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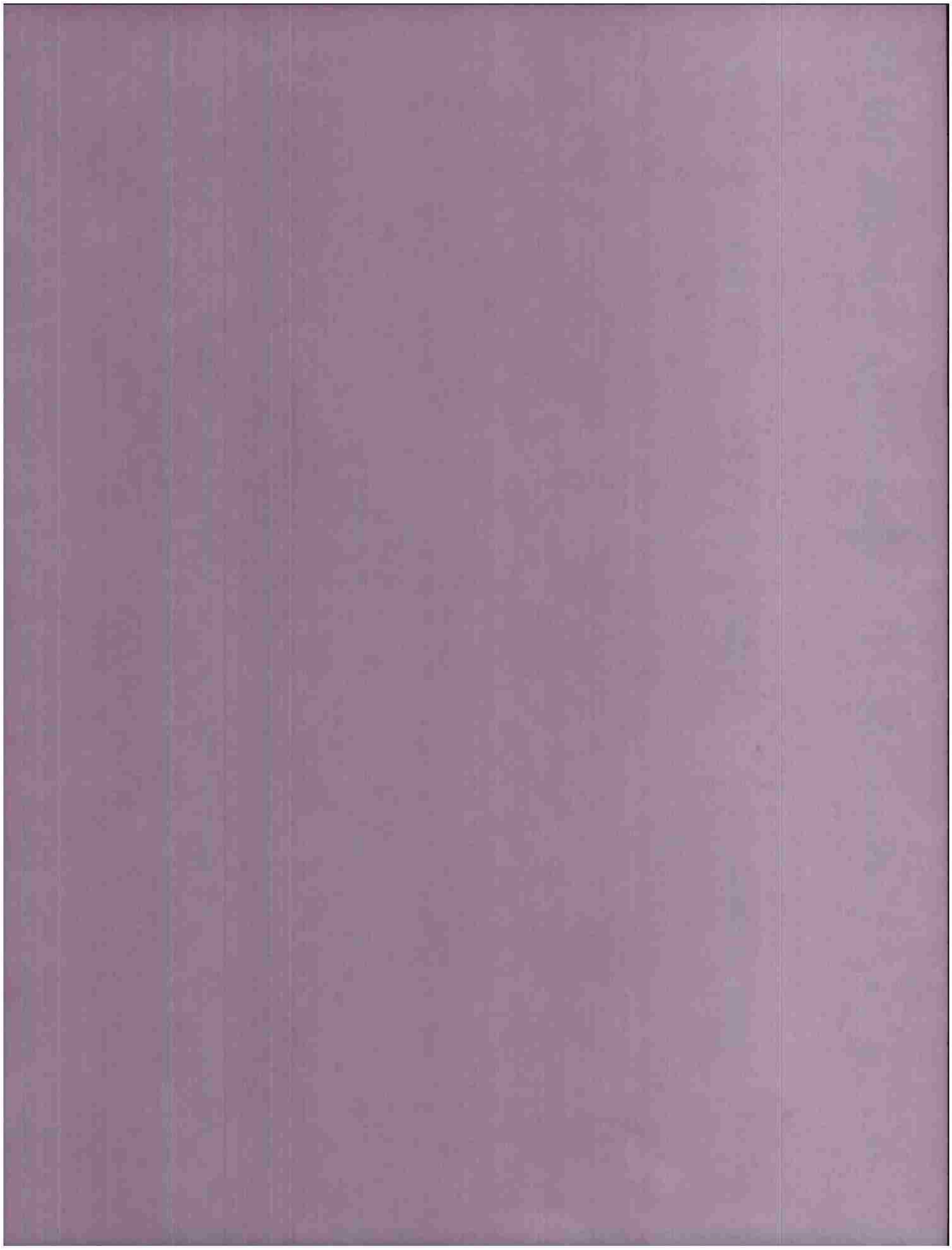
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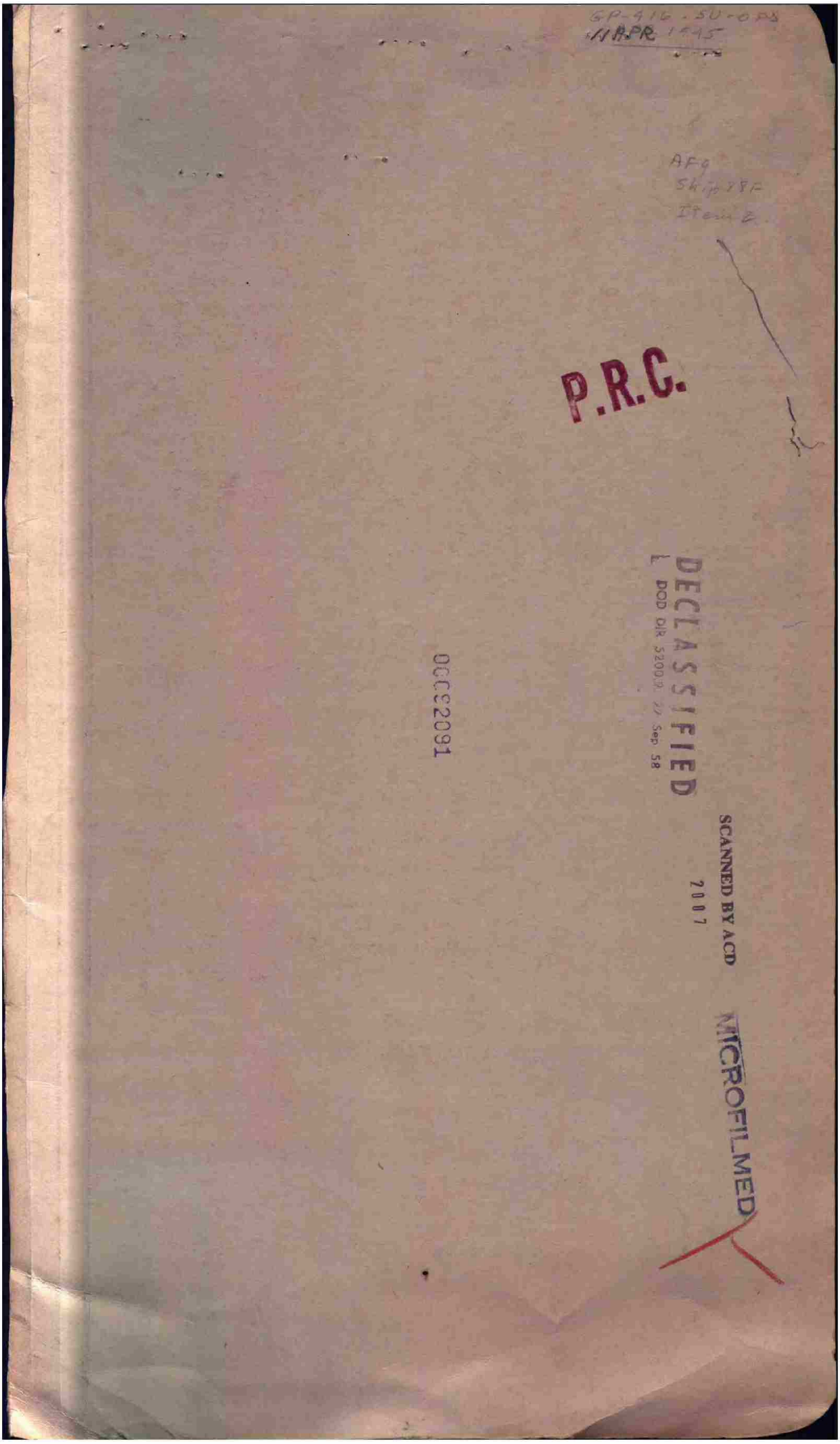
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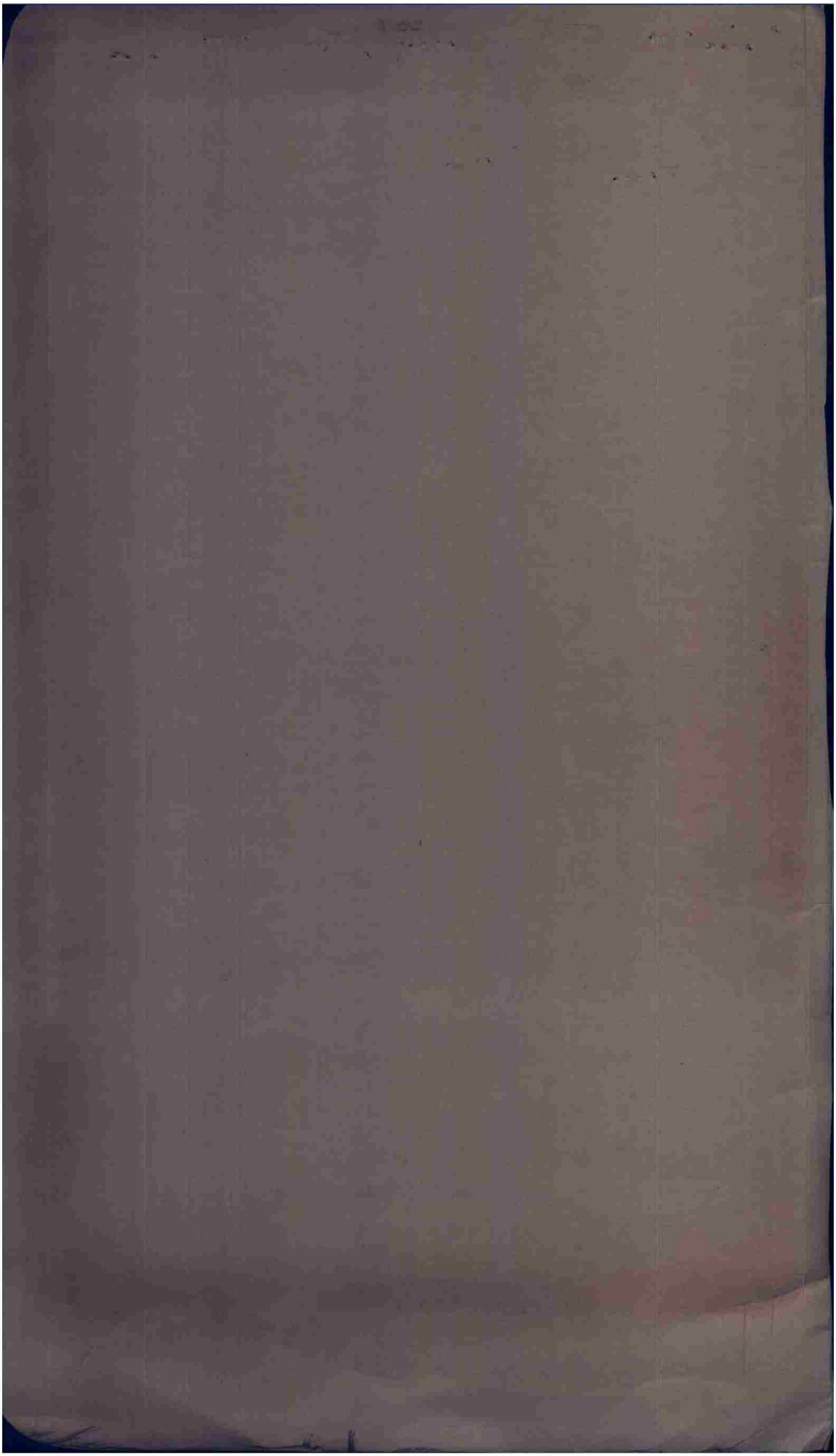
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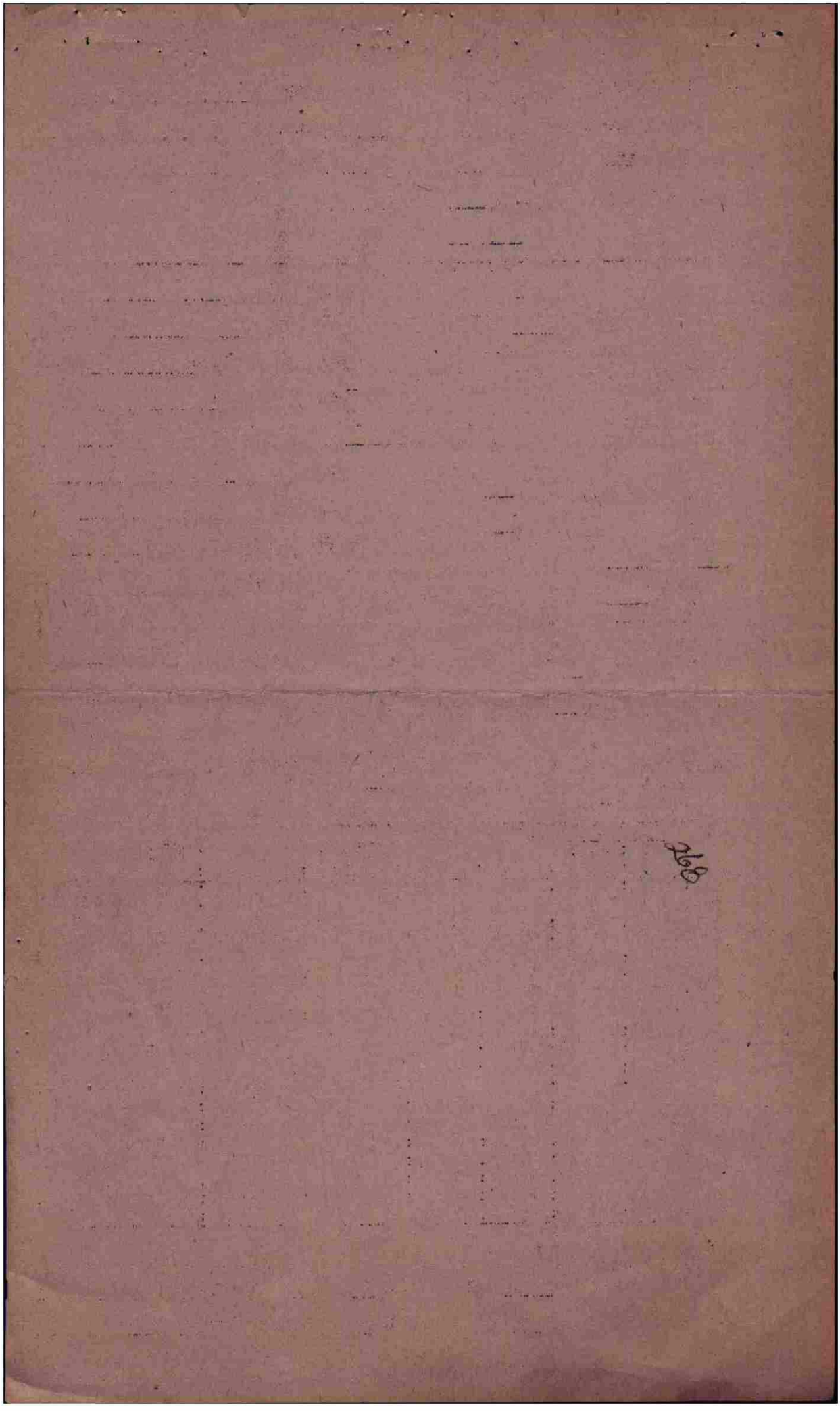
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GROUP 416th. Bomb Gp. (L)

WING 97th. C.B.

DATE 11 April 45

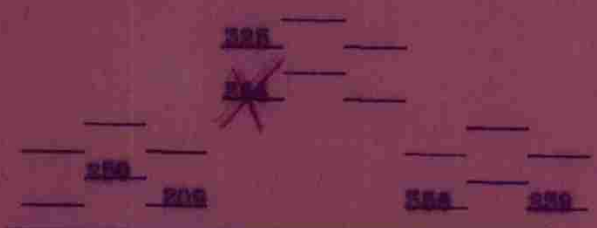


TARGET Barmburg

ALTITUDE 13000 FEET

TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH

GROUND SPEED 252 MPH



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ALTITUDE 11000 FEET

TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH

GROUND SPEED 252 MPH



TARGET [illegible]

ALTITUDE 11000 FEET

TRUE AIR SPEED 205 MPH

GROUND SPEED 249 MPH

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IX B.C.S-2- Form No. 108 - Prepare seperate sheet for each target bombed

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

A. TARGET BRIEFED PRIMARY

SECONDARY

CASUAL

M.P.I.

A.P.

B. TARGET ATTACKED MILES FROM PRIMARY

DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY

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

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

E. BOMBING BY IN FOLLOWING ORDER

F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED FUSING NOSE TAIL

FUSING NOSE TAIL

G. HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED DEGREES MAG.

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED

J. ACTIVITY AT TARGET:

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

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416 BG | 8th A.F. (1st) WING 93rd | B

GROUP | DATE 11 April 45 | BERNBURG M/Y

OTHER UNITS: TARGET

FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION | TARGET PIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED BERNBURG M/Y PRIMARY

SECONDARY

M.P.I. 8 points in M/Y

A.P.

C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 47 A26 NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 47

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

E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 282 500GP FUSING 1/10 1/100

F. HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED

G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED

H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

Box I Flt A - 005 deg 1018
B - 360 1018½
C - 360 1018½
Box II Flt A 355 1018
B 005 1018½
C 359 1019
Box III Flt A - 360 1024
B - 359 1022

I. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

Box I Flt A - DMPI - Super: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of bursts 188 ft W of DMPI. Bombs fell in good pattern with hits on goods wagons and buildings and cutting tracks.
(Visual)

Flt B - DMPI - Undet: No pictures of bomb bursts from this flt because of evasive action.

Flt C - DMPI - Super: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI. Bombs fell in excellent pattern, center of bursts 100 ft N of DMPI with hits scored on goods wagons and tracks.

Box II Flt A DMPI - Undet: Same as Flt B Box I. Visual reports in-
(Visual) dicate bombs fell to right of target area.

Flt B DMPI - HAO: Due to smoke from preceding flts covering target, bombardier was unable to see his DMPI. He established his DMPI and released. Bombs fell in good pattern on buildings and tracks 1790 ft SE of DMPI, cutting tracks and severly damaging buildings.

Flt C DMPI - Undet: Same as Flt B Box I. Visual reports indicate bombs fell slightly beyond target area.

Box III Flt A DMPI - Undet: Same as Flt B Box I. Visual reports state
(Visual) bombs fell in target area.

Flt B DMPI - Undet: Same as Flt B Box I. Visual reports indicate bombs Hit in M/Y with excellent to superior results

LLOYD E. PERKINS,
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Ass't PI Officer.

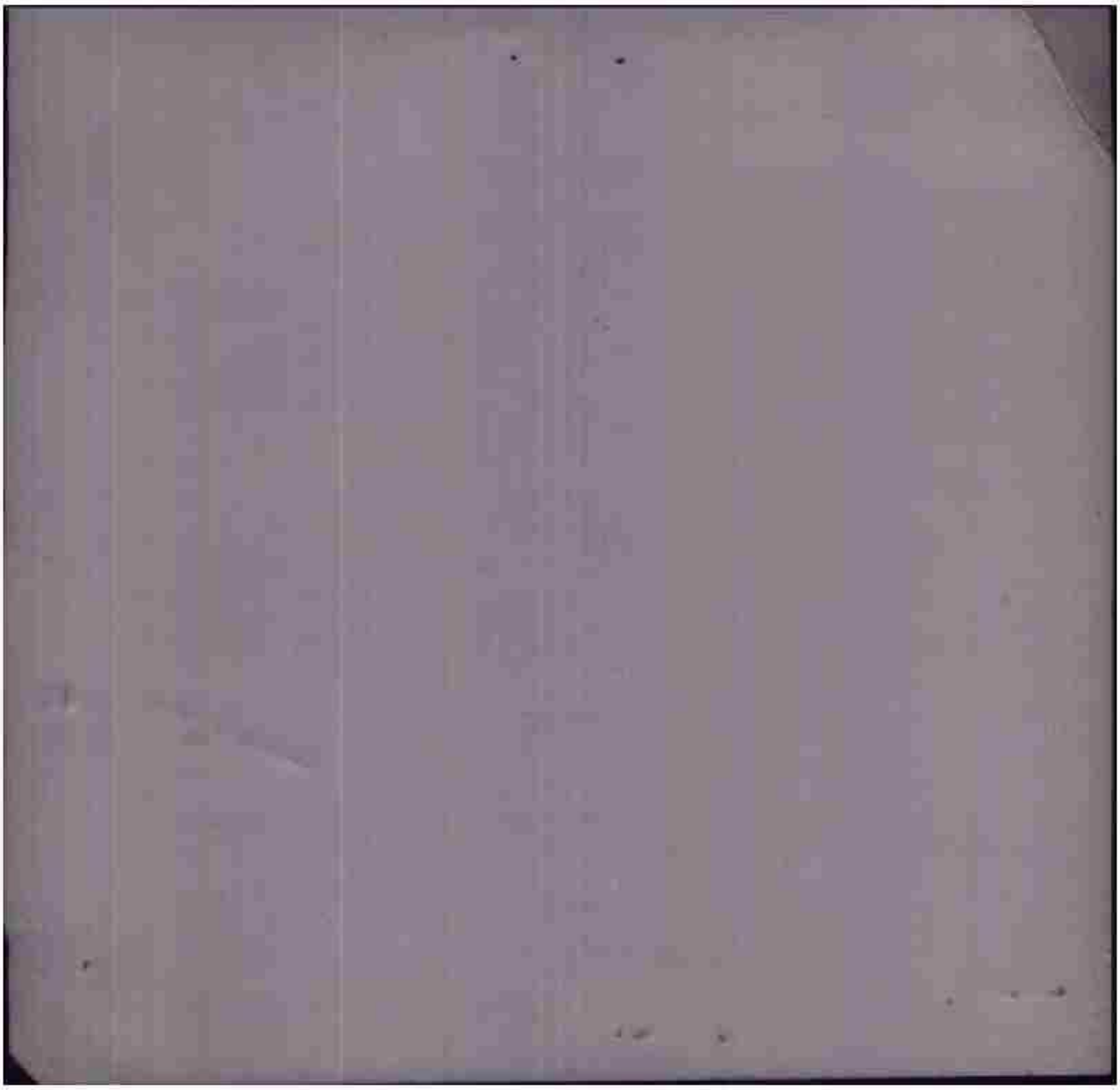
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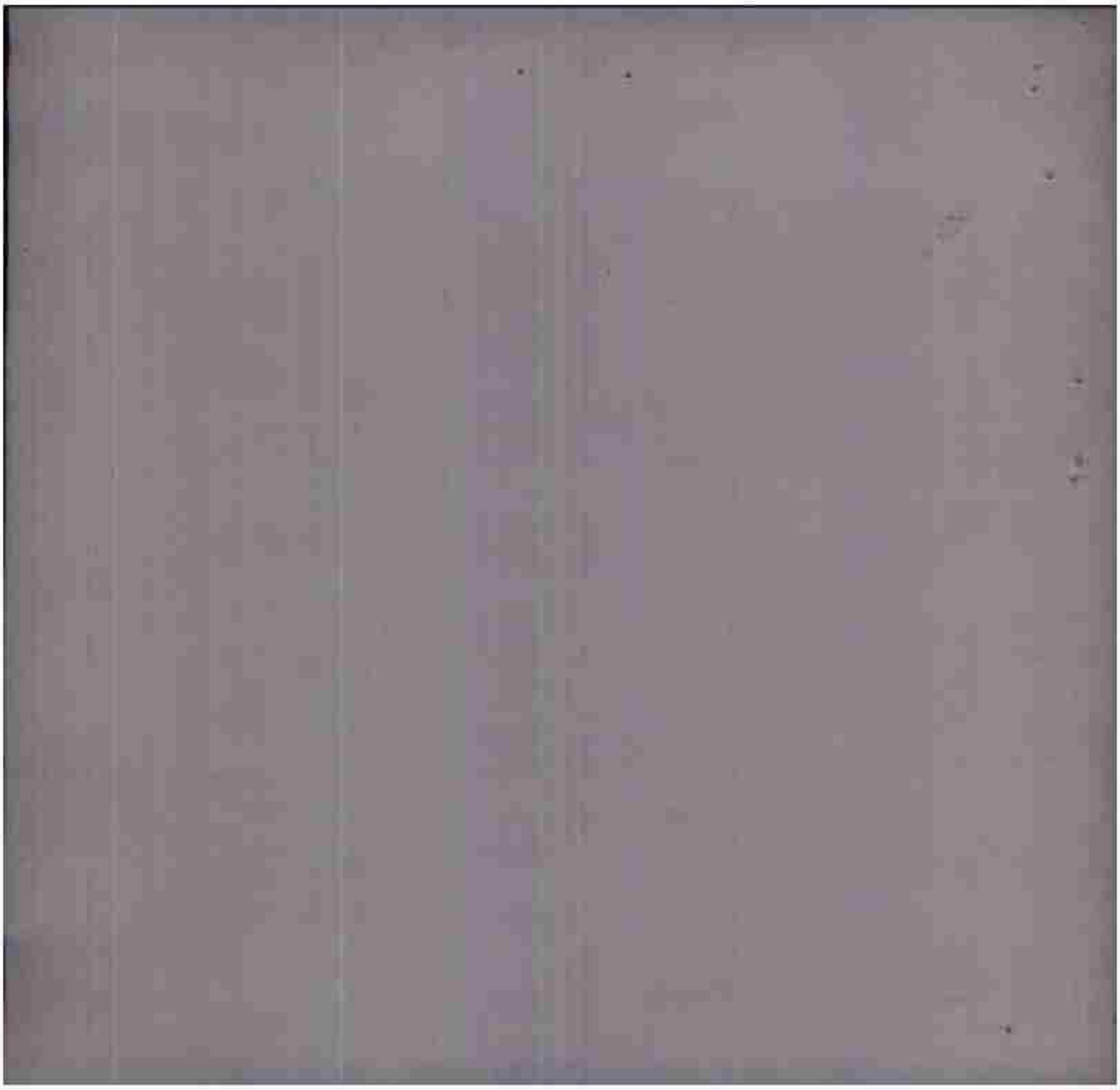
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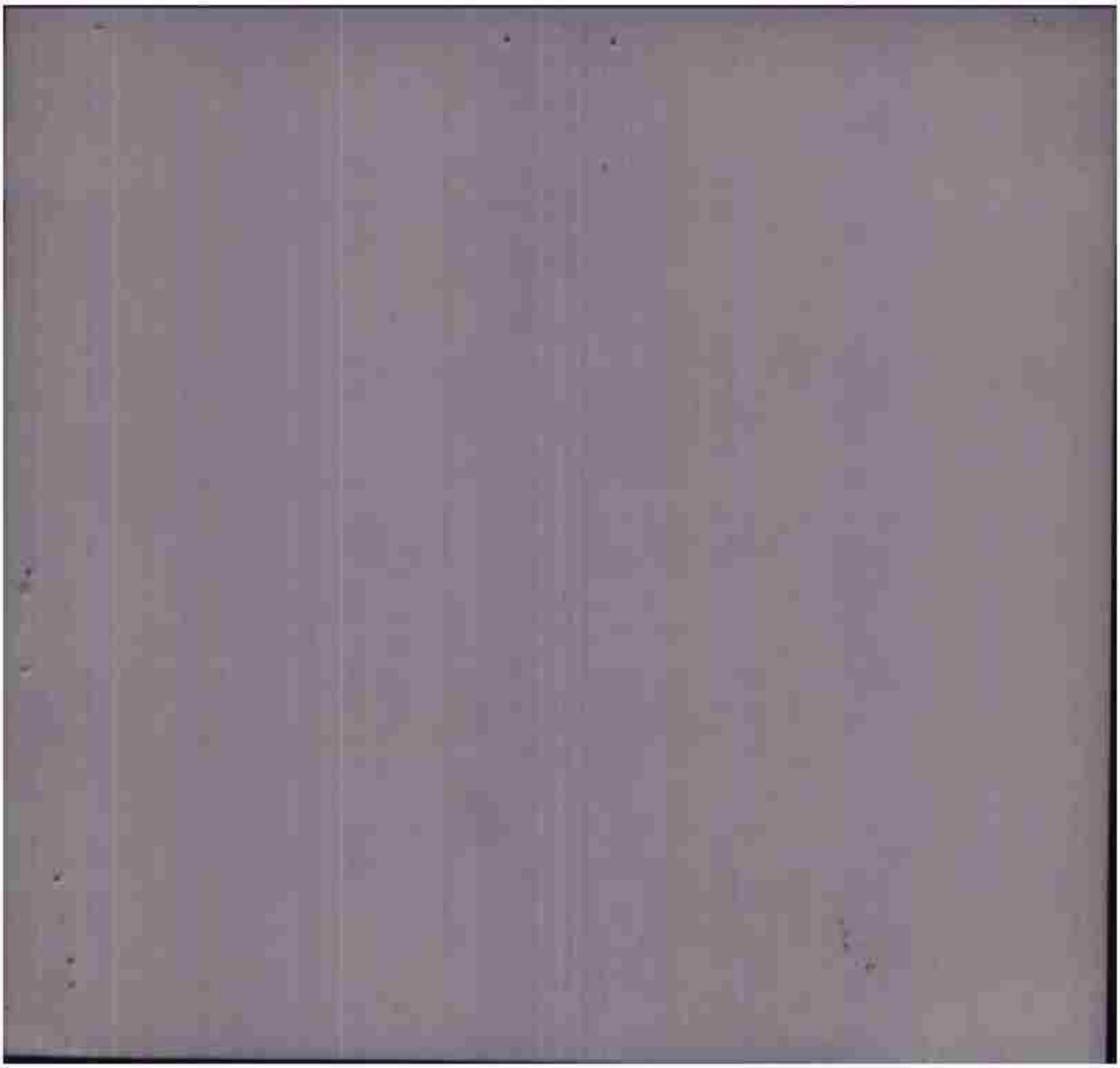
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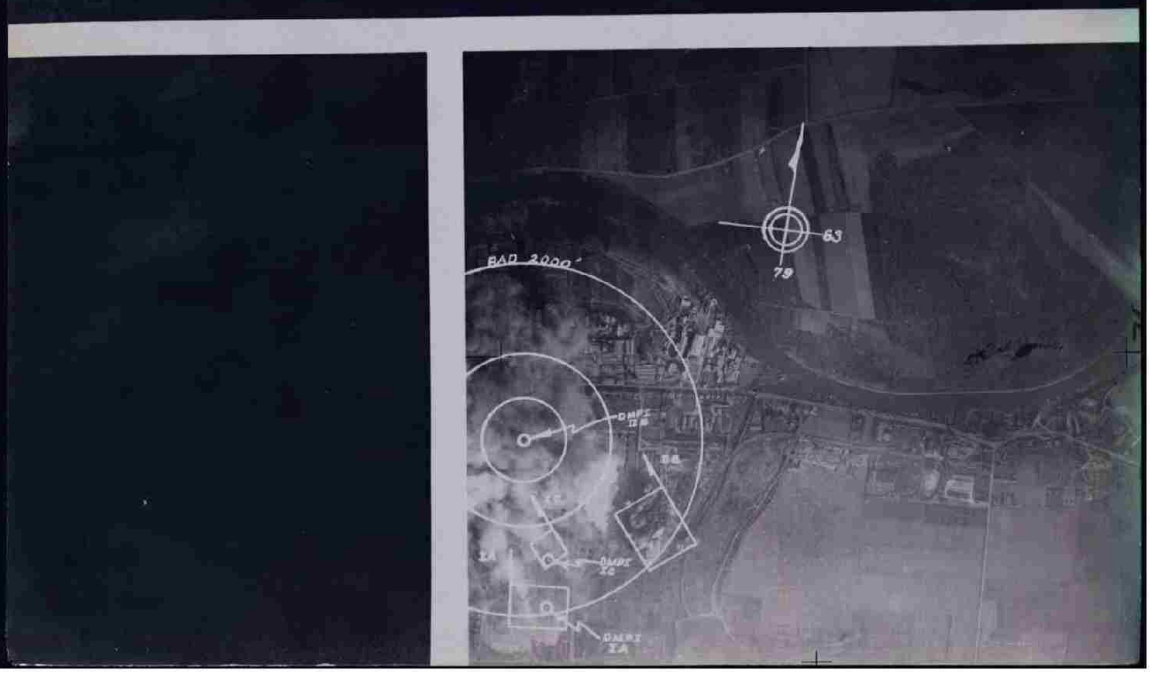
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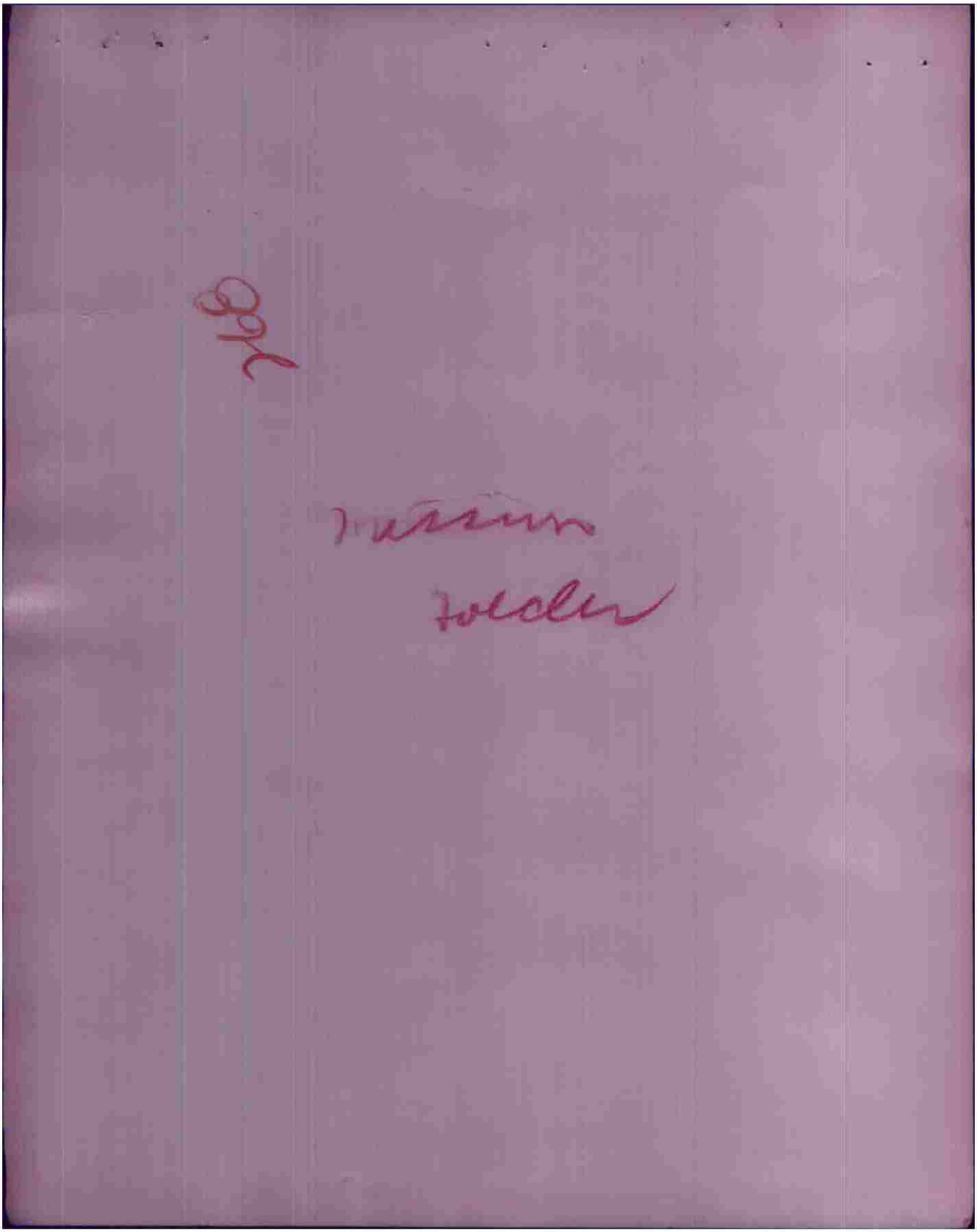
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(B) SORTIE: US 416/1-1000
(C) DATE: 11 APR 45 TIME: 1015-24 B
(D) ATTACKING A/C: 47 A-26's BY 5's.
(E) BOMBS: 282/500 GP 1/10 N., 1/100 T.
(F) COVER: FAIR QUALITY PRINTS SHOW TARGET SMOKE OBSCURED.
(G) RESULTS OF BOMBING: TWO FLIGHTS BOMBED DIRECTLY ACROSS THEIR DESIRED MPI's BLANKETING S CHOKE POINT OF M/Y, MANY GOODS WAGONS, & BUILDINGS ADJACENT TO M/Y. THE THIRD PATTERN IS SEEN OVER RR SIDINGS AND STORAGE SHEDS. I-B, II-A, II-C, III-A, III-B HAD NO PHOTO COVERAGE. LATER PHOTO COVERAGE SHOWS MANY FIRES STARTED AS A RESULT OF THE ATTACK.

(I) ANNOTATED PRINT: 5013 SORTIE: US 416/1000
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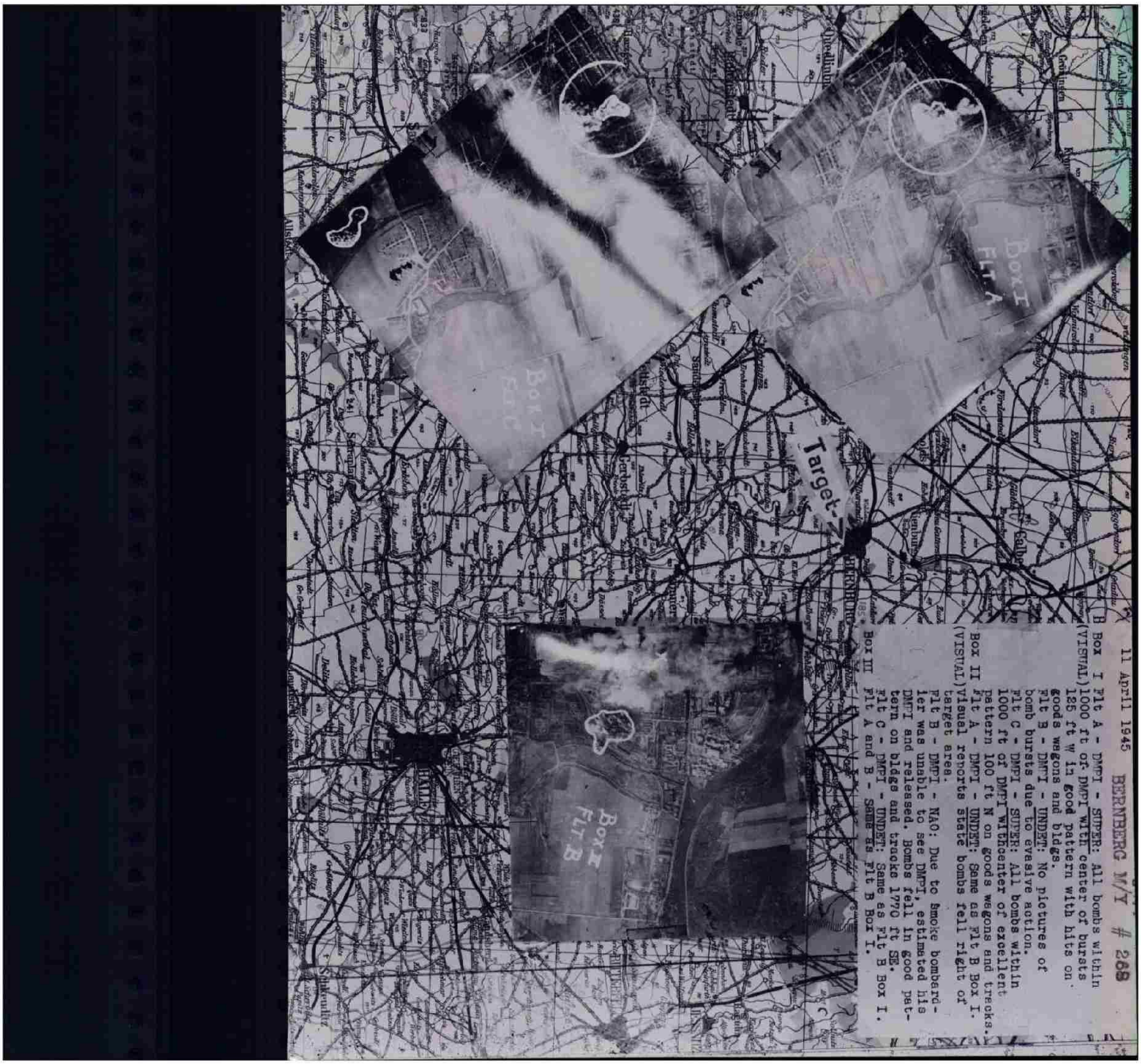
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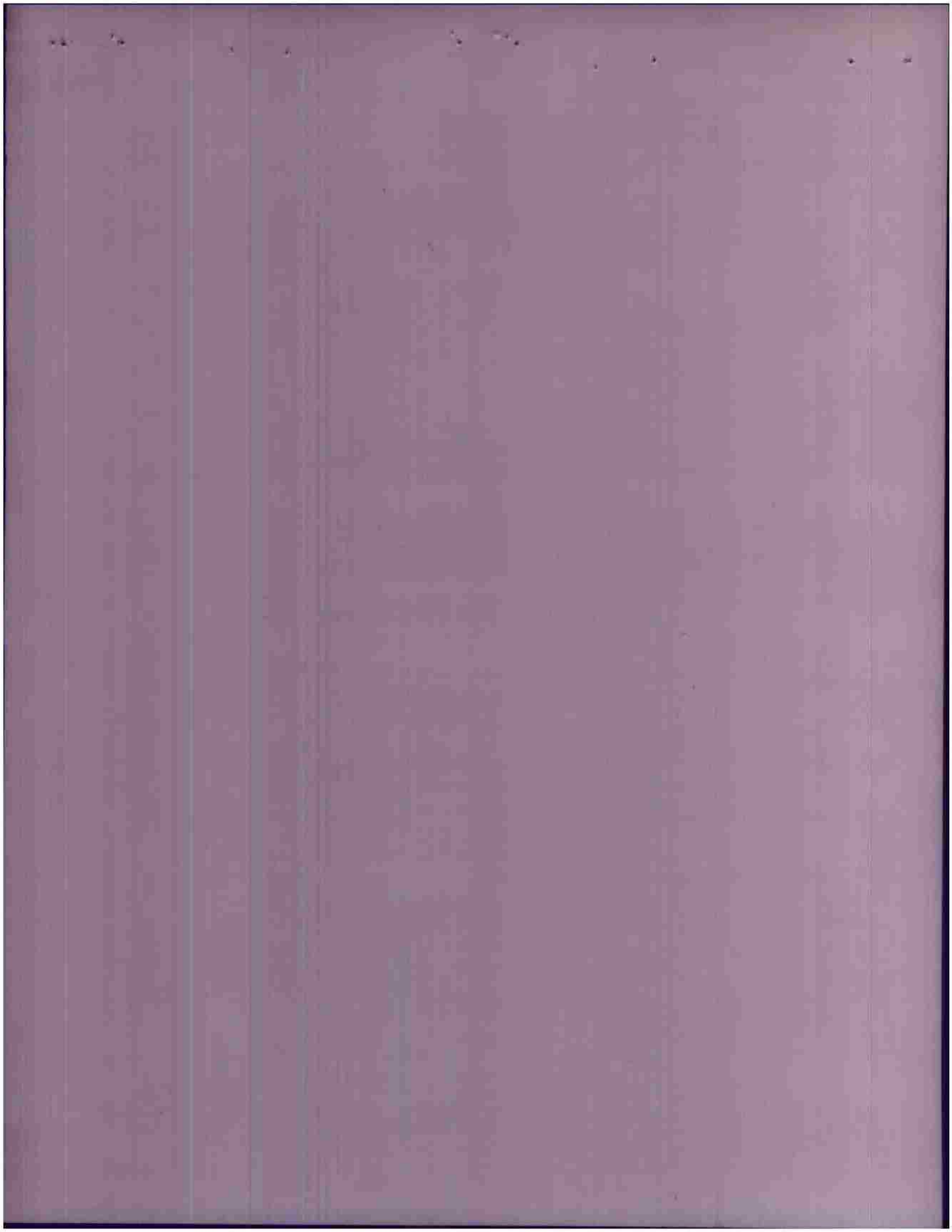
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NINTH AF 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT US10/D 1025

(a) LOCALITY: BERNBERG M/Y (GSGS 4416/P 6 - D/771627)

(b) SORTIE: US 31/4837 - 1023-25. SORTIE SCALE: 8,500

(c) TOT: 11 Apr 45, 1320B F.L.: 24" ANNOTATED PRINT: None

(d) PERIOD UNDER REVIEW: This report covers all damage to date.

(e) COVER: The M/Y is covered on smoke obscured prints of fair quality.

(f) STATEMENT: Fourteen goods wagons have either been damaged or destroyed and tow lines have been cut. Buildings in the immediate vicinity of the M/Y have been damaged. At least two fires are still burning at the time of photography. It is impossible to make a complete statement as to the damage serviceability and activity of the M/Y as one half is hidden by smoke.

