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18 Infantry Brigade
September 1942, Appendices,
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6. (Dur-6)(5 Dec. 42)(BUNA MISSION)(2,800-6 $\frac{3}{8}$ " F.L.

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6. (Dur-6) (5 Dec. 42) (Buna Mission) (2800-6 3/8" F.L.)



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6. (Dur-6) (5 Dec. 42) (BUNA MISSION) (2800-6 3/8" F.L.)

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6. (DURG) (5 Dec 1942) (BUNA Mission) (2,000' - 6 3/8" F.)

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M/G Trenches & Foxholes

Foxholes

Trench
Strong
Post
Trench

Numerous

Trenches, Foxholes

Foxholes

A/A
with
M/G

M/G



Foxholes

Foxholes

GA 112

179 6(Dur45)(Buna)(30-11-42) 3000FT APROX (6 3/8" FL)

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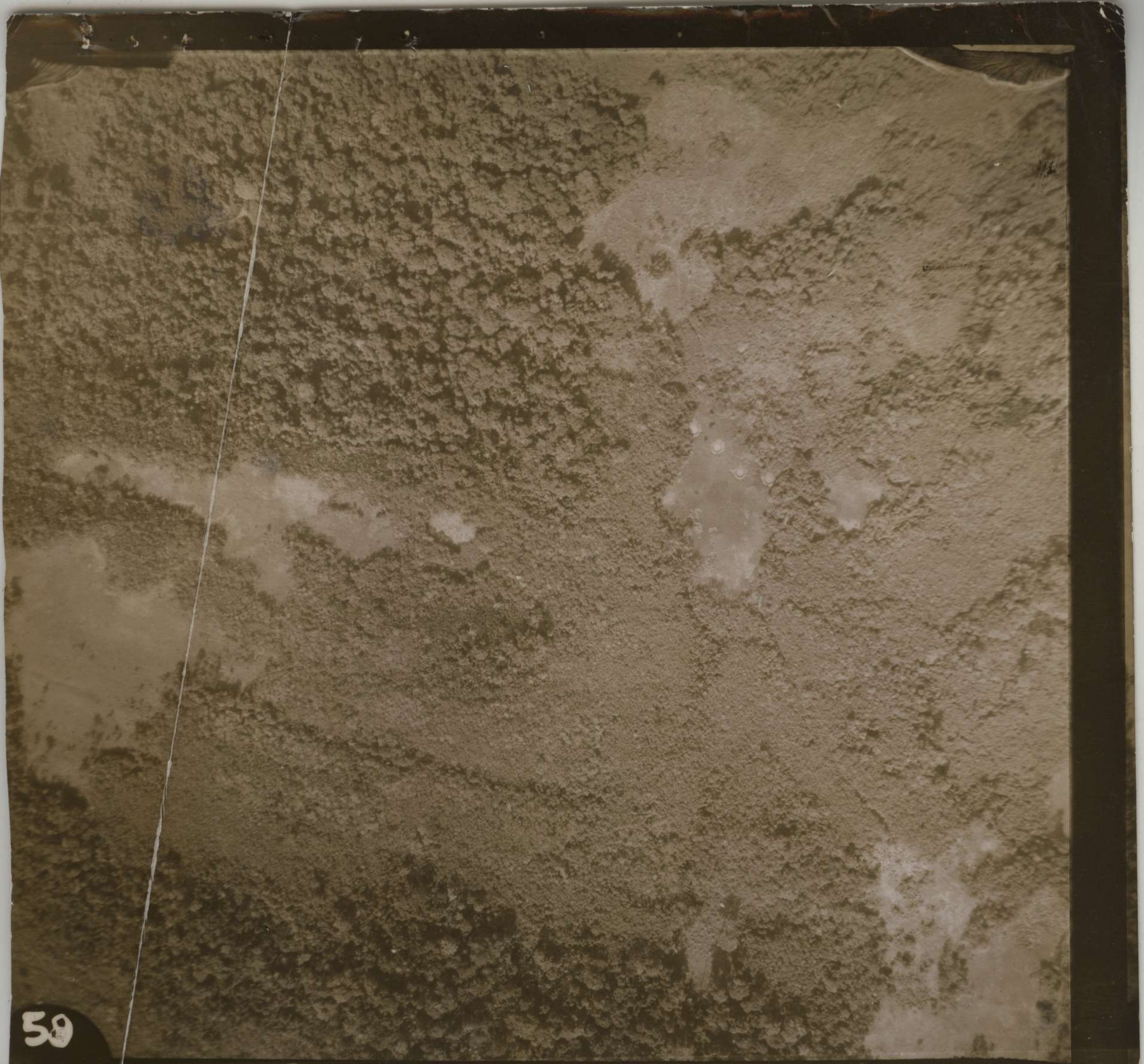
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6. (Dur-6) (5 Dec. 42) (BUNA MISSION) (2,000' - 6 3/8" FL)



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20.12.42 BUNA MISSION - NEW STRIP (INC. GIROPA Pt.) 3000' 5" F.L.

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20.12.42 BUINA MISSION - NEW SIRIP (INC. GIROPA Pt.) 3000' 5" F.L.



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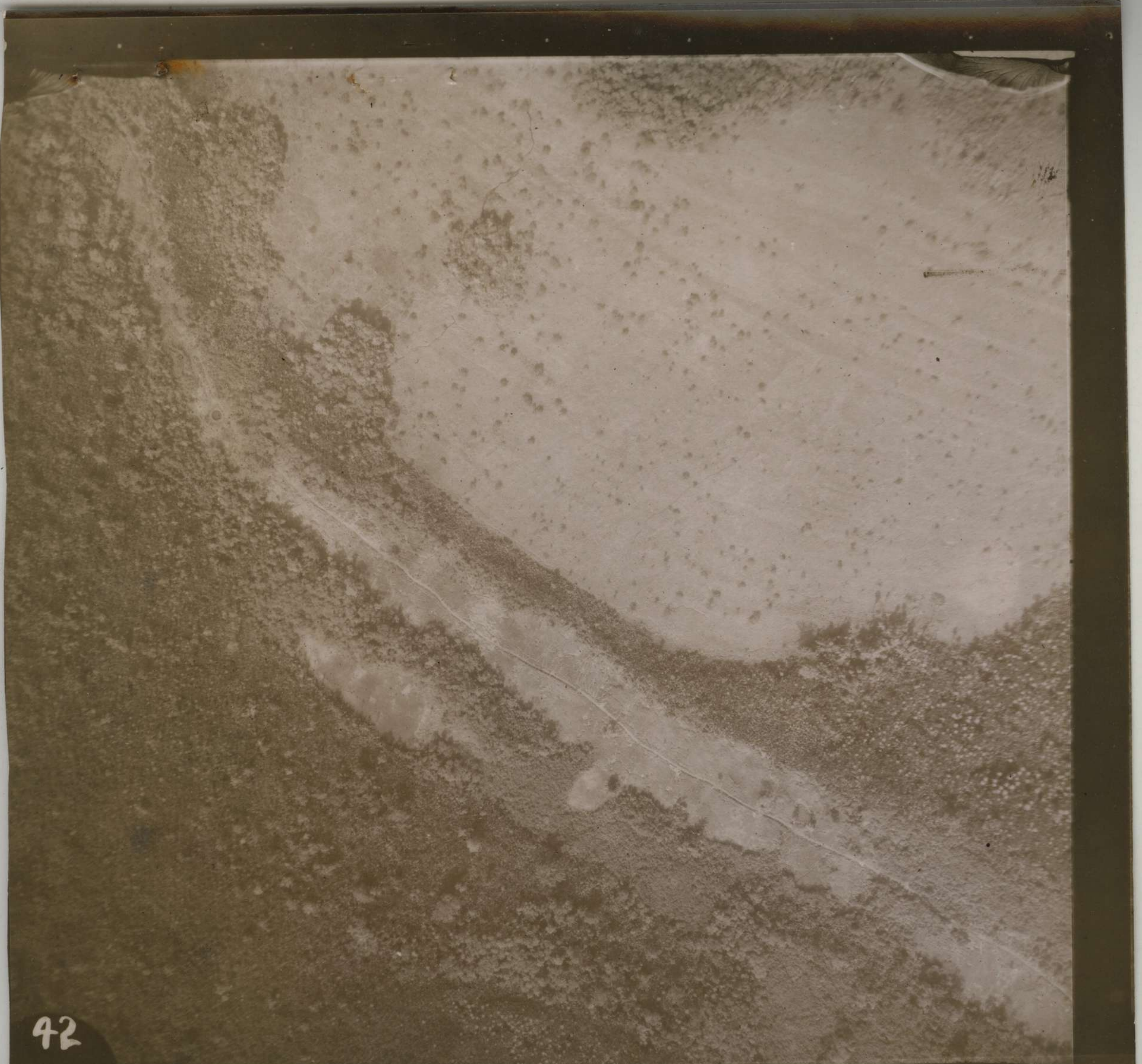


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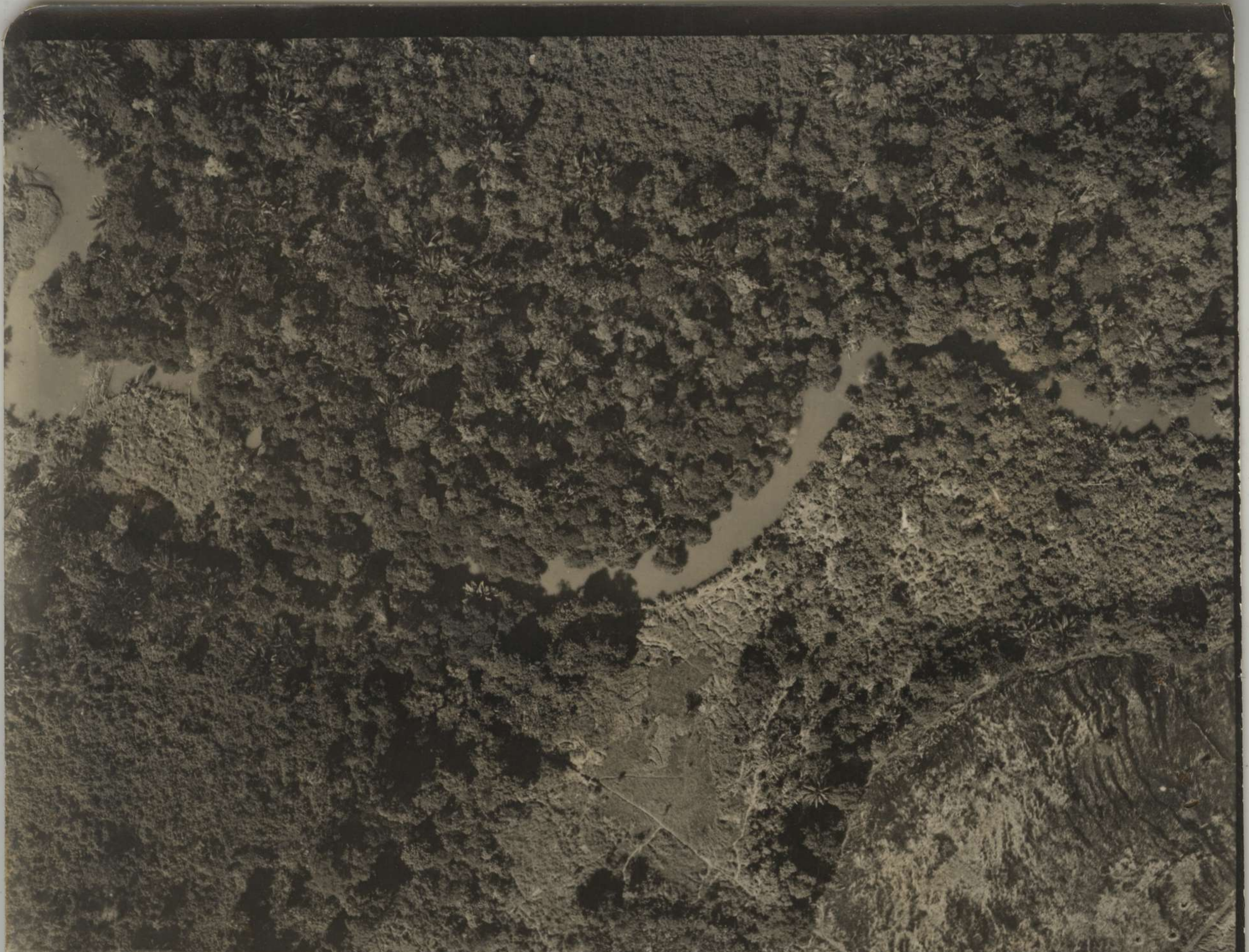
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BUNA
MISSION

BER 24 - BUNA STRIP. Villages. 0900 hrs. 800' $\frac{9}{12}$ / $\frac{42}{42}$ 14" FL.



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6. (DUR-6) (5-DEC-42) (BUNA MISSION) (2,000 - 6 3/8)



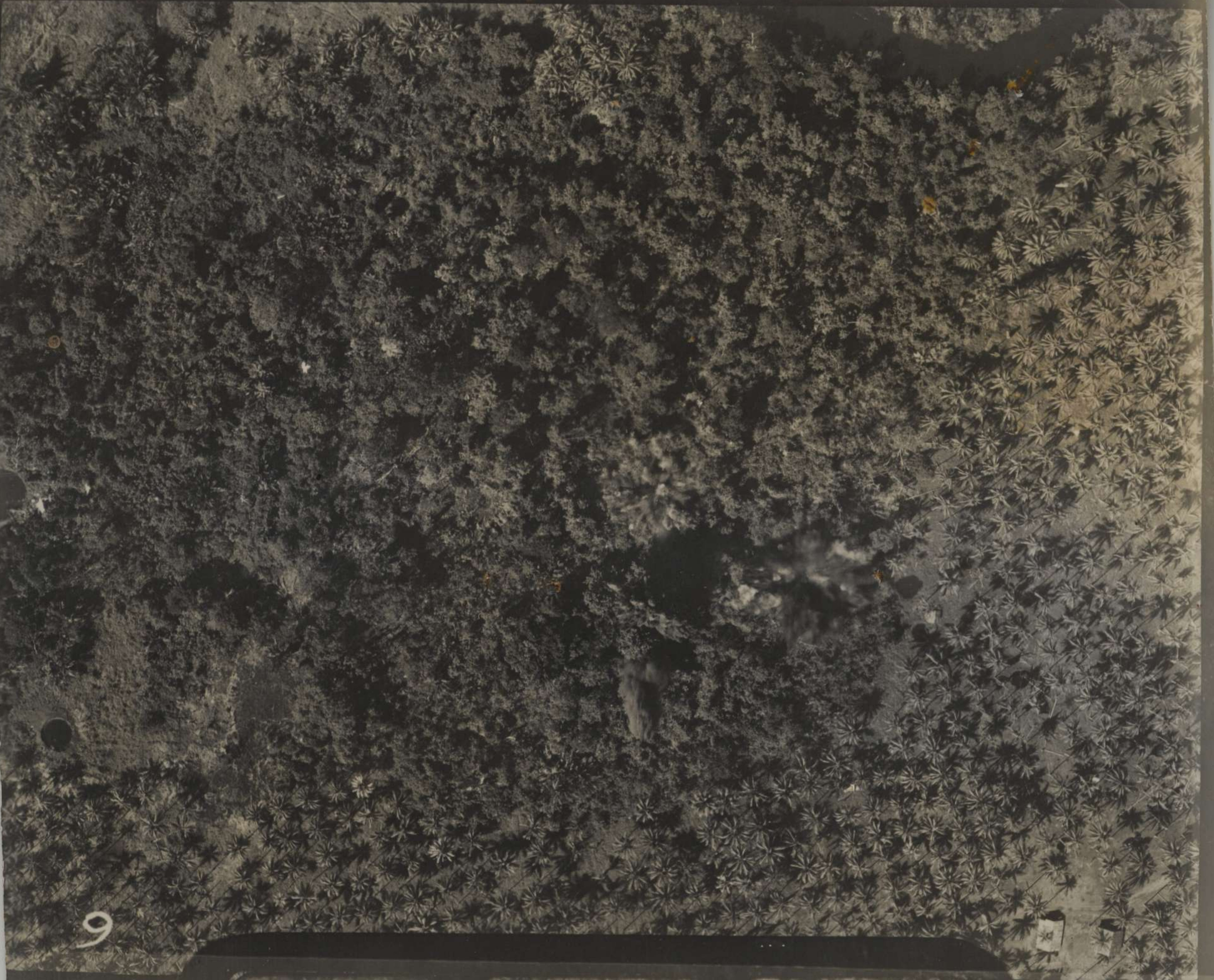
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7 6. (Dur. 6) (5 Dec 42) (Buha Mission Target) (2,000 - 6 3/8" FL)



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6. (DUR. 6) (5 DEC. 42) (BYNA MISSION TARGET) (2,000 - 6 3/8 F.)



