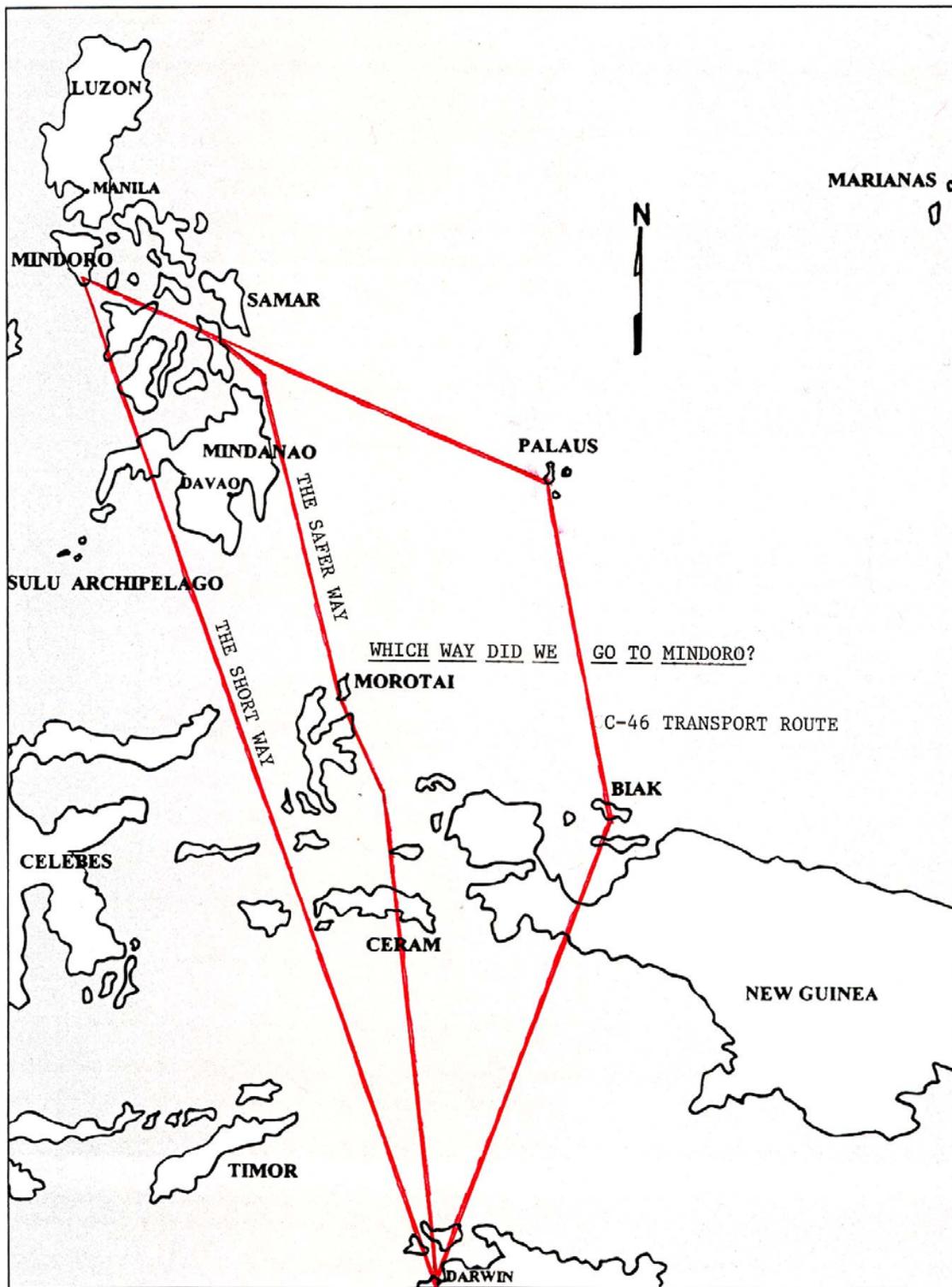


**MAPS SHOWING OUR AIRFIELDS IN  
THE PHILIPPINES AND OKINAWA**



Map 1: How We Went to Mindoro

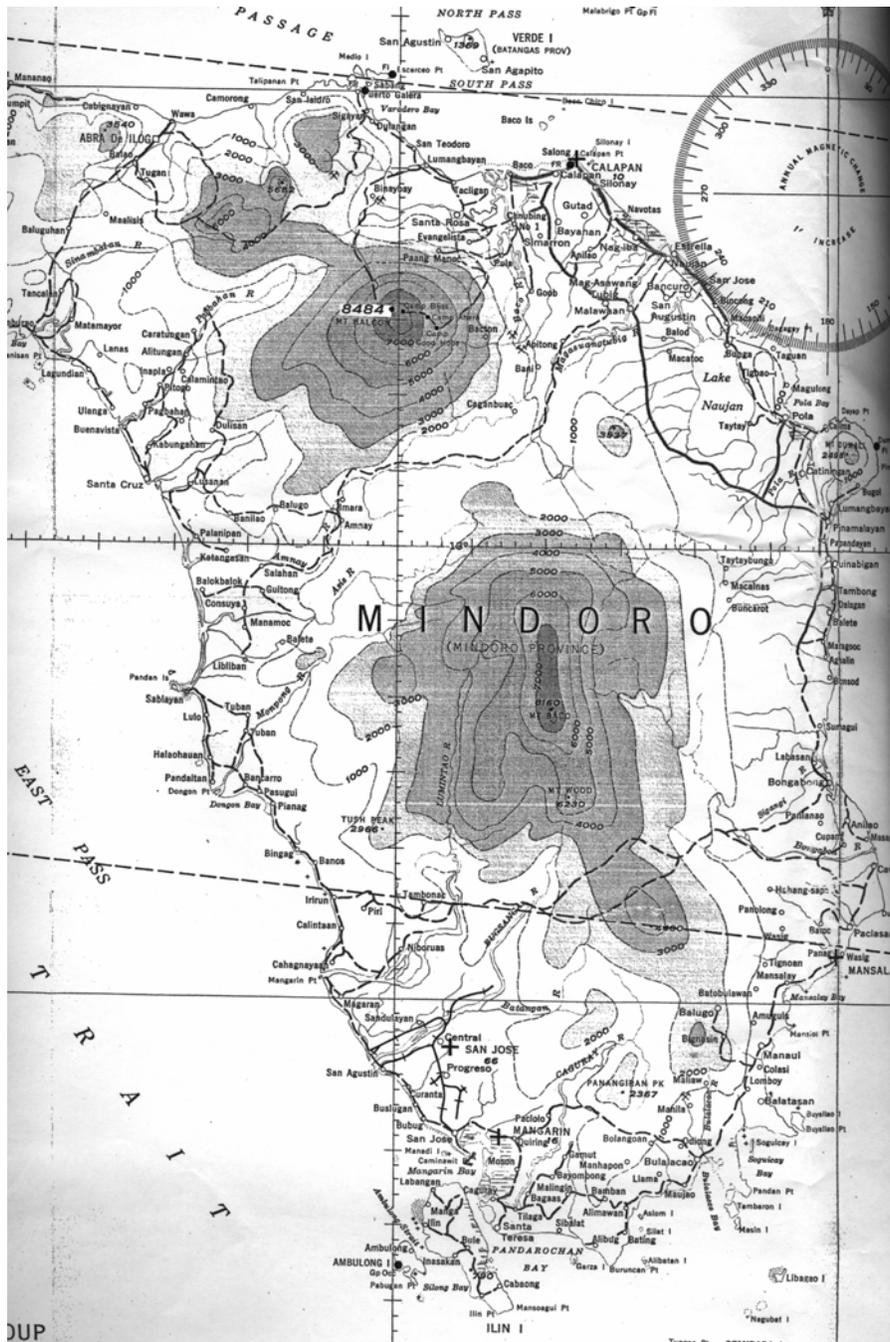


Map Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*.

