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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of CENTRAL Report No. 2/64-65

Patrol Conducted by M.J. Deasy (C.P.O.) OIC Abau Patrol Post.

Area Patrolled Cloudy Bay Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Local Officer Mr. Uruba Mad,
Assistant Dental Officer.

Natives 2 Members R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 18/ 5/1965 to 21/ 6/1965.

Number of Days 35

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No.

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

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Map Reference Fournil Series.

Objects of Patrol Revision of Census - General Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

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67-1-24

2nd March, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

ABAU PATROL REPORT NO.2/1964-65.

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a patrol report by Mr. Deasy covered by your memorandum 67-4-2 of 1st February, 1966.

2. Your comments and those of Mr. Meller have been noted.
3. Reports should be submitted as promptly as practicable as delays in submissions detract from the value of the report.
4. Mr. Deasy has spent thirty days usefully in the field and has submitted a well prepared and informative report.
5. Please request field officers to constantly check if native trade store runners hold current licences.
6. It is pleasing to note that the people of the Doma region are willing to make available large tracts of land for a resettlement Scheme.
7. Mr. Deasy is to be congratulated for this fine effort.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

67-1-24²

67-4-2



1st February, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Kupiano.

Abau Patrol No.2 of 1964/65

Thank you for the report on this patrol to Cloudy Bay conducted by Mr. Deasy and your covering memorandum 67-2-4 of 22nd January.

The patrol, which was of a routine nature, was obviously thoroughly conducted and the report very well presented and informative. Mr. Deasy is to be congratulated.

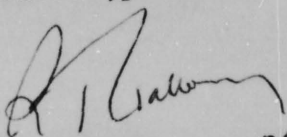
The only criticism I have to offer, and this is no reflection on Mr. Deasy is that his work load was so arranged that he had no opportunity to make his report until seven months after completion of the patrol.

(R.T. GALLOWAY)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.C.D.

67-4-2

→ The Director,
Department of District Administration,
Konedobu.

For your information, please.


(R.T. GALLOWAY)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.C.D.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams DISADM

Telephone

Our Reference..... 67-2-4

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Department of District Administration.

Sub-district Office,
KUPLAND, MARSHALL LAGOON.

January 22, 1966

The District Commissioner,
PORT Moresby.

ABAU PATROL No. 2 64-65 - CLOUDY BAY

Enclosed are two copies of this well prepared report written by Mr. Deasy, CPO just prior to his departure from Abau in November last year. Although the patrol was completed late June 1965 the submission of the report was held up because Mr. Deasy was temporarily transferred to Magarida to assist with Council elections there as soon as he finished the patrol and because as soon as he returned to Abau he conducted another election patrol for the Cloudy Bay Council. This left him with a backlog of work to catch up with before the station was closed in November.

2. The Iam people are perhaps the only people in the Census Division who take a pride in their village - some of them have taken up resettlement blocks close to their village and it is very encouraging to read of the support they are giving to government jobs.

3. The Cloudy Bay census division is poor economically as little copra is produced. The Department of Agriculture has played an important part in coffee development in the Robinson River area and its officers patrolled the area regularly in 1965. The Council has also assisted coffee production by purchasing coffee pulpers for 5 villages.

4. Ownership to the land mentioned by Mr. Deasy as being available for tenure conversion is disputed - at this stage seeing that interest has increased the Agriculture Department should at least visit the area and make a preliminary report on the terrain, soil etc and whether or not the land would lend itself to sub-division. I have sent an extract from Mr. Deasy's report to the Regional Agricultural Officer and have asked him to forward his comments through you.

5. The report indicates a good all round patrol.

(R. Miller)



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr.....

67-2-4

Department of District Administration,

Sub-district Office,
KIPIAND, MARSHALL LAGOON.

January 23, 1966

The Regional Agricultural Officer,
PORT MORESBY.

ABAU PATROL REPORT 2/64-65

The following extract from the above report will interest you as I believe you are thinking of undertaking problem censuses dealing with possible land tenure conversion schemes. It would assist us greatly if one of your officers at Cape Rodney could visit the DOMA area at some convenient time and report on such things as terrain, soils etc before any approach is made by us.

