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NEW IRELAND DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1967-1968

KAVIENG, TASKUL, KONOS

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of New Ireland Report No. Kav 2-67/68

Patrol Conducted by R. S. Coles Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Tigak West Coast and Islands and East Coast

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 1 speedboat driver

Duration—From 22/8/1967 to 13/9/1967

Number of Days 12 days (broken period)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 6/1966

Medical/19.....

Map Reference Attached

Objects of Patrol Census Revision

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: **67-9-15**

Department of District
Administration,

KONEDOBU. Papua.

8th October 19 68

The District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
KAVIENG

PATROL NO. KAVIENG NO.2 of 1967/68

Your reference 67-1-2 dated 2nd September, 1968

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of

* ~~XXXXXX~~ Special/Annual/Census - ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Area Study/Situation Report by
R.S. COLES P.O. to
TIGAK Census Divisions.

cc.

(W.R. DISHON)
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
A/ (T.W. ELLIS)
Director

* Delete as necessary.

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District Headquarters,
KAVIENG. W.I.D.

2nd. Sept., 1968

Assistant District Commissioner,
KAVIENG.

PATROL KAVIENG NO. 2 of 1967/68 - TIGAK C.D.

This report was received under your covering memorandum 67-1-2 dated 20th. May, together with village population register.

It's late submission is primarily because of faults in the original draft as submitted, and this had to be returned twice to the officer at Namatanai for resubmission. Apparently the original copy of the report is not available. This is the unsatisfactory style of work which appears to be the best Mr. Coles is capable of producing. In the end the Village Population Register was compiled by other officers of Kavieng Sub-District, the job being beyond Mr. Coles' ability.

Mr. Coles reported the query about "communism" at the time. This was investigated and found to be an isolated remark without any serious connotation and the speaker later indicated he was speaking of T.I.A.

The Aid Post at NONOWAUL was abandoned because the Johnson Cultists in 1965 made life unbearable for the orderly stationed there and he was forced to leave.

Mr. Coles' remark "although indications of cult activity and thinking remain" in his conclusion is completely devoid of any support in the body of the report. It would be interesting to know what these "indications" were.

It is noted from the statistics that 99 births were recorded as against 31 deaths in the interval since the last census. Comment on the census is lacking in the report.

I must concur with your evaluation of this patrol and report, and have directed closer supervision of this officer's work at Namatanai.

M. W. Brightwell
(M. W. BRIGHTWELL)
a/District Commissioner.

c.c. Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Report, map and Village Population Register
attached.

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
NEMATANAI.

M. W. Brightwell
(M. W. BRIGHTWELL)
a/District Commissioner.

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JBB/sw

Sub-District Office,
KAVIENG. N.I.D.

20th. May, 1968

District Commissioner,
KAVIENG.

REPORT OF PATROL - KAVIENG 2 of 1967/68

Attached are two (2) copies of the above patrol report by Mr. R. S. Coles, Patrol Officer.


The policy of rapid visits to villages has its points but at least one patrol a year should be a slow one, camping as far as is possible, in every village for one night. Such a patrol as a census patrol provides, perhaps, the best opportunity to meet the above aim.

The aid Post at NONAWAUL has been reopened. The clinic under an ex A.P.O. has been approved by Public Health Department as long as the ex A.P.O. is willing to work on a voluntary basis. The A.P.O. at KABIEM No. 1 visits regularly.

The census figures were very poorly compiled and after corrections were made they had to be rewritten in this office. Such slipshod work casts doubt on the accuracy of the figures and therefore their usefulness.

A map is attached. It will be readily noticed that the map bears no title, has no scale, and the only reason I believe it belongs to this report is that I found it attached to it.

A hurried patrol covered by a careless report.


(J. B. BATTERSBY)
Assistant District Commissioner

PATROL DIARY.

- 1967
- 22nd August Departed Sub-District Office for Bagail 8am. Census revised. To Mongol where census revised. Returned S.D.O. 4pm.
- 23rd August Census revised at Kulangit village in the morning and at Omo village in the afternoon. Returned to S.D.O. 3.30 pm.
- 24th August Census revised at Pabliang, Panapai and Malom villagers. Returned to Sub-District Office 4pm.
- 25th August Census revised at Kableman and Kaselon villages. Returned to S.D.O. 3.30 pm.
- 28th August Census revised at Putput village . Returned S.D.O. 4.4am.
- Break.
- 4th September Sam departed Kavieng for Upuos by speedboat. Census revised and housing inspected. To Enang where census revision and housing inspection carried out. Returned Upuos 5pm. Talks with village people. Overnight.
- 5th September To Bangatan village. Census revised and housing inspected. To Kiton where census revised. Then to Noncvaul where overnight.
- 6th September Nonowaul census revised and housing inspected. Census revised and housing inspected at Butel. Returned to Nonowaul where overnight.
- 7th September To Eruk where housing inspected and census revised. Several complaints heard. To Nuselias where census revised and housing inspected. To Kavieng.
- Break in Patrol
- 11th September To Bagatera where housing inspected and census revised. On to Kaut where census revision and housing inspection carried out. Talks with villagers. Overnight.
- 12th September Lokono and Kabien villagers visited. Census revision and housing inspection carried out. Complaints heard. Talks with villagers. Overnight.
- 13th September Returned to Kavieng to unload patrol equipment. Census revision carried out at Tome and Nusalik villages. To Kavieng.

End of Patrol.

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Sub-District Office,
NAMATANAI.

20th November, 1967

Assistant District Commissioner,
KAVIENG.

Patrol Report No. 2 Kav 1967/68.

Herewith 4 copies of Patrol Report for the Tigak Census Division.

INTRODUCTION.

All areas visited were within the Tikana Local Government Council area. The last routine patrols to the areas were in May 1965 for the West Coast, the East Coast in early 1965 and the Islands in May 1966, although all areas have been visited more recently by D.D.A. officers attending to Land and Local Government matters.. The main purpose of this patrol was census revision. Census figures are attached. A speedboat was used in the Islands and west coast areas to enable the patrol to keep to its schedule of two villages a day.

As you are aware the East Coast villages were visited daily from Sub-District Office for the purpose of the census being revised; thus no comment has been made on the political situation etc. for this area as the time spent in the villages was insufficient to gain an impression of these aspects.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION AND POLITICAL SITUATION.

The Tigak Census Division is within the Tikana Council area. The council appears to be operating reasonably successfully in the area considering that only a couple of years ago it was a centre of cargo-cult activity.

Greatly increased Council spending in the area has been a major factor in improved council/villager relationship. There are 4 council wards in the west coast and island areas. My comments on the councillors are:

DENNI (Kaut, Kablen, Bagatere, Lokono)

An intelligent pro-administration councillor who assisted the patrol in his village. Committees in his claim that he seldom visits their villages or informs them what is happening at council meetings. He is unfortunate in having a ward with villages so far apart.

GOLLAM (Upuos, Enang, Bangatan)

He also holds the positions of N.I.N.S.A. clerk and mission catechist. Something of an extrovert but visits villages regularly to settle disputes etc. and is popular within his ward.

MARATAU. (Butei, Kiton, Nonaul)

A pleasant and helpful council. He visits his ward regularly to settle disputes and informs villagers of council workings etc.

KUANG. (Nusellas, Eruk, Tome)

A pro-administration councillor, but doesn't visit villages within his ward ; possibly because of the distance he would have to travel.

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While visiting Tome village I was asked by the committee to give a definition of Communism. He informed me that this was the name some of the people from Kaut were calling their society. He stated that LUNGAU from Eruk had visited his area collecting money and encouraging people to join. The joining fee being \$10. From this I can only conclude that he was referring to the T.I.A. (Father Miller's society with the aim of communal coconut plantings.) I suggest that the word "communism" was probably picked up from a radio broadcast. The councillors from the Tigak Islands stated that they had not heard the term before, so it appears that it is only being used on the west coast.

The patrol was well received at all villages. On many occasions villagers called upon this officer to discuss a variety of problems.

LAW AND ORDER

No cases requiring Court action were brought to the attention of the patrol.

Several minor disputes were brought to the attention of the patrol and were settled by arbitration. The village committees appear to be handling most disputes satisfactorily.

MISSIONS AND EDUCATION

All schools in the area are run by the Methodist Overseas Mission. These are at Kabien (West Coast) and at Tugalop, Nonowaul and Ungakum in the islands. Virtually all villages in the area are adherents to the Methodist Church. While the patrol was in the area the villages were preparing for their annual Waratabar celebrations and subsequently little else in the way of work was being done.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The small outrigger canoes are generally adequate for inter island transport. There are also longer sail canoes in most of the island villages. Sea transport on the West Coast is limited by weather. There is a walking track along the West Coast that is preferred by the locals when making inter village visits. Villagers at Bangatang and Upuos own boats with outboard motors. I was informed that the present hire rates for both boats were \$20 per day. The figure appears too high to make it worth the while of the local fishermen to hire a boat and bring fish to the Kavieng market.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE

An Aid Post has been built at Kabien No.1 within the framework of the council tank catchment area. The building is quite suitable but not centrally situated. The villages being affected are Kaut, Bagatere and Tome.

It was suggested by DENNI, the Councillor for the area, that a small clinic be built at Kaut to serve the three abovementioned villages. This could be staffed by a previous A.P.O. now living in the village. The aim of the clinic would be to treat minor complaints that the average villager is not prepared to walk any great distance to have treated. The clinic would be under the direct supervision of the A.P.O. at Kabien.

The Aid Post at Nonowaul has not been used since 1965. Medical supplies and equipment are still retained in the Aid Post. The Aid Post is in a central position for the Tigak Islands in the populated area of Nonowaul-Kiton - Butei (1966 318 pop.). At present there is no Aid Post operating in the Tigak Islands. This officer feels that it would be a great asset if this Aid Post were re-opened.

A letter has been written to the District Medical Officer about both these matters and will be forwarded through the Assistant District Commissioner.

The Aid Post Orderly was brought into Kavieng to obtain medical supplies and purchase food. He has only been in the area a few months and his gardens are not yet completed. His house being built by the Kabien people is near completion.

COUNCIL PROJECTS AND WATER SUPPLY

The council tanks and catchment areas in the West Coast villages were inspected and found satisfactory. All villages had made houses within the framework of the catchment stand. The one at Kabien NO.1 has been made into an Aid Post. The others have been made into Committees' houses and can be used as rest houses when a patrol is in the area.

In the islands catchment areas have been completed in all villages except Upuos. The only tank completed in the area was at Enang. This had some seepage around its base but is not serious. The tank at Enuk was in the process of being constructed while the patrol was in the area.

A request was made by the committee of Tome for some Council pig-wire.

