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Area Patrolled: Outlying Woodlark Islands

Period of patrol: 27.4.1965 - 11.5.65

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The District Commissioner Milne Bay District SAMARAI

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The comments I desire to make are detailed below : --

#### INTRODUCTION .

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18th March, 1966.

The District Commissioner, Milne Roy District,

#### SAMARAI PATROL REPORT NOZ/1064-55

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District Office, SAMARAI, Wilne Bay District.

21st January, 1966.

The Assistant District Cormissioner, SAMARAI, Wilne Bay District.

#### Patrol Report SAMARAI Ko.2 of 1964/65.

- Receipt is asknowledged with thanks of the abovementioned report together with your covering memorantium 57-1-4 of 18th June, 1965.
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The Director,
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Sub-district Office, SAMARAI, Milne Ba istrict. 13th May, 1965

Assistent District Commissioner, Samarai Sub-district, SAMARAI.

#### PATROL SAMARAI 2 / 1964-65.

Patrol Conducted by:

J.B.Quinn, A.D.C.

Area Patrolled:

Outlying Woodlark Islands

Patrol Accompanied by:

EUROPEANS

G.M.James, P.O. R.D.Kelvin, C.P.O.

NATIVES

1 member R.P.& N.G.C. 1 Interpreter 1 Projectionist .

Duration:

27/4/65 to 11/5/65.

Number of Days:

14

Did Medical Asst. Accompany?

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Last Patrol of Area:

D.D.A. - October 1964.

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Map Referance

Fourmil 55 (Madau) 56 (Murua) 57 (Laughlan)

Objects Of Patrol:

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#### PATROL DIARY.

Tuesday 27th April 1965. Departed Samarai for Woodlark on board M.V. Yelangili at 1500 hours. Travelled through the night.

Wednesday 28th April. On route Guasopa. Arrived 1500 hours. Went ashore and discussed patrol with Mr. James, O.I.C. Guasopa. Films were shown in the village during the evening. Thursday 29th April. At Guasepa Station. Friday 30th April. At Guasopa Station. Station inspection done by Mr. Quinn. Films shown.

Saturday 1st May. Departed Guasopa 0700 hours, travelled to LAUGHLAN. Arrived 11-30 hrs. Anchored in BUDI EUDI Lagoon. Went ashore and inspected hamlets stretching along the island. BUDELIN is the island populated.
The gardens are grown on an unoccupied island connected by a reef. Hamlets clean and housing good.
A good anchorage is available in the lagoon.
Films shown 1930 hours.

Standay 2nd May. Observed at LAUGHLAN. Coconuts were collected to be taken to GAWA.

Monday 3rd May. Departed LAUCHLAN 0800 hrs. Reached ALCESTER 1800 hrs, but no anchorage available. Proceeded to GAWA. Arrived about 2400 hrs.

Tuesday 4th May. Went ashore 0800 hrs. Inspected the hamlets. Two adultery cases were brought up and heard. Pleas and findings in each case were of guilty. Information collected for land dispute. Films shown in the evening.

Wednesday 5th May. Travelled to KWAIWATA 0730 hrs. arrived the went ashore 0800. Reception good. Informacion was given concerning land dispute. GAWA and KWAIAWATA have concurring stories. Left 1500 hours. Slept at GAWA.

Thursday 6th May. Arrived IWA 0630. Inspected hamlets and food supply. One gase of adultery was heard. Films were shown and their story was given in the land dispute. Blent in Rest House.

Friday 7th May. Left IWA 0930 hrs. Rough weather forced "Yelangili" to anchor off GAWA.

Saturday 8th May. Left GAWA 0330 hrs, arrived IANABA 0800 hrs. Inspected village. The housing is generally of a poor standard and instructions were left for irprovements to be made. There were no complaints heard.

Left IANABA 1130.
Arrived EGUM 1300 hours and went ashore. All males except one were absent. There seemed to be no problems. Films were shown in the evening.
M.V.Yelangili anchored in the lagoon.

Sunday 9th May. Left EGUM 0700 hours and proceeded to Wood ark. Anchored off WABUNUNU 1700 hours.

Monday 10 th May. 0500 hrs went ashore and walked inland on exploratory walk for proposed Kulumadau-Guasopa Road. Walked to Guasopa after returning to Wabununu. Left Guasopa 1530 hours to return to Samarai.

Tuesday 11th Mag. Arrived at Samarai.

END OF PATROL

INTRODUCTION: This patrol was one of routine administration of the islands in the vicinity of Woodlark. The trawler M.V.Yelangili was made available for the whole of the patrol.

