

PERSONAL FILES

COAST WATCHERS'

WEEKLY REPORTS

MARCH - MAY

1944





Mindanso Station: -

NR 23 - 30 April 44 - To effect landing at Lianga, Surigao Prov., Poblacion and at Baug five kilometers south at 0000 April 29, three small transports used six launches.

NR 26 - 1 May 44 - Ships used in landing at Hinatuan, Surigao Prov., was Tito and three launches. Believe troops are from Surigao.

NR 28 - 1 May 44 - Convoy of four ships and one escort were attacked between Surigao Province and Panaon Island on April 18. Some ships were sunk while others fled.

NR 29 - 1 May 44 - At Dapitan, Zamboanga Prov., mines washed ashore are spheres three feet in diameter complete with anchor cable set to float six feet below surface. Armed with eight projecting detonators, four of which are four inches long while others are eight.

NR 33 - 3 May 44 - One salvage Pontoon nine feet in Diameter by thirty feet long aground on north end Panaon Island.

NR 34 - 3 May 44 - Batulaki, Davao now Naval Reserve barracks, Bodegas and administration buildings with three thousand marines. About 100 Japs in Malalag. 73 Fighters and 56 Bombers at Padada field. 12 AA guns around field.

NR 35 - 3 May 44 - Japs landed at Hinatuan, Surigao as reported thence to Port Lamon landing from all three ships. 0300/H 29 April all ships left for Lianga, leaving three Nil soldiers at Port Lamon. 1400/H 30 April, one ship returned there.

NR 37 - 4 May 44 - Dispersed around Samal Island about 70 Warships and Merchantmen.

NR 40 - 4 May 44 - Intercepts from enemy radio. Cermeno of Cebu to Director Public Works Manila "Navy must have voluntary work on airfield half day weekly for all able bodied men".

NR 41 - 4 May 44 - When enemy left area of Dapitan, Zamboanga, 4 April, they laid mines in line from Dapitan wharf to Quambo. Reports 14 explosions night of May 2nd. Much wreckage and gasoline drifting ashore.

Negros: NR 115 - 3 May 44 - Seventeen enemy patrol boats seen off Bacolod on April 17.

Samar: NR 102 - 6 May 44 - Naric Bodegas one KM southwest of Cabanatuan filled with Palay which is being shipped to Corregidor, Bataan and SWPA. Motor fuel also stored near Naric Bodegas.

NR 101 - 6 May 44 - Nips on watch at Baler lighthouse during day with telescope. Baler has garrison of 150 Nips since surrender. Road from Baler to Bongabon closed to trucks due to heavy rains. Supplies come in monthly by launch.

Panay: NR 173 - 3 May 44 - Motor boats plying Iloilo - San Jose, Antique route three to five miles from coast southern Iloilo and southern Antique, bigger vessels at least 10 miles from shore.

NR 174 - 3 May 44 - One cruiser number 2301 arrived Iloilo Port 21 April.

NR 175 - 3 May 44 - No Japs in Romblon Province. Small radio operating at Tablas Island since 1 May. Too small to contact W A T or F T A W.

NR 187 - 6 May 44 - 30 April, two small ships unloaded 900 Nips at Iloilo. Unconfirmed - one transport unloaded about one thousand Japs on Guimaras Island with equipment and supplies. 29 April, two small ships unloaded 300 Japs at Iloilo.



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ARC - 6
CGH - 9
HV5 - 3
MAGA - 7
MBG - 1
MHR - 1
MBX - 1
MBY - 2
PGA - 6
REG - 1
REG - 2
REL - 6
RIA - 2
TAB - 3
VIN - 8
WAG - 3
WAP - 1
WAG - 4

(Reports for MAA, MAB, TUT)

Contacts and call letters outside stations.  
ANA-5; WBA-1; CGH-5; HV5-4; MAGA-21; PGA-20; RIA-3; TAB-6;  
UAN-3; VIN-13; WBA-3; LBC-6; QEN-2.

Stations Unheard:  
ISHM, MY, UAN, WPI, KNS, MHR last five days. Relaying thru  
ERT following: CH, WAB, WAG, WAL. Reply taken: First four  
same as last week: KNS no dope: MHR area invaded and  
presence has moved.

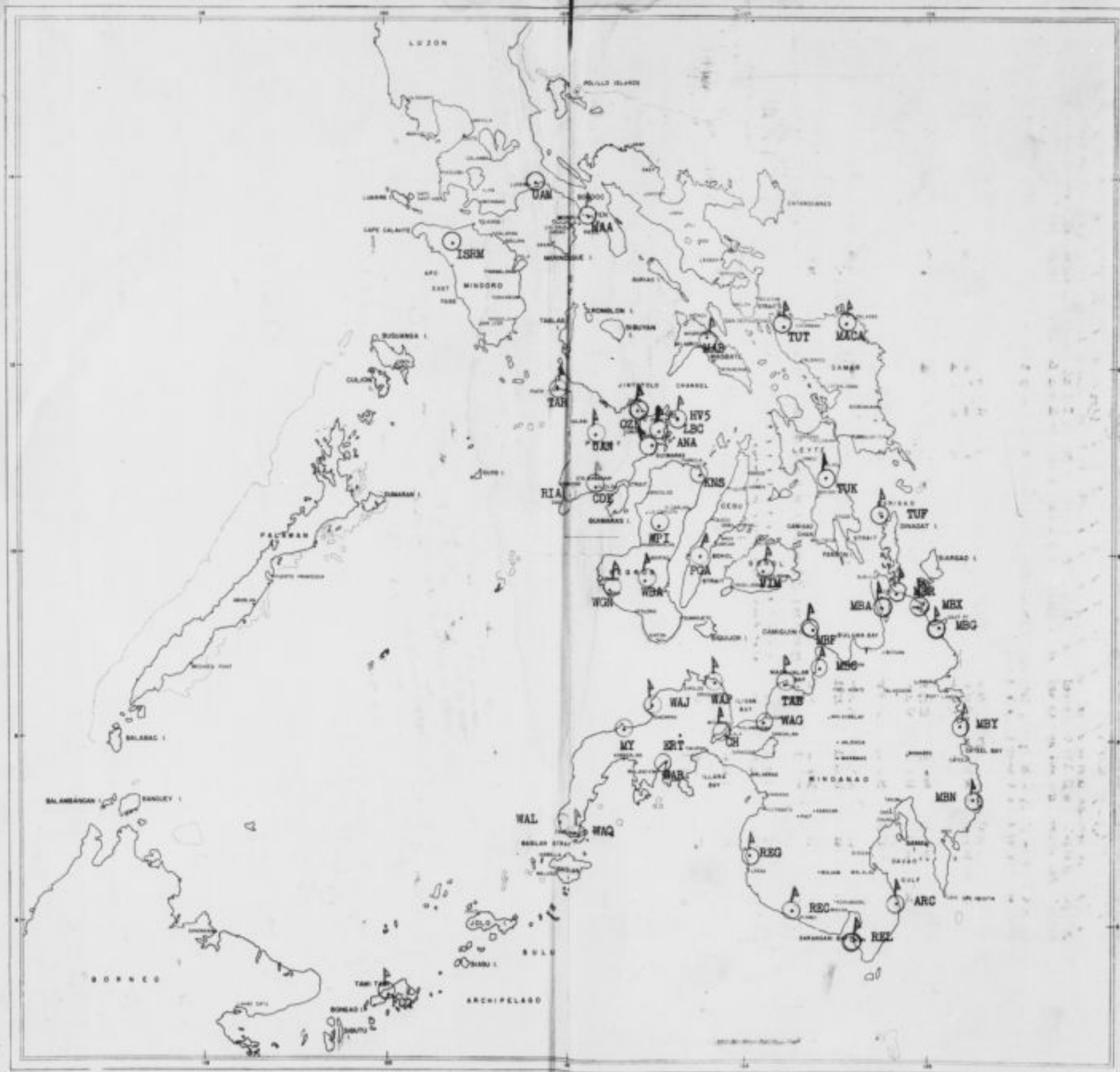
Stations Reporting no Activity:  
ANA, WBA, CH, MHA, MHC, MHP, MHR prior to going unheard,  
TAB, TUK, UAN, WBA, LBC, QEN.

