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PATROL REPORTS NEW BRITAIN DISTRICT 1962/63

TALASEA

CAPE HOSKINS

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Conducted by:</u>	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
Tal 1-62/63	F.L.Leibfried	Bola and parts Nakanai Census Divisions.
" 3-62/63	M.Behr	Kombe Census Division
" 4-62/63	M.Behr	Bali - Witu Census Divs.
" A-62/63	R.S.Willis	Police Investigation - Iboki Plantation
" 5-62/63	R.S.Willis	Police Investigation - Lingalinga
" 6-62/63	M.Behr	Bali - Witu Census Div.
" 7-62/63	F.L.Leibfried	Bola Census Division
" 8-62/63	F.L.Leibfried	Bali - Witu Census Div.
Cape Hosk 1-62/63	B.J.Batterham	Part of East Nakanai



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WEST. NEW BRITAIN ^{Cape Hoskins} Report No. 1 - 62/63 ^(see 67.1.0. F.P. P.T.A.)

Patrol Conducted by B. J. BATTERHAM

Area Patrolled PART OF EAST NAKANAI

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives THREE POLICE

Duration—From 19/7/1962 to 30/7/1962

Number of Days 12

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19 62

Medical / / 19 62

Map Reference / / 1962

Objects of Patrol TAX - CENSUS

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

District Commissioner

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

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

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

Over 13		Females in Child Birth
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

District Office,
RABOUL.

28th February, 1963.

Telegram

Telephone

For Reference.

If calling ask for

Mr

67-5-11

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

PATROL REPORT NO. **1**-OF 1962/1963.

1. Your 67-10-4 of 19th February, 1963,
refers.

2. I have requested Assistant District Officers and Officers-in-Charge to include a paragraph in their Patrol Instructions requiring patrolling Officers to submit their reports within a prescribed period.

(K.A. BROWN)
Acting District Officer,
West New Britain.

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67-10-4

19th February, 1963.

The District Officer,
New Britain District,
R A B A U L.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2 -62/63 - TALASEA:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report
is acknowledged with thanks.

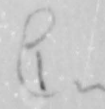
I shall be pleased to receive information
from you relating to the outcome of your discussions
with the Assistant District Officer, Talasea referred
to in paragraph 3 of your comments.

The comment from the Assistant District
Officer at Talasea on the content of the Report is
first-class.

I agree that the UBILI-ULAMONA housing scheme
should continue for the present.

Diaries will accompany Patrol Reports.

The patrol appears to have been well conducted
and produced good results.


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67. 10. 4.

Telegram

Telephone

Our Reference

Calling ask for

Mr

67-5-11



District Office,
RABAU.

4th January, 1963.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

rec 67.1.0 F.R. P.T.A.

PATROL REPORT NO. P-62/63 (TALASEA)
EAST NAKANAI CENSUS DIVISION.

1. The above report, with census figures and comments by the Assistant District Officer, Talasea, is attached for your information.
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2. I am visiting the NAKANAI in connection with UASILAU/SILANGA Settlements in the near future, and will be in a better position to comment on general activity in the NAKANAI.
3. The delay in submission of the report and subsequent comments is difficult to explain. I will take the matter up with the Assistant District Officer, Talasea.

K.A. Brown

(K.A. BROWN)
Acting District Officer,
West New Britain.

K.A.

67-1-1

Sub-district Office,
Talasea.

27th December, 1962.

The District Officer,

R A B A U L.

SUBJECT: East Nakanai Patrol No. 2 - 62/63.

Please find attached a Patrol Report submitted by Mr. Batterham on a brief patrol of the East Nakanai division. The Report was not submitted in a Jacket and in consequence of this, the information supplied on the front of the Jacket compiled at this Office is necessarily incomplete.

The report was received at this Office on the 12th November and the delay in the submission of it is due, I believe, to the recent change of postings within the Sub-district. The diary was forwarded to you some time ago.