- 2. The last patrol to these islands for the purpose of administration was the tax/census patrol conducted by Patrol Officer James from Woodlark during October 1964.
- 3. All islands in the Census Division were visited with the exception of ALCESTER. The patrol visited this island, but a strong south east swell made a safe anchorage impossible for M.V. Yelangili. The islands visited and inspected were LAUGHLAN, GAWA, KWAIAWATA, lanaba and EGUM.
- 4. The LAUGHLAN and EGUM groups are coral atolls. Good anchorages are available in the lagoons there. Protection in the present season being given by surrounding islands and reef.
- 5. Of the other islands, GAWA was the only one with an anchorage to prove effective during this weather. This was used by M.V. Yelangili during the patrolling of GAWA and KWAIAWATA. KITAVA was used while the patrol was at IWA. This was said to be a good anchorage.
- 6. GAWA, KWAIAWATA and IWA have narrow shorelines and villages situated on plateaus at the centre of the islands. They seem to be raised coral atolls.

NATIVE AFFAIRS: There was no evidence of antegonism toward the patrol from any people contacted. Carriers for projection equipment were readily available, and a good attendance at all meetings was seen. At EGUM though, the male population with the exception of one lod man was absent at the time of the patrol's visit. They were said to have been at a nearby small island collecting native tobacco.

8 The use of the tape recorder on occasion helped to gain complete a ttention of the assembled people. They were clearly amazed at the working of the machine and readily told troubles into it. I believe it was a definate aid in gaining confidence in the time available. The conclusion of motion picture sessions also presented an ideal opportunity to address the crowd on political advancement or such. Many people of these islands have no comprehension of the world beyond the boundaries of, say Esa'ala and Kiriwina. These film shows bring almost first word of outside cultures and do a world of

9. The main complaint heard by the patrol was of adultery. Two cases were heard at GAWA and one at IWA. Pleas and findings of guilty were given in all cases. It is apparent that all minor complaints are heard and solved at village level.

10. An investigation was carried on at the three islands concerned into the ownership of a small island near KWATAWATA. The ownership is claimed by GAWA and KWATAWATA. Each acknowledges the claim of the other to respective halves of the island. The problem arises through the planting and use of a third portion of the island by IWA. The people of IWA recognise the ownership of it by GAWA and KWATAWATA, and do not claim ownership of any part of it for themselves.

11. All works previously ordered under Regulation 101 had been carried out and in only one instance were new orders under this Regulation given. In one hamlet inspected, the required dwelling was by far the best in the vicinity. Particular attention had been given to its construction.

MISSION INFLUENCE: There are Mission establishments on all islands visited. These are of Mcchodist extraction and consist of a Church and Minister of religion. Bible stories are the extent of the teaching there. Mission influence on these islands is not high. It is all they have in the manner of any type of schooling though.

FOOD AND AGRICATURE: There is an ample food supply on all islands visited, All types of fresh food were officed for sale to the patrol. The gardens seem tell looked after and the crops are abundant. Yams, tart, sweet pobato are the staple foods. Coconuts are plentiful throughout the islands. There is no searcity of food in the area.

14. Coconuts were called for at LAUGHIAN for a proposed plantation at GAWA. More than a thousand were brought to the host in the space of a couple of hours.

15. Coconuts are over-abundant at IWA. There is an orderly plantation at one end of the island. Now seedlings have been planted between the existing older trees. In the harlens, many sprouting need hang from posts and trees. There is a fenced compound in one hamlet holding about five andred sprouting needs.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS: The Village Constable of KWAIAWATA wishes to resign be lease of age. He recommended his son to succeed him, and there seemed to be no opposition to this. This will be dealt with under separate cover by Mr. James.

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COMMUNICATIONS: No commercial lessels call at these islands. The only centac, these people have with the outside world apart for their own trips by cance to Kulumadau or other carts of Woodlark aret the Government patrols to the area.

18. Not all islands have canoes large enough to make the journey to Wood ark. During the present season, such a venture would be impossible even to those who had.

The Kulumadau Trading Conveny vessel will visit LAUGHLAN and EGUM if Mr. Neate is told that sufficient copra has been made at these islands. GANA, KWAIAWATA and IWA are completely out of touch. Since the departure of Mr. D'Orchimont from IANABA and Mr. Voight from LAUGHLAN, Mr. Neate is the only remaining planter and trader in the area.

20. As these islands are so out of touch, it might prove worthwhile to spend more time on each island and in each village on patrol.

ECOPOMIC DEVELOPMENT: As mentioned above, these people have ample food for present consumption. They have a form of short-run certainty as there is no scarcity of necessities of life at all on these islands. Tobacco was the only real apparent need seen on patrol.

22. This abundance of food leads to a form of complacency. There is no great need which drives them to any work outside the tending to gardens or fishing. The most enterprising feat done by them would be the navigation in their cances between islands.

