

REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN THE SOUTHERN MARSHALL ISLANDS
(EXCLUDING THE MAJURO SECTOR) DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 1946.

1. POPULATION.

(a) Populations of the Atolls of the Southern Marshall Islands in April 1946 are as follows:

ATOLL	PREVIOUS TOTAL	BIRTHS	DEATHS	RESETTLED		TOTAL (AS OF 30 APRIL 1946)
	FEBRUARY			TO	FROM	
LIB	66	0	0	0	0	66
NAMU	298	0	1	3	8	292
AILINGIAPALAP	847	8	2	26	17	862
NAMORIK*	392	-	-	-	-	392
EBON	748	4	0	30	14	768
JALUIT						
IMROJ	292	0	1	15	0	306
OTELE	186	1	0	8	0	195
PINGLAP	299	2	2	20	3	316

* Not visited in April because of adverse weather prohibiting landing.

Total 3197

(b) A total of 249 persons were carried aboard USS LCU 565 and USS YF 1042 during the field trips of the Military Government. (See Enclosure A).

(c) Vital statistics for the areas visited are as follows:

<u>BIRTHS:</u>	TOTAL - 15 (since 1 February 1946)
<u>Deaths:</u>	TOTAL - 6 " " " "
<u>MARRIAGES:</u>	TOTAL - 1 " " " "

2. NATIVE GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION.

(a) The operation of Native administration at all atolls visited is satisfactory.

(b) At Jaluit Atoll a particular need for a central administrative head in the position of atoll magistrate remains. It has been agreed by the three island magistrates that KABUA, previous atoll magistrate, should be returned from Ailinglapalap to Jaluit. KABUA has agreed to return with the next Military Government Officer.

3. MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER.

(a) There have been no infractions of discipline in any of the communities visited. No criminal cases have been heard by local courts.

(b) Order, in the sense of industrious application to sanitation public welfare, has yet to be improved at Jaluit. Local councils were severely reprimanded for failing to insist upon proper disposal of garbage and refuse.

4. COURTS AND LAW.

Nothing to report.

5. CLAIMS.

Nothing to report.

6. CIVILIAN SUPPLY.

(a) The certainty of an inoperable Military Government through the summer months, in the event that the present lack of shipping is not removed at once, made advisable the landing of maximum cargo for each trade store of the Southern Marshalls. Therefore, a four months supply was delivered at all atolls except Namorik, where

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gales and heavy seas made any landings impossible. A tabulation of trade goods, in all cases approximately twice the amount delivered during previous visits of the United States Commercial Company Representative, follows:

<u>ATOLL</u>	<u>INVENTORY</u>	<u>GOODS LANDED</u>	<u>CURRENT STOCK</u>
LIB	\$ 74.80	\$ 729.17	\$ 803.97
NAMU	\$373.92	\$1648.97	\$2022.89
JALUIT			
" IMROJ	\$552.91	\$2154.50	\$2707.41
" OTELE	\$135.84	\$1586.65	\$1722.49
" PINGLAP	\$187.29	\$1905.88	\$2093.17
EBON	\$151.31	\$3128.84	\$3280.15
AILINGLAPAIAP	\$250.00	\$3995.53	\$4245.53

Of these atolls Jaluit is probably the only one which will be unable to sustain its population on food stuffs locally produced during the anticipated paralysis of trading through failure of the shipping program. Local councils were admonished to conserve goods landed and ration carefully items in great demand, e.g., clothing, flour, rice and tobacco.

(b) The Military Government Officer distributed 200 gallons of paints (various colors) throughout the islands visited. These stores of paint will be used for local dispensaries and governmental buildings.

7. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION

(a) The medical officer accompanying the Military Government Officer reported health conditions good. A total of 19 persons were transported to the native hospital

Laura Island, Majuro, for treatment.

(b) A careful inspection was made of the leper colony, Jaluit Atoll. The colony now numbers 13 persons. Health conditions are unchanged. Dr. BOTTOMLEY informed the local Jaluit councils that there is no danger of infection to visitors. The reporting officer then charged public officials with the responsibility of supplying the persons with food and minimum clothing. A sum of \$10, collected as tax money from Lib Atoll, was left with the store keeper at Otele Island to be used for purchase of goods for the lepers. Since tax monies are assigned to the Navy working fund, it was thought that no better use could be found for this small amount. There are no facilities under this command for the care or treatment of lepers. They should be removed to a leper colony at the earliest practicable date.

