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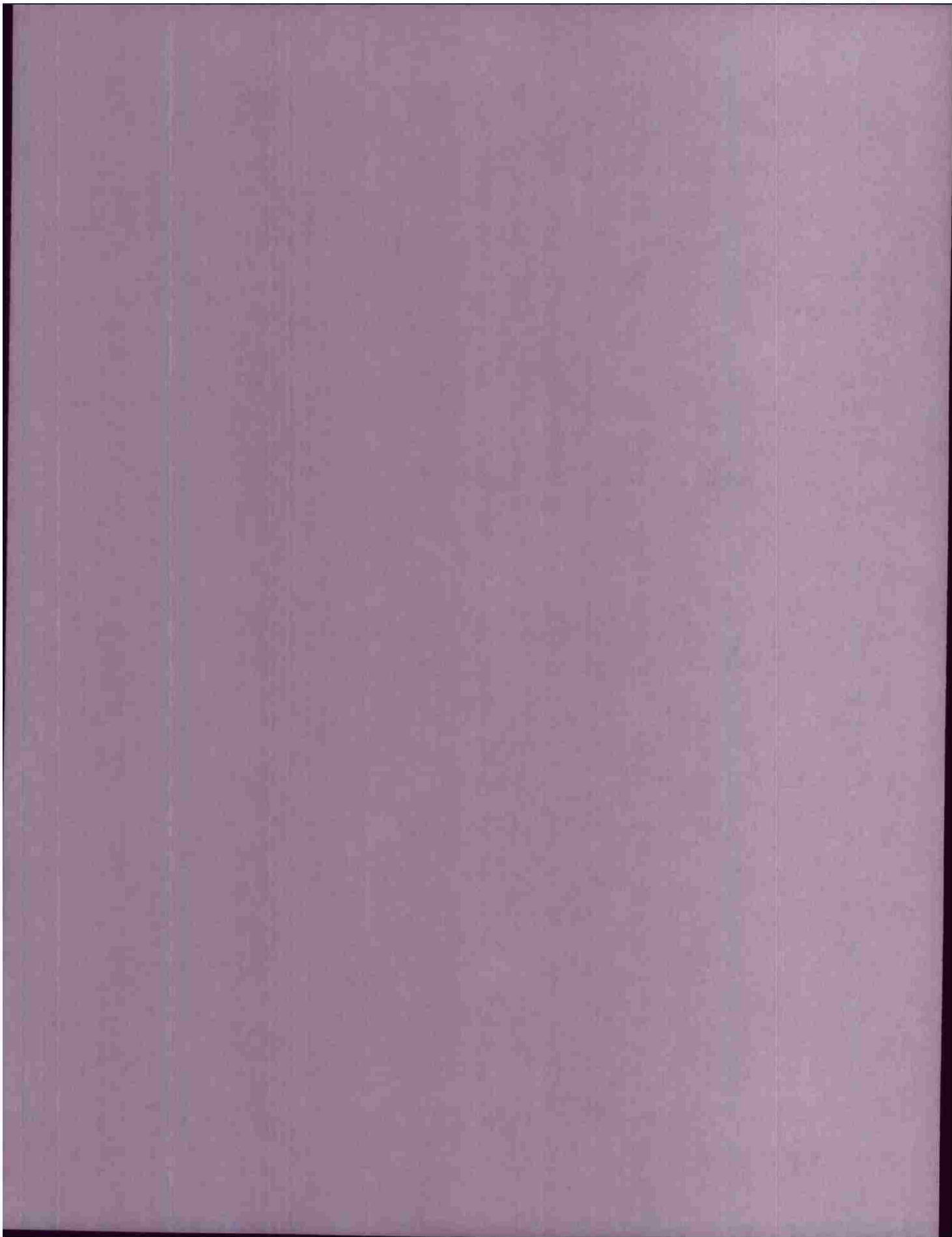
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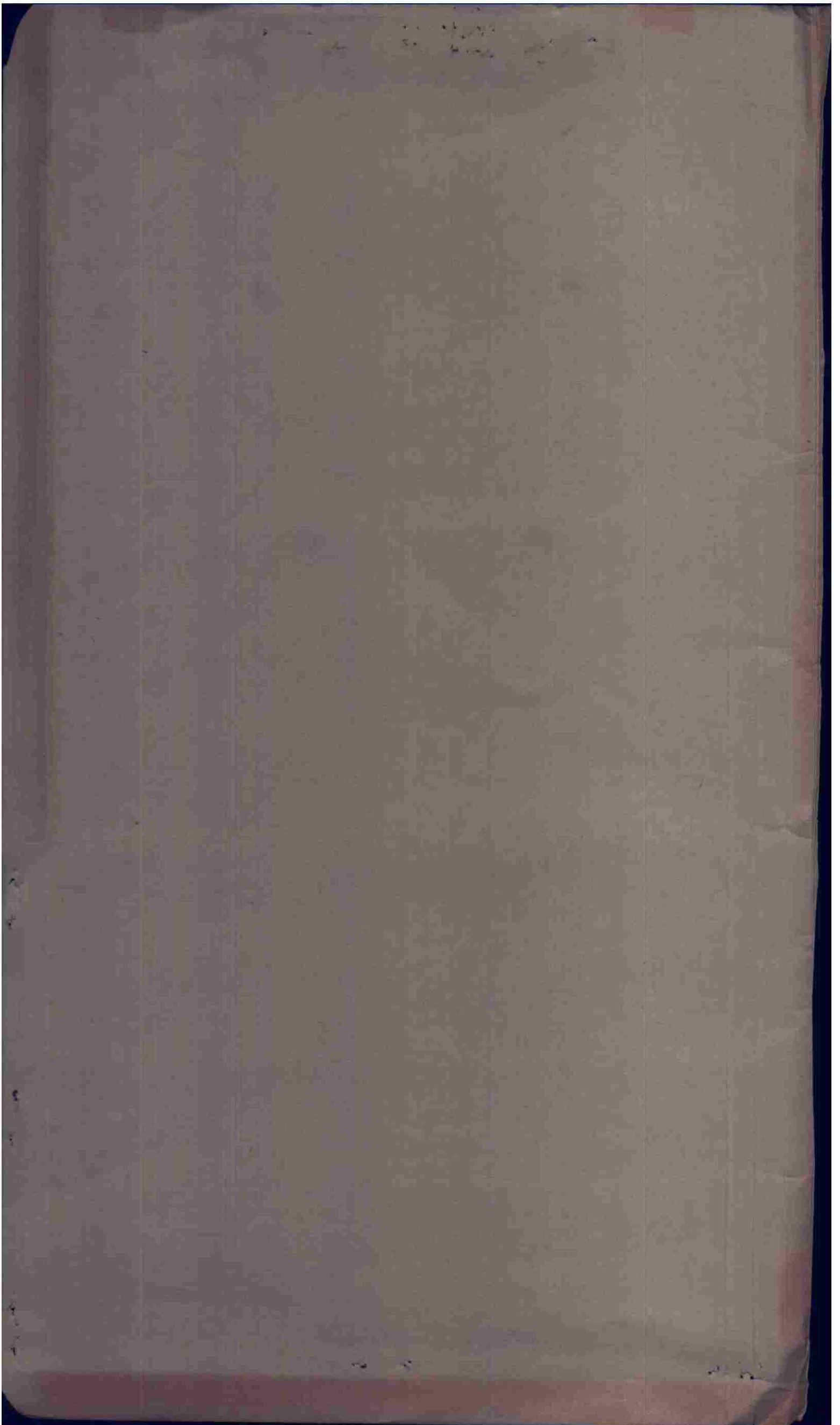
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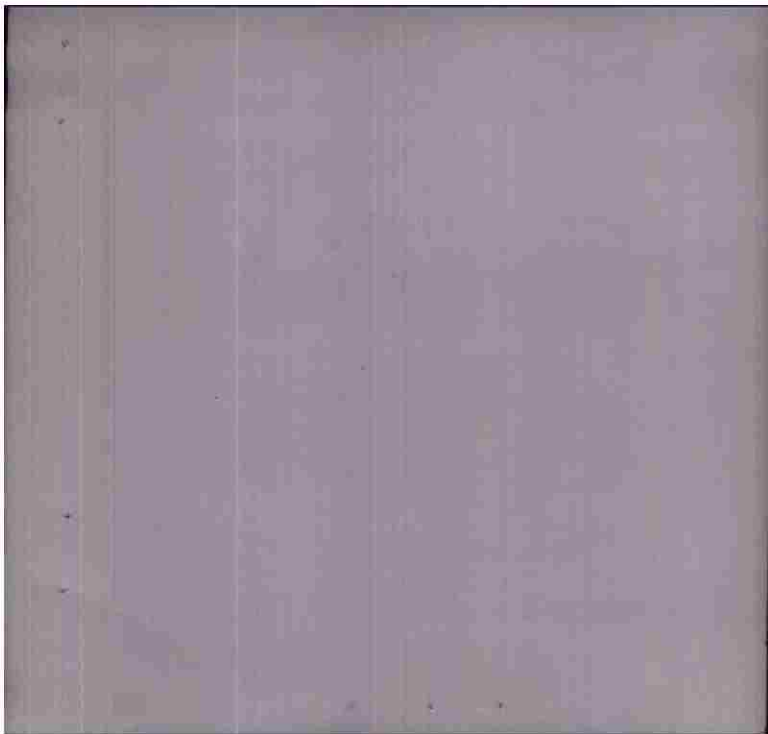
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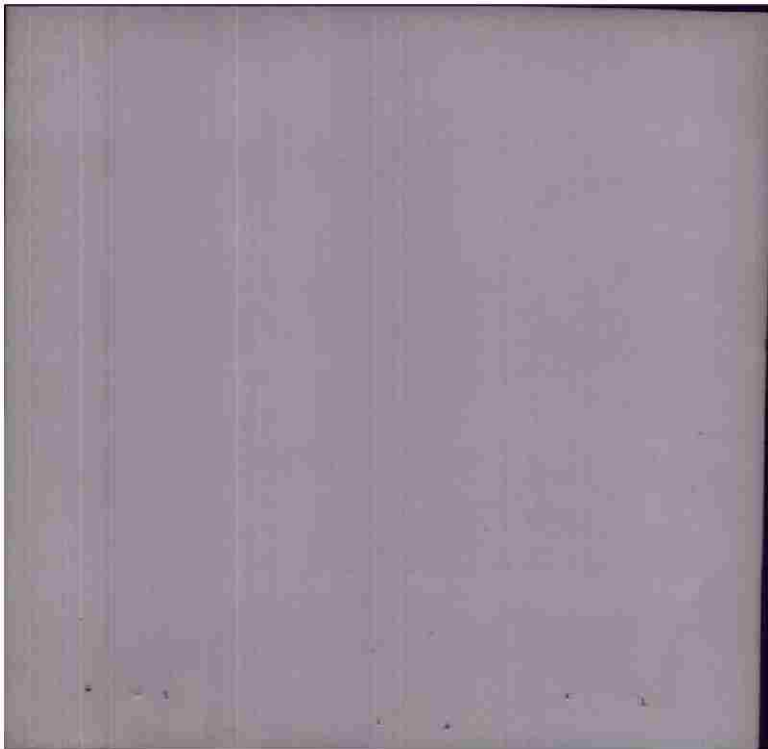
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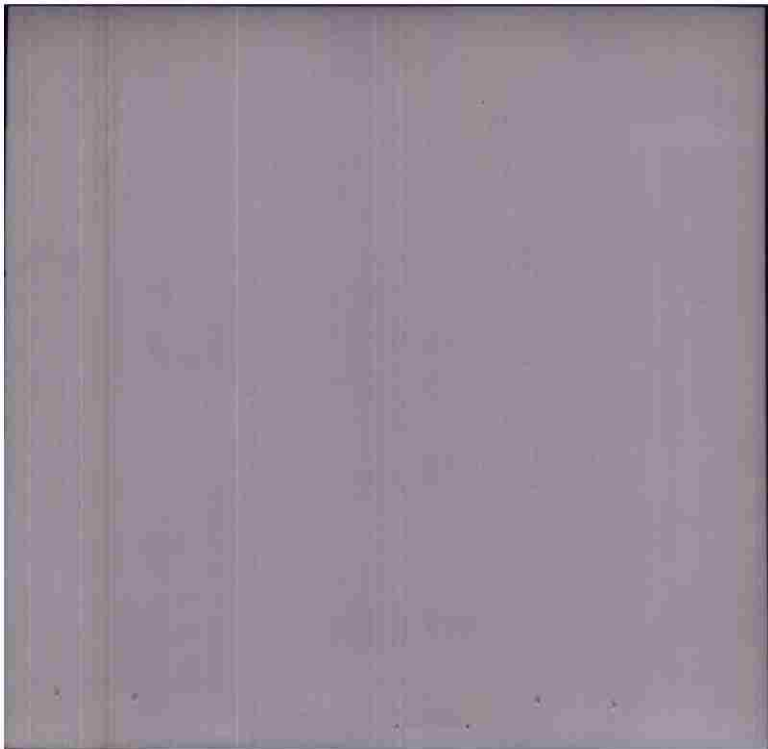
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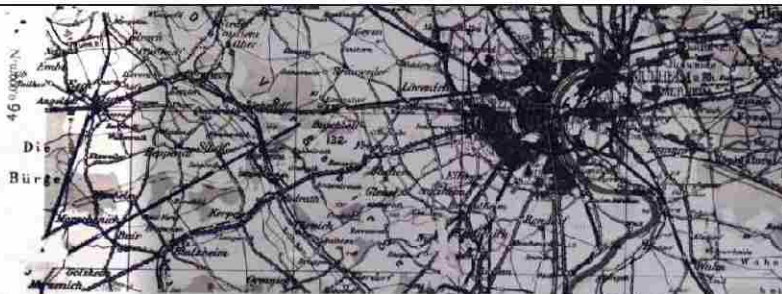
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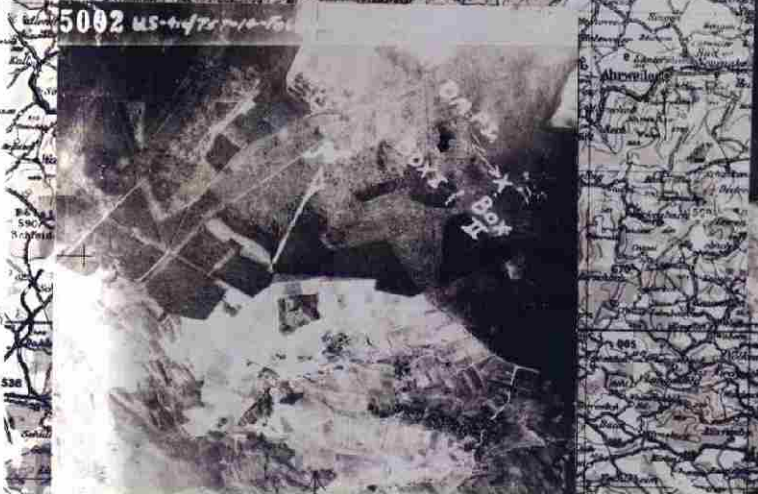
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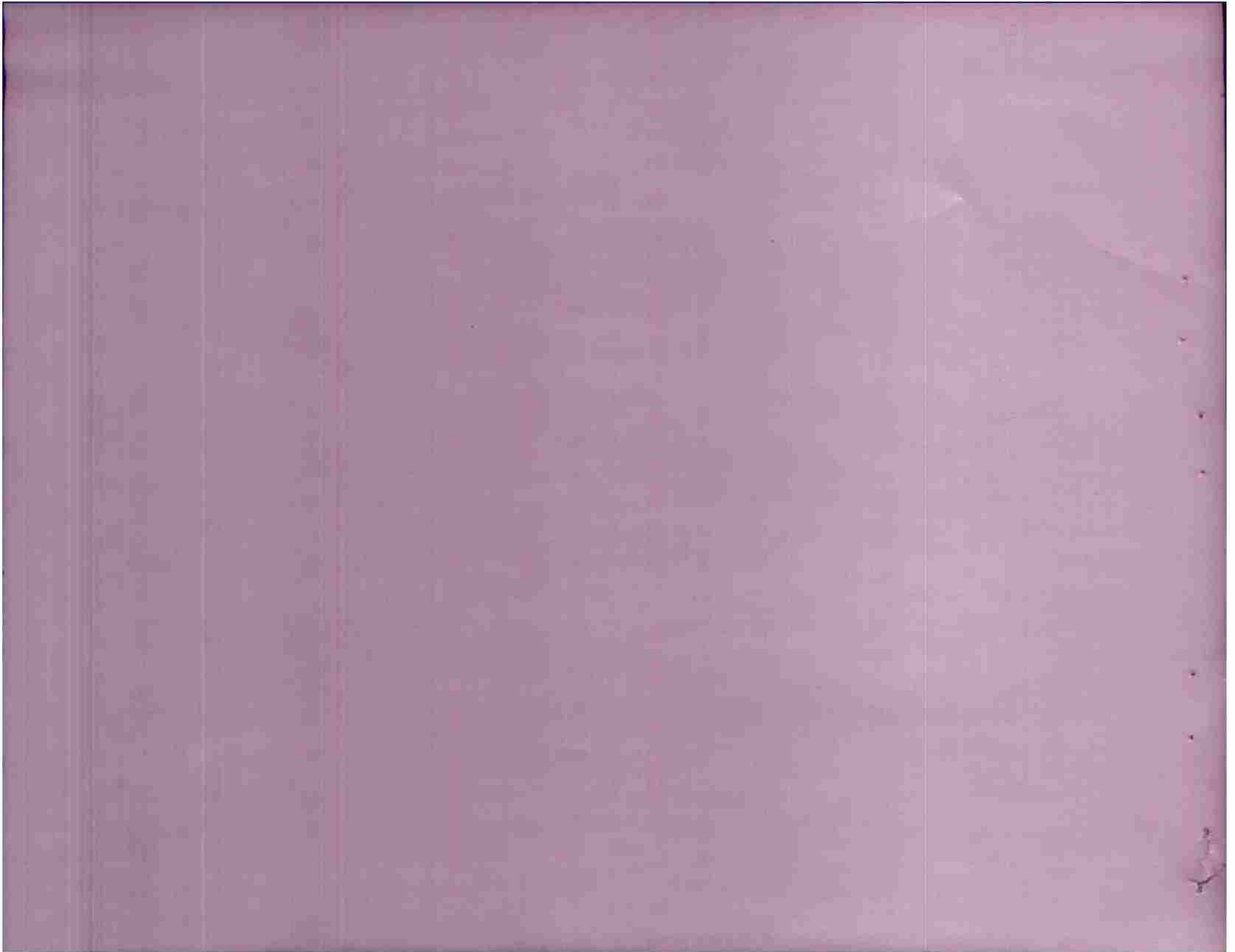
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14 Feb 45.

Box I - Flts. A and C Super:
All bombs within 1000 ft., 216 ft E of DMPI.
Violent explosions indicate hits on Ammo Dump.
Flt. B Undet:
No strike photos due to evasive action. Bombed
casual at Ladendorf, 3.8 miles NW of Primary.

Box II - Einzel:
SU. of bombs within 1000 ft., 970 ft W of DMPI.
Bombs hit on edge of target area causing explo-
sions.



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9th B.D. S-2 Report 109A

416 TF	9TH B.D. (M) WING 97th	B
GROUP	DATE 14 FEBRUARY 1945	RHEIMBACH AMMO DUMP
COUNTER UNITS TARGET		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
	FIRST PHASE INVESTIGATION	(LUDENDORF - CASUAL)
		TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED RHEIMBACH AMMO DUMP PRIMARY
SECONDARY

M.P.I. POINT IN WOODS

A.P. SAME AS MPI

C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 36 - A26'S NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 30-PRIMARY
6-CASUAL

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

E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED

<u>333 X 250 GP</u>	PRIMARY	
<u>36 X 500 GP</u>	CASUAL	1/10 ---- 1/100
<u>18 X 500 GP</u>		

F. HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED

BOX I	FLT A & B	- 30 DEG N.
	FLT C	- 340 DEG N.
BOX II		- 330 DEG N.
BOX I	FLT A & B	- 1550
	FLT C	- 1530 1/2
BOX II		- 1531

G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED

H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

J. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

BOX I FLT A & B - SUPER ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS
(VISUAL) 215 FT E OF DMPI. EXPLOSIONS INDICATE PROBABLE HITS ON AMMUNITION DUMP.

FLT C - UNDET BOMBARDIER UNABLE TO PICK UP PRIMARY IN TIME TO BOMB ON 1ST RUN. CHOSE TO BOMB CASUAL RATHER THAN MAKE SECOND RUN DUE TO FLAK CONDITIONS IN AND AROUND TARGET AREA. NO STRIKE PHOTOS DUE TO EVASIVE ACTION. PHOTO SHOWING BOMBS AWAY INDICATE BOMBS PROBABLY HIT TOWN OF LUDENDORF (MAP S-1 COORD. 404300) 3.6 MILES NW OF PRIMARY.

BOX II UNSATISFACTORY (VISUAL) NO BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 1800 FT SE OF DMPI. BOMBS HIT ON EDGE OF TARGET AREA AND EXPLOSIONS INDICATE PROBABLE HITS ON AMMUNITION.

CHANGED TO EXCEL.

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

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IX B.C.S-2 Form No. 1061B Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

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

A. TARGET BRITISH _____ PRIMARY
 _____ SECONDARY
 _____ CASUAL

M.P.I. _____
 A.F. _____

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 WHERE BOMBS DROPPED _____ DEGREES MAG.

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED _____

I. ACTIVITY AT TARGET:

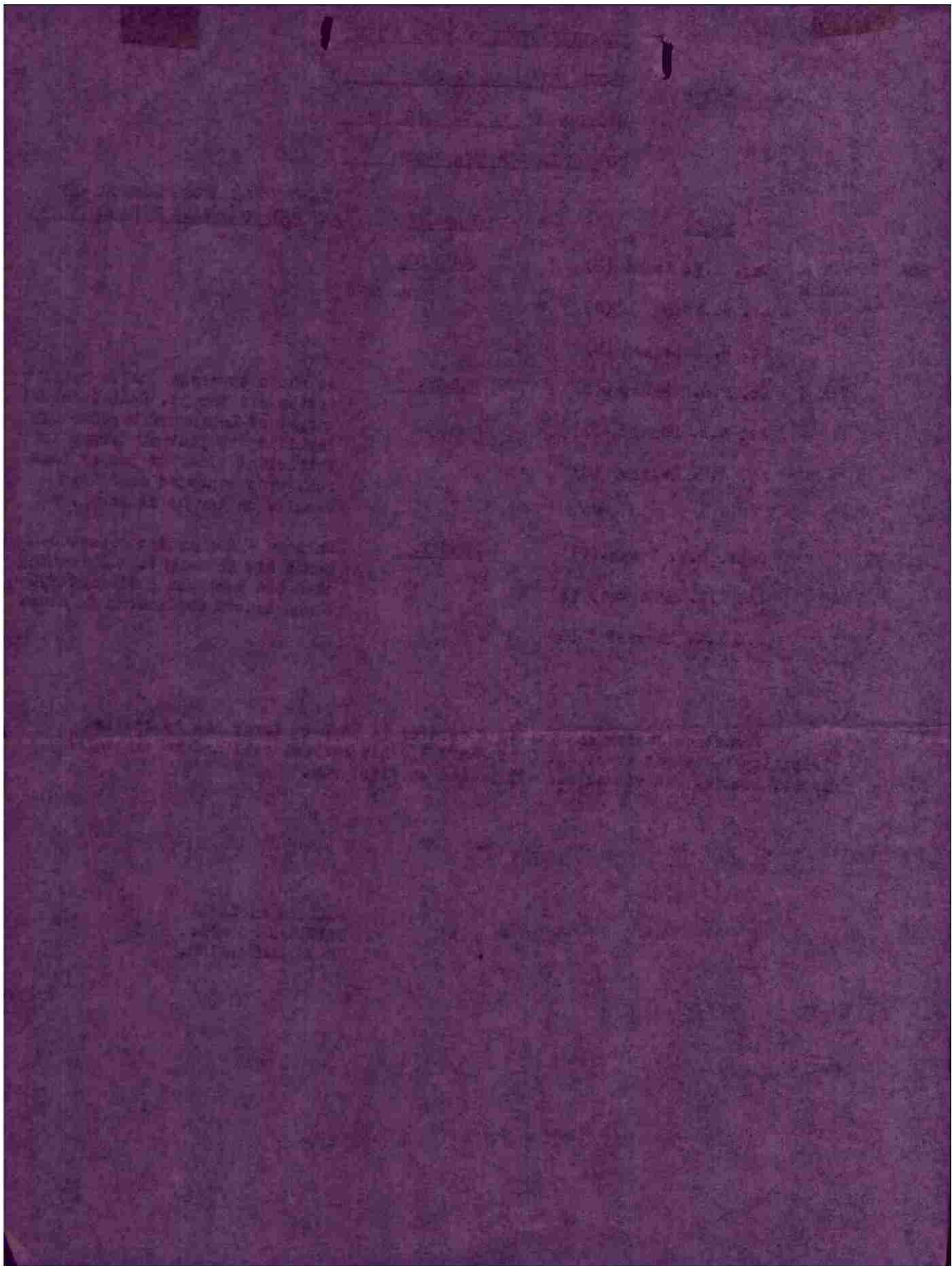
K. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

UNSATISFACTORY BOMBING REPORTGROUP 416 BOMB GROUPMISSION OF 14 FEBRUARY 1945TO RHEINBACH ARMO DUMP

	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>REASONS FOR GROSS BOMBING OR FAILURE TO ATTACK PRIMARY</u>
BOX I FLIT A AND B	Maj. R.F. Price (P)	<u>SUPERIOR</u>	
	Lt. W. Ferma (D)		
	Lt. W. Habbage (N)		
FLIT C	Lt. F.S. Brewster (P)	<u>UNDET.</u>	No photo coverage due to evasive action off target. Bombed casual target of Lußendorf because of inability to pick up target in sufficient time for proper bomb run. Crew reported excellent results on target attacked.
	Lt. D.W. Dennis (B)		
	Lt. A.H. Malthy (N)		
BOX II	Capt. H.M. Evans (P)	<u>UNSAT.</u>	Unknown - Bombardier reported bombs hit in target. All bombing data and bomb run satisfactory. Bombs caused explosions in area.
	Lt. T.M. McCartney (B)		
	F/O L.W. Harvest (N)		

Formation leader instructed formation to bomb by boxes due to limited visibility in target area. Flt C of Box I did not receive call and so bombed as a flight. Bombing was visual and all bombed on first run.

WILLIAM M. LYDLE
CAPT. AIR CORPS.,
GROUP BOMBARDIER.



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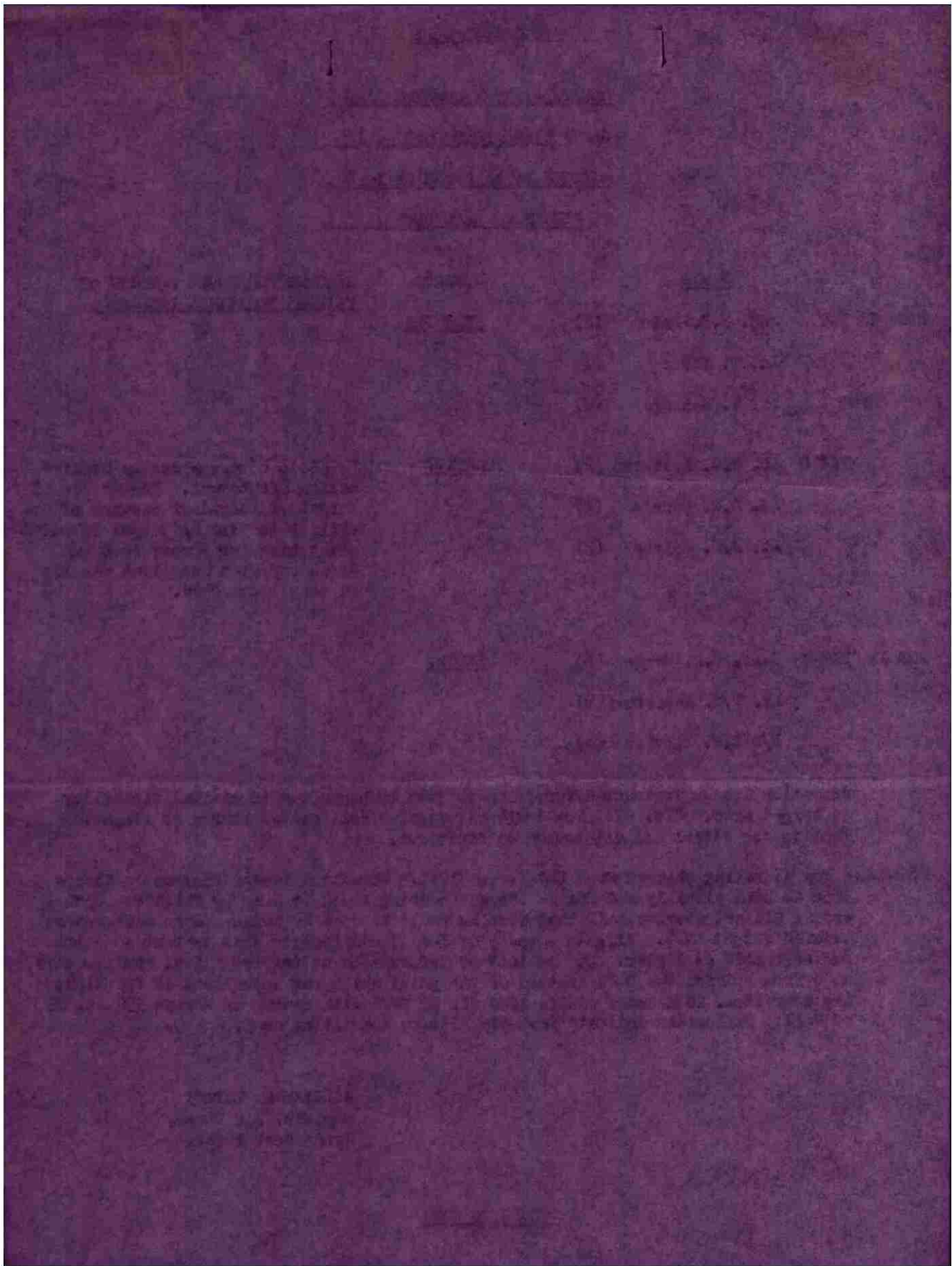
	<u>NAME</u>		<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>REASONS FOR GROSS ERRORS OR FAILURE TO ATTACK PRIMARY</u>
BOX I	FLT A	Maj. R.F. Price (P)	<u>SUPERIOR</u>	
		Lt. W. Forme (B)		
		Lt. W. Babbage (N)		
	FLT C	Lt. F.S. Brewster (P)	<u>UNSAT.</u>	No photo coverage due to excessive action off target. Bombed usual target of Ludendorf because of inability to pick up target in sufficient time for proper bomb run. Crews reported excellent results on target attacked.
		Lt. D.W. Dennis (B)		
		Lt. A.H. Maltby (N)		
BOX II	FLT A	Capt. H.M. Evans (P)	<u>UNSAT.</u>	
		Lt. T.M. McCartney (B)		
		F/O L.W. Harvest (N)		

Formation leader instructed formation to bomb by boxes due to limited visibility in target area. Flt. C of Box I did not receive call and so bombed as flight. Bombing was visual and all bombed on first run.

REMARKS: Box II rating changed from UNSAT. to UNSAT. Formation leader instructed formation to bomb visually and Box II thought bombing would be done by flights. Bombardier did not receive call that bombing would be done by boxes and so made run on briefed flight 1000 ft. Flights 2 and 3 of Box II did receive call to bomb as a box and so bombed on leader. Due to lack of information at interrogation, ratings were made from briefed Box 1000 ft. instead of the point which was actually used for sighting operation. 60 ± bombs within 1000 ft. of 1000 ft. with center of bursts 950 ft. SE of 1000 ft. Explosions indicate probable hits on ammunition dump.

WILLIAM M. LYLES,
Captain, Air Corps,
Group Bombardier.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

CAMERAS INSTALLED	<u>9</u>	GROUP <u>416th. Bomb Grp.</u>
CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING	<u>9</u> <u>100</u> % WING	<u>.97th. C.B.</u>
CAMERA FAILURES	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> %	DATE <u>14, Feb. 1945</u>
PERSONNEL FAILURES	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> %	
OTHERS	<u>0</u>	

	<u>188</u>	TARGET <u>Rheimbach</u>
	<u>215</u>	ALTITUDE <u>11500</u> FEET
		TRUE AIR SPEED <u>210</u> MPH
	<u>241</u>	GROUND SPEED <u>203</u> MPH
<u>315</u>		

	<u>274</u>	TARGET <u>Rheimbach</u>
	<u>321</u>	ALTITUDE <u>10500</u> FEET
		TRUE AIR SPEED <u>210</u> MPH
	<u>241</u>	GROUND SPEED <u>203</u> MPH
<u>239</u>		
	<u>252</u>	

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

STRIKE ATTACK CAMERAS:

: BOX	: A/C	: CAM.	: F.L.	: INT.	: PRINTED	: UNPRINT:	: EXPLANATION
: NO.	: NO.	: TYPE	:	:	: SORTIES	: SORTIES:	:
: 1	: 188	: K-24	: 5 ³ / ₈	: 0	:	:	: duplicate coverage
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: 1	: 224	: "	: 7 ³ / ₈	: "	:	:	: " " "
: 1	: 315	: "	: 6 ³ / ₈	: "	:	:	: target ran off film
: 2	: 274	: "	: "	: "	: 757	:	: "
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K-20 CAMERAS

Sortie No. _____	Cameraman _____	Reason Failure _____
Sortie No. _____	Cameraman _____	Reason Failure _____

IX B.C. Form No. 1004

PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

CAMERAS INSTALLED _____ % GROUP 410TH
 CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING _____ % WING 97TH CBW
 CAMERA FAILURES _____ % DATE _____
 PERSONNEL FAILURES _____ %
 OTHERS _____

_____ TARGET _____
 _____ ALT. _____ ft
 _____ TRUE AIR SPEED _____ mph
 _____ GROUND SPEED _____ mph

_____ TARGET _____
 _____ ALT. _____ ft
 _____ TRUE AIR SPEED _____ mph
 _____ GROUND SPEED _____ mph

_____ TARGET _____
 _____ ALT. _____ ft
 _____ TRUE AIR SPEED _____ mph
 _____ GROUND SPEED _____ mph

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BOX NO.	A/C NO.	CAM. TYPE	F.L.	INT.	PRINTED SORTIES	UNPRINT. SORTIES	EXPLANATION

REMARKS:

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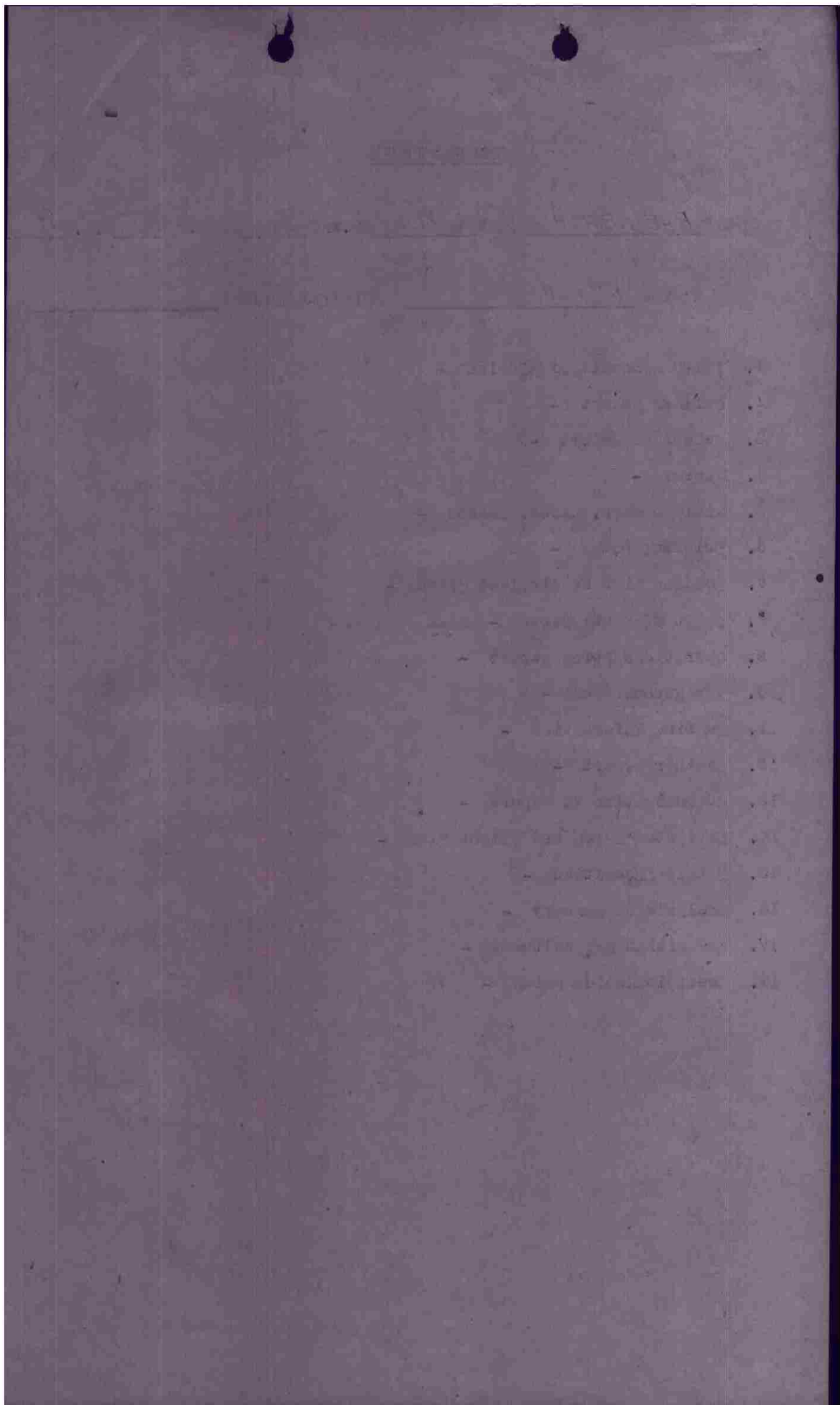
GENERAL INDEX

TARGET RHEINBACH DATE 14 FEB NO.A/C 36 MISS.# 205 F.O.# 748

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S E C R E T

Ten groups attacked three rail bridges, three communications centers, and an ammunition dump, recording SUPERIOR to UNDETERMINED results. Two of the above groups dropped on PFF lead, the remainder bombing visually

Rheinbach (Ammunition Dump)

416 BG: 36 A-26 and 1 PFF a/c dispatched, 30 A-26 a/c dropping 333 x 250 GP on Primary. 6 A-26 and PFF a/c dropped 42 x 250, 22 x 500 GP on other targets.

20 A-26 a/c flak battle-damaged; no losses, casualties.

No contact with "Sweepstakes"; heavy traffic on channel.

Visual bombing by boxes on group lead from 11,900 - 12,500 feet.

Box I - Flight A & B - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Center of bursts 215' E of DMPI. Explosions indicate probable hits on ammunition dump.

Flight C - UNDETERMINED. Bombardier unable to pick up Primary in time to bomb on 1st run. Chose to bomb other target rather than make second run due to flak conditions in and around target area. No photos due to evasive action. Photo showing bombs away indicate bombs probably hit town of Ludendorf (map S-1 Coord. 404300), 3.6 miles NW of Primary.

Box II - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Center of bursts 1800' SE of DMPI. Bombs hit on edge of target area and explosions indicate probable hits on ammunition.

409 BG: 28 A-26, 8 A-20, 1 PFF a/c dispatched; 23 A-26, 7 A-20, PFF dropping 170 x 500 GP on primary. 1 A-26 a/c, unable to open bomb bay doors at primary due to faulty hydraulic system, jettisoned 6 x 500 GP at F-470060, 8 miles S of Ahrweiler (enemy territory).

5 a/c failed to bomb: 2 (A-26) mechanical, 1 (A-26) personnel failures; 2 (A-26, A-20), other (late take-off - could not catch formation).

14 A-26, 3 A-20 a/c flak battle damaged; 2 crewmen wounded. No losses.

No contact with Fighter Control Center. Formation leader was continuously diverted from one channel to another.

Bombing by boxes on PFF lead from 12,500 feet.

Box I - UNSATISFACTORY. Approximately 15% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Split pattern centered approximately 1170 feet E of DMPI in wooded area. No apparent damage.

Box II - UNSATISFACTORY. Approximately 15% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Pattern centered 2680 feet SSE of DMPI in wooded area. No apparent damage.

Grevenbroich (Communications Center)

394 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 23 dropping 358 x 250 GP on and in vicinity of primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 2 a/c (1 missing, 1 lost), 3 window a/c.

9 a/c failed to bomb: 3 mechanical failures; 6, other (1 - flight leader did not bomb - box leader jettisoned on first run and flight leader elected not to make second run; 4 - leader did not drop; 1 - PFF a/c was not on beam at release and was unable to salvo.)

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Flight B. P.N.D. Defensive action took flight off course, picked up factory when primary target was lost in haze. Apparently all bombs fell within 1000 foot radius of selected a/c. Bombs fell on factory buildings and in open areas as well as in the Rhine River. Target attacked is 13 1/2 miles W of primary.

Box I - Flight A. NO ATTACK. Could not pick up target in haze.

Box I bombed by flights, Box II by box, from 12650-13000 feet.

"Roselec" contacted just prior to crossing bombline; desired information obtained.

In addition to the above-mentioned a/c which crashed-landed, 21 a/c sustained flak battle-damage; 1 crewman wounded. No losses.

397 BG: 30 a/c dispatched (including 1 PNF), 15 dropping 118 x 500 lb on and in vicinity of primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which crashed-landed at Ohoven due to severe flak damage. 3 windows a/c. 11 a/c failed to bomb; other (1-abandoned operations due to flak damage-jettisoned bombs in channel; 1-box leader could not identify target on first run due to haze - "GEE" failed on second turn; 8-leader did not drop; 1-TFR abandoned operations when group leader took over lead for visual bombing).

