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Progress in the native villages continues to be very satisfactory in the immediate Yap group of islands. No field trips have been made this month, as of 27 March as the LSM-436 returned to Yap on 4 March with bow doors inoperative, and was reported not ready for sea. The LSM-448 left Pelelin on 23 March, with 300 bags of cement, and 6 complete Quonsets, consigned to Yap. Plans for the Woleai trip were discussed in detail at a meeting on 24 March 1947, and if the necessary repair parts for the LSM-436 are not received on the LSM-448, it is planned to secure the bow doors of the LSM-436 with the aid of chain falls, and launch rubber life rafts over the side for inspection trips in the Woleai group of islands. As an indication of progress to date, in native affairs rehabilitation, a comparison of this report, with that of report #15, dated 28 Feb. 1947, is invited. The six (6) Quonsets, are allocated to the new native dispensary.

(a) The character and extent of USNMGU assistance in connection with native affairs is indicated by the priorities as established at an officers meeting on 21 March 1947. They are as follows-

- (A) New native hospital.
- (B) New native prison.
- (C) Completion of sea-wall to protect the open storage area east of the supply warehouse.
- (D) Cleanup of overdue reports and correspondence.
- (E) Erection of two (2) 40x100 Quonsets for a supply warehouse, and a new garage.

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(F) Repair of roads and open spaces in the station area. Temporary repairs are being made, but soil erosion has progressed to a considerable extent, and it now appears that it will be necessary to assign a comparatively high priority to this work project if the dry spell continues.

(G) Completion of painting and screen repairs in all station areas.

(b) Progress in the construction, maintenance, and supervision of native schools, continues to be most satisfactory. The Educational and the Medical Officers have been assigned no collateral duties to date. However, in view of the anticipated shortage of both officer and enlisted personnel, it appears that the heads of the educational and medical departments will be obliged to assume additional duties at an early date.

(c) No change from last report.

(d) Excellent progress observed in the construction of community buildings in the native villages. With a #1 priority assigned to the native dispensary and the promise of six (6) complete Quonsets for this project from Peleliu, construction should be completed within the next ninety days. Interim housing interfered with this work project originally, and when work was resumed, the discovery of land mines, live shells and considerable quantities of fuses in the area, further delayed clearing the site.

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(e) Several small boats have been transferred to USCC for fishing purposes, and all native requests for scrap building materials, (to be used on community projects), have been fulfilled.

D (Economic Development)
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A very favorable response to the campaign of the MGU to restore native water transportation is evident in the number of canoes now under construction. These, in addition to the four administration - sponsored canoes are:

Rumung District - under construction:

- one 20-men seagoing canoe
- one 10-men canoe
- one 8-men canoe
- one 2-men canoe

Map District - Under construction

- one 6 man canoe
- one 3 man canoe