(c) Sanitary conditions, except for those at Jaluit, are uniformly excellent. It is urged that the islands of Otele, Pinglap, and Imroj at Jaluit be sprayed with DDT by plane at once. Flies are present in appalling numbers.

8. WATER SUPPLY

Abundant rainfall during the month of April has filled the cisterns in all communities. Water supplies are now ample.

9. TRANSPORTATION

With the present absence of shipping for use of the Military Government, inter-atoll traffic will cease. Ordinance No. 5 (see Enclosure (B) of field trip report for the Marshall Islands, March 1946) was published throughout the Southern Marshalls. But the imposition of atoll for travel is absurd in view of current shipping problems.

10. MONEY AND CREDIT

(a) A total of \$736 was paid to various communities in the form of regular salaries due, and a sum to cover procurement of thatch at Ailinglapalap. The last named amount, \$300, was paid to the local magistrate for disbursement. The thatch was ordered in October and delivered in December to the Atoll Commander, Kwajalein.

(b) At Jaluit Atoll it was necessary for the village councils to sell trade goods on credit during the last two months. Many families unable to sell copra and handicraft because of lack of shipping for the United States Commercial Company, possessed no cash. The total charge balance of stores (3) at Jaluit on April 15 was \$880.36. This amount can now be paid with income from sale of copra and handicraft accruing in April.

(c) One withdrawal from the Safe Keeping Deposit System, was made by the local council at Ebon in the amount of \$462.64. The total of all Marshallese funds now in the Safe Keeping Deposit System excluding those from Kwajalein Atoll and the Majuro Sector, is \$5,085.96.

11. PUBLIC FINANCE

(a) At Lib Atoll a sum of \$10 in taxes was collected. (See paragraph 7(b).) These taxes were paid for the first third of the current fiscal year.

(b) At other atolls, no taxes were collected. By the terms of the tax ordinance, the second instalment of the head tax should have been collected by April 1. Since no trade ship called during the winter to buy native products, there was no money for making tax payments.

(c) Jaluit Atoll is excused from taxes until 1 July 1946, by order of the previous Commander Marshalls Gilberts Area.

12. CUSTODY AND ADMINISTRATION OF PROPERTY

Nothing to report.

13. AGRICULTURE

Nothing to report.

14. TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

(a) The United States Commercial Company Representative, traveling aboard the YF 1042, purchase handicraft in the Southern Marshall Islands in the following amounts:

LIB	\$278.05
NAMU	42.25
JALUIT	
IMROJ	705.60
OTELE	308.40
PINGLAP	645.00
EBON	752.22
AILINGLAPAIA P	912.87
Total	<u>\$ 3507.75</u>

(b) Copra was purchased in the following amounts.

LIB	0	
NAMU	\$218.98	
JALUIT		
IMROJ	743.06	
OTELE	485.47	
PINGLAP	2244.24	
EBON	516.00	
AILINGLAPAIA P	<u>1,300.00</u>	Total \$3,507.75

(c) Some 150-200 tons of copra could not be purchased and loaded because of lack of space in the holds of the USS YF 1042. Since landings were impossible at Namorik, this Island remains without income.

15. LABOR

(a) A total of 40 Marshallese men requested labor service at Kwajalein. These men were carried aboard the USS LCI 565. (See Encl. (A).)

(b) Some 50 to 75 additional workers can be obtained at Ailinglapalap and Jaluit when shipping is again available.

16. DISPLACED PERSONS

A total of 249 Marshallese were carried aboard the ships used in April. The largest element of this group was constituted by native laborers returning to their homes from Kwajalein.

17. INFORMATION AND PROPAGANDA.

Nothing to report.

18. EDUCATION AND RELIGION.

(a) Native schools now conducted by local ministers will be turned over to graduates of the Teacher Training School, Laura Island within two months if some way can be found to transport these persons to their posts.

(b) Religious activities continue in accustomed fashion.

19. PUBLIC WELFARE.

Nothing to report.

20. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) The reporting officer must admit, with regret, that the United States is failing in its administration of the Marshall Islands. The statement is difficult for him, since he has been closely associated with these islands through six months and has shared in the justifiable pride which the Navy enjoyed in its accomplishments. Unquestionably, until the inroads of demobilization upon necessary administrative personnel and shipping vitiated us, our administration of these islands was exemplary. As of this date, the people of the Marshall Islands face a barren and destitute future, economically more impoverished than any period of their experience under German or Japanese jurisdiction. The excellent achievement of the Medical Corps is now threatened, where there are no ships to carry doctors and supplies. We cannot even transport essential clothing and foodstuffs.

