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MILNE BAY DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

ESA'ALA, SEHULEA BOLUBOLU

1970-1971

<u>Report no.</u>	<u>Officer conducting patrol</u>	<u>Area patrolled</u>
<u>ESA'ALA</u>		
2-70-71	A.M. Didlick	Amphletts & Banaroo, East Ferguson C.D.
<u>SEHULEA</u>		
1-70-71	J.C. Edgar	Part Southern Normanby
2-70-71	J.C. Edgar	Part Southern Normanby
3-70-71	J.C. Edgar	Part Southern Normanby
<u>BOLUBOLU</u>		
5-70-71	G.K. Staples	North West Goodenough Is.
6-70-71	G.K. Staples	Goodenough Island
7-70-71	T. Maravila	West Ferguson C.D.
8-70-71	A.D. Stevens	Goodenough Island
9-70-71	G.K. Staples	West Ferguson Is.
10-70-71	A.D. Stevens	Part Goodenough Island.

Updating the common roll
Not in this report

BOLUBOLU	1-70-71	Stevens	13 days
"	2-70-71	Staples	15 days
"	3-70-71	McIndoe	14 days (?)
"	4-70-71	Moore	14 days (?)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of Milne Bay Report No. Sehulea No 1-70/71

Patrol Conducted by J.C. EDGAR P.O.

Area Patrolled Part Southern Normanby C.D

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans -
Natives 1 Interpreter
1 R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 6./7./19.70 to 20./7./19.70
Number of Days 13 Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 14/4/1970

Medical ? / 19

Map Reference Fournil Samarai Fergusson

Objects of Patrol Common Roll Revision

Director of District Administration,
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
.....
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DLE:LB

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KONEDOBU....PAPUA.

28th May, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

SEHULEA PATROL NO.1 of 1970/71

Your reference 67-11-2 dated the 19th May, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by Mr. J.C. Edgar, Patrol Officer of part Southern Normanby Census Division.

Lateness in submission of this report precludes any comments being made on it from this Headquarters at this late stage.

It is hoped an improvement in the general political situation in this area results from increased political education which is most necessary as evidenced by Mr. Edgar's remarks on attitudes towards the House of Assembly and Local Government.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary



67-11-2

District Headquarters,
ALOTAU
Milne Bay District.

19th May, 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
ESA'ALA

SEHULEA PATROL 1/20-71

Thank you for the above report submitted by Mr. Edgar.

The report by being submitted so late is of little more worth than historical value.

It is pointless to comments on a report which is now 10 months old. You are to ensure that future patrol reports are submitted on time.

F.G. Driver
F.G. DRIVER
District Commissioner

c.c. Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

67-3-1


Sub-District Office,
Esa'ala, M.B.D..

8th May, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

PATROL REPORT - SEHULEA NO.1/1970-71

1. Herewith three copies of the above patrol report, together with patrol maps and claims for camping allowance.
2. The report is more than overdue as it covers the revision of the Common Roll in July, 1970. The body of the report reached Esa'ala in November, 1970, but without maps or camping allowance claims. The latter arrived on 2/2/71. Unfortunately, through shortage of staff and pressure of other duties, the forwardir has been firther delayed at Esa'ala.
3. The patrol was uneventful and the patrol narrative is adequate. Comments on the political situation may be of interest to the Political Education Officer. Further comment at this late stage is not called for..


(R.W. HALLAHAN)
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. O.I.C. Sehulea.

PATROL DIARY

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6 July 1970

Carriers did not arrive until 1045. 1100 left SEHULEA for MEUDANA arriving at 1330. Heavy rain all the way. Camped at MEUDANA.

7 July 1970

Weather worse this morning. MEUDANA is situated on top of a narrow ridge and subject to violent winds and rain. Waited until 1200 in vain for the weather to break. Few people turned up so returned to SEHULEA to census this village at a later date.

8 July 1970

Left SEHULEA at 0830 by outboard for DAWADA about 40 minutes - still raining madly. Census held in the afternoon. Camped at DAWADA.

9 July 1970.

A 1½ hour walk to LOBODA. Heavy rain all the way. Weather cleared a little in the afternoon to enable a census to be called. Camped at LOBODA.

10 July 1970

Census called for SIAUSI who had assembled at LOBODA in the morning. A 1¼ hour walk to KWANAULA where the people were ready for the census. Camped at KWANAULA.

11 July 1970

In the morning walked to MWALUKWASIA 1¼ hours - through heavy showers but nobody there so continued on to SOMWADINA - 1¼ hours - after leaving a message for the MWALUKWASIA people to be ready on Tuesday. Heavy rain and strong winds all day. Camped at SOMWADINA.

12 July 1970

Sunday - at SOMWADINA.

13 July 1970

Arrangements made for the SOMWADINA and BIAUWA people to assemble at the local church - to avoid the rain. Census taken for SOMWADINA and BIAUWA. Camped at SOMWADINA.

14 July 1970

Left SOMWADINA and on to MWALUKWASIA where the people were ready for census. Thence on to LOBODA passing through KWANAULA. Camped at LOBODA.

15 July 1970

Left LOBODA for Dawada Plantation and arranged charter of M.V. Duau to SEHULEA about 40 minutes. Arrived SEHULEA 1100.

16 July 1970

By outboard to DAWADA so as to send messages to LOMITAWA and SIGASIGA to ready for census on Monday. Then across to SEWATAITAI and MWATEBU to let them know of census tomorrow. Arrived back at SEHULEA in heavy rain at 1700.

17 July 1970

0830 to SEWATAITAI by outboard - 35 minutes - had to wait until 1300 for people to turn up. Census held and then to MWATEBU - 1/2 hour - people ready - census held and returned to SEHULEA at 1710.

