

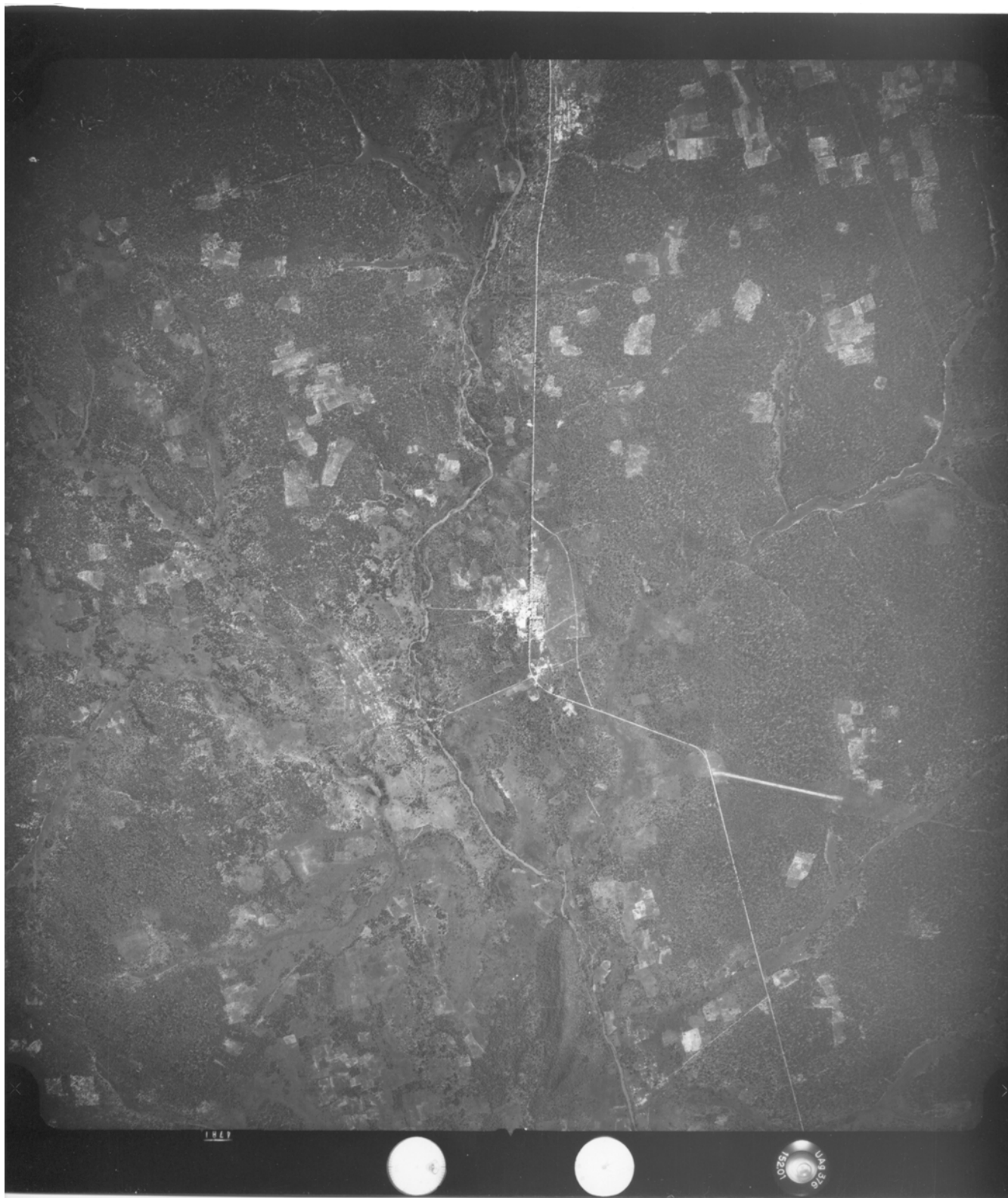
**APPENDIX A TO CHAPTER 3 OF
THE CASSINGA RAID**

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF CASSINGA TAKEN BEFORE AND DURING THE RAID

From the Records of the SANDF's Joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre (JARIC). These photographs are available as enlargements for detailed scrutiny.

1. Film No 2231, Negative No 4781, Date 1 April 1978, Film Format RC-8, taken by Canberra aircraft. Showing:

- a. The road between Artur de Paiva (Cuvango) to the north, and Techamutete to the south, passing through Cassinga, which is in the centre of the photograph.
- b. A detour road, bypassing Cassinga to the east of the settlement.
- c. The Culonga River, to the west of Cassinga and flowing north-to-south, approximately parallel to the main road.
- d. The hilly ground, south-west of Cassinga, onto which some of the paratroopers in the main assault group were dropped on the wrong (western) side of the river.
- e. The two roads running from the river to the settlement, the northernmost one being the planned axis of attack for the main assault group, the southernmost one being the one they mistakenly used.
- f. The disused, unserviceable airfield to the south-east of Cassinga, adjoining the road running south to Techamutete.
- g. The faint track running in an easterly direction from the top of the bypass detour road. This track, according to Breytenbach, was meant to serve as the signal for the "release point" at which the first paratrooper would be dropped when the transport aircraft aligned with it.



