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NEFIS INTERROGATION REPORT No. 1244.

I. PERSONAL DATA.

Name : Victor PONGILATAN.
Age : 26 years.
Sex : Male.
Race : Menadonese.
Citizenship : Netherlands Subject.
Birthdate & Place : 14 Jun 1918; Donggala, W. Celebes.
Education : Malay School at Gorontalo, N.Celebes,
1924 - 1930.
Religion : Protestant.
Status : Evacuee; picked up by Allied P.T. boat
off Wor Island (0°38'N., 128°31'E).
Occupation : Private No. 36197 RNI Army (Cavalry).
State of Health : Good.
Means of Identification : None.

ESTIMATE OF INTELLIGENCE AND RELIABILITY.

Inf appeared to be of average intelligence and normally observant. Information is considered to be fairly reliable.

II. CHRONOLOGY.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Place:</u>
1938 - Dec 41	: Bandoeng (W.Java); private in 2nd Squadron, Motorized Cavalry, RNI Army.
Dec 41 - Jan 42	: Karangampel (Cheribon); ditto.
Jan 42 - Mar 42	: Padalarang (W.Java); ditto.
Mar 42 - Apr 42	: Bandoeng (W.Java) PW in 2nd Squadron Motorized Cavalry barracks.
Apr 42 - Sep 42	: Bandoeng (W.Java); PW at former 10th Depot Battalion barracks. Later transferred to Jaarbeurs Buildings.
Oct 42 - Nov 42	: New Ireland; in Japanese military service.
Nov 42 - Mar 43	: Kokopo (New Britain); in Japanese military service.
Mar 43 - Nov 43	: Monez (Manila); ditto.
Nov 43 - mid-Nov 43	: Foelie (1°15'N., 128°09'E), Halmahera; in Japanese military service.
Mid-Nov 43 - Dec 43	: Moedjoei (1°14'N., 128°10'E), Halmahera; in Japanese military service.
Dec 43 - Aug 44	: Titilegan River Area (1°13'N., 128°11'E), Halmahera; in Japanese military service. Occasionally visited Foelie and Moedjoei.
Aug 44 - 15 Nov 44	: Halmahera; escaped from Titilegan River Area to Idis and later to Maba and Wor Island and was picked up from there by an Allied P.T. boat and taken to Morotai.

III. TACTICAL DATA ON ENEMY MILITARY FORCES.

Dispositions and Strength of Organisations and Units:

a. Foelie (1°15'N., 128°09'E), Halmahera, Nov 43: The main Japanese Army quarters consisted of two 10 x 5 metres wood and atap barracks and a large number of tents. They were situated south of the Foelie jetty (see item No. 1 on attached sketch NEFIS No. FY 5409). Inf was unable to estimate the number of troops quartered in this area.

On the eastern side of the road running northwards from Foelie jetty inf saw another 10 x 5 m. wood and atap barracks which was occupied by Japanese Army personnel (item No. 2 on sketch). He

Utilities:

Water: Foelic (1°15'N., 128°09'E), Moedigei (1°14'N., 128°10'E), Titilegan River Area (1°13'N., 128°11'E), Halmahera, Aug 44: The water supply consisted of wells which had been sunk by the Japanese themselves. Members of inf's unit were compelled to dig their own wells.

XII. PERSONALITIES.

Army Personnel: Titilegan River Area (1°13'N., 128°11'E), Halmahera, Aug 44:

Taii (Captain) Sato
Gocho (Corporal) Sato
Jotohei (Superior Private) Watanabe
Ittosotsu (1st cl. Private) Kataoeka
Nitosotsu (2nd cl. Private) Gimbo

XIII. GENERAL.

Prostitution: Foelic (1°15'N., 128°09'E), Halmahera, Aug 44: Inf saw a number of Indonesian women quartered in a building (item No. 11 on sketch). They were controlled by a Chinese woman who lived in a house west of the main building (item No. 29 on sketch).



Director NEFIS

S.H. S P O O R
Col.GS.R.N.I.A.

Camp Columbia, 9th March, 1945.

Enclosure:

NEFIS Sketch No. FY 5409 - Wasile Bay (Halmahera).

