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MILNE BAY DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1965/1966

MISIMA

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
8 - 196 5 /1965	S. Avosa	Calvados Chain Census Div.

SUAU

1 - 1965/1966	G.J. Reid	Suau Census Div.
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SAMARAI

4 - 196 5 /1966	C.V. Single	Samarai Local Is. Census Div.
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....**MILNE BAY**..... Report No.....**MISIMA 8 - 64/65**.....

Patrol Conducted by.....**Mr. S. AVOSA, PATROL OFFICER**.....

Area Patrolled.....**CALVADOS CHAIN CENSUS DIVISION**.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....**Mr. C. G. LITTLER, A.I.C.**.....
1 Member of R.P. & N.G.C.
Natives.....**1 Interpreter**.....

Duration—From **3**...../.....**5**...../.....**1965**.....to **8**...../.....**5**...../.....**1965**.....; **27/5/65** to **30/5/65**.

Number of Days **10 Days**.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../.....**3**...../.....**1964**.....

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

Map Reference.....**Extraction from Lands & Surveys Map**.....

Objects of Patrol.....**1 Census Revision**.....

.....**2 Routine Administration**.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

5/2/68

S. J. Emanuel
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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67-4-25

18th March, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

MISMA PATROL REPORT NOS/1964-65

- 1. Thank you for your memorandum 67-1-6 of 25th January, 1966 and the patrol report by Mr. Avesa.
- 2. Your comments and those of Mr. Littler have been noted.
- 3. Mr. Avesa has apparently done a good patrol and submitted a brief but comprehensive report.
- 4. It is a pity that this report has just arrived at this headquarters.

(J. K. MCCARTHY)
DIRECTOR.

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67-1-6.

District Office,
SAMARAI,
Milne Bay District.

25th January, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
BWAGADIA,
Milne Bay District.

PATROL REPORT MISIMA NO.8 OF 1964/65.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the abovementioned report with thanks together with my covering memorandum 67-1-1 of 5th June, 1965.

2. Mr. Avosa has submitted a brief but comprehensive report. He appears to have developed an interest in the problems associated with economic development in the area, an interest that is to be encouraged.

3. Claim for camping allowance is being processed.

4. For your information, please.

E. J. Emanuel
(E. J. EMANUEL)
a/District Commissioner.

c.c. Director,
D.D.A. Konedobu.

The Director,
Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBUBU.

Submitted for your information and records,
please.

E. J. Emanuel
(E. J. EMANUEL)
a/District Commissioner.

67-1-1.

Sub-District Office,
Bwagroia.
Misima Sub-District.
Milne Bay District.
5th June, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

PATROL REPORT MISIMA NO.8-64/65.

Please find enclosed patrol report Misima NO.8 -64/65.

The Patrol was to the Calvados Chair Census Division and was conducted by Mr.S.Avosa, Patrol Officer.

Mr.Avosa's report is well presented and indicative of a good patrol.

The Calvados Chain Census Division consists of a number of small islands scattered over an area of 1,200 square miles.

The people belong to the Misima Local Government Council, are sailors and spend much time visiting neighbouring islands trading.

The main problem encountered on the Chain is to supply the people with potable water. The coralline nature of the islands prevents the sinking of wells and the Misima Council has partly solved the problem by supplying each village with tanks and a catchment area. Unfortunately water from this source is limited.

At present the Council is encouraging the people to roof their kitchens with iron and install a small tank. They hope to provide a small subsidy and or make available loans for such projects.

It is pleasing to note increased economic activity and many villagers are now by-passing traders and selling their copra to the Copra Marketing Board with Samarai firms acting as their agents.

This was Mr.Avosa's first patrol in this Sub-District and he has acquitted himself well.

C.G. Littler
C.G. Littler.
Assistant District Commissioner.

Sub-District Office,
BWAGAOIA.
Misima.

29th April, 1965.

Mr. S. Avosa,
Patrol Officer,
BWAGAOIA.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS.

Dear Sease

Please prepare yourself to patrol the Calvados Chain Census Division.

The M.V. Toaripi will be made available for your use and I will accompany you for the first three days of the patrol.

You are to revise the census and attend to matters that come to your attention. Encourage the people to discuss their problems with you and stress the importance of increasing economic production with them.

I hope you enjoy your first patrol in this Sub-District.

Yours faithfully,

C. G. Littler
C. G. Littler.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-1-1

Sub-District Office,
BWAGAOIA.
Misima,
Milne Bay District.
2nd June, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,
BWAGAOIA.
Misima.

