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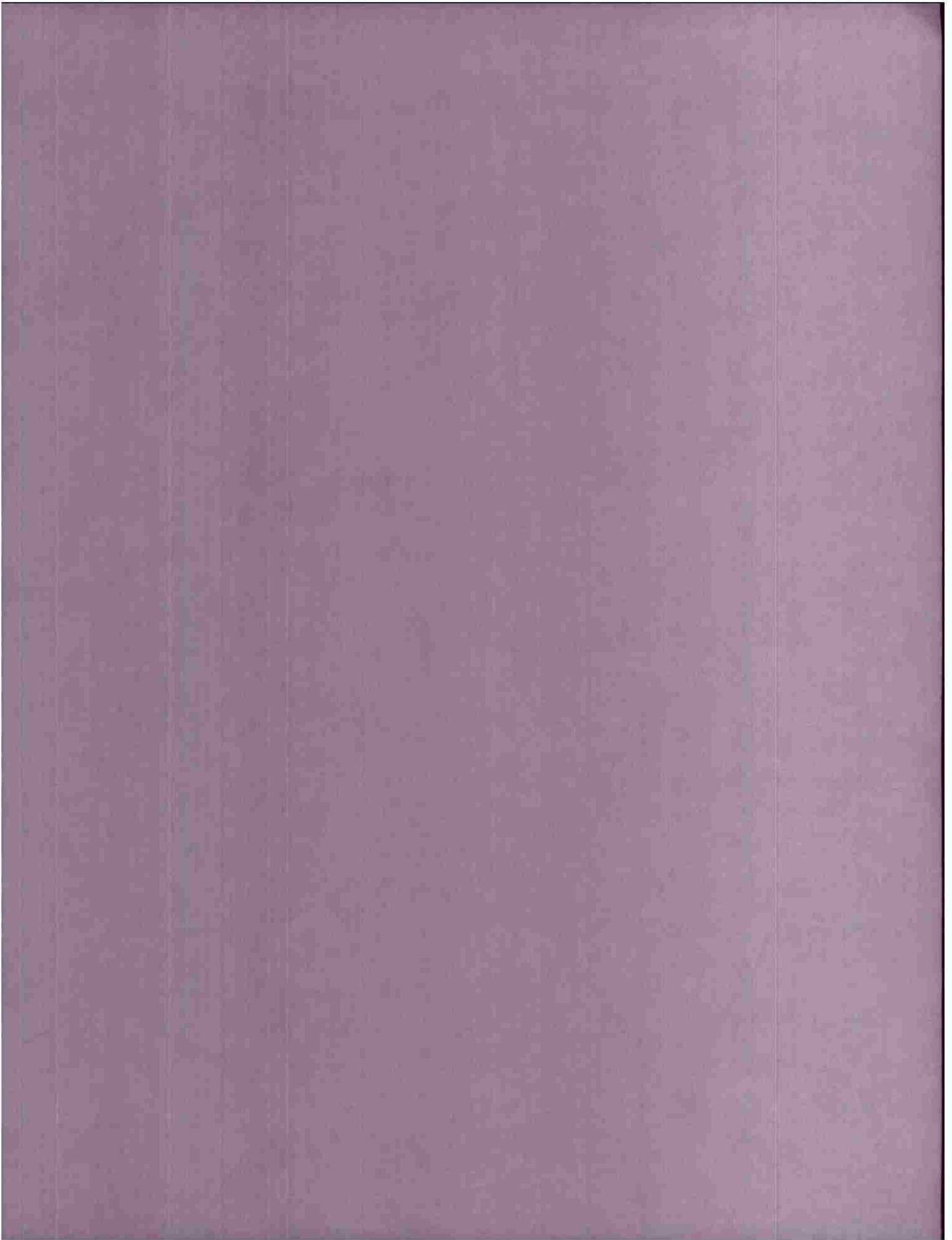
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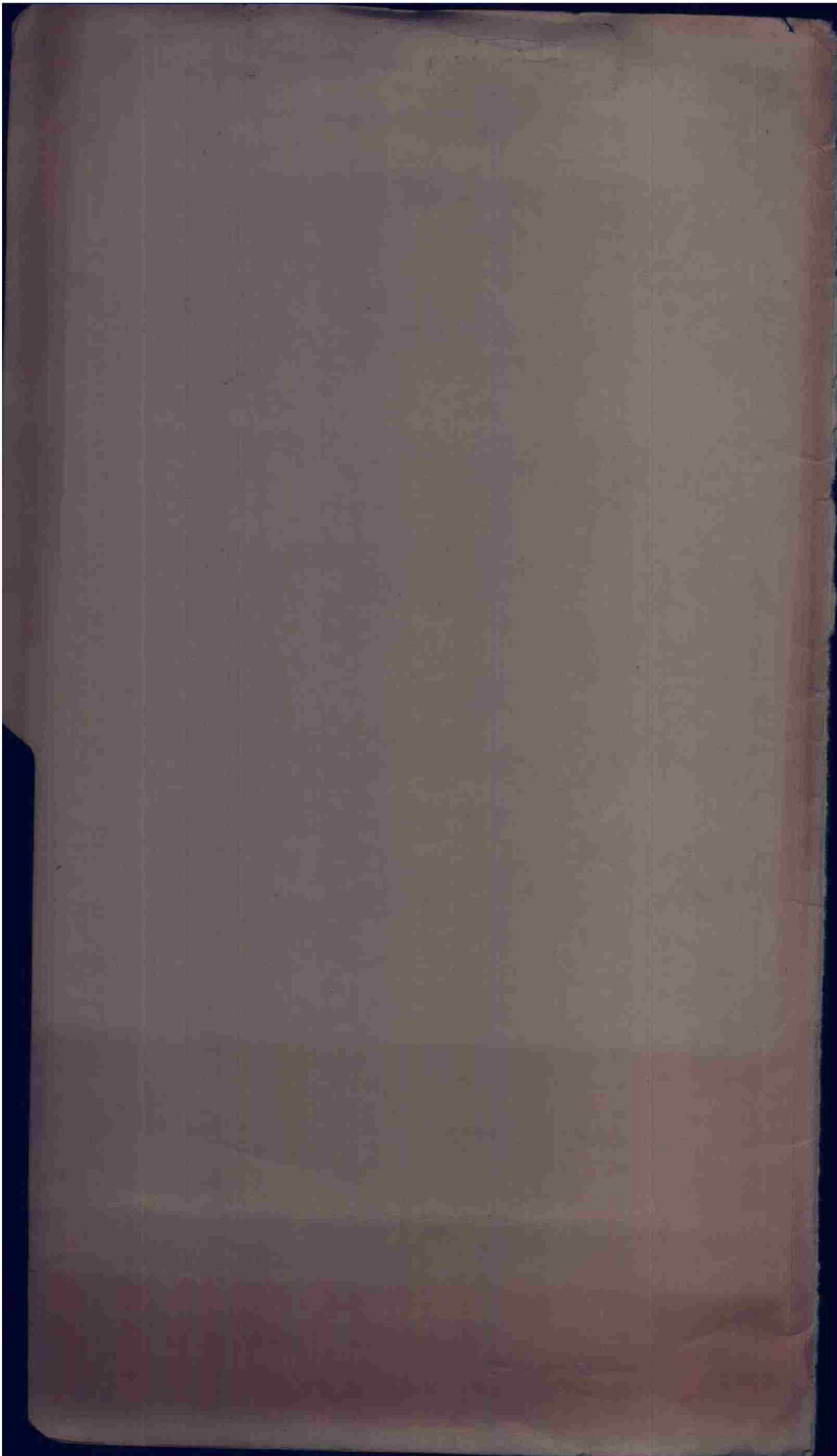
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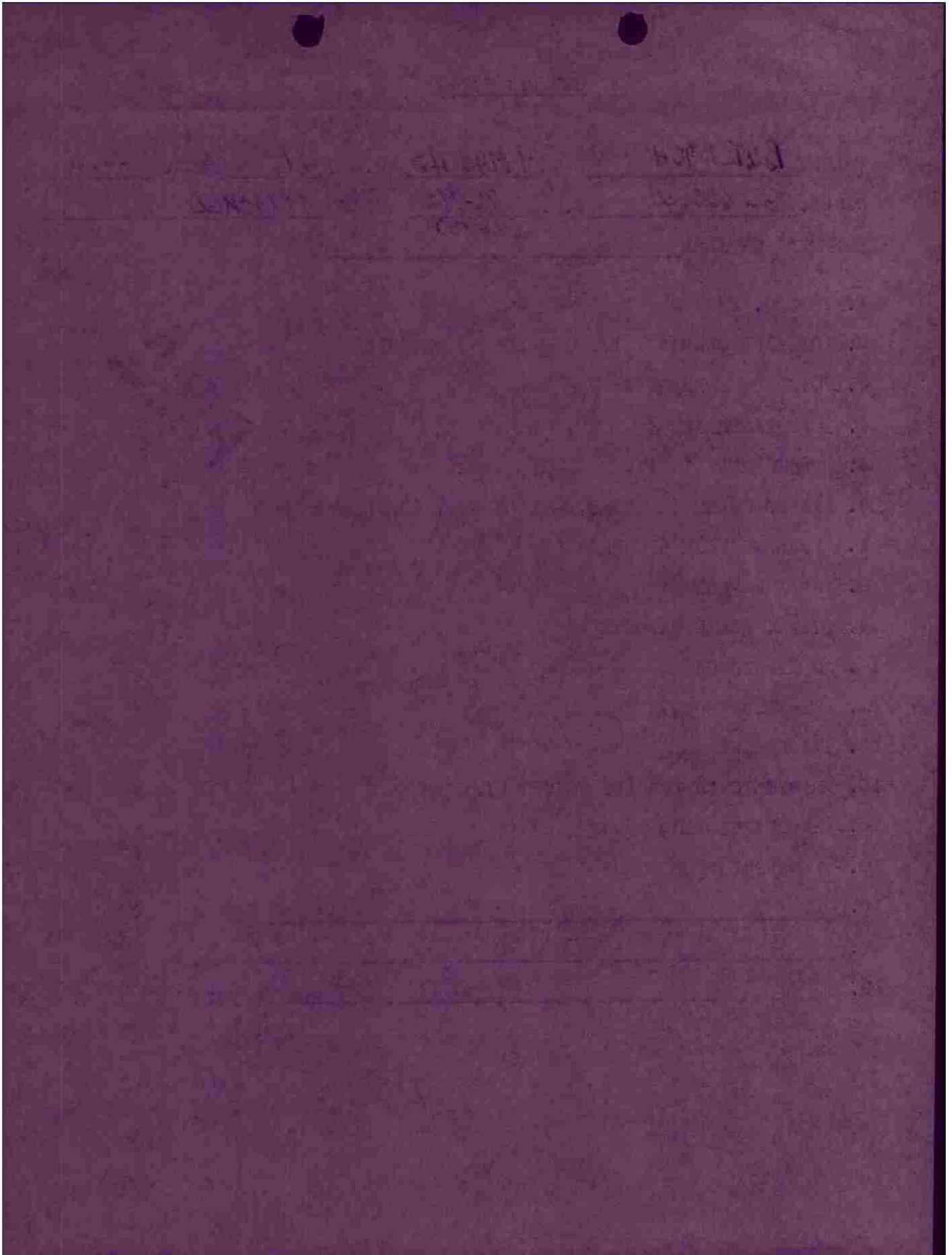
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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

APO # 140

10 March 1945

MISSION SUMMARY #65

9 March 1945

(Morning Missions)

Field Order 782

Section I

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
323 BG	Wiesbaden (M-365632) Marshalling Yard (North)	Undet. (PFF)
397 BG	Wiesbaden (M-365632) Marshalling Yard (North)	Undet. (PFF)
391 BG	Wiesbaden (M-374602) Marshalling Yard (South)	Box I - Undet. (PFF) Box II - No attack
344 BG	Wiesbaden (M-374602) Marshalling Yard (South)	Box I - Undet. (PFF) Box II - N.A.O. (ETA)
386 BG	Wiesbaden (M-374602) Marshalling Yard (South)	Undet. (PFF)
322 BG	Wiesbaden (M-375616) Stores Depot	Undet. (PFF)
387 BG	Niederhausen (M-411736) Marshalling Yard	Box I - N.A.O. Box II - Flight A - N.A.O. (GEE) Flight B - N.A.O. Flight C - Undet.
394 BG	Niederhausen (M-411736) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Good (PFF) Box II - Excellent (PFF)
410 BG	Dotzheim (M-328653) AFV Depot	Undet. (PFF)
409 BG	Dotzheim (M-328653) AFV Depot	Undet. (PFF)
416 BG	Butzbach (G-663040) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Undet. (PFF) Box II - N.A.O. (GEE)

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344 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 2 FFF), 13 dropping 88 x 500 Gamp B, 5 x 500 GF on primary. 17 a/c dropped 136 x 500 Gamp B on other targets. Bomb disposition unknown of 3 a/c (1 lost, 2 landed at Florence/Alzaine).

Box II - NO ATTACK. FFF failed at primary. Box leader made GEE run on briefed secondary (Nastaton - M-090770), but equipment was not functioning. Cloud cover prevented visual bombing.

Box I - FFF - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Bombing by Box I on FFF lead from 13,500 feet.

FFF called Rip saw upon entering tactical area and obtained desired fix 30 seconds later.

1 a/c crashed-landed at base due to flak damage. 10 additional a/c flak battle-damaged; 1 crewman wounded. No losses.

15 a/c failed to bomb: 1 (FFF) mechanical failure; 14, other (FFF) equipment failed at primary, and GEE was not functioning at secondary - 1 of these a/c jetisoned 8 x 500 GF safe 2 miles south of base, due to flak damage).

345 BG: 34 a/c dispatched (including 2 FFF), 16 dropping 124 x 500 GF on primary 3 window a/c dropped 24 x 500 GF, on GEE, at briefed window target (Nastaton - M-090770).

Wiesbaden (Marshalling Yard - South)

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Bombing by boxes on FFF lead from 12,500 - 13,450 feet.

FFF called Rip saw upon entering tactical area and obtained desired fix 3 minutes later.

No losses, damage, casualties.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure (this a/c, on single engine, jetisoned 8 x 500 GF safe in vicinity of Wiesbaden (0-560195)) - friendly territory.

36 BG: 36 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF), 32 dropping 250 x 500 GF on primary. 1 of the above a/c dropped 2 x 500 GF, on BTA, at briefed secondary target (Nastaton - M-085780), after bombs had hung up at primary. 3 window a/c.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Bombing by boxes on FFF lead from 12,300 - 13,800 feet.

FFF called Rip saw upon entering tactical area and obtained desired fix 1 minute later.

No losses, damage, casualties.

323 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF), 34 dropping 268 x 500 GF on primary. 3 window a/c.

Wiesbaden (Marshalling Yard - North)

Eleven groups attacked four marshalling yards, a stores depot, and an air depot, recording excellent to undetermined results.

GROUP NARRATIVE

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4 a/c failed to bomb: 1 mechanical failure; 3, other (window a/c did not drop due to GEE failure).

Above-mentioned lost a/c was hit in bomb bay over target and was seen to explode. 2 chutes observed.

9 additional a/c flak battle-damaged; 1 crewman killed, 7 missing.

FFF called Ripsaw upon entering tactical area and obtained desired fix 3 minutes later.

Bombing by boxes (Box I on FFF lead, Box II on ETA) from 11,000 - 13,500 feet.

Box I - FFF - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover. Due to flak damage 3 a/c jettisoned bombs at M-240713, G-139005, and G-965141. These points are 8 miles NW, 26 miles NW, and 50 miles NE, respectively, of primary target.

Box II - N.A.O. (ETA). FFF a/c leading this box dropped only 1 bomb at primary due to rack malfunction. Group a/c did not see FFF drop, and GEE was jammed. Bombardier selected Schwalbach (M-243715), 12 miles NW of primary, for attack. He was not able to perform sighting operation so dropped on ETA. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

386 BG: 34 a/c dispatched (32 A-26, 2 FFF), 30 dropping 168 x 500 Comp B, 8 x 500 GP on primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 3 A-26 a/c which are missing.

1 A-26 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

3 a/c are missing. 1 was hit by flak at target, dropped behind formation, and was last seen going down in flames; no chutes observed. It is believed that this a/c was attacked by e/a while straggling. The other 2 a/c were not observed to leave formation, but it is believed that they were damaged by e/a. 6 crewmen are missing.

2 a/c crash-landed at base due to damage sustained from e/a attacks. 11 a/c flak battle-damaged; no further casualties.

FFF called Ripsaw upon entering tactical area and obtained desired fix 2 minutes later.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Wiesbaden (Storage Depot)

322 BG: 35 a/c dispatched (including 2 FFF), 31 dropping 464 x 250, 8 x 500 GP on primary. 3 window a/c dropped 48 x 250 GP on briefed window target (Simmern - L-850540).

1 a/c failed to bomb: other (vertical stabilizer damaged by misfire in top turret gun).

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

FFF called Ripsaw upon entering tactical area and obtained desired fix 2 minutes later.

Bombing by boxes on FFF lead from 12,000 - 13,500 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

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Box II - FFF - EXCELLENT. It is believed that 60% of bombs fell within 1000' radius of DMPI. No direct coverage on Flight B, but an oblique photo indicates pattern across N portion of M/V. Hits from Flight A are across S end of yards, while Flight C bombs fell in open fields across one road. Damage from the two flights should be extremely heavy, rendering the yards unserviceable.

Box I - FFF - GOOD. 45% of bursts within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good pattern on edge of M/V and across warehouses and buildings adjacent to yards. Remaining bombs fell in open fields or on houses.

Bombing by boxes on FFF lead from 13,000 - 13,500 feet. FFF called Ripshaw upon entering tactical area and obtained desired fix 6 minutes later.

No losses, damage, casualties.

FFF called Ripshaw upon entering tactical area and obtained desired fix 6 minutes later.

Box I - FFF - GOOD. 45% of bursts within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good pattern on edge of M/V and across warehouses and buildings adjacent to yards. Remaining bombs fell in open fields or on houses.

Box II - FFF - EXCELLENT. It is believed that 60% of bombs fell within 1000' radius of DMPI. No direct coverage on Flight B, but an oblique photo indicates pattern across N portion of M/V. Hits from Flight A are across S end of yards, while Flight C bombs fell in open fields across one road. Damage from the two flights should be extremely heavy, rendering the yards unserviceable.

394 BG: 39 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF), 33 dropping 260 x 500 GP on primary. 3 window a/c.

3 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failures (1 of these a/c, on single engine, jettisoned 8 x 500 GP safe 2 kilometers NE of Bohain (N-940640) - friendly territory. Bombs were subsequently found unexploded).

No losses, damage, casualties.

Flight G. D.M.P.I. UNDER ARMED. Bomber leader saw break in clouds SW of primary and made short run, dropping visually. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Flight B - N.A.O. This flight dropped on Flight A. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Box II - Flight A - N.A.C. (GEE). After FFF equipment failed box leader made run on primary, dropping on GEE. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Box I - N.A.O. FFF equipment failed. Box leader attempted to bomb visually but cloud cover prevented a sighting operation. Made GEE run on briefed secondary target (St. Germaine) but equipment was not functioning properly. As formation turned off target it was attacked by a/c, so bombs were salvaged in vicinity of secondary target.

Box I bombed on box leader from 13,200 feet; Box II dropped by flights from 11,000 - 11,800 feet.

Box I - N.A.O. FFF equipment failed. Box leader attempted to bomb visually but cloud cover prevented a sighting operation. Made GEE run on briefed secondary target (St. Germaine) but equipment was not functioning properly. As formation turned off target it was attacked by a/c, so bombs were salvaged in vicinity of secondary target.

No losses.

4 a/c sustained battle damage from a/c attacks; 2 crewmen wounded.

4 a/c (including FFF) failed to bomb: mechanical failures.

387 BG: 38 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF), 14 dropping 112 x 500 GP on primary. 17 a/c dropped 136 x 500 GP on other targets. 3 window a/c.

Miederhausen (Marshalling Yard)

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Dotzheim (AFV Depot)

419 BG: 40 a/c dispatched (38 A-20, 2 PFF); 36 dropping 210 x 500 GP on primary. 3 window a/c.

1 a/c failed to bomb: other (late take-off; could not catch formation.)

1 of the a/c which bombed jettisoned 2 x 500 GP (bombs hung up at target) 2 miles S of Sissonne (O-235125) - friendly territory. 1 bomb fell safe; the second was seen to explode.

No losses, damage, casualties.

PFF called Ripsaw upon entering tactical area and obtained desired fix 6 minutes later.

Bombing by boxes on PFF lead from 12,800 - 13,500 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

409 BG: 42 a/c dispatched (30 A-26, 11 A-20, 1 PFF); 38 (29 A-26, 8 A-20, PFF) dropping 206 x 500 IB, 4 x 500 GP on primary. 3 A-20 a/c carried window.

1 A-26 a/c failed to bomb; other (excessive gas fumes caused early return).

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

PFF called Ripsaw 1 minute after entering tactical area and obtained desired fix.

Bombing by boxes on PFF lead from 13,500 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Butzbach (Marshalling Yard)

416 BG: 43 a/c dispatched (41 A-26, 2 PFF); 20 (19 A-26, 1 PFF) dropping 117 x 500 GP on primary. 19 A-26 a/c dropped 114 x 500 GP on briefed secondary target. 1 PFF a/c dropped 4 x 500 GP on Other target. 3 window a/c.

No losses, damage, casualties.

PFF called Ripsaw upon entering tactical area and obtained desired fix 1 minute later.

Box I bombed on PFF lead from 13,500 feet. Box II dropped on GEE from 10,600 feet.

Box I - PFF - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Box II - N.A.O. (GEE) PFF equipment failed. Formation had already flown over primary, so box leader proceeded to briefed secondary target (Westerburg - G-170180), dropping on GEE. PFF bombed on GEE at M-049005, 76 miles SW of primary. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

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9-3-5	Claims
0	Injured
13	Missing
3	Wounded
1	Killed
44	A/C Battle Damaged
3	A/C Crash-Landed (386 BG - 2, 391 BG - 1)
3	A/C Missing (386 BG)
1	A/C Lost (3/4 BG)
120,252.035	Total Bombs to Date
625.000	Bombs on Enemy Territory
415	TOTAL
27	Bombs of 6 A/C Unaccounted for
	Window 21
	Other
31	A/C Falling to Bomb
357	A/C Bombing
415	A/C Off

Section II

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FAILURES TO BOMB

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. A/C</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASON</u>
391	1 (PFF)	Mechanical	Equipment failure.
	14	Other	PFF equipment failed at Primary and Gee was not functioning at Secondary.
344	1	Mechanical	Fuel line trouble.
	3	Other	Window a/c did not drop due to Gee failure.
386	1	Other	Bomb rack mechanism hit by flak.
322	1	Other	Vertical stabilizer damaged by misfire of top turret gun.
387	3	Mechanical	1 - Bomb bay doors would not open. 1 - Electrical system out. 1 - Excessive oil temperature.
	1 (PFF)	Mechanical	Equipment failure.
394	3	Mechanical	1 - High blower out. 1 - Fuel transfer system out. 1 - Engine failure.
410	1	Other	Late take-off; could not catch formation.
409	1 (A-26)	Other	Excessive gas fumes; early return.
397	1	Mechanical	Engine failure.

S/A PHOTO REPORT

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING</u>	<u>MECHANICAL FAILURES</u>		<u>PERSONNEL FAILURES</u>	
		<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
394	100%	0	0	0	0

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Wiesbaden

323 BG: 10/10 stratocumulus, tops estimated 4500 ft. Visibility unlimited air to air.

397 BG: 8-9/10 stratocumulus, tops estimated 4000 ft. No medium or high cloud. Visibility unlimited air to air, 6-8 miles air to cloud.

391 BG: 8-10/10 low, tops 5000 ft. Visibility 10 miles.

344 BG: 1.0 stratocumulus, tops 5000 ft. breaks to 6/10-8/10 north and south of target. Visibility unlimited.

386 BG: 1.0 stratocumulus tops 5000 ft. Visibility unlimited.

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All three groups reported flak that was generally moderate accurate about one or two minutes before the target. The intensity of the flak increased to intense accurate in the immediate target area. The flak then followed them through the turn off target. The lost a/c (344 GP) received a hit in the bombay at the far- got. The a/c then dove to 5000 feet, leveled off and exploded. The 344 BG also encountered intense accurate heavy flak at Manenberg (G-7306) and weak accurate at Steinbach (G-7317). No defenses are plotted at Manenberg. The flak at Steinbach probably came from the guns at Glessen. This flak would be at extreme range. The flak that was encountered at points where no defenses are plotted is probably coming from guns that have been relocated within the last few days.

A/C Lost to Flak	1
A/C Missing	3
A/C Battle Damaged	31
% A/C Battle Damaged	30.79%

Wiesbaden M/Y (South) 391, 344, 386 GP.

The 323 BG reported all flak. However, the 397 BG encountered weak inaccurate heavy flak just after bombs were released, at Grunberg (G-8722) and at Lich (G-7165). No defenses are plotted at Grunberg or Lich.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
% A/C Battle Damaged	0

Wiesbaden M/Y (North) 323, 397 GP.

A/C OVER FRIENDLY TERRITORY	407
A/C Lost to Flak	1
A/C Missing	3
A/C Battle Damaged BY FLAK	37
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED BY FLAK	9.33%

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

Wiesbaden	322 BG:	10/10 stratoscumulus tops 4000. Visibility unlimited above cloud.
Niederbarnsen	387 BG:	9/10 stratoscumulus, base unknown, tops 5000 ft. Some cirrus above. Visibility air to air 15 mi.
Dotzheim	410 BG:	10/10 stratoscumulus, tops 4-5000 ft. Clear strip 5 miles west of target. Visibility 10 plus miles.
Butzbach	416 BG:	10/10 stratoscumulus, tops 4500 ft. Visibility 10-20 miles above cloud.
	397 BG:	8/10 stratoscumulus, base 2000 tops 5000 ft., with hole directly over target. To east and north of the target stratoscumulus broke to 4/10.
	409 BG:	8-9/10 stratoscumulus, tops 3500 ft. Visibility unlimited above cloud. Air to ground visibility 10 miles. (Clouds broke to north of target 6-7/10).

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Wiesbaden Stores Depot 322 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	1
% A/C Battle Damaged	2.93%

Moderate to intense inaccurate heavy flak was encountered in the target area. The fire was continuous for about 2 minutes and seemed to come from the perimeter of the city of Wiesbaden. Crews reported that most of the flak was bursting in the window cloud. All the flak was fired through 10/10 cloud. Weak to moderate inaccurate heavy flak was also encountered at Giessen.

Niederhausen M/Y 387, 394 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
% A/C Battle Damaged	0

Flak was not encountered enroute or at the target.

Dotzheim AFV Depot 410, 409 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	5
% A/C Battle Damaged	6.25%

The 410 BG reported no flak. However, the 409 BG encountered weak inaccurate heavy flak 5 miles NE of Giessen. This flak was probably being fired from the 9 heavy guns that are located about two miles NE of the town.

Butzbach M/Y 416 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
% A/C Battle Damaged	0

Flak was not encountered enroute or at the target.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.T.'s: 1059 to 1305

Six of the eleven groups flying this mission observed enemy fighters; three groups experienced combats. Preliminary claims total 9-3-5. Three missing aircraft from the 386th Group may have been lost to enemy fighters. At approximately 1300 just after the turn off the target (Wiesbaden), the 386th Group was attacked by approximately 30 enemy S/E fighters, mostly FW 190's. The attacks were pressed home aggressively, mainly from low/level at 6 o'clock in staggered company fronts of 3-4 aircraft. The attack lasted 10 minutes, and was centered on B and C Flights of Box II. Group and Pathfinder claims total 8-2-5. Three a/c are missing, two perhaps lost to enemy fighters, one probably lost to flak and fighters.

In vicinity of Nastatten (M-092775) on return route, B and C Flights, Box I, of 387th Group were attacked by 6-8 a/s, mostly FW 190's. Attacks were made singly from 6 o'clock level after one enemy fighter had dived through the formation. Claims are 1-1-0; no bombers were lost but four were damaged.

Miscellaneous sightings reported are as follows:

416th: T/E aircraft (probably Me 210 or 410) flew below formation near Westerborg (G-170180), being pursued by Mustang; at 1100, an Me 163 passed over formation near G-1818 headed east at 15,000 feet.

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391st: A probable Me 163 observed at about 20,000 feet at St. Gair (L-980720),
at 1200 hours.
397th: Several crews reported sighting a jetcraft above 20,000 feet at about
1210 as the formation approached the target (Wiesbaden).
394th: Two unidentified enemy fighters seen at the I.F. (G-6810).

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Mission # 226--9 March 1945 (morning)

Two PPF planes led the attacks of two boxes of our A/C in an attack of the marshalling yards at Butzbach. The first box attacked the primary target, dropping on the PPF plane. An equipment failure in the PPF plane of the second box prevented it from attacking. Its pilot called the leader of our second box and instructed him to attack the secondary target. Using Gee equipment, the second box attacked communications centers in the town of Westerburg--crews reported good results as seen through a small break in the clouds.

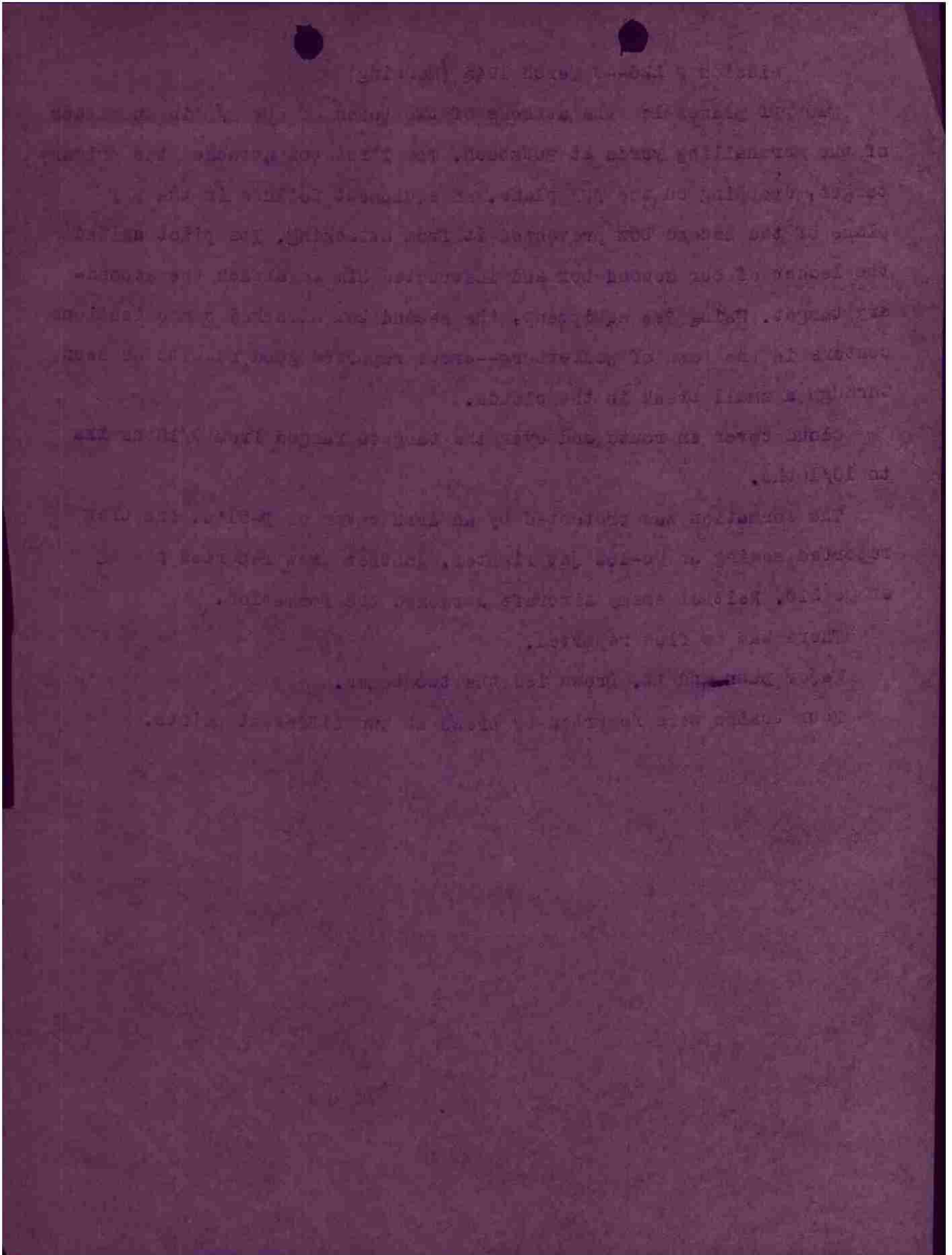
Cloud cover en route and over the targets ranged from 9/10ths ~~in~~ to 10/10ths.

The formation was protected by an area cover of P-51's. One crew reported seeing an Me-163 jet fighter. Another crew reported seeing an Me 210. Neither enemy aircraft attacked the formation.

There was no flak reported.

Major Dunn and Lt. Brown led the two boxes.

Four trains were reported by crews at two different points.



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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP 09/1425A

TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIV ATT: A-2
CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATT: A-2

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OPFLASH FOR 9 MARCH 1945

A. 416 BOMB GROUP

B. BUTZBACH M/Y

C. 41 A-26 A/C INCLUDING 3 A-26 A/C CARRYING WINDOW ONLY

D. 19 A-26 A/C ON PRIMARY
19 A-26 A/C ON SECONDARY (WESTERBURG G-170180)

E. 3 A-26 A/C CARRYING WINDOW ONLY.

F. 113 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
114 X 500 GP ON SECONDARY (G-170180)
1 X 500 GP RETURNED.

G. BOMBED BY PPF ON PRIMARY, UNOBSERVED.
BOMBED BY GEE ON SECONDARY, GOOD RESULTS OBSERVED BY CREW
MEMBERS (G-170180)

H. NIL.

I. NIL.

J. NIL.

K. ONE (1) TWIN ENGINE A/C (PROBABLY ME-210 OR 410) SEEN TO FLY
BELOW FORMATION PURSUED BY A P-51 AND BOTH A/C DOVE INTO THE
CLOUDS IN THE VICINITY OF THE SECONDARY TARGET (G-170180)

ONE (1) ME-163 A/C WAS SEEN TO PASS OVER THE FORMATION IN THE
VICINITY OF THE RP HEADED EAST AT AN ALTITUDE OF
15,000 FEET AT 1100 HOURS

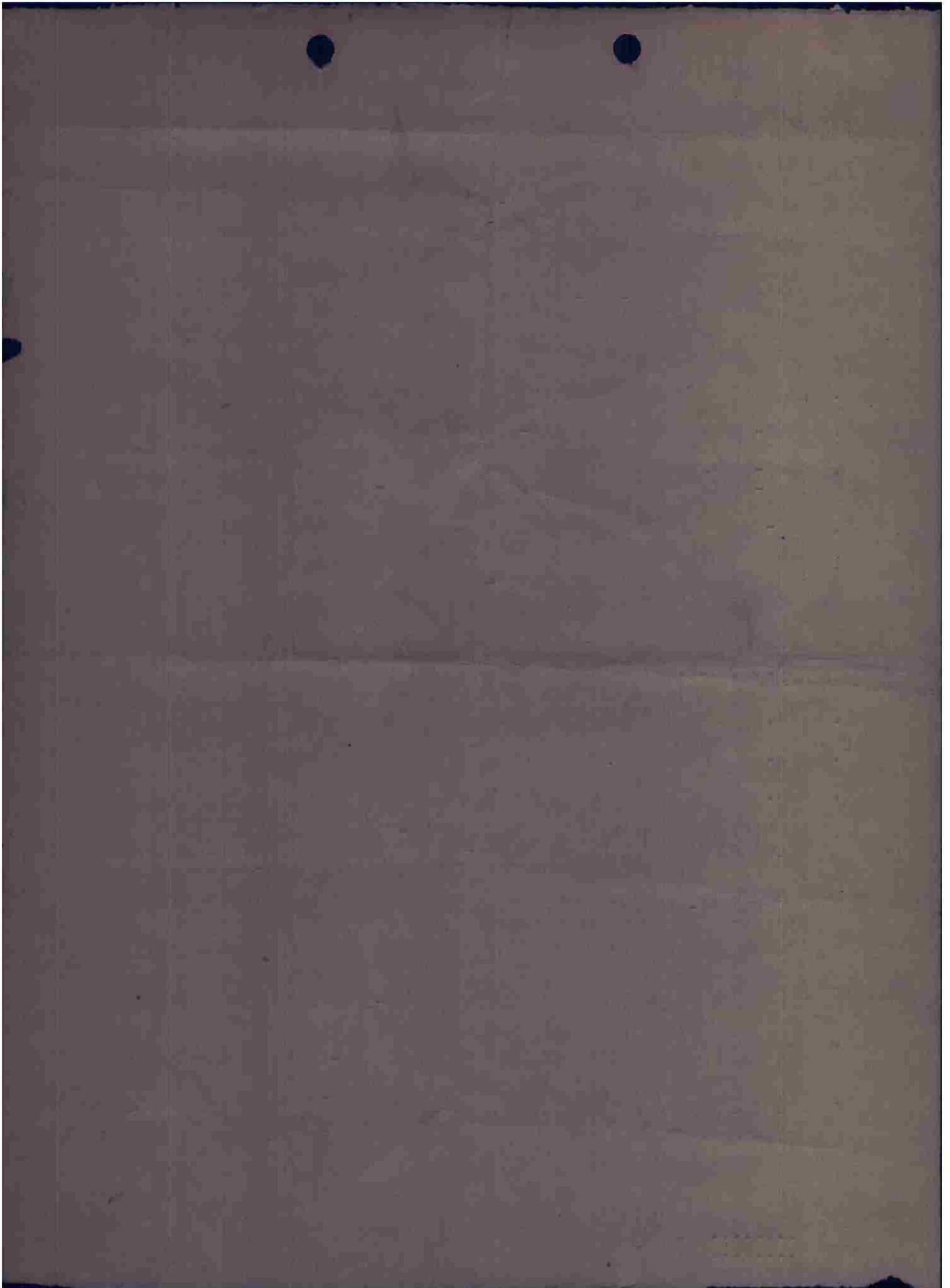
L. 1ST BOX 13,500 OVER PRIMARY
2ND BOX 10,600 OVER SECONDARY (G-170180)

M. 1ST BOX 1059 HOURS ON PRIMARY
2ND BOX 1110 HOURS ON SECONDARY (G-170180)

X. SECOND BOX ATTACKED THE SECONDARY TARGET (G-1718) BY GEE,
THE PPF A/C FLEW OVER PRIMARY, FAILED TO BOMB. CALLED THE
SECOND BOX LEADER AND TOLD HIM HE WAS ON HIS OWN.