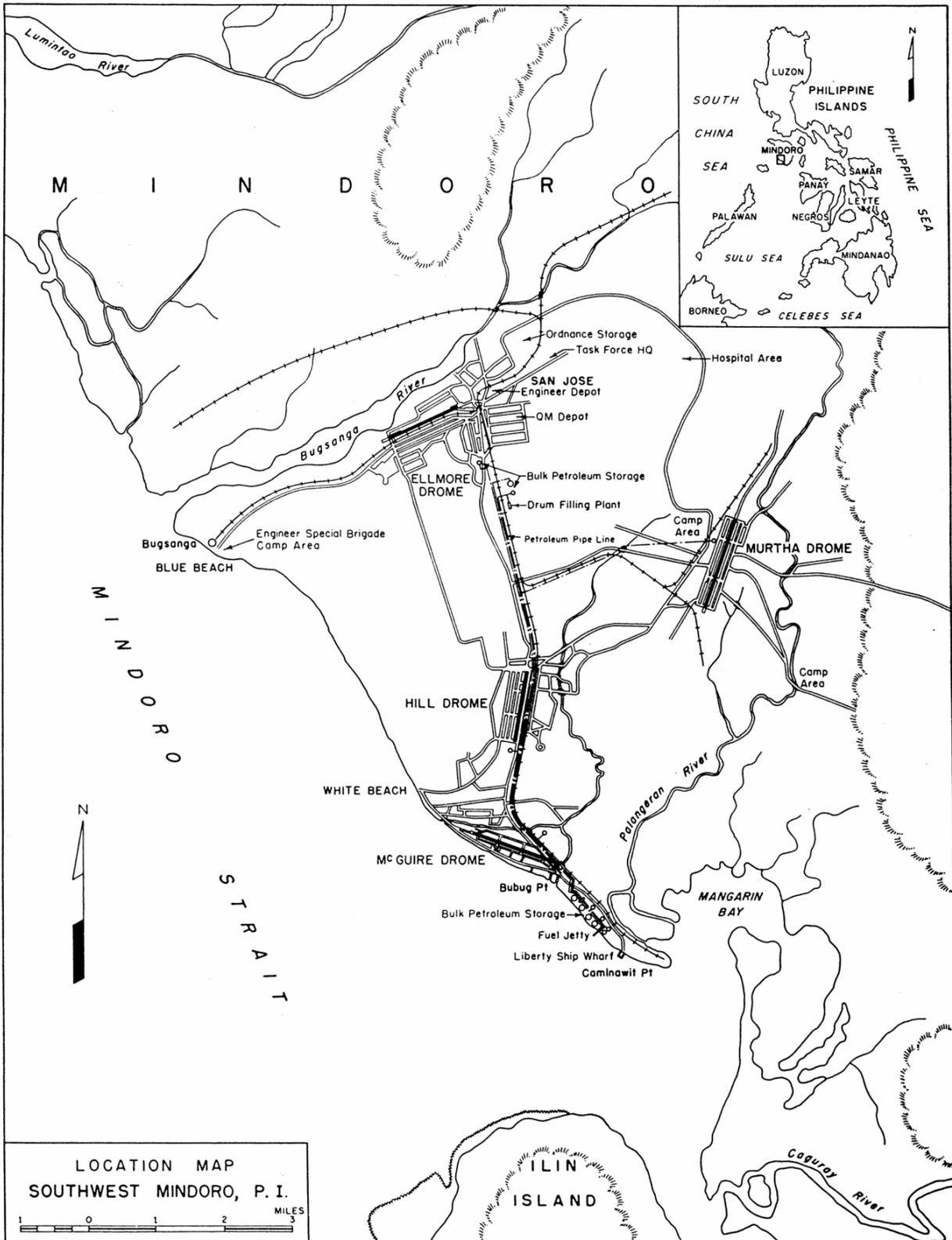


### Map 3: Mindoro Island Area

- LOCATION:** Latitude 12° 23' N., Longitude 121° 03' E. One of the islands of the Visayan Group, located in the central Philippines directly south of Luzon.
- TERRAIN:** The part of Mindoro Island on which Elmore, Hill, McGuire, and Murtha airdromes are located is a gently rolling plain on which are a few scattered palm trees and low shrubs. Numerous rice fields are located in the area.
- LANDMARKS:** The airdrome area is located on the SW side of the island, between Mangarin Bay and the mouth of the Bugsanga River.
- AIRDROMES:** Four airdromes: Elmore, Hill, McGuire, and Murtha, each with a single runway, located within a radius of 3 miles.



Map 4: Overall Map Showing All Mindoro Airfields



SOURCE: OCE, GHQ, AFPAC (Historical).

**Map 5: Murtha – Military Airdrome**

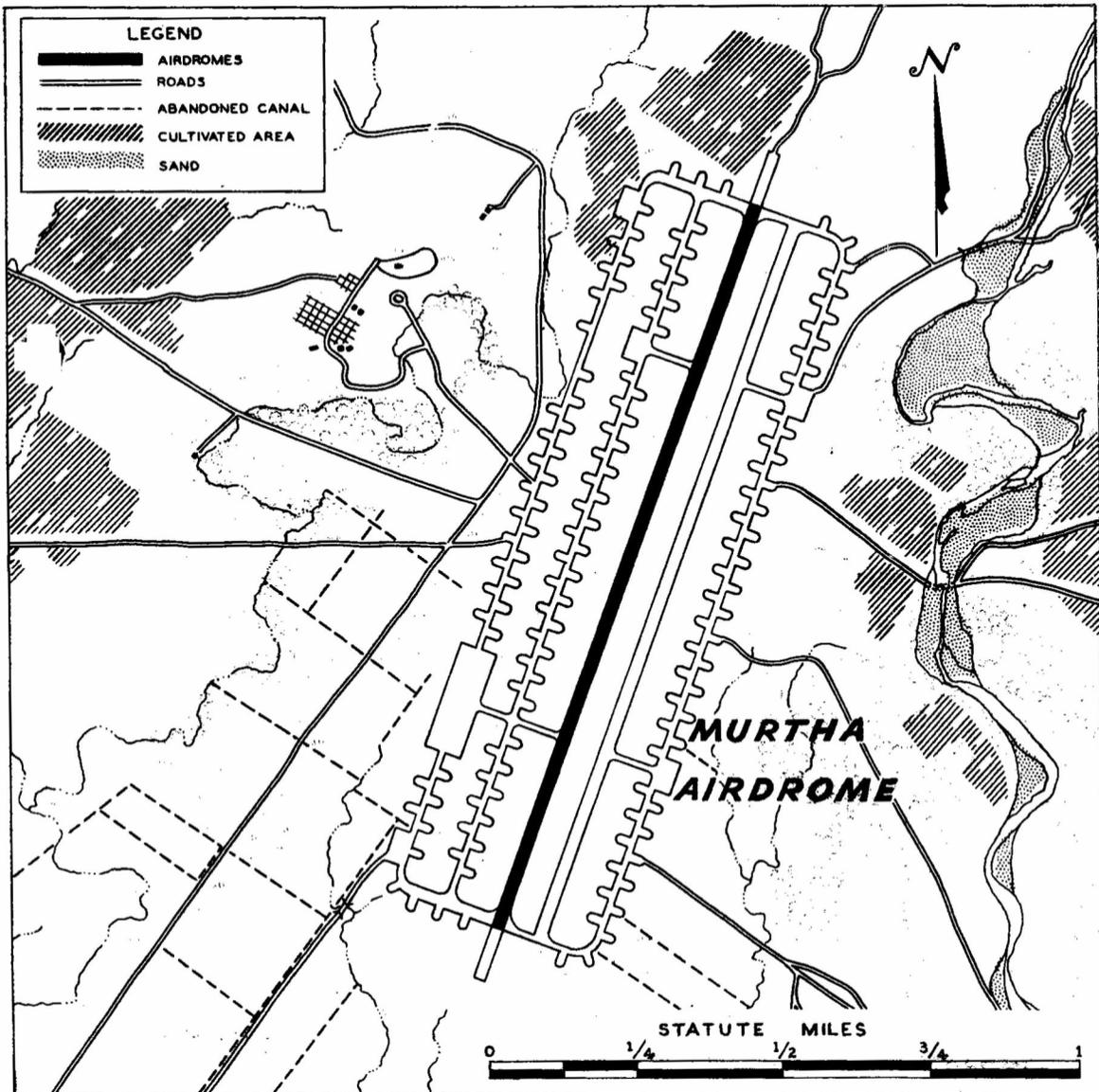
**LOCATION:** Latitude 12° 25' N., Longitude 121° 06' E. About 5 miles directly north of Mangarin Bay. On west bank of Tabangan River.

**SIZE:** A single runway, 7000 ft x 100 ft, with a 500 ft overrun at each end.

**SURFACE BEARINGS:** NE/SW. Approximately 30°00'/210°00' Magnetic.

**SURFACE:** Steel mat.

**ALTITUDE:** Estimated at approximately 30 ft above sea level.



***Map 6: Murtha Field***



Murtha Field, looking North. Note the restrictive geography  
*Robert Krief Collection*

*Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 382.*

### Map 7: McGuire – Military Airdrome

**LOCATION:** Latitude 12° 22' N., Longitude 121° 03' E. On beach immediately northwest of Mangarin Bay.

**SIZE:** A single runway, 7000 ft x 100 ft, with a 500 ft overrun at each end of the runway.

**SURFACE BEARINGS:** E/W. 103°00'/283°00' Magnetic.

**SURFACE:** Graded earth with 1 inch asphalt top.

**ALTITUDE:** 18 ft above sea level.

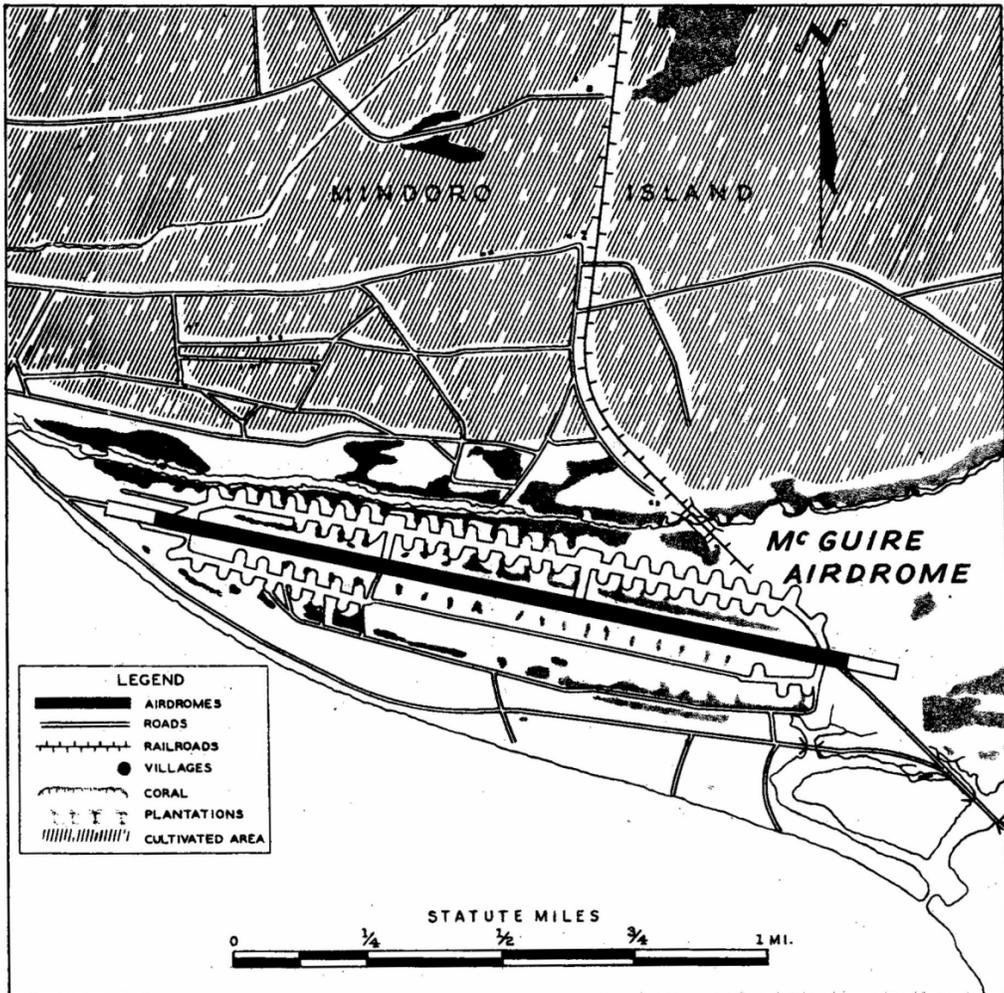
**PATTERN:** Left if landing to west; right if landing to east, depending on wind direction and instructions from tower – keep out to sea.

**PATTERN ALTITUDE:** 500 to 1000 ft.

**RON FACILITIES:** Accommodations for transient and emergency landed crews.

**SERVICE FACILITIES:** Fuel and oil. Minor repairs only at present.

**REMARKS:** Very soft shoulders. Make normal approach but look out for Hill Field pattern which passes over middle of McGuire runway. Taxiways are unserviceable after heavy rain. Limited parking space. Used mainly by the 90<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group. Used by 380<sup>th</sup> before Murtha ready.



