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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Blue Hole Road District

other name/site number: CN0117

2. Location

street & number: Blue Hole Road

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Winrock

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Conway code: AR 029 zip code: 72025

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-state

Category of Property: District

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
<u>13</u>	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Facilities Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

I, the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of

Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn H. Byrd  
Signature of certifying official

4-6-92  
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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**5. National Park Service Certification**

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

\_\_\_ entered in the National Register  
\_\_\_ See continuation sheet. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ determined eligible for the  
National Register \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
determined not eligible for the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ removed from the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper Date  
of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic: TRANSPORTATION Sub: Road-related

Current : TRANSPORTATION Sub: Pedestrian-related

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification:

N/A

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Other Description: Rustic

Materials: foundation Stone roof N/A  
walls Stone other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
SOCIAL HISTORY  
ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: 1935-42

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Civilian Conservation Corps

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State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.  
X See continuation sheet.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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X See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Approximately 30

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>504765</u>	<u>3886850</u>	B	<u>15</u>	<u>504770</u>	<u>3886760</u>
C	<u>15</u>	<u>503980</u>	<u>3886680</u>	D	<u>15</u>	<u>503950</u>	<u>3885600</u>
E	<u>15</u>	<u>503690</u>	<u>3885900</u>	F	<u>15</u>	<u>503920</u>	<u>3886790</u>

     See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description:      See continuation sheet.

The boundary for this district begins at a point on the centerline of Blue Hole Road formed by the intersection of said line with a roughly perpendicular line running along the eastern edge of the Culvert #12 (located approximately 200 ft. west of the road's intersection with Red Bluff Drive); the boundary then proceeds northerly along said line for a distance of 100 ft. to its intersection with a roughly perpendicular line running parallel to the northern edge of Blue Hole Road; thence proceed westerly along said line, and then southerly (following the road's turn to the south), remaining parallel to the road at a distance of 100 ft. from the center line, for a distance of approximately 6,000 ft., to its intersection with a roughly perpendicular line running along the southern edge of Culvert #11; thence proceed easterly along said line, crossing the center line of Blue Hole Road for a total distance of 200 ft., to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the eastern edge of Blue Hole Road; thence proceed northerly along said line, and then easterly (following the road's turn to the east), remaining parallel to the road at a distance of 100 ft. from the

center line, for a distance of approximately 6,000 ft., to its intersection with a roughly perpendicular line running along the eastern edge of Culvert #12; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of 100 ft. to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:      See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes both all of the historic resources for which the district has been considered significant and an associated portion of the surrounding landscape near the highway that itself contains the natural site features -- such as steep physical landscape contours, as well as streams and stream beds, gullies and other natural drainage channels -- that the various culverts, retaining wall and guard rails were designed to bridge and control for the maintenance and use of the roadway.

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**11. Form Prepared By**  
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The Blue Hole Road District

The Blue Hole Road Historic District is composed almost entirely of culverts--eleven in all. A retaining wall and a guard rail are also included in the district. The culverts, retaining wall, and guard rail are being considered as a district because they were all specifically built to create the road to Blue Hole. The road is now used as a Boy Scouts' trail.

**Culvert #2** c. 1935

This culvert is a box culvert of field stone.

**Culvert #3** c. 1935

Culvert #3 is a box culvert of field stone. It has a stone-lined drain that parallels the road before running beneath it at a ninety degree angle and exiting the other side.

**Culvert #4** c. 1935

This stone, box culvert has a stone-lined gutter that enters the culvert, makes a ninety degree turn, runs under the road, and exits on the other side.

**Culvert #5** c. 1935

This stone, box culvert angles under the road at a forty-five degree angle and exits on the other side. The culvert is fed by a stone-lined gutter on the south side of the road.

**Culvert #6** c. 1935

On the northern elevation of this stone, box culvert is a very large stone lintel.

