overpass 2000 ft. S of DMPI.

416 BG: 37 A-26 a/c dispatched, all dropping 145 X 1000 GP on Primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,200 - 12,000 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of pattern 250 ft. NE of DMPI. Good pattern on buildings, roads, and across RR tracks at choke point.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of bursts 395 ft. NE of DMPI. Bombs fell in excellent pattern with hits and near misses scored on RR workshops, cars, and tracks.

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of bursts 710 ft. SE of DMPI. Bombs blanket center of M/Y in excellent pattern, with a number of hits on goods wagons, tracks, and on adjacent RR workshops.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of bursts 450 ft. SE of DMPI. Excellent pattern across M/Y, destroying or damaging 50 RR cars; direct hits were scored on a large goods depot and on RR workshops. 10 hits on tracks, cutting them.

Flt. B - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPI. Center of bursts 100 ft. SE of DMPI. Excellent pattern blanketing RR, cutting tracks, destroying or damaging 20 goods wagons, and probably RR overpass.

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of bursts 410 ft. SE of DMPI. Excellent pattern on RR, cutting tracks, and destroying or damaging 30 goods wagons.

323 BG: 39 a/c dispatched, 34 dropping 540 X 250 GP on Primary. 1 a/c dropped 16 X 250 GP on Rosbach (M-685900), 10 miles N of Frankfurt. 3 window a/c.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

1 a/c lost. This a/c was hit by flak W of Wiesbaden while on course, and crashed in flames at M-250680. 5 chutes were reported; 6 crewmen missing.

8 additional a/c flak battle-damaged; no further casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,700 - 12,250 feet.

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No losses, damage, casualties.

All a/c failed to bomb: due to base weather conditions mission was cancelled while a/c were in process of taking off.

322 BG: 3 a/c dispatched; none bombed.

Flensburg (Marshalling Yard)

Flt. B - DMLI - UNDETERMINED. All equipment functioned perfectly but bombs would not release due to lack of illumination. 2 cameras a/c, mistaking Flak burst for release, dropped 3000 and 3500 lb. of bombs. Since Flt. B had been ordered to attack other targets it failed to drop at Flensburg, remaining a/c attacked Flensburg, G-170180. No photo coverage due to camera a/c bomb-
the primary.

Flt. A - DMLI - UNDETERMINED. All bombs in open fields. Radius of DMLI. Center of excellent concentration is 1280 ft. DMLI - Flt. A - DMLI (SHORAN) - UNDETERMINED. No bombs within 1000 ft.

Dropping by Flights (Flt. A on Flt. B, Flt. B usually) from 12,300 feet.

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

1 a/c (Flt. B) failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

17 a/c dispatched (10 a-26, 5 a-20, 2 a-26, 10 (8 a-26, 1 a-20, 1 F4U) dropping 32 x 1000, 7 x 250, 3 x 500 lb on primary. 3 (2 a-26, 1 a-20) dropped 8 x 1000, 7 x 250 lb on other target. 3 a-20 within a/c.

Altenkirchen (Commanding Officer's Quarters)

Flt. C - DMLI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage. One camera carrying a/c had mechanical malfunction. The other camera in this flight was turned on at such a time that no photo coverage of bursts was obtained. Bombing results were poor results.

Flt. D - DMLI - UNDETERMINED. Bombs fell in smoke of previous bombing. All bursts seemed to occur on photographs.

Flt. E - DMLI - UNDETERMINED. Bombs fell in smoke of previous bombing. Bombs fell across southern end of airfield, cutting tracks in this end of yard. One photo taken near a roundhouse in this area.

Box II - Flt. A - DMLI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMLI. Good concentration, with 1/3 of bursts 300 ft. or less on small road and near houses on western edge of yard.

Flt. C - DMLI - EXCELLENT. Bombs from previous bombing observed DMLI. Bombs fell within 1000 ft. radius of DMLI. Approx- mately 75 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMLI. Good concentration, with 1/3 of bursts 650 ft. or less. Bombs fell on small road and near houses on western edge of yard.

Flt. B - DMLI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMLI. Good concentration with the 1/3 of bursts 230 ft. or less. Bombs fell across center of airfield, hitting main wagon and causing minor explosions. 2 or 3 bombs are noted in center of yard, 200 ft. or less north of center of yard.

Flt. A - DMLI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMLI. Good concentration, with 1/3 of bursts 195 ft. or less. Bombs fell on wagon and houses in northern end of yard. Three photo taken on nearby buildings B of yard. Two photo taken one later bomb hitting bridge over tracks at end of yard.

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Fulda (Marshalling Yard)

386 BG: 13 A-26 a/c dispatched. None bombed.

All a/c failed to bomb: due to base weather conditions mission was cancelled while a/c were in process of taking off.

No losses, damage, casualties.

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0	Claims
0	Injured
6	Missing
1	Wounded
0	Killed
22	A/C Lost (323 BG)
8.63%	A/C Missing
0	A/C Crash-Landed
0	A/C Battle Damaged
1	Bombs on Enemy Territory
136,230.28	Total Bombs to Date
467.50	
276	TOTAL
276	A/C Bombing
245	A/C Bombing to Date
9	A/C Recalled (Weather)
18	Other (Window)
6	

Section II

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FAILURES TO EVID

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. A/C</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASON</u>
394	3	Mechanical	1-Left engine cutting out. 1-Right engine would not go into high blower 1-Loss of power right engine.
397	3	Mechanical	1-air speed indicator out. 1-Right engine smoking. 1-Oil pressure in right engine dropped rapidly.
410	1	Mechanical	Loss of power left engine.
323	1	Mechanical	Right prop governor went out.
409	1 (A-26)	Mechanical	Dont rack malfunction.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Friedburg 394 BG: 8-10/10 altostratus cloud base 15,000 ft. Visibility 12 miles.

387 BG: 10/10 medium cloud base 16,000 ft. Visibility 10-15 miles.

397 BG: 10/10 altostratus cloud base 14,000 ft. Visibility 10-12 miles.

391 BG: 10/10 altostratus cloud base 15-17,000 ft. Visibility 10-15 miles.

Fulda 410 BG: 6-8/10 cirrus cloud above 18,000 ft. Trace of cumulus cloud base 3000 ft. tops 5000 ft. Visibility 6 miles down sun and 2 miles up sun in haze.

416 BG: 10/10 altocumulus and altostratus cloud base 12,500 ft. Visibility 10-12 miles.

323 BG: 10/10 medium cloud base 14,000 ft. Visibility 6 miles.

Altenkirchen 409 BG: 8-10/10 altostratus cloud base 14-15,000 ft. Visibility 5-7 miles.

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	255
A/C LOST TO FLAK	1
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	21
S A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	8.63%

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No o/a encountered during mission.

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TABLE AIRCRAFT REACTION

GROUP	CAMERAS	MECHANICAL FAILURES	NO. AIRCRAFT	PERSONNEL INJURIES
397	100%	0	0	0
387	100%	0	0	0
397	100%	0	0	0
391	100%	0	0	0
410	100%	0	0	0
416	100%	0	0	0
323	71%	1	3	21%
409	100%	0	0	0

S/A PHOTO REPORTS

Flak experienced followed very closely that encountered earlier in the day and in keeping with flak defenses. Moderate accurate fire was reported from Hachenburg to the target. Flak inaccurate heavy flak bursts that omitted gear on route. PHENOMENA: Gears reported seeing heavy flak bursts that omitted tracer-like streams upon bursting. This may be a non form of incendiary flak as the enemy has experimented with incendiary flak previously.

A/C Lost to Flak
A/C Battle Damaged
5 A/C Battle Damaged
709 Gp.

Flak on route was scattered as anticipated due to the recent advances by the III Army in the area. The 410 Gp. encountered weak accurate flak at Rande (N-075665). No defenses are noted. However, due to recent ground activity the enemy has been relocating his defenses. The 416 Gp. reported weak flak near Loren (N-060620) on route to the target but the guns did not fire on them on route cut. The 323 Gp. received weak but accurate fire from Bad Homburg. Flak was probably from the Frankfurt defenses. Weak to moderate accurate flak was encountered at St. Badon. The a/c lost was hit by flak in this area and crashed at N-250600. 5 and possibly 6 chairs were seen.

A/C Lost to Flak
A/C Battle Damaged
5 A/C Battle Damaged
410, 416, 323 Gp.

The 397 Gp. encountered weak inaccurate heavy flak at Westton and Brandebourg (G-540078). All other groups reported nil flak.

A/C Lost to Flak
A/C Battle Damaged
5 A/C Battle Damaged
397, 387, 391 Gp.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
PRESS RELEASE

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, France, March 25 --The railroad yard at Limburg, 30 miles northwest of Frankfurt, was subjected to a concentrated air attack Sunday, as Major General Samuel E. Anderson's medium and light bombers shifted their offensive from the sector north of the Ruhr. Blocking of the main rail lines from the north at this key junction was designed to slow German attempts to move reinforcements south to the sector of the new Third Army bridgehead.

Other bomber formations carried out attacks against road networks in four towns east of the Remagen bridgehead, in cooperation with the U. S. First Army. Some 400 bombers took part in the combined operations, from which no aircraft are missing.

In the Limburg attacks, the bombers swept over their objective at a time when the rail yards were jammed with freight traffic. Crews reported making their bomb runs between a large prisoner-of-war camp and a Red Cross hospital and watching their bombs fall within the yards without damage to either encampment. Fires broke out at different points in the yards, and crews said an oil storage warehouse went up in black smoke after receiving numerous direct hits. In addition, large sections of track were reported battered out of usefulness.

The Limburg rail center was important to the enemy in his efforts to move supplies and reinforcements south to forces opposing the Third Army bridgehead over the Rhine south of Frankfurt.

Bomber formations attacking communications ahead of U. S. First Army troops in the Remagen area singled out the towns of Altenkirchen, Weyerbusch, Dierdorf and Flammerfield, all east of the bridgehead at Remagen. Ground haze prevented accurate observation of results, but crews reported tight bomb patterns within the confines of the four target areas. Object of the attacks was to block main roads leading west to the Remagen sector and deny the enemy movement of troops and supplies.

News room 1400, Press Camp 1430

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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, France, March 25 -- Seven hundred Ninth Air Force medium and light bombers Sunday ranged behind enemy lines from Frankfurt to the Remagen bridgehead area, attacking three marshaling yards, four communications centers and defense installations. The day's operations immobilized reinforcements and destroyed supplies sorely needed by Nazis opposing the advance of the U. S. Third and First armies.

Excellent visibility enabled the Ninth Bombardment Division airmen to place their bombs accurately as they opened the forenoon offensive with a devastating attack on the Limburg marshaling yards, where they found the rails jammed with freight cars. Other towns hit during the morning included Altenkirchen, Weyerbusch, Dierdorf and Flammerfield.

Rail yards at Friedburg and Fulda took the full weight of the afternoon attacks. Returning crewmen reported extensive damage to the yards and large fires started at both points. Exploding tank cars sent flames shooting skyward and indicated a substantial loss to the Germans of desperately needed motor fuel.

The formations met moderate anti-aircraft fire, with rockets zooming up at them from one area. One bomber was lost.

TACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Today the medium and light bombers of the Ninth Bombardment Division were shifted to the central sector of the Western front in a new aerial

Visual reconnaissance reports the Leburg marshaling yard was left unscathed by the 14th Bombardment Division attack which cut all rail lines through the yards and severely damaged rolling stock. Reconnaissance airmen preliminarily claim of two roundhouses destroyed.

The Sunday attacks marked the medium and light bombers 16th straight day of operations and their 24th operational day of the month. Total bomb tonnage for the month is 21,592.

701	Aircraft dispatched	201
655	Aircraft over enemy territory	655
1	Bomb tonnage	1187.02
3	Residual yards attacked	3
4	Communications centers attacked	4
2	Highway bridges damaged	2
169	Highway cuts	169
65	Highway cuts	65
2	Roundhouses destroyed	2
1	Roundhouses damaged	1
485	Goods wagons destroyed or damaged	485
13	Warehouses destroyed or damaged	13
291	Buildings destroyed or damaged	291
18	Logcabin buildings destroyed or damaged	18
9	Factory buildings damaged	9
9	Repair shops damaged or destroyed	9
2	Flaming overpasses damaged	2
1	Railroad stations damaged	1

NINTEEN BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, BANGOR, March 25 - Following are operational statistics, including preliminary damage assessment figures, for combined missions of B-26 bombers, A-20 Corsairs and A-26 Invaders of the 14th Bombardment Division Sunday:

News from 2030 - Dress Camp 2100

Attacks on the four communications centers immediately east of the Remagen airfield, carried out in the forenoon operations, were destined to block and abate in the event of the enemy to organize for a counter attack in that sector.

Attacks were carried out to block enemy rail traffic at these points and to destroy rolling stock and equipment reported in the German troops and material to the Third Army bridgehead, since they represent the main rail system leading north and east from Frankfurt.

shifted their force to the central sector of the Western front in a new series of offensives, with the main weight directed against the marshaling yards at Elberfeld, Friedberg and Heddau. All three represent key junctions on the three main rail lines running north and east from Frankfurt.

POLIC RELATIONS
 NEWS RELEASE
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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 16/25 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB. GP. (L) 25/2025A

TO COMMANDING GENERAL, IX BOMBER DIVISION: ATTENTION: A-2
 COMMANDING GENERAL, 97TH COMBAT WING: ATTENTION: A-2

BT

SECRET 416BG R-580-D

OPFLASH FOR 25 MARCH 1945 (AFTERNOON MISSION)

- A. 416TH BOMB GP. (L)
- B. FULDA M/Y (H-383178)
- C. 37 A-26'S
- D. 37 A-26'S BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY BY FLIGHTS.
- E. NIL
- F. 148 X 1000 LT. GP. ON PRIMARY
- G. CREWS REPORT EXCELLENT TO SUPERIOR RESULTS!
- H. NIL
- I. NIL
- J. TARGET - NIL ELSEWHERE MEAGER HFF IN VICINITY OF LORCH
 (M-260620) ON ROUTE IN TO TARGET, NONE ON ROUTE OUT.
- K. NIL
- L. BOX 1
 FLIGHT A - 12000
 FLIGHT B - 11600
 FLIGHT C - 11800

 BOX 2
 FLIGHT A- 11400
 FLIGHT B- 11000
 FLIGHT C- 11200
- M. BOX 1
 FLIGHT A A 1654
 FLIGHT B - 1655
 FLIGHT C - 1654

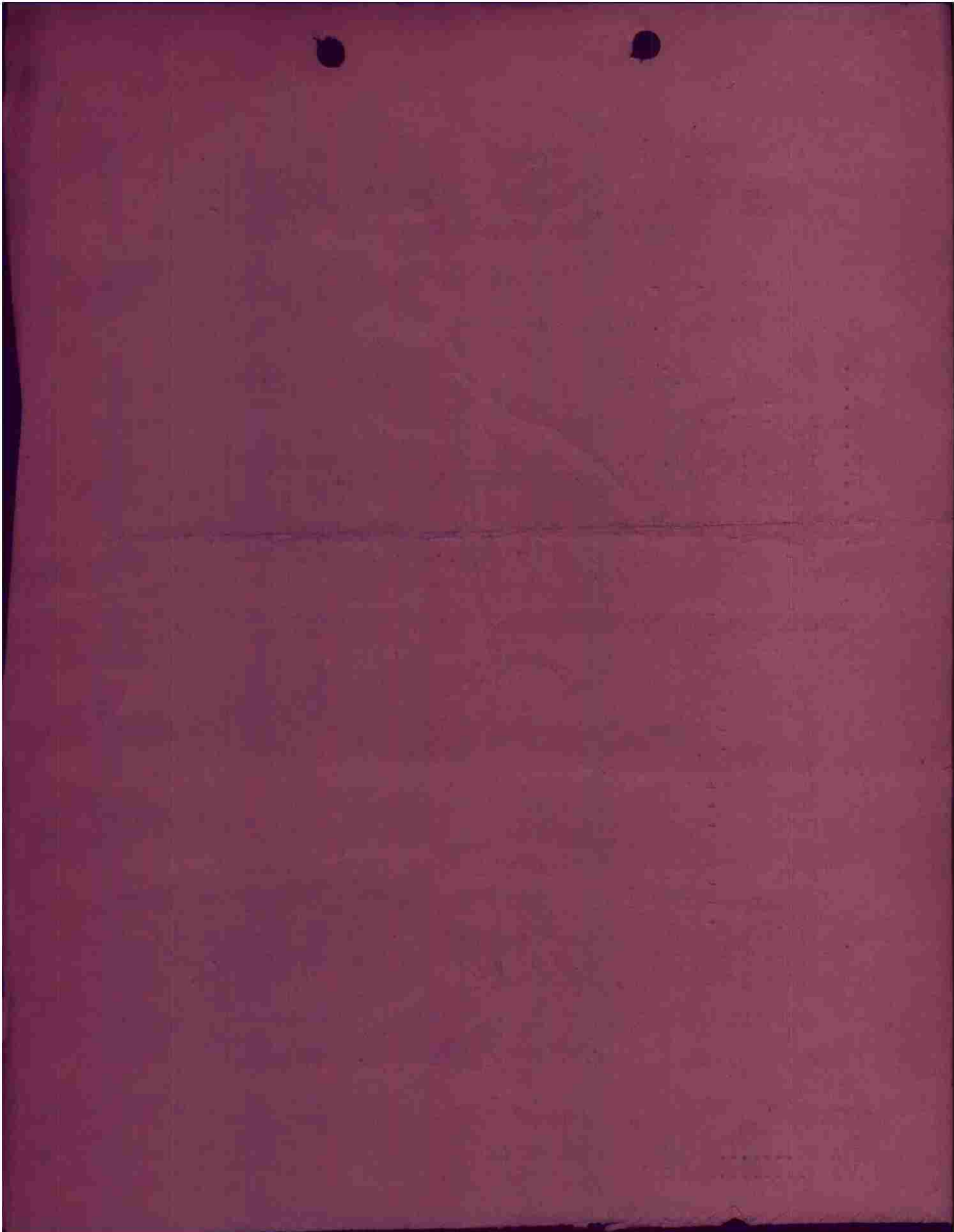
 BOX 2
 FLIGHT A - 1654 1/2
 FLIGHT B - 1702 (THIS FLIGHT MADE TWO RUMEXX RUNS)
 FLIGHT C - 1654
- X. CREWS REPORT SEEING LARGE EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES WITH COLUMNS OF
 BLACK AND WHITE SMOKE COMING FROM M/Y AFTER BOMBS HIT. ONE
 TRAIN SEEN PULLING OUT OF M/Y AT XX TARGET HEADING WEST.

FIGHTERS LATE AT RENDEZUOUS CAUSING DELAY IN TIME OVER TARGET.

W.P. THOMAS MAJOR A.C.

BT 2025A
 WFG BBBB

ITA RE.....252111A MX KKKK
 JEA R.....25/2111A LCB KKK



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 ITA JEA V JKI JKI 16/25 OP OP

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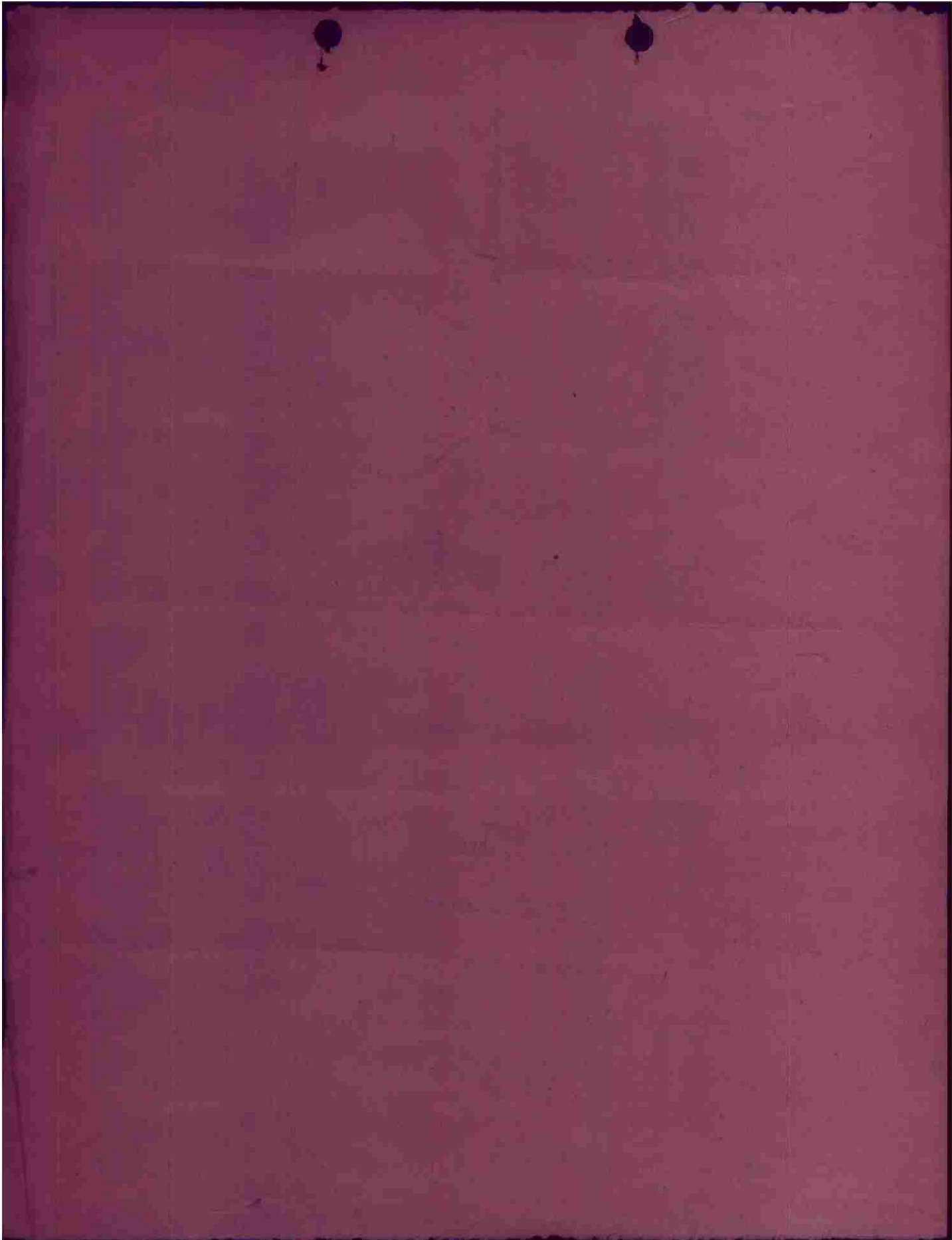
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ITA RE.....252111A
 JEA R.....25/2111A

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To CG 9th Bomb Division; Att: A-2

CG 97th Combat Bomb Wing; Att: A-2

From: 416th Bomb Group (L)

Operational Priority Secret

Opstflash for 25th March 1945 Afternoon Mission

A. 416th Bomb Group (L)

B. Fulda M/Y (H-383178)

C. 37 A-26s

D. 37 A-26s ~~on primary~~ bombed primary visually by flights
~~making one (1) run only~~

E. Nil

F. 148 X 1000 Lb G.P. on Primary

G. Crews report excellent to Superior results

H. Nil

I. Nil

J. Target - Nil

Elsewhere - Meager inaccurate HFF in vicinity of
Lorch (M.060620) - on route in to target -
none on route out

K. Nil

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L. Box I
 Flight A - 12000
 Flight B - 11600
 Flight C 11800

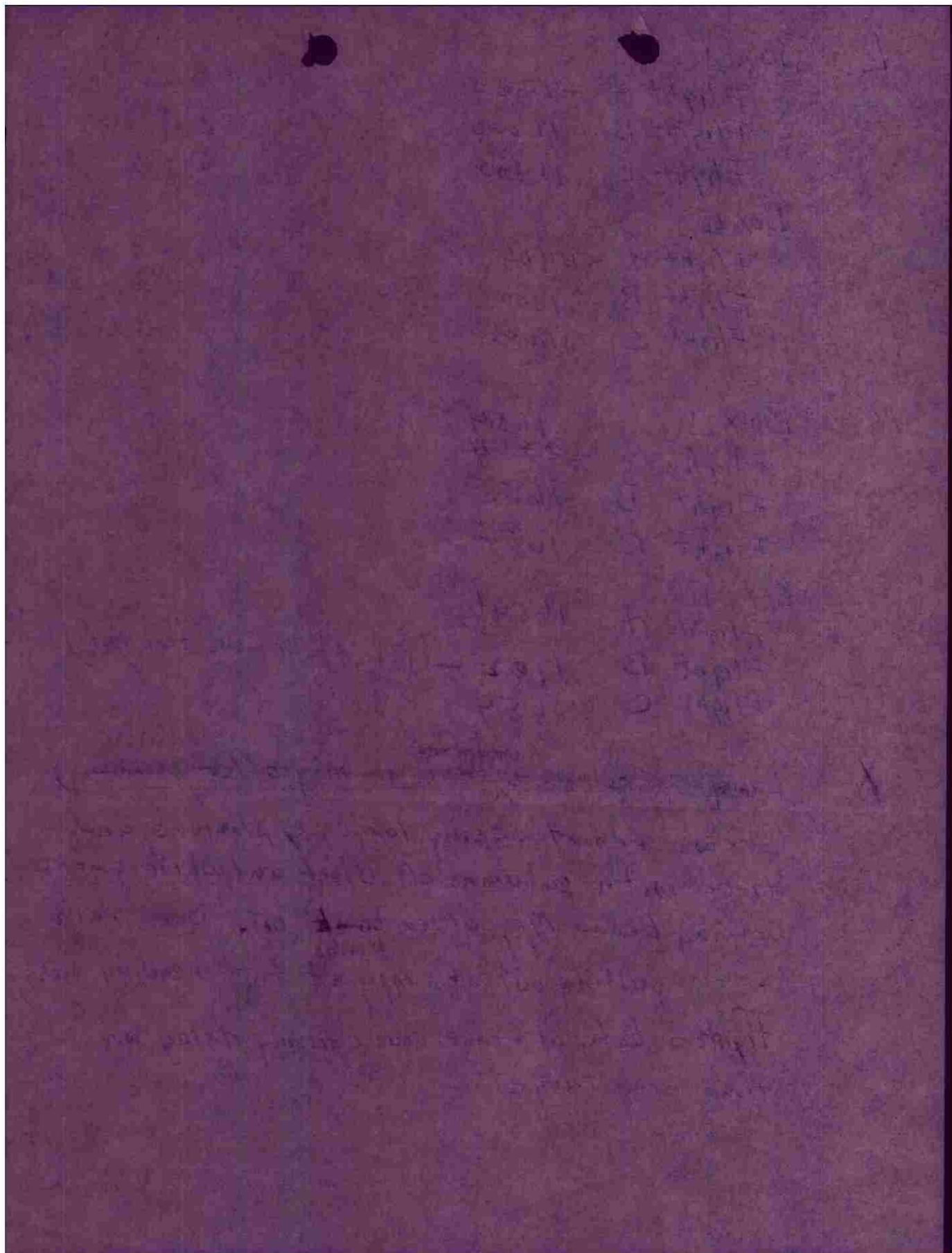
Box II
 Flight A - 11400
 Flight B 11000
 Flight C 11200

M. Box I
 Flight A - ~~1654~~ 1654
 Flight B 1655
 Flight C 1654

Box II
 Flight A 1654 1/2
 Flight B 1702 - (This flight made two runs)
 Flight C 1654

X ~~Large explosions seen in M/Y after bombing;~~
 and fuses

Crews report seeing large explosions and fires with columns of Black and white smoke coming from M/Y after ~~bombs~~ ^{bombs} hit. One train seen pulling out of M/Y at ~~that~~ ^{that} heading west. Fighters late at rendezvous causing delay on time over target



TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Division;
Attention: A-2

Commanding General, 97th Combat Wing;
Attention: A-2

FROM: 418th Bomb. Gp. (L)

OPFLASH for 25 March 1945 (Afternoon Mission)

Operational priority SECRET

- A. 418th Bomb Gp. (L)
 B. FULDA M/Y (H-383178)
 C. 37 A-26's
 D. 37 A-26's bombed primary visually by flights.
 E. Nil
 F. 148 x 1000 lb. gp. on primary
 G. Crews report excellent to superior results.
 H. Nil
 I. Nil
 J. Target - Nil Elsewhere ^{MEAGER} inaccurate HFF in vicinity of Lorch (M-060620) on route in to target, none on route out.
 K. Nil
 L. Box 1
 Flight A - 12000
 Flt B - 11600
 Flight C - 11800
 Box 2
 Flight A - 11400
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 M. Box 1
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*Fulda
2025*

*Left Home
Major AC*

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 03/26 OP-OP
 FROM HQ 416TH BOMB GP (L) S-2 PI 26/130A
 TO HQ, 9TH BOMBER DIV (M) A-2 PI
 HQ, 97TH WING (L) A-2 DUTY OFFICER
 BT

SECRET R-384-D

B. FULDA M/Y

G. 1653 - 1752

J. BOX I FLT A DMPI SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 250 FT OF DMPI. BOMBS FELL IN BOOD PATTERN ON BLDGS, ROADS AND ACROSS RR TRACKS AT CHOKE POINT.

FLT B DMPI EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURST 395 FT NE OF DMPI. BOMBS FELL IN EXCELLENT PATTERN WITH HITS AND NEAR MISSES XCORED ON RR WORKSHOPS, CARS AND TRACKS.

FLT C DMPI EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 740 FT SE OF DMPI. BOMBS BLANKET CENTER OF M/Y IN EXCELLENT PATTERN WITH A NUMBER OF HITS ON GOODS WAGONS, TRACKS AND ON ADJACENT RR WORKSHOPS.

BOX II FLT A EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 450 FT SE OF DMPI. EXCELLENT PATTERN OF BURSTS ACROSS M/Y DESTROYING OR DAMAGING 50 RR CARS DIRECT HITS WERE SCORED ON A LARGE GOODS DEPOT AND ON RR WORKSHOPS. 10 HITS ON TRACTS CUTTING THEM.

FLT B DMPI SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 100 FT SE OF DMPI. EXCELLENT PATTERN OF BURSTS BLANKETING RR, CUTTING TRACKS DESTROYING OR DAMAGING 20 GOODS WAGONS AND PROBABLY RR OVERPASS.

FLT C DMPI EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 410 FT SE OF DMPI. EXCELLENT PATTERN OF BURSTS ON RR CUTTING THE TRACKS AND DESTROYING OR DAMAGING 30 GOODS WAGONS.

K. NIL

M.	A)	10	100PERCENT
	B)	0	0
	C)	0	0

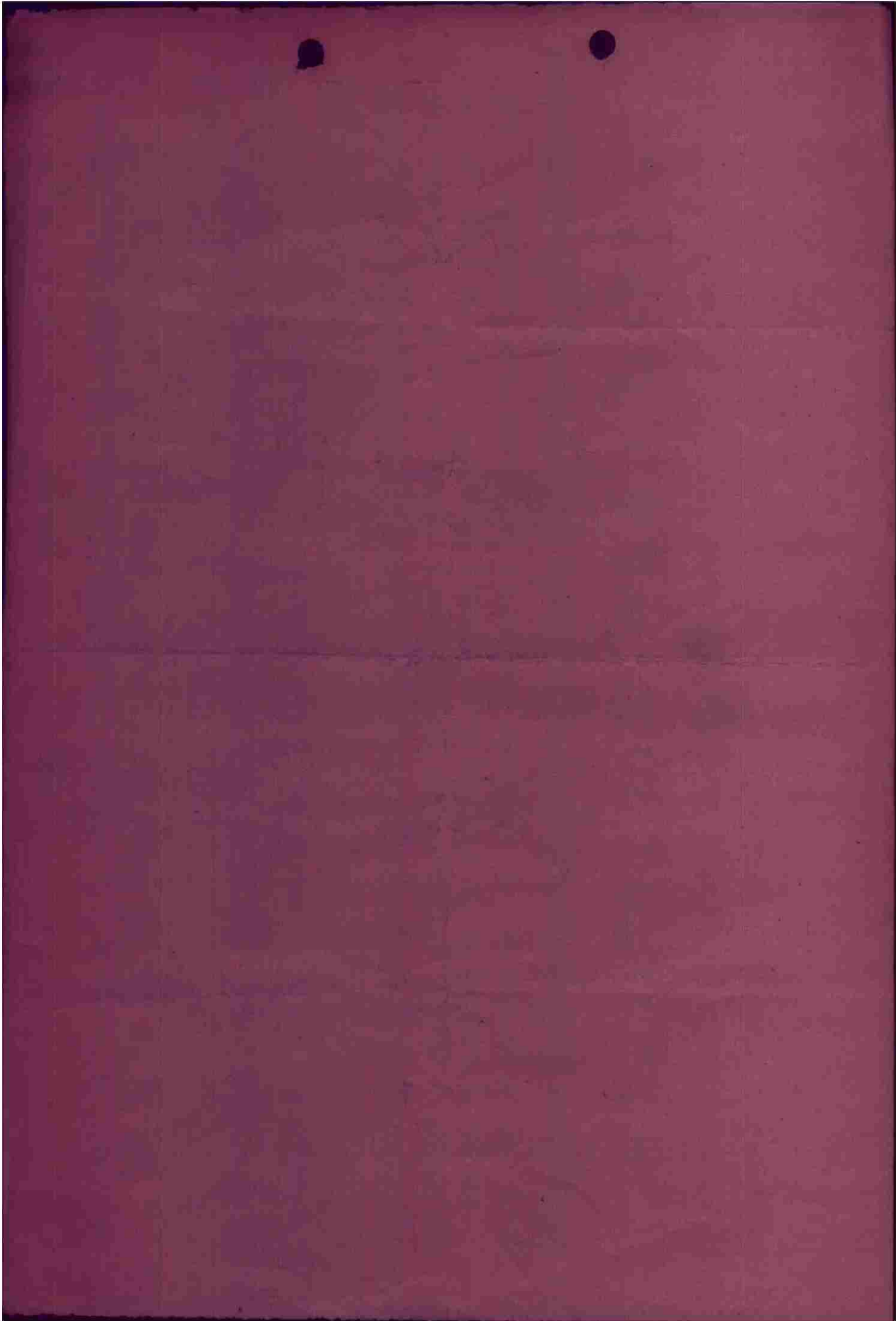
N. 6 PATTERNS OF BOMBS ON M/Y DESTROYING OR DAMAGING 130 FREIGHT CARS 47 HITS ON TRACKS CUTTING THEM. 8 HITS ON RR OVERPASS DESTROYING IT. 10 HITS ON RR WORKSHOPS CAUSING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE. 23 SMALL BLDGS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. 15 HITS ON ROADS CUTTING THEM.

