

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
Office of the Chief of Naval Operations  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Bob:

Several weeks ago the job of writing the Navy report on the Navy's administration of the Saipan District for the period 1 January through 30 June 1953 was completed. Due to the scarcity of information here at ONC it was quite a laborious job and we're not yet out of the woods - hence this letter to you requesting additional bits of facts and figures. Information requested from your command during the reporting 6 month period is as follows:

1. What are the communicable diseases in the Saipan District? List deaths from principal causes by age groups. Supply pertinent background information.
  2. Give a breakdown of the number of cases tried, prosecuted, those acquitted and those convicted by District, Community and Court of Appeals. Give breakdown of acquittals by type of offense.
  3. List taxes levied. What local revenues are received by taxes such as cigarette tax, amusements, etc.? Give amounts collected and method of expenditure.
  4. If possible, send a financial statement of the Post of America - Guam Branch, that includes Saipan.
  5. List number and value of money orders issued for the period at the Saipan Post Office - do not include Navy P.O.
  6. List total number of native children of school age in the District.
  7. List number of native children who stopped or completed their schooling for year ending 30 June 1953. Indicate which course -  
i.e., graduate vs. graduate.
- a. Elementary
  - b. Intermediate
  - c. Higher education - PHS and/or mission schools
  - d. Island mission schools (Saipan and Tinian)

Same information, as applicable, for Tinian and on the islands to the north

Saipan

6. Any other pertinent bits of information that you feel ~~you~~ should be included in our Saipan report would be most helpful. For example additional information regarding the PTA, Boy or Girl Scout program, A-I Clubs, Carnival customs - arts, songs, dances, etc. You were on the receiving end when Mr. de Serebant and company visited you a year ago and know the type of information they are interested in that would not come to the surface in a quarterly report.

Alvin Johnson was in the office for several days last week. He was in Washington getting lined up for a new job and all of us here hope that he gets what he is seeking for.

I know that you have been extremely busy in connection with the forthcoming move to Hill Hill. I presume that by now everyone concerned has agreed to the move as originally planned --- or have they? Reminds me of the time we built the laboratories on Tinian. For months, the location of the colony was like a pendulum between the two is- lands - the museum supplied by those whose theory was accepted at the time - i.e., isolation of the logs on a near uninhabited island vs. relatively close contact with their own folks for morale purposes. When the last hut was built on Tinian, and before the point was dry, a group of "experts from out of town" arrived and informed us the location was all wrong - Saipan was the place to house those afflicted with Hansen's Disease.

Knowing you are pretty far out on the line to receive mail I am enclosing several articles about the unbelievable demonstration that took place in the House of Representatives yesterday afternoon. One of the visitors is Representative Ben F. Jensen from Iowa. Many of the old timers on the island and a number of the more prominent Saipanese will remember that Congressman Jensen visited Saipan on 3 December 1951 as a member of the House Appropriations Committee. I was the Navy escort officer during this trip.

Let me hear from you, Bob, as soon as possible regarding the information requested above, so that I can get this last copy into the draft before press time.

Dorothy Richard and all here A: CP-21 join me in extending warmest regards to you, Mrs. Lee and others on your staff. Please extend my best wishes to Elias Salinas, Jose Fajalanza, Vicente Guerrero and Ignacio Barreto.

Sincerely,

GORDON FINDLEY

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U.S. NAVAL ADMINISTRATION UNIT  
SAIPAN DISTRICT  
SAIPAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Dear Gordon

In answer to your recent request I am forwarding the following information:

1. a. Communicable diseases in Saipan District from 1-1-53 to 7-1-53:

- (1) Tuberculosis
- (2) Infectious hepatitis
- (3) Parotitis, epidemic (Mumps)
- (4) Conjunctivitis

b. Deaths from principal causes and by age groups from 1-1-53 to 7-1-53:

(1) Septicemia	female	90 years
(2) Arteriosclerosis, general-ized	male	79 years
(3) Neoplasm, mandible, type undetermined	male	79 years
(4) Tuberculosis	female	69 years
(5) Exhaustion due to over-exposure	male	66 years
(6) Contusion, brain	male	44 years
(7) Glomerulonephritis, chronic	female	31 years
(8) Rupture, traumatic spleen	male	23 years
(9) Retroperitoneal lymphosarcoma	male	4 years
(10) Poisoning, venom due to bee stings	male	2 years
(11) Bronchopneumonia	male	6 months
"	female	4 months
"	male	2 months
"	male	3 months
(12) Meningocele	female	3 months
(13) Interstitial pneumonitis	female	16 days
(14) Encephalopathy, cause unknown	female	1 month
(15) Prematurity	male	15 days
"	male	6 days
(16) Hemorrhage, traumatic, brain	male	1 day

2. Criminal cases.

a. Cases acquitted in each court:



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<u>Court</u>	<u>Type of case</u>	<u>Number</u>
Community Court of Saipan	None	None
Community Court of Tinian	None	None
Community Court of Agrihan	None	None
Community Court of Alamagan	None	None
Community Court of Pagan	None	None
Saipan District Court (Driving with one headlight)		1
Saipan Court of Appeals, (Trial Division)	None	None

b. Total number of cases tried in each court:

<u>Court</u>	<u>Number of cases</u>
Community Court of Saipan	None
Community Court of Tinian	None
Community Court of Agrihan	None
Community Court of Alamagan	None
Community Court of Pagan	None
Saipan District Court	255
Saipan Court of Appeals (Trial Division)	None

c. Type and Number of cases prosecuted:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>
Assault and Battery	12
Disturbing the Peace	11
Assault	2
Criminal Liabel (Calummy)	1
Obstructing justice	2
Petit larceny	24
Trespass	9
Malicious mischief	4
Maintaining nuisance	2
False arrest	1
Driving without operator's permit	30
Driving without registration card	28
Driving without tail light	12
Driving without inspection sticker	7
Driving without license plate	2
Driving without headlight	3
Driving with one headlight	5
Driving with expired operator's permit	4
Driving while intoxicated	1
Driving improper vehicle	1
Driving under the age of 16	1
Failure to stop at stop sign	18
Failure to give hand and arm signal	13
Speeding	40
Reckless driving	7
Driving without brakes	9
Driving with 3 persons in front seat of jeep	4
Receiving stolen goods	2

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d. Type and number of cases not prosecuted:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Maintaining a nuisance	1	Complaint withdrawn by complainant
Failure to give hand and arm signal	1	Case dismissed as defendant considered permanently out of jurisdiction
Parking vehicle on paved road	1	Case dismissed as defendant considered permanently out of jurisdiction
Reckless driving	1	Complaint withdrawn for lack of evidence
Driving without operator's permit	1	Complaint withdrawn for lack of evidence
Trespass	1	Complaint withdrawn by complainant
Failure to stop at stop sign	1	Case dismissed as defendant considered permanently out of jurisdiction
	1	Complaint withdrawn for lack of evidence.

e. Number of cases acquitted in each court:

<u>Court</u>	<u>Number</u>
Community Court of Saipan	None
Community Court of Tinian	None
Community Court of Agrihan	None
Community Court of Alamagan	None
Community Court of Pagan	None
Saipan District Court	1
Saipan Court of Appeals (Trial Division)	None

3. Civil Cases.

a. Total number of cases heard and decided:

<u>Court</u>	<u>Number of cases</u>
Community Court of Saipan	None
Community Court of Tinian	None
Community Court of Agrihan	None
Community Court of Alamagan	None
Community Court of Pagan	None
Saipan District Court	10
Saipan Court of Appeals (Trial Division)	None

b. Type and number of cases heard and decided:

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Type	Number
Sanity cases	5
Adoption cases	2
Change of names	3

c. Type and number of cases not heard and decided: None

4. Taxes. Local taxes collected by NAVAD SAIPAN. (See Section 1145 of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Code which reads as follows):

"Imposition of Trust Territory Taxes. In addition to any other tax or duty imposed by law, there shall be levied and collected the following taxes by the District Administrator or his authorized representative and paid to the Treasurer of the Trust Territory.

