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ESA'ALA & LOSUIA SUBDISTRICTS

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This District was known formerly as the Trobriands District.



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No. ESA-ALA 1/43-44.

24 JAN 1944

REPORT of a Patrol by Capt. D. F. M. Rutledge A.D.O.

to all coastal villages on NORMANBY ISLAND.

Date left Station 15 NOV 43

Date Returned 1 JAN 44.

Purposes of Patrol (a) Checking of Census Extract for location and occupation (if any) of male natives  
(b) Recruiting one hundred labourers  
(c) Courts for Native Matters  
(d) General inspection and routine.

Patrol accompanied by (a) European personnel - nil.  
(b) R.P.C. - four.  
(c) Native carriers - seventeen, daily change.

Map - Map showing District boundaries, location of Rest Houses, and Roads traversed submitted herewith.

Last Patrol to area made by

(a) District Services Field Staff on June 1943 (part)  
(b) Medical Assistant during November 1943 (part).

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DIARY:

15 NOV 43.

Patrol equipment by whaleboat "GUGUHIN" to GIGIPWALA. A.D.O. by road through TAU-ULO coastal villages to GIGIPWALA - time taken 2 1/2 hours. Found people assembled at Rest House - checked census extract, etc..

15 NOV 43.

Patrol equipment by "GUGUHIN" (four carriers) to IO-O Rest House. A.D.O. by road - extremely sloppy and neglected - through TAU-ULO coastal villages and IO-O coastal villages, arriving at IO-O Rest House in three hours.

Extremely heavy rain during most of the afternoon.

Checked census and general routine during afternoon.

Vessel "TIERYO" arrived from GILIGILI at 6 p.m. D.O. (Capt. Rich) aboard. He wishing to inspect ESA-ALA station, A.D.O. decided to accompany him in the morning.

17 NOV 43.

"TIERYO" towed "GUGUHIN" by road to ESA-ALA, which was reached at 9.30 a.m. Capt. Rich made an inspection of the station.

A.D.O. then accompanied Capt. Rich to SEBULOGOMWA returning to ESA-ALA during late afternoon.

Court Interpreter GIDEON very off colour as a result of a tooth extraction on 14 NOV 43.

18 NOV 43.

A.D.O. to SALAMO HOSPITAL for conference with W.O.II. Robinson and it was decided to send C.I. GIDEON to VIVIGANA first opportunity - blood poisoning suspected. Returned to ESA-ALA at dusk - a two and a half hour trip under oars only.

19 NOV 43.

A.D.O. by "GUGUHIN" to SEBULOGOMWA to pick up temporary interpreter, continuing on to reach GIGIPWALA at noon, and after lunch, to reach IO-O Rest House at 5 p.m.

20 NOV 43.

Gear by "GUGUHIN" - A.D.O. by road to KORUEIA Rest House, no coastal villages to inspect - time taken, including inspection old M.M.S. site at UBUA, 1 1/2 hours.

Completed work during afternoon.

21 NOV 43.

Patrol equipment by whaleboat - A.D.O. by road. Firstly through several KORUEIA Villages just off the road (finding them filthy), and later through many small BWAKERA Villages - inspections taking time and A.D.O. taking 4 hours to reach BWAKERA Rest House. BWAKERA is a fairly well populated area and census check etc. not completed at dusk.

22 NOV 43.

Completed census and other work at BWAKERA and moved on at 10.30 a.m. Inspected many more BWAKERA Villages, then odd villages (coastal) in SAWASAWA and MAIOBARI Village Constable districts, arriving MAIOBARI Rest House at 1 p.m.

Census and other work during afternoon.

23 NOV 43.

On road at 9 a.m. track well cleaned. However tracks leading from road to villages had not been touched. Villages inspected etc.. Reached KEBUSUK Rest House at noon and found people assembled. Held C.N.M. checked census etc..



24 NOV 43.

Left KEBUSUWE at 8 a.m. inspected villages of AISUMA, ASAUAMAHIMARI, MWEMWEAI, DUOIA, SERAMA and GESIWE, arriving at MIALILIU Rest House at 10.15 a.m. Many people assembled, including those from SIBONAI and WAIRARUPWA areas. These latter were sent back, to await my visit to their areas.

Held Courts for Native Matters, checked census extract etc..

25 NOV 43.

Left MIALILIU fairly early by road. Passed through Mission compound - very neglected - Missionary at BUNAMA and has been there for some time. On again through many "pretence" villages - road cleaned in most places. Reached a "lead-in" road 1 1/2 hours walk from MIALILIU - road not cleaned - decided to inspect village. Climbed about 600 feet to KOIOSITORODUMADUMA - this is a clump of small villages - satisfactory but only half cleaned. Down again to the road and along to its junction with the BWADEGURI Road, thence back, dodging off to inspect hidden villages EWE, EWAU-USA and PWANAPWANA. Arrived at SEWA (SAIDCWA) Rest House well after noon.

Extremely heavy rain during most of the afternoon.

Did census extract, Courts for Native Matters etc. but early darkness prevented completion.

26 NOV 43.

More Courts for Native Matters before departure at 10.30 a.m.

Inspected TOTOBWAI, BINOA, GWANABA, WAILAPAPAHINA and later fluked the uncleaned lead-in roads to LOUCCUO and BWATUPANA. Main road very clean. Arrived at SIBONAI Rest House at 1.30 p.m. Const. KEMEKI arrived from ESA-ALA with mail during afternoon. Const. DAI-I despatched as escort to 6 prisoners to ESA-ALA. Checked census extract etc..

27 NOV 43.

Departed from SIBONAI at 8 a.m. passed through BARAUMAGIDINA and DOABU Villages and inspected them. Then up and over the ridge to reach WAIRARUPWA Rest House in an hour.

Later in the morning by whaleboat inspected the villages of PWESI-AI, GWAPA, GABANO, ASAGWA, SESEBAI and MWALDOCATAI-I on SESEBAI Is. In afternoon completed various works.

28 NOV 43.

Left WAIRARUPWA Rest House in whaleboat at 7 a.m. - very little wind, and the four carriers had a hard pull to reach KORUEIA Rest House by 2 p.m. Lunch ashore and on again to reach IO-O Rest House at 5 p.m. Camped there the night - village deserted.

29 NOV 43.

Left IO-O Rest House at 7 a.m. and arrived ESA-ALA at noon - (a beastly morning in a glaring sun.)

At ESA-ALA found Mr Ward entertaining F/Lieut. Wiedman and a Sgt. of R.A.A.F. and also Mr Lynch. He stated that Capt. Timperley was at SEBULOGOMWA, that Capt. Henderson in "TIEMO" had passed through to SEWATAITAI earlier in the morning, and that Lieut. J. Frame of MAPAMOIWA had called yesterday.

During afternoon crossed to SEBULOGOMWA to see Capt. Timperley.

Extremely heavy rain at night - creek overflowed and European garden washed out.

30 NOV 43.

Capt. Timperley arrived at ESA-ALA at 9 a.m. His vessel loaded with bananas and pineapples - unable to take all bananas available. He held a Court for Native Matters and continued on to SALAMO at 11 a.m.

1 DEC 43.



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A.D.O. prepared patrol equipment during morning, loaded same aboard "GUGUHIN" and was towed by "SOFIA" to SEBULOGOMWA - it being A.D.O.'s intention of patrolling SANAROA, DOBU, and BWATOA Peninsula, general inspection etc..

At SEBULOGOMWA A.D.O. found Capt. Timperley preparing for return to VIVIGANA on the morrow. Vessel "KAINUNA" arrived with W.O.ii.Saville aboard. He handed A.D.O. instructions from D.O. to recruit immediately 100 labourers - W.O. Saville to look after ESA-AIA station during his absence.

A.D.O. returned to ESA-AIA to prepare for a longer patrol than originally anticipated.

Capt. Vernon (A.N.G.A.U. Medical) arrived at ESA-AIA at 5 p.m. and stayed overnight.

2 DEC 43.

Capt. Vernon sent to SALAMO in "KAINUNA" and on its return at noon A.D.O. departed for SEWATAITAI towing whaleboat "GUGUHIN". Arrived at SEWATAITAI at dusk to find Capt. Henderson already hard at work on overdue repairs to the "TIERYO".

3 DEC 43.

"KAINUNA" returned to SEBULOGOMWA for slipping - very overdue. Village Constables from DARUBIA and SEWATAITAI reported. Weather very unsettled. Checked census extract for SEWATAITAI and went into various village matters.

4 DEC 43.

Gear by whaleboat (4 carriers) to MATEBA. A.D.O. by road, in very bad condition, and after inspecting BWADOANA, MASISIA and BADIRAI Villages of the MATEBA group, arrived at MATEBA Rest House in 3 hours walking. Discovered MATEBA now deceased one year - appointed new village constable. A.D.O. worked all afternoon census, recruits, village matters etc..

5 DEC 43.

A.D.O. on road by 7.15 a.m. Inspected villages NATUEWAIOBWAIO, DAMASIEBERARAI-INA, SAWAI-ARA and NICOLA and arrived at SAWATUPA Rest House at 9 a.m.

Large number of natives present at Rest House. Checked census, obtained recruits, etc..

A.D.O. not particularly well - as this sickness persisted for nearly three weeks the symptoms are being given in the Medical Memo for the purpose of obtaining preventative treatment (if any).

6 DEC 43.

Left SAWATUPA Rest House at 7.30 a.m. and inspected coastal villages of UTU-UTU, SAWATUPA, LAMAINA, WEHOSALA and WEANA all within SAWATUPA District. Village Constable and Councillors from KEROROGEA met A.D.O. on their "mark" and with them the following villages were inspected NIUGOROBU, GENAHA, WEDI-U-U, SAWAIORAI-I, BWADA, DIHARA, GEWAGEWAHANA, DUTUNA, MASALUPA, LIMOHUHUNA, EBURALAGEALAGEGE and LOSINA, at which latter place is the KEROROGEA Rest House. From those seen villages in KEROROGEA area are much cleaner than those in the SAWATUPA area.

Village Constable from WEIOKO, and village constable from NEUDANA at the Rest House to ascertain A.D.O.'s future movements.

Worked on census extract, recruits, courts for native matters etc..

7 DEC 43.

Bought some cowrie shells and regretted lack of suitable vessel, otherwise would have purchased more.

Packed up and moved by well cleaned road through recently cleaned villages of GANIBWARA, ANASAU, GISOWAI-IA, GILIRADA, TANOQABU, AWAI-E-E, and MUMUNUIA (all of KEROROGEA) and then through SALENA, SOSOKFA, DIDIHA, NEKUMARA, MWARAU, KESAGO, BWALAGA and WENLAI-IA (all of WEIOKO). At KESAGO noticed some houses a little in the bush, inspected and found



BWALLAGA, a small village which had been half cleaned, noticed a track, made enquiries and getting suspiciously vague answers followed it for five minutes to climb about 100 feet and locate the village of WEULAI-IA. This was quite a large village but absolutely filthy - no attempt at cleaning, houses generally bad, and one very old man in a hovel which was falling to pieces.

Subsequently the village constable was prosecuted for neglect to perform duties.

Sent 2 prisoners and 13 recruits to DARUBIA point by "GUGUHIN" - village const. from KERCROGEA to escort to ESA-ALA.

Attended to village matters, courts etc..

#### 8 DEC 43.

Moved on again by well cleaned road through the villages of PADIRAI, TANOI-ISI, MOIAHA, KALEA, KASAGWABUNA, KASAKOIA, NUABUDU and SALEWA to the very poor REST House at SIPUPU.

2 People very hard to deal with - full of lies and deceit - probably due to nearness of M.M.S. station at BURUWADA. Obtained recruits, checked census extract etc..

Rev. NOAH from BURUWADA arrived during late afternoon with the nurse from the hospital and a bottle of Tinc. Camph. Co - the latter most welcome.

#### 9 DEC 43.

Left SIPUPU Rest House at 7.30 a.m. inspected the SIPUPU Villages of TANIANA, KOIABULI, DONAKIA, DENUKARENA, BAUMARUA and then came to M.M.S. BURUWADA. Continued on, crossed the WAILAKAUANA River to come to the one LOMATAUA coastal village of MADAUNA. Crossed MADAUNA River and over the hill to NADINADIA, GUIKEBENA, and KENOA Villages - all of which were inspected. Crossed the KWAI-AI-IA River and after inspecting the villages KEDIDIAI, SAWARIAI, KEKUTAI, KAILILIKWAI, KWAREHIA and TUFU crossed the DUEABWASI River. Villages BUTUHADA, KAUKARIA, KASARATA and SAIDOA were also inspected before the Rest House at DAUWADA was reached at 10 a.m.

"GUGUHIN" leaking rather badly and needs constant baling.

Did a little work in connection with census etc. but feeling very poorly.

#### 10 DEC 43.

A.D.O. very off colour - worked in spots and completed most of the work to be done. Sent for other medicines from BURUWADA.

#### 11 DEC 43.

Held Court for Native Matters during morning, and intended to move during afternoon, but health too indifferent. Instead moved 18 recruits and 2 prisoners to ESA-ALA under escort DAUWADA Village Constable.

#### 12 DEC 43.

Packed gear aboard "GUGUHIN" but a very rough sea running around the point and she returned to DAUWADA anchorage. Gear then packed among 17 carriers.

By road A.D.O. inspected DAUWADA Villages of ATASIPUPU, MANOWANI, WAIUDIA and KASAPUPU, then the one coastal village BUDOA (KAU-ULO group), and then the LOBODA Villages of DELINA, BURAKUIA, TEWARAI, SAWABIRUBIRU, UPAPOI, BWAWABWAWA, IAUWAI and BEWEWAIA, after which the LOBODA Rest House was reached.

L.A.C. Kennedy, in charge of native labour at R.D.F. camp visited during afternoon.

Worked on census, recruits, and Courts for Native Matters.

#### 13 DEC 43.

Held Court for Native Matters - three members of R.D.F. native labour convicted of adultery and sentenced to imprisonment.

(It is alleged that the child of a pregnant woman at LOBODA will be a



half-caste, putative father being a member of guard party No.2. Moved by road through Silitau, KEDIDIAI, SAIDOA, BEBEGWASIA, EAPAKAPWAI, Villages - inspecting them, and shortly afterwards to R.D.F. station.

Here A.D.O. interviewed R.A.P. attendant and messed with F/O. Bludenthal the Officer in charge.

After leaving the R.D.F. station A.D.O. inspected villages of KETASIA, MAGUMAGUNA of SOESOA, then the KWANAU-ULA village of SIWABOBO, arriving at Rest House KWANAU-ULA at 2 p.m.

Signed on three natives to take the place of the three R.D.F. natives imprisoned yesterday. Checked census, obtained recruits, held Court for Native Matters etc..

During late afternoon watched many time expired labourers returning beachward to their homes. They had already trudged fifty odd miles each with his own swag of purchases etc. and none looked particularly happy.

#### 14 DEC 43.

A.D.O. held Court for Native Matters most of the morning - after which he prepared advices for ESA-ALA and the D.C. At 2 p.m. 10 prisoners and 8 recruits were sent under escort Const. TAU-ONI to DAUWADA. Here under charge of one MAURICE they would board the "GUGUHIN" and proceed to ESA-ALA, the "GUGUHIN" to be slipped, dried out and painted (if paint available) on her arrival at ESA-ALA.

#### 15 DEC 43.

Packed up and with 17 carriers moved to MALUKWASIA. En route inspected the KWANAU-ULA Villages of BIBEBA, SINAUNIA, MOKARAU, DOBUARA, GUITABWANA, GUIKEBENA, DIBUA and BEUKWAIA - then by good road, well cleaned, to garden village of TOIAHAI. Shortly after this A.D.O. was met by MALUKWASIA Village Constable and Councillors and with them proceeded to, and inspected villages of DOKWABU, LIHISA, SAUKEA, KASABWABU and MALUKWASIA, at which latter place is the Rest House. Usual number of village present - checked census, obtained recruits and held Court for Native Matters.

#### 16 DEC 43.

With the usual 17 carriers moved to KAMAKAMASIA Rest House. Firstly, with the MALUKWASIA Village Constable and Councillors inspected their villages, namely, SAPILOA, KAWAORIA, WALOIA, DEADEAI, BWARUBWARUA and WAUHUNAMU, then through the villages under control of the KAMAKAMASIA Village Constable i.e. WAKAISIWAI, GUIKARAWAI, TARAHA, PAURAI, GOGO, SEWATAITAI, KAUKAU-UA, SIAIAI, and MWADIA.

The Village Constable was assisted by no less than six Councillors, and as usual in such circumstances, they all knew very little of their fellow natives, and when in any doubt as to a native did not hesitate to lie - "DEAD" being their stock phrase.

Called census extract, obtained recruits etc.. Held Court for Native Matters against one Councillor for neglect to clean his portion of the village, convicted him and sentenced him to one month imprisonment, whereupon, as soon as he got to the Barracks, he promptly vomited blood!

#### 17 DEC 43.

Left KAMAKAMASIA Rest House at 8.30 a.m. and by fair road inspected villages of KAIWEISS, SEWAI, KEUKEUNAI, GOGONOKAUKAU, MAREKWABU, MAGAROA, DARAGAGAIOWANA, GADAHCA, KASAGARA, WAILAKAIHENAI, KEPOKEPOA, DEKAWAISAI, KWATUBWA, INENE and DARAMADUDU. After this we were met by the GULEGUEU Village Constable and Councillors and with them inspected DOIJUA, WAILAPARONA, LEKIKIU, BWASIDIDI, ATULAUALAU, DELINA WAWANAI, GUDIAI, LILEMIUA (which are in the ERUERUA and DOTAONA areas) and MAKATAUTAU, MASUMATUNA, MADAWAHUHUNA, KJBESA, KEBEGUDUGUDUA, TODAI-IA, MNIBITA, MANIENCA No.2, KERAKERAN, SAREWAI, PIROPIROA, TUNAGABA (which are in the GULEGUEU District) and DOAGA, GUMOA, SAUWAIMAI, YWABUJUDU, SILIDUA, TOMCOO-IOW, IAI-IKINI, (which are part of the KAROTAU area), and to the REST H. SE - an arduous three hours work.

Shaul New Poo. Says no more had to do the same and fight at the end of it. They don't complain.



Conditions within the area covered by the GULEGULEU Village Constable were not the best, and the area seemed to be far too big for one man to control, so A.D.O. appointed a new Village Constable to control ERUERUA, DOTAONA and BIAUWA areas. He seems a good man and the appointment should result in an improvement. Did some work on census extract but was unable to complete before dark.

18 DEC 43.

Completed census, obtained recruits and held Courts for Native Matters. Prepared advices etc. for D.O. and for ESA-ALA.

19 DEC 43.

Held further Courts for Native Matters and then despatched 27 recruits and 4 prisoners to ESA-ALA under the charge of Armed Const. TAU-ONI and the Village Constables for KAMAKAMASIA and BIAUWA.

Packed up and with 17 carriers moved through the remaining KAROTAU Villages of DAHAI, KWASUKWALAUAI, and PANAWEA. Around the point was greeted by Village Constable for KUMURAU and with him inspected the villages of LUATAIA, PWAPWAPWAPWAI, SINUADO, TOMADANA, KATOAI, and KWAUIA. Up and over another ridge and down to LIKOLIKOA at which place the KUMURAU Rest House now is.

Checked census extract, obtained recruits and held Court for Native Matters. The first of the many complaints from time-expired labourers were heard here.

20 DEC 43.

Leaving KUMURAU Rest House at 8 a.m. climbed up to and inspected village of GADOA, then down to and through KAKANAKUBWA and LOSINA. Up another ridge where Village Constable for KASIKASI awaited, and then with him through the MAGEDAKWADAKWA villages of DIBWADIEWANA, KEKULAUWEDI, KAROGAUWA, KWADWARAI, GABUGABUNA, PILOPILOA, BEGASIA, KEMOTAITAI, ARIMOKANA, BWASIGETURAI, MOKIMOKIA and UICIOSAI, thence over another ridge and down a long slope to the KASIKASI villages of BOSIBOSIA, TUPWATAUWAREA and SAUWAHULIHULI to the KASIKASI Rest House.

Checked census extract, obtained recruits, held Courts for Native Matters and went into various village matters.