CAPTAIN CLAYTON W. ZESIGER
 BT 26/0130

FD AS AR
 CORR: THE FIRST WORD IN THE THIRD LINE UNDER "J" BOX I FLT A IS GOOD AND NOT AS SENT "BOOD"
 THE FIRST WORD IN THE FOURTH LINE UNDER "J" BOX I FLT B IS SCORED AND NOT AS SENT "XCORED"

ITA R.....26/0227A AT AR
 JEA R.....26/0230A HL AR

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 8/25 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMBSGROUP 25/1515A

TO CG IX BOMBER DIVISION ATT: A-2 DUTY OFFICER
CG 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

BT

SECRET 416BG R-571-D

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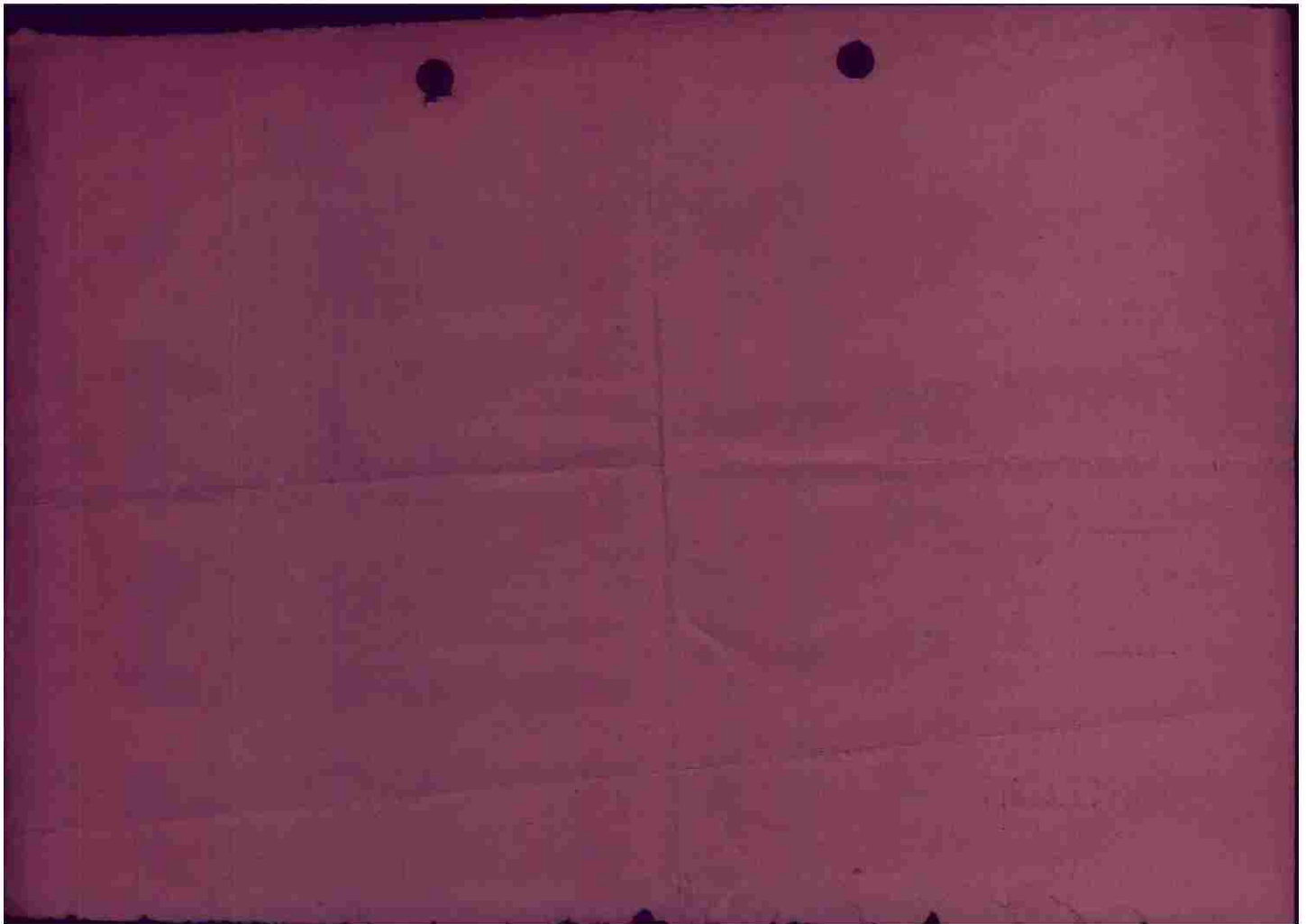
THE ALTERNATE TARGET IN CASE THERE IS NO FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS IS
IDSTEIN (N 379800).

ALTERNATE TO BE BOMBED BY FLIGHTS IF RX VISUAL CONDITIONS RX DO NOT
EXIST AT PRIMARY AND SPECIAL TARGET IS NOT RECEIVED:
NIDDA (G 905024).

BT 1515A
WFG BBBB

ITA R.....251900A IC KKKK
JEA R.....25/1900A SS KKKK

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ITA JPO JKI V JEA JEA 18/25 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) 25/1300A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
410TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP

BT

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

97CBW R-283-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 225-817

(1) TARGET: FULDA M/Y (H-383178)

(2) PHOTO: 3(K)76/2
INTERPRETATION REPORT NO. F724
31/3055 PRINT 1014
7GR/3302 PRINT 2150 TO 2155
2(F)15/1

MAP: GSGS 4414 SHEET NO. 5424

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BT 25/1300A

JMB BBBBB

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JPO R.....25/1315A LB KK

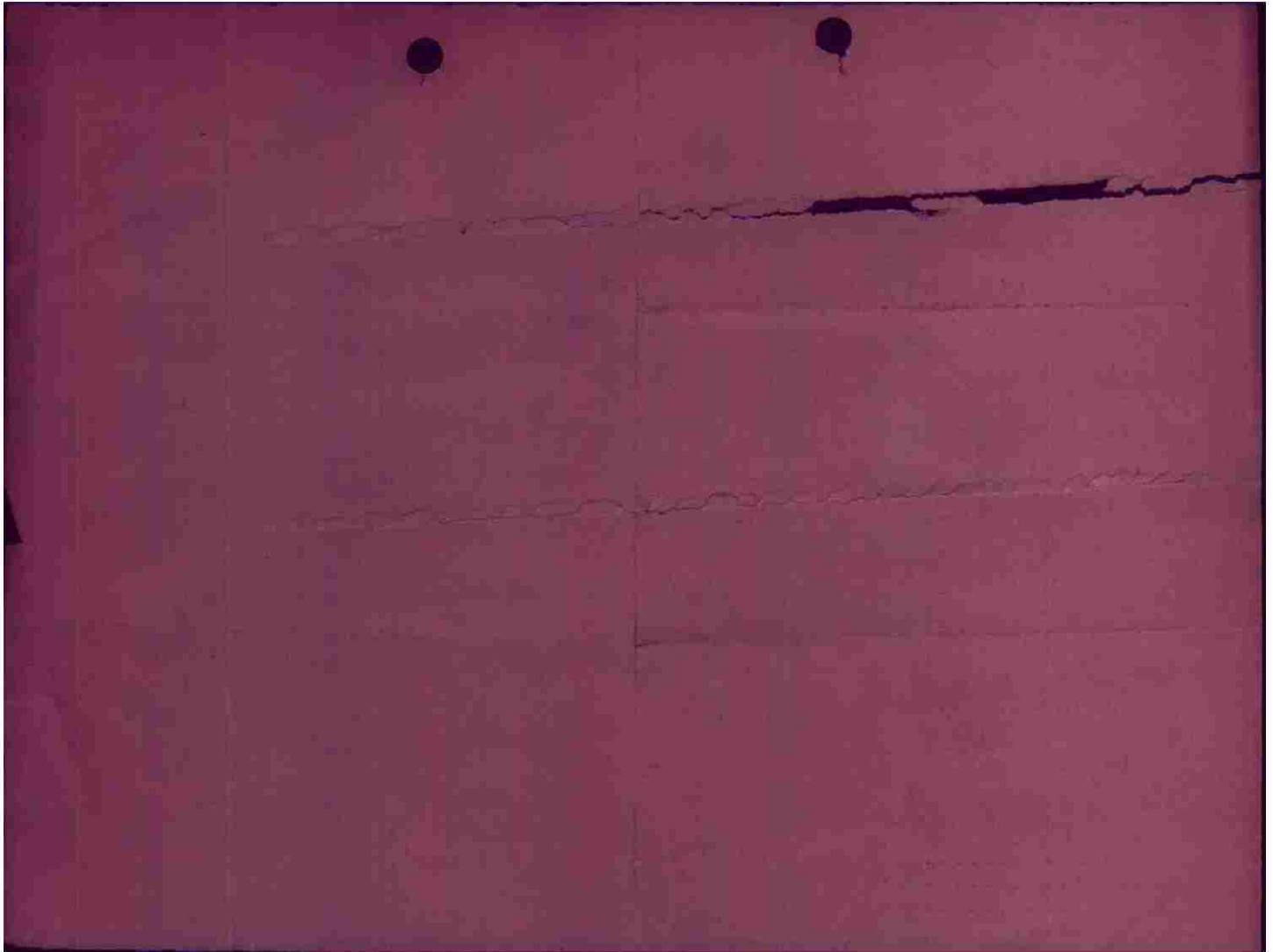
ITA R.....9

IFC AND JPO JUST HOLD ON A FEW MINS. MORE AND I WILL TRY AND

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ITA JJF JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 17/25 OP OP
T (ITA T JJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 25/2350A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE (ATTN: A-2)
COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416 (ATTN: S-2)
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN. (ATTN: S-2)

254 / 1196

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

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

R-288-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 225-817

1. TARGET: GEMUNDEN, M/Y (N-405630)
2. THE GROUND FORCES HAVE REQUESTED THAT THIS M/Y BE ATTACKED. NOTHING IS KNOWN OF PREVIOUS ATTACKS OR OF PRESENT ACTIVITY.
3. PHOTO COVERAGE:

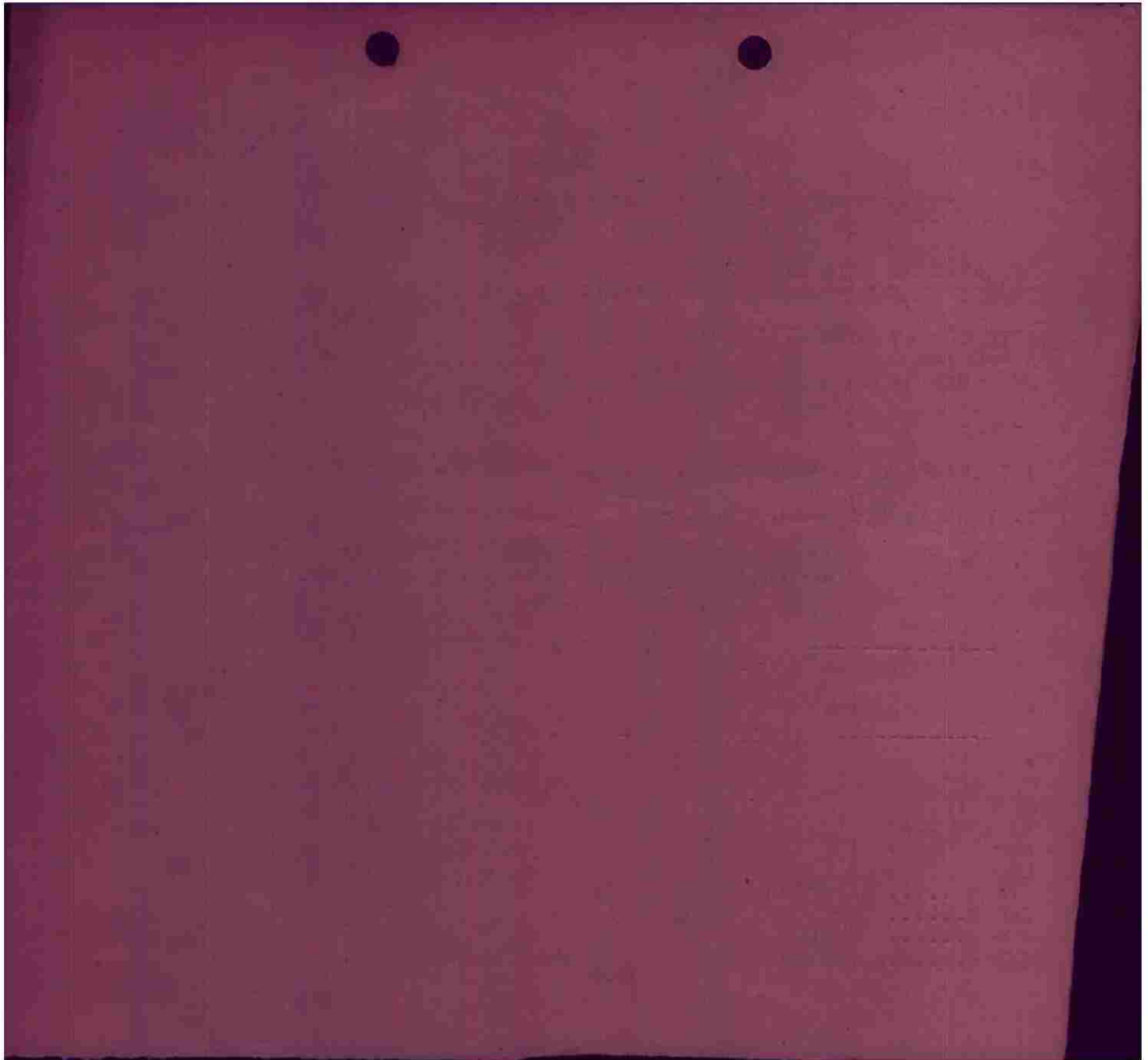
----- 6 (D) (VI) 165/1 AND 2
F-893

MAP COVERAGE:
----- 4416 SHEET T-4

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 25/2350A

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ES R 26/0026A	MC	AR
O R 26/0026A	SL	AR
I R 26/0025A	FD	BBBB TO JEA

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ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 11/25 OPOP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 25/1455A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416

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

R-285-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
25 MARCH 1945

ANNEX NR.1 TO FIELD ORDER NO.225-817

DELETE " INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FT." IN PAR. 3. A. (9)

ADD TO PAR. 3. B. (9)
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FT.

CHANGE THE FOLLOWING PARA. TO READ.

3. A. (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8643 AT 10,000 FT. AT ZERO PLUS 10 MIN.
FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.

3. B. (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8643 AT 10,000 FT. AT ZERO PLUS 30 MIN.
FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 25/1455A

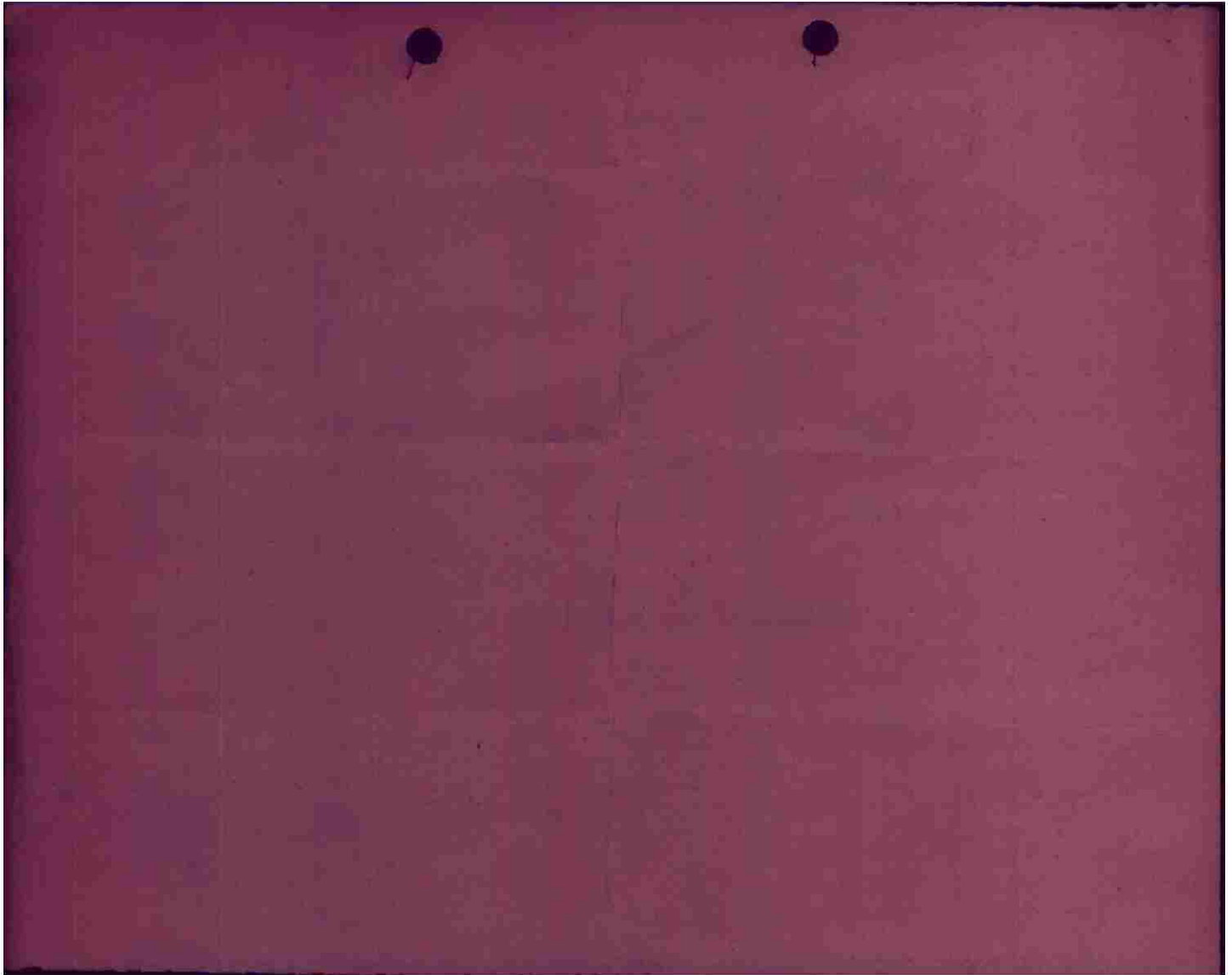
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JKI R.25/1650A EJ B

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ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 8/25 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 25/1230A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416

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

R-282-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
25 MARCH 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 225-817

MAPS : NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT COMBLINE
(2) 12 T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN GERMANY.

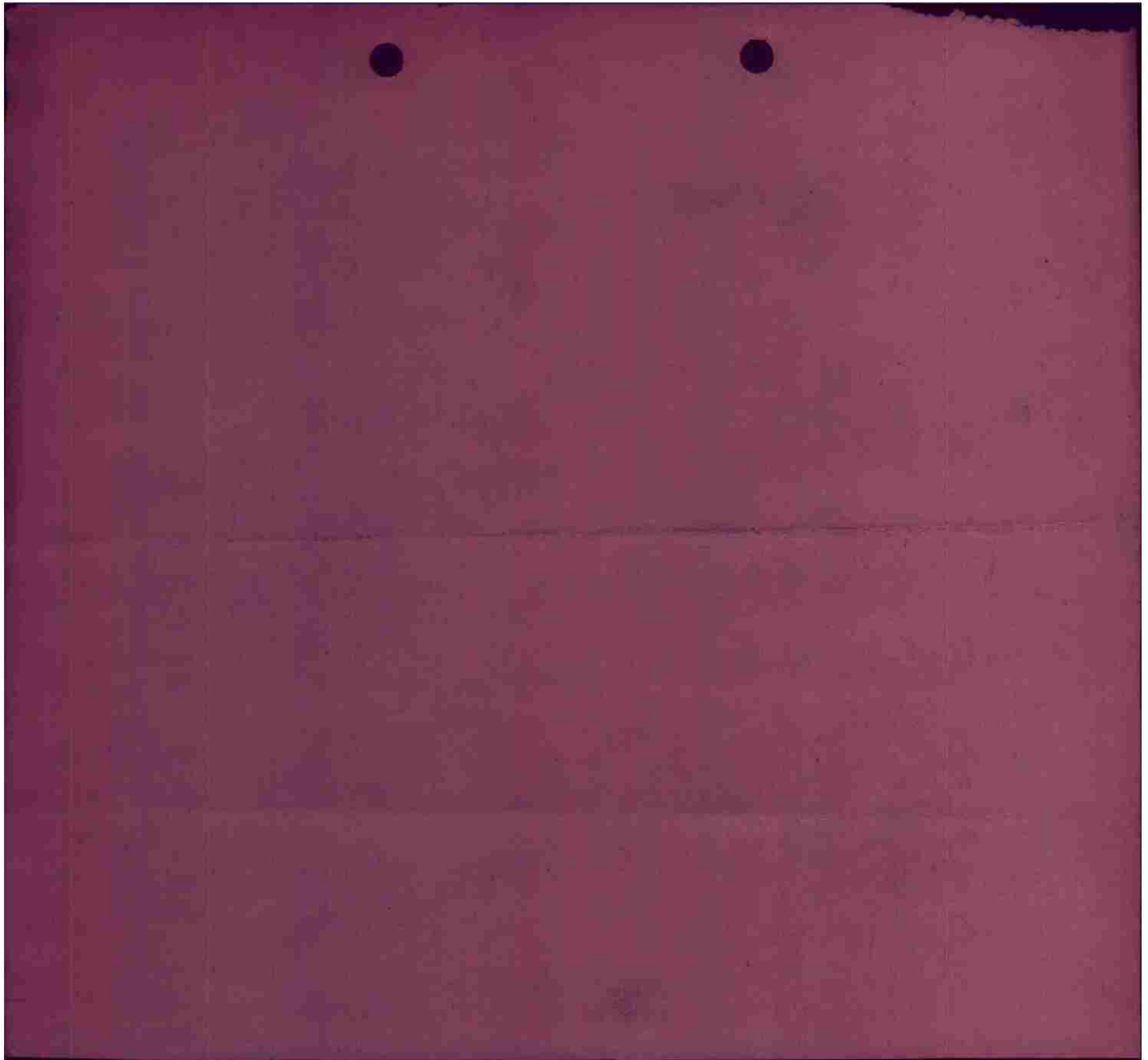
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--VISUAL--

3. A. 413TH BOMB GROUP
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8643 AT 11,000 FT. AT ZERO PLUS 10 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
 - (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 5424 COVER MARSHALLING YARD FROM 38351870 TO 37681955 INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FT.
 - (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- B. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-8643 AT 11,000 FT. AT ZERO PLUS 30 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
 - (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 5424 COVER MARSHALLING YARD FROM 38351870 TO 37681955.
 - (10) 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.

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- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.
 (5) TARGET : FULDA MARSHALLING YARD (H-383178)
 (6) A/C REQUIRED : 36 BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 (7) ROUTE OUT : BASE TO P-P8643 TO L-5761 TO M-8362 TO M-8196
 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 (8) ROUTE BACK : TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE
 (9) ALTITUDE : BOMB AT 12,000 FT. OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO
 BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FT. DROP 1,000 FT. AFTER BOMBING.
 (10) I.P. M-8296
 (11) AXIS OF ATTACK : GEN SW TO NE
 (12) R.P. M-8196
 (13) IN THE EVENT VISUAL CONDITIONS BEYOND EXISTING
 TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
 A. ALTERNATE TARGET VISUALLY
 B. BULLSEYE
 C. ALTERNATE TARGET "GEE"
 D. ALTERNATE TARGET E.T.A.
 (14) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS
 WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.
 (15) CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED DURING BOMBING DUE TO HOSPITAL
 AND P/W CAMP LOCATED AT H-378128.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) REDCOW
 (3) JUDITH
 (4) RIPS AW

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) SWEEPER
 (3) POKER
 (4) RIPS AW

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

- (11) RIPS AW AVAILABLE FOR BULLSEYE PROCEDURE

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 25/1230A

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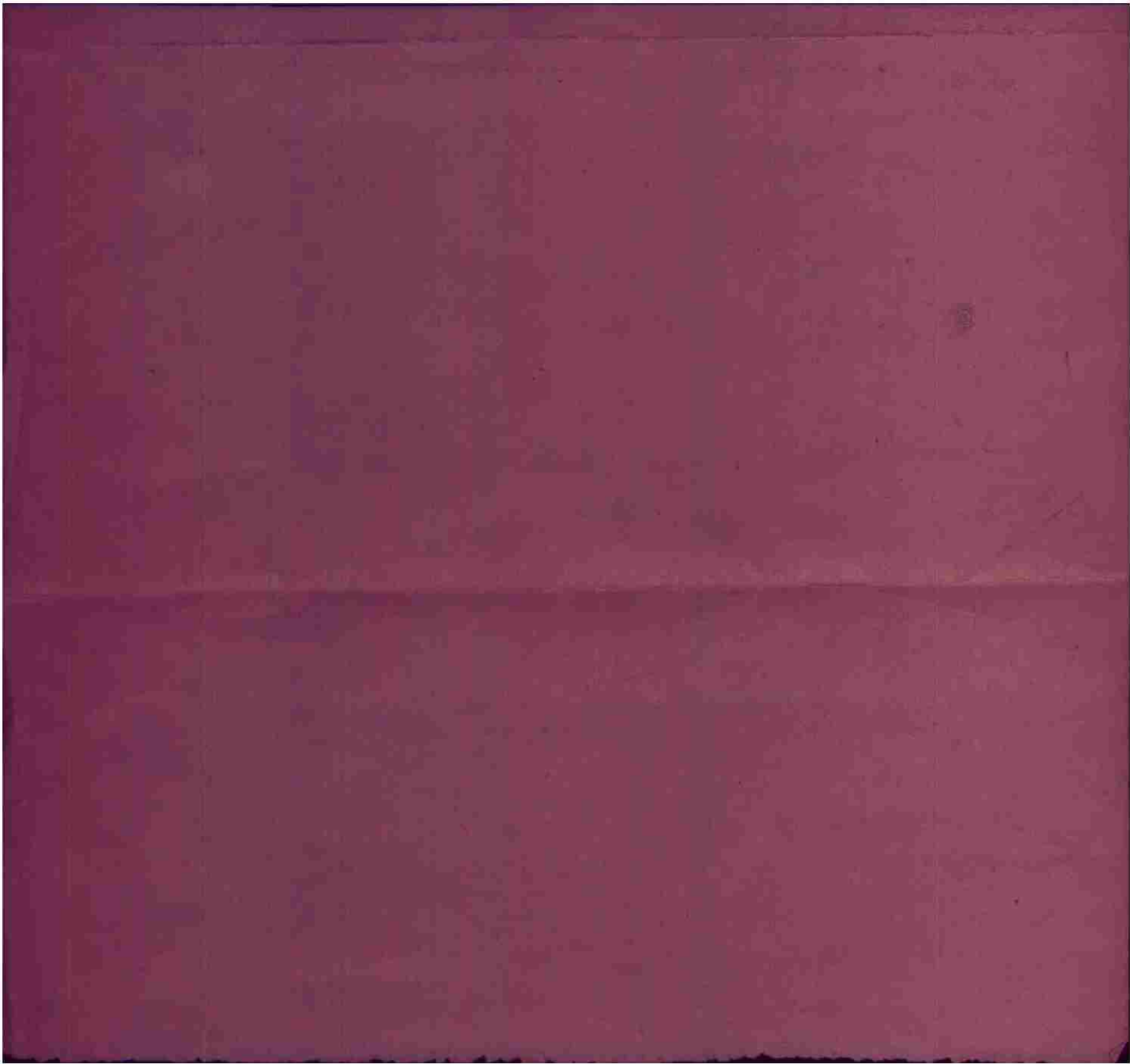
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MISSION NO. 254

LOADING LIST
BCK I
FLIGHT I

25 MARCH 1945

1. 469 A
Major G H Ferris
Lt P G Royalty
Lt M C McNutt
S/S D M Rio

4. 416 O
Lt R B Singletary
S/S J J Rickatson

2. 497 E
Capt R J Tutt
Lt L A Orr
Sgt D A Schwartzaple

5. 564 V
Lt W M Balch
Cpl J D Brennan

3. 205 M
Lt E G Bishop
S/S J A Hummer
Sgt D B Richards

6. 232 K
Lt J V O'Brien
Sgt H T Wright

FLIGHT II

1. 508 Z
Capt C S Stanley
F/O J H Blount
S/S G B Collier

4. 378 O
Lt J H Montross
S/S R S Gandy

2. 293 F
Lt W H Roberts
S/S A R Hood

5. 259 H
Lt A S Nathanson
Sgt C M Hicks

3. 495 G
Lt L R Zeinst
S/S J F Geyer

6. 263 G
F/O H G Gunkel
Sgt W H Fidler

FLIGHT III

1. 505 Y
Capt H M Evans
Lt T M McCartney
S/S C M Skeens

4. 244 I
Lt W H Lester
S/S S Kochan

2. 314 H
Lt J W Blevins
Sgt F Gentry

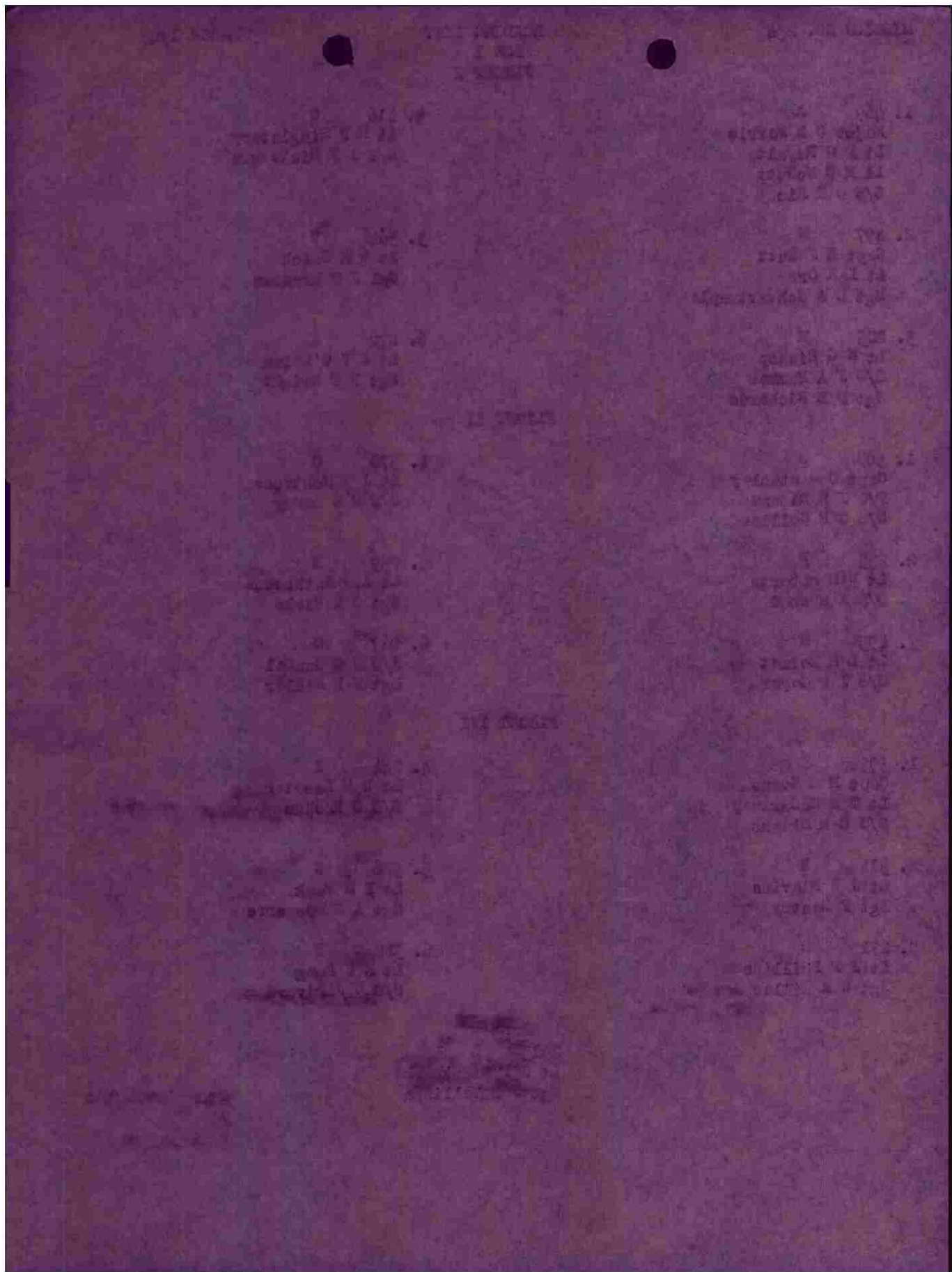
5. 326 W
Lt F R Tank
Sgt A J Musarra

3. 271 R
Lt J P Phillips
Sgt W A Miller

6. 362 Y
Lt R H Long
S/S G J Rivard

SPARE

2315 L
Lt J F Stankowski
Sgt J R Ve'lina



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BOX II
FLIGHT I

25 MARCH 1945

1. 501 W
Lt F S Brewster
Lt L W Dennis
F/O F J Conley
S/S W O Clark

2. 304 T
Lt D O Turner
Lt P J McGivern
S/S M R Reyes

3. 9915 F
Lt J F Wallace
S/S J Turpin

4. 224 E
Lt E O Turner
S/S J Sienkiewicz

5. 229 B
Lt J C Curtiss
S/S W S Jackson

6. 330 P
F/O S E Boerner
Cpl M W Showers

FLIGHT II

1. 490 X
Lt J J Lackovich
Lt R C Muir
Cpl B M Barry

2. 250 A
Lt L W Edstrom
Sgt P A Pompe

3. 360 L
Lt D L Withington
S/S G F Huss

4. 239 H
Capt A C Sears
M/Sgt J J Wells

5. 356 G
Lt T E Graeber
S/S H R Davis

6. 320 D
Lt J R Wright
Sgt D O Simon

FLIGHT III

1. 492 E
Capt H L Somers
Lt J Kupits
S/S G E Reiter

2. 351 E-1
LT A W DEPNER
SGT V F FAIR

3. 252 D-1
LT O M ANDERSON
S/S J H DEATHERAGE
SGT S J SNIDER (4TH CGU)

4. 330 O
LT M W DUBOSE
S/S J H WALTERS
W/O C E SCHIRMERMAN (4TH CGU)

