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15 March 1945

SUBJECT: Case History of 1st Lieutenant Edward T. Pompea.

TO : Operations Officer, Air Signals Office, V Fighter Command,  
APO 710.

1. In accordance with your radiogram R-474-J dated 7 March 1945 the following information on 1st Lieutenant Edward T. Pompea, O-1639505, S.C. is submitted. The majority of the information consists of pertinent extracts from radio messages concerning Lieutenant Pompea and his platoon, the 19th of Company D, 597th Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion, during the time his platoon has been operational.

2. Information is as follows:

Message number 236 dated 31 October 1944, Fertig to GHQ, SWPA:

"To GHQ attention Tolasec: Message from McGee to Fertig quote: 'All messages to Pompea were delivered to his location by your courier. His headquarters as selected by SWPA was impossible location. When local advice finally accepted and he arrived with equipment to place newly designated on 19 October he went personally two days further and selected another location. He then came back for equipment and announced he would operate by 25 October. I doubted this and requested his Sergeant Ring to set up another station on lowland to contact his superiors.' unquote. Fertig comments: Appears McGee doubts were well founded. Refusal of GHQ officer to heed advice of excellent officer, familiar with the local terrain and conditions, should relieve my organization of any responsibility of miserable failure of Pompea mission. Again I assure you that McGee and his Division will help in every way possible."

Message 47 dated 2 November 1944, GHQ to Fertig:

Message informed Fertig to pass to McGee appreciation of all his efforts to help Pompea's group. Also sorry that Pompea acted as he did. Further instructions were to be radiocd by CG, V Fighter Command to Pompea to direct Pompea all orders given by McGee would be obeyed.

Message 50 dated 28 December 1944, GHQ to Fertig:

Placed the 19th S.O. Platoon, Co D, 597th Sig AW Bn, under operational control of the 10th Military District commanded by Colonel Fertig in accordance with agreement between V Fighter Command and GHQ, SWPA.

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Message 126 dated 25 December 1944, Fertig to GHQ:

Message stated Fertig would begin to utilize as many of Pompea's men as possible and would inform GHQ of final disposition. In the same message Pompea's station stated that the situation in his platoon was critical because of numbers of hostile troops near present location. Also food supply gone. Since 10th Military District was taking over control of Pompea no action was required by GHQ or V Fighter Command.

Message 235 dated 4 January 1945, Fertig to GHQ:

Colonel Fertig stated he had been unable to comply with instructions regarding Lieutenant Pompea because Pompea had just returned from Morotai after absenting himself from his platoon. Since Colonel Fertig had been unable to relay the orders to Pompea up to that date he had sent instructions in full to S/Sgt Walter King, in charge of the platoon in Pompea's absence.

Per talk with Colonel Fertig, and Captain West, V.F.C.; on 24 February 1945 At G-3 PWD, GHQ, it was disclosed by Colonel Fertig that Lieutenant Pompea's trip to Morotai was not authorized nor was it cleared through either GHQ or V Fighter Command channels. His mode of transportation from Mindanao to Morotai and return was by an Air Sea Rescue Catalina from the 13th Air Force flying a regular patrol mission.

Message 66 dated 6 January 1945, GHQ to Fertig:

Message informed Pompea he was not authorized to travel outside area without permission from V Fighter Command coordinated through GHQ channels. This information sent per verbal orders from Signal Officer, V Fighter Command to Lieutenant West, Liaison at GHQ. In the same message Lieut. Pompea was directed to explain unauthorized trip to Morotai. (To date no explanation has been received from Lieut. Pompea). Lieut. Pompea was further directed to check immediately with Colonel Fertig on disposition of men so status and transportation needs for men not needed could be determined.

Message 515 dated 15 January 1945, Fertig to GHQ:

Pompea stated he had received our Number 66 and Colonel Fertig had been informed of disposition of men and supplies.

Message 614 dated 20 January 1945, Fertig to GHQ:

Fertig stated they could not utilize Pompea and valuable equipment fully until conference held with Pompea.

Message 639 dated 21 January 1945, Fertig to GHQ:

Arrangements were being made to bring Lieut. Pompea to Junta for a conference to determine most efficient use of personnel to get full coverage of Cotabato Province.

Message 678 dated 22 January 1945, Fertig to GHQ:

Requested approval to send Pompea to Comcho since pick up at Junta difficult at that time. Pompea would confer with Lieut. Menny, Division Commanding officer.

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Message 125 dated 25 January 1945, GHQ to Fertig:

GHQ gave approval to Fertig's 678. Also informed Fertig he was in direct command of Pompea and placement of men and equipment up to him.

Message 126 dated 31 January 1945, GHQ to Fertig:

Stated V Fighter Command desired Pompea's platoon be continued operational only two more months and then evacuated. This message sent per instructions from Major Howard, Signal Officer, V Fighter Command to Lieut. West, Liaison Officer. GHQ also directed Fertig to have Lieut. Pompea turn over equipment to 10th Military District and to proceed to Dipoleg for pick up by plane. Fertig further requested to inform GHQ when plan feasible.