Another request was made by the committee from Kabien No.1 for a pump to be placed in the village. He said that he had previously spoken to the Methodist Mission who stated that they would be prepared to pay half the cost of the project. At the moment the school has no water supply of its own and the children are using the Council tank, which could run out in dry weather.

LAND

The Demarcation Committee from Kabien No.1 asked if it was possible for demarcation cements to be sent to his area in the near future. The sticks that were placed to delineate the boundaries have rotted away and in some cases been replaced twice

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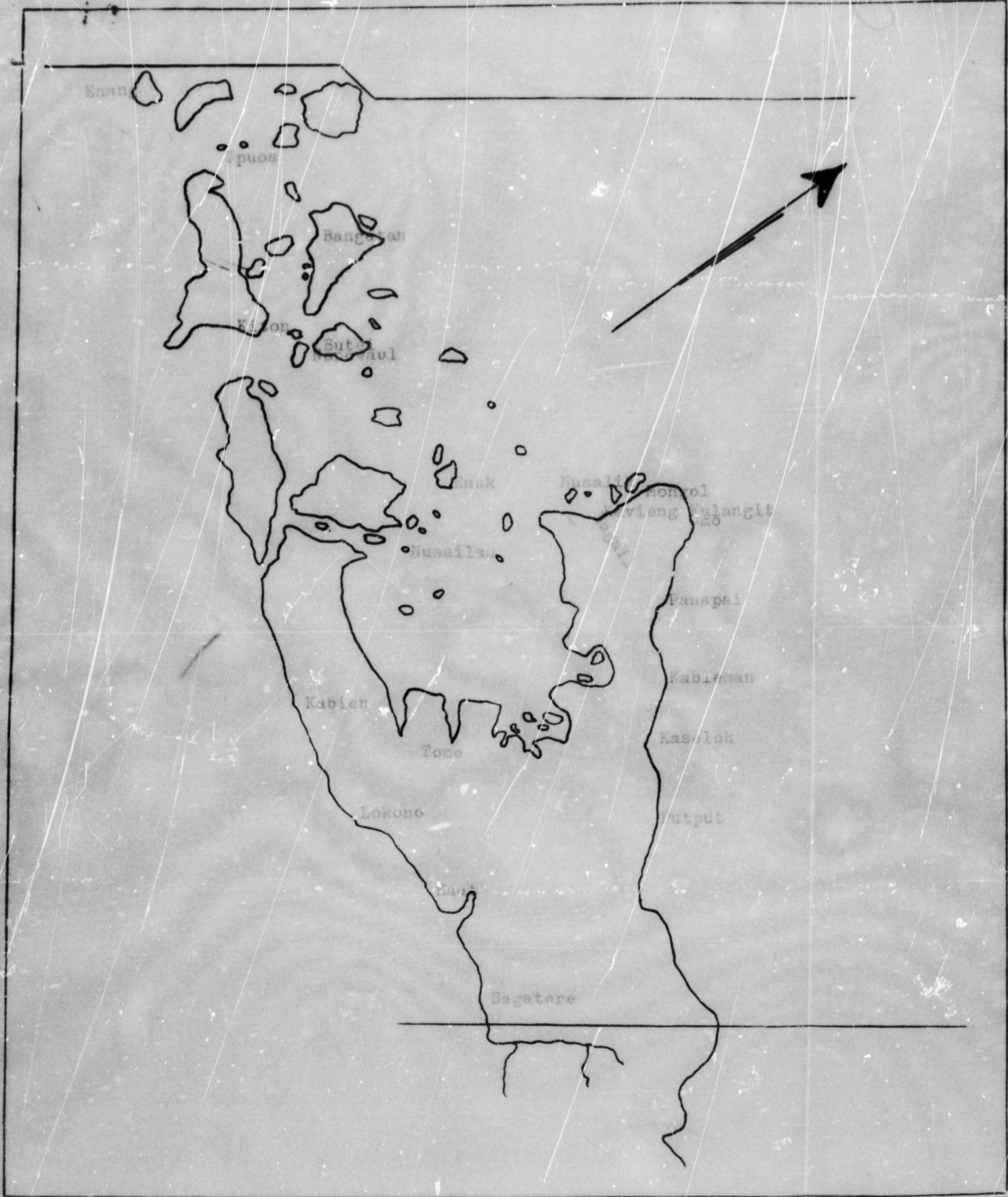
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CONCLUSION.

Due to the good reception of the patrol and attitude of the people it appears that they are excepting Administration and Council rule, although indications of cult activity and thinking remain. Regular patrolling is still required, preferably by the council adviser.



L. S. Coles
Patrol Officer





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of *New Ireland* Report No. *7 of 1967/68*

Patrol Conducted by *W. Parsons, Patrol Officer*

Area Patrolled *Tabar C.O. and East Coast*

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans *None*

Natives *1 R.P.N.G.C.; 1 speedboat driver*

Duration—From *16/11/1967* to *19/12/1967*

Number of Days *23*

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? *No*

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

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

Map Reference *Rua*

Objects of Patrol *Review of situation, pre-election campaign*

N.G.L.T.R.O. and General Administration

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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September 10th, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
KAVIENG.

PATROL NO. KAVIENG. 7 OF 1967-68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report covering patrol by Mr. W. PARSONS, Patrol Officer to TABAR and EAST COAST Census Divisions.

Some explanation for the length of time between the conclusion of this patrol and the receipt of the report at this Headquarters should be supplied.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Director

c.c. Mr. W. Parsons, P.O.,
Sub-District Office,
KAVIENG, New Ireland District.

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District Headquarters,
KAVIENG. N.I.D.

27th August, 1968

Assistant District Commissioner,
KAVIENG.

KAVIENG PATROL NO. 7 OF 1967/68

Above-mentioned Patrol Report, together with your comments, has been received.

2. I think it would have been better for the two pieces of field work covered by this report to have been reported separately. They apparently had no inter-relation and were separated by over a week, which afforded opportunity of completing the first report.
3. The report gives a fair amount of information, but notably none on progress in economic development. This omission should be corrected in future reports, following the Director's Circular 67-1-0 dated 21st June laying down new procedures.
4. Patrols should prepare and publicize an itinerary giving adequate notice of patrols to the villages to be visited. This is not to say such a programme need be inflexible. It is appreciated that on this occasion, availability of water transport was a problem. Census work on Sundays should be avoided where possible.
5. The comments on water supply problems will no doubt be referred to the Central Council.
6. The matter of additional jetties would depend primarily on economic justification, if financial assistance is suggested, Rural Development Funds might be available, if a case was made.
7. Comments on Health have been passed to the District Medical Officer.
8. MAPUA airstrip is now operational.
9. The refusal to sell or lease three small sites to N.I.N.S.A. appears rather unreasonable.
10. The use of a speedboat to carry out Islands Patrols has its limitations and dangers, and foot patrols which will give a better coverage are to be preferred.

(M.W. BRIGHTWELL)
a/District Commissioner

→ cc : Director,
Department of District Administration

Encl: (Report and 2 copies of Population statistics)

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Sub-District Office,
KAVIENG. N.I.D.

20th. May, 1968

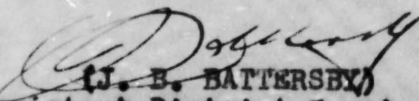
District Commissioner,
KAVIENG.

Report of Patrol - Kavieng 7 of 1967/68

Attached please find two (2) copies of the above report written by Mr. W. Parsons, Patrol Officer.

The Report calls for little comment and is fairly well presented. The "Appendix A" section, could prove useful especially if maintained and developed by future patrols.

The Census figures show little for comment. A map was not submitted and would have helped to round off this report.


(J. B. BATTERSBY)
Assistant District Commissioner

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PATROL DIARY

16/11/67-23/11/67 & 4/12/67-18/12/67

- Thursday 16/11/67 Left Kavieng for Konos. Arrived 12 noon. Left Konos for Lokon village at 3.45 p.m. Slept Lokon.
- Friday 17/11/67 Investigated land at KOBE (35-10-16) with view to a 10 year lease by N.I.N.S.A. Slept at Lokon.
- Saturday 18/11/67 Waited for return of my landrover from Konos. As it had been held up I remained in Lokon.
- Sunday 19/11/67 Observed at Lokon.
- Monday 20/11/67 Landrover arrived and I moved to Kandan village. Land purchase ~~at~~ investigation at Lemeris (35-10-11) Unable to complete it as owners were out of the district. Notified a final order at LASUANG (34-5-157) There were no objections. Returned to Kandan overnight.
- Tuesday 21/11/67 Landrover returned to Konos after bringing me to Lambuso village. Notified a final order at PANASIRSIR 34-5-181. No objections were made to the notification. Slept ~~at~~ at Kandan.
- Wednesday 22/11/67 Landrover returned to Kandan. Left for Libba and Tandes villages and notified the final orders at KALANGEAS (34-5-169) and KULUPATAI (34-5-168). No objections were made to the notifications. Moved to Pinikindu and investigated LEMARAKAUNG with view to a 10 year lease for N.I.N.S.A. Slept at Lamussong.
- Thursday 23/11/67 Land purchase investigations for N.I.N.S.A. at PANAKAU (35-10-14) LALIL (35-10-7) and LEPADA (35-10-18) Returned to Kavieng 8p.m. Slept Kavieng.
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- Monday 4/12/67 Made final preparations for patrol to Tabar and sailed for Sos in the M.V. Medea at 7p.m.
- Tuesday 5/12/67 7a.m. Arrived at Sos wharf on Tatau Island. Left half my patrol equipment at Sos and used the patrol speed boat to go to Maragon village on Simberi Island. Arrived at 10a.m. in heavy rain. Lined Simberi, revised ~~the~~ census and addressed villagers re. forthcoming elections and the Multi-Racial Council for the Central New Ireland Council area. Inspected village housing. Walked to Maragon and repeated the above procedure. Slept at Simberi village.
- Wednesday 6/12/67 Patrol delayed because of heavy seas and rain. Left Simberi at 11a.m. for Bueri. Repeated abovementioned village procedure at Bueri. Then to Munum. Lined Munum and Napekur at Munum. Slept at Munum.
- Thursday 7/12/67 6.30 a.m. Left Simberi Island for Sos. Repeated village procedure at Sos and Lava. The headmaster of Tatau Primary 'T' School requested that I postpone my work at Tatau until Friday as today was end of term at the school and all the villagers would be at the celebrations. Slept at Tatau village.
- Friday 8/12/67 Lined Tatau and Maragat villages at Tatau. Repeated village procedure. Inspected Sos, Lava and Tatau. Received a complaint from the committeeman at Tatau concerning the A.P.O. at the aid post, PIUS. Pius had left his post unattended for over a month. Slept at Tatau.