18 July 1970

Saturday - SEHULEA

19 July 1970

Sunday = SEHULEA

20 July 1970

0730 to DAWADA where census held for SIGASIGA until 1230. By outboard to Bwaruada where LOMITAWA people assembled and censused. Returned to SEHULEA 1730.

The sole purpose of this patrol was to revise the Common Roll for part of the ESA'ALA Open Electorate. Due to the death of the sitting member in the House of Assembly, Mr. N. Evenett, a bye election has been set down to commence in mid September. The report does not intend to be a detailed analysis of the area because of the deadline set for the revision to be completed meant that the patrol had to be a little hurried and that the area is completely new to the writer. The area in question has been patrolled regularly during the previous twelve months, the latest during May - June.

ECONOMIC

Copra is the number one crop with coffee an important second. The inland mountain people rely on coffee as the chief source of income. Most mature coconut trees were planted in the twenties and thirties, there seemed to be have been little development during the war years and during the fifties. However during the sixties a lot of new coconut stands were planted and this trend is still continuing. Several Development Bank loans have been taken out enterprising individuals for new coconut plantings but good land is becoming very scarce. At Sipupu village new plantings have been done on the poorer hilly slopes, there being no fertile flat land available. The area between Kwanaula village and Biauwa village there is no suitable land available at all. Here the rocky mountains tumble straight into the sea - even good housing sites are at a premium. Here also the people have great difficulty in getting their copra to market as there is not one anchorage and the coast is subject to violent south - east seas between the months of April to November. The one exception is the anchorage at Mwalukwasia - if it could be called an anchorage at all - sometimes boats call here from Samarai if conditions at the time are fair. Otherwise the copra is carried to Dawada and sold at the expatriate plantation there or they make none at all. Of course the answer to the problem would be to have small boats providing a feeder service but again the problem crops up of where are these small boats to be tied up. Because of the lack of any coastal plain a road is out of the question.

The area between Dawada to Sewataitai fares better being protected from the south - east sea and having some semblance of a coastal plain. Shipping here is rather regular - about every two to three weeks.- This where the bulk of new coconut plantings is taking place.

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Most of the copra is sent direct to the Copra Marketing Board in Samarai where the growers have individual accounts or to the two main commercial firms where the proceeds are credited to their accounts and goods are sent out on the return vessel. Most villages have at least one trade store usually little more than a "family canteen". These stores do not have credit extended to them by the commercial firms in Samarai and work on a Copra shipped in - Goods shipped out basis. Several individuals have emerged as being reasonably successful in the copra - trade store enterprises but are hampered by their lack of any formal business training and the "one talk" gift exchange system. This pattern will tend to fade in time as younger better educated men take over the businesses and the effects of the traditional economy are diluted by the spread of the national cash economy. There seems to be no quick sure road to success.

Arabica coffee is grown in the several mountain villages and provides a valuable source of income for these inland villages. The coffee is purchased by the Department of Agriculture. Production this year is expected to be in the vicinity of three to four tons.

POLITICAL

National politics and the House of Assembly remains as a foreign and bewildering concept to the majority of the people. After some of the grand sounding election promises made by candidates for the House over the past six years and seeing in their daily lives no material proceeds from this rhetoric are apt to regard the national political scene as something that need not be given too much thought, but still gives them some common ground between them and people from other places. After all, the average village man is more concerned with making a living from the land and the sea than be bothered with something that rarely affects his daily life.

Local Government is closer to home and affects nearly everybody mainly through the pocket. Its effectiveness as a local governing body seems to be generally poor. There seems to be little rapport between the Councillors and their constituents mainly due to the lack of understanding by the Councillors of their role and place in local administration.

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The general administrative and executive ability of the council is extremely weak.

There seems to be no interest shown party politics and in the formation of pressure groups or associations.

Traditional village politics - village leadership in gardening and associated things, gift exchange, marriage and land matters, sorcery and magic - is still extremely active and it is doubtful that the authority of the village "big men" will be seriously challenged by the growth of local and central government.

SOCIAL

Education remains a serious problem or rather the lack of it. There is only one school in the area patrolled that goes up to Standard Six - United Church at Bwaruada. Most of the other villages have unregistered schools of one or two classes under the supervision of the village pastor. There are no Administration schools. The new unified teaching service will have little effect - religious antipathies seem to be stronger than the desire to have education. An administration school to be built at Sehulea Patrol Post has been mooted many times in the past by the Council but lack of any concerted effort in bringing the plan to fruition is lacking.