21 DEC 43.

Left Barracks at 8 a.m. and made TUBUNAI REST HOUSE at 10.30 a.m. In the first place inspected the KASIKASI Villages of LABILABI, DIDIARA, KAIWAU, KAROTAU, NIAHAI, KWABUDUDU (slightly off the road and obviously cleaned yesterday for the first time in many years), RUBARUBWAIA, then the TUPABOBOLI Villages of KAIWESI, KWAROGIGIRI, BWASIARONA, TEWARIAI, GIGOUHUNA, GAGARUBOI, BEBEWAI, KOICEWARE, PWAPWAPWAI, DIULABARA, BWASIGOIGOI-IA. After this was met by the Village Constable for TUBUNAI and with him inspected BUOBUEO and TUPAKAILEPA on the northern side of the ridge, after which by reasonable road over the ridge (this road is the only "repaired" road I discovered on the patrol - others have merely been cleaned) to LAWADI and TUBUNAI.

Held Court for Native Matters.

Checked census extract, and obtained recruits.

After this went five minutes Eastward to where the villages of MAKAIDEBANA, DAJ-ULA and BALIBADIRAI are. There was no attempt at road cleaning and no attempt at village cleaning.

Village Constable from MATEBA arrived at dusk with mail.

22 DEC 43.

Held Court for Native Matters - old labour deserter who had again run away.

Moved through GOGOMUNAAI and the Mission place MAINUNIA, then through the MUNAHA Villages of KUTAWATAMA, TUPWABWASI, KAWAKUINA, then through the GUDUMURI villages of KANIHINA, MWADIA, TOWASULA, MAILU, POGAPOGA and KURUBWAHUNA. Was met by the Village Constable for BUNAMA on his "mark", and then with him inspected villages of



DAKWABU, TUFWASEWA, HIHANARA, NUGAGEDARI, GINIUBI, ANAMEMI, and EGEBWAI, in which last village is the BUNAMA Rest House. Was rather surprised to learn Sgt. McKee (Medical) was no longer at the Hospital at Bunama. Checked census and obtained recruits - held Court for Native Matters and went into various native and village matters.

23 DEC 43.

Visited the M.M.S. and spent most of the morning going into census, and village and mission matters. During afternoon prepared advices for ESA-ALA and the D.O. - later held more Court for Native Matters.

24 DEC 43.

At dawn sent off 31 recruits and 6 prisoners to ESA-ALA - Village Constables from BUNAMA and MATEBA acting as escorts. Packed up and moved to BARABARA Rest House. Enroute inspected the BUNAMA Villages of NEGWAGAI, IAREWAGEGEGADA, URAURABWAI, WARAPAPARINA, LAHITANA, TEWAGEWA, PILOPILOA and PICPIO, then the BWASIDAIWEA Villages of KEBEGERU, BAROUNA, BWASIDIDI, NO-ONO-OWA, MADAWEA, GAMAI-IA, EARURAMUNA, and SINEGAGAROIROI. Then with the Village Constable for BARABARA inspected BOIBOIUNA, MANISAU-UBARA, SIGOA, HARIHAREO, MWATAIEMWANA, TAGOLEWA, MAHUAHALAMUNA, ETA-IA, MWAHADIA and SAIDORAMUNA. Checked census and obtained recruits. Held Court for Native Matters. Village Constable for NUAKATA (SAMARAI DISTRICT), who was over making his new garden, reported.

25 DEC 43.

Left ~~ZENIMAXREST~~ BARABARA Rest House at 8.30 a.m. and by heavily gravelled road moved to KURADA Rest House - time taken 1½ hours. Passed through and inspected BARABARA Villages of ISULOA, ADOUNA, MENA-ARA, EGIWARA, GOGOBOILAI, GWAMUGWAMU and MWEDILI, and after meeting Village Constable for KURADA districts inspected with him BWAHIGOHIGOH, OITOWAU, SAIDOUNA, TUPWAGIDU and MAGETUA. Checked census extract, obtained recruits, held Court for Native Matters.

26 DEC 43.

Packed up and with 17 carriers moved to BWASIAIAI Rest House - a trip (including village inspections) of over 3½ hours. KURADA Villages inspected were twenty one in number, and BWASIAIAI eighteen. Armed Const. TAU-ONI arrived from ESA-ALA with advices. Checked census extract and held Court for Native Matters. Having now obtained 103 recruits did not call for any more.

27 DEC 43.

With usual number of carriers moved off at 8.30 a.m. - inspected villages of SIGERA and IAI-IAHA, then carried on past WAKAIUNA Plantation - extremely sloppy road without the extremely heavy rain encountered - and finally reached SIBONAI Rest House in 2½ hours. Had lunch at SIBONAI and changed carriers, moving on again at 2.30 p.m. to reach BINOA Rest House at 4 p.m. Village Councillors reported - Village Constable gaoled during early staged of patrol.

28 DEC 43.

Armed Constable TAU-ONI despatched to ESA-ALA with prisoners and final batch of recruits. Left BINOA at 8.30 a.m. crossed the divide and arrived at SEWATAIEAI plantation in a little over two hours, inspecting en route the new UWAMA Village of SIAPWACLO-OLO. Capt. Henderson still repairing his ship and accepted his hospitality.



29 DEC 43.

Departed from SEWATAITAI and moved to DARUBIA Rest House, taking over two hours. Straight through by the road is only 1 1/2 hours - villages LEAMWEU, IDUIIU, SAMATEAI and BWATETE being well off-route. Roads very sloppy.

Village Constable very sick with fever on arrival - became slightly mentally deranged and moved himself off to ESA-ALA as a self convicted prisoner soon after my arrival.

Paid off carriers, checked census extract and held Court for Native Matters.

30 DEC 43.

Moved off again and inspected the DARUBIA Villages of DINEKWEKWE, BWADE and its replacement LAJIANA. Then inspected the MIADERA Villages of ENIUTE, MANUNU, BWASIOIAOLA, and BAUTELOU.

Checked census extract, held Court for Native Matters.

Armed Constable arrived from ESA-ALA with very welcome mail.

31 DEC 43.

On way again at 8 a.m. and made BWASIUNUNA Rest House in 2 1/2 hours. En route inspected MIADERA Villages of MAIRANA and UBWAI. Then the

SISIANA Villages of GABAUAI, SAUWADEWASI, NIULAU, DIRUDERANA, ATUABULUMA, MONARI, GARAURESINA, and DODOBUTUNA.

Found these people very unsatisfactory in answers to whereabouts of various natives and took long time to check census extract.

1 JAN 44.

Left BWASIUNUNA at 8 a.m. and inspected another NIULAU, then WENASIA, AU-URA, OIAKOITA, WERIUNA, IALATA, KAKUMUWAI all of BWASIUNUNA, then gardening areas of DOBU, SAWAIEDI and BENOA peoples to finally arrive at ESA-ALA station at 10 a.m.

Report in detail follows.



NORMANBY Is.

As this Report is not going to be a particularly happy one, and as the writer cannot, with any degree of honesty, state that conditions generally are satisfactory, it will not be out of place to mention various factors which have undoubtedly contributed towards the present conditions.

The D'Entrecasteaux Group may very safely be termed the "Cinderella" of the old Administration - Normanby Is. just as safely, the "Cinderella" of the D'Entrecasteaux Group.

There was no Government station in the Group until the opening of Mapamoiwa Police Camp about 1925, the D.O. being one of the men first stationed here. Mapamoiwa at all times never had more than one officer and on many occasions even this officer has been absent on relieving duties elsewhere in the Territory, on one occasion, I believe, being absent for nearly two years.

Mapamoiwa was administered by the Resident Magistrate, Samarai, and when the station was left vacant, administration of the Group was carried out from Samarai.

To take the census of the D'Entrecasteaux Group when taxation was introduced about 1920, four additional Assistant Resident Magistrates were appointed to Samarai. It is understood that this work engaged them for nearly two years, at the end of which period the census was in such a mess that Mr R.A. Vivian was appointed to re-do the work, and this took him some years. He visited every village within the Group and it is quite safe to say that he is the only officer who has visited every village.

6 The officers stationed at Mapamoiwa cannot be held at fault for not visiting all villages. In the original census it was estimated that the Group contained over 40,000 natives and even then there were many villages in which a census was not taken, taxation rule being that only those villages within one mile of the coast being taxable. One officer could quite capably administer 40,000 natives were there in 20 villages, each of 2000 natives, but no officer - no matter how capable - has ever had a hope of doing a completely thorough job here, where the villages go into the thousands. The writer estimates there are between 10,000 and 12,000 natives on Normanby Is. and at times doubts, even with his experience, that without assistance he will be able to give full satisfaction.

7 Since the introduction of taxation, the collection of taxes has had first call on all patrols, and it is said that some officers have been rushed on these patrols that they did not have the time to hold Courts for Native Matters.

Capt. A.T. Timperley was living in the Group when the Japanese entered the war. In the year he was in the Group he seems to have made three foot-circuits of Normanby Is. and the present cleanliness of the roads can be said to be entirely due to him, but even with all his vitality he was unable to cope with all the work to be done.

CENSUS.

As stated above, an excellent census was made by Mr R.A. Vivian. That was in 1924. Since then the census has not been re-taken - it has merely been revised, so that one finds a man's name in one village, his wife's in another village, and some of his children in yet another village. This is the rule rather than the exception.

The census taken by Mr Vivian of all the people in the non-taxable villages seems to have become lost, and no attempt seems to have been made to keep any record of such non-taxables, so that we now find natives who have been living in taxable villages for years still not in the census and with their wives and off-spring these would number quite a few.

So few births have been entered since 1941.



A new and complete census of the whole of Normanby Is. is now a necessity. Without one no proper control can be maintained over recruiting, and the longer the retaking of the census is delayed, the harder it is going to be. In any case it is going to be no easy job, and it is the intention of the writer, after having made a patrol of the "routine" inland villages, to commence this work. All coastal village people (who also have many "inland" villages) have been warned that on the next patrol, no matter how long it takes, all villages no matter where, nor what size, will be visited -- census can be done at the same time as inspection. Naturally this can only be done section by section.

#### RECRUITING.

A summary of the figures made available through the checking of the census extract is appended hereto. The figures are very interesting.

In taking the extract no heed was taken of any markings "DEAD" or "TRANSFERRED TO----". A check back with the census has not yet been done, but the writer without that has no hesitation in saying that quite a few of the "DEAD" have been brought to life again. Thus, also, many of the group shown as "Living in other places" have actually been transferred out of the District.

A summary of recruits whose names do not appear in the census has been made, and is hereunder -

<u>District.</u>	<u>No. of villages.</u>	<u>No. of recruits.</u>	<u>AUG. 42.</u>	<u>NOV. 42.</u>	<u>MAY JUNE 43.</u>	<u>JULY AUG 43.</u>	<u>NOV. 43.</u>
BWASIGUNUNA	3	5	2	-	-	-	3
MIADERA	11	13	-	4	3	-	6
DARUBIA	2	4	-	2	-	-	2
SEWA	3	4	-	-	2	-	2
SEWATAITAI	2	3	-	3	-	-	-
SAWATUPA	11	15	1	5	4	-	5
MEUDANA	15	37	-	17	16	1	3
KEROROGEA	6	11	-	-	5	1	5
LOBODA	7	17	-	11	4	2	-
SIAUSI	6	11	-	4	4	1	2
SIGASIGA	12	26	-	8	7	1	10
LCMATAUA	6	16	-	5	11	-	-
	84	162	3	59	56	6	38

The writer respectfully draws attention to the large number of villages it was necessary to draw on to obtain the 162 recruits. Later in the report he wishes to give figures and facts in the hope of having the newly introduced two year term lifted, at least so far as concerns Normanby Is.

In most of the areas recruiting is reasonably easy - the natives are willing to take their turn - but certain areas, especially BIAHWA, GULEGULEU and GUDUMURN, need a suggestion of force to obtain recruits and on this patrol quite a number from those areas hid in the bush. Punishment is being delayed in the hope that this station in time gets a powered vessel with which unexpected visits (the only visits likely to be successful in rounding up those who run away) may be made.



VILLAGES.

Before the introduction of taxation, many - if not most - of the Normanby Is. villages were off the coast, and to some degree, inland.

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The vicious say that the natives were encouraged to come down to the coast so that they would then come within the scope of taxation, others say the movement was encouraged so that the natives would benefit in health through more sea foods being obtained, others say that the sole idea was to make patrolling easier. However much truth there may be in any of the reasons given, the fact remains that there now must be on the island between eight hundred and a thousand villages, or so-called villages. Very few of the villages would have over ten houses, very few would have as many as ten houses - the average being from three to six.

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house?*  
And even after doing this patrol in some parts of the island, the writer has little knowledge of where the people actually live. In IO-0, MAIOBARI, KEBUSUWE, and SEWABAY areas especially the coastal villages soon (with a few exceptions) can only be described as "KOI-KOI" villages - roofed structures poorly floored and without walls - places to be used at fishing times, and on the occasions when a Government patrol is in the vicinity. KORUEIA was especially bad - most of the people living in their gardens. Warning was given them that on my next patrol it was my intention to visit all places where people actually lived to see that such habitations were kept in reasonable state of cleanliness etc. - the result being that a week later, returning from Sewa Bay by whaleboat, a call was made at KORUEIA for lunch and the framework of some seven new beach houses were noticed. Thus, on my next patrol, I will be informed that all the people are now living on the beach ---- I often think these ~~xxxxx~~ people would rather lie than talk straight.

The same afternoon I arrived at IO-0. Although there are about eight houses in the village in which is the Rest House, and although I was assured it was always occupied only a week before, the only people actually living in the village were the Mission teacher and his family.

That it is really necessary to visit the villages or habitations no matter where they may be is proved by the obvious neglect at cleaning in the coastal villages, and the filthy state of several of the villages which took a chance that they would not be inspected. Some of the villages obviously had not been cleaned for many years - others had marks showing that the part facing or near the road was regularly cleaned with the parts away from the road in a pig sty condition - save for a few so heavily gravelled that little cleaning would ever be necessary, there was not one which showed signs of regular cleaning.

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On this patrol in most cases of dirty villages only warnings were given. The fault rested mainly with the village policemen who have not been doing their work, and about one third of these men were gaoled for such neglect. This, I hope, will result in a big improvement.

The patrol caused quite a lot of inconvenience and probably also caused over-crowding in houses. It has ever been the custom here (evidenced by the remarks of many officers in village constable registers) to improve villages by removing, as soon as the patrol approached, those houses which may be condemned. With the result that many villages are now badly under-housed. Incidentally this is another reason for making a new census - properly taken such a census is a check against overcrowding and hardship.

ROADS.

There has been a terrific amount of work put into the coastal roads on this island. Some natives give credit for these roads to Mr Vivian - others to Lt. Col Elliott-Smith. That the roads are so



clean now seems to be genuinely due to Capt. Timperley. Naturally the roads have been clean at other times, but Capt Timperley took over from an officer who did most of his patrols by boat - a fact the natives are not likely to miss.

Still, despite their cleanliness, the road position is steadily becoming worse. Between KASIKASI and TUBUNAI the natives had actually gone to the trouble of replacing steps on the slopes of one ridge, and near BWAKERA the road is gradually being made straight, which however, in itself is not much of an improvement. Those are the only places where it can be truthfully said that repair work is being done. In every other place the roads, despite cleaning, are deteriorating rapidly.

Much work will probably have to be done on the roads and the work is most likely to need supervision.

#### BRIDGES.

The remarks about roads applied to bridges would be in order. These also are not what they used to be. One cannot help noticing in many places that where once a stream was bridged in the European fashion i.e. two spread logs with heavy boarding held in place by dowls, as they become too unsafe for further use they are replaced by the old New Guinea bridge - two coconut tree trunks. And even these have not been replaced where necessary - many logs were broken by the Armed Constables testing to see if they would take my weight.

There are several rivers which in my opinion really need ferry-men. Those between NADINADIA and DAUWADA are fairly deep and strong flowing, and may need permanent ferrymen - but the writer was very off colour at this stage of the patrol and thus cannot be entirely accurate in his observations. A report will be made after further patrols.

#### GOVERNMENT GARDENS. *Refer to comments.*

Save in a very few cases, it needed this patrol to start a new lot of Government gardens - gardens planted with the object of supplying native labourers with a proportion of native foods.

And this cannot be held against the natives. Most of them last year had the very doubtful pleasure of watching the produce from the gardens rot. Many of the gardens were not even dug up.

And the D.O. cannot be blamed in any way - his efforts to obtain vessels to do the necessary shipping were unceasing.

However, a repetition this year must be avoided at all costs. Produce will be available in varying quantities from two months onwards.

#### VILLAGE GARDENS.

Planting of gardens was still in progress during the whole of the patrol, and fortunately so. Quite a number of natives returning from work have still time to get their gardens made and planted.

It was mentioned at each Rest House that it was quite likely this year that the Government would be wanting to purchase surplus foods to supplement their probable shortages, and it is hoped that larger areas will be planted.

#### REST HOUSES AND BARRACKS.

Rest Houses and Barracks throughout the area are mainly in good condition.

#### VILLAGE CONSTABLES.

Not one of these men has given 100% service. Six of them had so obviously made no attempt to carry out their duties that they were



gaoled.

Some of the others seem to expect that all their work should be done for them by the Village Councillors.

#### COURTS FOR NATIVE MATTERS.

Cases held were mostly for adultery. And talking of this, it was pleasing to note that we apparently have the full co-operation of the Navy in our work - to wit a letter found in the Register of the NUKATA Village Constable (seen at BARAFARA he visiting there to make a garden) -

Royal Australian Navy.

H.M.A.S. SHEPPARTON

3. 8. 43

This is to certify that Peter Petero and Elenowa Saminowa were married at the Methodist Mission Normanby Island on the 17 March 1943.

Any boy who should attempt to steal Peter's wife shall be put in jail by the Government.

(sgd) A.J. Kildeery (?)

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#### METHODIST MISSION.

The Northern part of the island is controlled from DOBU and the Mission teachers seem to be mostly on the job and doing their work to the best of their ability.

SEWATAITAI BAY area is controlled by Rev. Noah from BURUWADA. It is very unfortunate that his knowledge of English is so limited as he seems a good man and conscientious. At the moment he is a little worried about the morals of the ex-mission medical boy and nurses, and he did not seem to be very re-assured when informed that there were only mission laws against unmarried fornication. I do not think there has been much indulgence, and even if there has been, the medical people still seem to be doing good work.

Part of the East Coast and all the Southern Coast is controlled from BUNAMA. Rev. Filomine Faiteli does not seem to have the character or the training to carry on without European guidance and his Mission teachers seem to spend most of their time at BUNAMA rebuilding houses. He admits that he calls them in once every month for general discussion. I had a long conversation with him and blamed his mission teachers in part for the general neglect within his area - the talk may be good. Since then I have seen Rev. Fonna, the senior South Sea Islander, and he says that there is no occasion whatsoever for the monthly call-in - in fact, that it is a Church rule that such meetings should only take place every three months. He is writing FAITELE in DOBUAN language - again it was a case of little or no knowledge of English.

#### BOATS.

The "GUCUHIN" was of very little use. She is far too small. In any case satisfactory administration cannot be maintained without a powered vessel of some kind.

#### LABOUR AT R.D.F. CAMP.

The position here seemed quite satisfactory. 2 natives were replaced.



MORALE.*Ref. to Government.*

The writer cannot help expressing his surprise that the native morale generally is as high as it is. True, there are quite a number of time-expired labourers who came and told him

"Just now we are a little bit wild with the Government. When we went away to work we were promised that our wives would be looked after, that new houses would be built for them and our other relatives in and when it became necessary, and that the heavy work of making our new gardens would be done by those natives remaining at home.

Taubada, you did not keep your promises. Other boys played with our wives and the village policemen and councillors did not make any reports. Many of our houses are in very bad condition. A lot of us, especially those who did not leave behind male relatives, have now to work hard to get our gardens planted in time to catch the harvest."

All of which, too unfortunately, is perfectly true.

Others added —

"We were all put on a big ship and we were all put off at GIGI-PWALA. We were only given one packet of biscuits at Vivigana. GIGIPWALA people would not give us any food, KORUEIA people would not give us any food, and the only food we got before we got home was a little at BWAKERA."

Those who mentioned KORUEIA and BWAKERA were villaged on the Western Coast. Those whose villages are on the Eastward side mentioned other villages where they tried but failed to obtain food.

The latter complaints have been investigated and they are true in part. KORUEIA, as mentioned earlier in the report, live in the hills despite the houses on the beach. Conch shells were blown, and certain of the village people came to the beach and cooked food — those natives who were impatient and wanted to get home, and did not wait thus missed out.

It is very obvious that the D.O. had considerable trouble in arranging any transport at all for the return of these time-expired labourers, and while it is definitely not my place to criticize his actions, I do think that full use was not made of ESA-ALA station. W.O.11. SAVILLE was at the station and we have gardens large enough to cope with any such emergency.

In any case, in peace time, it used to be considered a very bad breach of the law, were a time completed native landed anywhere but at his village. Some of those recently time-expired had to walk over seventy miles to their villages which to me seems very unjust, and definitely not conducive to full co-operation.

