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BOX I
FLIGHT I

12 APRIL 1945

1. 43 498 R
Lt. C.J. Brown
Lt. J.E. Kerns
Lt. H.C. Hanna
S/Sgt. C.H. Corbitt

2. 43 313 B
Lt. A.E. Hlivko
Sgt. R.E. Graub

3. 41 249 F
Lt. J.B. Cooke
S/Sgt. R.D. Redding

4. 41 352 J
Lt. D.L. Withington
S/Sgt. A.E. Eaton
Colonel J.L. Stramme

5. 41 300 K
Lt. T.E. Graeber
Sgt. M. Appleman

6. 41 265 V
Lt. D.L. Price
Sgt. J.F. Reicher

FLIGHT II

1. 43 304 T
Captain W.F. DuFault
F/O C.A. Cardinale
S/Sgt. K.E. Vorce

2. 43 351 F
Lt. J.A. Willard
S/Sgt. C.V. Hinker
Lt. J.W. Britt

3. 43 354 S
Lt. R.H. Hackley
S/Sgt. C.T. Hawk

4. 41 252 D
Lt. J.F. Allen
S/Sgt. C.W. Veazey

5. 41 393 M
Lt. R.W. Haskell
Sgt. E.W. Lea

6. 41 314 H
Lt. D.E. Smith
S/Sgt. E.R. Brinkman

FLIGHT III

1. 43 484 G
Lt. P.E. Parker
Lt. R.E. Shaft
S/Sgt. S. Kochan

2. 41 259 H
Lt. J.W. Blevins
S/Sgt. F. Gentry

3. 41 233 F
Lt. E.B. Drum
S/Sgt. C.J. Rivard

4. 41 168 R
Lt. J.P. Phillips
S/Sgt. W.A. Miller

5. 41 274 S
Lt. A.V. Evarts
Sgt. D. Youlios

6. 41 310 A
Lt. R.J. Lackner
Sgt. W.H. Fidler
T/Sgt. H. Childs

FLIGHT IV

1. 43 501 W
Lt. R.B. Hall
F/O T.L. Goss
S/Sgt. W.S. Jackson
Lt. W.H. LaHaye

2. 43 2315 L
Lt. W.E. Downing
Sgt. D.E. Neal
landed at A 71

3. 41 223 B
Lt. R.S. Bower
Cpl. B.R. Wilson

4. 41 416 O
Lt. R.B. Singletary
S/Sgt. H.G. Wiggins
S/Sgt. D.B. Richards

5. 41 9315 F
Lt. J.C. Curtis
Sgt. J.M. Matthews

6. 41 232 N
Lt. A.G. Henson
Cpl. R.H. Homler
Sgt. Mirabella (4th Combat Camera)

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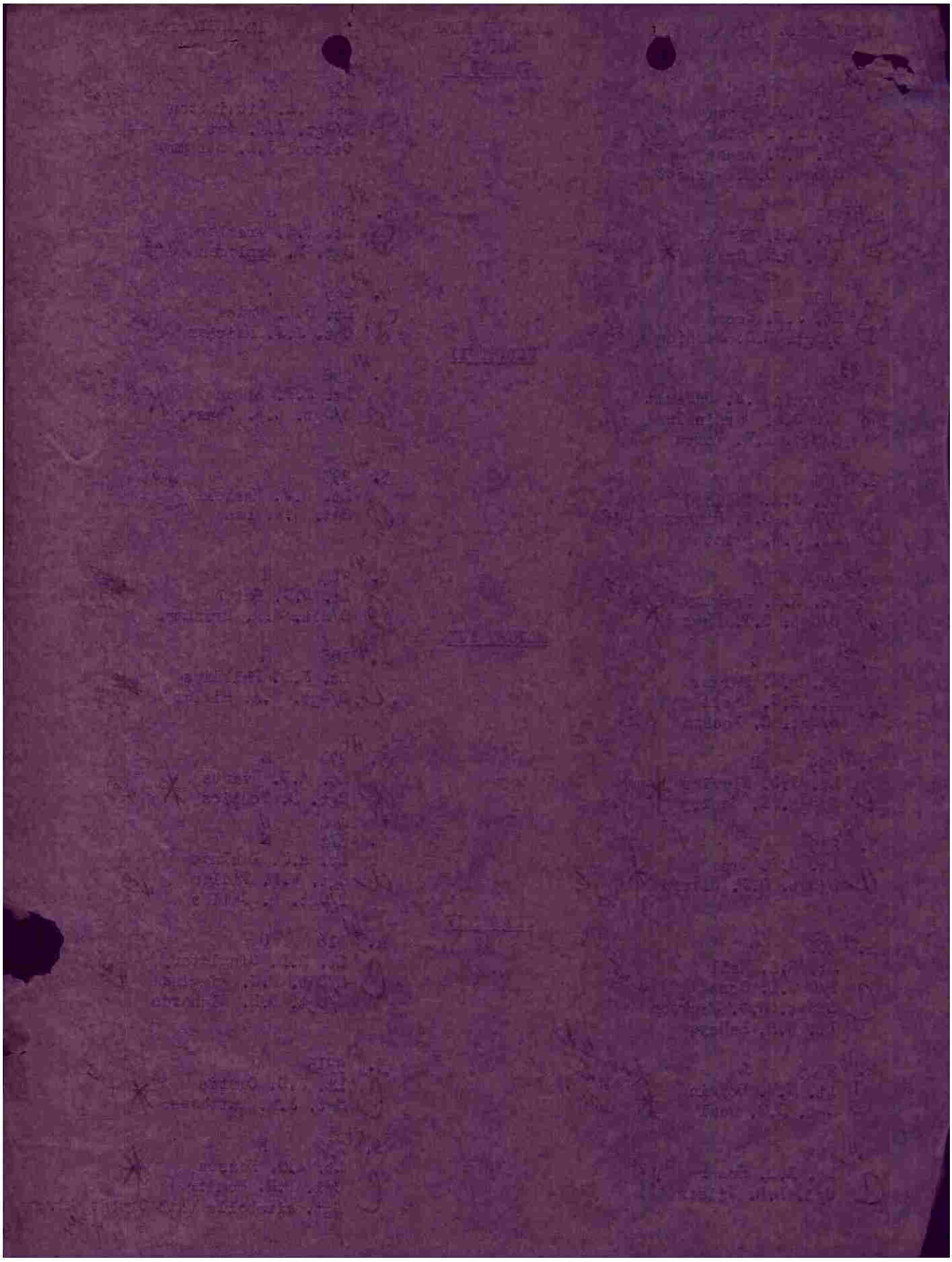