MISIMA PATROL NO. 8-64/65.

Officer Conducting Patrol : Mr. S. Avosa, Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled : Calvedos Chain Census Division.
Personnel Accompanying: Mr. C. G. Littler, A.D.C.
One Member of R.P. & N.G.C.
One Interpreter.
Duration of Patrol: 3/5/65 to 8/5/65.
27/5/65 to 30/5/65.
Number of Days: 10 days.
Last DDA Patrol: 14/2/64 to 5/3/64.
DASF : May, 1965.
Map References: Extracted from Lands and Surveys.
Objects of Patrol: Census Revision.
Routine Administration.

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PATROL DIARY.

- 3.5.65 : Left Bwagaia Station by M.V. Toaripi at 9.30, am. to NIMOA Island, arriving at 5pm and stayed overnight at Nimoa.
- 4.5.65 : Left Nimoa to Galanga village where the writer revised the census and inspected the village while Mr. Littler, ADC, went to survey the proposed Sudest Patrol Post site. Toaripi returned at noon to Galanga so the writer proceeded to Bwanina, then revised the census and inspected the village. Returned to Nimoa and stayed overnight.
- 5.5.65 : Left Nimoa to Grass Island. From here Toaripi left for Bwagaia with Mr. Littler on board while the writer remained at Grass Island and revised the census of Bunqun, Dadeha and Panaman hamlets and inspected the same. Then left Grass Island by canoe to Nigahau. Revised the census and inspected Nigahau village and slept.
- 6.5.65 : Left Nigahau by canoe to Sabari Island. Revised the census of Mahu, Habnahina and Tandeai hamlets. M.V. Toaripi arrived here from Bwagaia at 11.30 am. The Patrol then left Sabari Island to Panawina and slept.
- 7.5.65 : Revised census at Panawina, inspected the hamlets and then left to Kuanak village census revision conducted and inspected the village. The Patrol then proceeded on to Bagaman Island and stayed for the night. Bagaman village was not censused as the patrol had to return to Bwagaia on 8th May. The people were informed that the patrol will follow up later on.
- 8-5-65 : Left Bagaman to Bwagaia, arriving at 11.30 am.
- 27-5-65: Follow-up Patrol. Left Bwagaia at 10.30 am. by Toaripi to Bagaman. Revised census, inspected the village and slept.
- 28-5-65: Left Bagaman to Panaumana. Revised census, inspected the village and then left Panaumana to Motorina Island and slept.
- 29-5-65: Census revision and inspection of hamlets at Motorina and then left to Brooker Island. Revised census and inspected the village and slept.
- 30-5-65: Left Brooker Island to Bwagaia Station. The end of Patrol.

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INTRODUCTION.

The purpose of this Patrol was to revise the census of the Calvados Chain Census Division and to carry out the routine Administration of the area. The Patrol was accompanied by Mr. Littler, Assistant District Commissioner, Misima, for the first three days.

The Patrol was put off as the M.V. Toaripi was required at Misima area for other pressing tasks. Fortunately it was not long time that the boat was available for the patrol to follow up.

Calvados Chain Island Group is part of the Louisiade Archipelago; a mountain system being sub-merged- thus the high mountain tops have formed numerous islands. Many of these islands are composed of rocks and this makes them impossible for settlement. The Chain lies to the south of Bwagaia and runs parallel to Misima Island.

The patrol was well received throughout the area and no difficulty was experienced in carrying out it's activities. These people have been under Administration, Mission and private enterprise influence for many years. They are sophisticated and have a high regard for the Administration. The native situation in the area is satisfactory.

VILLAGES.

All villages are situated on the narrow coastal strips and the sites are well chosen. They are kept clean and the sanitation good.

In all the villages and hamlets visited, the standard of housing was found to be good. The lack of suitable building material is a problem which these islanders will face for many years to come. The Western Section villages (Panaumana, Bagaman, Motorina and Brooker) transport materials for walling and roofing from Misima on canoes. The Eastern Section villages (Panawina, Bwainaina, Sabari, Nigahau, Grass Island and Galanga) obtain these materials from Junet Island.

Water supply is another problem which will remain for many years. Although, all the villages have been supplied with a tank each, the supply of water is very limited to each family, particularly during the dry season. Water wells were inspected and some of them were found to be drying out.

The possible solution to water supply on these islands is for more water tanks with larger catchment areas.

AGRICULTURE.

