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STATION: SAMARAI, 1964-1965

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MILNE BAY DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1965/1966

MISIMA

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
8 - 196 5 /1965	S. Avosa	Calvados Chain Census Div.

SUAU

1 - 1965/1966	G.J. Reid	Suau Census Div.
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SAMARAI

4 - 196 5 /1966	C.V. Single	Samarai Local Is. Census Div.
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... MILNE BAY Report No. 4 of 1964/65

Patrol Conducted by... Mr. C.V. Single, District Officer.

Area Patrolled... Samarai Local Islands Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... Two

Natives... Fifteen

Duration—From 28 / 6 / 1965 to 18 / 8 / 1965

Number of Days... 42

Did Medical Assistant accompany? Yes - Malaria Control.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 26 / 11 / 1963

Medical ? / / 19

Map Reference... Samarai Fourmil. Sketch Map Attached.

Objects of Patrol (1) L.G.C. Talks. (2) Census. (3) Routine Administration

(4) D.A.S.F. (5) Malaria Control. (6) Welfare.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

5 / 2 / 1966

S. J. Emanuel
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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67-4-23

KONEDORU, PAPUA,

24th February, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

SAMARAI PATROL REPORT NO. 4/1964 - 1965.

Thank you for your memorandum 67-1-1 of 25th January, 1966, and Mr. Farphy's patrol report.

2. Your comments have been noted.

3. Reports should be submitted as promptly as practicable, as delays in submission detract from the value of the report.

4. Mr. Farphy has written a fairly good report, which shows that he is interested in native affairs field work. Please advise all these young cadets to digest thoroughly Chapter IV "The Patrol Report" found in the standing instructions. Senior field officers should advise these young men of the necessity of taking copious notes every day in the field, because only then will the report become lengthy, full and informative.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

67-4-23.27

XXXX Discom.

67-1-1.



District Office,
SAMARAI,
Milne Bay District.

25th January, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
SAMARAI,
Milne Bay District.

SAMARAI PATROL NO.4. OF 1965/66.
LOCAL ISLANDS NEWS DIVISION.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of Memorandum of Patrol by Mr. G.V. Single, District Officer, and Patrol Report by Mr. K. Farphy, C.P.O.,
2. Mr. Farphy's report is concise and straight forward. It is pleasing to note that it appears that he has acquired an early appreciation of the area patrolled and the problems of the district.
3. Claims for camping allowance are being processed.
4. For your information, please.

E. J. Emanuel
(E.J. EMANUEL)
a/District Commissioner.

c.c. Director,
D.D.A.
Konedobu.

The Director,
Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Copy for your information, please.

E. J. Emanuel
(E.J. EMANUEL)
a/District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams
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Mr..... C. V. Single



Sub District Office,
Cameron Plateau,
Milne Bay District

30th November 1965

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Samarai Sub District,
Milne Bay District

Patrol Report 4 - 1964/65

Please find with this a report of a patrol led by myself, and written by Mr. K. I. Furphy C.P.O., together with the following documents:

- F.O.J. for the period, by Mr. Furphy. (2)
- Tax/Census summary of V.P. Register sheets (4)
- Map of the patrolled area (2)
- Vouchers for allowances for:
 - C. V. Single
 - K. I. Furphy
 - M. Obedaiia
 - W. Toyalegawa

Censur reconciliation statement

2. The main object of the patrol was to conduct a survey of potential for Local Government; the dissemination of information about Local Government; and general administrative matters in the area.

3. All this is covered adequately, lucidly and above all briefly by Mr. Furphy in his report, and I congratulate him on having avoided the usual failure of a first report, an overabundance of words. As he has rightly appreciated, the local government side is more fully covered in my survey report.

4. CENSUS Mr. Furphy learned quickly and accurately to record census, and took over that responsibility entirely, as well as being of general assistance to me. He proved himself a capable and valuable officer, with a special talent for engaging the affection of Papuan people with whom he works.

5. I much regret the delay in this reaching you, and apologise for having misled you by saying when we discussed this that I had not received this report; in fact it arrived at Cameron Plateau during my absence in the Buhutu Valley, but it was addressed to me personally, and so went to my house. There, unfortunately, it was put away in a draw. I only found it today. My apology is also due to Mr. Furphy.

