

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 21 November 50 22/0700Z	2. LOCATION Gulf of Mexico
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	To old to investigate. Report of object falling into water. Information provided to AF for possible mt receiving object.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX/SL
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	See Case File.
7. COURSE NE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

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FILE NO.

SUBJECT (Restricted) Unidentified Object Which Fell in Water Off Okinawa, Nov 50

TO Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio

FROM Dept of the Air Force Hq USAF - AFOIN-2A2

DATE 01 1952 COMMENT NO. 1 Maj Fournet/dbv/75990

1. Reference our DF dated 28 August 1952, same subject as above.
2. Large scale maps of the area in question were obtained and the correct spot located. It will be noted on Incl 1 that the water off the village of Ginama is rather deep. According to Sgt [redacted]'s sketch, the object would have fallen in at least 10 fathoms of water. A search for the object would entail diving operations at this depth over an area of approximately one-half square mile or more. For this reason it is considered impractical to request an attempt at recovery.
3. It is suggested that all documents pertaining to this case be filed in the event that the future status of Project Blue Book warrants a recovery attempt.
4. All documents referring to this case are returned herewith.

6 Incls

1. Map 3727-1 SW, 1:25,000
2. Map 3727-111 NE, 1:25,000
3. Transcript of interview w/Sgt [redacted]
4. Memo of Sgt [redacted] comments
5. Hydro Chart Okinawa
6. Aero Chart Okinawa

W. Adams
for WILLIAM A. ADAMS
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Topical Division
Deputy Director for Estimates
Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O

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accordance with [redacted] 1-6.

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Chief, Air Technical
Intelligence Center
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Ohio

Dept of the Air Force
Hq USAF -AFOIN-2a2

Maj Fournet/fh/
71016

1. Reference recent report of interview with T/Sgt [redacted] of WADC re-
garding above subject, an attempt has been made to determine the feasibility of
requesting an investigation by the military authorities on Okinawa. A hydro-
graphic chart of the area (Incl. 1) was obtained in order to study the soundings.
However, a question arose over the exact location. On the aeronautical chart
(Incl. 2), Sgt [redacted] indicated the location at the northernmost point of the island
(Hedo-misaki or Hedo Saki), but on checking his sketch against Inclosure 1, it
appears more probable that the location was actually Oku since there is a lagoon
there about 1 mile wide and a native village at the southern edge of the lagoon,
which seems to check with his sketch.

2. Request Sgt [redacted] be reinterrogated, using Inclosure 1, to determine the
most probable location in question. In addition an attempt should be made to pin-
point the exact location at which object entered water.

3. If it transpires that the lagoon at Oku is the proper location, it will
probably be feasible to investigate since the water is very shallow. Should it
be at Hedo Saki, however, the depth of the water will probably prohibit an inves-
tigation.

4. Request return of Inclosures 1 and 2 with reply.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

2 Incls (9/orig only)
1. Hydro cht Okinawa
2. Aero cht Okinawa

2/14/51
WILLIAM W. WILCOX
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Policy and Management Group
Office, Deputy Director for Estimates
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

PROBLEM:

1. To prepare DF to ATIC.

FACTS AND DISCUSSION:

2. T/Sgt [REDACTED], assigned to WADC at W-P AFB, recently appeared in person before Project Blue Book personnel at ATIC and volunteered information concerning the sighting of an u/i flyob on Okinawa in Nov 50. He stated that the object had fallen into the sea.
3. Sgt [REDACTED] pointed out the approximate location on a map and drew a large scale sketch of the area.
4. This information was forwarded to AFOIN-2A2 for the purpose of determining the feasibility of an attempt to recover or otherwise locate and examine the object.
5. A hydrographic chart of the area was obtained to determine the soundings and thereby judge the feasibility of an investigation. However, it was found that the data reported by Sgt [REDACTED] did not tally with the hydrographic chart. ATIC is therefore being requested to reinterrogate Sgt [REDACTED] in order to resolve these differences. The attached DF will accomplish this.
6. Subject matter will not be suitable for inclusion in the Daily Staff Digest.

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

7. Approval, signature and dispatch of attached DF.

COORDINATION:

AFOIN-2A2, Col Wolfe, 75990
AFOIN-2A, Col Adams, 71564
AFOIN-2, Col Morrow, 71110

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Memorandum for Record

Subject: Report of Unexplained Incident on Okinawa

CAPT [REDACTED] It was two days before Thanksgiving 1950 sometime after 1900 Local Time. You were playing pinochle. Is that correct?

SOURCE: We were playing pinochle.

CAPT RUPPELT: And the first thing you heard was this noise.

SOURCE: Sounded like a motor and the motor died.

CAPT RUPPELT: Did it sound like a conventional aircraft?

SOURCE: No, sir.

CAPT RUPPELT: It did not sound like a conventional aircraft.

SOURCE: I've heard too many of them. I've got 12 years of service and most of it has been around aircraft where you distinguish the difference between single engine and multi engine aircraft.

CAPT RUPPELT: Have you ever heard of any of these ramjets, not ramjets but pulse jet engines over here at Area B? It is sort of a stacato sound.

SOURCE: Yes.

CAPT RUPPELT: Did it sound like that at all?

SOURCE: No.

CAPT RUPPELT: It didn't. But it was definitely different from an aircraft engine.

SOURCE: It was mostly different from other aircraft.

CAPT RUPPELT: You know a Jap "Betty" sounded like that but they wouldn't have any Betty's at that date. I'm mixed up on my dates here. And you were playing pinochle up here in this out post (see sketch).

SOURCE: From here to here for about four or five miles.

CAPT RUPPELT: Some of your people were coming back from town.

SOURCE: Coming back from Guiana.

CAPT RUPPELT: And there on one side of the lagoon and there was a native coming out of the tunnel on the other side. So actually there is a light of sight across the lagoon. And it fell somewhere near the mouth of the lagoon. Did the people in the village see it?

SOURCE: Yes.

CAPT RUPPELT: And it looked just like a great big white landing light and it met with the others from the description in the big white landing light. It was coming in. Do you have any idea which way it was coming in?

SOURCE: It came in from this direction (NE).

CAPT RUPPELT: And then you say that later on sometime after the 26th of December you were up at this northern outpost and you got to talk to them and they said that they saw a light about that time.

SOURCE: Right about that time.

CAPT RUPPELT: Well, —, if it had been an airplane, one of ours, they should have gone out and looked for it.

SOURCE: Right after that I waited about a half hour then I called island control. If it were one of our aircraft he would have communication and he would check with them and there would be a mayday sent out. I checked to see if we had an aircraft down. Now whether or not they have that information on file I do not know. The Radio log is no longer on file because regulations require that they be discarded every six months.

CAPT RUPPELT: Maybe not, a heck of a lot of that stuff was destroyed. Well, that's very interesting. How do you spell your name?

SOURCE: [REDACTED] T/Sgt.

CAPT RUPPELT: And you're over at WADC and what's your symbol over there?

[REDACTED]

ELT: That's over in the Electronics Sub-Division.

[REDACTED]

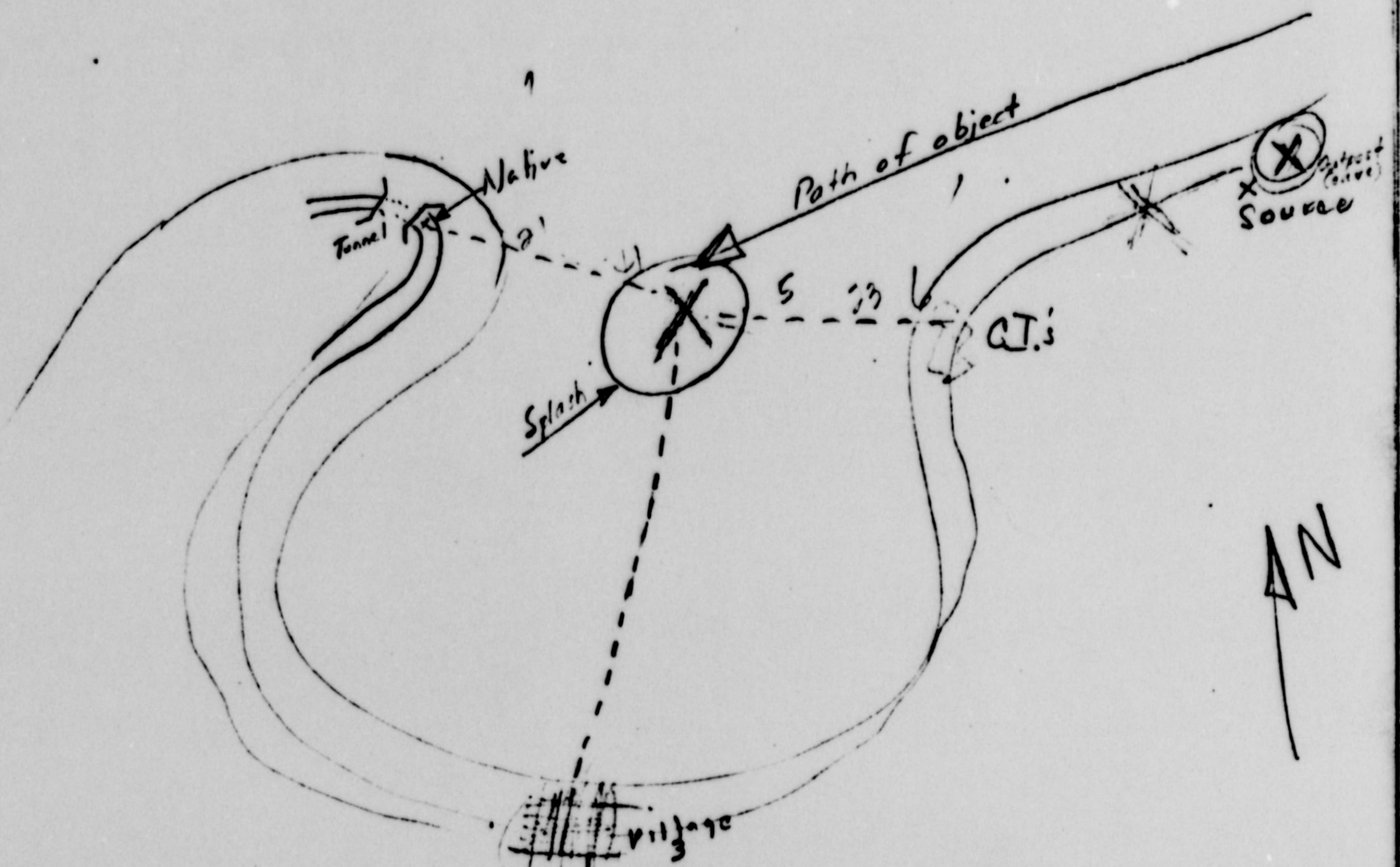
ELT: Did both these guys see a splash? I mean the native and the
Do you know?

Well, now, the G.I. didn't see the splash. They did see the light. It might have just been another aircraft. Lots of times aircraft would come over and turn on their lights to say "hello". We'd blink ours back to them.

ELT: And they came up where you were playing pinochle and told you
It took them about three minutes to get up there?

A little longer than that. About five or ten minutes.

PELT: O.K., then that's about it.

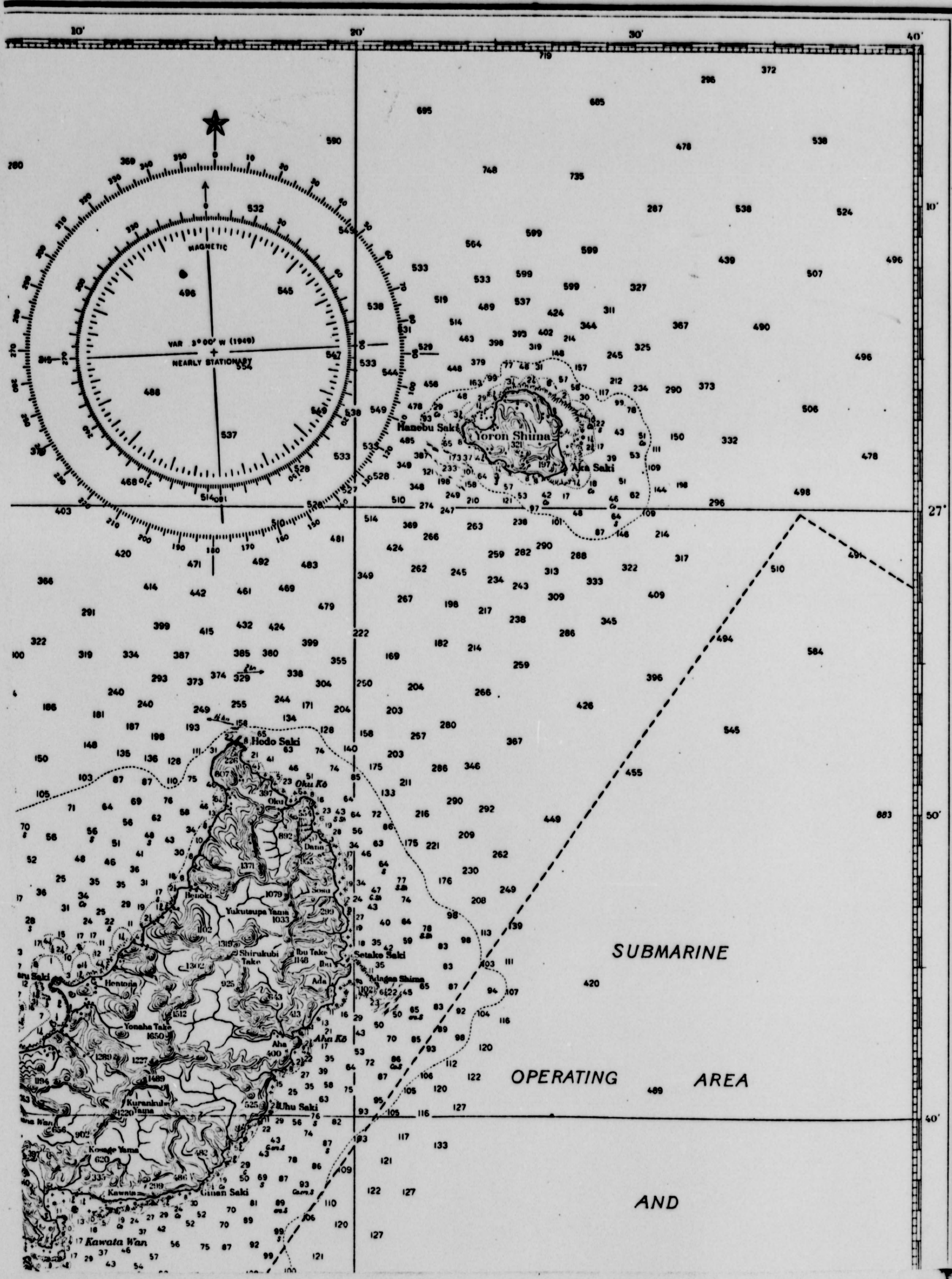


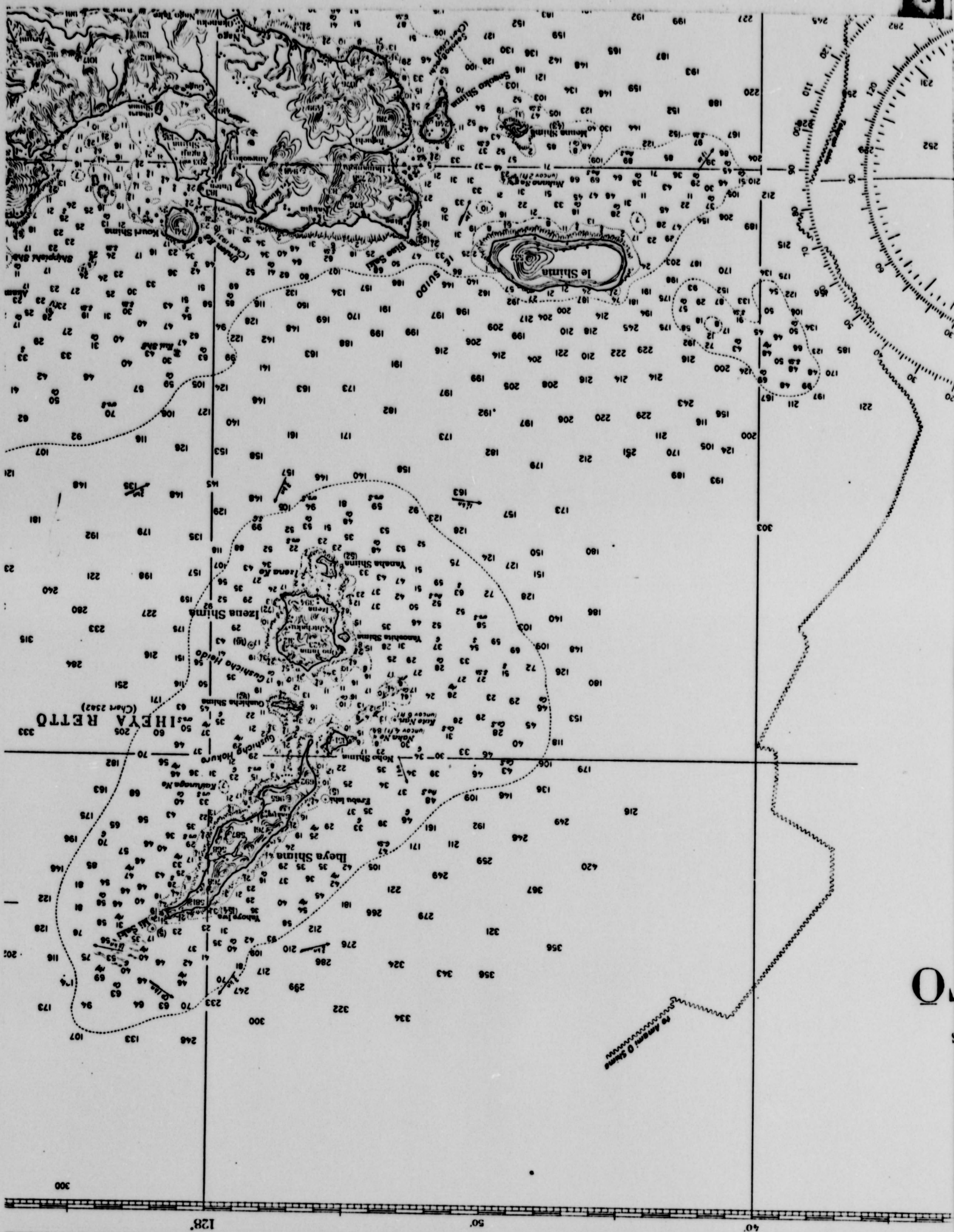
██████ swears the cove he refers to is on the extreme northern tip of Okinawa. No photomosaics here. ██████ claims he is very familiar with Okinawa and cove he refers to is not on chart.

