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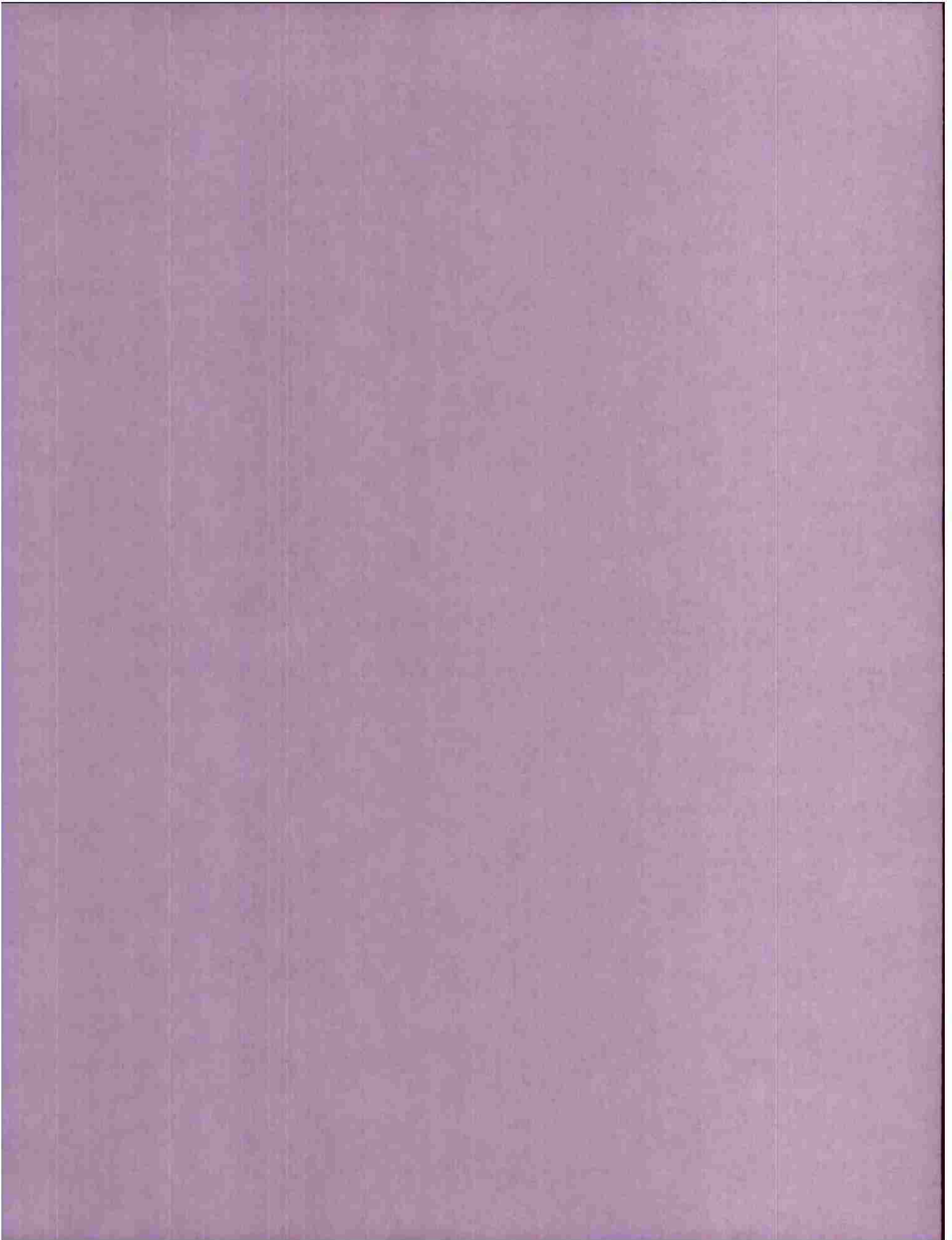
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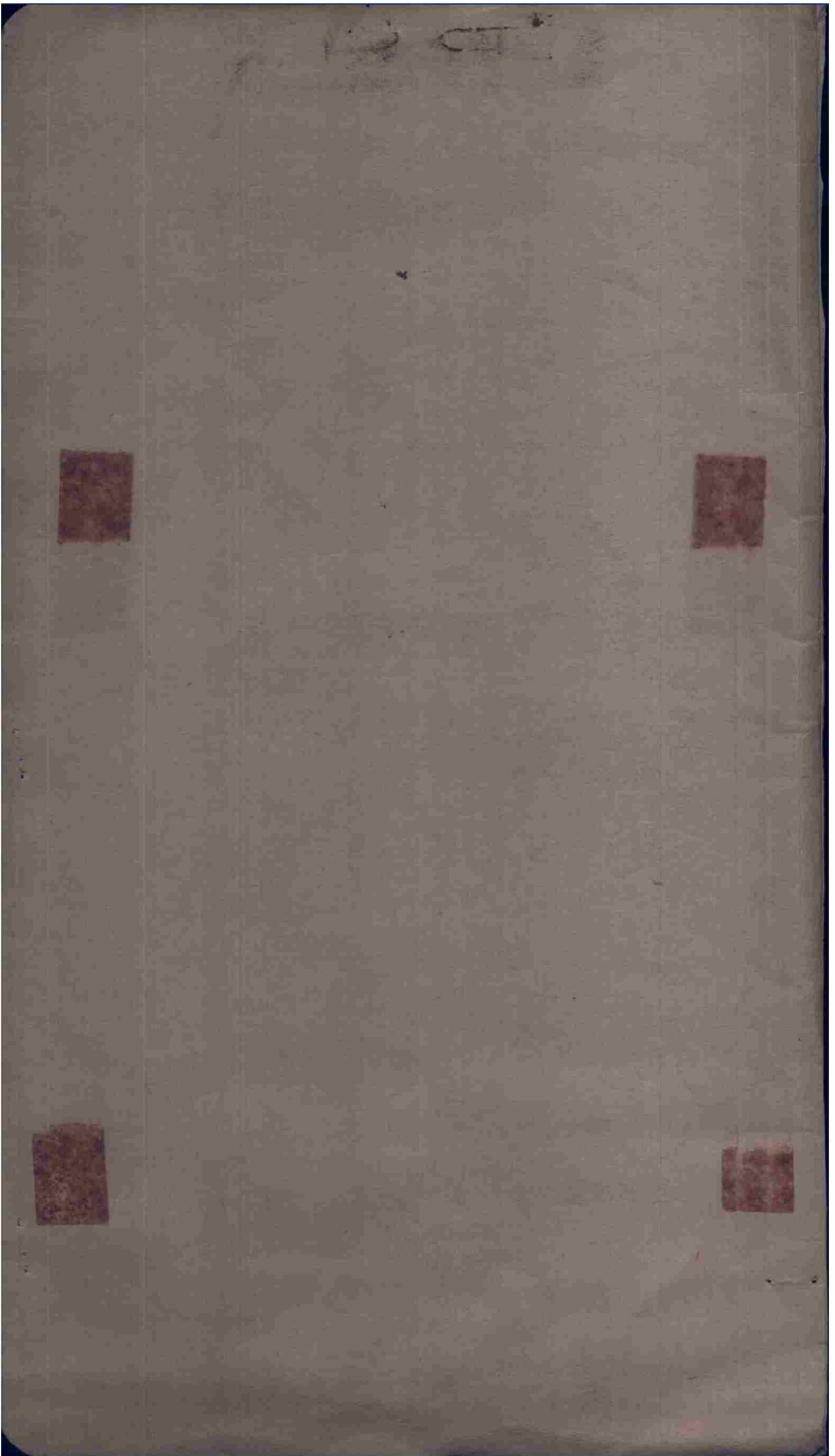
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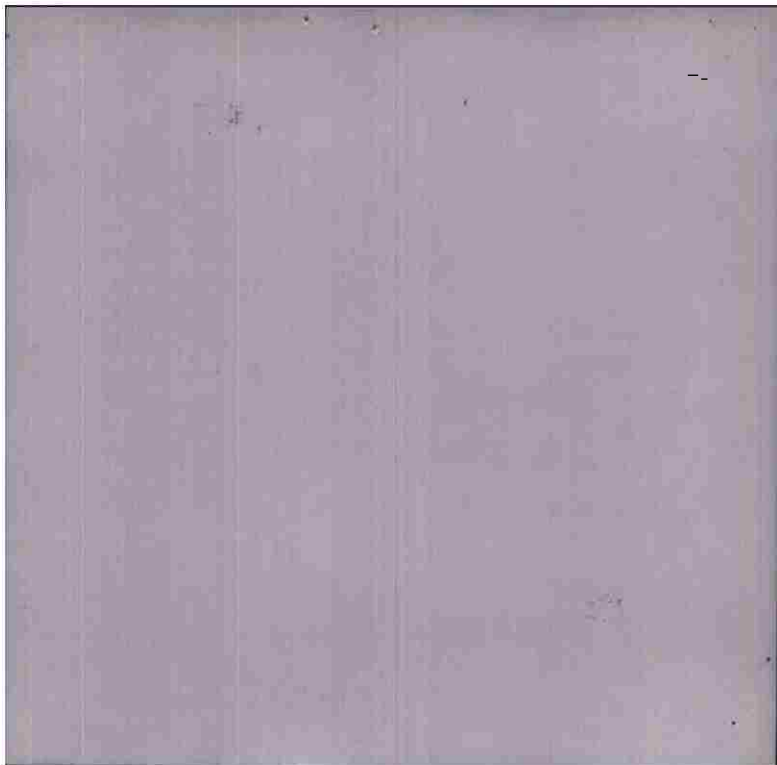


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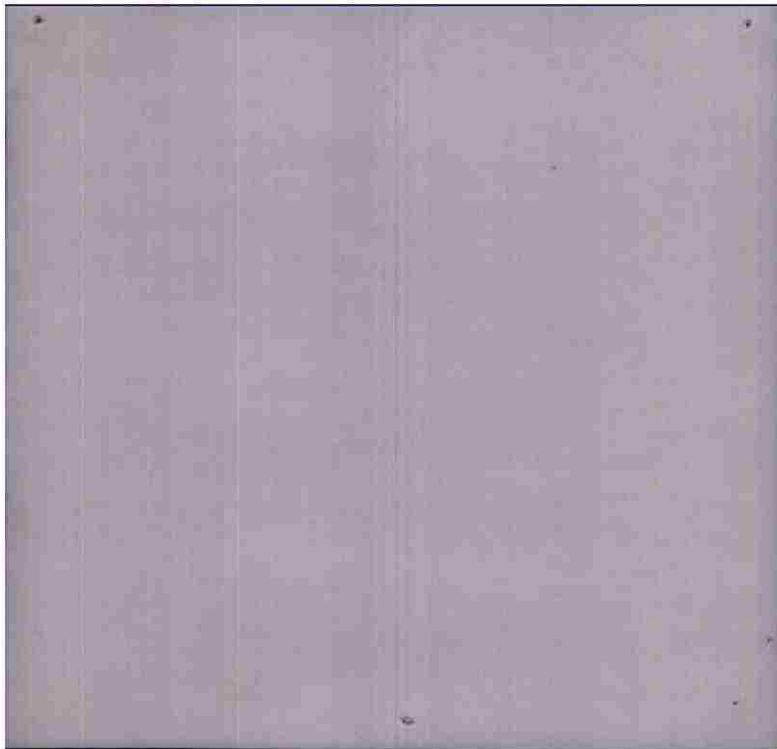
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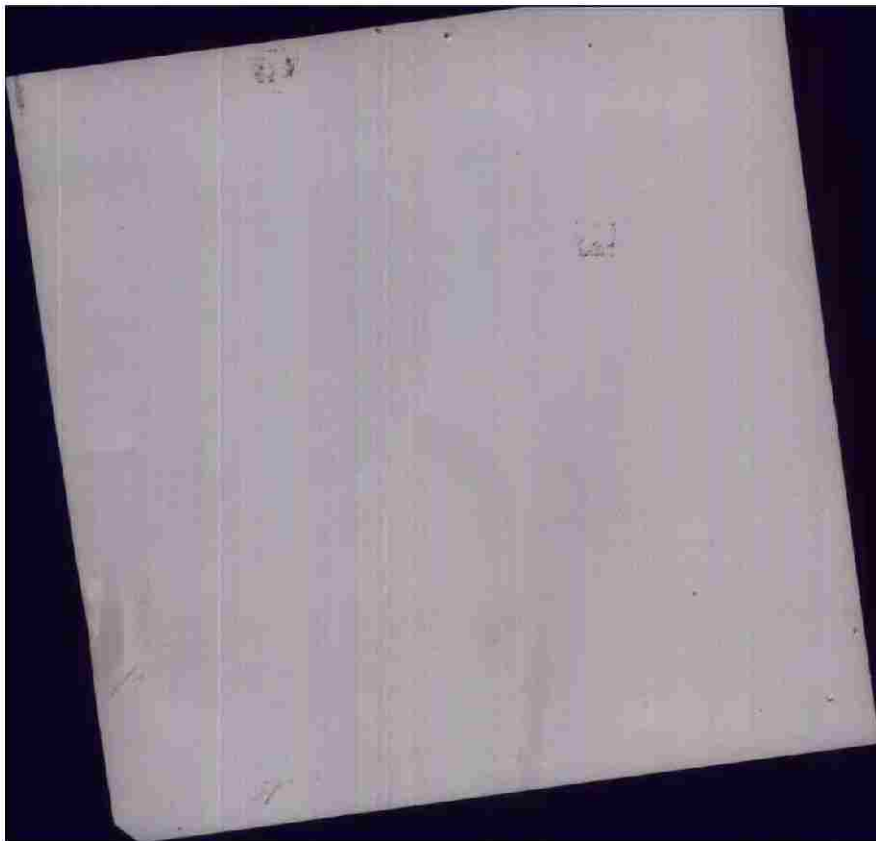
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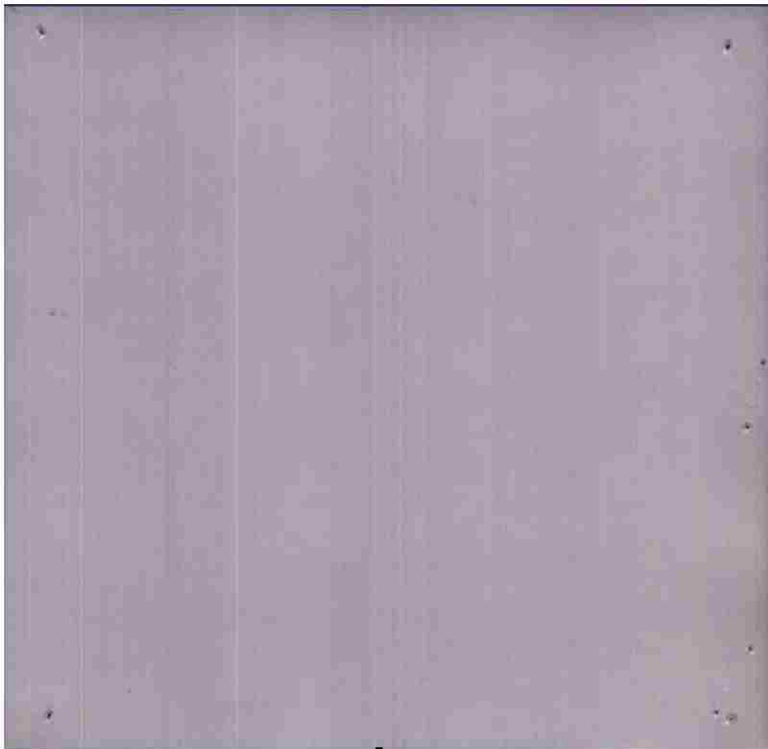
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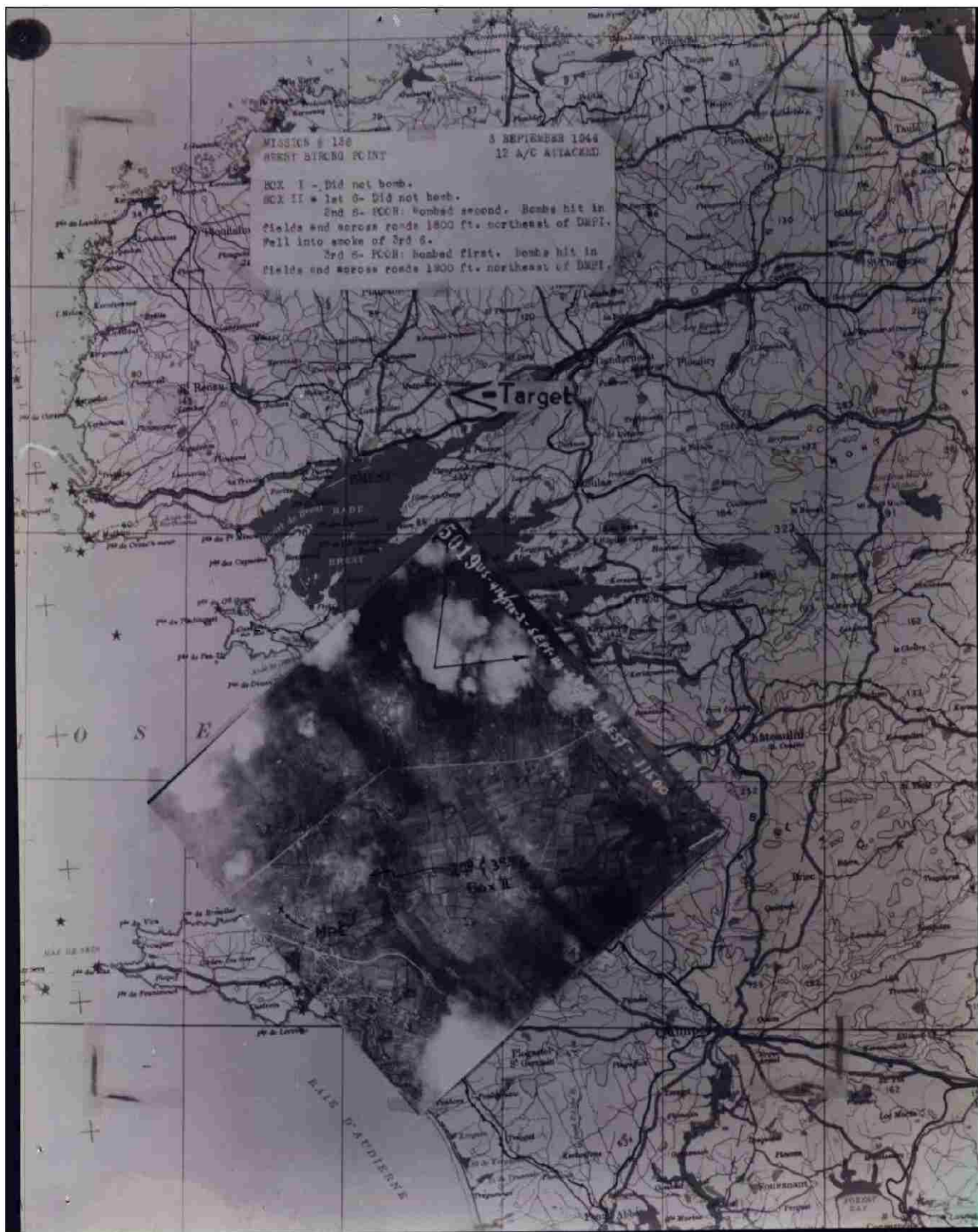


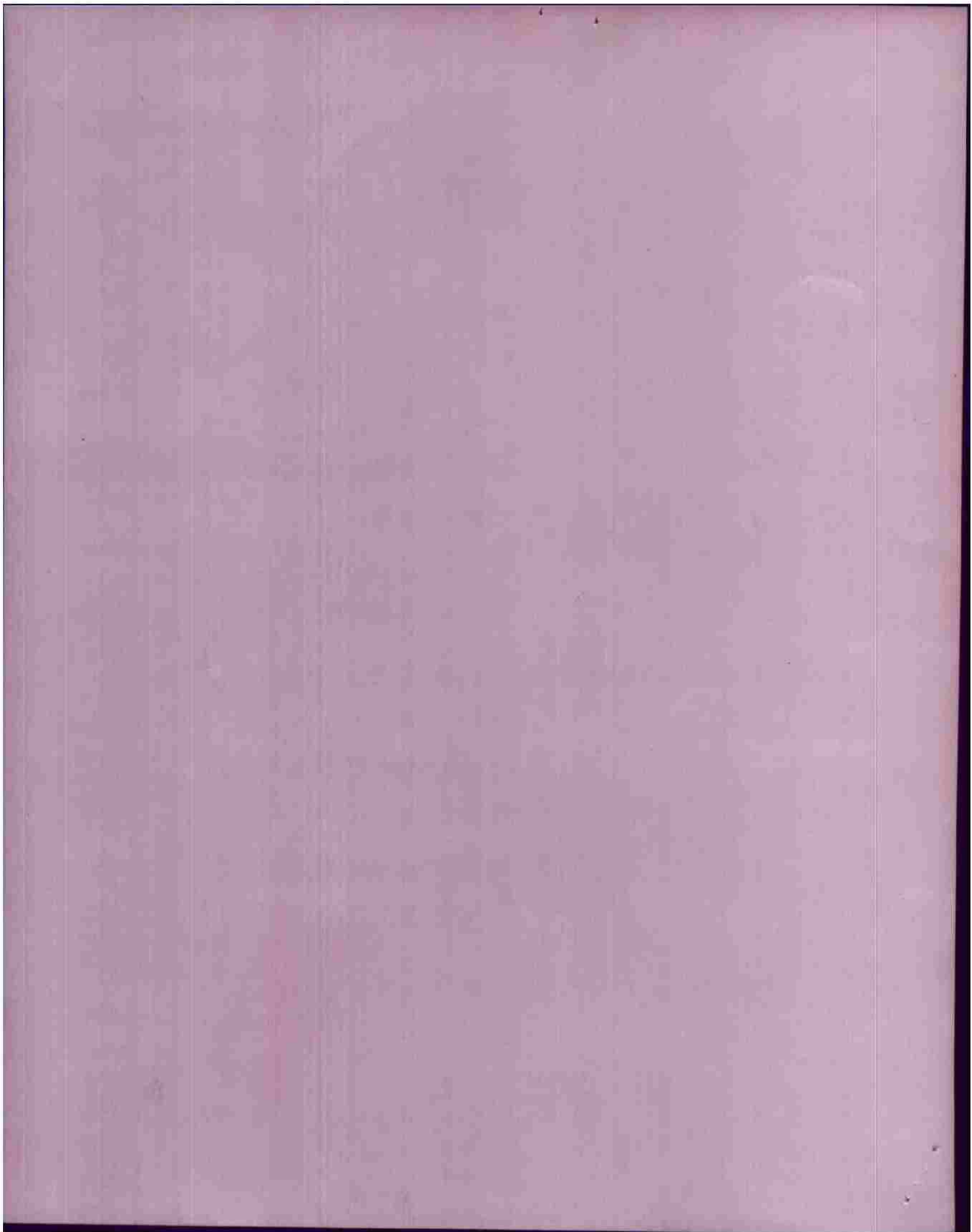
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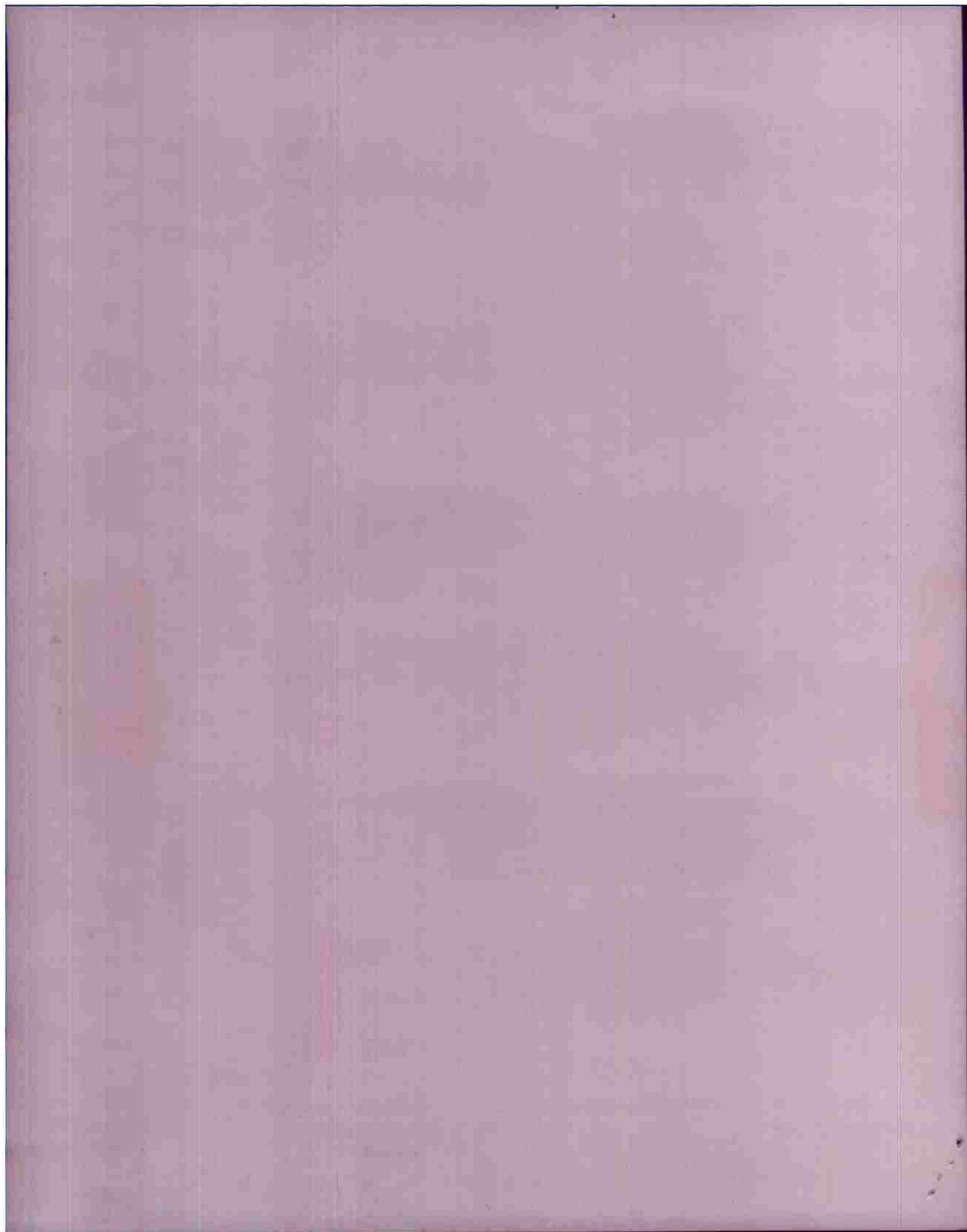
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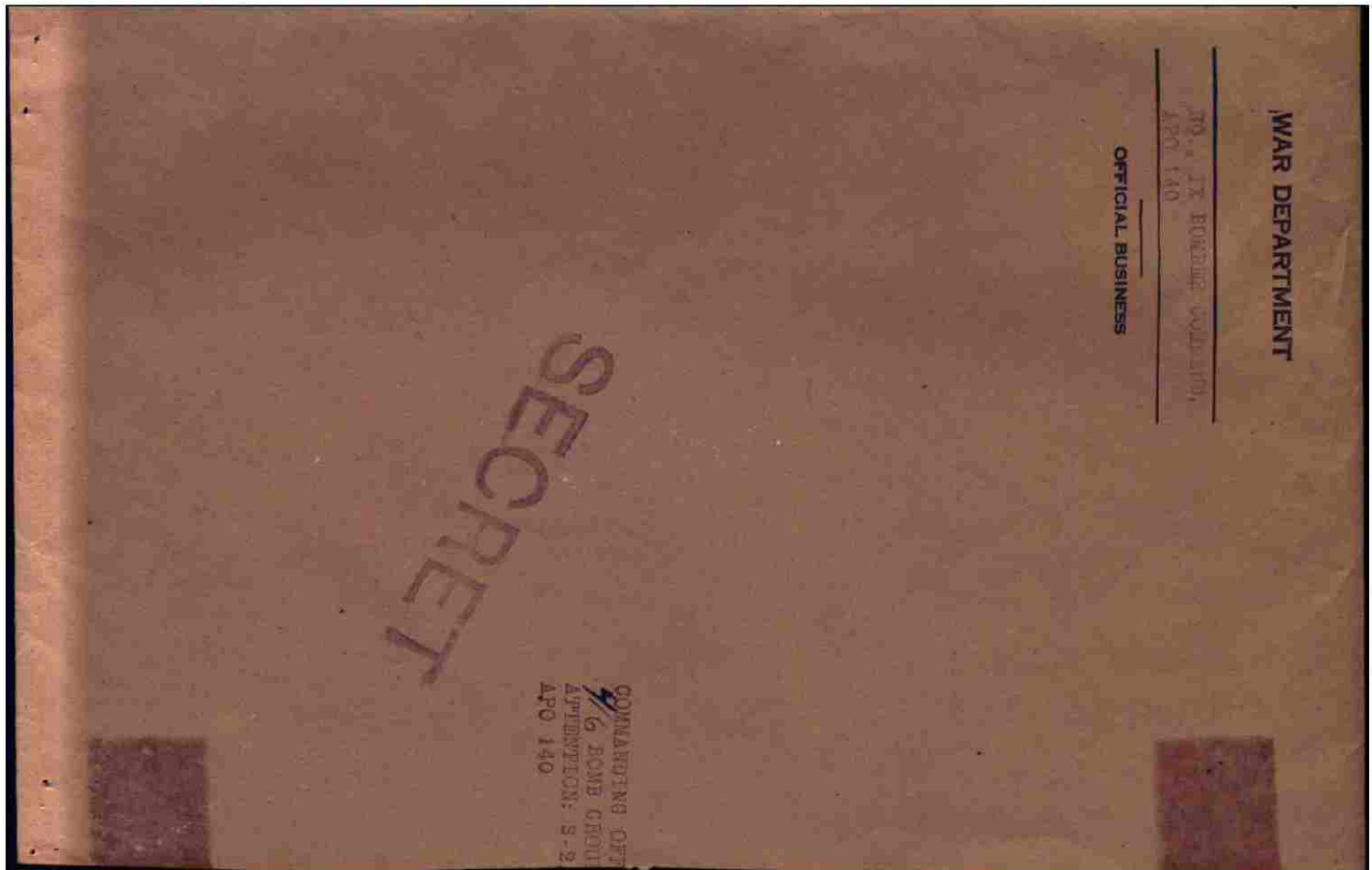