Flight C. EXCELLENT. Approximately 14 90% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of and centered approximately 475 feet SE of DMPI. Long pattern blanketed a built-up area and scored hits on a highway. Damage should be heavy.

Flight B. EXCELLENT. Approximately 85% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Long pattern covers built-up area and one large factory type building - damage should be heavy.

Box II - Flight A. EXCELLENT. Approximately 80% of bombs within 1000 feet of DMPI. Center of well dispersed pattern is 575 feet SE of DMPI, covering a built-up area and scoring hits on a highway and 2 small roads. Damage should be heavy.

Flight G. NO ATTACK. Bomber did not have sufficient time to sight on first run. Believing that remainder of formation had already dropped, he decided against a second run. Flight D. P.N.D. Bomber had insufficient time for sighting after leader of flight A was hit by flak, and also because of violent evasive action. Bombs hit in fields 3000 feet NW of town of Sasserath (F109811).

Box I - Flight A. UNDETERMINED. No photo cover due to camera a/c being flak damaged and abandoned. Believed to have salvaged in town of Rheyt (F100860). (Lead a/c hit by flak on bomb run).

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

"Roselec" contacted upon entering tactical area; desired information obtained.

Another a/c is missing, having last been seen in target area; 26 additional a/c flak battle damaged; 6 crewmen missing; 1 injured (bailing out).

2 a/c were lost, having crashed in friendly territory due to flak; bailed out near Arvas (N-470000). The latter a/c jettisoned 3 x 250 lb crew of 1 a/c bailed out near Mone (J-320130), and the second crew is known to have bailed.

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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

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RECEIVED APO # 140
15 February 1945MISSION SUMMARY # 36
(Afternoon Mission)INTELLIGENCE
9th Bomb Gp (M)

14 February 1945

Section I

Field Order 748

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
416 BG	Rheinbach (F-427242) Ammo Dump	Box I - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Superior Flight C - Undet. Box II - Unsat.
409 BG	Rheinbach (F-427242) Ammo Dump	Unsat. (FFF)
394 BG	Grevenbroich (F-195774) Comm. Center	Box I - Flight A - Undet. Flight B - Undet. Flight C - No attack Box II - Excellent
397 BG	Grevenbroich (F-195774) Comm. Center	Box I - Flight A - No attack Flight B - P.N.B. Flight C - No attack Box II - P.N.B.
410 BG	Eschweiler (F-187465) Comm. Center	Box I - P.N.B. Box II - Excellent
391 BG	Merzenich (F-147485) Comm. Center	Unsat. (FFF)
323 BG	Remagen (F-652202) Rail Bridge	Box I - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Unsat. Box II - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - P.N.B. Flight C - P.N.B.
386 BG	Remagen (F-652202) Rail Bridge	Box I - Flight A - Unsat. Flight B - Unsat. Flight C - P.N.B. Box II - Flight A - Fair Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Unsat.
387 BG	Engers (F-851025) Rail Bridge	Box I - Flight A - P.N.B. Flight B - Superior Flight C - Unsat. Box II - Flight A - No attack Flight B - P.N.B. Flight C - Excellent

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B-2

One full group, dispatched to bomb visually, was unable to attack because of cloud cover at target and "GEE" failure.

322 DG	Roos (A-075522)	Troop Concentration	No attack
344 DG	Engors (F-851025)	Rail Bridge	Box I - Flight A - Under. Flight B - Excellent Flight C - A.P.N.B. Box II - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Under. Flight C - No attack

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Flight C. NO ATTACK. Waited to bomb on a flight due to understanding that bombing would be by boxes.

Box II - P.N.B. Box leader did not return to base so reason for bombing other target is not known. Haze believed to have obscured primary. Box bombed as unit and A.P. is not known. Incendiaries landed in M/Y among several trains of cars, in open areas, and among bldgs, starting many fires.

Eschweiler (Communications Center)

410 BG: 36 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 18 dropping 106 x 500 GP on primary. 17 a/c dropped 101 x 500 GP on other target.

1 a/c failed to bomb: other (PFF turned back when group took over lead for visual bombing).

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

"Roselee" contacted on entering tactical area; desired information obtained.

Visual bombing by boxes on group lead from 12,000 - 12,500 feet.

Box I - P.N.B. Group leader took over from PFF a/c and elected to bomb visually. Bombardier misidentified primary and bombed town of Golzheim, 1 3/4 miles north of primary. Excellent pattern extending over E-W highway at the south edge and residential section of town.

Box II - EXCELLENT. 95% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Long pattern centered 450 feet south of DMPI. Pattern blankets length of E-W highway and the main residential section of town.

Merzenich (Communications Center)

391 BG: 39 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 36 dropping 284 x 500 GP on primary, 3 window a/c.

1 a/c is missing, having last been seen on single engine 15 miles west of bomblines enroute to base.

Another a/c crash-landed at base due to a flat tire. 5 a/c flak battle damaged; 6 crewmen missing.

"Roselee" contacted upon entering tactical area, but formation too far from station to receive desired information.

Bombing by boxes on PFF lead from 12000 - 12800 feet.

Box I - UNSATISFACTORY. No bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Split concentration of bombs fell about 4500 feet East of DMPI, across one roadway and in open fields.

Box II - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Bombs fell in 3 patterns centered about 8000 feet east of DMPI, across two roadways and in open fields.

Remagen (Rail Bridge)

323 BG: 39 a/c dispatched, 35 dropping 140 x 1000 GP on and in vicinity of primary. 3 window a/c.

1 a/c failed to bomb: personnel failure.

14 a/c flak battle damaged; 2 crewmen wounded. No losses.

Formation leader called "Ripsaw" 17 minutes after entering tactical area; no contact for reasons unknown.

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Box II - Flight A, P.M.B. Approximately 33% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of D.M.P.I. Spilt pattern with several bursts about 500 feet east of D.M.P.I. in the river. Rest of pattern is 2000 feet NE of bridge in wooded area.

Flight B, P.M.B. Bombs within 1000 foot radius of D.M.P.I. Bomb pattern centered 2400 feet NE of D.M.P.I. in field. Bombs did not release, so salvaged. Bombs fell on edge of ravine and in woods 3800 feet NNE of bridge.

Flight C, P.M.B. Bomb eight gyro tumbled during sighting operation. Bomber attempted to drop on road flight but other damage visible.

Flight D, P.M.B. Pattern centered approximately 1900 feet SSW of D.M.P.I. No bursts within 1000 foot radius. D.M.P.I. with most misses to several buildings in this area. No other damage visible.

Flight E, P.M.B. Pattern centered approximately 1900 feet SSW of D.M.P.I. No bursts within 1000 foot radius. D.M.P.I. with most misses to several buildings in this area. No other damage visible.

Flight F, P.M.B. Pattern centered approximately 1900 feet SSW of D.M.P.I. No bursts within 1000 foot radius. D.M.P.I. with most misses to several buildings in this area. No other damage visible.

Flight G, P.M.B. Due to pilot going hit by flak, bombardier salvaged just before going into bomb run, causing bombs to fall scattered pattern in open fields with one near miss to E-W highway.

Flight H, P.M.B. Bombs within 1000 foot radius of D.M.P.I. Bombs from one a/c fell approximately 600 feet NE of bridge in wooded area, but no bombs from this flight caused any apparent military damage.

Flight I, P.M.B. Bombs within 1000 foot radius of D.M.P.I. Bombs from one a/c fell approximately 600 feet NE of bridge in wooded area, but no bombs from this flight caused any apparent military damage.

Flight J, P.M.B. Bombs within 1000 foot radius of D.M.P.I. Bombs from one a/c fell approximately 600 feet NE of bridge in wooded area, but no bombs from this flight caused any apparent military damage.

Flight K, P.M.B. Bombs within 1000 foot radius of D.M.P.I. Bombs from one a/c fell approximately 600 feet NE of bridge in wooded area, but no bombs from this flight caused any apparent military damage.

Flight L, P.M.B. Bombs within 1000 foot radius of D.M.P.I. Bombs from one a/c fell approximately 600 feet NE of bridge in wooded area, but no bombs from this flight caused any apparent military damage.

Flight M, P.M.B. Bombs within 1000 foot radius of D.M.P.I. Bombs from one a/c fell approximately 600 feet NE of bridge in wooded area, but no bombs from this flight caused any apparent military damage.

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Flight B. EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of pattern 750 feet N of DMPI. Hits on E-W RR track (main line to Linz), and near misses to N approach. No apparent damage to bridge or approach.

Flight C. UNSATISFACTORY. All bombs outside 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Bombs landed in woods 1 1/2 miles SW of target. (Lead a/c in this flight did not return to base due to battle damage so reason for error is unknown).

Engers (Rail Bridge)

387 BG: 41 a/c dispatched, 33 dropping 132 x 1000 GP on and in vicinity of primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 3 a/c (2 lost, 1 missing). 3 window a/c.

2 a/c failed to bomb: other (1-crewman ill; 1-bombardier accidentally brushed against turn control-when pilot made sharp correction gyro tumbled and could not be set up again in time to bomb).

2 a/c lost to flak at target; 1 was seen to explode in mid-air, and the other crashed and burned in target area. 4 chutes observed.

1 a/c is missing, having last been seen on single engine in target area, apparently under control.

Another a/c, flak damaged, crash-landed at base. 30 additional a/c flak battle damaged; 11 crewmen wounded, 18 missing.

Formation leader called "Ripsaw" upon entering tactical area, but there was no response due to heavy traffic on channel.

Visual bombing by flights from 10000 - 12400 feet.

Box I - Flight A. P.N.B. Lead a/c damaged by flak and salvoed. Majority of flight dropped on him. Bursts located approximately 1 1/4 miles SSW of DMPI.

Flight B. SUPERIOR. All bursts inside 1000 foot radius of DMPI. MPI of bursts approximately 245 feet W of DMPI. One direct hit apparently penetrated bridge floor before exploding and caused no visible damage to structure. Other bursts of excellent pattern scored near misses.

Flight C. UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. MPI of bursts 1500 feet N of DMPI. Other isolated bursts in river, probably from this formation.

Box II - Flight A. NO ATTACK. Lead a/c did not bomb. Large FDI correction put a/c off course 10 seconds prior to BRP. No. 2 a/c shot down. A wing a/c, severely flak damaged, salvoed short of target.

Flight B. P.N.B. No sighting operation. Lead a/c aborted, and remainder of flight dropped on salvo of above mentioned damaged a/c in Flight A. Bursts occur in split pattern, approximately 2 miles SE of DMPI, blanketing and probably severing railroad leading from bridge.

Flight C. EXCELLENT. 80% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. MPI located 800 feet E of DMPI, in river. It appears not improbable that this bombardier may have sighted upon shadow of bridge, mistaking it for less conspicuous bridge.

344 BG: 35 a/c dispatched, 17 dropping 68 x 1000 GP on and in vicinity of primary. 4 a/c dropped 16 x 1000 GP on briefed secondary target. Bomb disposition unknown of 8 a/c (2 lost, 3 missing, 3 landed away from base.).

6 a/c failed to bomb: 3 mechanical, 3 personnel failures.

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322 BG: 3/4 a/c dispatched; none bombed.
All a/c failed to bomb: weather (10/10 cloud cover at target; unable to bomb on "GEE" because of jamming).
1 a/c, unable to maintain air speed due to mechanical difficulties, crash-landed at M-945165, approximately 10 miles N of base. 3 crewmen injured.
No losses, battle-damage.
"Roselee" maintained radio silence.

Roos (Troop Concentration)

Box II - Flight A. EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 680 feet NW of DMPI. Strikes near rail embankment at northern approach, in open area, and in water.
Flight B. UNDETERMINED. One camera a/c aborted and another did not take off. Did not attack primary since flight ahead crossed in front on bomb run. Attached Miller RH Bridge (L572672) briefed secondary. Crews report excellent concentration in center of bridge.
Flight C. NO ATTACK. Lead a/c was shot down. The remainder did not drop.

Box I - Flight A. UNDETERMINED. One camera operated but did not cover bursts. One camera not turned on. Flight did not attack primary. Crew member of lead a/c yelled bombs away and pilot swung off bomb run before bombardier could release. Since altison was shot off, bombardier salvaged near Moselle River at I64700.
Flight B. EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Flight concentration 650 feet SE of DMPI. Strikes blanketed the center of bridge with probable damage. One salvo on rail the 1000 foot W of DMPI. With probable damage to tracks.
Flight C. A.P.N.B. Lead a/c hit by flak. Probably unable to synchronize on A.P. A/c did not return to base. Loose pattern 4700 feet W of DMPI. Strikes in river and on bank.

Visual bombing by flights from 11500-12500 feet.
"Rapsar" contacted 1 minute prior to entering tactical area; desired information obtained.
2 a/c lost to flak at target; both seen to crash in flames. 3 a/c missing, having last been seen in distress in target area.
another a/c crash-landed at Mourmelon-Le-Grand due to flak damage. 23 additional a/c flak battle damage. 3 crewmen wounded, 37 missing.

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SECTION II

A/G OFF		398
A/C Bombing	296	
A/C Failing to Bomb	38	
A/C Recalled (Weather)	34	
Other		
Window 15		
Bombs of 15 A/C Unaccounted for	30	
TOTAL		398

Bombs on Enemy Territory	536,375
Total Bombs to Date	108,238,530

A/C Lost (2-394 BG; 2-387 BG; 2-344 BG)	6	
A/C Missing (394 BG; 391 BG; 387 BG; 3-344 BG)	6	
A/C Crash Landed (397 BG, 391 BG, 387 BG, 344 BG, 322 BG)	5	
A/C Battle Damaged	195	50.91%
Killed	0	
Wounded	20	
Missing	67	
Injured	4	
Claims	0	

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397 BG: 3/10 to 5/10 cumulus, top 7-8,000 feet. Visibility air-to-ground on bomb run 7 miles due to heavy haze.

394 BG: 4/10 cumulus, top 3000 to 3500 feet. Visibility 3-4 miles on bomb run.

409 BG: 3/10 stratocumulus, top 4000 feet. Visibility 10 miles in light haze.

416 BG: 2/10 to 3/10 stratocumulus, top 4000 feet. Visibility 5-10 miles, 8 miles on bomb run.

WEATHER: Rheinfeld

OBSERVATIONS

GROUP	NO. A/C	CLASSIFICATION	REASON
374	3	Mechanical	2 - engine trouble. 1 - left blower out. 1 - a/c in steep bank - bombardier did not drop. 2 - bombardiers did not see bombs away.
387	2	Other	1 - crewman ill. 1 - bombardier accidentally hit auto pilot burn control, affecting FDI. Pilot's correction caused gyro to tumble. Couldn't correct in time to bomb.
386	2	Mechanical	Right engines cutting out in both instances. 50 cal shell dropped from nose and hit wing a/c.
323	1	Personnel	Turned back - crew member without chute.
410	1	Other	1 - FFW turned back on group decision to bomb visually.
397	11	Other	1 - Flak damaged on bomb run. 1 - formation leader took over from FFW for visual run. Haze obscured target - gas box out. 8 - failed to drop because leader did not drop. 1 - FFW turned back on group decision to bomb visually.
394	3	Mechanical	2 - loss of power. 1 - electrical failure. 1 - FFW wasn't on beam. Bombs did not drop on salvo. 1 - flight leader didn't bomb & followed box leader who was on single engine. 4 - didn't drop because flight leader failed to drop.
409	2 A-26	Mechanical	1 - engine trouble.
	1 A-26	Personnel	1 - landing gear wouldn't retract. Improper use of switches (pilot).
	1 A-20	Other	Take off delayed - unable to catch formation.

FAILURES TO BOMB

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Eschweiler 410 BG: 1/10 stratocumulus, top 3000 feet, base 2000 feet. Air-to-ground visibility 8 miles.

Merzenich 391 BG: 2/10 stratocumulus, top estimated 4000 feet, base estimated 3000 feet. Air-to-air visibility 10 miles plus. Air-to-ground visibility 3-4 miles. Heavy haze in the lower layers.

Remagen 323 BG: 2/10 to 3/10 stratocumulus, top 3000 feet, base 2000 feet. Visibility 3-4 miles up sun and unlimited down sun.

386 BG: 1/10 to 2/10 stratocumulus. Visibility 15 miles.

Engers 387 BG: 2/10 to 4/10 stratocumulus, top 4000 feet. Visibility 20 miles.

344 BG: 2/10 stratocumulus, top 3000, base 2000 feet. Visibility unlimited.

Rees 322 BG: 10/10 medium cloud, top 11,000 feet, estimated 1000 feet thick. Also 10/10 low cloud estimated under the medium cloud, top 8000 feet and base 2000 feet. Visibility unlimited above cloud.

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GROUP	CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING	CAMERA FAILURES		PERSONNEL FAILURES	
		NO.	PERCENT	NO.	PERCENT
410	100%	0	0	0	0
416	100%	0	0	0	0
344	100%	0	0	0	0
386	100%	0	0	0	0
323	93%	1	7%	0	0
394	100%	0	0	0	0
391	89%	1	11%	0	0
409	100%	0	0	0	0
397	100%	0	0	0	0
387	100%	0	0	0	0

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY 383

A/C LOST TO FLAK 6

A/C MISSING 6

A/C BATTLE DAMAGED 195

% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED 50.91%

Rheinbach Ammunition Dump 416, 409 Gd.

A/C Lost to Flak 0

A/C Battle Damaged 39

% A/C Battle Damaged 55.71%

Weak to moderate acc rate heavy flak was encountered at the target by both groups. Flak enroute followed what could be anticipated enroute. Both groups reported.

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0	% A/C Battle Damaged
0	A/C Battle Damaged
0	A/C Lost to Flak
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322 Gp.	Kees Troop Concentration

Moderate to intense accurate heavy Flak engaged the formation as they started their bomb runs and continued until the turn off target was made. The bomb run took the formations within range of the defenses of Mayen and, before they were out of this Flak, the defenses of Koblenz. Both of the groups lost two a/c each. The two from the 387 Gp were both shot down over target. One a/c exploded and the other crashed after being hit. One of the a/c lost by the 374 Gp went down in flames and the other was seen to go down. 3 a/c missing of the 374 Gp were seen to be in distress in target area. However, nothing further is known concerning them.

4	A/C Lost to Flak
7	A/C Missing
53	A/C Battle Damaged
78.08%	% A/C Battle Damaged
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387, 374 Gp.	Engers RR Bridge

On previous attacks on this target, moderate accurate heavy Flak was experienced. This was also the case on this attack. The 323 Gp reported that after the turn off target was made the gunners ceased firing although they were still in range of the guns that engaged them on the bomb run. This was probably a method on the part of the gunners to conserve ammunition.

0	A/C Lost to Flak
28	A/C Battle Damaged
41.17%	% A/C Battle Damaged
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323, 386 Gp.	Homagen RR Bridge

Flak, as anticipated, was moderate and accurate. The missing a/c was last seen on single engine after crossing bombing omnibus out.

0	A/C Lost to Flak
1	A/C Missing
5	A/C Battle Damaged
12.82%	% A/C Battle Damaged
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391 Gp.	Wetzlich Communications Center

The only Flak encountered was moderate accurate at the target. This is the usual experience.

0	A/C Lost to Flak
9	A/C Battle Damaged
25.0%	% A/C Battle Damaged
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410 Gp.	Bachweiler Communications Center

Flak at the target was intense accurate for both groups. Moderate accurate Flak was also encountered near Roermond, Erkelenz. Intense accurate was also reported at Rheydt. The a/c that is missing was last seen in the target area. The 2 lost a/c crashed in friendly territory after the crews had bailed out.

2	A/C Lost to Flak
1	A/C Missing
48	A/C Battle Damaged
79.36%	% A/C Battle Damaged
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397 Gp.	Grevenbroich Communications Center

that took to moderate Flak followed them from the general area of Nonkirdon to the target. The formations were in range of scattered batteries from this point to the target where the defenses are more concentrated. The 409 Gp. also reported weak inaccurate Flak 7 miles south of Trier.

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Moderate inaccurate heavy flak was encountered about 6 miles from the target area. Returning crews reported that this flak seemed to be coming from the Emmerich area. The second box also reported intense inaccurate heavy flak from the Cleve area. This flak probably came from the front line defenses that the enemy has in front of the Canadian advance.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.T.'s: 1530 to 1656

The 394 Group observed two Mc 109's below the formation in the target area at approximately 1546. The Messerschmitts did not attempt an attack.

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Phoned to Paris 2030 hrs, to Press Camp
2100 hrs

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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HQ, France: In their biggest day since Christmas, 1944, Ninth Bombardment Division Marauders, Invaders and Havocs flew nearly 750 sorties Wednesday, rounding out the offensive in late afternoon with a series of attacks against three German towns, two Rhine river bridges and an ammunition dump.

The afternoon assaults followed by less than four hours a medium and light bomber offensive against similar targets in the path of British armies in the North, and rail and supply targets farther south. From the two operations, six Marauders are reported lost, five going down in the afternoon over the Konzprinz Wilhelm bridge at Ingers, across the Rhine.

Sties that had been clear in the morning changed to cloud banks over some of the afternoon's objectives, and bombing was both visual and with the aid of path-finder. Results ranged from excellent to unobserved.

Nearly 150 Marauders carried out the bridge attacks, half that number getting "good" results against the Ludendorf railroad bridge at Remagen, over the Rhine, without loss. Ten minutes later, two other Marauder forces ran into intense flak over the Konzprinz Wilhelm rail bridge at Ingers and lost five bombers. Crews returning from that attack, however, reported seeing part of the bridge down.

The bridge-busting attacks were part of the plan to cut all bridges across the Rhine, isolate the battle-front to the west of the river, and slow the movement of supplies and reinforcements to the Western and Eastern Fronts.

Less than an hour earlier, Marauders and Havocs swept to within 4 miles of one point of Allied armies to bond communications in the towns of Grevenbroich, 13 miles southwest of Dusseldorf, and Aschweiler and Kerzenich, both in the Duran sector. Main road intersections were reported pounded heavily in all three towns.

A-26 Invaders, meanwhile, carried out a two-wave attack against German ammunition reserves at Rheinbach, 10 miles southwest of Bonn. Returning crews reported seeing large fires burning in the heavily-wooded area, where the enemy was reputed to have huge stores of ammo in readiness for delivery to the front lines.

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CONSOLIDATED MISSION STATISTICS
FOR
14 February 1945

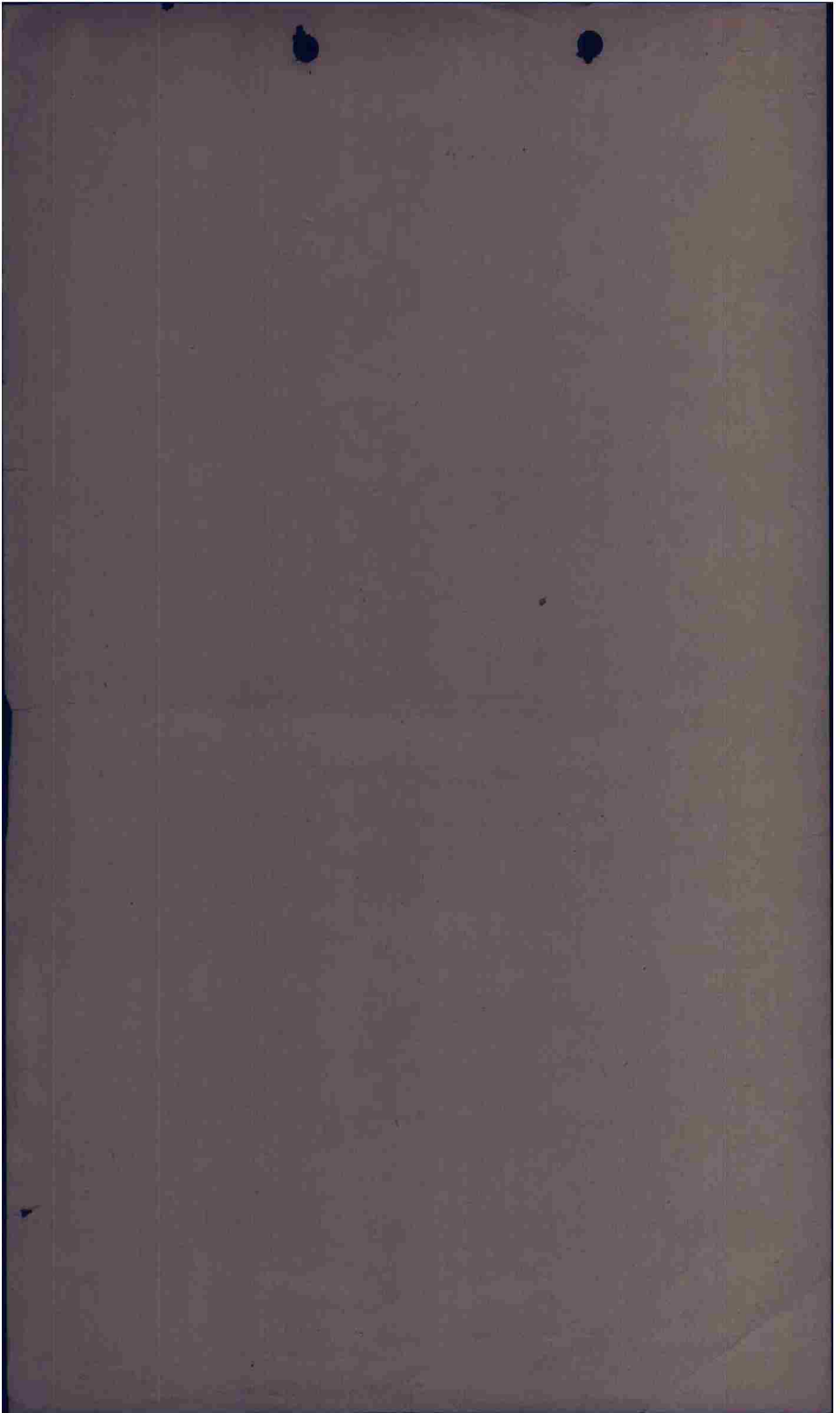


A/C OFF		782
A/C Bombing	623	
A/C Failing to Bomb	77	
A/C Recalled (Weather)	34	
Other		
Window	32	
Bombs of 16 A/C Unaccounted For	48	
TOTAL		782

Bombs on Enemy Territory	1,110,625
Total Bombs to Date	108,238,530

A/C Lost (397, 323, 2-394, 2-387, 2-344 BGS)	8	
A/C Missing (416, 323, 394, 391, 387, 3-344 BGS)	8	
A/C Crash-Landed (410, 397, 391, 387, 344, 322 BGS)	6	
A/C Battle Damaged	316	41.41%
Killed	8	
Wounded	25	
Missing	85	
Injured	4	
Claims	0	

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 14/1915A
 TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION (ATTEN: A-2)
 CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (ATTEN: A-2)

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CONFIDENTIAL 416TH BG FAX-30-D PERIOD

OPFLASH FOR 14 FEBRUARY 1945 (AFTERNOON)

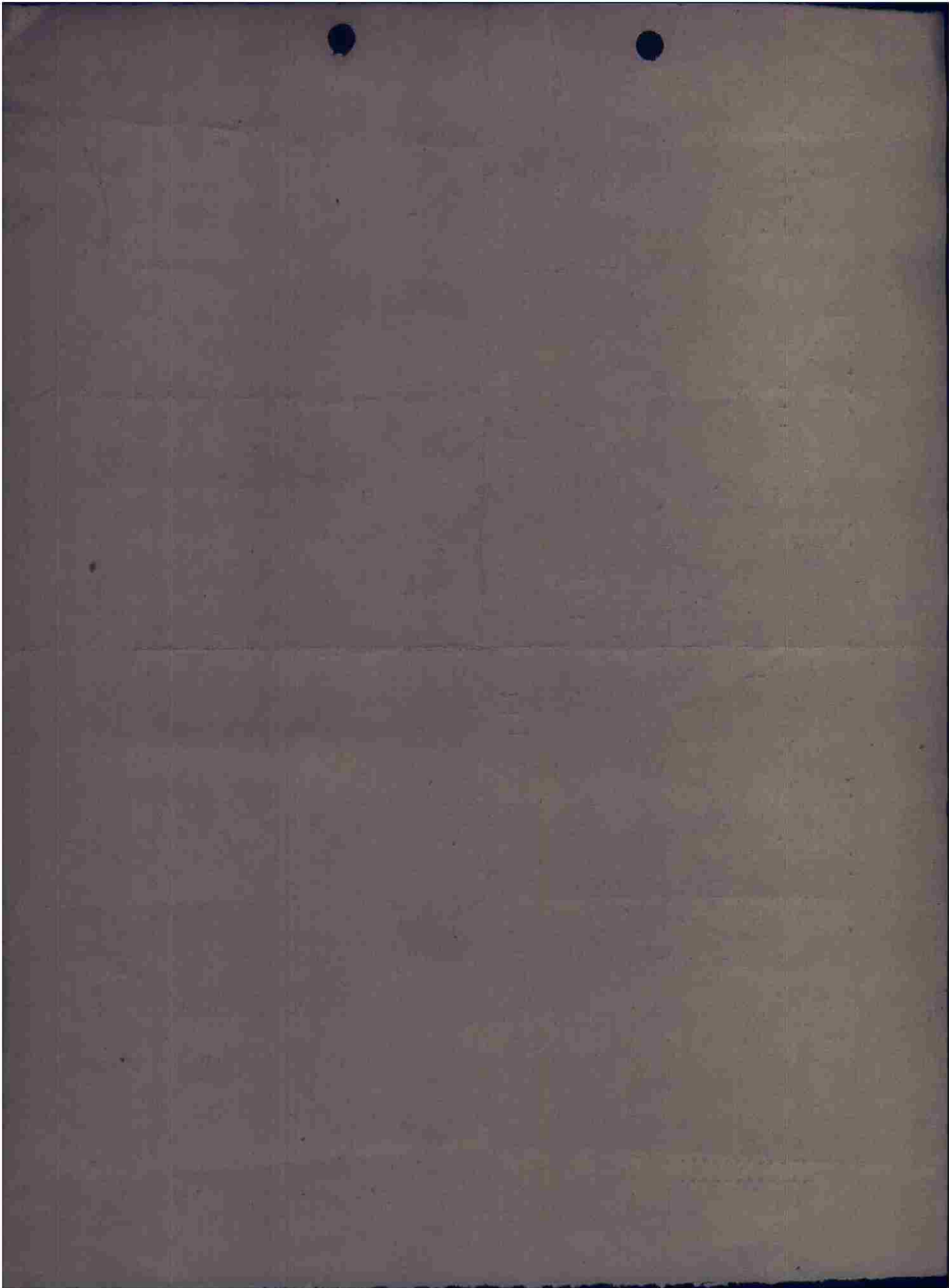
- A. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 B. RHEEMBACH AMMUNITION DUMP
 C. 36 A-26 A/C
 D. 30 A-26 A/C ON PRIMARY
 6 A-26 A/C ON CASUAL--ESSIG (F401290). FORMATION LEADER CALLED FLIGHT LEADERS AND INSTRUCTED THEM TO BOMB BY BOXES. LEADER OF FLIGHT C BOX 1 DID NOT RECEIVE THE MESSAGE AND PEELED OFF TO BOMB BY FLIGHTS. HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY TARGET DUE TO HAZE SO SELECTED A CASUAL TARGET.
 E. NIL
 F. 333 X 250 GP ON PRIMARY
 36 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
 42 X 250 GP ON CASUAL-ESSIG (F401290)
 18 X 500 GP ON CASUAL-ESSIG (F401290)
 3 X 250 GP RETURNED -- BOMB RACKS NOT COCKED
 G. BOX 1 FLIGHT A & B - FAIR TO POOR ON PRIMARY
 FLIGHT C - GOOD TO EXCELLENT ON CASUAL--ESSIG (F401290)
 BOX 2 -- SUPERIOR TO EXCELLENT ON PRIMARY
 H. 7 A/C DAMAGED CATEGORY "AC" -- FLAK
 12 A/C DAMAGED CATEGORY "A" -- ELAK
 1 A/C DAMAGED CATEGORY "B" -- FLAK DAMAGED UNDERCARRIAGE WHICH COLLAPSED ON LANDING
 I. NIL
 J. MODERATE ACCURATE HFF AT TARGET.
 MODERATE ACCURATE HFF ON TURN OFF TARGET FROM F440²⁵⁰~~225~~ TO F513220
 WEAK TO MODERATE INACCURATE HFF FROM F430225 TO TARGET.
 K. NIL
 L. BOX 1 FLIGHT A & B 12,500 FEET.
 FLIGHT C : 11,700 (BOMBED CASUAL TARGET)
 BOX 2 11,900 FEET.
 M. BOX 1 FLIGHT A & B: 1530 HOURS
 FLIGHT C: 1530 1/2 HOURS
 BOX 2: 1531 HOURS

NOTE: NO CALLS WERE MADE TO GROUND CONTROL STATION ON SWEEPSTAKES BEFORE CROSSING THE BOMB LINE. PPF A/C WAS BRIEFED TO DO SO

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

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 TO 97TH BOMB WING (L) STAFF DUTY OFFICER
 9TH BOMBER DIVISION (M) ATTN: A-2 PI

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FAX-37-D

B. RHEINBACH AMMO DUMP
 (LUDENDORF - CASUAL)

J. BOX I FLT A&B SUPER - ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER
 (VISUAL) OF BURSTS 215 FT E OF DMPI EXPLOSIONS INDICATE
 PROBABLE HITS ON AMMUNITION DUMP.
 FLT C UNDET - BOMBARDIER BOMBED ERN CASUAL (LUDENDORF) MAP
 S-1 WHEN UNABLE TO PICK UP PRIMARY ON FIRST
 RUN. DECIDED AGAINST SECOND RUN DUE TO
 FLAK CONDITIONS. NO STRIKE PHOTOS.

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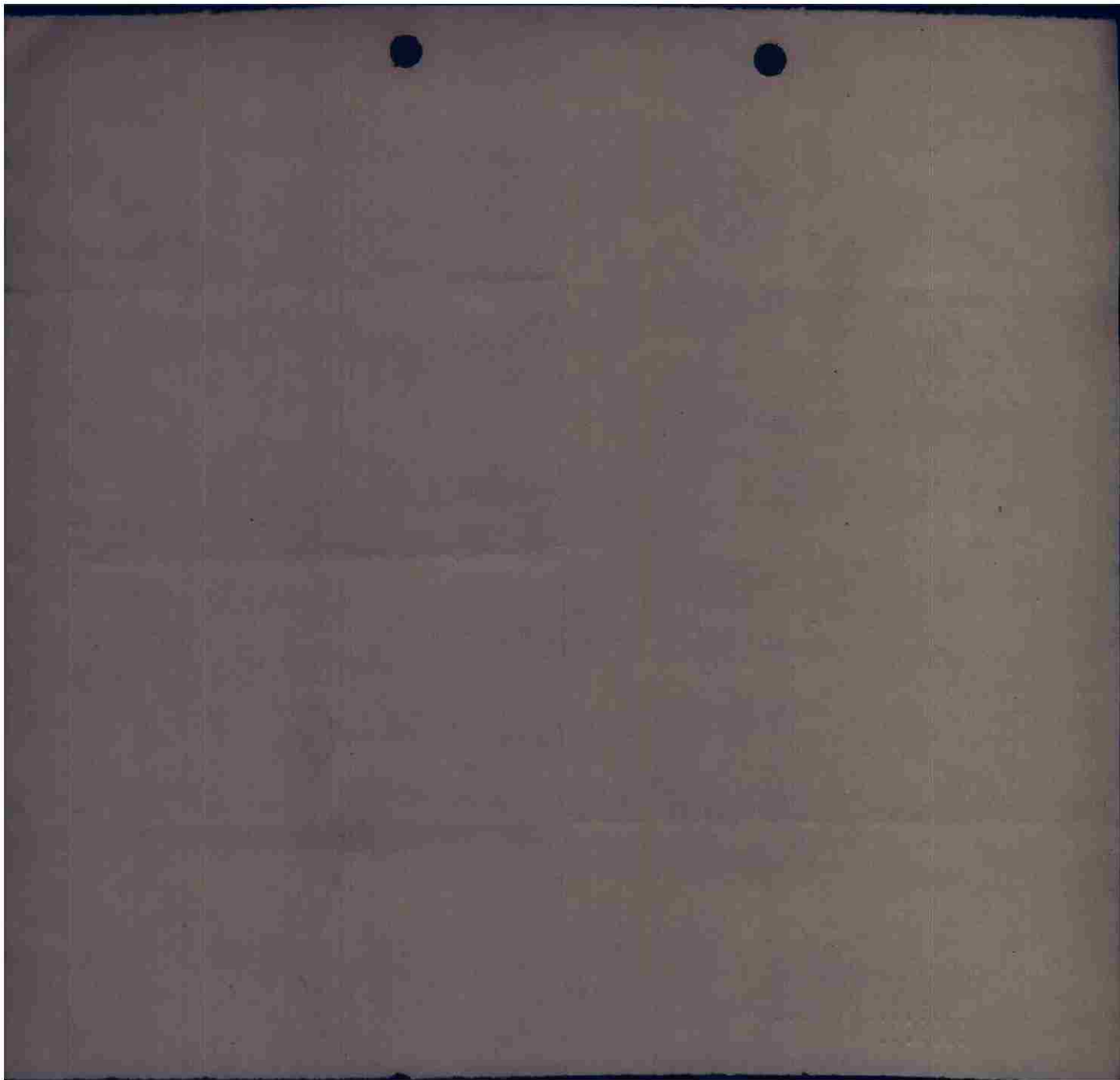
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 AND BOMB RUN SATISFACTORY. BOMBS CAUSED EXPLOSIONS IN AREA

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 8 - 0 PER CENT
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 6 - 0 PERCENT

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TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 409
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COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN.

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)
APO 140
14 FEBRUARY 1945

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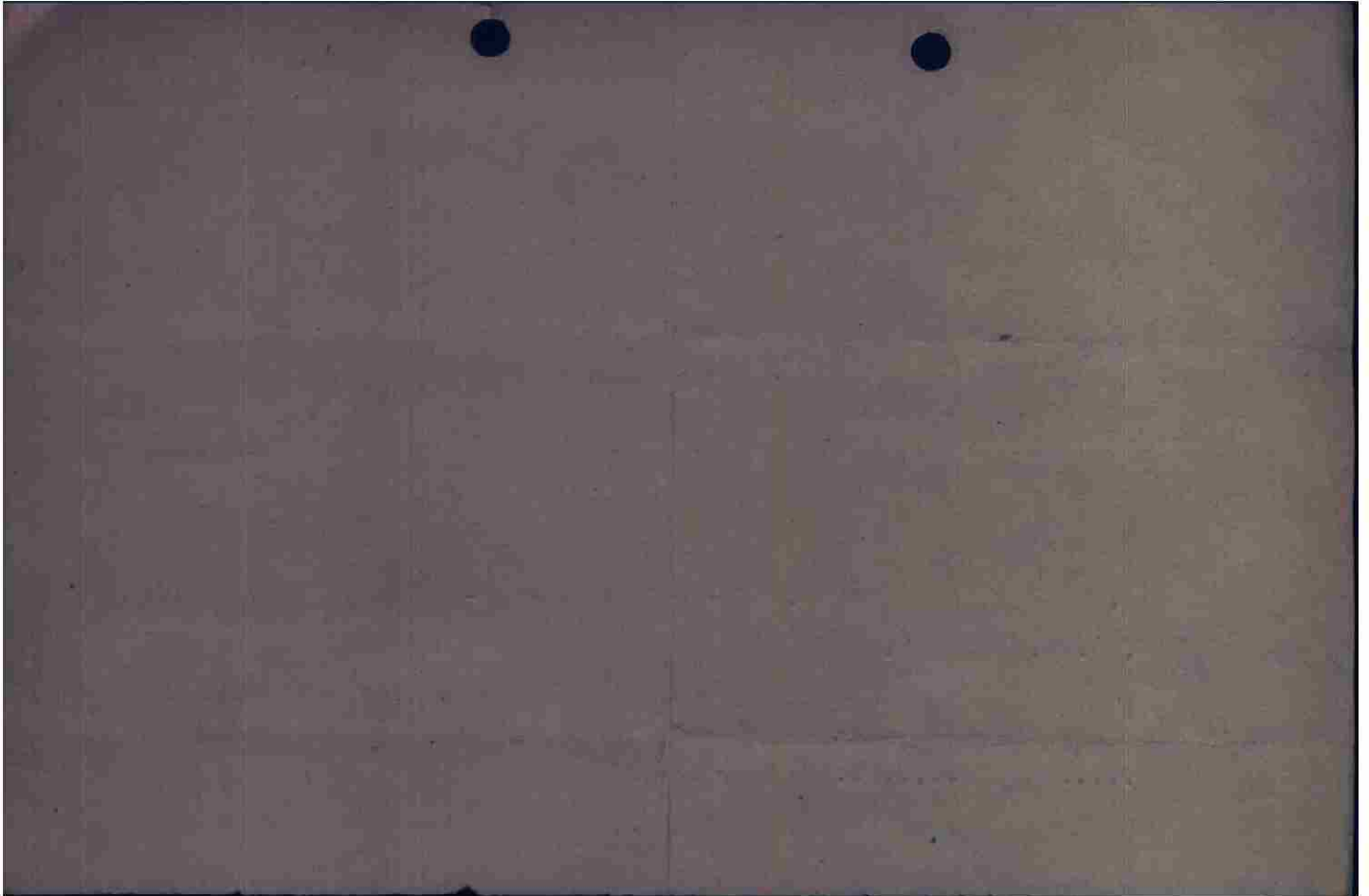
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) 14/1300A

TO COMBOMDIV NINE

409 COBOMGP

410 COBOMGP

416 COBOMGP

ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICERS

BT

*Rec'd
1335 hrs
14 Feb 45* FX 84

INFO COPY OF PARA. 5 OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW

5. COMMUNICATIONS

PLAN "B"

A. 409TH (425244)

(2) ANODE

(4) RIPSAW

B. 410TH (187465)

(2) NOTHING

(4) ROSELEE

C. 416TH (425244)

(2) WASHOUT

(4) RIPSAW

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

(11) 410TH GROUP LEADER WILL CALL INTO CHANNEL C/C 15 MIN PRIOR TO THROPLINE REPORTING "THIS IS NOTHING FORMATION, WE ARE BLANK MINUTES AHEAD OF OR BEHIND SCHEDULE" LEADER WILL AGAIN CALL WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA ADVISING COMPLETION OF OPERATIONS. THIS PROCEDURE IS NECESSARY BECASUE THE COUNTER BATTERY STZTION IS MEINTAINING RADIO SILENCE AND WAS NO CALLSIGN.

