

Accident No. 44-7-3-512

Date

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8-18-43

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JMC

8-19-43

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Notes

02 (Nature Group

Collision in full
flight

05 (Specific Nature

Collision with
ground target

65 (Underlying Nature

Pilot failed to insure
a clear path

01 (Cause Group

100% P. C. Judgment

13 (Specific Cause

Momentary lapse of
mental efficiency

12 (Underlying Cause

Lack of alertness

850-8-43

WAR DEPARTMENT
B.A.F. STATION LLANBEDR
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

1274

(1) Place R.A.F. Station Llanbedr (2) Date July 3, 1943 (3) Time 1950 Hours
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model P-47 (5) A. F. No. 42-70923 (6) Station AAF Station F 212 2047
Organization: (7) 8th Fighter Command (8) 8th Fighter Group (9) 8th Fighter Squadron
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

DUTY (10)	NAME (Last name first) (11)	RATING (12)	SERIAL No. (13)	RANK (14)	PERSONNEL CLASS (15)	BRANCH (16)	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND (17)	RESULT TO PERSONNEL (18)	USE OF PARACHUTE (19)
P	Hahn, Clifford B.	P	0-666923	2nd Lt.	ORC	AC	8th FG	None	None



(20) Hahn, Clifford B. (Last name) (First name) (Middle initials) (21) 0-666923 (Serial number) (22) 2nd Lt. (Rank) (23) ORC (Personnel class) (24) AC (Branch)
Assigned (25) 8th Fighter Command (26) 8th Fighter Group (27) 8th Fighter Squadron (28) AAF F 212 2047 (Station)
Attached for flying (29) 8th Fighter Command (30) 8th Fighter Group (31) 8th Fighter Squadron (32) AAF Station Llanbedr (Station)
Original rating (33) P (Rating) (34) 11-11-42 (Date) Present rating (35) P (Rating) (36) 11-11-42 (Date) Instrument rating (37) None (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:
(at the time of this accident)
(38) This type 21.4 (42) Instrument time last 6 months None
(39) This model 17.4 (43) Instrument time last 30 days None
(40) Last 90 days 52.2 (44) Night time last 6 months None
(41) Total 325.1 (45) Night time last 30 days None

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>4</u>	Fuselage - turbo-supercharger
(47) Engine(s) <u>4</u>	Engine change
(48) Propeller(s) <u>5</u>	Propeller complete

(50) Weather at the time of accident Good 00
(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No
(52) Cleared from RAF Station Llanbedr (53) To Local (54) Kind of clearance Contact
(55) Pilot's mission Air to Ground Gunnery Mission
(56) Nature of accident Flew into ground did not allow for aircraft catching
(57) Cause of accident Error in judgement

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT.

(Brief narrative of accident. Include statement of responsibility and recommendations for action to prevent repetition)

ACCIDENT COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT

The pilot showed extremely poor judgment in not watching the ground and keeping to the prescribed altitude. If the pilot felt that the oil on his windscreen cut down his visibility, then he should have cut off his exercises and landed.

After the accident, he showed very good flying technique in pulling up, cutting cutting his switches, and making a good landing with wheels down, thus preventing any further damage to the aircraft.

The flying pattern for attacking the ground target calls for a low approach, but not below 30 feet.

Signature

Selden R. Elnes
(Investigating Officer), A.C.
Walter Hollander
WALTER J. HOLLANDER, Captain, A.C.
James H. Sanders
JAMES H. SANDERS, 1st Lt., A.C.

Date 17 July, 1943

July 3, 1943

AAF Station F-342

6th Fighter Wing

P-47D-2-RE

DATE

STATION

GROUP NO AND TYPE

AIRCRAFT MODEL

Sgt Reader

Hq & Hq Squadron

42-7973

CREW CHIEF OR AERIAL ENGINEER

SQUADRON NO. AND TYPE

AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO

PERS. CLASS	- PRINT PLAINLY - NAME - RANK - ORGANIZATION	USE AS DIRECTED LOCALLY	ALWAYS ENTER DUTY SYMBOLS WHEN APPLICABLE. ENTER N - NIGHT OR I - INSTRUMENT. ENTER TIME FLOWN THEREUNDER								FLIGHT DATA		
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01	HAHN, C.B. 2nd Lt.	7	P 0:5	:	:	:	:	:	:	FROM: LOCAL	17:00		
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	I, 2nd Lt. Clifford B. Hahn, O-666933, Hq & Hq Sq., Sixth Fighter Wing, certify that I was on an authorized flying mission from RAF Station Llanbedr, Merionethshire, North Wales.									FROM:			
	I took off on No.2 runway and proceeded on my mission, on air to ground firing. On my third pass flying at the target due to a slight coating of oil on my wind screen, cutting down visibility and concentrating on my target, through gun sight, mashed into the target. Immediately I pulled up and reached 1000 feet before my airspeed had dropped too greatly. Due to extreme motor vibration, I cut all switches. Being close to the field, I put the wheels down and landed on runway No. 3.									TO:			
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CLIFFORD B. HAHN, 2nd Lt., AC.