My comments on the report are these:

Page 2 Political Development;

I am of the opinion that the implimentation of Local Government to the East Nakanai, at the present time, is not feasible. Reasons: insufficient cash economy; isolation through a small distribution of population over a wide area. The next area of this Sub-district which should be considered for the implimentation of Native Local Government is Bali - Witu; but this will be the subject of another report.

Agriculture;

The area is progressing satisfactorily with the growing of tree crops, as Mr. Batterham points out, but he forgot to mention that the recent coconut count for UBILI was 7,000 newly planted coconut trees.

Villages and Housing;

The Medical Officer at Talasea has recently returned from a patrol of the East Nakanai area and he advises that Mr. Batterham's instructions have been implimented; and that he was pleasantly surprised at the general good the Native Affairs' patrol had had on the improvement to houses and latrines, etc.

It is interesting to hear of the UBILI - ULAMONA housing scheme; and that it is working. I do not feel that any Official attention should be paid to the fact that it would appear to be not leagally arranged and might lead to a suggestion that because of the obligation placed on the native house owners, i.e. to pay for the house out of his wages, and soforth, the mission is assured of a permanent labour supply and labour force: which in turn might be construed to be termed "forced". As there have been no complaints about the scheme I propose no investigation of it just now.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-2-2

Cape Hoskins Patrol
1-62/63.

Patrol Post,
CAPE HOSKINS.

19th October, 1962.

Assistant District Officer,
TAIASEA.

SUBJECT: East Nakanai patrol report.

INTRODUCTION:

The East Nakanai is a coastal sub-division of the Nakanai area which comes under the supervision of Cape Hoskins Patrol Post. It extends from Tareki village in the west to Baia village in the east and to the villages on Lolobau island.

A number of language groups are involved in the area. The West Nakanai language extends up the coast to Bubu village. The next language group extends from Ubili village, and the villages on Lolobau island, to Baia village. The last language group is formed by a number of people who are moving down from the mountains and are now to be found in the villages of Gigipuna, Ubili and Nuau.

Physically the people are varied. East of Bubu both men and women are of strong physical build. This larger physical build is especially noticeable in the women. The women west of Bubu village tend to be smaller than those east of it.

Most villages are on the coast and all are a sea going people. Sail-ability seems to be of a high standard throughout the area but the people of Lolobau, Ubili and Nantambu area have a much larger, superior designed, canoe than the people of the western end of the sub-division.

The area is an advanced one with a long association with Europeans, especially those of the Catholic mission.

DIARY:

For diary see Folios 2-62/63 to 4-62/63; para. Nos. 12 to 23, of Field Officer's Journal dispatched to the Assistant District Officer, Talasea, on the 3rd of August, 1962.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

The patrol was well received throughout and there was no lack of assistance given to it. The attitude towards the Administration was good especially in the Apapulu area. There is an ample number of able bodied men in most villages. The villages of Ewasea and Ubili have large numbers of men working outside the villages but these, in the main, are employed at nearby Biella saw plantation and Ulamona sawmill respectively,

thus maintaining close contact with their villages and village matters.

POLITICAL DEVELOPEMENT:

While at Apapulu village the members of the East Nakanai Native Society approached me concerning Local Government councils and expressed the desire for one to be established in their area. The villages involved are: Apapulu, Gomo, Ewasse, Bubu, Mataruru, Kahei and Kiava. These villages form a total population of 814. Out of this there would be a maximum of 200 tax paying males and about the same number of tax / possible paying females.

I told these people that I thought that they had insufficient numbers to form a council but would enquire further from the Assistant District Officer, Talasea, and the District Officer, Rabaul, re the possibility of forming a council in their area. They suggested that if their numbers were not enough they could perhaps combine with the people of the Uasilau area in a council venture. Also I feel that the people of the Methodist end of the West Nakanai - who in the past have expressed the desire for a council to be formed in their area but have been blocked by the anti-council attitude of the rest of the West Nakanai - could join with the people of Apapulu etc. in forming a council. The people of the East Nakanai Native Society area and the West Nakanai villages of Galilo, Kerapi, Makasili and Gavan are closely linked, being of the one religion (Methodist) and speaking the same language. Also before the East Nakanai Native Society was formed many of the people from that area joined the West Nakanai Society which consists in the main of the West Nakanai villages mentioned above.

