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Denmark - Atlantic wall on Houvig beach

For fear of attempts at invasion from the west, the west coast of Jutland became strategically important for the Germans during the Second World War. In December 1941 the Germans decided to arm themselves against any attempts and built the „Atlantic Wall“, which stretched from the Norwegian fells in the north to the Spanish border in the south. After the Stalingrad defeat in January 1943, the construction of the fortifications on the west coast of Jutland was accelerated.

The bunkers once built in the dunes are now lying on the beach like ufos. Half worn away from the sea and weather, weathered or covered, they protrude like bizarre sculptures as memorials of war in the carefree Danish holiday landscape.

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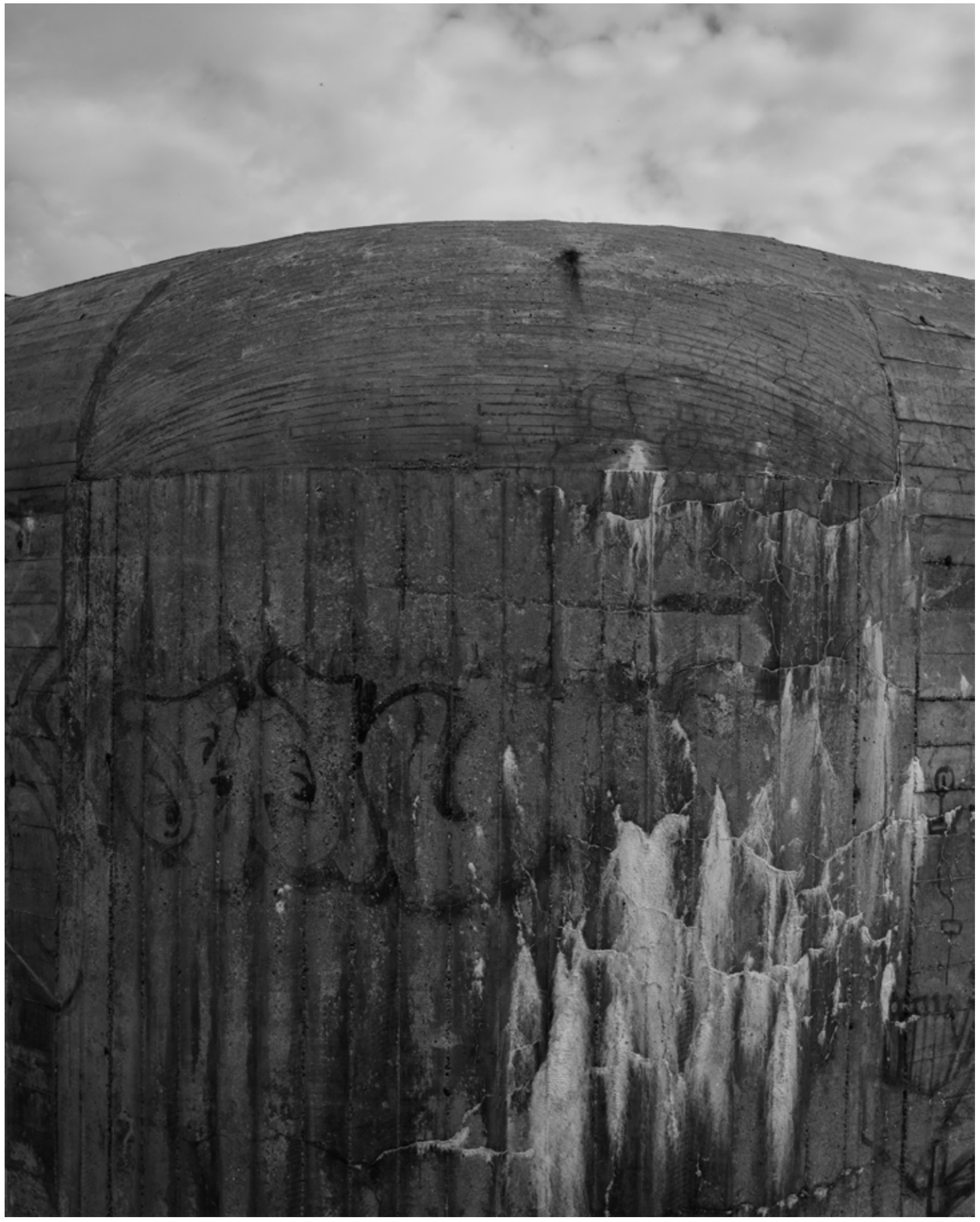

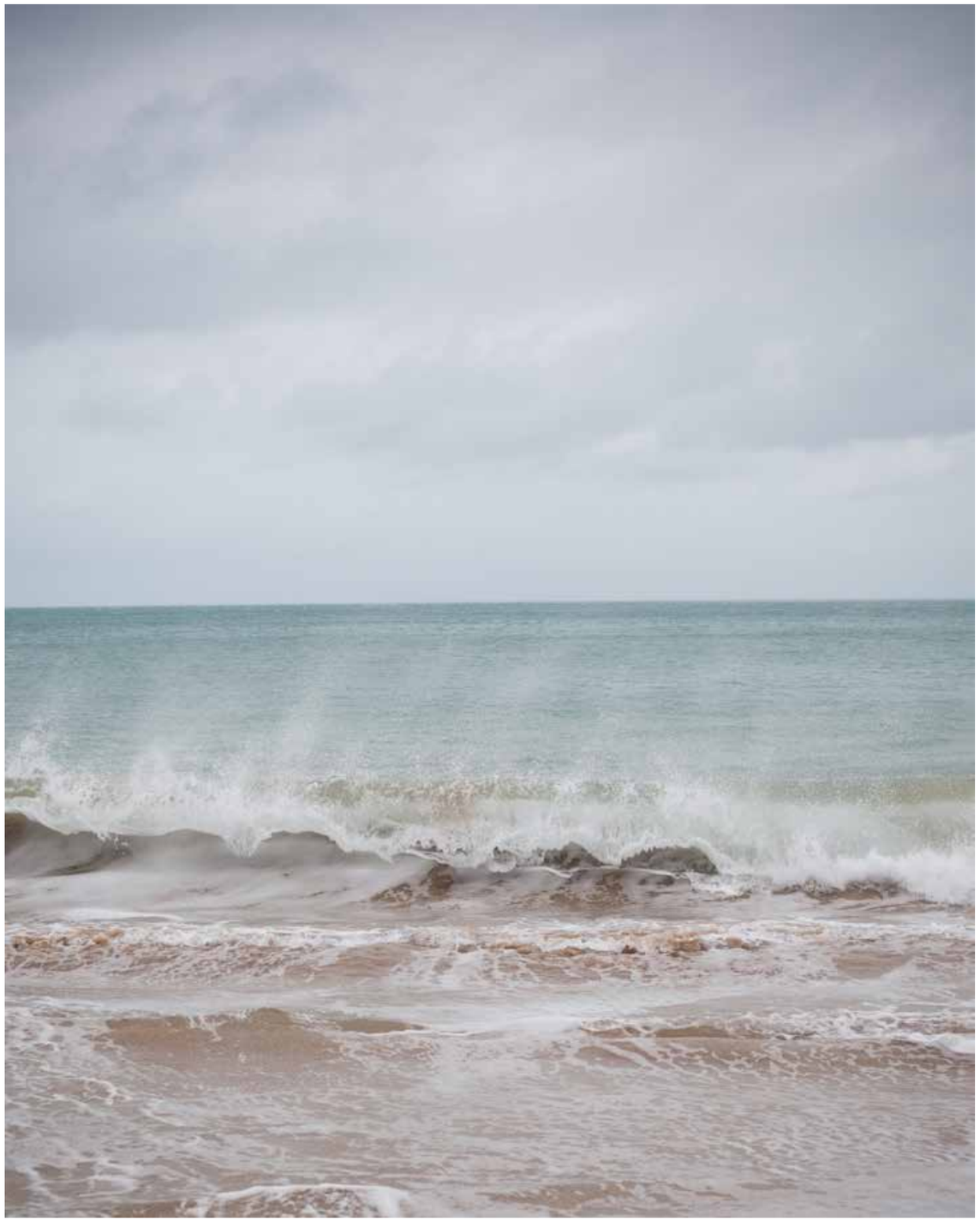

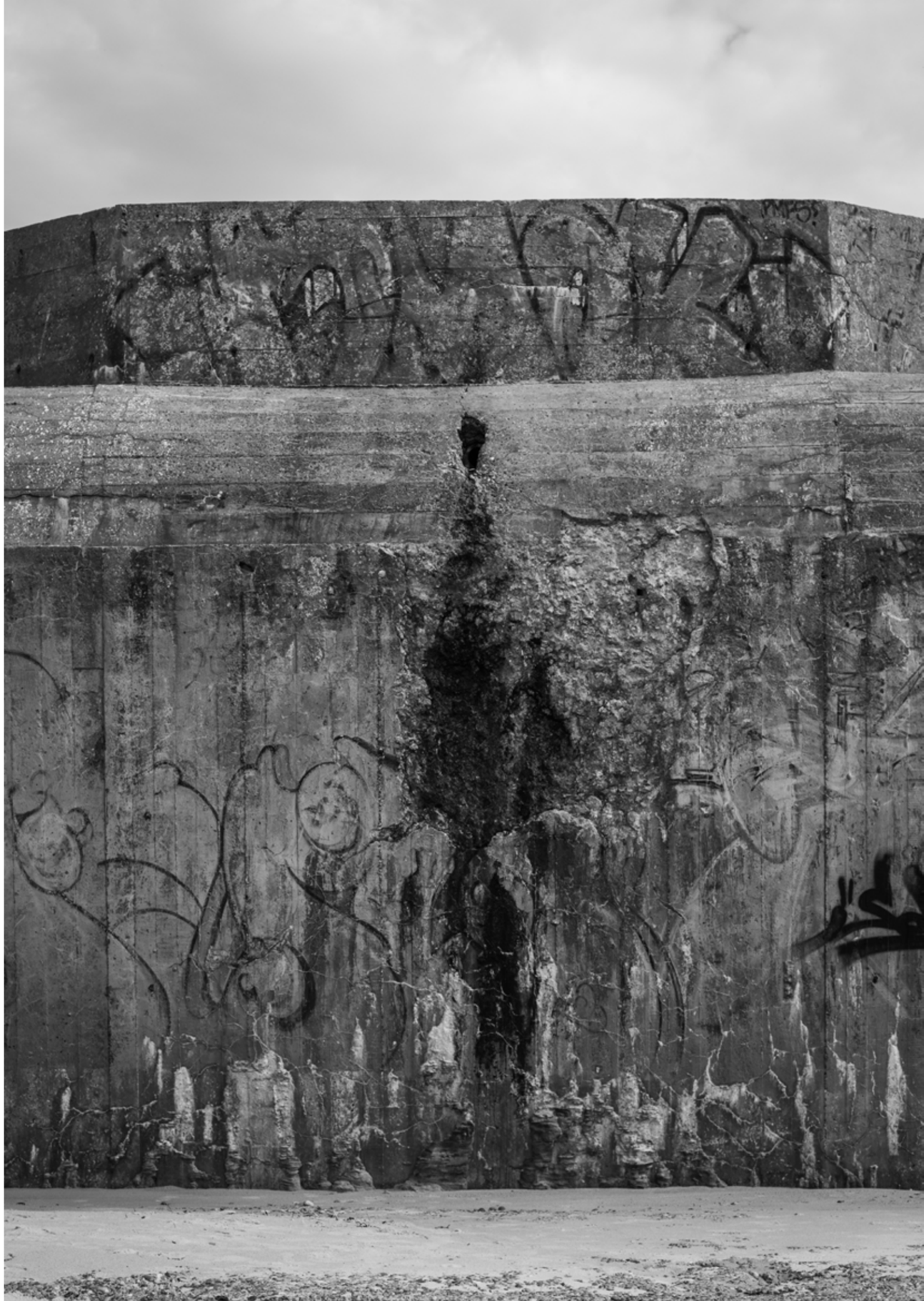

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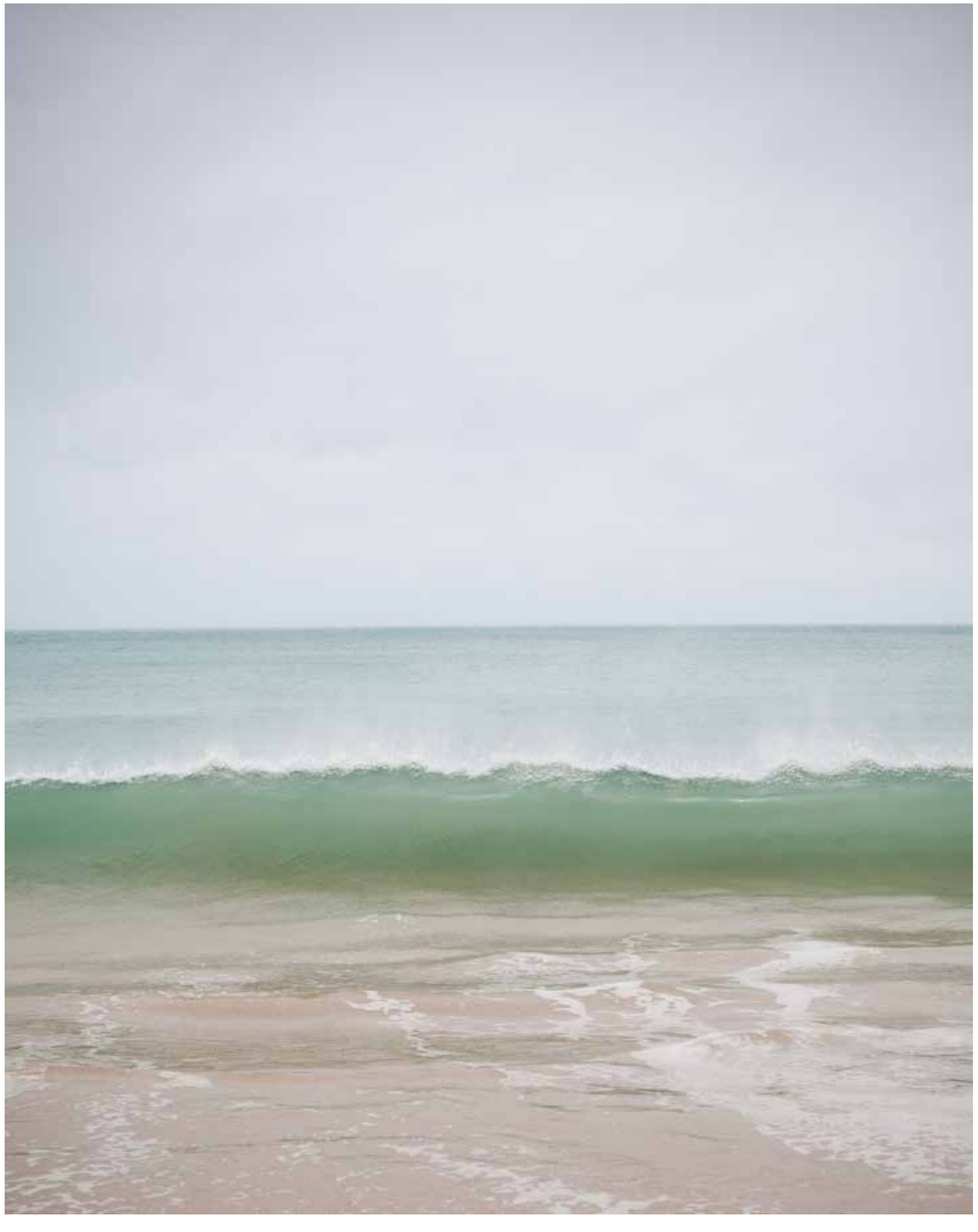
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