Not much can be said about our failure to keep promises concerning, wives, houses and gardens. During October and November while I was at ESA-ALA preaching was constant to those responsible in the villages on the BWAIOA Peninsula and on LOBU Is, and gardens were made for all absentees. Village policemen, councillors, and probably the Mission, let us down badly in other areas.

However, despite the complaints, new recruits were obtained fairly easily, but I did not have the courage to mention that it was now ordered that all terms were of two years duration. Even in peace time the natives seemed to dodge any term longer than eighteen months, probably many of them preferring the work of "Mining and Carrying" because the term was so limited by regulation.

As pointed out in other parts of the report these people do not make large villages. In all their works they are individualistic rather

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socialistic. Each man has his own garden and families seem to keep to themselves. Thus the absence of even one native from a village must be noticed and it must result in a certain amount of hardship to members of his family - I would not like the job of saving village dislocation through the absence of large numbers of natives for two year periods.

From the census statistics accompanying this report it will be seen, whether by arrangement or by chance, natives will be recruited and time expired practically every three months. At least half (if not more) of those who have not yet been to work will go in their turn for a twelve monthly term, and this put-down and pick-up principle can be carried on indefinitely with actually only minor hardship and dislocation.

I would very respectfully suggest and request that the term of two years be reconsidered for these natives at least.

It is regretted that this could not be a happy report - the writer thinks and hopes that future reports will be much more cheerful.

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Capt.  
(D. M. Rutledge)  
Assistant District Officer.

ESA-ALA

11 JAN 44.



## SUB - DISTRICT.

TAU-ULO  
 BWASI-UNURA  
 SISIANA  
 MIADERA  
 DARUBIA  
 SEWATAITAI  
 MATERA  
 SAWATUPA  
 KEROROGEA  
 WEIOKO  
 SIPUPU  
 SIGASIGA  
 DAUWADA  
 KAU-ULA  
 LOBODA  
 MAI-IAUA  
 SOE-SOIA  
 KWANAU-ULA  
 'ISA  
 MALUKWASIA  
 SOBURATA  
 SOMADINA  
 BIAUWA  
 BRUERUA  
 DOTACNA  
 GULEGULEU  
 KAROTAU  
 KUMARAU  
 MAGEDAKWADAKWA  
 KASIKASI  
 TUPABOBOLI  
 TUBUNAI

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Males 15 to 45 per Census 1938.	Dead since 1938.	H.P.C. and other Govt. positions	Village Constables and Councillors	Permanently UNFIT.	Too OLD - 1943	Four or more children	Too young at DEC 1943.	Living other places.	Walkabout - DEC 1943.	At Missions and Hospitals	Temporarily unfit in villages	Entered C/E. AUGUST 1942	Entered C/E. NOVEMBER 1942	Entered C/E. MAY-JUNE 1943	Entered C/E JULY-AUGUST 1943	Entered C/E NOVEMBER 1943	Recruited DECEMBER 1943	FIT in village not yet C/E	Not known.
60	6	-	1	1	-	2	-	7	-	4	-	7	10	11	-	1	-	10	-
10	3	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	-
32	5	-	-	4	3	1	1	2	-	-	-	2	3	3	-	1	5	7	-
21	4	-	1	3	1	2	-	4	-	3	1	4	5	-	-	1	9	1	-
49	4	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	2	-	-	6	8	2	-
14	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	6	1	-
61	13	-	2	5	4	-	2	1	-	-	2	4	4	8	-	3	11	-	-
53	12	-	3	3	3	-	1	-	-	-	1	7	3	8	1	2	8	-	-
114	23	-	3	5	5	1	1	5	-	1	3	8	12	13	4	5	18	2	-
38	4	-	1	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	1	1	7	4	1	3	6	1	-
93	16	-	1	2	3	-	6	3	-	8	3	-	16	6	1	8	20	-	-
54	8	-	1	-	2	-	2	6	-	1	1	-	6	3	4	4	13	-	-
25	10	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	3	-	-	-	-	-
42	8	-	-	1	1	-	2	1	-	1	2	-	7	6	2	-	8	2	-
44	-	-	1	2	3	-	2	3	-	2	-	-	15	1	1	4	9	-	-
23	2	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	4	1	-	3	7	-	-
20	1	-	1	2	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	1	4	-	-
54	6	-	-	1	7	-	3	2	-	2	2	-	15	-	-	2	11	-	-
29	5	-	1	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	7	-	3	4	2	-	-
27	3	-	1	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	3	-	4	1	9	-	-
26	3	-	-	1	1	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	-	3	1	-
74	9	-	4	1	5	-	3	12	1	1	-	-	11	-	3	6	14	-	-
90	11	-	-	2	4	-	3	11	9	4	1	-	8	-	12	3	19	-	-
36	4	-	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	1	-	3	-	5	5	6	-	-
20	3	-	1	1	3	-	3	1	-	-	1	-	3	1	-	1	2	-	-
116	16	2	1	-	12	-	7	10	2	3	1	-	18	2	9	-	29	-	-
78	9	-	1	2	9	3	2	5	1	2	2	-	11	-	6	-	31	-	-
39	3	-	1	2	9	-	1	1	1	-	3	-	5	5	-	3	5	-	-
60	8	-	1	1	4	-	1	4	-	3	2	-	7	11	-	7	11	-	-
47	3	-	-	-	9	1	-	2	1	4	-	-	3	11	-	3	10	-	-
36	8	-	2	1	3	2	-	2	-	1	-	-	6	4	-	3	6	-	-
36	5	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	1	4	2	-	2	8	1	3	3	-	-
1521	218	3	35	48	103	14	47	98	17	48	34	41	216	110	59	41	84	298	7



## SUB - DISTRICT.

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MUNAH  
GUDUMURI  
BHASIMAURO  
BUNAMA  
BHASIDALEWA  
BARABARA  
GWAMU GWAMU  
NAMA  
KURADA  
SIBOMAI  
DIDIU  
SEWA  
MIALILIU  
KEBUSWE  
SIBODAGA  
MATOBARI  
SAVASAWA  
BWAHERA  
ZORUEIA  
WABU  
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Males 15 to 45 per Census 1938	Dead since 1938.	R.P.C. and other Govt. positions	Village Constables and Counsellors.	Permanently UNEMP.	Too old - 1943	Four or more children.	Too young at Dec 1943.	Living other places.	Walkabout Dec - 1943.	At Hospitals and Missions	Temporarily unfit in villages	Entered C/E AUGUST 1942	Entered C/E NOVEMBER 1942	Entered C/E MAY-JUNE 1943	Entered C/E JULY-AUGUST 1943	Entered C/E NOVEMBER 1943	Recruited DECEMBER 1943	Fit in village not yet under C/E	Not known.
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REPORT ON ARMED CONSTABULARY.

To accompany

PATROL REPORT ESA-ALA No.1/43/44.

No.1646 Const. LAUA ONGOPAI:

Const. is very neat and snappy in his drill. He is the only Const. I have had 'n eight years' service who can be trusted to compactly pack patrol equipment in more or less the same manner every day.

Unfortunately he has a vile temper of which he has little control. This temper renders him very unsatisfactory in warder duties, and since the completion of the patrol he has been transferred back to Goodenough Is.

No.1870 Const. DAI-I:

An extremely dull BAMU River native. Dirty in his habits and "loud" at his work.

He has since been transferred back to Goodenough Is. - it being discovered that unorthodox drill procedure probably started as a joke has become a habit.

Another spell at HQ may possibly make a good constable of him.

No.2338 Const. TAU-ONI-SIRIKA:

Very clean in his habits and of good appearance. Drill quite good.

Unfortunately no brains. However he can be trusted with escort and other such duties, and is well worth persevering with.

No. 2390 Const. IASOWAKI:

Locally trained - drill fair to good. Conduct good and manner good.

Also lacking in elementary intelligence and has a bad habit of saying "Yes, sir" without understanding in any way at all what he has been told.

However he is excellent at warder duties and is a good warder.

Taken on patrol to look after whaleboat - it was then discovered that he is a genuine "bush" boy.

Dup. passed to

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Capt.  
(D. M. Rutledge)  
Assistant District Officer.

ESA-ALA.

11 JAN 44.



MEMO ON MEDICAL MATTERS.

To accompany

Patrol Report No.ESA-AIA 1/43-44.

Health Capt. D.F.M. Rutledge:

Off-colour feeling started on 5 DEC 43 with a general feeling of ill-health. This was put down to malaria and quinine was taken as well as aspro. A good healthy perspiration was induced with no good result.

General low fever feeling on 6 DEC 43 working up to a very sick feeling at night with bad chest cough, which was dry.

General off colour feeling persisted on 7 DEC 43 - temperature more or less steady at 101 - pulse about 100 - very sore upper chest and throat.

Still generally sick on 8 DEC 43 and diary mentions particularly sore chest and throat. No relief from lying down - rather the upper chest seemed to push down on the Adam's apple area and cause much discomfort. Kept on working and moving from Rest House to Rest House but did not have a bath for ten days.

Walking seemed to bring on a tightening of the area around the Adam's apple, short quick breaths giving minor relief. The exercise too seemed to bring on mild neuralgia in the lower jaw, and positive aching in both outer ears.

Dr Sippie (Brisbane clinic) had informed me in September 1943 there seemed to be chronic laryngitis, probably caused through heavy smoking and drinking. At this stage starting taking a lot of Tinc. Camph. Co. and thinking it may be good for chest, some sulphranilimide. One bottle Buckley's Canadiol had already been taken.

Condition seemed to get worse up to 12 DEC 43, on which date I saw the R.A.P. at R.A.A.F. Camp and obtained a "gargle and swallow", as well as aspro for night taking.

On about the tenth there was very mild constipation - one dose of Enos brought on mild diarrhoea. One night heavy coughing (chesty) produced about half a dozen "gobs" of yellow phlegm - at all other times the phlegm was a white frothy substance.

And also, probably a symptom, for the first three days there was that "ball of wind" feeling in the chest.

R.A.P. questioned about tonsils - was informed that there has never been slightest trouble from them. He said throat very inflamed and temperature not likely to go down until inflammation cleared up. He made a suggestion that it may be the start of asthma.

Condition gradually eased and eased - however walking on gravel, every step seemed to jar where it is imagined the inner ear is - right in the centre of the head between the ears. The cough and pain in chest and throat died away to nothing to be replaced for a few days with a cough which seemed to drive all the blood to the head. This too eased in time. Was practically normal again about 24 DEC 43.

I would be greatly obliged for an opinion please, if same can be given on above description.

HOSPITAL AT BURUWADA (Cape Pearson).

Some six rough unfloored houses have been built near the Mission station and the nurse seems to be doing good work. Occasionally the male native MANOA crossed from BUNAMA and gives assistance.



HOSPITAL AT LUNAMA:

*Excluded to H. 100*

Hospital seemed very clean and the patients well cared for. I had hoped to see Sgt. McKee at Bunama but he had returned to Samarai. Village Policemen and Councillors had not given him full assistance and he found most of the villages in a very dirty state. These matters are being remedied.

FOOD.

I do not know exactly how the hospitals are rationed but on the patrol I noticed several people with ulcers who had been discharged from hospital because their own food supplies had run out. At times the produce from Government gardens is available to feed hospital patients but something more than that seems to me to be necessary.

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*own attached*

Capt.  
(D. M. Rutledge )  
Assistant District Officer.

ESA-ADA

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11 JAN 44.

ADMS



VILLAGE CONSTABLE'S RECORD OF SERVICE.

Station: BSA-11A NORMANBY Is.

District: DOME.

I recommend the appointment of

No. 29 Normanby Is.

Name: BAGINAIRO/GAFIA

Wife: SINECHIO

Villages:

District: ERUEHUA, DOTACHA and BIAUWA.

Pay: 21 p.a.

Reason for appointment: Previously the three districts came under the control of GULEGULEU Village Constable - area much too large for efficient control.

Qualifications: Appointee was a Councillor - seems a good man.

Date of Appointment: 1 JAN 44.

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
A.D.C. - BSA-11A.

ADDS,  
ANGAU.

Above approved.

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
District Officer.  
18/1/44.



VILLAGE CONSTABLE'S RECORD OF SERVICE.

Station: ESA-AIA NORMANBY Is.

District: DOBU.

I recommend the appointment of

No. 8 Normanby Is.

Name: DADAI-IOLA/TAUWOWO

Wife:

Village: NICOLA

District: MATEBA

Pay: £1 p.a.

Reason for appointment: Death of previous village Constable WENOGU  
on or about 31 DEC 1942.

Qualifications of new appointment: Was a Councillor - seems a  
likely man.

Date of appointment: 1 DEC 1943.

*our interest*  
A.D.O. - ESA-AIA. Capt.

ADDS,  
ANGAU.

Above appointment approved.

*K. W. R. H.*  
Capt.

District Officer.

18/1/44. *106*



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District Office, ANGAU,  
Goodenough Island,  
18th January, 1944.

DS 302  
AIM H. ANGAU,  
Port Moresby.

Patrol Report No. I -44 - Normanby Island.

1. The a/m is forwarded herewith. Capt. Rutledge ADO, appears to have conducted a thorough patrol of the coastal districts on Normanby Island. The figures concerning recruiting are interesting. The work accomplished during the patrol is commendable.
2. Ref. para under Diary "4th Dec. 43." Enquiries will be made to ascertain the reasons for the delay of an appointment of a Village Constable at Mateba in the Sewaitaitai Bay area.
3. In his remarks under the heading "Normanby Island" the ADO is furnishing no information than that already known. Under the franchise administration one officer was called upon to administer not only Goodenough, Fergusson and Normanby Islands but also the Amphlett Island Group as well --- and the results can be readily visualised. Up until April-May, 1943 this area was considerably understaffed. I have been stationed within this area on several occasions and know full well the difficulties encountered by patrol officers.
4. Ref. page 9 - CENSUS: It must be admitted that a new, complete census of the D'Entrecasteaux Islands is necessary. On Normanby Island alone there are probably two thousand non-taxable natives and of whom no census exists. In 1941 Capt. Timperley compiled a rough census of the villages some of which had not been visited since 1926. But the ADO in his covering letter to the then RM of the District emphasised that the names on his census sheets excluded all those natives who were absent from their villages or away under indenture in other parts of the country. The original census of these non-taxable villages have been lost some considerable time ago. Some of these inland villages have not been visited since 1941 but arrangements are being made for an immediate patrol to be effected. A visit to "all villages no matter where, nor what size" will entail months of continual patrolling and a new complete census of Normanby Island could not be accomplished to satisfaction in less than four-five months of continuous work.

Was info. previously  
available at HQ?

COOCHILL  
H.Q.  
Dec 7/43



5. It has always been maintained that the majority of the population on Normanby Island are hill people and that some twenty years ago efforts were made to bring the hill people down onto the coast ---- the real reasons are obscure. There are no 'villages' in the real sense of the word. For the most part the people are domiciled in scattered family groups and regularly visit their former domicile in the hill country. In many cases the aged people are still housed on what is thought to be abandoned village sites. This is particularly evident in the Koruwa-Ic-o areas. The task of re-forming and rebuilding villages and compiling a satisfactory census of such will not be accomplished by any single person and in ordering the rebuilding of village houses it will not be sufficient to merely give the order without seeing that such is obeyed in full. Thus a continual patrol afoot of the areas so affected by an order would have to be maintained. I see no reason whatsoever why any new villages should be on the coast away from the area in which the people desire to live. If, as the ADO says, the so-called 'kokkai' villages are only occupied on occasions then the new villages will have to be built in the inland areas where the people now spend most of their time.

Regular patrolling afoot will tend to an improvement in villages but little can be achieved towards the building of new houses until such time as a high percentage of able bodied men have been returned to their villages.

6. Ref. Roads Page II. The coastal road of Normanby Island is, as the ADO suggests, due to those untiring efforts of Mr Vivian. Since the establishment of the Police Camp at Mapamoiva many years ago the lack of continuity of policy was conspicuous. Changes of officers were frequent and the probable lack of thorough and regular patrolling afoot governed the condition of roads throughout the island.

In the last para under the heading "Roads" the ADO emphasises the possibility of supervision in order to effect an improvement. Thus a vigorous and continuous patrolling programme afoot will undoubtedly have some effect.

7. Ref. Government Gardens Page II. It is most unfortunate that the produce of some gardens should not be harvested. Too much emphasis cannot be stressed upon my unceasing efforts to obtain suitable and adequate vessels posted to this District.



8. Ref. "Morale" --- Page 14. The ADO's comments at the commencement of this heading are pleasing and encouraging.

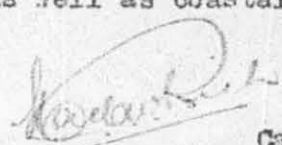
The time expired labourers who were returned to Normanby Island and landed at Gigipwala were issued with adequate rations for the return journey to their villages. These natives however jettisoned the rice and wheatmeal rationed to them and which was returned to the District Office. Thus the time expired labourers' accusation concerning the non-issue of rations is unfounded and the complaints made to the ADO were without substance.

The time expired labourers were returned to Normanby Island by a vessel of considerable size. Lack of unloading facilities compelled the putting down of the natives at either Gigipwala or Pessapa at the northern extremity of Normanby Island. Gigipwala was the more favourable point. The transport difficulties to and from Goodenough Island are something with which the ADO is not, as yet, fully acquainted.

Paragraphs 2 and 3 suggest complaints which are inevitable but everything possible is being done to protect the indentured labourers' interests.

My views on the recent decision to increase the indenture period to two years have been dealt with in other correspondence.

9. It is intended that Capt Rutledge will be stationed at Goodenough Island during my contemplated visit to Port Moresby during early February. Under the heading MEMO on Medical Matters the ADO requests an opinion. Medical attention can be sought by Capt. Rutledge immediately upon his arrival at these headquarters.
10. With the recent arrival of WO Churton, Patrol Officer to this District and the expected evacuation of Woodlark Island by the military authorities it is hoped that the necessary staff will be made available at Esa-ala to commence with continuous and vigorous patrolling of all inland as well as coastal areas.

  
MCW Rich, DO., Trobs. Dis.,

Capt.



DS 30/6/24

HQ ANGAU,  
15 Feb 44.

DO GOODENUGH.

Patrol Report Esa-ala No. 1/43-44, Capt DFM Rutledge

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the abovementioned Patrol Report forwarded under cover of your memo 30/3 of 18 Jan 44.

2. Generally the report is informative. The faults and difficulties of the past are appreciated. However, we are now concerned with the present and the future - your visit to the Conference at HQ has fully informed you in this respect.

3. Capt Rutledge's state of health is reflected in his report. Separate memo has been addressed you in this connection.

Lt-Col. ADDS.



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REPORT of Patrol by WOII. A.M. Churton, Patrol Officer.

to the Coastal Villages between MATEBA and DAWADA and Inland to MEUDANA, SIAUSI, SIGASIGA and IOMATAUA, Hornsby Island.

Date left Station, 27 Feb. 44. Date returned, 10 Mar. 44. (12 days)

- Purposes of Patrol:-
- (a) To recruit sixty Labourers.
  - (b) Courts for Native Matters.
  - (c) General Routine Inspection.
  - (d) Read the G.O.C's. Letter to the VOs and Councillors in the area patrolled.
  - (e) Payment of Wages to various VOs.
  - (f) Payment to n/k of deceased labourers, of Wages held in W.H.L. & D.N. A/c.

Last Patrol to Area made by:-

- (a) District Services Field Staff on Dec. 43. (part)
- (b) Medical Assistant during Jan. 44. (part)

Patrol accompanied by:-

- (a) European personnel- nil.
- (b) R.E.C.- two.
- (c) Native carriers- sixteen, daily change.

MAP. Map showing the locations of Rest Houses, and the route traversed is submitted herewith. For the return journey of the patrol (i.e. that from MATEBA to ESA'ALA) refer to map submitted with Patrol Report No. ESA'ALA 1/43-44.

#### DIARY.

Sun. 27-2-44. The Patrol left ESA'ALA at 0730 hrs. and proceeded by the 'GUDARA' to MATEBA arriving there at 1300hrs. According to instructions to ESA'ALA. Three labourers were recruited from MATEBA. Payment of the sum of One shilling and eight pence was made to the VO of MATEBA, this amount was wages due to 31-12-43.