I have not approached either the Methodist section of the West Nakanai nor the people of Uasilau (Central Nakanai) with regard to this matter.

AGRICULTURE:

Agriculturally the area is backward when compared with the rest of the Nakanai. The villages of Tarobi, Pasusu, Kiamu, Sulu, Ubili, Nuau, Nantambu and Baia produce little to no copra at all. The main copra producing area is around Apapulu and the surrounding villages who produce copra which they sell to the East Nakanai Native Society.

Kiamu has a number of cocoa trees, some of which are now bearing. Tarobi and Pasusu are members of the Silanga (Central Nakanai) cocoa project but their standing in it is not known at the present time.

/Apapulu

The villages of the East Nakanai area around / also have reasonably large areas of cocoa (about 5000) of which much was bearing at the time of the patrol. As the villages themselves have not the means to ferment and dry the beans I approached the newly arrived Manager of Bialla plantation and suggested that he may care to buy wet beans from the people. He said that he would buy it and that he had already written to the owner of the plantation for permission to do same.

Native gardens on the whole seem adequate but there is still traces of taro blight around the Apapulu area. The gardens of Baia, Nantambu, Nuau and Ubili are exchange centres.

and Ubili are huge and as Baia is preparing for a village celebration large quantities of taro are stacked in all villages which I was told would be later transported to Baia for the celebration.

SHELL:

Around the Ulamona area, and to the villages east of it, the people seem to acquire most of the money that they have through the swimming of commercial shells. The main ones are the "Tambu" shell money, which is much coveted by the Tolai population of the Gazelle peninsula, and Lulai. The fishing of these shells is well organised and most villages now have one or two outboard motors which are attached to the canoes to give them fast transport to and from the swimming areas. The selling of tambu shell especially brings in a lot of money; e.g. a policeman accompanying the patrol bought thirty large fish tins of tambu from the people of Togotogo village for £30. He bought this on behalf of a Tolai who works at Cape Hoskins patrol post.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING:

On the whole the villages are clean and hygienic and the housing good. Apapulu stands out especially. It is spaciouly set and well kept. The housing of the villages of Baia, Nusu, Nantambu and the two villages on Lolobau island are also very good. Being built entirely of native materials, they are spacious - four or five rooms - and have high roof which keeps the rest of the house pleasantly cool. The quality of the housing deteriorates badly in the inland village of Mataruru. Here housing was sub-standard and hygiene non-existent having not a single latrine in the village. Many houses here were deemed unsanitary and ordered to be rebuilt, also, villagers were instructed to build five latrines at the extremity of the village. The housing of Gigipuna and the dozen or so people who have moved down from the mountains and are now residing behind Nuau is in a shocking state. All houses being built on the ground with very little ventilation. However these people are in the transition period of establishing gardens etc. and thus their houses have not had their full attention given to them. The people of Nuau are assisting the bush people who have, on their prompting, have moved down near the coast by building a demonstration house for them. This house is built off the ground and has a separate cooking house attached.

At Ubili village there has been started a housing scheme in conjunction with the Ulamona sawmill. These houses, which are entirely of European materials, are built by the sawmill for the people of Ubili village who work at the sawmill. Once an employee receives a house he then sets about paying off the cost of its construction by having a fixed amount deducted from his salary every month. The house have two bedrooms, a kitchen and a front verandah. This scheme seems to be working very well and already some twelve houses are built and it is planned that more will be going up in the near future.