### Map 8: Elmore – Military Airdrome

**LOCATION:** Latitude 12° 07' N., Longitude 120° E. This airdrome, which was formerly known as San Jose, lies 4.3 miles southwest of San Jose village.

**SIZE:** A single runway, 6000 ft x 125 ft, with a 500 ft overrun at each end of the strip.

**SURFACE BEARINGS:** ENE/WSW. 65°00'/235°00' Magnetic.

**SURFACE:** Packed gravel.

**ALTITUDE:** 50.44 ft above sea level.

**PATTERN:** Left-hand.

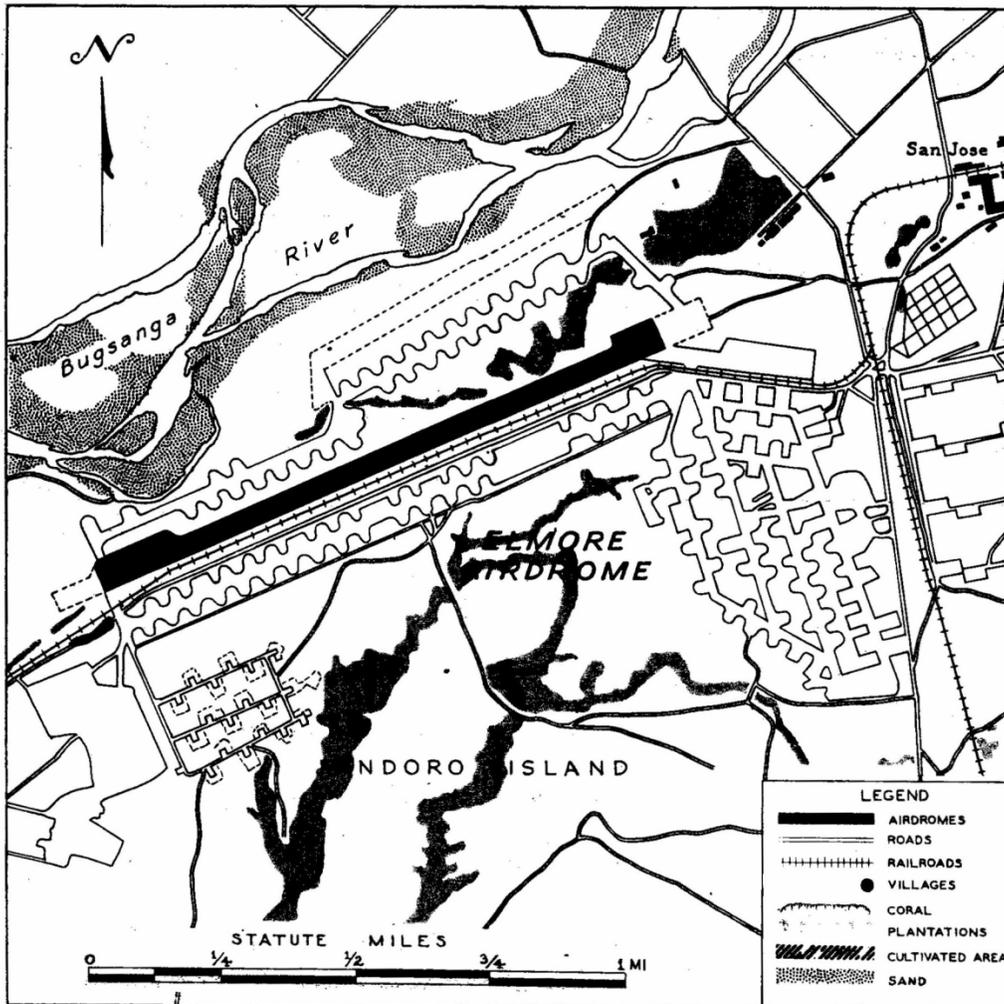
**PATTERN ALTITUDE:** 1500 ft.

**OBSTRUCTIONS:** At east end of airdrome are buildings and trees which are approximately 30 ft high. Glideangle on NE end of runway is limited to 1:40 by these obstructions.

**RON FACILITIES:** Accommodations for transient and emergency landed crews.

**SERVICE FACILITIES:** Fuel and oil. Major repairs available.

**REMARKS:** Subject to unserviceability due to weather.



### Map 9: Hill – Military Airdrome

**LOCATION:** Latitude 12° 23' N., Longitude 121° 03' E. In the center of the airdrome area, southwest Mindoro approximately 1-1/2 mile north of McGuire airdrome and 3 miles south of Elmore airdrome.

**SIZE:** A single runway, 5750 ft x 100 ft.

**SURFACE BEARINGS:** N/S8°00'/188°00' Magnetic.

**SURFACE:** Packed earth.

**ALTITUDE:** 22 ft above sea level.

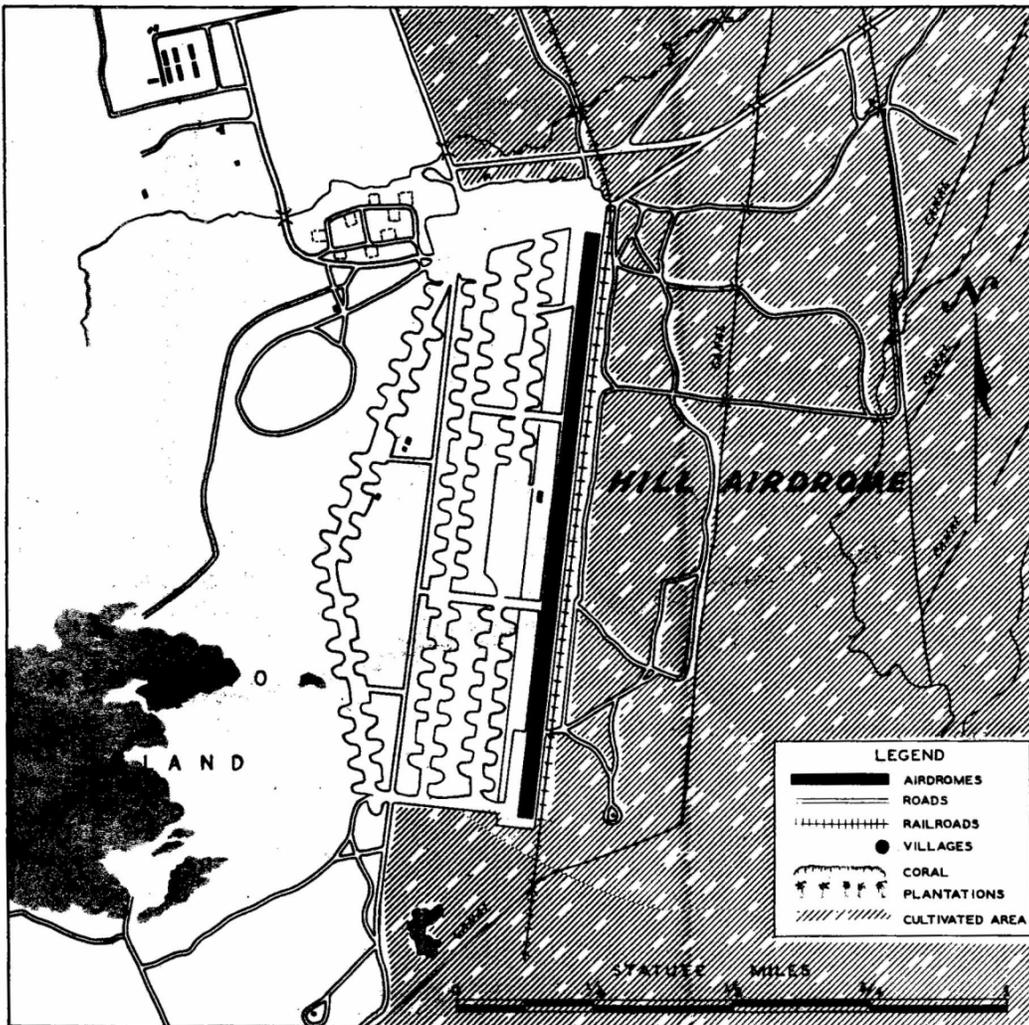
**PATTERN:** Left-hand.

**PATTERN ALTITUDE:** 1500 ft.

**RON FACILITIES:** Very limited, but transportation available to transient camp.

**SERVICE FACILITIES:** Fuel and oil. Light maintenance and minor repairs available.

**REMARKS:** Runway is operational in dry weather only and is serviceable for limited operations to fighters and troop carriers. Taxiways are very soft; heavy airplanes should land at Elmore or McGuire.