Message 839 dated 1 February 1945, Fertig to GHQ:

Plans for Pompea utilization stopped. Would take 30 days for personnel to reach strip. Asked for approval of plan to utilize Pompea per 22 December 1944 instructions from GHQ. Per directions from PBD, G83, GHQ Lieut. West sent message to V Fighter Command requesting clarification on Pompea as V Fighter Command teletype message of 22 December 1944 authorizing 10th Military District to use Pompea disagreed with agreement between Lieut. Col. Lambert and Major Howard of V Fighter Command to evacuate Pompea. V Fighter Command stated Pompea to be evacuated.

Message 238 dated 19 February 1945, Fertig to GHQ:

Pompea now at Labo. Requested further instructions.

Message 167 dated 21 February 1945, GHQ to Fertig:

Requested Pompea to send number of personnel and total weight so air transportation could be arranged.

Message 320, 328 dated 22 and 23 February 1945, Fertig to GHQ:

Pompea arrived at Labo empty handed. Instructed to start south for personnel. McGee stated he is using all of Pompea's personnel and requested their continued use. Plan to send Pompea back to Leyte alone.

On 24 February 1945, Colonel Fertig, Major Telesco and Captain West discussed Pompea situation. Colonel Fertig stated Pompea's personnel were now filling key communication positions. Removal now would impair efficiency of operations since personnel are excellent technicians and performing a vital job for the 10th Military District. Major Telesco and Captain West concurred with Colonel Fertig's wish to keep personnel in use and to return Pompea to Leyte. V Fighter Command informed of action taken. Gave concurrence.

Message 175 dated 25 February 1945, GHQ to Fertig:

Informed 10th Military District of action taken on 24 February 1945 and directed Pompea to proceed to Labo for pick up.

Message 127 dated 7 March 1945, Fertig to GHQ:

Pompea again failed to obey orders. Directed by Colonel Fertig to

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report under arrest to Colonel Fertig at Labo. V Fighter Command informed of this action.

3. A message to Fertig dated 11 March 1945 was sent through GHQ channels requesting pertinent information on Pompea to be forwarded sealed safehand with the official mail on plane used for pick up of Lieut. Pompea. Information requested as to present whereabouts of Pompea.

4. Information in FSD, G-3, is based on verbal reports of Col. Fertig and Lieut. Col. McFee, in which they have repeatedly pointed out that Pompea failed to obey orders on numerous occasions resulting in the failure of his mission. The written report from Colonel Fertig will supply all the necessary information, and clarify the hazy evidence from the verbal reports.

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Captain, Signal Corps,  
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MEMO :

14 MARCH 1945

TO : Major Telesco

Attached copy of signal service message I sent to V Fighter  
Command clears up last three messages they have sent on supply  
request for 5279 Air-Borne <sup>F</sup>ighter Control Center. Msgs from  
V FGsR-618-J, R-765-J, and R-6243-J

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14 MARCH 1945  
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SIGNAL SERVICE MESSAGE

TO : COMFITERCON FIVE  
FROM : LIAISON OFFICER V PG PHILIPPINE SUB DIVISION G-3  
NR : 80 14TH

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TIME SIGNED

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JAMES P. WELT. CAPT. SRG.  
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10 March 1945

SUBJECT: Philippine Islands Air Warning Ground Observer System.

TO : Major David Woods, Operations Officer, Air Signals Office,  
V Fighter Command, APO 720.

1. In accordance with the provisions of Memorandum, Subject: Aircraft Warning in the Philippine Islands, dated 20 June 1944, from the Chief of Staff to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, the following enclosed plan is submitted to increase the efficiency of the Ground Observer system presently operating in the Philippine Islands, and to insure the continuance of such a system.

3 Incls:

- Incl # 1 - Philippine Is.  
A.W. G.O. Plan,
- Incl # 2 - Target Areas &  
Wing I.C. Locations,
- Incl # 3 - USAFIP G.O. A.W.  
System

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Incl # 1

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS AIR WARNING GROUND OBSERVER PLAN

1. The Philippine Islands Air Defense Plan will be based primarily on Radar coverage to give the necessary air warning information. Because of the terrain features of the Philippine Islands, number of Radar Stations allocated for the Philippine Islands Air Defense Plan, and the technical difficulties involved in siting a complete radar system over such a large area it will be impossible to give complete radar air warning information without exposing blind spots and incomplete area coverage spots. Where such conditions exist the placement of a ground observer system will complete the air warning coverage for the Air Defense Plan. The Ground Observer system will be organized based upon the following arrangements:

a. Primary System - The Ground Observer units will be utilized to give all ground air warning coverage where the radar units fail to fulfill the requirements for complete coverage of any area.

b. Supplementary System - As a back-up plan the Ground Observer units will supplement the radar system in areas of high traffic density. In the event of failure of any radar unit in such areas the Ground Observer Units can be utilized as the primary system until the radar unit is back in operation.

