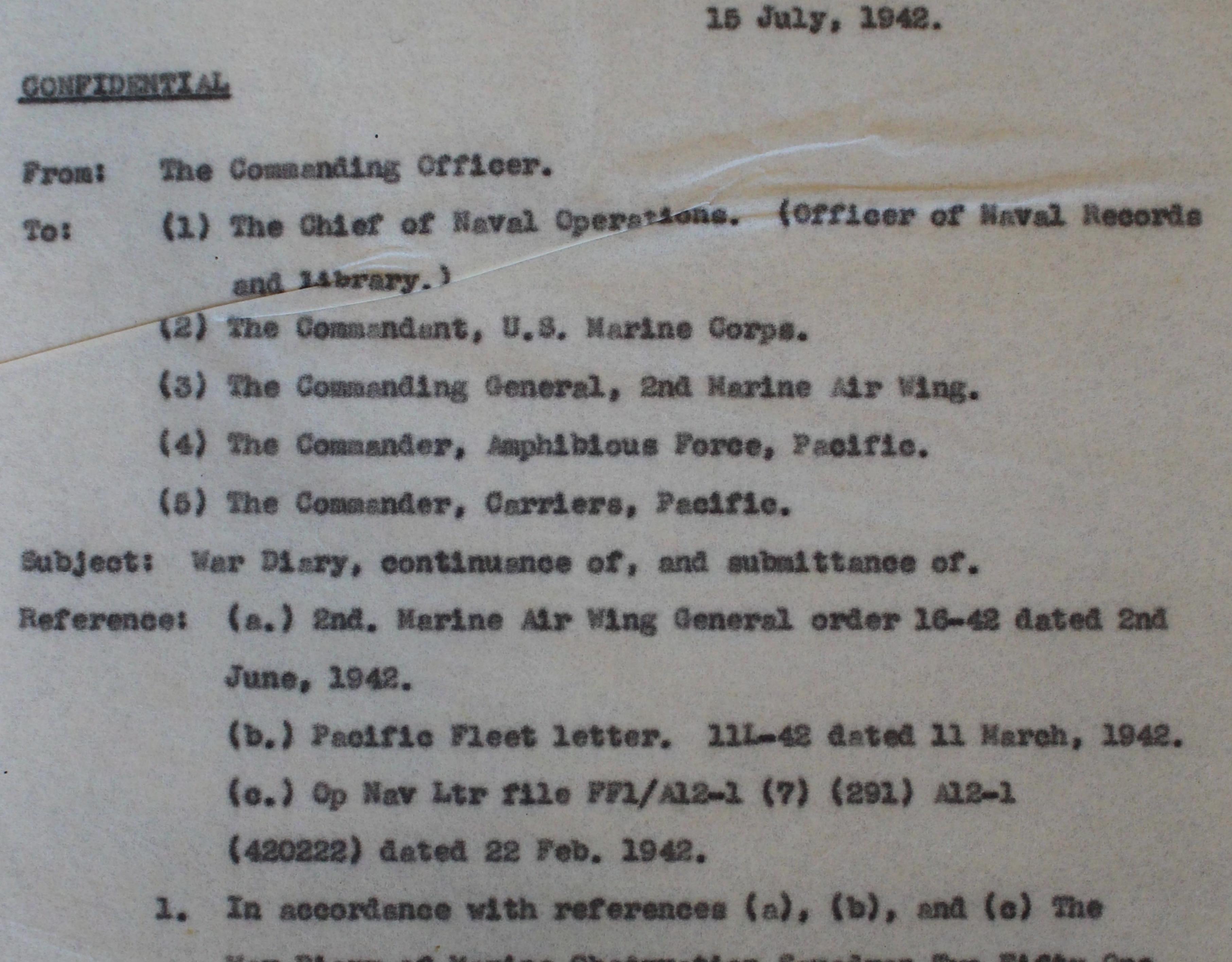
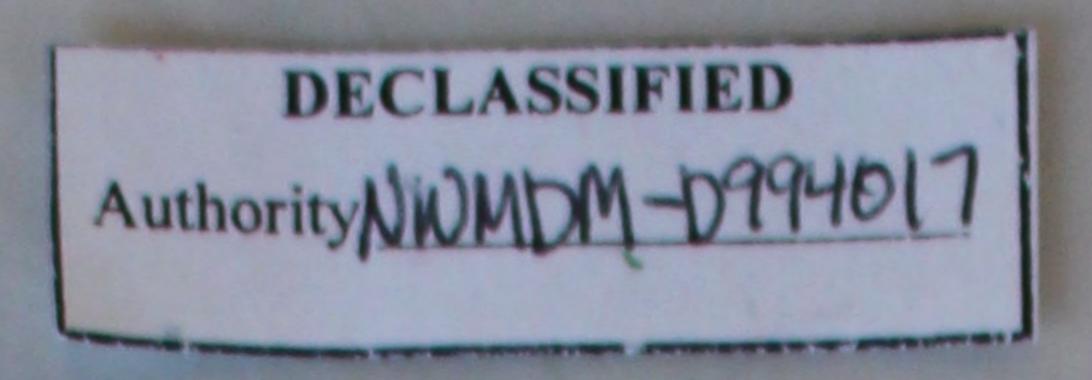
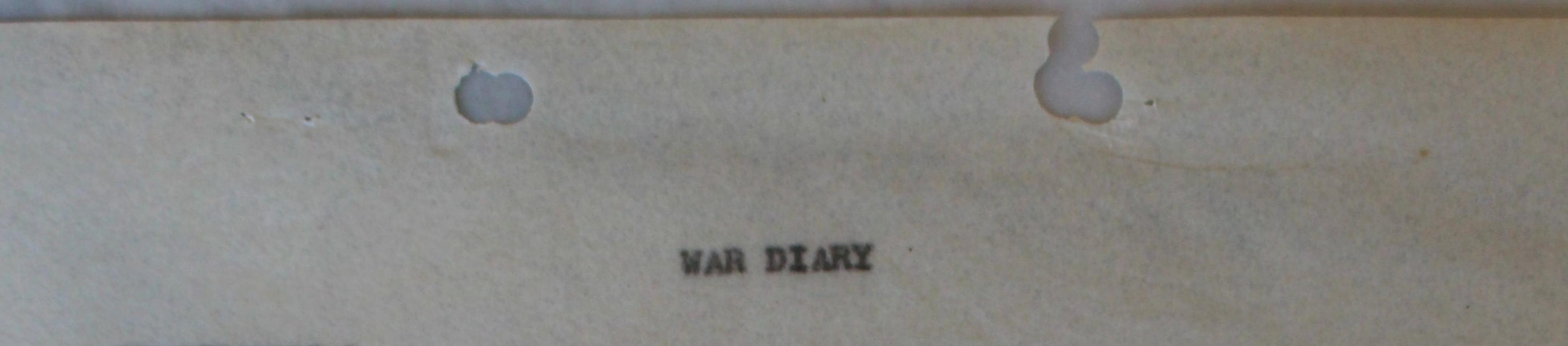


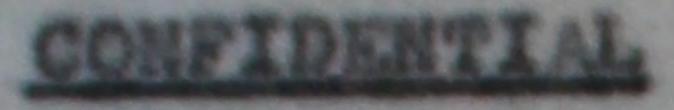
Marine Observation Squadron 251



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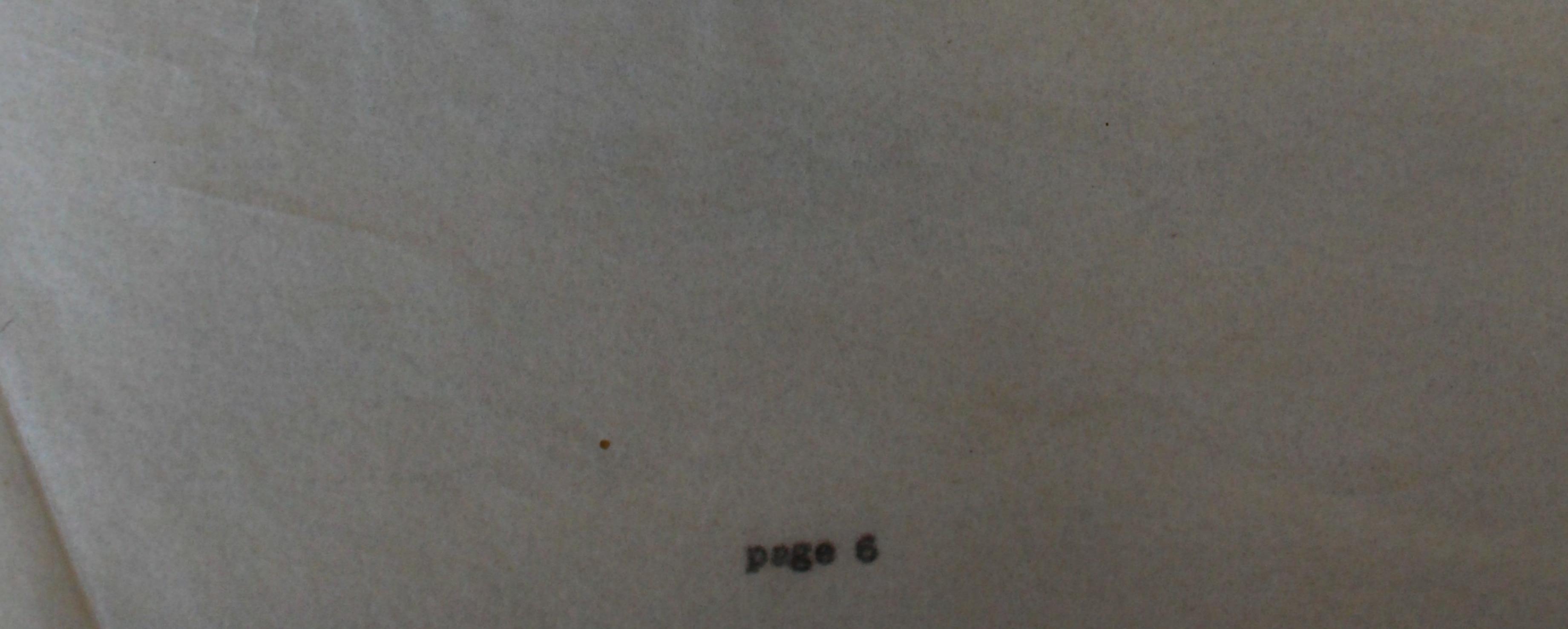


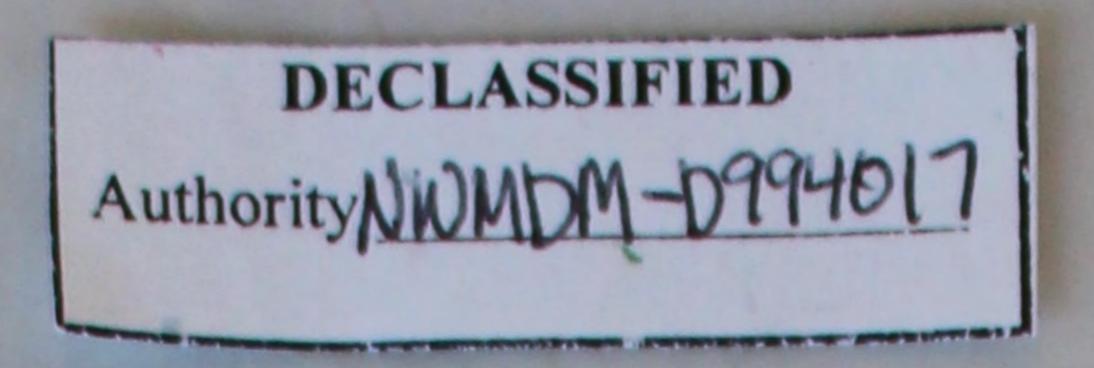
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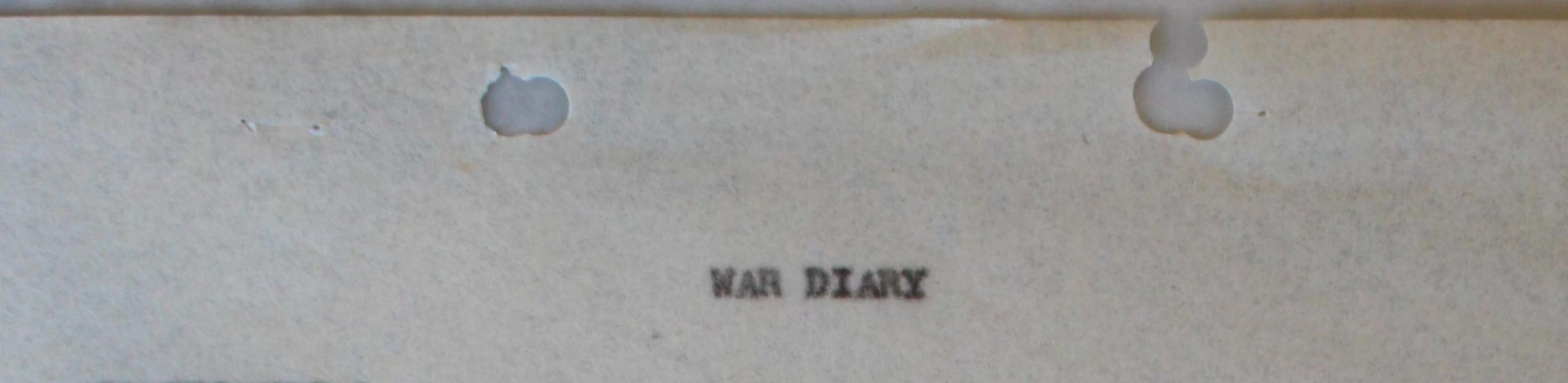
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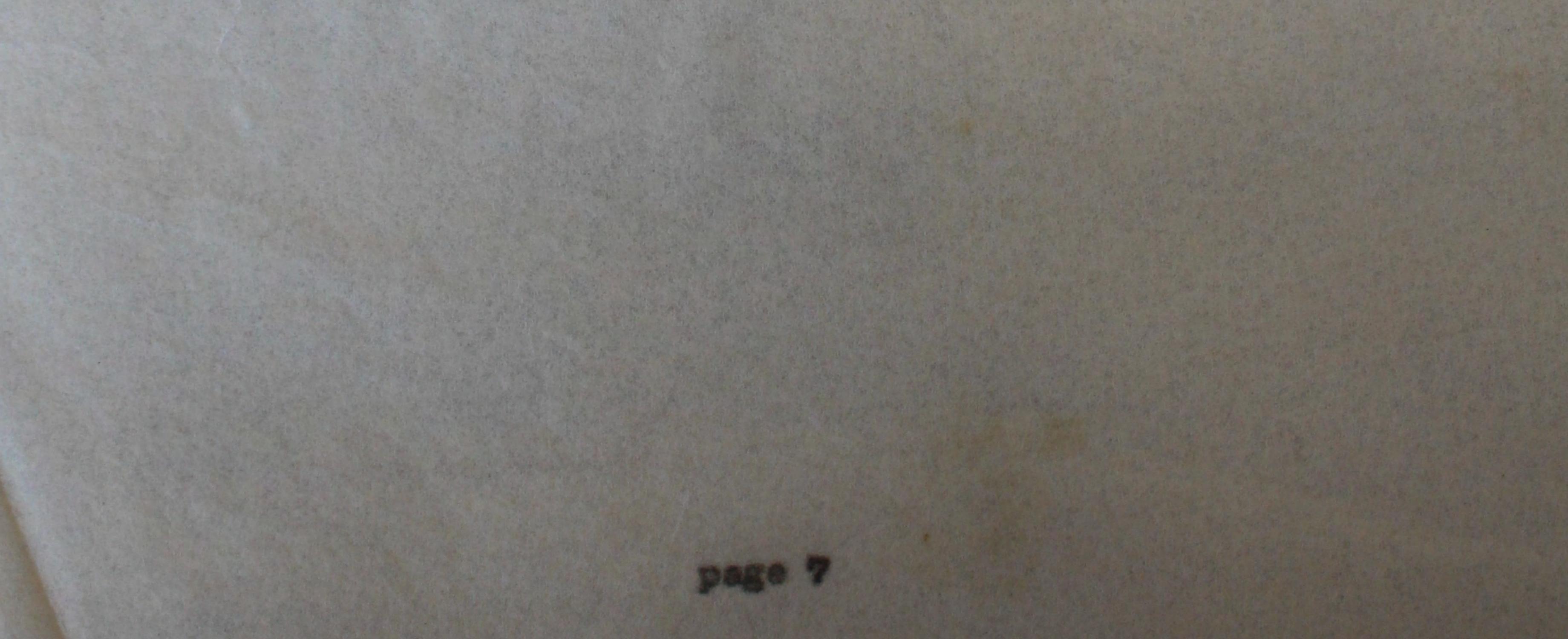
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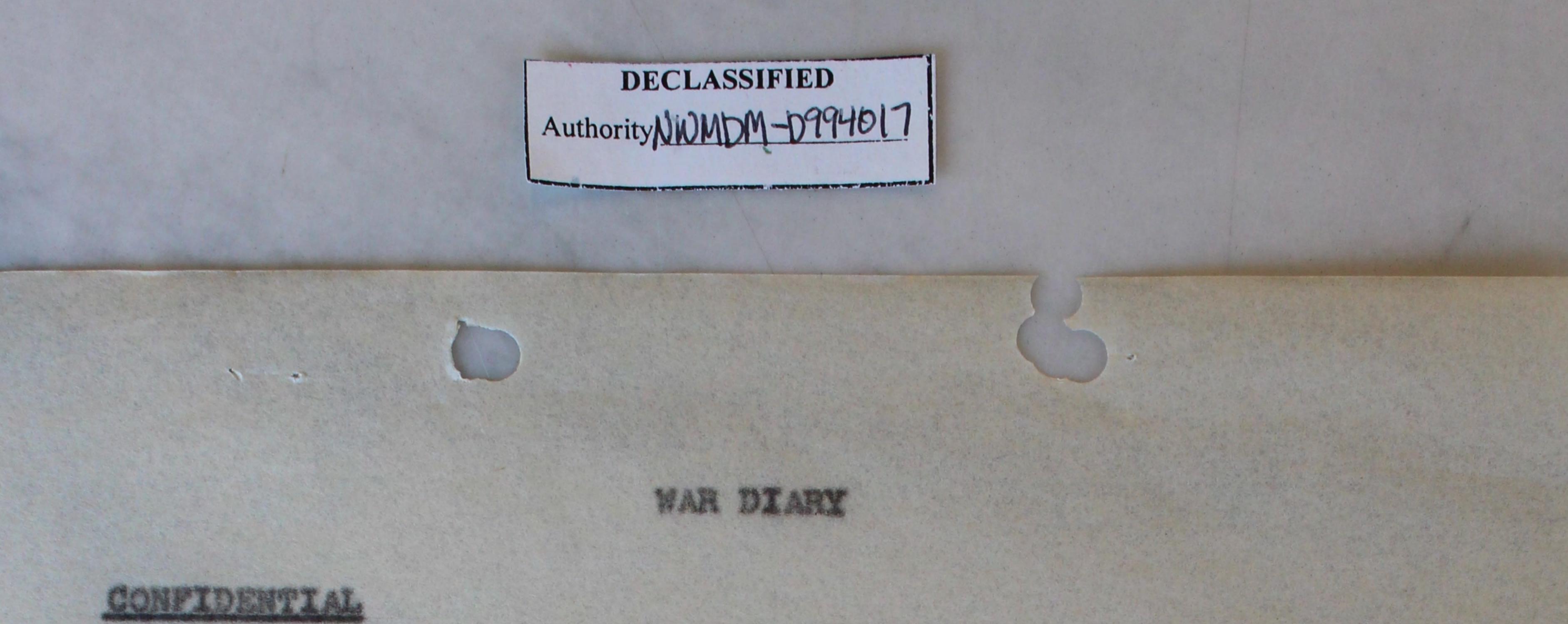