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6. (DUR. 6) (5 DEC. 42) (BYNA MISSION TARGET) (2,000 - 6 3/8" F.L.)

EASTMAN KODAK



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20.12.42 BUINA MISSION - NEW STRIP (INC. GIROPA Pt.) 3000' 5" F.L.



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20.12.42 BUNA MISSION - NEW SIRIP (INC. GIROPA Pt.) 3000' 5" F.L.



BER. BUNA MISSION TO END OF COAST STRIP. 1455 HRS. 3000' ASL F.L.

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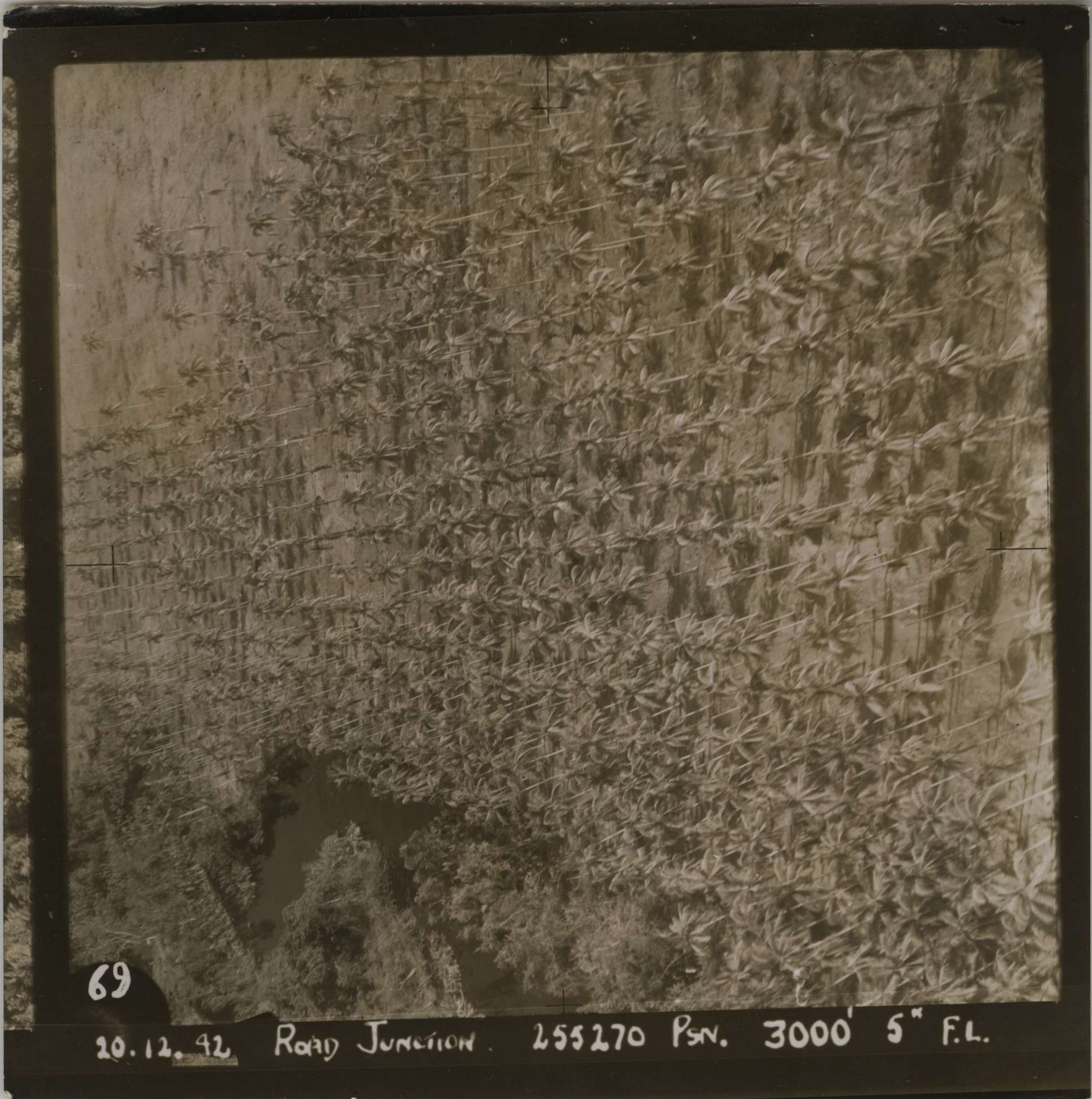
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20.12.12 ROAD JUNCTION 255270 PSN. 3000' 5" F.L.



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20.12.42 ROAD JUNCTION 255270 PSN. 3000' 5" F.L.

17(Dur-45)(Buna)(30-11-42-2:30P)(3000'-6 3/8" (901)

M/G & TRENCHES.

FOXHOLES



A/A WITH M/G

TRENCHES

FOXHOLES

M/G

NUMEROUS FOXHOLES

STRONG POST TRENCH

TRENCH

FOX HOLES.



FOXHOLES

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6(Dur45)(Buna)(30-11-42) 3000 FT APPROX (6 3/8" F.L.)

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20.12.42 ROAD JUNCTION. 255270 PSN. 3000' 5" F.L.

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20.12.42 ROAD JUNCTION 255270 PSN. 3000' 5" F.