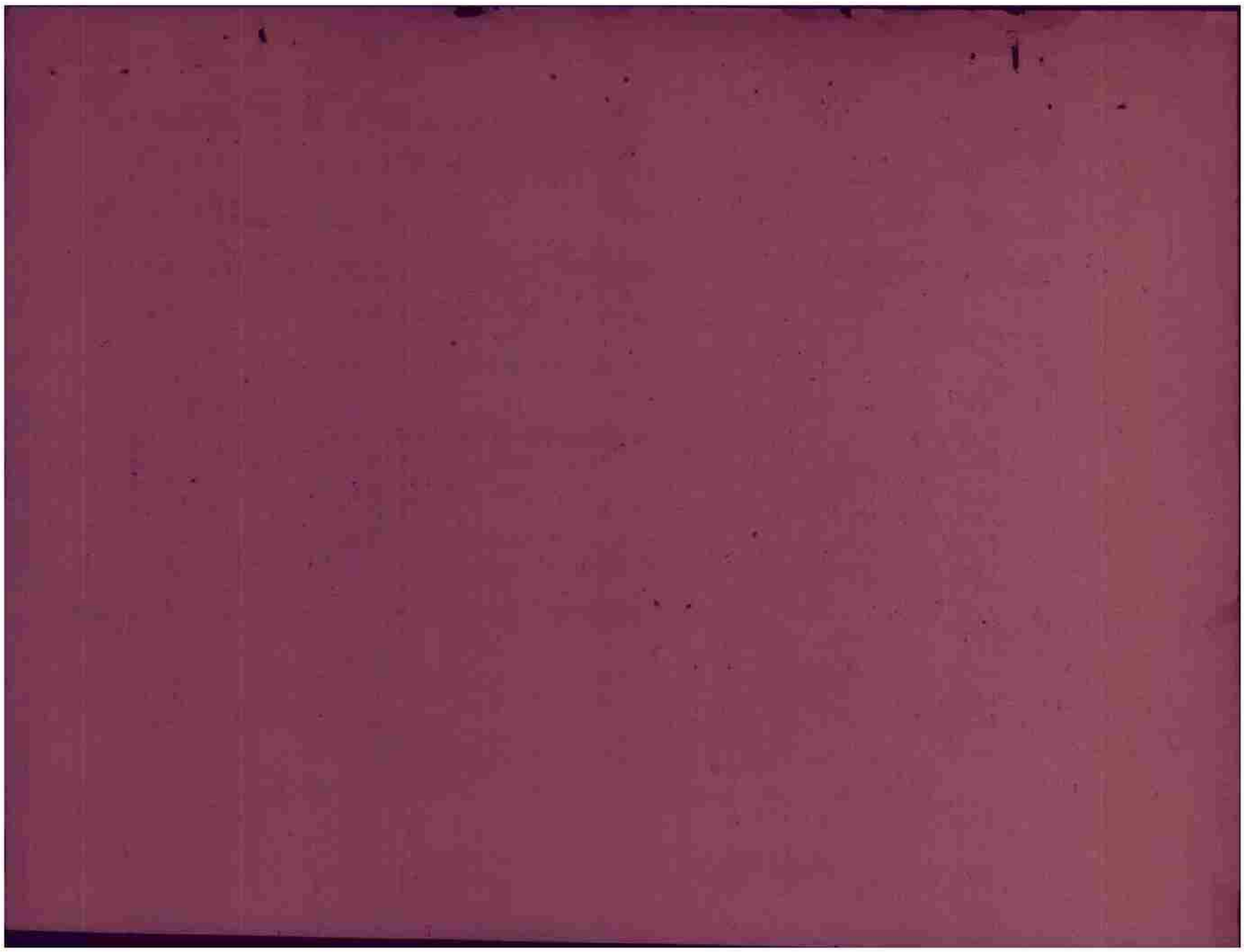
(g) ACTIVITY: Loading is moderate with mixed goods wagons. No other activity is noted.

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TARGET BERNBURG M/Y DATE 11 APR 45 NO. A/C 47 MISS. # 268

COORD. RD- 770628 F.O. # 248-845 STATUS ATTACKED

BRIEFING OFFICER _____

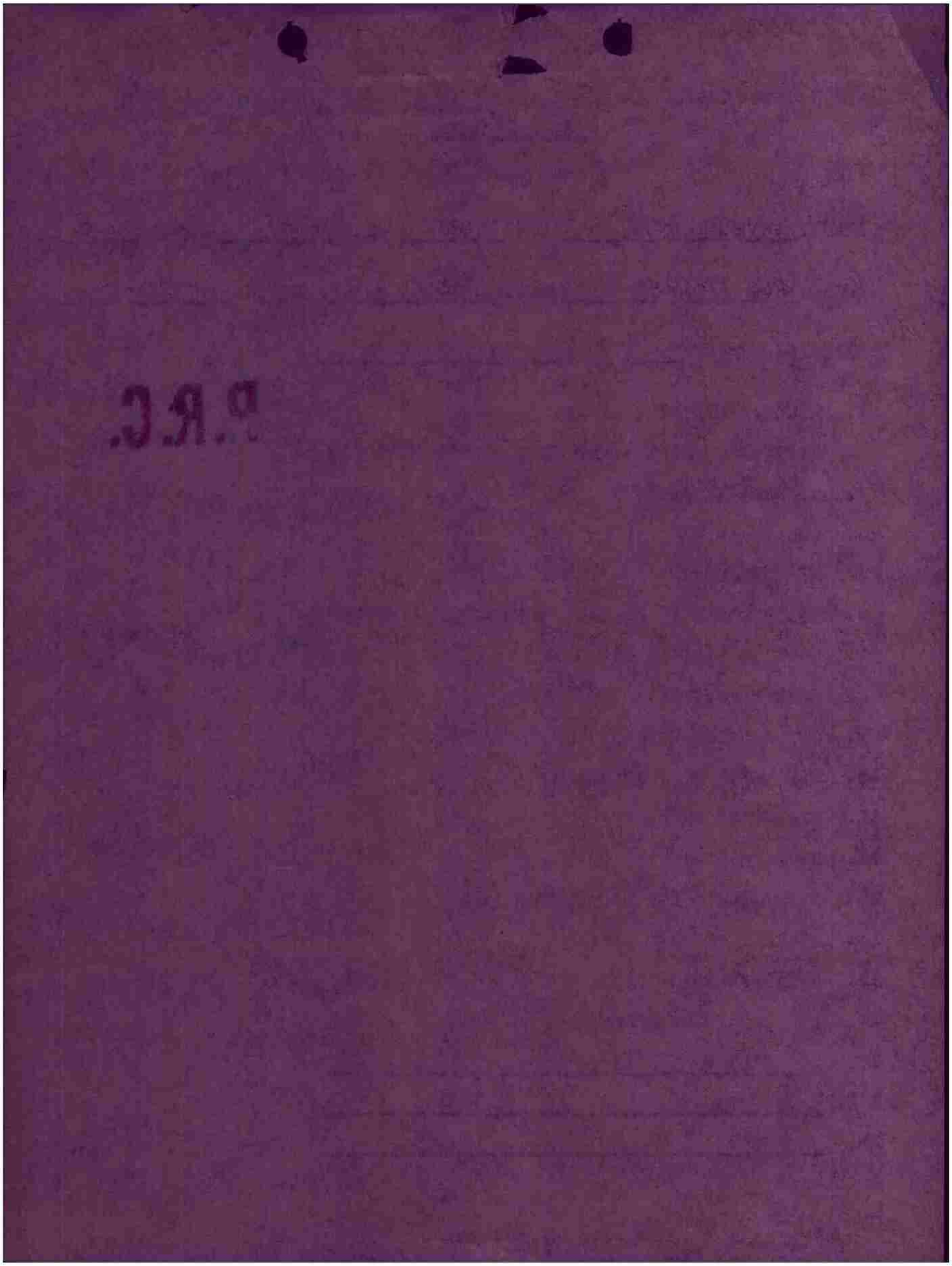
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Mission # 268--11 Apr '45 (AM)

A full scale attack in the morning put 47 planes in the air to attack the Bernburg marshalling yards. A total of 282 X 500-lb. G.P. bombs were dropped on the target with results ranging from good to excellent. Crews reported that the yards were well hit.

There was no flak and no enemy fighters were observed.

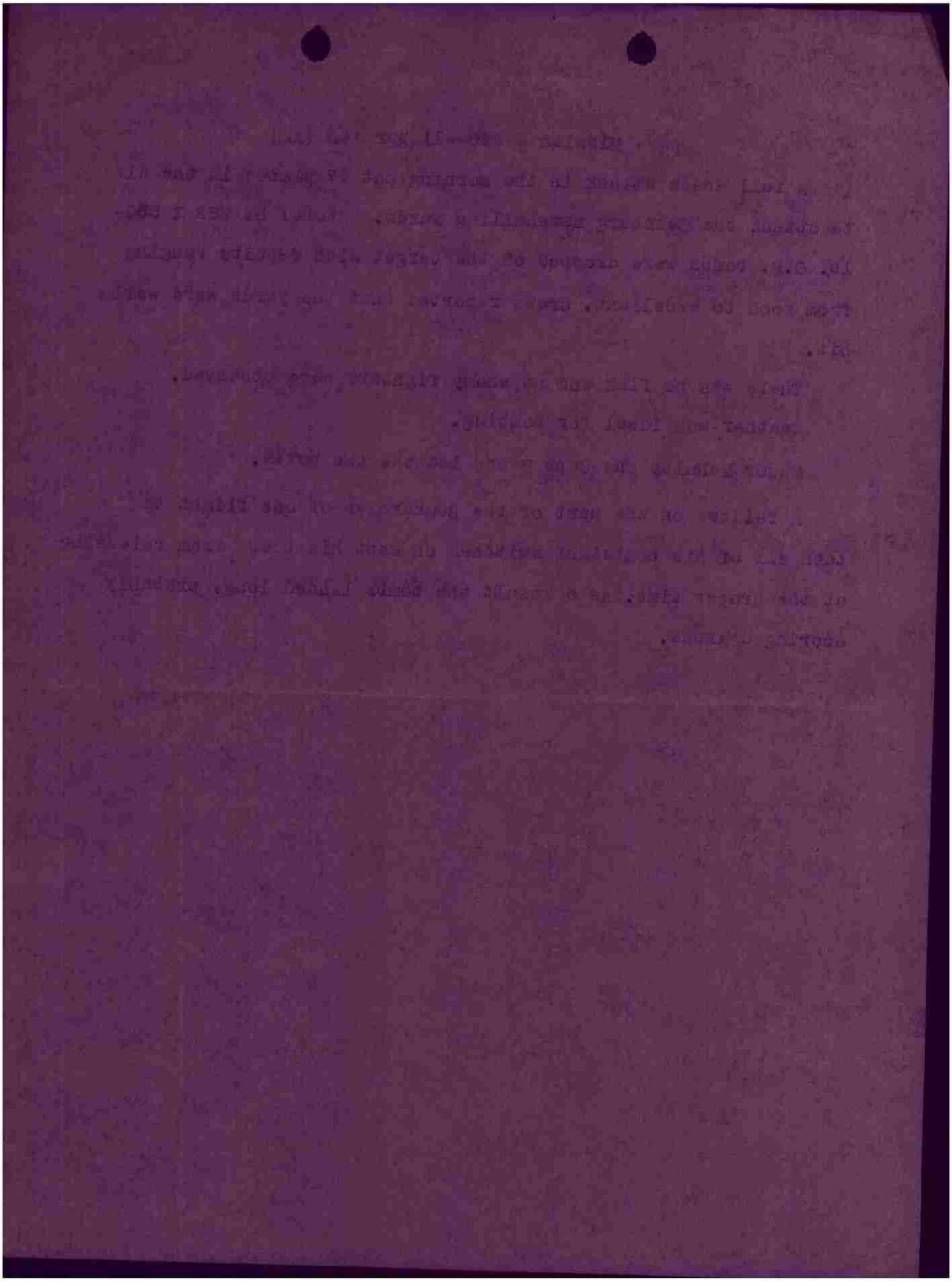
Weather was ideal for bombing.

Major McNulty and Capt Evans led the two boxes.

A failure on the part of the Bombardier of one flight to turn all of his bombsight switches on kept his bombs from releasing at the proper time. As a result the bombs landed long, probably scoring a gross.

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APO # 140
11 April 1945

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INTELLIGENCE
416th Bomb Gp (M)

Field Order #845.

MISSION SUMMARY #108
(Morning Missions)

Section I

GROUP	TARGET	MISSION RESULTS
416 BG:	Dornburg (D-770628) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flt. A - Superior B - Undet. C - Superior
		Box II - Flt. A - Undet. B - N.A.O. C - Undet.
		Box III - Flt. A - Undet. B - Undet.
323 BG:	" "	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent B - Excellent (SMPI) C - Superior
		Box II - Flt. A - Excellent (AMPI) B - Undet. C - Undet.
		Box III - Flt. A - Excellent (SMPI)
386 BG:	Naumburg (J-864912) Ordnance Depot	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent B - Unsat. C - Unsat.
		Box II - Flt. A - Unsat. B - Excellent C - Superior
391 BG:	" "	Box I - Flt. A - Unsat. (AMPI) B - Superior (SMPI) C - Excellent
		Box II - Flt. A - Superior (SMPI) B - Excellent C - Undet.
410 BG:	" "	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent B - Excellent (SMPI) C - Excellent
		Box II - Flt. A - Undet. B - Excellent (SMPI) C - Excellent (SMPI)
409 BG:	" "	Undet.

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397 BG:	Aschersleben (D-5565?7) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flt. A - Superior B - Superior (SMPI) C - Excellent
344 BG:	" "	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent B - Unsat. (AMPI) C - Excellent (SMPI) Box II - Flt. A - Excellent (AMPI) B - Excellent (SMPI) C - Excellent (SMPI) Box III - Flt. A - Unsat.
387 BG:	" "	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent B - Superior C - Superior
322 BG:	" "	Box I - Flt. A - Superior B - Excellent C - N.A.O. Box II - Flt. A - Superior (AMPI) B - Unsat. C - No attack Box III - Flt. A - Excellent B - Superior
394 BG:	" "	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent B - Superior C - Undet. (SMPI)

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Eleven groups attacked two marshalling yards and an ordnance depot, recording SUPERIOR to UNDETERMINED results.

Bernburg (Marshalling Yard).

416 BG: 47 A-26 a/c dispatched, all dropping 282 x 500 GP on Primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,400 - 12,500 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Center of bursts 125' W of DMPI. Bombs fell in good pattern with hits on goods wagons and buildings, cutting tracks.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photos of bomb bursts from this flight due to evasive action. Crews report excellent results.

Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern with center of bursts 100' W of DMPI. Hits scored on goods wagons and tracks.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Same as Flt. B, Box I. Visual reports indicate bombs fell to right of target area.

Flt. B - N.A.O. Due to smoke from preceeding flights covering target, bombardier was unable to see his DMPI. He estimated DMPI and released. Bombs fell in good pattern on buildings and tracks 1770' SE of DMPI, cutting tracks and severely damaging buildings.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photos of bomb bursts from this flight due to evasive action. Visual reports indicate bomb fell slightly beyond target area.

Box III - Flt. A - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photos of bomb bursts from this flight due to evasive action. Visual reports state bombs fell in target area.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photos of bomb bursts from this flight due to evasive action. Visual reports indicate bombs hit in M/Y with excellent to superior results.

323 BG: 42 a/c dispatched, 28 dropping 116 x 1000 GP on Primary. 6 a/c dropped 24 x 1000 GP on briefed secondary target. 6 a/c dropped 24 x 1000 GP on Other target.

2 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failures.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,000 - 13,100 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. Briefed secondary target Hottstedt (D-613451). Primary obscured by smoke. Bombardier attacked briefed secondary target. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Excellent concentration with MPI of bursts 390' N of DMPI. Bombs blanket center of town, falling into central square and across many roads.

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Flt. B - SMPI - EXCELLENT. DMPI obscured by heavy smoke. Bombardier chose choke point. Approximately 60% of bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI. Excellent concentration, with MPI of bursts 860' E of SMPI. Bombs fell in built up area E of M/Y, with one bomb falling short on or near tracks.

Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Excellent concentration, with MPI of bursts 205' N of DMPI. Bombs blanketed S end of M/Y, causing large explosion, visible in subsequent photos. One stray bomb fell on main road N of M/Y.

Box II - Flt. A - AMPI - EXCELLENT. Primary obscured by smoke. Bombardier attacked Other target - town of Sandersleben (D-650490), 3 miles NE of secondary target. Approximately 90% of bombs within 1000' radius of AMPI. Fair concentration, with MPI of bursts 700' SE of AMPI. Bombs fell in built up area and across several small roads.

Flts. B & C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Photos show several bombs of this pattern in M/Y on edge of smoke from previous bombs. Due to smoke and scarcity of visible bombs assessment is impossible. Crews report good results.

Box III - Flt. A - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier, being last to attack target, could not see M/Y due to smoke. Selected road/rail bridge at southern choke point as his MPI. Approximately 60% of bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI. Good concentration, with MPI of bursts 885' E of SMPI. Bombs fell in built up area and across main road.

Naumburg (Ordnance Depot)

386 BG: 42 B-26 a/c dispatched, 41 dropping 246 x 500 Comp. D on Primary.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 5,000 - 9,000 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bursts within 1000' radius of DMPI. Smoke from previous flights obscures complete pattern. However, it is believed that pattern centers about 550' S of DMPI. Smoke cover prevents any damage assessment.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bursts within 1000' radius of DMPI. Concentration centers 1700' N of DMPI. Pattern extends across two S-W roads and also blankets several houses in area. No damage to T/A. Error due to heavy ground haze, which made visibility very poor.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Concentrated pattern centers 1400' NE of DMPI. Majority of bursts occur in fields, although there are several hits on secondary E-W highway. Haze made visibility poor, and DMPI was hard to identify.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bursts within 1000' radius of DMPI. Concentrated pattern in field 1300' E of DMPI. No apparent military damage. DMPI was hard to identify, due to poor visibility.

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Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. More than 50% of bursts within 1000' radius of DMPI. Center of concentrated pattern 950' SW of DMPI. Smoke makes interpretation difficult although pattern blankets SW edge of T/A, with possible hits on R.R. track and several buildings in area.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. About 10% of bursts within 1000' radius of DMPI. Concentration 1100' E of DMPI, in fields at east end of T/A. Haze made visibility poor, and DMPI was hard to identify.

Flt. D - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good concentration covers DMPI. Pattern blankets at least 7 of ramped type buildings and other installations in the depot. Hits on R.R. tracks, R.R. cars, and roads in T/A.

391 BG: 36 A-26 a/c dispatched, 24 dropping 96 x 1000 GP on Primary. 6 a/c dropped 24 x 1000 GP on briefed secondary target. 6 a/c dropped 24 x 1000 GP on Other target.

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

Visual bombing by flights from 5,000 - 9,000 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - AMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. Poor synchronization on short run. Flt. made 2 runs on Primary above clouds, and then decided to bomb Other target, Stontzsch (K-138952), 18 miles E of Primary. All bombs more than 1000' from AMPI (road junction in town). Tight pattern about 1350' NE of AMPI, in open fields.

Flt. B - SMPI - SUPERIOR. Smoke obscured DMPI. Bombardier chose NW corner of building, 1100' NW of DMPI, as SMPI. All bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI. Tight pattern, partially obscured by smoke, about 250' NE of SMPI. Hits on 2 ramped buildings, 4 warehouse type buildings, and one main roadway.

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. Over 50% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Tight pattern about 900' SW of DMPI, hitting 2 large residential type buildings, 1 roadway, and 2 large warehouses.

Box II - Flt. A - SMPI - SUPERIOR. Briefed secondary target (Querfurt D-685155). Smoke obscured Primary. Selected residential block in SE part of secondary as MPI. All bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI, cutting one roadway and an undetermined number of residences. No burst free picture available.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. About 80% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Split pattern centered 350' S and 1100' NW of DMPI, cutting R.R. and hitting 2 ramped buildings and one large storage shed.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage due to camera intervalometer switch not being turned on. Crews reported fair results.

410 BG: 40 a/c dispatched, 38 dropping 224 x 500 GP on Primary.

2 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failures (1 of these 2 a/c, with cowling blown off 1 engine, crash-landed 6 miles NW of Vouziers, at VT-727979. Wing bombs were jettisoned safe at VT-669981; remaining bombs retained in a/c. 3 crewmen injured).

No losses, battle damage, further casualties.

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Visual bombing by flights from 8,200 - 9,200 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Pattern centered in smoke inside T/A, 600' SE of DMPI. Dense smoke prevents assessment of damage, but bursts probably blanketed the two large ordnance sheds in SW corner of T/A.

Flt. B - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier could not pick up DMPI due to dense smoke over target. Synchronized on ordnance shed in SE corner of T/A. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI. Excellent pattern centered at edge of T/A, 375' E of SMPI, scoring possible direct hits and near misses to ordnance shed. Smoke prevents further statement of damage.

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 50% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good pattern centered on highway 1000' N of DMPI. Bursts blanket several hundred feet of highway, and a large number of buildings N of T/A.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage. Cameras failed to pick up bursts due to dense smoke over T/A. Crews report excellent results.

Flt. B - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier could not pick up DMPI due to dense smoke. Selected ordnance shed as MPI. 50% of bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI. Excellent pattern centered on R.R. 1000' SSE of SMPI, blanketing 400' section of main line.

Flt. C - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier could not pick up DMPI due to dense smoke. Selected ordnance shed as MPI. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI. Excellent pattern centered just outside T/A, 795' SE of SMPI.

409 BG: 38 A-26 a/c dispatched, all dropping 228 x 500 IB on Primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 9,000 - 10,300 feet.

Box I & II - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Because of incomplete photo coverage, due to malfunction of 2 cameras in Box II, Flt. A, excessive trail of this type of bomb, and its irregular flight characteristics, resulting in patterns of unorthodox size and shape, it is not possible to definitely assign bomb patterns to individual flights, or to assign accuracy ratings to various patterns.

Bombs from one flight blanket at least 50% of T/A and later photos show that numerous small fires have been started by this pattern. Two patterns fell into built-up areas just S and SE of target. Several bursts in T/A are noted from one of these two patterns. Because of incomplete photo coverage of these bombs, it is impossible to determine how much of the target may have been covered by this pattern. A fourth pattern fell in fields some 3500' S and SE of target, with probable damage to farm buildings covered by one of these patterns.

Aschersleben (Marshalling Yard)

397 BG: 19 a/c dispatched, 18 dropping 72 x 1000 GP on Primary. 1 spare a/c.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 9,300 - 11,000 feet.

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Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Loose pattern 200' SE of DMPI, across SE choke point of M/Y, hitting small buildings, R.R. tracks, rolling stock and roads. Large fires were started.

Flt. B - SMPI - SUPERIOR. Bombardiers were briefed that rolling stock in yard had priority and to use it over briefed DMPI if possible. For this reason the bombardier selected rolling stock in center of yard as his MPI. Selected MPI is 2200' SE of briefed DMPI. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI. Loose pattern 160' SE of SMPI, across rolling stock, R.R. tracks, small buildings and roads.

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good pattern 450' SW of DMPI, hitting in open fields and on secondary road.

344 BG: 43 a/c dispatched, 27 dropping 54 x 2000 GP on Primary. 6 a/c dropped 12 x 2000 GP on briefed secondary target. 10 a/c dropped 20 x 2000 GP on Other target.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 5,800 - 9,500 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good pattern 340' S of DMPI. Hits fell across S choke point probably blocking entrance to yards.

Flt. B - AMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. Could not pick up Primary on two runs because of low cloud and haze. Selected Burgoner M/Y, 10 miles SE of Primary, at D-615443. No bombs within 1000' radius of AMPI. Good concentration 2900' SE of AMPI in open. Bombardier reported good synchronization. Check on sight showed it to be 48 mils out of vertical to right, accounting for error Rate was good.

Flt. C - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier could not see DMPI because of low cloud. Aimed at Flt. A DMPI, 1250' SE of DMPI. 80% of bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI. Split pattern 540' E of SMPI. Hits in edge of yard and in open.

Box II - Flt. A - AMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier could not pick up Primar because of cloud and haze. Bombed yard at Bendorf, 15 miles SE of Primary, at D-602370. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of AMPI. Good pattern 350' S of AMPI in edge of yard.

Flt. B - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Briefed secondary target. Could no bomb Primary because of cloud and haze. Selected S choke point of secondary, Eisleben, at D-650311. 100% of bombs within 1000 radius of SMPI. Good concentration 390' W of SMPI. Hits on edge of yard.

Flt. C - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Could not see DMPI because of cloud and haze. Aimed at yard in front of round house 700' SE of DMI 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI. Good pattern fell squarely across the yard 800' SE of SMPI. Damage to some rolling stock and thru lines.

Box III - Flt. A - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good pattern 2000' NE of DMPI blanketed main road crossing. Last four flights had been thrown into confusion by a/c from high flight Box I that had spun down in front of them. 15 second bomb run was too short for synchronization.

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387 BG: 18 a/c dispatched, all dropping 72 x 1000 GP on Primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 9,700 - 10,500 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bursts within 1000' radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered approximately 450' E of DMPI, scoring hits to goods wagons in E edge of yard and extending int field.

Flt. B - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000' radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered on DMPI, scoring hits to goods wagons in this area, and probably severing several rail lines.

Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good pattern centered approximately 100' S of DMPI, blanketing about 60 goods wagons and causing one major explosio

322 BG: 44 a/c dispatched, 35 dropping 276 x 500 GP on and in vicinity of Primary. 3 a/c dropped 24 x 500 GP on Other target. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which was lost.

5 a/c failed to bomb: 1 mechanical failure; 4 other (1 - Flt. leader could not make sighting operation at Primary due to haze and smoke; PDI went out when he attempted to bomb another target. 3 - leader did not drop).

1 a/c lost to flak; hit in left engine at F-550450, 5 miles S of Bonn. Ground forces report the following: a/c crashed at F-476483, on east bank of Rhine river, in enemy territory. 1 crewman was killed, 4 wounded, 1 uninjured crewman is a prisoner of war. Due to the fact that the enemy had no medical facilities, a momentary truce was arranged. Ground forces evacuated wounded by boat to friendly territory, and they are now in 124th Evacuation Hospital.

No further damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 8,250 - 10,500 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good concentration 235' SE of DMPI. Strikes covered all tracks on R.R. coming in from SE, a highway overpass, eight freight cars, buildings and a highway S of M/Y.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. About 75% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Fair concentration centered 850' SE of DMPI. Bombs fell across N-SE rail line, a highway, and buildings.

Flt. C - N.A.C. 4 bombs released early as a result of a mechanical malfunction. Flt. dropped on leader. Bombs fell 7.5 miles WSW of T/A, on a junction of N-S and E-W roads, at D-458539.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. Could not pick up target due to haze and smoke on any of three runs. Attacked barracks area at Ouston (D-669315), 6.5 miles NE of T/A. Tried to bomb M/Y but haze too thick. Good concentration centered 225' S of DMPI, covering S end of barracks area.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. Haze and bomb smoke prevented picking up target until 15 seconds before release point. Bombardier not synchronized at bombs away. Good concentration about 4000' S of T/A, covering houses and roads in S end of town.

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Flt. C - NO ATTACK. Haze and smoke prevented bombardier from picking up target on any of three runs made at Primary. Tried two runs on secondary target, but PDI did not function properly.

Box III - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good concentration centered 335' N of DMPI. Concentration appears to cover all through lines in M/Y. A rather violent explosion resulted from strikes on two of the 12 box cars hit.

Flt. B - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Long pattern extending completely across M/Y and centered 165' NE of DMPI. Strikes cover all tracks in yards, about 24 wagons, the round-house, and nearby sheds. One cluster of bombs released late hit in barracks area, 4600' N of target, hitting 3 barracks.

394 BG: 18 a/c dispatched, all dropping 36 x 2000 GP on Primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,500 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Split pattern approximately 360' SE of DMPI. Bursts started outside of M/Y and walked in covering 4 strings of cars. Damage to rolling stock should be heavy.

Flt. B - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Tight concentration approximately 180' NE of DMPI, covering it. Bombs covered the greater width of the yard. Bursts covered 5 strings of R.R. cars. Damage to tracks and rolling stock should be very severe.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No coverage due to camera malfunctions. Bombardier reports he could not pick up Primary due to heavy haze. Another section of track approximately 4000' SE of DMPI was selected. Crews report excellent results.

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A/C Off		387
A/C Bombing	375	
A/C Failing to Bomb	10	
Other		
Spare 1		
Bombs of 1 A/C Unaccounted for	2	
Total		387

Bombs on Enemy Territory	669.00
Total Bombs to Date	144,126.50

A/C Lost (322 BG)	1	
A/C Missing	0	
A/C Crash-Landed (410 BG)	1	
A/C Battle Damaged	7	(1.85%)
Killed	1	
Wounded	4	
Missing	1	
Injured	3	
Claims	0	

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FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	378
A/C LOST TO FLAK	1
A/C FLAK BATTLE DAMAGED	6
% A/C FLAK BATTLE DAMAGED	1.85%

Bernburg Marshalling Yard — 416, 323 Gp.

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

Although there are 12 guns plotted within range of the target, no flak was experienced. When there is imminent danger of attack by ground forces, flak positions are given a primary mission of defense against ground attack.

Naumburg Ordnance Depot — 386, 391, 410, 409 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Flak Battle Damaged	6
% A/C Flak Battle Damaged	3.97%

The 386 and 410 Gps. encountered no flak. The 409 Gp. received weak, inaccurate heavy flak fire at the target and none elsewhere. This group sustained no damage.

The 391 Gp. met weak, inaccurate, light flak fire (5000-6700 ft.) and weak to moderate, accurate to inaccurate, heavy flak fire at the target. Weak heavy flak fire, ranging from accurate to inaccurate was also encountered at J-982881 and K-132781. These points are within range of very heavy defenses around Zeitz, but weather conditions probably prevented effective visual engagement.

Aschersleben Marshalling Yard — 397, 344, 387, 322, 394 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	1
A/C Flak Battle Damaged	0
% A/C Flak Battle Damaged	0.71%

No flak was experienced at the target. There are two guns plotted within extreme range, but effective fire could probably not be accomplished.

One flight of the 322 Gp. flew into the southern portion of the Ruhr defenses and received weak, accurate, light flak fire (5000 ft.) which lasted about 30 seconds, approximately 5 miles north of Bonn, at F-550450. The lost a/c was reported to have crashed in the vicinity of F-550500.

There have been other cases recently of flak damage sustained over the Ruhr Area, indicating that the defenses are alert and active.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.T.'s: 1012 to 1238

At 1043 hours, the 391 BG encountered 12 FW 190's at 10,000 feet, between the IP (J-920720) and target (Naumburg). No combat.

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FAILURES TO BOMB

GROUP	No. A/C	CLASSIFICATION	REASONS
323	2	Mechanical	Engine trouble.
386	1	Mechanical	Landing gear would not retract.
410	2	Mechanical	1 - Generators out. 1 - Cowling blew off; a/c crash-landed.
322	1	Mechanical	Left engine cutting out.
	4	Other	1 - Smoke and haze prevented sighting operation by flight leader at Primary. Made run on Other target but PDI went out. 3 - Leader did not drop.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Bernburg — 416 BG: 2-3/10 alto-cumulus, base 15,000'. Visibility 6-8 miles down sun, 3-4 miles up sun.

322 BG: 9/10 medium at 13,000'. Visibility 3 miles in smoke which badly obscured the ground.

Naumburg — 386 BG: 3-5/10 cloud, tops 7000', base 6500'. 5/10 alto-cumulus, base 12,000'. 6-8/10 cirrus above 20,000'. Visibility air-to-ground 3-4 miles in heavy haze.

391 BG: 9/10 cloud, tops 8000', base 6500'. Visibility below cloud 2 miles air-to-ground in haze; also north of target.

410 BG: 2-3/10 high cloud. 3-5/10 patchy alto-cumulus, tops 10,000', base 8000' along east side of bomb run between IP and target. Visibility 5 miles on bomb run.

409 BG: Patchy alto-cumulus which broke just west of target. Visibility 5-6 miles.

Aschersleben — 397 BG: 1-2/10 alto-cumulus, base 11,000'. Visibility 2 miles in haze and smoke. Moderate haze to 12,000

344 BG: 5-7/10 strato-cumulus, tops 7000'. 8-10/10 alto-cumulus, base 14,000'. Thick haze and smoke to 5000'. Visibility 2-3 miles.

387 BG: 8/10 medium clouds at 16,000'. Visibility 3 miles however the marshalling yards could be seen at only one mile away.

322 BG: 3-4/10 patchy strato-cumulus, base 3-4000'. Visibility 1-2 miles in thick smoke.

394 BG: 2-3/10 thin medium cloud, base 9000', tops 9500'. 8/10 layered medium cloud, base 15,000', tops unknown. Visibility 2-3 miles on run in haze and battle smoke to altitude. Vis. 4-5 miles air-to-ground from E to W and air-to-air vis. 5-6 miles.

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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, France, April 11 — Continuing their heavy assault on German rail and motor transport facilities, 370 Ninth Bombardment Division medium and light bombers early today attacked three railway yards and an ordnance depot northwest and southwest of Leipzig.

Striking at a time when Germans are reported moving reinforcements to prepare defenses west of Leipzig, Invaders, Marauders and Havocs hit two railway yards at Aschersleben and a third rail yard at Bernburg, all within 48 miles northwest of Leipzig.

Crews reported direct hits among tracks and installations in the yards. Red flashes of flame punctuated the bombing attack at Bernburg and similar results were produced by hits among goods wagons and tank cars at Aschersleben.

Facilities for repairing motor transport and armored vehicles were reported destroyed in the bombers' attack on an ordnance depot at Naumberg, 25 miles southwest of Leipzig. Explosions were seen among long warehouses before dense smoke covered the target area. The depot was reported vital to the enemy in the defense against the U. S. Third Army's eastward drive.

Haze restricted visibility, but all of the aircraft were able to bomb visually. Flak of varying intensity was encountered and one Marauder was lost. Crewmen reported seeing several FW 190s, but there were no attacks by the enemy aircraft.

-30- News Room 1625, Press Camp 1640.

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, France, April 11 — Bombing attacks on two railway yards in the Leipzig area and a large motor transport assembly plant north of Nurnberg by 330 Invaders and Marauders this evening raised the total for the day to approximately 700 sorties by Ninth Bombardment Division bombers.

Heaviest of the three attacks was on the railway yard at Zwickau, 44 miles south of Leipzig, reported to be full of railway cars before the bombing. Crews said there were direct hits on the rail installation, cutting main lines from Leipzig.

The other railway yard, at Kothen, 36 miles northwest of Leipzig, was rocked by several large explosions as bombs burst in the center of the yard. Ammunition in the yard was set off by bombs, crews believed.

A large plant for assembling and storing motor transport at Bamberg, 36 miles north of Nurnberg, was covered with bomb hits. The plant included a large factory building and 21 smaller buildings, many of which were believed destroyed.

Earlier attacks by Ninth Bombardment medium and light bombers were on three railway yards at Aschersleben and Berburg, northeast of Leipzig, and a motor transport depot at Naumberg, 25 miles southwest of Leipzig.

Bombers met no flak or fighters on the late mission and none was lost.

TACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The five rail yards attacked today are on principal lines which would be used by the enemy in building defenses in the area west of Leipzig, opposing advances by the U. S. Third Army. Destruction would prevent through traffic, cripple marshalling activity and destroy supplies and equipment.

Motor transport and armored vehicles reported in the ordnance depot at Baumberg and the assembly plant at Bamberg could be of great value to the enemy in their defense against the U. S. Third Army.

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S/a PHOTO REPORT

GROUP	CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING	MECHANICAL FAILURES NO.	MECHANICAL FAILURES PERCENT	PERSONNEL FAILURES NO.	PERSONNEL FAILURES PERCENT
416	94%	1	6	0	0
323	94%	1	6	0	0
386	100%	0	0	0	0
391	100%	0	0	0	0
410	100%	0	0	0	0
409	84%	2	16	0	0
397	100%	0	0	0	0
344	100%	0	0	0	0
387	100%	0	0	0	0
322	100%	0	0	0	0
394	50%	3	50	0	0

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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, France, April 11- Following are operational statistics, including preliminary damage assessment figures, for combined missions of B-26 Marauders, A-20 Havocs and A-26 Invaders of the Ninth Bombardment Division Wednesday:

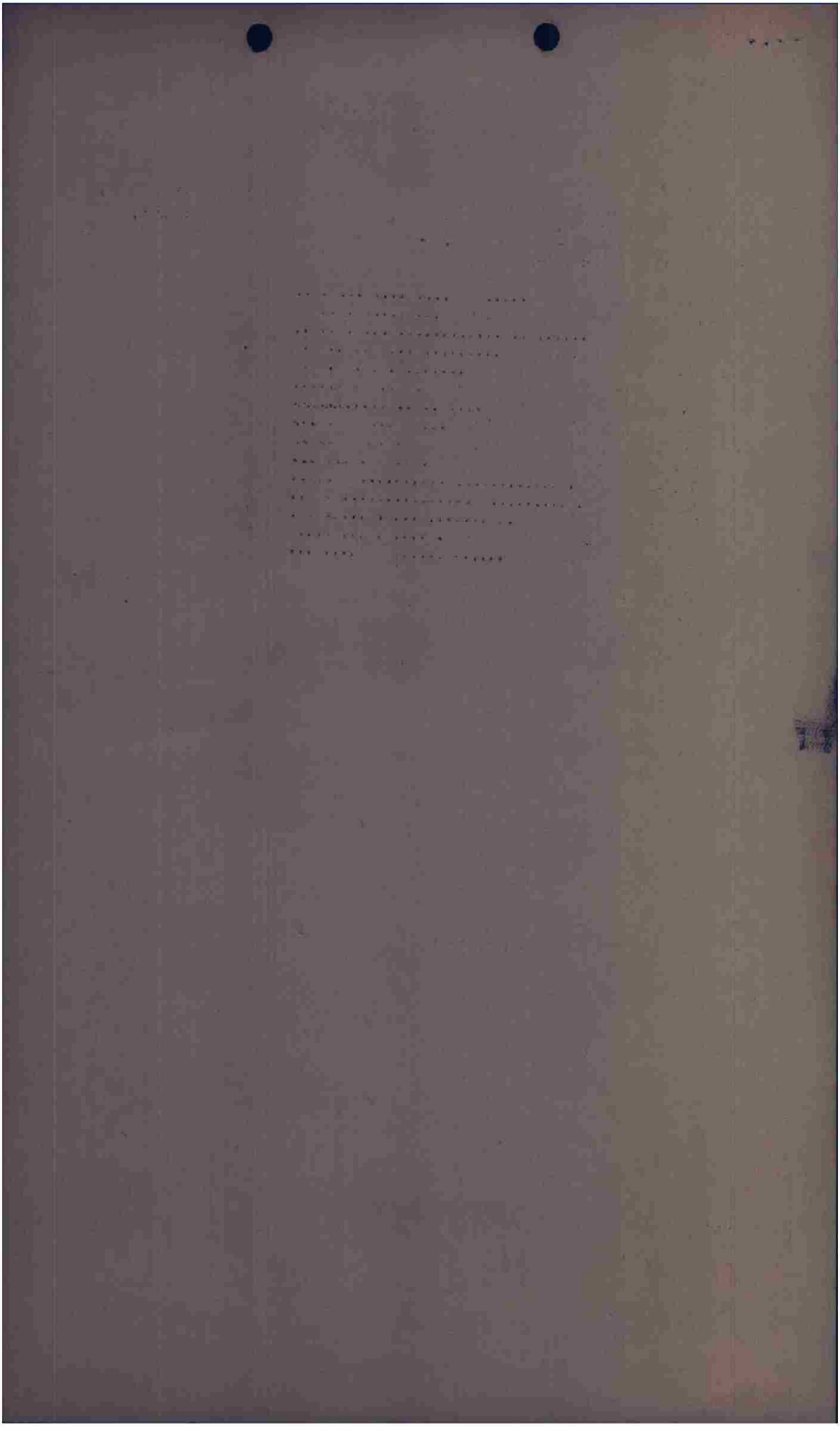
Aircraft dispatched	704
Aircraft over enemy territory	695
Bombers lost	1
Bomb tonnage	1278.49
Marshalling yards attacked	4
Communications centers attacked	4
Ordnance depots attacked	1
M/T assembly plants attcked	1
Goods wagons destroyed or damaged	472
Buildings destroyed or damaged	165
Railroad cuts	249
Highway cuts	63
Warehouses destroyed	8
Barracks buildings destroyed	5
Roundhouses destroyed	3

The Wednesday attacks marked the medium and light bombers sixth straight day of operations and their eighth operational day of the current month. Total bomb tonnage for the month is 6,136.

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CONSOLIDATED MISSION STATISTICS

11 April 1945

A/C Off		704
A/C Bombing	689	
A/C Failing to Bomb	13	
Other		
Spare	1	
Bombs of 1 A/C Unaccounted for	2	
Total		704

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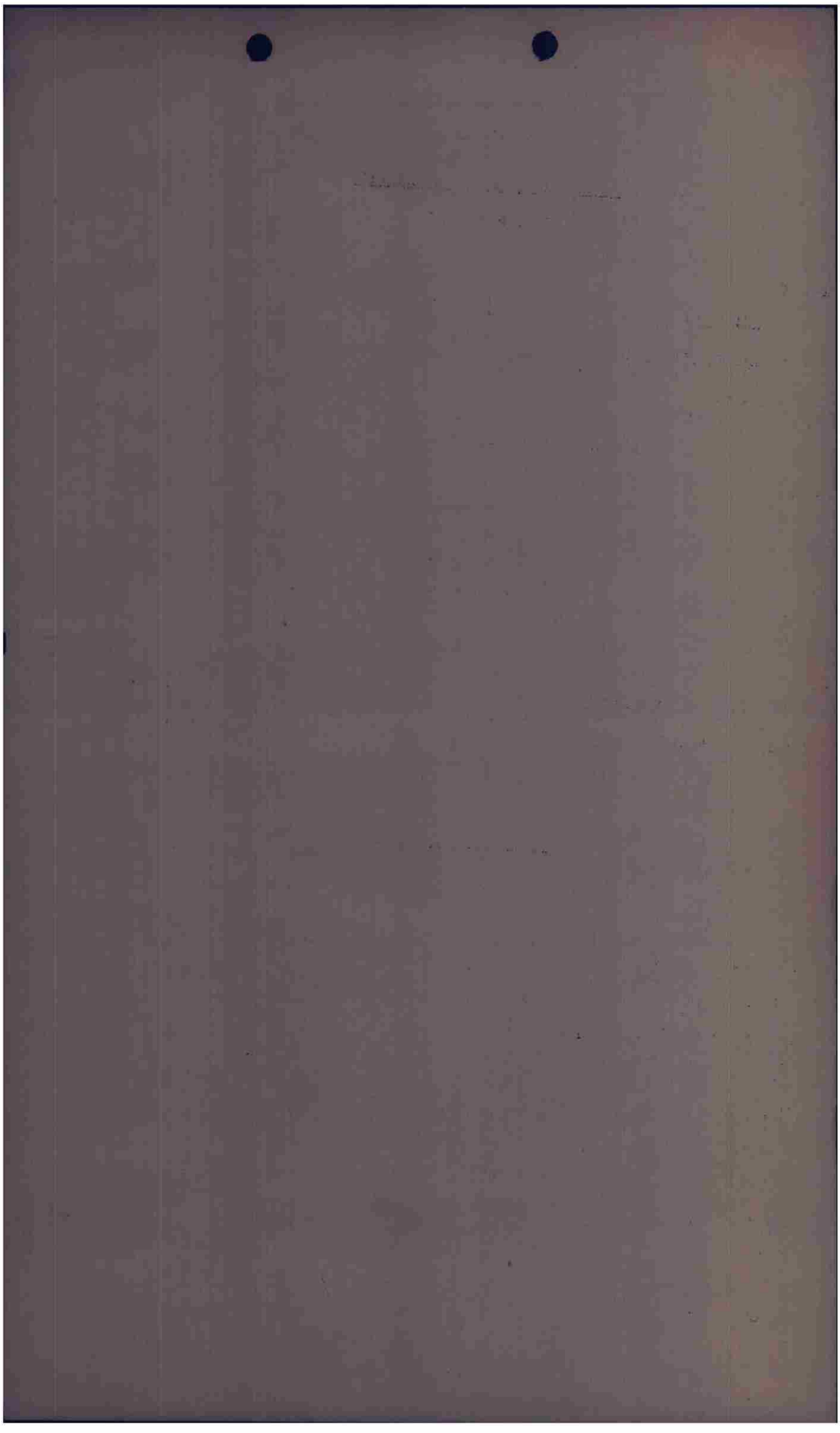
Bombs on Enemy Territory	1,278.49
Total Bombs to Date	144,735.99

A/C Lost (322 BG)	1	
A/C Missing	0	
A/C Crash-Landed (410 BG, 344 BG)	2	
A/C Battle Damaged	7	(1.00%)
Killed	1	
Wounded	4	
Missing	1	
Injured	3	
Claims	0	

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FROM 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) 11/1430B
TO CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION ATTN: A-2
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MORNING MISSION, OPFLASH FOR 11 APRIL 1945

A. 416 BOMB GROUP (L)
B. BERNBURG M/Y (RD-770628)
C. 47 A-26'S
D. 47 A-26'S ON RA PRIMARY
E. NIL
F. 282 X 500 GP'S ON PRIMARY
G. BOX I

A. EXCELLENT - 1 RUN
B. EXCELLENT - 2 RUNS
C. EXCELLENT - 1 RUN

BOX II

A. FAIR TO GOOD - 1 RUN
B. GOOD - 1 RUN
C. POOR - 1 RUN

BOX III

A. EXCELLENT - 1 RUN
B. GOOD - 1 RUN

H. NIL
I. NIL
J.NIL
K. NIL
L.

BOX I	BOXII	BOX III
XXXXXX	A. 11100	A. 11300
A. 12500	B. 11000	B. 11140
B. 11000	C. 10400	
C. 12300		

M.