WAR DEPARTMENT
A. A. F.
FORM NO. 1
2-2-42

FLIGHT REPORT - OPERATIONS

CHECKED:
LEGIBLE AND
CORRECT

OPER. CLERK

TRANSCRIBED:
TOTAL FLIGHT
TIME ENTERED
ON FORM 1A

CREW CHIEF

TOTAL
FLIGHT
TIME

R E S T R I C T E D

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

July 3, 1943

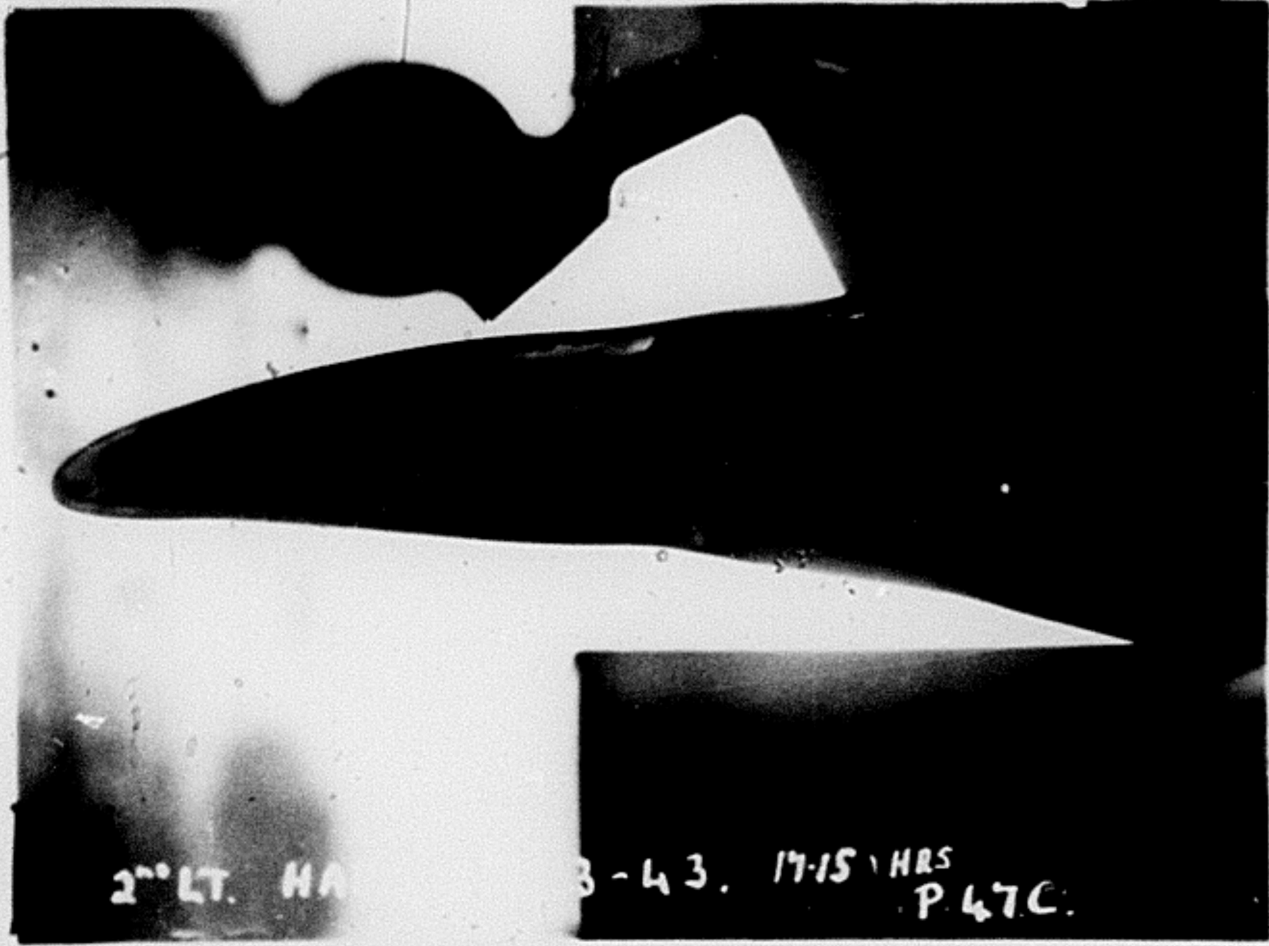
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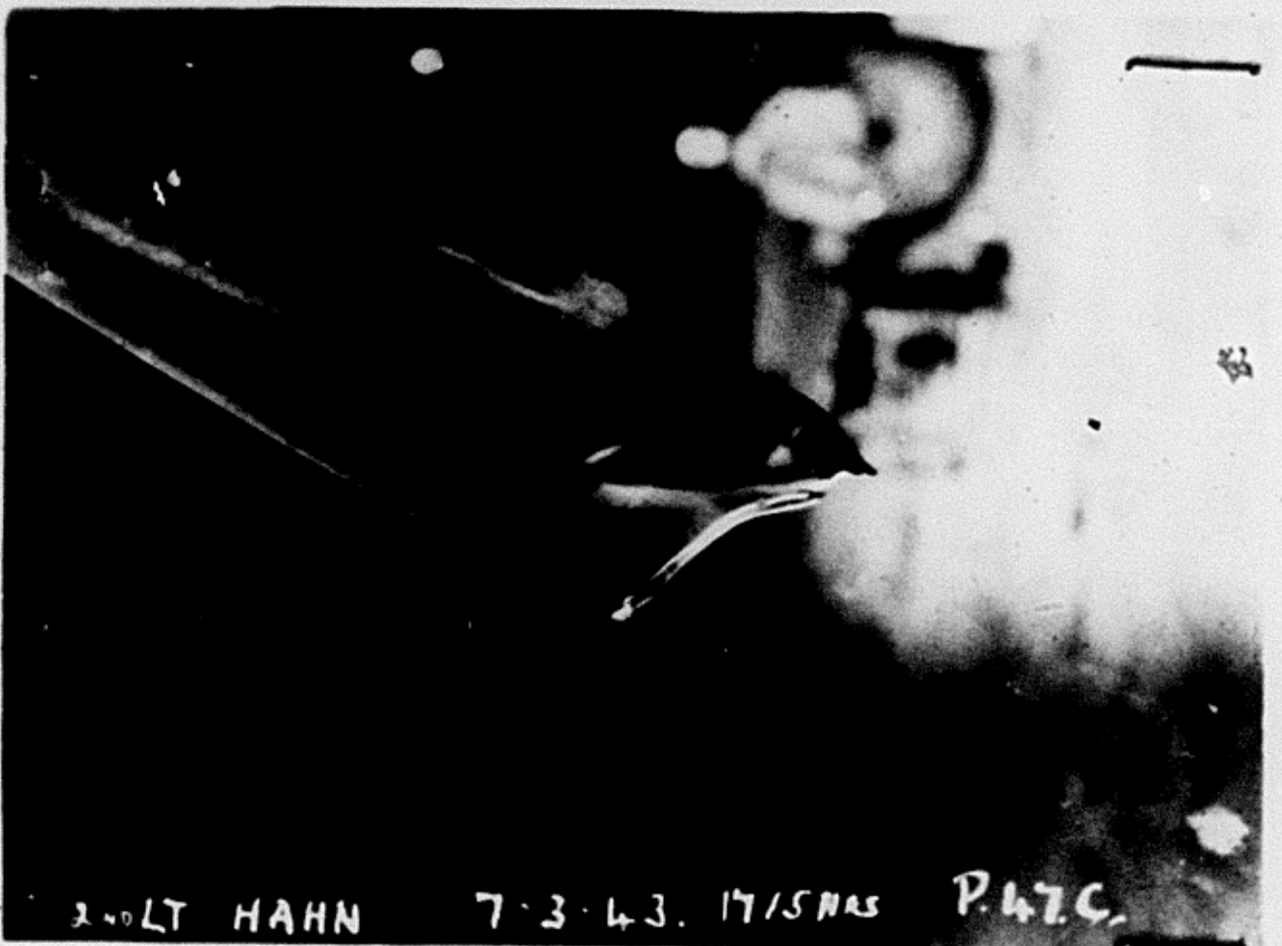
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CLIFFORD B. HAHN,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

