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4-72-73	R. C. MUMME	ROSSEL Island C/D-jacket

PATROL REPORT

Report number: 2 of 1972/73

District: Milne Bay

Patrol conducted by: A.J.Potter.

Area patrolled: West Calvados

Duration of patrol: 8 days.

Last D.D./A. patrol: 9 of 71/72

Last O.L.G. patrol: N/A

Map reference: N/A

Objects of patrol: ~~Census and Area Study revision~~

Station: Bwagaia

Subdistrict: Misina

Designation: Patrol Officer

Personnel accompanying: R.J.Wallent A.P.O.
B.Bopiu Interpreter.

Number of days: 8

Total population of area: 14,231

Council area: Louisiade

House of Assembly Electorate: KULA

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios To	(X)
Patrol Instructions,	(X)
The Report and my comments,	(X)
Area study,	()
Updating of area study,	(X)
Situation Reports No's 1 -	(X)
Patrol map,	(X)
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W. G. SPELDEWINDE
Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study,	()
Updating of area study,	()
Situation Report No's 1—	()
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District Headquarters assessment of Patrol & Report.....	Above average Average Below average

Date: / / 19

District Commissioner

POPULATION

Date of Census	Village	TOTALS (Excluding Absentees)				ABSENTEES (Residing Elsewhere)				Grand Total
		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
11-10-72	Erocker	46	51	48	49	9	3	26	5	237
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16-10-72	Panamala	12	10	16	9	-	1	-	-	48
16-10-72	Kuansk	16	17	19	18	8	1	-	-	79

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P.O. Box 2396, KONECOBU

67-4-14

12th December, 1972

The District Commissioner
Milne Bay District
P.O. Box 35
ALOTAU

MISUMI PATROL NO. 2 OF 1972/73

Reference your 67-5-20 of the 13th November.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of notification of the above patrol of the West Salvedos Census Division, as submitted by Mr. A.J. Potter, Patrol Officer.

I concur with your remarks to the Assistant District Commissioner, Suvaqoa.

Please forward the updating of the Area Study when received from Suvaqoa.

S.J. PEARSON
s/Secretary

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WJGL/cl.

Division of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

13th November, 1972.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
BWAGABIA.

MISIMA PATROL REPORT 2/72-73

Your 67-2-2 of 27/10/72 refers.

2. Although the report is termed a "situation report" it is in fact a patrol report. The lack of water in the area is the only matter which could have been the subject of a Situation Report.

3. The updating of the area study and situation reports should have accompanied the patrol report. They are to be forwarded immediately.

Kingsley Jackson
(KINGSLEY JACKSON)
District Commissioner.

c.c. Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

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SITUATION REPORT.

MISIMA PATROL NO. 2 OF 1972/73.

INTRODUCTION:

This patrol was mounted primarily for the revision of Annual Census statistics and up-dating of the Area Study for the West Calvados Chain Census Division.

The patrol was accompanied by the Council Tax Team and Administration Interpreter, Swadia Bopiu.

During the course of this patrol the islands of Jonard, Baganai, Brooker, Panaumalo, Ruansk, Panaesti, Nimoa and Tagula Patrol Post were visited.

POLITICAL:

D.I.E.S. film strips were shown in all the villages at which the patrol overnighted and were met with varied response. These films were about people of other Districts and, unfortunately, many had been shown on previous occasions. Mr. Potter also showed some of his own excellent slides of the Misima Sub-District, including some of the National Day at Bwagacia. These were well received.

Talks were given on Central and Local Government, Self-Government and the roles of Councillors and M.H.A.'s. Unfortunately the response to these was unenthusiastic.

The people of this area do not appear to be particularly politically aware, although, now having a Misiman as their Open Member in the House of Assembly, it appears they are more interested now than they were during the life of the previous House. The name of the Alotau Open Member, Dr. John Guise, is much better known than that of the Milne Bay Regional Member, Mr. Dennis Young.

The writer feels that it is unfortunate, and that

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it is undoubtedly retarding the advancement of political awareness, that there are, in numerous villages, people of an apparently high potential who are unwilling, or fail to be elected as Councillors where they could put their knowledge to good use. It was noted that in the villages where there are such people, invariably the councillor is a man of lesser intellect. This tends to indicate that the Councillor has been elected more for his popularity than for the fact that he might be the best person available to attend the interests of the village.

ECONOMIC:

Due to the nature of the area, trafficable roads are unnecessary. Air services are available at Wagaia and, when fully operational, will be so at Tagula. Steamships, Burns Philp, Louisiade Local Government Council, Mr. E. Ryan, Nimoa Catholic Mission, League United Church Mission and the Administration cater for the shipping needs of the people of this area. Although these services are reasonably frequent, several of the islands receive only occasional visits. There are no wharves in the area visited, but, if Mr. Potter's stimulating and challenging talk at Motorina has the desired effect, it seems likely to expect a wharf to be seen there within twelve months. The majority of the islands visited have good anchorages.

Copra remains the main source of income. It is anticipated that copra production will drop considerably due to the necessity of the people having to drink coconut milk because of the water situation. (see Social).

Small amounts of beche de mer and black-lipped oyster shell are traded, but the importance of these is rapidly declining due to depressed market conditions. The collecting of these is limited to a marked degree by the state of the sea. During the S.E. season little collecting occurs.

ECONOMIC (Cont.)

Councillor Julian of Panamala has birds-eye chillies under cultivation but, at this stage, the project is in it's infancy.

Approximately twelve men from Brooker Island have had employment with Messrs. Craig and Hammersley during the construction of the new light-house at Jomard Island. If the proposed wharf at Motorina becomes a reality, there will be employment for about a dozen Motorina men in the construction of this project.

Mr. H. Munt's plantation at Motorina Island is still operating, but he does not employ any local labour.

The fisheries project at Nimoa does offer some prospect of income, but, at this stage, the project is not expected to commence full operation until well into the future.

At Bagaman, having heard of the availability of crayfish, a casual word was passed to the village that we were prepared to purchase same. We received a large number of crayfish in a very short period of time. It is felt that if freezing facilities were available, a ready market for crayfish would be found at Alotau and Samarai.

Indigenous entrepreneurs are few. Martin's trade store at Bagaman Island is short of stock because of infrequent shipping services, but, as he does trade in coconuts and appears to be a man of good business sense, the potential for expansion is there.

The men from Panacati have almost a stranglehold over the production of sailing canoes. Because of this they are in a position to charge high prices. This they do charging cash, baghi, stone money and pigs. One price for s.

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sailing canoe that the patrol heard mentioned was \$106, one baghi and four pigs.

The area does not appear to be affluent. This is indicated by the few people who managed to pay their council tax.

SOCIAL:

Water shortage. One very real problem throughout the area is lack of water. People from Brooker Island are sailing to Misima Island - a distance of about 64 miles for the round trip - for drinkable fresh water. Many places have wells, but these are located too close to salt water and consequently the water is suitable only for watering pigs. The pig population has reportedly declined through lack of good water. At one stage it was thought that the school at Motorina would have to close because of lack of water, but fortunately M.V. Aku was able to supply 500 gallons.

Many coconuts have been used in place of drinking water and, as a result, the production figures for copra are expected to fall.

Taro and sweet potato crops have failed due to the dry conditions.

Oriz as the picture may appear, the people are not in any immediate danger of being without food because the recent year harvest was reasonably good and most people have good supplies of these. Shellfish and fish abound.

Many places visited had Council installed rain water tanks. Not one of these was effective due to rust. Most of the catchment areas were ludicrously small. Obviously concrete or fibreglass tanks are the only answer. Fortunately

the Council appreciates this now as several 10,000 gallon concrete tanks are on the estimates.

Sorcery. Motorina appears to be the sorcery centre of the area. The O.I.C. Tagala reports that the most powerful Sudest sorcerers learn their techniques from the Motorina women; the most powerful sorcerers apparently are old women - on Motorina at least. One old woman (who the people declined to name) is believed to dream of impending deaths and the people consider her dreams to be infallible.

The people on the other islands did not have the same terror of sorcery as do the Motorina people. The people from Kuanaak believe that about half of the deaths on their island are caused by sorcery, but no-one there apparently knows who is the sorcerer.

A talk on sorcery was given at Motorina, emphasis being placed on the Sorcery Ordinance and the identity of the proposer of same. The effect of this talk was not determinable. If the wharf at Motorina does get built, and the Council Advisor supervises its construction, this would offer an excellent opportunity to further study sorcery and, hopefully allay some of the people's fears.

General. The Council pig rule was not being obeyed in several villages. It was also felt that in other places the pigs were only penned for the patrol's benefit. The reason for the pig rule was explained and the people ordered to pen their pigs.

No womens clubs were in evidence. Netball is very popular and all places visited had a court of some kind.

United Church holds influence over all of the area patrolled except at Kuanaak which is Nimoa influenced.

Education needs are catered for by Panseati and Motorina Administration Primary 'T' schools and the Mission school at Nimoa.