BOX I	BOXII	BOX III
A. 1015	A. 1018	A. 1024
B. 1022 1/2	B. 1018 1/2	B. 1022
C. 1016 1/2	C. 1019	

X. FORMATION LEADER CALLED ROSELEE BEFORE REACHING FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS BUT COULD NOT BAKE CONTACT. CONTACT WAS XXXXXXXXX MADE WITH FIGHTERS. ON ROUTE OUT ROSELEE WAS CONTACTED AT THE FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.

OBSERVATIONS

18 JU88 A/C AND 5 JET A/C WERE SEEN ON BERNBURG A/F (RD-734666)
M/Y AT FRIEDEBURG XXXXXXXXX (RD-775434) ONE/HALF FULL.
M/Y AT GUSTEN (RD-668623) ONE/HALF FULL
M/Y AT HETTSTEDT (RD-618455) ONE/HALF FULL AND VERY ACTIVE.

CAPTAIN HAROLD W. ANDERSON

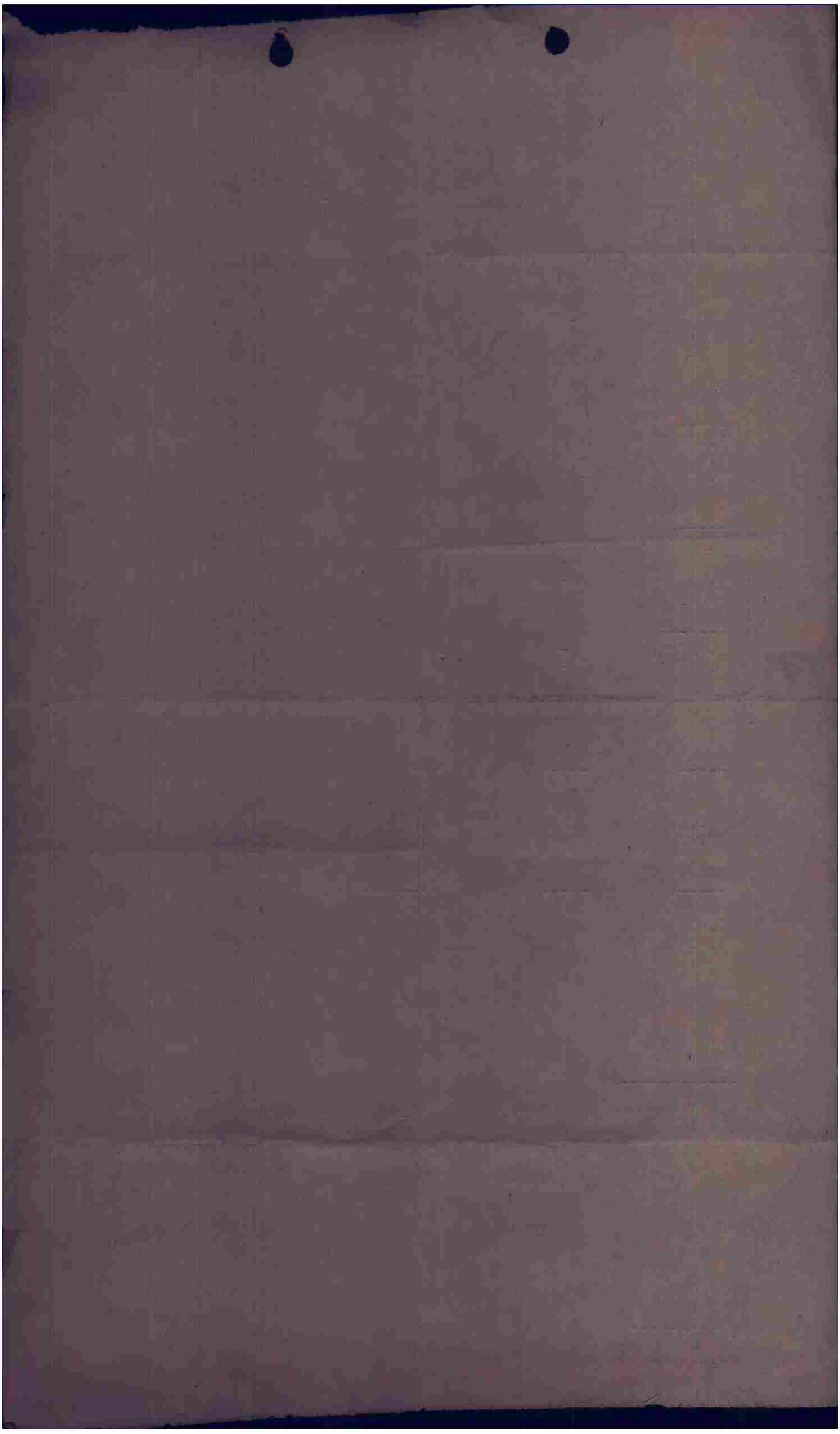
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JEA ITA V JKI JKI 19/11 OP OP
FROM HQS, 416 BOMB GP (L) APO 140 US ARMY 11/1840B
TO HQS, 9 BOMB DIV (M) APO 140 US ARMY ATTN: A-2 PI OFFICER
HQS, 97 COMBAT WING APO 140 US ARMY ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER
BT
SECRET 416BG P-192-D

B. BERNBURG M/Y
G. 1015 - 1024
J. BOX I FLT A - DMPI - SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 125 FT W OF DMPI. BOMBS FELL IN GOOD PATTERN WITH HITS ON GOODS WAGONS AND BUILDINGS AND CUTTING TRACKS.
FLT B - DMPI - UNDET: NO PICTURES OF BOMB BURSTS FROM THIS FLT DUE TO EVASIVE ACTION.
FLT C - DMPI - SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI. BOMBS FELL IN EXCELLENT PATTERN, CENTER OF BURSTS 100 FT W OF DMPI WITH HITS SCORED ON GOODS WAGONS AND TRACKS.
BOX II FLT A - DMPI - UNDET: SAME AS FLT B BOX I. VISUAL REPORTS INDICATE BOMBS FELL TO RIGHT OF TARGET AREA.
FLT B - DMPI - NAO: DUE TO SMOKE FROM PRECEEDING FLTS COVERING TARGET, BOMBARDIER WAS UNABLE TO SEE HIS DMPI. HE ESTIMATED HIS DMPI AND RELEASED. BOMBS FELL IN GOOD PATTERN ON BUILDINGS AND TRACKS 1770 FT SE OF DMPI, CUTTING TRACKS AND SEVERLY DAMAGING BUILDINGS.
FLT C - DMPI - UNDET: SAME AS FLT B BOX I. VISUAL REPORTS INDICATE BOMBS FELL SLIGHTLY BEYOND TARGET AREA.
BOX III FLT A DMPI - UNDET: SAME AS FLT B BOX I. VISUAL REPORTS STATE BOMBS FELL IN TARGET AREA.
FLT B DMPI - UNDET: SAME AS FLT B BOX I. VISUAL REPORTS INDICATE BOMBS HIT IN M/Y WITH EXCELLENT TO SUPERIOR RESULTS.

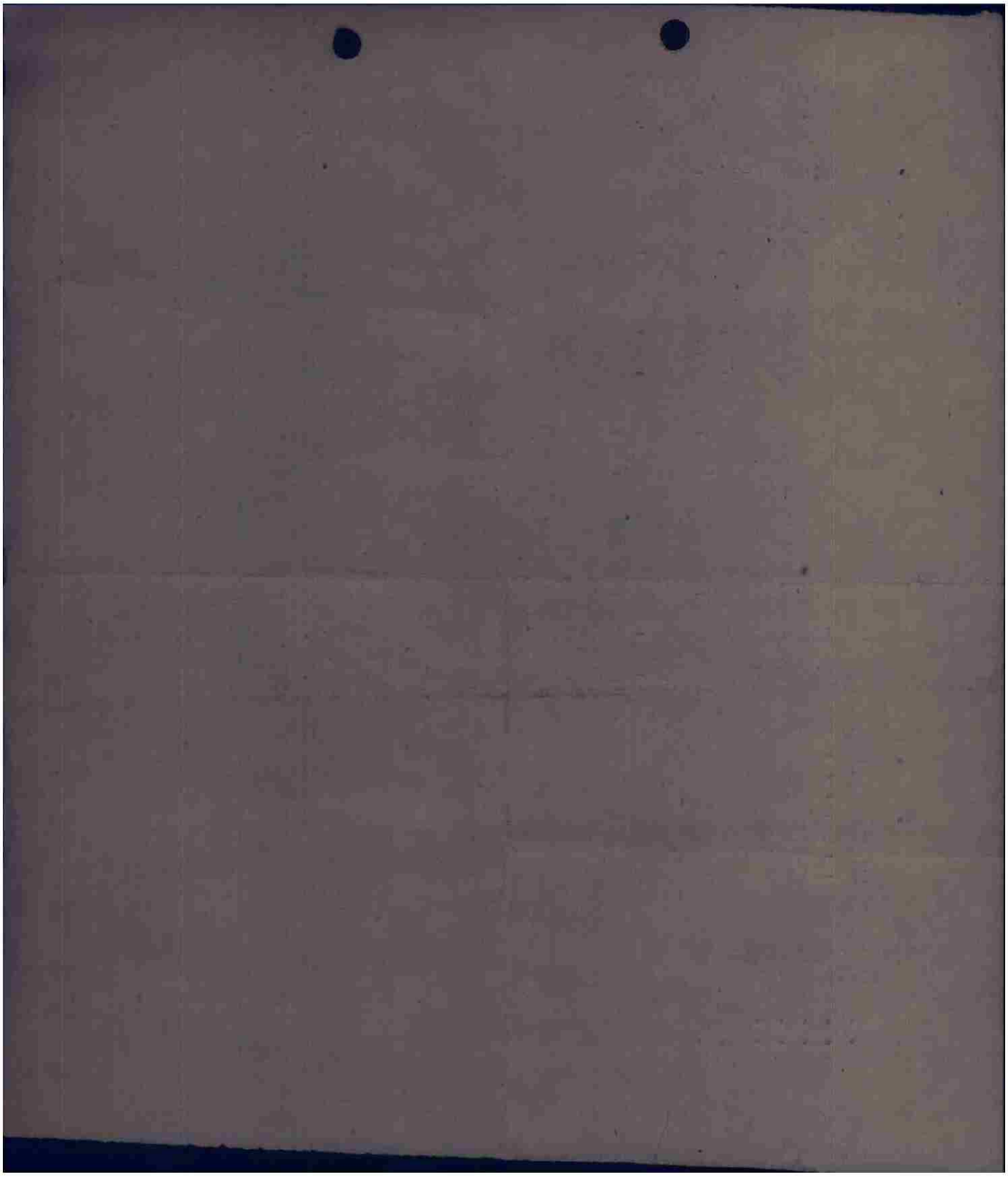
K. NIL
M. 16 - 94
1 - 6
0 - 0
N. 30 - 40 GOODS WAGONS DESTROYED.
10 BUILDINGS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED.
25 - 30 HITS ON TRACKS.
10 - 15 HITS ON ROADS

LLOYD H PERKINS
FIRST LIEUT. AC

AYLESWORTH COMBOMGR 416
BT 11/1840B
WN AS. BBB
ITA R. . . . . 112158B DD . KK
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FROM: 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) 110800B
TO : CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATTENTION:ØA-2
BT

SECRET 416BG P-176-D IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET ONE FLIGHT WILL ATTACK EACH OF EIGHT POINTS AN EQUAL DISTANCE BETWEEN (772622) AND (768630) ON G.S.C.S. 4416, SHEET NO. P-6.

IN THE EVENT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ATTACK THE PRIMARY TARGET THE ENTIRE FORMATION WILL ATTACK EISLEBEN (640330) ON G.S.C.S. &416, SHEET NO. P-6.

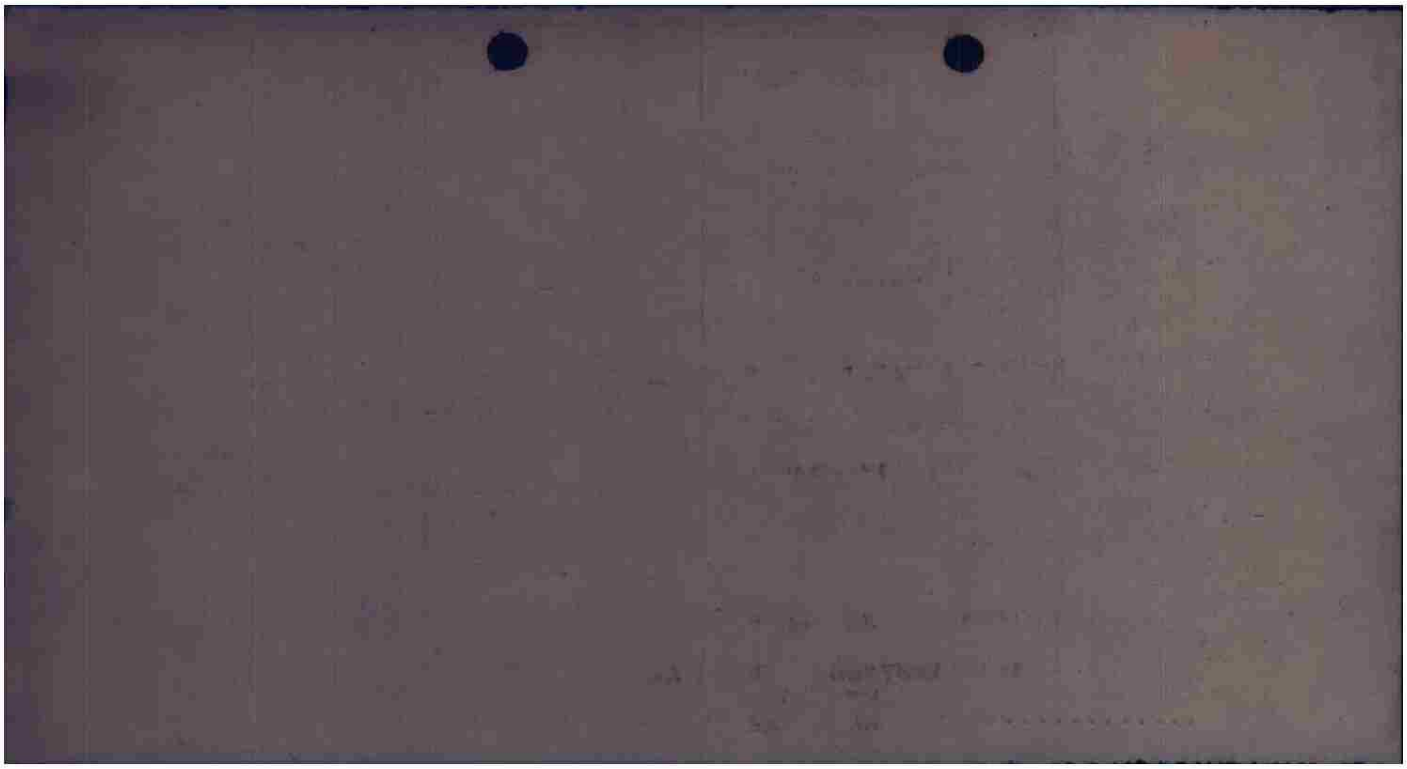
BT 110800B
XXXXXXXX
CC: 8TH GRI NEXT TO LAST LINE 4416 RPT 4416

EJ AR K

JEA R.....11/0820B LEG AR

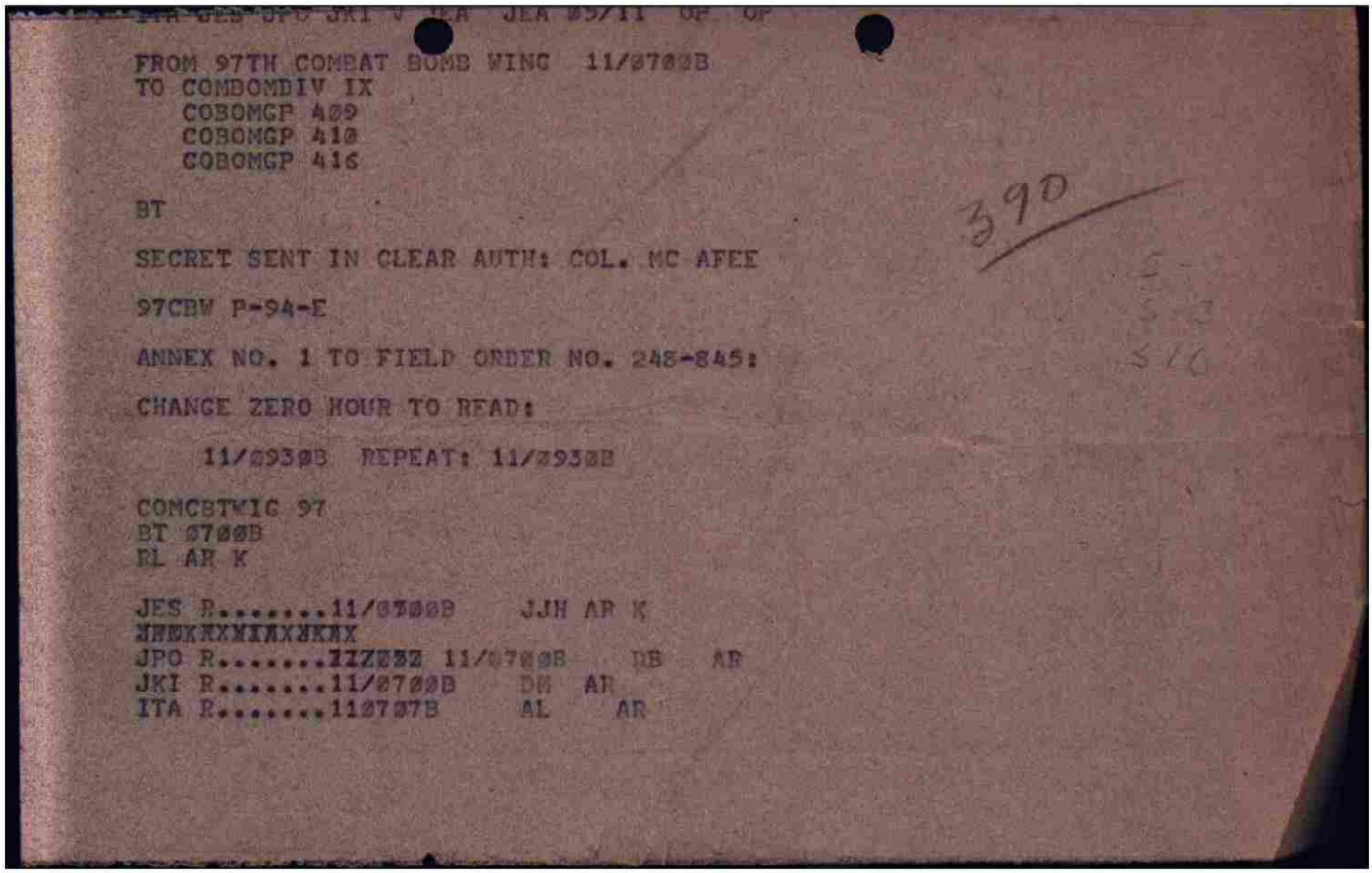
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TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416

BT

SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE

97CBW P-94-E

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 248-845:

CHANGE ZERO HOUR TO READ:

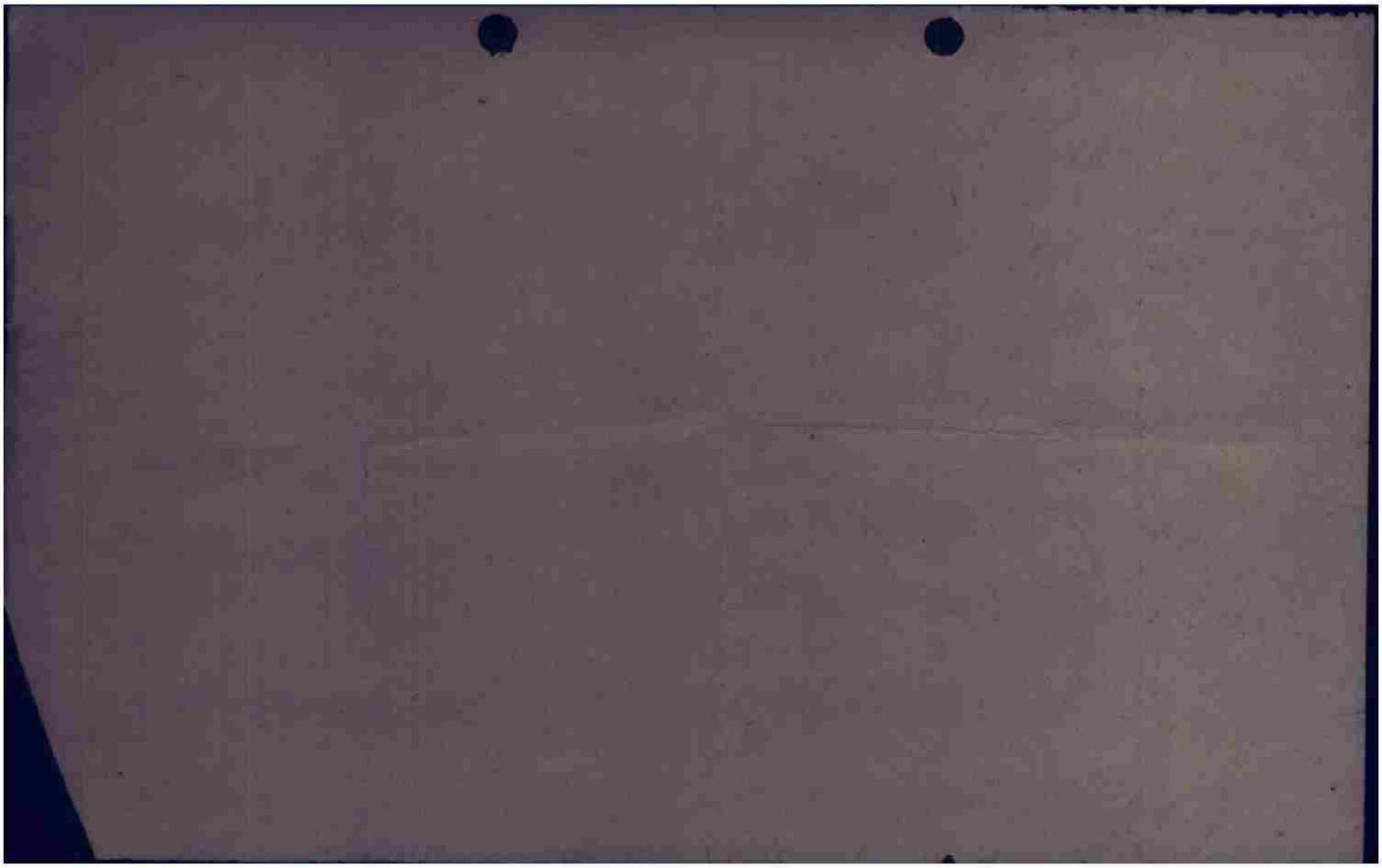
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COMCBTWIG 97
BT 0700B
RL AR K

JES R.....11/0700B JJH AR K
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JPO R.....ZZZ032 11/0700B DB AR
JKI R.....11/0700B DB AR
ITA R.....110707B AL AR

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 11/ØØ15B
TO COMBOMDIV IX ATTN: A-2
COBOMGP 416 ATTN: S-2

BT

SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE

97CBW P-91-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT 1 FIELD ORDER 248-845:

11/0400

(1) TARGET: BERNBURG M/Y (RD-770628)

(2) PHOTO COVERAGE:
INTERPRETATION REPORT NO. F-904.
J/862 PRINT 7040

MAP COVERAGE: 4416 SHEET P-6

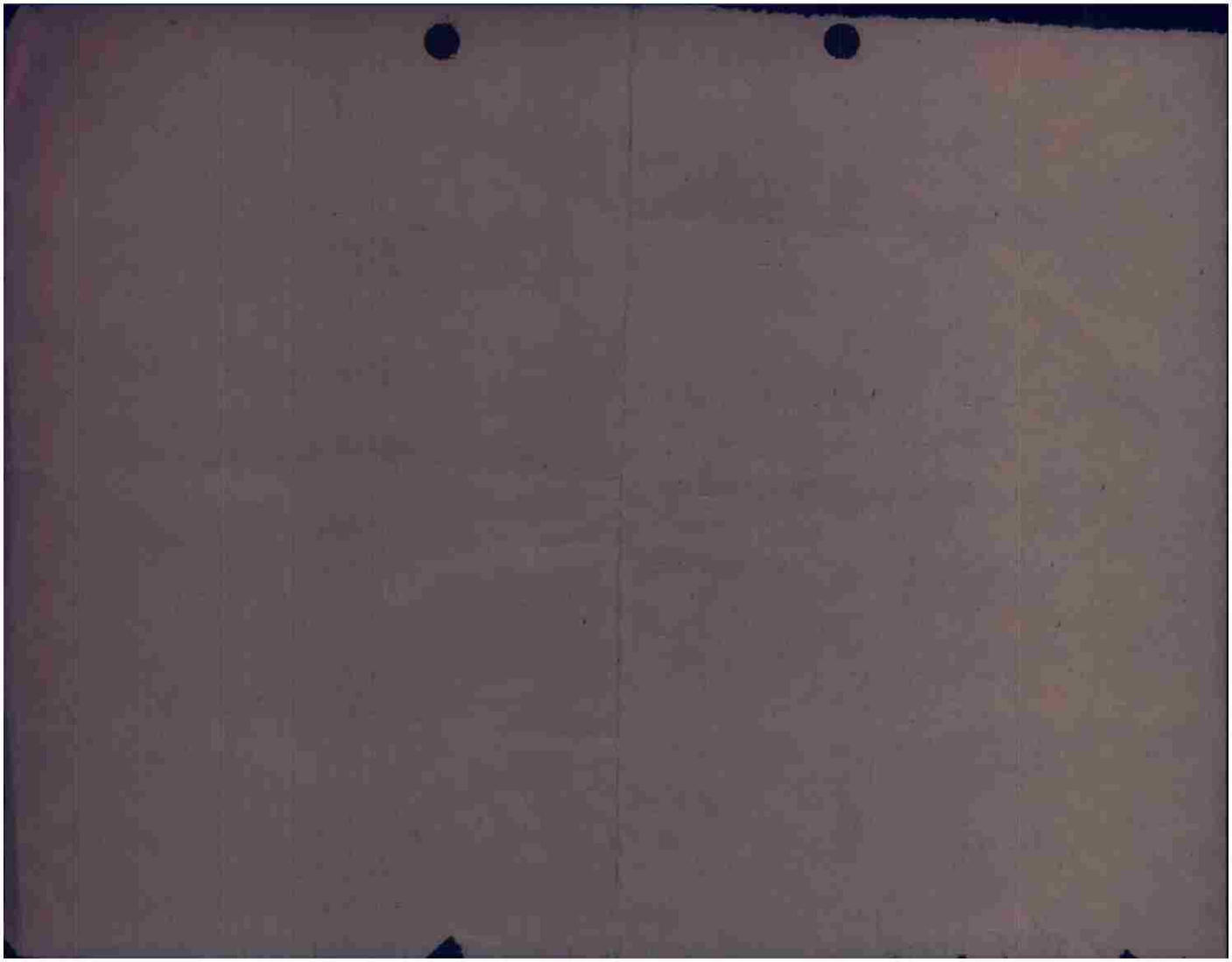
(3) FLAK: YOUR GROUPS MISSION TO STASSFURT/LEOPOLDSHALL
IS LATEST EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA.

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ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 03/11 OP OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 11/0100B
TO : COMBOMDIV IX
409TH BOMB GROUP
410TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP

BT

SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
11 APRIL 1945.

FIELD ORDER NO. 248-845 P-93-E

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE
(2) THE IX TAC WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 409TH BOMB GROUP, THE XIX TAC WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 410TH BOMB GROUP, THE XXIX TAC WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 416TH BOMB GROUP.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY

ZERO HOUR 11/1200B

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT M-6768 AT 6,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 90 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES.
(6) MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR BOMBING 8,000 FEET.
(10) 6 X 500 LB. M-17 INCINDIARY CLUSTERS FUSED TO OPEN AT 5,000 FEET. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.

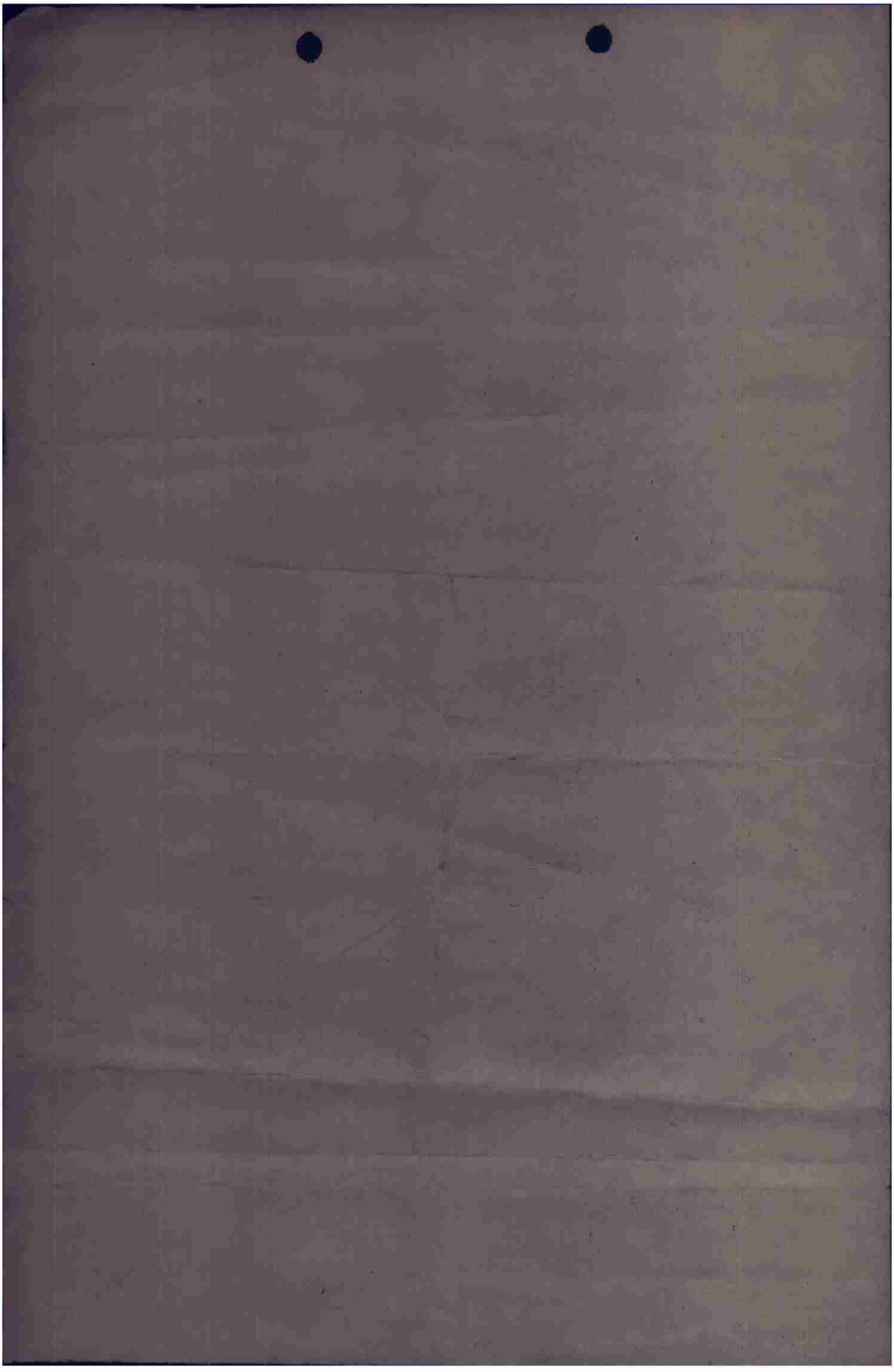
B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT M-6768 AT 6,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES.
(6) MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR BOMBING 5,000 FEET.
(10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
(1) BERNBURG M/Y RD-770628
(2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT M-7196 AT 8,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES.
(4) BASE TO M-7196 TO RD-1228 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO RD-1228 TO M-7196 TO BASE.
(6) BOMB 12,500 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
(7) RD-7843
(8) GENERALLY S TO N
(9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4416 SHEET NO. P-6. COVER M/Y BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES: 772622 AND 768630. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
(10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
(11) RD-6245
(12) IN THE EVENT CLOUDS OBSCURE THE PRIMARY TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
(A) ALTERNATE VISUALLY
(B) PRIMARY ON "GEE"
(C) ALTERNATE ON "GEE"
(D) PRIMARY ON TARGET E.T.A.
(E) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.

X. (1) - (3) NO CHANGE
(4) EMERGENCY SHORT FIELDS: Y-1, Y-2, A-82, A-93, A-96.
(5) GROUPS ARE CAUTIONED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

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"FOR 409TH AND 410TH BOMB GROUPS ONLY"

(6) TARGET: NAUMBURG ORDINANCE DEPOT (WJ-864912)
(7) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
(8) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO M-6768 TO WJ-7340 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(9) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO G-6621 TO BASE.
(10) ALTITUDE: BOMB 9,000 FEET.
(11) I.P.: WJ-9272
(12) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SSE TO NNW
(13) M.P.I. ILL. 3(K)32/2. COVER BUILDINGS 1 THROUGH 16, ALSO BUILDING NO. 19.
(14) R.P.: WJ-0383
(15) IF CLOUDS OBSCURE THE PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
(A) ALTERNATE VISUALLY
(B) PRIMARY ON "GEE"
(C) ALTERNATE ON "GEE"
(D) PRIMARY ON TARGET E.T.A.
(E) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (864912)
(2) BREWER
(3) CABMAN
(4) SWEEPSTAKES

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (864912)
(2) MUSKRAT
(3) POKER
(4) RIPSAW

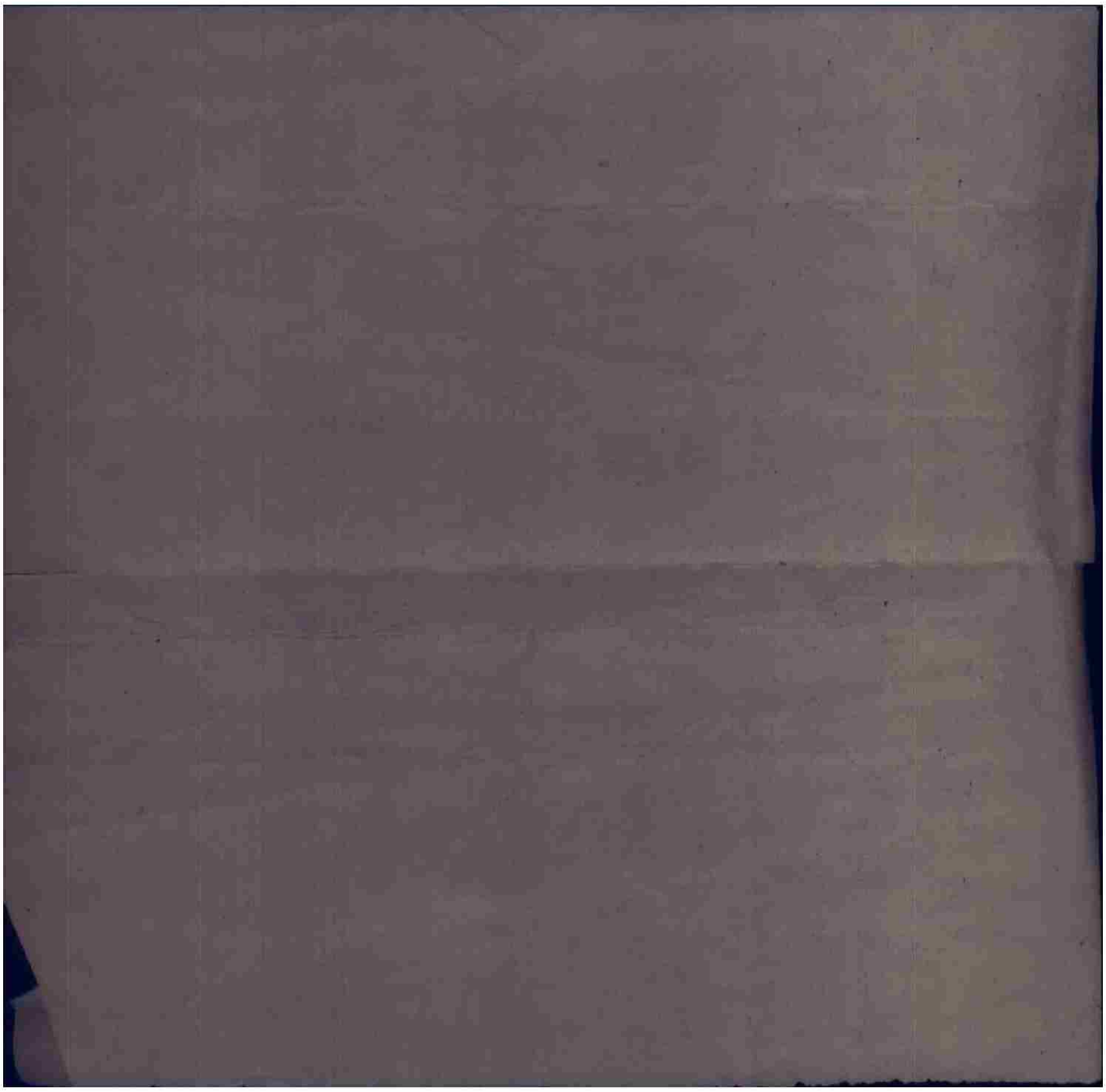
C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (770628)
(2) LANDGIRL
(3) JUDITH
(4) ROSELEE

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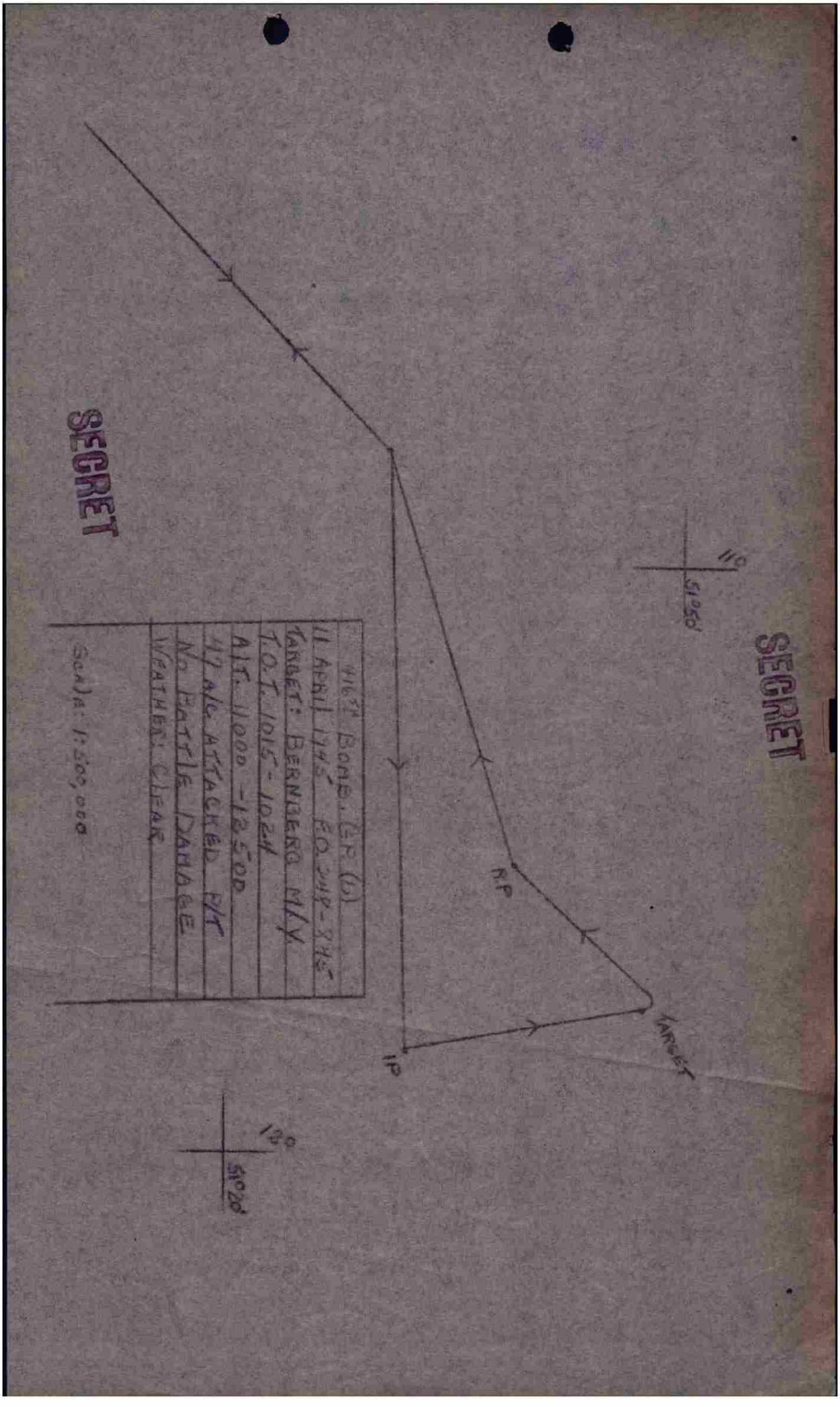
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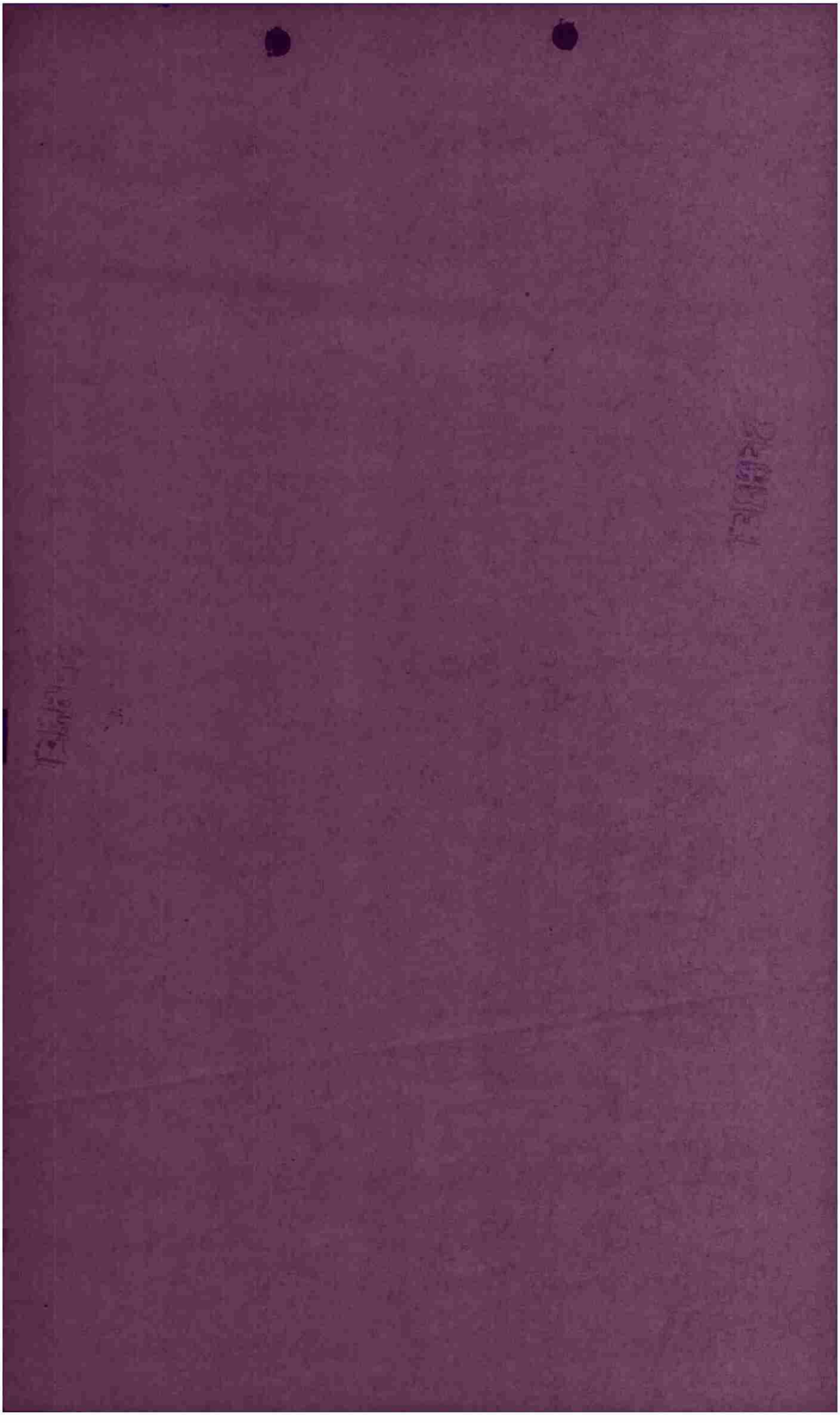
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AUTH: CO Sta A-69
DATE: 19 Apr. 45
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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

19 April 1945

SUBJECT: A-26 OPRT No. 11 for 24 hours ending sunset 11 April 1945

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

Mission No. 268, 97th Combat Wing Field Order No. 248-245.

1. Operational Factors:
Place of take-off Station A-69 Place of Landing Station A-69.
Take-off time 0900 type mission Bombing T.O.T. 1045-1145.
Targets Hamburg M/T (primary) _____ (secondary)
Landing time 1230 Oper. hours (a) 20:30 Oper. hours (b) 5:30.
Weather Clear over target area.

