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TASKUL

PATROL REPORT

1954/55

Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

Patrol Report.

District of. New Ireland (Taskul) Report No. 1 of 1954/55

Patrol Conducted by: M.J. Cockburn P.O.

Area Patrolled: North Coast of New Hanover from Taskul to UNGALIK and South Coast from Taskul to Meterangan.

Patrol Accompanied by: Europeans: NIL

Natives: Reg. No. 5080B L/Cpl Baduk

Duration: 8/10/54 to 13/10/54
25/10/54 to 28/10/54.

Number of Days: 10

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area: District Services: 10/53

Map Reference: 4 miles to 1" Strat Series Kavieng

Objects of Patrol: 1) Compass Traversing and investigation for re-establishment of title to the lands at, AUTUNG, METAMIN, and MATANALAU.

- 2) Investigation and purchase of land at Konkavul in Metamas Makob.
- 3) Routine.

Personal file notes 21-2-55

30-12-745

27th January, 1955.

The District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
RAVENS.

Patrol Report - No. I of 1954/55
Tasari Patrol Post

This is the first Patrol in the New Hanover area since the beginning of the present financial year.

Although the Patrol was completed on October 20th, 1954, the report was not completed until January 14th, 1955, almost three months later.

The typing of the report is not good.

As the main objects of the Patrol were unsuccessful, in most cases, has anything been done to rectify this.

A general patrol of New Hanover appears to be due.

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A.A.R.
(A. Roberts)
Inspector

30/12/45 ✓

TERRITORY OF DISTRICT SERVICES & NATIVE AFFAIRS GUINEA



File No. 30-1/989

DISTRICT OF NEW IRELAND,
Headquarters,
KAVIENG.

18th January, 1955.

The Director,
Department of District Services and Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1954/55
PATROL POST TASKUL

Attached please find in triplicate the above mentioned
Patrol Report.

As will be seen this patrol dealt with land matters,
one of which was successful and the other not.

Apparently the patrol officer was deliberately misled
owing to the fact that the natives had gardens on the land the
subject of the first investigation.

The officer concerned has been instructed to make
every endeavour to finalise this matter at first opportunity.
After all it must be realised that he was working at a disadvantage
in this investigation seeing that he did not have a good command
of "pidgin". He has, however, greatly improved in his use of
this language and should have better success next time.

(G.F. Neilsen,)
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

Taskul Patrol Report No. 1 of 1954/55.

Report of a Patrol to Autung, Metamin, Matanalaua, and Meterangan
on the island of New Hanover.

Officer Conducting:- M.J.Cockburn P.O.

Area Patrolled:- From Taskul to UNGLIK is., on the North coast,
and from Taskul to Meterangan on the South
coast of New Hanover.

Object of Patrol:- To reestablish the title to the land at
Autung Metamin and Matanalaua, and to investigate
and purchase the land called Konkavul near
Meterangan, and routine.

Duration:- ~~XXXXXX~~ From Friday 8th October 1954 to
Wednesday 13th October 1954 and from Monday
25th October 1954 to Thursday 28th October
1954.

No. of Days:- 10 days.

Personnel Accompanying:-
Reg. No. 5080B L/Cpl Baduk

Map Reference:- Strat series New Ireland Sheets.

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Introduction:- Weather for the patrol was quite favourable.
Some heavy rainfalls were experienced but these did not hamper
the patrols work.

One of the main objects of the patrol, that is
the re-establishment of the titles of the land at Autung,
Metamin and Matanalaua, was not achieved. This was due in
particular to the skill of the natives of Lukus, Nusalik and
Unglik in deliberately misleading the writer concerning the
boundaries of the abovementioned lands. This has been dealt
with in a special memorandum to the District Commissioner.

The patrol was however successful in finalising
the investigation and purchase of the land called Konkavul near
Meterangan, which is intended for an agricultural and Mission
lease.

Diary:-

Friday 8/10/54. Depart Taskul 0745 per M.V. Mercy with Mr M.
Collins ADO and Mr H. Gilmore OPO, for Metamin. Arrive
Metamin 1030 AM but find the seas too large to make a
safe landing. Return to NENGE island arriving 1100 AM
unload patrol stores and personnel and Mercy departs
with Mr Collins and Mr Gilmore for Kavieng 1115 AM.
Send out for carriers and people with knowledge of the
boundaries of Autung with instruction to present
themselves in the morning. Spend the night in Nenge Rest
House.

Saturday 9/10/54. All necessary persons at Nenge at 0730 am so

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Diary Continued:-

Saturday 9/10/54 continued:- depart for Autung. Arrive at first survey peg at 0805. Meet old Chinese manager of Autung, Lee Kim. Sent carriers on to Metamin and start on compass traverse of Autung. At 1015 find that line is curving slowly back to beach and that there are no more survey pegs. Suspect that I am being misled and decide to return to Autung. Advise the Luluai of Lukus, whose predecessor apparently sold the land, to search for the missing pegs that would tie the traverse in. Return to Autung and advise Lee Kim that I shall be returning to Autung on Tuesday to complete the traverse if possible. Proceed to Metamin at 1215 arriving at 1315. Heavy rain during afternoon, unable to commence work on Metamin traverse.

Sunday 10/10/54. Start compass traverse of Metamin starting at 0930 AM and finishing at 1630. Decide to work on Sunday as the amount of work waiting at Taskul warrants it. Five chain length Surveyors chain now broken in a dozen pieces making difficult and inaccurate traversing.

