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MILNE BAY PATROL REPORTS

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<u>Report no.</u>	<u>Officer conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
1-69-70	A.J.POTTER	SAMARAI ISLANDS CENSUS DIVISION
2-69-70	R.NEHMY	SAMARAI ISLANDS CENSUS DIVISION
3-69-70	A.J.POTTER	PART OF THE SAMARAI ISLANDS C.D.

SUAU

2-69-70	J.BALDERSON	SUAU CENSUS DIVISION
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SAMARAI - SUAU



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of MILNE BAY Report No. 1 1969/70

Patrol Conducted by A.J. POWELL A.P.O.

Area Patrolled SAMARAI ISLANDS CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives MATWORI ODEPATA (INTERPRETER)

Duration—From 24/11/1969 to 30/1/1970 (BROKEN)

Number of Days 33

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

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

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

Map Reference MILNEBAY - LOANI FOUNTAIN - SAMARAI

Objects of Patrol ANNUAL CENSUS AND AREA STUDY

FAMILIARISATION WITH AREA.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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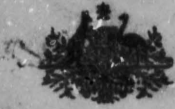
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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No.

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



28th October, 1970

The Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU

SAMARAI PATROL REPORT NO. 1 - 69/70

My memorandum 67-1-1 of the 1st October, 1970 to the Assistant District Commissioner, Samarai with a copy to you refers.

The Assistant District Commissioner, Samarai confirms the Engineers Group is not in the Kula District.

F. G. Driver A.C.S.
F. G. DRIVER
District Commissioner

*Noted
5/11*

GFB:KP

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Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

22nd October, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

SAMARAI PATROL NO. 1/69-70

Your reference 67-1-1 of 1st October, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census and Situation Report by Mr. A.J. Potter, Assistant Patrol Officer, of SAMARAI ISLANDS Census Division.

This well written, informative report contains sound, sensible information, but its value has been greatly reduced by the lengthy delay in submission. Please ensure that Mr. Potter is aware of the need to prepare and forward his reports while they are current. Old reports are of little real value other than for record purposes.

Whilst I am sure that Mr. Potter was dismayed when he typed "clut" instead of cult under the heading "Cults and Unrest", ~~the~~ the addition of the word "coops" does a little to enhance the report's worth.

I am pleased to note Mr. Potter's thoughtful approach to the problems of the area.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Departmental Head.

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Division of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU

1st October, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
SAMARAI

SAMARAI PATROL REPORT NUMBER 1 OF 1969/70

Thank you for the abovementioned report which was received on the 17th September, 1970. Again I draw your attention to the lateness of submission - almost 9 months.

At this stage there is little value in commenting. The views expressed by Mr. Potter relate to situations that existed in November 1969 and January, 1970.

I note however that under Section 3, House of Assembly, he states the area visited is part of the Kula Electorate. Is this correct? According to my copy of the 1968 Electoral Boundaries the Kula Electorate includes the Conflict Islands but not the Engineer's group. Would you please advise.

Mr. Potter writes an informative report, it is a pity it is marred by late submission.

Camping allowance returned herewith.

Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

J. G. Driver A.C.
F. G. DRIVER
District Commissioner

Forwarded for your information and comment please.

J. G. Driver A.C.
F. G. DRIVER
District Commissioner

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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration
Sub-District Office,
SAMARAI.

15th, September, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
ALOTAU.

SAMARAI REPORT NO 1 of 1969/70.

Herewith the above. Village population register and map are enclosed.

In Mr. Potter's Local Government Councillors section he states that some wards of the council do not contain a single man with good potential as a councillor. I find the foregoing very unlikely, it would indeed be unnatural for a whole area to be completely devoid of talent in the field of leadership. A more feasible explanation of the apparent dearth of leadership qualities is that for any one or a number of reasons the people from the said wards are dissatisfied with the council. If the people had a firm belief in the beneficence of councils I am sure an enthusiastic and competent councillor would appear.

education
In Mr. Potter's comments under Law and Order he states that the Village Constable is being usurped in some cases by the local Government Councillor. This has created difficulty in all areas where councils exist. There has been however a programme of general adult education embarked upon:- the aim of the programme is to clarify the roles of each of these identities and particularly to draw attention to the fact that the councillors have no police powers.

The instance cited in the report was used as an opportunity to fully explain the duties of each dignitary. The Village Constable concerned had his position clarified and was satisfied.

With reference to Tuesday 2.12.69 of the Patrol diary. Non attendance at the census has been made the subject of previous correspondence subsequent court action was later investigated by the District Inspector. Your files contain details.

I have no further comments save that Mr. Potter conducted this his first patrol in a capable manner.

For your attention and on forwarding please.

(T.A. Stoen)
Assistant District Commissioner.

c. Mr. A. J. Potter,
Sub-District Office,
Samarai.

PATROL DIARY

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Monday 24-11-69

0830: Departed Samarai for Simagahi by dinghy and outboard with P.Crowe A.D.O.
0915: Arrive Simagahi and await arrival of population.
1200: Commenced census with approximately 50% attendance only, despite frequent announcement over Radio Milne Bay.
1430: Completed census and return to Samarai via Loani to leave the patrol equipment, and Logeia to inspect the progress of the wharf under construction.

Tuesday 25-11-69

0830: Depart Samarai for Loani by dinghy and outboard with P.Crowe A.D.O.
0845: Arrive Loani and await arrival of population. Inspected village and a 35' boat being built by 5 of the local people for copra carrying.
1140: Commence census.
1430: Completed census and return to Samarai.
1500: General office duties at Sub-District Office.

Wednesday 26-11-69

0730: Depart Samarai by dinghy and outboard for Sauasauaga with P.Sandery A.D.O.
0815: Arrive Sauasauaga and await arrival of population.
1130: Only 25 people in attendance so the census was postponed until Thursday. The V.C. and all villagers present instructed to ensure that the attendance was better in future; and that it would again be announced over Radio Milne Bay tonight.
1215: Arrive Samarai. General office duties at Sub-District Office.

Thursday 27-11-69

0730: Depart Samarai by dinghy and outboard for Sauasauaga with P.Sandery A.D.O.
0815: Arrive Sauasauaga and await arrival of population.
1130: Commence taking census with approximately 60% attendance.
1400: Complete taking census. 25 'Tax Defaulters' summonsed and a talk given on the importance of Council Tax - One marriage complaint heard and resolved.
1500: Depart Sauasauaga for Samarai.
1545: Arrive Samarai.

Friday 28-11-69

Patrol stood down owing to 'Cash Office' commitments of writer.

Tuesday 2-12-69

0830: Depart Samarai for Sidudu by dinghy and outboard.
0900: Arrive Sidudu and await arrival of population. By 1130 only about 25 people had arrived. The census was postponed and the people told that they would be advised of our return over Radio Milne Bay. The people were also told that when we returned we would bring some police constables to enforce the attendance of the disinterested ones. This was met with much enthusiasm by the small minority present.
1200: Return to Samarai - General Office routine at Sub-District Office.