At every atoll visited the reporting officer informed the local councils of the reasons for our failure. But, even with understanding reciprocated, his task was a depressing one. To every community were returned numbers of youths who had volunteered for service in the Naval establishment at Kwajalein. The very least we should have assured them would have been a secure journey homeward. Because of the failure of an LST to take this trip as scheduled, it was necessary to crowd aboard the two small ships used, over 175 passengers from Kwajalein. YF 1042 carried 100 youths. There was no space below decks for these. They were compelled to lie on the hatches and endure three to five days of driving rains, with decks awash in heavy seas. They might as well have been traveling aboard a slave ship of the last century. The wonder is that we were able to take them home at all. In these communities to which they returned it was difficult to represent the United States as the great and good friend of an impoverished island people who ask nothing of us other than the right to live comfortable, one which they enjoyed until the very last years of the war with Japan. Americans should feel sharp pangs of conscience. They

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have taken away the means of surviving which the Navy formerly possessed in this area; and they are failing in the obligations to a minor group of staunch friends.

21. MILITARY GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL

Lieut. James R. BAIRD, USNR,
Officer-in-charge.

Lt. (jg) G. T. BOTTOMLEY, MC, USNR,
Medical Director.

ISAAC, Native Practitioner, 2/C.

JABON, Native Practitioner, 3/C.

KOSANG, Practitioner Apprentice.

SAMUEL, Practitioner (for Jaluit)

James MILNE, Native Interpreter.

Edward MILNE, Advisor on Native Affairs.

JAMES R. BAIRD,
Lieut., USNR
Assistant Military
Government Officer for
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ENCLOSURE (A)

NATIVE MARSHALLESE CARRIED ABOARD USS LCI 565 AND USS YF 1042 THROUGH
THE SOUTHERN MARSHALL ISLANDS 6 APRIL - 26 APRIL 1946.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>POINT OF ORIGIN</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>
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LABORERS RETURNING HOMEWARD FROM KWAJALEIN TO VARIOUS ISLANDS.

1.	MAITOL	M	KWAJALEIN	AILINGLAPALAP
2.	BENJAMIN	M	"	"
3.	HALMAR	M	"	"
4.	JAMWAI	M	"	"
5.	JUNIOJ	M	"	"
6.	KILARAN	M	"	"
7.	MALTA	M	"	"
8.	ROJ	M	"	"
9.	ELMORE	M	"	"
10.	ENTI	M	"	"
11.	HONNY	M	"	"
12.	JAKON	M	"	"
13.	JANI	M	"	"
14.	KELEK	M	"	"
15.	LUON	M	"	"
16.	MAKOR	M	"	"
17.	TOKA	M	"	"

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18.	JEREMAIA	M	"	EBON
19.	TERM	M	"	"
20.	ABO	M	"	"
21.	ALBERT	M	"	"
22.	ANJERIK	M	"	"
23.	BELU	M	"	"
24.	BOAJ	M	"	"
25.	EBEL	M	"	"
26.	NATAN	M	"	"
27.	TAULON	M	"	"
28.	ALLI	M	"	"
29.	KATKAN	M	"	"
30.	LAJIAN	M	"	"
31.	MAKTO	M	"	"
32.	TAM	M	"	"
33.	BENTI	M	"	"
34.	MENKE	M	"	"
35.	DAVID	M	"	"
36.	JEBEN	M	"(EBEYE)	"
37.	NAN	M	" "	"
38.	AINE	M	"	JALUIT - PINGIAP IS.
39.	AINI	M	"	" "
40.	AINOJ	M	"	" "
41.	AMRAM	M	"	" "
42.	BELIAM	M	"	" "
43.	EMIL	M	"	" "

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44.	EMOS	M	"	"	"
45.	ETTI	M	"	"	"
46.	HARTIN	M	"	"	"
47.	JEM	M	"	"	"
48.	JIMI	M	"	"	"
49.	KALENWA	M	"	"	"
50.	KONTERAK	M	"	"	"
51.	LAJIE	M	"	"	"
52.	LOJELA	M	"	"	"
53.	LOKBO	M	"	"	"
54.	MARK	M	"	"	"
55.	MEJRIKRIK	M	"	"	"
56.	TAGINWA	M	"	"	"
57.	TARKIJET	M	"	"	"
58.	TARLOBY	M	"	"	"
59.	JOSUA	M	"	"	"
60.	OTAR	M	"	"	"
61.	ANIREP	M	"	JALUIT - OTELE	IS.
62.	BOBTAK	M	"	"	"
63.	JAICO	M	"	"	"
64.	JON	"	"	"	"
65.	KIRO	M	"	"	"
66.	LANINIMJIN	"	"	"	"
67.	SAMUEL	M	"	"	"
68.	WOTANI	M	"	"	"
69.	AOSAO	M	"	"	IMROJ