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WFG BBBB

ITA R.....091450A AL KKK
JEA R.....091450A JMB KKKKK



opflash Report

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To CG 9th Bomb Div: ATT: A-2
 CG 97th Combat Wing: ATT: A-2

From: 416th Bomb Grp.
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B. Butyl back m/y

C. 41 A-26 a/c including 3 A-26 a/c carrying windows only

D. 19 A-26 a/c on primary
 19 A-26 a/c on secondary (weathering - G170180)

E. 3 A-26 A/C carrying windows only

F. 113 x 500 GPs on primary
 114 x 500 GPs on SECONDARY (G170180)
 1 x 500 GP RETURNED

G. Bombed by PPF on primary, unobserved.
 Bombed by Hec on secondary, Good results observed
 by crewmembers (G170180)

H. Nil.

I. Nil.

J. Nil.

K. 1 - twin engine a/c (probably ME2100.410) seen to fly
 below formation pursued by a P-51 and lost a/c

Box I Primary #1
 Box II alternate #4 - Westbury

15-minute report.

Box I. Bombed primary on PFF.

Results - unobserved

no flak

no losses

8/10 cloud cover with tops at
 about 2500 feet.

Box II Bombed Secondary on Bee

Results - Possibly excellent as
 observed by pilot of A/C in
 first flight.

no flak

no losses

8/10 clouds.

Lee Anderson
 Capt AC.

ITA JEA V JKI 10/09 OP-OP

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TO 9TH BOMB DIVISION (M) ATTN: A-2 PI
97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER
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B. BUTZBACH MARSHALLING YARD.
J. NO PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

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FROM CG 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 090920A
 TO CG 97TH COMBAT WING
 ATTN: A-2
 BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-166-D REFERENCE P/O NR 196-782

1. MPI'S ON PRIMARY TARGET IN THE EVENT VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST ARE :

GSGS 4414 SHEET 5518

ONE FLIGHT ON REF.	66380368
" " " "	66350389
" " " "	66300425
" " " "	66300440

TWO FLIGHTS ON REF. 66300405

2. ALTERNATE TARGET IS WESTERBURG (G-170180). MPI'S ILLUSTRATION 3/AIR/417/2.

ONE FLIGHT ON REF.	068023
" " " "	062033
" " " "	064040
" " " "	069064

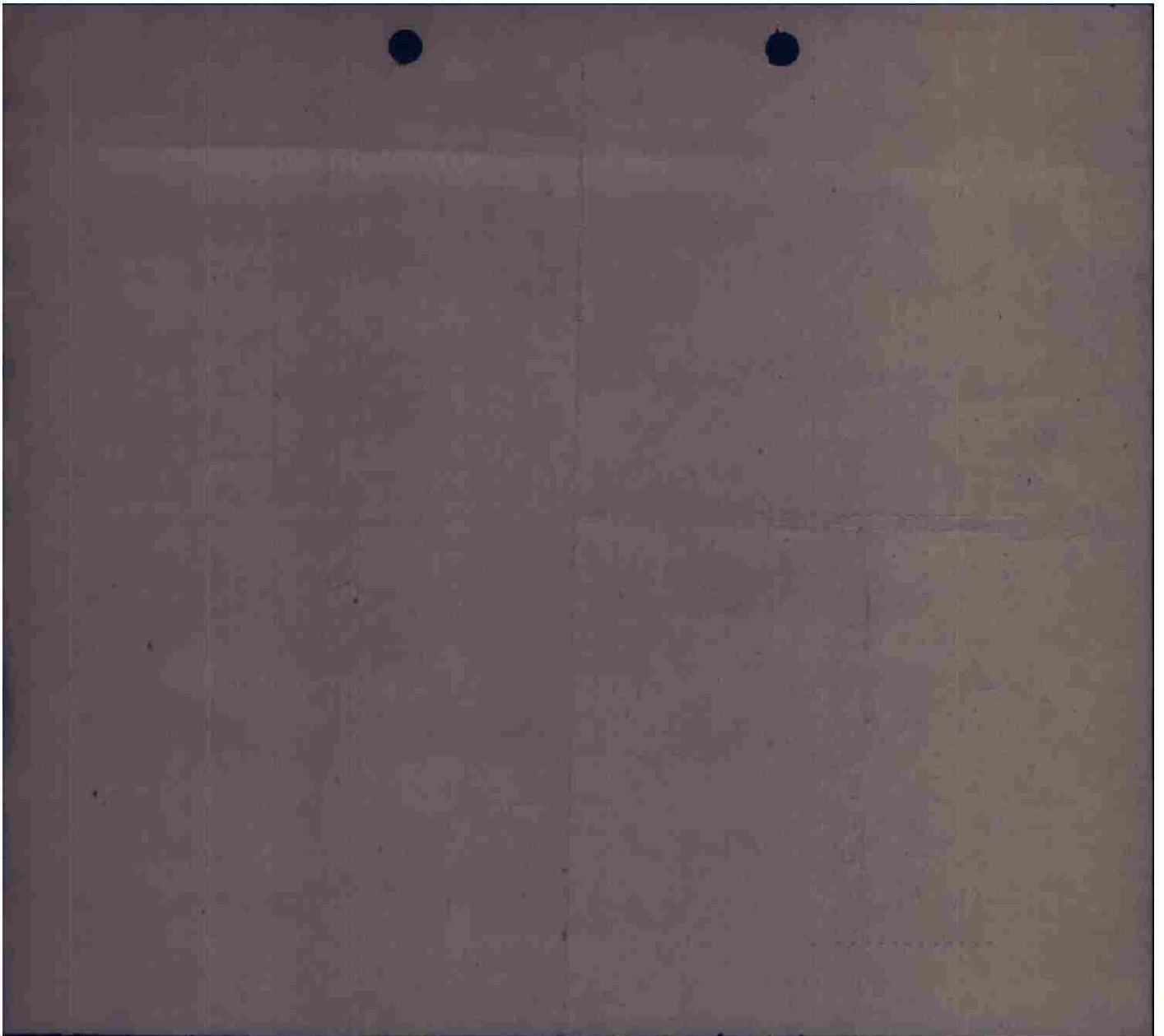
TWO FLIGHTS ON REF. 069043

BT 090920A

EJ AR K

JEA R.....09/0936A . FM AR

*Bombard on PPT**(Bombing Box II on her)*



PLAN A

Bomb load at 11:50

Remainder at 2:10

TARGET A- 663040

ZERO HOUR - 11:00

TOT - ZERO HOUR

MAX. EFFORT

BOMB LOAD 6X500 1/10 NOSE 1/100 TAIL

50 FT. INTERVAL METER SETTING

ROUTE OUT

P (Bastogne) L (north of Kyllburg) M (west of M) G WESTERBURG
 BASE TO ~~X~~5658 TO ~~X~~1863 TO ~~X~~0978 TO A 1818
 TO IP TO TGT.

Target turn right to RP and retace

IP + RP ~~X~~4115

MPI - GSGS MAP - COVER MARSHALLING YARD BETWEEN
 FOLLOWING GRID CO-ORDINATES 66300440 TO 66400355

BOMB AT 11,500 FT BUT NOT BELOW 5000 FT.

LOOSE 1500 FT AFTER RELEASING BOMBS

8th AF P'si's AREA COVER

PLAN B

Same Target - TOT ZERO HOUR

Same bomb load and flying

36 A/C on 2 PAF A/C

ROUTE OUT

P Bastogne L Kyllburg M West of M M (N of Bastogne)
 BASE TO ~~X~~5658 TO ~~X~~1863 TO ~~X~~0978 TO ~~X~~1669 TO
 M ~~X~~4171 TO TOT.

Tot turn left to ~~X~~1818 to ~~X~~0978 and retace

Loose 1500 ft after releasing bombs. Min alt 5000 ft

If visual conditions exist, bomb visually by flight
 or bobs and use visual MPI's. (over)

PPE MPI 6632 0400

If PPE equipment fails, bomb an alternate target on "ye" (PW camp near target)

P/W camp

P/W pool

at female

flats.

ITA JKI JJF V JEA JEA 02/09 OP OP
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 09/0040A
 TO COMBOMDIV IX
 COBOMGP 416
 1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

BT

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

97CBW R-87-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT 1 FIELD ORDER 196-792:

(1) TARGET: BUTZBACH M/Y AT A-663040. COVER M/Y FROM A-66300440
 TO A-66400355. UNDER PLAN B, THE PPF MPI IS A-66320400.
 GROUP WILL PICK VISUAL MPI FOR PLAN "A" AND "B".

(2) PHOTO COVERAGE:

US 10/T392
 3/AIR/17B/1
 US 7GR/14307 PRINT 7057
 US 7GR/3484 PRINT 3014, 3015
 5008E/5518

MAP COVERAGE:

G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 5518
 G.S.G.S. 4416 SHEET S/3

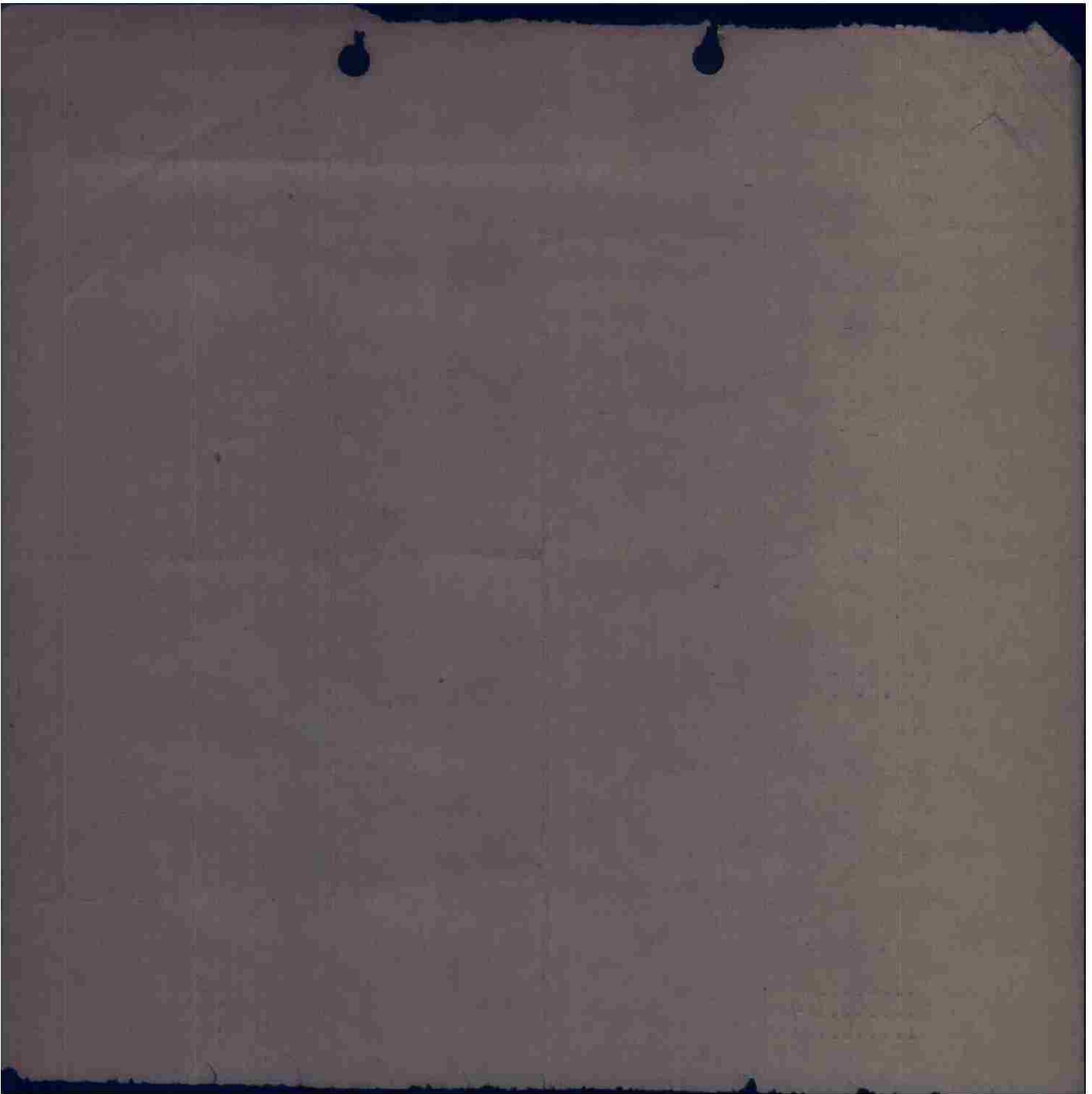
(3) FLAK: SEE PLOTTED POSITIONS

(4) BOMBLINE: TARGET IS WELL BEYOND

(5) THIS IS ANOTHER ATTACK DESIGNED TO STRAIN THE GERMAN TRANSPORT-
 ATION SYSTEM AND PREVENT THE FLOW OF SUPPLIES.
 THIS IS A HIGH PRIORITY TARGET.

COMCBTWIG 97
 BT 0040A
 RL BBBB

ITA R.....090102A DEG K
 JJF R.....09/0102A JN AS FOR PAPER WHEN U FINISH R'S
 JKI R.....09/0102A WN KK
 DATE IS 09 MARCH PLS F I THATS WHAT I HAVE



ITA JFF JES JPO JKI V JTA JEA 07/09 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 09/0625A

TO COBOMGP 410X

1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY ET

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

97CBW R-00-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

A P O 140

09 MARCH 1945

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 196-702:

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

IN PLAN "B" PARA. 3. B. (10) SHOULD READ:

(10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.

IN PARA. 3. C. (14) M-4115 SHOULD READ G-4115, AND M-5037 SHOULD READ M-5067.

IN PARA. 3. X. (13) M-5037 SHOULD READ M-5067.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 0625A

RL AR K

JES R.....09/0640A	DC	AR
JPO R.....09/0640A	CB	AR
JKI R.....09/0640A	WN	AR
JFF R.....09/0640A	JN	AR
ITA R.....09/0640A	MJS	AR

RPT TO: LINES KKKKK

TO COMBOMDIV IX

COBOMGP 409

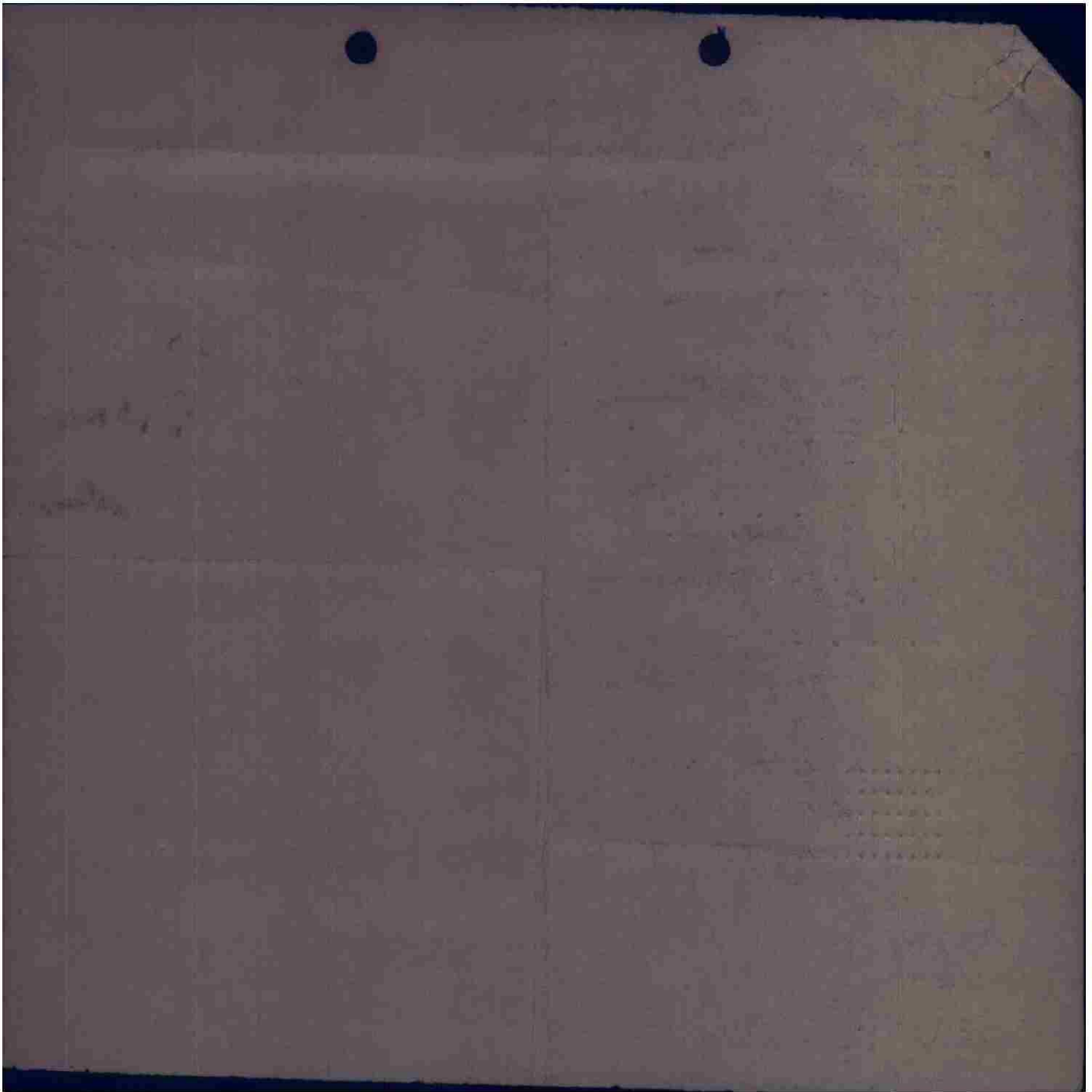
COBOMGP 410

COBOMGP 416

1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN

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384
Dist
5-2
5-3
9 March 19
0655
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ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 03/09 (INFO)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 09/0125A
 TO COMBOMDIV IX
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416
 ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICER

ADVANCE INFO COPY OF PARA. 5 OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

PLAN "A" & "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (328653)
 (2) BESTMAN
 (4 & 5) RIPSAW

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (328653)
 (2) MARGIN
 (4 & 5) RIPSAW

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (663040)
 (2) CIRCLE
 (4 & 5) RIPSAW

PLAN "C" & "D"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (483450)
 (2) HAIRGRIP
 (3) SLEEPY

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (483450)
 (2) SHOESMITH
 (3) MUSTARD

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (483450)
 (2) CARLOCK
 (3) SHUTDOWN

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 0125A

RL AR K

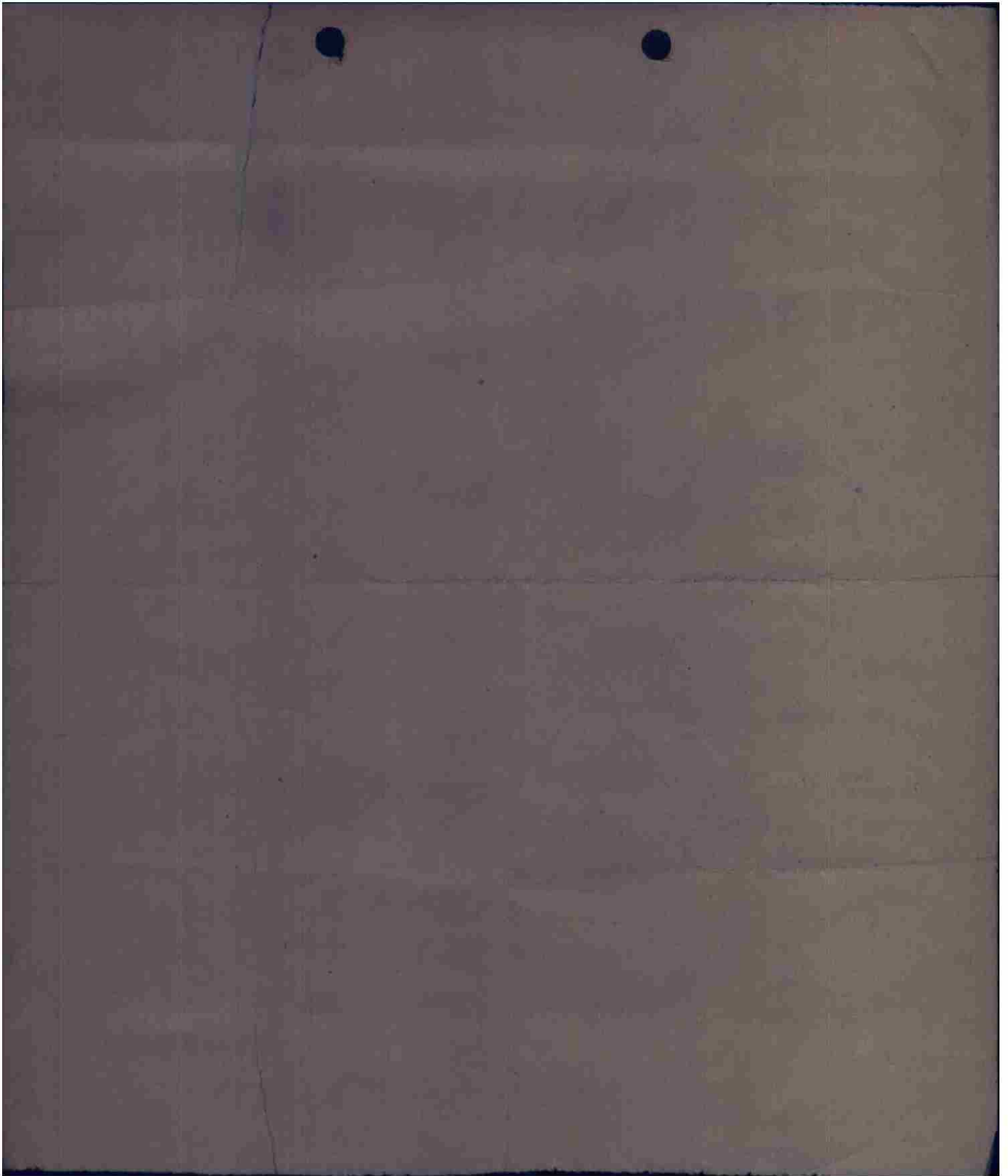
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JPO R.....09/0100A	HCP	AR K
TIME IS 0130		
JKI R.....09/0130A	VJT	AR K
ITA R.....09/0130A	LBC	AR

THKS AR

0300

9 March

SAC



ITA JES JPO JKI JJF V JEA JEA 06/09 OP OP
T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 09/0420A
TO COMBONDIV IX
COBOMCP 409
COBOMCP 410
COBOMCP 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

97CBW R-89-E

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

FIELD ORDER NO. 196-782

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF: CURRENT BOMBLINE
(2) THE VIII A.F. WILL FURNISH AREA COVER ON PLAN "B".
THE 2 T.A.F. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT ON PLANS "C"
AND "D".

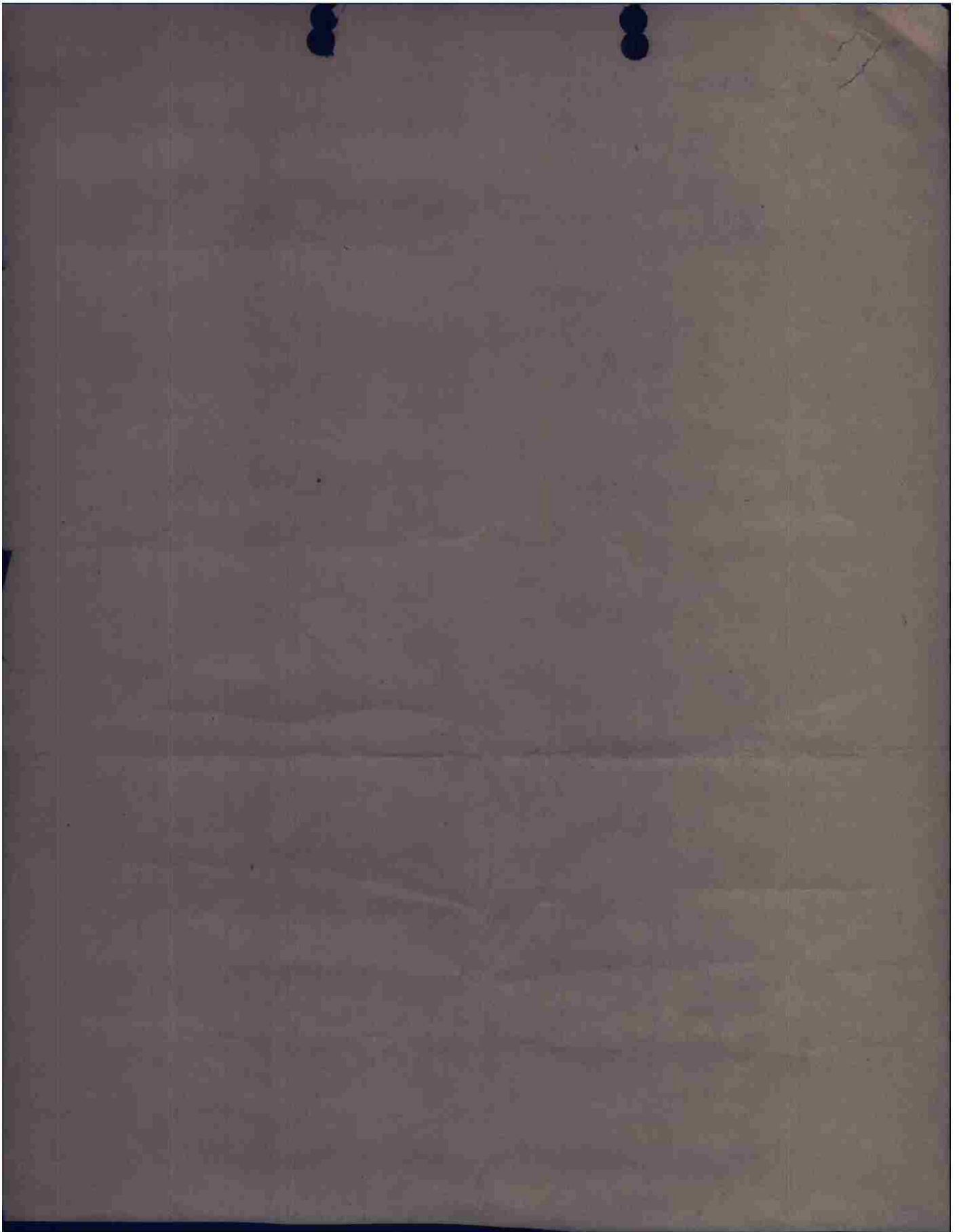
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR: PLAN "B" 09/1100A
ZERO HOUR: PLAN "C" TO FOLLOW
ZERO HOUR: PLAN "D" TO FOLLOW

PLAN "B"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
(2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON ONE PPF A/C.
(6) BOMB 13,500 FEET
(9) P.P.F. M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 5915 COORD. 32526555.
(10) 6 X 500 LB. M-17 INCINDIARY CLUSTERS TO OPEN 5,000 FEET.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
(12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 50 MIN.
(13) IF PRIMARY TARGET IS NOT ATTACKED GROUP WILL RETURN BOMBS
TO BASE.
3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
(2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C.
(6) BOMB 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET. 2ND BOX 13,000 FEET.
(9) P.P.F. M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 5915 COORD.
1ST BOX 32476522
2ND BOX 32556520
(10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/12 SEC. TAIL.
(12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MIN.
(13) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED AN ALTERNATE TARGET
IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV CIPHER F-576-E WILL BE
ATTACKED.

3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.



- (1) BUTZBACH M/Y G-563040
 (2) 2 BOXES OF 12 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C.
 (4) BASE TO P-5658 TO L-1863 TO M-2978 TO M-1669 TO M-4171 TO TARGET.
 (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO G-1818 TO M-2978 AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
 (6) BOMB 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET
 2ND BOX 13,000 FEET
 LOSE 1,500 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
 (7) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 5518. COVER M/Y BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD. 66300440 AND 66400355. TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. P.P.F. M.P.I. COORD. 66320400.
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR
 (13) DUE TO P/W CAMP IN PROXIMITY OF TARGET, IF PPF EQUIPMENT FAILS AND GROUP CANNOT BOMB PRIMARY TARGET BY VISUAL MEANS AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV CIPHER F-576-E (2-9-245) WILL BE ATTACKED.
 (14) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB 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 CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUP WILL USE EITHER M-4115 OR M-5037 AS A VISUAL I.P. AND BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES.

X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE

" " " " FOR 409TH AND 412TH GROUPS ONLY.

- (5) TARGET: WEISBADEN ORDINANCE DEPOT. M-326653
 (6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO P-5658 TO L-1863 TO M-2978 TO G-1818 TO G-4346 TO G-2722 TO G-6810 TO TARGET.
 (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO M-2978 TO L-1863 TO P-5658 TO BASE.
 (8) ALTITUDES: MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING 8,000 FEET. LOSE 1,500 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
 (9) M.P.I. ILL. U.S. 10T 533. COVER ANNOTATED AREA. TO BE USED ONLY IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
 (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT TARGET, BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 AND A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND USE EITHER M-5037 - M-2978 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUDS OBSCURE PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 A. PPF
 B. GROUP "GEE"
 C. TARGET E.T.A.

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 VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUDS OBSCURE PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:

- A. PPF
 B. GROUP "GEE"
 C. TARGET E.T.A.

PLAN "C" AND PLAN "D" TO FOLLOW

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

PLAN "A" & "B"

G 4115

M 5087



- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (328653)
(2) BESTMAN
(4 & 5) RIPSAW
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (328653)
(2) MARGIN
(4 & 5) RIPSAW
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (663040)
(2) CIRCLE
(4 & 5) RIPSAW

PLAN "C" & "D"

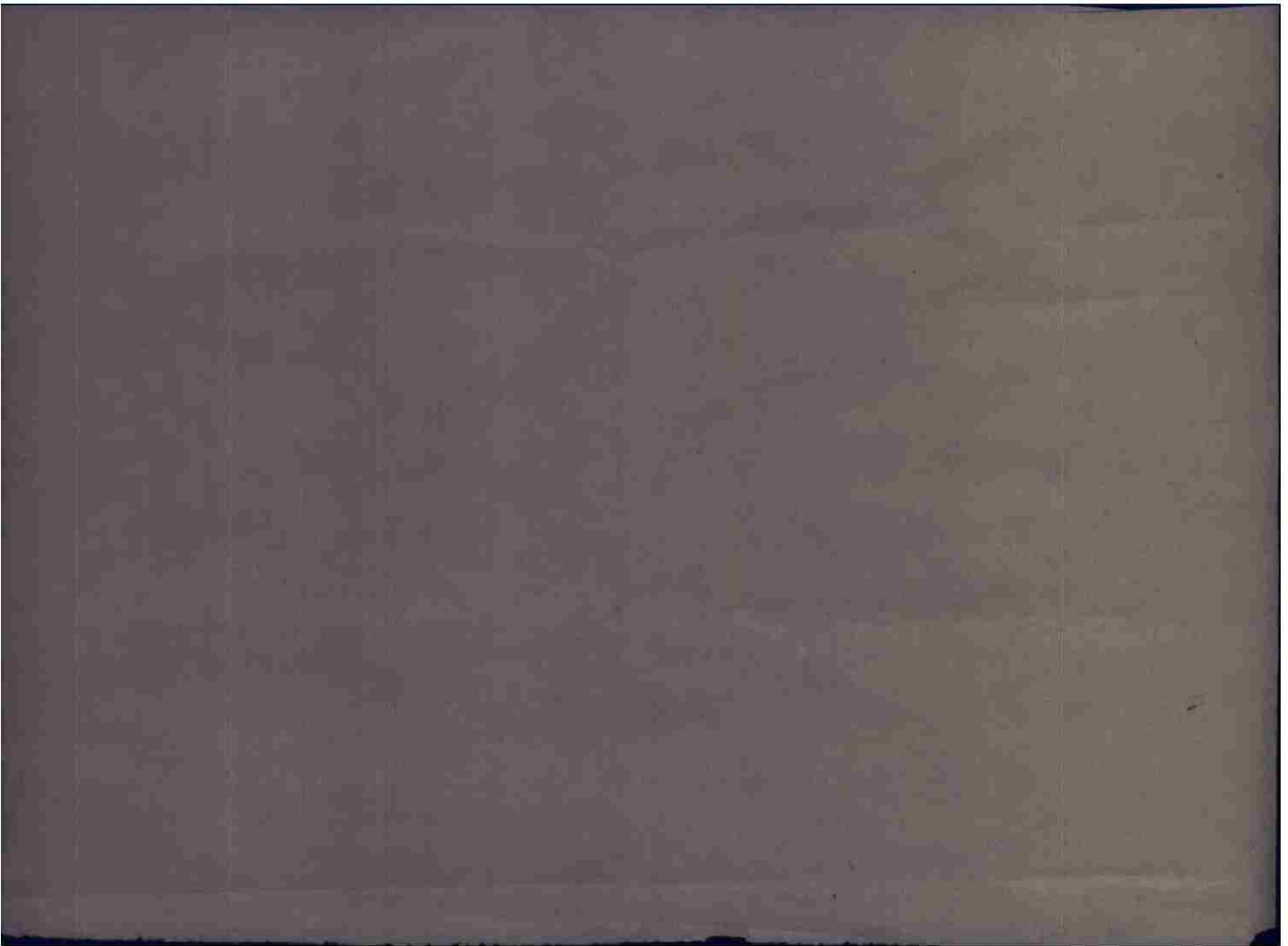
- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (483450)
(2) HAIRGRIP
(5) ROSELEE
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (483450)
(2) SHOESMITH
(5) ROSELEE
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (483450)
(2) CARLOCK
(5) ROSELEE

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 0420A
RL AR K

JES R.....09/0517A JGN AR K
JPO R.....