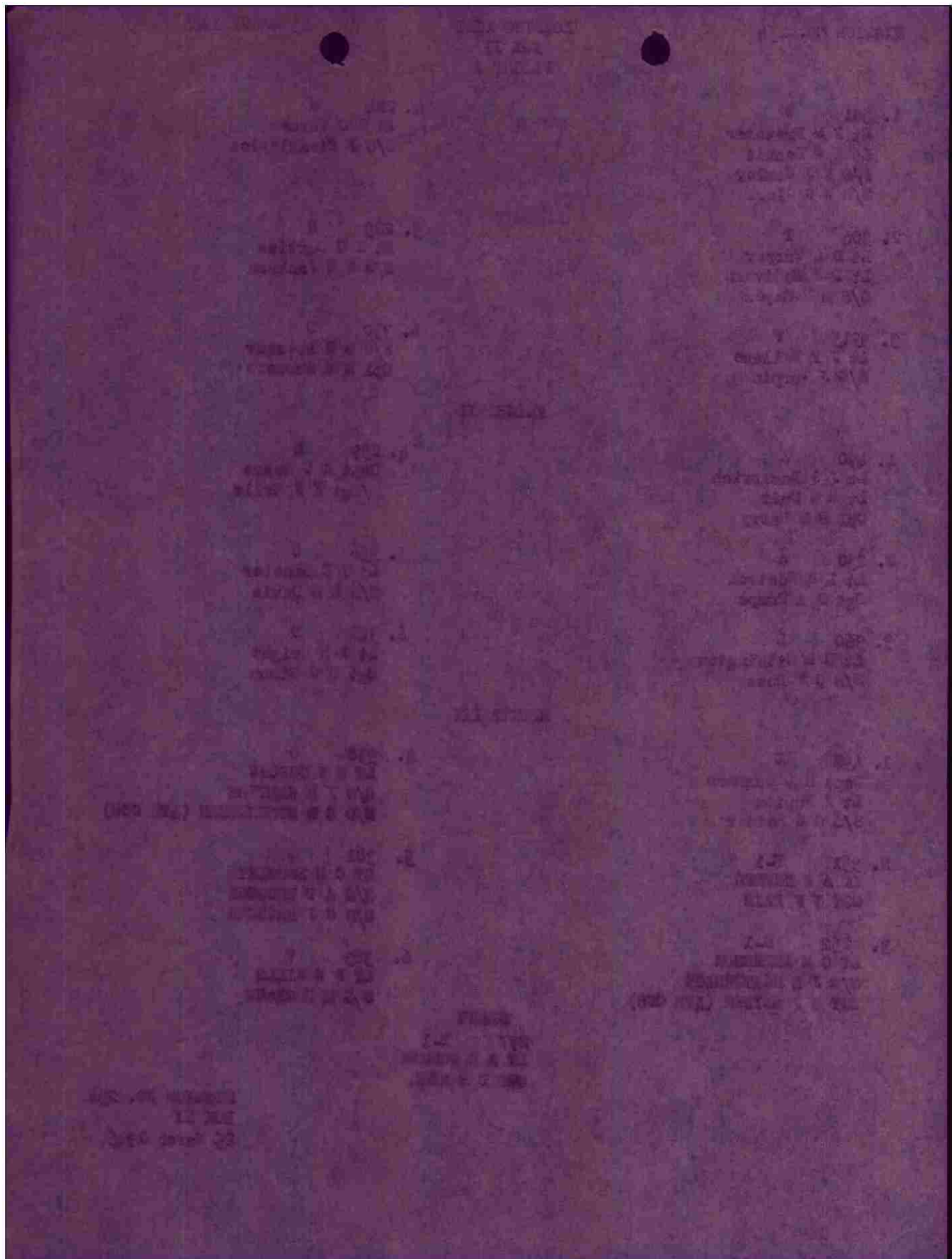
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LT C H HOUELEY
S/S A T HODGSON
S/S C J KRUGER

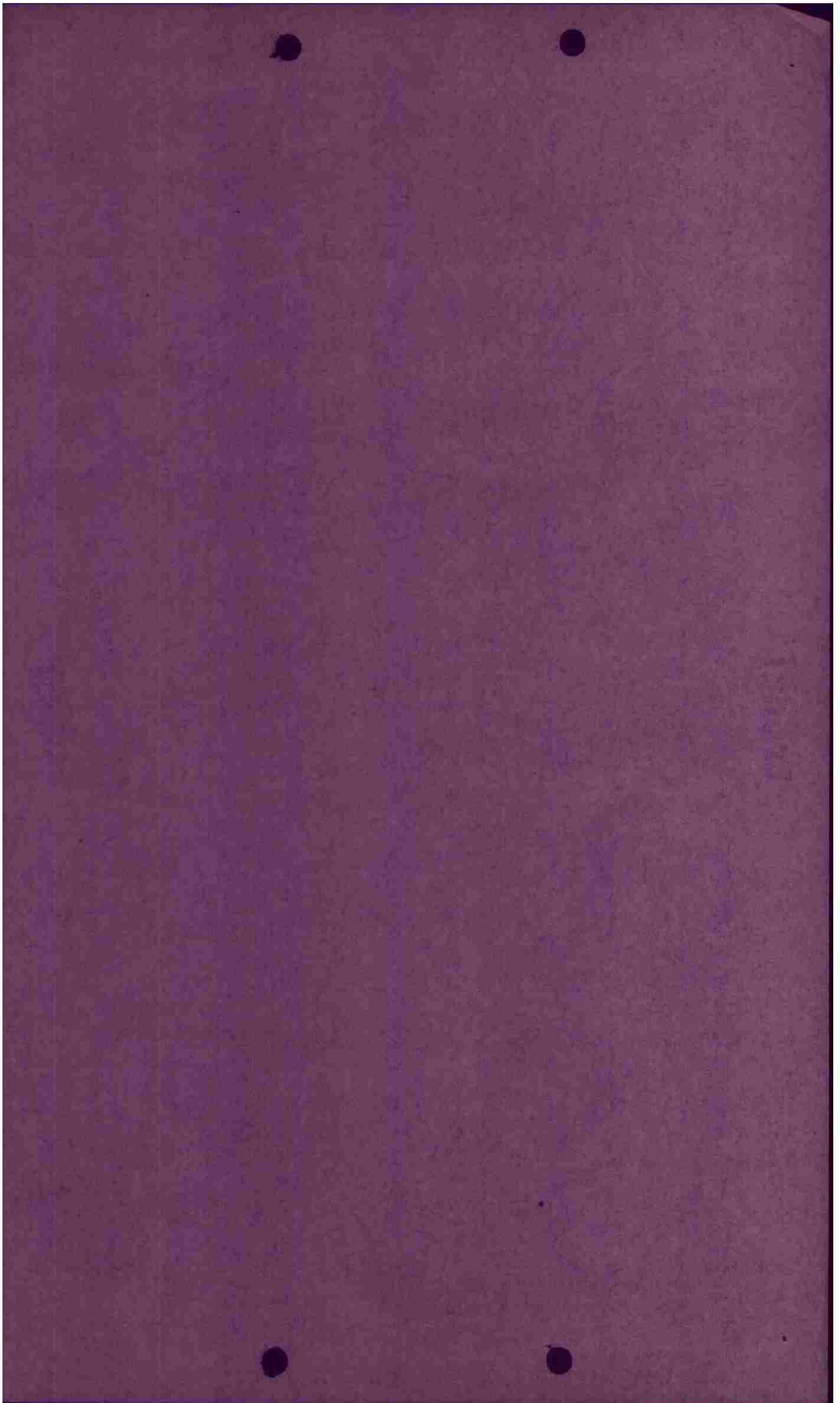
6. 383 V
LT P W WILLS
S/S M BOGACH

STAFF

297 E-1
LT A R TURMAN
SGT D E NEAL

MISSION NO. 254
BOX II
25 March 1945





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

AUTH: CO STA A-69
DATE: 27 March 1945
INIT:

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

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

Ref: Oprep A No. 354a for 24 hrs. ending midnight 25 March 1945
Mission or Operation No. 256 97th CGW FOR 225-817

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Wade Marshalling Yard
Place of take-off Station A-69
Place of landing Station A-69
Take-off time 1504 Landing time 1636
Time over target 1654-1702 Bombing Altitude 11000-12000
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather Clear, Visibility 10 miles.
Results super, excel, excel, excel, super, excel
Enemy opposition None B7F in vicinity of target.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 37 A-26's

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
37 Wade Marshalling Yard

3. Abortive due to:
(1) Weather: None
(2) Personnel: None
(3) Mechanical: None
(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 37

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GEORGE SCHENKEL
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant

For the Commanding Officer:

- 3. Destroyed None
- 2. Prop. Dam. None
- 1. Damaged None

H. Enemy aircraft by type or description (tabular column):

Type of	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	R. Gun	L. Gun	W. Gun
Generally Killed in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Killed in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seriously Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wounded Slightly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

- 1. Total Returned None
- 2. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c None
- 3. Detained None
- 4. Expended on operations: (List targets separately) None
- 5. Total carried into air: None

F. Bombs, Mines, etc. used:

- 1. Total carried into air: None
- 2. Expended on operations: None
- 3. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c None
- 4. Night (Sum of minutes) None
- 5. Day (Sum of minutes) None
- 6. Total operational flying hours None

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TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER
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A - YS -81

B - 25 MARCH 1945(1584-1739)

C - A-ABLE AND W-WILLIAM REPORTED MISSION RESULTS TO PARADE.

D - A-ABLE CONTACTED RIPSAN UPON ENTERING TACTICAL AREA.

E - NONE

F - NONE

G - NONE

H - NONE

I - NONE

K - NONE

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Box #	OpSTL	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
4		25 Mar 1945				Brewster	TOT	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Miss	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.	L/D	
1 501		F	4					561
2 304		S	4					9315 304
3 9315		O	4					224
4 224		F	4					330 223
5 223		J	4					492
6 330		R	4					490
1 490			4					492
2 250			4					351
3 360			4					338
4 239			4					360 250
5 356			4					339
6 328			4					339
1 492			4					328 356
2 351			4					297
3 222			4					
4 338			4					
5 381			4					
6 363			4					
7 272			4					

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251 351
 303 381
 338
 360 250
 339
 328 356
 297
 492
 490
 561
 9315 304
 224
 330 223
 492
 490
 338
 360 250
 339
 328 356
 297

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.C.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).

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Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
4		25 Mar 45				Ferris	TOT	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Dorb	Iisp	A/G Dam	E/A	PETS.	
Pos. No.	Reason	P E O	P S J	P R	M D A A G B E D P D K W T			
1			4					
2			4					
3			4					
4			4					
5			4					
6			4					
1			4					
2			4					
3			4					
4			4					
5			4					
6			4					
1			4					
2			4					
3			4					
4			4					
5			4					
6			4					
1			4					

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271 314
 MULLIS BLEWINS
 214
 LASEYER
 342 326
 LONG HANK
 229
 SPANKOWSKI
 505
 EVANS
 508
 STANLEY
 232 244
 O'BRIEN BULLCH
 SINGLETARY
 205 497
 BISHOP TOTT
 409
 FERRIS
 398
 MONTROSS
 263 258
 CURRER NATHANSON

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A-20C's _____ A-20J's (obtained from Opns)

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Recall due to weather _____
Personnel _____
Mechanical _____
Other Reasons _____

(4) No. a/c bombing. _____
Primary. _____
Secondary. _____
Other. _____
(Obtained from recaps.)

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

19
96 c.

D.

(1) No. a/c _____
Missing _____
Destroyed _____
Damaged _____ (cat. B/C)
Damaged _____ (cat. A)

(2) 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	_____

(Obtained from Recaps) Where _____

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PILOT BISHOP A/C# 205 BOX 1 REF 1

CASUALTIES _____

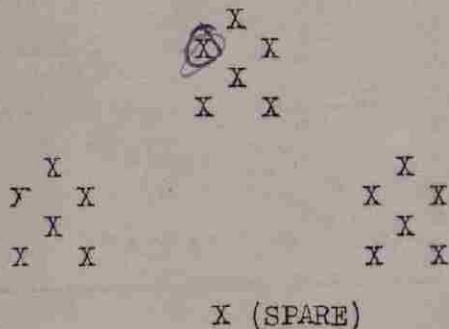
BOMBS :	<u>4 X 1000</u> ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : *big first exp in r/y. lots of smoke*

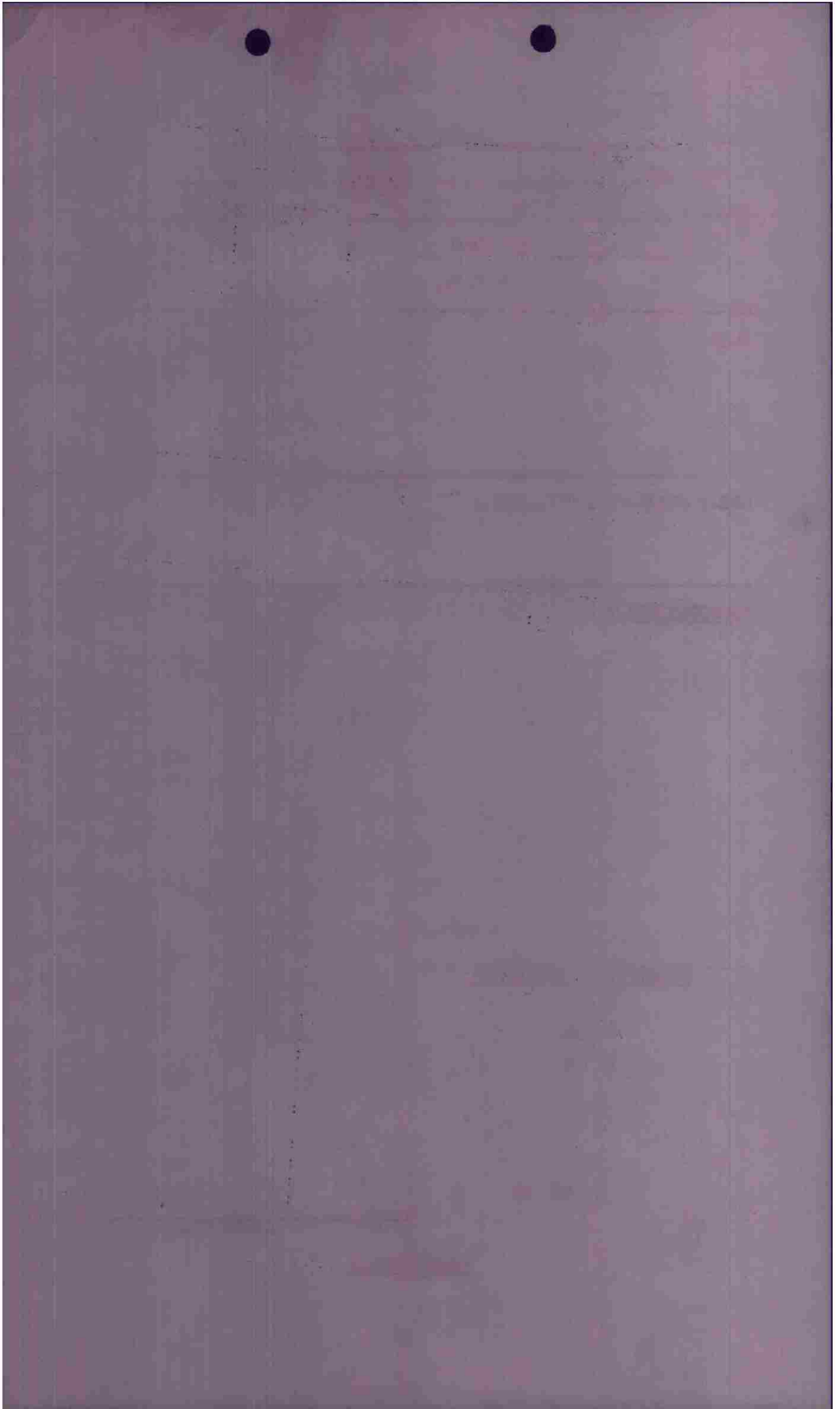
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PILOT BAZON A/C# 564 BOX 1 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	1000 ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	RETURNED			
	X	JETTISONED			

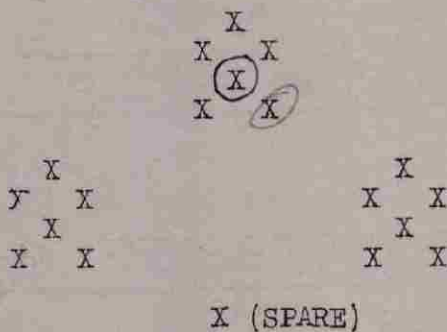
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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

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 P515 height.

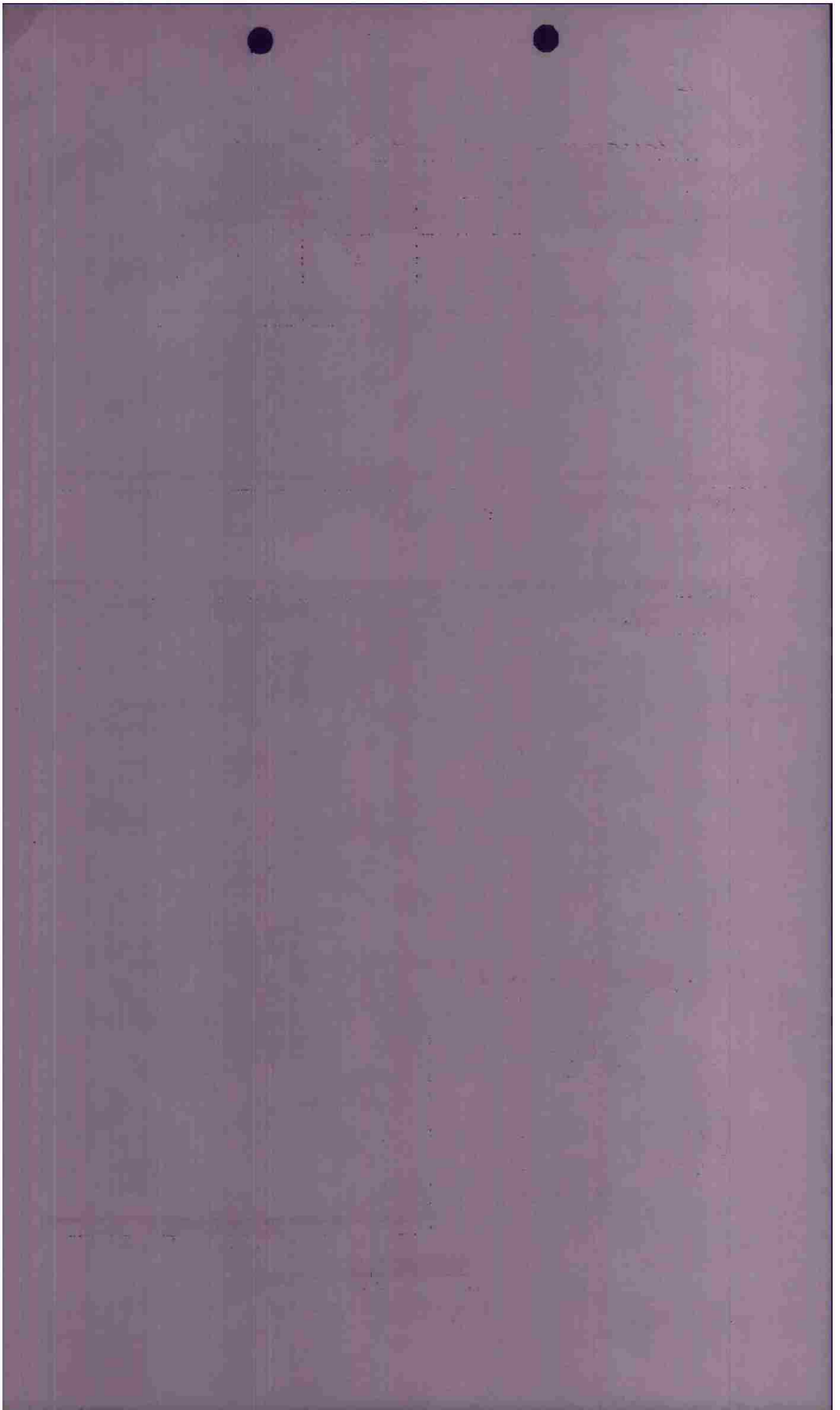
OBSERVATIONS : large flame in yds.

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PILOT FERRIS A/c# 449 BOX 1 FIM 1

CASUALTIES

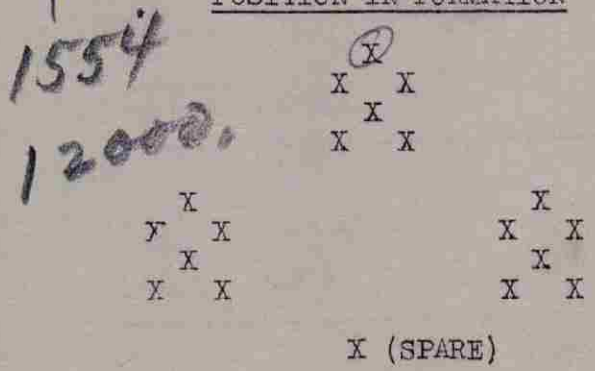
BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON <u>P By flight</u>	MISILE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
nil

3. OBSERVATIONS : Fighters were late - got repairs who sent fighters at Rendey. (circled area) nil low cloud - look evasive action all the way - cloud 13/4000

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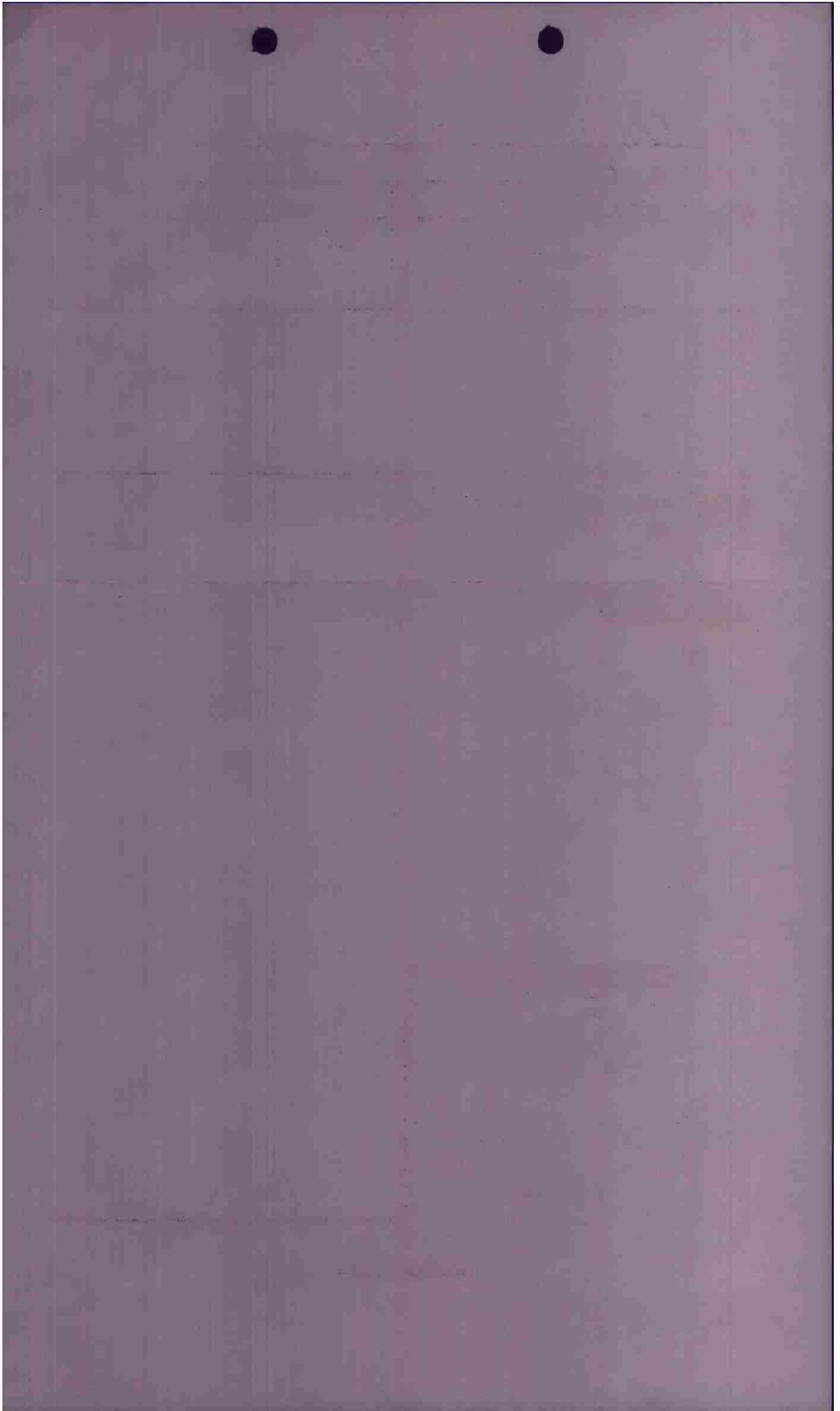


1st 3 flights Expect air or gas explosions large blast.

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PILOT O'BRIEN A/C# 232 BOX 1 111

CASUALTIES _____

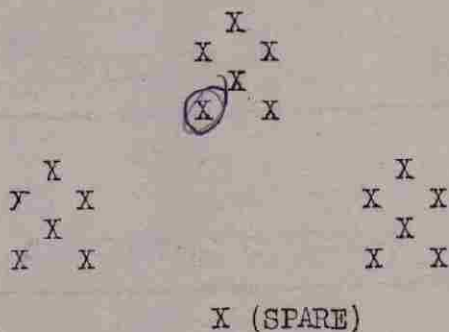
BOMBS :	X	1000N	RETURNED	BATTLE DAMAGE		
				"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X			<i>nil</i>		
	X		JETTISONED			

FLAK : *nil*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : *nil*

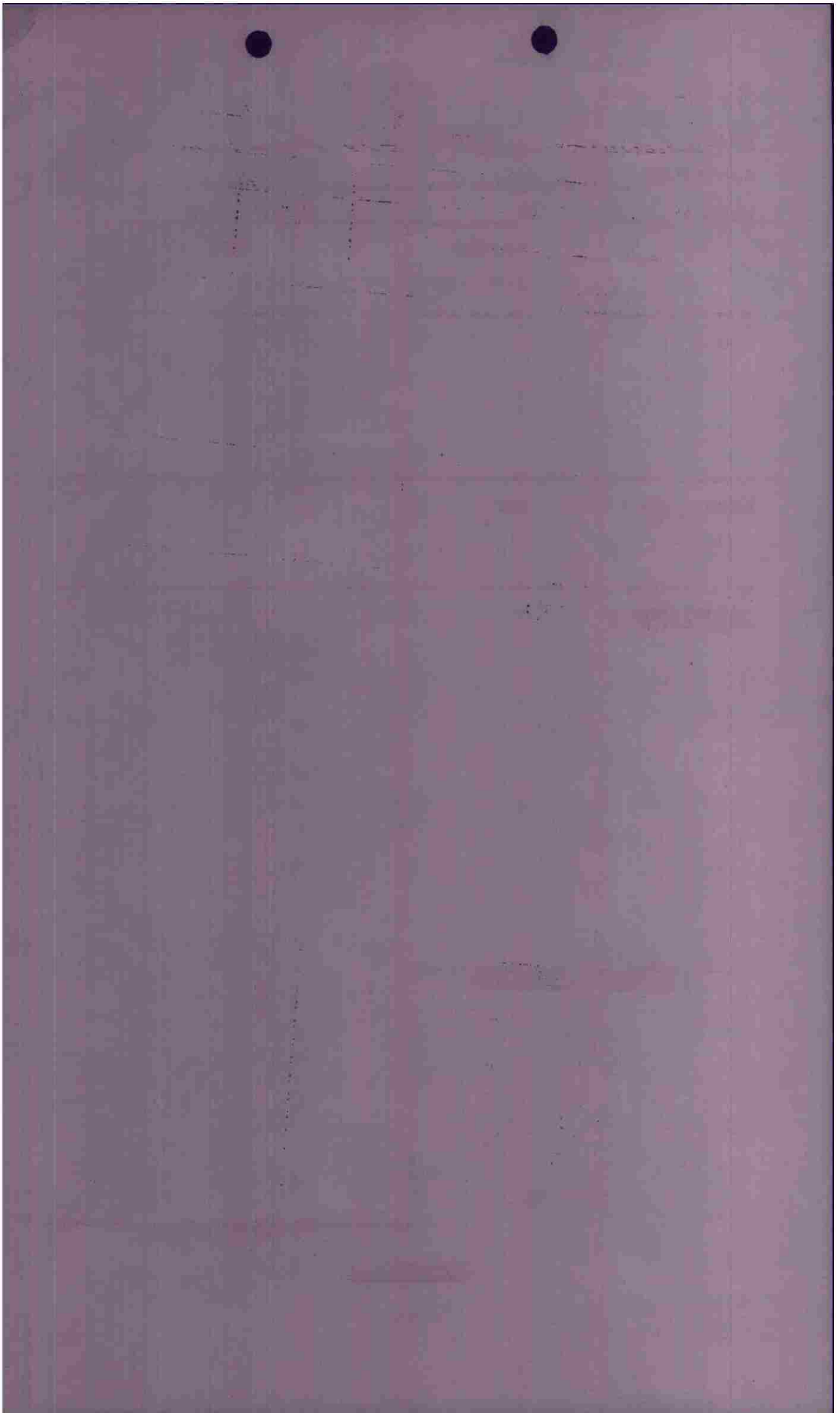
OBSERVATIONS : *nil*

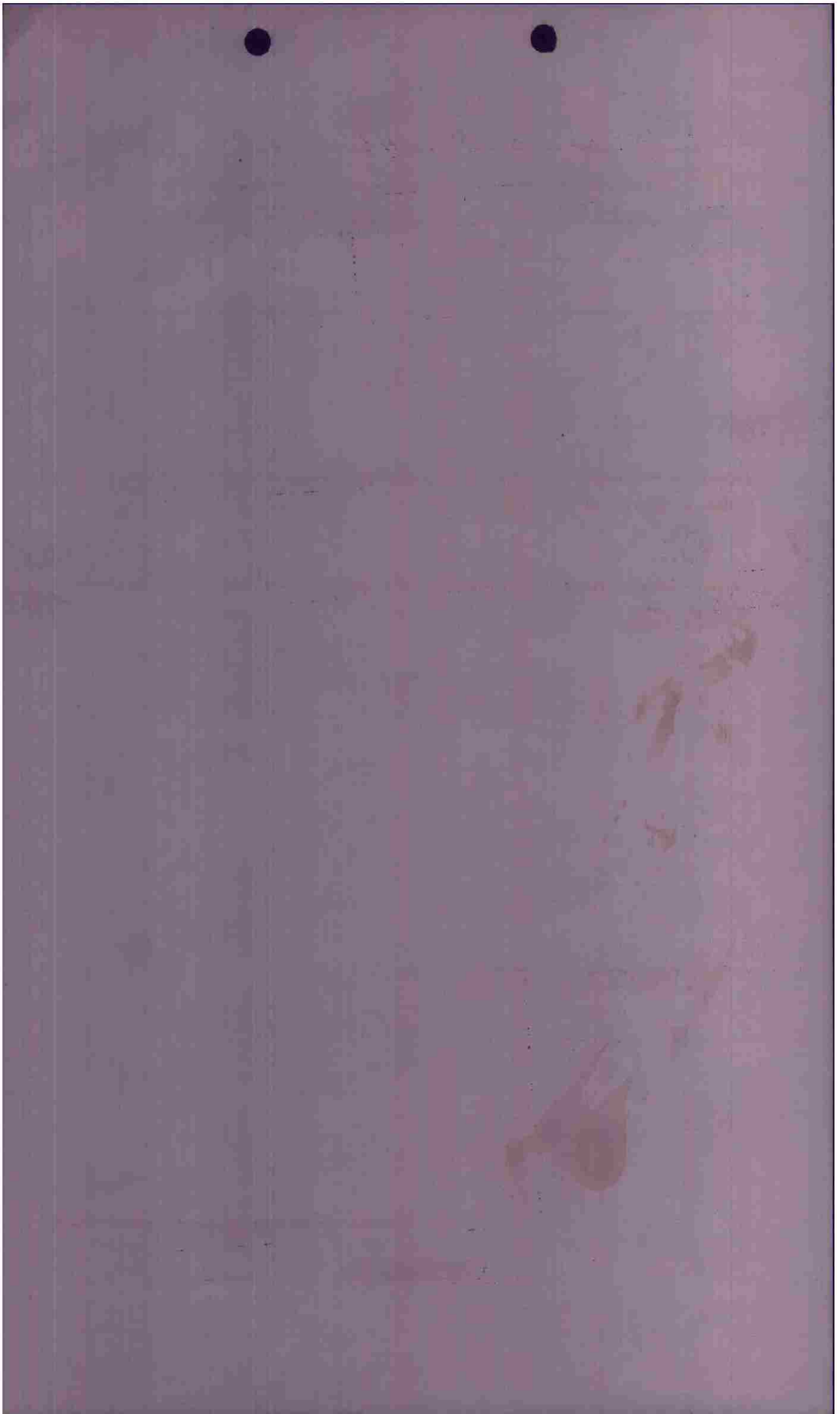
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PILOT SINGLESTAR A/C# 416 BOX 1 SER 1

CASUALTIES

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

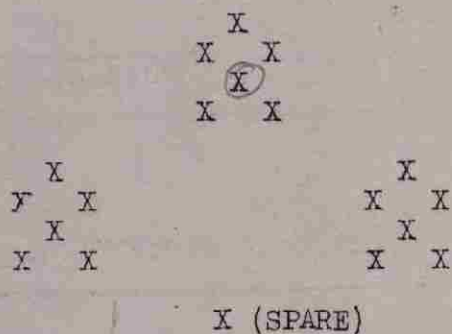
FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