"The Doma people once more approached the patrol on the possibility of implementing a block resettlement scheme in the Doma Region. The villagers are willing to make available large tracts of land for such a scheme as long as it can be sub-divided and returned to the clansmen. An excellent opportunity exists here for a Land Tenure Conversion Scheme to be introduced into the area. The land the clans wish to make available lies between the Iiba and Robinson River and is known by the name of the OWORO land. Portion of the land at this time is used as garden sites and on the amount of fresh food and vegetables that comes out of the region, the land to all intents and purposes appears extremely fertile."

I am sending a copy of this to the District Commissioner - could you please direct any reply through his office.

(R. Miller)
A.D.C.

→ copy: The District Commissioner,
PORT MORESBY.

M A Y. 1965.

Tuesday 18th.

1100 Patrol equipment to Boru village on M.V. "Lolorua".

1430 Self Depart Abau per out-board canoe for Boru.

1630 Arrival Boru. Remained overnight.

Wednesday 19th.

0800 Walked to Magaubo village.

1000 Arrive Magaubo for census revision.

1600 Depart Magaubo for return Boru.

1800 Arrive Boru. Remained overnight.

Thursday 20th.

0800 Census revision Boru.

1400 Inspection gardens.

Slept village overnight.

Friday 21st.

0800 Patrol walks to Dedele Plantation.

1100 Arrive Dedele.

1300 Proceed Si'ini village, villagers absent from village.

1600 Advised people census will be held to-morrow their Sabbath.

Overnight Si'ini.

Saturday 22nd.

0800 Census revision Si'ini village.

1000 Returned Dedele Plantation.

1300 Departed Dedele for Abau per M.V. Lolorua.

1400 Arrive Abau.

Overnight Abau.

Sunday 23rd.

Observed Abau.

Monday 24th.

0800 Patrol departs Abau per out-board canoe for Apaeva village.

0830 Arrive Apaeva.

1200 Returned Abau with villager in custody re-assault on wife.

1400 Returned Apaeva for census.

Slept overnight.

Tuesday 25.

1000 Proceeded Segili per out-board canoe arriving 1030.

1400 Revision of census.

Slept overnight.

Wednesday 26th.

0830 Departed Segili for Robinson River Plantation arriving 0900.

1000 Proceeded Darava village on plantation tractor for census.

1200 Walked to Oic thence to Bam.

1400 Census revision Bam.

Slept overnight.

Thursday 27th.

0800 Patrol walks to Doma in pouring rain.

1200 Arrives Doma. Spent day drying out patrol gear.

Slept overnight.

Friday 28th.

0900 Census revision Doma.

Due heavy rain remained village rest of day.

Slept overnight.

Saturday 29th.

1000 Patrol walks to Bau village.

1300 Arrive Bau census revision.

1400 Departed Bau on return Boma.

1500 Doma.

Slept overnight.

Sunday 30th.

0900 Patrol departs Doma on return Journey to Robinson River Plantation,
via Bam.

1300 Trector met patrol to return plantation.

Overnight Robinson River.

Monday 31st.

1000 Departed Robinson River Plantation for return Abau via Apaeva.

1200 Return Station.

1600 Proceede Badubadu village per out-board canoe.

Slept overnight.

J U N E. 1965.

Tuesday 1st.

0900 Census Revision Badubadu.

1200 Returned Abau due out-board trouble.

Slept overnight.

Wednesday 2nd.

1000 Departed Abau per out-board for Manaua.

1200 Arrive Manaua out-board U/S. Sufficient people not in attendance
for census compilation due decease of Ganai villager during night.

Overnight Manaua.

Thursday 3rd.

0800 Discussions with Mr. F. Fagan re Air-Strip.

1030 Departed Manaua per tractor for Godoguina River, proceeding
Amau village on foot.

1300 Arrived Amau.

Slept overnight.

Friday 4th.

0800 Census revision Amau.

1300 Inspection Coffee gardens.

Slept overnight.

Saturday 5th.

0830 Departed Amau for Ianu village on foot.

1230 Arrived Ianu. Absence of people all on blocks.

1400 School Inspection.

Slept Overnight.

Sunday 6th.

Observed Ianu village, Overnight.

Monday 7th.