2. A Philippine Islands Civilian and/or Guerilla Air Warning Ground Observer system based upon similar lines to the Civilian Air Warning Service in the United States at the outbreak of the war will be put into effect as soon as equipment can be procured and personnel in the Philippine Islands have had sufficient time for minimum indoctrination. At the present time Air Warning information is derived from two central sources:

a. The Allied Air Forces Aircraft Warning systems utilizing Army Radar



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and Ground Observer Units.

b. Air Warning flashes from the USAFIP radio nets. These nets are at present operating under the control of the Sixth and Eighth Armies as shown in Inclosure # 3.

3. As operations continue and U. S. Army units secure Guerilla territories and units the USAFIP radio nets will gradually cease operations. Utilization of the equipment and personnel from the USAFIP radio nets supplemented by civilian personnel all spotted in the proper locations will be necessary to insure complete air warning information in the Philippine Islands. At the same time with the movement of Allied Air Force Units into new operational areas a permanent radar and ground observer system under the control of a separate Philippine Islands Air Defense Command will be initiated.

4. Because the Ground Observer system will be integrated into the radar reporting system, the Ground Observer reports will be filtered at the radar filter boards located in the areas shown in inclosure # 2. Analysis of the concentration of main target areas (Key military strong points) in determining the Air Defense Plan indicates the Philippine Islands can be broken into five central areas to be used as Region or Wing Area filter and operations centers as follows:

- a. Leyte-Samar area with filter and operations board at Tacloban or Tolosa, Leyte.
- b. Palawan area with area filter and operations board at Puerto Princesa, Palawan.
- c. Mindanao area with area filter and operations board at Davao, Mindanao.
- d. Northern Luzon area with area filter and operations board at Apari or Vigan.
- e. Central and Southern Luzon and Mindoro Island area with area filter

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and operations board located at Manila. The Defense Command Operations board will be located at Manila with traffic being cleared through proper telling, administrative, point to point, and alert channels from the other Wings.

5. Since thirty-five to forty-five minutes warning is desired in the detection of approaching aircraft for an efficient air warning system the primary system will be the early warning radar set-up. Each Wing will be charged with the responsibility of filtering the air warning information for its own area and of acting upon the information upon the operations board. As a result the permanent air defense plan will be based upon a perimeter defense around the outer edge of the Philippine Islands. Ground Observer posts will, consequently, be mainly concentrated on the outer sections of the islands rather than utilizing an overall coverage plan. The change over to the permanent ground observer system will be accomplished in three phases as follows:

PHASE 1

Utilize present arrangement USAFIP radio stations. At the present time the control of these stations is divided between Sixth and Eighth Army Headquarters as shown in inclosure # 3.

a. Aircraft warning information collected by the Luzon area (Sixth Army) stations is obtained by monitoring the USAFIP radio nets. This activity is closely coordinated between the 86th Fighter Wing and Sixth Army.

b. Air warning information collected by stations in the Visayas, Palawan, and Mindanao (all Eighth Army) is sent to the respective Fighter Control Centers in each area by the chief station in each military district reporting to the Fighter Control Center net.

c. Arrangements have been made with Eighth Army Headquarters for USAFIP radio stations in the Palawan area to report to the 75th Fighter Control Center. The Visayas group already reports to the 40th Fighter Control Center at Leyte. To

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secure ground observer aircraft warning information from the Mindanao stations to the proposed Fighter Control Centers for that area arrangements will have to be coordinated with Far Eastern Air Forces Headquarters and Eighth Army Headquarters. Mindanao stations at present report in to the 40th Fighter Control Center.

The only means of communication between outlying posts and net control stations in Phase 1 is radio with stations being located to give overall coverage of the islands.

PHASE 2

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The USAFIP radio stations used as Ground Observer posts will be further used to supplement and aid Army radar and ground observer units. Stations will be moved to the outer perimeter of the islands and located in strategic locations to give good coverage to the air warning system already in existence. Three to six outlying posts located six to ten miles from the central posts (net control stations) will be sited using single wire ground return telephone communication to report to the central post. The central post using radio will report to the central collecting point in each district which in turn will relay the information via radio to the proper Wing Information Center. Sixth and Eighth Army Headquarters will supply the USAFIP radio stations with the necessary communications equipment to put the plan into effect per directive from General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, in order to keep an efficient air warning system in operation. As the permanent radar stations are sited the USAFIP Ground Observer radio stations and posts will be eliminated until the required number of posts necessary to complete the Air Defense Plan has been reached.

PHASE 3

The USAFIP Ground Observer system will be placed under control of the Philippine Army and/or the <sup>Philippine</sup> Commonwealth Government. The first and second phases of utilizing USAFIP stations will be coordinated through Army

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channels utilizing Signal Corps personnel for operational control, advisers, training, and for supply problems peculiar to the Ground Observer System. In the third phase the Army and/or guerrilla personnel will be replaced by civilian or government employees operating under the direction of the Bureau of Posts, Philippine Commonwealth Government. Training and operations of the final phase will be coordinated between Far Eastern Air Forces, later to be replaced by the Philippine Air Defense Command, and the Philippine Islands Commonwealth Government to insure the continuance of the system.

