

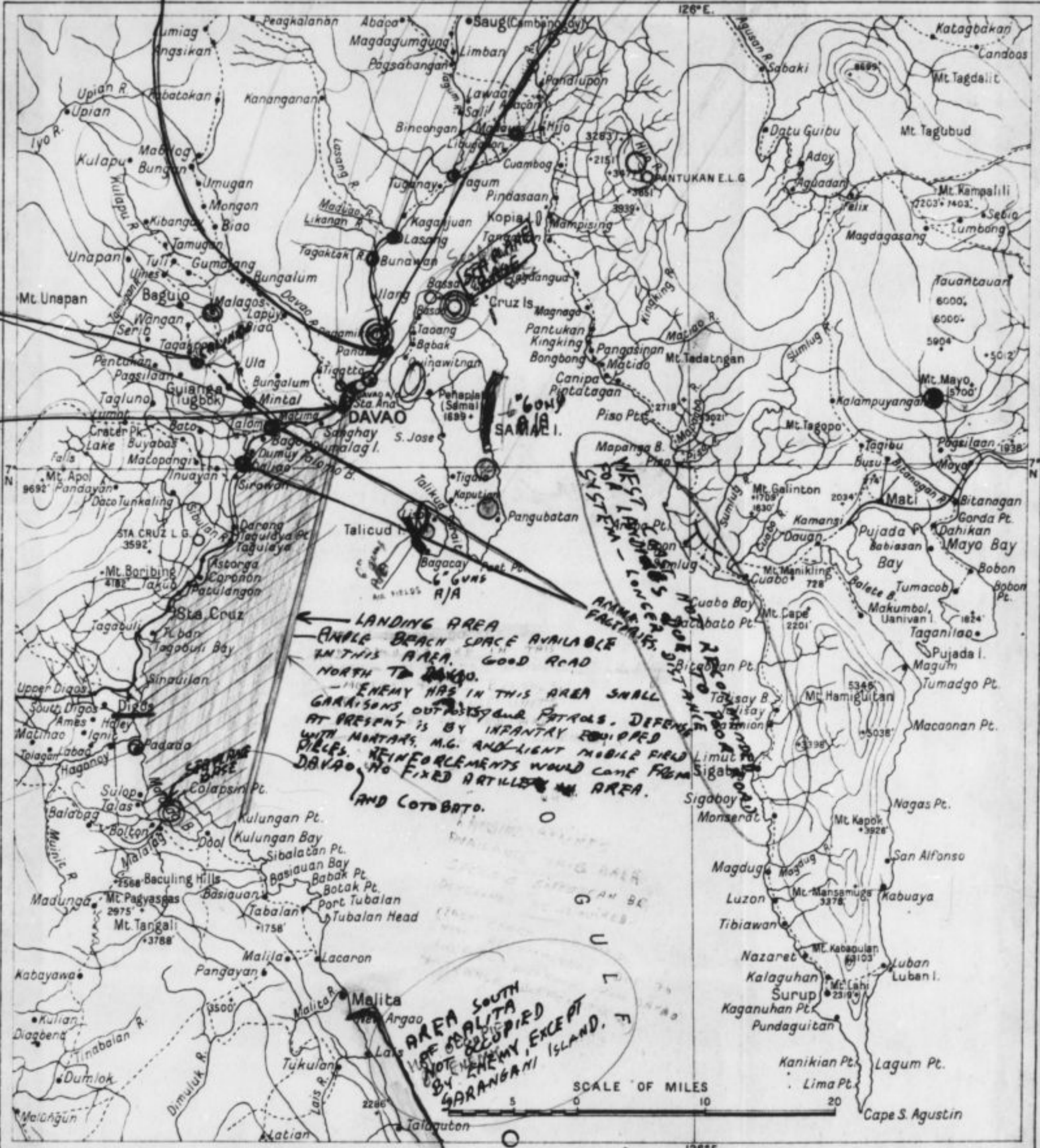
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DAVAO GULF

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MINDANAO: DAVAO AREA



OIL STORAGE TANKS
INSTALLED AT
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MILITARY RESERVATIONS

NOTE: DAVAO RIVER
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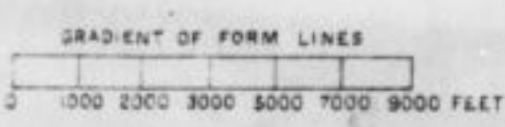
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ANGLE BRANCH SPACE AVAILABLE
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ENEMY HAS IN THIS AREA SMALL
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AT PRESENT IS BY INFANTRY EQUIPPED
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DAVAO AND COTO BATO.