2. Effort:
Dispatched 47 - A-26's Sorties 47 Effective sorties 47.
A/C expending bombs 47 Non-effective sorties None:
_____
_____
_____
A/C returning early None
_____
_____

3. Bombs carried into air: 282 x 500 lb. GP's 1/10S 1/100
Expended 282 x 500 lb GP's fused 1/10 N 1/100 T Alt. 11,000-12,500
target Hamburg M/T results Super, Unsat, Super, Unsat, Sat, Unsat, Unsat, Unsat.
Expended _____ fused _____ N _____ T Alt. _____
target _____ results _____.
Expended _____ fused _____ N _____ T Alt. _____
target _____ results _____.

4. Ammunition carried: 69000 x .50 calibre
Ammunition expended: None

5. None.

6. Flak encountered: None
Location _____ amount _____ accuracy _____ type _____.

7. Enemy a/c encountered: None
a. type and model of a/c _____
b. individual air claims _____
c. individual ground claims _____

8. Claims against miscellaneous ground targets: None
_____
_____
_____

9. U. S. Aircraft casualties: None
Destroyed _____ Missing _____
Damaged _____
_____
_____

10. U. S. Personnel casualties: None
No. _____ type _____ cause _____

11. Remarks: None
_____
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1. Effort:
Dispatched Sorties Effective Sorties
Non-effective sorties :

2. Bombs carried into air: 200 x 500 lb GP's fused 1/10 N 1/100 T
fused N T
fused N T
fused N T

Expended on operations: 200 x 500 lb GP's fused 1/10 N 1/100 T
fused N T
fused N T
fused N T

Jettisoned : None

Lost on wrecked a/c : None

Returned : None

3. Ammunition expended : None

Ammunition lost on wrecked or missing a/c : None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER
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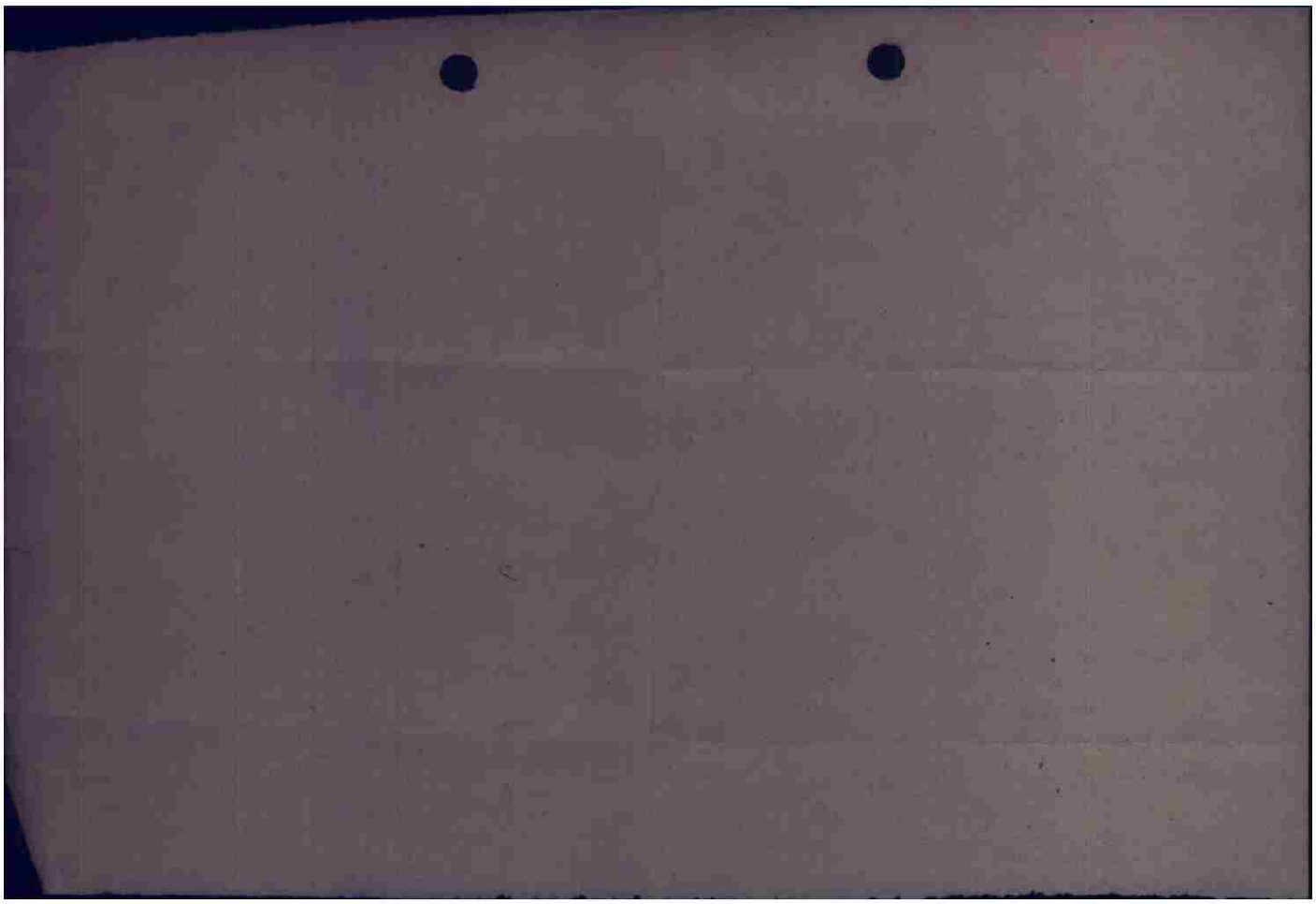
A - YS - 95
B - 11 APRIL 1945 (0800-1200)
C - C-CHARLIE AND Z-ZEDRA REPORTED COMPLETION OF "OPS" TO PARADE.
D - C-CHARLIE AND Z-ZEBRA CONTACTED F.C.C. UPON ENTERING TACTICAL AREA.
E - NONE
F - NONE
G - NONE
H - NONE
I - NONE
J - NONE
K - NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416
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Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O / TOT / L/D	15 min.
V		11/4/45				McNulty		

A/C		Fail to Bomb	ATT			Bomb Disp					A/C Dam					E/A				Pers.		
Ldr	No.	Reason	P	S	O	P	S	J	F	R	M	D	A	AC	B	E	D	F	D	K	W	M
	508					6																
	188					6																
	335					6																
	385					6																
	733					6																
	357					6																
	398					6																
	732					6																
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	723					6																
	564					6																
	724					6																
	2315					6																
	389					6																

508
McNulty
335 Wright
188 McCready
385 Montrose
357 Zeimet
733 Parkhurst

501 Grunig
398 Warren
564 Chitty
723 Bower
205 Shiley
732 O'Brien
724 Turner
416 Singletary
389 Wallace
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9315 Curtis
330 Stankowski

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TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

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

_____A-20G's_____A-20J's (obtained from Opns)

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

_____Recall due to weather_____

_____Personnel_____

_____Mechanical_____

_____Other Reasons_____

(4) No. a/c bombing.

_____Primary.

_____Secondary.

_____Other.

(Obtained from recaps.)

C.

(1) Time up_____

T.O.T._____ (Obtained from Tower).

Time Down_____

D.

(1) No. a/c _____Missing_____

_____Destroyed_____

_____Damaged_____ (cat. B/C)

_____Damaged_____ (cat. A)

(3) No. Crew _____Killed_____Wounded_____Missing_____

(Obtained from Recaps).

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

	No.		Type	
I. Bombs on Primary	_____	X	_____	
Bombs on Secondary	_____	X	_____	
Bombs on Other	_____	X	_____	
Bombs Returned	_____	X	_____	
Bombs Jettisoned	_____	X	_____	Where_____

(Obtained from Recaps)

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Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O / TOT / L/D	15 min.
II		4/4/45				EVANS		

A/C		Fail to Bomb	ATT			Bomb Disp					A/C Dam				E/A				Pers.		
Ldg	No.	Reason	P	S	O	P	S	J	F	R	M	D	A	AC	B	E	D	P	D	K	W	M
	484					6															
	259					6															
	325					6															
	305					6															
	310					6															
	264					6															
	497					6															
	352					6															
	360					6															
	349					6															
	239					6															
	356					6															
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	362					6															
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	383					6															
	393					6															
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484
EVANS
325 259
HALE Colquitt
305
HARRIS
264 310
DRUM LONG

304 497
TURNER TUTT
329 367 360 352
HOUSLEY HACKLEY WITHINGTON MOONEY
383 279
ALLEN SEARS
381 393 356 239
DEPNER SHAPARD WALLMAN PRICE

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TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

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

_____A-20G's_____A-20J's (obtained from Opns)

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

_____Recall due to weather_____

_____Personnel_____

_____Mechanical_____

_____Other Reasons_____

(4) No. a/c bombing.

_____Primary.

_____Secondary.

_____Other.

(Obtained from recaps.)

C.

(1) Time up_____

T.O.T._____ (Obtained from Tower).

Time Down_____

D.

(1) No. a/c _____Missing_____

_____Destroyed_____

_____Damaged_____ (cat. B/C)

_____Damaged_____ (cat. A)

(3) No. Crew _____Killed_____Wounded_____Missing_____

(Obtained from Recaps).

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

	No.		Type	
I. Bombs on Primary	_____	X	_____	
Bombs on Secondary	_____	X	_____	
Bombs on Other	_____	X	_____	
Bombs Returned	_____	X	_____	
Bombs Jettisoned	_____	X	_____	Where_____

(Obtained from Recaps)

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A.M.

Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O / TOT / L/D	15 min.
III		11/4/45				LACKOVICH		

A/C fus	No.	Fail to Bomb Reason	ATT F	S	O	Bomb Disp F	S	J	F	R	A/C Dam M	D	A	AC	B	E/A E	D	F	D	Pers. K	W	M
	490					6																
	328					6																
	265					6																
	250					6																
	209					6																
	313					6																
	609					6																
	271					6																
	351					6																
	212					6																
	344	RETURNED EARLY																				
	354					6																

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490
LACKOVICH
265 328
WINN COCKE
250
REMISZEWSKI
313 209
HLIVKO WRIGHT

609
SOMMERS
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WILLARD HARPER
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WEINERT HASKELL

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TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.
(2) No. a/c off by type:_____
_____A-20G's_____A-20J's (obtained from Opns)
(3) No. of a/c failing to bomb_____explain each failure.
_____Recall due to weather_____
_____Personnel_____
_____Mechanical_____
_____Other Reasons_____
(4) No. a/c bombing.
_____Primary.
_____Secondary.
_____Other.
(Obtained from recaps.)

C.
(1) Time up_____
T.O.T._____ (Obtained from Tower).
Time Down_____

D.
(1) No. a/c _____Missing_____
_____Destroyed_____
_____Damaged_____ (cat. B/C)
_____Damaged_____ (cat. A)

(5) No. Crew _____Killed_____Wounded_____Missing_____
(Obtained from Recaps).

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

	No.		Type	
I. Bombs on Primary	_____	X	_____	
Bombs on Secondary	_____	X	_____	
Bombs on Other	_____	X	_____	
Bombs Returned	_____	X	_____	
Bombs Jettisoned	_____	X	_____	Where_____

(Obtained from Recaps)

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

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PILOT WALLACE A/C# 389 BOX 1 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

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

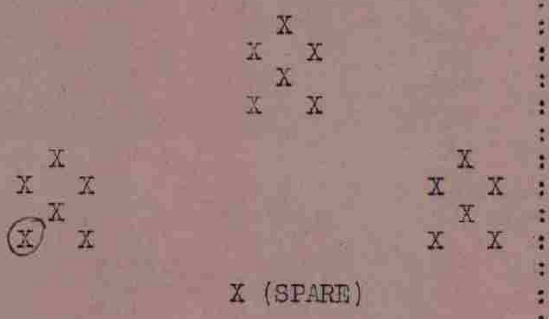
FLAK : Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION



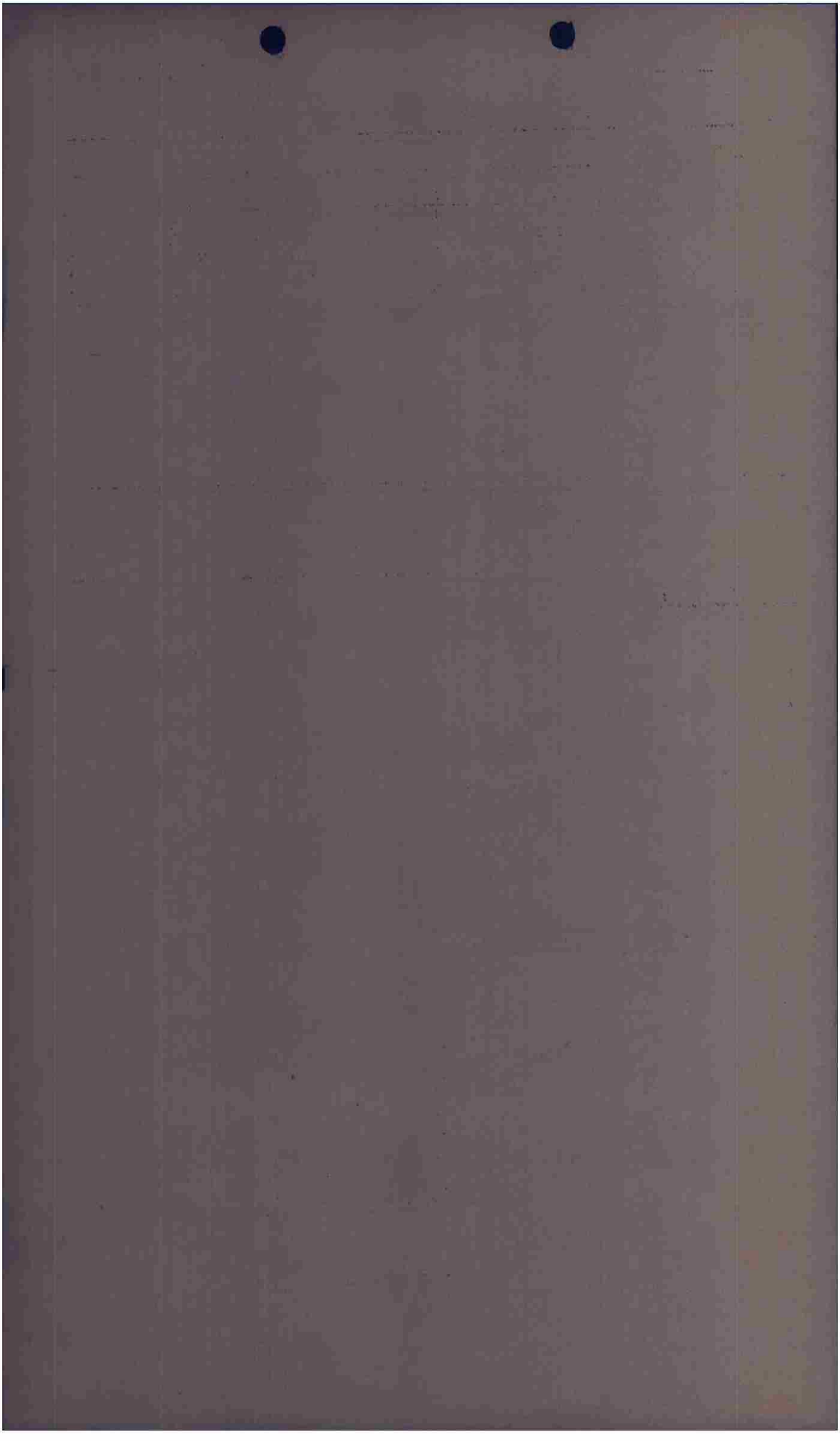
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PILOT CHITTY A/C# 564 BOX 1 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : Heavy at I.P.
very inaccurate. Visibility down to 1.

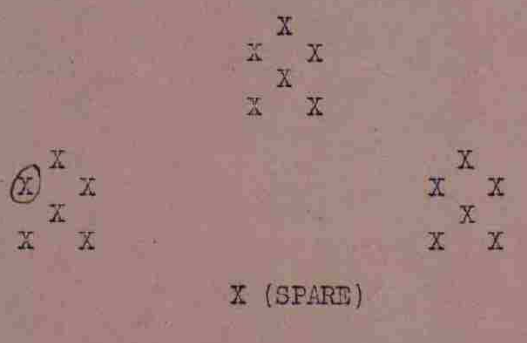
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Centred on R.R.
some shells short.

POSITION IN FORMATION

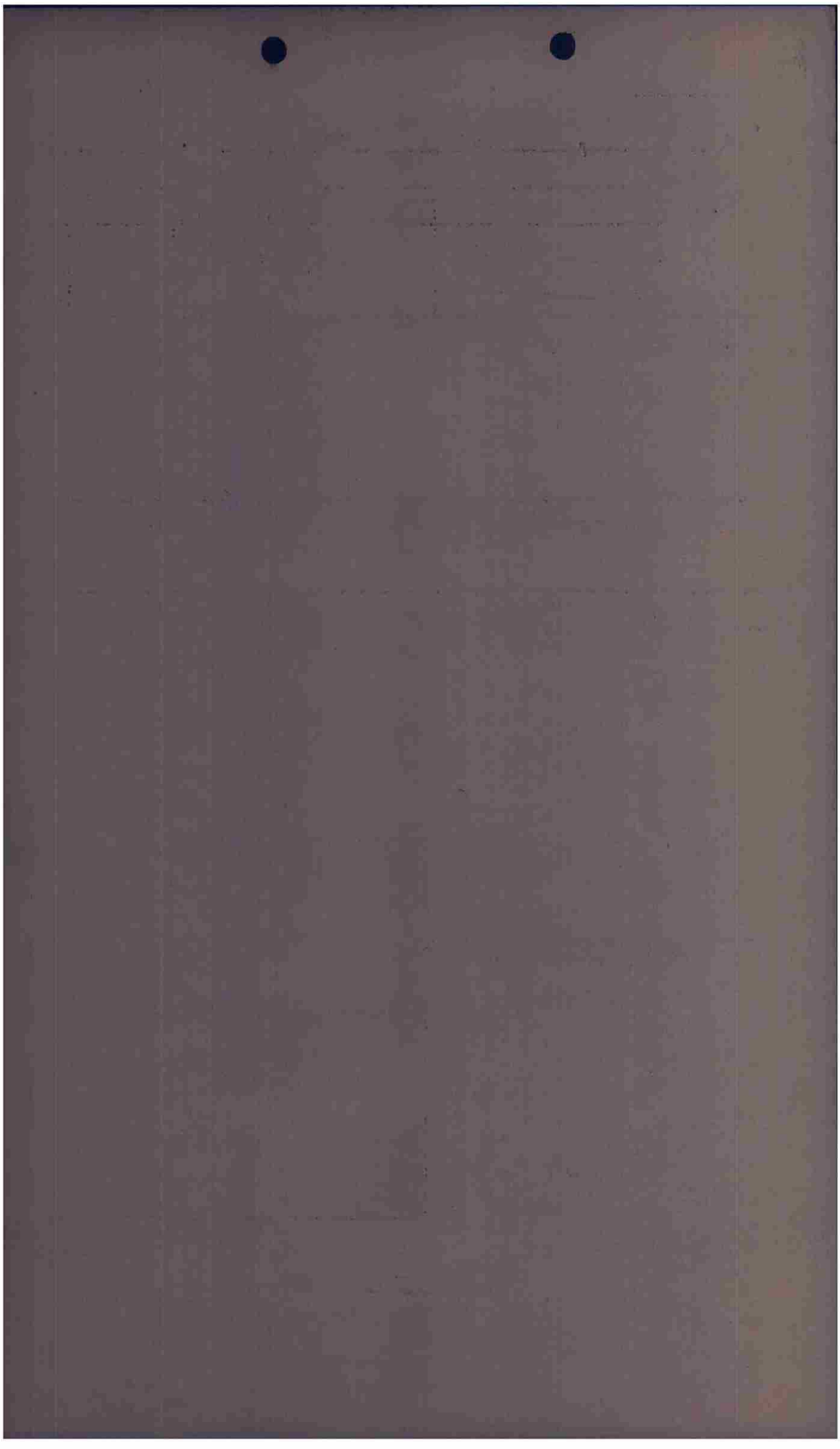


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PILOT TURNER A/C# 224 BOX 1 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

Nil

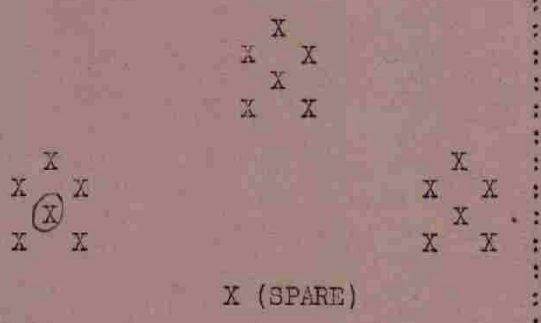
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Results good.

POSITION IN FORMATION

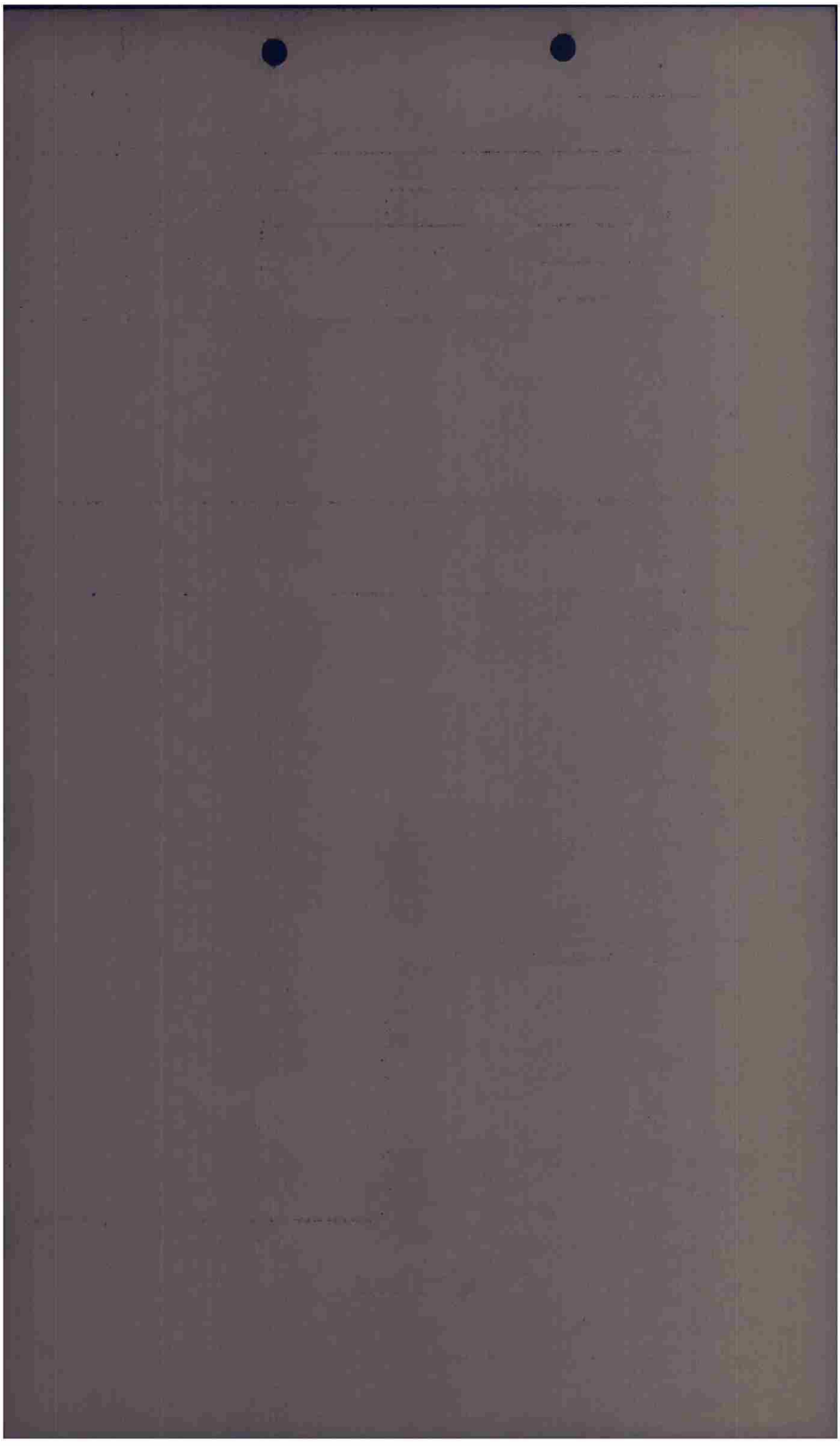


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PILOT BOWER A/C# 723 BOX 1 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500. ON P.

X RETURNED

X JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE			
"A"	"A-C"		"E"
	Nil		

FLAK : Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

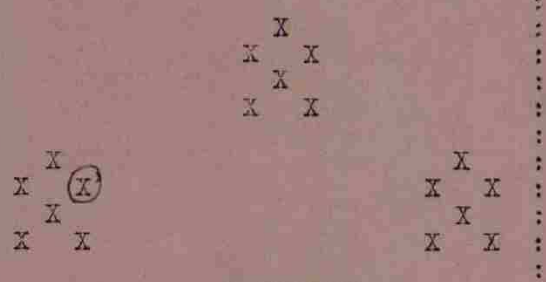
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OBSERVATIONS:

Prop was forced pilot to grass vol & release depths short but target area. Very close. Good results.

47 to 51's

POSITION IN FORMATION

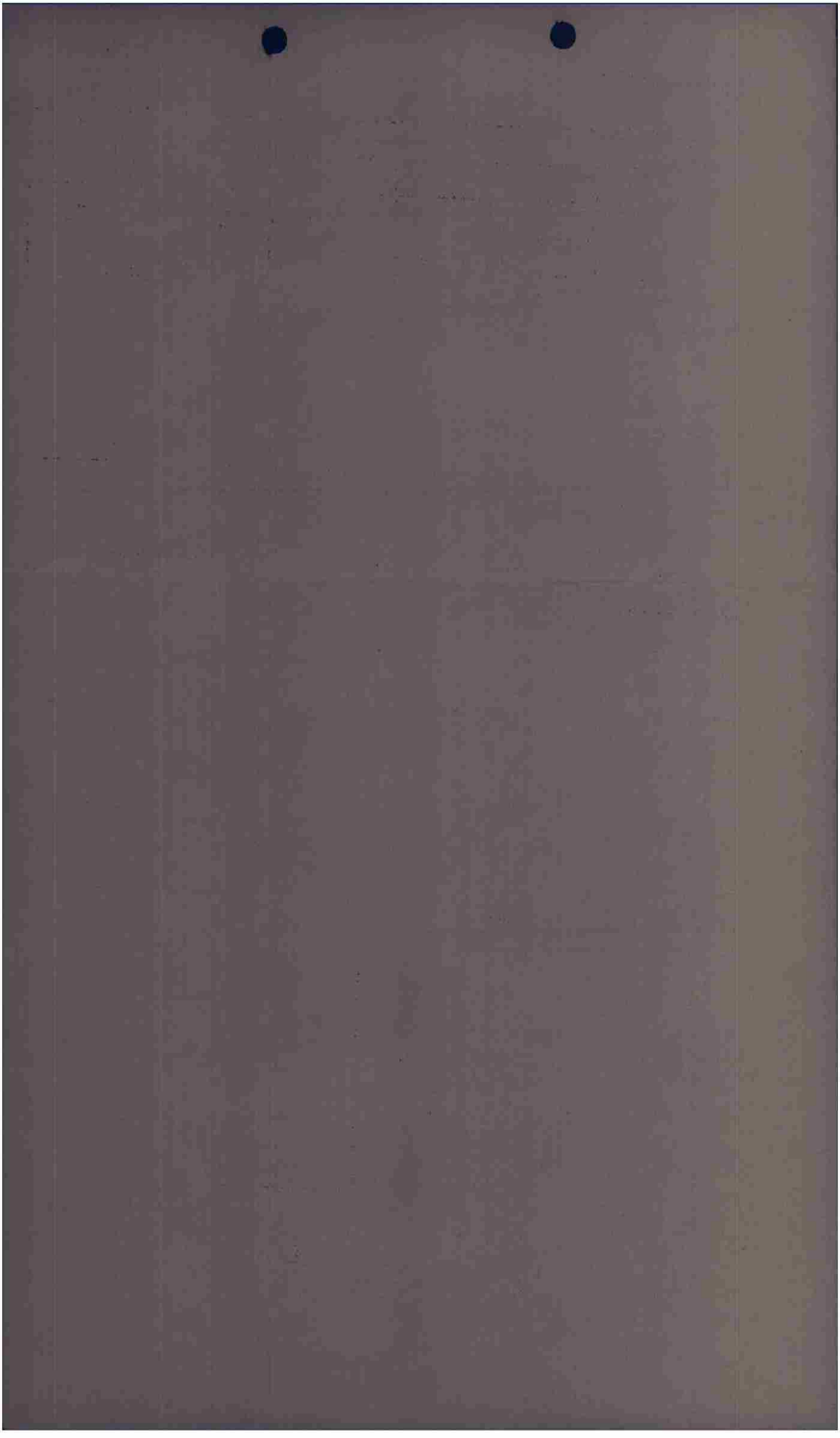


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PILOT BOERNER A/C# 2315 BOX 1 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

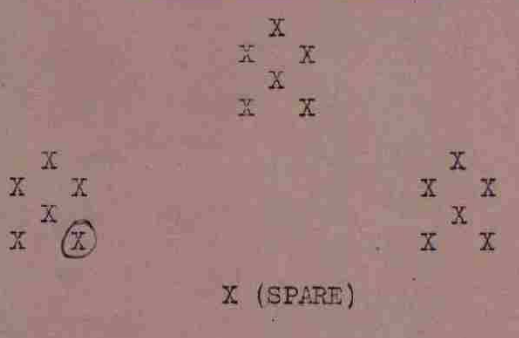
nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS: Bomb pattern short and to the left. Saw Bernburg A/D but did not notice any A/c. R/W OK.

POSITION IN FORMATION

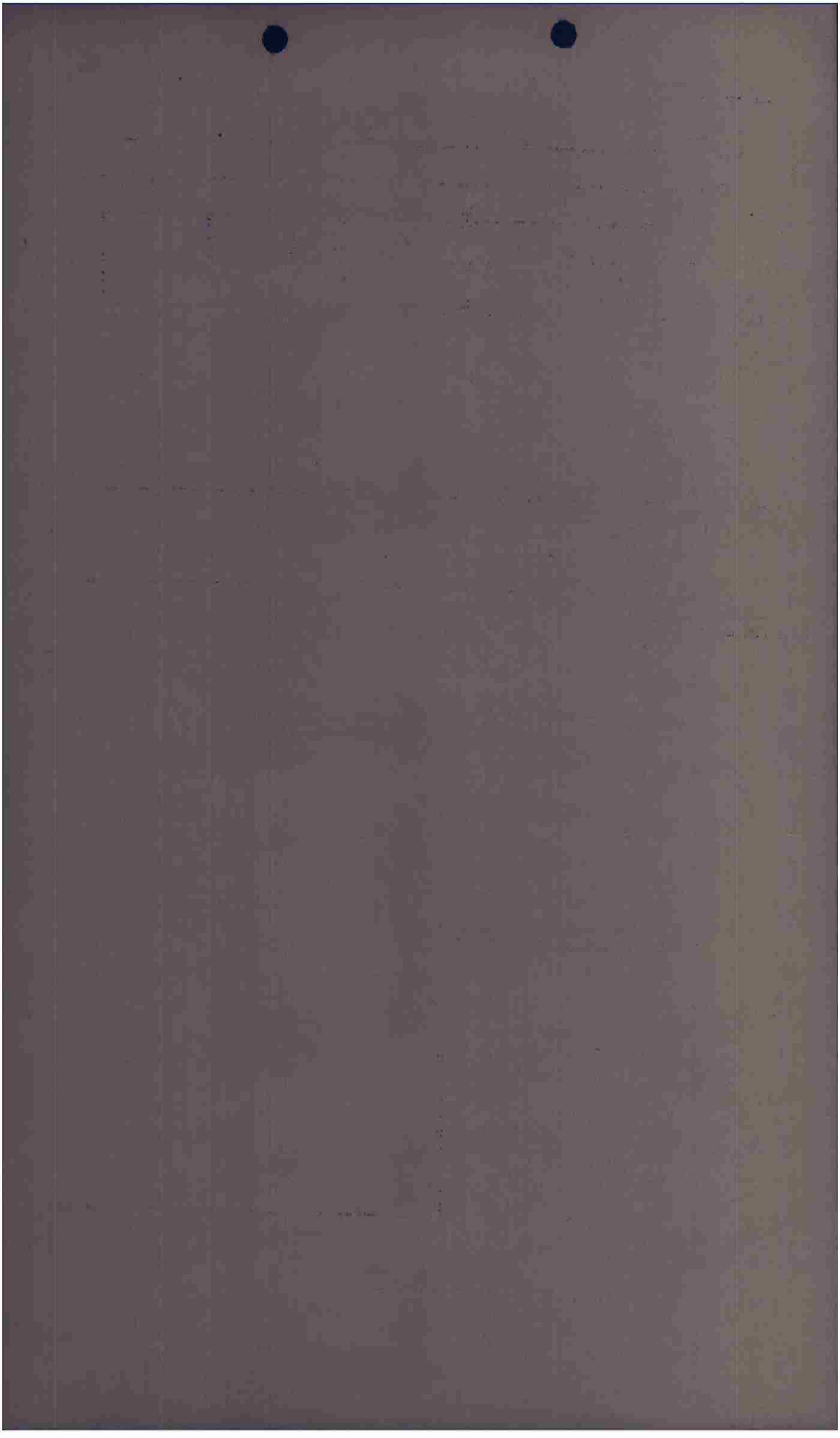


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PILOT McCREADY A/C# 188 BOX 1 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON

		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
1 Rem	X RETURNED		nil	
	X JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil

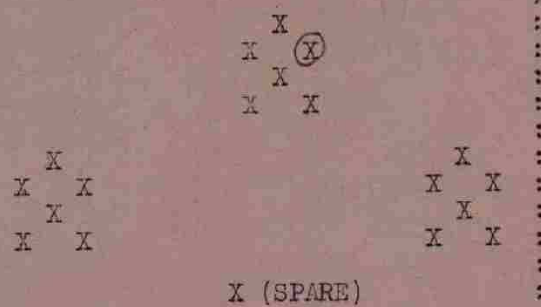
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: 1 Convoy near IP - headed North near big town.

Hits in M/Y — and on rolling stock

Factory in ~~to~~ town near IP - chimneys smoking.

POSITION IN FORMATION



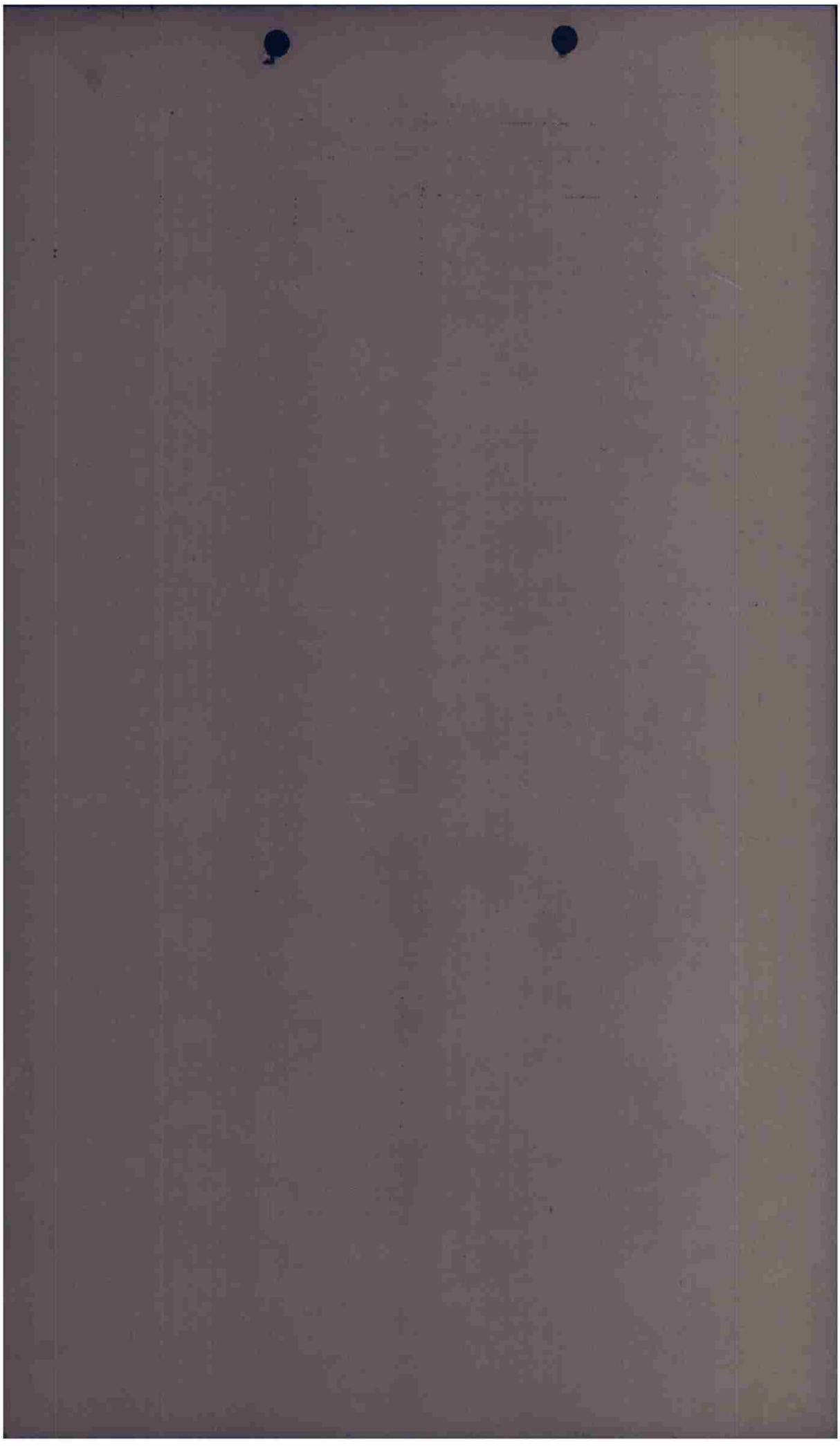
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PILOT SINGLETARY A/C# 416 BOX 1 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON P.	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
Trees. X JETTISONED	Nil		

FLAK :

Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

B

OBSERVATIONS:

4½ Min past BL on way in - M/y & airfield with 10 Jet 20b.

My own target - 1 Train pulling out headed E. in Turn Off.

6-8 Min N of target AF - 2 Runways.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X
X X
X
X X

X
X X
X
X X

X (SPARE)

5-6 trucks at 1000 near BL.
3 more shortly afterward.

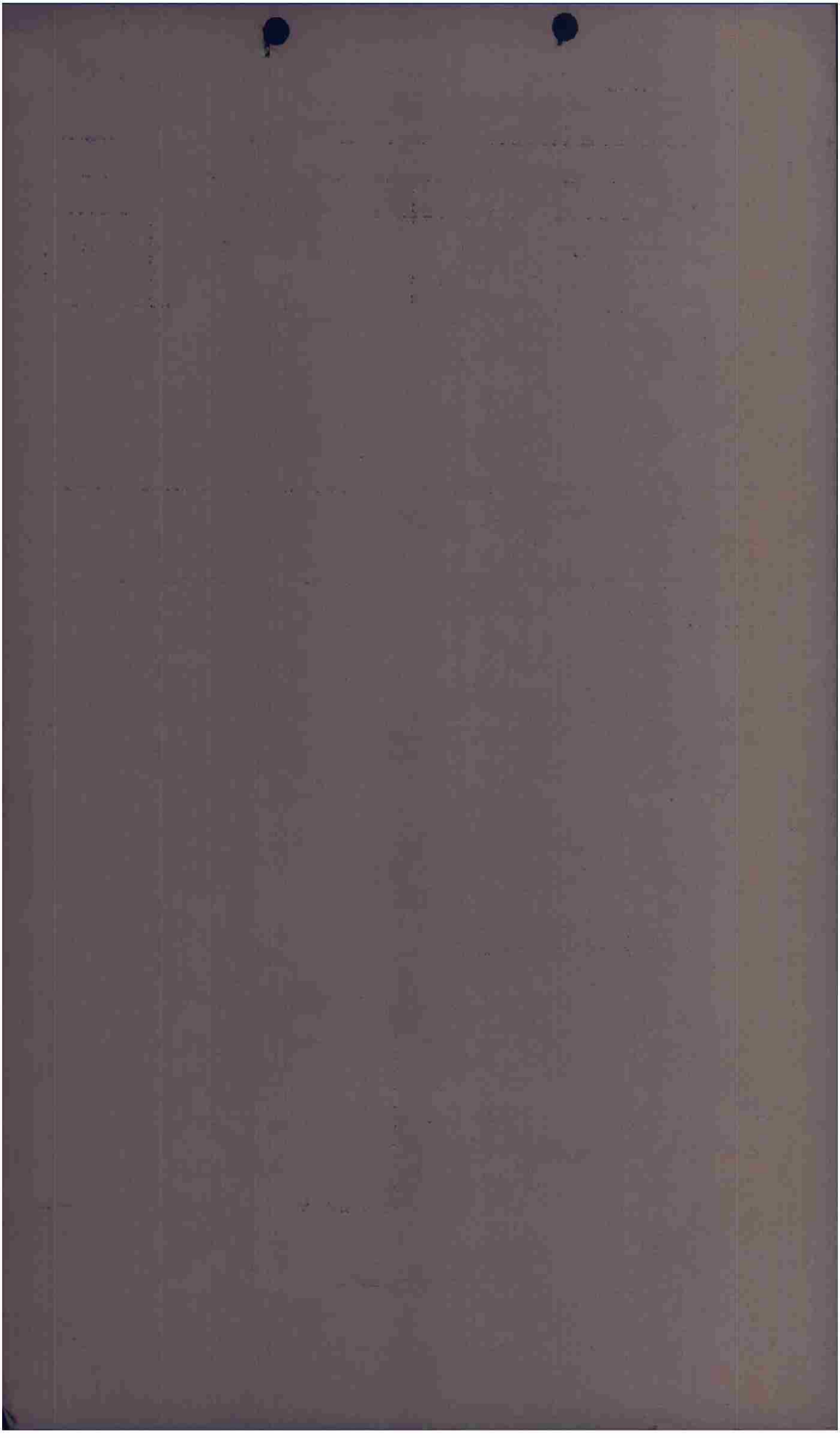
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PILOT CURTISS A/C# 9315 BOX 1 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

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

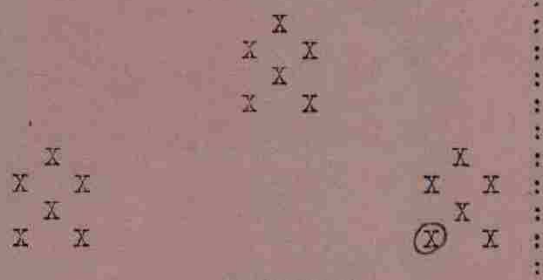
FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: Hits on RR track.
Barracks in target area - blast of bombs seemed to cause damage.