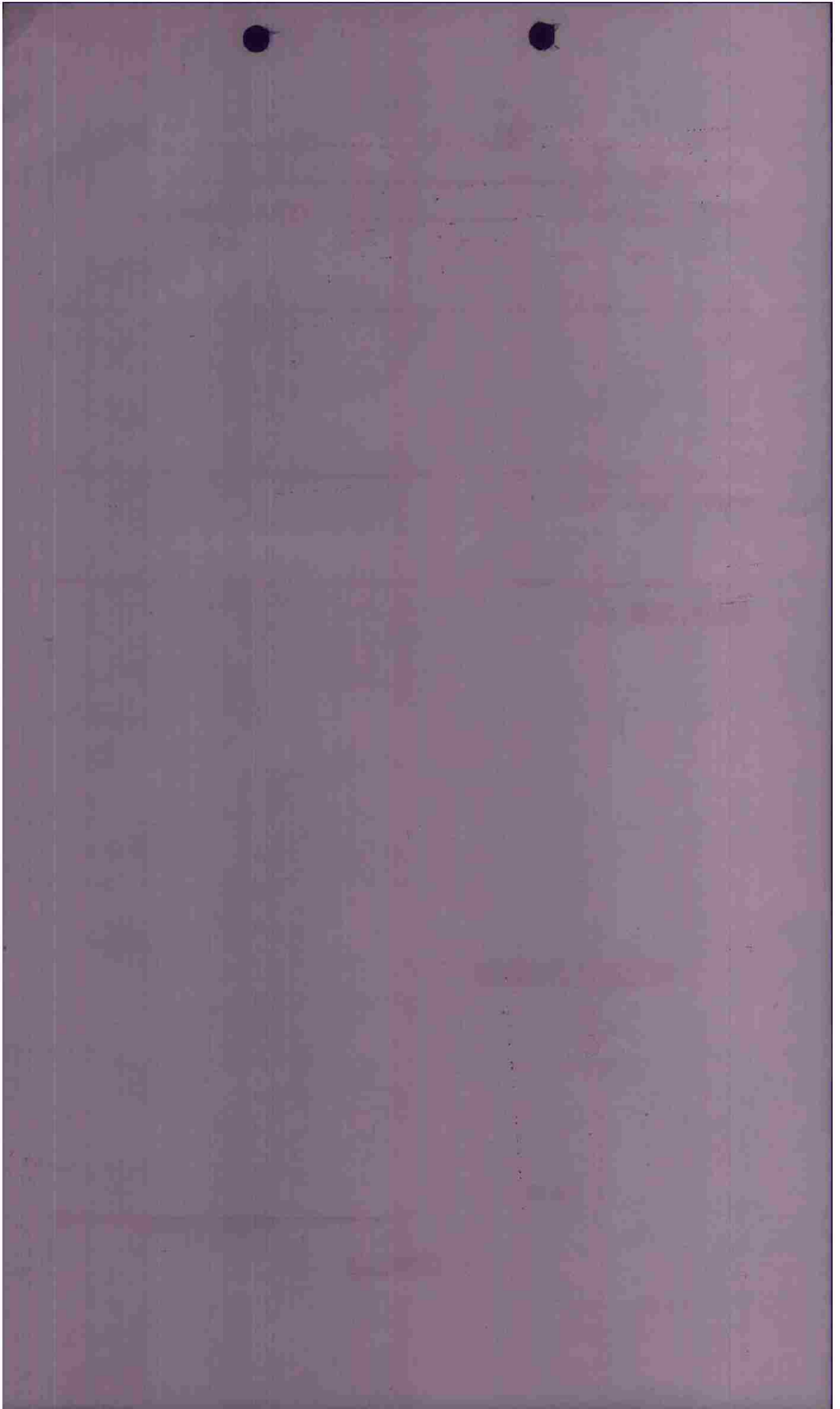
Not Airborne

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT GUNKEL A/C# 263 BOX 1 FILE 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :			BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u>	ON				
X	RETURNED				
X	JETTISONED				

FLAK :

[Handwritten marks]

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

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OBSERVATIONS : *by C.P. & [unclear] at Tgt.*

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X

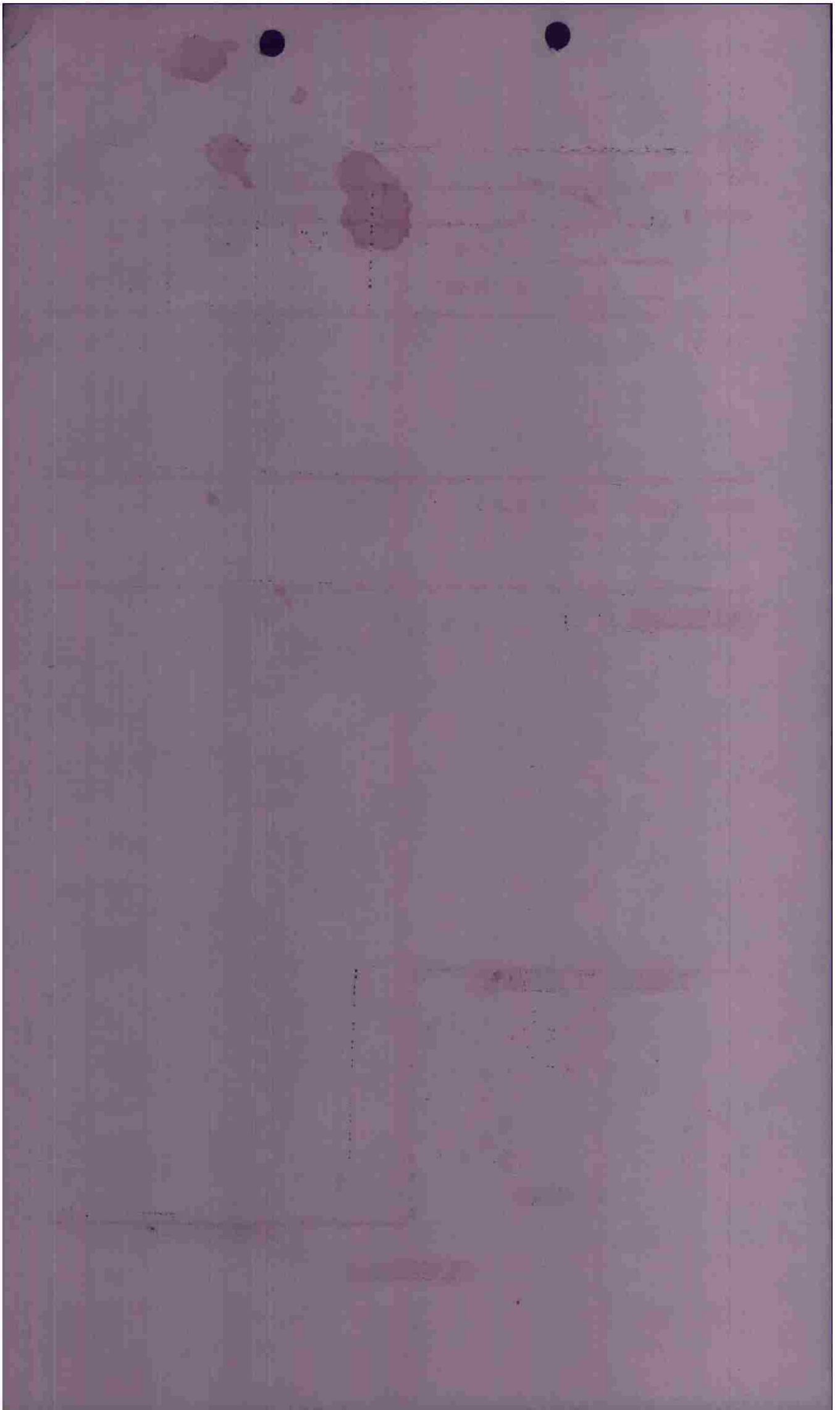
X      X      X
Y  X  X      X  X
  X      X      X
X  X      X  X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT STANLEY A/C# 308 BOX 1 FLT ✓

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON <u>Pr.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	<u>None</u>		

FLAK :

None

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

None

OBSERVATIONS :

on Run
 Explosion seen on eastern side
 of M.Y. - as if war ammo or goodump
 X-flight made two runs

Could prob out town almost for
 I.P.

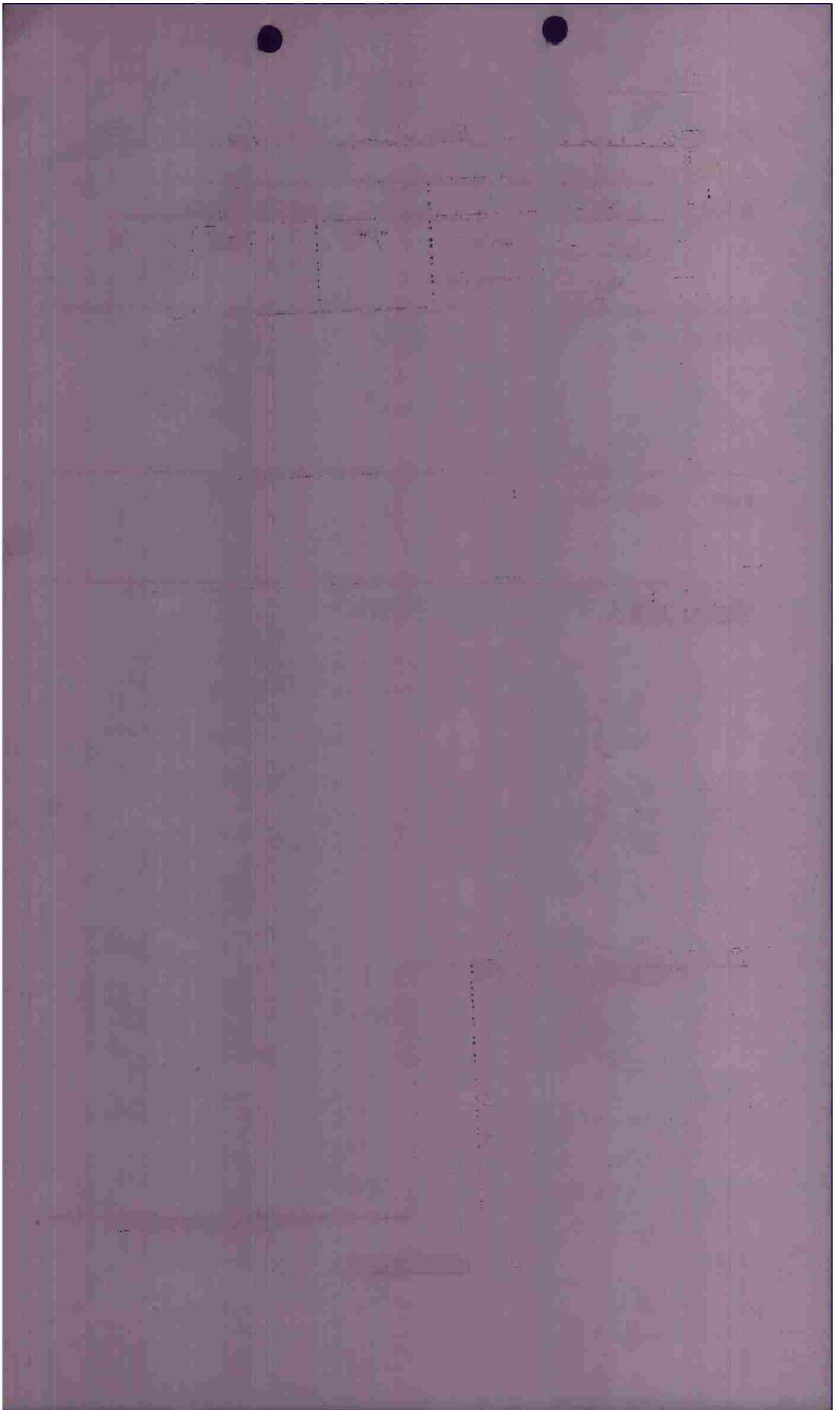
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		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
X				X
X	X		X	X
X			X	X
		X (SPARE)		

Bombed 3rd
 TOT 1655
 Alt 11600
 IAS 207
 heading 350
 Weather - Vis - 10 miles
 Results - Excellent

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PILOT ROBERTS A/C# 233 BOX 1 IFF ✓

CASUALTIES

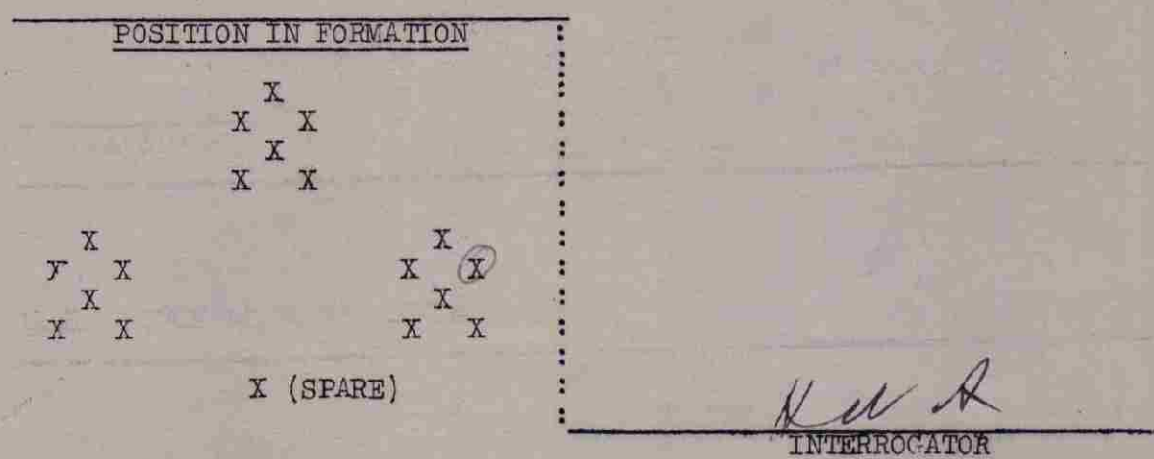
BOMBS :	4 X 1000 ON <u>✓</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	RETURNED				
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED				

FLAK : nil.

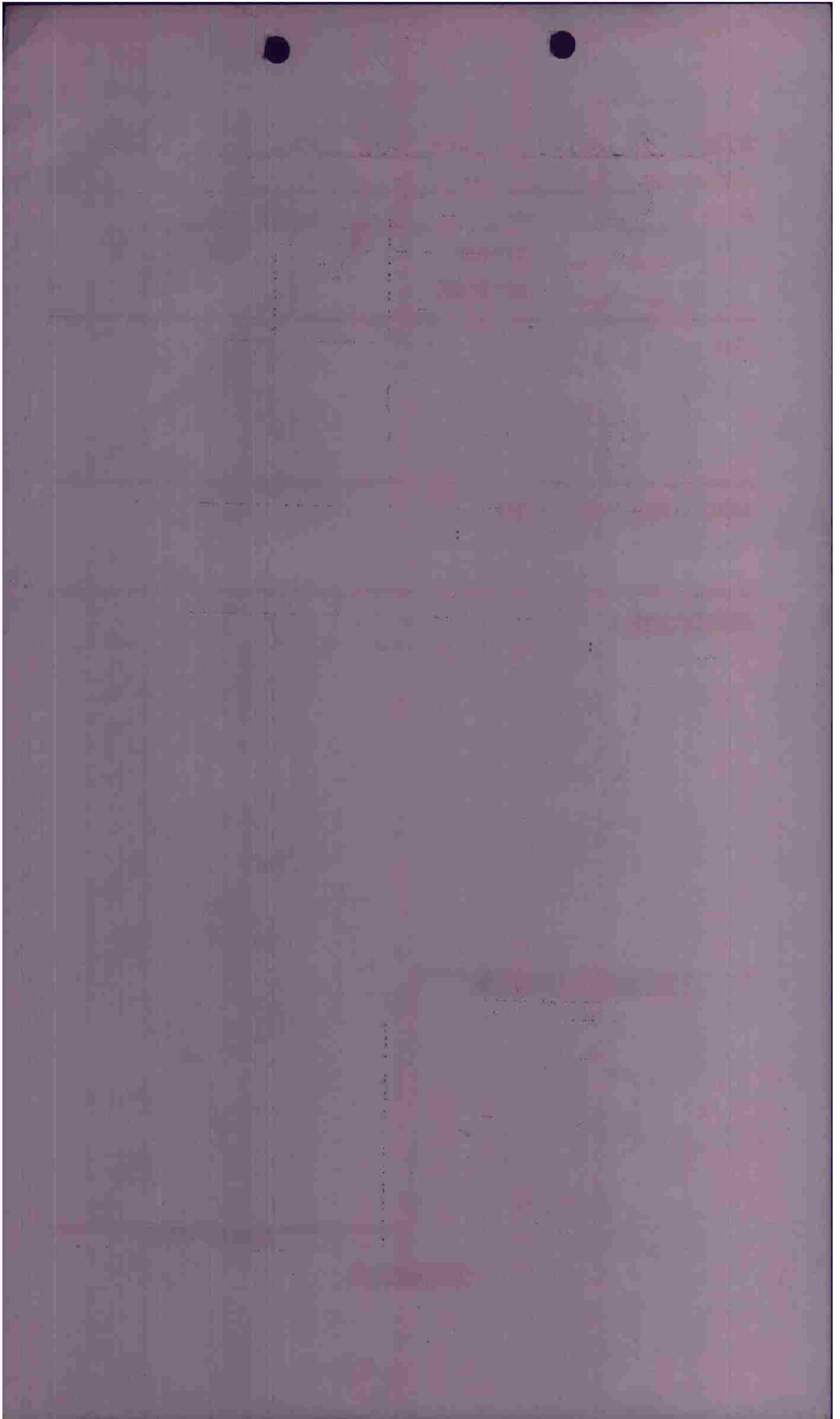
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Several patterns of bombs seen in w/y. area.



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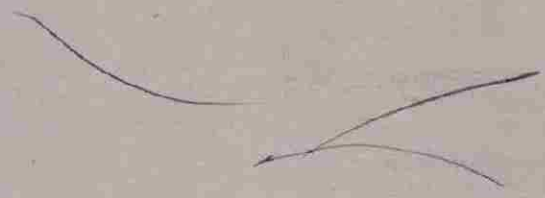
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PILOT Montrose A/C# 378 BOX 1 ILM 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :			BATTLE DAMAGE		
		ON	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u>		<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
X	RETURNED				
X	JETTISONED				

FLAK :

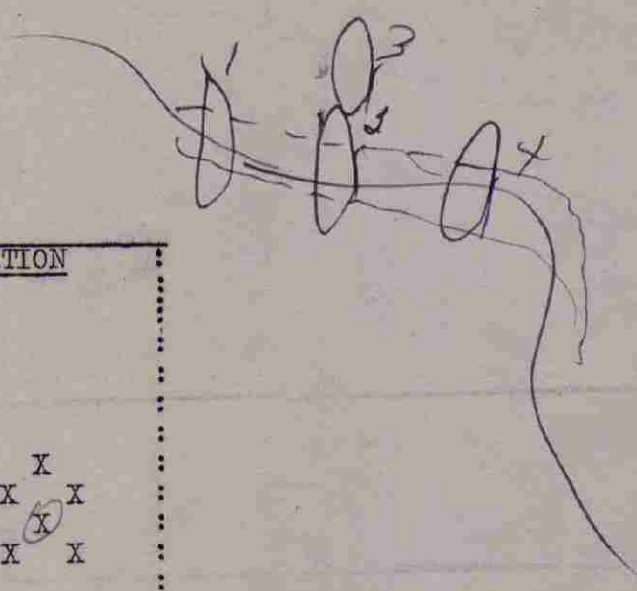


ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

E/A reported

OBSERVATIONS :

*Believed first two hit 70/y.
This jet hit-over yds.
Bombs going to our side of plane
on way out.*



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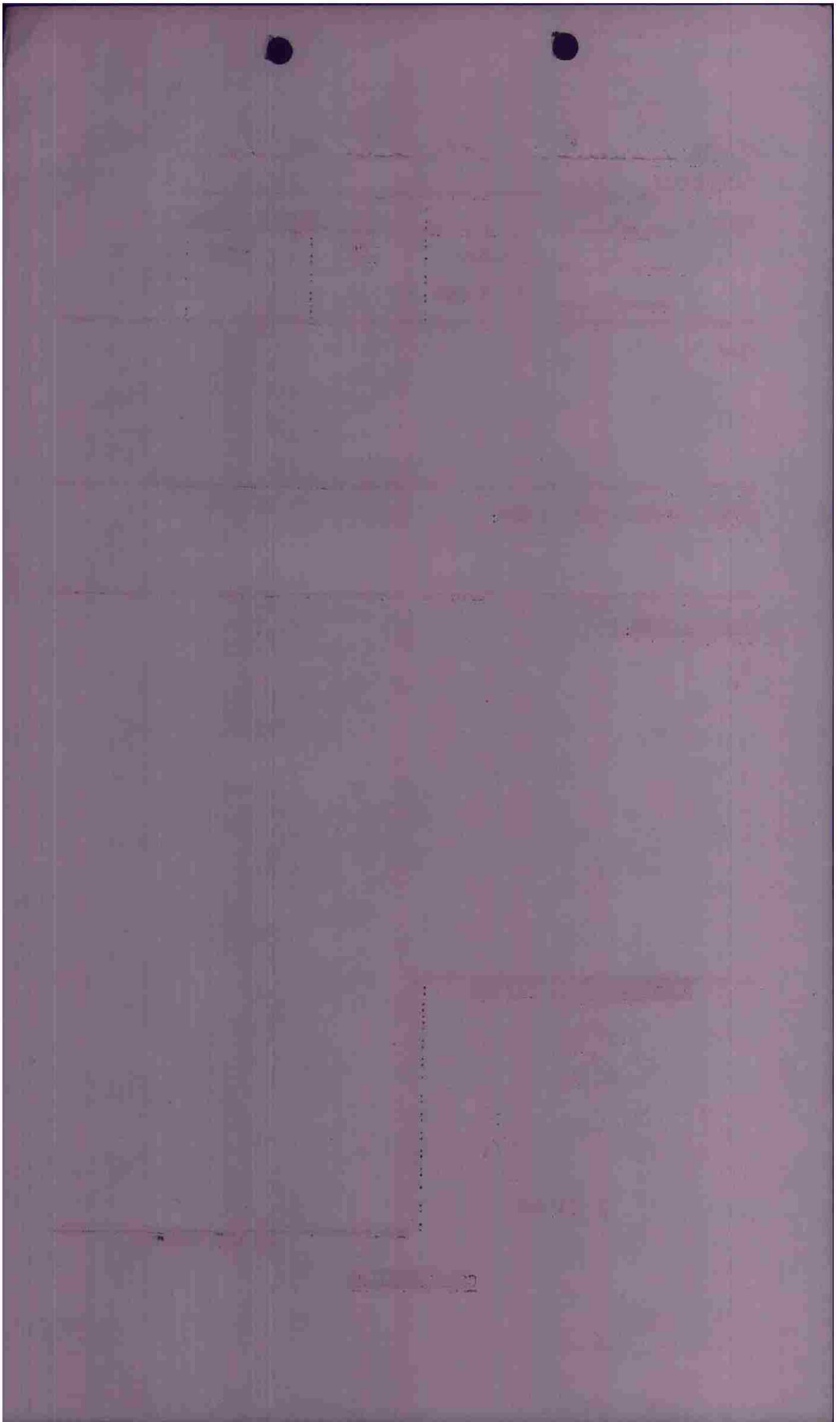
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     X X
      X
     X X

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

      X (SPARE)
    
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PILOT ZEMET A/C# 493 BOX 1 ✓

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u>	X <u>1000</u> ON <u>D</u>			
	X RETURNED			
	X JETTISONED			

FLAK :

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

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OBSERVATIONS :

F 10 hit over Mtg in buildings

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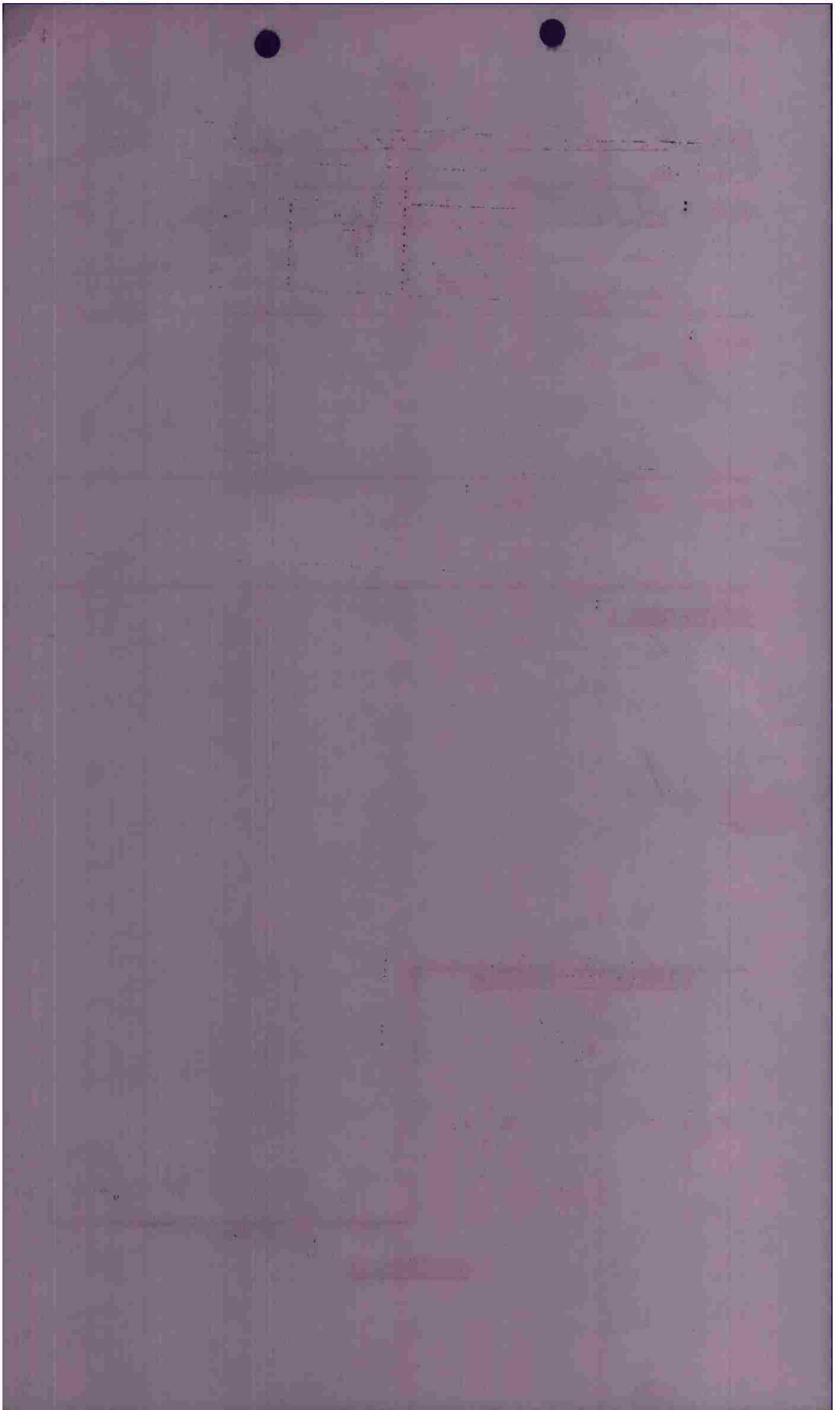
      X
     X X
      X
     X X

  X   X   X
 Y   X   X
   X   X
 X   X   X

      X
     X X
      X X
    X (SPARE)
  
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PILOT NATHANSON A/C# 259 BOX 1 IFF 2

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u>	X <u>over</u>	<i>nil</i>		
	X RETURNED			
	X JETTISONED			

FLAK :

nil

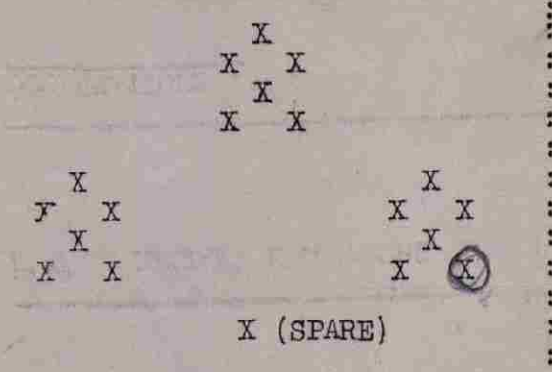
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

Good Results

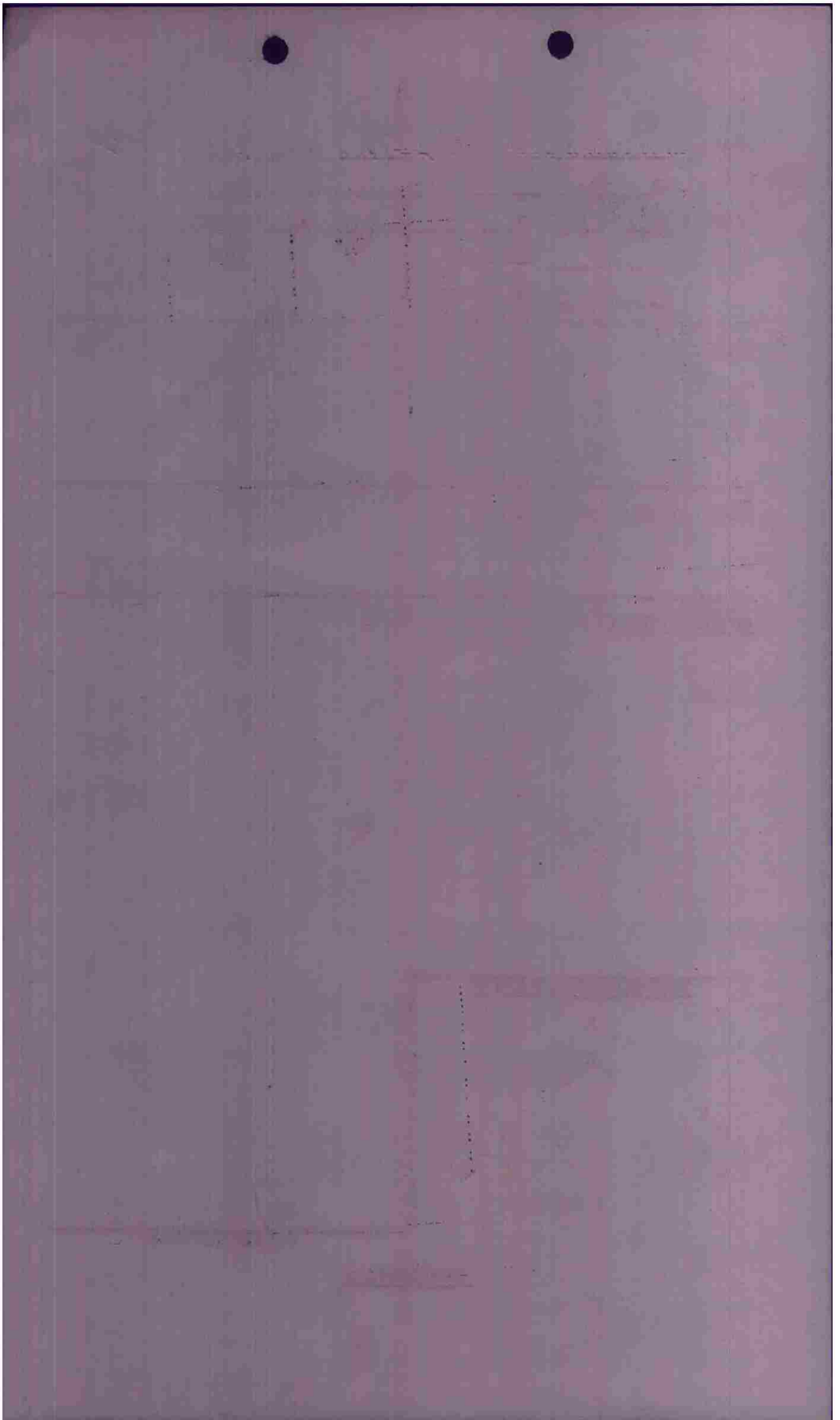
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PILOT BLEVIN A/C# 314 BOY 1 DATE 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>WAGON</u> P	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X _____ RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X _____ JETTISONED	<u>Nil</u>		