(a) Internal Revenue Taxes. The first purchaser of products specified herein in the Trust Territory shall pay taxes as follows:

- (1) Cigarettes - One (1) cent per every ten (10) cigarettes.
- (2) Tobacco, other than cigarettes - Twenty percent (20%) ad valorem.
- (3) Perfumery, Cosmetics and Toiletries - Perfumery, including cologne and other toilet waters, articles of perfumery, whether in sachets or otherwise, and all preparations used as applications to the hair, or skin, such as cosmetics, lipsticks, pomades, powders and other toilet preparations not having medicinal properties, twenty-five percent (25%) ad valorem".

The above mentioned taxes are being collected by the Naval Administrator and are being deposited in the U. S. Naval Administration Unit, Saipan Local Revenue Account. Deposits and expenditures to this account are in accordance with instructions contained in OPNAV INSTRUCTION 7140.1.

Taxes collected during the period 1 January through 30 June 1953 were \$4136.79. There were no expenditures from this amount during this period.

5. Monthly report of deposits, Bank of America, Saipan Branch for period January through June 1953:

<u>MONTH OF JANUARY 1953</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Savings Accounts	483	\$135,653.53
Checking Accounts	111	437,811.37
School Savings Accounts	119	287.02
	<u>713</u>	<u>\$573,751.92</u>
 <u>MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1953</u>	 <u>Number</u>	 <u>Amount</u>
Savings Accounts	515	\$142,267.28
Checking Accounts	115	409,272.22
School Savings Accounts	137	693.01
	<u>767</u>	<u>\$552,232.51</u>
 <u>MONTH OF MARCH 1953</u>	 <u>Number</u>	 <u>Amount</u>
Savings Accounts	548	\$148,131.51
Checking Accounts	111	458,995.02
School Savings Accounts	144	1,011.06
	<u>803</u>	<u>\$608,137.59</u>

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MONTH OF APRIL 1953

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Savings Accounts	572	\$158,319.16
Checking Accounts	117	552,131.33
School Savings Accounts	292	1,866.18
	<u>981</u>	<u>\$712,316.67</u>

MONTH OF MAY 1953

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Savings Accounts	582	\$161,775.47
Checking Accounts	117	529,513.64
School Savings Accounts	432	3,367.96
	<u>1,131</u>	<u>\$694,657.07</u>

MONTH OF JUNE 1953

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Savings Accounts	597	\$170,276.79
Checking Accounts	121	554,366.81
School Savings Accounts	440	4,052.97
	<u>1,158</u>	<u>\$728,696.57</u>

6. The U. S. Post Office, Saipan during the period 1 January through 30 June 1953 issued 1688 Postal Money Orders in the amount of \$57,993.91. The Navy Post Office does not sell money orders.

7. As of 30 June 1953, there were in the Saipan District 991 children between the age of 5 through 9 and 667 children between the ages of 10 through 14.

8. Educational data for period 1 January through 30 June 1953:

PUBLIC INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

(9th grade)

<u>Number enrolled</u>			<u>Number graduated</u>			<u>Number who quit</u>		
<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
110	76	186	12	9	21	14	9	23

PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

(Totals for the district)

299	284	583	60	40	100	None		
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CATHOLIC MISSION SCHOOLS, ELEMENTARY

(Grades 1 to 3 inclusive)

35	51	86	None	None	None	None	None	None
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PICS, Pacific Island Central School, Truk

8	6	14	3	0	3	0	3	3
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George Washington High School, Guam

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Catholic Church Schools, high school level, Guam

		14			1			2
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<u>Number enrolled</u>			<u>Number graduated</u>			<u>Number who quit</u>		
<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>

			<u>College level schools, Hawaii and on the mainland</u>					0
8					0			
			<u>Medical and Nurse Training, Suva and Honolulu</u>					1
3					0			