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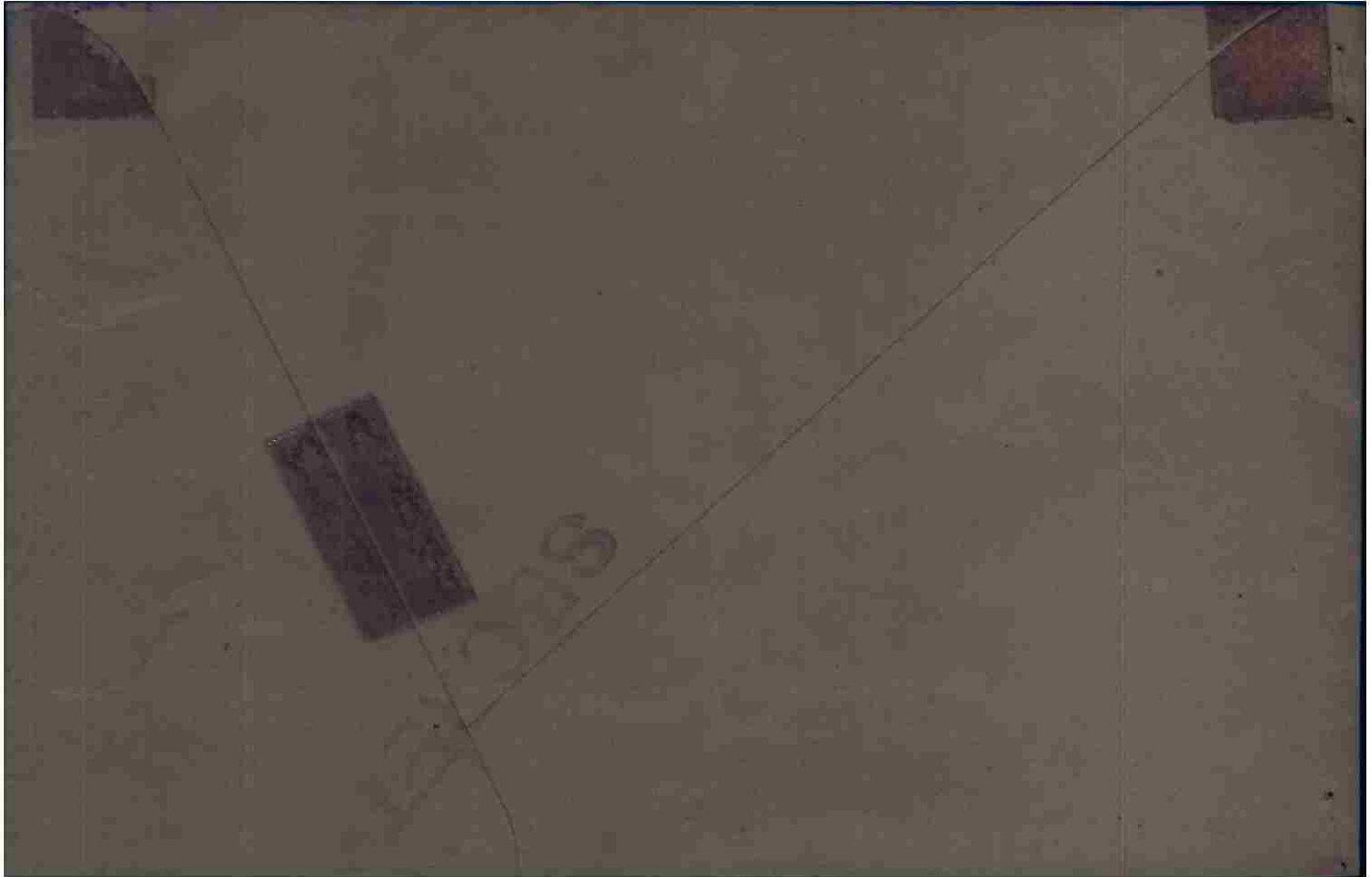








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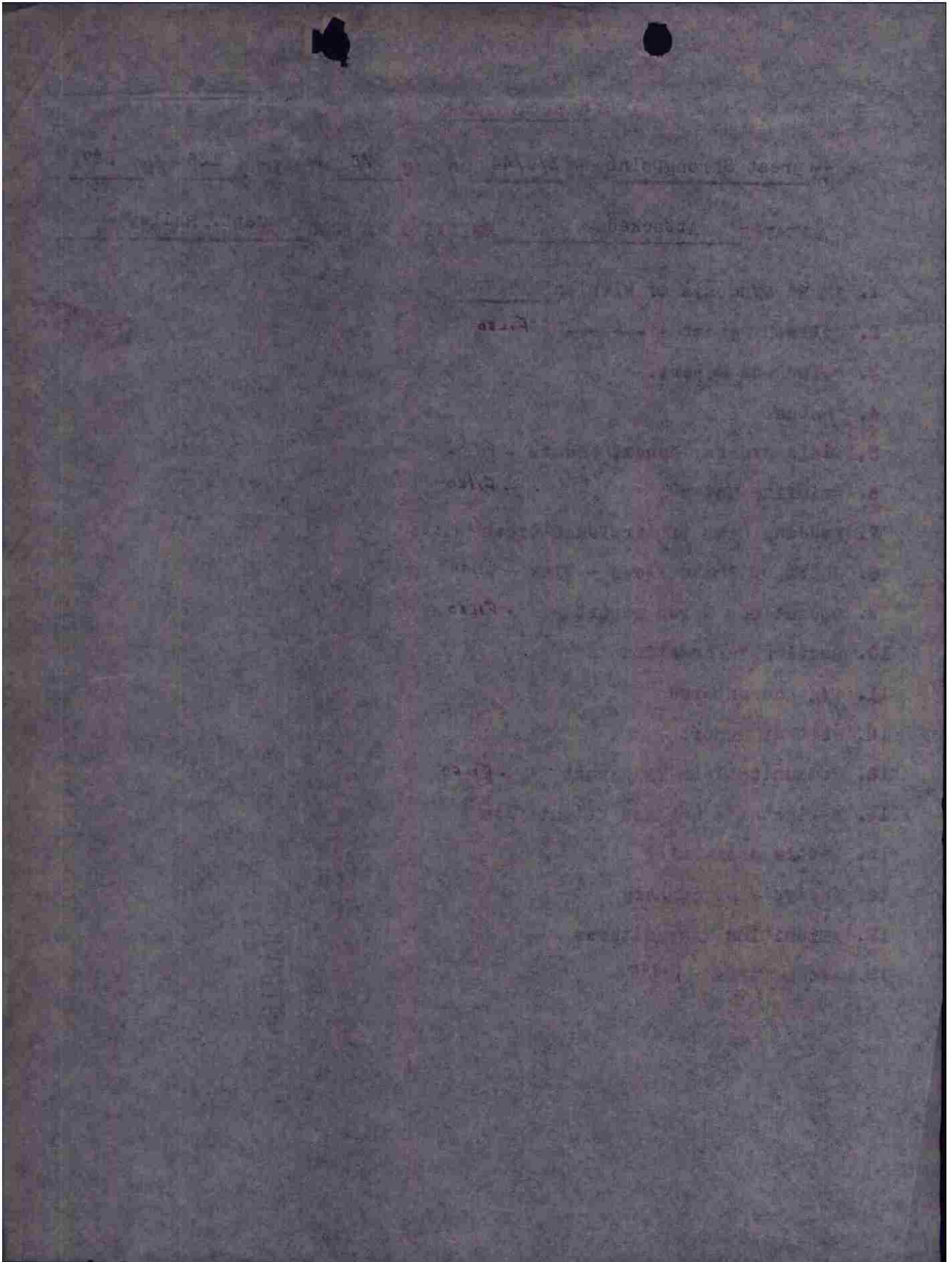
TARGET Brest StrongPoint DATE 3/9/44 NO A/C 36 MISSION# 136 IFO 527

STATUS Attacked BRIEFING OFFICER Capt. Bailey

1. IX BC synopsis of Mission _____
2. Opflash Report - - - - - FILED
3. telephone Report.
4. Photos
5. Field Orders, Annex, Amdnts - FILED
6. briefing Notes - FILED
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9. Operations Oprep Report - FILED
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12. Weather Report
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14. Navigator's Log and Flight Plan
15. Battle casualties
16. Analysis of Gunnery
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MISSION SUMMARY

Target: Brest (Strong Point)
Date : 3 September 1944
F/O : #527
Results: Box I, No attack
Box II, 1st 6 - No attack
2nd 6 - Poor
3rd 6 - Poor

BREST STRONGPOINT

416 BG: 36 a/c dispatched, 12 dropping 48 x 500 GP on primary.
24 a/c failed to bomb; weather.

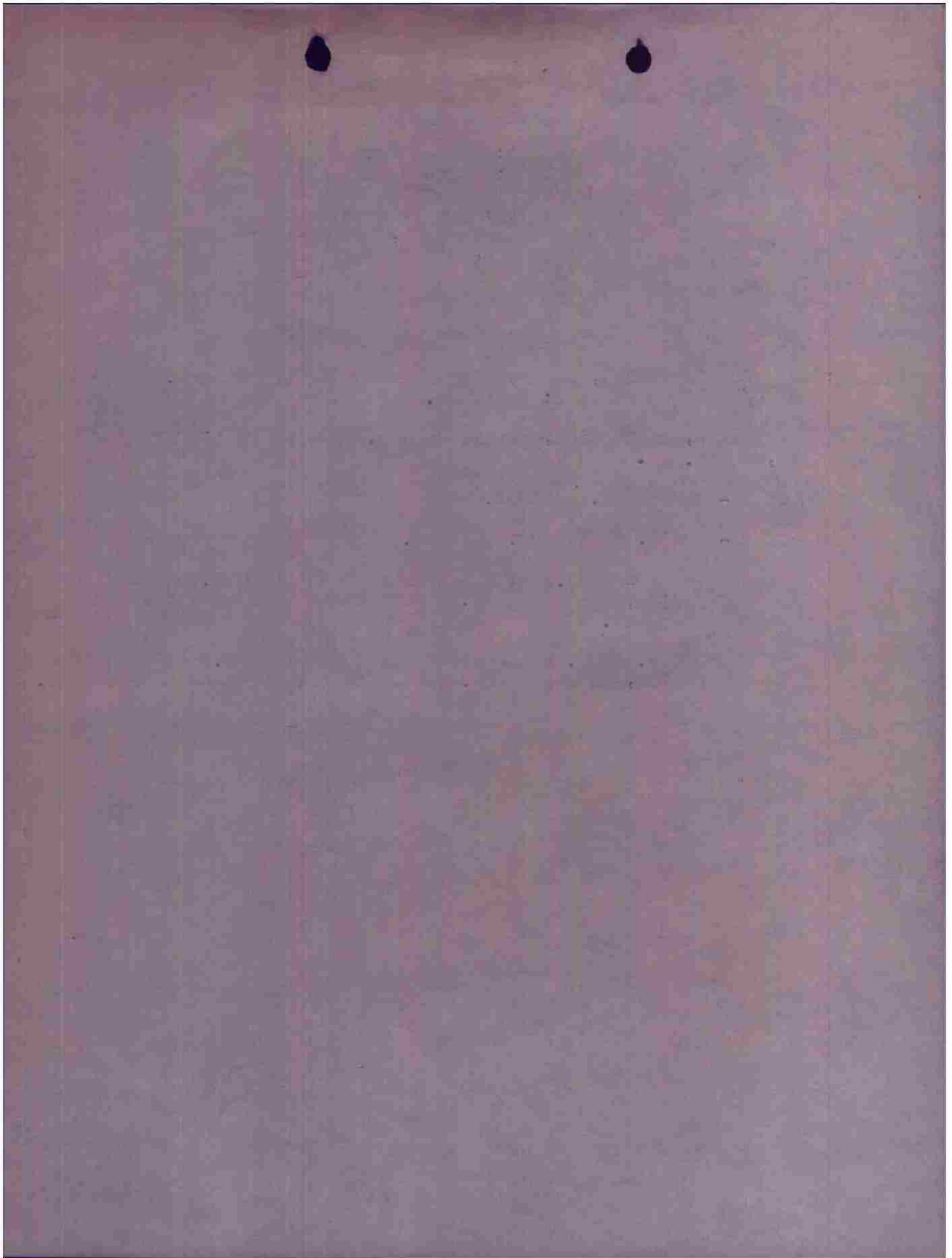
No losses, casualties, battle damage. Bombing by 6's from
11,000 ft.

Box I - NO ATTACK. Weather.

Box II- 1st 6. NO ATTACK. Weather.

2nd 6 - POOR. Pattern 1800 feet NE of DMPI. Strikes in
fields, across roads. (Cloud cover necessitated short
bomb run.)

3rd 6. POOR. Pattern 1900 feet NE of DMPI. Strikes in
fields, across roads. (Short bomb run due to cloud cover.)



YAA V LAI (INFO)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
TO 416TH BOMB GROUP

ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICER

ADVANCED INFORMATION COPY OF PAR. 5 OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
(2) MOTHER

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(10) A B V T/A B V T

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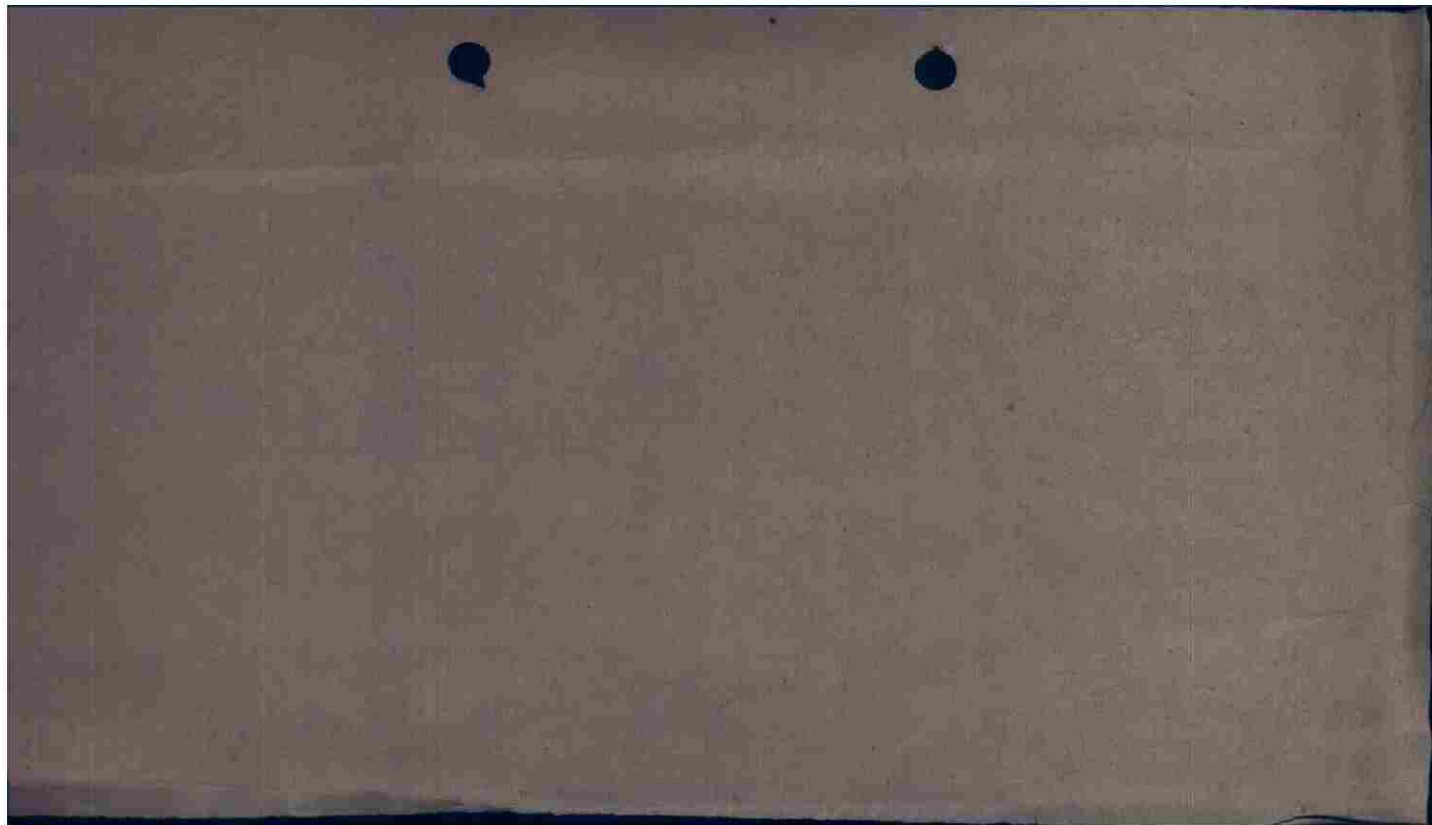
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AR
AS
SS

YAA R...03/1135B EJ AR

S-2
S-3
SIG.

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OICOG OILAI V YAA YAA 19/3 OP
FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 03/1940B S-69-D

TO : HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2
HQ 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

SECRET QQQ BT

REF: MISSION NO. 136

OPFLASH NO. 142 FOR 3 SEPT 1944

A. (1) BREST STRONGPOINT

(2) BREST STRONGPOINT

B. (1) 416TH BG

(2) 11 A-20'S AND 25 A-20G'S

(3) 24 A/C KI FAILED TO BOMB DUE TO CLOUDS OVER TARGET (FLGTS
1,2,3,4)

(4) 12 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY (KIA FLGTS 5 AND 6)

C. (1) 1355

(2) 1613

(3) 1830

D. NIL

ENXX

E. FLIGHTS : 1. DID NOT BOMB - TARGET COVERED BY CLOUDS.
2. DID NOT BOMB - TARGET COVERED BY CLOUDS.
3. DID NOT BOMB - TARGET COVERED BY CLOUDS.
4. DID NOT BOMB - TARGET COVERED BY CLOUDS.
5. FAIR
6. FAIR

F. (1) (A) NIL

(B) NIL

(2) (A) NIL

(B) NIL

G. NIL

H. (1) 8/10 CLOUDS , TOPS 8,000 FEET.

(2) 10/10-8/10 CLOUDS OVER CHANNEL, TOPS 8,000 FEET,
BASE 2,500 FEET.

I. 48 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY.

96 X 500 GP RETURNED.

J. 11,000 FEET.

BT 03/1940B

AS AS AS

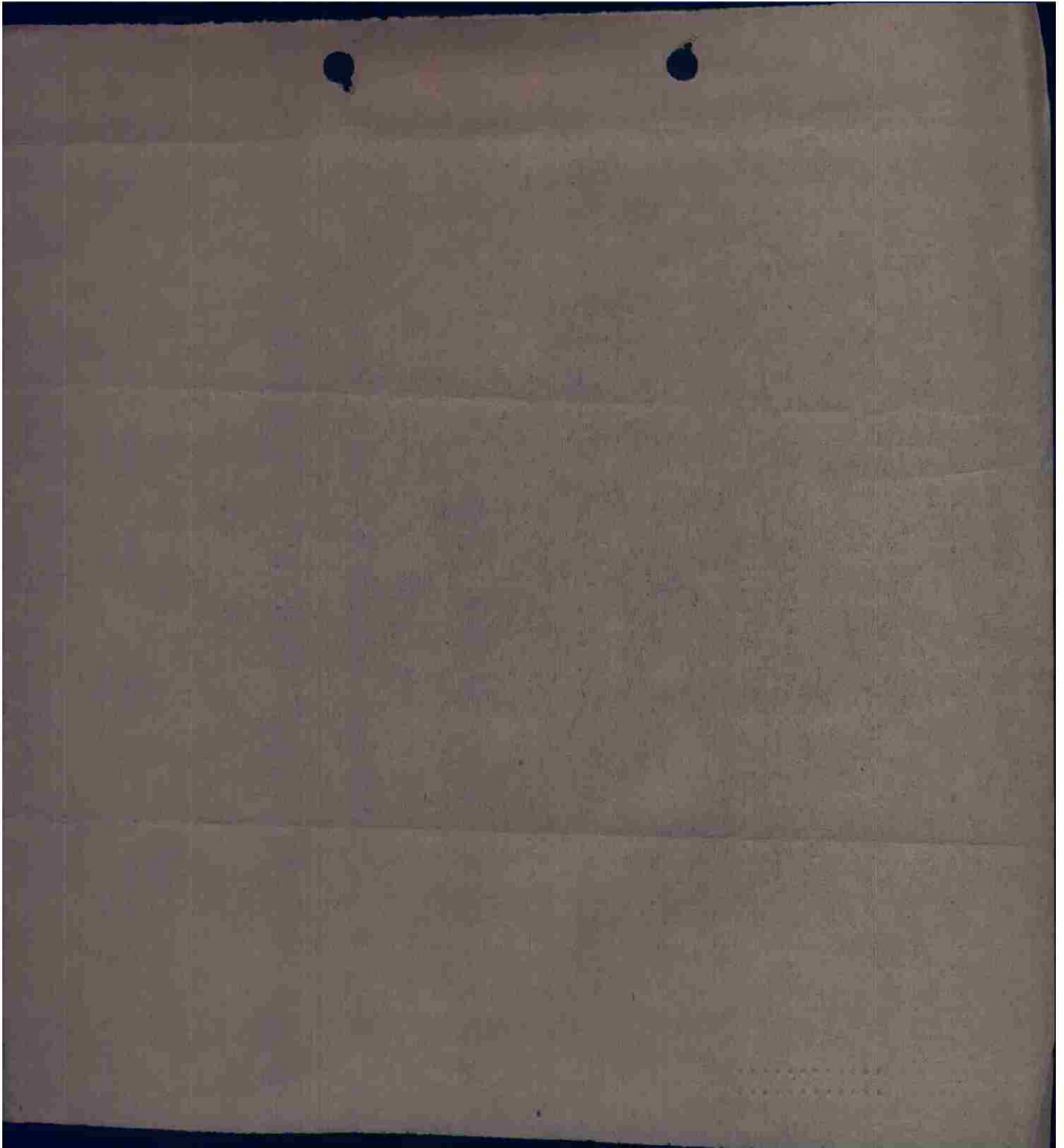
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OICOG R.....03/1XX 03/2005B ME AR

OILAI R.....03/2005B RRR AR

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OICOG OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI OILAI 04/03 OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 03/1452B S-16-E

TO COMBOMCOM IX

409TH BOMB GROUP (INFO)

410TH BOMB GROUP (INFO)

416TH BOMB GROUP

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

A P O 140

03 SEPTEMBER 1944

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 202-527

CHANGE ZERO HOUR TO READ:

03/1600B REPEAT 03/1600B

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 03/1452B

AR

AS

SS

OICOG R...

OITAF R...

OICOG R.....031503 B AMB AR

OIHAK R...03/-1500B HRB AR KK

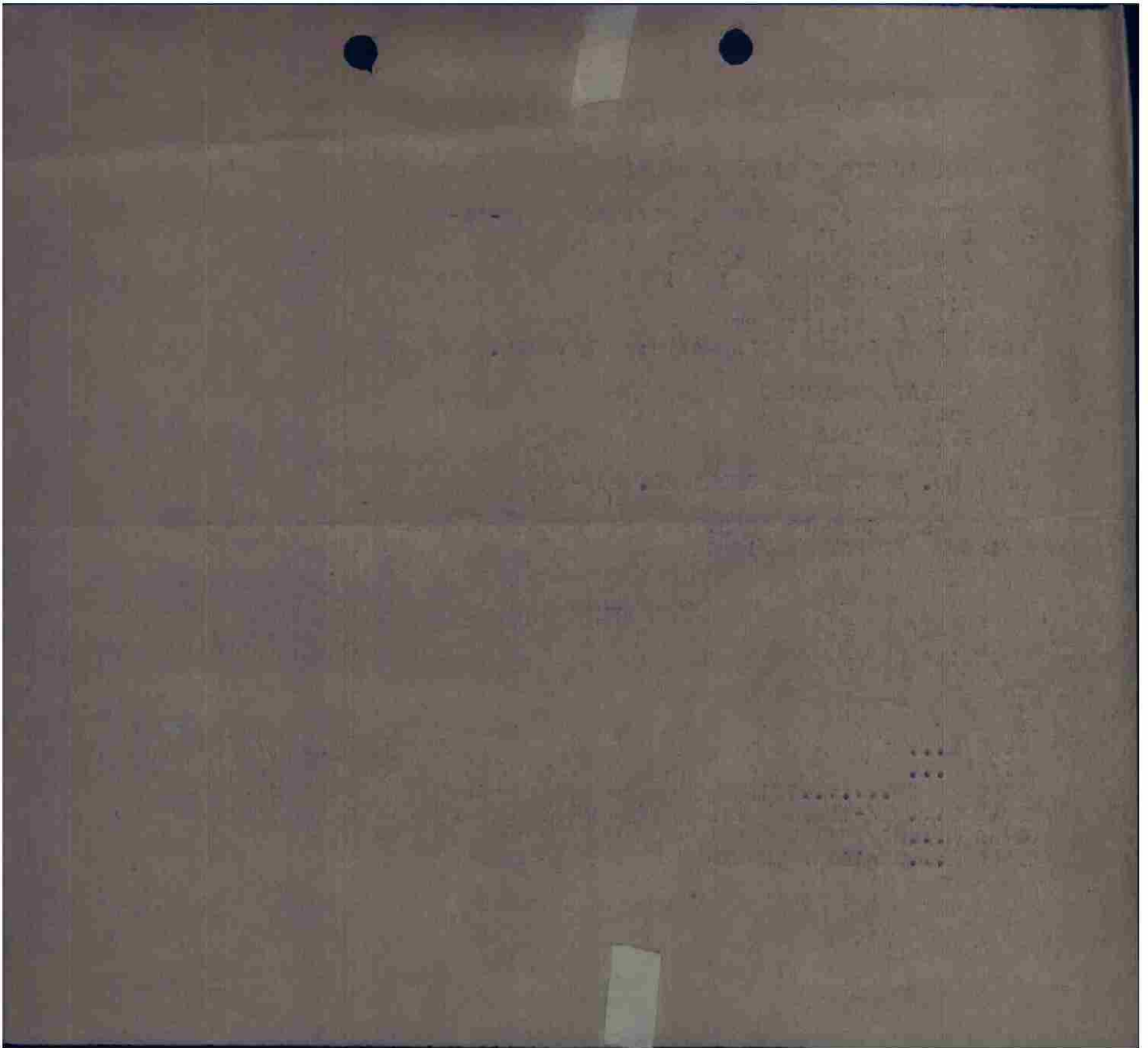
OIYAA R...03/1503 B CW AR

OIGOF R...03/1503B CEN A

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OICOG OIHAK OIGOF OIYAA V OILAI 03/03 OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 03/1200B S-0015-E
TO COMBOMCOM IX
COBOMGP 409 (INFO)
COBOMGP 410 (INFO)
COBOMGP 416



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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
03 SEPTEMBER 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 202-527
MAPS: NORMAL

100

1. B. (1) REFERENCE SPECIAL BOMBLINE.
(2) BEACH HEAD AREA COVER WILL BE FURNISHED FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN FRANCE.

ZERO HOUR 3/1530B

3. A. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (1) 4805W/J/90
 - (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 BOMBING BY 6.
 - (3) BEACH HEAD AREA COVER.
 - (4) BASE TO MAIDENHEAD TO BILL OF PORTLAND TO 4834N 0446W TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TO R.P. TO BILL OF PORTLAND TO MAIDENHEAD TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. LEAVE FRENCH COAST AT BOMBING ALTITUDE.
 - (7) 4820N 0447W
 - (8) GEN. W TO E.
 - (9) M.P.I. ILL: 4805W/54. REF: 047050
 - (10) 4 X 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
 - (11) 4840N 0412W
 - (12) TIME OVER TARGET ZERO HOUR.
 - (13) EXTREME CARE WILL BE EXERCIZED DURING ATTACK IN ORDER THAT HOSPITAL AT GRID COORD. V-952989 AND V-957989 WILL NOT BE BOMBED.
 - (14) NO ALTERNATE TARGET WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION.
 - (15) A/C SHORT OF FUEL ON RETURN WILL LAND AT DUNKES WELL TO REFUEL THEN RETURN TO BASE.

- X. (1) - (3) NO CHANGE.
(4) DUNKES WELL.

4. NO CHANGE.

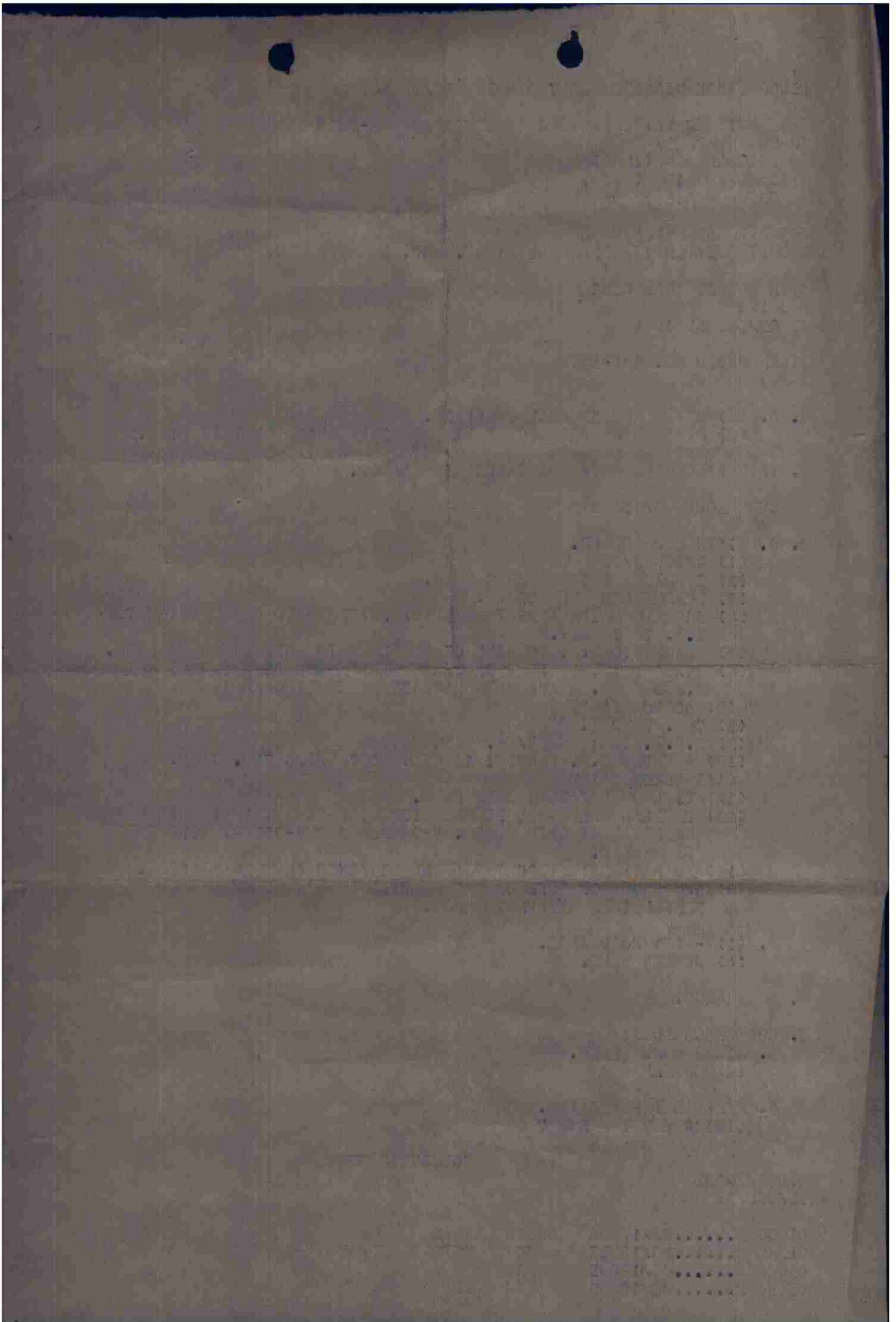
5. COMMUNICATIONS:
C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
(2) MOTHER

- X. GENERAL INFORMATION.
(10) A B V T / A B V T

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 03/1200B
RL/WCB/AR

OICOG R.....03/1220E	CHUCK	AR
OIHAK R.....03/1220Z	JB	BBBBBBBBBBBB
OIGOF R.....03/1220B	AG	AR
OIYAA R.....03/1220B	EJ	BB



All Bombardiers and flight leaders read and initial:

The target today is a circular concrete gun installation at Brest where an all-out assault is to be made today by the air and ground forces to effect an entry.

