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9-68/69.

PATROL REPORTS BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT 1967-68

HUTJENA, TINPUTZ

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
2-67-68	J. Vosivai	Selau C.D.
4-67-68	A. Wallensky	North east coast Buka area
5-67-68	J.G. Stevens	Solus, Buka Is.
12-67-68	R.W. Gregory	Part of Solus, north coast, and west coast area
11-67-68	J.G. Stevens	Nissan and Pinipel C.D.
9-67-68	J.L. Wellington	Selau C.D.
10-67-68	A. Wallensky	Nissan Island

TINPUTZ

1-67-68	J.G. Stevens	Timbiboon Native reserve
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Bougainville Report No. 20 HUTJENA NO. 2 - 197/18

Patrol Conducted by JOHN VOSIVAI Local Government Assistant .

Area Patrolled SELAU CENSUS DIVISION .

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives Cr. Kovono

Duration—From 14/8/1967 to 18/8/1967 .

Number of Days FOUR

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NIL

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9/6/1967

Medical .. / .. /19 ..

Map Reference NIL

Objects of Patrol To find out from non-Council villages if they want to join in the Baka Council or not

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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[Signature]
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation	£.....
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund	£.....
Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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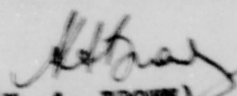
Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

4th. September, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KOMEDONG. PAPUA.

NTJENA PATROL NO. 2 OF 1967/1968.

1. The Report of the above Patrol by Mr. VOSIVAI will be of interest to the Commissioner for Local Government.
2. Comments by the Assistant District Commissioner adequately cover this Report.
3. When SELAU road is again trafficable it may bring more inf. *Comm.*


(K. A. BROWN).
A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Att.

67-11-1

9th November, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

HUTZENA PATROL NO. 2 OF 1967-68.

The above Patrol Report and your 67-1-3 of the 4th September, 1967 are acknowledged with thanks.

- 2. No copies of the Assistant District Commissioner's comments were received.
- 3. The Patrol Report has been shown to the Commissioner for Local Government.
- 4. Mr. Vosivai appears to have handled his patrol well in what must have been fairly difficult circumstances.

(T.W. Ellis)
DIRECTOR.

Buka Multi-Racial Local Government Council.

1.

Hutjena Sub-District.

A.D.C.

HUTJENA

Bougainville District.

PATROL REPORT.

Patrol conducted by J.Vosivai L.G. Assist. in the Non-Council Villages ~~and~~ in the Selau Census Division. Accompanied ^{by} Cr. Kovono of Anakei Village.

The patrol started on the 14th of August and ended on the 18th of August, 1967.

The purpose of this patrol was to find out whether some of the non-council villages want to join in to the Buka Council. And if they do want to join the council, would they join in to some old electorates or have their own.

When the meetings started in each village apart from Katsinkoveri, Cr. Kovono would tell the people in place talk, and I (J.Vosivai) in pidgin that; Tabik of Katsinkoveri reported in the Sub-District Office at Hutjena that his ^{people} want to join the council, And the Assistant District Commissioner Of Hutjena thinks that some village in that particular area might also want to join the council so that everything, such as maps and reports can be done at the same time, to prevent them from changing all things, every time a village is join in. Therefore we have been sent out to take the names of those who want to get the council and also the names of those who do not want the council. We also told them to ask any question about things they don't understand about the council, and why they don't want the council. I told them that if their question couldn't answered straight away, I would try and get them an answer from the Officers of the Administration.

LIST OF VILLAGES AND PLACES OF MEETING.

14/8/67	Ramundat	at	Ramundat Village.
"	Gohei	"	Gohei (Near S.D.A.Church)
"	Katsinkoveri and Kokoloto Hamlet	"	Kokoloto Hamlet.
15/8/67	Katsinkoveri No.3.	"	Katsinkoveri No.3.
"	" No.4."	"	" No.4.
"	Chundawan No.1.	"	Chundawan No.1.
16/8/67	Siara	"	Siara Village.
"	Ruri and Ton	"	Ruri Village.
17/8/67	Umum and Tanemabo	"	Umum Village.
"	Chundawan No.2. (Tsoakela)	"	Tsoakela Village.

18/8/67 Back to Gohei again for more talks with those who have already joined the council to find out whether they want to join Katsinveri and have a separate ward from Sorum.

.....2/...

RAMUNDATA VILLAGE.

The first village that I went to was Ramundata Village, almost everyone were in the meeting, I sat there for nearly half of an hour while people talking in their native tongue, I wouldn't know what was going on, after that one of the men spoke on behalf of all the people of Ramundata Village saying that, none of the people of Ramundata Village want to join the council. No reason was given, why don't they want the council and no question was asked.

GOHEI GROUP.

Everybody attended the meeting.

T.Paren Kinto wants to join the council

Man Wape " " " " "

Kawaga Tekte (f) " " " " "

Those who don't want to join the council.

Latu Sarohin (m)

Savoto Singulo (m)

Ngosei Pakatsin (m)

Tumets Savoto (m)

Wanes Sapona (m)

Tsonvia Pakatsin(m)

Kalevas Huing (f)

Kukule " (f)

Wogun Kelets (f)

Talimits Giobun (f)

Tsirite Kalakin (f)

Koko Semoso (f)

Tanus Tapetsi (f)

Lemits Puelis (f)

Kuaran Sieni (f)

Ratu Waris (f)

No question was asked and no reason was given for their refusal.

KATSINKOVERI VILLAGE.

Those who want to join.

Tabik Sagolo (m)

Talimits Nou (f)

Kaulan Lamoko (m)

Keets Stoa (f)

Tsirio Nanau (m)

Kunia Makos (m)

Manam Pou (m)

Saka Malabili (m)

Moton Nou (m)

Taria Sagolo (f)

Those who don't want to join.

Kiou Sake (f)

Ratsibun Tuari (f)

Ua Keali (f)

KATSINKOVERI Con.

Those who want the Council.

- Kela Ramoko (m)
- Sagolo (m)
- Tsia Ramoko (m)
- Tevuin Wasau (f)
- Pakum Ramoko (m)
- Saru Wasau (f)
- Kabc Kevali (m)
- Woli Kibei (m)
- Kela Toviana (M)
- Sibel Wirits (f)
- Surap Malaina (m)
- Upei Warar (f)
- Makania Pitaka (m)
- Movi Binavan (f)
- Pakatsin Tsawatsi (m)
- Rumana Siavene (m)

CHUNDAWAN VILLAGE.

Bankuru Palin and wife Tusip Wagio
want the council.

The following don't:

- Ariken Reimei (m)
- Maneo Kukute (m)
- Tavirin Pinari (m)
- Teptep Rasaga (m)
- Sirimits Tabio (m)
- Wana Tunomo (m)
- Kakil Mola (m)
- Marara Tavel (m)
- Towats Komu (m)
- Bomu (f)
- Pem Wirits (f)
- Buwin Rimias (f)
- Ebsia Gewana (f)
- Kahoaga Tuano (f)
- Berse Wanawats (m)
- Tasoro Tapolas (f)
- Rajoko (m)
- Sip Kaiura (m)
- Baksara Upita (m)
- Misa Sola (m)
- Waris Karekua (m)

SIARA VILLAGE.

Goama Kerol wants to join the council.

The Following don't want:

- Wasau (m)
- Mangin Butu (m)
- On Sina (m)
- Mangin Takel (m)
- Tsivin Tsikali (m)
- Naha Katsin (m)
- Samain Aga (m)
- L.Tsigoto Tsikula (m)
- Tsikali (m)
- Kuriapu Bio (m)
- Tumata Vagera (m)
- Tau Watsia (f)
- Solobo Butou (-)
- Kivono Kenavena (f)
- Parin Tukana (f)
- Kohoaga Patrick (f)
- Sangin Katsih (f)
- Sigal Ropon (f)
- Tonomo Rapise (m)
- Rusi Tubono (f)
- Tagal (m)
- Tuwas Sopi (f)
- Surona Kevete (f)
- Topu Sina (f)
- Mure (f)
- Pola Giugun (f)
- Nepi Pots (f)

RURI - TON VILLAGES.

The following refused to join the council

- Revina Langbong (m)
- Raras Gatavin (f)
- Bona Kenatsin (f)
- Mosongo Kasman (f)
- Oten Sarape (f)
- Lili Nima (f)
- Beta Matsi (f)
- Pepec Ketsia (f)
- Kiria Gonawa (f)
- Roni Binawa (f)

URI - TON Continued.

Those who don't want the Council.

- Angin Kanomen (f)
- Amaras Tsitei (f)
- Yoni Supin (f)
- Yusia Kaskas (f)
- Pepe Pots (f)
- Lina Birua (f)
- Pepeo Anis (f)
- Mosanga Kuuu (m)
- Mokira Getsi (m)
- Binawa Tseki (m)
- Lesi Tuvio (m)
- Kimoto Sekil (m)
- Tsirimun Lilaon (m)
- Tsigoto Tapute (m)
- Sirei Matsi (f)
- Goles Malapan (m)
- Wamari Sarape (f)
- Velung Koeva (m)
- Tokapits Napa (m)
- Kosin Siani (m)
- Kalaput Sara (m)
- Kaskas Tuvio (m)
- Magirawa Rapese (m)
- Womat Keso (m)
- Peti Tsolomon (m)
- Tomos Tane (m)
- Iso Lilaon (m)
- Takuin Tsutsun ~~Bitu~~ (m)
- Cantunun Bitu (m)
- Osatu Vapurur (f)
- Bes Atu (f)

UMUM - TANEBABO.

Kanis Kesora the Paramount Luluai of Umum and his wife really want to join the Council.

The following don't want:

- Vakau Naso (m)
- Toaso Vinca (m)
- Vakono Vaviur (m)
- Boro Korean (m)
- Sifing Peatarane (m)
- Gamos Vakono (m)
- Levatsi Kaukas (m)
- Tsivatsi Pokap (m)
- Griv Sunga (m)
- Peatarane Siava (m)
- Vagon Parits (m)
- Wobul Wasual (m)
- Bura Sunga (f)
- Kerekuene Kerosa (f)
- Alkia Tolapu (f)
- Ema Sipsasia (f)
- Rat Potensoa (f)
- Tsinanen (f)
- Ritia Katsin (f)
- Donis Tsivotsi (f)
- Keatsi Peatarane (f)

One single question was asked during one of the meetings by Vagon Parits of Umum was, 'Where does the Council Tax go to?' It was answered that; All tax money and all the other money receives by the council are banked, and the people themselves are to decide where to spend the money, but not the government. The other question asked by Kerol (that was not in the meeting) was, 'Do people ~~with~~ who have many children pay tax to the council?' It was answered that, ' Every eligible person paytax to the council, but anyone who has any hardshp may make an appeal before the Tax Review Committee, and the committee whether is to decide/ he be given partial exemption or full exemption. If not, he has to pay tax according to the Tax Rule of the Council concerned.'

Kerol said that ^{he} paid Council Tax to the Buka Council once, but the money was returned to him because of some reasons, which he didn't tell me.5/...

It is quite obvious that the above villages will never join the council unless Biara Village joins in. We can tell by the way they work together in some business enterprises. Ramundata, Gohei Group, Chundawan, Ruri-Ton and Umum send their copra to the C.M.B. in Rbaul through Kerol, and also get their store supply the same way. Katsinkoveri Village was sending its copra through the same way, however there was a quarrel between them about people not taking part in loading or putting their copra in the ships. Therefore Tabik and his group broke away from them, and now want to join in to the Buka Council.

When Katsinkoveri Village joins the council, they want to have their own electorate with the Gohei Group who is already in the Council and Tarlena.C.M. However, nothing has been heard from Gohei Group yet, about this change, they are still thinking about it. They said.

Kanis the Paramount Luluai of Umum really wants the council but cannot get his people join him. He was very cross and acted like a mad man when the people ~~would~~ refused to join him and get the council. He said that he is still trying to get his people join the council. He will never stop, until they agree. He said.

The patrol did not take long because people would not asked questions and also wouldn't give any reasons why they don't want the council. Kovono and myself had to do all the talkings. We told them what the Government and the Council doing in the building of the Selau Road. In some villages lots of people came to the meetings, but some persons would not come and say whether they want the council or not. You would see them hiding behind the other people or houses and ran into the bush like wild men. We sometimes ^{almost} left alone during the meetings while waiting for any question from the people, therefore we ~~had~~ ^{on} to move to the next village.

J. Vosivai
 J. VOSIVAI
 (L.G. Assist.)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **BOUGAINVILLE** Report No. **4** of 67/68

Patrol Conducted by **A. WALLENSKY - PATROL OFFICER**

Area Patrolled **NORTH EAST COAST BUKA AREA**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **NIL**

Natives **2 MEMBERS R.P. & N.G.C.**

Duration—From **11/ 9/19 67** to **27/ 9/19 67**

Number of Days **12 days.**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **NO**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19 **65**

Medical/...../19.....

Map Reference **NIL**

Objects of Patrol **1. CENSUS REVISION.**

2. TALK ON FORTHCOMING HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Ref: 67-11-8.

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

2-1-1968.

District Commissioner,

B.D.
Sohano.

PATROL NO. HUTJENA 4/67-68.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:-

- * ~~Memorandum of Patrol No.~~
- * Patrol Report No. HUT 4/67-68.

covering patrol by... A. Walkensky.....

T. W. Ellis
(G.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

* Delete as necessary.

the area, schooling is readily available with the large number of village schools staffed by Mission teachers, and the Mission schools themselves.

Approximately 50 children from this area attend the Hutjens High School, but the main brunt of providing education falls upon the Missions.

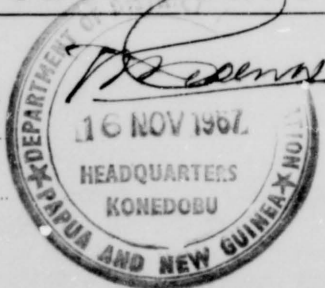


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Telegrams.....
Our Reference... 67/1/3
If calling ask for
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

9th November, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONE DOBU - PAPUA.

HUTJENA Patrol No. 4.
1967/1968

1. Report of above patrol for your information please.
2. Vital statistics for the Buka Passage Sub-District are now completely up to date.
3. The political education programme on Buka has been pursued to the limit of resources. Schools are evidently being visited by Field Staff and Assistant District Commissioner, Hutjena has conducted a discussion group with Administration officers.
4. The general situation in the sub-district is good and progress by Buka Council is very encouraging.

K.A. Brown
(K.A. BROWN)

A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
HUTJENA.

the area, schooling is readily available with the large number of village schools started by Mission teachers, and the Mission schools themselves.

Approximately 80 children from this area attend the Hutjena High School, but the main brunt of providing education falls upon the Missions.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

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BUKA road and the KAROOLA road.

Sub-District Office,
HUTJENA.

The BUKA road is in need of repair due to the work of a Public Works Department.

3rd November, 1967.

District Commissioner,
SOHANO.

HUTJENA PATROL NO. 4 1967/1968 -
NORTH EAST COAST BUKA

This was the primary purpose of the visits to the villages.