0800 Census Revision Ianu compilation new register.

1600 Completed census.

Slept overnight.

Tuesday 8th.

0900 Depart Ianu for Bomguina Road to meet Agriculture tractor.

1000 Tractor to Agriculture Station.

1400 Attend Manabo Resettler's Association Meeting.

Overnight Agriculture Station.

Wednesday 9th.

0800 On duty Bomguina Agricultural Station - Census of coastal village people on the blocks.

Overnight Merani Estate.

Thursday 10th.

0800 By land over to Baramata thence by foot to Tutubu for census.

1230 Returned Merani to meet A.D.C. Mr. Mellor.

Overnight Bomguina.

Friday 11th.

0800 On duty Bomguina working with re-settlers.

Overnight Bomguina.

Saturday 12th.

0800 On duty Bomguina.

Overnight Bomguina.

Sunday 13th.

1500 Proceeded Baramata village per land rover.

Overnight Baramata village.

Monday 14th.

0800 Preparations made for census compilation though due death of villager during night unable commence census till 1330.

Overnight Baramata.

Tuesday 15th.

0700 Departed Baramata for Domara village per foot.

0900 Arrive Domara.

1300 Commenced census.

1800 Census half completed.

Overnight Domara.

Wednesday 16th.

0800 Continuation Census.

1400 Concluded Census.

Overnight Domara.

Thursday 17th.

0900 Patrol departs Domara for Duramu village per canoe and foot arriving 0930.

1000 Census revision.

2200 Depart Duramu per out-board canoe for Abau. night on high-seas.

Friday 18th.

0100 Arrive Abau.

Saturday 19th.

Observed Abau.

Sunday 20th.

Observed Abau.

Monday 21st.

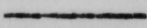
0800 Depart Abau for Manaua.

0900 Arrive Village.

1000 Census revision Manaua, Baiobo, Ganai People.

1600 Returned Abau.

Patrol Completed.



INTRODUCTION.

This was the first major patrol to be conducted throughout the Abau region since the House of Assembly Patrol in November 1963. The patrol was conducted in an orderly fashion visiting all the villages in the Cloudy Bay Census Division and was well received in all instances.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

(1) CENSUS.

Population.

The patrol's principal aim was the revision of the census and a perusal of the attached census sheets (appendix 1) shows the current population figure as 3,786 persons for the census division. This figure proved to be an increase of 272 persons on the last census completed two years previously.

Birth Deaths.

Births exceeded deaths by 107 persons realising a natural increase of 2.74%. This is slightly below the 2.9% figure recorded in 1963 and was due to an increase in the number of deaths particularly in the over 45 age group. There was also a drop in the number of births recorded.

Migration.

The exceptionally high migratory figures were due to the splitting of Amau village with a little under 50% of the village re-settling at Ianu on the banks of the Mori River. The actual division marked the movement of the Dolevaiddi and Kuodi clans onto their fore fathers' land (Bunebune). The initial movement took place in 1955 with a small number of the clansmen migrating into the area to prepare the land for cash cropping. Through their diligence and assistance given to them by the Department of Agriculture coffee and coconuts plantations are now firmly established in the region.

Labour Potential.

A perusal of the absentee columns shows 50% of the adult work force (16-45) years) being absent from the village at the time of the census. A break up of this figure shows 24% being employed outside of the district with 26% being employed inside the district. Pacific Island Timber PL and the net work of plantations on the Domara River (Baia-Kauru-Lahara) in the Cape Rodney region would be the principal employers of local labour.

The absence of workers on the whole appears to have little effect on the way of life in the village and most locally employed labour return to the villages at the week end. Money it appears is also regularly sent by absentees in other districts to their dependents in the villages and because of this many of the villagers enjoy a higher standard of living than would otherwise be the case had the "relative" remained the village.

Education.

The figures show that there are 1176 children of school age in the Abau region with 212 or 18% of these receiving an education either in the government or mission schools. This figure does not take into account a further 131 pupils who would be classified in the adult age group.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

(11) GENERAL.

Villages.

All villages visited were clean and well kept with most houses being in an excellent state of repair. Boru, Baramata No.4 and Manua villages have a number of houses constructed from milled timber with corrugated iron roofing. Both Boru and Baramata have plans for reconstruction of the entire village in permanent materials. It is anticipated that the rebuilding programmes in the two villages will be completed in 1967.

