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HEADQUARTERS, ISLAND COMMAND  
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1 December 1944.

Subject: Report of Military Government (Civil Administration) for Month of November 1944.

To: Commander Forward Area, Central Pacific.

1. In compliance with Sec Ltr, ComFwdArea, File A17-10/A9-4/FF12/05-  
Feb, sub: "Military Government (civil administration) - Monthly Reports  
et al", 25 Aug 44, the following report is submitted.

2. ORGANIZATION & PERSONNEL.

Attached as Inclosures 1 and 2.

3. CIVILIAN INFORMATION.

a. Population as of 30 November 1944.

<u>Race</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
Japanese	3,685	3,714	2,890	2,767	13,056
Korean	556	282	258	254	1,350
Chamorro	594	637	502	431	2,164
Carolinian	253	260	150	140	803
Total	5,088	4,893	3,800	3,592	17,373

b. Fifty-four civilians were received. Thirty-four men were transferred to the Prisoner of War Stockade after screening.

c. The Chamorro population was moved to the Charan Kanoa Area. The housing conditions, increased area, and other facilities improved general living conditions. A part of the Japanese population was moved into the area

formerly occupied by the Chamorros, which to some extent relieved the congestion and improved the general living conditions of the Japanese population.

d. The distribution of Identification Cards among the Chamorros is complete, except for stragglers. The Korean and Japanese distribution is progressing.

The list of all Japanese in protective custody, segregated into family groups, was completed and submitted pursuant to CINCPAC's direction.

4. MEDICAL & HEALTH.

a. Medical treatments		13,630
Surgical treatments		10,769
Civilians admitted to hospital		379
Civilians released from hospital		556
Civilians in hospital as of 30 Nov 44		368
Births: Camp	13	
Hospital	41	54
Deaths: Camp	40	
Hospital	58	98

b. The general health of the population is considered satisfactory. Death rates have reduced each month, shown as follows:

Deaths in September	Total	508
Deaths in October	Total	225
Deaths in November	Total	98

c. G-4 hospital component arrived, consisting of 14 officers and 289 enlisted men. Construction of the hospital has first priority, and is progressing satisfactorily. Twelve Quonset huts, both single and double, have been completed, and eleven are under construction, most of which are nearing completion.

5. SANITATION.

Sanitary conditions have improved. The dispersal of the population, as mentioned above, improved drainage conditions, operation of water flush heads, availability of more water for bathing purposes, and improvement in kitchen facilities have been contributing factors.

6. LEGAL.

a. Investigation of ownership of real estate continued. Completed the execution of articles of association for the Saipan Chamorro handicraft project. Articles of association for the Japanese and Chamorro farm cooperative were prepared.

b. Local and native courts are not functioning. The summary Provost Court record for the month follows:

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Cases continued from last month	3	<b>DECLASSIFIED</b>
Complaints filed	<u>43</u>	
Total	46	
Processes returned	1	
Convictions	41	
Dismissed	2	
Cases continued next month	<u>3</u>	
Total	46	

7. TRANSPORTATION.

Japanese truck maintenance continues troublesome. With the expanded camp area, increase in number of activities and accelerated rate, the transportation facilities are becoming strained.

8. ENGINEERING - CONSTRUCTION.

Civilian Hospital:

- 5 double Quonset huts completed.
- 2 double Quonset huts 60% completed.
- 2 double Quonset huts 30% completed.
- 2 double Quonset huts 20% completed.
- 7 single Quonset huts completed.
- 3 single Quonset huts 10% completed.
- Temporary shower completed.
- Temporary galley completed.
- All building sites cleared.

Korean Housing:

- Building #2 (20' x 300') 90% completed.
- Building #3 (20' x 300') 90% completed.
- Building #4 (20' x 300') 90% completed.

Charan Kanoa Area:

- 20 latrines completed.
- 17 houses repaired & rebuilt.
- 22 roofs repaired.
- Suiji with drain & catch basin completed.
- Water supply system completed.
- 30 garbage & trash points, with receptacles, completed.

Japanese Area:

- 2 suijis (16' x 30') completed.
- 1 suiji (16' x 30') 90% completed.
- 1 well 90% completed.
- Water main 5% completed.
- Suiji drain and grease trap completed.
- 2 3,000 gallon water storage tanks completed.
- Approximately 2,200 lin. ft. drainage ditch excavated.

Administration Area:

- Remodelling former enlisted men's mess hall 65% complete.

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Remodelling former dispensary 40% completed.  
Trade store shelving completed.  
Enlisted men's latrine completed.  
Administration office Quonset hut completed.