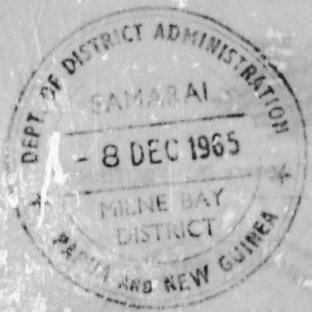
C.V. Single

C. V. Single
District Officer

C.C. Mr. K. I. Furphy
C/- D.D.A. Headquarters,
Konedobu, PAPUA.

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Single

Sub District Office,
Cameron Plateau,
Milne Bay District
1st December 1965

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Samarai Sub District,
Samarai,
Milne Bay District

Memorandum of Patrol
Samarai Islands

- 1 Please find attached to this a memorandum of patrol covering the time spent on my Local Government Survey of the Local Islands this year. In addition, I attach folio's 40-50 and 1-15 of my F.O.J., since I was working at the time in the Samarai Sub District.
- 2 The local Government Survey, with the narrative in corrected draft but everything else complete, goes by this mail to the District Commissioner.
- 3 Under separate cover, by this mail, is a full report of the patrol by Mr. K. I. Furphy C.P.O.

C.V. Single
C.V. Single
District Officer.

c.c. S.L.G.O.

District Commissioner
SAMARAI
8th December, 1965

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I attach hereto the originals of Mr. Single's Field Officer's Journal. Mr. Furphy's Patrol Report is not yet to hand.

O. Alder
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O. Alder
Assistant District Commissioner

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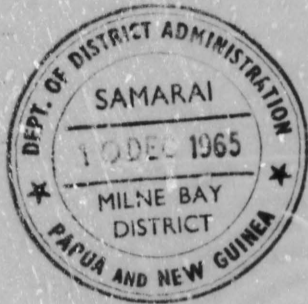


TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
Sub District Office,
SAMARAI.
10th December, 1965.

District Commissioner,
SAMARAI.

PATROL No. SAMARAI 4 of 1964/65

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL - Mr. C.SINGLE D.O.

I attach two copies of the above Memorandum of
Patrol .
For onforwarding please.

O. Alder
Assistant District Commissioner

File off
d.d.c. as final at +
and comments +
take all necessary
action
B 10/65
d.d.c.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

District Administration,
Sub District Office,
SAMARAI

14th December, 1965

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Our Reference 6-1-2

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Mr.

District Commissioner
SAMARAI

SAMARAI PATROL No. 4 of 1964/65

REPORT MR. K. FURPHY, C.P.O.

I attach the following documents in respect of the above Patrol of the Samarai Local Islands Census Division:

- (a) Patrol Report submitted by Mr. K. Furphy C.P.O. (3);
- (b) Folios 4 to 12 of Mr. Furphy's Field Officer's Journal;
- (c) Covering memorandum dated 30th November, 1965, from Mr. C. Single District Officer;
- (d) A map of the area patrolled;
- (e) Village Population Register (3);
- (f) Travelling Allowance Claim C.V. Single;
- (g) Travelling Allowance Claim K. Furphy;
- (h) Travelling Allowance Claim W. TOVALHIGAWA;
- (i) Travelling Allowance Claim M. OSEDALA.

2. Although on quarto paper the Report is well presented, and I agree with Mr. Single's comment in paragraph 3 of his above referenced memorandum. The only comment of a general nature which I offer arises out of the entry under Diary Saturday 3rd July. Mr. Furphy has no power to adjudicate in any matter. I presume the complaints were settled by arbitration.

3. For enforwarding please.

O. Alder

O. Alder

Assistant District Commissioner

cc. Mr. K. Furphy

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SAMARAI LOCAL ISLANDS - CENSUS 1965

CENSUS CONCILIATION STATEMENT

Due to various discrepancies in the 1963 census, the census of 1965 will not reconcile. These discrepancies were discovered only on a physical count of the 1963 census entries as appear in the Samarai Local Islands Tax Census Sheets.

To reconcile the 1963 census with that of 1965 the discrepancies have been set out below together with the villages in which they occurred. Also a discrepancy was made in the balancing of the 1963 census; this has been called an 'Accounting Discrepancy'.