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EASTMAN KODAK SAFETY

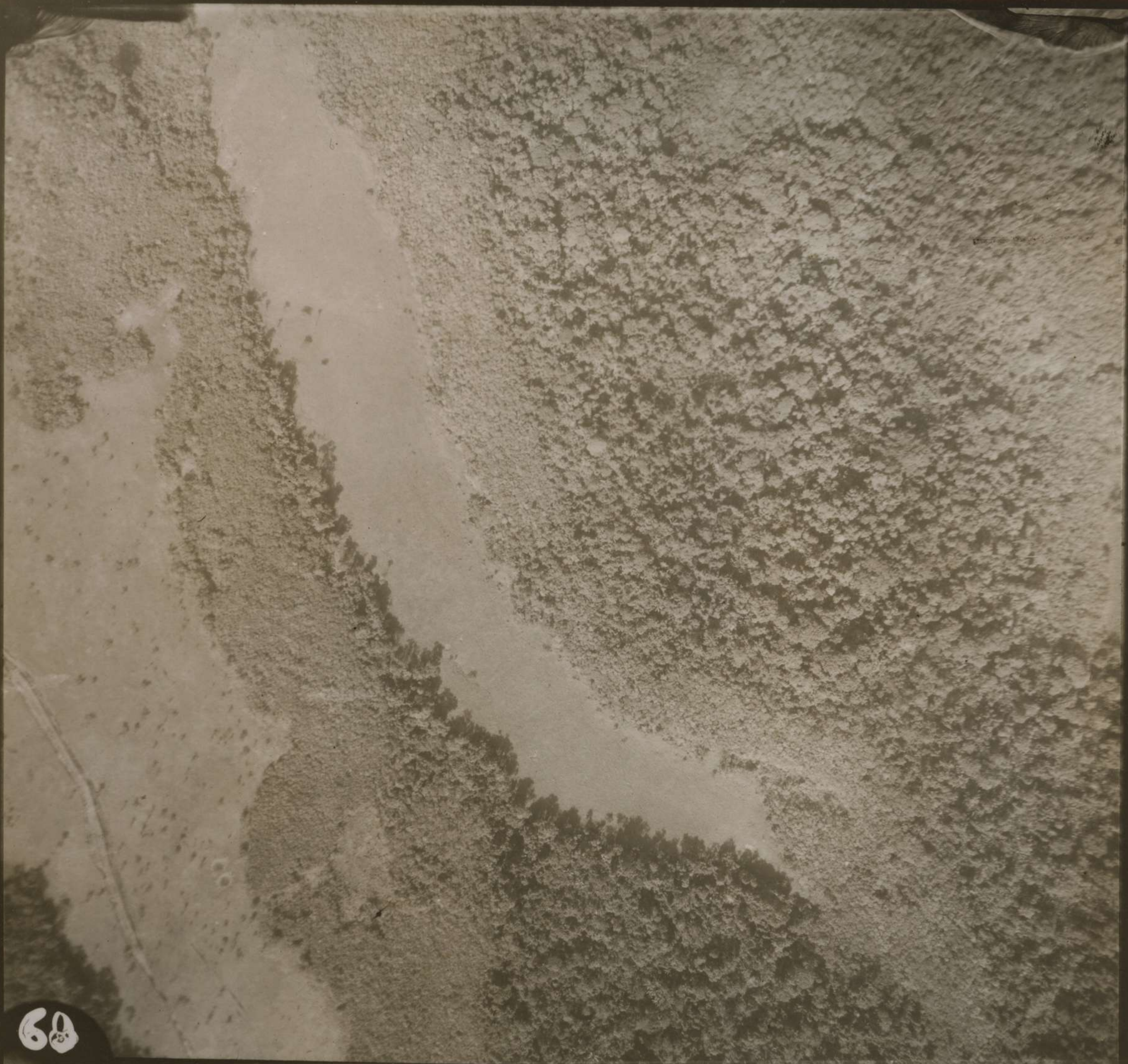
EASTMAN KODAK SAFETY

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6 (DUR-6) (5 Dec. 42) (BUNA MISSION) (2,800' 6 3/8" F.L.)
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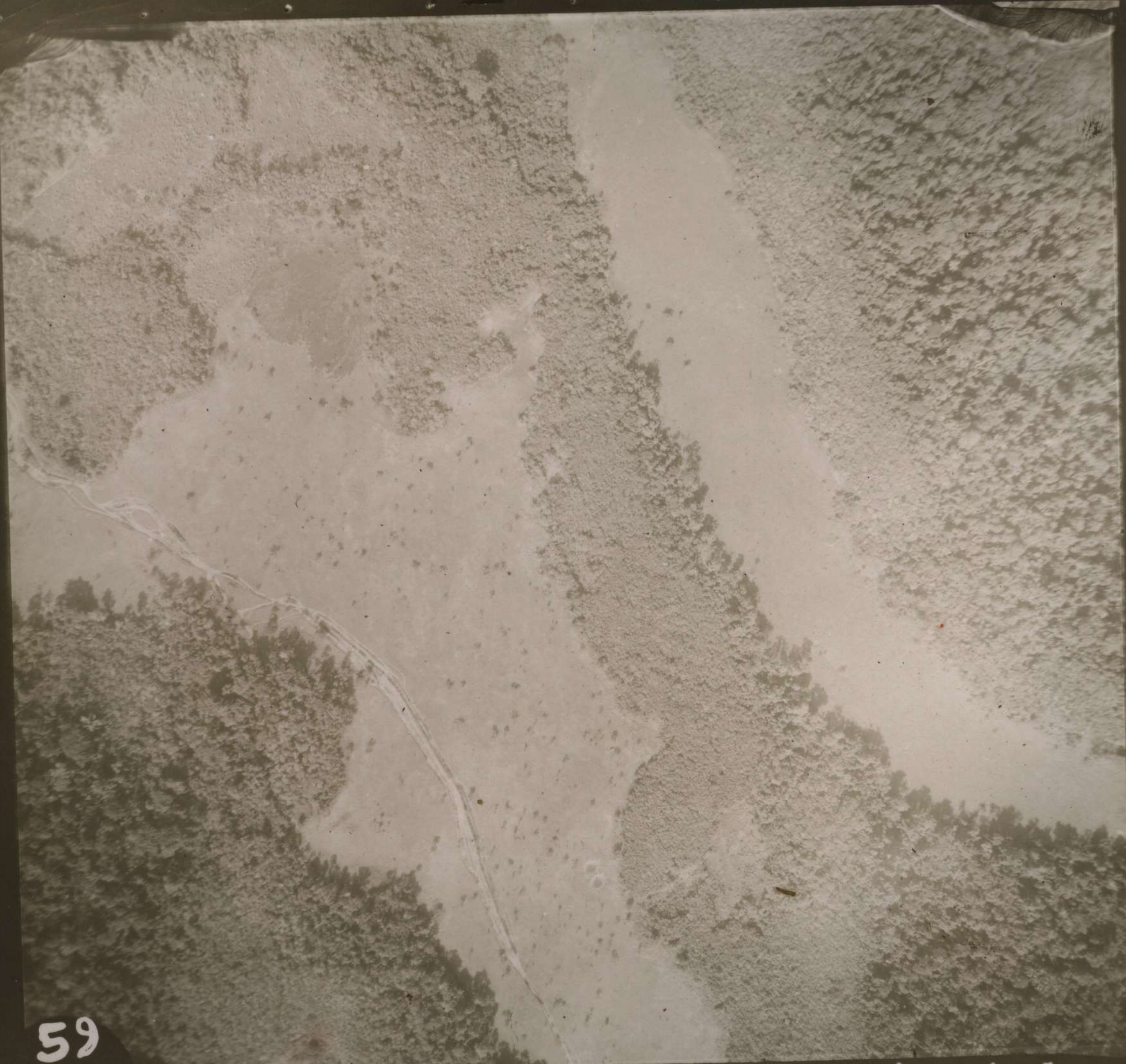
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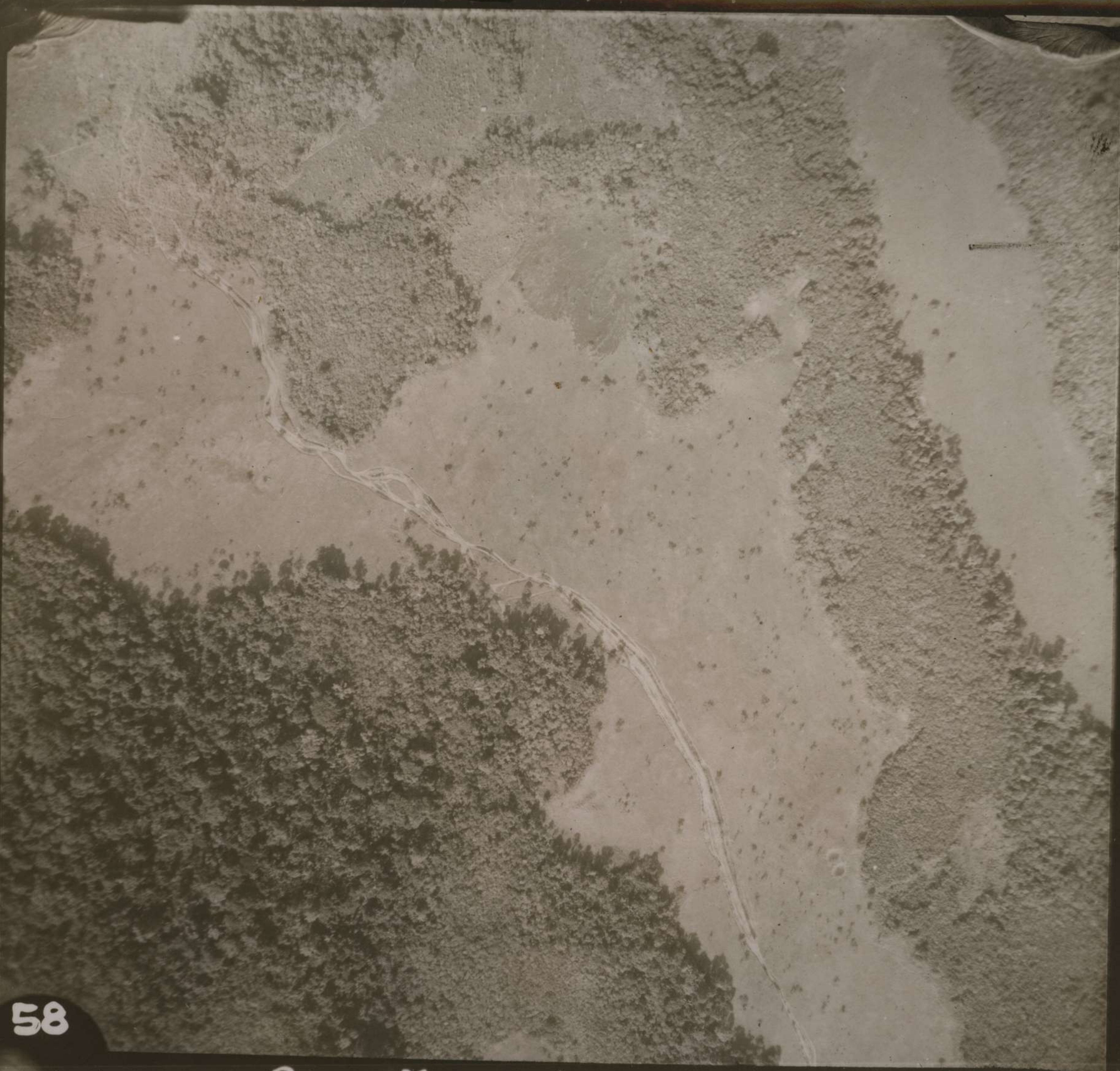
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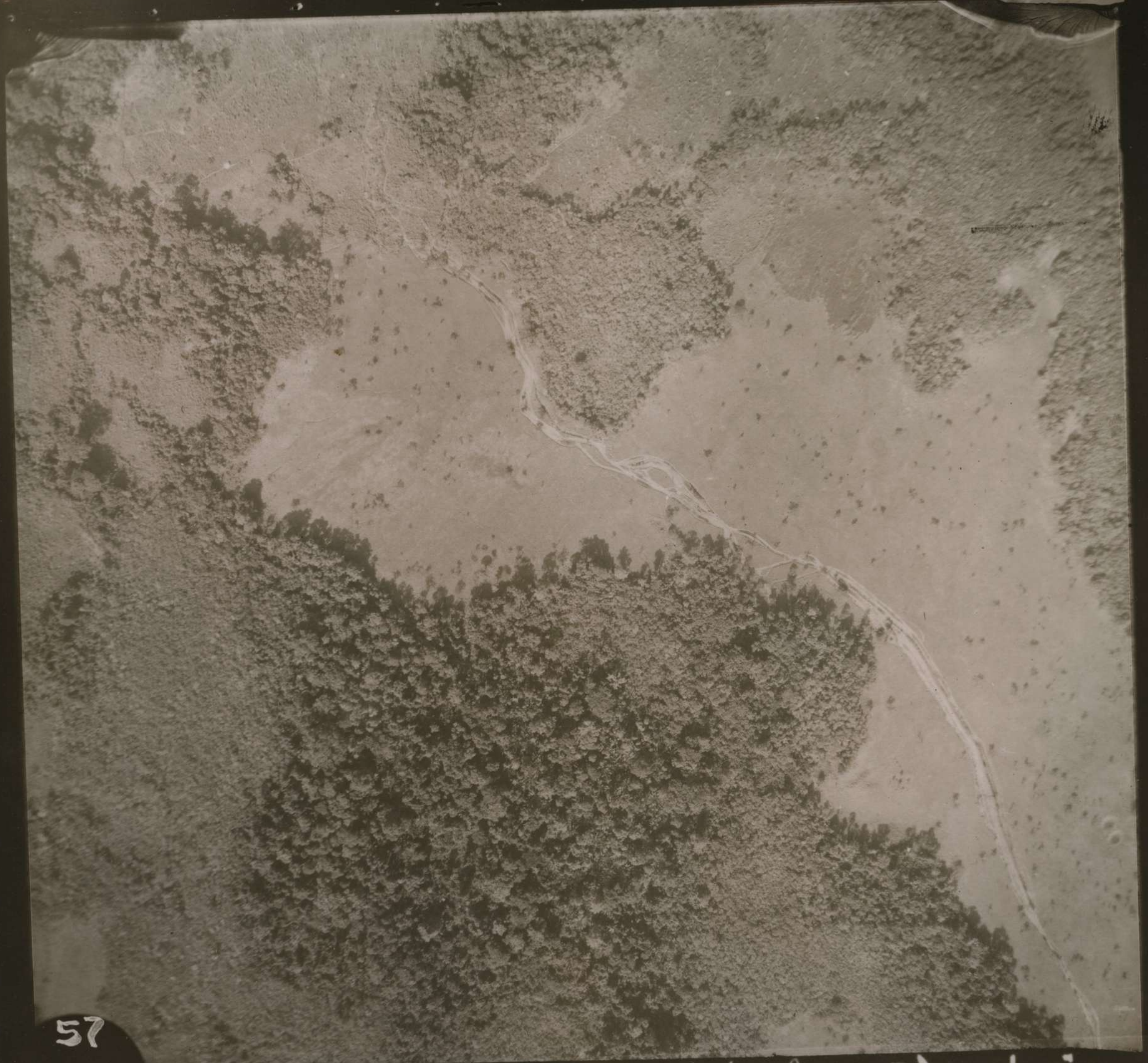
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20.12.42 BUNA MISSION - NEW STRIP (INC. GIROPA Pt.) 3000' 5" F.L.

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20.12.42 BUINA MISSION - NEW STRIP (INC. GIROPA Pt.) 3000' 5" F.L.



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20.12.42 BUNIA MISSION - NEW STRIP (INC. GIROPA Pt.) 3000' 5" F.L.



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20.12.42 BUNA MISSION - NEW STRIP (INC. GIROPA Pt.) 3000' 5" F.L.



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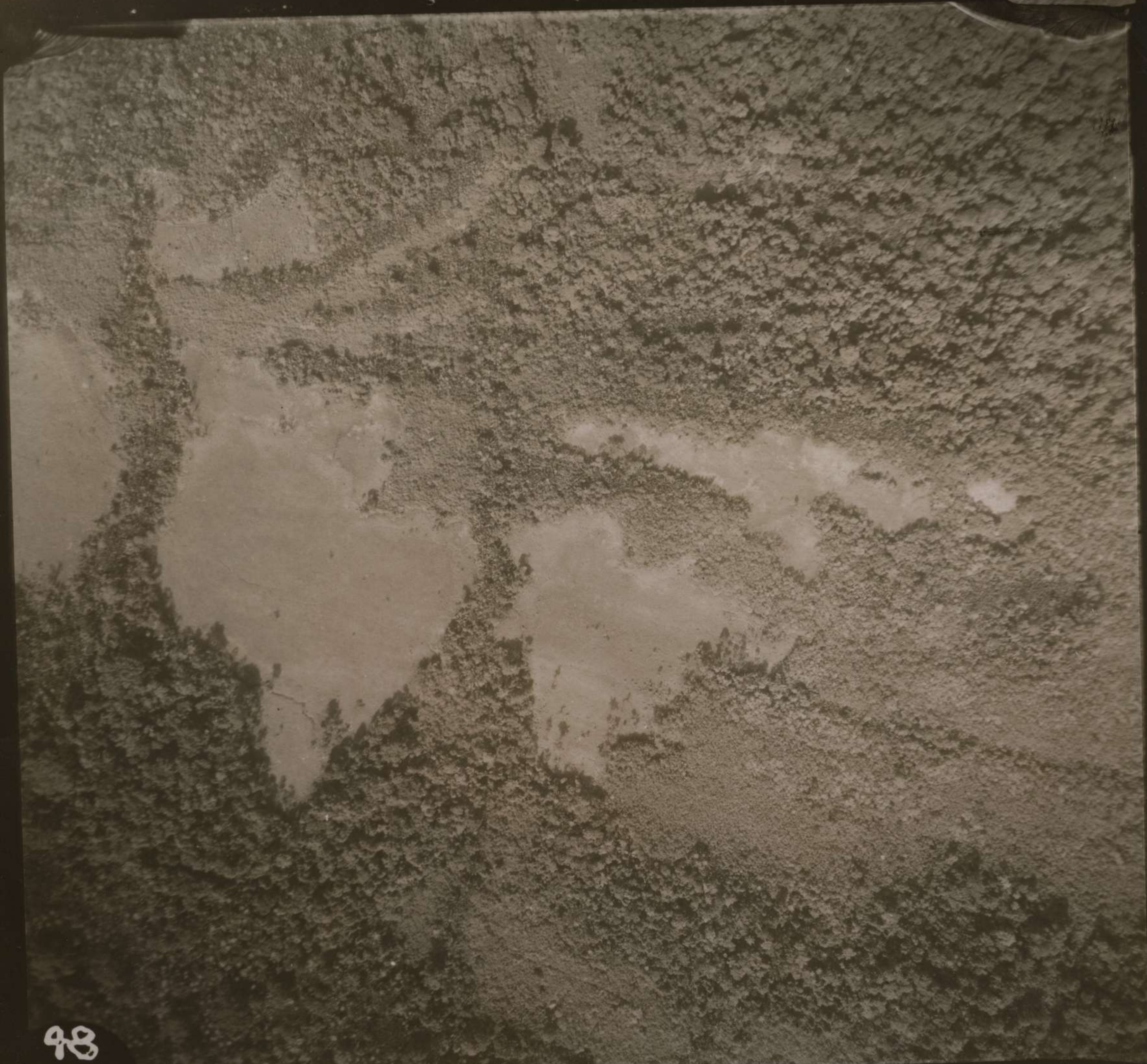


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20.12.42 BUNA MISSION - NEW STRIP (INC. GIROPH Pt.) 3000' 5" F.L.



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44

20.12.42 BUINA MISSION - NEW STRIP (INC. GIROPA Pt.) 3000' 5" F.L.

An aerial photograph showing a wide, light-colored area, possibly a field or plain, with a dark, winding path or road cutting through it. The terrain appears to be relatively flat with some minor variations in shading. The photograph is mounted on a dark album page.

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20.12.42 BUNA MISSION - NEW STRIP (INC. GIROPA Pt.) 3000' 5" F.L.

3 6 (Dur 6) (5 Dec 92) (BUNA MISSION) (2800-6 3/8" F.L.

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20.12.42 Road Junction. 255270 Psn. 3000' 5" F.L.



