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From: Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet and
Pacific Ocean Areas.
To: Chief of Naval Operations. (Office of Island
Governments)
Subject: Military Government Unit, Rota - Report of
Activities for the period 1 November to
30 November 1946.

1. Forwarded. The status of the civil admin-
istration of ROTA is discussed in separate correspondence
forwarded this date to CNO.

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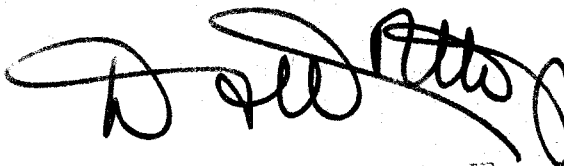
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- (e) Handicraft exports to Guam.
 - (f) Intensified health program. Two complete surveys have been made by medical officers.



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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
COMMANDER MARIANAS

Serial:

From: Commander Marianas.
To : Chief of Naval Operations (Island Government).
Via : Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas.

Subject: Military Government Unit, Rota - Report of activities for the period 1 November to 30 November 1946.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of subject report.

1. Copy of subject report is forwarded for information.

2. Until 31 May 1946, when Naval Government replaced Military Government of Guam, Rota was administered as a branch of the latter. Since that time its progress has been slow because it was considered that the people of Rota might elect to move to Tinian. It has now been determined that the great majority of the Rotanese desire to remain on Rota. Its rehabilitation will be accelerated.

3. The activities described in the subject report were started as an emergency measure following the typhoon of 20 - 21 September 1946. They are being continued on a temporary basis until the ultimate status of Rota is determined. It is considered that the presence of military government personnel will be required only to aid in the repair of typhoon damage. The population of 875 is too small to warrant a permanent unit. Furthermore, its location is such that it can be efficiently administered on a "field trip" basis at regular intervals.

4. Permanent plans will be made for the future administration and rehabilitation of Rota, when its status is determined.

5. Specific plans include:

(a) Establishment of trade store. Survey now being made on Rota by Mr. Etter of the U.S. Commercial Company, Guam.

(b) Dismantling useless houses on Tinian and setting up same in Song-Song Village, by a group of Rotanese laborers.

(c) Construction of school house.

(d) Guamanian school teachers.


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HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT UNIT, ROTA

5 December 1946

FROM: Senior Military Government Officer, Rota
TO: Commander Marianas (Military Government Section)
SUBJECT: Military Government Monthly report,
REFERENCE: (a) Military Government Section Despatch 040637Z December 1946.

1. In accordance with Reference (a), monthly Military Government report Number 1, Rota Island, is forwarded for Mimeographing and distribution.


R. B. Heran

USN MILITARY GOVERNMENT UNIT, ROTA ISLAND
NAVY #926

REPORT NO. 1

5 December 1946

PART 1 - NATIVE AFFAIRS
Section A - Rehabilitation

1. Rehabilitation

(a) The USNMGU assisted in repairing buildings damaged in the September typhoon by loaning tools and giving nails and lumber in limited quantities where needed.

2. Welfare

(a) Gratuitous issues of food are made on a weekly basis since the typhoon destroyed all food crops. 3200 Pounds of rice, 1000 pounds of flour, 1000 pounds of dried beans, 250 pounds of sugar, 50 cases of either "K", "C", or Battle rations and 13 cases of evaporated milk constituted an average issue.

3. Land Titles Investigating Commission

(a) No action taken.

4. Claims

(a) No work done on claims as none are filed.

5. Summary

(a) Extensive rehabilitation planned at the village of SongSong upon receipt of approval and supplies.

Section B - Health and Sanitation

1. USNMG Hospitals and Dispensaries

- (a) One dispensary at Songsong.
- (b) 10 beds, all devoted to native care.
- (c) 85 natives (all Chamorros) treated during November.
 - (1) Medical cases- 35 cuts and superficial injuries (estimate)
21 Yaws, boils, ETC. (estimate)
 - (2) 15 Colds (estimate)
 - 14 Miscellaneous such as Trachoma
rashes, fungus, growths, fractures.
 - (2) No Major or minor surgical facilities available.
 - (3) No dental facilities available.
- (d) 56 hospital days furnished natives during the month.
No natives hospitalized on 30 November.
- (e) Native hospital training program:
 - (1) 2 nurses aides employed, rate of pay \$8.00 month.
 - (2) No native corpsman
 - (3) Others employed - one dispensary assistant, rate of pay \$10.00 per month.
 - (4) No planned program.

2. USNMG Leprosaria, Insane Asylums and Orphanages.

(a) None.