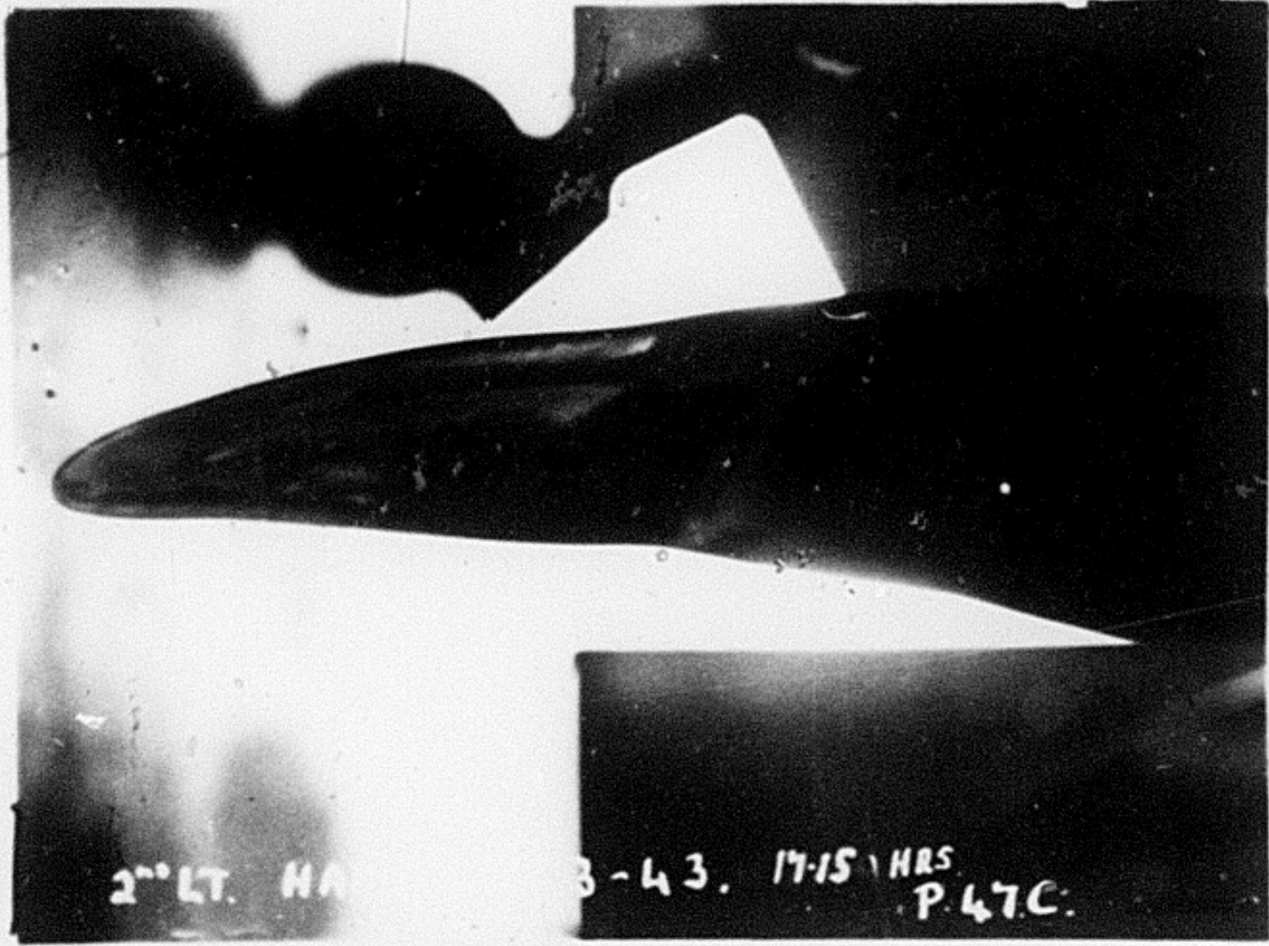
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