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TO: Joe Col JOB: 7
FROM: H Malstrom RE: Work Progress at Wotho

DATE: _____

Friday 11-29-57
Briefing by Mrs. Wehrle in security building at 1600, on
security and conduct while at Wotho.
LST 618 due in at 1100 Sat 11-30

Sat. 11-30
LST 618 arrived Elmer at 1549, delay due to rough sea
offloading of Ponape and Truk equipment and left over
material started at 1625
Loading of Wotho cargo completed at 2025.
LST 618 departed Elmer at 2129.

Sunday 12-1-57
A combination of wind, rough sea, moss on
hull and a bent propeller held top speed down to
six and one half knots.
Capt. Parks talked by radio to Capt.
Peterson of the LST 684, anchored in the lagoon at
Wotho. Capt. Peterson agreed to stand by to
direct Capt. Parks into the beach strip blasted
out by 684 blasting crew.

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Monday 12-2
Sick Plumber, Hudson Aki, aboard. Beginning
to look as though he will have to be sent back
Dropped anchor in Wotho lagoon at 815
alongside the LST 684. Capt. Parks and 2nd mate
W. Reynolds took off at 825 in shore boat for the
LST 684. Capt. Parks returned at 900 with information
needed for beaching. LST 684 then departed for Elmer.

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Ship beached at 1147 and first trailer off loaded at 1201. Cat. bogged down with trailer at shore line.

It took skip loader in front and Cat. at rear to get trailer on high ground. It was then decided to use bulldozer to cut road from ship ramp to high ground, no trouble from then on. Two trees on native property were removed to get road through. Const. crew started clearing site and first trailer transferred to job site at 1410.

All cargo except two ninety foot poles off loaded at 1000.

Distillation unit placed on existing slab. Grading started for addition to distillation and gen. bldg. slab.

Tue. 12-3-57

Work day for this site is 700 to 1230 and 1300 to 1630, Sundays 700 to 1230 and 1300 to 1530.

Work on underground wiring for existing tent slabs started at 700. Started raining at 715. Tent skin used to protect dist. unit.

Clean up, grading and concrete slab pour for pump house completed at 1230.

One palm tree removed to make room for day room tent.

Slab addition for gen. bldg. poured.

Excavating for tower footings in progress.

Report ends at 1300

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June 12-3 Continued

Two 60 KW generators set in place on existing slab.

U F-1 landed at 1135. Mr. Cole and Don Winchester from A.E.C. were aboard. U F-1 took off at 1349, Mr. Cole, Mr. Winchester and Hudson Aki, plumber for H & N were aboard.

Framing started on power and dis. bldg. Forms and grading complete for mess hall construction of forms for water tower footings and piers started.

Elec. started to assemble panels for power and distillation bldg.

Wed. 12-4-57

L.S.T. was tied to palm tree near shore line. During the night the tree was pulled out, so a dead man was placed at each side of the ship, using old timbers found on job site. Have put down location on as built plot plan for future use.

Survey crew laying out for antenna poles and anchors for guy wires.

Forms complete for water tower footings and piers at 900. Forms and grading completed for shower bldg and shower drain installed. Shower feature completed, and framing for pump house complete.

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Wall and roof framing for Power and Dis. bldg. 75% complete. Elec. power panels installed in Power and Dis bldg and conduit work in progress.

Concrete pour for mess hall, shower bldg. and water tower started at 900 completed at 1500. Good clean aggregate was found on beach near job site. Two test cylinders taken, one from mess hall and one from tower.

Fuel tank stand completed and tanks set in place. Plumbers working on fuel lines from tanks to gen. and dis. bldg.

Thur. 12-5-57

Capt. Parks invited the natives aboard to see the movies. The total population of the village is 53 people and the first night movies were shown 48 natives were aboard.

Forms stripped from tower piers and backfill completed. Tower frame being assembled on the ground, to be lifted in place with crane. Joists, decking and rails to be added after tower frame is in place.

Wall and roof framing for Power and Dis. bldg. complete, elec. work continues and pumps bolted in place.

Concrete pour for Redsafe tent started

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at 1330 completed at 1720. Location of slab changed to keep from cutting out two palm trees, change noted on as built drawings. Form work completed for antenna pole piers and anchors.

Fri 12-6-57

Water tower completed and tank put in place. Aluminum roofing complete and aluminum wall covering 60% complete on Power and Dis. bldg., also elec wiring complete and fixtures installed. Power cable connections from generator to panels 50% complete.

Plywood wall and roof covering on pump house complete, and pumps installed, no pipe work started.

Antenna poles off loaded from ship and transferred to job site. Concrete piers and anchor blocks for antenna poles precast.

Welding of anchor straps to navy cubes for boat landing in progress.

Holes cut in oil drum and 4" pipe put through, then drum was filled with concrete, to make pier for S.W. line.