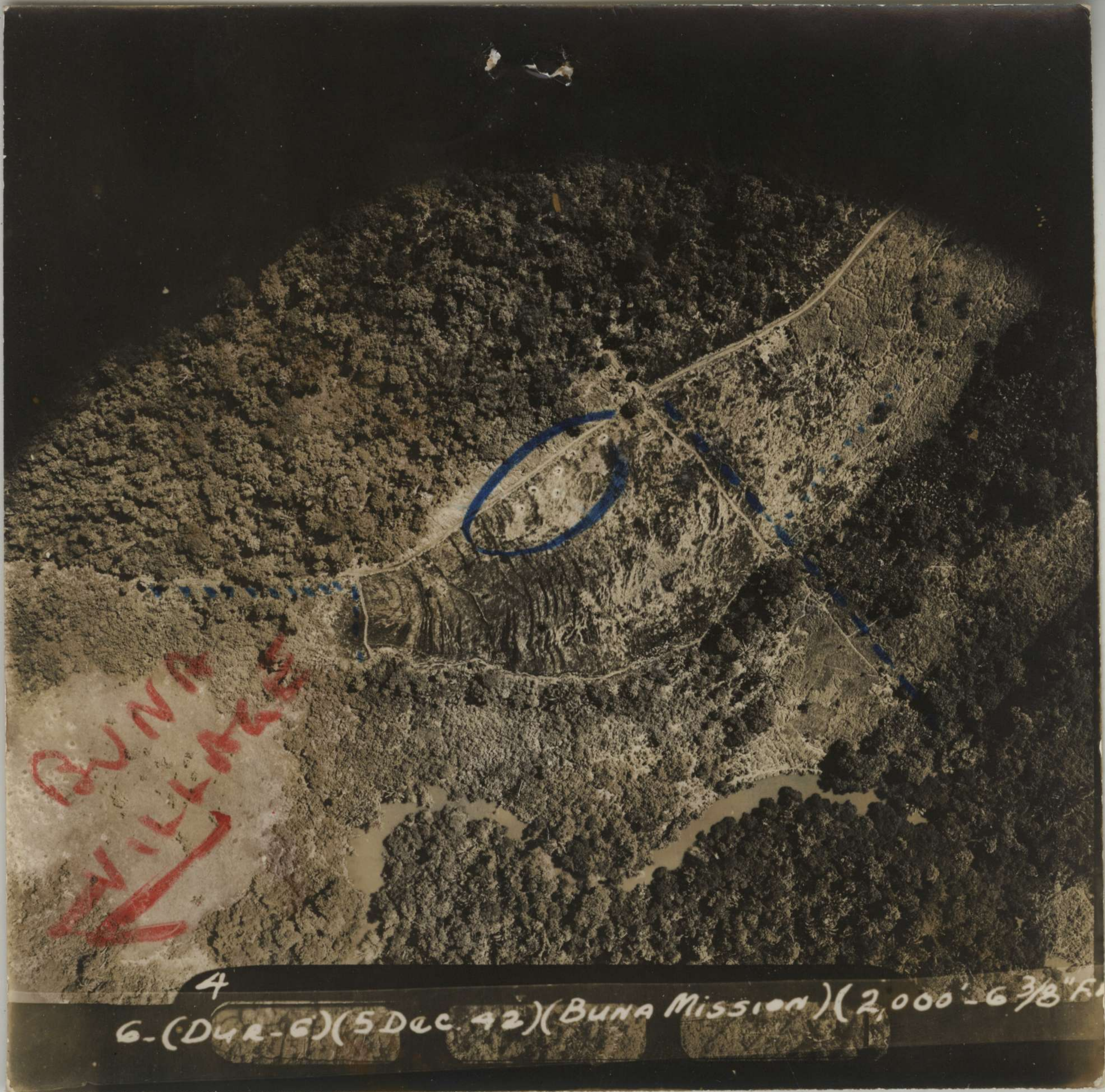
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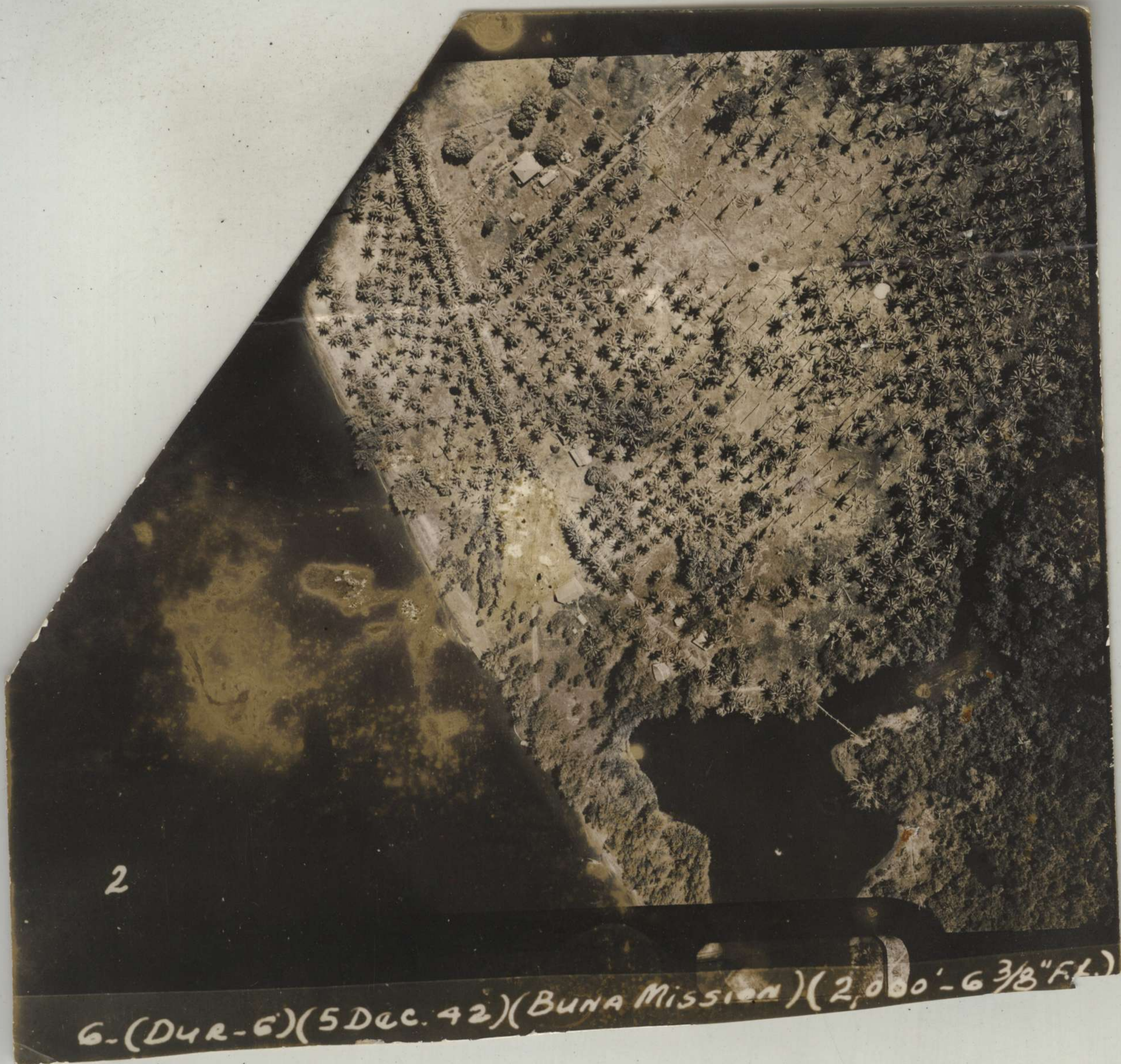
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BER. BUNA MISSION TO END OF OLD STRIP. 1455 HRS. 3000'. 5.6 F.L.





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6. (D4R-6) (5 Dec. 42) (BUNA MISSION) (2,000' - 6 3/8" F.L.)



Blue circles and lines on the left side of the image, possibly indicating specific locations or features.

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6 (DUR. 6) (5 Dec. 42) (BUNA Mission) (1,500' - 6 3/8" F.L.)



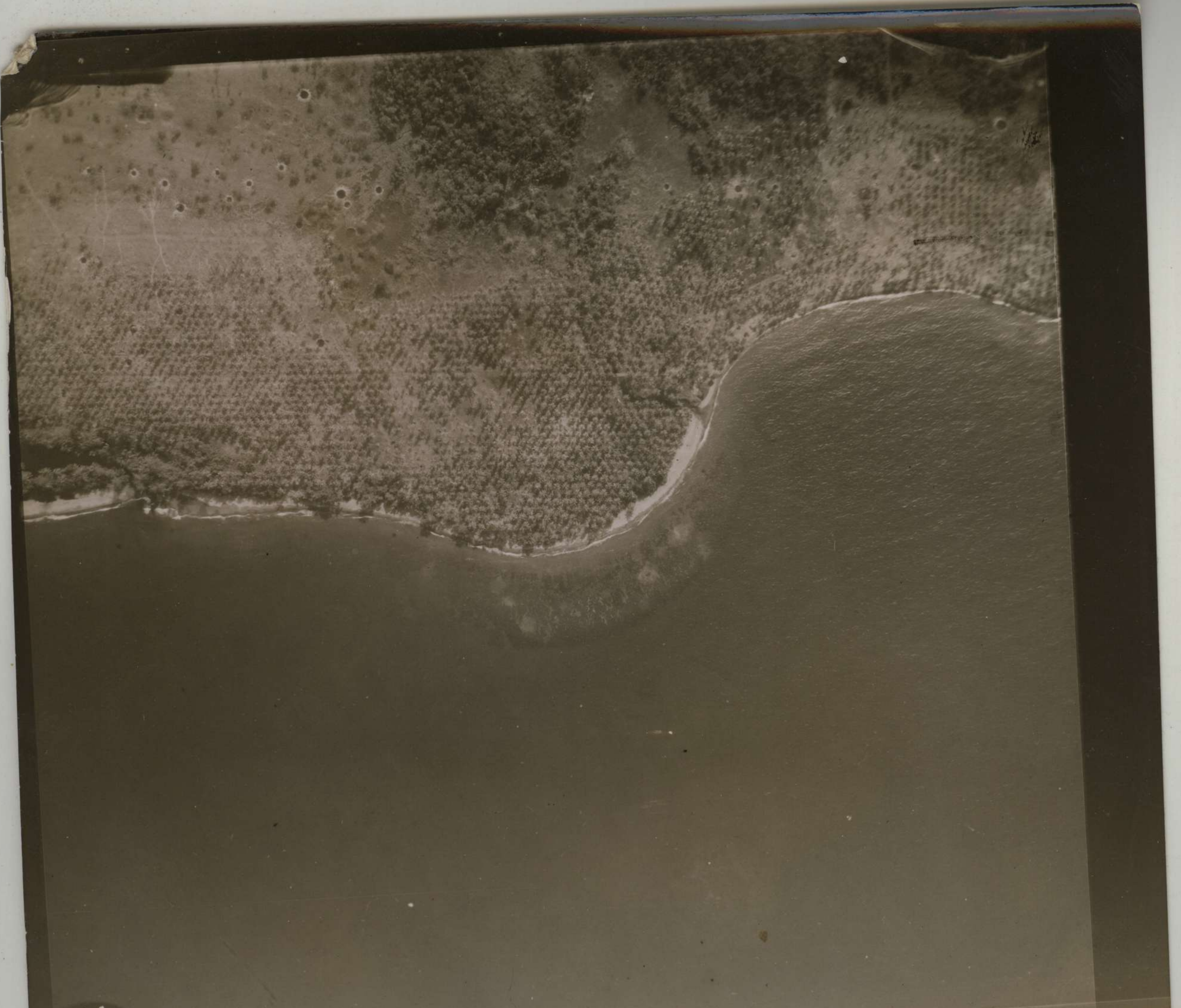
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20.12.42 BUINA MISSION - NEW STRIP (INC. GIROPA Pt.) 3000' 5" F.L.



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20.12.42 Buna Mission - New Strip (inc. Giropa Pt.) 3000' 5" F.L.



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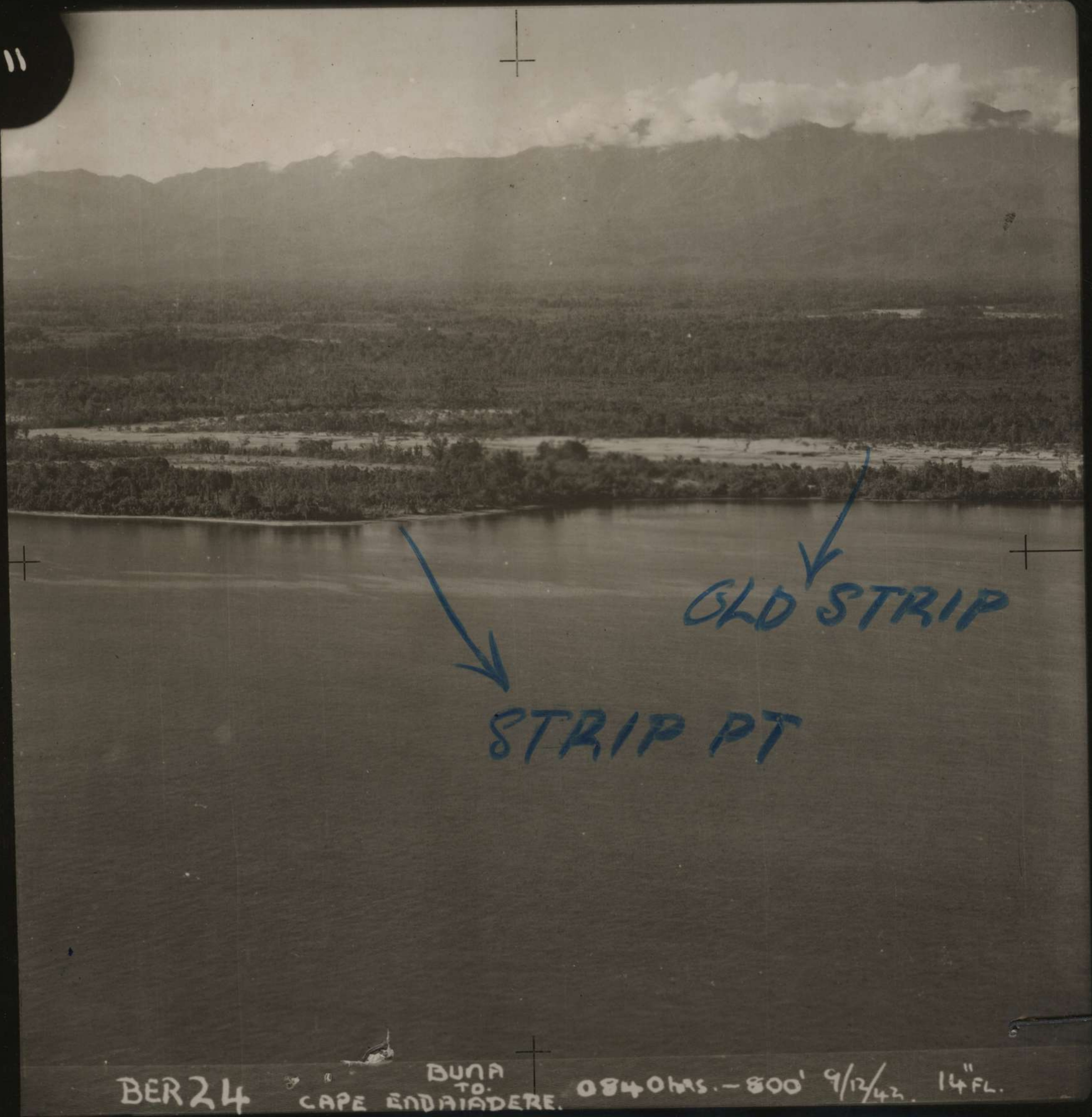
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BER 24

CAPE ENDAIADERE
TO
BUNA

0835hrs - 800' 9/12/42. 14" FL.

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OLD STRIP

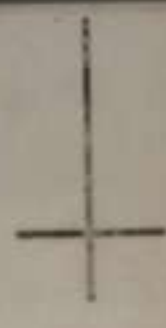
STRIP PT

BER 24

BUNA
TO
CAPE ENDAUADERE.

0840 hrs. - 800' 9/12/43. 14" FL.

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GIROPA PT

BER 24

BUNA
TO:
CAPE ENDAIADERE.

0840 hrs. - 800' 9/12/42. 14" FL.

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STRIP
POINT

OLD
STRIP

BER 24

CAPE ENDIAIDERE
TO
BUNA

0835 hrs. - 800'. 9/12/42. 14" FL.

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CAPE ENDAIADERE
TO
BUNA

0835hrs - 800' 9/12/42. 14" FL.