The main food supply in the area consists of starchy vegetables with yams being the staple food. This is supplemented by bananas, taro, sweet potatoes and pawpaw. The meat is obtained from locally raised pigs and fowls. Fish is caught on the reefs and this could be considered another major food supply of the area. Cash sales of dried fish is made at Misima by these people.

AGRICULTURE.

The main cash crop on the Caladua chain is coconut. The copra is sold to Mr. E.D. Ryan, Mr. A. King and the Co-operative Association at Misima. Pearl and trochus shells are also collected and these are sold to Mr. Ryan. These produce are then shipped to Samarai for transport overseas.

It was noted that there is an increased activity on copra production and the people have showed a keen interest to increase their present production. This increased activity in copra production is, perhaps, the result of the recent Agricultural patrol to this area and also the higher rate of tax.

COMPLAINTS.

Several complaints were brought up to the patrol. Most of these were about debts on pigs and coconuts. As these were minor cases, they were settled on the spot and none was referred to Buagaia for court action. One land argument was investigated at Kuanaik Island. The argument was found to be based on the use of the land by the person who has the right to collect coconuts and get rid of the other person who has the right to just live on the land. This was settled amicably between the parties concerned.

REST HOUSES.

On all the inhabited islands the rest houses have been built near the main villages. The other hamlets are at least thirty minutes to one hour's walk away from the rest houses. Most rest houses were found to be in poor condition. The rest houses seemed to have been neglected as the people seem to think that the provision of accommodation on the Government Trawler, Toaripi, would save them all the trouble of maintaining the rest houses. They have been told that this is not the case and that all the rest houses have to be maintained as the patrolling officers will still use them.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

There are no motor roads and bridges in the whole of the area. There is not a need for a four wheeled vehicular road because as the islands are scattered and their rugged terrain make it impossible for such a road. The only means of communication around the islands is motor vessels or canoes.

Bridle paths to food gardens and to the adjacent hamlets were inspected and these were found to be in good condition.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

There are three Co-operative Societies one each at Bagaman, Motorina and Brooker. Figures available from these societies show that from September 1964 to March 1965, the following income was earned:

	<u>copra</u>	<u>shells</u>
Brooker.	£1,000	£300.
Motorina.	£1,200	£70.
Bagaman.	£1,600	£200.

A great interest has been shown by individuals and families to run their own trade stores and to sell their copra direct to Samarai. One, John Dimulua of Galanga is already selling his copra at Samarai and his monthly turnover is estimated to be £45. A family at Nigahau is in process of negotiating copra sales at Samarai.

MISSIONS.

The two Christian Missions serving in the area are the Roman Catholic Mission administered from Nimoa. The Eastern section villages (Kunak, Panawina, Sabari, Nigahau, Grass Is., Bwainaina and Galanga) belong to the Catholic faith while the western section (Panaumana, Bagaman, Motorina and Brooker) villages are Methodists. The Methodist Overseas Mission is administered from Loaga on the Misima Island.

These Missions have been here for many years and they have established a strong influence in the area.

EDUCATION.

The two main schools in the area are the Catholic Mission boarding school at Nimoa and the Primary T school at Motorina financed by the Misima Council.

The Catholic Mission takes in all the catholic children on the eastern section. At the present the school has an enrolment of more than 250 children. The figures estimated by the Mission for the next five years say that there will be at least 400 catholic children eligible for enrolment. The Mission also has a small village school at Sabari Island. This takes classes for preparatory, standards 1 and 11. Students then go to Nimoa for further studies.

The Primary T school at Motorina caters for the Methodist children on the western section of the Chain. At present this school has an enrolment of 59 children. The standards achieved are the preparatory class and standard 2.

HEALTH.

General health in the area was found to be satisfactory. There was no infectious or any serious disease been reported to the patrol.

There are two Local Government Aid Posts one at Nigahau serving the eastern section villages and the other at Motorina serving the western section. These Aid Posts are run by Aid Post Orderlies, one at each Aid Post and they carry out their duties efficiently. There is also a Catholic Mission hospital at Nimoa and this hospital takes care of the people from the whole of the Calvedos Chain and Sudest Islands.

CENSUS .

In each village a census revision was conducted without any difficulty. The last census patrol to this area was made in February 1963. As no census revision was made during 1964, for this Division, the figures shown take over a period of two years. At the completion of this census, an overall population increase of 150 was recorded and a natural increase of 8%.

The percentages of .93% absentees outside the district and .73% inside the district is considered satisfactory. This does not present any hardship in the villages.