Mon. 28-2-44. Weather cloudy with heavy showers of rain during the afternoon. 7.0a. and Councillors of MATEBA, SAWATUPUA, and KE OROGEA were congregated together and with due ceremony the G.O.C's. Letter was read and interpreted to them. At 1000 hrs. the patrol left MATEBA to proceed to SAWATUPUA. The road was found in good condition and the patrol reached SAWATUPUA at 1100 hrs. The village people were all gathered at the Bayvaka awaiting my arrival. Four recruits came forward including one councillor who wished to resign as Councillor and enter into O/S. Payment was made to the VO of Wages due to him. Also payment was made to the Son of Kin of O/S 297. MISO/WAPENU of MATEBA, dec'd.

During the afternoon a general inspection was made of SAWATUPUA and OUI groups of villages. OUI is a very small group of villages controlled by the VO of SAWATUPUA. OUI is located after about one hour walking South from SAWATUPUA. The road continues on to the South and meets the coast near



BUNAMA. The portion of this road which was travelled over by the Patrol was found in good order and travels over flat country.

After inspecting GUL the Patrol returned to SAWATUPHA for the night.

Tue. 29-2-44. The Patrol left SAWATUPHA at 0900 hrs. After despatching the VC to LSA'ALA with the recruits from MATEBA and SAWATUPHA. The Patrol arrived at KEROROGEA at 1000 hrs. The VC was paid wages due. Eight labourers were recruited and at 1300 hrs. One RFC and carriers were sent on to WEIOKO whilst the VC made an inspection of the SAWATUPHA and MOIANGIA groups of villages and later proceeded on to WEIOKO arriving there at 1830hrs. The MOIANGIA group of villages is located after one hour's steep climbing from KEROROGEA in a southerly direction. All roads travelled this day were found in good repair.

Wed. 1-3-44. The VCs and Councillors of WEIOKO, MEUDANA, LOMATAUA, DAWADA, SIAUSI and SIGASIGA were all gathered together and the G.O.C's. letter was read and interpreted to them.

At 1000 hrs. the Patrol left WEIOKO to proceed to MEUDANA (Inland) arriving there at 1230 hrs. Eighteen labourers were recruited and during the afternoon all the villages of this district were inspected. All roads were found in good order. The weather which was cloudy in the morning turned very wet through the afternoon.

Thu. 2-3-44. After despatching the VC to ESA'ALA with recruits, The Patrol left MEUDANA at 0830 hrs. and to SIRUPU (coastal village) arriving there at 1130 hrs. The road from MEUDANA to SIRUPU is in very good condition.

During the afternoon recruits were selected and general routine work was done. Also held C.N.M.

Fri. 3-3-44. Weather very wet. Patrol left WEIOKO at 0900 hrs. and proceeded coastwise to DAWADA arriving there at 1030 hrs. Recruited six labourers and during the afternoon made an inspection of the local villages.

Sat. 4-3-44. The patrol left DAWADA at 0900 hrs. and proceeded through DAWADA Plantation and thence South to SIAUSI. The Patrol arrived at SIAUSI at 1030 hrs. and 14 recruits were selected. During the afternoon general routine work was done.

Sun. 5-3-44. A complete inspection was made of all the villages in the SIAUSI area. All the roads were found in good order and villages clean and well kept.

On visiting WEGARA Village I found a native of that village very ill with Pneumonia. As I had no drugs with me I sent a message to the RAAF Camp at SOISOLA asking for some.

Mon. 6-3-44. The Patrol left SIAUSI at 0700 hrs. and returned to DAWADA. The recruits from SIAUSI and DAWADA were sent to ESA'ALA. RFC AISI who was found to be suffering from a poison toe was also returned to ESA'ALA. At 0945 the Patrol left DAWADA and started inland to SIGASIGA arriving there at 1145 hrs. The road from DAWADA to SIGASIGA travels up a spur and is a long climb although not too steep. The road was in good condition. Twelve recruits came forward at SIGASIGA. During the afternoon an inspection was made of the villages in this group.

Tue. 7-3-44. The Patrol left SIGASIGA at 0600 hrs. and proceeded to HADABOEA arriving there at 0700 hrs. Four recruits were taken from HADABOEA and an inspection made of the local villages. At 1000 hrs. the Patrol moved on to LOMATAUA arriving there at 1200 hrs. After leaving HADABOEA the track descends about 2000 ft. to the KUAIHAPAI River then ascends about the same height to LOMATAUA. This road is very steep on both sides of the river.

During the afternoon, sixteen recruits were selected and an inspection made of the local villages.

At about 1900 hrs. I noticed that the Rest House was swarming with large black ants. Which were starting to get into my Patrol equipment. The Mission teacher told me that there was a new un-occupied house up at the Mission if I wished to shift up there for the night. There are no ants up at the mission, but the site of the present Rest house is swarming with them.

I slept at the Mission for the night, and later gave instructions to the to have a new Rest House built near the Mission, where there are no ants.

Wed. 8-3-44. Weather fine. The Patrol having been completed at



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LOMATUA, The Patrol left there at 0600 hrs. to return to ESA'ALA. The route taken was to MADINADIA and thence coast-wise to MATEBA where the Patrol arrived at 1800 hrs. and slept for the night.  
Held Q.N.M. at MATEBA.

Thu. 9-3-44. The Patrol left MATEBA at 0600 hrs. and proceeded to SAWATAITAI arriving there at 0930 hrs. The MATEBA portion of the road to SAWATAITAI was found in very bad condition through lack of maintenance. The VC of MATEBA was subsequently goaled for neglecting to do his duty.

After a short spell at SAWATAITAI the Patrol went on to MIADEBA where it arrived at 1800 hrs. The MIADEBA portion of this road was also found in very bad condition through lack of maintenance and the VC of MIADEBA was also goaled for neglecting his duty.

Fri. 10-3-44. Held C.N.M. at MIADEBA and at 1030 hrs. the Patrol left MIADEBA and arrived at ESA'ALA at 1500 hrs.

#### REPORT IN DETAIL.

##### VILLAGES.

All villages which were patrolled were found clean and tidy. But there is room for improvement in the 'layout' and the designs of the houses in all of these villages. Even the system of naming the villages is very confusing, for instance a village containing about fourteen houses may have about five or six different names as it will be divided into small groups and named accordingly.

The population in the area patrolled seem reluctant to build anything which could really be called a house. In fact some of these houses look like dog kennels built up off the ground. The occupants of houses such as this were ordered to build new houses and destroy the old ones.

##### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The coastal roads from MATEBA to DAWADA are all in good condition. A few bridges need repairs but the amount of work needed here is not great.

The mountain roads are all very steep, but were found in good repair. Steps have been placed into the hillsides in some of the steepest places. However I did not encourage this as I think that natives often make roads worse, by placing steps in them, than they were originally.

##### REST HOUSES AND BARRACKS.

Rest houses and Barracks throughout the area are in good repair. However in some cases the kitchens were found to be very low structures. In cases such as this the VC was told to have a new one built.

##### VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Most of the Village Officials in the area visited seem to be carrying out their duties well. However two VCs were goaled for failing to do their duty.

The VC of DAWADA appears to me to have too large an area to control efficiently. His area now extends over DAWADA, SIAUSI and SIGASIGA. Although the population here is not too much for one man to control, the area is, in my opinion, too scattered. SIGASIGA itself is very scattered and a job for one man.

HADABOEA is at present controlled by the VC of LOMATAUA although it is a good two hours walk away. Whilst from SIGASIGA to HADABOEA is an easy walk of one hour. I would suggest therefore that the following VCs be appointed.



VILLAGE OFFICIALS (cont.)

1. Cllr. BARAGIA of SIAUSI to control SIAUSI.
2. Cllr. IARIKENI of SIGASIGA to control SIGASIGA and HADABO'A.

COURTS FOR NATIVE MATTERS.

Courts for Native Matters were not many, they consisted of five cases of Adultery and two VCs for failure to carry out their duties.

RECRUITS.

One hundred and two recruits were obtained. A few of these were later rejected by the ADO. Most of the recruits came forward readily, although in some cases it was necessary to detain them. Whilst the Patrol was at SIAUSI, three LOBOD2 natives came up to SIAUSI and asked to be signed on.

G.O.C's. LETTER TO V.Cs. AND COUNCILLORS.

The G.O.C's. letter to the VCs and Councillors of Rapua, was read and interpreted to all VCs and Councillors of the villages patrolled. Separate list attached.

VCs TO WHOM PAYMENT OF WAGES WAS MADE.

Payment was made to each of the under mentioned VCs.

1. VC DADAI-IOLA	MATEBA	Wages to 31-12-43.	£--1.8.
2. VC GUIBENI	SAWATUPWA	" " "	1.--
3. VC LABAKEDI	KEROROGEA	" " "	1.--
4. VC IGEGELELE	MEUDANA	" " "	1.--
5. VC GUIOWANI	WEIOKO	" " "	1.--
6. VC SAREHO	LOMATAUA	" " "	1.--
7. VC TAREPEKO	DAWADA	" " "	1.--

PAYMENTS MADE UNDER W.H.L. & D.H. A/c.

Payment due to the undermentioned deceased labourers was made to the Next of Kin in each case.

1. C/E. 297	ANISI/WAPEKU	MATEBA decd.	£ 1.9.-
	paid to n/k GALEO (wife)		
2. C/E. 537	BUBUKALADI/LAWOLAND	SIPUPU decd.	1.12.-
	paid to n/k SENIERA (wife)		
3. C/E. 3767.	DEBODEBO/COMAKILIMOA	DAWADA decd.	1.16.8
	paid to n/k NEGALLOA (mother)		
4. C/E. 2871.	HEAULO/DOMALIESI	SAWATUPWA decd.	2.16.-
	paid to n/k KERIEBU (father)		

SPECIAL INFORMATION ASKED FOR REGARDING INLAND ROADS AND VILLAGES.ROADS.

The first journey taken by this patrol was to GUI. GUI is about one hours walk from SAWATUPWA. The road continues South and meets the coast somewhere near BUNAMA, and is level walking as far as GUI.

The patrol went inland again from KEROROGEA to KOIAKOIA. The road as far as KOIAKOIA is very steep, this road continues on to MEUDANA but there



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is a lot of unnecessary ascending and descending along this road.

The track from WEIOKO to MEUDANA is an all upward walk, of about 2 hrs. Then from MEUDANA a track descends to SIPUPU.

The Patrol went inland again from DAWADA to SIAUSI, this is a very steep climb. From SIAUSI a track leads to LOBODA and another to KWANA-AULA. There is no track from SIAUSI to SIGASIGA.

The patrol returned to DAWADA and then went inland to SIGASIGA. Two hours walk. It is a very long climb to SIGASIGA although the road is not very steep. This road then goes on to HADABOEA there is little rise or fall along this portion of the road, and HADABOEA may be reached after one hour's walking from SIGASIGA.

HADABOEA to LOMATAUA. This is a very tiring trip. The road descends about three thousand feet to the KUAIHAI River and then rises the same height before reaching LOMATAUA. The journey is about two hours walking. There is a track from LOMATAUA to MEUDANA but it is not very good. Quite a good road goes from LOMATAUA to NADINADIA (near DAWADA), this road was taken by the patrol.

#### VILLAGES (Inland)

GUI. Controlled by the VC SAWATUPWA, and consists of the u/m villoges.

1. TO-U	5 houses
2. EMASIMASI	5 "
3. GUI	1 "
4. LABIASIAHU	1 "
5. GAMARERANU	3 "

KOIAKOIA. Controlled by the VC KEROROGEA.

1. SAUSAUGORA	4 houses
2. GELEMANI	2 "
3. TOPOLOPOLO	4 "
4. ELA-BWAI'IA	5 "
5. ECEGILA	4 "
6. ORARUBA	1 "
7. DOBESABARA	3 "
8. LOTAOA	3 "

#### MEUDANA.

1. KOKOMO	2 houses
2. HADABOEA	2 "
3. ASAYOWAIA	3 "
4. SASEBARANUMA	3 "
5. LUHAI	9 "
6. MATUARA	5 "
7. MAILOLOA	3 "
8. BAUEMAGUHA	4 "
9. LIANANI	1 "
10. DIEURAMUNA	1 "
11. MAIURA	7 "
12. E-KUWAI	6 "
13. TOMADAVA	7 "
14. KANOISO	6 "



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VILLAGES (Inland) cont.

SIAUSI. Controlled by the VC of DAWADA.

1.	KAITEKERU	14	houses
2.	BIBIRAKU	5	"
3.	KAIROA	3	"
4.	KASAROKITA (No.1)	6	"
5.	SUSUBWASIA	3	"
6.	BUDOA	3	"
7.	LIAGAIO	3	"
8.	KASAROKITA (No.2)	8	"
9.	YAHAI	5	"
10.	PANAWAI	9	"
11.	NAKAIMIA	2	"
12.	WAILAKERI	1	"
13.	WADIWALA	2	"
14.	GWABUGWABUNA	5	"
15.	GADUWANA	1	"
16.	WAREKURAGA	2	"
17.	KAIKOBE	3	"
18.	SUMALAU	1	"
19.	TANUWESIWESI	2	"
20.	MANABEA	5	"
21.	KEARUA	3	"
22.	NABIBINA	6	"
23.	WEGARA	5	"
24.	GAGATOWANI	9	"
25.	IADORO	7	"
26.	GILIA	4	"

SIGASIGA. Controlled by the VC DAWADA.

1.	KASIKWABUA	3	houses
2.	GWABUNA	1	"
3.	HEGEMUHUNAI	2	"
4.	KWAREHIA	3	"
5.	SINAKUBWAI	5	"
6.	LEBUDGA	3	"
7.	KALDALILIKWAI	1	"
8.	HAKOA	2	"
9.	DIOGAI	6	"
10.	MOKINDKIA	1	"
11.	TUTULEKWAI	2	"
12.	BUDOA	5	"
13.	SAWABUDOA	4	"
14.	BWAUDORU	3	"
15.	TOROWAIRA	1	"
16.	WAKOHUHUNAI	1	"
17.	DAHENAI	2	"
18.	DEKWAKWAI	8	"
19.	KWAMINI	5	"
20.	KADAMSAI	2	"
21.	MEDOIMEDO I	4	"
22.	UDADAREA	1	"

HADABONA. Controlled by the VC LOMATAUA.

1.	HADABONA	1	House
2.	TAUWELAWAI	3	houses
3.	NOKASA-KASANA	1	"
4.	LIAMANI	3	"
5.	DOGIGILA	4	"
6.	PAGASISI	2	"
7.	GADAGADOA	5	"



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DOMATAUA.

1.	IOWANA	14	houses
2.	SIRIANA	7	"
3.	KEKERUAIA	4	"
4.	SARASARAI	3	"
5.	GEWALELOA	2	"
6.	DIDIBAGA	3	"
7.	IATOHUNU	5	"
8.	MOKASI-KENOWEANA	3	"
9.	GADOBEE	2	"
10.	KWABUDUDU	3	"
11.	MORANDRASIA	4	"
12.	SIBISIRI	3	"
13.	MANUNURA	3	"
14.	MORAI	3	"
15.	HANUAIESA	3	"
16.	MANAHA	14	"

MEDICAL.

There is a native nurse at BUARWADA she appears to be carrying out her duties well. The present hospital at BUARWADA consisted of several small floor-less huts on the sand beach. These are not satisfactory. On a visit to BUARWADA about four weeks ago my attention was drawn to these huts and I was told by an E.M.A. that the huts had been condemned as a hospital. I therefore told the local natives to start a new one and gave them an idea of what was wanted. On this visit I found the Hospital almost completed. When completed this should be a fine hospital. A floor-plan is attached to this report.

Sickness was not prevalent in the area patrolled. Although a number of Ulcers and Yaws were seen in the villages. These cases were told to report to hospital for treatment.

When I arrived at WEGARA (SIAUSI) I found a native very ill from Pneumonia, as I had no drugs with me I sent a message to the RAAF Camp at SOISOIA asking for some. This was received and administered to the patient. No results were seen when the patrol left the village.

R.P.C.

2390 RPC LASOWAKI Not a brilliant lad but discharged his duties satisfactorily.

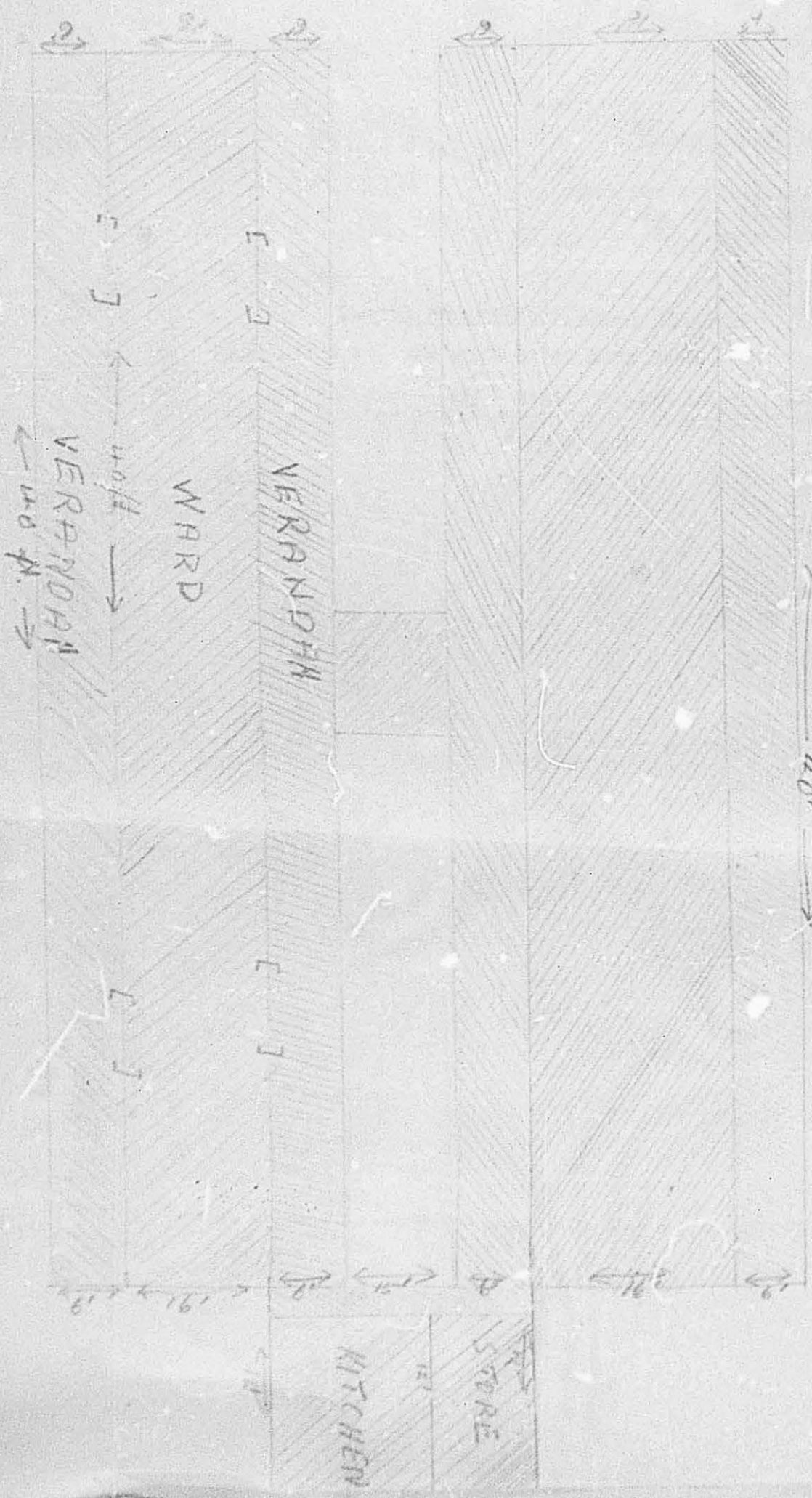
2707 RPC AISI A willing lad and discharged his duties well. Unfortunately it was necessary to return him to the station half way through the patrol as he was suffering from an infected toe.

*A. Murray Churton*  
 ..... W.O.1.  
 (A. Murray Churton) Patrol Officer.



# PLAN OF BURRAWHDA HOSPITAL

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District Office, ANGAU,  
Goodenough Island,  
23rd March, 1944.

The ADO, Esa-ala.

Patrol Report No. 2/43 -- Esa-ala.

1. Ref par 3 of your memo dated 18th March.
2. My patrol report - No. 8 40/41 I think it was, gave detailed descriptions of the roads throughout the inland areas of Normanby Island.

MEUDANA lies east by south from WEIOKO and at a height of 1525' above sea level. The track to Meudana leaves the coast near the Mission Station of Madalabuna and crosses the garden lands of Kwiskwis to the foot of the spur which is generally called BAUWINAMDA. The climb along the spur takes you through the hamlets of Moana and Atesebara both 550' above sea level, to the top of the Meudana Range at a point 1100' in height. From this saddle a wide road runs along the top of the range to the Meudana hamlets and where a small rest house has been erected.