	<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>DISCREPANCY</u>	<u>1963 FIGURE</u>	<u>AMENDED FIGURE</u>
1.	ANAGUSA IC	-1	91	90
2.	MEDAUWA	None	96	96
3.	BULARI IS	3	189	192
4.	DAWSON IS	None	73	73
5.	DULAUWA	-2	101	99
6.	GOTAI	5	154	159
7.	HABANI	3	92	95
8.	HAMAMA	None	117	117
9.	KITAI IS	None	56	56
10.	KWARAIWA	5	114	119
11.	LOANI	New census - first record		
12.	ROGHA	-27	761	734
13.	SAVA-KWAGA	-2	248	246
14.	SEKDEU IS	2	56	58
15.	SIDUDU	10	226	236
16.	WINAGANI	None	195	195
17.	SKELTON IS	None	52	52
18.	TANUBUIBUWA	14	291	305
19.	TEGERAUWA	2	130	132
20.	TEWATEWA IS	4	36	40
21.	TUBETUBE IS	None	115	115
22.	WARE IS	-1	434	433
	ACCOUNTING DISCREPANCY	-9		

TOTAL DISCREPANCY = +6

Sub-district Office,
SAMARAI,
Milne Bay District

27th August, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Samarai Sub-district,
SAMARAI.

PATROL - 4 of 1964/65

SAMARAI LOCAL ISLANDS CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Conducted by:

Mr. G.V. Single, District Officer.

Area Patrolled:

Samarai Local Islands Census
Division.

Patrol Accompanied By:

EUROPEANS

K.A. Murphy, C.P.O.
Miss J. Whistler, Welfare Officer.

NATIVES

1 L.G.C. Clerk.
1 L.G.C. Trainee Clerk.
2 Interpreters.
2 Welfare Officers.
6 Malaria Control.
1 Projectionist.
2 D.A.S.F.

Duration:

28/6/65 to 18/8/65

Days:

42

Did Medical Asst. Accompany?

Yes - Malaria Control

Last Patrol to Area?

D.D.A. - 26/11/63

Map Reference:

Samarai Fournal.
Sketch Map Attached.

2.

Objects of Patrol:

(1) To test the feelings towards the establishment of a Local Government Council in the area.

(2) Census.

(3) Routine administration.

(4) D.A.S.F - talks, films and advice.

(5) Malaria Control - blood sampling, and house spraying.

(6) Welfare promotion.

Monday 5th July. Departed Dawson Island 0830 hours arriving Kwaraiwa Island 1000 hours. Census and a Local Government Council talk were followed by a secret ballot. The results of this were:-

13 in favour of a Council

Monday 28th June, 1965. Departed Samarai on M.V. Poseidon arriving Rogea 1515 hours. At 1800 hours gave a talk on the establishment of a Local Government Council in the area. This talk was followed by films on the subject.

Tuesday 29th June. Census was conducted at Rogea. This was followed by further L.G.C. education. A show of hands proved a very large majority in favour of establishing a Council in the area. Films were again shown in the evening.

Wednesday 30th June. Departed Rogea 0630 hours arriving Sekuku Island at 0900 hours. Due to short notice of the expected arrival of the patrol there was a poor attendance. By the afternoon numbers had increased and a D.A.S.F. talk was given. Films were shown in the evening.

Thursday 1st July. The Sekuku Island Census was held followed by L.G.C. education. Vote by secret ballot was then conducted and the results were:-

13 in favour of the establishment of a L.G.C.
4 informal.
3 against.

Departed Sekuku Is. and 1215 hours arriving Tubetube Island at 1600 hours. Gave notice of our intended visit there in three weeks. Anchored at Tubetube for the night.

Friday 2nd July. Departed Tubetube Island at 0620 hours for Kwaraiwa, arriving there at 0730 hours. Conducted a census. In the afternoon opened the new Co-operative store. This was followed by a feast and party.

Saturday 3rd July. L.G.C. education talk was given and then vote by secret ballot was held. Results of this ballot were:-
49 in favour of the establishment of a L.G.C.
none against.

In the afternoon adjudicated and settled two marriage complaints. Also heard complaints about the site of the aid-post at Kwaraiwa but it was decided that the matter would be left to the L.G.C. after its formation. An examination of the waterfront opposite the new Co-operative store, proved that it would be suitable for the construction of a wharf. Films were shown in the evening.

Sunday 4th July. Departed Kwaraiwa at 0845 hours arriving at Dawson Island 1200 hours. Census and L.G.C. education talks were held. A secret ballot showed the following results:-

34 in favour of a Council.
2 informal.
2 against.