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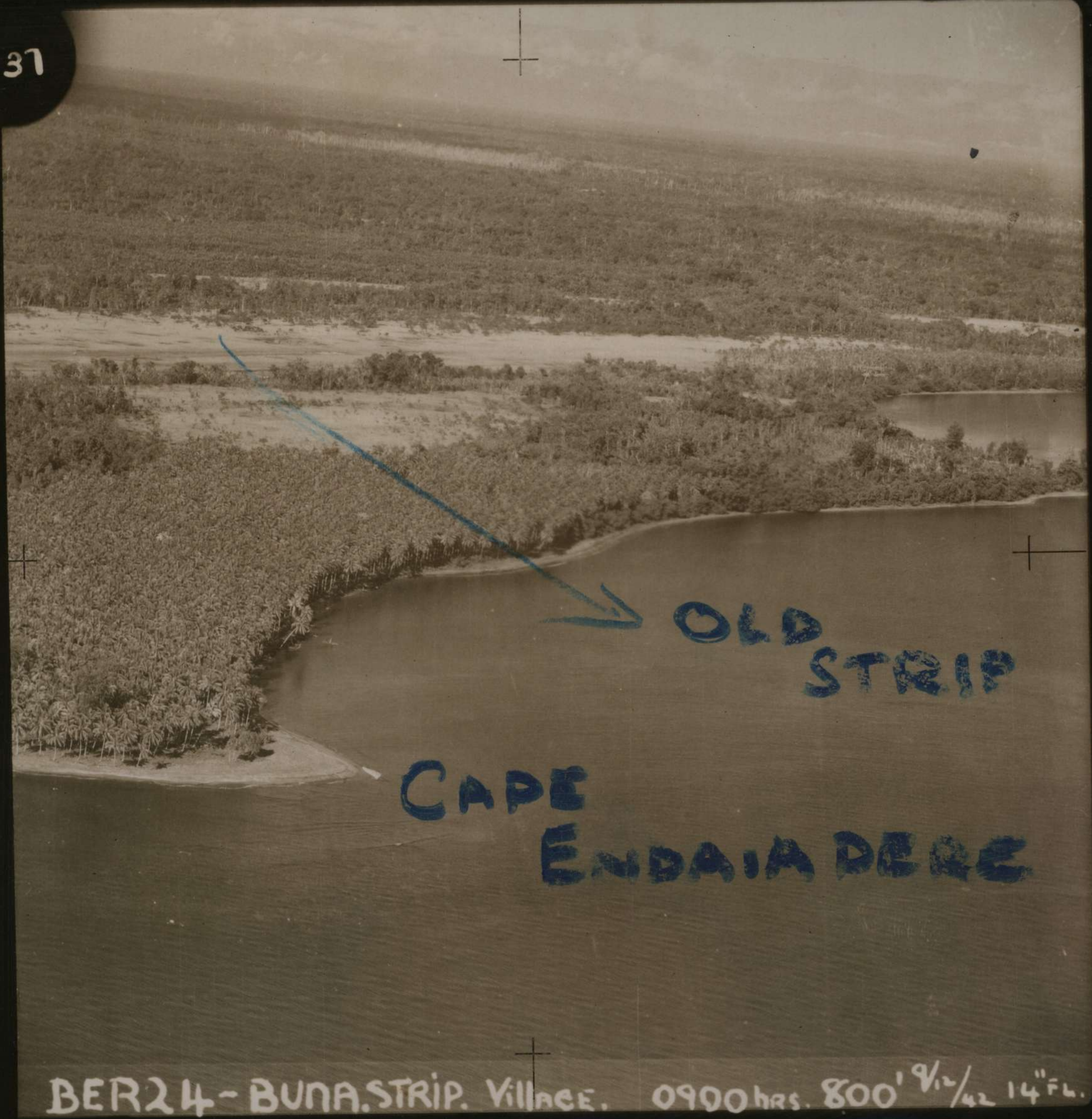


BER 24

BUNA
TO
CAPE ENDRAJADERE

0840 hrs - 800' 9/24/42 145L

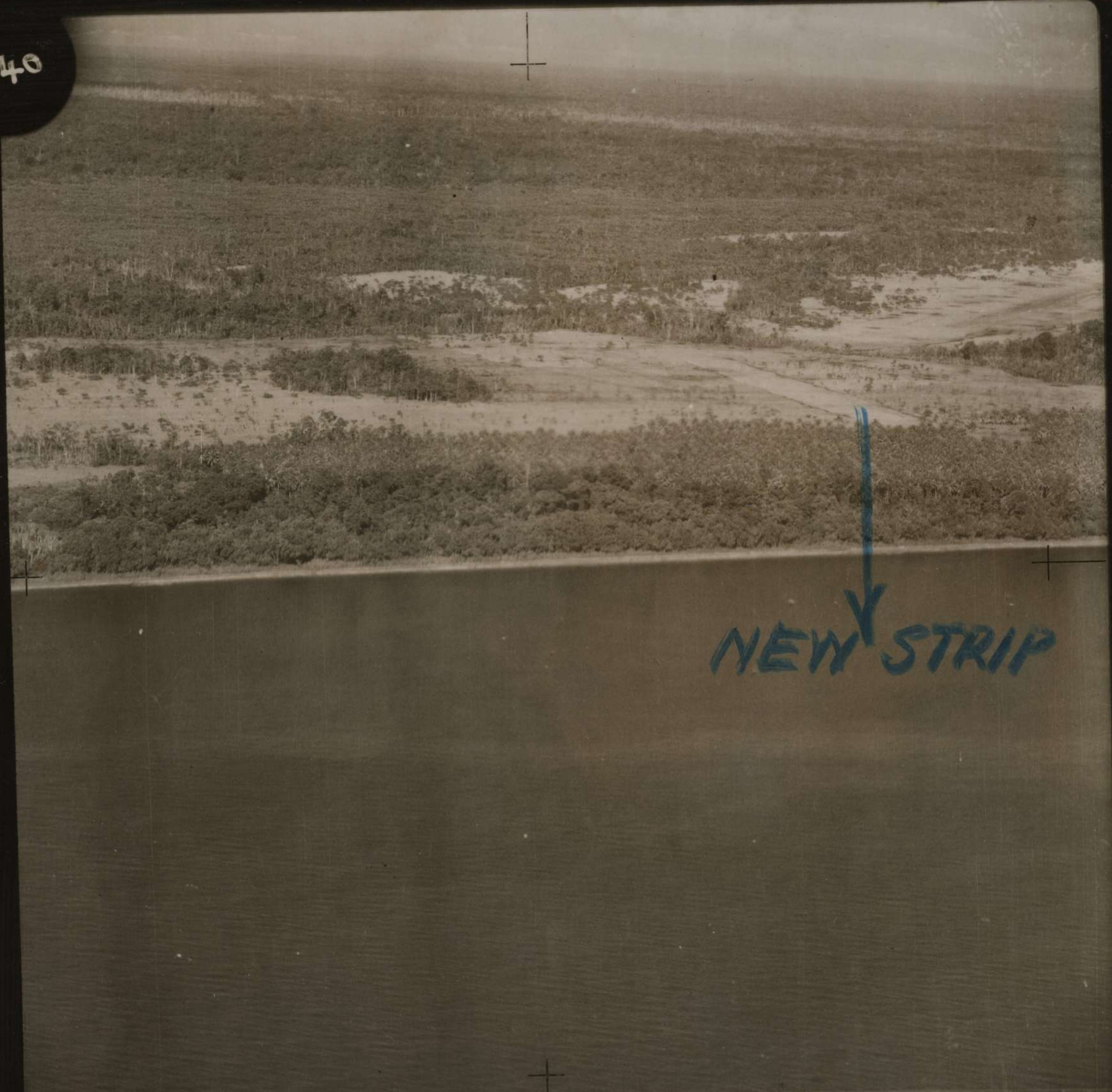
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OLD STRIP
CAPE ENDAIA DEBE

BER 24 - BUNA STRIP. VILLAGE. 0900 hrs. 800' $\frac{9}{12} \frac{1}{42}$ 14" FL.

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NEW STRIP

BER 24 - BUNA STRIP. Villnee. 0900 hrs 800' 9/42 1474

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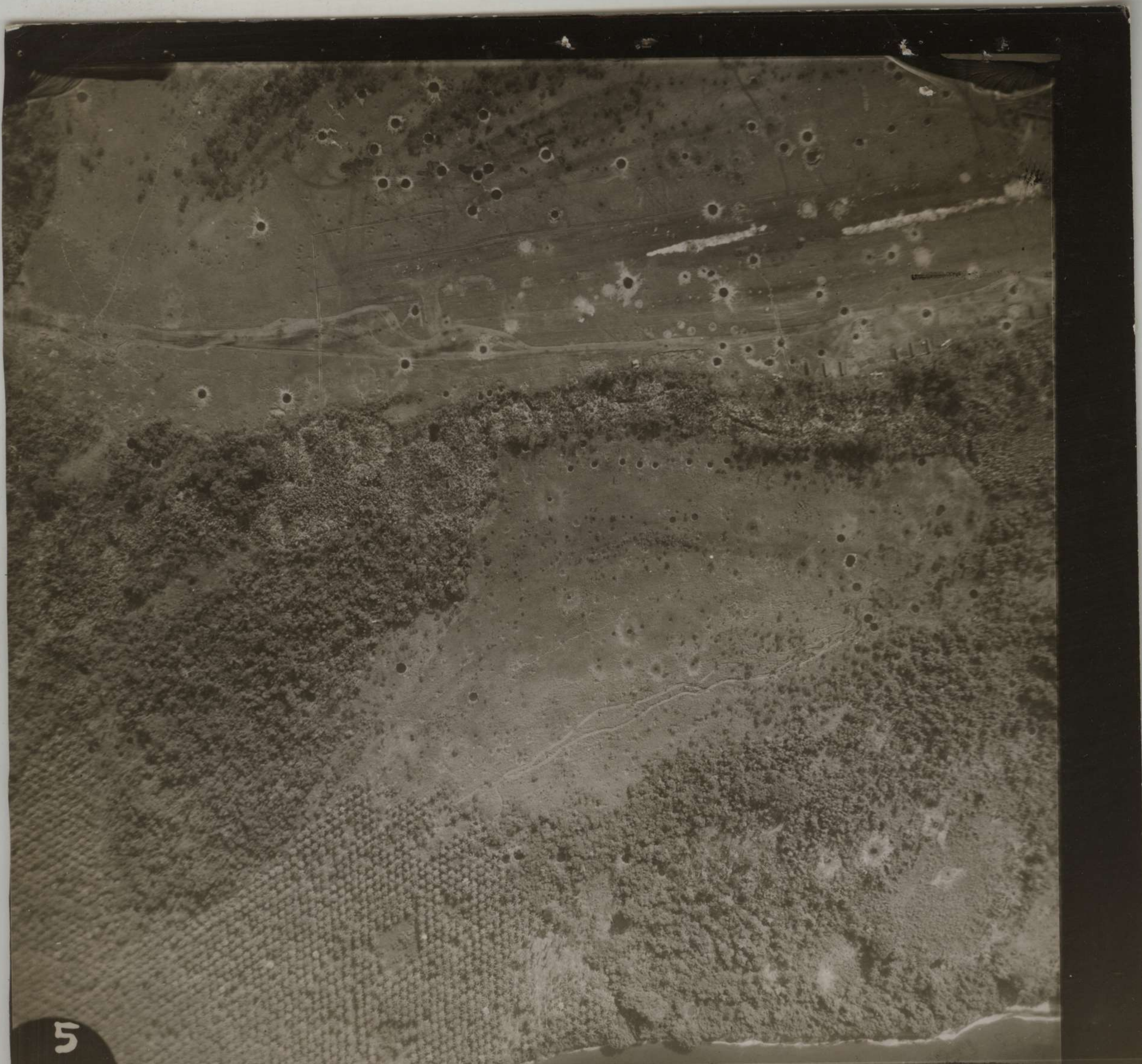


BER 24 - BUNA STRIP. VILLAGE. 0900 hrs. 800' $\frac{9}{12}$ /₄₂ 14" FL.



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20.12.42 BUNA MISSION - NEW STRIP (INC. GIROPA Pt.) 3000' 5" F.L.



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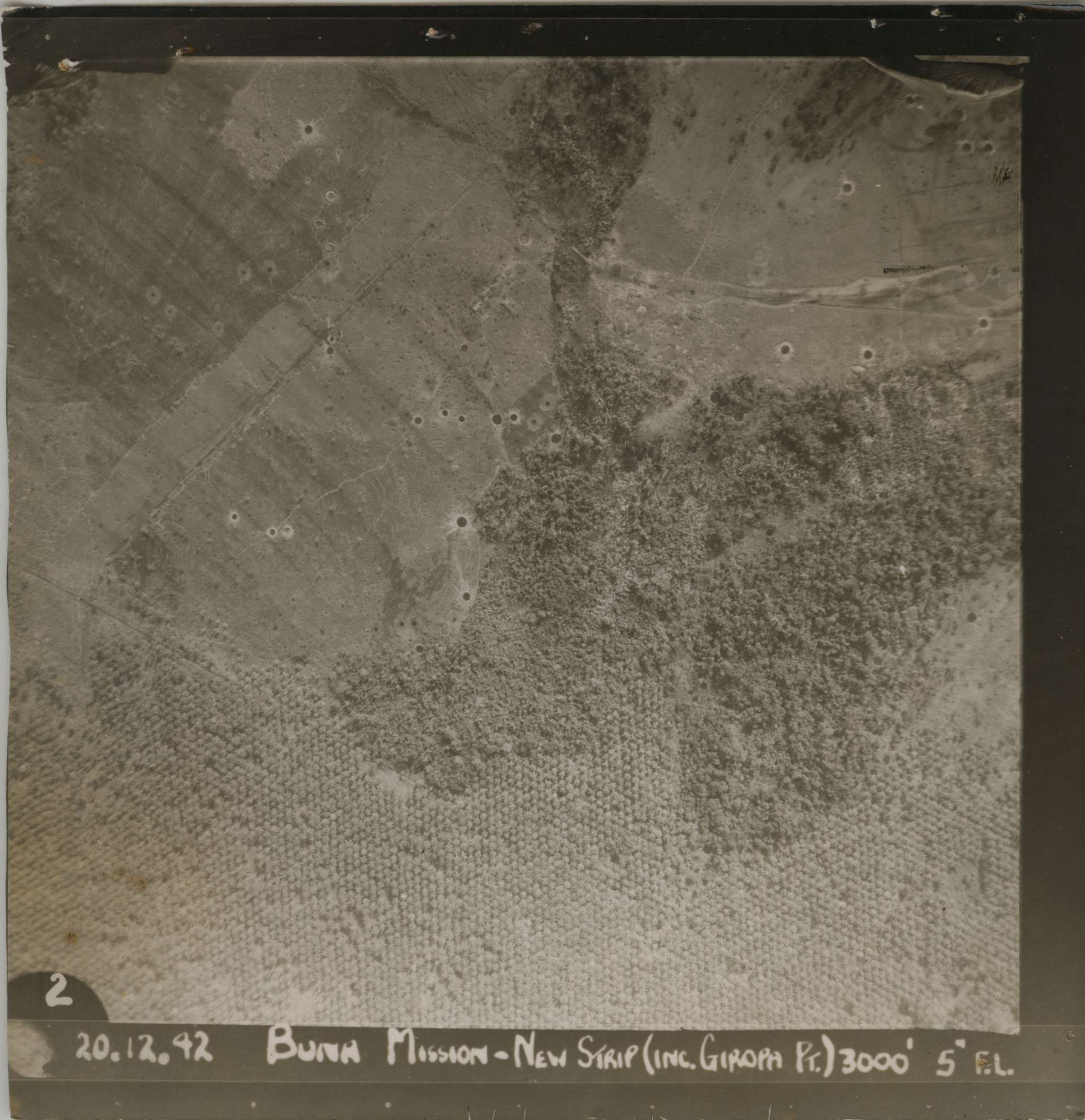
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20.12.42 BUNA MISSION - NEW SIRIP (INC. GIROPA Pt.) 3000' 5" F.L.

An aerial photograph showing a landscape with a road or path running diagonally from the upper left towards the center. The terrain is covered with numerous small, dark, circular features, possibly pits or craters, scattered across the area. The overall tone is sepia or brownish, typical of an old photograph.