From Meudana and from the hamlet of Bruia a well-used track descends in a SW x W direction to cross IBUA Creek at 325' above sea level. The actual descent from Bruia is 1500'. The Ibus flows through the valley formed by the Meudana and Iaiberuri Ranges. It is on the Iaiberuri slopes that the Gezewa people have established some small hamlets and which have been referred to by WO Churton as GUI. On WO Churton's sketch map he has marked Koiskoa (Iaiberuri) on the eastern wall of the Ibus valley. To me this is incorrect; the Koiskoa villages are on the western slopes of the Ibus Valley. The Ibus is un-named on the patrol officer's map.

The road from Koiskoa to the beach at Kerorogea descends steeply to the coastal road at Saioabai, one of the Kerorogea hamlets.

The Meudana Range divides the Ibus and Moraha valleys. The latter stream enters the sea near Sipupu. After leaving Meudana a track leads from Kase-ana at 1575' and travels in a NE x E direction towards Lomataua. From Kase-ana the road descends steeply into the Moraha Creek which is crossed at 250' above sea level. The Lomataua rest house at Monahu is



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1750' above sea level and on the eastern wall of the MORAKA valley and not on the dividing range between Wokahana and Kuaihakai Creeks as shown on WO Gurnton's sketch map. ----

The creek known as Wokahana on the Patrol Officer's map has been called the Aidorisa ---- and likewise the Kuaihakai, Kumatunai.

On the eastern wall of the Aidorisa valley and under the characteristic shaped peak of Mwedimwedimaitia are the Muluata villages, the centre of which is ADIBAUWE (or Hadibosa as so called by the Patrol Officer). The Sigasiga Range forms the divide between Aidorisa and Kumatunai Creeks.

The road from Leontana to Muluata reached the top of the range between Moraka and Aidorisa Creeks at a height of 2075' above sea level. And this saddle is called Garokawia and from where a track leads direct to the sea at Kadinadia. Another road runs parallel to this but on the range between Aidorisa and Kumatunai to meet the coast at Kodaki (the coastal Sigasiga village) near Kawada rest house.

3. During the next patrol of these inland areas some endeavour should be made to obtain the correct names of the streams. To me it also appears that the Patrol Officer has exaggerated the heights of the ranges and I will therefore send him an aneroid (my own property and which must be well cared for) or a boiling point thermometer to ascertain a fairly accurate list of range heights.

*Edward H. J. J. J.*  
ED. J. J. J. J.



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A.D.O's Office,  
ESA-AIA - Normanby Is.  
Trobriands District.  
18 MAR 44.

D.O.  
Goodenough.

Patrol Report No. 2/43-44.

1. I have pleasure in submitting the above report by W.O.ii. A.M.Churton. This officer seems to have made a thorough and conscientious patrol and the benefits from the patrol should be considerable.

2. For as you yourself know the area was neglected in peace time and the patrols which have touched the area in the latter years have been regulated by recruiting requirements. Even then the areas visited did not include inland SIGASIGA or LOMATAUA.

3. W.O. Churton has taken pains to render his map and there have been considerable office discussions as to its accuracy. He however had a visual advantage over the writer and his version must be accepted. All the old sketch maps in the village constables registers showed a sausage shaped track starting from KADINADIA POINT, running ridge-wise inland, crossing a river and returning to the coast at DAUWADA. The River basin concerned is definitely the KUAIHAIAT. It is quite possible that the two River systems i.e. the WOKAHANA and the KUAIHAIAT, have been incorrectly marked on the issue maps, and your comments would be appreciated.

4. It will be noted that the officer has referred to Village Constables as V.C's - this error has been pointed out to him.

5. The Village Constables prosecuted for neglect of duty were those of MIADIBA, and MATEBA. Reasons for prosecution in each case hinged on neglect to clean roads. Each was given one fortnight i.h.l. and I feel certain that much good will result.

6. As the pressure of recruiting eases we will be able to concentrate more on village improvement and road repair. The natives are one hundred per cent with us, but they still need supervision to bring them to the standard we think they can attain, and sustain.

*D.M. Rutledge*  
D.M. Rutledge Capt.  
A.D.O.



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27 MAR 1944

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District Office, ANGAU,  
Goodenough Island,  
23rd March 44.

The DDDS & NA,  
ADM HQ, ANGAU.

Patrol Report Esa-ala No. 2/44.

1. This patrol is the first undertaken by WO ii Churton, Patrol Officer, since his posting to this area. The Lomataua-Sigasiga districts have not been visited for some years and it is hoped that regular patrols will be maintained of these neglected inland areas.
2. The main object of this patrol was to obtain recruits to satisfy military demands for the Ahima, Milne Bay area. At no time has any difficulty been incurred in obtaining the desired quota of indentured labourers from the various districts of the Island Group.
3. The ADO Esa-ala has already brought to the notice of the patrol officer the matter of referring to Village Constables as "VCs".
4. Throughout the patrol it is noticed that the patrol officer emphasises the cleanliness of roads and villages and suggests a decided improvement, though not as yet satisfactory, since the visit to the area by Captain Rutledge in January last. As soon as possible it is the intention of District Headquarters to endeavour to revive the building of saddle-back type houses in the D'Entrecasteaux Islands. This type of village house has always been considered of suitable design and is peculiar to these islands.
5. The question of Village Constables in these inland areas will be given immediate attention.
6. WO ii Churton has been instructed that Medical and Royal Papuan Constabulary matters are to be dealt with on separate sheets.

Copy to ADO, Esa-ala.

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REPORT of Patrol by WOII. A.M. Churton, Patrol Officer.

to BUNAMA by launch and thence Coastwise from BARABARA to BUARAWADA,  
Normanby Island.

Date left Station, 20 Mar. 44. Date returned 4 Apr. 44. (16 days).

Purposes of Patrol:- (a) General Routine Inspection.

(b) Courts for Native Matters.

(c) To read the letter of the G.O.C. to the Village Constables and Councillors in the area patrolled.

(d) Payment of Wages to various Village Constables.

(e) Payment, to Next of Kin of deceased labourers, of Wages held under W.N.L. & D.N. A/c.

(f) Make enquiries at BUNAMA and BUARAWADA Mission Stations regarding Meteorological Instruments held by them.

(g) Deliver rations to BUNAMA Hospital.

Patrol accompanied by:-

(a) European personnel- nil.

(b) R.P.C.- two.

(c) Native Carriers- 18 - daily change.

Last Patrol to District made by:-

(a) District Services Field Staff during December 43.

(b) Medical Assistant during November 43.

MAP. Map showing the locations of Rest Houses and the route traversed is submitted herewith.

### DIARY.

Mon. 20-3-44. The Patrol left ESA'ALA at 0600 hrs. and proceeded by the vessel 'KAINUNA' to BUNAMA where it arrived at 1800 hrs.

Tue. 21-3-44. Checked the Cargo for BUNAMA Hospital and sent it on. Held Courts for Native Matters, and general routine inspection. Made payment of Wages to the Village Constable and read the G.O.C.'s letter to the Village Constables and Councillors of BARABARA, BUNAMA, TUBUNAI and KASIKASI.

Wed. 22-3-44. The Patrol left BUNAMA at 0900 hrs. and proceeded to BARABARA, which is about one hour's walking West, of BUNAMA. General routine inspection was made of this group of villages. There were no Courts and the Patrol returned to BUNAMA arriving there at 1700 hrs.

Thu. 23-3-44. The Patrol left BUNAMA at 0900 hrs. and proceeded to TUBUNAI where it arrived at 1130 hrs. Wages were paid to the Village Constable. Also payment was made of moneys held in W.N.L. & D.N. A/c. General routine inspection of this group was carried out through the afternoon.

*Trav. to "C" on return from 20.3.44  
done 29/4*



Fri. 24-3-44. The Patrol left TUBUNAI at 0900 hrs. and proceeded to KASIKASI where it arrived at 1030 hrs. Held Courts for Native Matters and made an inspection of the various villages. Wages were paid to the Village Constable here also.

Sat. 25-3-44. The Patrol left KASIKASI at 0900 hrs. and proceeded to KUMARAU arriving there at 1045 hrs. Made an inspection of the villages and held Court for Native Matters. Village Constable HABUREGA of KUMARAU was imprisoned for neglecting to have the roads, in his area, maintained.

Sun. 26-3-44. Owing to illness, on Saturday night and Sunday morning, I was not well enough to walk this day and decided to stay at KUMARAU and rest.

Mon. 27-3-44. The Patrol left KUMARAU at 0900 hrs. and proceeded to GULEUGULEU arriving there at 1000 hrs. to find the Village Constable absent from the village. I learnt from the Councillors that the Village Constable had gone to visit KOIAGOGO Island about nine days before my arrival. Held Court for Native Matters and during the afternoon inspected the Coastal villages and two inland villages, NIMO and BAREREHI.

Tue. 28-3-44. Left GULEUGULEU at 0800 hrs. and proceeded to BIAUA arriving there at 1030 hrs. Wages were paid to the Village Constable and moneys were paid from W.M.L. & D.N. A/c. The G.O.C.'s Letter was read to the Village Constables and Councillors of KUMARAU, GULEUGULEU, BIAUA and KAMAKAMASIA. During the afternoon an inspection was made of the villages in this District.

Wed. 29-3-44. Leaving BIAUA at 0800 hrs. the Patrol proceeded to KAMAKAMASIA where it arrived at 1000 hrs. A messenger was sent to ESA'ALA with a letter advising the A.D.O. of my expected time of arrival at BUARAWADA. Wages were paid to the Village Constable and a general routine inspection made of the various villages.

Thu. 30-3-44. The Patrol left KAMAKAMASIA at 0830 hrs. and travelled on to MALUKUASIA inspecting Coastal and Inland villages on the way, and arriving at MALUKUASIA at 1330 hrs. I found the Village Constable here unable to walk as he was suffering from a bad leg. Wages were paid to the Village Constable and through the afternoon the routine inspection was completed, and the G.O.C.'s letter read to the Village Constables and Councillors of MALUKUASIA and KWANAULA.

Fri. 31-3-44. At 0830 hrs. the Patrol left MALUKUASIA and proceeded to KWANAULA arriving there at 1000 hrs. Payment was made to the Village Constable and an inspection made of all the Coastal and Inland villages.

Sat. 1-4-44. The Patrol left KWANAULA at 0800 hrs. and proceeded to LOBODA where it arrived at 1030 hrs. Held Court for Native Matters and made an inspection of the various villages.

Sun. 2-4-44. The Patrol left LOBODA at 0900 hrs. and proceeded to DAYADI where it arrived at 1100 hrs. During the afternoon an inspection was made of all the villages in this group.

Mon. 3-4-44. At 0930 the Patrol left DAYADI and proceeded to BUARAWADA Mission Station arriving there at 1100 hrs. Made enquiries regarding any Meteorological Instruments held by them but found none.

At 1500 hrs. the vessel 'KAINUMA' arrived with stores for the Native Hospital at BUARAWADA. The stores were unloaded and handed over.

Tue. 4-4-44. The Patrol left BUARAWADA at 0930 hrs. by the 'KAINUMA' to return to ESA'ALA and arrived there at 1530 hrs.



REPORT IN DETAIL.VILLAGES AND HOUSING.

Coastal villages show a great improvement since the last Patrol. Every village has a large number of houses under construction, these houses were ordered by the last patrol.

Inland Villages.

The last Patrol Report on this area stated that a lot of the houses built in the Coastal villages were but 'Koi Koi' houses and that the residents of these houses were living inland and visiting the Coast when a Patrol arrived at the village. This has proved to be correct and as a result of the last Patrol, roads have been built to a lot of these inland villages. But it is possible that there are some of these villages still 'hidden' in the bush.

The first trip inland was taken from KUMARAU to a small village named LOWARA which is about twenty minutes walk from KUMARAU.

The next was from GUMUCULEU to two villages named NIMOA and BARERENI the road goes on from these villages to the WAMURA River where the villages of HAHAIOME, KWANAURA, and GAIGAIOWANI are located. The Patrol proceeded as far as the first two villages but decided not to go on to the other three as I was advised that the journey was too long and the Patrol would not be able to return to the Coast before dark. There is another village or hamlet inland from BIAUA, this village is named BWASIESA and is located by proceeding along a track which leaves the coast at RABIAI Mission. I was advised that this village, also, was too far to visit in one day and decided not to go there.

The next journey taken inland was from SOBURATA Mission along a track which climbs a spur and then proceeds along a ridge where eight small villages are located and then descends to the coast at MALUKUASIA Rest House.

Also about twenty minutes walk inland from KWANAULA six small villages were inspected.

The inland villages inspected were all found clean, the houses of good design and in good condition.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The coastal roads, generally, were found in good condition. Maintenance was good and, in places, improvements were made. The roads inland are all new ones and are in good order.

In the KUMU District, however, the Coastal roads showed very few signs of maintenance and the road to LOWARA had not been touched.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Most of the Village Officials seem to have taken a turn for the good since the last Patrol. However the Village Constable of KUMARAU was given one month's imprisonment for neglecting to have the roads in his area maintained.

The majority of Village Constables in the area Patrolled are in need of new uniforms.

REST HOUSES AND BARRACKS.

All Rest Houses and Barracks were found in reasonable state of repair. New Rest Houses have been built at BIAUA and DAWADA.



GOC'S LETTER TO VILLAGE CONSTABLES AND COUNCILLORS.

The letter from the G.O.C. was read and interpreted to the Village Constables and Councillors in the area patrolled. Separate list is attached.

COURTS FOR NATIVE MATTERS.

Courts for Native Matters were few and then mostly Adultery cases.

METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Enquiries were made at both BUNAMA and BUARAWADA Missions regarding METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS held by either of these Missions, and I was advised that none were held at BUARAWADA or BUNAMA.

MISSIONS.

When I arrived at BUNAMA I found the mission teachers of that District awaiting the arrival of Rev. Williams from East Cape. The Rev. Williams did not visit BUNAMA during my stay in that area. The South Sea Islander, FILOMDI, told me that his teachers had been waiting for a month or more for Rev. Williams as he had not arrived he asked my advice as to whether he should send the teachers back to their stations. I advised him to send them back.

MAP.

The map submitted with this report is a copy of the NORMANBY EAST (SPECIAL), with information added and corrected. The only instruments used to add and correct this information were one compass and an improvised protractor.

The large rivers on this map are sure to have more than one name. The names given to them here are those obtained during the patrol.

It is regretted that the map submitted with report No. ESA'ALA 2/43-44. was incorrect so far as the tracks to SIGASIGA, LOMATAUA and MEUDANA, and the KWAI-AI-IA, WAIRANAWANA and MUDAMUDARA rivers. These mistakes are due to the said rivers being wrongly named on the original Survey and also to the position of the village MADINADIA being incorrect on the original Survey. The said map may be corrected by the one submitted herewith.

*A. Murray Churton*  
W.O.I.  
(A. Murray Churton) Patrol Officer.

*11/11/44*  
*29/4*



Attached to Patrol Report No. ESA' LA 3/43-44.

REPORT ON ROYAL PAPUAN CONSTABULARY.

*RPC*  
No. 1709 Const. NAIMA-PURA

This lad's conduct is good but if he has any brins he does not use them.

No. 2391 Const. LEMEKI

This Constable also is a very poor specimen.

*A. Murray Churton*

W011.  
(A. Murray Churton) Patrol Officer

*W011*  
*29/4*

*Supp. RPC. 30/4*



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Attached to Patrol Report No. ESEA 8/43-44.

M E D I C A L.

There is a Native Hospital at BUARAWADA and another at BUNAMA. BUNAMA Hospital had about ten patients when I visited there none of these were serious.

*Pres.*  
The new Hospital at BUARAWADA has been completed and is now being used. About thirty patients were being treated at BUARAWADA. The Nurse at BUARAWADA appears to be doing good work. However she is short of instruments and asks if the following items can be issued, 1 Scalpel, 1 probe, 3 dishes, and one set of kidney dishes.

Both BUNAMA and BUARAWADA report an improvement in the attendance at hospital since arrangements have been made regarding rations. The Medical Return for the month of March was handed to me by the nurse at BUARAWADA and has been sent on to the Native Hospital at Goodenough.

*Alvinay Churton*

W011.  
(A. Murray Churton) Patrol Officer.

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*19/4*  
Dup ADM 5. 30/4



DDDS & NA

P/R. No. 3 of 43/44 - ESA-ALA.

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1. Routine Patrol.
2. I agree with Capt. Humphries' remarks.
3. Very few village names given and no information in regard to Vill. Constables and what villages they control, population, N/L position etc.
4. I am surprised that the ADO allowed the PO to go out without at least one fly - apparently many inland villages were not visited for this reason.
5. In my opinion it is a poor Report.

*W.H.H.*  
*29 APR Recd*  
*24/4*

*26. 22/4.*

*DS. Think appropriate comments to be added with Humphries' criticism*

ADDs-NA

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Page 2 and 3. No Vil C. may be imprisoned for neglecting to maintain village tracks. He merely orders the people to do the work, and if his orders are not obeyed the people themselves should be prosecuted. A Vil. C. failing to instruct his people to clean a road that really needs cleaning should be charged with Neglect of Duty N.R. 105 /11. In the absence of particulars it is difficult to comment on the sentence imposed on Vil C. NABUREGA. The depositions might be asked for.

*ROD*

The report is largely confined to the state of roads (tracks) and houses. Of native affairs, native outlook, attitude towards the patrol, food supplies and health, mental state of the people, discourse with leading men - of all these things there is little or nothing.

In brief native welfare and happiness does not come into the picture.. It seems that the officer was mainly concerned with orders and commands to natives, about tracks and houses. What matters of moment are exercising the minds of these people? Have they any wishes that we can fulfill? What are their thoughts where the Government is concerned? Unless we know something about these things we are groping in the dark.

*RR Humphries*

*Cap 22/4/44*



30/6/31.

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District Office, ANGAU,  
Goodenough Island,  
18th April, 1944.

The DDDS & MA,  
ADM HQ ANGAU.

Patrol Report No. 3/43-44 - Esa-sla.

1. The a/m report in duplicate is tendered herewith.
2. The patrol was one of a routine nature and suggests a decided improvement in conditions on Duau i.e. the southern portion of Normanby Island.
- ✓ 3. The Patrol Officer has been instructed that more detailed information is required in his reports.

Copy to ADO, Esa-sla.

*Robert King*  
RD Trohs, Dts.

Capt.



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18 APR 1944

A.D.O.'s Office,  
ESA-AIA & Normanby Is.  
Trobriands District.  
15 APRIL 44.

D.O.  
Goodenough.

Patrol Report No. ESA-AIA 3 / 43-44.

W.C.H. A.M. Churton's report is forwarded herewith in triplicate.

2. The report is very satisfactory containing, as it does, many references to improvement in roads, villages and morale - it being particularly pleasing to see that attendances at the native hospitals having also increased.
3. It is still evident that there are a number of villages which (it is possible) have not been visited for some considerable time. It is also possible that many of the inland villages are new. In any case future patrols in that area will be equipped with flys and will be prepared to spend odd nights away from Rest Houses. Flys were not taken on this occasion as the writer did not deem it necessary.
4. It was rather unfortunate that the two Armed Constables (RAINA-PURA and LEMENI) were sent together on patrol. It was because of their consistent dullness that they had not been sent on previous patrols. I do think however that in time each will make a good, average, policeman.
5. The dress of the village constables really does require attention, but as it requires attention throughout the whole District no separate action has been taken by this sub-station.

*[Signature]*  
D.E. Rutledge

Capt.  
A.D.O.



30/6/31

HQ  
Southern Region  
1 May 44.

REF No: D012

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Patrol Report No. 3. of 43/44 - ESA'ALA

Receipt of the above report is acknowledged.

2. Page 2 & 3. The Vill. Const. may be imprisoned for neglecting to maintain village tracks. He merely orders the people to do the work, and if his orders are not obeyed, the people themselves should be prosecuted. A Vill. Const. failing to instruct his people to clean a road that really needs cleaning, should be charged with Neglect of Duty (P.O. 155/11). Please forward to this HQ Depositions in re Police V Vill. Const. TABUNGGA.

3. The report is a good one as it is largely confined to state of tracks and houses, of native affairs, native outlook, attitude towards the patrol, food supplies, mental state of people, discourse with leading men - of all these things there is little or nothing.

4. The patrol should have been equipped in order that all villages may be visited.

*B. Champion*  
Capt.  
for  
Sgt. Command.  
(3/3)



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File 30/3.

District Office, ANGAU,  
Goodenough Island,  
9th May, 1944.