Monday 11/10/54. Depart Metamin for Matanalaua 0815. Arrive Matanalaua 0930 AM and commence compass traverse and finish at 1500. Suspect boundaries are not correct as they follow a most peculiar pattern. Proceed to UNGLIK and arrive 1530. 1600 inspect village houses cemeteries, coconut groves and water holes. Spend night at Unglik.

Tuesday 12/10/54. Depart Unglik for Autung 0830, arrive Metamin 1000, arrive Autung 1045. Only one additional survey peg found and that on beach, instruct Luluai to keep looking for more. Proceed on to NENGE, BOLPUA, METBAI, PATIPAI and KONAMATALIK, arriving KONAMATALIK 1600. Spend night at KONAMATALIK rest house.

Wednesday 13/10/54. Awake at 0530 and go off with some village men to have a look at some wild cattle that live near KONAMATALIK. Sight two large cows at about 0800, look as though there may be a Zebu strain in them. Estimate about 30 head in the area. Depart KONAMATALIK 0930 for Taskul via SUWAMPAGAN and KULPETAU. Arrive Taskul 1330, pay and feed carriers.

Thursday 14/10/54. At Taskul send radio to Kavieng requesting new surveyors chain.

Friday 15/10/54 to Sunday 24/10/54 at Taskul.

Monday 25/10/54 At Taskul rain during morning, depart for Lungaton on way to Metanas Harbour at 1545. Arrive Lungaton 1730. Spend the night at Lungaton plantation with Mr. J. White.

Tuesday 26/10/54 Depart Lungaton for Metanas Harbour 0800, pass through the villages of Kamelik, Mepetuk, and Muga, arrive Meterangan 1430. Experience heavy rains during afternoon and night. Investigate ownership of Konkaval at night.

Wednesday 17/10/54. Start compass traverse of Konkaval 0800 and complete it by 1430, return to Meterangan and inspect village, go over to NUSABONG and inspect village.

Thursday 18/10/54. Depart Meterangan for Taskul by foot at 0800 arrive LUNGATON 1200, depart Lungaton 1245 and arrive Taskul 1615 passing through Mataniu, Narimlaua, and Kulinge.

End of Diary. End of Patrol.

Native Matters:-

A) Villages.

All villages seen with the exception of Meterangan and NUSABONG were clean and in good condition. The people of Meterangan and Nusabong were instructed to clean their villages before the patrol left the area, which they did.

B) Housing.

Houses in all the villages were in good condition, and of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ adequate size. In all cases the cooking facilities are located in a separate room outside the house built on ground level, usually about three to four yards away from the other building.

C) Complaints:-

No complaints were brought to the writer during the patrol.

Agriculture and Livestock:-

A) Agriculture:

The staple diet of the people on New Hanover consists mainly of sago and Taro, with a little tapioc and sweet potato as a variant. In the area from Taskul to Meterangan the taro which had been planted six weeks before the patrol's visit, had been seriously effected by the dry weather. However this would not cause any hardship to the people, it would just mean that they would eat sago for a bit longer than usual.

B) Livestock:

Some ~~fxi~~ fowls and ducks were seen during the patrol but their number was not great. The people have not kept pigs for many years and rely on the bush pig for supplies of pork.

The cattle seen near KONAMATALIK although only numbering two, out of an estimated herd of thirty, looked to be in very good condition. They have gone completely wild and are very timid. Even the bulls in the herd, which were once quite ferocious, will run off if they sight a person. To see the two cows that were seen the writer had to wait in a grass clearing while natives of Kgnamatalik drove them out from the bush. As stated in the diary, there seems to be a Zebu strain in the cattle as even when they were running fast it seemed to be with a type of trot and they had quite large humps on the shoulders.

Village Officials:

The LULUAIS of Lukus, Nuslik, ^{a. d. un. un. un.} attempted to mislead the writer concerning the boundaries of the lands at AUTUNG Metamin and Matanalaua. However when the deception was discovered they were informed of the fact and willingly admitted what they had done. The reason was perfectly obvious now, as it was seen on the patrol that people of these villages have gardens on what is in fact Administration land. The writer was not of course, aware that the land was Administration land when he passed through it, but he is sure that the Luluais were.

Apart from the abovementioned deception, they and all the other village officials were doing a fair job.

Roads and Bridges:-

As seen by the diary most of the patrol was done by foot. The roads on the island are in fairly good condition and the walking easy. The roads are generally well drained with gutters and have an average width of 12 feet, and with little improvement would be suitable for a light wheel-ed

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Roads and Bridges Continued.

drive vehicle.

Most of the streams that require bridges in the area can be quite suitably bridged with the use of native materials and construction.

Carriers:-

No difficulty was experienced in obtaining carriers during the patrol.

Local Industries:-

The people of New Hanover are keen copra producers and all groves of coconuts were fairly well cleaned, by native standards that is. Most of the copra is dried in small smoke houses, with the exception that at UNGILK, sun drying is the only method used. where

Education and Missions:-

Three Mission bodies operate on New Hanover, the Methodist Mission, the Seventhday Adventist Mission, and the Catholic Mission. The village of Kulinge was the only village seen that did not have a school. The Seventhday Adventist Mission are the ^{only} body whose teachers really make an effort to teach English in their schools. The other bodies appear to be content with Pidgin English and the local dialect.