I attach original and two copies of the above report, submitted by Patrol Officer WALLENSKY.

The political education programme has been most concentrated on BUKA Island and the people are well informed about the coming elections.

The attached figures bring the census statistics for BUKA completely up to date.

Forwarded, please.

(K. J. HANRAHAN).
Assistant District Commissioner.

(A. WALLENSKY)
S.I.C. HANRAHAN

Very few children are not attending school in the area, schooling is readily available with the large number of village schools staffed by Mission teachers, and the Mission schools themselves.

Approximately 30 children from this area attend the Hutjena High School, but the main brunt of providing education falls upon the Missions.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

There are two roads in this area - the BUKA road and the KAROOLA road.

The BUKA road is at present in excellent repair due to the work of a Public Works Department grader.

The KAROOLA "road" is suitable only for four-wheel drive vehicles and tractors at the moment - but with the funds which have been made available for the continuance of work on this road, there should be a marked improvement. It will not be operational to conventional drive vehicles for some time to come yet, although the work being started now will improve conditions for vehicles that are able to use it.

CENSUS:

This was the primary purpose of the visits to the villages.

Attached are the census figures for the NORTH EAST COAST BUKA AREA.

CONCLUSION:

There is very little further to add, as all the aspects so far discussed are covered in my monthly report.

Submitted for your information, Sir.

COMPLAINTS:

See my Field Office Report, paragraphs 61 to 77.

(A. WALLENSKY.)
O.I.C. Hanahan.

HEALTH:

The people in this area appear to be healthy - F.B. being the main illness. The convenience of aid posts at MONTIS and YOHATSE and hospitals at LEMAHANU and HANAHAN Mission Station is a contributing factor here.

EDUCATION:

Very few children are not attending school in the area, schooling is readily available with the large number of village schools staffed by Mission teachers, and the Mission schools themselves.

Approximately 30 children from this area attend the Hutjens High School, but the main thrust of primary education falls upon the Missions.

HOUSING AND SANITATION:

Housing throughout the area is not of a good standard.

However with the introduction of various sawmilling societies, this is being improved with the construction of sawn-timber and fibro cement sheet houses. This is extremely noticeable in the area north of TANDEKI.

There were no sanitation problems, all villages were clean without exception.

POLITICAL SITUATION:

Prior to this census, Mr. HANRAHAN, Assistant District Commissioner, had visited all the villages and spoken on the forthcoming House of Assembly elections. Therefore it was anticipated that a number of questions would be asked, but this was not the case.

However I feel that when the elections draw nearer, a greater awareness of their importance will be shown. I think it would be interesting to re-visit all these villages approximately a month before the elections and see if any change is evident, I feel that there will be, as by then all of the candidates will have been through with their "spiels".

The people in the area are aware that a local Government Council exists and that they have a councillor to represent them, but on the whole there is a lack of comprehending enthusiasm apparent.

The HAHALIS WELFARE SOCIETY, although still present in the area, does not present any real threat to the smooth running of the area at the present time.

COMPLAINTS:

See my Field Officers' Journal FOLIOS 17 to 24, paragraphs 61 to 77.

HEALTH:

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Patrol Post,
HANAHAN.

BUKA.

30th October, 1967.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
HUTJENA.

BUKA PASSAGE PATROL REPORT NO 44 of 67/68.

NORTH-EAST COAST BUKA AREA.

Patrol Conducted by:-	A. Wallensky (Patrol Officer).
Duration of Patrol:-	11/9/67 to 27/9/67.
Personnel Accompanying:-	Constables Arau and Varmar.
Last Census:-	1965.
Objects of Patrol:-	1. Census Revision. 2. Talk on forthcoming House of Assembly Election.

INTRODUCTION:

This was not a patrol in the true sense of the word; rather it was a series of day trips made from HANAHAN to the particular village to be censused.

The area includes fourteen villages - LONTIS being the Northern-most and extending down the East coast as far as HAHALIS - approximately 20 miles from HUTJENA and one mile south of HANAHAN station.

There are five villages situated on the beach - HANAHAN I, LEMANKOA, LEMANMANU, LONTIS and TANDEKI. The other villages, with the exception of some people in KETSKETS and IELILINA, all live on the cliffs above the sea. All villages are in close proximity to the road.

DIARY:

See my Field Officers' Journal FOLIO 17, paragraph 61 to FOLIO 24, paragraph 77.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No. HUTJENA NO. 5 of 67/68

Patrol Conducted by J. G. STEVEN, CADET PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled SOLUS, BUKA IS.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives NIL

Duration—From 20 / 11 / 19 67 to 15 / 12 / 1967

Number of Days 25

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 30 / 9 / 19 66

Medical / / 19.....

Map Reference See attached map.

Objects of Patrol CONSTRUCTION OF PART OF HAPAN-KOHISO ROAD.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

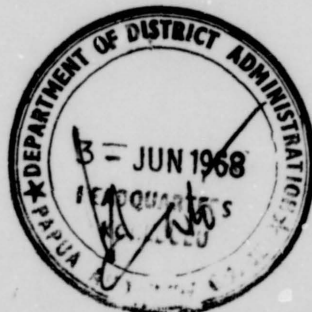
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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund



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Sub-District Office,
HUTJENA.

27th May, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
SOHANO.

PATROL No. HUTJENA 5-67/68.

Reference your 76-1-3 of 22nd May, 1968.

Mr. Steven has been on leave for some two months and did not submit any further information on the KOHISO situation before he left. From my observations and from information obtained, Mr. Steven's remarks on cargo cult were based on rumour only and were not substantiated.

The state of all Council water supplies is at present being investigated by the Buka Council.

The Buka Council is aware of the state of the HAPAN-BEI road but has not allocated money to it. The Council feels that there are other more pressing projects needing assistance.

(R.W. BLAIKIE),
Assistant District Commissioner.

P/A NS 4/4/68
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Minute to:

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

P/R F(14)

Sohano,
Ref: 67-1-3
30th May, 1968.

Your 67-11-13 of 15th May, 1968 refers.

(D.N. ASHTON)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

67-11-13

15th May, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
The District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

PATROL NO. HMTJENA 5-67/68

1. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of a Patrol Report covering a patrol by J.G. Steven, C.P.O. to a part of the BUKA Census Division.
2. I do not appear to have yet received the additional information on the KOHISO situation sought by you from Mr. Steven.
3. The need for guttering and repairs on Council tanks should have been passed on to the Council Adviser.
4. Some headings recommended in Standing Instructions such as "Commerce and Industry", "Anthropological", "Complaints" were not covered by the report.
5. The map accompanying the report was poorly executed and Mr. Steven apparently needs more practice in draughting. Standing Instructions lays down that "The patrol map should be to a scale of 4 miles to one inch... the map is to be neat and the printing legible; lettering guides are to be used whenever they are available. The legend should clearly connect the Map to the particular patrol". Rest houses, Aid Posts and Hospitals, Schools, various categories of roads, larger Mission establishments and airfields are also required to be shown on the map.
6. Mr. Steven passed on a request for Administration assistance for the road from HAPAN to BEI but did not develop the case for such assistance. Although the Assistant District Commissioner felt that there was "no real necessity" for this road, there is some indications in other parts of the report that there may be a case for such assistance. The Councillor concerned should be advised to bring the matter before the Local Government Council fully stating his case for assistance. The Council might then decide to seek assistance under the subsidy scheme.
7. The report was well written and clear but the information given was not extensive. For example to say that "only one mature bull, a cow, a heifer and an immature bull were sighted" makes the reader wonder where the cattle came from, how they were faring, if plans were being made to introduce more stock, were they a popular introduction, how they were being cared for and so on.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Director.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference 67/1/3
If calling ask for
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

18th January, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONE DOBU - PAPUA.

Patrol Hutjena 5 - 1967/68.

1. Report of above patrol with comments by Assistant District Commissioner, Hutjena for your information, please.
2. The main object of the patrol was to do as much work on HAPAN-KOHISO road as available funds permitted.
3. Mr. Steven has been instructed to give more information on his reference to cargo cult at KOHISO.
4. If Minor New Works (Engineering) funds are available when the current task on HANAHAN-KAROOOLA is completed another allocation will be made to GAGAN road.
5. A well presented report.

(D. N. ASHTON)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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Sub-District Office,
HUTJENA.

11th January, 1968.

District Commissioner,
SOHANO.

PATROL REPORT HUTJENA NO. 5 - 1967/1968,
SOLUS, BUKA ISLAND.

I attach original and one copy of the above report, submitted by Cadet Patrol Officer J.G. STEVEN.

ROADS.

The object of the patrol was to complete the coronous surfacing of the road from KOHISO to HAPAN village. HAPAN is the only village on BUKA, apart from the West coast and islands, not connected to the main road system.

Voluntary efforts have been made by the people, and the Administration has assisted with allocations of \$300 - 1966/67, and \$400 - 1967/68 from Minor New Works (Engineering). On this occasion, an Administration tractor and trailer unit was made available from HUTJENA.

HAPAN village has extensive plantings of cocoa and coconuts.

Unfortunately, the cash allocation was insufficient to complete the road. Mr. STEVEN is now supervising the surfacing of the HANAHAN/KARoola road and should be occupied there for the next two months. After he completes his work there, and if you can make a further appogation of \$500 available, he can complete the KOHISO/HAPAN road.

There is no real necessity for a road from HAPAN to BEI on the west coast. BEI has a good shipping point. If the people wish to construct such a road, then they should do so on a voluntary basis.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

I have asked Mr. STEVEN to elaborate on his reference to cargo cultism at KOHISO and I shall advise you in due course.

AGRICULTURE.

The Department of Agriculture, assists the EAST POKUS Rural Progress Society, which has members from the SOLUS villages. Wet cocoa beans are collected weekly and fermented and dried at LOHANAN. Membership is 33 and present production is 12 tons per year. Estimated production for 1968 is 24 tons.

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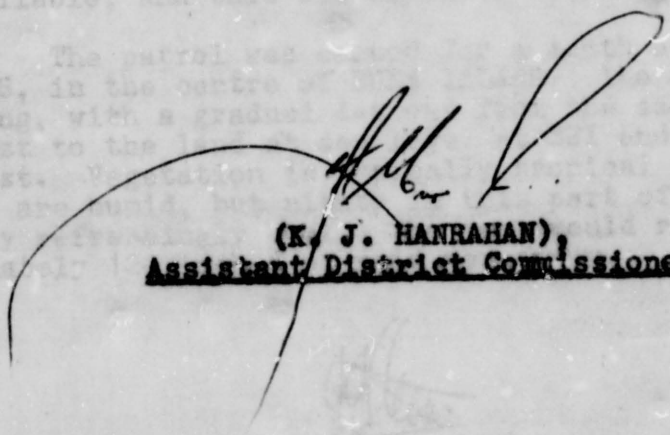
However, most of the SOLUS people sell their cocoa to their own Mission Society at GAGAN. The father in charge was recipient of a grant from West Germany and used the money to construct a \$6000 A.S.P. cocoa drier. I would have appreciated some membership and production figures on their society.

Copra is sold either to the Chinese or to Mr. J. LEE, or else marketed direct to the Copra Marketing Board in RABAU.

GENERAL.

Mr. STEVEN has submitted a neat, well presented report. I am quite pleased with the work he is doing on BUKA.

Forwarded, please.



(K. J. HANRAHAN),
Assistant District Commissioner.

(J. C. STEVEN),
Squad Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams

Telephone 67-1

Our Reference.....

If calling ask for.....

Mr.....

Sub-District Office,
HUTJENA.

28th December, 1967.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
HUTJENA.

INTRODUCTION:

The main objective of the patrol was to construct part of the KOHISO-HAPAN road. \$400.00 was made available, and this was expended within a month.

The patrol was camped for a month at GAGAN in the SOLUS, in the centre of BUKA ISLAND. The area is slightly undulating, with a gradual descent from the escarpment on the East Coast to the land at sea level at BEI and HAPAN on the West Coast. Vegetation is typically tropical - dense and lush. The days are humid, but nights in this part of BUKA are generally refreshingly cool. The area would receive approximately 120 inches of rain per annum.

(J. G. STEVEN),
Cadet Patrol Officer.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS.

RECEPTION OF PATROL:

It was intended to return to the same village as the patrol was camped last year, KOHISO. However, the rest house and quarters for accompanying patrol personnel were in a bad state of repair. The patrol was met by nobody on arrival at KOHISO, despite the fact that they had been informed previously of the proposed patrol. Most of the village turned out to view the patrol from a respectful distance after its arrival. A few questions that were put to the village people were met by a stony silence. The patrol then went back to GAGAN village where it was well received throughout its sojourn there.

VILLAGES:

(i) The standard of housing at GAGAN was quite good. The majority of houses were constructed on piles, varying in height from three to seven feet. The walls of these houses were covered with planks, hewn from bush timber. Likewise the flooring. The roof was covered with the palms of the sago tree, commonly known as Saksak. These palms are stitched together into approx. 10' lengths and about 2' in width. Saksak has a life expectancy of around four years before it starts to rot.

Ground dwellings, built on the same lines as above, seemed to be preferred by the senior residents.

(ii) The site was situated on well drained ground, and has a large tidal river a few hundred yards distant.

(iii) There are four 1,000 gallon water tanks, supplied by the council. Unfortunately, guttering carrying water to two of these tanks is in need of repair, and consequently these tanks never filled properly during a rainstorm and were always running dry. Many village people had constructed their own water catchment area with 44 gallon drums as storage tanks.

(iv) The village site was clean. However pigs were allowed to wander round the village at leisure. Very few people had taken the trouble to erect a fenced enclosure for their pigs. A few cattle were at large in the village too. Some goats, which when I first arrived, were allowed complete freedom of movement, were tethered to coconut trees after a complaint by the mission that these animals were devouring all vegetation in sight.

Sanitation was average, being of the dry pit type latrine.

OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION:

The SOLUS area comes under the jurisdiction of the BUKA Multi-racial Local Government Council. There are Councillors at HAPAN, KOHISO, GAGAN, BEIKUT, and KOHINO. Only councillors at HAPAN, KOHISO and GAGAN were seen, and then only at brief intervals. None of these were impressive by any standards, and at the monthly general meeting of the council in December, two of these councillors never opened their mouths throughout the entire meeting.

Cargo cultism appears to be simmering again at KOHISO, according to the casual statements given by some men from GAGAN village, where the patrol was camped. The state of the village certainly suggested that something was amiss. Some of the houses had been left to decay, and grass around the village was badly in need of cutting. Last year when I camped at KOHISO, this was a very tidy village. However, they meet their obligation to cut the grass on the SOLUS road at regular intervals. This is one of the best kept stretches of road in the entire Buka road system.

AGRICULTURE:

The variety of food available in this area is similar to that of many areas in the Territory. The ubiquitous sweet potatoe is the mainstay in their paltry diet. This is supplemented on occasions by tinned meat or fish and other fresh vegetables which are harvested from time to time in their gardens.

