(a) All churches are protestant and under the supervision of the Boston Missionary Society. Church services are held on all the populated islands and where there is no pastor a native lay-preacher or "deacon" holds the meeting. Miss Eleanor Wilson, the only missionary in the area, left on 5 January and a definite date of her return is not known.

(b) There are no church schools and the evening English classes conducted by Miss Wilson at Majuro (Laura) Island have been discontinued pending her return.

(c) The relations between Military Government and Miss Wilson continued to prove satisfactory during her stay. The Marshallese Church Conference, an event held every two years, convened on 21 December and adjourned on 5 January. Military Government cooperated wholeheartedly with the furnishing of transportation for the delegates to this conference. Officers attended most of the sessions and the Commander, Marshalls Sub-Area, staff Military Government officers and officers from the Majuro Unit were in attendance at the closing day exercises and ordination ceremonies for native pastors. After the ceremonies Miss Wilson, and Dr. Clarence Gillette, also a Boston Mission Board representative along with about 20 Marshallese delegates, were flown to Kwajalein. The Rev. Caleb, native minister on Majuro, said that Miss Wilson would return about the first of April.
The adult school on Laura Island, formerly taught by Miss Eleanor Wilson, the missionary, now away from this area, is being taught by the teachers of the elementary school there. This project is one of their own undertaking and shows the development of individual initiative. Practically all of the ministers and delegates to the Marshallese Church Conference, which ended 5 January, have been returned to their home islands with a few stragglers planning to leave on the native schooner Mera when it visits Majuro early in March.
(a) No change. See January Report No. 2.

(b) The students in the Teacher Training School are preparing several English and Marshallese hymns for Easter services. The program will be recorded if the available equipment can be made to function by that time. Natives have made rapid strides in singing American songs and like them very much. It is felt that much progress can be made toward teaching them English words through music. They have excellent natural voices and know how to read music well. A number of singing fests have been held during the month. Natives at the Labor Camp Majuro have been taking an active part in the chapel services at NAF and on Sunday March 30 conducted the services in its entirety. There are no church schools in this command and from all reports the missionary formerly located here, Miss Eleanor Wilson, plans to remain on Kusaie for sometime.

(c) Military Government enjoys pleasant relations with the religious element throughout all the atolls. Full cooperation is given all religious groups (99 per cent being of the Boston Mission) and since the Marshallese Church Conference the native ministers have had higher regard for the part Military Government is playing in the life of the area. Officers impressed the delegates and ministers and found that it proved highly beneficial. Every effort was made by Military Government not to imitate the methods employed by the Japanese to dominate the conference and infiltrate all political and economic aspects of the culture of the administrators. With American missionaries present this was not necessary.
(a) Denomination, number and location of churches, names of missionaries, etc.

By far the greatest majority of the people in this area belong to the Native Marshallese Church which derives its background from the Boston Missionary Society. Scattered here and there are perhaps thirty odd at the most who profess the Roman Catholic Faith, and many of them trace their early religious training to Likiep Atoll where most of the Roman Catholics of the Marshalls are located.

Every village in the area has its own church at which services are held at a minimum of three times weekly and often more. Four ordained ministers serve the five atolls. Church elders however conduct the services of the other churches in the absence of a minister. Church is an important community feature to the natives and fills a large part of their social culture. Great pride is taken in the edifice and it is not unusual to find it the largest and finest building in the village.

Miss Elinor Wilson of the Boston Missionary Society under the American Board of Missions recently returned to this area after an extended tour of the Carolines starting last January 5th. Her return on the 26th of June was welcomed by the native people as she is highly thought of and well liked. She is located at Majuro Island, Majuro Atoll.
Father Vincent I. Conelli Rev. S. J., Jesuit Missionary and Apostolic Administrator of the Carolines and the Marshall Islands visited here on the 12th of April. He held a welcomed service for the people here, and discussed the church needs of those in attendance. This was also a part of his inspection of the Southeastern Marshalls and the Gilbert Islands.

(b) Church Schools:
Prior to the return of Miss Wilson there has been no church schools in operation since her departure as noted above. However, she will soon resume her classes in Bible study and Adult English at Majuro Island.

(c) Relations with USNMGU:
The presence of a missionary in the area has been of great help to Military Government. As the motives and objectives of Military Government and the church are similar in respect to working for the betterment of the native people the closest harmony and cooperation has existed. Miss Wilson has in the past been of great assistance in bringing English instruction to the adult groups of Majuro Village, and in offering home economics training to the teen age girls outside of regular school hours. The nature of her work is such as to bring stimulation to the church work in the area. A community formed around and guided by an active church is always the better for all concerned.
Religion
(a) Denomination, number and location of churches, names of missionaries etc. - The comments made in reference (f) remain pretty much the same. Miss Elinor Wilson, Missionary, departed this area on 18 Sept. for Tuluk where she will assist Dr. Gillette, also of the Amer board of Missions. She further expects to be on hand for the reopening of the mission School at Kusaie. Her plans call for her return to Majuro sometime in Dec.

Marshallene church services are held each Sunday in the base Chapel. Several of the base personnel and dependent families attend quite regularly and thoroughly enjoy the services. The native pastor from Majuro Island conducts about one service a month and local lay leaders handle the others.

(b) Church schools - With the departure of Miss Wilson all church school work has ceased. There are no formal Mission Schools in the Majuro District. (c) Relations with CivAdm - Full cooperation has been given the church program in this area, particularly in respect to maintaining church structures. As mentioned above the Atoll pastor visits the base approx. once each month to hold services for the natives employed by CivAdm. Relations have been most cordial in all respects. Churches in the field are now well established and an important part of each community.
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2 (Religion)

(a) Denomination, number and location of churches, names of missionaries, etc..