Wednesday 3-12-69

0900: Depart Samarai for Logeia Kai by dinghy and outboard. (11)
0915: Arrive Logeia Kai and await arrival of population.
1000: Commenced census with approximately 75% attendance. The Councillor being extremely energetic and helpful.
1300: Completed census.
1330: Return to Samarai - General office duties at Sub-District Office.

Thursday 4-12-69

0830: Depart Samarai by dinghy and outboard for Logeia Boiduhana.
0900: Arrive Logeia Boiduhana and await arrival of population.
0930: Commenced census.
1130: Completed census, attendance was very good and cooperation excellent.
To Logeia Kai to interview a family in connection with a deceased estate.
To Loani to interview a woman in connection with an adopted child.
1600: Return to Samarai

Friday 5-12-69

0900: Depart Samarai by dinghy and outboard for Logeia Puata.
0930: Commenced census with excellent attendance.
1130: Completed census, inspected the village and spoke to a few of the people about census's and Local Government.
1300: Return to Samarai - General office duties at Sub - District Office.

Monday 8-12-69

Patrol stood down owing to lack of water transport.

Wednesday 7-1-70

Patrol resumed with M.V.ERLO.
0945: Depart Samarai for Ware Island.
1400: All patrol equipment moved to the 'Aid Post Orderly's' house which was made available for the Patrol.
A survey was made of the land on which the new 'Aid Post' will be situated.
Explained to the people the reason for the census and patrol. All people seem very keen to work on the Aid Post.
Overnight at Ware Island.

Thursday 8-1-70

0700: Population assembling for the census.
0800: Commence census with nearly 100% attendance.
0900: Census abandoned due to heavy rain - carried out land investigation for the new Aid Post site and discussed it with the two owners.
1200: Resumed taking census at the local Mission Church.
1500: Completed census and held discussions with the V.C. and the Councillor. No work was commenced on the Aid Post foundations due to heavy rain.
1700: Compiling census figures.
Overnight at Ware Island.

Friday 9-1-70

0730: Commenced work on the Aid Post foundations with about 40 helpers and all women and children carrying sand, gravel and water.

1100: Cease work due to the heat of the sand underfoot.

1300: Resume work.

1430: All framework for the foundations complete and ready for concreting. No concrete mixed this day to intermittent heavy rain squalls.

Inspected the island and spoke with a few of the people.

The Ware people in general are extremely pleasant, eager to please and be helped.

Overnight at Ware Island.

Saturday 10-1-70

0700: Commenced laying concrete. The people appear very keen and work hard.

1600: Complete laying 2/3 of the foundations.

Walked along the Southern side of the Island and inspected dwellings, gardens, sanitation and wells, all of which are quite satisfactory except the gardens which had suffered badly due to lack of rain.

Overnight at Ware Island.

Sunday 11-1-70

Observed at Ware Island.

Monday 12-1-70

0700: Depart Ware Island for Anagusa.

1045: Arrive Anagusa and await arrival of population.

1130: Commence taking census.

1300: Complete census and spoke briefly to the people trying to obtain their views on how the village might be improved.

Inspected the village, wells, small houses and the Co-operative store.

1330: Departed Anagusa in order that Ware Island may be reached by nightfall due to the wharf approach only being navigable in daylight.

1615: Arrive Ware Island. The concrete foundations had been completed and a new small house constructed.

Overnight at Ware Island.

Tuesday 13-1-70

0700: Remove framework from the completed foundations and load all equipment aboard M.V. ERLO.

0930: Depart Ware Island for Kwaraiwa.

1330: Arrive Kwaraiwa. Held discussions with the V.C. and Councillor and inspected the Aid Post and surrounding area, thought the A.P.O. was absent in Samarai.

Overnight at Kwaraiwa.

Wednesday 14-1-70:

0800: Awaiting arrival of population for the census.

1000: Commence taking the census with intermittent heavy rain squalls.

1130: Completed taking the census. Commenced laying the framework for the new Aid Post Orderly's house foundations.

1600: Completed all preparatory work for the foundations.

1700: Compiling census figures.

Overnight at Kwaraiwa.

Thursday 15-1-70

0730: Population arriving to commence work.
0800: Commence work on the foundations.
1500: Cease work due to heavy rain squalls.
Walked around the island and briefly inspected the villages.
Overnight at Kwaraiwa.

Friday 16-1-70

0730: Departed Kwaraiwa for Dawson Island.
0930: Arrive Dawson Island and await arrival of population. The Majority of the people were away in the 'Woodlarks' for the 'Kula' ring.
1030: Commence census with approximately 30 people present.
1130: Completed census. A talk given on health and hygiene with particular reference to stagnant water. Discussions held with the people on the Council's five year development plan.
1220: Depart Dawson Island for Kwaraiwa.
1430: Arrive Kwaraiwa - Throughout the day the people had been working on the foundations, though the progress was slow.
Heard one marital complaint which was settled out of court.
Overnight at Kwaraiwa.

Saturday 17-1-70

0800: Resume work on the Aid Post foundations. Walked around the island again and spoke with many of the people on their attitude towards Local Government. Spoke with the Aid Post Orderly. Heard two marriage complaints which were settled out of court.
2245: M.V.ERLO departed for Samarai to take a man with a compound fracture of the femur to hospital.
Overnight at Kwaraiwa.

Sunday 18-1-70

Observed at Kwaraiwa.

Monday 19-1-70

0730: Resume work on the foundations for the Aid Post.
1100: Complete the foundations - remove all framework and prepare to load on M.V.Erlo.
1200: Awaiting arrival of M.V.Erlo from Samarai.
1500: M.V.Erlo arrives after delay due to the necessity to refuel and water.
1530: Depart Kwaraiwa for Tewatera.
1630: Arrive Tewatera and commence taking the census.
1730: Completed census. One pig ownership dispute heard and settled satisfactorily.
1900: Compiling census figures.
Overnight at Tewatera.

Tuesday 20-1-70

0700: Inspected village and found it to be quite satisfactory. discussions held with the people on the Council's five year development plan. Was informed of two missing whale boats and asked that they be investigated.
0830: Depart Tewatera for Skelton Island.
1000: Arrive Skelton Island and await arrival of population.
1015: Commence taking census with 100% attendance.
1100: Completed census and held discussions with the people on the five year development plan.
1230: Depart Skelton for Tubetube. Held talks with the V.C. and a few of the people, Councillor in Samarai for a meeting. Inspected the village and all hamlets. Compiling census figures.
Overnight at Tubetube.

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Wednesday 21-1-70

0730: Population assembling for census.
0830: Commence taking census.
1015: Complete taking census and held talks with the people on many subjects.
Heard one pig dispute and one marital complaint, both were arbitrated satisfactorily.
1200: Departed Tubetube for Kitai.
1300: Arrive Kitai.
Compiling census figures from Tubetube. Inspected village with the V.C., the Councillor was away in Samarai at a meeting.
Overnight at Kitai.