- Saturday 9/12/67 Went by speed-boat to Sambuari and Marai but most of the people were working at Mapua on the airstrip. Left word for them to line tomorrow at Korumbo. Moved on to Korumbo, but, once again not enough people to line. Slept at Korumbo.
- Sunday 10/12/67 Revised census and addressed villagers from Korumbo, Sanapari, Sambuari and Marai. Inspected Korumbo and Sanapari. Left Korumbo for Tiripats village on Big Tabar Island. Slept at Tiripats.
- Monday 11/12/67 Repeated village procedure at Tiripats and Kowamarara. Kowamarara was found to be the most improved village as far as housing and village areas were concerned. Moved on to Dataru plantation to inform the manager of the station of the Multi-Racial Council. Moved on to Wang village. The people from Wang and Tumindar were not ready to be censused. Slept at Wang.
- Tuesday 12/12/67 Revised census and addressed villagers from Tumindar hamlet and Wang village at Wang. Inspected Wang housing. Moved on to Banesa by speed-boat. Repeated village procedure for Banesa and Matlik villages. Then to Koko village. Slept at Koko.
- Wednesday 13/12/67 Lined Koko and Morai at Koko. Repeated village procedure. Moved on to Datava - usual procedure. Similarly at Rakupo. Slept at Rakupo.
- Thursday 14/12/67 Left Rakupo for Mapua Island at Tokara. Censused and addressed Tokara. Walked on to Mapua village and repeated work. Inspected Mapua mission station and airstrip. Slept at Mapua village.
- Friday 15/12/67 Had a radio conversation with Mr. J.W. Frawley A.D.C. inquiring about shipping movements to Tabar. Then on to Mang-gawur on Tatau Island. Then on to Tugitog. Repeated village procedure at both villages. Returned to Mapua to receive advice on shipping movements from Kavieng. Slept at Mapua village.
- Saturday 16/12/67 Proceeded to Pakinbariu village by speed-boat. Lined and addressed the villagers and inspected the village housing. Waited in the channel between Tatau and Simberi islands to intercept the M.V. Medea. Intercepted the ship and brought it back to Mapua to load the patrol cargo. Left for Dataru Plantation on the Medea. Overnight at Dataru.
- Sunday 17/12/67 M.V. Medea loading at Dataru. 6p.m. Left Dataru for Kavieng.
- Monday 18/12/67 Arrived in Kavieng at 5p.m. a.m. Reported to A.D.C., end of patrol.
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Sub District Office,
P.O. Box 104,
Kavieng.

13th. February 1968

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
Kavieng.

KAVIENG PATROL REPORT No.7 OF 1967/68

KONOS and the TABAR CENSUS DIVISION

INTRODUCTION

This patrol, to the East coast of the Konos Administrative area and the Tabar Census Division, was intended to be continuous, but the work on Tabar had to be postponed for over a week as there was no shipping available for the patrol staff. Both areas are under the control of Konos Patrol Post. The first part of the patrol, to the East coast, extended over a period of eight days, from the 16th. November to the 23rd. November 1967. The second part lasted for fifteen days, from the 4th. December to the 18th. December.

The purposes of this patrol were New Guinea Land Titles Restoration Ordinance (N.G.L.T.R.O.) investigations, revision of census, preparation of the Central New Ireland Local Government Council (C.N.I.L.G.C.) electoral roll, the pre-election campaign for the C.N.I.L.G.C. elections which were due to start on the 3rd. January 1968, and general administration.

As the part of the patrol to the East coast dealt only with N.G.L.T.R.O. investigations, I will confine most of my comments on this part of the patrol to the section dealing with land matters. All other comments will refer to Tabar unless the East coast is mentioned specifically.

The Tabar Census Division is made up of four islands: Simberi, Tatau, Mapua and Big Tabar. On Tabar there are 27 villages and 13 plantations owned by five business concerns including the Catholic Mission. The population of 1849 have a choice of three denominations for worship: Catholic, Methodist and Seventh Day Adventists. There are six primary schools including one Administration Primary 'T' school at Tatau, and five aid posts. The patrol to Tabar was conducted by speed-boat. The patrol to the East coast was by Landrover from Lokon village to Tandes, a distance of about 65 miles. In this part of the patrol there was no opportunity to inspect villages or to do any of the normal administration work in the village areas.

POLITICAL SITUATION

Political Situation has been brought about, on Tabar, mainly by the people's dependence on their councillors. The Central New Ireland Local Government Council is coming into the fourth year of its jurisdiction in Tabar. At the time of this patrol seven councillors represented the Census Division. These were AKAM and MELAIME on Simberi Island, PAWUT and LANGIRI on Tatau Island, SURU on Mapua Island and part of Tatau, and ANTON and MARIS on Big Tabar Island. With the introduction of the Multi-Racial Council in January, the number will be reduced to four and the ward boundaries extended accordingly. The population has come to rely on their councillors and the amount of work accomplished in the wards varies with the energy and initiative of the councillors. The capacities of the councillors, however, have remained virtually the same since my last patrol to this area in December 1966. Anton and Maris remain the diligent pair. Pawut remains active but very often overestimates his own responsibilities, and occasionally exerts his authority over other wards. He is still popular, ~~more~~ however, in his electorate, and, as with the rest of the people on Tabar, his electors are very willing to be led by such a dominant character.

Once again Tabar's main need is for an adequate water supply...../2

As can be seen from my village reports (Appendix A) and my previous report of December 1966, there is an inadequate water supply in many villages. In the last year, however, the council has been unable to remedy the situation.

PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN

The pre-election campaign was conducted in every village and plantation to introduce the people on Tabar to the concepts involved in their new Multi-Racial Council. The address given referred to the work and organization of the council and the mechanics of voting. All plantations were visited and the residents not indigenous to Tabar were included on the electoral roll. There seemed to be very little interest shown by the non-indigenous residents in the new council developments. No nominations were received at this time. It was indicated, however, that most of the present councillors would stand again. Very few names had to be added to the electoral roll as most of the people not indigenous to Tabar were contract labourers on plantations and belonged to their own councils in the highlands or in the Sepik District.

HOUSING AND SANITATION

In most cases, housing had improved since my last patrol to the area on December 1966. (Kav. No. 10 of 1966/67) The most marked improvements were seen at Kowamarara and Mapua. Both of these villages had been in poor condition a year ago, but now, all houses, bar one or two, had been recently rebuilt. In Kowamarara, not only had the houses been ramshackle but the village area had obviously not been cleaned for some time. This inspection, however, yielded different results. The houses were new, the village area was clean and some shrubs had been planted on either side of the main path. The majority of house-holders have not yet accepted the idea of building two separate houses, one above the ground for sleeping and one on the ground for cooking. On Tabar, there are still many houses built on the ground for both cooking and sleeping purposes. For details of housing see Appendix A (Village Reports).

Refuse pits have been dug in all villages and each new intake of rubbish is being covered over with sand to prevent flies from congregating around it and breeding. Very few latrines have been constructed in the villages. These, however, are rarely necessary as all the village sites are on the beach.

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

Schooling facilities on Tabar are adequate. There is an Administration school at Tatau, Catholic Mission schools at Datava and Mapua, Methodist Mission schools at Matlik and Simberi and a Seventh Day Adventist school at Wang. Detailed inspections of schools were not always possible as the school holidays started during the patrol and the children and teachers were on leave. All schools except the Administration school at Tatau and the Catholic Mission school at Mapua are made from bush materials. Although the bush material buildings are temporary through insect action and the weather the villagers keep their schools in an adequate state of repair. The school at Tatau was built by the council with an Administration subsidy. It was built with bricks and concrete with a corrugated iron roof. A water tank was also attached. While inspecting the school, the headmaster asked me to present a request to the C.N.I.L.G.C. for the erection of another water tank at the school. Mr. N.C. Watt, the council adviser, has since replied that the matter cannot come under consideration until the next financial year.

The Catholic Mission school at Mapua is being rebuilt. Father H. Miller at Mapua is constructing a block of six classrooms from permanent materials. The bricks used in the building were made on the mission station. It is anticipated that the new buildings will be completed by the start of the next term. More details on schools will be found in the village reports (appendix A).

HEALTH AND AID POSTS

There are five aid posts on the Tabar group. Four are Administration sponsored and are placed at Banesa, Rakupo, Tatau and Napekur. The remaining post is at the Catholic mission at Mapua. During my village inspections I noticed the usual tropical ulcers and diseases associated with old age, but on the whole, the people's health appears to be good. Tabar, however, is still apparently plagued with malaria. The local residents are either taking their prophylactics regularly or have developed a tolerance to the disease as two of my patrol staff contracted it near the end of the patrol at Mapua. Details of aid posts are included in Appendix A.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND WHARFS

As the patrol was conducted by speed-boat very few roads and bridges were inspected. The standard of those inspected, however, was very poor. Roads on Tabar are no better than narrow walking tracks. The road to Tokara from Mapua was completely overgrown by grass, in some places up to 8 feet high. The road from Wang to Banesa was muddy and washed away in many places. From Korumbo to Sanapari the road is difficult, overgrown and deep in mud. Bridges on this particular road were non-existent. Orders were issued in each offending village to repair the roads. The excuse most commonly offered on Tatau and Mapua islands was that the mission at Mapua required them to work on the airstrip too often. On enquiring at Mapua I found that all the villages on Tatau and Mapua are rostered so that the people work at intervals which easily allow them to maintain their roads and village areas.

For an island group as large as Tabar, relying entirely on sea transport there are very few wharfs. There are none on Siaberi Island, three on Tatau island, one on Mapua and none on Big Tabar. Of the three wharfs on Tatau, both wharfs at Tomilabatt plantation and Sos can berth any boat to the size of a work boat or trawler, but the wharf at Korumbo is inadequate for anything but speedboats except at high tide. Korumbo has a very shallow anchorage, and, although the wharf has been extended a good distance from the shore, the decking is still not in deep water. The wharf at Mapua mission is adequate for all small ships likely to go to Tabar.

In the other areas not served by a wharf, cargo and people must go from ship to shore by canoe or by speed-boat. This is always time consuming, and sometimes dangerous.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The only means of transport to and from Tabar is by sea. Shortly, light aircraft will be able to land on Mapua airstrip, but, at the time of the patrol the airstrip was still some months from completion. There are now five ships running from Kavieng to Tabar. The M.V. Medea, owned by John See-To, the NINSA II (New Ireland Native Societies Association Ltd.) and the M.V. Tabar (Bruno Chan) all work regular runs to deposit trade store and plantation cargo and to pick up copra. The M.V. Jason (John See-To) and the M.V. Christopher (Philip Fong) work an irregular run.

