PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
28 October 1957	Kisalon, Mindanao	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0500 GMT	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian	☐ Was Astronomical Meteor ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not stated	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one **9. COURSE** from SE	☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Torpedo shaped object with four trails of flame, object separated into two parts with fan shaped reddish flame between two parts. Object then almost instantly disappeared. Rapidly moving.

11. COMMENTS

Duration not reported, only that object was rapidly moving. In all probability this was a meteor sighting.

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28 OCT 1951,

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REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)

BATR 460

SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)

(C) Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object in Mindanao

SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)

This report transmits an account concerning the sighting of an unidentified flying object by Father [redacted], near Kisalon, Mindanao (8°20'N - 124°58'E), on 28 October 1957 and subsequent investigation of the sighting to date.

Bad reporting factor: Obj. seen Oct - 1957 & investigated Feb 1958!

APPROVED:

Lowell S. Nickodem

LOWELL S. NICKODEM
Lt Colonel, USAF
Air Attache

(1) Observers: Two (2) Catholic Fathers. One, former Math & chemistry Prof. at Fordham U.

(2) Two observers at different pts. - with no knowledge of each other's sightings

(3) Object described (and sketched) appears to be a 2-stage rocket.

(4) Possibility exists that firing of a missile tests, either from a AF (classified) Rocket range or a missile test, either from the Pacific area or a considerable distance away. Given area is used for such tests (see Forsight)

(5) Because of the assumed high degree of reliability of sources, no further investigation needs will carry as UNK

incl 1, 2, (4 cys)
incl 3 (1 cy)

3 INCLS
1. Plan View, 4 cys
2. Reporting Officers Sketch of Object based on conversation w/Father Risaker, 4 cys
3. USAF Aero Approach Chart, Malaybalay (742 C IV)G, 1 cy

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Note; Clue.

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1. On 28 October 1957 at 0500 hours, local, [redacted], who resides at Kisalon, Mindanao (8°20'N - 124°58'E), was standing in front of his church when he observed a light approaching from the SE and apparently parallel to a ridge lying to the east of his position. The rapidly moving light soon became distinguishable as a "torpedo shaped" object with four distinct trails of fire to the rear (see sketch). When approximately opposite his position the object separated into two distinct parts; a fan shaped reddish flame appeared between the two parts and almost instantly the two pieces disappeared. Father [redacted], a former chemistry and math instructor at Fordham University, was completely taken aback by what he had seen. However, during the day he found two other people who had seen the same thing. Later in the week he also contacted a Barrio (village) Lieutenant who lived on the side of the ridge along which the "object" had passed. This village official informed Father [redacted] that he and many of his barrio mates had been awakened at 0500 by some unknown noise. They had seen no flash of fire. Later, Father [redacted] contacted one of his associates, a Father [redacted], who resides at Linabo (8°4'N - 125°10'E). He had also observed a moving light at about 0500 on the morning of the 28th. Father [redacted] then decided that a Father [redacted], who operates an observatory at Baguio, Luzon, should be informed. The story as outlined above was communicated to Father [redacted] where it was picked up by the Air Attache on a routine visit in connection with operation "Harvest Moon".

Clue

2. On 19 February the area in question and Father [redacted] were visited by personnel from this office. In conversation, Father [redacted] gave the same information to Air Attache personnel as communicated to Father [redacted] In addition, he stated that the object appeared to be traveling about 1,000 feet above the ridge line that he used as a point of reference and that it appeared to be about the same size as a C-47 aircraft flying in the same position. A sketch showing the various positions is attached as Inclosure 1.

Important!

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

3. If one assumes that the positions given by Father [redacted] are reasonably accurate and that the Barrio Lieutenant did hear an explosion, it is possible that the debris from the explosion could have fallen within the area bounded by a 30 mile arc from the point of observation. With this in mind, an aerial reconnaissance of the area was attempted. However, low clouds and severe turbulance precluded adequate inspection of the area. The particular area in question is extremely rough and according to Father Risaker, is peopled by unfriendly tribes. Upon return to Manila the aid of the Philippine Air Force and Philippine Constabulary was enlisted. They have promised to send teams into the area to search for debris and to question the locals with regard to additional substantiating details.

