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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT



I. GENERAL

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II. OW	N AIRCRA	FT OFFICIA		ERED BY T	HIS REPO	ORT.		· ·		
TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)	BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)		FUZE, SETTING (g)			
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IV. EN	IEMY AIRC	CRAFT OBSE	RVED OR I	ENGAGED (Aircraft	Listed in 11	Only).		1-1
TYPE	OBSERVED	NO. ENGAGING	TIME ENCOUNTER		(e) ATION OF COUNTER		BOMBS, TORPE GUNS O	DOES CARRIED; BSERVED	CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING	
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h) Appare	nt Fnemy A	Aission(s)	(Z0	NE)						
Did An	nt Enemy A y Part of									
i) Did An	y Part of ter(s) Occu	ur in Clouds?		If so Desc	cribe Clou	ids	(BASE IN	N FEET, TYPE A	ND TENTHS OF COV	ER)
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REPORT No. VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). (d)
WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE (e)
EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,
(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) (b) (a) TYPE OWN A/C SQUADRON 6 9 10 12 13 14 VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). (d) (e) (c) (b) (a) CAUSE CONDITION OR STATUS NAME, RANK OR RATING SQUADRON NONE VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED AV FUEL AV. HOURS AV FUEL (h) (a) MILES NO. OF PLANES TYPE 20MM A/C OUT RETURN IN AIR LOADED CONSUMED .50 MM RETURNING TELS 68 60 1100 4.2 320 SAY 880 IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line). MEAGER MODERATE INTENSE CALIBER . NONE HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

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SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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	XI. ATTACK ON EN	EMY SHUPS OR	GROUND OBJECT	THES By Ow	n Aircraft Listed	in II Only)	•	
(a)	Target(s) and Location		S INCLUDE ALL IN AREA	7				(Zone)
(c)	Clouds Over Target		tCumulus- 8/					
(d)	Visibility of Target	(CLEAR, HAZ	Y, PARTIALLY OBSCURED	BY CLOUDS, ETC	(e) \	/isibility	(MILES)	
(f)	Bombing Tactics: Type	3 planes -	(LEVEL. GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight Us	ed Mark	O cunsich	200 yds.
	Bombs Dropped per Rur	1 Plane (NUMBER	Spacing_	(FEET)	Altitude	of Bomb Rele	ease 1000 (FE	ft.
(g)	Number of Enemy Airc	craft Hit on Gro	und: Destroyed	Pro	bably Destroyed_	None	_ Damaged	Hone
	(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	4 ROWR? VIV	(I) D AMMUNITION CH AIMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (Non serious, destroyed	
1	Caves in 8796, 8795,8895 areas		5 TBM VC-93	_	Olb. GP. '(HE) HVAE	Nany.	Slight	
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(p) Were Photographs Taken?_____Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

⁽o) RESULTS: (For all hits claimed on ship targets and for land targets of special interest, draw diagram, top or side view or both, as appropriate, showing type and location of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary).

Except for the closing of caves little damage could be noted. However, after the attack, the Air Coordinator reported that he saw 2 trucks burning, and that they appeared to be partially buried in revetments along the side of the road.

REPORT No. 12

XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment freely, following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY OWN AIRCRAFT

Altitudes
Speeds
Approach Tactics
Use of Cover, Deception
Angles of Attack and
Their Effectiveness
Distance of Opening Fire
Defense Tactics and
Their Effectiveness

ENEMY AIRCRAFT

Method of Locating, Distance Disposition Altitudes Speeds Approach Tactics Use of Cover, Deception Angles of Attack Distance of Opening Fire Defensive Tactics

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Own Weaknesses
Enemy Weaknesses
Offensive Tactics, Own
", Enemy
Defensive Tactics, Own
", Enemy
Flexible Gunnery, Own
Escort Tactics
Fighter Direction
Use of Radar
Night Fighting
Recognition, Aircraft

ATTACK OWN TACTICS

Method of Locating Target
Approach to Target
Altitudes, Speeds
Approach
Dive
Pull-Out
Dive Angle
Strafing
Retirement
Defensive Tactics

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Use of Jamming

Evasive Tactics, Ships Concealment Searchlights Night Fighter Tactics Use of Jamming

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Bombing Tactics
Torpedo Tactics
Effectiveness of
Bombs, Torpedoes
Selection of Targets
Fuzing
Strafing Tactics
Defensive Tactics
Use of Radar
Reconnaissance
Photography
Briefing

OPERATIONAL

Navigation
Homing
Rendezvous
Recognition, Ships
Communications
Flight Operations
Search and Tracking
Base Operations
Maintenance

5 VT launched as part of a direct support group of 12 VF and 9 VT assigned to the III Amphib. Corps some of action on Okinawa. Due to the paucity of targets in the Marine Corps area the 5 VT were directed to search for targets of opportunity. Most of the time on station was spent in flying over the target at low altitude but in spite of diligent search no new targets could be spotted and there was no evidence of enemy activity noted.