2. **Film No 2231C, Negatives No 003 and 004, (first negative marked to indicate area to be enlarged) Date 1 April 1978, Film Format F-32, taken by Canberra aircraft.** Showing:

- a. Clear view of Cassinga, taken on the same run as previous photograph.
- b. Culonga River fully flowing, wide in places but with narrow distributaries elsewhere, some islands, banks covered by dense riverine growth in many places, destroyed bridge where southernmost road from Cassinga reaches it, pumphouse where northernmost road reaches it.
- c. *Mahango* field to the west of Cassinga.
- d. Row of bluegum trees alongside main road through Cassinga.
- e. Parade square in middle of Cassinga, to the south of T-junction.
- f. Zig-zag defensive trench lines along northern and eastern edge of settlement, as well as north-western and south-western corners.
- g. Forward foxholes to east of main zig-zag trench line.
- h. Open bunker to east of main road, just north of northern trench line.
- i. "Escape trench" running in a straight line from north-eastern corner of Cassinga.
- j. "Release Point" marker: track running into bushes in an easterly direction from the top of the bypass detour road.
- k. Cemetery wall on eastern edge of field through which bypass detour road passes. This was the area from which the final wave of paratroopers was extracted.
- l. Housing complexes to the north of Cassinga, beside the main road, which were thought to accommodate the "Cuban instructors" and which were attacked by No 9 Platoon and the Buccaneer.
- m. The "engineer complex" at the junction between the main road and the southernmost road to the river, at the point where the main road curves, which was attacked by D-Company.
- n. The marshy bed of the tributary over which the main road passes, south-east of Cassinga, just east of the junction of the main road and the bypass detour road. It was this feature which compelled the counter-attacking Cuban armoured column to advance along the road.





3. **Film No 2238A, Negative No 0095A-0098, Date 29 April 1978, Film Format F-32, taken by Canberra aircraft.** Showing:

- a. Communication trenches freshly constructed between eastern perimeter trench line and settlement.
- b. Extension of southern leg of eastern trench line and of trenches south of "engineer complex".
- c. Communication trench to bunker on northern tip of Cassinga, and construction of a roof cover for bunker.
- d. Tree-lined "escape trench" running in straight line from north-eastern corner of settlement.
- e. Tents and shelters amongst bushes to north-west of Cassinga: SWAPO's "No 2 Camp for the women, children and old men"; the SADF's "Recruit Camp". This was unsuccessfully bombed by a Buccaneer, strafed by one Mirage and attacked by No 11 ("42 Independent") Platoon who landed on top of it.
- f. Vehicle park which includes a bus to the west of settlement, amongst bushes just south of northernmost road to the river.
- g. "Dimo's house", just north of T-junction in centre of Cassinga.
- h. "Camp hospital" with low wall around it, just south of T-junction in centre of Cassinga.



4. **Film No 2246A, Negatives No 0090-0096 and 0086-0089, Date 4 May 1978, Film Format F-32, taken by Canberra aircraft which passed over Cassinga at 09H45.** Showing:

- a. Black smoke rising from vehicle park, indicating either vehicles or fuel (or both) burning. Bus is still visible.
- b. Numerous grass-roofed structures with roof or complete building burnt out.
- c. Damage apparent to rooves of several permanent structures.
- d. Blackened or whitened areas indicating impact points of bombs dropped by Buccaneers.
- e. Most tents and other temporary structures between trees to east of main road through Cassinga have been destroyed.
- f. Pathway running from south-east corner of settlement to area east of "engineer complex" has been developed into a trench.
- g. "Hospital", or clinic, south of T-junction, is still intact.
- h. Detailed examination beneath a stereoscope has revealed some parachute canopies caught in trees in the area east of SWAPO's "No 2 Camp" and the SADF's "Recruit Camp".





**APPENDIX B TO CHAPTER 3 OF
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**PHOTOGRAPHS CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN INSIDE CASSINGA BEFORE THE
RAID**

1. Photographs provided by a paratrooper who declined to be named but who claimed that these photographs were developed by South African Military Intelligence from a film found at Cassinga during the raid. He acquired copies when they were printed.



Woman PLAN guerrilla, in uniform and armed with an AK-47 assault rifle.



SWAPO guerrillas, in uniform, holding a framed picture of Vladimir Lenin.



Group of SWAPO members, almost all males, gathered around a picture of Lenin. Most are wearing uniform, some in camouflaged fatigues but the majority in olive drab, with only a few in civilian dress.