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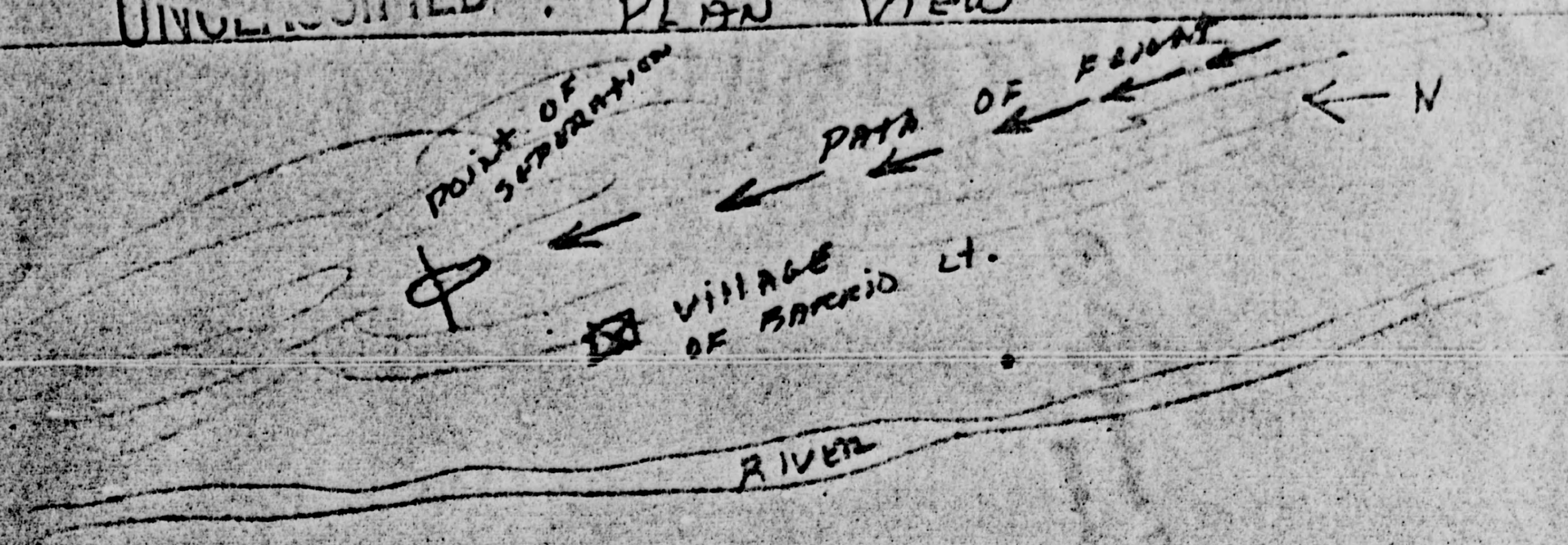
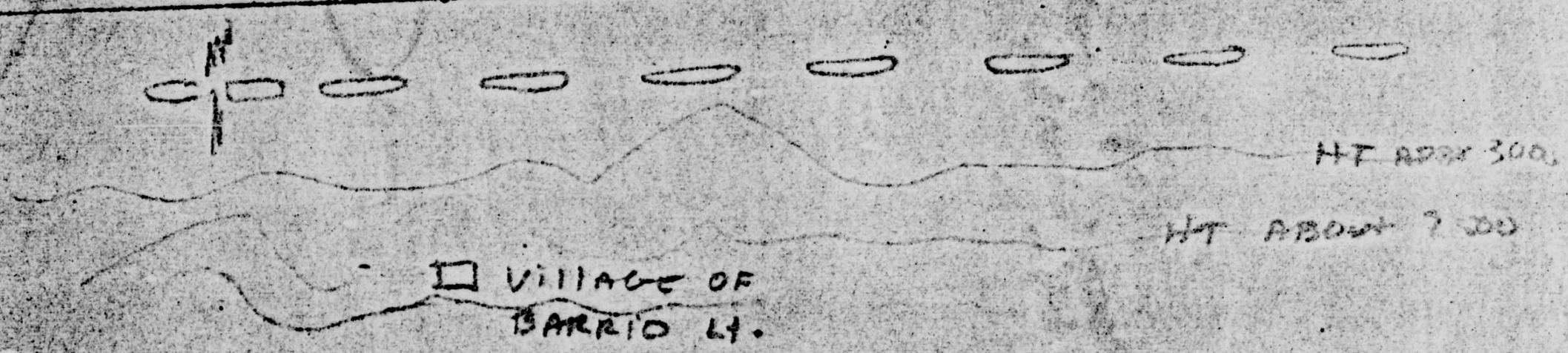
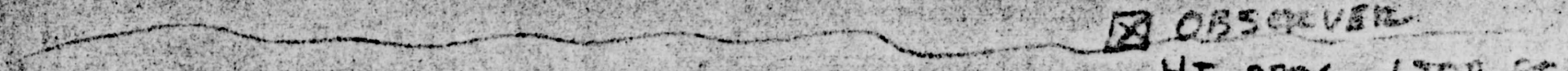


DISTANCE OBS POINT TO RIDGE: 6-7 NM
APPX COURSE 350° TRUE

OBS POINT
FATHER [redacted]