LAND:

As already stated the people of Gigipuna are in the process of moving down to the beach at a point called Soi, which is some 10-12 miles west of Bubu village. The ownership of Soi is undisputed and rests with a number of people now residing at Bubu

The owners of Soi are agreeable for the people of Gigipuna, with whom they are married to in a number of cases, to come and settle on the coast; indeed, they have encouraged it to the extent of roughly marking out a piece of land sufficient for them to make gardens and to build their houses. The people of Gigipuna also claimed that the people of Bago and Kamatannei, in the Pomio area, also wish to come down to the coast and to settle near them. Again the people of Bubu were willing to give to these people sufficient land to make this migration a success. With regard to this matter I instructed that the people of Bago and Kamatannei are to stay where they are for the moment until the matter can be further investigated. /matter

Behind Nuau village there is also a settlement of bush people starting up. They have in the past been included in Nuau village book. However if any more of them come down I believe that they will require their own village book and village officials. Here the position is similar to Soi except the Nuau and Nantambu people have marked out an area of land which they requested the Administration to buy and to subsequently hand it on to the new settlers. Again ownership here seems to be undisputed being vested in owners from Nuau and Nantambu villages.

EDUCATION:

Education in the area is handled entirely by the Methodist and Catholic missions and is, for the most part, apparently adequate.

The children of Turobi and Pasusu have a certificated teacher in charge of them and they also come under the supervision of the Catholic priest in charge of Silanga mission in the Central Kakanai. The children from Kiamu to Bubu are taught by native teachers, some with Certificates some without, and come under the supervision of the Methodist mission at Malalia in the West Kakanai. Some of these children may have the opportunity to go to Malalia to further their education if they reach the required standard in the village school.

The school buildings of the Apapulu area are poor and I fear that very little schooling goes on in them. The people of this area enquired of the possibility of a Government school being established there. On this matter I believe that the Mr. Hagashima(?) school that was to be built at Nantambu is now to be built at Apapulu where more pupils would be readily available. /be

At Ulamona the Catholic mission has two large schools built of European materials and staffed by certificated teachers. Also I am told by the Priest in charge that in the near future the school will be supervised by a European Sister. This school acts as a central boarding school for most of the remaining villages with the exception of part of Nuau and Nantambu which are Methodist.

FORESTRY:

On Lolobau island a Rabaul company are in the initial stages of establishing a logging business there. The timber rights for the area have not yet been purchased from the natives although they have agreed to sell. Therefore at the moment the loggers

are planning to commence operations on portion of the unplanted section of Lolobau plantation belonging to Mr. C. Blake.

HEALTH:

The Administration, the Methodist and Catholic missions ~~men~~ all have establishments offering health services. The Administration has aid posts at Mataliliu and Ubili villages. The Catholic mission has a hospital at Ulaona and the Methodist mission has a newly established aid post at Nuaa villages which is staffed by two female mission trained aid post orderlies.

To all outward appearances the people, men women and children, seem very healthy.

The aid post orderly at Ubili complained to me that he had far too large an area to cover and that he needed another man to help him carry out his duties properly. He also requested that I mention this request to the Medical Officer at Talasea.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

Village officials appear to be doing a good job and their influence is strong. Most welcomed the patrol and took the opportunity to straighten out a number of problems that had arisen since the last D.N.A. patrol to the area. The village officials of Apapulu, Ewasse and Gomu seem to be especially enterprising and their villages are a credit to them.

TAX AND N.M.T.A.s:

The purpose of this patrol was tax census. There was \$269 collected in all and nil N.M.T.A. payments made.

POLICE:

The patrol was accompanied by Constables TAWA FISILO and MOLIOM. The conduct of each was satisfactory which comment has been duly entered on their records of service.

CONCLUSION:

In the past I fear that this area has been overshadowed by the West Nakanai and it has suffered accordingly. It is a progressive area and its people have an obvious desire to advance. You have the desire for a Local Government Council in the Apapulu area. You have the economic venture of outboard motors at Ulaona; and, you have the impressive European type housing scheme of Ubili. It is therefore my belief that the channeling of this desire for advancement will require much assistance from the Administration, in the future, to bring it to its proper fruition.

B. J. Batterham
B. J. Batterham
PATROL OFFICER.

YEAR

1962

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VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL				
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