He says he is sure that cove was two to three miles wide. Depth was four fathoms. Either ██████ is confused on the location or the cove is much smaller than he judged.

He offered to go back and point out spot. Says map must be wrong about no houses in area he mentions. I doubt it, however.

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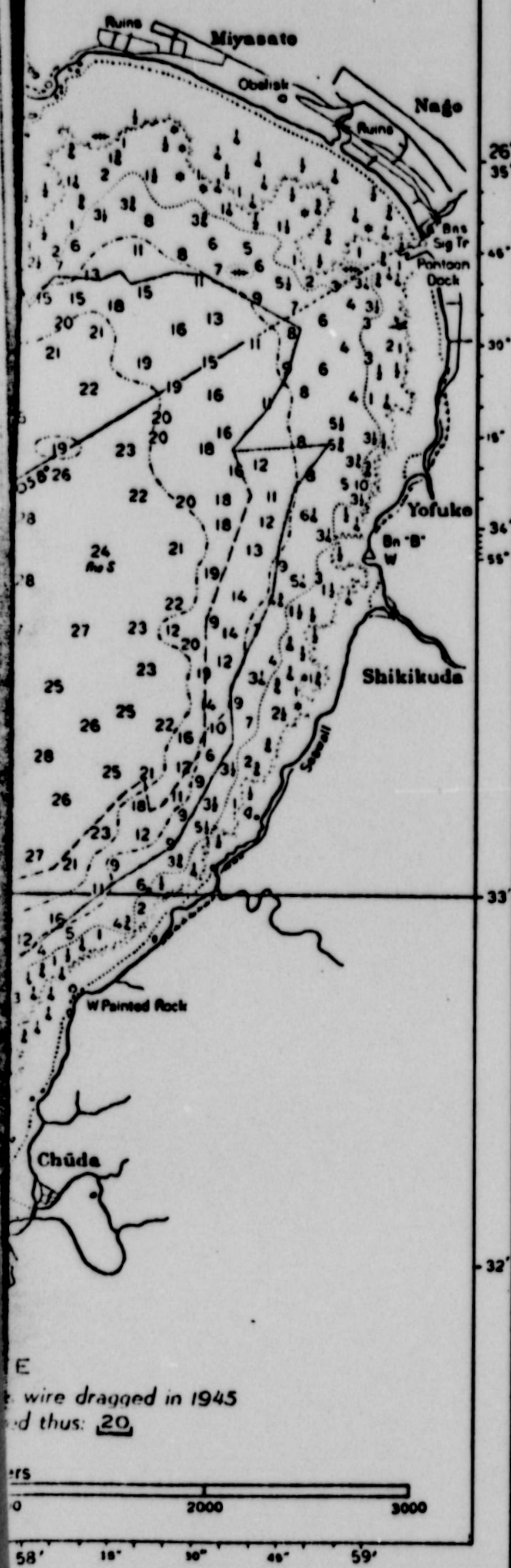
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NEARLY STATIONARY



JAPAN

NANSEI SHOTŌ OR SOUTHWESTERN ISLANDS

OKINAWA GUN

From Japanese surveys to 1925
with additions from U. S. Navy surveys in 1945

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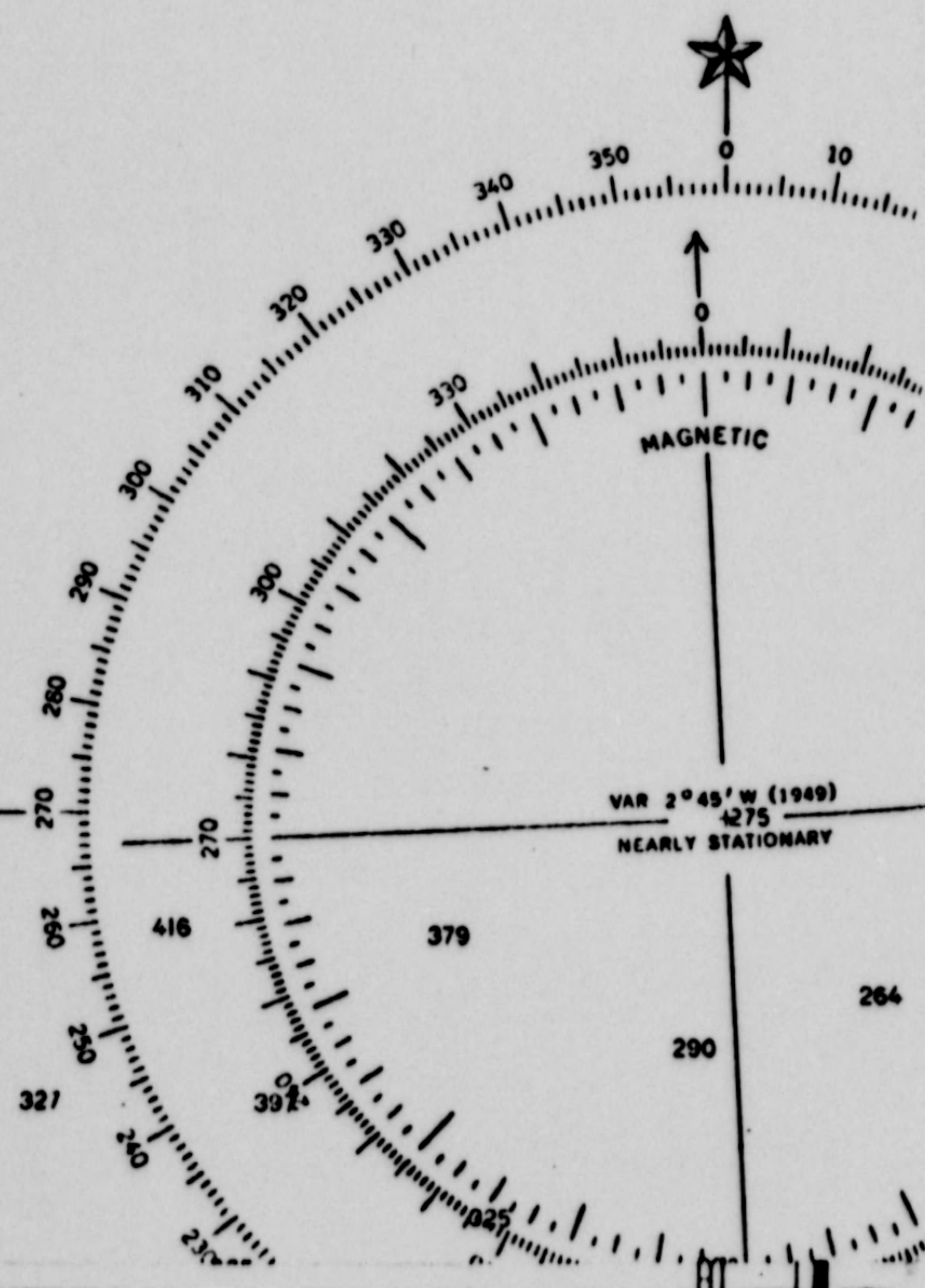
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HEIGHTS IN FEET ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL

For Symbols and Abbreviations, see H. O. Chart No. 1

MERCATOR PROJECTION

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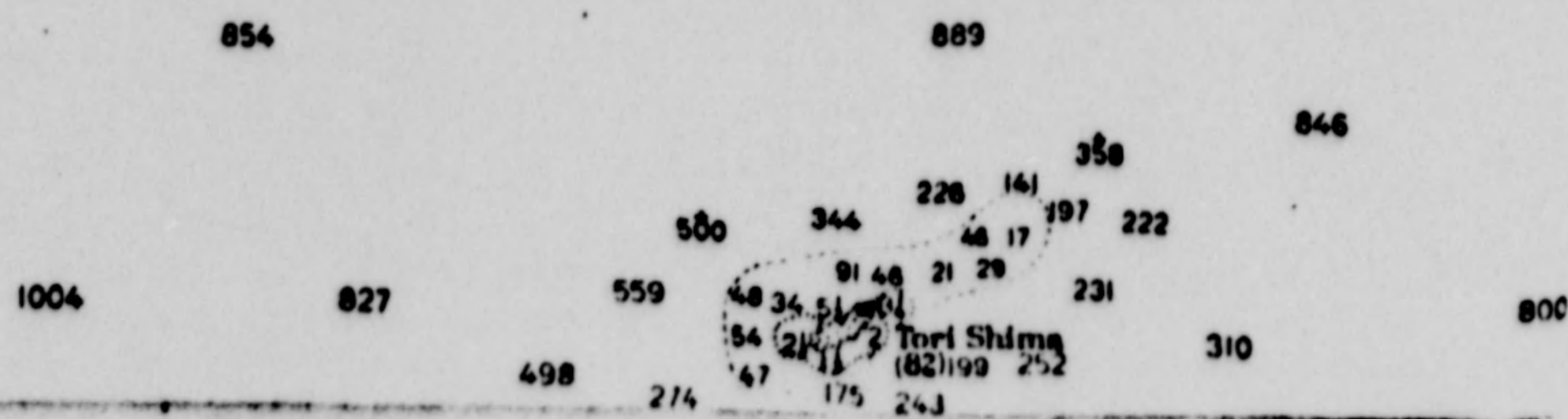
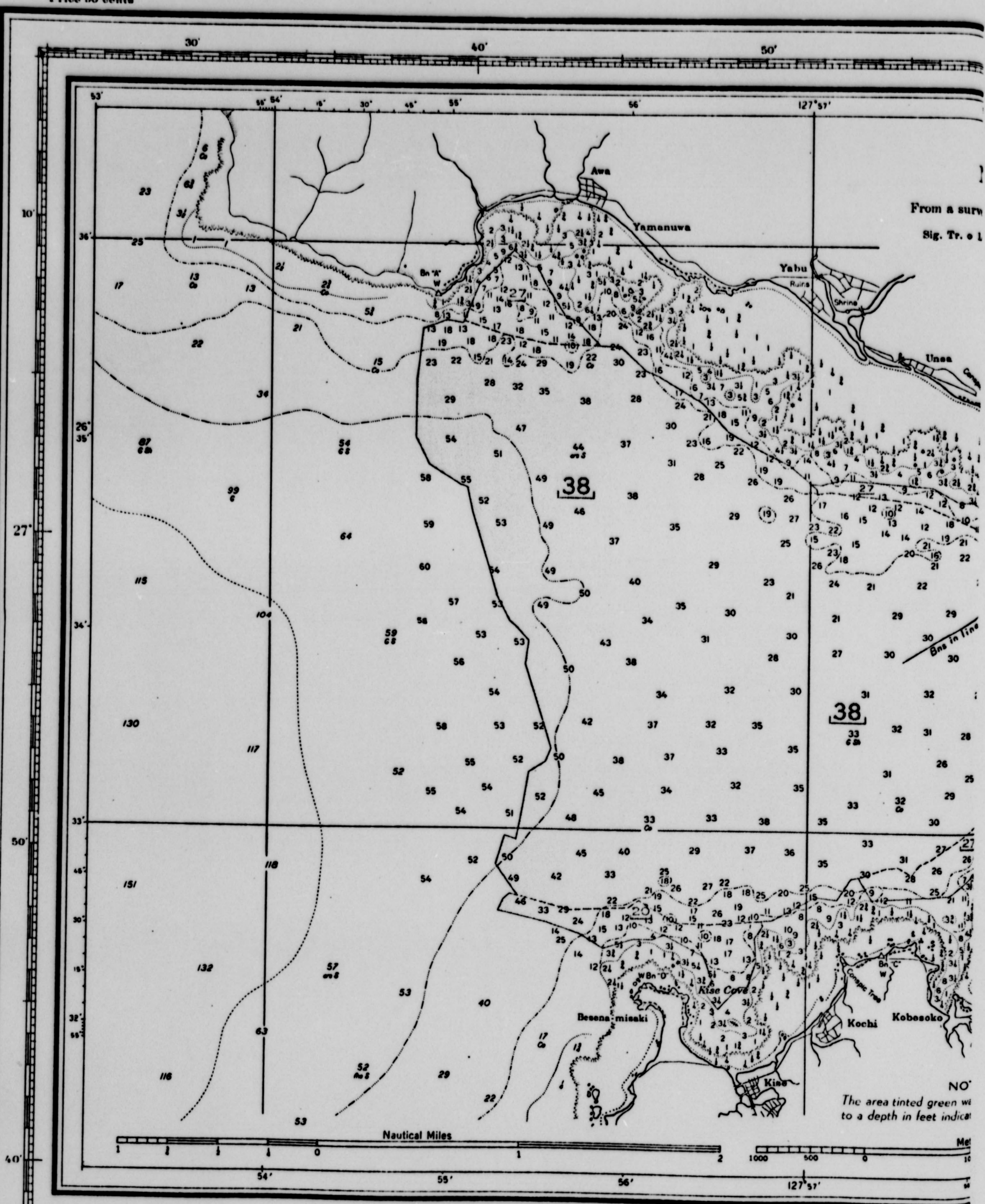
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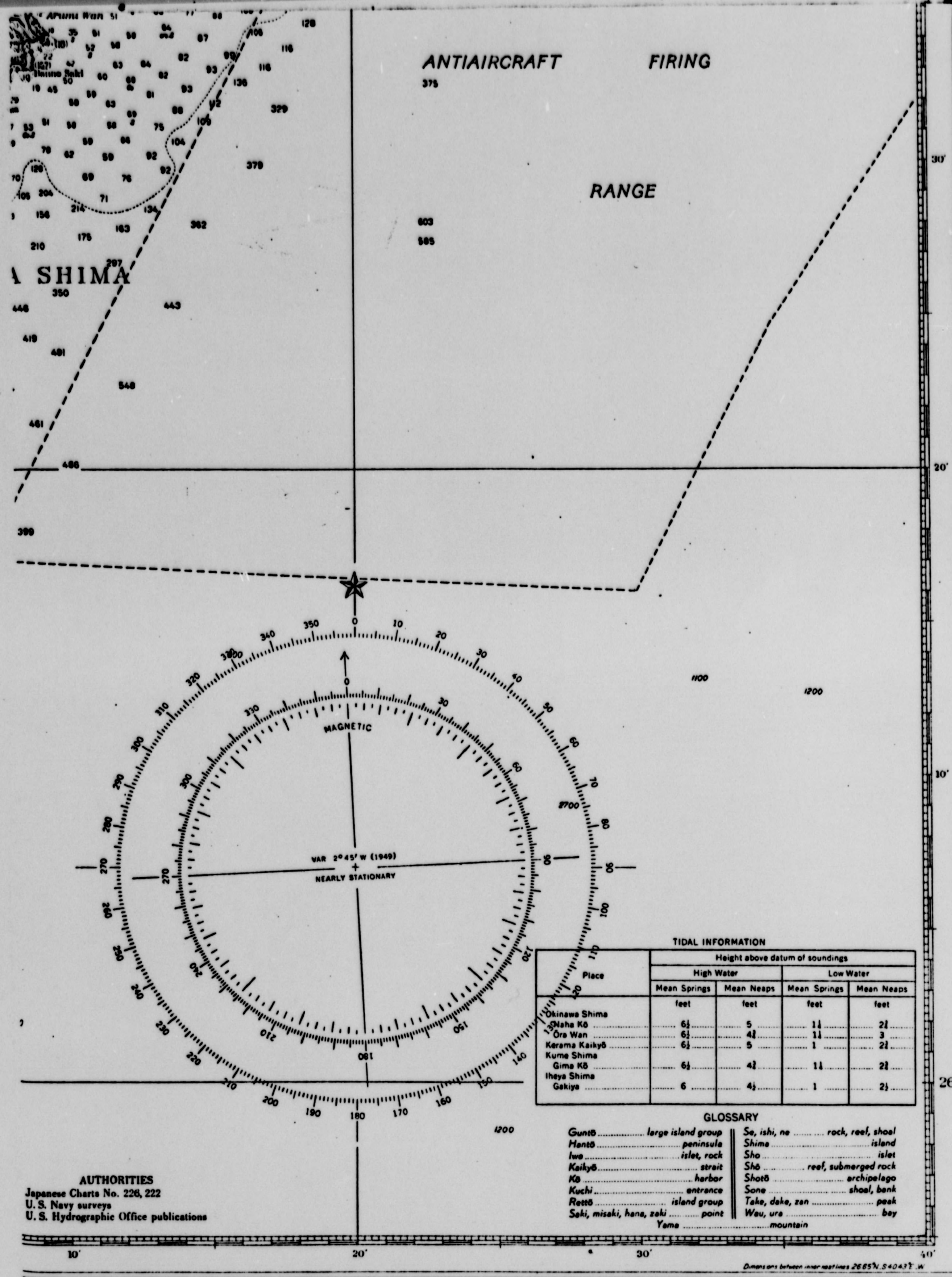
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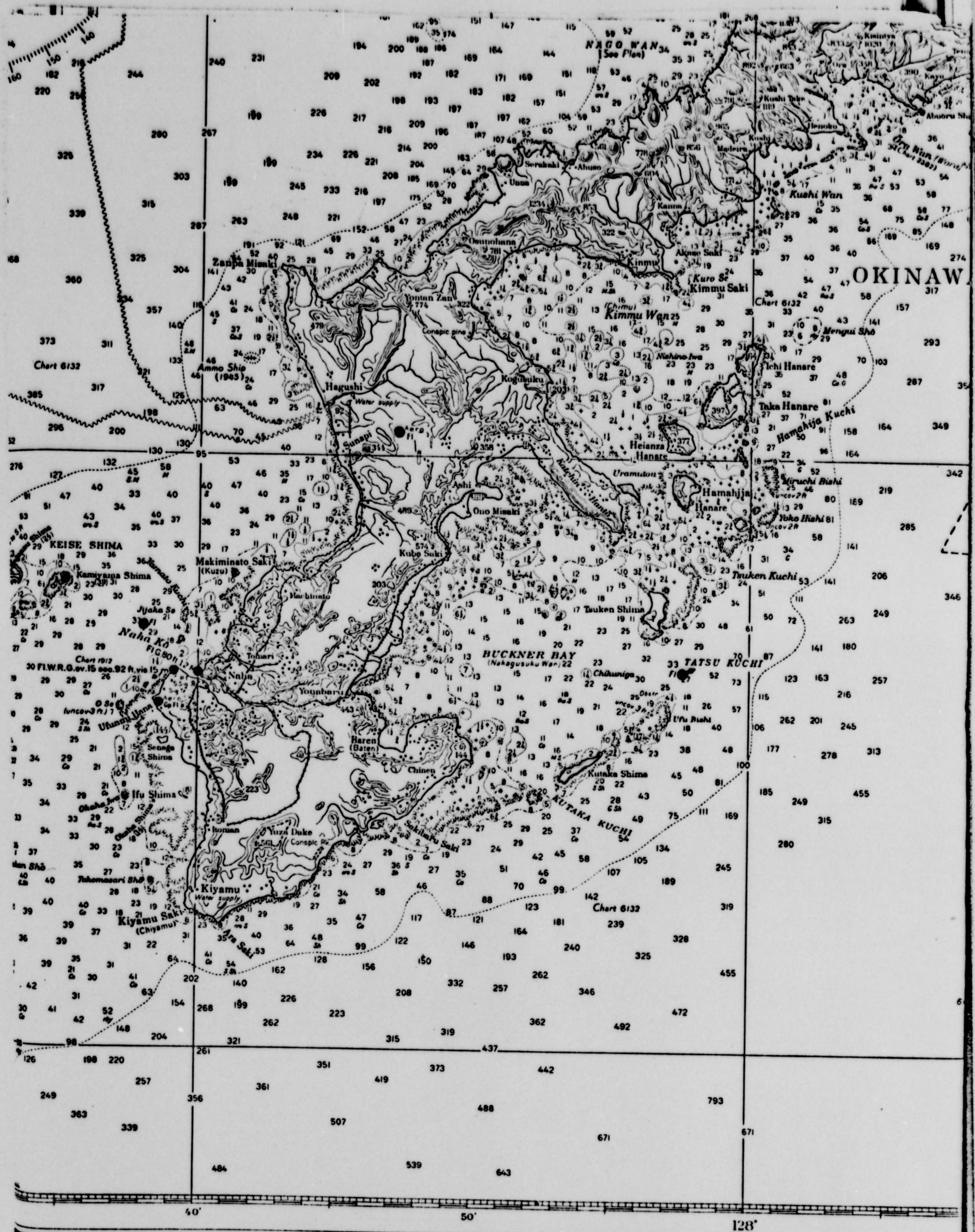


