POPULATION DISTRIBUTION
1930 Census

SETTLEMENT PATTERN

Sibolga: 1°44'N., 98°46'E. Pop. (1955, estimate): 25,363.

General: Sibolga which was the capital of the Residency of Tapanuli is an old town with few modern buildings. Prior to World War II it was divided into European quarters, Asiatic quarters and a Commercial and Government office section. Buildings in the European quarter were of brick, in the Asiatic quarters, they were of wood with corrugated or thatched roofs; commercial and government buildings were substantially built but old.

The town is laid out on a fairly regular rectangular plan with three long streets parallel to coast and others at right angles. The streets, averaging 20 ft. in width, were asphalted and well drained, rainwater was carried away by concrete ditches on both sides.

Communications: See Overlay No. V.

Billeting:

Hotel Rietema - 26 rooms
Hotel Tapanuli - 10 rooms
Police Barracks
Government offices: [illegible]
and Information office. European bungalows (about 30)

Light and power: See Overlay No. V.

Gas: None

Water: In 1955 reported source was wells. Prior to World War II water came from mountain stream, Aek Sarodek, 3½ miles from town. The stream in [illegible] than normally. The water was filtered on a [illegible] each having an area of 301 sq. ft. The service provided about 500 cubic meters per day of purified water.

Sanitation: European homes had septic tanks.

Industries: Motor repair shops, printing shops, rubber resulting factories and a small ice factory have been reported.

Tarutung: 2°01'N., 98°58'E.

General: Tarutung is a small highland town, about 42 miles by road from Sibolga. The west part of the town, the European quarter, was built on terraces, access to it was by very steep roads or steps. The Asiatic quarter was on a lower level, between the base of the European quarter and the river. The most important roads in town were asphalted and had an average width of 20 ft.

Communications: See Overlay No. V.

Billeting:

Barracks
Government rest houses (2)
Schools (5)
Movies
Hospital
European bungalows (50)
Several governmental office buildings.

Light and power: See Overlay No. V.

Gas: None

Water: Reportedly a pumping station was located about 2 miles southwest of town close to the Sibolga-Tarutung road. From the pumping station a pipe-line carried water to reservoir near European quarters. The water is obtained from wells.

Sanitation: No information but presumably European homes had septic tanks.

Industries: There were a number of rice mills. Probably some garage facilities.

Settlement and Population,

Sibolga Settlement

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