Note: exact location of UAN, KNS, and WBA unknown.  
Stations WBG and WBE mentioned in NR 24 are not listed so are  
assumed to be alternate call signs.  
See Report for Comments.

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April 27th and 28th, 1944

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MILES

- ⊥ Planes
- ▽ Ships
- Ⓢ Naval Craft

Note: Apex indicates direction of travel



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Stations unheard:  
WGN, IESM, MY, REC, TUK, UAM, WPI. (following relay via  
ERT: CH, WAB, WAG, WAL). Remedy taken - no information  
WGN: - IESM, MY, TUK, UAM all status quo last report.  
WPI heard but has not called in; REC battery trouble.

Stations reporting no activity.  
MBA, MBC, MBF, MBN, MBR, UAN, WAJ, WAP, WBA.

Note: Exact location of KNS and WBA unknown.

See reverse for COMMENTS.



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Mindanao Stations - NR 969 - 23 April/44 - (Weekly coast watcher report) - General or Special comment: Total targets 149. Plane flashes 24. Air activity increasing. Much shipping in Davao Gulf. East coast more active. Request stations other districts notify us when changing call letters to avoid confusion.

NR 898 - 16 April/44 - Seaplanes are occasionally using lower end of field at Malabang. AA guns reported there and at Dansalan. 750 Japs in Misamis, Mis. Occ.

NR 913 - 16 April/44 - Two fox taze dogs, eight launches reported in Cebu as intended for invasion Agusan. One ship was transport NR 1023. On April 10, two sugar charlies left Misamis, Misamis Occ., with supplies and troops. Only three hundred remain there.

NR 919 - 16 April/44 - Davao Province air fields: from north to south - Hijo, Licanan, Sasa, Matina, Libby, Dummy, Padada all along coast. Inland Barasaton and Tomagon. Already 1500 x 3000 meters buayan is only half finished.

NR 920 - 16 April/44 - You could land on Mindanao on free beach head and hold this island in face of all attacks. Garrisons are at lowest ebb, poor quality troops, confusion rampant and enemy morale is shot. An early attack will catch the Japs with airfields but no planes here.

NR 921 - 16 April/44 - Work has stopped on proposed airfield, military road and coast defense on Bilaa point Surigao, Prov.

NR 923 - 16 April/44 - About 0100Z routine morning patrol along east coast of Surigao Province.

NR 925 - 17 April/44 - Confirmed ammunition deposits. Bomb dumps southeast of Sasa field midway between road and ammunition stores in International Harvester warehouse in Sasa. Warehouse at foot Purakawa wharf near Daliso. Three heavy guns on Dumalog point and two on south end of Talikud Island. Several along beach from Santa Ana to Sasa. One heavy mobile gun in Yoshida Park.

NR 928 - 18 April/44 - Destroyer shelled Lianga yesterday at 0000Z with cannon and MG fire.

NR 930 - 18 April/44 - At 0800Z gunboat shelled Baliton and landed troops while two planes strafed area.

NR 933 - 19 April/44 - There has been a daily plane or planes north only over Causwagan near old pick up site, beginning on April 7. Of the 2,500 troops reported in Iligan some were sent to Dansalan while rest were taken out by ship. 200 Japs at old pick up site.

NR 936 - 19 April/44 - Light cruiser in bay at 0530Z. Then went north at 0600. No air activity 17th. Plane which crashed near Lianga believed to be Navy plane. 20mm gun mounted in belly, self-sealing gas tanks.

NR 937 - 19 April/44 - Nips moving supplies and equipment to Mayapay Mountain. May be used for Radar or ack ack. Excellent O.P. covering all Agusan Bay. Japs doing all work, Films not allowed.

NR 939 - 19 April/44 - April 14, Jap Cruiser anchored. Began shelling Bacuag at dawn, landed using three launches. Burned houses after looting. Met little opposition. Abandoned place and ship proceeded north. Two large launches landed Lareto, Surigao at 0600Z and repaired buildings for Hqs.

NR 947 - 20 April/44 - Unconfirmed that 70 ships in Davao Gulf, including warships. 30 destroyers and cruisers and eight transports anchored from Bunawan to Santa Ana. Along northern Samal, Davao Prov., to southwest coast about 50 wooden ships and barges anchored.

NR 949 - 20 April/44 - April 9, one light seaplane flew patrol as far north as Kabacan, Cotabato Province, back to south.

NR 951 - 20 April/44 - Increase in planes at Matina and Pacada fields. Unconfirmed rumor that two ships unloaded bombs and AA guns last week. Malalag occupied by Nips and all civilians sent out from restricted area.

NR 956 - 21 April/44 - Lebak, April 20, Mitsubishi type O Mark I Navy float plane low at 0630Z to north. Bombers which hit Esperanza, Agusan Prov., were two Mitsubishi type I Army medium bombers. Sixteen bombs landed harmlessly along river bank.

NR 957 - 21 April/44 - Fields in Bukidnon held by small groups with few .50 Caliber AA guns. Nip defenses much weaker now than previous reports indicated, Japs have no great amount of aviation gas in storage.

Panay - NR 111 - 16 April/44 - Panay Times dated March 22, quotes Manila Tribune, "Rumor Japs painting their planes with American insignia is of American invention in order to blame Japs when American planes bomb Philippine towns, hospitals and cities.

NR 120 - 17 April/44 - Unit in Iloilo city is an aerial observation post per its conventional sign.

NR 125 - 18 April/44 - About 450 Japs reportedly from Cebu arrived by motorboats from April 7 to 11. Two small submarines at Iloilo Port April 9.

NR 126 - 18 April/44 - Ships often hide around Linapacan Island near Culaylayan Island.

NR 128 - 19 April/44 - Order dated April 15, published Panay Times by Japs prohibits native boats to travel through Tablas Strait.

- 19 April/44 - 14 April about 900 Japs arrived Iloilo City in three groups, by transports.

NR 133 - 21 April/44 - Several reports that vicinity of Iloilo Port is mined.