Our mission is close support. Troops may even have to be withdrawn slightly to allow a 2500 yard margin for bombing. The troop line is posted on the map for your information. Brest is essential to insure increased supplies for our more than 1,200,000 troops including General Patton's rapidly extending forces in the eastern part of France. It is reported that he has been stopped by a lack of gasoline. The continued progress of the drive through France to Belgium and Germany depends on sufficient supplies and supplies depend on ports such as this one.

Immediately following our concerted attack, three divisions and a task force (including Ranger outfits) are to attack. The success of the attack rests on knocking out such installations as these guns.

The target must be positively identified as there are no secondary or alternate targets on this mission.

VHP

MF
OCA

RKH
RFB

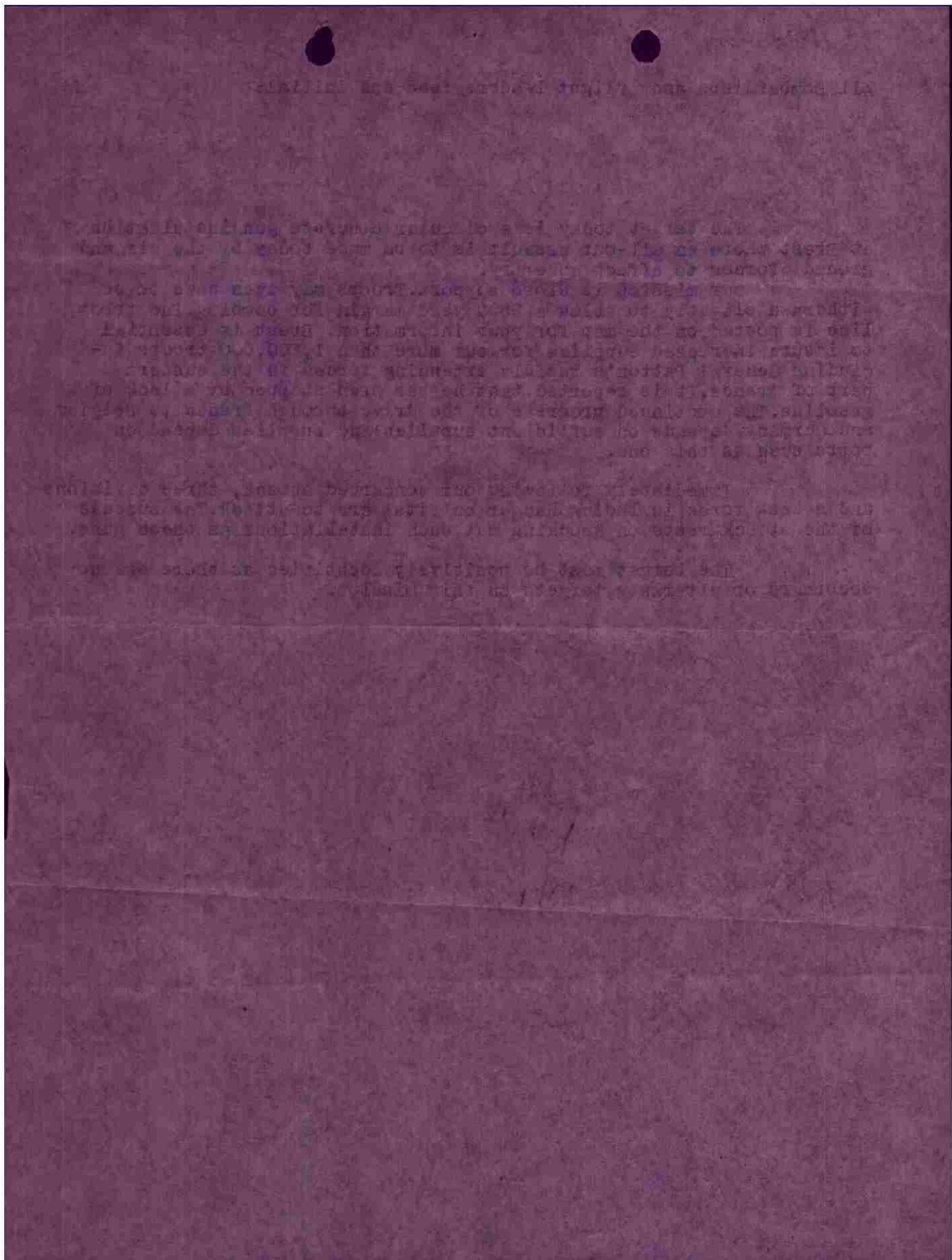
FTB

WLB
MFB

R.H. J

Card
R.H.
WLB
MFB

GFB
MFB
WLB



MISSION NO. 136

LOADING LIST

3 SEPT 1944

BOX I

FLIGHT I

1. 444 J
Major R.F. Price
Lt. A.R. Hand
S/S J.H. Roberts
S/S F. Naifeh

2. 135 D
Lt. R.H. Svenson
S/S F.G. Field
S/S G.E. Penning

3. 764 X
Lt. F.W. Harris
S/S D. Hantske
S/S E.A. Denton

4. 210 G
Lt. R.V. Miracle
S/S B.C. Sieg
S/S J.C. Burkhalter

5. 760 E
Lt. O.S. Stanley
Sgt J.G. Holterfield
Lt. F. Garneau

6. 174 C
Lt. T.D. McGready
Sgt W.E. Leonard
Sgt W.F. Fashner

FLIGHT II

1. 467 W
Lt. H.A. Monroe
Lt. R.L. Kirk
S/S R.J. Eads
T/S J.F. Goggin

2. 663 A
Lt. D.F. Chen
Lt. G.H. Koch
Sgt R.J. Burns
S/S W.J. Daniel

3. 669 I
Lt. R.B. Singletary
S/S R.F. Adkins
Sgt A.A. Cianciola

4. 380 H
Lt. J.P. Williamson
S/S W.F. Neales
S/S R. Martinez

5. 207 B-1
Lt. T.S. Merritt
Sgt G.T. McJowski
Sgt A. Taron

6. 759 C
Lt. J.H. Warren
Sgt G.C. Strop
Sgt E.J. Turpin

FLIGHT III

1. 432 G-1
Lt. W.J. Harrold
Lt. W.B. Brewer
S/S E.L. Griffin
S/S G.B. Maxine

2. 439 J-1
Lt. F.G. Atkinson
Lt. D.G. Acherson
S/S J.O. Safford
Capt. M.B. Sheridan

3. 217 D-1
Lt. A.W. Nordstrom
S/S J.D. Gosssett
S/S R.L. Miller

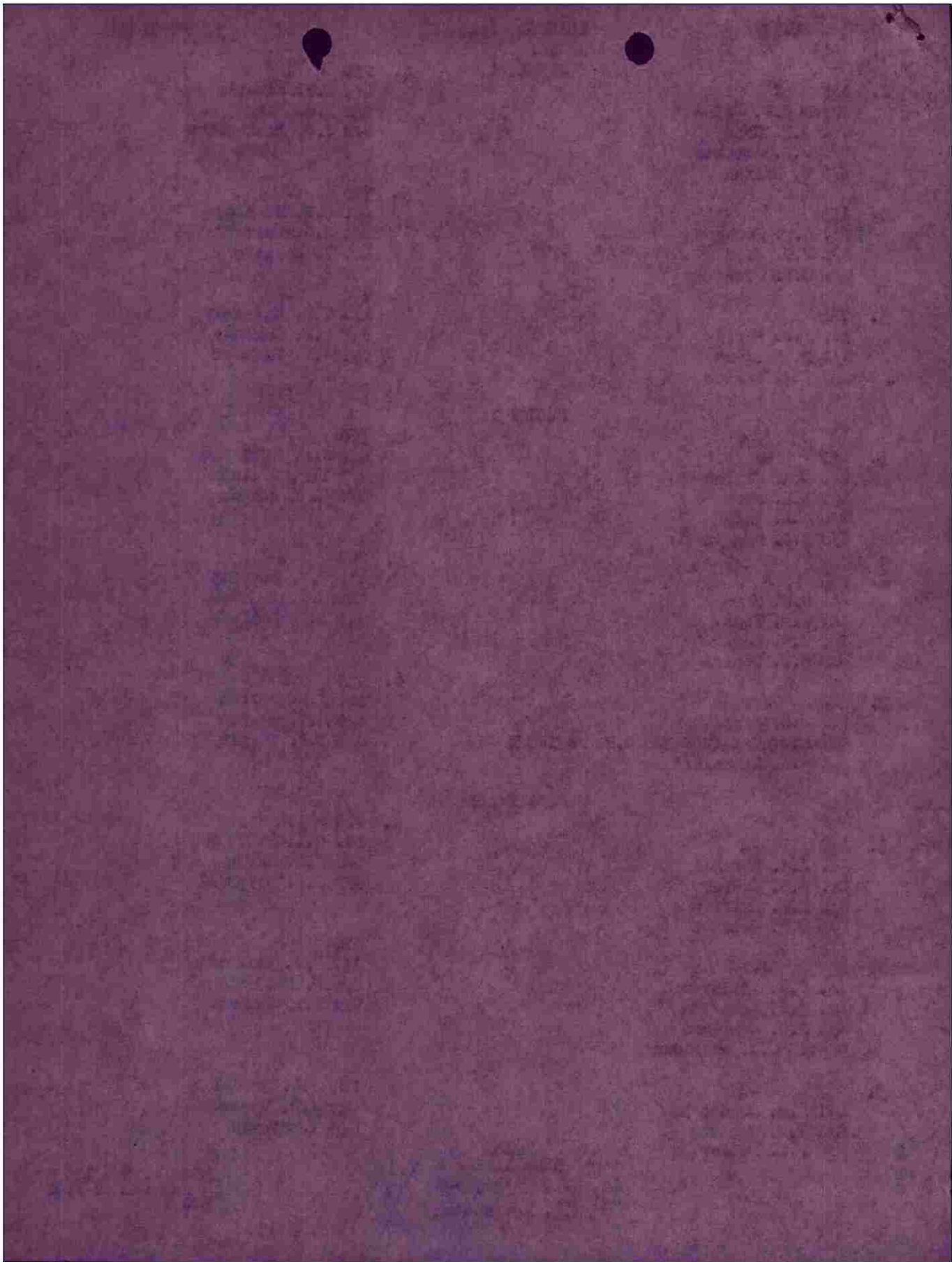
4. 224 E
Lt. C.L. McGloin
S/S J.B. Moran
S/S P.B. Driskill

5. 810 F
Lt. P.P. Baranuky
Sgt M. Hall
Sgt B.R. Wilson

6. 211 G
Lt. J.C. Sewell
Sgt J.A. Hunter
S/S I. Minney

393 ~~MISSION NO. 136~~
Lt. ~~William H. H.~~
Sgt ~~W. H. H.~~
Sgt ~~L.D. H.~~

MISSION NO. 136
3 SEPT 1944
BOX I



MISSION NO. 136

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

3 SEPT 1944

1. 105 M
Capt. G.M. McNulty
Lt. F.H. Barsiel
S/S J.A. Rojas
S/S E.H. Fudd

4. 379 G
Lt. W.E. Downing
S/S E.S. Dickenson
S/S K.E. Hornbeck

2. 719 V
Lt. G.F. Barinas
Lt. J.F. Herdy
S/S J.R. Orr
S/S F.L. Flocks

5. 894 R
Lt. J.R. Seidla
Cpl R.P. Cavanagh
Cpl J.M. Harris

3. 480 B
Lt. J.W. Montrose
Sgt R.S. Gandy
Sgt J.W. Polkal

6. 150 H
Lt. W.L. Hale
Sgt J.E. Gayer
Sgt D.H. Bentzler

FLIGHT II

1. 442 D
Lt. W.A. Peck
Lt. J. Madenfort
S/S A.E. Bergeron
S/S R.H. Kelton

4. 819 K
Lt. W.G. Stagg
S/S R.B. Nicks
S/S W. Radlich

2. 767 H-1
Lt. M.B. Street
S/S G.A. Prindle
S/S R.F. Rye

5. 1961 F
Lt. W.L. Miller
Cpl J.F. Malley
Sgt J.R. Pemberton

3. 176 T
Lt. L.E. Foundation
Sgt A.J. Barland
S/S K. Heath

6. 929 G
Lt. M.W. Dufosse
Cpl D.L. Griffin
Cpl J.H. Walter

FLIGHT III

1. 645 R-1
Lt. J.D. Adams
Lt. R.J. Manion
S/S A.F. Seikus
S/S F.L. Clemons

4. 165 H
Lt. M. Mahon
S/S J.R.L. Tanner
S/S W.O. Russell

2. 065 E
Lt. F.W. Eiland
Lt. A.C. Burns
S/S R.J. Troyer
S/S C.W. Middleton

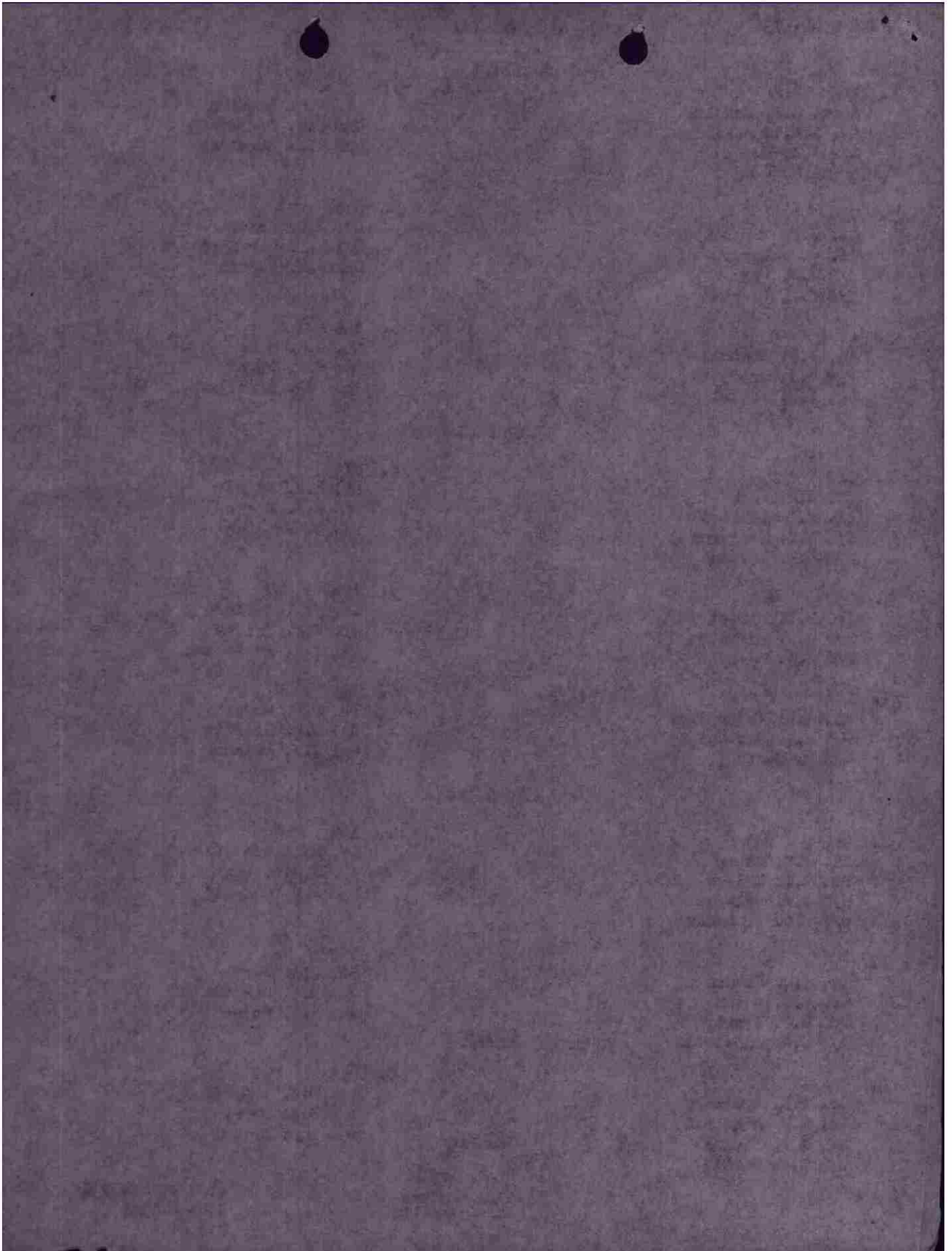
5. 363 L
Lt. D.A. Fero
Cpl T.E. Skelton
Cpl A.A. Rojas

3. 91A X
Lt. R.E. Greenley
Lt. R.H. Mitchell
S/S J.J. Azepka
Cpl C.W. Gurkin

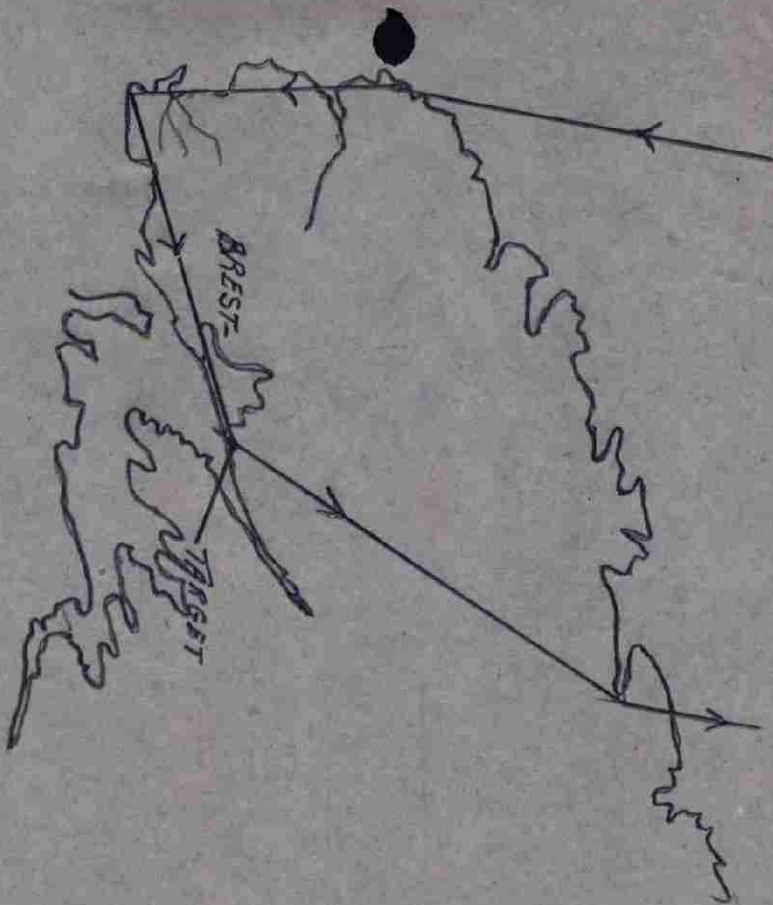
6. 819 D-1
Lt. H.D. Andrews
S/S O.B. Swank
S/S M.R. Serley

~~692 M
Lt. E.J. Smith
S/S O.D. Lavee
Cpl L. Moskowitz~~

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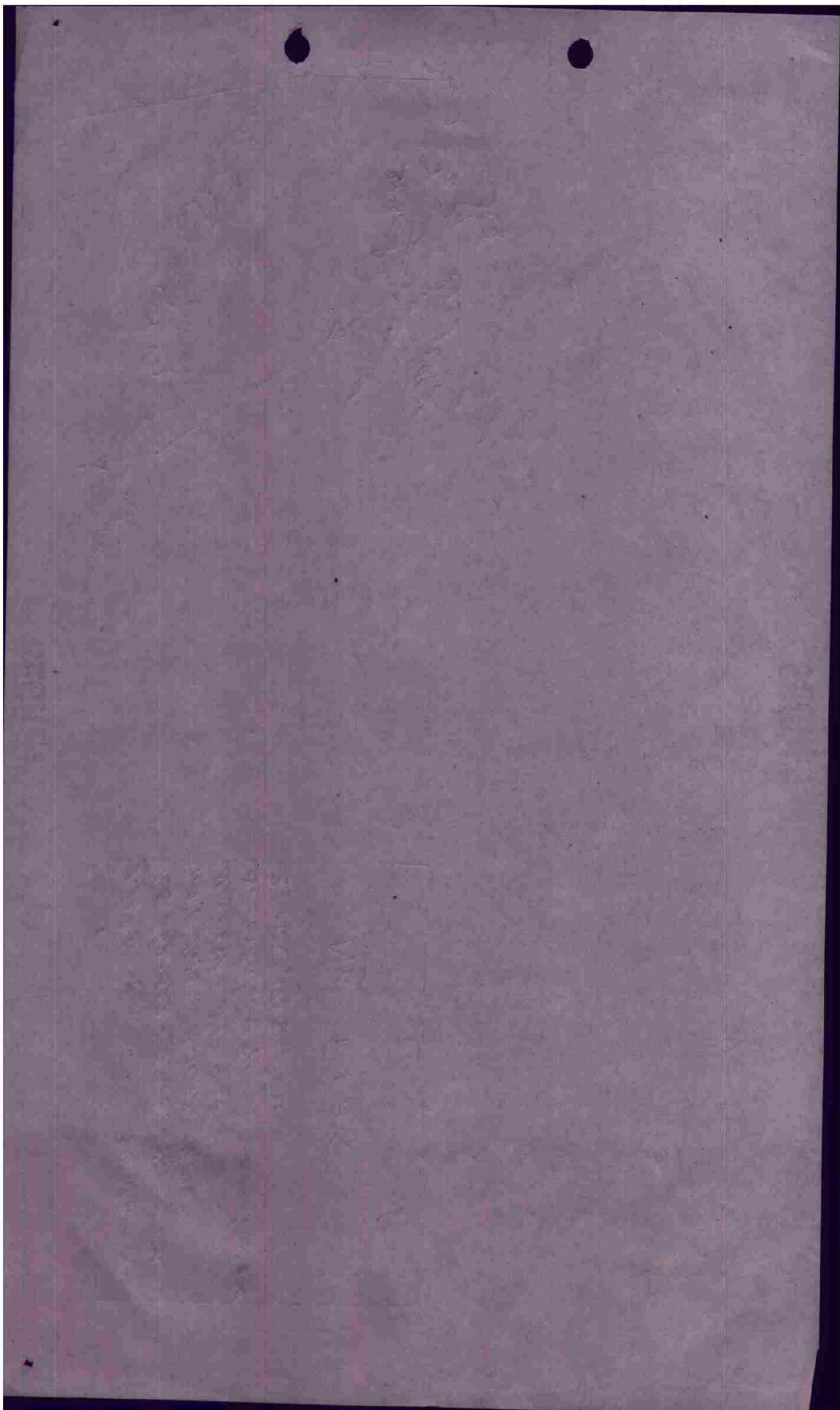


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416 th Bomber -	3 SEPT. '44
F.O. 202-527 - BRESE STAGE Pt.	
T.O.T. 1413	Altitude 11,700'
WINDOW - NOT USED	
WEATHER - 7 to 8/10 - TORS 8000' Base 4000'	
2 Bores of 18 H/c EACH	
No FLAK	



SECRET
By authority
CO, Sta 170
7 Sept 1944
Init. _____

HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

APO 140, U. S. Army,
7 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Combat Mission.

TO : Commanding General, 97th Combat Wing, APO 140, U. S. Army.

416th Bombardment Group (L),
136th Combat Mission, 3 September 1944,
97th GW FO Number 202 - 327.

1. 36
 2. 36
 3. 12
 4. 2 (spares)
 5. 24
 6. 24 a/c abortive due to weather, 8/10 clouds tops 8,000 feet.
 7. 24 a/c due to weather.
 8. 43-10125
Capt. G. H. McNulty
- Landed at Holmesley South. An 8 to 10/10 cloud cover, with tops at 8000 feet, blanketed Southern England and because of length of mission (699 miles) all aircraft were low on fuel. Due to these conditions, as well as approaching darkness, pilot felt that the wisest policy would be to have his flight land at an opportune field as soon as possible, rather than risk a return to home base. 450 gallons of gasoline were serviced at Tarrant Ruston and 250 gallons on return to home base, which was on the 5th of September 1944.
- 43-21719
Lt. G. F. Bartmus
- Landed at Holmesley South. Serviced 450 gallons of gasoline at Tarrant Ruston and 240 gallons on return to home base.
- 43-21480
Lt. J. H. Montrose
- Landed at Holmesley South. Serviced 450 gallons of gasoline at Tarrant Ruston and 240 gallons on return to home base.
- 43-9379
Lt. W. E. Downing
- Landed at Holmesley South. Serviced 450 gallons of gasoline at Tarrant Ruston and 250 gallons on return to home base.
- 43-9894
Lt. J. B. Saidla
- Landed at Holmesley South. Serviced 450 gallons of gasoline at Tarrant Ruston and 250 gallons on return to home base.

(Continued)

Report of Combat Mission.

43-10150
Lt. W. L. Hale Landed at Holmesley South. Serviced 450 gallons of gasoline at Tarrant Ruston and 280 gallons on return to home base.

43-9442
Lt. W. A. Peck Landed at Chilbolten. Existing conditions the same as shown for a/c 43-10125, pilot instructed flight to land at an opportune field as soon as possible. Serviced 450 gallons of gasoline at Chilbolten and 200 gallons on return to home base.

43-21757
Lt. M. S. Street Landed at Holmesley South. Serviced 495 gallons of gasoline at Tarrant Ruston and 200 gallons on return to home base.

43-10175
Lt. L. E. Poundstone Landed at Chilbolten. Serviced 340 gallons of gasoline at Chilbolten and 200 gallons on return to home base.

43-21819
Lt. W. C. Siggs Landed at Chilbolten. Serviced 410 gallons of gasoline at Chilbolten and 200 gallons on return to home base.

43-21961
Lt. E. L. Miller Landed at Chilbolten. Serviced 450 gallons of gasoline at Chilbolten and 200 gallons on return to home base.

43-9929
Lt. M. W. DuBose Landed at Chilbolten. Serviced 340 gallons of gasoline at Chilbolten and 150 gallons on return to home base.

43-9645
Lt. J. D. Adams Landed at Hurn. Existing conditions the same as shown for a/c 43-10125, pilot instructed remaining ships in flight to land at an opportune field as soon as possible. Flight became separated due to weather. Serviced 425 gallons of gasoline at Hurn and 100 gallons on return to home base.

43-10185
Lt. M. Zubon Landed at Chilbolten. Serviced 300 gallons of gasoline at Chilbolten and 200 gallons on return to home base.

43-9353
Lt. E. A. Fero Landed at Hurn. Serviced 390 gallons of gasoline at Hurn and 100 gallons on return to home base.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Office of the Commanding Officer

TO:

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

Ref: Oprep 4 No. 1544 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 3 Sept 1944
Mission or Operation No. 138 97th CG PO 208-227

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Great Strongpoint.
 Place of take-off RAF Station 170.
 Place of landing RAF Station 170.
 Take-off time 1333 Landing time 1430
 Time over target 1613 Bombing Altitude 11000 ft.
 Nature of mission Bombing Other None
 Weather over target - 8/10 clouds, tops 8000 ft. 8/10 to 10/10 clouds
 Results 212, 1, 2, 2, 4 no str. flt. 54 8 gross/over channel, tops 8000 ft.
 Enemy opposition None.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 25 A-20B
11 A-20J
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
2 A-20B Great Strongpoint.
1 A-20J Great Strongpoint.
3. Abortive due to:
 - (1) Weather: 17 A-20B and 7 A-20J, 8/10 clouds over target.
 - (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 25 A-20B
11 A-20J

*2 a/c landed at Hurn. 6 a/c landed at Chilbotten. 7 a/c landed at
Holmesley South.

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GEORGE SCHNEIDER,
Capt. in, Air Corps,
Army, USA.

For the Commanding Officer:

Destroyed _____
Prob. Destroyed _____
Damaged _____

H. Enemy aircraft by type or description (tentative claims):-

Type of	Pilot	Co-pilot	New	Bomb	R.Gun	R.Gun	T.Gun
Casualty							
Killed in							
Action							
Missing in							
Action							
Seriously							
Wounded							
Slightly							
Wounded							

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

Total Returned _____
Lost or wrecked on _____
Missing a/c _____
Detained _____
Expended on operations: _____
(List targets separately)
Total carried into air: _____
Bombs, flares, etc. used: _____
Lost on wrecked or missing a/c _____
Expended on operations _____
Total carried into air _____
Ammunition by calibre: _____
Night (Sunset to sunrise) _____
Day (Sunrise to sunset) _____
Total operational flying hours _____

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USAF FORM 34a (cont'd)

IX B.C.S-2 Form No. 106-B Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

OTHER UNITS:	TARGET:	IX BC 97TH	WING	416TH
:	:	DATE	3 September 1944	GROUP
:	:	ATTACKING UNITS	6 Flights	BREST STRONG POINT
:	:	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION:	TARGET HIT	

A. TARGET BRIEFED BREST STRONG POINT PRIMARY
SECONDARY
CASUAL

M.P.I. Northwest corner of target area.

A.P. Same as M.P.I.

B. TARGET ATTACKED BREST STRONG POINT MILES FROM PRIMARY
DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY

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

D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 36 A-20's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 12

E. BOMBING BY 6's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 6, 6

F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED 48 x 500 GP FUSING 1/100 SE 1/100 TAIL
FUSING NOSE TAIL

G. HEADING OF A/C WHERE BOMBS DROPPED 75 DEGREES MAG.

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED 1613

I. ACTIVITY AT TARGET:

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

BOX I - Did not bomb.

BOX II - 1st 6 - Did not bomb.

BOX III - 2nd 6 - POOR: Bombed second. Bombs hit in fields and across roads 1800 ft. northeast of DMPI. Bombs fell into smoke of 3rd 6.

3rd 6 - POOR: Bombed first. Bombs hit in fields and across roads 1900 ft. northeast of DMPI.

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

416TH GROUP BOMBARDIER'S
GROSS FIGHT REPORT

MISSION TO: BREIT STRONGPOINT
DATE: 3 SEPTEMBER 1944
BOMBING BY: FLIGHTS OF SIX

BOX I: DID NOT BOMB. CLOUD COVER OVER TARGET PREVENTED PICKING UP TARGET IN TIME TO MAKE BOMB RUN.

BOX II 1ST SIX. DID NOT BOMB. CLOUD COVER OVER TARGET PREVENTED PICKING UP TARGET IN TIME TO MAKE BOMB RUN.