**Map 11: Lingayen – Military Airdrome**

**LOCATION:** Latitude 16° 2' N., Longitude 1210° 15' E. On Lingayen Gulf, north of Lingayen town, and east of Dagupan.

**SIZE:** A single runway, 7000 ft x 100 ft, with a 500 ft overrun at each end.

**SURFACE BEARINGS:** ENE/WSW. 73°00'/253°00' Magnetic.

**SURFACE:** Steel mat.

**ALTITUDE:** Approximately 7 ft above sea level.

**PATTERN:** Tower controlled.

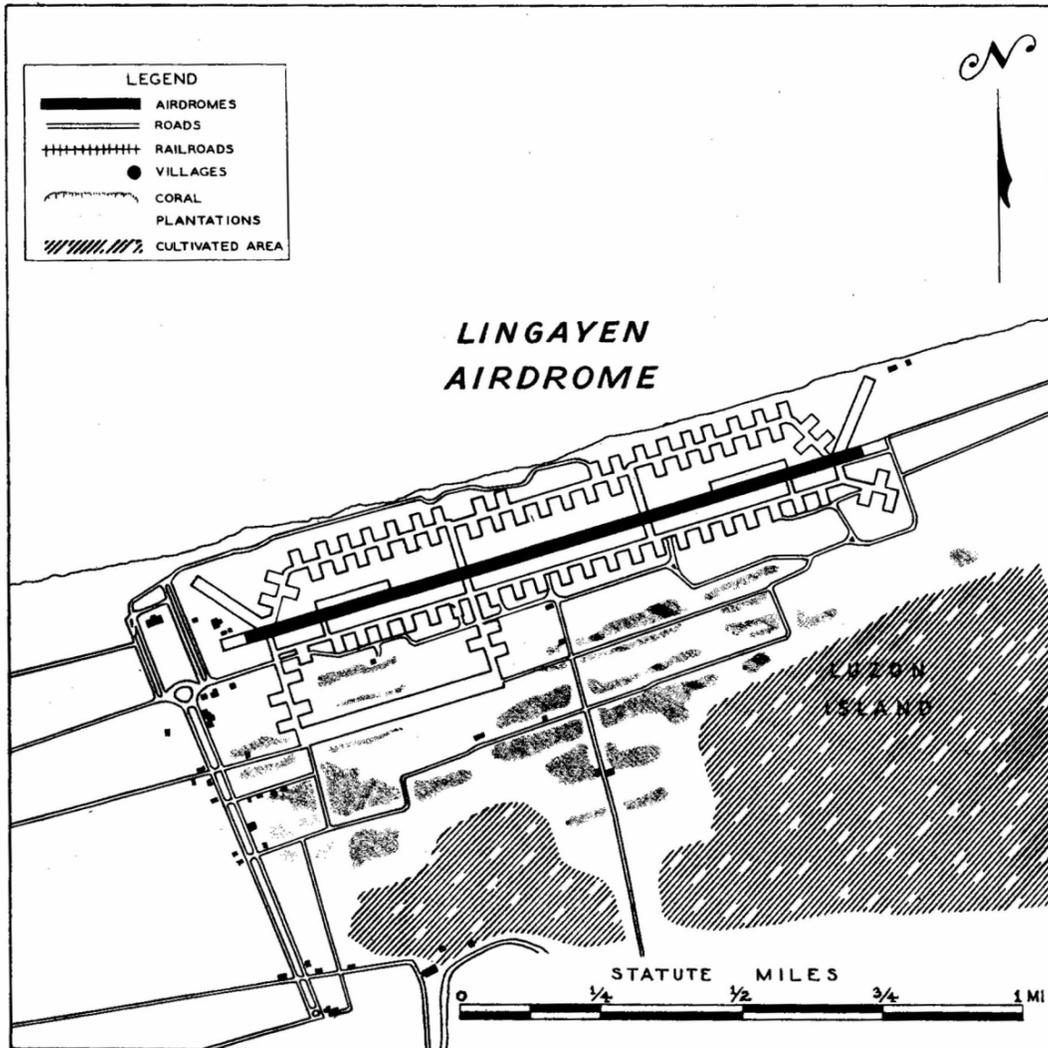
**PATTERN ALTITUDE:** Usually 1000 ft to 1500 ft. Tower controlled.

**OBSTRUCTIONS:** There are no obstructions but heavy airplanes usually take off to the east to avoid camp at west end of runway.

**RON FACILITIES:** Accommodations for transient and emergency landed crews.

**SERVICE FACILITIES:** Fuel and oil. Major repairs available.

**REMARKS:** The runway, which is very wavy, usually has a cross wind from the gulf.

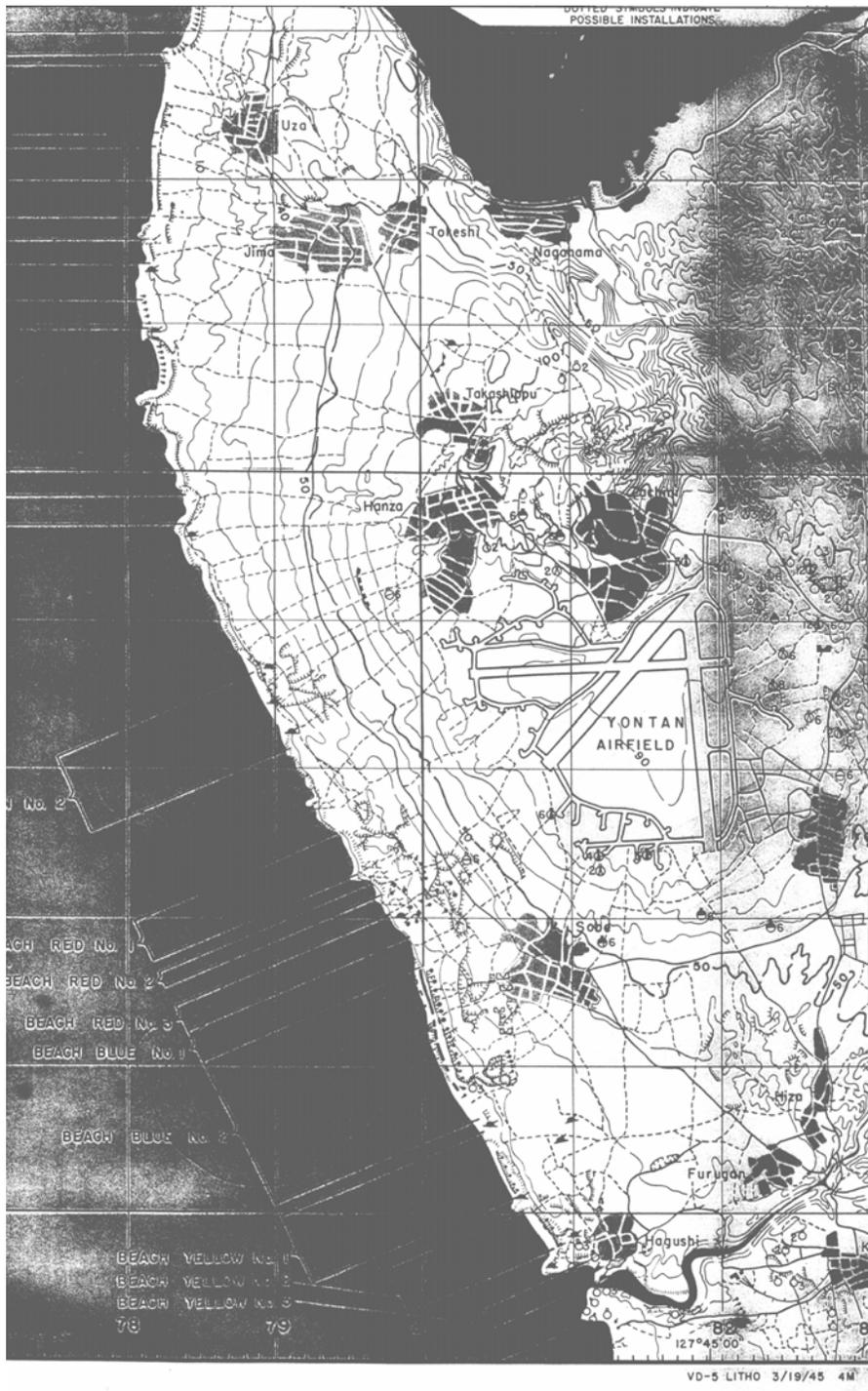




**YONTAN**  
**THE OKINAWA AIRFIELD**



*Map 12: Yontan Airfield on Okinawa*  
*Original Japanese Field*



*Map 13: Yontan Airdrome on Okinawa  
As Expanded by the Americans*



## **THE CAMPSITE AT MINDORO**



*Map 14: Aerial View of Mindoro Camp Area*



*Source:* Fain et al., *The Flying Circus*, 380<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group, p. 106.

*Map 15: General View of 530<sup>th</sup>, 528<sup>th</sup> and 531<sup>st</sup> Areas*



*Source: Fain et al., *The Flying Circus*, 380<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group, p. 107.*

*Map 16: Show Area and 530<sup>th</sup> Buildings from Snob Hill*



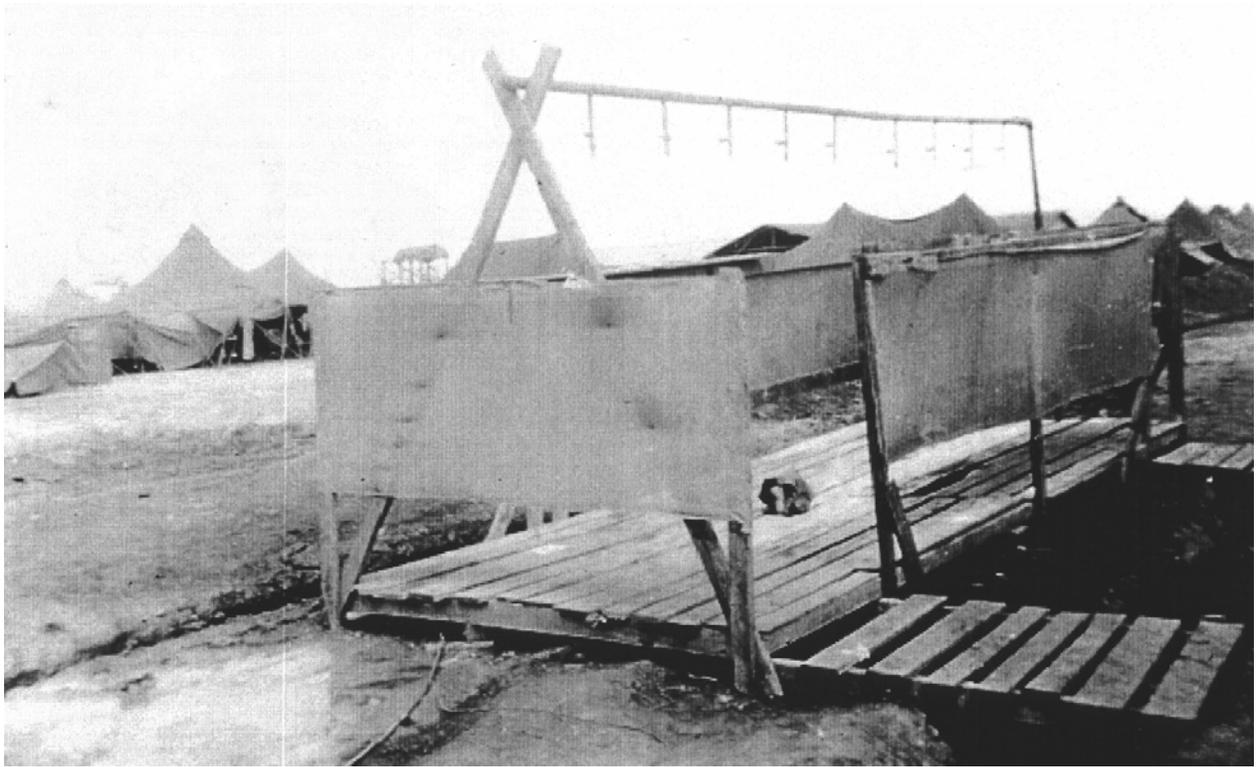
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*Map 17: 529<sup>th</sup>, Enlisted Men's Quarters, Murtha Field, San Jose, Mindoro, 1945*



