

# NCAP

NATIONAL COLLECTION  
OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Welcome to the NCAP Newsletter - Winter 2018, which aims to keep our subscribers informed of new releases and upcoming projects here at NCAP.

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## NEWS

### [Hong Kong Aerial Photographs](#)



Over 1,600 aerial images of Hong Kong have been released on the NCAP website. Taken in 1924 and 1934, the images are a detailed record of Hong Kong before its rapid expansion in later years.

The aerial photographs were taken by seaplanes operating from HMS *Pegasus* and HMS *Eagle*. They were used to assist in the topographic mapping of the territory. Surveyors have annotated many of the photographs with contours, drainage channels and place names.

Our website now shows over 1,900 images of Hong Kong. Website subscribers can zoom-and-pan all of these images, dating from 1924, 1934 and 1964.

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### [Bedfordshire Aerial Photographs](#)



Over 5,400 aerial images of Bedfordshire are now accessible on the NCAP website. Digitised in collaboration with Central Bedfordshire Council, the images date from 1968 to 1996.

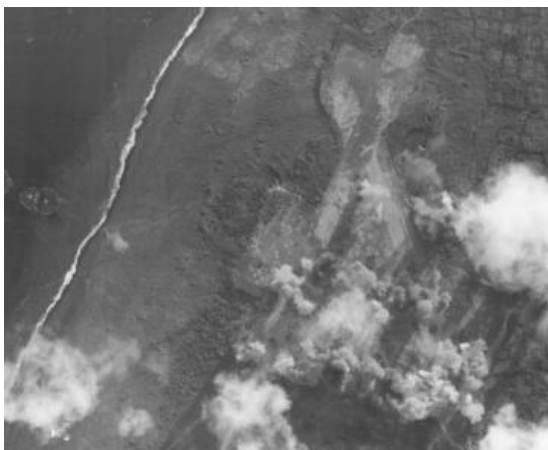
Website subscribers can now zoom-and-pan images of the entire local authority area.

Included in this release are photographs of a signals intelligence facility at Chicksands. During the Cold War, this was the site of a large circular antenna, called a Wullenweber array. Due to the clandestine nature of the facility, the photograph from 1986 was sanitised to remove all trace of the antenna from the image.

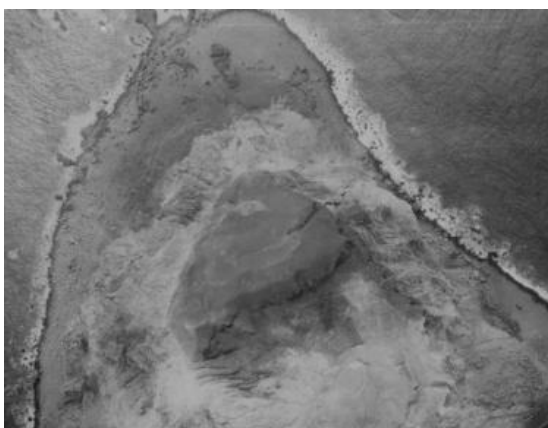


## US Pacific Images Released

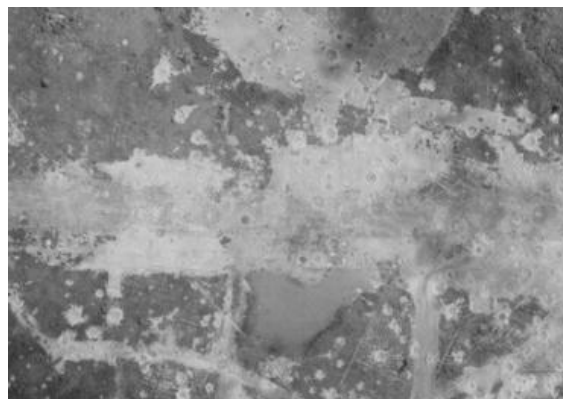
Around 300 USAAF aerial photographs of locations across the Pacific Theatre in 1944-1945 are now accessible online. They have been digitised courtesy of our digitisation partnership with the US National Archives and Records Administration.



The key Japanese island of Iwo Jima features in several images. Above, bombs can be seen bursting on an airfield at the centre of the island. Mount Suribachi, dominating the southern end of the island, can be seen in the image below.



Iwo Jima was captured by the US Marine Corps after bitter fighting in February and March 1945.



Yap Island, Micronesia, was bypassed by US forces during the Second World War. This image shows Yap airfield, heavily bombed by US aircraft to prevent its use by the Japanese garrison.



Oblique aerial photograph of Asuncion Island, Northern Mariana Islands, taken in 1944. This island is an uninhabited composite volcano, rising from the ocean floor.



Japanese shipping at Chichi Jima under attack from US bombers, November 1944.