IT
A R.....09/0519A NEH AR K
ITA R.....0935
JRO R.....09/0519(-A WJF AR K

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LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

9 MARCH 1945

1. 497 E
Major I.F. Dunn
Lt. W.E. Brewer
Lt. J.T. Beck
S/S J.W. Rose
2. 523 N
Capt. O.J. Anderson
Lt. W. Babbage
S/S E.L. Schafer
3. 356 C
Capt. A.C. Sears
M/S J.J. Walls

4. 249 F
Lt. W.H. Ames
S/S H.S. Fessler
5. 250 A
Lt. M. Wallman
Sgt M.F. Hardin
6. 332 P
Lt. T.E. Graeber
Sgt M. Appleman

FLIGHT II

1. 521 N
Lt. Col. J.G. Napier
Lt. D.L. Moore
S/S R.W. Carstens
2. 244 I
Lt. R.W. Van Rop
Sgt N.D. West
3. 252 D
Lt. C.M. Anderson
Sgt C.V. Gilbert

4. 362 Y
Lt. O.S. Jordan
S/S K.F. Jensen
5. 314 H
Lt. D.E. Smith
Sgt S.J. Kirik
6. 351 F
Lt. J.A. Willard
Sgt C.V. Hinker

FLIGHT III

1. 487 J
Lt. E.L. Miller
Lt. J.K. Conner
S/S J.F. Malloy
2. 271 R
Lt. E.R. Hayter
Sgt A.A. Dalton
3. 361 Q
Capt. W.F. DuFault
S/S K.E. Vance

4. 344 G
Lt. D.O. Turner
S/S M.R. Hayes
5. 354 S
Lt. C.E. Weinert
Sgt R. Dubi
6. 263 G
Lt. A.W. Depner
Sgt R.H. Gillispie

SPARE

- 313 B
Lt. A. Remiszowski
S/S F. Di Grio

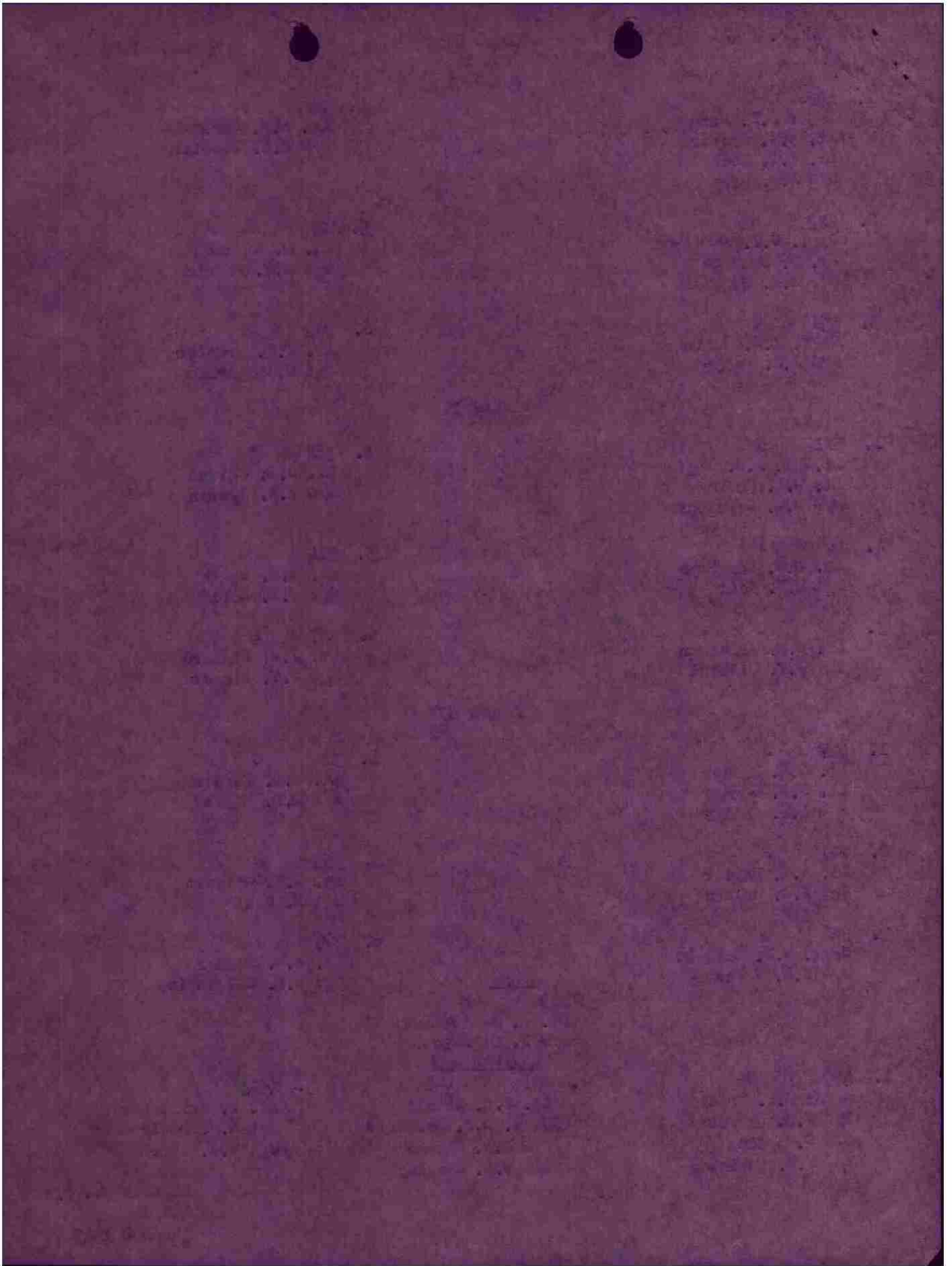
WINDOW

1. 499 G
Major R.F. Price
F/O J.H. Blount
S/S C. Fetho
S/S J.W. Robinson

2. 334 G-1
Lt. J.O. Sewell
Capt. D.J. Reichert
S/S J.A. Hummer
Sgt T.R. Langley

3. 9915 F
Lt. M. Errotabere
Sgt E.A. Howie
Sgt T.R. Lynch

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BOX I
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LOADING LIST
BOX II
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1. 498 R
Lt. C.J. Brown
Lt. J.E. Kerns
Lt. R.C. Muir
S/S C.H. Corbitt

2. 492 N
Lt. R.H. Cornell
Lt. R.E. Eymann
Sgt R.A. Reid

3. 297 T
Lt. D.L. Withington
S/S C.F. Russ

4. 209 M
Lt. T.J. Murray
Sgt E.W. Fidler

5. 239 N
Capt. S.M. Nixon
S/S A.H. Hinson

6. 419 Z
Lt. D.M. Eastman
S/S A.B. Eaton

FLIGHT II

1. 508 Z
Lt. C.G. Miah
Lt. R.H. Shaft
S/S J.H. Roberts

2. 325 L
Lt. W.L. Hale
S/S J.F. Geyer

3. 213 A
Lt. T.D. McGready
S/S K.G. Legerman

4. 335 W
Lt. J.H. Montrose
S/S J.W. Felkel

5. 378 O
Lt. J.W. Hlevins
S/S E.P. Brzezinski

6. 361 M
Lt. R.J. Lackner
S/S P.G. Raga

FLIGHT III

1. 507 Q
Lt. D.B. Grunig
Lt. B.O. Morris
S/S M.E. Dias

2. 416 O
Lt. J.A. Green
Sgt A. Kubjalko

3. 990 P
Lt. W.D. Chitty
Sgt P.G. Riggs

4. 286 D
Lt. P.P. Barausky
Pvt B.R. Wilson

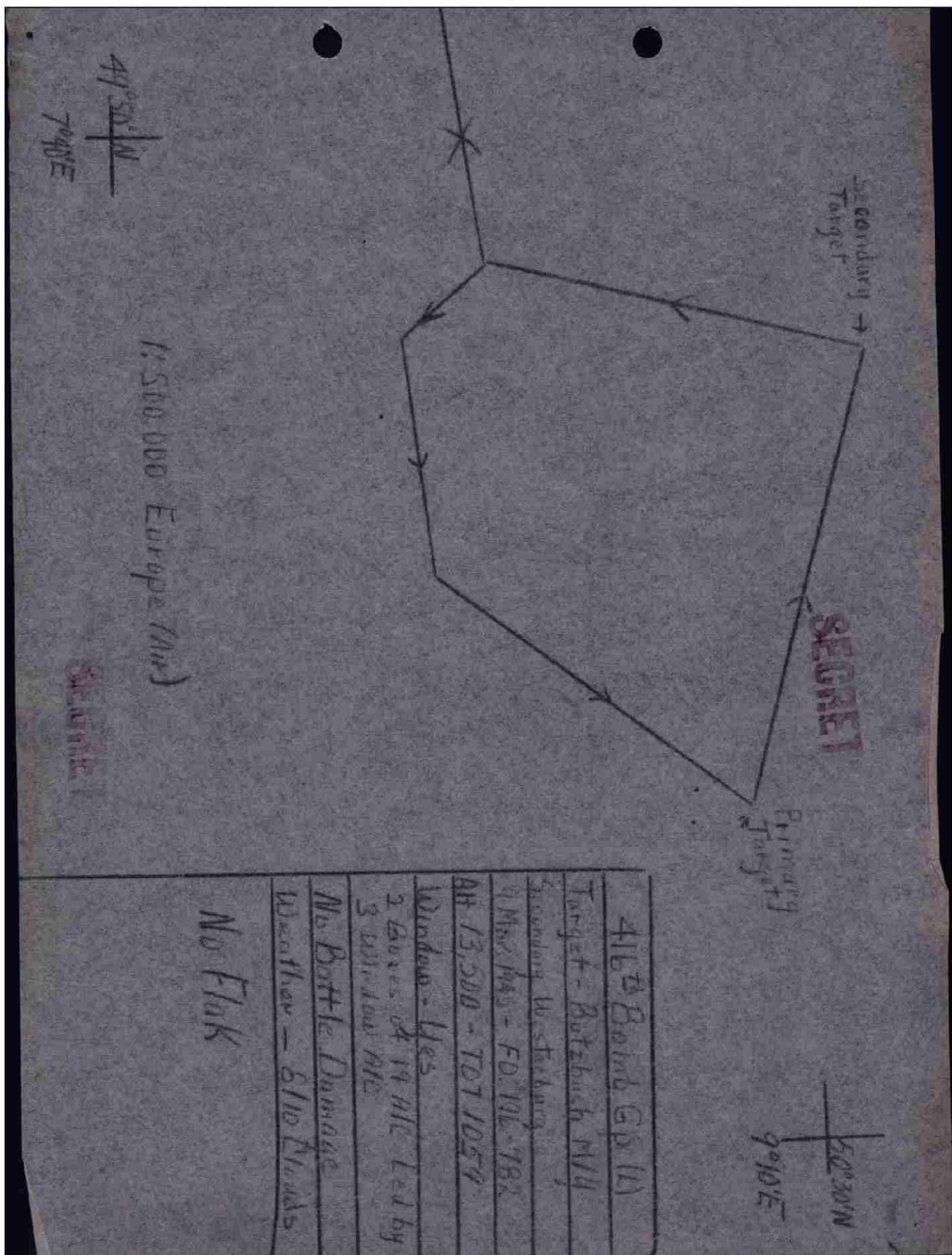
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Lt. A.R. Turman
S/S L.L. Leahigh

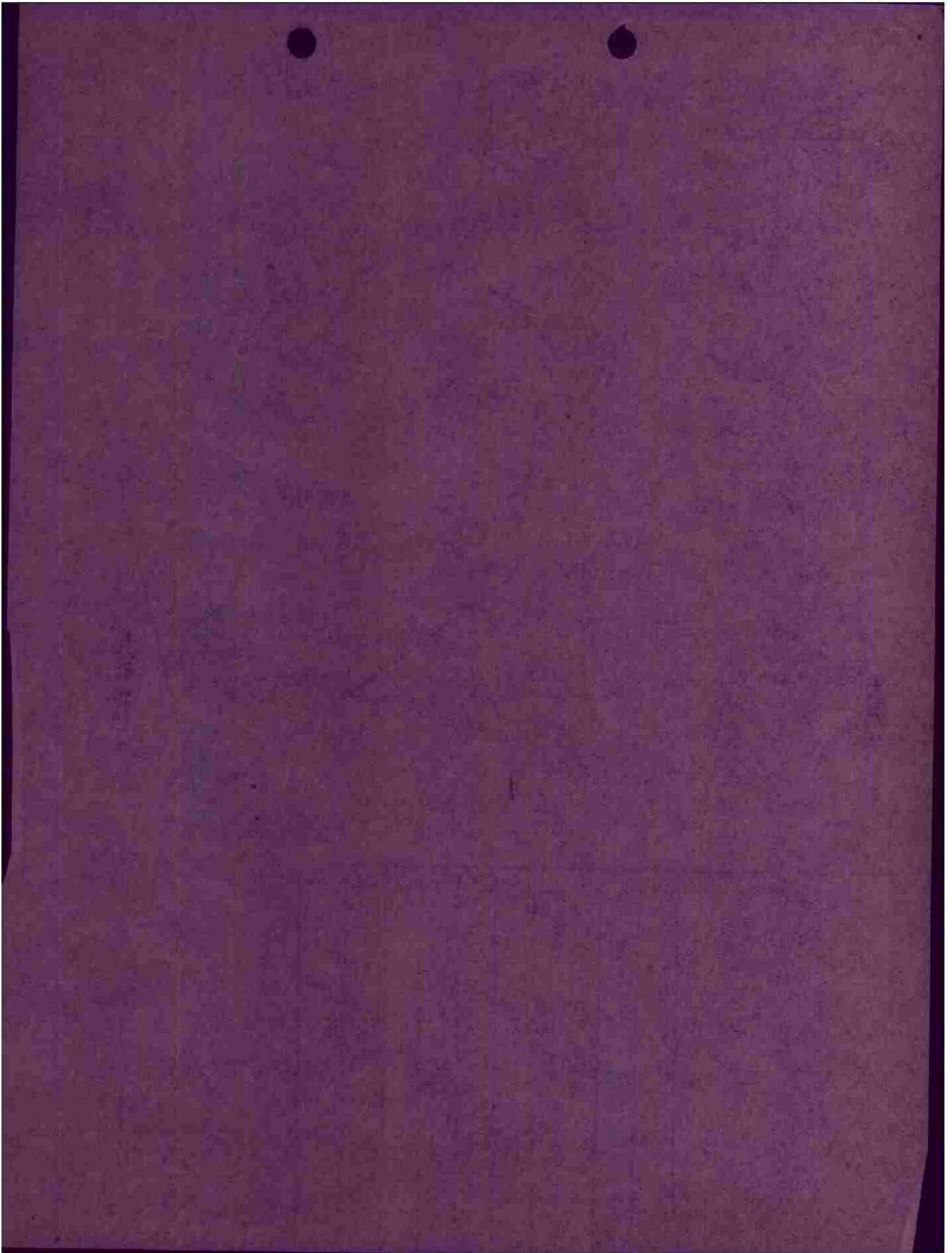
6. 320 S
Lt. J.V. O'Brien
Sgt H.T. Wright

SPARE

300 K
Lt. W.H. Jokinen
Sgt E.J. Creedon

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BOX II





PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) (INFO COPY)
 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) (INFO COPY)
 COMMANDING OFFICER, FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (PROV.)

416BG R _____

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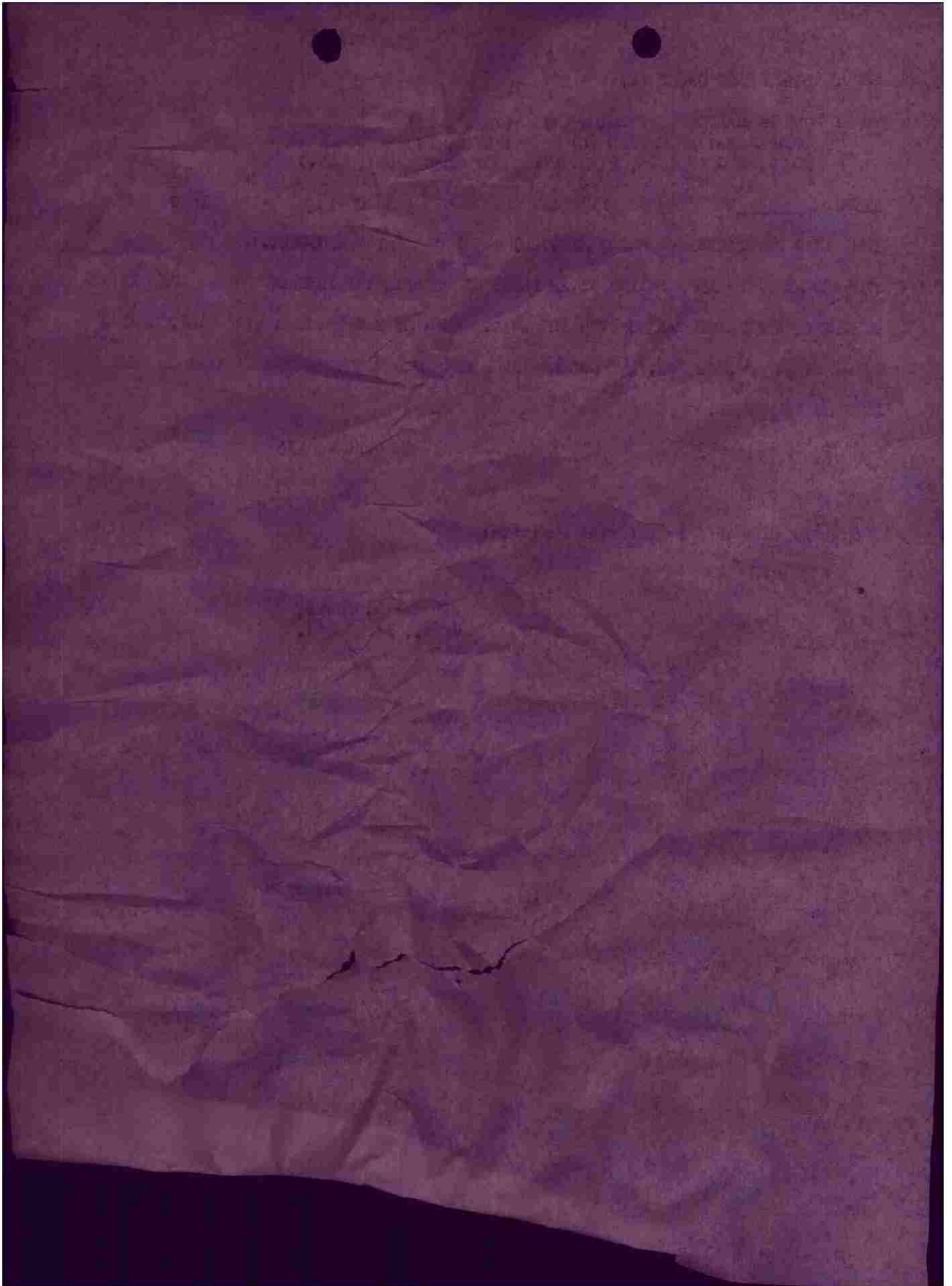
THE LEAD PATHFINDER (MORNING MISSION) WAS EXCELLENT THROUGHOUT.

THE SECOND PATHFINDER PULLED UP IN FRONT OF THE FIRST FLIGHT OF SECOND BOM GIVING THEM PROP WASH WHEN TAKING OVER THE LEAD. WHEN HE SAW HE COULD NOT DROP. DURING FINAL STAGE OF BOMB RUN, THE SECOND PATHFINDER DID NOT GIVE PROPER SIGNALS WHEN LEAVING FORMATION.

AYLESWORTH OGBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

WILLIAM M. LYTLE,
 Capt., Air Corps.



JKI JEA V ITA JJF NR 16/10 OP OP

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV - 10/0900A
 TO C G IX BOMB DIVISION
 C G 97 BOMB WING
 C O 416 BOMB GROUP
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1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV R-225-E

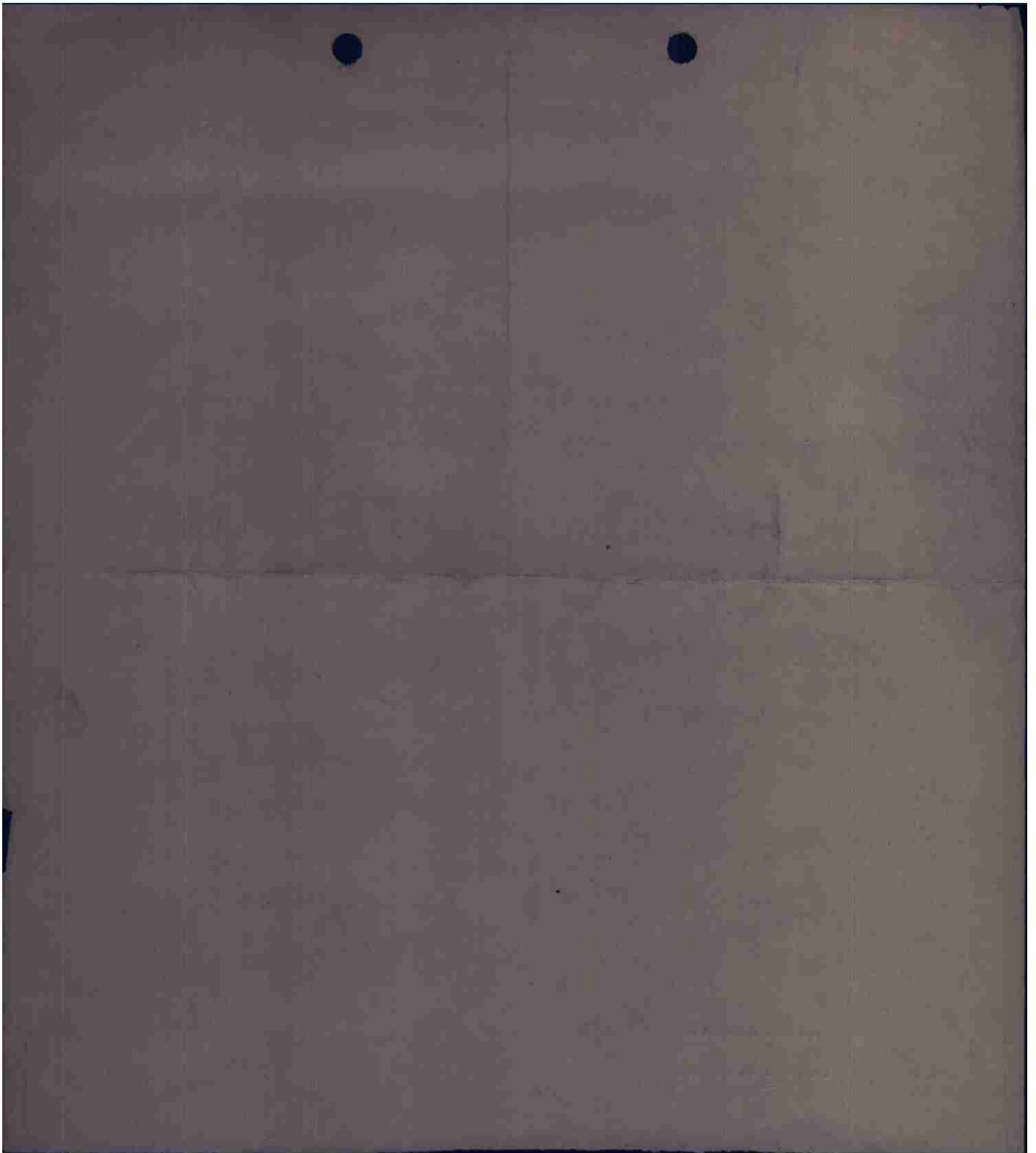
PFT PILOT: DEMOUCHE
 DATE: 9/3/45 TIME: 1631 1/2

- A. FORMATION:
 1. CLASSIFICATION: FAIR EXCELLENT AT RELEASE
 2. REMARKS: HIGH FLIGHT TOO FAR BACK
- B. WINDOW SHIPS:
 1. CLASSIFICATION: NONE SEEN
 2. REMARKS:
- C. NAVIGATION:
 1. CLASSIFICATION: PFT FOLLOWED GP.
 2. REMARKS:
- D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS: GOOD
- E. BRIEFING: REND
- F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS: GOOD REND

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 10/0900A
 JN /RD BBE JEA

JKI/ITA R.....10/1140A JF AR
 JEA/ITA R.....10/1140A FK AR



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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE RADAR OFFICER

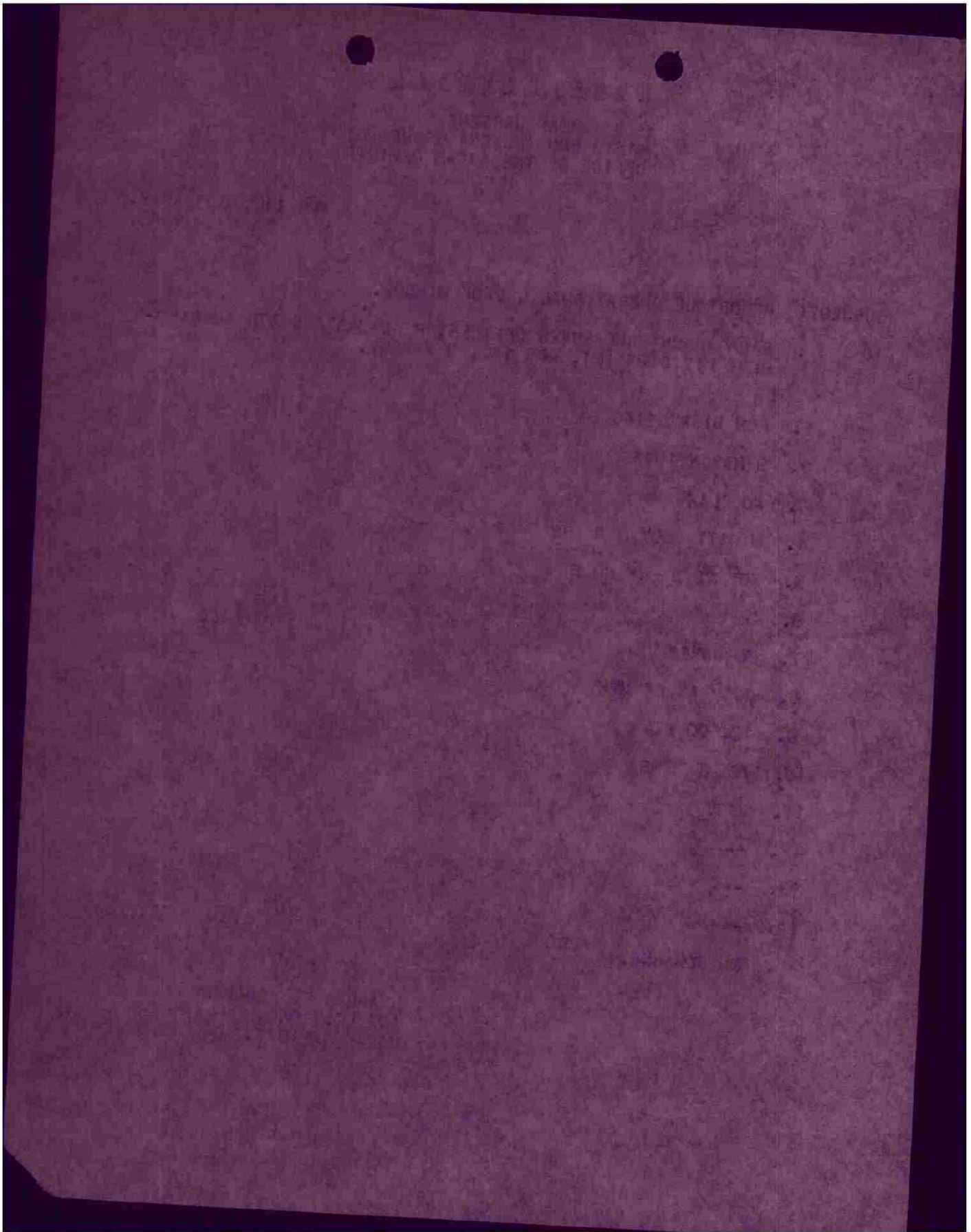
APO 140, U S ARMY.
9 MARCH 1945.

SUBJECT: REPORT OF OPERATIONAL USE OF WINDOW.

TO : RADAR COUNTERMEASURES OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS 9TH BOMBARD-
MENT DIVISION (M), APO 140, U S ARMY.

1. RCM DISPENSING 54
2. 9 MARCH 1945
3. NO FLAK
4. M 4171 50° 8 N 80° 34 E
5. 50° 22 N 80° 40 E
6. 3
7. 30 BOXES
8. 005° AT 54 MPH
9. 13,000 FT
10. TEN TENTHS
11. NONE
12. ---
13. ---
14. ---
15. NO REMARKS.

CHARLES F. GUNDERSON
1ST LT., CAC,
RADAR OFFICER.



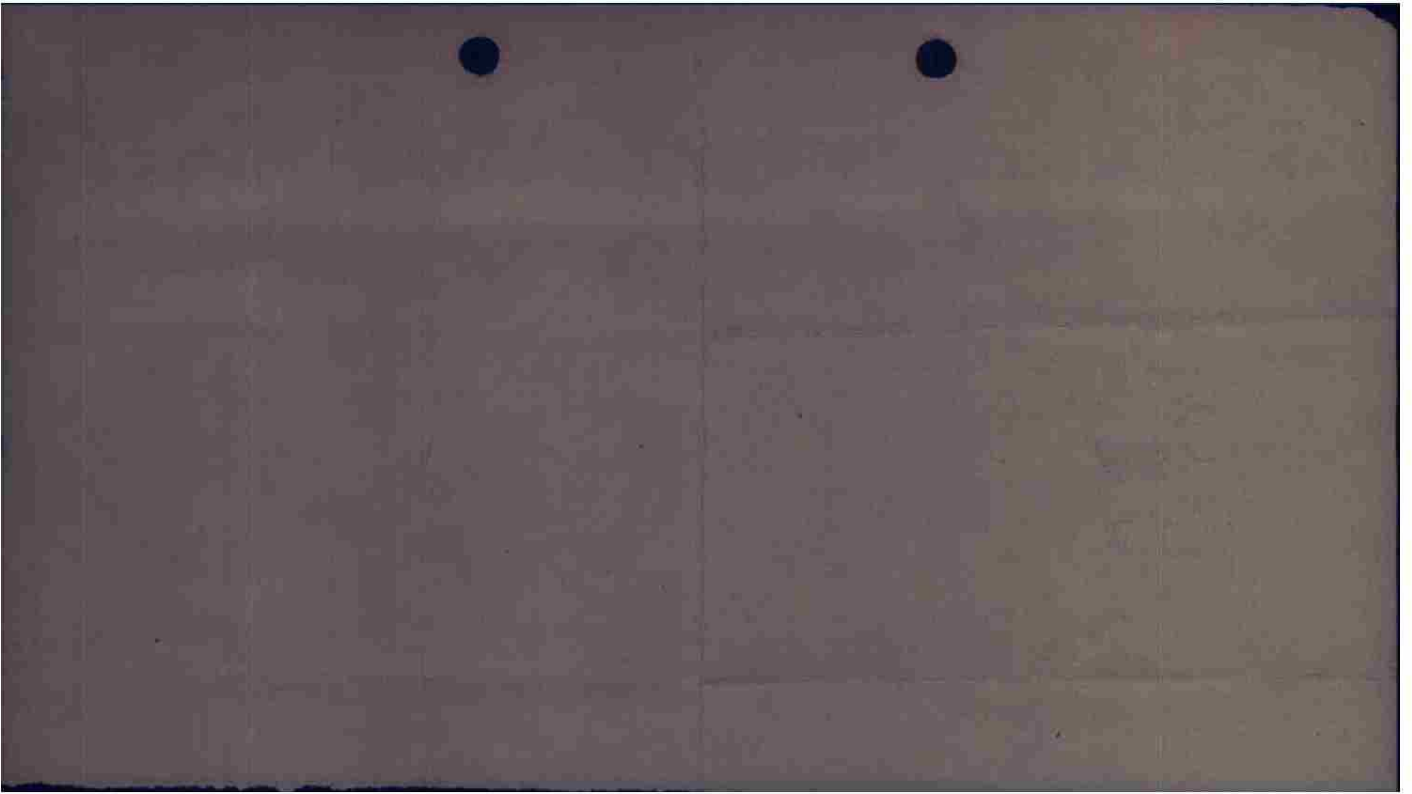
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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 19/89 P-P
T- ITA PASS TO ADDRESSEEFROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 89/1833A
TO 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) (INFO COPY)
97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) (INFO COPY)
COMMANDING OFFICER, 1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (PROV)

BT

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BOX GIVING THEM PROP WASH WHEN TAKING OVER THE LEAD. WHEN HE SAW HE
COULD NOT DROP, DURING FINAL STAGE OF BOMB RUN, THE SECOND PATHFINDER
DID NOT GIVE PROPER SIGNALS WHEN LEAVING FORMATION.AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416
BT 89/1833AFD 00000
ITA R.....89/1833A CLEV KKKK
JEA R.....89/1833A SS KKKKK

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FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 09/1720A

TO C G IX BOMB DIVISION

C G 97, 98, 99 COMBAT WING

C O 397, 394, 387, 386, 323, 322, 344, 416, 410, 409, 391 BOMB GP

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1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

R-197-E

OPS FLASH REPORT

R 407

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 416 BOMB GROUP
- B. BUTZBACH M/Y WM 663040
- C. TWO B-26
- D. ONE B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT 1ST BOX ONE B-26 CASUAL ON GEE ALONE
EQUIPMENT FAILURE NASSAU
WM 049005
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY 4 X 500 GP ON CASUAL
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13,500 PRIMARY 13,000 CASUAL
- M. 1059 PRIMARY 1110 CASUAL

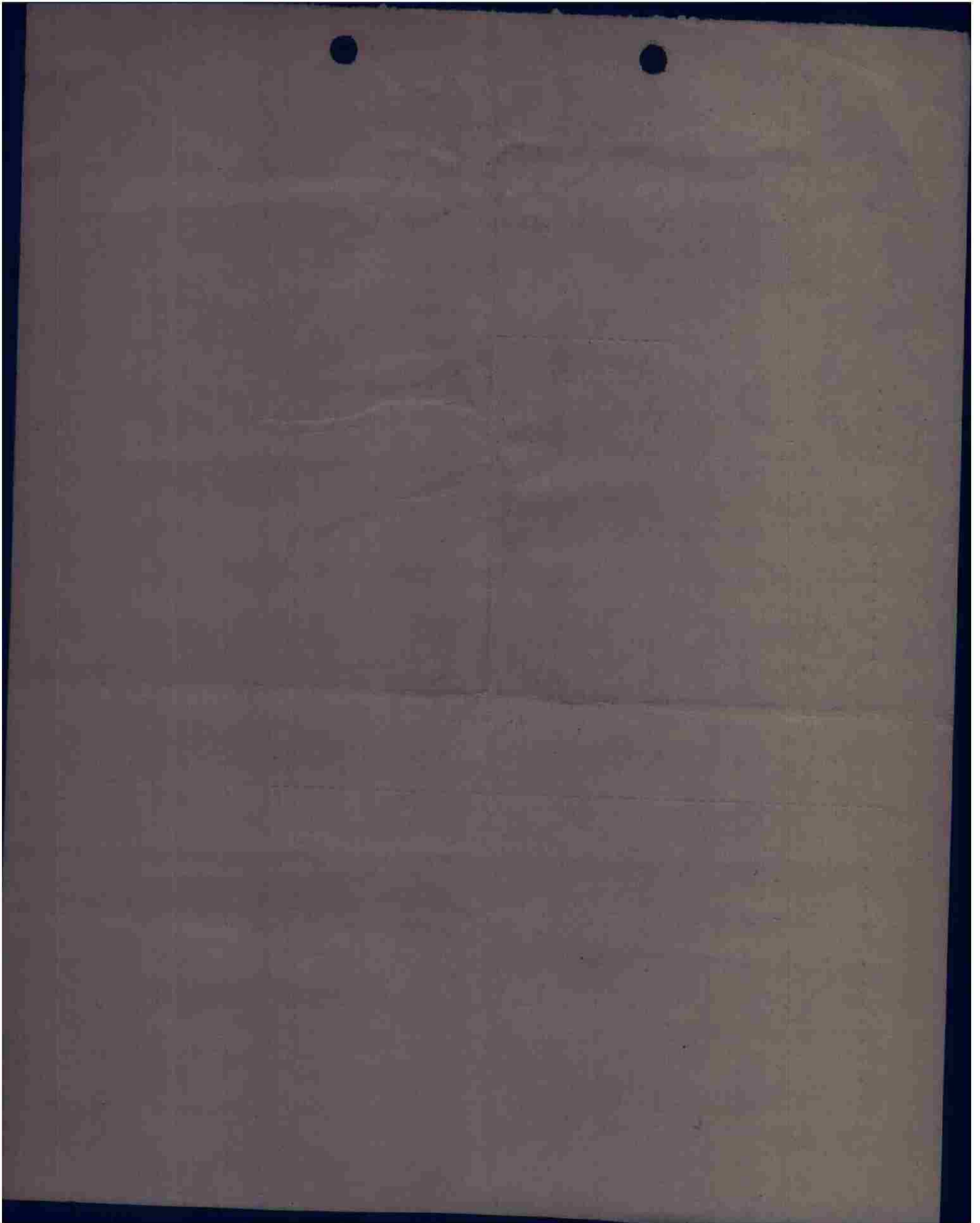
REMARKS: GROUP FORMATION AND WINDOW SHIPS GOOD HEAVY RAIL AND ROAD
ACTIVITY IN TOWN OF NDR. SEELBACH WM 389752

ANNEX: CALLED RIPSAN RECEIVING FIX ONE MINUTE AFTER ENTRY
INTO AREA.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 337 BOMB GROUP
- B. NIEDERHAUSEN M/Y WM 411736
- C. ONE B-26
- D. NONE
- E. ONE B-26 EQUIPMENT FAILURE PFF COULD NOT GET INTO FORMATION
RETURNED TO BASE.
- F. 4 X 500 GP RETURNED
- G. NIL
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. NO ATTACK
- M. NO ATTACK

REMARKS: PFF OVER TARGET 1130 RECEIVER DEAD NARBURG WM 730460
NARBURG M/Y FULL OF
TRAFFIC

ANNEX: CALLED RIPSAN FOUR MINUTES AFTER ENTERING AREA.



- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 409 BOMB GROUP
- B. DOTZHEIM AFV DEPOT WM 325655
- C. ONE B-26
- D. 1 - PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. NIL
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. WAHFF WG 667225
- K. NONE
- L. 13,500 PRIMARY
- M. 1150 PRIMARY

GOOD FORMATION FLOWN BY GROUP

RIPSAW CALLED ONE MINUTE AFTER ENTERING AREA. RECEIVED FIX OK.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 410 BOMB GROUP
- B. DOTZHEIM AFV DEPOT WM 324655
- C. 2 B-26
- D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 3 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 12/10'S
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13,500 PRIMARY
- 13,000 "
- M. 1138 1/2 "
- 1139 "

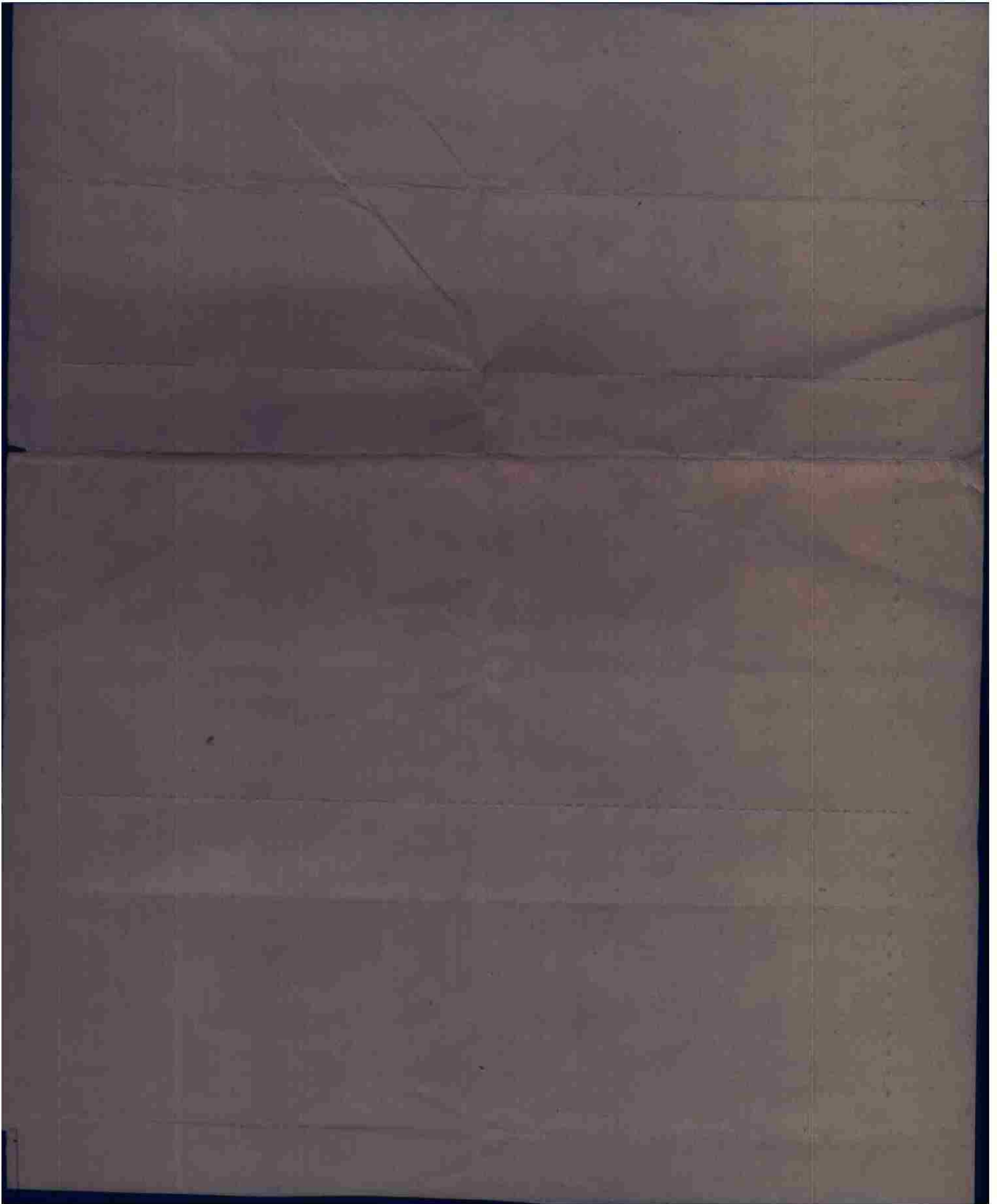
OBSERVATIONS: GROUP AND WINDOW SHIPS FORMATION GOOD.