**Culvert #7** c. 1935

Compared to the other culverts, this stone, box culvert is quite simple. The culvert exits directly across the road. It has a large stone lintel on its western elevation.

**Culvert #8** c. 1935

Culvert #8 is a stone, box culvert with wing walls on its western elevation.

**Culvert #9** c. 1935

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This dry-laid stone, box culvert exits on the opposite side of the road. The stone on the southern elevation is much wider than the stone on the northern elevation of the culvert.

**Culvert #10 c. 1935**

Culvert #10 is a stone, box culvert that exits on the opposite of the road. Like the other culverts along this road, the down slope walls of the culvert are more extensive than the walls on the upper slope.

**Culvert #11 c. 1935**

A stone-lined gutter leads to this stone, box culvert on the upper elevation of the road. Culvert makes a ninety degree turn under the road and exits on the other side.

**Culvert #12 c. 1935**

This stone, box culvert is almost completely filled in with debris on its upper slope entrance.

**Retaining Wall c. 1935**

This retaining wall and gutter of dry-laid stone extends for approximately 360 feet and is approximately five feet tall.

**Guard Rail c. 1935**

The guard rail consists of four large boulders set approximately two feet apart at a curve in the road.

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The land that would comprise Petit Jean State Park was donated to the State of Arkansas in the mid-1920's by individual landowners and sympathetic lumbering concerns as the first step in the formation of a state parks system. The top of Petit Jean Mountain had already been recognized for its scenic splendor, and for its geological wealth and diversity, and so seemed a particularly worthy site. The initial plan of these citizens was to turn the entire site over to the federal government for the establishment of a national park; however, after considerable study, National Park Service officials determined that Petit Jean Mountain was not a unique natural resource when evaluated on a national basis, and thus declined to assume ownership. Yet these same officials strongly encouraged the state to preserve and maintain the site as an important representation of Arkansas's natural heritage, and in 1923, the Arkansas Legislature passed Act 276 authorizing the Commissioner of State Lands to accept land donations for state parks and reservations. Thus began the Arkansas State Parks system, with Petit Jean State Park as its flagship.

The historic Blue Hole Road was constructed c. 1935 by the men of the 1781st Company of the Civilian Conservation Corps, Arkansas District, stationed at Morrilton, Arkansas as a means of vehicular access to Blue Hole, a small swimming pond. The road was constructed by the CCC as part of the overall plan to develop this part of the mountain as a public park to be administered by the state of Arkansas.

The series of stone culverts, the retaining wall and the guard rail included within this district comprise the most intact such collection of landscape features installed for the creation of a recreational vehicular roadway within Petit Jean State Park, and all were constructed by the men of the Civilian Conservation Corps. Thus the Blue Hole Road District is eligible under Criterion A for its associations with both the Civilian Conservation Corps' importance within Arkansas social history and its role in the development of outdoor parks dedicated to public leisure and recreational activities. It is also eligible under Criterion C due to its status as a representative and intact example of the Rustic style of architecture that was made popular nationwide by the CCC, and which has since become virtually identified with it.



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See "Recreational Facilities Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942," Section H.