2ND SIX. POOR SHORT BOMB RUN DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

3RD SIX. POOR SHORT BOMB RUN DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

WILLIAM M. LYTLE,
1ST LT., AIR CORPS,
GROUP BOMBARDIER.

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 527BOX 2, 212 3 GROUP 418 DATE 3 Sept 44 TARGET ATTACKED Brest Strongpoint1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 75°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO X4. Did entire (box) (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

Pre-set with corrections. Aimed at briefed Aiming Point.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. Barton6. Name of lead Pilot: Lt. Adams7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed 200 Ground Speed: 265 Altitude: 113009. Length of bomb run: 20 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/100 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 24

12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES X NO . If "YES" state conditions and effect.

Cloud cover over target area. Made very short run.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES NO X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent did flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

Because of cloud cover in target area a very short run was made.

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

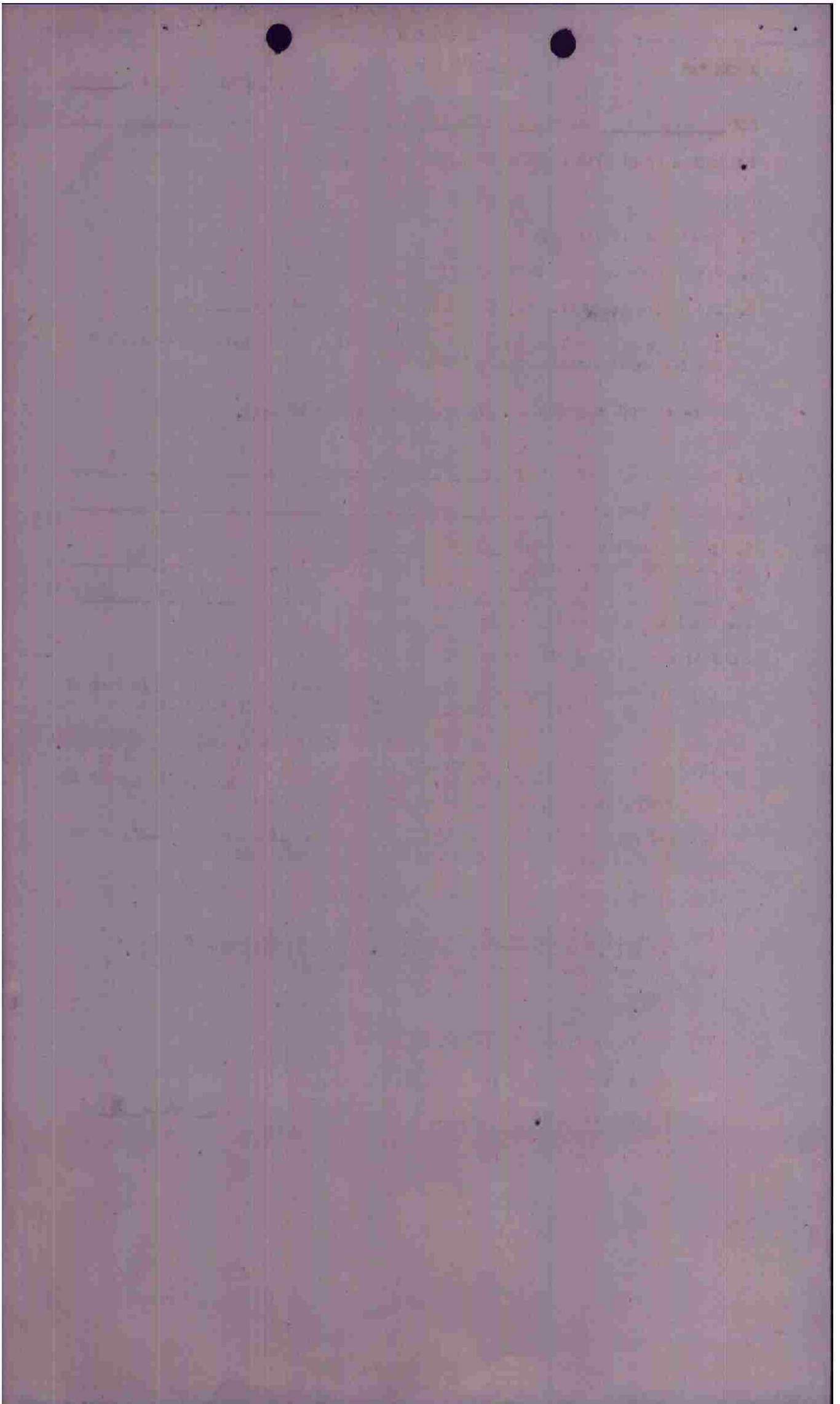
None.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO

Results claimed: EXCEL GOOD FAIR POOR X GROSS

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 427BOX 2, 114 3 GROUP 410 DATE 3 Sept 44 TARGET ATTACKED Great Strongpoint1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.2. Bombing approach: 25°3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO X4. Did entire (box) (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

Pre-set with corrections. Aimed at briefed Aiming Point.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. Earlen6. Name of lead Pilot: Lt. Adams7. Intervalometer setting: None8. Indicated Air Speed 300 Ground Speed: 265 Altitude: 113009. Length of bomb run. 20 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 x 500 lb. FUSED 1/10 N 1/100 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 24

12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES X NO . If "YES" state conditions and effect.

Cloud cover over target area. Made very short run.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES NO X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

Because of cloud cover in target area a very short run was made.

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

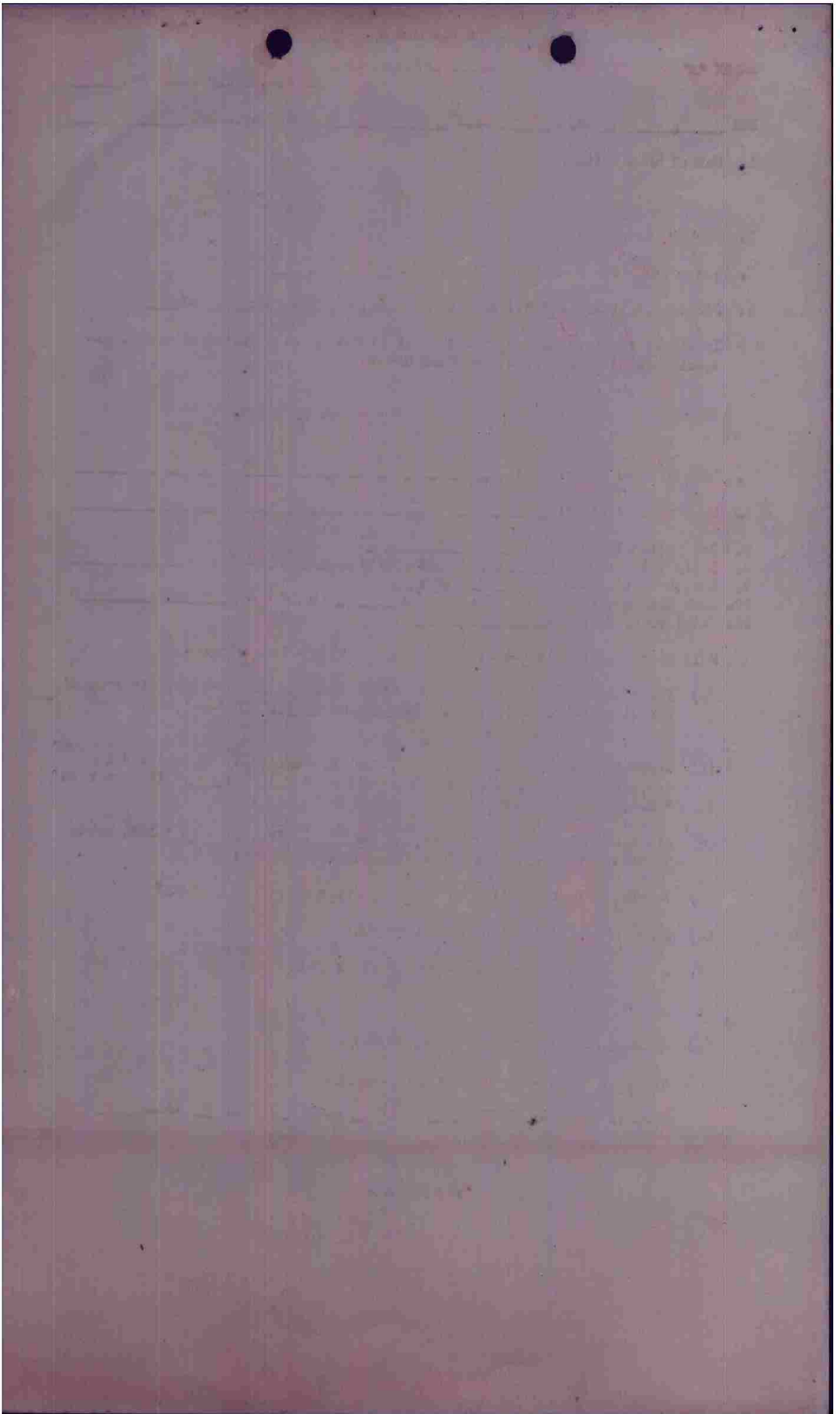
None.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO

Results claimed: EXCEL GOOD FAIR POOR X CROSS

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FROM: COBOMGR 416

TO : COMCBTWIG ATT: SIG O

A - YS - 136

B - 5 SEPT 1944

C - 36 A/C

D - 669 - T - VHF RECEIVER WEAK, RETUNED AND CHECKED OKAY.

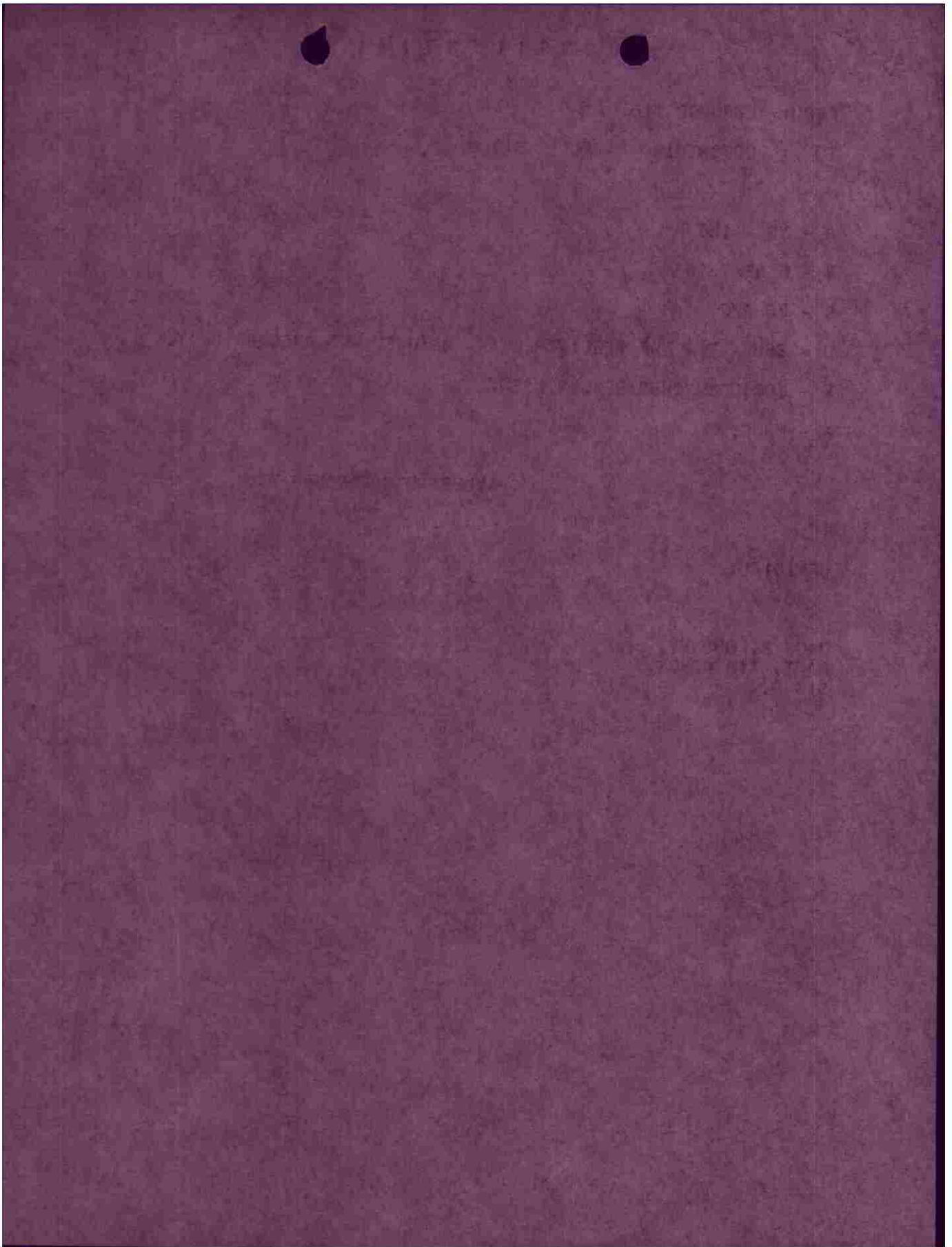
E - LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON USED.

F - NONE.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

OFFICIAL:

JACK B. COONEY,
CAPT, AIR CORPS,
SIG O.



PILOT Withington A/C# 393 BOX 7 FLIGHT 4 ^{Spone} POS

CASUALTIES:

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

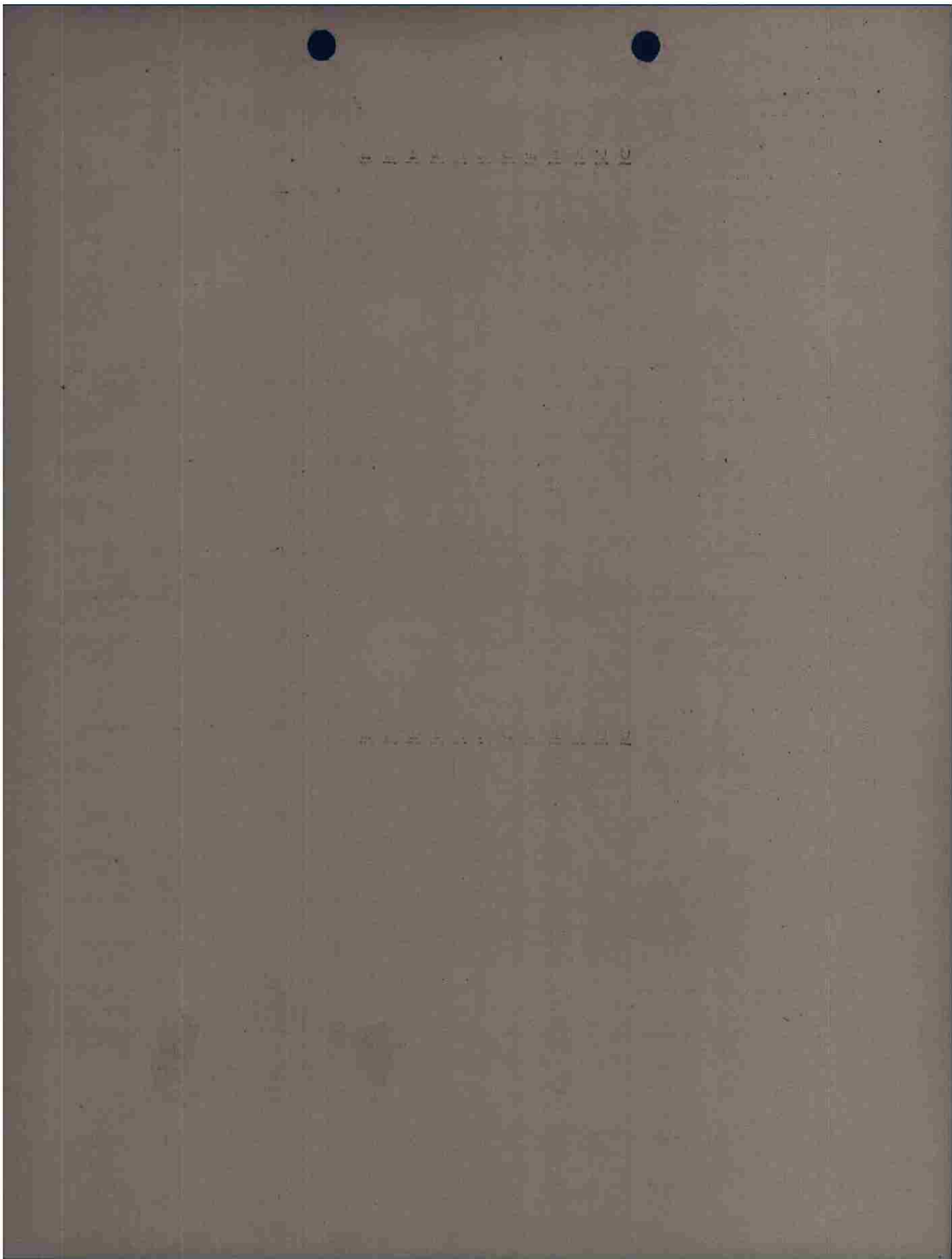
FLAK:

E/A:

OBSERVATIONS:

Returned as tagged

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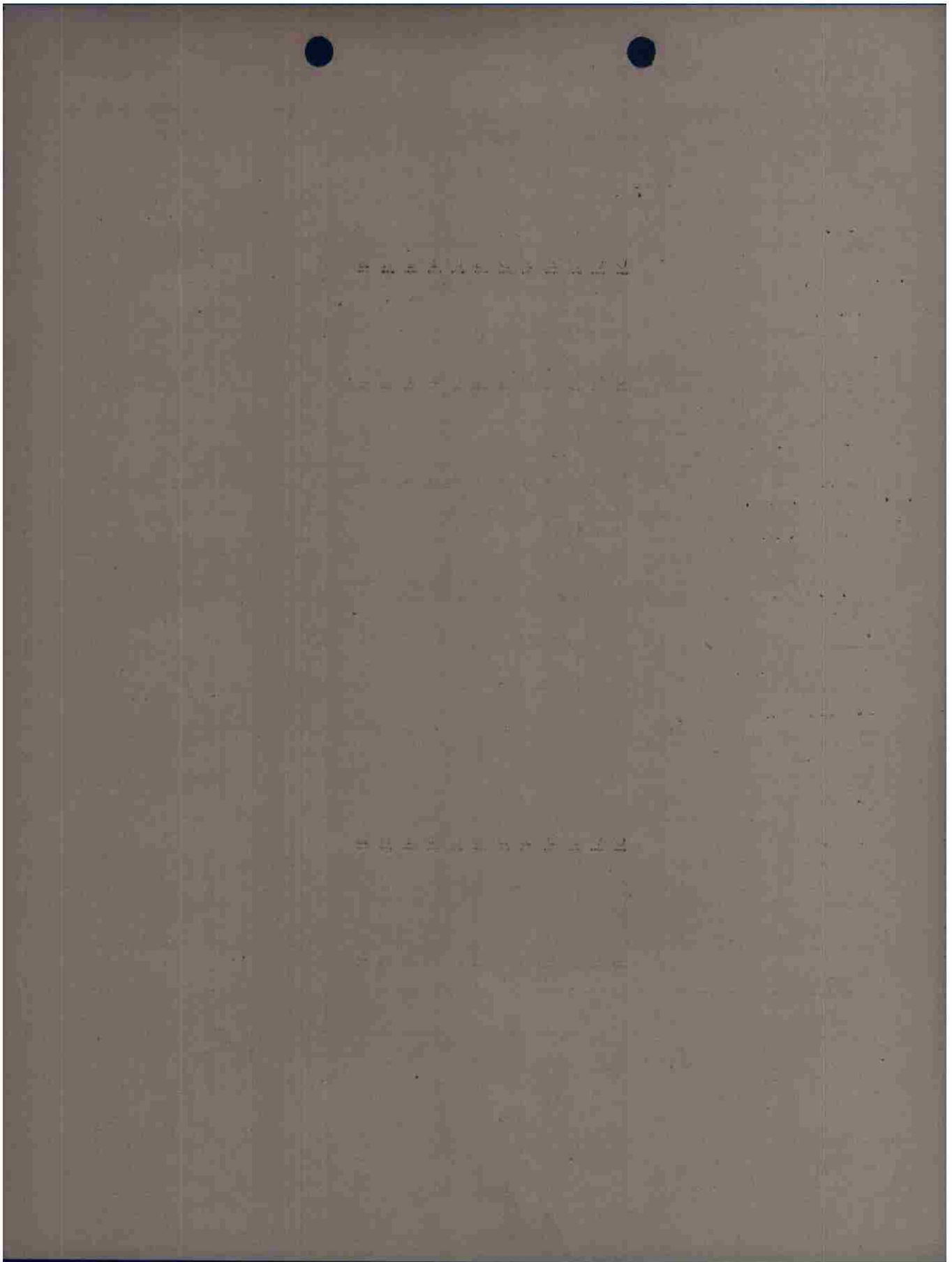


PILOT Warren A/C# 759 BOX 1 FLIGHT #2 POS 6
CASUALTIES: _____
BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET 4 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E
FLAK: ✓

E/A: ✓

OBSERVATIONS: 4 fuses -

Shanton
Interrogator



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PILOT Singleton A/C# 689 BOX 1 FLIGHT 11 POS 3

CASUALTIES: _____

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST OT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

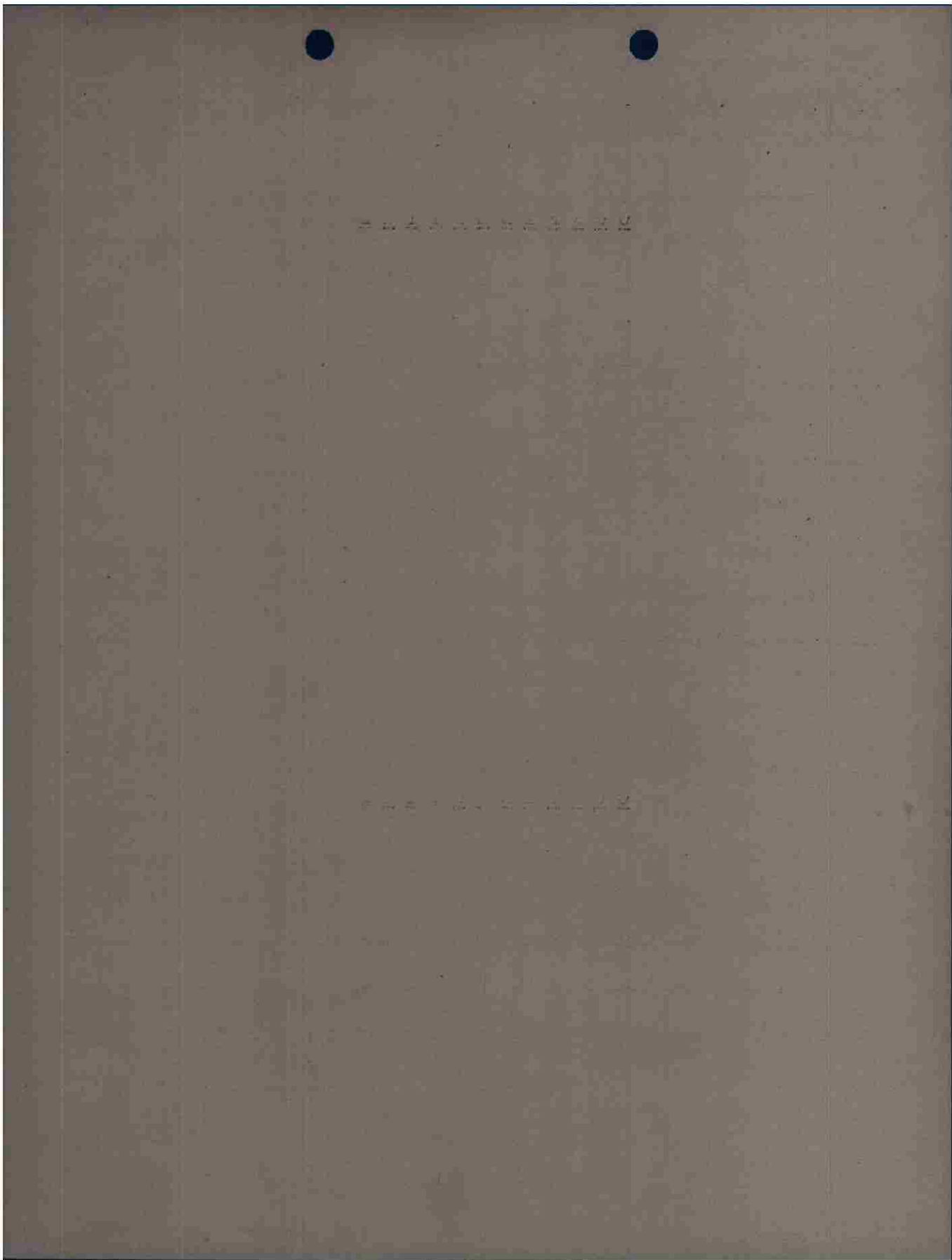
FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

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2
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Interrogator



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 PILOT Merritt A/C# 207 BOX 1 FLIGHT 77 POS 5

CASUALTIES: _____

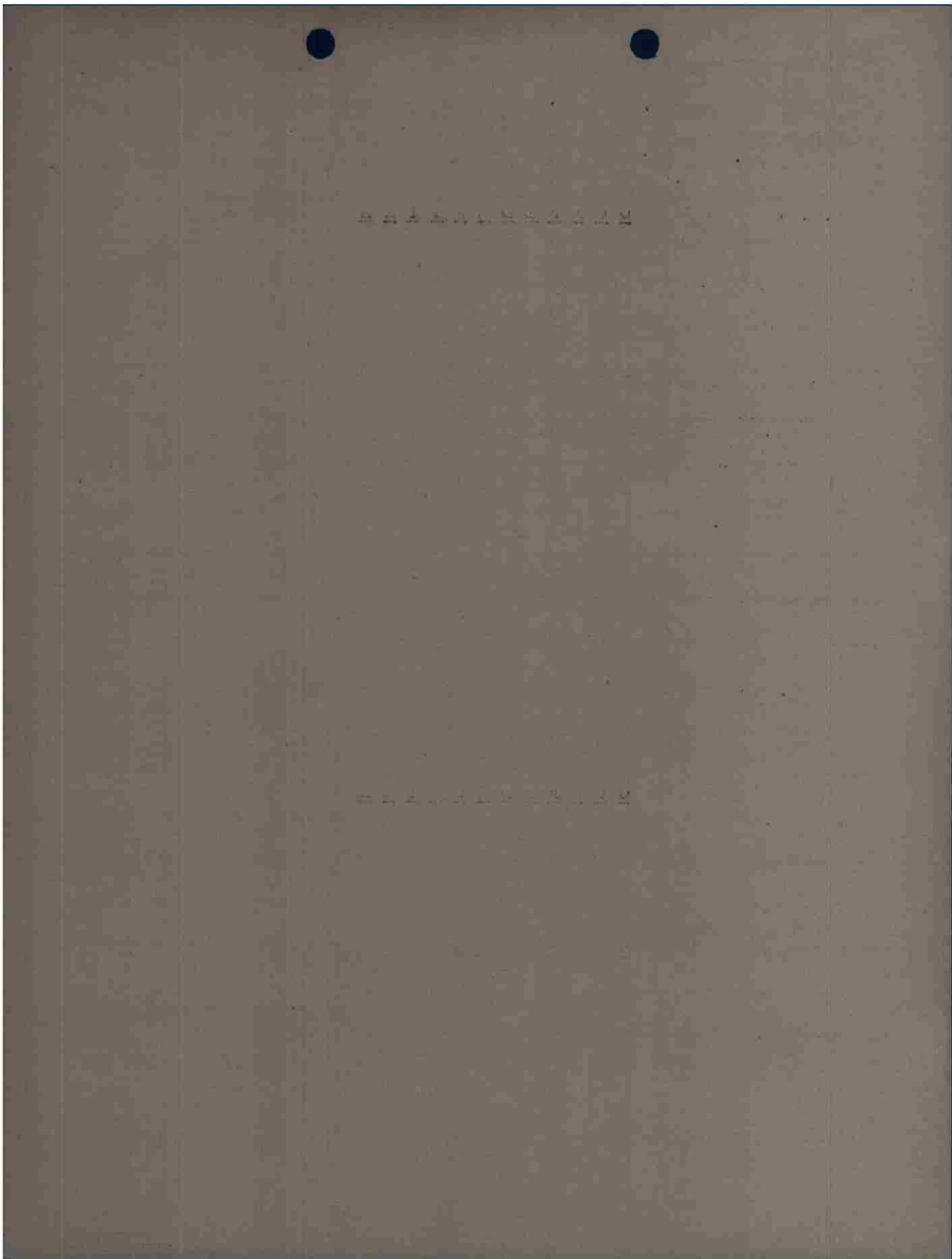
BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLARE: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

Interrogator



PILOT Goodstone A/C# 217 BOX 7 FLIGHT III POS 3

CASUALTIES: _____

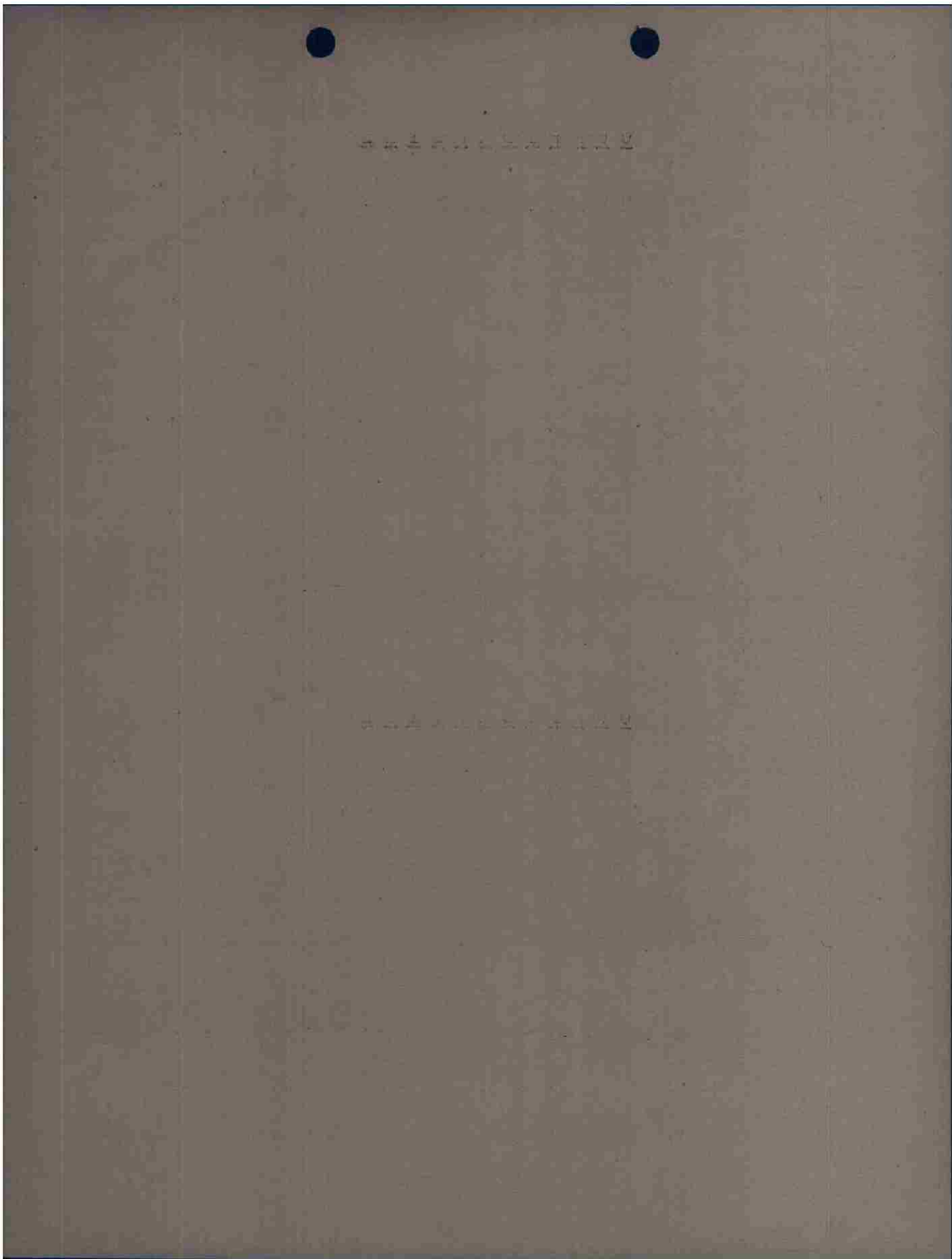
BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

