

Summary of work (briefed).

The rough field work in connection with land titles has been completed throughout all of the ex-CivAd Majuro Atolls and most excellent progress is being made to complete the rough field work on these atolls formerly serviced by CivAd Kwajalein. In all atolls the Marshallese have prepared, or are preparing rough charts of each island within the atoll showing the size and relative location of each parcel of land of that particular island. These charts are accompanied by supplementary data, also prepared by the Marshallese showing the rightful Iroij, Iroij Erik, Alap and the principal drierbals or workers. It is believed, moreover, that in time, these rough charts will prove to be reasonably correct.

Hearings and investigations have been carried out at Civil Administration Headquarters on the land now occupied by Civil Administration Headquarters. It becomes apparent that further detailed investigation is necessary. One woman particularly, Lanjen Lajibjib (small queen) of Mille Atoll, was urgently needed to help determine workers rights on several parcels of land for which she is the Iroij Erik. She was brought from Mille, arriving at Majuro on 30 December 1948. It is felt that she can be of material assistance in adjudicating fairly and impartially.

The boundary lines as now plotted are generally agreed to be correct and fair to all concerned. Several factors involving disputes among the Marshallese have become apparent as hearings were held with the Alaps.

However, in spite of the complexity of land ownership and/or rights in the Marshall Islands, it is felt that good progress is being made.