Hospitals at Bwagaia and Nimoa help the sick as do the aid posts at Panseati, Motorina and Nigahau.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Motorina Wharf. When asked by Mr. Potter the reason for the lack of effort in collecting stones, the people replied that their leaders had not told them that they had to work. Mr. Potter gave a comprehensive talk on the allocation of Rural Development Funds and the necessity for their immediate use, pointing out that unless the money is spent quickly, this could hinder the allocation of future grants to their Council. This talk appeared to have been effective, for when the patrol returned to Motorina two days later, nine sailing canoes were observed there. Enquiries revealed that their presence was to transport stones for the wharf.

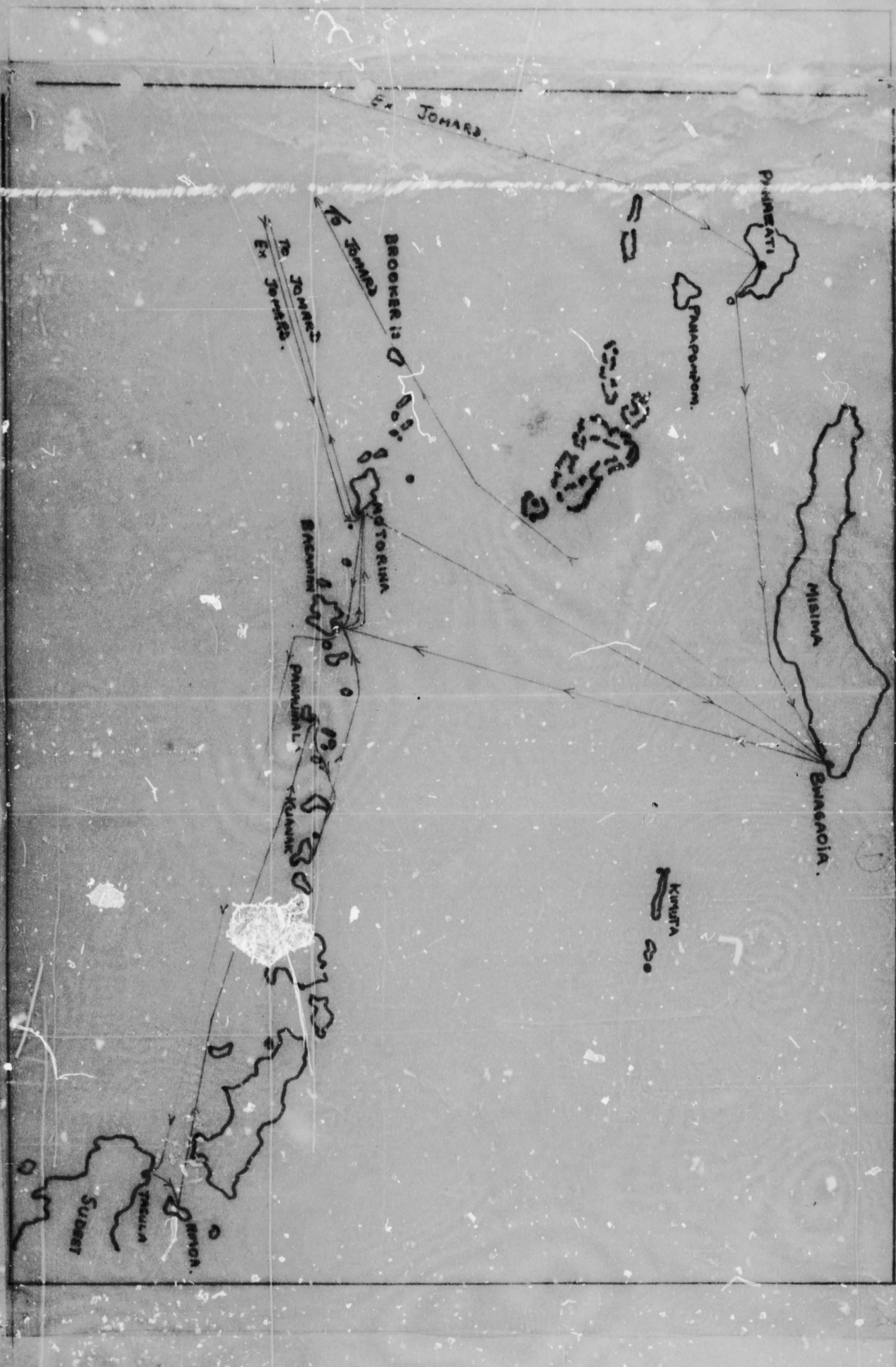
Jonard Island Land Purchase.

The light-house land on Jonard Island was chain and compass surveyed, corners marked and purchased as per patrol instructions.

Panseati Land Dispute.

The Mission land was resurveyed and the boundaries defined. One man has built a copra drier on Mission land, but no action was taken by the patrol as it was felt that any action should be initiated by the Mission.

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(R.J. Wallent.)
Assistant Patrol Officer.



67-4-19

PATROL REPORT

Report number: 3 - 1972/73
 District: Milne Bay
 Patrol conducted by: R.C. Mumme
 Area patrolled: Rossel Island
 Duration of patrol: 14/11/72 - 27/11/72
 Last D.D.A. patrol: 6/12/71 - 18/12/71
 Last O.L.G. patrol: October 1972
 Map reference: N/A (Updating Area Study)

Objects of patrol: Census & Update Area Study
 Station: Bwagaia
 Subdistrict: Misima
 Designation: Patrol Officer
 Personnel accompanying: Constable 1/C & Interpreter
 Number of days: 14
 Total population of area: 2,535
 Council area: Louisiade
 House of Assembly Electorate: Kula

The District Commissioner,
District,

Milne Bay



- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Field Officers Journal Folios 24 To 29 , (+)
- Patrol Instructions, (+)
- The Report and my comments, (+)
- Area study, (-)
- Updating of area study, (+)
- Situation Reports No's 1-(A) - (D) (+)
- Patrol map, (-)

DATE: 18/12 1972 .

[Signature]
Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

[Signature]

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Area study, (*ab*)
- Updating of area study, (*✓*)
- Situation Report No's. 1- *4* (*✓*)
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District Headquarters assessment of
Patrol & Report..... Above average
Average
Below average

Date: / /19 .

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District Commissioner

POPULATION

Date of Census	Village	TOTALS (excluding absentees)				ABSENTEES (Resident outside Electorate)				Grand Total
		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
22/11/72	ABELETI	47	42	35	43	1	1	12	1	182
25/11/72	BAMRWA	20	9	17	17	2	-	1	1	67
15/11/72	DAMUNU	78	71	90	112	1	3	13	5	373
21/11/72	EAST POINT	39	46	43	45	1	-	8	1	183
16/11/72	IONGA BAY	27	22	21	24	-	-	4	-	98
20/11/72	JINJO	122	121	99	104	6	5	41	16	514
17/11/72	MORPA	63	45	51	64	4	1	15	2	245
23/11/72	NJARU	92	84	73	65	-	-	16	1	331
24/11/72	SAMAN	67	59	53	63	2	1	10	-	255
18/11/72	WULANGA BAY	68	61	63	57	5	6	23	4	287
	TOTALS	623	560	545	594	22	17	143	31	2,535

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P.O. Box 2396, KONEBOBU

67-1-10

1st February, 1973

The District Commissioner
Milne Bay District
P.O. Box 35
ALOTAU

EWAGACIA PATROL NO.3 OF 1972/73

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 to 4 arising out of the above patrol of Rossel Island Census Division together with the appropriate assessments, and also the Area Study amendments, as submitted by Mr. R.C. Mumme, Assistant District Officer.

I have the following comments to make :

- Two copies of Situation Reports are required at this Headquarters; only one was received from you.
- Please draw Mr. Mumme's attention to the second paragraph under sub-heading Situation Reports on page 2 of Circular 67-1-0 of 25th November, 1971.
- To overcome the problem referred to in Sitrep No.1, I agree with you that O.I.C. Tagula should spend more time on Rossel Island.
- An airstrip on Rossel Island while desirable would be an expensive proposition, however, I do agree with you that the Louisiade Local Government Council should look at it as an R.D.F. project. Perhaps the O.I.C. Tagula could follow this up with the Council and at the same time sound out the Catholic Mission on the idea.

C.C. Little
C.C. LITTLE
s/Secretary

67-4-24 (4)

PATROL REPORT

Report number: 4 of 1972/73
 District: MILNE BAY
 Patrol conducted by: P. J. Wallent
 Area patrolled: West Salvados Chain
 Duration of patrol: 3 days
 Last D.D.A. patrol: 11-10-72
 Last O.L.G. patrol:
 Map reference:

Objects of patrol: Compilation of Area Study
 Station: BWAGAOIA
 Subdistrict: MISTIM
 Designation: ASST. PATROL OFFICER.
 Personnel accompanying: Council Tax Team
 Number of days: 3
 Total population of area: 752
 Council area: LOUISIADE
 House of Assembly Electorate: KULA

The District Commissioner,
MILNE BAY District,
AIOTAU

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios 24 To 24,	(X)
Patrol Instructions,	(X)
The Report and my comments.	(X)
Area study,	(X)
Updating of area study,	()
Situation Reports No's 1—	()
Patrol map,	(X)

DATE: 11/1 1972.

