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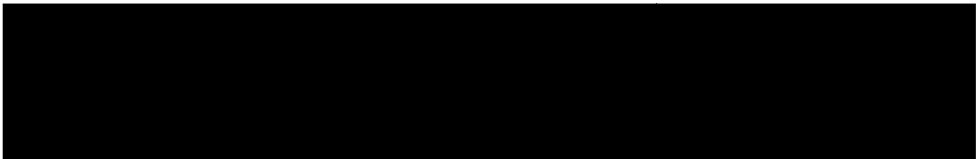
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JOINT PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE BRIEF  
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SUBJECT : Petroleum Storage Facilities  
LOCATION: Vlone Bay Area, Albania

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REQUIREMENTS OCI/R4/59 and Navy DNI 406-59: Locate and describe POL storage facilities in the Vlone Bay area of Albania.

Two POL storage facilities are located in the Vlone Bay area. One facility, at Uj Te Ftohte 1.5 miles south of Vlone, consists of three 95'-diameter tanks (Figure 1). This installation was constructed during World War II. It is reportedly used for storage of low-grade petroleum products which are loaded onto offshore tankers via submarine hose lines.

A new POL facility, located north of and adjacent to Vlone Airfield, has been under construction since [REDACTED] (Figure 2). [REDACTED] photography shows three 90'-diameter tanks and four 30'-diameter tanks constructed with foundations present for six additional tanks, one 90' in diameter, two 75' in diameter, two 35' in diameter and one 30' in diameter. This storage facility appears to handle a more refined grade of petroleum product and probably serves the adjacent Vlone Airfield. Four probable CRATE aircraft were observed on Vlone Airfield on [REDACTED] photography. This is the first time in several years that aircraft have been observed on photography of this airfield.

Both POL storage facilities are connected by an oil pipeline to the oil refineries located in an area 30 to 60 miles northeast of Vlone.

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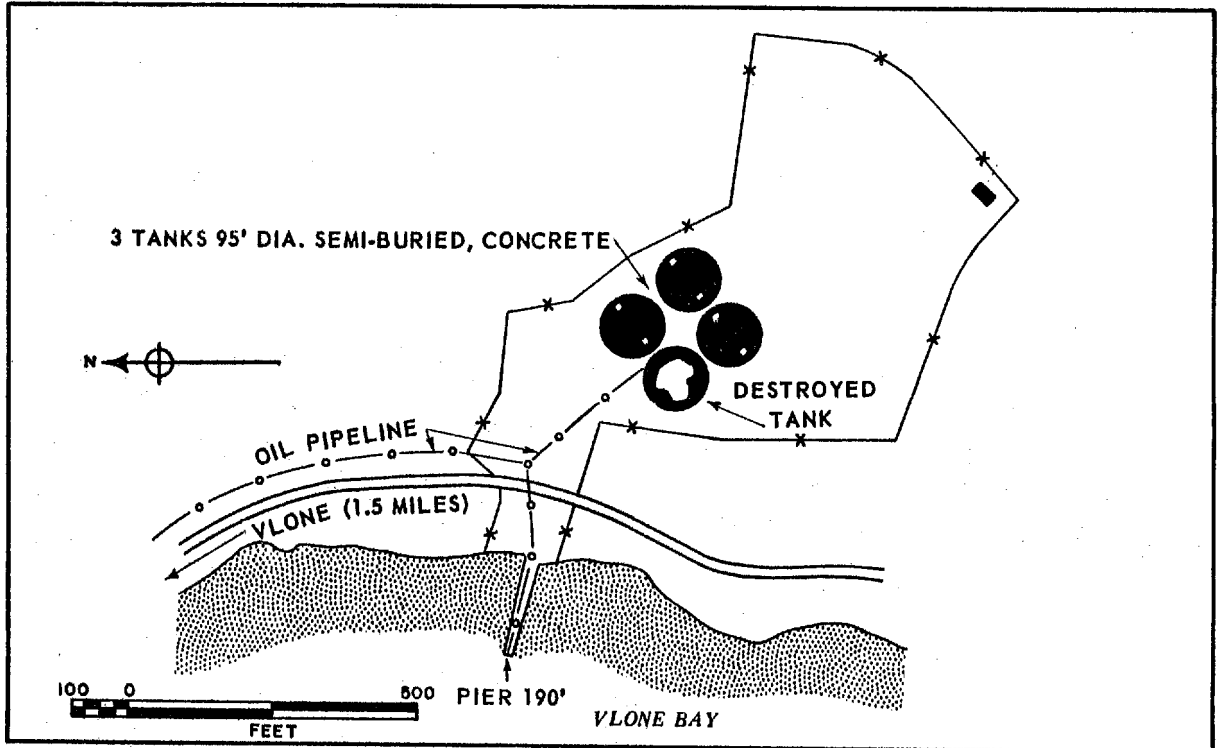


FIGURE 1. POL STORAGE FACILITY, [REDACTED] ALBANIA

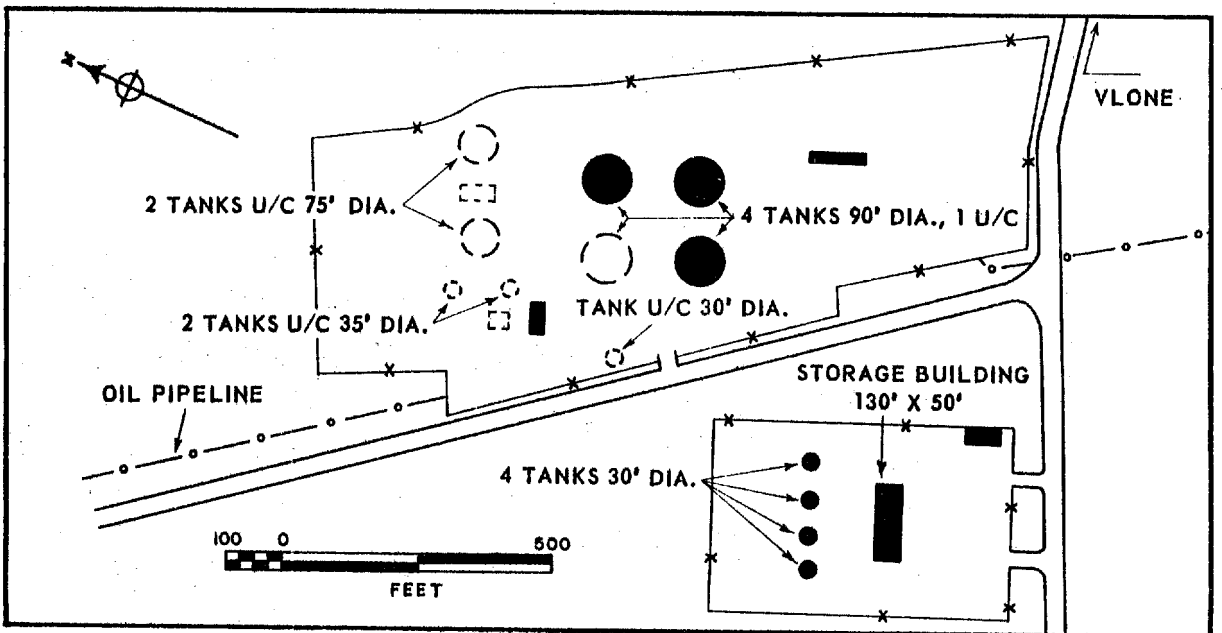


FIGURE 2. NEW POL STORAGE FACILITY UNDER CONSTRUCTION, NORTH OF VLONE AIRFIELD