POSITION IN FORMATION

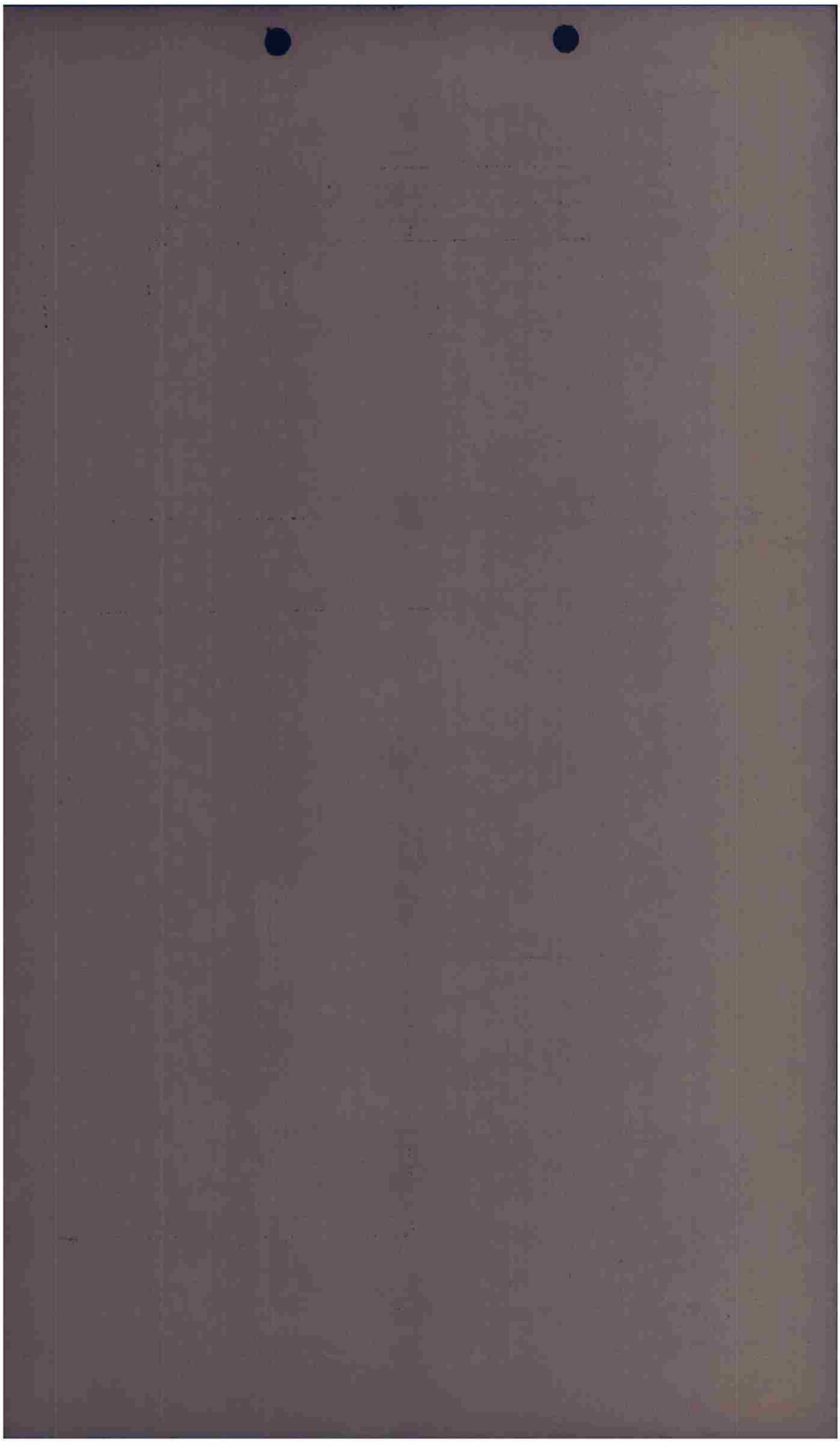


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PILOT STANKOWSKI A/C# 330 BOX 1 FLT. F

CASUALTIES

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

2 Runs

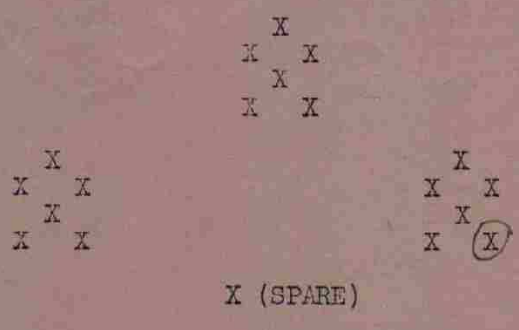
FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: Hit directly in M/V

POSITION IN FORMATION

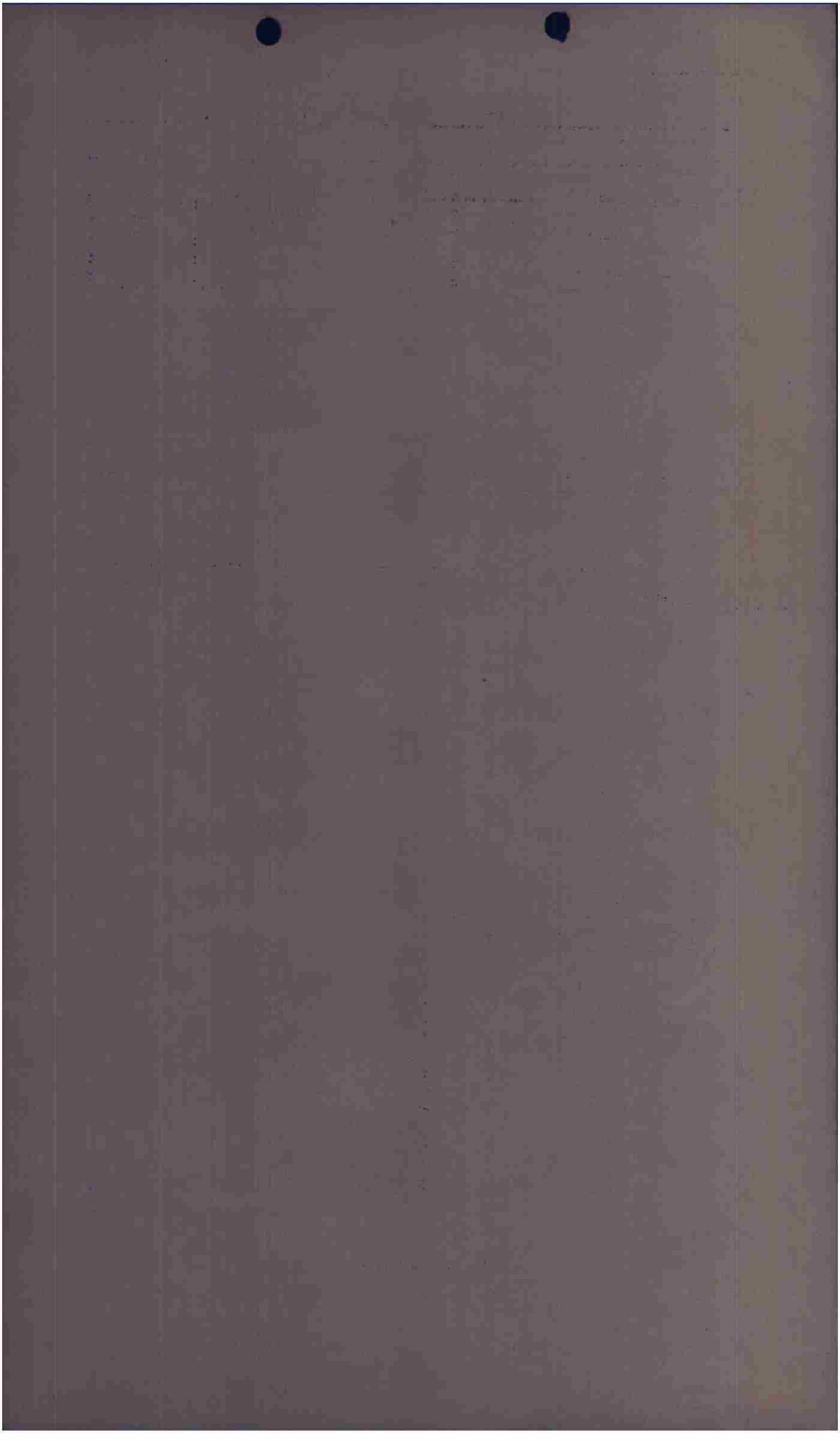


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PILOT WRIGHT A/C# 335 BOX 1 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON D

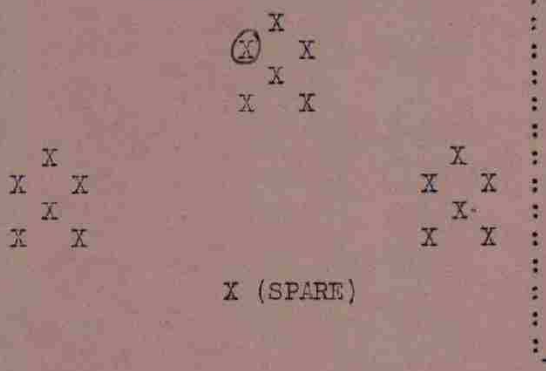
		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS: bombs on E side of town

POSITION IN FORMATION

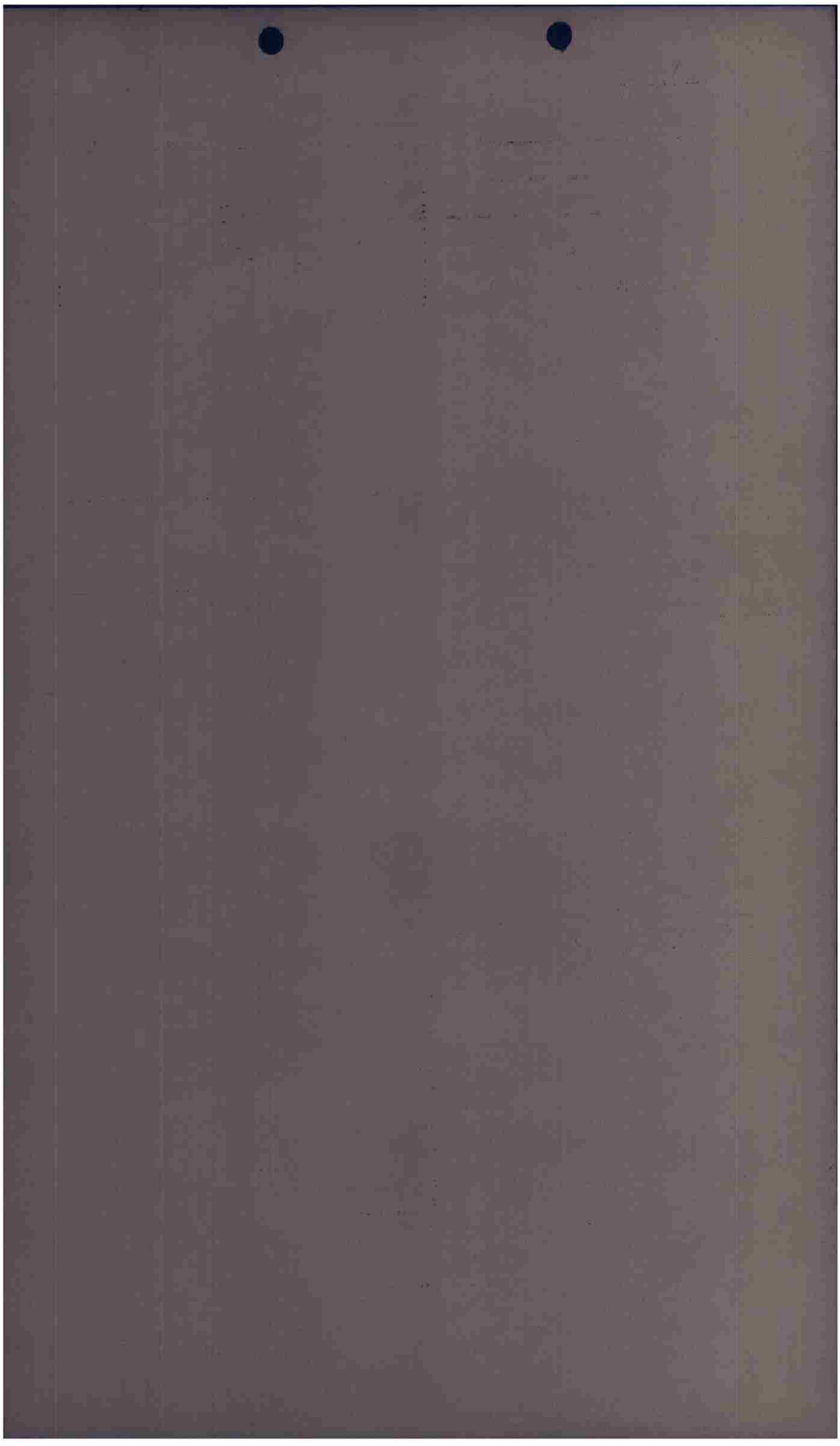


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PILOT O'BREIN A/C# 232 BOX 1 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

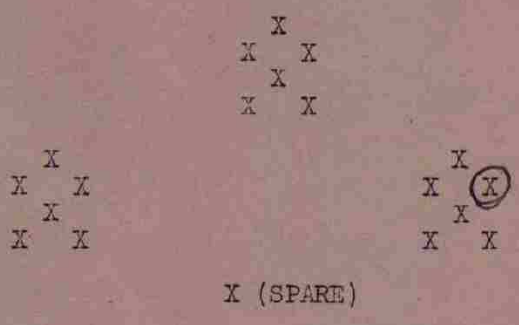
BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED	nil		

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS: Bernburg A/D - 8 or 9 TE A/C in revetments. ~~10~~ 2 other A/C on ~~8~~ hardstand. Concrete R/W appeared serviceable. Bombs in M/Y

POSITION IN FORMATION

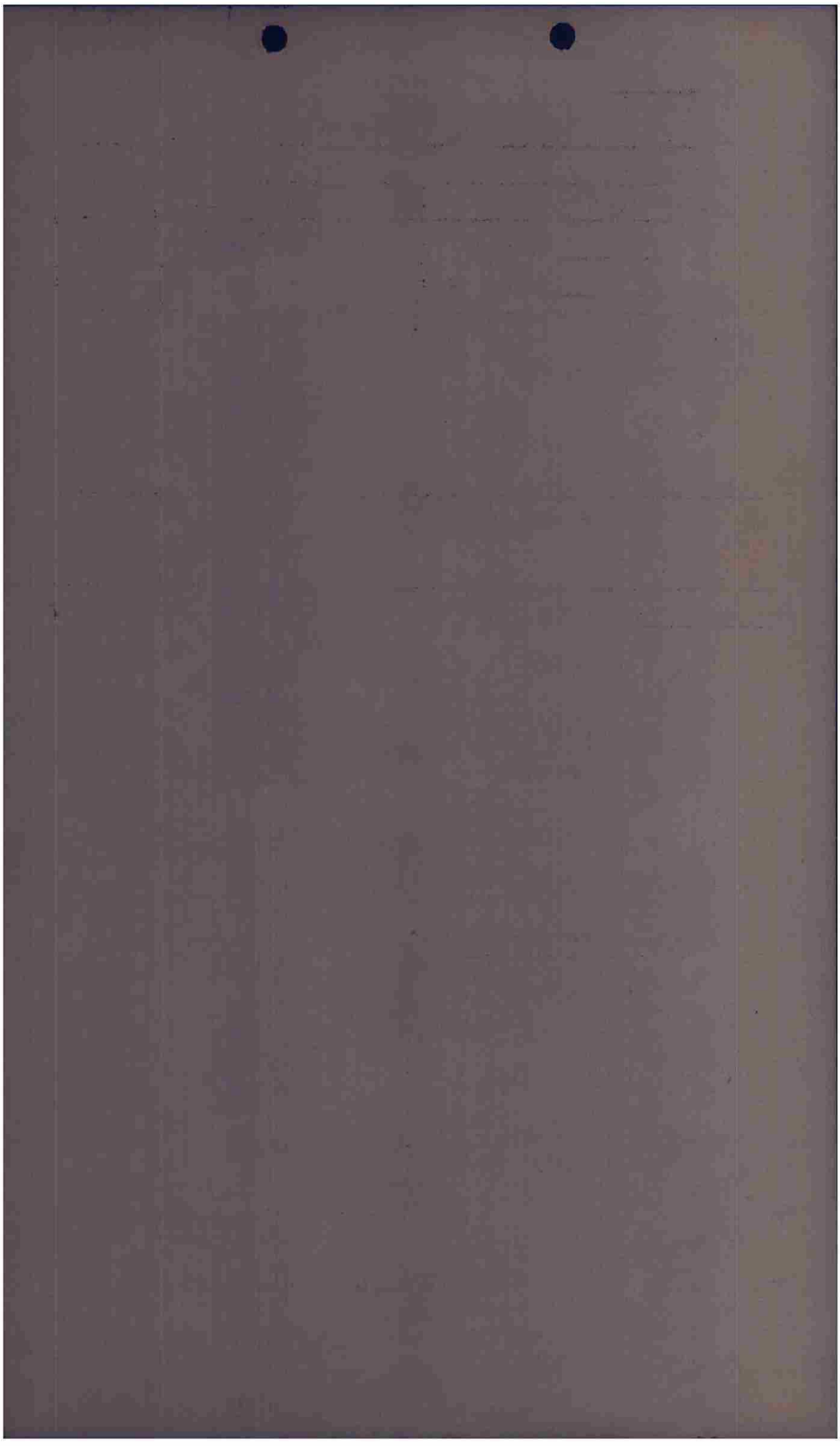


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PILOT SHELEY A/C# 705 BOX 1 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON P.	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
2 rnns X JETTISONED	Nil		

FLAK :

Nil

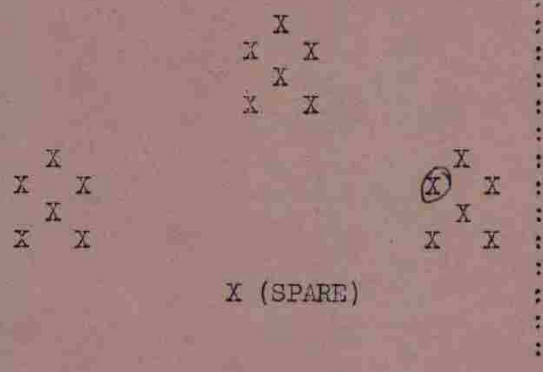
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Smoke at target.

POSITION IN FORMATION

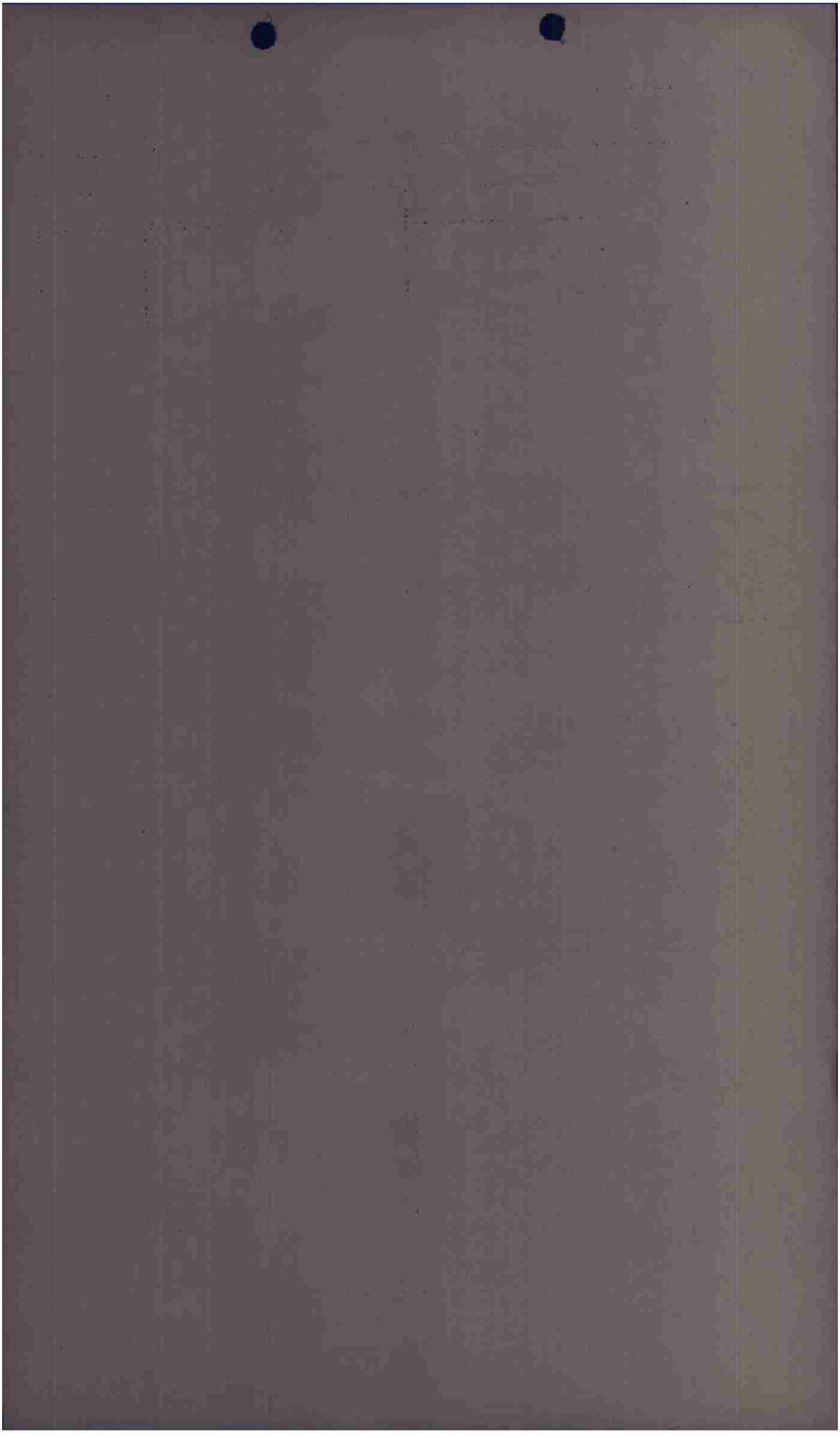


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PILOT MONTROSE A/C# 385 BOX 1 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON R.J.

X RETURNED

X JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE	"A"	"A-C"	"E"

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS: good results on TA

A/F nothing on it.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

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X X
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X X

X
X X
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X X

X (SPARE)

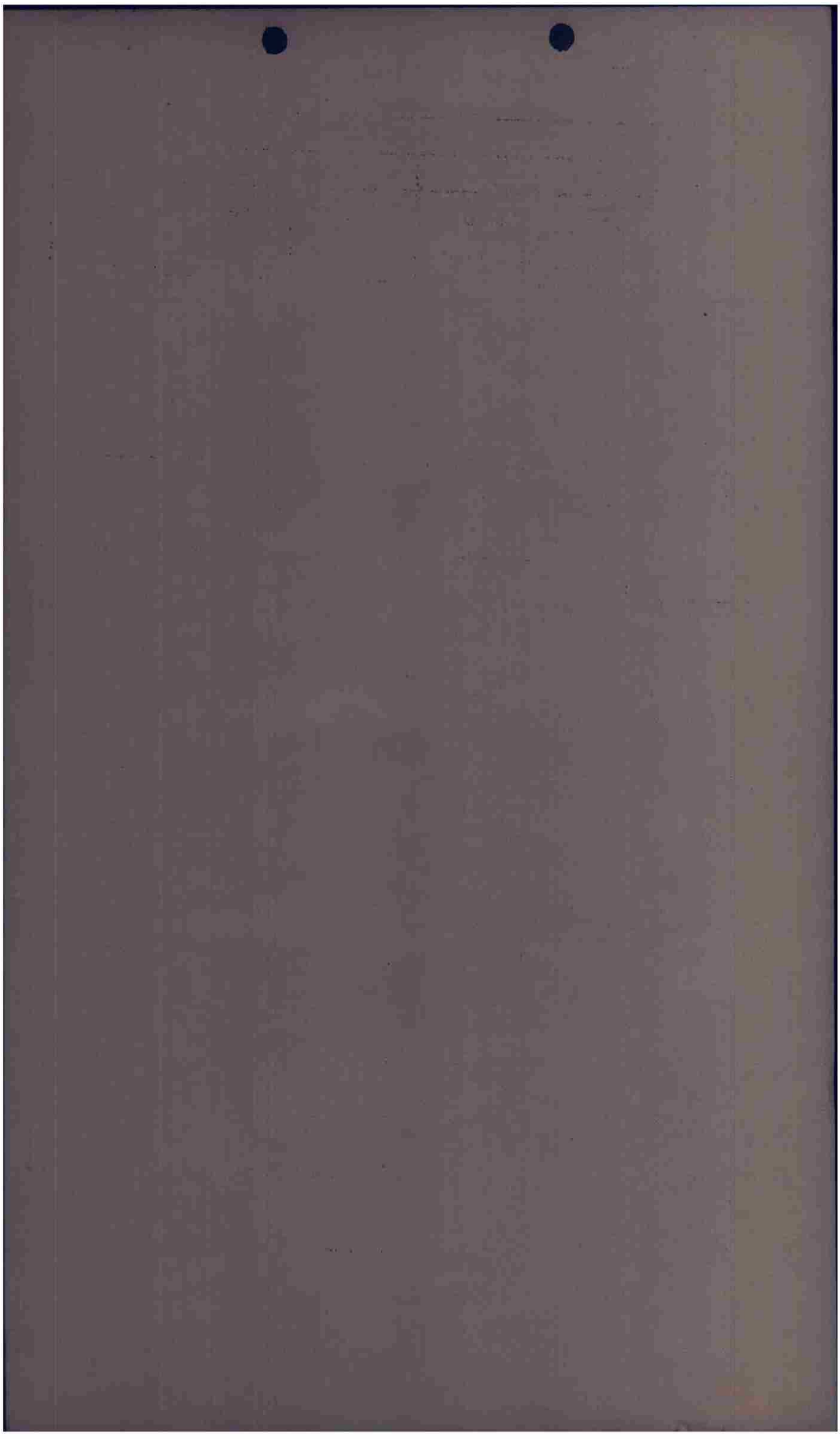
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PILOT PARKHURST A/C# 333 BOX 1 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON

X RETURNED

X JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE	"A"	"A-C"	"E"

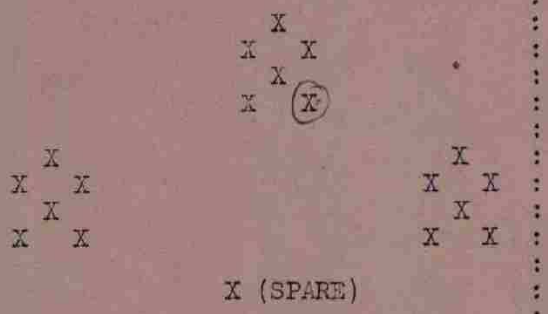
FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Camera - defective

POSITION IN FORMATION

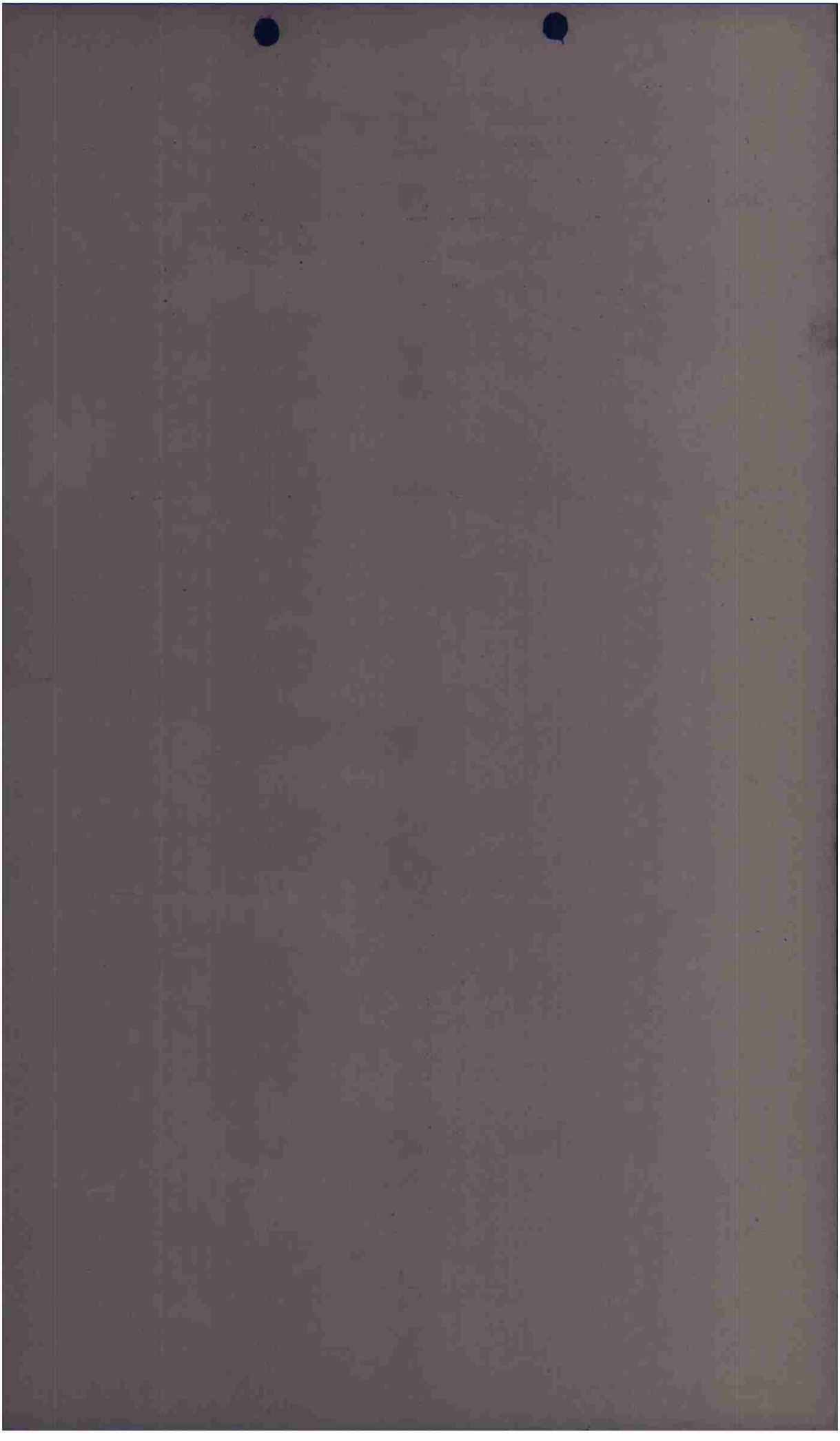


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PILOT ZEIMET A/C# 352 BOX 1 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON R.J.

X RETURNED

X JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE	"A"	"A-C"	"E"

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS: Nothing Sighted

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X X
X X
X X

X X
X X
X X

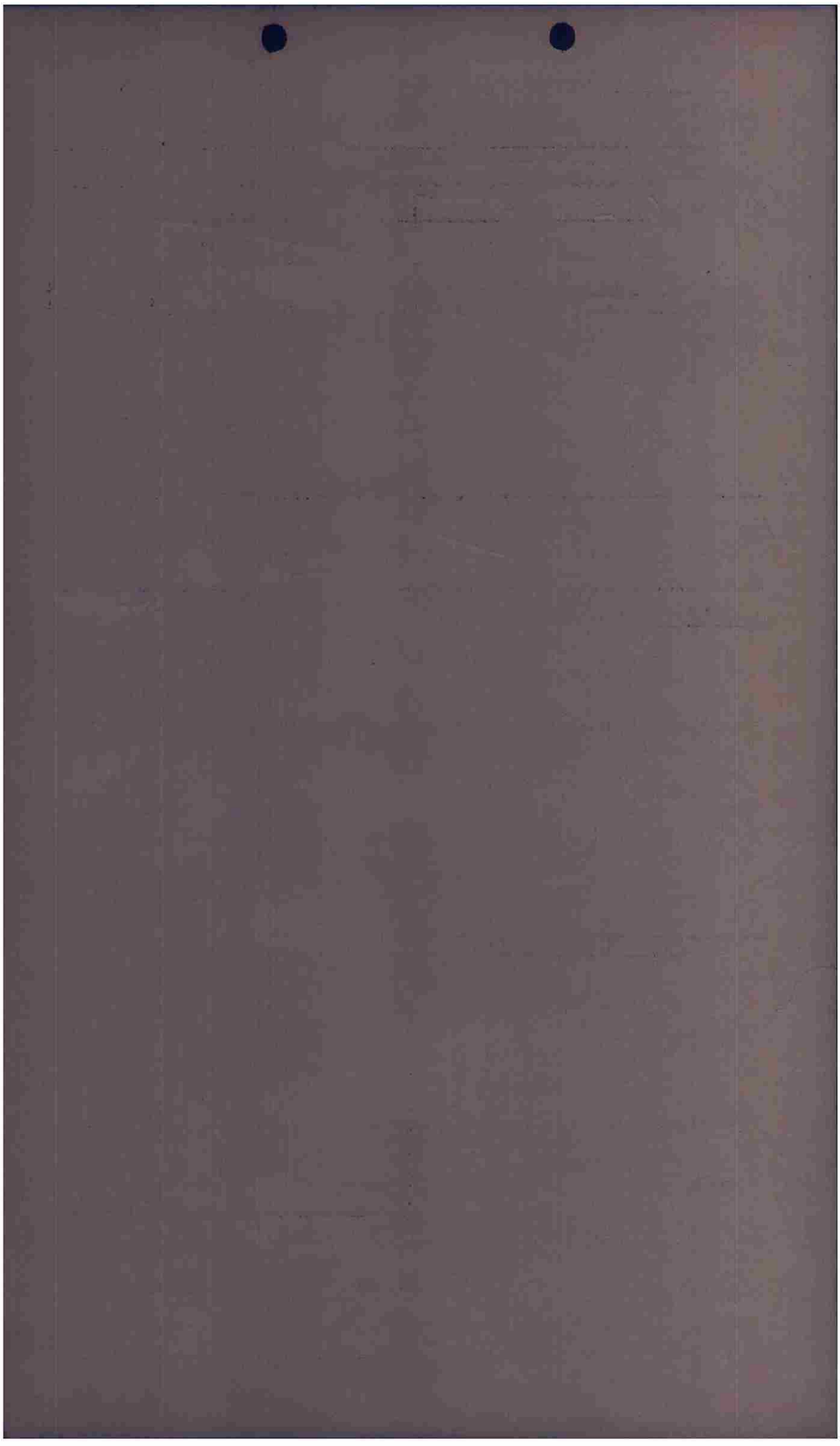
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PILOT WARREN A/C# 398 BOX 1 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON P.T.

		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : A

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : 4 Pol + 4 Js

OBSERVATIONS: good pattern rptd. - camera'd.

TOT - 1022
Alt - 11,000
MH - 000°
IAS - 210
} 2 mins

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X
X X
X
X X

X
X X
X
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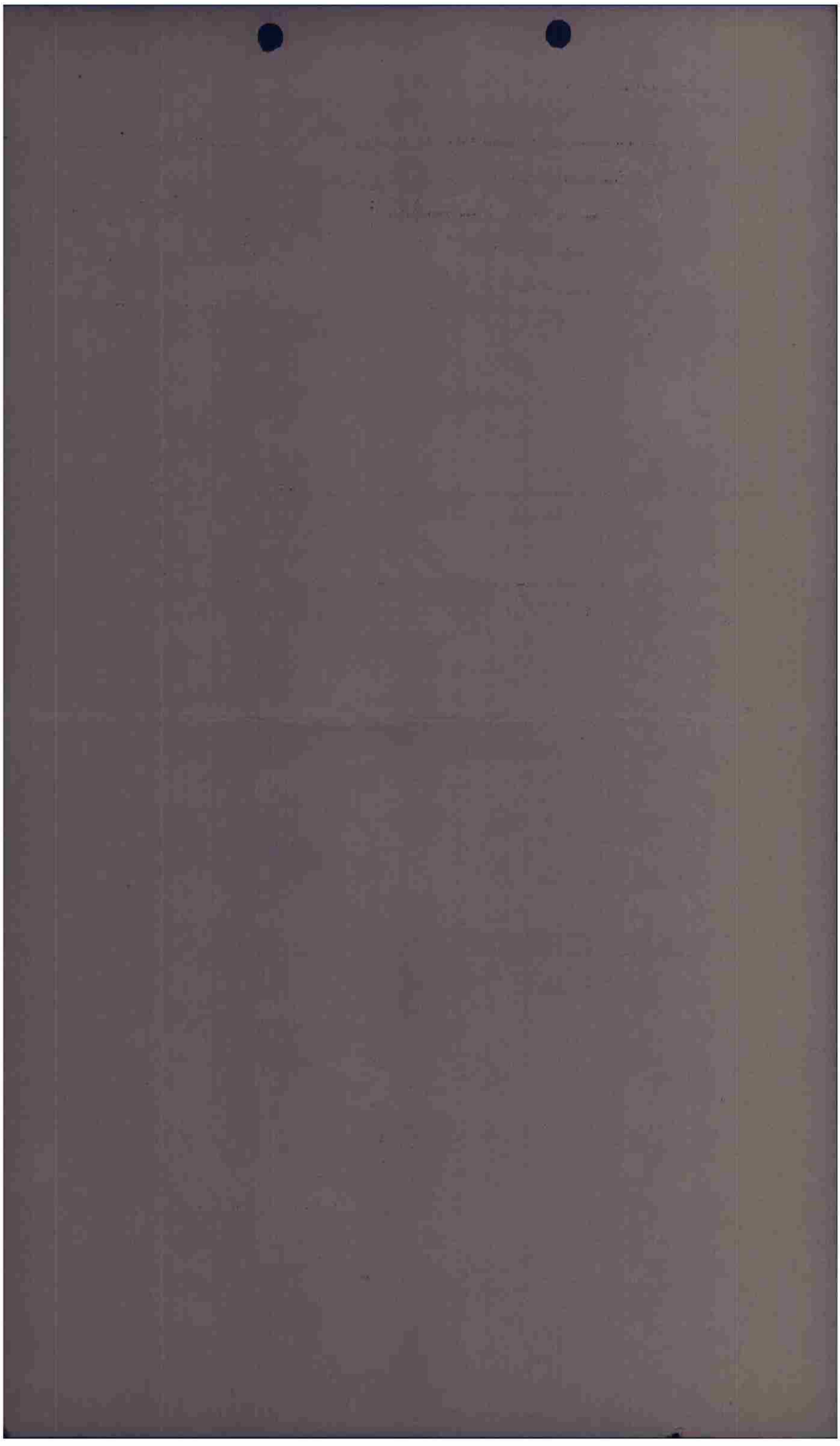
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PILOT McNulty A/C# 508 BOX 1 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

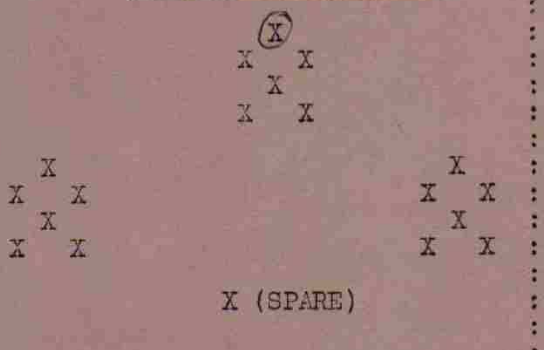
BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	ON			
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

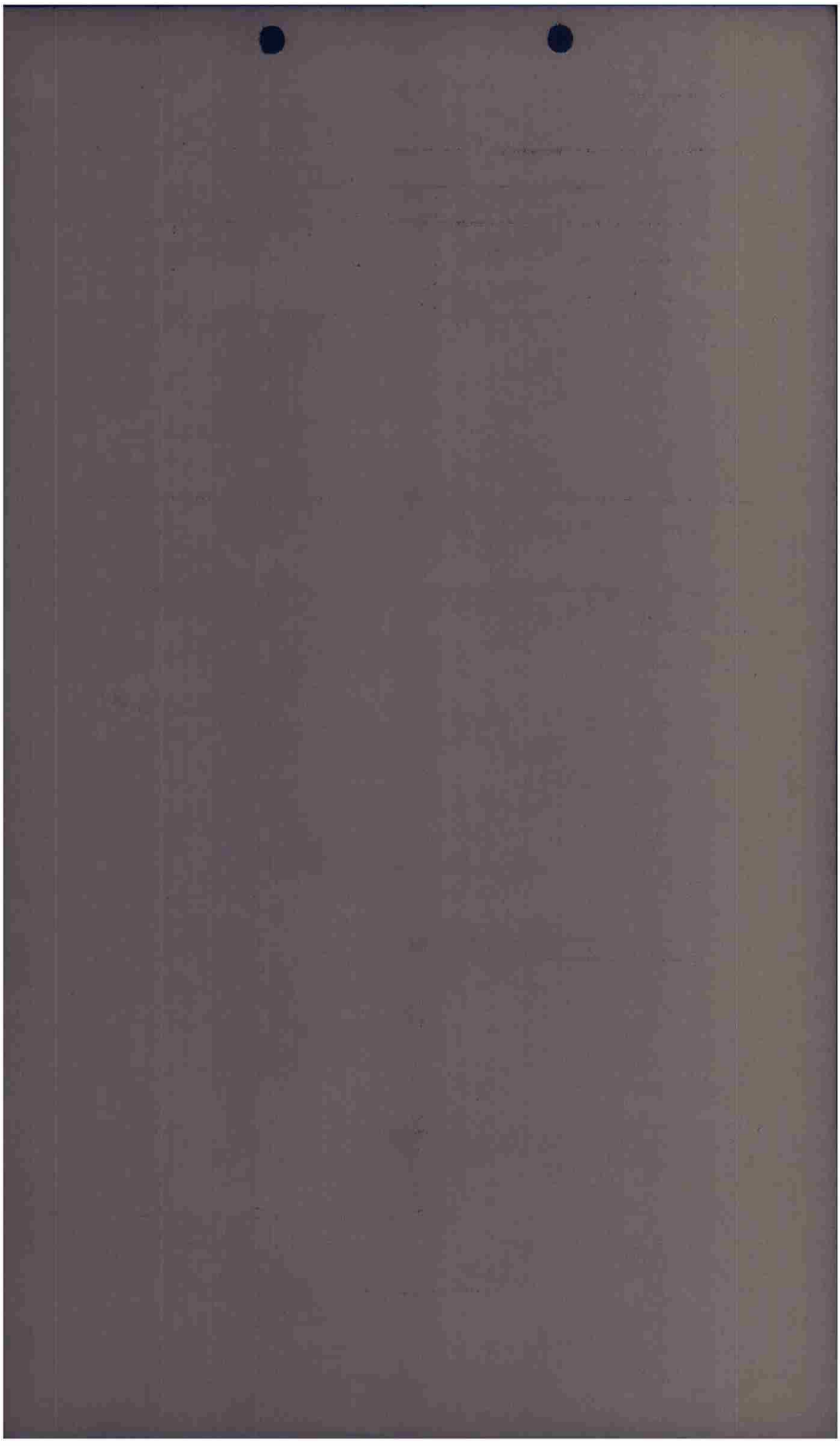


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PILOT GRUNIG A/C# 501 BOX 1 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON P

		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Superior -

TOT - 1016½

12,300

360°

210

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

(X)
X X
X
X X

X
X X
X
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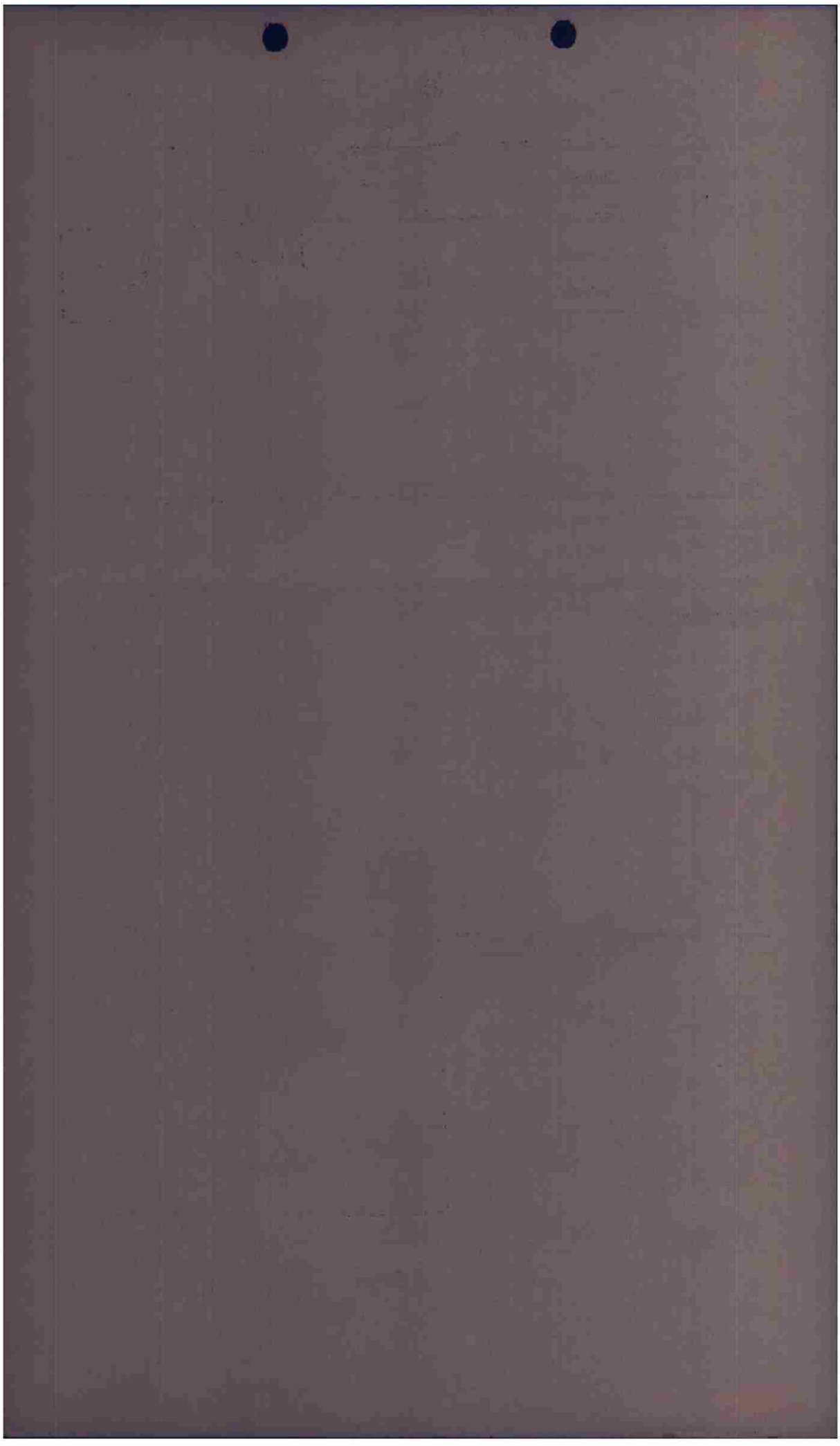
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PILOT TURNER A/C# 304 BOX 7 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Hit N of AP abt 1 mile

TOT - 1019
alt - 10,400
359°
218.

