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MISSION NO. 284

LOADING LIST
BOX 1
FLIGHT 1

1 May 1945

1. 484 C
CAPT H M EVANS 580
LT T M MC CARTNEY 425
LT H E MYROLD
S/S C L SIGGERS

2. 352 J
LT W L HALE 625
S/S D H BENTZLER 425

3. 188 R
LT T D MC CREADY 620
S/S P J PROFITA 425

4. 389
LT W H LASTER
S/S R M CROSS

5. 362 Y
LT E B DRUM 640
S/S R G HINDMAN 413

6. 274 S
LT L R ZEIDMET 725
SGT R K RAY 425

FLIGHT 11

1. 501 W
LT P P BARAUSKY
LT W L SHEEHAN 665
LT M F WILBUR 425
S/S T R LANGLEY

2. 223 B
MAJOR H F CONANT 670
S/S W L KIDD 425

3. 224 E
LT W D CHITTY 700
S/S J SENKIEWICZ 413

4. 416 O
LT R B SINGLETARY 800
S/S H C S CANDLER 425
S/S D B RICHARDS

5. 334 G
LT J F STANKOWSKI 750
S/S J R VELLINGA 425

6. 9315 F-1
LT W M BALCH 625
S/S A KUBJALKO 425

FLIGHT 111

1. 677 J
LT F S BREWSTER
LT L W DENNIS 655
S/S W O CLARK 425
F/O F J CONLEY

2. 286 D
LT A R TURMAN 650
S/S C C STROUP 425

3. 330 F
LT W MUSGROVE 690
S/S H G SEIGHMAN 425

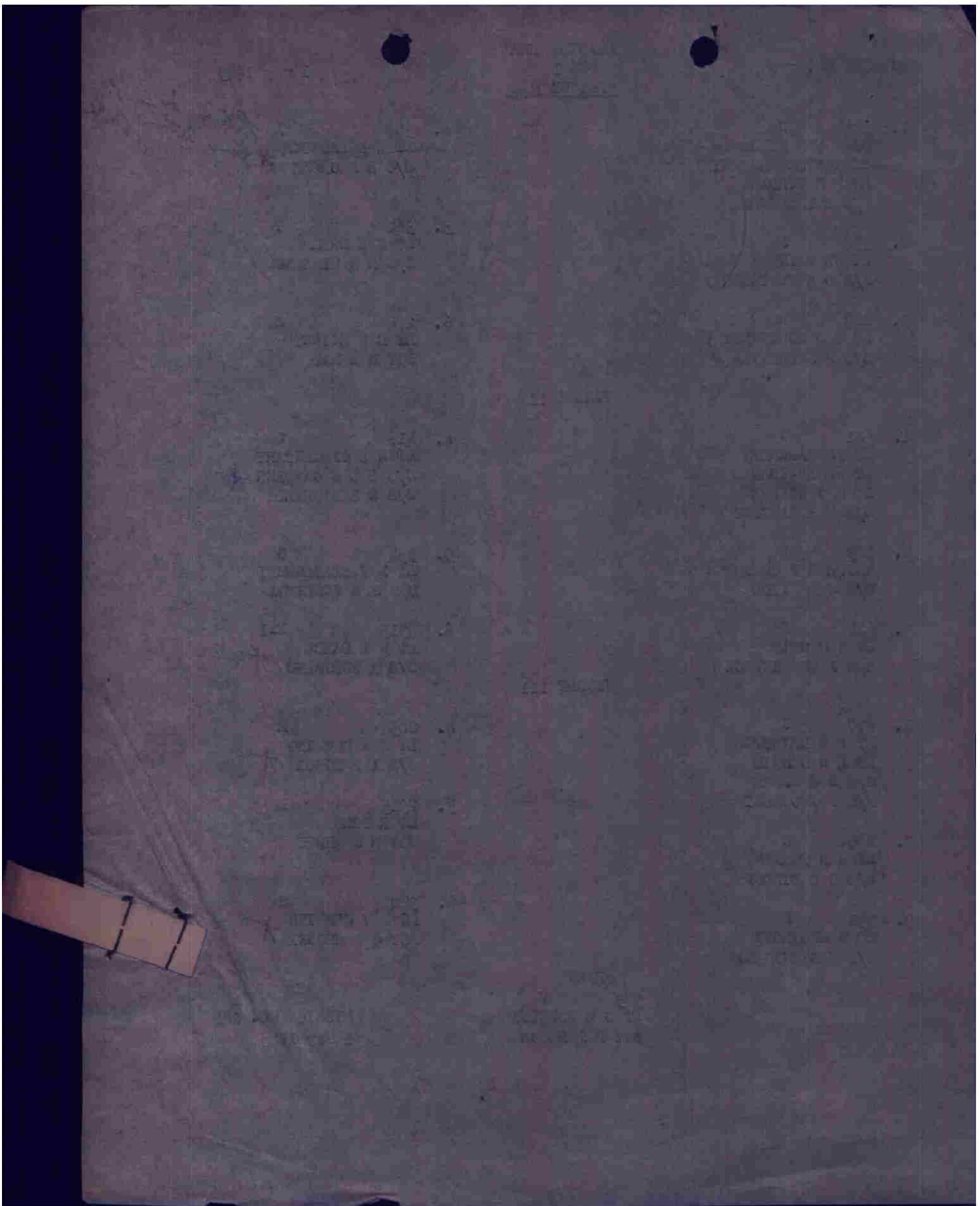
4. 205 M
LT W E DOWNING 760
S/S A P SGRICI 425

5. 2315 L
LT R FORD 750
SGT R J MURRO 425

6. 320 S
LT J V O'BRIEN 630
SGT O B RHONEY 425

SPARE
43 383 V
LT C H HOUSLEY 625
SGT P J BLOCK 425

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MISSION NO. 284

LOADING LIST
BOX 11
FLIGHT 1

1 May 1945

1. ⁴³ 505 Y
CAPT C S STANLEY
F/O J H ELOUNT
S /S C B COLLIER

2. ⁴³ 321 T
LT J H CARVER
S/S J F GEYER

3. ⁴⁴ 259 H
LT F R TANK
SGT F B HARMON

4. ⁴³ 499 G
LT R A RUSSELL
LT D R FREED
SGT J I SPENCE

5. ⁴¹ 305 U
LT J P PHILLIPS
S/S W A MILLER

6. ⁴¹ 310 A
LT A V EVARTS
SGT C D FAGAN

FLIGHT 11

1. ⁴³ 487 J
CAPT W F DU FAULT
F/O O A CARDINALE
CAPT V H POWELL
S/S A J BURLAND

2. ⁴¹ 314 H
LT E C MARTIN
S/S J F MALLOY

3. ⁴¹ 229 B
LT A W DEPNER
SGT C GILBERT

4. ⁴³ 492 E
LT C M ANDERSON
LT N B DANT
S/S J H DEATHERAGE

5. ⁴³ 354 S
LT C E WEINERT
SGT R D FRANCIS

6. ⁴¹ 263 G
LT L E POUNDSTONE
SGT W R SUMNER

FLIGHT 111

1. ⁴³ 498 R
CAPT H F PAIR
LT J L CORUM
S/S O E SWANK

2. ⁴³ 352 J
LT S MOONEY
SGT W C BUCKLEY

3. ⁴¹ 300 K
LT G L MILHORN
SGT M J DORAN

4. ⁴³ 313 B
LT A REMISZEWSKI
SGT R M BARRY

5. ⁴³ 419 Z
LT J B COCKE
S/S REDDING

6. ⁴¹ 239 N
LT R L SIMPSON
SGT V S EX STYPENSKI

SPARE

⁴¹ 271 R
LT R H HAREER
SGT R M BLACK

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1 May 1945

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AITE: ON, A-89

3 May 45

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HEADQUARTERS
41ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

APC 140, U. S. Army,
5 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

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

I. 1 May 1945, T.O. 1449, Sted Lemo Plant, F.O. 275-578.

II. None.

III. 43-22589 Rough left engine.
(Lt. W. J. Lancaster)

The shaft assembly carburetor
hot air door control was broken
allowing hot air door to close.
A U.R. has been submitted on
this condition.

IV. Complete All bombs returned.
formation.

Weather conditions prohibited
bombing.

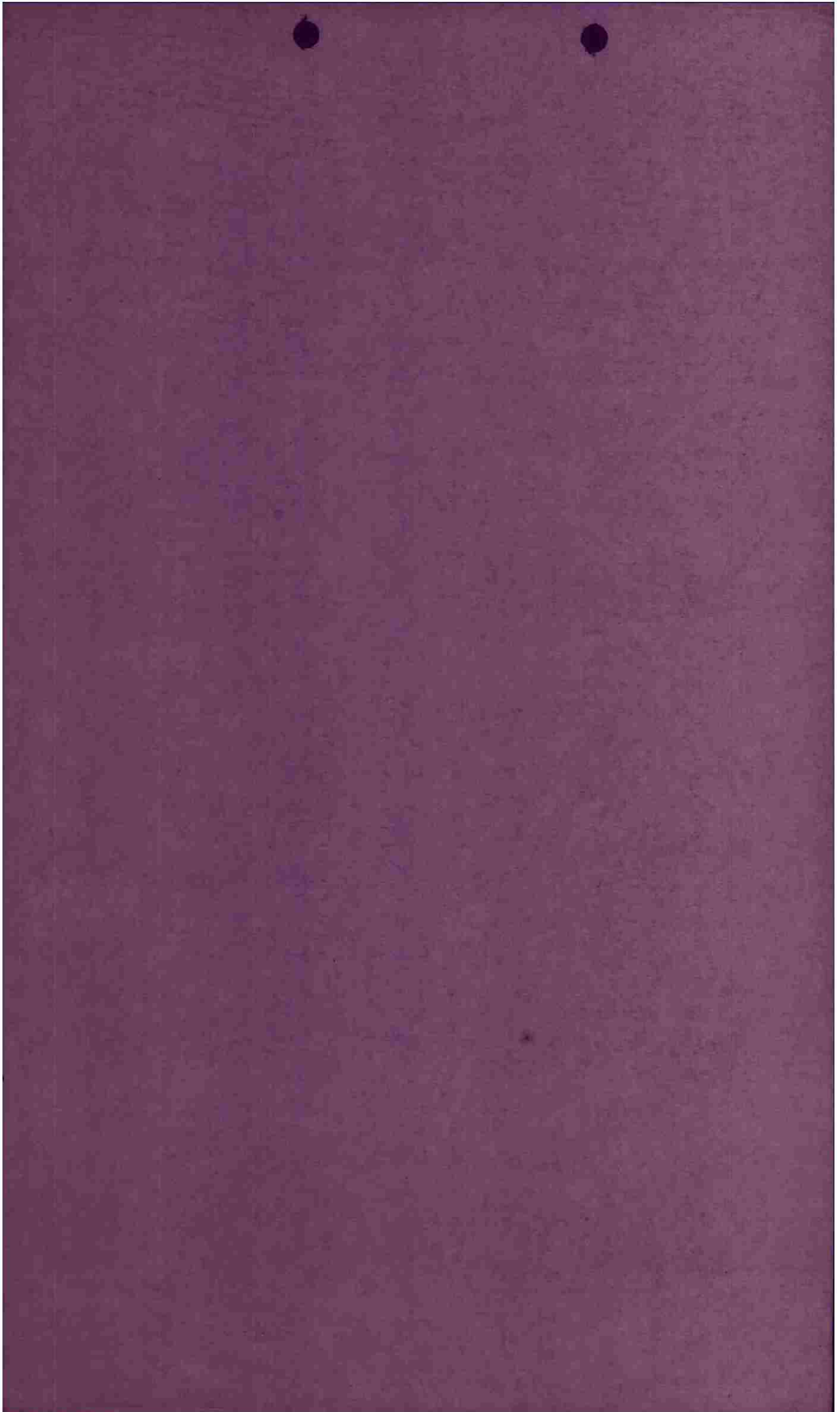
V. None.