3. Sub-Dispensaries, First Aid Stations, etc.
 - (a) None. Only medical personnel consists of one CPhM.
4. Preventive and therapeutic Field Work.
 - (a) None.
5. Sanitation
 - (a) Field inspections
 - (1) One - heads and general conditions in villages satisfactory.
 - (b) Native Sanitary inspectors
 - (1) None employed.
 - (2) None being trained.
 - (3) No supervision required.
 - (c) One native cemetery. This was reconditioned and cleaned up during November.
 - (d) Pest Control
 - (1) Insect - no program
 - (2) Rodent - no program
 - (e) Potable water supply
 - (1) Excellent. Unlimited quantities from cave located up cliff at 800 foot altitude. Distributed by concrete pipes and consumed untreated. Samples checked at Guam approved this practice.
 - (f) Violations of Sanitary Regulations.
 - (1) None.

Section C - Self-Government

1. Civil Government
 - (a) Local.
 - (1) Two towns, Commissioner form of Government.
 - (2) Two commissioners, appointed and approved by Military Government section Guam. Salary \$24.00 per month.
 - (3) Fairly close supervision and liaison is maintained. Weekly meetings are held and topics of general native interest and welfare are discussed.
2. Justice
 - (a) Local Courts.
 - (1) None - allwork handled at Military Government Headquarters.
 - (b) No regional courts - None required.
3. Summary
 - (1) Crime is very rare on Rota Island. Only one case of thievery was reported in the past nine months.

Section D - Economic Development

1. Agriculture
 - (a) No USNMG Farms.
 - (b) Native subsistence crops:
 - (1) Extensive replanting was necessary following the typhoon. All crops are in excellent

(Agriculture, cont.)

condition at the present and the prospects are good for an adequate yield.

- (2) Very little USNMG aid except for some seed. No U.S.C.C. aid to date
- (c) No agricultural cooperatives.

2. Fisheries, including shells.

- (a) Under USNMGH - U.S.C.C. auspices:- None, no boats available.
- (b) Native enterprises: None.
- (c) Cooperative developments: None.
- (d) Natives Employed: None.

3. Mining

- (a) Production: None.

4. Handicrafts.

- (a) Production: None.
- (b) Place in native economy: None. No contact with outside markets or materials.
- (c) USNMGU-USCC program: Only now in its pre-natal stage, local plans are being formulated, when and if a USCC representative arrives progress will be rapid since the lack of a market is at present hindering.

5. Copra

- (a) No coconut trees due to quarantine and disease.

6. (NOTE: This number was omitted on form letter)

7. Native Enterprises

- (a) Only one, a barber shop, opened for business 20 November. One man employed. No figures available on monthly income as yet. USNMGU built building and supplied barbering tools. Rates established at 10¢ per haircut 5¢ per shave. Other enterprises such as a cobblers shop, produce market, handicraft exchange, and USCC store are planned for the near future.

8. Trade Store Operations

- (a) No trade store - One now being planned in co-operation with USCC.

9. Exports and Imports

- (a) None. Air space not available and only one L.C.T. per month does not permit commerce in native goods.

10. Training

- (a) No special program operative at present. Several men are employed as carpenters helpers. Pay is \$.05 per hour.

11. Summary

- (a) The damage from the typhoon was so severe that the economic development of Rota was retarded approximately one year. Crops were ~~totally~~ destroyed, bananas, particularly suffered, along with breadfruit, taro, the Pandanus trees, mangoes and pineapple plants. Recovery will be slow. Livestock also were decimated. Plans are being formulated for restocking with the USCC.

Section E - Education and Social Services

1. Education.

- (a) No schools are operating on Rota Island.
- (b) Attendance: None
- (c) Teachers: None.
- (d) Teacher training: None.
- (e) Parent-Teacher Associations: None.
- (f) Plans are being made for employing teachers on Guam and also an interpreter. A small church school operated when the Catholic Missionary was on Rota. He left 9 November and has not returned.

2. Religion

- (a) The people are practically 100% Catholic. Two churches are on the island, one at Onginao, the other at As Malate. Father Ferdinand Stippich, O.F.M. Cap. rotates between Rota and Saipan as Missionary and pastor. The relations between the USNMGU and church representatives have been excellent. At all times the clergy have been most cooperative and helpful.

3. Recreation

- (a) Facilities are limited. Inter Community baseball games are played each Sunday and are well attended. A moving picture projector and sound equipment have been requisitioned to aid the recreational and entertainment program.

4. Native Culture

- (a) Acculturation to western ideas has progressed far although the twenty five years of Japanese rule have made a lasting impression. No particular efforts have been made to revive the local native culture although manifestations of it have been welcomed and encouraged by the USNMGU. Plans have been made to inaugurate weekly or monthly fiesta's, dances and native gatherings. A plaza is being cleared and prepared for communal activities.

5. Summary

A school system is desperately needed. The natives are most anxious for educational advantages and would go to any length to secure more knowledge. Their desire to learn read and speak English is astounding.

PART II - ADMINISTRATION

Section A - Military Government Functions.