WHEN REPORTING F.G.C. AND TO COUNTER BATTERY STATIONS, IT IS THE GROUP LEADERS RESPONSIBILITY WHEN MISSION IS VISUAL AND WHEN BLIND IT IS THE P.P.F. AIRCRAFTS RESPONSIBILITY.

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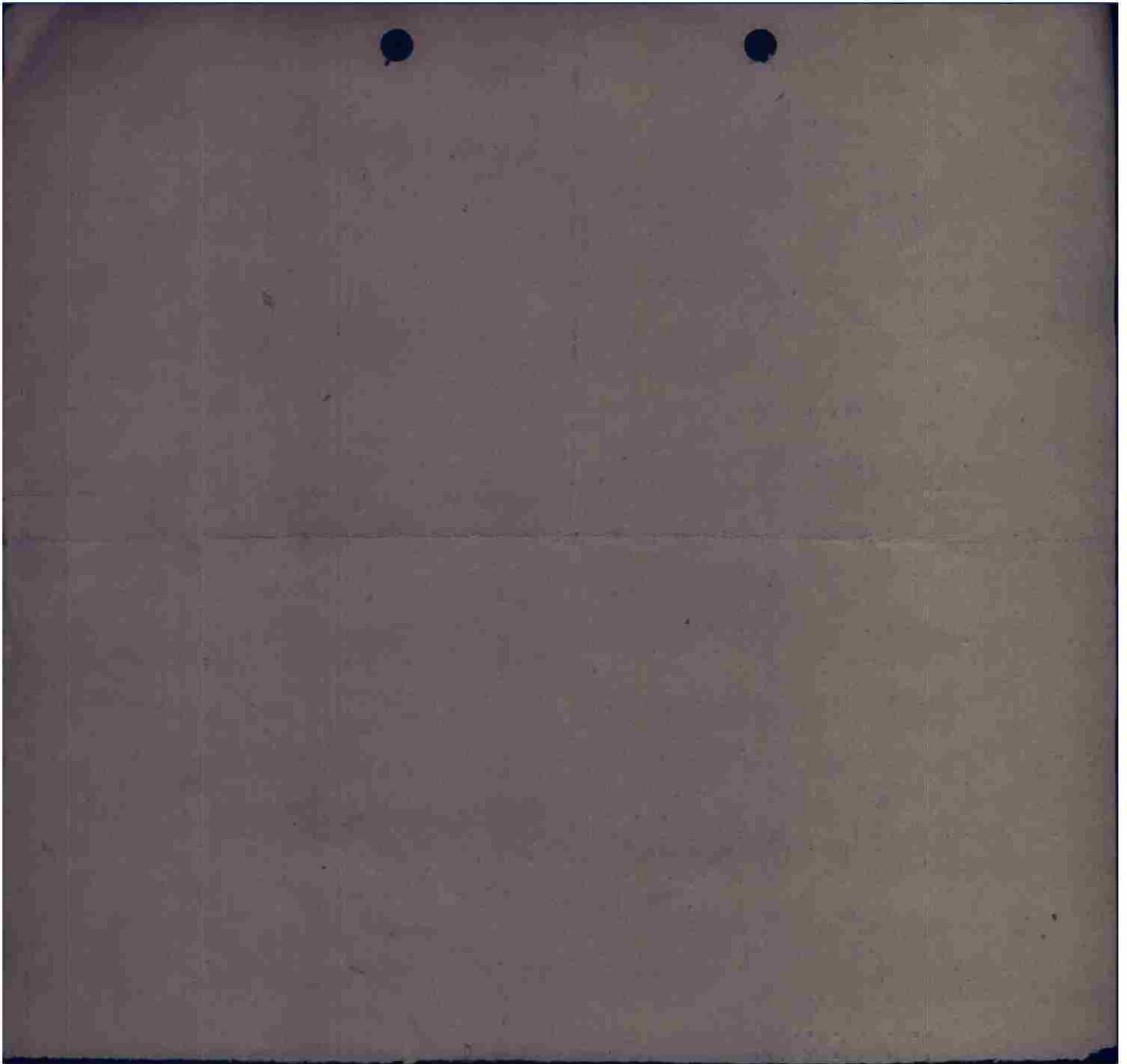
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) 14/1330A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
409TH COBOMGP
410TH COBOMGP
416TH COBOMGP
1ST PATHFINDER SQ (PROV)

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
14 FEBRUARY 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 166-748 F-110-E

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY

ZERO HOUR 14/1530A

3. A. 409TH GROUP
(9) M.P.

I. IX AF 2ND PHASE REPORT IX T.A.C. T/297. 2 FLIGHTS ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REF. 004003, 00950035, 014003 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS ONE BOX ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 5307 GRID. COORD. 42682426, 42952417.

P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID. COORD. 42952417.

- (10) 8 X 500 G.P. FUSED INSTANTANEOUS NOSE ONLY.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MINUTES

- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) ESCHWEILER COMMUNICATION CENTER F-137465
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON ONE PPF A/C
- (4) BASE TO K2049 TO K5559 TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO K3343 TO BASE
- (6) BOMB 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL 5,000 FEET

- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 5006E/5005. 3 FLIGHTS ON EACH REF. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS. 1 BOX ON EACH REF. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES. REF. 079018, 08100195.

P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID. COORD. 19054665

- (10) 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE 1/40 SECOND TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MIN.

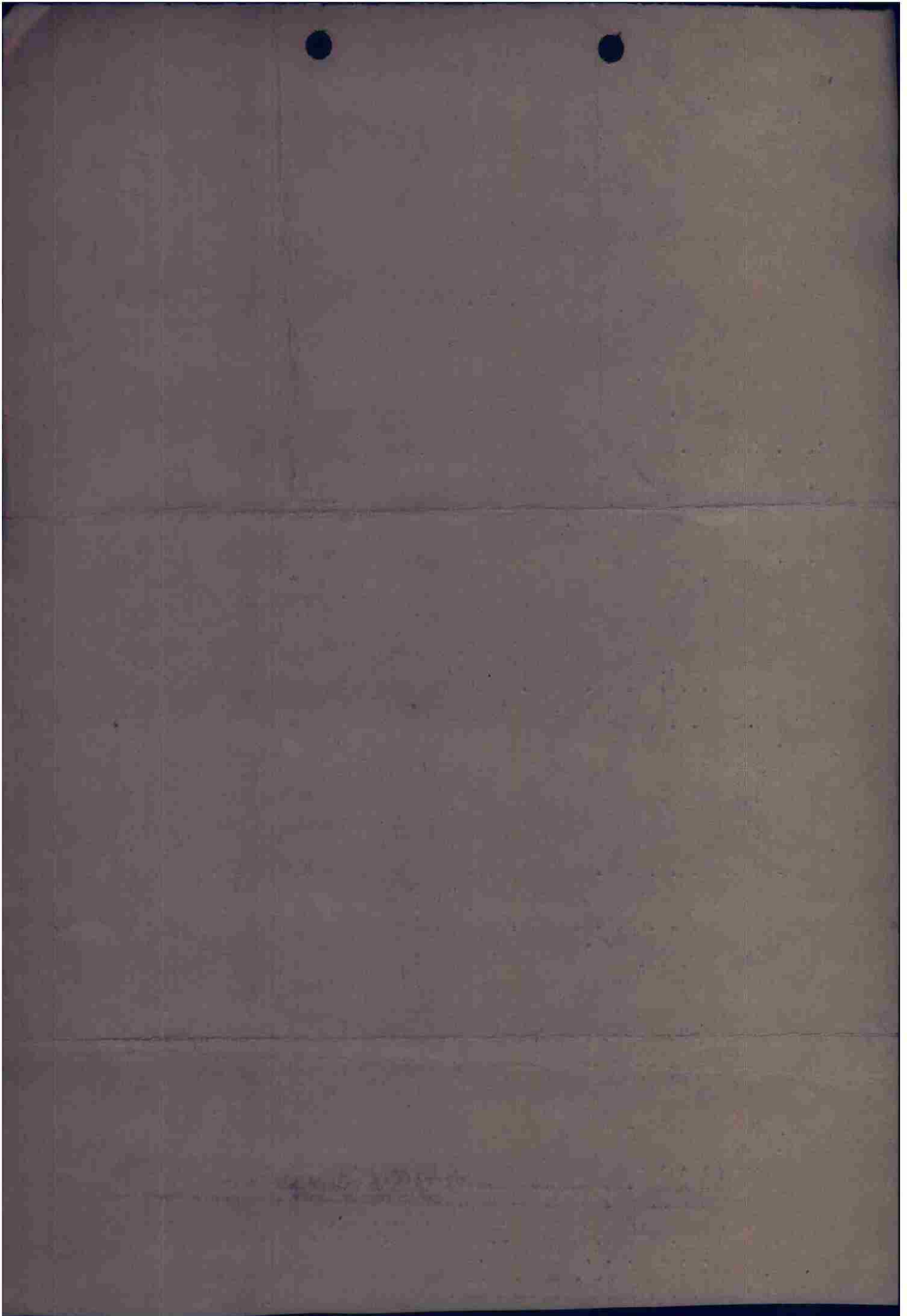
- (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST, BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUP WILL BOMB BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES AND WILL USE K3343 AS VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB ON PPF A/C ONLY. IF PPF EQUIPMENT FAILS, GROUP WILL BOMB AN ALTERNATE TARGET SELECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F576E (9-2-45)

- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

(9) M.P.I. IX AF 2ND PHASE REPORT IX TAC T/297. 2 FLIGHTS ON EACH REF. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS. REFPM 004003, 00950035, 014003. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES ONE BOX ON EACH GRID. COORD. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 5307. GRID. COORD. 42682426, 42952417.

P.P.F. M.P.I. 42682426.

- (10) 14 X 250 G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE 1/100 SECOND TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR



409TH AND 416TH GROUPS ONLY

- X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE
 (5) TARGET: RHEINBACH F-425244
 (6) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON ONE P.P.F. A/C
 (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO P8413 TO L3820 TO L3955 TO D-4670 TO TARGET
 (8) ROUTE BACK: TURN RIGHT AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE
 (9) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL 5,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
 (10) INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
 (11) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST, BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUPS WILL BOMB BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES AND WILL USE D-4896 AS VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY
- (A) P.P.F.
 - (B) GROUP "GEE"
 - (C) TARGET E.T.A.
- (12) GROUPS WILL SELECT SECONDARY TARGETS IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOM. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45)

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

PLAN "B"

A. 409TH (425244)

- (2) ANODE
- (4) RIPSAB

B. 410TH (187465)

- (2) NOTHING
- (4) ROSELEE

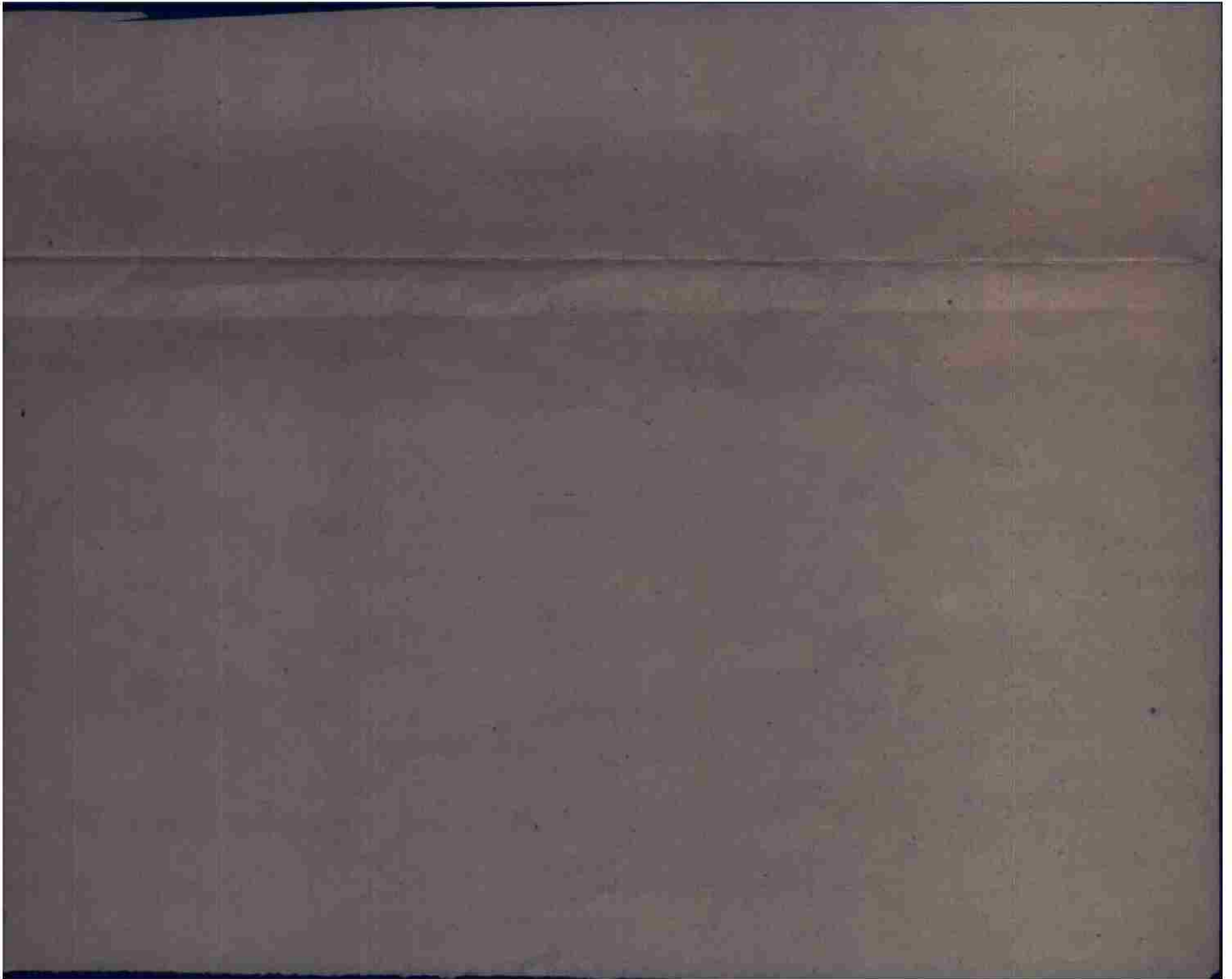
C. 416TH (425244)

- (2) WASHOUT
- (4) RIPSAB

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

- (11) 410TH GROUP LEADER WILL CALL INTO CHANNEL C/C 15 MIN PRIOR TO TROOPLINE REPORTING" THIS IS NOTHING FORMATION, WE ARE BLANK MINUTES AHEAD OF OR BEHIND SCHEDULE" LEADER WILL AGAIN CALL WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA ADVISING COMPLETION OF OPERATIONS. HIS PROCEDUR

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(11) 410TH GROUP LEADER WILL CALL INTO CHANNEL C/C 15 MIN PRIOR TO TROOPING REPORTING" THIS IS NOTHING FORMATION, WE ARE BLANK MINUTES AHEAD OF OR BEHIND SCHEDULE" LEADER WILL AGAIN CALL WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA ADVISING COMPLETION OF OPERATIONS. THIS PROCEDURE IS NECESSARY BECAUSE THE COUNTER BATTERY STATION IS MAINTAINING RADIO SILENCE AND HAS NO CALLSIGN. WHEN REPORTING F.G.C. AND TO COUNTER BATTERY STATIONS, IT IS THE GROUP LEADERS RESPONSIBILITY WHEN MISSION IS VISUAL AND WHEN BLIND IT IS THE P.P.F. AIRCRAFTS RESPONSIBILITY.

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BT 14/1330A

LEG BBBB

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WHAT DO YOU NEED? ONE CCC IN C. 9. THE 2ND LINE LAST WORD
014003 IS THAT IT? TIC MY ERROR LAST FORD IS REF. OK T B F R

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BOX I
FLIGHT I

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1. 481 G
Major R.F. Price
Lt. W. Forns
Lt. W. Ballage
S/Sgt. O. Fette

4. 213 A
Lt. T.D. McCreedy
Sgt. A.R. Hood

2. 521 H
Lt. C.H. Stanley
P/O J.H. Blount
S/Sgt. C.H. Collier

5. 395 U
Lt. E.D. Drum
Sgt. J.H. Schertkopf

3. 188 R
Lt. J.H. Montross
S/Sgt. R.S. Gandy

6. 264 I
Lt. J.W. Elovino
Sgt. F. Conroy

FLIGHT II

1. 501 W
~~Lt. R.D. Singletary
Lt. R.N. Rosencquist
Lt. S.E. Bremer
S/Sgt. A.A. Cianciol~~

4. 223 B
Lt. H. Popensy
S/Sgt. H.C.S. Candler

2. 224 E
Lt. J.R. Warren
S/Sgt. C.C. Strop

5. 321 V
Lt. S.H. Shaley
Sgt. F.M. Tharp

3. 205 H
Lt. E.G. Bishop
Sgt. M.C. Harris

6. 334 G-1
Captain H.W. Roman
Pfc. D.O. Rinnell

FLIGHT III

1. 469 A-1
Lt. F.S. Brewster
Lt. D.W. Dennis
Lt. A.H. Maltby
S/Sgt. C.D. Harmon

4. 9315 F
Lt. T.S. Herritt
S/Sgt. R.F. Catti

2. 416 O
Lt. E.C. Farnor
S/Sgt. J. Sienkiewicz

5. 286 D
Lt. J.A. Cook
Sgt. T.R. Langley

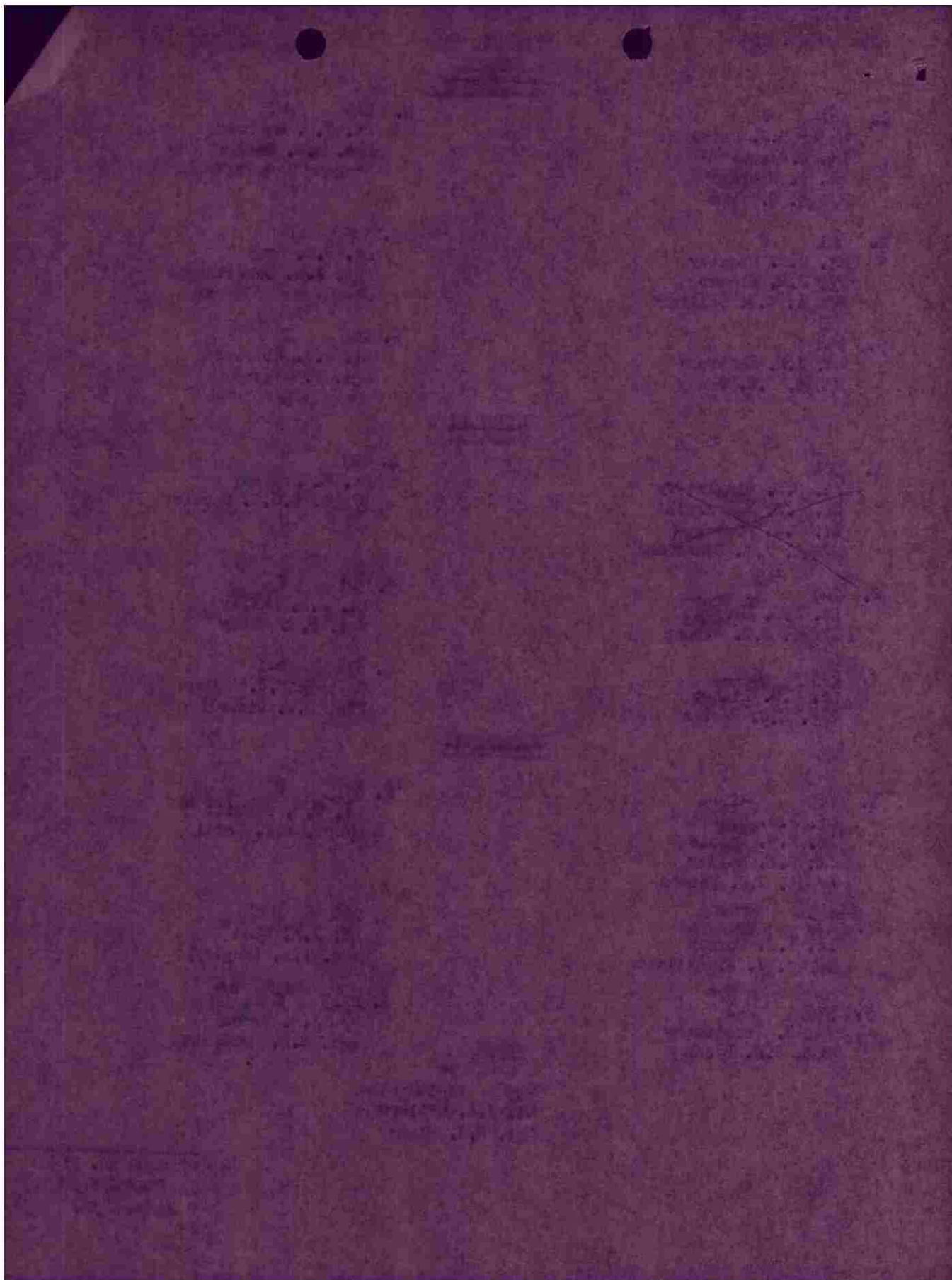
3. 397 N-1
Lt. H. Erretabere
Sgt. F.R. Lynch

6. 2315 E
P/O J.A. Green
Sgt. R.H. Rorbakhan

SPARE

249 F-1
Lt. J.A. Willard
Sgt. H.I. Hinker

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FLIGHT I

1. 529 N
 Captain H.M. Evans
 Lt. T.M. McCartney
 F/O L.W. Harvett
 Sgt. J.C. Edenburn

4. 271 N
 Lt. L.B. Cannon
 S/Sgt. H.P. Krasinski

2. 490 E
 Lt. J.J. Lackovich
 Lt. H.C. Muir
 Pvt. R.M. Barry

5. 378 O
 Lt. R.A. Russell
 Sgt. C.J. Hammond

3. 233 F
 Lt. J.F. Kenny
 Sgt. J.F. Sittarich

6. 321 T
 Lt. J.H. Gerver
 Sgt. A.B. Stewart

FLIGHT II

1. 452 E
 Lt. R.H. Cornell
 Lt. R.E. Evans
 S/Sgt. H.B. McGinn

4. 306 X
 Lt. W.F. Tripp
 Sgt. O.T. Hawk

2. 241 E-1
 Lt. R.W. Van Pops
 Sgt. W.H. Klingman

5. 252 B
 Lt. W.J. North
 S/Sgt. I. Moskowitz

3. 183 Y
 Lt. S.R. Haylor
 Sgt. A.A. Dalton

6. 271 R-1
 Lt. C.F. Weinert
 Sgt. H.E. Brandt

FLIGHT III

1. 499 G
 Lt. J.A. Bushirk
 Lt. R.C. Hanna
 S/Sgt. C.H. Carbutt

4. 239 H
 Captain L.J. Sutton
 S/Sgt. D.C. Gilliam

2. 313 B
 Lt. W.R. Jokison
 Sgt. D.V. McHarris

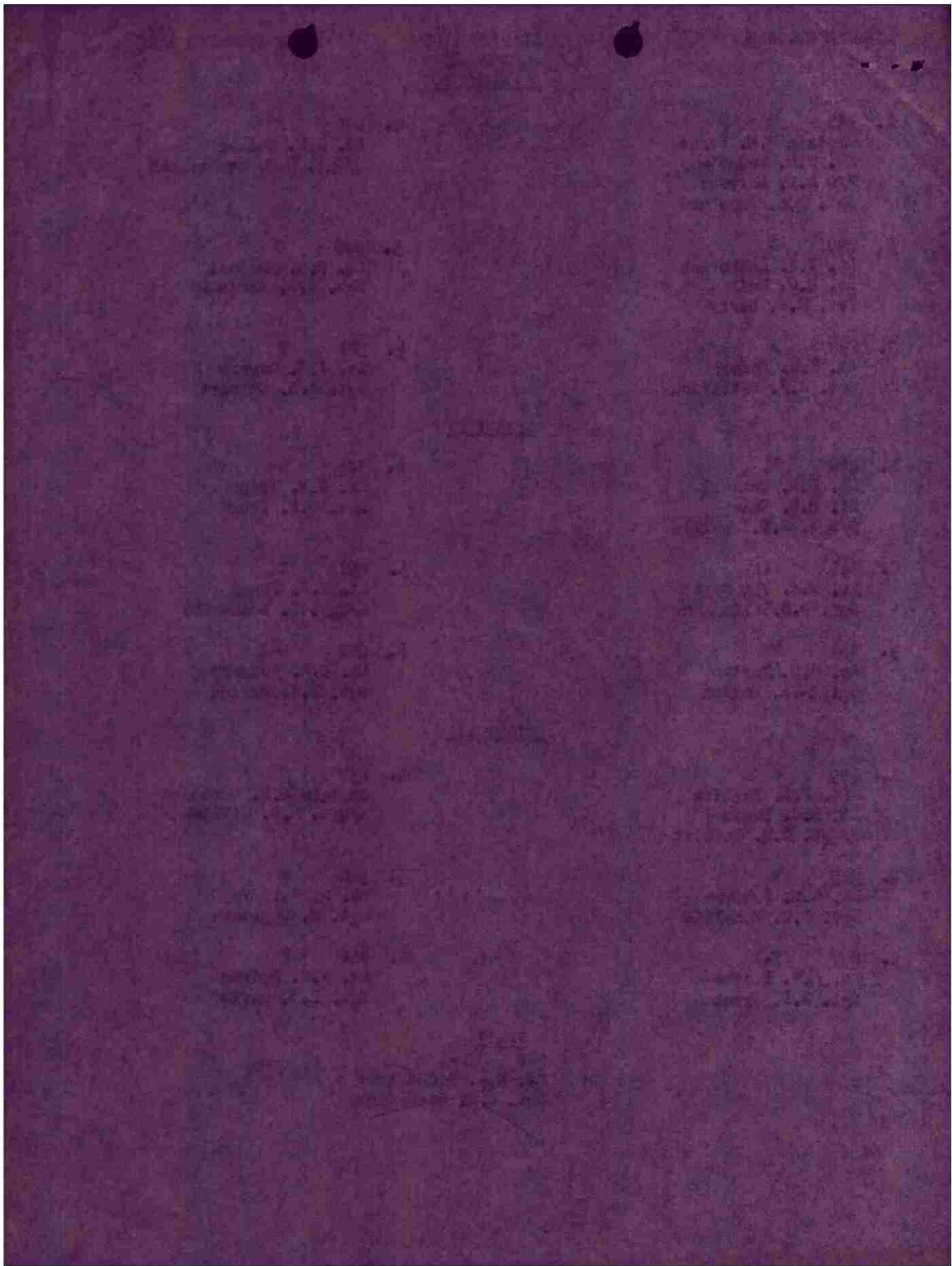
5. 300 K
 Lt. M. Wallman
 Sgt. M. Appleman

3. 297 T-1
 Lt. A.F. Hiltner
 Sgt. R.E. Graub

6. 326 W
 Lt. J.W. Spires
 Sgt. L.F. Davis

SIGHT

~~229 P-1
 Lt. L.F. Poundstone
 Sgt. L.L. Richardson~~

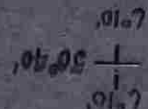


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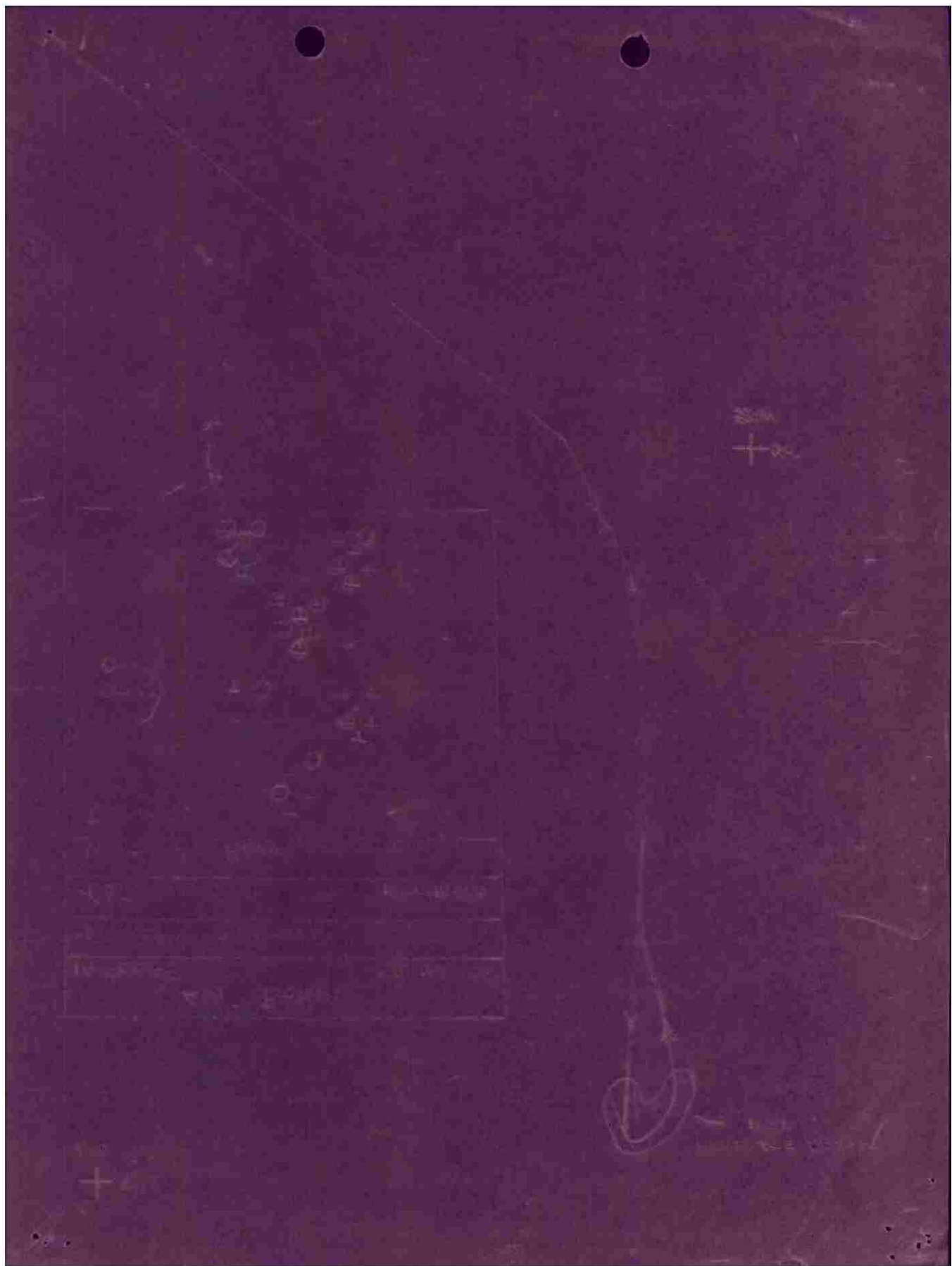


416 th Bombr	14 FEB 45	TARGET	RUEINGAKU	4.0.T.	1550	Alt. 11900/12500	WEATHER	Hazy	DAMAGE:	0-CAR A 0-CAR A-C	
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DATE: 16 Feb. 1945

INIT: 469

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

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 & No. 2174 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 14 February 1945
Mission or Operation No. 205 97TH BOM TO 2166-748

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Reinbach Ammunition Dump
Place of take-off Station A-69
Place of landing Station A-69
Take-off time 1357 Landing time 1450
Time over target 1508 Bombing Altitude 11700-12000
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather 2 to 3/10's clouds, clear over target area.
Results Box 10 Super, Super, Duster, Box 11 Unsatisfactory
Enemy opposition Moderate accurate IVV

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 36 A-26's

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
30 Reinbach Am. Dump
6 Industriest (Casual)

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) 7 Category "A" - Flak
12 Category "B" - Flak
1 Category "C" - Flak

8. Sorties 36

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GEORGE SCHENKELIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

For the Commanding Officer:

Destroyed	_____
Prop. Dam.	_____
Damaged	_____

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

Type of Casualty	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	R. Gun	T. Gun	L. Gun
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
Slightly Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

Total Returned	_____
Lost or wrecked on missing a/c	_____
Detained	_____
Expended on operations (List targets separately)	_____

F. Bombs, Mines, etc. used: Total carried into air: _____

Total carried into air: _____
Expended on operations: _____
Lost on wrecked or missing a/c: _____

D. Total operational flying hours: _____
Day (Sunrise to sunset): _____
Night (Sunset to sunrise): _____

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BOMBING INFORMATION REPORT

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Date <u>14 Feb. 45</u>	Target name <u>Rheinbach Ammo. Dep.</u>	Size bomb <u>5000050 GP</u>	Primary <u>(X)</u>
Group <u>216</u>	Bombardier <u>Lt. W. Evans</u>	Tot. Bombs <u>14-500</u>	Alternate <u>()</u>
F.O.# <u>166-748</u>	Navigator <u>Lt. W. Bahng</u>	Fuse nose <u>1/100</u>	Casual <u>()</u>
Box <u>1</u>	Pilot <u>Maj. R.F. Price</u>	Fuse tail <u>1/100</u>	Sync. sight'g <u>(X)</u>
Flight <u>A & B</u>	Sqdn # <u>668</u>	Radial error <u>215</u>	Intrvlmtr <u>50 Ft.</u>
# A/C <u>11</u>	Bmbdr's grade <u>100</u>	Bad miss <u>()</u>	Altitude <u>12,500</u>
3 <u>()</u>	12 <u>(X)</u>	Last score <u>76.6</u>	No photos <u>()</u>
4 <u>()</u>	18 <u>()</u>	Missions led <u>31</u>	No attack <u>()</u>
6 <u>()</u>	Tot. missions <u>61</u>	Unobsvd. <u>()</u>	Run time <u>50 sec.</u>
Pinpoint <u>(X)</u>	Area <u>()</u>	Line <u>()</u>	Auto pilot in ship <u>()</u>
Mercury erection used <u>()</u>	" <u>()</u>	" <u>()</u>	used <u>()</u>
			ARR used <u>()</u>

No difficulties	0 a <u>()</u>	Navigation	Pilotage
No information	0 b <u>()</u>	No trouble	3 a <u>(X)</u>
Planning		Missed check pts.	3 b <u>()</u>
No trouble	1 a <u>(X)</u>	Picked wrong I.P.	3 c <u>()</u>
Battle smoke	1 b <u>()</u>	I.P. not found	3 d <u>()</u>
Bomb smoke	1 c <u>()</u>	Missed I. P.	3 e <u>()</u>
Target identity	1 d <u>()</u>	Bad course from IP	3 f <u>()</u>
IP identification	1 e <u>()</u>	Other	3 g <u>()</u>
Similar targets	1 f <u>()</u>	Sighting	Interference
No photos	1 g <u>()</u>	Good run	4 a <u>()</u>
Poor photos	1 h <u>()</u>	Gyro caged	4 b <u>()</u>
Poor maps	1 i <u>()</u>	Gyro tumbled	4 c <u>()</u>
Poor check points	1 j <u>()</u>	roor level	4 d <u>()</u>
Poor briefing	1 k <u>()</u>	Extended vis. in	4 e <u>()</u>
No brfd alternate	1 l <u>()</u>	Preset drift off	4 f <u>()</u>
Other	1 m <u>()</u>	Wrong disc speed	4 g <u>()</u>
Weather		Indices crossed	4 h <u>()</u>
Tenths clouds below	<u>3 to 4/10</u>	Poor range sync.	4 i <u>()</u>
Altitude of tops	<u>3000</u>	Poor defl. sync.	4 j <u>()</u>
Tenths clouds above	<u>141</u>	Other	4 k <u>(X)</u>
Altitude of bottoms	<u>2000</u>	Bombing	
Visibility, miles	<u>10 plus</u>	No trouble	5 a <u>(X)</u>
Cloud over target	2 a <u>()</u>	P.D.I. not on	5 b <u>()</u>
Haze, none	2 b <u>()</u>	Intrvlmtr net set	5 c <u>()</u>
" slight	2 c <u>(X)</u>	Bomb switch off	5 d <u>()</u>
" medium	2 d <u>()</u>	Late salvo	5 e <u>()</u>
" heavy	2 e <u>()</u>	Picked wrong A.P.	5 f <u>()</u>
Weather as briefed	2 f <u>()</u>	Did not locate A.P.	5 g <u>()</u>
Wind wrong	2 g <u>()</u>	A.P. found late	5 h <u>()</u>
Clouds wrong	2 h <u>(X)</u>	Other	5 i <u>()</u>
Visibility wrong	2 i <u>(X)</u>		
Other	2 j <u>()</u>		
			Malfunctions
			No trouble
			Controls
			Intercom.
			Bombsight
			Bomb doors
			Release
			Intervalometer
			P.D.I.
			Auto pilot
			Other
			Enemy
			No trouble
			Some flak on run
			Rough air, flak
			Damaged, flak
			Bombardier hit
			Pilot hit
			Fighter attack
			Other

Remarks: All difficulties checked above shall be mentioned here. Give an account of the troubles in the order of their occurrence. If there were several troubles underline the most important one. Try to give reasons for the difficulties when they are not apparent. Place the time that the trouble occurred.

WEATHER: 2a - haze and ground fog in valleys.
2b - briefed PFF, bombed visually.
2i - briefed PFF, bombed visually.

SIGHTING: 1k - bombight panel fogged. Had extreme difficulty seeing target.

ENEMY: 9b - XXXX flak on run.