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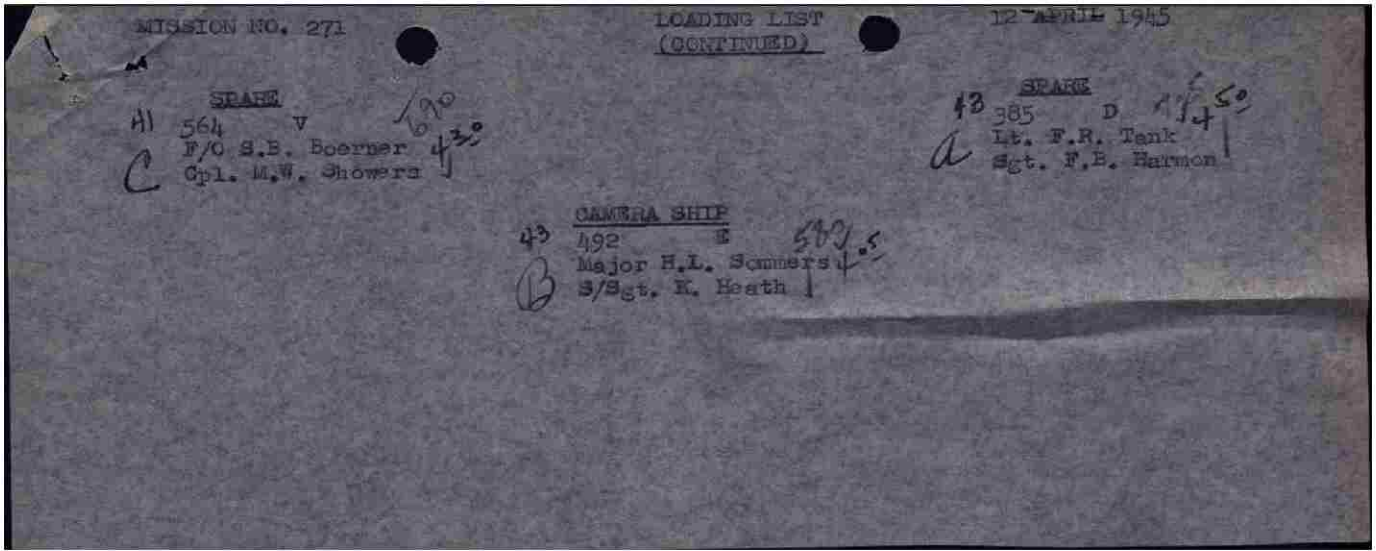

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SPARE
H1 564 V 1620
C F/O S.B. Boerner 430
Cpl. M.W. Showers

SPARE
43 385 D 1754
a Lt. F.R. Tank
Sgt. F.B. Harmon

CAMERA SHIP
43 492 E 582 4.5
B Major H.L. Sommers
S/Sgt. K. Heath

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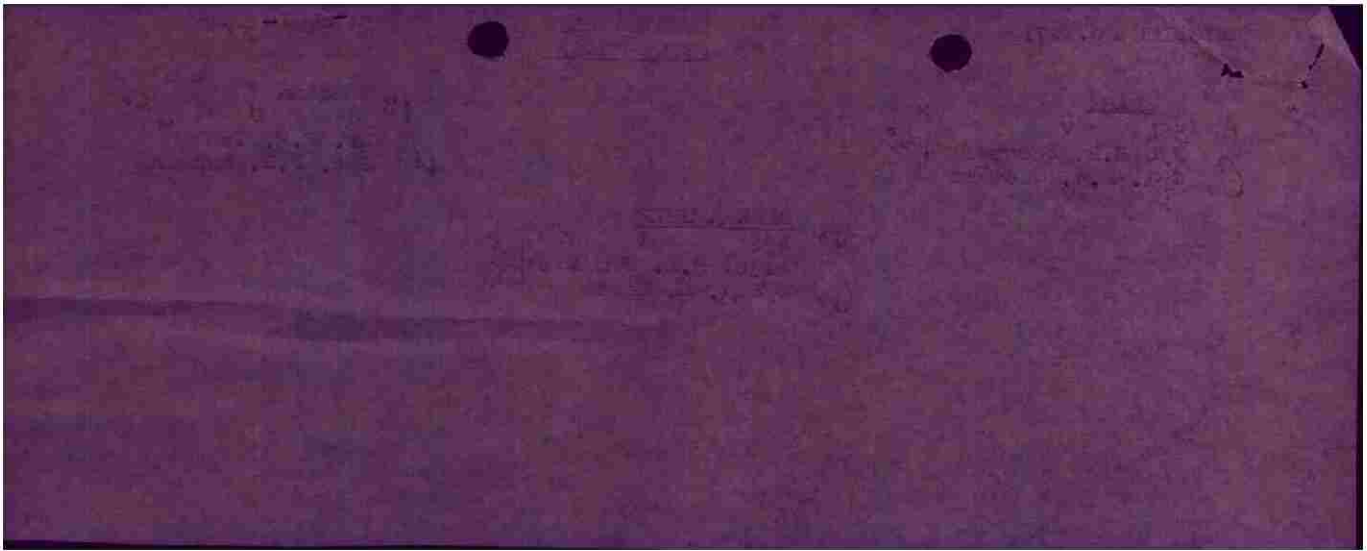

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AUTH: CO, A-89
14 Apr 45
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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

APO 140, U. S. Army,
14 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 12 April 1945, S.O. 1517, Mof Rail Bridge, F. . 281-048.

II. None.

III. None.

IV. None.

V. 43-22316 Landed away from base. Weather conditions.
(Lt .E. Downing)

VI. 1 - 4:05 - 650
2 - 4:05 - 650
3 - 4:05 - 600
4 - 4:05 - 575
5 - 4:05 - 625
6 - 4:05 - 650
1 - 4:40 - 615
2 - 4:40 - 725
3 - 4:35 - 710
4 - 4:35 - 665
5 - 4:35 - 600
6 - 4:10 - 640
1 - 4:05 - 625
2 - 4:05 - 675
3 - 4:15 - 700
4 - 4:10 - 575
5 - 4:05 - 525
6 - 4:10 - 650

1 - 4:25 - 700
2 - Landed away from base.
3 - 4:20 - 635
4 - 4:25 - 640
5 - 4:25 - 650
6 - 4:30 - 700
1 - 4:20 - 690
2 - 4:30 - 725
XX - 4:05 - 530

VII. Category - A - 0
Category - AC - 0
Category - B - 0
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THEODORE D. AYLESWORTH,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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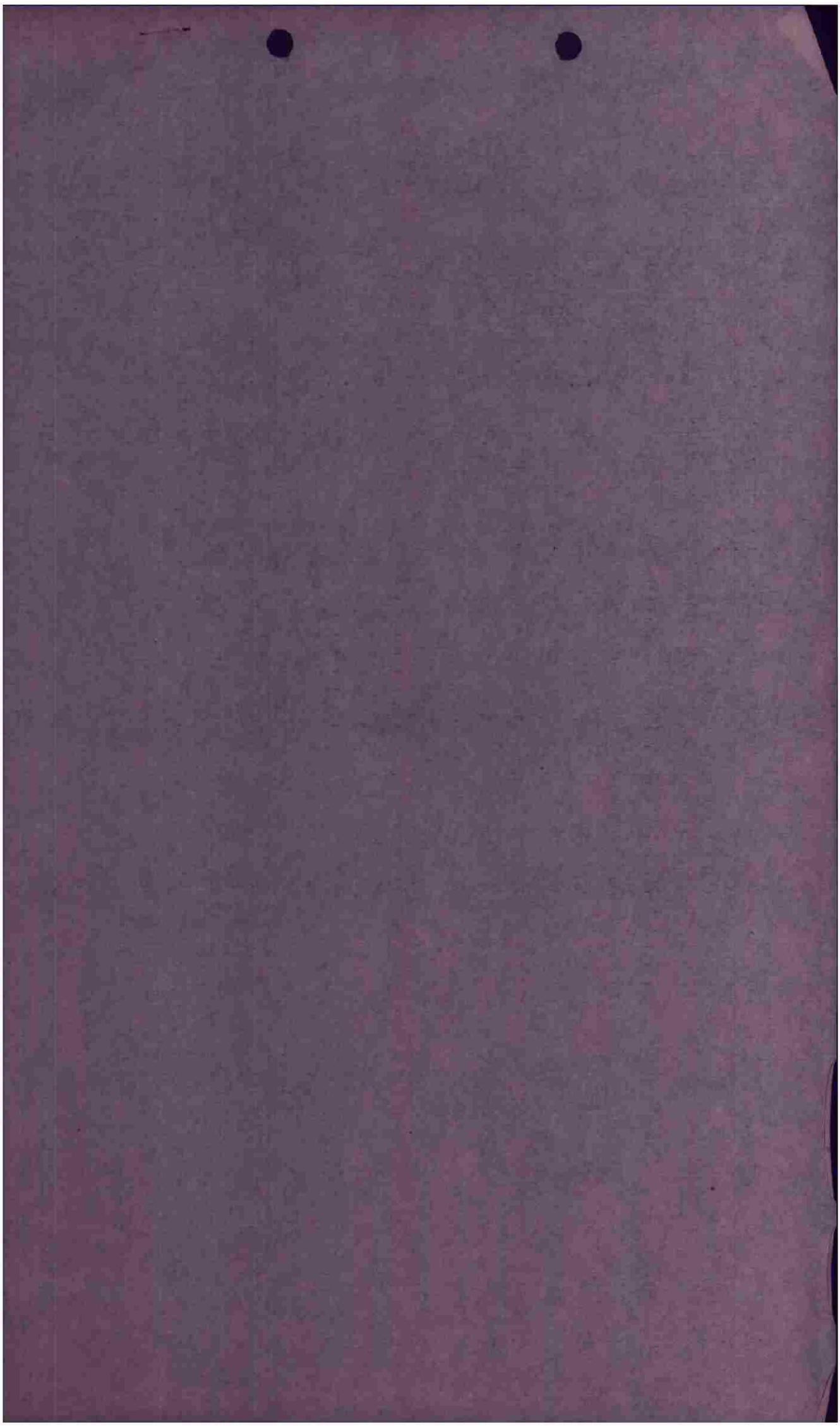