The Catholic mission ship, the LEO can be chartered to work around the islands and to link with the mainland at Konos patrol post.

There are now three transmitters on Tabar. One transmitter on Dataru Plantation and operated by the station manager, Mr. R. Cheung, is out of action at present. The two sets still transmitting are on Mapua mission and Tereri plantation. Fr. H. Miller on Mapua now transmits on the Kavieng out-stations schedule at 10a.m. and 2.30p.m. and the mission schedule at 6.30p.m. Mr. B. Birve on Tereri acquired his transmitter only recently and he also transmits on the out-stations schedule.

There are four speedboats and one motorized canoe available for hire for work around the islands. Two of them are owned by Mr. B. Chan of Tomalabatt plantation. These are a 14 ft. hull with a 35h.p. Chrysler outboard and a 12 ft. hull with a 4 h.p. Evinrude engine. Mr. B. Birve also owns a 12ft. speed-boat with a four h.p. engine. This, however, is out of commission at the moment. Mr. R. Cheung of Dataru owns a 12ft. fibreglass hull but his engine is also temporarily out of commission. Lutamba, the A.P.C. from Rakupe village has fitted a 4 h.p. Evinrude to his canoe. This is the only one that can be relied on to provide transport at all times. The others depend on the work of the manager and the state of repair of the engines. Lutamba's rates are \$2.00 per running hour.

MISSIONS

There are three missions on Tabar: Catholic, Methodist and Seventh Day Adventist. Of the three, the Catholic mission is most influential. Eighteen out of twenty-seven villages on Tabar have Catholic adherents as residents. Their headquarters at Mapua incorporates a school, aid post, trade store and a coconut plantation, as well as an elaborately built church. The Methodist mission is not as well organized in Tabar as is the Catholic mission, although their influence is quite strong. Both missions have built schools and churches in the areas under their influence. The S.D.A. mission has set itself up at Wang village only. This form of religion was imported from Mussau Island when some of those islanders came to Wang to make canoes. They settled down at Wang and now, half the population of the village has been converted to their religion. At Wang, the mission has erected a small school and a church. The village is now separated into two camps, the S.D.A.'s and 'the rest'.

CENSUS

The census this year revealed a rise of 32 or 1.8% from 1817 to 1849. (Village Population Register sheets are attached) Once again the census was hampered by the habit of many people on Tabar of regularly changing their places of residence between each census. No untoward incidents occurred during the census.

LAND

Most of the land matters investigated were on the East coast during the first part of the patrol. Ten matters were investigated on the East coast. Of these, seven were Land Purchase Investigations and three were Notifications of Final Orders. No objections were raised to the notification of the final orders which were at LASUANG (34-5-157), PANASIRSIR (34-5-181), KALANGEAS (34-5-169) and KULUPATAK (34-5-168). Of the six investigations for purchases, only four were able to be completed. These were at KOHE (35-10-16), PANAKAU (35-10-14) and IEMARAKAUNG (35-10-17) In those three places the owners were all willing to lease their ground to N.I.N.S.A. for ten years. In the other three places, at

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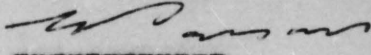
LALIL (35-10-7), LEMPANDA (35-10-18) and LEMANDAN (35-10-11) the owners refused to sell. Most of this ground under investigation for a lease had been recently purchased by the present owners. This accounted for some of the reluctance to part with the land. The six pieces of land were all of an area of less than one tenth of an acre, just enough to build a trade store for N.I.N.S.A.

It was necessary to notify only two final orders on Tabar. They were MARAGI (34-5-312) near Sos and MARARONGI (34-5-315) near Pakinberiu village. There were no objections raised to the notification. At Napakur village on Simberi Island I attempted to take a statement from SEMI BORAN concerning the information for counsel on HURUK. Semi, however, had been removed from the village and taken to the hospital in Kavieng.

CONCLUSION

I am satisfied that this patrol was successful as far as the census and electoral work was concerned. The land work, however, was not as successful as it could have been. I could see no real reason why the owners of the three pieces of ground mentioned above would not agree to lease them. The size of the ground requested was so small that it would have made no appreciable difference to the owners economic potential to relinquish the ground.

The use of a speed-boat on Tabar effectively cut down the time taken on patrol and the expense involved in transportation of the patrol staff and equipment. However, it was also uncomfortable and sometimes dangerous with the rough seas and heavy rain common in these months. Fuel transportation was also a problem as over forty gallons were needed for complete coverage of the islands.



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Patrol Officer

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APPENDIX A

VILLAGE REPORTS

Village MARAGON - Simberi Island
Religion Catholic and Methodist
Village Officials Councillor MELAMBE, Committeemen SOLAU and LANGIN
Rest House Good condition, accommodates 2, no police house or latrine
Water Supply Small stream nearby. Poor supply, tank needed preferably at the aid post.
Trade Store None
Number of Houses 11 (5 good, 3 average, 3 need repair)
Number of Kitchens 8 (3 good, 2 average, 2 fair, 1 needs repair)
School None. Nearest at Simberi village.
Aid Post A.P.O. BANILAU. Post clean and well cared for. Instruments and medicine clean and well marked. A.F.O. energetic and competent.
Coira driers 1
Church Methodist. Poorly built from bush materials.
Population 85

Village SIMBERI - Simberi Island
Religion Methodist
Village Officials Councillor AKAM, Committeemen TAMES and LAMUNAI
Rest House None. Patrols may use the Council meeting house
Water Supply Small stream and a tank attached to the church.
Trade Store NINSA, clerk KOMBOLOT
Number of houses 10 (5 good, 2 average, 2 fair, 1 needs repair)
Number of kitchens 8 (4 good, 1 average, 1 fair, 2 need repair)
School Methodist Overseas Mission. Two teachers, two class rooms, three standards. Prep 11 pupils, Std. 1-26 pupils, Std. 2-15 pupils. School poorly built from bush materials.
Aid Post None
Coira Drier 1
Church Methodist. Shabby building of bush materials.
Population 120

Village BUERI - Simberi Island
Religion Methodist
Village Officials Councillor AKAM, Committeemen WASIRU, AROKA, and NALIL
Rest House Well built, accommodates 2, good kitchen, no police house, no latrine.
Water Supply Some small streams in the bush.
Trade Store None
Number of houses 4 (3 good, 1 average)
Number of kitchens 5 (4 good, 1 average)
School None
Aid Post None
Coira Driers 1
Church Methodist. Fair building of bush materials
Population 67

Village MUVUN - Simberi Island
Religion Methodist
Village Officials Councillor MELAMBEE, Committeemen LAKAN, LAWATA and GANGA.
Rest House Shabby and uninhabitable
Water Supply Good fresh water river nearby.
Trade Stores None
Number of houses 5 (3 good, 1 average, 1 needs repair)
Number of kitchens 6 (4 good, 2 average)
School None
Aid Post None
Coira Driers 1
Church Methodist. Fair construction of bush materials.
Population 26

Village SOS - Tatau Island
Religion Catholic and Methodist
Village Officials Councillor PAWUT, Committeemen USKOP and SEPI.
Rest House None
Water Supply Small spring in the bush nearby.
Trade Stores None
Number of Houses 12 (2 average, 2 fair, 8 need repair)
Number of kitchens 7 (1 good, 4 average, 1 fair, 1 needs repair)
School None
Aid Post None
Coira Driers 1
Church Methodist. Poorly constructed of bush materials.
Population 55
Wharf Bush timber wharf suitable for work-boats and trawlers.

Village LAVA - Tatau Island
Religion Catholic and Methodist
Village Officials Councillor PAWUT, Committeemen WOWA and MINDIU.
Rest House Small well made house accommodating 2. No police house. Good latrine.
Water Supply Main supply from school and aid post tanks in Tatar.
Trade Stores None
Number of Houses 21 (7 good, 5 average, 4 fair, 5 need repair)
Number of Kitchens 16 (5 good, 4 average, 5 fair, 2 need repair)
School None
Aid Post None
Coira Driers 1
Church Methodist. Well built with a more durable kumai roof.
Population 124

Village TATAU - Tatau Island
Religion Catholic and Methodist
Village Officials Councillor PAWUT, Committeemen SONGIS, ARINGIVE, MENLU.
Rest House None
Water Supply Tanks on the school and aid post. Small springs in the bush a fair distance from the village.
Trade Stores NIWSA
Shot-guns One COOEY 12 gauge shot-gun number 15339. Owner AISOLI SALIN. Registration 4107, S.A.P. 1520. Employers Arms Permit to WOWA and PHILIP TOPU.
Number of Houses 20 (5 good, 7 average, 4 fair, 4 need repair)
Number of Kitchens 17 (2 good, 7 average, 4 fair, 4 need repair)
School Administration Primary 'T' school. Brick class-rooms. Total number of pupils - 98. Standard 1 - 28, Std. 2 - 23, Std. 3 - 17, Std. 4 - 10, Std. 5 - 12, Std. 6 - 8.
Aid Post A.P.O. PIUS. Dispensary and two wards of fibre and concrete construction. Instruments and stores not in good order. At the time of inspection, Pius had taken an indefinite unofficial leave, leaving the post and equipment unattended. He has since returned after being found and interviewed by the District Medical Officer.
Copra Driers 3
Church Catholic. Well built of bush materials.
Population 148

Village SAWAPARI - Tatau Island
Religion Catholic
Village Officials Councillor LANGIRI, Committeeman LAPUT
Rest House None
Water Supply Good fresh water supply from a river on the boundary of the village.
Trade Stores None
NUMBER of Houses 14 (2 good, 3 average, 4 fair, 5 need repair)
Number of Kitchens 6 (3 good, 2 average, 1 fair)
School None
Aid Post None
Copra Driers None
Church Catholic. Well built of bush materials with an iron roof.
Population 81

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Village KORUMBO - Tatau Island
Religion Methodist
Village Officials Councillor LANGIRI, Committeeman KAMKAM
Rest House Well built. Accommodate 2-4. Good kitchen and latrine. No police house.
Water Supply Permanent stream through village.
Trade Stores None
Number of Houses 7 (3 good, 2 average, 2 need repair)
Number of Kitchens 2 (2 average)
School None
Aid Post None
Conra Driers 1
Church Methodist. Fair. Built of bush materials.
Population 29
Wharf A long structure of earth and coronous. Suitable for small boats only.