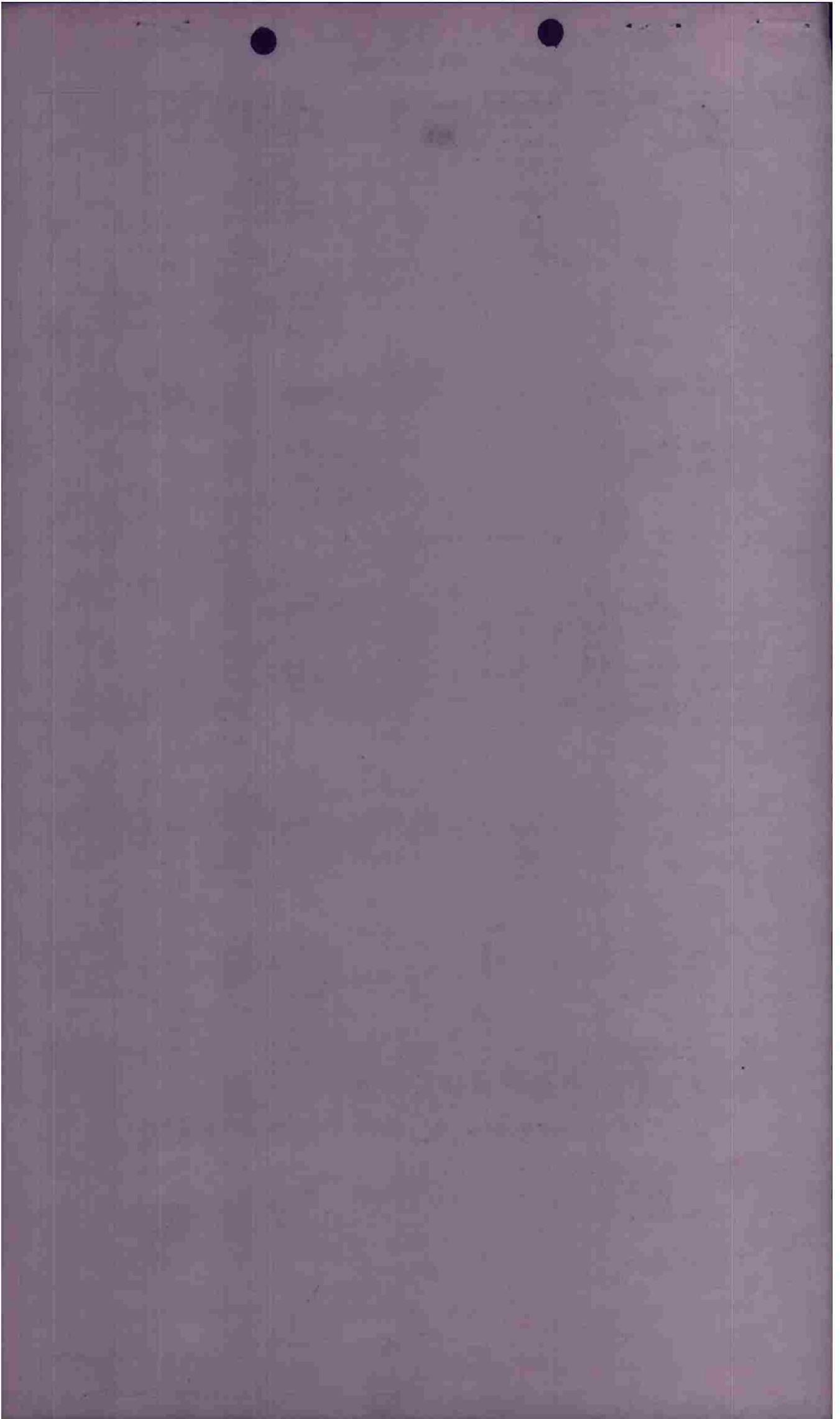
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BOMBING INFORMATION REPORT

Date	<u>14 Feb. 45</u>	Target name	<u>Steinbach Iron Dam</u>	Size bomb	<u>500 & 2500</u>	Primary	()
Group	<u>116</u>	Bombardier	<u>Lt. D.W. Dennis</u>	Tot. Bombs	<u>25-3000</u>	Alternate	()
F.O.#	<u>166-708</u>	Navigator	<u>Lt. A.H. Maltby</u>	Fuse nose	<u>17/8</u>	Casual	(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)
Box	<u>1</u>	Pilot	<u>Lt. F.S. Bronster</u>	Fuse tail	<u>1/100</u>	Sync. sight'g	(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)
Flight	<u>6</u>	Sqdn #	<u> </u>	Radial error	<u> </u>	Intrvlmtr	<u>50 ft.</u>
# A/C	<u>7</u>	Bmbdr's grade	<u>Undet.</u>	Bad miss ()	Altitude	<u>11,700 ft</u>	No aiming ()
3 ()	12 ()	Last score	<u> </u>	No photos ()	Runs prim.	<u>1</u>	Dropped on
4 ()	18 ()	Missions led	<u>1</u>	No attack ()	Runs sec.	<u> </u>	another flight ()
6 (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)		Tot. missions	<u>11</u>	Unobsvd. ()	Run time	<u>10 min</u>	Briefed PFF ()
Pinpoint (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	Area ()	Line ()	Auto pilot in ship ()				PFF used ()
Mercury erection used ()		" "	used ()				ABR used ()

No difficulties	0 a ()	<u>Navigation</u>		<u>Pilotage</u>	
No information	0 b ()	No trouble	3 a (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	No trouble	6 a (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)
<u>Planning</u>		Missed check pts.	3 b ()	Altitude wrong	6 b ()
No trouble	1 a ()	Picked wrong I.P.	3 c ()	Evasive action	6 c ()
Battle smoke	1 b ()	I.P. not found	3 d ()	Turn too soon	6 d ()
Bomb smoke	1 c ()	Missed I. P.	3 e ()	Poor on P.D.I.	6 e ()
Target identity	1 d (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	Bad course from IP	3 f ()	Poor on intercom.	6 f ()
IP identification	1 e ()	Other	3 g ()	Other	6 g ()
Similar targets	1 f ()	<u>Sighting</u>		<u>Interference</u>	
No photos	1 g ()	Good run	4 a (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	No trouble	7 a ()
Poor photos	1 h ()	Gyro caged	4 b ()	Prop wash	7 b ()
Poor maps	1 i ()	Gyro tumbled	4 c ()	Collision course	7 c (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)
Poor check points	1 j ()	roor level	4 d ()	Ships above	7 d ()
Poor briefing	1 k ()	Extended vis. in	4 e ()	Ships below	7 e ()
No brfd alternate	1 l ()	Preset drift off	4 f ()	Other	7 f ()
Other	1 m ()	Wrong disc speed	4 g ()	<u>Malfunctions</u>	
<u>Weather</u>		Indices crossed	4 h ()	No trouble	8 a (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)
Tenths clouds below	<u>3 to 4/10</u>	Poor range sync.	4 i ()	Controls	8 b ()
Altitude of tops	<u>5,000</u>	Poor defl. sync.	4 j ()	Intercom.	8 c ()
Tenths clouds above	<u>111</u>	Other	4 k ()	Bombsight	8 d ()
Altitude of bottoms	<u>2,000</u>	<u>Bombing</u>		Bomb doors	8 e ()
Visibility, miles	<u>10 plus</u>	No trouble	5 a ()	Release	8 f ()
Cloud over target	2 a ()	P.D.I. not on	5 b ()	Intervalometer	8 g ()
Haze, none	2 b ()	Intrvlmtr net set	5 c ()	P.D.I.	8 h ()
" slight	2 c (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	Bomb switch off	5 d ()	Auto pilot	8 i ()
" medium	2 d ()	Late salvo	5 e ()	Other	8 j ()
" heavy	2 e ()	Picked wrong A.P.	5 f ()	<u>Enemy</u>	
Weather as briefed	2 f ()	Did not locate A.P.	5 g ()	No trouble	9 a ()
Wind wrong	2 g ()	A.P. found late	5 h (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	Some flak on run	9 b (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)
Clouds wrong	2 h (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	Other	5 i ()	Rough air, flak	9 c ()
Visibility wrong	2 i (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)			Damaged, flak	9 d ()
Other	2 j ()			Bombardier hit	9 e ()
				Pilot hit	9 f ()
				Fighter attack	9 g ()
				Other	9 h ()

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PLANNING: 1 d - Could identify target area but due to haze was unable to pick up AF in time for proper bomb run. Chose casual target of Ludendorf and bombed it with reported excellent results.

WEATHER: 2 c - haze and ground fog in valleys.
 2 h - briefed PFF, bombed visually.
 2 i - briefed PFF, bombed visually.

BOMBING: 5 h - explained in Planning 1 d.

INTERCOM: 7 e - flight 2 of box 1 and this flight flew collision course on run, adding to necessity of casual target.

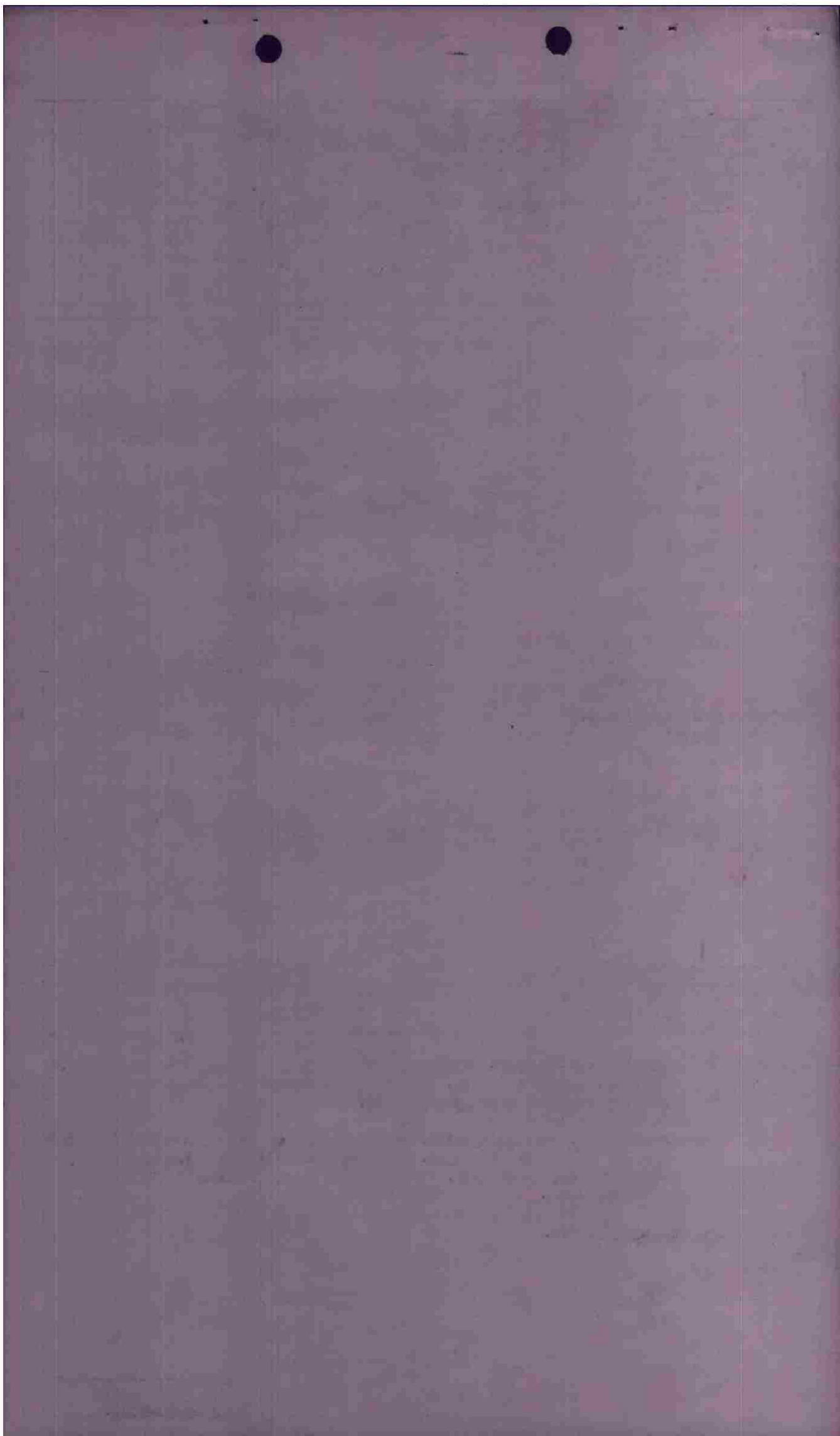
ENEMY: 9 b - XXRA flak on run.

Signature

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 Capt., Air Corps,
 Group Bombardier

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BOMBING INFORMATION REPORT

Date <u>14 Feb. 45</u>	Target name <u>Reinbeck Ammo Dump</u>	Size bomb <u>500-250 G</u>	Primary <u>(X)</u>
Group <u>416</u>	Bombardier <u>Lt. T.M. McCarthey</u>	Tot. Bombs <u>10-250 G</u>	Alternate <u>()</u>
F.O.# <u>166-748</u>	Navigator <u>S/O L.W. Harvost</u>	Fuse nose <u>1/10</u>	Casual <u>()</u>
Box <u>2</u>	Pilot <u>Capt. H.M. Evans</u>	Fuse tail <u>1/100</u>	Sync. sight'g <u>(X)</u>
Flight <u>A-10</u>	Sqdn # <u>668</u>	Radial error <u>950</u>	Intrvlmtr <u>50 ft.</u>
# A/C <u>18</u>	Bmbdr's grade <u>60</u>	Bad miss <u>()</u>	Altitude <u>11,900 ft.</u>
3 () 12 ()	Last score <u>100</u>	No photos <u>()</u>	Runs prim. <u>1</u>
4 () 18 (X)	Missions led <u>3</u>	No attack <u>()</u>	Runs sec. <u>()</u>
6 ()	Tot. missions <u>19</u>	Unobsvd. <u>()</u>	Run time <u>25 sec.</u>
Pinpoint (X)	Area ()	Line ()	Auto pilot in ship ()
Mercury erection used ()	" " used ()	" " used ()	ABR used ()

No difficulties	0 a ()	Navigation		Pilotage	
No information	0 b ()	No trouble	3 a (X)	No trouble	6 a (X)
<u>Planning</u>		Missed check pts.	3 b ()	Altitude wrong	6 b ()
No trouble	1 a (X)	Picked wrong I.P.	3 c ()	Evasive action	6 c ()
Battle smoke	1 b ()	I.P. not found	3 d ()	Turn too soon	6 d ()
Bomb smoke	1 c ()	Missed I. P.	3 e ()	Poor on P.D.I.	6 e ()
Target identity	1 d ()	Bad course from IP	3 f ()	Poor on intercom.	6 f ()
IP identification	1 e ()	Other	3 g ()	Other	6 g ()
Similar targets	1 f ()	<u>Sighting</u>		<u>Interference</u>	
No photos	1 g ()	Good run	4 a (X)	No trouble	7 a (X)
Poor photos	1 h ()	Gyro caged	4 b ()	Prop wash	7 b ()
Poor maps	1 i ()	Gyro tumbled	4 c ()	Collision course	7 c ()
Poor check points	1 j ()	ruor level	4 d ()	Ships above	7 d ()
Poor briefing	1 k ()	Extended vis. in	4 e ()	Ships below	7 e ()
No brfd alternate	1 l ()	Preset drift off	4 f ()	Other	7 f ()
Other	1 m ()	Wrong disc speed	4 g ()	<u>Malfunctions</u>	
<u>Weather</u>		Indices crossed	4 h ()	No trouble	8 a (X)
Tenths clouds below <u>3 to 4/10</u>		Poor range sync.	4 i ()	Controls	8 b ()
Altitude of tops <u>3,000</u>		Poor defl. sync.	4 j ()	Intercom.	8 c ()
Tenths clouds above <u>III</u>		Other	4 k ()	Bombsight	8 d ()
Altitude of bottoms <u>2,000</u>		<u>Bombing</u>		Bomb doors	8 e ()
Visibility, miles <u>10 plus</u>		No trouble	5 a ()	Release	8 f ()
Cloud over target	2 a ()	P.D.I. not on	5 b ()	Intervalometer	8 g ()
Haze, none	2 b ()	Intrvlmtr net set	5 c ()	P.D.I.	8 h ()
" slight	2 c (X)	Bomb switch off	5 d ()	Auto pilot	8 i ()
" medium	2 d ()	Late salvo	5 e ()	Other	8 j ()
" heavy	2 e ()	Picked wrong A.P.	5 f ()	<u>Enemy</u>	
Weather as briefed	2 f ()	Did not locate A.P.	5 g ()	No trouble	9 a ()
Wind wrong	2 g ()	A.P. found late	5 h ()	Some flak on run	9 b (X)
Clouds wrong	2 h (X)	Other	5 i (X)	Rough air, flak	9 c ()
Visibility wrong	2 i (X)			Damaged, flak	9 d ()
Other	2 j ()			Bombardier hit	9 e ()
				Pilot hit	9 f ()
				Fighter attack	9 g ()
				Other	9 h ()

Remarks: All difficulties checked above shall be mentioned here. Give an account of the troubles in the order of their occurrence. If there were several troubles underline the most important one. Try to give reasons for the difficulties when they are not apparent. Place the time that the trouble occurred.

WEATHER: 2 c - haze and ground fog in valleys.
 2 h - Briefed PFF, bombed visually.
 2 i - Briefed PFF, bombed visually.

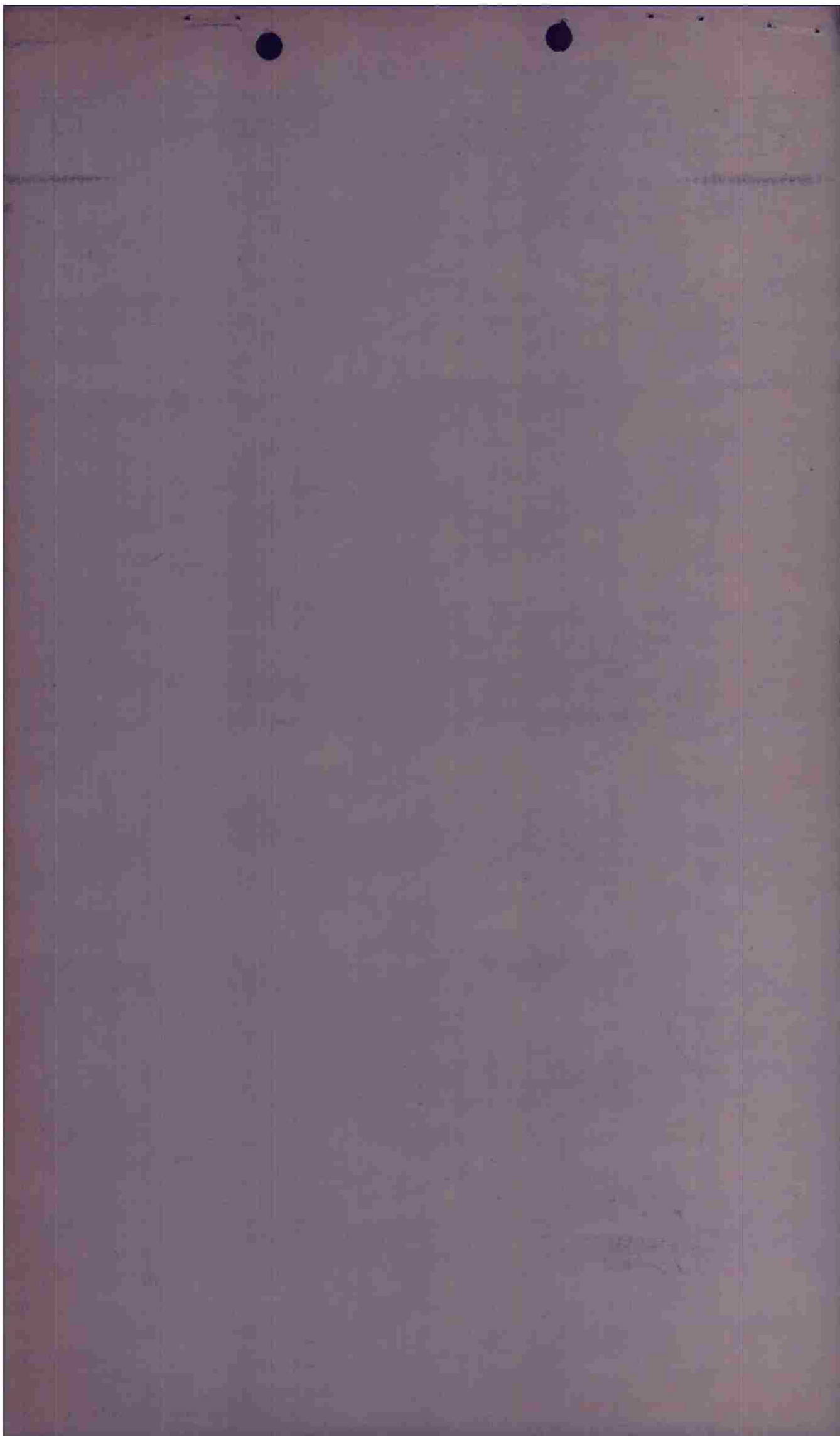
BOMBING: 5 i - Formation leader instructed flights to bomb by boxes. Bombardier did not receive instructions. Made run on briefed flight AP thinking bombing was to be done by flights. Rated from flight AP which was point actually sighted on.

ENEMY: 9 b - JNA flak on run.

Signature

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WILLIAM H. LITTLE
 Capt., Air Corps,
 Group Bombardiers



JEA V JKI JKI 07/14 P P
T - PASS TO ITA

FROM COMMANDING OFFICER, 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 14/1800A
TO COMCONDIV NINE ACTING SIGNAL OFFICER
COMCETWIC 97 (INFO)

BT

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- A - YES - 33
- D - 14 FEBRUARY 1945 (1342-1649)
- C - G-GEORGE REPORTED MISSION RESULTS TO PARADE.
- D - PPF MISSION
- E - NONE
- F - NONE
- G - NONE
- H - NONE
- I - NONE
- J - NONE
- J - NONE
- K - NONE

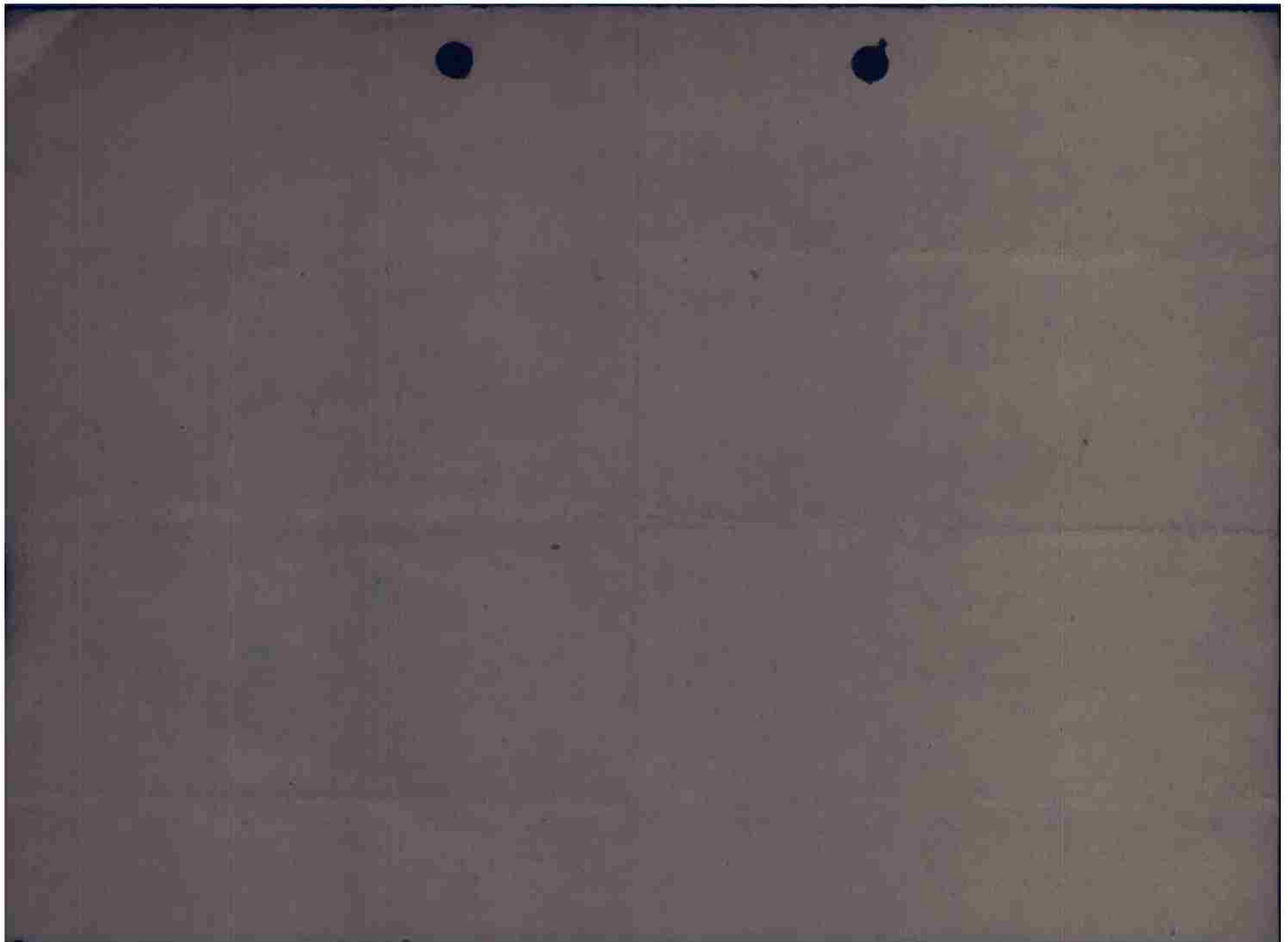
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FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 14/1900A
 TO : CG, IX BOMB DIVISION ATT : A-2
 CG, 97TH COMBAT WING
 CG, 98TH COMBAT WING
 CG, 99TH COMBAT WING
 CO, 416TH BOMB GROUP
 CO, 409TH BOMB GROUP
 CO, 410TH BOMB GROUP
 CO, 394TH BOMB GROUP
 CO, 397TH BOMB GROUP
 CO, 391ET BOMB GROUP

SECRET
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SECRET BT

1ST PPF SQ PROV F-179-D

"OPS FLASH REPORT"

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 394TH BOMB GROUP
- B. GREVENBROICH COMMUNICATION CENTER WF 2077
- C. ONE B-26
- D. DID NOT DROP GROUP TOOK OVER FOR A VISUAL RUN AND WHEN RELEASE SIGNAL CAME GROUP WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO DROP
- E. ONE B-26 PFF WASN'T ON BEAM AT RELEASE TRIED TO SALVO BUT COULDN'T GET BOMBS OUT
- F. 4 X 500 GP RETURNED
- G. NONE
- H. CAT "A" FLAK
- I. NONE
- J. MODERATE ACCURATE HEAVY N OF IMMERATH WF 0975
 MODERATE INACCURATE HEAVY ERKELENZ WF 0178
 MODERATE ACCURATE HEAVY 2 MILES S OF TARGET WF 2078
- K. NONE
- L. 13500
- M. 1539 1/2

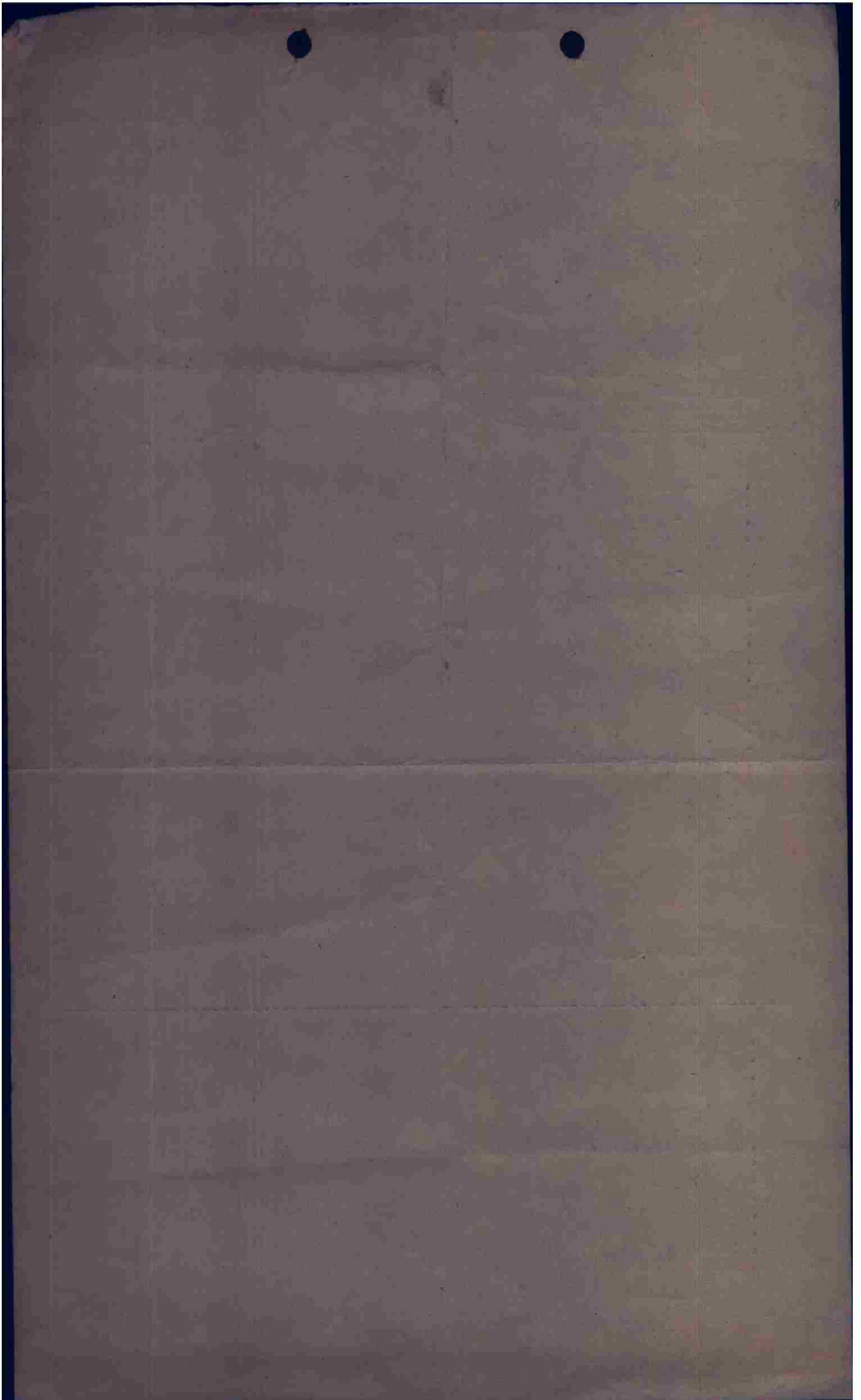
REMARKS : GROUP DID NOT NOTIFY PFF THAT IT WAS GOING TO MAKE A VISUAL RUN GROUP WAS ON CHANNEL "C" AND HAS A DIFFERENT ALTITUDE THAN PFF GROUP BRIEFED 12500 PFF BRIEFED 13500 GROUP DID NOT GIVE LEAD TILL THE WP

"GEE" JAMMING WAS EXPERIENCED AT ROERMOND 51 DEG 12'N
 06 DEG 00E

PFF CALLED ROSALEE ON ENTERING AREA AND GOT A FIX 25 MILES EAST OF BRUSSELS. STATION ASKED WHERE OUR A/C WANTED TO GO - THIS WAS ASKED IN THE CLEAR.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 410TH BOMB GROUP
 - B. ESCHWEILER ROAD JUNCTION WF 1947
 - C. ONE B-26
 - D. NONE
 - E. ONE B-26 GROUP TOOK OVER AND WENT IN VISUAL PFF TURNED AROUND 2 MILES E OF DUREN WF 1457
 - F. 4 X 500 GP RETURNED
 - G. NONE
 - H. NONE
 - I. NONE
 - J. NONE
 - K. NONE
 - L. 12500
 - M. 1608 TURNING POINT

REMARKS : GOOD FIELD ARTILLERY BARRAGE OBSERVED
 GROUP FAILED TO NOTIFY PFF THAT THEY WERE TAKING OVER FOR A VISUAL RUN
 JAMMING WAS EXPERIENCED IN THE TARGET AREA
 PFF CALLED ROSALEE ON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX



- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 41ST BOMB GROUP
- B. RHEINBACH AMMUNITION DUMP WF 4324
- C. ONE B-26
- D. ONE B-26 CASUAL GROUP TOOK OVER FOR VISUAL RUN
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP CASUAL
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. TRIER WL 2129 MODERATE INACCURATE HEAVY
MODERATE INACCURATE HEAVY RHEINBACH WF 4324
WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY AHRWEILLER WF 5417
WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY THALFANG WL 4829
- K. NONE
- L. 12500 CASUAL
- M. 1534 CASUAL

REMARKS : PFF WXXX EXPERIENCED "GEE" JAMMING STARTING AT LUXEMBOURG TO
REINSFELD TO WITTLICH TO TARGET
PFF COULD NOT KEEP UP WITH A-26'S FLYING AT 240 MPH.

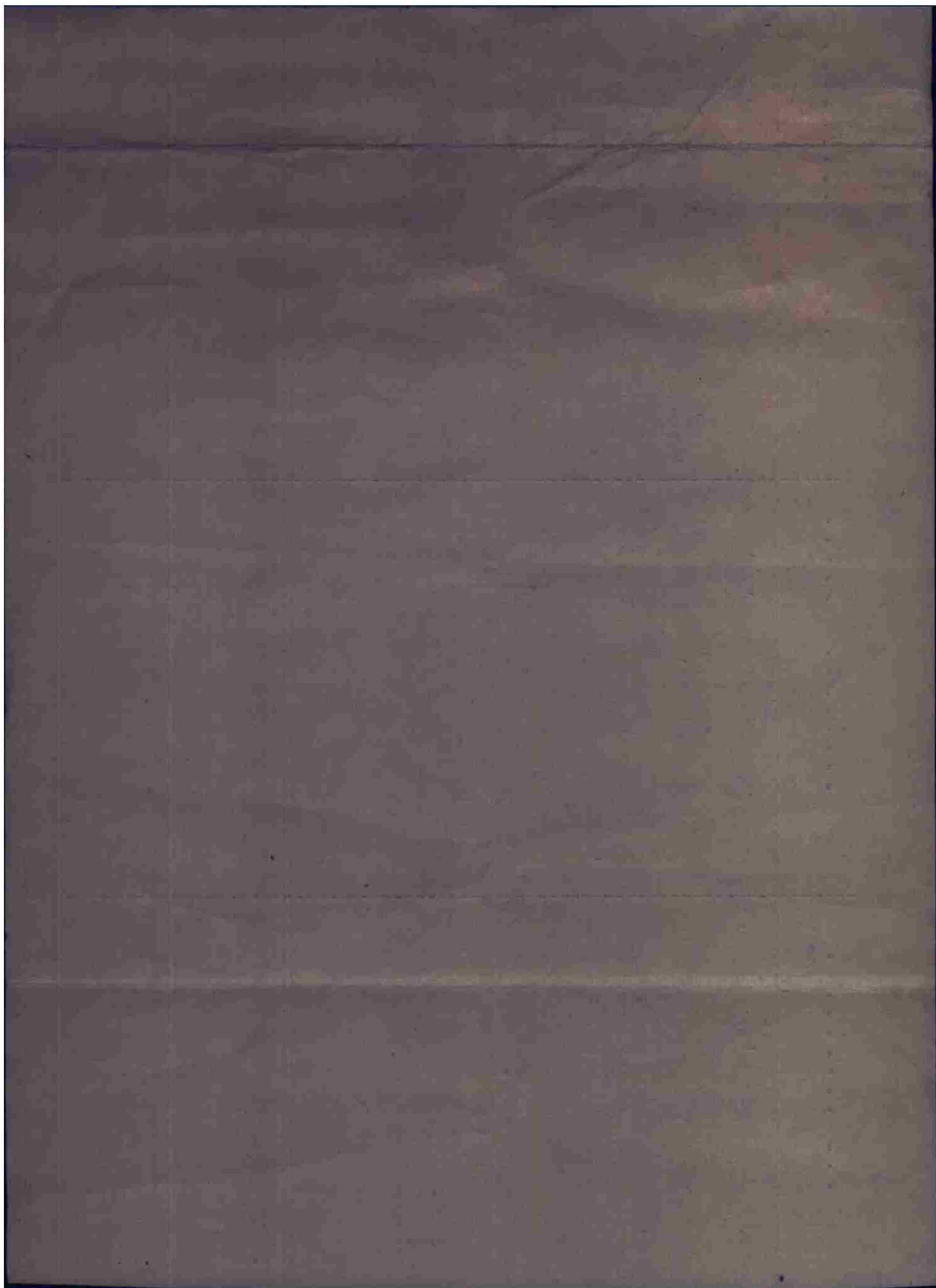
PFF COULD NOT CONTACT STATION BECAUSE TF CHANNEL "C" BEING "OVERWORKED"

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 397TH BOMB GROUP
- B. GREVENBROICH COMMUNICATION CENTER WF 2077
- C. ONE B-26
- D. NONE GROUP TOOK OVER FOR VISUAL RUN
- E. ONE B-26 PFF SHIP LEFT FORMATION AND RETURNED WHEN GROUP NOTIFIED
THEY WERE GOING VISUAL AT 1638, AT MELICH. TURNED LEFT
OVER ELMPT VK 9092
- F. 4 X 500 GP RETURNED
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. 5 MILES W. OF ROERMOND VK 4991 MEAGRE INACCURATE
- K. NONE
- L. NO ATTACK
- M. NO ATTACK

REMARKS : 22 MINUTES LATE BECAUSE RUNWAY BLOCKED WHICH PREVENTED FORMA-
TION FROM TAKING OFF ON TIME.
ZAIK STATION ASSIGNED - WERE IN SECOND TAF AREA.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 409TH BOMB GROUP
- B. RHEINBACH AMMUNITION DUMP WF 4324
- C. 1 B26
- D. 1 - ON PATHFINDER EQUIPMENT.
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. GOOD - LARGE EXPLOSION AND FIRE SEEN IN TARGET AREA
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. MIHFF FROM MUNSTEREIFEL WF 3218 WIMFF FROM SAARBURG 1614
IAHFF FROM AHRWEILLER WF 5417
- K. NONE
- L. 12,500 - PRIMARY
- M. 1550 - PRIMARY

GRTUP FLEW GOOD FORMATION DROPPING WELL ON PFF SHIP.
CALLED RIPSAP CHANNEL "C" TOLD TO CONTACT CHANNEL "D", CALLED CHANNEL
"D" AND TOLD TO CONTACT CHANNEL "C"..... DID NOT RECEIVE FIX BECAUSE
PFF SHIP WAS CONTINUOUSLY DIVERTED TO OTHER CHANNELS...



- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 391ST BOMB GROUP
 - B. MERZENICH ROAD-FUNCTION WF 1548
 - C. 1 B26
 - D. 1-PRIMARY ON PATHFINDER EQUIPMENT.
 - E. NONE
 - F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
 - G. OBSERVED RESULTS 500-1000 YARDS EAST OF TARGET
 - H. NONE
 - I. NONE
 - J. WIFF IN TARGET AREA WF 1548
 - K. NONE
 - L. 12,500 - PRIMARY
 - M. 1646 - PRIMARY
- GOOD FORMATION AND GOOD WINDOW SHIPS FLOWN BY GROUP

CALLED RIPS AW UPON ENTERING AREA. GROUND STATION REQUESTED LONG CALLS
GAVE THREE LONG CALLS AND NO FIX RECEIVED.

- - - CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV - - -

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WF BBBB
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JPO R.....	14/2242A	SL	KK
JKI R.....	14/2242A	EW	KKK

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PILOT Musgrove A/C# 330 P.1 BOX 4

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>X</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>mechanical 6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>500</u>	RETURNED		"A-C" : "E"
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>	

FLK: XYHA - good evasive action.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Wheels wouldn't retract after +6
 joined 409th over field
 Called Parade for vector - got it. Saw formation was 410th - within 3 min of TOT.
 Bomb bay doors didn't open fully, light not on. Salvaged - saw intercomms out several times.

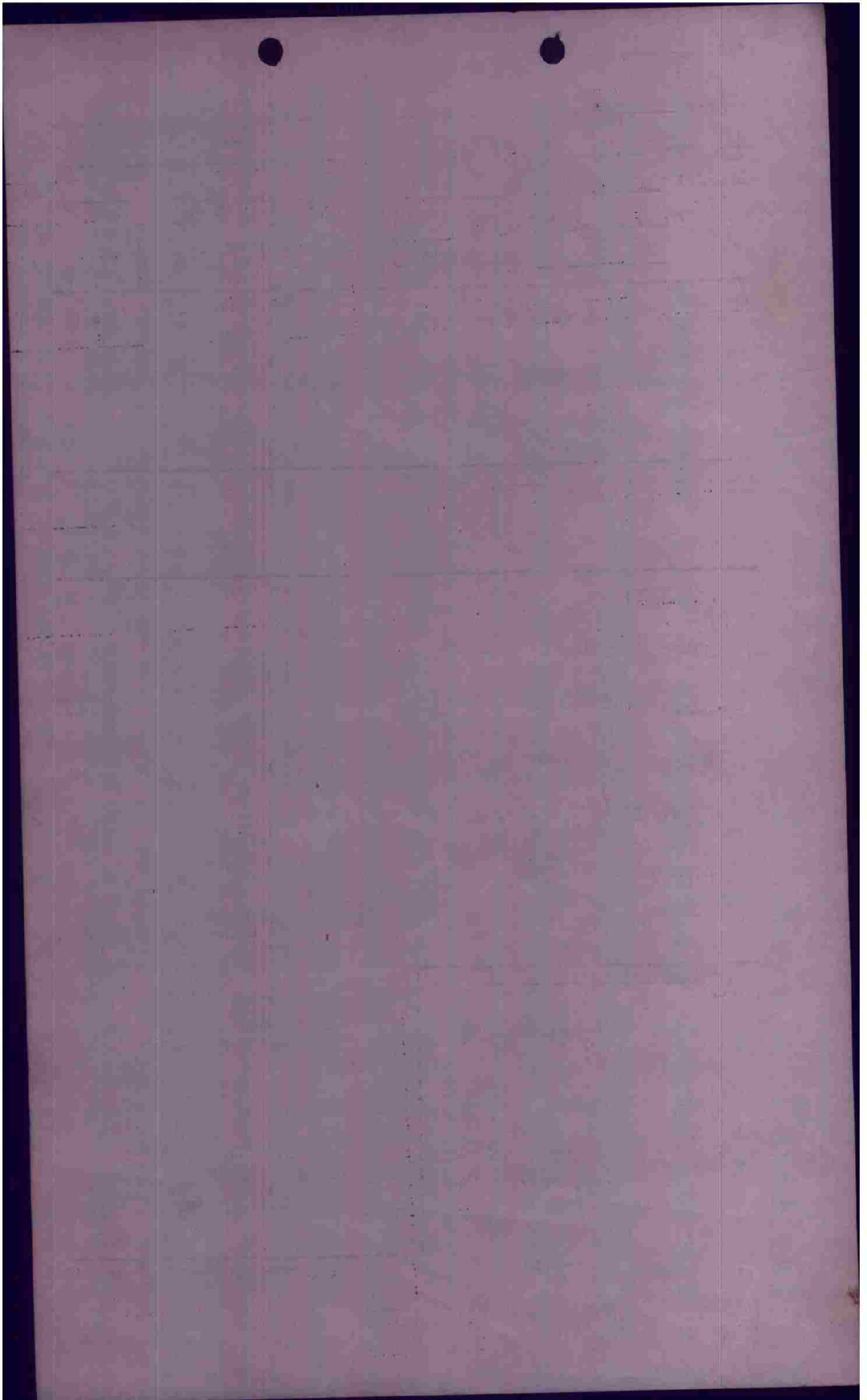
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		X		
	X	X		
		X		
	X	X		
X	X		X	X
X	X		X	X
X	X		X	X

Parade asked him to help find Bob, go low - heading to from Parade note from cockpit

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PILOT Poundstone A/C# 229-B BOX II

CASUALTIES

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

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN RELATION

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      X
     X X
      X X
     X X

X   X   X
X   X   X
X   X   X

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Box 1
A-B fair-poor

500 c Part 1

3
c Good to excellent Box 5 annual
(Essay)

14 6
3 6
42 6

Box 2
Superior to Excellent.

