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ROY T. GALLEMORE, DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATOR, MARIANAS RETIRES

SAIPAN, M.I. (August 18)...Roy T. Gallemore, well-known and respected District Administrator of the Mariana Islands, is scheduled to leave the Trust Territory on August 19 after more than 31 years of government service, first with the Navy and later with the Department of the Interior. High Commissioner M. W. Goding in announcing Mr. Gallemore's retirement paid tribute to his long years of service to the people of Micronesia and concern for their well-being.

Mr. and Mrs. Gallemore plan to go to Kobe, Japan, where they will take the Tegelburg, Royal Inter-Ocean Lines, around Southeast Asia to eastern and south Africa, on to Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina, where they will take the Delsud, Delta Line, and make several stops in South America and the Caribbean before ending their voyage in New Orleans. They plan to return to their home in Bartow, Florida.

Roy Trent Gallemore was born in Salisbury, Missouri, September 8, 1895. He received his B.S. degree from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, in 1917.

After graduation he entered on duty with the Navy until October

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1924 when he resigned to become editor and publisher of a weekly newspaper in Bartow, Florida. Under his management, the newspaper became a daily.

In July 1940, concerned with the world situation, he entered the Naval Reserves. In August 1940 he was called up to active duty with the Navy and worked as a Communications Officer at the Naval Training Station in Norfolk, Virginia. He continued his work as Executive Officer at a California base, training personnel for advanced base work in survival, intelligence, transportation, etc. After that he became area personnel officer in Okinawa.

In April 1946 he entered the School of Naval Administration of Stanford University to study administration of island areas. This 5-month course was set up especially to train civil administrators for Micronesia and provided emphasis on administration and general background. Some language training was also provided. It is interesting to note that another graduate of the same course, Alan M. McQuarrie, has served as Assistant District Administrator of the Mariana Islands with Mr. Gallemore since 1963.

Mr. Gallemore's first assignment after graduating from the special course at Stanford was as Assistant to the Military Government Officer of the Trust Territory, with headquarters in Guam. It is coincidental that his last assignment was also in the Mariana Islands.

After leaving the Trust Territory in 1948, Mr. Gallemore continued to serve in the Navy for six years. In 1954, he was automatically retired when President Eisenhower first reduced forces by cutting out active reserves due for retirement.

In November 1955, Mr. Gallemore was asked by the Trust Territory Director of Personnel if he would return to the Trust Territory as Assistant

District Administrator of Truk. He served in this position until 1956 when he was appointed District Administrator. He was District Administrator of Truk from April 1956 to October 1960 when he became District Administrator of Yap. He became District Administrator of the Mariana Islands District in August 1963.

Mrs. Gallemore, who has been in the Trust Territory for nearly 12 years, has interested herself in Micronesia's people, crafts and shells. She has actively promoted interest in shells among the Micronesian people and has tried to create an understanding of shell values. In 1962, Mr. Gallemore found a rare shell in a collection of shells presented to him by the children of one of the outer islands of Yap District. The money obtained from the sale of the shell was returned to the people of the outer islands in the form of a scholarship.

While Mrs. Gallemore was in Truk, Yap, and the Mariana Islands she helped with the publication of children's reading materials in the native languages. Most recently, in cooperation with women's clubs and government agencies in the Marianas, she has been working on a manual of first-aid, child-care, nutrition and other aspects of home care for use in Mariana Islands District homes.

The Gallemares have three children. Two are now Navy Captains and the third, a daughter, is married to a lawyer in Bay City, Michigan.