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		KWAJALEIN	JALUIT - IMROJ	IS.
70.	ANENINEN	M	"	"
71.	HENRY	M	"	"
72.	JON	M	"	"
73.	JORJEN	M	"	"
74.	KELEKER	M	"	"
75.	LAIOT	M	"	"
76.	LEJELE	M	"	"
77.	LOMAK	M	"	"
78.	MAKABI	M	"	"
79.	SAM	M	"	"
80.	TANA	M	"	"
81.	TANIEL	M	"	"
82.	WAJE	M	"	"
83.	JAKO	M	"	"
84.	BELAR	M	MAJURO	"
85.	CLASS	M	"	"
86.	HEMMY	M	"	"
87.	HENRY	M	"	"
88.	ISAMO	M	"	"
89.	JUSANA	M	"	"
90.	LOKABAT	M	"	"
91.	KLARAN	M	"	"
92.	LABIAR	M	"	"
93.	LABIJA	M	"	"
94.	LAJI	M	"	"
95.	LAMILON	M	"	"
96.	LANJEN	M	"	"

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		KWAJALEIN	MAJURO
97.	LAWIN	M	
98.	LEAS	M	"
99.	MABE	M	"
100.	MANUEL	M	"
101.	REAR	M	"
102.	RAJETO	M	"
103.	RITO	M	"
104.	ROJA	M	"
105.	RUBEN	M	"
106.	TABU	M	"
107.	TAKKEN	M	"
108.	JORAU	M	"
109.	ANULIJ	M	"
110.	KABJOR	M	NAMU
111.	NETAN	M	"
112.	LEJKAR	M	NAMORIK
113.	ANIKIE	M	"
114.	JIEA ^{II}	M	"
115.	ENTI ^{II}	M	"
116.	ERAN ^{II}	M	"
117.	KALMAI ^{II}	M	"
118.	LIVAI ^{II}	M	"
119.	SABRO ^{II}	M	"
120.	BARO ^{II}	M	"
121.	JAMES ^{II}	M	"

★ These men for Namorik were put ashore at Ailinglapalap because of adverse weather preventing landing at Namorik.

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LABORERS RETURNING TO KWAJALEIN FOR SERVICE.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>POINT OF ORIGIN</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>
122. SAMSON	M	32	Ailinglapalap	Kwajalein
123. JEILA	M	18	"	"
124. BUNTAKILIK	M	26	"	"
125. PEDRI	M	25	"	"
126. LON	M	18	"	"
127. ABLOT	M	30	"	"
128. AJKEI	M	24	"	"
129. JON	M	29	"	"
130. LESMON	M	41	"	"
131. RENNA	M	42	"	"
132. JELET	M	29	"	"
133. JOE	M	54	"	"
134. JANPAPER	M	21	"	"
135. TAOJ	M	49	"	"
136. BIELAK	M	23	"	"
137. MIKIO	M	23	"	"
138. HIRAM	M	35	"	"
139. FRED REIHER	M		"	"
140. HOSEA	M		EBON	"
141. KILMES	M	28	"	"
142. ANNAM	M	22	"	"
143. RUBON	M	33	"	"
144. JEBWAN	M	61	"	"

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145.	KLARE	M	24	EBON	KWAJALEIN
146.	DREKA	M	35	"	"
147.	JHO	M	21	"	"
148.	ALBERT	M	24	"	"
149.	BONO	M	19	"	"
150.	JOLBO	M	36	NAMU	"
151.	BOL	M	30	"	"
152.	ISTEAT	M	27	"	"
153.	JEJON	M	28	"	"
154.	MAKABI	M	28	"	"
155.	MELOK	M	31	"	"
156.	KORIJ	M	36	"	"
157.	BANO	M	37	"	"
158.	JONATHAN	M	22	"	"
159.	NABTALAI	M		NAMORIK	"
160.	REBAN	M		"	"
161.	JORWAJ	M		"	"

Patients travelling to Hospital #201, LAURA Island, MAJURO.