Interrogator



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PILOT Sewell A/C# 211 BOX 1 FLIGHT 77 POS 6

CASUALTIES: _____

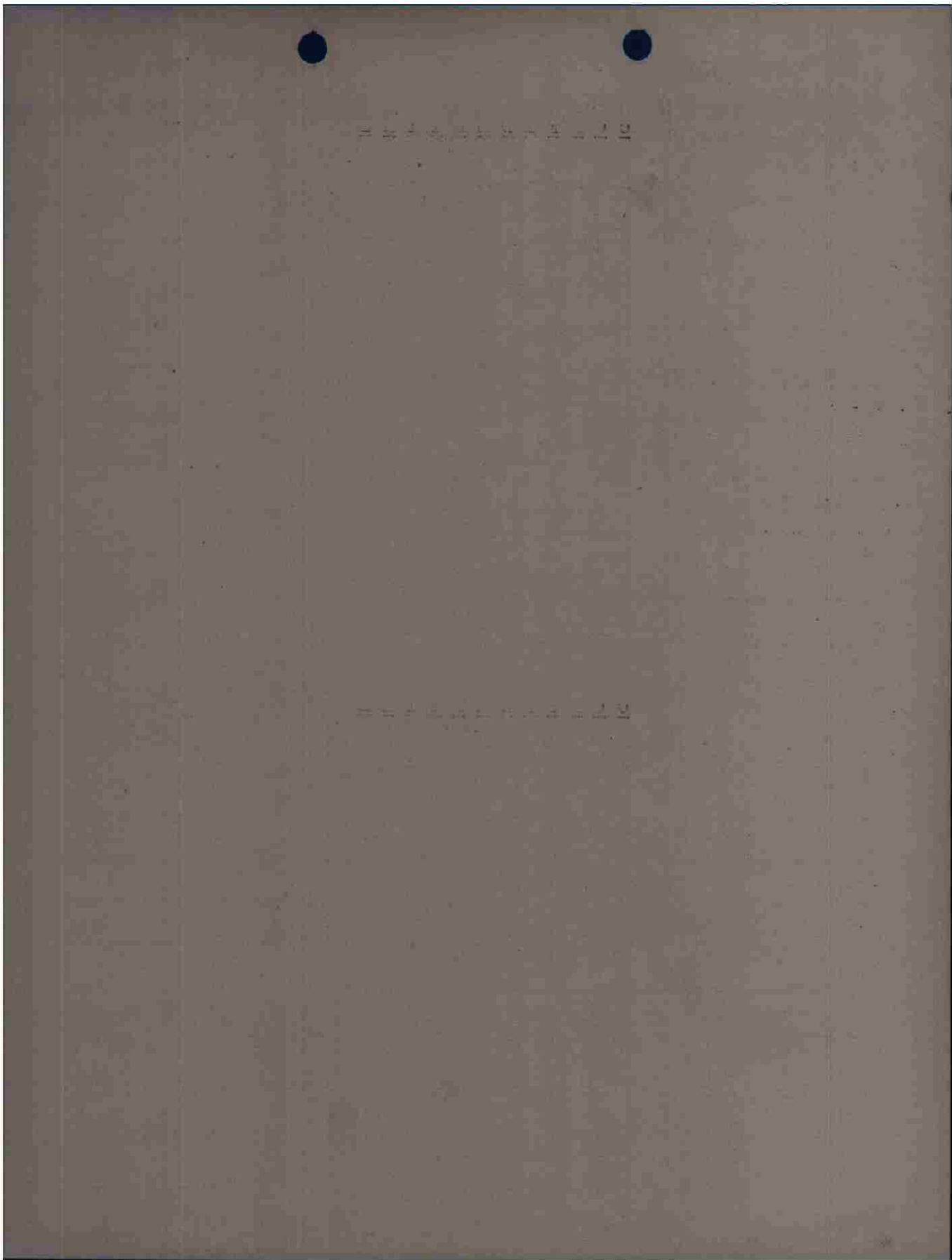
BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET 7 BATTLE DAMAGE: X A-C E

FLAK: X

E/A: X

OBSERVATIONS: X

Sampson
Interrogator



PILOT Stanley A/C# 160 BOX 7 FLIGHT I POS 5
 CASUALTIES: _____
 BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST OT JET RET 4 BATTLE DAMAGE: X A A-C E
 FLAK: X

E/A: X

OBSERVATIONS: In Nasp area - west of marshall area,
there are fires.

Other flights bombs hit to North of
target.

Simpson
 Interrogator

6
7
8
WTC
FC
A
B
A
A
A
C
A
C

PILOT Harold A/C# 452 BOX 7 FLIGHT III POS 1
 CASUALTIES: Adapt Bomb -
 BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E
 FLAK: X

E/A: X

OBSERVATIONS: Clouds Covered Target -

Bailey
 Interrogator

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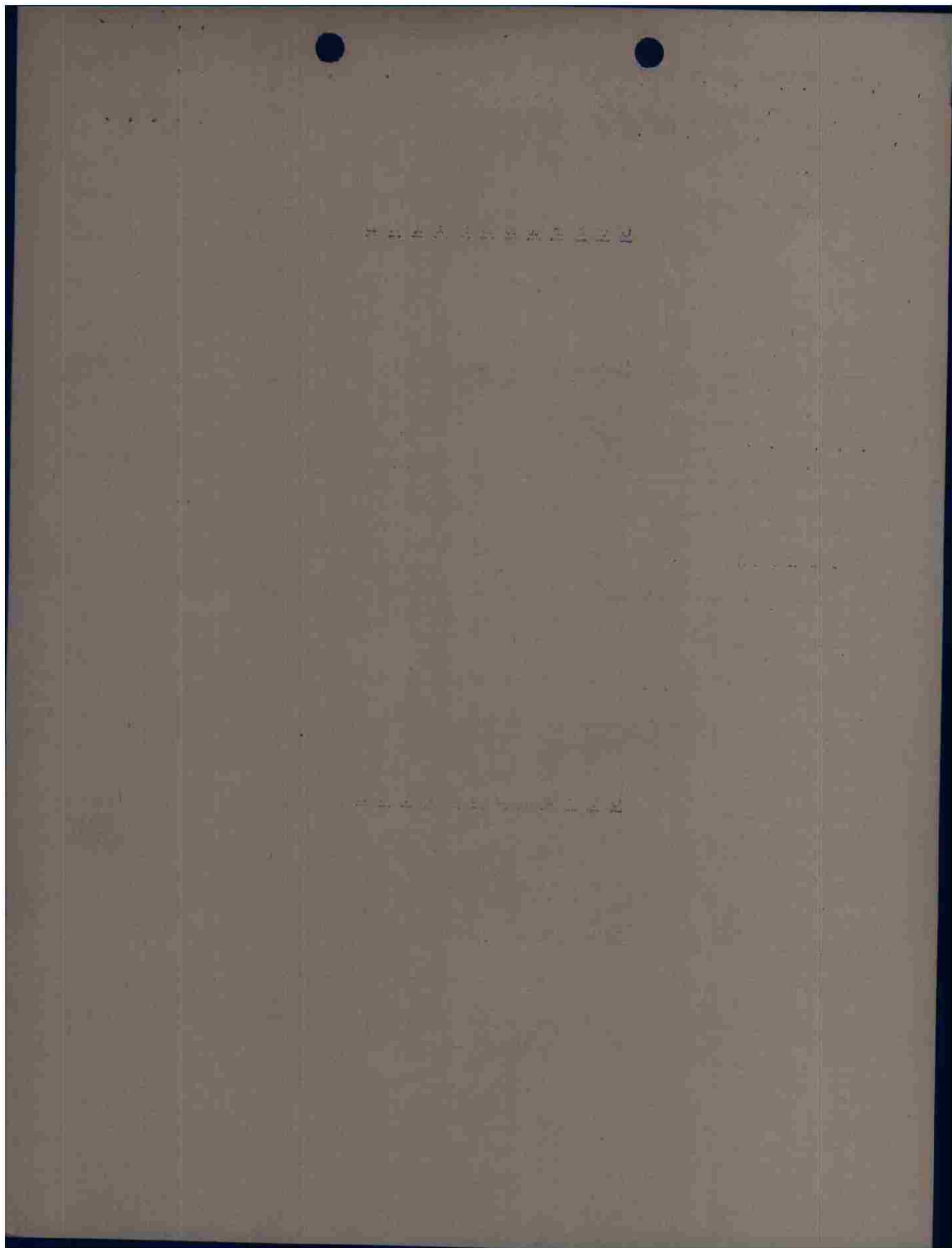
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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PILOT Miracle A/C# 210 BOX FLIGHT I POS 4
CASUALTIES: No Bombing
BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E
FLAK:

E/A: OBSERVATIONS: Bailey
Interrogator



C O N F I D E N T I A L Interrog. Form

PILOT Brice A/C# 444 BOX 7 FLIGHT 7 POS 1

CASUALTIES: Did Not Bomb

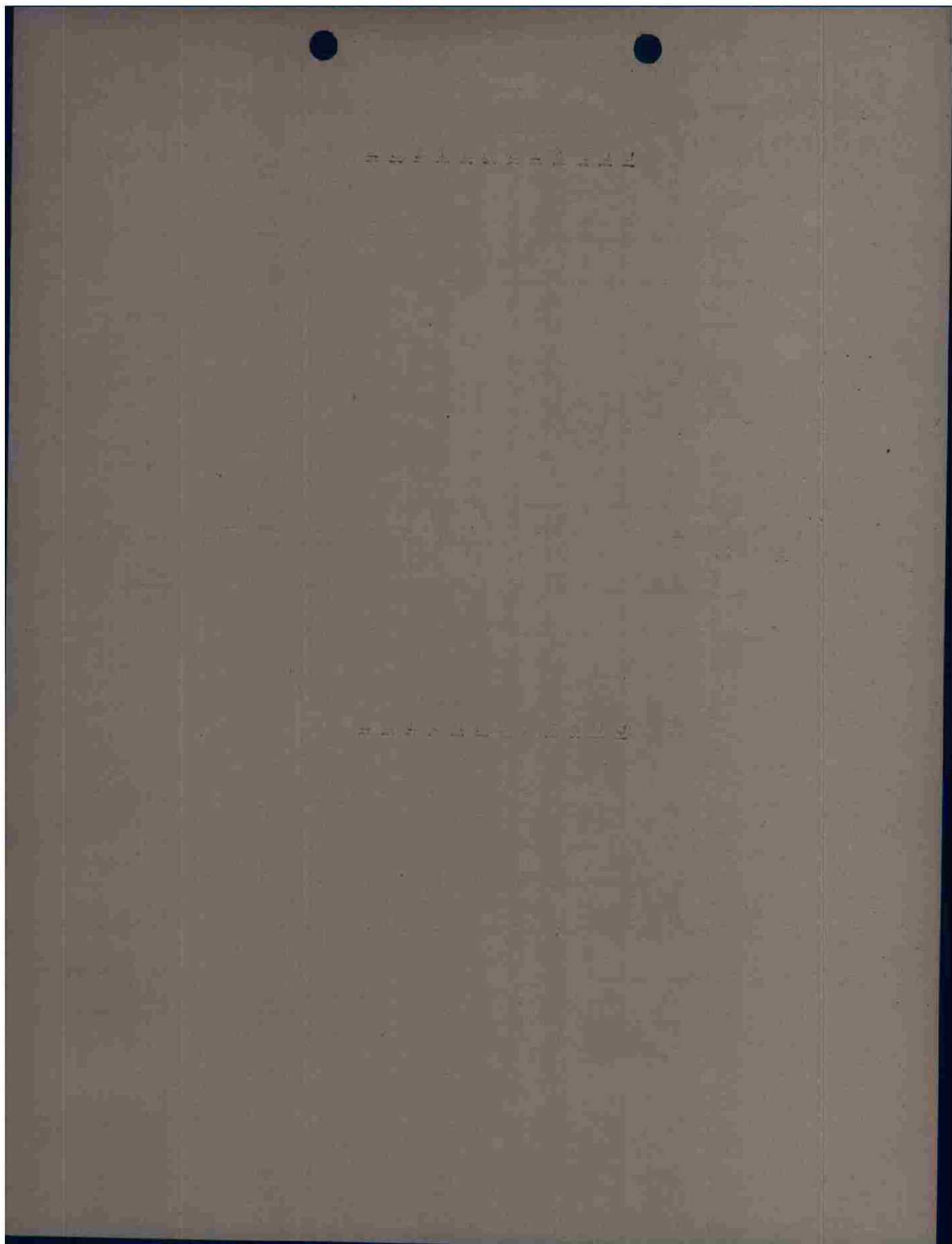
BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: Target Covered By Clouds -

Bailey
Interrogator



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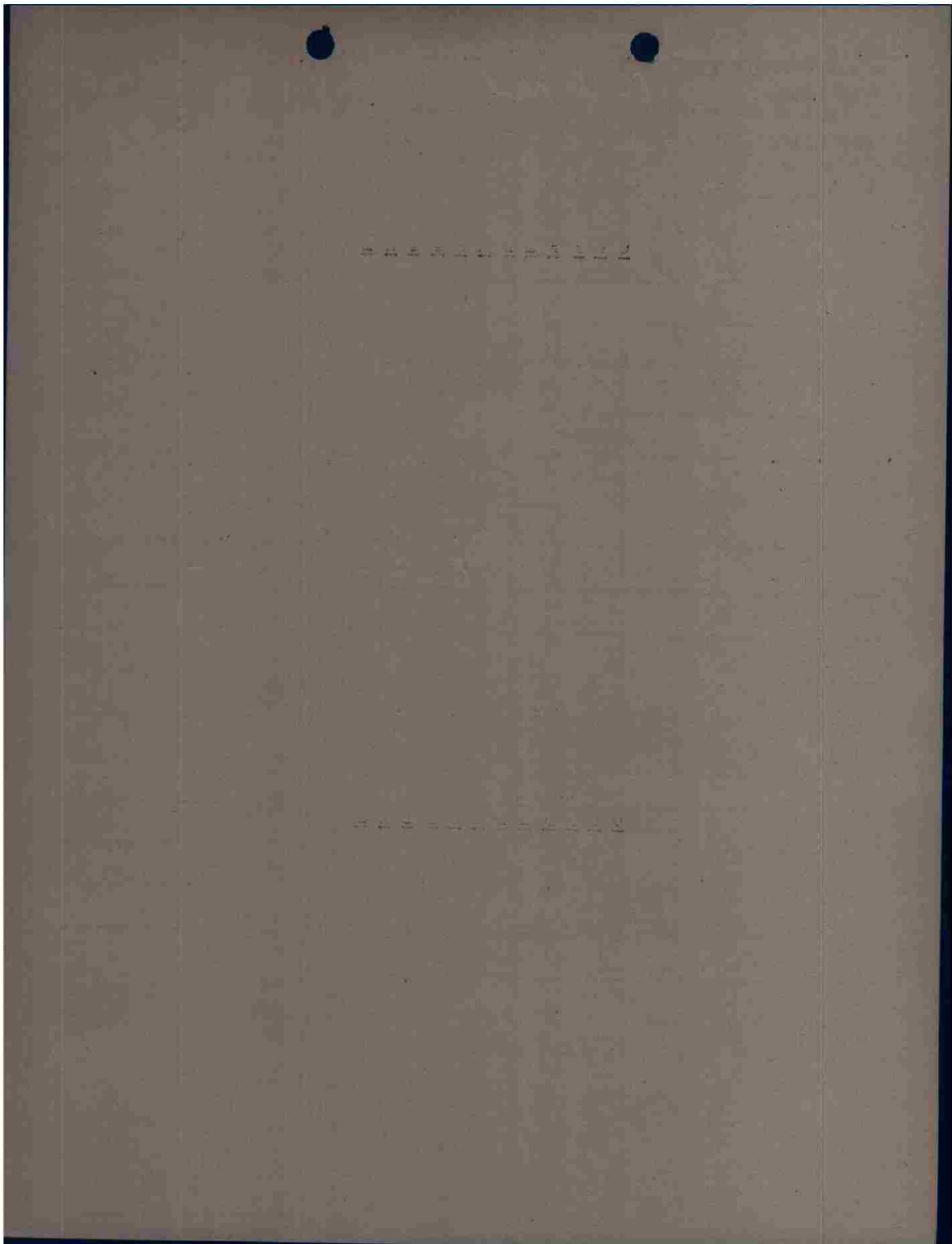
PILOT McCreedy A/C# 194 ECM 7 FLIGHT I POS 6
CASUALTIES: Did Not Bomb
BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JST RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E
FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

Traffic on Rd to East of Brest -

Bach
Interrogator



CASUALTIES: Did Not Bomb

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK: _____

E/A:

OBSERVATIONS: _____

IONS: Sic Flight Dropped Two Bombs in water

Bailey

Interrogator

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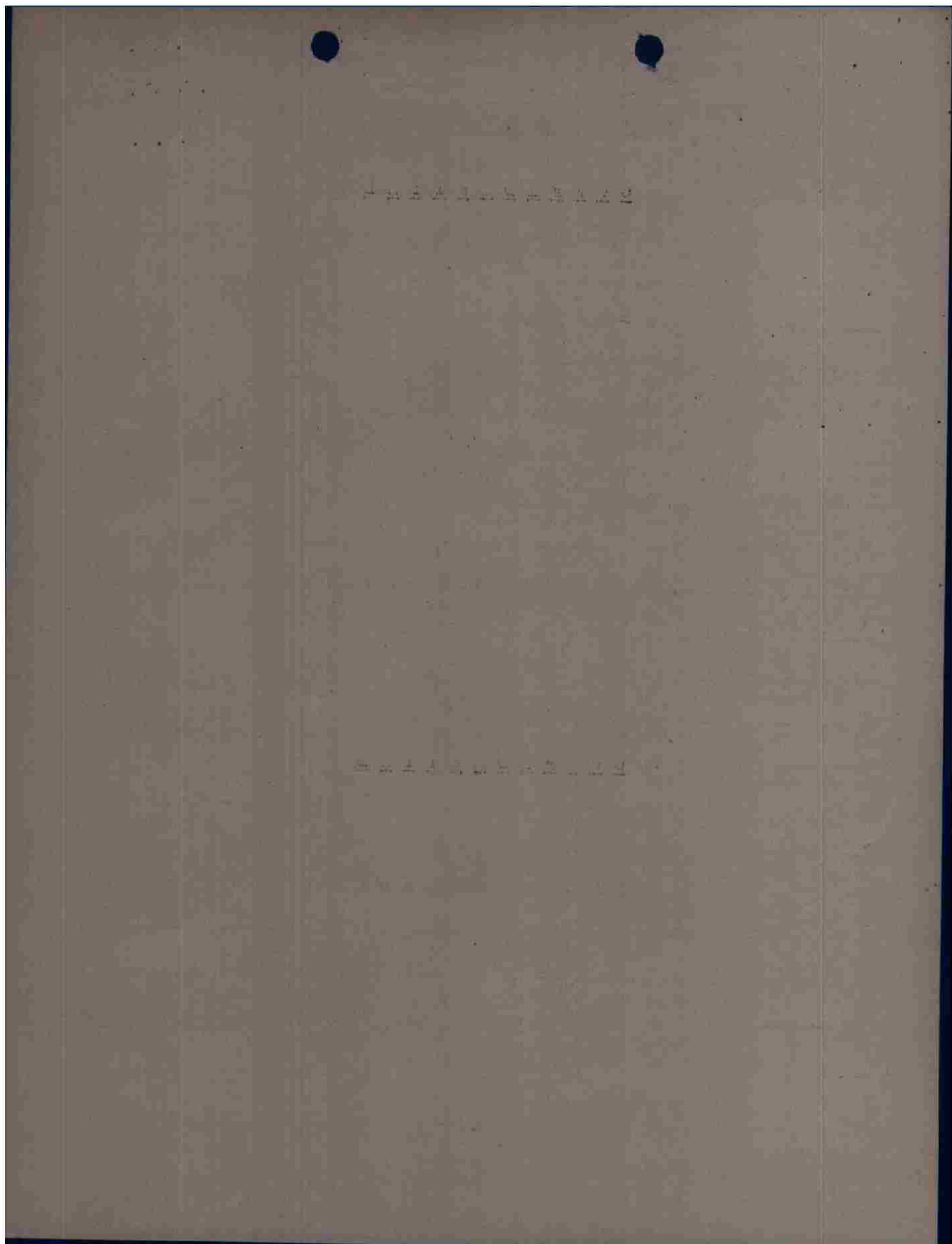
PILOT Harris A/C# 268 BOX 7 FLIGHT I POS 3
CASUALTIES: Did Not Bomb
BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E
FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

Bailey

Interrogator



PILOT McGlohn A/C# 134 BOX 7 FLIGHT 77 PCS 4
 CASUALTIES: _____
 BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET 7 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E
 FLAK: _____

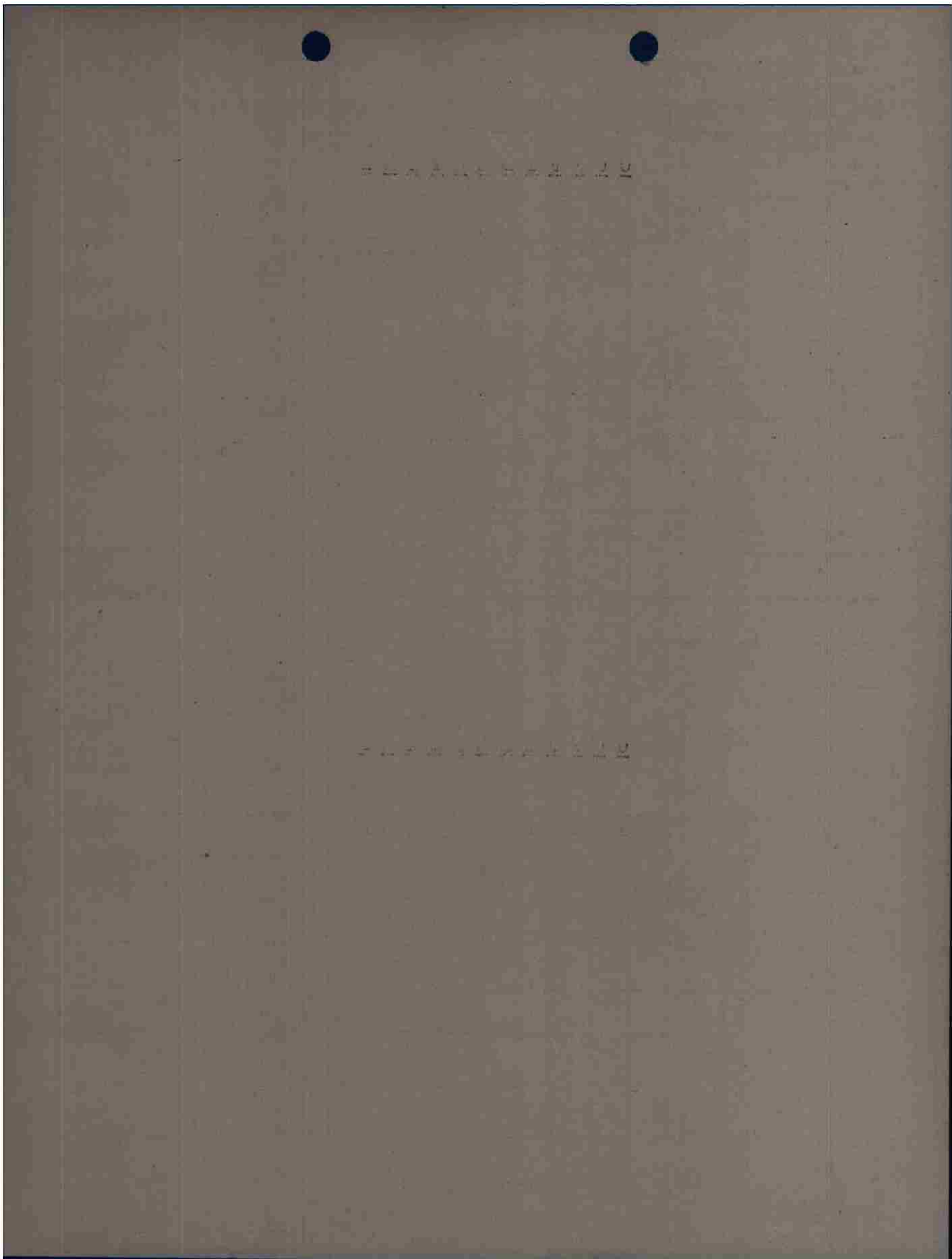
E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

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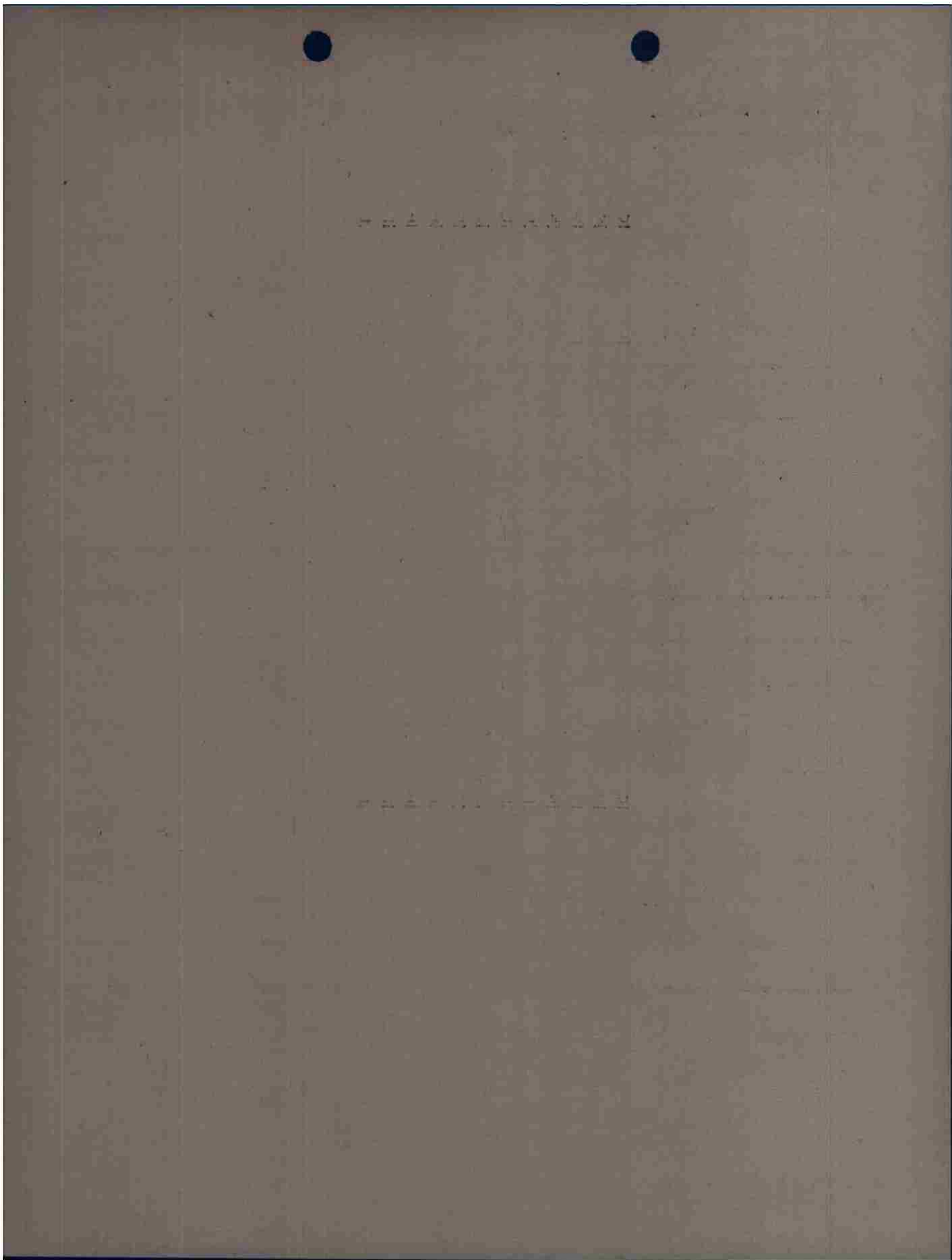


PILOT Shea A/C# 063 BOX 7 FLIGHT # POS 2
 CASUALTIES: _____
 BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET ART 7 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E
 FLAK: X

E/A: X

OBSERVATIONS: X

Sampson
 Interrogator



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PILOT Baranski A/C# 810 BOX 1 FLIGHT III POS 5