Films were shown in the evening.

Monday 5th July. Departed Dawson Island 0830 hours arriving Tewatewa Island at 1100 hours. Census and a Local Government Council talk were followed by a secret ballot. The results of this were :-

13 in favour of a Council
2 informal
none against.

Agricultural inspection and talk then took place. Films were shown in the evening.

Tuesday 6th July. Departed Tewatewa Island 0715 hours arriving Anagusa Island via Kwaraiwa at 1100 hours. A census and LGC education talk were followed by a secret ballot which resulted in 100% in favour of the establishment of a L.G.C. in the area. Because of the poor anchorage at Anagusa Island and the risk involved in carrying the projection equipment ashore a way was devised of showing the films on board M.V. Poseidon, which proved very successful.

Wednesday 7th July. Departed Anagusa Island at 0800 hours arriving at Ware Island at 1200 hours. A village inspection followed and a proposal was made for the construction of a wharf and this received much enthusiasm. Films were shown in the evening.

Thursday 8th July. Ware Island. Census was conducted followed by a L.G.C. education talk. Vote by secret ballot resulted in:-

141 in favour
2 informal
none against.

Further discussion followed on the proposed wharf.

Friday 9th July. Ware Island. A complaint of careless use of fire was heard and an agreement was reached. An investigation into the accidental death of Aleson Matagenagena of Ware village. Films were shown in the evening.

Saturday 10th July. Further investigation into the death of Aleson Matagenagena. A final talk was then given on L.G.C. Departed Ware Island at 1330 hours arriving Samarai at 1800 hours.

Sunday 11th July. Samarai - observed.

Monday 12th July Samarai. General office duties concerning the patrol. Malaria Control team joined the patrol. This consisted of six Papuans.

Tuesday 13th July. Departed Samarai 0730 hours arriving Gotai 0930 hours. Census and blood-sampling followed by L.G.C. education and a secret ballot; the results of which were:-

58 in favour
4 informal
2 against.

D.A.S.F. education and house spraying by Malaria Control. Films were shown in the evening.

Wednesday 14th July. Departed Gotai 0900 hours arriving Baiari at 1015 hours. Census and blood-sampling were done followed by L.G.C. education. The results of the secret ballot were:-

79 in favour
1 informal
1 against.

Films were shown in the evening.

Thursday 15th July. Further L.G.C. education. Departed Baiari 1200 hours. Four members of the patrol team were landed at a small village on Basilaki to investigate the possibility of a road across the island. M.V. Poseidon proceeded to the village of Gogolabia where the remainder of the patrol team were met. The patrol then went to Sekuku Island for the night.

Friday 16th July. Departed Sekuku Island 0530 hours arriving Habani at 0830 hours. Rain and the absence of a large portion of the population postponed work. Because of the poor anchorage at Habani M.V. Poseidon departed at 1430 hours for Bedauna, anchoring there the night. Films were shown.

Saturday 17th July. Departed Bedauna at 0730 hours arriving Habani at 0830 hours. Despite rain, census, blood-sampling and L.G.C. talks were given. Results of secret ballot:-

40 in favour
1 in formal.

Departed Habani 1400 hours arriving Bedauna 1515 hours. Films were shown in the evening.

Sunday 18th July. Bedauna. Census, blood-sampling were followed by L.G.C. education talks. Films were again shown in the evening.

Monday 19th July. Departed Bedauna 0820 hours arriving Kitai Island at 0850 hours. Conducted census and blood-sampling. L.G.C. education talk was given followed by a secret ballot. Because of poor anchorage departed Kitai Island at 1630 hours arriving Bedauna 1700 hours.

Tuesday 20th July. Departed Bedauna 0830 hours arriving Tabetube Island 0930 hours. Census and blood sampling followed by D.A.S.P. education and malarial house spraying. Films were shown in the evening.

Wednesday 21st July. L.G.C. education and a secret ballot; the results of which were:-

33 in favour
2 informal
none against.

Departed Tabetube Island 1345 hours arriving Skeleton Island at 1415 hours. Films were shown in the evening.

Thursday 22nd July. Census and blood-sampling followed by L.G.C. education and malarial house-spraying. Results of the secret ballot were:-

21 in favour
no informal
1 against.