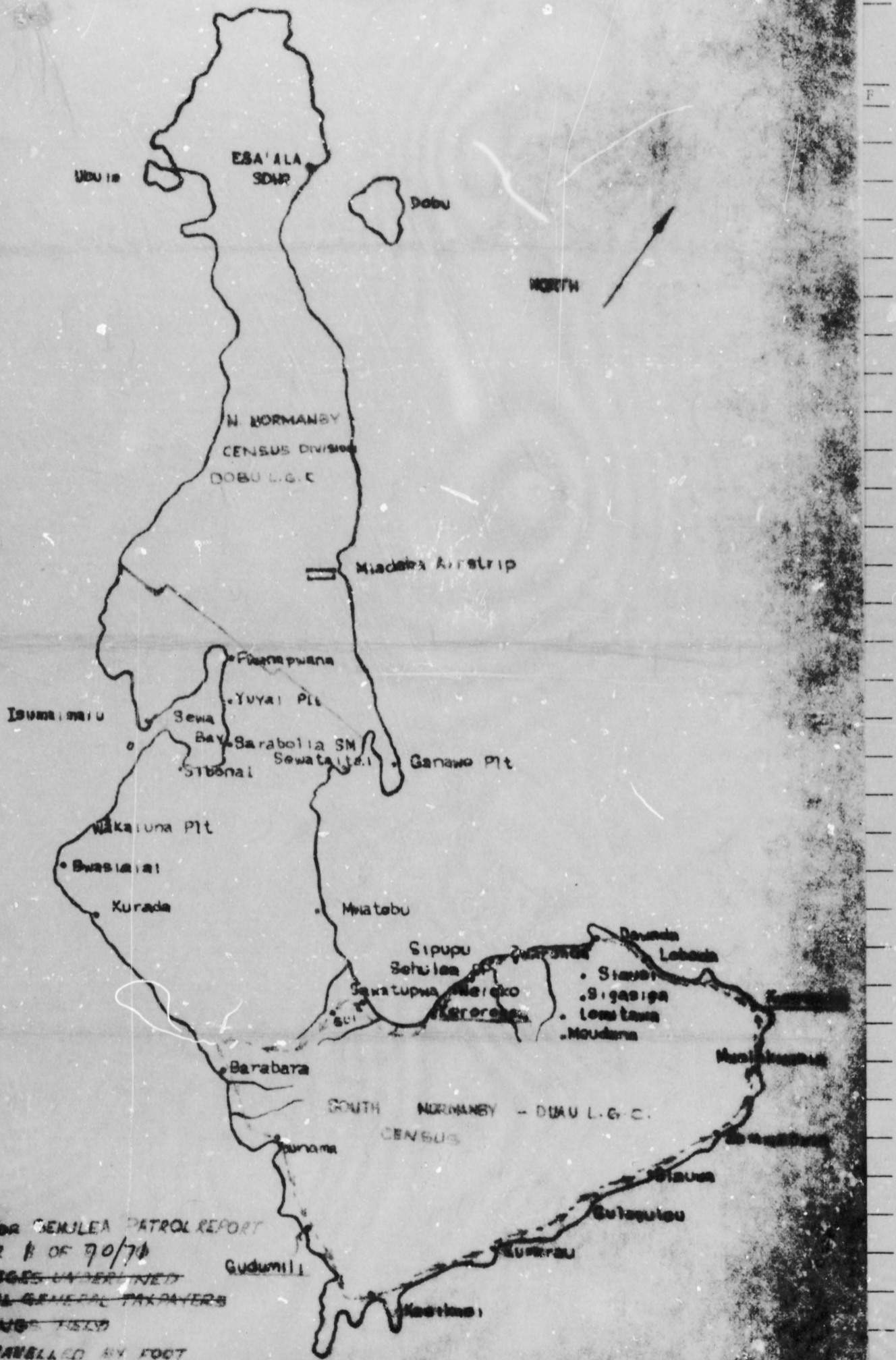
The Council has provided Aid Posts at three villages and there is a reasonably well equipped hospital run by the United Church at Bwaruada. Serious medical cases are taken to Samarai by sea. Overall the standard of health and hygiene is fairly good.

Womens Clubs are popular. The Council has a trained Welfare Worker and another is expected at the end of the year. These workers demonstrate to the women sewing, cooking and games like basketball and softball.

Most of the single young men have left the villages for the towns. The spell away from the village usually lasts for four to six years and they return usually to marry and settle into the village way of life.

J. C. Edgar
(J.C. Edgar)
Patrol Officer

NORMANBY ISLAND



For GEMJEA PATROL REPORT

NUMBER 1 OF 90/70

OF VILLAGES UNDERINED
ANNUAL GENERAL TAXPAYERS
MEETINGS 1970

--- TRAVELLED BY FOOT

Scale 4 miles to an inch

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT



District of MILNE BAY Report No. SEHULEA NO 2 - 70/71

Patrol Conducted by J.C. EDGAR P.O.

Area Patrolled PART SOUTHERN NORMANBY C.D.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans -

Natives 2

Duration—From 19/9/1970 to 12/10/1970

Number of Days 24

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by District Services 20/7/1970

Medical 2/19

Map Reference FOURMIL SAMARAI FERGUSSON

Objects of Patrol HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY BY ELECTION

Director of District Administration,
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

DLE:JB

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KORORUA, PAPUA

28th May, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALCEGA

SENHULA PATROL NO. 2 OF 1970/71

Your reference 67-11-3 dated the 19th May, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by
Mr. J.C. Edgar, Patrol Officer of part Southern Normanby Census
Division.

It is interesting to note the apparent success of the
new style ballot paper in this area in contrast to the mixed
reaction received to it in the Chinbu By-Election.

Mr. Edgar's recommendations in relation to improvement
of the polling programme for this area sound reasonable and should
be incorporated in all future election planning.

(W. S. HALLIS)
Secretary.

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District Office,
ALOTAU
Milne Bay District.

19th May, 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
BA'ALA

BEHULEA PATROL 2/70-71

Thank you for the above report submitted by Mr. Edgar.

The lack of accompanying claims should not
be permitted to hold up the submission of a patrol report.

The report does not call for any lengthy comment.

F.G. Driver
F.G. DRIVER
District Commissioner.

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c.c. Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONE DOBU

Sub-District Office,
Esa'ala, M.B.D..

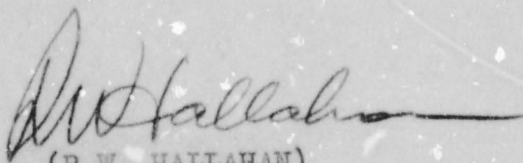
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8th May, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

PATROL REPORT - SEHULEA NO.2/1970-71

1. Herewith three copies of the above report, together with patrol maps and camping allowance claims.
2. This report covers a patrol for the House of Assembly by-election in September-October, 1970. The report was received here on 8/1/71 but the camping allowance claims did not arrive until 2/2/71. Delay after that date has been the fault of this office, but has been due to shortage of staff and pressure of other duties.
3. The brief report adequately covers the election patrol. Mr. Edgars's suggestions for revision of the polling programme will be kept in mind for the next House of Assembly elections. Considering the poor weather at the time and the general apathy shown for a by-election, the turn-out of voters was all that could have been expected.