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D	R	498	Brown, C. J.			1517	1919	4:06									
D	B	313	Hicks			1517	1920	4:05									
D	F	249	Cocke			1517	1920	4:05									
D	J	352	Withington			1518	1921	4:05									
D	K	300	Graeber			1518	1921	4:05									
D	V	265	Price			1520	1921	4:05									
B	T	304	Du Fault			1519	1959	4:40									
B	F	351	Willard			1519	1956	4:40									
B	S	354	Hackley			1519	1951	4:35									
B	D	252	Allen			1520	1951	4:35									
B	M	393	Haskell			1520	1953	4:35									
B	H	314	Smith, D. E.			1520	1930	4:10									
A	C	484	Parker			1521	1925	4:05									
A	H	259	Blevins			1521	1926	4:05									
A	F	233	Drum			1521	1933	4:15									
A	R	198	Phillips			1521	1927	4:10									
A	S	274	Coats			1522	1927	4:05									
A	A	310	Tackner			1522	1928	4:10									

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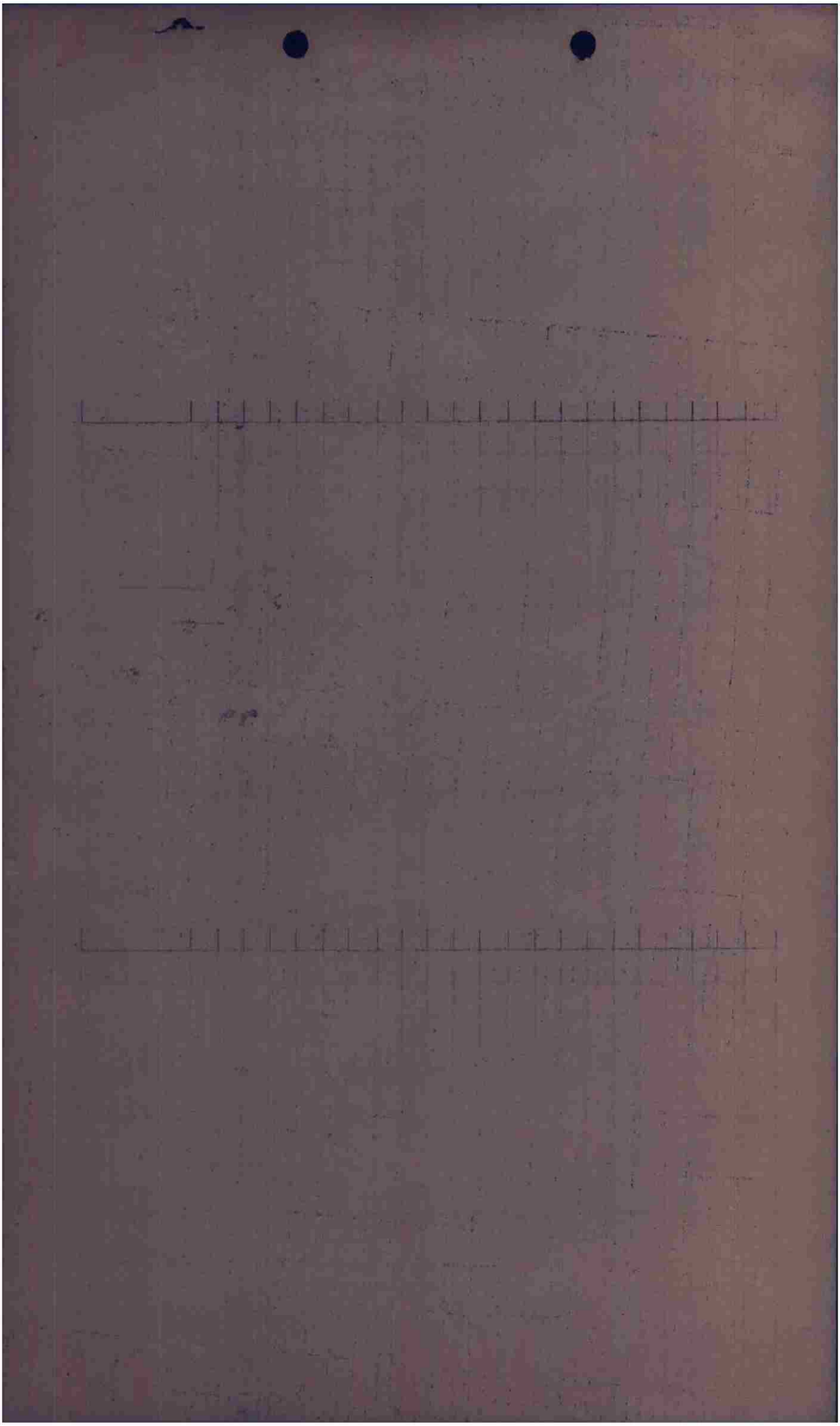

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C	W	501	Hall			1522	1943	4:25									
C	L	2315	Downing			1522	Turned back at A-71										
C	B	223	Bowen			1523	1943	4:20									
C	O	416	Singletary			1523	1945	4:25									
C	F	9315	Curtiss			1523	1944	4:25									
C	N	232	Henson			1523	1950	4:30									
C	V	564	Bourner		Spare	1524	1952	4:30									
A	D	385	Tank		Spare	1525	2015	4:50									
B	E	492	Sommers		Camera	1525	1927	4:05									