Thursday 22-1-70

0730: Population arriving for census.
0830: Commence taking census.
1015: Complete census and talk to the people about building and using 'small houses'.
1100: Departed Kitai for Bedauna to advise of the census taking place on Saturday. Visited Katokatue to inspect the cooperative store there.
1230: Arrive Kitai. Assisted the people in building a new 'sea type' latrine. Held talks with the people on the five year development plan. It appears that in Kitai the Councillor is the 'weak link'.
1600: Compiling census figures.
Overnight at Kitai.

Friday 23-1-70

0645: Depart Kitai for Tanabuibuina.
0745: Arrive Tanabuibuina and await arrival of population.
Despite frequent announcements over Radio Milne Bay the people claimed that they had not heard about the census.
Inspected numerous small hamlets and spoke with a few of the people, leaving word that we would return at 0730 tomorrow.
1130: Depart Tanabuibuina for Kitai.
1215: Arrive Kitai, inspect the new small house, checked the census figures and had talks with the village people.
Overnight at Kitai.

Saturday 24-1-70

0645: Depart Kitai for Tanabuibuina.
0745: Arrive Tanabuibuina and await arrival of population.
0830: Commence taking census with approximately 60% attendance.
1030: Completed census and held talks with the people on the five year development plan, small houses and cleaning up their hamlets.
1100: Depart Tanabuibuina for Bedauna.
1220: Arrive Bedauna and commence taking census.
1310: Complete taking census and held discussions with the people on the five year development plan, Local Government and mosquitos. The people of Bedauna and Katokatue have an extremely bad problem with mosquitos.
1400: Depart Bedauna for Kitai.
1430: Arrive Kitai.
1500: M.V. Erlo to Samarai to relieve the Skipper who is unwell.
Compiling census figures and talking with the people.
Overnight at Kitai.

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Sunday 25-1-70

Observed at Kitai.

Monday 26-1-70

0715: Deprt Kitai for Habani.
0830: Arrive Habani. Attendance was extremely poor, M.V.Eric dispatched to collect non attenders.
1030: Commence taking census.
1130: Complete taking census. Held talks with the people on development, both economic and social, census, taxes and Local Government.
1345: Depart Habani for Gotai, calling in at Buiari to advise of our arrival.
1500: Arrive Gotai. Compiling census figures and talking with the people.
Overnight at Gotai.

Tuesday 27-1-70

0715: Depart Gotai for Buiari.
0800: Arrive Buiari and wait arrival of population.
0900: Still nobody present despite frequent announcements over Radio Milne Bay and calling in ourselves the previous day.
Depart Buiari and call at all namlets telling the people to go to Buiari.
1300: Commence taking census - still a fair number of absentees.
1400: Complete census and talk with the people on the five year development plan, Local Government and the reason for the census. Heard one dispute which was settled out of court.
1615: Depart Buiari for Gotai.
1700: Arrive Gotai. Compiling census figures.
Overnight at Gotai.

Wednesday 28-1-70

0730: Population assembling for census - delayed due to heavy rain.
0900: Commence taking census.
1000: Complete census and talk to the people on the five year development plan, sports and Central Government.
1130: Writer to bed with a severe headache.
1330: Depart Gotai for Sekuku.
1415: Arrive Sekuku, writer to bed again.
Overnight at Sekuku.

Thursday 29-1-70

Decided to cut patrol short and condense the next four villages into two days.
0800: Commence taking census.
0930: Completed census. Spoke to the people on the five year development plan, Local Government and Social development.
1030: Depart Sekuku for Hamama.
1100: Arrive Hamama.
1130: Commence taking census with full attendance. Council President Micheal Dindilo a great help.
1230: Complete census - dress many boils and abrasions as the Aid Post Orderly was away on a patrol. Talk to the people on social development, and the five year development plan.
1300: Depart Hamama for Duiana and Tegerauna to advise change of census plan and take two small children to Sidea Mission hospital.
1700: Arrive Sekuku.
Overnight at Sekuku.

Friday 30-1-70

Heard one complaint about the previous Malaria
 Spray team.
 0715: Depart Sekuku for Duiana.
 0845: Arrive Duiana.
 0900: Commence Duiana census.
 1000: Complete taking census. Spoke to the people
 on social and economic development.
 Heard one land dispute and one marriage complaint
 which were both settled satisfactorily.
 1130: Depart Duiana for Tegerauna.
 1200: Arrive Tegerauna.
 1230: Commence taking census.
 1330: Complete taking census. Talks held with the
 people on the reason for Council Tax, School fees,
 economic development and the reason for the census.
 1500: Depart Tegerauna for Samarai.
 1630: Arrive Samarai.
 End of Patrol.

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SITUATION REPORT

POLITICAL

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The vast majority of the people in the census division understand the basis of Local Government, although few use it to advantage, and the attitude towards it seems to be one of complacency - "Local Government" - "yes we've got one, we have to pay our taxes to it." Of course there are exceptions to this general rule, and these exceptions are mainly in an area where as a whole the area is an exception, i.e. a complete island or ward. One such example is Wari Island, where there is an energetic Councillor and a conscientious V.C. who are further assisted by an ex-Councillor, Sibilisi. Here the people appreciate the Council and are happy to work for the improvement of their Island. This may be partly due to the fact that the Council has possibly done more for the good of the people there than in other areas, but, by the same token, maybe this is so because of the Councillor and the eagerness of the people. Whereas in areas where the Councillor is not so efficient and the people not so enthusiastic, little or nothing has been done by the Council and an attitude of almost "Why do we have a Council exists?". An example of this type is Habani; here apparently the people have asked the Council for a number of things, which through no fault of the Council they have been unable to have, the reason for which the people apparently fail to see, which I feel may be due to either bad explanation or no explanation at all by the Councillor. Hence the people are swinging towards an anti-Council and Local Government attitude. I have suggested that they approach the Council with a request for some sporting facilities as they are very keen on basketball etc. I feel that this is something they badly need and something that the people would be willing to work for. Not only do they require this as a playground, but also so that they may see some concrete evidence of the use of their tax money.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS

For a complete list of the Councillors in this census division see appendix 2. As mentioned previously, the Councillor's attitudes differ tremendously, from zealous to apathetic. I think though that as a cross section they are perhaps some of the best available in each ward. It is only a pity that some wards should contain perhaps 5 or 10 potentially good Councillors, whilst others have none. Throughout the patrol discussions were held with the majority of the Councillors, though regrettably only a few were at a meeting in Samarai and therefore not available during the census, whilst others had just left their village and gone 'visiting' a few days prior to our arrival. It is interesting to note that the most politically unaware as well as the most apathetic people, are as a whole, to be found on the islands of Basilaki and Sideia, the two largest islands of the census division, the reason for this I fail to understand as they are also the closest to Samarai and accordingly receive the most 'contact'.

3. HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

There are no members of the House of Assembly emanating from or living in this Census Division. This division being in the "Kula" Open Electorate has Mr. Lepani Watson as the local member of the House.

