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MILNE BAY DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1968-1969

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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
KORORUA. Papua

14th November, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
AIOTAU.

PATROL GUASOPA NO. 1/68-69

Your reference is 67-12-1 of 31st October, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report, by Mr. P.J. Sandery, Assistant District Officer, to Woodlark Island Census Division.

The covering comments provide an excellent summary of the matters raised in the report.

The reasons for the delay in submission are noted.

The report reflects Mr. Sandery's thoughtful approach to the problems of this remote area.

A sound report of a good patrol.

(SIGNED) (NAME)

Secretary
Department of the Administrator

c.c.
Mr. P.J. Sandery,
Patrol Post,
GUASOPA. Milne Bay District

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.



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Division
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31st October, 1969.

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

PATROL REPORT - GUASOPA No. J - 1968/69

The above report and comments by Assistant District Commissioner, Losuia are forwarded in duplicate please, and I add the following comments:-

2. The Officer-in-Charge, Guasopa indicates by his report that he realizes the problems he is up against in the Murua area.
3. Recently an Agricultural Assistant travelled on the M.V. "Yelangili" on its Woodlark Islands voyage, buying copra and picking up copra where commercial vessels could not or would not do so. Whilst only 640 lbs. of copra was uplifted, an incentive has been given and the people of the area have stated that much more copra will be available on the next voyage now that they know copra made will not rot whilst waiting for shipping.
4. The M.V. "Yelangili" will also uplift all Council Works Project materials awaiting movement from Samarai and the Officer-in-Charge, Guasopa will make every effort to have the Council programme completed this year.
5. The continuity of adviser to the Council is obviously helping the situation, and the instruction courses held for short periods before each Council meeting are giving Councillors a better idea of what is required of them. In an area such as the Woodlarks we cannot expect things to happen overnight - careful, patient guidance will produce effective local government. Several Councillors visited Alotau for the District Combined Councils' Conference - more movement will widen their outlook and understanding.
6. There is a definite possibility of establishing a commercial venture supplying ebony and other carving timber to the Trobriands. The matter has been discussed with Forestry officers and the suggestion is that the Murua Council obtain rights to portion of the ebony stands on Woodlark, cut and sell the timber to the Kiriwina Council, who will sell it to carvers. Alternatively, part of the ebony area could be returned to the people who cut and sell to the Murua Council, who sell to the Kiriwina Council. Either way, the income will benefit the Murua area as well as allowing the Kiriwina people to continue their carving industry. The Officer-in-Charge, Guasopa and the Assistant District Commissioner, Losuia will be requested to investigate further and make definite submissions.

F. G. Driver
 (F. G. Driver)
 District Commissioner.

Encls.

c.c. A.D.C., Losuia.
 O.I.C., Guasopa.

Please take action para. 6.

(F.G. Driver).

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Division
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Department of the Administrator,
Losnia,
Trobriand Islands,
Via P.O. Borcko,
Milne Bay District

22nd September 1969

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU

Patrol Report Guasopa 1 - 68/69

1. I am sorry that this report is being submitted late; it seems to have got tied up in the pre-change-over administrative work engendered by transferring Woodlark to this area of administrative responsibility (actually took place 1.7.69) and when it did get here, it came within a file and not as an action document.

2. I am quite in agreement with Mr. Sandery in his outline of the situation contained in pages 1, 2 and 3 - and with his conclusion at the foot of page three. At this stage a completed works programme is vital. Communications have improved slightly but very significantly with a fortnightly STOL service on Tuesdays and Thursdays of alternate weeks.

3. The area patrolled is 20,000 square miles.

4. THE ECONOMY Very little can be done here until some or all of the huge tracts of expropriated land can be recovered to add to the minute percentage now in the hands of the people, in the form of reserves. Then, there seems to be every chance of exporting timber to the Kiriwina Local Government Council to support the large and growing carving industry. I also have in mind stimulating local ambition with a central bulk/wholesale store mostly financed by the Council which would permit village retail trading on the Daga patters.

5. CENSUS A census patrol is now in the field, and the rest of the Sub District attempts are being made to write a census. The position is uniform: no census check since 1965 anywhere.

