

(a) One field trip to all nine (9) Atolls was accomplished during the period covered by this report.

(b) Native Sanitary Inspectors (Also Policemen)

(1) As previously reported.

(2) Supervision and training continues as previously reported.

(c) No direct Medical Department supervision maintained over Native Cemeteries. However, cemeteries were inspected at each visit and were found to be satisfactory.

(d) Pest Control:

(1) Mosquitoes are present on all of the Atolls but remain few in number. Tin and screen has been carried to the outlying atolls for the express purpose of covering water catchments and privies. Efforts are being made to drain and fill in all areas where water is found. Flies are being controlled by the sanitary disposal of garbage and an extensive program of spraying and using fly-traps.

(2) Rodents do not cause too much trouble. Through constant use of control measures they do not present a problem.

(e) Water Supply:

The water supply in all villages is good. A few cisterns are found to contain stagnant water, but when such a condition exists the catchment basin is emptied and

fresh water is caught. It is very infrequent that a disease in this area can be traced to impure water.

(f) Sanitary condition ranges from fair to good. It was noted that each village has plenty of fly traps but the sanitary policemen were lax in keeping traps baited. This was pointed out and also water catchments, cisterns and drums with mosquito larva were drained and the sanitary policemen informed to keep water catchments covered or drain as needed. Most privies were in good shape, a few were ordered torn down and some were in need of fly proofing. With the material carried out it is felt that this repair work will be done before the next visit.