Reg. Comd. (S/R),  
Headquarters, ANGAU.

Patrol Report No. 3 of 43/44 - Esa-ala.

1. Ref. your 30/6/31 No. 0012 dated 1st May, 44.
2. WOI Churton, who effected the a/n patrol, together with all other Patrol Officers stationed within the District, have already had their attention drawn to the fact that it is necessary that a full knowledge of the Native Regulation Ordinance is required of them. The Native Regulation quoted in your para 2 has already been interpreted to them and it is hoped that upon the return of the 'Tieryo' from Milne Bay I will be able to effect a full inspection of all out-stations and so report fully on the ability of all Patrol Officers stationed within the District.
3. Under cover of my memo 30/3 and dated 18th April, 44 the ADO, Esa-ala was instructed to inform WOI Churton that more detailed information was required in Patrol Reports.
4. The depositions asked for will be despatched at the very first available opportunity.

Copy to ADO, Esa-ala.

*Handwritten signature* / Capt.  
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File 30/3/3  
District Office, ANGAU,  
Goodenough Island,  
29th June, 1944.

Headquarters, Southern Region,  
ANGAU, Port Moresby.

Patrol Report No. 3 of 43/44 - Esa-sla.

1. The depositions referred to in your memo 30/6/41 Ref. No. 1080  
date 24th June, 1944 were despatched to Port Moresby on the  
26th May, 1944.
2. A copy of the covering letter attached to the depositions  
is forwarded herewith.

*Wendell J. P. Long* Capt.  
DO Troch. Dis.

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the Court papers* *copy* *Have no records  
Adm. is checking  
with legal officer  
QB 4/7*



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File 30/5

District Office, ANGAU,  
Goodenough Island.  
26th May, 1944.

Reg. Commd., Southern Region,  
ANGAU, PORT MORESBY.

Patrol Report No. 3 of 43/44 - Esa-ala.

1. Ref your memo 30/6/31 Reg. COIR date 1st May, 44 - para 2.
2. The depositions requested are attached hereto and it will be noticed that Village Constable NABUREGA was charged with Neglect of Duty (N.R. 158/II).
3. Please acknowledge receipt.

Sgt. Allan T. Timberley Capt.  
DO Troops. Dis.



AMERICAN MILITARY FORCES

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ANGAU PORT MORESBY  
6 July 44.

No 1301

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W/R No. 3 of 42-44 - 23A-27A

Re: your letter No. 50/2/3 of 29 June 44.

The depositions referred to therein have not yet been received at this HQ; apparently they were coming in the mail.

*A. Chapman*  
ADP 3 1/2



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PATROL REPORT.

No. Esa'ala 4/43-44.

Report of a Patrol by Lieut. J.McA. Frame, Patrol Officer

to all coastal and inland villages of the following local districts, situated in the Northern and Central portions of NORMANN ISLAND :- BWASIUNUNA, KORUWEA, WABU, BWAKERA, MAIOBARI, DARUBIA, KADERA and SISIANA.

Date left Station 16th May 44      Date returned 23rd May 44.

- Purposes of Patrol:
- (a) Inspection of Village gardens, with the object of inciting larger cultivations if necessary, to cope with the increasing number of 'time expired' natives now being returned to this sub-district.
  - (b) General Routine Inspection, with special attention being paid to inland villages.
  - (c) Courts for Native Matters.

- Patrol accompanied by:
- (a) European personnel - nil
  - (b) R.P.C. - four.
  - (c) Native carriers - 20 - daily change

Map - Map showing villages, District boundaries, location of Rest Houses, and Roads traversed submitted herewith.

Last Patrol to area made by :

- (a) District Services Field Staff during November 1943 (part) and March 1944 (part).
- (b) Medical Assistant ----.



DIARY:TUESDAY 16th MAY 44.

A perfect day for patrolling encouraging an early start, carriers with patrol equipment and attended by two Constables instructed to proceed direct to KORUWEA Rest House (same being my destination for to-day) which is located on the South-West side of Normanby Is. Carriers departed at 0600 hrs. Self accompanied by two Constables and Interpreter left Station at 0730 hrs., inspecting the villages and garden cultivations along the coastal road to BWASIUNUNA Rest House, the first half of this road to the small BWAIOWA village of KWAKWAMOWAI, is maintained by a small number of DOBUAI and BWAIOWA villagers who frequent this area known as TAULU for the purpose of making gardens. Arriving BWASIUNUNA Rest House at 1000 hrs. Village Constable IOWANI reported and after being instructed to prepare his people for lining pending my return in a weeks time, guided me to the three small villages and gardens of MATUIYA, DEBAWE and ASAUWAI, situated on the slopes of Mt. SOLOMONAI'I, approximately 500 ft. above sea level, from DEBAWE a marvellous view of DOBU Passage and surrounding Islands was obtained. Another hours walking over the badly neglected Mountain road, found the patrol winding its way down the South-west slopes of the Range and entering the KORUWEA district, where five small villages and their gardens were inspected before reaching the Rest House at 1300 hrs.

WEDNESDAY 17th MAY 44.

Having sent out those responsible to clean a section to the road which was found in a state of neglect yesterday. I prepared for an inspection of the six small mountain villages and their gardens of the WABU people, leaving the Rest house at 0830 hrs., and returning at 1330 hrs. The track followed to-day took the patrol well up on to the slopes of Mt. SOLOMONAI'I through numerous cultivated areas, and the small garden villages of WEUGWPA, ENEDILAPILA, BWATERWATE, UDANA, MODEA'A, DUBUYA and MWANUTAUANA before returning to the deserted Mission station of UBULA on the coast, from here the road follows the beach back to the Rest house.

Assembled the peoples of both KORUWEA and WABU at 1500 hrs, Took census, gave the usual talks on Village hygiene, policy of the Government, native food supplies etc., One C.N.M. - Adultery. Towards dusk Const. LEMEXI arrived with mail from Esa'ala.

THURSDAY 18th MAY 44.

Left KORUWEA Rest house at 0715 hrs, traversing the coastal road (which is sometimes the beach for long stretches) before being met at the boundary of BWAKERA by Village Constable KIGOLENA, who accompanied the patrol the remainder of the distance to the Rest house, arriving 1200 hours. In all, between the boundary and Rest house fifteen villages ranging from four to twelve houses each were inspected, and found in a clean and tidy condition, the road excellent, showing signs of much recent toil.

After the assembly was dismissed 1430 hrs, at which the usual talks were given, and a census of the people taken. I visited the three small inland villages of EPAGALAI, EBWANIBWANIWAI, and WELULUWAI returning to the coast at SIWABUYA then back to the Rest House at 1600 hrs. Village Constable KIGOLENA knows and carries out his duties well.

This district maintains a large Government garden of sweet potatoes which was inspected during the morning. Some will be ready for harvesting during June.

The health of the people contacted so far, is very pleasing, all serious cases of sickness are taken to Salamo Native Hospital without delay.

Rest house and Barracks although old, are in fair condition.



FRIDAY 19th MAY 44.

Still following the coastal road the Patrol left BWAKERA Rest house at 0800 hrs inspecting the remaining eight small villages locally known as the SAWA SAWA group BWAKERA District. all neat and tidy with the road in excellent condition. Now into the MAIOBARI district inspecting three coastal and the inland village of WASA before arriving Rest house at 1100 hrs. further evidence of much work to roads was seen. All the people totalling 90 were awaiting my arrival, and the procedure of taking census etc., was soon under way. At 1330 hrs I departed to visit the inland village of UBUTA, situated approximately two miles along the old mountain road to SEWA Bay. This village consists of five dwellings and two food house, all built on the lines of the old 'saddle back' structures, at one time common throughout these islands. - very pleasing. Returning to Rest house at 1500 hrs heavy rain.

SATURDAY 20th MAY 44.

My destination for to-day being DARUBIA on the South-east shores of Normamby Island. Left MAIOBARI Rest house at 0800 hrs (heavy rain, following SAUATUPA creek to the village and gardens of WIDOR then on to the BWADAGUIN Rest house, where I remained for two hours taking census, and holding C.N.M. - (rain continuing) on the road again by 1200 hrs, and at 1300 hrs reached the summit of the pass and the village of WEAHANA first of the DARUBIA dist villages, shortly after passing SAIAI village the road is UBUGA creek, and at the time of traversing some two to three feet of angry water was also making for the coast, a mile and half further on left the creek and branched off to connect with the main coastal road leading to DARUBIA Rest house arriving 1430 hrs. Owing to rain arranged for people to line on the morrow - held C.N.M. - Adultery. In all eight villages and their gardens most of which are dotted along the track followed were inspected - the road although washed away, in many places showed signs of recent labour. Have instructed that the road be diverted from following UBUGA creek, for in wet weather it is too dangerous, in the interim the bush track through APOLAI and EREDAIO villages can be used.

SUNDAY 21st MAY 44.

Between showers was able to line the people at 0800 hrs, there was no complaints, so after giving usual talks and taking census, departed at 1030 hrs proceeded along a very boggy coastal road in the direction of MIADERA, crossed AUALAPI creek by canoe supplied from DARUBIA at 1130 hrs, then on to inspect three small villages and many E cultivations before arriving Rest house 1330 hrs. Villager's assembled at 1500 hrs, took census etc., two minor complaints settled out of court - Rest house old but repaired - The Government garden has already been harvested and the produce stacked in the barracks. arrangements will be made to collect same as soon as possible.

MONDAY 22nd MAY 44.

To-day was spent inspecting the GAKAGAMANA dist. mountain villages of NABUSUA, BWAGAGAU, KWATO, IMOWAI and WALADUDUNA together with their many gardens. Still raining. Left the Rest house at 0900 hrs. and shortly afterwards started to ascend the range, half way up inspected NABUSUA, and then laboured on to cross the summit (estimate height at over 1000 ft) where the remains of an old A.N.G.I.U 'hide-out' camp still remains, from here the track starts to descend in the direction of BWAKERA dist. Of the remaining four villages inspected BWAGAGAU is the largest consisting of six hamlets located in the centre of large gardens. Retracing our steps we arrived back at the Rest house 1400 hrs. - Track very steep but otherwise good. Villages small and clean - Food supplies excellent.



TUESDAY 23rd MAY 44.

Left Rest house at 0730 hrs. and inspected the three remaining villages in the DIADEBA district, ELUWO (inland) and MAILANA and UBWAI'I (coastal) then proceeded on to the SISIANA district villages, all of which are situated betwixt UDURA point and PAIETA creek, numbering six, with MANARI the largest consisting of eight hamlets, and controlled by the BWASIUNUNA Village Policeman. Arriving BWASIUNUNA Rest house at 1100 hrs to find the people assembled and waiting. Took census, held one C.E.M., Rest house and barracks - good. The remainder of this district was inspected 16th so made direct for Esa'ala arriving 1500 hrs. Court Interpreter GIDECNI who was left in charge of Esa'ala during my absence, reported everything in order.

Patrol in Detail:

ROADS and BRIDGES.

Roads: During this patrol it was found necessary to traverse many different classes of roads, from the main Government road which averages 6 to 9 feet in width, to the 9 inches wide foot pads leading from village to garden areas. It was evident on this patrol as on many others that I have undertaken, that roads are cleaned - only when a visit from the Government is expected - and up until such time allowed to become overgrown.

On the whole I had very few complaints to render regarding roads. The main Government roads showed much signs of recent labour, and could be classed as in fair condition.

The lesser roads, such as those leading to inland villages, could do with a lot of improvements, some were found to be overgrown and in a state of neglect. The WABU people, when asked if they had any plausible excuses to offer for the neglect, said - 'true tabada you have seen, our inland roads have not been cleaned, we leave them in this condition for fear the cattle (property of Methodist Mission, and since 1942 allowed to roam wild) will find our gardens and destroy them' - fair enough; but I feel the lack of visits to these villages in the past is also partly responsible.

The road for approximately two miles between SAIAI village and DARUBI Rest House, follows UBUGA creek, and during heavy rains dangerous. Village Constable was instructed to construct a new road along this particular section.

BRIDGES: Most of the bridges in the districts visited, consisted of one or more stout logs placed across the creek from bank to bank, with an occasional hand-rail attached. Considering the nature of these creeks, anything of a more elaborate structure would be a waste of time, practically all the bridges are replaced several times during the wet season, because of damage caused through floods. BWAKERE district was very encouraging, swampy stretches of the road had either been raised above the water, or a 'walk' of black palm constructed. These roads also were by far the best kept. On three occasions the patrol was held up while trees were felled to replace those bridges washed away (one just after the first few carriers had crossed) before we could proceed further.



VILLAGES:

During the patrol I inspected 55 coastal and 38 inland villages, and of this number only one resembled the old 'saddle back' structure (with two food houses, roofs 30 feet high) same being the village of MBUTA situated in the MAJESARI district. Of the rest there is little that can be said in their favour, houses poorly constructed with no thought at all for regularity of shape and size, numbers of small shelters were noticed along the coastal areas, and the people say these are only temporary, while material is being collected to build proper houses. The old people blame the younger generation, they say; 'we want larger villages and the same type of houses (saddle back) as before, we have shown our willingness to help and teach them how to build these houses, but they do not want this. When they marry they take their wives into the hills, make a garden and live by themselves. When the boy goes away to work he brings his wife and children to us, and we make a small house in the village for them'. This to some extent explains why one sees so many poorly constructed temporary buildings in the villages, along the coast. When the husband returns from work he collects his family and retires to his gardens again. Why group together and make large villages? we have nothing to fear by living apart, in the hills. Most of the villages were found to be clean, especially mountain villages, those between coast and mountain, not so clean. Very few consisted of ten houses, the average being four or five. In my talks to the coastal people I encouraged the building of latrines over the water, and pointed out the benefits derived from an enthusiastic interest in general village welfare, and the necessity of a 'help one another' policy.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

All did their work to my satisfaction and were of great assistance to me throughout the patrol, accompanying the patrol through each of their respective districts, providing carrier's, and assembling the people, also acted as guides to the numerous small villages and gardens visited.

The most outstanding of the Village Officials met during the patrol was Village Constable KIGILENA who with the aid of four Councillor's controls the rather large district of BWAKERA having a population of approximately 400, and 27 scattered large and small villages. This man knows his duties, and has a certain amount of control over his people. Everything in his district was in order, and the people had no complaints.

The others could be classed as average, with only an occasional burst of energy, when expecting a visit from the Government, - passing most of their work on to their councillor's.

Practically all the Village Constables are in need of some articles of uniform. It was explained to them, the reasons for the delay and that they would have to make the best of what they have, until further issues arrived.

L/Cpl FAPUSI spent many interesting half hours instructing them as to the correct way of saluting.



### VILLAGE GARDENS:

One of the purposes of this patrol was to inspect village food supplies, and am pleased to be able to say same is in a healthy condition. Although I only covered a third of the Island, I have no reason to believe that the same conditions do not exist throughout the whole of the Island. The people assured me, as well as my inspections, that they had experienced a good season, and that in the following few months their main crops would be harvested supplying ample food for all. True some of the villages are nibbling away the remains of last seasons crop, but to this is added bush taro, and any amount of sago which in itself is a wholesome diet.

In the KORUWEA and WABU districts the people complained that their gardens are being continually damaged by cattle. (same being the property of the Methodist Mission, and since the outbreak of hostilities allowed to wander wild, the Mission of UBULA having been closed down) Although their gardens showed no actual damage at the time of my inspections, it was evident by the signs in the scrub and along the tracks that cattle had been in a close proximity to their gardens, and a continuous watch over their gardens necessary. Arrangements with the owners of the cattle to supply 'cowboy's' is intended. The people say they are willing to help build a fence if necessary, to portion the cattle off to a certain area.

These people do not make large gardens, but instead numerous small ones. Yams, taro, taito and sweet potatoes, being their main crops. Corn which was introduced some months ago is becoming popular, of which small gardens were seen along the coastal areas. Some Fergusson and Dobu Island families have very fine gardens situated inland between Esa'ala and the boundary of Bwasianuna, this district is known as TSULU.

### GENERAL

The morale of the natives contacted, generally speaking is high. The patrol was greeted with smiles and friendliness the whole of the way on two occasions when I informed them that I intended visiting their mountain and garden villages on the morrow, they were highly pleased, practically all the people coming down from the hills at dawn, and walking back up again with the patrol. Some of these mountain villages have had very few visits from the Government, if any. Time expired labourers, many of whom were met along the roads returning to their villages (having been landed at Esa'ala while I was away) were glad to be back, and will soon settle down to village routine. In fact I have noticed during the past, that these returned natives usually take more pride and interest in their villages, roads etc., than those not having been away. I was more than pleased with the health and hilarity of the peoples contacted.

(J. McA. Frame)

Lieut.  
Patrol Officer



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REPORT ON ARMED CONSTABULARY.

To accompany

Patrol Report: Esa'ala No.4/43-44.

No.2396 L/Cpl TAPUEI:

This N.C.O. although an eager worker, is very untidy in his habits and dress - being tall and thin none of his issues fit him.

During the patrol showed an interest and willingness in his work - he would make an excellent constable.

No.2338 Const. TAUCNI-SIRIKA.

A willing tryer, and always anxious for some work to perform. Clean in his habits and of good appearance, should do well if handled properly.

His work during the patrol was very satisfactory.


No.1912 Const. SANGARA.

Does not impress - he appears to know everyone he meets, grasping each opportunity for much smoking and yarning. Never any where to be found when needed to do a job.

No.2094 Const. BAIRI-UKA.

Some time yet before this lad will be classed as good, however he is willing, and with correct training will improve - He has had only slight patrolling experience in the past, and is now in line for a lot more. Worked hard during the patrol, but mainly through his own faults.

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(J. McA. Frame)      Lieut  
Patrol Officer.



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MEDICAL.

To accompany

Patrol Report Esa'ala No. 4/43-44.

Salamo native hospital situated on Fergusson island is the nearest medical centre to the districts patrolled, same is in charge of a European Med. Assistant, and the people have no hesitation in taking their sick to the 'dokita tabada', in fact I was surprised to find them so 'hospital minded'. This fact does not only apply to the younger (Mission'ised) generation, but to the older and inland village people as well. Every Friday when the people assemble at their barracks, an inspection of the assembly is made by the Village Policeman and Councillors, all found to be sick are shipped canoe-wise to Salamo hospital for treatment.

A small medical kit was carried by the patrol, but rarely used, other than a few every day common complaints, and a moderate sprinkling of 'sipana' (skin disease) everything was in order - the people enjoying good health, more especially amongst the Mountain people and those recently returned to their villages from work.

Other than minor cuts and bruised feet, the patrol personnel suffered no complaints.

*J. McA. Frame*  
(J. McA. Frame)

Medd.

Patrol Officer.

Esa'ala



19 JUN 1944

File No: 30/3/44  
District Officer,  
Trebriands District - Goodenough Is:

16th June, 1944

Headquarters, Southern Region,  
A.N.G.A.U.

Patrol Report No: 4/43-44 - Esa-ala

1. This patrol of Normanby Island is the first to be accomplished of a programme of patrols covering all inland villages, which have been - in the past - subjected to some neglect:

2. Reference Paragraph - Roads:

The damage to village gardens by wild cattle from the Methodist Mission property at UBUA - KORUWEA is receiving attention.

3. Reference Paragraph - Villages:

The reconstruction and improvements to villages throughout the D'Entrecasteaux Islands presents a major difficulty, and much time and vigorous patrolling will have to be effected in order to show results.

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Routine patrol.  
20 has covered queries.

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*[Signature]*  
District Officer:

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PATROL REPORT.

NO. ESA-ALA 1/44-45

Report of a Patrol by WOll BENTINCK.R.A.J. Patrol Officer

to all coastal and inland villages of the following districts:-TAULO, IO-C, KEBUSUWE? MIALILIU, SEWA, BINOA, SIBONAI, NAMOA, BWASIAIAI, BARABARA, BUNAMA, GUDUMER, KASI KASI, KUMURAU, GUDE GUDEU, BIAUWA, KAMA KAMIA, MARAKWASIA, KWANAURA, LOBODA, DAVADA, SIGA SIGA, SIAUS? LOMITAWA, MEUDANA, SIPUPU, WEIOKO, KELELOGEA, SUTUPWA, MATEBA, SENATAITAI,

Date left station 7th August'44. Date returned 26th August'44

Purpose of Patrol: (a) General Routine Inspection  
(b) Inspection of Govt. gardens.  
(c) Selection of students for the Central School, Port Moresby.  
(d) Checking of Census.

Patrol accompanied by:

(a) European personnel-	nil
(b) R.P.C.	- Three
(c) Native carriers	- 18- daily change.

Map. Map showing villages, and route of Patrol submitted herewith.