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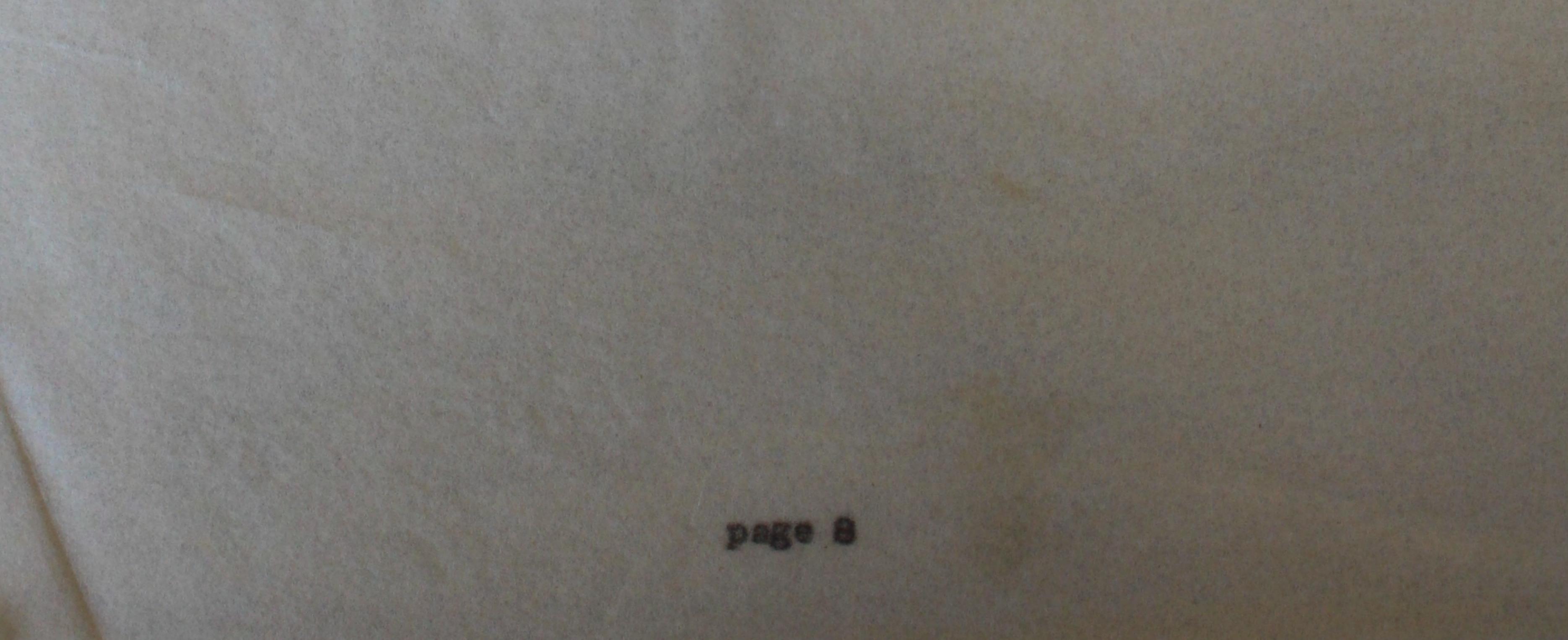


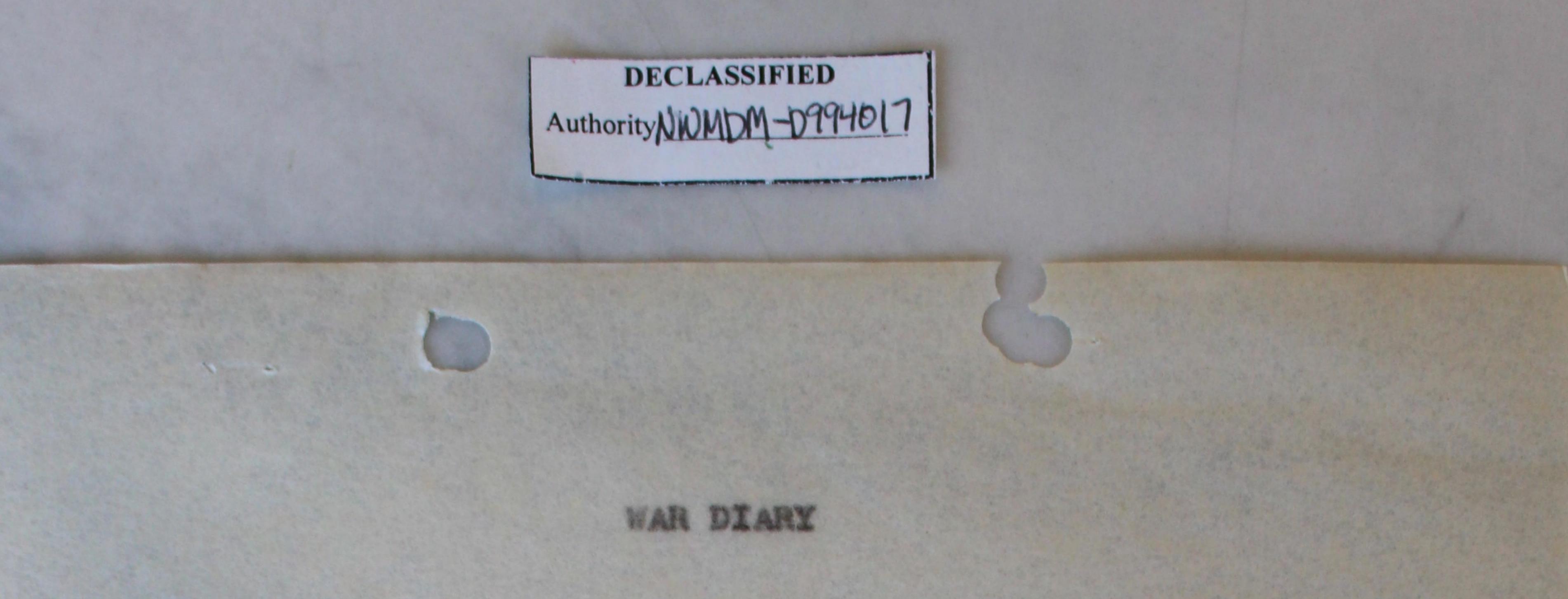


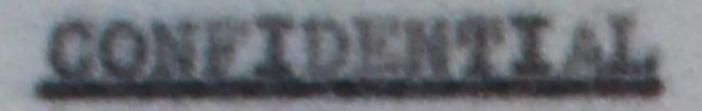
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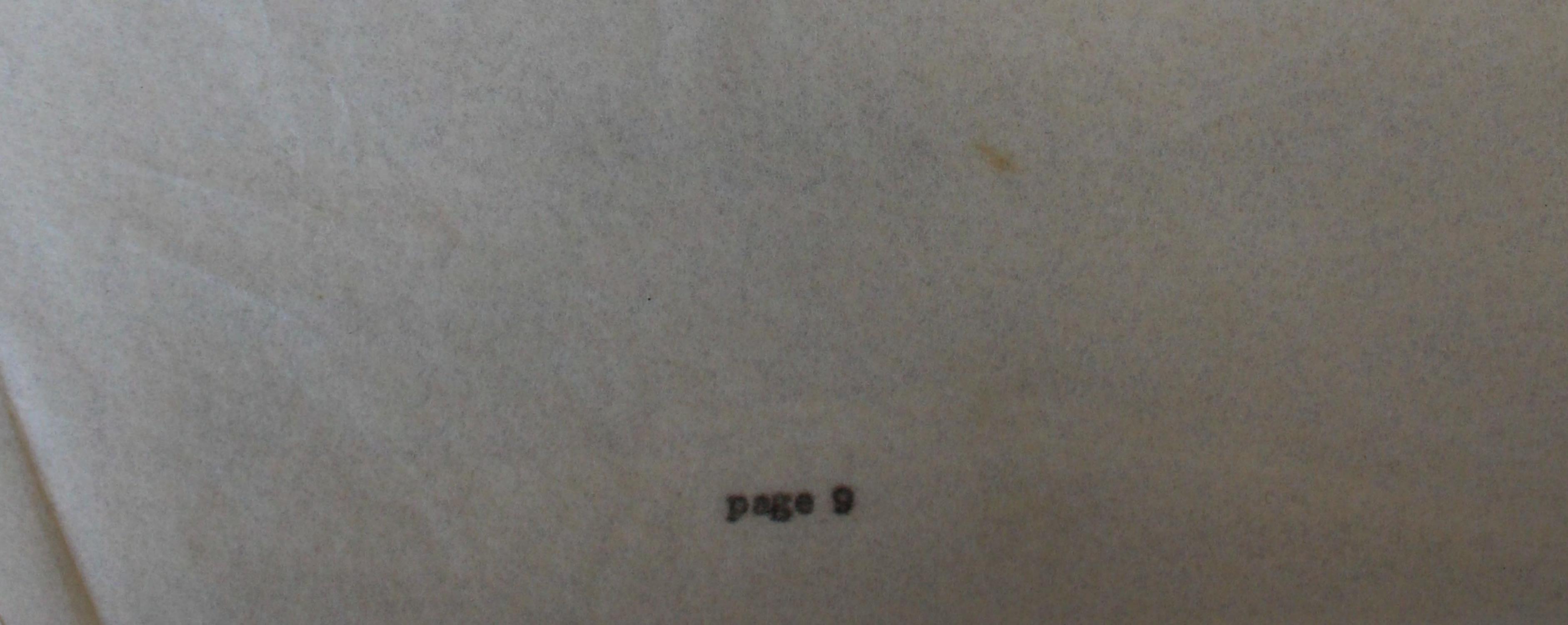
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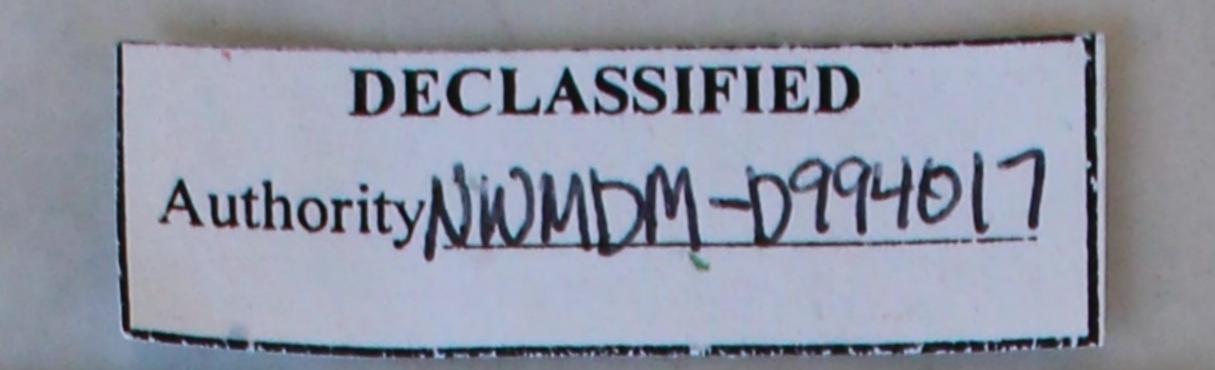
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#### Preparations were made for debarking at Noumea, New Caledonia.

Docked at 1716.

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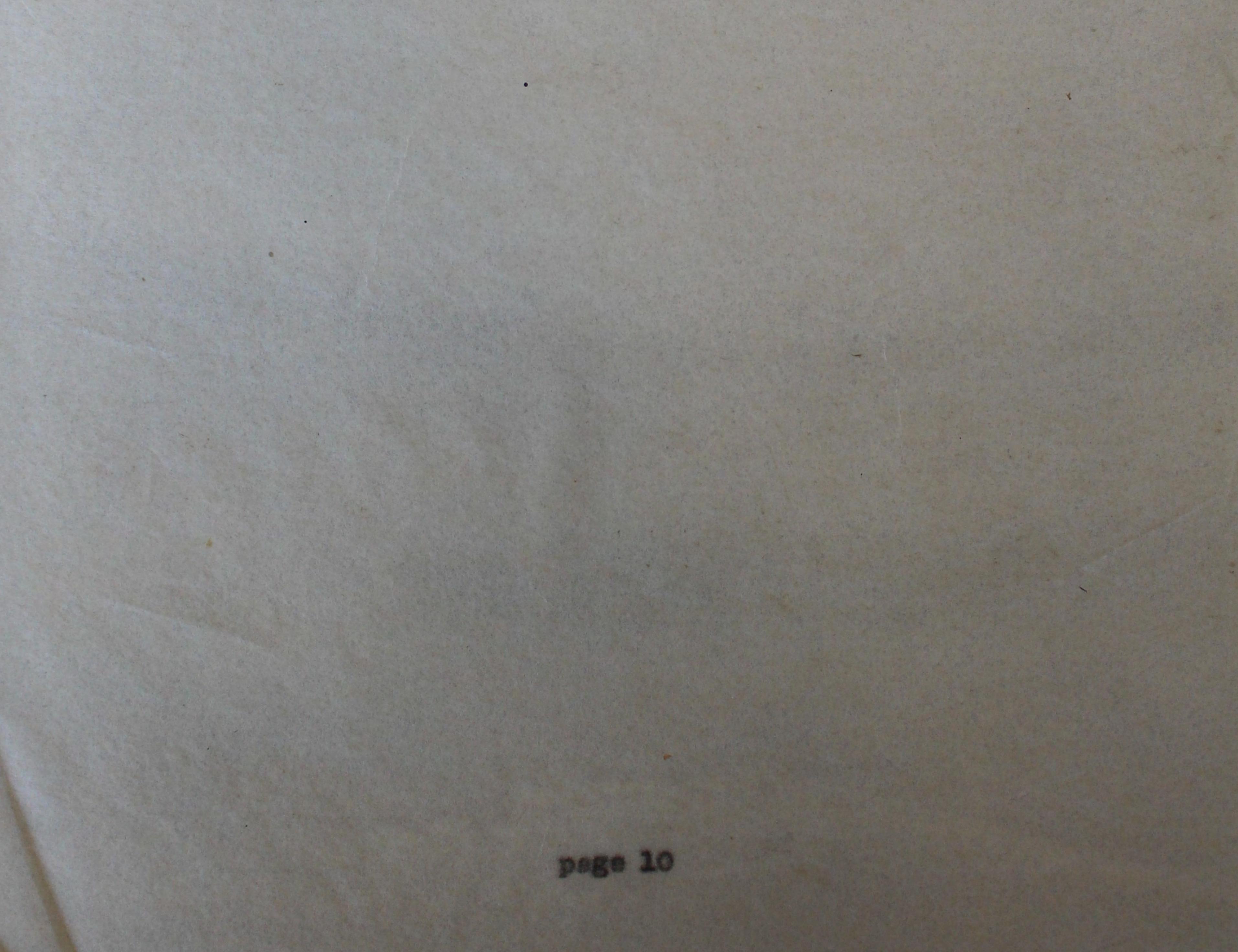
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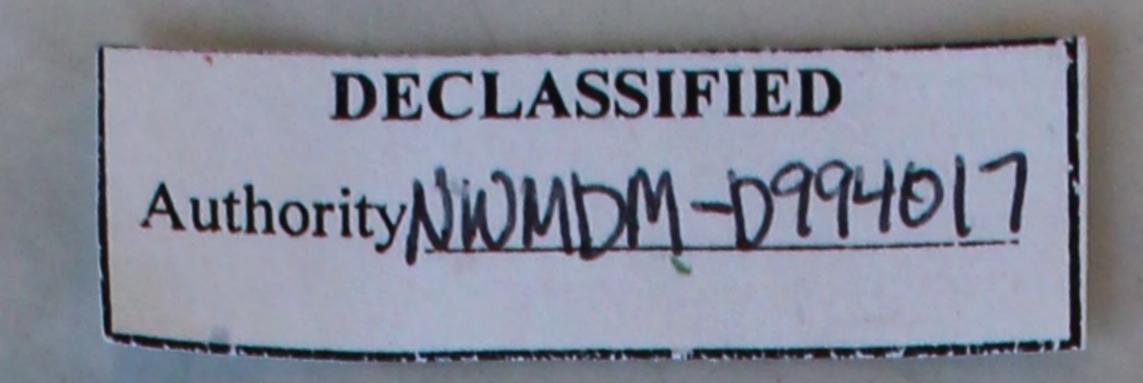
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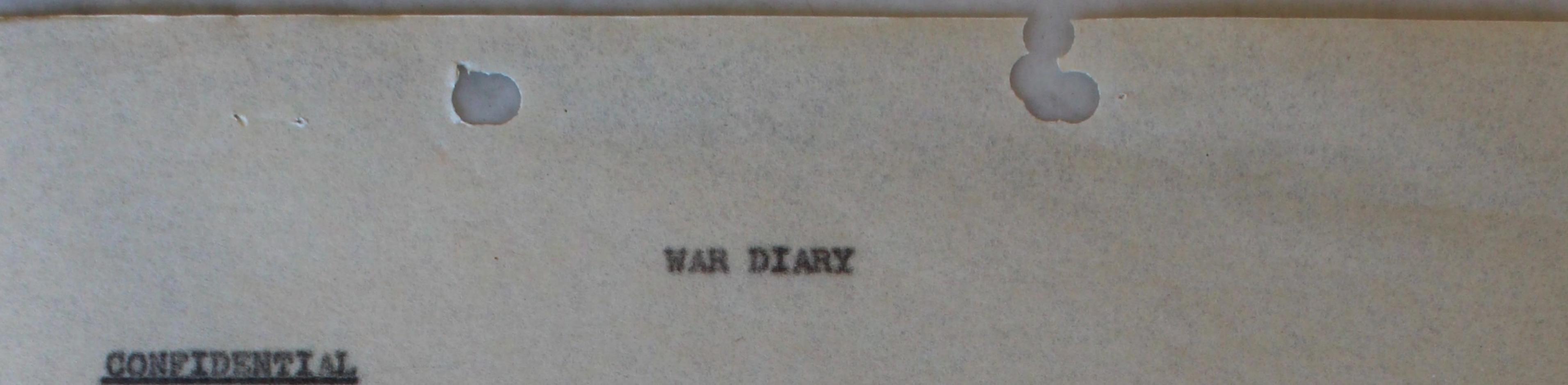
Unloading operations on 24 hour basis. Advance party sent to camp-site and sirfield. Strength; 29 Officers and 272 En-

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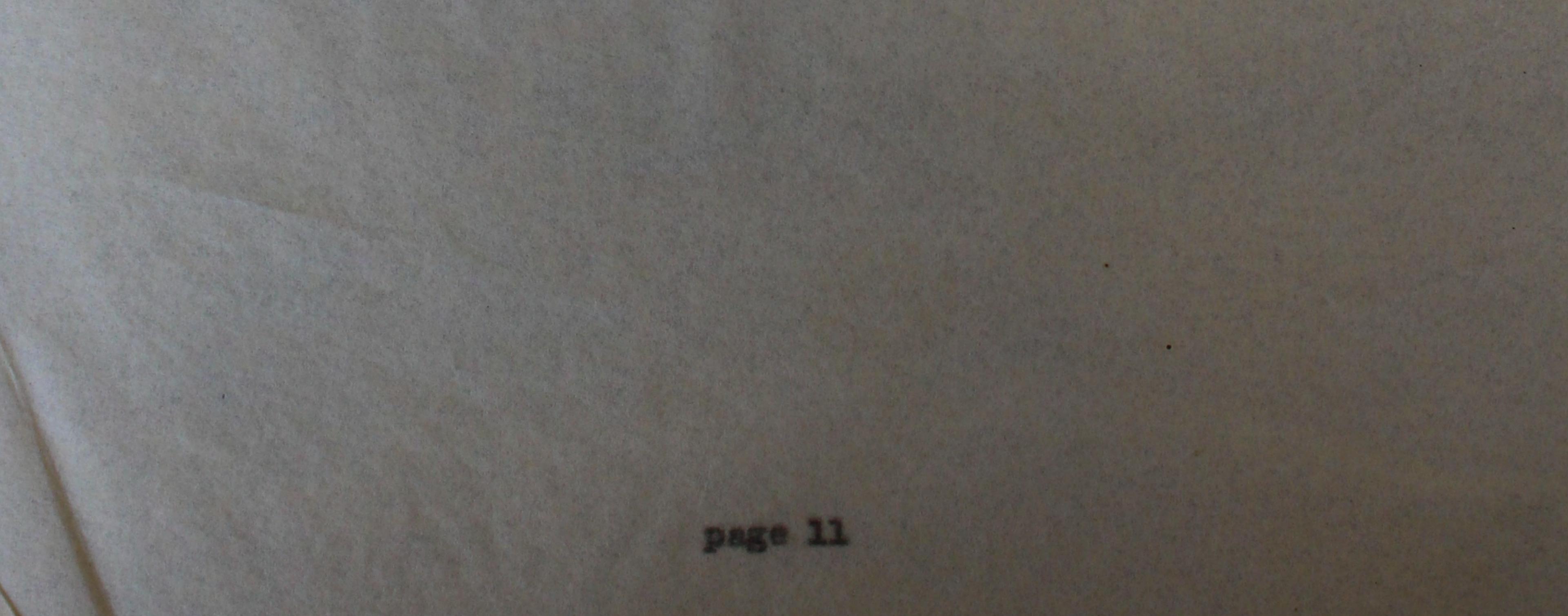