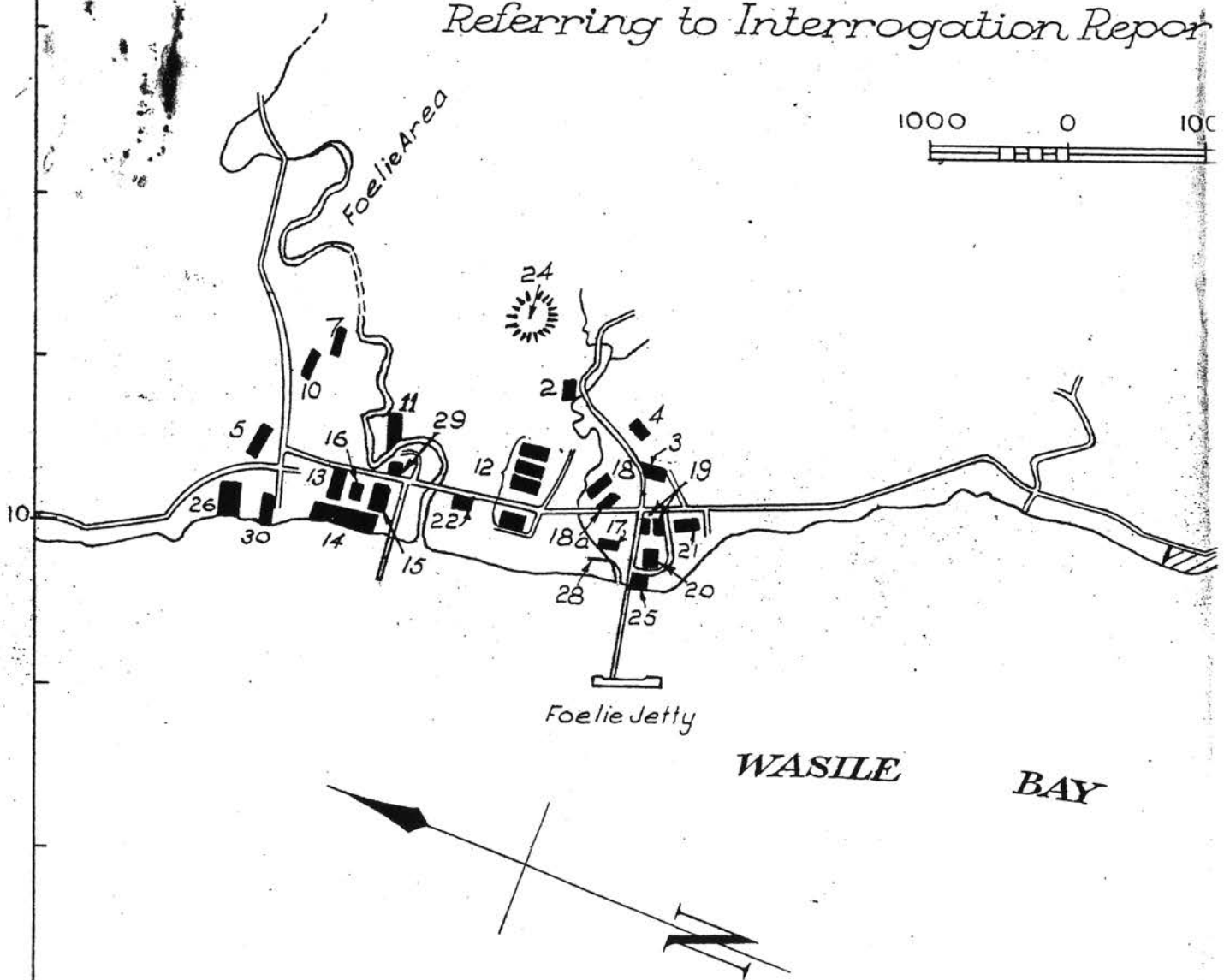
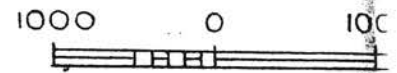
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WASILE HALMAHA

Lat. 01°

Long. 128°

*Drawn from mosaic of aerial photos. Wa
Referring to Interrogation Report*



REFERENCE.

1. Main Jap Army personnel bivouac area.
2. Barracks of Jap Army personnel.
3. Jap Army Office (Probably H.Q.)
4. Residence of Jap Major General.