Last Patrol to area made by:

(a) District Services Field Staff during March'44 (part)  
(b) Medical Assistant during June'44



DIARY.

7th Aug 44.

Carriers with patrol equipment left ESA-ALA at 0600 hrs. bound for GIGIWALA R.H. The patrol departed an hour later travelling by road and inspecting the twelve coastal and eight inland villages before arriving at the R.H. Found people assembled at the R.H. - checked census. Departed R.H. about 1330 hrs - inspected the IO-O villages and arrived at IO-O R.H. at 1730. Checked census - No courts here.

8th Aug 44.

Departed 0700 hrs and made KORUWA R.H. at 1000. Vil. Const. reported that Mission cattle were destroying all gardens. The three villages IO-O, KORUWA and BWAKERA were ordered by the last patrol officer to build a fence - the work is not completed. Three cases of adultery and one case of assault were reported, but as the write has not been appointed a M.N.M. - cases were ordered to be held in abeyance till the D.O. visited ESA-ALA. Left the R.H. at 1200 hrs and arrived at BWAKERA 1630.

9th Aug 44.

Heavy rain - Left 0800 hrs and arrived at MAIOBARI R.H. 1000. The district maintains a large Govt. garden of sweet potatoes which is ready for harvesting. Ordered the Vil. Const. to store produce and keep everything in readiness for a boat. Moved on and inspected all the villages of the KEBUSUWE area. Also inspected the Govt. garden - which is ready for harvesting. By 1600 hrs census was taken and the patrol settled for the night at KEBUSUWE R.H.

20th Aug 44.

Bright sunny day - Departed early and arrived at MIALILIU R.H. by 0930 hrs. Checked census and after the usual talks were given went across by canoe to YALIYALI Island to inspect the Govt Garden. A large garden filled with Taro and Sweet potatoes - ready for harvesting. Returned to the mainland and continued the inspection of the villages in the MIALILIU SFWA areas (some ten in number) and finally arrived at SAIDOWAI R.H. 1630 hrs. Census checked - no court cases -

11th Aug 44.

Starting at the break of day, the patrol made BINO R.H. by 0800 hrs. Census taken - continued on the BINO - SEWATAITAI road to inspect the inland villages of TEWATEWA. As the road needed cleaning, one R.P.C. constable was left behind to supervise the work immediately. About 1130 the patrol came back from the inland villages and continued along the coastal road. Arrived at SIBOWAI R.H. 1330. Checked census, crossed Mt. KOMOLAI and reached the WAILALUPU R.H. at 1600 hrs. As usual all the people assembled at the R.H. - census taken and the talks given.

12th Aug 44.

Leaving the R.H. the villages DAWWA, WAKAIUNA, IAIHAA and SIGEBA were inspected before the BWASIAIAI R.H. was reached - walking time about 2 1/2 hours - After census was checked departed at 1100 hrs. Inspected the BWASIAIAI villages of SIBOIAUNA, MODEWA, PWAUPWAUNA, DIDIWAGA, TUPWATWAI, MADIAI and WAEIAI - crossed into the NAMOA area and inspected the 21 coastal villages before arriving at the R.H. Checked census and after a long walk through the BARABARA villages arrived at the R.H. 1745. The Vil. Const. of this district was not there the matter has been reported to the District Officer.



13th Aug.

Sky overcast and slight showers-

Checked census then packed up and moved off at 0845 hrs. visiting the eleven coastal villages before arriving at the BUNAMA mark. Accompanied by the BUNAMA Councillor inspected 17 small villages and hamlets and finally arrived at the R.H. The Vil. Const. YAINALEGU has been reported to the District Officer for not being in his district when the patrol called. Received word by some natives that the ANGAU vessel "KAINUNA" caught fire and burned out completely at Bwarawada at 0100hrs on the 11th Aug. Native skipper badly burnt and in the BWARAWADA Hosp. two other members of the crew quite safe. Despatched a note by runner immediately to the District Officer, Goodenough. Checked census, inspected the hospital and discussed with the mission teachers the possibility of obtaining students for the Central School, Port Moresby. Left the Mission about 1400 hrs, inspected the Govt. garden and the remaining 5 villages of the Bunama area, then crossed into GUDUMURI. Eleven villages were inspected before the R.H. was reached. Checked census and gave the usual talks on hygiene, the construction of new and larger houses, bigger and better gardens.

14th Aug.

With the usual 18 carriers going ahead, the patrol moved on the coastal road towards KASI KASI. Inspected 17 villages and the new Govt. garden. Arrived KASI KASI R.H. 0945 hrs. Census taken - sympathised with the people, who had experienced a cyclone, which knocked their houses about pretty badly, only two months ago. New houses are being constructed. Leaving the R.H. the patrol inspected 11 villages and the second Govt. garden that this district is tending. Shortly after the patrol was met by the KUMURUA Vil. Const. and the inland villages of LOWA, GADOWA, KUMURUA were inspected. The R.H. was reached about 1330 hrs. - checked census, settled a few minor cases out of court and took note of two adultery cases - Vil. Const. advised to hold these cases till called for. Moved on again through 13 coastal villages and arrived at the GUDU GUDU R.H. at 1730. Checked census, noted one adultery case and settled a few cases involving the paying back of loans.

15th Aug.

A dismal drizzle all day.

Left the R.H. fairly early and after inspecting 17 coastal villages the patrol struck inland from Maguraguma along the road to SIGA SIGA. Inland villages GERESAGILI, IMOA, and BWADENOCI - retraced steps and continued along the coast. Five more villages were inspected and the patrol crossed into the BIAWA district. Three inland villages BOURAGA, DOGIGI, BOSIAL, situated about 700ft., were then inspected. Coming back to the coastal road, the patrol inspected 10 villages, and then went inland for an hour or so to inspect KWABU and BARALILIWE. Arrived BIAWA R.H. 1700 hrs. Checked census and gave the usual talks, especially emphasizing on the erection new houses.

16th Aug.

Bright day. ---- Departed from the R.H. 0630 hrs. Inspected 5 coastal villages and then reached the KAMAKASIA R.H. People all assembled - checked census and as the Vil. Const. reported that the people were indifferent to his requests to work on Govt. roads etc. on Fridays, the people were severely reprimanded and warned. Moved on and inspected the 11 coastal villages and 3 inland villages (IEIBOI, TAPAOISA, KODIYANA, MWALUA, and KUNUMWAWUNU) also the Govt. garden, which is ready for harvesting. Arrived KAMAKASIA R.H. about midday. Checked census and had to warn these people as well that laziness did not pay. Moved on again, inspected 10 coastal villages.



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ED 19 coastal villages before arriving at KANAUHA R.H. Checked census and noted a few court cases that were ordered to be held in abeyance till called for.

17th Aug.

Departed at break of day to inspect the five inland villages of ANILAWAI, BOAI, KEBUAI, MAMU and KEBULUPA, which are situated S.W. from the R.H. Back to the R.H. by 0700 hrs. moved along the coastal road to the R.A.A.F. TADAR Station at KOYA GA3A. Quite a few reports were received from the Air Force Personnel. Struck South again and the three inland villages, KASUAI, MEGU, MEGU and KAPWA KAPWA were inspected. Retraced steps and the patrol moved along the coast inspecting 10 villages and arriving at LOBODA R.H. 1230 hrs. Completed census, noted three cases and moved on. Inspected 15 coastal villages before the DAVADA R.H. was reached. Census and other work in the afternoon.

18th Aug.

Heavy rain during the whole day.

Departed R.H. to inspect the inland villages of SIUS. After a long steady climb the SIUS R.H. was reached. People all assembled - rain interrupted census checking - Very heavy rain held the patrol at bay an hour. Completed the inspection of the 16 inland villages and returned to DAVADA R.H. 1600 hrs.

19th Aug.

Rain again - An early start, the patrol moving inland towards SUGA SUGA. Six villages were inspected on the road - R.H. reached 1100. Census work completed. The patrol inspected the 10 scattered villages, TUKU, KUKAI, SARAI, KEBUDOA, DOGAI, KUKUBAI, HWAI, LEWAI, DE-KEKAI, DUBAI, KOSOI and returned to the R.H. 1530 hrs.

20th Aug.

Sky very fast - slight showers -

Departed SUGA SUGA R.H. 0700 hrs. Inspected villages KADIMBAI, MEBODO, KAYA, KAIKAI, LEWAI, KESA, MOKUATA, LOGICI, and KADUADOA then crossed the turbulent waters of the KAIKAI river, inspected 5 more villages then reached KOKU R.H. Heavy rain set in. Checked census at KOKU and completed inspection of 14 villages then made KUDU R.H. at 1530 hrs. Census and other work in the afternoon.

21st Aug.

Heavy rain - Patrol with patrol equipment going ahead to the SUGA SUGA R.H. by the SIPU road, patrol inspected the villages along the SUGA SUGA road. Inspected 7 such villages and returned to KUDU R.H. Moved on once again, but this time taking the SIPU road. Inspected 6 villages while descending to the coast, then inspected 2 villages along the coast and arrived at SIPU R.H. 0700 hrs. Govt. garden inspected and found ready for harvesting. Census work completed, the patrol inspected KUDU Hosp. and discussed the subject of the Central School with HOLE, the Station teacher. Moved from here to complete the few coastal villages that were missed during the patrol descending to SIPU. Instead of DAVADA. Then struck inland from KADI KADI and inspected the few villages on the KOKU road. Returned to SIPU R.H. 1630 hrs. Two military cases noted - made more enquiries at KUDU Mission regarding the disaster of the ANOMU vessel "KINUNU".

22nd Aug.

Patrol departed SIPU R.H. 0630 hrs. Inspected 5 coastal villages and arrived at KUDU R.H. 0730 hrs. Checked census and moved on. Inspected two inland villages KOURAI and KUDUAI. These villages are not



far from the Govt. coastal road.) Retraced steps and carried on once again along the coast, only to branch off soon on the MEUDANA road, leading inland to the ranges. After the 7 inland villages were inspected the patrol descended to the coast, and carried on with inspection of villages till MELKLOGEA R.H. was reached. Checked census and moved on to inspect the inland villages on the MEUDANA road. Inland villages SAGUSAGUORA, GEDERABA, KWANUKWANUSIGEA, TANOURE, SABUDAPA TOPORUPORU, and ERABWAI were inspected and MELKLOGEA R.H. reached by 1730 hrs.

#### 23rd Aug.

Bright sunny day calling for an early start. Departed R.H. walking along coastal road, inspected 11 villages then struck inland, on the road to MEUDANA in the SEWATUPWA area. The two inland villages of BIKIWEBEWAINA and DAYAHEA inspected, the patrol came back to the coast and by 1000hrs. was at the SEWATUPWA R.H. Census checked and noted two adultery cases. In the afternoon inspected the 14 inland villages of the GUI people. The new Govt. garden was also inspected. Time taken to visit these Gai villages was about four and a half hours.

#### 24th Aug.

Left the SAWATUPWA R.H. at 0700hrs. Inspected three coastal villages and came to MATTEBA R.H. at 0830. Census checked - moved on inspecting 5 more villages. SEWATUPWA R.H. reached at 1200hrs. Checked census and gave the usual talks. About 1500hrs. the District Officer, Capt. Timperly, arrived aboard the "TIERYO". Discussed various things - The "TIERYO" departed with the D.O. and Capt. Henderson aboard about 1545. Bound for WOODMARK IS.

#### 25th Aug.

A fine morning and an early start. The carriers with the patrol equipment by the coastal road to DRUBIA the patrol by a circuitous route leading over the hills to the same R.H. Inspected 17 inland villages and the new Govt. garden and arrived at DRUBIA R.H. 1200 hrs. As the last patrol officer took the census the assembled people were only given the usual talks. Left the R.H. and walking along the coastal road reached the MIADIBA R.H. at 1530 hrs. Heavy rain during the afternoon - settled a few minor cases out of court.

#### 26th Aug.

Departed R.H. at 0630 hrs. and walked straight through to ESA-ALA Sub. Station arriving there at 1130.

Report in detail follows.



ROADS

The Govt. roads on Normanby Island vary from nine feet wide to a few inches according to the terrain. Tremendous amount of work has been put into these roads and a bit more here and there would help to produce excellent roads.

The road through TAULO, IO-O, KORUWEA and BWAKERA is very good- some parts paved with pebbles- MAIOBARI and KEBUSUWE have rather swampy roads- efforts have been made to construct raised walks- From KEBUSUWE to SIBONAI the road is in good condition. To reach WILALUPU and BWASIAIAI the Govt. road rises steeply to Mt. KOMOLAI- condition of this road is good. The coastal road from BWASIAIAI to DAVADA is good throughout. Owing to recent rains some of the roads leading inland to SIGA SIGA, SIAUS and GUI were very boggy. A new road has recently been constructed from the inland villages of SEWATAITAI to DARUBIA. The final stretch from DARUBIA to the station is excellent. Quite a lot of the inland villages do not lie on the Govt. road and to reach them one has to climb or wade through natural water courses. The people were asked to try and construct good roads to their inland villages to facilitate patrol officers visiting them- of course the writer realises that it would be a hard task for these people, who are so scattered and in such small numbers.

BRIDGES

In a few places one comes across elaborately constructed bridges- two spread logs two feet six inches apart with battens laid across and a handrail- but in the majority of cases, the old New Guinea bridge- felled trees singly or doubly lying across from bank to bank- survives. This suffices in districts where floods take place.

Swampy areas have raised walks- some one foot six inches high and elaborately constructed- thrown across them. In some places the trunks of trees are laid lengthwise in the centre of the road and in others large rocks are placed forming a sort of central pavement.

NATIVE GARDENS.

Not a single district on the whole island reported famine or scarcity of food.

It was very encouraging to notice that the natives went in for a variety of crops. Thus their gardens have small patches of yam, taro, sweet potatoes, manioc, bananas, pawpaws and in some cases sugar cane. With the exception of the districts of KUMURAU, CUDECUDEU, BIAUWA, KAMAKAMASIA, and MARAKWASIA, which have very little or no Sago, the other districts always supplement their tuberiferous diet with Sago.

Those districts that reported bad harvests attach either of the two excuses:-

- a) excessive rainfall.
- b) destruction by wild pigs.

The first excuse can hardly be remedied, because it was a true natural phenomenon; but the second could have been eradicated by the erection of good strong fences. In my addresses to them regarding gardens the point of the futility and waste of energy expended in making unfenced gardens was stressed.

Generally speaking the native gardens were in good condition and the people look healthy and well fed.

GOVERNMENT GARDENS

The natives in every district of Normanby Island are taking a keen interest in Govt. gardens. The usual number for a district is one, but in a few districts it was pleasing to note that the energetic natives have planted and are maintaining two gardens. The produce of these gardens is shipped to ESA-ALA with the object of supplying



the natives on the station with native foods. The produce from the Govt. gardens at YEBUSWE, MIALILIU, SEWA, SIBONAI, BWASIAI, KASI KASI, KUMURAU, LOBODA, SIUPU, and WELCKO is stored at the respective barracks awaiting shipment. The produce from BWAKERA amounting to 950 lbs was shipped to ESA-KIA. The gardens in the other districts are all newly planted- the old ones having been destroyed by pigs or excessive rain.

#### REST HOUSES AND BARRACKS.

Generally speaking Rest Houses and Barracks throughout the island are in good condition. Only in the two districts- BARABARA and KUMURAU - the Vil. Consts. were ordered to have new Rest Houses built- the existing ones are very old and shabby.

#### VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The great majority of these officials, I am sorry to say, have not given the Govt. their whole hearted service. Most of the Vil. Consts. have the idea that all the work is to be done for them by the Councils and these men in turn expect the people to work of their own free will without supervision. At each R.H. the officials were reprimanded and warnings issued. It was made clear to them that the people looked up to them for an example, therefore it was time to cast off their lethargy and become energetic.

The Vil. Consts. of BARABARA and BUNAMA, knowing that a patrol was about to visit their districts, absented themselves and attended a feast at BWARAWA. The matter has been reported to the District Officer, Goodenough.

The majority of Vil. Consts. are in need of new uniforms.

#### CENSUS.

The census taken on this patrol just shows the number of men, women and children in each village, those under contract, those at hospital or visiting relatives elsewhere.

Although the people showed great interest in having their numbers checked, yet it proved a difficult task, for the men lined up in their own villages, the women in theirs and the children in still another. This, I presume, is the way they fall in for tax. The census sheets are appended to the report.

#### VILLAGES.

It has been reiterated that before the introduction of taxation, most of the villages on Normanby Island were off the coast and inland. Nowadays, one is easily deceived by the many coastal villages (mainly comprising of two or three old houses) encountered on a patrol. When questioned as to whether the natives really dwell in these houses, the village officials and people invariably told lies. Thus the writer has little or no knowledge of where the people actually live.

In a few cases the village officials, thinking that the patrol would never visit and inspect inland villages, had not ordered the people to clean the roads. These men were warned and I emphasised the necessity for them to be energetic and take an interest in their work. Some of the natives take a pride in their houses (Some houses were found built on the lines of the European R.H. but smaller) While others just live in small, dirty hovels- badly roofed and floored. The people in all villages, where over-crowding was noticed, were advised to build more houses and ease the congestion.

The saddle back type of house is very rare at present.



REPORTS RECEIVED.

Air Force Radar Station personnel camped at KOYA GABA reported the death by drowning of indentured native labourer, BEDOUA. This native was employed to man handle 44 gals. drums from a small boat to the shore.

They also reported the case of a woman from the KWANAU district who was infected with an advanced stage of V.D., a man, who was constantly found in her company, and a bad case of yaws. The former V.D. cases were despatched to SALAMO HOSP. and the latter was sent to BWARAWADA HOSP.

This medical section of the Air Force is rendering sterling service for the natives in the KWANAU, BAWADA districts. This work is being done of their own free will - just a kind action towards the suffering natives.

MISSION SCHOOLS.

One of the objects of this patrol was to select students for the Central Native School, Port Moresby. Bearing this in mind all mission schools were inspected.

Every district in Normanby Island has a Mission station and school. All the schools, except the ones at BUNAMA and BWARAWADA, teach only the native language and simple arithmetic. It was a pity to discover that even these two large schools (BUNAMA with 142 children and BWARAWADA with 50) could not produce a single student with Stds III, IV, or V education. BUNAMA has two students who have reached Std II while BWARAWADA has none. Testing these students I discovered that they can read the English Primer but not understand a word of it. They are better in simple arithmetic.

Rev. Philomone Fantele of BUNAMA informed me that his school is at a stand still owing to the lack of European School Inspectors. As the inspectors from Australia have ceased visiting since the war began, the majority of students are in Std. I. Apparently no effort is being made to advance the studies of these students.

Rev. Noah of BWARAWADA informed me that at his school it was customary for the students to be taught only the native language. He seems conscientious but unfortunately has a limited knowledge of the King's English.

The writer had high hopes of obtaining atleast twelve students - but these hopes were crushed after the inspection.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

These natives are not in the habit of making large villages and settling down as a community. They work as individuals or as families. The idea of helping any one out of the family is absolutely foreign to them. That is why the villages are so scattered. Each man has his family and garden to look after. They are purely and simply agriculturalists.

The natives here do not give presents without expecting something in return. This point is expressed because it has led to quarrels and misunderstandings. These people are prone to a system of "paying back". It was explained to them that two wrong doings did not make a right, therefore they were told to bring all their misunderstandings to the Govt.

COURTS FOR NATIVE MATTERS.

As the writer has not been appointed a Magistrate for Native Matters all court cases are being held in abeyance till the D.O. visits the station or the appointment comes through. The writer feels that his prestige has been lowered, because the natives have observed that he has no power to punish them for their wrong doings.



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DRAFT.

The morale of the people all over the island is excellent. One hardly ever hears them relating their fears of the Japanese invasion of these islands. That has become a thing of the past. Today they are seen happily building houses and gardens and leading a peaceful existence. Since July nearly 200 natives have been repatriated. They are happily settling down. A few contacted on the road going home expressed their joy of coming home and promised to take an interest in their work, in and around their villages.

*Burtonick* 1001  
*Patrol Officer*



M E D I C A L.

To accompany patrol report.

Other than the few cases of malaria and cough, the people all seem physically fit and happy. All cases of tropical ulcers and yaws and V.D. were despatched with haste to either of the two hospitals (viz BUNAMA and BWARAWADA )

A small medical kit was carried by the patrol and atebrine was issued to police and carriers who reported ill. No one was seriously ill on this patrol.

Native Hospitals.