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Sat. 12-7-57

at 845 the LST 664 dropped anchor about three miles out in the lagoon. at 900 a shore boat from the LST 618 went out to pick up clear linen and Mr. Hyland, plumber sent to replace the one sent back to Parry on account of sickness, returning at 1045. The LST 664 departed by site Elmer.

Work started on small craft dock at 830. At quitting time all four navy cube piers needed for dock were in place and filled with sand. Mess Hall tent framing and elec. work started, 40% complete at quitting time.

Framing for shower bldg 90% complete
 Power and gen. bldg. complete, acid pit complete and backfilled.

Pipe work for SW pumps, from pump house to tower tank 50% complete.

A material check shows the following items missing, 6 flies for 8 man tents, 1 fly for 4 man tent, Hangers, pulls and hooks for 8 doors and 8 rolls of screening. Mr. Baldwin has sent dispatch requesting they be sent by air freight.

Sunday 12-7-57

Forms and grading complete for refer. tent.
 Framing complete, tent skin applied, wiring complete and plumbing in progress for mess hall.
 Wall covering metal roofing and wiring complete for shower bldg.
 SW + FW piping 50% complete.

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Framing in progress for Radsafe tent and sleeping quarters tent #4

Framing for small craft dock complete and decking 20% complete.

all anchor blocks and pole pieces for antenna in place and backfilled. one antenna pole raised and guyed.

Monday 12-9-57

Ship loader broken down, no way to repair until taken back to Parry. Will slow down final site grading and clean up.

Slab poured for refer tent, the final concrete pour, mixer taken back to ship.

Framing complete on quarters tents Bldg. 1+2

Excavating for waste lines from shower and mess hall complete and pipe work in progress.

UF-1-landed at 1220, took off at 1345. Tent flies, plumbing supplies, mail and two rolls of fly screen aboard. Six rolls of screen missing, as 8 rolls were ordered.

Radsafe tent and quarters tent #4 complete, except tent fly and screening

Generator connecting complete and testing in progress.

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Tuesday 12-10-57

sewer outfall completed.

Transite wall covering, rough plumbing, finish plumbing and electrical wiring complete in shower room. Plumbing wiring and fly screen on walls complete in mess hall.

All tent framing and wiring complete and all tent skins applied except refrigerator tent. Refer. tent framing in progress. Construction of refer. tent was left until near the end of the job in order to use crane to the best advantage.

Small craft dock completed. Dock is 120 ft. long, four navy cubes used for piers. Enough material sent for 226 ft. of dock, surplus has been back loaded on trailers and strapped, to be returned to Parry.

Wednesday 12-11-57

Back loading started, two loaded trailers three empty trailers, concrete mixer and skip loader are aboard and lashed down. Fuel oil drums from last operation, scattered about job site have been stacked.

Fuel in damaged drums destroyed as a safety precaution.

Pipe work complete on distillation unit, no distillation - mechanic at job site to put unit in operation - Mr. Baldwin has sent dispatch

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for information on what to do about getting fresh water, as ice machine, water coolers and water heater cannot be tested without fresh water.

Generators complete, tested and in working order, Electric lighting, electric ranges and reefers checked and in good working order. Ice cube machine case damaged, but no damaged working parts have been found, cannot be sure until machine is in operation.

Wood base complete in all tents. Fly screening complete in mess hall, one sleeping tent, shower and latrine. No screen available for balance of camp.

Thursday 12-12-57

Construction work completed at 1000. Construction crew put in balance of day back loading and cleanup. Plumbers and pipe fitters made check on all equipment. The chief engineer from the LST volunteered to start distillation unit.

With the help of one of his mechanics they put the unit in operation, and distilled 1500 gallons of water, which was pumped into the tower tank, also S.W. tank was filled.

No fly for reefer tent and no wall screening material for tents 1-3-4-6-7, all other work complete.

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TO: Joe Cole
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Electric water cooler at mess hall entrance disconnected and put inside mess hall. Acid pump left in P. & D. bldg. No fuel in storage tanks.

Friday 12-13-57

With fresh water available it was possible to test water heater, water coolers and ice machine all were in good working order.

LST pulled off beach at 800, that being high tide and anchored in the lagoon.

U.F.-1 - Landed at 925, departed at 1040. Two native constables and Mr. Maynard Neas, TT Gustad, were aboard. Tom Baldwin was aboard when plane took off. The native constables are to be stationed at Radsale station until it is put in operation. Cots, mattresses, bedding and one month's food supply provided for the constables from the LST supplies.

I went ashore with Mr. Neas and the constables and after showing them everything they should know about the camp, we contacted the native magistrate for Wothe. The damage to trees reported by the magistrate checked with my own record. Trees removed 2 pandanas, 2 large palms, 2 small palms and 1 pandanas damaged.

After taking care of his business with the native magistrate, Mr. Neas returned to the LST for the return trip to Parris.

Departed Wothe at 1200, Arrived Parris at 1345 -
12-14-57