43 250's
18 500's

tot.
Box 1
A+B 1530
c 1530 1/2

near Essay F. 40/290

Box 2
1531

Act
Box 1
12500 - AB
11700 - c
11900 - Box 2

375
42

333

54
18

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PILOT Montrose A/C# 188-R BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> <u>X500</u> CN <u>P</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u> RETURNED			"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	✓			

FLAK: TFT BR & T off
XXXXNA

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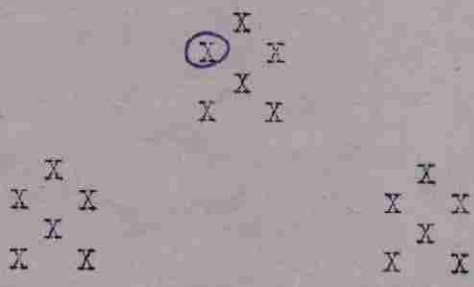
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OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs in TFT area.
g/c cracked up on landing

Camera

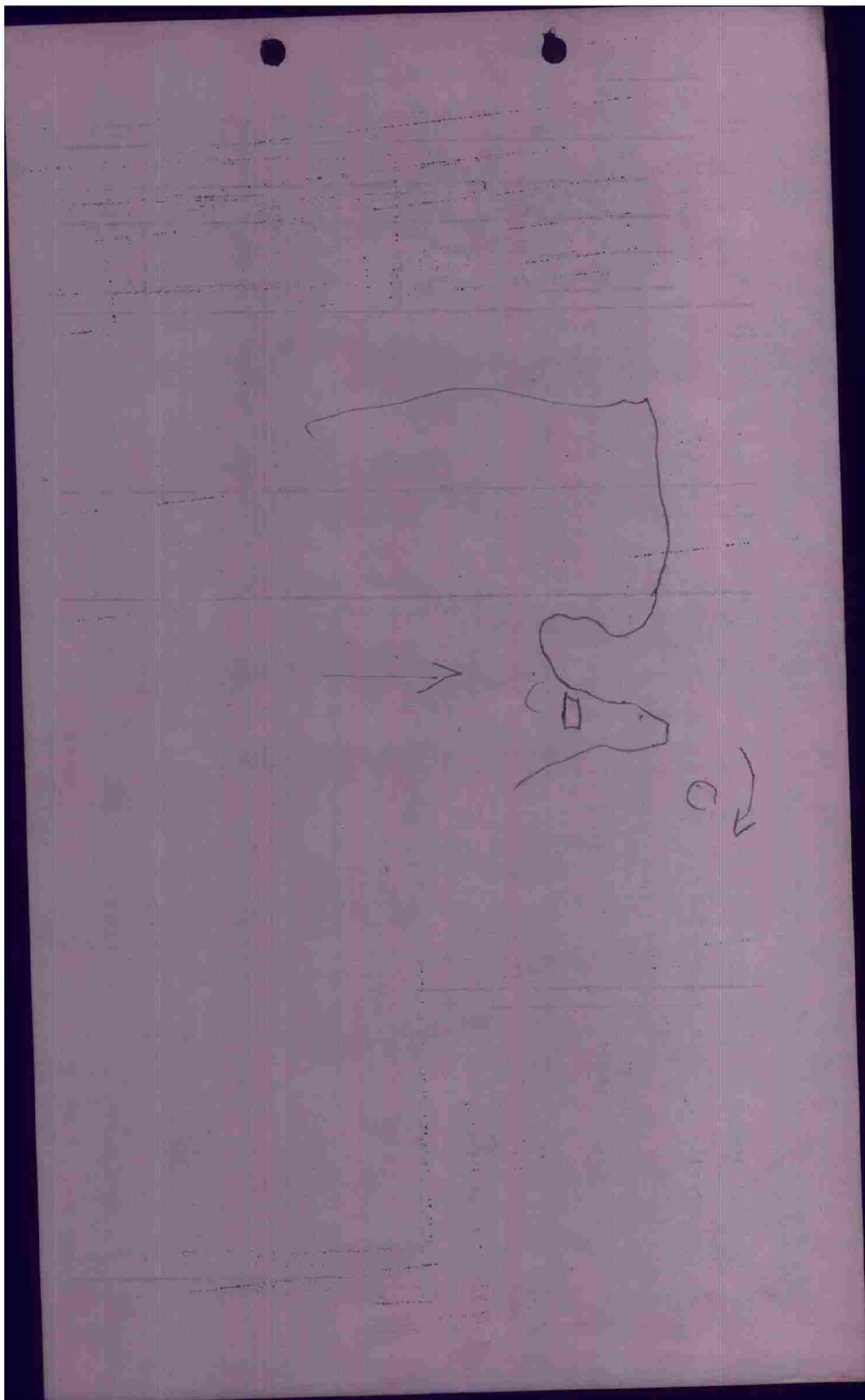
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PILOT Warren A/C# 224-E BOX 1

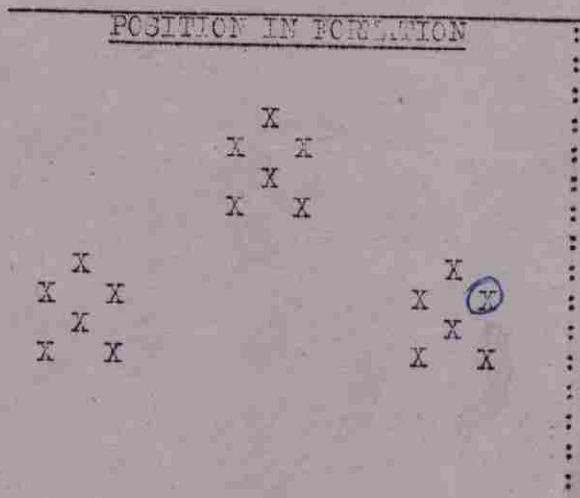
CASUALTIES None

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> X <u>500</u>	ON	<u>PT</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	X	RETURNED		"A"	"A-C"	"E"	
	X	JETTISONED					

FLY: *Miser inaccurate on bomb run one minute before dropping. Moderate inaccurate on turn over town of Rheinbach.*

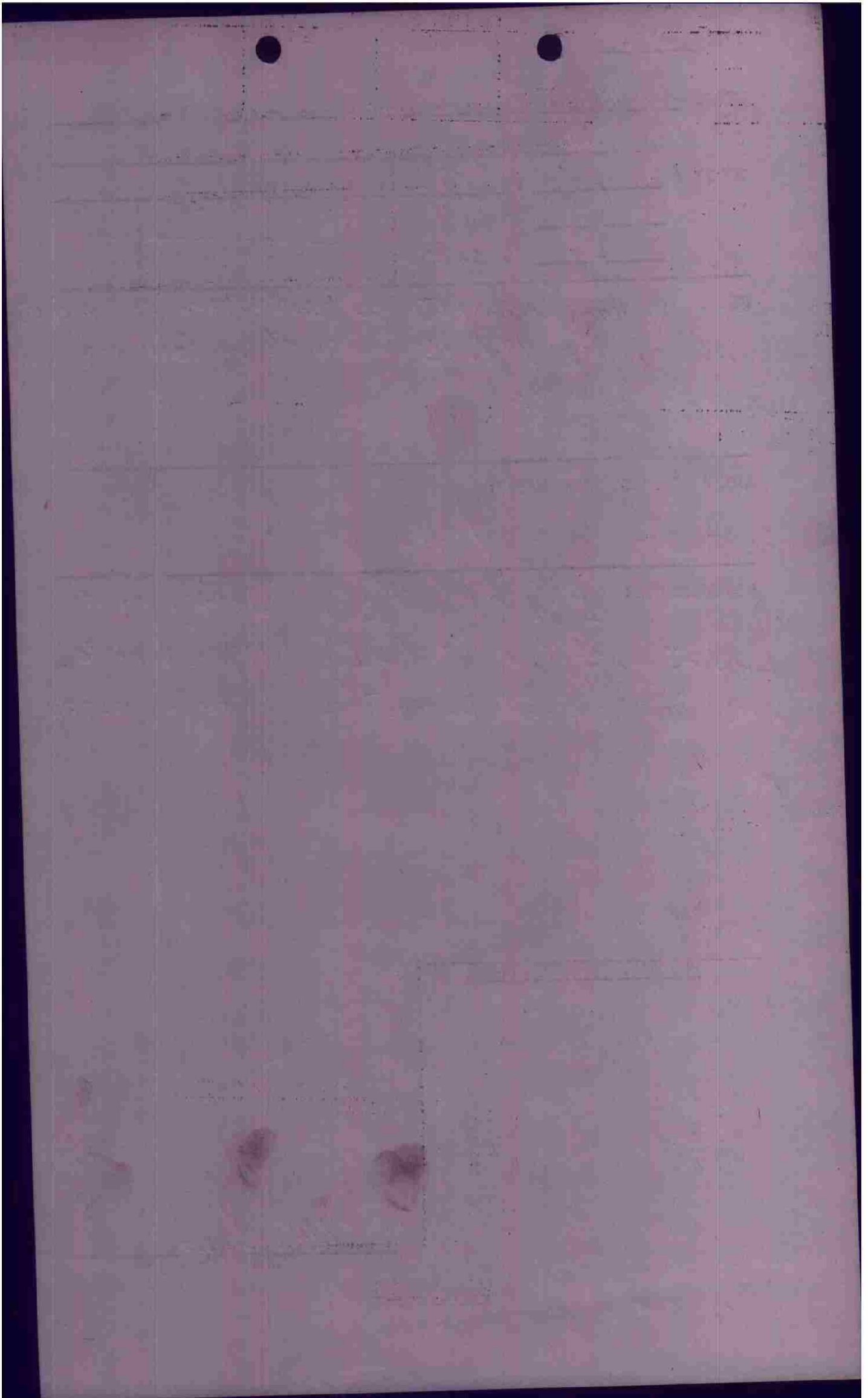
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: *None*

OBSERVATIONS: *1st bomb hit in field in curve of woods. L4325. 2nd bomb hit directly left in woods. One big puff of smoke south of 1st bomb in woods.*



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PILOT Drum A/C# 305-2 BOX 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> <u>X</u> <u>500</u> ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	small hole		

FLAK: abt dozen bursts
accurate at target
& in turn

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

questionable
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OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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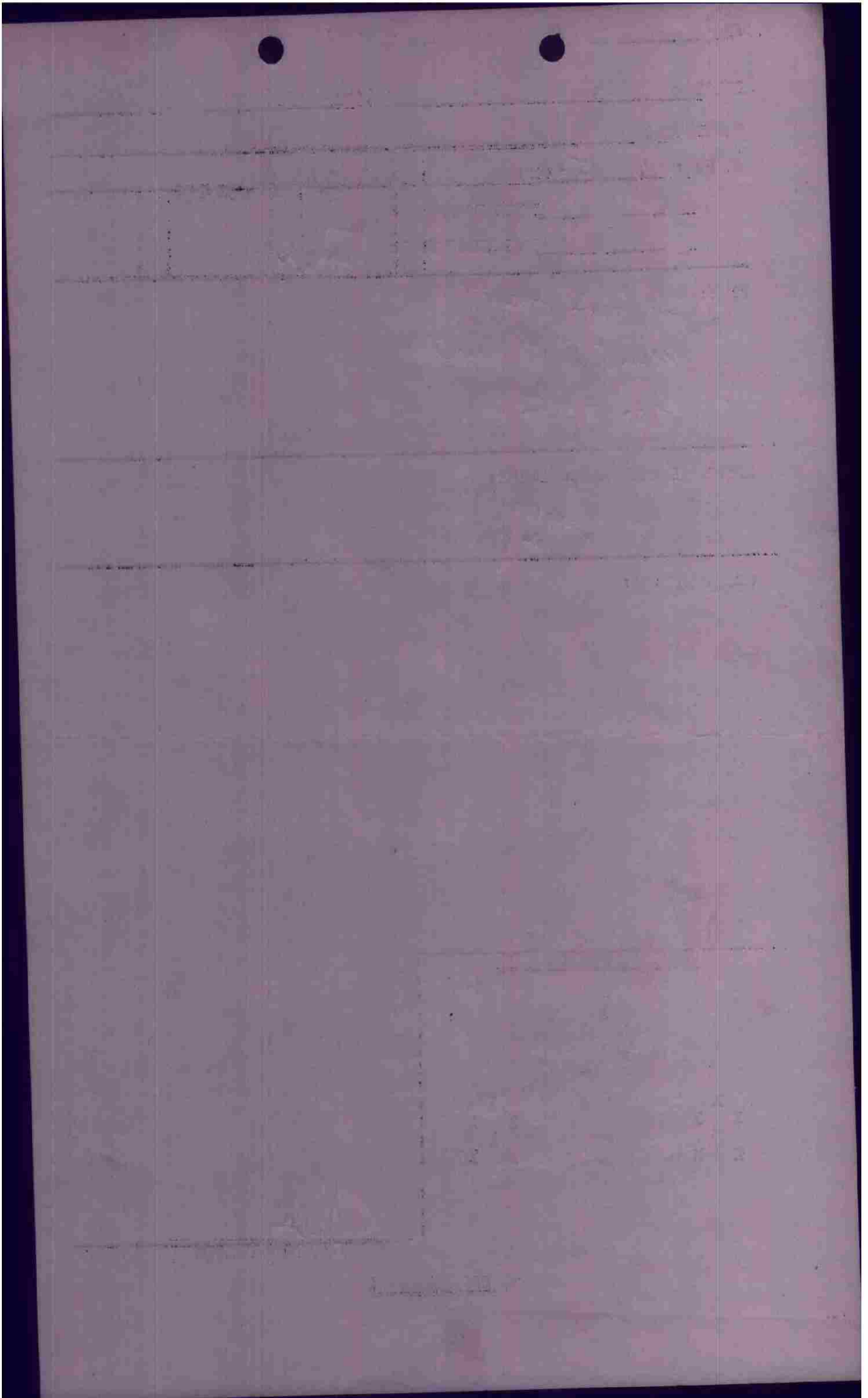
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     X X           X X
    X   X           X X
  
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PILOT

Shelley

A/C#

321-V

BOX

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

14 X 250 CN

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BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

X

JETTISONED

FLAK:

XXHA-I at bay on bomb run and on turn off.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

2 unidentified A/C below formation in target area.

OBSERVATIONS:

Some bombs on target & some in woods to S.

*Hazy. visibility fair.
Dropped vertically by bombs.*

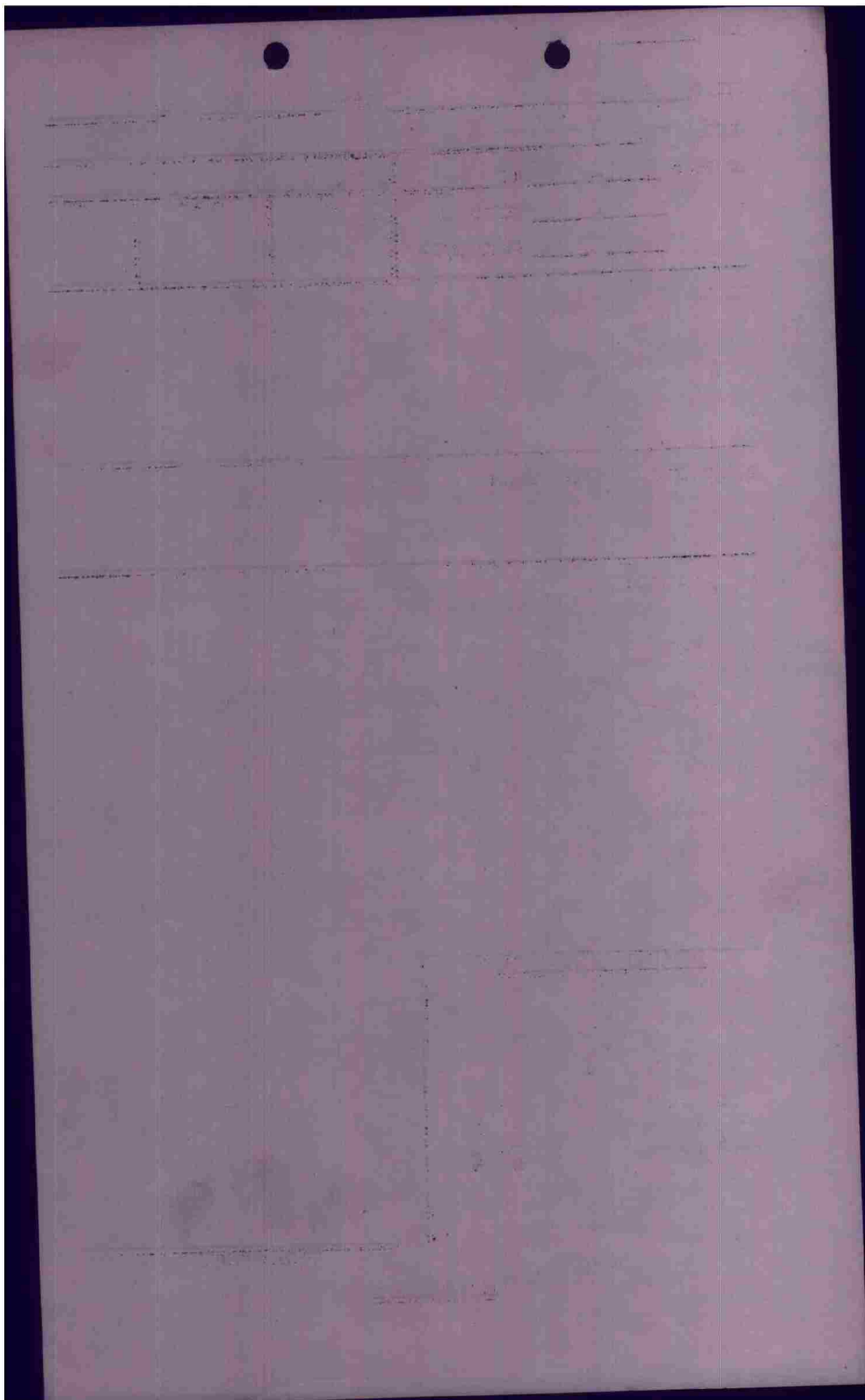
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PILOT Stanley A/C# 521-N BOX II

CASUALTIES _____

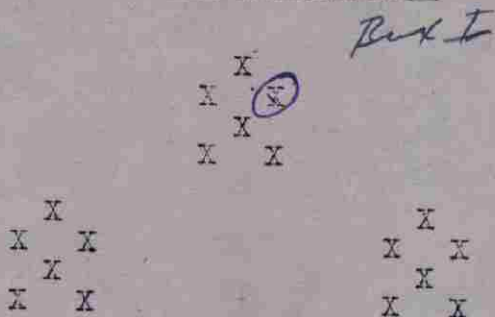
BOMBS :	14	1250	ON	P	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
	X		RETURNED				
	X		JETTISONED				

FLAK: XXHA on bomb run - little on turn off.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

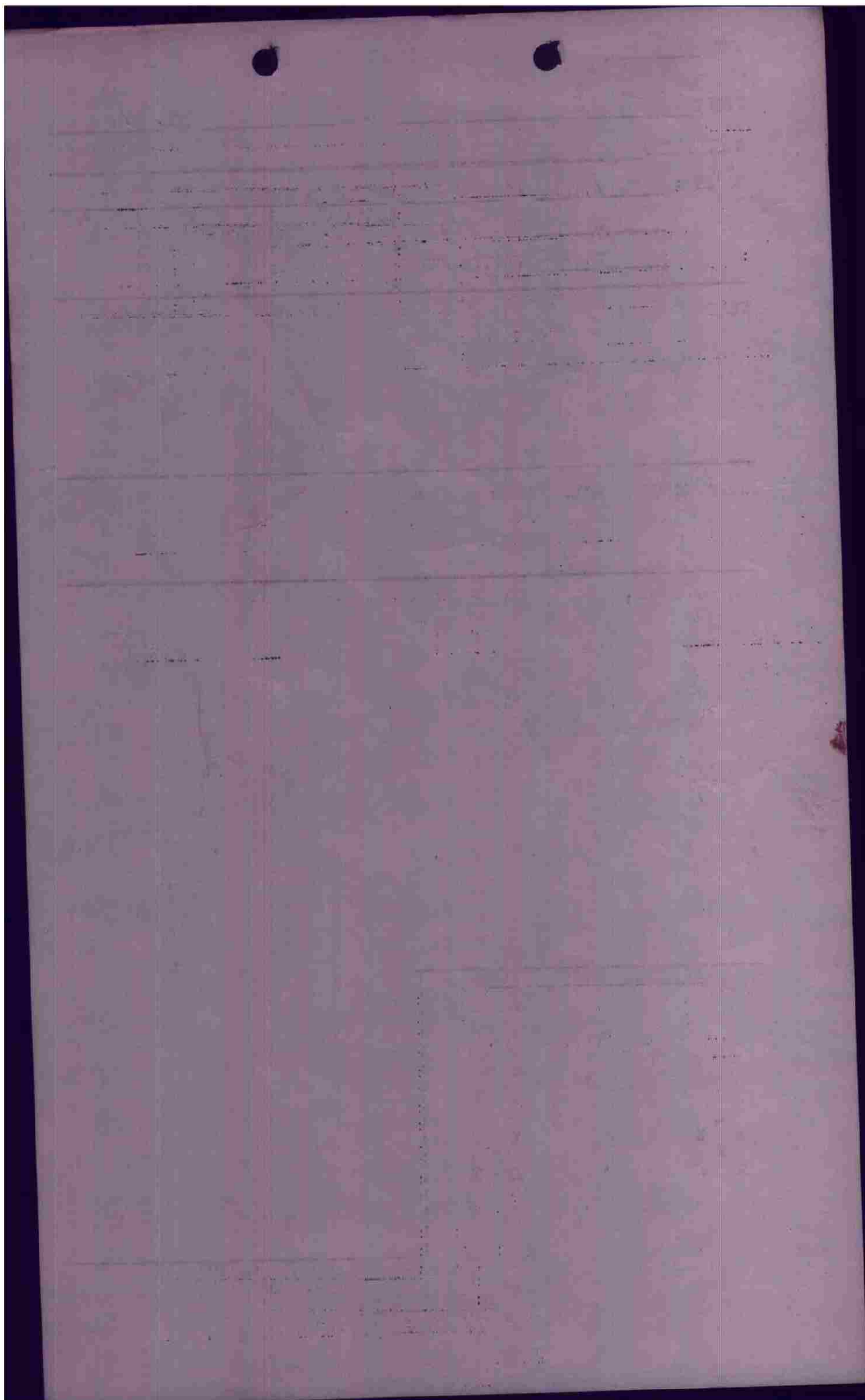
OBSERVATIONS: Box II hit in target area.
Box I on SE edge of woods SE of target.
 1.04. 1530 at 12500
Heavy flak at Trin. Smoke near Trin.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT McCreedy A/C# 213-A BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>14 X 250</u>	ON	<u>PT</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	"A-C"	"E"	
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED	<u>2 holes</u>			

FLAK:

usual - above & below BR.
none at B. h.
light puffs at B. 75 & 100 ft.

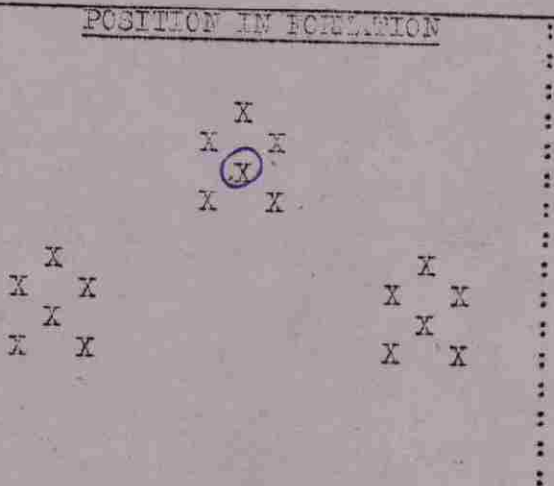
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OBSERVATIONS:

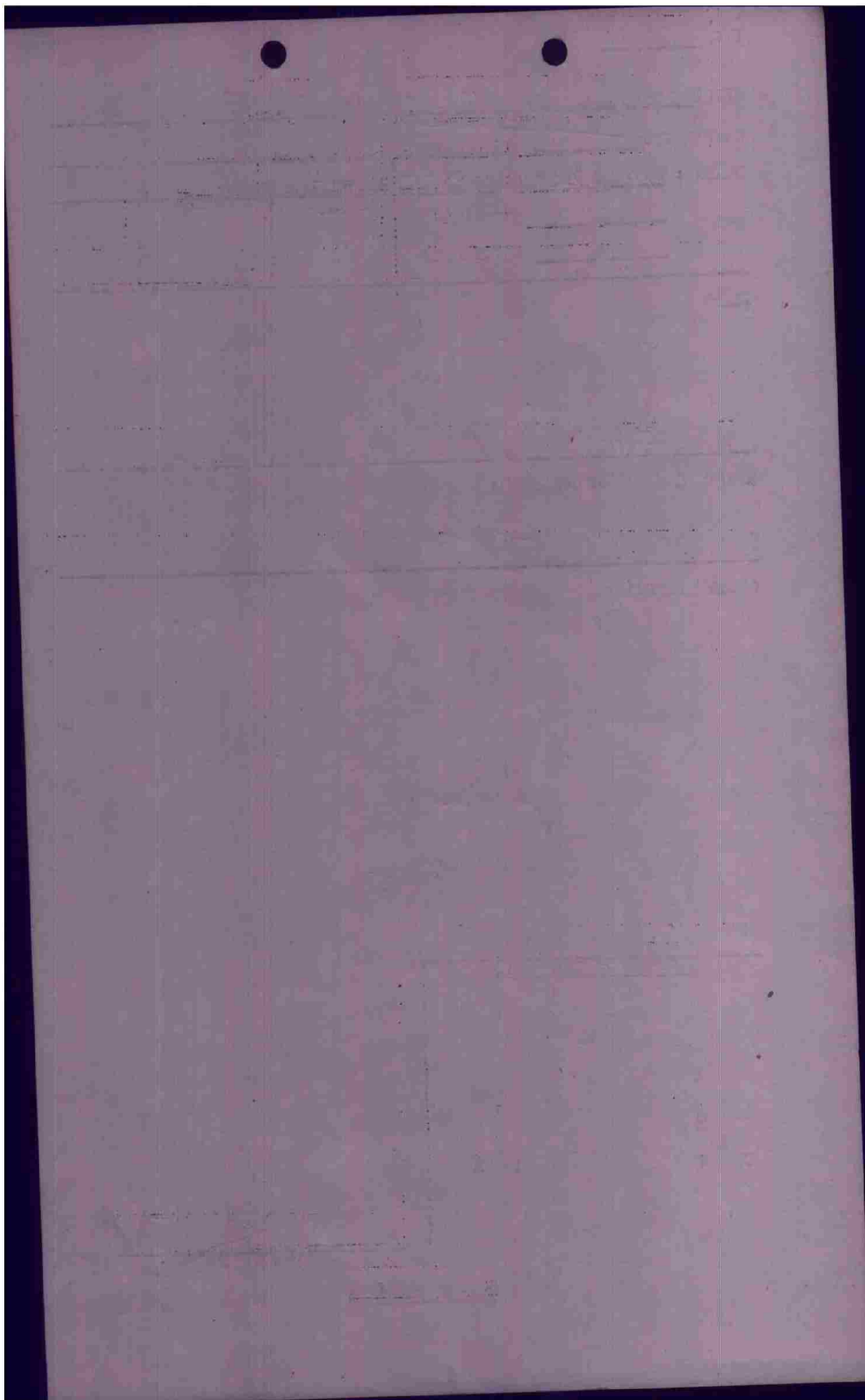
good path. in woods.

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PILOT Turner S/C# 416-0 BOX 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>14 X 250</u>	ON	<u>P.T.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED		"A-C"		"E"	
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED					

FLK: XX HA for alt. after door open to tank. + our X. + to left on turn off.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:



OBSERVATIONS: Plane on airstrip at T. - took off - appeared.

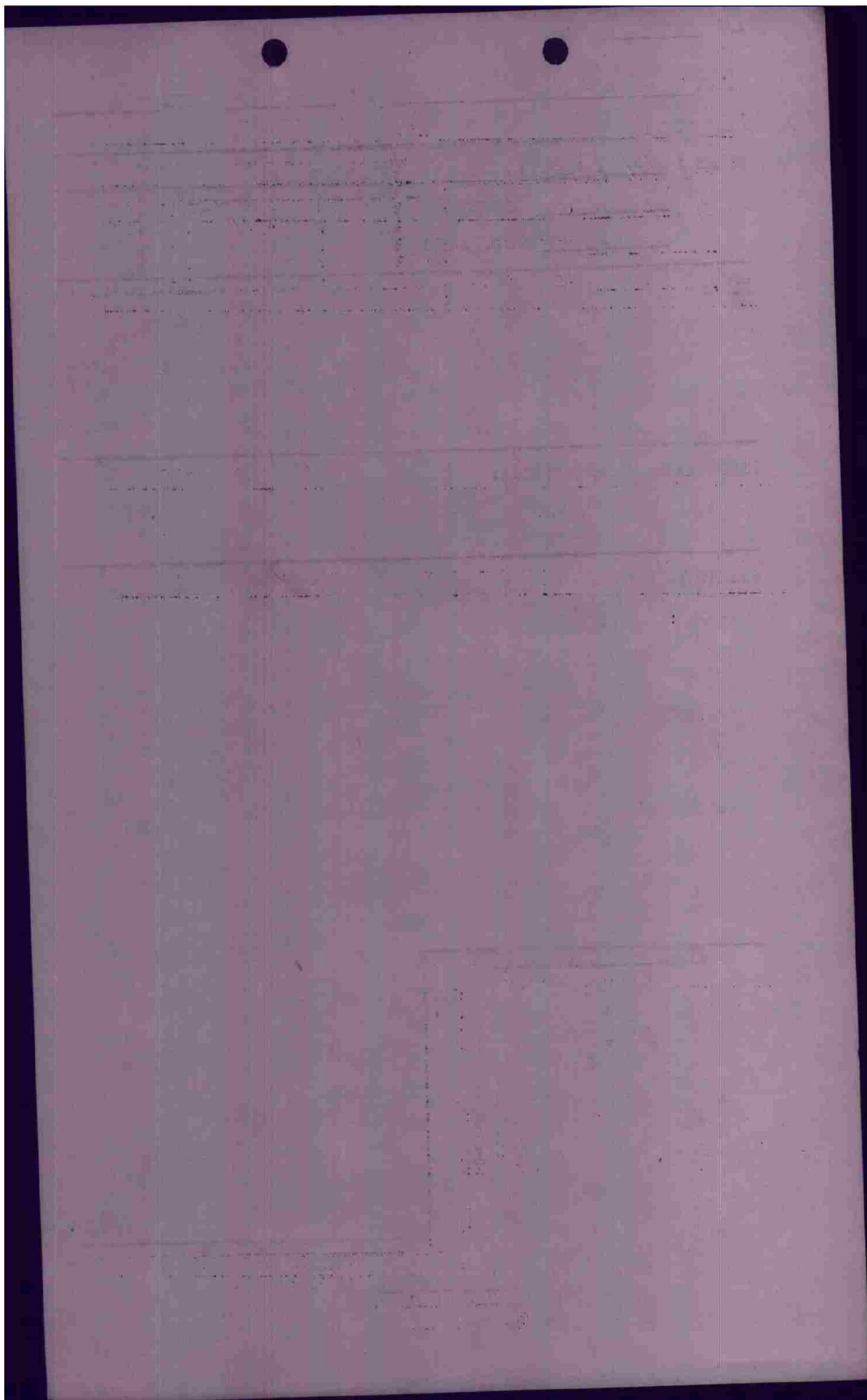
POSITION IN FORMATION

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     X X
      X
     X X
X   X   X
X   X   X
X   X   X
  
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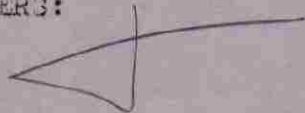
PILOT Coak A/C# 286-D BOX 1

CASUALTIES _____

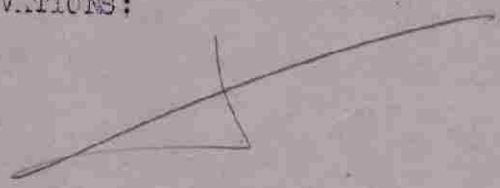
BOMBS :	<u>6</u> <u>X</u> <u>500</u> CN <u>P.T.</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:		:	
	<u>X</u>	:	RETURNED	:	<u>1</u>	:	"L-C"
	<u>X</u>	:	JETTISONED	:	<u>door</u>	:	"E"

FLAK: on B.R. XX H1 - in front to side + below left in turn off.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:



OBSERVATIONS:



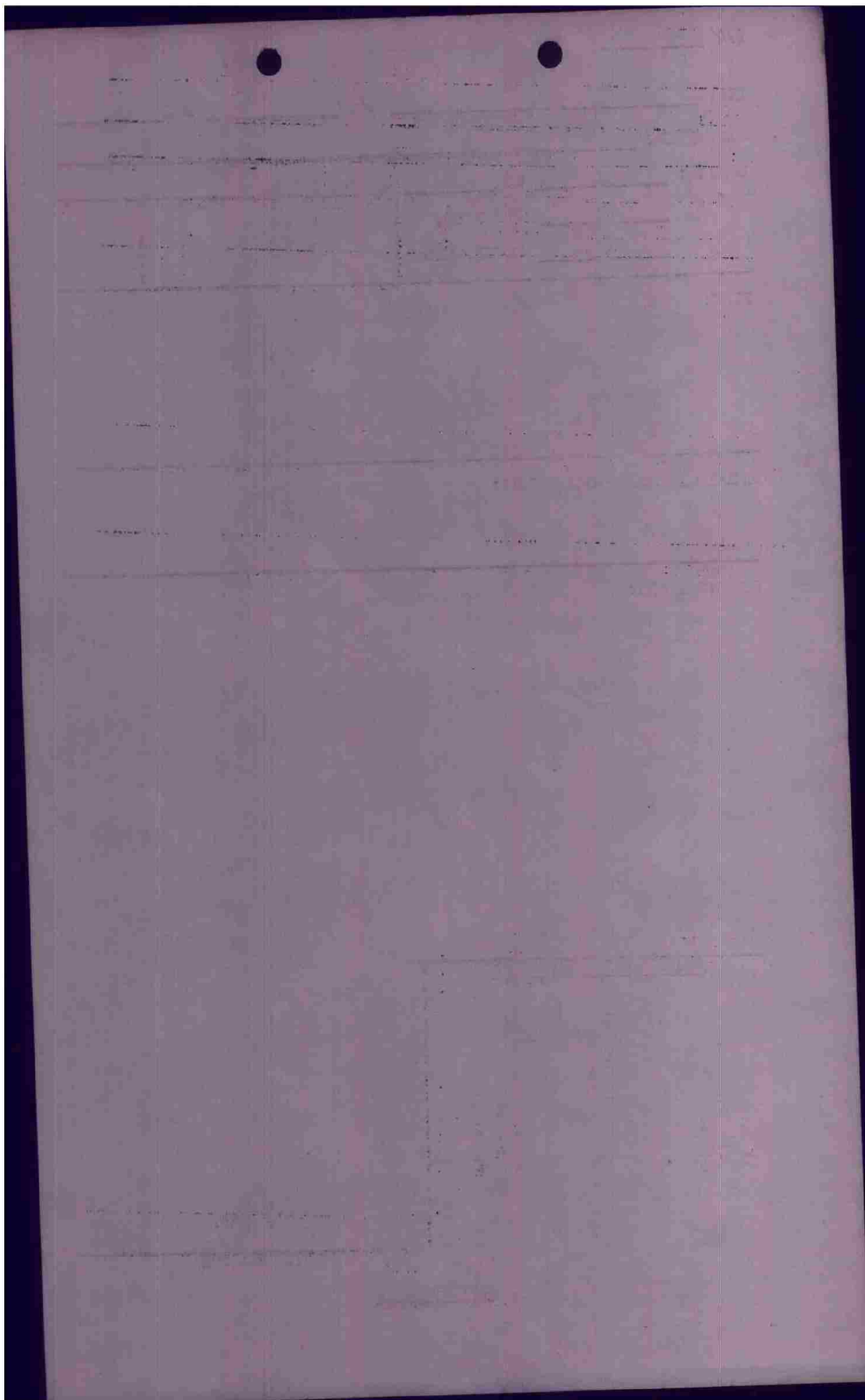
POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X
X    X
X    X
X    X
  
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PILOT Willard A/C# 249-21 BOX 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	ON	PT	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
<u>6</u> X <u>500</u>					
X	RETURNED				
X	JETTISONED				

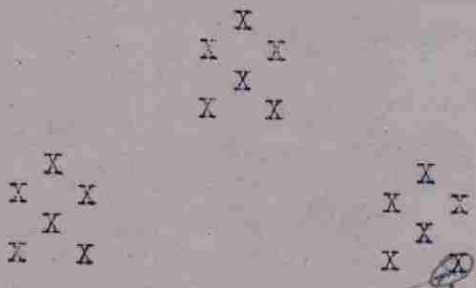
FLAK: XX HI about 4-5 before bombs away on run.
 XXX H on their left about 3 min. before BB doors opened.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Saw hill, large hole on top on bomb run about 1 min from target. Bomb hit to right of target, on edge of woods. Saw bombs from next flt hit in woods - large explosions.

POSITION IN FORMATION

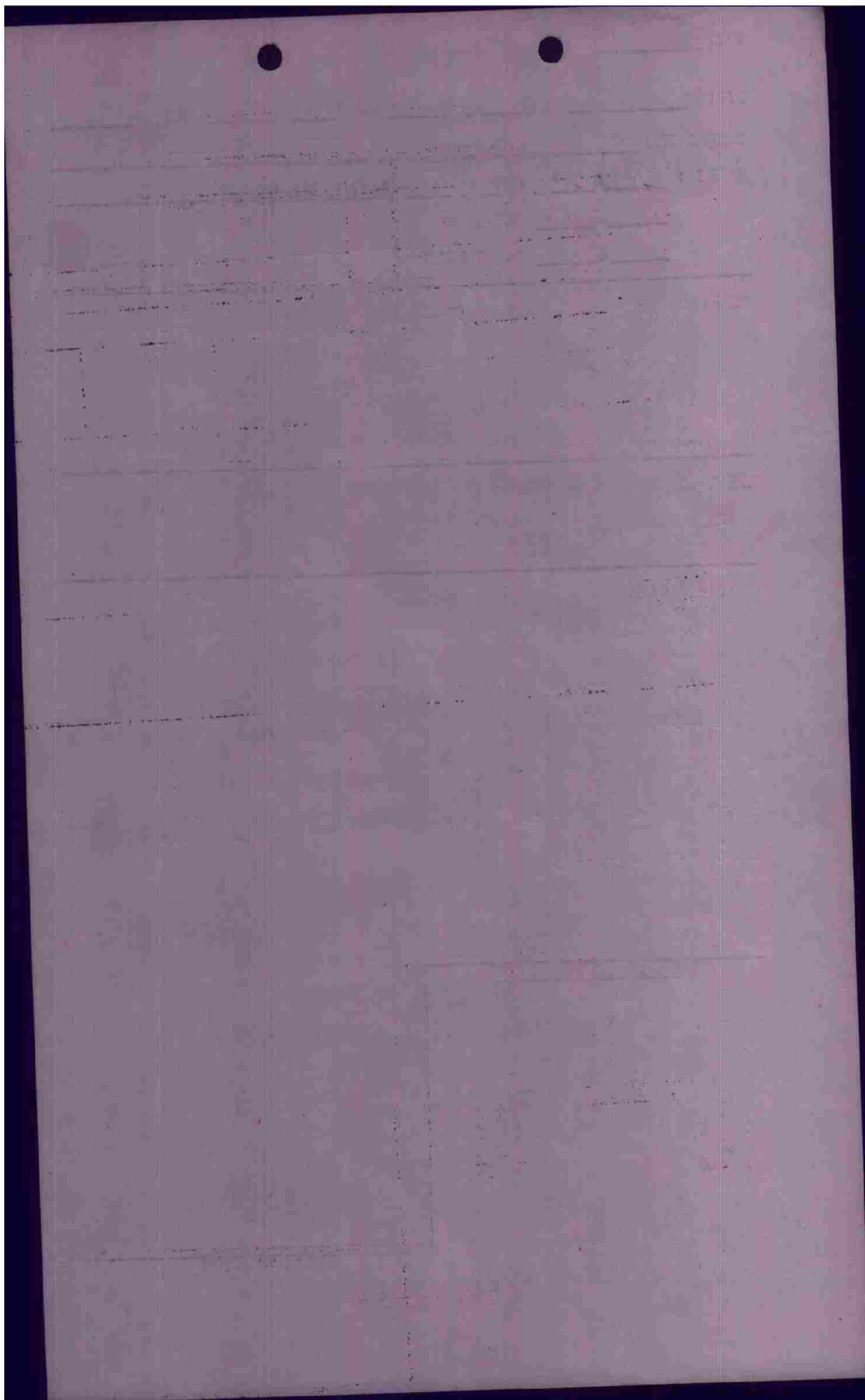


(X) - SPARE

Perk

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PILOT Merrett A/C# 9315-2 BOX 1.