CASUALTIES: _____

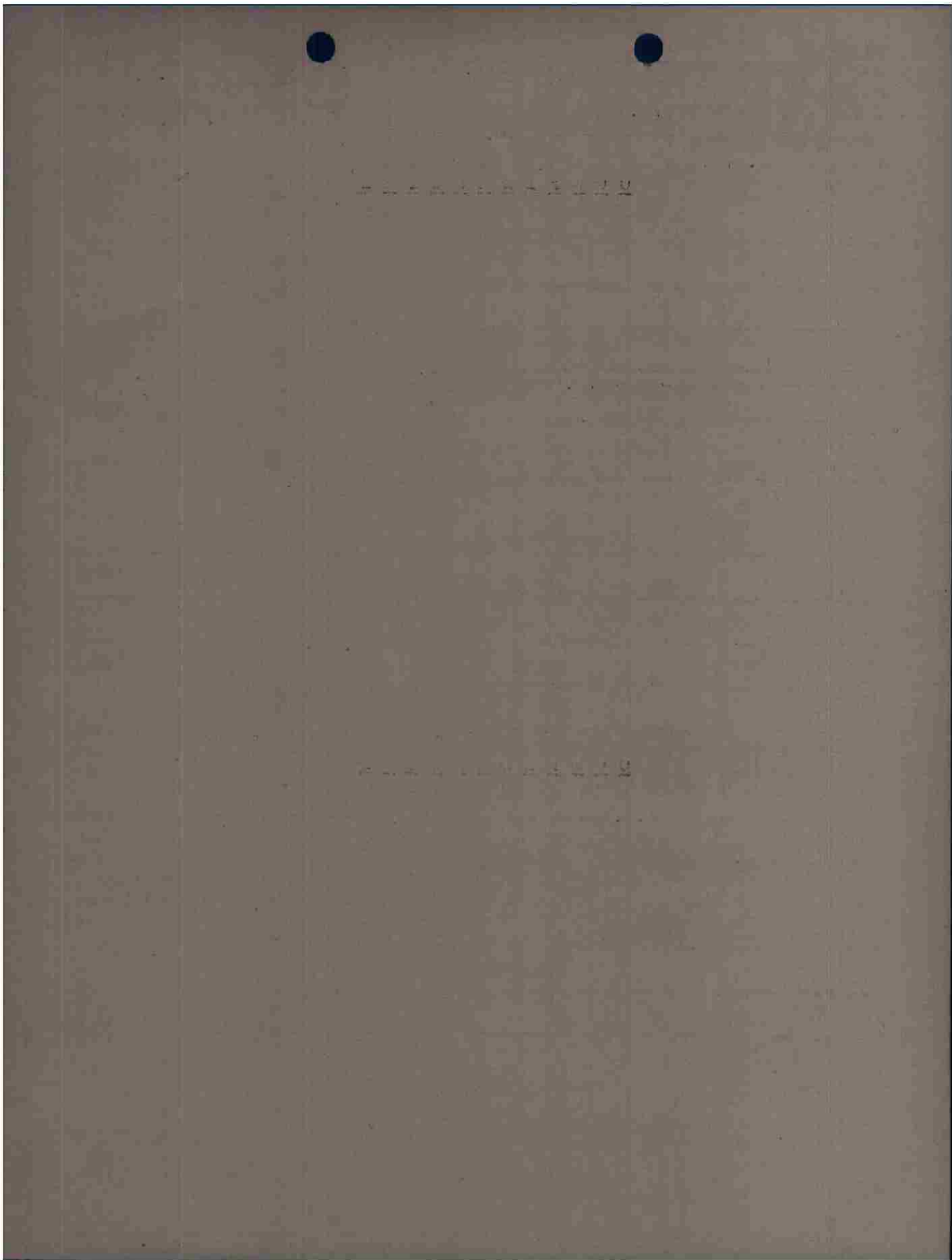
BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET 4 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

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Interrogator

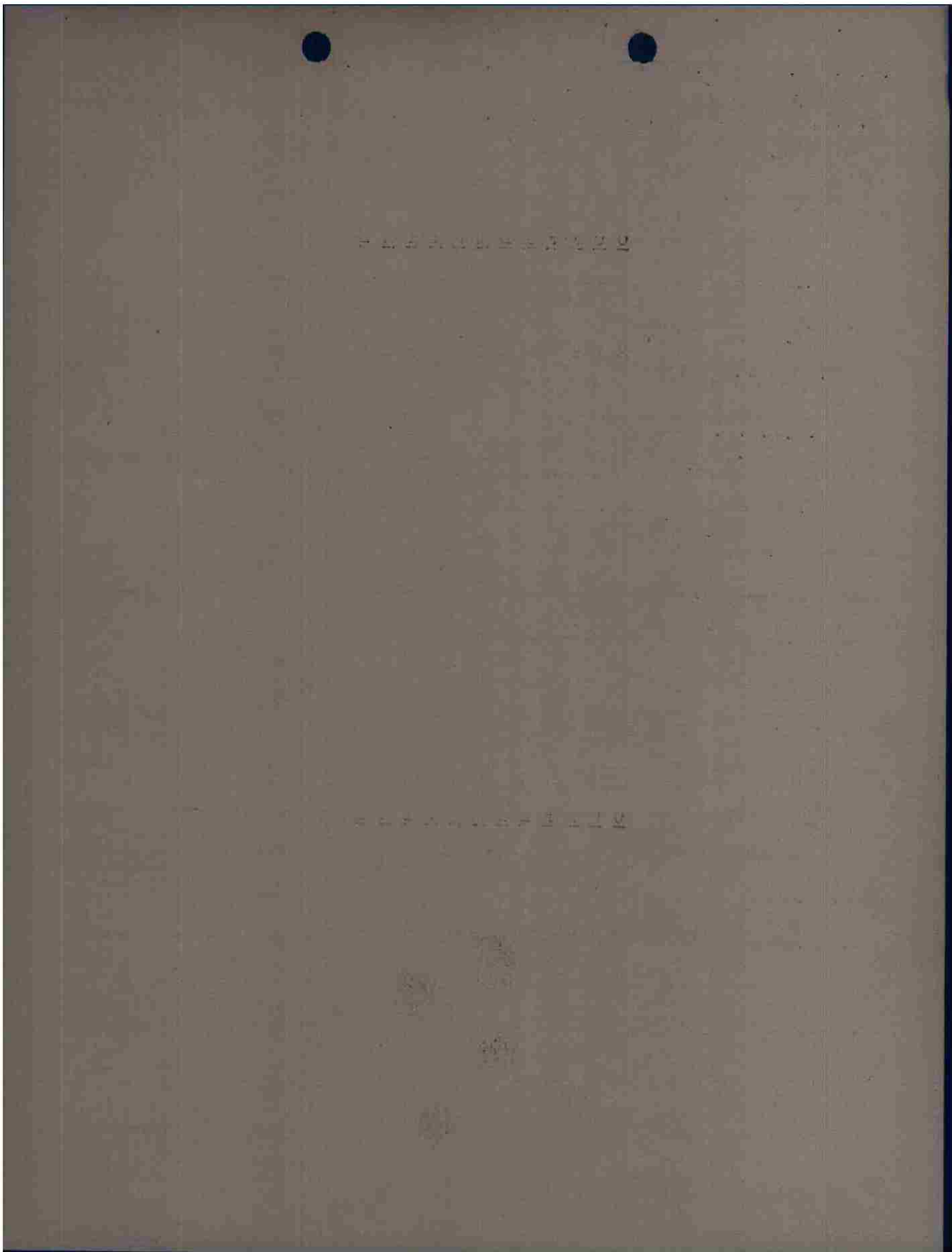


PILOT Hillerman A/C# 380 BOX 7 FLIGHT 7 POS 4
 CASUALTIES: _____
 BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RED 4 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E
 FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

H. J. P. Jr.
 Interrogator

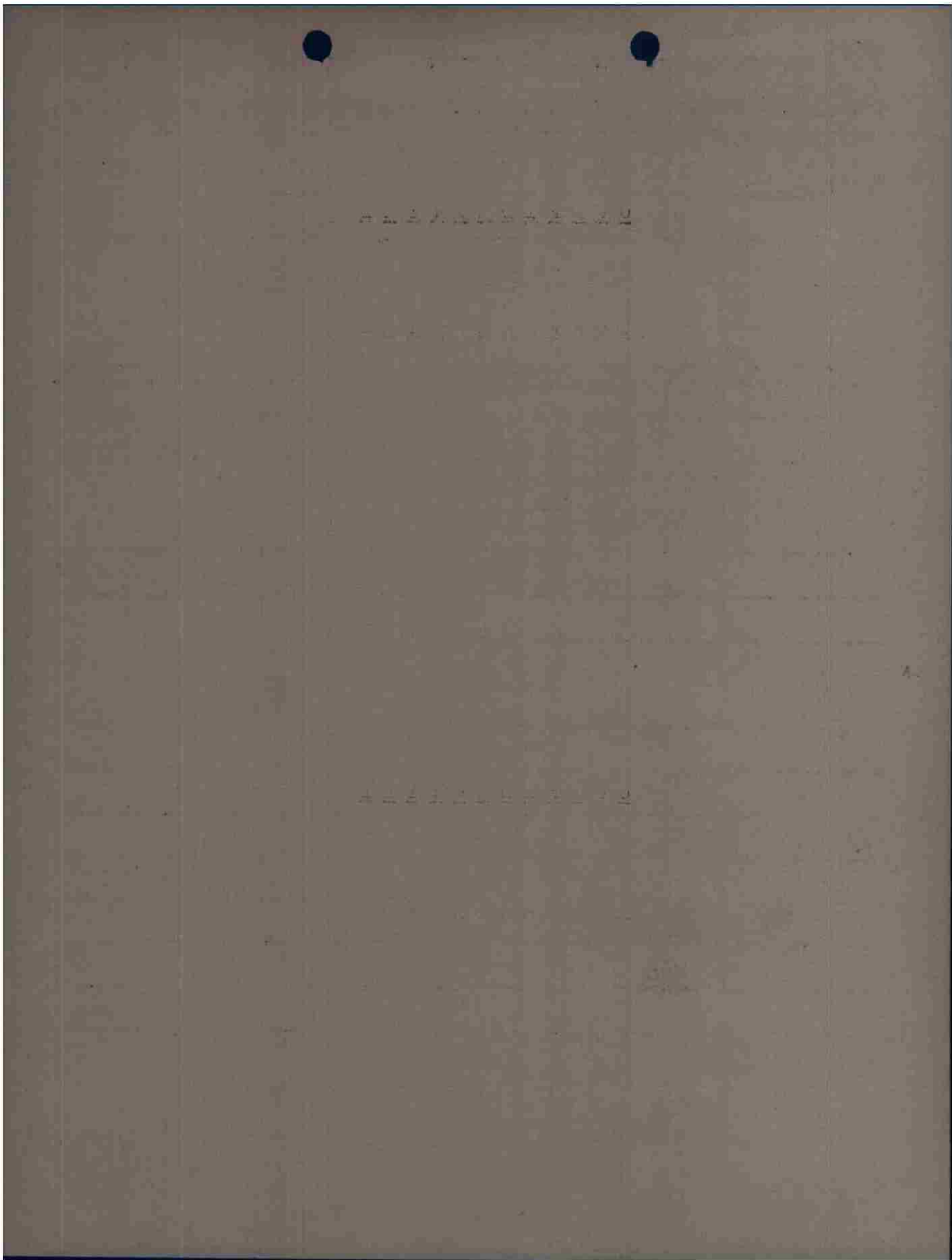


PILOT Monroe A/C# 462 BOX 7 FLIGHT II PCS 1
 CASUALTIES: _____
 BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST OT JET RET 4 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E
 FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

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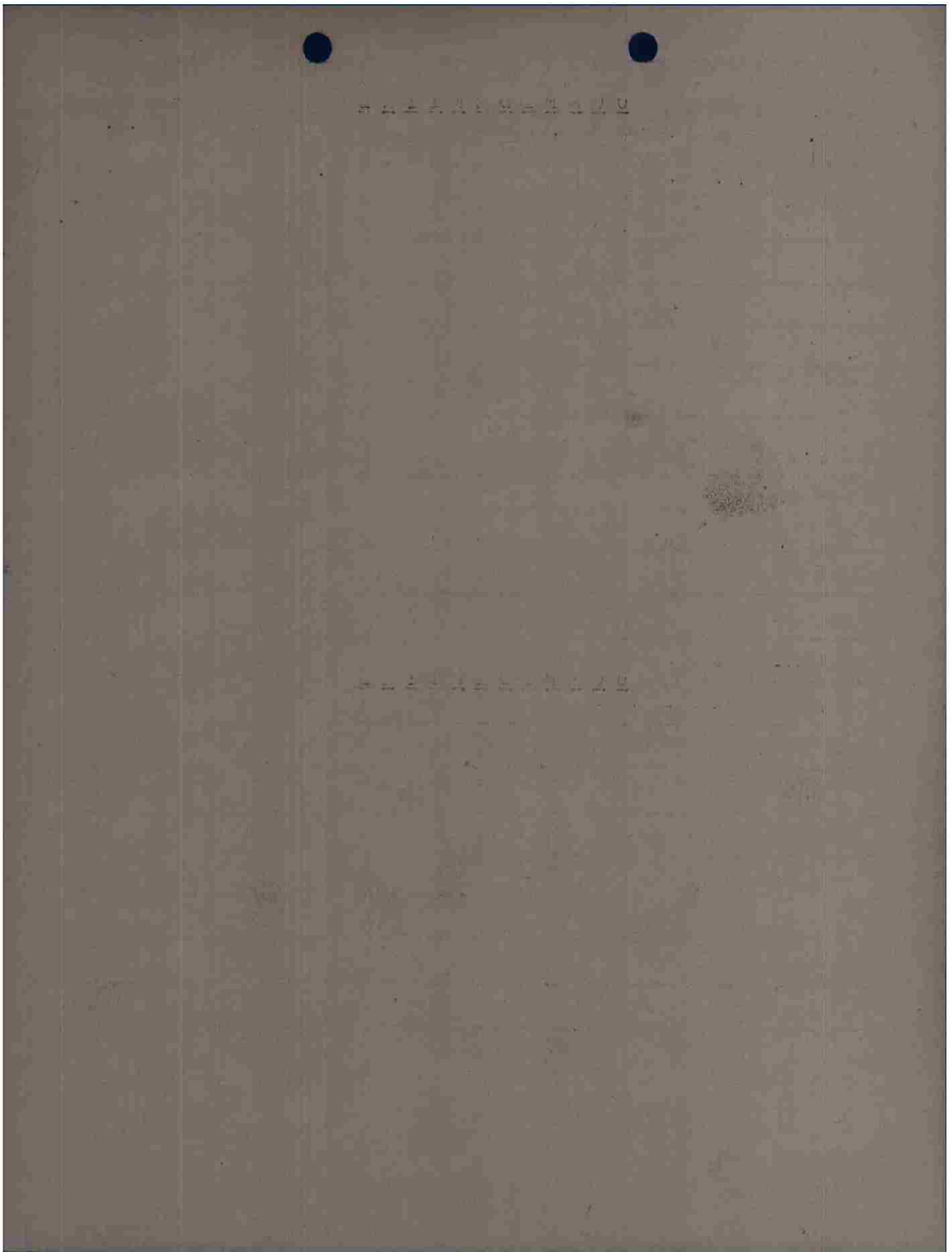


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PILOT athinson A/C# 439 BOX Z FLIGHT III POS 2
CASUALTIES: _____
BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST OT JET RET 4 BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E
FLAK: X

E/A: X

OBSERVATIONS: X

Sampson
Interrogator



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INTELL. FORM

PILOT DeMand A/C# 065 BOX 1 FLIGHT III POS 2

CASUALTIES: _____

BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

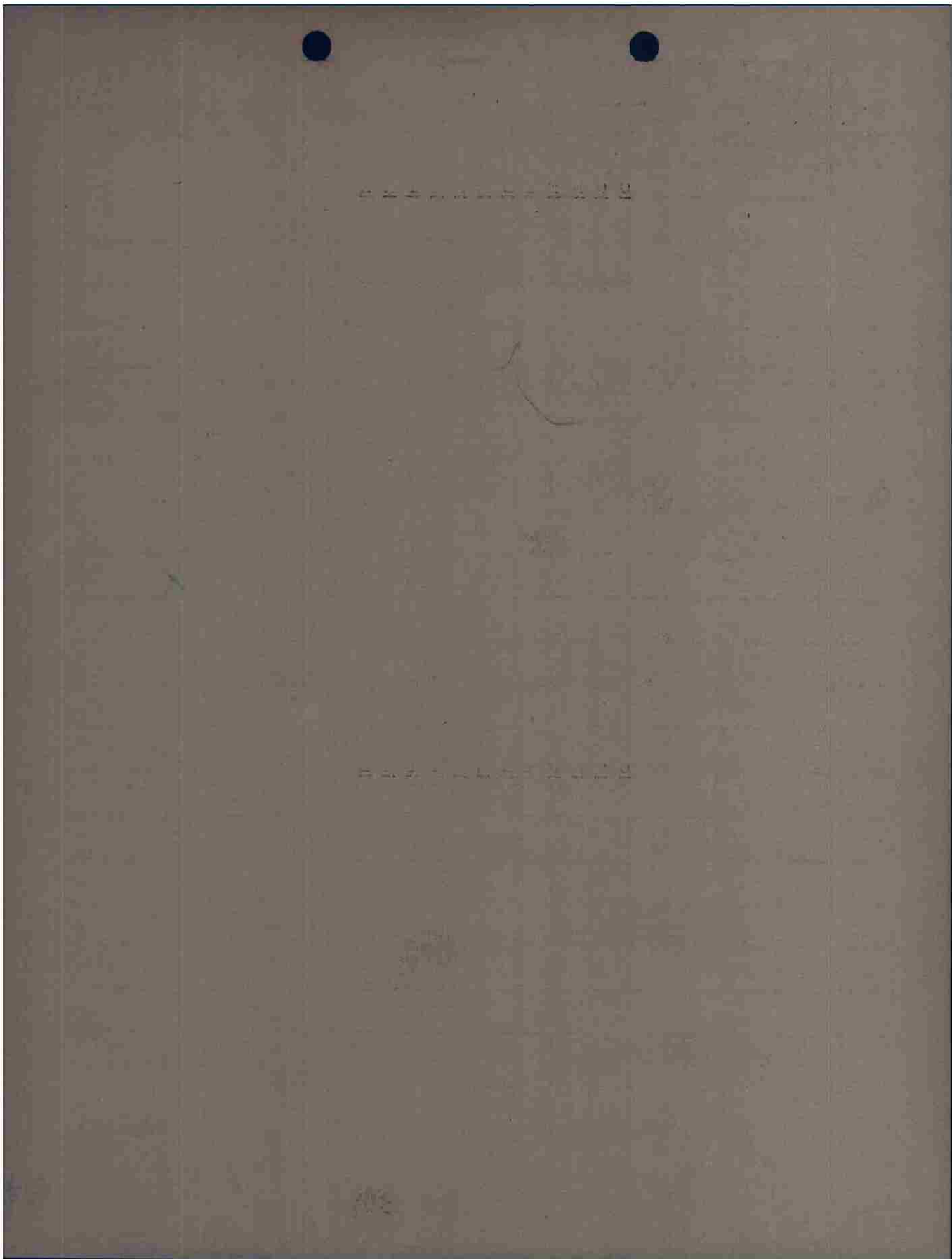
OBSERVATIONS: good 700 ft. long at 11°

11,300

1612

Bottom down

Hoppe
Interrogator



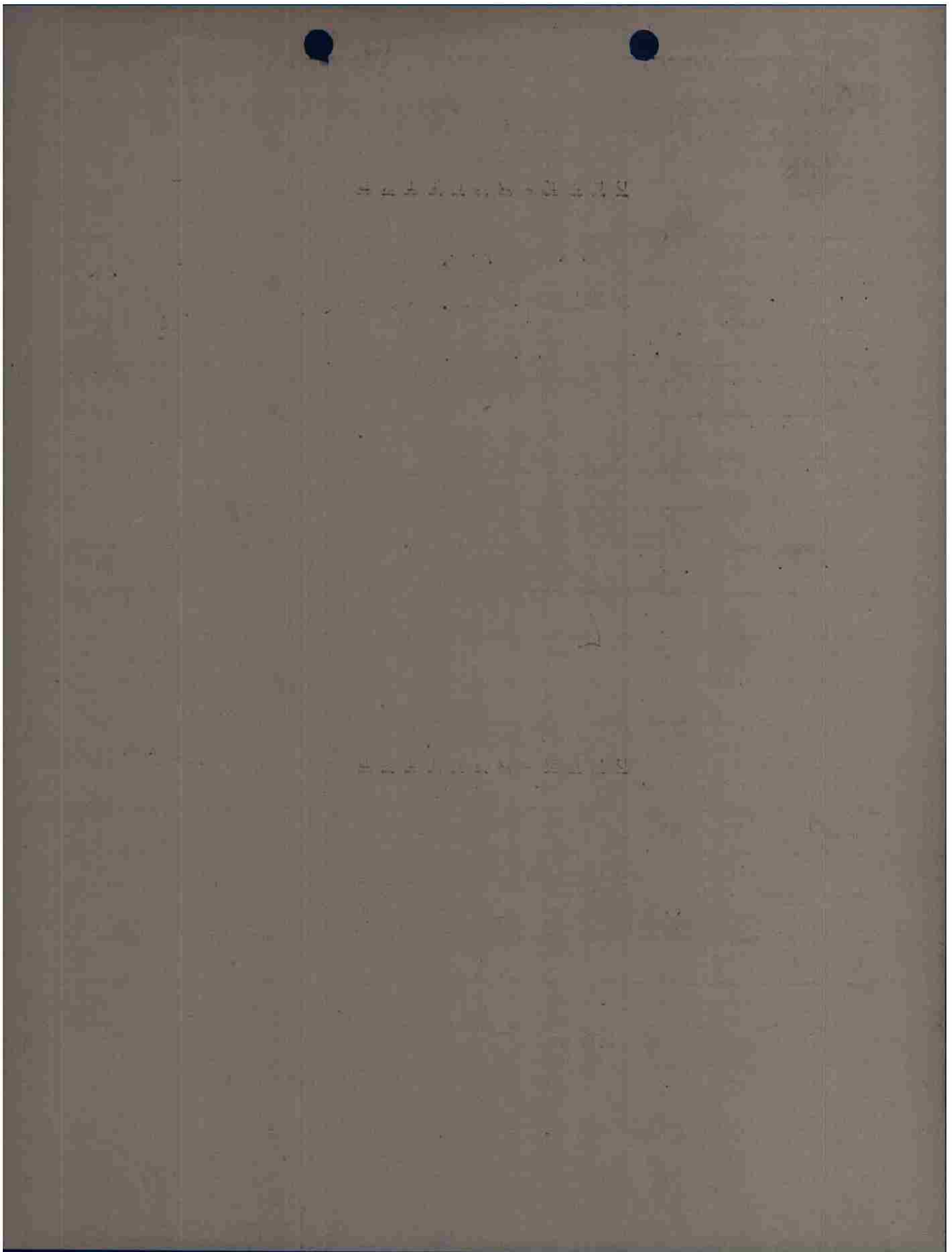
PILOT Greenley A/C# 914 BOX 1 FLIGHT 11 POS 2
CASUALTIES: _____
BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E
FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____
Over - by four hundred feet -

Bailey

Interrogator



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PILOT Andrews A/C# 219 BOX 7 FLIGHT III POS 6

CASUALTIES: _____

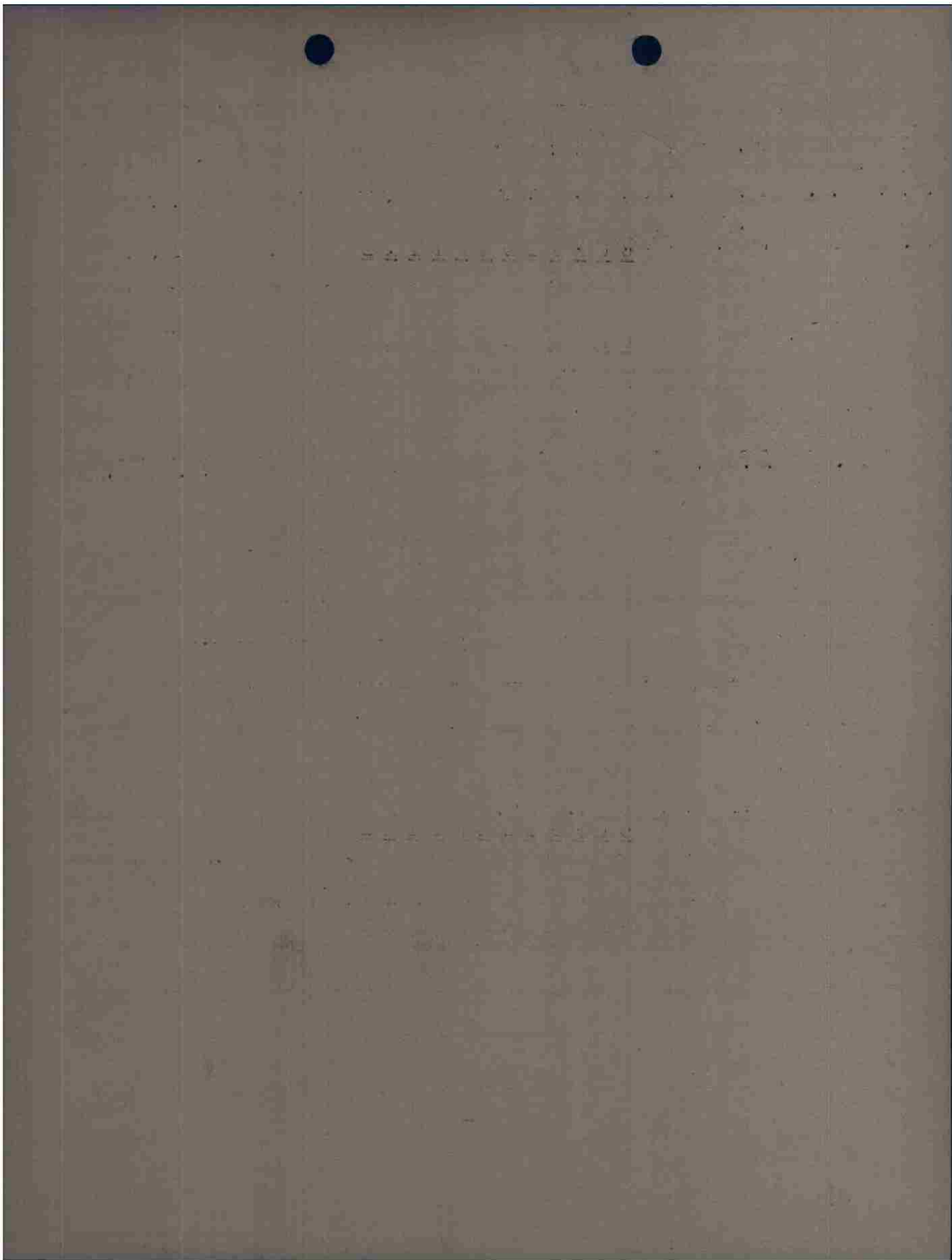
BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs in open fields

Bailey
Interrogator



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PILOT McNulty A/C# 125 BOX I FLIGHT 7 POS 1

CASUALTIES: _____

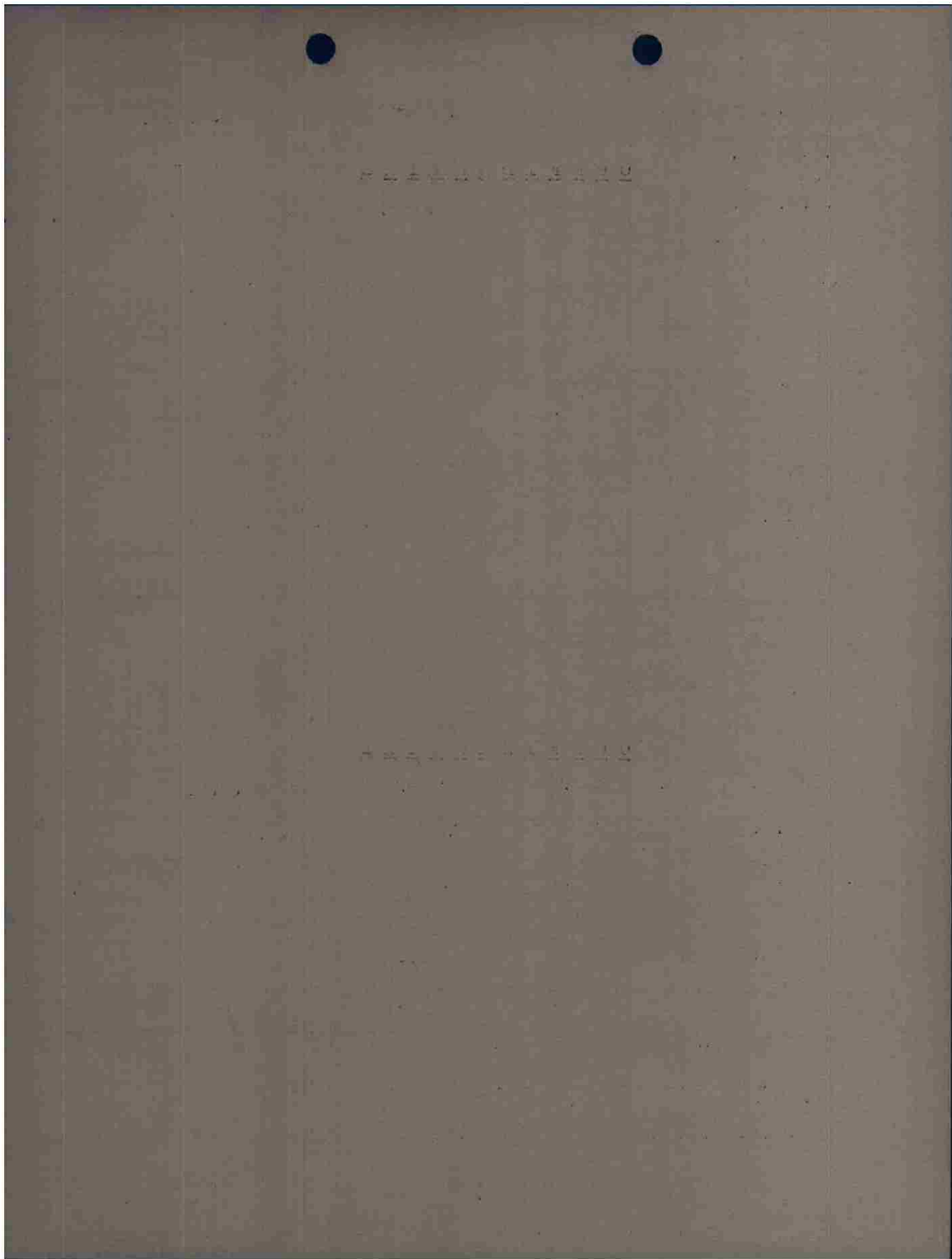
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FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