It was noted that the different Religious bodies are causing villages to break up into small groups consisting of adherents of one faith in one small village and adherents of the other faith in the other small village. A typical example of this are the two villages of KULPETAU Noi (Methodists) and SUWAMPAGAN (S.D.A.), which two villages were previously united at KASING as little time ago as 1953.

Medical:

No Medical Orderly was taken on the patrol, and as there is a Native Hospital At Taskul under Mr W Auchettl EMA, and the people get frequent visits, no comments are deemed necessary.

Geographical:-

No additional information.

Census:

Census checks were not made as the patrol did not visit any complete census sub-division.

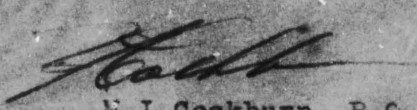
Maps :-

A tracing of New Hanover in the 4 miles to the inch scale is enclosed, showing the positions of the villages and lands visited.

Land Investigations:

As the land investigations of Autung, Metamin, and Matanalau (SUKANYIT) were unsuccessful and have been covered in a separate memo, no further comments will be made.

The investigation and purchase of the land at Konkavul, was completed with ease, as there were no disputes over the boundaries and they knew exactly what they want and where everything was located. The purchase and transfer document of the land at Konkavul are also the subject of a separate memorandum.


M. J. Cockburn P.C.

14/1/53



NEW HANOVER

Patrol Map
for Fiscal Patrol Report North Carolina

- Scale: 1" = 6 miles
- ① - office areas of counties
 - ② - towns line of jurisdiction
 - ③ - boundaries - black border
 - ④ - road lines are shown as a
 - ⑤ - lines on chart map



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Taskul Patrol Post
District of New Ireland Report No. 2 of 1954/55

Patrol Conducted by M. J. Cockburn P.O.

Area Patrolled All New Hanover and Tasi Group.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 1

Duration—From 2./2./1955 to 14./3./1955

Number of Days 37

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 10/1954

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

Map Reference Strat Series New Ireland Sheets

Objects of Patrol Census and routine Land Title Investigations

Personnel file noted

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND 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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Village Popu

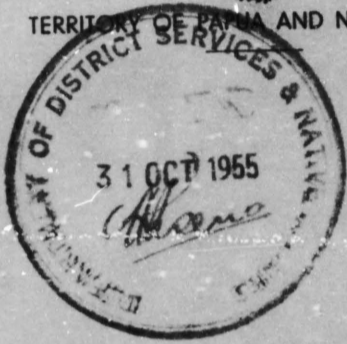
Year..... 1954/55.....

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS												Females in Child Birth	M In	
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13				
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
<i>Leaves Sub Division</i>																		
<i>North East Coast</i>	<i>1/55</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>West Coast</i>	<i>2/55</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>South East Coast</i>	<i>3/55</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Total for Low Moor</i>	<i>However</i>	<i>130</i>	<i>141</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>11</i>

30/12/152 ✓



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply
Please Quote

No.

N.A. 30-1-1/753

District of New Ireland,
Headquarters,
KAVIENG.

25th October, 1955.

The Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2 of 1954-55.

Your 30-12-152 of 28th July, 1955 refers.

Attached herewith in duplicate please find explanation of the queries raised in your memorandum. The sawn mortar has been forwarded to this Office and will be shipped to you on the first available boat.

J. L. Aitchison

(T.G. Aitchison),
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Attach.

Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

File:- 30-1(44)

Taskul Patrol Post,
New Hanover.

10th October 1955.

The Assistant District Officer,
Kavieng Sub-District,
New Ireland District.

Taskul Patrol Report No.2 of 1954-55.

Refers your 30-3-259 of the 10th August 1955.


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Both these villages were moved from their old sites to those on the coast by the Japanese or their agents during the Pacific War. The only reason they could offer for not moving back to their former sites was that no-one had advised them to.

The movement of both villages is now complete and reports have reached this office that the people are happy to be back on their old village lands.

Regarding para 6 of the Director's memorandum, very little more can be discovered concerning the origin of the stone mortar mortars called "ATMUSUNG". Many have been discovered on this island particularly when any work of an earth moving nature is in progress. This is because these mortars are usually found buried under a considerable amount of soil. Just recently near TABUT a number of small mortars were reported to have been discovered while the people were repairing the road. There are also reported to be rock carvings in the area and these will be investigated when the opportunity occurs. The people at Meterankasing and elsewhere on the island know of no stories connected with the Atmusung or with the rock carvings all they know is the name which as stated in the Patrol Report means "a man with a full belly". This would tend to indicate that the mortar was used in the preparation of food. The map reference for Meterankasing where the mortar was found is the Strat series Kavieng sheet (2) T 5535.

On the 28th September 1955 the mortar was purchased from the Luluai of Meterankasing for \$5. This seemed a reasonable price as although the people did not know the items origin they had a certain sentimental attachment for it. A copy of Taskul contingency No. TAS 17 is attached.


M.J. Cockburn P.O.
O.I.G. Taskul.

Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

File:- 30-1(44)

Taskul Patrol Post,
New Hanover.

10th October 1955.

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New Ireland District.

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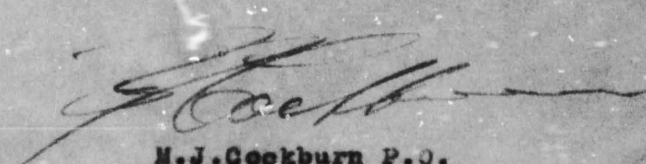
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M.J. Cockburn P.O.
O.I.C. Taskul.