Ianu village could still be classed as the most impressive of the villages in the Abau region. It is well sited on the Banks of the Mori and the fertile land about the village needs little encouragement to produce ample staple crops. Coconuts and coffee also grow well in the region. The village itself has been well planned with houses being properly spaced to give the occupants a degree of privacy. The village grounds are covered in lawn and shrubbery has been planted throughout the entire village. Pigs are excluded from the confines of the village.

The presence of the government school in the village has contributed greatly to the appearance of the village and there is little doubt that the residents themselves feel particularly fortunate having a school in their midst. The manner in which the school buildings and grounds are kept is a credit to the Teacher in Charge Mr. On'au Mo'is and the diligence of the Ianu Parents and Citizens Association.

Rest Houses.

The councillors for Si'ini Apaeva and Amau were asked to build new rest houses due to the state of dis-repair of the existing buildings. Construction is well under way in all but Si'ini village. The councillor at Boru was asked to ensure that a small house was built adjacent to the rest house prior to the patrol's next visit. This particular rest house was only recently constructed but the privy was overlooked.

Village Officials.

Since the completion of this patrol the council's elections have been held with the result that six new councillors have been elected to office. They represent the villagers of Badubadu, Bam, Tutubu, Baramata, Domara (1) and Duramu. All councillors both present and past assisted the patrol greatly and it is to be hoped that the men who defeated the old councillors will serve their respective electorates as well as their predecessors.

AGRICULTURE.

(i) Local Produce.

It is apparent whilst patrolling through the region that locally grown produce is in abundance as is wild game for those whose religious beliefs permit the consumption of fresh meat. Fresh vegetables are regularly brought into the station both for sale to the post and P.H.D. It is not uncommon for the hospital to purchase fresh vegetables and fish to the value of £60 which represents 4800 lb weight of produce each month. Vegetables are purchased at 3d per pound while fish is a little more expensive at 6d per pound.

(ii) Cash Crop.

Copra still remains the foremost money earner for the villagers in this region with Domara, Boru, the Robinson River and Baramata villages being the principal producers. All copra is shipped direct to the Copra Marketing Board with only the smaller villages selling to the co-operative society based at Loupom.

Coffee would be the most recently introduced cash crop in this region (1961-1962) and it predominates in the Robinson River and Amau-Ianu areas. In the past month the Robinson River villages has recouped an amount in excess of £170 (3400 lb bean) for their produce. Coffee planting is firmly established in the Abau region with over 8500 trees being planted. This represents 7000 trees in the Robinson River Region and 1500 trees the Amau-Ianu area.

The chief problem with coffee is the carriage of the bean to the marketing centre for sale. From Bau the furthest of the inland Robinson River villages growing coffee, there is a 20 mile walk and six mile canoe journey for the producer to bring his coffee to Abau. The Amau and Ianu people are fortunately in a better position due to their close proximity to the Ianu - Cape Rodney Road and the availability of the Department of Agriculture tractor.

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In many ways the Robinson River people have themselves to blame for the hardship entailed in bringing their produce to government station. Up until the beginning of 1964 there was a well maintained and serviceable road leading to Bam village—a three hour walk from Doma, six hours from Bau. The people however have neglected to maintain the road even with council assistance and the road has fallen into dis-repair. As a result Robinson River Estate has withdrawn the use of their tractor which previously made regular trips to Bam for the carriage of local produce and coffee to the plantation. With the advent of the presidency of the Council being bestowed on Laka Serina of Bam it is hoped that he may be able to influence the people sufficiently to have them repair this vital road link between their coffee gardens and Robinson River Plantation.

Livestock.

Cattle are featured prominently on all ex-patriate plantations in the region and they are regularly killed to supplement the diet of the plantation labour. Horses are still in evidence at Robinson River Plantation and they roam freely over the property. A small herd of cattle and a few horses are run by the Kwato Mission at Amau and are used primarily for breeding purposes.

FORESTS.

General.

The Department of Forests are at present conducting a timber resources survey in the Cloudy Bay region stretching to Milford Harbour in the Amazon Bay Census Division. The out come of this survey with emphasis being placed on timber potential in this area will not be know for some months.