There is not a great surplus of fresh food. Every week at KOHISO on the GAGAN river, a market is held (usually mid-week). Peoples from the West coast and Islands come up by canoe, and fresh vegetables, etc, are exchanged for smoked and fresh fish. This is a direct exchange, no money transaction is involved.

However, every fortnight some people manage to get transport to Buka Passage, and food sold in this way is done so on a monetary basis.

Coconuts and cacao are the only cash crops in the Solus. Planting is done on a communal and an individual basis. Crops are marketed through a recently initiated society called "Hapaso" (a condensation of the villages Hapan and Solus). This society has its own 'T' number, and crops are shipped to CMB, Rabaul. Some people still prefer to sell direct to the Chinese who collect their produce in situ. Monetary returns from this source are not as lucrative as the society. The Advantage of trading through the society was pointed out to those who sold to the Chinese.

LIVESTOCK:

Pigs, cattle and some goats (at GAGAN) were the only livestock in the area.

Pigs were numerous, whilst only one mature bull, a cow, a heifer and an immature bull were sighted.

Pigs were slaughtered at the time of "singsings", and occasionally sold to neighbours and outsiders.

REST HOUSES:

The patrol remained at the rest house at GAGAN throughout its sojourn in the SOLUS.

The rest house was well constructed. The framework was of sawn timber, covered with bush timber (walls and flooring), and corrugated iron for the roof. The walls of the two rooms inside the rest house were covered with masonite. The house was adequate for two men with patrol gear. No cooking or washing facilities were provided for. The former was overcome by using paraffin stoves and the latter by making use of a tidal (fresh water) river about five minutes walk away.

HEALTH:

There is a hospital at GAGAN which serves the needs of the Solus people. It is staffed by a Catholic Sister, who has a double certificate, an indigenous nurse from Bougainville (Teop), who was trained at Tearouki C.M., in infant welfare and midwifery, and a local man, who administers first aid.

The hospital is divided into four sections:-

- 1. Female ward.
- 2. Maternity ward.
- 3. Dispensary and
- 4. Male ward. There are 12 beds in the women's ward and 7 in the men's ward. Regular infant welfare clinics are made to all villages in the Solus, from Hapan to Kohiso.

The Sister in Charge informed me that Malaria was still commonplace in the area, despite regular visits by malaria control personnel. Also tinea was perennial in the villages of Barikua and Kohiso. Apart from these ailments, the people were quite salubrious.

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EDUCATION:

Catholic Mission schools cover the Solus area. Schools are situated at GAGAN, HAPAN, BEIKUT and KOHINO, the latter three being village schools.

At GAGAN there were 242 pupils this year being instructed from Standard I to V. Numbers of pupils and standards at other villages are as follows:-

Hapan - 50 pupils, Standards I - III;

Beikut - 38 pupils, Standards I - III; and

Kohino - 69 pupils, Standards I - III.

There will be a standard VI commencing at GAGAN next year.

All teachers were indigenous, except the Catholic sister at GAGAN.

Attendance at schools was good.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

In 1964, PWD built an allweather coronous road from LONEHAN, on the East Coast of BUKA, to KOHISO, on the GAGAN river. This road serves the villages of Telatu, Kohino, Napan, Beikut, Gagan and Kohiso. Also in 1964, a wooden bridge was built spanning the Gagan river at Kohiso. Hapan was thus the only village not served by an all weather road.

In 1966, voluntary construction of a road to Hapan was initiated by Fr. LUEKEN at GAGAN Mission. The author of this report spent nearly six weeks in October/November of last year in the construction of part of this road. It was hoped to complete construction of this road to Hapan on this patrol; however, a paucity of stockpiled coronous necessitated the employment of a larger than usual labour force, with the result that funds were expended in a relatively short time. Hence completion of this section of road fell short of its target by about 1/3 of a mile. A further allocation of \$500.00 should see the completion of this road.

The villagers of HAPAN and BEI are both involved in the construction of a road from HAPAN to BEI. This road is still in the early stages of construction - a suitable track has not been completely cleared yet. This work is being done voluntarily.

The Councillor of HAPAN requested Government supervision and finance when a roadway is eventually cleared. When completed, this road would link East and West Coasts.

20/11/67 : The bridge at KOHISO was inspected and found to be in order. The awning, which once protected the timber decking from the mal effects of rain, had been dismantled as a major part of it had rotted.

MISSIONS:

A Roman Catholic Mission is situated at GAGAN. This is the only religious denomination in the SOLUS. Fr. Lueken is the priest in charge, and has been at GAGAN approx. fifteen years. He is liked by the locals for his industry and sense of humour.

22/11/67 : The Mission also has a complement of two European sisters, one acting in the capacity of a Nurse, the other a teacher.

Church services are held twice daily, including Sundays. Weekday services are attended by GAGAN people only, however, on Sundays, people flock to Church from surrounding villages.

The locals are ably assisted by Fr. Lueken in their economic ventures, primarily copra and cacao.

24/11/67 : Completed work at 07.30 hrs. Deposited approx. nine loads of copra on truck.

25/11/67 : Sunday observed.

26/11/67 : Sunday observed.

27/11/67 : Completed work at 07.30 hrs. Approx. ten loads of copra deposited today.

28/11/67 : Completed work at 07.30 hrs. Mission trailer received yesterday's order. Approx. seven loads deposited today.

29/11/67 : Completed work at 07.30 hrs. Departed for Sorong at 09.00 hrs. to supervise shipping of personal effects from Sorong to Ranau. Returned GAGAN late afternoon.

30/11/67 : Completed work at 07.30 hrs. Approx. seven loads deposited today.

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PATROL DIARY.

- 20/11/67 : Completed packing of patrol equipment and caught 1030 ferry to Chinatown from Sohano. Arrived KOHISO 1350 hrs. However, the condition of the rest house was such that we were obliged to return to GAGAN and camp in the Council house. Spent the rest of the afternoon settling in. Conversd with Councillor and made arrangements for labour tomorrow.
- 21/11/67 : About 20 labour assembled 0730 hrs. They were issued with picks and shovels. Supervised work on road and at coronous pit. Approx. loads deposited on road.
- 22/11/67 : Commenced work 0700 hrs. and deposited seven loads on road today.
- 23/11/67 : Commenced work 0700 hrs. and deposited nine loads of coronous with aid of extra trailer hired from Mission.
- 24/11/67 : Commenced work 0700 hrs. Deposited approx. nine loads of coronous on road.
- 25/11/67 : Saturday observed.
- 26/11/67 : Sunday observed. Deposited approx. five loads of coronous today.
- 27/11/67 : Commenced work at 0700 hrs. Approx. ten loads of coronous deposited today.
- 28/11/67 : Commenced work at 0700 hrs. Mission trailer received puncture today. Approx. seven loads deposited today.
- 29/11/67 : Commenced work at 0700 hrs. Departed for Sohano at 0900 hrs. to supervise shifting of personal effects from Sohano to Hanahan. Returned GAGAN late afternoon.
- 30/11/67 : Commenced work 0700 hrs. Approx. seven loads deposited today.

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- 1/12/67 : Commenced work 0700 hrs. Only one load was deposited today as heavy rain during the night made conditions unsuitable for laying. Instead main road was repaired.
- 2/12/67 : Saturday observed.
- 3/12/67 : Sunday observed.
- 4/12/67 : Returned from HUTJENA at 1000 hrs., having completed a contingency for payment of road labour and acquitted an advance. Approx. seven loads of coronous were deposited on the road.
- 5/12/67 : Commenced work at 0700 hrs. Deposited approx. seven loads today.
- 6/12/67 : Commenced work at 0700 hrs. Deposited approx. seven loads today.
- 7/12/67 : Commenced work at 0700 hrs. Only three loads deposited today because of poor weather.
- 8/12/67 : Commenced work at 0700 hrs. Deposited approx. five loads of coronous today.
- 9/12/67 : Saturday observed.
- 10/12/67 : Sunday observed.
- 11/12/67 : Commenced work at 0700 hrs. Deposited approx. five loads of coronous.
- 12/12/67 : Commenced work at 0700 hrs. Took two punctured trailer tyres to HUTJENA for repair. Returned GAGAN late afternoon. No coronous laid on road today.

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13/12/67 : Commenced work at 0700 hrs. Deposited approx. five loads of coronous today. Trailer tyre punctured again this afternoon.

14/12/67 : Commenced work 0700 hrs. Departed for HUTJENA at 0800 hrs. Returned to GAGAN at 1130 hrs. with repaired tyre. Approx. three loads were deposited today.

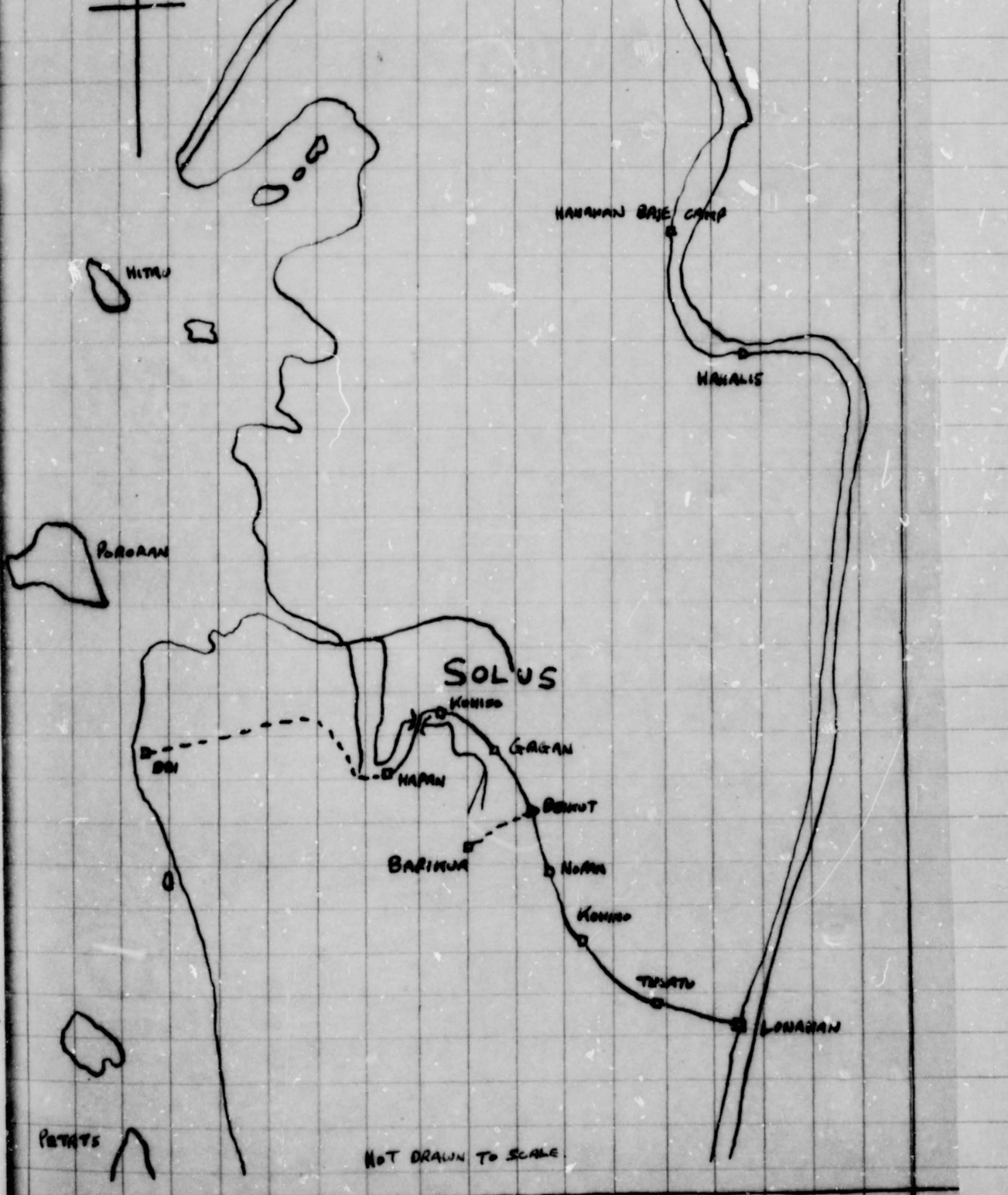
15/12/67 : Commenced work at 0700 hrs.

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Area Patrolled.....

ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT WORK		VILLAGE STUDENTS				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALE		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
Inside District		Outside District		Govt.	Mission		Males	Females		Pregnant	Number of Child-bearing Age		Child		Adults		
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	10-16	16-45	10-16	16-45		M	F	M	F	M + F





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Bougainville Report No. HUTJENA No. 12 of 1967-68.

Patrol Conducted by R.W.GREGORY P.O.

Area Patrolled Parts of SOLUS, NORTH COAST, and WEST COAST areas.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives 1 Member R.P.&N.G.C.

Duration—From 12.6.68, 17./6./1968 to 21./6/1968 and 24.6.68 to 28.6.68.

Number of Days 10.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / /19

Medical / /19

Map Reference BUKA ISLAND - MILINCH.

Objects of Patrol Routine Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone
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Our Reference
If calling ask for 67/1/3.
Mr.



Department of District Administration,

District Headquarters,
Bougainville District,
KIETA.

7th. October, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

HUTJENA PATROL REPORT NO. 12/67-68.

Please find attached the above
Report of Patrol conducted by Mr. R. GREGORY.

Mr. GREGORY is being very active
in the field and thorough in reporting.

POLITICAL :

Every article on Local Government is
nearly always prefaced in the same way as Mr. GREGORY's
comments on Political situation - "There is a general
laxity in response to Councillors on the West Coast".

Further reading inevitably leads to
the catch phrases - "A lack of drive by the Councillor
and response by the people".

The contents of all these Reports,
Advisers' reviews, Assistant District Commissioner's
comments are, unfortunately, all in the same vein. What
the Officer here has done is essentially what is required
to find out village by village what is wrong and to talk
about it. The advance is lost if there are no speedy and
further visits. Careful and continuous propoganda at
village level will go a long way to furthering understanding.

The Council have allocated \$600 for
Classrooms at BEI-YEGITS but authority to spend depends on
prior approval of the Director of Education. The Council in
this case are supplying materials and the Mission labour and
expertise.

This type of Patrolling has many benefits
and all too infrequently practised.

SOCIAL :

There is no point in instructing children
to attend the S.D.A. school when they are not prepared to do,
and the matter cannot be enforced.

The Council Health Service Officer has
just made an intensive inspection of all Council Water supplies,
and Aid Post Services and is submitting recommendations to all
Councils. The water tanks are included.

A good report.

Att.

(D. N. ASHFOR).
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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Department of District Administration.

67-2-1

Sub-District Office,
HUTJENA.

2nd September, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
KIETA.

BUKA PASSAGE PATROL No. 12 of 67/68.

I attach hereto three copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. R.W. Gregory, Patrol Officer.

Mr. Gregory visited parts of the SOLUS and West and North coasts to familiarise himself with the area and the people. The patrol was conducted in broken periods.

POLITICAL.