Breakdown for Tinian, Alamagan, Pagan, and Agrihan

<b>TINIAN</b>								
14	15	29	None	None	None	None	None	None
		(3 attending intermediate school, Saipan)						
<b>ALAMAGAN</b>								
9	10	19	None	None	None	None	None	None
<b>PAGAN</b>								
10	10	20	None	None	None	None	None	None
<b>AGRIHAN</b>								
9	9	18	None	None	None	None	None	None

9. Educational activities on Saipan 1 January through 30 June 1953, cultural and extracurricular as reported by Mr. Jake Harshbarger:

**BOY SCOUTS**

A total of 64 boys between the ages of 11 and 17 participated in the Boy Scout program. Scoutmaster, Henry Pangelinan. Assistant Scoutmasters, Jose Cabrera and Vicente Santos.

The boys met regularly on Wednesday evenings for patrol meetings and each Monday for a troop meeting. Hikes and camping trips were taken every two months. In June the entire troop went to Tinian for five days under the supervision and direction of Vicente Santos.

**4-H CLUB**

Under the leadership of Benigno Sablan a 4-H Club continued its projects. The club has a membership of twenty-three (23) boys and girls. Its projects include Taro culture and the raising of pigs, chickens, and cattle by the boys. The girls have a project in homemaking. An exhibit was held in June and the club had a feast of products the members had raised.

**PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS**

In September of 1952 the P-T-A associations of the Chalan Kancoa Elementary School and the Saipan Intermediate School were combined. After the New Year the parents of both schools indicated that the combined organization did not afford sufficient time for the discussion of special problems affecting the two schools. The organizations were separated in April 1953. The association



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of the intermediate school had a membership of 250. At the meeting held the remainder of the year the following problems were discussed: Building and equipping of a typical Chamorro kitchen for the use of the homemaking classes of the school; policies of the school administration relating to student attendance, discipline, the grading system and the principles involved in grading, student programs and extracurricular activities, school hours, and the graduation exercises. One meeting was used as a means for the girls of the sewing classes to show the garmets they had made in the school. The parents were well-pleased if one can judge from their comments and their desire to buy everything. No garmets were sold, the girls took home for their own use all dresses they had made.

All elementary schools in the district have Parent-Teacher Associations in connection with the schools. The type of problem discussed in the intermediate school association is common to all. The American ideals of Education are not too well understood and the parents ask many questions. The contrast between the autocratic methods used by previous administrators and the democratic methods being introduced have to be explained and these associations offer a splendid opportunity. Teachers and administrators are making the most of these.

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This week has been a fairly busy one as we were "invaded" by a group of twelve officers and civilians from Guam to conduct our annual administrative and material readiness inspection. It all went off quite well. The personnel inspection yesterday was quite a nice sight with all hands in whites for the affair. Captain Diggs LOGAN, USN, CO of the Naval Base Guam was the Senior Inspector. LCDR KIRBY was one of the partymembers.

I am glad that you had a chance to see Jim Johnson. I have heard from him a couple of times. As of his last writing he is still waiting to hear in regards to his future plans.

As you probably know by now it has been decided that practically all of the unit will move to the hill. In our present area we will retain an office for NAVAD, Land and Claims, District Attorney plus Courthouse and I.C., and Frank Brown and his gang. We plan to expand the dispensary facilities in Chalan Kanoa with Dr. Torres in charge. Incidentally the 4 officers and 200 Seabees arrive in Guam today and will be up here in a day or two.

Thank you very much for the clippings on the fireworks display in Congress. I am glad that the results were no worse than they turned out to be.

I am taking the privilege of sending a copy of your letter and this one to Julius and Glen Kirby so that they can have the info on hand in case a need for it ever arises.

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I have extended the greetings you desired extended and all hands desire to be remembered to you. Please give my own personal regards to your family, Dorothy and any of the rest of the gang that you see.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bob" or "Robert", with a stylized, cursive script.

Robert D. Law Jr