BUNAMA

( Native male orderly MANOA and native nurse ELINOA run this hosp. They have 42 patients- cases range from pneumonia, yaws and ulcers to ordinary sprains- They reported the shortage of a few medicines- a separate memo has been forwarded to the D.O. regarding this- The whole hospital area is clean and tidy and the work of the orderlies is highly commendable.

BWARAWADA.

During this visit only native nurse MISPAA was solely in charge of the hosp. - the native male orderly GUE having gone to Salamo Hosp. with a bad case of burns- The patients here numbered 42. Although this hospital received its medical supply only a few days before the patrol visited, yet the nurse reported the shortage of a few medicines. The people from the SIPUPU, WEICKO and DAVADA areas were ordered to build another ward and latrine.

Both hospitals have their own sweet potato gardens tended by walking patients.

DADMS

*Bentley W. W.*  
*Patrol Officer*



REPORT OF ARMED CONSTABULARY.

To accompany patrol report.

NO: 2094 Const. BAERI- UKA

An energetic, willing worker. Smart on the parade ground and a thoroughly reliable man. His conduct on this patrol was good and so was his discipline. If his knowledge of English was better he could be classified as an excellent Constable.

NO: 1912 Const. SARGARA.

Although he works well there is nothing out standing about him. Readily accomplishes all jobs set him. Conduct- good; ability fair; discipline - good. He is young and needs careful watching.

NO: 2133 Const. JAUEKSI.

Both at the station and patrol this lad showed out-standing qualities. As the station at present has no H.C.O. this lad was picked out of eight to be in charge. Conduct- good; discipline- very good; ability- good.

I have no compunction in recommending this Const. for a promotion. I think he will make an excellent H.C.O.

*Bentrick*

Woll  
Patrol Officer



File No. 30/3.  
District Office, ANGAU,  
Goodenough Island,  
10th September, 44.

HO ANGAU,  
Southern Region.

Patrol Report Esa-ala No. I 44/45 - Trobriands District.

1. The a/n report is submitted in duplicate. This is the first patrol undertaken by WOII R. Bontinck within this District and in my opinion this is the most thorough patrol to be effected on Normanby Island since the inception of the Trobriands District. The patrol officer is young and energetic - is eager and has much common sense.
2. Diary Entry-8th August, 44:- Damage to village gardens by cattle owned by the Methodist Mission Society has now been reduced to a minimum and all difficulties in this respect eliminated.  

The Patrol Officer has not yet been appointed a Magistrate for Native Matters and it is intended that WO Bontinck be brought to Bilolo for training.
3. Diary Entry 9th-10th August, 44:- As soon as the Government gardens are harvested a vessel will be made available to transport the produce to either Esa-ala or to the Native Hospital at Salamo.
4. Diary Entry 14th August, 44:- The heavy storms which caused damage at KasiKasi were experienced throughout the whole of the islands region. Some damage to villages and gardens was reported.
5. Summary: Native Gardens:- Good harvests have been reported from most parts of the Islands and there is no food shortage.
6. Village Officials:- There has been considerable improvement in the work being done by officials on Normanby Island during the latter few months especially since a vigorous patrol programme was introduced.
7. Census: This census check is approximate only and cannot be regarded with any degree of accuracy.
8. Villages: The ADC Esa-ala has been directed to give more attention to the improvement of houses in villages.
9. Mission Schools: This has been dealt with in my Monthly Report for August-September, 44.
10. A further patrol on Normanby Island is to be effected shortly.

ADDs:

A good report. It is hoped to send out Village Books (census) within one week. DO should be told to use the thin books. 16. 2/9. sent out to all DOs. The duplicate copy is hardly legible.

2 ADDS

These ask.

*Wm. J. Simpson* Capt.  
DO Trob. Dis.

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AMERICAN AIRMAIL LETTER

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SOUTHERN REGION  
ARMY POST EXCHANGE  
25 Sep 44

TO: DIRECTOR

Ref No. 3635

Envel. Serial 157414 No. 1 44/45

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  4. A good report.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

PATROL REPORT

No. 19 of 45/46.

Report of Patrol by.

A/VO 11 Bertram E.W.

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Patrol of Normanby Island.

Purpose of Patrol

To Check Census. General Inspection.

Date left Station

4 th. June 1945.

Date returned to Station

5 th. July 1945.

Patrol accompanied by

1 Native Interpreter ( V.Policeman )

3 Members of the R.P.C.

1 N.M.O.

1 Personal Boy.

Cost of Patrol

Rations European.

28 Man days according to Scale

Rations Native.

168 Man days according to Scale

Rations Carriers

45 lbs. Rice 15 tins meat.

TORACCO

P.N.F. Native Personell 3 lbs.

P.N.F. European Pers. 2 "

Presents to Vill. Off. 3 "

Carriers. Average 16 Daily. 14 "

Regulation payment to R.P.C.  
and Patrol Personel. 3 "

25 lbs.

Map References.

SEWA BAY 1 Inch Series. (SPECIAL)

NORMANBY IS. EAST 1"

Last Patrol to area.

W.O.Bentinck L.A.J. 7 th. August 1944

Medical Patrol November 1944. E.M.A.



PATROL DIARY

4 th. June 45.

Departed ESA'ALA 0745 hrs. per. launch "SOFIA". Slight engine trouble developed. Repairs effected at sea. Arr. BWASI-AI-AI 1600hrs. Heavy seas so Launch sent to safe anchorage.

5 th. June 45.

Assembled people and took census. Strong S.E. winds and driving rain, SOFIA unable to depart. Attended to minor village complaints.

6 th. June 45.

Depart. BWASI-AI-AI R.H. 0730 hrs. Passed through 13 BWASIAIA Villages. Arr. NAMOA R.H. 1030 hrs. V.C. 13 MOWA. Pop. 234. People were lined and complete census taken. Completed work for the day 1700 hrs.

7 th. June 45.

Depart. NAMOA 0730 hrs. SOFIA returned to ESA'ALA with garden produce and hospital patients. Arr. BALABALA R.H. 0900 hrs. V.C. NEKUDOMESI No. 14 (Pop. 207) Census taken. Minor troubles heard, and "Pop" talk given to people.

8 th. June 45.

Depart. BALABALA 0700 hrs. Arr. BUNAMA 0810 hrs. V.C. WINALEGU No. 7 (Pop. 338) Took census and settled two marriage complaints.

9 th. June 45.

Left BUNAMA 0730 hrs. Passing through coastal villages, arr. GUDIMURI R.H. 1100 hrs. V.C. MUSIARU No. 6. (Pop. 386) Commenced census check.

10 th. June 45.

At. TUBUNAI. Completed census. Inspected the three remaining GUDUMURI Villages and so finished for the day.

11 th. June 45.

Departed TUBUNAI 0700 hrs. Passed through KASI KASI villages arrived KASI KASI R.H. 0900 hrs. V.C. SILAMU No. 14. (Pop. 419) Spent remainder of day writing up census.

12 th. June 45.

Completed census at KASI KASI and moved on to KUMERAU arrived KUMERAU R.H. 1400 hrs. V.C. NABWRAEDA No. 26. (Pop. 141) Commenced census check.

13 th. June 45.

Finished census 0900 hrs. Two minor complaints amicably settled. Departed KUMERAU 0900 hrs. Arrived GULEGULEO 1100 hrs. V.C. KUMTA No. 21 (Pop. 596.) Commenced census and so filled in remainder of day.

14 th. June 45.

At GULEGULEO. Completed census.

15 th. June 45.

People elected new Councillor. Departed R.H. 0900hrs. Inspected villages of GULEGULEO & BIAUWA districts. Arrived BIAUWA R.H. 1100 hrs. V.C. BAGINAIRO No. 29. (Pop. 347) Commenced census check. Camped BIAUWA for the night.

16 th. June 45.

At BIAUWA. Completed census. Sent one court case to ESA'ALA for trial. Depart 1200 hrs. Inspected hill villages of BIAUWA arriving at SOMADINA R.H. 1300 hrs. V.C. TOWASANA No. 17 (Pop. 200). Took Census and so finished for the day.

17 th. June 45.

Departed R.H. 0800 hrs. Inspected nearby villages of SOMADINA and back to the main Patrol track, detoured and inspected 8 inland villages cf MWALUKWASIA. Arr. R.H. 1145 Position of V. Const. No. 25 is vacant (Pop. 264) Remainder of day spent in taking census.



PATROL DIARY

18 th. June 45.

Left R.H. 0730 hrs. Passed through coastal villages, arr. at KWANAURA R.H. 0930 hrs. People were lined so census was taken. V.C. ISI-ISI No.5 (Pop. 381) Camped.

19 th June 45.

Departed R.H. 0730 hrs. Inspected six inland villages of KWANAURA district, then proceeded by coastal track to LOBODA arr. 1000 hrs. V. Const. TARAPEKU No. 23 (Pop.139) Completed census, inspected 12 villages comprising the LOBODA district. Returned to R.H. 1700 hrs.

20 th. June 45.

Depart. R.H. 0715 hrs. Dispatched portion of Patrol gear to DAWADA R.H. Proceeded inland to SIAUS district. Arr. R.H. 0830 hrs. V. Const. TARAPEKU No. 23. (Pop.247) Completed Census. A.C. arrived from ESA'ALA with mail for the Patrol.

21 st. June 45.

Departed SIAU R.H. 0800 hrs. Inspected the twenty village comprising the SIAUS group, continued on to DAWADA R.H. arr. 1130 hrs. V. Const. TARAPEKU No. 23 (Pop.192) Heard minor Village complaints, finished work for the day at 1715 hrs.

22 nd. June 45.

Departed DAWADA R.H. 0730 hrs. Leaving the coast the patrol proceeded inland to the SIGA-SIGA district. Heavy rain during morning. Arr. R.H. 1130 hrs. Inspected villages on way through. Arr. 1130 hrs. Erected tent fly and commenced census. (V.CONST. TARRAPEKU No. 23. (Pop.339)

23 rd. June 45.

At SIGA-SIGA. Completed census. Inspected remaining villages during afternoon. Returned R.H. 1645 hrs.

24 th. June 45.

Left SIGA SIGA ~~HEAVY RAIN~~ during heavy rain. Reached the KIMAKUMAI River which was bridged temporarily. Half of the patrol made the crossing safely but the river rose very swiftly and the latter half had to wait several hours before crossing was possible. Proceeded to LOMITAU R.H. Arr. 1130 Again erected fly and commenced census. V. Const. SARERO No.12 (Pop.250).

25 th. June 45.

Completed census. Departed R.H. 0930 hrs. Descended slopes to MORAHA river and up to MEUDANA R.H. Arr. 1200 hrs. V. Const ICEGELELE No. 28. (Pop.423)

26 th. June 45.

At MEUDANA. Completed census. Heard complaints, inspected remainder of MEUDANA villages during afternoon.

27 th. June 45.

Departed R.H. 0700 hrs. Arr. SIPUPU 0900 hrs. People were assembled. V.C. GUIOWANI No.22 (Pop.223.)

28 th. June 45.

Departed R.H. 0715 hrs. Inspected SIPUPU and WEIOKO. Arr. WEIOKO 0930 hrs. Took census. V. Const. GUIOWANI No.23 (Pop.100) Moved on to KEROROGEA R.H. Arr. 1430 hrs.

29 th. June 45.

At KEROROGEA completing census. Despatched one A.C. to ESA'ALA with mail and six hospital patients.

30 th. June 45.

Departed R.H. 0715 hrs. Travelled by inland track through KOIA KOIA villages arr. SAWATUPA R.H. 0900 hrs.



PATROL DIARY

- 1 st. July 45. At SAWATUPA. Inspected inland villages known as GUI GUI Villages. Returned to R.H. 1630 hrs. Camped for the night.
- 2 nd. July 45. Departed R.H. 0715 hrs. Arr. ~~MATEBA~~ MATEBA R.H. 0930 hrs. V. Const. PADAL-IOIA No. 8 (Pop. 133) Completed census and more. Moved on to SAWATAITAI. Gear sent by canoe. Arr. SAWATAITAI 1640 hrs. One canoe had been swamped owing to heavy seas.
- 3 rd. July 45. At SAWATAITAI..Drying gear and waiting for carriers.
- 4 th. July 45. Left SAWATAITAI 0800 hrs. Passed through DARUBIA & MIADREBA districts and so on to BWASIONUNA. Had intended to continue on to ESA'ALA but Interpreter and one A.C. developed sore feet owing to the coral tracks.
- 5 th. July 45. Left BWASIONUNA 0700 hrs. Arr. ESA'ALA 0820 hrs. Reported to the District Officer.

*H. W. ...* A/NO 11  
PATROL OFFICER.



PATROL REPORTGENERAL REMARKS

On this Patrol the census of NOKMANBY IS. was completed. This places the total population of the Island at 8,468 persons. A complete copy of census was returned to the District H.Q. for Office records. The total of Births over Deaths, indicates that this Island is slowly increasing in population, however, any serious epidemic could easily offset this increase. This was pointed out to the people.

VILLAGESVILLAGES : HOUSING.

In most areas the houses were well constructed and were ~~adequate~~ adequate for the needs of the people concerned. Where new houses were needed the V. Constables were instructed to supervise the erections of such houses. In many districts the old "Saddle Back" type of house is built, these are of excellent construction and a vast improvement on the efforts usually put up by the Native. These houses are arranged in a rough semi-circle with a cleared and levelled space fronting them, this space being used for ceremonial dances and other celebrations. Where new houses were needed this type was ordered to be constructed.

ROADS and BRIDGES.

As before these varied with the aspect of the country. <sup>work</sup> In the mountain area the roads required considerable and were a credit to the people concerned. A quantity of salvaged tools have now been made ~~available~~ available to the various V. Constables and with these the roads should be kept in good order.

GARDENS

At present there is an abundance of food in the area patrolled, yams are being harvested and village food houses stocked with the crop. Sweet potato, taro, pumpkin and manioc are plentiful. Very few districts were making sago and this points to an ample food supply at present. Many requests were made for corn seed as all previous stocks have disappeared. At present no stocks of seed are held at the Station.

Several "Government" gardens were ready for harvesting, the produce from these will be brought to ESA'ALA and there purchased for Station and Hospital use.

HYGIENE

Carrying out previous D.S. instructions, all coastal people had erected Marine latrines but owing to the very strong winds and heavy seas which are prevalent in this area, most of these buildings have been destroyed. In such cases the beach is being used. In the mountain areas no latrines exist but in such cases no signs of defecation were noticed. Evidently village pigs keep the Villages clean.

Where necessary, people were instructed in cleanliness and sanitation.

COURT MATTERS

Several court cases were sent to ESA'ALA for trial. Minor troubles were adjusted and amicable settled in the village. Not being a M.N.M. many cases had to be sent to ESA'ALA which otherwise could have been dealt with on the spot.

*H.V. [Signature]* /WO 11  
Patrol Officer.



PATROL REPORT.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

There were many vacant positions for Village Councillors. The previous Councillors were either too old for the job or wished to resign for that reason. In all, ten V.Councillors were replaced.

For the election of Councillors the entire village of district ~~SENEGO~~ concerned, was lined and in each case the selection was confirmed by a show of 'hands'. Great interest was shown at these meetings.

V.Constable GUIOWANI No. 22 of WEIKO ASIPUPU district wished to resign after 23 years service. I recommend that SEWELAI be appointed to the position. This Native is young and seems to take an active part in all village activities.

The position of V. Constable at MWJUKWASIA is at present vacant, owing to the death of the previous V.Constable.

Recommendation: Present V.Councillor SUIWANKU.

V.Constable KUMTA No. 21 of GULEGULEO wished to resign after many years service.

Recommendation: Present V.Councillor TOURA

In most cases the V.Constables and Councillors were carrying out their duties well and efficiently.

MORALE

In all Districts the Morale of the people appeared to be very high. Returned I/Ls. were employed in building new houses and canoes to replace those lost during the war period. The lack of young men during that period prevented any large canoes from being built.

When questioned, the single men were quite willing to re-sign for a further one or two years. In some instances the men preferred to remain in the Village.

MISSION SCHOOLS

With the exception of EUNAMA and ENARUADA where there are Samoan Teachers, the remainder of schools operated under the M.M.S., are staffed with Native Teachers.

In most Districts the M/T complained about the non-attendance of pupils, when questioned the children said that they were not being taught enough.

The M/Ts. were then questioned and in all cases admitted that no English was being taught, in some cases the M/T could not carry on a conversation even in broken English.

Under N.R.O.117 (4) no person can be forced to attend these schools

*H. N. ...* A/VO 11  
Patrol Officer.



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R.P.C. and N.M.O. attached to Patrol.

Reg. No. 2382	A.C. TAUKAIGEDA
" " 2381	" " TOWAIEDI
" " 2273	" " KAIBA-KAVUA

Excellent Policeman. Can be used as Interpreter.  
Only average. Lacks intelligence  
Shows marked interest in all aspects of Patrol work.

N.M.O. VIVIAN. was attached to Patrol for medical purposes, although lacking in experience a/n carried out his duties well, his conduct was satisfactory.

The above personnel were clean and tidy both in appearance and habit, all took pride in uniform and work carried out

*[Signature]* A/VO 11  
Patrol Officer.



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MEDICAL

Approximately 5800 people were seen and all medically examined.

The health in the ~~main~~ district patrolled was very good, only 70 patients being evacuated to Hospital

Minor injuries were treated in the village. Cuts and scratches were the main complaints.

PATIENTS

YAWS	16
ULCERS	34
INJURY	11
ABCESS	1
MALE NUTRITION	1
BURNS	1
SCABIES	3
GLAND T.B.	1

TOTAL 70

*W. M. ...* NO 11  
Patrol Officer.



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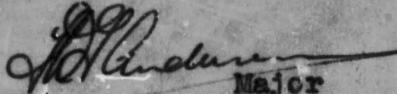
1 June 45

Will Bertram W.  
Patrol Officer

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS.

On Monday 4 June you will proceed on a patrol of the  
DUAU area.

2. A vessel will take you to Cape Prevost.
3. A runner should be sent ahead to warn the people to be  
present at the Rest House for census check.
4. This patrol is to complete the Census of Normanby Is.  
and at the same time you will inspect all villages and report  
on gardens and morale of natives.
5. It is anticipated that the patrol will take about three  
weeks.

  
Major  
F.W.C. Anderson  
District Officer.





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ESA'ALA  
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15 July, 1945.

H.Q. Southern Region  
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MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT No. ESA'ALA 1-45/46.

Attached hereto, in duplicate, please find copies of the a/m report conducted by W.O. Bertram, Patrol Officer.

This appears to have been a very thorough and well conducted patrol, and there is really little that calls for comment.

It will be noticed that the Patrol Officer has not referred to Vill. Consts., and members of the R.F.C. in the correct manner, his attention has been drawn to this fact.

Census figures are very interesting and it is pleasing to note that there has been a general increase through out. The fact that F/A out-number M/A is also encouraging and I understand is usually a deciding factor in either the increase or decrease of any population.

Food position appears very satisfactory, and already 2 tons of, Yams, Taitu and sweet potatoes have been brought to the Station from the Government gardens and purchased for Station use.

Latrines. I have a personal knowledge of this coast and with the exception of one or two villages, latrines built over the water are impossible to maintain. The beach is I think the only solution.

The fact that only 70 patients were in need of hospital treatment out of a total of 5,800 seen, is sufficient evidence to show that the general health of this Island can be classed as excellent.

Might I suggest that W.O. Bertram be appointed a M.N.M. He has a very good knowledge of the N.Reg3 and if so appointed would be in a position to deal with matters on the spot instead of disrupting village life by sending Vill. Consts., accused persons and witnesses to this station, in some cases involving many days travel.

*Clem H. Rich*

.....Capt.  
Clem.H. Rich. District Officer.,

*DS*  
*Please prepare recommendation*  
*27/7*

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*Separate Memo*



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Port Moresby  
31 July '45

Ref No. 5126

DO ESA'ALA.

PATROL REPORT NO.1 ESA'ALA 45/46 WO 21 BERTRAM.

Receipt of the above-mentioned report is acknowledged.

2. The recommendation that WO Bertram be appointed M.N.M., should have been subject of separate memo. This HQ has taken necessary action in this instance.

*Submitted  
31/7/45* *JS*

*[Signature]* Major  
ADDS & FA. (AOD)

Copy to: HQ ANBAU(CAL)  
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*Kya pl make verbal recommendation*

*JS 31/7*





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HQ ANGAU,  
20 Aug 45,  
DS30/6/54

HQ Southern Region,  
ANGAU PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT NO 1 ESA'ALA 45/46 WOII BERTRAM

Receipt is acknowledged of abovementioned Patrol  
Report forwarded under cover of your memo 30/6/15-5126  
of 31 Jul 45.

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*[Signature]*  
Capt,  
for DDDS & NA.