Samar - NR 81 - 16 April/44 - Coastal air patrol started 14 April on east coast.

Cebu - NR 14 - 18 April/44 - Seven dead bodies were recovered by enemy from the four-engined flying boat that crashed 400 meters off San Fernando coast, two live Japs were sent immediately to Tinaan by puppets. Eyewitness reports plane caught fire and sank after 30 minutes, with several minor explosions after the crash, Jap patrol boat was on the scene shortly after fire was extinguished. Number of passengers and crew were 27.

NR 13 - 20 April/44 - Present Cebu defenses from North Yati to Liloan, from south Pundatanga, east to coastal defenses and west not yet defined. Mactan airfield being rushed secretly, as it is believed you are not aware of this location.

Negros - NR 107 - 16 April/44 - On April 7, at the mouth of Nabulao Bay at 20 meters intervals two enemy launches dropped three heavy objects about two feet diameter and four feet long that look like mines. Parties now out to pick up these and check other places.

NR 110 - 19 April/44 - Farica in Negros being converted into major enemy air base. Over 1000 drums aviation gasoline stored around air field. 26 Hayabusa fighter planes are permanent here. There are two ships building yards here busy construction barges.

NR 266 - 18 April/44 - Repair of gunboats made at Earnshaw Docks. Nips very busy on 24 hour basis building small gunboats and Batils (wooden sailing boats). Above manned by Navy personnel. Construction of torpedo boats at Engineers Island. Three ready for launching. Manila Port Terminal Bldg. occupied by American war prisoners. No anti-aircraft or coast guns in port area itself but there are four three-inch model 1917 and two 37mm anti-aircraft now emplaced beside the concrete embankment on New Luneta. Ammo for above dumped at comfort shed of same place. Transports discharged food supplies now stored at San Beda College. Hospital ships Buenos Aires Maru with punctured Prow, Arabia Maru unloaded Nip soldiers dressed in hospital gowns but sent to McKinley and Nichols. Two small size aircraft carriers docked at pier seven carrying an undetermined number of troops from China and Burma and twenty planes each. 21st March four transports unloaded food supplies again for Nip army as food shortage Central Luzon acute. During March they were docked at piers five and seven following hospital ships carrying combat troops and medicines: Czechoslovakia Maru, Buenos Aires Maru, Kral Maru, Chicago Maru and Seattle Maru. Midnight March 24, aircraft carrier left central Luzon with 500 troops, estimated 50 planes, scrap iron and destroyed plane motors, apparently for Japan. New large airfield being constructed at Marikina valley.

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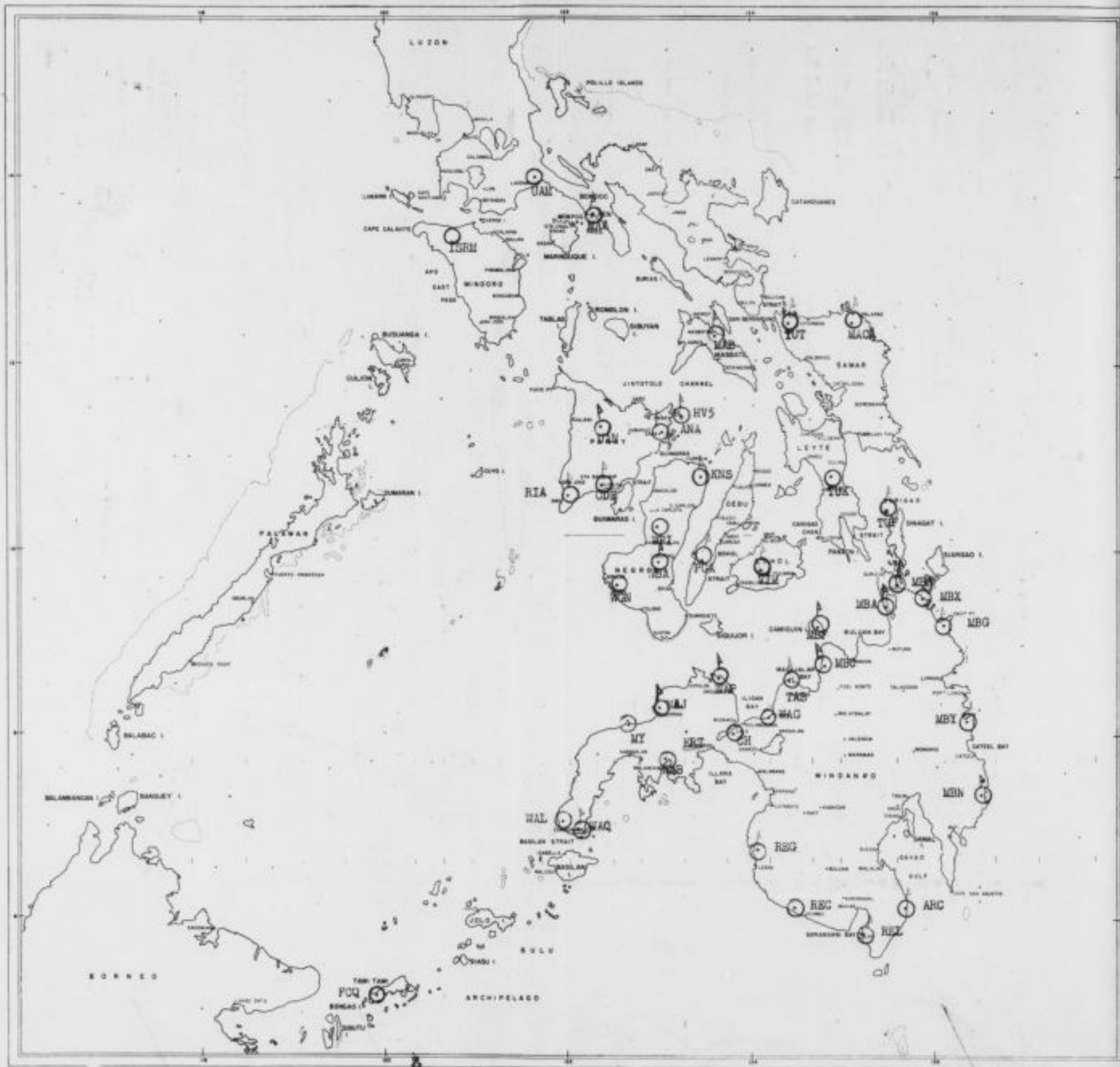
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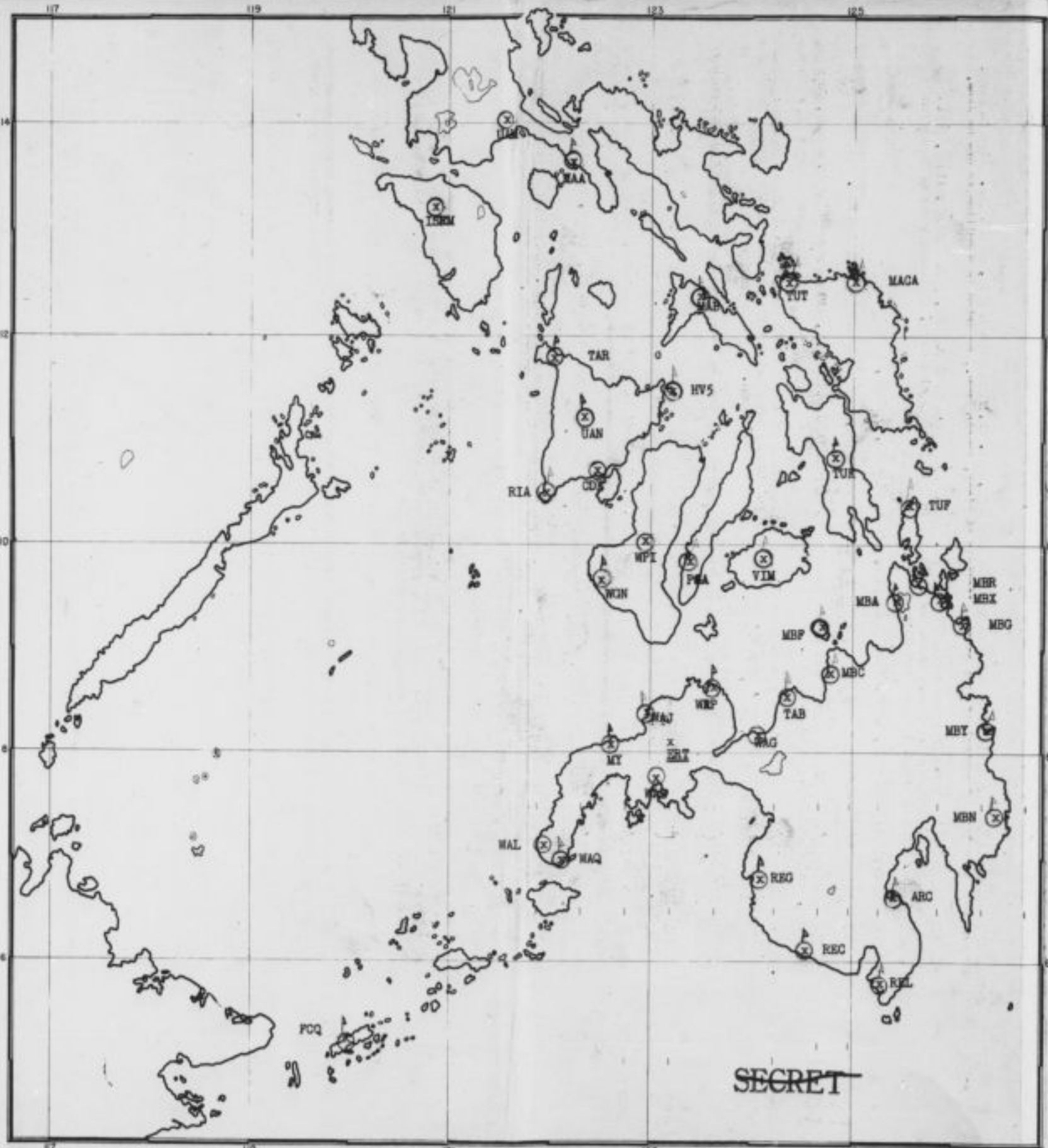
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Panay - NR 99 - 5 April/44 - Fairly extensive fighting in Iloilo and Capiz throughout March.

