

C (Self-Government)
I (Civil Government)

8 October 1947

Kwajalein Dist.

(a)-(b) **Local** and Regional.

(1) Each atoll and the villages therein are authorized officials as indicated in paragraph two (2) below.

Village officials are subordinate to the atoll magistrate.

(2) Number and classification of officials, how elected, rate of pay and earnings:

<u>ATOLL</u>	<u>MAGISTRATE</u>	<u>SCRIBE</u>	<u>HEADMAN</u>
Ailinglapalap	Lajore	Maitol	Lairan Landrike Lanjo Emoj Enri
Ailuk	Tiabum	Edwin	None
Kwajalein No.	Lemanini K.	Edwirik	None
Kwajalein So.	Aronean	Klenre	None
Lae	Netan	Tatiej	None
Lib	Bondrik	Atalpot	None
Likiep	Anton DeBrum	Robert Reimers	None
Mejit	Ejkel	Oberton	None
Namu	Edwin	Bero	None
Rongelap	Edmon	John	None
Rongerik	Juda	Jasua	None
Ujae	Bokwin	Lanror	None
Utirik	Compass	Lanien	None
Wotho	Naia	Ninjine	None

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Originally the magistrates and headmen were appointed but have since been replaced by officials who were elected by popular vote subject to the approval of the Civil Administrator.

<u>Government Heads</u> (Island Officials)	<u>Number</u>	<u>Monthly Rate of Pay</u>
Magistrates		
Class A (Over 500 Pop.)	3	\$ 15.00
Class B (200-500 Pop.)	4	10.00
Class C (under 200 $\frac{3}{4}$)	7	7.50
Headman	5	6.00
Scribes		
Class A (over 500 Pop.)	1	10.00
Class B (200-500 Pop.)	4	7.50
Class C (under 200)	8	6.00
Policemen	25	5.00

(3) There were four field trips in July; fifteen atolls visited. Three field trips in August; ten atolls were visited. Two field trips in September; five atolls were visited. Council meetings were held and problems and current conditions discussed, requests of the people and communities heard, health and sanitation problems and conditions discussed.

(4) \$135.00 in taxes collected during this quarter. \$54.00 in delinquent taxes were collected this quarter. The native safekeeping fund now totals \$8,873.29 from the atolls of this district. For the past quarter there were \$1,999.00 in deposits and \$5.6.00 in withdrawals.

(c) Civil Administration officers have distributed copies of Trust Directive No. 2 to the various atoll councils on field trips this quarter. Much time and attention was given to explaining the contents of this directive. Most councils had many questions concerning the preparation of a budget and the kind of taxes they would be allowed to impose.

The idea of being taxed for owning pigs, chickens, or canoes was quite novel to them, but after explanation that taxes would be spent for services of a beneficial nature to them, they seemed to be very well satisfied. The councils were instructed to prepare a budget for the inspection by the next Civil Administration officer. It is believed that when the people have a working system planned for the collection and expenditure of local taxes, the municipal government plan will prove most satisfactory. The structure of a municipal government has been established and should be functioning smoothly with two or three more visits by Civil Administration Officers.