FLAK : 4 bursts at BL.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

*see run
etc. results*

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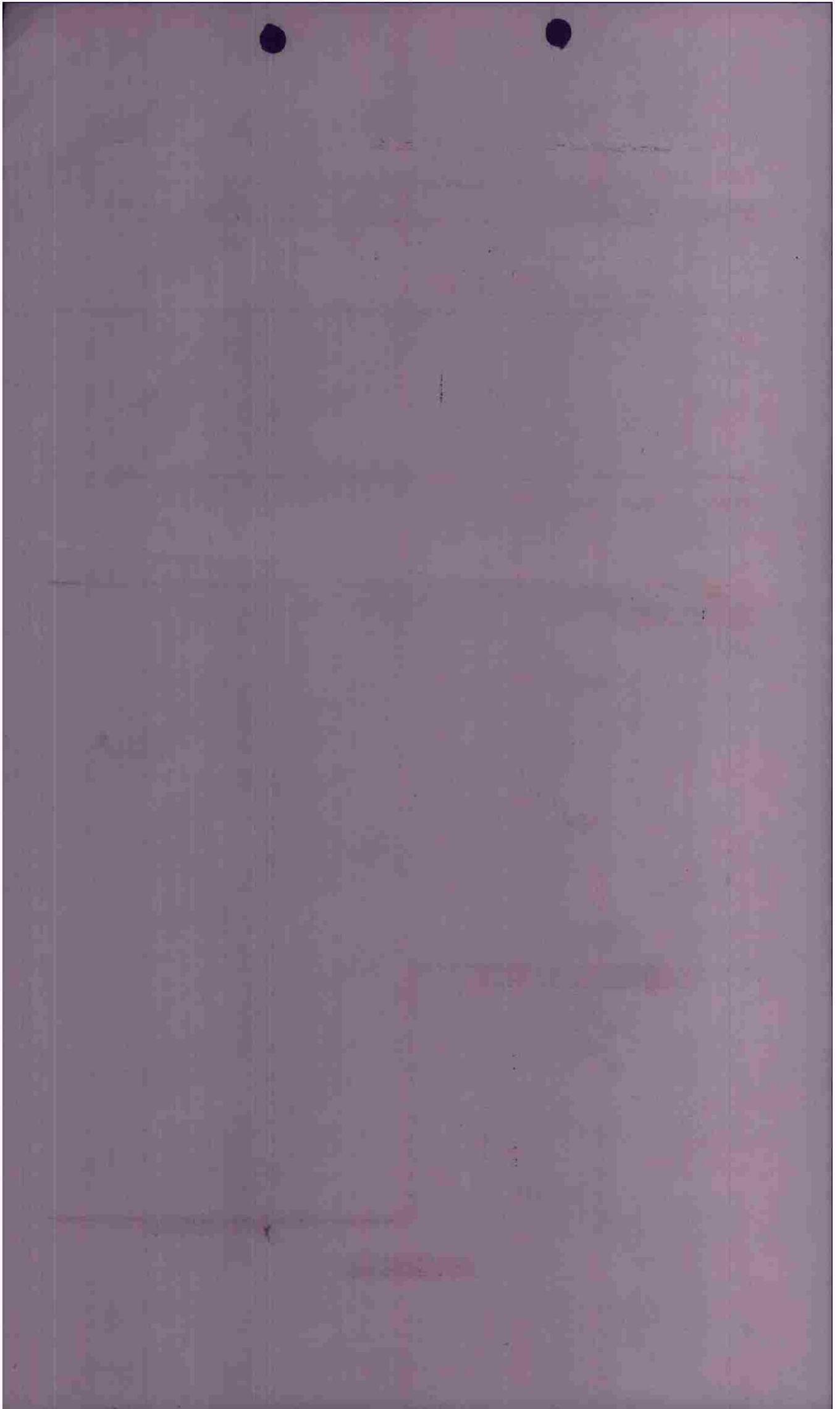
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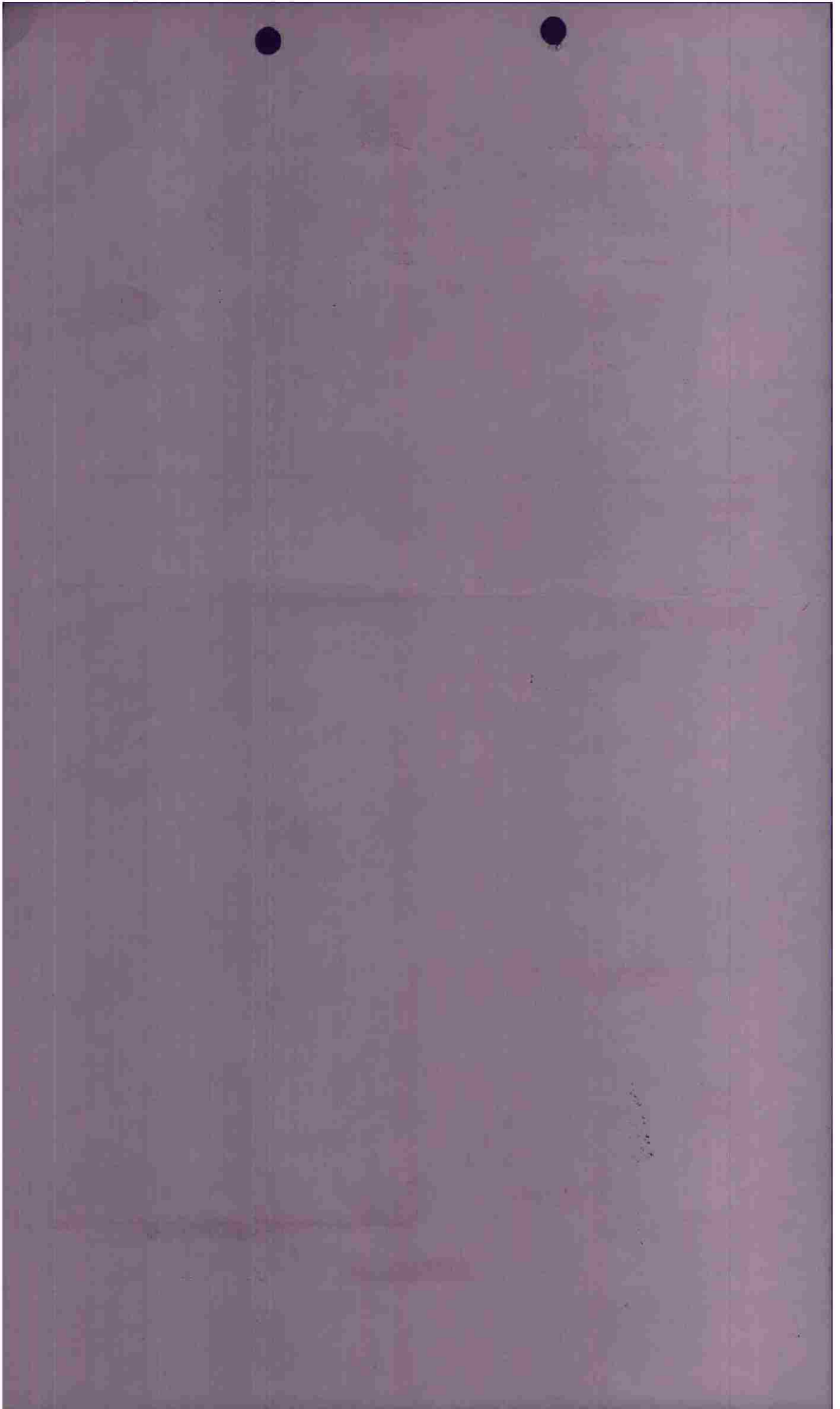
      X
     X X
      X
     X X
X   X   X   X
X   X   X   X
X   X   X   X
X (SPARE)

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PILOT EVANS A/C# 505 BOX 1 3

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BOMBS :	<u>4</u> <u>X/1000</u>	ON <u>PIT</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE	<u>X</u>
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED		"F"

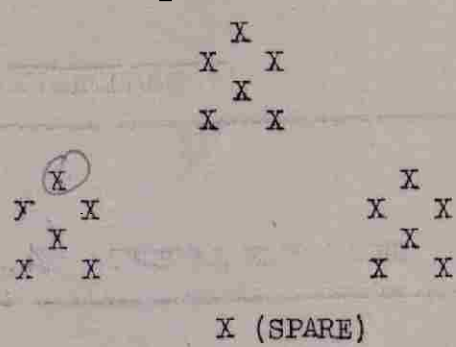
FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

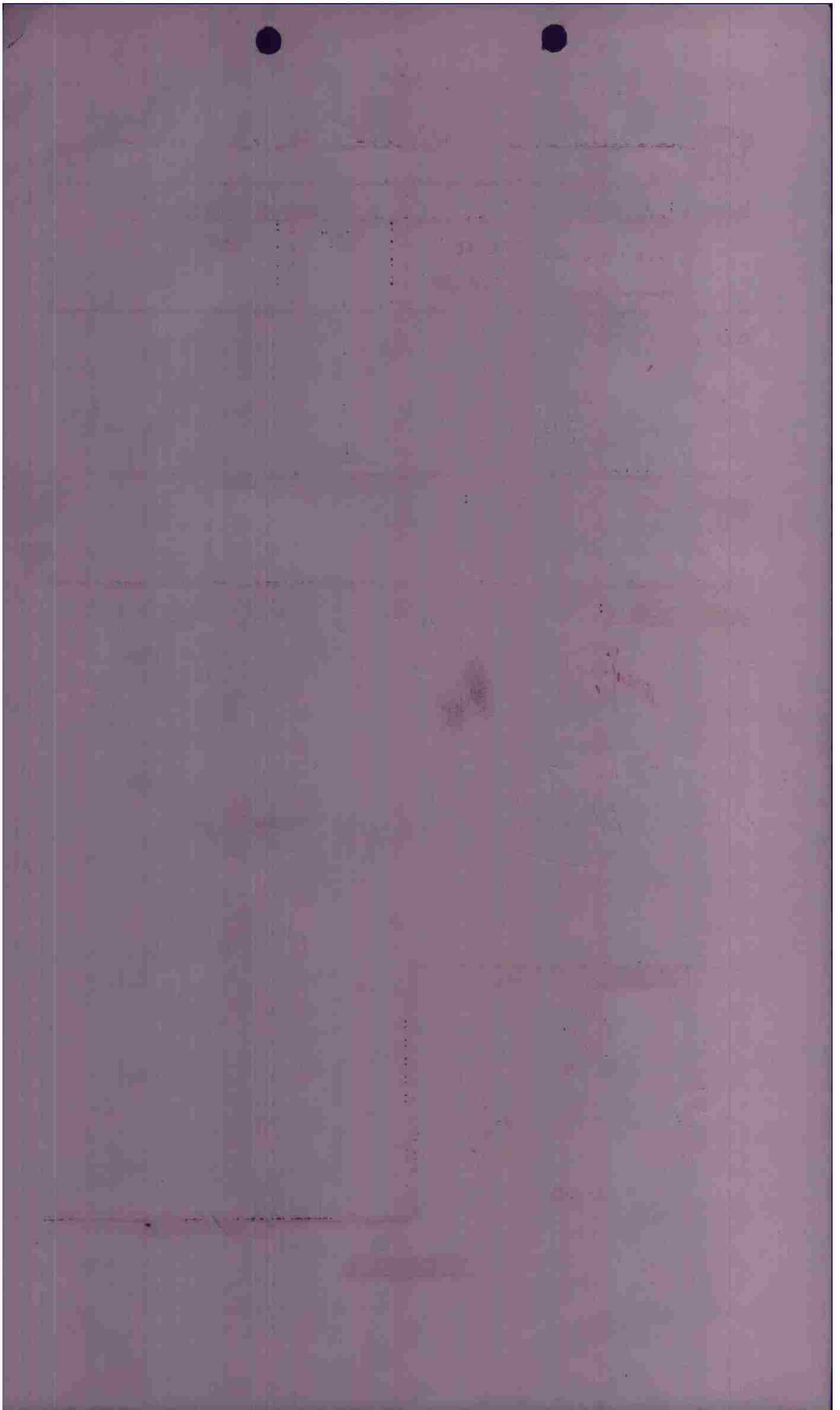
OBSERVATIONS : Bombs hit to rtr on MP/ and walked up to MPT all Bombs in M/X
 TOT - 1654
 ALT. 11,800

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MISSION: TANK A/C# 326 BOL 1 3

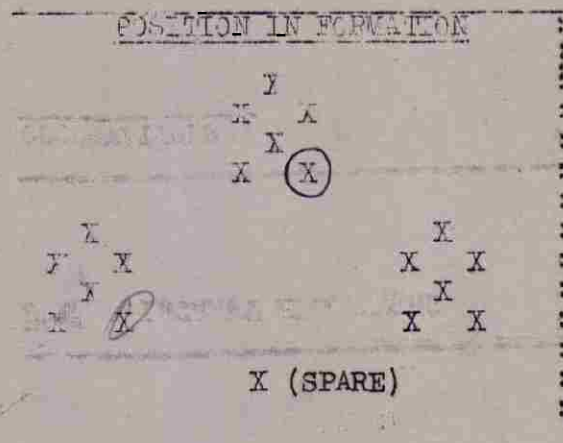
CASUALTIES

BOMBS	ON	RETURNED	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"F"
<u>4</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>P.T.</u>			

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: *P-475*

OBSERVATIONS: explosions



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PILOT LASTER A. C# 244 BOY 1 S. N. 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		OK	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"D"
<u>4</u>	<u>1000</u>				
	X	RETURNED			
	X	JETTISONED			

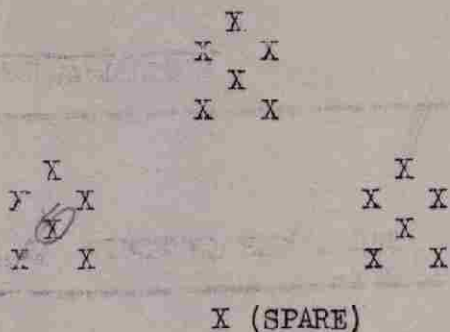
FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs in Tgt field + Cr.

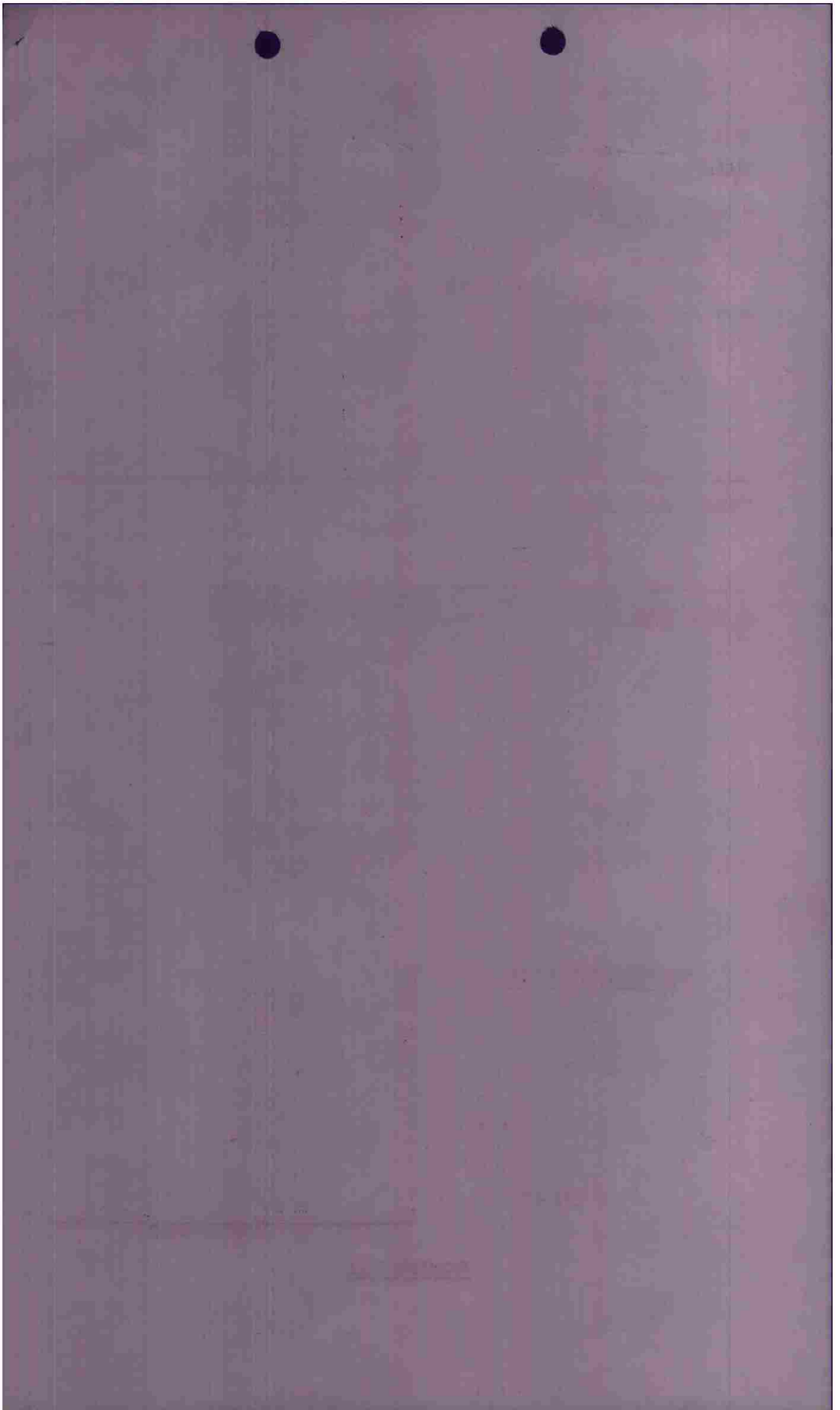
1631 Convoy in Town Road.
1651 M/Y with 1/4 full.

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PILOT *Love* A/C# *362* BOX *1* FLT *3*

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u><i>4x 1000</i></u> ON				
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

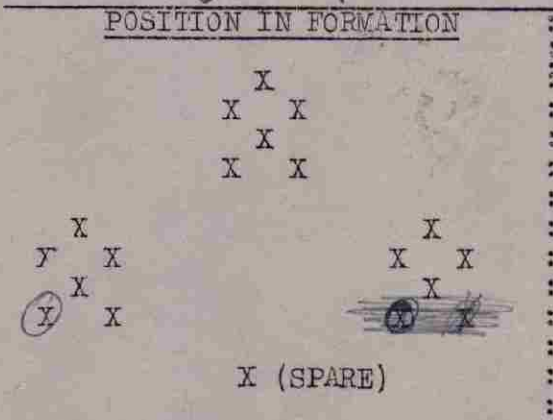
FLAK : *4 bursts at tgt in.*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

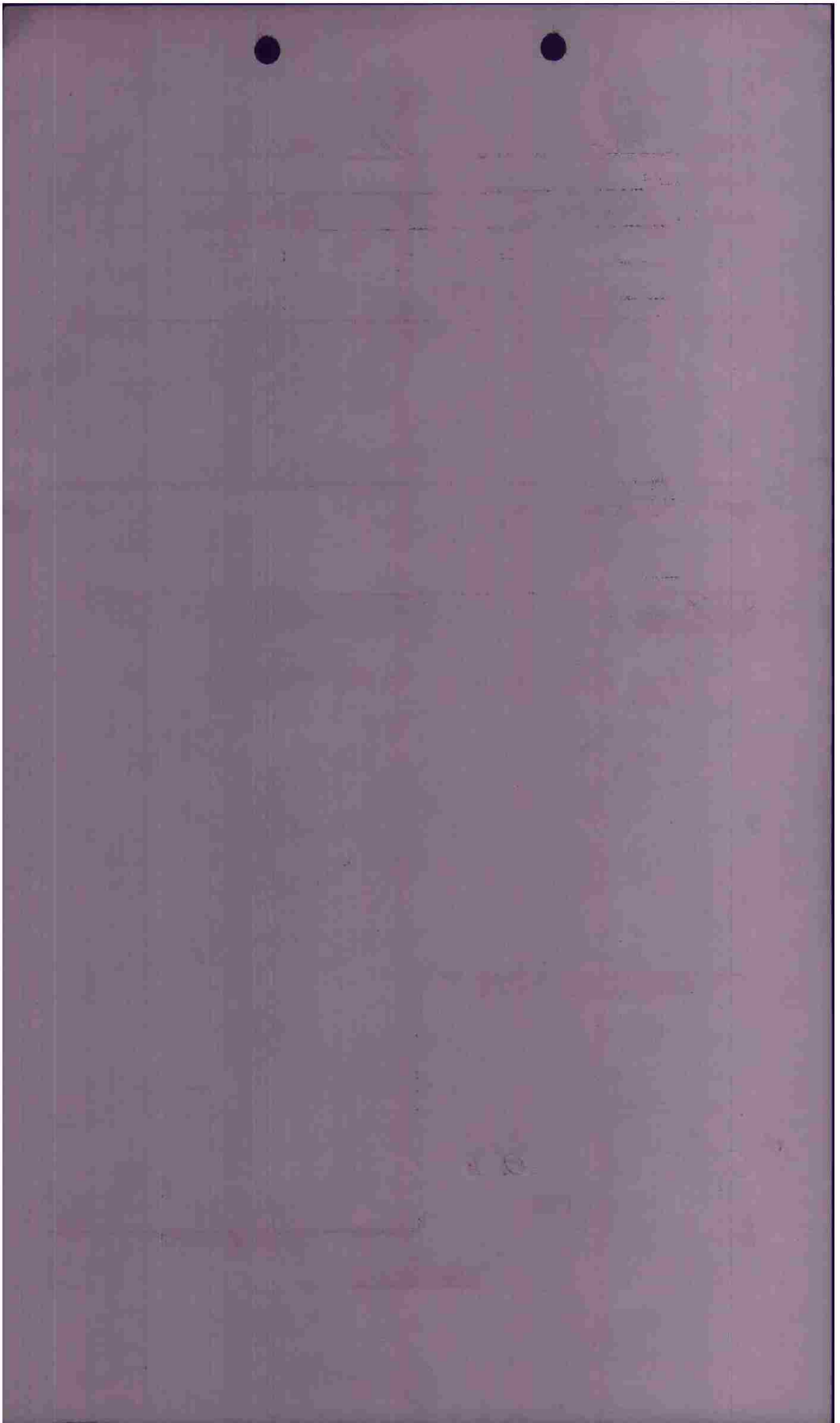
*1 Train pulling out of rly at tgt
Redig W. Past mountains.*

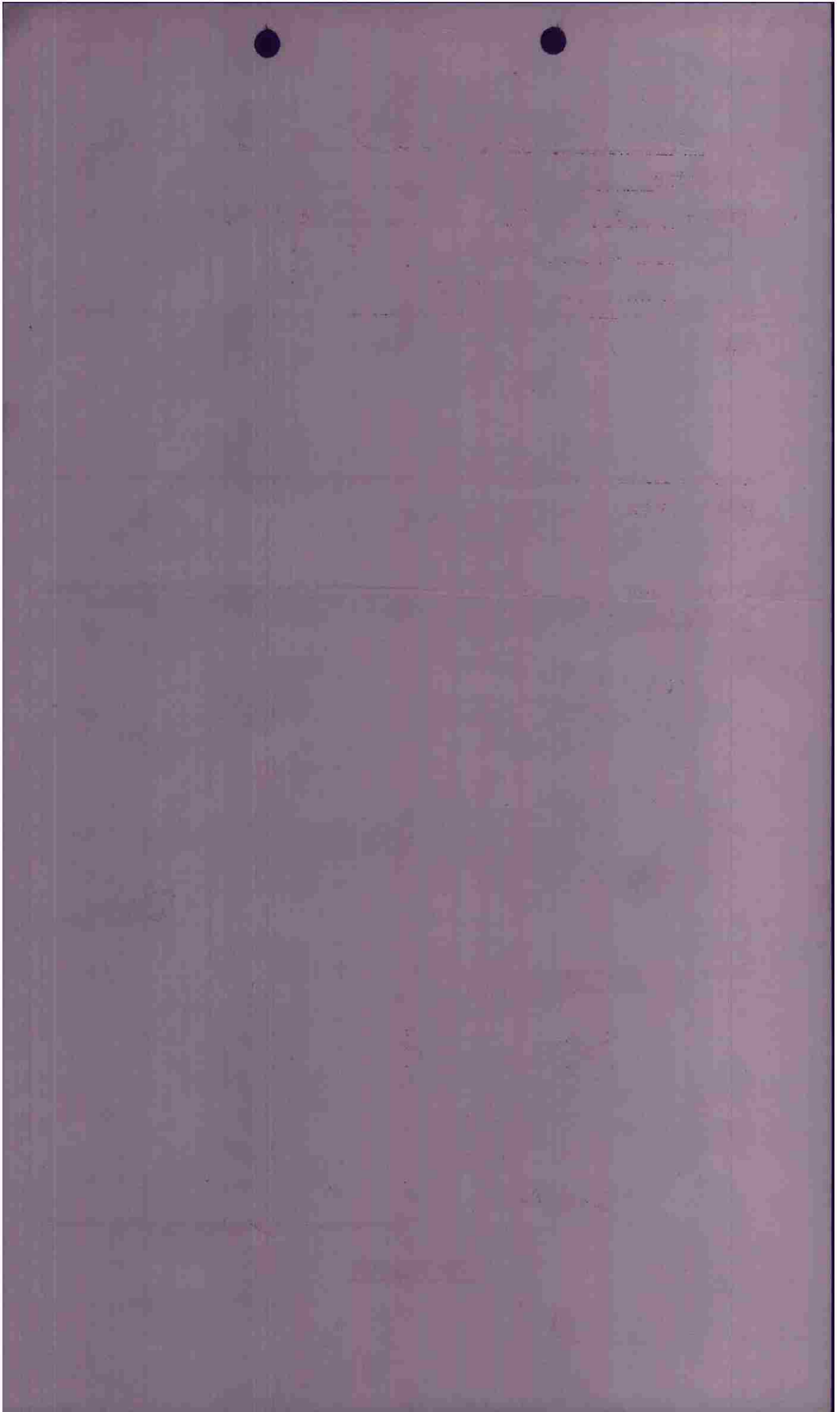
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PILOT Turner J.O. A/C# 304 BOX 2 REF 1

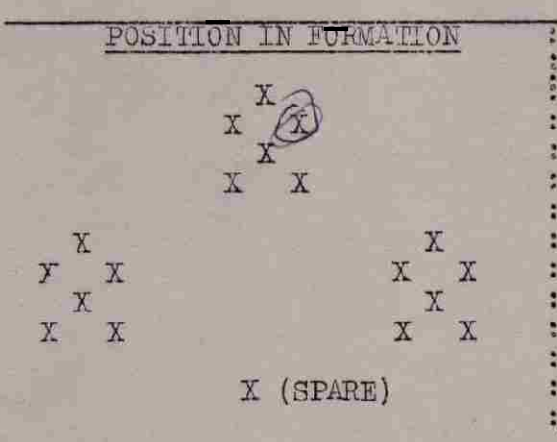
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	4	X 1000 ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	RETURNED			
	X	JETTISONED		nil	

FLAK : *XH1 (6 bursts) from WEISBADEN en route to target*

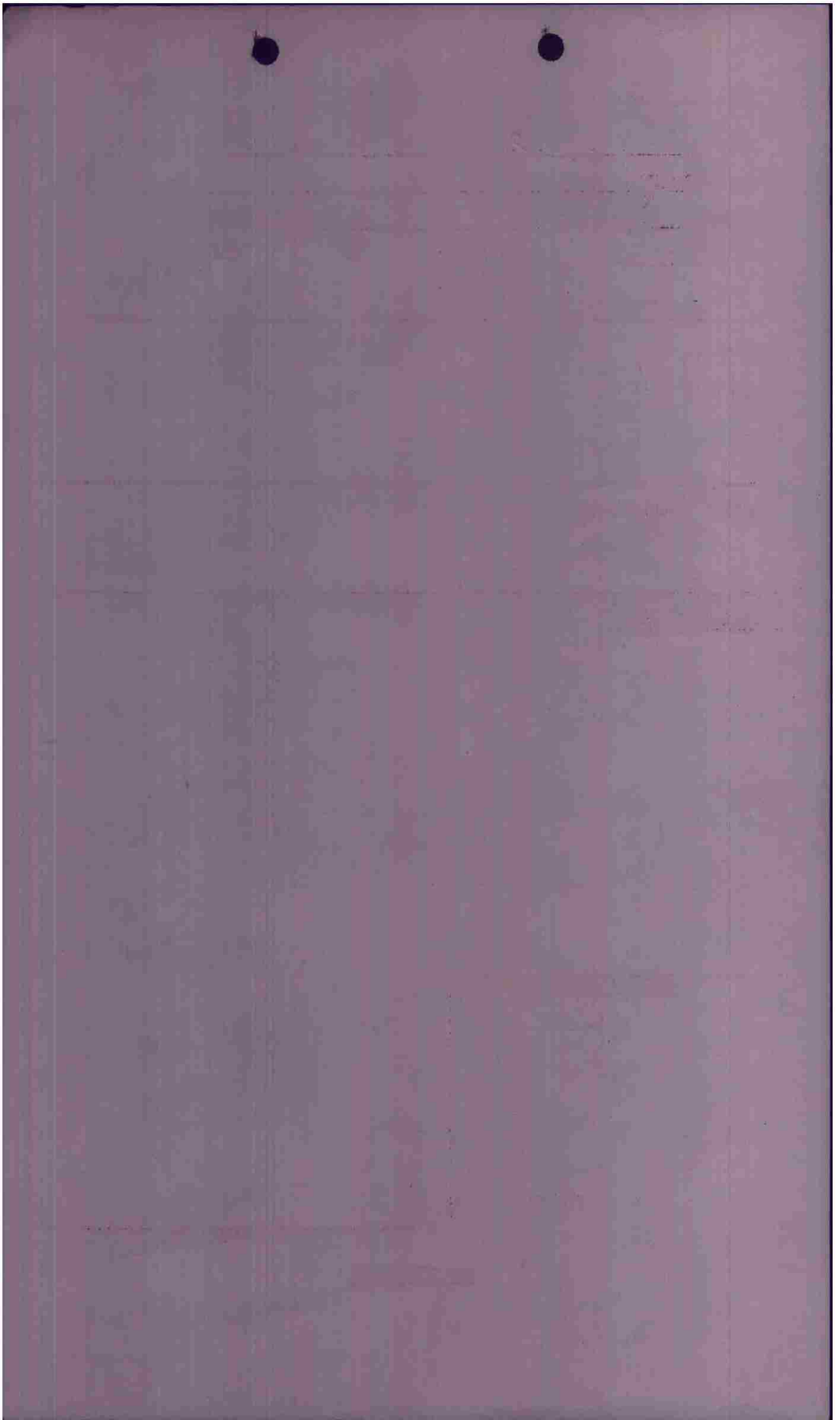
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : *Good results on N end of M/Y
 Much Rolling stock - untouched -
 in M/Y south of $\frac{PT}{TOT}$ 1655
 alt 17,500*



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PILOT Bonner A/C# 330 BOX 2 TAG 1

CASUALTIES _____ *nil*

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON PT BATTLE DAMAGE

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

_____ X _____ JETTISONED *nil*

FLAK : *4 bursts to left & rear as we went in to land.*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

High columns of smoke from M/Y

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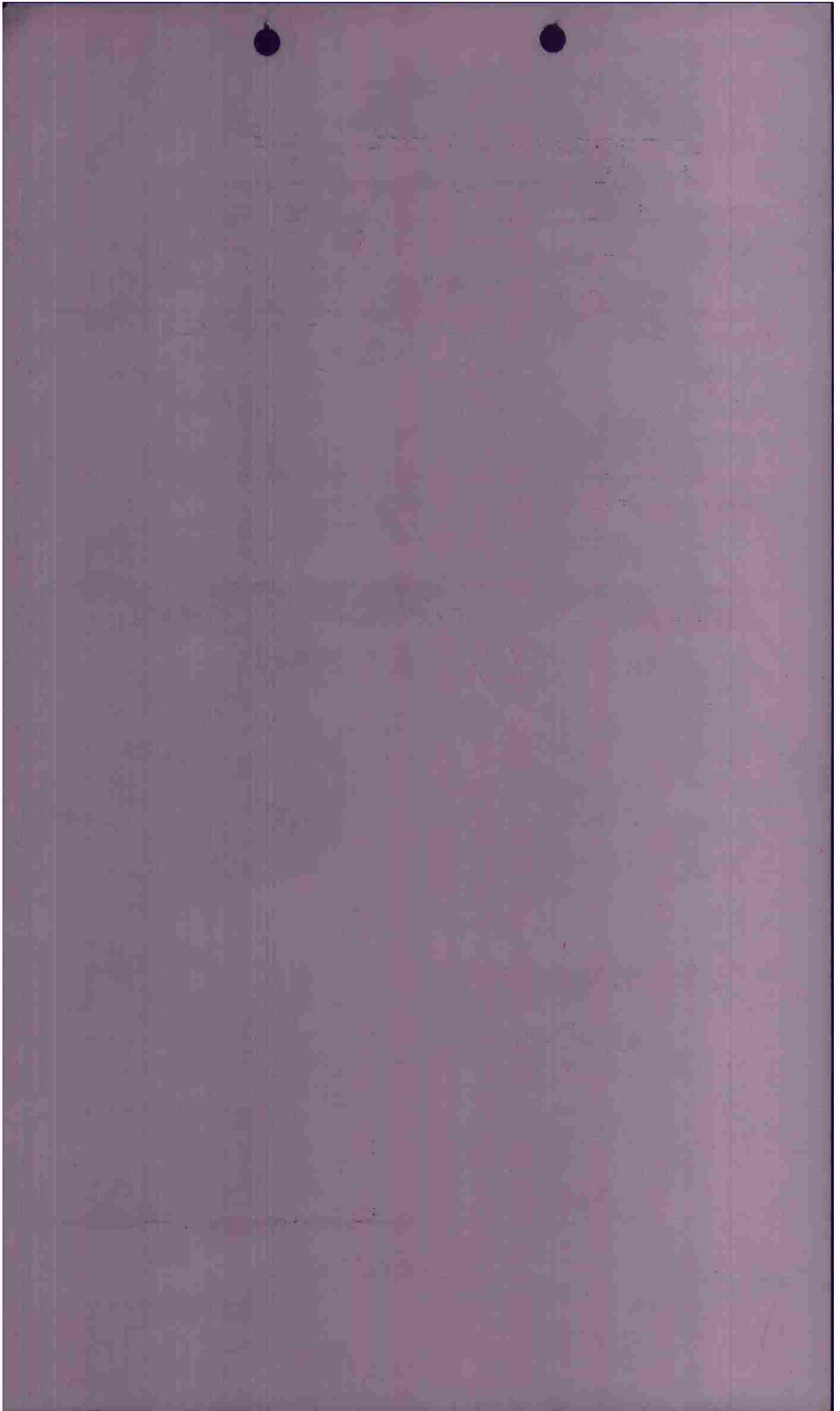
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 X X
X X
X (SPARE)

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PILOT WALLACE A/C# 9315 BOX 2 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	4 X 1000 ON <u>P</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
		RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X					
X	JETTISONED		<u>nil</u>		

FLAK :

nil

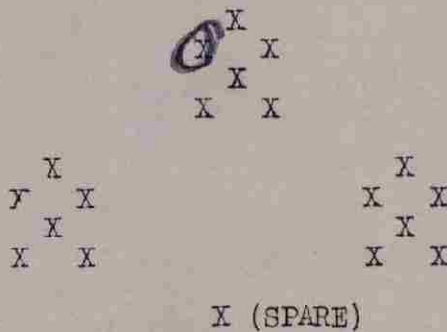
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

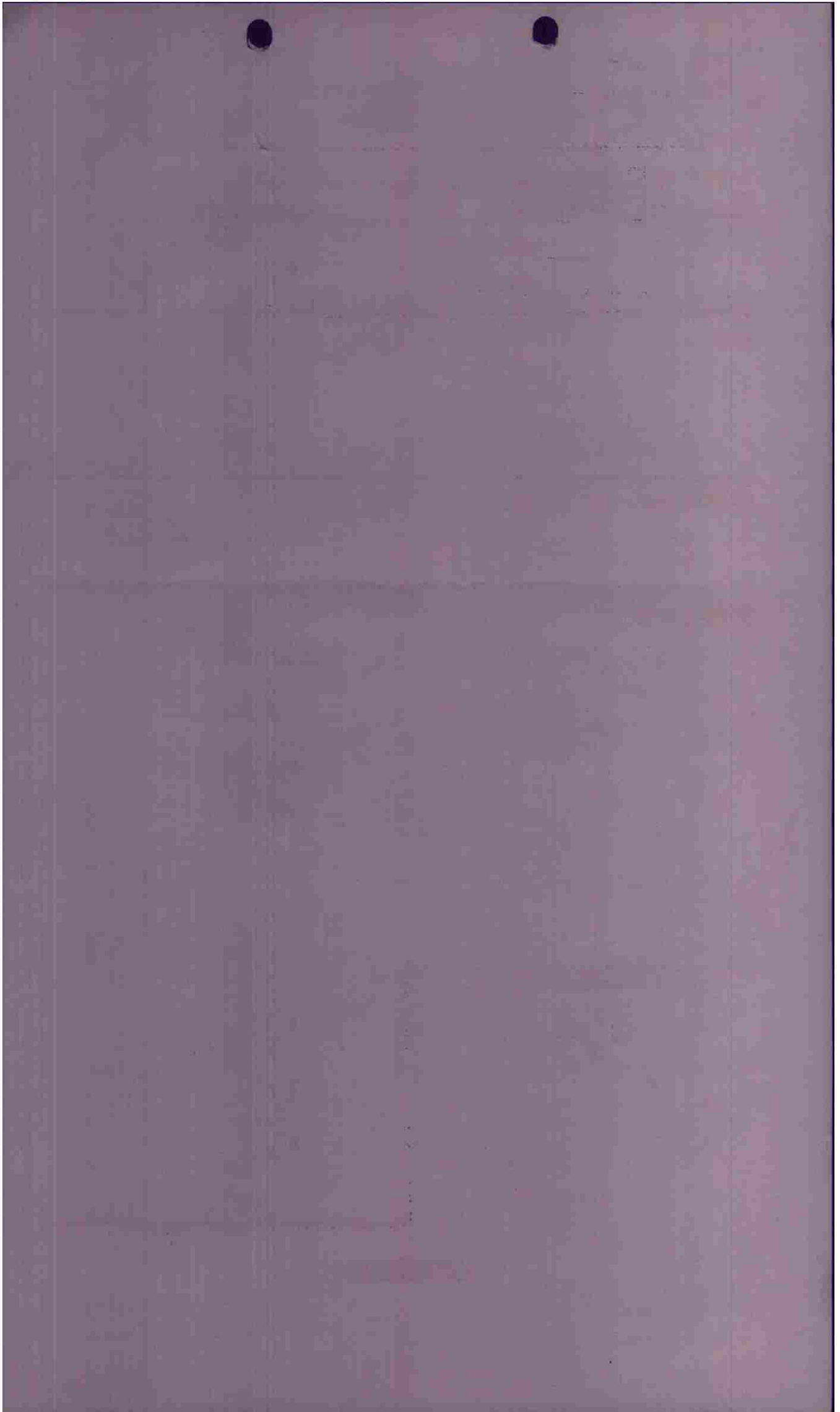
Exp. results for both boxes.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT TURNER, E.O. A/C# 224 BOX 2 IFF 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	4 X 1000N	RETURNED	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X			Nil		
X		JETTISONED			

FLAK :

*Nil (Behind at BL.)
at of range*

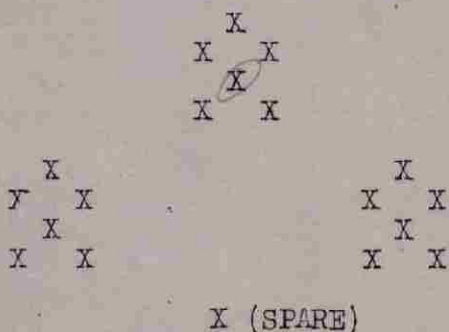
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil.