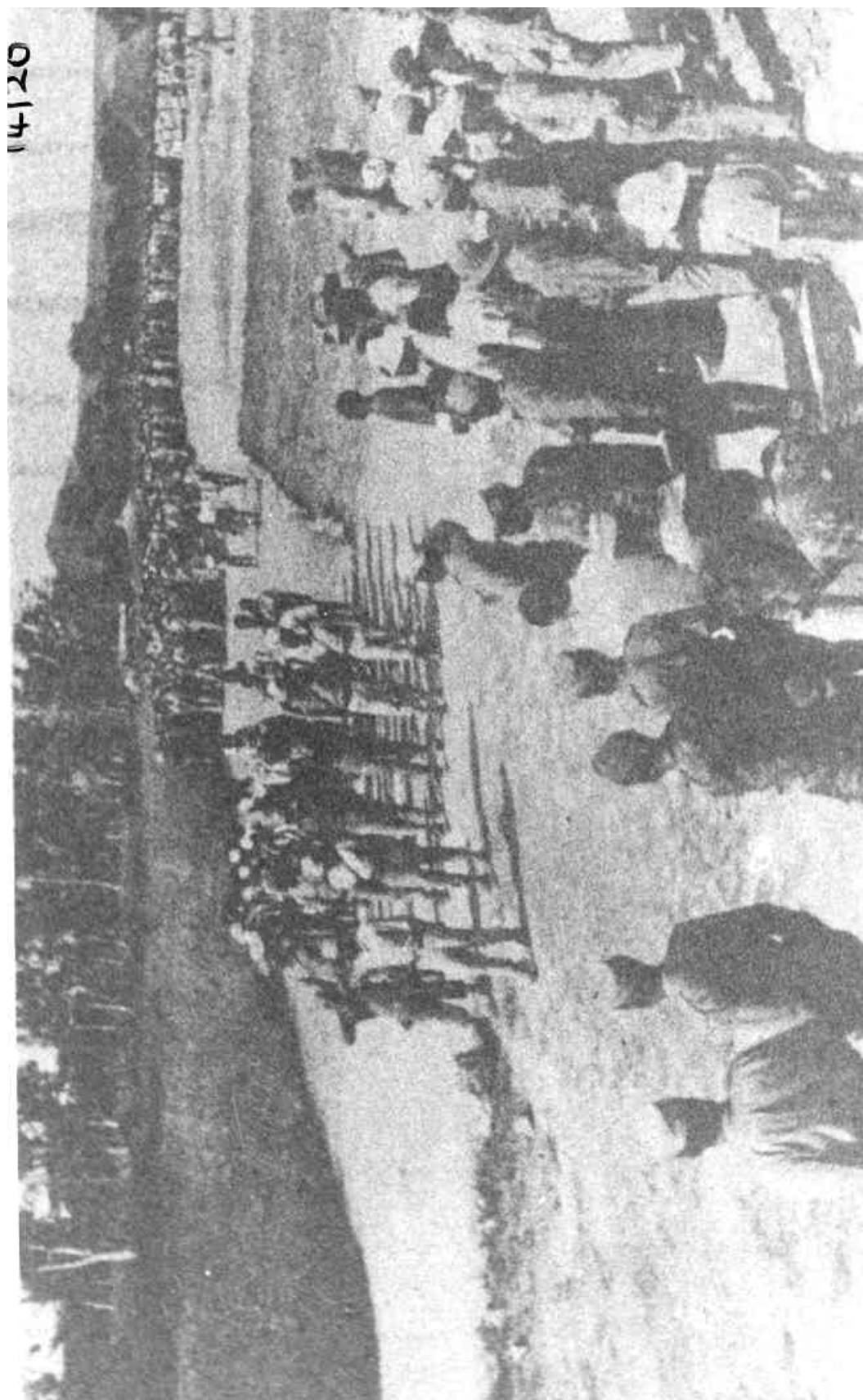


Black, white and mulatto soldiers (allegedly Soviet and/or Cuban instructors or advisors) in conversation with SWAPO civilians, mostly women. According to SWAPO they were refugees, while according to the SADF they were camp prostitutes.

2. Photographs provided by the National Archives of Namibia



Refugees outside a shack. Although it is claimed that the photograph was taken at Cassinga prior to the raid, the aerial photographs do not show structures of this nature and the absence of any trees or bushes in the vicinity makes the claim dubious.



A PLAN parade by the guerrillas based at Cassinga. The parade square, buildings and tall trees are recognisable from the aerial photographs. Most of the spectators appear to be military personnel.



Two SWAPO women fighters at a PLAN parade in Cassinga.



SWAPO women fighters of PLAN. Though they are wearing uniform, it could also be construed as civilian dress because of its blue colour. There is no doubt about the sub-machine guns, however.