VI. 1 - 4:25 - 675
2 - 4:25 - 700
3 - 4:20 - 650
4 - 4:25 - 700
5 - 4:30 - 575
6 - 4:25 - 575
7 - 4:10 - 750
8 - 4:00 - 380
9 - 4:30 - 700
10 - 4:30 - 575
11 - 4:30 - 725
12 - 4:30 - 700
13 - 4:25 - 600
14 - 4:25 - 630
15 - 4:25 - 700
16 - 4:25 - 700
17 - 4:25 - 700
18 - 4:35 - 800
19 - 4:20 - 675

1 - 4:25 - 580
2 - 4:25 - 625
3 - 4:25 - 620
4 - 4:20 - 625
5 - 4:10 - 620
6 - 4:25 - 725
7 - 4:30 - 665
8 - 4:30 - 570
9 - 4:15 - 700
10 - 4:30 - 300
11 - 4:30 - 750
12 - 4:20 - 625
13 - 4:25 - 655
14 - 4:25 - 650
15 - 4:25 - 630
16 - 4:25 - 750
17 - 4:25 - 750
18 - 4:25 - 630

VII. Category - A - 0
Category - B - 0
Category - C - 0
Category - D - 0

THEODORE D. AYLSBORTH,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

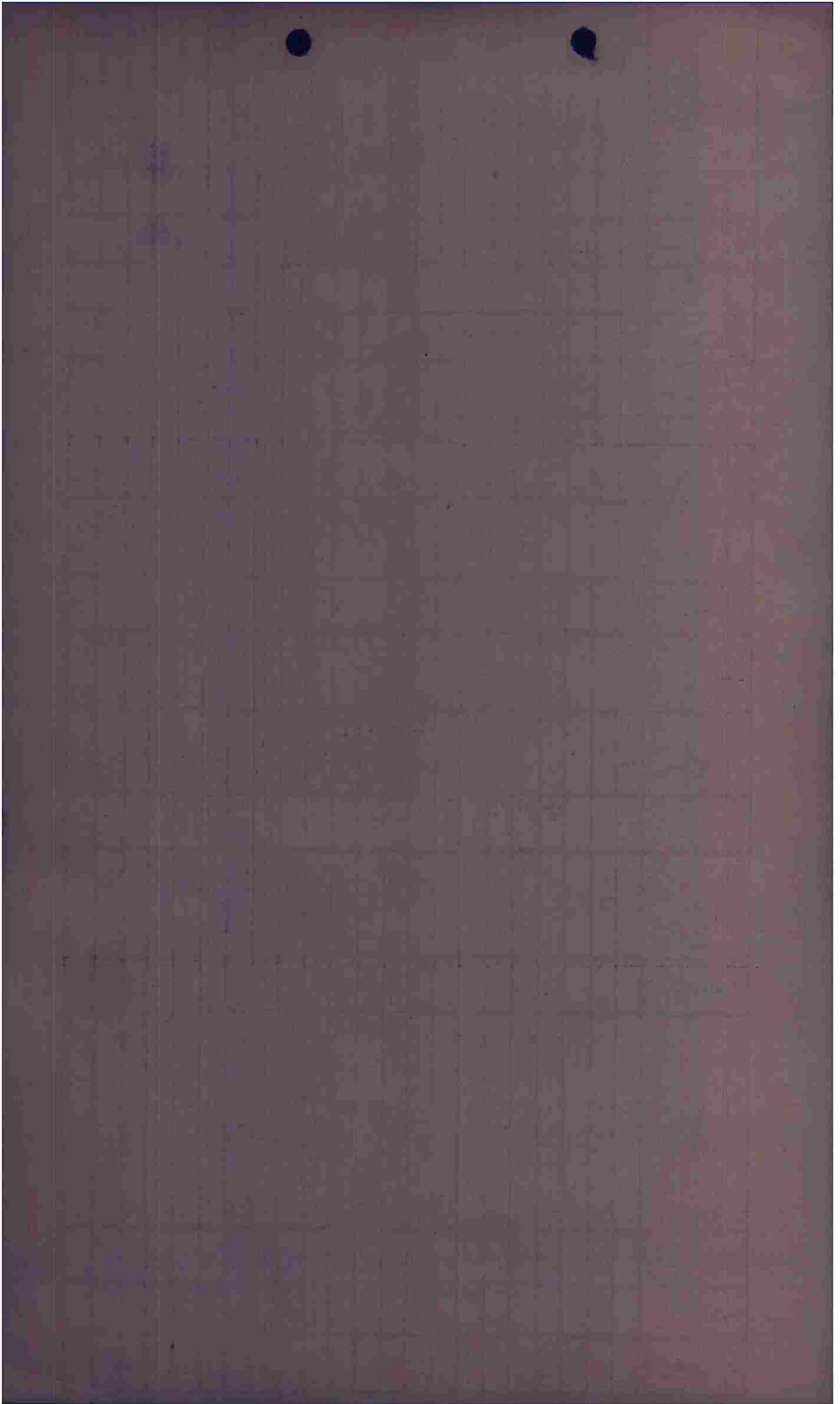


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			352	Male			1449	10									
			188	McCready			1449	11									
			389	Forssten			1450	1536									
			362	Levan			1506	12									
			274	Zimmer			1450	11									
			501	Paranovsky			1451	17									
			223	Conant			1451	19									
			224	Chetty			1451	05									
			416	Inglett			1451	18									
			334	Slupkowski			1452	19									
			9315	Balch			1501	19									
			677	Proctor			1452	13									
			186	Wurman			1452	13									
			330	Wingsore			1453	14									
			205	Levan			1453	15									
			2315	For			1453	15									
			320	O'Brien			1454	16									
			383	Horsley			1454	12									