OBSERVATIONS :

*Must have
hit gas or oil
dumps - explosion
Box 1 - fl. 3.*

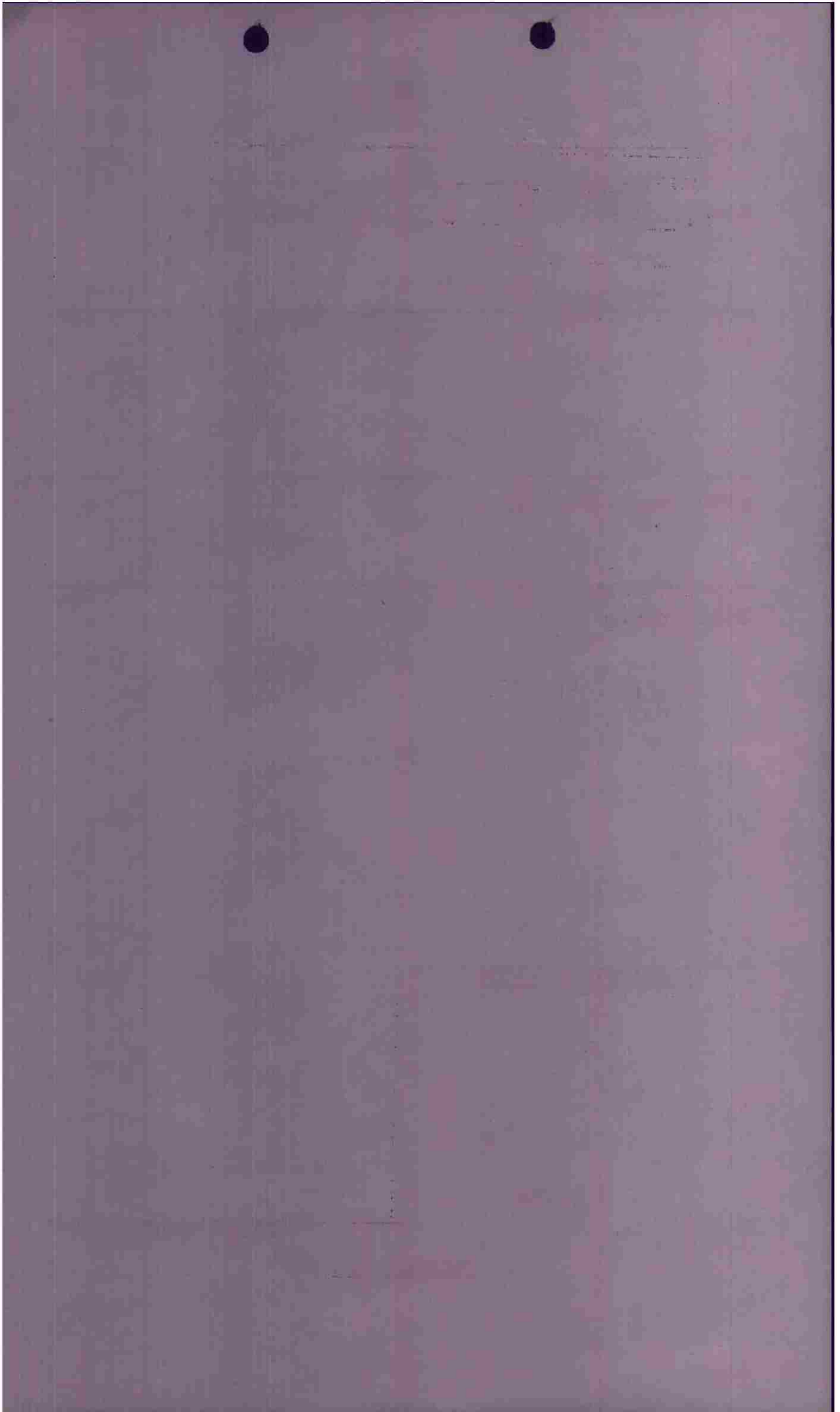
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PILOT BREWSTER A/C# 561 BOX 2 FLW 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :			BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
4 X	1000 ON	P.T.			
X		RETURNED			
X		JETTISONED			

FLAK : 4 bursts left low after Bk. in -
10 stake bursts between 1st & 2nd Bulge

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

J 16 P-47s

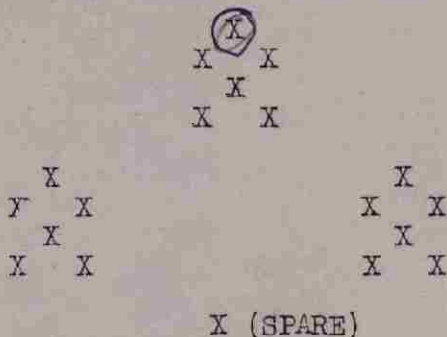
OBSERVATIONS :

3rd fl. B, - oil burst - smoke almost as high as formation.
on R.R. small town 50-75 cars.
trucks same dir as R.R.

TOT - 1554 1/2
Alt - 11,400
MH - 330
IAD - 210

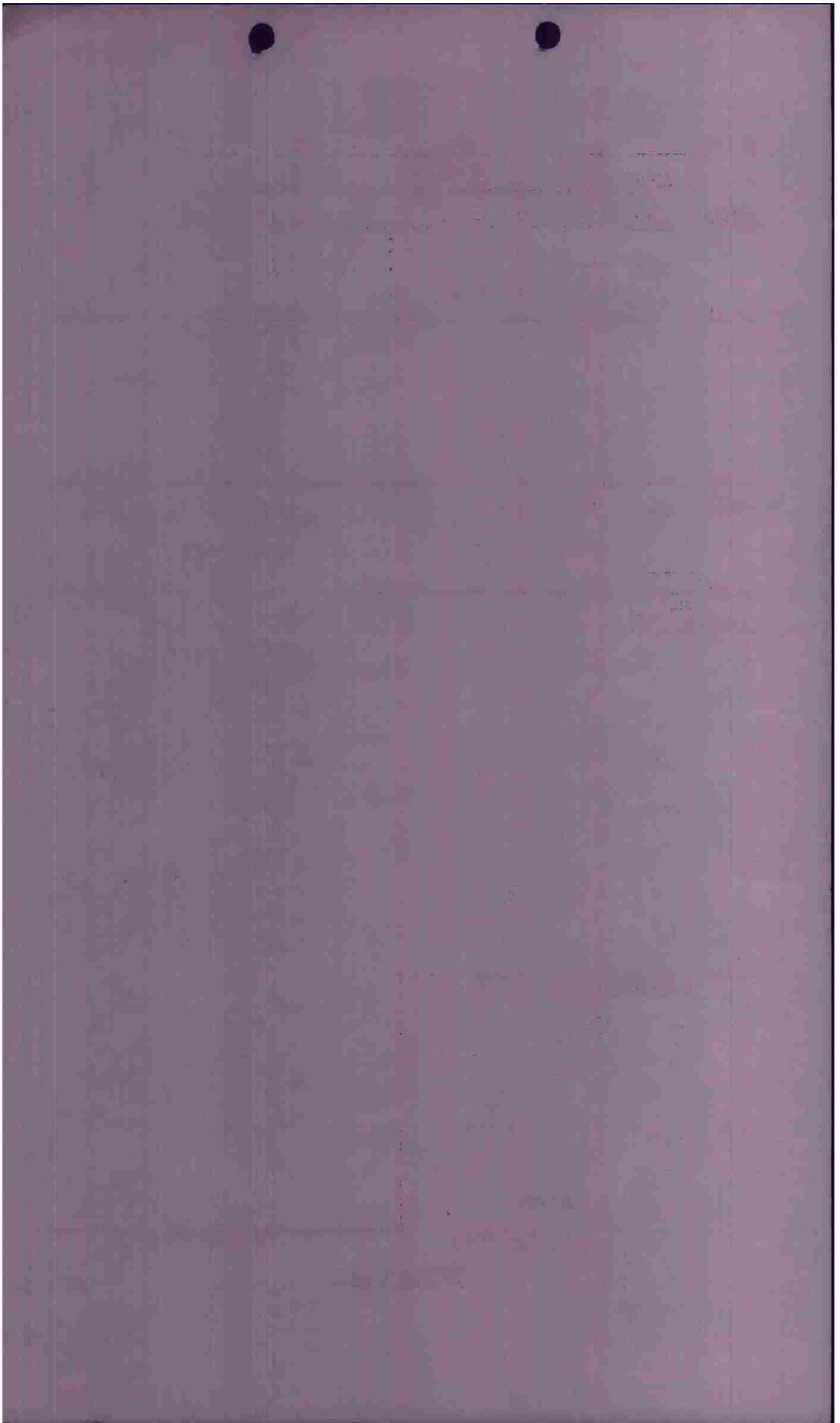
Below should be 1654 1/2

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PILOT *Curtis* A/C# *223* BOX *2* TAG *1*

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<i>4 X 1000</i>	X	RETURNED			
	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

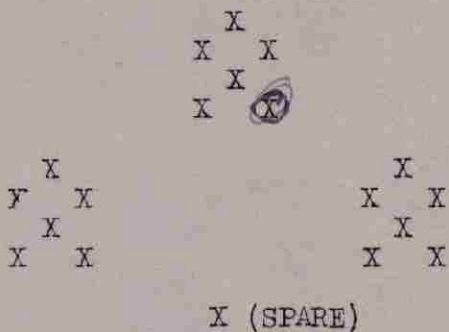
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OBSERVATIONS :

/// *1 run*

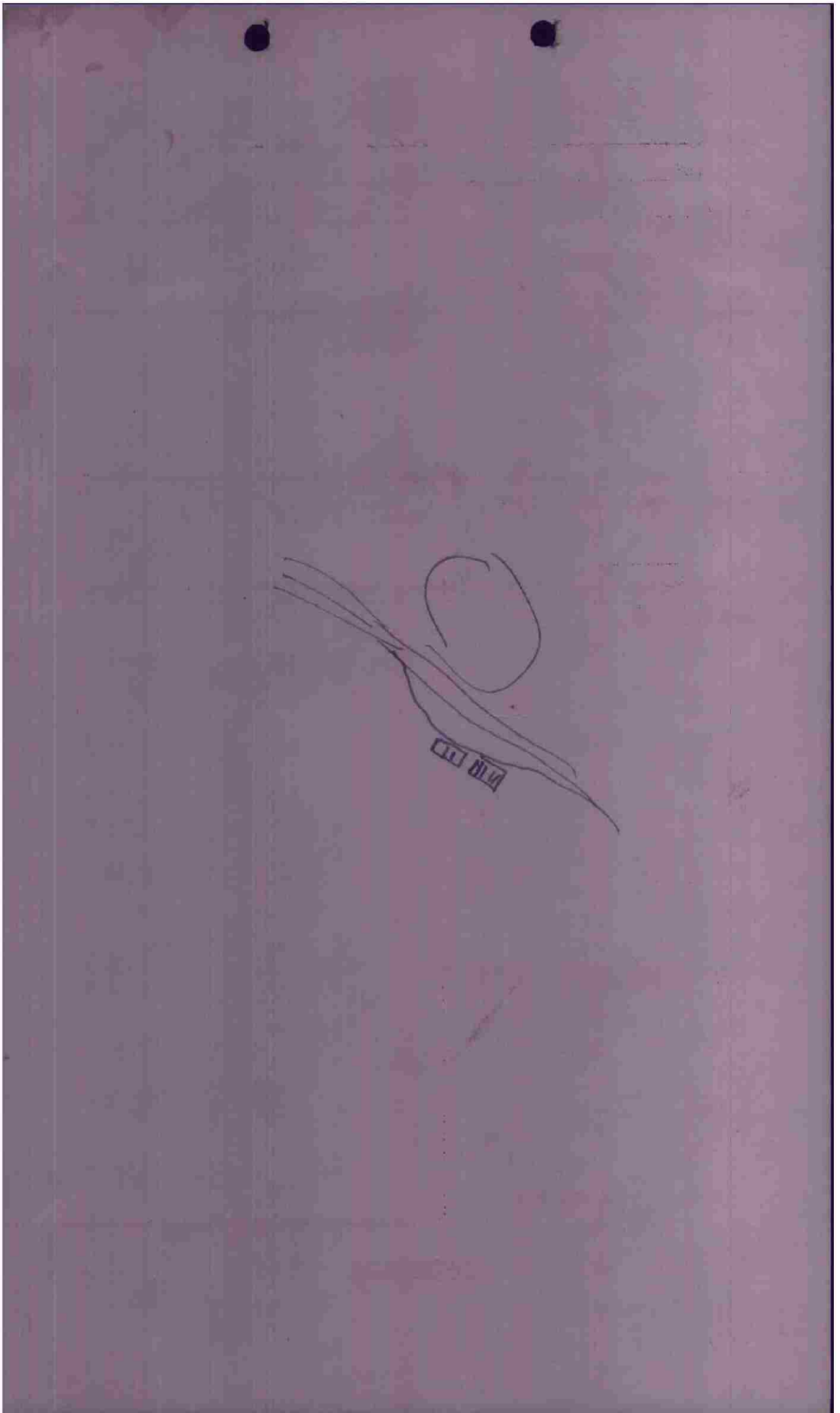
Camera

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PILOT *Wright* A/C# *328* BOX *2* DET *2*

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	<i>4</i> X/1000	<i>P</i> RETURNED			
X		JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

*Bombs hit on SE end of m/y.
Snaps all over yds.*

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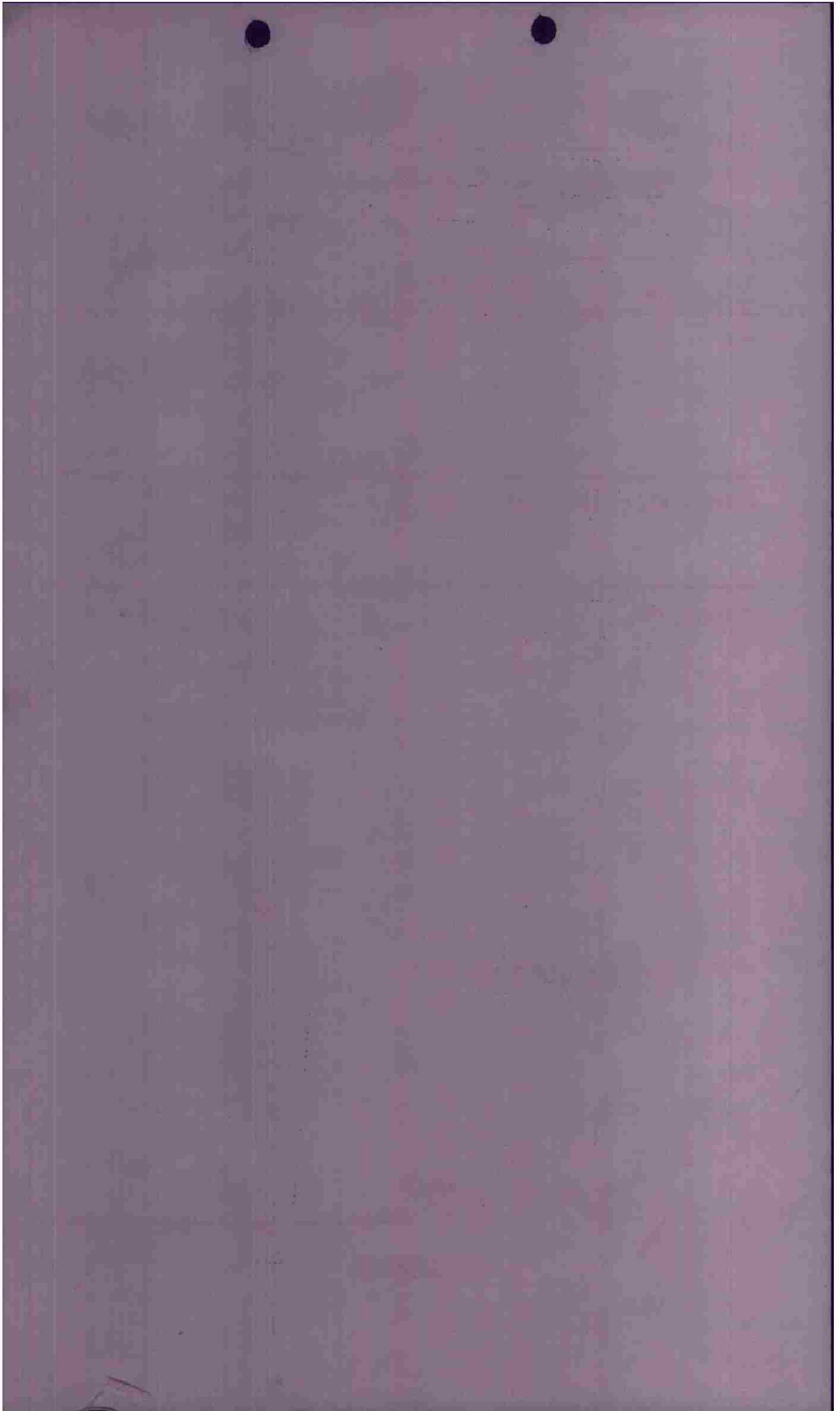
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      X
     X X
X      X
Y      X
      X
     X X
X      X
X (SPARE)

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PILOT EDSTROM A/C# 250 BOX 2 TWT 2

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON Pr BATTLE DAMAGE

_____ X _____ RETURNED : "A" : "A-C" : "E" :

_____ X _____ JETTISONED : None : : :

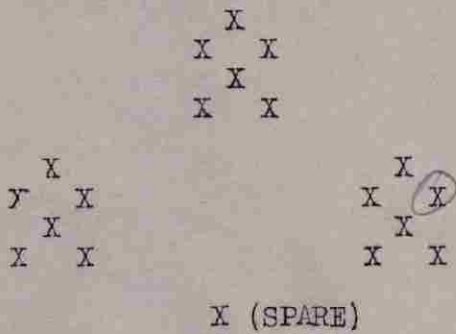
FLAK : just across Bomb line on way

in - X H A -
~~1st - 10 Bombs after in eye 1st~~
70

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : None

OBSERVATIONS : Smacked the 1st

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$$\begin{array}{r} 72 \\ 76 \\ \hline 148 \end{array}$$

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PILOT LA CHOTICH A/C# 490 BOX 2 127 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u>	ON	<u>R</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED			<u>nil</u>	

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS :

2 Miss
prop wash
fuel is ready

Exp. results on Pen II

1702

11,000

210

30°

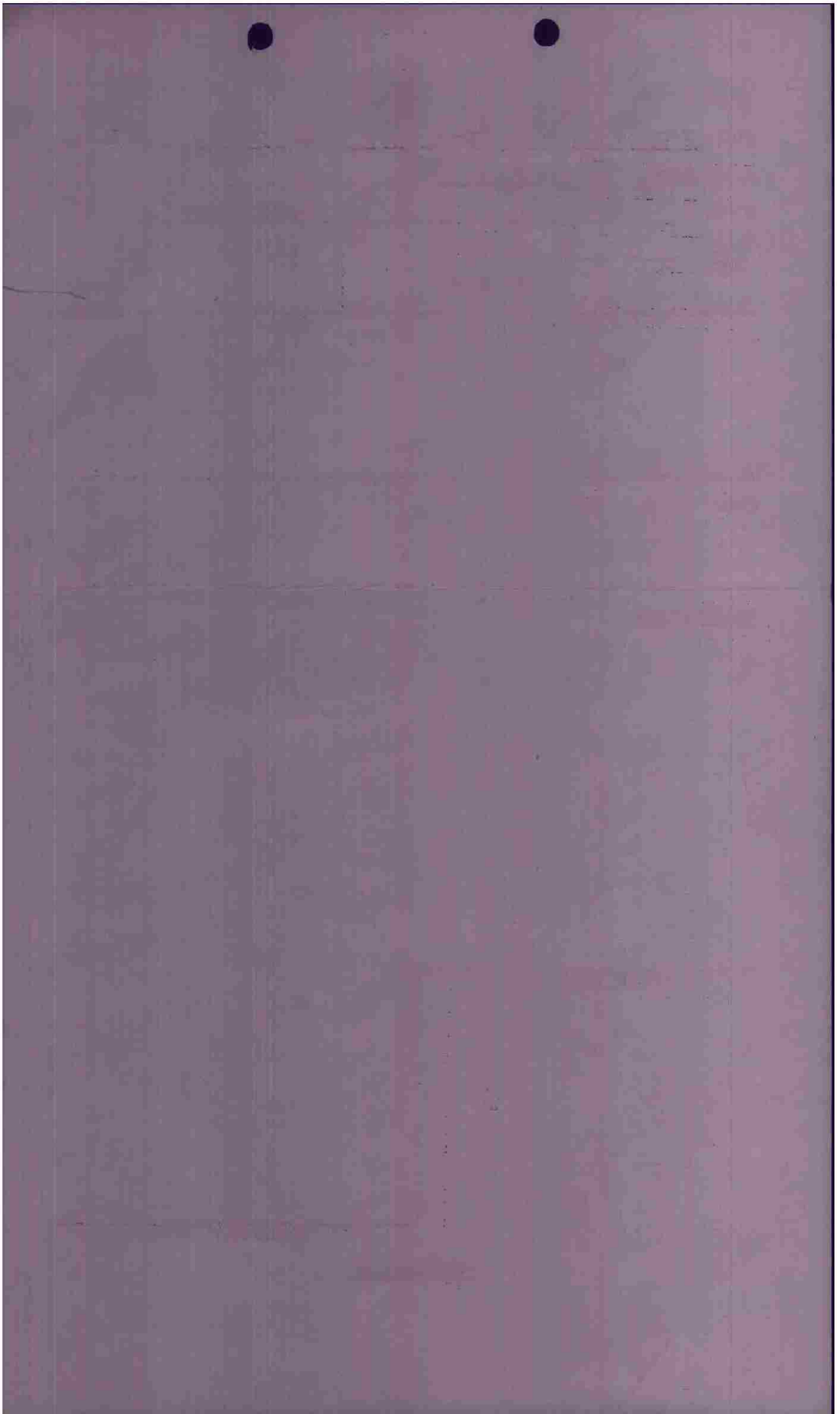
Super.

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		X			
	X		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 SEARIS A/C# 239 BOX 2 FLT 2

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON <u>A</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X JETTISONED			

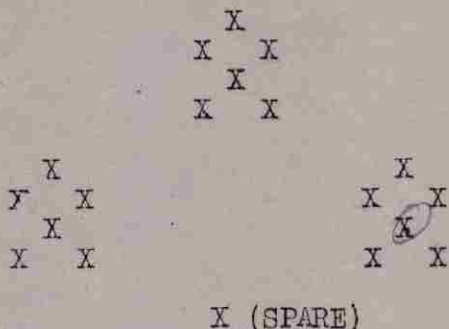
FLAK :

2 bursts at bomber slightly high

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

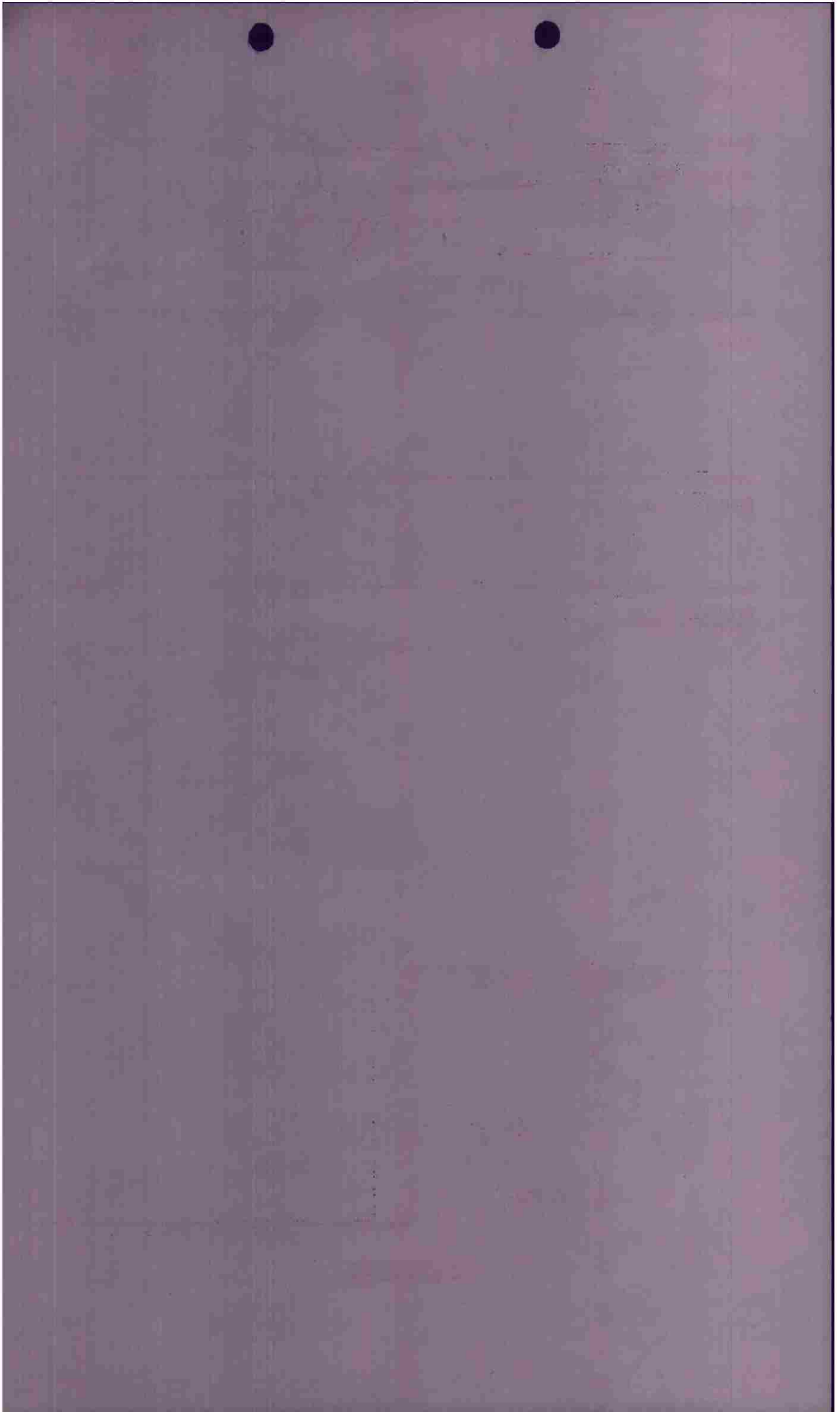
OBSERVATIONS : Bombs hit on SE edge of m/y. Believed excellent, no loss.

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PILOT GRAEBER A/C# 356 BOX 2 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u>	<u>X/1000</u> ON <u>P.T.</u>	:	:	:
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	:	:
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:	:	:

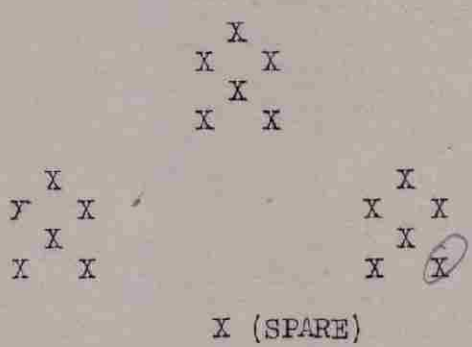
FLAK : XHI - at B.L. on way in.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

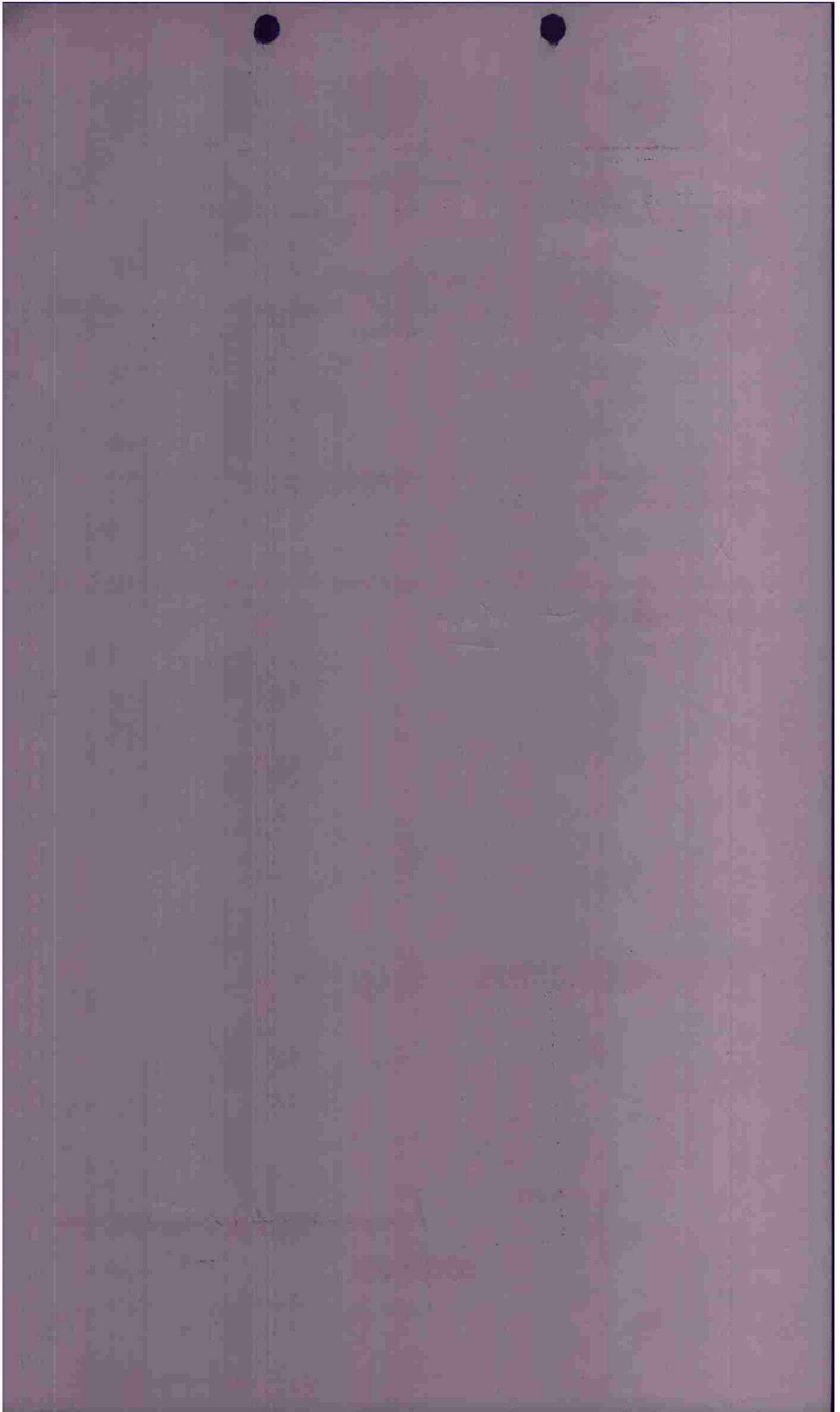
OBSERVATIONS : None

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PILOT WILKINGTON A/C# 300 BOX 2 FLT 2

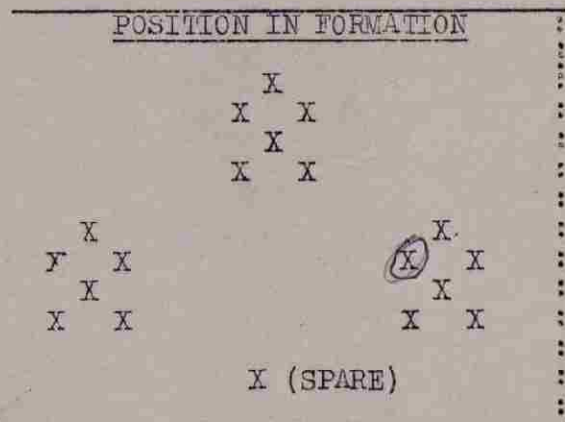
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	15000			
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED		<i>nil</i>	