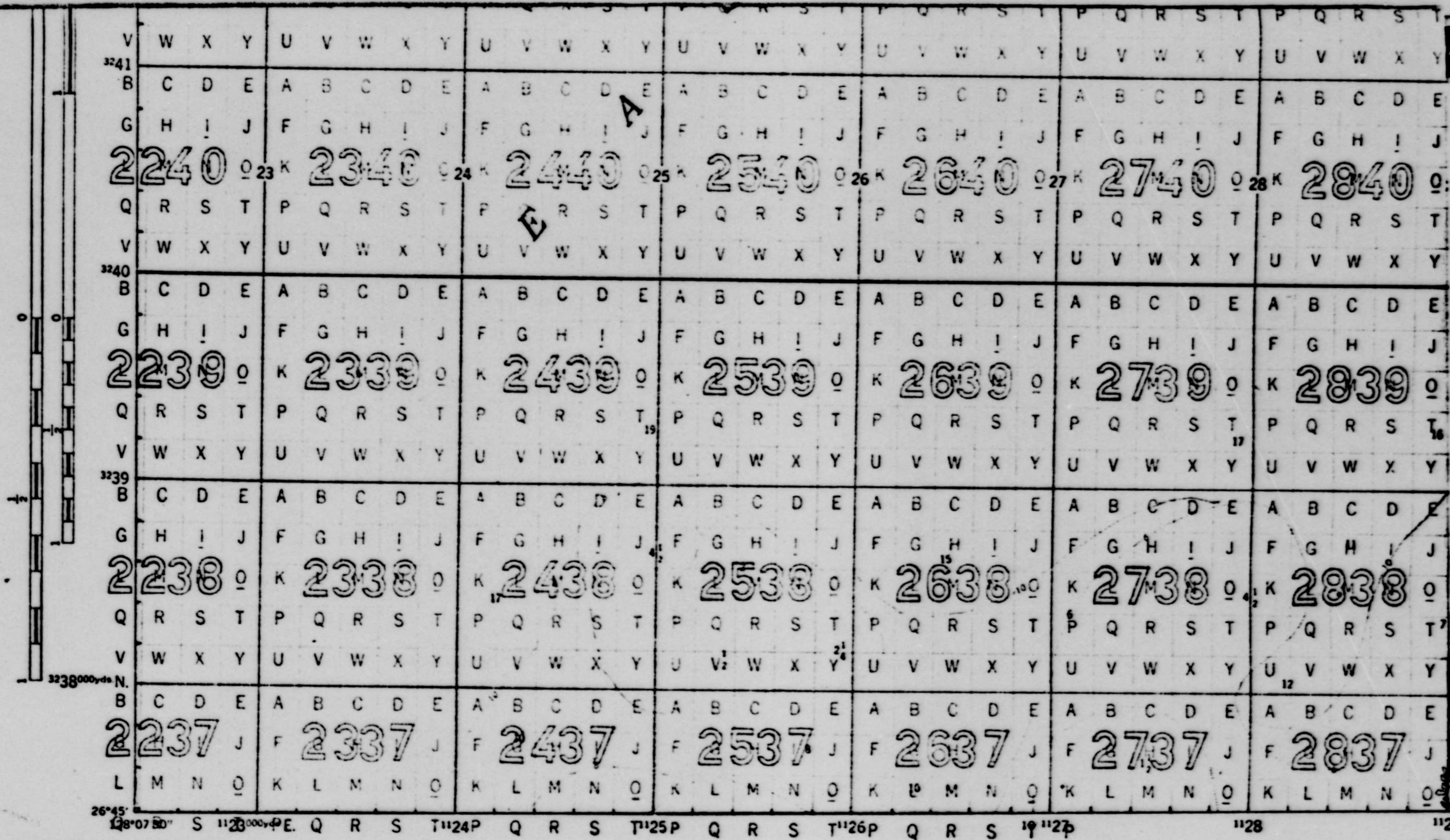


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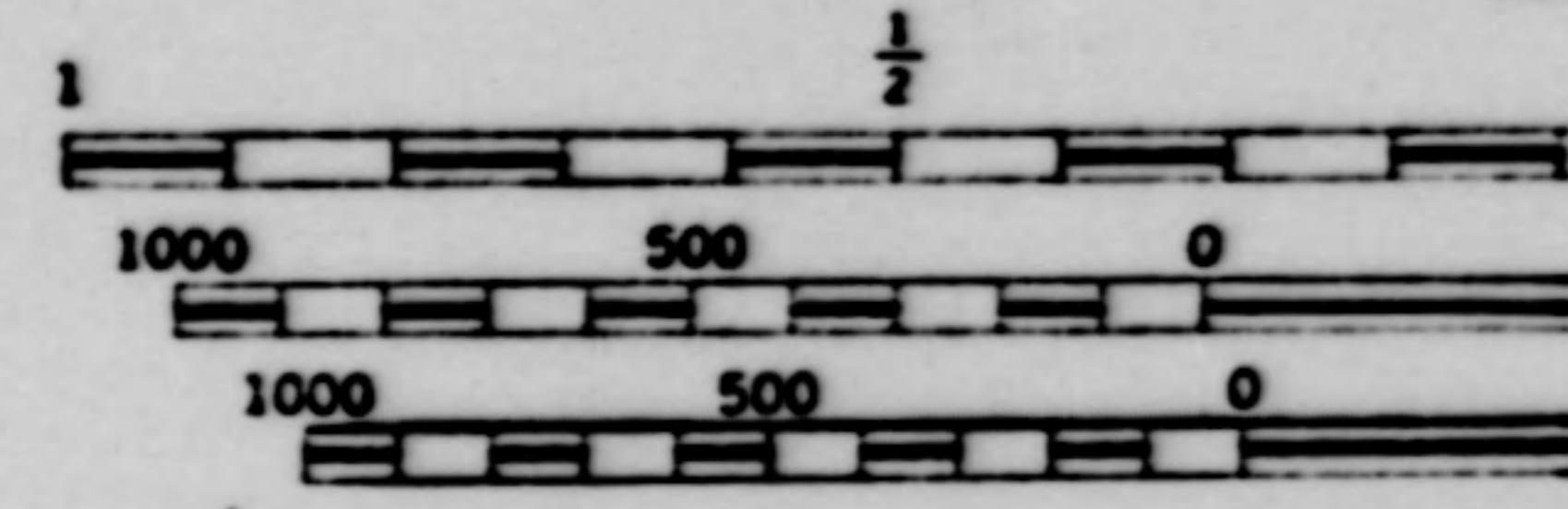


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Track and Trail	Railroad 2'6" narrow gauge	
Road in built-up areas	Railroad 2'6" narrow gauge - horse-drawn	
Mud or tidal flats	Soundings	10
Rice field	Fathom line	0
Orchard	Limiting danger line	