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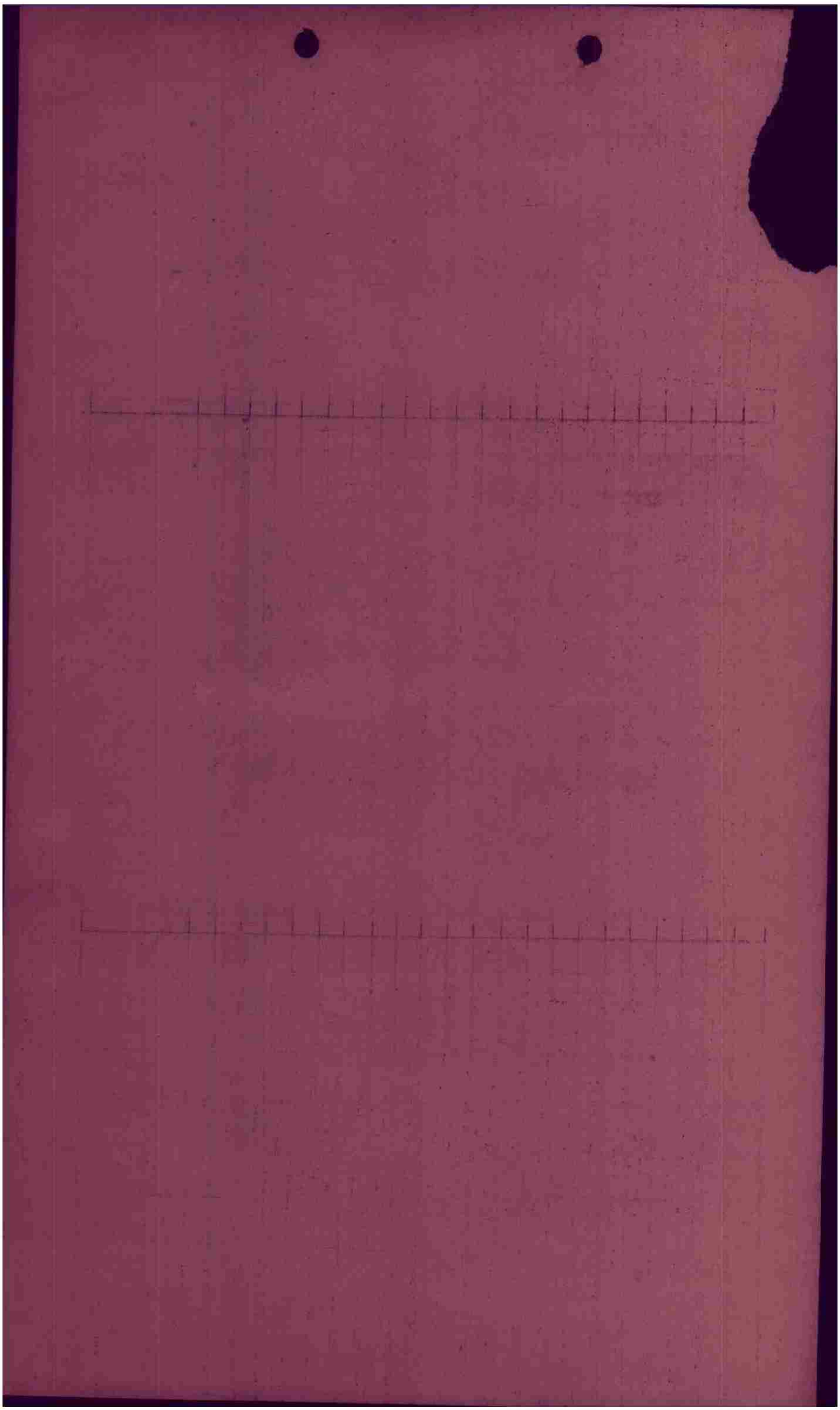

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ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA 06/12 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 12/1100B
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409TH (INFO)
COBOMGP 410TH (INFO)
COBOMGP 416TH
BT

431

SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O - 140
12 APRIL 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 251-SAS 97CBW P-102-E

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
(2) THE IX TAC WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR: 12/1630B

3. A. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
(1) HOF RAIL BRIDGE WJ-964013.
(2) 24 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT M-6867 AT 7,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES.
(4) BASE TO M-6867 TO WO-3089 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO M-6867 TO BASE.
(6) BOMB 9,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET.
(7) WO-6484.
(8) GENERALLY SW TO NE.
(9) M.P.I. ILL. US10/T618. CENTER OF ANNOTATED BRIDGE. INTERVALOMETER SETTING: 50 FEET.
(10) A X 1000 LB GP FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/100 SEC TAIL.
(11) WO-3089.
(12) IF CLOUDS PREVENT VISUAL BOMBING OF PRIMARY TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB AN ALTERNATE TARGET EAST OF THE PRIMARY IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
(A) VISUALLY
(B) "GEE"
(C) TARGET E.T.A.
(13) GROUP IS CAUTIONED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.
(14) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED ON BOMBING PRIMARY TARGET DUE TO PROXIMITY OF P/W CAMP IN TARGET AREA.

X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS TO FOLLOW.

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 12/1100B
LEG AR

JES R ....121125B JAB AR
JPO R ....12/1125B WAC AR
JKI R ....12/1129B WFG AR
ITA R ....

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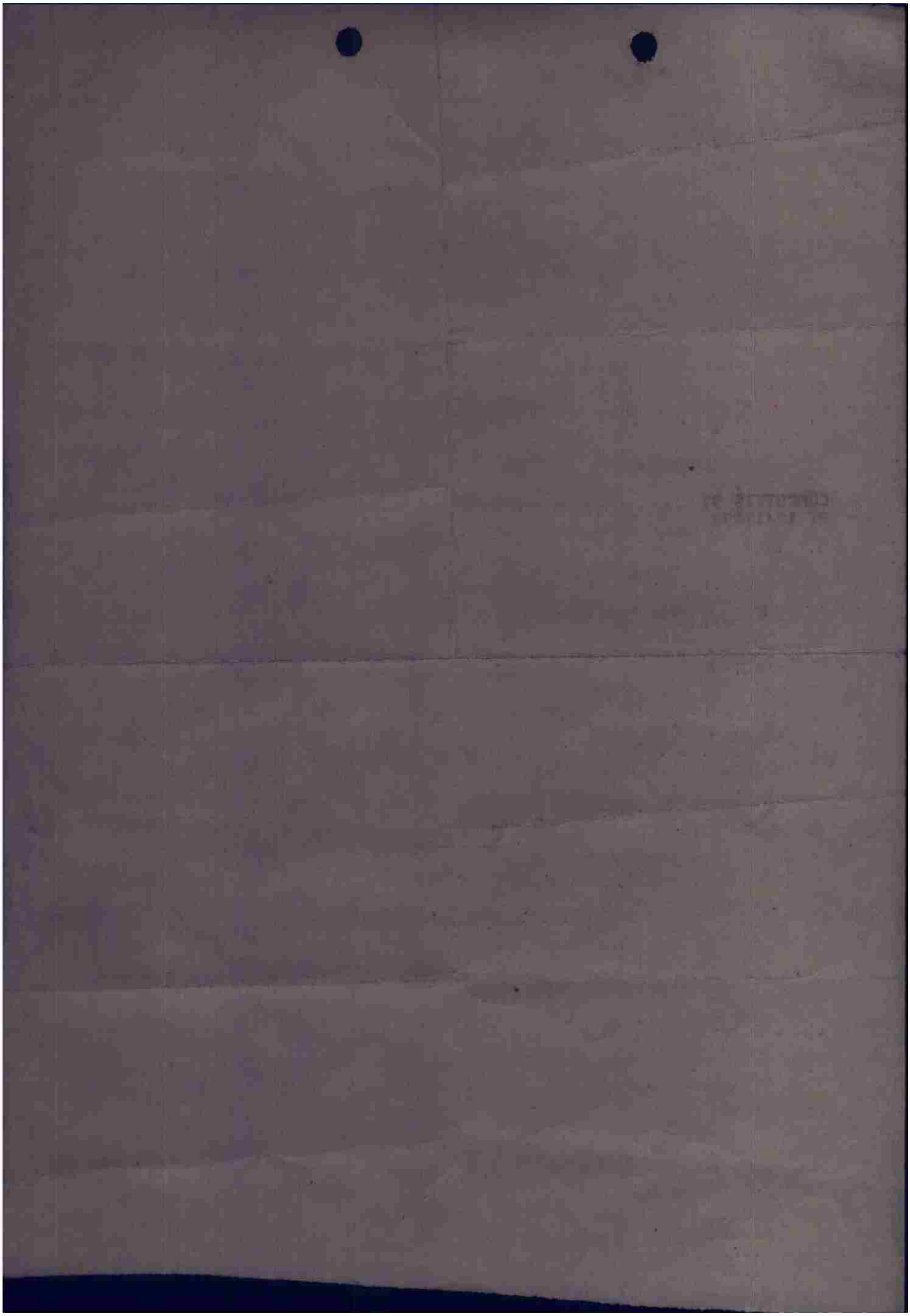