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	ON 'PT'	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
<u>14</u> <u>X</u> <u>250</u>				
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

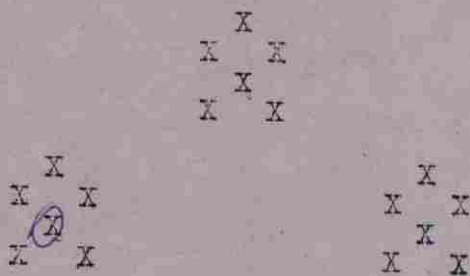
FLAK:

*XX HA on bomb run from DP to target
X HI on way from target*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: *This flt bombed on their own
Gunner says bombs hit in open fields.*

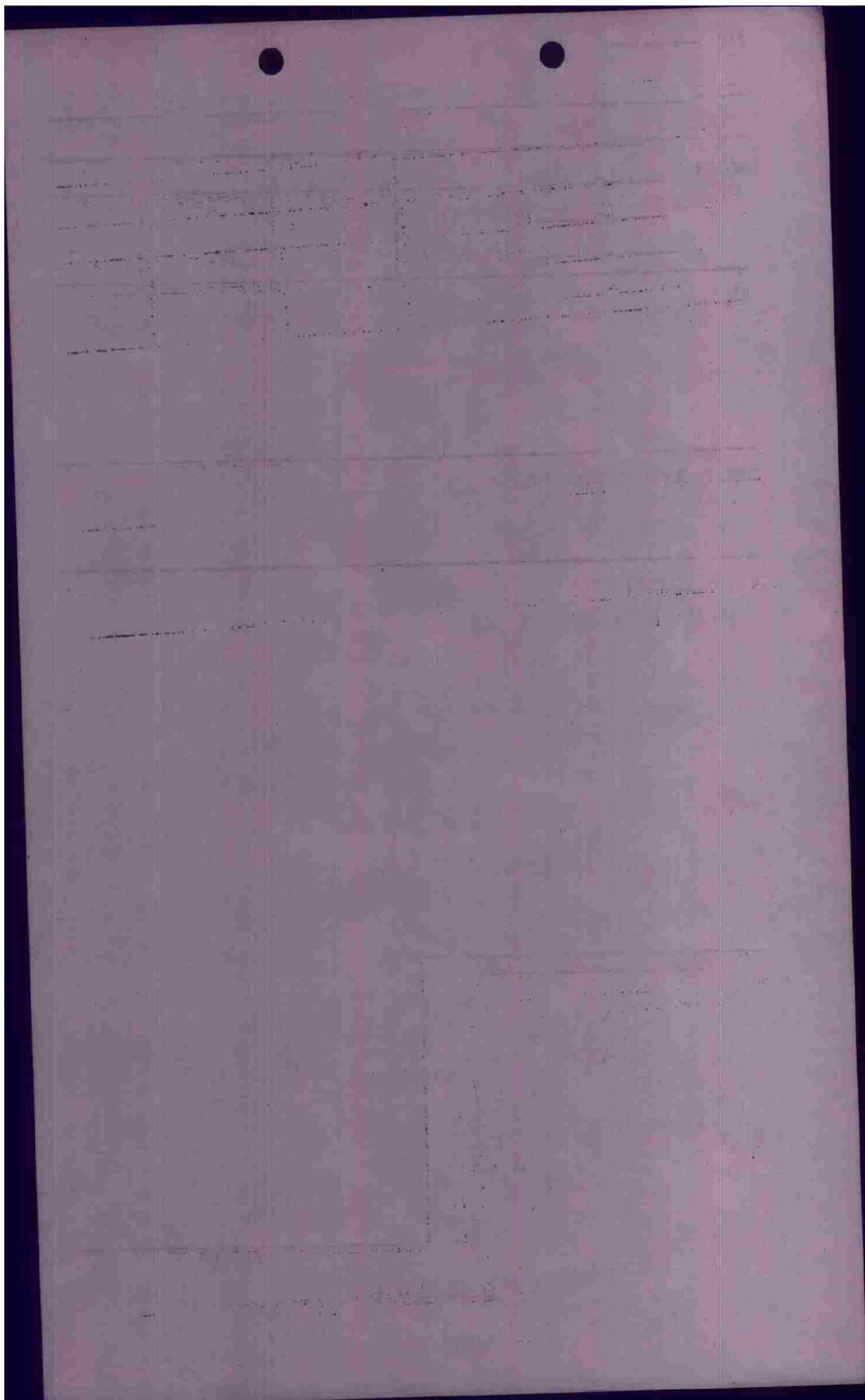
POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Green S/C# 2315-L BOX 7

CASUALTIES none

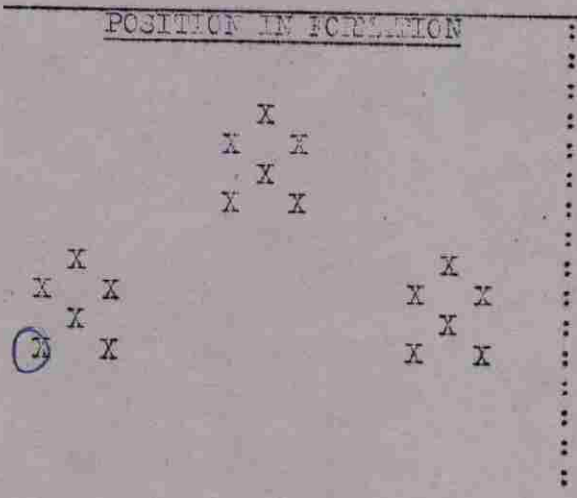
BOMBS	CN	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A-C"	"E"	
<u>7 #6 I-500</u>				
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>none</u>		

Note

FLAK: Bombs run to left - same altitude
inaccurate - followed
1512 - great distance to left
boom from off
turn to right of
Bomb run

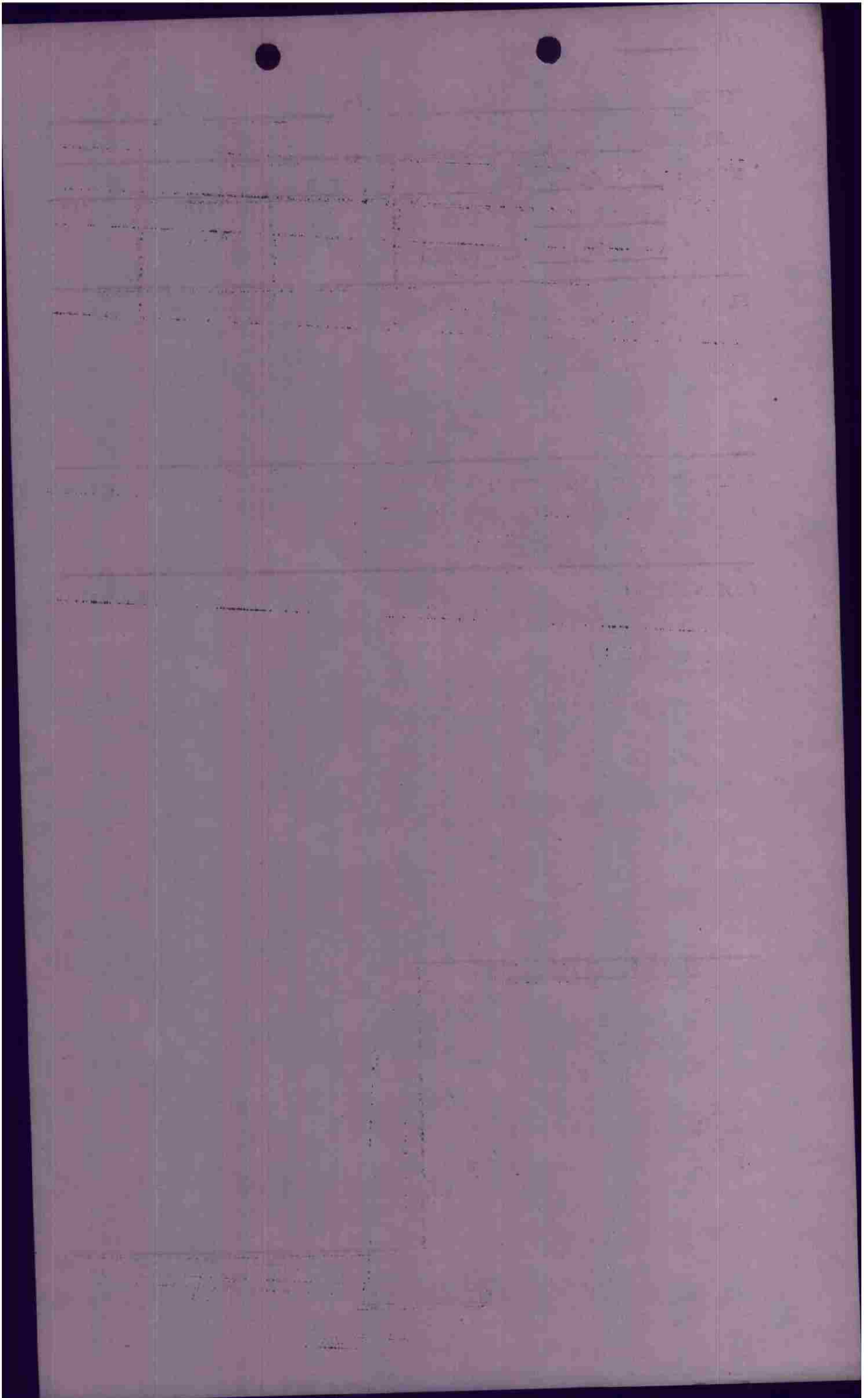
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:
none

OBSERVATIONS:



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PILOT Price #/C# 481-9 BOX I

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS :	<u>14</u> X	CN	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED		"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED	<u>None</u>		

FLAK: Within XI
 I.P. - PPF - White Puffs also at Bomb line
 south of tree - came 90°
 Bomb Run XXHA

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

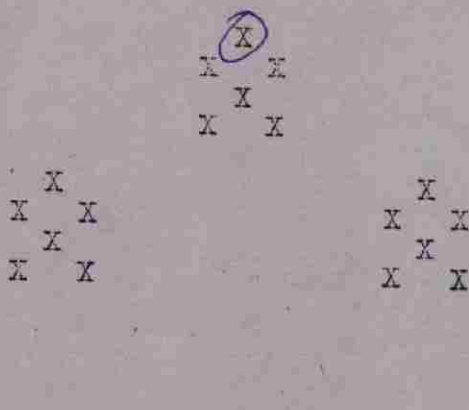
1558 - Received call from V Victor just
before get to bomb line on return -
controls out -

Bombed visually
called PPF just before PPF I P

Bombs away 1530
Alt 12500

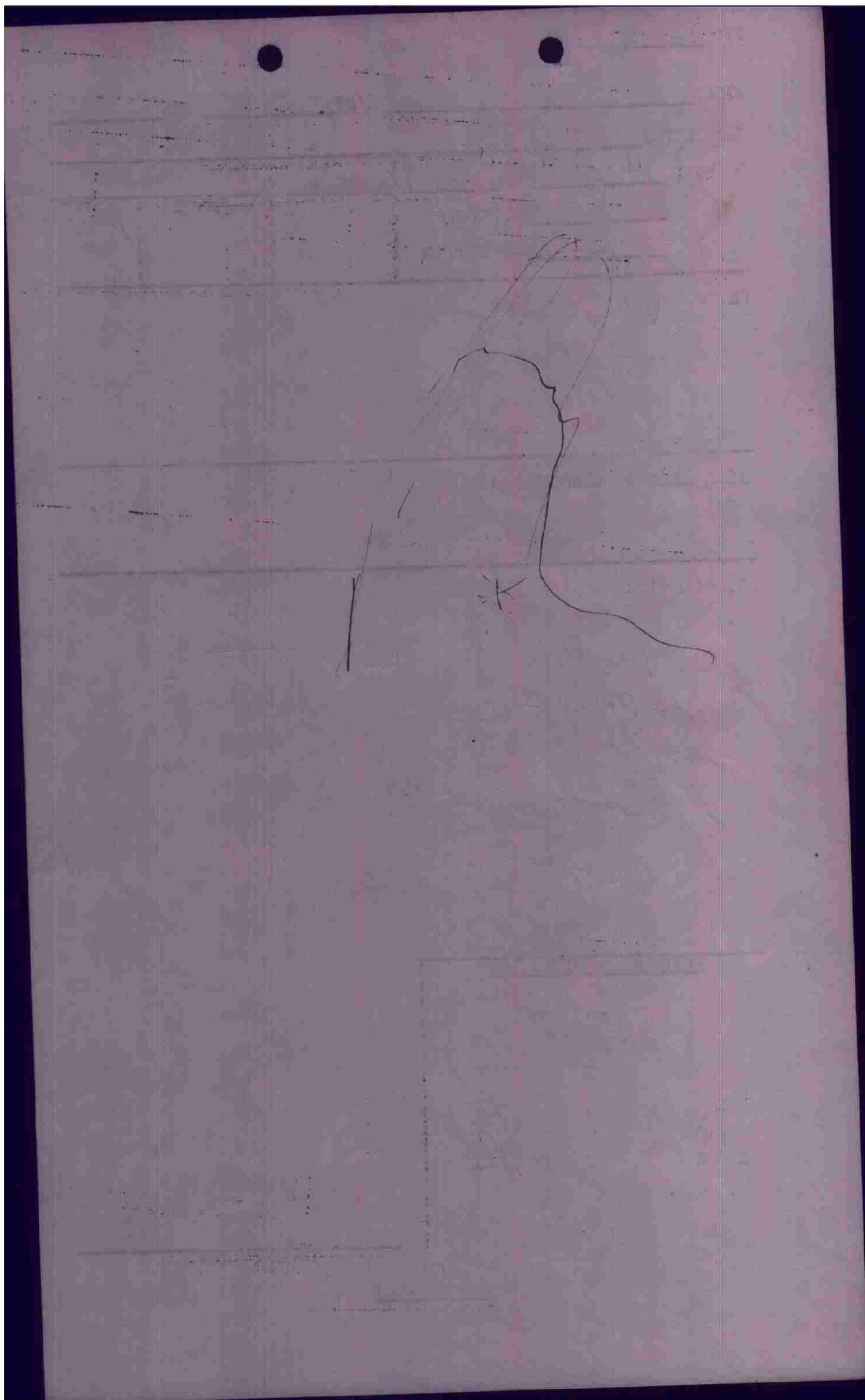
Sight fogged up

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PILOT Bishop A/C# 205-M BOX - 1-

CASUALTIES None

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

FLAK: Just after our opp target XVHA

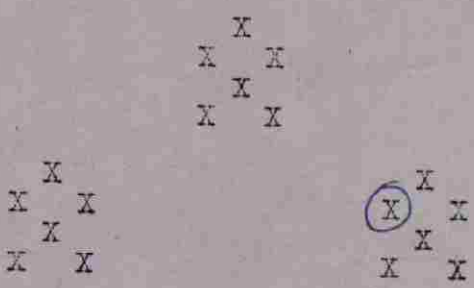
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

None

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombed on #1 flight
Flight leader #2 flight
aborted on take off - Spas
came in to make a full flight
Popiney took lead
1546 1/2 passed over
tracks area

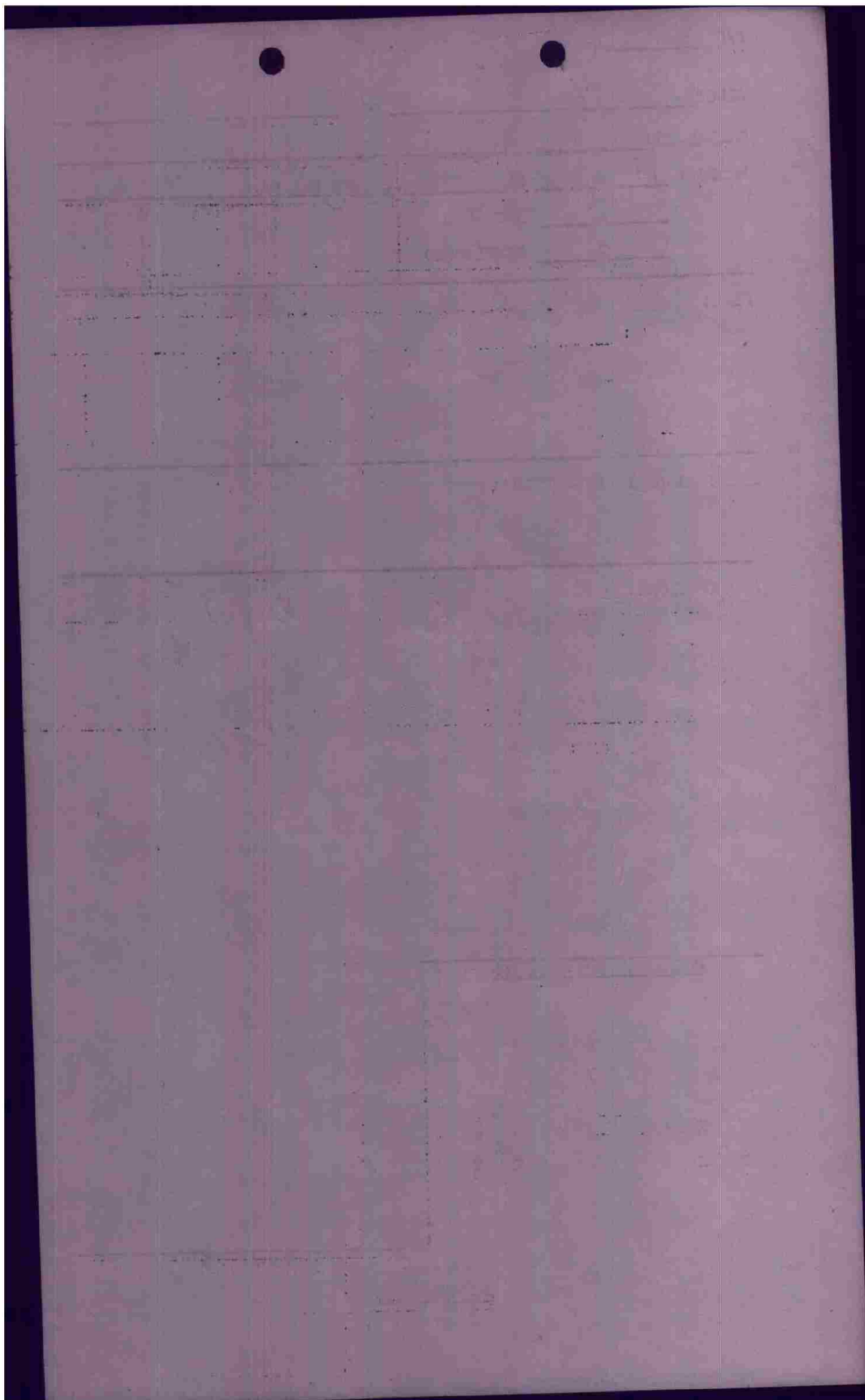
POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Blevins A/C# 264-I BOX I

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS :	14	X	250	GN	PT	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
		X						
					RETURNED			
		X			JETTISONED			

FLAK: Moderate accurate flak on the bomb run and on turn off.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

None.

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs hit in woods short of open field at 24324

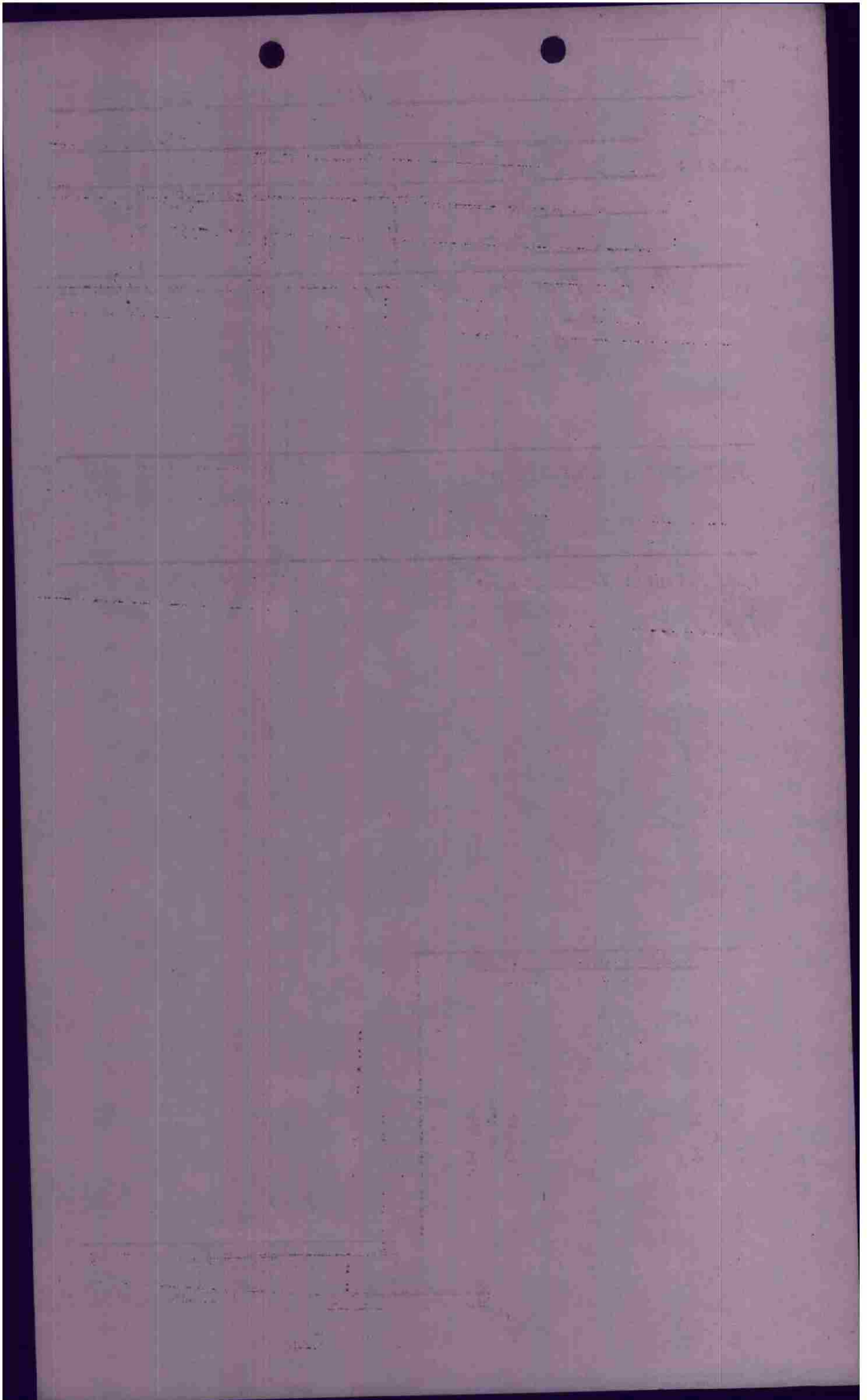
POSITION IN FORMATION

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PILOT Sapeney A/C# 223-B BOX 1

CASUALTIES

BOBBS :	<u>14</u> X <u>250</u> CN <u>P</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	X RETURNED		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X JETTISONED		---		

FLAK: 1525
 WITHIA 5 MINUTES
 turn off TGT
 WITHIA 3 MINUTES

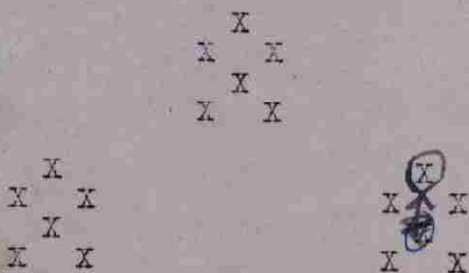
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

1540 VE/A 5000

OBSERVATIONS:

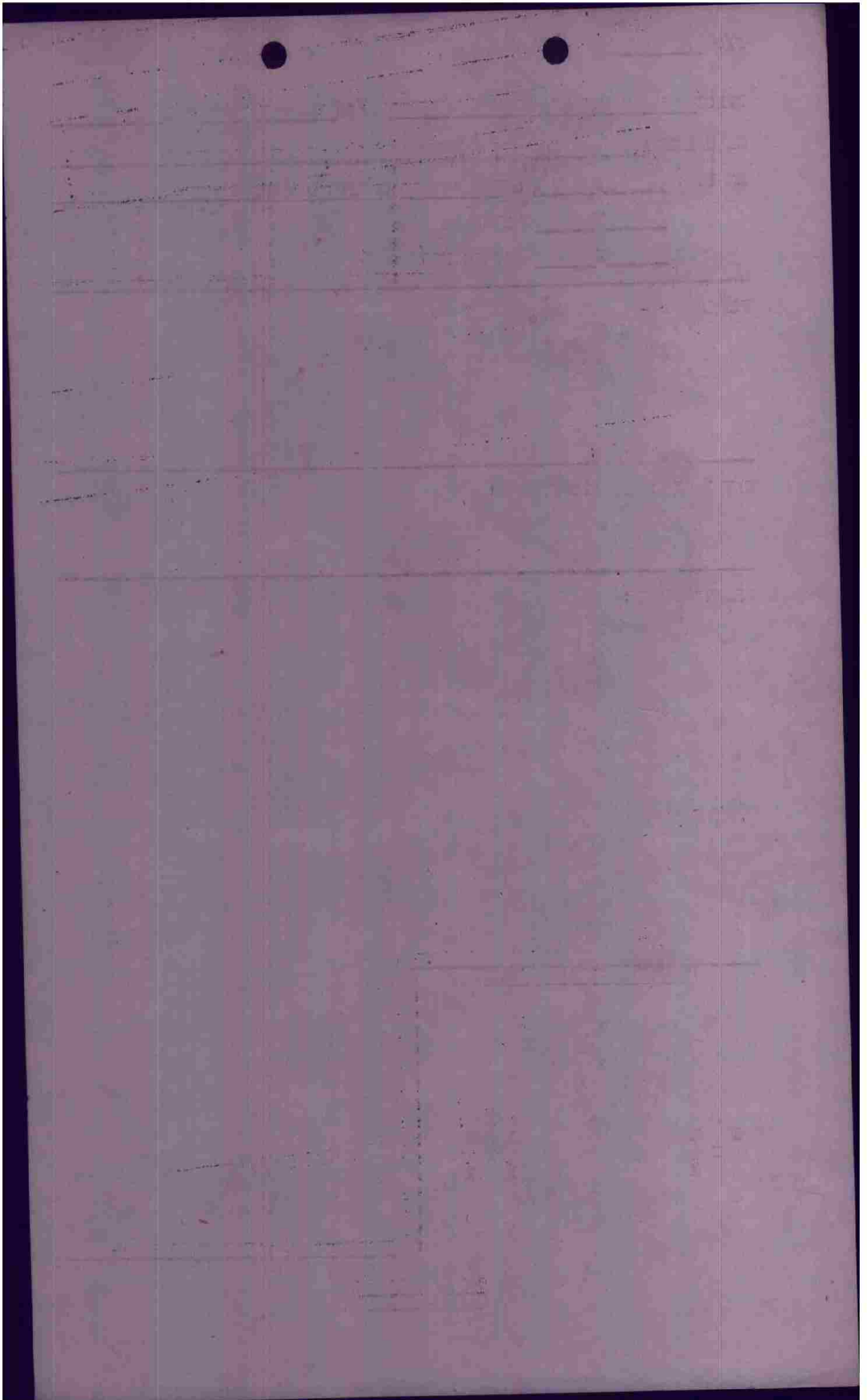
Bombs over TGT.
Bombed visually
took over lead when leader aborted

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PILOT Singletary A/C# 501-W BOX I

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

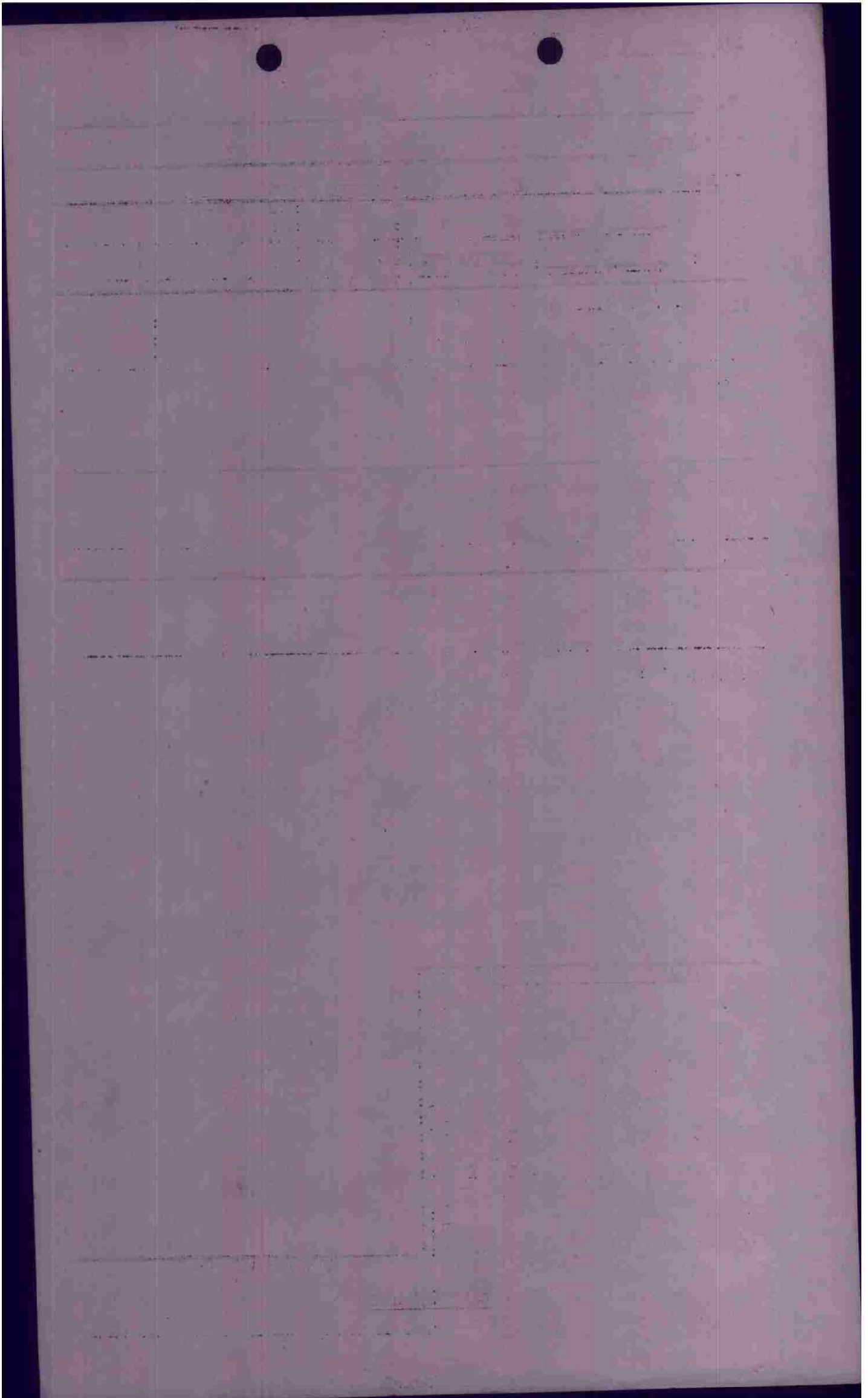
*Fuel booster pump
Right Rheostat*

POSITION IN ACRES.

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
X	X		X	X
	X		X	
X	X		X	X

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PILOT Berman

A/C# 33ed-9 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>14 X 750</u> ON <u>R</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u> RETURNED		"A-C"	"E"	
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>			

FLAK: at target
XYHA

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

47 chased me (low & behind)
FW 190 (?) 3/4 mile.

OBSERVATIONS:

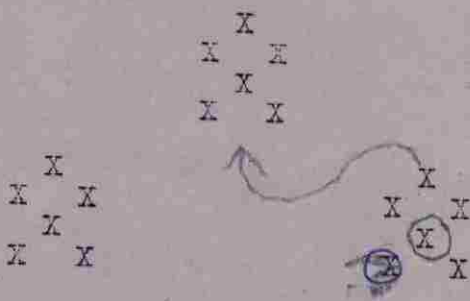
same on same level
all the way - pulled
visually by boxes. off left.

Wet near clearing - smoke came up
& fires on ground
as we bombed.

2 vehicles toward target, few
miles west of town

P47s dive bombing west of target.

POSITION IN BOMBING

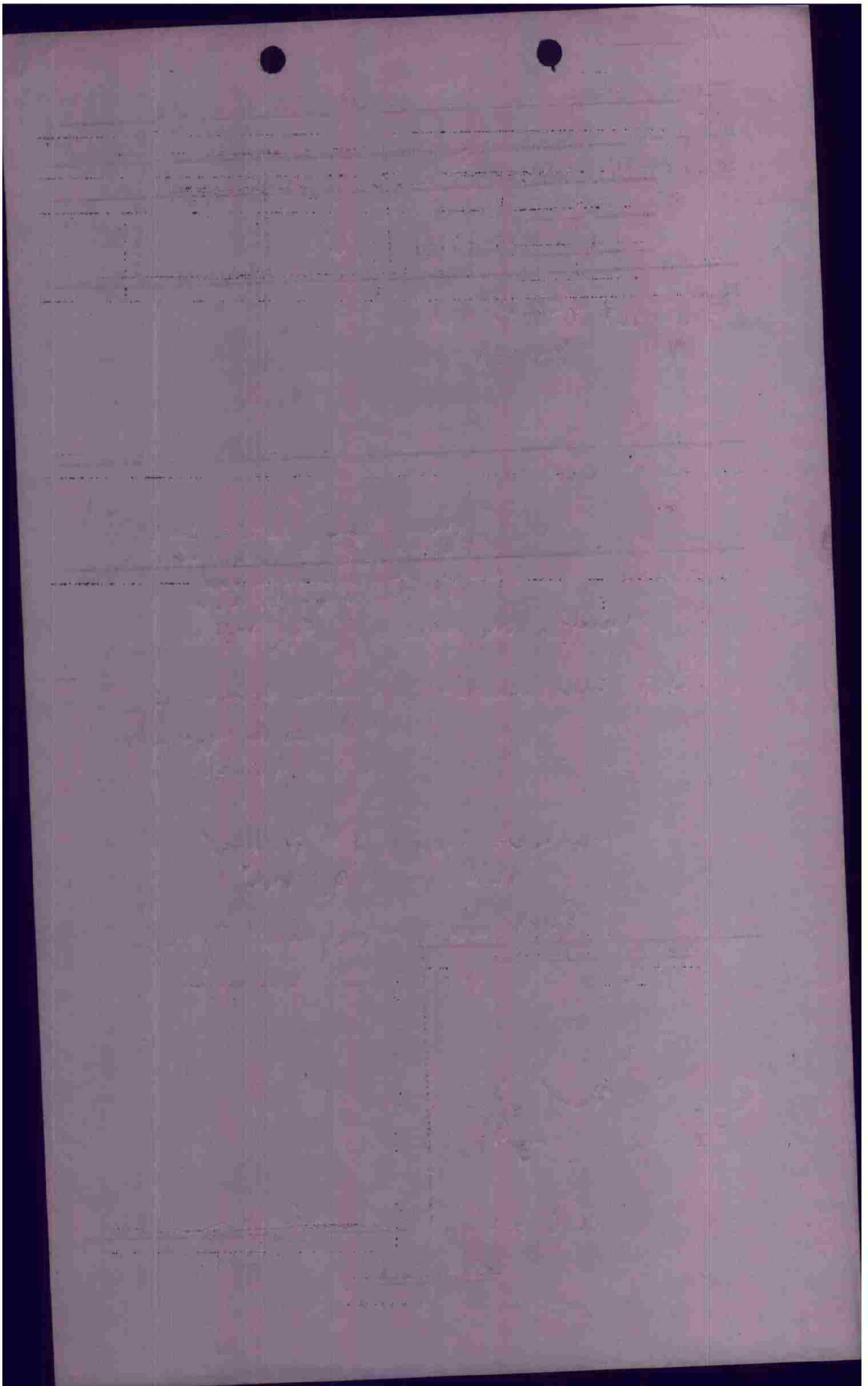


single ret. early

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PILOT Brewster A/C# 469-A BOX 1.

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BAFFLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>6</u>	<u>X 100</u>			
		<u>X</u>	RETURNED		
		<u>X</u>	JETTISONED		

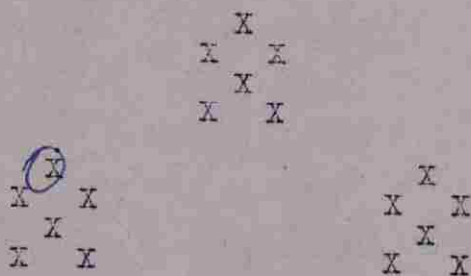
FLAK: 1' after 10'

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

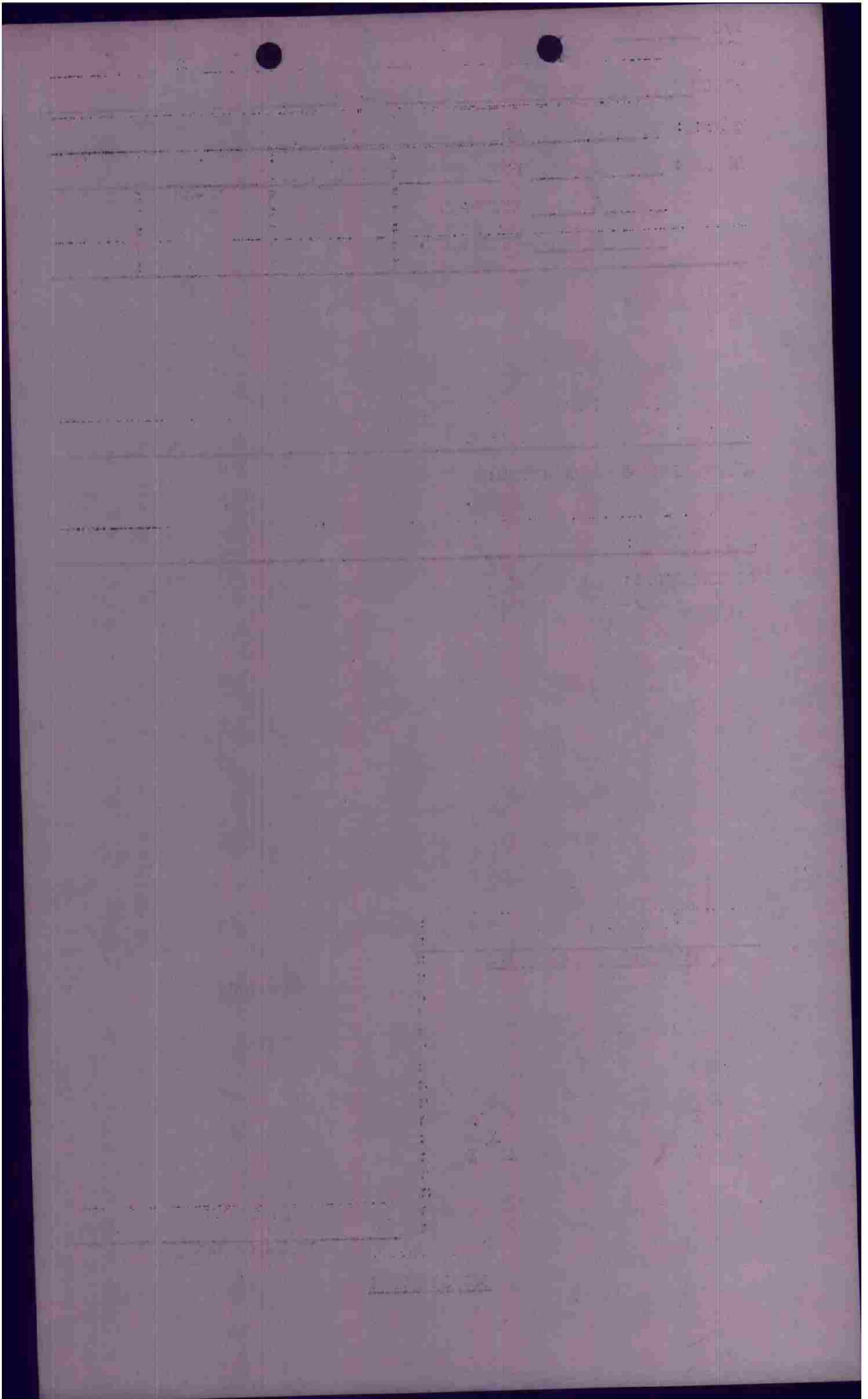
*Couldn't pick up target
Bombed town N of TGT.
Bombed second*

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PILOT Erstahere A/C# 307-N-1 BOX 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>14 X 250</u>	ON	<u>P</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED				"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED					

FLAK: wind over. flew at 18000 feet on turn of target for about 4-5 minutes.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: Heavy air traffic weather obs.