6. Ground Observer information will be integrated with the radar traffic on the Radar Filter Board at the Wing Information Centers and/or the Fighter Director Points and as a result a separate Ground Observer Filter Board will not be needed, resulting in a saving of time and economy. It is felt the radar traffic will be very heavy compared to the Ground Observer information so that the addition of one or two G.O. plotters (depending upon traffic density in area) to the filter board will be sufficient to handle the ground observer information. This will also result in a more efficient filtering system since the use of a separate board in conjunction with the limited visual range of ground observers does not warrant enough tracks for good filtering.

7. Due to the requirements of siting the Ground Observer posts in conjunction with the radar system a final plan for G.O. sites cannot be drawn up until more information on the Radar Air Defense Plan is secured. This plan will depend upon the equipment and personnel commitments as drawn up by the Combined Chiefs of Staff (Washington, D.C) analysis for the Philippine Islands Air Defense Plan.



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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
GROUND OBSERVER PLAN

WING TARGET AREAS  
AND SUGGESTED WING  
INFORMATION CENTER LOCATIONS  
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- Radio (Alert
- Nets (Pt. to Pt. Adm
- (Tactical

--- Wing Area Boundaries

▨ Target Area

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WING

I. C. at Tacloban or Tolosa

I. C. at Puerto Princesa

PALAWAN WING

SULU  
SEA

MINDANAO

I. C. at Davao

MINDANAO WING



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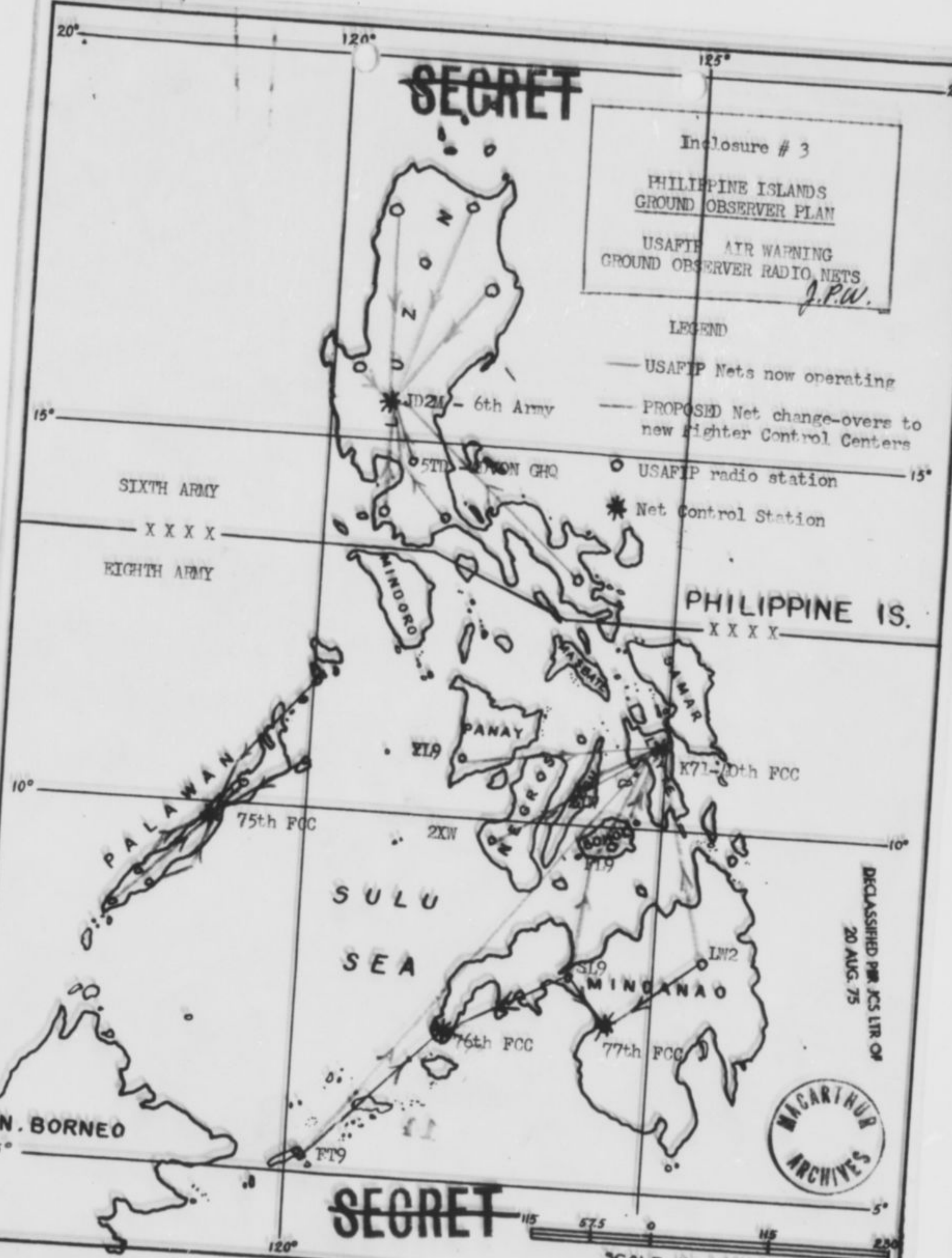
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Inclousure # 3  
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
GROUND OBSERVER PLAN  
USAFTR AIR WARNING  
GROUND OBSERVER RADIO NETS  
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- USAFIP Nets now operating
- PROPOSED Net change-overs to new Fighter Control Centers
- USAFIP radio station
- ★ Net Control Station