(R.W. HALLAHAN)
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. O.I.C. Sehulea.

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PATROL DIARY

19 September 1970 0600 departed ESA'ALA by MV Duau arriving at Sehulea at 1000. Set up polling booth at Duau Local Government Council chambers. Booth open until 1800.

20 September 1970 Sunday - Sehulea

21 September 1970 0700 by MV Duau to KEROROGEA. Polling all day at KEROROGEA. Return to Sehulea.

22 September 1970 0700 by MV Duau to Kerorogea. Booth open all day. Return to Sehulea.

23 September 1970. 0730 departed Sehulea for MEUDANA arriving at 0900. Polling booth open all day. Return to Sehulea.

24 September 1970 0700 by MV Duau to DWADA where booth open all day. Return to Sehulea.

25 September 1970 Polling at DAWADA all day. Return to Sehulea.

x 26 September 1970. By MV Duau to LOBODA. Polling booth open all day. Sleep at DAWADA.

27 September 1970 Sunday - Sehulea

28 September 1970 MV Duau to EOBODA. Polling booth open all day. Slept at LOBODA.

29 September 1970 0730 by MV Duau to MWALUKWASIA. Polling booth opened all day. Slept at MWALUKWASIA.

30 September 1970 0800 by MV Duau to BIAWA. Polling booth open all day. Slept at BIAWA.

1 October 1970 Polling all day at BIAWA.

2 October 1970 MV Duau to GULEGULEU. Polling all day at GULEGULEU. Slept here.

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- 3 October 1970 Polling all day at GULEGULEU.
- 4 October 1970 Sunday - GULEGULEU.
- 5 October 1970 Seas very rough this morning so MV Duau unable to leave DAWADA, walked to KUMARAU in heavy rain and spent the night there.
- 6 October 1970 Walked to KASIKASI, polling booth opened the remainder of the day.
- 7 October 1970 Walked to GUDUMJLI in very heavy rain all the way. Polling booth opened the remainder of the day.
- 8 October 1970 Walked to BUNAMA. Polling for the remainder of the day.
- 9 October 1970 MV Duau turned up at 0830 so went to Barabara. Polling at BARABARA.
- 10 October 1970 Polling booth open all day at BARABARA.
- 11 October 1970 0615 left BARABARA for EAS'ALA stopping off at DAWADA and SEHULEA. Arrived at ESA'ALA at 1745.
- 12 October 1970 Presiding Officer returns completed, ballot boxes handed over. 1200 returned to Sehulea by MV Duau. Patrol stood down.

The aim of this patrol was to collect votes in the ESA'ALA Open Electorate BY Election brought about by the death in June of the sitting member MR. N. EVENETT. The area patrolled was designated zone 4 of the Electorate comprising the villages from SAWATUPWA around the coast to BARABARA on Southern Normanby Island.

Bad weather plagued much of the patrol and probably accounted for a few hundred voters who did not wish to walk several miles in the rain to cast a vote. On the whole, however, there was a good turn out of voters from the hamlets reasonably close to the polling booths. Those villages and hamlets who were expected to walk several hours to the nearest booth did not show up in any great number.

Perhaps the reason behind this is because of a badly arranged polling programme - which I understand was followed for the 1968 general elections - where in some places the polling booths were open for two consecutive days. It was found that hardly anybody turned up on the second day yet it was planned that this second day would give people from the more distant places time to walk up and cast a vote. This proved to be wrong in the majority of cases, and it seems the people are not prepared to walk the extra distance simply to vote. A revised list of villages is set out below which if visited for the next elections may mean a lot more people will vote.

One day at each of the following villages:-

SAWATUPWA	LOBODA	KASIKASI
KEROROGEA	KWANAULA	GUDUMULI
SENULEA	SOMWADINA	BUNAMA
MEUDANA	BIAUWA	BARABARA
DAWADA	GULEGULEU	KURADA

Four extra villages are included - SAWATUPWA, KWANAULA, SOMWADINA and KURADA with a population totalling 1270 out of which could be expected an additional 200-300 voters.

The new type ballot paper was used - that with the candidate's photograph against his name - was judged to be an unqualified success. The voters easily identified the candidates from the photographs and this was invaluable aid to the voters - both those who are literate and to those who requested assistance in marking their papers. Among the latter group, the majority simply pointed to the photograph as their choice, though many still called out the names of their choices without resorting to the photos. But it is felt that this choice was made so much easier because of the pictures.

There was strong evidence to support the idea that good pre-election campaigning by the candidates does pay dividends. The eventual winner of the election Mr. T. Ward was virtually unknown in the area patrolled before his pre election campaign but it is estimated that in this area he fared the best out of ~~the~~ all the candidates. This can be attributed directly to his forceful campaigning style and to some extent from his reputation as a successful businessman. The performance of the other candidates was spasmodic. For example the only candidate who has his home in the area patrolled, Mr. L. Wilkinson of BUNAMA, collected votes only from within immediate vicinity of his home and fared very badly in the other villages. Mr. F. Balciloi collected votes only at GULEGULEU where at one time he was stationed as a teacher. Only Mr. Ward seemed to have caught the fancy of the whole area; the others picking up the odd vote here and there. It appears that MR.A. Willman had enlisted the support of some of the local missionaries to discreetly campaign for him but it did not seem to^{do} him much good.