6. I congratulate Mr. Sandery in making sense of a scrappy and difficult situation; a visit he made here, and a recent inspection of my own, give me the very highest hopes that his administration will be of great and lasting benefit to the Woodlark group. Above all things, I do like a realist.

C. V. Single

C. V. Single
Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. O.I.C. Guasopa
All other copies to District Commissioner.

PATROL COVER

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Report No. : Guasopa No.1-68/69.
Sub-District: Samarai
District : Milne Bay
Council Area : Murua
Patrol Conducted By : P.J.Sandery
Designation : Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled : Woodlark Census Division
Personnel Accompanying : M.Obedaia, Interpreter.
Const. 1st Class Gabadi, R.P.&NGC
Malaria Services Spray Team
L.Wadiwadi, Field Asst. D.A.S.F.
Duration of Patrol : 10/11/68 to 4/12/68. 25 Days.
Date and Duration of Last D.D.A. Patrol :
Objects of Patrol : 1. Collection of Council Tax.
2. Murua Council Elections.
4. Area Familiarisation.
5. Routine.
Total Population : 2506
Map Reference: Milinch of Woodlark
Village Population Register : Not Attached

PATROL DIARY.

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Sunday 10/11/68

1100hrs Departed Guasopa on M.V. "Yelangili" for Laughlan Islands.

1745 Arrived BudiBudi.

Monday 11/11/68

0800 - 1300 Collection of Council Tax and Elections.

1300 - 1700 Inspection of BudiBudi Village and general discussion with villagers.

Tuesday 12/11/68

0500 - 1500 Per "Yelangili" to Alcester Is.

1500 - 1730 Collection of Alcester tax and receiving nominations for elections.

Wednesday 13/11/68

0400 - 0915 Sailed from Alcester to Egum.

0945 - 1025 With Egum Villagers to Ianaba.

1040 - 1230 Tax Collection and Election.

Old Councillor un-apposed.

1300 - 1445 Local Government Propaganda Talk given and village inspected.

1450 - 1530 Returned Egum Villagers.

1540 - 1945 Travelling to Gawa Is.

Thursday 14/11/68

0400 - 0600 To Iwa, however, seas too rough to anchor, so turned about.

0800 Arrived at Kwaiawatta Is.

0900 - 0945 With Kwaiawatta people to Gawa Is.

1015 - 1430 To Gawa Village, informed Councillor that elections will be held tomorrow, inspected village and nearby gardens and returned to anchorage.

1430 - 1700 Collating election returns and patrol notes to date.

Friday 15/11/68

0700 - 1400 Tax Collection and Council Elections. Local Government Propaganda Talk.

1400 - 1430 Returned Kwaiawatta Villagers to their island.

1440 - 1510 Returned to Gawa Is.

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Saturday 16/11/68

0400 - 0730 Sailing to Iwa Is.
0740 - 0750 Walking to Iwa Village from anchorage.
0800 - 1530 Tax Collection and Council Elections held.
1530 - 1540 Returned to anchorage.

Sunday 17/11/68

0300 - 1030 Sailing to Madau Village via Gawa Is..Dropped Madau Councillor and asked him to advise all villagers of the Election and Tax Collection tomorrow.
1040 - 1130 Per "Yelangili" to Boagis Village, informed villagers of the patrol's programme.
1140 - 1230 Village Inspection.
Rest of day observed at Boagis.

Monday 18/11/68

0600 - 0700 On "Yelangili" with Boagis Villagers to Madau.
0730 - 1200 Tax Collection and Council Election.
1200 - 1300 L.G.Propaganda Talk.
1330 - 1430 Walked to Madau Village, inspected village and returned to anchorage.
1500 - Returned Boagis Villagers on "Yelangili".

Tuesday 19/11/68

0500 - 0830 Per "Yelangili" to Kulumadau, despatched Dikoias Councillor to his village to return with carriers.
0830 - 1030 Inspection of Kropan Vill- and surrounds.
1030 - 1130 Collating election statistics to date. Rest of day spent in waiting for carriers.