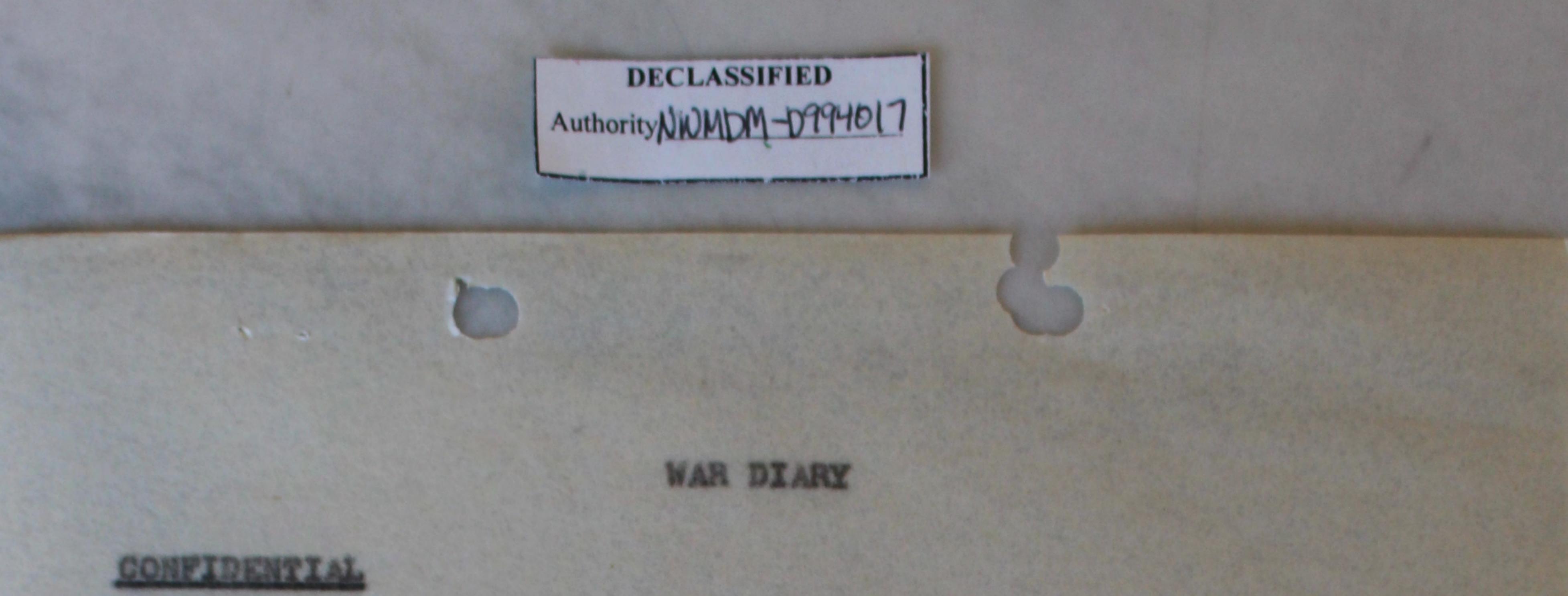
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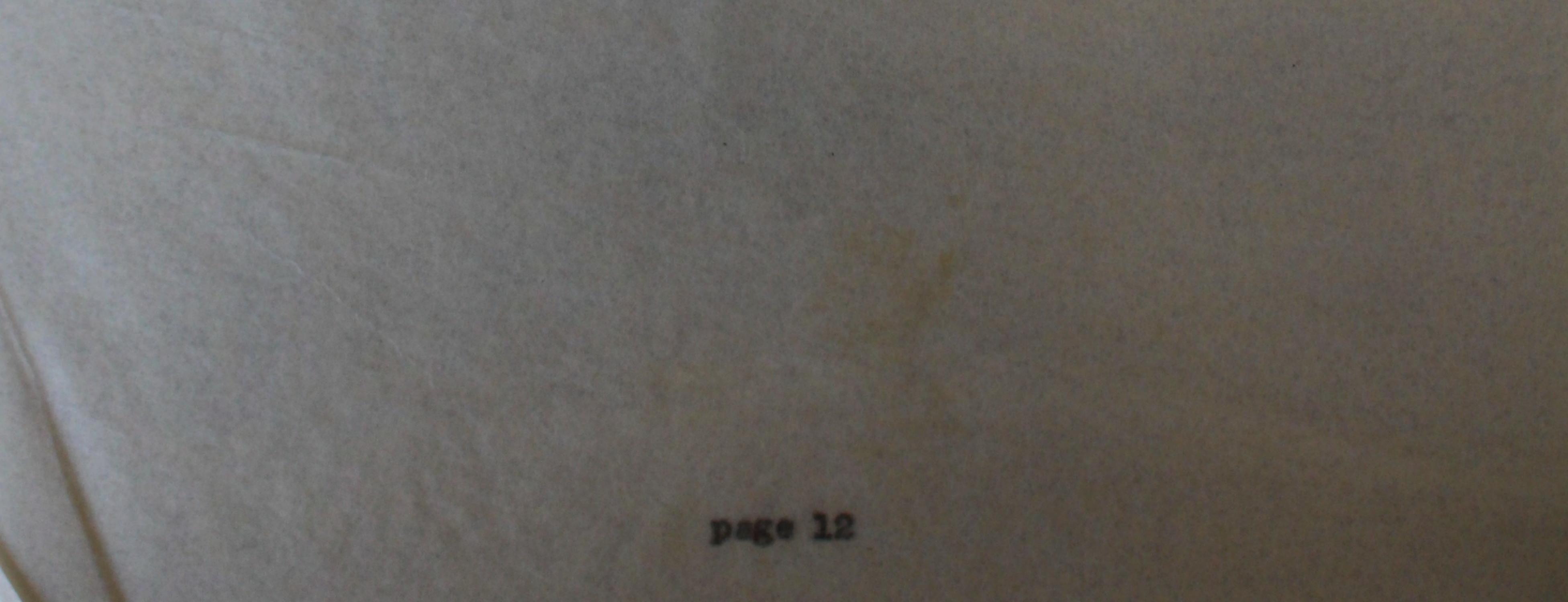


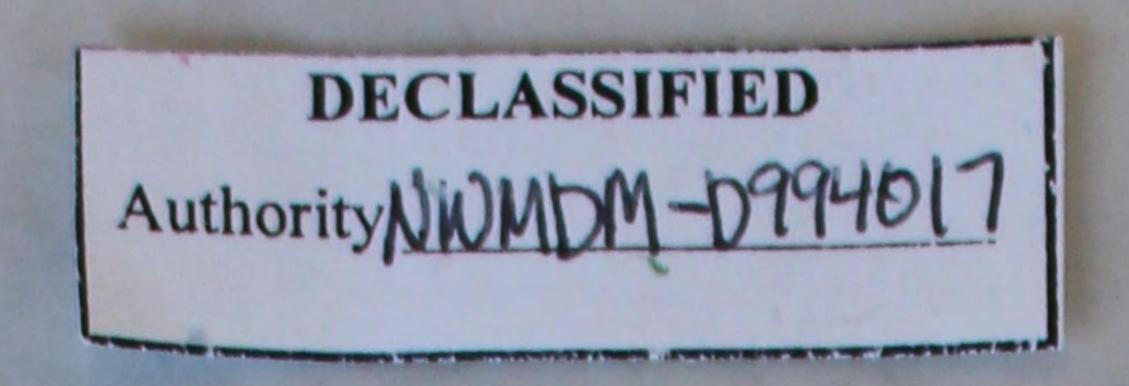


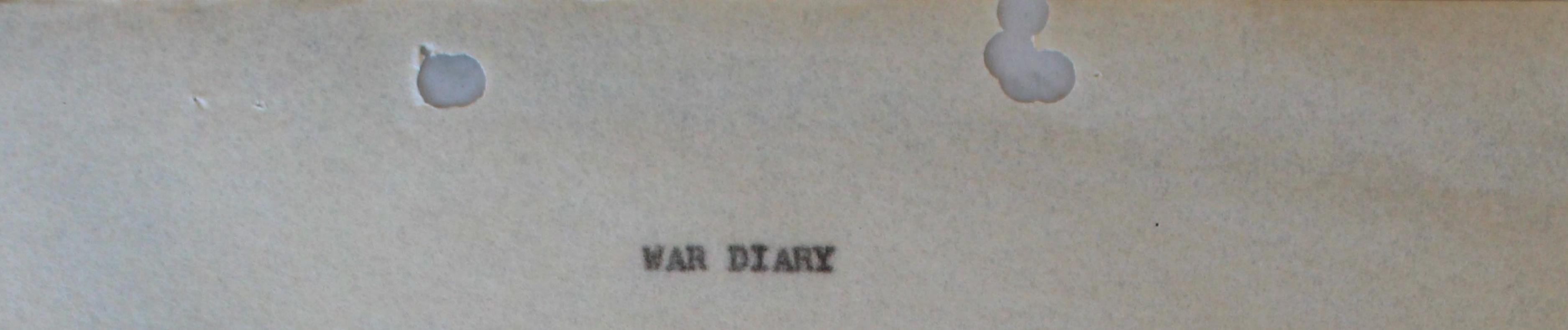
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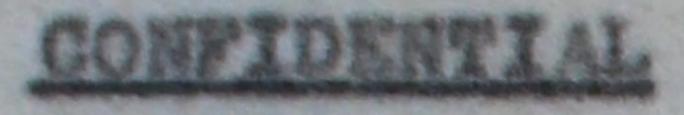
All men and equipment, less planes moved from dock to field, a distance of 50 miles.

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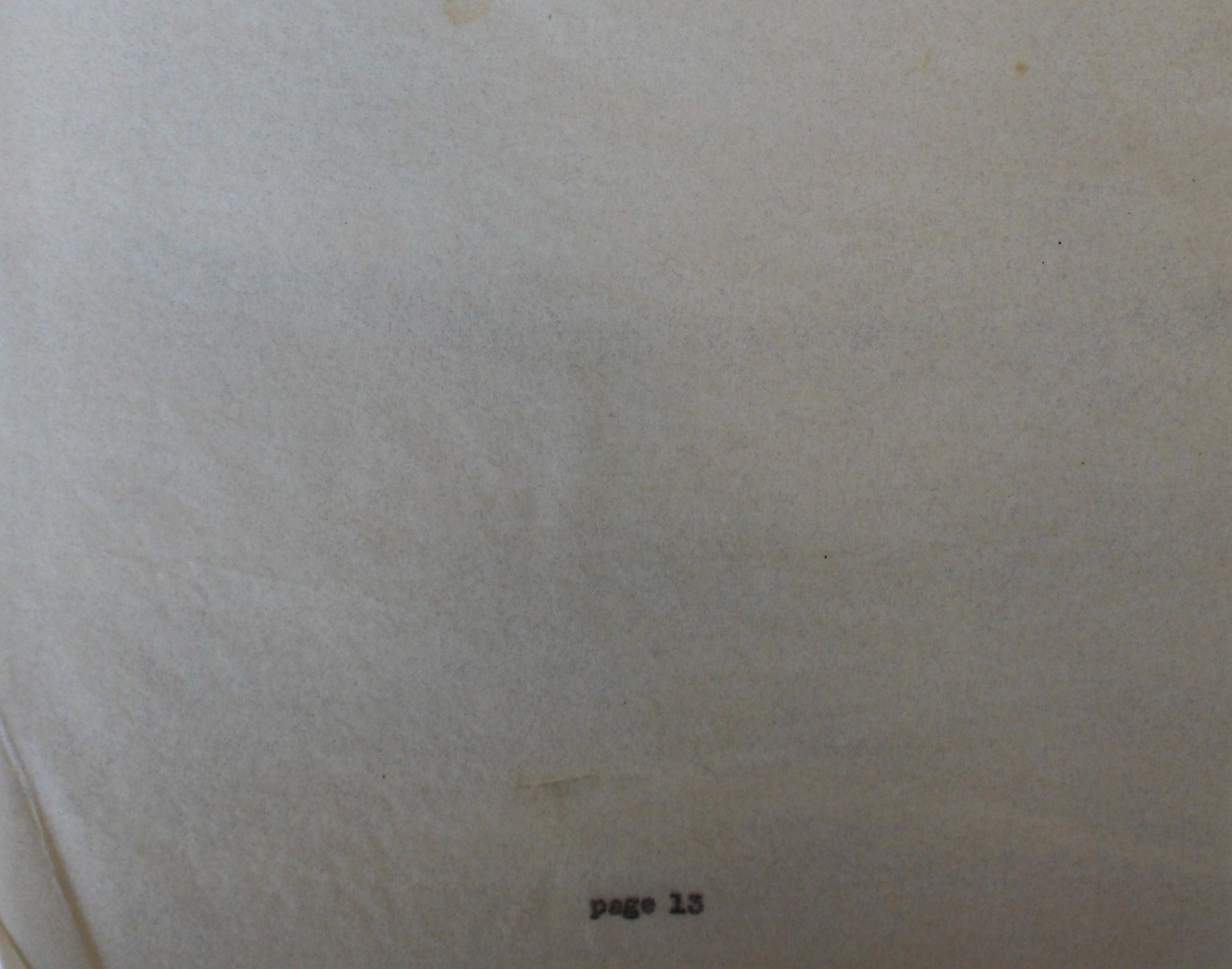


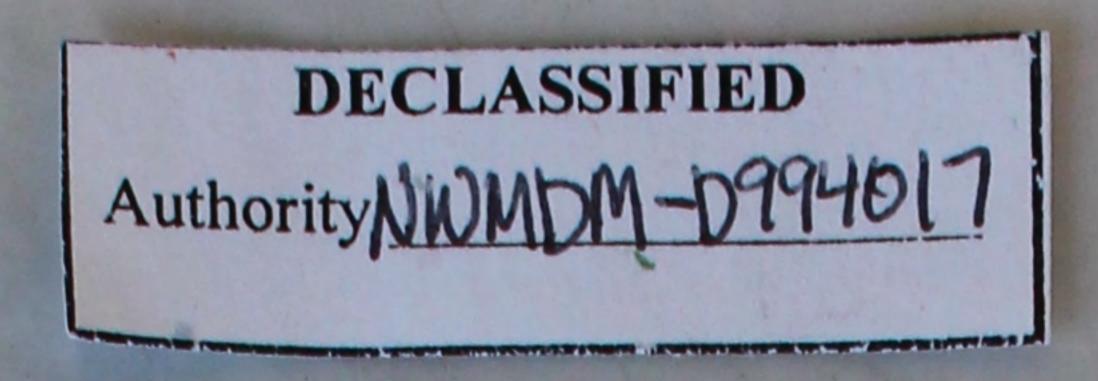


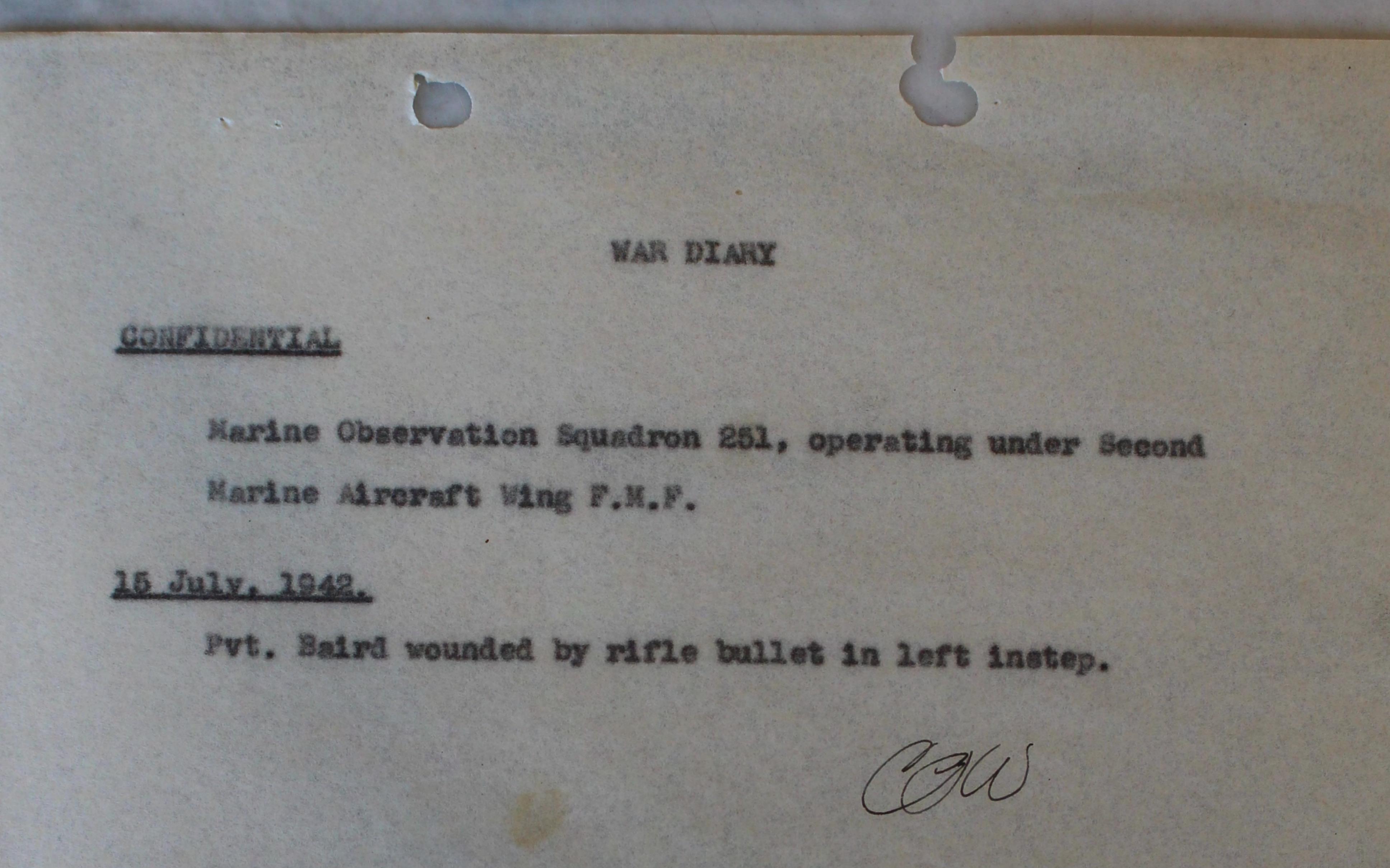
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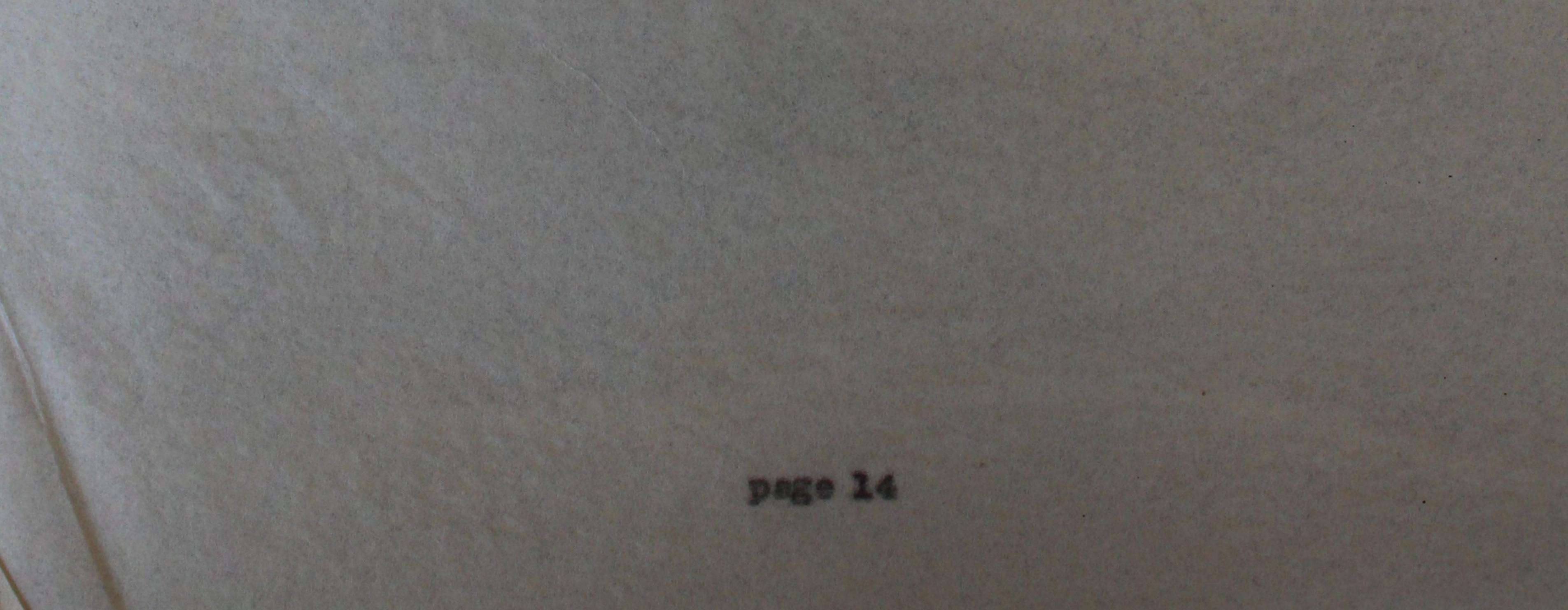
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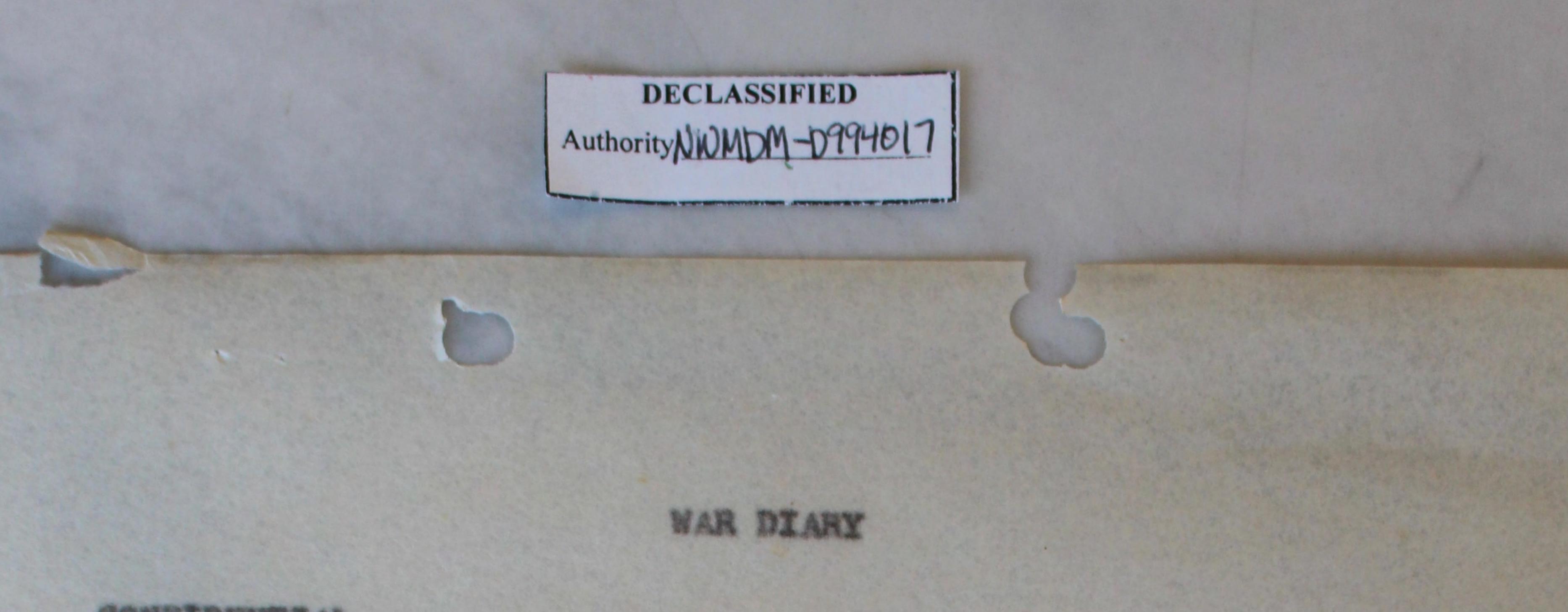
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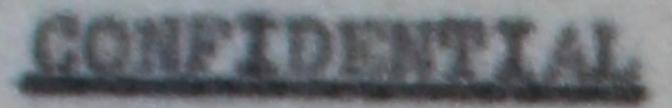