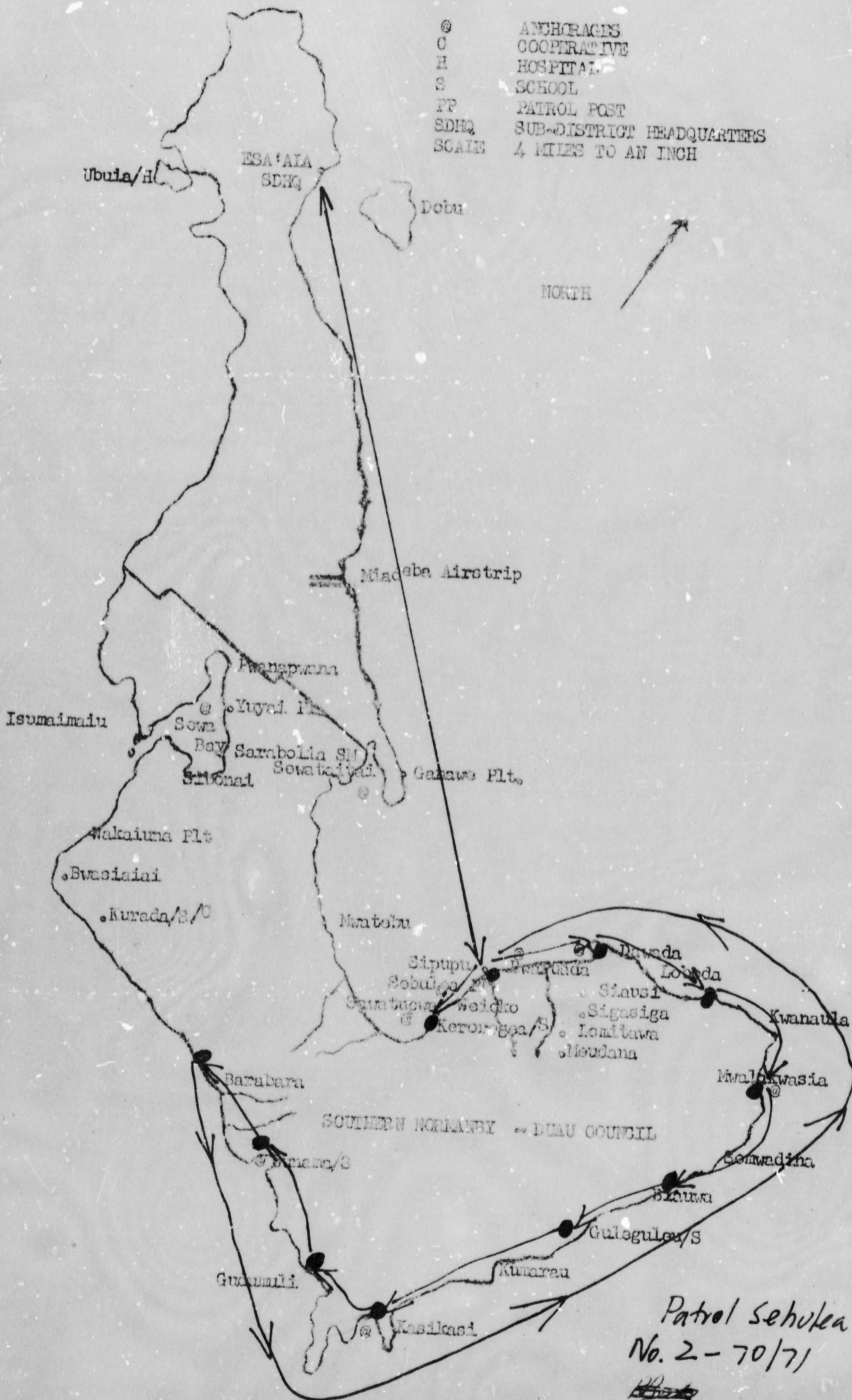
It was encouraging to see that a fair majority of those voting - approximately 60% - being able to mark their own ballot papers without any apparent confusion. The other 40% or so being the more elderly people asked for assistance probably not wishing to make any mistakes.

Apart from the foul weather and a polling programme that is in obvious need of revision, the elections proceeded smoothly and with a minimum of fuss and bother.

J.C. Edgar
(J.C. EDGAR)
Patrol Officer

NORFOLK ISLAND

- @ ANCHORAGE
- C COOPERATIVE
- H HOSPITAL
- S SCHOOL
- PP PATROL POST
- SDHQ SUB-DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS
- SCALE 4 MILES TO AN INCH



Patrol Sehulea
No. 2-70/71

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **MILNE BAY** Report No. **SEHULEL No 3-70/71**

Patrol Conducted by **J.G. Edgar P.O.**

Area Patrolled **Part Southern Normanby C.D.**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **-**

Natives **1**

Duration—From **11/19/70** to **12/11/19/70**

Number of Days **10**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **-**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **9/19/70**

Medical **?**/19.....

Map Reference **Fournil Sanarai**

Objects of Patrol **Census Revision**

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

1718/1971

W. J. G. Semblen
District Commissioner

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Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....
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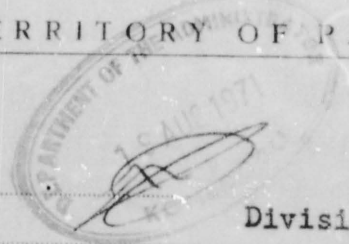


TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
District Headquarters,
ALOTAU.
Milne Bay District.

17th August, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT 3/70-71
SEHULEA - ESA'ALA SUB-DISTRICT.

Enclosed is the above report with a covering memorandum from the A.D.C., Esa'Ala.

2. I have no other comment, apart from mention that corrective action is in hand for this Officer.

W. J. G. Lambden

(W.J.G. Lambden).

a/ District Commissioner.

Sub-District Office,

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FSA/MS

Milne Bay District.