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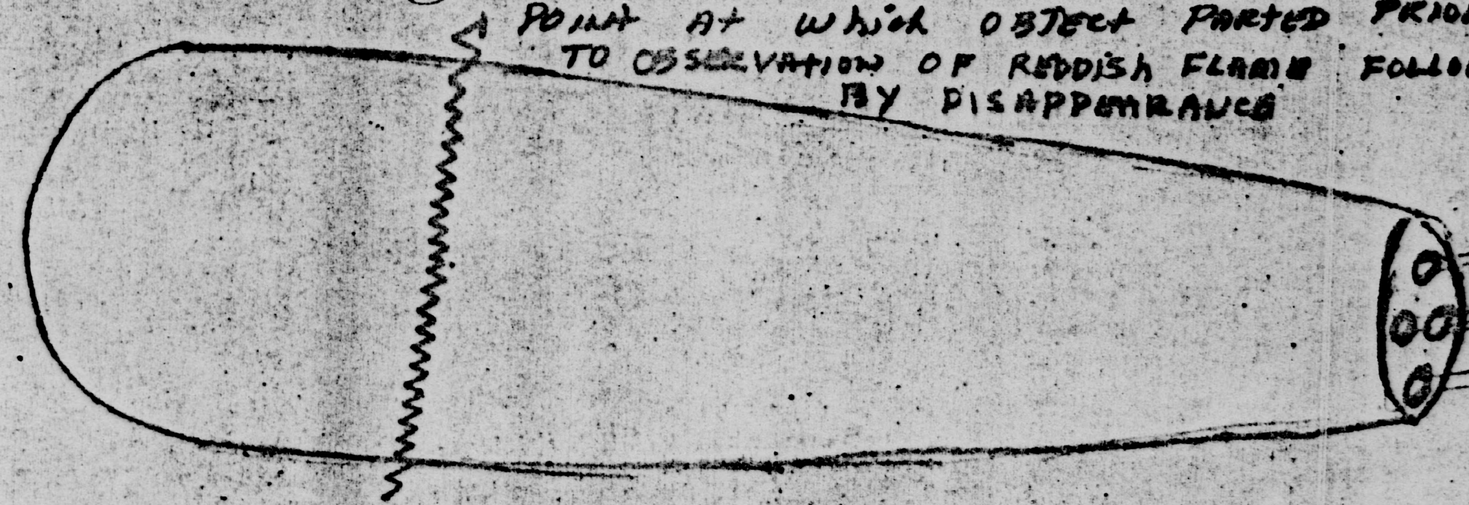
REPORTING OFFICER'S SKETCH OF OBJECT OBSERVED BY FATHER [redacted] - DRAWING BASED ON CONVERSATION WITH [redacted].

(1) appears to be a man-made object.

(2) Any plans or AF test rocket operations in that area? check!



LENGTH: OVER 100 FT

RATIO - LENGTH TO DIAMETER: 1:4; GREATER DIAMETER NEAR NOSE.

MATERIAL: SHINY, APPEARED TO BE METAL

PROPULSION: FOUR ROCKET-LIKE FLAMES OBSERVED AT REAR

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why are these 5 sightings "unknown"?

1. Kiangan, Philippines 28 Oct 57 5AM
Would have been classified under "Incomplete Information" had the source not been considered so highly reliable. Description did not fit the requirements for an aircraft, meteor, or other known object. - Dark Field Luzon nearest.

Most likely would be an airplane except for lack of sound.
but:- no airport missing
: no noise (Father Rivaker).
: further investigation impossible due to area being unfriendly territory
: people in village were awakened by "noise?" but did not see

Noise was missing item.

Time is collecting link < sighting / noise

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Incomplete ~~area~~ information.
Should continue searching but insufficient personnel.

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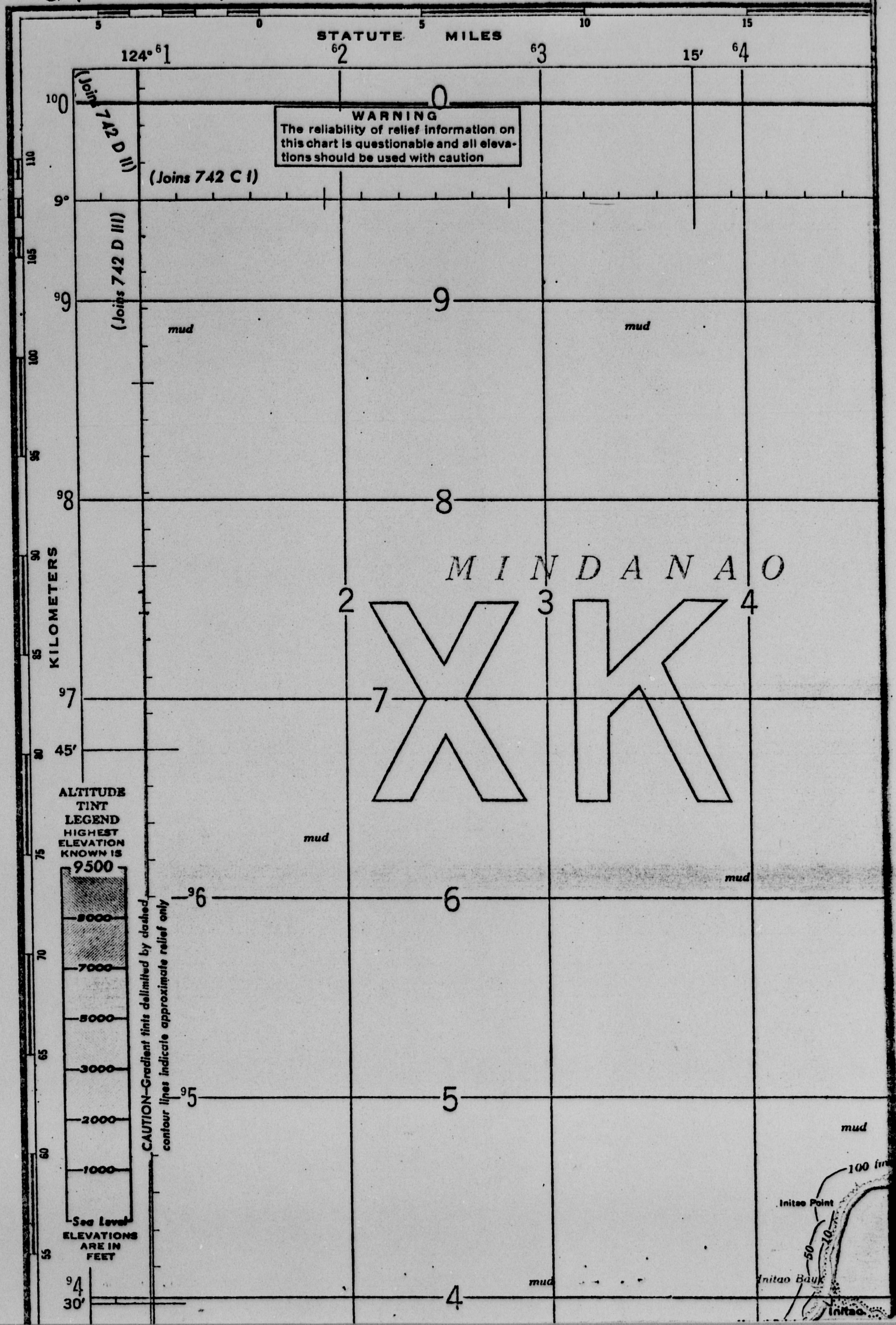