The people of the HAPAN-BEI area are the less sophisticated people of Buka Island. The reactions to the councillors and the attitude towards them is not unknown in the Territory. Only by discussions and education can the people be made to realize the situation.

I too have found the Councillor from GACAN to have more respect in his ward.

Mr. Donatus MOLA is most confident and this confidence has increased greatly since his election to the House. He is most aware of the position he holds and of the power he can wield as a member of the House of Assembly. He is a great talker and decidedly anti-Welfare. He is a source of information about the Welfare activities on the North Coast.

Mr. MOLA is on very friendly terms with all the Europeans in Buka and is in my opinion not anti-European. He is rather a practical man and fully realises that European presence is necessary for the development of the Territory.

SOCIAL.

There have been some rumours for some months that the Welfare people have been attempting to extend their influence to the SOLUS and in particular KOHISO but this has never been substantiated. Welfare leaders have been visiting the area but the contact is traditional and seems to have been for the stated purpose of purchasing building materials.

The members of the Hahalis Welfare Society in the North Coast are in the majority but are always co-operative to Administration Officers visiting the area.

The comments on education in the BEI-YEGITS area have been passed to the District Inspector of Education.

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The Council tanks on Buka are in poor condition and the Council is in the process of cementing all old tanks. As Mr. Gregory reports the people are most apathetic about their water tanks and are prepared to sit back and wait for the council to repair them.

ECONOMIC.

Coconut and cocoa plantings in the North Coast area are extensive and when all trees are bearing this area will have a large income.

I have passed the comments re disease in the cocoa to Mr. Fullerton who will investigate further. He is aware of the problem.

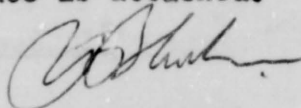
The Iltopan fermentry is most successful but the Society had an old outstanding debt to be paid off. This has now been completed and next years rebate should be normal.

Remarks on the production of coconuts in the Solus have been passed to Mr. Fullerton for his information and advice.

Mr. Gregory's report is rather short but he has in fact covered the main points of the area concerned.

For your information, please.

Claim for camping allowance is attached.



(R.W. BLAIKIE),
Assistant District Commissioner.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report No. 12 of 67/68 - HUTJENA

Sub-District - BUKA PASSAGE

District: - BOUGAINVILLE

COUNCIL and NON-COUNCIL AREA

Patrol conducted by: R.W. GREGORY P.O.

Area patrolled: PARTS OF SOLUS, NORTH COAST and W. COAST AREAS.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol: 1 MEMBER RP & N.G.C.

Duration of Patrol: (BROKEN) 12/6/68, 17/6/68 - 21/6/68,
24/6/68 - 28/6/68. 10 days.

Date and Duration of Last D.D.A. patrol to area:

Objects of Patrol: ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

Total Population of Area Patrolled: 2000

Map Reference: BUKA ISLAND - MILINCH SERIES

Village Population Register: NOT ENCLOSED

DIARY:

- 12/6/68 - Departed Hanahan for Lontis Village. Slept Lontis.
- 13/6/68 - Returned Hanahan 1145.
- 17/6/68 - 0900 to Gagan Village. Settled two minor disputes Talks with Councillor. INSpected village. Slept Gagan.
- 18/6/68 - Spoke to meeting of Gagan people. Walked to Kohiso - 10 mins. Spoke to several people. Inspected gardens and cash crops. Slept GAGAN.
- 19/6/68 - Settled several minor debts. 0900 walked from GAGAN to HAHALIS. Inspected old "Baby Garden" site. Arr. HAHALIS 1230. By road to LEMANKOA arr. 1600. Talked to headmen. Slept LEMANKOA.
- 20/6/68 - Morning spent in attempt to settle assault charge. Discussions with M.H.A. Donatus MOLA. Inspected village and hamlets. Slept LEMANKOA.
- 21/6/68 - Inspected economic trees in area with Council members and members of Welfare Society. Departed 1100 for Hanahan arr. 1200.
- 24/6/68 - 1000 to HAHALIS. Departed HAHALIS Hamlet 1230 for GAGAN arr. 1630. Then to Kohiso Investigated rumoured Welfare infiltrator. Slept KOHISO.
- 25/6/68 - Inspected village and hamlets. Settled minor disputes. 1300 to HAPAN - 30 mins along road. Met by Councillor. Slept HAPAN.
- 26/6/68 - Inspected HAPAN hamlets and spoke to gathering of people regards Council and Councillor. 1100 to BEI by canoe. Faulty outboard - arr BEI 1330 Met by Councillor. Slept BEI.
- 27/6/68 - To YEGITS. Spoke to headman. Took list of children not attending school. Walked to HETAN. Advised people to move campsite. Slept BEI.
- 28/6/68 - Meeting of BEI people re: Councillor's responsibility to people and people's use of Councillor as spokesman. Meeting of YEGITS people - similar talk given. Also discussed importance of education. Slept BEI.
- 29/6/68 - Patrol equipment carried to HAPAN and picked up by vehicle. 80 mins easy walking.

INTRODUCTION:

The main objectives of the patrol were to conduct routine administration and to make the patrolling officer familiar with the area and the people in it. The patrol, as indicated by the dates was conducted at the end of the 1967/68 financial year but has been submitted as a report in the form described in the Director's 67-1-0 of the 21st of June.

The report will give a cross-sectional view of the community and will be re-inforced by future extensive patrols and reports.

SITUATION REPORT(1) Political.

There is a general laxity in response to councillors on the West coast. This I feel, is largely due to the councillors themselves. Cr. TIROA from BEI and the Cr. from HAPAN both lack drive - this is because they are overridden in their authority by elders and influential men. They hold the mistaken concept that a councillor should be revered and that his word is law. This, of course, is not peculiar to this area alone but nevertheless the people under TIROA and his counterpart at HAPAN prefer to listen to traditional leaders or "big" men.

An ex-councillor, HABANG, dominates the situation at BEI, completely excluding TIROA who is young and lacks status and confidence. He has become very discouraged and tends to leave the work to HABANG who willingly complies. I attempted, at a meeting on the 28th of June, to outline the duties of a councillor, the council itself and the way whereby the people should work through their elected representative to remain au fait with the outside world. It was stressed that the Councillor was an intermediary and should be used as such.

The people from YEGITS, who are under the same man do not respond to him at all. Once again the fault lies on both sides, a lack of drive by the Councillor and a lack of interest and response by the people. It was arranged that after every council meeting the councillor would group the people from both BEI and YEGITS and give them information on the results of the meeting. It remains to be seen if this will work. The councillor from KOHISO is co-operative and seems to have no problems but is not a dynamic figure by any means. A great contrast is shown by Cr. KAPIT of GAGAN, who seems to be able to settle most minor disputes and has the respect of the people. He is assisted by an able ward officer named SUN and between

them, GAGAN seems to run smoothly.

Mr Donatus MOLA, M.H.A. is as ever, confident and outspoken, however there has been no real reference to him by the people visited. Being a luluai traditionally he holds quite a lot of authority and this coupled with his newly found M.H.A. status places him in a position of some importance. He is anti-Welfare Society and very pro-Government. In a discussion he said he would rather not have the Europeans in the Territory but realises they are a necessity if the country is to progress.

The Councillor at Kohiso, I feel, is rather reticent with regard to Welfare activities in the area. This is possibly because he is frightened, but on questioning he airily dismissed the matter. This attitude tends to conflict with the statements of Cr. Joseph HAPISIRIA who inferred that Councillor HAPOT did actually have knowledge of the Welfare activities around his village. The situation will be investigated further.

SOCIAL:

With reference to the above paragraph, it was rumoured that the Hahalis Welfare Society was attempting to move into the SOLUS area. The specific village was named as Kohiso. This was found to be doubtful. However, the

exchange of money and building materials in the area is apparently quite high. The majority of the Council people seem to resent the intrusion of the Welfare members into their area but a very close watch will be kept on KAMITS who is supposedly fostering the movement. KAMITS was interviewed and competely denied having any knowledge of H.W.S. activities in the close vicinity of the village. He did admit to selling large quantities of building materials to the Hahalis people, but nothing further was obtained from him.

Welfare members at Lontis and Lemankoa, though reasonably co-operative, were not at all willing to engage in casual conversation during the time spent there by the patrol. Approximately fifteen men came to the Council House at Lontis to hear a minor dispute settled. They were quite civil but left as soon as the dispute was finalised. After being requested by the patrol, the people at Lemankoa repaired the Rest-house and there was a tremendous response from children when the patrol camped there. Once again though, the adults were not particularly interested. The council people in both villages are in the minority but they maintain a seemingly harmonious relationship with the Welfare people. Most disputes seem to be over land i.e. boundaries and usage rights etc. but there have been no really major clashes.

The village of YEGITS on the West coast has many children not attending school (App. A). I have tried once before to alleviate this problem by instructing the parents to send their children to the S.D.A. school at BEI for four days per week. The S.D.A. teachers were quite willing to co-operate but the people did not respond. They said that it was advised that a Government school was to be built in the area and that they wished to send their children to it instead of the Mission schools. I have since discovered that the Local Government Council has planned a

a school house for BEI-YEGITS for the new financial year however this does not compensate for the fact that approximately thirty children have had no schooling for the past six months. It is important that something be done as soon as possible and as soon as the Council makes funds available for the project I shall ensure that the job is completed with all haste. School attendance from the other villages visited is high though Father Demers at Lemmanu Mission claims that Welfare children do not attend his school regularly.

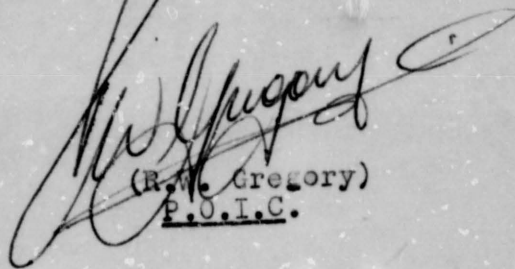
The water tanks installed by the Council in all council villages have rusted out and will not hold water. The tanks are only four years old yet completely useless. The sides and tops are, in most cases, in good condition and if settled into concrete would be serviceable once again. The people themselves seem to lack interest in the project and a general feeling of lassitude prevails.

ECONOMIC:

The North coast is being planted up extensively with coconuts by H.W.S. Plantings extend for almost 1 1/2 miles inland from Lontis village. These in the majority are not yet bearing but on maturity, income in that area will treble. Cocoa is also quite extensively planted but a number of trees have contracted a disease and died, to be left standing. The disease is supposedly contagious and it appears that no effort has been made to eradicate. This is possibly due to the fact that the landowners are members of the Welfare and consequently are not in a position to enjoy the same benefits as Council people. Welfare income is nevertheless high and there does not appear to be any indication of it decreasing in the near future.

The fermentary at Iltopah is continually active but members were rather disgruntled at the size of their rebate this year. It was much lower owing to the fact that an \$1100 debt had to be paid off. Even though the reasons were explained, the people remain slightly suspicious towards the Agricultural Officer conducting the work.

Generally speaking, the SOLUS area is quite regularly visited by Agricultural Officers. However, the coconuts do not produce crops anywhere near comparable to those on the coast. This has been put down to some fundamental lacking in the soil. Villagers said that Agric. Officers had tried remedial injections of various kinds but to no avail. The area is quite well planted but the production rate seems to be discouraging the locals. Cocoa grows well and without problems. Perhaps a more lucrative alternative cash crop could be introduced to compensate for the poor grade of coconuts. Communications in the area are excellent so there would be no problem transporting the produce out of the SOLUS.


(R. M. Gregory)
P.O.I.C.

APPENDIX A

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CHILDREN FROM YEGITS VILLAGE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL.

John BINON/KATAU	attained	Std 3	Gagan Miss.	(M)	15yrs
Leo NGOS/HAKANIT	"	Std 3	Gagan Miss	(M)	12yrs
SAKOI/LINGEN	"	"	(?) S.D.A.	(F)	14yrs
MUI/KERUIN		Std 2	Gagan	(F)	14yrs
HASA/BOSTUA		Std 2	S.D.A.	(F)	9yrs
SIGAN/LINGAN		Std 2	S.D.A.	(M)	8yrs
MAGUM/KUNAI		Prep.	Skotolan	(M)	8yrs
GUGUM/KUNAI		Prep.	Skotolan	(F)	7yrs
HATI/SABUIN		Prep.	"	(F)	7yrs
RANI/LINGEN		-	-	(F)	5yrs
TANUI/PARIA		-	-	(F)	5yrs
TOHIN/SABUIN		-	-	(M)	5yrs
ROHEN/KUTI		-	-	(M)	6yrs
HARET/TUKAN		Std 2	S.D.A.	(F)	10yrs
GULA/KANIT		Std 1	Skotolan	(F)	8yrs
BASIA/BOSTUA		Prep.		(F)	7yrs
DEBOI/TUKAN		Prep.		(F)	6yrs
NINGAI/BOSTUA		-	-	(F)	5yrs
HASAI/KELATI		4	-	(F)	5yrs
TANGIN/HAKANIT		-	-	(F)	5yrs
RAU/TSIARA		Std 1	S.D.A.	(M)	9yrs
GOHUN/TSIARA		-	-	(F)	7yrs
KATSIN/HAMUN		Std 1	S.D.A.	(M)	8yrs
GOMAN/TUKAN		-	-	(M)	7yrs

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report No. 12 of 67/68 - HUTJENA

Sub-District - BUKA PASSAGE

District: - BOUGAINVILLE

COUNCIL and NON-COUNCIL AREA

Patrol conducted by: R.W. GREGORY P.O.

Area patrolled: PARTS OF SOLUS, NORTH COAST and W. COAST AREAS.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol: 1 MEMBER RP & N.G.C.

Duration of Patrol: (BROKEN) 12/6/68, 17/6/68 - 21/6/68,
24/6/68 - 28/6/68. 10 days.

Date and Duration of Last D.D.A. patrol to area:

Objects of Patrol: ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

Total Population of Area Patrolled: 2000

Map Reference: BUKA ISLAND - MILINCH SERIES

Village Population Register: NOT ENCLOSED

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-11-29

Department of District
Administration,

KONEDOBU. Papua.

12th September 19 68

The District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
MLGA

PATROL NO. HUTJENA 11-68/69

Your reference 67-1-3 of 28/8/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of

* ~~Special/Annual/Census~~ ~~Area Study~~ Situation Report by

..... J.G. STEVEN CPO to

..... NISSAK AND PINIPAL Census Divisions.

The report could have been improved by dealing with leadership and perhaps some of the other relevant subjects suggested in paragraphs 3 and 4 Part III (page 3) of my instruction 67-1-3 of the 21st June, 1968.

T.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Director /s/

cc. Mr J.G. Steven,
Sub-District Office,
HUTJENA
Bougainville.

* Delete as necessary.

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WFB/LNW :

District Headquarters,
Bougainville District,
KIETA.

28th. August, 1968.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
HUTJENA.

HUTJENA PATROL REPORT. NO. 11.

Mr. STEVEN has compiled an interesting Report, well covered by your Memorandum 67/2/1 of 6th. August, 1968.