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAW UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX 6 MINUTES LATER.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 394 BOMB GROUP
- B. NEIDERHAUSEN M/Y WM 414 735
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500GP PRIMARY
- G. STRIKES SEEN IN TARGET AREA
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13,500 PRIMARY
- M. 1135 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: GROUP AND WINDOW SHIPS GOOD

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAW UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX IN CLEAR 6 MINUTES LATER.



A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 323 BOMB GROUP
 B. WIESBADEN M/Y WM 365 632
 C. 1 B-26
 D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
 G. UNOBSERVED 12/10'S
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 J. NONE
 K. NONE
 L. 13,500 PRIMARY
 M. 1200 PRIMARY

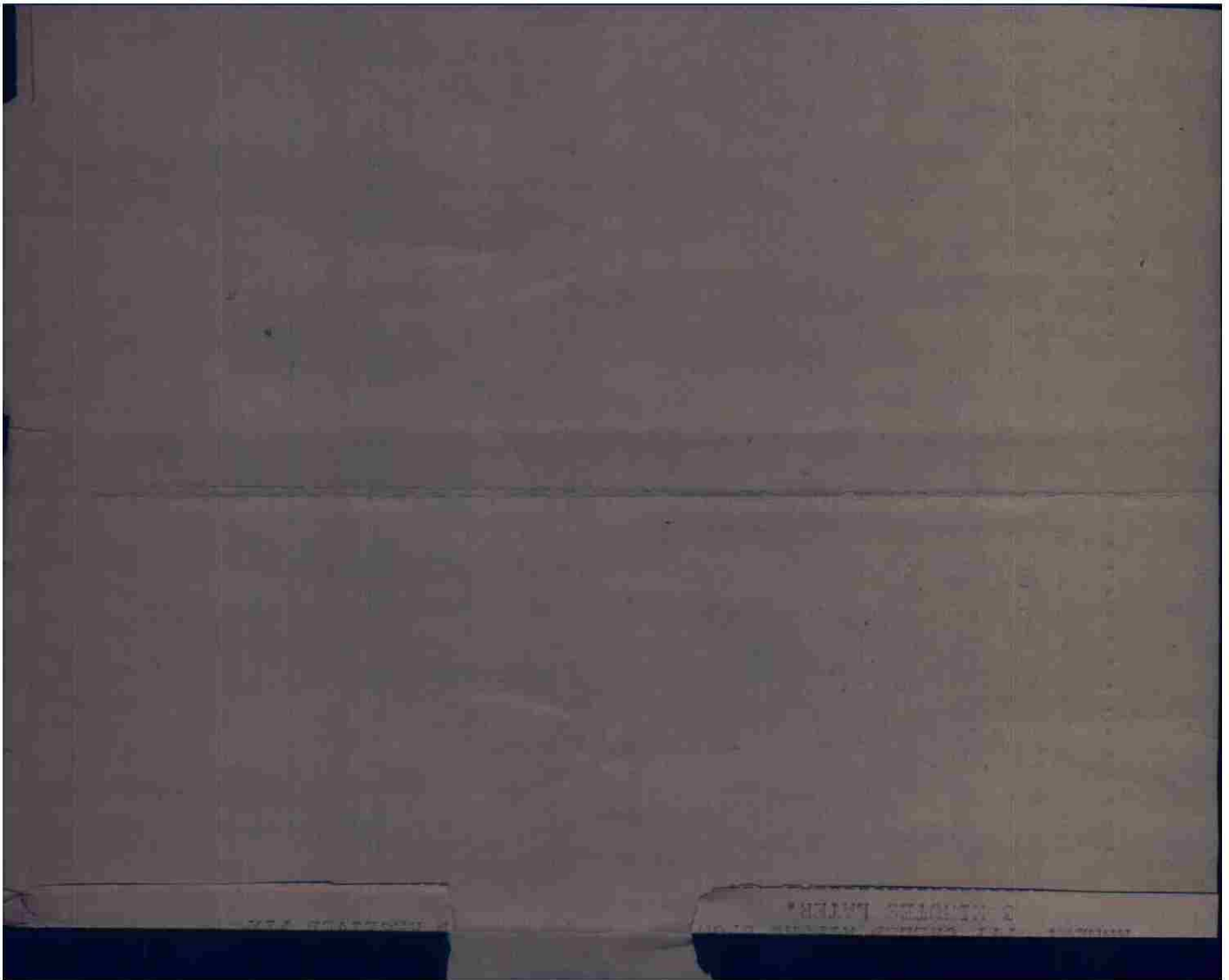
OBSERVATIONS: WINDOW SHIPS POOR
 GROUP FORMATION GOOD BUT FLIGHTS SCATTERED UPON DROPPING

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAN UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX
 1 MINUTE LATER.

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 397 BOMB GROUP
 B. WIESBADEN M/Y WM 365 632
 C. 1 B-26
 D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
 G. UNOBSERVED 8/10'S
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 J. WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY - GIESSEN WG 662 213
 " " " IN TARGET AREA
 K. NONE
 L. 13,500 PRIMARY
 M. 1200 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: GROUP FORMATION AND WINDOW SHIPS GOOD

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAN UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX
 3 MINUTES LATER.



- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 322 BOMB GROUP
- B. WIESBADEN M/Y WM 365 632
- C. 2 B-26
- D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. MODERATE INACCURATE HEAVY-GIESSEN WG 662 213
INTENSE INACCURATE HEAVY IN TARGET AREA
BAD HAUNHEIM WM 620 968 - MODERATE HEAVY STAUFENBURG WG 700 300
MODERATE INACCURATE HEAVY
- K. NONE
- L. 13500 PRIMARY
13000 PRIVATE
- M. 1217 1/2 PRIMARY
1218 1/2 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: GROUP AND WINDOW SHIPS EXCELLENT

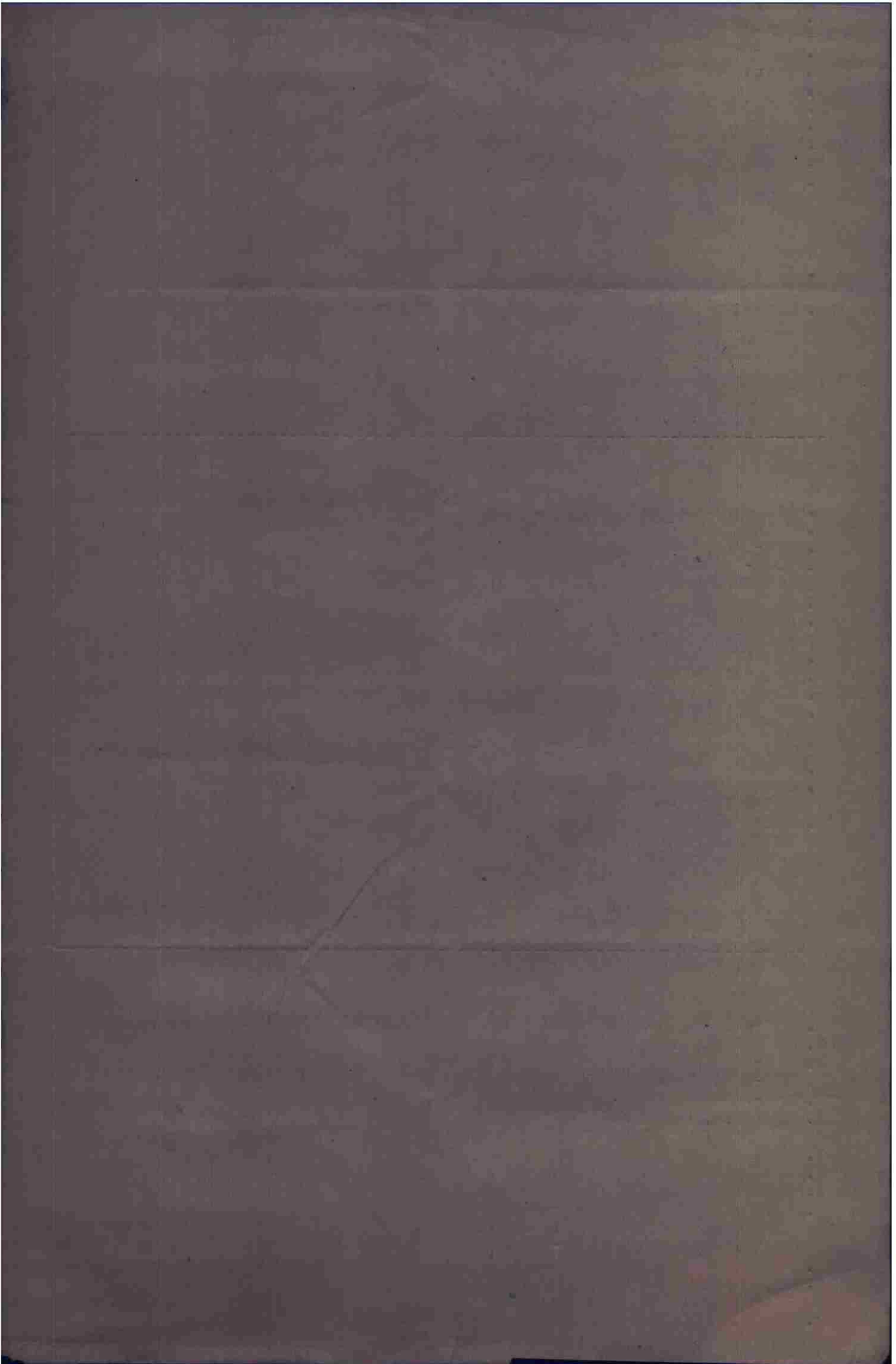
ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAN UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX 2 MINUTES LATER.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. WITH THE 344TH BOMB GROUP
- B. WIESBADEN M/Y WM 365 632
- C. 2 B-26
- D. 1. B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT 2ND PFF DROPPED ONLY 1 BOMB BECOUSE OF BOMB RACK MALAFUNCTION
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
4 X 500 GP RETURNED
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. CAT "A" FLAK
- I. NONE
- J. INTENSE ACCURATE IN TARGET AREA (HEAVY)
WEAK ACCURAT
E HEAVY - GIESSEN - WG 662 213
- K. NONE
- L. 13400 PRIMARY
13100 PRIMARY
- M. 1250 PRIMARY
1251 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: GROUP AND WINDOW SHIPS FAIR

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAN UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX 3 MINUTES LATER.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ PROV WITH THE 391ST BOMB GROUP
- B. WIESBADEN M/Y WM 365 632
- C. 2 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. 1 B-26 EQUIPMENT FAILURE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
4 X 500 GP RETURNED
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY - GIESSEN WG 662 213
WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY IN TARGET AREA
WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY - FRANKFURT WM 680 680
- K. NONE
- L. 13500 PRIMARY
13000 PRIMARY
- M. 1237 1/2 PRIMARY
1241 NO ATTACK



22 UNIDENTIFIED FIGHTERS AT ALTITUDE NEAR FRANKFURT, WM
662 213

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAM UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX 30 SECONDS
LATER.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 386TH BOMB GROUP
- B. WIESBADEN M/Y WM 365 632
- C. 2 B-26
- D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
- H. CAT "A" FLAK
- I. NONE
- J. MODERATE ACCURATE HEAVY IN TARGET AREA
KONIGSTEIN WM 520 765 - MODERATE INACURATE HEAVY
- K. ONE ENCOUNTER - 4 COMBATS - 1 DESTROYED - 1 PROBABLE
30 ME 109'S ENCOUNTERED IN TARGET AREA-APPROACHED LINE ASTERN,
LEVEL AND LOW, 5 TF 7 O'CLOCK BREAK AWAY TO 9 O'CLOCK HIGH (2ND BOX)
(1ST BOX) APPROACHES FROM 12 O'CLOCK LEVEL AND 6 O'CLOCK LOW-BREAK
AWAY FROM 6 O'CLOCK HIGH AND 2 O'CLOCK LOW
- L. 13500 PRIMARY
12500 PRIMARY
- M. 1303 PRIMARY
1325 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: GROUP LEFT PFF OF 1ST BOX ON TURN OFF TARGET PFF UNABLE TO
CATCH UP 260 MPH INDICATED
GROUP FORMATION GOOD

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAM UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX 2 MINUTES
LATER.

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV.

BT 09/1700A

MT BBBB

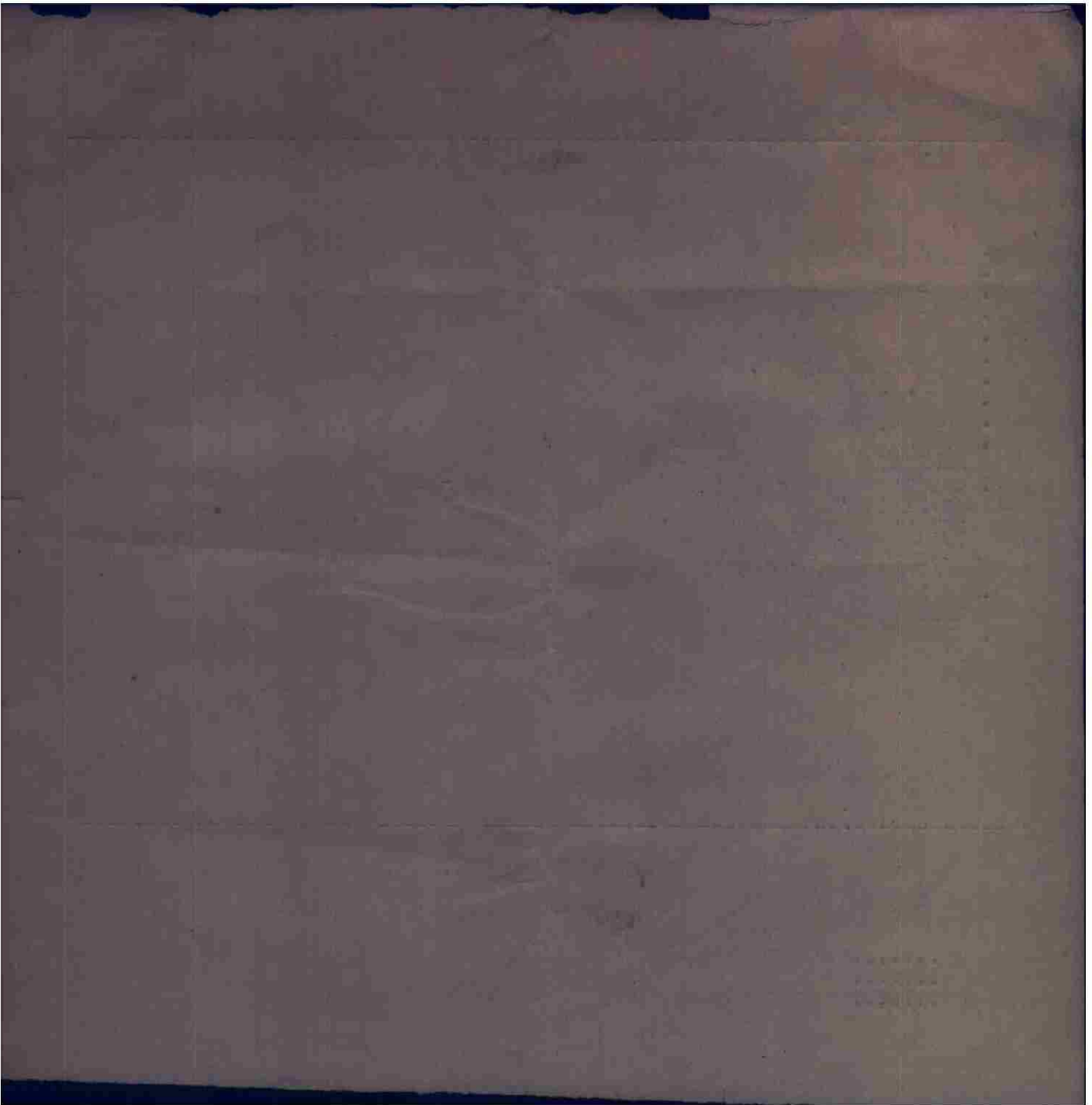
RELAYED BY CES BBBB

JES R.....09/2022A JMB KK

JPO R.....09/2022A L B KK

JKI R.....09/2022A FD KKK

TIC FOR JES TO PUT SOME PAPER IN OK



USAAF FORM 34A

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AUTH: CO STA A-69

DATE: 11 March 1945

INIT:

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

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

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

Ref: Cprep A No. 340 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 9 March 1945
Mission or Operation No. 225 97th GBS FOR 195-782

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Dutchess Marshalling Yard
Place of take-off Station A-69
Place of landing Station A-69
Take-off time 0906 Landing time 1224
Time over target 11 1259 11 1110 Bombing Altitude 13500-10600
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather 8/10's Clouds
Results Unobserved due to cloud cover.
Enemy opposition None

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 41 A-26's
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.

<u>3 A-26's</u>	<u>Winds</u>
<u>19 A-26's</u>	<u>Dutchess NY</u>
<u>19 A-26's</u>	<u>Wentworth</u>
3. Abortive due to:
 - (1) Weather: None
 - (2) Personnel: None
 - (3) Mechanical: None
 - (4) Other: None
4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None
5. Destroyed - before reaching target None
 giving cause where known _____
6. Destroyed - over or after leaving None
 target giving cause where known _____
7. Damaged (give category & cause) None
8. Sorties 41 A-26's

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(over)

For the Commanding Officer:

E. Destroyed

H. Shown directly by type or photograph on (date) 07-06-94.

Type of	No.	Co-Pilot	MW	Bomb	R.Gun	T.Gun	L.Gun
Killed in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sightedly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

G. Own Telephone Contact 03/04/11:41

0.50 0.05 0.10

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• expanded on operations: 118 = 500 sq. ft. (1970-71)
(1st building erected) 117 = 500 sq. ft. (1970-71)

~~E. Bombs, Mines, etc., used;~~
~~E. Labels carried info. in:~~ ~~222 x 500 1/2" x 1/16" 1/16"~~

a. Total carried into air 7500 x 50 collars
 b. Expended on operations 1050 x 50 collars (total)
 c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c 1000

h. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

D. Total observational living hours
E. Day (Sunrise to sunset) —

OSWALD FORM 377 (00-4712)

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 8/09 P P

FROM COBOMGR 416 09/1400A

TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER
COMCBTWIG 97 (INFO)

BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416 BG R-169-J

A - VS - 54

B - 9 MARCH 1945 (0906-1208)

C - E-EASY AND R-ROGER REPORTED "OPS" COMPLETE TO PARADE.

D - PPF MISSION

E - NONE

F - NONE

G - NONE

H - NONE

I - NONE

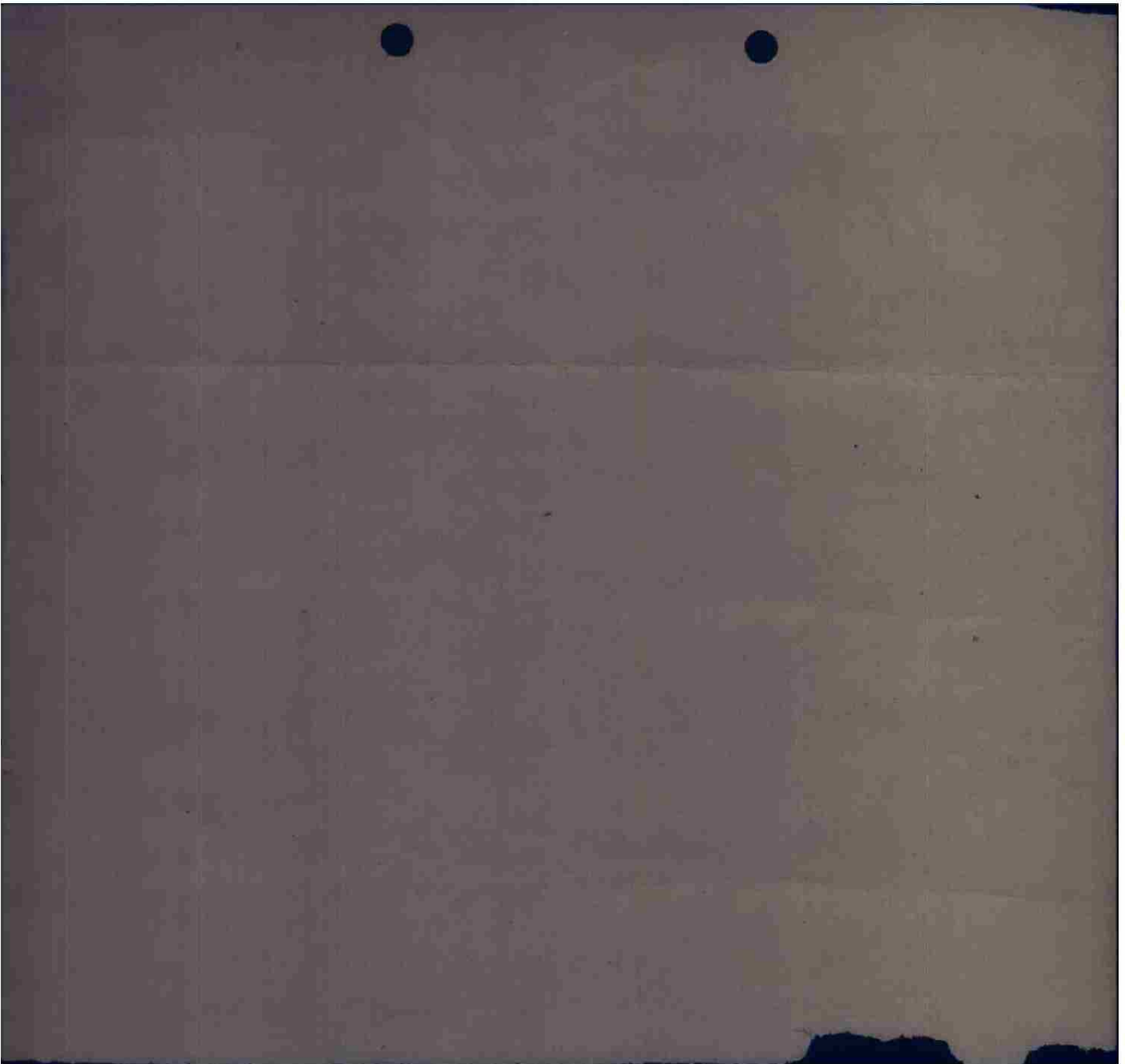
J - NONE

K - BUNCHER BEACON UNSATISFACTORY BECAUSE OF SKIP DISTANCE AND
LOW POWER INPUT.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 1425A
WFG BBBB

ITA R.....091500A AL KKK
JEA R.....091500A FK KKK



BOMBARDIER'S LOG

South
Visual

TARGET

DATE

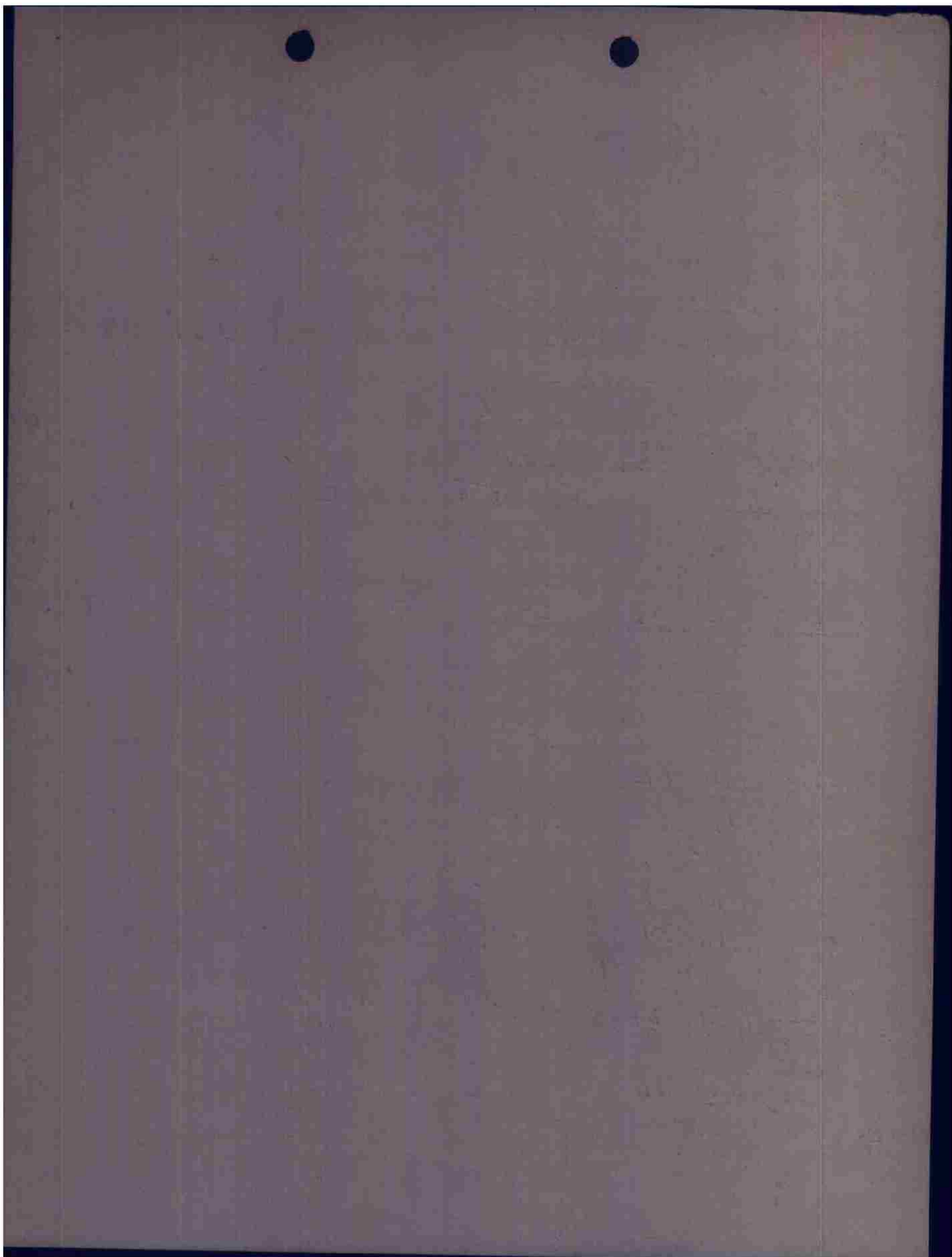
Pressure Altitude of Target : +110 Train Ind. Slvo.
 Type of Release:
 Altimeter Setting : 29.92 Interval : 50 ft.
 Ind. Alt.: 13000 True Alt.: 12700 Length of Run: Time of Release
 Tan. Dropping Angle : .66 Mag. Heading : 044°
 Disc Speed : 182 Aircraft Number :
 Trail : 64 Drift : 8°R Pilot : Cornell
 IAS : 210 TAS : 254 GS : 210 Bombardier-Navigator : Enman
6 x 500 Nose : 70 Tail : 100 Box : II Flight : 1 Deputy

Left

Right

Heading Drift Tangent GroundSpeed				Heading Drift Tangent GroundSpeed			
<u>034°</u>	<u>6°R</u>	<u>.63</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>054°</u>	<u>10°R</u>	<u>.67</u>	<u>218</u>

	Altitude	Disc Speed	Trail	TAS	GS	Tang.		Altitude	Disc Speed	Trail	TAS	GS	Tang.
<u>8°R</u>	<u>12000</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>62</u>			<u>.67</u>							
<u>7°R</u>	<u>11000</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>60</u>			<u>.69</u>							
<u>6°R</u>	<u>10000</u>	<u>209.5</u>	<u>59</u>			<u>.73</u>							
<u>6°R</u>	<u>9000</u>	<u>221.7</u>	<u>56</u>			<u>.75</u>							
<u>6°R</u>	<u>8000</u>	<u>236.1</u>	<u>54</u>			<u>.79</u>							
<u>8°R</u>	<u>13000</u>	<u>182.1</u>	<u>57</u>			<u>.59</u>	<u>M.H.</u>	<u>037°</u>					
<u>PPF</u>													
<u>Normal Visual</u>	<u>13000</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>64</u>			<u>.82</u>	<u>M.H.</u>	<u>109°</u>					
<u>12°R</u>													



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GEE FIXES

TIME	"B"	"C"	"D"	LOCATION
0950	5.4		54.85	3mi N.W. of Laon
0955	4.3		55.5	5mi left of course (4 mi. at 1st mark)
0958	4.3	52.08		7mi left of course 5mi S.E. of Laon
1005	4.4	51.45		3mi left of course 9mi N.W. of Laon
1010	5.1	39.52		5mi left of course E of Bure
1014	5.3	38.7		2mi left of course left of Bure
1017	5.49	38.1		on course 4mi miles from Bastogne
1023	8.41	32.		
1027	8.0	32.05		
1029	8.75	32.1		4mi right of course at Nattenheim
1033	7.25	32.28		on course 3mi S.E. of Meisburg
1036	6.93	32.4		
1038	6.69	32.51		1mi. at of course S.E. of Godes crossing over Bomb line
1045	Gee Box out of Commission No B signal (8 Syms) returned at			
1054	5.7	32.95		on course at Königstein
1110	5.5	33.26		on course 3mi at of Limburg
1114	5.9	32.93		on course 4mi N of Nastatten
Circled at Nastatten to regain formation left Nastatten at 1118				
1119	6.2	32.76		on course over Rhine River N.W. of St. Goar

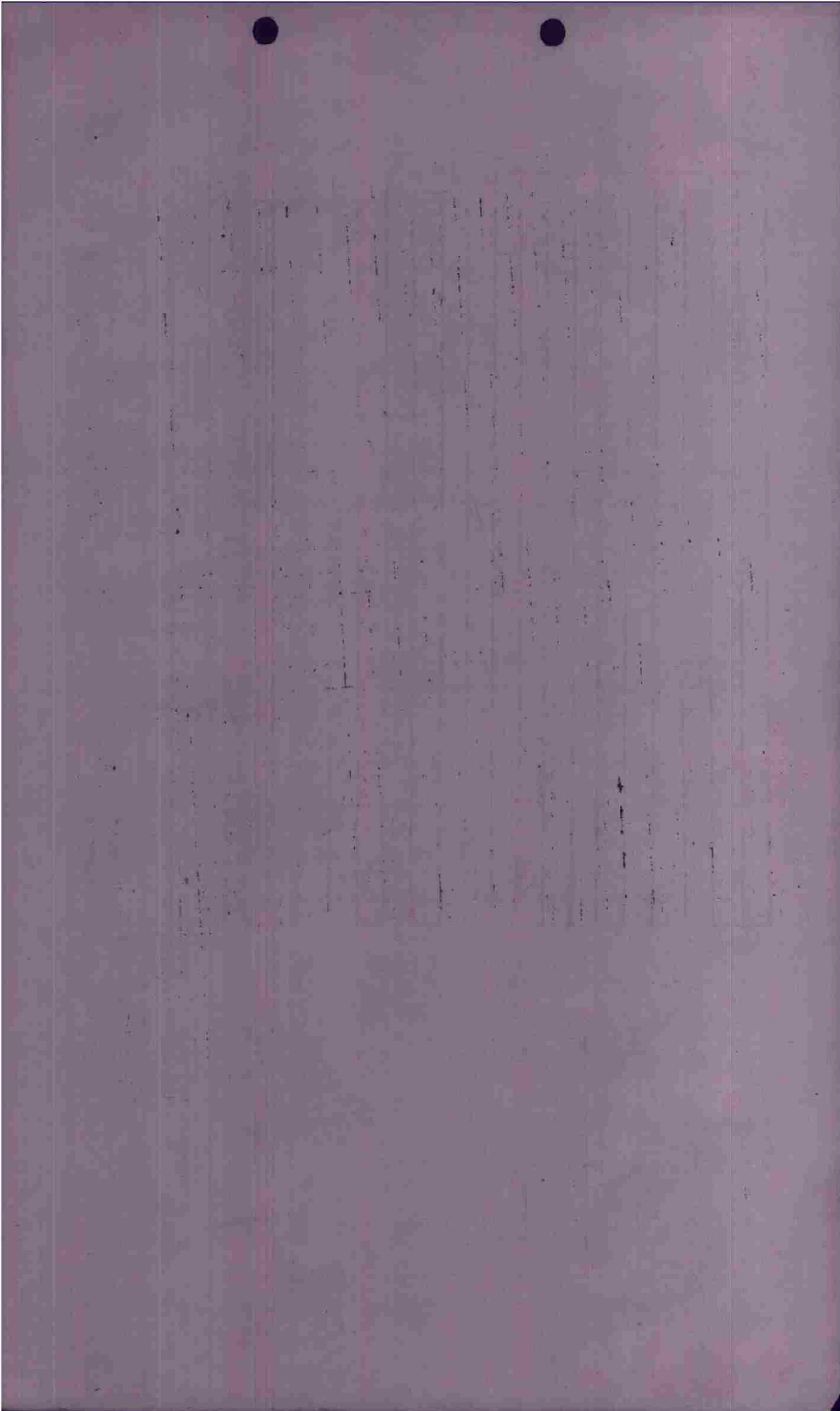
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Box #	CPSFL	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
		8/3/45				ARMY	TOT	
							L/D	
1	497							
2	523							
3	356							
4	249							
5	250							
6	332							
7	324							
8	244							
9	352							
10	342							
11	314							
12	351							
13	467							
14	271							
15	381							
16	344							
17	354							
18	263							
19	313							

DUNN 497
 JERRS ANDERSEN 523
 AMES 249
 GRABER WILMAN 250
 MILLER 487
 KAPLES 521
 DEFRAY HAYTER 381
 SM. ANDERSON 252
 TURNER 344
 GORDON 362
 DENVER WENBERT 354
 WILLARD D.E. Smith 381
 263 354
 313



Box #	OpsFL	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
II		8/2/40		Secondary		Brown	TOT	
							L/D	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Miss	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.		
Pos. No.	Reason	T	S	O	F	S	T	R
1	478							
2	492							
3	297							
4	209							
5	239							
6	419							
1	508							
2	325							
3	213							
4	335							
5	328							
6	361							
1	507							
2	416							
3	330							
4	286							
5	205							
6	320							
1	310							

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41 H/C 98' PRIMARY
 14 H/C on SECONDARY
 19 H/C on SECONDARY
 38 - H-26. ON SECONDARY
 113 4500 GP on PRIMARY
 114 4500 GP on SECONDARY
 1 4500 GP RETURNED

BROWN ✓
 498
 W/THINSTEAD COBURN ✓
 297
 MURRAY ✓
 209
 EASTMAN HIXON ✓
 419 239

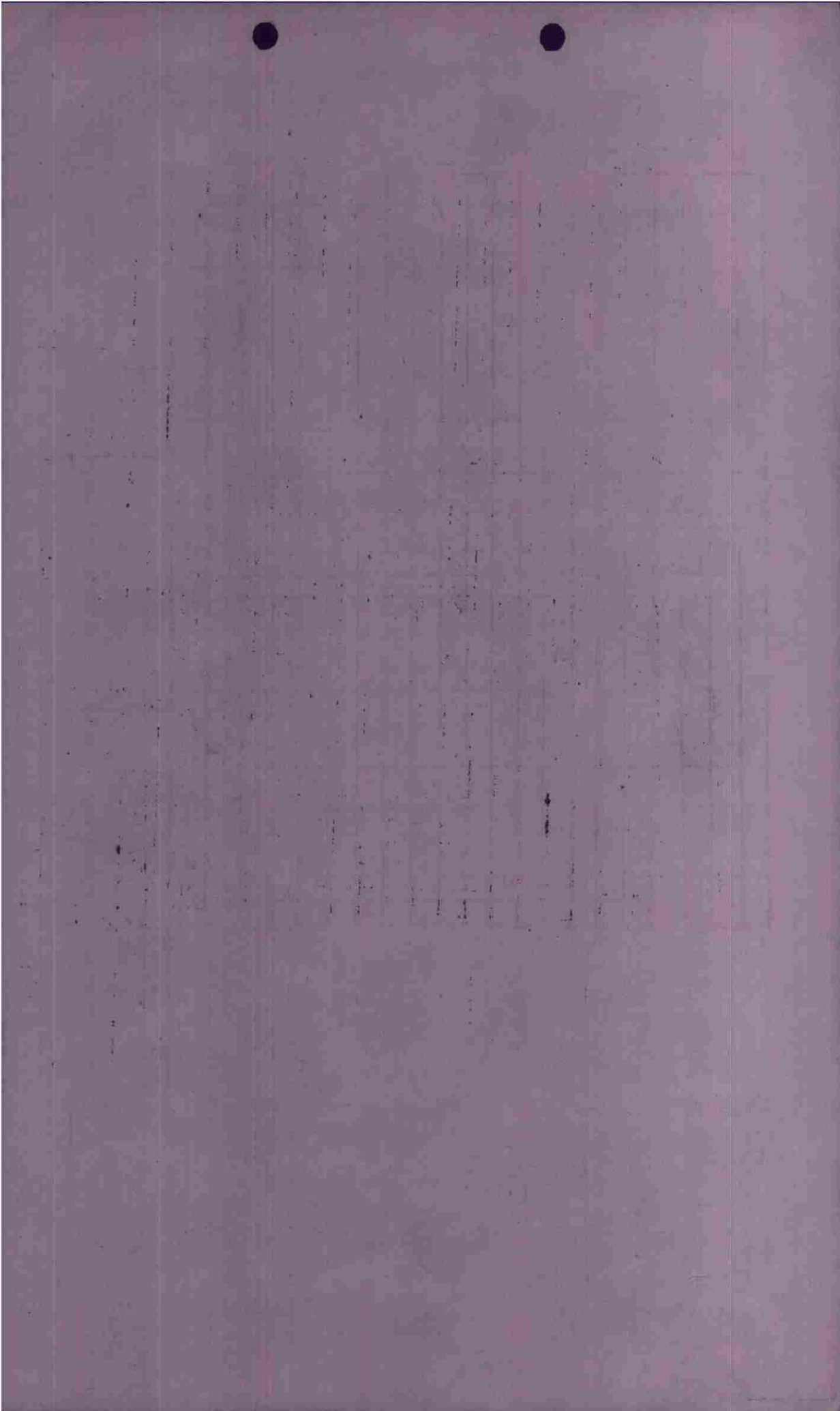
GRUNDY
 507
 MISH
 308

CHITTY GREEN McCREADY 1946
 330 416 213 325

BARRASKY
 286
 McTRABE
 335

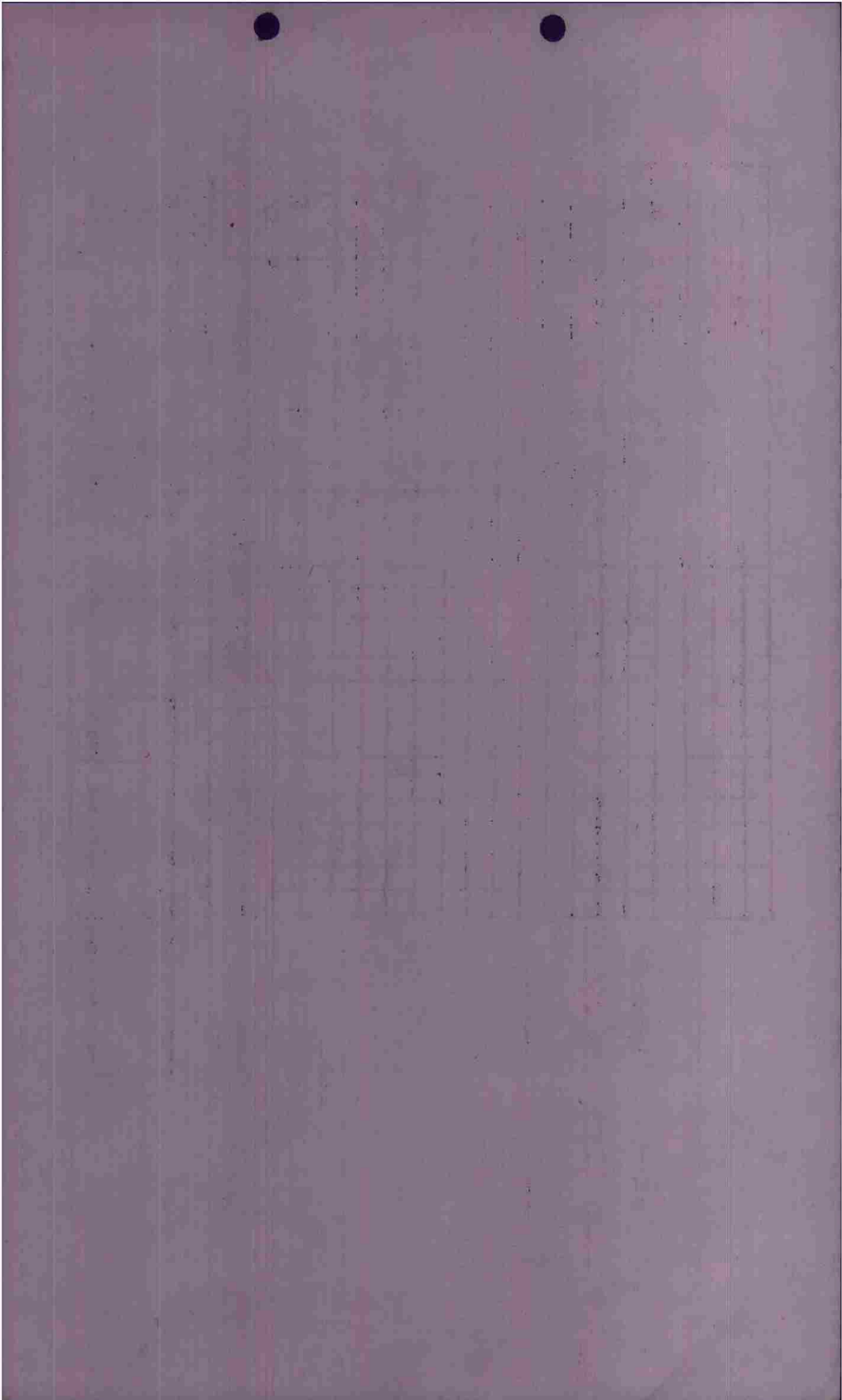
O'BRIEN TULLMAN LOCKNER BLEKINS
 320 205 361 378

DONALDSON
 320



T/O	15 min.
FOT	
L/D	

9/10/68
 9315
 PRICE 449
 334
 EMPLOYEE SWEET



F/O 9-A.M.

