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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: 1/1971-72	OBJECTS OF PATROL: House of Assembly
DISTRICT: CENTRAL	STATION: Patrol Post Abau Elections
PATROL CONDUCTED BY: MR. T. MARTIN	SUB-DISTRICT: ABAU
AREA PATROLLED: Cloudy Bay	DESIGNATION:
DURATION OF PATROL: 14 days	PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: Enara Vagi Koko Seseare
LAST D.D.A. PATROL:	NUMBER OF DAYS: 14 days
LAST O.L.G. PATROL:	TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: -
MAP REFERENCE:	COUNCIL AREA: Marshall Lagoon & Amazon Bay Councils
	HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE: Rigo-Abau

The District Commissioner,
District,

Central

In respect of this patrol, I attach	
FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS 6 TO 7	(1) copy
PATROL INSTRUCTIONS, <i>Not Applicable</i>	()
THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS,	(2)
AREA STUDY,	()
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY,	()
SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - ,	()
PATROL MAP,	(1)

DATE: 30/3/1972

[Signature]
.....
Assistant District Commissioner.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KOMEDOBU Papua.

In respect of this patrol, I attach	
AREA STUDY,	()
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY,	()
SITUATION REPORTS NO'S 1 - ,	()

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DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSESMENT OF
PATROL & REPORT ABOVE AVERAGE
AVERAGE
BELOW AVERAGE

DATE: / /19 .

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District Commissioner.

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7th April, 1972.

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

ABAU REPORT NO.1 - 1971/72

I acknowledge receipt of the above report
submitted by Mr. T. Martin, Assistant Patrol Officer.

Further comments are unnecessary due to the
brevity of the report plus it deals with the conduct of the
election in that area which appears to have been carried
out without any difficulties.

(P. BOURAGA)
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, C. D.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

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Sub-District Office,
Kupiano,
MARSHALL LAGOON, C.D.

30th March, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Central District,
P.O. Box 776,
PORT MORESBY.

ABAU REPORT No.1 71/72.

Enclosed please find the above report submitted
by Mr. T. Martin.

2. The report is brief and to the point. Mr Martin's comments under para 3 tend to support the fact that Nemea is generally anti Council rather than anti - Administration.
3. Claim for Camping Allowance has been forwarded direct to Returning Officer, Rigo Abau Electorate.

For your information please.

(T. J. DOWNES)
Assistant District Commissioner.

R/S DC



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Department of the Administrator,
Patrol Post,
ABAU.

6th March, 1972.

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

ABAU PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1971-72:

This patrol was mounted solely for the House of Assembly Elections. As such this ~~patrol~~ report is only related to the political aspects observed during the patrol.

A. MATTER OF POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

1. Voting began at Bora village on the 19th February and ended at Badubadu on the 2nd March.
2. At each polling place, the reaction of the people to the elections were very similar, as were my observations.
 - (I). The patrol was helped in every conceivable way, food and refreshments were made available, the people were well ordered at the polling booths, and there was always many willing hands to carry patrol equipment etc.
 - (II). Most of the people were under the impression that voting was compulsory.
 - (III). Approximatley 95 percent of voters required help to vote.
 - (IV). In most cases up to 100 percent of village people in the village at the time of voting, voted.
 - (V). Women voters approximately equalled those of men.
3. It is worthy of note that Nemea situation in the Cloudy Bay area did not effect voting in any way, and that my observations listed above are entirely applicable to polling at the Nemea villagers.
4. Over 95 percent of contract labourers who had the option to vote ~~via~~ either absentee or Rigo-Abau, opted for their home electorate. Only a small proportion of the Highlands labour at Robinson River Plantation voted, whilst a high proportion of the Western District labourers voted at Baubauguina Plantation. It is relevent to point out though that polling at Robinson River took place on Saturday, whilst polling at Baubauguina took place during a working day.

B. TRENDS IN ECONOMIC STRUCTURE:

- (I). Not applicable.

C. TRENDS IN SOCIAL STRUCTURE:

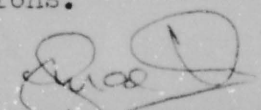
- (I). Not applicable.