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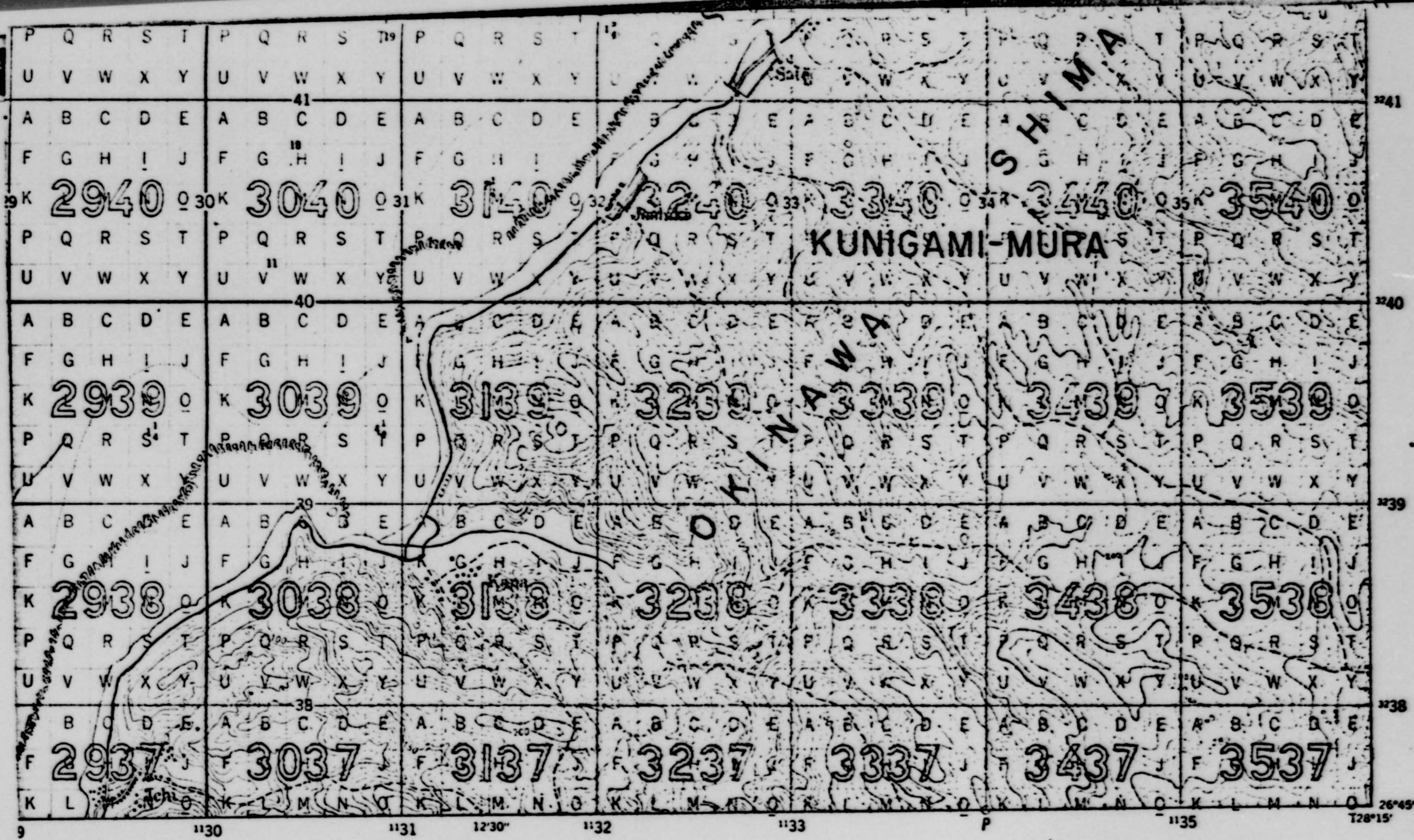
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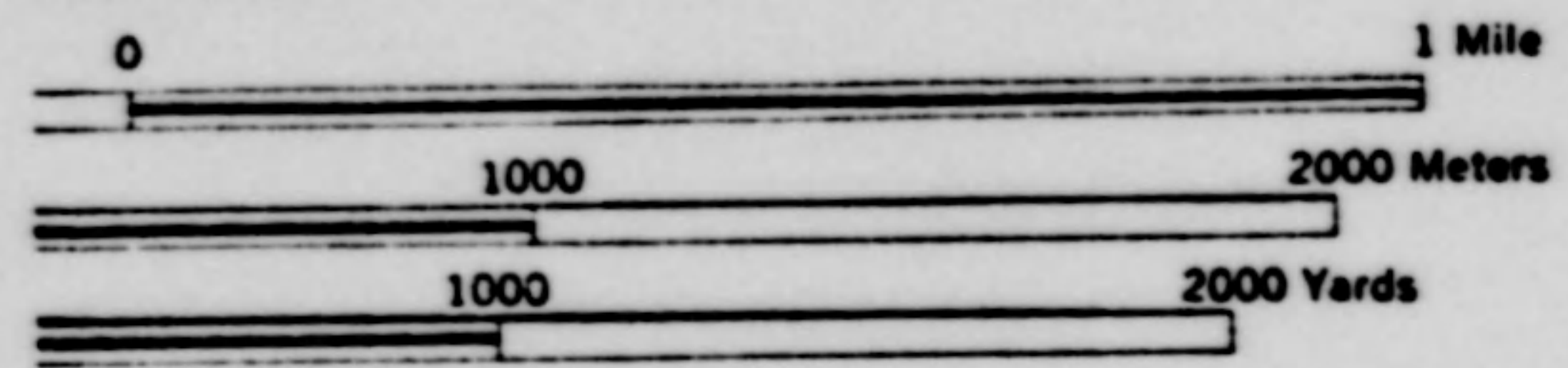
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- dake (-take) mount
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- gun gun
- hama (-hama, -ishi) beach
- jima (-shima) island
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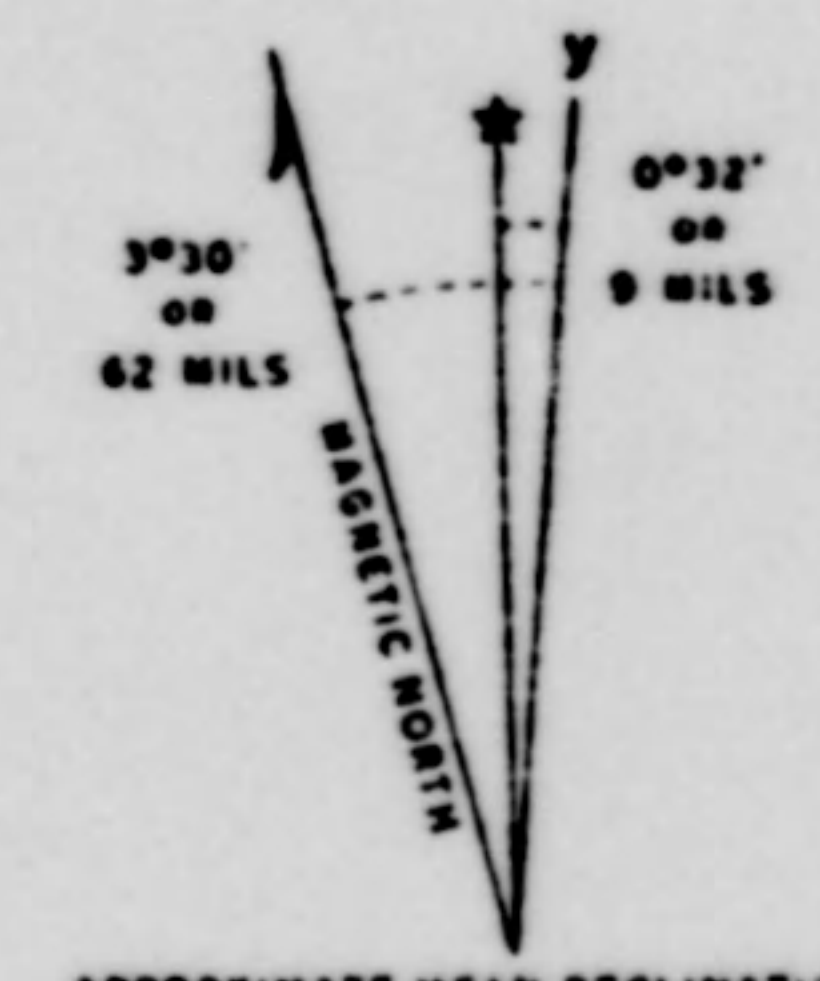


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LOSSARY

ain	-ko (-minato)	harbor
ver	-misaki (-saki, -zaki)	cape
nty	-mura	township
sch	-se (-sho)	reef or shoal
nd	-shima (-jima)	island
ck	-sho	reef
ver	-wan	bay
ure	-yama (-san, -zan)	mountain

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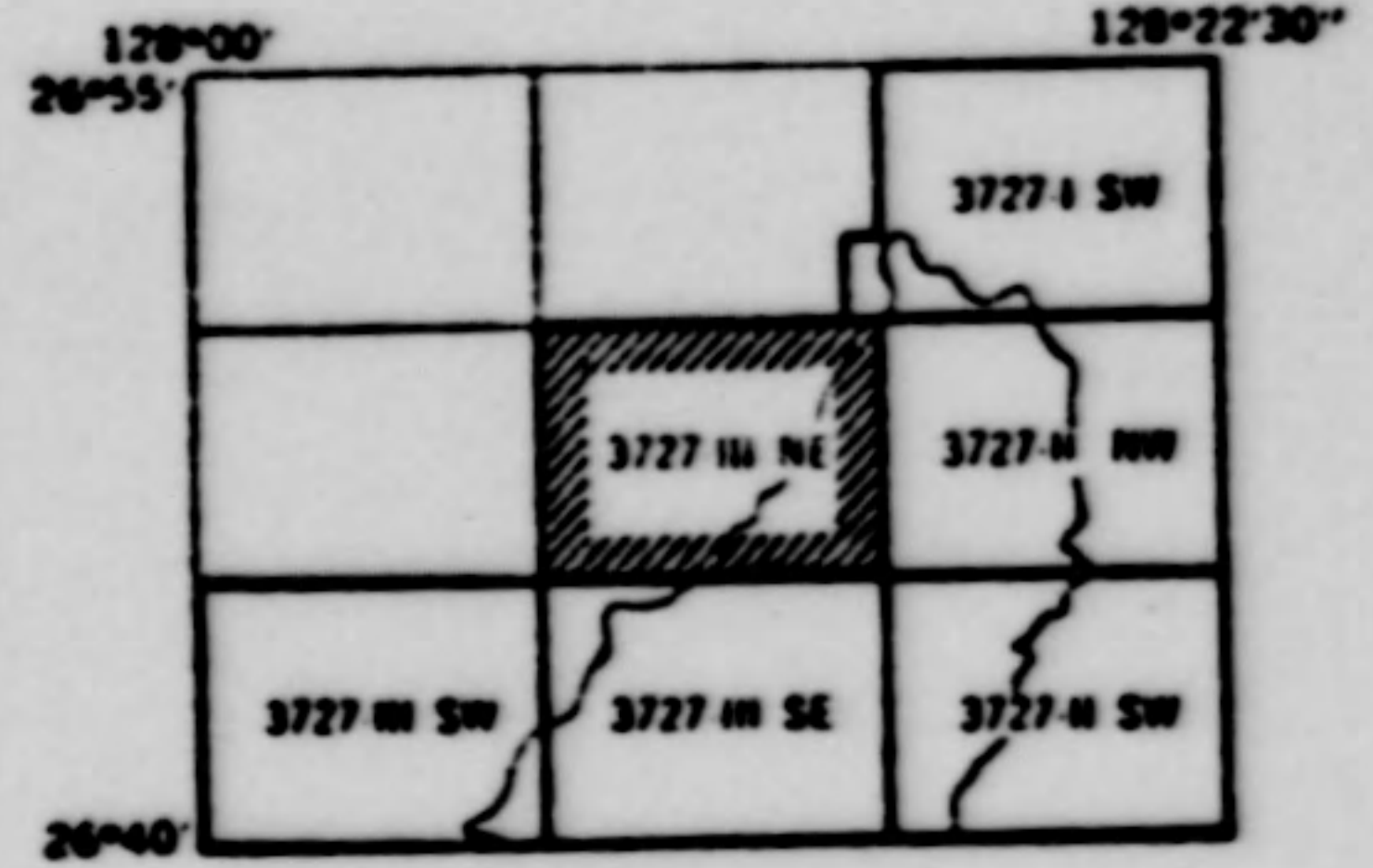
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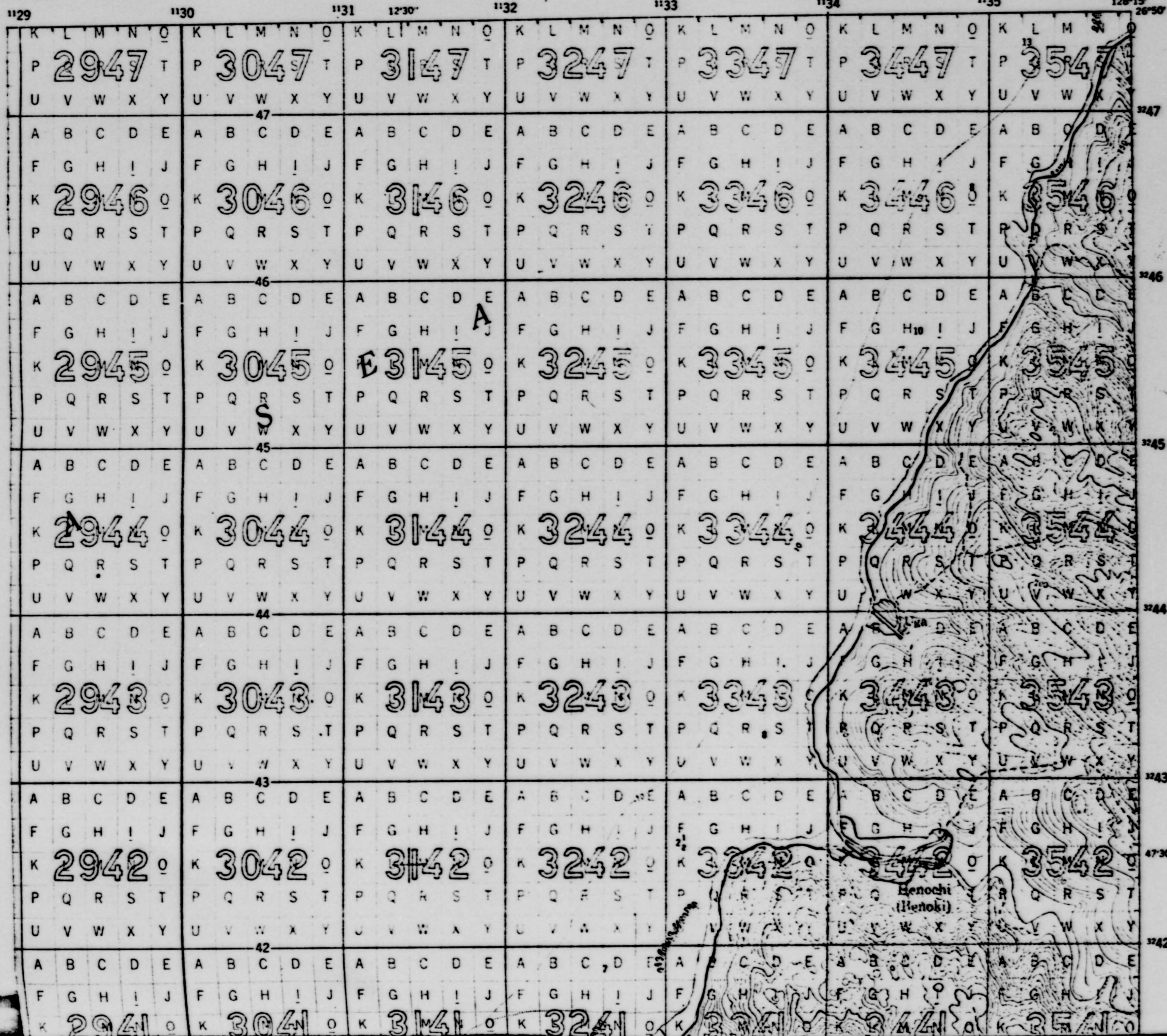
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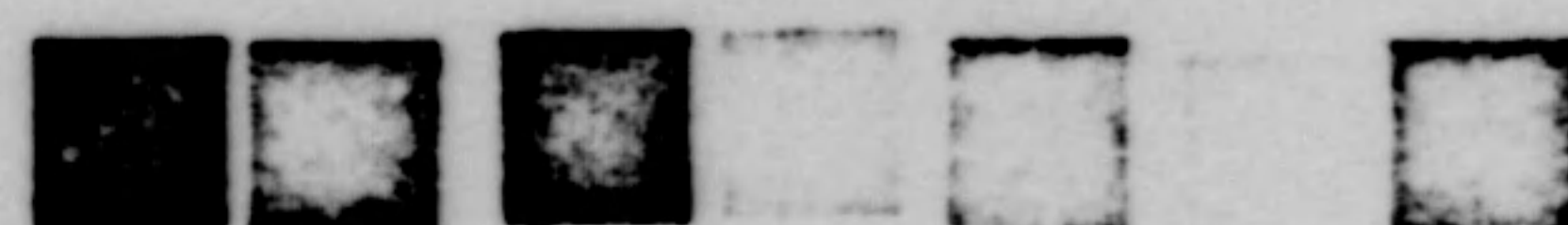
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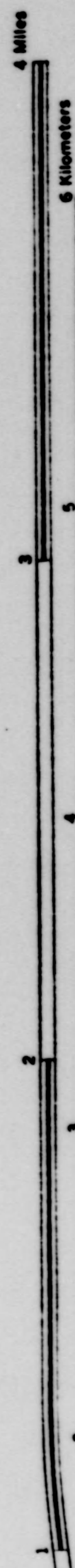


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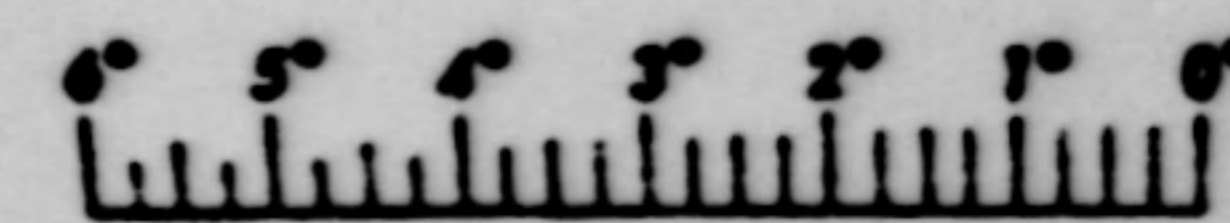