162.	LIJAWIN	F		AILINGLAPALAP	MAJURO
163.	LUJIRIK	F	EBON	EBON	"
164.	AIMBI	F		"	"
165.	LARIK	M		"	"
166.	MINEMI	F		"	"
167.	MELLAN	M		"	"
168.	NEIMERA	F		"	"
169.	LIBONIJ	M		"	"

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170.	BENJAMON	M		EBON	MAJURO
171.	BATEL	M		JALUIT-PINGLAP IS.	"
172.	TIOTORO	M		" "	"
173.	LIBONA	F		" "	"
174.	LIBERK	F		" OTELE	"
175.	THADDIOS	M		AT "UNGLAP PALAP	"
176.	TONIJ	M		AILINGLAPALAP	"
177.	LUKWOG	F		"	"
178.	JABA	F		"	"
179.	LANEITA	M		"	"
180.	JABAJ	F		"	"

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>POINT OF ORIGIN</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>
MISCELLANEOUS PASSENGERS					
181.	LABAAJ	M	40	KWAJALEIN	AILINGLAPALAP
182.	HETTIE	F	21	"	"
183.	HOSHIA	M	30	"	"
184.	NEIWAN	F	19	"	"
185.	KRIMSEN	M	4 Mos.	"	"
186.	LIMOU	F	15	"	"
187.	JOKKO	M	32	"	"
188.	NEILEK	F	18	"	"
189.	JOAB	M	57	"	"
190.	JENINE	F	46	"	"
191.	JERICO	M	15	NAMU	"
192.	MAIDHER	M	26	"	"

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193.	TEMEING	F	20	NAMU	AILINGLAPALAP
194.	LIA	F	58	"	"
195.	LEJERON	M	40	KWAJALEIN	"
196.	OBTINIA	F	29	"	EBON
197.	HARRY	M	6	"	"
198.	LIKAION	F	49	"	"
199.	LABIL	M	43	"	JALUIT
200.	ANNA	F	51	"	"
201.	ANROS	M	4	"	"
202.	NEIJOJ	F	26	"	"
203.	LEBBOJ	M	56	"	"
204.	LUOTTO	F	36	"	"
205.	LIJANUR	F	58	"	"
206.	TIBON	M	47	"	"
207.	JOLET	M	10	"	"
208.	LIJIRUON	F	20	"	"
209.	KETTI	F	28	JALUIT	EBON
210.	BITIA	F	6	"	"
211.		F	1	"	"
212.	NETWOJAN	F	17	MAJURO	KWAJALEIN
213.	LIBOJAR	F	35	"	"
214.	LIJAMOD	F	23	"	"
215.	LUTAA	F	39	AILINGLAPALAP	"
216.	CHILI	M	2	"	"
217.	MELERAN	M	24	"	"

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218.	MELERAN	M	24	AILINGLAPALAP	KWAJALEIN
219.	JORNADRIK	M	2	"	"
220.	MARTHA	F	24	"	"
221.	ROSA	F	40	"	"
222.	SODA	F	55	"	"
223.	LABAAJ	M	50	"	"
224.	YAMAGUS	F	25	"	"
225.	ELBER	M	5	"	"
226.	TORIS	F	3	"	"
227.	EUTE	F	1	"	"
228.	ASER	M	31	"	"
229.	JURLOK	M	20	KWAJALEIN	LIB
230.	KINSAN	M	19	"	"
231.	JODRI	M	12	"	"
232.	JURAT	F	17	"	"
233.	WILLIAN	M	23	"	MAJURO
234.	JONATHAN	M	23	"	"
235.	LAST	M		AILINGLAPALAP	"
236.	LIBEKE	F		"	"
237.	JEER	F		"	"
238.	LITALE	F		"	"
239.	BINA	F		KWAJALEIN	NAMU

PASSENGERS FOR NAMORIK PUT ASHORE AT AILINGLAPALAP.

240.	ASER	M	31	KWAJALEIN	NAMORIK
241.	FLORA	F	26	"	"

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242.	MERI	M	1	KWAJALEIN	NAMERIK
243.	OBA	M	5	"	"
244.	BIJENDA	M	43	"	"
245.	ALEN	M	25	"	"
246.	JOAB	M		"	"
247.	JININE	F		"	"
248.	JERICHL	M		"	"
249.	LIMILBAR	F		"	"