Village TIRIPATS - Big Tabar Island
Religion Catholic
Village Officials Councillor ANTON, Committeeman TONO
Rest House Fair. Accommodates 2. Needs repairs to the roof. Good kitchen and latrine. No police house.
Water Supply Good stream near the village.
Trade Store None
Number of Houses 9 (1 good, 1 average, 3 fair, 4 need repair)
Number of Kitchens 6 (2 good, 2 average, 1 fair, 1 needs repair)
School None
Aid Post None
Conra Driers 1
Church Catholic. Well built with semi-permanent materials and an iron roof.
Population 43

Village KOWAMARARA - Big Tabar Island
Religion Methodist
Village Officials Councillor ANTON, Committeeman NALO
Rest House None
Water Supply Small stream nearby in bush. Some 44 gal. drums with catchments.
Trade Stores None
School None
Aid Post None
Number of Houses 7 (5 good, 1 average, 1 needs repair)
Number of Kitchens 7 (5 good, 2 average)
Conra Driers 3
Church Methodist. Fair condition. Made from bush materials with very neat grounds.
Population 33

Village WANG - Big Tabar Island
Religion Catholic, Methodist, Seventh Day Adventist
Village Officials Councillor MARI, Committeemen BUAK, LUPAMBO, and LUNO (Tumindar hamlet)
Rest House Well built to accommodate 2. No kitchen or police rest house. Good latrine.
Water Supply Fresh water stream runs through the village.
Trade Stores N.I.N.S.A.
Number of Houses 17 (5 good, 6 average, 4 fair, 2 need repair)
Number of Kitchens 9 (4 good, 3 average, 2 need repair)
School Seventh Day Adventist. Small, well built of bush materials. One classroom containing 21 pupils in Prep and Standard 1. There was no teacher present at the time of inspection as school holidays had begun.
Aid Post None
Contra Driers 3
Churches 1. Seventh Day Adventist. Small, fairly well built of bush materials. A church of concrete and galvanised iron is under construction.
 2. Methodist. Good condition. Made from bush materials.
Population 86

Village PANESA - Big Tabar Island
Religion Catholic
Village Officials Councillor MARIS, Committeemen MALUNGAS, and LUNGISA.
Rest House Fair. Constructed of bush materials to accommodate 2-3. Good latrine and kitchen. No police rest house.
Water Supply Aid Post tank and a permanent fresh water stream near the aid post.
Trade Stores None
Number of Houses 13 (6 good, 4 average, 1 fair, 1 needs repair)
Number of Kitchens 6 (3 good, 3 average)
School None
Aid Post A.P.O. PAMAS. All medicine and instruments well cared for. One dispensary and two wards all of permanent materials. A.P.O. knowledgeable.
Contra Driers 2
Church Catholic. Poorly constructed of bush materials.
Population 67

Village KOKO - Big Tabar Island
Religion Catholic
Village Officials Councillor ANTON, Committeemen WANARIU and LUANDA
Rest House Small but well built. Suitable for 2. Good police rest house. No latrine.
Water Supply Small stream runs through the village.
Trade Store N.I.N.S.A.
Number of Houses 12 (3 good, 5 average, 2 fair, 2 need repair)
Number of Kitchens 8 (3 good, 4 average, 1 fair)
School None
Aid Post None
Contra Driers 3
Church Catholic. Well built from semi permanent materials.
Population 64

Village DATAVA - Big Tabar Island
Religion Catholic
Village Officials Councillor ANTON, Committeemen SIRIDAI and LUPAMBA
Water Supply Small spring in the bush. Tank attached to the Catholic Mission church.
Rest House Well built to accommodate 2. Police rest house and latrine in good condition.
Trade Store None
Number of houses 14(3 good, 5 average, 3 fair, 3 need repair)
Number of kitchens 5(2 good, 1 average, 1 fair, 1 needs repair)
School Catholic Mission. Two classrooms, 3 dormitories poorly built. Three teachers conducting Standard 1 - 11 pupils, Std. 2 - 10 pupils, Std. 3 - 10 pupils.
Aid Post None
Copra Driers 2
Church Catholic. Well constructed of bush materials with a concrete floor, galvanised iron roof and a water Tank.
Population 102

Village RAKUPO - Big Tabar Island
Religion Catholic
Village Officials Councillor ANTON, Committeeman SOLAU
Rest House Good condition. Accommodates 2-4. Good latrine and police rest house.
Water Supply Small stream a fairly long walk from the village.
Trade Store None.
Number of Houses 17(7 good, 4 average, 2 fair, 4 need repair)
Number of Kitchens 7(1 good, 2 average, 3 fair, 1 needs repair)
School None
Aid Post A.P.O. LUTAMBA. Dispensary and two wards all fairly clean. Instruments and medicine clean and in good condition.
Copra Driers 1
Church Catholic. Good condition. Built with semi-permanent materials.
Population 55

Village TOKARA - Mapua Island
Religion Catholic
Village Officials Councillor SENU, Committeemen SALU and KUMAU
Rest House None.
Water Supply Fresh water seepage onto the beach.
Trade Store None
Number of Houses 19(6 good, 7 average, 3 fair, 3 need repair)
Number of Kitchens 12(4 good, 7 average, 1 fair)
School None
Aid Post None
Copra Driers 3
Church None. All go to Mapua C.M.
Population 77

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| <u>Village</u> | MAPUA |
| <u>Religion</u> | Catholic |
| <u>Village Officials</u> | Councillor SURU, Committeeman KUS |
| <u>Rest House</u> | Newly constructed to accommodate 2-4. Police rest house and latrine good. |
| <u>Water Supply</u> | Fresh water seepage on the beach. Tanks at the Mission station. |
| <u>Trade Store</u> | At the Mission |
| <u>Shot-guns</u> | At the Mission |
| <u>Number of Houses</u> | 11(3 good, 5 average, 1 fair, 2 need repair) |
| <u>Number of Kitchens</u> | 3(2 good, 1 needs repair) |
| <u>School</u> | At the Mission |
| <u>Aid Post</u> | At the Mission |
| <u>Copra Driers</u> | 1 |
| <u>Church</u> | At the Mission |
| <u>Population</u> | 38 |

MAPUA CATHOLIC MISSION STATION

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| <u>Resident Priest</u> | Father H. Miller |
| <u>Trade Store</u> | G.M.L and Copra - 4268; L.T.W.N. - 3683 |
| <u>Shot-guns and firearms</u> | Stevens 16 gauge shot-gun, registered number 19805; Winchester .22 rifle, serial number 145254, H.P.F. certificate 11411. All owned by Fr. H. Miller |
| <u>Church</u> | Large well constructed permanent building |
| <u>Aid Post</u> | At present staffed only by Fr. Miller. Dispensary and delivery room in good condition. Two wards in poor condition. Very few medicines or instruments. Previous nurse resigned during the patrol. |
| <u>School</u> | No enrollment figures available as all children were on holiday at the time of inspection. Three dilapidated classrooms, two shabby dormitories and one kitchen, all due to be replaced. The mission is constructing a new block of classrooms of brick. This block will be subdivided into 6 classrooms. The school is provided with an hygienic latrine block. |
| <u>Copra Driers</u> | 1 |
| <u>Airstrip</u> | An airstrip suitable for most light 'planes is nearing completion. It has been surfaced with crushed coronous to within a short distance of its proposed length. Volunteer workers have been obtained from the surrounding villages and have been rostered to spread the amount of work evenly amongst them. |
| <u>Agencies</u> | Commonwealth Savings Bank. |
| | There is also a brick making machine for the mission's own use. |

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| <u>Village</u> | MANG-GAWUR |
| <u>Religion</u> | Catholic |
| <u>Village Officials</u> | Councillor SURU, Committeeman LUTAR |
| <u>Rest House</u> | None |
| <u>Water Supply</u> | A small stream a fair distance away |
| <u>Trade Store</u> | N.I.N.S.A. |
| <u>Number of Houses</u> | 12(6 good, 4 average, 2 fair) |
| <u>Number of Kitchens</u> | 5(3 good, 2 average) |
| <u>School</u> | None |
| <u>Aid Post</u> | None |
| <u>Copra Driers</u> | 1 |
| <u>Church</u> | None. All go to Mapua C.M. |
| <u>Population</u> | 65 |

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Village TUGITUG
Religion Catholic and Methodist
Village Officials Councillor SURU, Committeeman BALASE
Rest House None
Water Supply Small stream near village.
Trade Store None
Number of Houses 6(4 average, 2 fair)
Number of Kitchens 3(2 average, 1 needs repair)
School None
Aid Post None
Conra Driers None
Church At present under construction. All Catholics go to Mapua C.M. There is no Methodist church.
Population 30

Village PAKINBERIU
Religion Catholic and Methodist
Village Officials Councillor SURU, Committeeman KOMLAIS
Rest House Dilapidated. Unfit at present for habitation
Water Supply Fresh water river near the village.
Trade Store None
Number of Houses 16(8 good, 3 average, 4 fair, 1 needs repair)
Number of Kitchens 7(3 good, 3 average, 1 needs repair)
School None
Aid Post None
Conra Driers 2
Churches a. Methodist - Well constructed of bush materials.
b. Catholic - Fairly good condition. Made of bush materials.
Population 53



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NEW IRELAND Report No. 98/ Kan. 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by MR. W. REASONS, CPO.

Area Patrolled TABAR ISLANDS.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives W. N. LEVI, P.O.

Duration—From 2/1/68 to 12/2/68

Number of Days 11.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services December 1967.

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Objects of Patrol C.N.T. LOCAL GOVT. COUNCIL ELECTION.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

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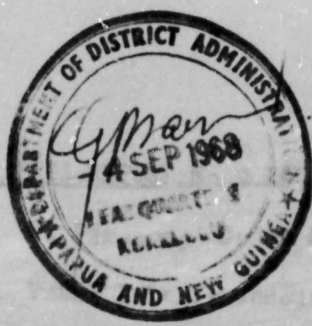
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District Headquarters,
KAVIENG. N.I.D.

29th August, 1968

~~Assistant District Commissioner,~~
~~KAVIENG.~~

KAVIENG PATROL NO. 9 OF 1967/68

Thank you for report of above patrol by Mr. N. Levi, with your covering memo.

2. Considering the brevity of the patrol, and the fact that its time was almost entirely taken up with Council elections, the shortage of information is at least partly understandable. Your conclusion that a longer patrol and thereafter regular patrolling is indicated, is supported.
3. Our overall staff situation does not support the proposition of a Base Camp at Tabar. Increased patrolling will achieve the desired degree of contact. The opening of Mapua airstrip will also increase our communications to the group.
4. It certainly seems that more polling places than one for each island should be provided, and I take it that you, as Returning Officer, would so arrange for future elections.

(L.W. BRIGHTWELL)
a/District Commissioner

→ cc : Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOMU.