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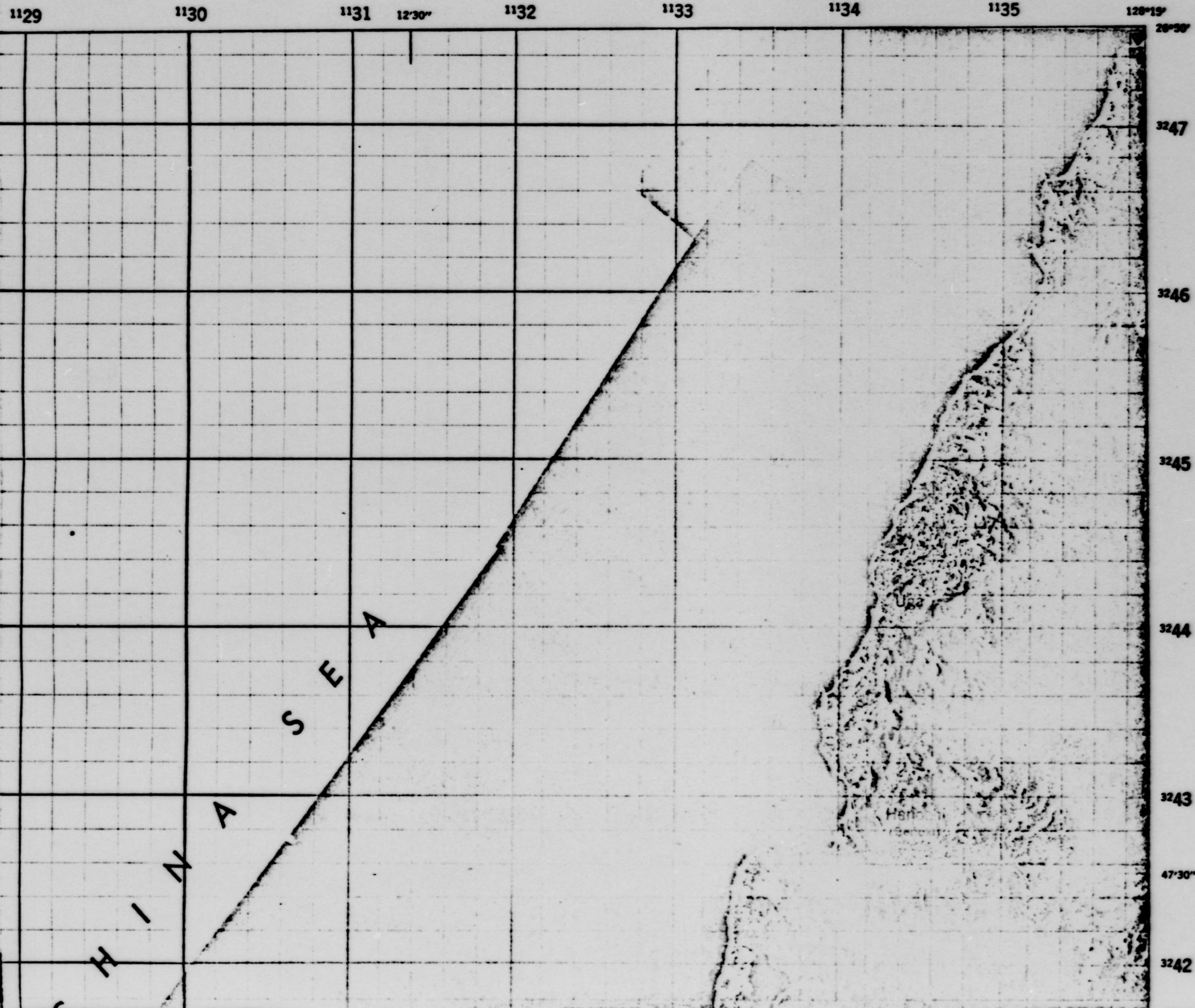
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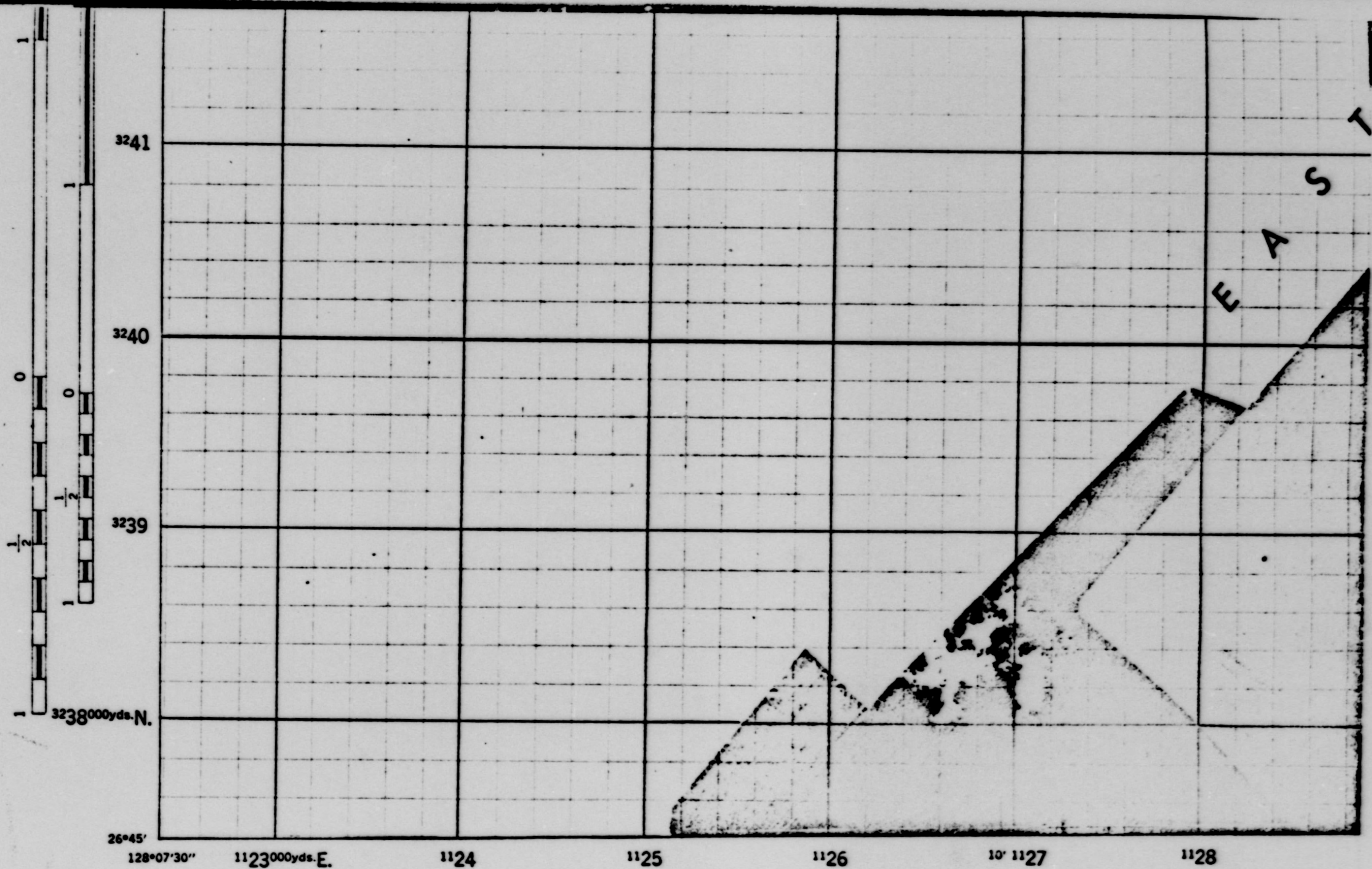


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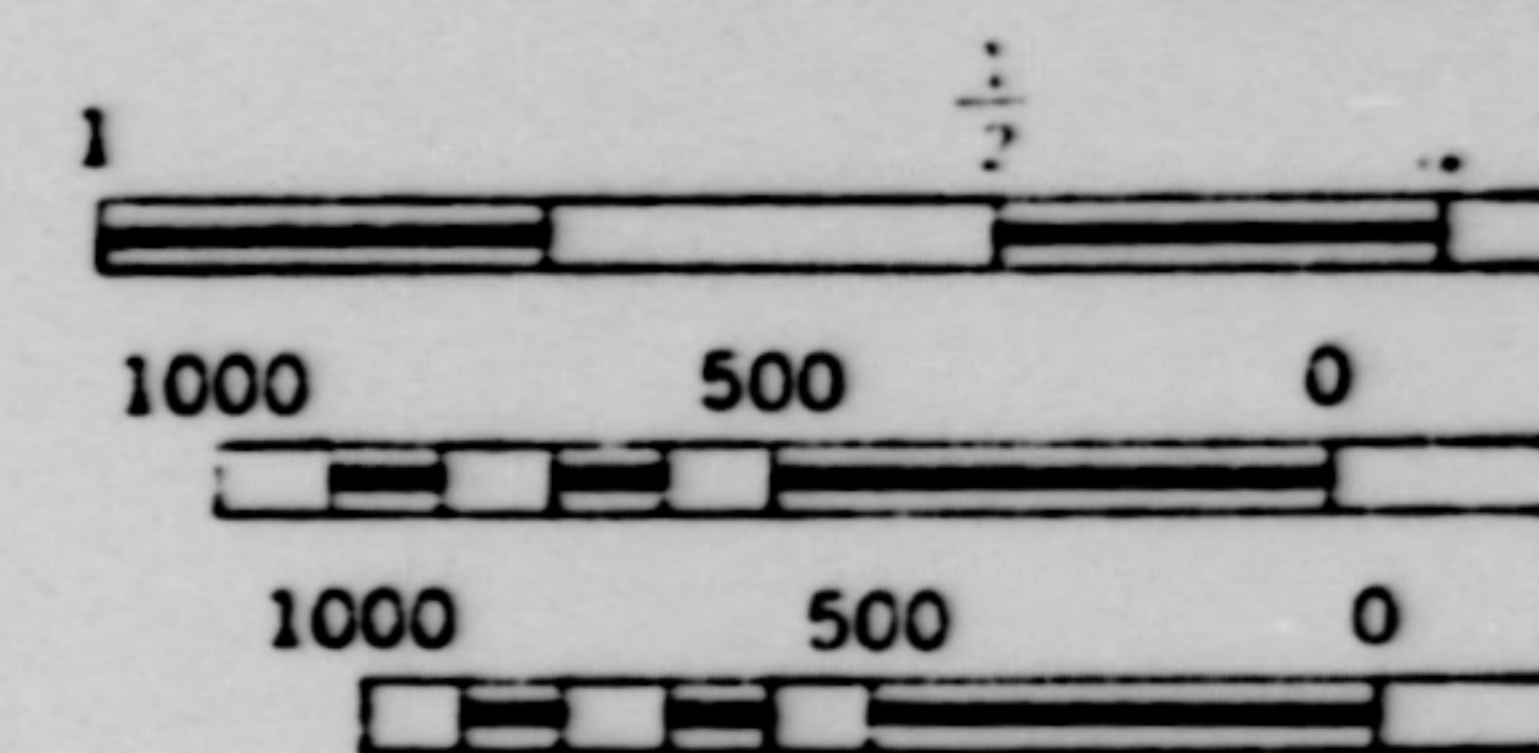
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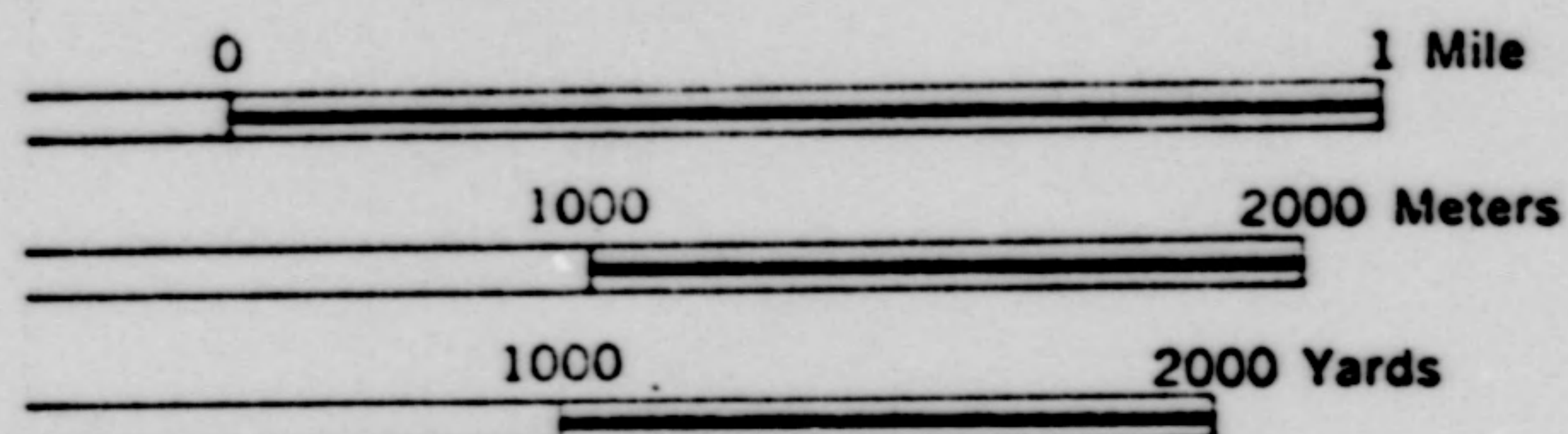
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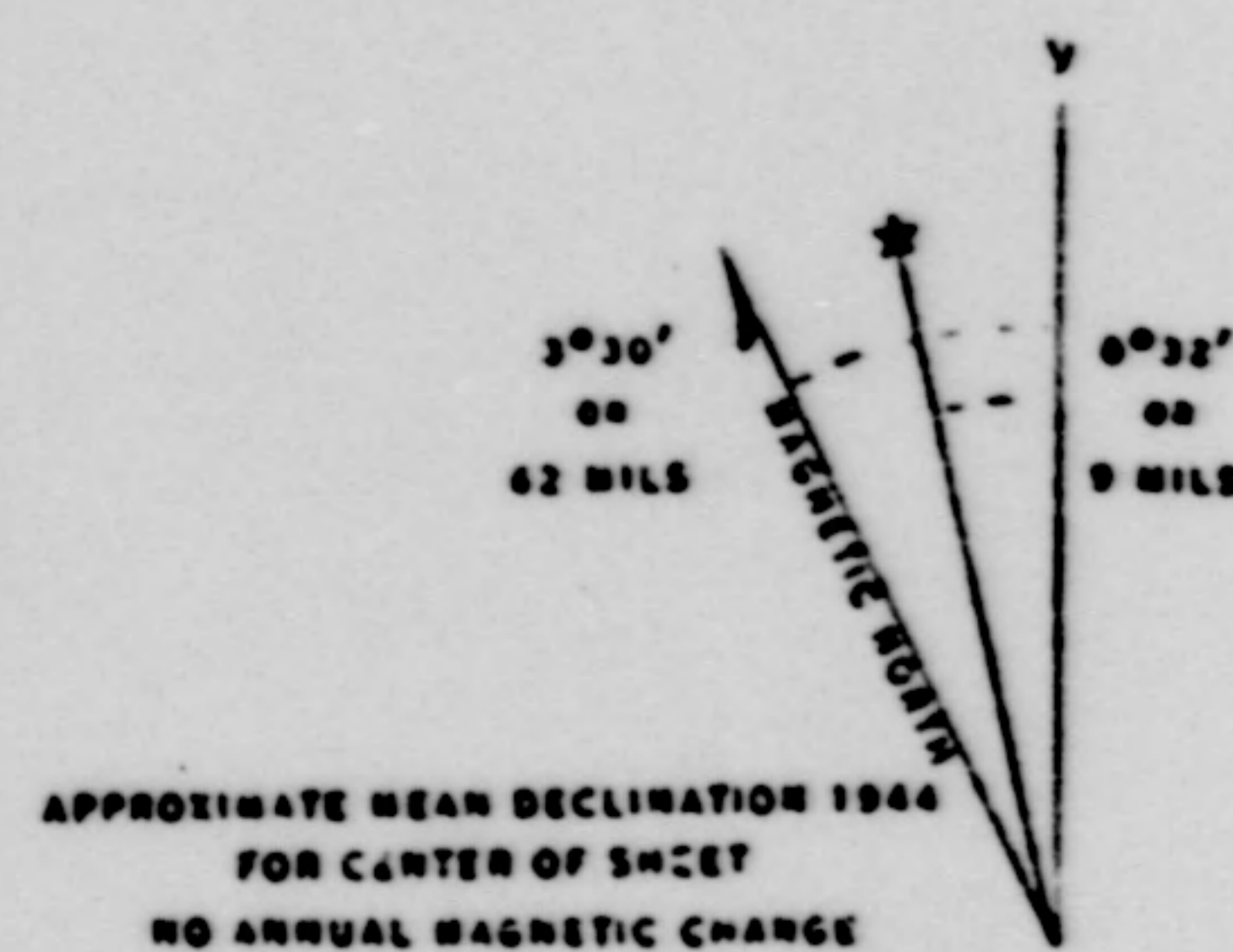