[Signature]
 of Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
 Department of the Administrator,
 Division of District Administration,
 KONEDOBUBU, Papua New Guinea.

[Signature]

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study,	(X)
Updating of area study,	()
Situation Report No's. 1—	()
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.....	()

District Headquarters assessment of
 Patrol & Report.....

Above average
 Average
 Below average

[Signature]
 District Commissioner

Date: / /19



POPULATION

Date of Census	Village	TOTALS <small>(Including Absentees)</small>				ABSENTEES <small>(Resident outside Elec. Area)</small>				Grand Total
		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		
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P.O. Box 2396
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67-4-24

6th February, 1973

The District Commissioner
Milne Bay District
ALOTAU

EWAGACIA PATROL NO. 4-1972/73

Reference your Minute undated.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the Area Study arising out of the above patrol of the WEST CALVADOS CHAIN Census Division, as submitted by Mr. R.J. WALLEN, Assistant Patrol Officer.

An Area Study of average standard.

According to the census dates the patrol was completed between the 11th and 15th September, 1972 yet the Area Study was not forwarded to you until 11th January, 1973, some three months later. This is too long a delay in the processing and transmission of patrol reports and is contrary to instructions. Please instruct the A.P.C. Ewagacia to be more prompt in the processing of future reports.

C.C. LITTLER
a/Secretary

PATROL REPORT - WESTERN CALVADOS CHAIN C.D.

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This patrol was mounted for the purpose of completing a new ~~AREA STUDY~~ of the WESTERN CALVADOS CHAIN Census Division, a copy of the instructions are attached.

It was decided to divide the Calvados Chain into two Divisions, East and West (the A.D.C.'s 67-2-2 of 14th. November, 1972 refers).

Because of the above, this report is brief, as the majority of the material is embodied in the area study section of this report.

No general matters were brought to the attention of the patrol, this is possibly due to a patrol having visited the area only a few weeks prior to this one.

R. J. Wallent.
(R. J. WALLENT.)
ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER.

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AREA STUDY OF THE WEST CALVADOS CHAIN.

A INTRODUCTION.

The Calvados Chain Census Division has been divided into two parts, East and West. The Former is now patrolled by the O.I.C., Patrol Post, TAGULA.

The West Calvados Chain consists of the following main Islands:- BROOKER, MOTORINA, BAGAMAN, PANAUMALA and KUANAK.

These islands were formed as a result of volcanic upheaval; consequently many of them are rugged in appearance.

Access is by boat as the nearest airfields are at BWAGAOIA and TAGULA (Sudest Island.)

Coral reefs are common to the area. These help provide a variety of fish and shellfish, including black-lip oyster and trochus which are collected for sale.

Villages are generally situated on the narrow coastal fringes of these islands. Gardens are situated on both the coastal strips as well as the slopes of the hills.

Vegetation is usually thick. This causes an abundant bird life.

The rainfall is usually high at about 150" per year, although the area is suffering a dry spell at the present time. Strong prevailing winds from the South East and South West restrict fishing. This area is subject to cyclonic disturbances and some of these have caused much damage in the past. The average minimum temperature is in the low seventies where-as the average maximum is about 85 degrees.

Access to these islands is by boat. These services are supplied by Burns Philp and Steamships trading companies.

Administration trawlers visit the islands carrying Health, Co-ops, Agriculture and Administration personnel. Most of these islands are about 5 hours sailing time from BWAGAOIA. Anchorages are generally well sheltered, although good local knowledge is required to safely negotiate the reefs. A wharf is under construction at MOTORINA and this should prove a boon when completed. BROOKER Island is about 4½ hours sailing from BWAGAOIA and KUANAK about 5½ hours.

The Calvados Chain is situated between 152 degrees 25 minutes East and lie on a latitude of 11 degrees 22 minutes South.

The goldmining boom near the turn of the century saw much exploration work in these islands and, although little gold was found, many of the prospectors saw that these islands offered a pleasant life and turned to planting coconuts.

The people are physically similar to their coastal mainland counterparts. They are generally a happy people and their skill in seamanship is well known. They are active participants in the 'Kula Trade'.

Continual Administration contact in this area has been since the South Eastern Division of Papua was re-established at BWAGAOIA in 1920 following a period of twelve years when it was based at KULUMADAU on WOODLARK Island. BWAGAOIA remained S.E.D. headquarters until the Milne Bay District was formed in 1948.

This area has a history of cargo cult activities. Probably the best remembered was the murder of a European ANGAU officer at MOTORINA in 1952. Patrol was sent from SAMARAI to arrest the guilty. Eight of these were eventually hanged. Many of the older people remember the incident with respect for the show of power displayed by the authorities. Although there are no obvious signs of cult activities on these islands, any renewal of these would not surprise, partic-

ularly in the light of many peoples' fears of sorcery.

Life on these islands is very easy. Council tax is an imposition, they feel, however once the people see projects such as water tanks in their village, the pill is not so hard to swallow. Whenever the people require consumer goods they make copra. Not many seem to save ahead. When tax money was produced one wonders how much of it was borrowed from affluent relatives.

Many of the potential good businessmen are doomed to failure by the traditional system of sharing. The solution to this problem is hard to imagine. Rejection by one's family certainly would not be acceptable.

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B. POPULATION DISTRIBUTION ETC.

Labour trends are not considered to be very significant as many people prefer to subsist in their 'Island Paradise' rather than seek employment. School attendance figures are encouraging although one doubts that the percentage moving onto higher education will be significant. Most of these people have a great love for their islands and the desire to return on completion of their education is very real. Unfortunately the employment chances are slim. The figures for students look quite pleasing, but one must bear in mind that many of the students will probably return to their homes to subsist.

A percentage break-up of the figures is as follows:-

Working Inside the District.

1. % age Males 16 - 45 working	4.3%
2. % age Females " "	1.9%
3. % age Total Work Force	3.2%

Working Outside the District.

1. % Males 16 - 45 working	2.9%
2. % Females " "	2.4%
3. % Total Work Force	2.6%

School Attendance - Mission.

1. % age children 6 - 15 attending	6.4%
2. % age Males	7.2%
3. % age Females	5.6%

School Attendance - Government.

1. % age children 6 - 15 attending	13.4%
2. % age Males	15.2%
3. % age Females	10.8%
Total % age children at schools	19.8%

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C. SOCIAL GROUPINGS.

These are based on clan member ship. These clans use birds as their totems. Marriage within the clan is not tolerated. Below is a list of the places visited and the clans represented. A key to the totems follows.

<u>PLAGE.</u>	<u>CLANS</u> (in order of prominence.)
1. BROOKER ISLAND	Ewau, Linawia, Manilobu, Lailoga, Bwaio Bwaio, Mesoga, Guau.
2. MOTORINA ISLAND	Ewau, Linawia, Manilobu, Lailoga, Bwaio Bwaio, Mesoga, Guau.
3. BAGAMAN ISLAND	Bwaio Bwaio, Ewau, Linawia, Lailoga, Mesoga, Motuna, Gaumara, Manilobu, Gamataul
4. KUANAK ISLAND	Ewau, Bwaio Bwaio, Linawia, Gaumara, Guau.
5. PANAUMALA ISLAND	Bwaio Bwaio, Ewau, Gaumara, Manilobu, Motuna, Guau.

KEY.

<u>CLAN</u>	<u>TOTEM</u>	<u>ORIGINAL HOME.</u>
EWAU	HAWK	MOTORINA.
LINAWIA	COCKATOO	WARI ISLAND.
MESOGA	HAWK	SUAU ISLAND
BWAIO BWAIO	CROW	PANAWINA ISLAND.
GUAU	CRANE	NORMANBY ISLAND.
MANILOBU	FRIGATE BIRD	MISIMA ISLAND
LAILOGA	PARROT	MISIMA ISLAND
GAUMARA	HAWK	OBSCURE
MOTUNA	BLACK-BIRD	MISIMA ISLAND.

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There is a strong similarity between the areas throughout the area. No doubt this is partly due to the effect of the 'Kula Trade' and the travel which this involves. Many of the affluent (and influential) men own sailing canoes and these are used extensively to trade in the traditional manner.

Panaeati language is spoken throughout this area. English is spoken by about 30% of the people. This percentage will increase as more people receive education. Few understand Motu.

Although the society is matrilineal throughout, there are signs of this system gradually breaking down. The younger men, in particular, seem to think that the time has come for a change. This is most obvious in the system of land inheritance. A young man fails to see the justice in the system when, after toiling for years in his father's garden, his true-love's parents have little to offer him upon marriage.

Births of an illegitimate nature are quite high, although there is little, if any, social stigma attached. The illegitimate children are cared for by the mother's clan. Premarital sex is seemingly tolerated, but on the general understanding that the young man must leave the girl's parents' house before dawn.

Several of the men have more than one wife, much to the frustration of the missions.