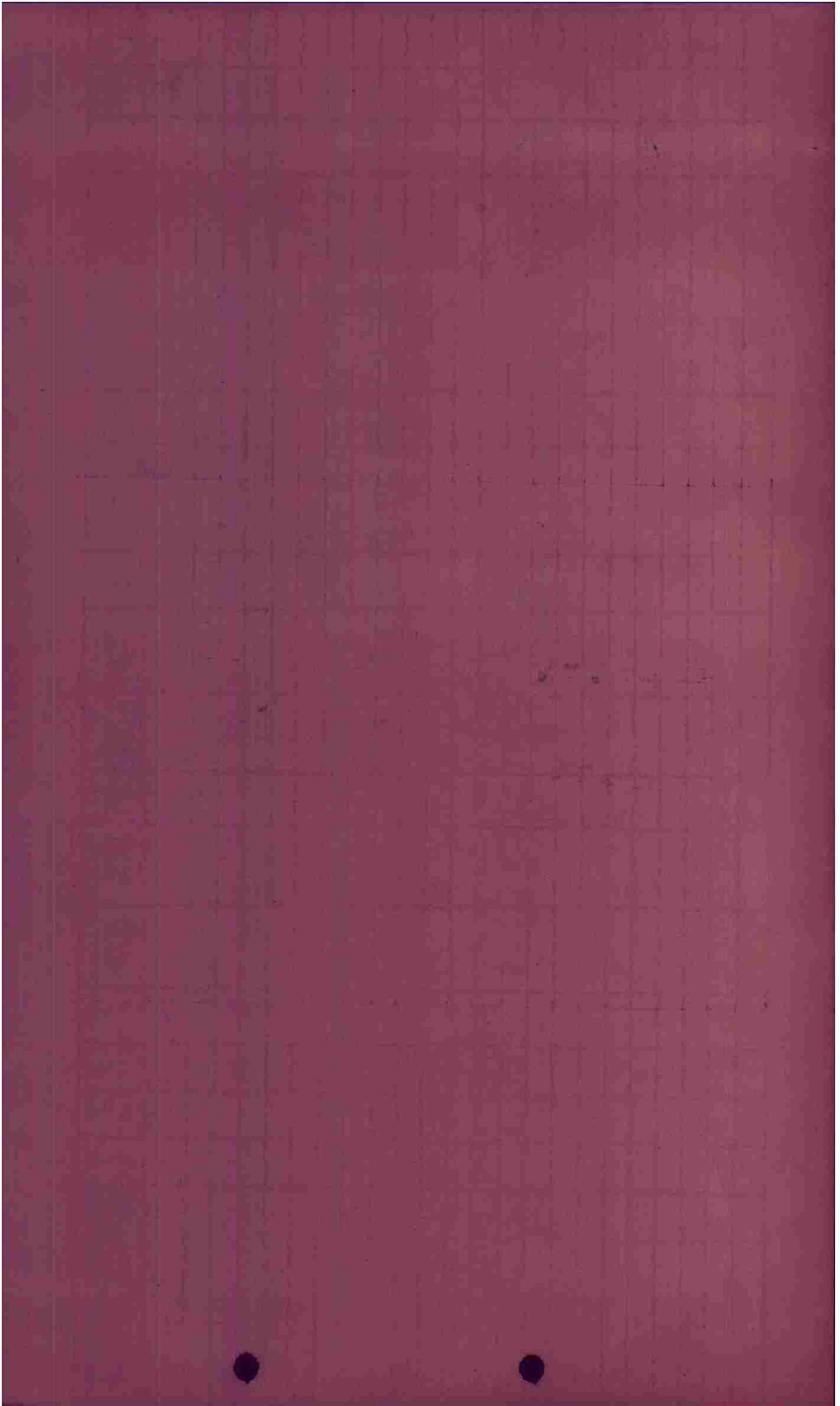
Person No 784

Box 1

May 1945



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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP 01/2100B
TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION ATTNC: A-3
CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2
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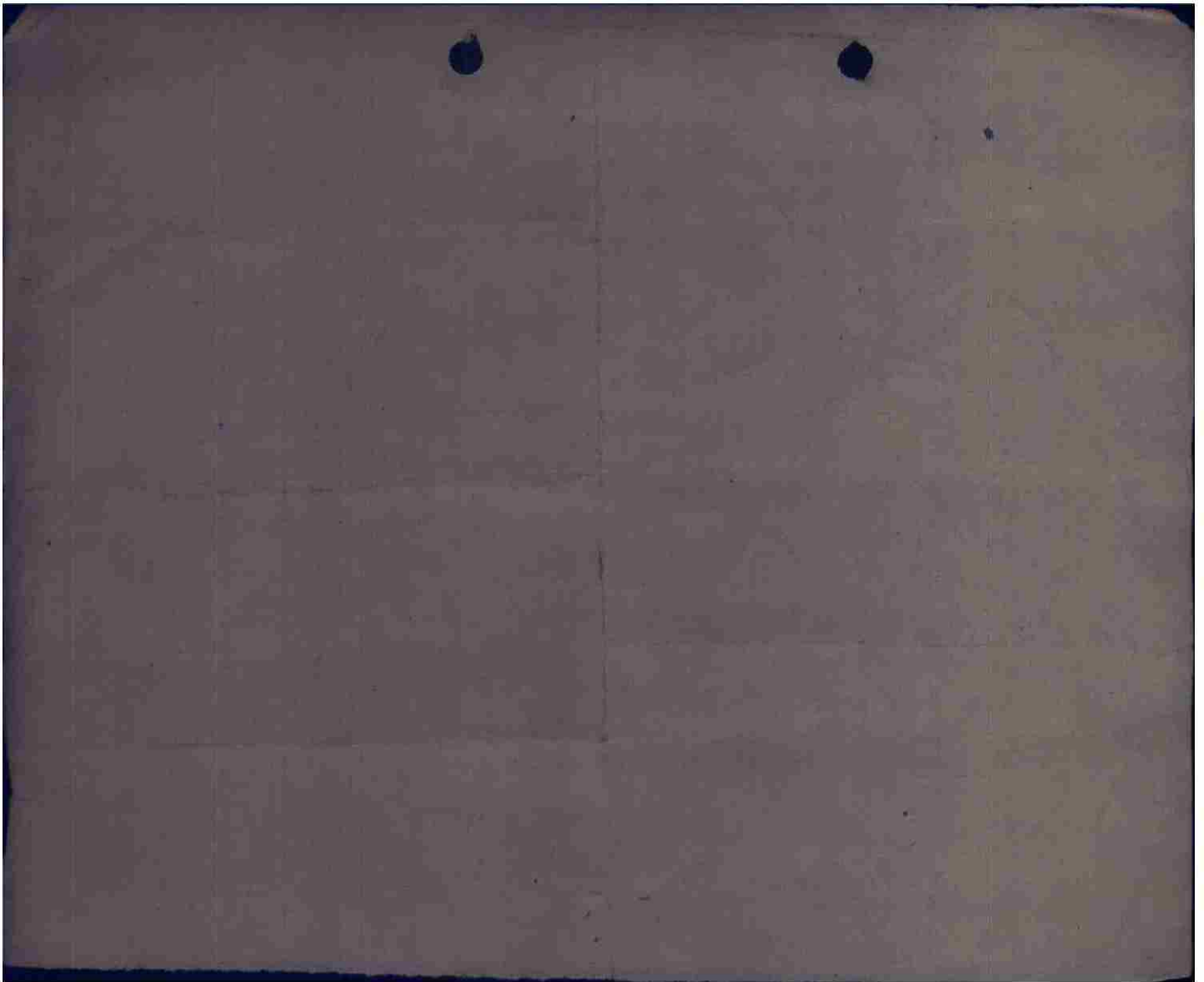
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OPFLASH FOR MAY 1, 1945

- A. 416TH BOMB GP
- B. STOD AMMO. DUMP (WP 264263)
- C. 37 A-26'S
- D. NO ATTACK - FORMATION FORCED BELOW MINIMUM VISUAL BOMBING ALTITUDE. LOWERING CLOUD BANK PREVENTED FORMATION FROM PROCEEDING TO TARGET.
- E. XEE 37 - NO ATTACK - ABANDONED OPERATIONS
- F. 148 X 1000 LB. GP RETURNED
- G. NO ATTACK.
- H. NIL
- I. NIL
- J. NIL
- K. NIL
- L. NO ATTACK
- M. NO ATTACK - ABANDONED OPERATIONS AT 1717 HOURS IN VICINITY OF I.P. AS DETERMINED BY D.R. NAVIGATION. EXACT LOCATION UNDETERMINED. NO GEE FIXES OBTAINED.

L.S. ROGERS, 1ST. LT., A.C.
BT 01 2100B

FD BBBB
ITA R.....01/2233B RB KKY
JEA R.....01/2233B LEC KK

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 CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ (PROV)

416 BG M _____

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1 MAY 1945

PATHFINDER REPORT FOR OPERATIONAL MISSION 1 MAY 1945

FIRST PATHFINDER LEAD VERY GOOD. SECOND PATHFINDER RETAINED THROTTLES ABRUPTLY WHEN
 FORMATION BEGAN DESCENT TO GET UNDER CLOUDS IN TARGET AREA CAUSING FIRST FLIGHT
 OF BOX II TO BREAK UP MOMENTARILY OTHERWISE LEAD WAS GOOD.

AYLESWORTH COBOMER 416

I certify that this is official business:

RICHARD V. WHEELER,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Asst Operations Officer.

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 16/01 P P
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TO 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (H) INFO COPY
97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) INFO COPY
CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ (PROV)
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PATHFINDER REPORT FOR OPERATIONAL MISSION 1 MAY 1945
FIRST PATHFINDER LEAD VERY GOOD. SECOND PATHFINDER ~~NEITHER~~
RETARDED THROTTLES ABRUPTLY WHEN FORMATION BEGAN DESCENT TO GET UNDER
CLOUDS IN TARGET AREA CAUSING FIRST FLIGHT OF BOX II TO BREAK UP
MOMENTARILY OTHERWISE LEAD WAS GOOD.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416
BT 01/2145B

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PARHINDER REPORT FOR OPERATIONAL MISSION 1 MAY 1945
FIRST PATHFINDER LEAD VERY GOOD. SECOND PATHFINDER ~~RETRNRKX~~
RETARDED THROTTLES ABRUPTLY WHEN FORMATION BEGAN DESCENT TO GET UNDER
CLOUDS IN TARGET AREA CAUSING FIRSTFLIGHT OF BOX II TO BREAK UP
MOMENTARILY OTHERWISE LEAD WAS GOOD.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416
BT 01/2145B

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JEA R.....01/2245B

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ITA JES JPO JKI JJF V JEA JEA 86/38 OP OP
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 38/2825B
 TO COMBOMDIV IX
 COBOMGP 409TH
 COBOMGP 416TH (INFO)
 COBOMGP 416TH
 1ST PATHFINDER SQ. (PROV)

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

FIELD ORDER NO. 275-878 97CBW P-243-E

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
 (2) 29TH TAC WILL PROVIDE ESCORT FOR THE 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS.

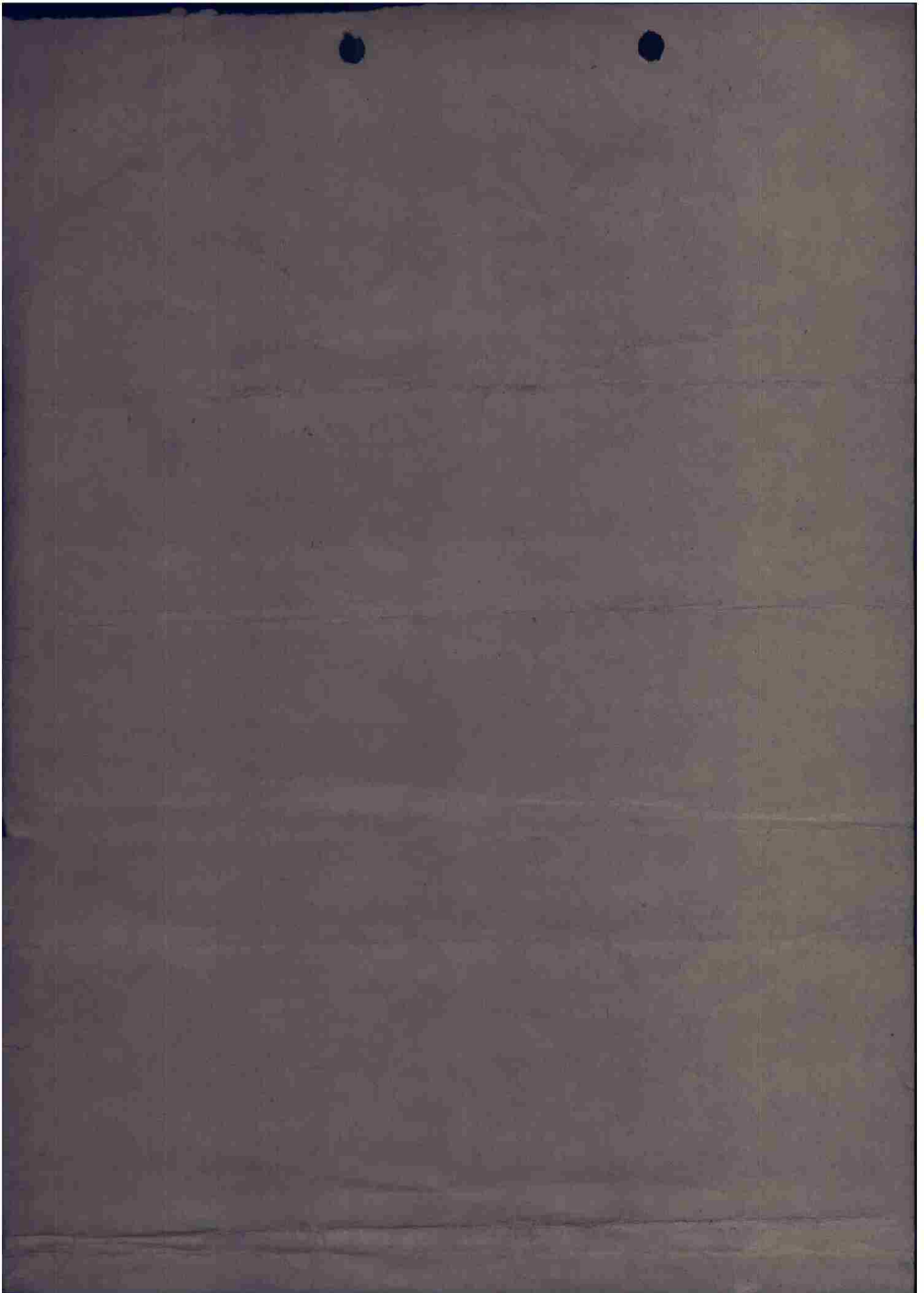
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