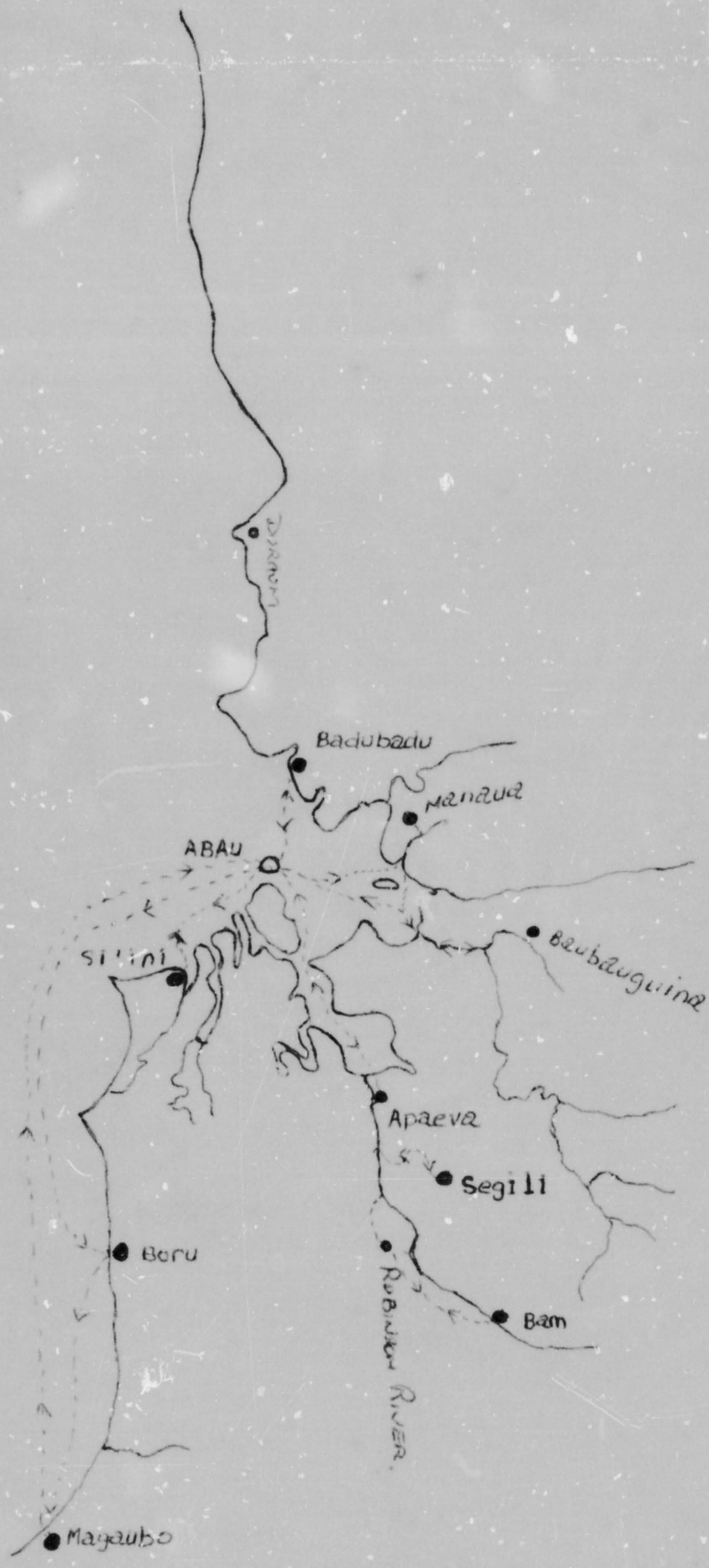
D. MISCELIANEOUS:

- (I). The Voters Identification Tribunal proved to be a very helpful group. Thire assistance in identifying people whose names were incorrectly shown on the Common Roll, or mispelt was invaluable. They also proved useful as polling attentants. I would reccommend that a Tribunal be used for future House of Assembly Elections.

I have nothing further to report.

Encl.


(T. MARTIN) OIC-Abau.



SCALE 1" = 3 MILES