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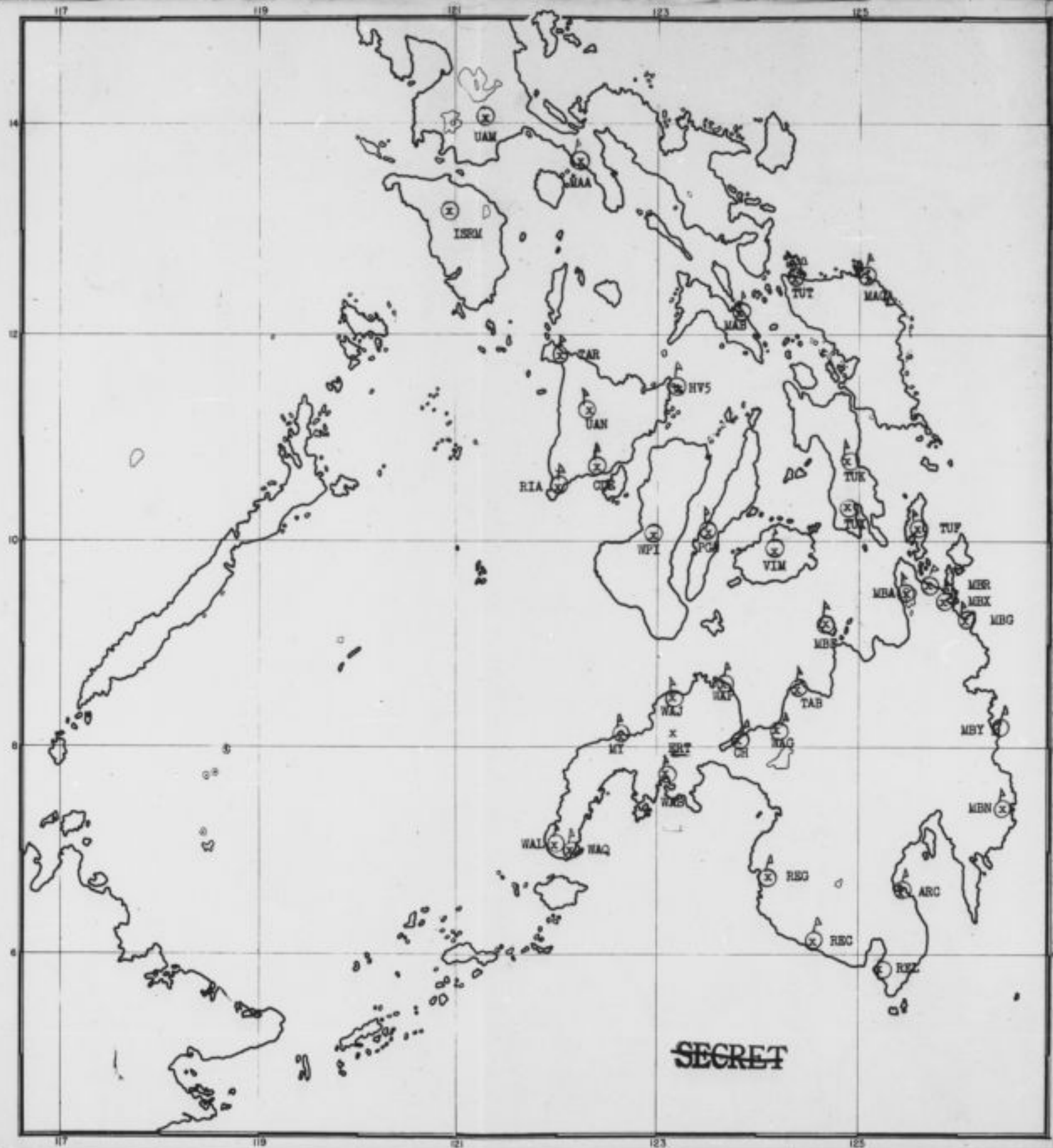
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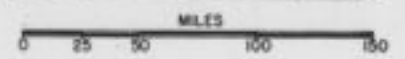