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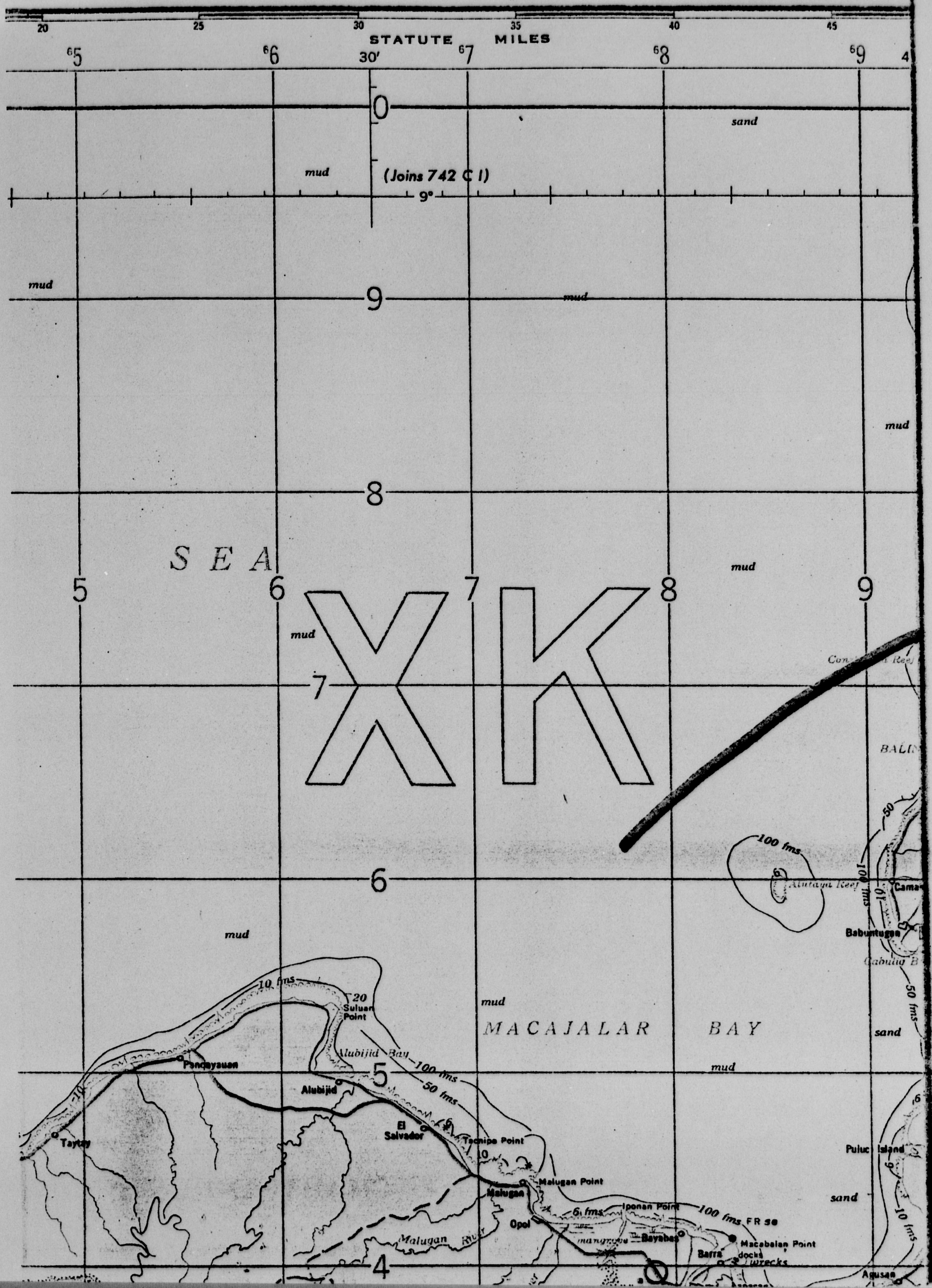