M/y full of Rolls St at Flensstadt. (RP)

Crowded with Boxcars

A/F NE of tgt.
16 Ju 88's.
4 or 5 possible jets twin engine in revetments.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

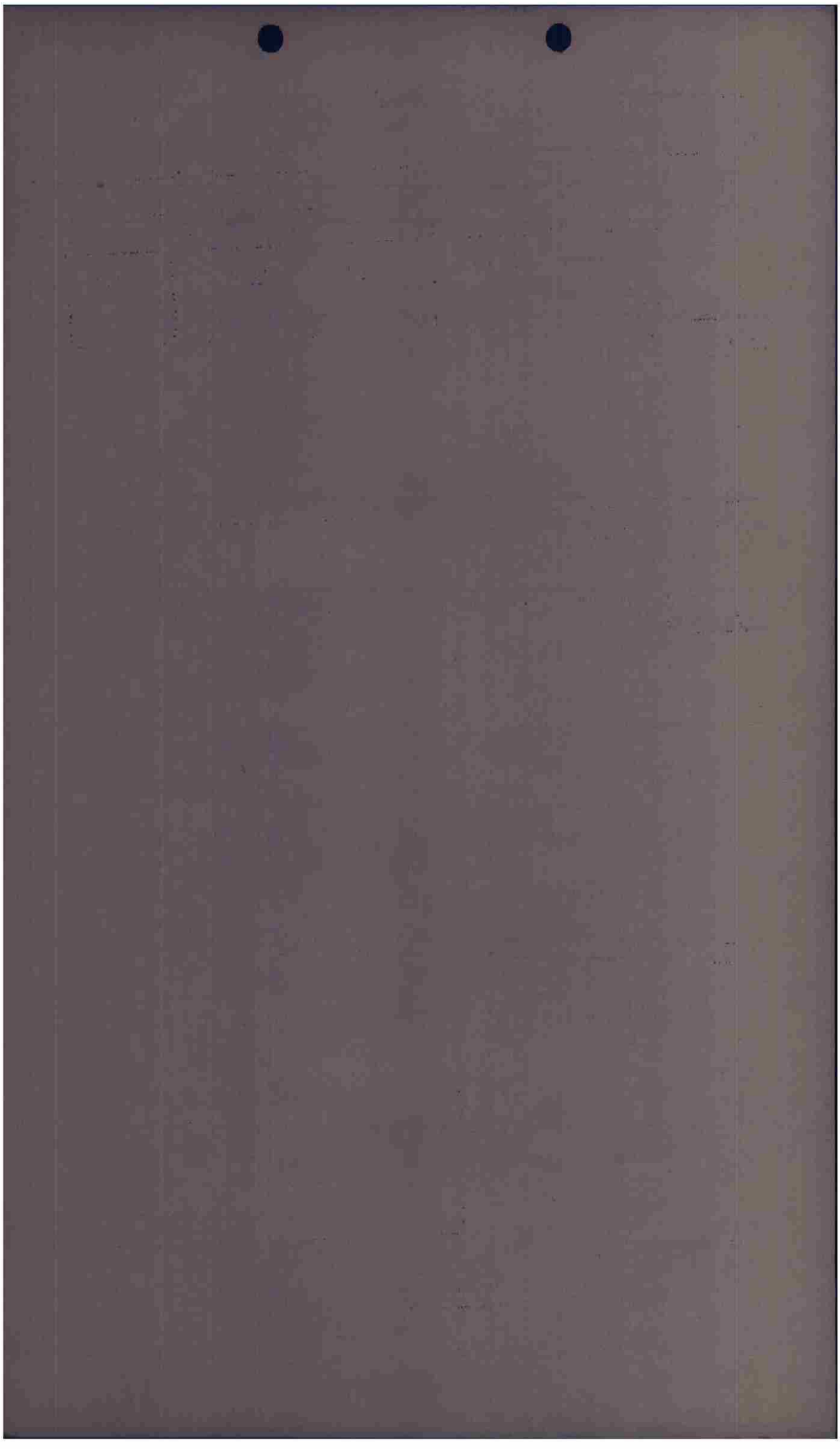
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PILOT TUTT A/C# 497 BOX 7 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 16 X 500 ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED		nil	

1 Run

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS: Hit short and to right

TOT 1018
alt 11000
ais 003°
IAS 210

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
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X
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X
X X

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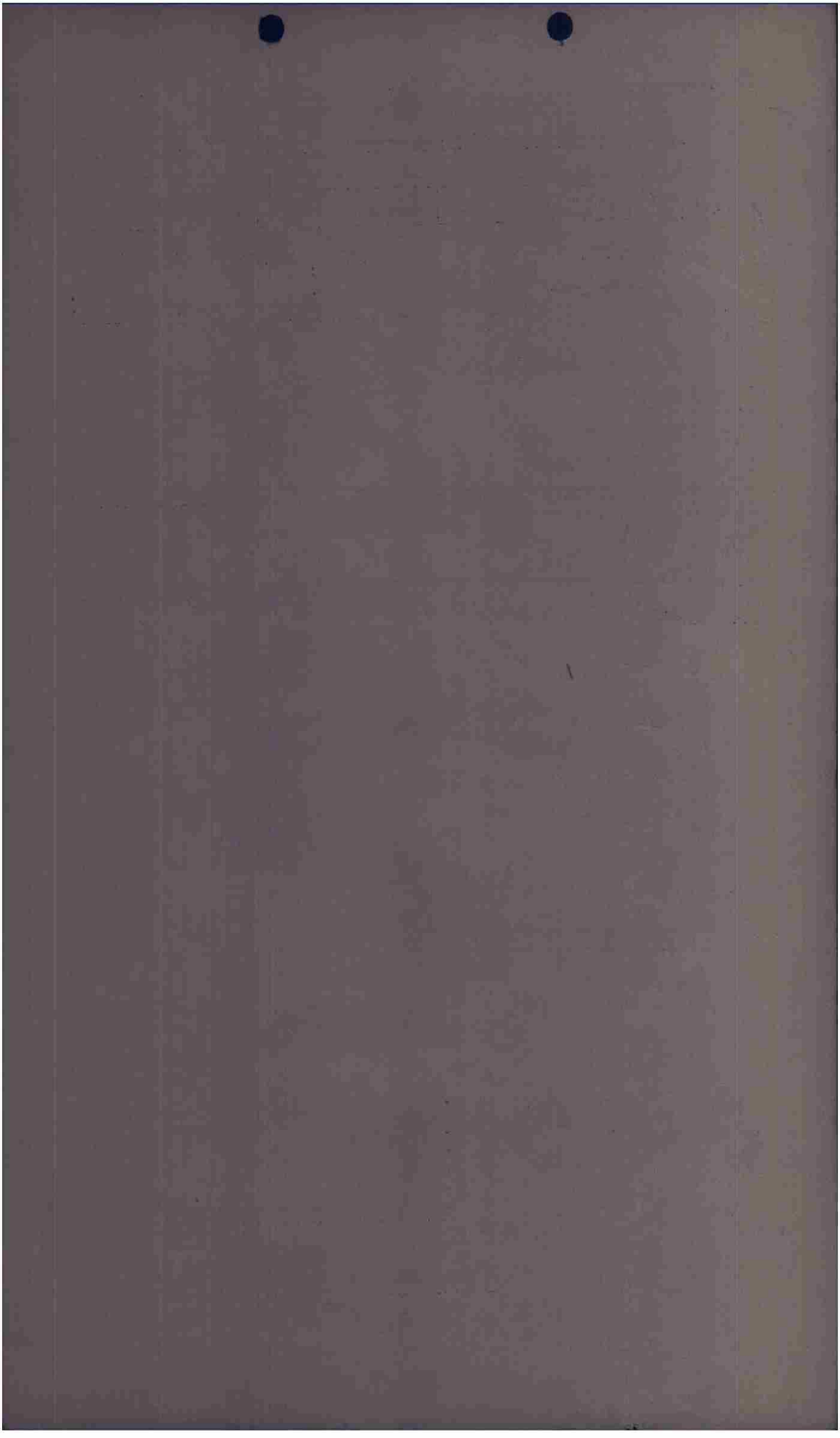
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PILOT EVANS A/C# 484 BOX 2 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

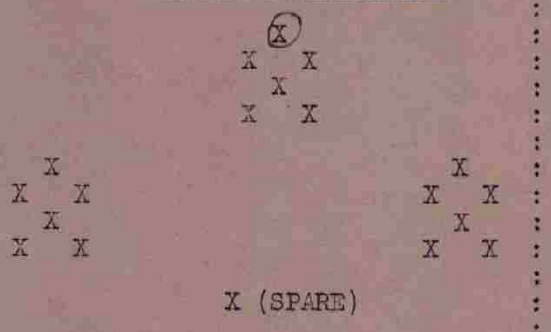
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS: Exc results.

T.O.T 1018
ALT. 11100

1 Gun

POSITION IN FORMATION

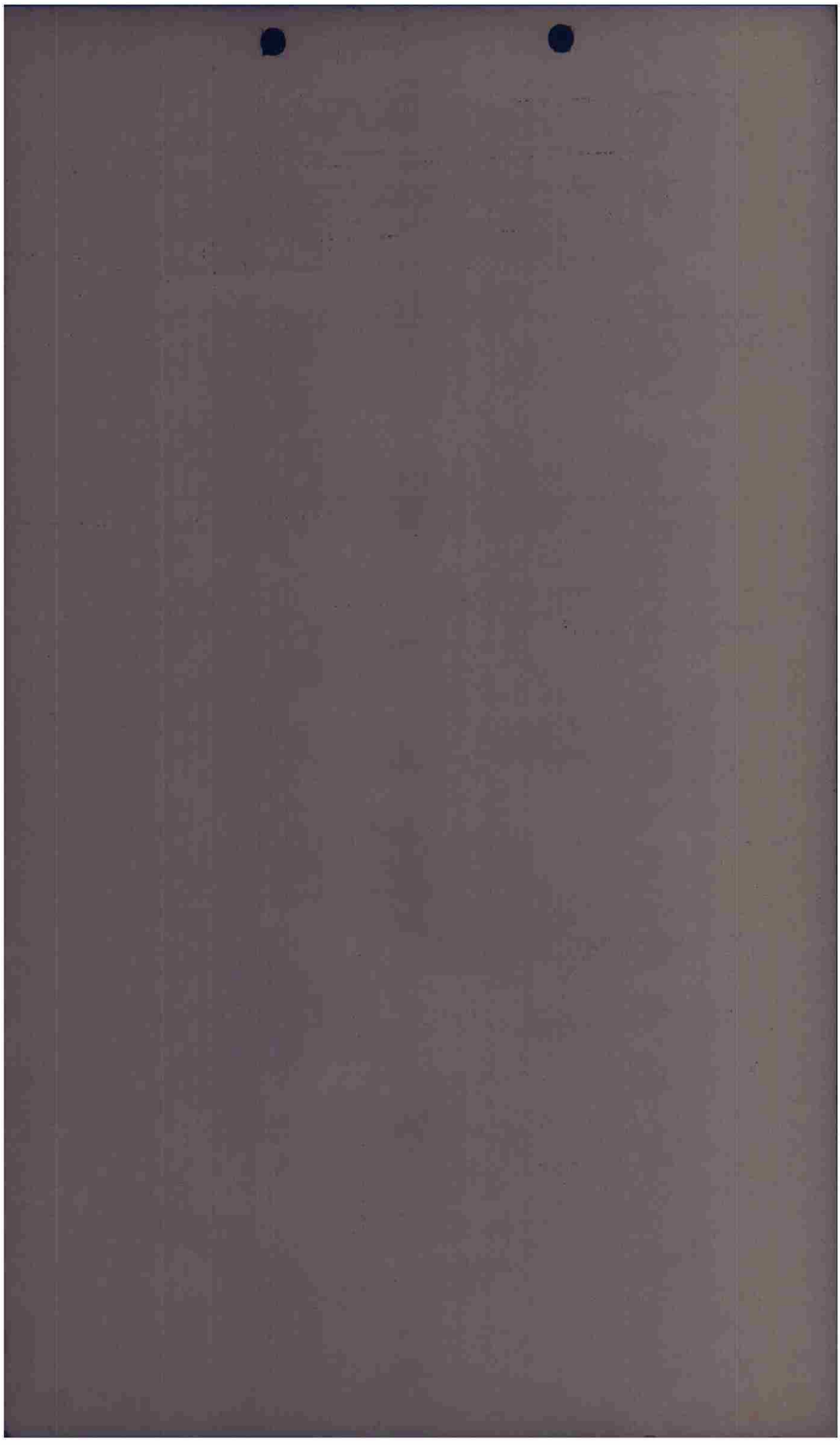


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PILOT Colquitt A/C# 259 BOX 2 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X ~~500~~ ON P.T.

	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS: hits on E. side of Galx. Convoys going east to Cann. 50-60 veh. ~1002 (after bombing)

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X X
X
X X

X
X X
X X

X
X X
X X

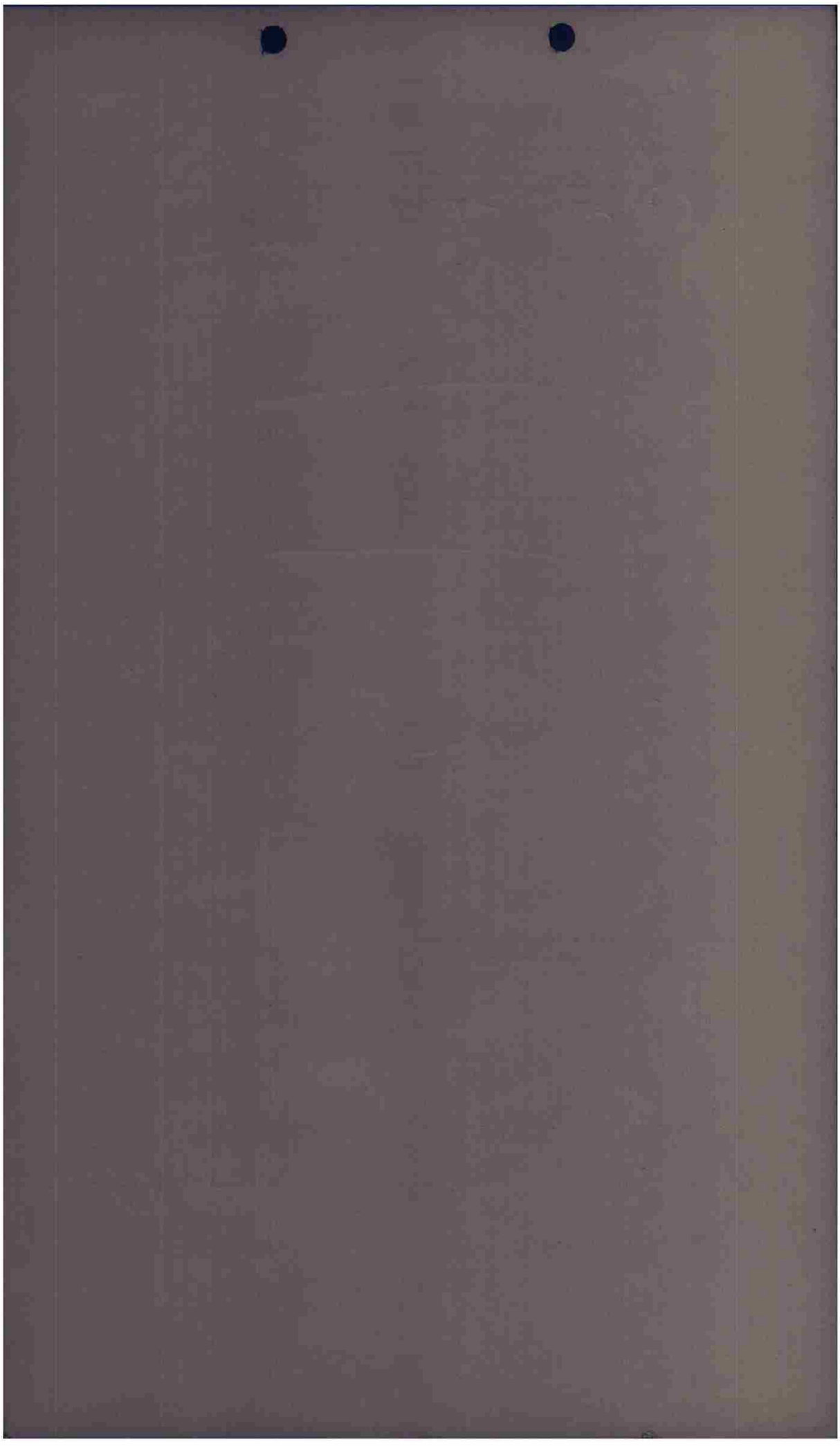
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PILOT HARRIS A/C# 305 BOX 2 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON [illegible]

		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

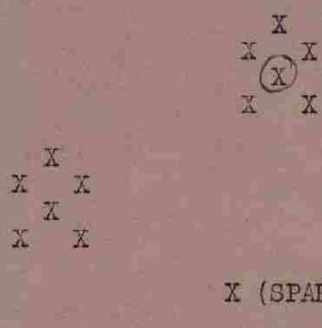
FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS: Sighted column of 40 vehicles at I.P. going to front.

A/F - no planes seen - R/W in good shape.

POSITION IN FORMATION

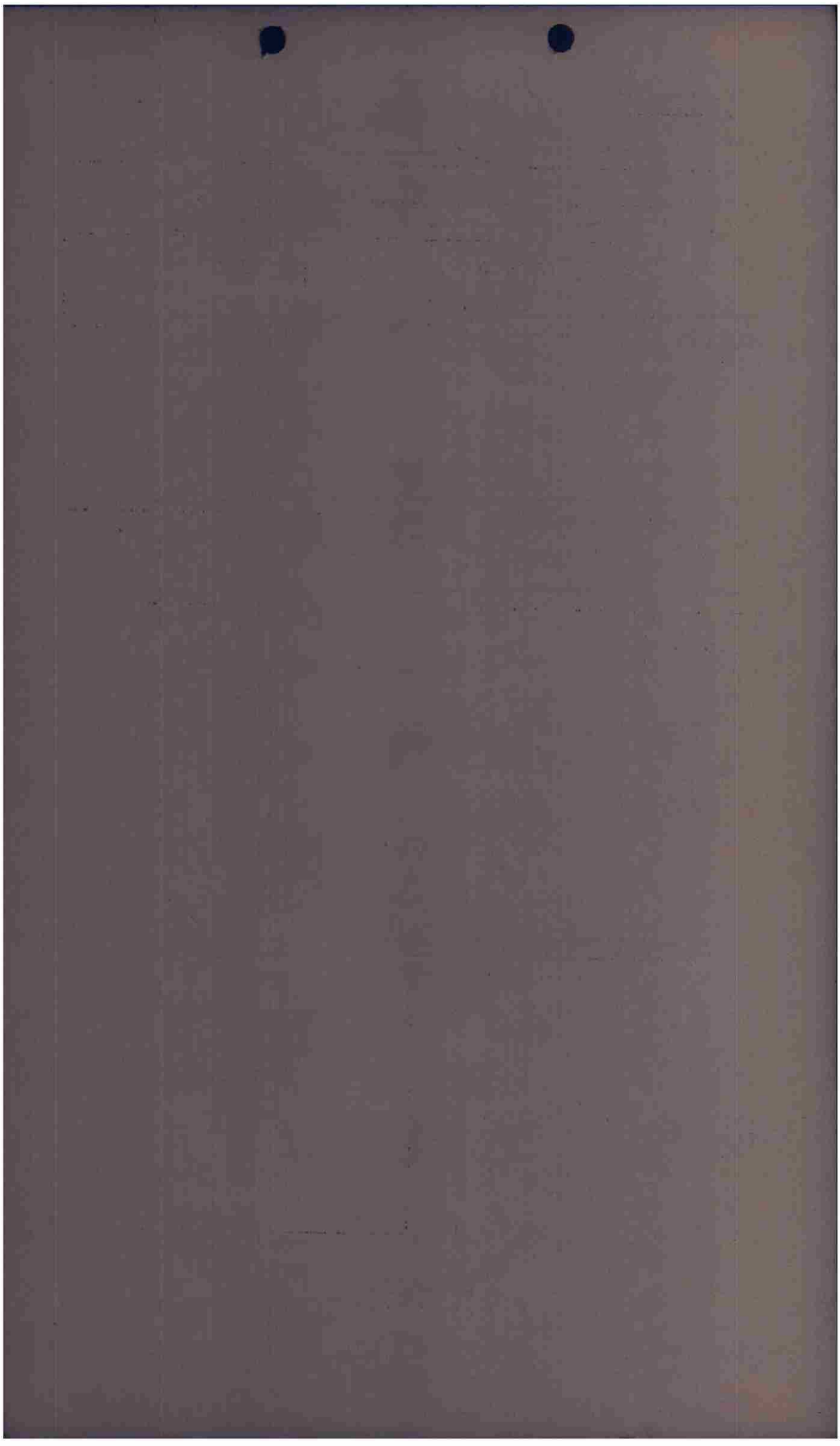


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PILOT WITHINGTON A/C# 360 BOX 2 FLT. 2

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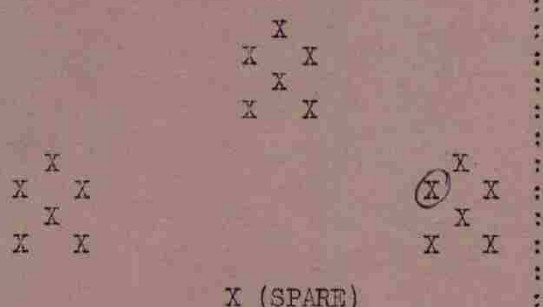
BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON P.	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED	Nil		

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

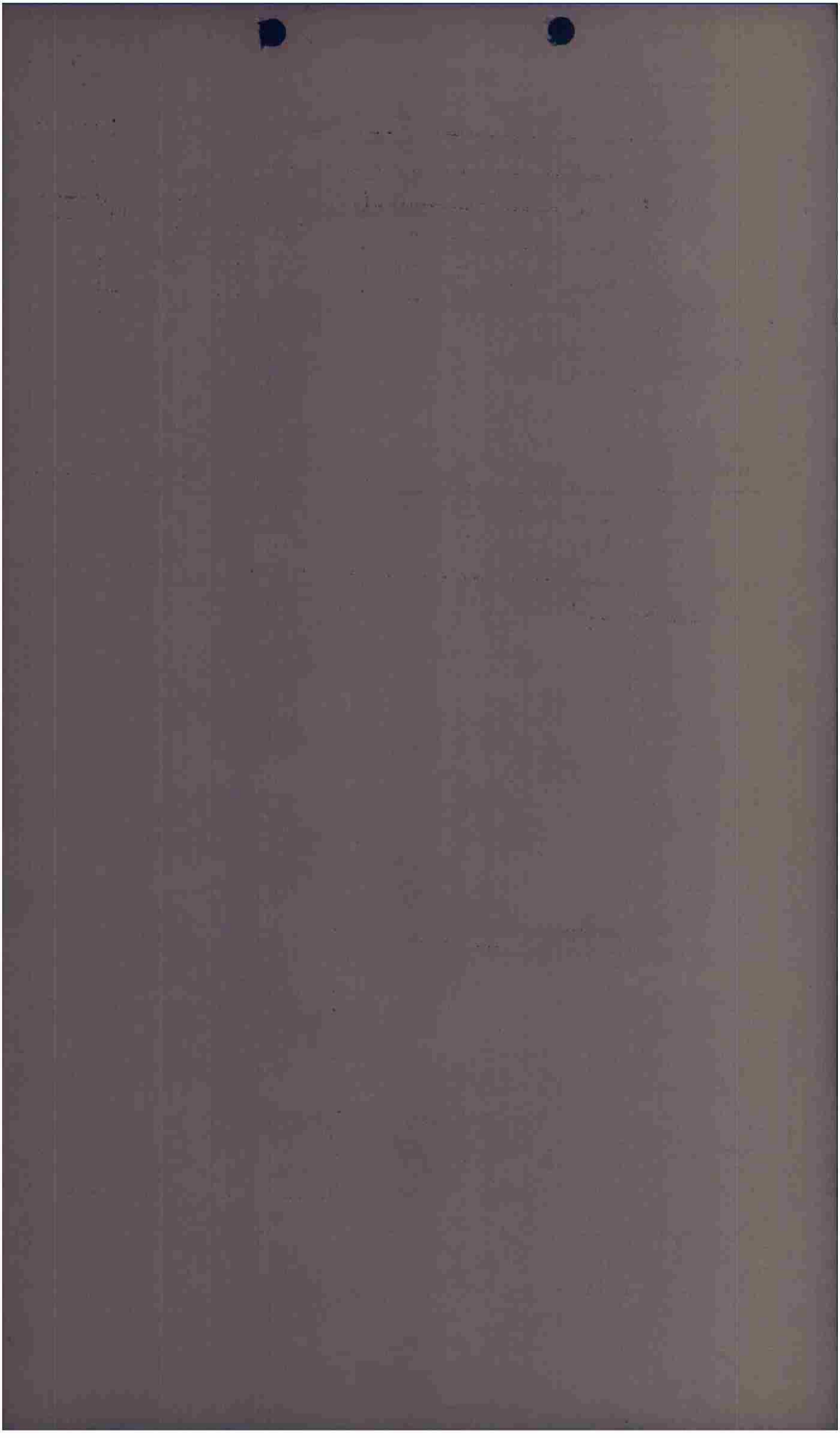


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PILOT WALLMAN A/C# 356 BOX 2 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

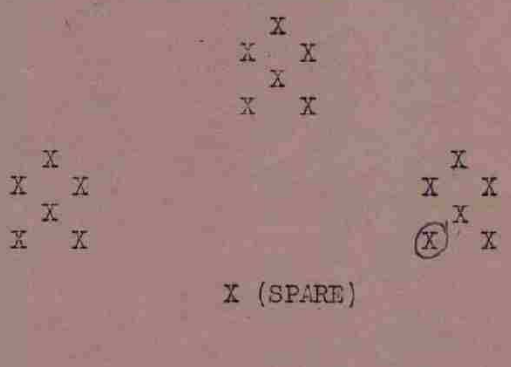
BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON P.	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED	Nil		

FLAK : Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION



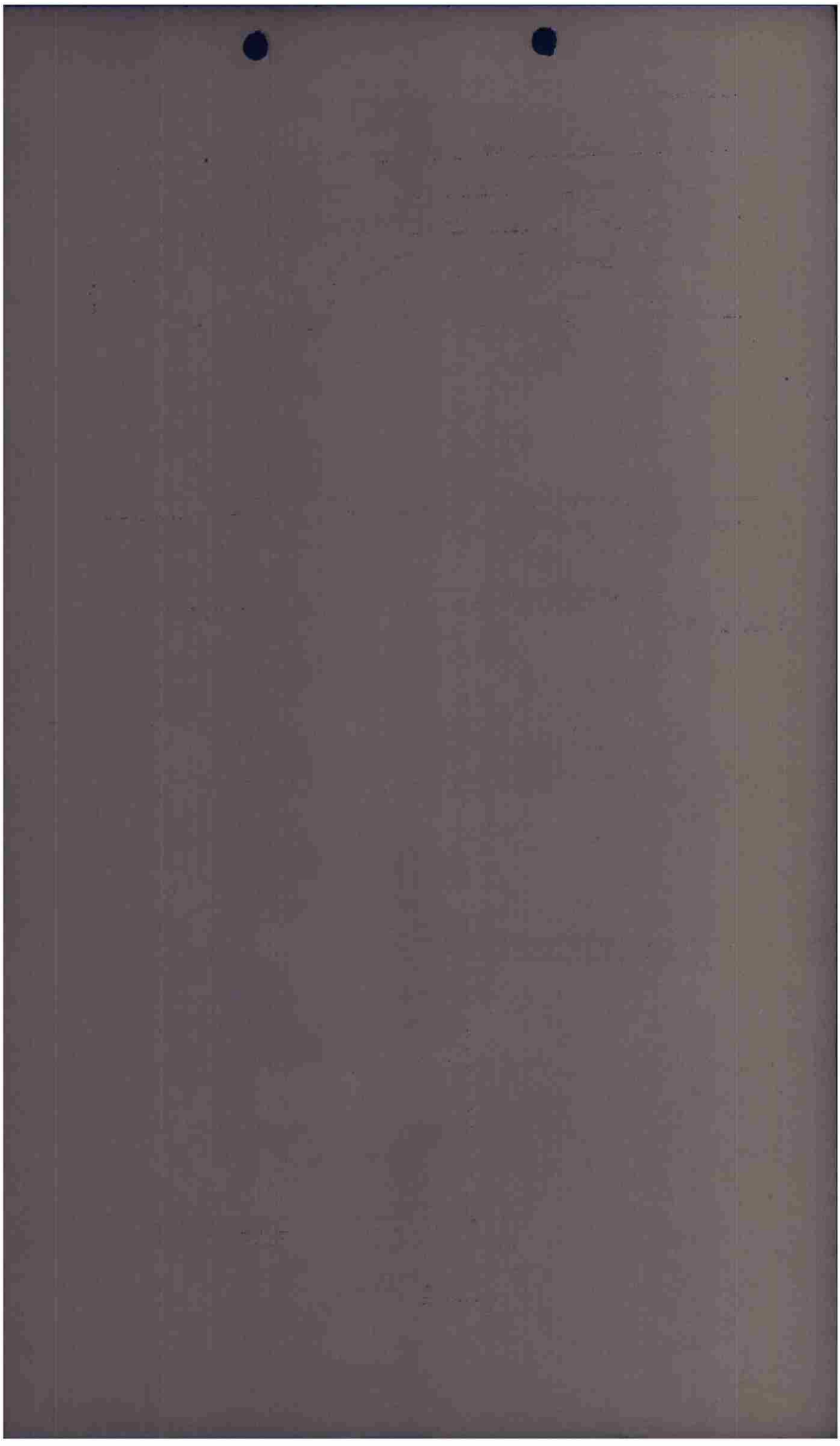
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PILOT SEARS A/C# 249 BOX 2 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON P

		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED	Nil		

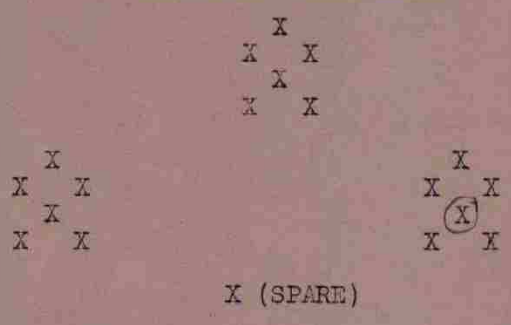
FLAK : Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

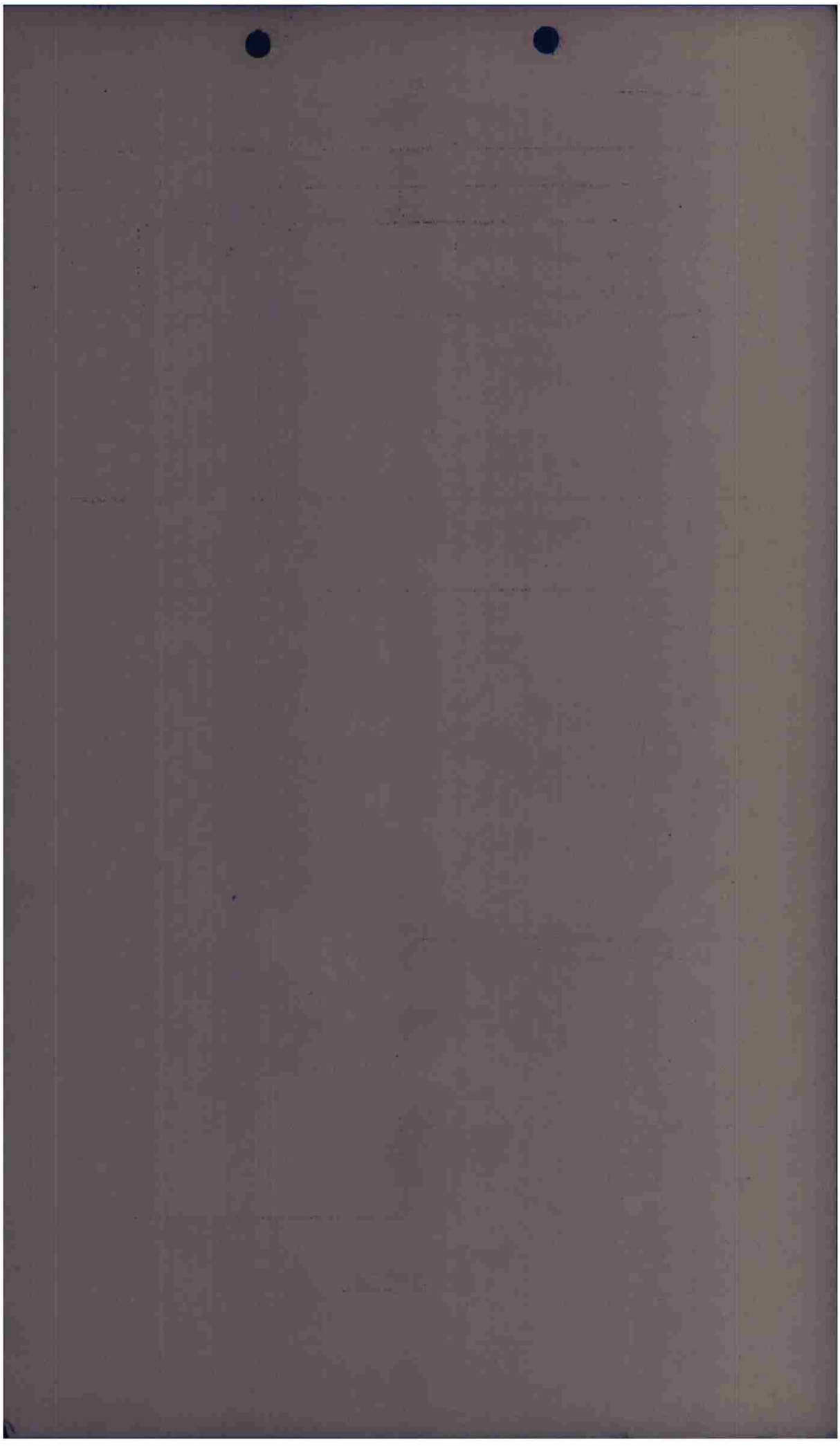


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PILOT HACKLEY A/C# 362 BOX 2 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

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

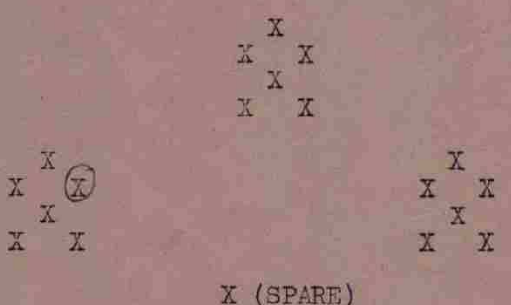
FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

2 flights missed tgt.
other flights hit target
M/G near R.P about half full
A/C near target. beyond tgt on
same heading.

POSITION IN FORMATION

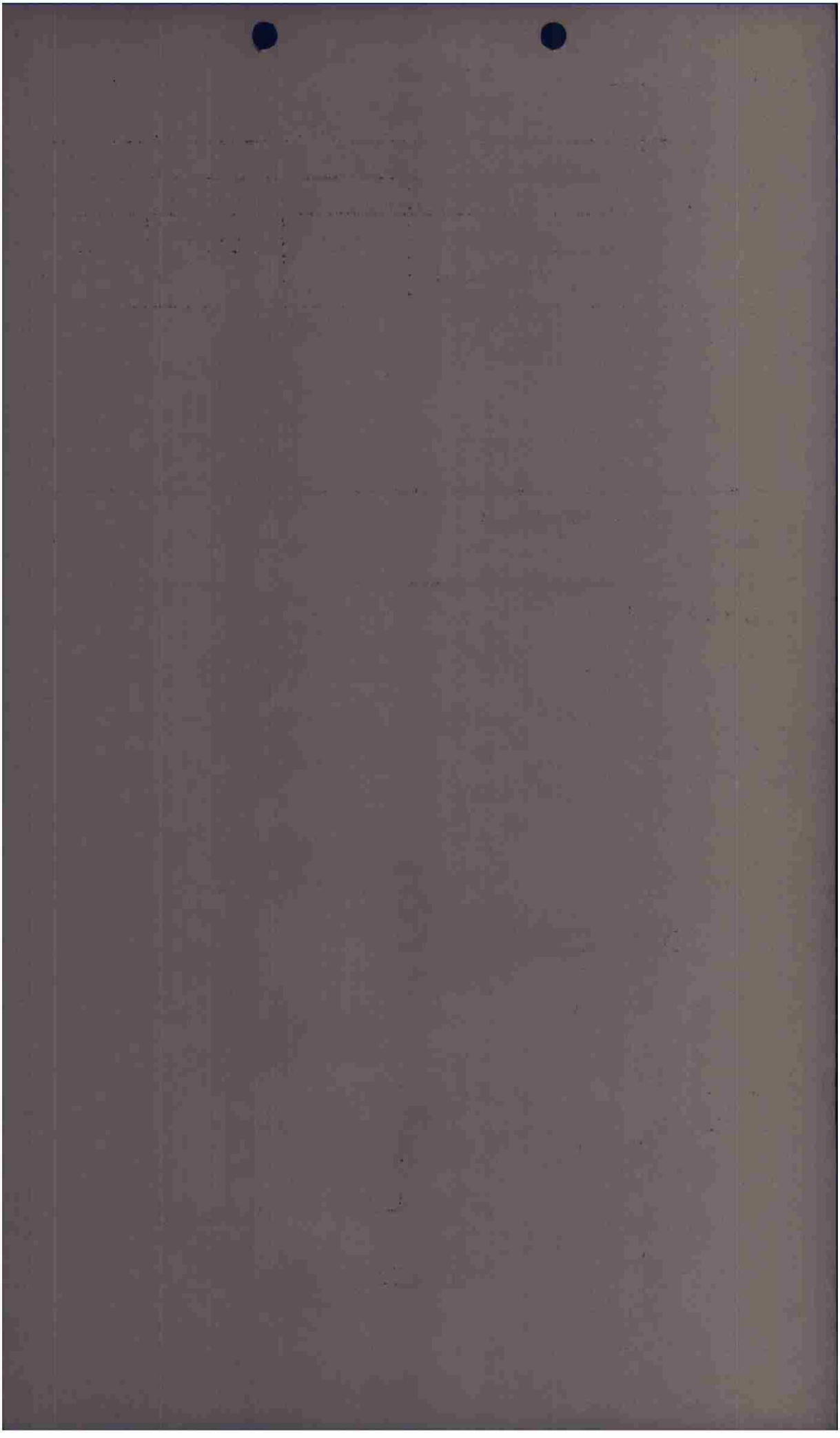


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PILOT ALLEN A/C# 383 BOX 2 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

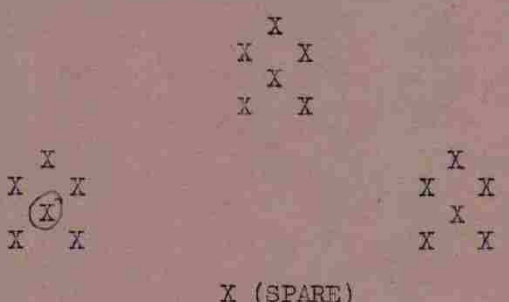
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

This flight overshot tgt about 400 feet.
one other flight hit short.
Some flights hit in tgt.

Camera in A/C.

POSITION IN FORMATION

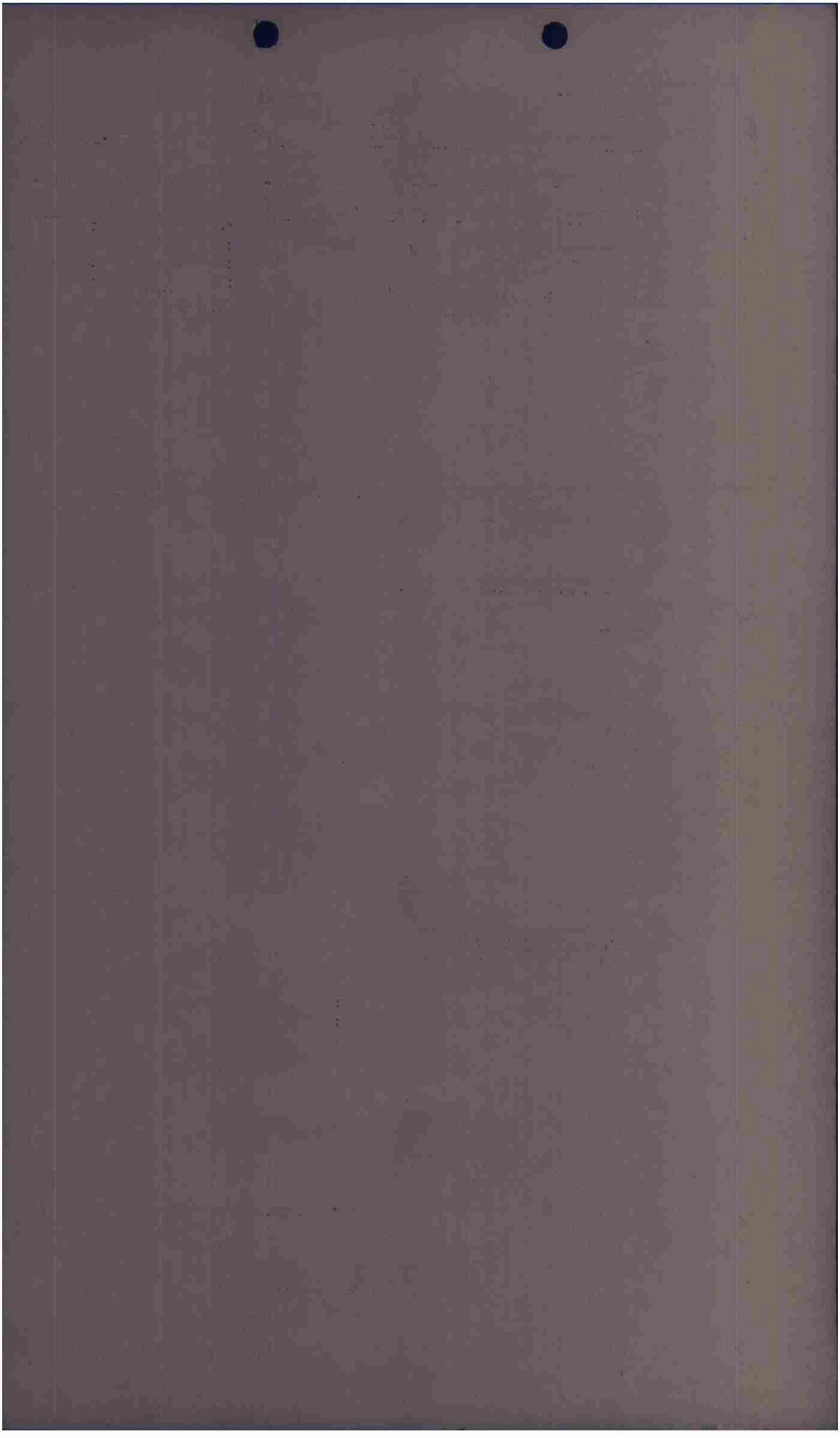


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PILOT DEPNER A/C# 381 BOX 2 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

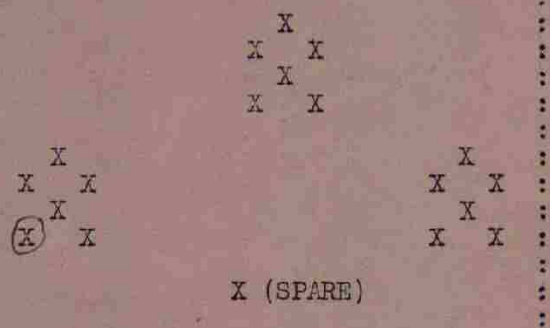
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

1 pass

bombs hit north of target above river saw engine setting in factory area north of target

POSITION IN FORMATION



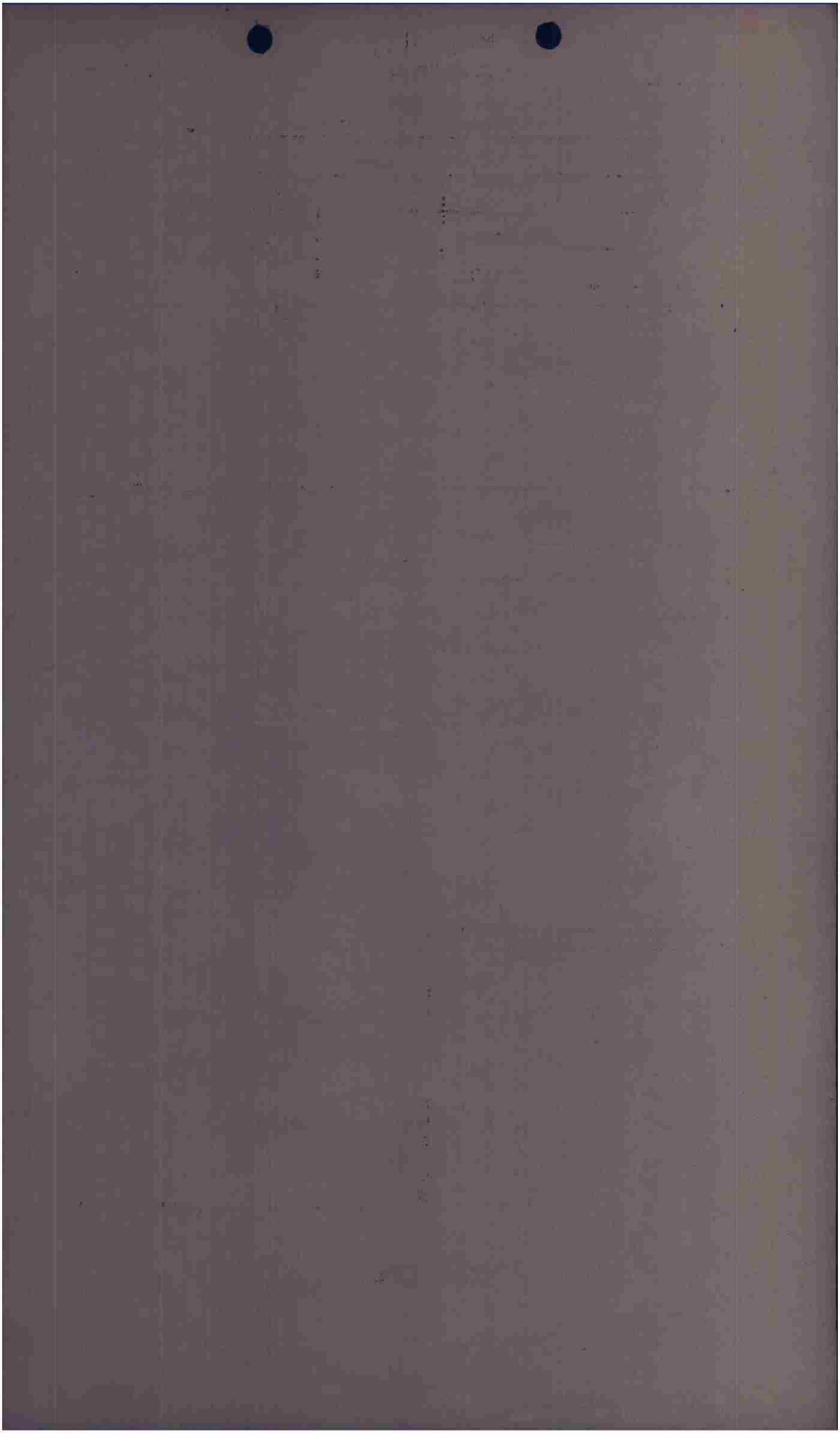
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PILOT SHAPARD A/C# 393 BOX 2 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON