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COBOMGP 410TH (INFO)
COBOMGP 416TH
BT

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O - 140
12 APRIL 1945

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 251-845 97CBW P-173-E

5. COMMUNICATIONS.
A. 416TH BOMB GROUP (964013)
(2) FREEMAN
(3) BISHOP
(4) SWEEPSTAKE

CONCBTWIC 97
BT 12/1225B
LEG AS AR

JES R .....12/1240B EJK AR
JPO R .....12/1240B LB AR
JKI R .....12/1240B RSS RAR
ITA R .....121242B AL AR

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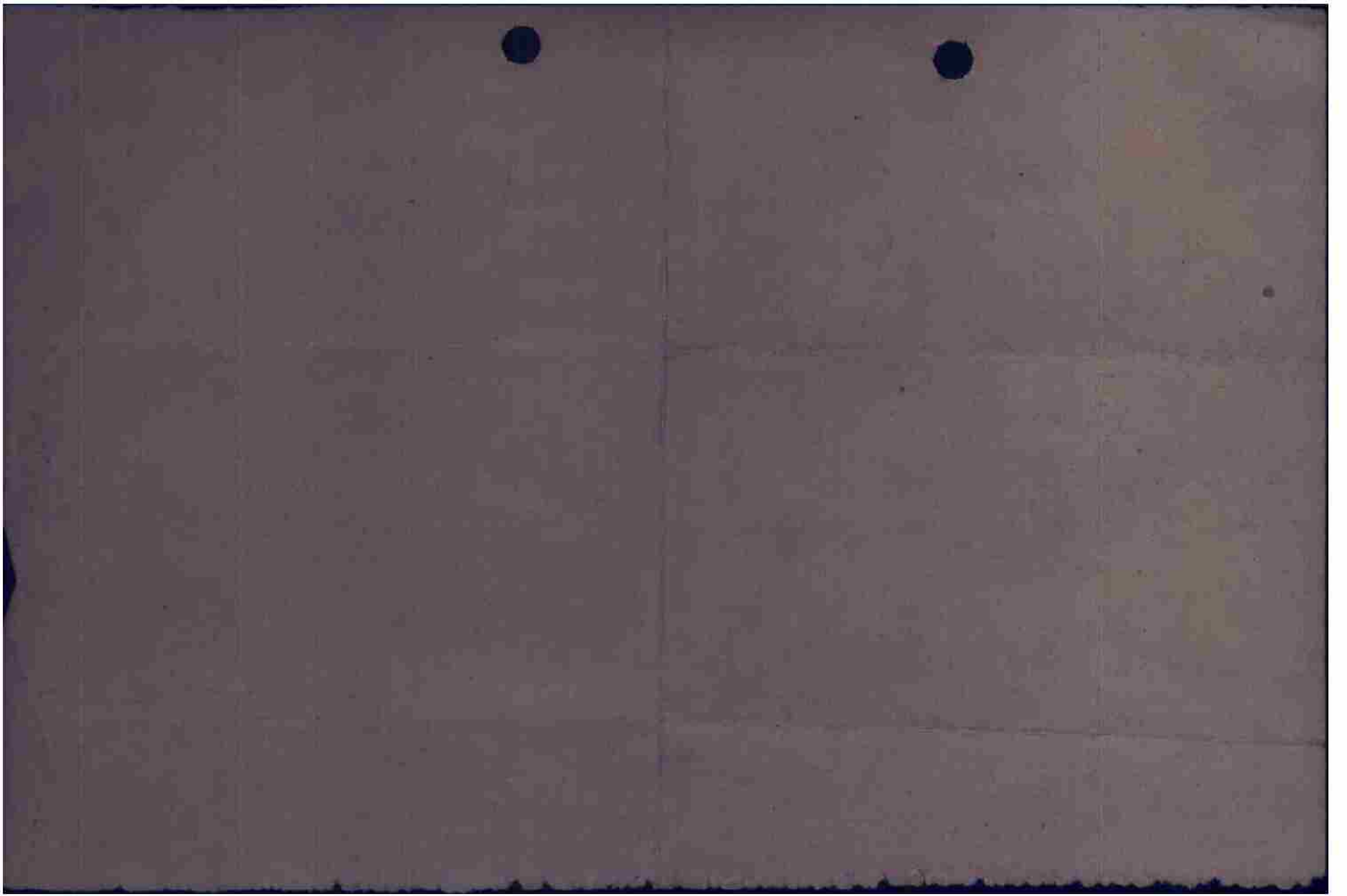

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COBOMGP 410TH (INFO)
COBOMGP 416TH
BT

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O - 140
12 APRIL 1945

ANNEX NO. 3 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 251-848 97CBW P-105-E

CHANGE PAR. 3. A. (6) TO READ: BOMB 9,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 4,000 FEET ABOVE THE TERRAIN.