D. LEADERSHIP.

Below is a list of the commonly recognized leaders. It was compiled through direct questioning and is considered accurate. There is a subtle difference between clan leaders and actual leaders, although in some cases they are the same. It appears that quite often a non-leader comes up with a suggestion to the actual leader, who brings the matter forth for general discussion and is praised for 'his' great idea.

The clan leader, however, has much of the final say in matters regarding the traditional. The aged command respect, although this is often confined to the family. Persons with jobs- particularly Government jobs- command a great deal of respect and are spoken of with pride by their relatives. It is interesting to note that when some of the educated return to their village for leave, they come up with some excellent ideas for improving the lot of the villager, however, rather than suggest this idea at a meeting, they mention it to a traditional leader who receives credit for his good idea.

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>EDUCATION</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AGE</u>
BROOKER	Panaubobo Sen	Nil	C.L.	40
	Sana Anaheval	Std. 1	C.L.	40
MOTORINA	Gisubiaga Alimaina	Nil	C.L.	55
	Bwanoau Melutau	Nil	C.L.	60
BAGAMAN	Naisela Kapine	Vill. School	C.L.	40
	Lobenaia Deli	Loaga 3 yrs.	C.L.	37

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<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>EDUCATION</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AGE</u>
KUANAK	Martin SIABIBI	Tchrs Trng	Trade Store	30
	Andrew KARTIPOIA	Vill. School	C.L.	32.
PANAUMALA	Kaubagi LOI	Nil,	C.L.	43
	Kanadi MANAKIA	Nil	C.L.	47

Note. Under Position (above), C.L. means clan leader.

The pattern of leadership is slowly changing with the education of more people, however, many of the older people are attempting to cling to the old system. Often when an obvious natural leader emerges, the person who would have traditionally assumed leadership is only too happy to step down. After a leader dies, the relatives hold a meeting to decide their new leader, despite the fact that the deceased had appointed a successor prior to his death.

Councillors are in a very good position to show leadership qualities, but in many cases they appear to have been elected because some-one had to do the job rather than the fact that they were good men to represent their people.

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E. LAND TENURE.

A man generally inherits his mother's brother's land. This system is flexible, however, as it appears to be the practice that a family discusses, over a period of years, who should inherit the land upon the death of the owner. This system seems to be successful as disputes are few. Often the land is owned by a clan and the leader of the clan allocates the land. This only takes place after much (sometimes years of) discussion. No doubt some of the educated people are not too happy with this idea, particularly those who have seen different systems in operation during their travels. Even now some of the land used for cash cropping passes from father to son.

Below is a list of leased land in the area.

1. L.A. 64/231 - Motorina Island - 5 acres - Panaiwau- applied for by the Council for school site. 99 year lease.
2. Antua Plantation - 117 acres- Motorina Island. Agriculture lease held by Harry Munt. 99 years.

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LITERACY.
Because students travel to schools from outside the Census Division, the figures on the Village Population Registers will not agree with the figures below.

ADMINISTRATION - MOTORINA.

<u>STANDARD</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>QUAL.</u>	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
1	Mua Eliuda	Std. 6	20	15	35
3 and 4	Maso Posa	Form 3	20	11	31
4	" "	" "	4	6	10

All of the students at MOTORINA school are day students although several come from nearby islands and stay with friends. There has been an increase of one teacher and 39 students from the previous Area Study.

The fluent use of English is restricted to those who have received education or have had jobs in other areas and have since returned.

The literacy rate is about 6%.

The school buildings are in a fair state of repair, as are the teachers' houses.

Below is a list of students receiving secondary education. These figures are a result of direct questioning in the villages as well as enquiries from the Education Department at ALOTAU.

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>EDUCATION.</u>
BROOKER	Sami Iadila	F.3 Cameron High (ALOTAU)
	Simeon Gutana	Iduabada Tech. School (Port Moresby)
	Ron Gigidoia	Teachers Training (Port Moresby)
MOTORINA	Moabe Gigidoia	Vudal (D.A.S.F.)
	Haufa Loti	F.1 Cameron High
	Estella Gibson	F.2 " "

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These figures are a result of questions asked in the villages as well as those supplied by the Department of Education, ALOTAU

The number of radios in each village is as follows.

BROOKER	3
MOTORINA	3
BAGAMAN	3
KUANAK	1
PANAUMALA	1

Radio Milne Bay is the most popular station. Service announcements are eagerly listened to as are string bands. Several people listen to 9PA as well as Administration stations at DARU, RABAU and BOUGANVILLE. Most people said that they would like to hear more programmes in their own language.

G. STANDARD OF LIVING.

European styled clothes and utensils are common throughout the area, although some of the older women prefer to use grass skirts. Most of the houses have metal pots and pans, although the traditional clay utensils are still also used.

The main diet consists of taro, sweet potato, yam, fish, birds etc. Tinned foodstuffs, such as fish are popular and are purchased when finances permit. Tea and sugar are always sought.

Council Welfare Assistants patrol the area and give demonstrations in cooking, baking and sewing. These visits are popular.

Women's clubs exist, although the current interest appears low. This is probably caused through lack of finance.

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H. MISSIONS.

The United Church holds influence from BROOKER ISL. through to PANAUMALA. The remainder of the area comes under the influence of the Roman Catholic Church; the Mission at NIMOA being the operational base.

ALULA PETELO, originally from FERGUSON ISLAND, caters for the peoples' spiritual needs as far as the United Church is concerned, and Father Young, from NIMOA travels frequently through his area. Many of the villages have evangelists who hold services in the absence of a more qualified person. The people appear very keen to attend worship and each village has a place which is regularly used for worship.

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I. NON - INDIGINES.

1. ANTOR PLANTATION, MOTORINA ISLAND.

Owner - Harry MUNT.
Area - 117 acres
No. of labourers - average 12.
Amount paid - 73 cents per day plus rations.
Origin of labourers - Misima and Motorina Islands.
Production - about 3 tons per month.
Facilities - motor launch.
Marketing facilities - C.M.B. SAMARAI, also trades in nuts.

2. KAPANDA PLANTATION, MOTORINA ISLAND.

Owner - Lily BURFITT and Blanche SIGAMATA.
Area - 60 acres (35 planted)
Labourers - average 12
Origin of labourers - local
Amount paid - \$10.00 per month plus rations.
Production - about 20 rammied bags per month.
Facilities - Pit-saw, usual tools.
Marketing facilities - C.M.B. SAMARAI.

(b) With the present copra prices it is doubtful if either of the above could absorb more labour

(c) These places are both actual outlets for the sale of copra, because they will buy copra for stores. Unfortunately the enthusiasm for collecting copra has waned because of the poor prices.

Both of these places are adequately linked with SAMARAI by boats.

(J) COMMUNICATIONS.

(a) ROADS.

Roads as such, do not exist, however walking tracks exist between the various hamlets on each island. Most of these are in fair condition and are used frequently.

(b) Sea.

The following are the anchorages used by the patrol.

<u>ANCHORAGE</u>	<u>COMMENTS.</u>
1. BROOKER	Good all-weather anchorage.
2. MOTORINA	N.W. Good
3. BAGAMAN	Good in all weathers.
4. KUANAK	N.W. Fair S.E. Good.
5. PANAUMALA	Good in all weathers.

The comments take into consideration the prevailing winds and the amount of protection given.

(c) Air services are provided at BWAGAOIA and will be so at TAGULA when this airfield is operating fully. The services are, and will be, on a weekly basis.

(d) RIVERS.

Because of the relatively small size of these islands navigable rivers do not exist.

(K) TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS.

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The following is a list of skilled and semi-skilled workers residing in the village at the time of the census.

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SKILL.</u>
BROOKER	PANABOBO SAM	SHIPWRIGHT
MOTORINA	NADULA BOKO	NURSE
	DASI TAILOWAN	D.A.S.F. MORESBY
	BENALEIA BANOWAN	TEACHER MORESBY
	DAWANA MANJWAI	STOREMAN PANAPOMPOM
BAGAMAN	MAIYEGU MASILAWI	PASTOR AT EIAUS
KUANAK	MARTIN SIABIBI	'A' CERT. TEACHER, now operates Trade Store.
	EBONI SIABIBI	BOAT'S CREW on M.V. 'Noel Buxton.'

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M. ECONOMY OF THE AREA.

Because of the impossibility of counting each coconut tree and the fact that D.A.S.F. at BWAGAOIA do not hold separate figures for each village, the following figures should be treated with some degree of caution.

Number of Bearing Palms	31,000
" " Immature "	13,200
" " new plantings	1,700
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	45,900

The average density is calculated at 60 trees per acre, each yielding an expected average of 7 cwt. per year. The estimated yield would be 177 tons per year. Each grower should receive about \$50.00 per year. No doubt these figures are optimistic because of the poor return that people are getting for their labours; this, of course, has resulted in many people not bothering to make copra.

Unfortunately trees were not counted in each village.

Income from wage labour is calculated below:-

1.	18 labourers at an average wage of \$10.00 p.m.	\$2160
2.	2 teachers " " " " " \$20.00 p.f.	\$1040
3.	1 A.P.O. " " " " " \$16.22 "	421
4.	1 Field assistant " " " \$ 8.30 "	116
5.	3 Councillors " " " \$8.00 p.m.	288
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		\$4525

These figures do not include allowances paid to Mission personnel as these are received from overseas.