TERRITORY OF PAFUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE?
KAVIEN G, N. I. D.

PATROL REPORT No. 9 KAV. 1967/68.

Patrol Conducted by: W. Parsons, Cadet Patrol Officer,
Area Patrolled: Tabar Islands Census division.
Duration of Patrol: 2nd January, 1968 to 12th January, 1968.
Last Patrol to the Area: D.D.A. December, 1967
Object of Patrol: Central New Ireland Local Government Council Election.
PERSONS Accompanying Patrol: W. N. Levi, Patrol Officer.

PATROL DIARY.

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- Tuesday 2/1/68 Prepared for election patrol to Tabar. 9pm left for Simberi Is. per MV. THERESA MAY.
- Wednesday 3/1/68 7am arrived at Simberi village. Sent notice of election to all villages on Simberi Is. Collected nominations. Slept Simberi.
- Thursday 4/1/68 Polling Simberi island at Simberi village. Declared poll and completed statistics. Slept Simberi.
- Friday 5/1/68 Left Simberi for Tatau village. Self to Maragat and Pakinberiu to collect nominations while Mr. W. Parsons did same at Sos, Lava and Tatau. Slept Tatau.
- Saturday 6/1/68 Polling in no. 16 ward at Tatau. Declared poll and completed statistics. Slept Tatau.
- Sunday 7/1/68 Left Tatau for Mapua village. Stopped at Tugtug and Mang-gawur to collect nominations. Mr. W. Parsons to Tokara for same. Sent word of the election as far as Sambuari. Slept Mapua.
- Monday 8/1/68 Polling in no. 17 ward at Mapua village. Declared poll and completed statistics. Left Mapua for Koko village. Slept Koko.
- Tuesday 9/1/68 To Wang and Banesa to collect nominations per speedboat. Engine failed so hired a speedboat from Mr. B. Birve of Tereri plantation to go on to Rakupo, Tiripats and Kowamarara for nomination. Returned to Koko and overnight.
- Wednesday 10/1/68 Polling in no. 18 ward at Rakupo. P.M. moved to Koko. Polling Koko. Slept Koko.
- Thursday 11/1/68 As speedboat was u/s patrol moved on to Wang by M.V. NINSA 11. pm polling at Wang. Declared poll and completed statistics. Land investigation at Watutavia near Wang.
- Friday 12/1/68 12.30 am left Wang for Konos. Arrived 5.30am. To Kavieng by Konos landrover arriving at 10.15 am.

End of Patrol.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Sub-District Office,
KAVIENG. N.I.D.

17th January, 1968.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KAVIENG.

PATROL REPORT No. 9 of 1967/68.
CENTRAL NEW IRELAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL ELECTION.

INTRODUCTION.

1. This patrol was primarily concerned with the election of councillors to represent the Tabar Island group in the Central New Ireland Local Government Council. Under the present set up of the council the island group ~~was~~ divided into four wards, namely Simberi, Tatau, Mapua and Big Tabar. The writer accompanied Mr. W. Parsons, Cadet Patrol Officer to assist with the election and with this alone was mostly concerned. A full report on the election is being submitted by Mr. W. Parsons, thus any comments made about the election in this report would be in the general manner.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

2. On a patrol such as this where one is primarily concerned with something other than the general administrative duties, one does not usually find much time to closely observe the relevant matters relating to village situations. Therefore any comments concerning economic activity in the area, attitude towards the Administration, health situation and progress in general, would have to be brief.

3. It is indeed appalling to notice the lack of interest with which the people displayed towards the election despite the extensive pre-election talk given to them by Mr. W. Parsons in ~~November~~, 1967. The same couldn't care less attitude was also displayed towards the patrol the whole period it was in the area. One should think that the people in many respect would take the opportunity offered them by a visiting patrol to clear up many of their problems, not only election problems but those relating to economic activity, health and education. It is evident that the people do not fully understand the present composition of their council (C.N.I. Local Government Council is now a multi-racial body) yet not at any stage of the patrol did any of them try to seek out further information on this matter.

4. There is no apparent explanation for the general apathy which at present reigns over the whole Tabar island group. It could be suggested quite categorically that this could have been the result of hurried patrols to the area. In suggesting this, one cannot entirely ignore the fact that the people themselves could be the guilty party, after all, the Administration could not be expected to do everything for them. Whilst it may be reassuring to suggest this, the Administration should not allow the present situation to deteriorate much further. One possible solution to correct the present trend is for an early establishment of a Base Camp in the area to enable daily and frequent contact with the people. It is quite obvious that Konos Patrol Post with usually one officer at most time could not possibly cope with the problems of the Tabar people.

ELECTIONS.

5. This election was the third in the Tabar island area and the first since the Central New Ireland Council became multi-racial. Polling was held at Simberi village, Tatau village, Mapua, Rakupo village, Koko village and Wang village. The method of voting used was ~~the~~ secret ballot and the preferential system although in most cases the winning candidates won by a clear majority of votes on the first count. Generally speaking the number of electors who actually voted was very disappointing, however this could have been caused by the fact that many people have to travel long distances to the polling place. The non-indigenous population of the island took ~~no~~ ^{little} part ~~whatsoever~~ in the election although two nominated for the Simberi and the Big Tabar wards respectively, and one actually voted.

6. Many of the women voters were assisted with the marking of their ballot papers. This is due to illitracy more ~~the~~ than ignorance. The four councillors duly elected had been councillors before, thus indicating the people's confidence in their ability as potential leaders.

HEALTH.

7. The health situation cannot be fully discussed as it was the writer's first visit ever to the area and because of the nature of the patrol practically no time was devoted to this aspect. One thing that did stand out however, is the generally healthy condition of the people which could only suggest that the health situation is good.

AGRICULTURE.

8. The basic agriculture on the island is the traditional subsistence farming which in many respects have not changed very much over the years.

9. The only cash crop of any notable value planted on a large scale is coconut which is found predominantly along the coastal strips. There is not very much planted further inland in the way of other cash crops. The writer was informed on Tatau island that coffee had been planted some years ago under the direction of a Mr. D. Carey of the Department of Agriculture. No further planting has since been done because since Mr. Carey's time a different attitude has been taken by the department of Agriculture towards this crop.

10. One aspect which is partly responsible for the stagnant economic situation of the area is the relatively high freight rate charged by some of the shipping firms that operate small ships to the area. This plus the relatively low prices paid by the New Ireland Native Societies for the copra produced in the area has discouraged many potential copra producers from increasing their output.

EDUCATION.

11. There is only one Administration primary 'T' school in the area at Tatau village. The Roman Catholic mission has a large school on Mapua island, the Methodist has one at Simberi village, the Seventh Day Adventist at Wang. All schools on the islands were closed for the christmas vacation.

AIRFIELD.

12. A light aircraft strip is nearing completion on Mapua island. The work on this airstrip is done by the village people under the supervision of the Catholic mission.

13. The writer was informed on Tatau that an air-strip site had been surveyed on the island, unfortunately time was not available to enable a closer inspection of the site. Full details about this airstrip is to be found in Mr. R. Coles's report no.23 Kav. 1965/67.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

14. There appears to be fairly good walking tracks leaving the villages, however, as the patrol was mainly done by ~~the use of a~~ speedboat the writer feels that he cannot justly comment on the conditions of the road and bridges, if any.

REST HOUSES.

15. The rest houses on Tabar islands varied from the best at Mapua to a somewhat poor effort at Lava, Tatau island. Simberi village did not have a permanent rest house but the councillor has on many occasion made his house available to visiting patrols. The other rest houses seen are at Koko, Rakupo and Wang, all are pretty average.

CONCLUSION.

16. As this is merely an accompanying report it has been set out in the normal style of patrol reporting with a brief and to a large extent general comment on the election. The election has been adequately covered by Mr. W. Parsons whose report I have had the opportunity to peruse.

Neil Levi
Neil Levi
PATROL OFFICER.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NEW IRELAND Report No. 11 KAV 1967/68
 Patrol Conducted by W. PARSONS, PATROL OFFICER
 Area Patrolled MUSSAU Census Division, Mussau/Emira Local Government Council.
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL
 Natives.....
 Duration—From 17/4/1968 to 14/6/1968
 Number of Days 49 Days
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services JAN/MAR ~~17/4~~ /1968 to ~~14/6/68~~
 Medical/...../19.....
 Map Reference Fourmil: MUSSAU. Milinch: MATHIAS.
 Objects of Patrol 1. Re-establish Palakau Base Camp. 2. Council Duties.
3. Routine Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
 PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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 District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....
 Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....
 Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

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BAMc/ctDistrict Headquarters,
KAVIENG. N.I.D.

16th October, 1968

Assistant District Commissioner,
KAVIENG.KAVIENG PATROL NO. 11 OF 1967/68

This report was written over three months ago, but has reached me only within the past week. It is noted that Mr. Parsons omitted to provide a preamble and a diary, and the report was apparently delayed for these while he was attending a training course in Port Moresby. It would have been better to have forwarded the report as it was in this case, and to have had the missing items supplied afterward. Mr. Parsons should see that his reports are complete with all required details, and a map, before submission, in future.

2. The lack of ready inter-communication between Emira and Mussau is indeed a drawback. Where possible, the Administration trawler will convey the Officer in Charge to Emira when it visits Mussau, and will spend a day or two there to enable the Officer in Charge to visit all villages. The existence of roads and a vehicle on Emira will facilitate this. Longer stays will, of course, be necessary from time to time, and other boats may assist with one leg of the trip.
3. The report indicates an increasingly progressive attitude on the part of the majority of the people. Their apparent interest in road development is heartening. I feel that if this continues, the area should certainly be provided with an agricultural adviser, and the situation should be kept before the District Agricultural Officer.
4. It is pleasing to note that the Council is becoming accepted, and that tax is being paid.
5. It is intended that an officer of this Department will remain at Mussau, as the people appear to be responding well to the interest shown in them. I will enquire about delivery of the radio equipment to PALAKAU.
6. In regard to the proposed airstrip at TANGAITUTU, it appears that considerable work will be involved in its construction. This project is to be initially considered by the District Co-ordinating Committee at its next meeting, at which I expect you will be present.

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7. Mr. Parsons has given no indication as to why he considers "welfare societies" to be necessary. Before taking such action, he ought to have prepared a report for the consideration of the Welfare section, so that their advice may be made available. Unless a clear need for Administration-sponsored measures is demonstrated, it is much better to leave these aspects to the traditional society. As you say, following officers may not have the same zeal for these welfare societies, and in any case, management of the funds would be a problem.

8. The officer is obviously interested in his area and its development, and appears to be working well with the local people and the Council.