It became evident during discussions with the villagers after the taking of the census, and during the patrol's stay in the villages that only a handful of the people had any ideas of Central Government, much less understood the workings of it or the way it effects them.

The people seem unable to comprehend the concept of Central Government, which I feel is due to their inability to see beyond life in their own community.

ECONOMIC

General Rural Development

There is very little scope for a great deal of economic development in the Samarai Islands Census Division due to the scattered nature of the islands and population. However, there have recently been numerous new copra plantings throughout the area, and it should be interesting to note the effect of these in about 5 years time.

Whilst copra is the main form of economy, there is also a timber industry on a small scale. This is conducted on Sideia Island and Kwato Island. Over the years quite a large number of trees have been 'logged' though it appears that the loggers have not thoughts of planting new trees in their place, consequently, they have arrived at a time where they need assistance. Their method is to fell the trees, drag them to the sea, and float them to their destination; this was ideal when they were working near the coast, but now, through necessity they are having to go further inland for good timber, making the delivery much more complicated.

The only other form of rural economy in the district is Beche-de-Mer, though there is very little interest in this ^{crop} and it is only marketed on a very small scale, which fetches perhaps \$5-600 per ton in Samarai.

Boat building

Perhaps the greatest interest of all the Samarai Islands area is that of boat building. Besides the large timber mill and Boat yard run by the Kwato Mission, there are many very competent individual boat builders scattered throughout the area. Just recently, a few of these people have applied the Development Bank Loans in order to establish their business, but regrettably many of them do not have sufficient collateral to be considered, even though they may be excellent craftsman. It is incredible the quality of work produced by these people with only the basic tools.

Cash Crops

As with rural development there is very little scope for improvement, and in general I feel that the people are not particularly interested. Every island has its 'gardens', which are mainly for subsistence purposes only. A few people are developing a keen interest in the Samarai Market, though I doubt that they are growing crops purely for this outlet, as much as as just selling what they don't require.

Carrying Copra

Many people have also applied for loans in order to purchase a boat for the carriage of copra. But once again very few have the sufficient collateral to be considered, and even though there

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appears to be an interest in this field, I feel perhaps the applicants intentions are not always as stated, or there are already ample craft available for this type of business.

CO-OPERATIVES

There is a very strong co-operative movement in this area (for Societies see appendix 3) all of which are trading at a reasonable profit except Sidudu, which is opening shortly after a lapse of three (3) years. Besides the Societies there is a main branch at Samarai and a 1000 ton coastal vessel, the M.V. "Papua", which plies between Samarai and Lae and is believed to be operating at a loss.

NON-INDIGENE DEVELOPMENT

There is considerable development from the non-indigene population in this area, the majority of which is under copra production. The principle plantations listed hereunder.

MANAVENUNA	owned by Mr. A. Willman	approx 300acs
KONIBIRIBIRI	owned by Mr. A. Willman's Association	
PANAMAILOA	owned by Eng. Group Planters Association	
LEI LEI	owned by Mrs. F. Eyemett	approx 400acs
KANAKOPI	owned by Kwato Ext (The United Church)	approx 73acs.
ITCU	owned by Mr. A. Willman	
DOINI	owned by Mr. L. Hope-Caton	

As well as this, there are also approximately 200 acres under copra production at Sideia Mission.

SOCIAL

EDUCATION

Throughout this area generally the schooling at Primary stage could be considered reasonable. This is mainly due to the various missions, who have numerous schools within the district. (For situations see appendix 3). The three principle schools are situated at Samarai, Sideia and Logeia.

Samarai has a primary "A" School grades 1 to 6, as well as a preparatory school; a double classroom building is present under construction on Samarai and will become an extension of Logeia Primary T. School, where there are as many as 400 students. The Catholic Mission school at Sideia takes approximately 450 students from preparatory to Form 4, but many of these higher form students will move to the High School at Milne Bay.

HEALTH

In general the health of the people in this Census Division is good. They are very keen on having 'Aid Posts' built throughout the area, and where Aid Posts exist they are used to advantage. (For the positions of same see appendix 3) During the patrol a few complaints were heard about the siting of the aid posts and that the Orderlies were not patrolling regularly. Perhaps a patrol schedule could be arranged for the orderlies in such a way that every part of the Census Division is visited regularly. The Council is at present constructing 2 new aid posts of permanent materials at Wari and Kwaraiwa. Whilst at these two islands the patrol supervised the laying of the foundations for these buildings. In Ware the people were very keen to work, whilst a more apathetic attitude was encountered at Kwaraiwa.

There are a few areas in the Census Division which are ripe with mosquitoes and flies, and I feel that if the people were sufficiently interested the problem could be reduced considerably. Although most hamlets have small houses, there is very little evidence of them being used; and most of them were constructed reluctantly for the benefit of visiting patrols. The Health Centre of the District at present is Samarai where there are two hospitals having a total of some 60 beds. But during the course of the patrol it appeared that many people preferred to go to Sideia Mission for medical treatment, rather than Samarai.

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There are also a few cases in Samarai when members of the Labour Line have been advised to go to the hospital with minor complaints, but have refused on the grounds that they couldn't afford it.

Many minor complaints were heard against the Malaria Patrols to the villages, the majority being from people opposed to 'Spraying', with the common argument of Bed Bugs and abbreviated life of roofing materials. It was pointed out to the complainants what a minor thing these inconveniences were compared to the widespread effect of Malaria, and whilst some appeared to be satisfied, others would not understand. On return to Samarai the complaints were discussed with Mr. Kelly of Malaria Control, Samarai.

LAW and ORDER

In general, the people of this area have a good deal of respect for the law, which may be largely due to the very strong mission influence in the district.

Many small disputes were heard during the patrol, the main causes being Land Rights, Pig ownership, Petty assault and Marital infidelity, the last two being invariably together. Apart from these minor disputes, all of which were settled without Court action, nothing of any consequence was noted. The village Constables are gradually being surpassed by the Local Government Councillor of their area in the administration of Law and Order at village level, although there are still a few very active Village Constables in office. In one Village the Constable wished to resign, as he felt that the Councillor was assuming the majority of his duties.

CULTS and UNREST

Throughout the patrol no indication of any Clut (oops) activity was observed, and judging from past reports it appears that there is very little activity of this nature in the area.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION and WELFARE

Once again the Missions are having a considerable effect in this field through their schools and churches throughout the Census Division.

The majority of villages have a sports ground of some description, and although some are in disrepair it appears that quite a lot of softball and basketball is played. One of the marital complaints heard was connected with a women's softball team that would travel to another village for the weekend to play a team from that village. The objection was from the husbands of these women. As a result we now have two teams playing at the weekends - one female - the other male.

Many of the villages have a communal oven where one or two women bake bread weekly for sale to others, whilst other women may have a sewing machine and carry on a similar business making clothes. It is this way that the Welfare Girls working for the Bwana Bwana Local Government Council are promoting community education at village level.