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Wednesday 20/11/68

0800 - 0900 Ferrying patrol gear to Kulumadau Wharf.
0900 - 1030 Waiting for carriers.
1100 - 1300 Walking to Dikoias Village.
1330 - 1400 Paid carriers.
1400 - 1530 Walking to Kadrai Village.
1530 - 1600 Paid carriers.
Rest of day spent in setting up camp.

Thursday 21/11/68

0700 - 0900 Tax Collection and election. New councillor elected un-opposed. L.G. propaganda talk given and village inspected.
0900 - 0930 Packing patrol gear, organising carriers.
0930 - 1100 Walking to Dikoias, paid carriers, set up camp.
1230 - 1500 Tax Collection and election. New councillor elected unopposed. L.G. Propaganda Talk given, and village inspected.

Friday 22/11/68

0800 - 1000 Walking to Kulumadau.
1000-- 1100 Paid carriers and ferried patrol gear back to "Telangili"
Rest of day spent in collating election statistics and writing up patrol notes etc.

Saturday 23/11/68

0800 - 1900 All day spent looking for M.V. "Murua" a small trading boat belonging to Kulumadau Trading Coy. which was overdue at Kulumadau. "Murua" found at Egum Is. at 01900 hrs. Lack of fuel and oil for the clutch caused the boat's delay. Oil and fuel given to the vessel.
Villagers reported that a male Papuan of Ianaba Village had been washed out to sea in a canoe on Wed. 20/11/68 and a search of all nearby islands had failed to locate him.

PATROL DIARY etc.

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Sunday 24/11/68

0630 Departed Egum for Kulumadau to collect fuel.
10000 Radio conversation with A.D.C. Samarai, informed him that the "Murua" had been found and of the missing Papuan. Permission given to search for missing man after taking on more fuel at Kulumadau.
1400 Arrived Kulumadau and loaded 1X44 gall. drum fuel.
1430 - 1930 Unsuccessfully looking for missing man between Kulumadau and Gawa Is.

Monday 25/11/68

0200 Departed Gawa for Iwa.
0445 Found missing man at Iwa Is. He had been washed up at Iwa on Friday morning, and appeared to be in good condition. Took the man on board and sailed direct to Losuia.
0800 Radio conversation with A.D.C. Samarai informing him that the missing man had been found and was well.
1300 Arrived at Losuia.
Sent the man who was found to the hospital for a medical check and he was found to be fit and well.
Rest of day spent at Losuia.

Tuesday 26/11/68

0800- 1300 Waiting for tide to rise at Losuia.
ALL day and night spent in sailing to Kulumadau.

Wednesday 27/11/68

0700 Arrived at Kulumadau.
0900 - 1030 Tax and Election at Kropai Village. L.C. Propaganda Talk given.
Rest of morning spent in checking tax money and writing of notes.
1300 - 1500 At Kulumadau collecting tax from labourers. Radio conversation with D.M.O. re Dikoias Aid Post Orderly.

PATROL DIARY ctd. (11)

Thursday 28/11/68 0600 - 0830 Sailing to Mapas Village,
and picked Mapas Villagers.
0900 - 1100 Sailing to Unamatana Village.
1100 - 1200 waiting for Unamatana people
to arrive.
1200 - 1500 Tax Collection and Election.
L.G. Propaganda Talk given.
1510 - 1540 Sailing to Guasopa.

Friday 29/11/68 0600 - 1100 Sailing to Alcester Is.
1100 - 1200 Waiting for Alcester people
to arrive.
1200 - 1300 Election to complete election
for the Mapas/Alcester/Unamatana Ward.
Rest of day spent at Alcester as insuff-
icient time to return to Guasopa before
dark.

Saturday 30/11/68 0500 - 1000 Sailing to Guasopa.
Unpacked patrol gear and rest of day
spent on station.

Sunday 1/12/68 Observed at Guasopa.