23. At LAUGHLAN there were a thousand or so seed coconuts collected aboard M.V. Yelangili and taken to GAWA where they are to be the nucleus of a plantation

there. There are more than enough coconcts at LAUGHLAN and IWA to xatisfy satisfy present and future consumption for a fair while.

22. The great disadvantage in encouraging the production of copra lay in the lack of reliable or regular
communications between the islands and elsewhere. If
these people are urge: to produce copra to utilize the
trees and ruts they now have, there is a great chance
of it all rotting before collection.

Copra is collected from Laughlan by Mr. Neate in the place there of enough copra to make his trip worthwhile. This can only be done in favourable seas the him, it can only be done says used to take copra to him, it can only be done says enably, and then only a small amount could be taken not enough to make a trip really worthwhile.

24. It might be possible to bring a form of development to these people through utilizing the trees already planted and bearing. With the lack of a reliable shipping service to the islands this is a difficulty. This could be overcome if such a service were subsidised and if some actual production was lone by the people themselves. At the present, nobody visits the islands because there is absolutely nothing there.

25. The resources are available to take a very minor role in the copra industry. What is really needed is a form of incentive to work. The only need on the islands is for tobacco. There is no urgency to work and a great lack of ambition. If shipping to the idland were subsidised, I doubt whether it would prove successful.

26. There is an amount of black-lipped pearl and trochus shell on certain islands. These could be collected and held there till some boat comes.

27. Certain villa ers have an amove of talent as wood carving. This could be encouraged a sewoods used are a ready market for the product. An arrangement exists between Mr. James and the people of IWA where by he account in the name of the village. In this case, the incentive is to save enough to buy a water tank for

HEALTH: The health on the islands covered by the patrol is fair. There are no general allments apart from the usual swollen stomachs of children. This is eneral throughout the area. The people seem reasonably happy and healthy.

29. An isolated case of conjunctivitis was seen and noted in the appropriate Village Book for the attention of the Medical Patrol following ours.

30. Aid Post Orderly WAIENI accompanied us on M.V. Yelangili to return to his aid post at GAWA. He complained of a lack of response there, and an unwillingness of the villagers to clean the area of his post. Instructions were lest with the Village Constable to rectify this.

31. The only other Aid Post of these islands is at IWA. This is clean and very well looked after. There were no complaints of lack of response here.

32. The isolation of these islands would make it impossible to do snything in the case of a medical emergency there. In the present season, no canoe could safely cross from the islands to Woodlark.

JANITATION: Adequate sanitation is present on most islands. This is unused to the large part though. The building of latrines only being carried out to comply with the wishes of the officer who ordered them allt, rather than with concern to health reasons. The case of a latrine which had fallen down at KWATAWATA is an ideal example of feeling toward them. It had been built because one officer had ordered it so. When it eventually collapsed, no attempt to rebuild it had been made. I can imagine the villagers being relieved of the burden of being supposed to use it.

34. There are no latrines at EGUM, the presence of a reef at the end of the island giving an effective natural method.

35. All villages and hamlets seen by the patrol were extremely clean. Even in the case of pigs being in the village, care had been taken to keep the village area clean.

HOUSING: The general standard of housing on all islands visited is high, there being one notable exception. All housing instructions left by previous patrols have been carried out. On the whole, houses are clean and waterproof. They have been well maintained.

37. The housing at IANABA was poor. This was the only place where housing instructions were left by this patrol.

29. The Rest House in two cases was poorly maintained, possibly being the poorest structure on the island. At GAWA, it was by far the worst looked after building there, the Aid Post running a close second. The lack of maintenance to Rest Houses may be caused through the extent they are unused by patrols.

ROADS AND BRIDGES: The patrol walked from WABUNDNA Village on Woodlark along a narrow walking track for a few miles inland. The purpose of this was to see whether a road from Kulumadau to Guasopa could be made easier than thought.

40. An overgrown U.S.Army red was found during this walk. This road, if cleared will possibly bypass the swamps at the outlet of the SINKURAI River. This will make the road a much easier proposition. The matter of this walk and ideas of the road will be dealt with by Mr. Quinn under separate cover.

CONCLUSION: The patrol was well received by all people contacted. The use of motion pictures and the tape recorder assisted considerably in gaining confidence. The people seen are a reasonably happy type with no real problems.

42. During the patrol, it was usual to sleep aboard N.V.Yelangj'' due to the fact that an early start was needed to re ch the next island at a reasonably early hour. I feel that the patrol could have been extended, that more time could have been spent in each village, and that wherever Rest Houses had been built, they should have been usaf. Within the time spent with them though, the people seemed to appreciate the patrol.

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