3rd August, 1971

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District.

AGRY

PARISH REPORT - SMD/MS No. 3/1970-T1

1. Herewith three copies of the above report by Mr. J. G. Edgar, Patrol Officer, together with patrol logs and village population register for the Southern Province Census Division (one copy only - please make photostat copies and return a copy each to Denison and Sma'ela).
2. This patrol was carried out in November, 1970. Despite the delay of over eight months, the standard of presentation leaves much to be desired. Spelling, grammar and typing are all at fault. It is also noted that Mr. Edgar has not submitted claims for camping allowance for himself and the Interpreter, James Puritaki.
3. The census figures are the first to hand since August, 1969, and were requested as a matter of urgency. Mr. Edgar's response to instructions has been painfully slow and he has admitted that he cannot work well without direct supervision. There is a discrepancy of 50 names in the attempt at reconciliation with the August, 1969 census. This is not surprising considering the condition of the old census registers which Mr. Edgar should have finished writing up in the new format by now.
4. Comment on the narrative of the report is rather pointless at this stage. Mr. Edgar's summing up of the situation was probably fair reporting for November, 1970.
5. Mr. Edgar has requested a posting to a larger centre where he can work under supervision. I concur with this request and will discuss the matter with you at the first opportunity.

R. W. Hallahan

(R. W. Hallahan)

Assistant District Commissioner

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PATROL REPORT - SITUATION

REPORT NUMBER	Sehulea No 3 - 70/71
SUB DISTRICT	Esa'ala
DISTRICT	Milne Bay
COUNCIL	Duanu
PATROL CONDUCTED BY	J.C.Edgar P.O.
AREA PATROLLED	Part Southern Normanby CD
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING	J.Paritala Interpreter
DURATION	3/11/71 to 12/11/71 10 days
LAST DDA PATROL	19 Sept 1970 24 days
OBJECTS OF PATROL	Census Revision
MAP REFERENCE	Fourmil Samarai

PATROL DIARY

3 Nov 1970 Departed Sehulea by workboat MV Zircon 1030 for BWASIAIAI arriving at 1800. Overnight.

4 Nov 1970 Census conducted for BWASIAIAI. 1230 to KURADA arriving 1430. Overnight.

5 Nov 1970 Census conducted for KURADA. 1400 to BARABARA. Overnight.

6 Nov 1970 Census conducted for BARABARA. Late afternoon by MV Zircon to BUNAMA where stayed overnight.

7 Nov 1970 Census conducted for BUNAMA all day. Overnight.

8 Nov 1970 Sunday - BUNAMA.

9 Nov 1970 Departed BUNAMA 0730 for GUDUMULI by MV Zircon. Census conducted for GUDUMULI. Completed 1615. Departed for KASIKASI - overnight.

10 Nov 1970 Census conducted for KASIKASI. 1500 by MV Zircon for KUMWARAU - overnight.

11 Nov 1970 Morning census for KUMWARAU. 1400 to GULEGULEU - overnight.

12 Nov 1970 All day census for GULEGULEU. Departed for SEHULEA at 1730 arriving at 2030. Pattel stood down.

SITUATION REPORT

POLITICAL

The DUAU Local Government Council has been established in the area since 1963. This part of the council area patrolled has probably benefitted more in Council Capital Works than have other areas under the Council's jurisdiction. This area pays a higher tax rate, \$7 for every adult male as against the remainder of the Council area paying only \$5. Personally I cannot see why they should pay this higher rate as there is no evidence to show they have greater income earning resources - mainly in this case coconuts - but this does not seem to bother the people to any great extent. The only possible advantage they may have over the rest of Duau is they are in a closer proximity to the markets in Samarai but the shipping service is still the same as the rest of the area. Steamships Trading Company run a service from Samarai roughly about every two to three weeks.

Councillors do not tend to take an active interest in their positions. They seem to consider that their positions involves attending regular council meetings and that's all. As community leaders and as a voice to disseminate council policy relating to the good administration of the area they are virtually worthless. It must be remembered that these people are still strongly attached to the traditional life styles. Gardening, fishing, house building, funeral feasts, KULA trade and trading expeditions to the Samarai Islands occupy most of their time and they have little interest in something that cannot be connected to these activities. The traditional leaders in all these spheres still exercise tremendous power and it does seem a

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little too much to expect a Councillor to step in immediately and attempt to regulate village life in the Western style sense as promulgated by the increasing sophistication of the Local Government movement. However the Council has been able to do a good job in providing facilities that the people themselves could never organise. At GULEGHLEU the Council has provided a school with substantial type buildings which teaches up to Standard IV. A road is still being constructed from BUNAMA to BWASIAIAI and other projects are in the planning stage. The people appreciate this activity on the part of the Council as it provides visible evidence as to the fate of their tax dollars. The Council would do better to concentrate on works such as these as opposed to act as a forum for local opinion where previously long winded rhetoric by Councillors at meetings and resolutions made on them have been worthless because nobody really wants to change their way of life and anyway the Councillors themselves forget all about it when they return ^{home} after meetings. Examples of failures in this field would include the fencing of pigs - after numerous prosecutions on failing to fence pigs people still do not worry about it and if a pig does chance to destroy somebody's garden well that is just life - , village hygiene rules and Council work days.

The House of Assembly is accepted by the people as the law making body of the country. They realise that these laws can have effect on their lives as for example the Playing Cards Ordinance. The people generally remain uninterested in active politics. The Regional Member has never visited the area while the sitting

Open Member has visited the area only once or twice and is rather remote from them. The people realise that these members are part of the democratic process of government but whether they can play an integral part in the development of their way of life they are highly sceptical. Incidentally the sitting Open member is held in rather high esteem as he can supply from his plantation pigs in any number and size for sale. Pigs are rather hard to get in the area probably because local breeding has slowed down as a result of the Council's pig fencing campaign.