There is little change from the last report. Miss Wilson has not returned as yet and the churches have been operating under native pastors as heretofore. Father Feeney, Catholic Missionary from Likiep in the Kwajalei district, has made two visits to this district and has held services for Catholic natives and base personnel on two occasions. A Christmas party for the youngsters was held Christmas Eve at the base Chapel followed later by Midnight Mass.

(b) Church Schools -

One mission school for adults is in operation on Imroj Island, Jaluit Atoll as reported in section 1 Education (a) above. No statistics are available on the number of students or course of study. The field trip Representative Supt. of schools, Dwight Heine, did not get a chance to discuss the matter with the pastor who is conducting the school. It is planned to stay longer on the next field trip and get full information.

(c) Relations with Civil Administration -

Full cooperation continues as in the past. Special Church services were held on Thanksgiving and Christmas in the base chapel. On each occasion the Marshallese joined with Civil Administration personnel in attending and contributed considerably with their native singing and an organ solo by Dwight Heine.
(a) In the Majuro District of the Marshalls all churches are Protestant. For the small Catholic element, the Navy chapel on the base is used, and is also shared with Protestants, Navy personnel and native Marshallese. In some atolls, Catholics hold services in their homes.

The following is a tabulation of church locations and their pastors. It will be seen that there are more churches than pastors. The "atoll pastor" serves all churches in his atoll.

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The Catholics of the Majuro District are visited on occasion by the Frs. Feeney and Donahoe, S.J., whose headquarters are on Likiep of the Kwajalein District. No visits were made during this reporting period. Now that both Districts become one CAU Marshalls on 1 October, transportation should be better and more frequent visits will probably be made.

Miss Elinor Wilson of the Boston Missionary Society returned from the Carolines on 8 July, having departed from the Majuro Area in September 1947. She is stationed at Majuro Village where she maintains her headquarters.

(b) Church Schools:
The mission school in Imroj (Jaluit) is still functioning with an enrollment of 15 boys and 15 girls, most of whom are graduates of the government elementary school on the same island. Rev. Bourne Heine and Rev. Caleb are the instructors, but both are away at the present time. In their absence, Rev. Caleb's wife, Lily and Simon, their married son are substituting. Bible, English, arithmetic and social science are the subjects taught.

(c) Relations with Civil Administration:
Full cooperation continues as in the past. Miss Elinor Wilson held her semi-annual Board of Directors' meeting at Majuro Village in September. The pastors were all furnished transportation during the August-September field trip to attend. Although this Board normally meets every six months, this was the first meeting held since the conference of the Marshallese Church Association in early January 1947. (This Association normally meets every two years). The purpose of the Board of Directors' meetings is to carry on all business matters between the bi-annual Association meetings.
Present at the meeting were the Reverends Bourne Heine, Caleb, Lanwi, Lorennij, Tokak, Mr. Issac of Aum Atoll; and also from the Kwajalein District, Rev. Ned of Carlos, and Rev. Zedekiah of Ailuk.

After the Board of Directors Meeting the Marshallese members except Bourne Heine and Rev. Tokak proceeded to Kusaie on the "Morning Star" for three months refresher course and they should return to their churches by Christmas. Bourne Heine is awaiting permit to enter Honolulu for religious study under Hawaii Board of Missions. Authority has not yet been received although presumably it has been issued by HiComTerPacIs serial 2025 of 8 September (HiComTerPacIs dispatch 240311Z of September refers).

Miss Wilson assisted by Rev. Tokak is substituting at the Majuro Village Church in Rev. Lorennij's absence. In addition, Miss Wilson holds two classes a week for the younger members of the church.
(a) Denomination, number, location, pastors, missionaries, etc.

Fathers Feeney and Donahue with their north base at Likiep and their south base at Majuro continue to serve the small Catholic population in the outlying islands and atolls. Marshallese Protestant pastors under the guidance of Miss Elinor Wilson are located on the majority of the atolls. Miss Wilson now has her headquarters at Majuro island, Majuro atoll.

Chaplain Buckingham from Kwajalein has established a schedule of visits during the first week of each month to Majuro atoll.

(b) Church schools:

There are three mission schools in the Marshall Islands operating with the approval and general supervision of the Civil Administrator. The school at Imroj Island, Jaluit atoll is functioning with two Marshallese instructors and the enrollment is in the main in the age group of sixteen years and over.

The mission school at Likiep atoll operated by Fathers Feeney and Donahue and employing two Marshallese instructors now has an enrollment of sixty-five students. This represents largely the age group of under sixteen years old. At the present time the mission school at Likiep has the better facilities and perhaps the most efficient organization of
any school in the Marshalls. They are not handicapped by loss of teaching personnel or the possibility of having to move their school plant to a different location at some time during the school term.

Kaven, Maloelap atoll mission school has an enrollment of twelve students taught by one Marshallese instructor, Myra Nelson, who receives one hundred and twenty dollars ($120.00) from the mission society and one hundred dollars ($100.00) from the village per annum. There is some question of the municipality being able to support three teachers. This will be investigated on the next trip to Maloelap.

(c) Relations with Civil Administration:

Relations as in the past have been most cordial this quarter. There is some question of the sudden drop in the attendance at the public school at Likiep and the increase in the enrollment in the mission school, but no definite information has been received about this question. It is planned to have a member of the Department of Education present on the next field trip to Likiep.