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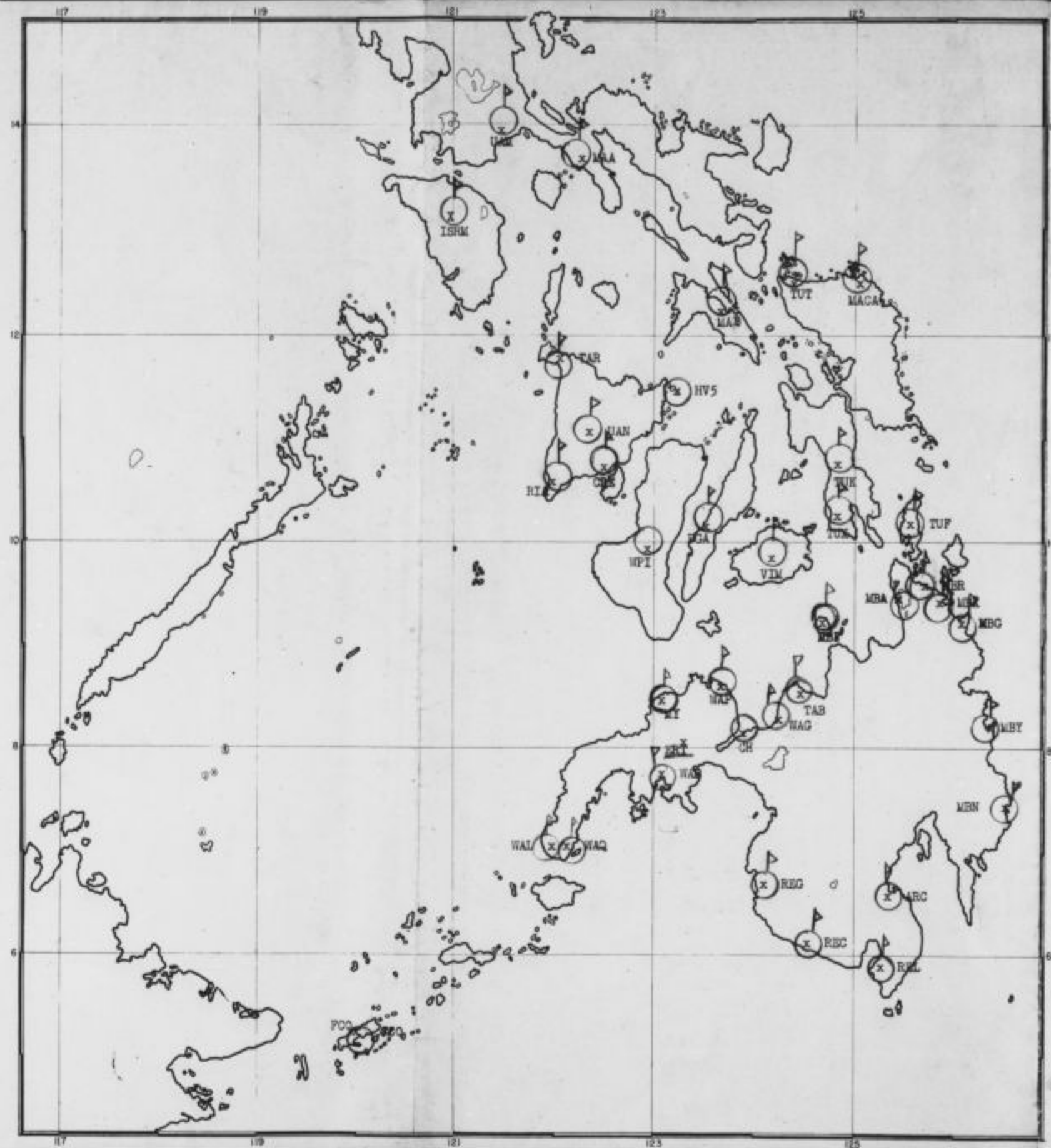
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NR 764 - 13 Mar/44: CHOJO MARU was 2600 tons. Lieutenant Rude Sato only officer survivor; fought in Bataan, Corregidor, China. Sgt Tara Kawana served Rabaul as Radio Operator. Twenty two bodies have washed ashore at Batalaki, Sugai Coast.

NR 765 - 13 Mar/44: Radio report from Luzon: Last shipment of equipment and radio arrived safely in Batangas.

NR 767 - 14 Mar/44: Capt. Itoh Jap Naval Construction chief in Cebu has called for 5 thousand carpenters and laborers to build a Navy Dock construction needs 11000 pesos to complete concrete work which is pushed

any in South Leyte reinforced by 700 either from Cebu or Tacloban in small wooden ships. Hilongos, Bato, Matalom, Malitbog, Sogod and Kabilan.

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NR 772 - 15 Mar/44: Cebu: Heavy concentration troops in triangle formed by Mandana, Liloan and Open. Defense works, pillboxes and light artillery positions with barracks for 3 thousand men nearing completion at Naga. Undercover agents increasing.

NR 773 - 15 Mar/44: Butuan, Agusan, bombed this morning at 0620 with attempted landing vicinity of Nasipit.

NR 774 - 15 Mar/44: Manila, Mid Feb: Agent returned from Manila on Inter Island vessel named Ohai Maru. Similar to Princess, 400 tons. 200 Jap soldiers to Iloilo to fight guerillas came from China. Philippine shipping association issues passes and flags to bancas registered with them. These seldom molested by patrol launches. Many 50 men capacity barges in Cebu, Iloilo, Cavite and Bacolod.

Dewy dry deck visible from blvd lying between Manila and Cavite. Pan-American clipper base not used. 200 AA guns recently installed behind Arellano High School in Intramuros. Motor ship Surigao refloated and now under repair.

NR 775 - 15 Mar/44: Butuan, Agusan reported occupied at 1400 Mar/15/44. No details.

NR 776 - 16 Mar/44: One SC off Nasipit. Another with one barge 5 miles west effected landings on 15 Mar. Four launches from Cagayan, Misamis Oriental and three planes also used. Scattered landings along Lanes North Coast.

16 large hospital wards filled in Army Recup. Hospital at Phil Long Distance Tele Compound at Lee Ames. Airfield installations on Alabat, Polillo.

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NR 781 - 17 Mar/44: Enemy supported by 3 planes bombing Amparo and attempting to force river defenses. Radio equipment and codes safe. East Coast Watcher station reports no activity.

NR 782 - 17 Mar/44: Situation worse. Enemy captured defense position below Amparo. Cabadbaran bombed this morning. Cagayan, Misamis Or., sending more troops to Agusan.

NR 783 - 18 Mar/44: Enemy occupying coast in strength. Planes bombed every barrier along coast of Agusan Province, and up river to my C.P. Few casualties in Cabadbaran, none elsewhere. Planes and troops from Cagayan, Misamis Or.