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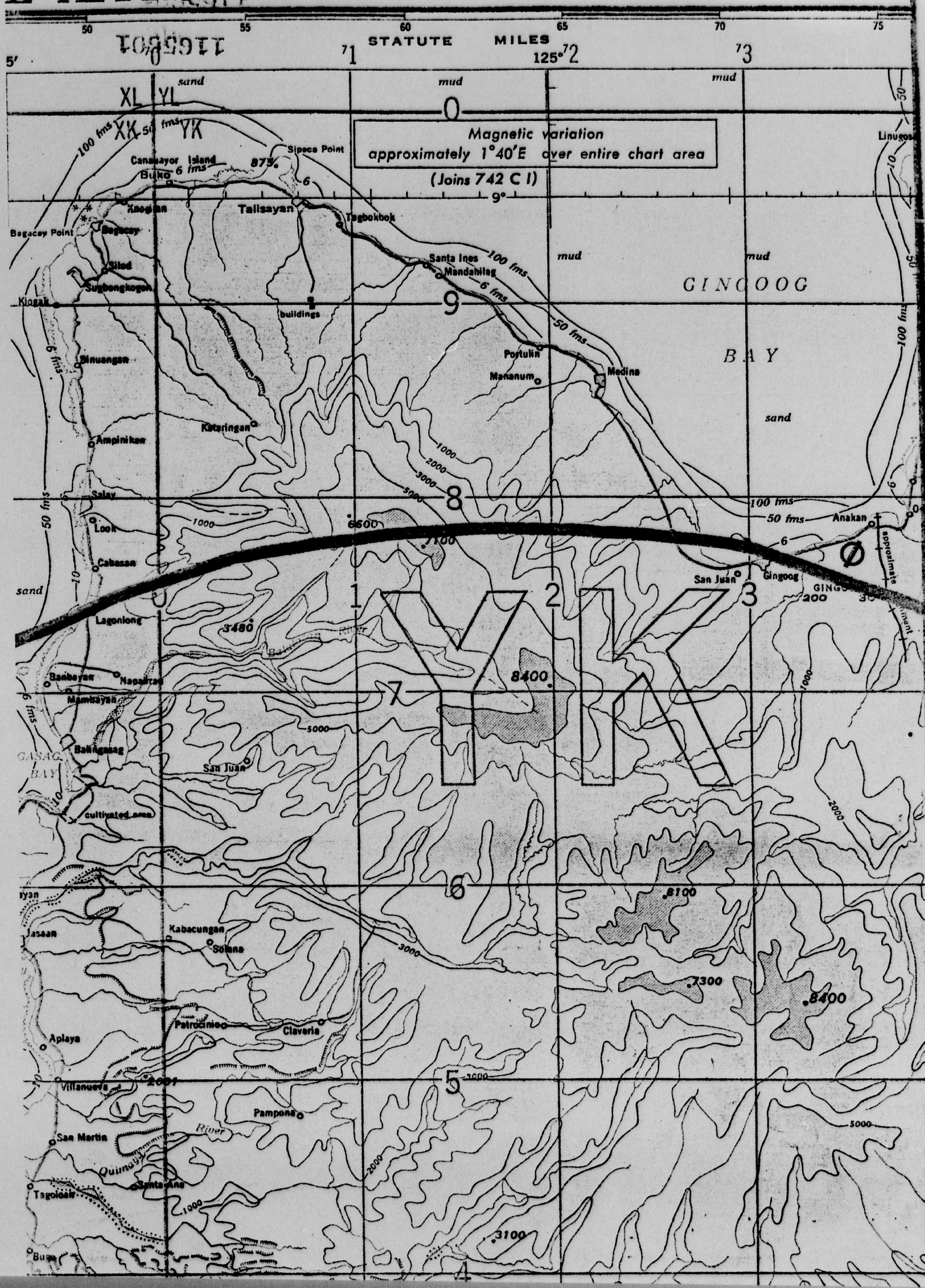