S. Avosa
(S. AVOSA).
Patrol Officer.

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PERSONNEL. NO.6031. CONST. 1/C.KENOTANA.

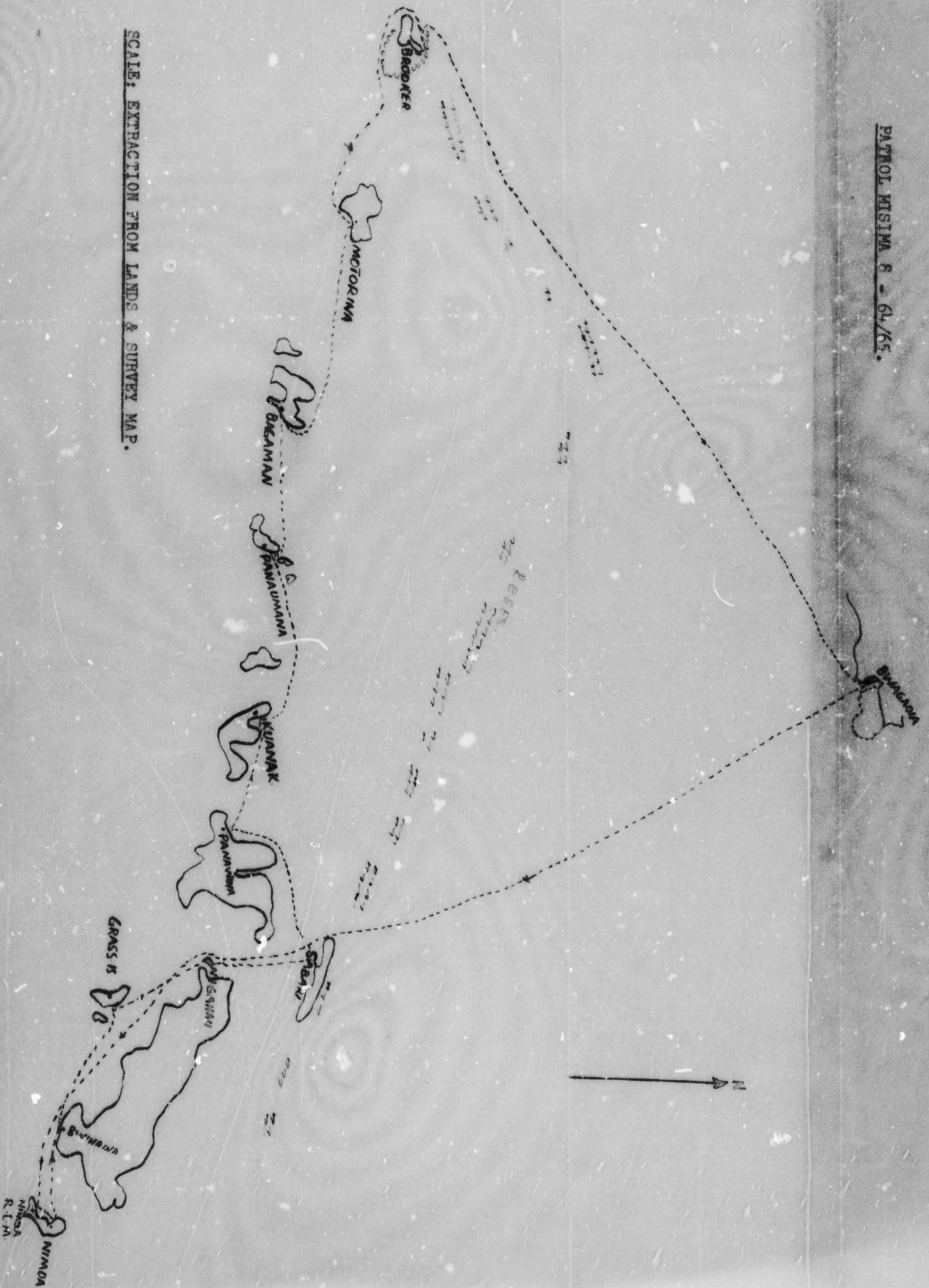
The patrol was accompanied for the whole period by the above-mentioned member of the R.P.& N.G.C. He does not appear to be initiative but he is very keen and his conduct good.

[Signature]
(S. AVOSA).
Patrol Officer.

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PATROL MSLIMA 8 - 64/65.



SCALE: EXTRACTION FROM LANDS & SURVEY MAP.