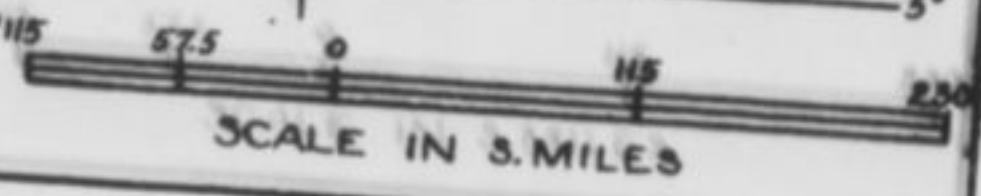
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SUBJECT: USAFIP A.W. Radio Nets Status.

TO : Major Woods, Operations Officer, Air Signals Office, V Fighter  
Command, APO 720.

1. Methods of obtaining aircraft warning information from USAFIP radio  
nets under Eighth Army control at the present time are as follows:

a. VISAYAS AREA

The chief net control station in each island military district  
is reporting in to the 40th Fighter Control Center on a V.F.C. radio frequency  
as shown in inclosure # 1. For arrangements made with Major Norway, G-2,  
Eighth Army on 7 March 1945 the subordinate stations in each of these island  
districts were further reminded to report all friendly as well as enemy flights  
to be relayed to its island net control station.

The Leyte-Samar area formerly operating on 5080 KCS under the  
92nd guerrilla division has ceased operations for that area. Consequently no  
guerrillas are covering the Leyte-Samar area. 89th Fighter Wing has been  
informed of this change and has ceased monitoring 5080 KCS.

b. BIANAN AREA

Stations in this sector formerly reporting in to GHQ on 8309 KCS  
were swung over to operate on 4020 KCS with the 41st Division at Mindoro. Since  
the V-3 Operation these stations have reported in to the V-3 Task Force Command  
headquarters (frequency unknown at present). For arrangements made with  
Captain Kumbler, Signal Intelligence Officer, Eighth Army on 7 March 1945 the  
Task Force Commander is being directed to contact the 76th Fighter Control Center  
in order to make arrangements for the USAFIP radio stations to report in to the  
Fighter Control Center as shown in inclosure # 3. 89th Fighter Wing has been  
informed to cease monitoring 4020 KCS.

c. MINDORO AREA

Two main control stations in Mindoro report A.W. flashes to the  
40th Fighter Control Center as explained in paragraph 1 a and shown in inclosure # 1.  
The same reminder to USAFIP subordinate stations mentioned in paragraph 1 a were

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sent to listening stations by Eighth Army.

2. Inclosure # 2 shows the present arrangement of the Eighth Army, USAFIP radio net control.

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3 Incls:

- Incl # 1 - USAFIP Radio Nets  
for reporting A.W.,
- Incl # 2 - USAFIP Radio Nets  
under Eighth Army,
- Incl # 3 - Palawan Is. proposed  
G.O.A.W Radio Net