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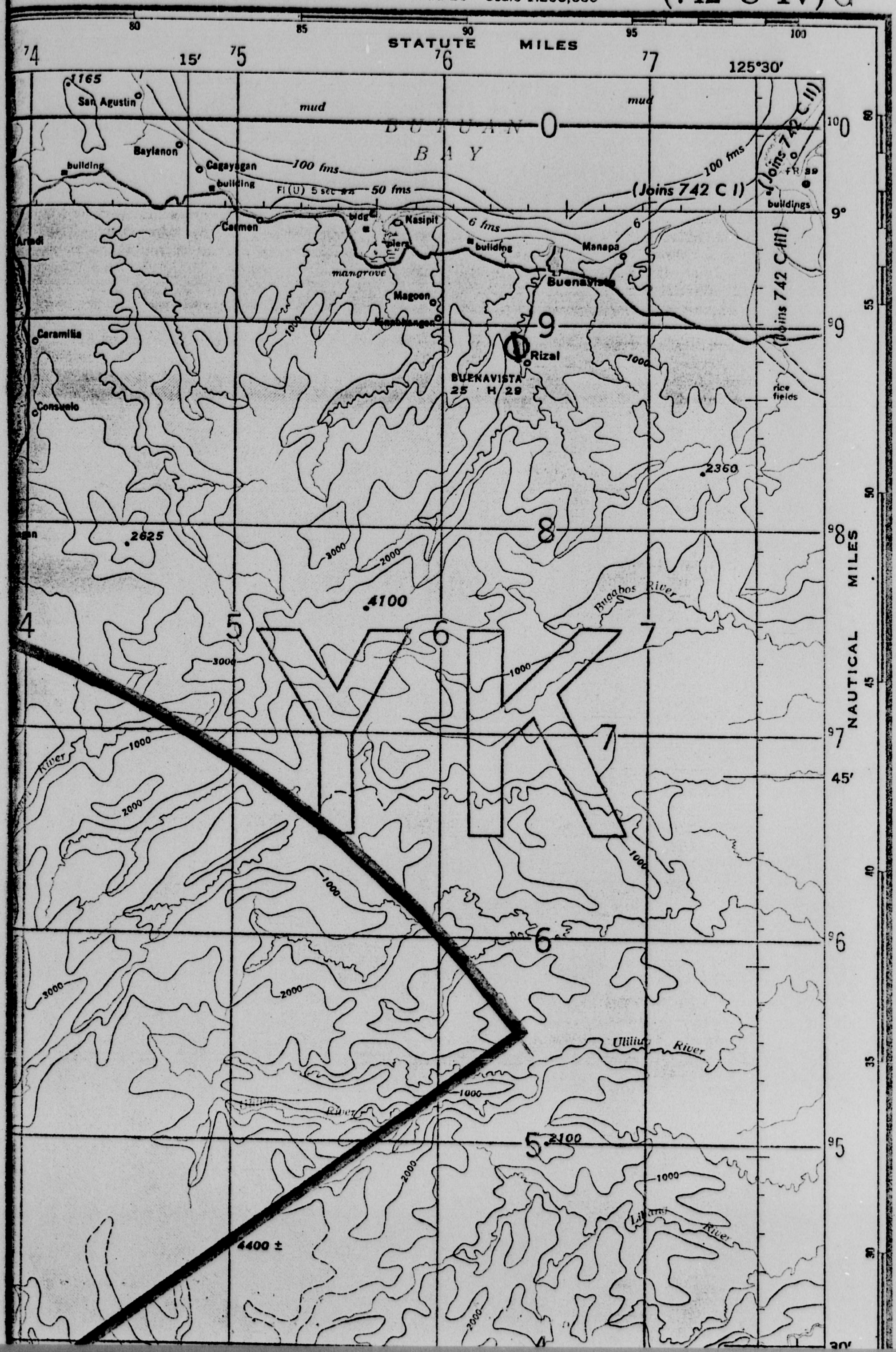