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 12/1430B
LEG AR

JES R .....12/1440B EJK AR
JPO R .....12/1440B WAC AR KK
J R .....12/1440B EJ AR
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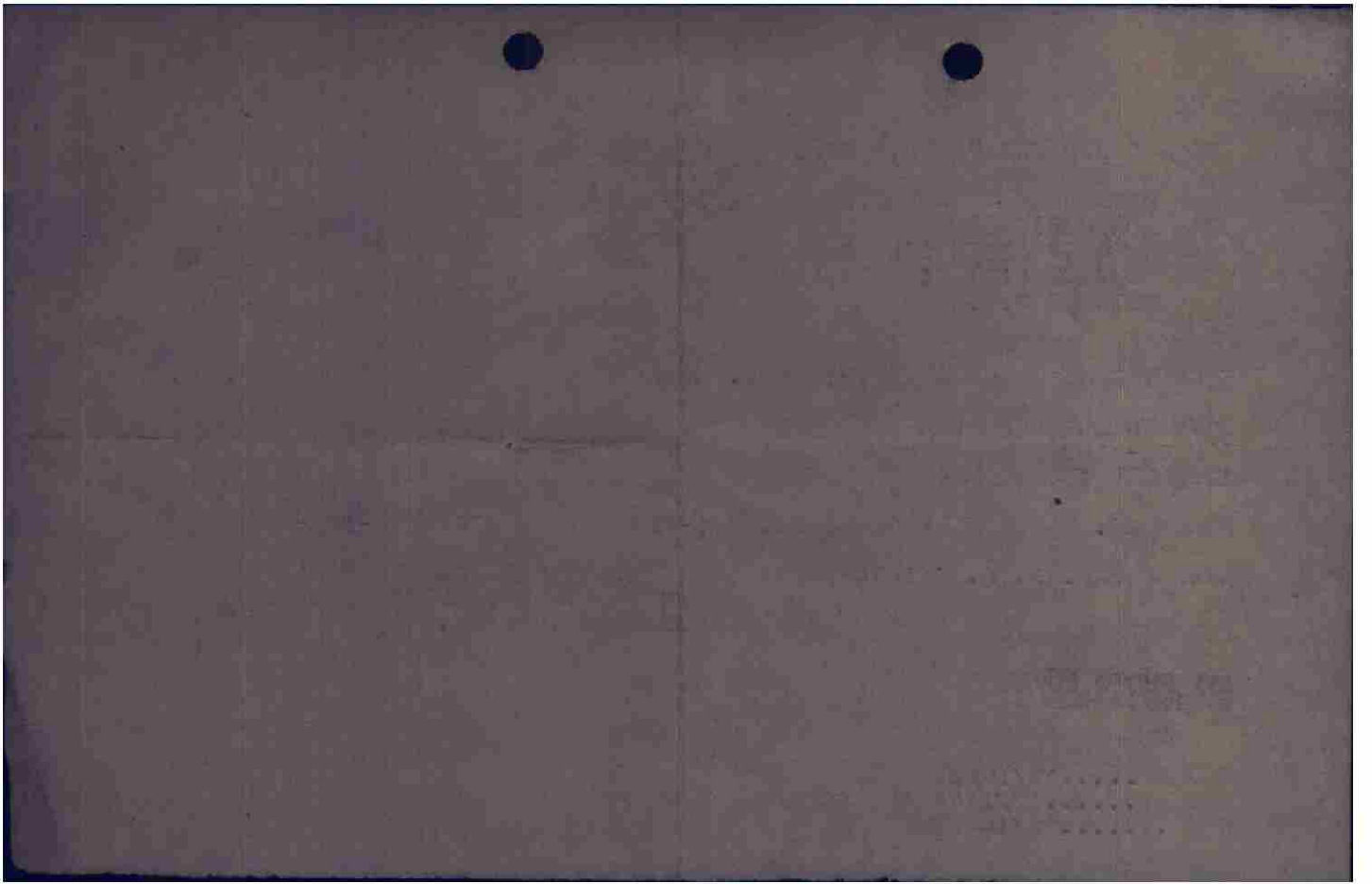

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ITA JKI V JEA JEA 05/12 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 12/1025B
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 416

BT

SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE

97CBW P-101-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT 1 FIELD ORDER 251-S48:

(1) TARGET: RAIL BRIDGE NORTH OF HOF AT WJ-9640l2. SEE US10/T618 (RECEIVED BY YOU LAST NIGHT). THE MPI IS THE CENTER OF THE ANNOTATED AREA.

(2) NOTE P/W CAMP AT WO-980990 JAHNHEIM/HOF-SAALE.

(3) PHOTO COVERAGE AND MAP COVERAGE
US10/T-618
G.S.G.S. 4492 SHEET 5
G.S.G.S. 4416 SHEET 5-6

(4) TARGET IS ABOUT TWENTY FIVE MILES WEST OF BOMBLINE NO. 208.

(5) FLAK: NO PLOTTED POSITIONS ON ROUTE OR AT TARGET.

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 1025B
HL AR K

JKI R.....121030B EJ K
ITA R.....12/1037B CFB AR

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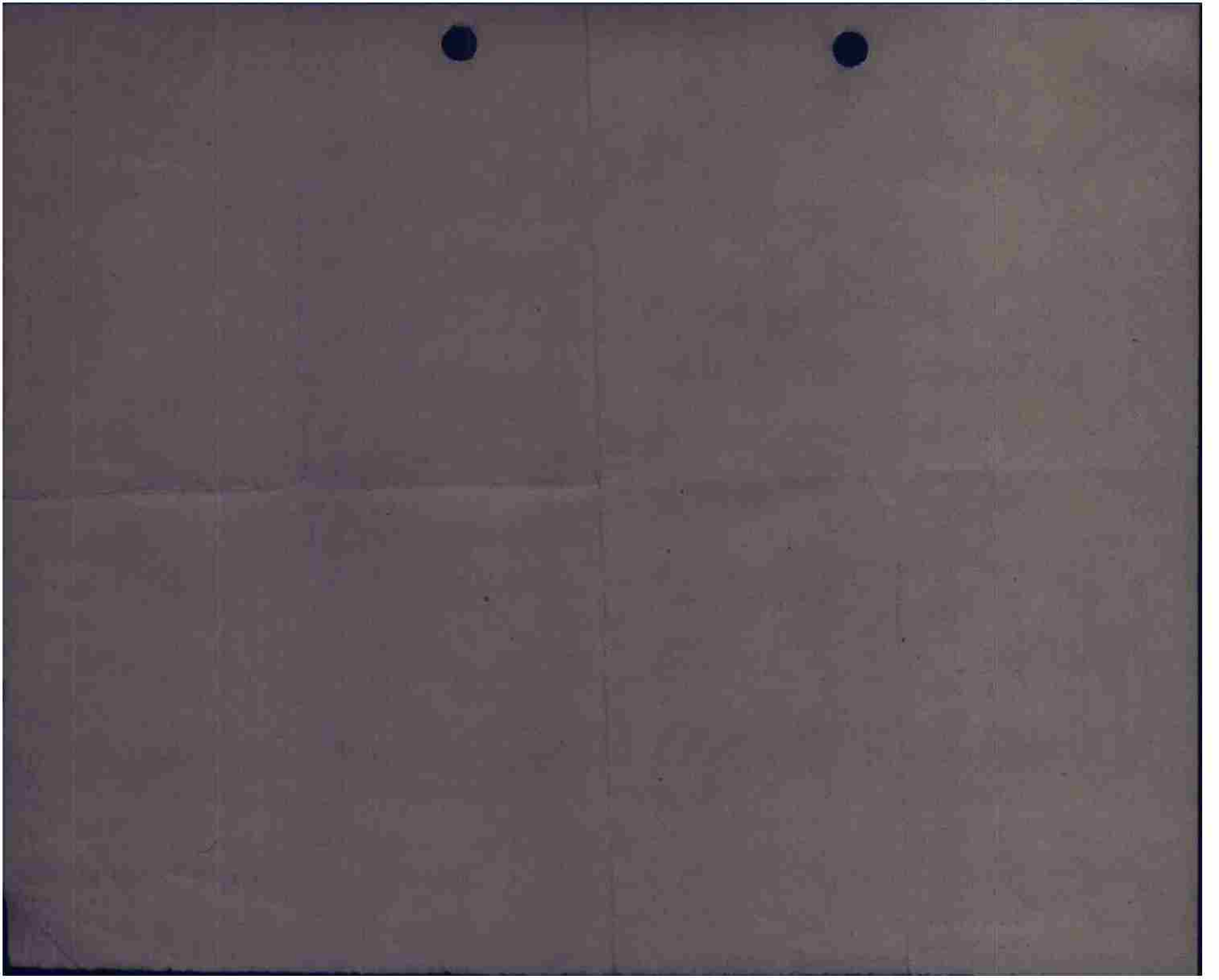

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FROM: 416TH BOMB GP (L) 12/2126B
TO : CG, 9TH BOMB DIV , ATT A2;
97TH COMBAT WING , ATT A2
BT

SECRET 416BG P-213-D OPFLASH FOR 12 PXX APRIL 1945 (AFTERNOON)

A. 416TH BOMB GP (L)
B. HOF MR BRIDGE (WJ-964012)
C. 27 A-26'S
D. 27 A-26'S ON PRIMARY TARGET
E. NIL
F. 108 X 1000 GP ON PRIMARY TARGET
G. FLIGHT A- EXCELLENT
B- GOOD TO EXCELLENT
C- EXCELLENT
D- FAIR
H. NIL
I. NIL
J. NIL
K. NIL
L. FLIGHT A-5400 FEET
B- 5000 FEET
C-5200 FEET
D- 5500 FEET
M. FLIGHT A- 1710 1/2
B- 1711
C- 1712
D- 1719(TWO RUNS- TO OBTAIN BETTER VIEW OF AP.)
X. LEADER REPORTED HE WOULD BE 5 MINUTES LATE IN CONTACT WITH SWEEP-STAKES.