Co-operative societies are operating at BAGAMAN and at MOTORINA. These are not spectacular in regard to their trading results, however, staffing has been a problem. The people are happy with these, even though the figures are not high.

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There are no outstanding entrepreneurs in the area visited. This is due to the easy way of life that exists on these islands.

- (h) Few bank pass books were produced and because it was felt that the inspection of these constituted an invasion of privacy, the matter was not pursued. It is felt that the balances in these accounts would be small, because of the lack of water.
- (i) Tax obligations are proving hard to meet. This applies to the whole of the area.
- (j) It is estimated that the average per capita income is about \$21.00 per year. This figure must be treated with a degree of reserve as many could earn more, but are discouraged because of poor prices. This figure applies to the major section of the area.
- (k) Marketing facilities are provided by the co-operative societies, trade stores, Council vessel 'Iilivaso' or Mr. RYAN'S vessel which is based at BWAGAOIA. These boats are used to transport copra to SAMARAI. Many of the people prefer to sell direct to the traders and receive immediate cash or goods in lieu of, rather than wait a considerable period before receiving their cheque from the C.M.B. The trade store operators prefer to ship direct to SAMARAI, using their C.M.B. accounts. By doing this they receive relatively prompt payments enabling them to to keep their stocks high.

(N) POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY.

Because of a reasonably high birth-rate, the amount of land already being used and the small areas capable of being used for further cash cropping, the future for increased development does not look particularly promising. There is a small potential for increased cash cropping, but this is not really significant when viewed in the light of the population growth. Whether the fisheries project at NIMCOA will improve the situation is a matter that time alone will tell. The initial plans were quite ambitious, but one doubts if they will prove to be realistic. These doubts are based on the high initial cost, freight and transport costs. Market potential for the sale of fish (either smoked or fresh) exist at ALOTAU and SAMARAI. It is to be hoped that this project becomes an established industry, as the quantity and quality of fish exist.

The catching of crayfish is another possibility, although markets for these could prove hard to find.

The farming of cultured pearls could well prove to be a viable proposition, but experts would have to study this fully to determine the possibilities.

It is certain that the people would welcome any ideas towards improving their economy. It is believed that any feasible ideas would be appreciated, but any scheme, to be a success, would have to offer quick returns.

(0) ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Although many of the Councillors are being elected on their ability, some are still being elected on their clan seniority.

Most of the people have accepted the idea of Local Government and realise that it they who benefit. This is particularly so in places with operational Council projects.

Unfortunately, because of the very dry conditions, many people have been unable to pay their tax. It seems most difficult for people to save ahead.

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(P) ATTITUDE TOWARDS CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

All of the Members from the MILNE BAY District seem to be well known. The idea of a central government seems to be well accepted. Most of the people seem aware of the ways that their members can assist them. It appears that some of the people, because of their isolation, think that they are not getting the benefits due to them. The lot of a Member in this area is not easy, particularly when he attempts to explain matters on a National, rather than a local scale. One thing that was constantly raised was the question 'How will things alter with Independence?'

In accordance with Patrol Instructions, this subject was not fully pursued.

(Q) ACCOMMODATION SERVICE AND FACILITIES.

~~Hotels, Guest Houses, Service Stations, etc.~~ do not exist. Accommodation can be readily obtained in village rest houses. These are generally in a good state of repair and the supply of foods (fish, crayfish, fruits etc.) is no problem.

Transport in the form of mission launches and sailing canoes is readily obtainable.

Both of the two large Trading Companies at SAMARAI send their boats regularly as do several of the smaller, more local traders.

R. J. Wallent
(R. J. WALLENT.)

ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER.

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PATROL REPORT

Report number: 5
 District: MILNE BAY
 Patrol conducted by: R. C. MUMME
 Area patrolled: MISIMA IS CENSUS DIVISION
 Duration of patrol: 4-1-73 to 15-1-73
 Last D.D.A. patrol:
 Last O.L.G. patrol:
 Map reference:

Objects of patrol: CENSUS REVISION & Update Area Study
 Station: BWAGAOIA
 Subdistrict: MISIMA
 Designation: PATROL OFFICER.
 Personnel accompanying: CONST VC & INTERPRETER.
 Number of days: TWELVE.
 Total population of area: 6,545
 Council area: LOUISIARDE L.G.C.
 House of Assembly Electorate: KUMA OPEN.

The District Commissioner,
 MILNE BAY District.
 ALOTAN

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios To ,	(+)
Patrol Instructions,	(+)
The Report and my comments,	(+)
Area study,	()
Updating of area study,	(+)
Situation Reports No's 1- ,	(+)
Patrol map,	(+)

DATE: / / 19

Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
 Department of the Administrator,
 Division of District Administration,
 KONEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

Mae Sings Diler

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study,	()
Updating of area study,	()
Situation Report No's. 1-2	(✓)
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District Headquarters assessment of	Above average
Patrol & Report.....	Average
	Below average

Date: / / 19

A. J. ...
 District Commissioner

POPULATION

Date of Census	Village	TOTALS (Excluding Absentees)				ABSENTEES (Resident outside Electorate)				Grand Total
		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
10-1-73	ALHOGR	76	71	65	66	2	-	3	4	297
10-1-73	AWAIBI	109	126	102	105	2	4	22	4	474
13-1-73	BAGALINA	147	142	146	134	3	5	41	10	628
8-1-73	BOICU	46	50	60	54	3	5	7	2	225
11-1-73	BWAGABWISA	127	85	123	116	5	1	36	10	503
6-1-73	BWAGADIA	94	83	90	85	19	4	31	17	433
12-1-73	EBORA	62	72	62	53	-	3	5	2	259
4-1-73	EIAUS	183	165	191	169	8	5	22	8	761
12-1-73	EWENA	81	85	93	82	5	4	10	6	375
8-1-73	GULEWA	98	100	97	104	2	6	27	7	441
5-1-73	HINAUTA	72	65	73	69	13	3	10	8	313
6-1-73	KAJBWAGA	100	98	110	89	2	3	11	4	417
15-1-73	LIAX	156	160	154	161	22	8	51	18	730
5-1-73	NARIAN	103	57	101	81	4	4	19	8	377
9-1-73	SIGARA	169	159	137	119	2	4	22	10	622
	<u>TOTALS.</u>	1023	1521	1604	1487	92	67	323	118	6845

The District Commissioner
Milne Bay District
P.O. Box 35
ALOTAU

21st May, 1973
67-4-32
J.W. Kent
Deputy District
Commissioner

BNAGASIA PATROL NO. 5 OF 1972/73

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report No. 1 arising out of the above patrol of the MISIMA ISLAND Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments and also the Area Study amendments, as submitted by Mr. R.C. MURPHY, Patrol Officer.

The Situation Report gives a thorough coverage of the activities of the cult and how it is organized. However, there is no indication that it is causing trouble or ill feeling. In fact, the report states that the influence of the cult is fairly wide-spread which implies general support by the people. For these reasons I concur with your assessment that it is doubtful whether any charges against the leaders could be substantiated in Court.

The updating of the Area Study is comprehensive and gives a clear picture of changes that have taken place in the Census Division over the past twelve months.

A good piece of field work.

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W.P. RYAN
a. Secretary

PATROL REPORT MISIMA NO. 5 OF 72/73

AREA STUDY UPDATING
MISIMA ISLAND CENSUS DIVISION

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A. INTRODUCTION

Adequately covered by current area study of 1970/71 by Mr. Lock Patrol Officer.

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B. POPULATION DISTRIBUTION TRENDS.

Apart from the statistical information, the majority contained in this section of the current area study is still relevant.

The current census figures for this division are recorded on the Patrol Report jacket.

A map of MISIMA Island showing villages accessible by road transport is attached as appendix "A". The road at present under construction by the LOUISIADÉ LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL, to link the north and south coast roads from EIAUS to GULEWA is also shown.

A total of 441 adults were recorded as absentees outside the electorate, or approximately 11% of the total adult population.

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C. SOCIAL GROUPINGS

Information recorded in the current area study by Mr. Lock and the 1971/72 updating by Mr. Standing is still relevant.

As reported in the 1971/72 updating, a list of individuals was prepared for the purpose of identifying the social groupings in the area. The previous year-president of the village council, Mr. [Name], was asked to provide a list of individuals in the village who were members of the village council.

These names are in Mr. Lock's list of individuals and are given in the following order:

Mr. [Name] - of [Name] village. Served as village councillor for [Name] village for [Name] years. He is a [Name] and is [Name] in the village. He is [Name] of the village and is [Name] of the village.

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D. LEADERSHIP

The majority of information recorded in this section is still relevant.

As reported in the 1971-'72 updating, a bi-election was conducted for the Bwagaia Township Ward and LAIMI (KOLINIUS)/MAMADO was elected. The previous vice-president MADIU/MATALOGI Councillor for BOIOU Village replaced Mr. Broome as president of the Louisiade Local Government Council.