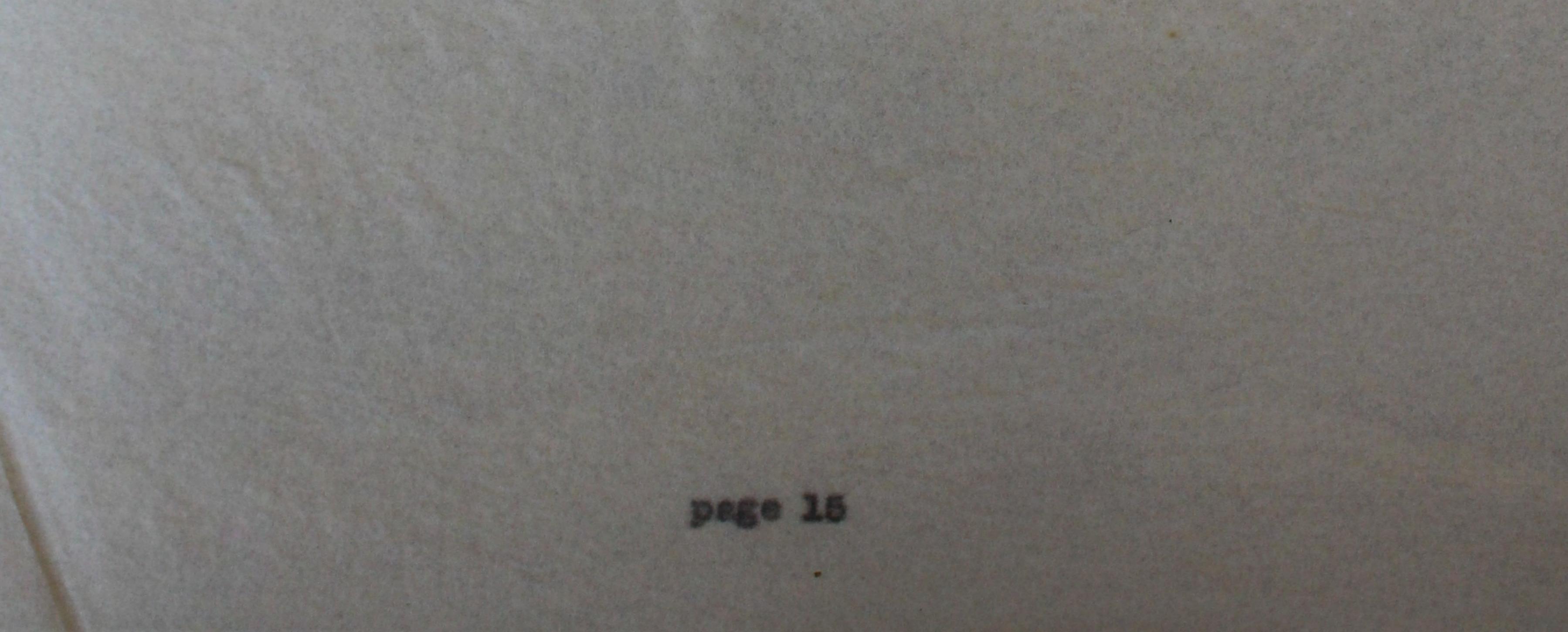


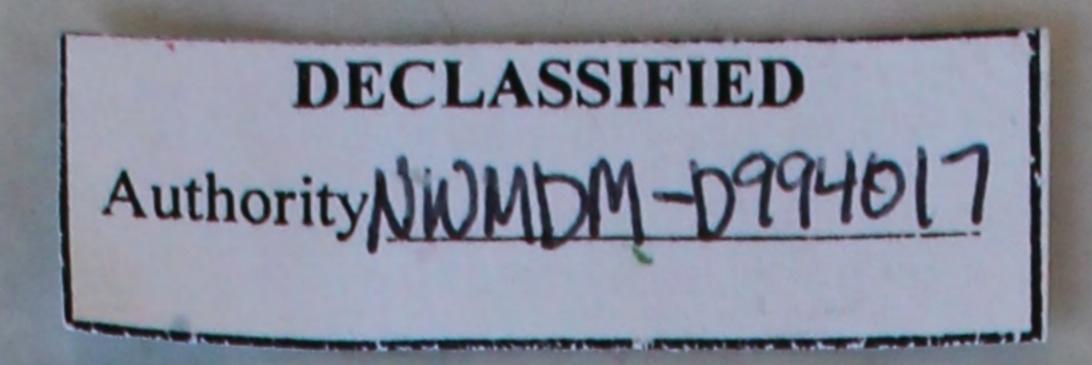
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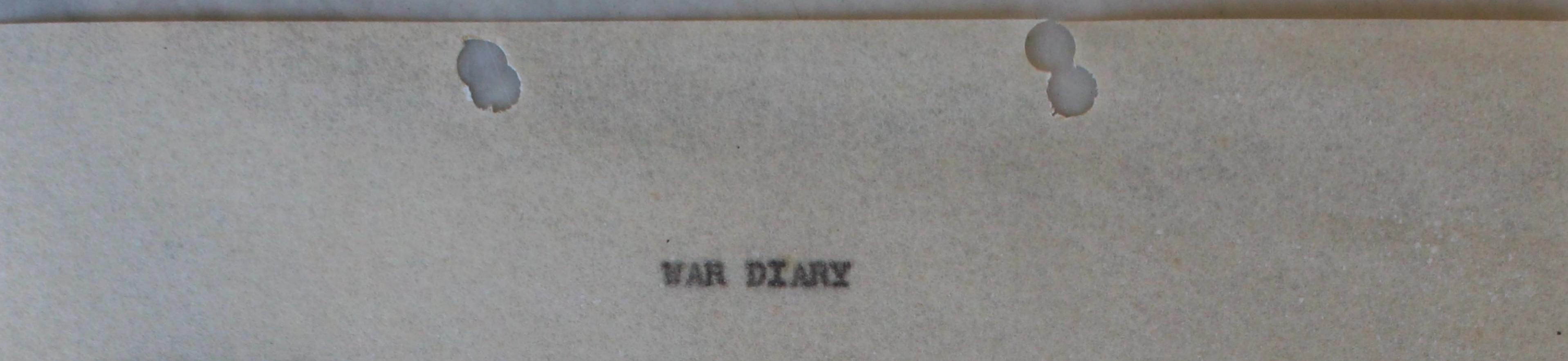
Strength--29 Officers, 272 Enlisted. Camp security increased by two additional posts.

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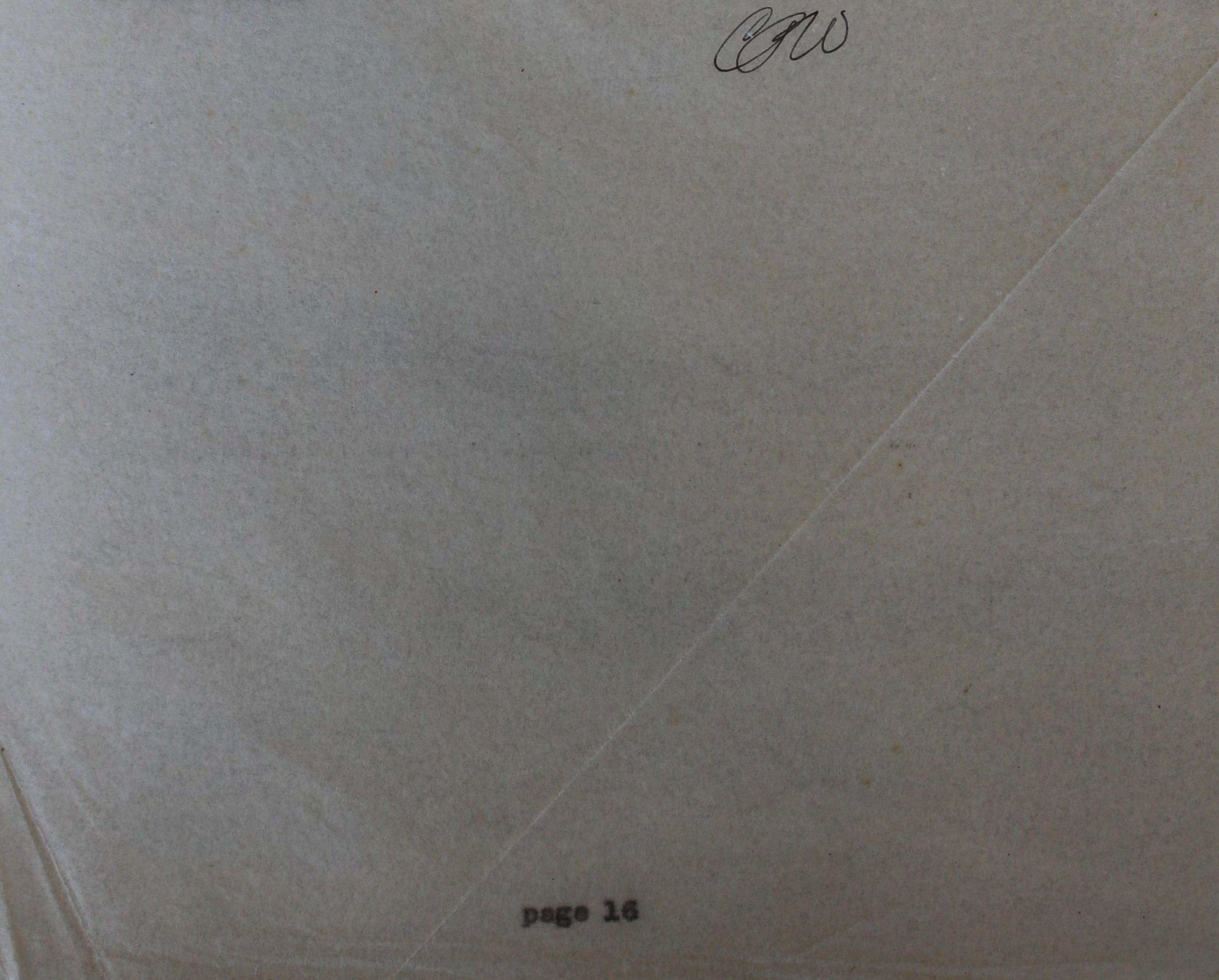


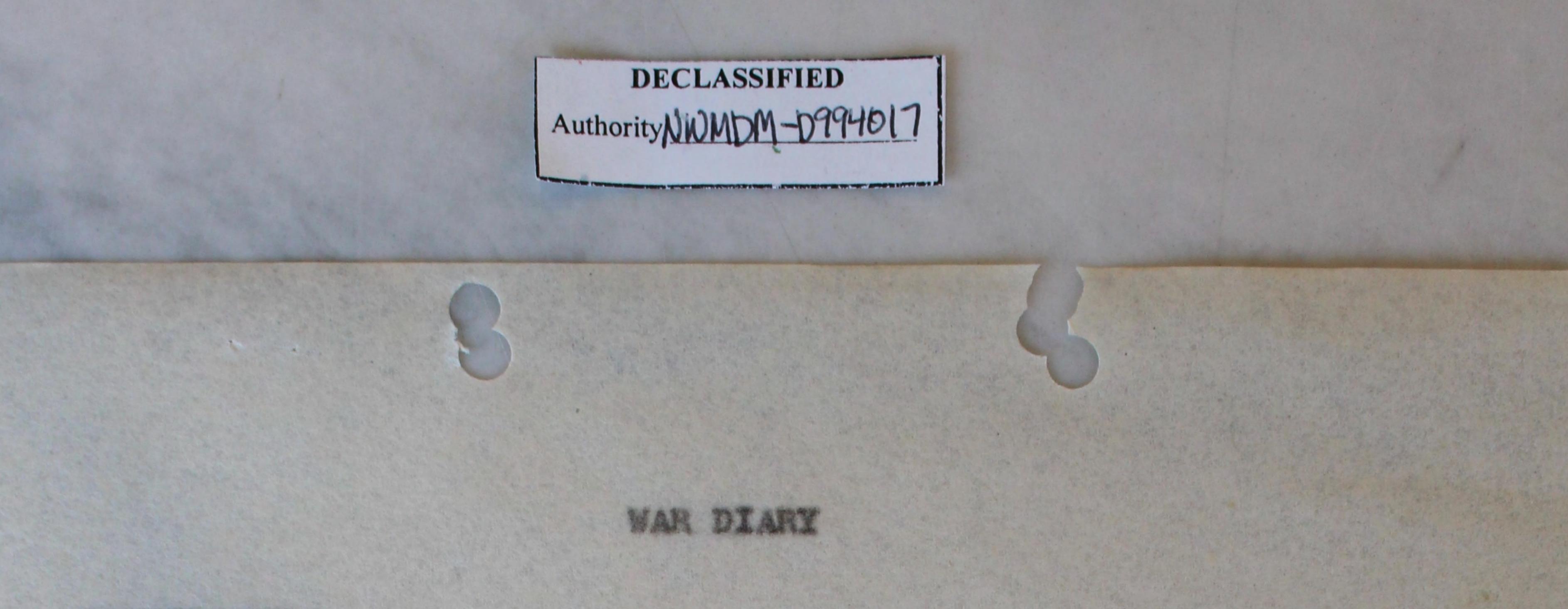






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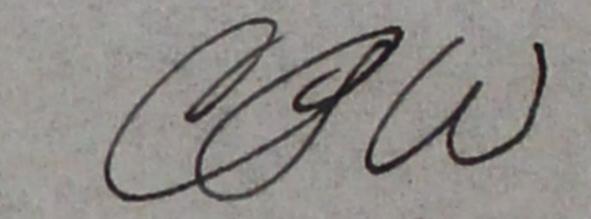