		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED	nil		

FLAK :

nil

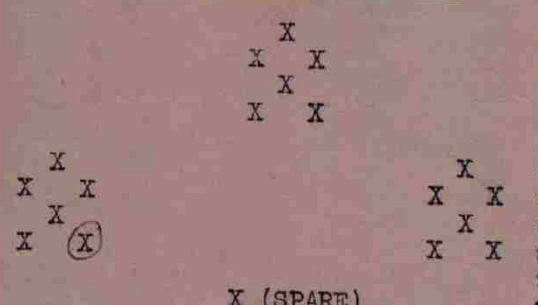
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nil

OBSERVATIONS:

nil

POSITION IN FORMATION



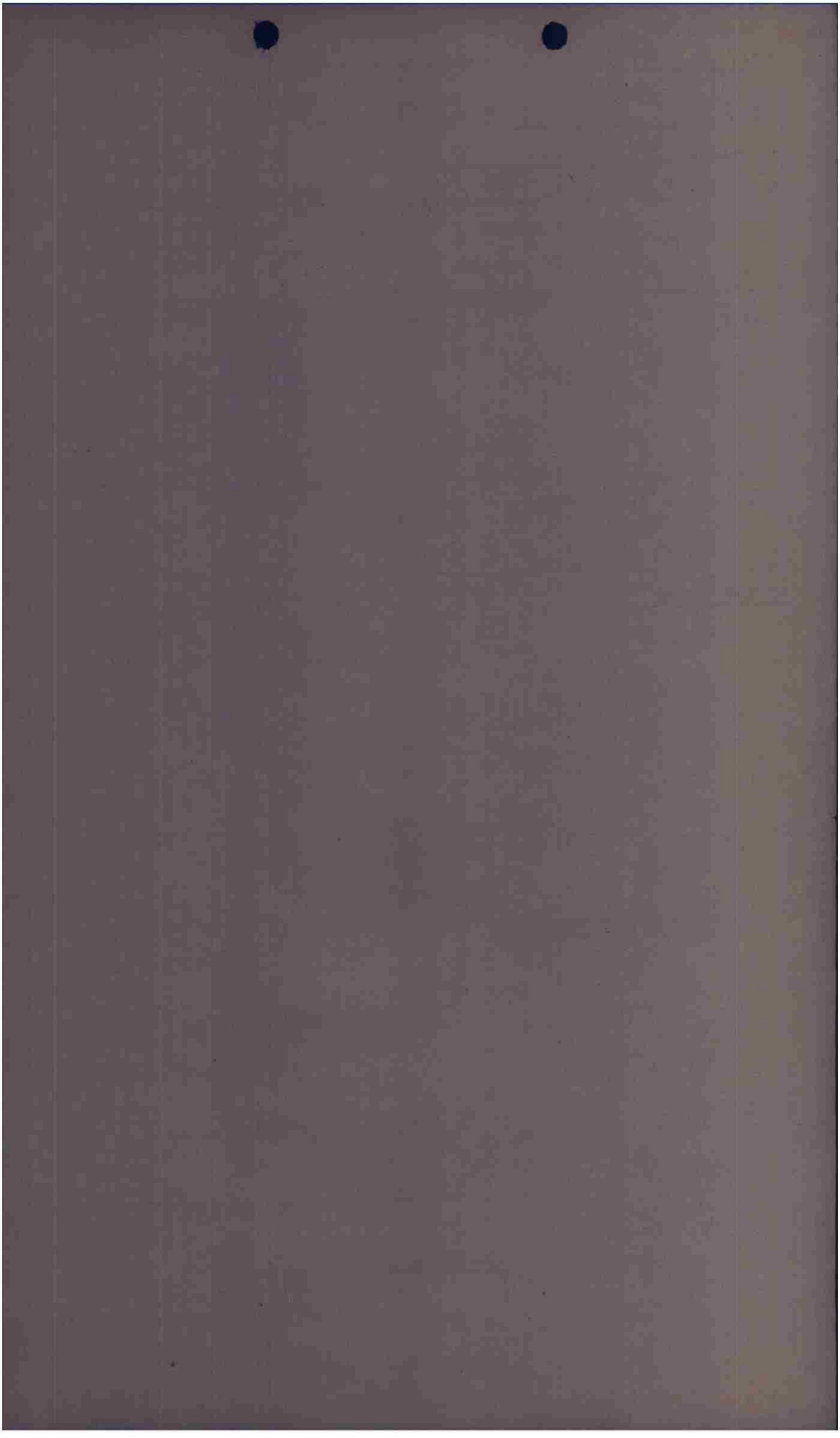
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PILOT DRUM A/C# 264 BOX 2 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

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

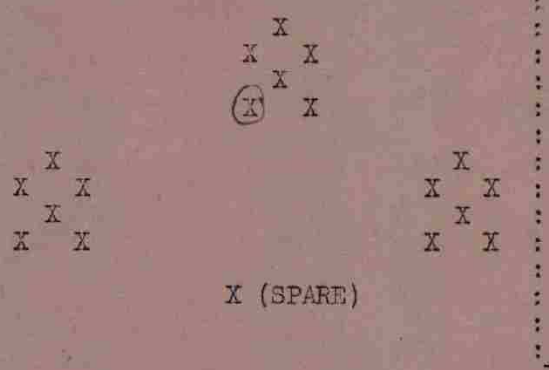
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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS: bombs on E side of town

Camera

POSITION IN FORMATION

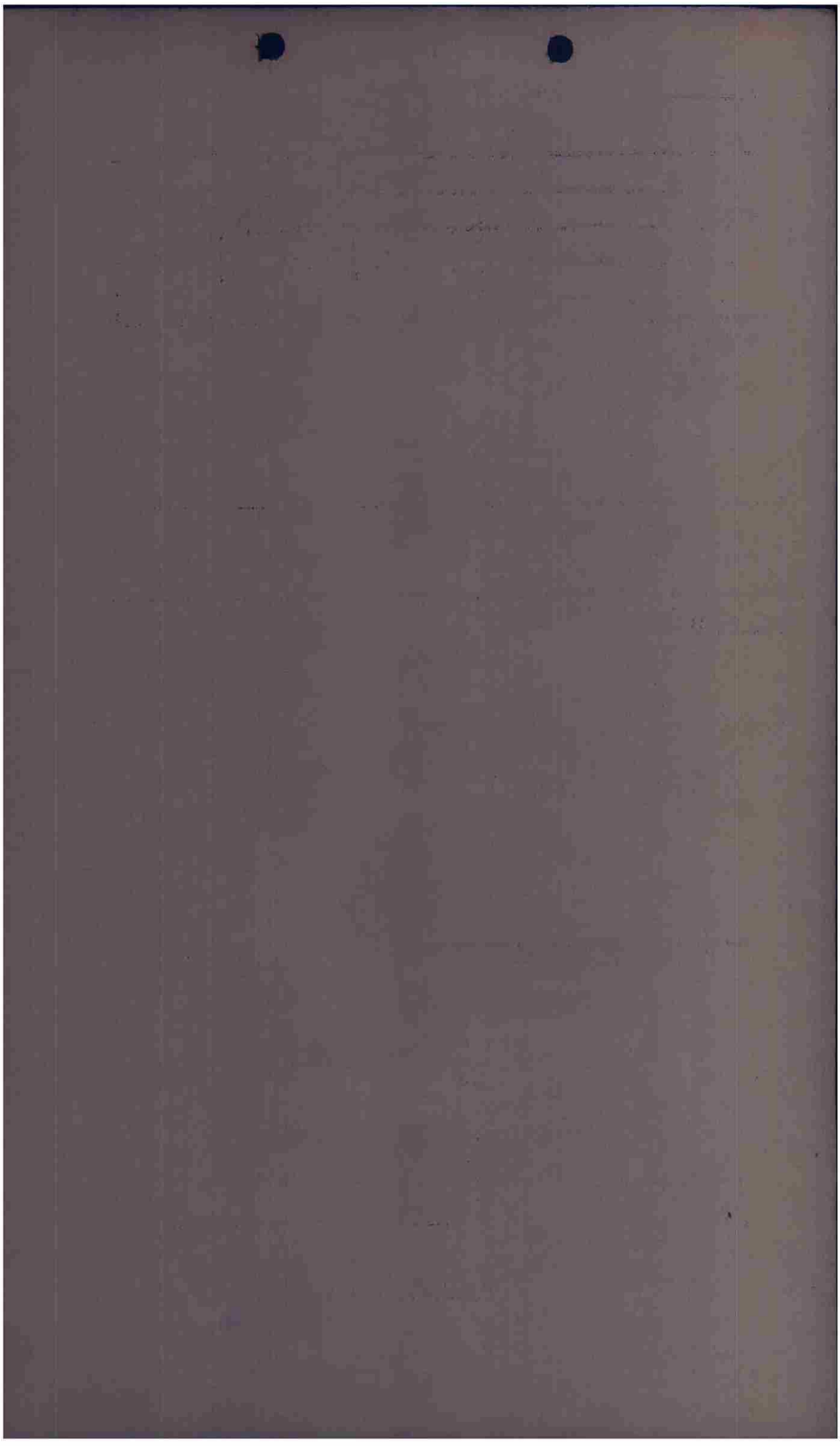


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PILOT PRICE A/C# 739 BOX 2 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

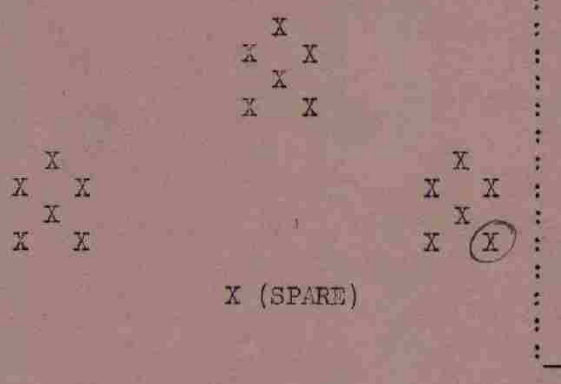
Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs hit into smoke - we were 4th on it & smoke.

2 Bdgs Red x to West of tgt 4-5 Mi.

POSITION IN FORMATION

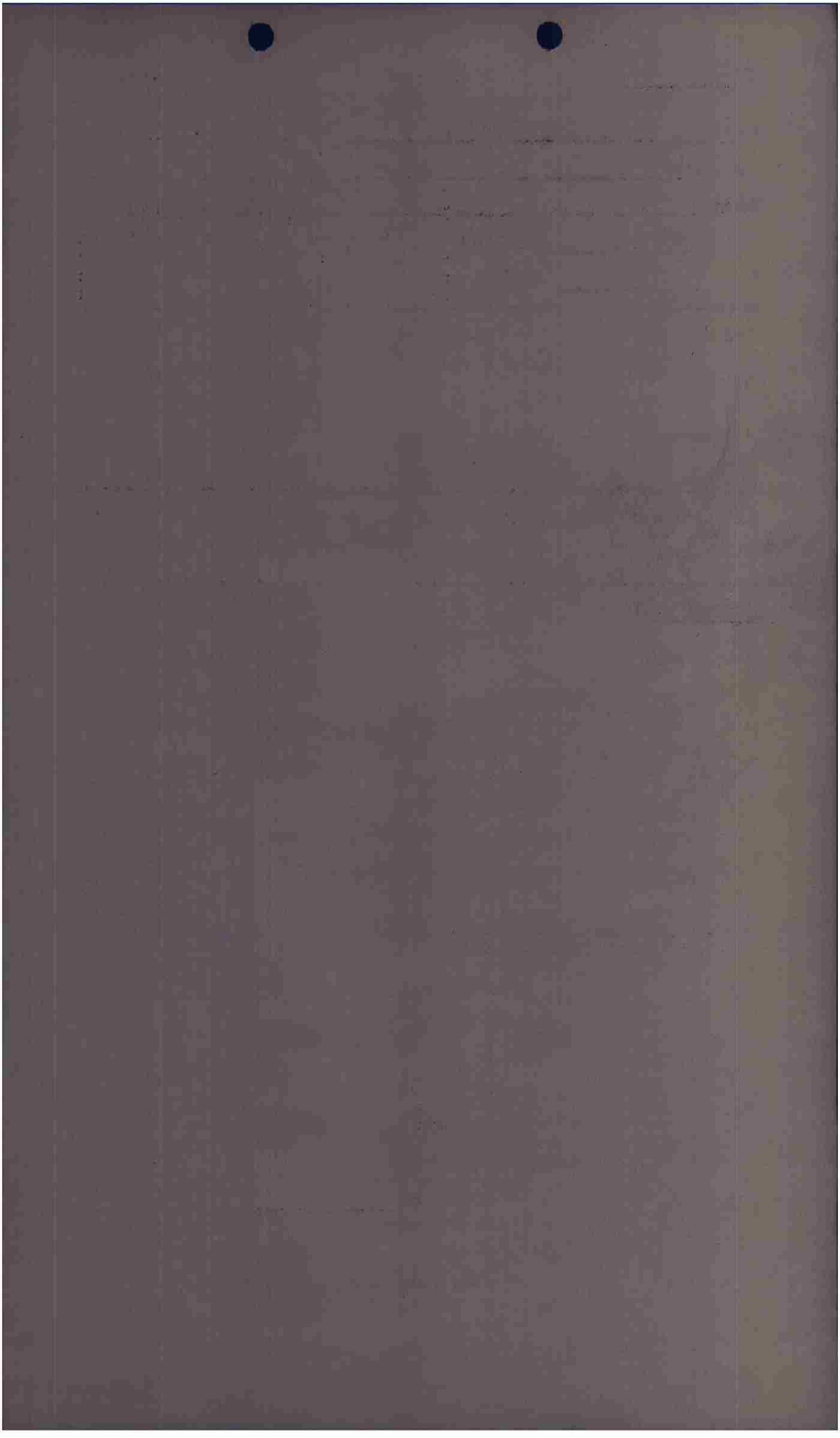


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PILOT LONG A/C# 310 BOX 2 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON

	BATTLE DAMAGE		
X RETURNED	"A" nil	"A-C"	"E"
X JETTISONED			

FLAK :

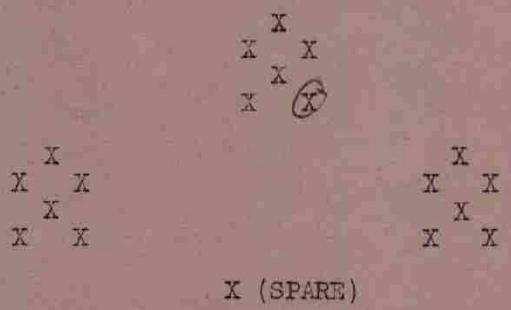
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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS:

nil

POSITION IN FORMATION

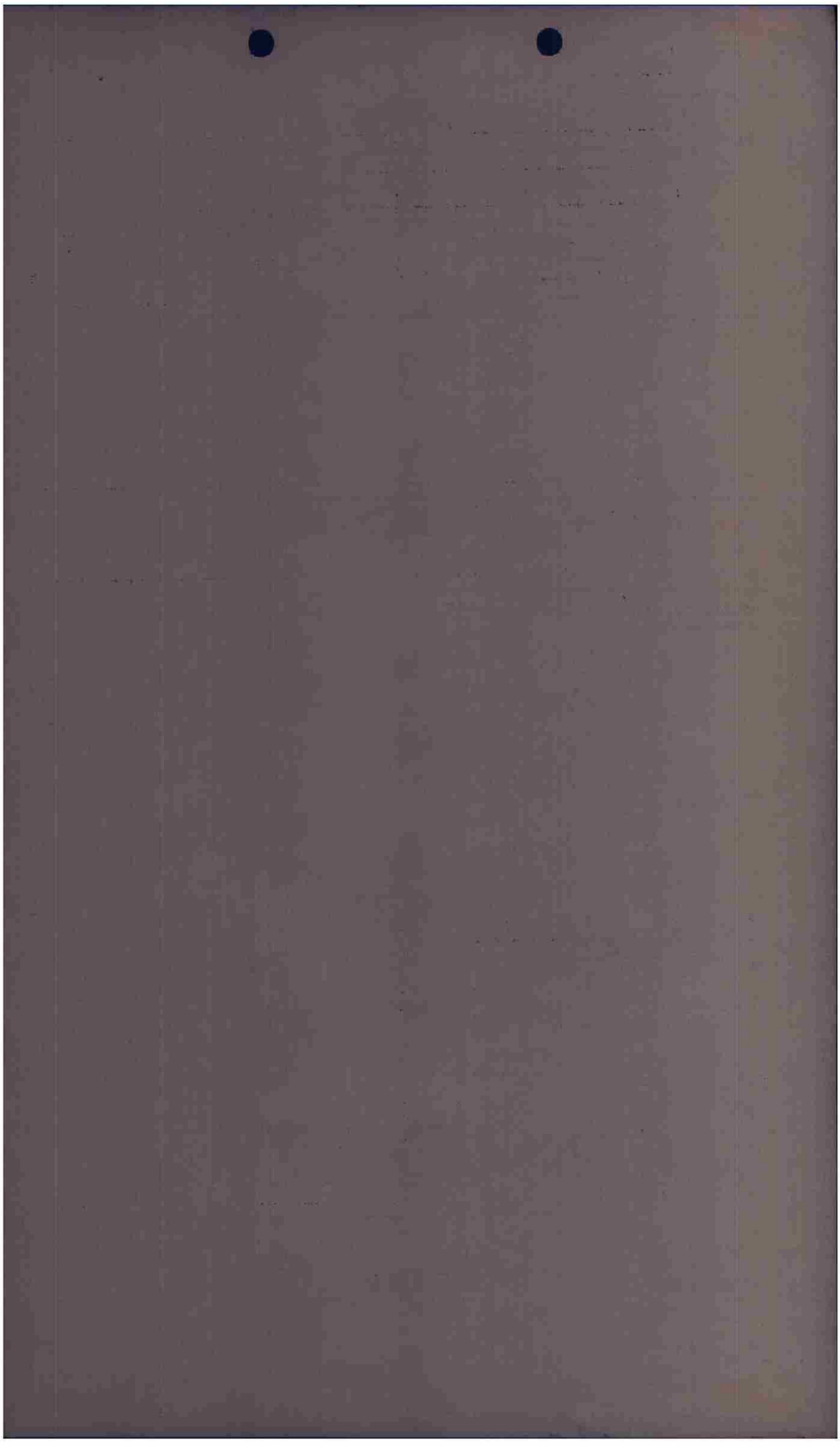


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PILOT MOONEY A/C# 352 BOX 2 FLT. 2

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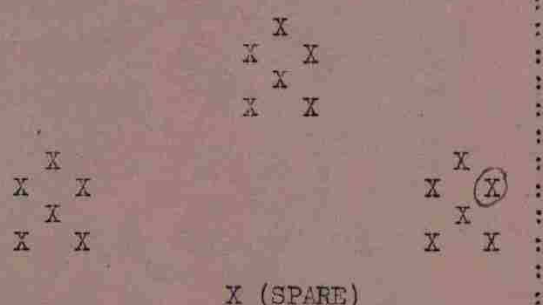
BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED	nil		
X JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: nil

POSITION IN FORMATION

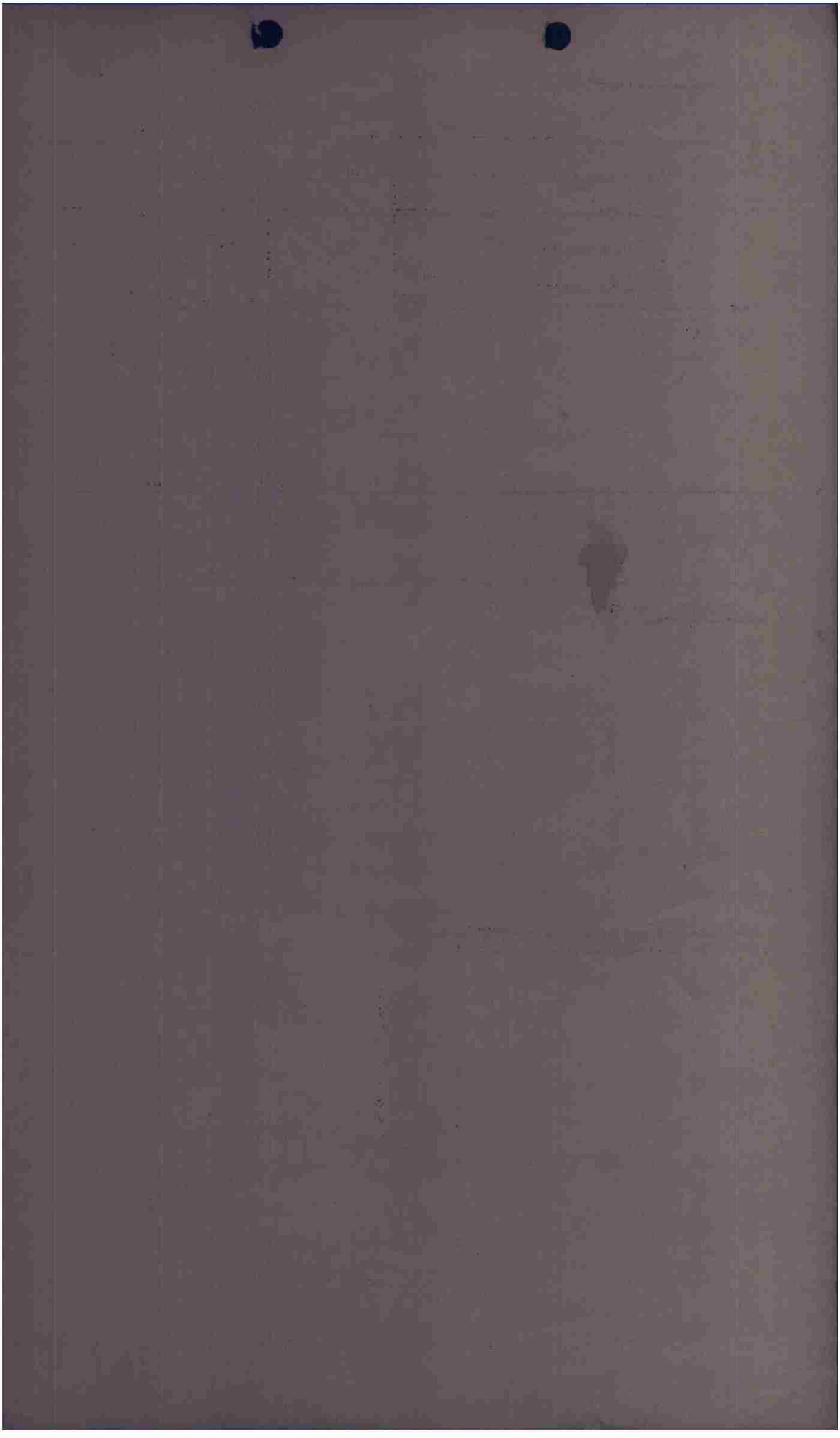


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PILOT Housley A/C# 729 BOX 7 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

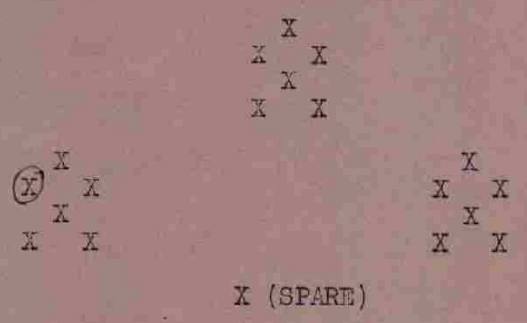
BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED	nil		

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: This fl hit over.

POSITION IN FORMATION



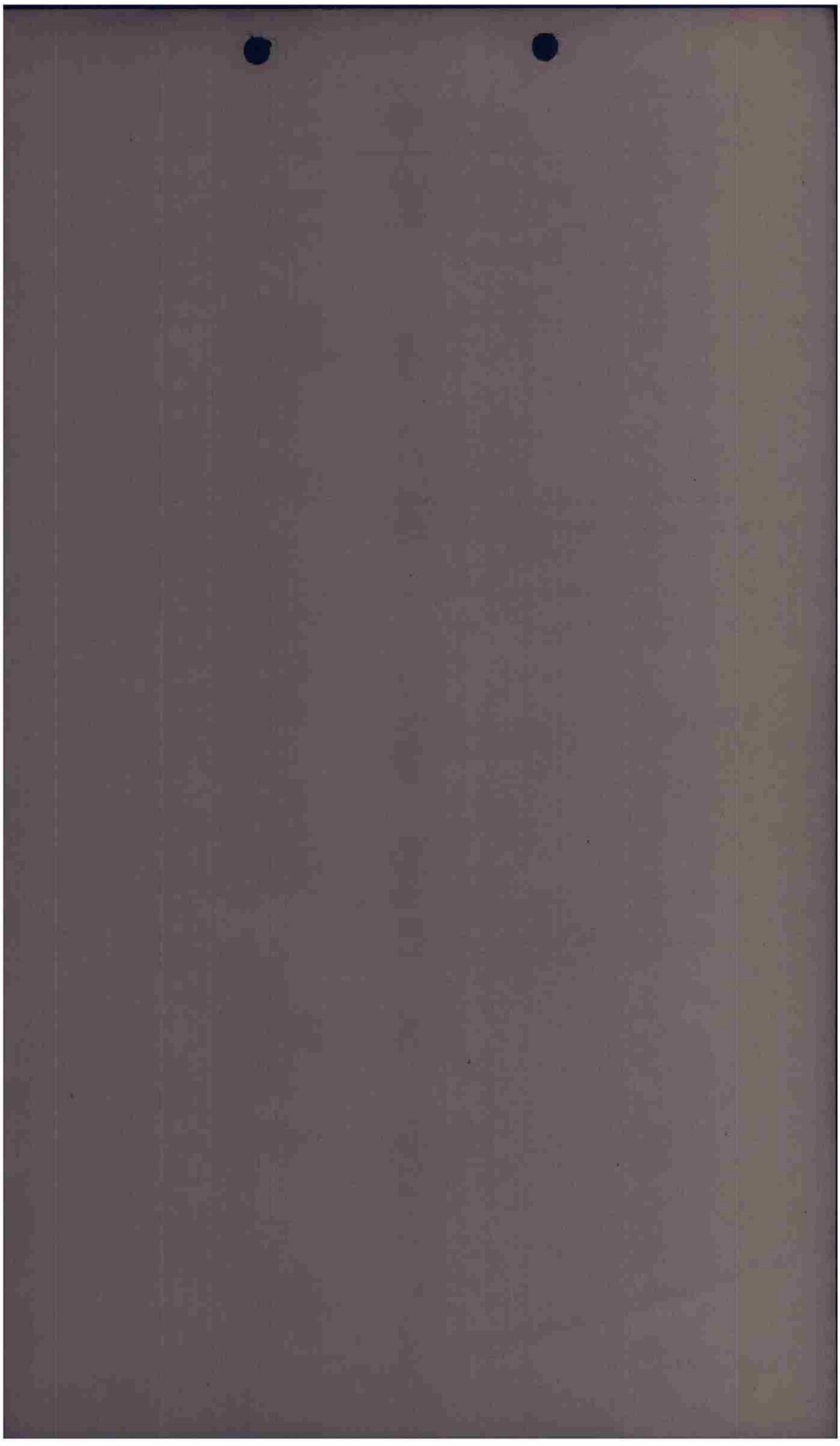
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PILOT HALE A/C# 325 BOX 2 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

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

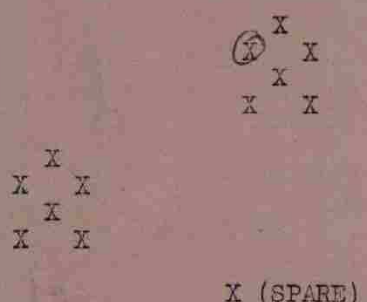
FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS: 1012 4/0-50 cals in N/y (small) FAC results

Coming.

POSITION IN FORMATION

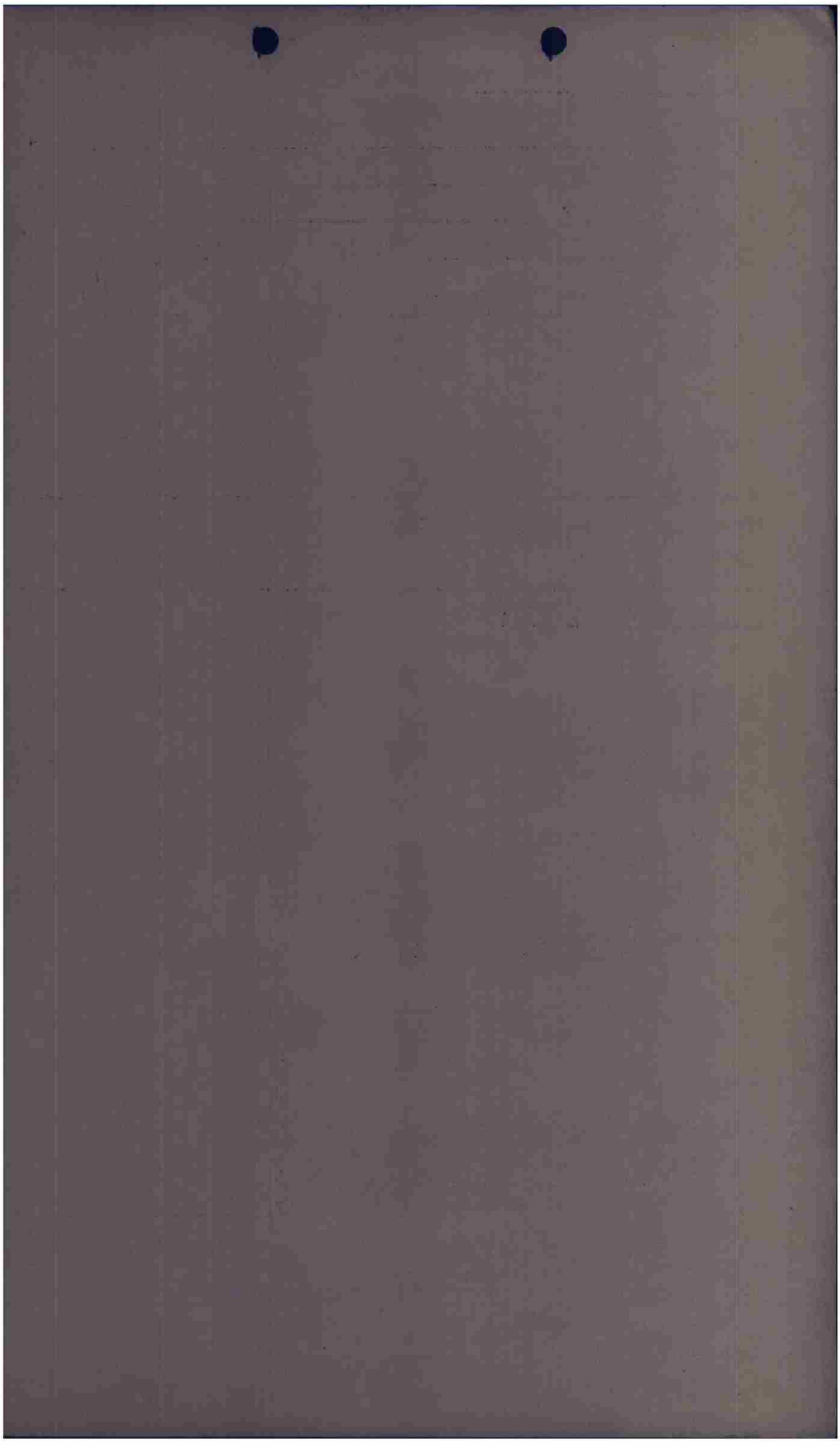


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PILOT LACKOVICH A/C# 490 BOX 3 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 x 500 ON P

	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED	Nil		

FLAK :

Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

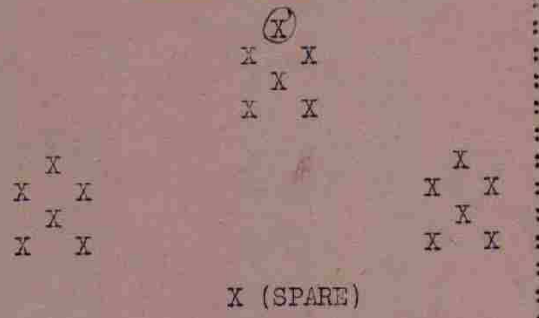
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OBSERVATIONS:

TOT – 1022
Alt – 11,140
358
203.

Hit Bldgs + tracks
to Rt of AP
Fires started

POSITION IN FORMATION

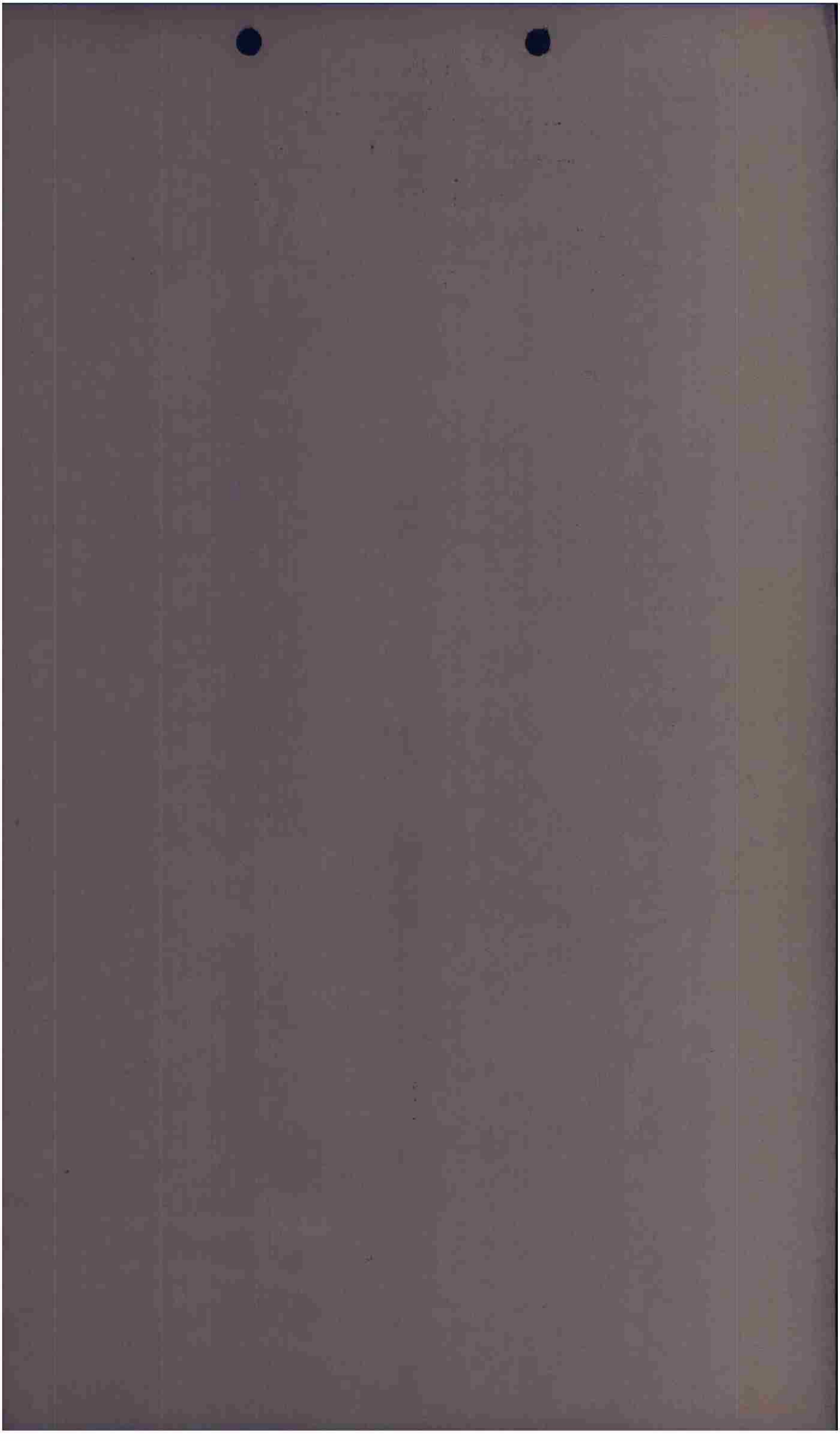


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PILOT SOMMERS A/C# 609 BOX 3 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON P

		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED	Nil		

FLAK :

Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

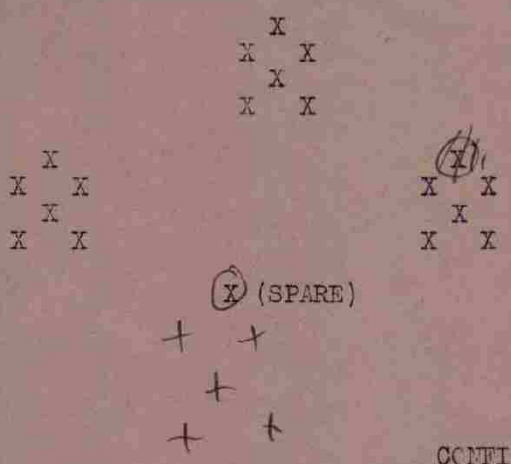
TOT - 1024
Alt - 11,300
360°
208.

Large convoy headed into Nordhausen stretched for miles 1002 Hrs.

Inferior results.

1 run.

POSITION IN FORMATION

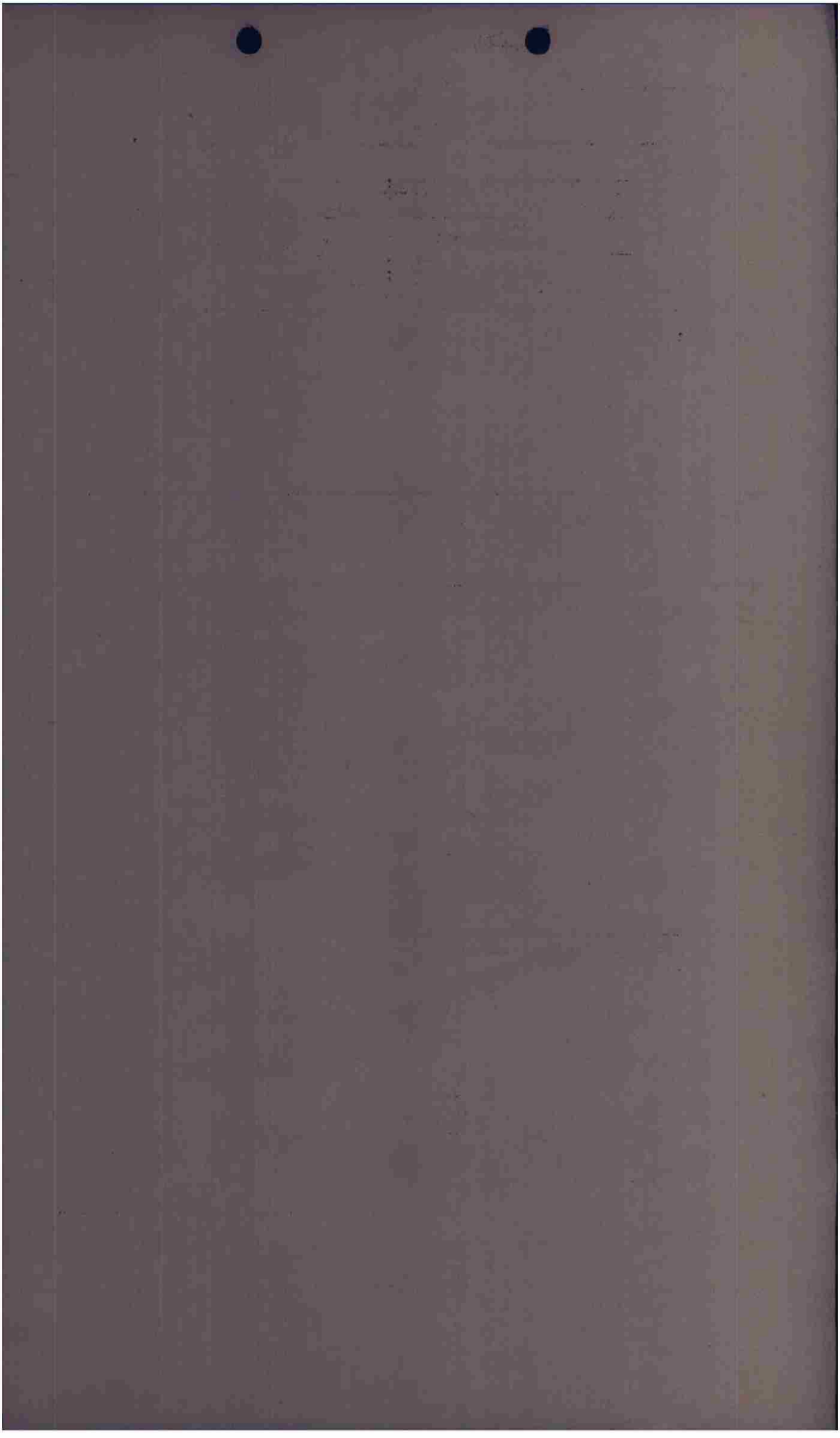


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PILOT WILLARD A/C# 351 BOX 3 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

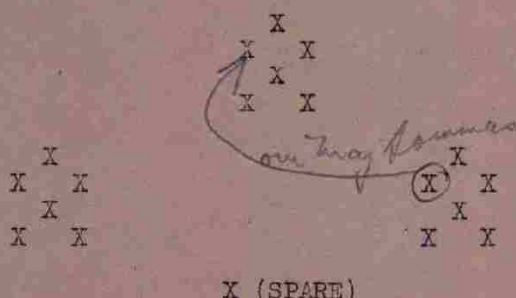
BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON P.V.	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : P-51's.

OBSERVATIONS: M/Y destroyed smoke could see for miles around target. engine at Jacksonville proposed.
Eastern - M/Y - 3 smoke stacks (fair condition)
Eastern - to Y - 200 cars (Box cars)
at Y - couple of engines, smoke; - 6 - 8 tracks
75 - 100 track (1033) Decided not to Wardham called Jodthan it's tried Rome - going east
1029 - Kettstead - bldgs - pass RR - 6 hangars
6 - 3 engines & 15 small ones
at east edge of town. Many bldgs.
AFat T/A - rwy in good shape - 2 runways
lot of hardstands.