Further additions to Mr. Lock's list of influential leaders are recorded below.

TAUNALEIA/DUBE 64 years - of EBORA Village. Worked as medical assistant during World War II. Previously councillor for EBORA/EWENA ward. Extremely influential in his village. Agrees that his brother AMAUAILA is incapable of his role as councillor for this ward.

MAIKA/MAMADI 34 years - Committee for EWENA Village. Extremely pro-administration and possesses all the qualities of a good councillor. However due to his past history as an informer to assist with the writing of various cargo cult activists in his village, the majority of village members voted against him.

VILE/IALIDONA approximately 53 years of BOMA a hamlet of SIAGARA. Highly respected on Misima Island, and is the supreme leader of the cultish activities existing on Misima Island. Previously road Supervisor for the LOUISIADE Local Government Council and an ex-councillor for the SIAGARA WARD. (A report of the Misima Cargo Cult is forwarded under separate cover)

GIENI/DAIELI approximately 58 years. Previously Councillor for EBORA/EWENA. Extremely influential and highly respected in village.

E. LAND TENURE AND USE

The Matrilineal system of traditional land inheritance is practiced throughout the MISIMA Census Division. All land is passed through the female side. For example land is passed to the female's children. When the male children are deceased their land will revert back either to the descendants of the female child, or to their ^{mothers} male's (mother's brother) family. The descendants of the male children will gain, land rights and clan membership from their mother.

Male descendants who upon the death of the father, do not wish to relinquish rights to the land owned by his father's clan may provide a special feast and provide gifts for the traditional inheritants and leaders of his fathers clan. In doing this, if the relative, of his deceased father and the leaders of the clan are satisfied with the gifts, he may retain a portion of the land, subsequently procuring additional land for his mothers clan.

The following is a list of all alienated land in the MISIMA Island Census Division, recorded at Sub District Office Bwagacia.

M.B. 113 - Trading lease by Mr. E. Ryan of approximately .033 hectares at "PATALEIA" near Siagara.

D.A. 1556 Portion 24, MISIMA - Agricultural lease by Mr. A. Munt of 50 acres on Quants Mountain.

D.A. 1260 and D.A. 899 - agricultural lease by Mr. A. Munt of approx 200 acres at KAUBWAGA.

L.A. 4844 () - Agricultural lease by Mr. J. Grant (mixed race) of approximately 160 acres at CULEMA Creek near UMUNA.

C.L. 971 - Agricultural lease by Mr. A.V. Bell of PANAGAMWAOLA approximately 70 acres.

C.L. 706 - Agricultural lease by Miss C. Coppard of 31.565 hectares between HUNA Point and GAIBOBO River.

C.L. 662 - Agricultural lease by Miss C. Coppard of 16.298 hectares adjacent to C.L. 706.

C.L. 754 Mission Lease of approximately 0.6039 hectares leased by the Methodist Mission.

1972/65 Land Tenure Conversion - 29 acres block at "ABANOGIUL" near Bwagaia Township lease. Successful leased by Dr. T.C. GAUNEDE at present residing at MADANG.

The following is a list of land on lease inside the Bwagaia Township Reserve.

SECTION	ALLOTMENT	HOLDER	AREA IN Ha.	LANDS FILE.
1	1	MILNE BAY A. SN. NAT Soc.	0.098	LA2438
	2	W.W. PARASCOS	0.098	LA3288
	3	W.W. PARASCOS	0.1473	67/383
	4	---	0.1517	---
	9	B.P. (N.G.) Ltd.	0.1517	LA.396
	10	P.P. (N.G.) Ltd.	0.2023	LA.397
2	1	MISIMA NAT. SOC. ASSOC.	0.1011	CL.868
	2	---	0.1889	---
	3	E.D. RYAN	0.2023	CL.2075
	4	---	0.0809	---
	5	MISIMA NAT. SOC. ASSOC.	0.1517	L.A. 3569
	6	METHODIST O'SEAS Trust A.	0.1517	LA.450
	7	S.T.C. Ltd.,	0.1517	LA. 439
	8	A. BENT	0.3237	LA.3110

F. LITERACY

As this patrol was conducted in January, prior to the commencement of the 1973 school year, statistical information in relation to numbers of students in each class was not obtainable. However little change is expected in this sphere, during 1973, from the information recorded in Mr. Standing's updating for the 1972 school year.

Information regarding educational facilities is set out below.

Bwagacia Primary "T" School - caters for children from Bwagacia, Hinaota, Kaubwaga and Boiou villages. Various students also attend from the more distant villages of EIAUS and AWAIBI but the lack of accommodation is a strong deterrent.

Loaga Primary "T" School - Established by United Church Mission and caters for pupils from EIAUS, NARIAN, ALHOGA and AWAIBI.

Liak Primary "T" School - Patronized by students from GULEWA, LIAK, SIAGARA, BWAGABWAGA, and BAGALINA.

Eiaus Primary "T" School - Established by the United Church Mission and caters for standard 1 only. During 1973 a total of 40 pupils (26 males and 14 females) are expected to attend from EIAUS, ALHOGA and AWAIBI.

SIAGARA Primary "T" School - Established by the United Church Mission to commence operation during 1973 with standard 1 and a class for preps. The number of students to attend is not as yet known.

. A proposal has been made by the United Church Mission, for the establishment of a school at PATANAI, a hamlet of Bwagabwaga, which would cater for the needs of the younger children from AWAIBI and BWAGABWAGA. During 1972, a class was conducted at Bwagabwaga by an ex-standard six student by the name of LISTA NELSON. And during 1973, if the mission school is not started, he will hold further classes. General subjects such as arithmetic and simple English are taught to the students (an expected total for 1973 of 34) who would be the equivalent to the normal standard 1 category.

Mr. Standing's updating of the current area study for 1971/72 adequately covers the section for village children attending higher education. The following is a list of students commencing secondary schools during 1973.

VILLAGE	STUDENT	AGE	SEX	PARTICULARS.
NARIAN	1 BERNARD LOTE	15	M	SALAMO (WESLEY HIGH FORM 1)
	2 MAY LAI	14	F	" " " "
HINAOA	1 TALESANGA BROOME	13	F	CAMERON HIGH FORM 1
	2 ELBA LAI	16	F	" " "
	3 DAVID SAMSON	15	M	WESLEY HIGH "
BWAGAOIA	1 RONALD DAILELE	14	M	CAMERON HIGH "
GULEWA	1 CLEMENT PILIP	13	M	" " "
	2 ROIS ATU	15	M	" " "
	3 LINCOLN SIPOIONI	14	M	" " "
SIAGARA	1 JOSALYN GALANISI	16	F	1st Year SIDEA VOC. SCHOOL.
AWAIBI	1 MONTORO STANLEY	14	M	WESLEY HIGH FORM 1
	2 VEGUIAU ELIUDA	15	M	" " "
	3 HENRY BULIAU	14	M	" " "
	4 MIRIAM ELIMO	14	F	Cameron HIGH "
EWENA	1 ELAMI DIDIWALO	13	M	" " "
	2 LINOS TAUNAILO	15	M	" " "
	3 ESKENIA TAUQUAI	15	M	WESLEY " "
BAGILINA	LAWRENCE ISRAEL	14	M	CAMERON " "
LIAK	1 MILIKA MANASA	13	F	DOGURA HIGH "
	2 FITCHER KUELA	15	M	CAMERON HIGH "
	3 ROLANCE ISRAEL	14	M	" " "
	4 AKO DIWALO	14	M	" " "
	5 ANDREW NOKA	13	F	" " "
	6 DAVID ELAMI	14	M	" " "
	7 SELUBI TELET	16	M	" " "
	8 SETA TAU'N	14	M	" " "
	9 ROLAND MINAUA	15	M	" " "

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During 1973 the Education Department has advised that a secondary vocational school will be established for day students at Bwagaia.

As the people of this division were not advised of this proposal prior to the 1972 school "break-up", the writer held meetings at each village to ascertain which students may be eligible to attend either the 1st or 2nd year class of the planned school.

The following is a list of students in the area who completed Standard VI during 1972 and wish to attend the vocational school.

VILLAGE		NAME	SEX	STD. REACHED AT..	PRESENT OCCUPATION.
NARIAN		KILEWA ERNEST	M	Std. VI LOAGA 1972	MISSION RADIO OPERATOR AT LOAGA.
HINAOTA	1	ISUPA ISIMEL	F	" " BWAGACIA "T" SCHOOL	IN VILLAGE
	2	PAUL ISIMEL	M	" " " "	" "
GULEWA	1	SETEPANOPPELESAI	M	" " LIAK 1972	" "
	2	ISIKEL BILOME	M	" " " "	" "
	3	EDWARD ISILOME	M	" " " "	" "
BWAGABWAGA		STEVEN STANLEY	M	" " LOAGA	" "
BACILINA	1	ROGER TOIAU	M	" " LIAK	" "
	2	KINI PETER	M	" " " "	" "
	3	DAVID TABU	M	" " " "	" "
	4	MOMENTA SAIOSI	M	" " " "	" "
	5	WELLINGTON KOAT	M	" " " "	" "
	6	DAISON STANLEY	M	" " " "	" "
	7	LINSAY P. MOM	M	" " " "	" "
LIAK	1	ETA KULI	F	STD. VI LIAK 1972	" "
	2	MAI GAMAGAI	F	" " " "	" "
	3	JOSHUA	M	" " " "	" "
	4	KILA GEAGEA	F	" " " "	" "
	5	MELA MARK	M	" " " "	" "

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H. MISSIONS

As reported in the current area study of 1970/71, the only operative mission establishment on MISIMA Island the United Church Mission with its head-quarters at LOAGA. Other denominations such as the Anglican and Catholic Mission have minor followings on the island, and occasionally, visiting ministers conduct sermons in the villages and at Bwagacia Station.