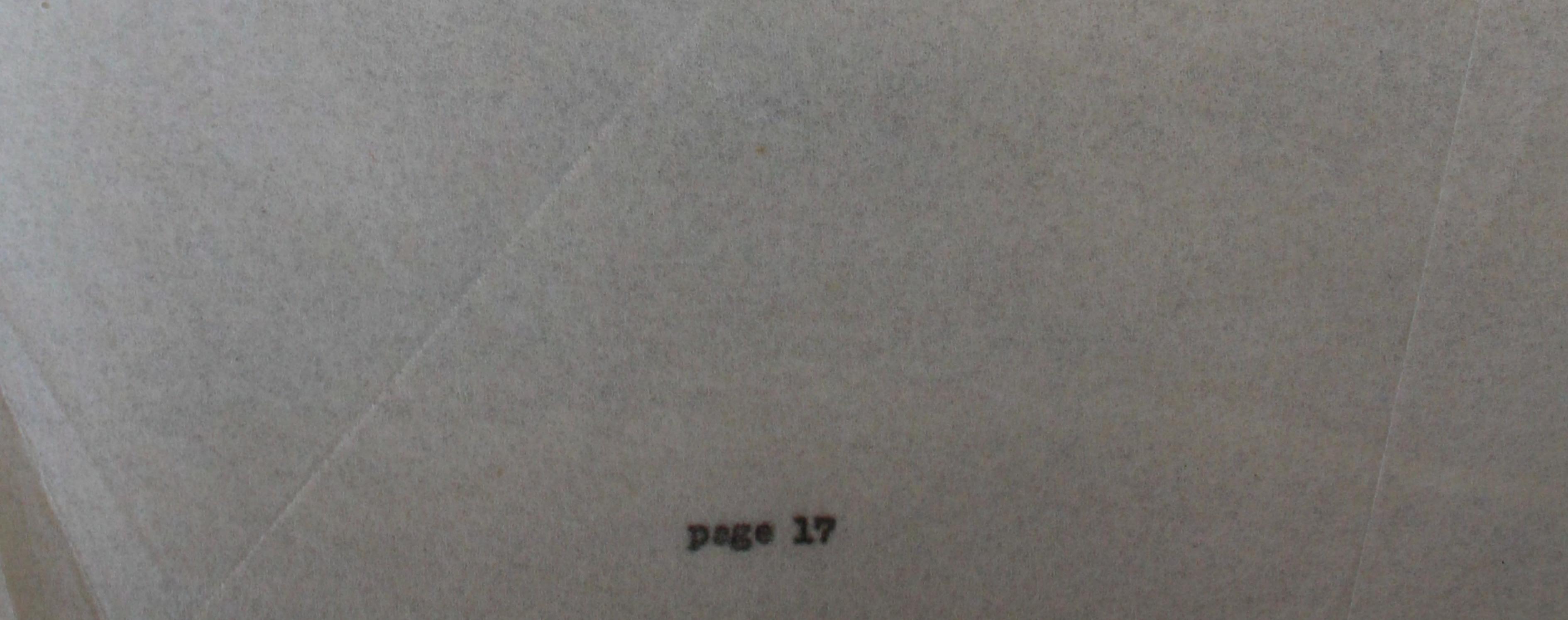
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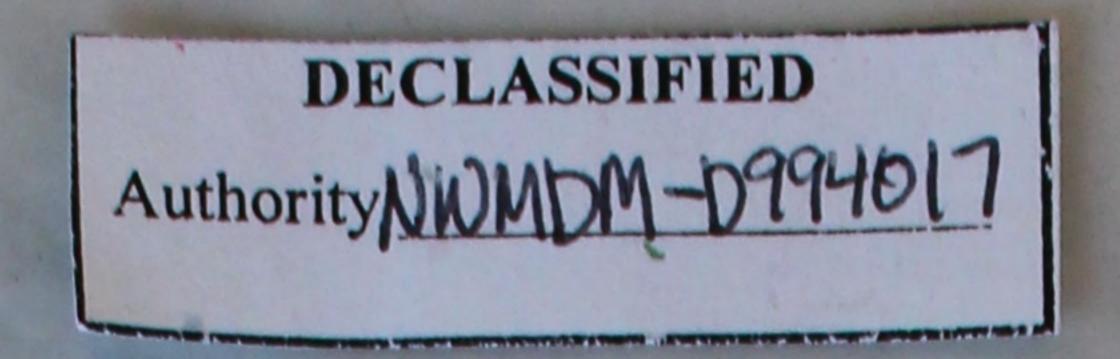
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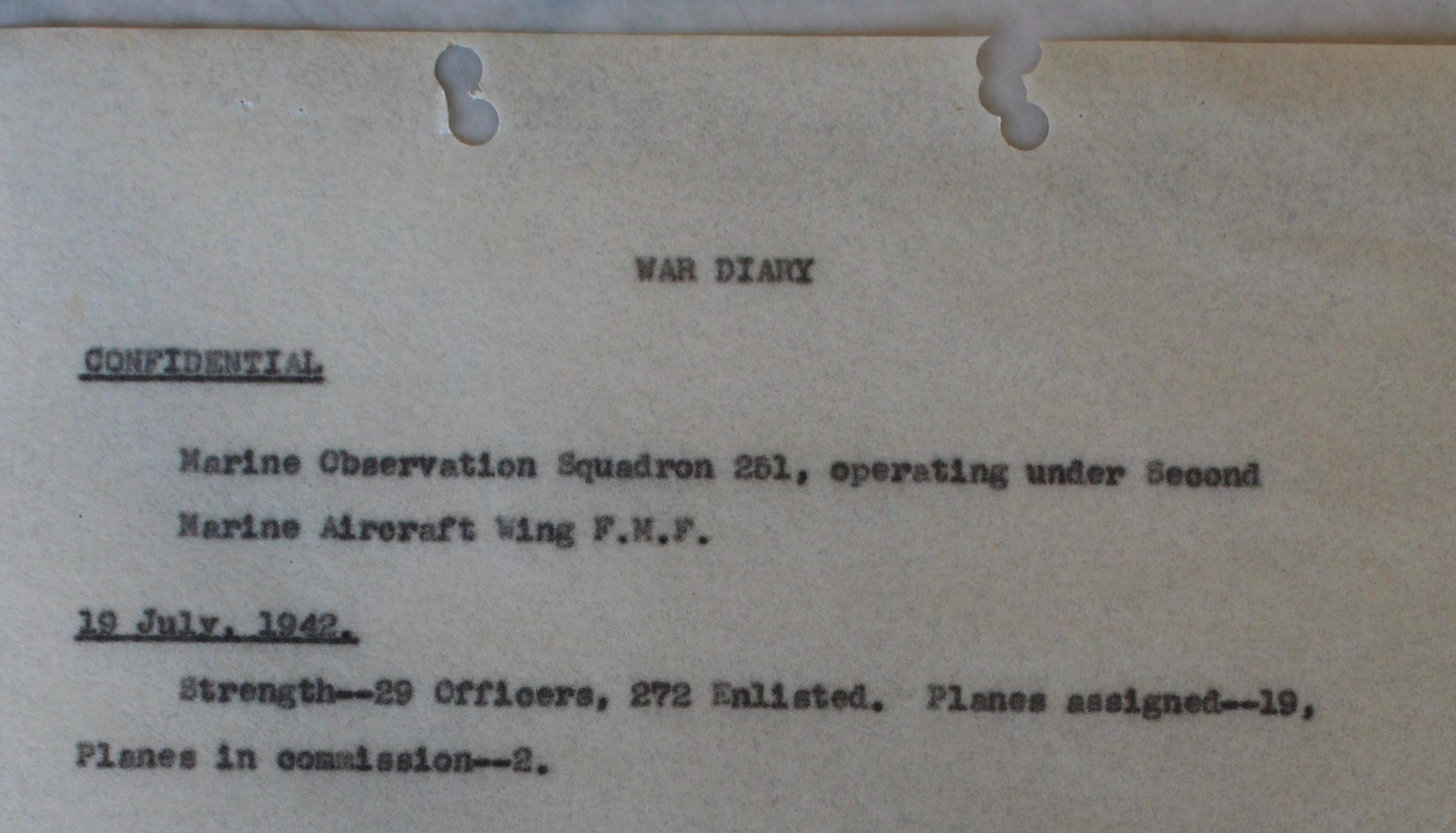
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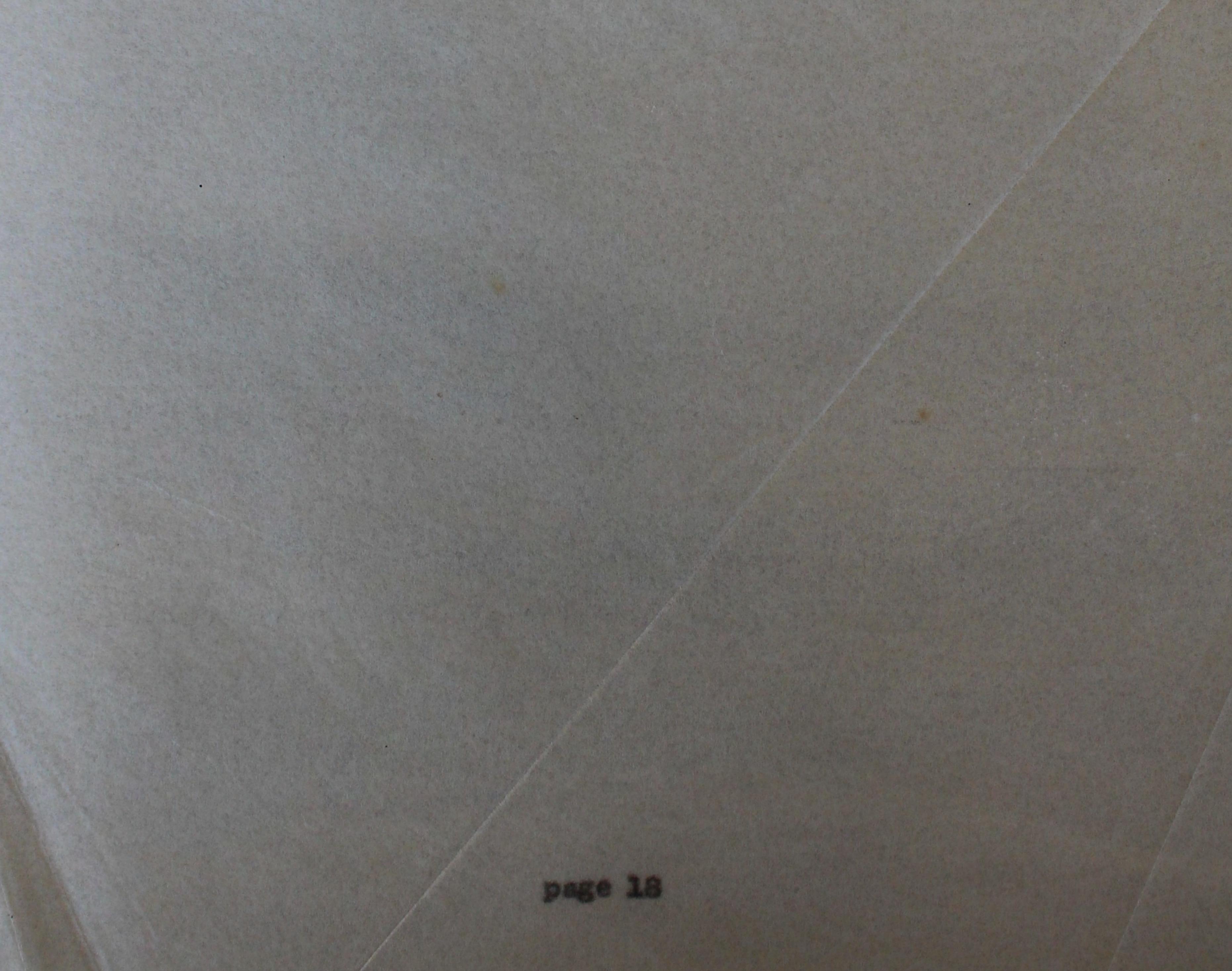
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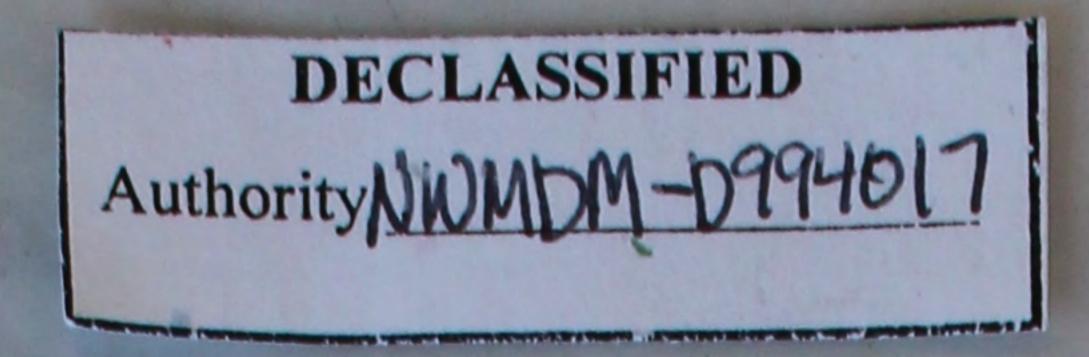


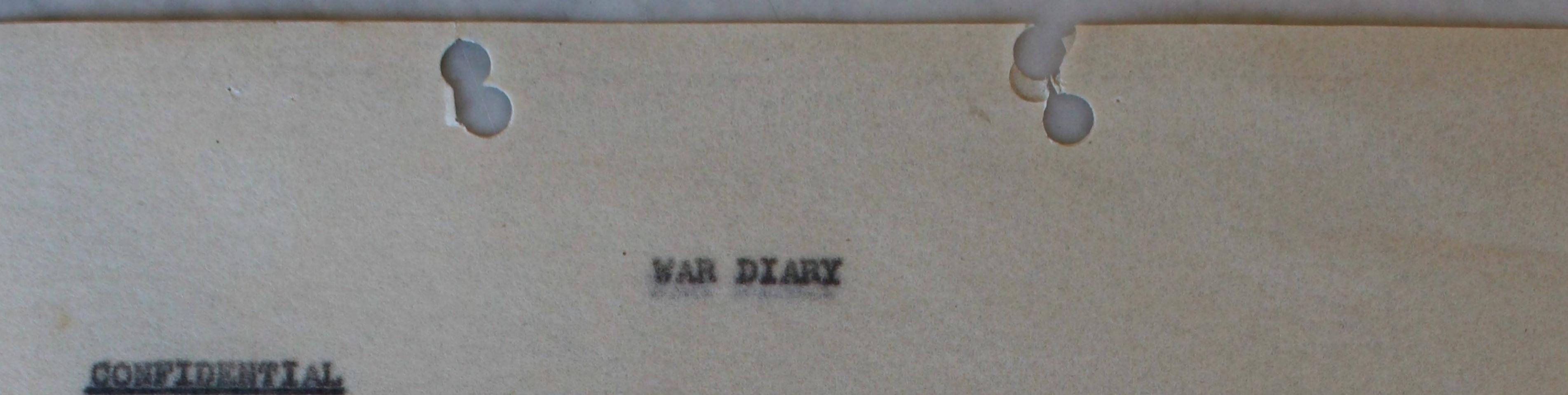




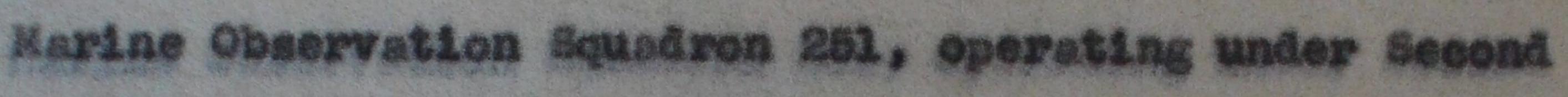
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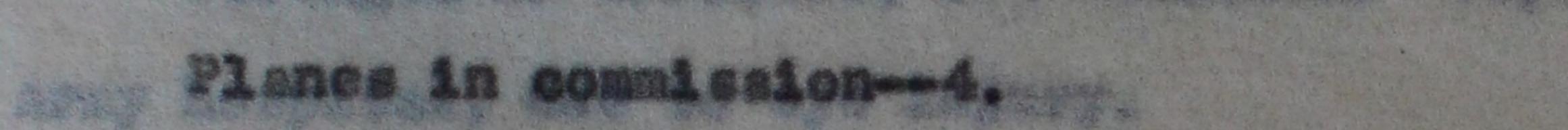