30-12-152

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Ref: 30 - 3. - 252

District of New Ireland,
Headquarters,
KAVIENG.

10th August, 1955.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

TASKUL PATROL REPORT No. 2-1954/1955.

Your DS 30-12-152 of 28th July, 1955, refers.

Paras 2, 3 and 6 have been referred back to the Officer for further information; para 4 for recommendations by separate memorandum.

Para 5: It is intended that a Ferguson tractor and trailer be stationed at Taskul Patrol Post; and I would be much obliged if you would press for approval of its supply to that Post, please.

T. G. Aitchison
(T. G. Aitchison)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, N.I.D.

notes: 16/8

(P/A) 16/8

30-12-152

28th July, 1955.

The District Officer,
New Ireland District,
KAVIENG.

PATROL REPORT TASKUL No. 2
1954-1955.

Receipt of the above report is acknowledged.

It is not policy, nor are Magistrates normally empowered, to order that villages be moved from one site to another, although every encouragement should be given to the people to move to better areas if the existing site does not appear to be suitable. The provisions of Regulation 112C would not be sufficient to authorize a move if any other means of providing an adequate water supply could be devised.

As regards the village of TUGILITONGA, Mr. Cockburn appears to be within his rights if the village site infringed the leased area or was situated between high water mark and low water mark. If it is on native land adjacent to the lease, then his order is unlawful. Furthermore, he cannot direct that the village be moved back to the original site, or to any other particular site.

Does the District Officer intend to take any action regarding the recommendations for the appointment of three Luluais?

I agree that native enthusiasm for road construction can best be fostered by actually using vehicles on the road. Is it intended that a vehicle should be stationed at Taskul?

Please ask Mr. Cockburn to obtain the mortar at METERANKASING if he is quite satisfied that the people do not require it. He might also pursue his enquiries as to its origin.

J. K. McCarthy
(J. K. McCarthy)
A/ Director

30/12/52

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Ref: P/R TNS 2/1954-55/521

District of New Ireland, Headquarters, KAVIENG.

1st May, 1955.

The Director, Department of District Services and Native Affairs, PORT MCRESTY.

PATROL REPORT TASKUL No. 2/1954-1955 ALL NEW HANOVER AND TSOI GROUP

Attached please find, in triplicate, the abovementioned patrol report by Mr. Patrol Officer M. Cockburn.

The census figures have been returned to Mr. Cockburn for re-compilation and adjustment, and will be forwarded to you in the near future.

The matter of re-establishment of boundaries at Matanalaua and Luluai Maui of Ungalik is receiving attention.

A routine report calling for no particular comment from me.

T. G. Aitchison (T. G. Aitchison) DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, N.I.D.

Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

Ref: 30-(60)

Taskul Patrol Post
New Hanover.
21st April 1955.

Taskul Patrol Report No. 2 of 1954/55.

Report of a Patrol of the Whole Island of New Hanover and the Islands
OF THE TSOI group.

Officer Conducting: M.J. Cockburn P.C.
Area Patrolled: The whole of New Hanover and the Tsoi Group which includes all census Sub-Divisions in the Taskul area.
Object of Patrol: a) General routine and census
b) Land title investigations at METAKIN, AUTUNG, and MATANALAU.
Duration of Patrol: 2/2/55 to 14/3/55.
Number of Days: 37 days.
Personnel Accompanying: Reg. No. 5080B L/Opl. Baduk
Map References: Strat. Series New Ireland Sheets.

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Introduction:

Weather for the patrol was fair though rain did cause delays.

The objects of the patrol were accomplished as far as the writer was able.

Native Labour Inspections were carried out during the patrol at BOPANGAN, AUTUNG, BAUMAN, LAMAULING, METIENGE, METAKABIL, UNGALAEU, and LUNGATON plantations.

Diary:

Wednesday 2/2/55. Depart Taskul per M.V. Meroy for BOPANGAN plantation, 0830 arrive 0930. Native Labour inspections of both Mr Allens and Mr Matthies sections of the plantation. Depart for KAUWILIKAU 1230 and arrive 1300. Check census and inspect KAUWILIKAU. Depart for Taskul 1630 and arrive 1730.

Thursday 3/2/55. Depart Taskul per M.V. Meroy 0745 for TSOILEK and arrive 0915. Check census and inspect village. Depart for MANDON 1130, check census and inspect village. Depart for KULIBUNG 1315 arrive 1400, check census and inspect village. Depart 1500 for UNGAKUM and arrive 1730, inspect village and check census. Return to Taskul arriving 2100.