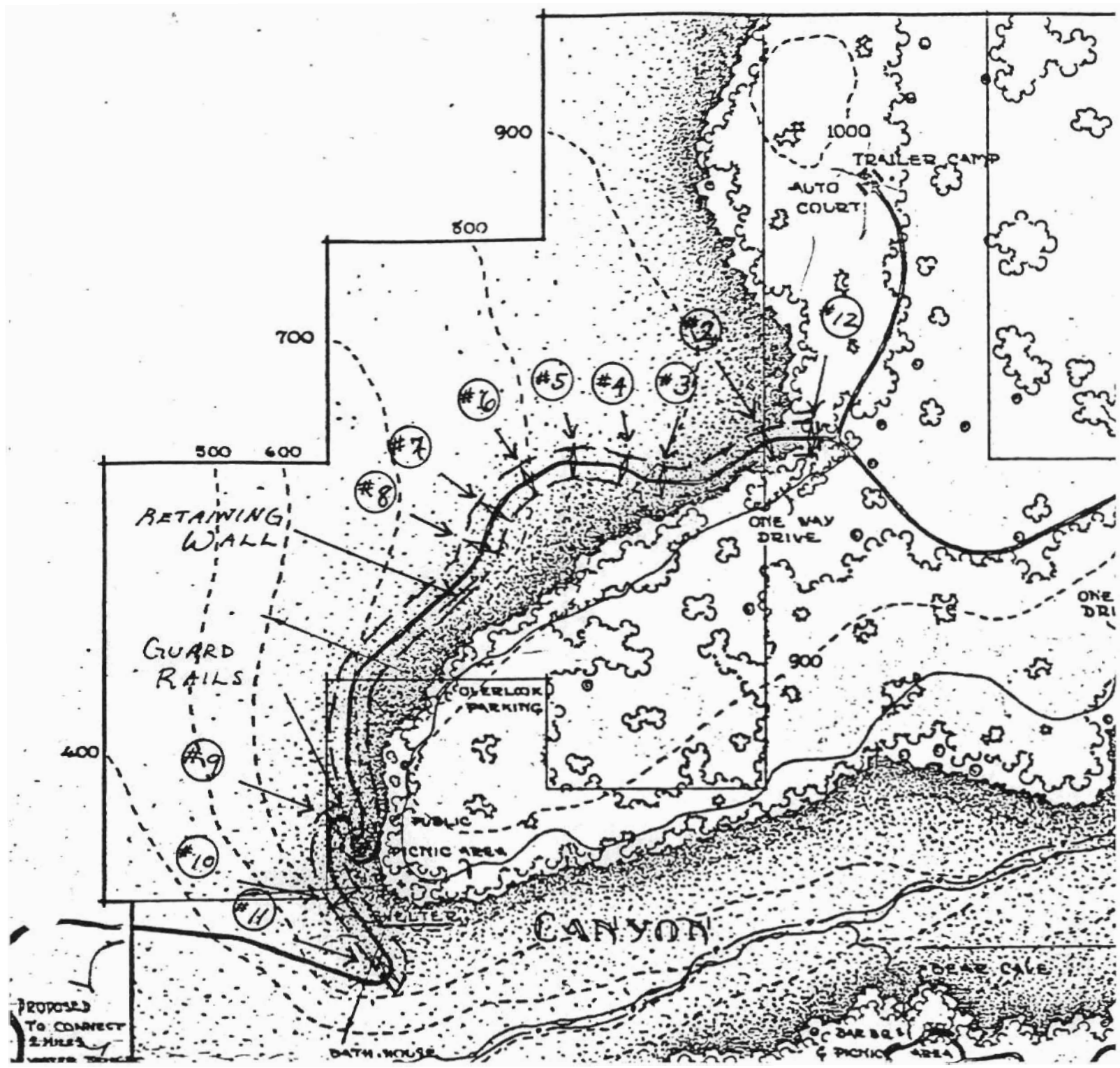
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