FLAK : *X #1 - way behind - sea plane on way in*

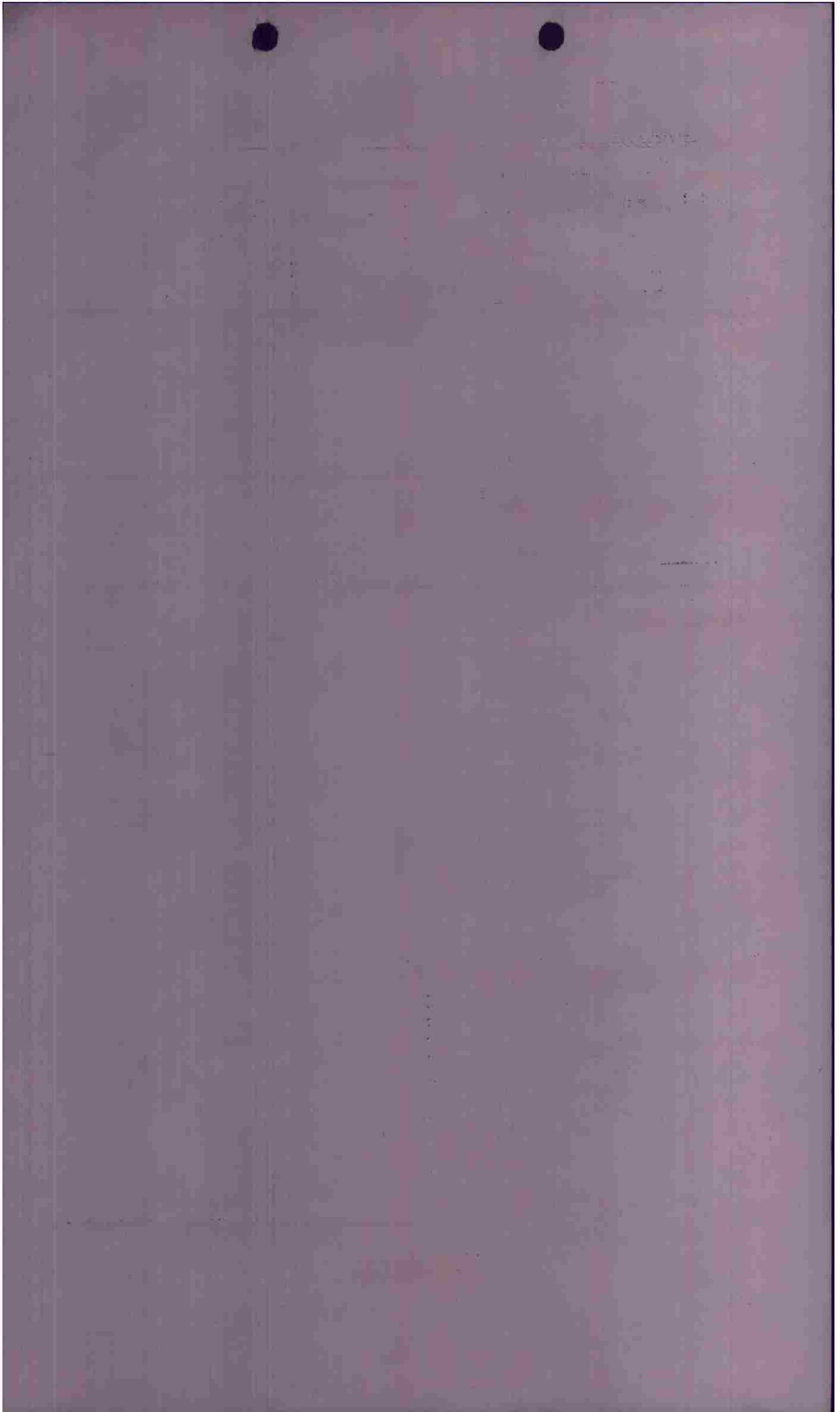
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
nil

OBSERVATIONS : *Good results.*



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PILOT

Stills
~~TURNER~~

A/C#

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BOX

2

PLT

3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

4 X 1000 ON PIT

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

X

JETTISONED

FLAK :

4 Bursts on B/L, away in -
right over formation -

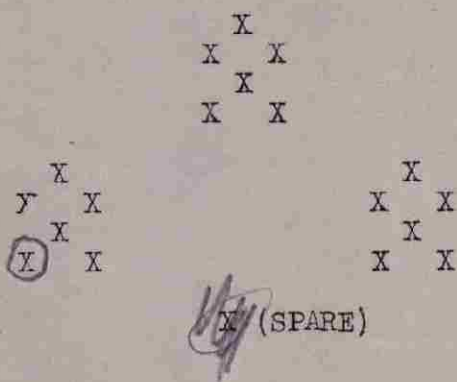
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X-

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombs hit 4 PIT, and started
large fire + explosion white + lots of
black smoke -

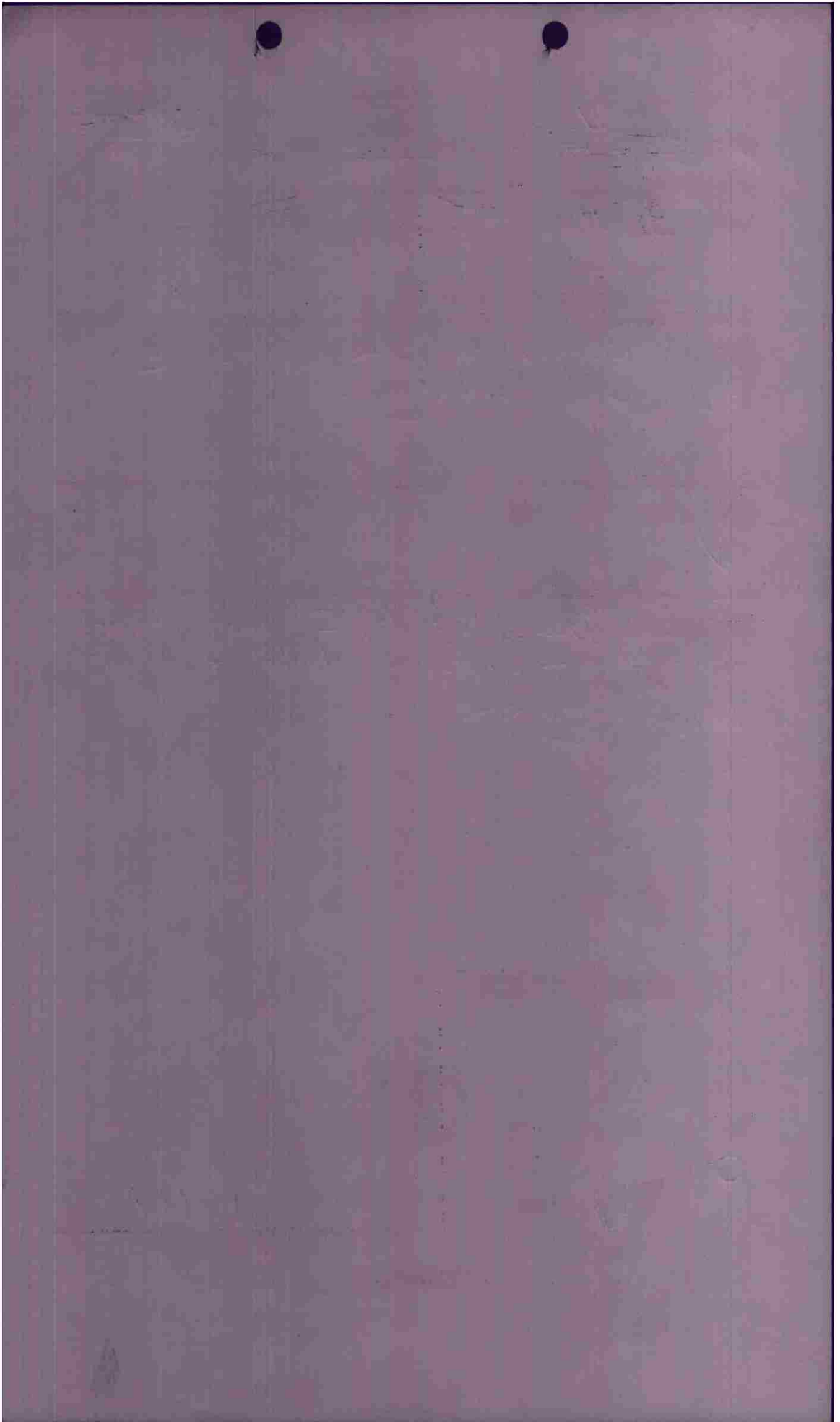
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PILOT Sommers A/C# 492 BOX 2 REF 3

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS : 4 X 100 ON Pr BATTLE DAMAGE

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

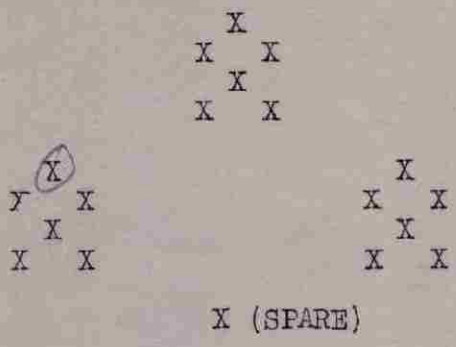
X JETTISONED None

FLAK : few bursts at base line on way in

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : None

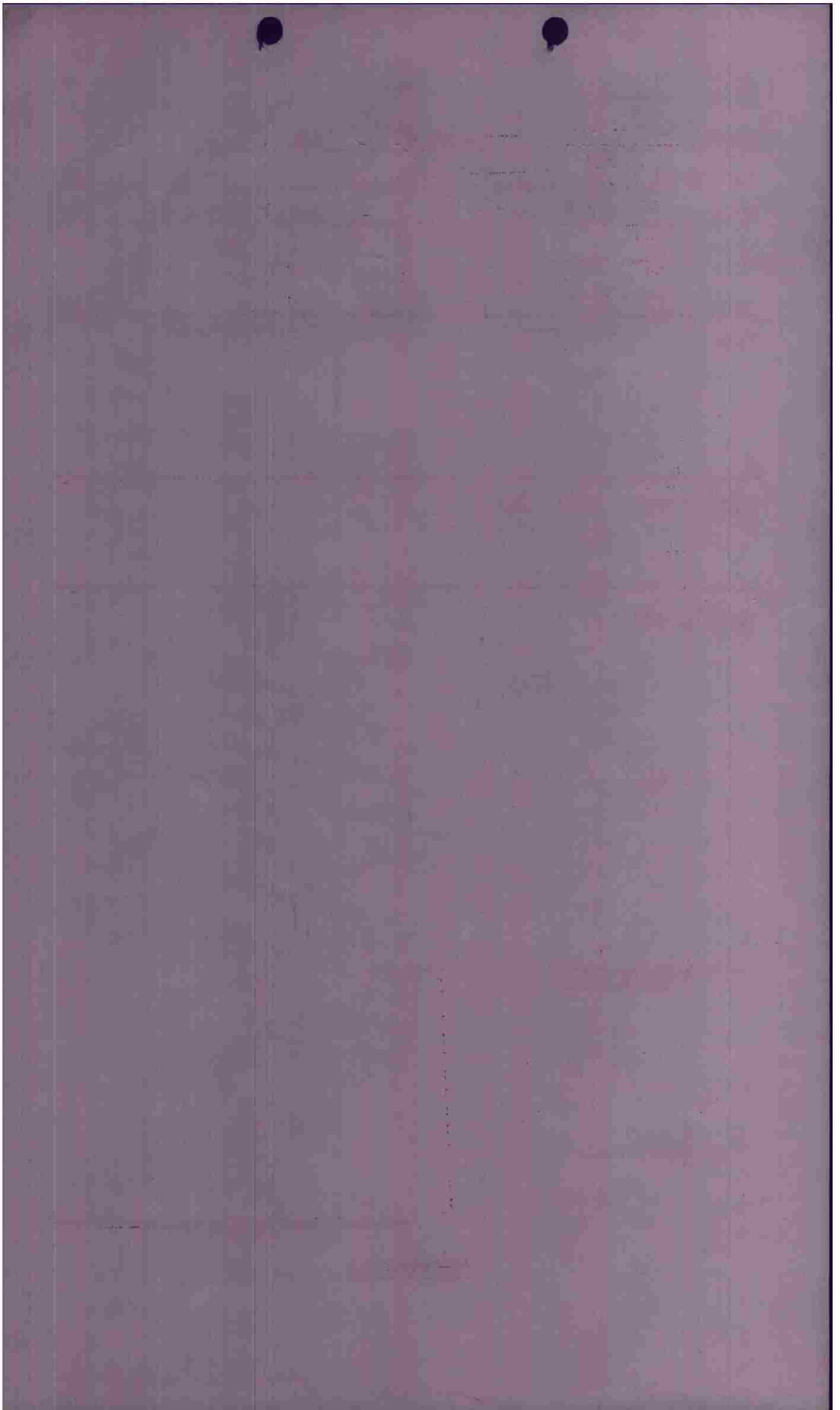
OBSERVATIONS : One Run
First Flight sawd Box
and 2nd Flight Bombed
at same time and believed to
have fallen in same area
Excellent result to good
Pattern -
Head 26
ATA 11200
TOT. 1654
#AS 210

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PILOT TURMAN A/C# 297 BOX 2 DET _____

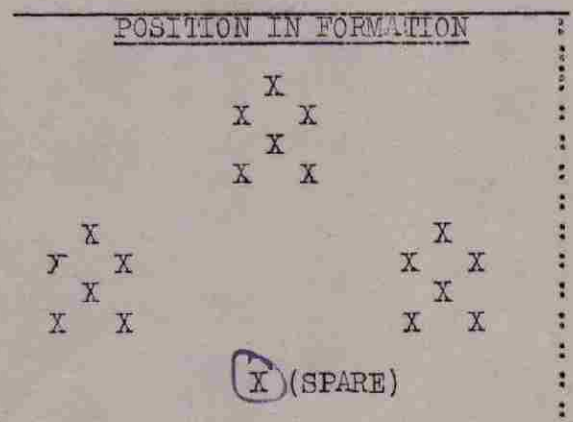
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :			BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON					
X	RETURNED				
X	JETTISONED				

FLAK : XIXIX B/L

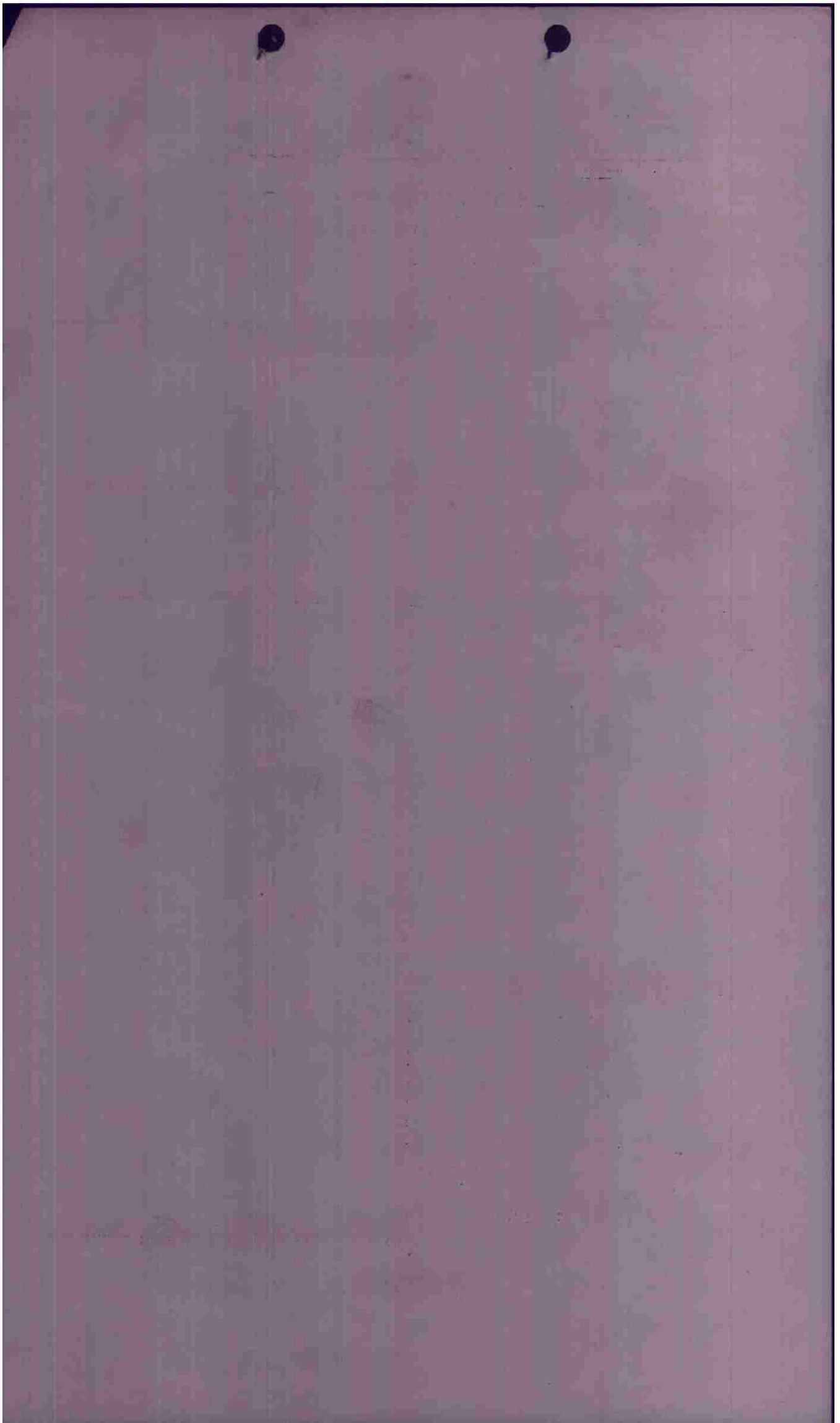
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : smoke up to 10,000
fires explode



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PILOT *Jayner* A/C# *351* BOX *2* INT. *3*

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u><i>4</i></u>	<u><i>X</i></u>	<u><i>1000</i></u>			
	<u><i>X</i></u>	RETURNED			
	<u><i>X</i></u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : *X-*

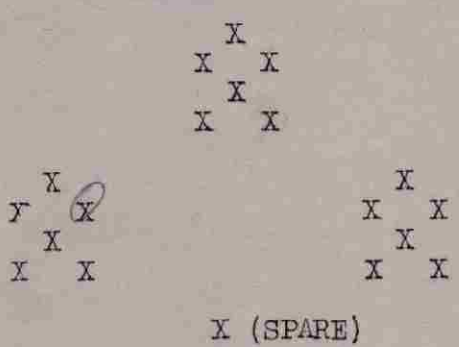
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X-

OBSERVATIONS : - *Town Burning at 1714-*
Bombs hit in long Bldgs & walked into
city-

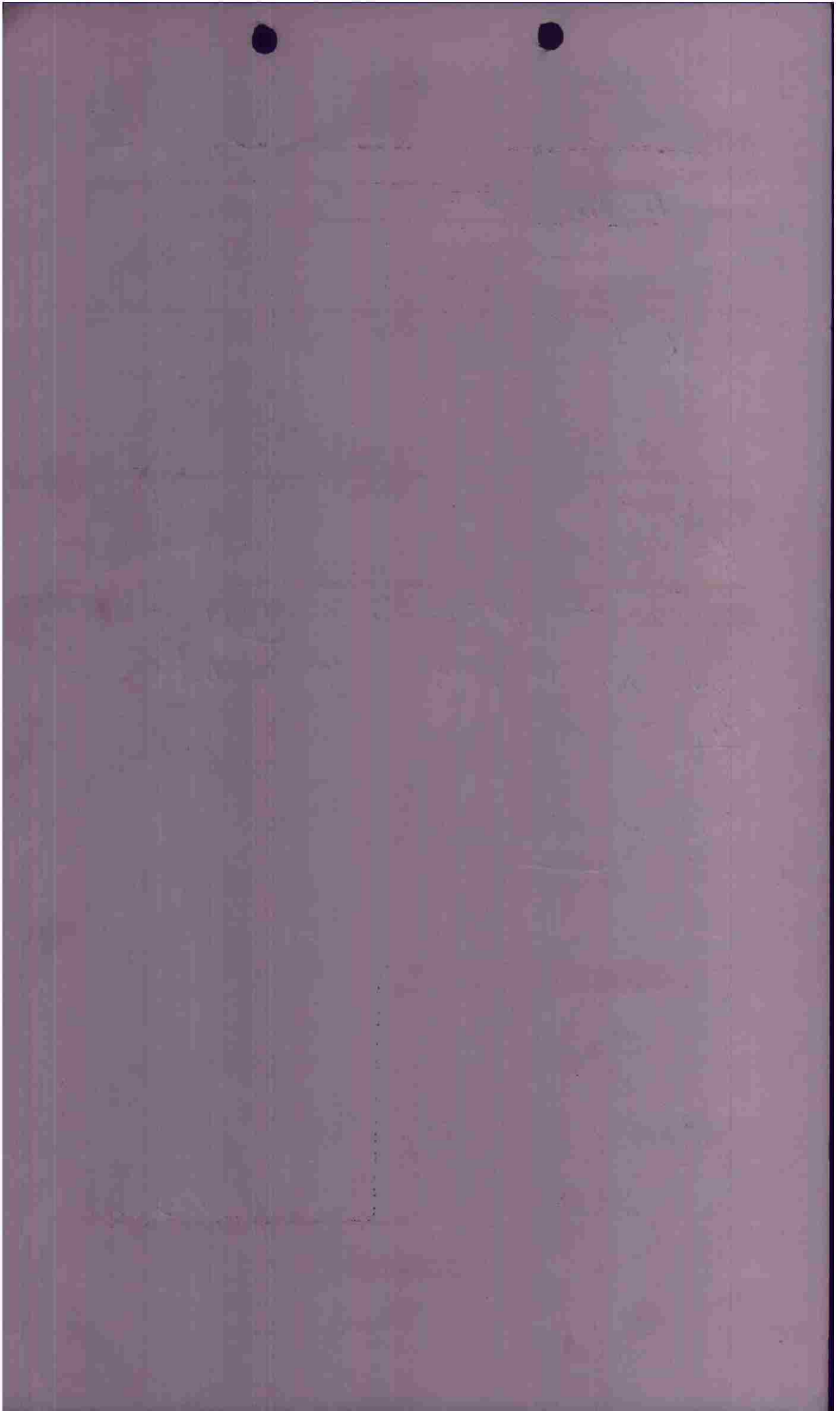
Camera ship

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PILOT ANDERSON, G.M. A/C# 252 BOX 2 FLT 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u>	X <u>1000</u> ON <u>P</u>			
	X RETURNED			
	X JETTISONED			

FLAK :

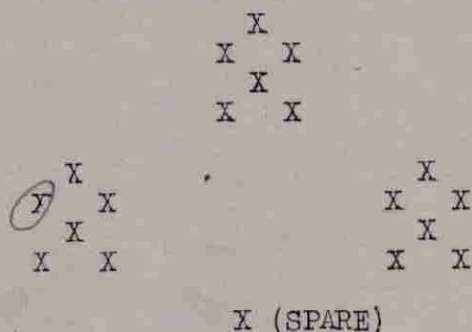
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

E/A reported at 4 o'clock high. No encounter.

OBSERVATIONS :

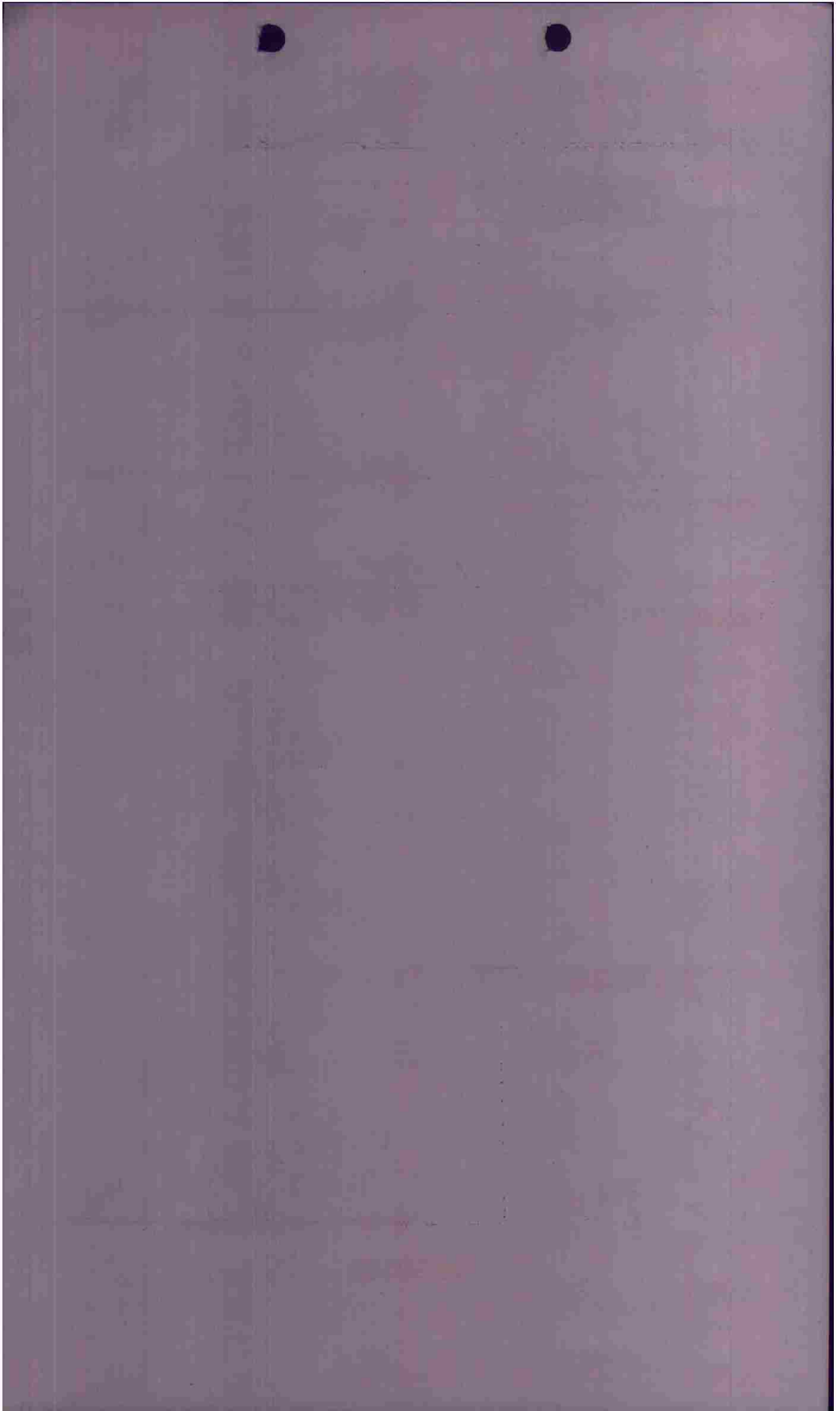
Bombs hit in only just opposite
 warehouses.
 noise
 at 1740 off to right in our own territory
 two large explosions were seen

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PILOT Housley A/C# 381 BOX 2 FLT 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	RETURNED	JETTISONED	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4 X 1000</u> <i>P</i>	<u>X</u>				
	<u>X</u>				

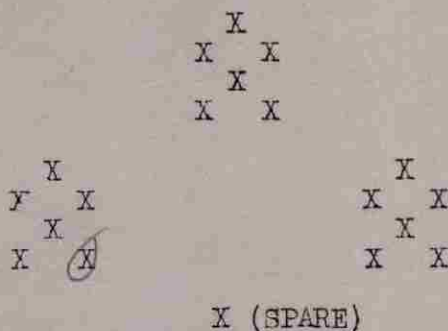
FLAK : *Behind & to the right.*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

four results

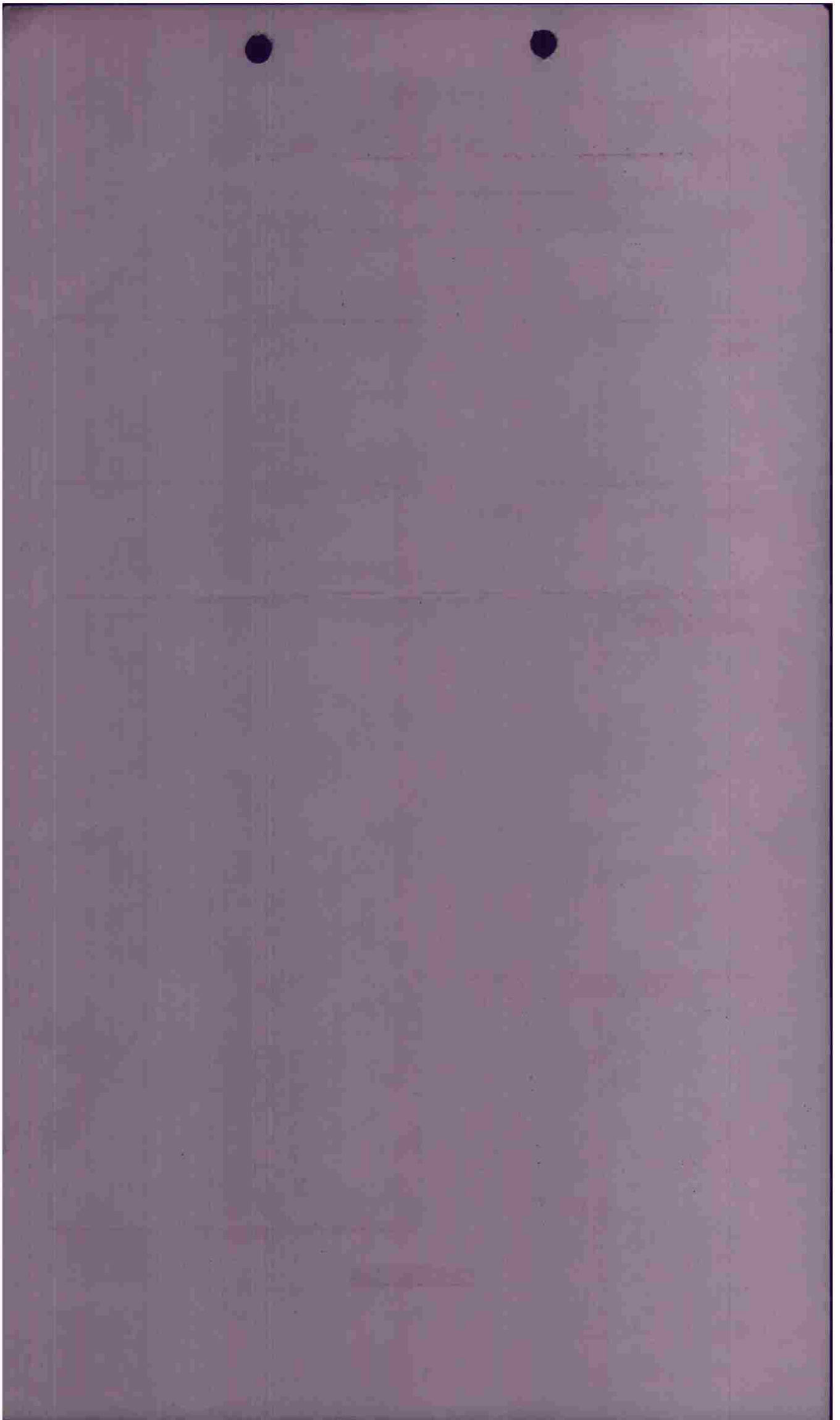
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PILOT *W. B. BOSE* A/C# *338* BOX *2* INT *3*

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X/1000	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	RETURNED	:	:	:
	X	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK :

X- 4 gun Battery on bomb line - inaccurate

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

2 flights Bombs seen, seen one on edge of M/Y other in Bldgs.