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NR 50 - 14 Mar/44: Jurado reports Japs landed in force at Abra de Ilog, Mindoro and general area capturing a certain Captain Wise and eight soldiers about 26th Feb.

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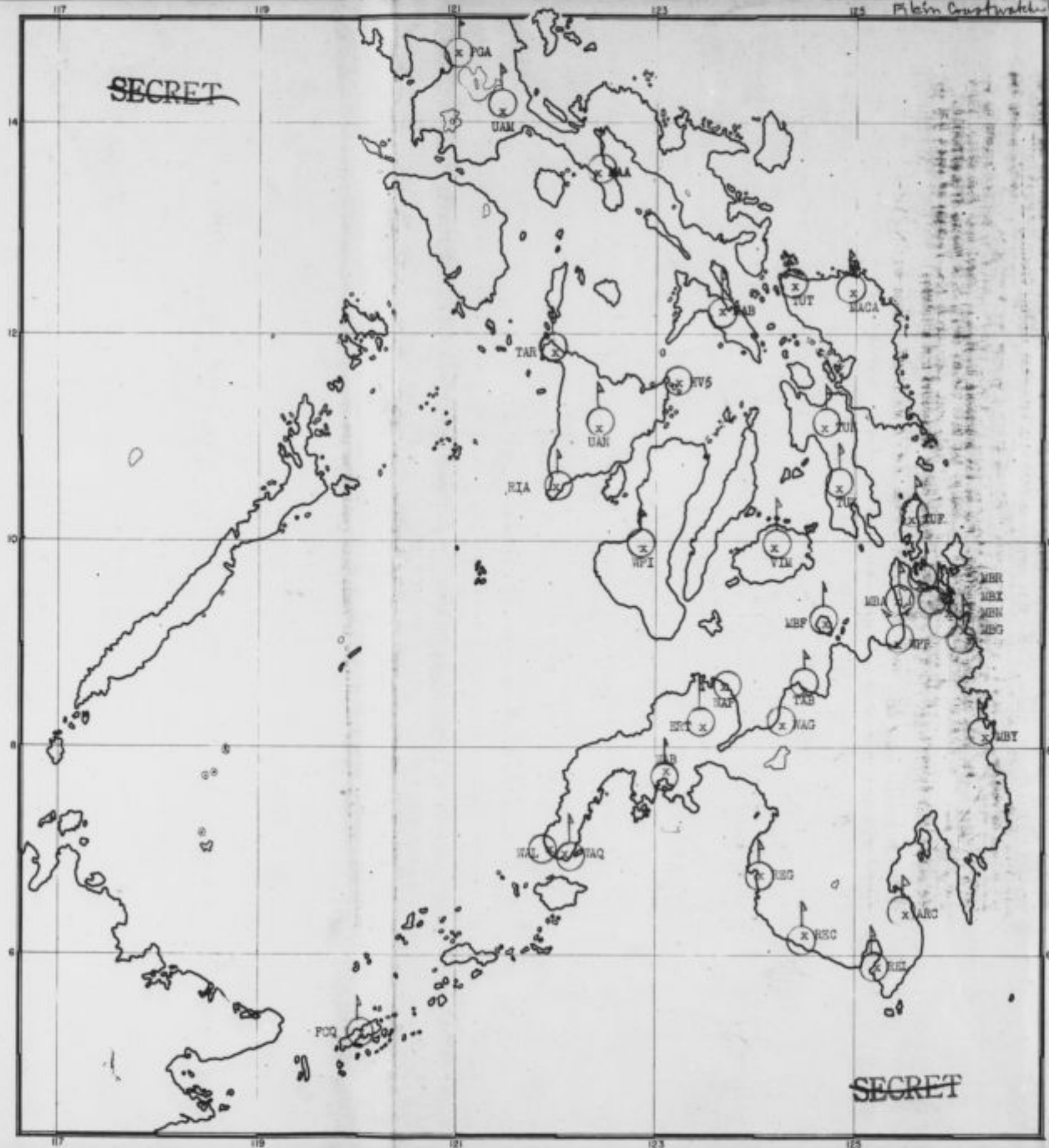
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NR 96 - 12 Mar/44: Hip Squadron commander at Bacolod is Captain Kanatoromochior. Fabrica airfield now three times original size with four large barracks and secret dumps around.

Tauitani -

NR 23 - 17 Mar/44: One MV torpedoed by allied sub near Calupag Island North Tauitani about March 6. Ship abandoned by Japs. No ship movements for past few days only aerial bombing six KM from Batobato including Young's former residence repeated. Another follow up party by sea route to locate unlocate buried packages arriving within two days. GHQ will be informed immediately if radio sets received or not.

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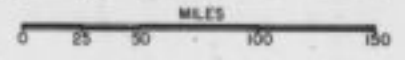