Accordingly, the 5 VI were directed to expend all armsment on the caves in areas 8795, 8796, and 8895. There were direct hits on some of the caves and others were demaged but aside from this, no damage to the enemy could be noted.

Although those cave areas have been repeatedly attacked by successive direct support groups the continuing attacks were probably justified because there were many hundreds of caves in the area and many of them no doubt contained enemy personnel or installations. For instance, the Air Coordinator after this attack reported that he saw two trucks burning which appeared to be half buried in revetments along the side of the read.

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.

Use additional sheets if necessary).

ARMAMENT

Guns, Gunsights
Turrets
Ammunition
Bombs, Torpedoes
Bomb Sights
Bomb Releases

COMMUNICATIONS

Radio, Radar Homing Devices Visual Signals Codes, Ciphers

RECOGNITION

IFF Signals Battle Lights Procedures

PROTECTION

Armor; Points and Angles of Fire Needing Further . Protection Leak Proofing

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

Parachutes Life Belts, Life Rafts Safety Belts Emergency Kits Rations, First Aid

NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT

Compasses
Driftsights
Octants
Automatic Pilots
Charts
Field Lighting

INSTRUMENTS

Flight Power Plant

OXYGEN SYSTEM

CAMOUFLAGE AND DECEPTION DEVICES

STRUCTURE

Airframe
Control Surfaces
Control System
Dive Flaps
Landing Gear
Heating System
Flight Characteristics
At Various Loadings

POWER PLANT

Engines
Engine Accessories
Propellers
Lubricating System
Starters
Exhaust Dampers

HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Auxiliary Plant Lights

FUEL SYSTEM

FLIGHT CLOTHING

MAINTENANCE

BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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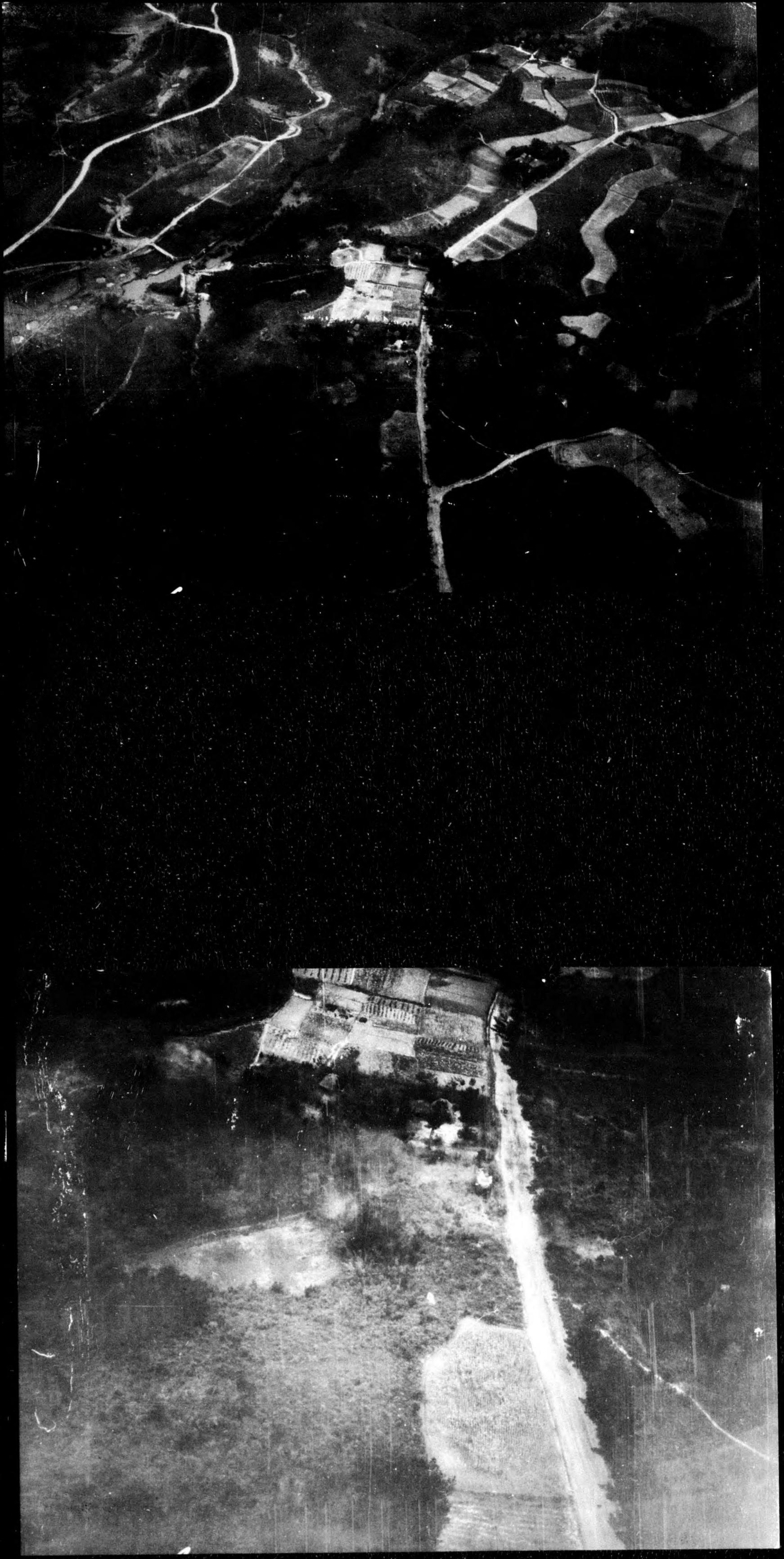
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GIVE COMPLETE STORY OF PICTURE

