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PATROL REPORT No. 10-65/66.

By

P.M. JONES.

CAMERON.

MILNE BAY DISTRICT.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....MILNE BAY..... Report No.....CAMERON PLATEAU REPORT No. 10/65-66

Patrol Conducted by.....P.M. JONES..... Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled.....North East Coast Census Division.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....Nil.....

Natives.....1 interpreter
.....1 R.P. & N.G.C.....

Duration—From...22/...3.../19.66...to...43/...5.../19.66...

Number of Days.....40 patrol days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....No.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....February/19.66.....

Medical 225/2.../19.....

Map Reference.....Gehua milinch.....

Objects of Patrol.....As per patrol instructions.....

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

29/11/1966

D 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

DISCOM

67-1-7/A4-3-20

O.K. Alder/ba.

Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

29th November, 1966.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

MILNE BAY PATROL NO.10 OF 1965/66.

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5. I regret the delay in submission caused by staff shortages.

Att.

J. Preston White.
(J. Preston White)
District Commissioner.

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67-4-29

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6th January, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SANARAI.

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(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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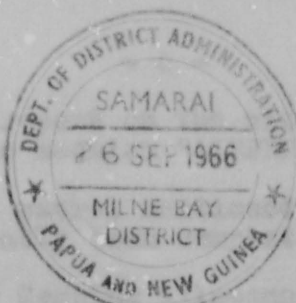
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District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,
CAMERON PLATEAU,
Milne Bay District.

14th of September, 1966

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

REPORT ON MILNE BAY DISTRICT
NO. 10 OF 1965/66

Attached are three copies of a report of a patrol to part of the North East Coast Census Division of this sub-district. The patrol was conducted by Mr. P. Jones, Patrol Officer.

2. Mr. Jones is the adviser to the Maramatana Council and he is the first full-time Adviser the Council has had. The Council area has been long overdue for a lengthy visit or series of visits by a DDA Officer to attend a backlog of land matters and Council financial checks, and it is my intention to have Mr. Jones remain in that area on a semi-permanent basis for as long as staff commitments permit.
3. The section headed "Native Situation" dealing with the reaction of the Council to having an Officer employed full-time in the Council area is quite interesting. You will recall the many occasions in the past when this Council has pressed for the establishment of a Patrol Post in the vicinity of GAKUAI. This, as mentioned in the report has now changed. However I would query whether the views expressed in the Council meeting were those of the Council as a whole, or only those of the President using the meeting as a forum.
4. The drought conditions, which were relieved by rain earlier this year, are now commencing to reappear with the present dry period and this shall once again have to be closely watched until the north west season rains appear.
5. The Department of Trade and Industry now propose to establish only one consumer/producer store along the North East Coast. This is to be at IAPOA No. 2 near NETULI which offers the only sheltered wharf site along that Coast.
6. The construction of an airstrip to serve the Council Headquarters, nearby mission settlements and Puni Puni Station has been the subject of correspondence over the past three years. The sites commented on by Mr. Jones are the four areas in the vicinity of GAKUAI which would be suitable for either D or C category airstrips and which could possibly be constructed without mechanical assistance. However, I am not convinced of the necessity and demand for an airstrip, particularly a light aircraft strip, in this area. The road building from LAVORA to GUGA and a linking road from Huhuna to Watanou in Milne Bay is available. In the future for this area is in roads and not airstrip.

shipping. The report on the sites mentioned in the last paragraph of the section "AIRFIELD", is not to hand yet.

7. The census patrol mentioned in the conclusion of the report has recently been completed.

8. Claims for Camping Allowance for both Mr. Jones and Interpreter Timothy Tatauro are attached.


J. A. Wiltshire
Assistant District Commissioner

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Sub-District Office,
CAMERON PLATEAU,
Maline Bay District.

14th May, 1966.

CAMERON PLATEAU PATROL REPORT No. 10-65/66.
PATROL DIARY.

For Patrol diary see Field Officers Journal folios
56 to 67, paragraphs 572 to 677, as per second preface of
Departmental Standing Instructions, dated 16th March, 1966.


P. M. J. C. M.
(PATROL OFFICER.)

PMJ/OS

Sub-District Office,
CAMERON PLATEAU,
Milne Bay District.

14th May, 1966.

CAMERON PLATEAU PATROL REPORT No. 10-65/66.

INTRODUCTION: This patrol was in the Maramatana Council area (North East Coast Census Division) from the 23rd March, 1966, to the 13th May, 1966, save for short periods when it was necessary to return to Cameron to attend to matters arising from the patrol, and for other duties.

During the time the patrol was in the area, general administration, land council and other matters were attended to. Propaganda relating to the coming territory wide census was disseminated to the villages concerned.

NATIVE SITUATION: The patrol was established on the North East Coast with a base camp at Garuai, the Maramatana Council Headquarters, and some short patrols were mounted from there eastwards as far as Guga, and several visits were paid to Taupota, westwards, as well.