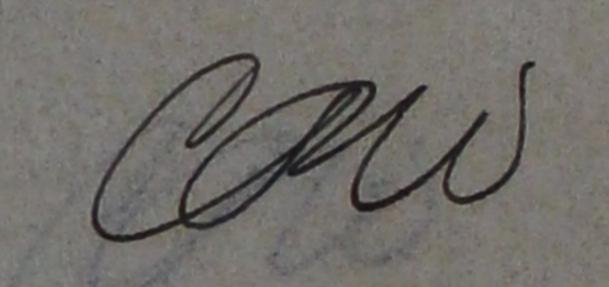
















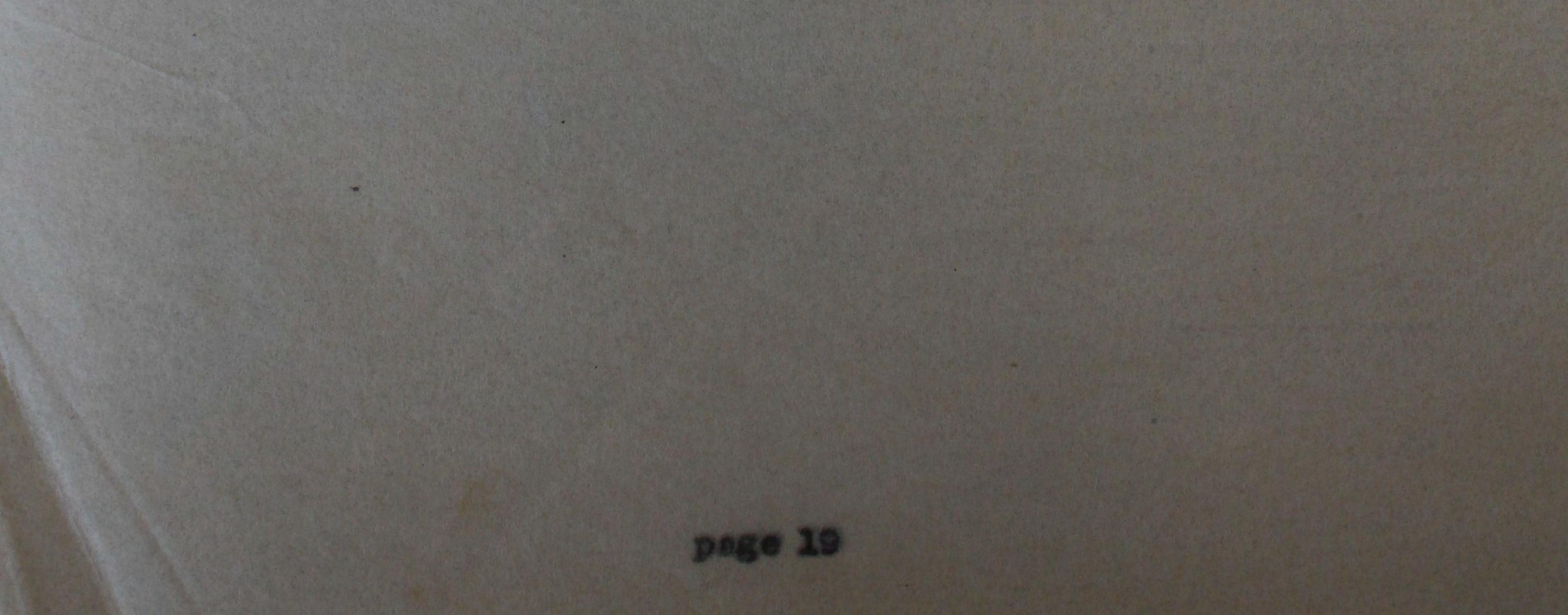


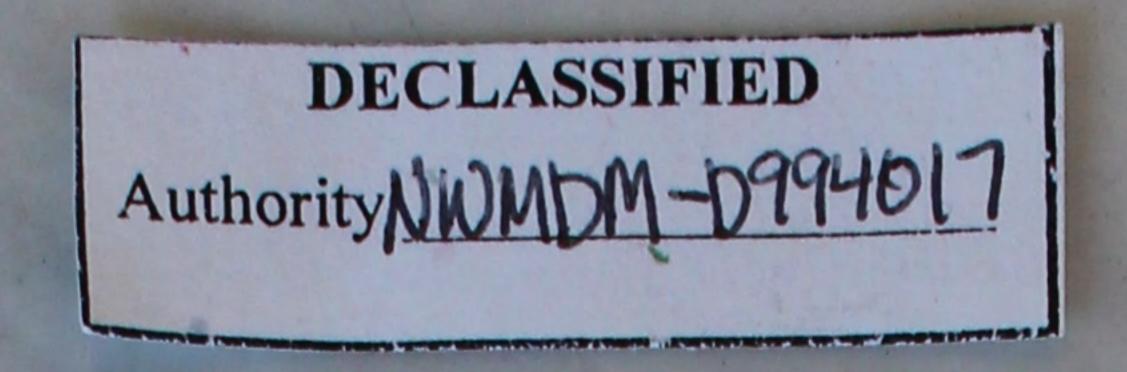


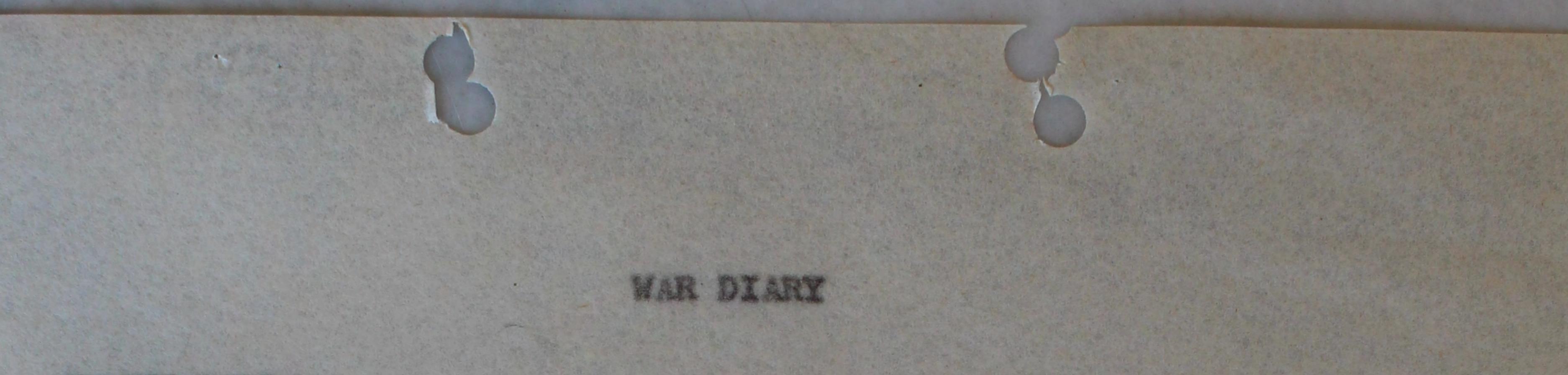














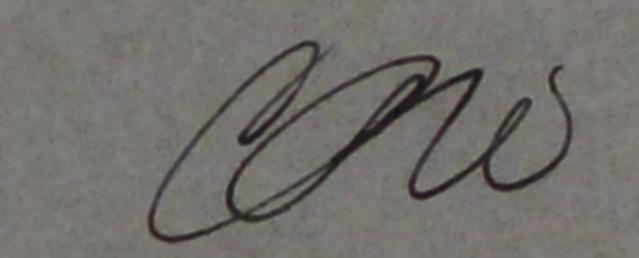


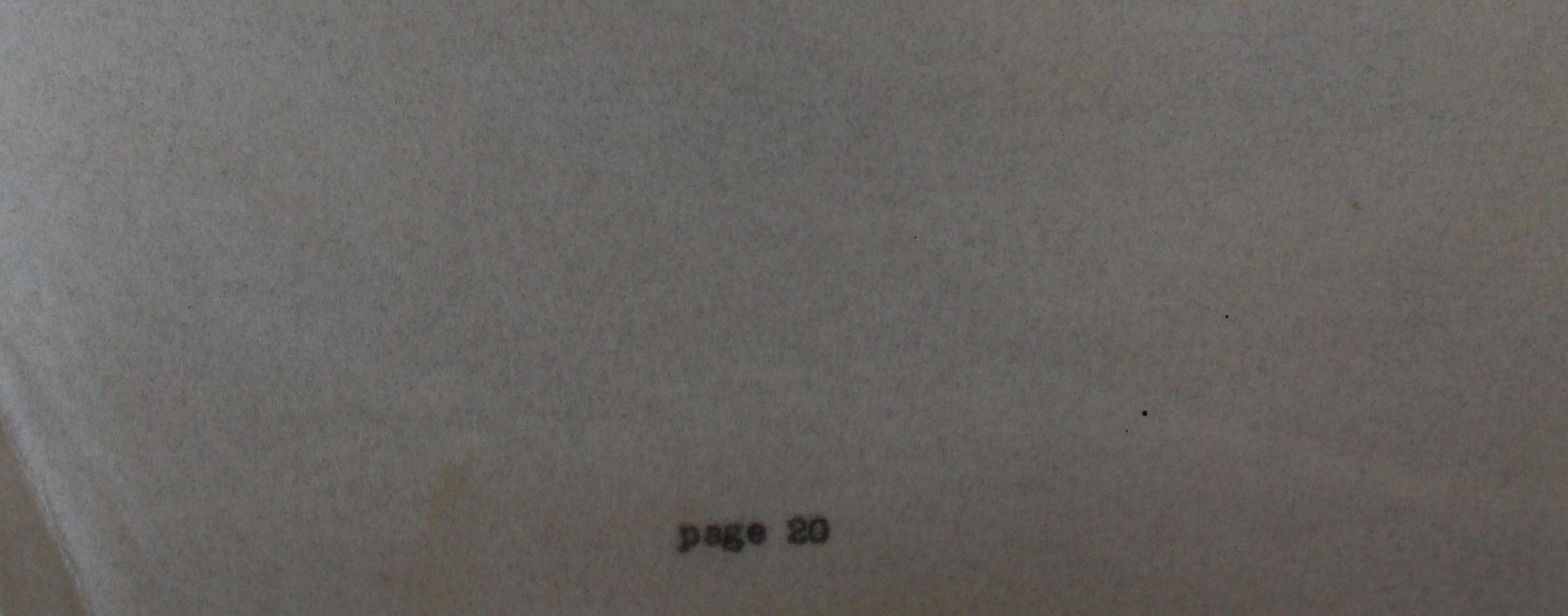
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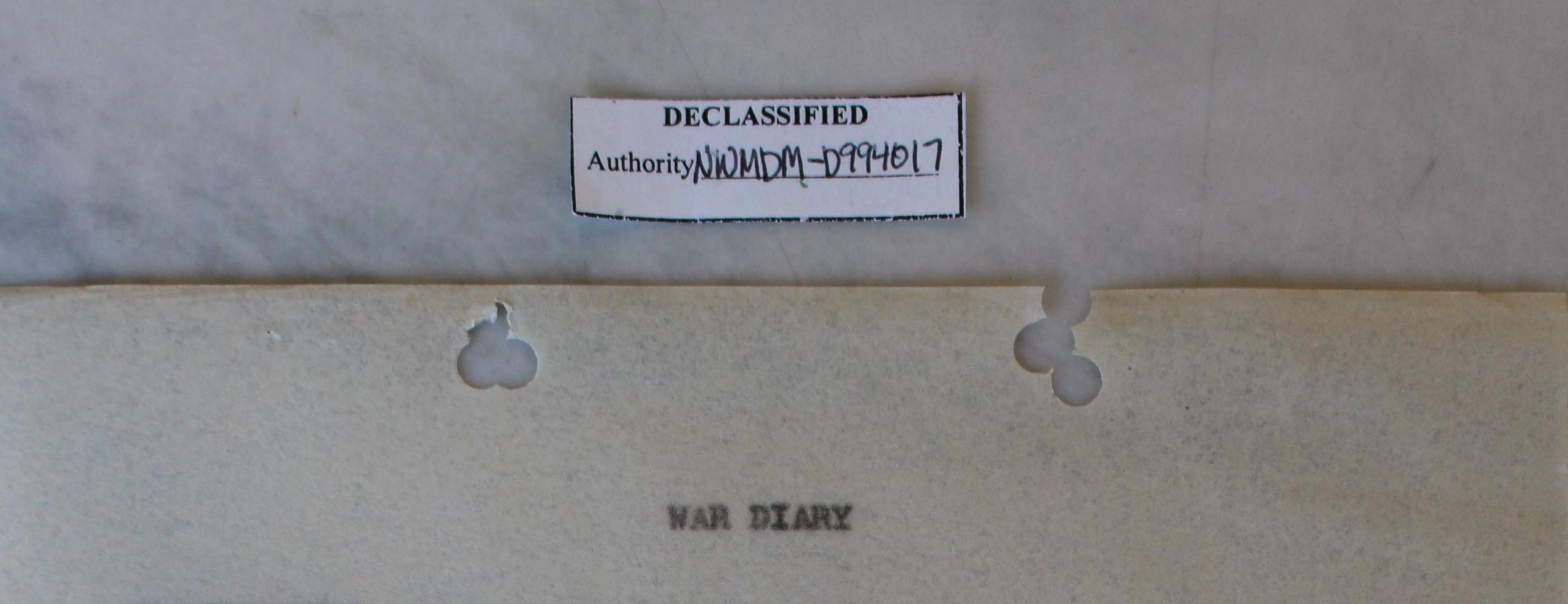
### 21 July, 1942.

# Strength 29 Officers, 272 Enlisted. Captain Mams transferred to

#### Army hospital, due to eye injury.



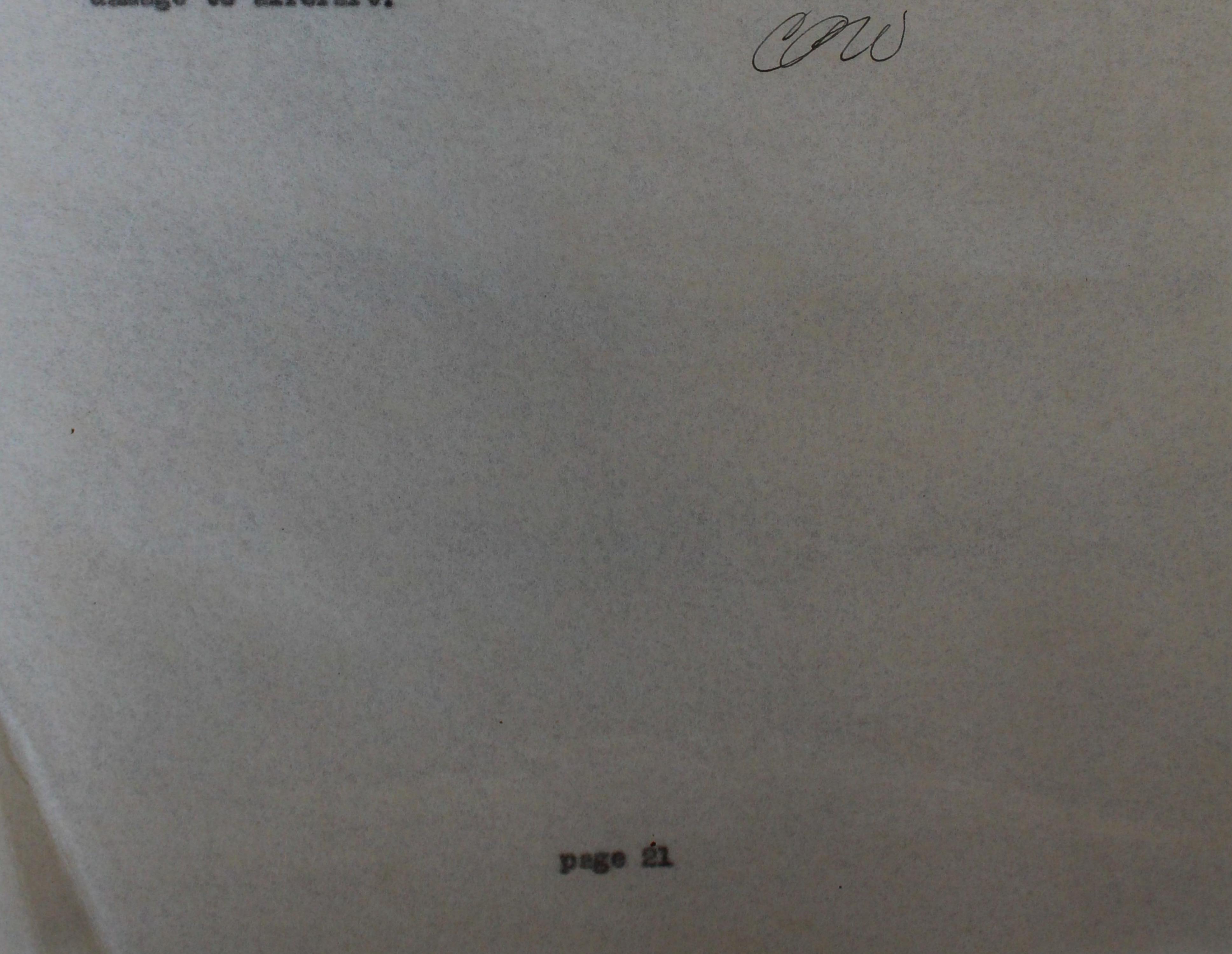


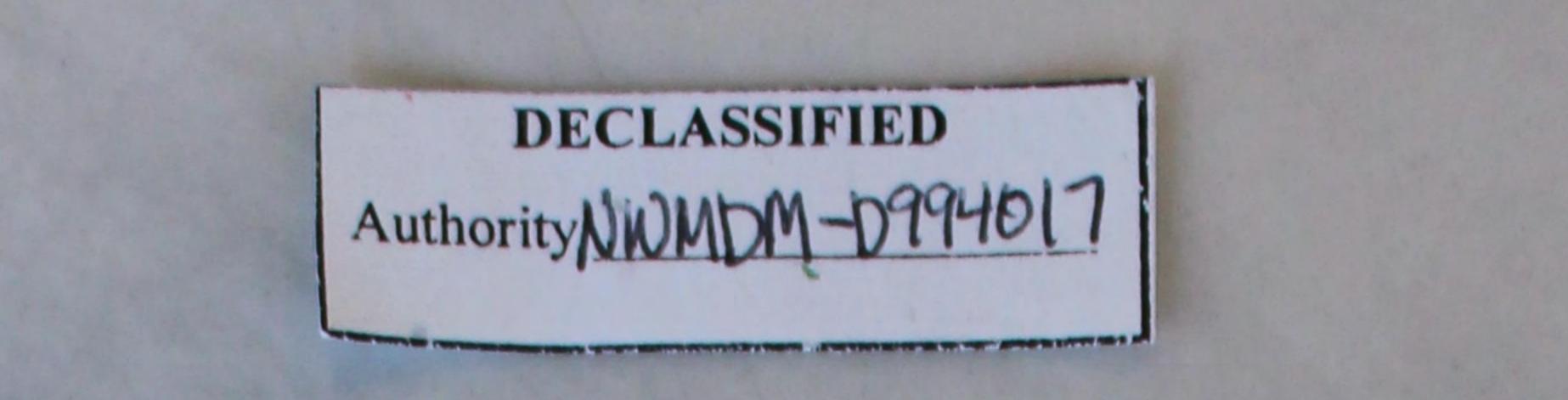


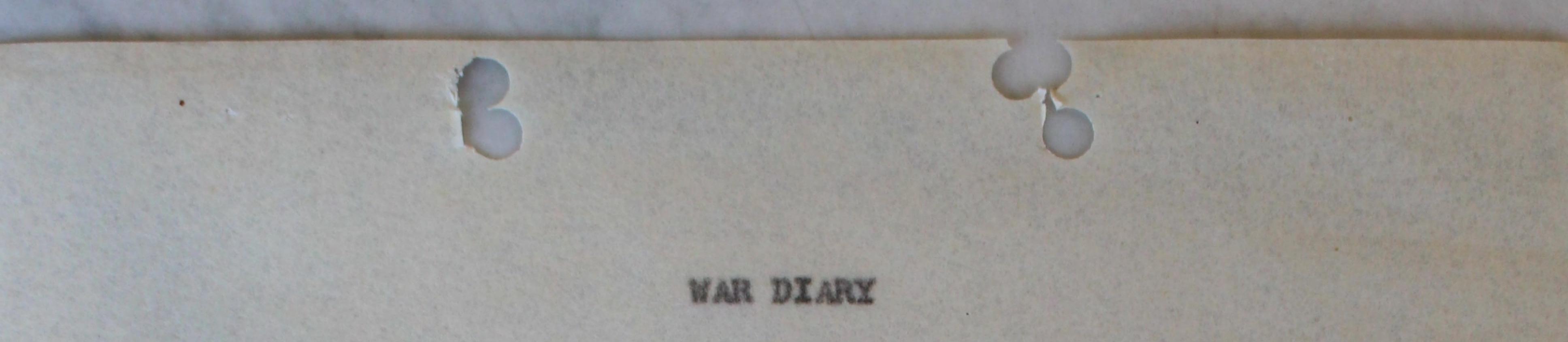




Strength 29 Officers, 272 Enlisted. Planes in Commission--8. Normal working routine. Lt. Kobler crashed upon landing F4F-3, Bureau number 1890. (Squadron No. 9) No personal injury. Extensive damage to aircraft.









23 July, 1942.

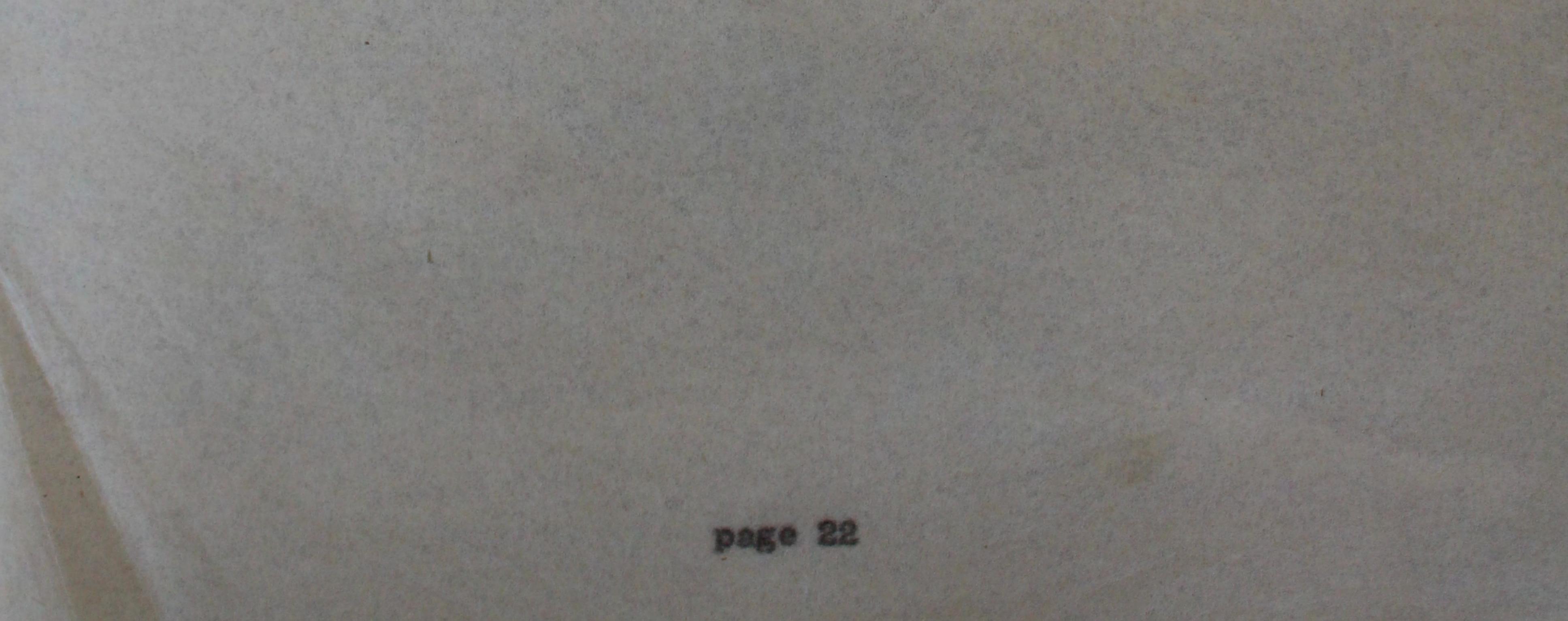
Strength 29 Officers, 272 Enlisted. Lt. Colonel Hart and 2nd Lt. Platt departed for inspection of planned new theater of operations by Naval aircraft. Captain Campbell, Lt. Spurlock, Lt. Schuessler,

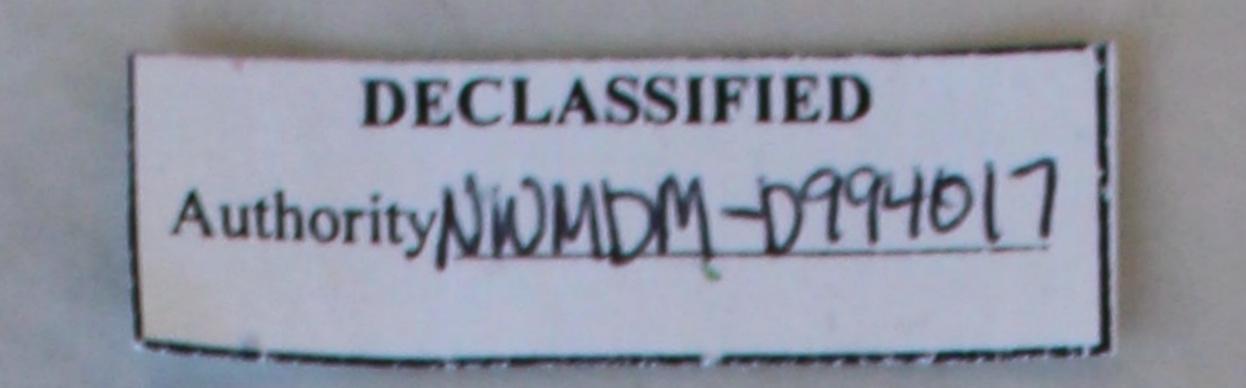
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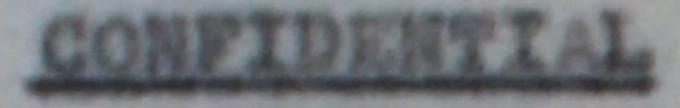
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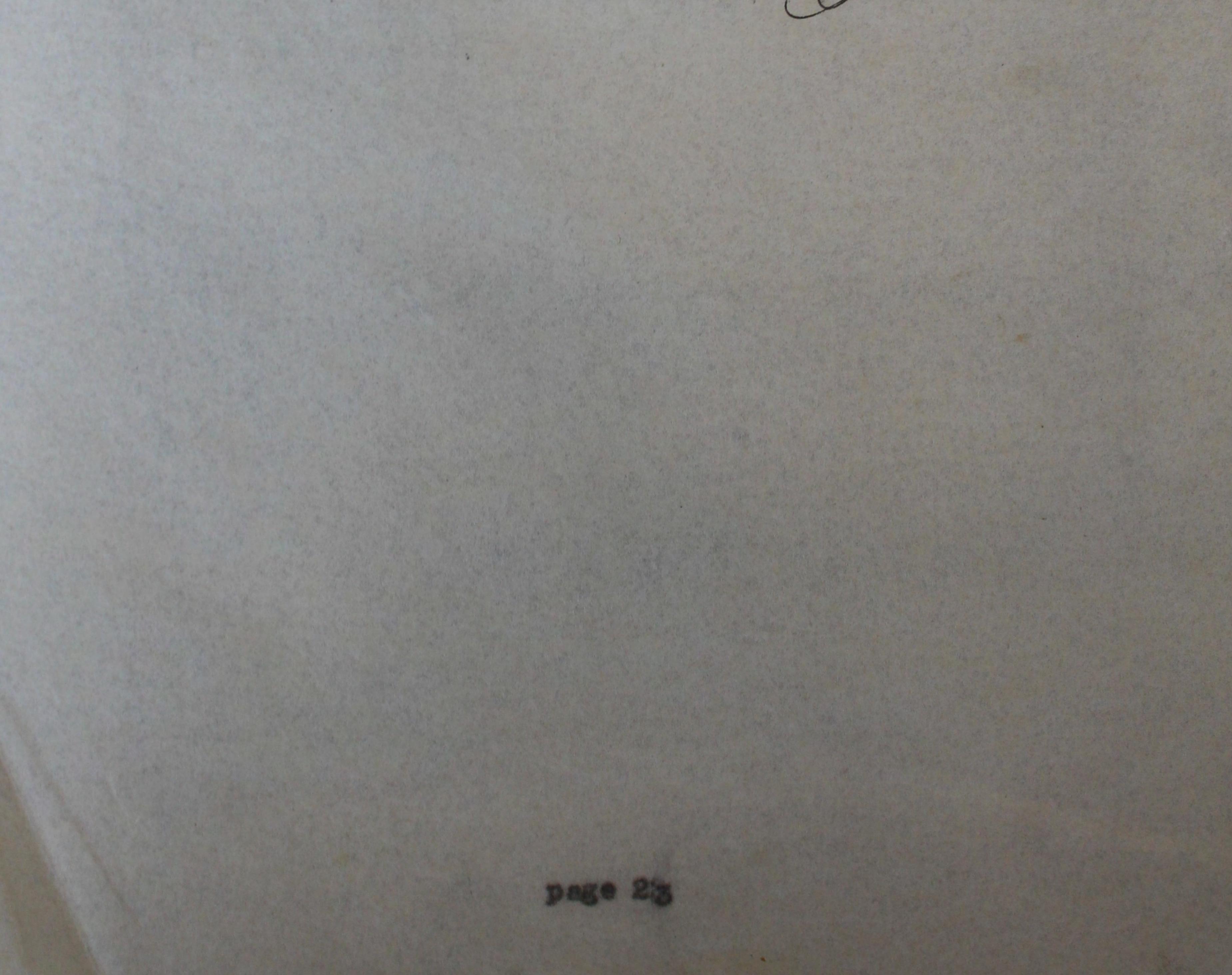


