

(a) No change in military areas except that progress is being made in the installation of a permanent water system to serve campsite and dependent's housing and possibly (the supply of pipe permitting) the dispensary.

(b) Native areas: In compliance with directives instruction in sanitation and first aid is being given to M.G. police. After only two lectures this has given marked results, the policemen having exhibited unexpected enthusiasm. They not only accompany the sanitation officer on his rounds but have undertaken inspections of houses, restaurants and barber shops on their own initiative. Within the districts of Nott and Jokaj they have been of definite assistance.

April 8th-9th-10th a follow up sanitary inspection of Metalanim was made. A decided improvement was discerned over the conditions reported in the 1 April report and the political difficulty had been straightened out with the local sanitary inspector receiving more and better backing from the district heads.

April 29th et seq. The J.M.O. and the CPhM acting as sanitary assistant accompanied the regular eastern field trip. The latter was dropped at Pingelap on the outbound trip and picked up five days later. In addition to affording a fine opportunity for sanitary inspection the Chief was able to institute a rat campaign using red squill. Unfortunately he was unable to remain longer than the duration of the pre-baiting period but the native corpsman was thoroughly instructed in the use of the poison and from the amount of pre-bait consumed it

is believed the campaign a success. When planning this campaign it was intended to use fish as bait but this was found in such short supply that a substitute had to be devised. It was discovered that heating copra in the shell and thus releasing some of the oil made a bait which was highly attractive to the rodents. A suitable shelter for the bait was devised from woven palm fronds.

Water was found to be scarce in both the atoll of Pingelap and Mokil, partly due as noted in previous reports to lack of catchment receptacles. A number of empty gas and oil drums has been sent out on the trip now current and this will be continued until all houses are provided for.

21-22 May - The atoll of Ngatic was inspected as part of the regular bi-monthly field trip. It was found to be neat and clean as usual with only minor deficiencies.

18-19 June - An entirely pedestrian inspection of U district was accomplished leaving only the most remote dwellings uninspected. It had been five months since the last thorough inspection by military personnel and as was to be expected latrines had deteriorated to a certain extent in that period but on the whole the general cleanliness about the houses was much better than anticipated and most latrines required only slight repairs such as replacing or tightening up decks and rebanking bases with earth to make them again acceptable as reasonably fly-tight. Bushing about houses was good but in public



areas such as roads a great deal was required. The people were warned of the penalties provided by the Penal Code for maintaining a nuisance and given two weeks in which to correct deficiencies. At the end of this period the local sanitary man is to make another house to house inspection accompanied by a district policeman.

The regular trip to Pineglap, Mokil, and Kusaie is now underway and as part of the program a navy corpsman is being left on Mokil to institute a rat campaign as was done on Pingelap.

(c) Number and pay of sanitary inspectors:

District	No. of inspectors	Rate of Pay	Earnings
Kitti	1	\$ 24.00 (Month)	\$ 72.00
Metalanim	1	24.00	72.00
Nett	1	24.00	72.00
Jokaj	1	24.00	72.00
U	1	24.00	72.00

(d) Native Cemeteries: No change since last report.

(e) Pest Control: Measures continued as in previous reports with regard to insects.

Rodent Control: As noted above for satellite islands. Locally another thallium sulfate campaign was carried out around USCC copra warehouses and mechanical trapping continued in other areas.

(f) Violations of Sanitary Regulations: Three restaurants were closed for three days early in May for general insanitary conditions. All were allowed to reopen at the end of that period when all deficiencies were corrected.

Seven householders of Jokaj were hailed before the Civil Affairs Officer for various insanitary conditions about their premises. All were warned and given one week in which to make corrections.

(g) Potable water supply: Although water continues from the same source chlorination difficulties previously reported have been overcome. Tri-weekly O.T. tests of water have been continuously satisfactory for some time past. A mechanical chlorinator was obtained from surplus at Truk and will be tied into the new water source being developed which is expected to be functioning this month (July). It is only just to say here that the new Public Works Officer who reported in May has already shown more cooperation in this and other sanitary matters than was received under the previous incumbent.