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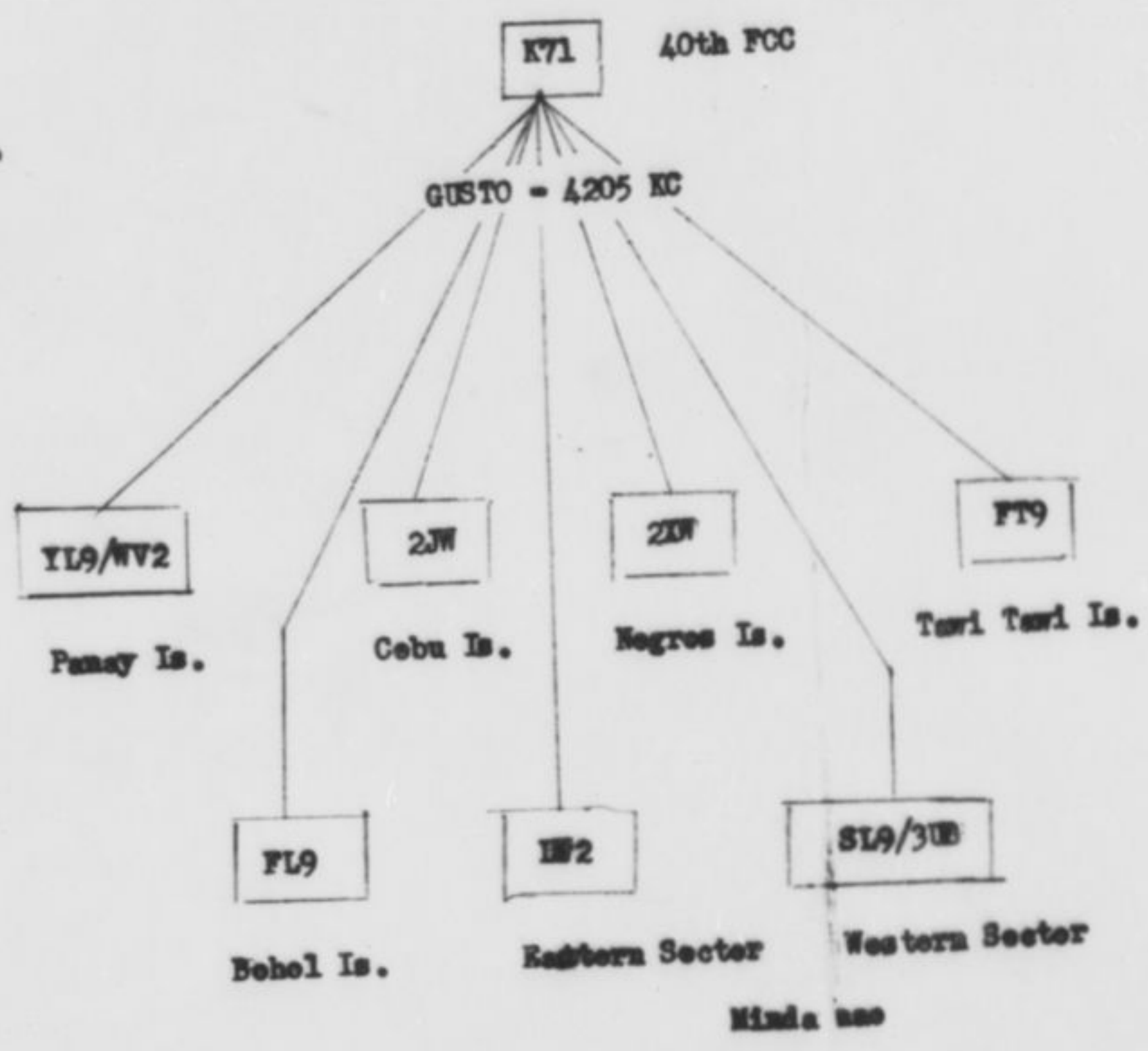


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USAFIP RADIO NETS  
FOR REPORTING A.W.  
  