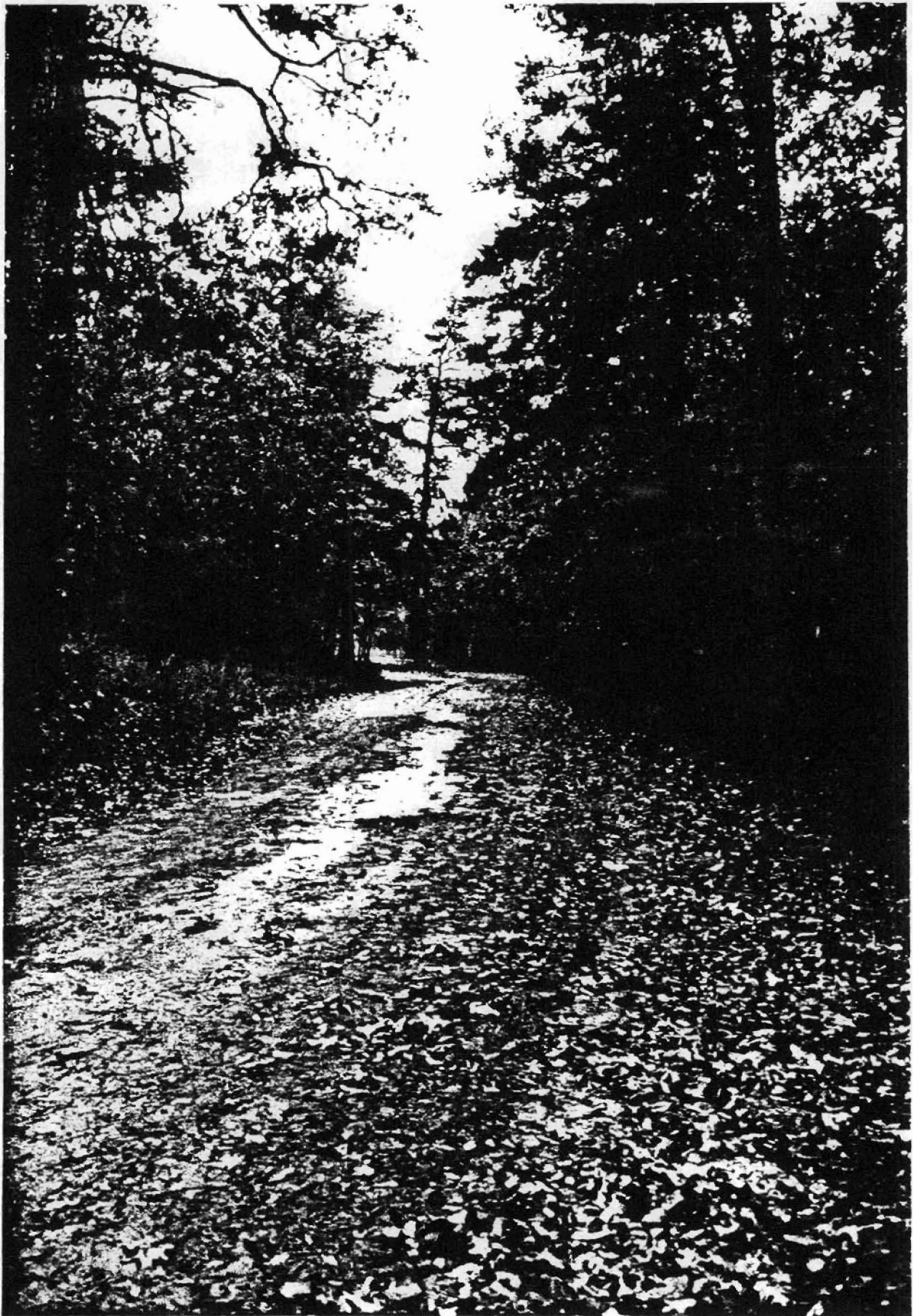