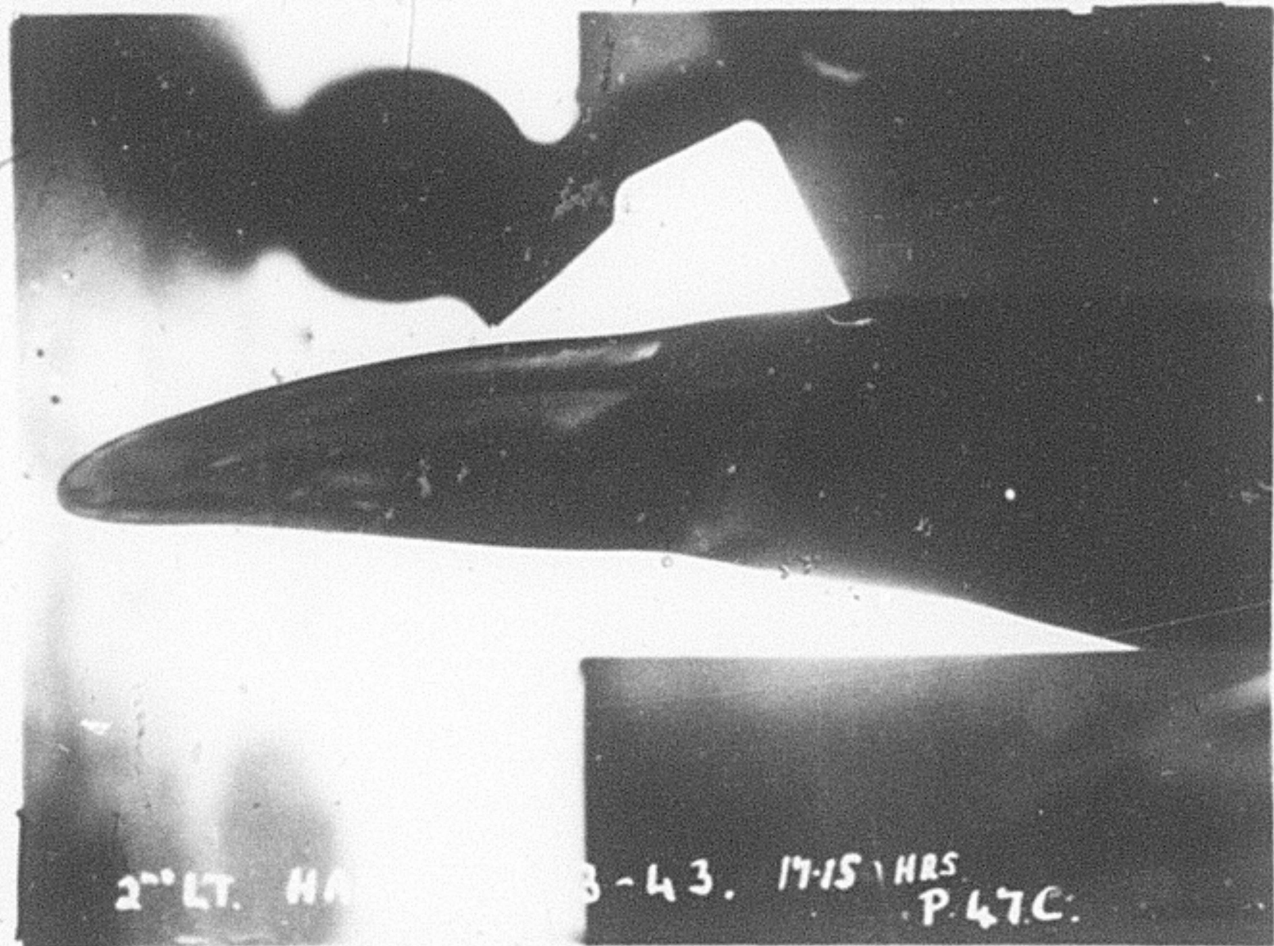
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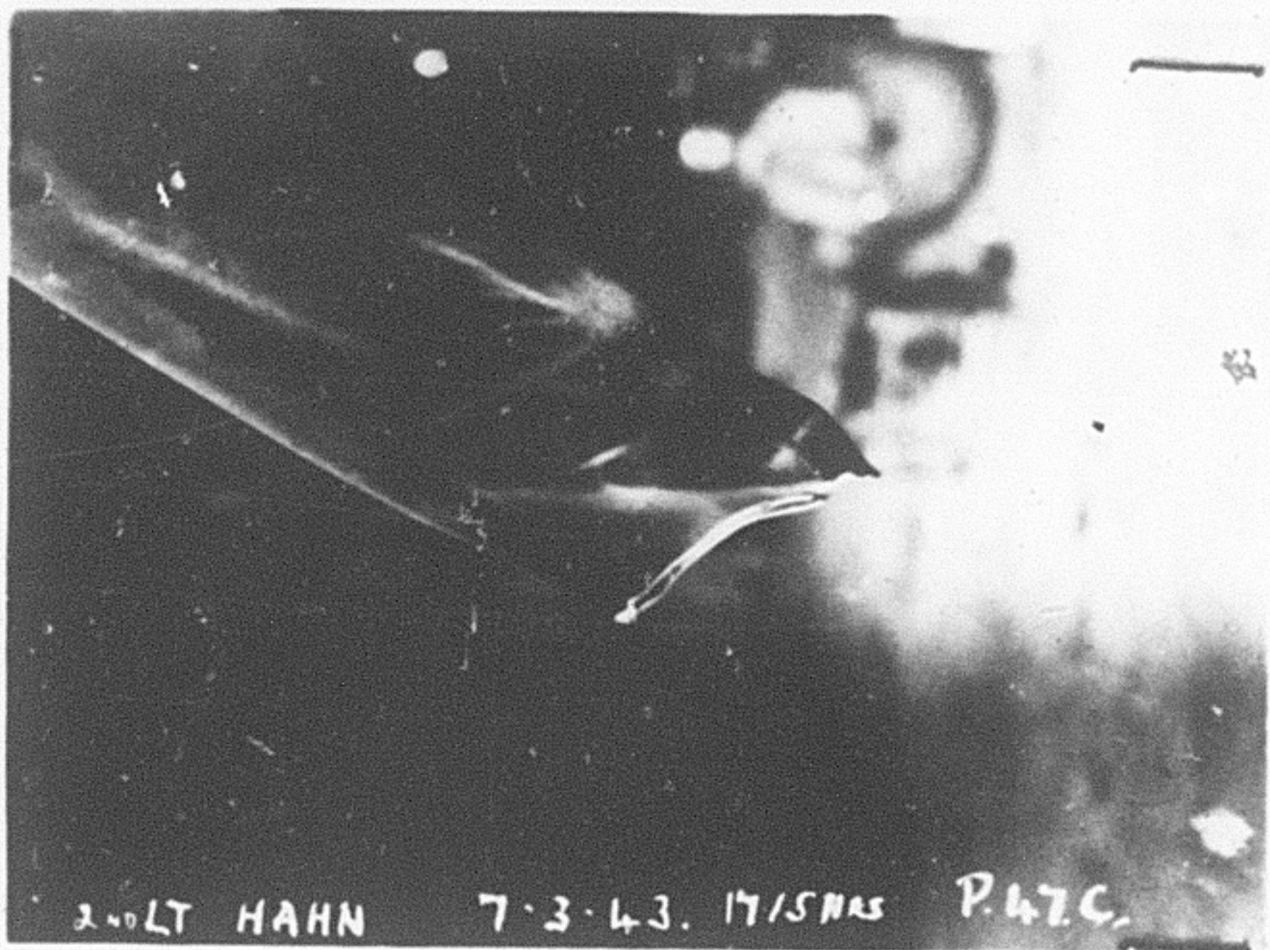
