

REPORT OF COAST GUARD UNIT ABOARD

13 August 1963

DATE ESTABLISHED:

NAME OF UNIT: Commander, Philippine Section

LOCATION: Sangley Point, Republic of Philippines

PROPOSE OF UNIT:

Authorized by Commandant, Coast Guard, to exercise operational and administrative control over loran transmitting stations at Tarumpitao, Talampulan, Catanduanes, Naulo Point and Batan Island, R. P., administration and operational control over CG Air Detachment, Sangley Point, and USCGC NETTLE (WAK-169); and to maintain liaison with appropriate regional public and private agencies. Since logistics movements progress beyond Sangley solely via Coast Guard facilities it is highly essential to an efficient logistics system to locate the administrative and operation controlling organization at Sangley Point.

The isolation of the loran stations is such that one year has been deemed the maximum length of a normal tour of duty for proposes of efficiency and morale of personnel. This abnormally high turnover results in a large number of personnel relatively new to the loran stations filling required billets at any given time. The climate of U. S. – foreign relations dictates the necessity for maintaining a ranking command of mature, experience judgment readily available for proper administrative of these units. One of the most important functions Commander, Philippines Section performs is regular inspections of the field units, contributing greatly to overall high efficiency of the loran service. The frequency of inspections is possible only because of close location of the responsible command.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF UNIT:

During the fiscal year, as every year, Commander, Philippines Section, has acted as a central clearing house for problems arising within the units. The proximity of the command to Naval Supply Depot, Subic facilities easy walk-through requisitioning in emergent circumstances and allows for smaller on-hand inventories of spare parts and materials at the units. Since distances and modes of transportation usually cause air mail to take approximately ten days to reach Honolulu the need for Commander, Philippines Sectio, to be located at Sangley Point. is readily apparent.

During the past fiscal year Commander, Philippines Section, processed 92 transient personnel in addition to supply and procurement of electronic, engineering, commissary, and other essential needs of the loran stations.

PROPOSE CHANGES:

None.

EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES:

Due to the distances and modes of transportation involved it is not practical to administer the Philippine loran stations from a point outside the Philippines.