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2nd Endorsement on
OinC, MGU, ROTA
Monthly Report for
Dec., Dated 5 Jan 1947.

From: Commander in Chief Pacific and U. S. Pacific Fleet.
To: Chief of Naval Operations (Office of Island Governments).
Subject: Military Government, ROTA - Monthly Report for December 1946.

1. Forwarded, noting the commendable measures which have been made toward the rehabilitation of Rota.
2. A CNO directive, received subsequent to the date of the first endorsement, has placed the military government of Rota under the administrative control of the Naval Civil Government of Guam.

J. H. TOWERS.

Copies to: (2nd end. only).
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HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT UNIT, ROTA

5 JANUARY 1947

From: Senior Military Government Officer, Rota
To: Commander Marianas (Military Government Section)

Subject: Military Government Monthly Report

Reference: (a) Military Government Section dispatch 04.0637Z Dec. 1946.

1. In accordance with reference (a) Monthly Military Government report number 2 is forwarded for mimeographing and distribution.


R.B. Heran

USN Military Government Unit,
Rota Island, Navy #926

Report No. 2

5 January 1947

Part I - Native Affairs
SECTION A - REHABILITATION

1. Rehabilitation.
 - (a) Plans are being formulated for the reconstruction of the town of Songsong. Salvaged lumber and other building materials will be furnished by USNMG, all labor by the natives.
2. Welfare.
 - (a) Gratuitous issues of food are made on a weekly basis due to the destruction of the food supply by the thphoon of 22 September. In December 4000 lbs. rice, 3600 lbs. dried beans 168 cases battle Rations, 52 cases of evaporated milk and 4500 lbs. of flour were distributed. Substantial reductions in these amounts are expected to be made in the next two months as the crops mature.
3. Land Titles Investigating Commission.
 - (a) No action taken.
4. Claims.
 - (a) No action. No claims filed.
5. Summary.
 - (a) No comment.

SECTION B- HEALTH AND SANITATION

1. USNMG Hospitals and Dispensaries.
 - (a) One dispensary at Songsong.
 - (b) 10 beds all devoted to native care.
 - (c) Number of natives treated 199.

(1) Medical (by diseases)	
Trachoma	35
Tropical Ulcer	9
Furuncles	8
Hookworm	2
Ringworm	10
Injuries (burns)	1
Dermatitis	4
Yaws (open sores)	6
Catarrhol Fever	27
Fungus Infection	4
Others	95
 - (2) Surgical (major and minor)(none).

HEALTH AND SANITATION Cont'd

- (3) No dental facilities available.
- (d) 46 hospital days furnished natives during month.
0 natives hospitalized on 31 December.
- (e) Native hospital training program.
 - (1) 2 nurses aids employed, rate of pay \$8.00 per 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.
 - (a) None. Two are now being erected, one at Ongniao the other at As Malate.
- 4. Preventive and Therapeutic Field Work.
 - (a) None.
- 5. Sanitation.
 - (a) Field inspections.
 - (1) Three inspections held, one in each village, general conditions fair to good. Additional inspections as followx ups will be conducted to see if suggestions have been carried out.
 - (b) Native Sanitary Inspectors.
 - (1) One employed during December at \$.05 per hour.
 - (2) Two being trained at Songsong, pay \$.04 per hour.
 - (3) Supervised by CPHM directly.
 - (c) One native cemetery. Required no care during month.
 - (d) Pest Control.
 - (1) Insect. Extensive kerosene, oil and DDT spraying of heads. All water containers dumped, cleaned and ordered covered. Results are not yet able to be evaluated.
 - (2) Rodent. Traps have been set by the sanitary men and a few rats caught. This program will expanded as each area is declared free of rats.
 - (3) No other controls instituted.
 - (e) Potable water supply.
 - (1) Excellent. Unlimited quantities were available during the month although very little rain was experienced.
 - (f) No violations of sanitary regulations.

Section C - Self Government

- 1. Civil Government.
 - (a) Local

Self Government Cont'd

- (1) Two towns, commissioner form of government.
- (2) Two commissioners, elected by the people and approved by the MG Section Guam. Salary \$24 per month.
- (3) Close supervision is maintained by the USMAGU. A weekly council meeting is held attended by the SMO, the commissioners, chief clerk and 11 representatives from the villages.

2. Justice.

- (a) Local courts.
 - (1) None.
- (b) Regional courts.
 - (1) None.

3. Summary.

- (a) The weekly meetings of the council have proven very successful. Native participation has been excellent and the cooperation between all representatives is far beyond what was expected.
- (b) No crime reported during December.