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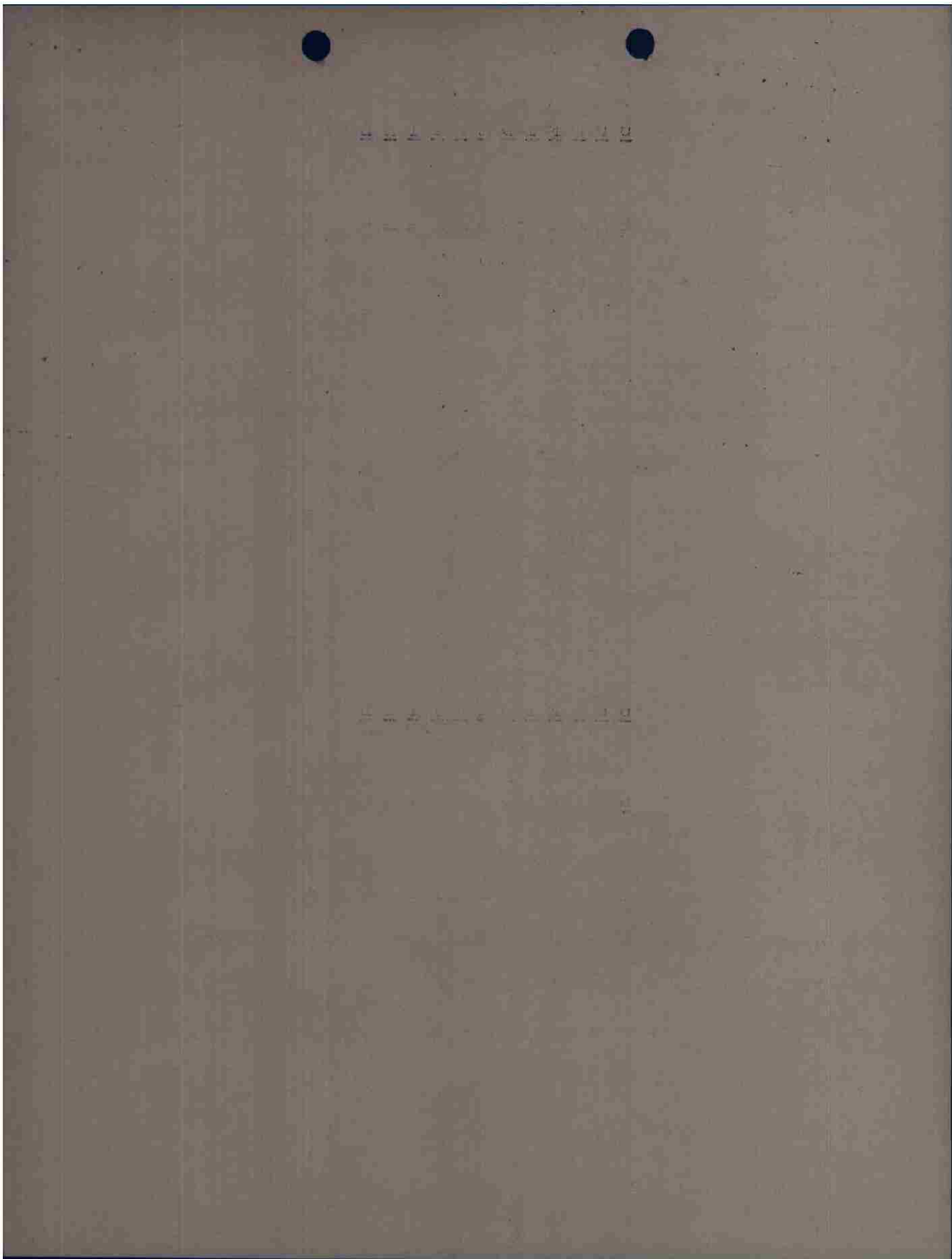


PILOT Bartmire A/C# 719 BOX 7 FLIGHT 7 POS 2
 CASUALTIES: _____
 BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E
 FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

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PILOT Montrose A/C# 480 BOX 7 FLIGHT I POS 3

CASUALTIES: _____

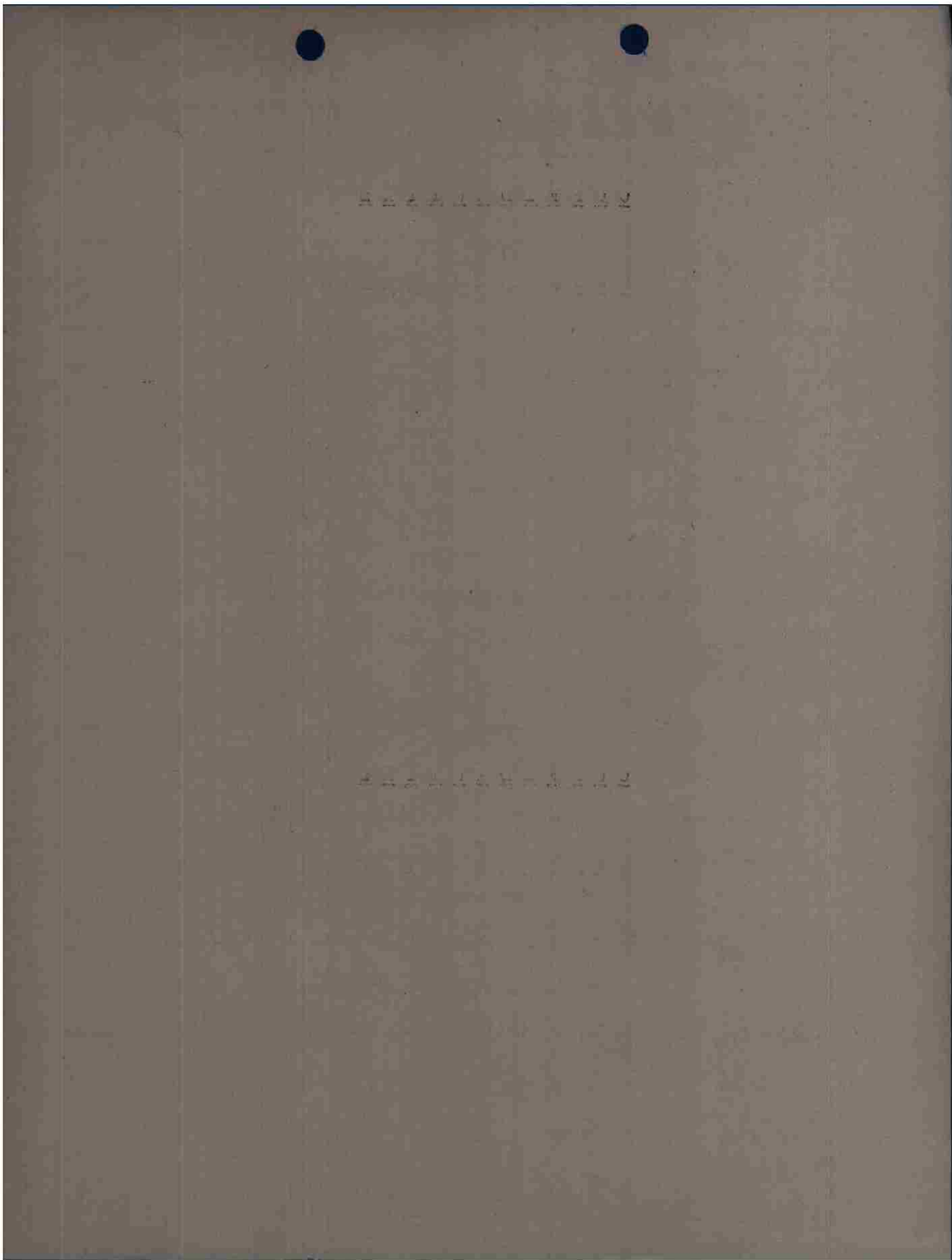
BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

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CASUALTIES:

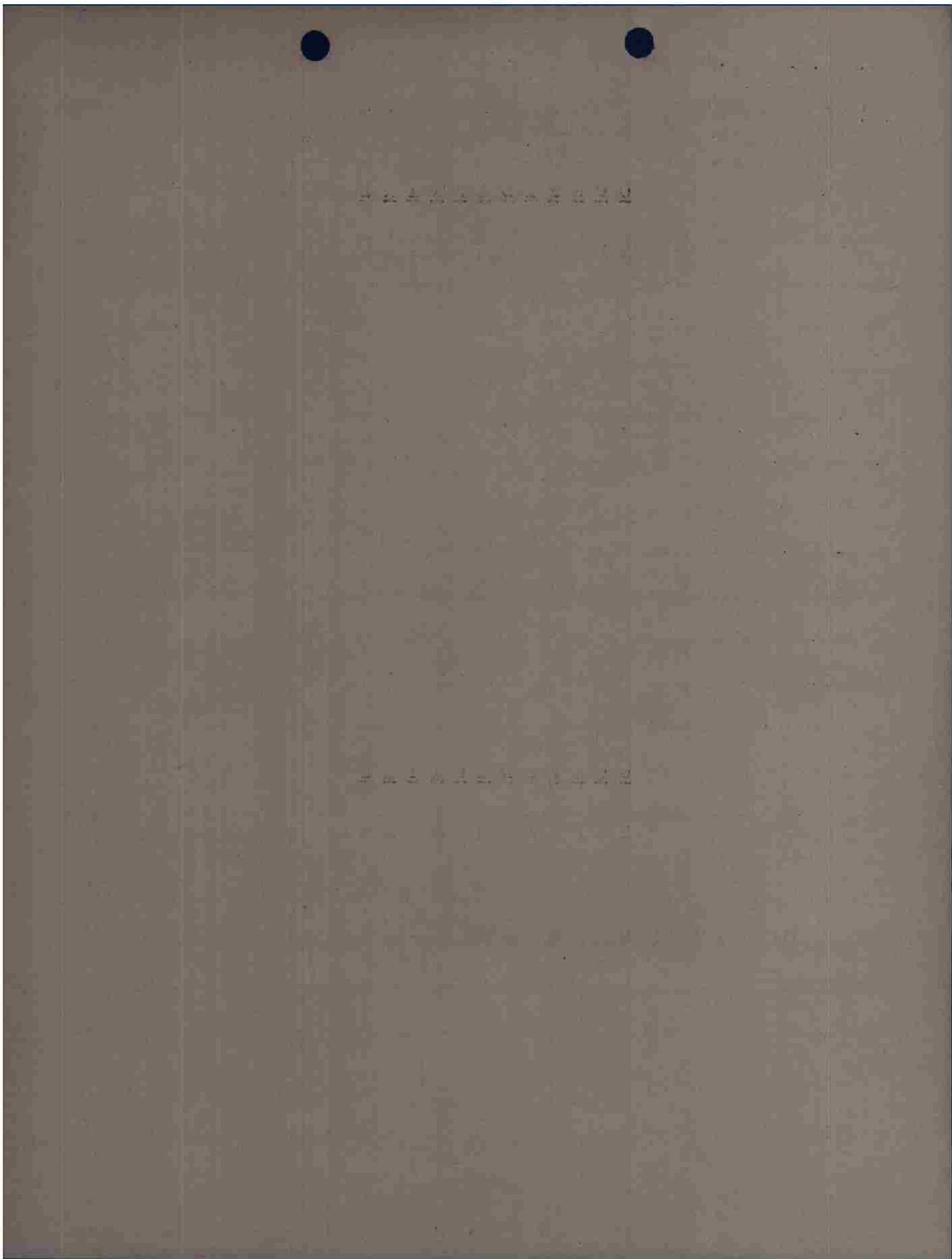
BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK:

E/A:

OBSERVATIONS:

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PILOT Saidla A/C# 894 BOX 1 FLIGHT I POS 5

CASUALTIES:

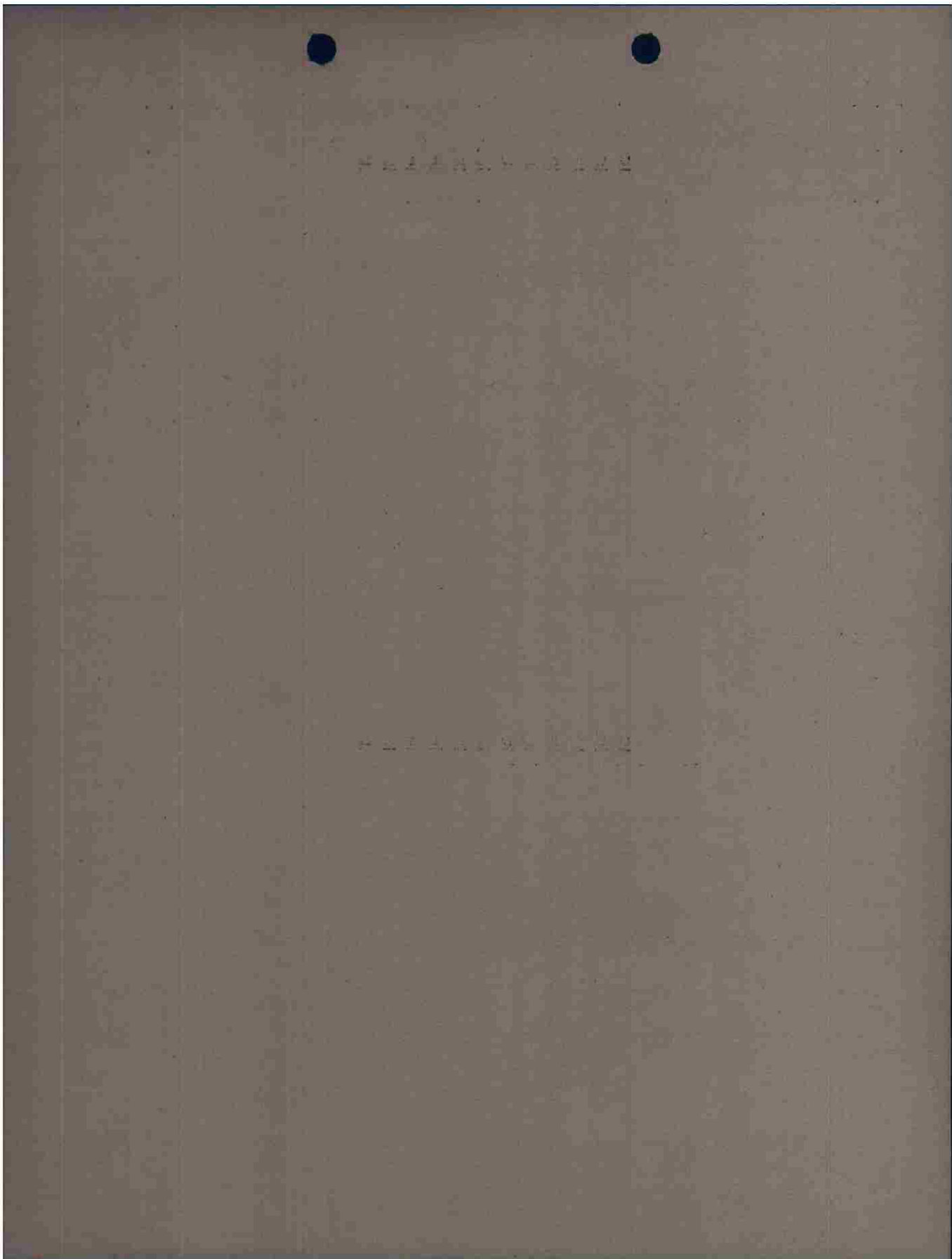
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FLAK:

E/A:

OBSERVATIONS:

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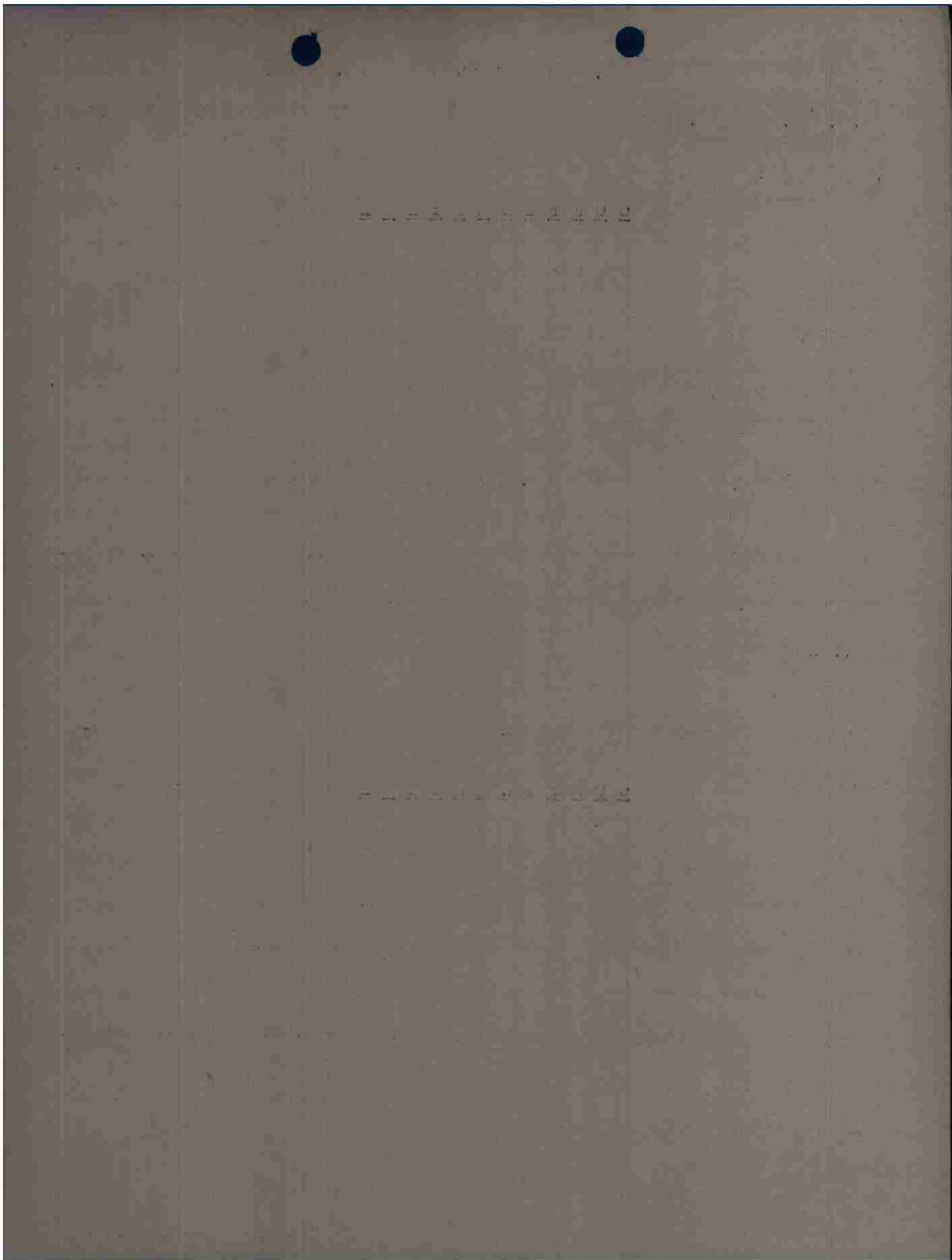


PILOT Hale A/C# 150 BOX 71 FLIGHT I POS 6
 CASUALTIES: _____
 BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST OT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E
 FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

Interrogator

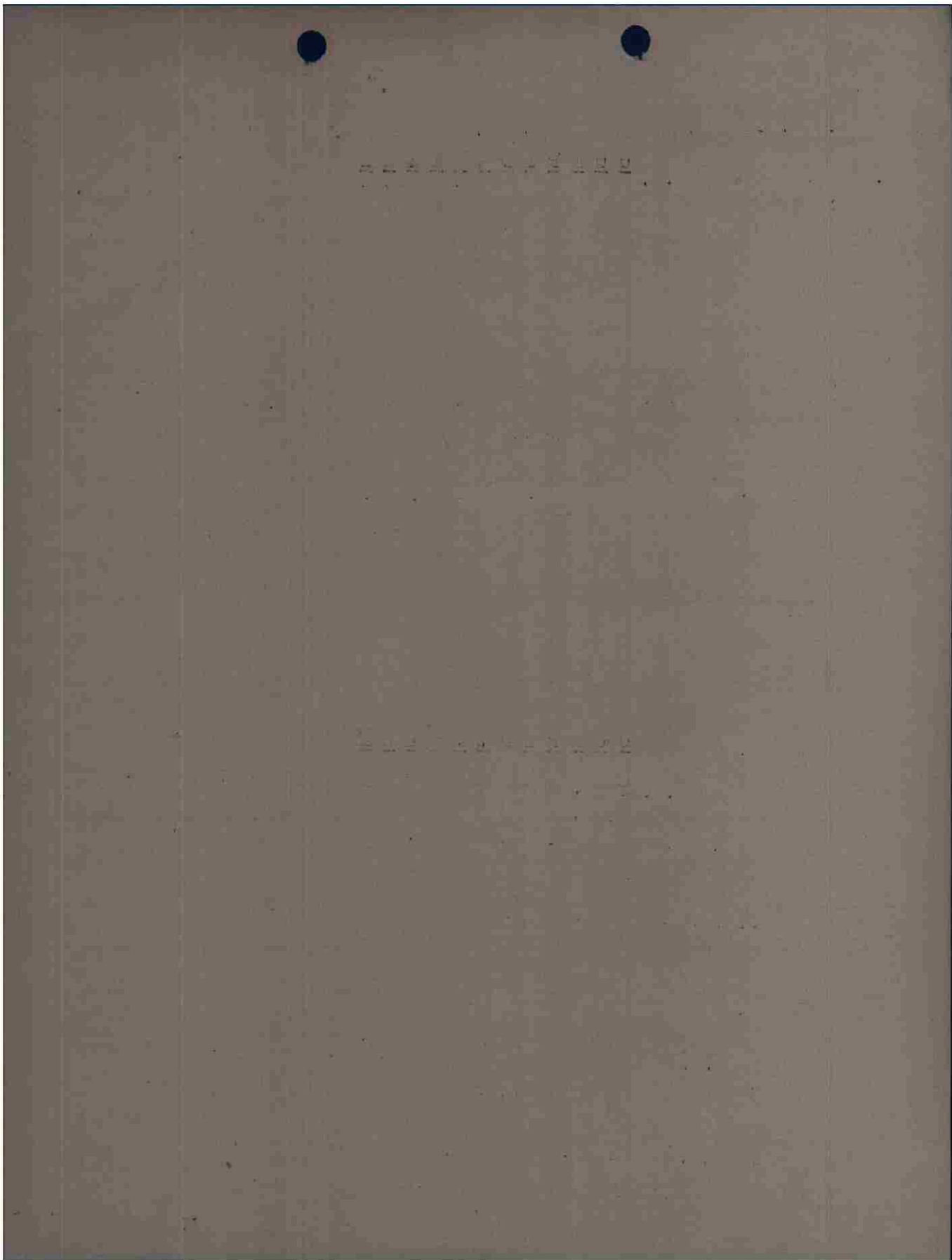


PILOT Peck A/C# 442 BOX 77 FLIGHT 77 POS 1
 CASUALTIES: _____
 BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E
 FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

Interrogator

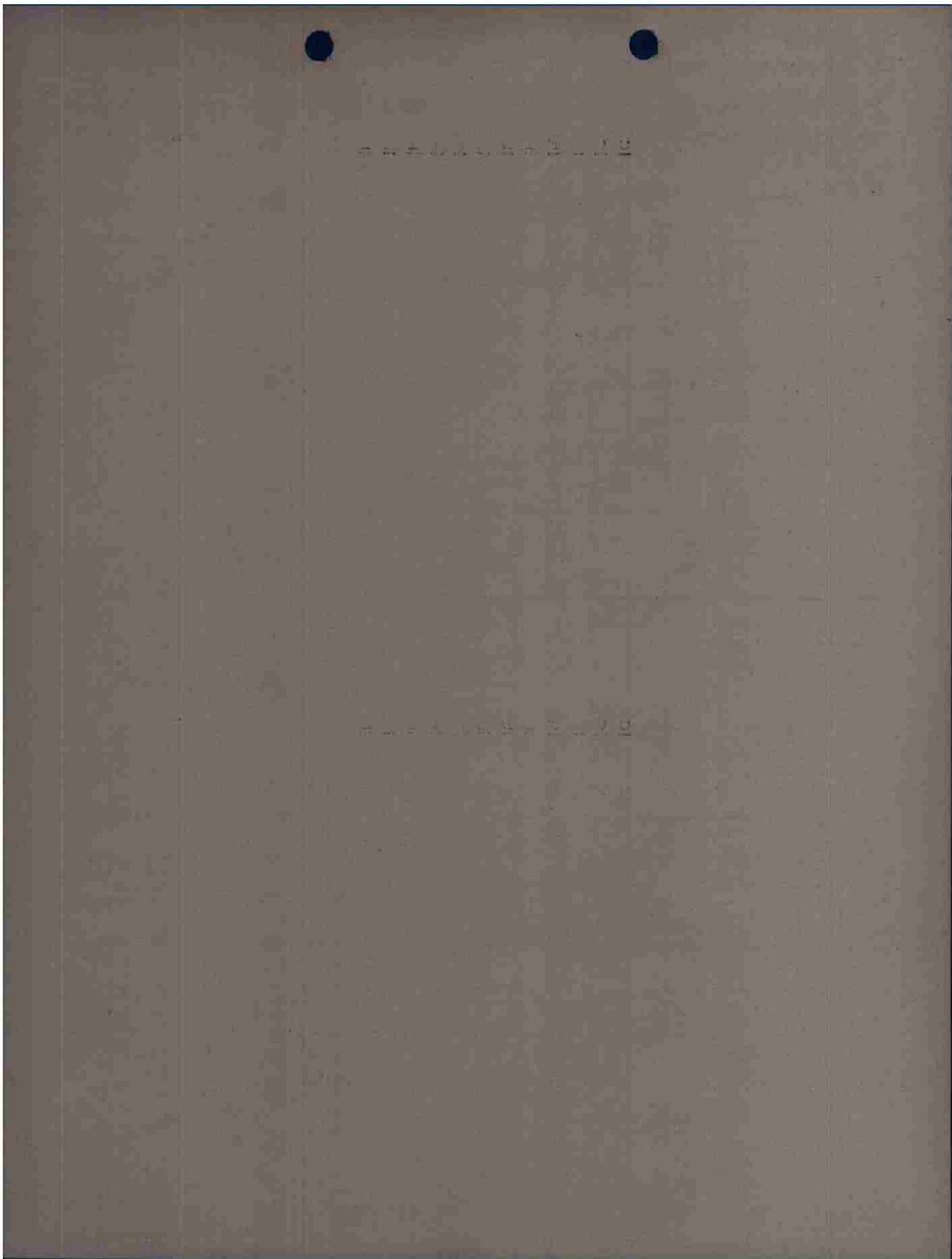


PILOT Street A/C# 767 BOM I FLIGHT # POS 2
 CASUALTIES: _____
 BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E
 FLAK: _____

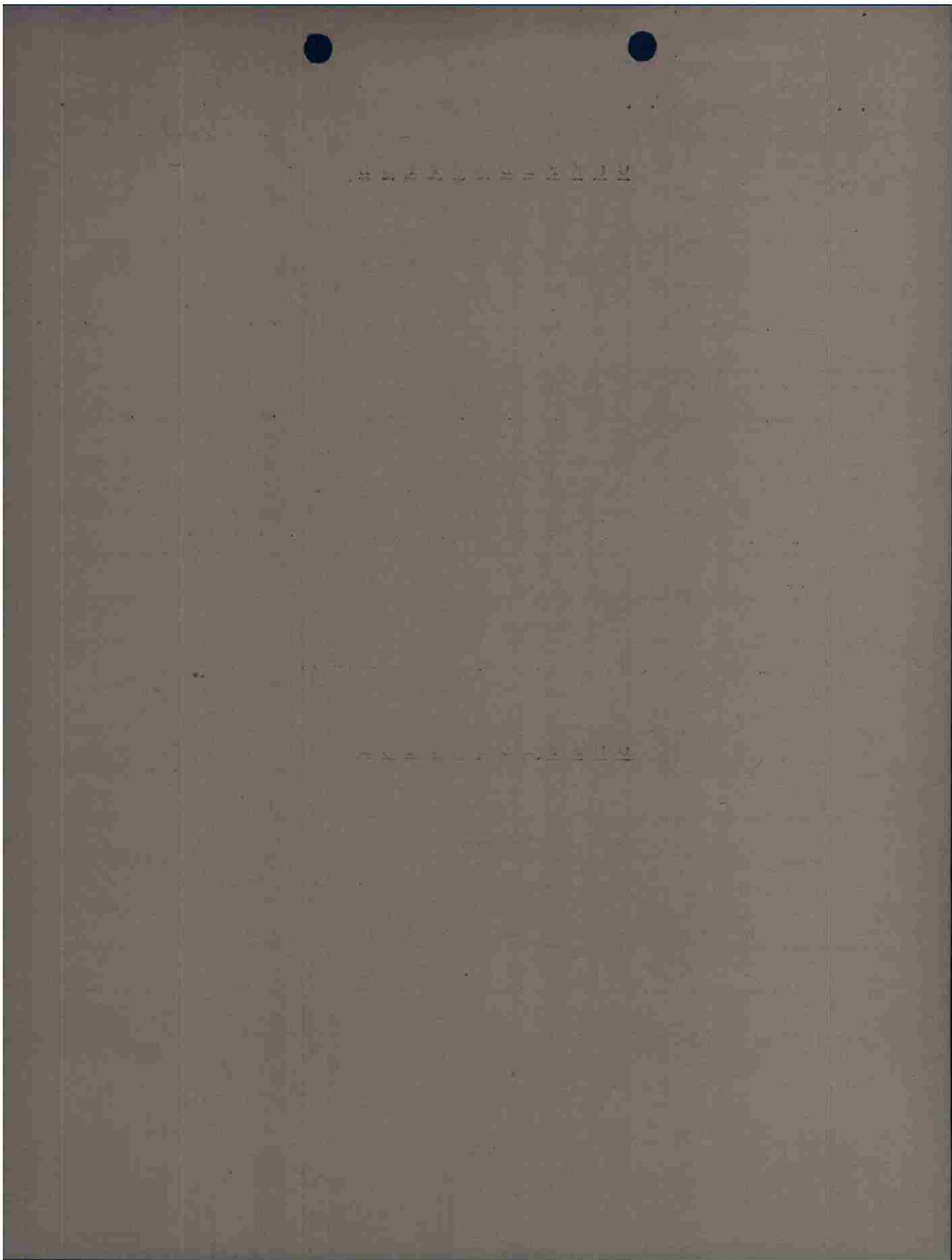
E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

Interrogator



Interrogator



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PILOT Suggs A/C# 819 BOX 7 FLIGHT # POS 4