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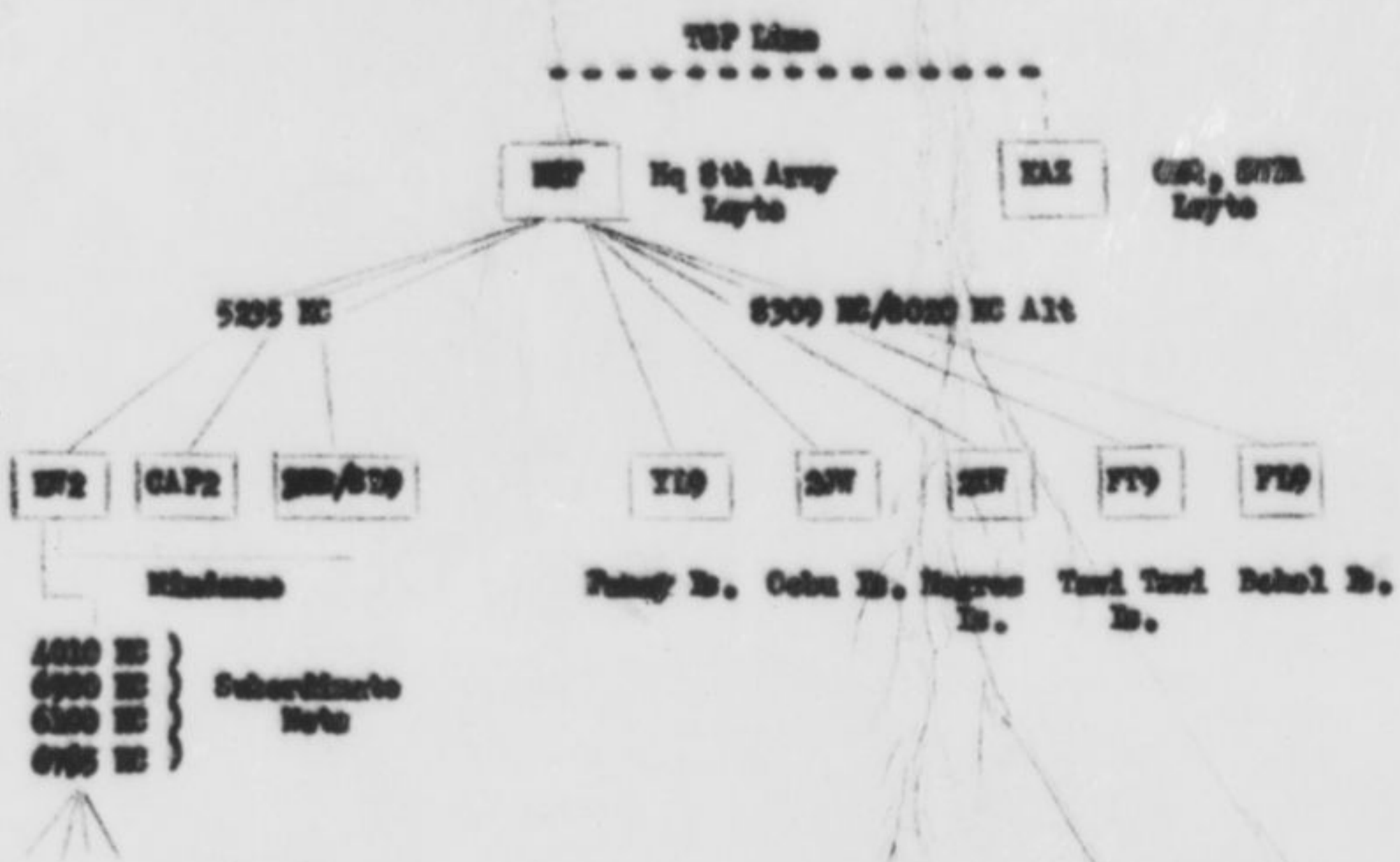
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WRAPIP RADIO NETS  
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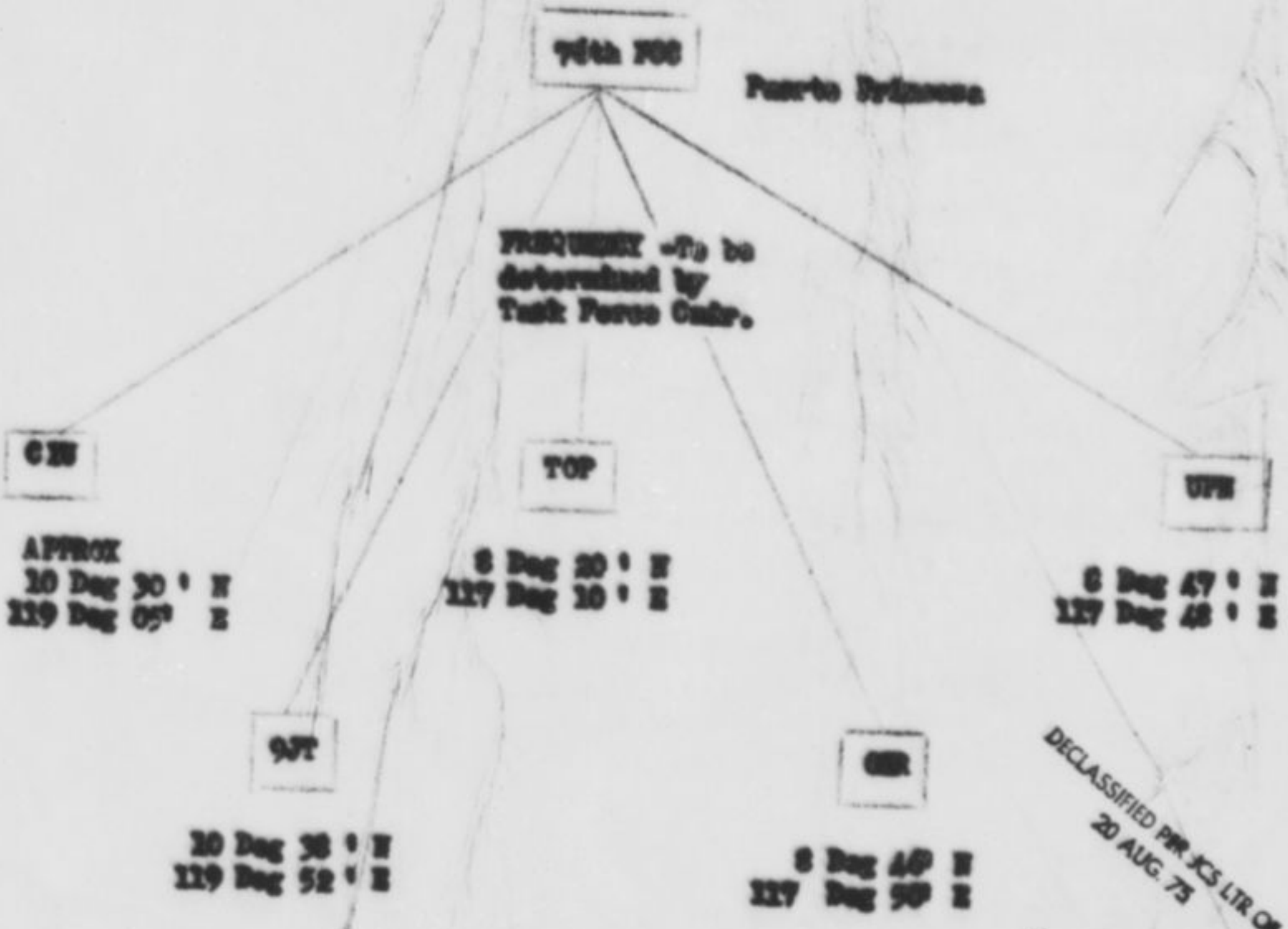


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Enclosure 79  
MAGNAN B. PROPOSED  
GUERRILLA G.O. A. W.  
RADIO NET



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8 March 1945 *Jell*

MEMORANDUM TO: Major Telesco.