CAPT. SHERIDAN

BT 12/2126B
AS
UJF AR
ITA R.....1221A0B LBC B OP (JEA)
JEA R.....1221A0B DJP KKKKKKK

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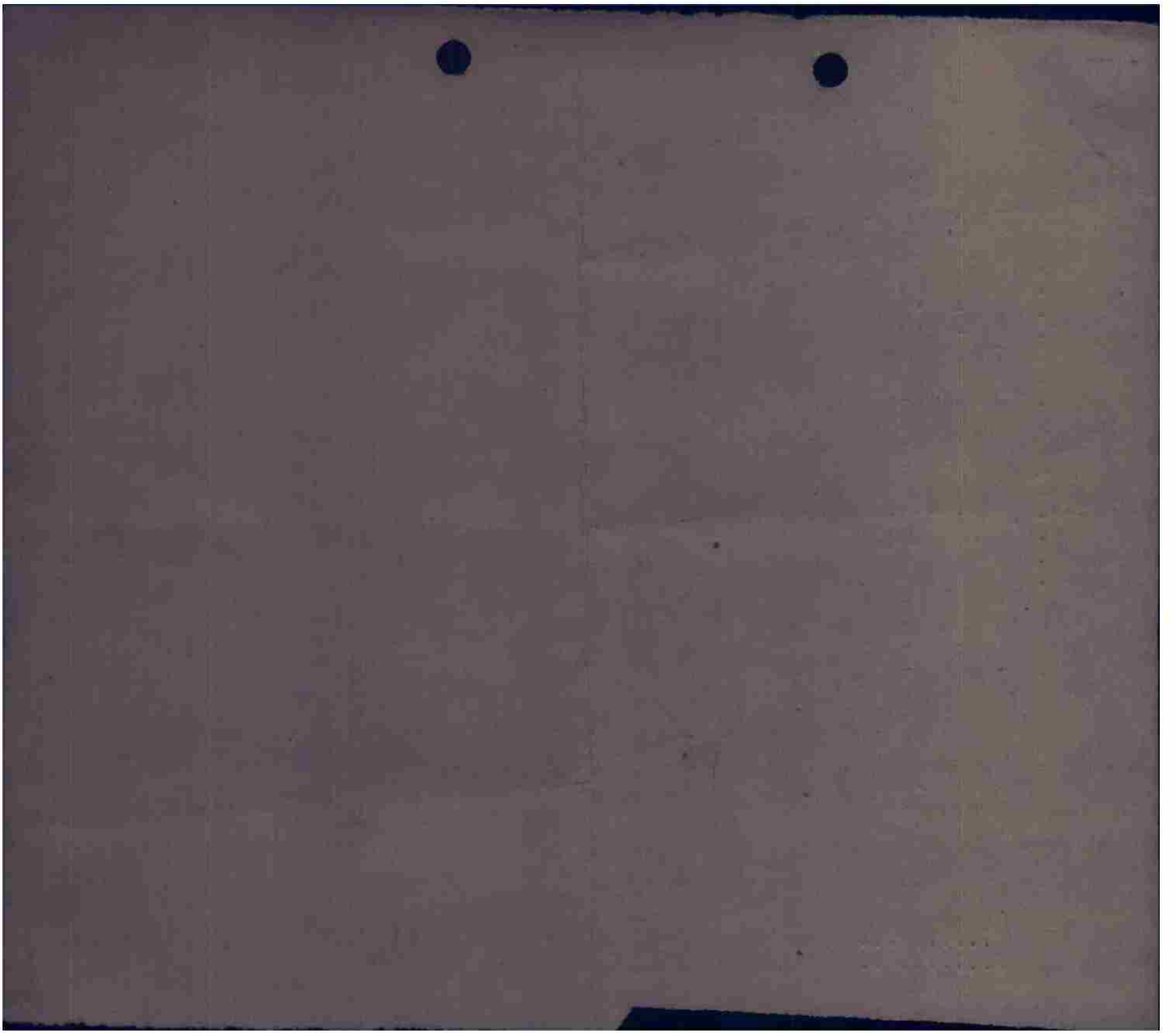

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FROM HQ 416TH BOMB GGP (L) S-2 PI 122/2345B
TO HQ 9TH BOMB DIV . (M) ATT: A-2 PI
HQ 97TH WING (L) " A-2 DUTY OFF.
BT
SECRET A16BG P-215-D

B. HOF RR BRIDGE

G. 1710 - 1719

J. BOX I FLT A - DMPI - EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 500 FT E. BOMBS HIT IN ELONGATED PATTER IN RIVER BEEXXXX BED.

FLT B - DMPI - EXCEL: 90PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH XX CENTER OF PATTERN 850 FT NE. BLANKET OF BURSTS ON RR JUST N OF BRIDGE CUTTING TRACKS.)

FLT C - DMPI - SUPER: ALL BOMS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTER 845 FT N. GOOD PATTERN OF BURSTS ACROSS BRIDGE SCORING NEAR MISES TO SPAN PROBABLY DAMAGING IT.

BOX II FLT A - DMPI - EXCEL: 70 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI XX BOBXXX BOMBS FELL IN GOOD PATTERN IN TOWN 865 FT SW OF DMPI WITH HITS SCORED ON BLDGS AND ROADS.

K. NIL

M. A) 10 100PEERCENT
B) 0 0 "
C) 0 0 "

N. 4 DIRECT HITS ON RR TRACKS CUTTING THEM . 8 HITS ON RODXXXX ROADS CUTTING THEM. 20 BLDGS DESTROYED OR SEVERELY DAMAGED.
CAPT. ZESIGER
BT 12/2345B
JF B B
ITA R.....V13/0110B HW BBB KKK
JEA R.....13/0100B SS KKKKK