On the whole, the patrol was well received, with one or two exceptions, and most people, judging from the degree of co-operation received, and other factors, were pleased to see a government officer in the area on a semi - permanent basis.

At the meeting of the Maramatana Council held on 11th May, 1966, however, the Council President stated that he hoped it was not intended to develop the "base camp" at Garuai into a Patrol Post, as he was very much opposed to this, and felt that it was in the best interests of the council, and the area, to take increasing responsibility in the handling of their own affairs. This was agreed to by myself, and it was explained to the President and the Council, that it was not intended to establish either a permanent base camp, or a Patrol Post in the area. This is contrary to the fact that the people of the North East Coast had been pressing for a Patrol Post in the past, and would indicate that the general feeling of the North East Coast has undergone a change on the matter.

AGRICULTURE: A considerable amount of rain fell over the Western section of the North East Coast during January, February and March, and this relieved the drought situation of that area.

In April, however, only one inch of rain fell at Punipuni Plantation which has an average of ten inches for that month, and virtually no rain during the first half of May. The rainfall in the eastern section of the census division was higher than this, but no actual figures are held,

This could indicate that the western section of the census division is facing further drought this year and will need close watching. The Wamawamana Councillor informed me that part of the sweet potato crop for that village has already died through lack of water, and the hot sun, but the food situation at present is satisfactory. The Agriculture Officer at Sinaeada was

informed of this, verbally, and it is believed that a D.A.S.F. patrol, led by a Field Assistant, is now investigating the situation.

COMMERCE and INDUSTRY: A Co-operative Officer conducted a patrol of the North East Coast, gathering information for the proposed establishment of a Co-operative Association along the Coast, during April.

While he was at Garuai, the Maramatana Council President, Vernon Guise, and myself discussed this matter with him. The Co-operative Officer stated that it was intended to establish two wholesale Association Stores between East Cape and Cape Frere which would also serve as central pick up point for copra for back loading to Samarai.

This creates a need for a vehicular road system where possible along the North East Coast, and the purchase of a tractor and trailer by the council for carriage of copra to the central pick up point and other associated purposes.

This matter of roads, together with the siting of wharves and stores is yet to be discussed by the council, and it is hoped some decision will be reached at the July Meeting of the Council.

The Council has, however, allocated \$500 in 1966/67 for the construction of two wharves, to be built in conjunction with the Association wholesale stores, and construction of these two wharves will go ahead, it is hoped, when a decision on sites is made.

COUNTS and COMPLAINTS: All matters brought to the attention of the patrol for arbitration were satisfactorily dealt with, and only one case was heard in the Local Court.

In the Local Court, at Garuai, on 28th April, 1966, Frances Daiwo (Alias Frances Xavier), a teacher at the Anglican Mission, Awaiama, was charged with unlawfully striking Henry Dennis a pupil at the school. He was found guilty and fined \$6.

AIRFIELDS: For some time now the prospect of constructing an airstrip on the North East Coast has been brought up for discussion on various occasions. The sites mentioned have been Awaiama (Wapalai), Garuai, behind the council chambers, and Punipuni behind the plantation and to the south east.

To gather a broad impression of the layout of the three sites mentioned above, I flew over them in a Cesana 150 owned by the Aero Club of Papua, to look at the sites, and work out approaches.

Firstly, the site at Garuai is completely unsuitable for an airstrip, considering the other more suitable sites nearby.

The site at Punipuni is good, needing only the clearing of Savannah grassland and other minor work to bring it up to standard required by D.C.A. Unfortunately it would have to be a one way strip, terminating towards the foothills, and only a North East approach is available, which cuts across the prevailing south east and north west winds. I have also walked over this site and found it to be suitable as regards surface, drainage, etc:

The Awaiama site is the most suitable of the three providing good south east and north west approaches. Two reports have already been submitted on this site on our file 4-1-2, one being by Mr. B. O'Farrell, A.D.O. on 5th March, 1964, with which a survey plan and a locality map were also submitted. A similar report was also submitted by Mr. P. W. Harrison, C.P.O., as appendix "B" to the patrol report on the 1965 Census Revision.

patrol of the North East Coast. (Cameron Plateau Patrol No. 4-64/65.)

A separate report is being prepared on the Punipuni and Awaiaama (Wapalai) sites, and will be submitted to the A.D.C., Cameron, on completion.

CONCLUSION: The people of the North East Coast are becoming used to having a government officer in their area for such a length of time, and it is hoped the staff situation in the Milne Bay Sub-District will allow this practise to continue in the future.

It is intended to conduct a routine census revision of the North East Coast, commencing in the middle of May, to last four to five weeks, and then to return to Garuai for the July Meeting of the Maramatana Council and the compilation of the first revised estimates and other end of financial year duties relating to the council.



P.M. JONES.
(PATROL OFFICER.)

NORTH EAST COAST CENSUS DIVISION.

CAMEROON PLATEAU PATROL 10-65-66

VISITAGEES VISITED _____

Scale: 4 miles to an Inch.