Since the departure of the expatriate Minister-In-Charge, the United Church Station at LOAGA has suffered severely in the way of management. However an expatriate replacement is not expected in the near future.

Facilities provided by the Mission at LOAGA include one Toyota Land Cruiser, a Primary "P" School catering for children up to standard VI, several permanent materials buildings and the M.V. "GILMORE" which is shortly expected to be withdrawn to SALAMO.

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I. NON INDIGENES

In addition to the information contained in the current area study the following is given.

Mr. A.V. Bell a retired expatriate medical orderly is the holder of an agricultural lease (CL 971) at PANAGAMWAOLA. This 70 acre section of land has been improved, and over 1,000 coconut trees have been planted.

Noranda Mines have now sold out their venture at UMUNA to CULTUS N.L., and only 4 labourers are at present being employed at the mine.

Equipment taken over by CULTUS N.L., includes

- . One compressor 12 cylinder
- . " " 6 cylinder
- . Electric welding equipment
- . Oxy acetelyne welding equipment
- . 50 H.P. Sthor Cross diesel generator
- . 20 H.P. " " " "
- . Well equiped work shop
- . Small Saw Mill
- . One D.C. Caterpilla Bulldozer. (at present U/S)
- . Three Toyota Land Cruisers
- . Three Honda 90 cc moto cycles.

Housing

- . 2 labour quarters (perm/materials) to accom 30-40.
- . 5 Perm/Materials houses to accommodate 15.
- . 4 Perm/Materials storage sheds.

Equipment and facilities owned by Mr. Munt at his QUARTZ and KAUBWAGA plantations include:

- . 2 Diesel tractors with trailers
- . 1 x 1½ K.V.A. diesel lighting plant
- . 1 x 2½ K.V.A. " " "
- . diesel concrete mixer (for polishing cocoa)
- . 2 Land Rovers
- . 1 Datsun Station Wagon.

A further two lighting plants (1 x 4.5 K.V.A. and 1 x 37.5 K.V.A.) are used by Mr. Munt at his Store in Bwagacia.

Equipment and facilities owned by Mr. E. Ryan of Bwagacia include:-

- . Lathe
- . Electric Welding equipment
- . Oxy welding equipment
- . Electric tools including drills and grinder
- . 240 volt Diesel lighting plant
- . 1 x 24 volt battery charger.
- . Land Rover
- . Toyota Land Cruiser (unregistered)
- . Maron Herrington Truck (unregistered)
- . 2 Tractors and 1 trailer.
- . 37' work boat with 40 H.P. Diesel engine.
- . 2 Honda motor cycles.
- . 2 Aluminium dingies.

Equipment and facilities provided at Miss J. Cappard's LOAGU Plantation include:-

- 3 Perm./materials houses
- MITSU BISHI Truck
- 1 x 24 volt battery charger
- Well equiped work shop.

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J. COMMUNICATIONS

No further comment required. Refer attached map of current road not work on MISIMA Island.

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K. TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS

No additions are found necessary to that reported in the 1971 and 72 updating of the area study.

The study was conducted in a well planned manner and the way of conducting the study was satisfactory. The work in the study was carried out with efficiency and the local government officials were very cooperative. The study was conducted in a well planned manner and the way of conducting the study was satisfactory. The work in the study was carried out with efficiency and the local government officials were very cooperative. The study was conducted in a well planned manner and the way of conducting the study was satisfactory. The work in the study was carried out with efficiency and the local government officials were very cooperative.

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L. THE STAGES OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

The Misima Island Census Division has been under Mission and Administration influence since the early 1900's. The LOUISIADÉ Local Government Council was established in 1958, and has become the largest and most financially secure council in the Milne Bay District.

Generally this division is well advanced in the way of educational and health facilities. And much of the work in procuring such a standard is attributed to the local government council.

A thorough administration contact exists within the majority of the villages on the island because of their accessibility by road transport from the sub-district office at Bwagaia.

A fragmentation within the islands community has, unfortunately developed since 1963. This general fragmentation has resulted from the gradual spreading of a "cultish" influence over the islands people. Due to the widespread administration and mission influence and the apparent general acceptance and appreciation of each, the only reason of acceptable presentation to the writer, is that misunderstanding and subsequent misinterpretation of the bible and religious teachings, coupled with the gradual destruction of traditional spiritual beliefs, have made these people susceptible to beliefs of a "cargo cult" nature. This topic has been made the subject of a separate situation report, and a more comprehensive report will be forwarded through appropriate channels under separate cover.

M. THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA

The wealth of information relating to this topic, contained in both Mr. Lock's current area study of 1970/71 and Mr. Standing's updating of 1971/72 requires little additional information.

The coconut census exhibited in the 1971/72 updating was apparently recorded by D.A.S.F. in 1970 and has as yet to be amended.

Figures elicited from D.A.S.F. for current statistics of coffee and cocoa plantings are as follows.

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>NO. OF COFFEE TREES</u>	<u>NO. OF COCOA TREES</u>
LIAX	603	199
GULEWA	278	1144
SIAGARA	561	1189
BOIOU	302	2912
KAUBWAGA	168	1095
HINAOTA	54	54
BWAGAOLA	1062	--
NARIAN	174	--
EIAUS	382	649
EWENA	350	--
BAGILINA	--	284
	<u>4,434</u>	<u>7,526</u>

Chilly crops were evident in each of the villages visited with the exception of HINAUTA, BWAGACIA, NARIAN and BAGALINA, however due to the difficulty entailed in counting trees on crop census has not as yet been conducted by D.A.S.F.

Pueraria seeds were purchased from each village during 1972. The total amount being paid out by D.A.S.F. on Misima Island being approximately.....

Total share capital of each of the Co-operative Wholesales Societies operating on the island is as follows:

4	EBORA & EWENA SOCIETY	-	\$
	SIAGARA	"	\$4,384.61
	LIAK	"	\$6,357.42
	BWAGACIA	"	\$8,775.40
	AWAIBI	"	\$3,972.68
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	APPROX TOTAL		\$ 28,000.00 (Giving an approx amount for EWENA & EBORA of \$4,501.49)

* Unfortunately the writer was unable to elicit the appropriate figure from D.A.S.F. at Bwagacia prior to the forwarding of this report.

† The total share capital for the EWENA & EBORA Society could not be obtained as the Cooperatives Dept's file on this society had been misplaced.

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N. POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY

No additional information required for this section. Detailed
analysis of the possibilities for local government
growth. The district committee is within island province
activity in the 1970s and the subsequent results
in order to determine the results.

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0. ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Generally the people of this division have a wide and diversified understanding of the fundamentals of their local government council. The sixteen councillors on Misima Island provide a majority in the LOUISIADÉ COUNCIL and the subsequent result is greater representation and benefits.

In the past several months have respectively visited the villages of this division, talking in some aspects of political organization.

P. ATTITUDE TOWARDS CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

As active political education was not included during this patrol an accurate assessment of the people's attitude towards their House of Assembly and relevant members could not be gauged.

In the past however, patrols have frequently visited the villages of this division, deliving in most aspects of political significance.

Q. ACCOMMODATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES.

No further comment required.

R.C. Mumme
(R.C. MUMME)
PATROL OFFICER.

DBP 67-4-46

PATROL REPORT

Report number: 6 of 1973/73.

Objects of patrol: Attending Tax-payers meetings.

District: MILNE BAY

Station: BWAGAOIA.

Patrol conducted by: R.J. Wallent.

Subdistrict: MTSJMA.

Area controlled: EAST SOLVADOS KHAIN

Magistrate: APOT. MESSI OLIVER.

Duration of patrol: 1 1/2 days

Personnel accompanying: Council Tax Team.

Last D.D.A. patrol: No. 2 of 1972/73

Number of days: 1 1/2

Last O.L.G. patrol:

Total population of area: 1,073.

Map reference:

Council area: Louisiade

House of Assembly Electorate: Kula

The District Commissioner,
MILNE BAY District,
ALGPAU.

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Field Officer Journal Folios 1 To (x)
- Patrol Instructions, (x)
- The Report and my comments, (x)
- Area study, ()
- Updating of area study, ()
- Situation Reports No's 1- ()
- Patrol map, (x)

DATE: 10 / 1 19 73.