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18. Jap Army

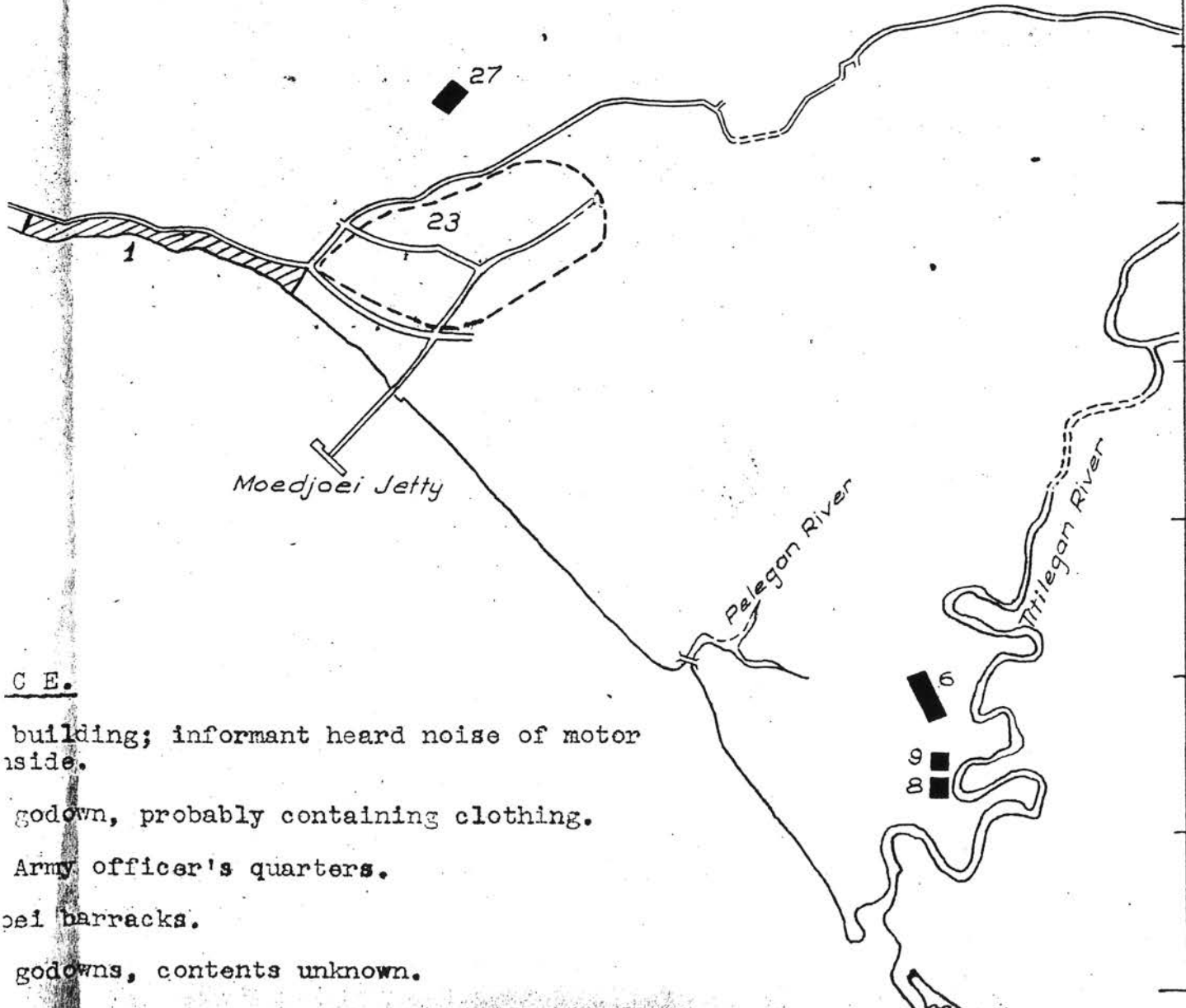
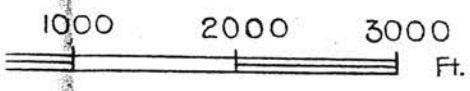
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Nasile Bay (Lolobata) V Bomber Command, 2-7-44.

Port No. 1244. Information up to August '44.

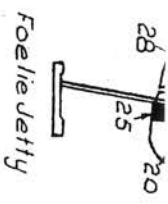


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- building; informant heard noise of motor inside.
- godown, probably containing clothing.
- Army officer's quarters.
- pei barracks.
- godowns, contents unknown.

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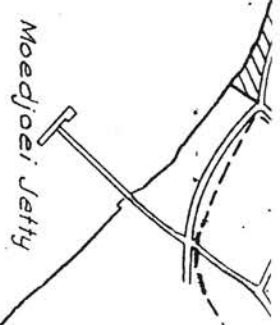
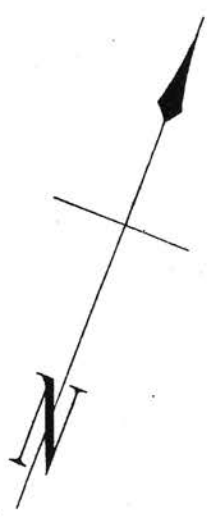
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WASILE

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Pelegon River

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2. Barracks of Jap Army personnel.
3. Jap Army Office (Probably H.Q.)
4. Residence of Jap Major General.
5. Pasanggérahah. (Resthouse for Jap army officers and Naval personnel)
6. Three barracks of Jap army personnel.
7. Jap Military hospital.
8. Helho Camp.
9. Menadonese Camp.
10. British Indian P.W. Camp.
11. Brothel area.
12. Five barracks for native coolies.
13. Two godowns containing hand tools, soya ketchup.
14. Four godowns containing food and vegetables.
15. One godown probably not used.

REFERENCE.

16. One building; informant heard noise of motor inside.
17. One godown, probably containing clothing.
18. Jap Army officer's quarters.
- 18a. Kempel barracks.
19. Two godowns, contents unknown.
20. One godown containing rice, destroyed during allied air raid.
21. W/T park and repair shop; destroyed during allied air raid.
22. Radio station.
23. Godown area; exact number and contents unknown.
24. A/A guns on small mound; approx. 60 feet high.
25. Observation post; approx. 15 metres high.
26. Saw mill.
27. Saw mill.
28. Narrow gauge railway.
29. Residence of Chinese woman in charge of brothel area.
30. Probably a factory.