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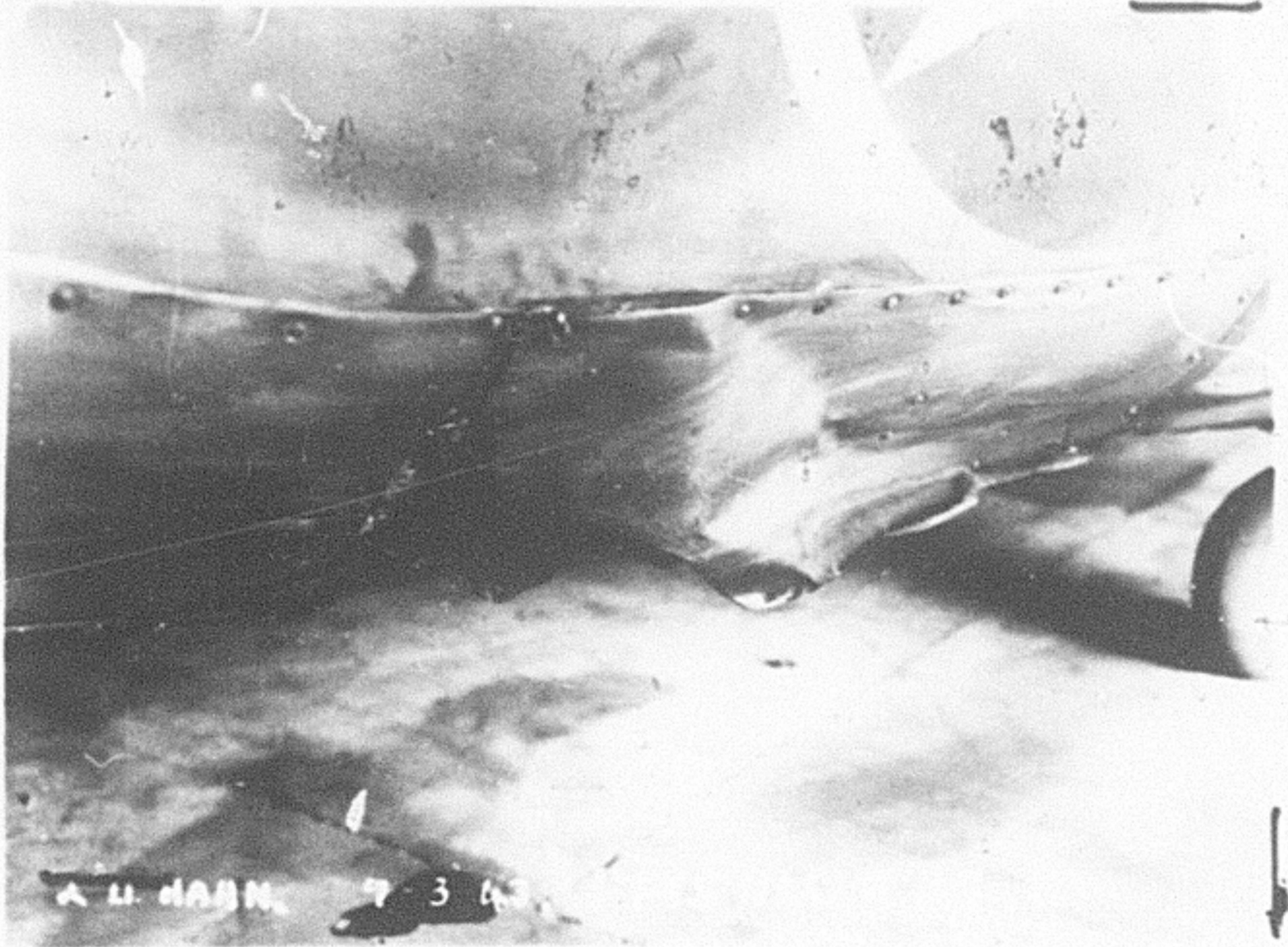