Monday 2/12/68 0700 - 0730 By speedboat to Wabununu
Village.
0800 - 1130 Tax Collection and Election.
Old councillor elected unopposed.
1130 - 1230 Self returned to Guasopa as
an aircraft had arrived. Only P.W.D. Party
inspecting airstrip.
1300 - 1430 Completed tax collection at
Wabununu
1500 Returned to Guasopa.

Tuesday 3/12/68 0800 - 1530 Tax Collection and Election
at Guasopa Village. Interrupted by per-
iodic rain.

PATROL DIARY ctd.

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Wednesday 4/12/68 0730 - 0810 By speedboat to Ungenam Village.
0830 - 1030 Tax Collection, Election and
L.C. Propaganda Talk.
1030, - 1130 Village inspection.
1130 - 1210 Returned to Guasopa.

END OF PATROL.

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INTRODUCTION.

The Woodlark Census Division, the boundaries of which describe the Murua Local Government Council Area, is situated about 180 miles North East of Samarai and consists of eight main islands and many lesser ones scattered over approximately 1500 square miles of ocean.

2. The total population of the area was 2506 as at the last census which was taken in 1965. At that time, 1172 people were living on Woodlark Island, with the remainder scattered throughout the outlying islands.

3. At various times, the Census Division has been administered as part of the Losuia, Misima, and Esa'ala Sub-Districts and is now a part of the Samarai Sub-District.

4. During the 1890's, gold was discovered on Woodlark Island and the island was inundated with many miners and prospectors. A township was established at the head of Kwaiapan Bay, and at the height of the gold rush, over 200 Europeans lived there. During this period an Assistant Resident Magistrate was stationed at Kulumadau.

5. During the gold rush, large areas of land on Woodlark Island were alienated and, to the present day, approximately 80% of the total island is still alienated. However, the majority of the villagers make gardens and plantations on the alienated land which has not been used by its rightful owners for well over twenty years.

6. The majority of the miners and prospectors left the area prior to the 1914-18 War when the alluvial gold was mined out.

7. The second great influx of Europeans came to the area during the Second World War and consisted of U.S.A. Military Forces who landed at Guasopa on the South Eastern end of Woodlark Island and constructed a staging area there for their operations in the South West Pacific Area.

8. The Americans constructed a crushed coral airstrip approximately 7,000 feet long as well as a large network of roads in the immediate vicinity of the airstrip. The Americans remained at Guasopa for approximately twelve months.

9. In 1964 the Administration established a Base Camp at Guasopa, next to the war-time airstrip. Since the opening

of the Base Camp, it has been manned permanently except for one break of three months and one break of six months.

POLITICAL.

10. The indigenous population of the Census Division has been under the influence of Local Government for approximately eighteen months, and although prior to the inauguration of the council a large amount of time was spent on Local Government Propaganda, the majority of the people, particularly those in the outlying islands, still have little idea of the working of the council.

11. The people of Woodlark Island itself, particularly those of Dikoias, Wabununu and Guasopa Villages have a slight understanding of the basic principles of how their council works.

12. Apart from the construction of the Council Chambers/Office/Accommodation Complex at Guasopa, the council has yet to commence its Works Programme in the villages. The delay in implementing the Works Programme is mainly due to the fact that the council has been without a permanent adviser for six months prior to my arrival, and was consequently without any technical advice necessary for the starting of such projects.

13. Another limiting factor in achieving the completion of the future years' Works Programmes will be the lack of commercial shipping from Samarai to this area. The only regular service to Guasopa (the council's H.Q.) is the Administration's trawler which calls at six weekly to two monthly intervals.

14. A further limiting factor in the council's capabilities is the low income of virtually the entire population of the council area. This factor will be dealt with in more detail under the heading "Economy".

15. At present, the council adviser is also the council clerk and it appears as though this situation will have to be continued for some time as the council can ill afford to pay the wages necessary to employ a competent clerk.

16. It appears then that the council will have to receive a large amount of help from the Administration for several years before it can be regarded as a viable entity.

17. From observations taken during the council meeting held at Guasopa on the 9th of November, and throughout the patrol it is apparent that there is a glaring need amongst both the councillors and their constituents for an intensive Local Government propaganda campaign.