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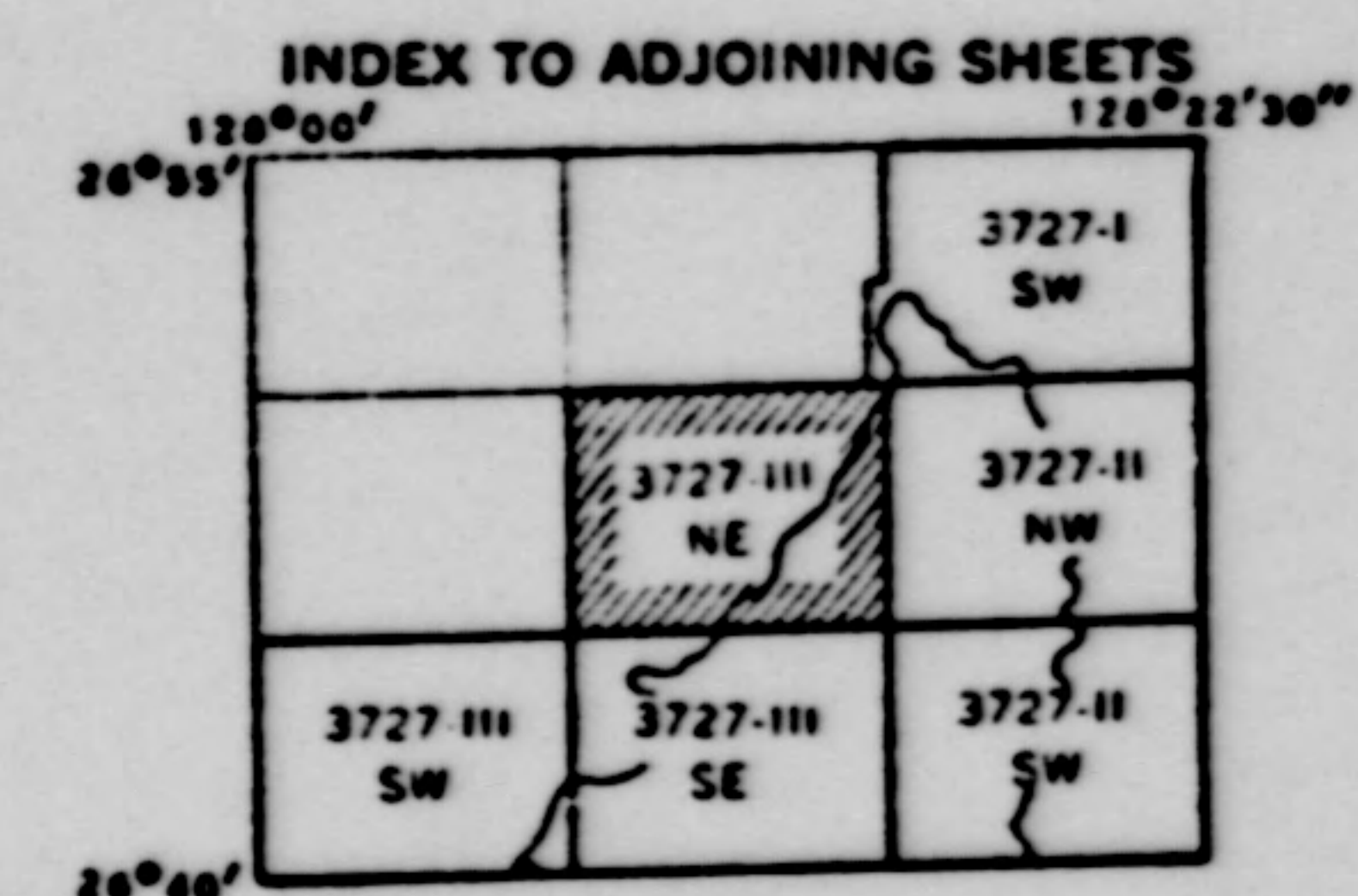
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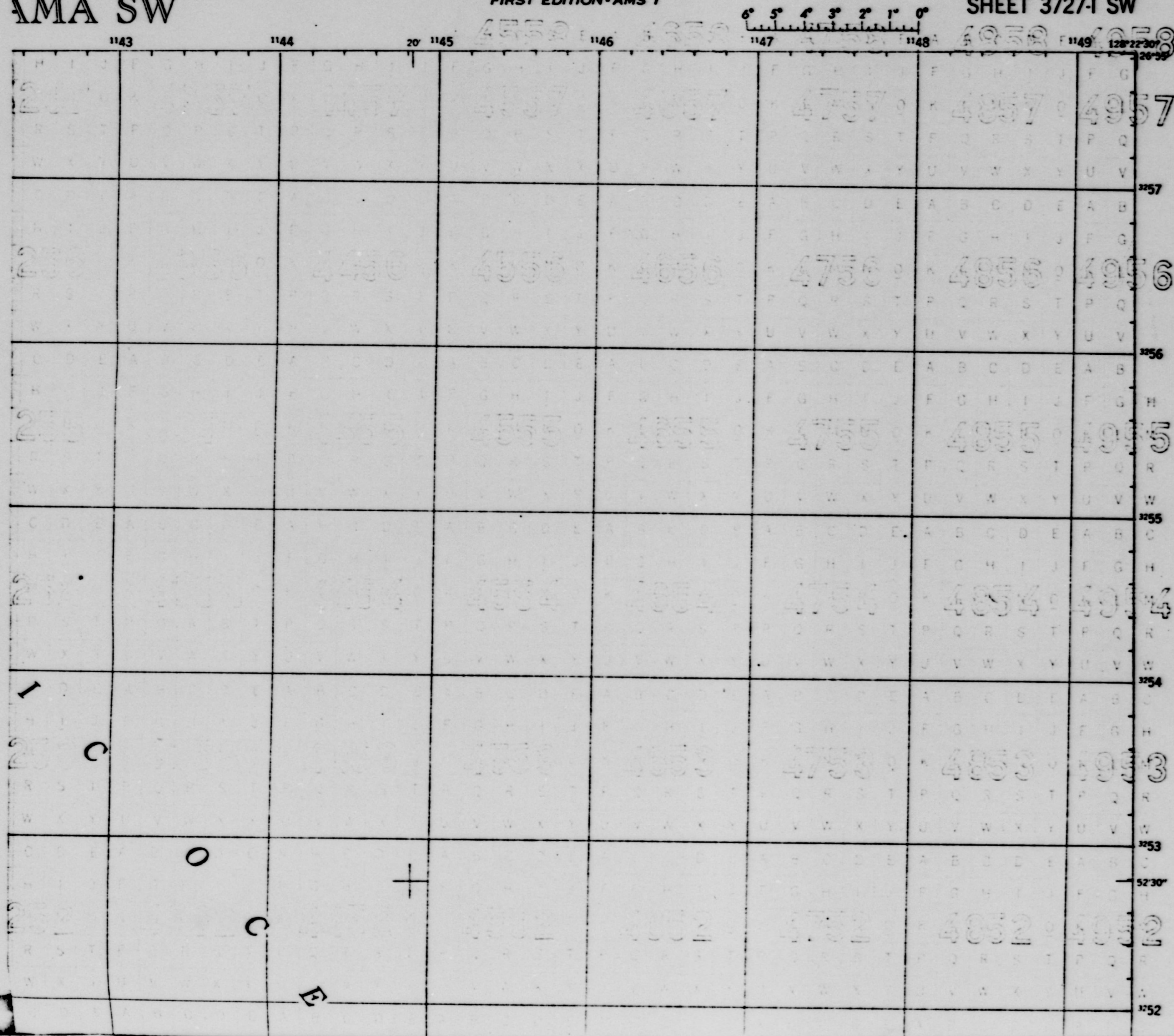


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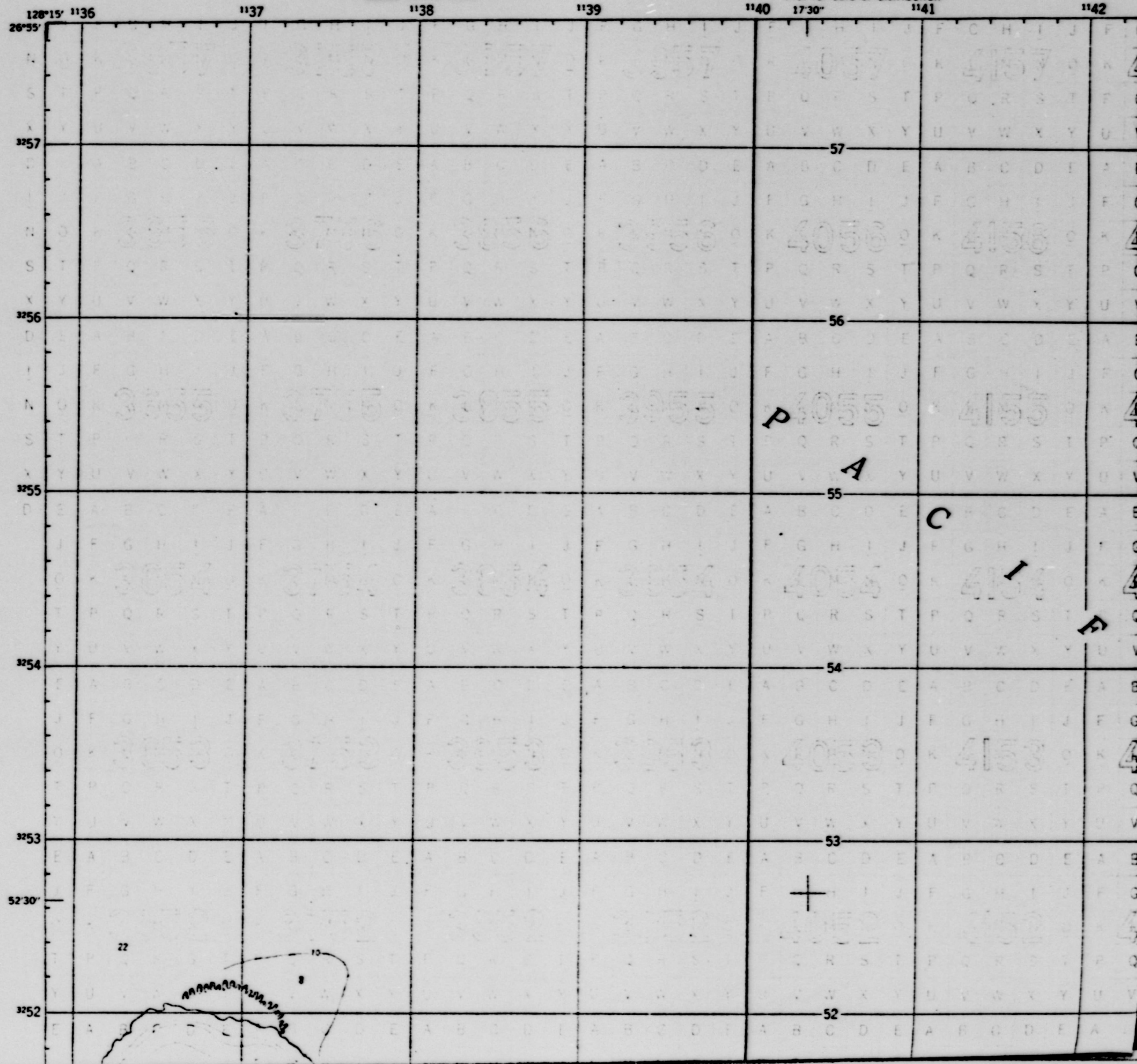


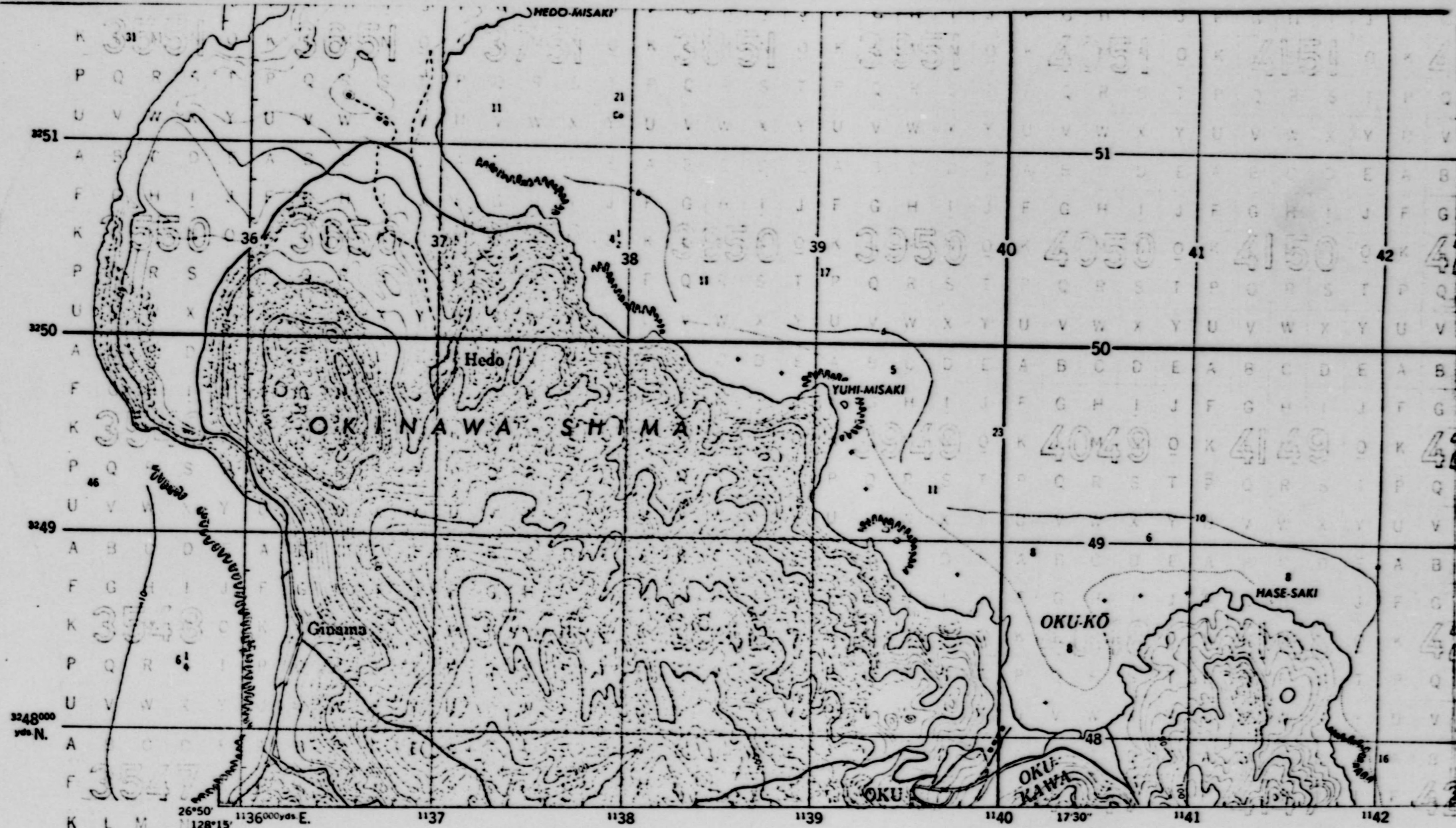
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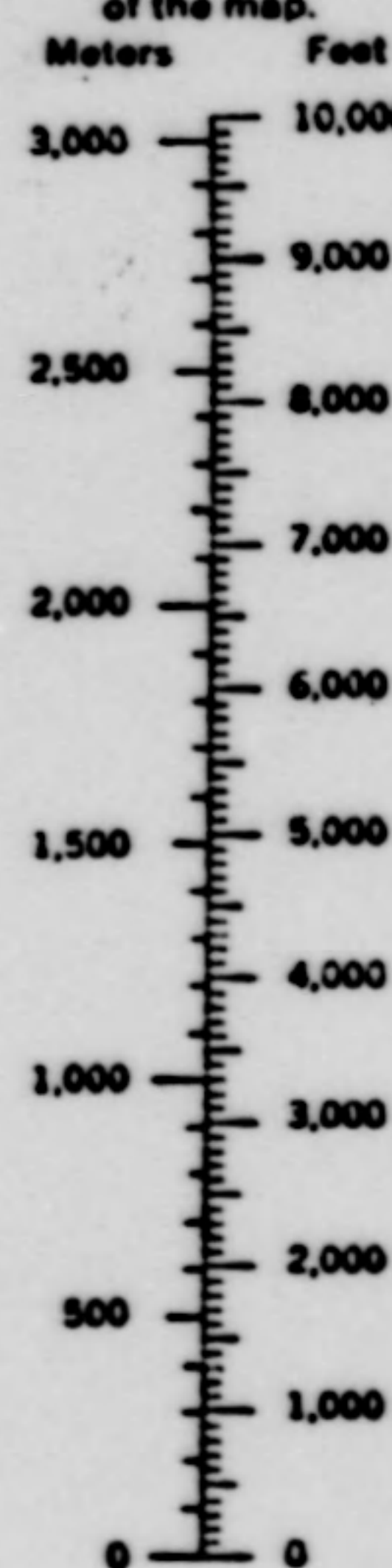
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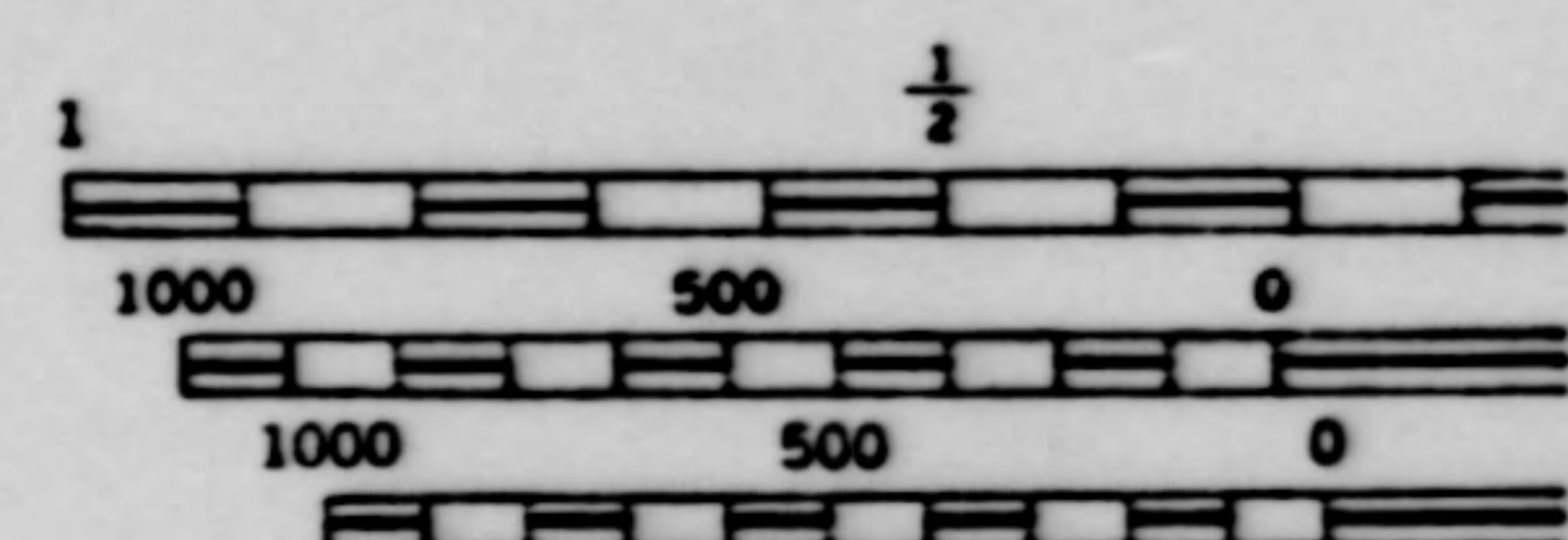