POSITION IN FORMATION

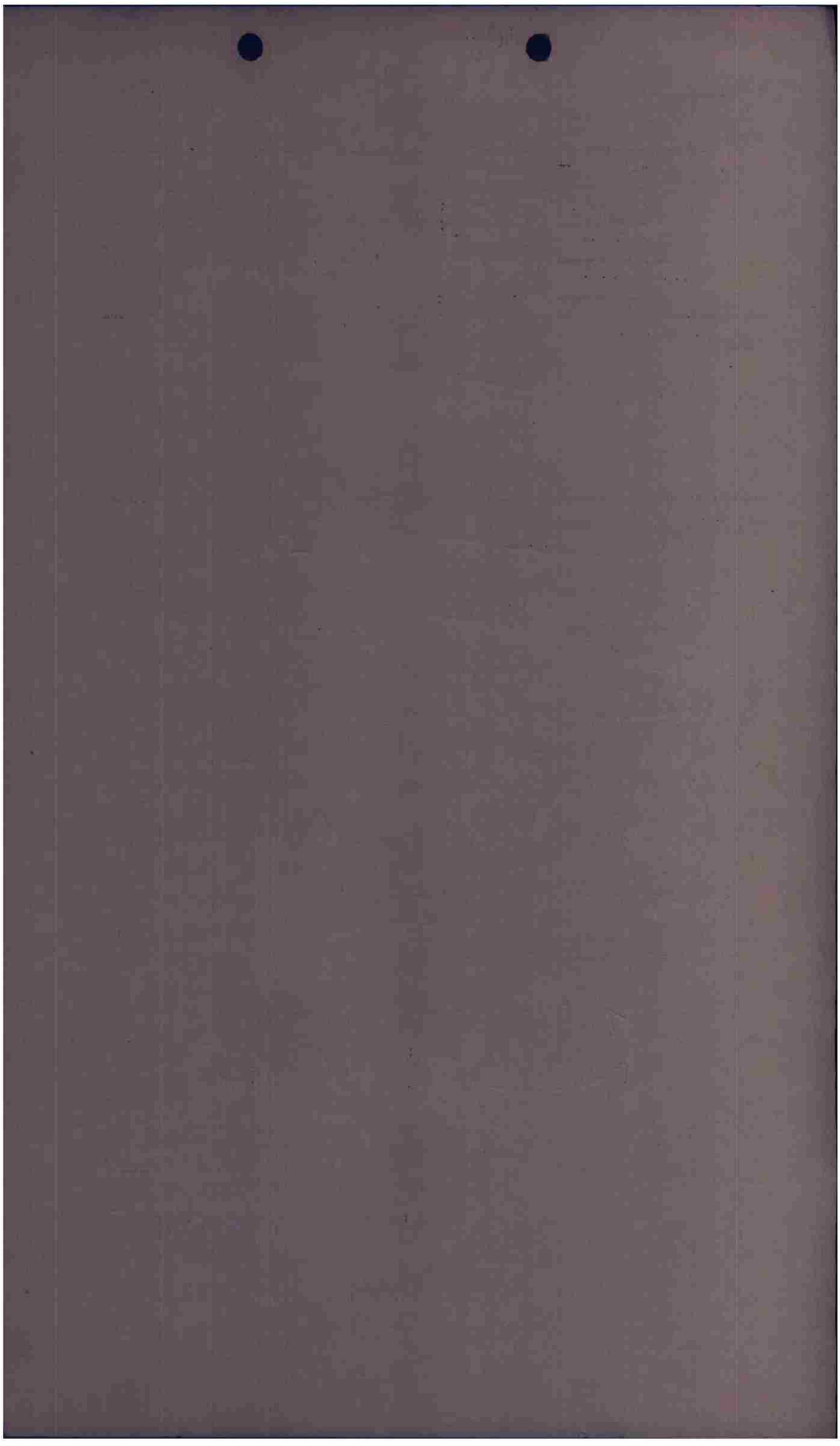


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PILOT HIVKO A/C# 313 BOX 3 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON P.

	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED	Nil		

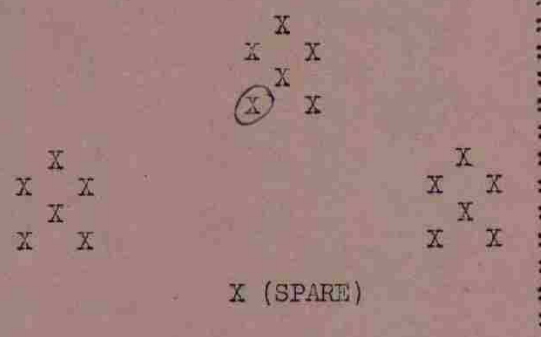
FLAK :

Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

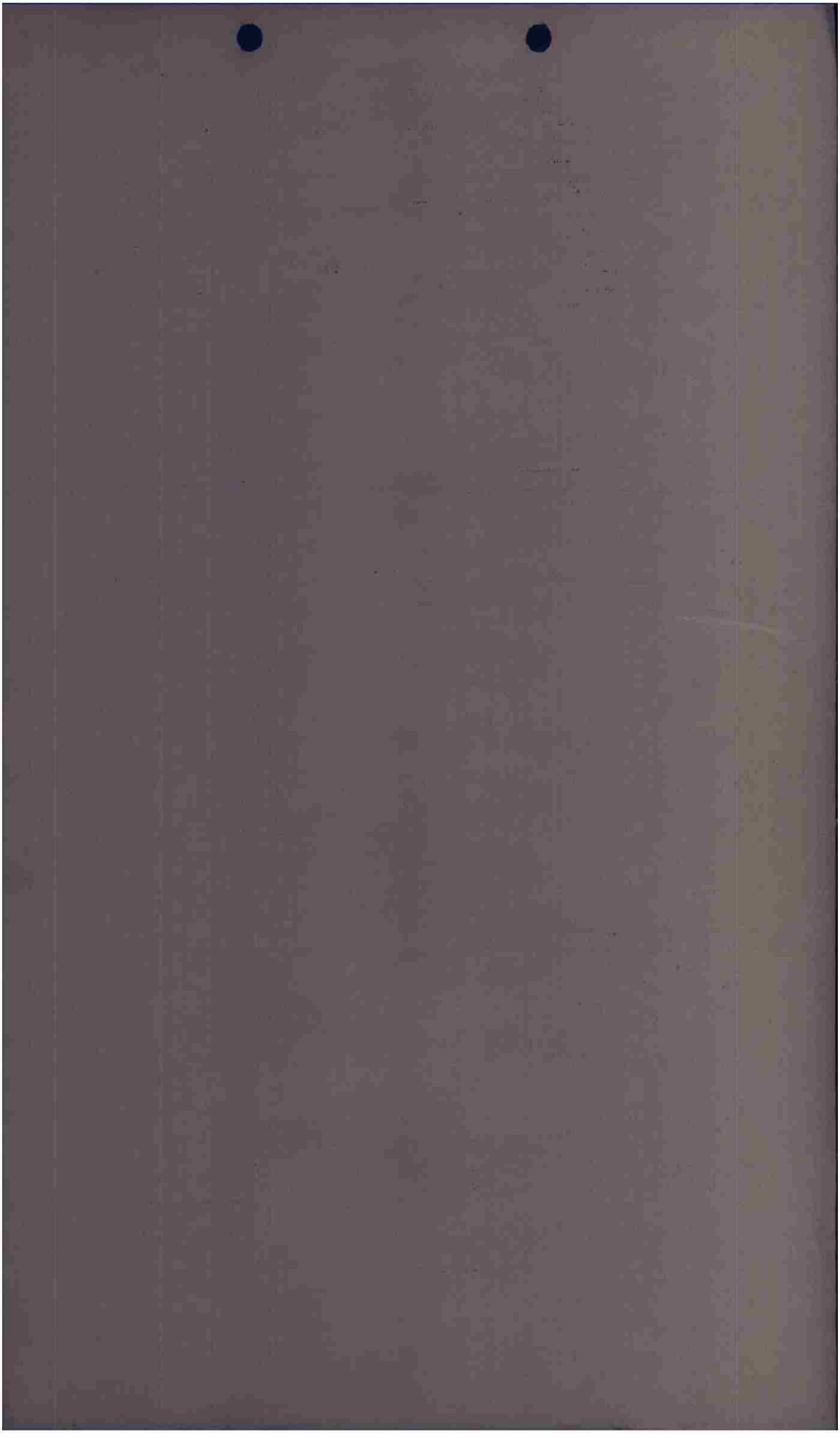


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PILOT Du Bose A/C# 212 BOX 3 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

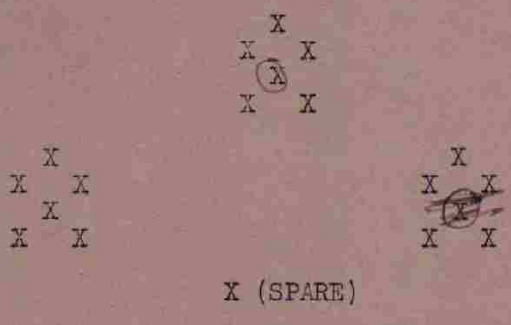
BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON R	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS: Smoke covered town

POSITION IN FORMATION

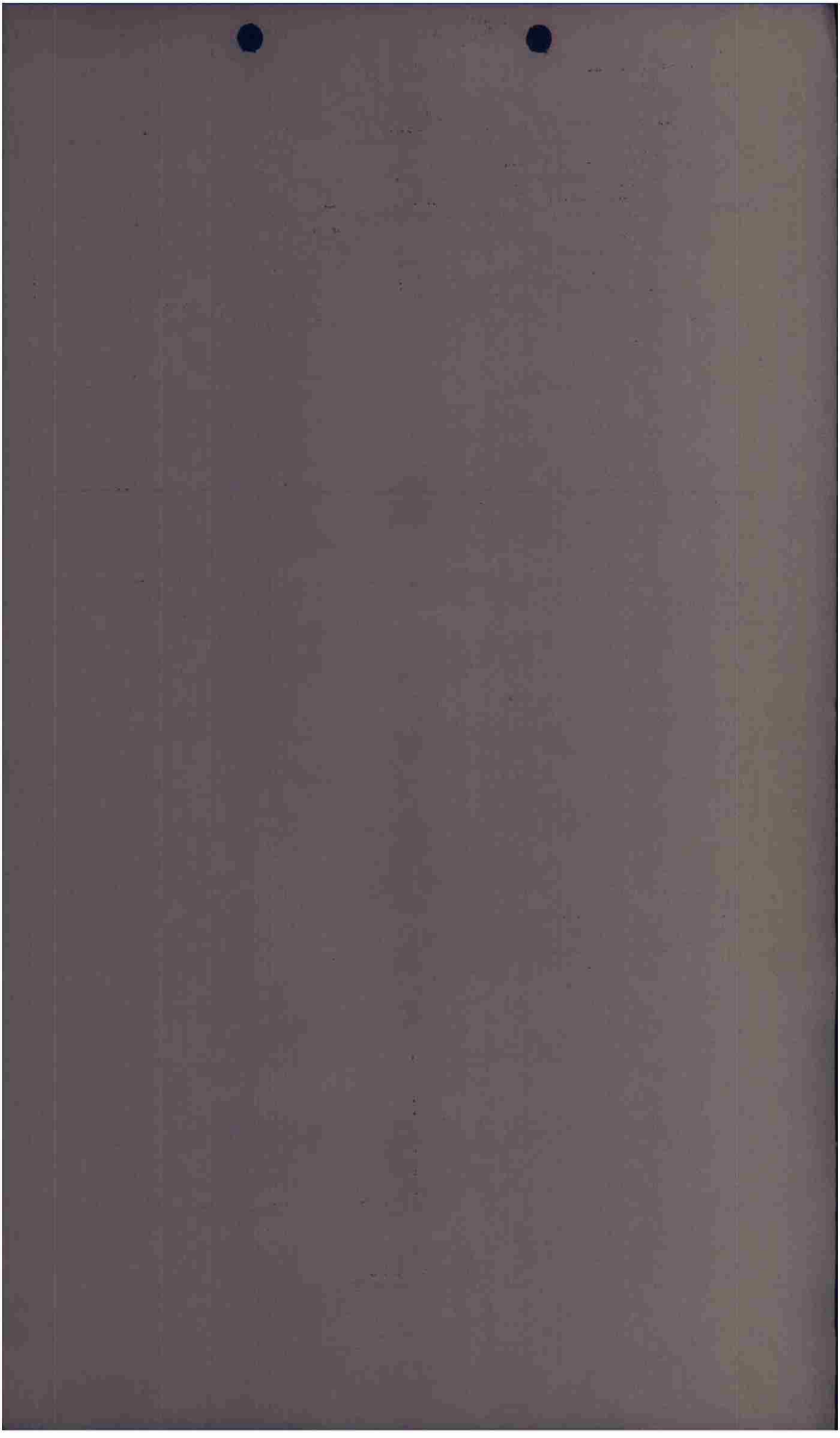


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PILOT WEINERT A/C# 354 BOX 3 FLT. X

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON

X RETURNED

X JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	nil		

FLAK :

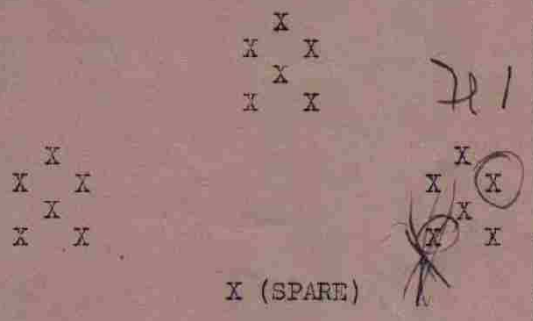
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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS:

nil

POSITION IN FORMATION



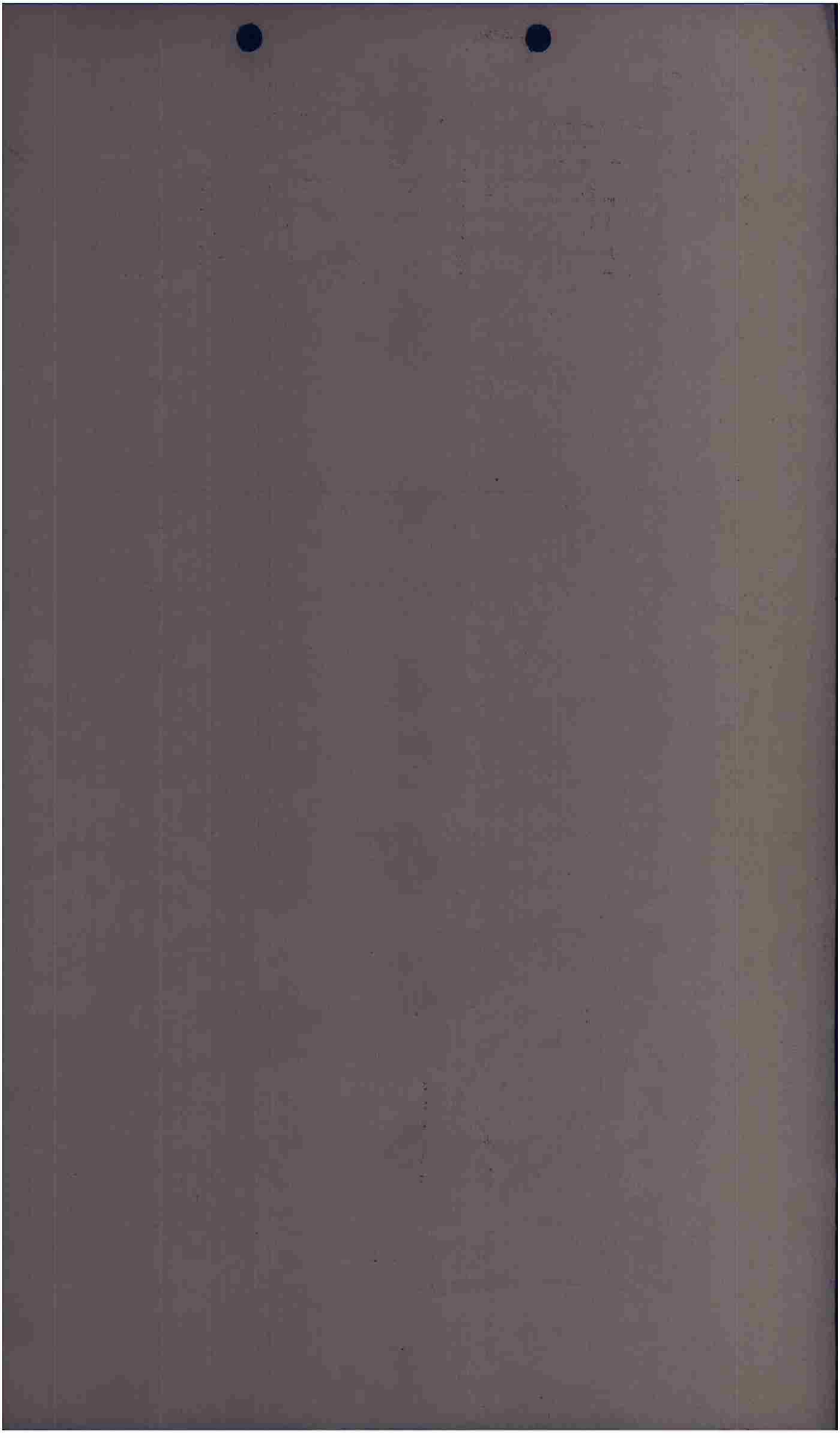
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PILOT REMISZEWSKI A/C# 750 BOX 3 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON P.

	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED	Nil		

FLAK :

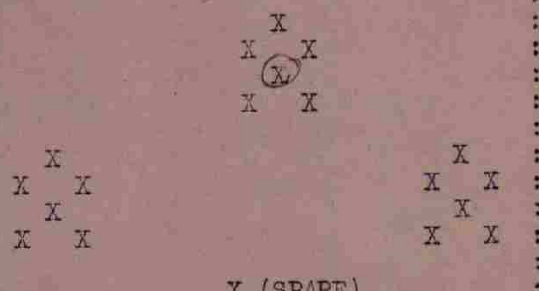
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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION



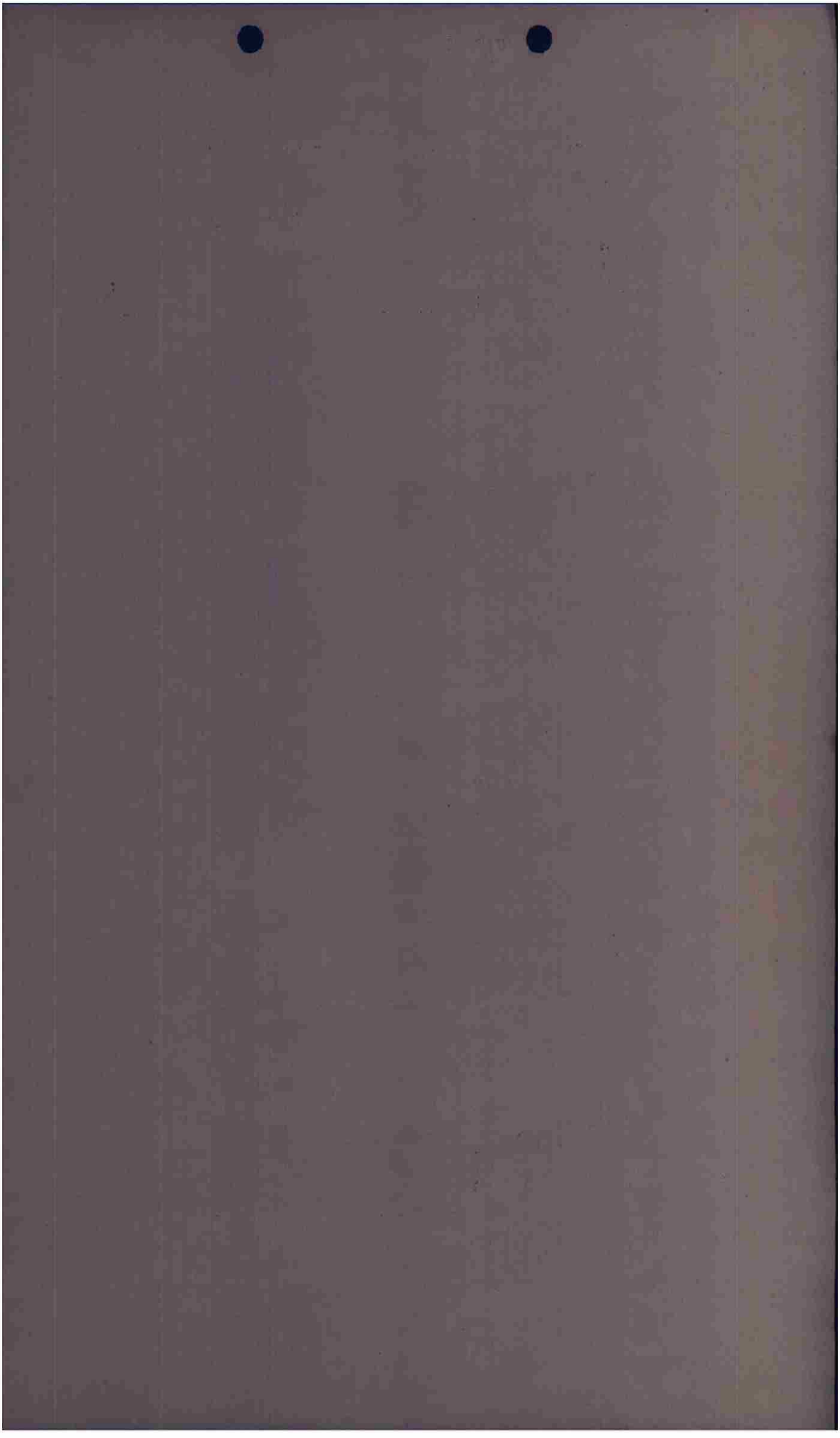
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PILOT Cocke A/C# 378 BOX 3 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

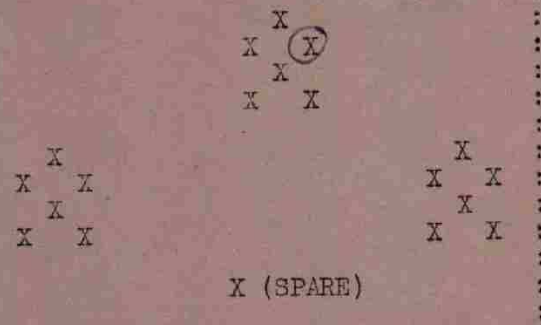
BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
6 X 100	ON			
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: Hits in yard. No hits on bldgs with Red Crosses.

POSITION IN FORMATION

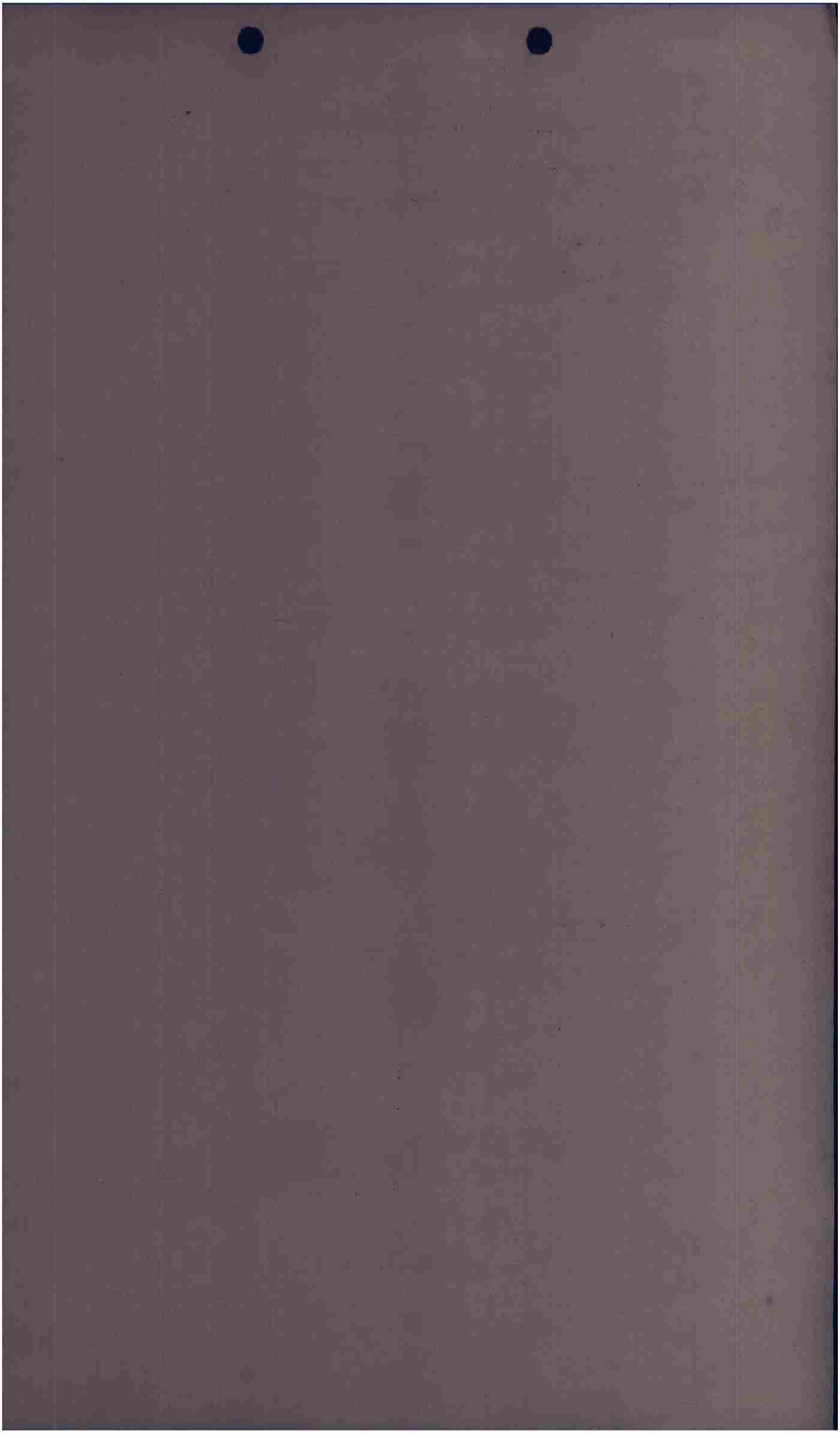


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PILOT WRIGHT A/C# 209 BOX 3 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

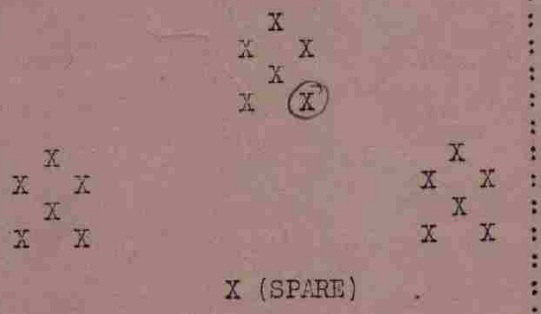
nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS: A/D at Bernburg.
R/Ws serviceable

POSITION IN FORMATION

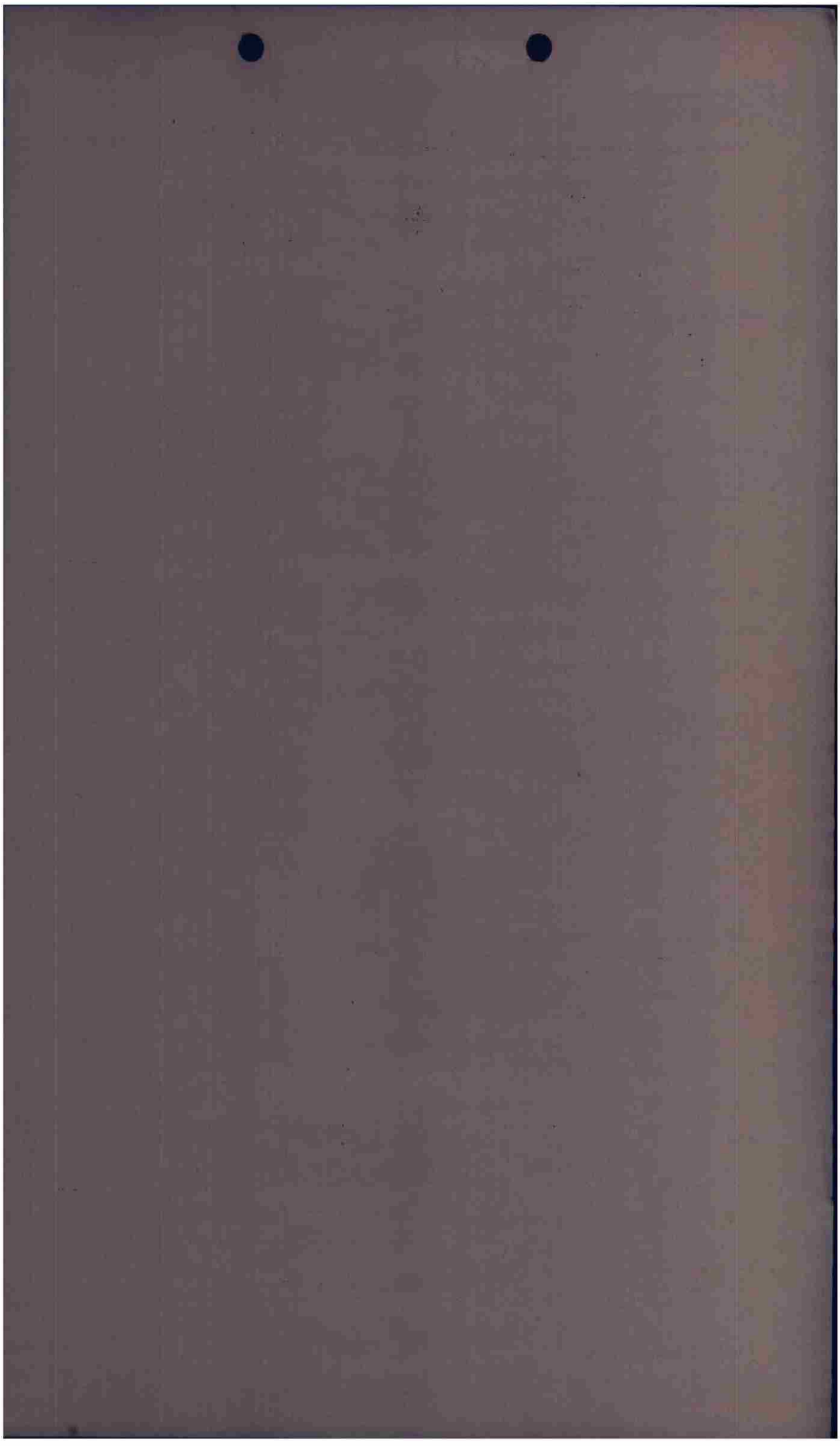


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PILOT HARPER A/C# 271 BOX 3 FLT. [illegible]

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

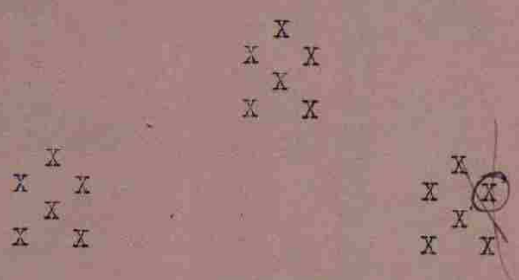
nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS: Engine trouble on bomb run — smoking — out of formation — behind Box III Fl. 1. Dropped independently 4 or 5 secs after the fl. ~~lead~~ Hit on M/Y.

POSITION IN FORMATION



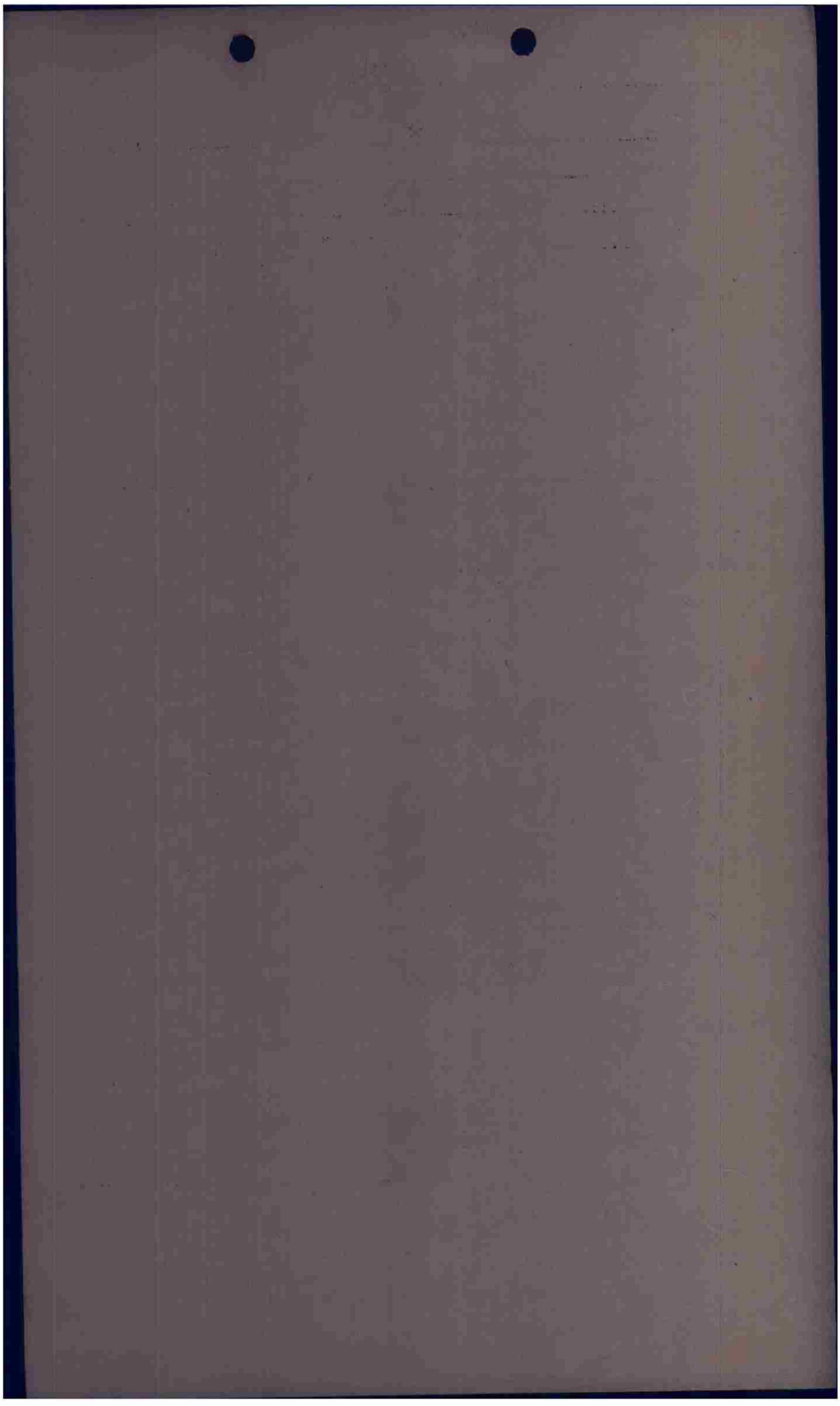
3d box 1st Fl

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PILOT WINN A/C# 765 BOX 3 FLT. D

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 4 X 500 ON

X RETURNED

X JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE	"A"	"A-C"	"E"

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

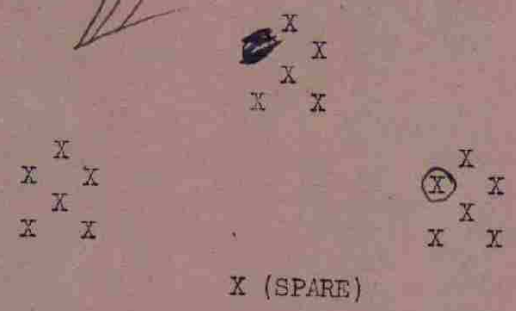
Bombs hit near A.P.
Heavy road traffic moving east near bombline

M/y just after turn over bombline ½ full - 3 trains

M/y in vicinity of IP (to right) ⅓ full.

2 m/y on turn off target & about 25 secs apart half full.

POSITION IN FORMATION

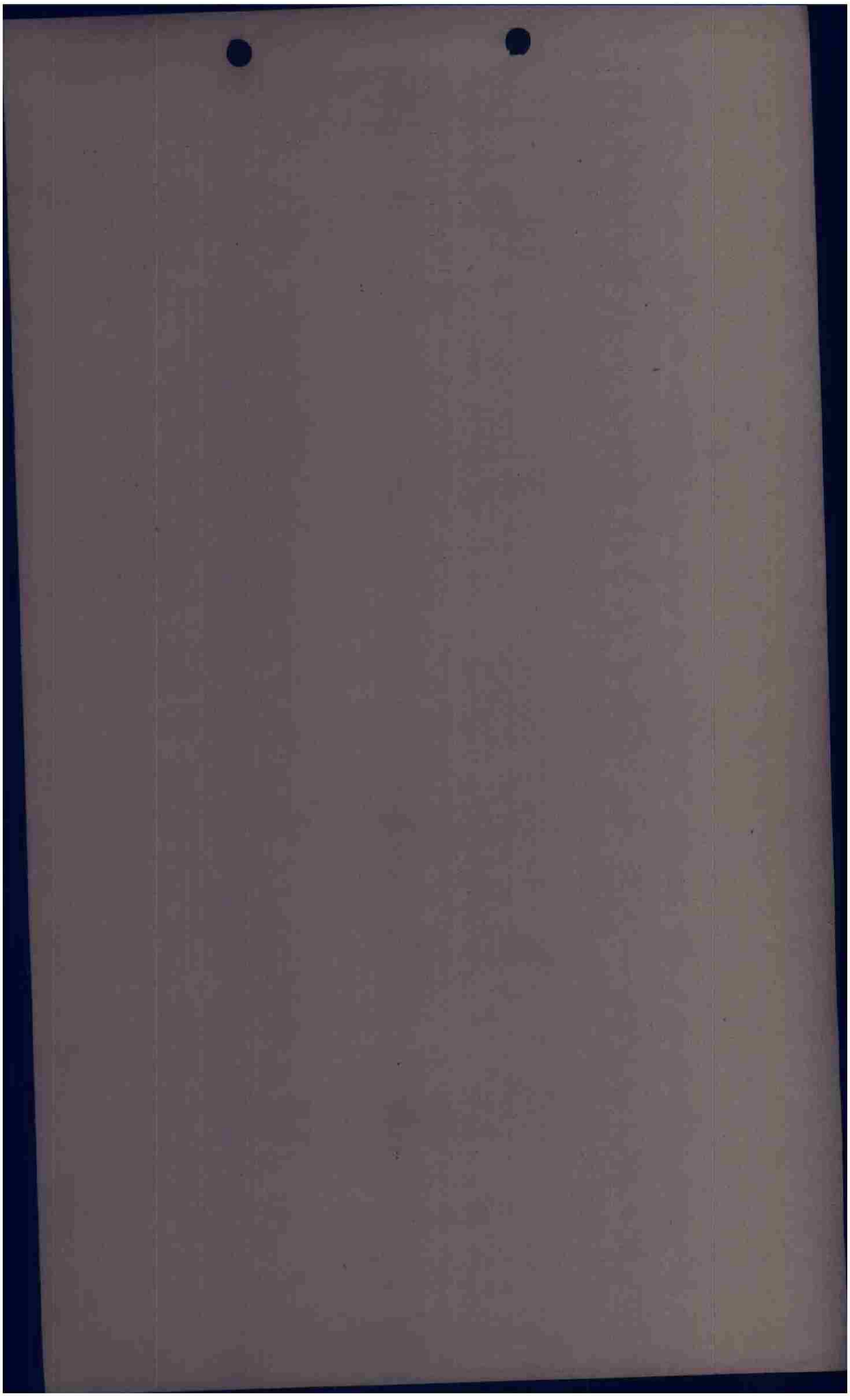


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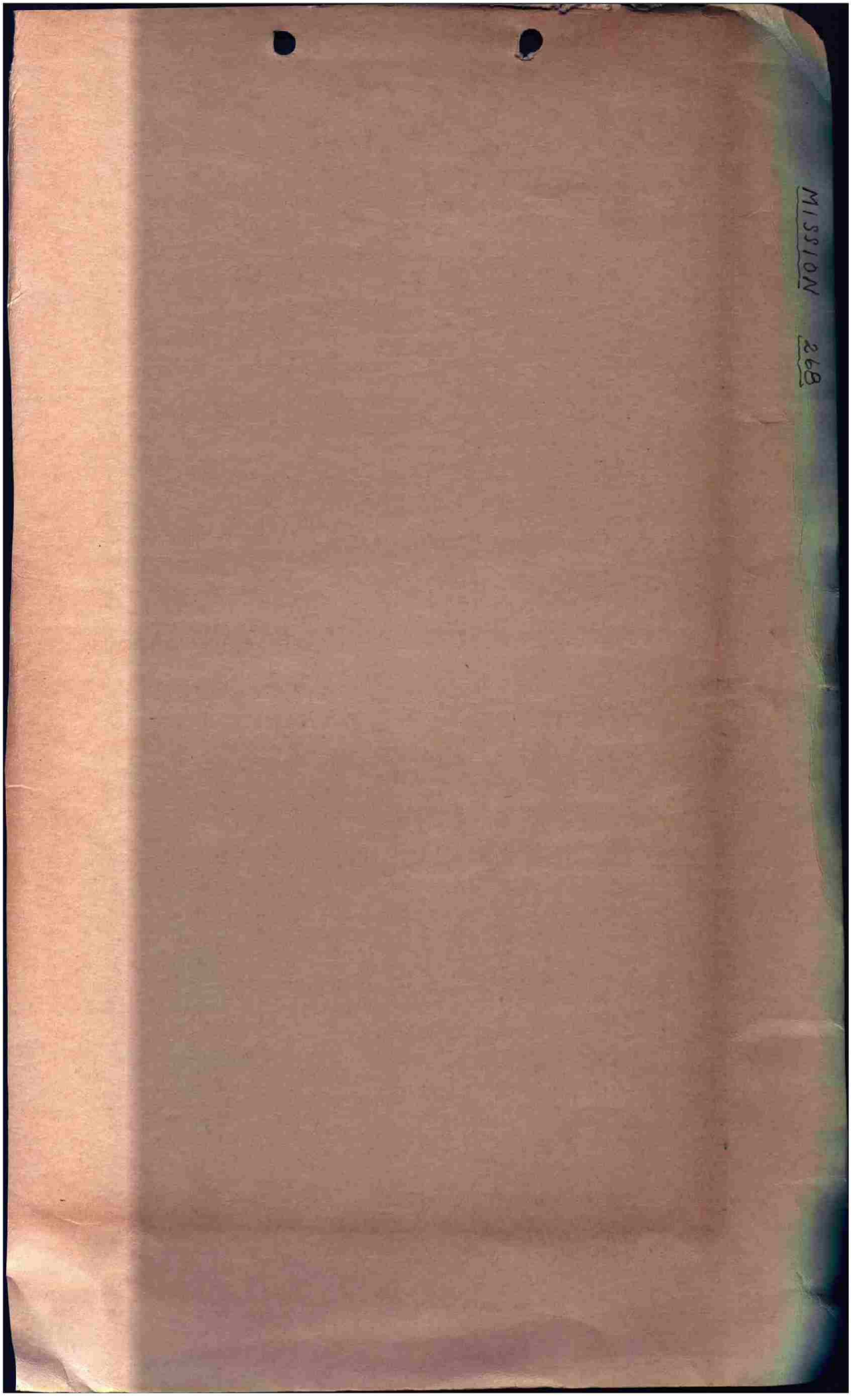
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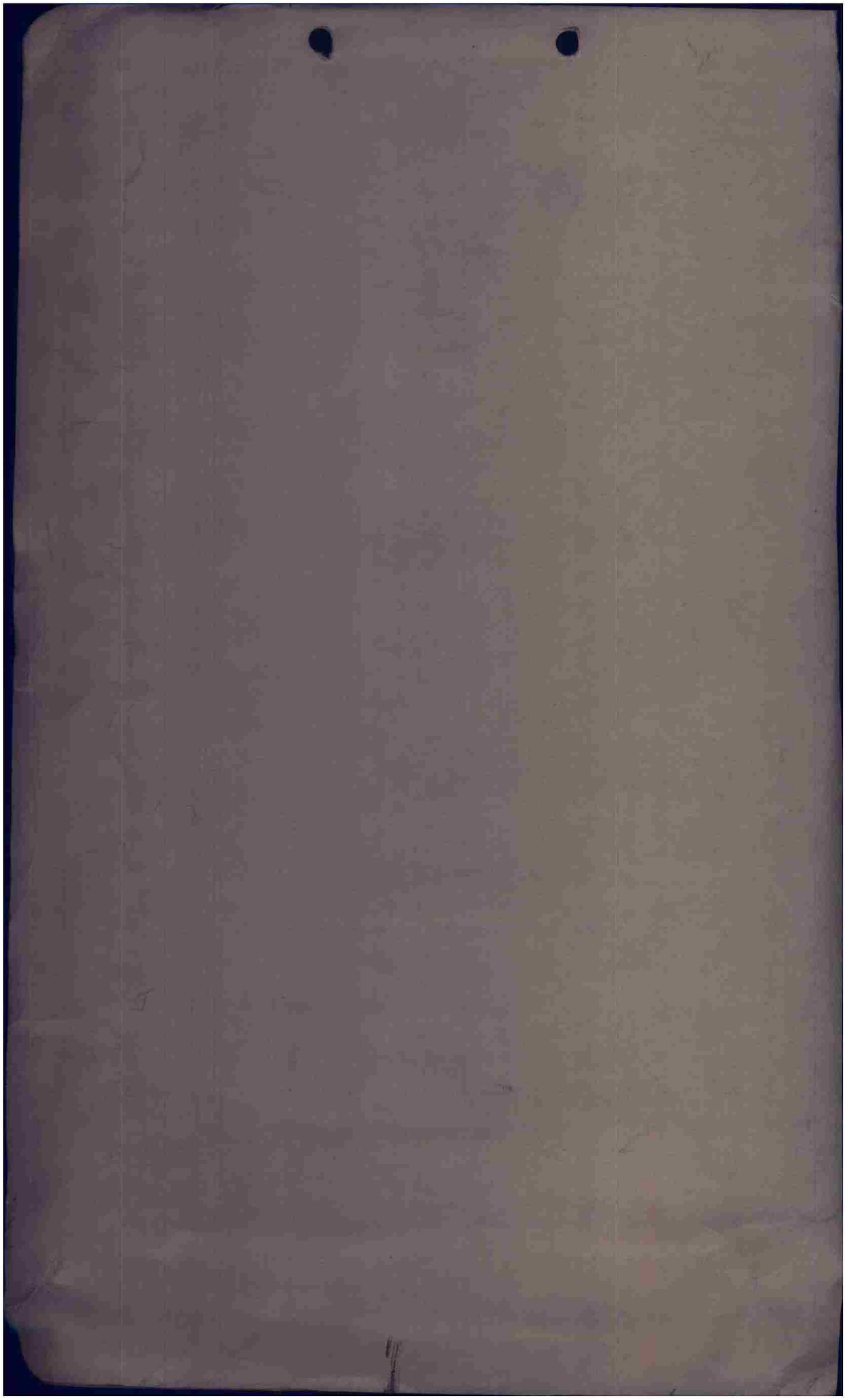
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