18. In the council meeting the majority of the councillors were all too willing to sit back and let the few vociferous ones amongst their number do all the talking.

19. In their respective villages, the councillors appear to have the respect of most of their constituents. It was also apparent that most of the councillors hold meetings in their villages to discuss the business transacted at the council meetings. Presumably the constituents air their views at these meetings, however, the majority of the councillors do not bring these views to the council meetings.

20. There are no doubt, many reasons for the deficiencies outlined in the above paragraphs. The council has not been long established and over the last eight months there have been five different council advisers, and this could largely be the cause of the councillors lack of enthusiasm for debate in council meetings; it could appear to them that in the past eight months the administration has not had much interest in them and has sent out anyone who is available to advise the council meetings.

21. The permanent posting of an officer to Guasopa has probably allayed the councillors fears as outlined above, if such fears did in fact exist.

22. To increase the efficiency of the council and the people's awareness of it I propose taking the following steps;

- (A) Conduct an intensive Local Government Propaganda Campaign.
- (B) Complete as much of the council's Works Programme as possible.

To enable both (A) and (B) to be effectively executed throughout the entire Census Division, it would be necessary for the Administration Trawler to be on hand in the area for at least three weeks on each of its trips to Guasopa.

23. One of the objects of the patrol was to conduct the 2nd General Election for the Murua Council. A full report of this election is contained in my 41-1-1 dated 5th of December, to the Returning Officer, Samarai.

24. On this patrol, time did not permit me to enquire deeply into the people's knowledge of the House of Assembly and of the functions of members of the House.

25. From my limited discussions with the people it appeared that they had a vague idea only of the functions of the House and its members. The people realised that they voted for two members in the last House of Assembly Elections but they did not know what their members actually did in the House once they were elected.

26. When time permitted I gave a brief outline of both the House's and its members functions, however it appears that a political education programme aimed at explaining the basic principles of the functions of both the House and its members is required throughout the area.

27. To my knowledge this area has been visited only three times by members of the House of Assembly since 1964. Mr. Lepani Watson has visited the area twice and Mr. John Stuntz the former member for East Papua Special has visited once. The present member for Milne Bay Regional has not, as yet, visited the area.

ECONOMIC.

28. The cash economy of the Census Division is extremely low.

29. The village economy is based on subsistence agriculture consisting of the growing of yams, taro, sweet potato, sweet corn and the making of sago. These items are supplemented with fish, crayfish and crabs.

30. Coconuts are grown but the majority of the nuts

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are used by the villages as food for themselves and their pigs, which, together with pigs are the only livestock found in the villages.

31. A small amount of copra is produced by the villagers on Woodlark and Ianapa Islands and sold to Mr. D. Neate at Kulumadau. The people of the outer islands have only one outlet for any copra they produce - Mr. T. Voight of the Laughlan Islands. However, it is apparent from what the villagers have said to me that Mr. Voight cannot be relied upon to buy their copra as he provides no regular service to the area.

32. The inhabitants of the outer islands have ample potential to increase their production of copra fourfold, understandably, however, they do not wish to produce more copra unless they have a market for it.

33. The only regular commercial shipping, ^{vessel} which travels to the Census Division is the M.V. "Govilon" which is owned by Burns Philp and plys the Samarai/Kulumadau route at approximately six weekly intervals. Other firms are reluctant to send vessels to the area due to its remoteness and the small amount of copra produced which, ironically, is caused by the lack of shipping.

34. At the moment, there appears to be no answer to the problem of lack of markets and shipping, unless it lies in the establishment of a Co-Operative Society in the area. However, the present lack of capital in the area together with the above-mentioned factors provide a considerable barrier to the introduction of Co-Operatives.

35. Carving, a sideline industry which I consider has a large potential, is carried out throughout the Census Division. The people of Dikoiias Village are specializing in this industry due to the fact that they have a readily accessible market at Kulumadau. Bowls, figurines, walking sticks, line spatulas and pigs are the main items carved. The people of Alcester Island carve excellent decorative canoe paddles, however this industry is hampered by remoteness (one day's sailing) from the market at Kulumadau.