*Source: Joe Maloney Collection.*

*Map 18: 529<sup>th</sup>, Shower Area, Murtha Field, San Jose, Mindoro, 1945*



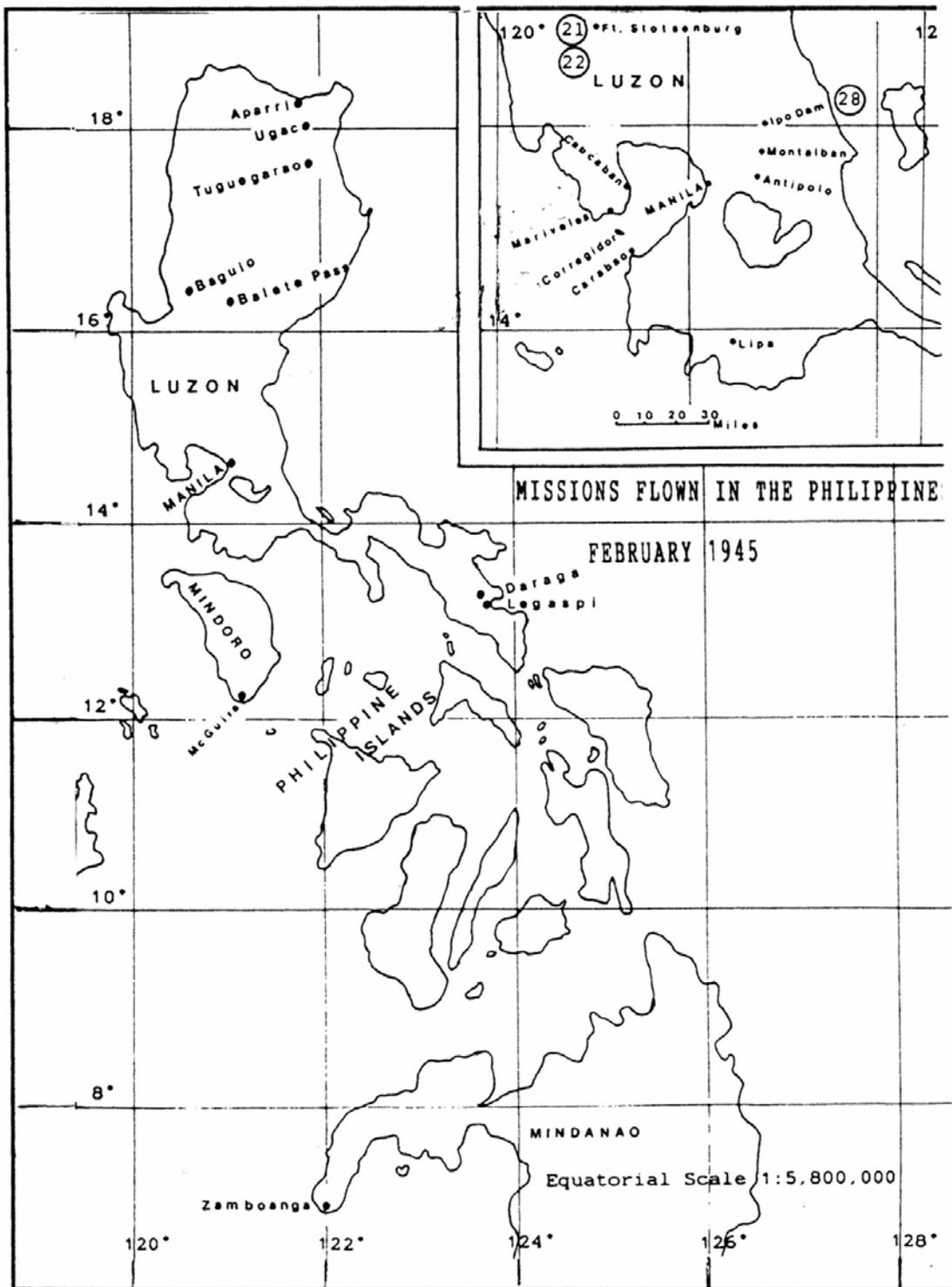
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## **MISSION MAPS**

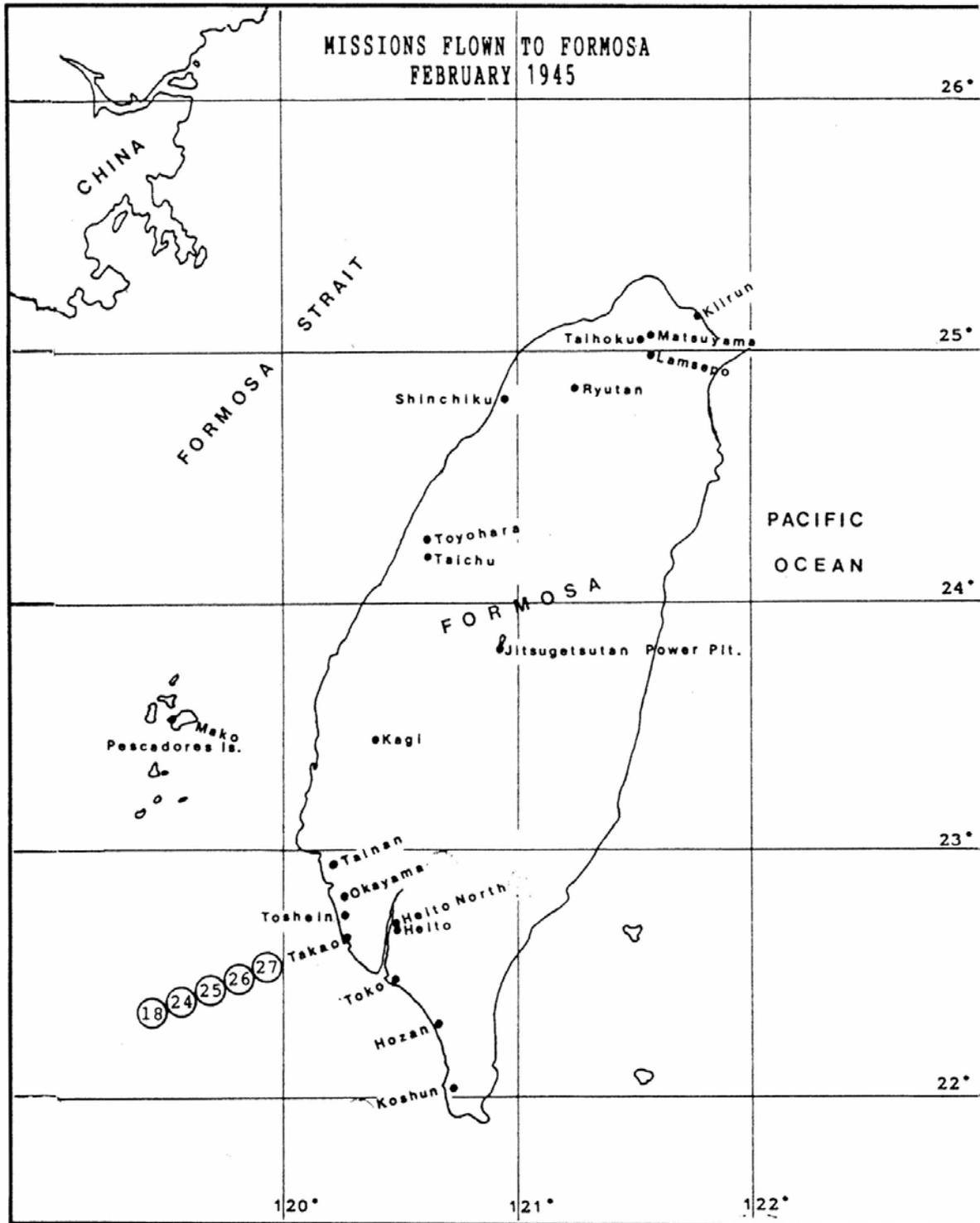


Map 19: Missions Flown in The Philippines, February 1945



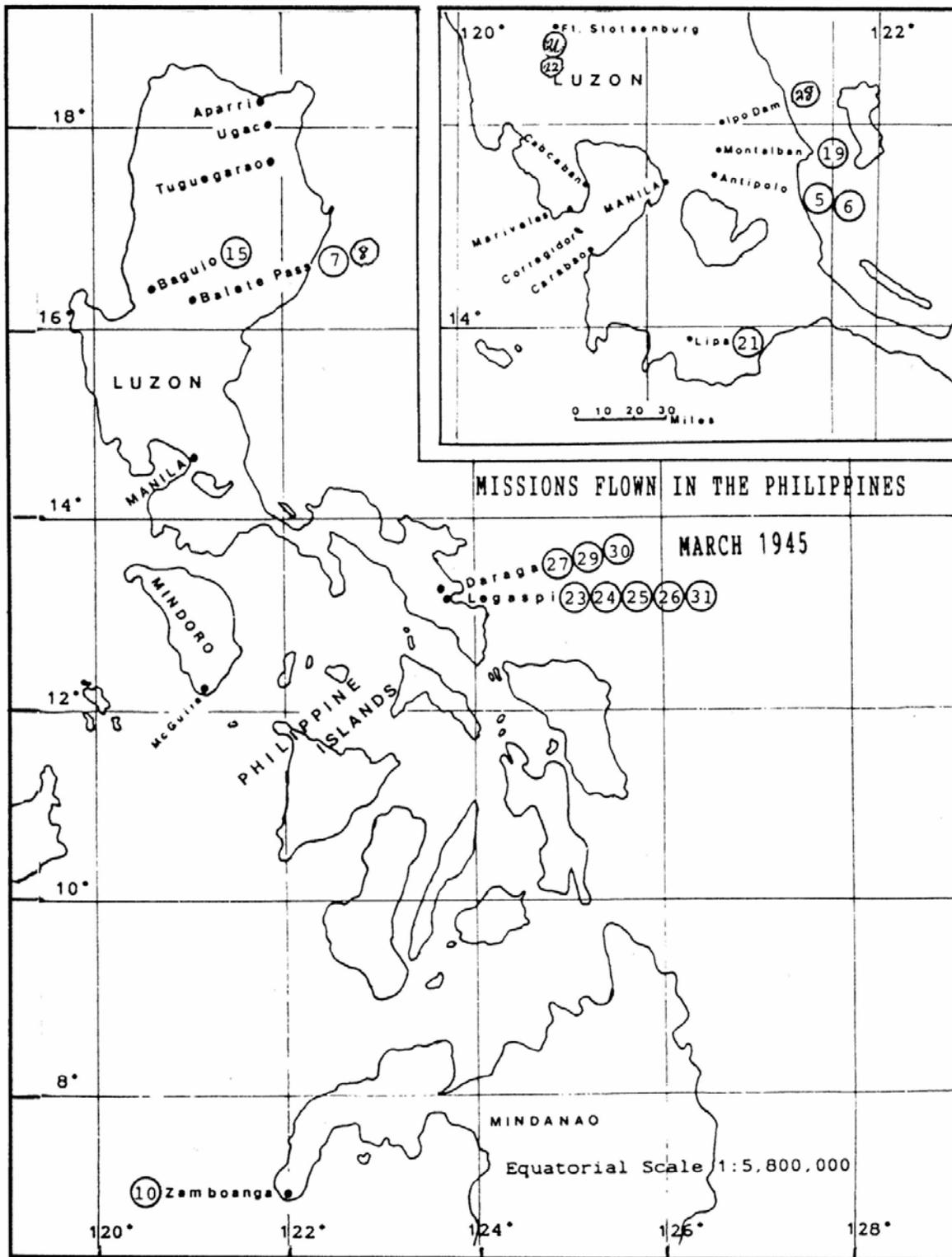
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Map 20: Missions Flown to Formosa, February 1945



