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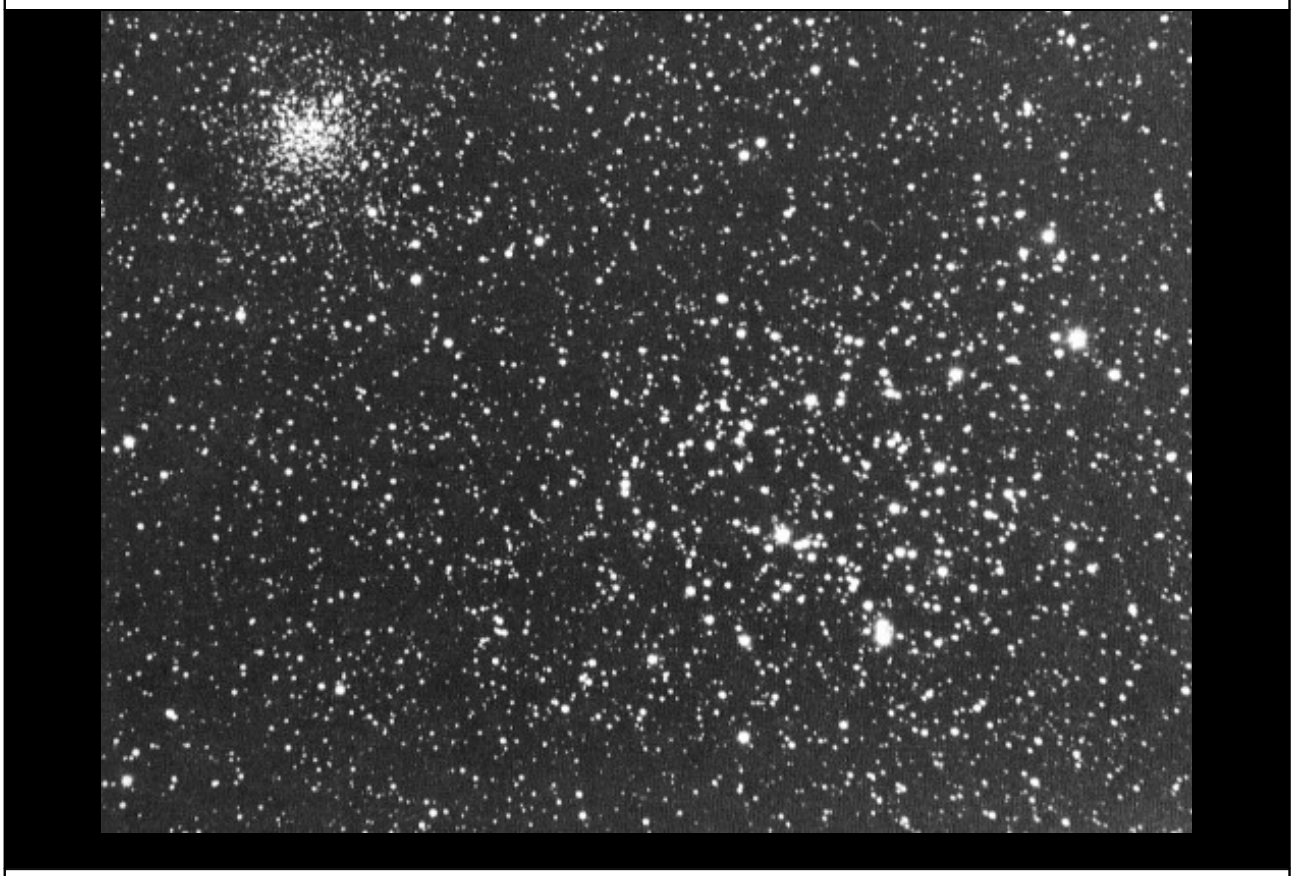

Quick Facts:

Distance: 3900 Light-years. Size: 20 light-years.
Constellation: Gemini.
A naked-eye cluster of about 400 stars, about 200 million years old. In the same wide field of view to the SW is the 10 times older cluster NGC 2158, three times farther away, therefore fainter and smaller.
Find it: Sweep about 15 degrees due north of Betelguese. GOTO: M (Messier).

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