M. Brightwell

(M.W. BRIGHTWELL)
a/District Commissioner

→ cc : Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU
w/Encl. - Report (2) and covering memo.

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Sub District Office,
KAVIENG. N.I.D.

8th October, 1968.

District Commissioner,
KAVIENG.

KAVIENG PATROL REPORT NO. 11 OF 1967/8

... Attached please find three (3) copies of the above report submitted by Mr. W. PARSONS, P.O. This report was written prior to the new Headquarters circular, 67-1-0 of 21st June, 1968 and therefore does not conform with its requirements. I have held the report here awaiting the submittal of a diary and Preamble.

Comments are as follows:

Page 1: The lack of suitable transport between NUSSAU and EMIRA islands is a major difficulty in administering this area. The distance and open nature of the passage between the islands precludes safe use of a speed boat. Transport one way is often available but is unsuitable because an officer may be stranded at EMIRA (population - 432) for some two-three weeks. There appears no immediate solution until someone in these islands bases a vessel in the area.

It is pleasing to report that at the time of writing three (3) water tanks - 3000 gallon reinforced concrete - have been constructed. This should prove a filip to the council.

Page 2: The presence of an Administration officer, i.e. D.D.A. field officer, alone will not be sufficient. He must show patience and understanding and must receive outside aid so that a positive, progressive programme can be maintained. This will strengthen the pro-council element, convert the wavering and isolate the anti-s.

The statement that vehicular tracks are now under construction is not to be taken too literally. The villages have cut swathes through the bush along suggested routes but have not as yet started any actual construction. For full comments see my 10-1-6 of 18th September 1968 and Patrol Report No.

It is nevertheless pleasing to see that both the officer and the people are taking an active interest in developing the area. The TALUASI River near the Base Camp is the only major water course and will present some problems in bridging.

See my 10-1-11 of 19th September 1968 and Patrol Report No. 4 1968/9 for full comments on the wharf site at PALAKAU. I believe it is a feasible site.

Page 3: A radio-telephone transmitter has been approved for PALAKAU by our Headquarters. Could enquiries be made, please, to ascertain when the necessary equipment will arrive.

The airfield site at PALAKAU has been approved and surveyed by D.C.A. (see Public Works memo PW22/13/6 of 3rd May 1965). This project should receive consideration for its placement on the Works Programme in the near future.

The A.P.O. at HAI Aid Post has been replaced.

Page 4: The five district S.D.A. schools only educate to Standard 3. The children who graduate from these schools do standards 4, 5 and 6 at Boliu.

Sago palms are relatively scarce with many villages having none. This means they purchase the leaves from other more fortunate villages. It also means that most houses are clad with only a very thin widely spaced layer of leaves and this is the main cause for rapid deterioration of the roofs. Kuni is not available and there is a growing tendency among those who can afford it to put corrugated iron roofs on their houses. Such houses often are built from pitsawn timber, which is in plentiful supply. Every village appears to have its own pitsawyers.

The Department of Agriculture still informs me that they are short of staff and are looking for an Agricultural Assistant who is a stable (being a full S.D.A. population, the social conditions on the island are different and less free than elsewhere) and reliable (being such a distance from adequate supervision and advice, this attribute is essential). When such a person is found and is free from other duties, he will be posted to MUSSAU.

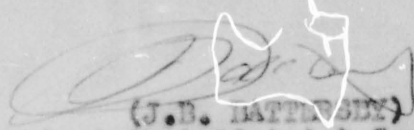
Page 5: The Welfare Funds are interesting but I can foresee possible difficulties and areas of conflict arising from them. This especially so if following officers are not interested in it.

Mr. Parsons attention is drawn to the inconsistencies in his spelling of village names, e.g.

ROITAN - PAITAN - RAITAN
KATALUSAL - KATALUSAE
TONALIU - TANALIU
HAI - NAI
MALOKOT - MALAKATA - MALAKAT
LEMUSMUS - LANUSMUS

These may be typographical errors but corrections should have been made on his rereading of the report prior to submittal.

The report itself is interesting and reveals that Mr. Parsons is interested in the area. I look forward to more detailed reports of what, to me at least, is an interesting area.


(J.B. HATTERSLEY)

Assistant District Commissioner

cc : Patrol Post, MUSSAU.
cc : Mr. W. Parsons, MUSSAU.

Palakau Base Camp
Kavieng Sub District,
New Ireland District

PATROL REPORT KAVIENG No.11 OF 1967/68.

Patrol Conducted By: W.PARSONS, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: MUSSAU Census Division.
Mussau/Emira Local Government Council.

Personnel Accompanying:
the Patrol. Nil.

Duration of Patrol: 17th. April 1968 to 14th. June 1968.
49 Days.

Last Patrol to the Area: D.D.A. January/March 1968.

- Objects of Patrol :
- 1. Re establish Palakau Base Camp.
 - 2. Council Duties.
 - 3. Routine Administration.

Map Reference : Fourmil : MUSSAU

Milinch : MATHIAS.

PATROL DIARY

- 17/4/68 Departed Kavieng 2100 hrs for Mussau.
- 18/4/68 Arrived Palakau 1030 hrs. Settled into the camp. Advised Council President of meeting date. Slept Palakau.
- 19/4/68 Checked Council files. Made out cheques for accounts. Radioed A.D.C. re camp equipment. Slept Palakau.
- 20/4/68 Observed S.D.A. Sabbath.
- 21/4/68 Supervised work party on camp ground. Went through estimates with Finance Committee. Slept Palakau.
- 22/4/68 Prepared skeleton of 1968/69 Draft Estimates with Finance Committee. Supervised work party on camp improvements. Slept Palakau.
- 23/4/68 Held Council Meeting with A.D.C. and 9 Councillors. Meeting closed 1530 hrs. Slept Palakau.
- 24/4/68 Drafted Tax Rule approval and Draft Estimates with A.D.C. Slept Palakau.
- 25/4/68 Worked on correspondence arising from meeting. Slept Palakau.
- 26/4/68 Saturday.
- 27/4/68 Supervised clearing of post grounds and chose site for wharf.
- 28/4/68 Walked to Lamakanaru with Cllr. Pereri to inspect roads and water supply facilities in villages. Sent radio to Kavieng for provisions and funds for wharf and roads. Slept Taluanalu.
- 29/4/68 Walked on to Nai and returned to Palakau by speedboat.
- 30/4/68 Worked on correspondence from Council Meeting. Slept Palakau.
- 1/5/68 Started typing minutes of Council Meeting. Also typed request for funds for wharf.
- 2/5/68 Heard dispute from 0800 to 1100. Case to be reheard in June. Finished typing minutes.
- 3/5/68 Finished typing all matters arising from meeting. Marked out a road from the wharf site.
- 4/5/68 Saturday.
- 5/5/68 Supervised village work on Govt. area. Started training soccer team.
- 6/5/68 Marked Govt area in readiness for purchase. Also new playing area for the village. 1640 continued training soccer team.
- 7/5/68 Media arrived Talaunala, received mail and cargo, complaint of theft on station. Marked Council area.
- 8/5/68 To Nai by speedboat. Paid N.M.T.A. also \$200 L.T.C. compensation. Slept Taluanala.
- 9/5/68 Walked back to Palakau after addressing Nai re Council Tax.
- 10/5/68 Filed mail from M.V. Christopher and began answering it. Trained soccer team in late afternoon.
- 11/5/68 Saturday.
- 12/5/68 Supervised clearing of village and new sports ground. Continued clerical duties. Received complaint of theft.
- 13/5/68 Walked to Tasitel to mark out a road from Palakau to Tasitel. Slept Tasitel.

- 14/5/68 Walked back to Palakau and started villagers from Tasitel cutting the road. Slept Palakau.
- 15/5/68 Sent word around re Council Meeting on the 20th. Arrival of Malalungi. Filed and answered corres. Radio to A.D.C. and Emira.
- 16/5/68 Walked to Tasitel to inspect road. Gave talk on Council Development. Investigated theft at Nai. Slept at Nai.
- 17/5/68 Address at Nai on forthcoming Council work. Walked to Taluanalu and returned to Palakau.
- 18/5/68 Saturday.
- 19/5/68 Prepared forthcoming meeting with President.
- 20/5/68 Council Meeting at Palakau commenced 0930 ended 1615. Nine Councillors attended. Tax Rule passed.
- 21/5/68 Typed out Tax Rule and other matters arising from meeting. Walked to Tasitel, addressed people on work of Council, Government and need for good roads. Lectured Soccer and Womens Club. Slept at Tasitel.
- 22/5/68 Walked to Katelusae village ~~re xhaxx~~ and addressed people as above. Slept Katelusae.
- 23/5/68 Walked on to Bai village after inspection of Tabolo and Eatolo hamlets. Repeated above addresses. Slept at Bai.
- 24/5/68 Walked to Magur and repeated above addresses. Slept Magun.
- 25/5/68 Saturday.
- 26/5/68 Walked on to Tanaliu, inspected village and then to Lavoranga to give address as above to Lavoranga, Tanaliu, and Lemusmus. Collected some tax. Slept Lovarango.
- 27/5/68 By canoe to Loliang where addressed Loliang and Malakat on roads, Council and Admin work and tax. Collected some tax, walked on to Malakota and inspected roads and villages. Returned to Palakau.
- 28/5/68 ~~By speedboat~~ ^{Radio} to Kavieng re posting to Portx Moresby. By speedboat to Lamakunaura. Addressed Lamakunaura re above topics. Slept Lamakunaura.
- 29/5/68 Walked to Maroi and addressed same on above topics. Returned to Palakau.
- 30/5/68 Completed typing Council minutes.
- 31/5/68 Held meeting at Palakau to acquaint people with Council work and other topics introduced at other villages.
- 1/6/68 Saturday.
- 2/6/68 M.V. Malalungi arrived. Processed mail received. Worked with Finance Committee to finalise all payments from Mussau Council.
- 3/6/68 Worked on Council books to prepare end of year reports.
- 4/6/68 Received complaint from Lamakunaura. Continued to prepare Presidents Report.
- 5/6/68 Walked to Lamakunaura to arbitrate complaint of firewood theft. Slept Lamakunaura. Also addressed villagers re Tax Collection

- 6/6/68 Returned to Palakau and went on to Malakat re another complaint on adultery. Slept Malakat.
- 7/6/68 Returned to ~~Malakat~~ Palakau and continued on the Presidents Report. Slept Palakau.
- 8/6/68 Theresa May arrived with D.M.O. and two Infant Welfare Sisters. Saturday observed.
- 9/6/68 Sent messengers to Lamakunaura and islands at 5am. Continued on Presidents Report.
- 10/6/68 Queens Birthday Holiday observed at Palakau.
- 11/6/68 Assisted Paul Toilu of Palakau village with application to P.N.G. Development Bank. Started work on personal patrol report.
- 12/6/68 Continued work on patrol report whilst waiting for good weather to leave for Kavieng.
- 13/6/68 Left Mussau for Kavieng per Theresa May, overnight Theresa May.
- 14/6/68 Arrived Kavieng 10am.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
On Reference.....
If calling ask for.....
Mr..... **WP/sw**

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
P.O. Box 104,
KAVIENG.