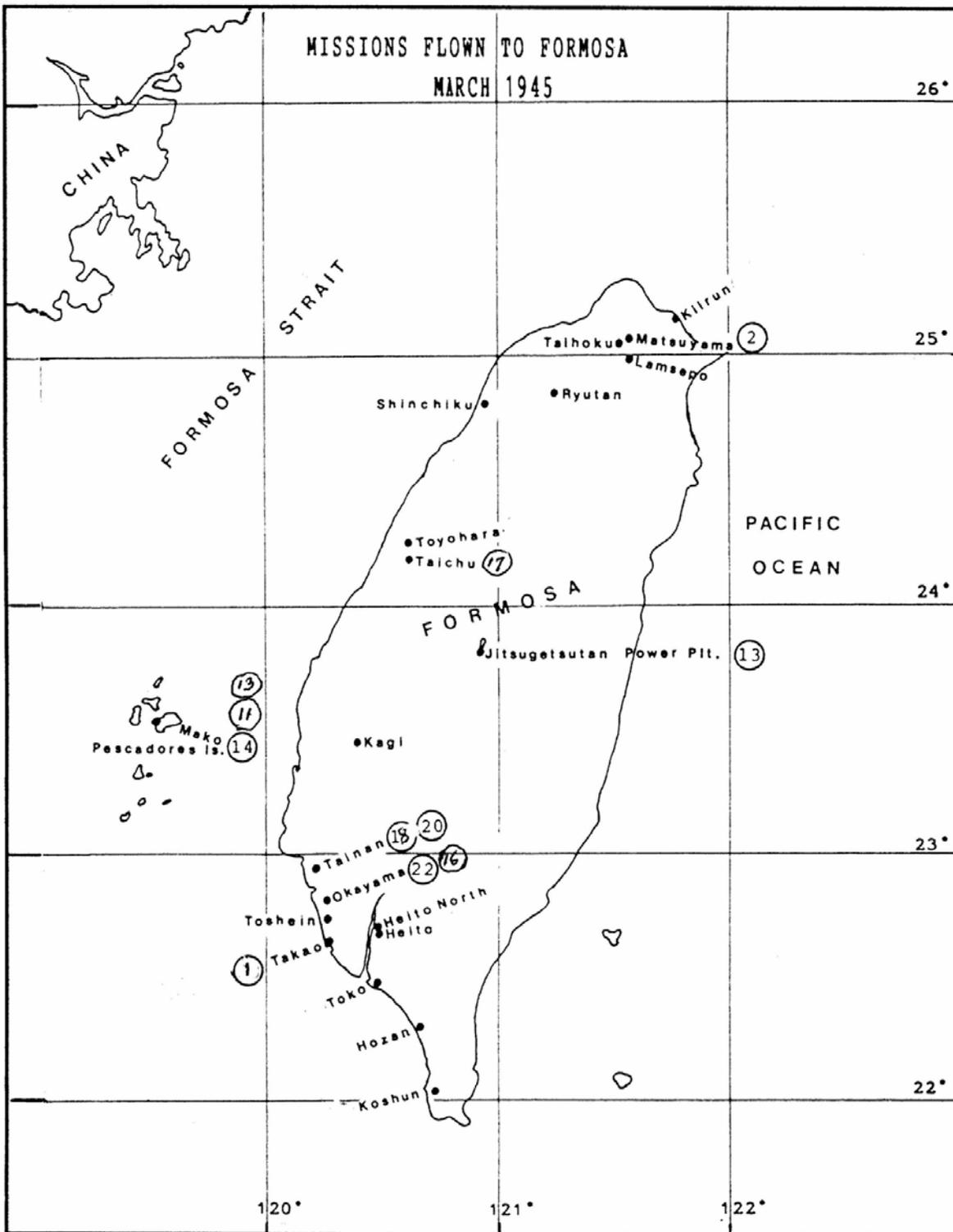
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Map 21: Missions Flown in The Philippines, March 1945



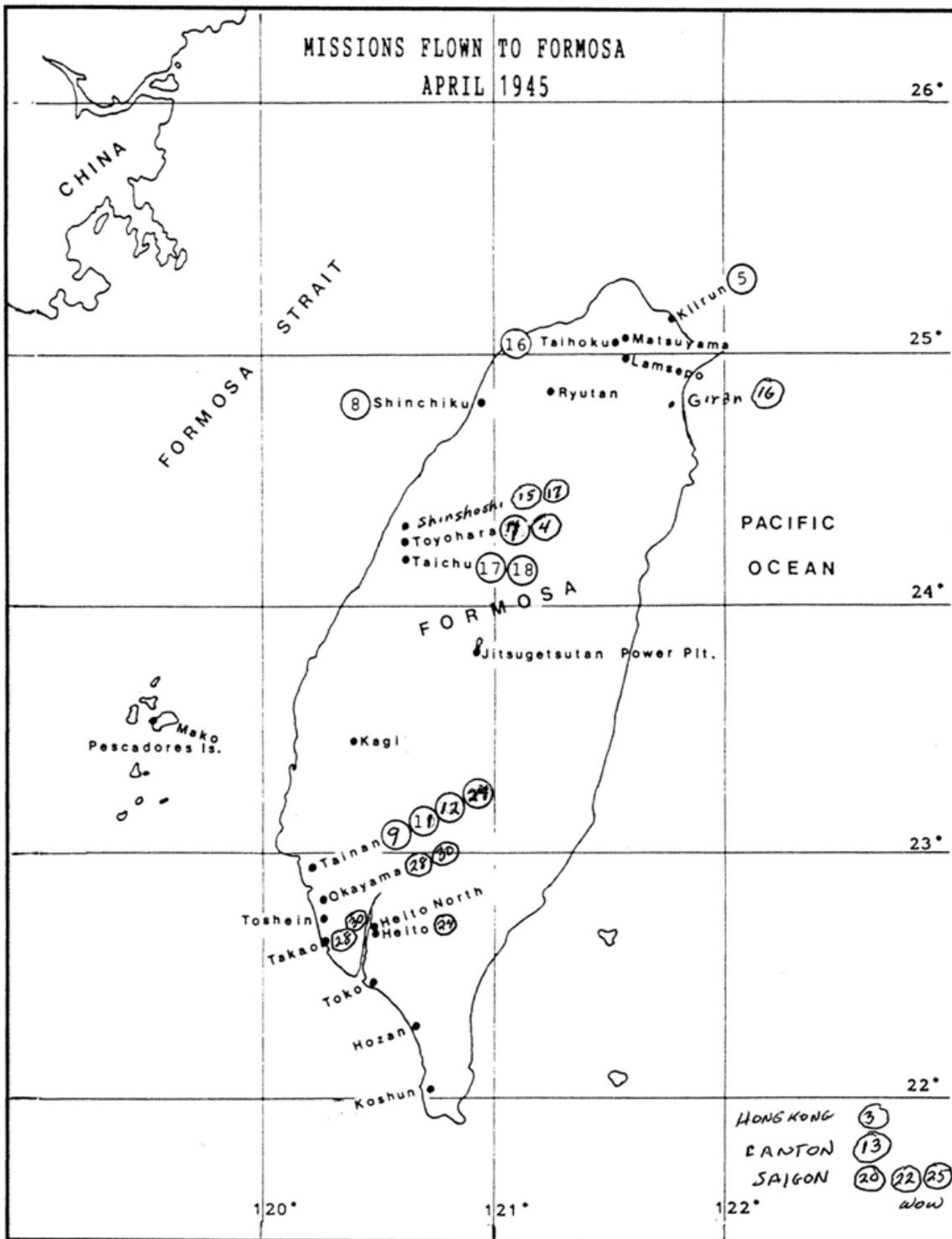
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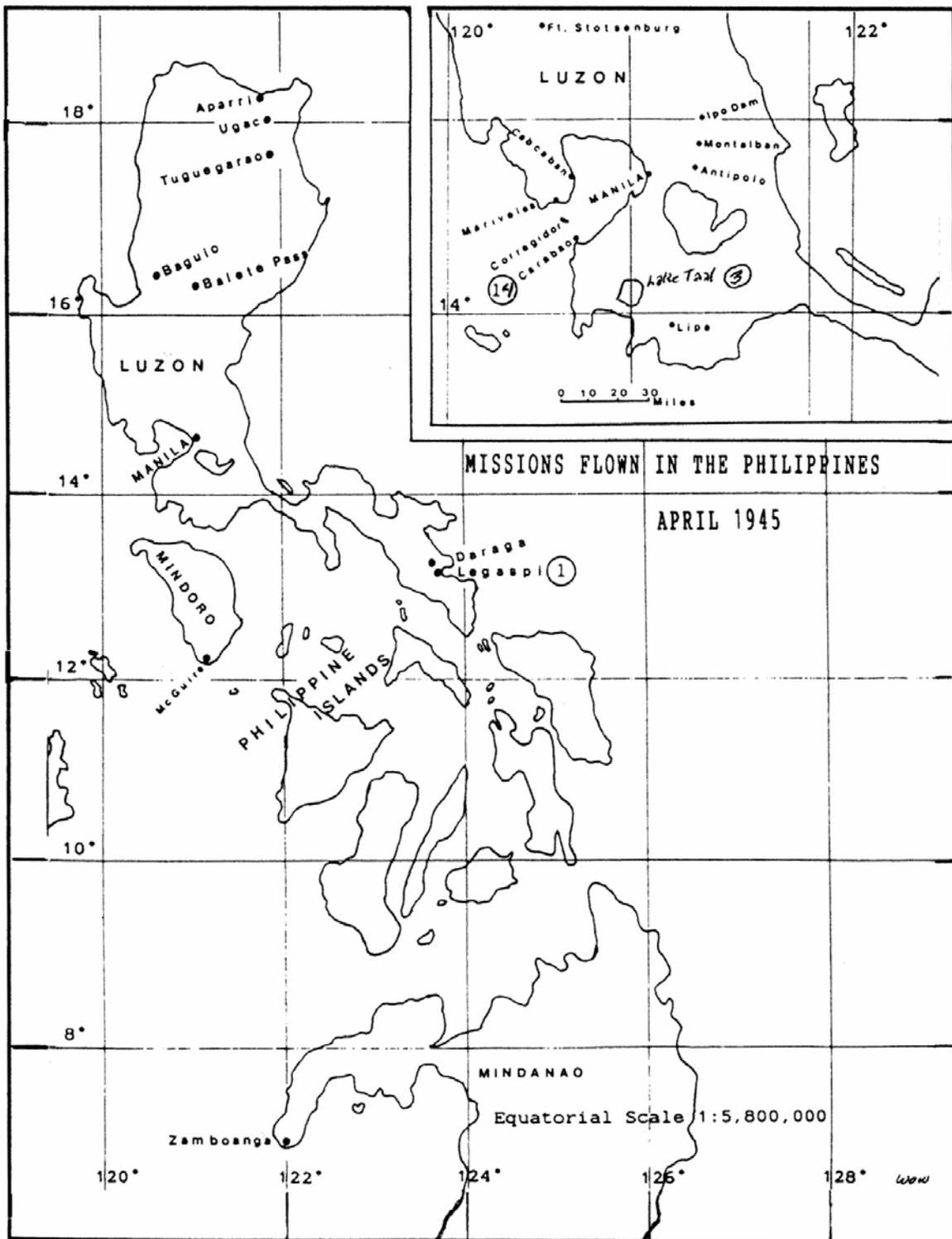
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Map 23: Missions Flown to Formosa, April 1945