Section D - Economic Development

1. Agriculture.

- (a) USMAG Farms.
 - (1) None.
- (b) Native subsistence crops.
 - (1) The prospects for good crops are very bright at the present time. The following acreages are under cultivation:

Corn	150 acres
Taro	150 acres
Sweet potatoes	28 acres
Pineapples	20 acres
Tapioca	3 acres
Watermelon	1 1/2 acres
Bananas	325 acres
Total	677 acres

This figure of 677 acres is constantly increasing and it is expected 1000 acres will be planted by 1 February 1947. In addition breadfruit, mango, orange, lemon and avocado trees will shortly bear fruit further supplementing the food supply.

- (2) USCC has aided in supplying seed and advising individuals regard-crops, possible retail and export markets.
- (c) No agricultural cooperatives.

2. Fisheries.

- (a) None. All fishing done on an individual basis.

3. Mining.

- (a) None.

Economic Development Cont'd

4. Handicrafts.
 - (a) Production very small and being developed under USCC supervision. The shortage of large quantities of pandanus limit expansion.
 - (b) It is expected handicraft work will play an important part in the economy of Rota. Weekly LSM's will provide an outlet for items produced.
 - (c) The USNMGU - USCC Program was inaugurated during December aimed at providing work, additional capital, individual trade enterprises.
5. Copra.
 - (a) None. No trees.
6. (Note this number omitted on form letter).
7. Native Enterprises.
 - (a) Barber shop, \$15.20 gross sales. One man employed. It is an individual enterprise. No USNMGU help during December.
 - (b) A cobblers shop, produce market and handicraft exchange are expected to open shortly.
8. Trade Store Operations.
 - (a) Luta Trading Company located in Songsong Village. This store is a private enterprise, owned by 13 men. Accurate statement is not available for December, since the store opened for business late in the month. Sales were approximately \$450. There was no income to USNMGU.
 - (b) An extensive program is planned for this trading company involving the handling of food exports, handicraft, and local commerce. The USCC represented by Mr. W.K. Etter has done fine service in organizing and starting the trade store in a relatively short time. The building was repaired with salvaged lumber by USNMGU labor and forms the basis of the economic development of the natives.
9. Exports and Imports.
 - (a) None in native goods. A regularly scheduled weekly LSM will shortly open this field.
10. Training.
 - (a) No special program operative. Several helpers are employed in the various trades at \$.05 per hour.
11. Summary.
 - (a) The month of December will probably be remembered by the natives of Rota as the turning point in the development of their self-sufficiency. After the disastrous typhoon nothing remained. December found their crops excellent., a trade store operating, handicraft workers preparing to export their wares, improved transportation and shipping facilities, markets for their excess food stuffs and a very rapidly

Economic Development Cont'd

expanding agricultural program. Work animals, pigs, goats and chickens are sorely needed. If an adequate supply of these animals can be found, the natives are prepared to buy them at the prevailing prices in this area. The people cannot but progress with the amount of ambition and enthusiasm shown toward every plan and program proposed by the USNMGU and USCC.

Section E - Education and Social Services.

1. Education.

- (a) There are no schools or teachers on Rota Island. A school will probably be built and started next month when materials arrive and teachers hired on Guam.

2. Religion.

- (a) There are two churches on the island both Catholic and served by Father Ferdinand Stippich, O.F.M. Cap. The people are 100% Catholic. The mid-nite mass held Christmas Eve was the first in five years. A portable generator supplied by USNMGU for this service was a contributing factor to its success, and further cemented the excellent relations between the clergy, church members and the USNMGU.

3. Recreation.

- (a) Baseball is still the top form of recreation. A motion picture projector and sound equipment will arrive in January and supplement the present program.

4. Native Culture.

- (a) Native cultures are being revived and encouraged. During the month all villages were preparing and practicing dancing, singing and plays for gala fiesta New Year's Day. A stage was built that will serve as a moving picture screen later, entirely on a voluntary basis by the natives. It is apparent the people do not wish to return to their old customs, but at the same time, they desire to remember and keep alive certain characteristic songs and dances.

5. Summary.

- (a) The school system is still desperately needed if the children are to keep up the progress and advances of their parents. This need is soon to be met and will undoubtedly be the keystone of the future development of Rota Island.

Part II - Administration

1. Public Safety.

- (a) No problem exists in the maintenance of law and order.
- (b) No police are employed.
- (c) No crime reported during the month.
- (d) No jail exists.
- (e) Fire protection consists of extinguishers mounted on jeeps and at strategic spots in the area.

2. USNMG Courts.

- (a) The court is located at Songsong with the SAGO presiding.
- (b) No cases were heard, disposed of, or pending during the month.