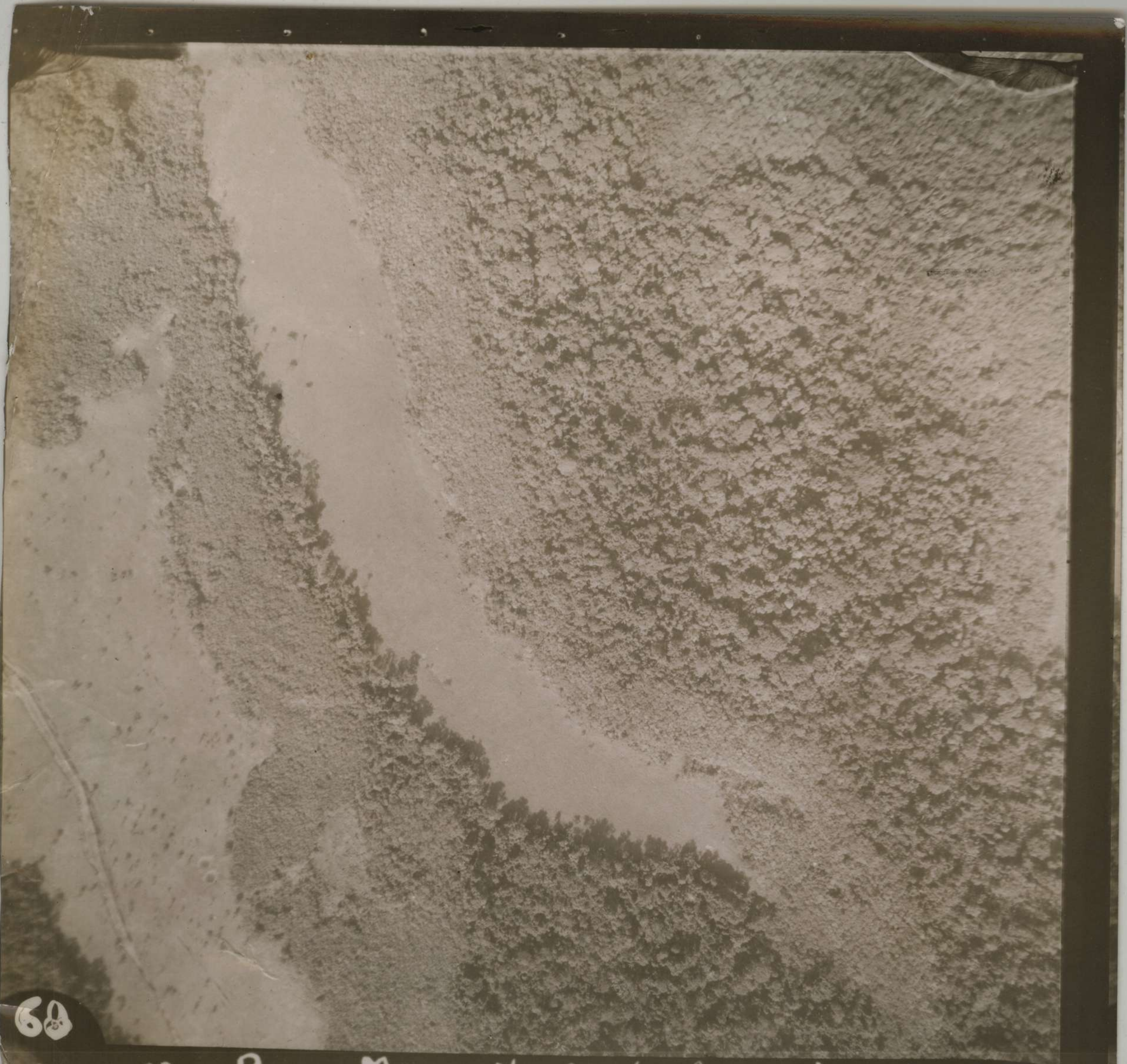
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BUNA MISSION - NEW STRIP (INC. GIROPA Pt.) 3000' 5" F.L.



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BUNA MISSION - NEW STRIP (INC. GIROPA Pt.) 3000' 5" F.L.



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20.12.43 ROAD JUNCTION 255270 PSN. 3000' 5" F.L.



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20.12.42 Road Junction. 255270 Psn. 3000' 5" F.L.



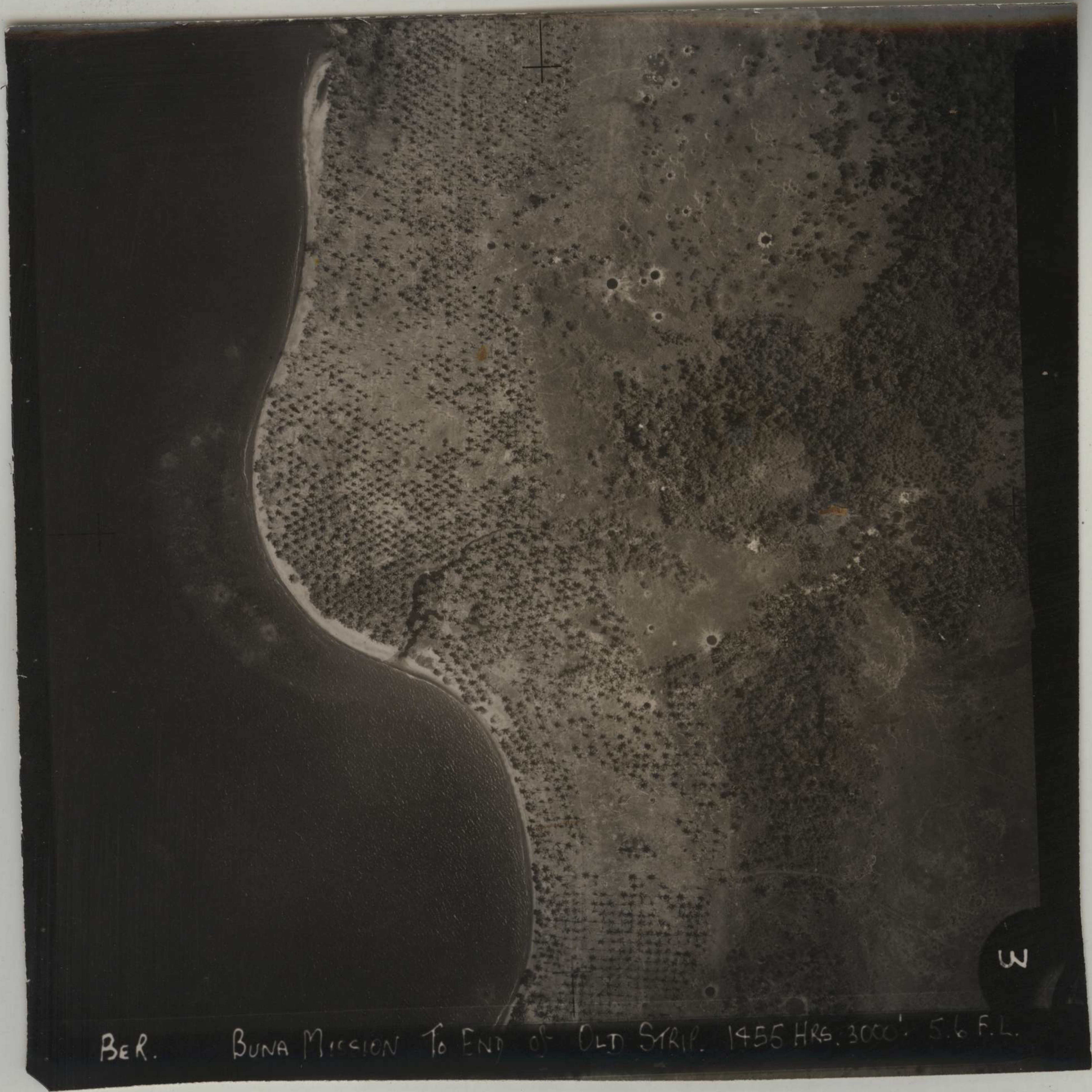
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20. 12. 42 ROAD JUNCTION 255270 PSN. 3000' 5" F.L.



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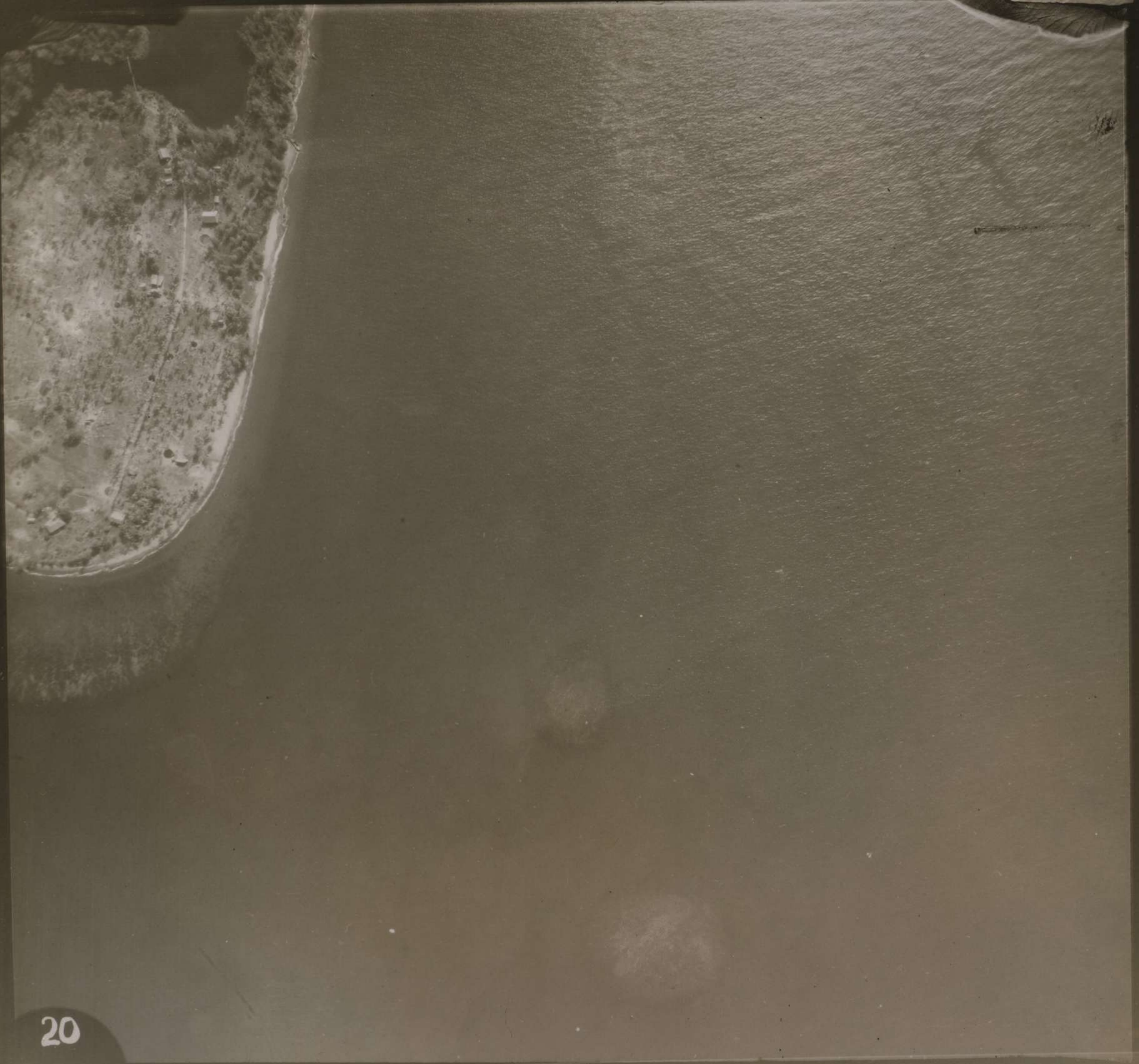


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20.12.42 BUNA MISSION - NEW STRIP (INC. GIROPA Pt.) 3000' 5" F.L.



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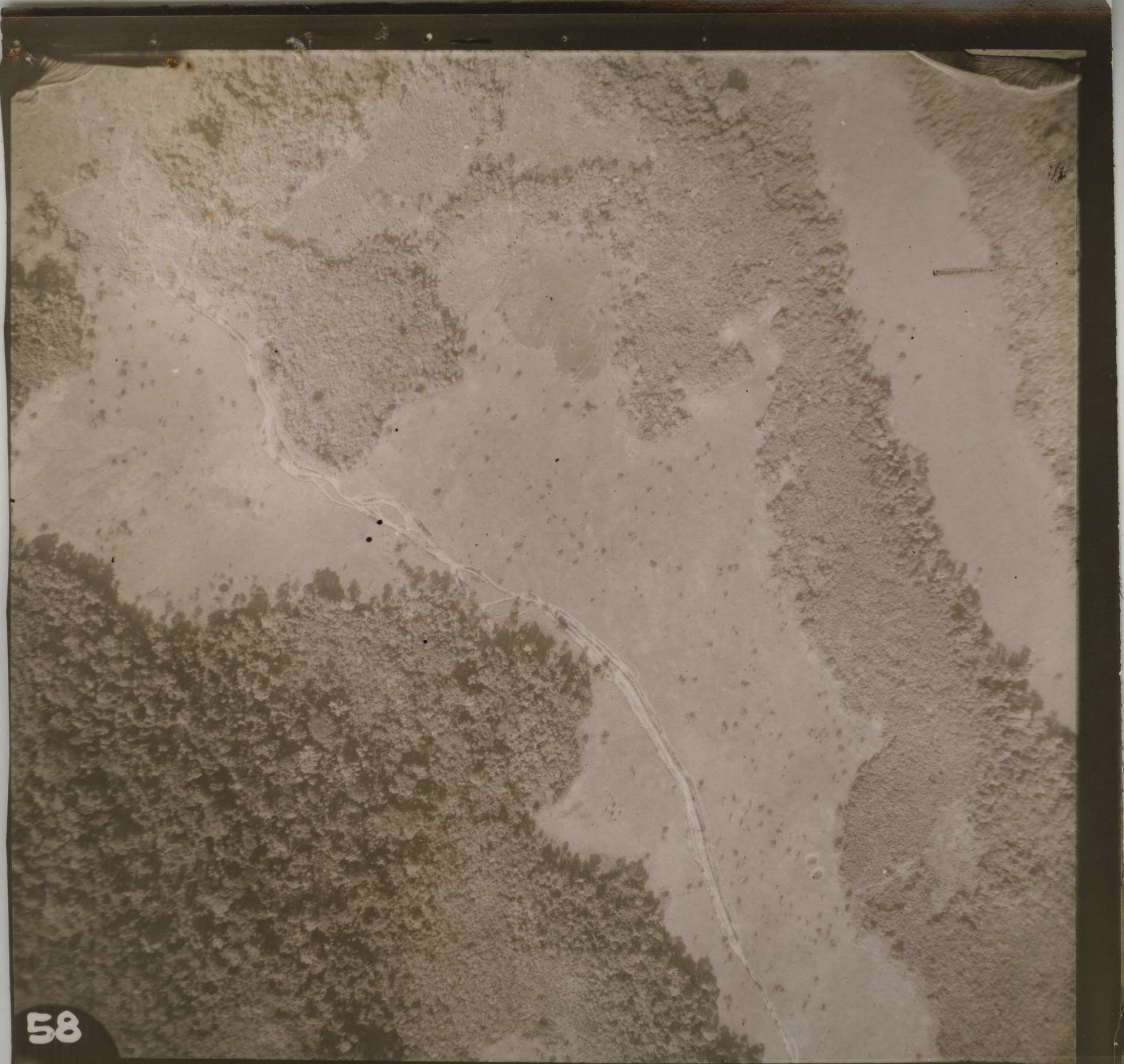
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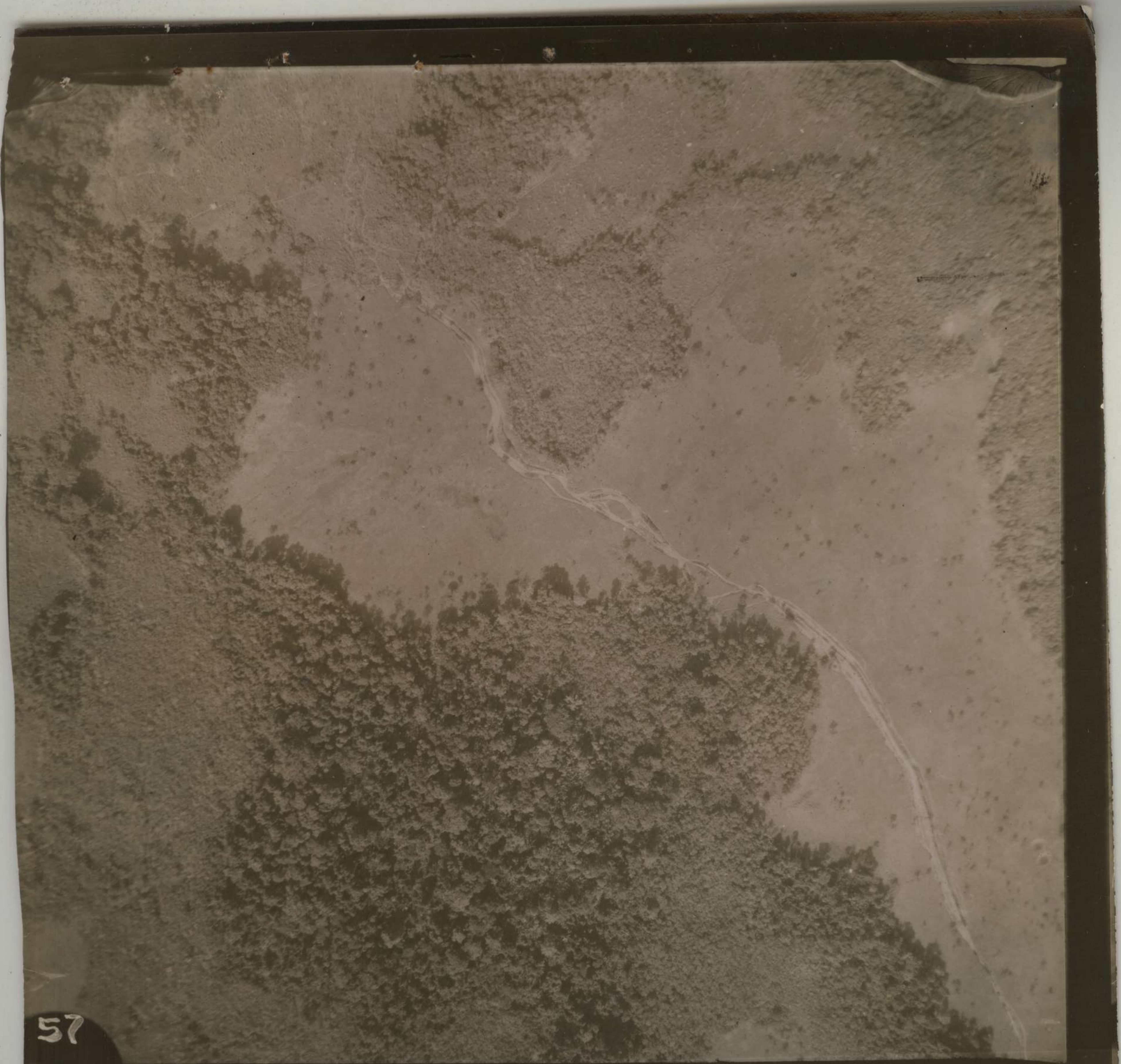
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20.12.42 BUWA MISSION - NEW STRIP (INC. GIROPH PT.) 3000' 5" F.L.