36. There are three European businessmen in the area. Two of these have little effect on the economy of the

area. The third, Mr. D. Neate, who has a sawmilling and trading site and trades regularly along the coast of Woodlark Island, provides employment for local villagers as well as a market for anything of commercial value which the villagers wish to sell.

37. With the completion of improvements and the lengthening of the usable section of the Guasopa Air-strip to 3,000 feet, I consider that the area has an excellent potential as a tourist resort. It has reefs and lagoons in which fish and crayfish are plentiful, dazzling white beaches and coconut palms - a typical "South Seas Island" type setting. This, together with the colourful history of the area ^{would make} ~~makes~~ the area an ideal haven for tired businessmen and other tourists who wish to "get away from it all".

38. If a tourist industry could be established here, then the carving industry mentioned in paragraph 35 would be given a great boost, thus injecting more capital into the area's economy.

39. Another industry which I consider has a large potential in the area is the fishing industry. The reefs around most of the islands abound in fish and crayfish which it should be possible to exploit on a large scale commercially. I think that a survey should be undertaken by the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries to estimate, technically, the possibilities of this avenue of commercial enterprise. If the survey proves that a potential does in fact exist, then a co-operative, with technical advice from D.A.S.F. should be set up within the area to handle the enterprise. The catch could be transported by aircraft from Guasopa to markets at Alotau and Port Moresby.

40. The Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries has stationed a field worker at Guasopa since 1964. The present field worker appears a conscientious worker and has patrolled the "mainland" of Woodlark three times since his arrival. He accompanied this patrol and advised the villagers on methods of improving their copra yields.

41. Although there have been patrols carried out in this area by Agricultural Officers over the last four years, there are no copies of these officers reports held at this station. I consider that it would improve the Guasopa O's.I.C. overall knowledge of the area if a copy of these and any future reports or relevant parts there-

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of could be forwarded to this station as an aid to Council and Administration forward planning in the area and to enable co-ordinated development to take place.

42. The Co-operatives Section of the Department of Trade and Industry has shown very little interest in this area up to date, due largely to a combination of its remoteness and lack of staff on the part of the Department.

SOCIAL.

43. The Administration has a Primary "T" School at Guasopa. This school has a staff of two qualified teachers who teach up to Standard Two. Approximately sixty children attend the school with some coming from as far away as the Laughlan Islands to the East and Iwa Island in the West. The majority of the students come from the villages of Wabununu, Guasopa and Kavatana.

44. The United Church of Papua and New Guinea and the Solomon Islands ^{has schools} at Dikoiias, Kaurai, Boagis, Guasopa, Iwa, Alcester, Laughlan Is. and Kavatana. These schools are of a very low standard and give their students only a very rudimentary education.

45. The Department of Public Health has Aid Posts at Iwa and Gawa Islands and at Wabununu and Guasopa Villages.

46. At present the Aid Post at Wabununu Village does not have an Aid Post Orderly. Whilst at the village the patrol was asked when this post will be manned again. The matter will be taken up with the District Medical Officer, Samarai, by a separate memorandum.

47. There are no postal facilities available in the area, and there is only one bank agency which is situated at Kulumadau.

48. The only mission operating in the area is the United Church of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. This mission's influence appears to be minimal only.

49. Womens Clubs have been formed at Guasopa and Kulumadau, however, due to the fact that this patrol was extremely rushed, the activities of these clubs could not be investigated.

The only area in which a certain amount of unrest exists is in the Laughlan Islands and is concerned with the activities of the resident trader there (MR.T.Voight) and a faction of the local villagers. The activities have been fully documented in various confidential memoranda originating both from this office and the District Commissioner.

SUMMARY.