005 X 45 = 416

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POSITION IN FORMATION

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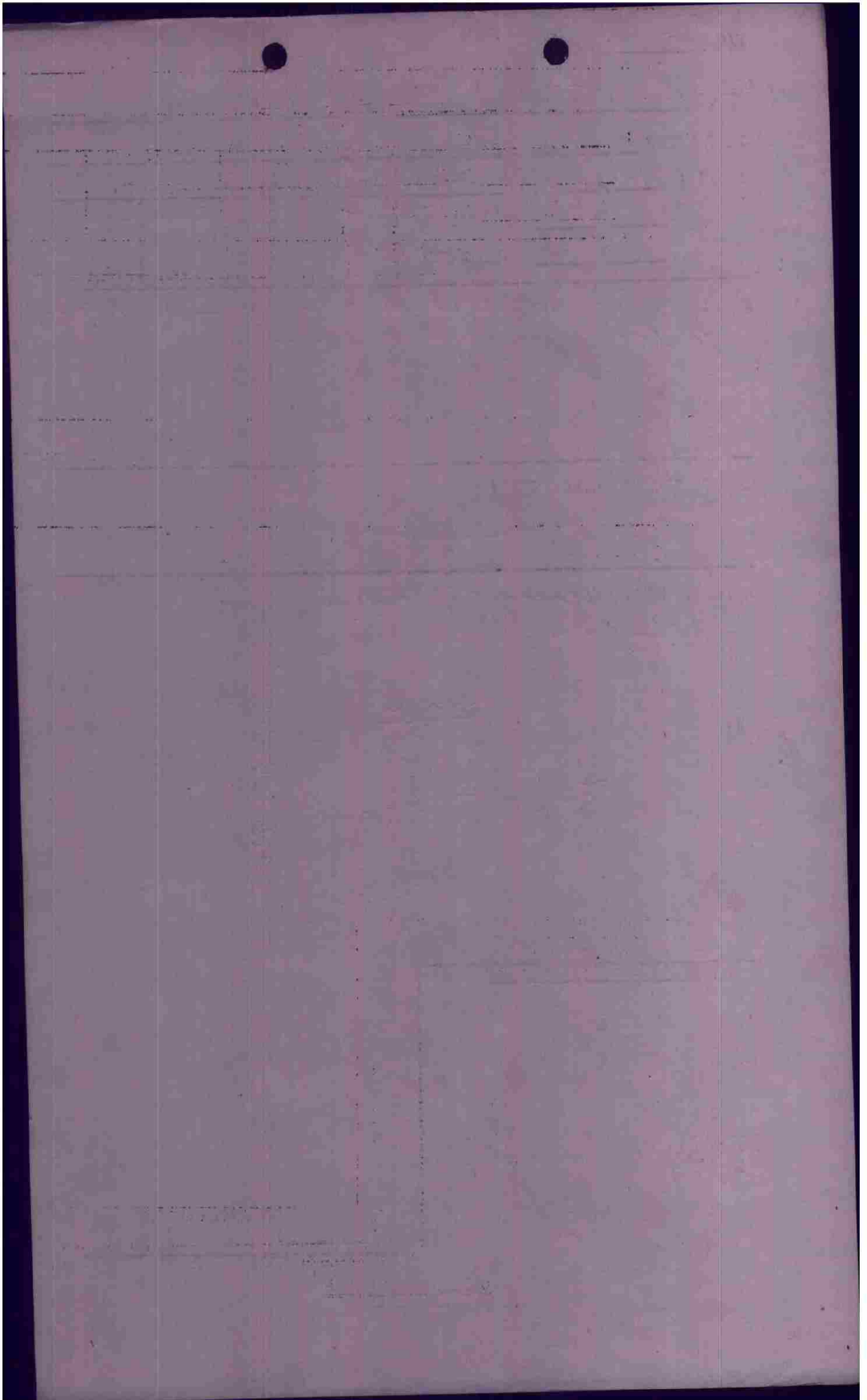
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PILOT Russell S/C# 378-Q BOX 4

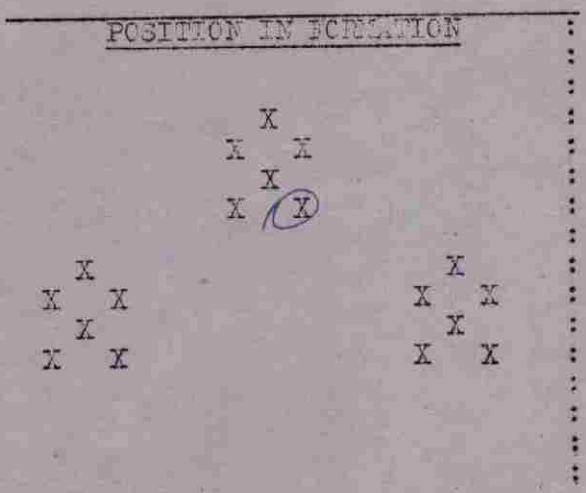
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	RETURNED	JETTISONED	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
11	X 256	P					
3	X 250				✓		
	X						

FLAK: *XAA at T9T.
Bombline nearby
XXIA.*

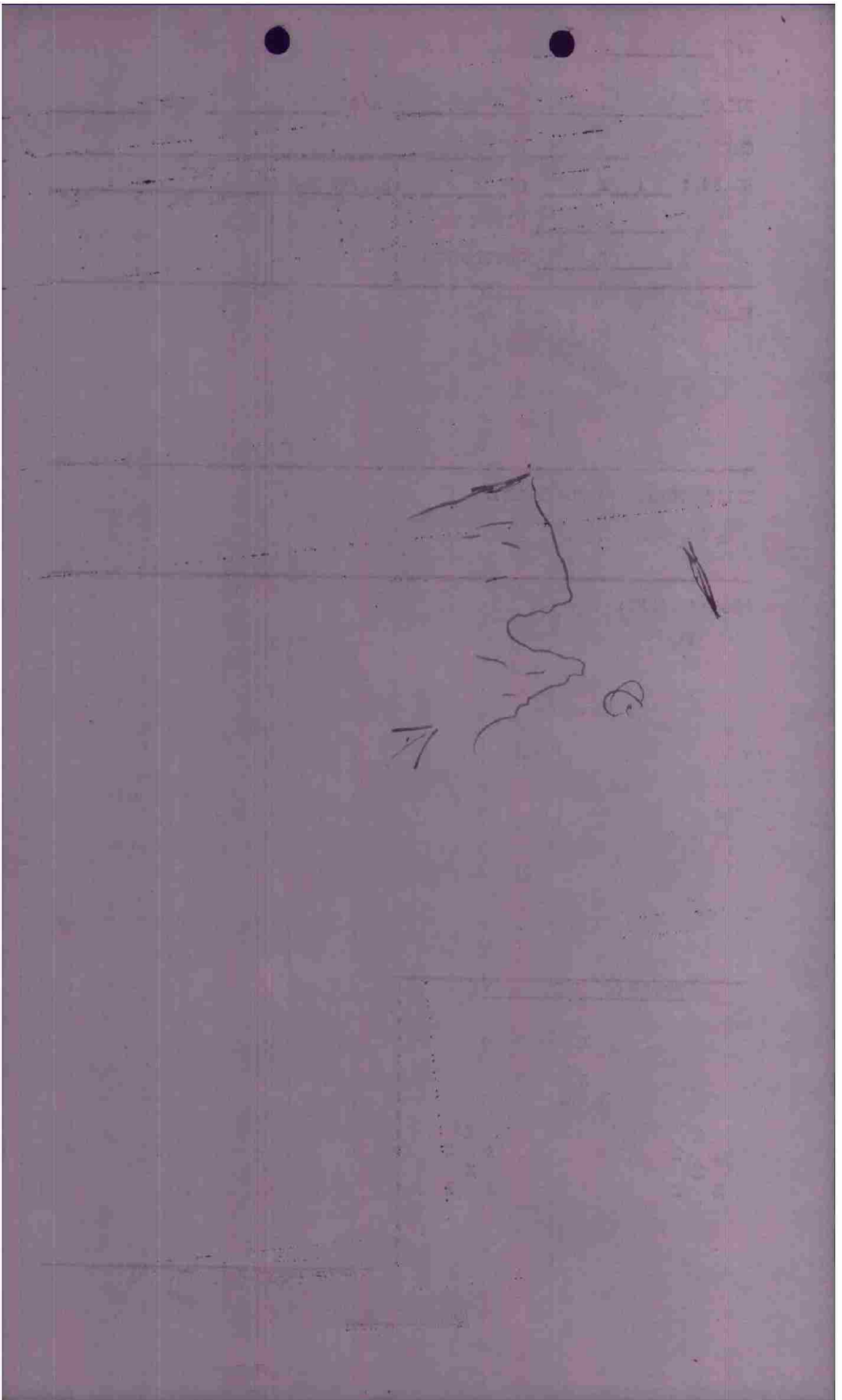
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:
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OBSERVATIONS:
racks not cocked



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PILOT Garver A/C# 321-7 BOX 4

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>14 X 250</u>	ON <u>P.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	✓		

FLAK: XXHA
*Bombing target
 30 sec.
 1' after turn off target.
 XXHA.*

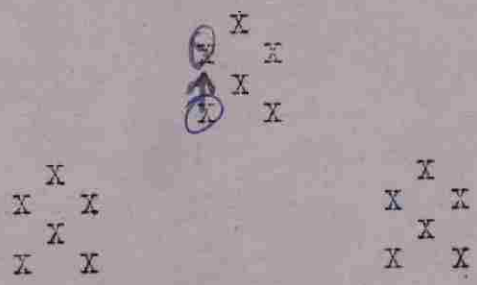
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

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OBSERVATIONS:

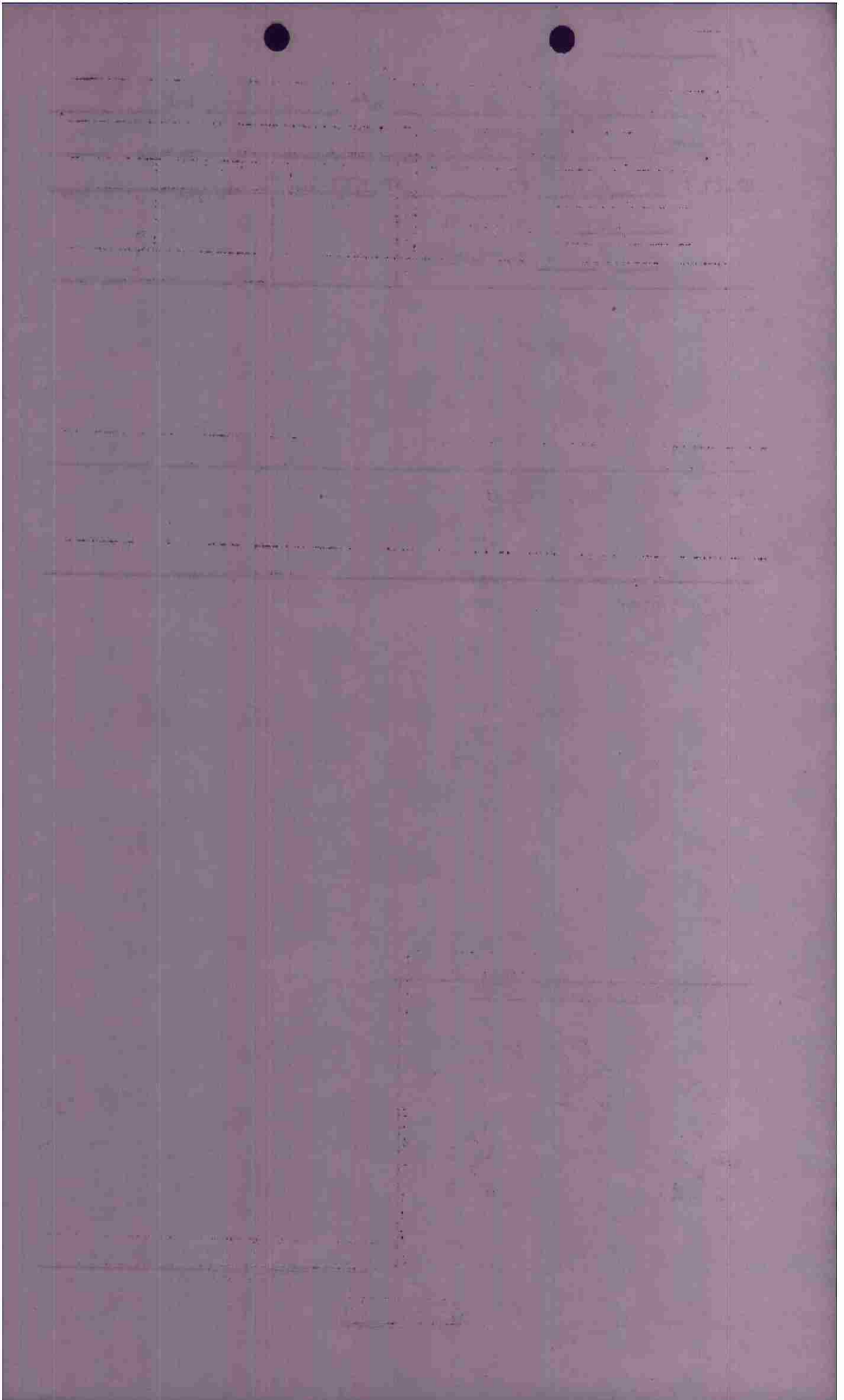
*bombs into target
 large splash observed*

Camera.
 POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Spires

A/C# 326-W

BOX 4

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>14</u>	<u>X 250</u>	<u>P</u>	:	:	:
<u>X</u>		RETURNED	:	:	:
<u>X</u>		JETTISONED	:	<u>✓</u>	:

FLAK: Terrace St.
XXXHA.
Bombing

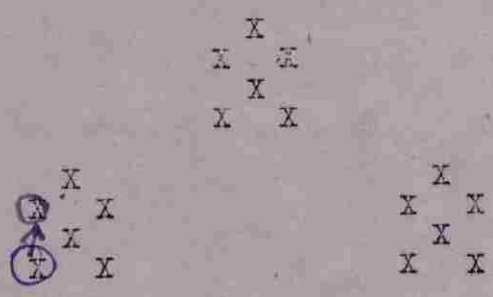
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

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OBSERVATIONS:

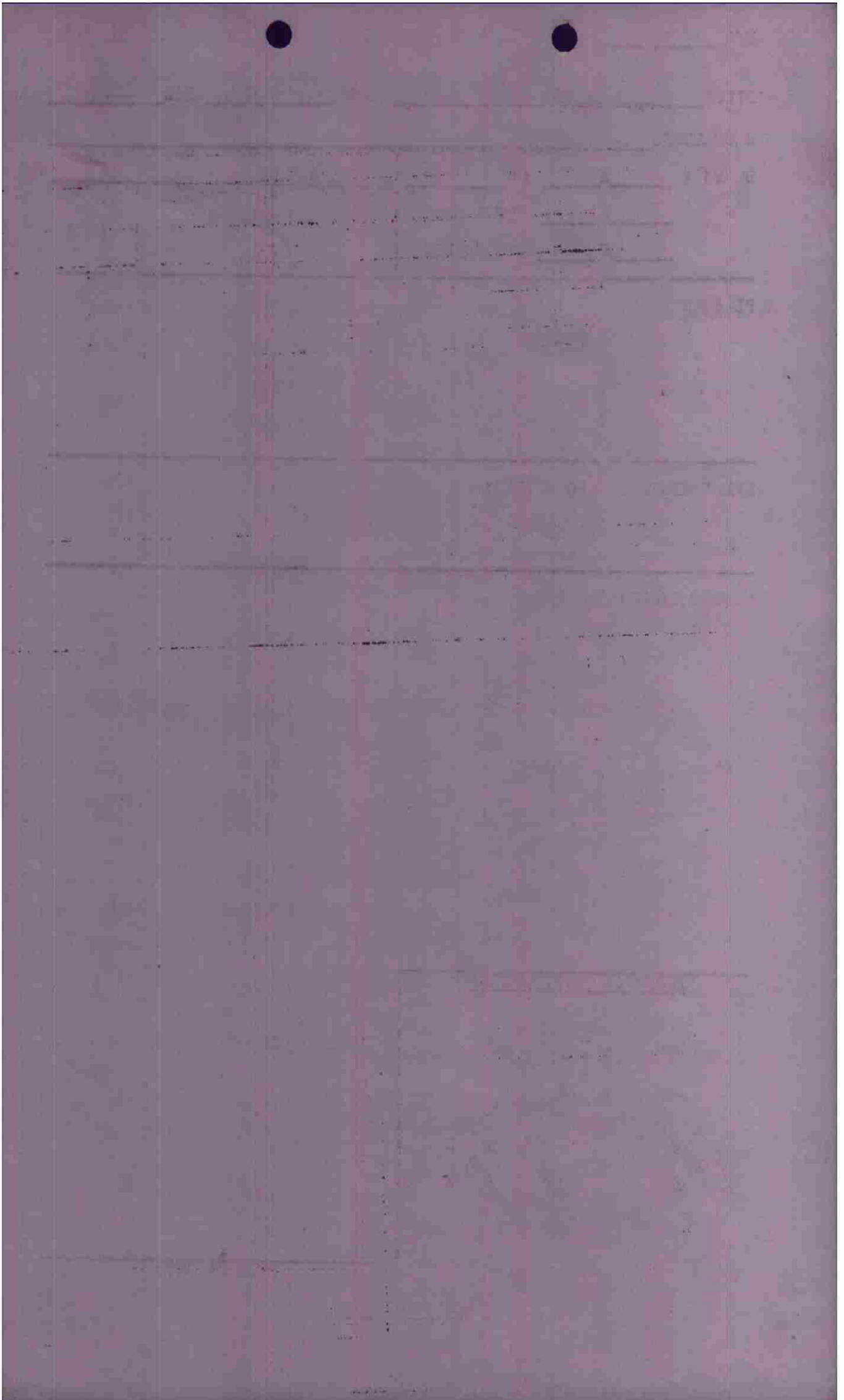
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PILOT Wallman A/C# 300-K BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>14</u> X <u>256</u> CN	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:		:	
	X	:	RETURNED	:	"A"	:	"A-C"
	X	:	JETTISONED	:	"E"	:	"E"

FLAK: Inca to left at first
 on run XXHA followed
 around turn off.

just after 1st turn there
 were several tracer (light)
 flak. To left of course
 exactly 1420

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:
 several fighters at alt far out
 at target area

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN CORRELATION

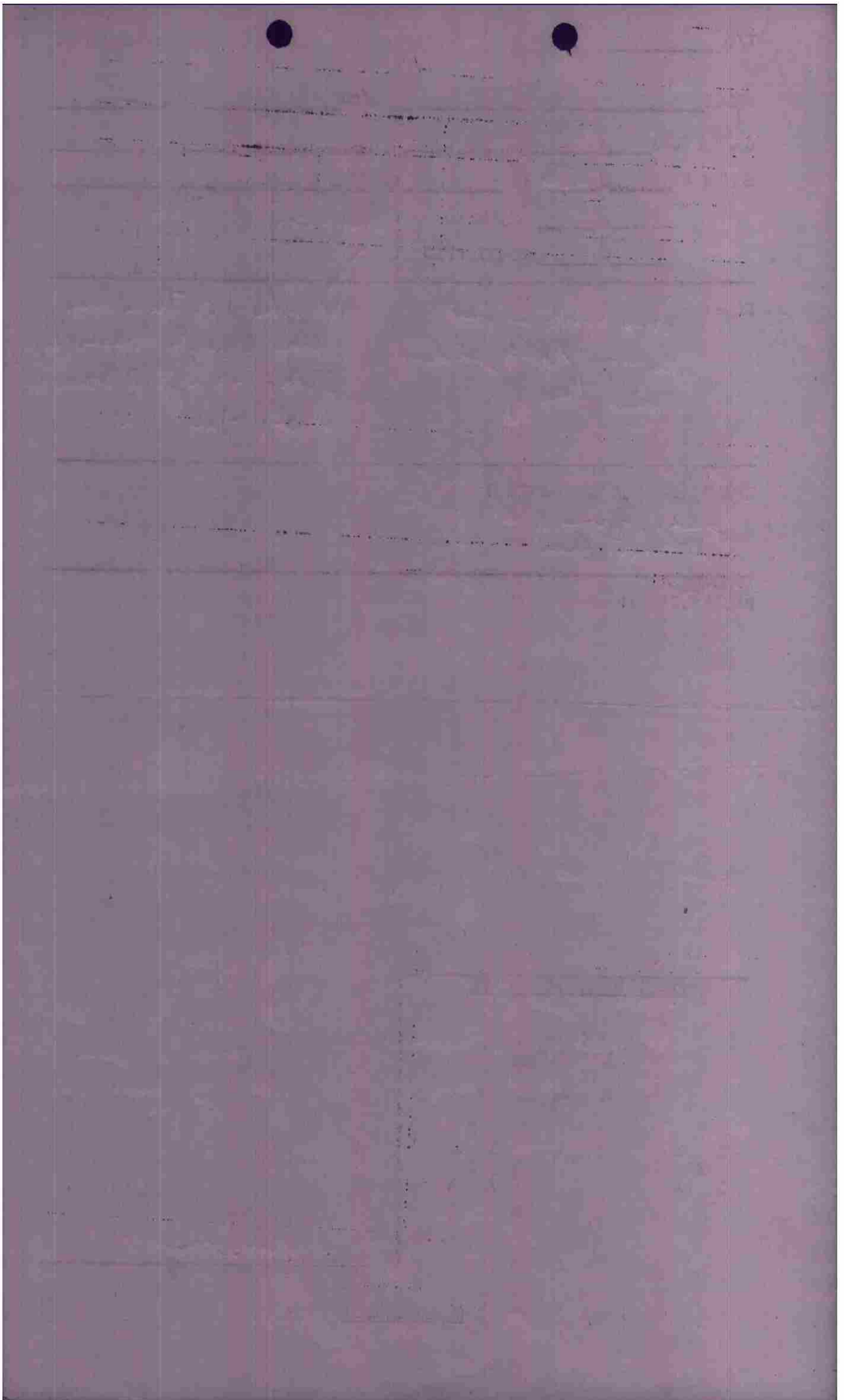
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PILOT Rentk A/C# 252-D BOX II

CASUALTIES _____

BOEBS :	<u>14</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>250</u>	ON	<u>P</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:		:		:	
		<u>X</u>		RETURNED		:		:		:	"A-C"	:	"E"
		<u>X</u>		JETTISONED		:		:		:		:	

FLAK: X H F on bomb run.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: on bomb dropped on edge of woods east of target.

"V" dropped out behind and landed at another field. Repair engine smoking.

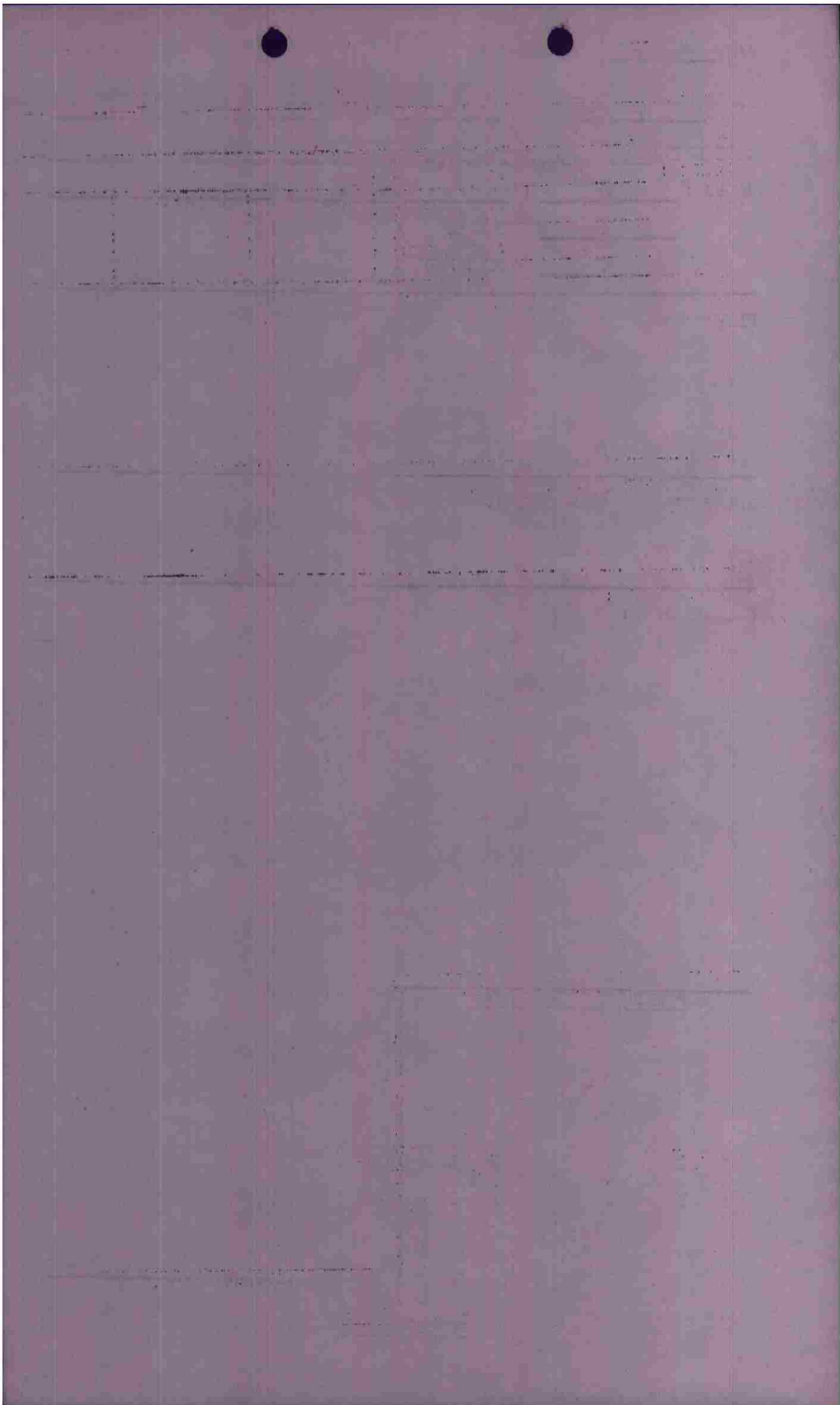
POSITION IN FORMATION

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PILOT Sutton A/C# 239-N-1 BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOOMBS :	<u>14</u>	<u>1250</u>	ON	<u>P</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE
	<u>X</u>			RETURNED	"A-C" : "E"
	<u>X</u>			JETTISONED	: for tank damage : Bottom turret : out. Hole in : wing & fuselage section

FLAK: XXXXHA on turn off target & latter part of
X H I on front part of bomb run.

ENERGY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

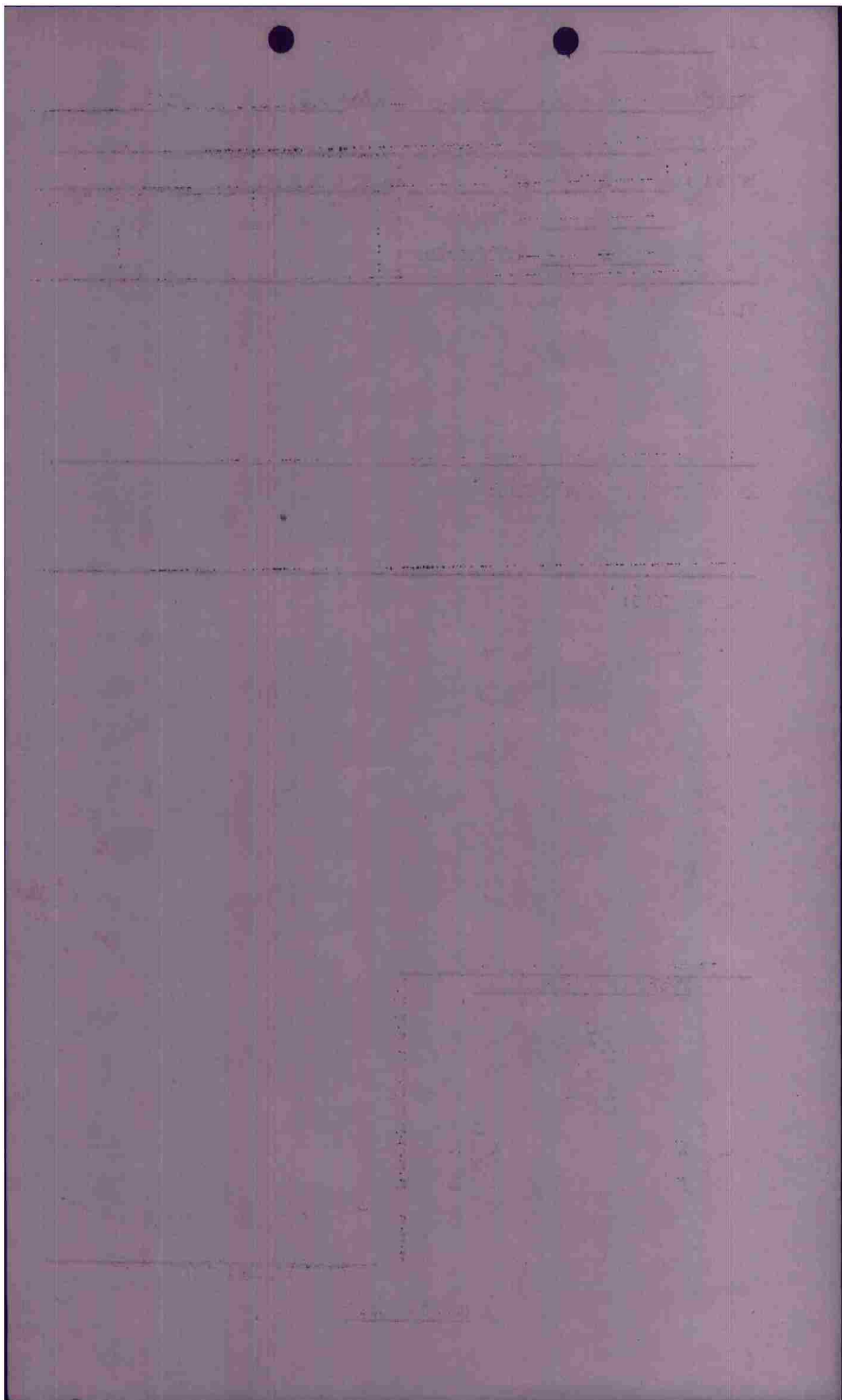
Bomb burst in wooded area. Smoke (white)
up to 3000 feet.
Box 1 to right.

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X								:
		X		X						:
			X							:
		X		X						:
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	(X)					X				:
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PILOT Bushirk A/C# 499-G BOX H

CASUALTIES

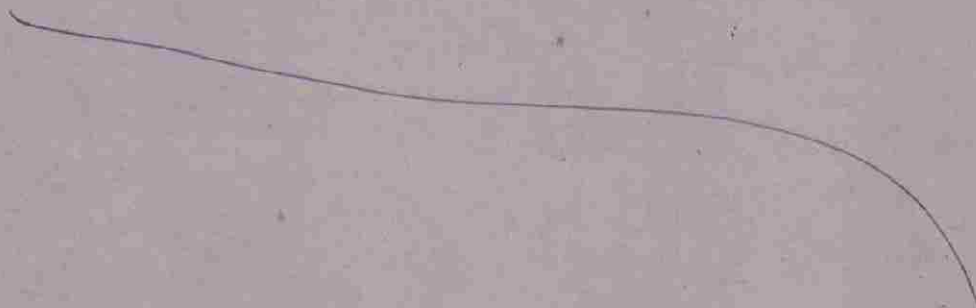
BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
	ON	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>14</u>	<u>X</u> <u>250</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>✓</u>	
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK: XXHA on turn off target & little on bomb run. Mostly 4000 ft altitude
& SW of Bonn.

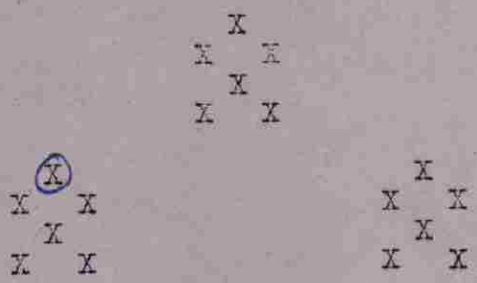
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Heavy smoke 5-6 mi S. of Trier and in little town SW of Moselle R.
t.o.t. 1530 at 11700

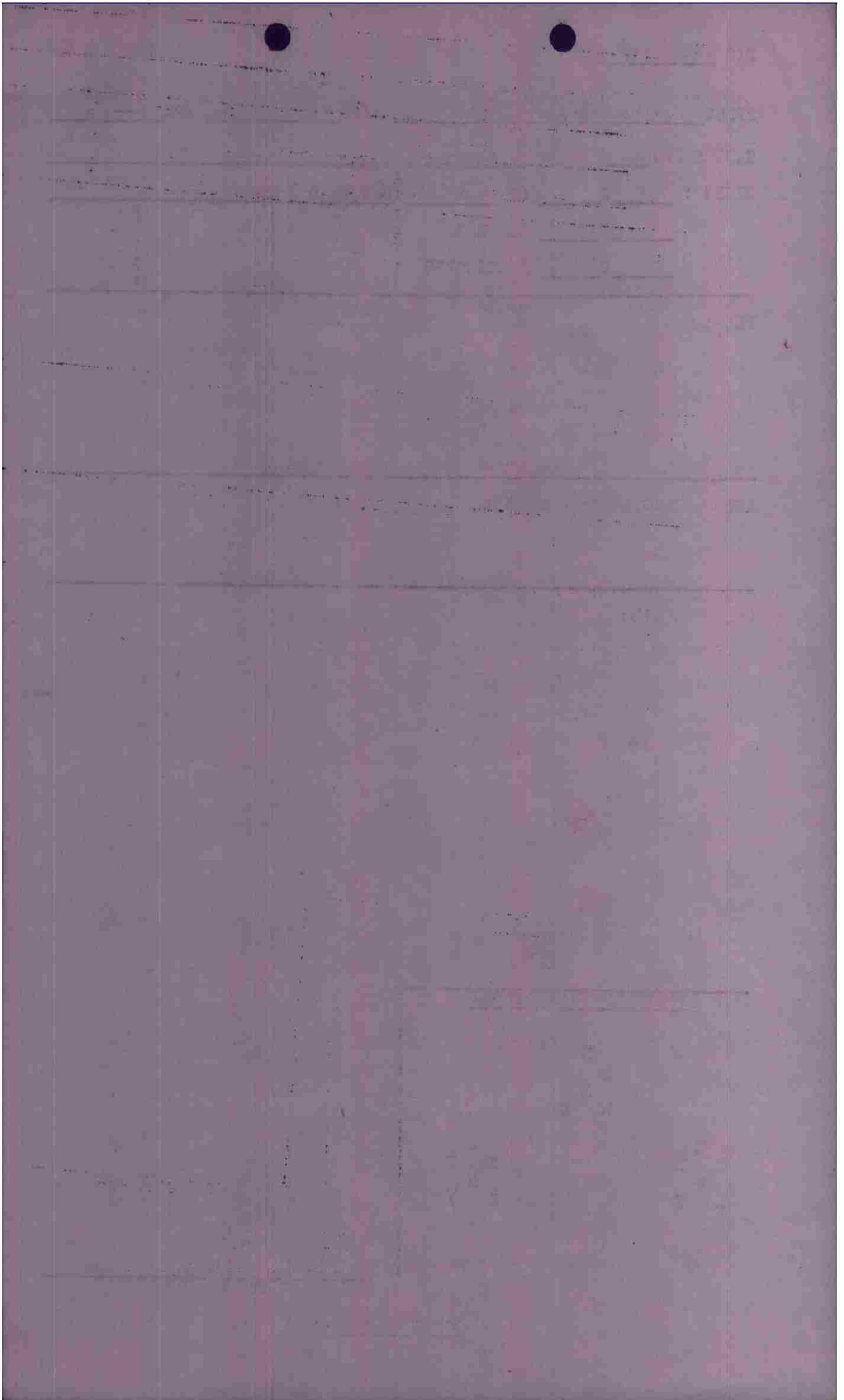


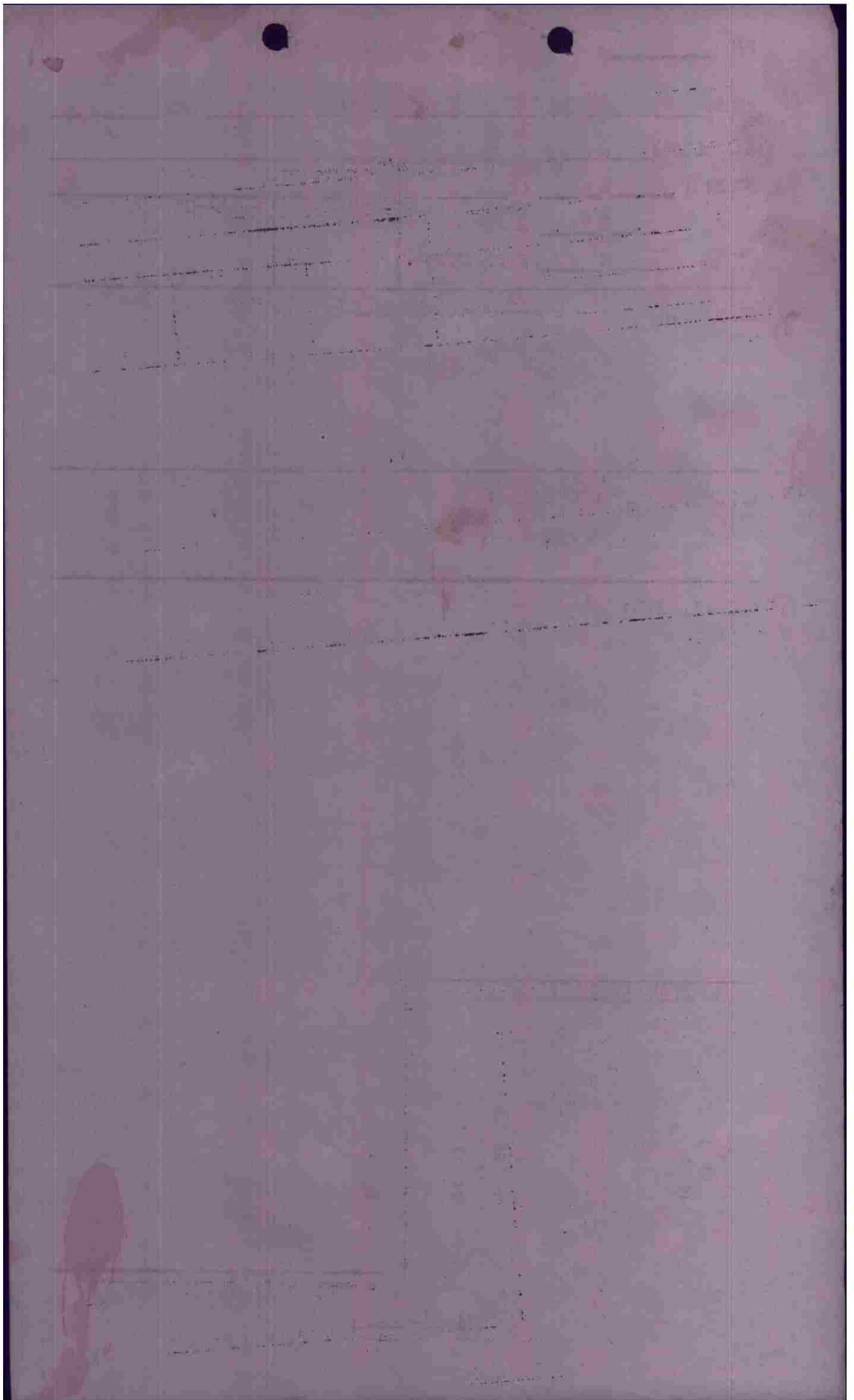
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PILOT Barnell A/C# 492-8 BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>14</u> X <u>250</u> GN	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X RETURNED	"1"	"A-C"	"E"
	X JETTISONED	2 holes		

FLAK: X H 1 - BB down open
 XX HA at target
 XX HA - 1/2 ^{min} after turn off

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

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OBSERVATIONS:

By boxes - dropped
 Black smoke from 1st box.
 Tracer covered with smoke - white
 puffs at Foch at 20,000 ft.

TOT-1432 1,500

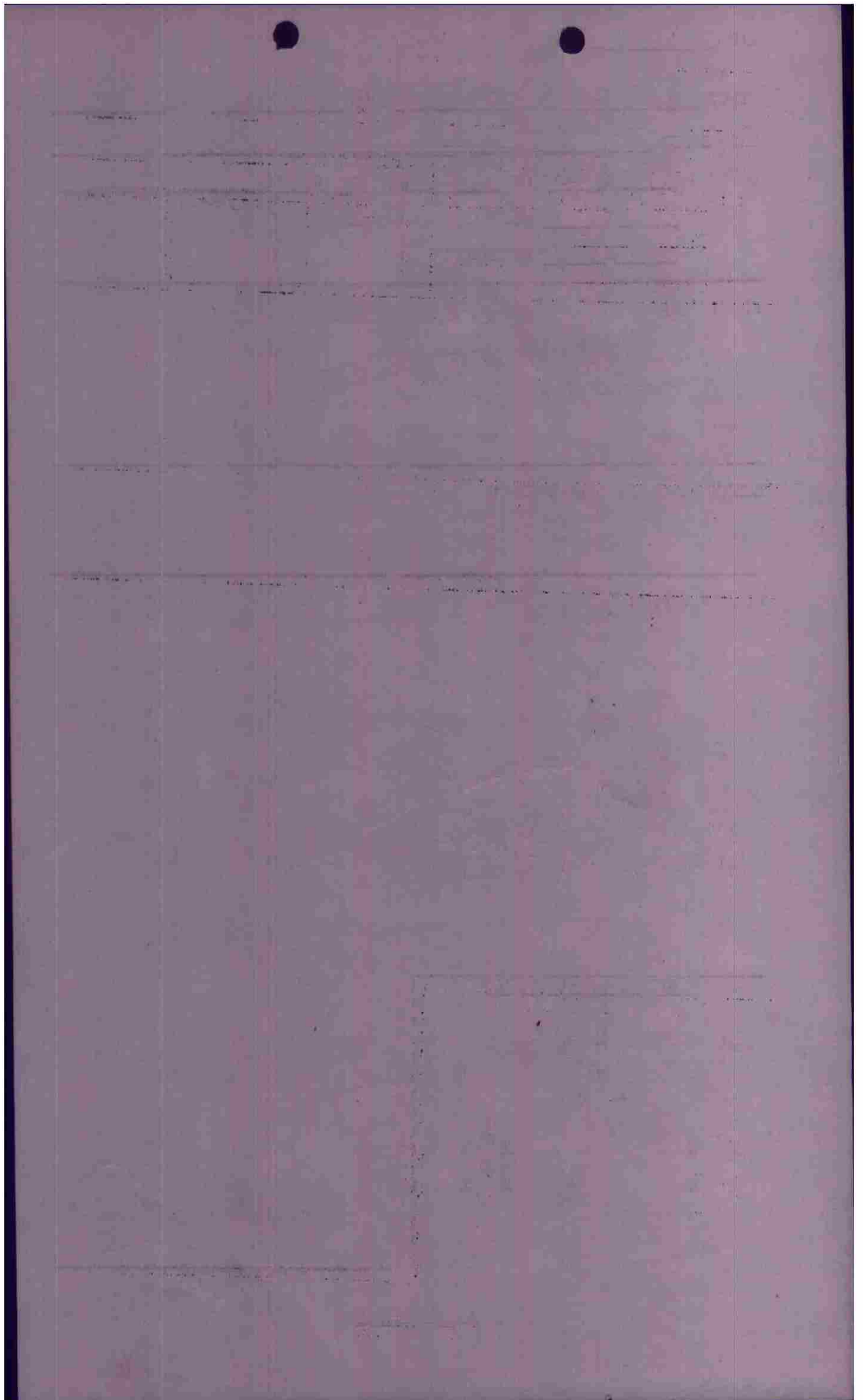
POSITION IN CORRELATION

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		X	X							
			X							
		X	X							
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X	X			X	X					
	X				X					
X	X			X	X					

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PILOT Tripp A/C# 306-X BOX II

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>14</u> X <u>250</u>	ON	<u>PT.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	X	RETURNED			"A-C"		"E"
	X	JETTISONED					

FLAK: on B.R. + tag + Redoff
XX+HA - goodalt.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Big red fire in middle of burst
in woods.