ECONOMIC

The main money earner of the area is copra. At the time of the patrol copra production was in full swing. The south-east season is changing around to the north-west - the dry season - and shipping contacts with Samarai are so much easier at this time of the year. Many new coconut groves are in evidence. The yam planting season is in full swing and evidenced by the large areas that have been cleared the Duau people are determined to maintain their status as the biggest and best gardeners of the Milne Bay District. Quite a lot of trading takes place between these people and those living on the scattered islands east of Samarai. In fact there is a lot of intermarriage between them. The Duau people trade yams and other garden produce in exchange for cooking pots, pigs and fish and shells. The Kula trade is still quite active.

There are two cooperative societies active in the

area. The KURADA Cooperative had a healthy credit balance of over \$3,000 with the C.W.S. in Samarai. C.W.S. could not supply even basic items such as rice, canned meat and sugar. The Cooperative had many back orders. Shipping is also a scandal. C.W.S. will not send goods on regular commercial vessels but holds goods for its ship the "Papua". This vessel turns up every blue moon. The Tupaboboli Cooperative near KASIKASI is in the same position but it is a slightly smaller concern.

Work still progresses on the BUNAMA to BWASIAJAI road. Major earthworks have been completed using hand tools. Much bridging and culverting needs to be done. The rock blasting near KURADA still needs completion but the Council has this matter in hand. The council has a tractor-trailer unit at BUNAMA which can use about 8 miles of the road. This road is a R.D.W. project.

Preliminary work has started on the BUNAMA wharf which is another R.D.W. project. This wharf has been planned by the Public Works Department incorporating the stone causeway-gabion principle. It will take about twelve months to finish this wharf.

About fifteen trade store licences are held in the area patrolled. None are well stocked and work on the copra shipped in goods shipped out basis. Credit is not extended by the commercial firms in Samarai. Most are little more than "Family canteens" although some traders buy coconuts for tobacco and sometimes money. There are no expatriate stores in the area patrolled except for Mr. L. Wilkinsons store at BUNAMA. However he has been living near Samarai for some time and this store is practically bereft of goods.

SOCIAL

There are two missions active in the area patrolled. The Roman Catholic church has a school and a hospital at KURADA and a school at BARABARA. The United Church have been in the area ~~xx~~ since the turn of the century and is the dominant church. Moved are afoot to have the school at BARABARA moved to a more central location. Generally relations between the two are good.

There are small hospitals at KURADA and BUNAMA and council aid posts at BARABARA, KASIKASI, and GULEGULEU. Generally the standard of health seems to be good.

Most villages have a women's club which are usually activated to life when the Council Welfare Worker makes a patrol. They get together and learn how to sew simple clothing and elementary cooking and baking. The welfare worker usually runs a course that lasts for two or three days for each village.

Adultery is very prevalent. Divorces are not uncommon either and it is not unusual for a man to have been married two or three times. Divorces usually occur during the trial marriage period which ~~xxx~~ when a man takes a fancy to a girl or woman they may live together for up to two years before the marriage is said to be permanent. If either of the two families concerned considers that one of the partners is not living up to expectations then separation usually occurs.

This area is better off than the rest of the Council area for education facilities.

There are mission schools at KURADA, BARABARA, BUNAMA, and KASIKASI and a council school at GULEGULEU which is staffed and operated by the Department of Education. Positions into the High Schools are tight however and many youngsters miss out on furthering thier education. Pupils from the Catholic schools go on to the High School at Hagita in Milne Bay, those from United Church schools go to Wesley High School at Salamo and those from GULEGULEU finish their primary education ~~years~~ at ESA'ALA PTS and then if lucky enough go to Cameron High School at ALOTAU.