CASUALTIES: _____

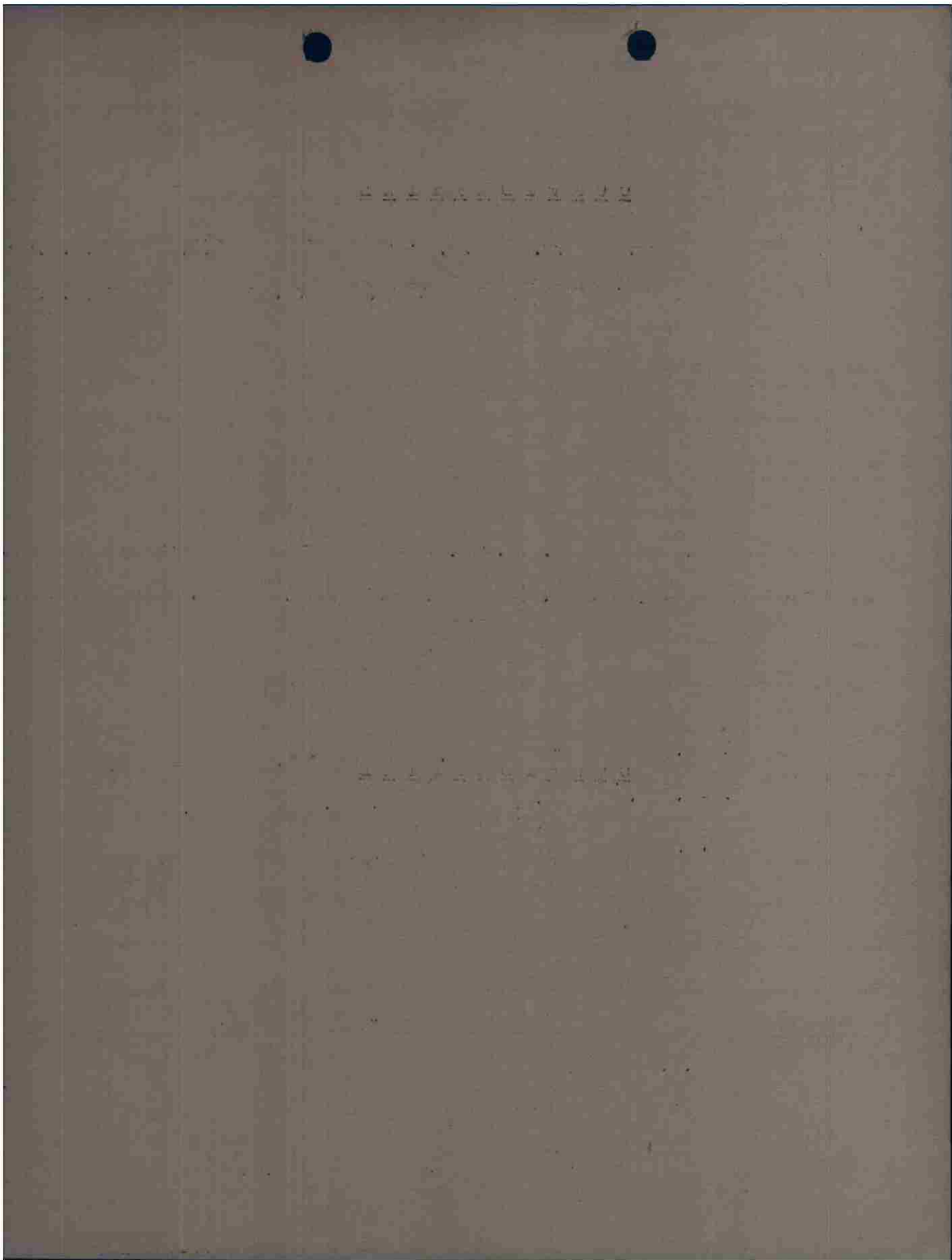
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FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

Interrogator



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PILOT Miller A/C# 1961 BOX 2 FLIGHT 11 POS 5

CASUALTIES: _____

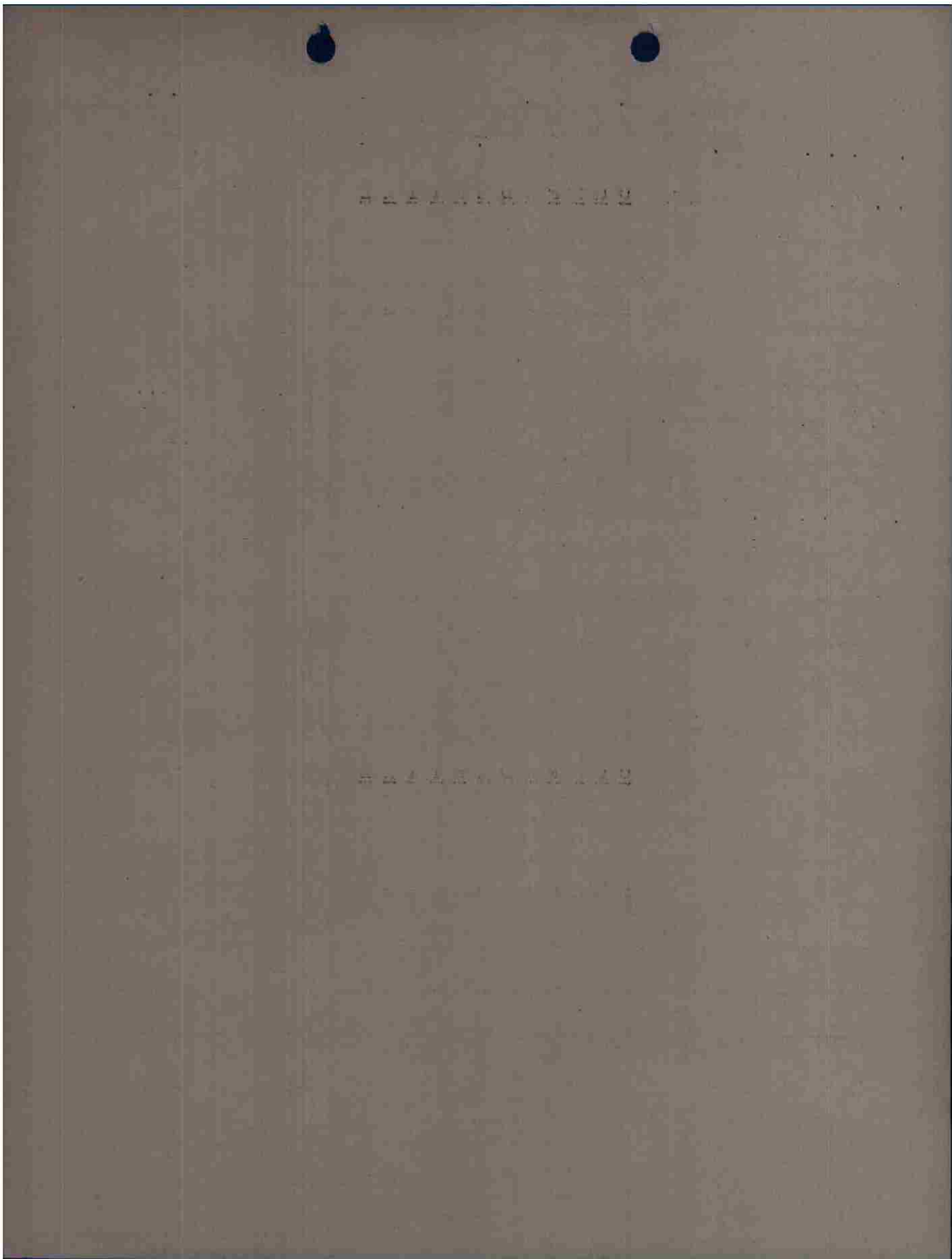
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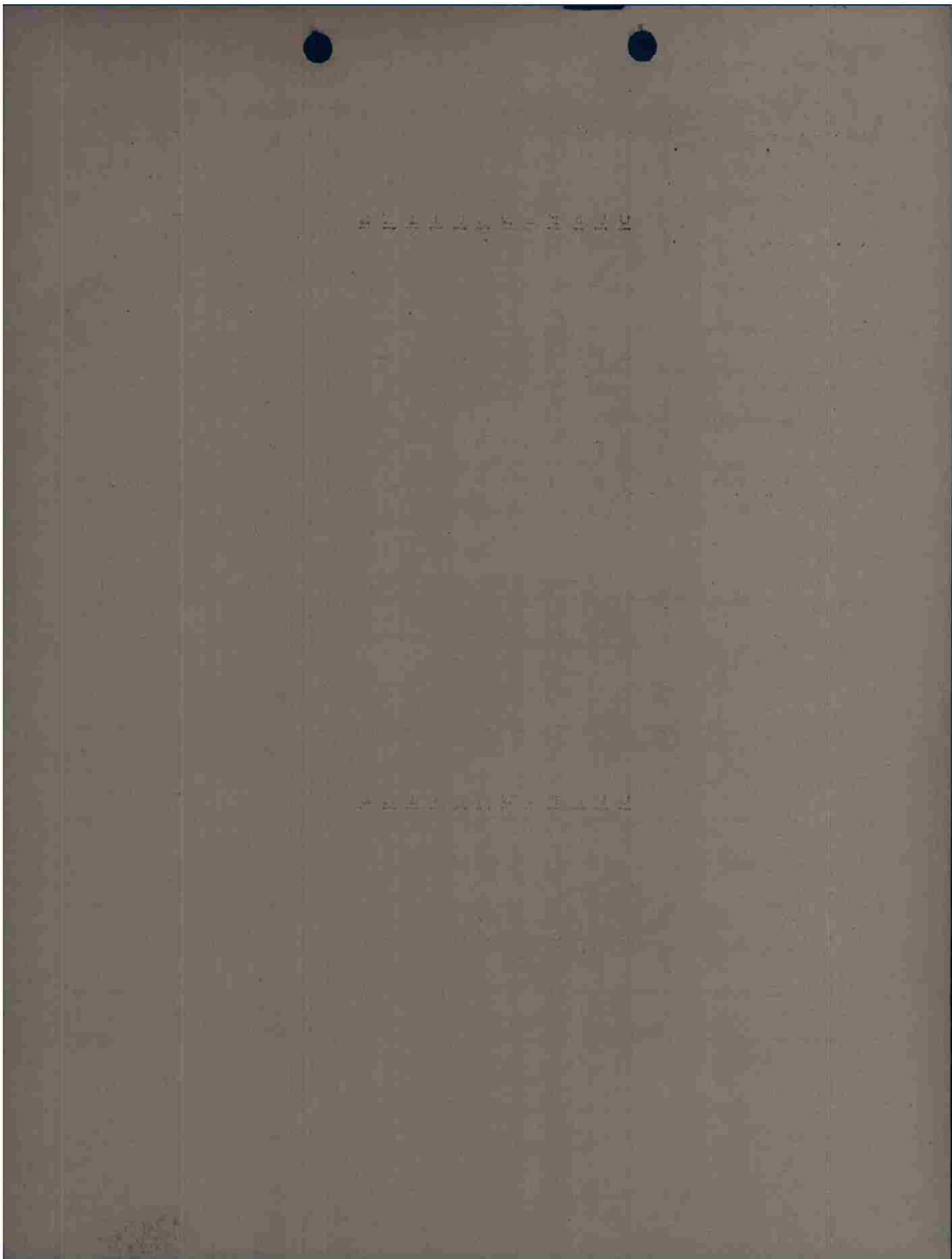


PILOT Dubose A/C# 929 BOX 7 FLIGHT # POS 6
 CASUALTIES: _____
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 FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

Interrogator

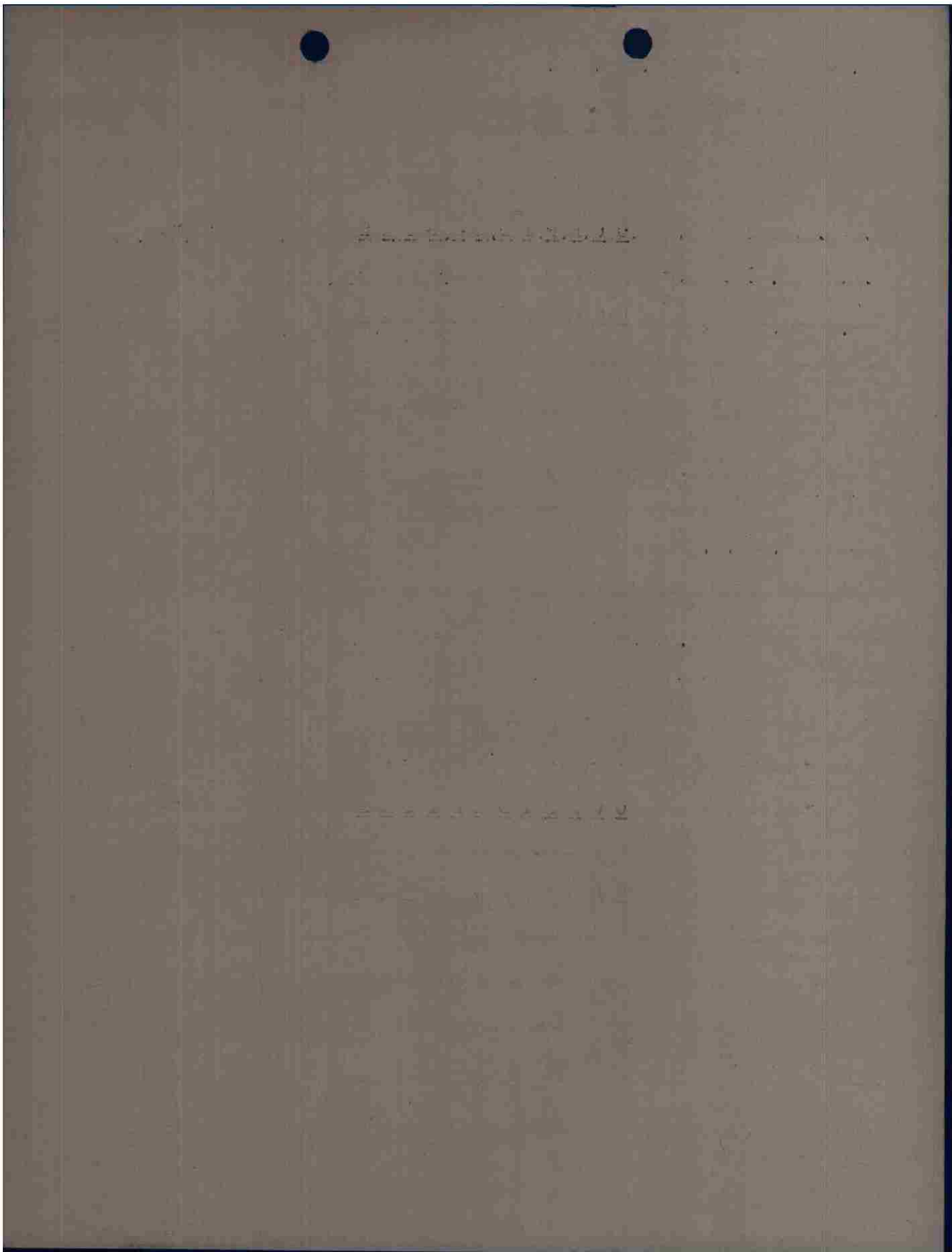


PILOT Adams A/C# 645 BOX 7 FLIGHT III POS 1
CASUALTIES: _____
BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E
FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

Interrogator



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INQUIRY FORM

PILOT Zubon A/C# 165 BOX 1 FLIGHT III POS 4

CASUALTIES: _____

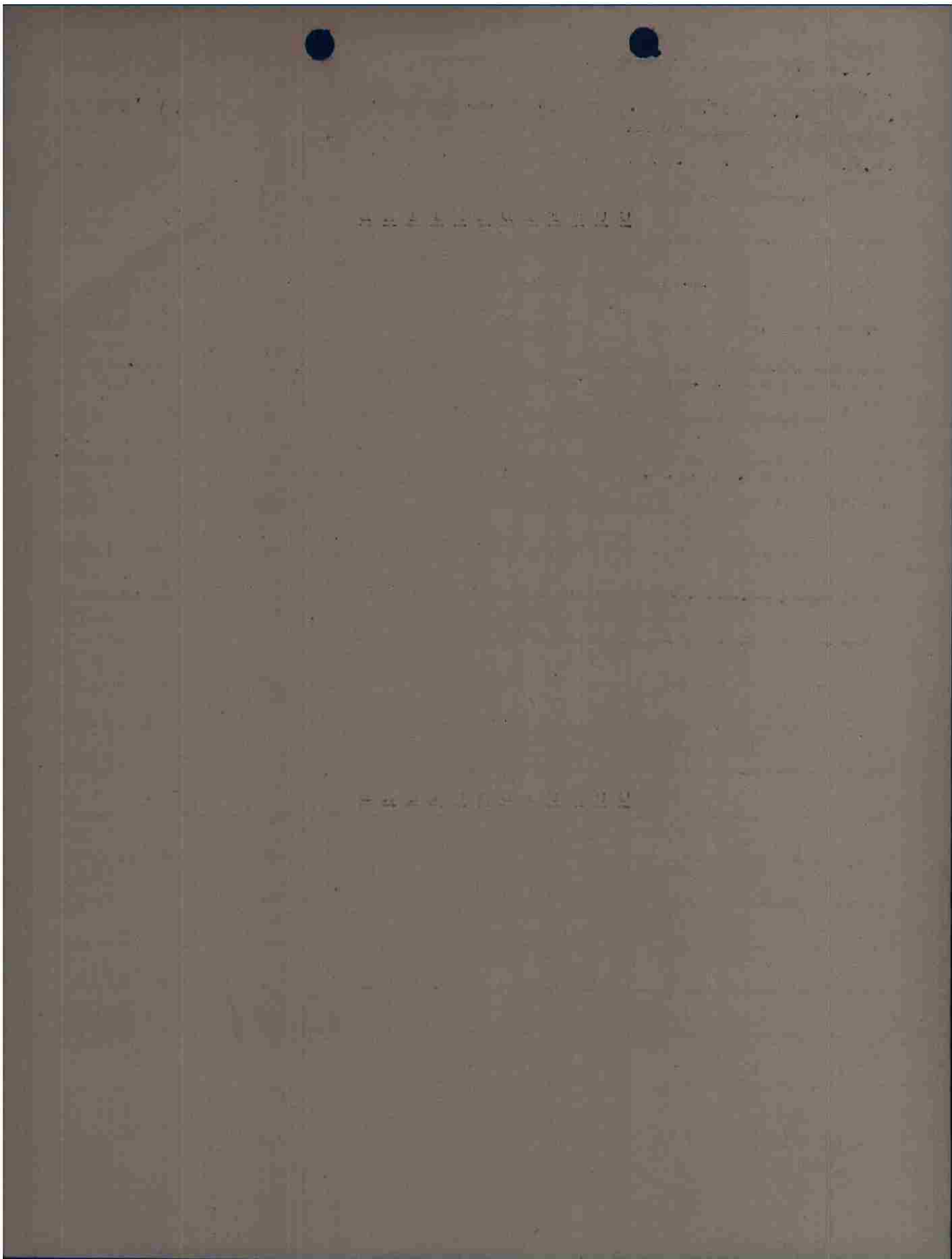
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FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

Interrogator



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PILOT Fero A/C# 363 BOX 2 FLIGHT III POS 5

CASUALTIES: _____

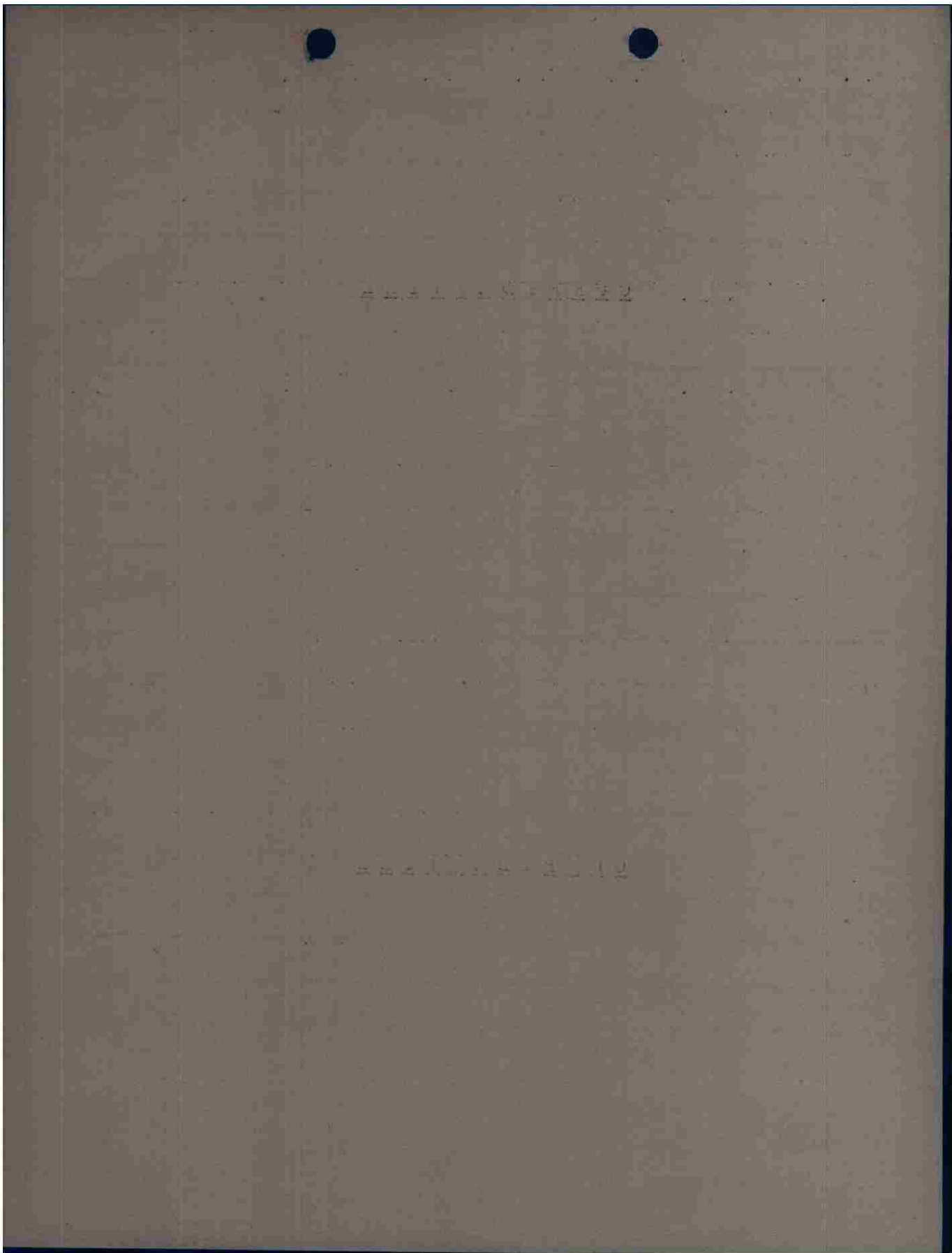
BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST CT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

Interrogator



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PILOT Renth A/C# 692 BOX 5 FLIGHT Spare POS POS

CASUALTIES: _____

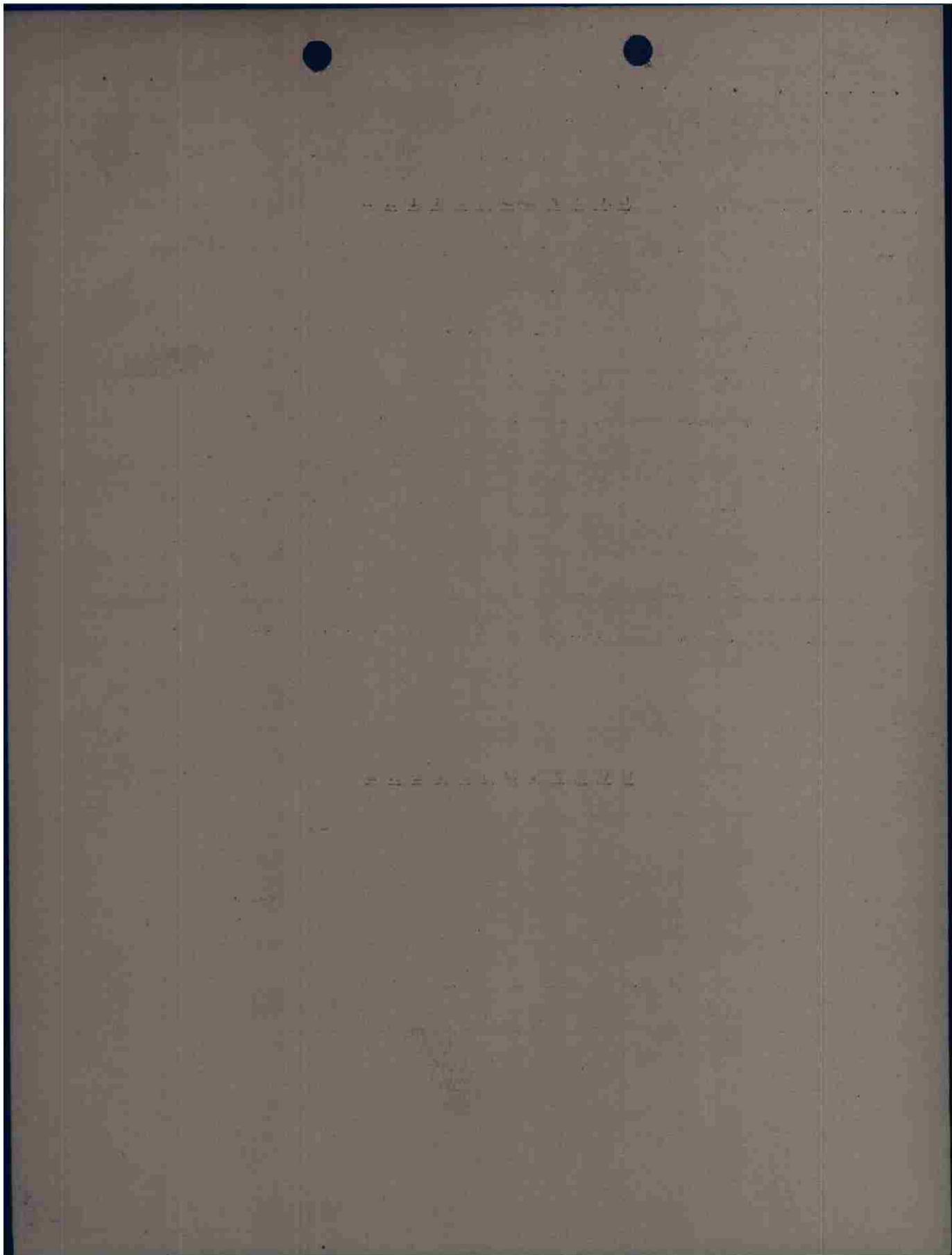
BOMB DISPOSITION: PT ST OT JET RET BATTLE DAMAGE: A A-C E

FLAK: _____

E/A: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

Interrogator



Opsflask - 142
TOTALS FOR MISSION

Post 3-9-44

B.

(2) No. a/c off by type:

27:25 A-20G's *11* A-20J's (obtained from Opns)

(3) No. of a/c failing to bomb explain each failure.

All failures to bomb ~~Result~~ due to weather

Personnel

Mechanical

Other Reasons

(4) No. a/c bombing.

11 Primary.

Secondary.

Other.

(Obtained from recaps.)

C.

(1) Time up *1355*

T.O.T. *1613*

Time Down *1817*

(Obtained from Tower).

D.

(1) No. a/c

Missing

Destroyed

None Damaged

Damaged

(cat. B/C)

(cat. A)

(3) No. Crew *None* Killed

Wounded

Missing

(Obtained from Recaps).

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

	No.	Type
I. Bombs on Primary	X	<i>500 GP.</i>
Bombs on Secondary	X	
Bombs on Other	X	
Bombs Returned	X	<i>500 GP.</i>
Bombs Jettisoned	X	
(Obtained from Recaps)		Where

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

No Flak

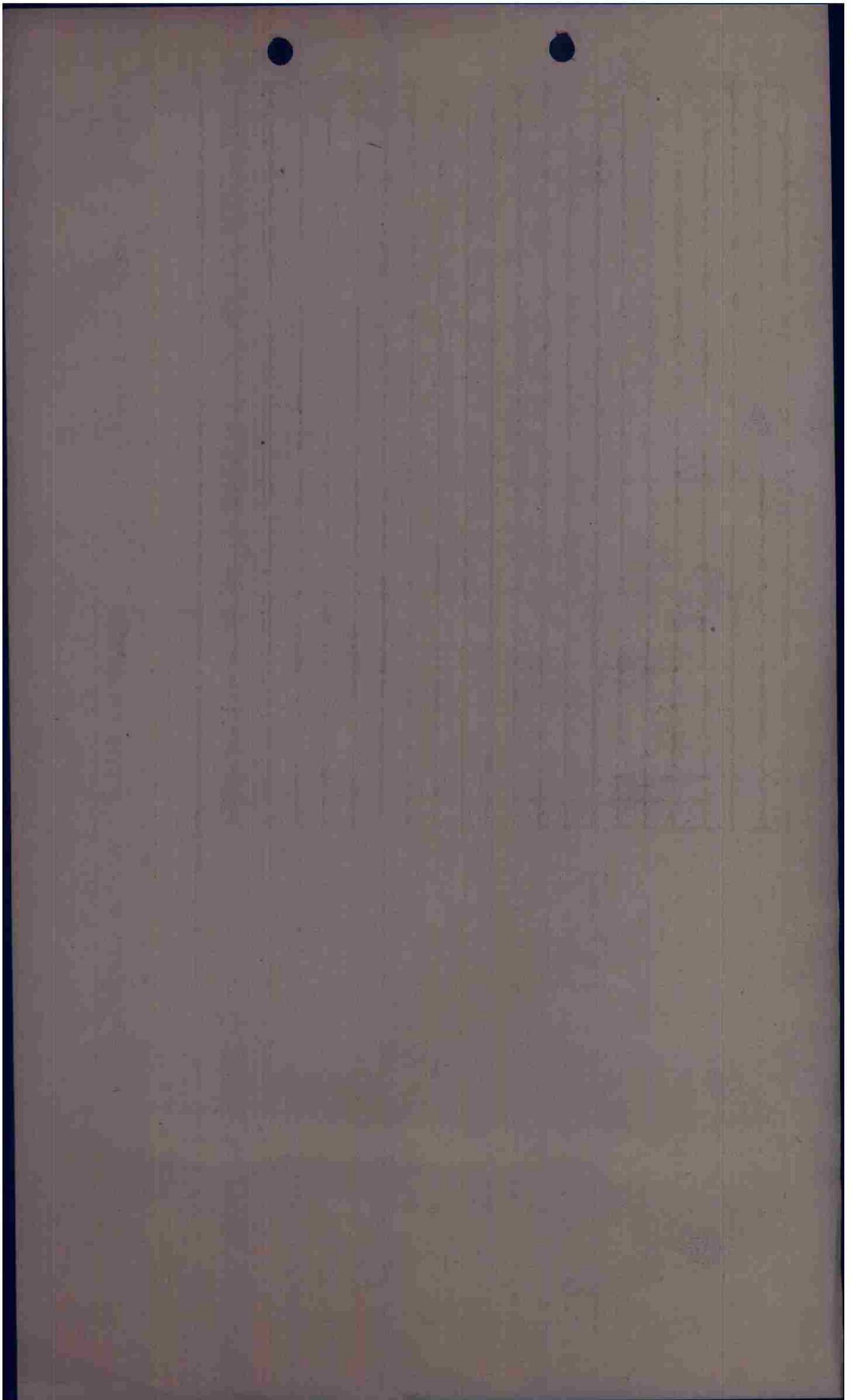
Wea - Target - 7-8/10 6-8000 ft.

Channel - same

Engl. - Thick 1500 up

[illegible]

[illegible]



Box #	Opsfl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	F/O	15 min.
I	142	Sept 3				Major Price	F/O TOT L/D	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Both	ISP	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.	
Pas No.	Reason	F	S	O	F	S	J	T
1 444								
2 195								
3 764								
4 210								
5 760								
6 194								
1 467								
2 063								
3 689								
4 380								
5 207								
6 759								
1 452								
2 439								
3 217								
4 224								
5 810								
6 211								
1 393								

Price
~~444~~
Harris
764
Sweeney
195

Morris
210

M^sCreedy
194
Stanley
160

452
Harris

4467
Morse

217
Harris
439
Simpson
689
Chen
063

224
Harris

380
Harris

211
Harris
810
Warren
207
Merritt

393
Swillington

18 A/C failed 72

