START ═══ FIRST ═══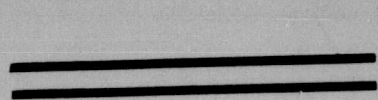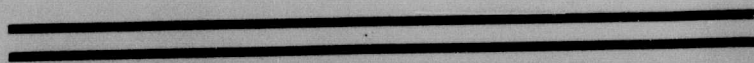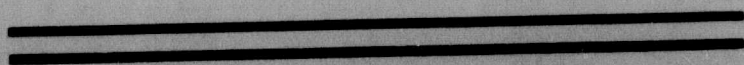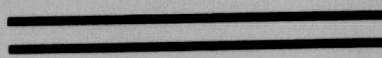 SIDE