Another way in which the adult population are receiving education, although perhaps they don't realise it, is from their children attending various schools, and unwittingly passing their knowledge on to their parents.

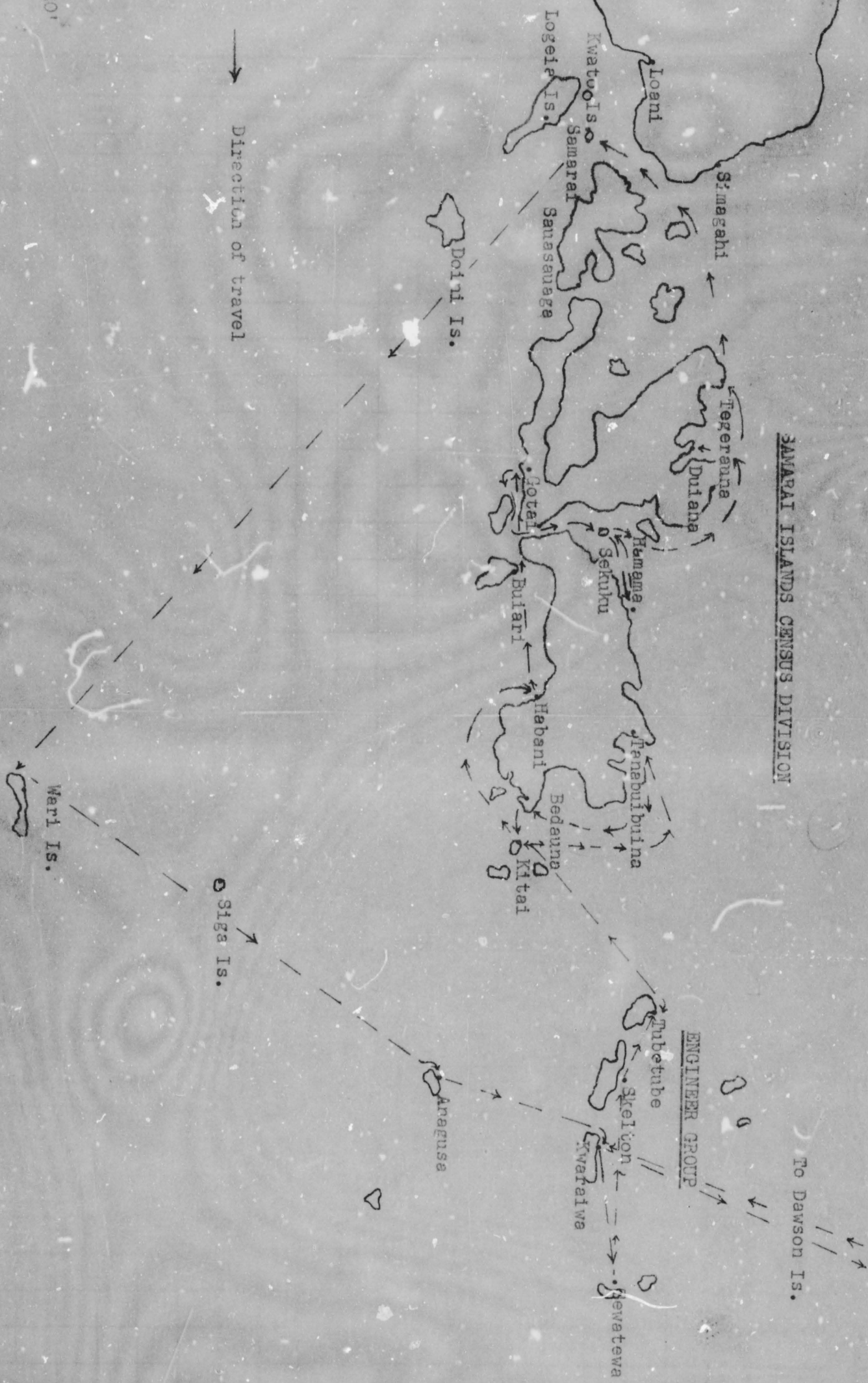
Generally the people throughout this Census Division are very keen and interested in welfare work, and the girls from Ahione are always well received.

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Direction of travel

SAMARAI ISLANDS CENSUS DIVISION



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ENGINEER GROUP

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Milne Bay Report No. 2-69/70

Patrol Conducted by R. Nehmy A.P.O.

Area Patrolled Samarai Islands Census Division (Part Only)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans nil

Natives Kule Rawali (L.G. Officer)

Duration—From 2/6/1970 to 12/6/1970 (Broken)

Number of Days Nine

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Nov/Jan/1969/70

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

Map Reference Millinch Loani Fourmill Samarai

Objects of Patrol To explain the reconstitution of the Buanabwana Council and to collect nominations for the forthcoming elections.

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

GFB:KP

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Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

21st October, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

SAMARAI PATROL NO. 3/69-70

Your reference 67-1-2 of 1st October, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report
by Mr. A.J. Potter, Assistant Patrol Officer, of part SAMARAI
ISLANDS Census Division.

I have nothing to add to the covering comments on this
short report.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Departmental Head.

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Division of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU



1st October, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
SANARAI

SANARAI PATROL REPORT NUMBER 3 OF 1969/70

Thank you for the abovementioned report which was received on the 24th September, 1970. This report too is long overdue.

The patrol was completed on the 11th June, thus the report should have been here by approximately 20th June.

The lack of interest by the taxpayers in Council activities is disappointing - is it because of the high tax rate and the comparatively negligible return.

Has Dr. Guise any significant influence in this section of his Electorate? He often says he does but have the people approached him on various matters or is it the converse.

No camping claim was forwarded with the report.



c.c. Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

F. G. DRIVER AS
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District Commissioner

For your information and comment, please.

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F. G. DRIVER
District Commissioner

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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration
Sub-District Office,
Samarai.

18th September, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
ALTAU.

REPORT ON PATROL NO 3 OF 1969/70

MR. A.J.POTTER A.P.O.

Attached, please find three copies of the above report submitted by Mr. Potter, A.P.O.

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T.A. Steer
(T.A. Steer)
Assistant District Commissioner.

cc. Mr. A.J. Potter,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
Samarai.

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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER	3- 69/70
SUB DISTRICT	SAMARAI
DISTRICT	MILNE BAY
COUNCIL AREA	BWANA BWANA
PATROL CONDUCTED BY	ANDREW POTTER
DESIGNATION	ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER
AREA PATROLLED	PART OF SAMARAI ISLANDS CENSUS DIVISION
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING	LAO TAU LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANT
DURATION OF PATROL	2-6-70 to 11-6-70
NUMBER OF DAYS	8
LAST PATROL TO AREA	Nov. '69 to Jan. '70
MAP REFERENCE	MILLINCH = LOANI FOURMIL = SAMARAI
OBJECTS OF PATROL	TO EXPLAIN THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE BWANA BWANA COUNCIL? AND TO COLLECT NOMINATIONS FOR THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS.