Taskul Patrol Report No 2 of 1954/55.Diary Continued:

- Friday 4/2/55. Depart Taskul per M.V. Mercy for NUSLIK Is. ⁰⁷⁰⁰ Arrive 1000, check census and inspect village. Depart NUSLIK 1130 for LUKUS and arrive 1200, check census and inspect village. Depart for Taskul 1530 and arrive 1930.
- Saturday 5/2/55. Office work Taskul 2 C.N.A.
- Sunday 6/2/55. Observed Taskul.
- Monday 7/2/55. Office work Taskul, 2 C.N.A.
- Tuesday 8/2/55. Office work Taskul and prepare for foot patrol of New Hanover.
- Wednesday 9/2/55. Final inspection of station before departing on patrol and Office Work. Depart for KULPETAU 1145 and arrive 1300, check census and inspect village. Depart KULPETAU for PATIAGA 1430 and arrive 1545, check census and inspect village.
- Thursday 10/2/55. Depart PATIAGA 0810 for SUNGAPAKAN via old road and arrive 1000, check census and inspect village. Depart SUNGAPAKAN 1250 for KONAMATALIK arrive 1400, check census and inspect village.
- Friday 11/2/55. Set out at 0745 to check on wild cattle. Shoot one young bull of Zebu strain. Carcass quartered and distributed to villages, one leg sent to Taskul. Depart KONAMATALIK for PATPAI 1200, arrive 1300, check census and inspect village. Depart PATIPAI for METIAI 1415 arrive 1430, check census and inspect village, settle minor disputes.
- Saturday 12/2/55. Depart METIAI for BOLPUA No 2 0805 arrive 0915, check census and inspect village. Depart BOLPUA No 2 1330 for UNUSA arrive 1500, check census and inspect village.
- Sunday 13/2/55. Observed UNUSA.
- Monday 14/2/55. Depart UNUSA 0745 for Autung plantation Native Labour inspection. Compass traverse of AUTUNG not very satisfactory but tie it in. Return to UNUSA 1730.
- Tuesday 15/2/55. Depart UNUSA 0815, Re-check one section of AUTUNG plantation traverse then proceed to POTPOTINGAN arriving 1215. Check census and inspect village. Father Otto of the Catholic Mission in village, talk over our ~~xxx~~ respective problems at night.
- Wednesday 16/2/55. 0815 start compass traverse commencing on POTPOTINGAN road going through to AUTUNG plantation. Find back line runs at 88° to MOSSE river. Go through to Autung and chain foreshore back to POTPOTINGAN road. Receive word from LULUAI of UNGALIK that boundaries of MATANALAU cannot be found, sent radio to Taskul asking for detachment of police to be sent to assist in search for boundaries of MATANALAU. Return to POTPOTINGAN 1530. Obtain story of land purchase of Metamin at night.
- Thursday 17/2/55. Depart POTPOTINGAN for METAMIN 0830 arrive 0930, check census and inspect village. Heavy rain delays movement until 1500 when depart for UNGALIK arrive 1630.

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- Friday 18/2/55. At UNGALIK Is. check census and inspect village. Moderate rain during day, await arrival of Police Detachment.
- Saturday 19/2/55. Very heavy and persistent rain unable to start traverse of MATANALAU. 1745 M.V. ENUK arrives with one Constable and memo from District Commissioner.
- Sunday 20/2/55. Start on land traverse of MATANALAU 0830, villagers having followed their religious observances. Traverse up East bank of Matanalau river to a point 41 chains upstream and find that this point is inundated. Examine position on opposite bank and find it to be in the same condition. Proceed upstream by canoe examining all likely places where a survey peg may be found. Search unsuccessful as all the surrounding countryside is inundated. Return to UNGALIK.
- Monday 21/2/55. 0745 proceed to Eastern boundary and find that this is in a mangrove swamp. Search all ground to west of alleged boundary but unsuccessful in finding survey pegs. Abandon attempt at traverse, return to UNGALIK 1620.
- Tuesday 22/2/55. Police investigation UNGALIK. 1215 proceed to UPUAS arrive 1230, check census and inspect village. Depart for BAUMAN plantation 1330 arrive 1430, Native Labour Inspection. Depart BAUMAN for Lamauling 1600 and arrive 1700. No time for Native Labour Inspection, depart for NAITAB 1730 and arrive 1800.
- Wednesday 23/2/55. At Naitab, check census inspect village. Obtain information about land at MATANALAU from old man BOGUANON who originally sold the land to Captain Carlson. BOGUANON describes boundaries, send word to LULUAI of UNGALIK to clear boundaries as described and keep clean. Depart NAITAB 1115 for LAMAULING arrive 1145. N.L. Inspection. Depart LAMAULING 1315 for METERANKASING arrive 1415, check census and inspect village- archaeological find. Depart METERANKASING 1530 for TABUT arrive 1630, check census and inspect village.
- Thursday 24/2/55. Send cargo per canoe to KUNG Is., self, LULUAI of NOIPUA and LULUAI of TABUT proceed by road to NOIPUAS. Arrive NOIPUAS 0930. Depart for KUNG per canoe 1030 arrive 1100, check census and inspect village. Depart Kung 1430 for NOIPUAS arrive 1500, check census and inspect village.
- Friday 25/2/55. Moderate rain during morning. Depart NOIPUAS for NEKONOMON and METEPIANG 1100 per canoe. Moderate rain during trip, arrive NEKONOMON 1330. Check census of both villages- villages about ten yards apart. Rain throughout night. Hear minor complaints.
- Saturday 26/2/55. Moderate rain in morning. Depart NEKONOMON 1030 for NOIPUAS and arrive 1200. Depart NOIPUAS for UNGALABU 1230 arrive UNGALABU 1300, check census and inspect village. N.L. Inspection of plantation. Depart UNGALABU for SOSSON 1430 arrive 1450 check census and inspect village.
- Sunday 27/2/55. Observed SOSSON Is.