1. At a meeting held with Lieutenant Colonel Lambert, Hq V Fighter Command, Major Span, 85th Fighter Wing, Captain West, Hq V Fighter Command and Lieutenant Powers, 85th Fighter Wing at Signal Office, Hqs V Fighter Command on 15 February 1945 it was definitely decided to relieve V Fighter Command Ground Observer stations RS-965 (Estancia, Panay), RS-968 (Tuburan, Cebu) and control station No. 14 (Zolong, Negros) from an operational status since their usefulness had ceased as a result of recent operations. Details on making arrangements to evacuate the units back to Leyte were left to Captain West, Liaison Officer to the Philippine Sub-Division, G-3 GHQ.

2. Major Telesco, G-3 PSD, was informed of the action requested by the Signal Office V Fighter Command and as a result the following action occurred to relieve the station at Estancia, Panay:

a. Message Number 100, dated 21 February 1945 to Peralta directed him to inform the station to close down immediately upon receipt of message, turn over radio equipment to Peralta, and proceed to Dumarao strip for pick up. Station closed 22 February 1945.

b. As a check 85th Fighter Wing informed station through their radio net to close down.

c. Message Number 279 dated 23 February 1945 from Peralta stated personnel were at field awaiting plane. Personnel were picked up and returned to Leyte on same day.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

CHECK SHEET

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File No.: 210,453

Subject: Request for Orders

From: Capt. West

To: Major Telesco

Date: 28 February 1945

Request I be relieved of TDY with The Philippine Sub-division, G-3, and that orders be cut relieving me from TDY with G-3, GHQ, and to return to HQ V Fighter Command, APO 710, on or about 7 March 1945.

Since control of the Philippine Islands Guerrilla activities has passed to Sixth and Eighth Army Headquarters any liaison work involving Aircraft Warning service from the USAFIP radio nets will have to be coordinated between the Air Forces and the respective Army headquarters. It is expected all V Fighter Command Ground Observer units will be withdrawn from operational positions in USAFIP locations back to Leyte by 7 March 1945 with the exception of the 19th G.O. Platoon, Co "D" 597th Sig AW Bn, now under the operational control of the 10th Military District. In the future necessary liaison between the 19th G.O. Pl. and Hq V F.C. will be controlled through G-2, Eighth Army and Colonel Fertig of the 10th M.D.

The continuation of the Ground Observer system in the Philippine Islands is being carried out by Air Forces and FEAF. At the present time Air Warning information from the USAFIP radio ~~net~~ nets is coordinated by close liaison between the 86th Fighter Wing and Hq 6th Army for the Luzon area. For the Visayas and Mindanao areas this service will be coordinated between 85th Fighter Wing and 8th Army.

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SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

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APO 500  
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SUBJECT: Order.

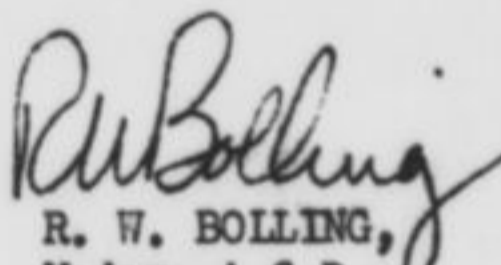
TO : 1ST LT JAMES P WEST 01634456 Sig C, V Fighter Command APO 72.

Above-named off now on TDY this hq WP Hq V Fighter Command APO 72 on further TDY for purpose carrying out instructions. Upon compl will ret to present sta.

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By command of General MacARTHUR:

  
R. W. BOLLING,  
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**Request for Orders.**

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**8 Feb 45**

1. Requested that necessary orders be published placing 1st Lieutenant JAMES P. WEST, O1634456, on temporary duty with this headquarters effective as of 10 December 1944.

2. It is further requested that necessary orders be issued placing Lt West on further temporary duty to the Commanding General, V Fighter Command, APO 321, for the purpose of coordinating aircraft warning reports; upon completion of such temporary duty return to this headquarters.

**Incl:**

Copy of orders published by V Fighter Command placing above mentioned officer on TD at APO 500.

S. J. C.

TO AG, GHO

AG 345; V Fighter Command  
10 Dec 44.



MEMO FOR RECORD:

Lt West reported to this section on 10 December 1944 for purposes of assisting the supervision and operation of the Philippine Air Warning System. This action was directed by the Chief of Staff by Memorandum dated 20 June 1944.

Previous to Lt West's assignment, Major E. Elvove was Aircraft Warning Liaison officer.

L.A.T.