Departed Skeleton Island at 1340 arriving Tanuibuina at 1525 hours. Films were shown in the evening.

Friday 23rd July. Census and blood sampling followed by L.G.C. education and a secret ballot; the results of which were:-

112 in favour
1 informal
4 against.

Departed Tanuibuina at 1430 hours arriving Sekuku Island at 1630 for the night.

Saturday 24th July. Departed Sekuku Island at 1900 hours arriving Samarai at 0845 hours.

Sunday 25th July. Samarai. Observed.

Monday 26th July. General office duties concerning the patrol. A Welfare team consisting of two Papuan girls joined the patrol. Departed Samarai 1630 hours arriving at 1930 hours. Stayed at Sekuku Island for the night.

Tuesday 27th July. Departed Sekuku Island 0630 hours arriving Hamama 0650 hours. Census, Blood sampling and a welfare meeting followed by D.A.S.F. inspection and malarial house spraying. L.G.C. education with a secret ballot; the results of which were:-
 94 in favour
 4 informal
 4 against.

Films were shown in the evening.

Wednesday 28th July. Departed Hamama at 0740 hours arriving Duiama at 0935 hours. Census, blood sampling, D.A.S.F. education and malarial house spraying. Talk on womens welfare. L.G.C. education with secret ballot. Results of this were:-

41 in favour
 1 informal
 1 against.

Films shown in the evening.

Thursday 29th July. Departed Duiama at 0745 hours arriving Tegerauna at 0830 hours. Census, blood sampling and house spraying.

Friday 30th July. Tegerauna. L.G.C. education with a secret ballot. Results were:-

41 in favour
 4 informal
 2 against.

Departed Tegerauna 1345 hours arriving Seusasauaga via Sidea Mission at 1735 hours.

Saturday 31st July. Absence of population postponed work. Village inspection and malarial house spraying. Films were shown in the evening.

Sunday 1st August. Census, blood sampling and L.G.C. education. Secret ballot revealed the following.

55 in favour
 3 against
 no informal

Films again shown.

Monday 2nd August. Departed Seusasauaga 0630 hours arriving Simagani 0632 hours. Census, Village inspection and D.A.S.F. address. Films were shown in the evening. Miss J. Whistler (Welfare Officer) joined the patrol.

Tuesday 3rd August. L.G.C. address followed by a secret ballot. The results of this were:-

51 in favour
 no informal
 3 against

Departed Simagani 1325 hours
 arriving Sedudu 1432 hrs

Wednesday 4th August. Sedudu. Census, L.G.C. education, followed by a secret ballot. Films were shown in the evening.

Thursday 5th August. Completed secret ballot then heard a land dispute. Departed Sedudu at 1345 hours arriving Iloilo 1605 hours. Checked boarder between Suau L.G.C. and Samarai Local Islands.

Friday 6th August. Departed Iloilo at 0635 hours arriving Naukata Island at 1440 hours. Again checked boundaries of Samarai Local Islands. Showed films in the evening.

Saturday 7th August. Departed Naukata Island at 0800 hours arriving Samarai via Hamama at 1405 hours.

Sunday 8th August. Samarai. Observed.

Monday 9th August. Samarai. General office duties. Departed Samarai 1500 hours arriving Sekuku Island at 1930 hours.

Tuesday 10th August. Sekuku. Gave further L.G.C. talk. Investigated a marriage complaint. Departed Sekuku Island at 1000 arriving Hamama arriving Hamama at 1030 hours. L.G.C. talk. Followed by investigation of a marriage complaint. Brought forward at Sekuku Island. Departed Hamama at 1615 hours arriving Sekuku Island at 1648 hours. Medical emergency - departed Sekuku Island at 2100 hours.

Wednesday 11th August. Arrived Samarai 0130 hours on a medical emergency. Departed Samarai 0445 hours arriving Ware Island 0930 hours. Investigated the disappearance of the Ware Village Account. Inspected the progress of the new wharf.

Thursday 12th August. Further investigation into the disappearance of the Ware Village Account. Departed Ware Island at 1330 hours arriving Bedauna at 1623 hours. L.G.C. talk followed by films.

Friday 13th August. Departed Bedauna at 0623 hours arriving Tubetube Island at 0815 hours. L.G.C. talk. Departed Tubetube 1330 hours arriving Sauasauaga at 1700 hours. L.G.C. talk. Films were shown in the evening.