PLAN "A" - ZERO HOUR: 01/1130B
 PLAN "B" - ZERO HOUR: 01/1130B

---PLAN "A" VISUAL---

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT WN-5835 AT 7,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 40 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES.
 (9) M.P.I. - 9TH A.F. 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT US10/T625. COVER ANNOTATED AREA NO. 1.
 (10) 4 X 1000 GP FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/100 SEC TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 70 FEET.
- B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT WN-5835 AT 7,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 20 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES.
 (9) M.P.I. 9TH A.F. 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT US10/T625. COVER ANNOTATED AREA NO. 1.
 (10) 4 X 1000 GP FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/100 SEC TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 70 FEET.
- X. (1) - (3) NO CHANGE.
 (4) FIELDS TO BE USED IN EMERGENCY THOUGH FUEL IS NOT AVAILABLE: Y-78, Y-79, Y-90.
 FIELDS WITH REFUELING FACILITIES WHICH MAY BE USED: A-64, Y-2, Y-34.
 (5) TARGET: STOD AMMUNITION PLANT (WP-664260).
 (6) A/C REQ: MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 5 A/C.
 (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO F.R. TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BASE.
 (9) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 9,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 4,000 FEET ABOVE THE TERRAIN. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
 (10) I.P. WP-7706.
 (11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SW TO NE.
 (12) R.P. WP-4427.
 (13) BOMB VISUALLY ONLY. IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED BY VISUAL MEANS, BOMBS WILL BE RETURNED TO BASE.

---PLAN "B" PATHFINDER---



3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP. Zero hr 0820

- (2) 2 BOXES OF 10 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT UN-5835 AT 9,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 40 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES. WITH PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
- (6) BOMB: 1ST BOX: 13,500 FEET.
2ND BOX: 13,000 FEET.
- (9) M.P.I. - US10/T625. COVER ANNOTATED AREA NO. 1 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
GSGS 4416 SHEET U-7 PPF M.P.I. - 86152560.
- (10) 4 X 1000 GP FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/100 SEC TAIL.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 70 FEET.
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) 2 BOXES OF 10 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT UN-5835 AT 9,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 20 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES. WITH PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
- (6) BOMB: 1ST BOX: 13,500 FEET.
2ND BOX: 13,000 FEET.
- (9) M.P.I. - US10/T625. COVER ANNOTATED AREA NO. 1, TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
GSGS 4416 SHEET U-7 PPF M.P.I. - 86152560.
- (10) 4 X 1000GP FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/100 SEC TAIL.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 70 FEET.
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN.

X. (1) - (3) NO CHANGE.

- (4) EMERGENCY FIELDS: SAME AS PLAN "A".
- (5) TARGET: STOD AMMUNITION PLANT (WP-864260)
- (6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO F.R. TO MU-5184 TO TARGET.
- (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO WP-4427 TO BASE.
- (8) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT SPECIFIED ALTITUDE. IN EVENT OF VISUAL BOMBING, MINIMUM ALTITUDE IS 4,000 FEET ABOVE TERRAIN.
LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
- (9) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 OR A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND USE WP-7706 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST, GROUPS WILL BOMB ON PPF A/C ONLY. IF PPF A/C EQUIPMENT FAILS, GROUPS WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS TO FOLLOW.

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BT 30/2025B

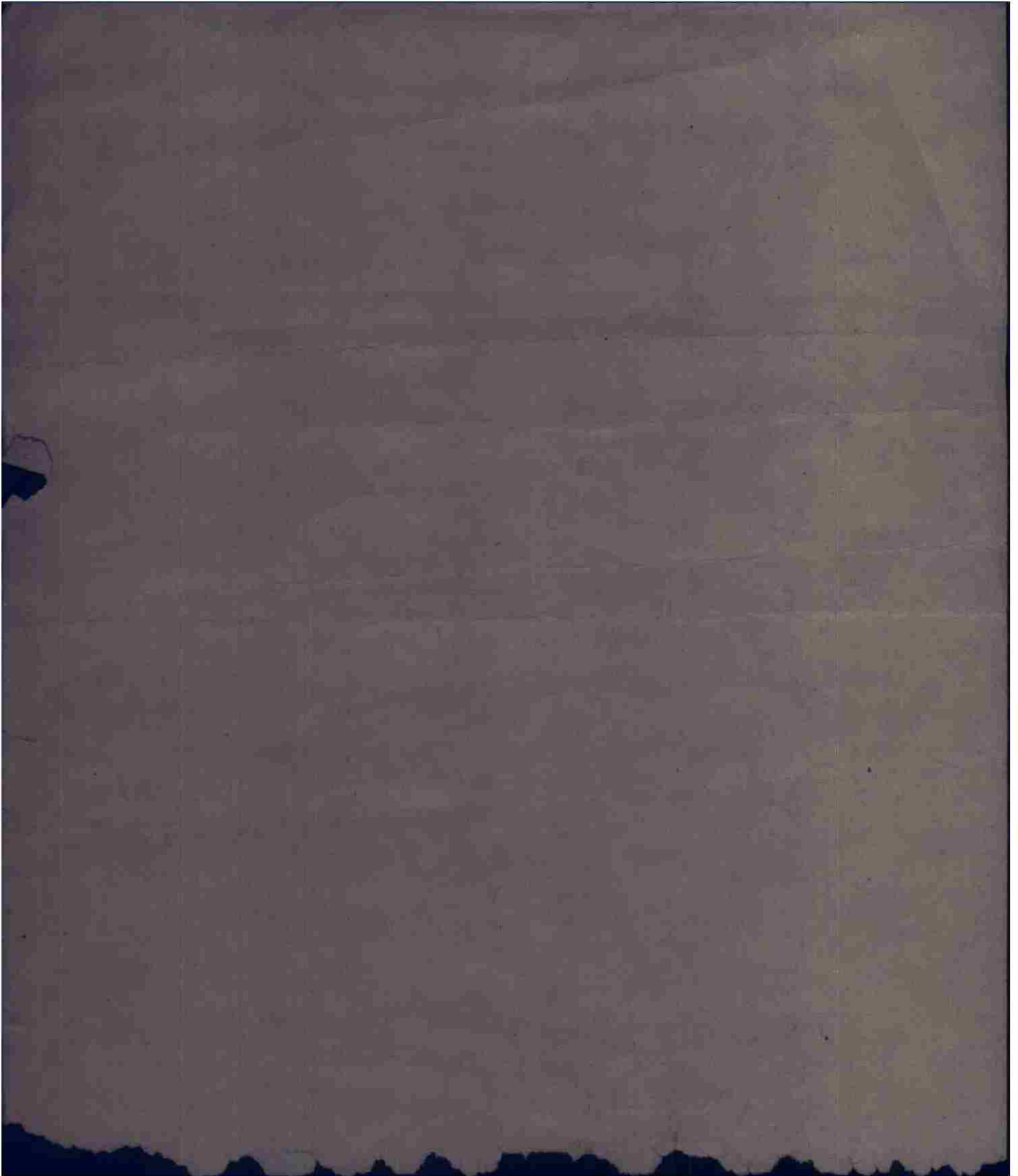
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 30/2125B
 TO COMBOMDIV IX
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410 (INFO)
 COBOMGP 416
 CO 1ST PPF SQDN.