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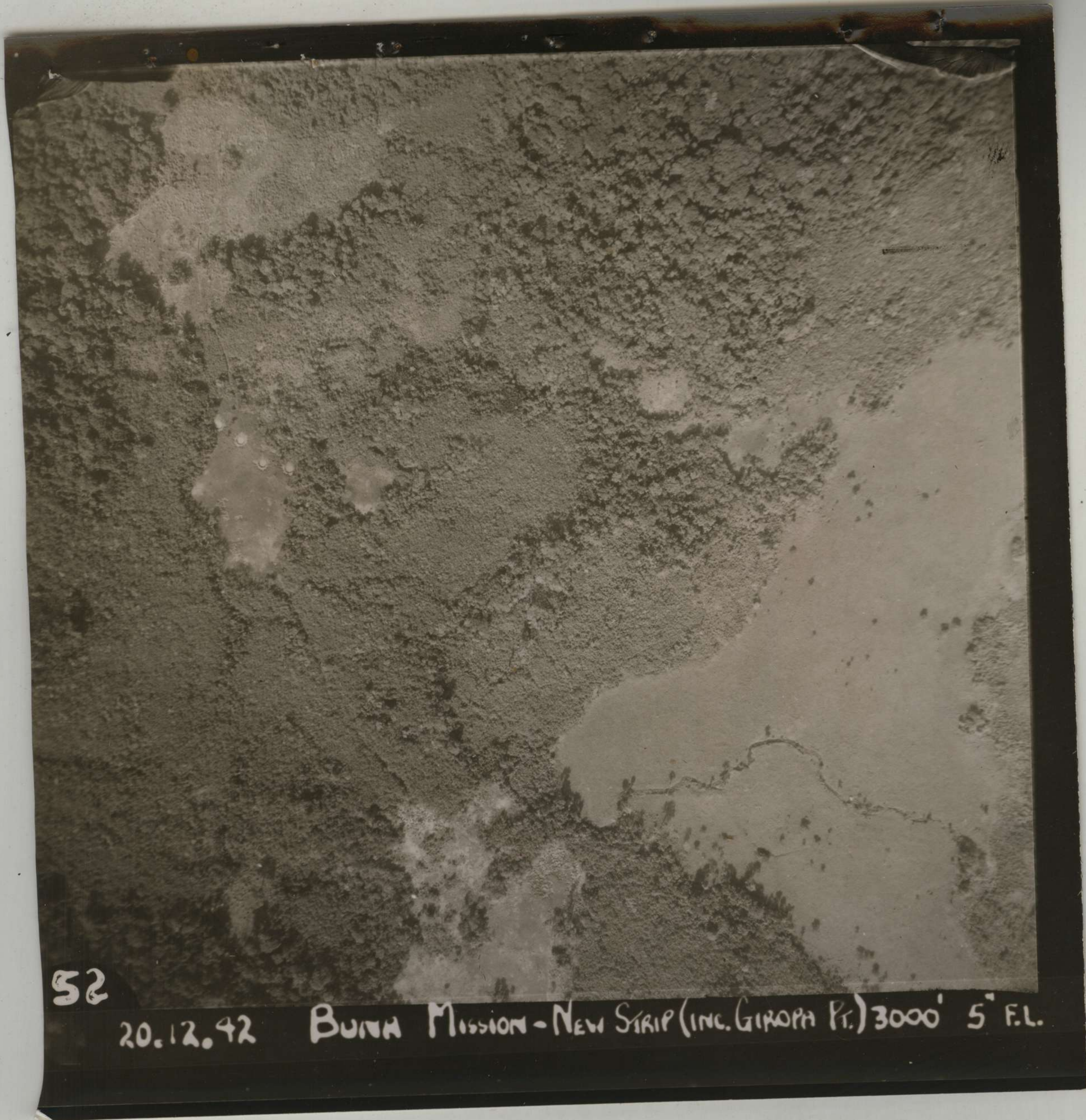


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20.12.42 BUNIA MISSION - NEW STRIP (INC. GIROPA Pt.) 3000' 5" F.L.



10
6. (D4R-6) (5 Dec 2) (2,000' - 6 3/8" F.L.)

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20.12.42 BUNA MISSION - NEW STRIP (INC. GIROPA Pt.) 3000' 5" F.L.

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BER 38 GONA 4"REV. 178275-165235 14/12 F:5"
RUN 3

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BER 38 GONA 4"REV. 178275 - 165235 14/12 F=5" 3
RUN 3

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BER 38 GONA 4"REV. 178275 - 165235 14/12 F=5"
RUN 3

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1. ANNOTATED MOSAIC—BUNA AND AERODROME.





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6(67CF.68C)(10DEC 42)(Cape Endiander to Buna Mission) 10,700-24' FE



STRIP #2

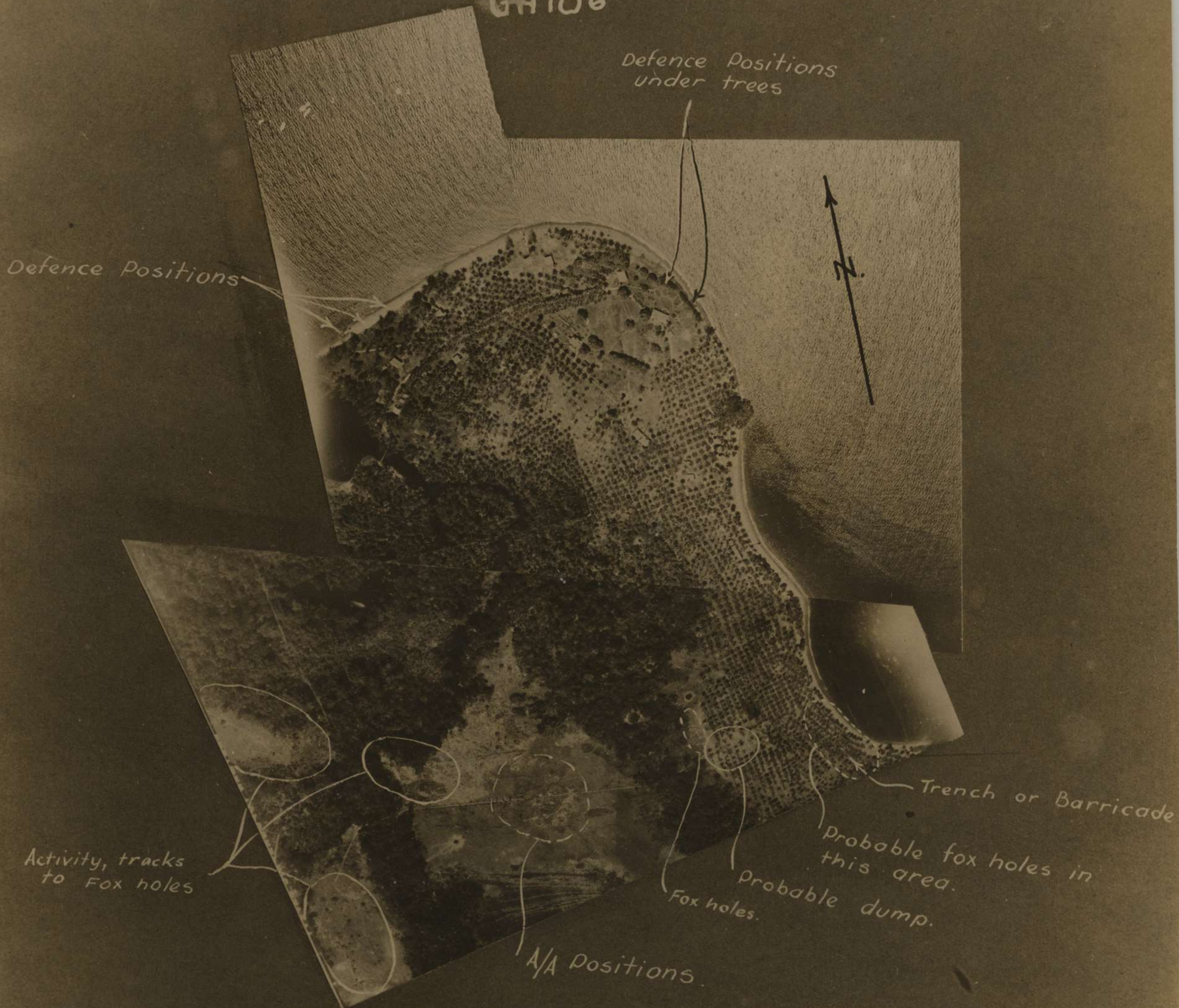
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6(67CE68C)(10DEC 42)(Cape Eric in JUNE to Oct. Mission)(10,700-24' F4)

BUNA MISSION

— 30-11-42 —

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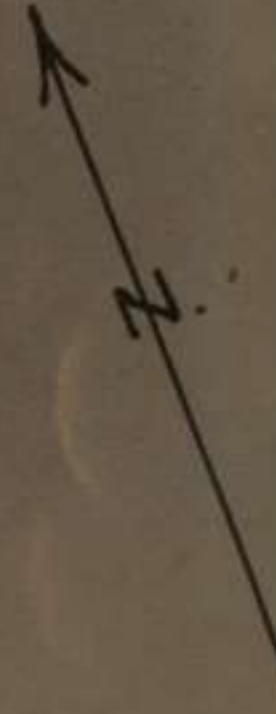
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BUNA AERODROME

30-11-42

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INTENSE TRACK ACTIVITY
TO PROBABLE FOX HOLES

TRENCHES

3 A/A,
TRENCH &
M/G POSITION.

M/G

SLIT TRENCH

STRONG
POST

TRENCH

TRENCH

NUMEROUS
M/G

TRENCH

FOX HOLES

TRACKS LEADING TO CONCEALED
POSITIONS UNDER TREES

SLIT TRENCHES
PROB. DEFENDED
POSITION

A/A

A/A & M/G

A/A

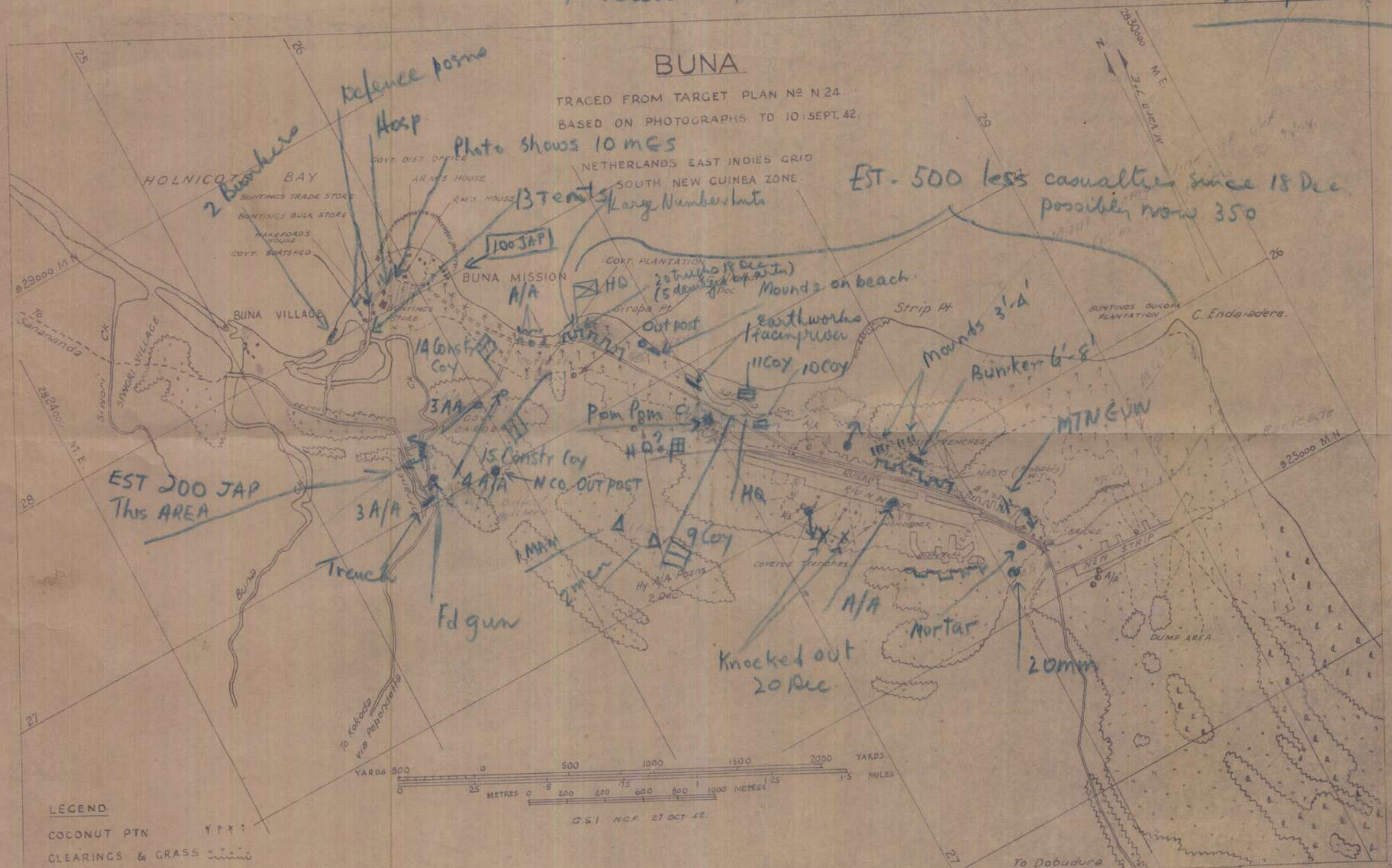
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& FOXHOLES