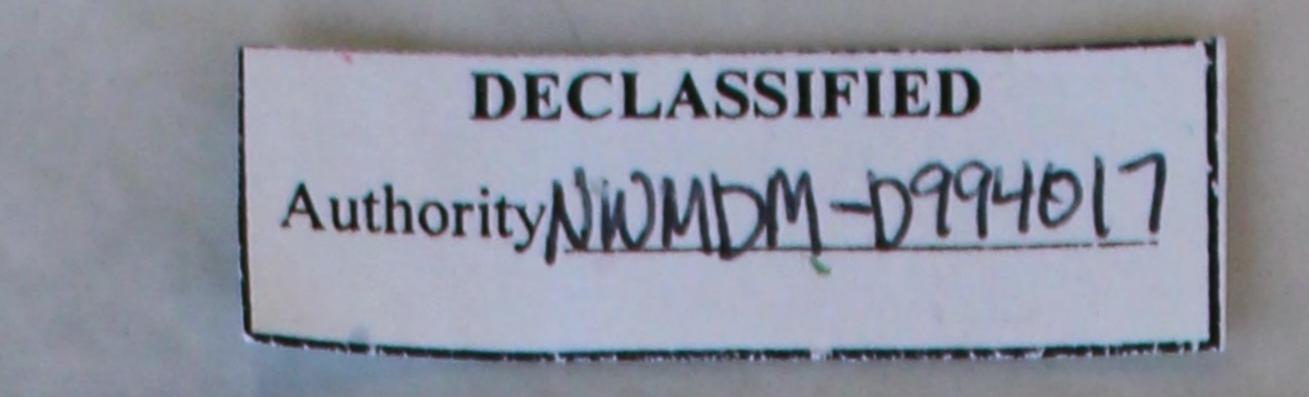
Marine Airoraft Ming F.M.F.

24 July, 1942.

Strength 29 Officers, 272 Enlisted. Planes assigned--19. Planes in Commission--9. Planes in transit 3.

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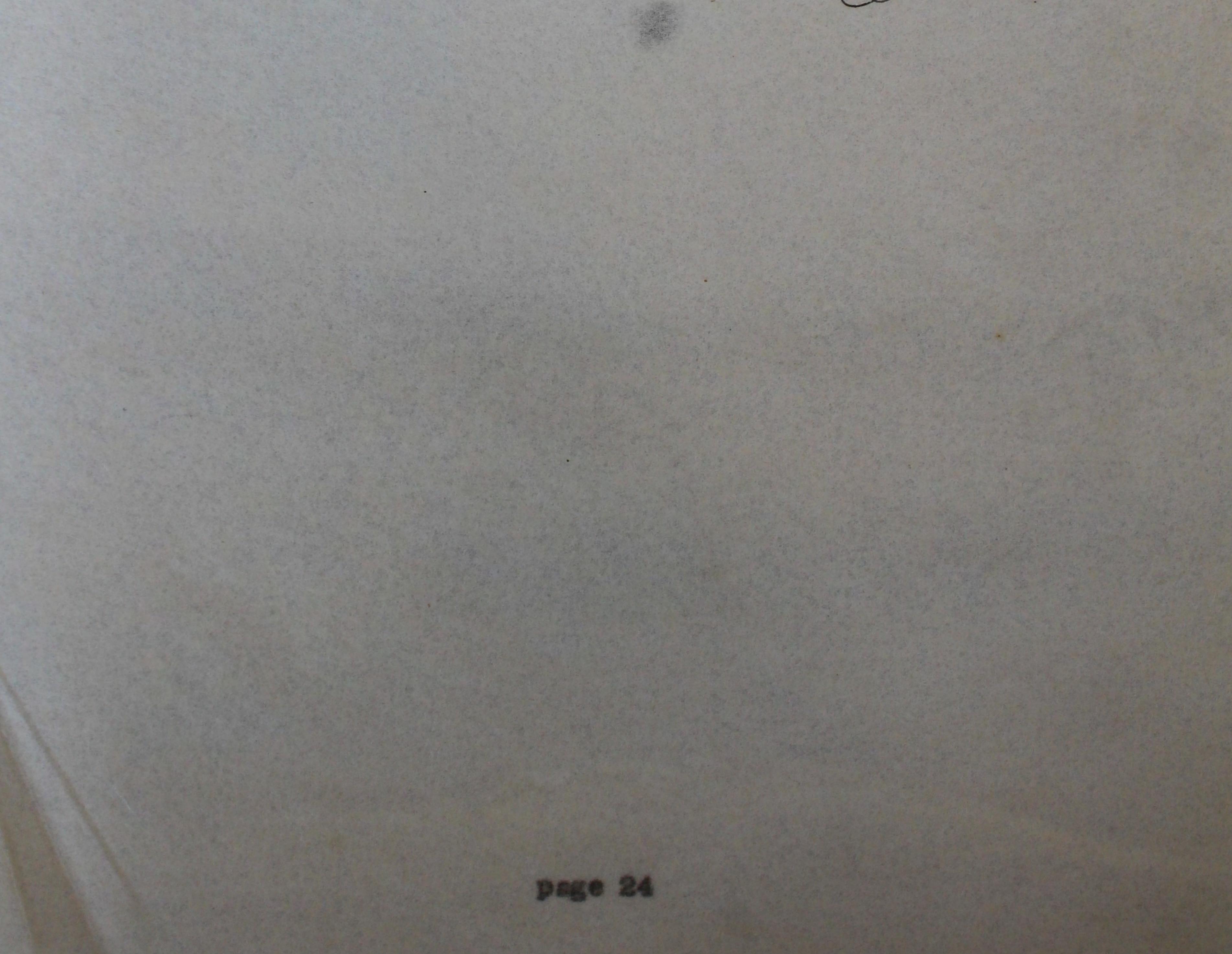
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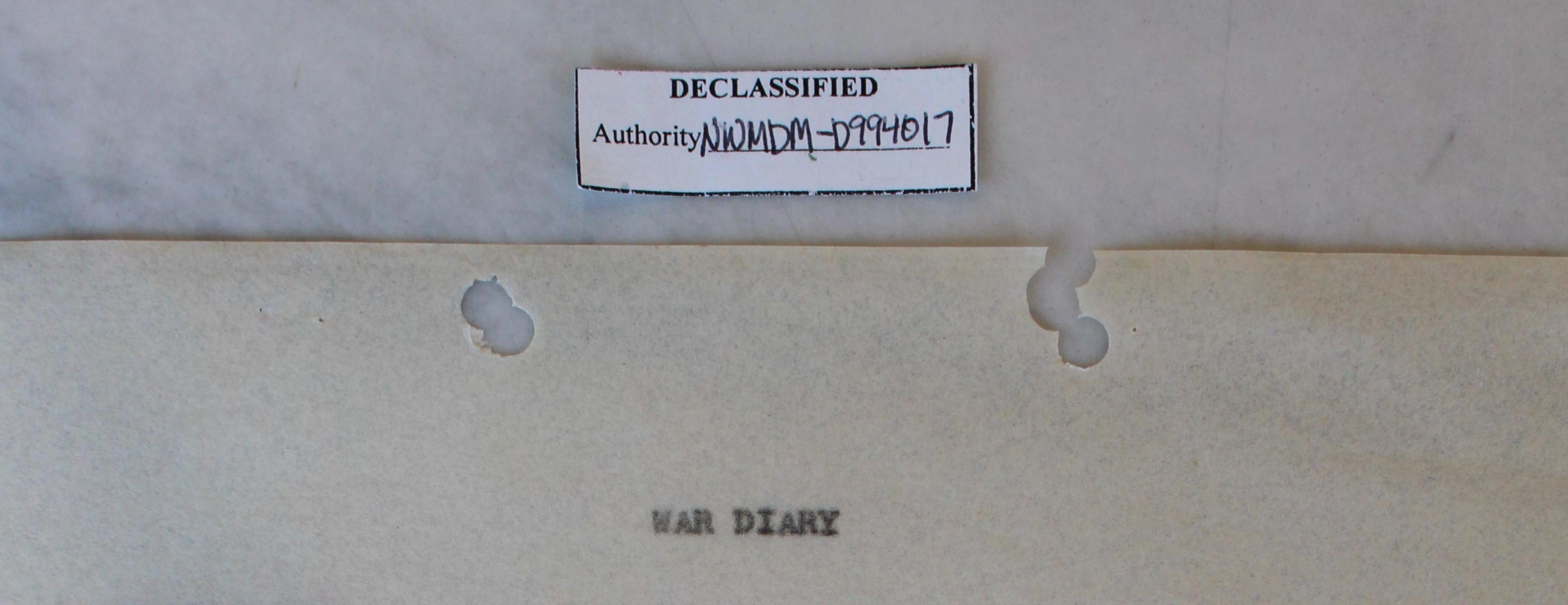
# Strength-29 Officers, 272 Enlisted. Lt. Col. Hart and Lt.

Platt returned from inspection tour.



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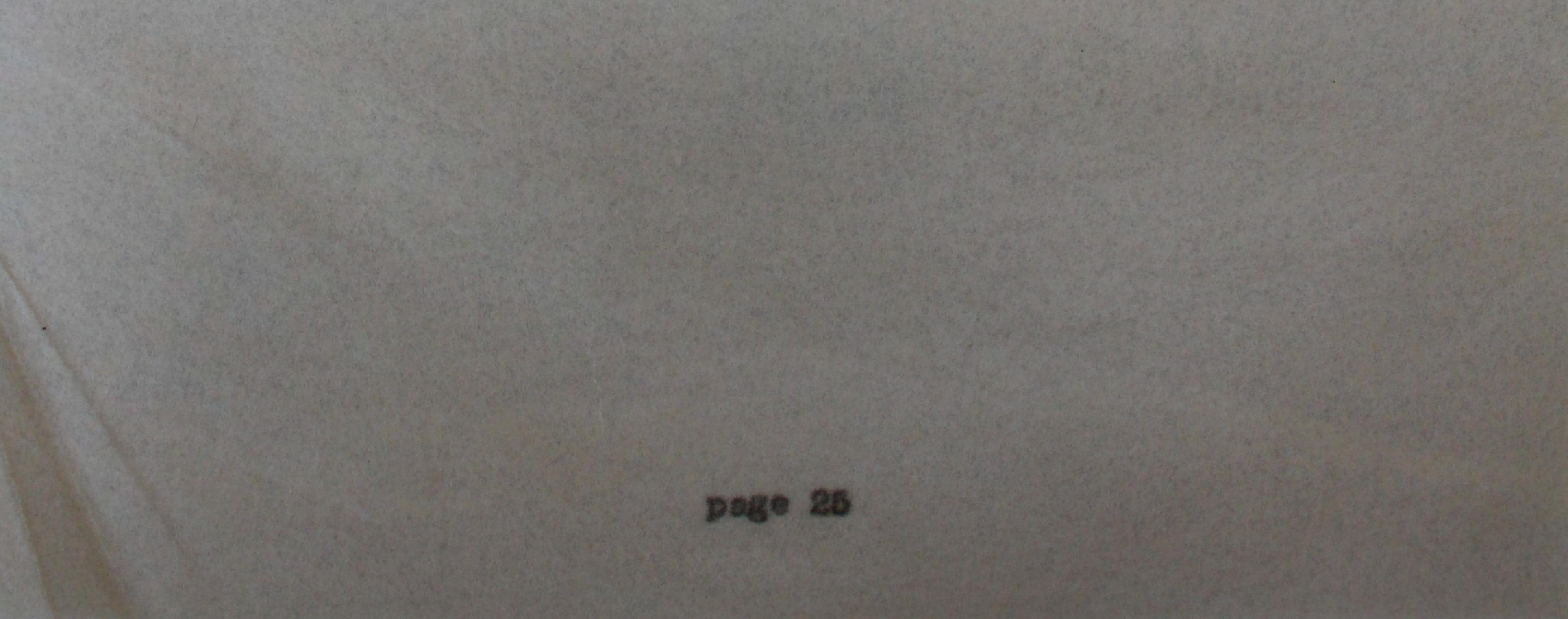


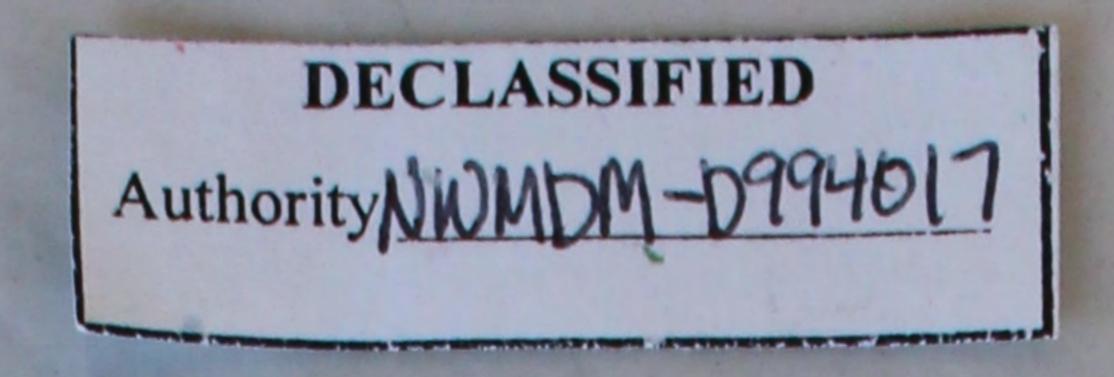


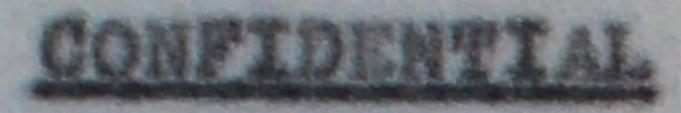
26 July, 1942.

Strength 29 Officers, 272 Enlisted. Planes in commission--11. Captain Adams returned from The Army hospital.

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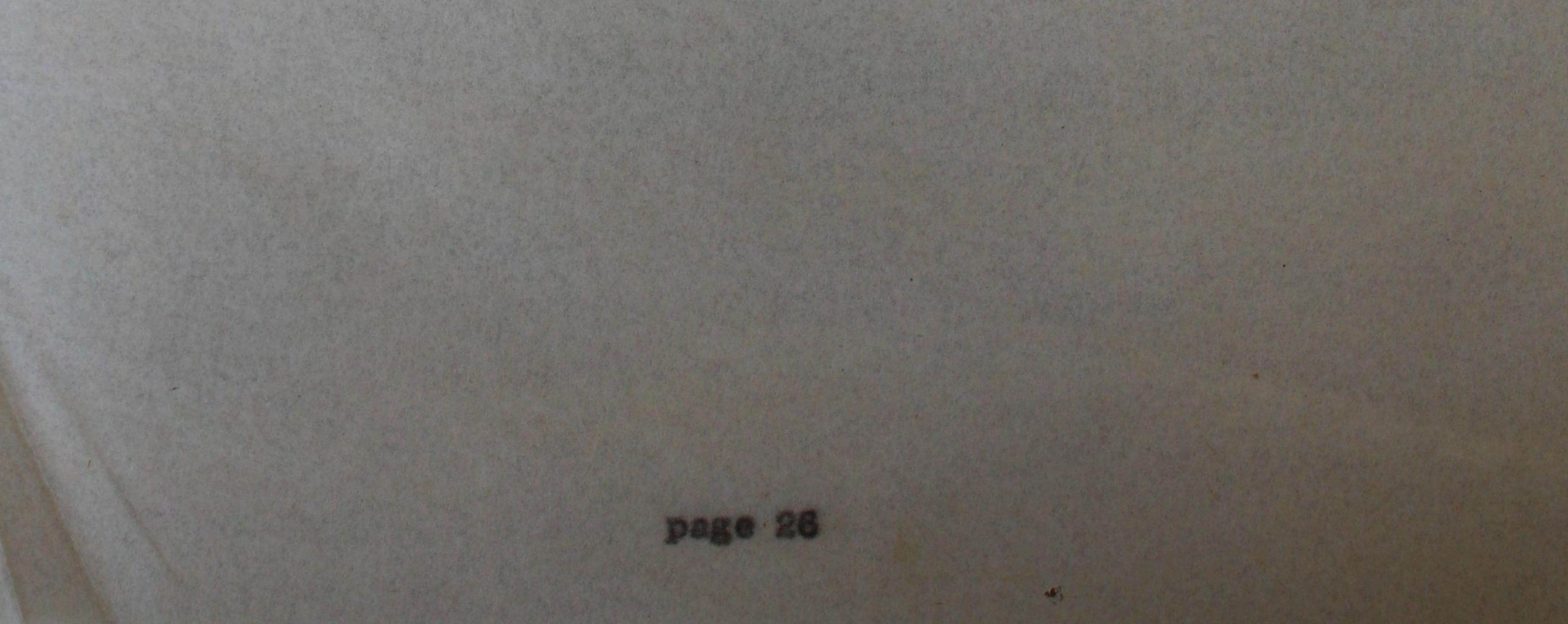


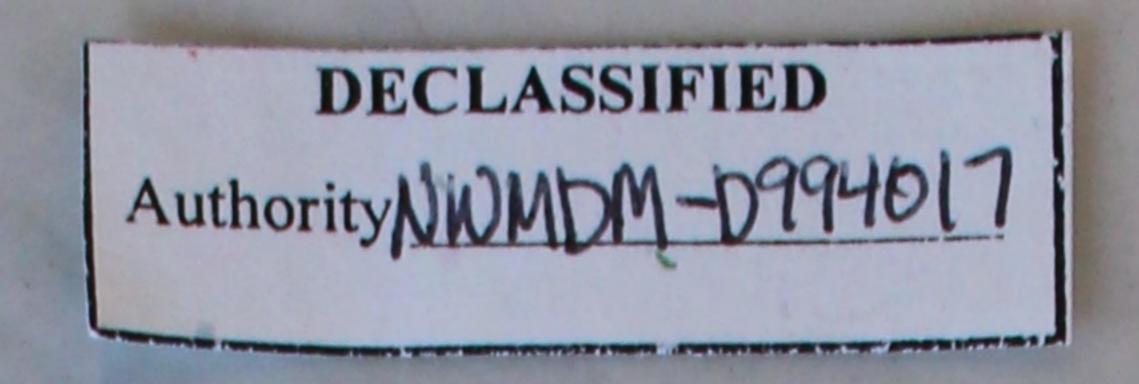


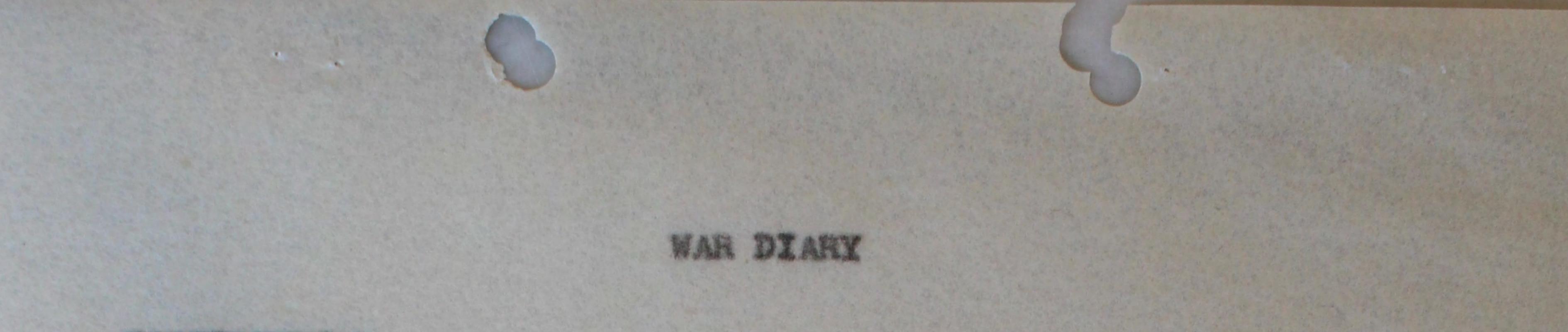
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27 July. 1942. Strength 29 Officers, 272 Enlisted. Planes in Commission--7. Orders in memorandum form were drawn up for tentative moving planes to new operating area.