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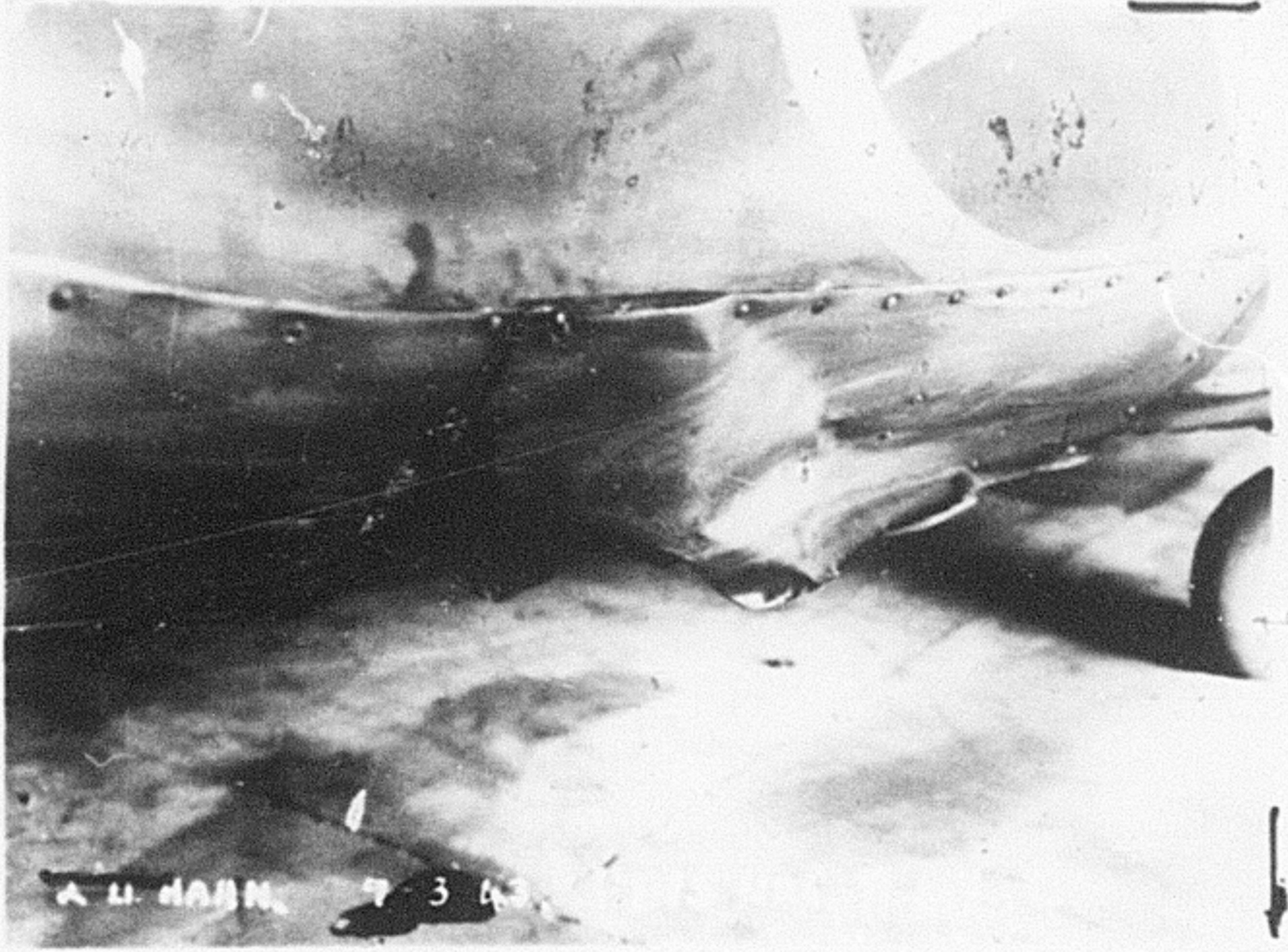