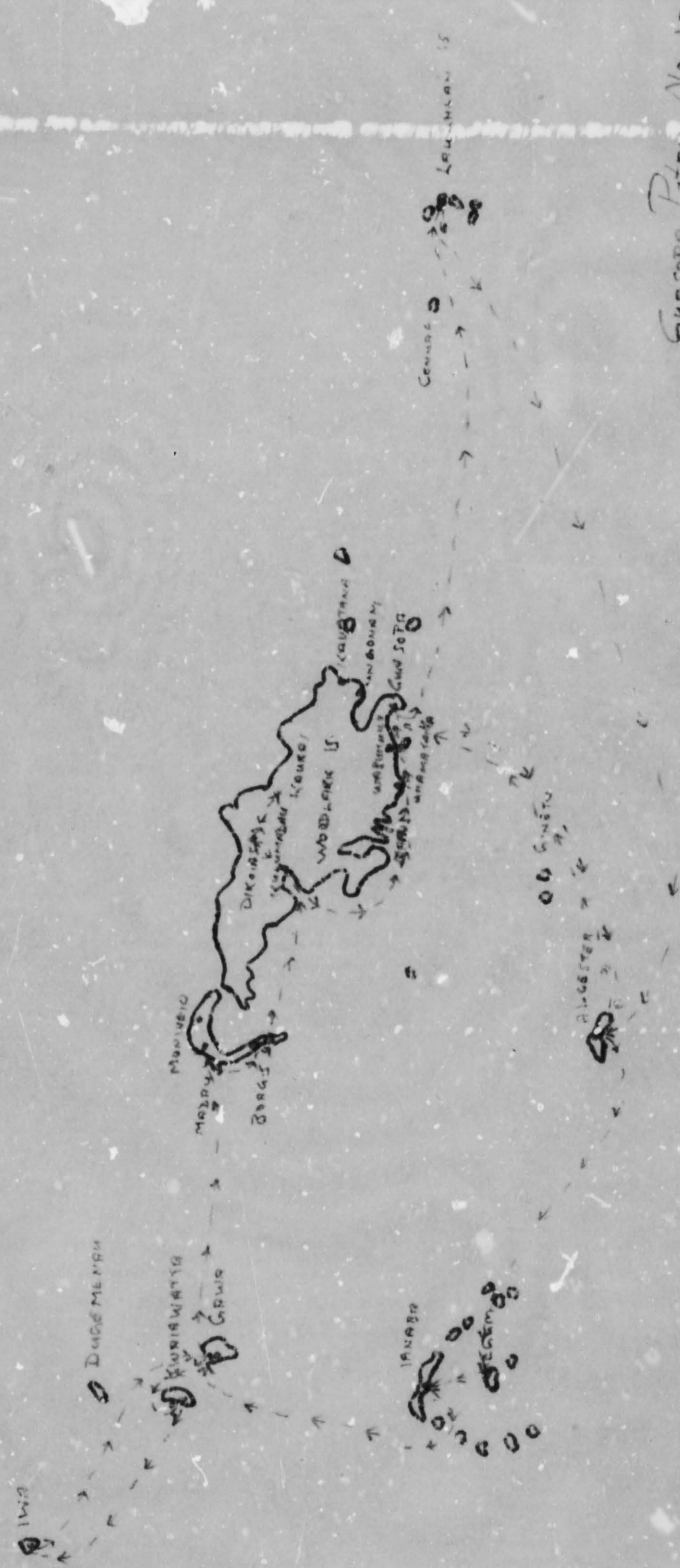
51. The objects of the patrol were successfully accomplished, although the census which was planned to be undertaken this patrol was left in abeyance due to the fact that the M.V. "Telangili" had to be back at Alotau on the sixth of December.

52. It was unfortunate that the patrol was so rushed as in some cases I was unable to visit those villages which are situated some distance from their anchorages.

53. This was my first patrol of the area and the comments contained herein have mostly been drawn from somewhat hurried observations necessitated by the strict timetable drawn up for the patrol. Any deficiencies contained in this report will, I hope, be overcome in the future by more leisurely patrols during which it should be possible to spend at least one full day and night in each village.

F. J. Sandery
(F. J. Sandery)
Patrol Officer.

WOODLARK CENSUS DIVISION
 MURUA COUNCIL AREA



GUSCORA PATROL No. 1-66/69

LEGEND

- Villages with Rest Houses
- - - -> Patrol Route

Scale: 1" to 20 miles

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