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From: Commanding Officer, CGLORSTA, Guam, M.I.
To: Commandant (PO-2)
Via: (1) Commander, Marianas Section
(2) Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District (p)

Subj: Overseas Loran Station Survey

Ref: (a) Comdt.(PO-2) ltr 22 May 56, A7

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1. In reply to reference (a) a report of duty at this station is submitted herein.
2. The station is situated at one end of Cocos Island which is less than a mile long and 300 yards wide, located a couple of miles south of the island of Guam. The station normally sends two trips per week into Guam to haul supplies and mail. The trip normally takes ten to twelve hours. Large items and fuel are delivered either by LCM from CG Depot, Guam or a tender. Station logistics trips are made via station boat with outboard motor, and a truck which is kept on Guam.
3. The cost of living is very low since there are no natives on Cocos Island and no liberty is granted on Guam; hence there is no place to spend money on anything but essentials, gifts and souvenirs which can be picked up on the logistics trips. This is a non-dependent station. There are night-movies and the usual games, model building, pool table and athletic equipment including a basketball court. The most popular recreation is probably fishing. This can be practiced by almost all methods both day and night since there is an abundance of all species and sizes. The station has some gear, but many men prefer to use their own personal rigs. There is a complete darkroom on the station and woodworking facilities are adequate. Beer is authorized on the station and can be picked up on the logistics trips.
4. The weather is drier and windy (force 4 to 6) in winter, and a little warmer and calmer in summer. Annual ~~maximum~~ temperature range is about 72° to 95° F. Actually, it is relatively pleasant nearly all the time. The station was demolished by a typhoon in November 1949, but the natives on Guam are not expecting one to hit again for many years.
5. Since you will not be on Guam, there is no need to have a car. I have not been able to get a government vehicle so I have a jeep registered and insured in my name for general hauling on the station.

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6. There is a HML assigned to the station, and complete medical and dental facilities are available in large modern Navy installations on Guam. Emergent cases may be evacuated to Guam by helicopter in twenty minutes.

7. The station has a permanent concrete signal power building, but the other buildings are quonset and Butler type, and are the oldest in the Section. I have been informed that no rebuilding is planned within the next two years and considerable maintenance is required to preserve the present structures. All water is from roof catchment, and in the winter dry season supply is very short, but recent additions to the system should improve this considerably. No native labor is employed, and this coupled with the burden of own logistics support, maintenance of buildings, grounds, and a double slave loran station result in a work load well above the average for loran stations. The enclosed negatives will show the station itself.

K. B. Schumacher
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Encl: (1) Negatives of four (4) photographs

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CO, CGLORSTA ltr dtd 6/8/56 file A7, Serial: 268

From: Commander, Marianas Section
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Via: Commander, 14th Coast Guard District (p)

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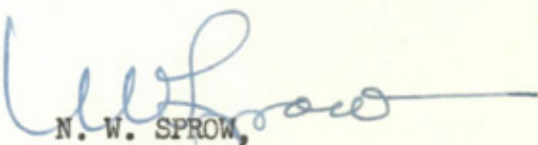
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SECOND ENDORSEMENT to CO, CGLORSTA, Guam, M.I., Ltr of 6-8-56, A7, Ser.268.

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

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N. W. SPROW,
By direction

LORAN TRANSMITTING STATION Guam

14 CG DISTRICT

SECTION OFFICE Marianas

LTJG K B. SCHUMACHER

CLASSIFICATION Isolated

12 months

(Isolated, Semi-isolated, Dependent) (12, 18, 24 month tour)

LOCATION: END OF COCOS ISLAND, MARIANAS' ISLANDS A COUPLE MILES SOUTH OF GUAM.

CLIMATIC CONDITIONS: DRY & WINDY IN WINTER, WARMER & CALMER IN SUMMER.
TEMP. RANGE ABOUT 72° TO 95°

COST OF LIVING: (Comm. & Enl.) VERY LOW

RECREATION: MOVIES NIGHTLY, USUAL GAMES, MODEL BUILDING, POOL TABLE, ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT INCLUDING BASKETBALL COURT, FISHING BY ALL METHODS BOTH DAY & NIGHT. BEER MESS AUTHORIZED.

MEDICAL FACILITIES: HMI assigned to station and complete medical & dental facilities in Navy installation in Guam by helicopter in 20 minutes.

MAIL & SUPPLIES:

2 trips a week to Guam via station boat.

FACILITIES FOR DEPENDENTS (If Authorized)

NOT AUTHORIZED.

ADVISABILITY OF PRIVATE AUTOMOBILE: NO NEED. A jeep can be registered and insured in C.O. name for general hauling.

DESCRIPTION OF STATION AND SURROUNDING AREA:

Cocos Island is less than a mile long and 300 yards wide. Permanent concrete signal tower building. Other buildings are permanent but better type. Considerable maintenance required.

ADVANTAGES:

Climate

Close to Navy installation

DISADVANTAGES:

Isolation

Heavy work load.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PICTURES ENCLOSED: Yes (☒) No (☐)