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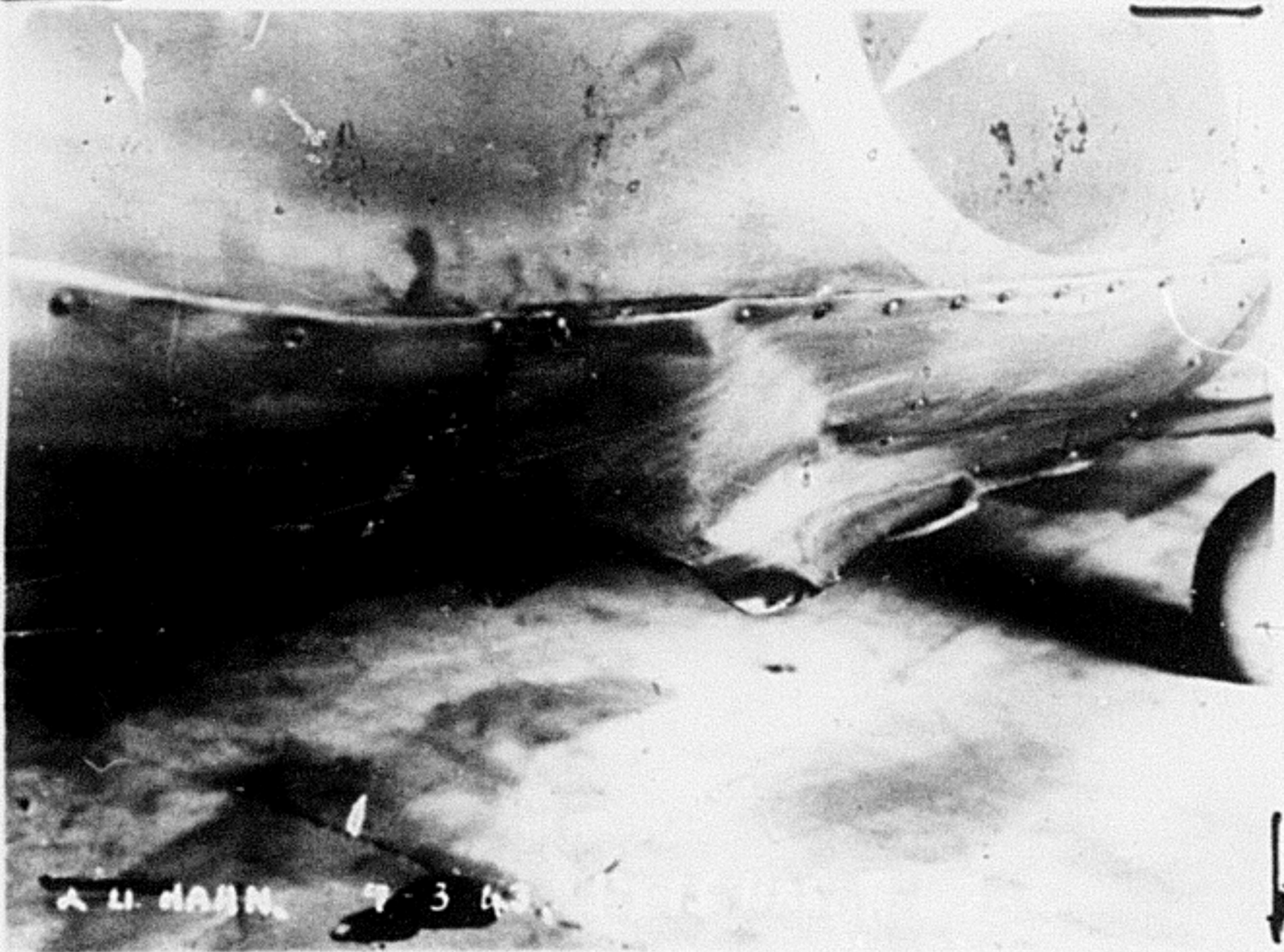


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