

(a) General Construction:

(1) During the entire quarter the administration sawmill has been in full operation and approximately 25,000 board feet of native lumber has been cut in addition to all the cutting for base projects. The 30% taken from each cutting as the mill share for cutting the logs is being sold for anyone wanting to buy it, with the individual who had the lumber cut getting the first chance to buy. Sale price during this quarter was \$0.02 per board foot. This price is being raised to \$0.03 per board foot effective 1 October 1948.

(2) Building activity has again taken a spurt. Several new houses and business establishments have been constructed during the quarter. It is true that Ponape has some very good timber that can be used for construction purposes but there is not nearly enough now available, nor will it be available in the near future, to construct all of the buildings needed or desired by the inhabitants of the Ponape District. Certain other types of materials are available for home building but for the most part the people are very reluctant to use them and will do so only and if they can not get the lumber, roofing material and accessories that they have already become accustomed to and still desire greatly. Every effort is being made to show them new and better ways to use existing and available native materials but it is going to be a very long time before much progress can or will be made.

(b) Schools:

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(1) A new school building was completed in both Ngatik and Nukuoro atolls

during the quarter. They are native type construction and are adequate and suitable for use. Minor repairs and some remodeling of other school buildings in the Ponape District were carried on during the quarter. Construction of a school by the Catholic Church was started in the Auak Section of "U" District on Ponape during the quarter.

(c) Churches:

(1) Minor repair work and some replacement of badly worn roofing material on the various village churches throughout the District was carried on during the quarter. The Protestant Mission in the Colonia Section of Nett District on Ponape was reroofed and minor repair work to the inside of the existing structure. All rubble was cleared from the site of the former Catholic Mission in the Colonia Section, the bell tower and a section of the dome over the alter section were tested for strength and stability. It was decided that these sections were fit to use in reconstruction. Reconstruction of the Catholic Mission is expected to start soon, possibly during the coming quarter. This will mainly depend upon whether or not desired materials can be obtained. Rehabilitation of church property and buildings in Lellu Island and in the Mwot Section of Kusaie is improving and should be considerably advanced during the coming months. A great deal of credit for the organization and progress of this work is due to Reverend Hanlin, the resident missionary.