I have the following additional comments to make :-

PATROL INSTRUCTION :

None accompanied the Report. These are required for any Patrol by Instruction 67/1/0.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT :

It would be very difficult for the NISSAN people to join in any established Local Government Council as distance alone would preclude them from attending Meetings or participating in Council Affairs. The Report indicates that Mr. STEVEN avoided the issue of Income Tax. He would have done much better to explain the implications of Income Tax from the point of obligation to pay, the method of collection and investigation through such sources as the Copra Marketing Board, and the Territory's requirements for revenue.

ECONOMIC :

More detail would be useful on the Copra Marketing Board's Numbers. How many are there ?

FOOD SITUATION :

The Officer makes no mention of the adequacy of food supply.

AIRFIELDS :

On a recent stop-over at NISSAN I noticed that scrub appeared to be encroaching on the lateral clearances. This should be checked by the next Patrol.

EDUCATION, HEALTH, MISSION :

An Area Study Type Report, more detailed, is required on individual Missionaries, names etc.

MISCELLANEOUS :

The next Patrol should make arrangements to have the roof of the Police Quarters repaired if this has not already been done.

GEOGRAPHY AND TOPOGRAPHY :

This section could have received fuller treatment. Mr. STEVEN possibly does not realise that he is writing a Report for people who may have no idea of the NISSAN group and who are using the Report to inform themselves. Thus the Report should cover even those items that may appear to be self-evident, such as vegetation cover, height above sea-level, and water resources.

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CAMPING ALLOWANCE CLAIMS :

None were received.

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(D. N. ASHTON).
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Minute To :

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

The attached Patrol Report, Census
Statistics and covering Memorandum from the Assistant,
District Commissioner is for your information, please.

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Att.

(D. N. ASHTON).
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.



67/1/3
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA (12)

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-2-1

If calling ask for

Mr.

Department of District Administration
Sub District Office,
Hutjera,
BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT.

6th August, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
KIETA.

HUTJENA PATROL No 11 of 1967/68.

I attach hereto the original and two copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. J.G. Steven, Cadet Patrol Officer.

The people of Nissan and Pinepel have shown their reluctance over the years to the imposition or the formation of Local Government. Their excuses have varied but it mainly stems from the fear of taxation. The people have claimed that they prefer to remain under direct Administration control rather than have some form of Local Government.

With the small population of the two islands it is difficult to envisage how a Council could operate effectively. I can see no possibility of the Nissan people becoming a part of the Territory Local Government system for some time to come.

ECONOMIC.

The only cash crop on the islands is coconuts which are planted throughout. Income from this source is steadily rising. In addition to this source of income Nissan Islanders travel to Bougainville and New Britain where they are employed mainly as semi skilled workers. Many Nissan people are employed in the Buka Passage area.

Wong You & Co. of Buka Passage some months ago decided to cease operations on Nissan as their profits were declining. This was due mainly to the fact that the copra producers were shipping either through the Co-operatives or direct to Rabaul on their own account. However it appears that Wong You has had a change of heart and his operations are continuing.

The Nissan airstrip continues to be used by T.A.A. on flights between Rabaul and Buka on request.

SOCIAL.

All education on Nissan is in the hands of the Catholic Mission.

The Medical Officer advises that Sister Damien's claim that she has not been receiving supplies was not in fact correct. Further shipments of medical supplies have been made in the past few weeks.

The Nissan people are generally most law abiding.

Complaints of debts owed by Wong You & Co. have been taken up with Mr. Wong. It would also appear that amounts of up to \$600 are owed by village people to Wong You as the Nissan agent has been operating a credit system. Mr. Wong advises that all debts are in the process of being cleared up.

The house at MAPIRI is in good condition but I have recently had word from Nissan that the water tank attached to the house

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was destroyed by a high wind.

Nissan and Pinepel Islands are isolated island groups with limited potential. The people are conservative but law-abiding who are mainly content to continue to live as they have been doing.

For your information please.

(R.W. Blaikie)
Assistant District Commissioner.

Patrols:-	BY AIRVILLE
Date:-	19/1/1954
Patrols Conducted by:-	Mr. J.G. Stives
Destination:-	Code
Date Reported:-	19/1/54
Personnel Accompanying Patrol:-	Code No. 2553
Duration of Patrol:-	
Date and Duration of P.D.A. Patrol:-	19/1/54
Object of Patrol:-	General Revision; General Administration.
Total Population of the Patrolled:-	2,739
Map Reference:-	Latitude 13° 21'
Village Population Register Enclosed/ not enclosed:-	Enclosed.

PATROL REPORT

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Report Number and Station:- HUTJENA No. 11 of 67/68
Sub-District:- BUKA PASSAGE
District:- BOUGAINVILLE
Council/non-Council Area:- Non-Council
Patrol Conducted by:- Mr. J.G. Steven
Designation:- Cadet Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled:- Nissan and Pinipel Census Divisions.
Personnel Accompanying Patrol:- Const. Tapoi, Reg. No. 2555
Duration of Patrol:- 27/6/68-11/7/68, 14 days
Date and Duration last D.D.A. Patrol:- 16/2/68-24/2/68, 8 days
Objects of Patrol:- Census Revision; General Administration.
Total Population of Area Patrolled:- 2,739
Map Reference:- Longitude 154°12',
Latitude 4°32'.
Village Population Register Enclosed/
not enclosed:- Enclosed.

In view of the above, the attitude of these people towards the payment of tax does seem understandable. It was explained to the people the necessity of paying taxes. As some of the missionaries pointed out, the majority of the people are quite content to receive and not give. It gets into no concern of their where the money comes from for constructing buildings, purchasing medicines, etc. They are quite content to receive the benefits of our society without any form of payment. There is also to be a minor outcry from those with low 'T' numbers when they find they are liable to income tax. All this confusion stems from a lack of general education on the part of the older folk. However, some reverence and patience on the part of field officers in the sphere of general education should pay dividends.

GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT
All villages have their stands of coconuts, and being the only cash crop that will grow on the stools. The soil is suitable for the planting of coconuts.
In the 1965 count by D.A.S.P. officers, there were 21,000 palms and 417 growers. The above figures for palms covers both mature and immature trees.

COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS
There is a co-operative society at Tonalit.

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POLITICAL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Nissan and Pinipel Islands have no representation in the field of Local Government. A previous Assistant District Commissioner from Hutjena has spoken to the people concerning Local Government, as have two Buka Local Government Councillors on another occasion. In addition to this, individuals from Nissan have attended Council meetings at Hutjena. However, the majority are still not in favour of a Local Government Council being established in Nissan and Pinipel. The only people in favour of same are the peoples of BALIL, TANAHHERON, TERUATAP and YOTCHIBOL.

The reasons given by those not in favour of a council included:

- a) they did not wish to pay tax as they said they had difficulty in paying school fees and,
- b) in addition to a), others stated they did not comprehend the mechanics of local government.

The latter can be overcome quite easily. In the former case, after consultation with Sister Mary Hubert of the Tungol Mission, it was found that all parents of children attending school had paid their school fees for the year.

A perusal of some C.M.B. balance sheets of individuals with 'T' numbers revealed a good income from this source. This money is then shared out amongst those who shipped their copra through this 'T' number in proportion to the quantity shipped by each individual. Some men received as much as \$200.00, whilst others received only \$20.00. Recently a land-rover was purchased by the people of MAPIRI (not in favour of Local Government) for the sum of \$1,150.00. The younger claim that their seniors have varying amounts of money secreted here and there. One business man, KEMITO of MAPIRI, admitted that his people could pay tax in the event of the inception of a Council.

In view of the above, the attitude of these people towards the payment of tax does seem unreasonable. It was carefully explained to the people the necessity of paying taxes. As some of the Missionaries pointed out, the majority of the people are quite content to receive and not give. It seems it's no concern of theirs where the money comes from for constructing buildings, purchasing medicines, etc.; they are quite content to receive the benefits of our society without any form of payment. There is sure to be a minority from those with new 'T' numbers when they find they are liable to income tax. All this confusion stems from a lack of general education on the part of the older folk. However, perseverance and patience on the part of field officers in the sphere of general education should pay dividends.

ECONOMIC

GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT

All villages have their stands of coconuts, this being the only cash crop that will grow on the atolls. The soil is unsuitable for the planting of cacao.

In the 1965 count by D.A.S.F. officers, there were 72,589 palms and 417 growers. The above figures for palms covers both mature and immature trees.

ACTIVITIES OF DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS

There is a Co-operative Society at Tanamalit,

called the NIHAN Society. It is a consumer/producer society. Since its inception in 1952, 152 members have joined. Here- with some figures:-

Store sales	- \$	7,387-24
Copra Sales	- \$	12,599-51
C.P.A.	- \$	552.00
Distribution	- \$	1,782.60
Capital	- \$	4,140.40

There is a similar Society at Sigon, called the SULUMAL Society. It too, is a consumer/producer society. Since its inception in 1952, 255 members have joined. Here- with some figures:-

Store sales	- \$	4,096.81
Copra sales	- \$	6,720.25
C.P.A.	- \$	225.60
Distribution	- \$	348.00
Capital	- \$	4,478.75.

It is not as well run as the NIHAN Society due to extensive credit activities.

The financial year for both societies ends on the 31st March each year.

PROCESSING AND MARKETING

All copra is processed at Nissan and Pinipel and shipped to Rabaul either through:

- native owned 'T' numbers or/
- Co-operative Society, or/
- Wong You of Buka Passage.

'T' numbers is the most common medium through which copra is shipped.

Both hot air and smoked copra is produced.

The copra is dried in native constructed copra driers. There are no oil fired driers on these atolls.

VILLAGE CASH CROP EXTENSION

There is an agricultural worker permanently stationed at Nissan. Every six months a change is effected.

This extension worker supervises and gives advice.

LIVESTOCK

Poultry and pigs are the only livestock on the atolls. Both are usually eaten at traditional feasts, marriages etc. They are also used as a medium of trading between natives. It is difficult to estimate their numbers, but there is a considerable quantity of both poultry and pigs.

PLANTINGS

Planting is done on an individual basis, but occasion- ally other men may plant on an individual's land. For instance; RAMEL the luluai of MAPIRI, allows two other individuals to plant coconuts on a section of his land.

FOOD SITUATION

The following foods are available on Nissan:- taro, sweet potato, galip nuts, sweet oranges, pumpkin, banana, pawpaw, pineapple and roots of trees, etc. are edible e.g.; that of the mangrove. In addition to the above, people may purchase

tinned foodstuffs, rice, sugar, tea, coffee etc.

NON-INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT

Wong You of Buka Passage has leased land from the Catholic Mission between Mapiri and Lihon. The plantation is known as Tangalan. It is managed by a native, Tamato of Siar, who has a small number of native workers under his supervision. Wong You has a pinnace there, which is used to collect copra from both atolls from those who still trade with him. There is also a tractor/trailer unit on the plantation.

TRADE STORES

There is a Trade Store at Tungol Catholic Mission and one at Mapiri village. The one at Mapiri is a recent venture, and consequently no figures as regards turnover are available.

TRANSPORT

There are five vehicles on Nissan. A tractor/trailer unit belongs to Wong You. Two utilities and a L.W.B. Land Rover belong to the Catholic Mission, and a L.W.B. Land Rover belongs to the people of Mapiri village.

The latter vehicle is available for hire for transportation of native copra.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Pinipel has no vehicular roads. However, Nissan has a road system from Balil to Yotchibol, i.e. the complete length of the atoll. Most of this road is of a coronous surface, in good condition, which is extremely greasy in time of rain. The rest of the road system has no coronous surface, but is nevertheless firm if not a little uneven. There is a small iron bridge near Yotchibol. This is still in good condition.

Grass and bush on the edges of the road in certain spots were badly in need of cutting and the people who were responsible for cutting same were advised accordingly.

AIRFIELDS

There is a 6,000 ft. x 200 ft. airstrip lying between Mapiri and Sihon. The entire surface is of coronous, but grass has grown up in many places; so much so that the grass needs cutting about once every three weeks. This is done by a tractor and slasher unit. Previously the grass was cut manually, using sarifs.

This strip is suitable for aircraft up to DC-3 standards. Having a coronous surface, it is an all weather strip..

SOCIAL

EDUCATION

There are only Catholic Mission schools on Nissan and Pinipel. The main schools are at Tungol and Sigon Mission stations.

Village schools are situated at Karumaia, near Tapongal, Mapiri, Balil and Teah on Pinipel Island.

Two European nuns and fifteen native teachers, all Mission trained, comprise the teaching staff. Nine of the native teachers are males and the other six are females.

Students at Tungol Catholic Mission receive education from Standard 2-6, there being two Standard 3's and two Standard 4's, at Sigon Catholic Mission from Standards 1-5

Attendance, as can be readily seen from census statistics, is good.

HEALTH

There is a mission general hospital and maternity ward at Tungol Catholic Mission, with one European nun, a native midwife and one male assistant. There is also a dispensary and infant welfare centre.

The nursing sister conducts infant welfare clinics at all villages at monthly intervals.

There are forty beds in the general hospital.

There is an ambulance service for which a small fee is charged.

The service offered by the hospital is of a high order.

The four administration Aid Posts are situated at YOTCHIBOL, MANTOIA (Pinpel Island), BALIL and TANAMALIT.

The Aid Post at YOTCHIBOL has ten beds, whilst the others have none.

All the A.P.O.'s were local men.

The condition of all posts was average. Concreting of the floors of some had not been completed.

All posts were short of medicines and bandages, in fact the Mission Sister had been providing them with such necessary drugs as penicillin and camoquine.

Complaints were received from natives and missionaries alike concerning the A.P.O. at BALI, Matata. He appears to have lost all interest in his job, and consequently was not doing his job properly. Just before the author's departure, he received a letter from the Medical Officer, Sohano, requesting his immediate return to Sohano, or his resignation. Matata said he wished to resign.

The A.P.O. at Yotchibol is a conscientious worker.

The Sister at Tungol Catholic Mission claimed that she had received no medicines from the Government for nearly a year. She said her stocks of medicines were becoming depleted, especially as she had to supply government Aid Posts, as previously mentioned.

MISSIONS

There is only the Catholic Mission on Nissan. Mission stations are situated at Tungol and Sigon. There are three sisters and a Father at the former, whilst at the latter there is a Father and at the present moment, a lay worker.

Churches are situated at Tungol and Sigon and in all villages, where native catechists conduct evening and morning prayers.

Tungol Mission covers the area from Yotchibol to Mapiri, and Sigon Mission covers the area from Lihon to Balil and Pinipel Island.

The Father at Sigon has a speedboat for travel to and from Pinipel. In addition, both Fathers have utilities and the Sisters have a L.W.B. Land Rover, which is used mostly for hospital work.

WOMEN'S CLUBS

Sister Damien of Tungol Mission has a Woman's Club at each of the two Mission stations.

Present day activities are limited to sewing and lectures on hygiene and general education. When a new building

at Tungol Catholic Mission is completed, the Sister intends to instruct the girls in the art of cooking.

The members of the club are single girls who have finished their schooling.

