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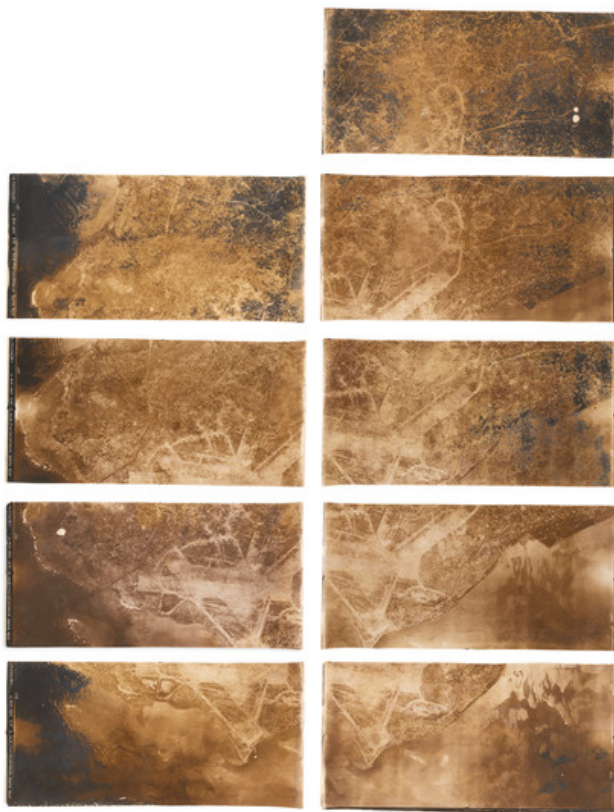
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## (Second World War - Battle of Okinawa) [Nine Reconnaissance Photographs of Naha Airfield, Okinawa]

**Stock#:** 90452  
**Map Maker:** United States Air Force  
**Date:** 1945 May 16  
**Place:** n.p.  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 18 x 9 inches Each  
**Price:** \$ 750.00



### Description:

A collection of nine World War II-era aerial reconnaissance photographs showcasing a strategically important section of the southwestern coast of Okinawa, including the Japanese Naha Airfield. These photos combine (with substantial overlap) to provide a comprehensive view of the area during the Battle of Okinawa. The images are labeled in the negative with "16 MAY: 1100 24: 12,000 (TAF 32) OKINAWA SHIMA REST."

These historical photographs offer an invaluable glimpse into the military landscape of Okinawa during World War II, with a focus on the Naha Airfield, a crucial Japanese military installation at the time. The aerial perspective allows for the analysis of the airfield's layout, infrastructure, and surrounding terrain, providing vital information for military strategists and historians alike.

The invasion of Okinawa, also known as the Battle of Okinawa, took place from April 1 to June 22, 1945.



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The date provided on the photographs, "16 MAY", falls within the timeframe of the battle. This indicates that these aerial reconnaissance photos were likely taken during the invasion and would have been relevant to the military operations taking place at that time.

For collectors, researchers, and enthusiasts interested in World War II history, aerial reconnaissance, or the Pacific theater, these photographs serve as a rare and compelling visual record of a critical moment in the conflict. The images offer unique insights into military operations and the role of aerial reconnaissance in shaping the course of the war.

**Detailed Condition:**