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LEGEND

Prefectural Road	—	Railroad 3'6" gauge steam	—
Road 2-4 meters wide	—	Railroad 3'6" gauge electric	—
Track and Trail	—	Railroad 2'6" narrow gauge	—
Road in built-up areas	—	Railroad 2'6" narrow gauge horse drawn	—
Mud or tidal flats	—	Soundings	10
Rice field	—	Fathom line	—
Orchard	—	Limiting danger line	—



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POINT OKU			
FOR STANDARD MILITARY GRID REFERENCE			
East	39	North	47
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Estimate tenths Eastwards		Estimate tenths Northwards	
East	397	North	477
STANDARD MILITARY GRID REFERENCE 397477 (To nearest 100 yards)			
FOR TARGET-AREA DESIGNATOR			
Take NUMBER of the 1000 yard square in which the point lies.			3947
Take LETTER of the 200 yard square in which the point lies.			1
TARGET AREA DESIGNATOR (Locates within 200 yard square)			39471
Nearest similar grid or target-area reference: 100,000 yards (Approximately 57 miles)			

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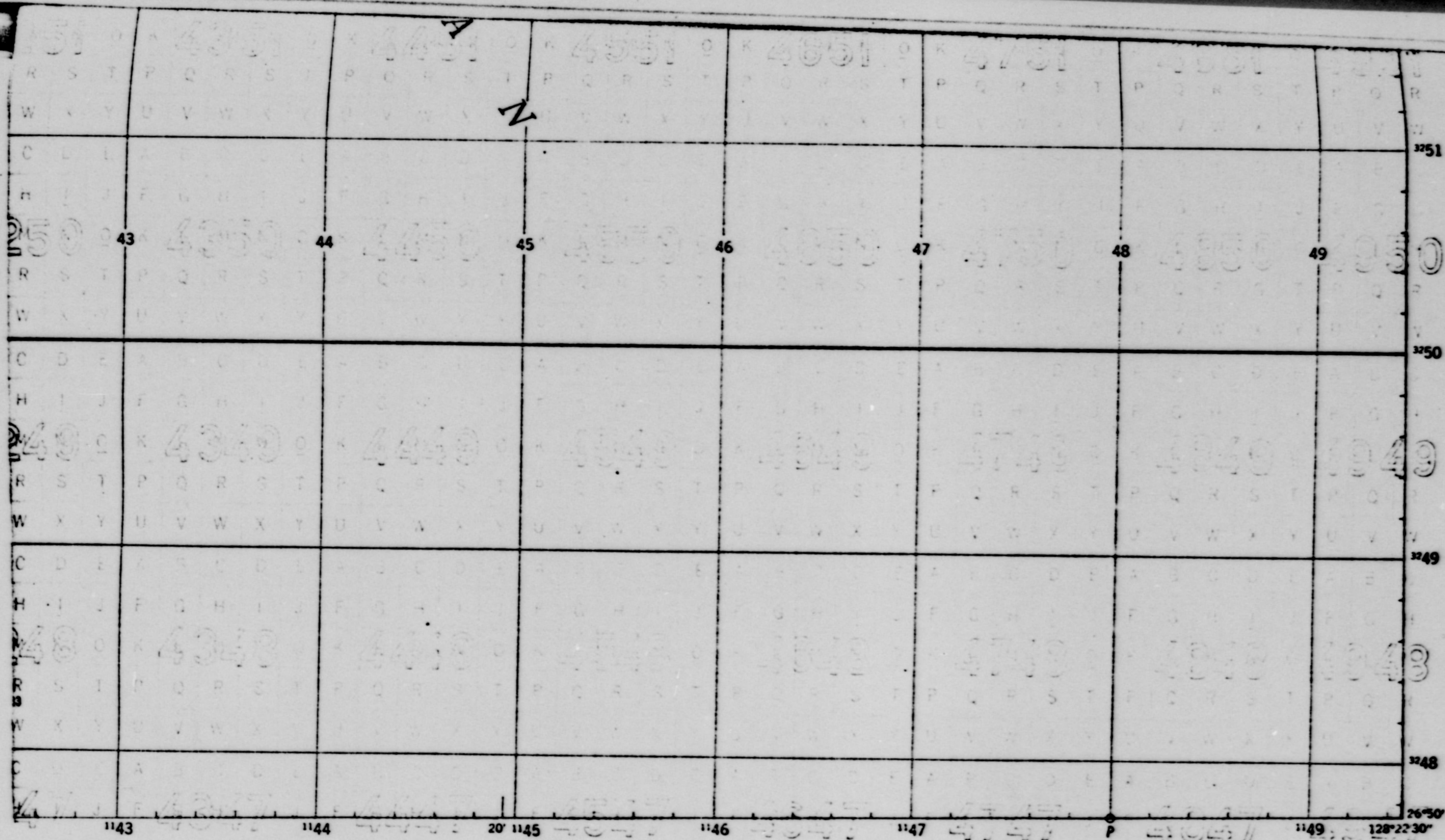
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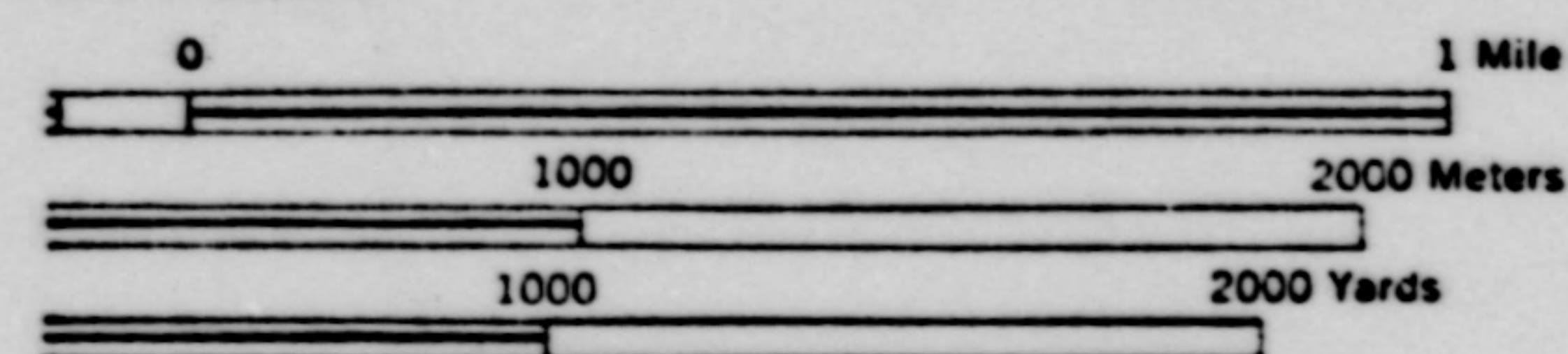
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HYDROGRAPHIC LEVEL

HEIGHTS IN METERS



Scale 1:25,000



INTERVAL 10 METERS

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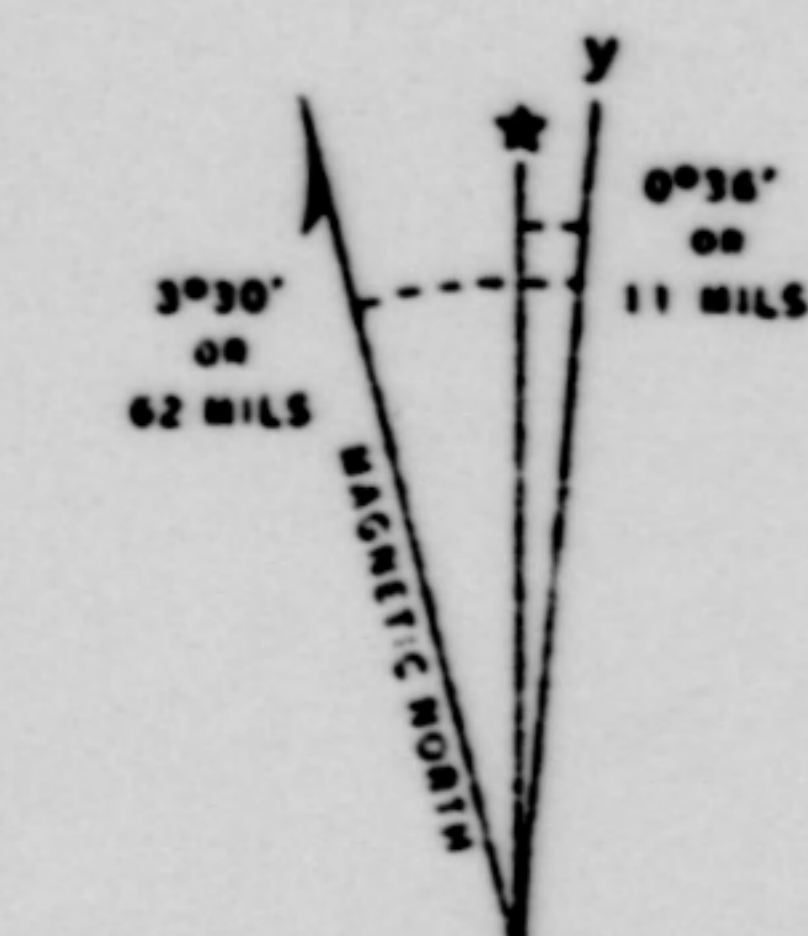
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GLOSSARY

..... county
..... prefecture
do) harbor
saki, -zaki) cape
..... township
u, -misaki) cape
jma) island