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O 140
 30 APRIL 1945

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 275-878

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (864260)

- (2) COFFEE
- (3) SHOWDOWN
- (4) RIPSAW

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP (864260)

- (2) PROCTOR
- (3) MUSTARD
- (4) RIPSAW

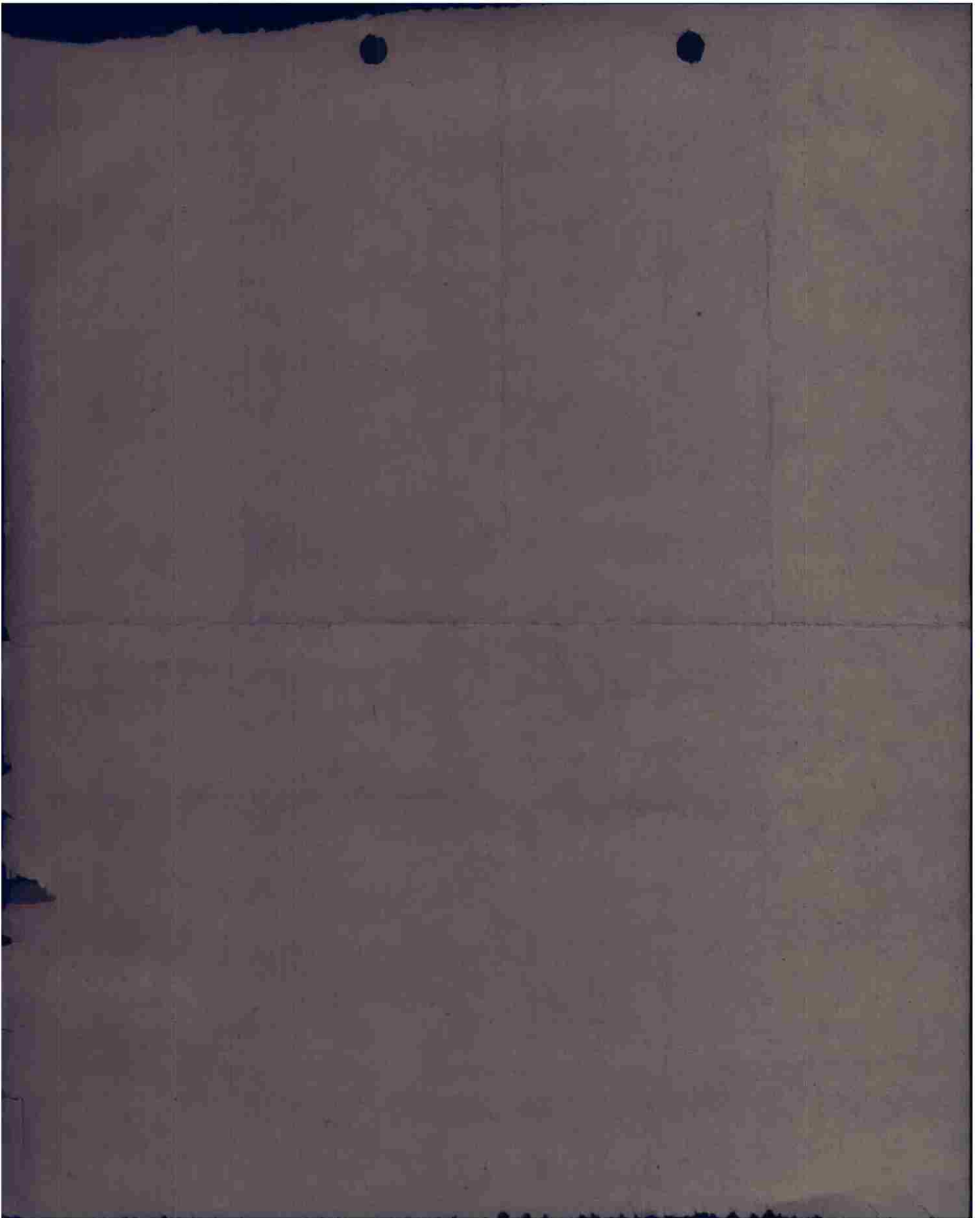
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BT 30/2125B

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ITA R.
 JJF R. 30/2220B SSR AR
 JES R. 30/2220B HO AR K

JPO R. 30/2220B SL AR
 JKI R. 30/2220B RSS AR
 ITA R.



ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 2/01 OP OP Z
TAI PASS TO JJF

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 01/0030B
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
1 MAY 1945

ANNEX NO.2 TO FIELD ORDER NO.275-878

PLAN "A" VISUAL PAR. X.(4) TO READ :

X. (4) FIELDS TO BE USED IN EMERGENCY THOUGH FUEL IS NOT
AVAILABLE : Y-78, Y-79, Y-90 FIELDS WITH LIMITED
REFUELING FACILITIES WHICH MAY BE USED : Y-34, A-82,
A-94.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 01/0030B

AR CES

BB TO GPS

ITA R..... 01/0055B

JES R..... 01/0055B

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JKI R..... 01/0055B

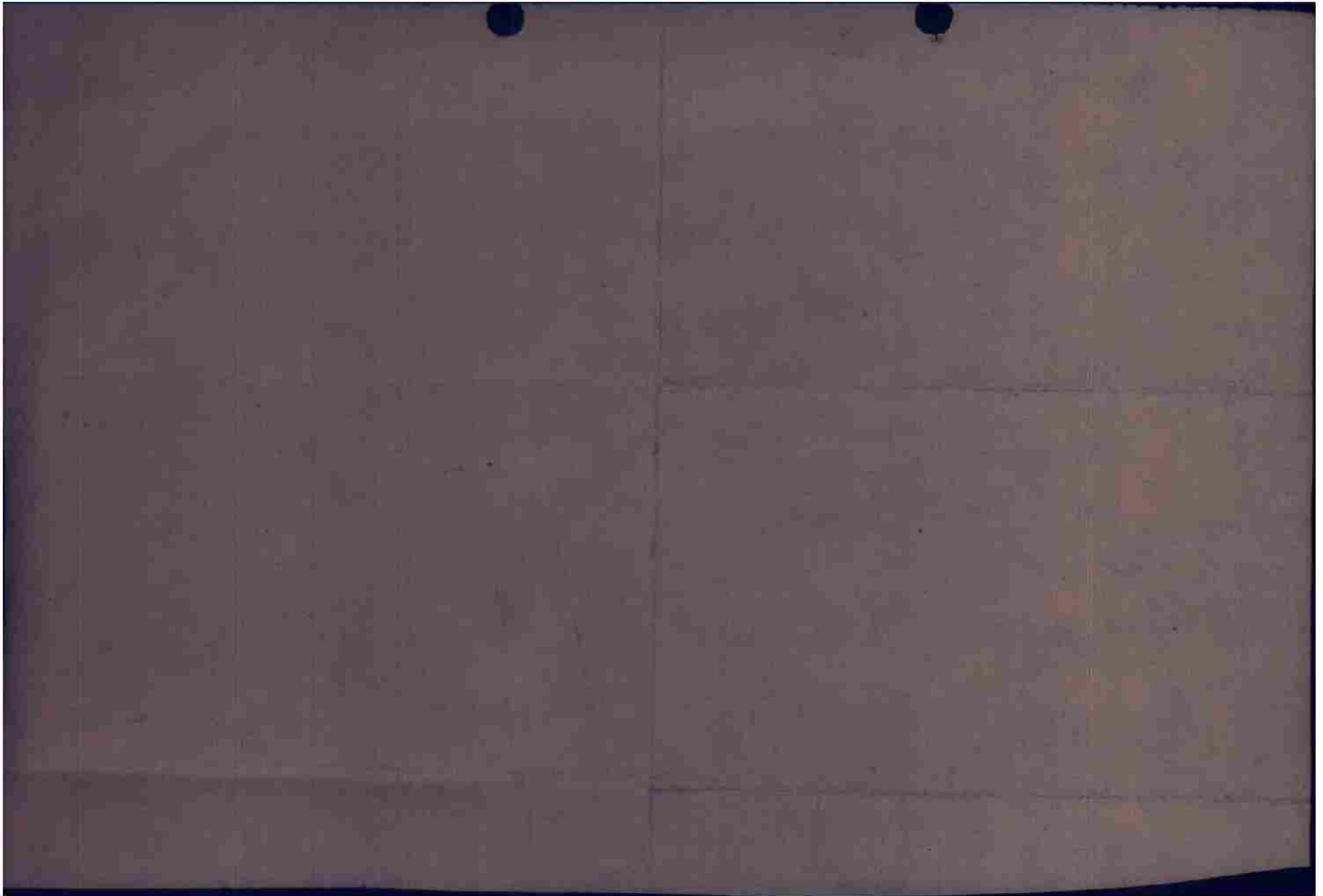
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TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
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ANNEX NO. 3 TO FIELD ORDER 275-878

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

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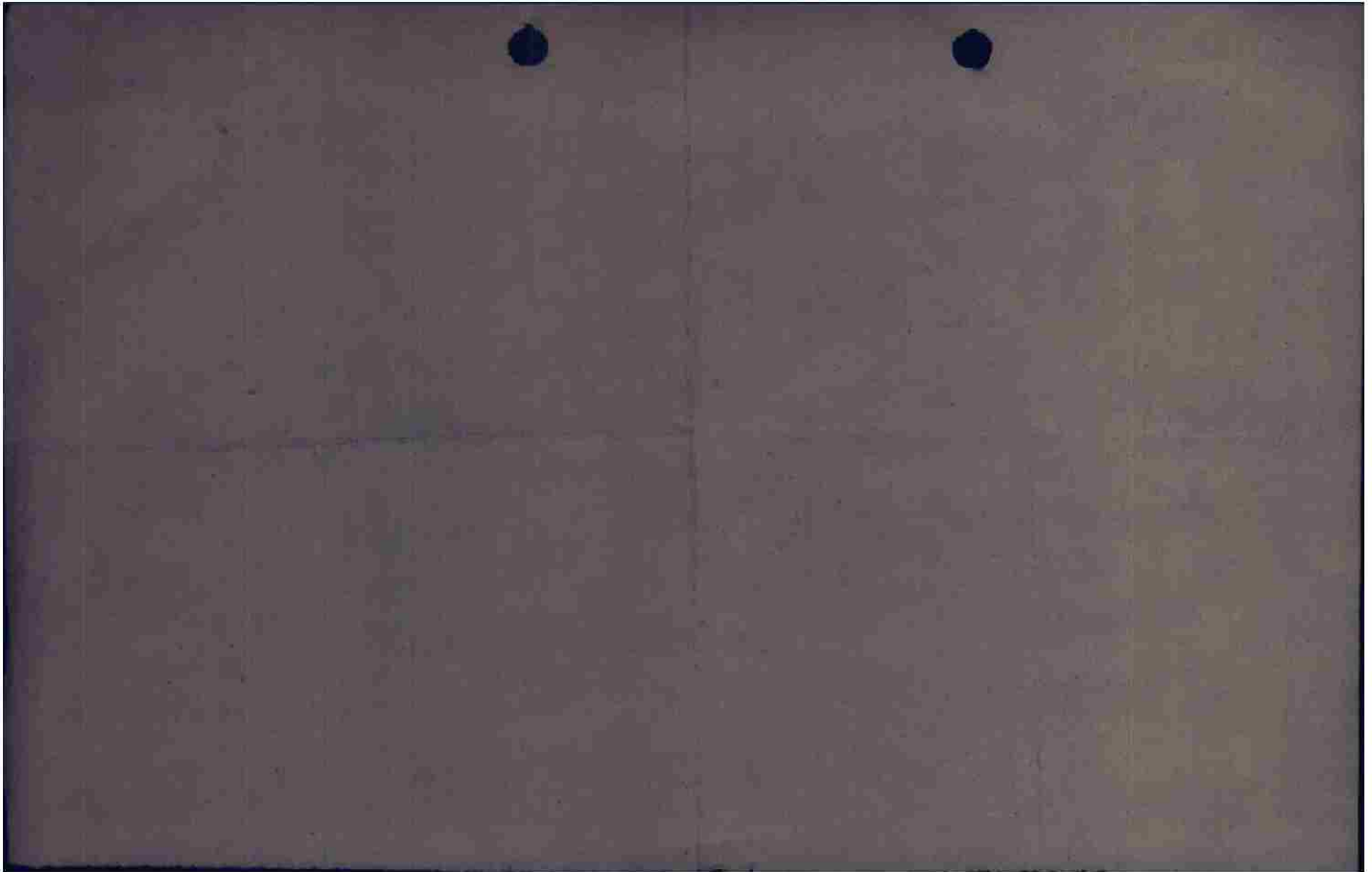
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JJF R		01/0730B	WF	AR	K
JES R		01/0730B	JAB	AR	
JKI R		01/0730B	JF	AR	
JPO R		01/0730B		LB	