POSITION IN FORMATION

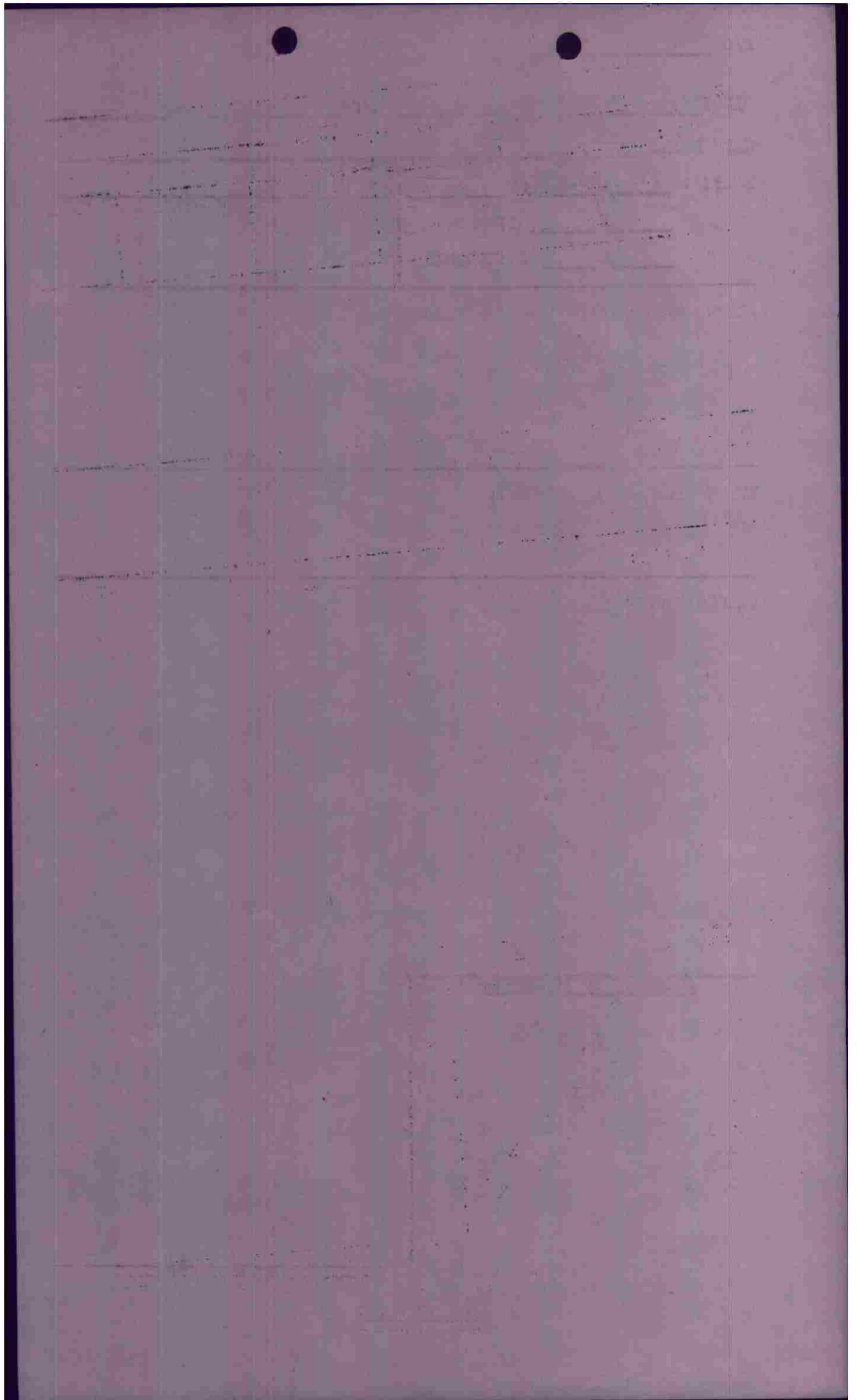
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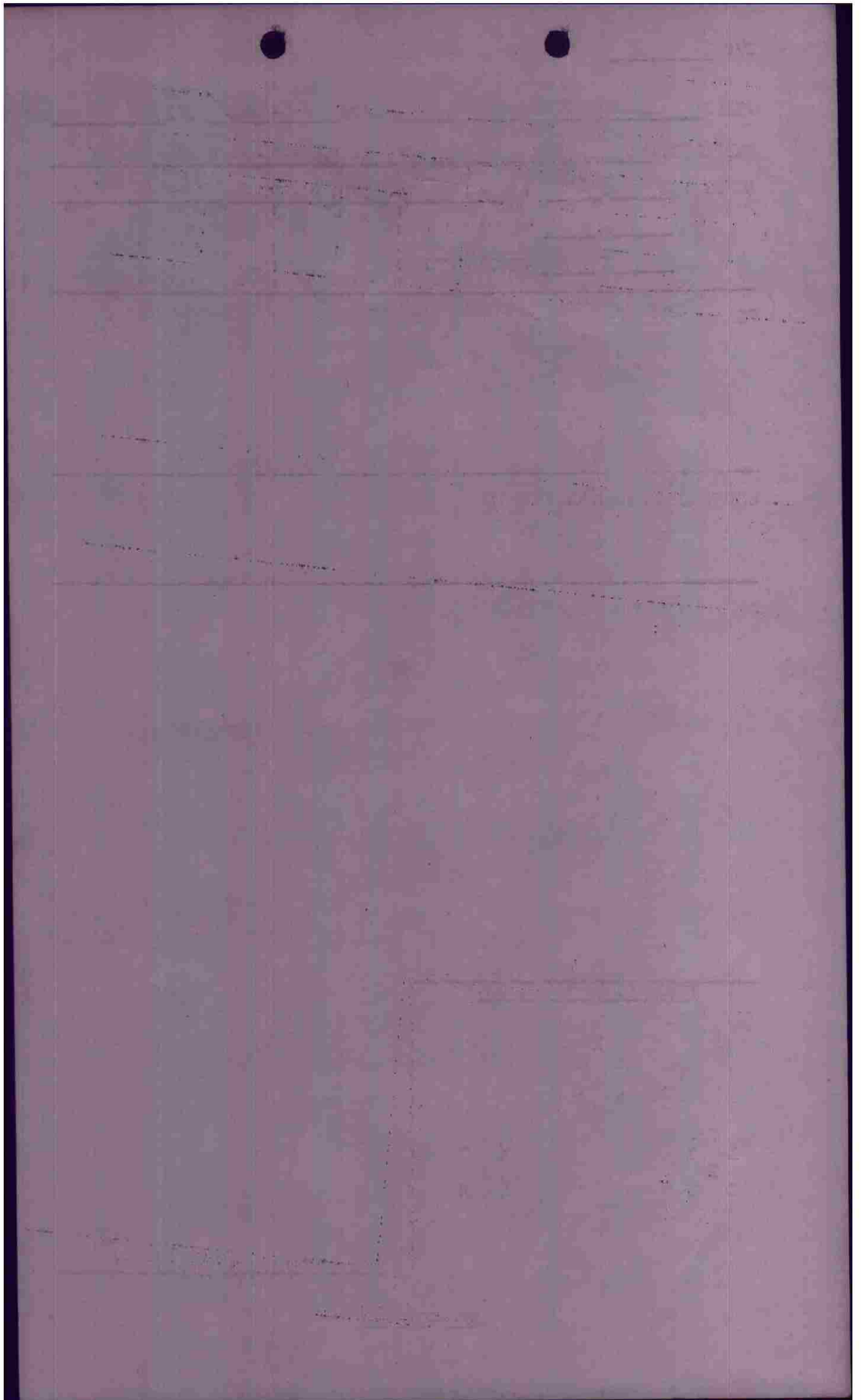
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PILOT *Kenny*

A/C# *233-7*

BOX *II*

CASUALTIES

BOBBS :	<u><i>126 X 500</i></u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE
	<u><i>X</i></u>	RETURNED	"A-C" : "E"
	<u><i>X</i></u>	JETTISONED	<i>X</i> <i>large</i> <i>missile</i> <i>tail</i> <i>etc.</i>

FLAK: *XHTA-*

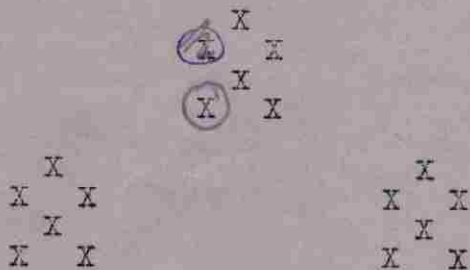
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

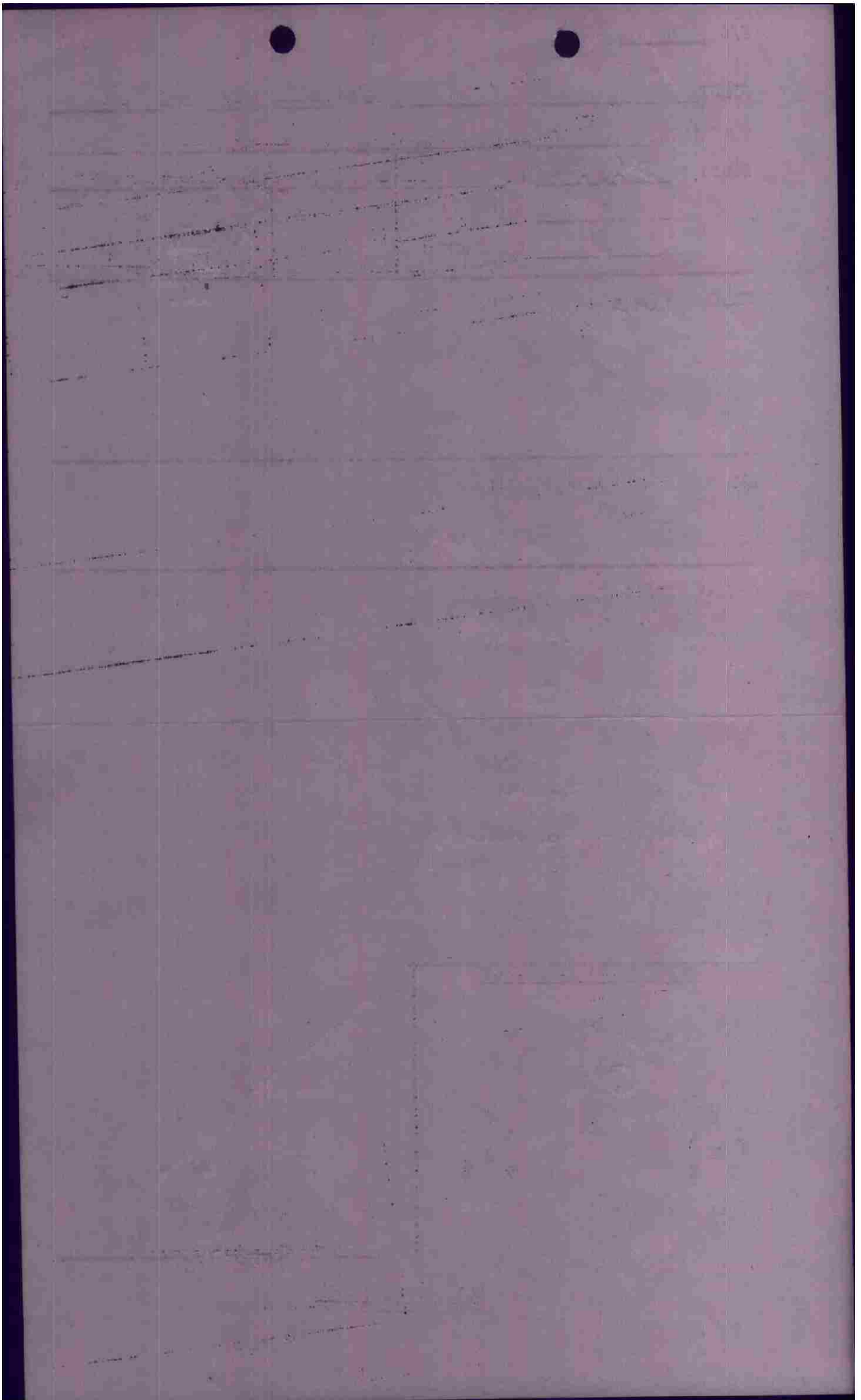
*2nd of 3 off runway.
Touched OK - then overboard off.*

POSITION IN FORMATION



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EMERG. FORM

PILOT Van Raper A/C# 241-7-1 BOX 11

CASUALTIES None

BOBBS :	<u>14</u> X <u>250</u> CN <u>B.T.</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:	"A-C"	:	"E"
	X	:	RETURNED	:		:	
	X	:	JETTISONED	:		:	

FLAK: Flak on left or right turn being made off target. Moderate accurate

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

None

OBSERVATIONS:

Saw Fort in vicinity of Trier being plastered with flak.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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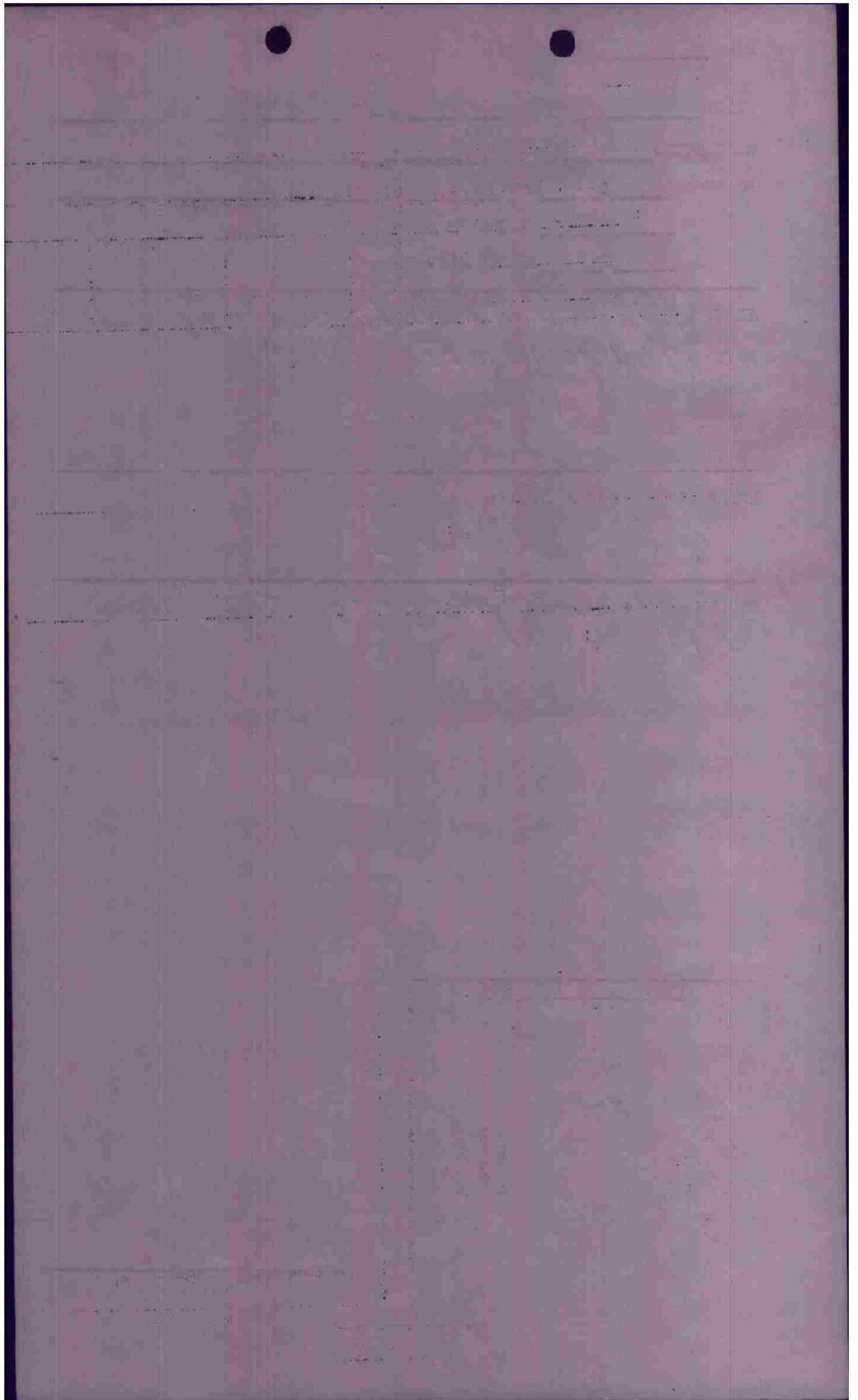
      X
     X X
      X
     X X

X   X   X           X
X   X   X           X (circled)
X   X   X           X   X

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INTERR. FORM

PILOT Lactovich #/C# 490-X BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>14</u> X <u>250</u> ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>X</u>	"A-C" : "E"
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>1 hole in wing root</u>	

FLAK: coming off tgt was heaviest

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Saw single plane across trees
Excellent bombing results - explosion,
almost hit snow
runways badly swollen.

POSITION IN FORMATION

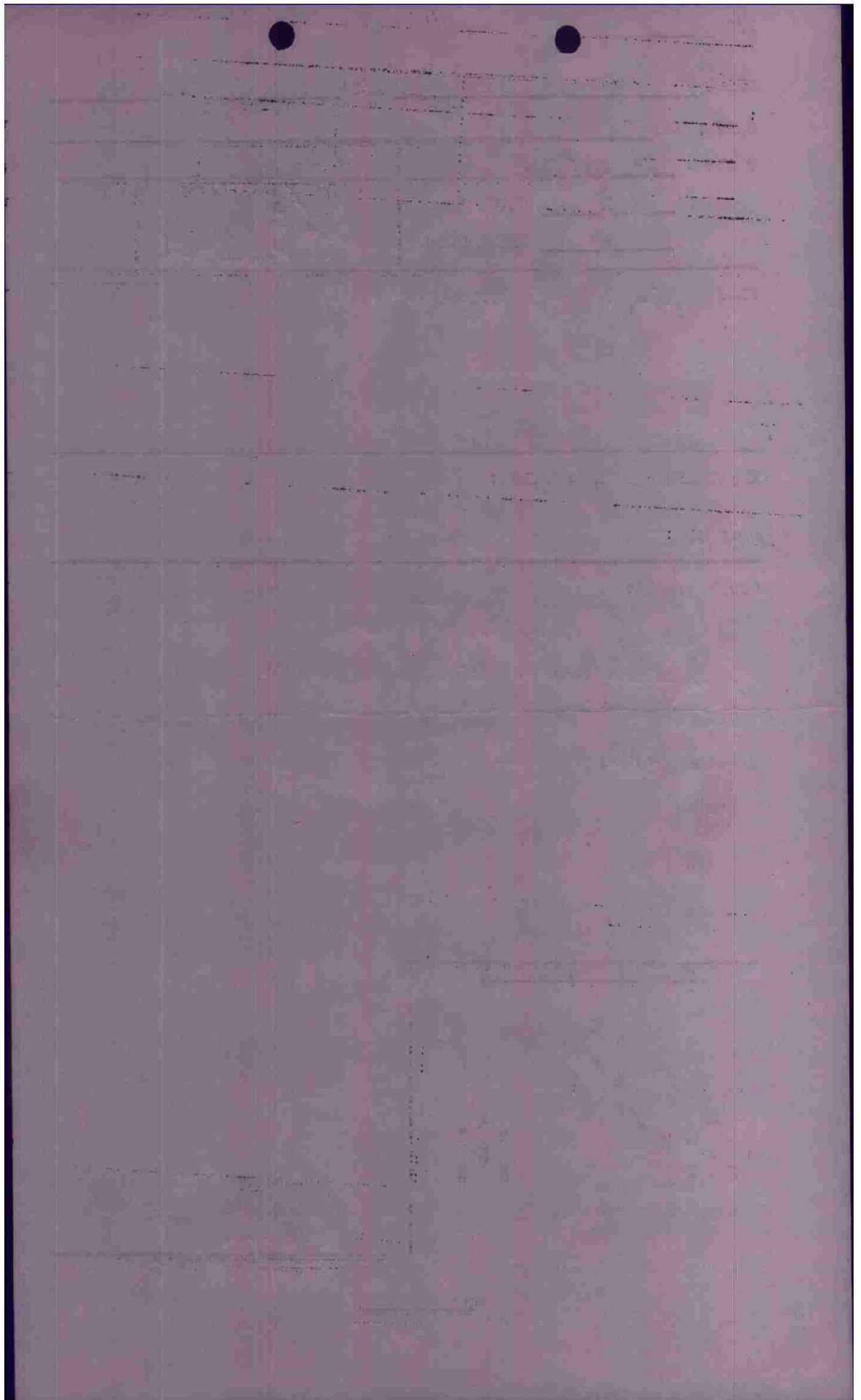
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      X
     X (X)
      X
     X X
X   X   X   X
X   X   X   X

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INTERROG. FORM

PILOT Evans A/C# 523-N BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>14</u> X <u>250</u> ON <u>6</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE	
	X	RETURNED	"A-C" : "E"
	X	JETTISONED	← <u>Thompson</u>

FLAK: XXXXA - from IP to tgt
target. & back.
come from villages

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs. slight S. of MP.
explains - a second
explosion followed
the bomb explain

POSITION IN FORMATION

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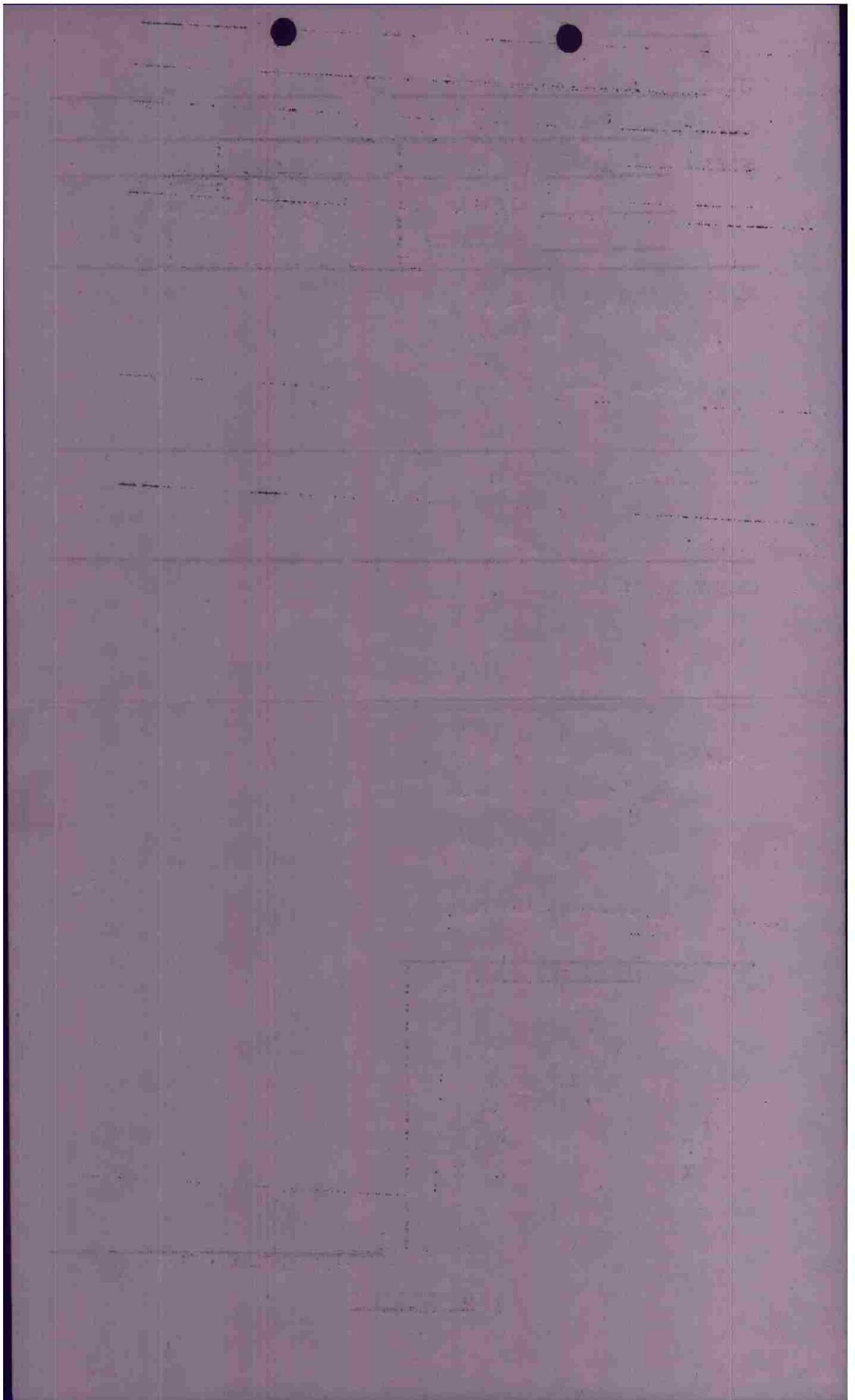
      (X)
     X  X
      X
     X  X

X      X      X
X  X  X      X  X
X  X  X      X  X

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INTERROG. FORM

PILOT Weiner A/C# 271-K-7 BOX II

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>14</u> X <u>250</u>	CN	<u>PT</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:		:	
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED	:	" "	:	"A-C"	:	"E"
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED	:		:		:	

FLAK: XXXHA in turn off target
seemed to come from left
(bombed secondary)

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Could not see bombs hit - smoke
only.

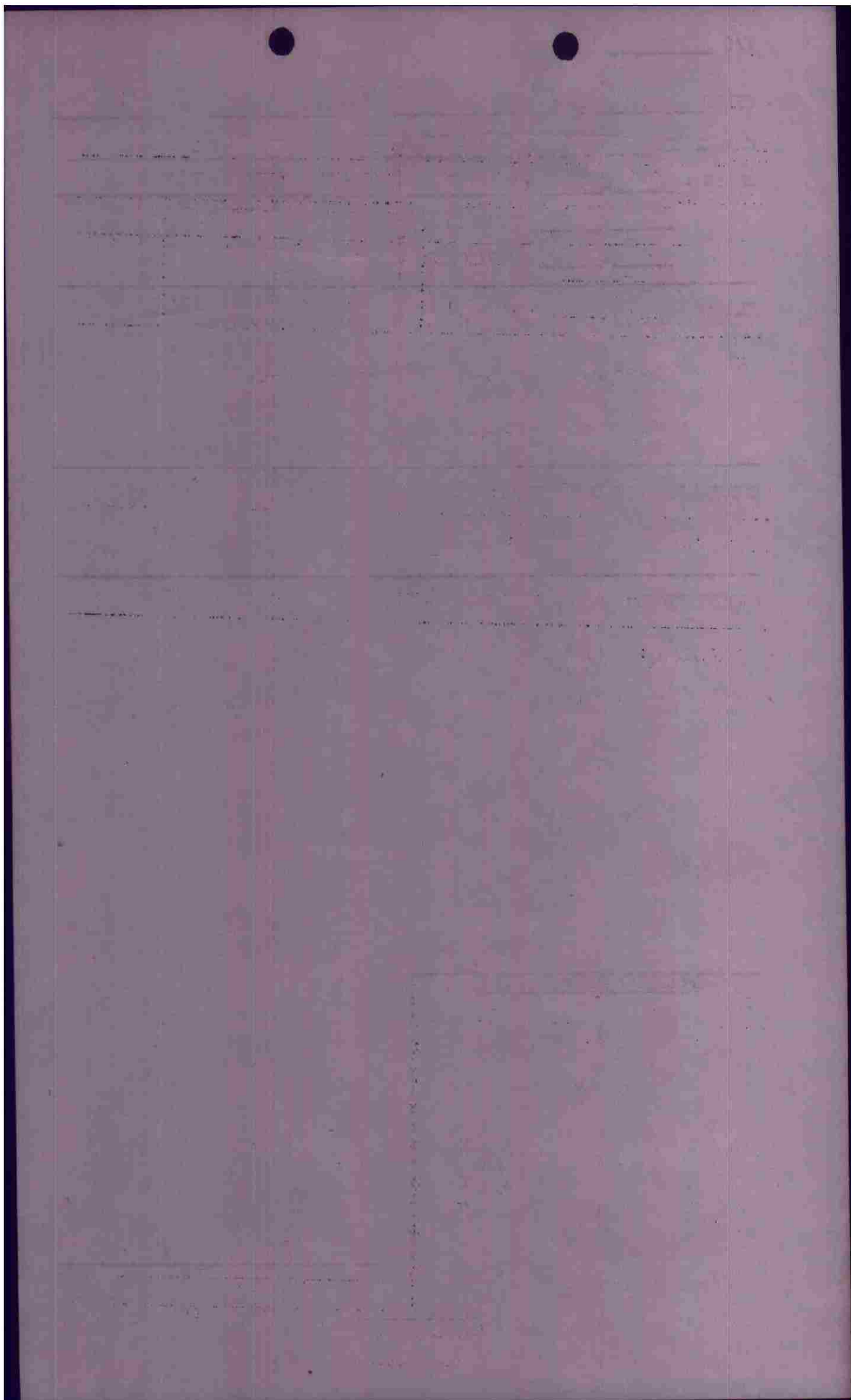
POSITION IN SCREEN :

			X						
		X	X						
			X						
		X	X						
	X					X			
X	X					X	X		
	X					X	X		
X	X					(X)	X		

Pick

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INTERR. FORM

PILOT Cannon A/C# 274 BOX 11

CASUALTIES none

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> X <u>500</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	-
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	✓	"A-C" : "E"
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED		

FLICK: Just before bombs in
tgt and get burn off
XXIA at tgt

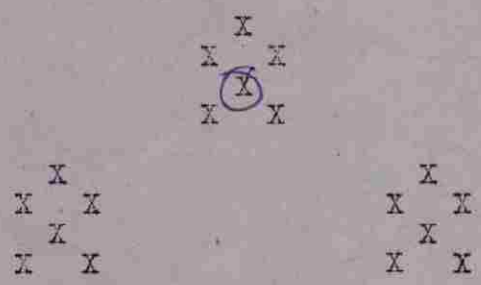
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

None

OBSERVATIONS:

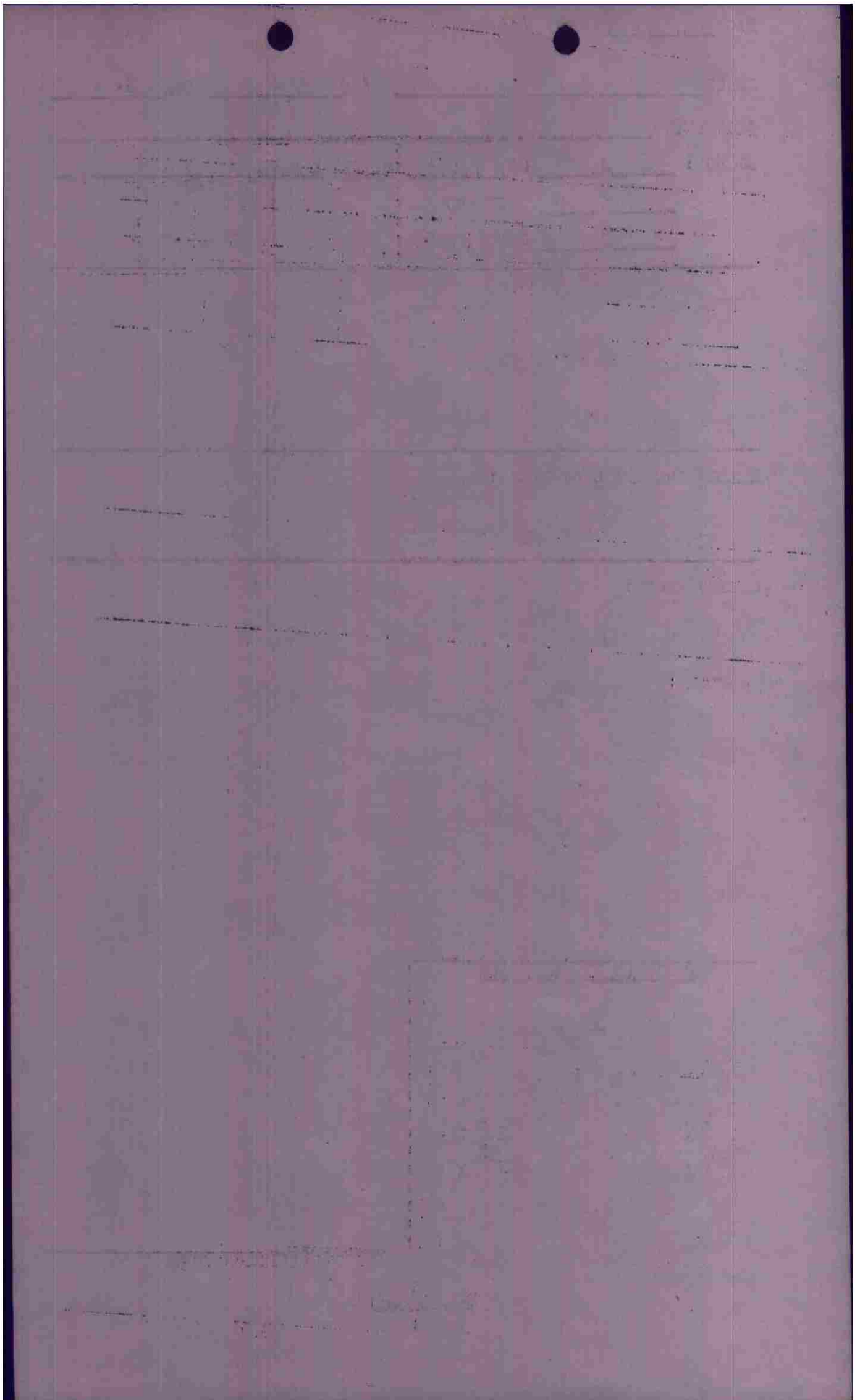
Fires at tgt -
Flashes at tgt

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Hooks w/c# 297-9-1 BOX II

CASUALTIES None

BOBS :	<u>14</u>	<u>X 250</u>	CN <u>Prwan</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED	:"	:"	<u>"A-C"</u>	:"E"
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED	:"	:"	:"	:"

FLAK: after Bombs away on turn off tgt for about 3-4 minutes -

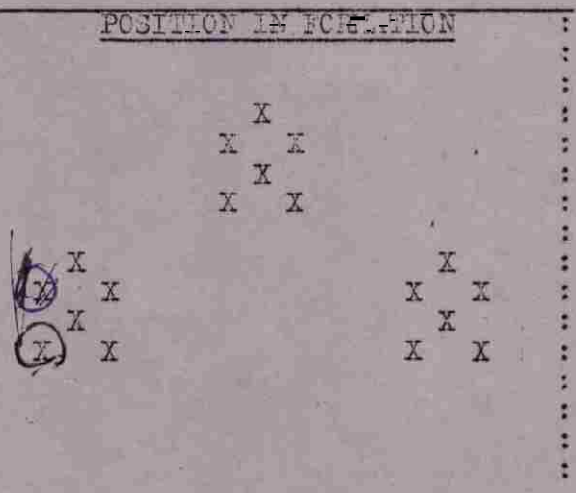
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

None

OBSERVATIONS:

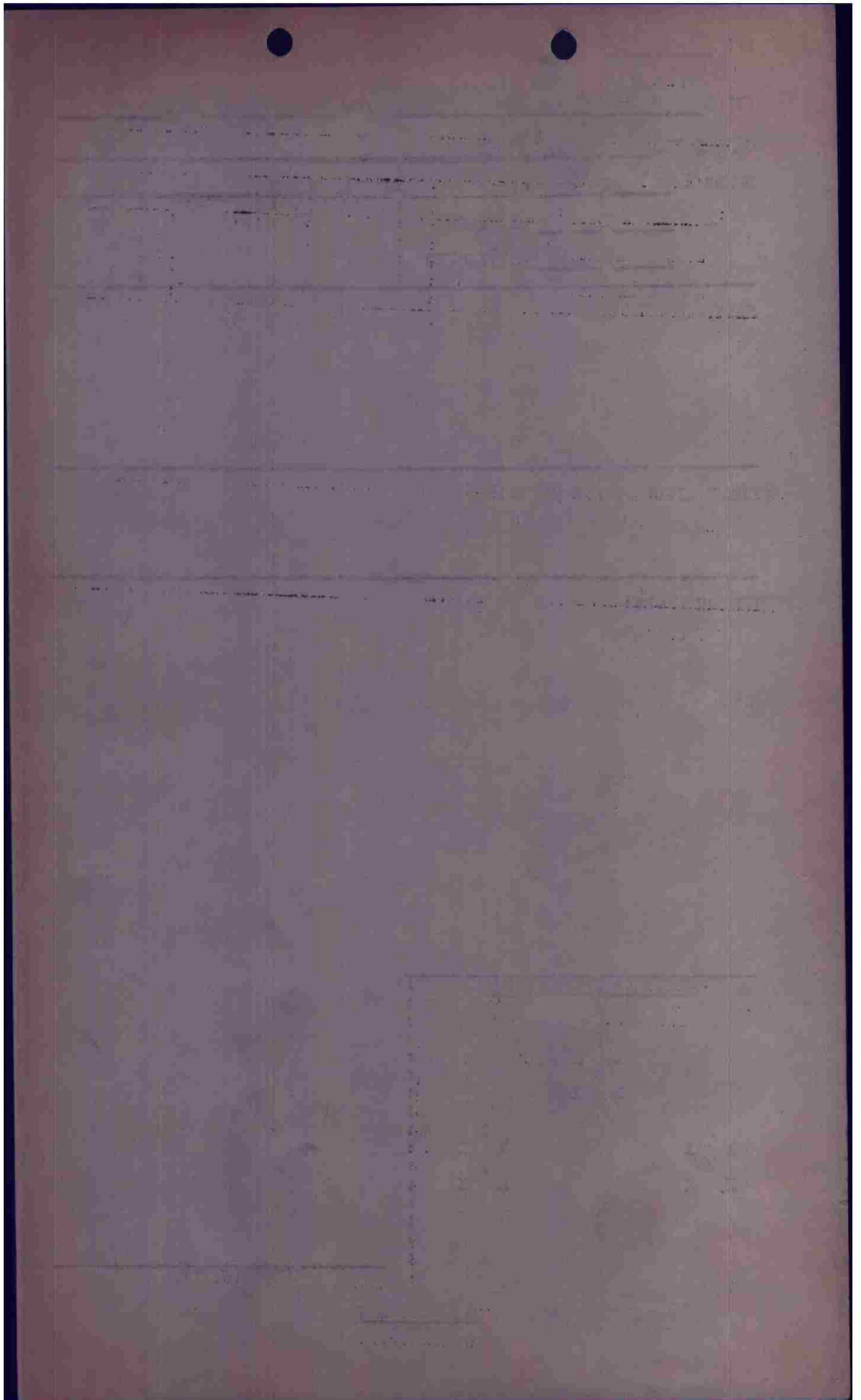
This A/c to maced in #6 position #6 took #3 position

POSITION IN FORMATION



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Mission #205

Box #	Cps/Pl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
A/G	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb	Disp	A/O Dam	E/A	Peris.	
Fig No.	Reason	F S O	T S J F R	M D A C B E D F B K V M				
1	✓		14		X			523-N Erawa
2	✓		14		X			233-F Kenny
3	✓		14		X			490-X Spetovich
4	✓		14		X			274 Cannon
5	✓		11	3 (mush.)	X			378-D Russell
6	✓		14		X			321-T Cannon
1	✓		14		X			492-E Russell
2	✓		14		X			492-E Russell
3	✓		14		X			492-E Russell
4	✓		14		X			492-E Russell
5	✓		14		X			492-E Russell
6	✓		14		X			492-E Russell
1	✓		14		X			297-T-1 Mlinks
2	✓		14		X			313-B Gokinan
3	✓		14		X			383-V Hayter
4	✓		14		X			241-F-1 New Pipe
5	✓		14		X			299-N-1 Gatter
6	✓		14		X			306-X Grigg
1	✓		14		X			326-W Spina
2	✓		14		X			300-K Mullman
3	✓		14		X			271-R-1 Revil
4	✓		14		X			252-D Revil
5	✓		14		X			229-B Russell
6	✓		14		X			229-B Russell

9 of 6
31250 returned (mush.)

221 X 250
12 X 500

13
12/20A

Spars -

154
375 x 250
64 x 500
3

FORMS FOR MISSION

B. (2) No. a/c off by type: 37 A-26
 A-26G's (obtained from Ops)
 No. of a/c falling to bomb explain each failure.
 Result due to weather
 Personnel
 Mechanical
 Other Reasons
 (4) No. a/c bombing. 37
 Primary.
 Secondary.
 Other.
 (Obtained from reports.)

C. (1) Time up
 L.O.F.
 Time down
 (Obtained from Tower)

D. (1) No. a/c
 Missing
 Destroyed
 Damaged
 Engaged
 Killed
 Wounded
 Missing
 (2) No. Crew (Obtained from Reports)

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

I. Bombs on Primary
 Bombs on Secondary
 Bombs on Other
 Bombs Returned
 Bombs Detonated
 (Obtained from Reports)
 No. Type
 Where

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

Mission # 205.

Box #	OpSTL	Date	T/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
I		14 Jul 45				Price	TOT	
						487-G	L/D	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb	IISP	A/C Dam	E/A	PERS.	
Box No.	Reason	T	S	J	F	R	M	D
1 411-G	✓	14						
2 521-N	✓	14						
3 188-B		6						X
4 213-A		14						
5 305-U		6						X
6 264-I		14						
1 501-W		Not Airborne						
2 224-E		6						
3 205-M	✓	14						X
4 223-B		14						
5 321-V	✓	14						
6 334-G-1		14						
1 469-A		6						
2 416-O		14						
3 307-N-1	✓	14						
4 9315-F	✓	14						
5 286-D	✓	6						X
6 2315-L		6						
1 249-F-1	✓	6						

487-G
Price

181-C 521-N
Mortice Stanley

213-A
McGuire

264-I 305-U
Blivins Drum

469-A
Gunter

307-N-1 416-O
Kutshure Turner

9315-F
Munich

2315-L 286-D
Green Cook

501-W
Pigletary

205-M 224-E
Bidrop Warren

223-B
Pigparay

334-G-1 321-V
Boman Shelby

249-F-1
Willard } SPARE

154X250
42X500

18

3 1 1

SPARE -

14
250 W
14
11/14
11/14

3

300-A-100

FORMAT FOR MISSION

B. (2) No. a/c off by type: _____
 A-20's (obtained from Ops) _____
 No. of a/c falling to bomb _____
 explain each failure.
 Result due to weather _____
 Personnel _____
 Equipment _____
 Other reasons _____
 (4) No. a/c bombing: _____
 Primary _____
 Secondary _____
 Other _____
 (Obtained from receipts.)

C. (1) Time up _____
 F.O.F. _____
 Time down _____
 (Obtained from Tower).

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

(3) No. crew _____
 Killed _____
 Wounded _____
 Missing _____
 (Obtained from receipts).

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

I. Bombs on Primary _____
 Bombs on Secondary _____
 Bombs on Other _____
 Bombs Returned? _____
 Bombs Detonated? _____
 Bombs Detonated _____
 (Obtained from Receipts)
 No. _____
 Type _____
 Where _____

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