[Signature]
Assistant District Commissioner



The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KODIEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

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District Headquarters assessment of
Patrol & Report..... Above average
Average
Below average

Date: / / 19

[Signature]
District Commissioner

The District Commissioner
Milne Bay District
P.O. Box 35
ALCEAU

30th July, 1973.
67-4-16
R.G. Orwin
a/D.D.C.

BUACAOIA PATROL NO. 6/1972-73

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket and documentation arising out of the above patrol of EAST GALVADOS CHAIN Census Division, as submitted by Mr. R.J. WALLENT, A.P.O.

I trust the whole situation has now been successfully clarified.

W.F. Ryan
F.T. RYAN
a/Secretary

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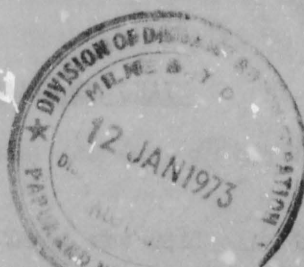
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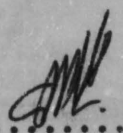
11th January, 1973.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.



MISIMA PATROL No.6 OF 1972/73

1. Attached please find copies of a Patrol Report prepared by Mr.R.Wallent APO., covering a Patrol to the East Calvados Chain.
2. If ever a patrol could be closed as a failure, this is surely it.
3. On Mr Mumme's return from his recent patrol of the same area he advised that the people in the villages had their tax money ready and were awaiting the arrival of the Tax Team. This, together with the, holding of Tax payers meeting were the only reasons, for the patrol. It is therefore extremely disappointing to find that only about 136 in Tax money was collected and that the Tax payers meeting could not be held.
4. In his report Mr.Wallent states 'The necessity for a follow up patrol is obvious'-I agree, through I feel it is high time that the council commenced sending summons rather than sending a tax collection team to this area for a third time.
5. Mr.Wallent's F.O.J. in respect of this patrol does not give nearly enough detail, and he has been instructed to be more explicit on subsequent occasions.
6. For your information please.


.....
(A.J.Potter)
a/Assistant District Commissioner

NIF
67-5-24

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

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Mr.....

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Please Quote

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Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
BWAGAOTA.
2nd January 1973.

Mr. R.J.Wallent,
Sub-District Office,
BWAGAOTA

INSTRUCTIONS - MISIMA PATROL No. 6 - EAST CALVADOS CHAIN

1. Please prepare to depart on Patrol on Thursday 4th January per M.V Tearipi to the East Calvados Chain census Division.
2. You will be accompanied by the Council Tax Team, who will also be conducting Tax payers meetings in the villages visited.
3. Your main task will be to attend the Tax payers meetings and assist with taking the minutes.
4. Will you please attend to any routine matters that may occur during your patrol.
5. Please bear in mind that no active political education is to be carried out, however you are quite free to answer any questions that may be put to you during the course of your discussions.
6. Should you require an interpreter I suggest that Councillor Julian from Panamala be hired to assist.
7. You are reminded that your patrol report and area study from your previous patrol are still not to hand. Will you please endeavour to have them on my desk prior to your departure.
8. I require four copies of your report on this forthcoming patrol to be on my desk one week after its completion.
9. I wish you a pleasant and productive patrol.

(A.J.Potter)

a/Assistant District Commissioner.

cc. District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

PATROL REPORT - MISIMA PATROL NO.6 of 1972/73.

EAST CALVADOS CHAIN CENSUS DIVISION.

This patrol was mounted to enable the Louisiade Local Government Council Tax Team to collect tax from the people and to hold community meetings. Although no political education talks were given, several queries of a minor nature were answered.

This patrol cannot be described as being a real success for the following reasons:-

- a) Many of the villagers were absent because of the Festive Season. Quite a large number of people were attending clan gatherings at BROOKER Island.
- b) The economy of the area has dropped considerably because of lack of water. This has caused many of the people to drink coconut milk, rather than allowing the nuts to mature to the copra producing stage.
- c) Because of lack of money, operational radios were few. This meant that few people heard the itinerary of the patrol.
- d) Travel after dark was considered dangerous because of faulty navigational lights.

It was decided to terminate the patrol early to enable repairs to the lights and to allow the festivities to abate.

It may well be worth considering the patrols in this area be postponed until the completion of the Christmas / New Year celebration, however I feel that the large number of absentees was due more to the unfortunate run of circumstances than to the festive season.

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The people were advised that a Council Tax Team would be returning in the near future and that it would be to their advantage to have their tax money ready. Exactly how successful this advice will be, time alone shall tell.

Many of the people seem to have an uncanny ability to acquire money when it is required, so it is to be hoped that the next patrol has more success.

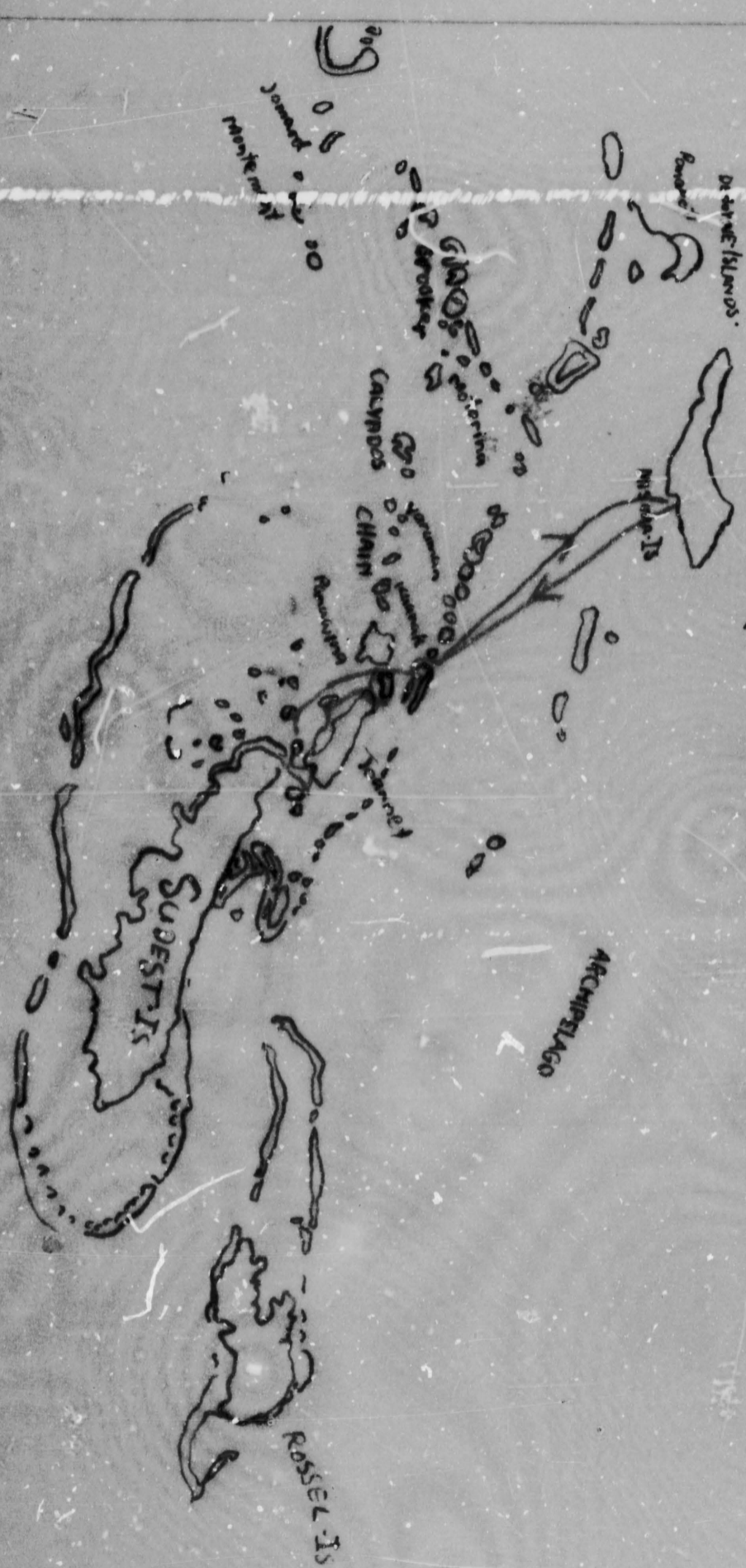
This report is very short because of the number of people away, and the hope that many defaulters realise the importance of obtaining money as a matter of urgency. The necessity of a follow up patrol is obvious and, it is to be hoped that this will prove much more successful than this one.

R.J. Wallent

R.J. Wallent

Assistant Patrol Officer

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MISIMA Sub-DISTRICT

The District Commissioner
Milne Bay District
P.O. Box 35
AJOTAU

27th August, 1973.
67-4-54
R.G. Orwin
a/D.D.C.

BRAGAOKIA PATROL NO. 7/1972-73

Reference your Minute of 30th July, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report 1 arising out of the above patrol of ROSSELL ISLAND Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. W. HENRY, a/Assistant District Commissioner.

Your comments have been noted.

W.P. RYAN
a/Secretary