21st. June, 1968

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KAVIENG.

KAVIENG PATROL REPORT No. 11 of 1967/68
MUSSAU

Introduction.

On the 17th. April 1968 I left Kavieng to take up the position of O.I.C., Mussau and to take up advisory duties with the Mussau-Emira Local Government Council. This patrol was made necessary by the departure on leave of the previous officer on Mussau, Mr. L. A. Meintjes, A.D.O. The Mussau-Emira council area consists of three main islands, Mussau, Emira, and Tench and a number of smaller islands off the Southern tip of Mussau. Mussau is approximately 90 miles by sea from Kavieng. Mainly because of lack of adequate transport I was unable to visit any island other than Mussau during this patrol.

The base camp on Mussau was set up at Palakau Village in August, 1967. The site was chosen because of its proximity to the radio and wharf at Boliu S.D.A. Mission. Palakau is also the headquarters of the Council which was inaugurated in September, 1967.

The patrol ended on the 13th. June, 1968.

Political Situation.

Since the Council was inaugurated anti-council feelings have centred in Nai, Paitan, Lemusmus, Loliang, Tanaliu and Emananus Island. Most of the people in these areas refused to pay tax and failed to elect or even nominate a candidate for the Council elections in September, 1967.

This situation is improving rapidly. The Councillors appointed to those recalcitrant areas have attended the last few meetings and are taking an active interest in Council affairs. \$1,149.00 have now been collected in tax, an improvement of \$149 over the preciously estimated figure, and people from these areas are still travelling to Palakau, individually, to pay tax which they refused before. Assurances have been received from all villages that tax will be paid for 1968/69.

These improvements have been brought about by five contributing factors:-

1. the tax rule for 1968/69 has been passed and has allayed all fears that tax rates would increase out of all proportion.
2. the four men who received training from Tikana Local Government Council in water tank construction have returned to Mussau and are ready to start on the Council's Capital Works Programme.
3. the Administration has granted a subsidy to the Council in view of its low income. This has shown the people that the Government has abandoned neither them or their Council

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4. that Administration officers were stationed on Mussau to assist the Council.
5. Five men, in part responsible for the continuance of anti-council feeling, had their arguments proved false at gatherings in their villages. This lost them a lot of support and gained the Council many more adherents.

Local sources had indicated that these men, MAUMAU of Loliang, MATAI ex. Emananus Is., now resident in Loliang, TITITEI a committeeman from Malakat, JOSEPH of Nai Village and SONGSONGUN of Raitan, had contributed to the unrest in their areas by repudiating the statements of Administration officers to the assembled villagers after the officers had left the villages. They impressed the people with their exaggerated stories of the nefarious pursuits of councils in other districts. The people, naturally horrified with tales of exorbitant taxes, excessive gaol sentences for trifling mistakes, baby farms etc. voted against the council in Mussau. Three of these men had travelled to other districts in the employ of the S.D.A. Mission and were later dismissed because of various breaches of mission discipline.

In my opinion these contributing factors will remain valid only if the people in the wavering villages are reassured by the continuing presence of an Administration officer on Mussau.

Council Business.

Much of my time on this patrol was taken up with council business. The Council held two General Meetings, on the 23rd. April and the 20th. May. In the first meeting the Draft Estimates for 1968/69 were prepared and the provisional tax rule was drafted. In the second the main work was in passing the tax rule. General business was also discussed on both occasions. Before I left Mussau it was also necessary to prepare the Local Government Adviser's report, the President's report and the Final financial statement. In the first meeting it was necessary to try to provide a stimulus to the Councillors who appeared reluctant to state their views. In the second meeting the Councillors provided their own topics and discussed them without reserve. This showed a definite improvement in their attitude.

Roads, Bridges and Wharfs.

When I arrived in Mussau the roads around the island were rough walking tracks and most travelling was done by canoe or, as in the case of the previous officer, by speedboat. Sea transport, however, is often impossible especially on the Northern and Eastern coasts. This was also damaging to Mussau's economy as, frequently, the people on these coasts could not load their copra on the infrequent ships because of heavy seas. On my patrols around the island I marked the route of some new roads and recommended that the people help themselves by cutting these new roads, and widening some existing roads to take vehicles. All villages except Loliang readily agreed and a vehicular track is now under construction around Mussau with two linking roads from Boliu to Tasitel and from Tanaliu to Malakat. The stretch from Lovaranga to Loliang had to be ignored as no alternate route to the present precarious track over coronous cliffs could be found. For similar reasons

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the stretch from Boliu to Lamakunauru also had to be ignored. However, it is not essential to build a road over the latter stretch as both Maroi and Lamakunauru are in sheltered water.

In many stretches, Palakau to Malakat, Boliu to Tasitel, Tasitel to Raitan, Tasitel to Katalusal, work is almost completed. In the other areas work is progressing slowly but steadily. Even the often unco-operative people of L oliang, after hearing that they were the only people not participating in the effort finally commenced work.

There are very few bridges on Mussau and to save a lot of time and money being spent on their construction and upkeep I re-routed some roads away from the deep river mouths to the more fordable areas. In the stretch from Bai to Tonaliu, however, four bridges may have to be constructed. There is an adequate supply of local timber for their construction.

There are only two wharfs on Mussau, the S.D.A. Mission wharf at Boliu and the wharf at Taluanalu Plantation. Both wharves are suitable for trawlers. Although the wharf at Boliu is fairly close to the Council Headquarters and the Base Camp at Palakau it will prove insufficient in the event of an expansion at the Base Camp or the stepping-up of Council activities. A possible alternative site has been located closer to Palakau and the construction of a wharf on the site would greatly facilitate the unloading of heavy materials for the Patrol Post or the Council. Correspondence has already been exchanged with Sub-District office on the possibility of financing the construction.

Transport and Communication.

At present, five ships make irregular runs to Mussau. The M.V. Malalangi (S.D.A. Mission) the M.V. Christopher (Philip Fong) M.V. Ninsa II, M.V. Theresa May (Administration trawler) all serve Boliu and other villages. The M.V. Medea (John See To) serves only the plantation at Taluanalu. None of these ships run to a fixed schedule and freight charges on private enterprise ships are high. This makes it difficult for the Council to ship materials to Mussau, and, as mail services are haphazard, it is often difficult for the Council to comply with the requests of private firms and Administration Departments for prompt attention to business matters.

The two transmitters on Mussau are at Boliu and Taluanalu Plantation. The Base Camp at Palakau has been registered as a radio station but the transmitter for Palakau is still awaiting accessories in Kavieng.

There are no airstrips on Mussau but a site has been prepared near Palakau. Work has not yet been resumed on its construction. The wartime airstrip on Emira is reported to be in a good state of repair.

Health.

There are four aid posts and one small hospital on Mussau Island and one aid post on Emira. The aidposts on Mussau are at Mai, Katelusae, Luke, Malakat, the hospital is on the S.D.A. Mission station at Boliu. On my brief inspections the aid posts appeared to be clean and well run. The aid post at Nai, however, is not in operation at present as the A.P.O. is serving a term in a corrective institution, and no replacement has been provided. The people from the Nai area now attend either Katelusae or Boliu.

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The people on Mussau appeared to be very healthy, probably due to the Mission's ban on tobacco, spirits, betel nut etc. A medical patrol under Dr. I Ring patrolled Mussau Island from the 11th. to the 13th. June. Ten patients were brought into Kavieng from both Mussau and Emira. Two infant welfare sisters and a dentist accompanied Dr. Ring. The sisters administered B.C.G., C.D.T., and triple antigen injections to the small children and T. tox to anti-natal mothers.

EDUCATION.

There are six district schools on Mussau. These are situated at Boliu, Lovaranga, Malakot, Tasitel, Lamakunauru and Tanaliu. All schools are staffed and maintained by the S.D.A. Mission. These schools educate children up to Standard 6.

All schools were in a good state of repair.

Village Housing.

Housing has improved greatly under Mr. Meintjes supervision. Native materials houses are clean and in good repair and a large number of permanent material buildings have been constructed since my last patrol to this area in August 1966. In some areas it is difficult to maintain adequate roofing as millipedes infect the sak-sak and destroy it rapidly. The constant repair work needed is shown in poorly kept villages areas or roads in these areas. Ninety per cent of the houses are built on supports, some houses have been built with dirt floors to provide extra warmth and protection from the wind for the old people in the villages

Law and Order.

Very few allegations or misdemeanours have come to my notice on this patrol. Two minor thefts were reported by the S.D.A. Mission and the manager of Taluanalu Plantation but these were settled to the satisfaction of all parties by the action of the thieves in returning the property. A few isolated fist fights occurred over doubtful decisions by referees in soccer matches but they are always forgotten by the time the games finish. A case of suspected adultery was avoided by the sudden decision of the wronged spouse not to proceed.

These people often appear to flare up dangerously during disputes but fighting rarely breaks out as a result.

Agriculture.

There are no agricultural projects taking place on Mussau. The people maintain their small coconut plots and produce only enough food for their immediate needs. Millipedes and wild pigs still constitute a menace to the village gardens and no really effective way has been found to combat them.

The Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries are now planning to station an Agricultural Assistant on Mussau.

Welfare.

During this patrol I organized a welfare society in each village to support the aged people and the sick. This was received enthusiastically and every person who is able

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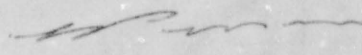
to assist does so by donating a fixed sum of money every month to the society. In each village three men have been elected to take care of the funds, to hear requests from the incapacitated and to distribute the benefits of the society.

Women's clubs have been in operation for nearly two years and courses are being held every six months by Miss S. Bonnell the welfare officer in Kavieng.

A soccer association is in the process of being formed and I have held several coaching classes for referees and players. No school children have attended these classes, however, as Mr. Macfarlane of the S.D.A. Mission has banned competitive sports for the children on pain of expulsion from school.

Conclusion.

The people on Mussau are co-operating with the Council and the Administration at present. Whether this will continue will depend on the time it takes for the council to start on its capital works programme and the permanent posting of an Administration officer to the island. If neither of these conditions are complied with rapidly I feel that apathy will take the place of their co-operation.


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