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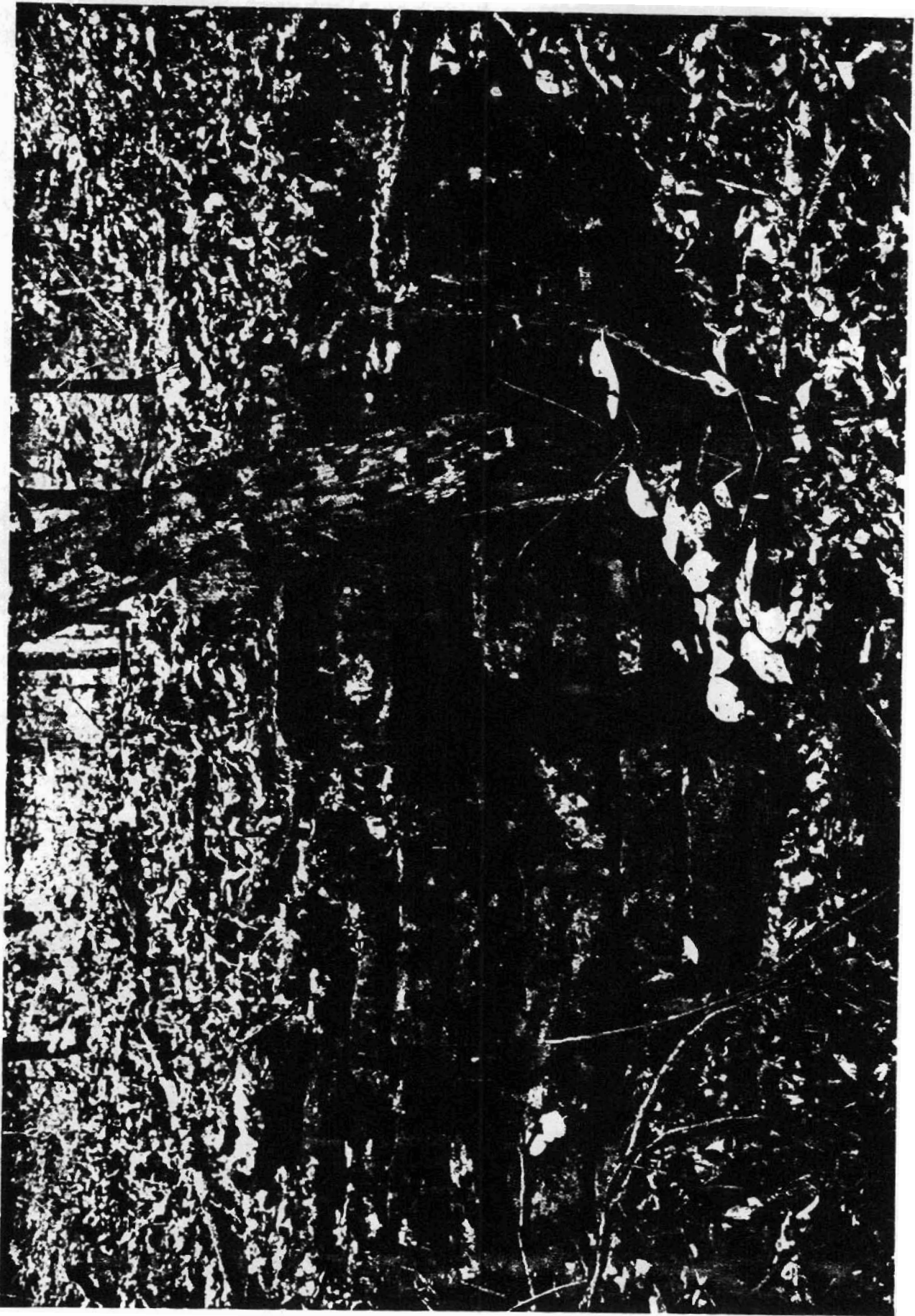