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INTERFORM

PILOT WILLARD A/C# 351 BOX V

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

1050 AM (at 100° 10-20 trucks
(2 min before I.P.)

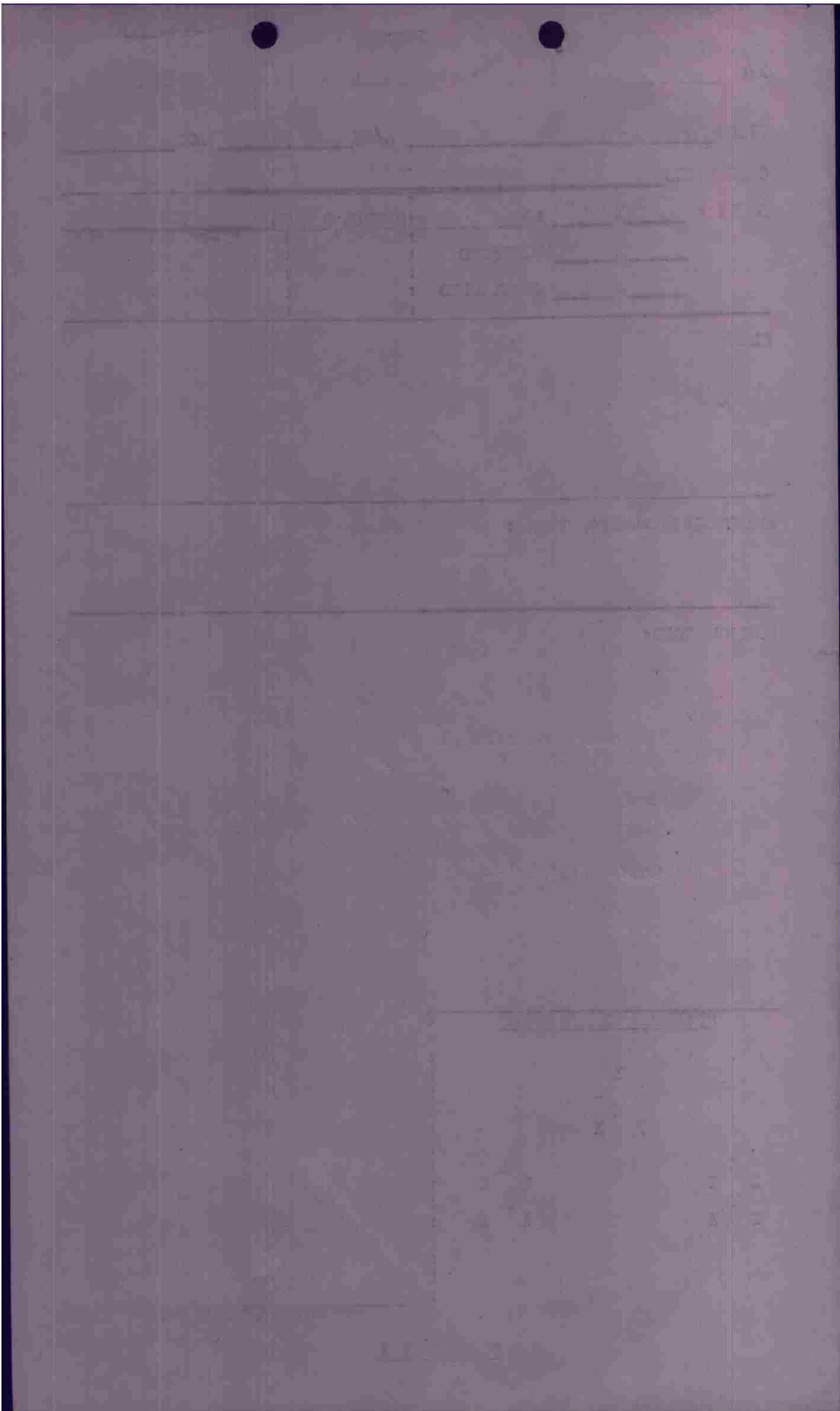
1112½ saw lot of smoke come up
thru clouds.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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12/C# 497

BOX 7

C. SUBLIMITES

BOMBS : 6 x 500 ON PPA

: BATTLE DAMAGE

 Σ

RETURNED

Y

JETTISONED

FLAK:

will

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

will

OBSERVATIONS:

at IP on line - IP seen.

TOT-1059

cult - 13,500

IAS - 195'

axis - 38°

PPF called Ripcaw
before entering
TAC area for fix.
Got it.

POSITION IN FORMATION

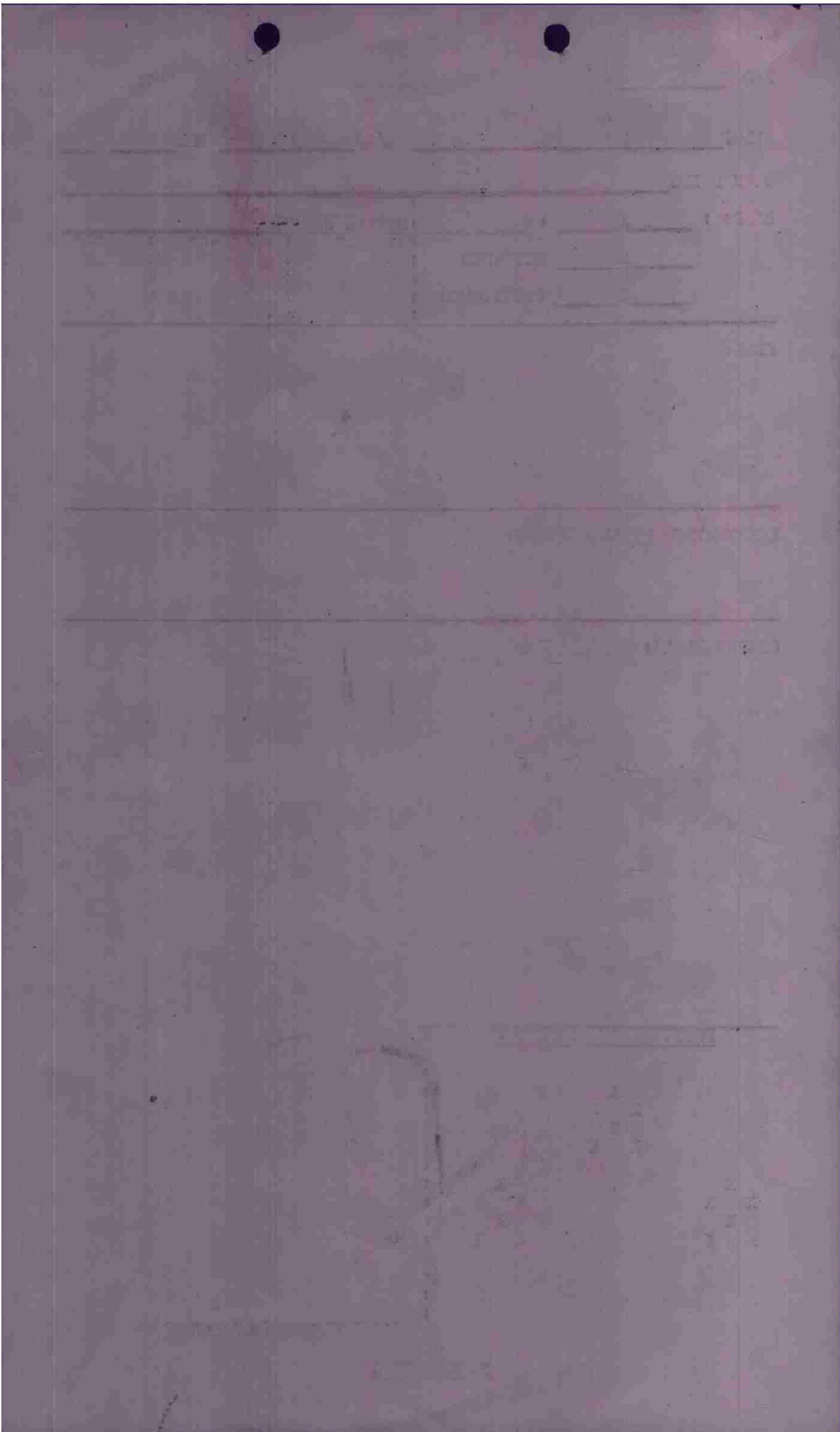
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F/O

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PILOT VAN ROBEA/C# 244BOX I

CASUALTIES

nilBOMBS : 6 X 500 ON

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

:

:

:

:

:

:

"A-C"

"E"

nil

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Called leader - pilot observed
3 trains - 2 headed W 1 East. at
1052 hours in small M/Y - just
before turn on I.P.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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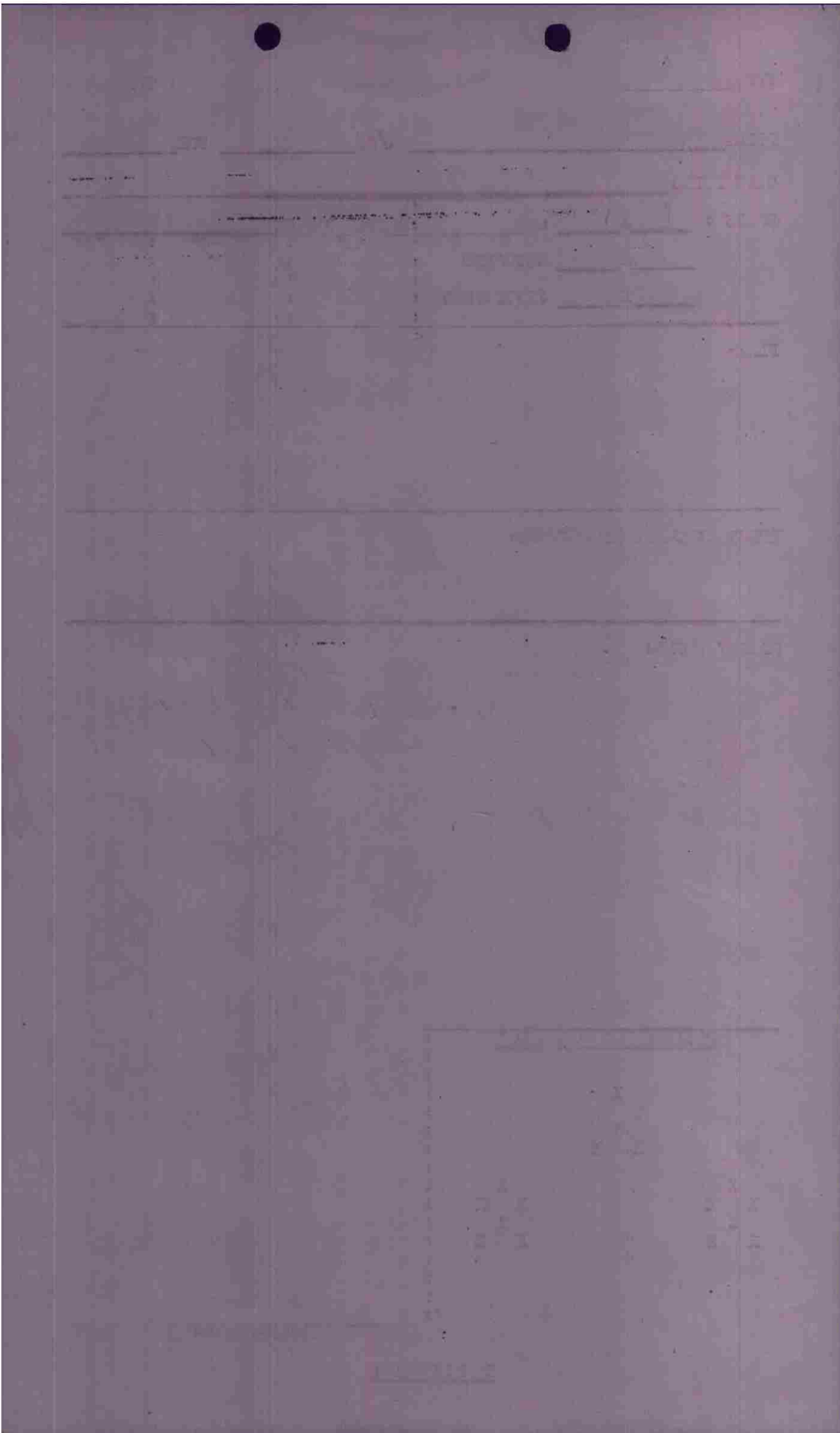
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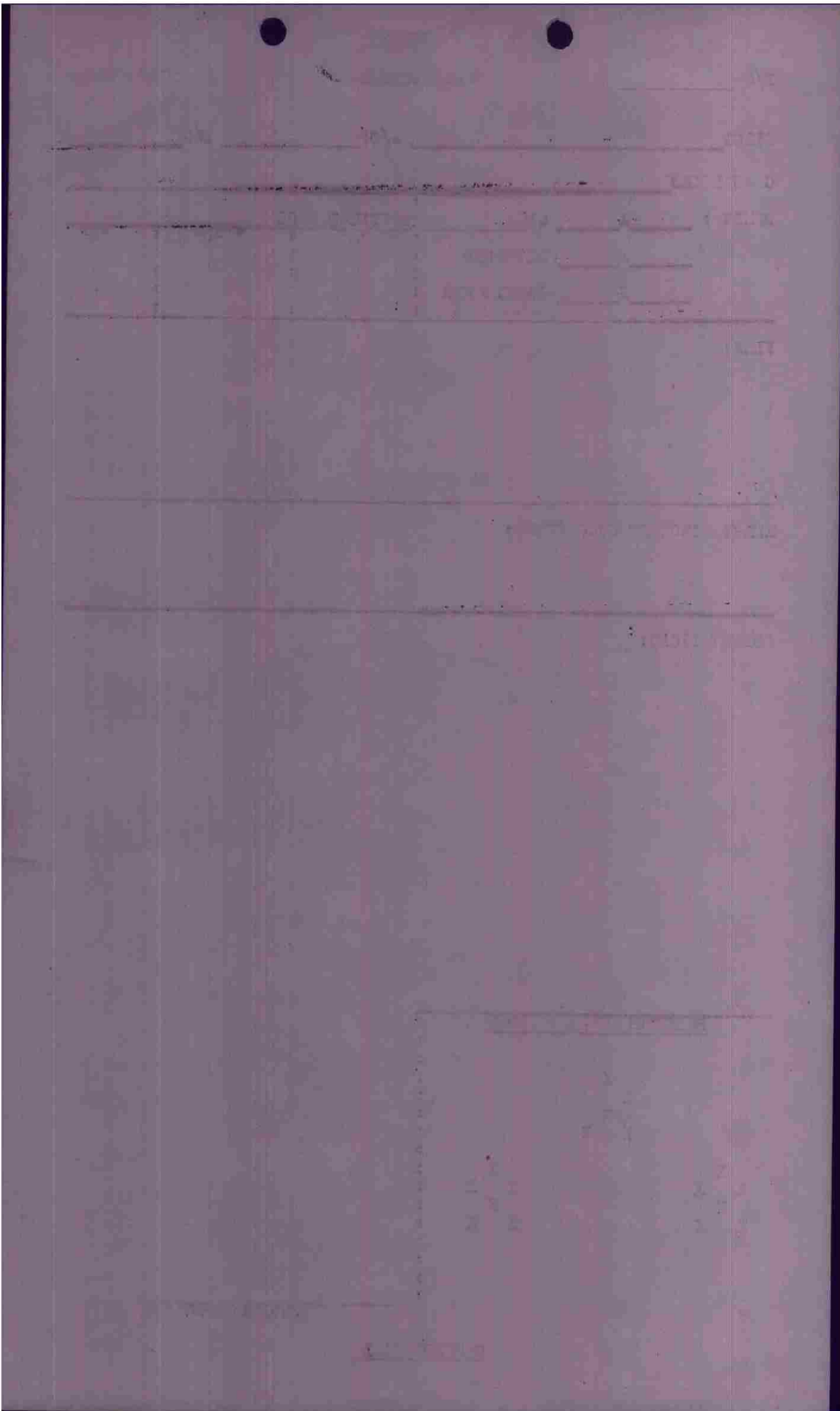
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PILOT NAPIER h/c 11 521 BOX T

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		6	X	500	ON	PPF	BATTLE DAMAGE						
			X			Summary	"A-C"	:	"E"	:	:	:	:
			X			RETURNED		:		:	:	:	:
			X			JETTISONED	nil	:		:	:	:	:

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10
P-51 area covered
244 I reported 2 trains at 1052
(114 4072) at 50 ~~20~~ 108 20. at 1.
3mi from IP Reported to Rippon at 1120

T O T - 1059

alt - 13,200

afis 35^u mag

TAS 1950

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X
X X
X
X X

X X
X X

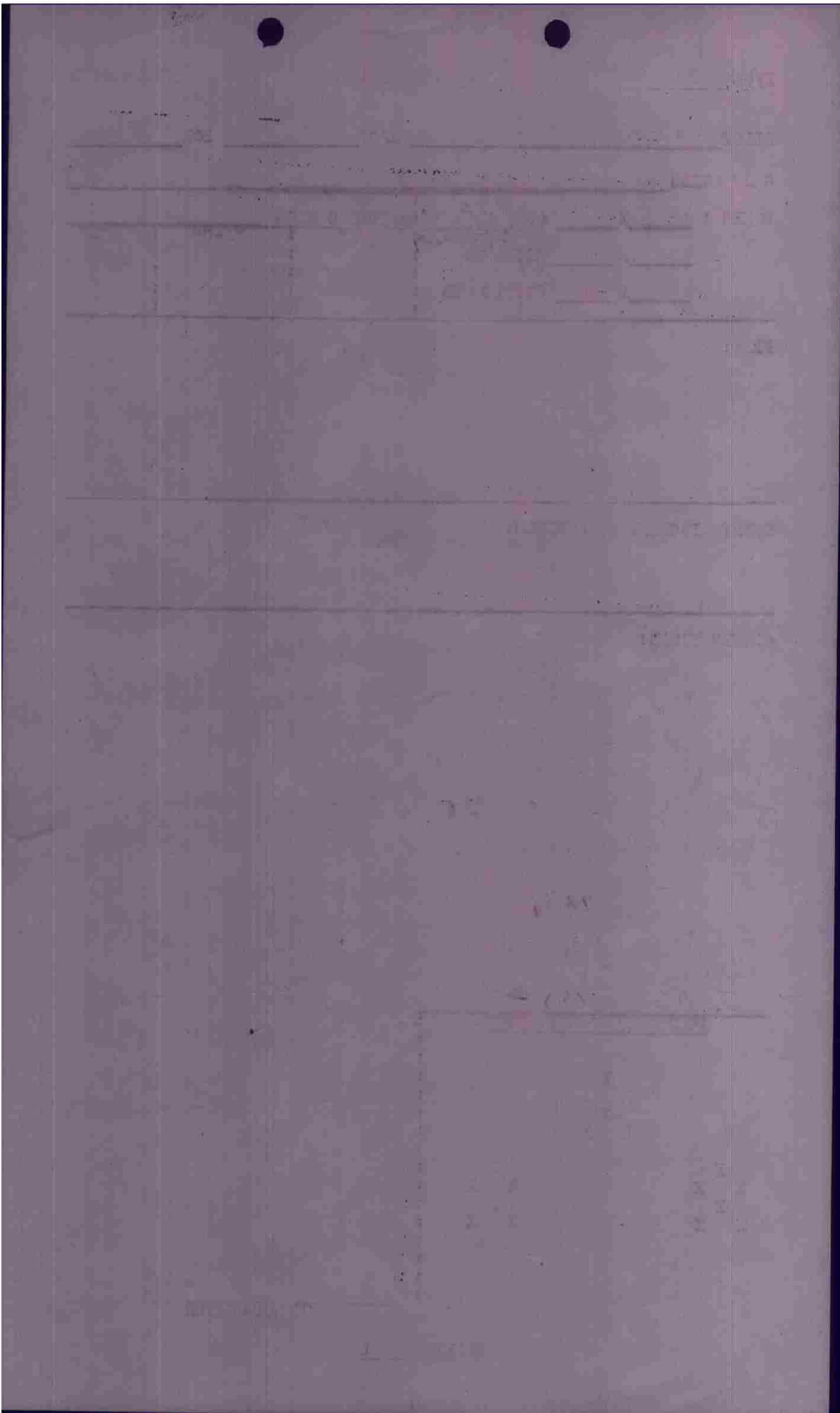
Approved to be on
course on time
over WISCONSIN

Window birdseed

Luvia

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~~AND 250 IV~~

Bomb

Babbage

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PILOT ANDERSEN H/C# 523 BOX T

CASUALTIES

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BOMBS :	6	X	500	ON PPF	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X			RETURNED				
	X			JETTISONED		nil		

FLAK:

will

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10

POSITION IN FORMATION

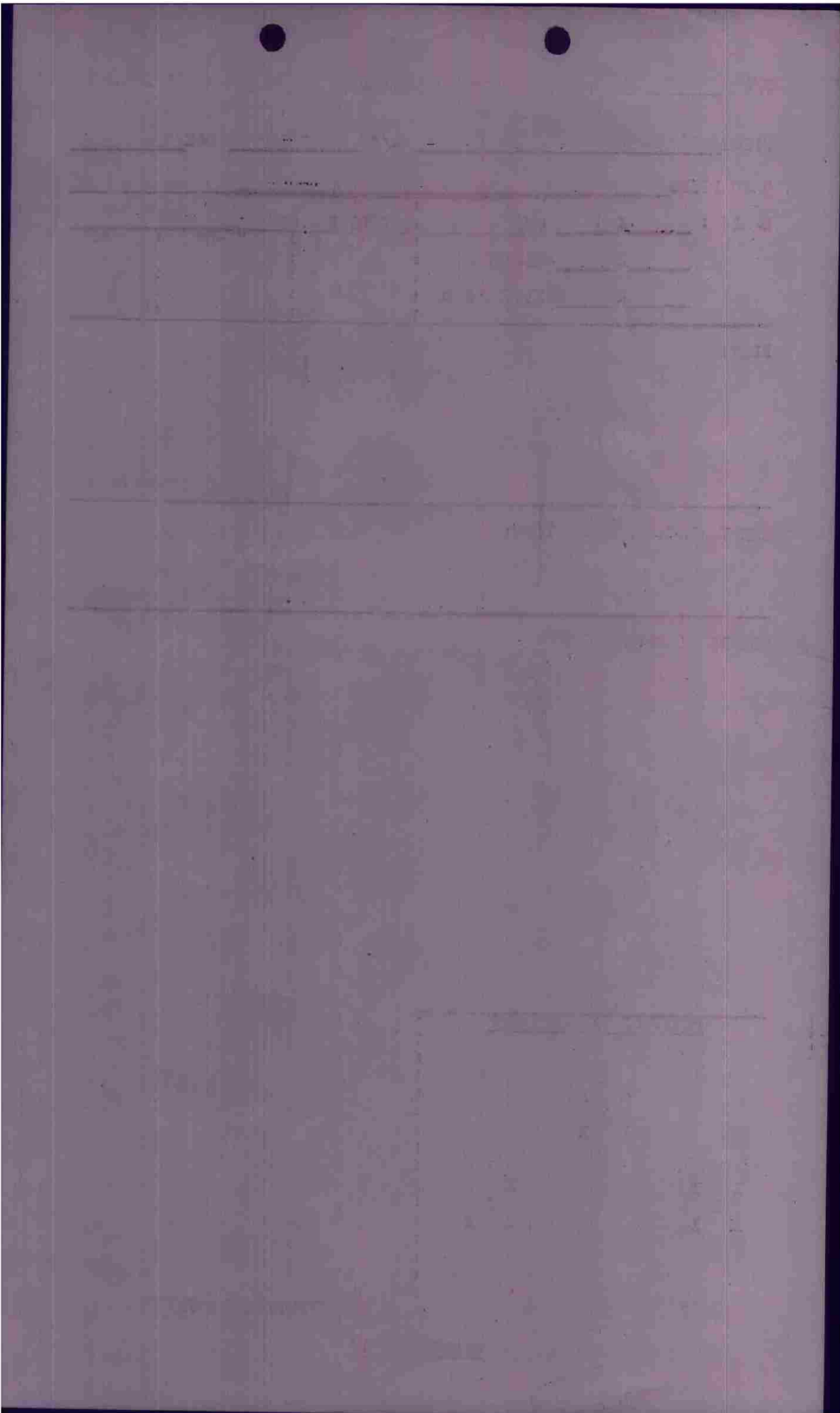
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X X X

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PILOT TURNER A/C# 344 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
```

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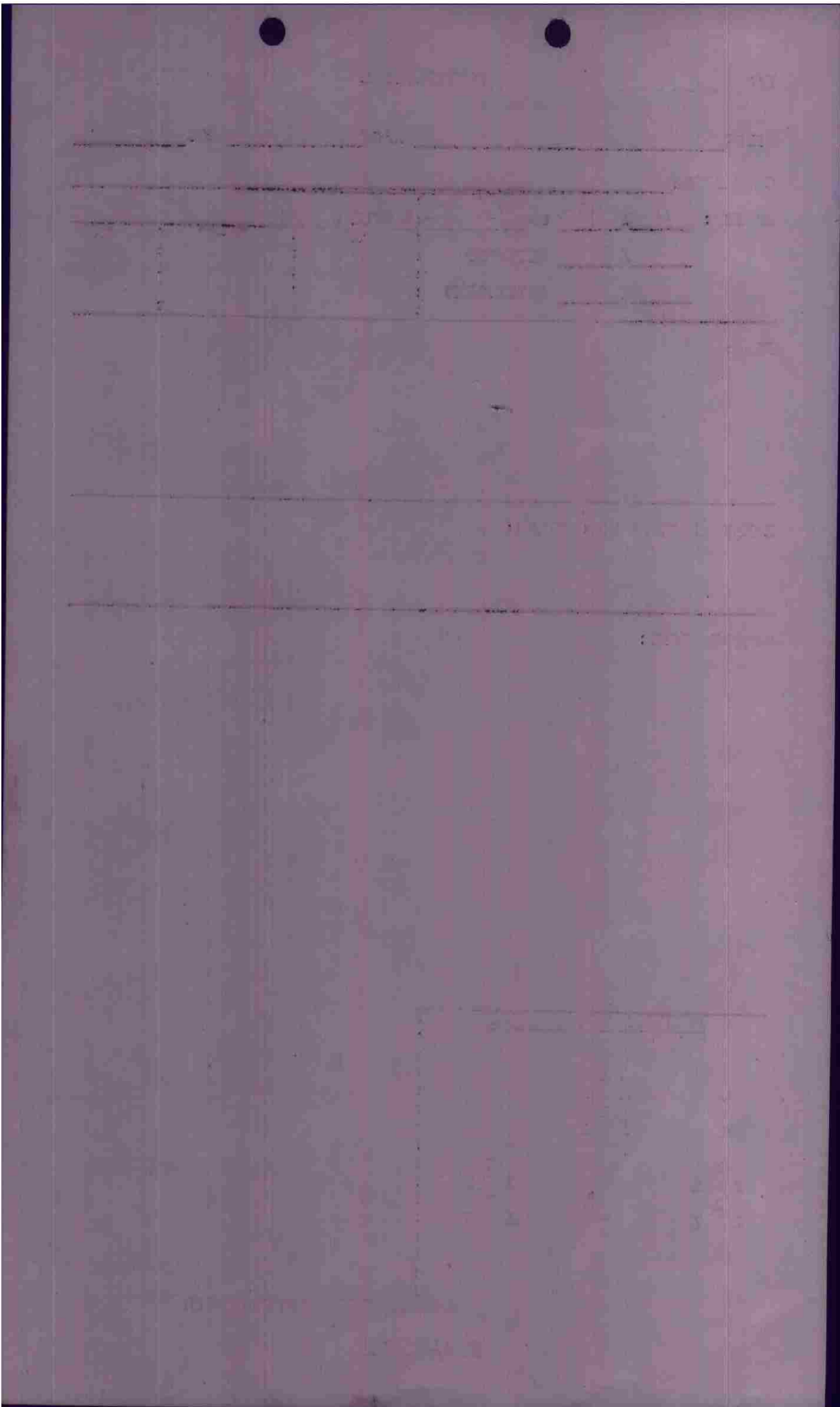
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  X  X
  X  X
  
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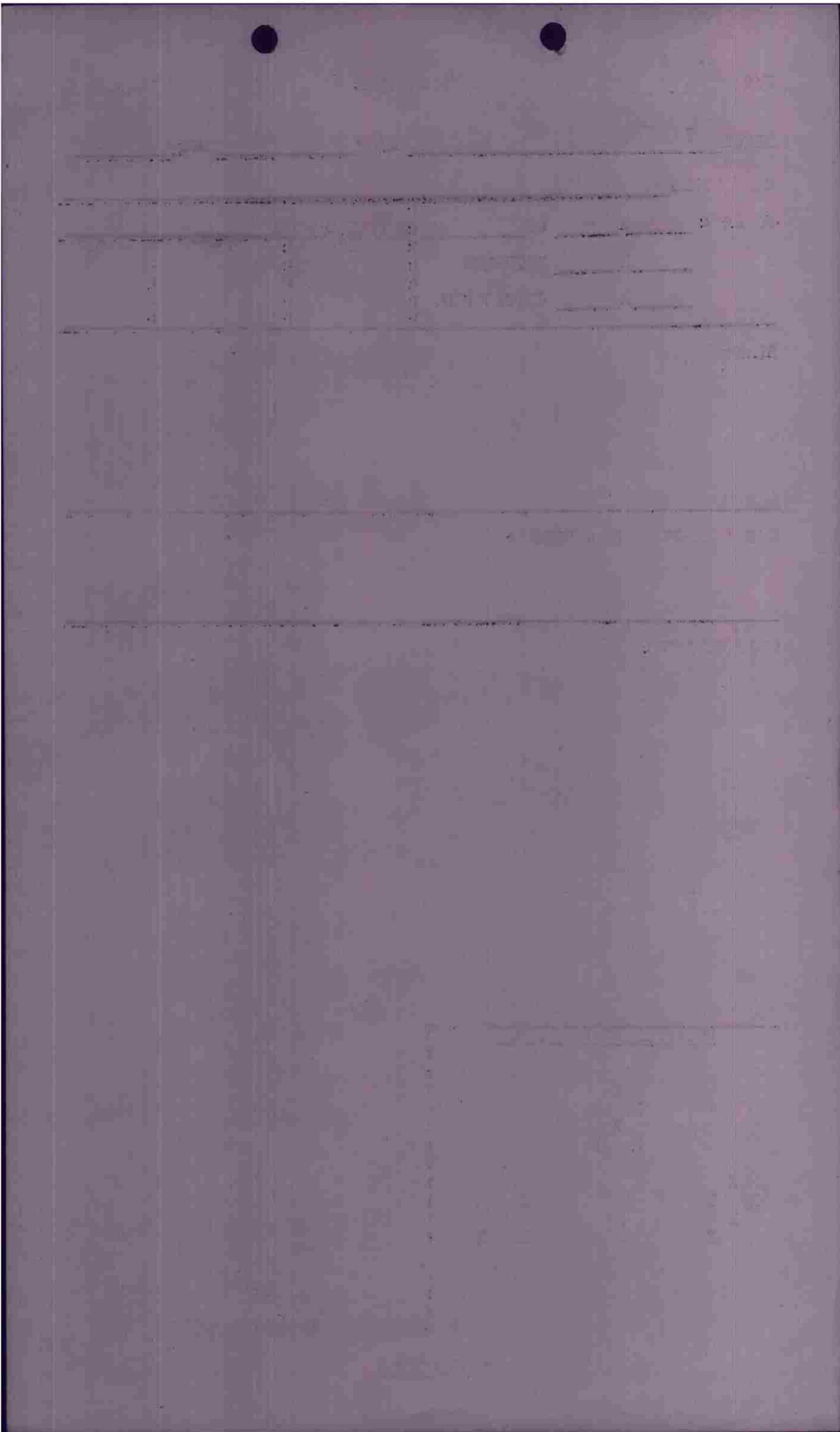
      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
```

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	6	X	500	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X			RETURNED				
	X			JETTISONED		nil		

FLAK:

mil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

mil

OBSERVATIONS:

15 P-51 ^{mi forget} _{aria}

POSITION IN ECHELLETTION

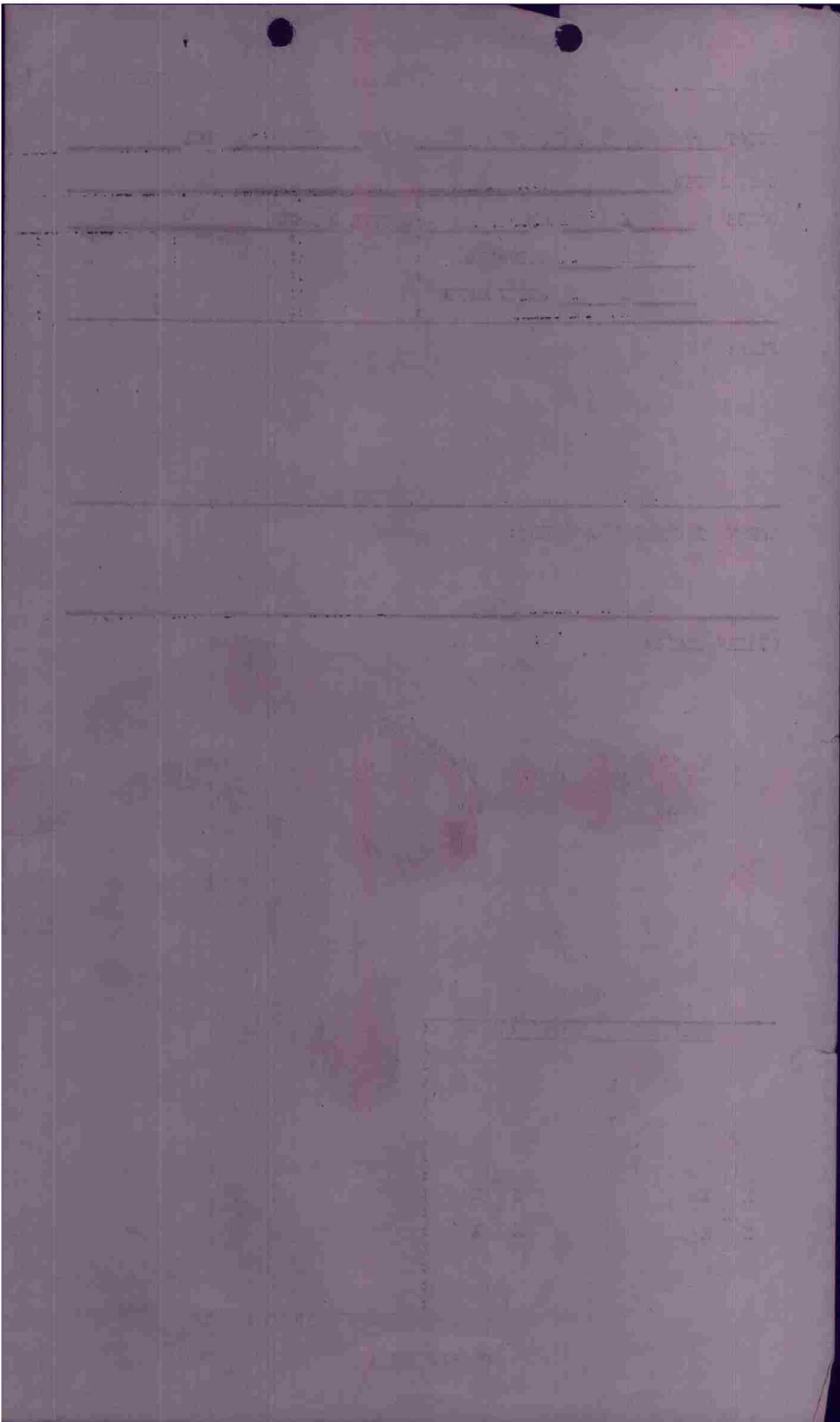
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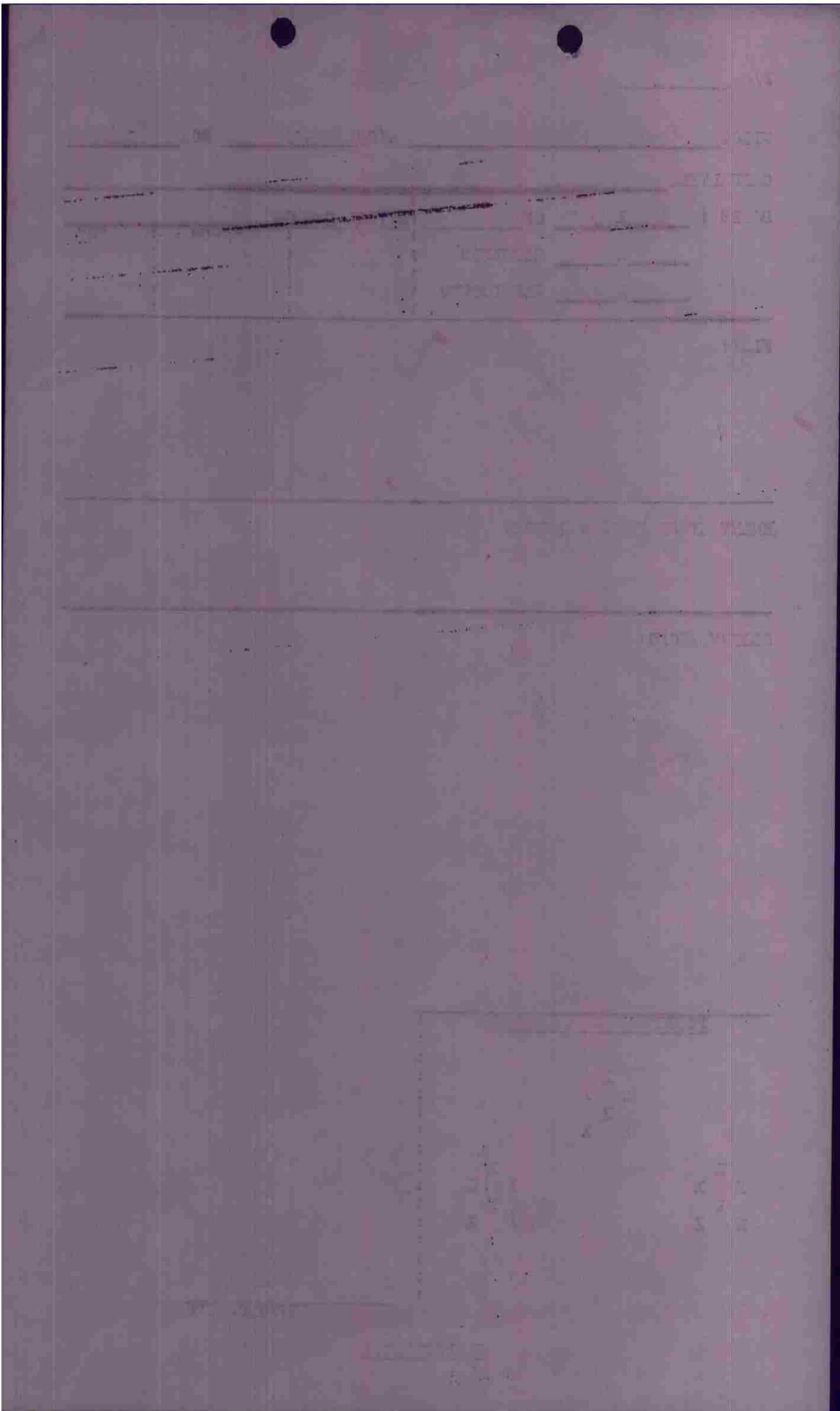
X
X X
X X
X X

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PILOT JORDON A/C# 362 BOX 1

CASULTIES

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

FLAK:

Name

ENEMY AIRCRAFT-ENCOUNTERS:

None

OBSERVATIONS:

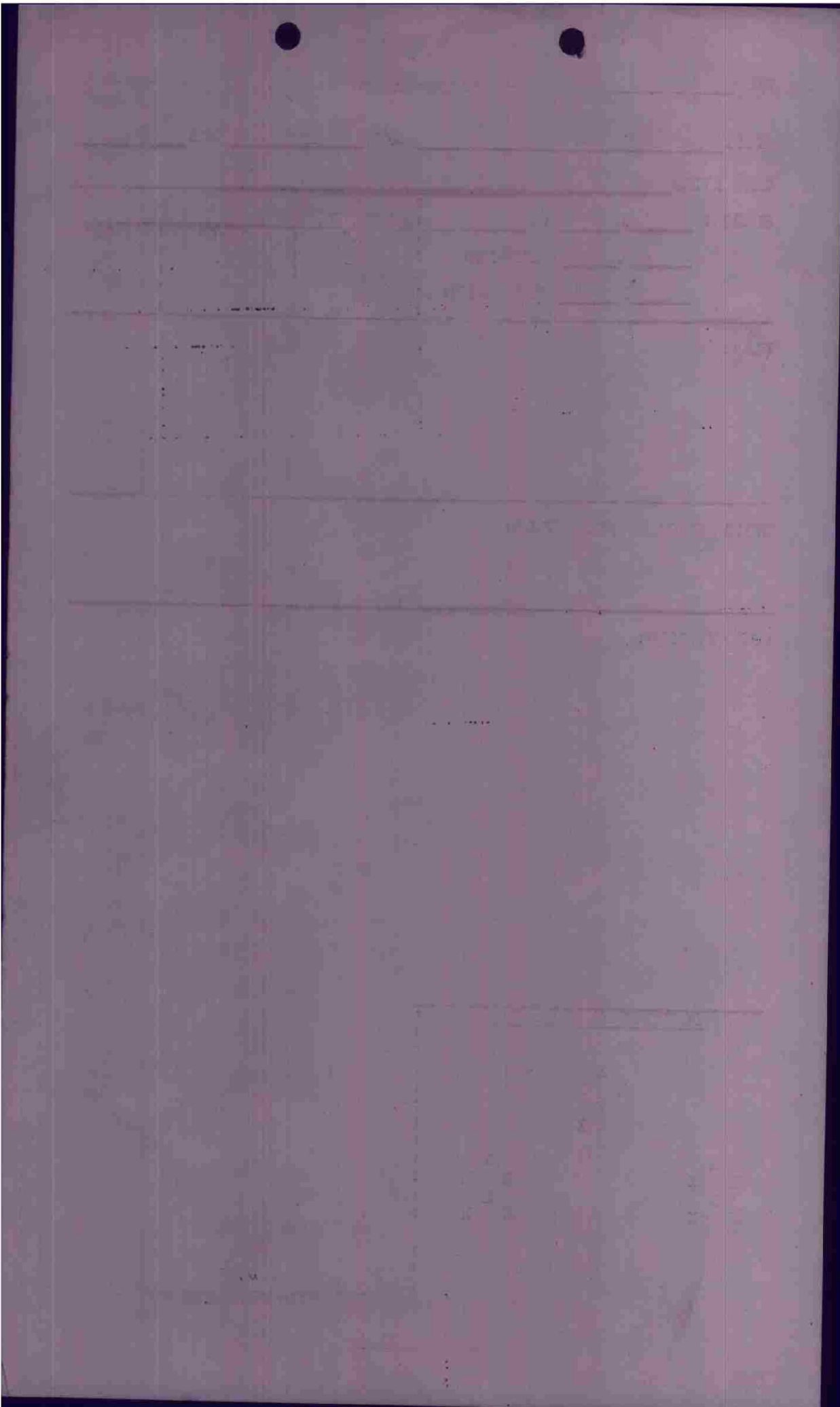
PPF
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POSITION IN POPULATION

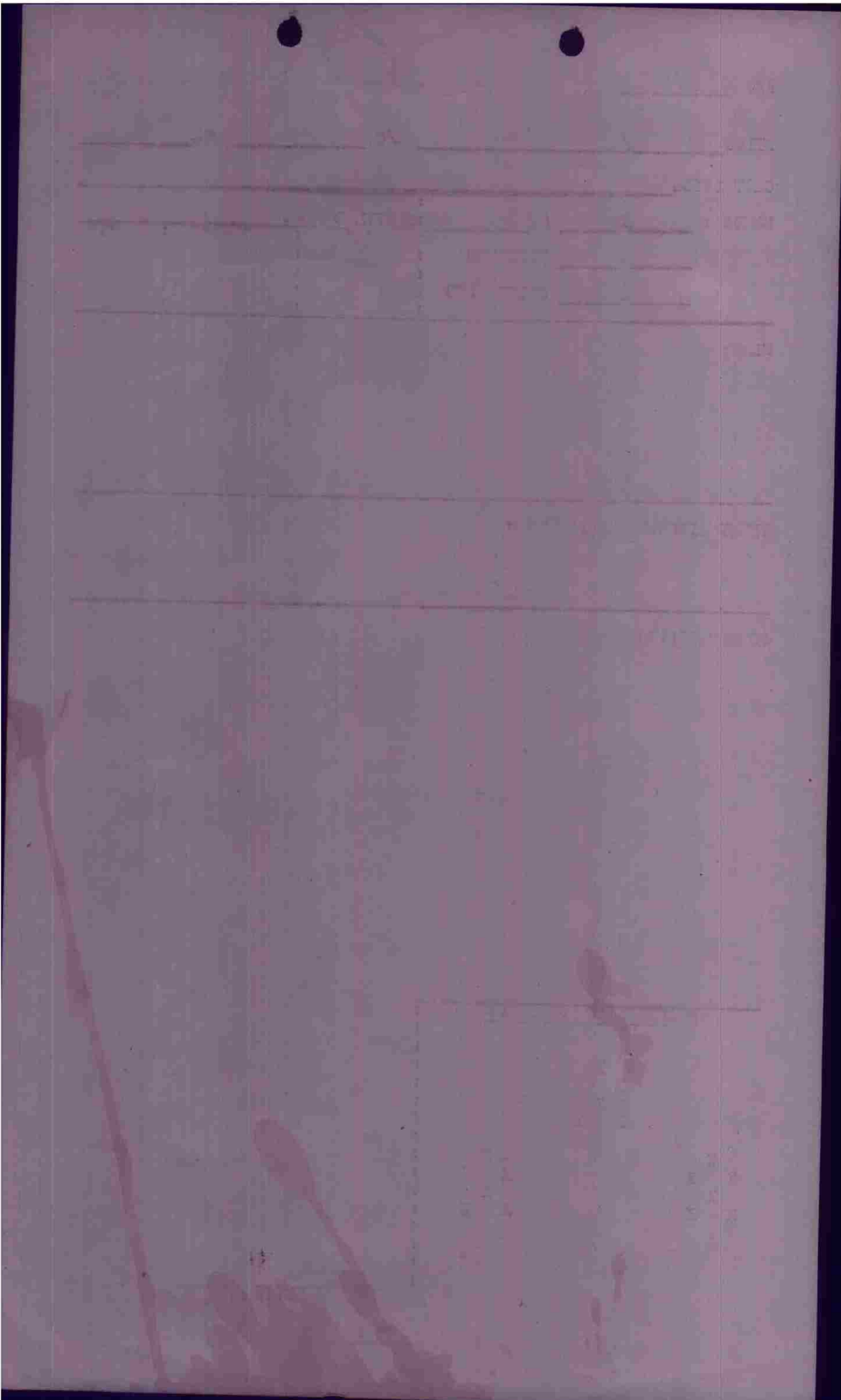
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PILOT

WALLMANA/C# 250

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

6 1500 ON Pr

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

FLAK:

None

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

None

OBSERVATIONS:

Three holes in overcast observed
fighters below

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  (X)
  
```

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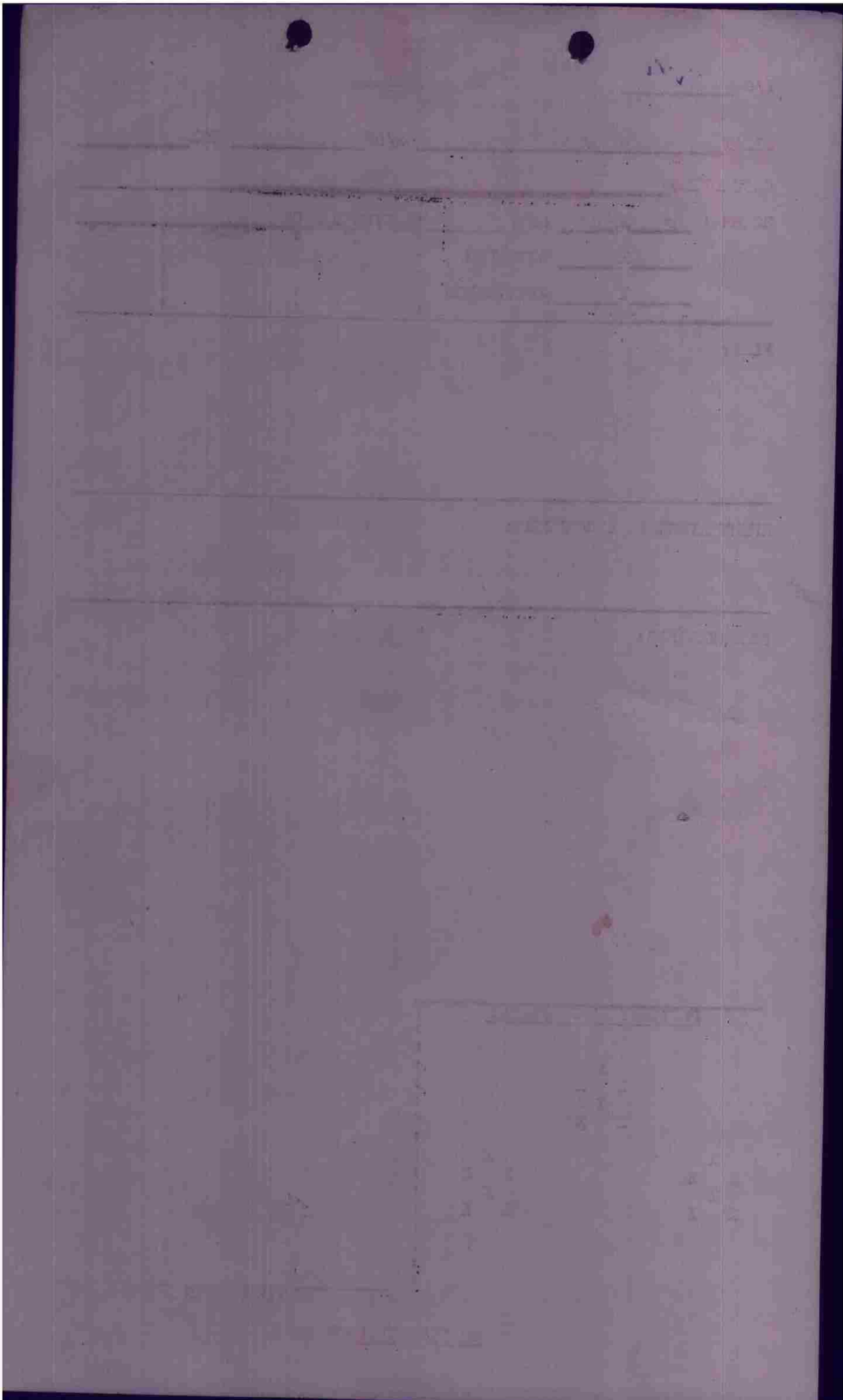
    X
  X  X
    X
  X  X
  
```

```

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
```

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PILOT SEARS A/C# 356 BOX 5

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

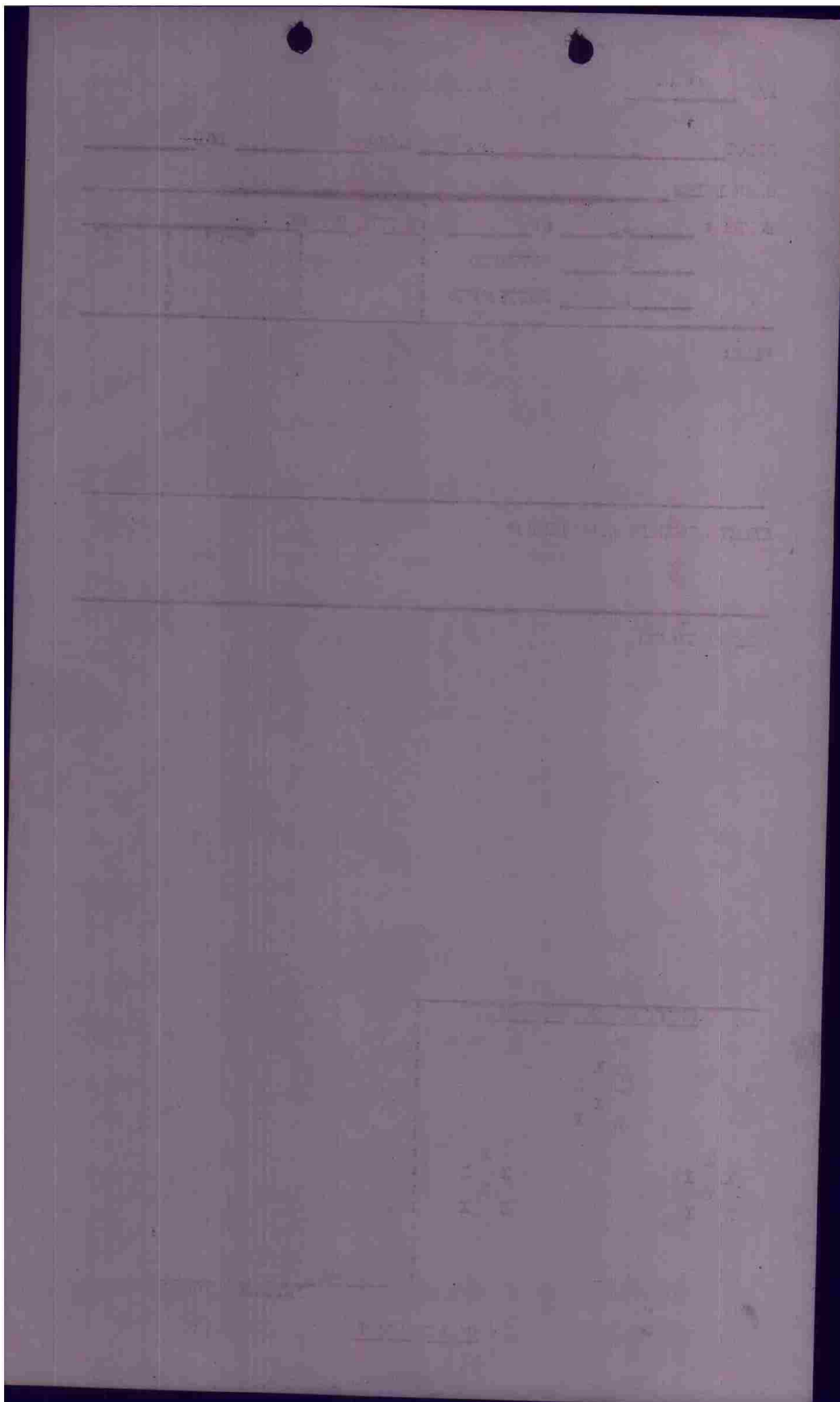
OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT MILLER A/C# 487 BOX T

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
<u>1</u> X <u>500</u>				
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

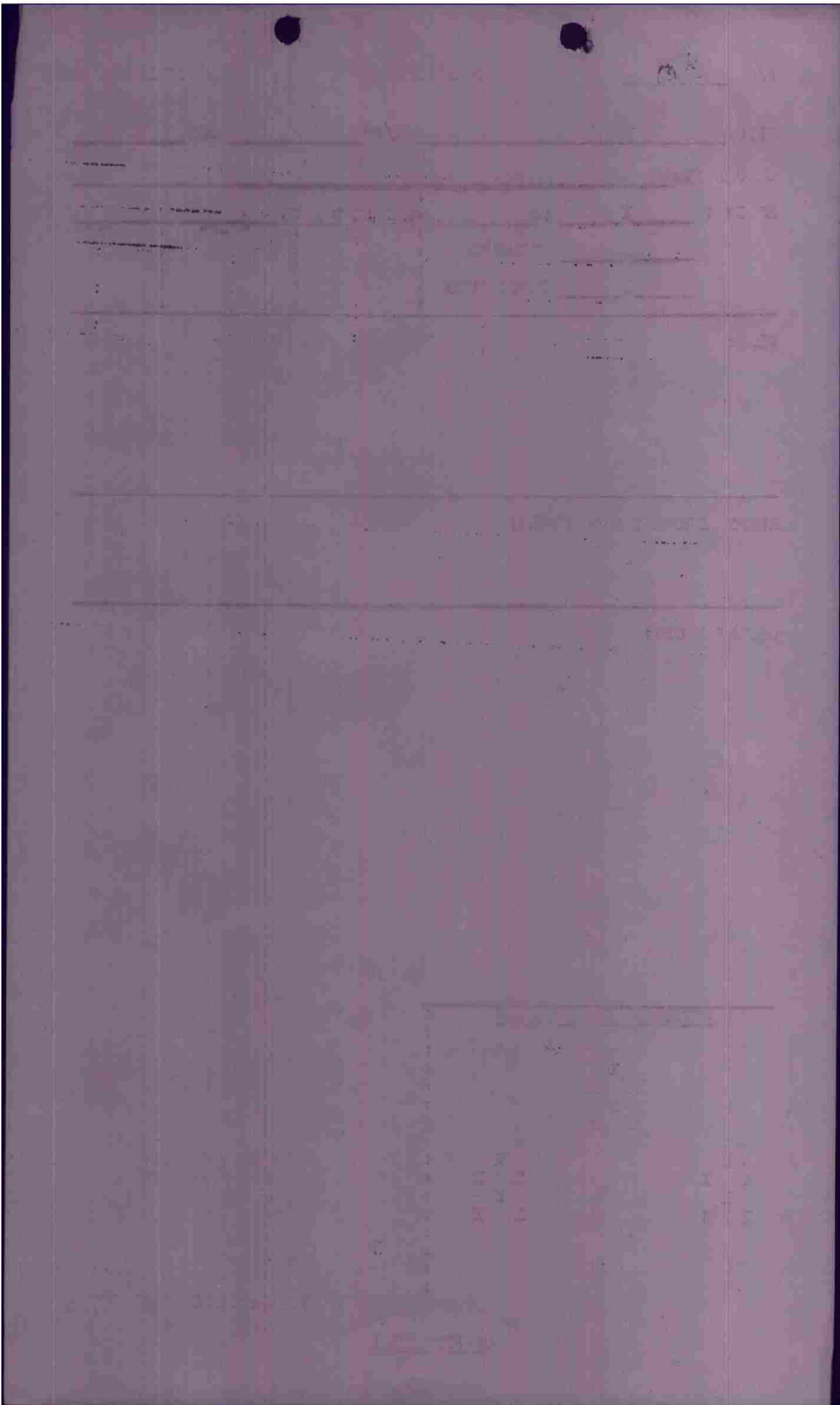
13,700 TGT 1059 $\frac{1}{2}$
 bombed PPF 330 285 AIS

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT DEPNER A/C# 263 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

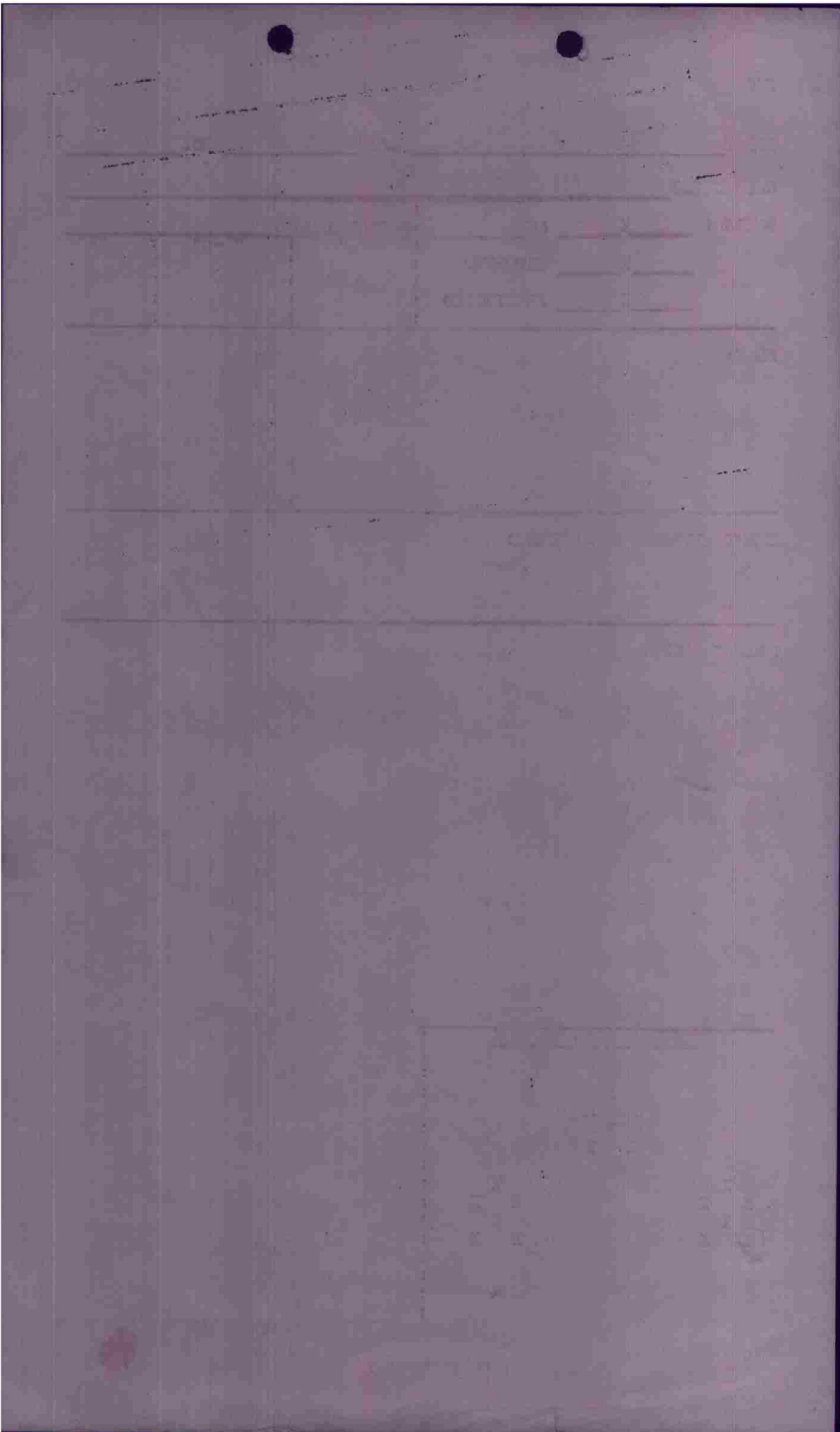
OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT HAYTER A/C# 271 BOX F

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

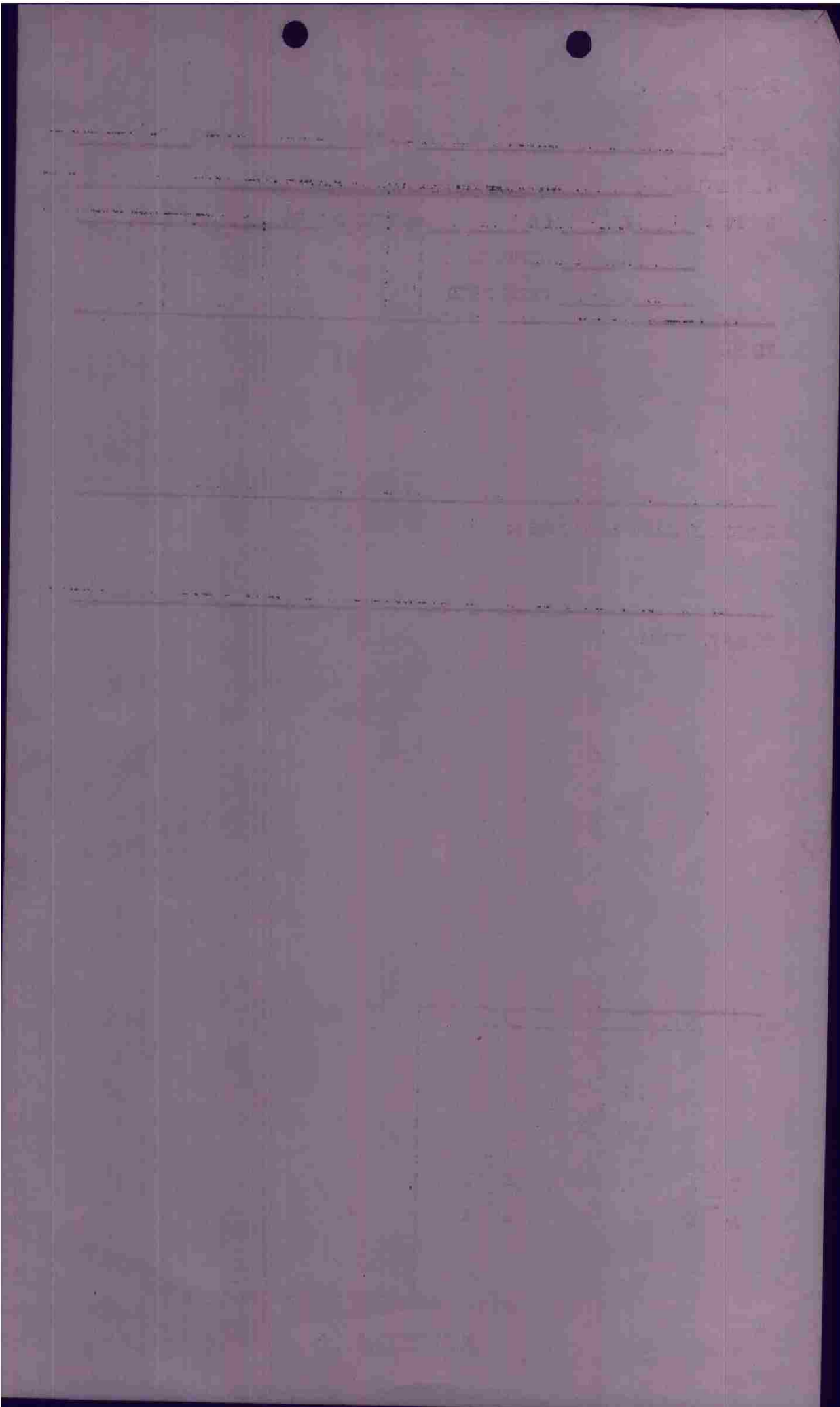
OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT D.E. SMITH A/C # 1 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

1.8/10 as target

POSITION IN POPULATION

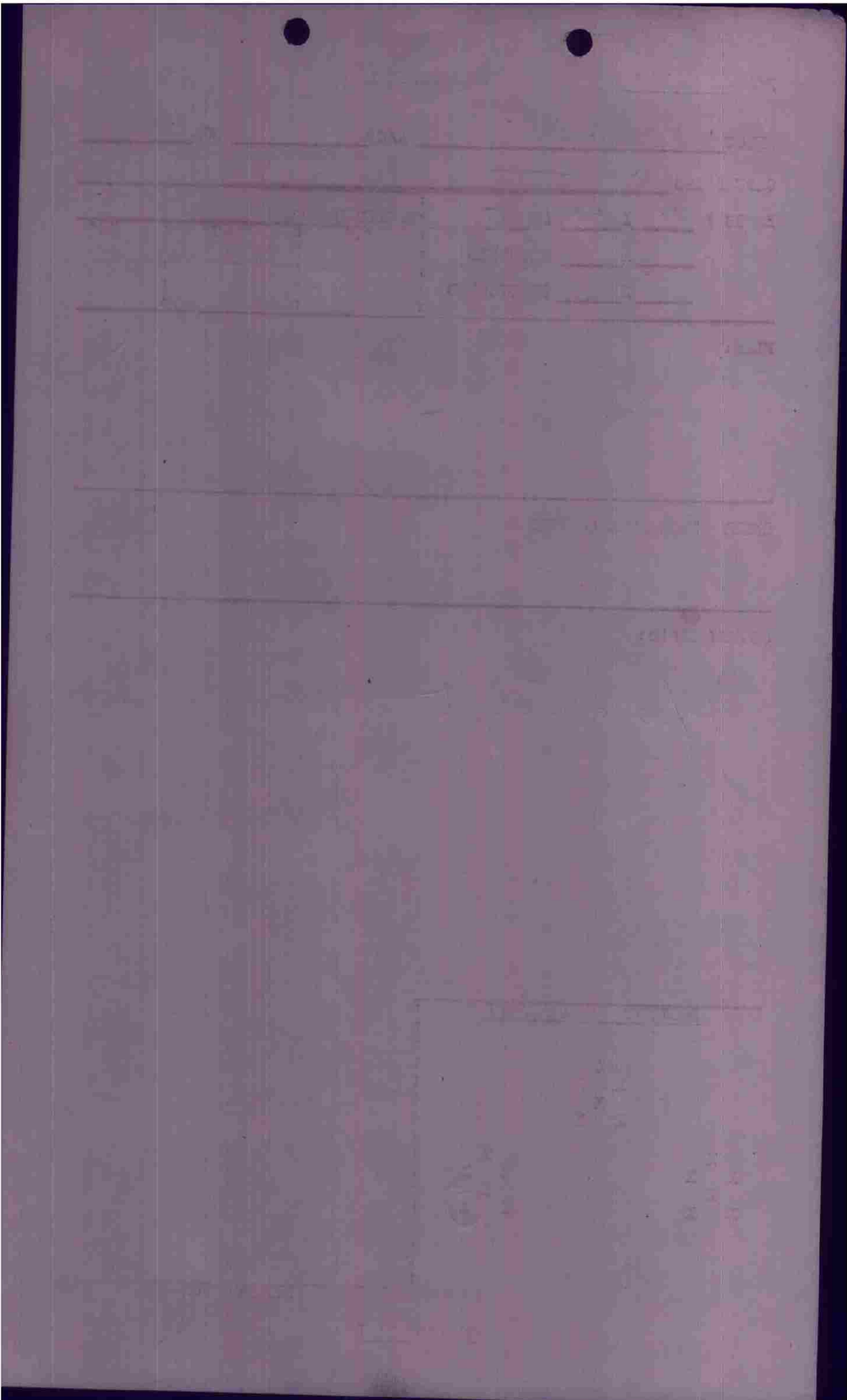
X
X X
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X

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X X
X X
X X

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PILOT WEINERT A/C# 354 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 3 X 500 ON