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PATR L DIARY

Tuesday 2-6-70

09:15: Depart Samarai by dinghy and outboard.
1045: Arrive Siragahi and await arrival of population.
Held nominations and discussions about the Bwana Bwana council.
1300: Depart Siragahi for Loani.
1330: Arrive Siragahi and await arrival of population.
Held meeting and nominations.
Walk around the coast to place a declaration in a prominent position on a lease.
1600: Return to Samarai.
Overnight at Samarai.

Wednesday 3-6-70

1000: To Logeia by dinghy and outboard.
Await arrival of population and commence talks on the Bwana Bwana council reconstitution. Held nominations.
1300: To Kwato to advise of our return later in the day.
1500: Meeting held at Kwato, the meeting here took longer as this was the peoples first association with a council.
1700: Return to Samarai. Overnight at Samarai.

Thursday 4-6-70

1130: To Sidudu by dinghy and outboard.
Delayed by broken outboard.
1145: Awaiting arrival of population.
Commenced talks on the council and collected nominations.
1330: Depart for Saunasauaga.
Nobody present at Saunasauaga, advised that we would return next Thursday for nominations.
1455: Arrive Samarai. Overnight at Samarai.

Friday 5-6-70

0745: To Belesana by dinghy and outboard for talks and nominations.
Completed nominations and proceed to Sariba slipway. Held talks and nominations at Sariba. Both of these talks were naturally longer and more detailed as this is the first time these areas have come under the jurisdiction of a Council.
1430: Return to Samarai. Overnight at Samarai.

Monday 8-6-70

0900: Depart Samarai by M.V. Seamist for Tegerauna.
Arrive Tegerauna and await arrival of population.
1000: Nobody present. Advised V.C. that we return tomorrow.
Apparently the wrong message had been broadcast over Radio Milne Bay.

Tuesday 9-6-70

0915: Depart Samarai by dinghy and outboard.
1145: Arrive Tegerauna. Held meeting and nominations, informal discussions with the people.
Depart Tegerauna. Arrive Samarai 1600.
Overnight at Samarai.

Wednesday 10-6-70

0945: Depart Samarai per M.V. Topaz for
~~Widua~~ Sideia. 1100: Arrived Sideia.
We were then conducted around the Mission
complex. Held talks and discussions after
lunch.
1655: Arrive Samarai.
Overnight at Samarai.

Thursday 11-6-70

1010: Depart Samarai per M.V. Seamist for
Sauasauaga.
1200: Arrive Sauasauaga, held talks and
nominations.
1430: Return to Samarai.
Overnight at Samarai.

PATROL STOCK DOWN

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ITS/bs

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration
Sub-District Office,
Samarai.

16th September, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
ALOTAU.

REPORT ON PATROL NO 3 OF 1969/70

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T.A. Steen
(T.A. Steen)
Assistant District Commissioner.

cc. Mr. A.J.Potter,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
Samarai.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA
SAMARAI PATROL REPORT No. 3 69/70

Introduction

This short patrol of the Western part of the Samarai Islands census division was conducted solely to explain the reconstitution of the Bwana Bwana Council to that of a multi racial council, and to collect nominations for the forthcoming Council elections.

The eastern portion of the Census division was patrolled concurrently by Mr. Nehay A.P.O. in order that the entire area within the period allotted for nominations (Mr. Nehay's report 2-69/70 refers)

Political

The western portion of the Council area consists of Samarai, and areas closely associated with Samarai. It has been previously commented, many times that this portion of the area is the most politically apathetic. This unfortunately was the case again with the nomination patrol. The majority of the people were aware that the council was being reconstituted to include people of all races, but realised few of the implications or approached it with much interest.

There was little change in the ward boundaries in this area, but even so, very little comment was made, despite detailed explanation. Attendance at meetings was generally very poor, except in places such as Kwato and Sideia mission stations where attendance was supervised by the Officer-in-Charge of the station. Generally a wait of two or three hours was necessary before sufficient people had arrived to commence nominations, and even then very little enthusiasm was encountered. Nominations were however reasonably forthcoming after the talk.

In the areas mentioned above far more detail was required, as they had previously little or no knowledge of Local Government, and in many instances failed to appreciate the need for a Council at all. In general the feeling appears to be one of complacency, "we don't mind as long as it doesn't involve us too much".

On the more cheerful side, there are a few people in this area who if elected have good potential as councillors.

Economic

The main economic venture in this area, are the pearl culture station at Pearl Island, the owner of which has just received a substantial Development Bank loan to assist him with planned expansions. This is a reasonably new venture, but one in which both the Manager and his wife have great resources of both knowledge and experience.

The Sawmill at Sideia maintains a steady intake of logs, mainly from Sideia Island, the total revenue of the village of in this vicinity of \$10,000 per annum.

The Co-operative Wholesale Society have two stores, one at Logeia and one at Sideia, both of which appear to be trading at a reasonable profit.

Whilst copra making is still the mainstay of the Sub-district economy, it is far more prevalent in the outlying areas.

The Slipways at Belesana and Sariba also contribute to the area economy by way of providing employment for various tradesmen and labourers.

Social

There are a number of new works in progress throughout the council area. These include a wharf at Sidudu, presently awaiting arrival of cement for completion.

Repairs to the wharf at Logeia which have been undertaken by the Council.

A new school being constructed at Sauasuga by the village people to replace the existing small mission school. Besides the school building there is also provision for the accommodation of two teachers.

A market area at Samarai is being reclaimed from an area of sea, directly behind the existing fisheries freezer building. Unfortunately this has also been temporarily abandoned due to the lack of cement on the island.

Also on Samarai a new classroom block has been completed this will be used as an extension to the Primary "T" school at Logeia, thus relieving some of the pressure from the Harbour masters transport commitments.

Miscellaneous

As stated in the introduction to this report the aims of the patrol were solely the explanation of the reconstitution of the new Council and the collection of nominations for the forthcoming elections. Further detail of which is as per the 1970 Bwana Bwana Local Government Council Election Report.

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Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

7th October, 1970

District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,

ALOTAU.

SAMARAI Patrol No. 2/69-70

Your reference 67-1-1 of 18th September, 1970.

2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. R. NEHEX, A.P.O., of part SAMARAI ISLANDS Census Division.
3. Your covering comments are noted with interest. This short report gives a reasonable account of the work undertaken.
4. Please advise when the report of SAMARAI Patrol No. 1/69-70 will be available.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Departmental Head

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DIRECTOR
GENERAL
SARAWAK
ASSISTANT
DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER
SARAWAK
KONEDOBU

Division of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
ALOKU
Assistant District Officer,
Pore Samarai Island District Division,
Kila Newell, (Local Government Office)
18th September, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
SARAWAK

LATE SUBMISSION PATROL REPORTS

I have this day received Samarai Patrol Report Number 1 of 1970/71, Samarai Patrol Report Number 2 of 1969/70 and Suau Patrol Reports Number 2 and 3 of 1969/70. These reports are very much out of date.