3. Public Works.

- (a) Construction during the month was limited by the lack of materials. A new generating station was erected, and the balley rebuilt. Both buildings were destroyed by the typhoon.
- (b) Maintenance of transportation, i.e. trucks jeeps and boats were continuing problems due to lack of parts. The airfield was completely reconditioned and is in excellent shape.
- (c) There are no public utilities.
- (d) No public transportation exists. A school bus will be required when the school is opened.
- (e) See Exhibit I for native employees, rates of pay, and earnings.

4. Operations (Inter-Island)

- (a) None.

5. Resettlement.

- (a) None.

6. Supply.

(a) Provisions.

- (1) No fresh or frozen foods on hand.
- (2) 15 days dry provisions on hand.
- (3) 15 days canned provisions on hand.

(b) Fuels.

- (1) 9 days supply gasoline on hand.
- (2) 10 days supply diesel oil on hand.
- (3) 20 days supply kerosene on hand.

- (c) All materials for construction are lacking. The supply on the island has been exhausted and outside sources of supply are being investigated.

- (d) No requisitions are out standing.

7. Employment of natives.

- (a) See form attached, exhibit I and appended as Enclosure A.

(Part II - Administration, cont.)

8. Summary.

(a) Refrigeration equipment, automotive parts and building materials are sorely needed. This is due to the uncertainty of surface transportation. Fuel were in short supply as the month ended and frozen foods exhausted. No fresh meat received that could be stored.

Section B - Military Government Finances.

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
None \$0.00	Native payroll 593.80
	total 593.80

Cumulative Totals This Year Unknown

Section C - Vital Statistics.

1. Summary.

(a) See form attached Exhibit II and appended as inclosure (B).

Section D - Naval Personnel.

1. Summary.

(a) Navy Pers. forms 353 and 625 not available.
Personnel aboard as follows:

- 1-Lt(jg 5(O) USNR
- 1-Chief Boatswain Mate USN
- 1-Chief Pharmacists Mate USN
- 1-Motor Machinists Mate 1/c USN
- 1-Medicman 1/c USN
- 1-Coxswain USN

USN MILITARY GOVERNMENT UNIT, ROTA

NATIVE EMPLOYEES DURING MONTH OF DECEMBER 1946.

This is Enclosure (A) to Monthly Report No. 2

<u>Classifications</u>	<u>Number</u>		<u>Hourly Rate Of Pay</u>	<u>Weekly Hours Of Work</u>	<u>Monthly Payroll</u>
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>			
1. <u>LEARNERS</u>	0	0			
2. <u>Common Labor</u>					
(a) Workers	33	0	.04	48	\$202.08
(b) Houseboy	2	0	6.00/mo	30 D/mo	12.00
(c) Helper	2	0	.05	48	14.60
(d) Utility Woman	0	4	.05	48	19.76
(e) Student Nurse	0	2	8.00/mo	30 D/mo	15.20
3. <u>Semi-Skilled</u>					
(a) Gardener	1	0	.05	48	9.00
(b) Coxswain	1	0	.07	48	8.96
(c) Dispensary Asst	1	0	10.00/mo	30 D/mo	10.00
(d) Ass't Cook	1	0	7.00/mo	30 D/mo	7.00
(e) Sanitary Insp.	1	0	.05	48	4.60
(f) Leading Man	1	0	.07	48	13.44
4. <u>Skilled</u>					
(a) Carpenter	1	0	.08	48	15.36
(b) Cook	2	0	9.00/mo	30 D/mo	18.00
(c) Engine Man	7	0	.08	48	91.20
(d) Auto Mechanic	2	0	.08	48	34.56
(e) Hvy. Equip. Oper.	1	0	.09	48	16.56
(f) Blacksmith	1	0	.08	48	14.08
(g) Superintendent	1	0	.15	48	26.40
5. <u>Sub-Professional</u>	0	0			
6. <u>Professional</u>					
(a) Clerk	1	0	13.00/mo	30 D/mo	13.00
7. <u>Government Heads</u>					
(a) Commissioners	2	0	24.00/mo	30 D/mo	48.00
Total Number	61	6		Total Payroll	593.80

(Exhibit I to Enclosure (A))

USN Military Government Unit, Rota Island
Native Census for Month of December 1946

This is Enclosure (B) to Monthly Report No. 2

COLUMNS

AREA

1. Total Population

Rota Island

- (a) M under 16
- (b) M over 16
- (c) F under 16
- (e) F over 16

215
260
191
231

2. Births: 3

3. Deaths: 1

4. School Attendance: 0

5. Artisans: 30

877

215
191
406

877

(Exhibit II to Enclosure (A))