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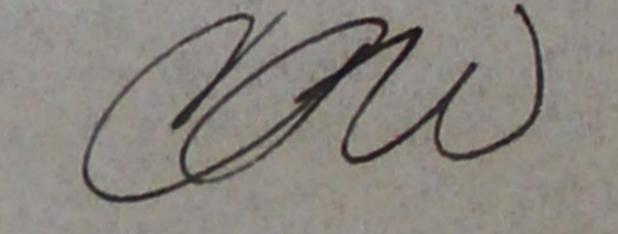


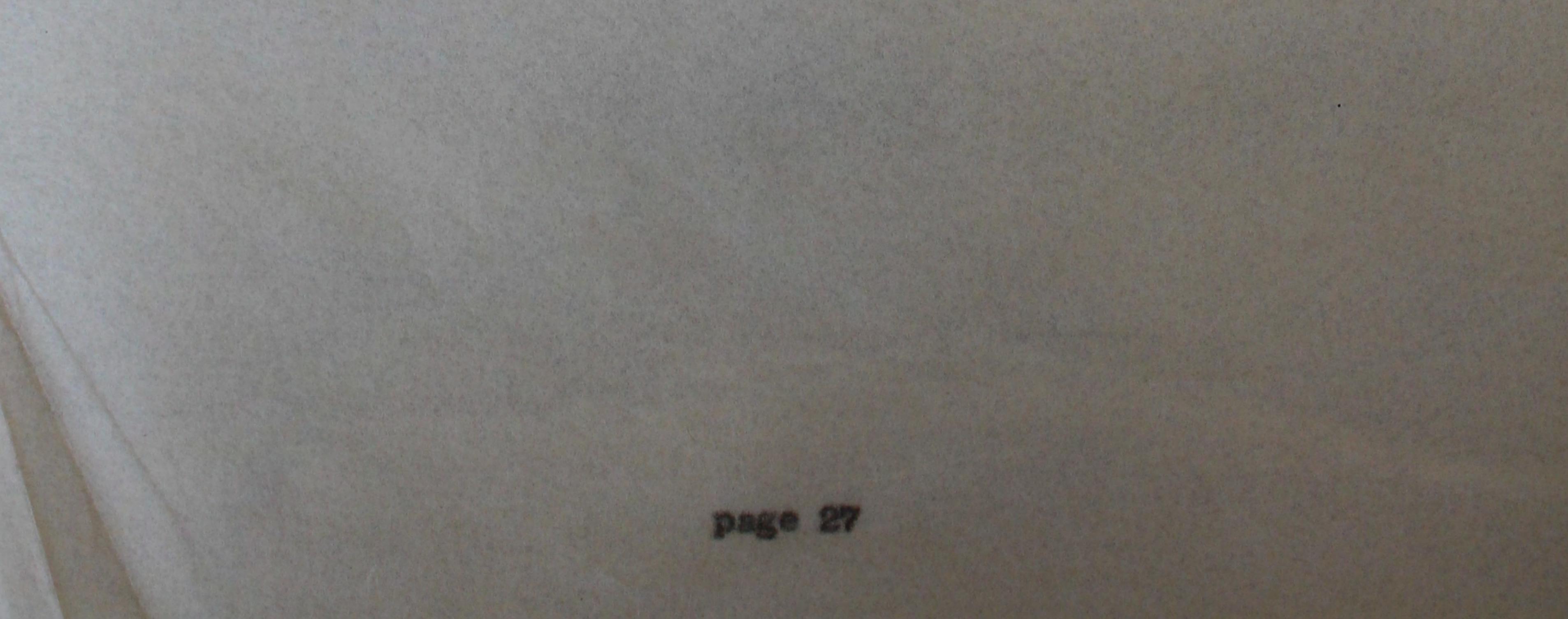


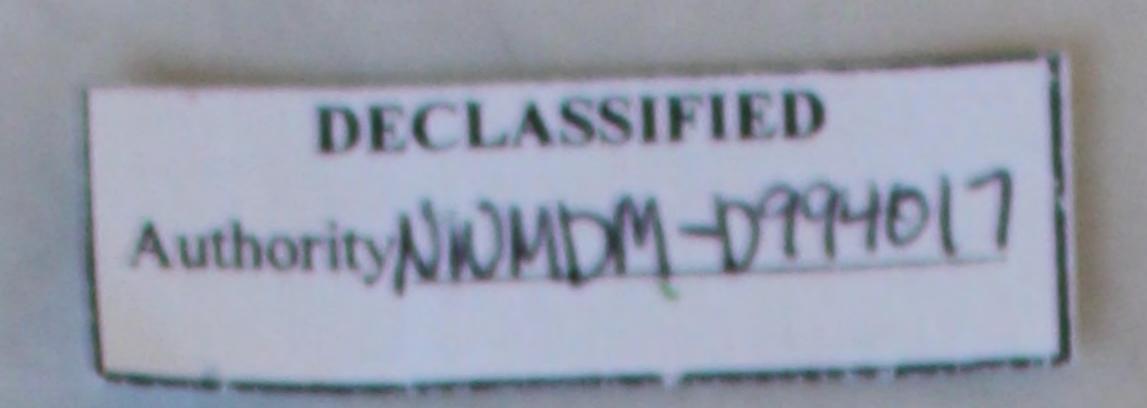
#### 28 July, 1942.

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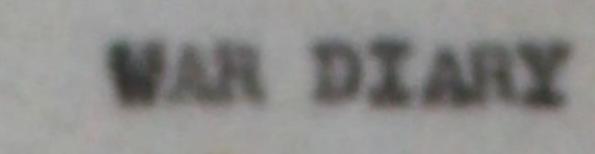
Strength 29 Officers, 272 Enlisted. Normal working routine. Captain Yeaman ground looped F4F-3. Damage to propeller. No injury to personnel. Propeller replacement secured from the U.S.S. Curtiss.







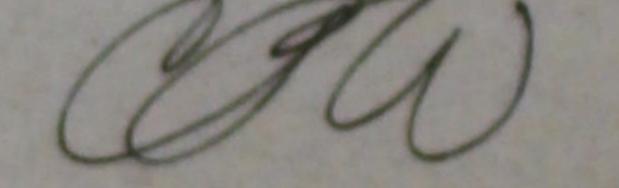


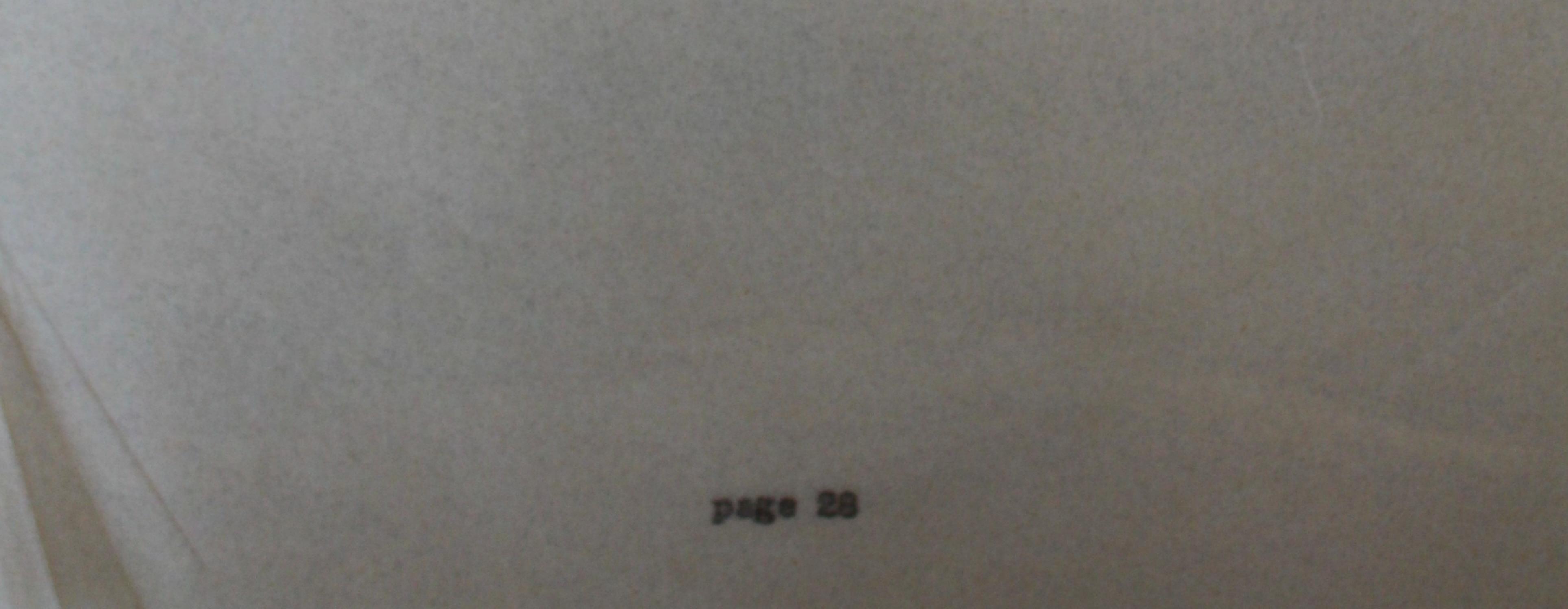


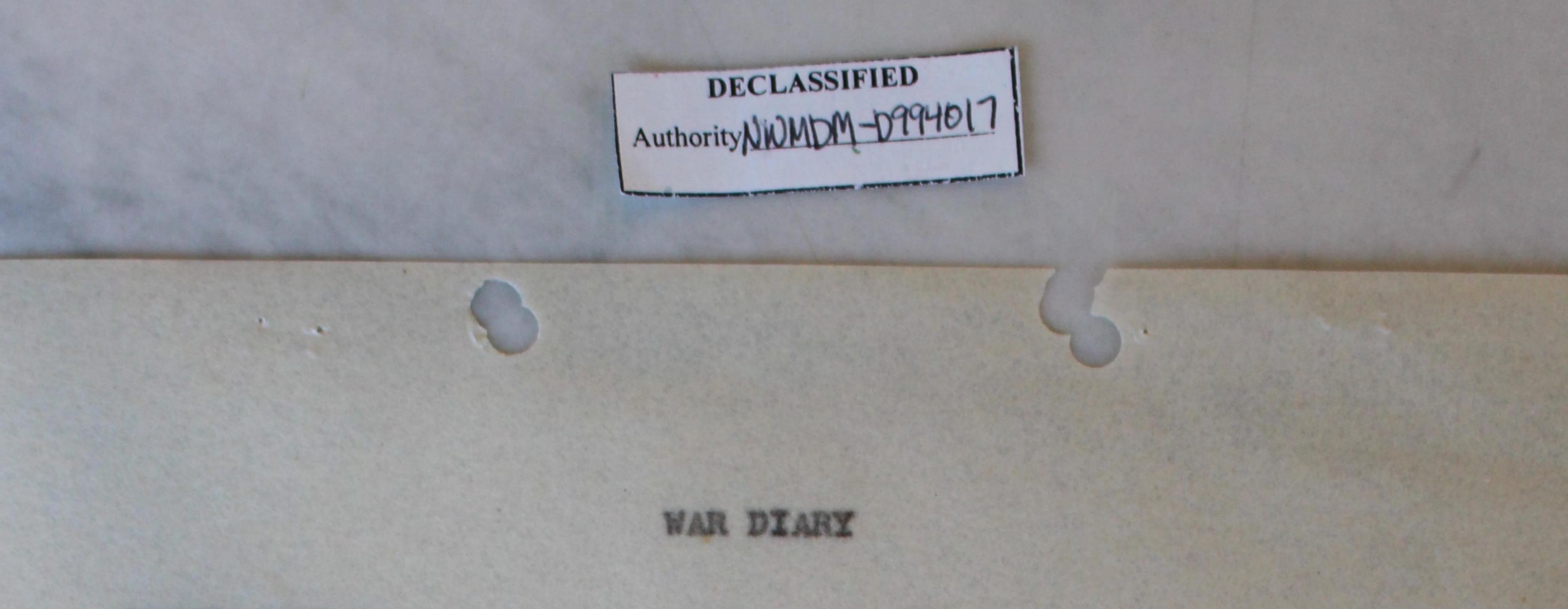


#### 29 July, 1942.

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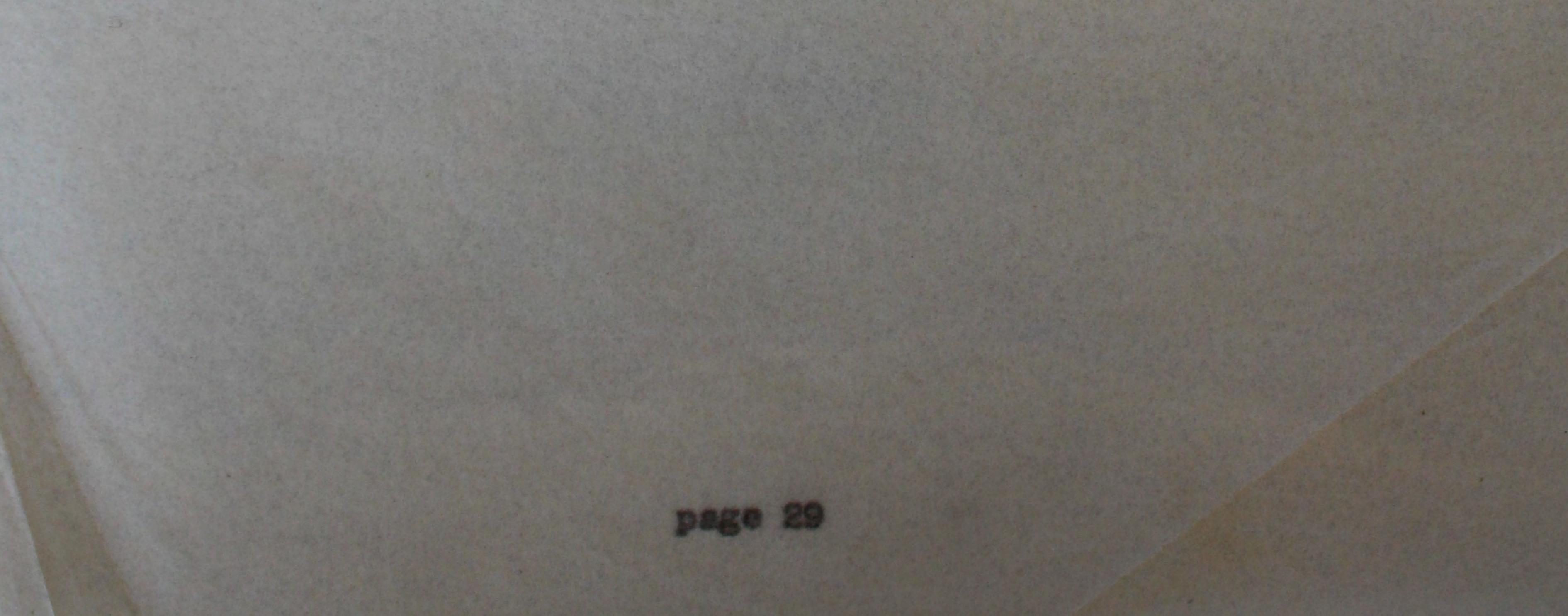


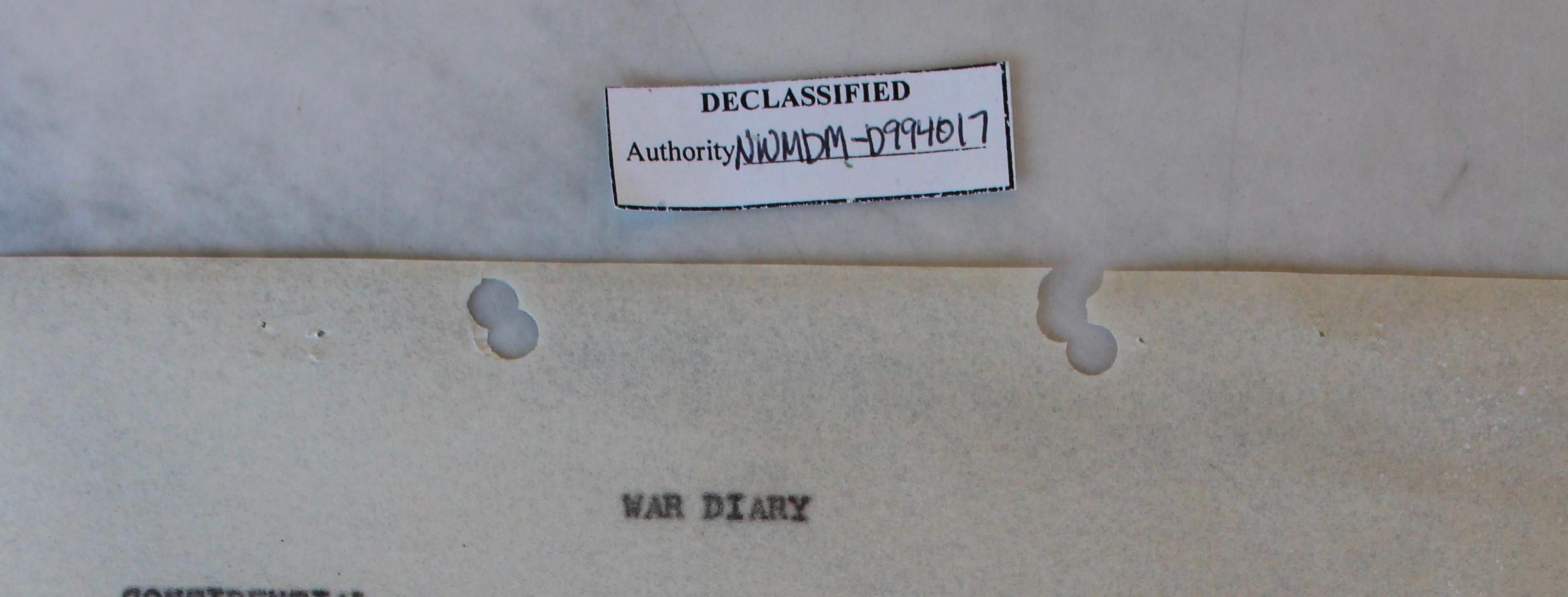


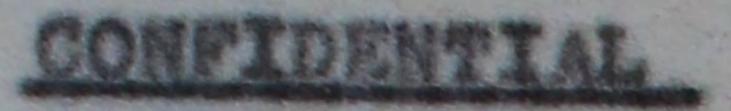
30 July, 1942.

Strength 29 Officers, 272 Enlisted. Planes assigned 18, Planes in commission 13, Planes in transit 3. Operations begun to move to new operating area. Army transportation to be used between camp and the docks.

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31 July 1948.

Strength 29 Officers, 272 Enlisted. Exodus to docks. All facilities dismantled and trucks used to move equipment and property to dock.

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