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- Monday 28/2/55. Depart SOSSON Is., 0815 per canoe for Au, arrive 1115, check census and inspect village. Depart Au for UMBUKUL 1245 arrive 1350, check census and inspect village also Government Village Higher School.
- Tuesday 1/3/55. Depart UMBUKUL for METAMOLI 0830, delayed by rain at WASSANGA plantation arrive METAMOLI 1030. Check census and inspect village and depart for BELEWAI 1210 and arrive 1320, Check census and inspect village. No Rest House at BELEWAI so depart for TULIOTONGA by canoe 1500, arrive 1530, check census and inspect village.
- Wednesday 2/3/55. Check boundaries of METEWOLO plantation, find corner pegs, work hampered by heavy rain. Advise people of TULIOTONGA and BULEILONG of provisional order over METEWOLO and they make no claims. Depart TUGILIOTONGA for BUTEILONG 1600, arrive 1720.
- Thursday 3/3/55. Check census and inspect village BUTEILONG and depart 0930 for BAU'UNG, arrive 1045. Check census and inspect BAU'UNG, depart 1415 for NEINGANG arrive 1445, check census and inspect village.
- Friday 4/3/55. Depart NEINGANG 0745 for METIENGE plantation, meet Mr Hermann at 0900 commence check on boundaries accompanied by Mr Hermann and people of NEINGANG. Find eastern and northern boundaries.
- Saturday 5/3/55. Find western boundaries of METIENGE in morning. Depart METIENGE for PATIVINI 1345, check census and inspect village, depart for BAUE 1515, arrive 1545, check census and inspect village.
- Sunday 6/3/55. Depart BAUE 0900 for METAKABIL Plantation arrive 0930. Observed at METAKABIL. Very rainy afternoon.
- Monday 7/3/55. N.L. Inspection Metakabil plantation. Check census and inspect METAKABIL village. Depart METAKABIL 1400 for METAMONA arrive 1445, check census and inspect village. Depart for METERAN 1600 and arrive 1635, check census and inspect village.
- Tuesday 8/3/55. Depart METERAN 0800 for TIOPOTOR and arrive 0915, check census and inspect village. Depart 1045 for METEWOI and arrive 1130, check census and inspect village. Depart METEWOI 1430 for BAIKEP arrive 1500. Inspect BAIKEP and check census.
- Wednesday 9/3/55. Depart BAIKEP 0810 for UNGAT arrive 0815. Depart UNGAT 0817 for PATIRINA arrive 0900, check census and inspect village. Depart PATIRINA 1115 for UNGAT and arrive 1205, check census and inspect village. Depart UNGAT for KULUNGAT 1415, heavy rain falls, arrive KULUNGAT 1445. Wait for cessation of rain then check census and inspect village.
- Thursday 10/3/55. Depart KULUNGAT for SAULA 0815 arrive 0830, check census and inspect village. Depart for LAVANGAI 1020 arrive 1120, check census and inspect village, depart LAVANGAI for METERANGAN 1400 arrive 1600, check census and inspect village.

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Friday 11/3/55. Light rain. 0300 Depart per canoe for NUSAWONG 0906 return to METERANGAN after checking census and inspecting NUSAWONG. Arrive METERANGAN 1000. Depart METERANGAN 1015 for BOLPUA No.1, arrive 1100. check census and inspect village. Depart BOLPUA for MAGAM 1400 and arrive MAGAM 1515, check census and inspect village, rest house not complete. Depart MAGAM for NAIKAPUTUK 1615 arrive 1700.

Saturday 12/3/55. Check census and inspect NAIKAPUTUK, depart NAIKAPUTUK 0930 for RANMELIK arrive 0945. Have morning tea with Mr and Mrs Robbins of the M.O.M. Depart RANMELIK for LUNGATON 1030 arrive 1100. Native Labour inspection of LUNGATON depart for Taskul to pick up extra provisions 1610 arrive Taskul 1720.

Sunday 13/3/55. Observed Taskul.

Monday 14/3/55. Depart Taskul per canoe for MATANIU 0715 arrive 0900, check census and inspect village and depart for NUSANTAUMATAI 1130 arrive 1200. Check census at NUSANTAUMATAI and depart for NARIMLAUA 1430 and arrive 1600. Inspect village.

Tuesday 15/3/55. Check census at NARIMLAUA. Depart NARIMLAUA for NEILA 1015 arriving 1050, inspect village- new site- and check census. Depart NEILA for NARIMLAUA 1200, arrive 1235. Depart NARIMLAUA for KULINGE 1400 arrive 1445, check census and inspect village. Depart for Taskul 1530 arrive 1700.

End of Patrol. End of Diary.

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Native Affairs:

a) Villages

Villages throughout the area are well maintained and reasonably clean and efforts to beautify the village areas with flowers and shrubs was evident throughout. The most attractive and best laid out village in the area would undoubtedly be KONAMATALIK.

The people of the following villages requested permission to move their villages to better sites, these are PATIAGA and METIAL and it is recommended that they should. Dealing with each village separately.

(i) PATIAGA

Village situated well away from good garden land and plentiful drinking water. People request permission to move to old village site about two miles away at headwaters of TIEMOT River, where fertile land is found in the valley of the river. People state that now there is no village life as they remain in the gardens, where there are small houses, instead of returning to the village after the days work, and that the only time they use the village is when a patrol passes through.

Reason for Recommendation

It is better for the people to have a communal life rather than the one they are having now. For health reasons it is better that their water supply be better than it is now.

