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From: Commanding Officer, CG LORSTA CATANDUANES
To: Commandant (PO-2)
Via: (1) Commander, Philippine Section
(2) Commander, 14th Coast Guard District (p)

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Subj: Overseas Loran Station Survey, submission of

Ref: (a) Commandant (PO-2) ltr of 22 May 1956, file A7

1. In accordance with reference (a) the requested survey is herewith submitted.

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Encl: (1) Survey of CG LORSTA CATANDUANES
(2) Sketch I, Panay Island
(3) Sketch II, Layout of station

FIRST ENDORSEMENT

9 July 1956

From: Commander, Philippine Section
To: Commandant (PO-2)
Via: Commander, 14th CG District (p)

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SECOND ENDORSEMENT

From: Commander, 14th CG District
To: Commandant (PO2)

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By direction

AIR MAIL

SURVEY OF CG LORSTA CATANDUANES

I The Cost of Living

- A. Officers - The only regular outlay of money for the officer attached is his monthly mess bill, usually between 50 and 60 dollars. His only other expenses would be for various sundries from the canteen or for the purchase of souvenirs from the natives. The souvenirs are rather limited however, there being only Bolo knives, sea shells, straw hats and hammocks and articles of like nature.
- B. Enlisted - The only expenses for enlisted men would be for canteen items or for souvenirs.

II Recreational Facilities

There is no distinction between officer and enlisted recreational facilities. Available are: Nightly movies, Billiards, Swimming year-round except for two months during the summer when the presense of jelly fish make it somewhat unpleasant; Hiking, limited Hunting and Fishing, Woodworking, Leathercraft, etc. Recently a concrete court was completed here giving excellent facilities for Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, and Shuffleboard. Incidental hobby and recreational equipment requests are promptly handled by the District Office. On the whole, recreation facilities on this station are considered to be excellent.

III Cost of Living - Dependents

No dependents authorized.

IV Climatic Conditions

The temperature here ranges between 95 during the day to 75 at night. Humidity is high year around but once one gets used to it the climate is very comfortable. The station location near the ocean is ideal climatically, for a light on-shore breeze is almost always present. During the summer months, June, July, and August, rainfall is sometimes scarce, but during the remainder of the year it becomes an almost daily occurrence. This lack of rainfall during the summer sometimes poses problems as we are dependant upon rain for our water supply. However, steps are being taken to alleviate this situation.

V Description of the Station

The station is located on low, level ground facing northward to the Philippine Sea, height above Mean High Water is approximately 8 feet. About 40 yards in back of the station buildings the terrain rises to about 50 feet above MHW. Located on the top of this hill is the recently constructed Power-signal building. The station is on the northern shore of Panay Island, a rather small and somewhat densely wooded island, northeast of Catanduanes Island, an island of considerable size. There are a few small towns on the island, but

they are some distance from the station. Enclosed are some sketches which may better describe the station. Sketch One shows Panay Island and the station location on it. Sketch Two shows the layout of the station proper. No photographs were available at the unit.

VI Private Cars

No need for private autos here, definitely do not bring them.

VII Mail and Supplies

Our supply frequency, considering our out-of-the-way location, is very good. Mail, movies, and light supplies are brought in at least every two weeks. Bi-monthly larger supplies, etc. are brought in by Coast Guard vessel. There is no air strip on the island, therefore water landings are necessary, but this in no way affects our supply frequency.

VIII Medical

We have, at present, a Hospital Corpsman First Class who handles all of our medical needs of a minor nature. Our sickbay is ample and well-equipped. There is a doctor in a nearby town; however, he is not always in and his equipment is limited. If the need should arise for major medical treatment the CG Air Detachment at Sangley Point would fly the patient out. The station is one hour and forty minutes from Sangley Point by air.

IX Natives

There are a number of natives on the island; they are either farmers or fisherman, are honest, reasonably intelligent, and friendly.

X Religious Facilities

Every second Sunday a Roman Catholic Priest visits the station and conducts a Catholic Service aboard.

