

C (Self Government)
1 (Civil Government)

1 Jan 1948

Kwajalein Dist.

(a) Local.

1. Each atoll and each village there-in are authorized officials as listed in paragraph two below. Village officials are subordinate to the atoll magistrate.
2. By second endorsement to the previous quarterly report the Deputy High Commissioner invited attention to the apparent failure of this unit to carry out the basic directive concerning municipal government and local taxation. This failure can only be attributed to the fact that the former administrator ignored the basic directive. As soon as possible after assuming command on 27 October 1947 the present administrator commenced informing the municipalities of the program for local government and local taxation and of their responsibilities under that program.
3. With the exception of LIB all municipalities have been instructed in the program. It was deemed inadvisable to hold them responsible for salaries of municipal officials retroactive to 1 September but they were told they would be responsible effective 1 January 1948. The LIB council will be informed and instructed on the next field trip.
4. Each municipal treasurer has been brought back to Kwajalein for a course of instruction in his duties.

(b) Number and classification of officials, how elected, rate of pay etc.

<u>ATOLL</u>	<u>MAGISTRATE</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>HEADMAN</u>
Namu	Edwin	Bero	none
Ailinglaplap	Lajore	Maitol	Lainan
			Enri
			Emoj
			Lanjo
			Landrike
Lib	Bondrik	Atalpot	none
Likiep	A. DeBrum	Robert Reimers	none
Mejit	Ejkel	Oberton	none
Utrik	Compass	Lanien	none
Ailuk	Taibum	Edwin	none
Rongelap	Edmon	John	none
- Rongerik	Juda	Jasua	none
- Eniwetok(Ujelang)*			Johannes
			Abraham
Wotho	Naia	Ninjine	none
Ujae	Bokwin	Lanror	none
Lae	Netan	Tatiëj	none
Kwajalein(South)	Aronean	Klenre	none
Kwajalein(North)	Lemanini K.	Edwirik	none

* It was deemed inadvisable to elect or appoint a magistrate or trea-

sure for the people of Eniwetok since there are two hereditary chiefs there and to have either of the factions in the top political billit might lead to a rift in their otherwise peaceful relations. The two leading Alaps were therefore appointed headmen.

Originally the officials were appointed by the civil administrator. Now they are elected by popular vote and action approved by the civil administrator.

Government Heads
(Island officials)

Magistrates

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Monthly rate of pay</u>
Class A (Over 500 Pop)	3	\$15.00
Class B (200 - 500 Pop)	4	10.00
Class C (Under 200 Pop)	7	7.50

Headmen

7 6.00

Treasurers

Class A (Over 500 Pop)	1	10.00
Class B (200-500 Pop)	4	7.50
Class C (Under 200 Pop)	8	6.00

Policemen

25 5.00

(c) There were three field trips in October. Two Islands and nine atolls were visited. One field trip in November at which time four atolls were visited. There were three field trips in December and nine atolls and two islands were visited.

Council meetings were held and the problems discussed. Requests of the people were heard.

(d) Since the creation of the municipal governments no taxes have been collected. The islands of the western circuit, i.e. Ujelang, Rongerik, Rongelap, Ujae, Wotho and Lae are the only ones that have been visited and reported upon since the municipal governments were created. With the exception of Wotho the Islands above were quite confused with the tax program and financial accounting. To them the fundamentals of a budget means the collection of a \$2.00 per month head tax from each person in the atoll. They would much rather meet their financial obligations by paying the head tax in proportion to their ability to pay than to bother with the taxing of luxuries.

(e) Development and expansion program.

No change since last report.