Fagan Enterprises.

Mr. F. Fagan operates a sawmilling concern out of timber lease in the Manaua region where he has been operating successfully for the past two years and at present he averages a monthly output in excess 50,000 super feet. Mr. Fagan believes that his existing lease will be only operable for a further twelve to eighteen months and has since applied for a further lease which will ensure his continued operation in the area for another five or six years.

Cloudy Bay Lumber Company.

This export logging operation has been closed down for the past ten months due to the manager's continued absence from the area. It is not known at this date as to whether Mr. McBurnie intends to return to re-commence operations or not.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Trade Stores.

Stores are in evidence in most villages and even when there is a multiplicity of stores, all appear to prosper though undoubtedly this would be due to clan loyalty. It is not uncommon to see orders in excess of £100 being despatched to the trading companies in Port Moresby from local store owners.

Crocodile Shooting.

A small amount of shooting is done in the Mori, Manaua-Apaeva, Boru-Magaubo waterways by local shooters though with little success. The shooters are usually ill-equipped and excessive shot damage to skins results in poor gradings being awarded.

Out-Boards.

A number of the local people have purchased their own out-boards ranging in size from 5 HP to 40 HP units. The smaller engines are used principally as a convenient and speedy means of conveyance from "A" to "B" and are sometimes used on crocodile shooting expeditions. The larger units are used for general hire work locally and the carriage of copra to Port Moresby.

L A N D.

General.

The Doma people once more approached the patrol on the possibility of implementing a block resettlement scheme in the Doma Region. The villagers are willing to make available large tracts of land for such a scheme as long as it can be sub-divided and returned to the clansmen. An excellent opportunity exists here for a Land Tenure Conversion Scheme to be introduced into the area. The land the clans wish to make available lies between the Liba and Robinson River and is known by name of the OWORO land. Portion of the land at this time is used as garden sites and on the amount of fresh food and vegetables that comes out of the region, the land to all intent and purposes appears extremely fertile.

LAW AND JUSTICE.

Complaints.

The only complaint brought before the patrol ²dealt with a marital problem between Dedua Meria and his wife Eka Paiva. Dedua is a Block resettler at Bomguina. Dedua complained that his wife was having an illicit relationship with another man. His wife denied the allegation and countered the accusation saying that Dedua was envoking sorcery against the Paiva family. Eka's promiscuity is widely know and too date three men have served sentences at Abau for having sexual relations with her. The matter soon resolved itself with both Dedua and Eka agreeing to a divorce. Paiva also agreed to repay Dedua £29-10-0 of the £44-0-0 bride price he had previously received. This payment was to be made at a rate of £5 per months commencing on the 31/7/65, before the Agricultural Officer at Bomguina.

Courts.

Only a single court hearing resulted from the patrol, that of an assault case involving an Apaeva villager. The man concerned attacked his wife with a bush knife whilst the patrol was remaining overnight in the village. Mr. Behr heard the case and the man received a two months sentence which was served at the Abau Corrective Institution

HEALTH.

General.

An Assistant Dental Officer, Mr. Uruba Madi, accompanied the patrol on a dental inspection of the children in all the village schools, government and mission alike. This was a follow-up patrol undertaken by a dental officer in 1963. Mr. Madi has compiled a report for his own department outlining his activities during the course of the patrol.

The general health and welfare of the residents of the Abau region is adequately catered for by the officers and staff of the Administration hospital on Abau.

EDUCATION.

General.

The patrol visited two of the three government "T" schools in the region. The Ganai "T" school being the school that was not inspected.

Mr. Mero Karukuru conducts pre-school classes at the recently opened (1965) Bam "T" School which caters for the educational needs of children in the Robinson River villages. Mr. Karukuru appears to have settled in quite well at the school though unfortunately in the past assistance has not always been forthcoming from the village people. This situation should not doubt remedy itself with the resident Councillor Laka Serina being elected president of the Local Government Council.

Mr. Onkau Morris of the Ianu Primary "T" School is proving to be a definite asset to the sub-district. Since the opening of the school in 1965 Mr. Morris has been the resident Teacher in Charge and he has proved himself quite capable of acting in this capacity.