Saturday 14th August. Departed Sauasauaga 0940 hours arriving Samarai via Sidea Mission at 1315 hours.

Sunday 15th August. Samarai. Observed.

Monday 16th August. General office duties. Departed Samarai at 1100 hours arriving Loani 1215 hours. Established new census group. Population from this census group was made up from Rogea and Simagani census. Departed Loani at 1600 hours arriving Samarai at 1715 hours.

Tuesday 17th August. General Office Duties and census.

Wednesday 18th August. Departed Samarai 0830 hours arriving Rogea 0900 hours. Had L.G.C. discussion. Departed Rogea 1145 arriving Samarai at 1215.

-END OF PATROL-

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT NO. 4 of 1964/65

1. INTRODUCTION:

This patrol was conducted in the SAMARAI LOCAL ISLANDS CENSUS DIVISION, which lies south of SAMARAI. The division consists of four major islands (ROGEA, SARIBA, SILEA, and BASTILAKI), two island groups (ENGINEER and CONFLICT GROUPS), and a number of smaller outlying islands. All places in the division were visited with the exception of the islands in the CONFLICT GROUP where there is no permanent indigenous population.

The patrol had two main objectives:-

- (i) The prime purpose was to carry out a final Local Government Council survey in the area. To test the reactions of the people towards the proposed establishment of a council in the area; by means of talks and discussions on all aspects of Local Government Councils. Films were also shown on the subject.
- (ii) Secondly a census revision was carried out. The last census in the area was done in 1963. The patrol did not collect tax. Instead it was decided that tax collection would be left to the council after its establishment.

Secondary objectives of the patrol were as follows:-

- (i) Welfare. To test the feelings of the people concerning the establishment of a number of women's clubs in the area. This team consisting of one European and two Papuan women was led by Miss Judy Whistler who was recently posted to this district.
- (ii) Malaria Control. The team (consisting of six Papuans) carried out blood sampling and house spraying. The team also administered medical assistance in areas not closely situated to aid posts.
- (iii) D.A.S.F. The D.A.S.F. team consisting of two Papuans Gave talks on production of copra and other agricultural concerns in the area.
- (iv) Films were shown on subjects of general interest and on Local Government Councils

Apart from two day trips from Samarai, the M.V. 'Poseidon' was allocated for the whole patrol period. The vessel proved most suitable as the patrol usually slept on board because of the necessity for early starts when travelling.

2. RECEPTION OF THE PATROL:

In all places, without exception, the patrol was excellently received. Full co-operation was had from all people and advice given by the patrol was enthusiastically received and usually carried out. Notice of the patrol itinerary was given by Samareli Broadcast which is held twice daily. This was begun a week prior to the commencement of the patrol. The patrol's arrival at the various places was in all but three cases expected. The schedule was maintained throughout the patrol and this avoided any confusion among the people, and aided the efficiency of the patrol.

3. VILLAGES:

In all places visited the housing standard was reasonably good. Apart from a few villages on outlying islands, the houses were well kept and there seemed to be no shortage. Small outlying islands (TEWATEWA, ANAGUSA, WARE and DAWSON ISLANDS) do suffer from an acute shortage of building materials, particularly sago, but despite this reasonable standards are maintained. Materials for these islands are usually purchased from the larger islands of BASILAKI and SIKI where sago is plentiful.

Sanitary conditions are also up to standard. Latrines in most villages were built out over the sea. Generally the villages were clean and well kept, and in all cases were of a reasonable standard.

4. POLITICAL SITUATION:

In all places visited it was evident that the people did not hesitate to bring forward to the patrol any complaints that they had. This reflects the atmosphere of co-operation which has been created between the people and the Government.

As the patrol progressed, a marked difference of opinion became evident between two groups of people. On the one hand the people of the more isolated outlying islands of WARE, ANGUSA, DAWSON and the islands of the ENGINEER GROUP. On the other hand the people of the larger more centralized islands of ROGEA, SARIBA, SIDEA, and PASILAKI. In simple terms it was an unwillingness of the 'HANDSMEN' (these of the larger islands) to join with the 'SAILORS', (the people of the outlying islands) and co-operate. These two sections were generally unwilling to co-operate with each other and in some cases unwilling to join. Wherever this difference of opinion was encountered a discussion usually resulted in an understanding of the need for co-operation and unity in such a venture and in all cases the majority were in favour of the establishment of a council.