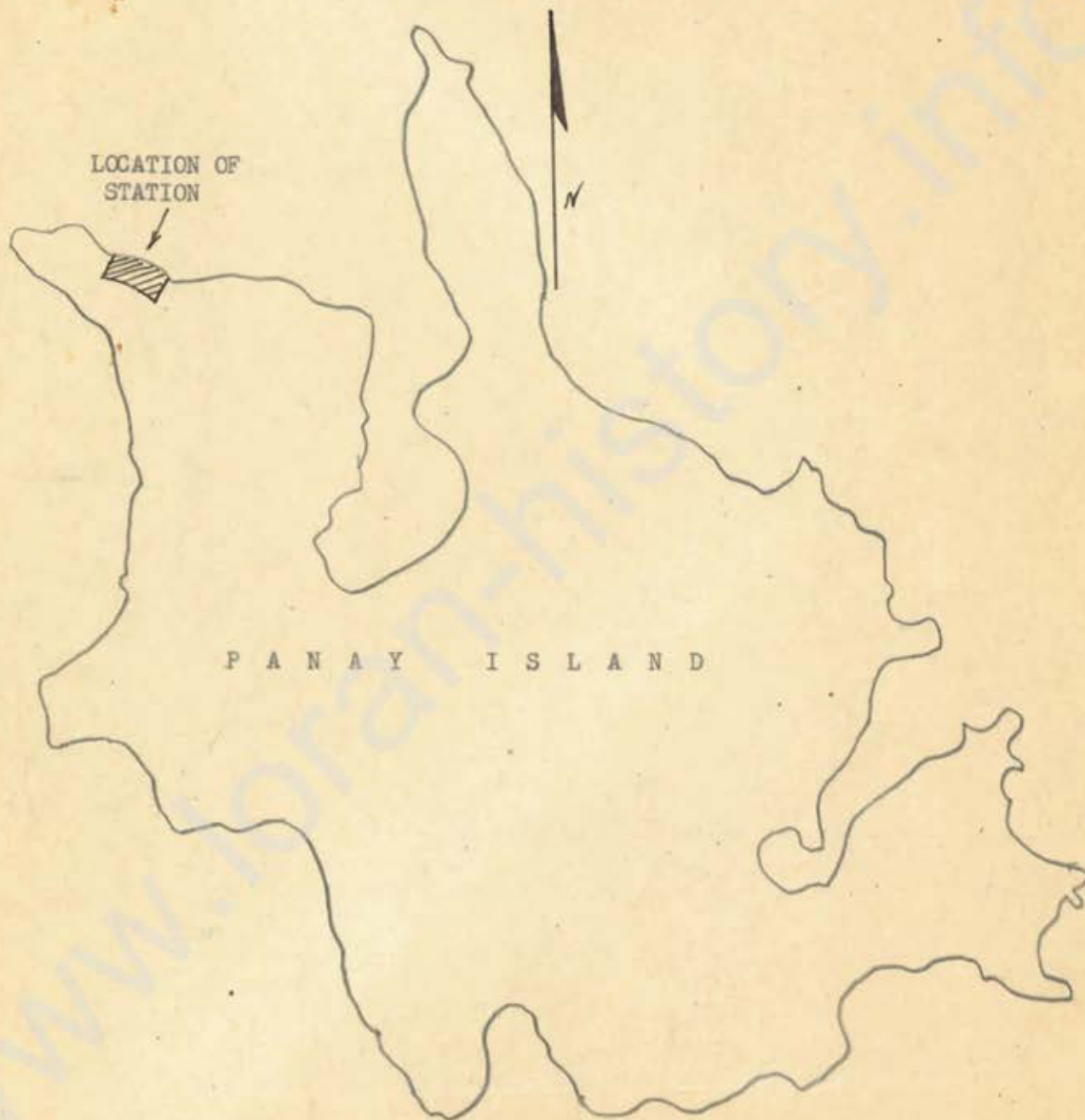
XI Lastly, even though the station is isolated, I feel that it can offer a great deal to any man, officer or enlisted, who might be assigned here. One of the really worthwhile things about this duty is that all hands here realize their interdependency upon one another and real teamwork and a sense of "belonging" result.

