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T-34/85 TANKS
VINH YEN AREA, NORTH VIETNAM
2121N 10535E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:


THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS AT LEAST SEVEN SOVIET T-34/85 MEDIUM TANKS IN THE VICINITY OF VINH YEN, NORTH VIETNAM.

2. BACKGROUND:

THE T-34/85 BECAME THE STANDARD SOVIET MEDIUM TANK IN 1944 WHEN IT REPLACED THE T-34/76, WHICH IS NO LONGER IN USE. THE T-34/85 FEATURES WELL-SLOPED ARMOR, A LOW SILHOUETTE, AND GOOD CROSS-COUNTRY MOBILITY. THE PRIMARY ARMAMENT IS AN 85 MM GUN. THE WEIGHT OF THIS TANK, COMBAT LOADED, IS 35.2 TONS AND ITS CRUISING RANGE WITHOUT AN AUXILIARY FUEL SUPPLY IS 190 MILES. THE 202ND INDEPENDENT TANK REGIMENT IS REPORTED TO BE LOCATED AT VINH YEN.

3. MISSION READOUT:

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 REVEALS A NEW TANK DISPERSAL AREA CONTAINING TWELVE THATCH-ROOFED SHALLOW EXCAVATIONS APPARENTLY BEING USED AS TANK SHELTERS. THREE EXCAVATIONS WITHOUT THATCH ROOFS ARE ALSO OBSERVED. FIVE T-34/85 TANKS ARE NOTED PARKED NEAR THE SHELTERS, AND TWO PARTIALLY EXPOSED TANKS ARE OBSERVED TO BE PARKED IN TWO OF THE TANK SHELTERS. TWO T-34/85 TANKS (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) ARE NOTED PARKED ON THE SOUTHWEST END OF THE HUU THU TANK FIRING RANGE AT 2121N 10539E.

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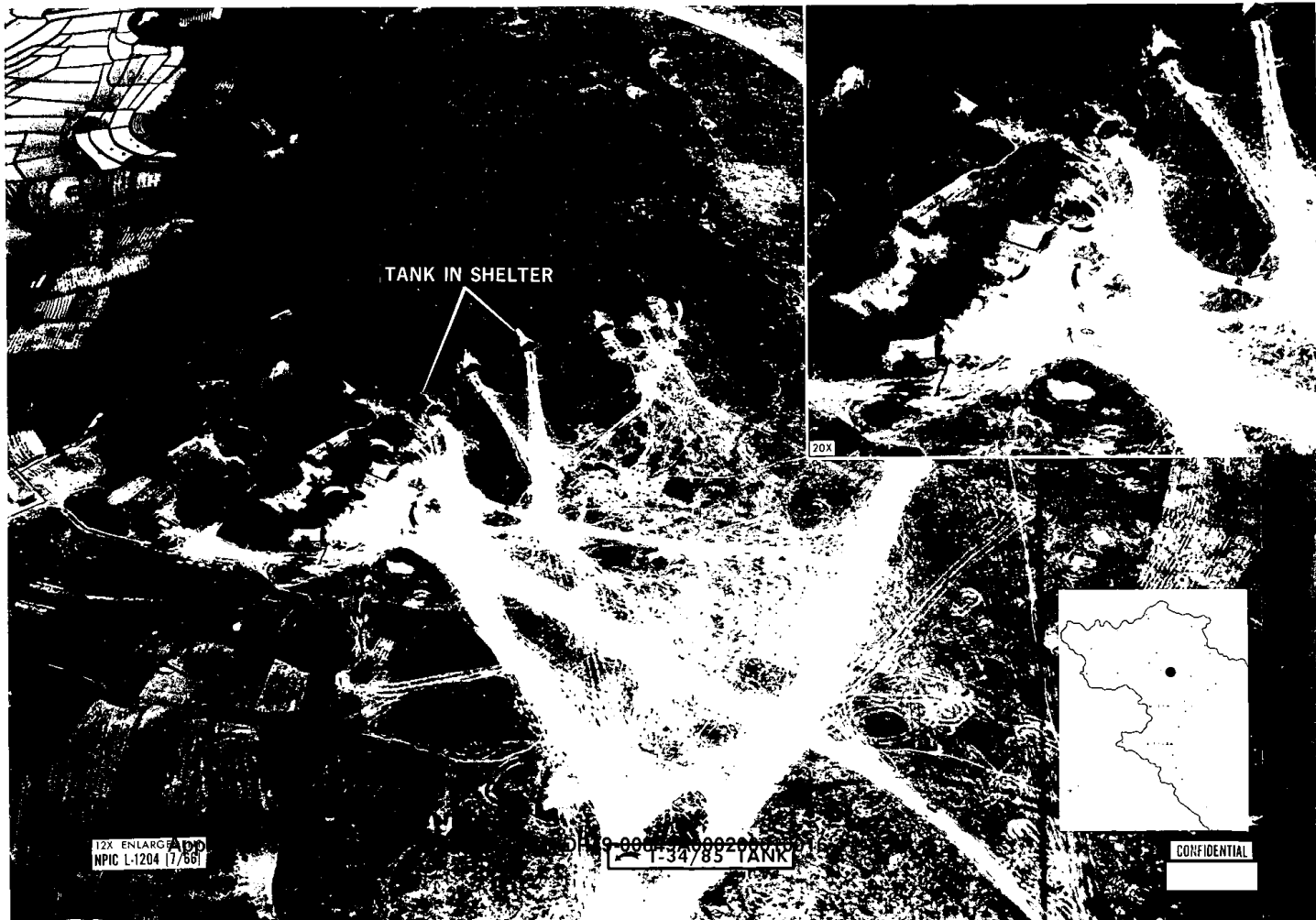
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