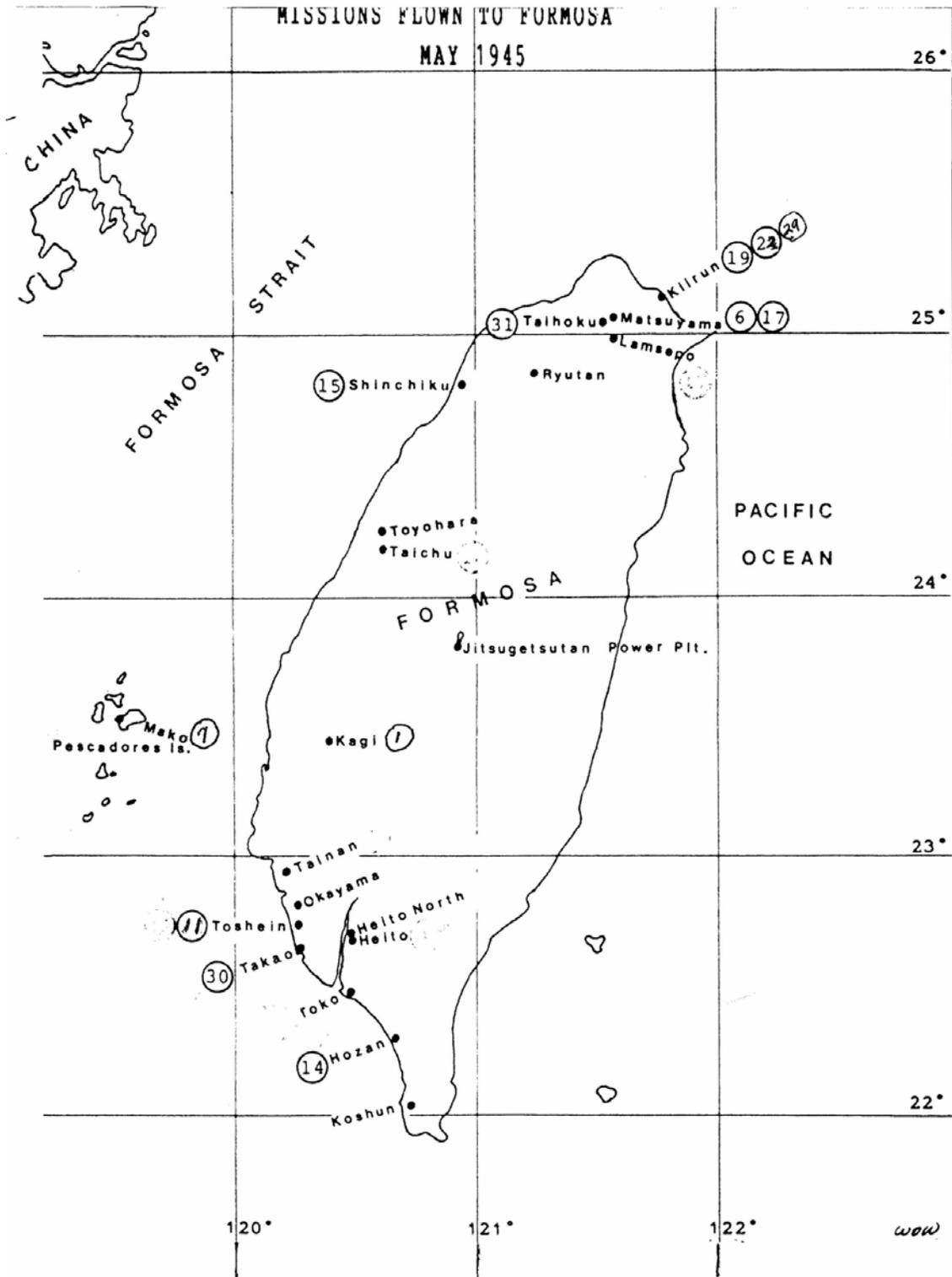
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Map 24: Missions Flown in The Philippines, April 1945



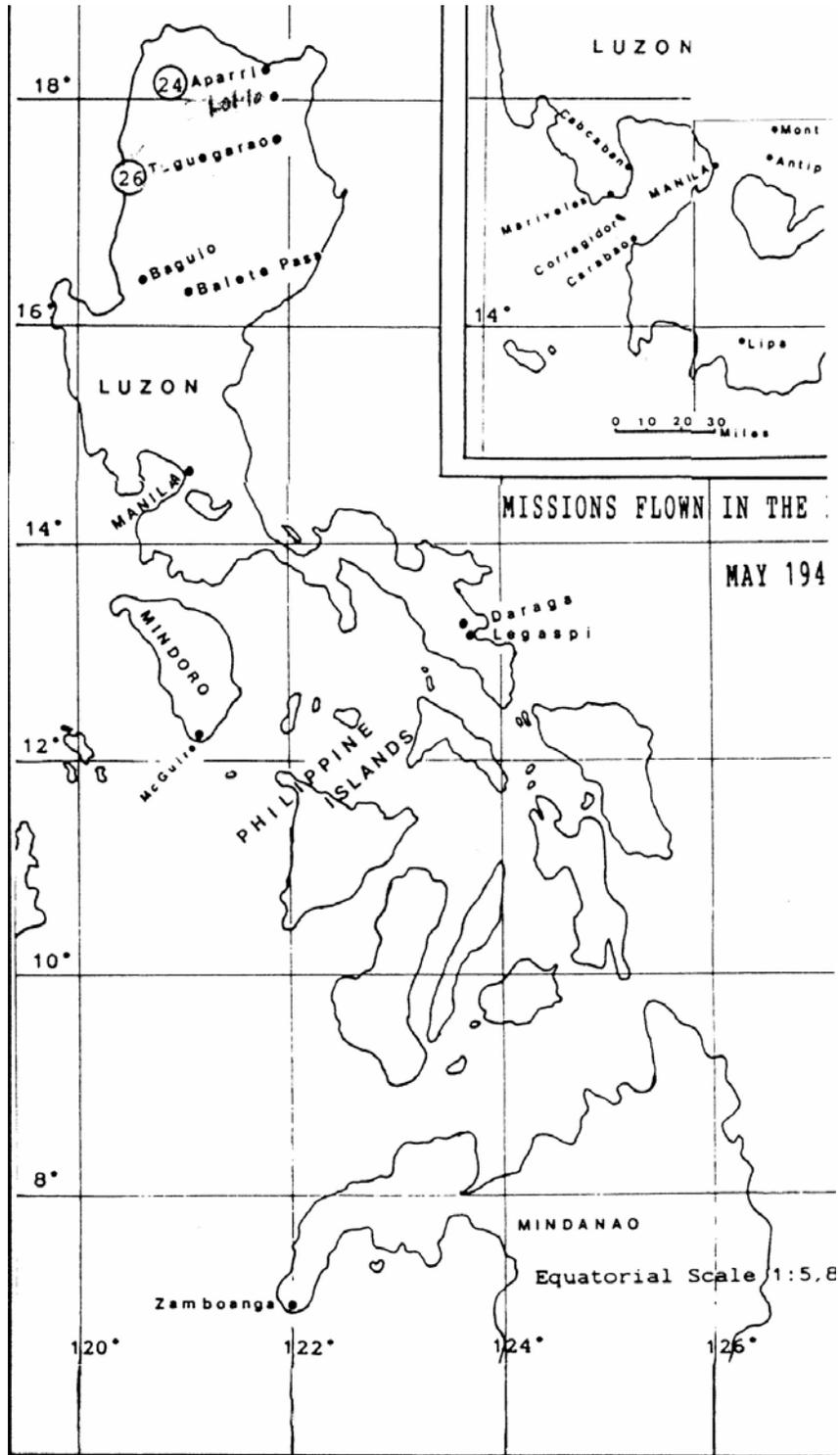
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Map 25: Missions Flown to Formosa, May 1945