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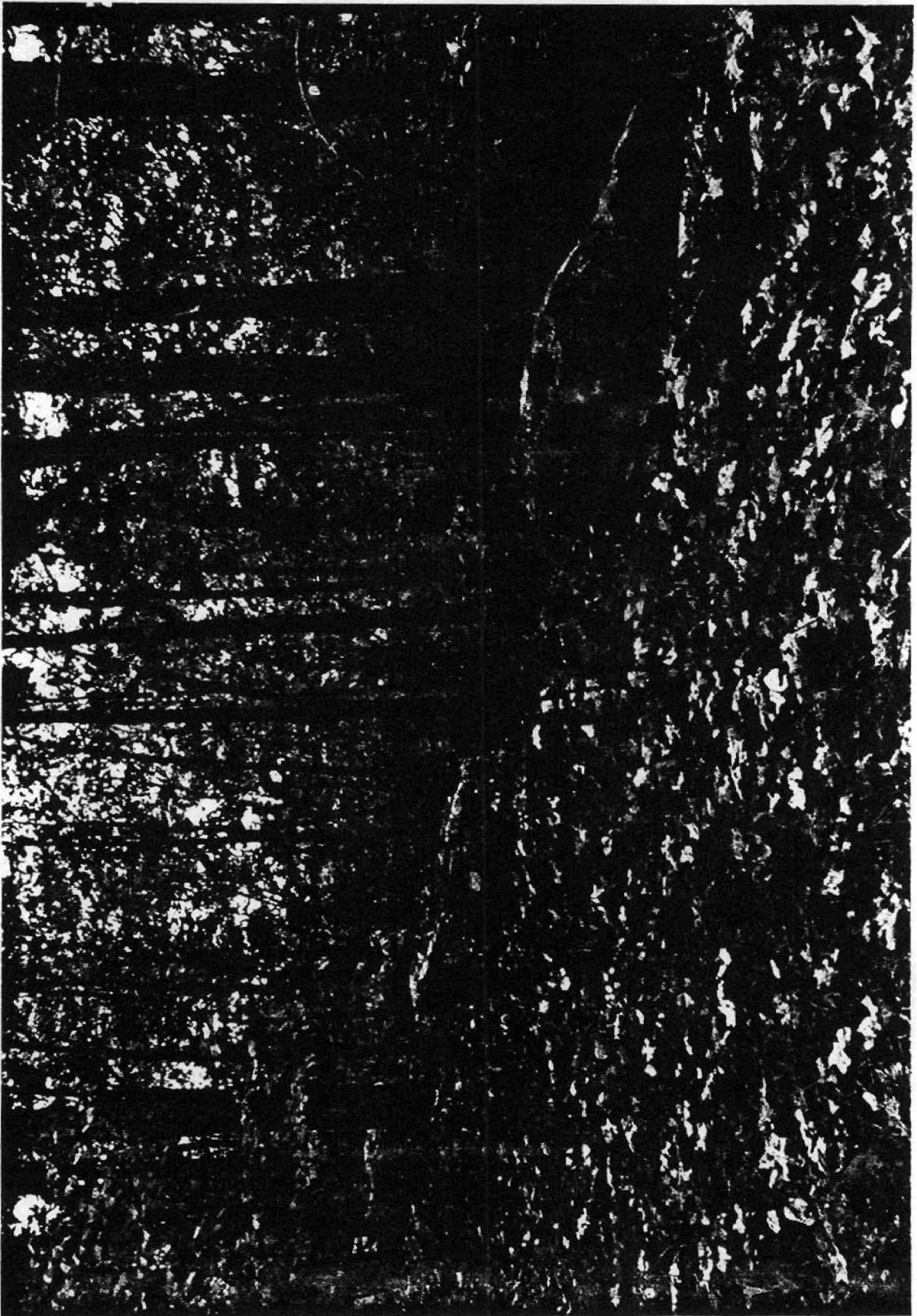