Number 2 of 1969/70 was completed on the 12th June, 1970 which is 3 months ago. Number 1 of 1970/71 was completed on the 10th July, 1970 which was 2 months ago. Suau Patrol Report covers the period which terminated on the 14th March, which is 7 months ago. Patrol Report Number 3 was terminated on the 26th May. This is 4 months out of date.

This is not good enough. District instructions are that every officer who completes a patrol is given one day to himself. The following 3 days he is to be released from all duties so that he may compile his patrol reports and maps.

In these times of increasing political activity and political awareness by Members of the House of Assembly it is essential that reports be processed quickly. Situations change rapidly and unless a report is received in a reasonable time then it becomes virtually useless.

Reports are to be in the Assistant District Commissioner's hands within 5 days of the patrols completion. They must then be processed and forwarded to me so that they reach me within 14 days of the patrol standing down.

Future breaches of this instruction will be noted in your personal file.

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

c.c. Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU

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PATROL REPORT.

REPORT NO: 2-69/70
SUB DISTRICT: ~~XXXX~~ Samarai.
DISTRICT: Milne Bay.
COUNCIL AREA: BwanaBwana.
PATROL CONDUCTED BY: R.Nehmy A.P.O.
DESIGNATION: Assistant Patrol Officer.
AREA PATROLLED: Part Samarai Islands Census Division.
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: Kule Rawali (Local Government Officer)
DURATION OF PATROL: 2/6/70 to 12/6/70 (Broken)
NO. OF LAYS: Nine.
LAST PATROL TO AREA: Nov '69 to Jan '70.
MAP REFERENCES: Millinch Loani, Fourmill Samarai.
OBJECTS OF PATROL: To explain the reconstitution of the
BwanaBwana Council and to collect
nominations for the forthcoming elections

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL DIARY.

Tuesday 2nd June '70.

0800 Depart Samarai per M.V. Liliwaso.

1300 Arrive Wari Island.

1400 Meeting commences.

1700 meeting completed.

Night at Wari Island.

Wednesday 3rd June '70.

0600 to Anagusa Island.

0800 Arrive Anagusa.

0900 meeting commenced.

1100 meeting completed; to TewaTewa.

1300 Arrived TewaTewa.

1330 meeting commenced.

1530 meeting completed; to Dawson Island.

1730 Arrived Dawson Island.

Night at Dawson Island.

Thursday 4th June '70.

0700 meeting commenced.

0900 meeting completed; to Kwaraiwa.

1100 Arrived Kwaraiwa; meeting held.

1330 meeting completed; to Skelton Island.

1430 Arrived Skelton Island,

1530 meeting commenced,

1730 meeting completed; to TubeTube.

1830 Arrived TubeTube.

Night at TubeTube.

Friday 5th June '70.

0700 meeting commenced.

0900 meeting completed; to Conflict Islands.

1330 Arrive conflicts.

Meeting at Conflicts with a very small group;

Discussions with Mr. George Wills.

Night at Conflicts.

Saturday 6th June '70.

0600 depart conflicts.

0800 arrive TewaTewa - re minor matter.

0820 depart TewaTewa.

0915 arrive Kwaraiwa - re minor matter.

1000 depart Kwaraiwa.

1200 arrive Kitai.

1230 meeting commences.

1430 meeting completed; to Samarai.

1830 arrive Samarai.

Sunday 7th June '70.

Observed at Samarai.

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Monday 8th June '70.

Day spent on Office Routine due to unavailability of a vessel. (Lilivaso had only been available for 5 days)

Tuesday 9th June '70.

0800 to Samarai Wharf - No vessel.

1030 M.V. Tava arrives. Depart for Diuana.

En route were stopped by Potter A.P.O. in outboard, who informed us that Diuana people were at Tegerauna, but wished to present nominations at Diuana. As Tava was almost at Diuana, the patrol was dropped there and the Tava sent back. (Potter had chased the Tava for some distance due to a malfunctioning outboard motor.) People arrived and the meeting was held - then discovered that the people had not walked to Tegerauna, but had canoed, so sent back in the Tava.

1630 to Hamama (after deciding to alter the patrol programme;

1) Malaria Spray team at Gotai.

2) Tava captain advised that new programme was more efficient.

3) To reach Tanobuibuina more quickly to investigate a request for police assistance from the councillor.

4) The patrol programme was already almost a day behind, and an incorrect programme had been broadcast over Radio Milne Bay (anticipating a vessel being available on Monday.)

5) Small boats traversing the area had told villagers that the patrol was arriving on incorrect days.)

1730 arrived Hamama - people asked to be ready tomorrow.

1745 Departed for Sekuku; arrived 1845 -

Night at Sekuku.

Wednesday 10th June '70.

0700 meeting - completed 0830 - to Hamama.

0930 at Hamama - completed 1100 - to Tanobuibuina.

1200 arrived - meeting commenced 1430 (waited for more people).

1545 completed - to Bedauna - arrived 1700.

Night at Bedauna.

Thursday 11th June '70.

0700 meeting - completed 0830 - to BABANI arriving 1000.

1015 meeting commenced; finished 1230 - to Bulari.

No-one there, so councillor asked to have people come in for a meeting early next day; thence to Gotai.

1530 meeting at Gotai - completed 1700

Night at Gotai.

Friday 12th June '70.

0600 to Bulari - meeting commenced 0800.

1000 meeting completed; to Samarai.

1330 arrive Samarai.

Patrol Stood Down.

Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

Samarai Patrol No. 2-69/70.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this short patrol to the eastern half of the Samarai Islands Census Division was threefold:

- 1) to explain the reconstitution of the BwanaBwana Local Government Council and the effects that this change from Monoracial Status to Multiracial status will have on the people in the Council area.
- 2) to collect nominations for the forthcoming Council Election.
- 3) to familiarize the writer with the area.

The patrol was broken for two days due to the unavailability of water transport.

The western half of the Census Division was patrolled at the same time with similar aims as those shown above. (A.J.Potter's Report 3-69/70 refers.)

POLITICAL:

The inhabitants of the area patrolled were aware of the change of status of their council and of one or two broader implications, but were interested to learn more. Attendance at the meetings held ranged from excellent to extremely poor.

A slight resentment was felt at the redistribution of ward boundaries as this now means that 2 or 3 widely separated villages are in one ward and the view was expressed once or twice that the elected councillors home village will be the only one adequately represented. However the forthcoming introduction of Ward Committees should alleviate this.

A pleasing note was the meeting held at Kitai - the Council Clerk, Rakatani Mickey was on leave in this village, and he had called a meeting the day before the patrols arrival and explained everything to the people there; consequently they were able to ask searching questions.

These people of the eastern half of the area will be affected very little by the change in constitution (Except the redistributed boundaries) and consequently the people were not as interested in the change as the people closer to Samarai and involved in expatriate ventures etc.