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Native Affairs.a) Villages Continued.(ii) METIAL.

Village situated on narrow strip of sand with a few coconut palms and other trees. To the back and sides of the village are extensive mangrove swamps. The garden land for the village is a good ~~farm~~ ^{two} miles away but is not particularly fertile and definitely not as fertile as the land near their old village of KIPING. There is no permanent water supply, fresh water being collected in old 44 gal drums from lean-to galvanised iron catchments.

Reasons for Decision.

It is better for the people to be closer to their gardens and use the most suitable land available, therefore getting the maximum permissible yield from the soil. A better permanent source of water is preferable.

The village of TUGILLOTONGA is situated on the foreshore of METEWOLO plantation and the Lessee of the plantation requested that the village move. As this village is not on its original site but on a site that they moved to during the Pacific War, the Luluai was advised that the village would have to vacate its present position and move back to the original one. The original site of TUGILLOTONGA is about a mile inland on the Government road, there is a good fast moving permanent water supply and the garden lands are in close proximity. The present site on the foreshore is inaccessible except by canoe as it is completely surrounded by a deep mangrove swamp.

The village of BUTEILONG is also badly situated, and on a site that was occupied during the Pacific War. The present village is on what may accurately be described as an island. On one side is the sea and on the other a deep mangrove swamp. The original site of this village was about one mile inland on the Government road on the eastern bank of a fast flowing clean stream with the garden lands in close proximity. The Luluai of BUTEILONG was advised that his village would have to move back to the original site.

Both the villages of TUGILLOTONGA and BUTEILONG are mosquito and sand-fly infested and the drinking water is poor supply and brackish. It is suggested that the two villages move as soon as is practical.

The village of UNGALABU is, according to the Commissioner of Titles provisional order, within the boundaries of the parcel of land. However the LCBAI of UNGALABU showed the writer some cement pegs that cut off the portion of the island where the village is situated. This area was traversed and will be submitted separately as a claim by the people of UNGALABU.

b) Village Officials.

With few exceptions the village officials of the area were doing a fairly good job. The ones found lacking were given advice and support, and also hints on how to perform their duties more efficiently.

Taskul Patrol Report No. 2 of 1954/55.Native Affairs.b) Village Officials Continued;

Luluai MAUL of UNGALIK Is., managed once again to conceal the boundaries of the land at MATANALAVA during the writer's visit to his village. Two of the points of the true boundaries were told to the writer by a very old man at NAITAB, one BAGUANON who originally sold the land to Capt. Carlson. The reason for MAUL's insistence of ignorance of the boundaries is very obvious. At the moment he is collecting coconuts and making copra from the planted area of the plantation and should the true boundaries be plotted and the title of Matanalaava re-established then he would eventually lose a source of income. He is naturally interested in delaying the re-establishment of the title as long as he can. Old BAGUANON assured the writer that MAUL knew the boundaries as he said that he had shown them to him.

Luluai BUKA of Puaa died during January 1955 and LUKANGUS who was the TULTUL is recommended in his stead. LUKANGUS is a hard working and sincere official who is respected by the people. The man BOV is recommended to fill the place of TULTUL.

Luluai LAPANPIRAS died during May 1954. The only man that can be recommended to fill his place is NAUSO an ex-Luluai who has served a six months jail sentence for assault. NAUSO is the only man in the village with sufficient strength of character for the job and it is hoped that he has learned where road of righteousness lies from his recent imprisonment.

Luluai PEISAT of TUGILITONGA was found to be a little too senile to perform his duties and he expressed the wish to be relieved of them. His resignation is therefore advised and the man AIGELAU is recommended to fill the vacancy. AIGELAU is an energetic man in his middle years who possesses the respect of his people.

c) Complaints.

Only minor complaints were heard during the patrol, nothing that required court action.

Native Agriculture and Livestock.a) Agriculture.

Gardens in the area are doing well and nowhere were complaints received that the people did not have sufficient food to meet their requirements. The only people with a noticeable surplus of food were at UMBUKUL where the gardening land is obviously better than at any other part of the island.

Taro and sago form the staple diet of the people of New Hanover. Crops of sweet-potato and manioc and bananas are subsidiaries.

b) Livestock.

The only livestock kept by the people of New Hanover

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Hanover are domestic fowl. These are not really plentiful and are not of good strain.

Medical and Health.

A Medical orderly did not accompany the patrol. As a European Medical Assistant is stationed at Taskul and does Medical Patrols of the area, no report on this matter is attached.

During the last fortnight of the patrol an influenza epidemic was in progress on the island and the effects of this disease were apparant.

Education:

The native village higher school at NOIPUAS had been transferred to UMBUKUL just a month before the patrol arrived at NOIPUAS. The old school buildings at NOIPUAS were observed to be in a sad state of disrepair and the LULUAI was advised to demolish them and store ~~what~~ materials that may be of further use.

The new school at UMBUKUL was progressing well with three well constructed buildings completed and more planned. All the work of erecting the buildings and supplying the materials has been by voluntary contributions of the local native people.

There are sixty pupils at the school with three teachers under the guidance of BOSKI Tom, who was recently awarded a LOYAL Service Medal. Boski Tom, as is well known, is an outstanding personality amongst the people of New Hanover. The material he has to work with in his two assistant teachers appears to be of good quality.

The people of New Hanover generally are proud of their school at Umbukul.