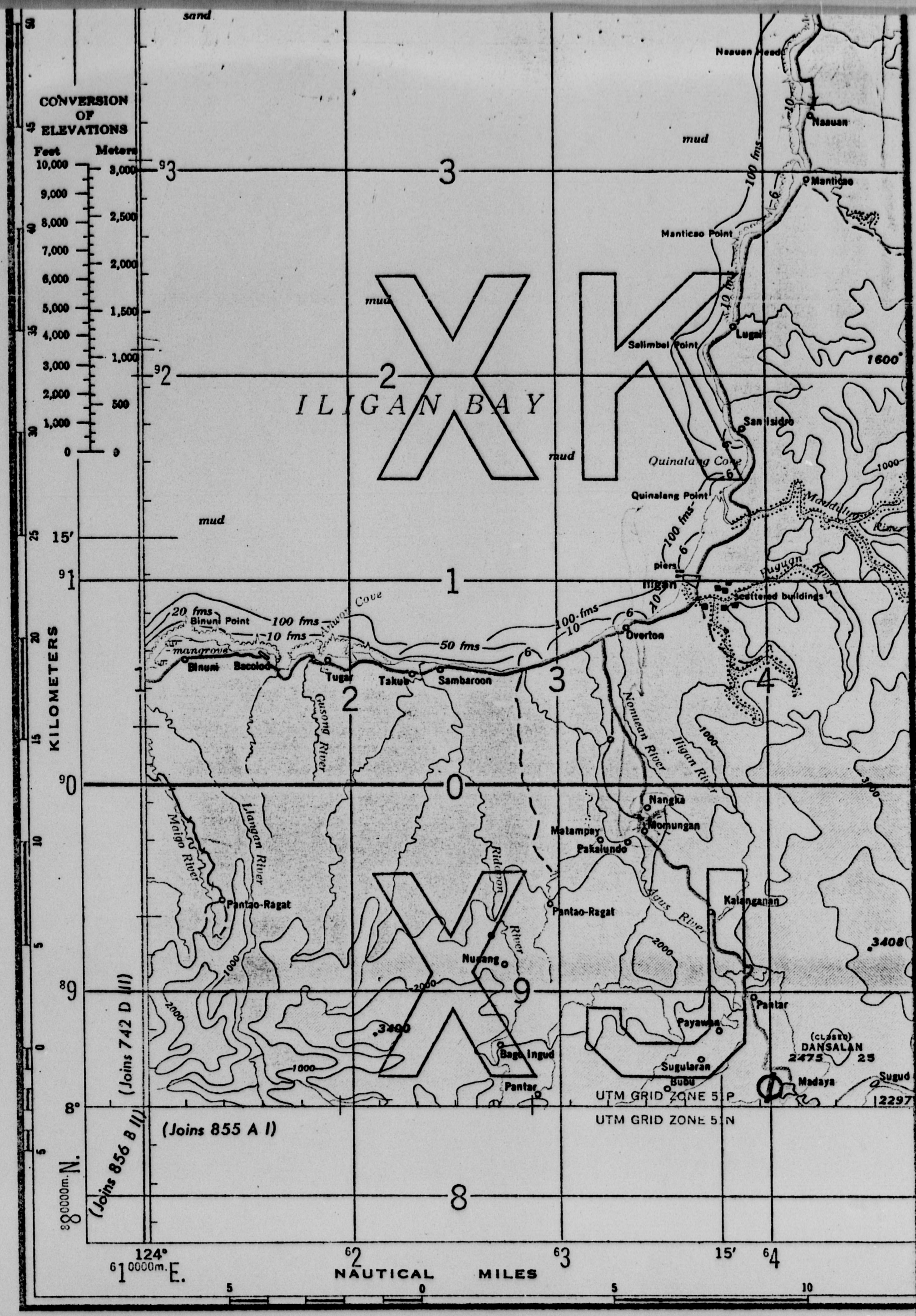

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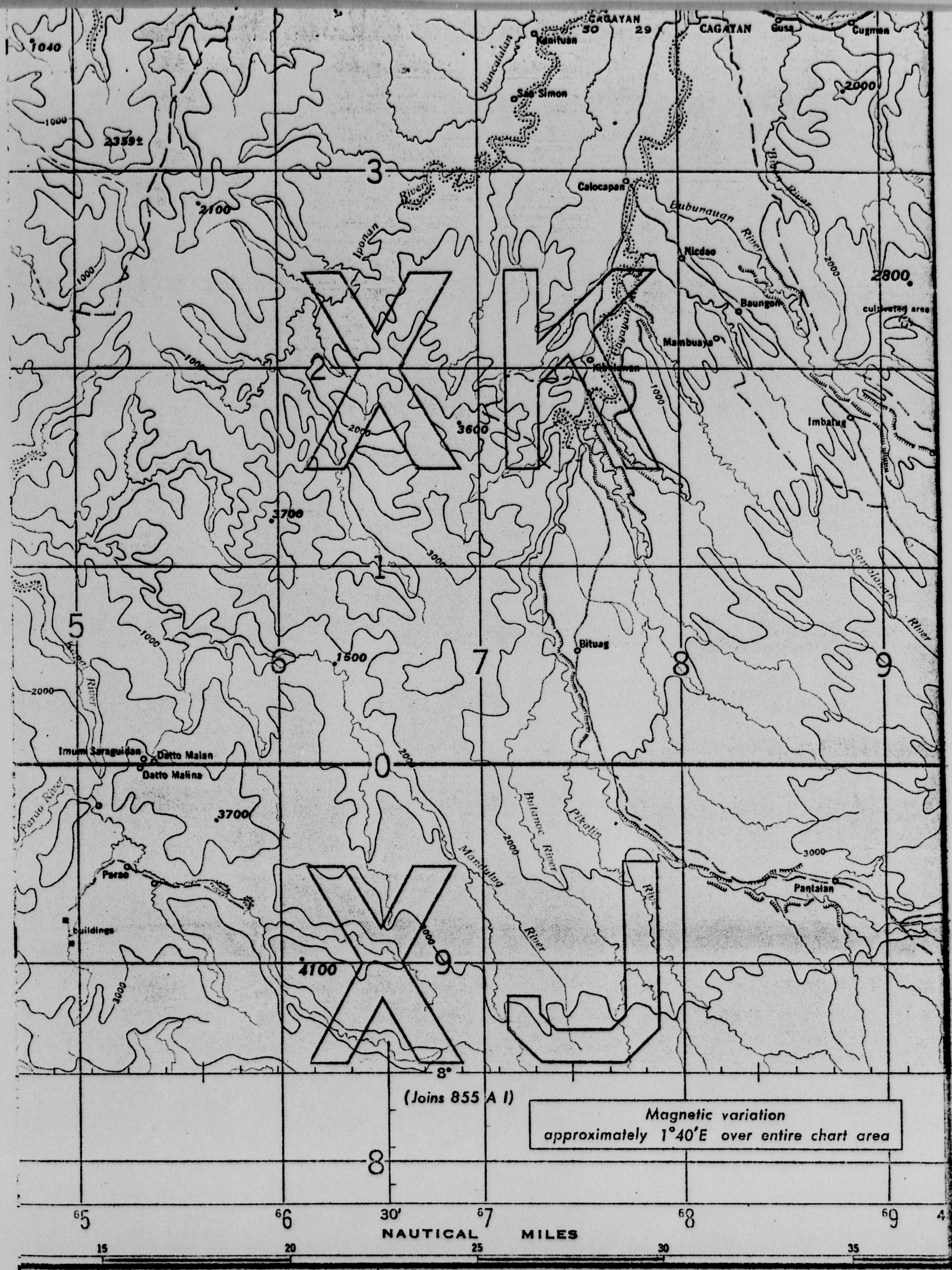