Nominations were obtained easily in most villages visited - surprisingly in the large wards containing two or three villages the people did not nominate along village lines: if they considered a man in their village a good candidate, he was nominated, but if a man from another village appeared a better choice, there was no ~~HE~~ hesitation in nominating him. The people appeared to feel that it was better to have the best man for the job rather than have one of their own villagers for the position merely because this would give them constant direct access. The people of these small, isolated islands are very independent, and are not as interested in political development as their less isolated counterparts.

ECONOMIC:

The recent increase in price for ~~XXXX~~ trochus shell and similar aquatic species has caused a large number of people to spend more time than previously fishing for them. Most of these groups produce very little, if any, copra, and are reliant on fishing for a fair proportion of their livelihood. Small boats abound, virtually all of which are home built, and very well built. Some villages sell timber to Sideia Mission sawmill, and this could become a good business proposition if the sawmill expands to meet increased demands.

Many of the smaller islands are unable to produce enough food to support the inhabitants, and fish, pots etc are bartered with the people of South Normanby and people of the Misima area for food.

SOCIAL:

Two council aidposts are being constructed in this area - one at Ware and one at Kwaraiwa. In both cases the council is supplying material and the village is supplying the labour. At the time of writing both are held up by lack of cement (as there is no cement in Samarai and supplies are not expected for 3 or 4 months.)

Small schools dot the area, but are small mission schools, which means that they will find it extremely hard to comply with the "Wedon" provisions and obtain assistance. Thus children will have to be sent away even to obtain upper primary education.

A sports ground was found in most villages visited - a basketball court, an oval, or something similar.

Mosquitoes were seen in several villages - these appear to breed in low lying swamp land that could be easily drained - usually by a short trench to the beach.

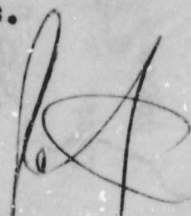
Very few disputes were brought to the patrol - the villages appear to prefer their own traditional forms of resolving disputes. All appeared extremely law abiding.

The patrol visited the Conflict Islands, which have recently been sold to an undisclosed American buyer by the present manager.

Although no information can be obtained as to the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ reasons of purchase, the writer feels that large scale development of the islands may take place, either for tourists or for private interests. The only evidence which can be provided to support this statement is the airstrip at Panasessa which was opened two days after the visit by the patrol. At the moment the copra plantations scattered over these small islands are the only signs of work, except for the half built managers house. There is a small labour force which does the work; these men appear extremely well looked after by the manager, Mr, George J. Wills.

Conclusion:

All objects of the patrol successfully achieved.



Richard Nehmy.
Assistant Patrol Officer.

MILNE BAY DISTRICT
 Samarai Sub-District
 SAMARAI ISLANDS DIVISION
 Scale, 4miles: 1 inch.

Not shown: Dawson I
 Nuakata I

M. L. Mackellar
 M.L. Mackellar
 ADC Samarai.

MILNE BAY

PAPUAN MAINLAND
 Simagani
 Sidudu

SARIEA I
 Kwatō
 Rogea

Tegerauna
 Duiana
 Sekuku
 SIDEIA ISLAND

Hamama
 BASILAKI ISLAND

Gotai
 Buiak

Anobubuna
 Habani
 Kitai

ENGINEER GROUP

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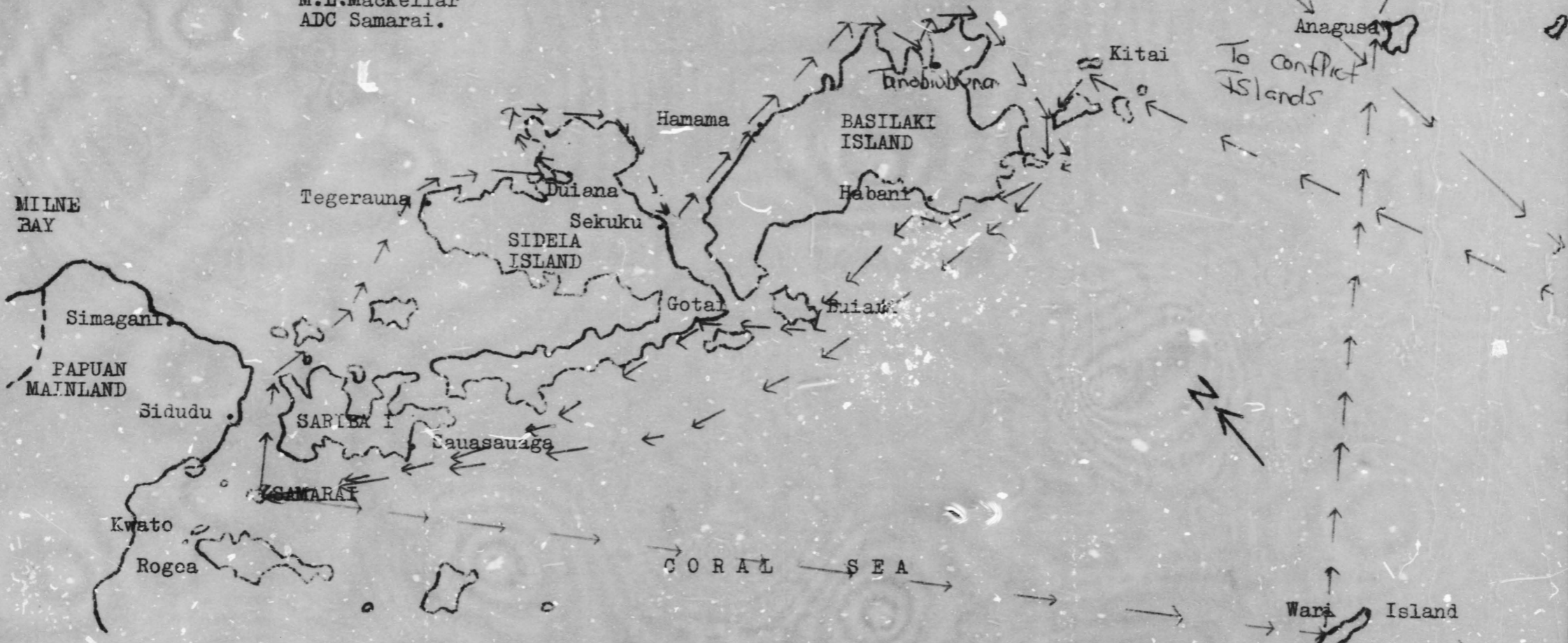
Tewatewa
 To Dawson Island

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 To conflict Islands

CORAL SEA

Wara Island

Direction of Travel.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MILNE BAY Report No. ~~2-7771~~ 3-69/70

Patrol Conducted by A.J.POTTER A.P.C.

Area Patrolled PART OF THE SAMARAI ISLANDS CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives SAO TAU (LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANT)

Duration- From 2/6/1970 to 11/6/1970

Number of Days EIGHT

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services NOV. JAN 69/70

Medical UNKNOWN

Map Reference MILLINCH LOANI JOURNAL SAMARAI

Objects of Patrol TO EXPLAIN THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE BWANA BWANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL? AND TO COLLECT NOMINATIONS FOR THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS

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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