The Catholic Mission at Lavangai, under the guidance of the Rev. Fr. O'FEO, have recently started a school with one trained TOLAI teacher. This lad speaks excellent English, but at the time of the writer's visit to LAVANGAI, he was handicapped by his lack of knowledge of the local language.

The Seventh Day Adventist Mission have a school operating at KONKAVUL near METERANGAN with two native teachers. This school gets considerable support from the adherents to that faith.

Roads and Bridges.

The roads in the area are progressing well and should the streams be effectively bridged then a four-wheel drive vehicle could be driven over 60% of them. However little more progress on the roads cannot be expected until a vehicle is located at Taskul. The people are in favour of road travel as they realise that the existance of vehicular roads will be an aid to their economic activities, but the Administration will have to lead the way.

All roads are excellent for walking except where

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Roads and Bridges.

coral coursways have been built through mangrove swamps. These coursways are found mainly on the northern side of the island.

Anthropological.

An ancient stone mortar was found at METERANKASING. The item is called ATMUSUNG which means "man with full belly" and it's origin is unknown. The people say that it is of no interest to them and is merely cluttering up the village. No offer was made to the people for it and advise as to whether or not it is of interest to the Territory Museum wouth be appreciated.

The mortar is about eighteen inches high and is made of grey volcanic stone and is shaped as sketched ~~XXXXXX~~ beneath.

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Census:

Census checks were conducted in each village visited. No difficulties through absentee-ism were encountered.

The analysis of certain figures is as follows:

a) Increase over previous census check.

<u>Census Sub-Div.</u>	<u>Periods.</u>		<u>Numerical Increase</u>	<u>Natural Increase</u>	<u>New Names Migs., Etc.</u>
	1953/54	1954/55			
North East Coast.	1952	2015	2	42	20
West Coast.	2206	2339	133	58	74
South East Coast.	2234	2140	Decrease 94	40	-94
<u>Total New Hanover</u>	<u>6392</u>	<u>6504</u> <u>6494</u>	<u>106</u> <u>102</u>	<u>140</u>	

These figures show that there was an effective migration out of the area of 28. This migration however may not be permanent.

b) Labour Figures.

<u>Census Sub-Div.</u>	<u>Males Absent at Work</u>	<u>Males 16-45 including absentees</u>	<u>% Absent</u>
<u>North East Coast.</u>	96	484	19.8%

Taskul Patrol Report No. 2 of 1954/55.B) Labour Figures.

<u>Census Sub-Div.</u>	<u>Males Absent at Work.</u>	<u>Males 16-45 including absentees.</u>	<u>% Absents</u>
North East Coast.	96	484	19.8%
West Coast.	132	563	23 %
South East Coast.	156	557	29.8%
<u>Total New Hanover.</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>1604</u>	<u>23.9%</u>

Individual villages with high percentages of absentees are as follows.

SUNGAPAGAN	64%
SAULA	63%
NUSANTAUMATAI	55.2%
KATANIU	48%

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Investigation into Title of Land at METAMIN, AUTUNG AND MATANALAU.a) METAMIN and AUTUNG.

The traverses of METAMIN and AUTUNG were completed. However the traverse of Autung as a separate block from Metamin was not successful due to the absence of a corner peg in the south-eastern corner.

When the land at METAMIN was being traversed, a continuous line was also traversed to Autung and when this was plotted it could be seen that the entire block of the two sections resembles the area shown on the Lands Dept., map. The people of LUKUS and MUSALIK admitted after the traverse was complete that the writer had in fact seen the land and that the entire block had been purchased. One man BANI of UNUSA stated that Mr. F.W. Shand purchased the land. This could perhaps be verified.

b) MATANALAU.

The writer was once again unsuccessful in finding the survey pegs on this land, due mainly to MAUMAs, the Luluai of UNGALIK, convenient lapse in memory and secondly to adverse weather conditions. Heavy rain occurred before the commencement of the traverse and the land on both banks of the Matanalaua river was inundated for about two hundred yards making the locating of survey pegs impossible.

on the There is doubt however as to whether or not survey pegs southern, eastern, western and part of the northern boundaries exist. A very old man BOQUANON who is bed-ridden due to his senility, told the writer at NAITMB that he originally sold the land at MATANALAU to Capt., CARLSON and that a compass traverse only was made of the land and wooden pickets placed along the boundaries. He also described the boundaries and voiced the opinion, to which the writer agrees wholeheartedly, that the Luluai and village elders of UNGALIK lied to the writer when they said that they did not know the boundaries.

as both these investigations are the subject of

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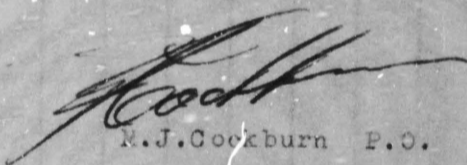
separate correspondence, they will not be dealt with anymore fully here.

Native Labour Inspections.

Native labour inspections were conducted at BOPANGAN, AUTUNG, BAUMAN, LAMAULING, UNGALIDU, METIENCE, METAKABIL, and LUNGATON. These are also the subject of separate correspondence.

Trade Store Inspections:

All trade stores in the area were inspected. The writer has no complaints to make as all licensees were doing their best to remain within the law. Though some are hampered by an illiteracy in English. To those who were thus hampered had the Trading with Natives Ordinance explained to them in pidgin-English.


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