Mr. Marris conducts classes for Pre-school, standards I and 2. He has met with a great deal of success particularly with the junior classes whose students have rapidly picked up a working vocabulary of English.

All three schools are assets of the Cloudy Bay Local Government Council with Ganai and Bam being constructed with permanent materials and Ianu of local materials. Boarding facilities are available at both Ianu and Bam.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Mananaua-Amou-Mori River.

The vehicular road from Manaua to the Godoguina River which originally was put in by the Cloudy Bay Lumber Company allowing access to the valuable timber stands in the interior has since fallen into a state of neglect. This has been primarily due to the closing down of the lumber company. Mr. Fagan a sawmiller situated in the same region and at a distance of two miles from the Manaua wharf area has little use for the road beyond his present mill site. The road is now ill-defined due to encroachment of light secondary growth and fallen trees.

The Amou-Godoguina section has also been neglected and a dense secondary growth has been allowed to take control.

Robinson River Doma.

See Agricultural Section this report.

Wharves.

The principal wharves for the handling of general cargo in the Cloudy Bay region are at Manaua, Robinson River and Abau. In all but the latter case the wharves are in an excellent state of repair and are able to handle all cargo without difficulty. It is believed that a decision has been made to rebuild the Abau wharf at some future date, dependent on the availability of funds.

AIR - FIELDS.

The principal air-strip in the Abau region is at Manaua. The strip is some 1500' in length and is capable of taking single engined "Cessna" aircraft. The strip is maintained jointly by the Administration and local residents. It is anticipated at some future date that the strip may be lengthened to permit "Piaggio" landings. Mr. F. Fagan at Manaua has accepted responsibility for maintaining the strip.

MISSIONS.

General.

Mission influence is prevalent in the region with the S.D.A.'s being the principal religious body. The Papua Ekalesia has mission stations at Amau Doma (previously Kwato) Boru and Magaubo (previously L.M.S.).

Schools are located in practically all of the villages which the principal schools being situated at Doma, Wageadae, (S.D.A.) Doma, Amau and Boru (Papua Ekalesia). The Schools are not of a particularly high standard due to low qualifications possessed by the teaching staff and the spasmodic supervision of teachers by the centrally based mission personal.

ANTHROPOLOGY.

No specimens were collected during the patrol.

LABOUR.

General.

On the ex-patriate plantations situated in the Abau region there is a definite preference for contract labour rather than casual. This is principally due to the difficulties involved in obtaining sufficient numbers of local labour. This Office is rarely involved in labour troubles as nearly all managers in the area have little difficulty in controlling their labour. Baubanguina Plantation would undoubtedly be the exception where the manager experiences desertions from his labour lines quite regularly.

Goilala and Western District labour are to found at Baubaugina where as the remaining plantations in the Cloudy Bay region show preference for highland labour.

This office has no knowledge of indigenous persons acting as employers in this area.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

See my 41-4-2 of 9th October 1965.

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

See my 72-3-3 of 5th July 1965.

R.P.N.G.C.

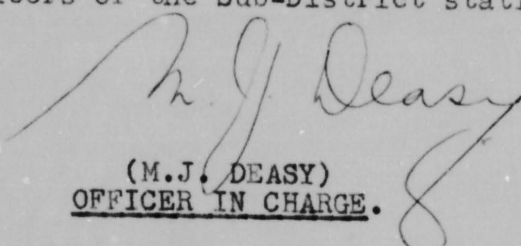
Senior Constable AUWA No.6130.

Constable 5th year IWAS No.9173.

Both members conducted themselves well during the course of the patrol performing all duties as directed satisfactorily.

CONCLUSION.

The compilation of this report marks the end of an era as it will be the final patrol report to be completed by an officer of the Department of District Administration stationed at Abau. The post which was established in 1904 as the fourth in Papua is destined to be closed on the 28th of this month. The decision conforms with departmental policy to abandon such posts as are similiarly placed to Abau due to the developmental restrictions they impose on an area. The Cloudy Bay Census Division will now be administered by officers of the Sub-District station. Kupiano, Marshall Lagoon.


(M.J. DEASY)
OFFICER IN CHARGE.