AREA SOUTH
OF MALITA
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SARANGANI ISLAND.



Samel +
TALICUD
ISLANDS HAVE
6" guns, A/A,
air fields, radio
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Davao Gulf
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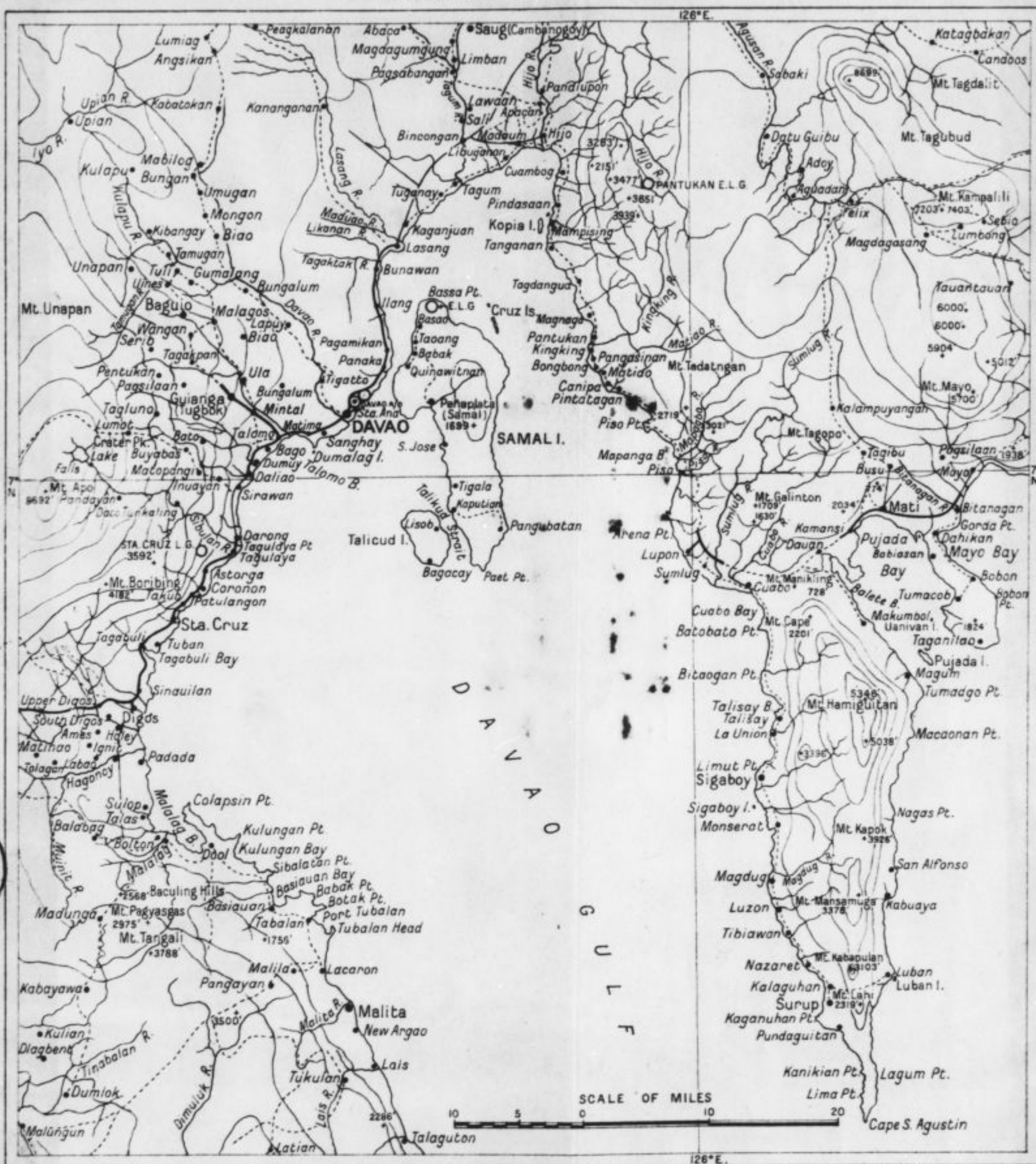
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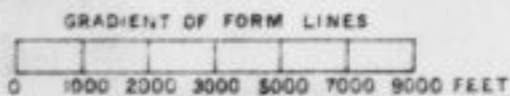
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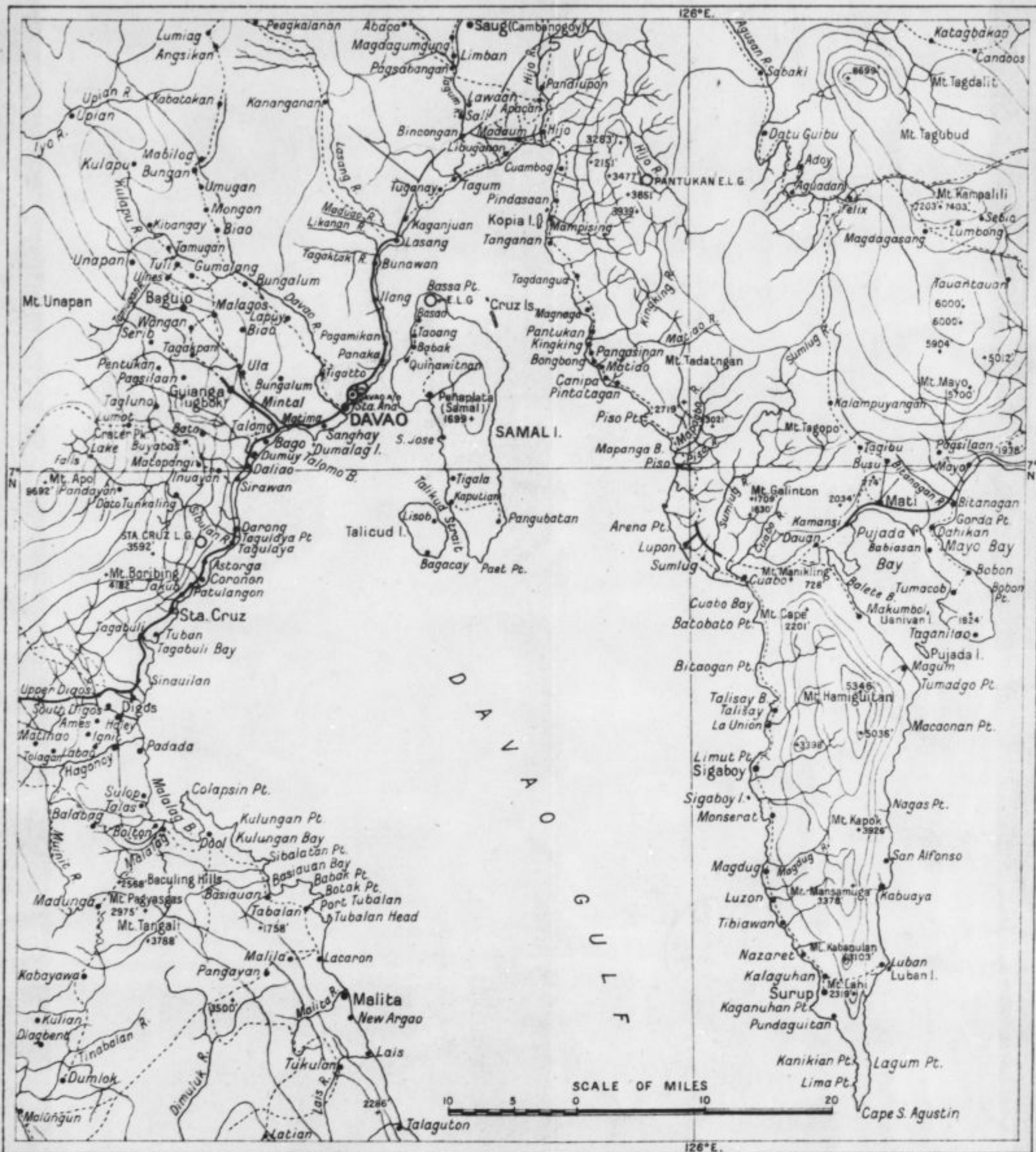
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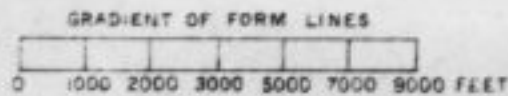
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29 April 43	Per 94	Radio CW station at Caburan (Check with new list).
26 Mar 43	Per 51	Location field pieces: Santa Ana; pointing toward dock. Deck-Agdae: 3 guns facing Samal Island. Talomo 2 Daliao 2 Samal Island some.

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