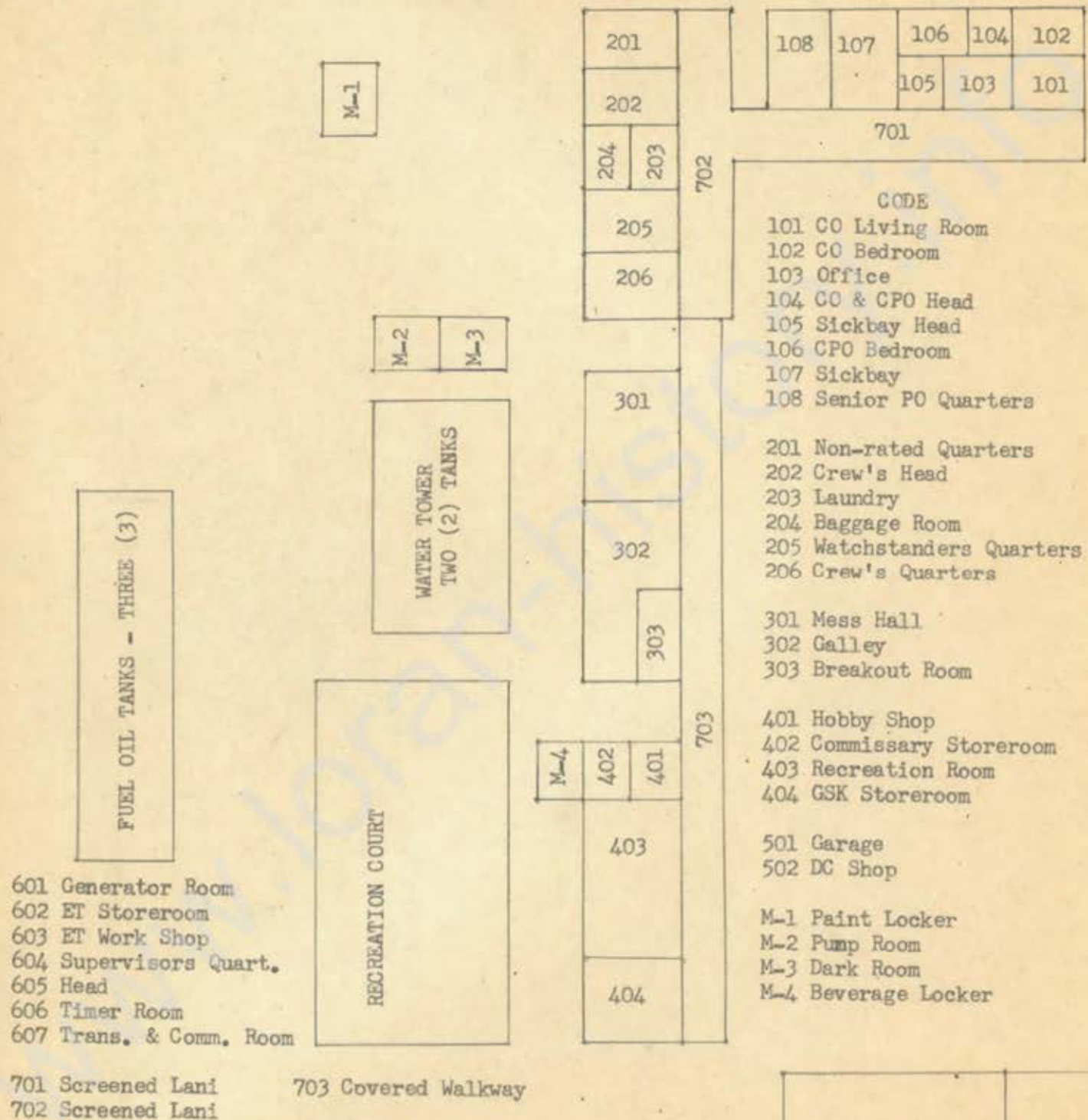
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Enclosure (2) to CO, CG LORSTA Catanduanes ltr dtd 6/13/56, file A7, Serial: 131

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- CODE**
- 101 CO Living Room
 - 102 CO Bedroom
 - 103 Office
 - 104 CO & CPO Head
 - 105 Sickbay Head
 - 106 CPO Bedroom
 - 107 Sickbay
 - 108 Senior PO Quarters
 - 201 Non-rated Quarters
 - 202 Crew's Head
 - 203 Laundry
 - 204 Baggage Room
 - 205 Watchstanders Quarters
 - 206 Crew's Quarters

- 601 Generator Room
- 602 ET Storeroom
- 603 ET Work Shop
- 604 Supervisors Quart.
- 605 Head
- 606 Timer Room
- 607 Trans. & Comm. Room

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