HIC DATUM: APPROXIMATE
F LOWEST LOW WATER

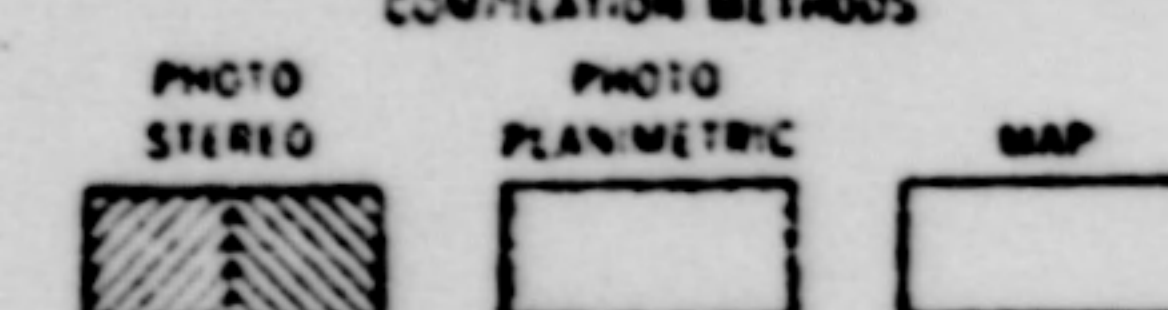
ERS-DEPTHS IN FATHOMS



APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION 1944
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Use diagram only to obtain numerical values.
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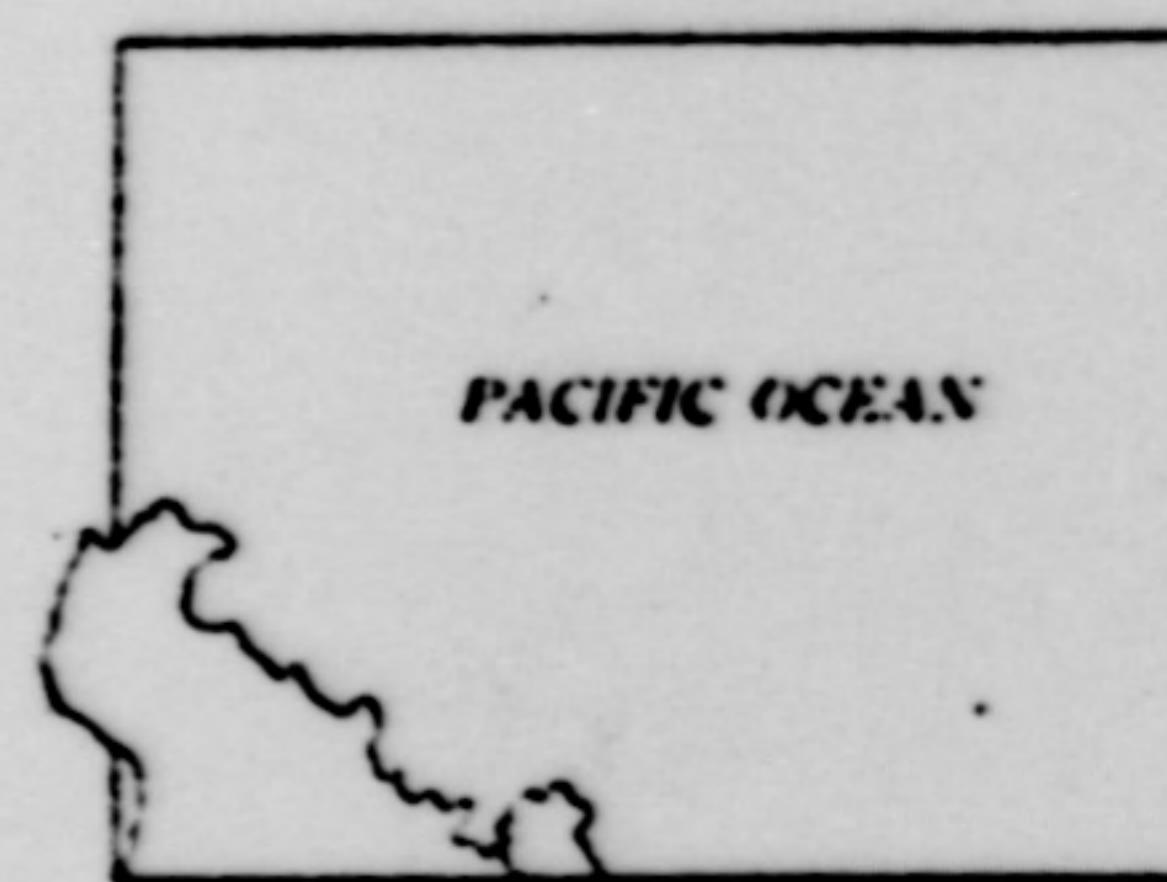
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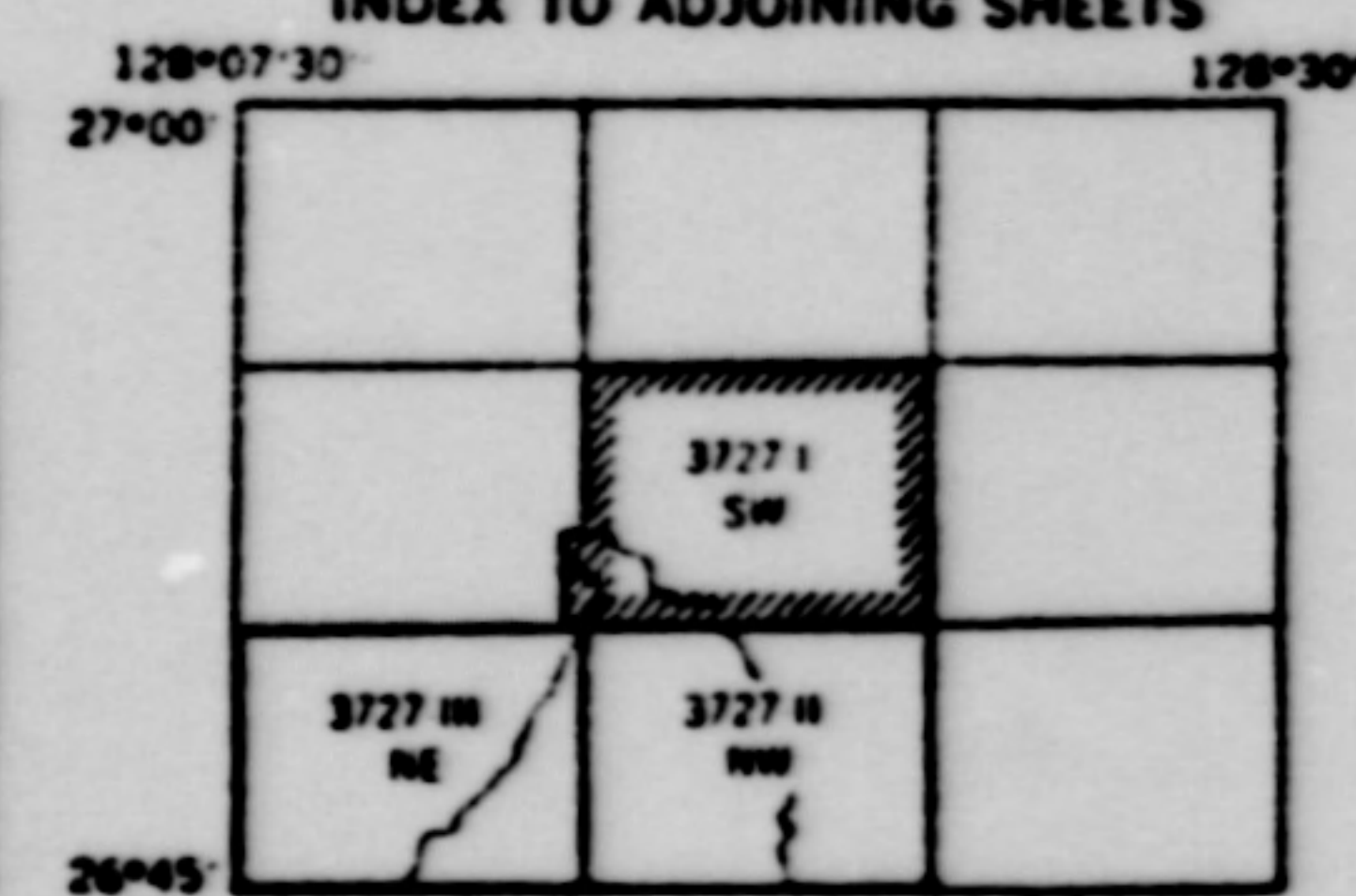
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OKINAWA KEN
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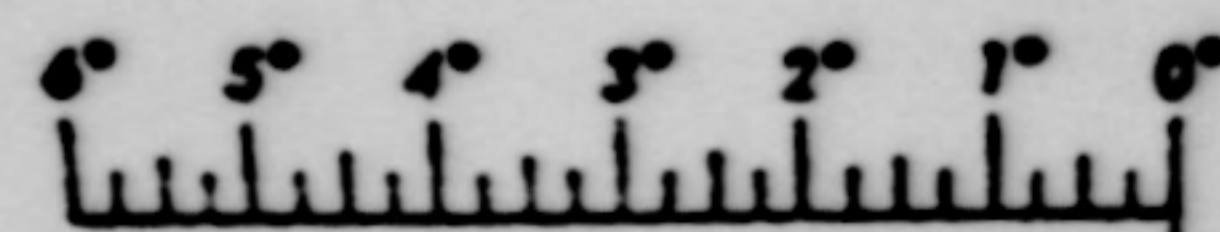
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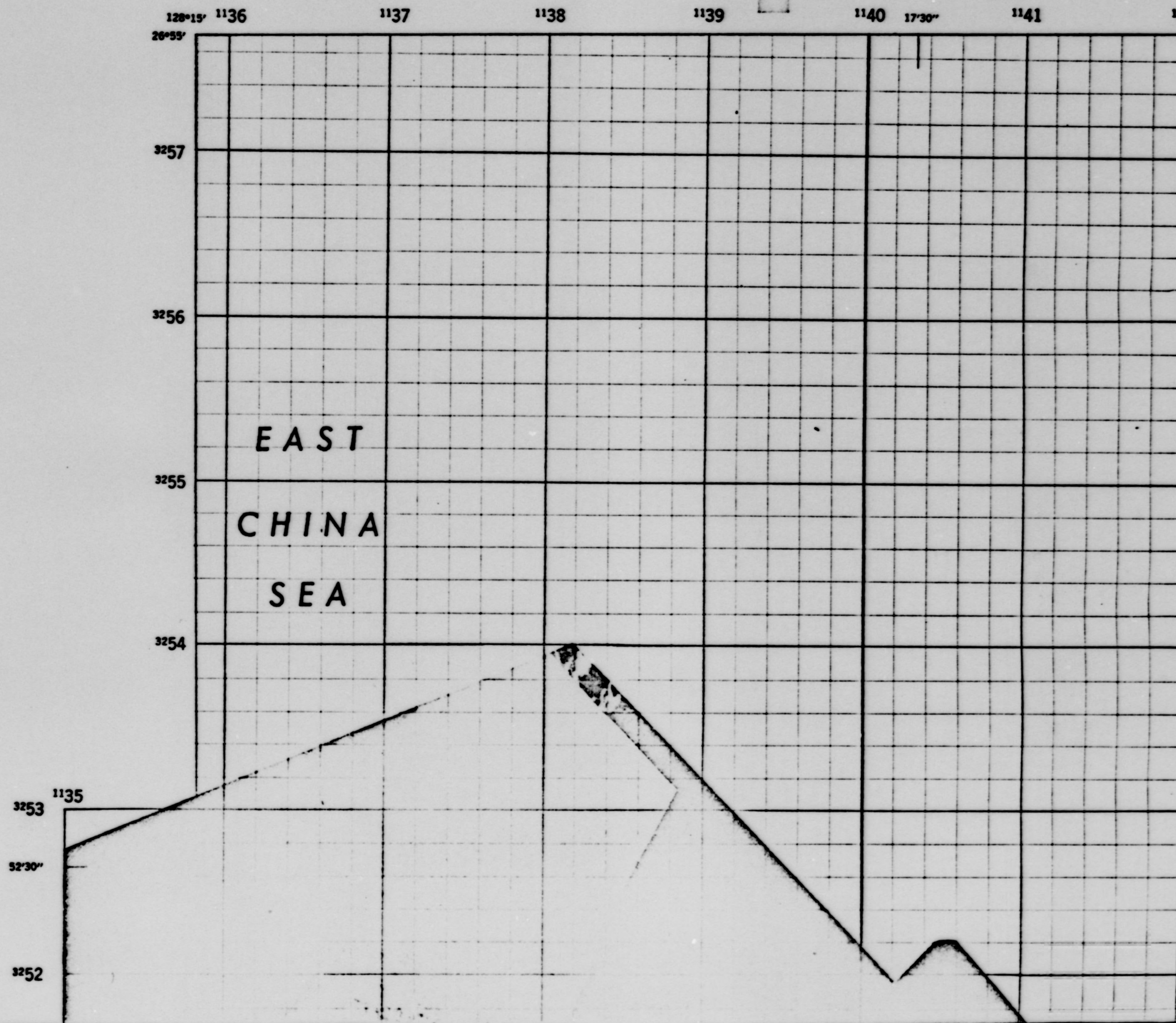
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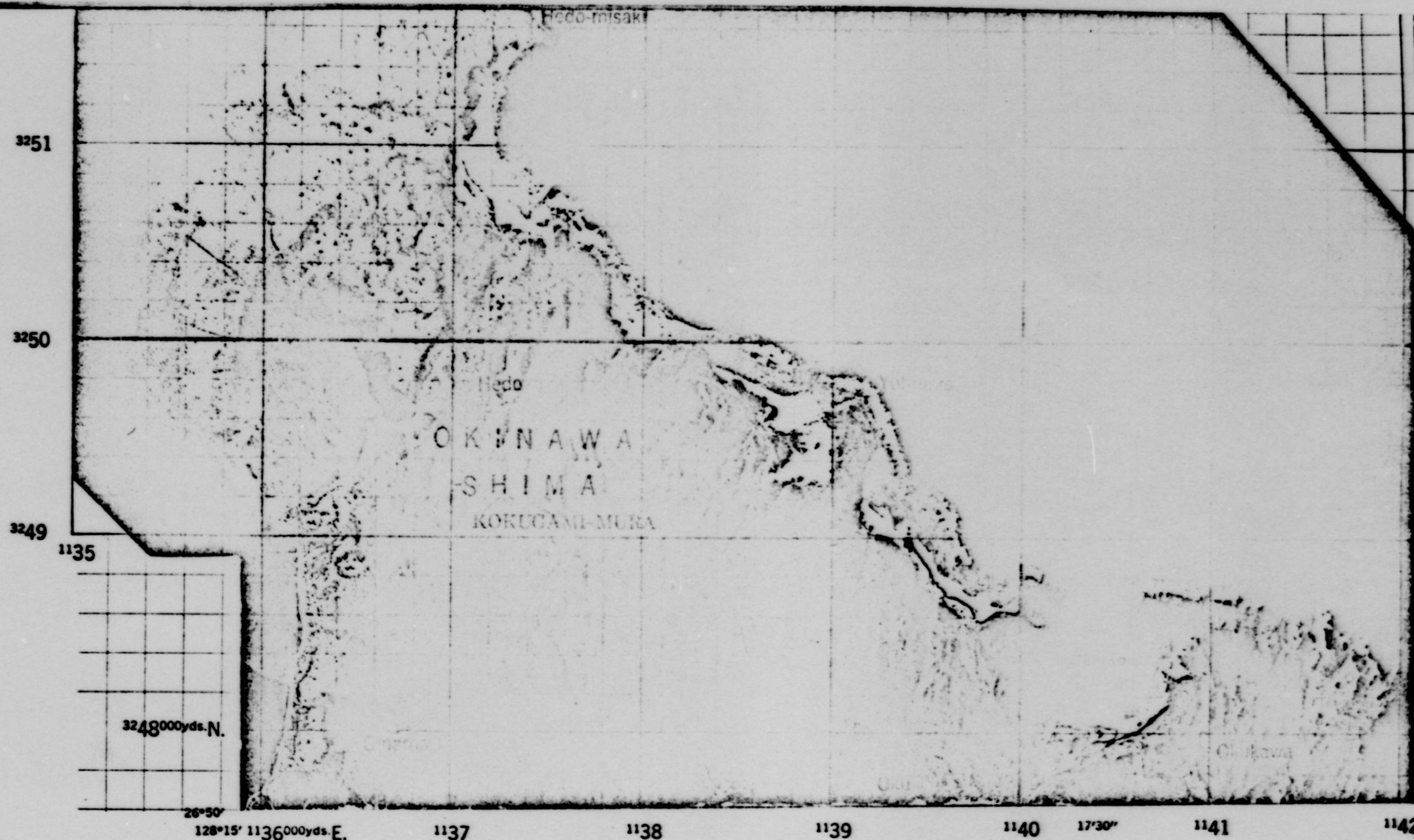
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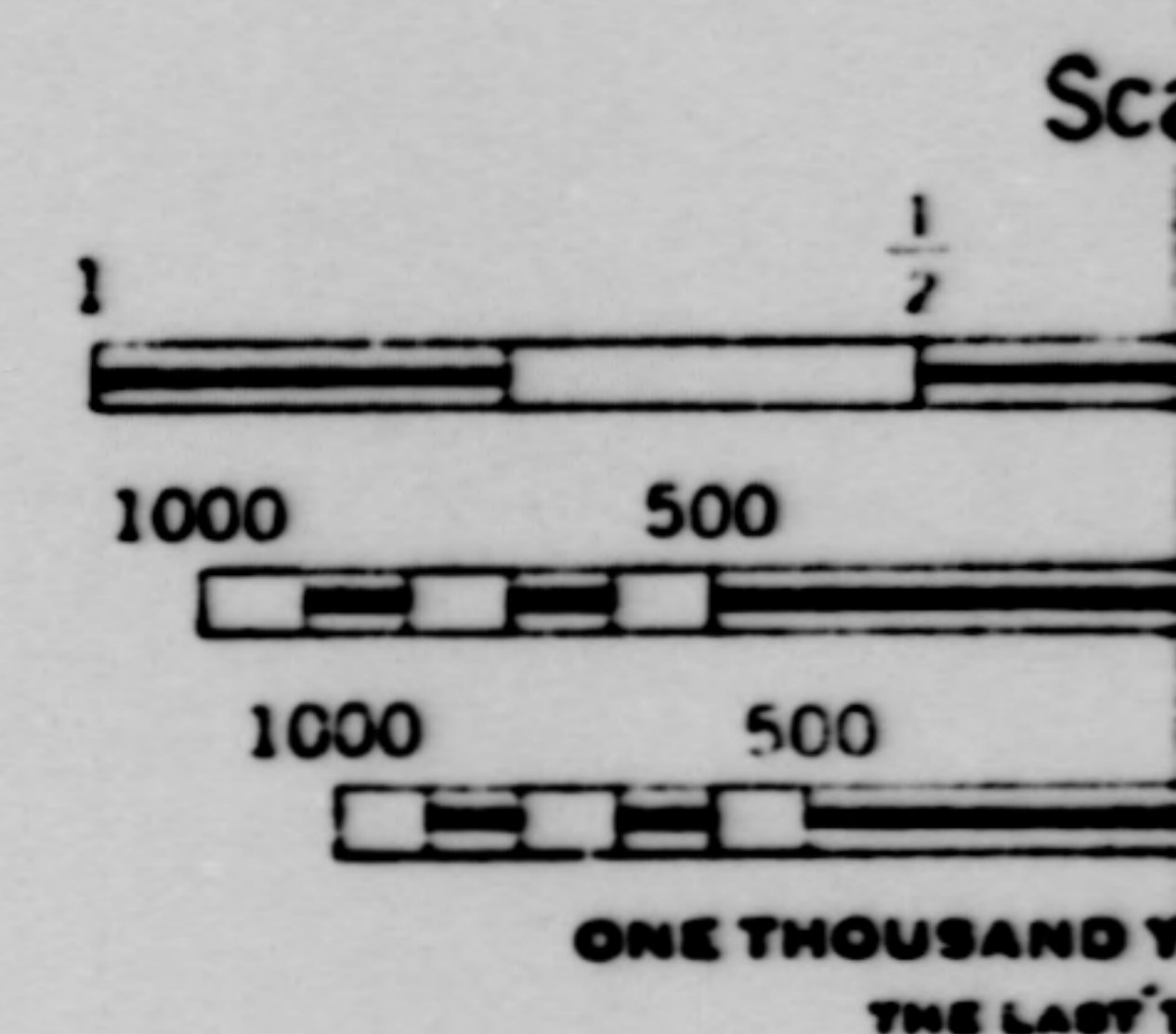
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East		A	B	C	D	E
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North		K	L	M	N	Q
Take South edge of square in which point lies, and read the figure printed opposite this line on East or West margin	49	P	Q	R	S	T
Letter		U	V	W	X	Y
Take letter from diagram at right so that letter indicates position of point within the 1000 yard square.	A					

TARGET AREA DESIGNATOR 3749 A (Locates within 200 yard square)
Nearest similar grid or target area reference-57 miles



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