Another superficial obstacle that was encountered was opposition towards the formation of a council by a small group of men at SIMAGANANI VILLAGE. This opposition developed from false rumours which originated in the MILNE BAY COUNCIL area. The group accused the Milne Bay Council of no concrete achievements since its formation. It was decided that a delegation of volunteers from this village would go to Milne Bay to see exactly what the Council had achieved.

The last week of the patrol was spent investigating just how far these rumours had spread, and in villages that had heard of this rumour a group of volunteers were arranged to go to Milne Bay.

5. AGRICULTURE:

Because of the maritime location of this census division copra is the dominant cash crop in the area. Plantations seem to be kept in reasonable condition and in most areas were fairly productive. Perhaps the biggest problem with copra in the more remote areas is the lack of transport for marketing the produce. In most places copra was collected fairly regularly by the co-operative vessel, M.V. LILIVASO. However the more isolated islands face the problem of no regularity in shipping and in some cases find their own transport to ship the copra to Samarai.

The main industry in the villages of DWIAVNA and TEGERAUNA is the sale of hardwoods and semi hardwoods to the Catholic Mission at SIDEA. Both of the villages have plentiful supplies of timber but as the timber nearer the coast is being cut a problem is developing of transporting it from the forest to the beach. A suggestion was made that a simple low geared winch could be employed, this being powered by a small engine.

Two unused copra plantations lie off the islands of TUBTUSE and TEWATEWA. Apparently these plantations have not been worked for a number of years and are at the moment abundant in copra. It would be a great asset if the Council, after its formation, could acquire the leases of these properties and utilize the copra that is being wasted. Ownership of both plantations was obscure, but the people of TEWATEWA think one is owned by Mr Bunting who is presently in LAE.

6. COMPLAINTS:

Altogether eight complaints were heard. The majority of these were marriage complaints. Other complaints included careless use of fire, child custody case, investigation of a village account and an investigation into an accidental death.

All complaints were settled with little trouble and in all cases both parties were in favour of the agreements reached.

7. REST HOUSES:

As stated earlier, because of the necessity for early morning departures rest houses were generally not used. Instead the patrol usually slept on board H.V. 'Poseidon'.

In nearly all villages rest houses were available for the use of the patrol. Most of these were in good condition and a number had only recently been constructed. In these places provisions were made for repayment to the people of the cost incurred in construction.

8. HEALTH:

As stated earlier, a Malaria Control Team accompanied the patrol from the 13th July to the 2nd August. This team consisting of six Papuans, took blood samples administered anti-malarial tablets and sprayed houses with D.D.T. The team received full co-operation from all villages where this was carried out. The team also administered sundry first aid in places not closely situated to aid posts.

There are four aid posts in this census division. These are situated at ROGEA, KWARAIWA, HAMANA and WARE ISLAND. Mission hospitals are located at the Catholic Mission at SIBEA and the L.M.S. Mission at KWATO ISLAND.

9. CENSUS:

The last census revision in the area was carried out in 1963.

Attached to the village population register forms is a Census Reconciliation Statement. This was necessary to balance the 1963 census figure with that of 1965. The statement was compiled from the 1963 census discrepancies which were discovered only after a physical count of the 1963 census entries as appears in the Samarai Local Islands Tax/Census Sheets.

I have set out the villages in the census division and the discrepancies which were found.

Also an error was found in balancing of the 1963 census. This has been called an 'Accounting Discrepancy'. This added to the village discrepancies equals the 'Total Discrepancy'.

It was decided that a new census group should be formed. This group consisted of those people living on the rainland between GADAGADOA and BELESANA SNIPIWAY. Previously the group were either in the ROGEA or SIMAGANI census groups, but due to long distances they were not usually present.

The new census group was called LOANI as this was the most central village in the area. The people were unanimously in favour of this new formation.

10. CONCLUSION:

All aspects of the patrol were successfully carried out. The Local Government Council Survey received overwhelming enthusiasm and approximately 93% of the people approved the establishment of a Council in the area.

Full co-operation was received from all parties concerned with the patrol and full credit must go to all.

Approximately one and a half weeks after the completion of the patrol I was posted to LOSUIA. Due to this posting of which only two days notice was given, I was unable to find the time deserved by such a report, with the other commitments encountered at Losuia.


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