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SUBJECT : Antiaircraft and Coastal Defense Positions
NO. : PIC/JB-1004/59
LOCATION : Vlone Bay Area, Albania
DATE : 17 December 1959
COORDS: 40°27'N/19°30'E
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MAP DATA: ATMP

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REFERENCE:

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

Vlone Bay is the most heavily defended area in Albania. The accompanying map (Fig. 1) shows the following defense positions, most of which existed in World War II but have since been modernized and are radar-controlled.

- Eight heavy (152 mm) coastal defense positions (four unoccupied).
- Three medium (75 mm) coastal defense positions.
- One 8-gun medium (85-100 mm) dual purpose battery.
- Three 4-gun medium (85-100 mm) dual purpose batteries.
- Four 8-gun medium (85-100 mm) antiaircraft batteries.
- Five 6-gun medium (85-100 mm) antiaircraft batteries (one unoccupied).
- Four 4-gun medium (85-100 mm) antiaircraft batteries (three unoccupied).

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The only new defenses in this area are the five antiaircraft batteries along the ridge of Karaburun Peninsula. Construction activity commenced in the fall of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] a new 8-mile-long road had been constructed and three 8-gun batteries appeared to be complete and occupied. On [REDACTED] photography, an additional 6-gun battery appeared complete and occupied and another 6-gun position was under construction. These new antiaircraft positions probably were constructed to defend the new Pasha Liman submarine base at the southern end of Vlone Bay.

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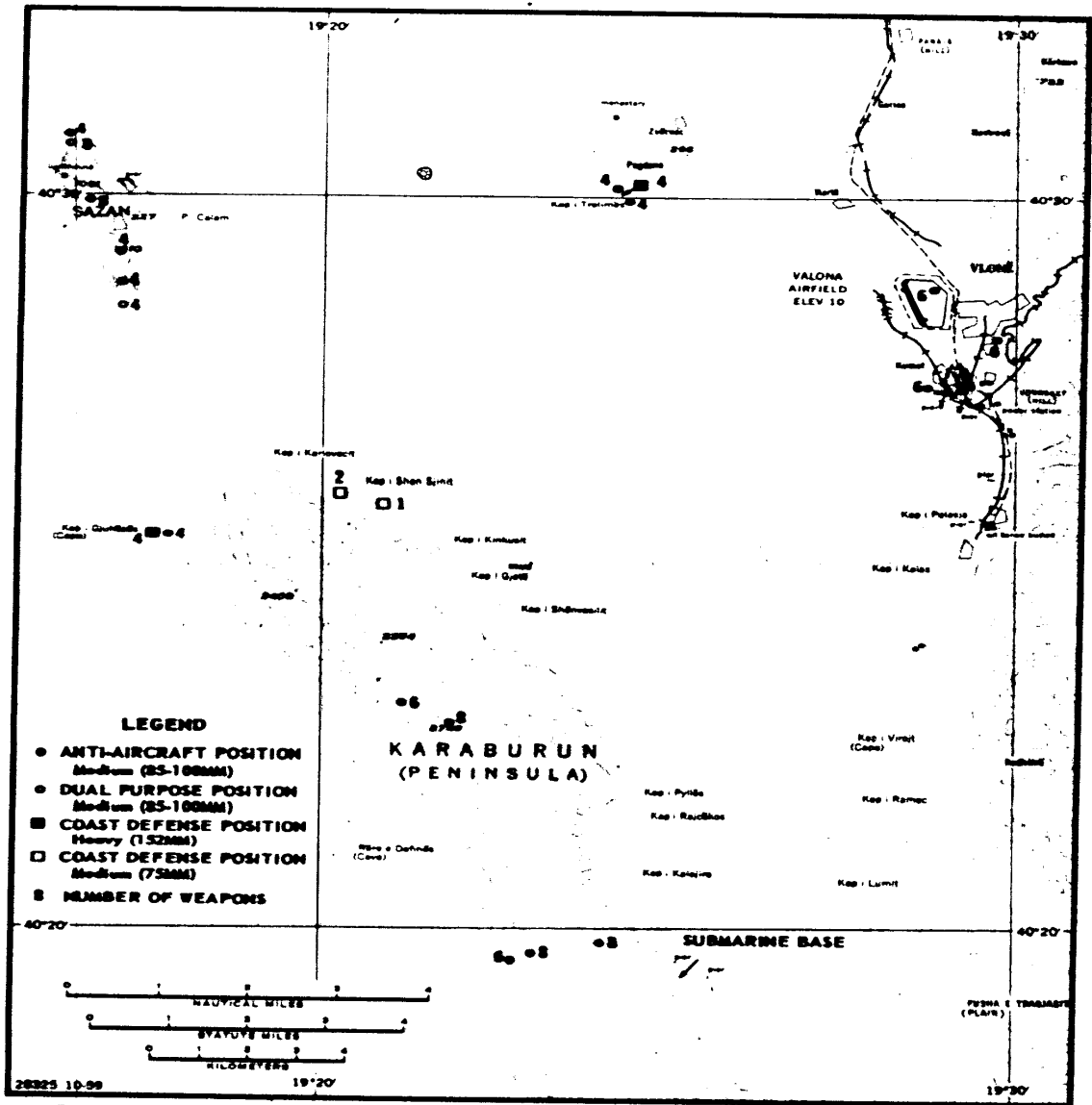


FIGURE 1. ANTI-AIRCRAFT AND COASTAL DEFENSE POSITIONS, VLORE BAY AREA, ALBANIA