: BATTLE DAMAGE

rack mat- / K 500 RETURNED
function

JETTONSON

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10 with breaks

POSITION IN POPULATION

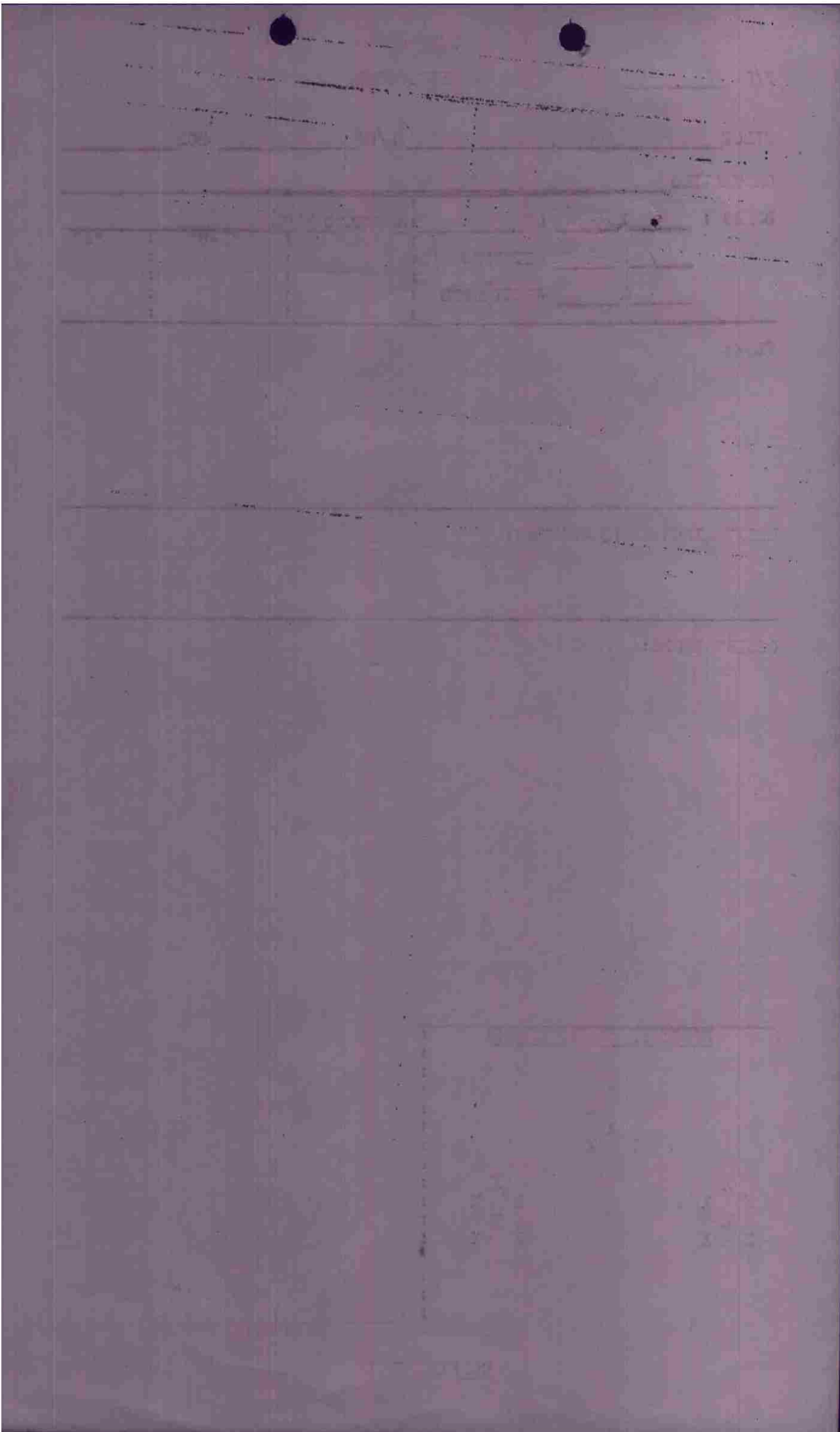
X
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X X
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X X X

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PILOT JOHINEN A/C# 300 BOX 2

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

*Saw jet chased by P51 about 10-12 miles
SW of target*

OBSERVATIONS:

*Dropped on the on 2nd
9/18 at target*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT EASTMANA/C# 419

BOX

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON 2nd : BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

1026 AM thru hole in clouds saw
 M/Y well filled, activity
 10/10 at target

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
```

```

    X
  X  X
  X  X
  X  X
  
```

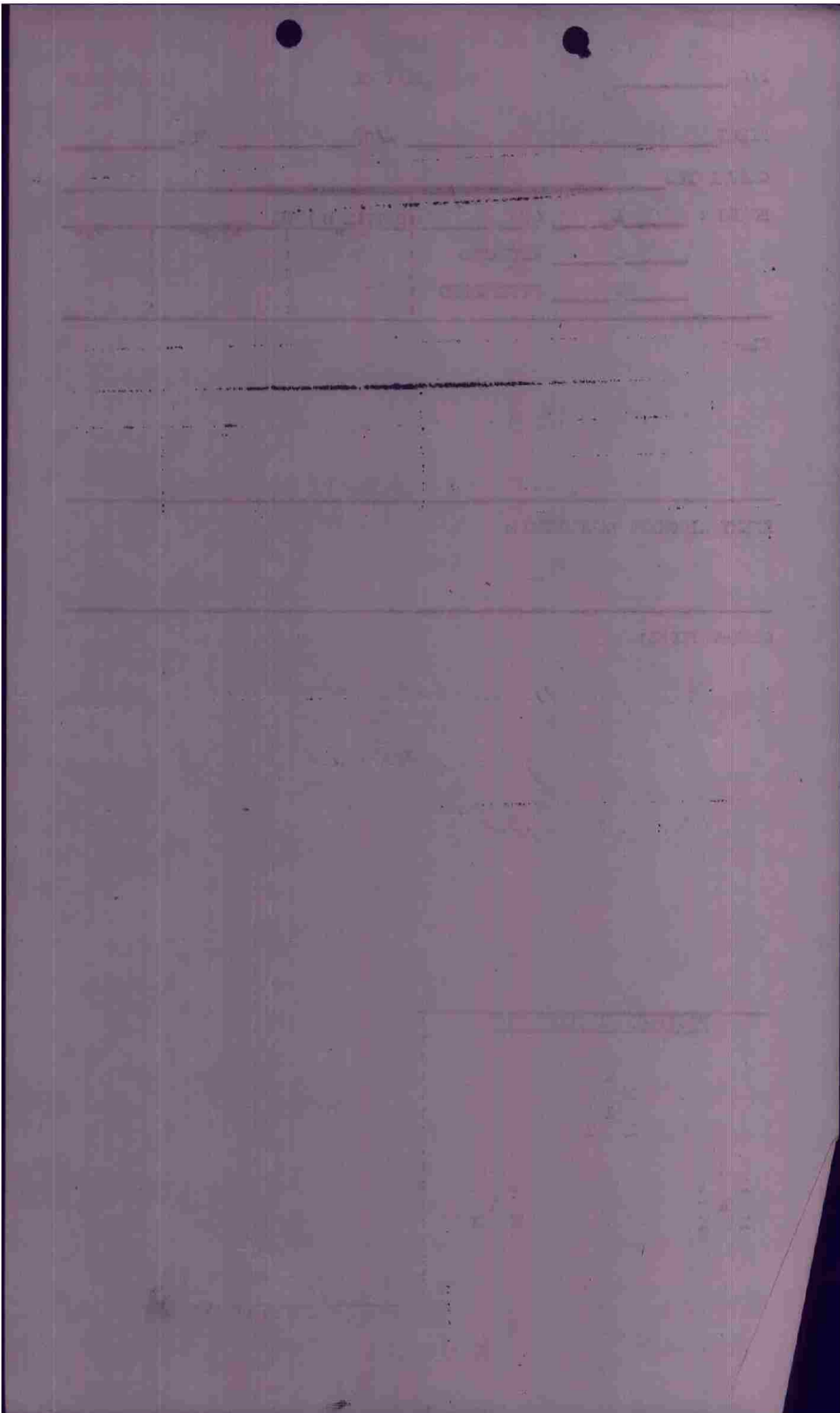
(X)

```

      X
    X  X
    X  X
    X  X
  
```

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PILOT WITTINGTON A/C# 297 BOX 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>1</u>	<u>X</u> <u>500</u>	<u>ON</u> <u>200</u>			
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

*Saw bombs hit across town
then hole in clouds*

POSITION IN CORRELATION

```

      X
    (X) X
      X
    X  X
  
```

```

    X
  X  X
    X
  X  X
  
```

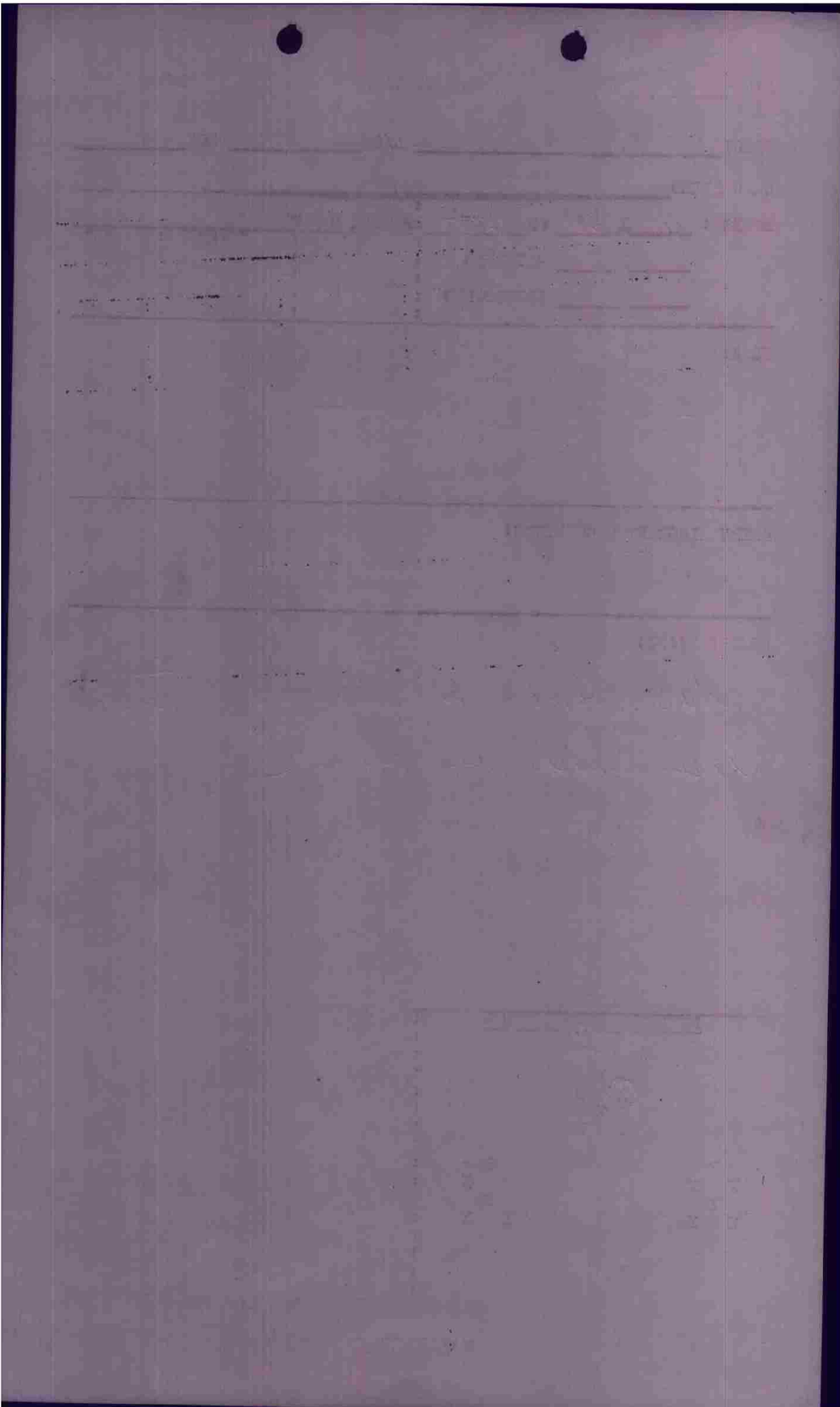
```

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
```

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PILOT GRUNIG A/C# 507 BOX IV

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>6</u>	<u>X 580</u> ON	:	:	:
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	:	:
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

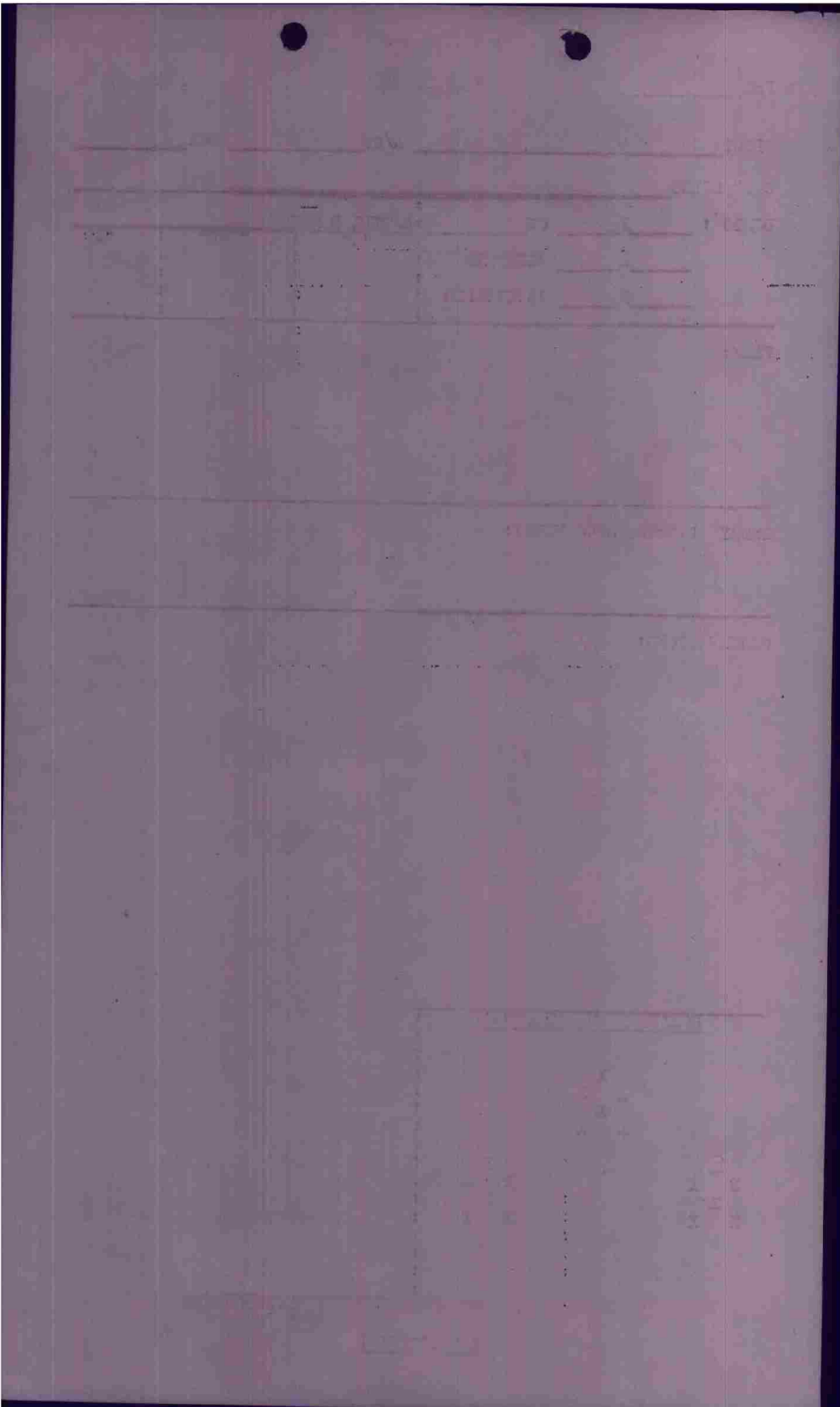
secondary
 11,000' TOT 1108 $\frac{1}{2}$ 200 AIS
 275 $^{\circ}$ Heading
 Bombs were seen to go into Tgt.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT MURRAY A/C# 209 BOX 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	580	RETURNED			
X		JETTISONED			

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

secondary

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X  X
    (X)
    X  X

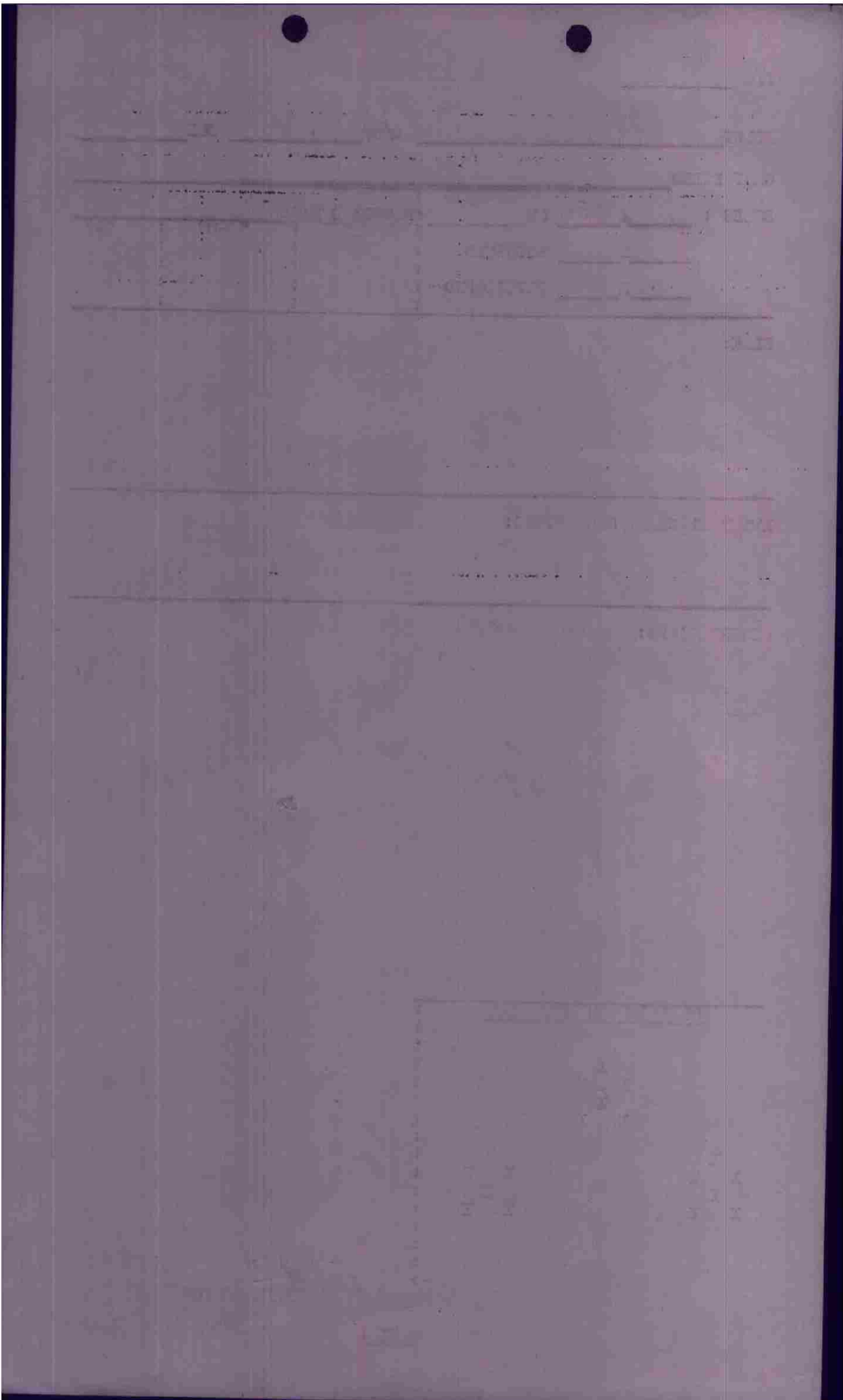
X  X
X  X
X  X

      X
    X  X
    X  X
  
```

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PILOT MONTROSE A/C# 335 BOX 2

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

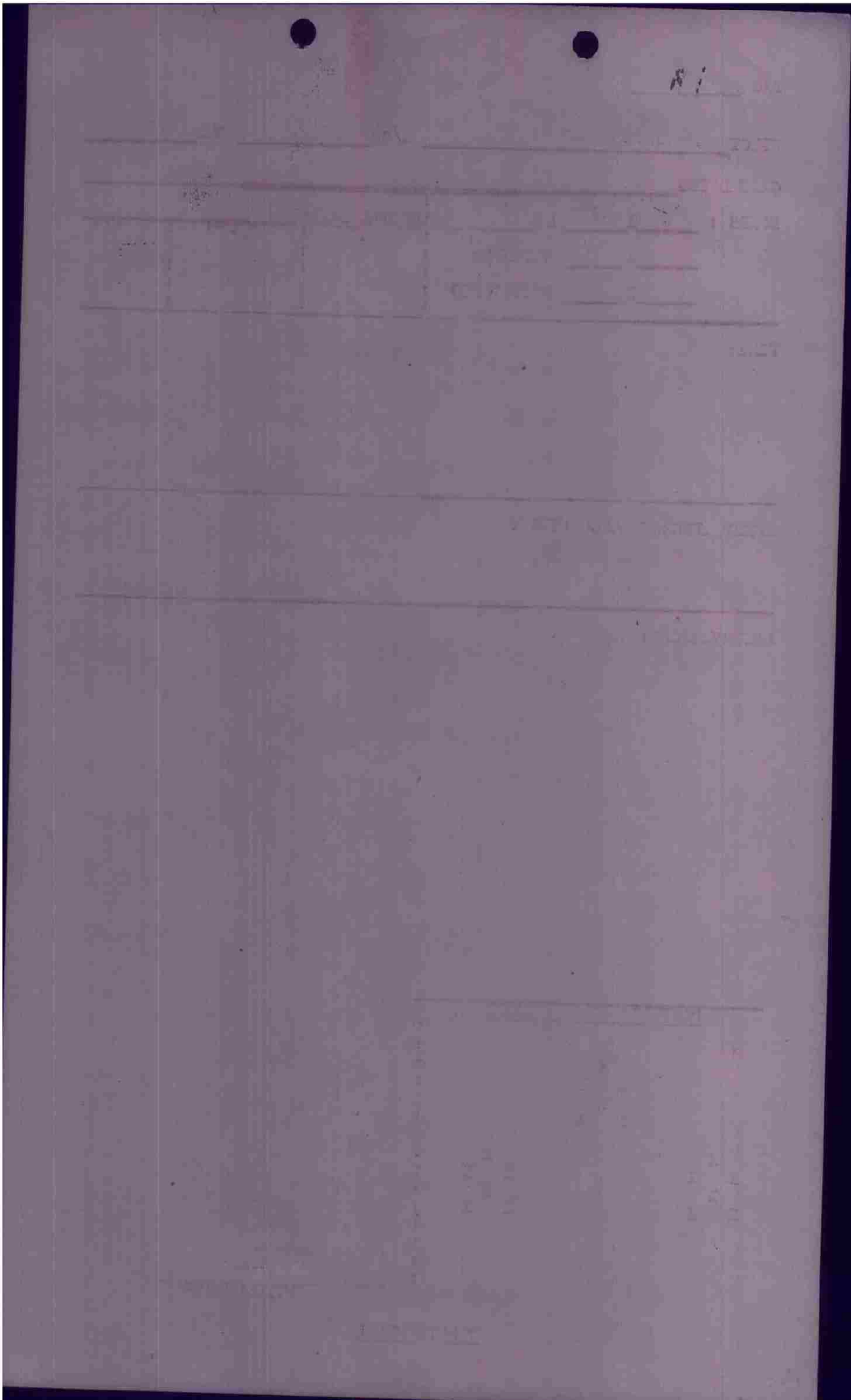
POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT HIXON A/C# 239 BOX 2

CASUALTIES

None

BOOMBS :	X	500	ON	Secondary	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X		RETURNED					
	X		JETTISONED					

FLAK:

None

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: gunner Hixon believed he saw seven twin jet A/C above being pursued by P51's

OBSERVATIONS:

gunner saw bombs struck on edge of town while in a turn.

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

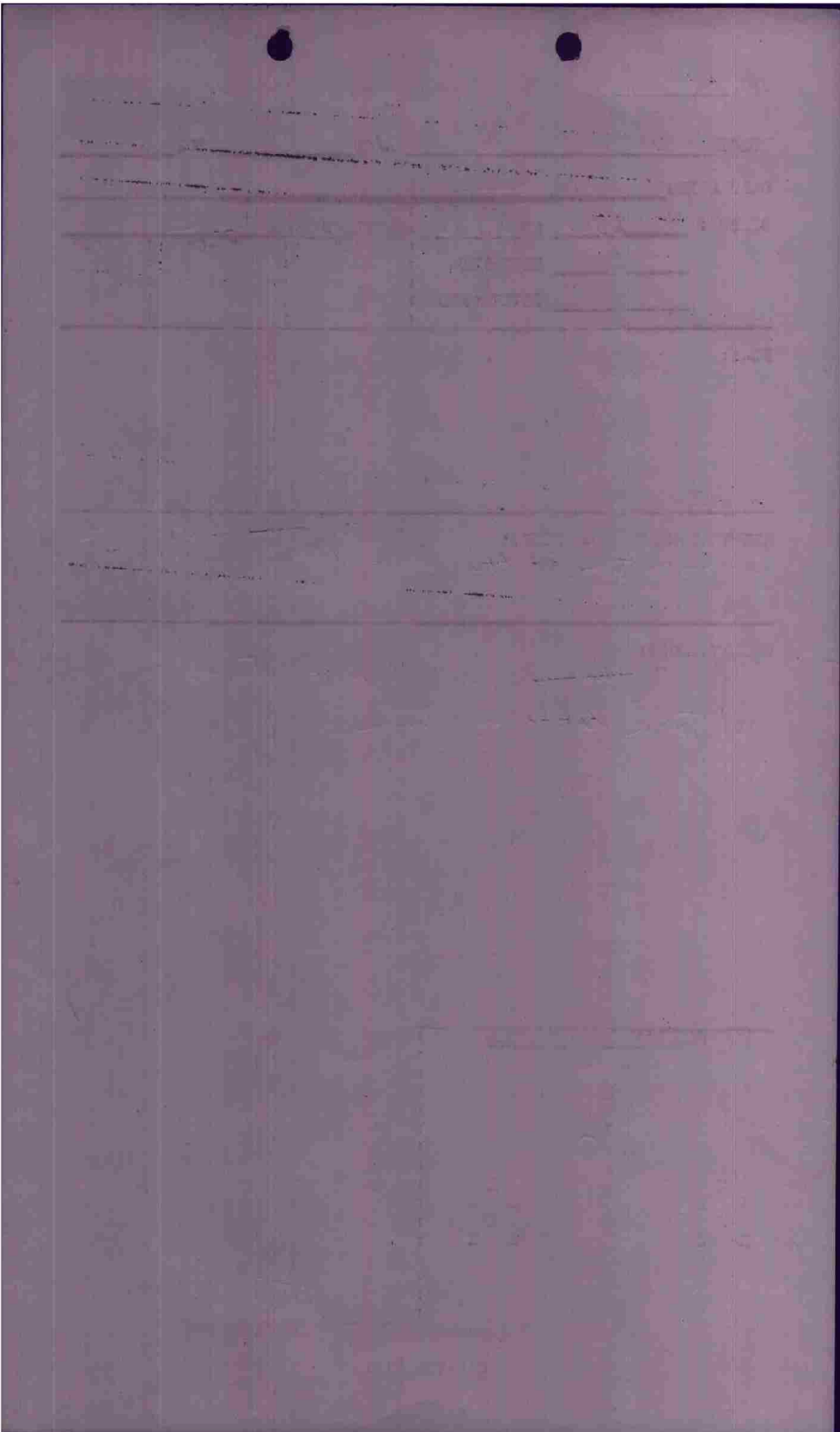
      X
    X  X
      X
    X  (X)

X  X
X  X
X  X

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
```

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A/C#

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

6

X

500

ON

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Secondary on the
12,200
1108 1/2

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

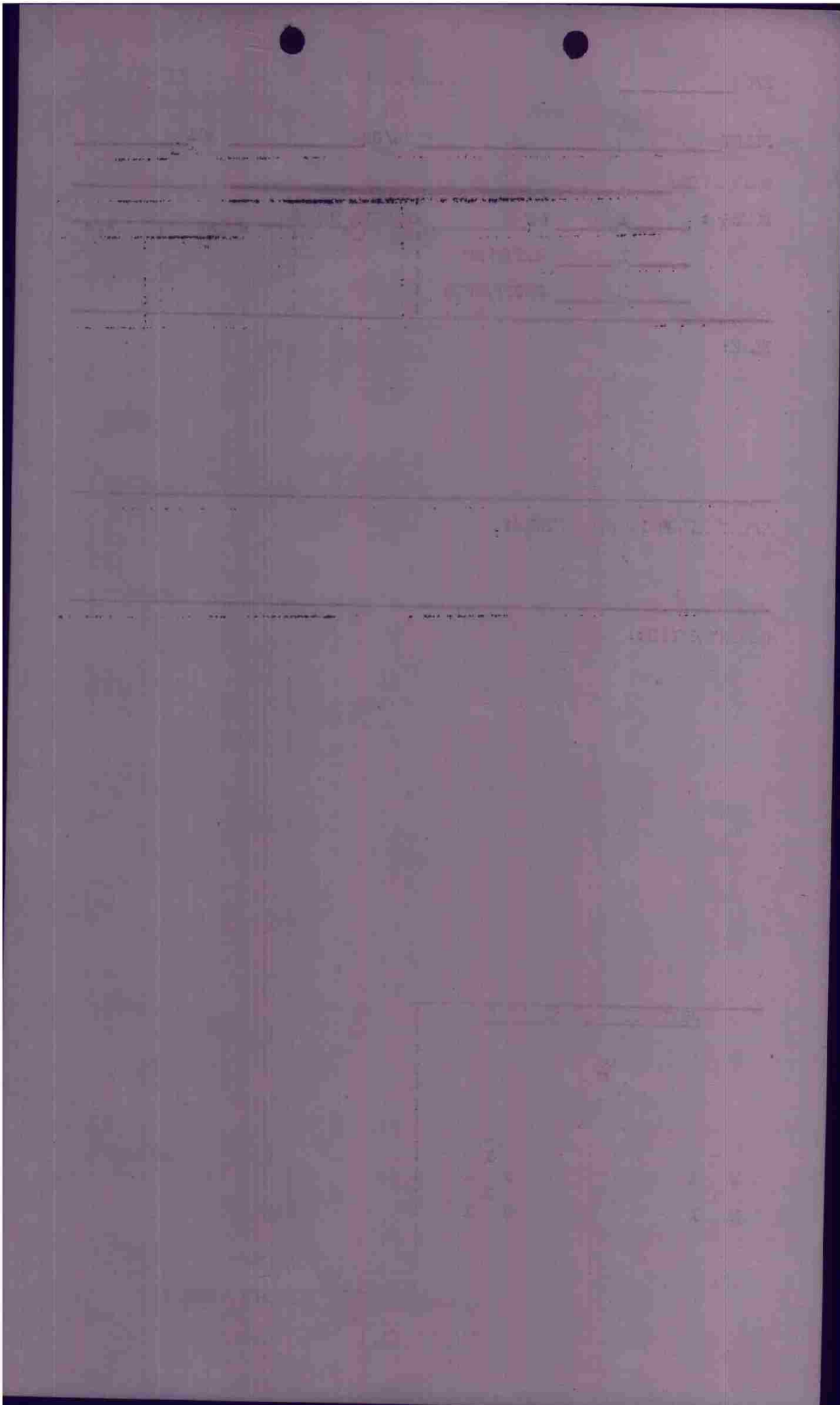
X
X X
X X

X
X X
X X

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PILOT HALE A/C# 325 BOX 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>500</u>	ON	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:		:		:	
		<u>X</u>		RETURNED	:		:		:		:	
		<u>X</u>		JETTISONED	:		:		:		:	

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

2 trainers under power between 10 + 197.POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
```

```

    X
  X  X
    X
  
```

```

    X
  X  X
    X
  
```

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PILOT

TURMAN

A/C#

205

BOX

2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

6X 500

ON

Sec

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

FLAK:

None

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

None

OBSERVATIONS:

Dropped on Sec - Flight leader on fire
Bombs landed in edge of woods
and open field -