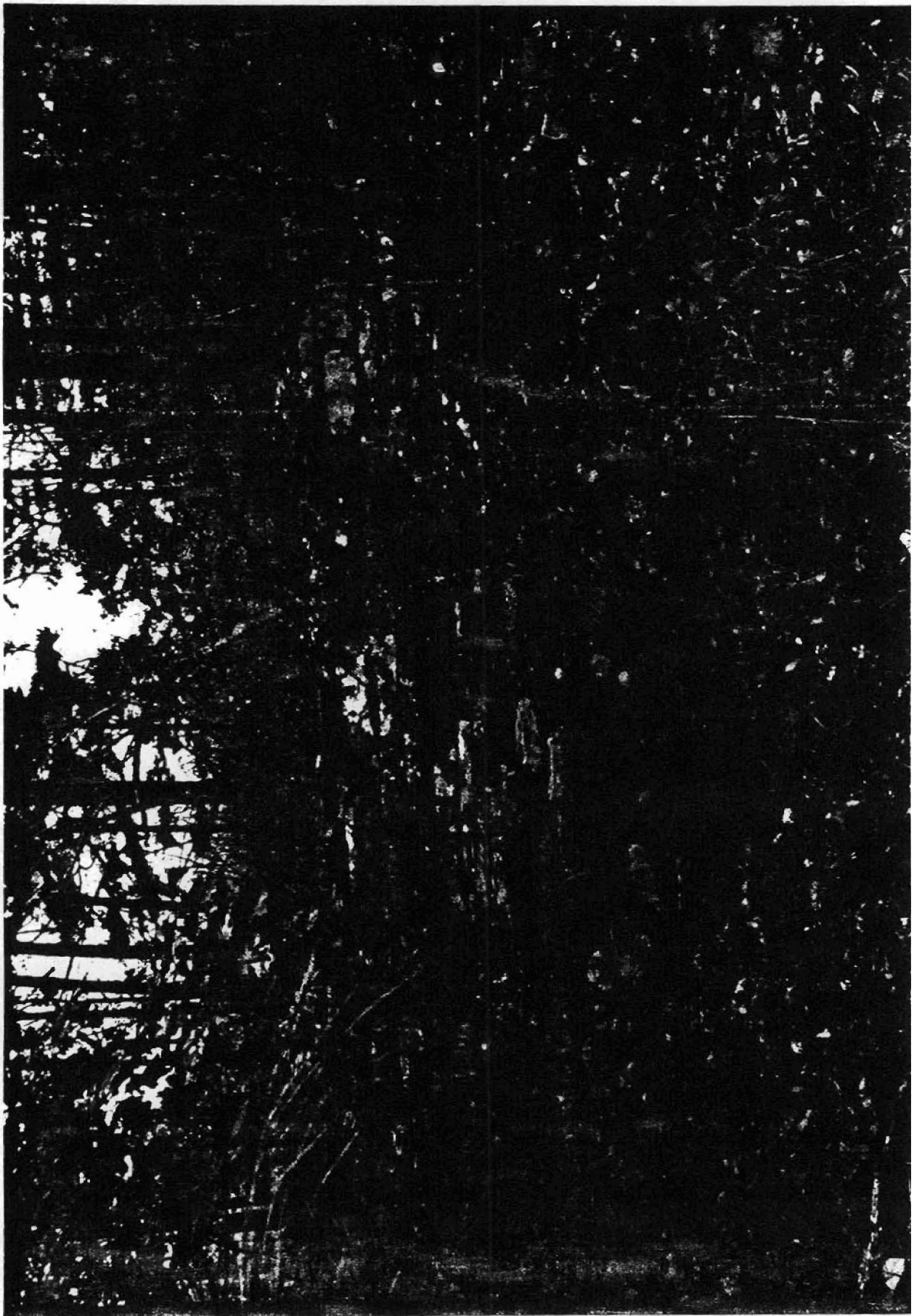
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The attack was a military  
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CN0117	BLUE HOLE ROAD DISTRICT, PETIT JEAN S I	
CN0099	CULVERT # 2	C
CN0101	CULVERT # 3	C
CN0104	CULVERT # 4	C
CN0106	CULVERT # 5	C
CN0107	CULVERT # 6	C
CN0108	CULVERT # 7	C
CN0110	CULVERT # 8	C
CN0113	CULVERT # 9	C
CN0114	CULVERT #10	C
CN0115	CULVERT #11	C
CN0116	CULVERT #12	C
CN0112	GUARD RAIL	C
CN0111	RETAINING WALL	C