1. Public Safety:
 - (a) Maintenance of law and order is no problem. The inhabitants are of a friendly, cooperative, peace-loving nature.
 - (b) There are no police employed.
 - (c) No crime or criminal offenses have been committed, or reported in the past month.
 - (d) One jail did exist prior to the typhoon. It was totally destroyed. Should the need for one develop, it will be rebuilt.
 - (e) Fire protection consists of extinguishers strategically located on buildings and also mounted on the jeeps and trucks.
2. USNMG Courts
 - (a) One court exists, located at Songsong. The SMGO presides.
 - (b) No cases have been heard or disposed and no cases are pending.
3. Public Works
 - (a) No new construction is contemplated at present due to lack of materials.
 - (b) Alterations and maintenance are continuing programs. The storm damage was considerable and still requires a major portion of the time of the repair crew. Roads are in good condition with only a minimum of maintenance necessary. The airfield was recently reconditioned. All ruts and holes were filled and leveled, the grass burned off.
 - (c) There are no public utilities.
 - (d) No public transportation system exists.
 - (e) Approximately 50 natives are employed. For their rates of pay and earnings see Exhibit I attached.
4. Operations (Inter-island)
 - (a) No ships are under the control of this USNMGU, therefore, there was no inter island operations.
5. Resettlement
 - (a) No intra or extra command movements were made this month. No passport or permit controls were issued.
6. Supply
 - (a) Provisions
 - (1) No fresh or frozen foods on hand. (no refrigeration)
 - (2) 15 days dry provisions on hand.
 - (3) 15 days canned provisions on hand.
 - (b) Fuel
 - (1) 23 day supply gasoline on hand.
 - (2) 30 days supply diesel oil on hand.
 - (c) All materials are in short supply. Equipment spares are on order.
 - (d) No requisitions are written here. Status of materials on order unknown.

7. Employment of Natives
 (a) See form attached, Exhibit I and appended as Enclosure (A).

Section B - Military Government Finances

1. Receipts and disbursements for month of November 1946

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Disbursements</u>	
None --	\$0.00	Native Payroll	\$475.21
<u>Total</u>	\$0.00	<u>Total</u>	\$475.21

Cumulative Totals This year \$ Unknown.

Section C - Vital Statistics

1. Summary
 (a) See form attached Exhibit II and appended as Enclosure (b). It is suggested a column be added to cover repatriates so that their departures and arrival could be recorded in the census.

Section D - Naval Personnel

1. Summary
 (a) Nav. Pers. Forms 353 and 625 not available. Personnel aboard as follows:
- 1 - Lt. (j.g.) S(O) USNR
 - 1 - Chief Boatswain Mate USN
 - 1 - Chief Pharmacists Mate USN
 - 1 - Motor Machinists Mate First Class USN
 - 1 - Radioman First Class USN
 - 1 - Coxswain USN

USN MILITARY GOVERNMENT UNIT, ROTA
 Native Employees during month of November 1946

This is Enclosure (A) to Monthly Report No. 1

CLASSIFICATIONS	NUMBER		HOURLY RATE OF PAY	WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK	MONTHLY PAYROLL
	M	F			
1. Learners	0	0			
2. <u>Common Labor</u>					
(a) Workers	21	0	.04	48	\$130.24
(b) Houseboy	2	0	6.00/Mo.	30 Days/Mo.	12.00
(c) Helper	1	0	.05	48	4.00
(d) Utility Woman	0	3	.05	48	19.76
(e) Student Nurses	0	2	8.00/Mo.	30 Days/Mo.	15.20
3. <u>Semi-Skilled</u>					
(a) Gardener	1	0	.05	48	5.60
(b) Coxswain	1	0	.07	48	.56
(c) Dispensary Ass't.	1	0	10.00/Mo.	30 Days/Mo.	10.00
(d) Ass't. Cook	1	0	7.00/Mo.	48	7.00
4. <u>Skilled</u>					
(a) Carpenter	2	0	.08	48	26.88
(b) Cook	3	0	9.00/Mo.	30 Days/Mo.	22.50
(c) Engine Man	6	0	.08	48	89.28
(d) Auto Mechanic	3	0	.08	48	20.72
(e) Hvy. Eqpt. Oper.	1	0	.09	48	17.28
(f) Blacksmith	1	0	.08	48	10.24
(g) Superintendent	1	0	.15	48	22.95
5. Sub-Professional	0	0			
6. <u>Professional</u>					
(a) Clerk	1	0	13.00/Mo.	30 Days/Mo.	13.00
7. <u>Government Heads</u>					
(a) Commissioners	2	0	24.00/Mo.	30 Days/Mo.	48.00
 TOTAL NUMBER	<u>48</u>	<u>5</u>			<u>\$475.21</u>
			TOTAL PAYROLL		

USN MILITARY GOVERNMENT UNIT, ROTA ISLAND
Native Census for Month of November 1946

(This is Enclosure (b) to monthly report No. 1)

COLUMNS: AREA ** B C D E F G

1. Total Pop. Rota Is.
(a) M under 16 213
(b) M over 16 241
(c) F under 16 190
(d) F over 16 231

2. Births: 6

3. Deaths: 0

4. School Attendance: 0

5. Artisans: 30

EXHIBIT II TO ENCLOSURE (A)