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
```

```

    X
  X  X
  X  X
  X  (X)
  
```

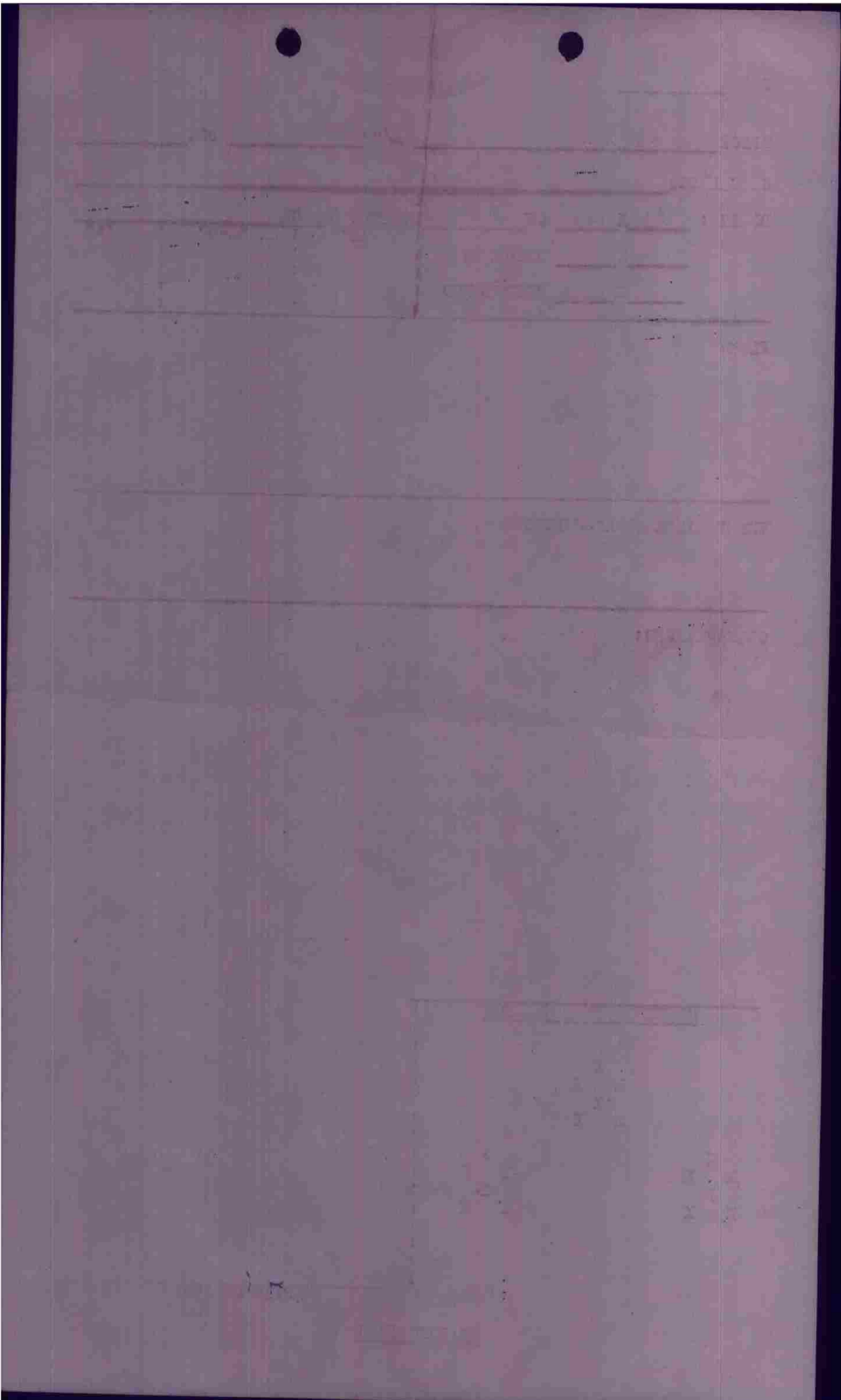
```

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
```

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PILOT CHITTY A/C# 330 BOX 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
6 X 100 ON			
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED			

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

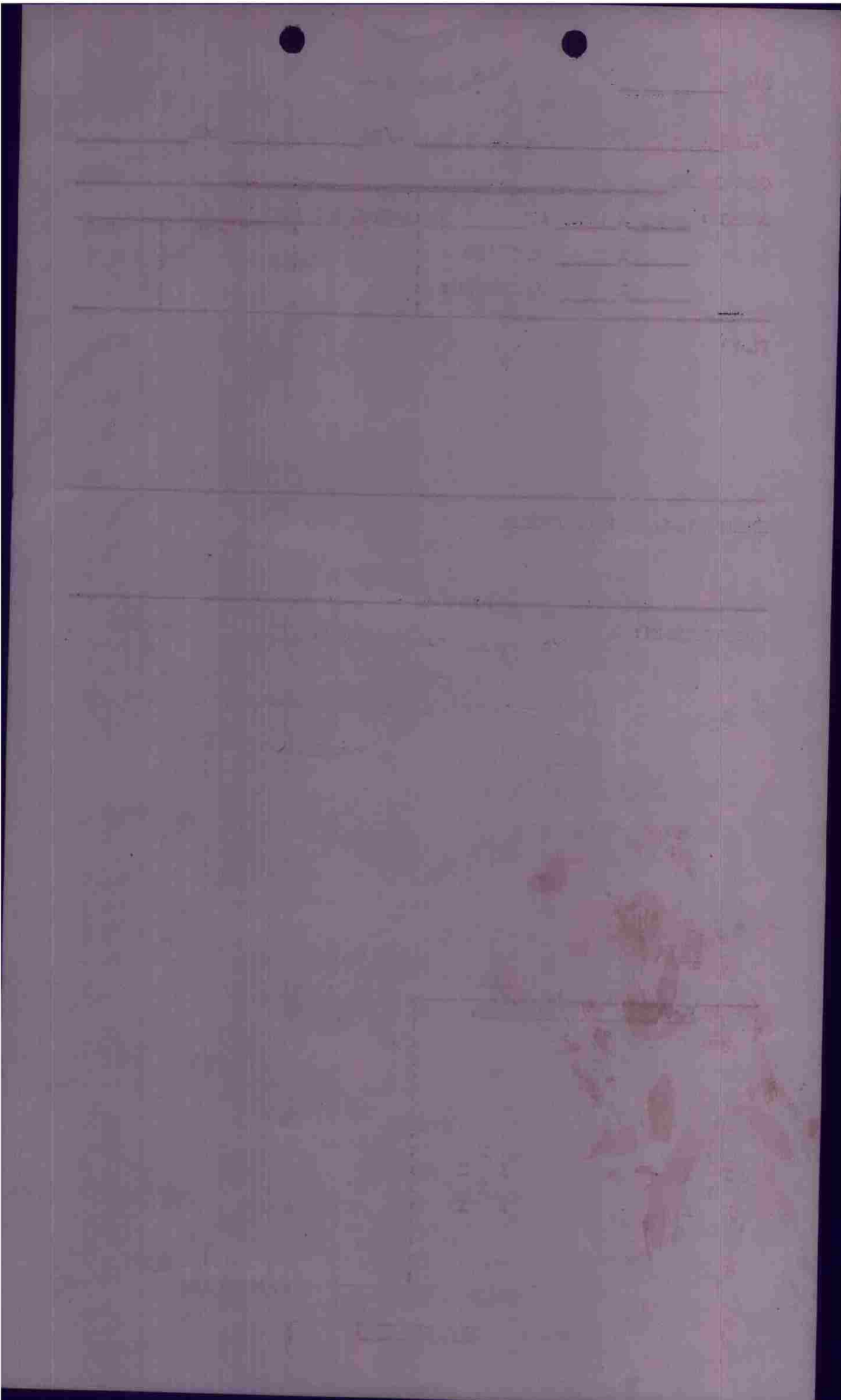
OBSERVATIONS: 2 trains at 1045 - 1 headed east the other in undetermined direction. Freight cars - type not distinguishable. Engine seen on only 1 train. ~~Engine~~^{Engine} could not be determined

POSITION IN FORMATION

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PILOT BLEVINS A/C# 378 BOX 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>1</u> <u>X</u> <u>500</u>					
<u>X</u>	RETURNED				
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED				

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

at RP ~~1100~~ 1 ME163 Headed East
 1 U/A at 1100
 AT 15,000'

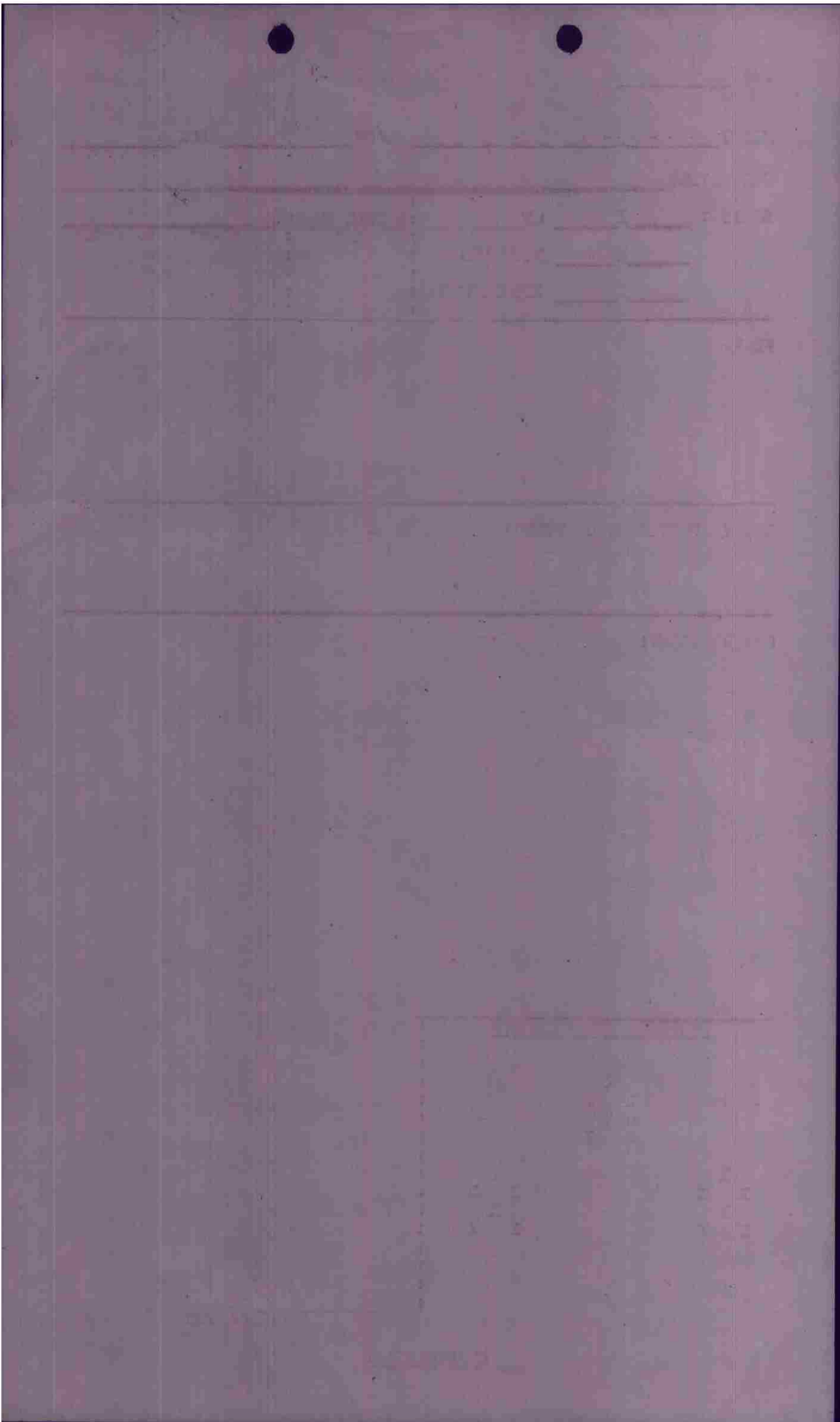
OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT M^c CREADY A/C# 213 BOX 2CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X500</u>	<u>ON</u>	<u>200</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED			"A-C"	"E"	
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED		<u>nil</u>			

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Runnel saw secondary target -
Pattern slightly South of town - possibly
across R.R.

Me 210 or Me 410 just after turn off secondary.
Flam engines A/C about 1000 yds - made
no pass. Our P51s took after him & he dove
for clouds.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

6X 500ON See

BATTLE DAMAGE

"A"

"L-C"

"E"

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

FLAK:

None

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

Me 410 50'clock low — distance about
1 1/2 miles — disappeared when
our fighters appeared

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

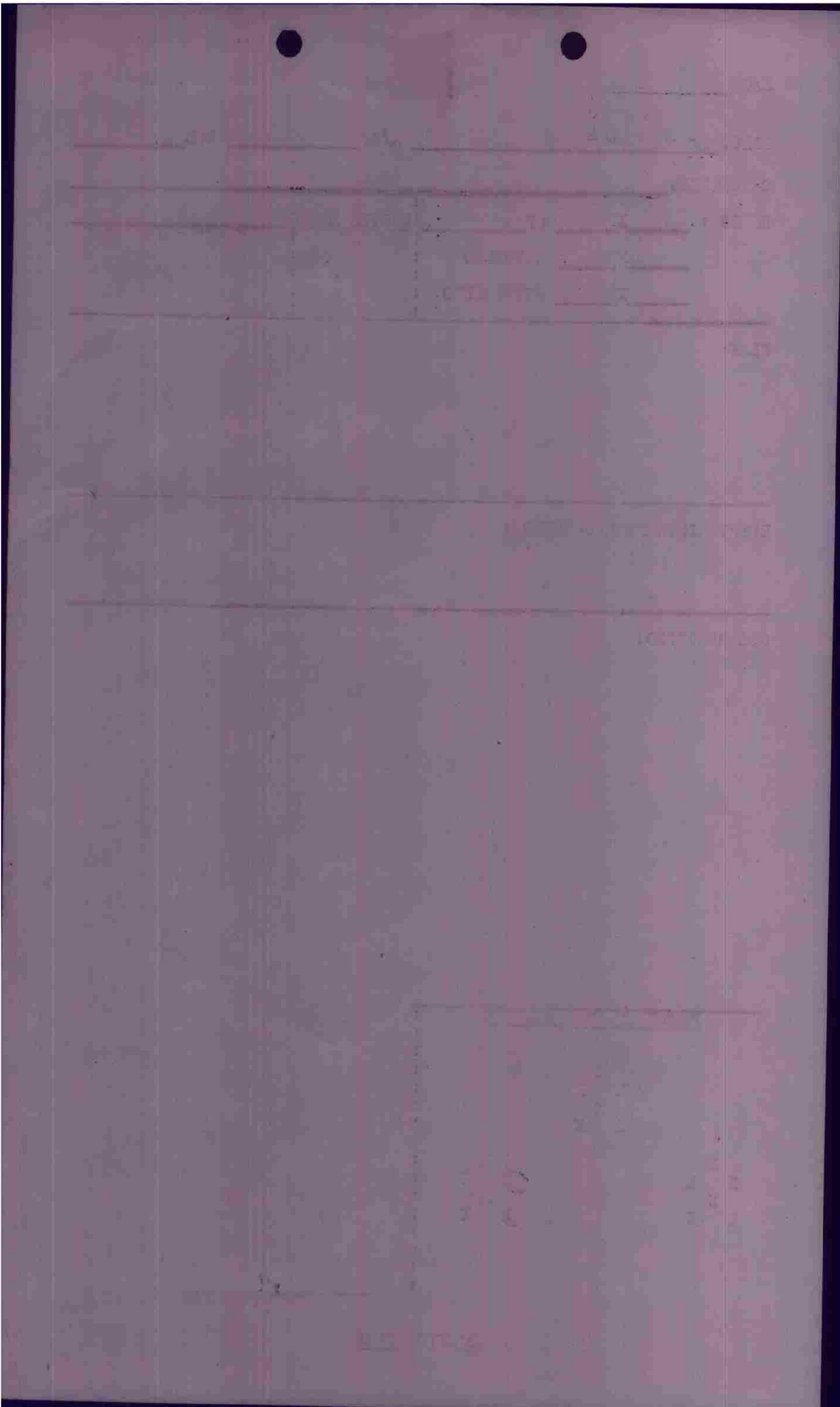
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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

X  X      X  X
X  X      X  X
X  X      X  X
  
```

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PILOT BARBUSKY A/C# 286 BOX 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE	
		"A"	"B"
6	ON		
X	RETURNED		
X	JETTISONED		

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATIONS: Gunner saw bombs hit on
3/AIR/417/2 - west of target tower.

POSITION IN FORMATION

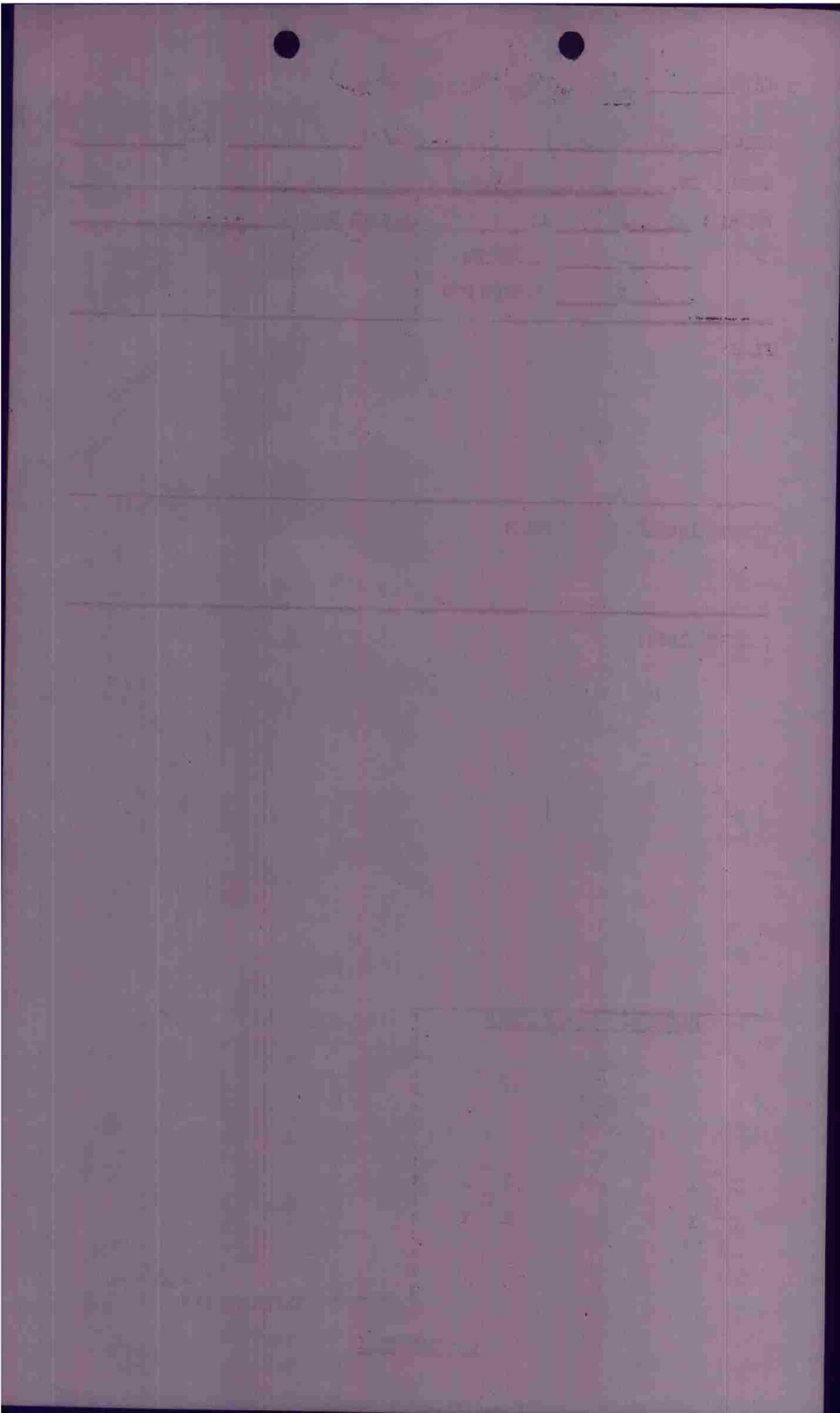
X
X X
X X
X X

X
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X X
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X X
X X
X X

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PILOT O'BRIEN A/C# 320 BOX 2CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :	6 X 500	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	RETURNED	:	:	:	:
	X	JETTISONED	:	:	:	:

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

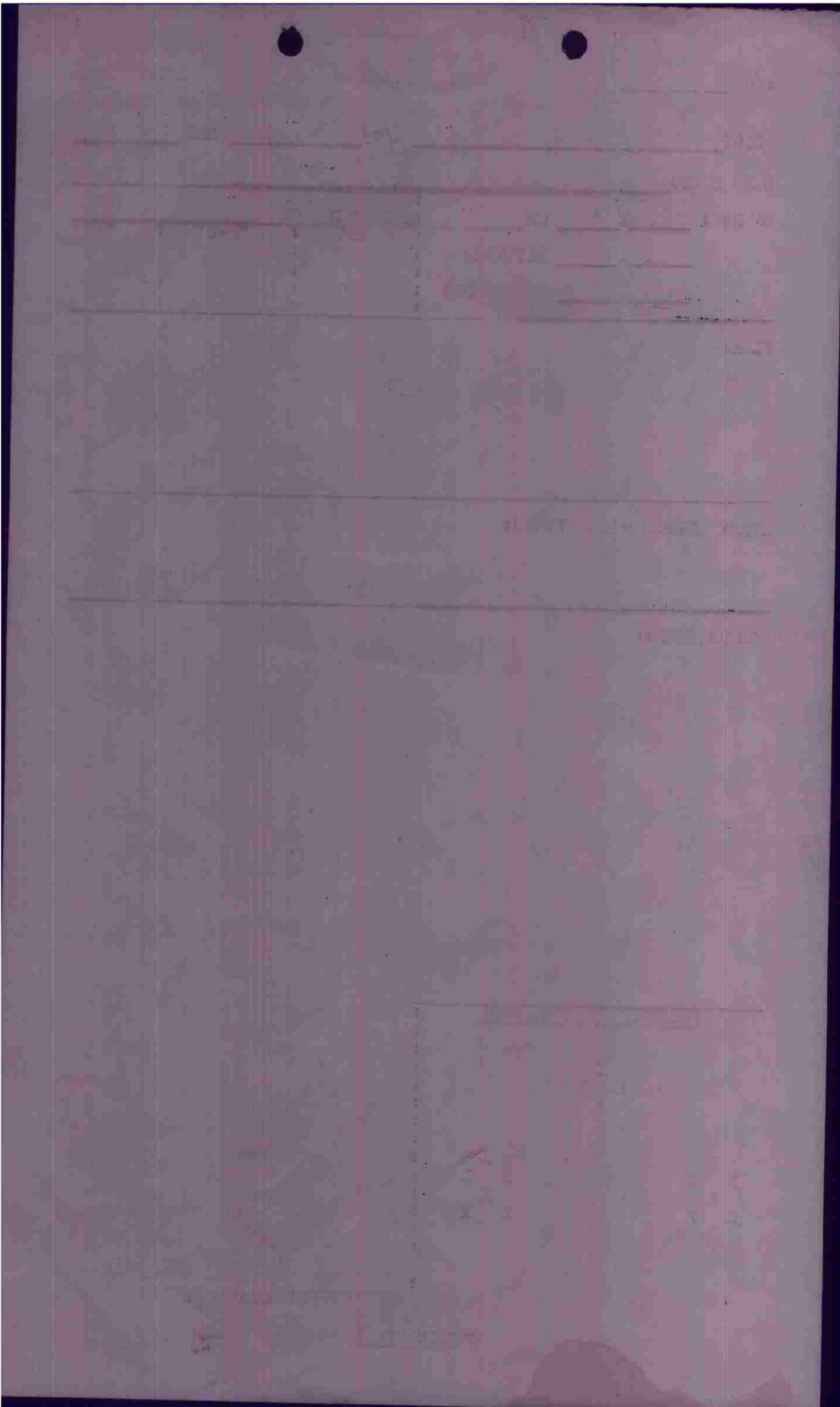
10/10

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT GREEN w/c# 416 BOX 2CASUALTIES None

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X 500</u>	ON <u>Secom</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:	"A-C"	:	"E"
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED	:	<u>None</u>	:		:	
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED	:		:		:	

FLAK:

None

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

None

OBSERVATIONS:

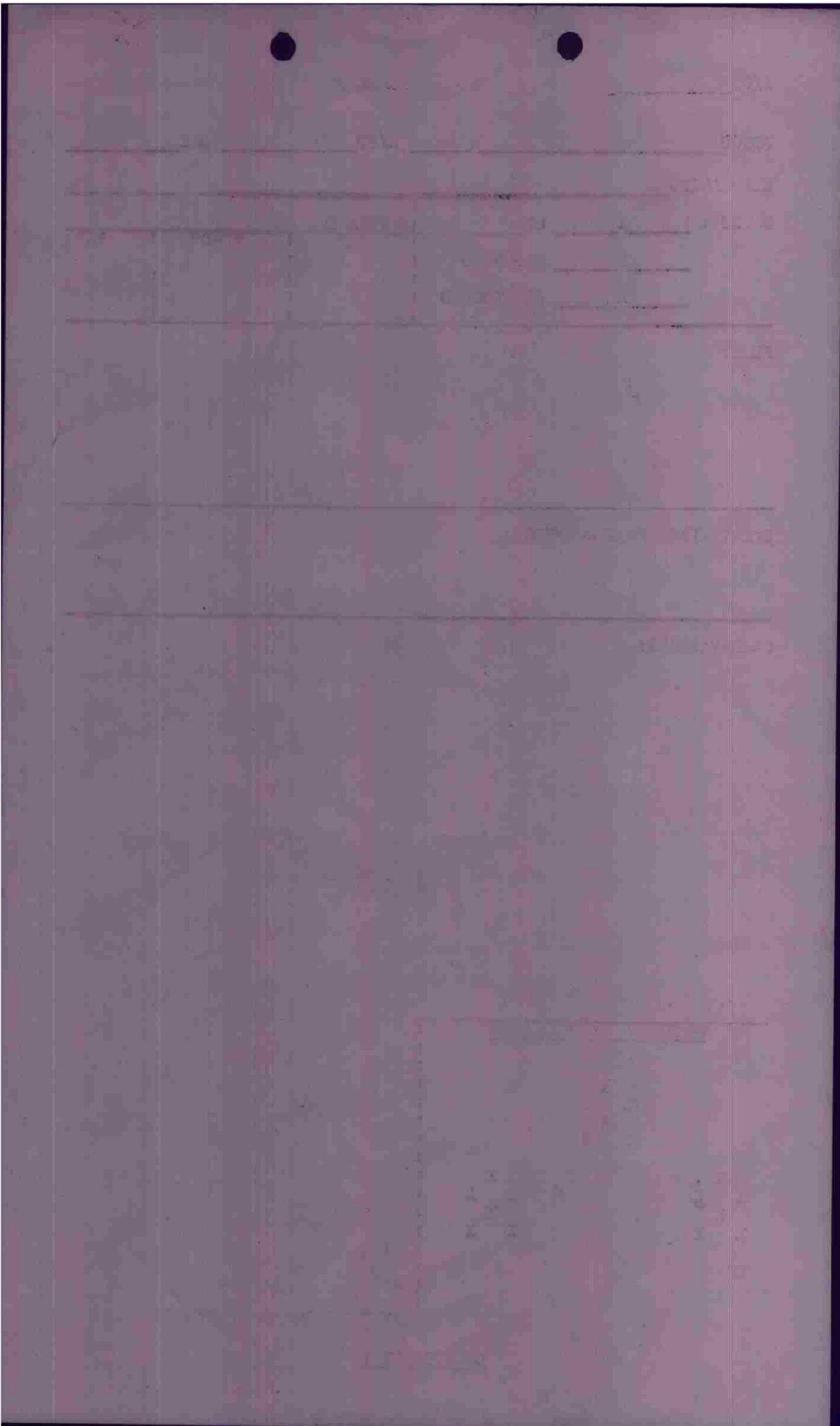
Three clouds - saw
just a pattern - red flames -

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT CORNEIL A/C# 492 BOX 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
6 x 500	X	RETURNED	nil		
	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

PPF aborted between Primary
& secondary. Told lead A/C to
bomb on sec. 9- to 10/10 at 2000.
Good glee fit for 2000.

TOT 1109
alt 10,800
A/Cs 280 mag
IAS 210

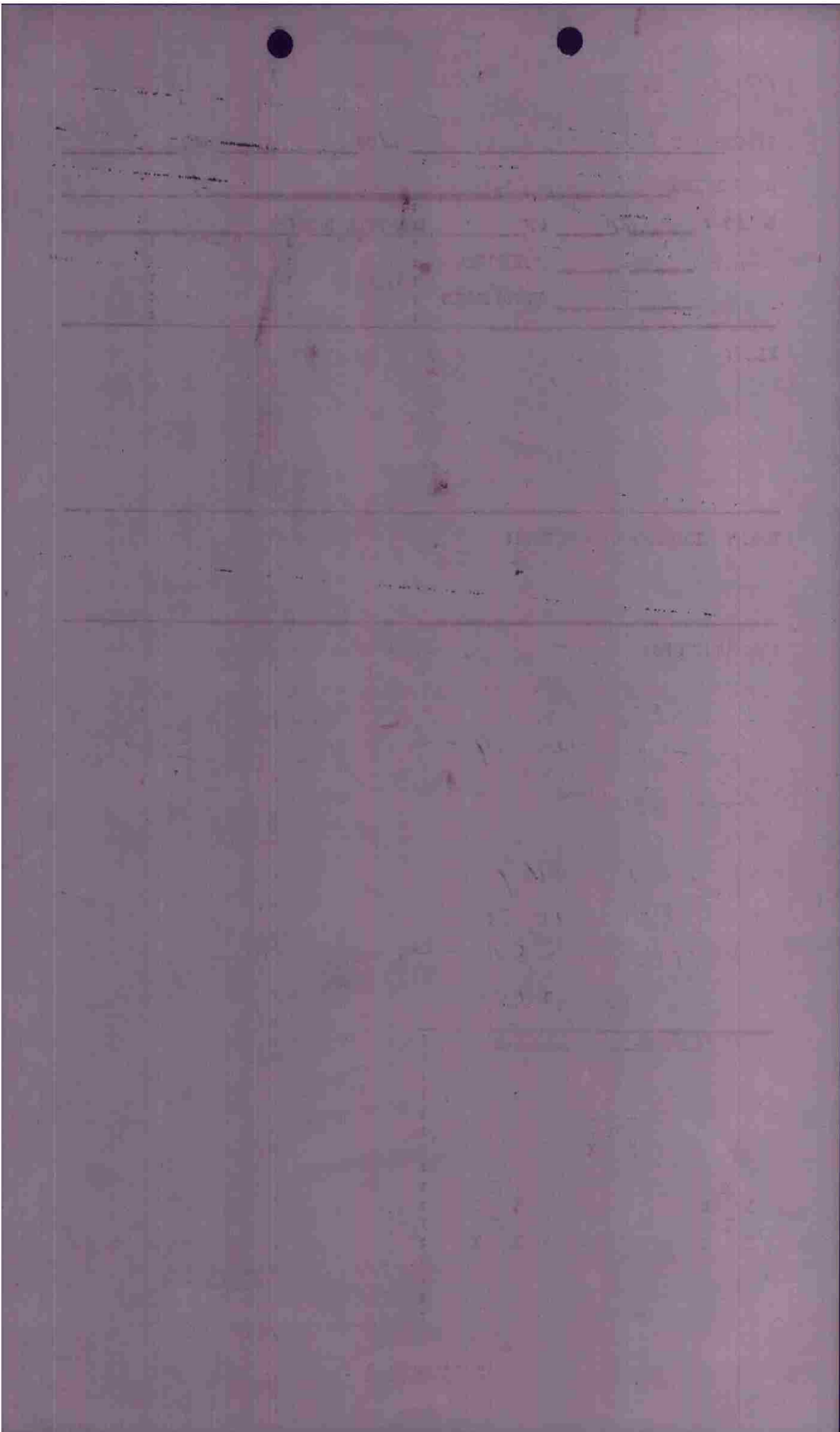
POSITION IN FORMATION

	X			
	X	(7)		
	X			
	X	X		
X	X		X	X
X	X		X	X
X	X		X	X

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PILOT BROWN A/C# 498 BOX 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	6	X 500	GN	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
	X		RETURNED	nil		
	X		JETTISONED			

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

ppf ^{called} ~~reported~~ equipment failure.
 made see run on 2 eng.
 unidentified
 Call at 1121 - bandit jets overhead
 we couldn't see them

TOT (200) 1110

alt 10,600

IAS 200

Atis 290° mag.

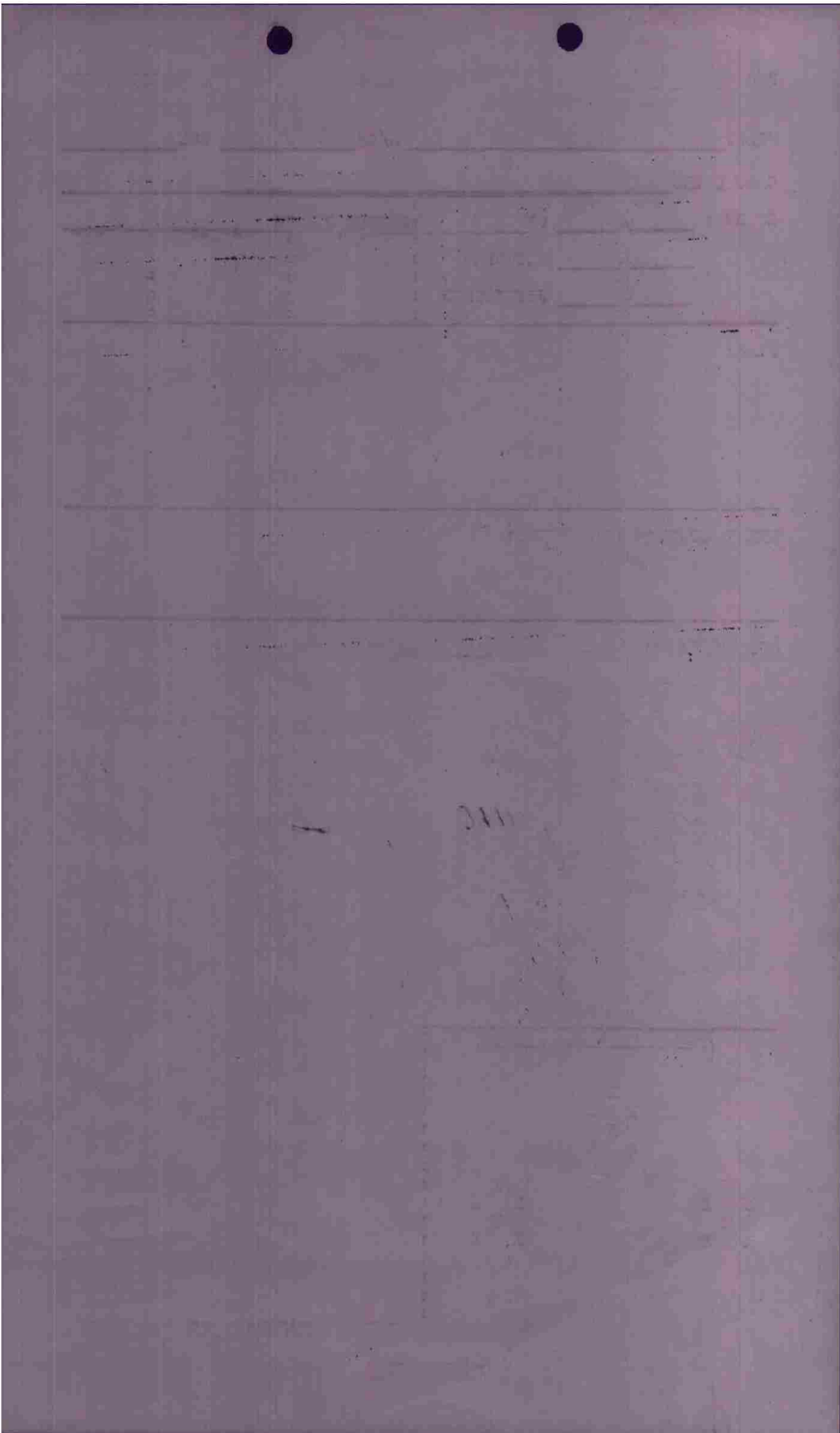
~~See~~ IP (webster)

POSITION IN CORRELATION

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

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PILOT ERROTADERE 4/C^{II} 9315 BOX WINDOW

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	X	RETURNED				
	X	JETTISONED				

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

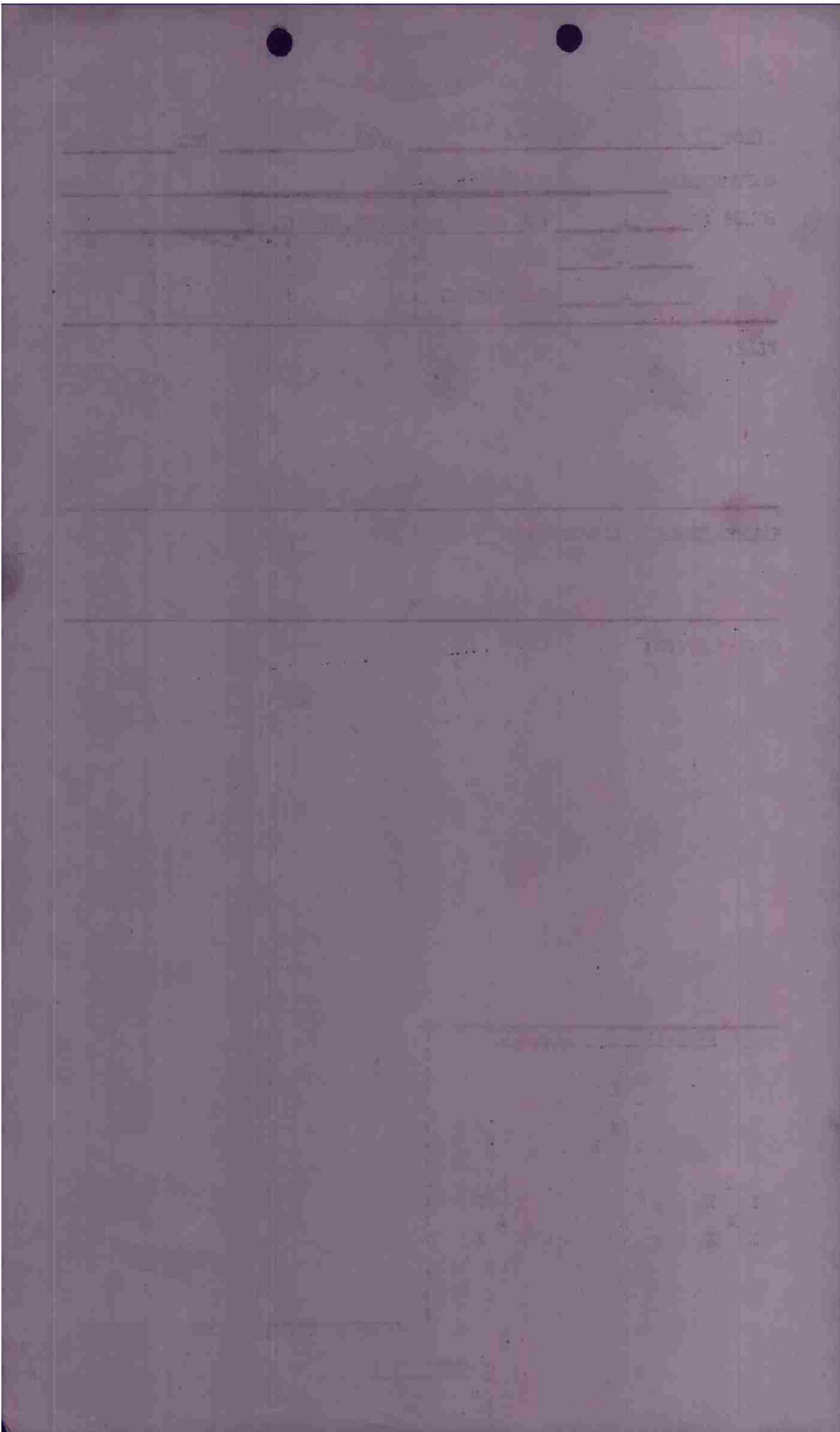
POSITION IN CELLATION

X
 X X
 X X
 X X

X
 X X
 X X
 X X

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PILOT PRICE A/C# 499 BOX WINDOW

CASUALTIES

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

FLASK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTER 1:

OBSERVATIONS:

10/108 TOTGT.

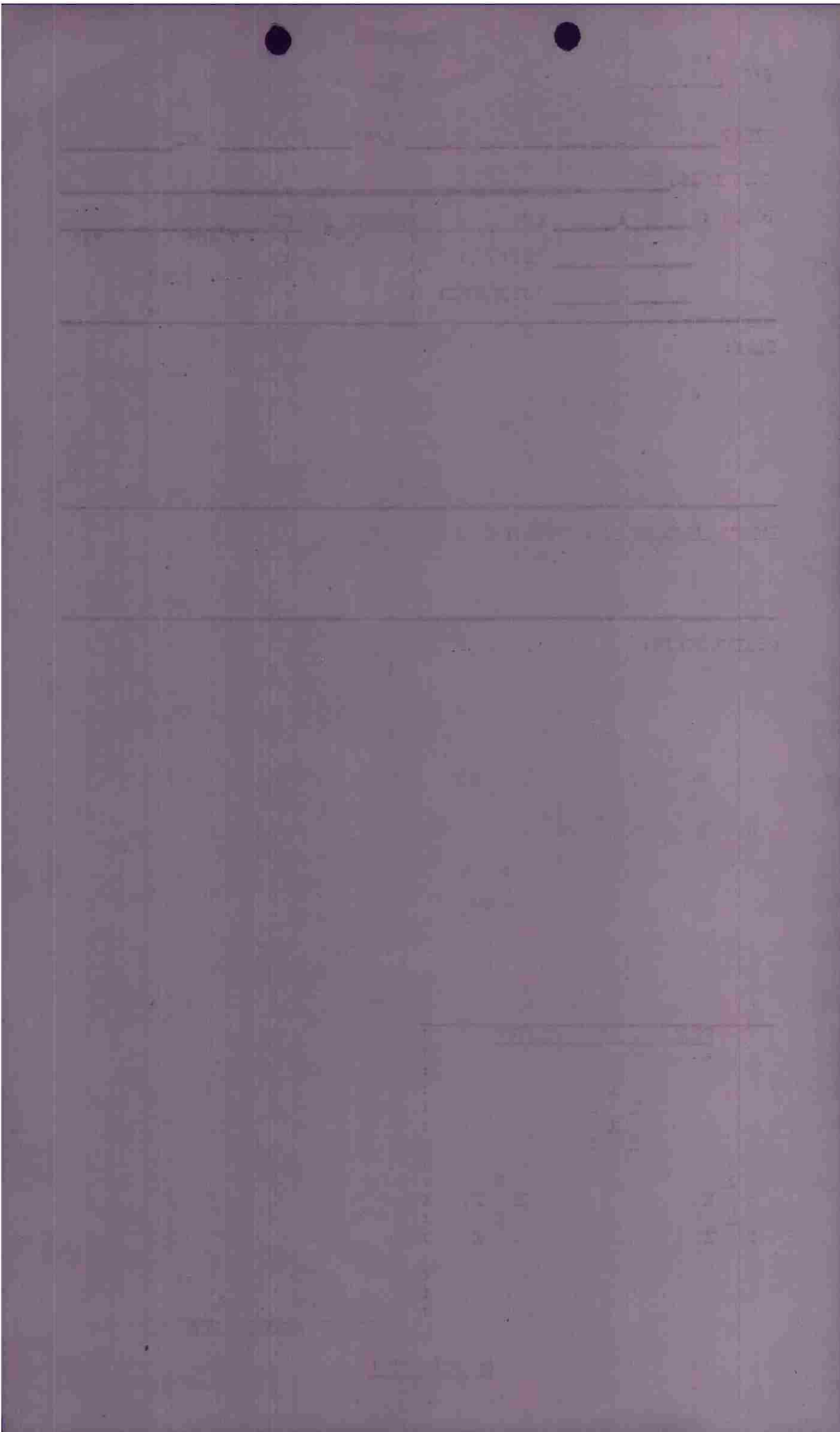
started at 1P dropping windows
200' below 1st Box
1 1/2 mile ahead of formation
stopped dropping window 2' after Target.
windows dropped all right, spreading out,
not clustering or churning.

POSITION IN ECCELATION

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \textcircled{X} & \\ X & & X \\ & X & \\ X & & X \end{array}$$

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PILOT SEWELL A/C# 334 BOX WINDOW

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

1045 9-10 0/10/6 headed w.

OBSERVATIONS:

1053 started dropping windows
300' below 1st Box
1/2 mile ahead 1st Box
windows dropped okay
Stopped dropping windows 2' after Tgt.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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