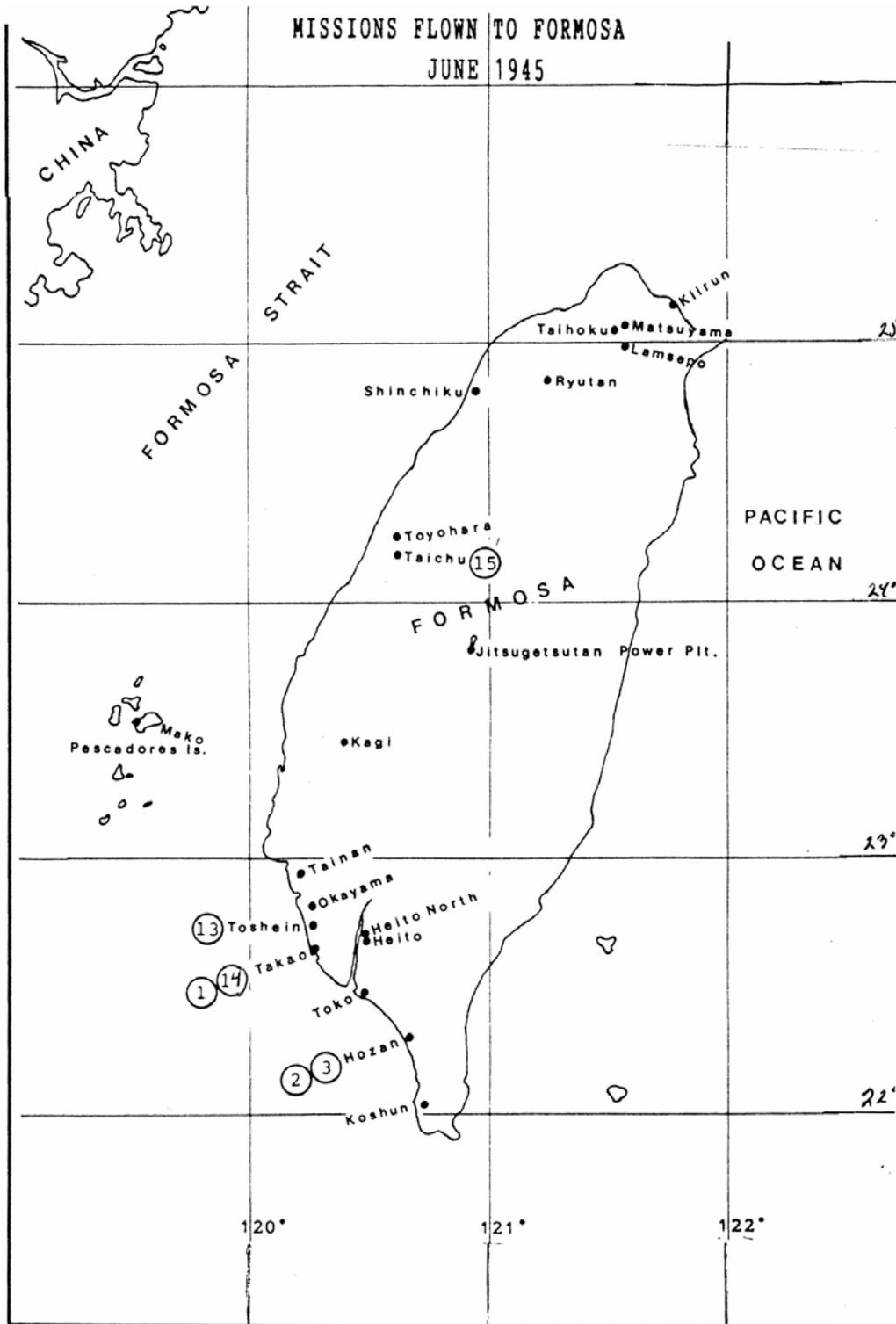
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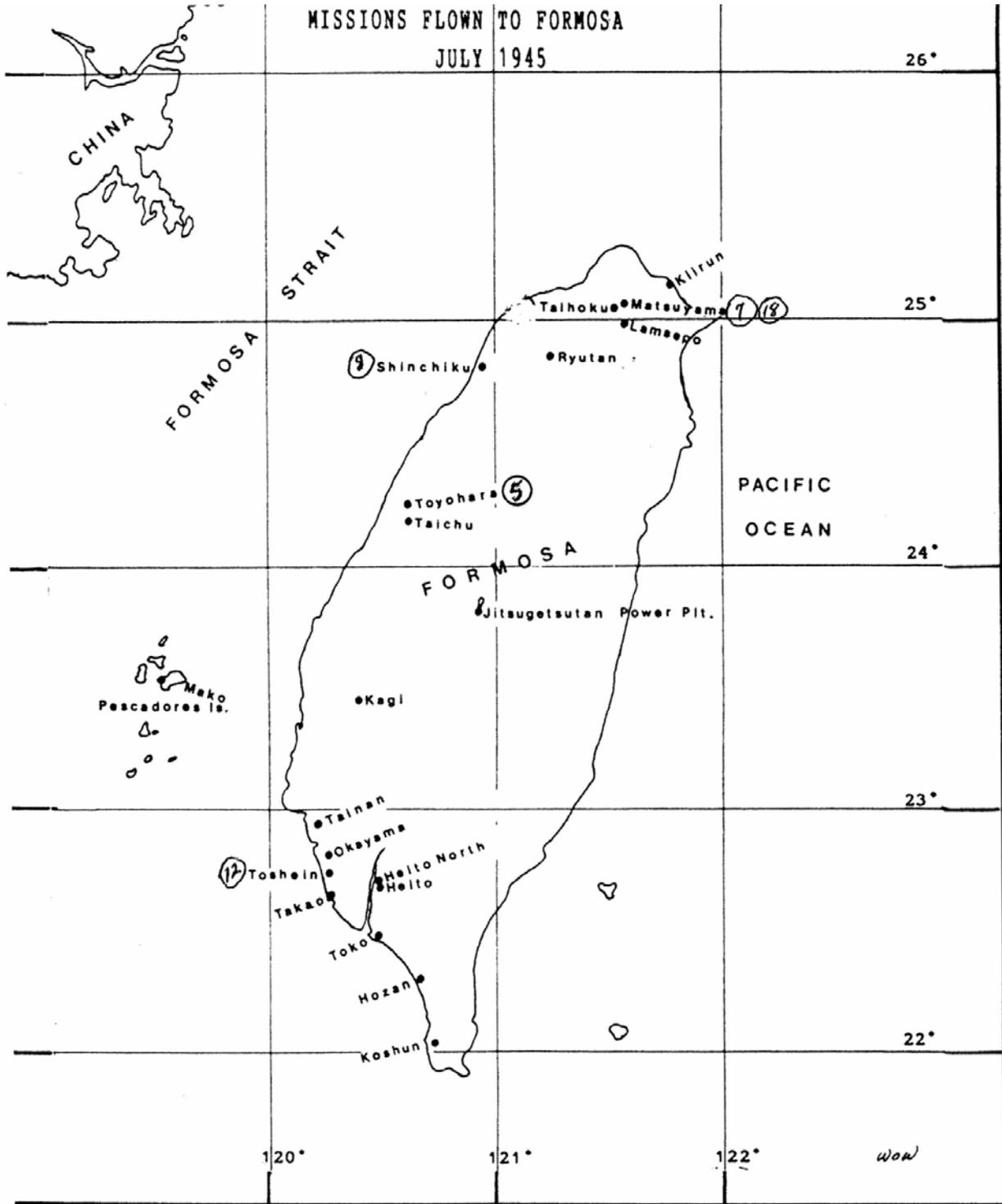
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Map 27: Missions Flown to Formosa, June 1945



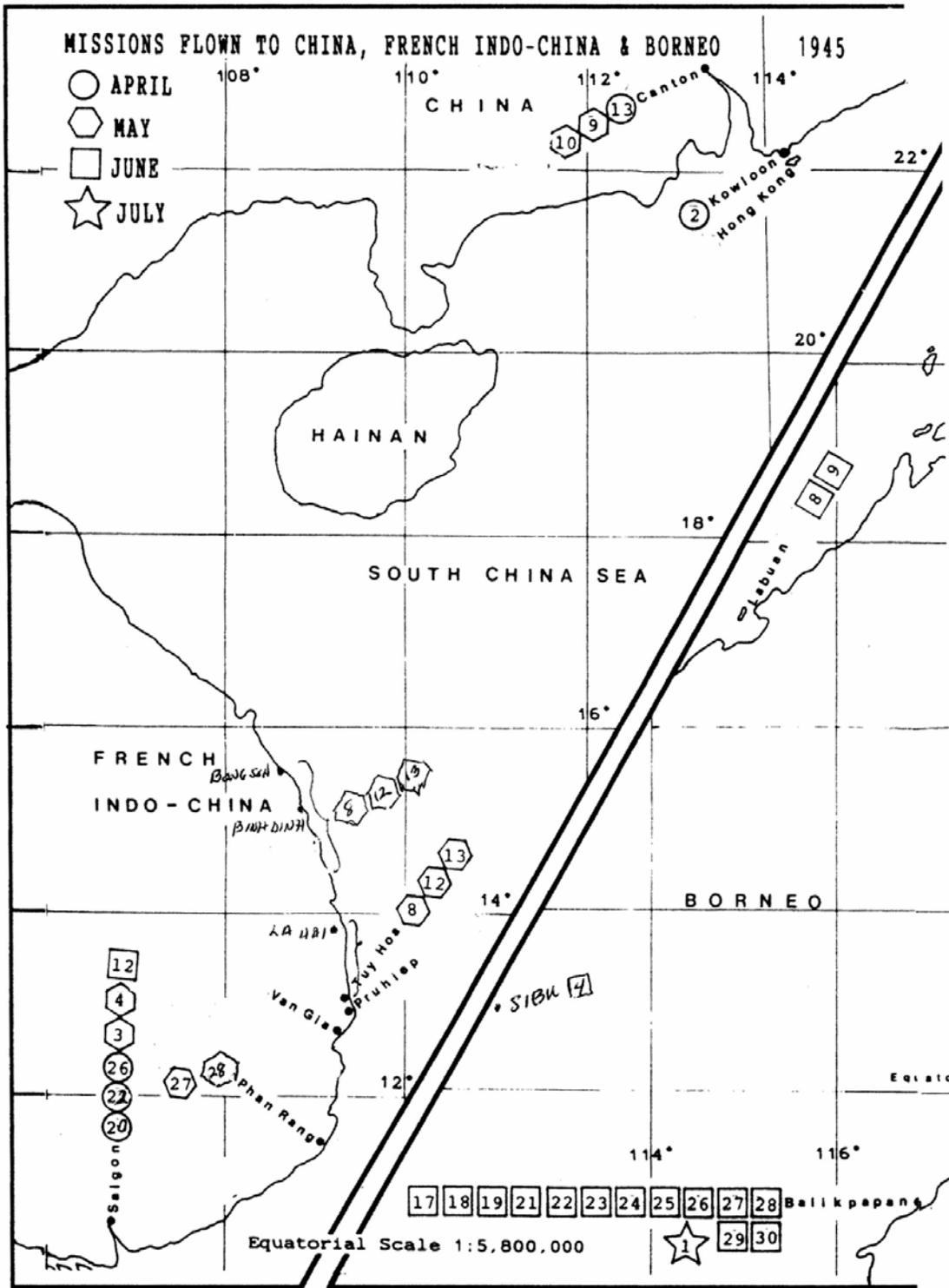
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Map 28: Missions Flown to Formosa, July 1945



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Map 29: Missions Flown to China, French Indo-China & Borneo, 1945



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Map 30: Leaflet Drops, Korea, September 1945