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- NR 773 - 15 Mar/44: Butuan, Agusan, bombed this morning at 0620 with attempted landing vicinity of Nasipit.
- NR 774 - 15 Mar/44: Manila, Mid Feb: Agent returned from Manila on Inter Island vessel named Gumi Maru. Similar to Prenceman, 400 tons. 200 Jap soldiers to Iloilo to fight guerrillas came from China. Philippine shipping association issues passes and flags to bancas registered with them. These seldom molested by patrol launches. Many 50 man capacity barges in Cebu, Iloilo, Cavite and Bacolod.
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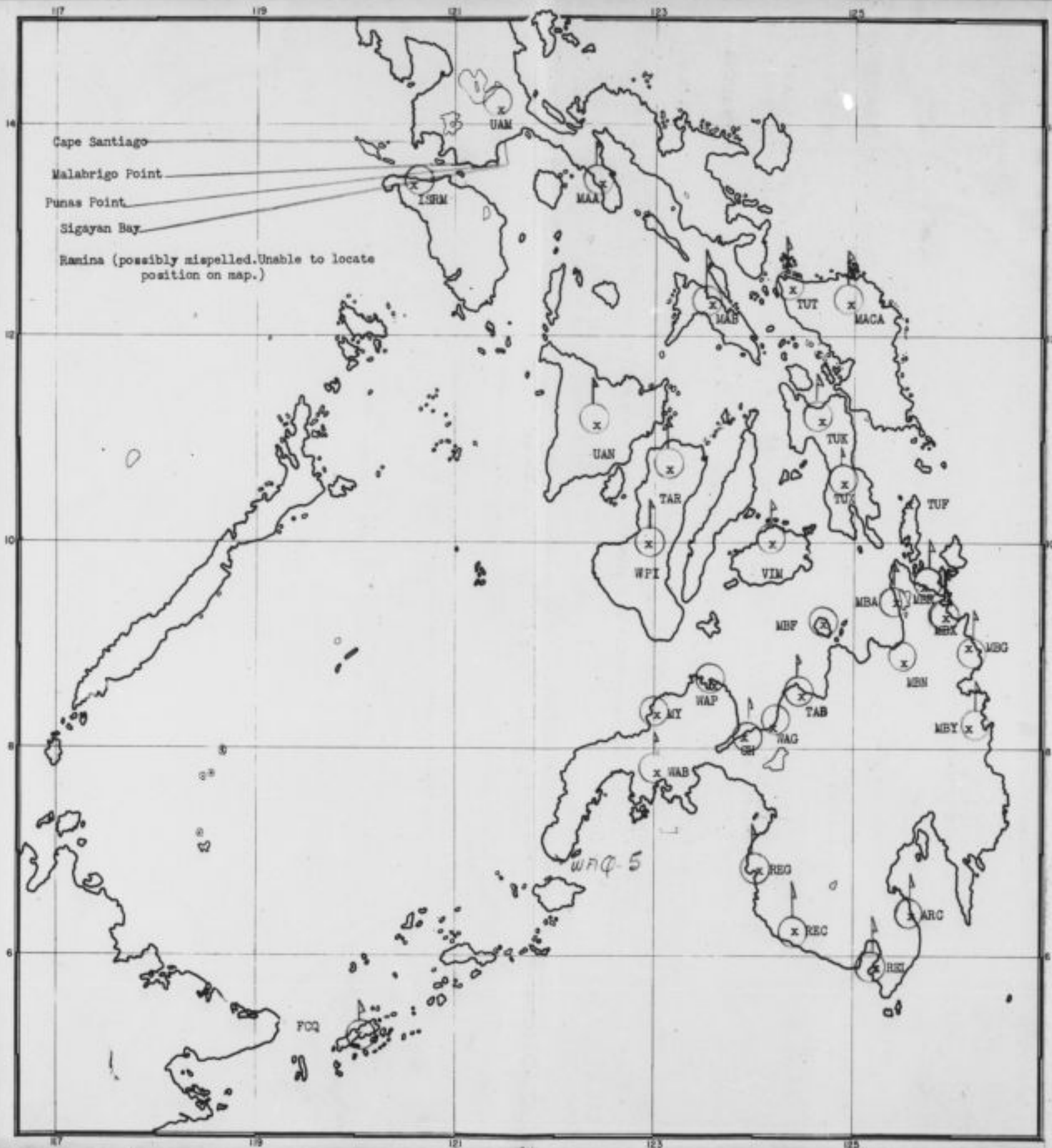
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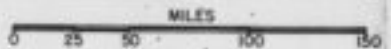
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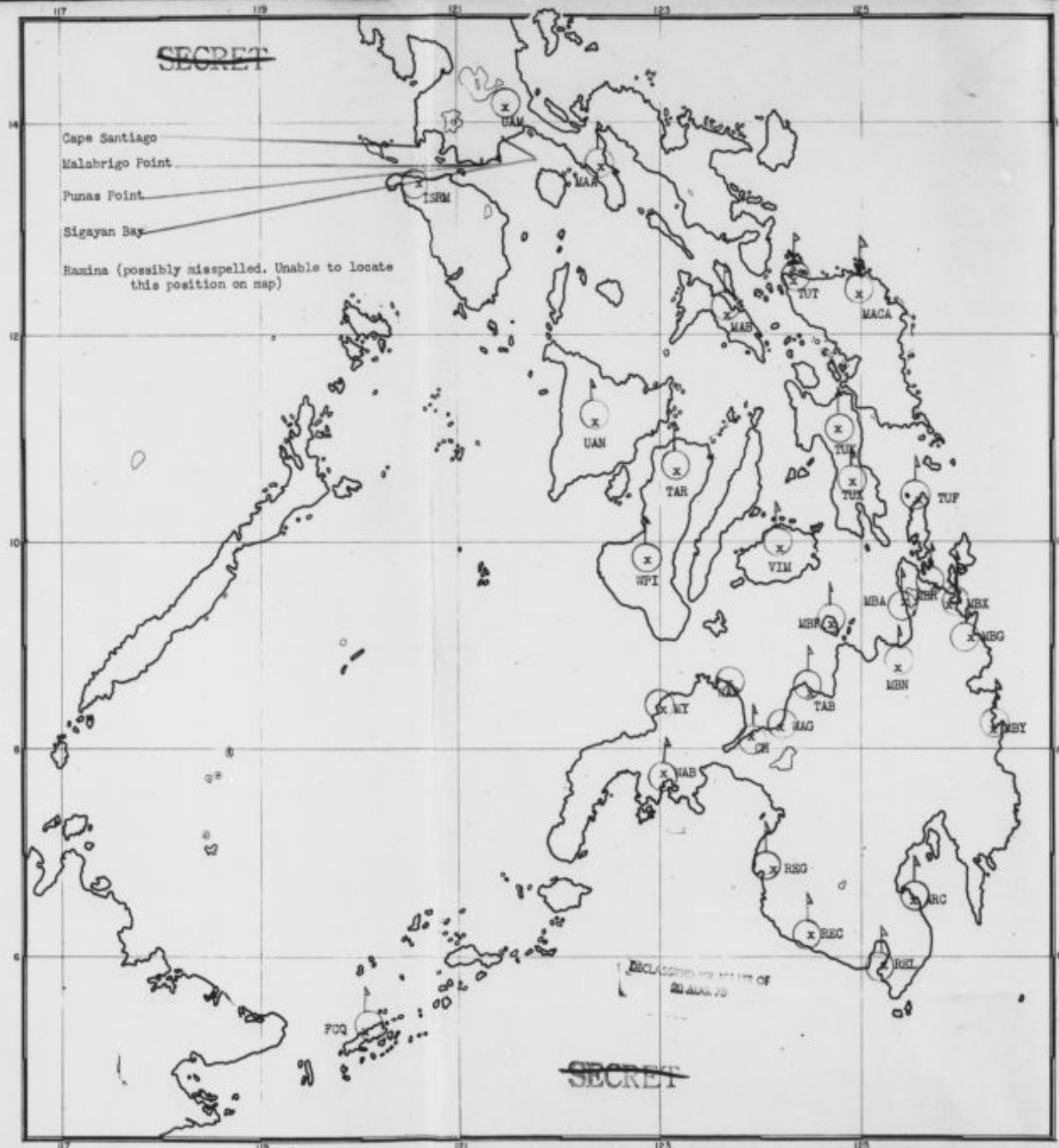
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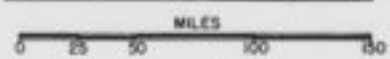
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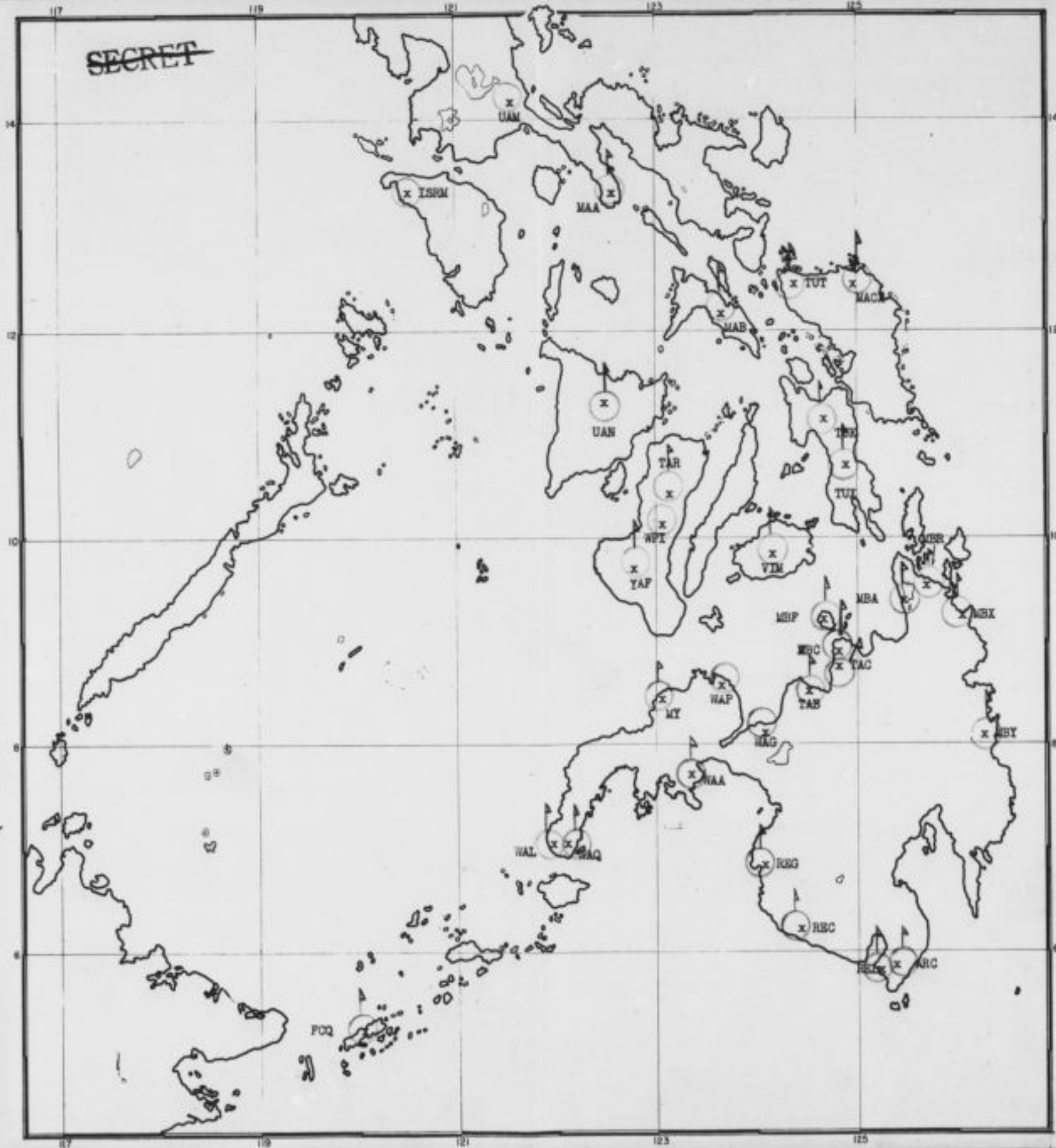
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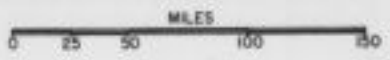