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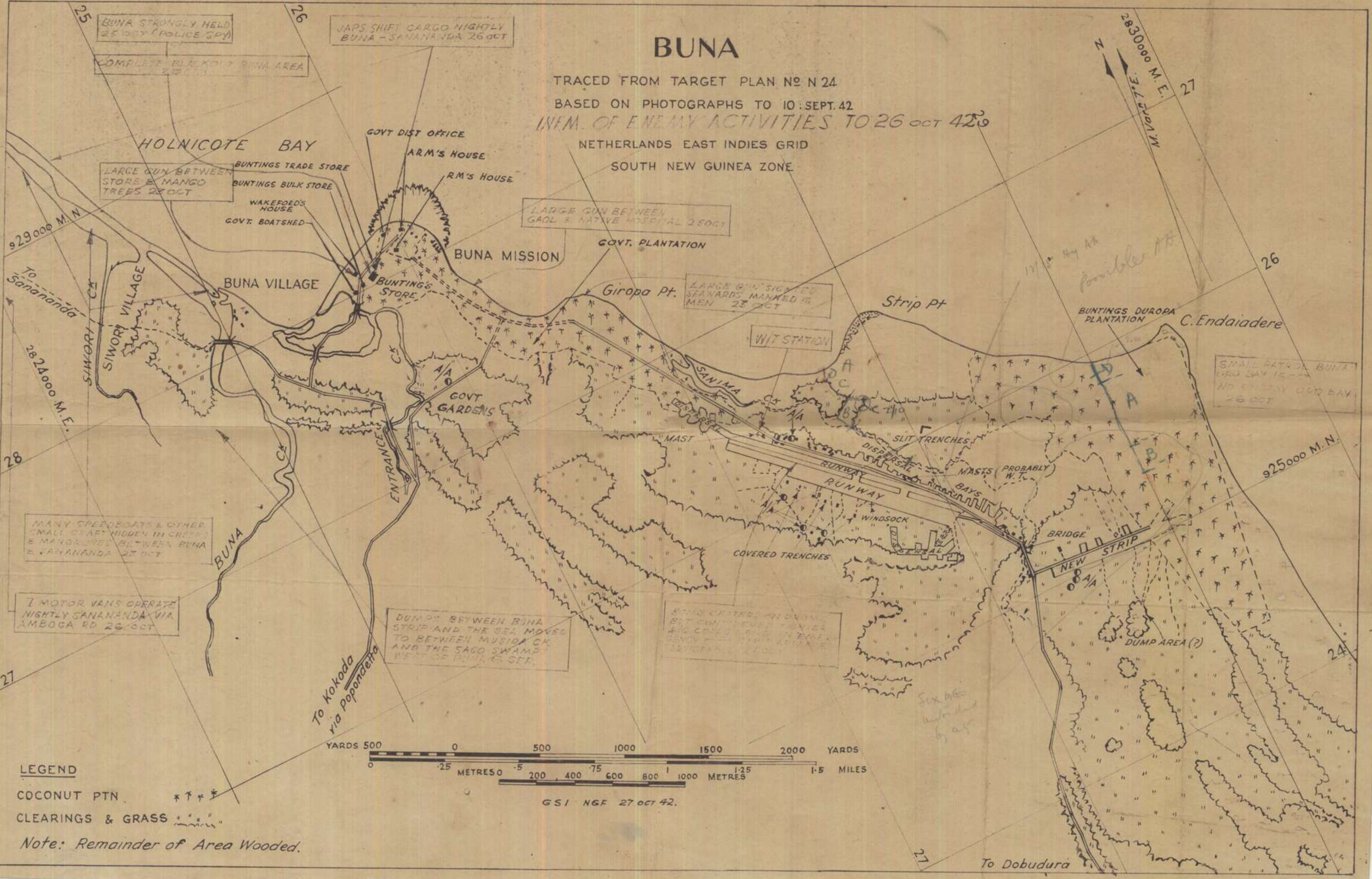
Enemy posns additional to that shown on Map
 received from 32 US Div 1900 20 Dec. *Infan from Cap 1306
 a Pilot of Warravong*



BUNA

TRACED FROM TARGET PLAN NO N 24
BASED ON PHOTOGRAPHS TO 10 SEPT. 42
INFORM. OF ENEMY ACTIVITIES TO 26 OCT 42

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
SOUTH NEW GUINEA ZONE



MANY SPEEDBOATS & OTHER SMALL CRAFT HIDDEN IN CREEKS & MANGROVES BETWEEN BUNA & SANANANDA 23 OCT

7 MOTOR VANS OPERATE NIGHTLY SANANANDA VIA AMBOGA RD 26 OCT

DUMPS BETWEEN BUNA STRIP AND THE SEA MOVED TO BETWEEN MUSIDA CK AND THE SAGO SWAMP WEST OF BUNA'S STR.

ENEMY CLIMBED ON DUNE BUT CONTINUED FIGHTING 4-6 CREEKS AND IN ENEMY GENCY FURTHER EAST BUNA'S STR.

Six hrs. unobserved by us

17/10/42 Possible MB

SMALL PATROL BUNA BAY 15 OCT NO FURTHER OBS BAY 26 OCT

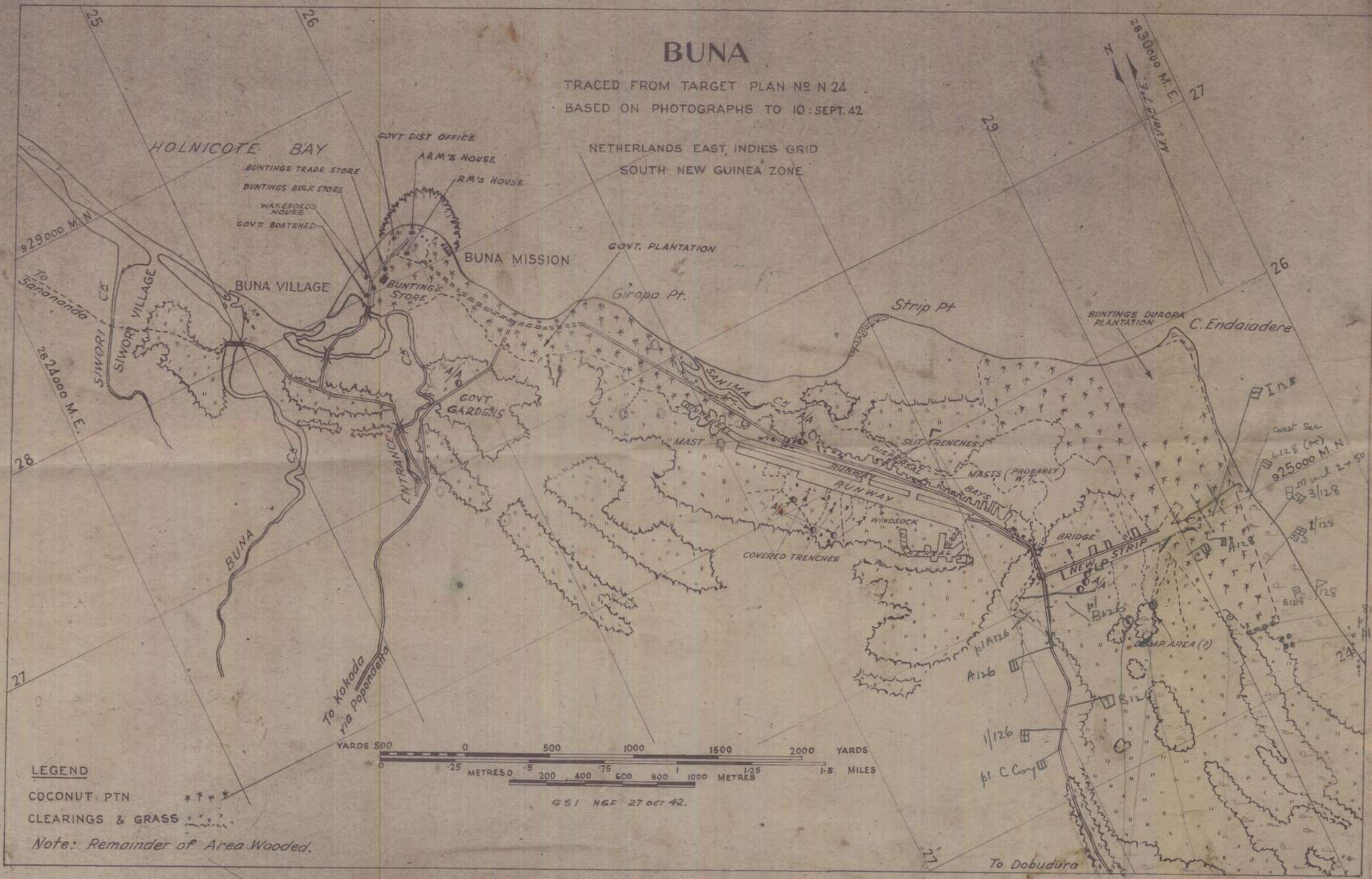
LEGEND
COCONUT PTN *†‡
CLEARINGS & GRASS
Note: Remainder of Area Wooded.

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BUNA

TRACED FROM TARGET PLAN NO N 24
BASED ON PHOTOGRAPHS TO 10 SEPT. 42

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
SOUTH NEW GUINEA ZONE



LEGEND

COCONUT PTN *↑*

CLEARINGS & GRASS ~~~~~

Note: Remainder of Area Wooded.



GSI NGF 27 OCT 42.

INTENSE TRACK ACTIVITY
TO PROBABLE FOX HOLES

TRENCHES

3 A/A,
TRENCH &
M/G POSITION

M/G

BUNA AERODROME
30-11-42
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SLIT TRENCH

STRONG
POST

TRENCH

TRACKS LEADING TO CONCEALED
POSITIONS UNDER TREES

TRENCH

NUMEROUS
M/G

TRENCH

FOX HOLES

SLIT TRENCHES
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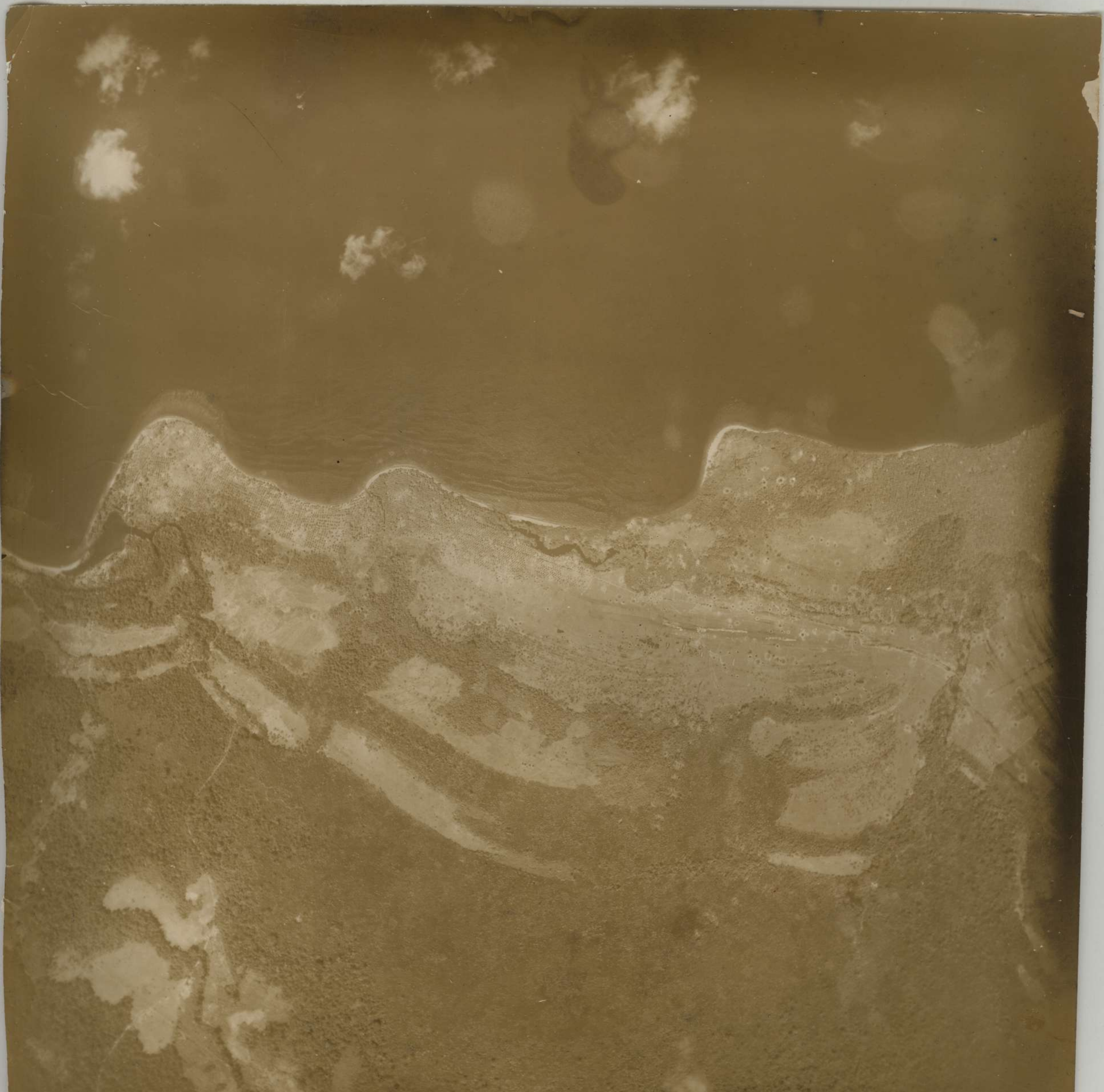
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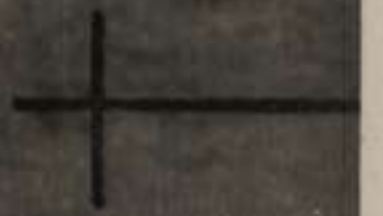
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FRT. BARAKA. 2/12/42.

LAT. ° : LONG. ° !

2000' 5" FL.

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(SM-38) (BUINA & GONA AREA) (21-8-42-10:30A) 29,000'-12" F.L.

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