The sewing is of a very high standard. Baby clothes, women's clothing and men's shirts and lavalavas are made. Two excellent shirts were made for the author by the girls at Tungol for an outlay of only \$3.00.

LAW AND ORDER

The people appear to be law abiding citizens as only one person, SAKARIA of Poriwon, was charged at Sohano and found guilty in the lower court of unlawfully laying hold of a woman. He was fined \$2.00.

However, there were quite a number of debts incurred by various people. Please see appendices for details.

MISCELLANEOUS

REST HOUSE.

The patrol remained at the Base Camp residence at Mapiri throughout its sojourn at Nissan. As there were roads to all villages on Nissan, and sea and road transport available this was a convenient situation. The house of native material was in good condition, as was the furniture. However, the refrigerator is in need of a new wick.

The roof of the police quarters has rotted in many places, and this necessitated the constable sleeping in the spare bedroom of the Patrol Officer's residence.

PERSONNEL

The patrol was accompanied by Constable TAPOI, Reg. No. 2555, a New Britain man from Talasea. He is young and keen. His demeanour was at all times good and he was of valuable assistance as he had been to Nissan on previous occasions.

GEOGRAPHY/TOPOGRAPHY

The Nissan Group lies adjacent to the intersection of Longitude $154^{\circ}12'$ east and Latitude $4^{\circ}32'$ south.

The southern tip of Pinipel Island lies $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles N.N.W. of Nissan.

Both islands are atolls. Nissan on the whole is a high atoll, although some low lying sections to the North are just above sea level. Nissan is of an irregular, incomplete, ellipsoid shape, with the two coral islands of Barahun and Sirot blocking the north western opening. Uninhabited Han island lies to the centre of the lagoon.

The climate is a favourable one. Days are hot whilst nights are cool. Strong to gusty winds are common.

There are no records available as regards precipitation.



(J.G. Steven)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX "A"

LIST OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

VILLAGE	IJULUAI	TULTUL
YOTCHIBOL	KOPAN	PITALOT
TANAMERON	SIODA	KIASIP
TAPONGAL	SAPANG	TATUAN
TERUATAP	TONAIN	LIPU
TAVAMALIT	LABUKA	-
MAPIRI	RAMEL	HABERAS
LIHON	GUANTA	NEUTI
SIAKEN	PATARI	RARING
PORIWON	KALIK	-
SALIPEM	WAKUL	PELING
SIAR	-	-
BALIL	SIMBUK	SAWERA
SIROT	BUKENTAKIN	-
ROGUS	-	MANTANTAMAT
MANTOIA	KARERIM	NABAKI
TEAH	KARPLANG	-

3-2-68		\$ 8.10
2-4-68	TINJALAN OF TEAH	\$ 6.10
2-4-68	PING OF MANTOIA	\$ 20.00
3-4-68	MIRILIN OF MANTOIA	\$ 10.00
2-4-68	NEREN OF TEAH	\$ 2.00
2-4-68	STIK OF TEAH	\$ 2.00
11-3-68	BUNSAK OF MANTOIA	\$ 12.90
not known	NGARAK OF MANTOIA	\$ 3.00
"	HENRIK OF ROGUS	\$ 6.00
"	KARAK OF MANTOIA	\$ 6.50
2-4-68	JOSEP OF TEAH	\$ 4.00
not known	BOEL OF TEAH	\$ 8.50
1-4-68	WISUM OF TEAH	\$ 0.30

A check should be made on the next patrol to see if these debts have been paid.

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APPENDIX 'B'

COMPLAINTS

LANIS (F) of TANAMALIT owes Pateri of SIAKEN the sum of \$10.00, outstanding 8 months. LANIS' husband says he will repay the debt.

MATATA of BALIL owes \$46.00 to the people of MANTOIA and TEAH. The sum of \$34.00 is owed to the people of MANTOIA re copra debts, whilst \$12.00 is owed to the people of TEAH re a collection made in order to renovate the Aid Post at MANTOIA. The people of TEAH would like their money back as nothing has been done to renovate Aid Post.

There were numerous complaints from people of Pinipel re non-payment of copra shipped to Tongalan Plantation.

Tomato of Siar, the native foreman at Tangalan, Wong You's plantation, admitted that these men had not been paid. He said that no money had been sent to him for payment of above. Below is a list of those who have not received payment for copra. The amounts owed to individuals are outstanding from three months to five months.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PERSON</u>	<u>AMOUNT OWING</u>
not known	PIDING OF TEAH	\$ 6.10
" "	" "	\$ 1.00
8-2-68	" "	\$ 8.10
not known	TINSALOM OF TEAH	\$ 6.10
2-4-68	PENG OF MANTOIA	\$ 20.00
8-4-68	MIRILEN OF MANTOIA	\$ 10.00
2-4-68	NESEN OF TEAH	\$ 2.00
2-4-68	SIBER OF TEAH	\$ 2.00
11-3-68	NGAMSAK OF MANTOIA	\$ 12.90
not known	NGAMSAK OF MANTOIA	\$ 8.00
" "	HENDRIK OF POGUS	\$ 6.00
" "	KARASIN OF MANTOIA	\$ 6.50
2-4-68	JOSEP OF TEAH	\$ 4.00
not known	BOBI OF TEAH	\$ 8.50
1-4-68	SILUME OF TEAH	\$ 0.90.

A check should be made on the next patrol to see if these debts have been paid.

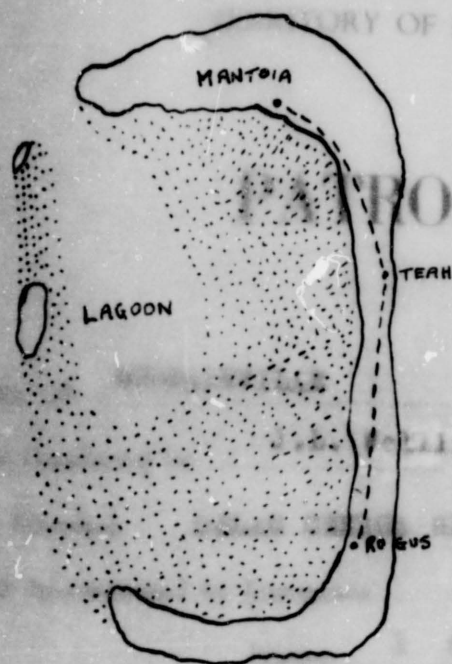
PATROL DIARY

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- 27-6-68 - Departed for Nissan at 0930 hrs per Cessna. Arrived Nissan 1000 hrs. Met missionaries and some headmen of villages.
 - 28-6-68 - CENSUSED MAPIRI AND TANAHALIT. CENSUS COMPLETED IN SIX HOURS.
 - 29-6-68 - Censused Teruatap and Tanaheron. Census completed 1415 hrs.
 - 30-6-68 - Sunday observed.
 - 1-7-68 - Censused Tapongal and Yotchibol. Inspected Aid Post at Yotchibol.
 - 2-7-68 - Censused Sihon and Siaken this morning and afternoon.
 - 3-7-68 - Per speedboat to Mantoia, where censused Mantoia, Teah and Rogus. Took names of certain people who were owed money for copra. Inspected Aid Post at Mantoia.
 - 4-7-68 - Censused Poriwin, Siar and Salapen. Census completed early afternoon. Received complaint from people re A.P.O. at Balil.
 - 5-7-68 Censused Balil and Sirot. Census completed early afternoon. Investigated some complaints re debts.
 - 6-7-68 - Further investigation re debts. Also discussions re Local Government with various Luluais.
 - 7-7-68 - Sunday observed.
 - 8-7-68 - Cleared up more debts, ensured that those who were not cutting edges of road did so, heard some requests for a Local Government Council.
 - 9-7-68 - Inspected airstrip, native store at Mapiri, more C.M.B. balance sheets and discussed elementary business procedures and banking.
 - 10-7-68 - Packed gear in preparation for departure this morning per 'NIVANI'. However, 'NIVANI' did not appear until 1700 hrs. It was preceded by H.M.A.S. 'AITAPE' and 'LAE', two Patrol Boats stationed at Manus, which were on a routine patrol.
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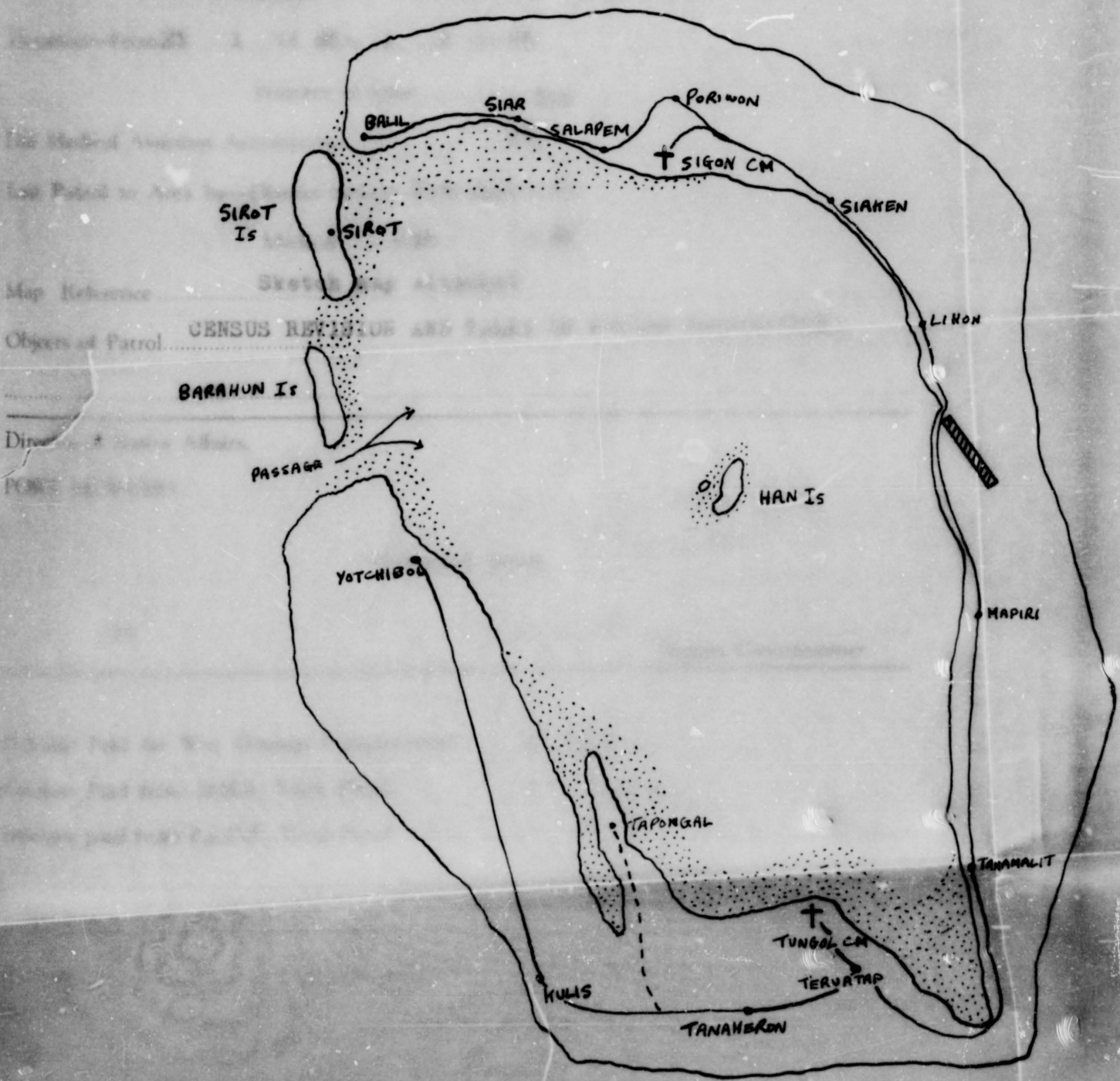
PATROL REPORT



Report No. _____

Patrol Station _____

DIVISION _____



Objects of Patrol... CENSUS REVISION AND TAKING OF STOCKS

NOT DRAWN TO SCALE.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No. HUTJENA 9 - 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by J.L. Wellington (Patrol Officer)

Area Patrolled SELAU CENSUS DIVISION (NORTH BOUGAINVILLE)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives 1 R.P. & N.G.C. Constable.

Duration—From 23 / 1 / 19 68 to 1 / 2 / 19 68

Number of Days Ten

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services February 19 67

Medical Jan / 19 68

Map Reference Sketch map attached

Objects of Patrol CENSUS REVISION AND TALKS ON VOTING PROCEDURES.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

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16th May, 1968

The District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

PATROL NO. HUTJENA 9-67/68

Receipt of the report on the above patrol by
J.L. Wellington, Patrol Officer, and relevant comments
is acknowledged with thanks.

2. The village population register for the Selau
Census Division is being returned for completion in
conformity with Standing Instructions, Vol. 1, Chapter
IV, Part 1, paras. 12 to 13 (pages 23 and 24).

3. Particular points Mr. Wellington should pay
attention to are (i) All villages must be shown.
(ii) Changes in spelling are to be avoided (iii)
Villages should appear in the same order as in the
Village Directory (iv) The date of the previous census
should be noted on the form.

4. There appears to be something wrong in the part
referring to copra production. From 40,000 palms one
could expect 30 tons of copra per month.

T. W. Ellis
(T. W. ELLIS)
Director.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....
Our Reference... 67/1/3.
Requesting ask for
Mr. KAB/LMW :



Department of District Administration.

District Headquarters,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

24th. April, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KCNEDOBU. PAPUA.

HUTJENA PATROL NO. 9 OF 1967/1968.

1. A Report of a Patrol to the SELAU Census Division, conducted by Mr. J. L. WELLINGTON, Patrol Officer, for your information, please.
2. The instructions for this Patrol were good and the Patrolling Officer carried out the all-otted tasks.
3. The North-East Coast Road, which includes the SELAU Section has been admitted to Design List "A".
4. The Senior Local Government Officer will shortly be conducting a Patrol of Non-Council Villages in the SELAU.

D. N. Ashton
(D. N. ASHTON).
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Att.

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Department of District Administration.

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Sub-District Office,
HUTJENA.

22nd April, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
SOHANO.

HUTJENA PATROL No. 9 - 1967/68.

I attach hereto 2 copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. J.L. Wellington, Patrol Officer.

This patrol was conducted by Mr. Wellington in January and has only just been located in a file at Hutjena. The information presented in this report is now out of date.

A copy of patrol instructions issued to Mr. Wellington is also attached.

Mr. Wellington did not revise the census at RATSUA and PORAPORA although instructed to do so. The revised census for this Division is therefore incomplete.

The investigation into native rights for TSIROGE has been completed and already forwarded to your office. My 34-1-31 of 8th February, 1968, refers.

The other land matter referred to by Mr. Wellington has been attended to. A memo is being written to the Department of Lands on the matter.

The work of Demarcation committees in the SELAU proceeds slowly, but the people need more understanding. The work which has been done to date is satisfactory.