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 142
21 MAY 1945

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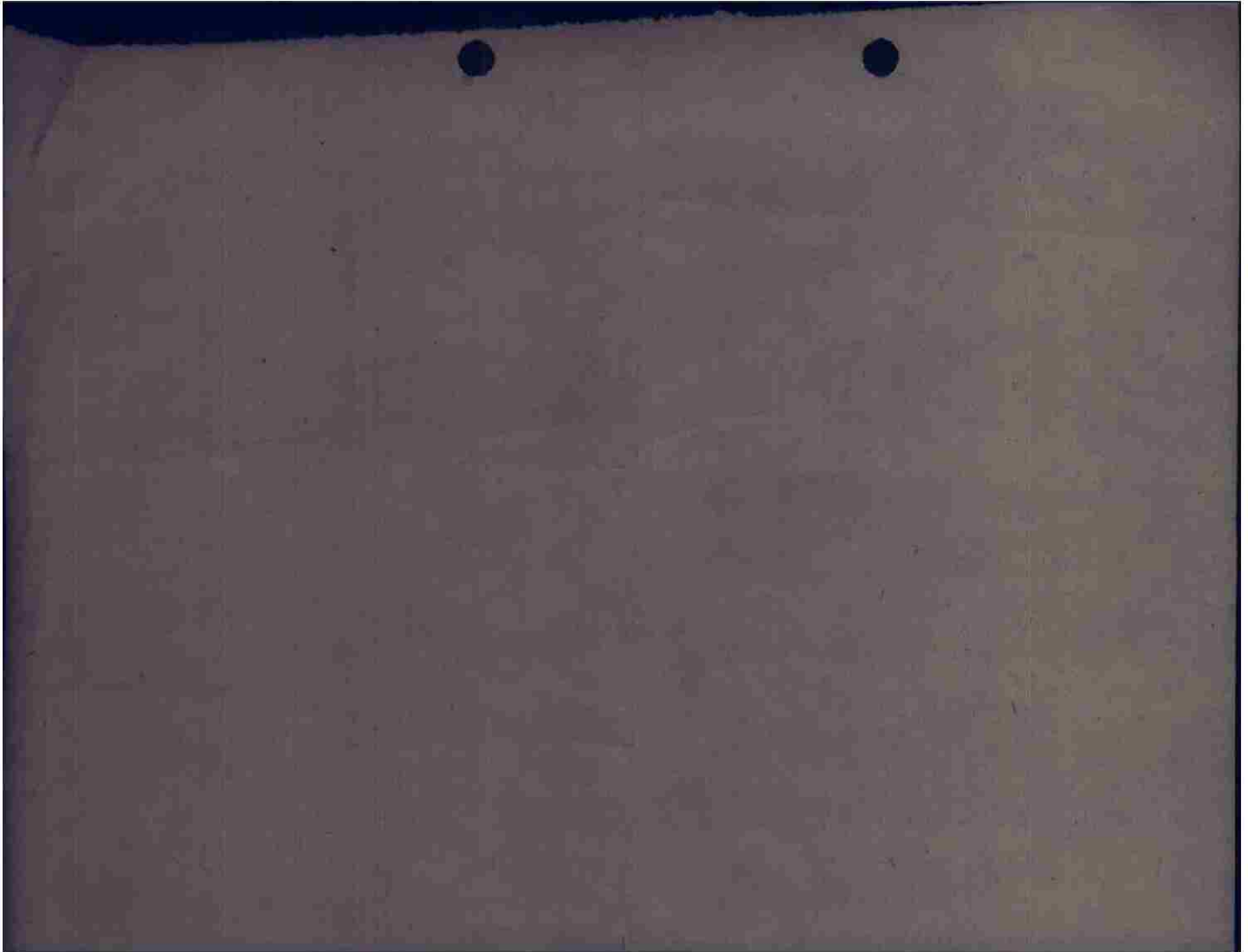
CHANGE PLAN "B" ZERO HOUR TO READ:
PLAN "B" ZERO HOUR: 21/1722B

CHANGE 1. B. (2) TO READ.
(2) 9TH T.A.C. WILL PROVIDE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.

COMCBTWIC 97
BT 1442B
RL AR K

JES R.....
JPO R.....21/1452B WAC AR KK
JKI R.....21/1452B EHR AR
JJF R.....

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 29/2315B
TO COMBOMDIV IX
CO 1ST PPF SQDN.
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 416

BT
SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH. COL. MC AFEE 97CBW P-240-E
INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 274-877

1. TARGET: STOD AMMO PLANT (WP-864260)
SEE US 10/T625 FOR DESCRIPTION OF TARGET.

PLAN "A"
US 10/T625, 409TH AND 416TH ON ANNOTATED AREA NO. 1

PLAN "B"
409TH AND 416TH - PPF M.P.I. WP-86132560

2. MRP COVERAGE:
GSGS 4416 SHEET U-7

PHOTO COVERAGE
US 10/T625

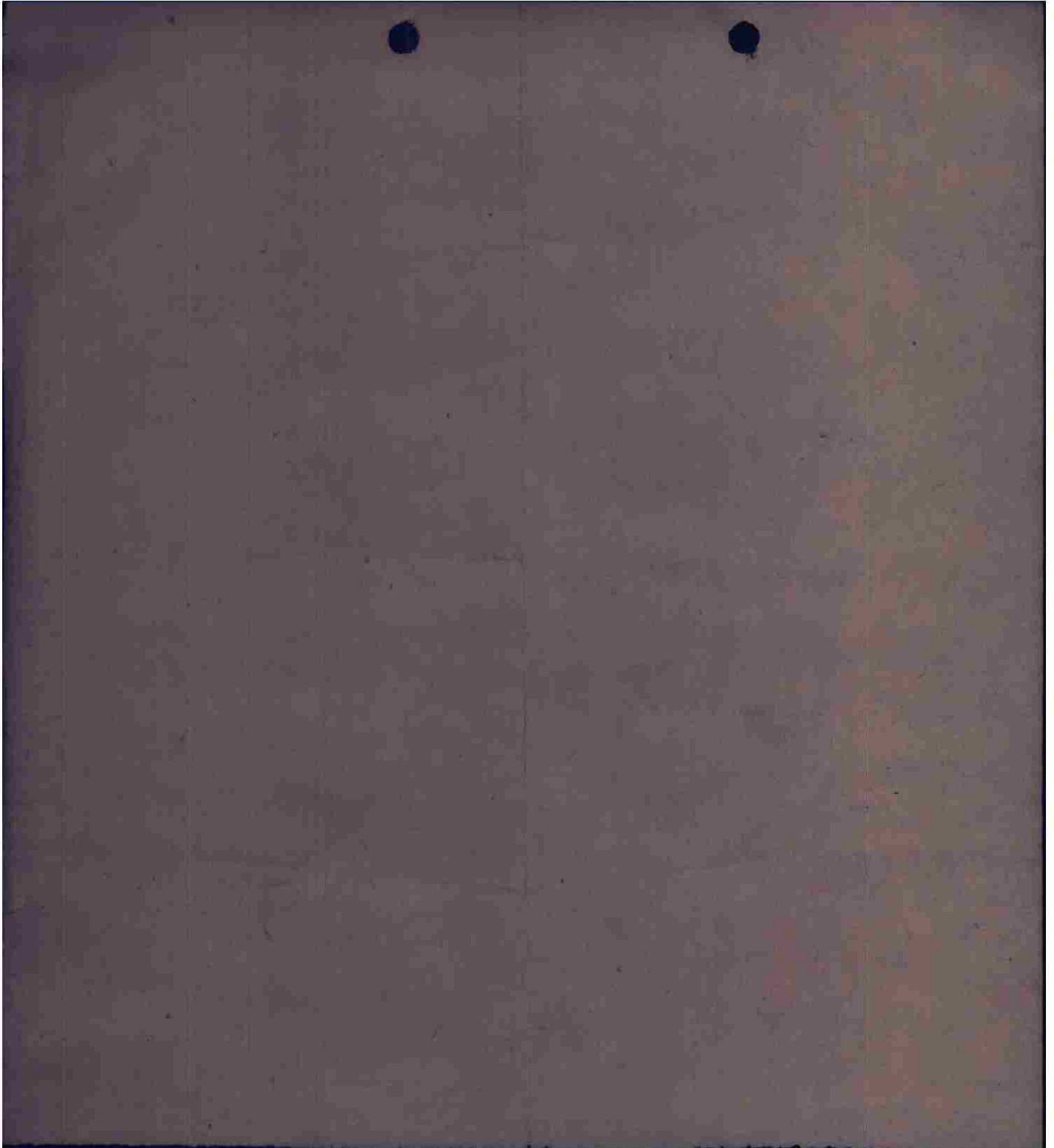
3. TARGET IS ABOUT 12 MILES EAST OF BOMBLINE.
4. FLAK: NO PLOTTED POSITIONS ON ROUTE OR AT TARGET. NOTE PILSEN ~~REKEM~~
DEFENDED AREA NORTHEAST OF TARGET.
5. NO P/W CAMPS PLOTTED NEAR TARGET.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 29/2315B
LCB AR

ITA R. 29/2333B MZ AR
JES R. 29/2333B JN AR K
JKI R. 29/2333B FE AR

V



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 02/01 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 01/1635B
TO 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATTN: A-2
9TH BOMB DIVISION ATTN: A-2
BT

SECRET 416BG M-7-D
(MPI'S FOR MISSION, 1 MAY 1945)

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE MPI'S ON THE TARGET:

ILLUSTRATION US 10T/625

- 05850065
- 06050121
- 06200000
- 06210005
- 06510141
- 06950091

1ST LT. FRANK MAZANES
BT 01/1635B
RSS BBBB

JEA R.....011207B JLPOPP KKKKK
ITA R.....
JEA R01/1200B LEG KK

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T (JES T JPE)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 02/0840B
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.
643RD PATHFINDER SQDN.