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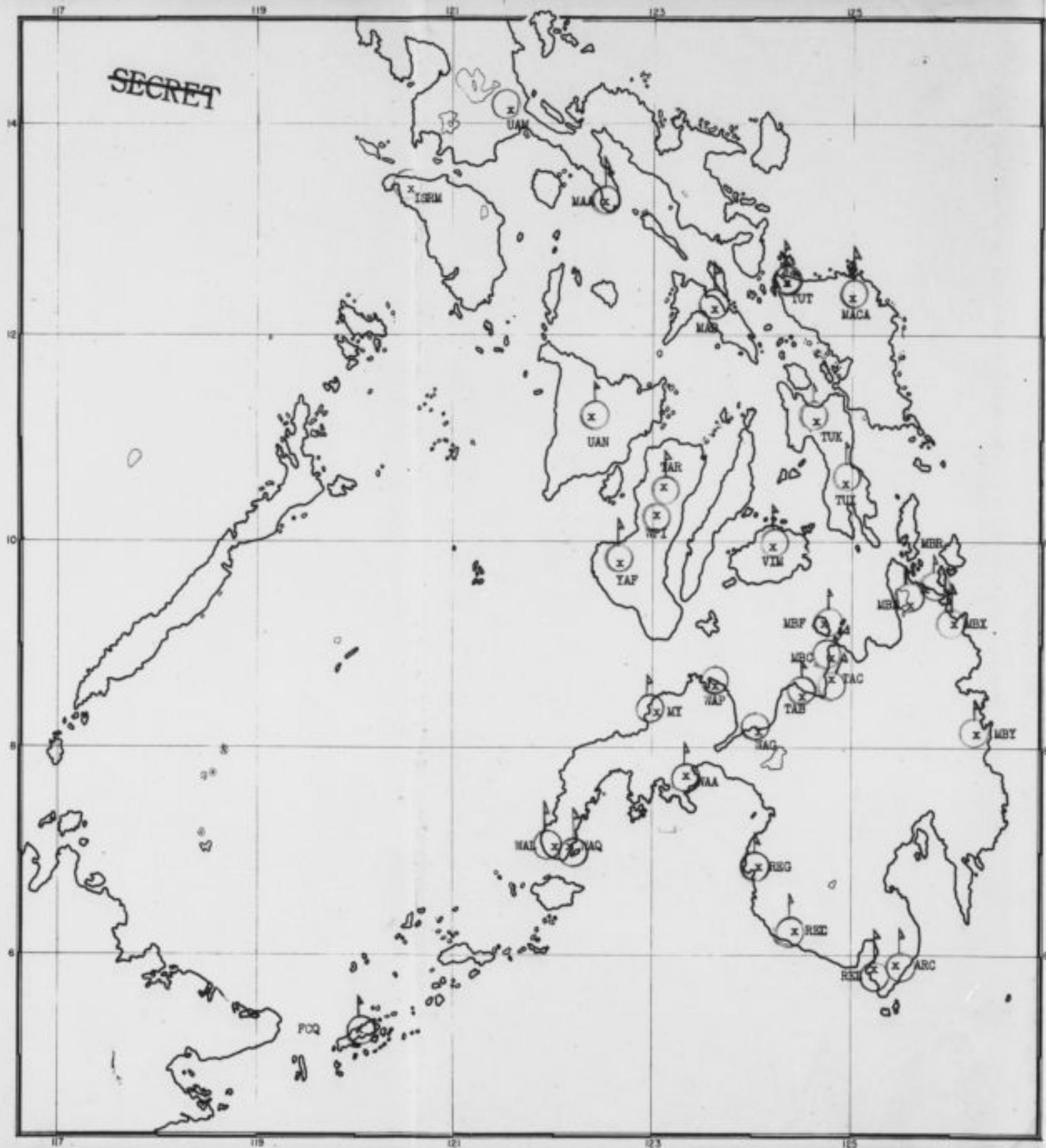
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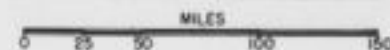
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