The House of Assembly elections were carried out by Mr. R. Bassingthwaite in the SELAU. The response was good and the people had a proper understanding of electoral methods. The people knew very well for whom they wished to vote.

The work on the Bonis-Baniu road has again stopped due to the P.W.D. road overseer being transferred to another job in Kieta and to the fact that the bulldozer is un-serviceable most of the time. The Laurie and Montgomery surveyors have completed their task in the area.

As on Buka the Selau people realised that the road is for their benefit and do not request compensation for loss of trees on the road itself.

Luluai KEROL of SIARA is the main stumbling block to the people not already in the Council joining. KEROL fears loss of prestige and power if his people join and no amount of explanation can convince him to join.

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KEROL's financial problems worry him considerably - his main complaint is that he has no one to keep his books. One of his sons COSMOS has just finished one year of a three year course at the Institute of Higher Technical Education at Lae and KEROL has kept him in the village to assist. This is most unfortunate as the young man wished to continue his commercial course but his father is adamant. I have attempted to persuade KEROL that COSMOS should return to his studies, but to no avail.

Once the North East Coast road is well under way, I am sure that the agricultural production figures for the Selau will show a rapid increase.

This report is now past history as Mr. Wellington took so long to submit it. His spelling needs attention.

For your information, please.

(R.W. BLAIKIE),
Assistant District Commissioner.

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Department of District Administration.

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Sub-District Office,
HUTJENA.

67/2/1

18th January, 1968.

Mr. J. Wellington,
Patrol Officer,
HUTJENA.

Dear Sir,

PATROL HUTJENA No.9 - 1967/68.
SELAU CENSUS DIVISION.

As previously discussed, would you please be ready to depart on a patrol of the SELAU area, commencing Tuesday 23rd January 1968. The patrol should take you about ten (10) days. Please attend to the following matters.

CENSUS.

Revise the census in each village. There are 15 villages in all, note that the village of RATSUA and PORAPORA, previously in the HAHON, are now included in the SELAU.

LAND.

HUTJENA file 34/1/31 refers. A provisional order has been issued on TSIROGE, giving freehold title to the Marist Mission. An investigation into Native Rights is required. Please consult the Gohi people during your patrol and see if they have any claims. Follow the pro-forma as discussed. You should see his Lordship Bishop Lemay first and explain what you are about. You may take the file with you. A map is attached to it.

DEMARCATIION COMMITTEE.

A Demarcation Committee was formed for the SELAU area in 1966. Mr. JOACHIM NANGOI of SUHIN village, BUKA, is the Chairman. He has been operating in the villages of Manob, Ramundata and Sorum. He will be at HUTJENA on Monday 22nd January, where you can have a talk with him.

In your report, please advise.

- (a) Do the people understand the work and function of the Demarcation Committee;
- (b) What land has been marked;
- (c) Is there a felt need for these committees in the SELAU;

I do not want you to try and "sell" Demarcation Committee in your general talks to the people. Your discussions on the subject should be informal ones.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.

Explain balloting procedure in each village. Take a portable blackboard from HUTJENA and illustrate. The returning Officer, Mr. BLAIKIE, has approved the polling dates. You should have a stencil cut of the election programme for the SELAU, run off a hundred (100) copies and distribute.

Take a copy of the revised Common Roll in case the people should like to check their names. Let the people know the final nominations for the Bougainville Regional Electorates, Do not, of course, discuss the relative merits of candidates,

ROADS.

An allocation of \$3000 was made for maintenance of the BONIS/BANIU road. This work is being supervised by Mr. PHILLIPS of P.W.D. The main task is to re-camber the existing road and lay a coronous surface on it. Unfortunately, the surfacing has come to a halt ~~in~~ due to a shortage of stockpile coronous on the pits.

Please report on the progress of this road.

Eudeavour to locate suitable sites for coronous pits in the vicinity of GOHI, TOROTEI and HANTOA.

A team of surveyors from Messrs. LAURIE and MONTGOMERY are doing a feasibility survey of the road from SIARA to KURAI0 in the KUNUA area. They should now be working in the vicinity of RATSUA village. Their task is to report whether they consider it feasible to construct the road, and the estimated cost of same. There is no guarantee that the road will be constructed. You should mention this at SIARA and RATSUA. They have nothing to do with C.R.A. or mining. They are on contract to the Administration.

BUKA COUNCIL.

The villages of MANOB, SORUM, GOHI, ANEKEI, TOROTEI, TAPSANWARA and TARBUT are in the BUKA Council. The other villages have not joined to date. In the past, the non-council people have several times requested a local government survey but when it came to the test, they opted not to join.

LULUAI KEROL of SIARA is the leader of the non-council group. He is a business man with a plantation at SIKULA on MATCHIN Bay. He also has great influence in the TEOP/TINPUTZ area. He is pro-Administration. Try and find out some facts and figures about his business interprise, but be discreet. He is having trouble with the Taxation Department and you should offer to help him in this respect.

Don't go out of your way to "sell" local government to the non-council villages. They can readily see what the Council people have acheived in the SELAU and they will join when they are ready.

AGRICULTURE.

Consult Mr. ALCORN before departure and see if there is anything you can do to assist them.

I would like you to attempt an accurate estimate of copra and cocoa productions in the census division. You can do this by consulting the following:- Chinese traders, Mr. LEE of MADEHAS, private native "T" numbers, D.A.S.F. records and BONIS plantation.

Include in your report an up to date count on mature and immature coconut and cocoa trees. D.A.S.F. records should provide this.

Do the people sell wet cocoa beans or do they ferment and dry it themselves.

POLICE.

Inspector TIDEN has made Const MISKOI of SOHANO Detachment available for your patrol.

CASH ADVANCE.

Draw an advance of \$60 from the HUTJENA cash office. You should keep your equipment to a minimum, a maximum of 10 carriers.

GENERAL.

I suggest you commence your patrol at MANOB and conclude at RATSUA. If you let me know your estimated time of completion at RATSUA, I shall arrange a boat to pick you up.

You will find good, permanent rest houses in most villages. Fresh tank water is also available.

Please submit your report within a week after the conclusion of the patrol.

I wish you a pleasant trip.

Yours faithfully,

(K.J. Hanrahan),
Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA 10

Telegrams.....
Our Reference.....
If calling ask for.....
Mr.....

Department of District Administration.

Sub District Office,
HUTJENA.
Bougainville District.
8th february, 1978

23-1-68

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
HUTJENA.

Subject: Patrol report Hutjena No. 9 - 1967/68

INTRODUCTION.

The principal objects of this patrol to the SELAU Census Division were to revise the Village Population Registrars and to talk to the people in the area about voting procedures in connection with the coming House of Assembly elections. As well as this, information relating to such things as the activities of the Demarkation Committee and the progress it has made, the amount of produce coming out of the area, and the state of the SELAU road was sought, and a land investigation relating to Native Customary rights was also carried out in connection with TSIROGE Catholic Mission on MATCHIN Bay.

At all villages the people welcomed the patrol and I was particularly surprised at the willingness shown by the people towards the carrying of patrol equipment. Most people were generally waiting for the patrol when it reached a village.

The majority of villages appeared to be clean and tidy, and walking tracks were generally cut back, and although there are not rest houses at all villages there is a place to sleep within a day's walk of the last place camped at.

Throughout the patrol carriers were paid a flat rate of twenty cents an hour, and canoes were paid for at a price agreed to by the owners and myself. Overall the total expense of the patrol, disregarding the constable's and my own camping allowances, came to forty six dollars and seventy cents.

26-1-67

work was carried out SIARA Village of SIARA, and the patrol moved on to KUMI Village, where work was again carried out and the patrol moved on to UMUM Village, and this was reached at 12-30 p.m.

DIARY OF PATROL.

23-1-68 Departed BONIS Plantation about 8-30 a.m., and on reaching MANOB Village brought Village Census Registrar up to date and talked to the people about the voting procedures in relation to the coming elections. Other information that I needed was got, and the patrol moved on. This procedure was carried out at each village visited by the patrol.

Proceeded to RAMUNDATA Village, and on completion of work here, the patrol moved on to SORUM Village where. GOHI Village was reached a little before dark, so camp was made for the night. I feel that good progress was made today, and I put this down to the fact that the people were expecting me.

24-1-68 An early start was made with the people at GOHI Village. Here both the GOHI people and the people from KATSINKOVERI gathered, and after revising both registrars and talking to the people I visited the koronos pit, about three quarters of a mile from GOHI, which is being worked at the moment by the P.W.D. road gang. Proceeded to ANAKE Village and found this to be deserted by all but a few old people - here I learned that the village had gone on to TOROTEI Village to wait for me. Arrived at TOROTEI about 1-30 p.m. and when all that had to be done was done, proceeded on to TAPSANWARA Village, and this was reached about 5 p.m. Made camp for the night.

25-1-68 Carried out what work was necessary at TAPSANWARA then proceeded to TARBUT Village, stopping for about half an hour at HANTOA C.M. on the way. When all was completed at TARBUT I moved on to CHINDAWAN Village and after this SIARA was reached on dark. The walk between CHINDAWAN and SIARA was slowed down by rain and the fact that the carriers were used to move the P.H.D. land rover out of a bog. Luluai KEROL was not at SIARA so I was not able to talk to him, however, his house was made available to the patrol for the night.

26-1-67 work was carried out SIARA Village by 9 a.m. and the patrol moved on to RURI Village. Here work was again carried out and the patrol moved on to UMUM Village, and this was reached at 12-30 p.m.

DIARY OF PATROL (CONTD.)

- 26-1-68 It was found that I was not expected at UMUM till Monday, and that there was hardly any-one in the village, so it was decided that I would return to Sohano with the P.H.D. team who were having trouble with the Land Rover. BONIS Plantation was reached about 6 p.m.
- 27-1-68 At Sohano.
- 28-1-68 Sunday: Walked back to UMUM village and on the way met LULUAI KEROL at SIARA. As his daughter was being buried I did not stay for long to talk to him, however he did say that he would arrange for the people concerned with the land investigation at TSIROGE to meet me later in the week. Reached UMUM on dark.
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- 29-1-68 People at UMUM were assembled by 11-30 a.m. and by the time work was completed there was not sufficient time for the patrol to reach RATSUA Village before dark. Rain continued throughout the day as it had done yesterday. Camped again at UMUM.
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- 30-1-68 Rain continued all day, so remained at UMUM and worked on Village Population Registers.
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- 31-1-68 Made an early start for RATSUA Village, and reached it about 2 p.m. Light rain continued throughout the day. After work was completed at RATSUA the patrol moved over to PORA PORA Village. When this was completed I learned that Mr. Bond's power canoe was in the vicinity, so it was agreed to hire this for the return trip to SOHANO. The island was reached at 8-15 p.m.
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- 1-2-68 Proceeded to TSIROGE Mission to carry out a land investigation. Talked to the Bishop about this, then proceeded to SIKULU Plantation to collect the people in connection with the investigation. When the investigation was completed I returned to SOHANO which I reached about 3 p.m.

END OF PATROL.

VILLAGE CENSUS REVISION.

The village population registrar was revised at all villages in the SELAU area, results of which are attached to my report. The two villages, RATSUA and PORA PORA were not brought up to date with regards the census revision, and as I will be passing through these villages during the course of the coming elections these will be brought up to date then. The reason for not doing these is that the village registrars that were made available to me from the Hutjena sub-district office have not been brought up to date since 1960, and after several hours trying to bring migrations etc. into focus decided to leave the matter until such times as more current editions of the registrars can be acquired from KUNUA patrol post. As I shall be starting the coming electoral patrol from KUNUA, unless it is not in keeping with electoral policy, I can see no reason why this can not be done then.

The revision's figures show that there is an overall population of 2,473. Details of the breakup as to male and female etc. may be found on the attached village population registrar. It may be noted that there are a total of 1493 people in the area under council and 980 people in the area still out of the council.

At the time of this census revision almost all children, normally at school, were still home on vacation, so in general it is only those who are working either inside or outside the district who are shown as being absent from their homes. I would like to note that the attendance of the people at the census revision was most pleasing, and many people seemed to take the opportunity to dress up for the occasion.

LAND.

An investigation into native claims to customary rights over the portion of land known as TSIROGE C.M. was carried out on the first of this month. To this the clans who own the surrounding land have no claims at all. There is an agreement between the Bishop and the local people whereby they are allowed to plant on the mission land, however, the people recognize this as being an agreement and agree that it is mission land. I would like to point out here that Luluai KEROL of SIARA proved most helpful with this investigation in that he arranged for people in connection with the investigation to be present.

It also came to my notice while looking through the District Head Quarters file on this block of land that there is an application for a mission lease under this cover. This application is for approximately 85.6 hectares being portions 95 and 95A. (Land Application LA 6972 (NG) dated 10-1-67) On looking into this I have learned that this application is in respect to that block of land known as TARLENA. A letter from the Department of Land Surveys and Mines, Konedobu, dated 23/2/65, ref.

LAND (CONTD.)

63/104, in the hands on the Catholic Mission at TSIROGE, confirms that portions 95 and 9A in the milinch of BUKA is known as TARLENA. TSIROGE is portion 94. This I have mentioned because, after talking to the Bishop on the matter, it appears that no action has been taken in respect to this application and maybe it can be looked into.

DEMARKATION COMMITTEES

I did not see the chairman of the SELAU demarkation committee on Monday the 22nd, however, I did talk to the people who represent the committee in the villages. To date very little has been done in the way of land demarkation by these people, and I do not think they know a great deal about what they are supposed to be doing.

At MANOB village the village land has been split in two, i.e. between the two clans that form the population of the village. They have also defined their common boundary with RAMUNDATA Village. Each of the villages, RAMUNDATA, SORUM, GOHI, KATSINKOVERI, ANAKE, TOROTEI, TAPSANWARA, and TARBUT have merely defined the common boundaries between each other. The remainder of the villages in the SELAU have done nothing, and likewise with the two villages RATSUA and PORA PORA in the HAHON.

The people do not feel that it would be a good idea to completely sub divide their land into individual blocks, their reasoning being that some people would end up with good blocks of land, and others with poor blocks, or blocks a long way from the village or road, and this in turn would lead to jealousy and discontentment. Each village told me that it was quite willing to go on working their land in the communal manner that they have for years.

Those people who have an active part in the demarkation committee do not seem to have a clear understanding of what has to be done and can see no reason for wanting to go ahead with the idea, and I would go so far as to say that I do not feel that there is a felt need for this work on the area. If policy has it that this work should go ahead, I feel that it would be an advantageous move if the people who are to be taking part in the actual demarkation of land were to be brought into town and given a training course or something of the sort so that they may have a sounder grasp of what is expected of them.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.

Talks relating to voting procedures in relation to the coming House of Assembly Elections were given at each village visited by the patrol. Most of the people seemed to know what I was talking about, and after listening to questions asked by the first few villages I had some idea as to where the weaknesses lay, and it was on these that I enlarged in my talks at later villages. One of the main points that these

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.

people were nor familiar with was the system of preferential voteing. The majority of questions showed that they were not sure if it was compulsory that second and third choices should be made. Several black board demonstrations clarified this, and the other question that reared itself with monotonous regularity was who other than Mr. Lee was standing for the house. Till my visit to the area the only potential politician to visit the people had been Mr. Lee, however, I believe that Mr. Cooke visited some of the villages during the last few days of my patrol.