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97CBW M-11-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
02 MAY 1945

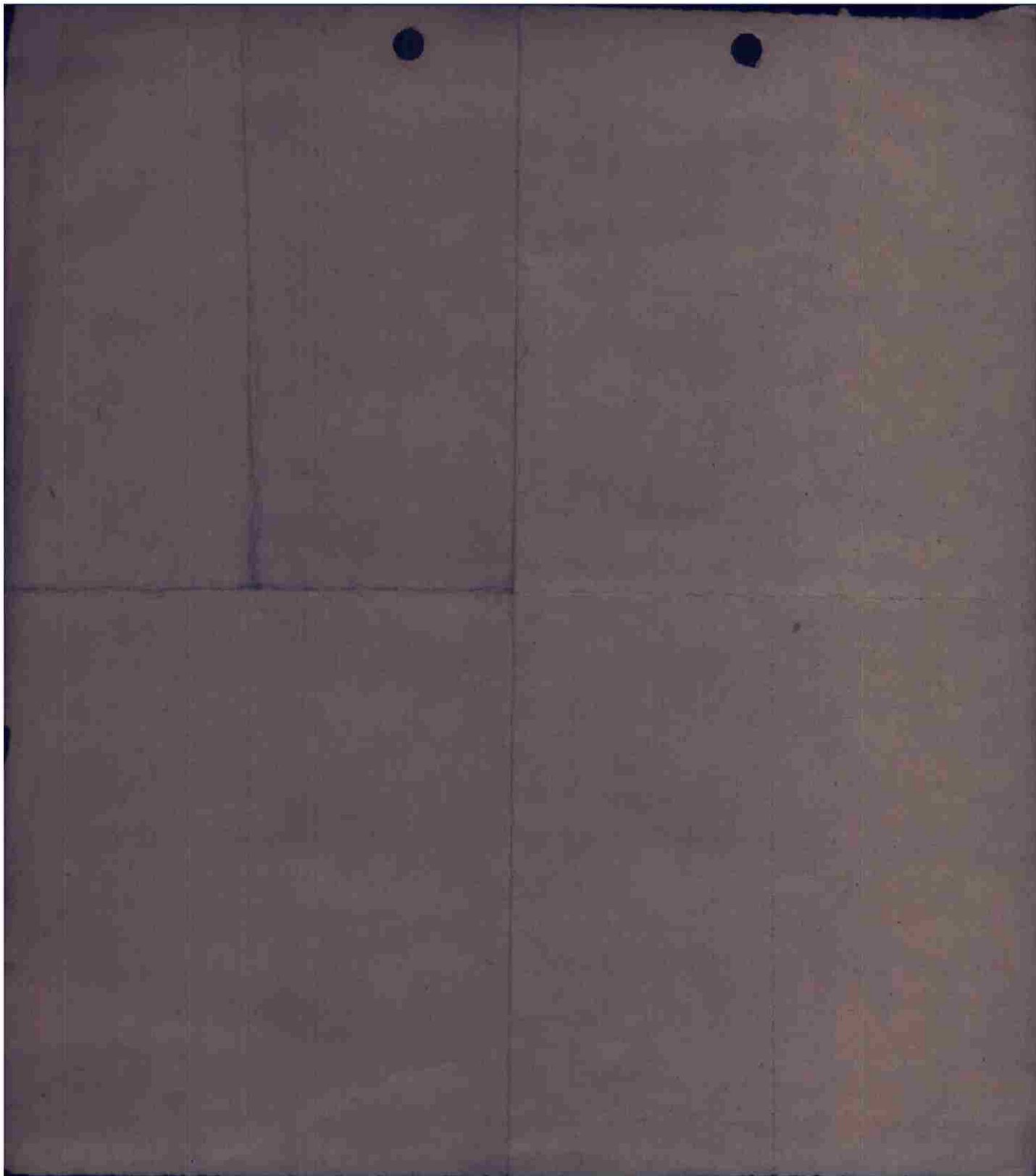
ANNEX NO 3 TO FIELD ORDER 276-279:

CHANGE THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS TO READ:

3. X. (6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO F.R. TO MU-9096 TO WP-9510 TO TARGET.
3. X. (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO WP-4427 TO BASE.
3. X. (9) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE SHORAN A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND USE WP-7706 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST, GROUPS WILL BOMB ON SHORAN A/C ONLY. IF SHORAN A/C EQUIPMENT FAILS, GROUPS WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 0840B
RL AR K

JES R.....02/0900B	WL	AR
JPO R.....02/0900B	WP	AR
JKI R.....02/0900B	EJ	AR
JJF R.....02/0900B	SSR	AR
ITA R.....02/0900B	BAD	AR



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 14/31 P P

FROM COBOMGR 416 01/2230B
TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER
COMCBTWIG 97 (INFO)
BT

CONFIDENTIAL M-13-J

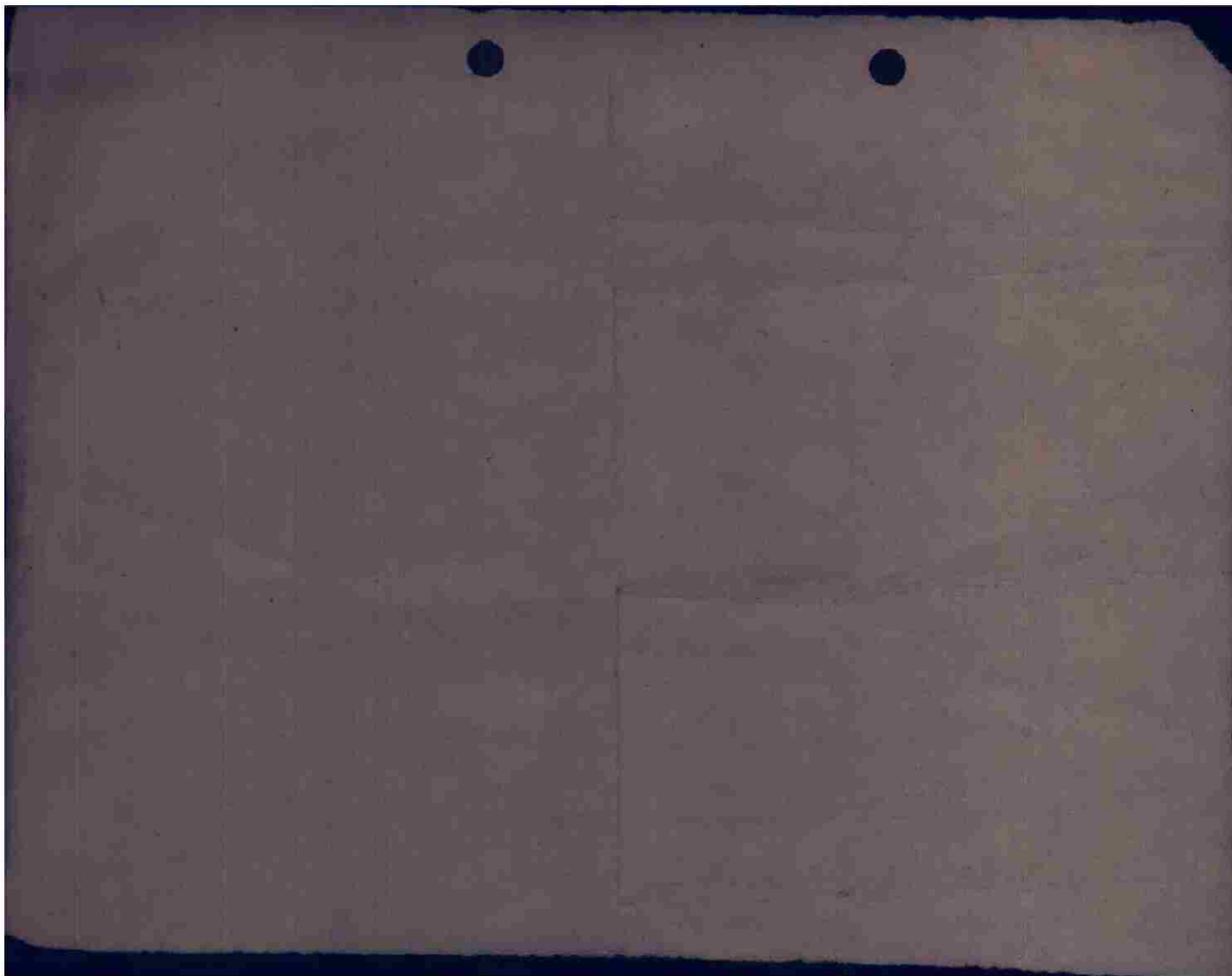
A - YS - 111
B - 1 MAY 1945 (1449-1923)
C - C-CHARLIE REPORTED "OPS ABANDONED" TO PARADE, AND LATER REQUESTED
AND RECEIVED D/R POSITION FOR HOME BASE FROM PARADE. UPON APPROACH-
ING HOME FIELD C-CHARLIE CALLED PARADE AND CONFIRMED D/R POSITION.
D - C-CHARLIE CHECKED IN TO RIPSAN ACCORDING TO SOP.
E - NONE
F - NONE
G - NONE
H - NONE
I - NONE
J - NONE
K - B-BAKER CALLED FOR D/R FROM PARADE ON RETURN TO BASE, COULDN'T
UNDERSTAND BEARING BUT MESSAGE FROM PARADE WAS RELAYED TO B-BAKER
BY R-ROGER AND RECEIVED OKAY.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416
BT 01/2230B

FD BBBB ONE MORE
ITA R.....01/2240B
JEA R.....01/2240B

OEN KK
DB K

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 01/27/45
 TO COMBOMDIV IX
 COBOMGP 409TH
 COBOMGP 416TH (INFO)
 COBOMGP 416TH
 1ST PATHFINDER SQ. (PROV)

M-27

BT
 SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC ATEE

S-2
 S-3
 S/G

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O - 140
 01 MAY 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 276-279 97CBW M-35-E

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
 (2) 29TH TAC WILL PROVIDE ESCORT FOR THE 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN CZECHOSLOVANIA.