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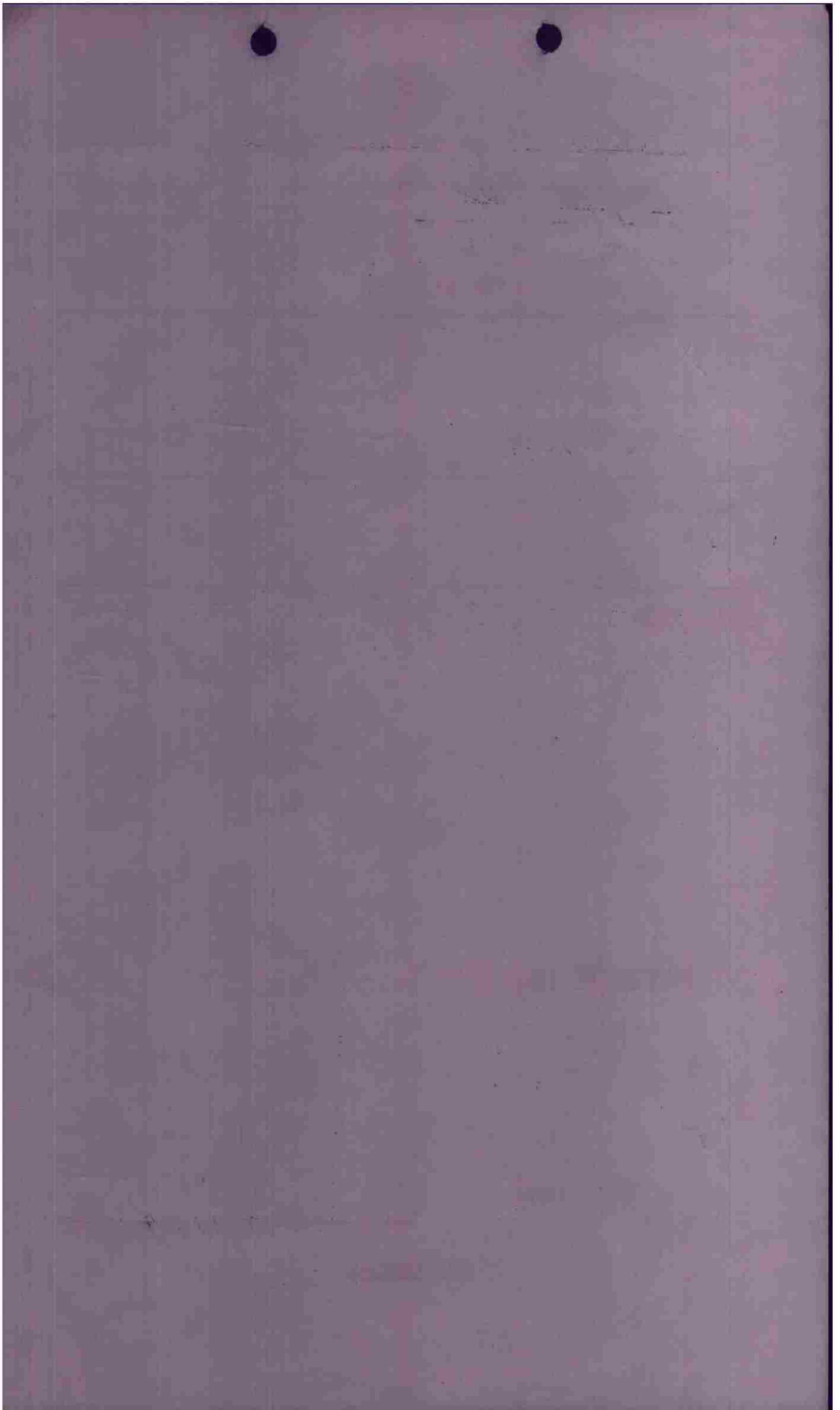
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 X  X
      X
 X (SPARE)

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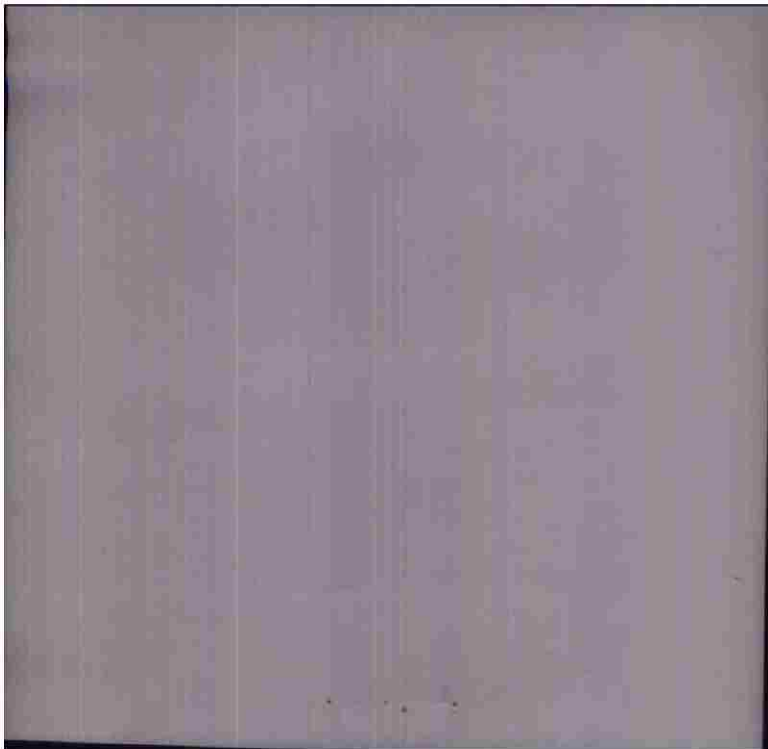


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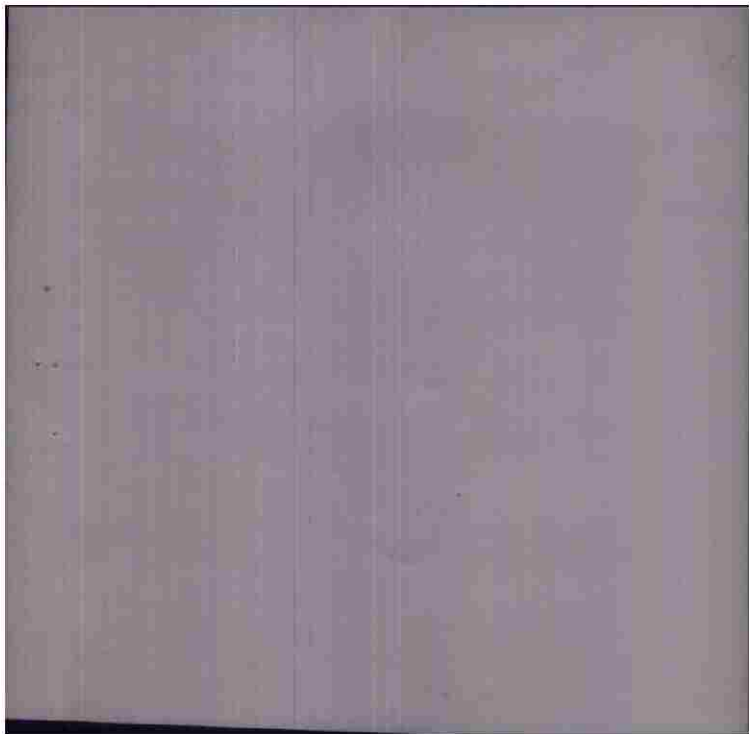
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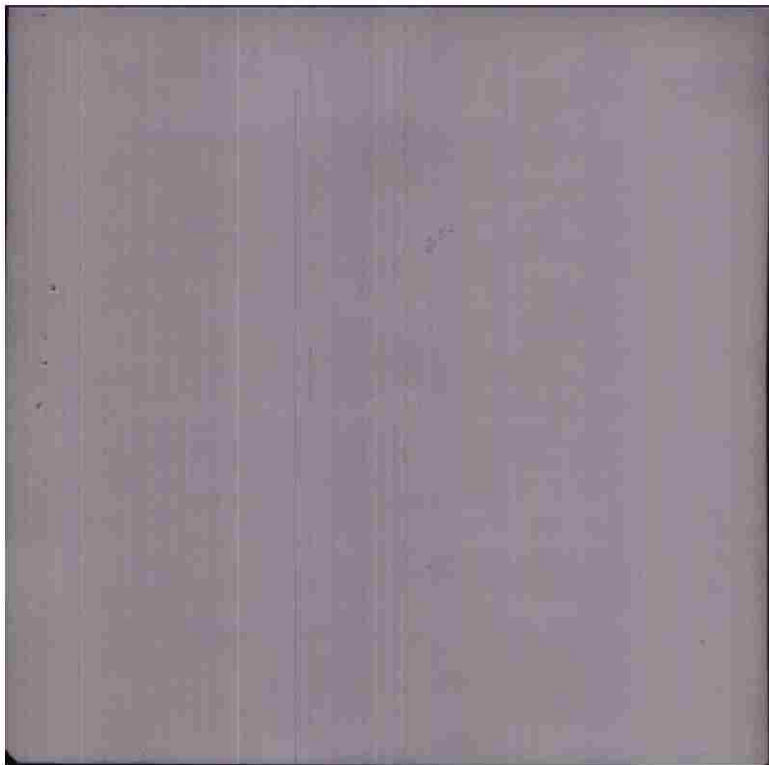
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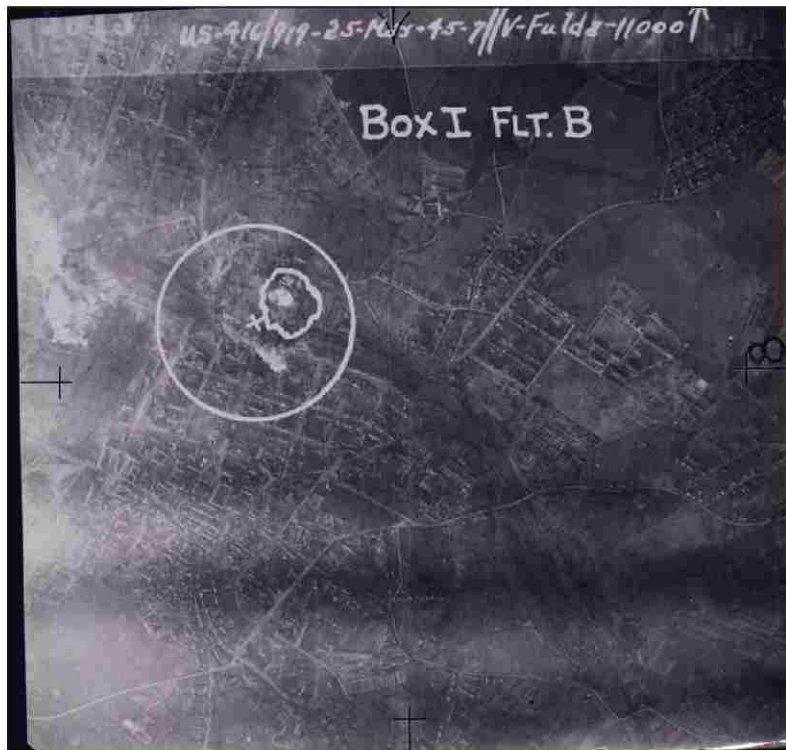
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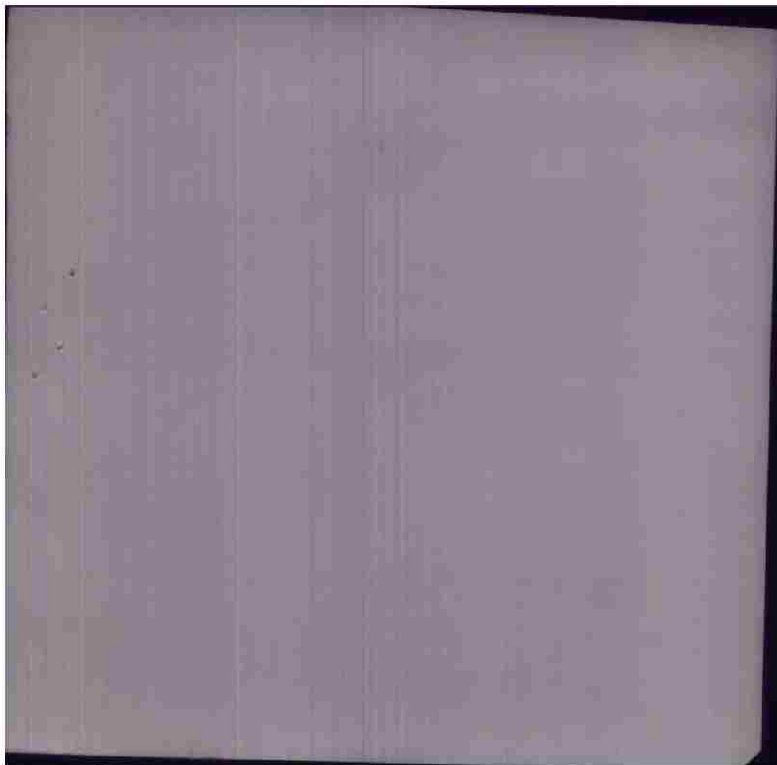
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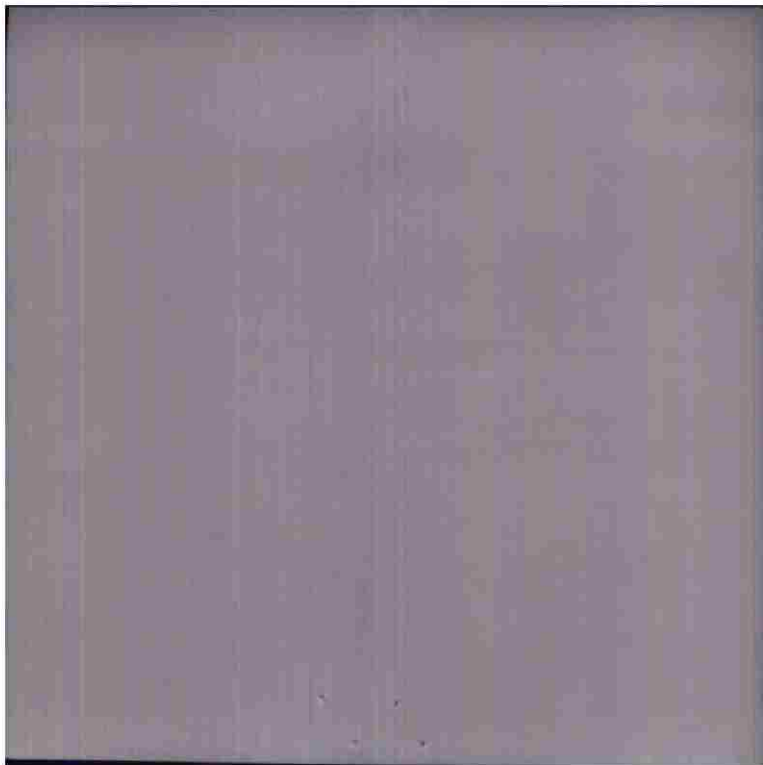
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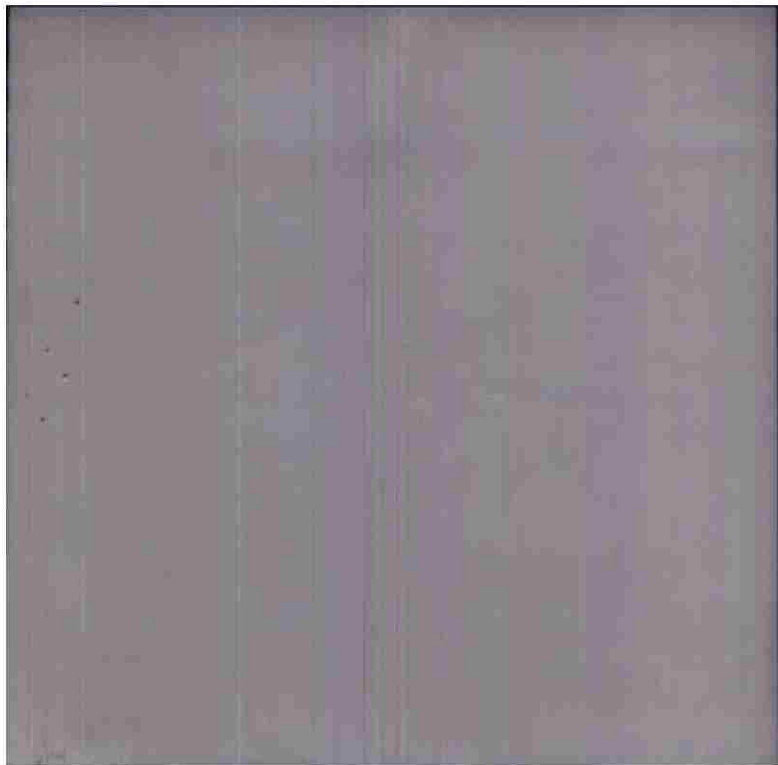
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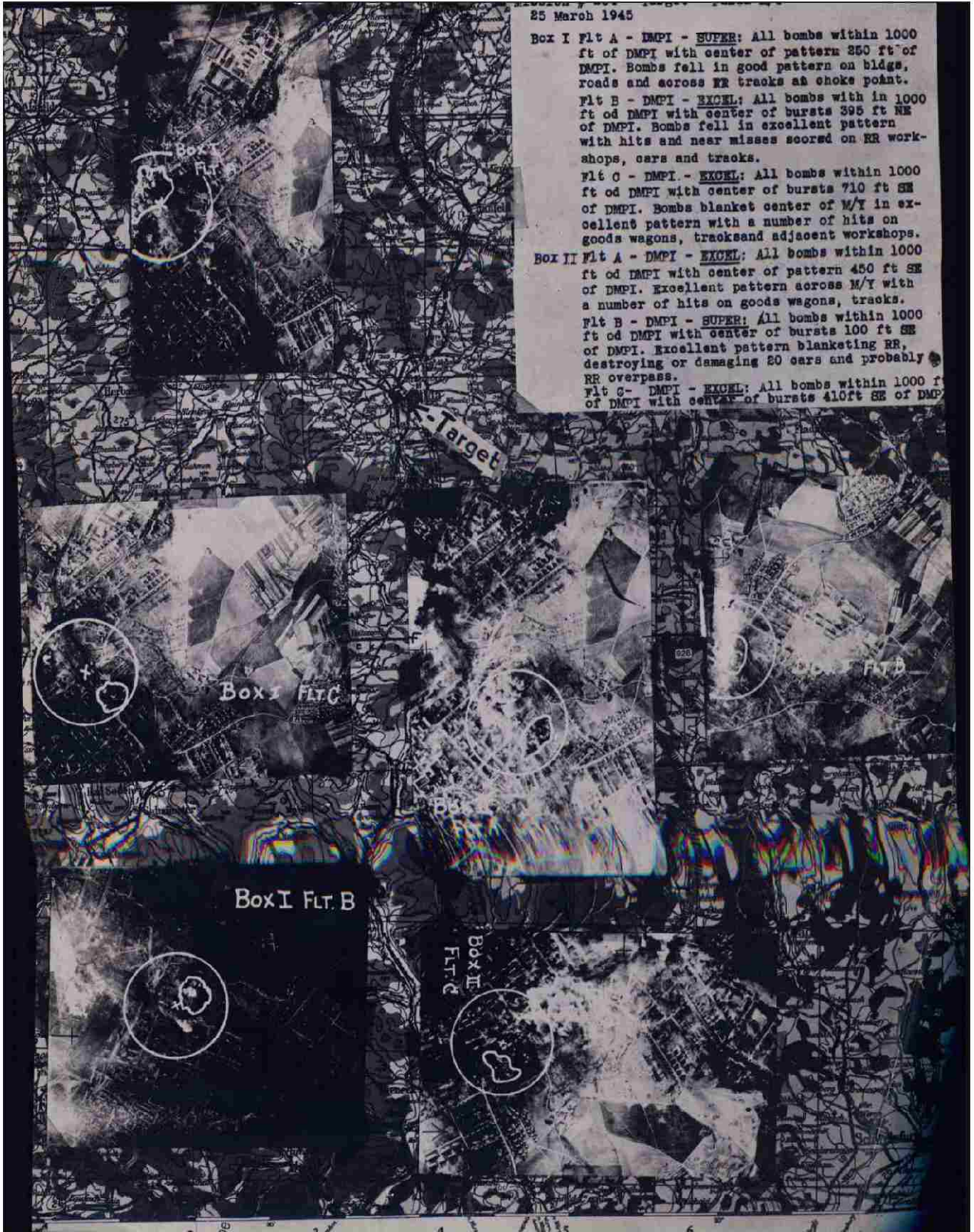


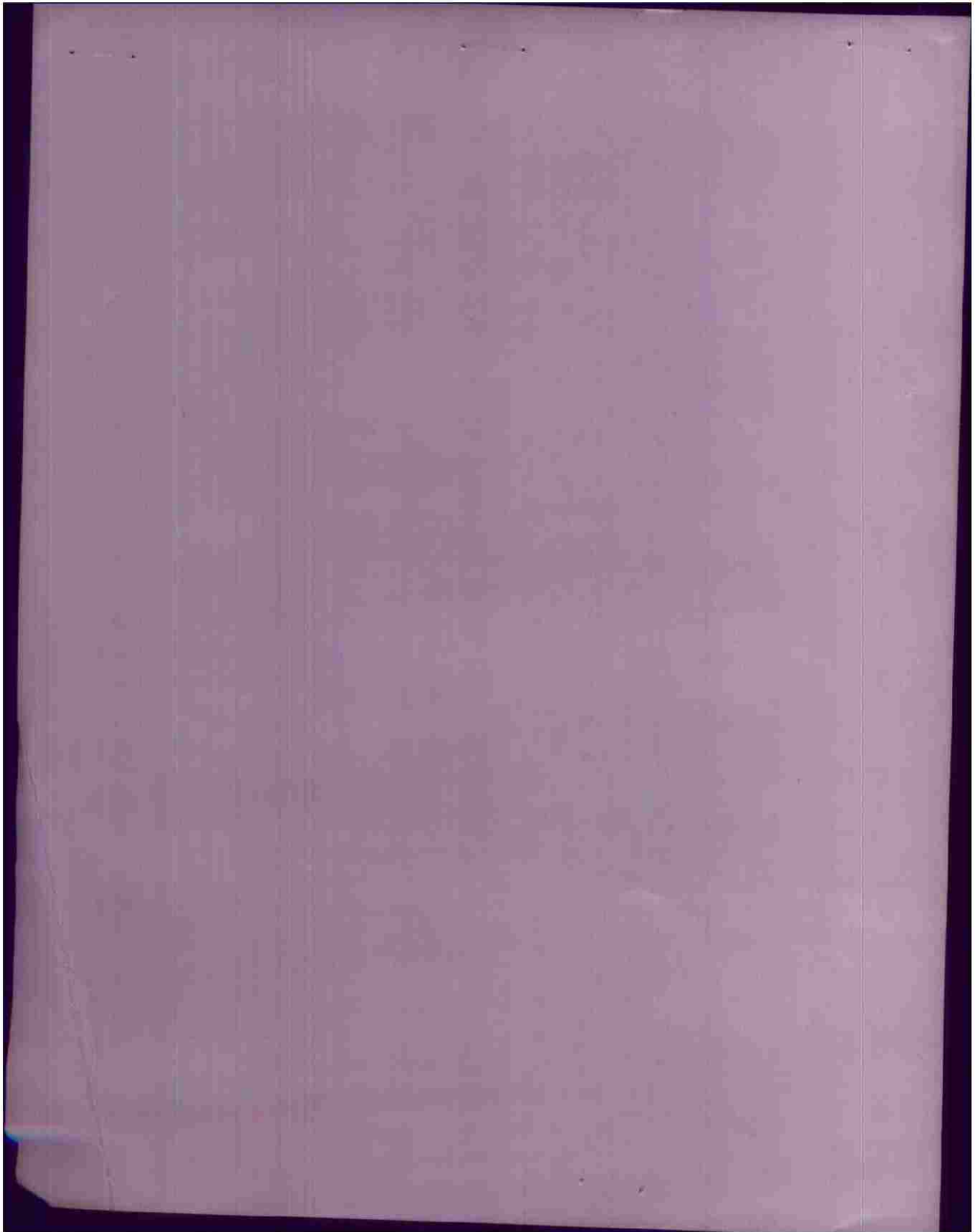
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NINTH AF CONSOLIDATED REPORT 9TH BD / SA 1193

- (A) TARGET: FULDA M/Y 4416/S4 - WH/383178
(B) SORTIE: US 416/918 THRU 921
(C) DATE: 25 MAR 45 TIME: 1653 - 1702 A
(D) ATTACKING A/C: 37 A-26's BY 6's
(E) BOMBS: 148/1000 GP 1/10 N., 1/100 T.
(F) COVER: TARGET AREA SHOWN ON FAIR QUALITY PRINTS.
(G) RESULTS OF BOMBING: THE BOMB PATTERN OF EACH OF THE SIX ATTACKING FLTS EITHER COVERS OR PARTIALLY COVERS SOME PART OF THE M/Y AREA AND THREE OF THE PATTERNS EXTEND ACROSS OR FRINGE THEIR DESIRED MPI's.

(I) ANNOTATED PRINT: 13 SORTIE: US 416/919

NOTE: RECTANGLE ENCLOSES BOMB PATTERN AREA.

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AT HQ. 9TH B.D.



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PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

CAMERAS INSTALLED 10 GROUP 416th. Bomb Gr.
 CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING 10 100 % WING 97th. C.B.
 CAMERA FAILURES 0 0 % DATE 25 March 45
 PERSONNEL FAILURES 0 0 %
 OTHERS 0

TARGET FULDA
 ALTITUDE 11000 FEET
 TRUE AIR SPEED 205 MPH
 GROUND SPEED 270 MPH

232
 495
 378
 362

TARGET FULDA
 ALTITUDE 10500 FEET
 TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
 GROUND SPEED 273 MPH

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 252
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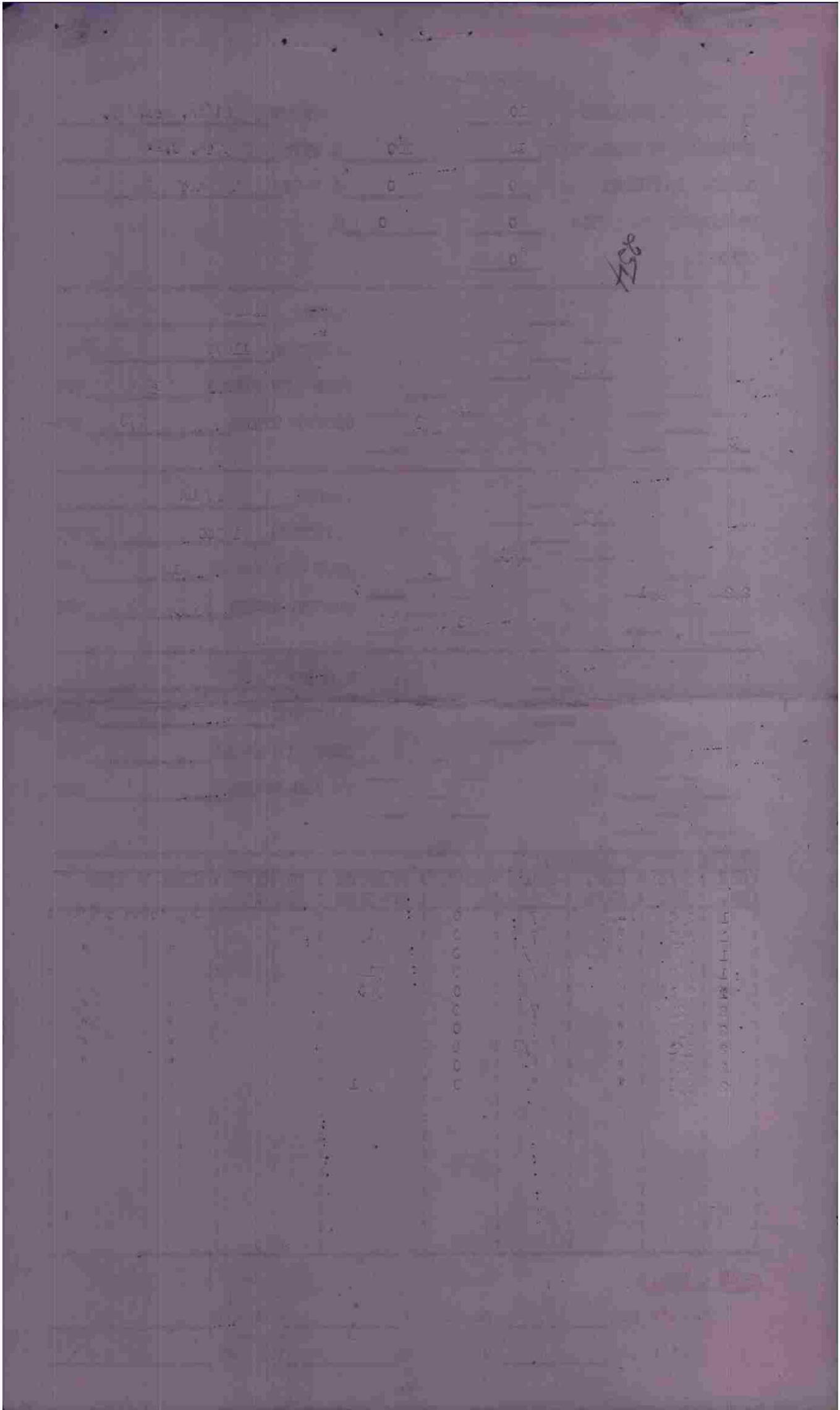
TARGET _____
 ALTITUDE _____ FEET
 TRUE AIR SPEED _____ MPH
 GROUND SPEED _____ MPH

STRIKE ATTACK CAMERAS:

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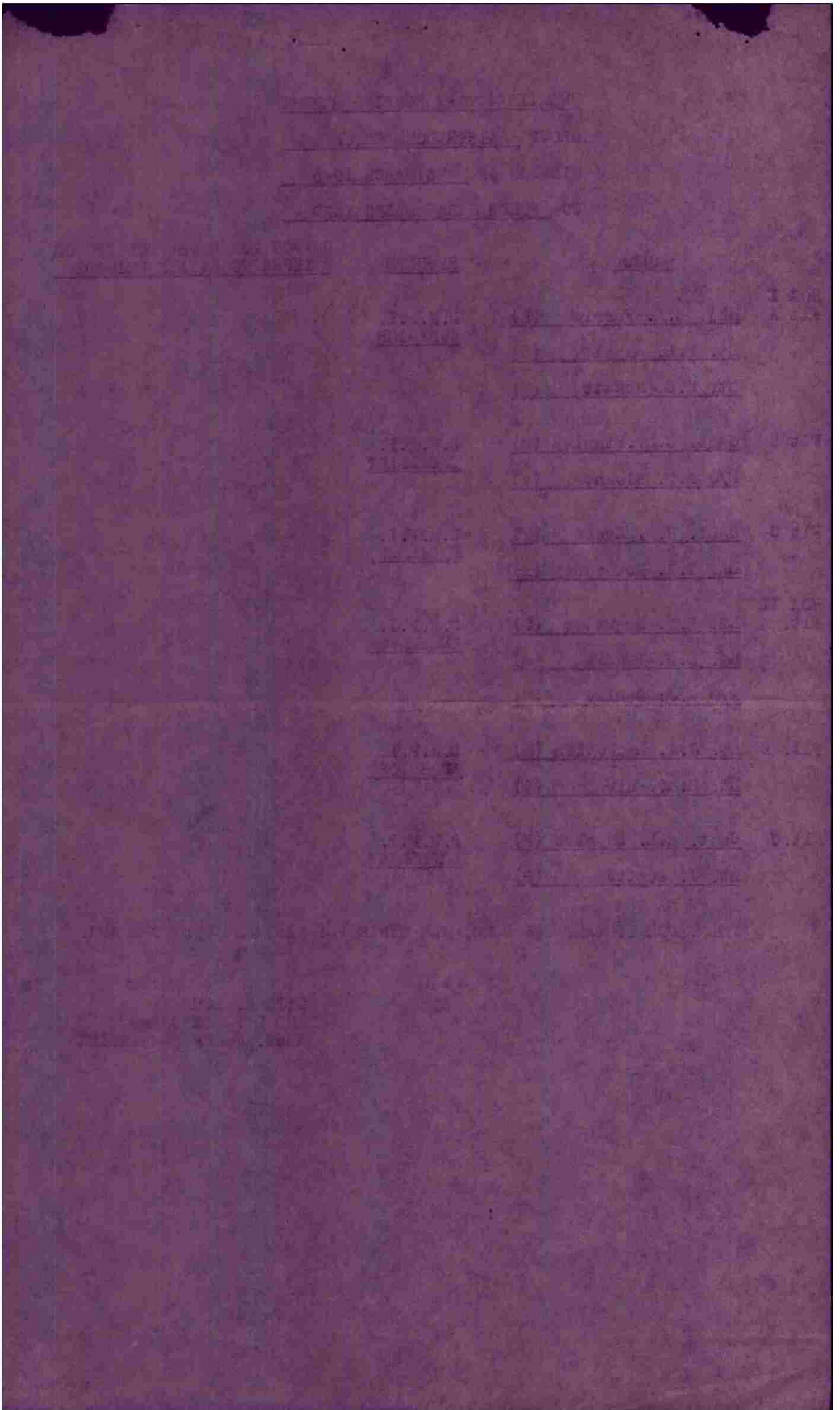


UNSATISFACTORY BOMBING REPORTGROUP 416TH BOMB GROUPMISSION OF 25 MARCH 1945TO FULDA MARSHALLING YARD

	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>REASON FOR GROSS BOMBING OR FAILURE TO ATTACK PRIMARY</u>
BOX I			
Flt A	<u>Maj. C.H. Ferris (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. P.G. Royalty (B)</u>	<u>SUPERIOR</u>	
	<u>Lt. M.C. McNutt (N)</u>		
Flt B	<u>Capt. C.S. Stanley (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>F/O J.H. Blount (B)</u>	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	
Flt C	<u>Capt. H.M. Evans (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. T.M. McCartney (B)</u>	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	
BOX II			
Flt. A	<u>Lt. F.S. Brewster (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. L.W. Dennis (B)</u>	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	
	<u>F/O F.J. Conley (N)</u>		
Flt. B	<u>Lt. J.J. Lackovich (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. R.C. Muir (B)</u>	<u>SUPERIOR</u>	
Flt. C	<u>Capt. H.L. Sommers (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. J. Kupits (B)</u>	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	

FLT B BOX II MADE TWO RUNS, ALL OTHER FLIGHTS MADE ONLY ONE RUN.

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



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416 TP	9th B.T. (10) WING 97th	B
GROUP	DATE 25 March 1945	Fulda M/Y
OTHER UNITS: TARGET		
	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED Fulda M/Y PRIMARY
SECONDARY

M.P.I. 6 Points in marshalling yard.

A.P.

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

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

E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 148x1000 GP'S 1/10 -- 1/100

F. HEADING ON A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED

Box I Flt A	- 30 deg	1653 $\frac{1}{2}$
B	- 35	1655
C	- 35	1654 $\frac{1}{2}$
Box II Flt A	- 33	1655 $\frac{1}{2}$
B	- 30	1702
C	- 25	1654$\frac{1}{2}$ 1656

J. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

Box I - Flt A - DMPI - SUPER: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 250 ft of DMPI. Bombs fell in good pattern on buildings, roads and across RR tracks at choke point, causing damage to bldgs and roads and cutting tracks.

Flt B - DMPI - EXCEL: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of bursts 395 ft NE of DMPI. Bombs fell in excellent pattern with hits and near misses scored on RR workshops, cars and tracks.

Flt C - DMPI - EXCEL: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of bursts 710 ft SE of DMPI. Bombs blanket center of M/Y in excellent pattern with a number of hits on goods wagons, tracks and on adjacent RR workshops.

Box II - Flt A - DMPI - EXCEL: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 450 ft SE of DMPI. Excellent pattern of bursts across M/Y destroying or damaging 50 RR cars. Direct hits were scored on a large goods depot and on RR workshops. 10 hits on tracks cutting them.

Flt B - DMPI - SUPER: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 100 ft SE of DMPI. Excellent pattern of bursts blanketing RR, cutting tracks, destroying or damaging 20 goods wagons and probably RR overpass.

Flt C - DMPI - EXCEL: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of bursts 410 ft SE of DMPI. Excellent pattern of bursts on RR, cutting tracks and destroying or damaging 30 goods wagons.

CLAYTON W. ZESIGER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Photo Intelligence Officer.

IVTB, C. 2-2-1061a Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

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

A. TARGET BRIEFED _____ PRIMARY
 _____ SECONDARY
 _____ CASUAL

M.P.I. _____
 A.D. _____

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.

F. TIME BOMBS DROPPED _____

J. ACTIVITY AT TARGET: _____

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING: _____

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