A number of stenciled copies of the voting time table and polling places were left at each village to be placed on display. A ballot box was also taken on the patrol, and where necessary, practical demonstrations were carried out for the people to watch, and in general I do not think that there will be anything in the way of trouble with the voting procedures in this area. Because there are not a large number of plantation labourers in the area, the absent voter will be at a minimum, and this also will lighten the work load of the presiding officer. There will, of course, ^{be} who will need to be aided in the marking of their papers but this is only to be expected.

ROADS.

The only section of the SELAU road that I passed over was that between BONIS Plantation and the UMUM gorge, and during the course of the patrol I walked over this section twice and drove over it once.

Those sections of the road which have been surfaced, ie. from BONIS plantation to about half a mile past SORUM Village and from GOHI Village to a point about a mile to the SORUM side of the Aid Post at GOHI, are quite presentable and have stood up to the recent heavy rain quite well. Those sections which have not as yet been surfaced, ie. the remainder of the road as far as UMUM gorge, are quite poor, however, as no work in the way of maintenance has been done on these it is not surprising.

At the moment a P.W.D. road gang is working is at work on that section of road commencing at GOHI and working back towards SORUM Village in order to link up with that section already surfaced from BONIS Plantation. To the date of my visit I estimated about a mile of this to have been completed, and progress is being made at a rate of about seventy to eighty feet a day. The slowing factor appears to be the fact that all the coral that is being used in the surfacing is being quarried by hand, and at this rate only about six to seven loads of material is reaching the road each day. Each load surfaces about twelve feet of road, and considering that there are still about fifteen miles of unsurfaced road between BONIS and the UMUM gorge, it is going to be quite a while before the task is completed, unless, of course, machinery is brought in to speed the job up. There appears to be quite a few favorable coral deposits along the road, so as the road progresses so may the quarry sites.

ROADS (CONTD.)

The only section of the road which could present a difficulty would be the hill going down on the TARBUT side of HANTOA mission, however, there is a solid coral base under this, and firstly drainage then surfacing is all that is necessary and the drop would be quite presentable as a road. The grade is in no way too great, and the entire length of the incline would not extend too far over about a hundred yards.

Although this road is trafficable to four wheel drive vehicles and tractors, this is only because of the number of detours that have had to be adopted, and it is only understandable when considering the heavy rain of late, that these detours have detours to them. The actual road route itself is quite good, and obstacles such as steep grades and the like are at a minimum, so when the task of surfacing the road is completed an ordinary conventional drive vehicle should encounter little difficulty..

With regards the SIARA - KURAIIO road; by the time I reached RATSUA and PORA PORA Villages the survey team working on this had passed through. The people in the area seemed to have taken little notice of them so, as requested by your self, I pointed out to the people what the aim of the survey was. I was surprised at the lack of interest that was shown by the people in the area.

I would like to note, with regards the section being worked on by the P.W.D. team, that not once was I approached about the coconut trees that have been removed from the side of the road.

AGRICULTURE.

Prior to my departure on this patrol I spoke to Mr. Alcorn (D.A.S.F.) as to if there was anything I could do to assist him in the area to be patrolled. On my return Agriculture Department made records available to me and it is from these that I have counted a tree count for the area. As the people in the SELAU area sell their produce individually and at irregular intervals I have found it quite impossible to make an accurate estimate of what is produced. I have, however, calculated what I think would be the potential of the area with regards copra production.

Although the figures supplied by the department of Agriculture were last brought up to date in 1963, this would only alter the count of immature trees, which at the moment would have little to do with the production of the area. Those trees that were planted before 1961 could now all be classed as being mature, and it is upon these that I have based my deductions.

Setting figures out as they would be today : -

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<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>IMMATURE TREES</u>	<u>MATURE TREES.</u>
MANOB	1809	5696
RAMUNDATA	92	5157
KATSINKOVERI	1009	6721
ANAKEI	1895	6036
TORTEI	750	6598
SORUM	303	727
RURI	1131	1617
UMUM	263	349
TAPSANWARA	1325	3471
TARBUT	2099	2919
RATSUA	578	441
PORA PORA.	747	518
TOTALS	<u>12001</u>	<u>40250</u>

and in addition to these there would be a number of immature trees that have been planted since 1963, however, as yet these should not have anything to do with what is being produced.

Taking 40,250 mature coconut trees, and allowing that between ten and eleven thousand trees would be capable of producing a ton of copra over a period of twelve months, it can be seen that the area is capable of producing thirty eight and forety tons of copra a year. By taking into consideration factors such as the fact that there are those nuts that are just not picked up, or are used for re-planting, nuts that are used in local consumption, and those trees that might have grown a little close to the SELAU road and have had to be removed, I would say that the area is capable of producing about thirty eight tons of copra a year.

This, however, is not done. The people want to see the money in hand as soon as they sell the produce, and a large portion of the copra that is grown in the area is sold while still in the coconut state to traders along the road. That which becomes copra is only smoked, and once again sold bag at a time to to the traders. Those people who do have "T" numbers also sell on an irregular basis, and although there is the number to export through, not all the copra they make does pass through that number.

With regards the production being sold by Luluai KEROL, I was unable to aquire figures relating to what he produces on his plantation. The two times that I spoke to him he did not seem to be willing to talk to me about this, the first time because it was while his daughter was being buried, and the next time was during a land investigation at which there were quite a few people present. He did not consult me with regards his difficulties with the taxation department.

I would say that cocoa is by no means a successful cash crop in the SELAU area. D.A.S.F. tree counts have it that there are a total of 6258 cocoa trees in the area, however I have found that a vast majority of these are not being worked. Most of the trees that I saw

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..... did not seem to me to be doing all that well, and on asking the people about them they usually replied with something to the effect that they were only as experimental plots, to see if they would grow. There did not seem to be all that much in the way of enthusiasm showed in connection with them. They sell the cocoa bean both wet and dry. This I feel depends largely on how energetic the producer is at the time. when it is dry and sunny the bean is often dried, otherwise it is sold to local traders in the wet state.

CONCLUSION.

Throughout the patrol people always appeared willing to help and friendly on all occasions. The police constable who accompanied me proved most respectful, and although he had not visited the area before seemed to get on quite well with the people who in turn appeared keen to feed both of us at meal times.

Both Councilllors and Luluais proved helpful and gave me what ever information I asked for. In general I feel that the most helpful aspect of the patrol was the fact that I was expected at each village, and people were generally assembled before I reached a place. About the only exception to this was UMUM Village, but even there the patrol was looked after while waiting for the people to arrive from thier houses and hamlets out in the bush.

J. H. W.ington

END OF PATROL.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....BOUGAINVILLE.....Report No. 10 of 1967-68

Patrol Conducted by.....A. WALLENSKY.....PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled.....NISSAN ISLAND.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....NIL.....

Natives.....1.....

Duration—From.....16/2/1968.....to.....24/2/1968.....

Number of Days...9 days...8 days actually camped out.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....NO.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..28/8/1967..

Medical /...../19.....

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....CONDUCT POLLING FOR 1968 HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.....
ELECTIONS.....

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ / 19 District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67.11.24 (6)

Telegrams.....
Our Reference 67/1/3.
If asking ask for KAB/LMW :
Mr.....



Department of District Administration.

District Headquarters,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

24th. April, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

HUTJENA PATROL REPORT NO. 10
OF 1967.1968.

1. A copy of the above Report of a Patrol conducted by Mr. A. WALLENSKY, Patrol Officer, to NISSAN Census Division is forwarded for your information, please.

2. As soon as his present commitments allow, the Senior Local Government Officer, Mr. R.F. HEARNE, will be instructed to visit NISSAN and assess the situation in respect of the peoples' attitude to Local Government.

3. I intend that more regular Patrols generally are made to NISSAN.

D. N. Ashton
(D. N. ASHTON).
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Att.

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Sub-District Office,
HUTJENA.

22nd April, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
SOHANO.

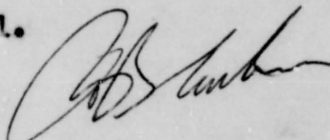
HUTJENA PATROL No 10 of 1967-68.

I attach hereto three copies of a report on a patrol to Nissan Island as submitted by Mr. A. Wallensky, Patrol Officer.

The prime object of the patrol was to conduct the House of Assembly elections on Nissan and Pinipel Islands. The elections were carried out successfully by Mr. Wallensky except for the two villages which refused to vote. The people by now should be well aware of the difference between Local Government elections and House of Assembly elections. They could be afraid that by taking part in the elections they may somehow be forced to pay tax which they now avoid.

The airstrip on Nissan is in good repair. A new wind sock is to be erected and the grass verges have to be cut shortly. This is already in hand. The water tank has gone to Nissan already.

In all a successful patrol.



(R.W. BLAIKIE),
Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Department of District Administration.

Telegram
Telephone
Our Reference
If calling ask for
No

Sub-District Office,
HUTJENA.
Buka Passage Sub-District.

3rd April, 1968.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
HUTJENA.

INTRODUCTION.

The main objective of this patrol was to conduct the polling for the second House of Assembly Elections. As such the objective was achieved.

Polling commenced on Saturday 17th February and was duly completed on NISSAN and PINIPEL ISLANDS on the following Saturday 24th.

Polling at NISSAN and PINIPEL was marred by bad weather. A strong North Westerly wind persisted throughout the patrol and made the trip to PINIPEL Island more "interesting" than it would otherwise have been.

HOUSING AND SANITATION.

Housing throughout the island although not of high aesthetic quality is extremely practical and weather proof.

War-time scrap has been utilized in all of the houses; due to the shortage of other adequate building materials.

The people on PINIPEL Island have relied less on war-time scrap for building material. The housing here too is of a reasonably high standard.

The problem of sanitation is non-existent - either pit latrines or high tides dispose of any refuse.

All villages were clean and orderly at the time of the patrol.

POLITICAL SITUATION:

Political awareness as such is not extremely prevalent on NISSAN or PINIPEL.

If any move was made to join a Local Government Council on the islands, there would be strong opposition from SIAKEN and LIHON villages. When the polling team arrived at LIHON village on the morning of the allocated day, it was met by a very strong turnout of people from both villages. It was assumed that they had all arrived to vote. However when they were asked if they were going to vote, the people all answered in unison with a loud and decisive NO.

The luluais then followed up with an oration concerning neglect of NISSAN Island by the member for Bougainville. They were adamant about not voting for a member who was never seen.

The luluais' were not to be shaken from their belief that this election had something to do with Local Govt. Councils - which they are definitely against.

The luluais were given the opportunity to air their views, and then the presiding officer spoke on the elections and their purpose, stressing that voting in the House of Assembly Elections did not mean that a Local Govt. Council was going to be established on NISSAN.

However, the Luluais apparently did a good job convincing the people that Local Govt. Council and House of Assembly Elections are closely linked because a three hour wait by the polling team failed to induce any would-be voters.

Mr. KIHA the polling clerk remarked that in the 1964 House of Assembly Elections these two villages also refused to vote on more or less the same grounds.

The following Saturday when polling was conducted at SALIPEM some men from LIHON and SIAKEN arrived and sheepishly asked if they could vote. They claimed that they were afraid of the luluais and various head-men and hence had not voted.

The men were allowed to vote with the people from SALIPEM.

The luluais and tultuls are doing a reasonable job on NISSAN and PINIPEL, but require the presence of an Administration Officer to back them up occasionally.

More frequent trips by Administration Officers would be definitely advantageous to the Administration of the island.

HEALTH:

The hospital at TUNGOL R.C.M. was visited and Sister DAMIEN, the Sister in charge, assures me that the people are extremely healthy, that lack of patients in the hospital supported the Sister's remarks.

There was a suspected case of gonorrhoe at MASIRI - Sister DAMIEN had good grounds for her anxiety as the woman concerned had been sent to RABAU previously to be treated for the complaint. A smear was taken and sent to the Pathology section at the Sohano hospital- the result proved negative.

Aid posts at MASIRI and PINIPEL are also carrying out good work.

EDUCATION:

Schools are located at the Mission Stations at TUNGOL and SIGON, these cater for education up to standard six.

There are also a few village schools catering mainly for preps.

The schools are located at opposite ends of the island and consequently involves a walk of some distance for the students living in the middle of the island.

LULUAI KOPANG of YOTCHIBOL at present at Hutjena is desirous of tendering for an Administration vehicle to be used as a school bus. A vehicle would be extremely useful on NISSAN for this purpose, and would be greatly appreciated by the NISSAN people.

ROADS:

There is only one main road and this is kept in good repair.

AIRSTRIP MAINTENANCE:

WONG YOU's tractor and mower cuts the grass on the strip proper, the verges and immediate surrounds are kept clear by LULUAI RAMEL of MABIRI and labourers.

The new terminal building at the airstrip has almost been completed, and now only requires the installation of a 1000 gallon water tank, which is at present awaiting shipment from SOHANO to NISSAN.

REST HOUSE:

The resthouse at NISSAN is in excellent repair at present, and the refrigerator functions perfectly. The lack of occupants however is leading to a gradual take-over of the resthouse by vermin.

CONCLUSION:

The short stay on NISSAN, although marred by almost continuous bad weather was made pleasant by the extremely freindly nature of its people, who were only too willing to assist in any way possible, with the notable exception of two villages.



(A. WALLENSKY),
Patrol Officer.

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PATROL DIARY.

- 16/2/68 Departed per M.A.F. Cessna for NISSAN at 1030 hrs. Remainder of day spent setting up camp, and sending out word regarding elections.
- 17/2/68 Polling commenced this day at MABIRI at 0800 hrs. Completed 1200 hrs. Returned resthouse.
- 18/2/68 SUNDAY OBSERVED.
- 19/2/68 Polling commenced at 0800 hrs at TUNGOL Roman Catholic Mission. People from TERUATAP, TANAHARAN and TUNGOL Mission voted. Completed 1200 hrs. Lunch at Mission. Returned resthouse afternoon.
- 20/2/68 Departed 0720 hrs for YOTCHIBOL and TAPONGAL - Polling commenced at 0800 hrs - Completed - returned resthouse.
- 21/2/68 To LIHON and SIAKEN - intended commencing polling 0800 hrs - no voters - waited till 1130 hrs - returned resthouse.
- 22/2/68 Departed 0700 hrs for PINIPEL ISLAND per WONG YOU's pinnace. Arrived same 09⁴⁵ hrs polling completed returned NISSAN at approx 1800 hrs.
- 23/2/68 Polling commenced at 0800 hrs at BALIL - completed at 1130 hrs - returned resthouse.
- 24/2/68 Polled this day at SALIPEM. Commenced at 0800 hrs - completed at 1145 hrs. M.A.F. Cessna arrived at 1400 hrs to take Mr. KIHA and self back to BUKA. Returned BUKA approx 1445 hrs.