ZERO HOUR: 02/0430 1600

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) 2 BOXES OF 10 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT W-3035 AT 9,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 40 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES. WITH PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
- (6) BOMB: 1ST BOX: 13,500 FEET.
 2ND BOX: 13,000 FEET.
- (9) M.P.I. - US10/T625. COVER ANNOTATED AREA NO. 1 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
 GSGS 4416 SHEET U-7 PPF M.P.I. - 86152540.
- (10) 4 X 1000 GP FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/10 SEC TAIL.
 INTERVALOMETER SETTING 70 FEET.
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR.

- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

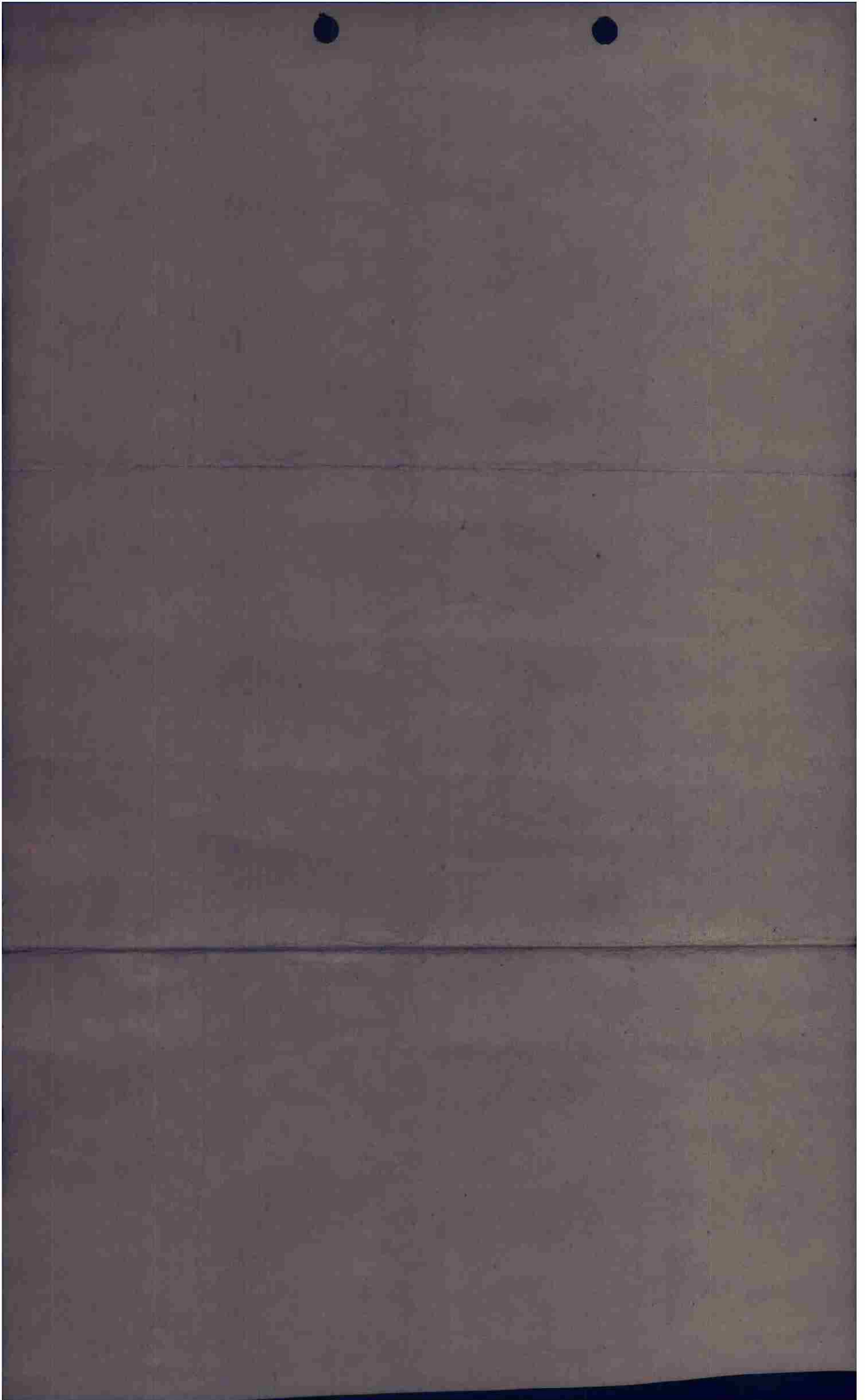
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 10 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT W-3035 AT 9,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 20 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES. WITH PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
- (6) BOMB: 1ST BOX: 13,500 FEET.
 2ND BOX: 13,000 FEET.
- (9) M.P.I. - US10/T625. COVER ANNOTATED AREA NO. 1, TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
 GSGS 4416 SHEET U-7 PPF M.P.I. - 86152560.
- (10) 4 X 1000 GP FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/10 SEC TAIL.
 INTERVALOMETER SETTING 70 FEET.
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN.

- X. (1) - (3) NO CHANGE.

- (4) FIELDS TO BE USED IN EMERGENCY THOUGH FUEL IS NOT AVAILABLE: Y-70, Y-79, Y-20, Y-94. FIELDS WITH REFUELING FACILITIES WHICH MAY BE USED: Y-34, Y-35, A-94, A-94, A-64.
- (5) TARGET: STOD AMMUNITION PLANT (UP-664260)
- (6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO F.P. TO W-5184 TO TARGET. FROM FR-CC7048-CC9040 TO TARGET
- (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TO W-4427 TO BASE.
- (8) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT SPECIFIED ALTITUDE. IN EVENT OF VISUAL BOMBING, MINIMUM ALTITUDE IS 4,000 FEET ABOVE TERRAIN. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
- (9) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 OR A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND USE W-7700 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST, GROUPS WILL BOMB ON PPF A/C ONLY. IF PPF A/C EQUIPMENT FAILS, GROUPS WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.

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 Shoran
 A/C

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4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

(2) COFFEE

(3) SHOWNOWN

(4) RIPSAN

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP

(2) PROCTOR

(3) MUSTARD

(4) RIPSAN

COMCBTWC 97

BT 01/2049B

LEG AR

JES RPOKMOPTB HC OP B K

JPO R01/2145B SL AR

JKI R01/2145B FD AR

JJF R

ITA R1 012145B HV AR

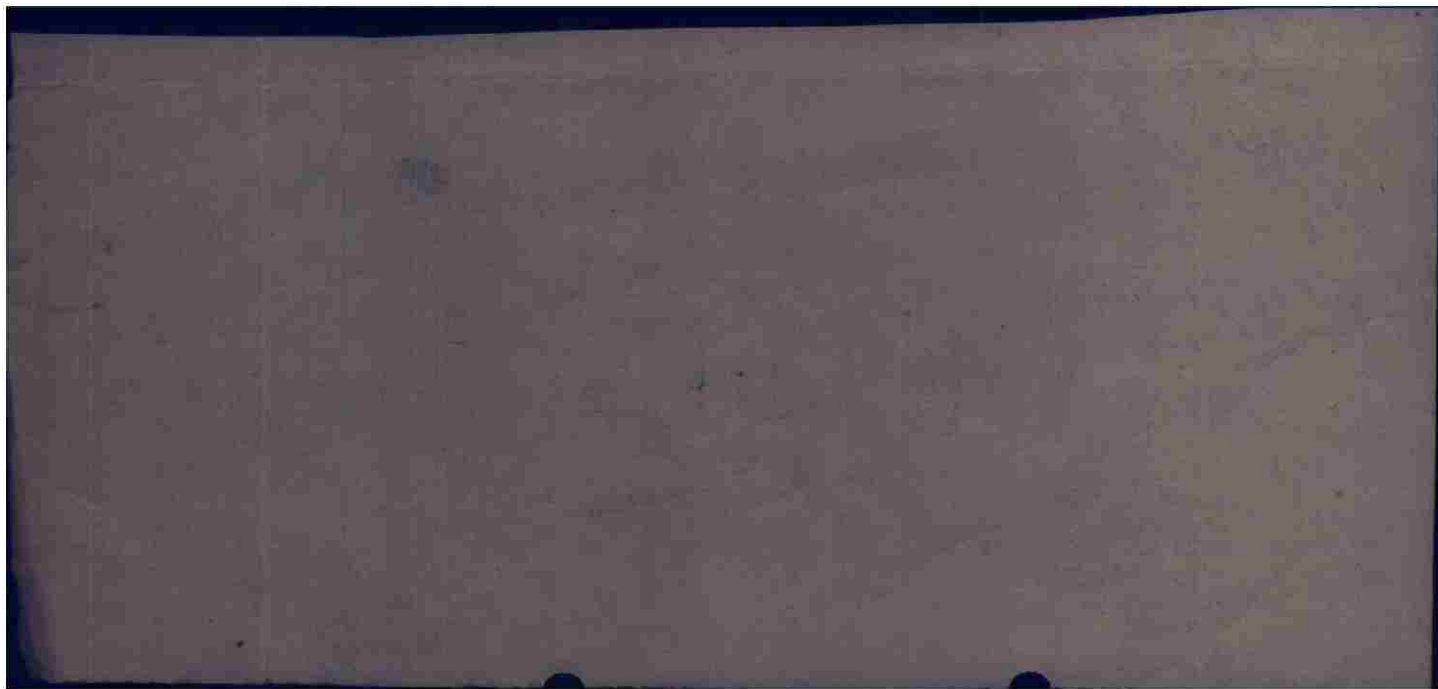
CC 7048 Vis I.P.

FR ^{WV} 22 9098 to CC 9510 to tgt

from tgt to ^{LEFT to} ~~TURN~~ CC 4427 to base

Vis I.P. CC 7706

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