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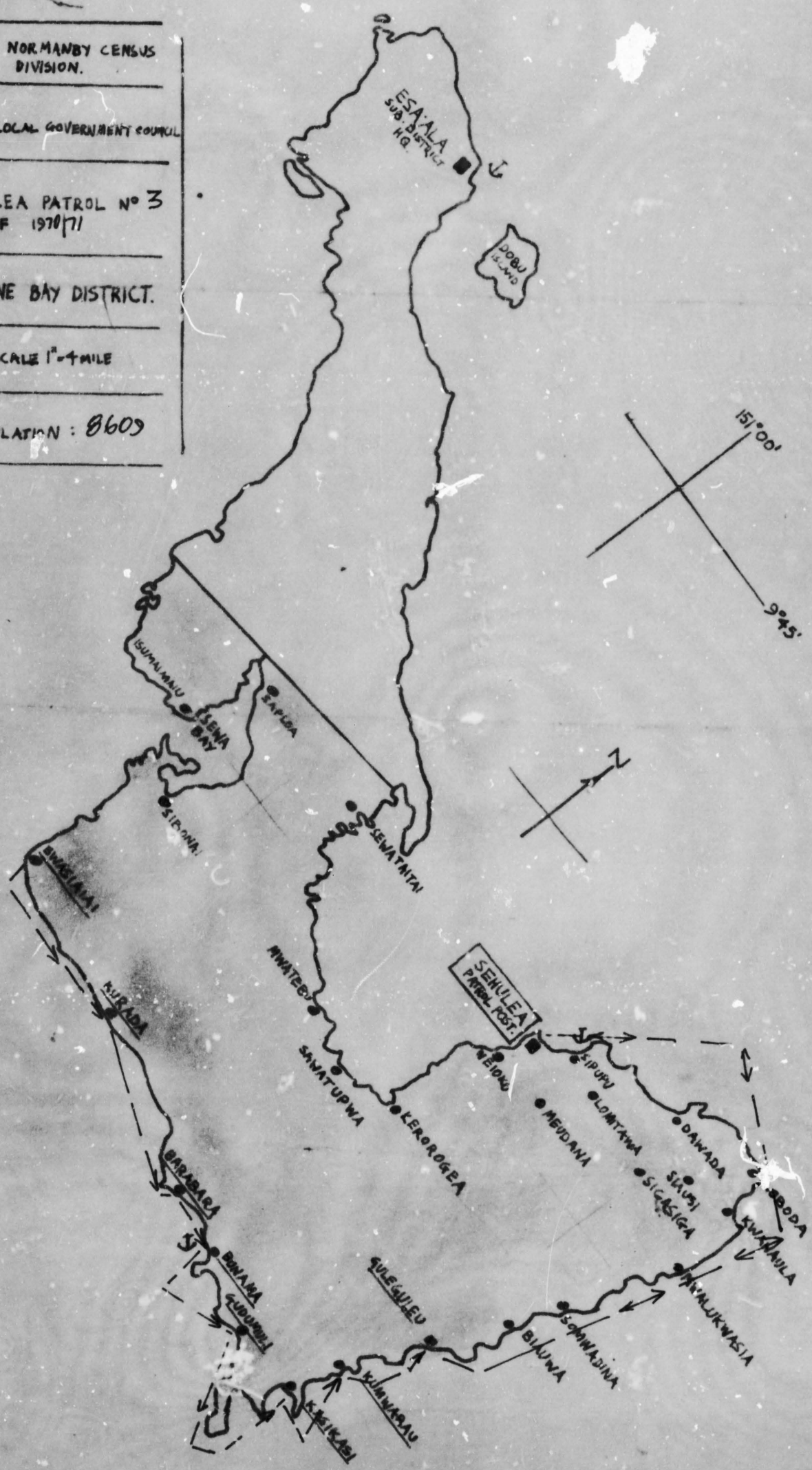
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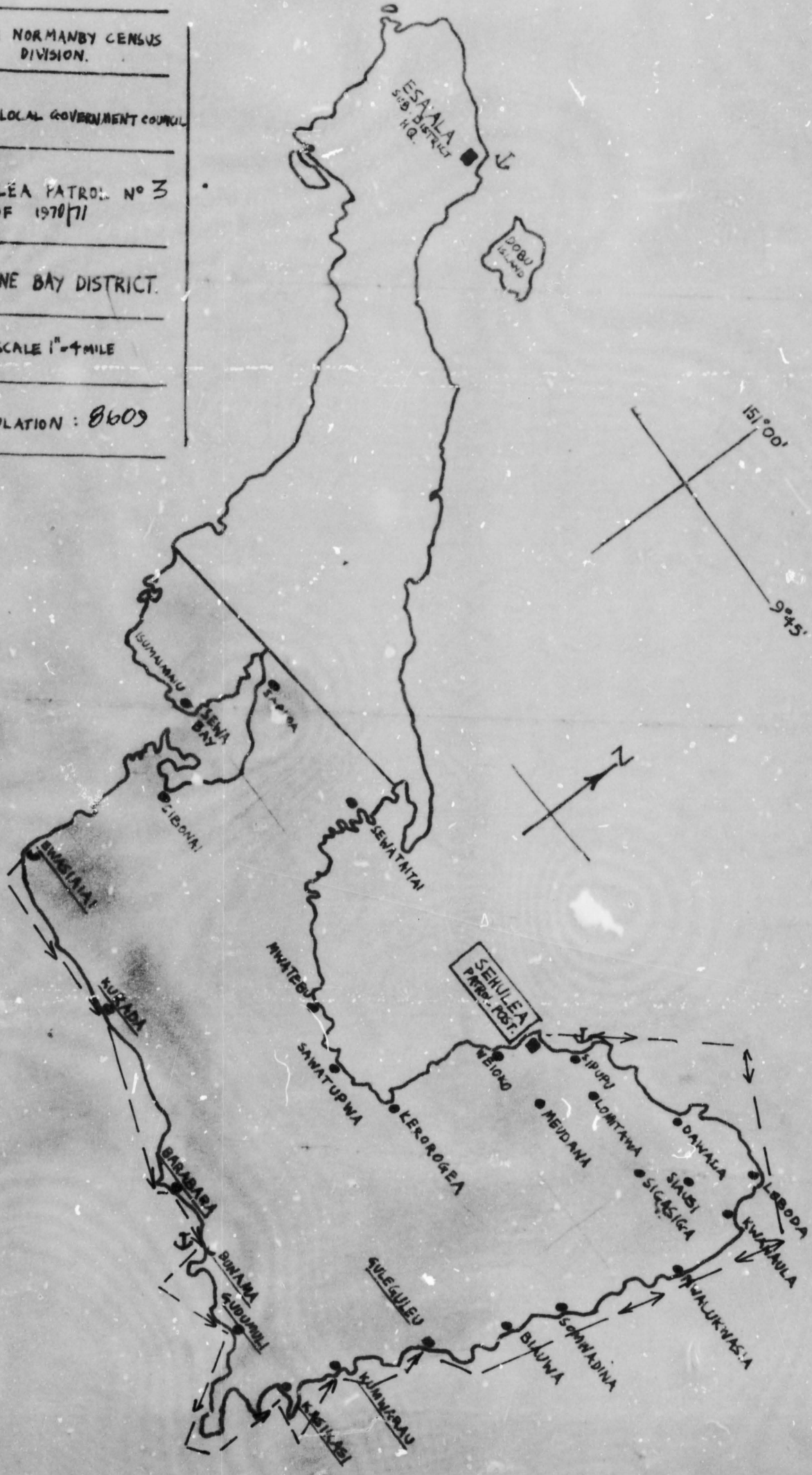
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