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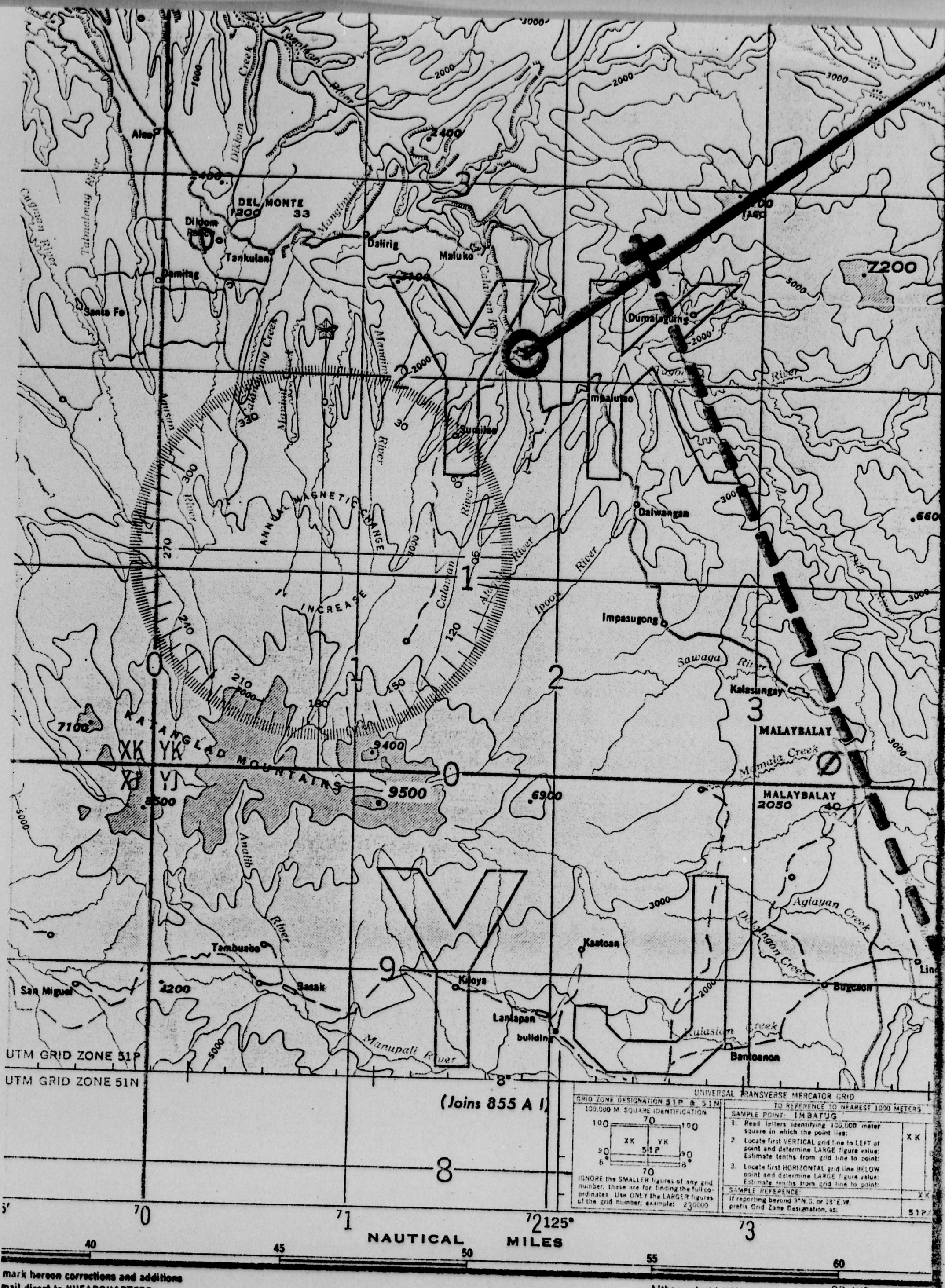

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