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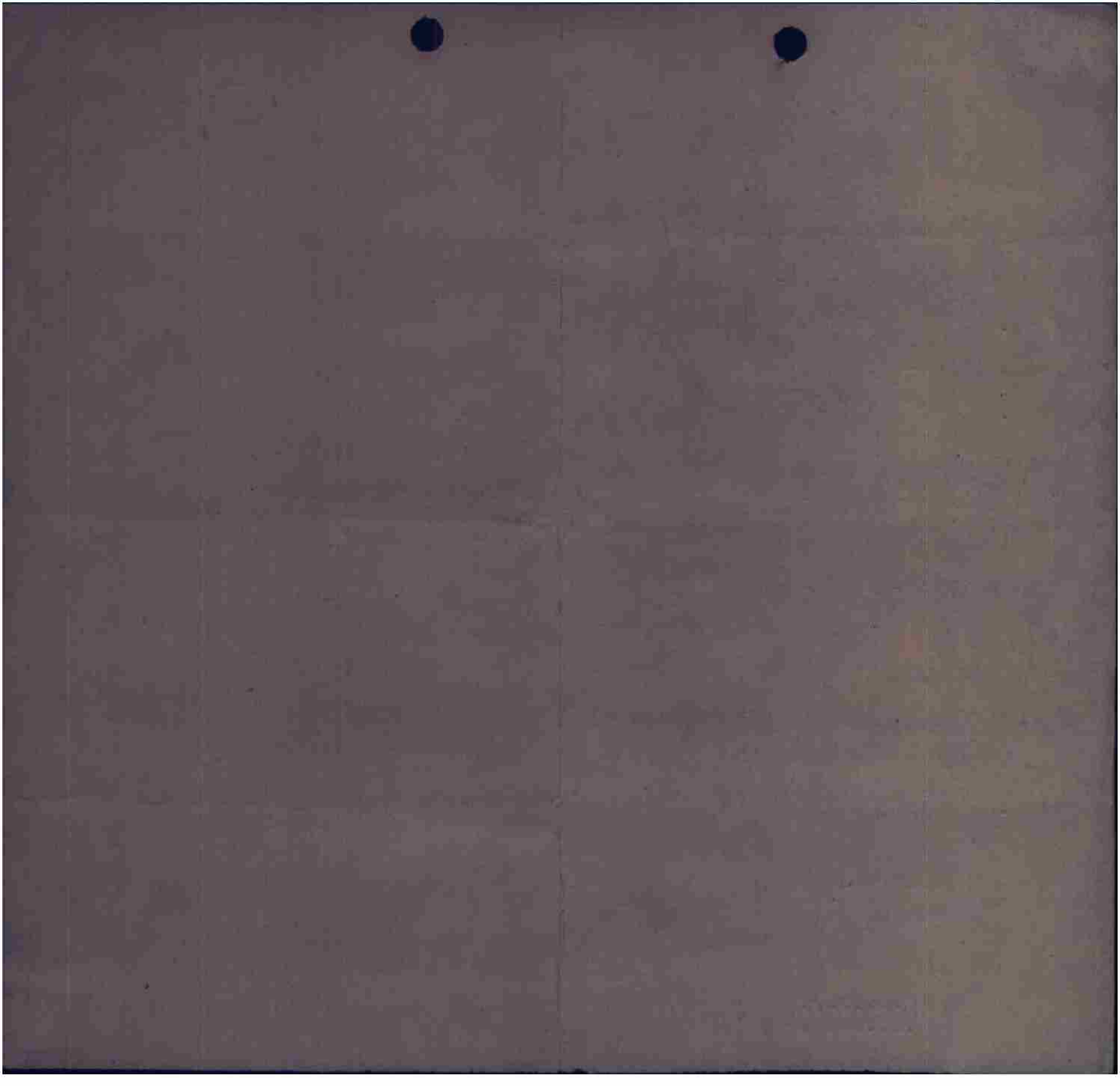

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CONFIDENTIAL A16BG P-212-J

A- YS -95
B- 12 APRIL 1945 (1516-1854)
C- R- ROGER REPORTED OPERATIONS COMPLETED TO PARADE.
D- R- ROGER REPORTED TO SWEEPSTAKES UPON ENTERING TACTICAL AREA.
E- NONE
F- NONE
G- NONE
H- NONE
I- NONE
J- NONE
K- NONE

AYLESWORTH CODOMGR A16
BT 122035B
WJF BDD

ITA P.....122133B LBC K
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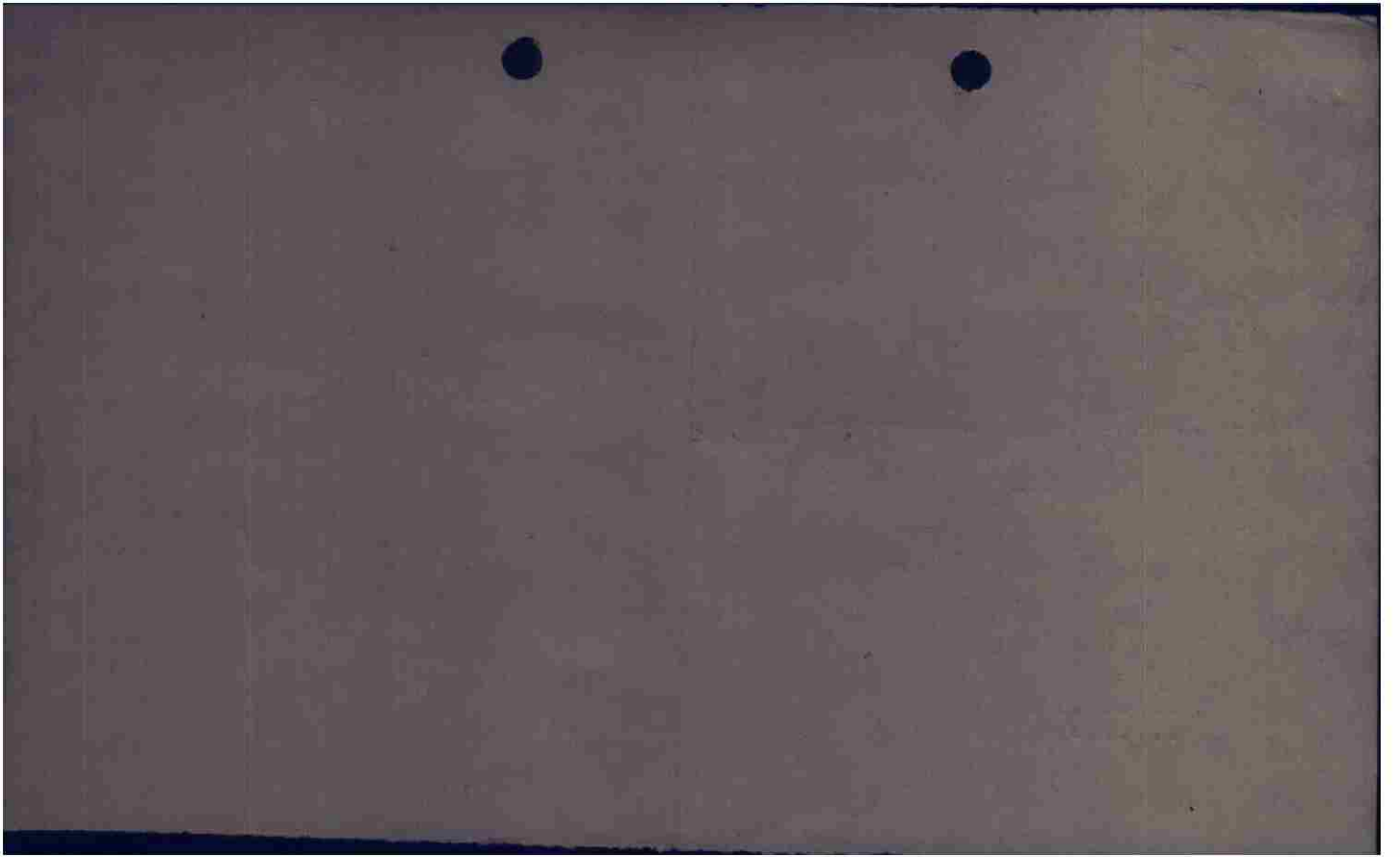

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