hometown; DETAILS of occasion or action; ALTITUDE flown and FOCAL LENGTH of lens Vames, with initials in all aerial photos). include followi ng where applicable: or first names, rank

VAVY PHOTOGRAPH.



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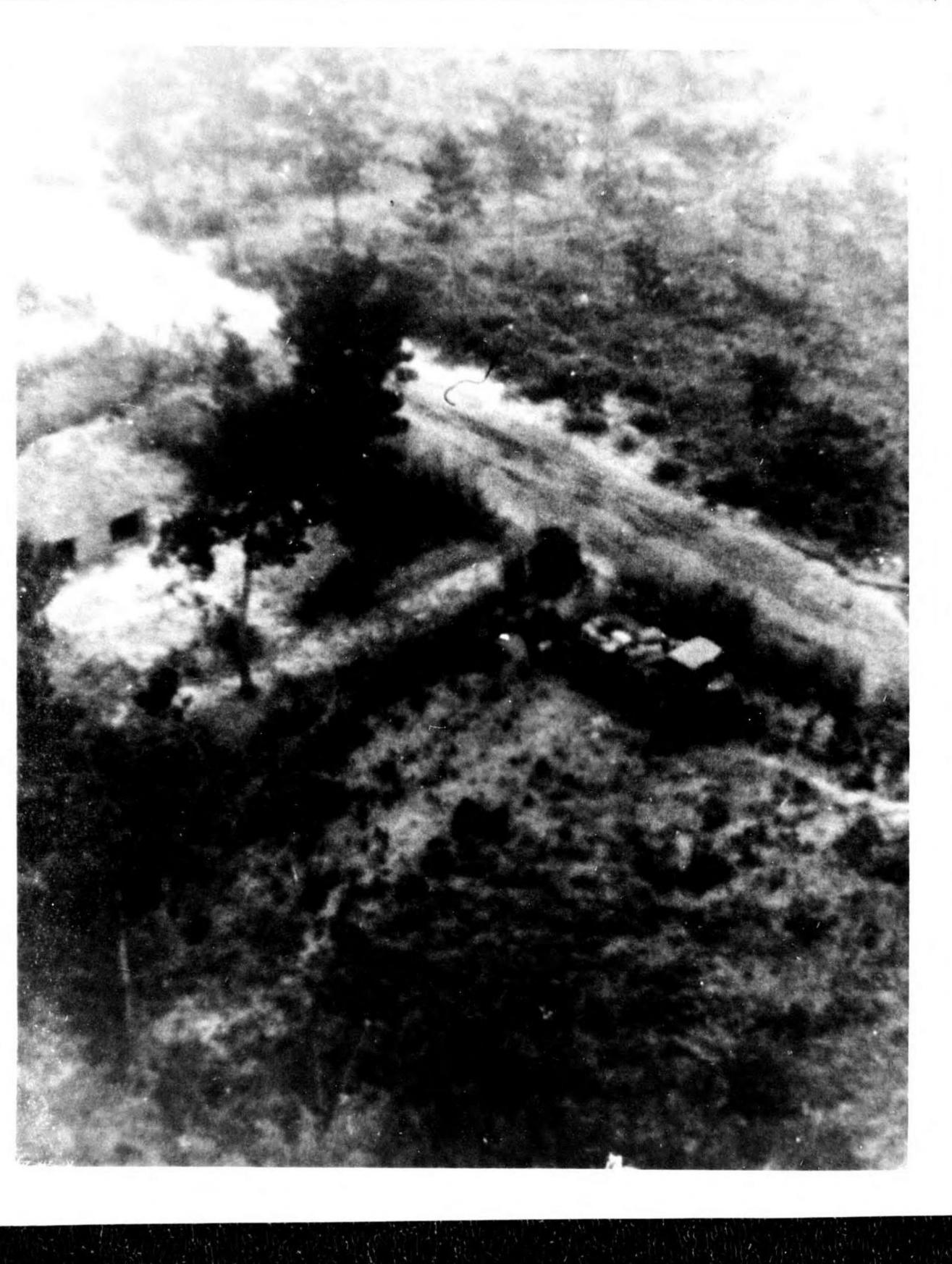
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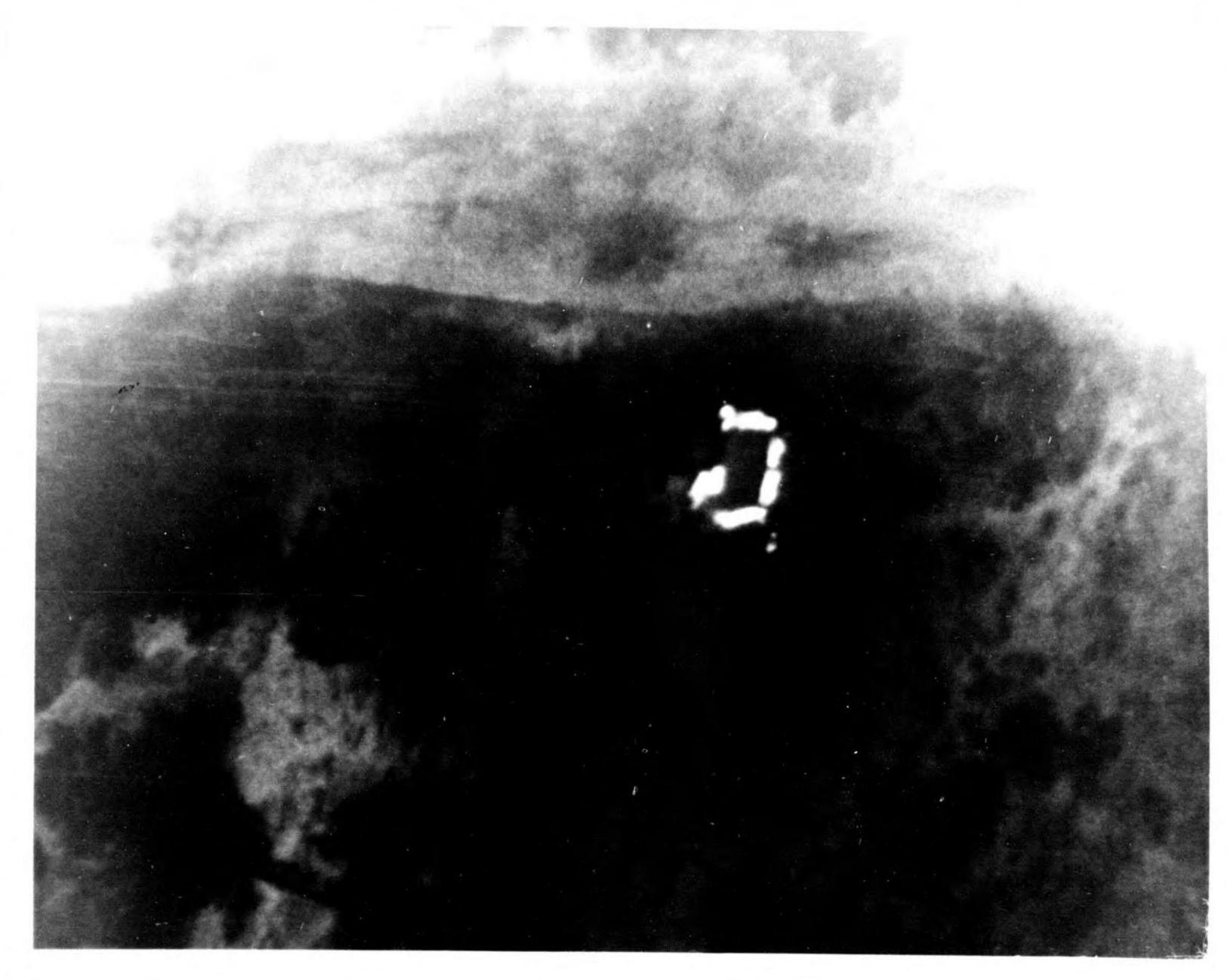
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