Civil Affairs Personnel Camp Area:

Enlisted men's shower completed.  
PX building 80% completed.  
Power plant 10% completed.  
Officer's mess hall store room, roof over porch,  
completed.  
Refrigerator storage (675 cf) completed.  
Recreation area stage & seats completed.  
Enlisted men's mess hall (20' x 100') completed.  
Officer's shower completed.  
Water supply & distribution system completed.  
48 tent floors and frames completed.  
Mess hall worker's head completed.  
All mess hall furniture completed.

Sanitary Disposal Unit #1 98% completed.

Roads & Walks:

Officer's area drive 95% completed.  
Officer's parking area 95% completed.  
Officer's walkways completed.  
Extensive surfacing, grading and fill in camp  
and personnel areas, using 1,060 cubic yards  
coral and sand.

Miscellaneous:

3,850 FBM dunnage salvage, in addition to  
considerable miscellaneous other material.  
Engineer yard woodworking shop (14' x 20')  
completed.  
Engineer yard saw shed (12' x 20') completed.  
Supply yard storage building (20' x 100')  
completed.

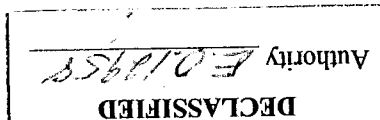
9. FINANCE.

Wages due civilians to the end of October were paid in the  
amount of \$38,074.82.

10. ECONOMICS.

a. Agriculture.

(1) One hundred and seventeen  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acre farms are in use.  
Approximately 70% of the total area is under culti-  
vation. Approximately 93 acres were planted during  
the month.



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(2) Vegetables harvested:

Farm	23,993 pounds
Children's garden	4,080 pounds
Salvaged by collection details and from laborers	<u>83,073 pounds</u>
Total	111,146 pounds

(3) Livestock and poultry impounded:

522 cattle	an increase of 37 over last report.
798 chickens	an increase of 94 over last report.
62 ducks	an increase of 4 over last report.
310 goats	an increase of 38 over last report.
75 hogs	an increase of 12 over last report.

(4) 817 eggs were gathered.

b. Fishing.

(1) The catch for the month was:

Sampan	14,902 pounds
Net Fisherman	<u>2,959 pounds</u>
Total	17,497 pounds

(2) Repairs on fishing vessels as follows:

- CA #2 vessel in commission 19 Nov. 44.
- CA #3 vessel 80% completed.
- CA #4 vessel 10% completed.
- 1 small boat for bait fishing completed.
- Relocation of boat repair yard 30% completed.

c. Labor.

During the month daily labor average was 3,681 (men and women), representing percentage of those registered for work to those employed: men, 86%; women, 75%. In addition a daily average of 435 men and women were engaged in farming and handicraft industry, operating as self-supporting individual enterprises

d. Industry.

Light industry shops continued busy, and a candy shop and soap factory were added and began business.

e. Native Handicraft.

The Chamorro handicraft shop was formally organized on a co-operative basis; 1,275 articles were produced; 1,146 sold, valued at \$964.20, of which \$418.65 were sold to Army and Navy PX's.

11. EDUCATION, RECREATION & WELFARE.

a. The Japanese population raised \$1,960.74 by popular subscription to be used for welfare purposes. The fund was deposited for safekeeping with the Finance Officer.

b. Instruction in English, group calisthenics, and general educational program continued.

c. One building (20' x 60') in Japanese Area converted into classrooms.

12. SUPPLY.

a. 411.73 tons of food were issued, of which 30% was American, the remainder being captured food, fresh fish and vegetables. Daily per capita issue:

Natives	1.39 pounds
Kcreans	1.54 pounds
Japanese	1.32 pounds

b. Food on hand at end of month:

Japanese	535.44 tons
American	<u>1,036.56 tons</u>
Total	1,572.00 tons

c. 426.49 tons of food received, of which 80% was American, the remainder being salvaged Japanese food, fresh fish and vegetable harvest.

d. The average daily sales of the Trade Store, operated by Civil Affairs was \$814.29 per day (25 selling days).

13. INTELLIGENCE.

a. Distribution of OWI propaganda material continued.

b. No marked reaction could be ascertained in regard to recent actions against Tokyo and retaliatory measures. Attitude appears to be one of wishful thinking and stoic acceptance of present conditions. No outbreaks or difficulties are anticipated unless enemy first attempts landing and presents a visible show of strength. Additional security measures have been instituted.

/s/ SANDERFORD JARMAN  
Major General, U.S. Army  
Island Commander

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