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NEW IRELAND DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1967-1968

NAMAPANAI

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2-67-68	A. McNaught	Anir C.D.
3-67-68	John D. Brady	Tanga Islands C.D.
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6-67-68	R.S. Coles	Lihir C.D.
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NEW IRELAND Report No. NAMATANAI 1 - 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by Ian Beckhaus PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled KANDAS CENSUS DIVISION - KARIAS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1 MEMBER RP. & NGC

Duration—From 13./7./1967 to 25./8./1967

Number of Days 44 COMPLETE

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services APRIL/1967

Medical/...../19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol CLEARING KARIAS AIRFIELD - NGLTRO. WORK

ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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SINGLE
District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

15-1-1968.

District Commissioner,

N. I. D.

Kavung

PATROL NO.

Namatani 1/67-68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:-

- ~~Memorandum of Patrol No.~~
- Patrol Report No.

covering patrol by.....

J. Beckhams (P/O)

T. W. Ellis

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
KAVIENG. N.I.

25th September, 1967

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1-1967/68 - KANDAS CENSUS DIVISION

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Attached please find the above Patrol Report and covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Namatanai.

As you can see from this Patrol Report a start has been made on clearing the area for the proposed airfield at Karias. This followed a preliminary survey by staff of the Regional Works Engineer's Office in Rabaul.

The airfield, on the south west coast of Namatanai, is an absolute must because there are so few anchorages that contact with Namatanai and Rabaul is most hazardous.

During Mr. Beckhaus' sojourn in the Kandas Census Division he was able to carry out all area administration and from my recent visit to the area I found that the people were no longer isolated or neglected. As the Kandas Census Division has now been included in the Namatanai Local Government Council system they will receive much more attention than in the past. However, road access to this remote area is a long way off.

To conclude, I am most impressed with what I saw Mr. Beckhaus had achieved and the way he got on with the local people who are not the easiest New Irelanders to work with. It is my belief that Mr. Beckhaus is turning into a most valuable officer.

(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner.

Att.

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NAMATANAI.
New Ireland District.

15th September, 1967.

District Commissioner,
KAVIANG.

PATROL REPORT No. 1 OF 1967/68.

KANDAS CENSUS DIVISION.

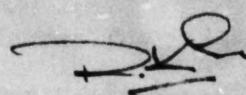
The above report carried out by Mr. I. Beckhaus, Patrol Officer, is submitted in duplicate.

The Patrol was given the specific object of clearing to ground level the site for a projected airfield at KARIAS. The strip there is an urgent need in the establishment of an effective communication network in the sub-district.

Mr. Beckhaus and the local people are to be congratulated on having carried out an excellent job of work. The site has been cleared to ground level and a survey has been carried out by Public Works Dept.

If approval is given construction of the airstrip could commence in the very near future. Nothing will be done on the ground until it is determined that the project will be undertaken.

The elections to incorporate KANDAS within the existing Local Government Council will commence early in October.


(R.K. Greaney)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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PATROL DIARY.

- 13-7-67 Depart namatanai for West Coast 1000 hrs. 1330 hrs with 18 carriers to Suralil. 1800 hrs with 18 carriers to Hitung. Over night.
- 14-7-67 18 carriers Hitung to Siaman; Siaman to Semalu. One complaint heard Siaman. Over night Semalu.
- 15-7-67 18 carriers Semalu to Watpi; Watpi to King. Camp set up and overnight.
- 16-7-67 Sunday observed.
- 17-7-67 Airfield inspected - tool shed etc erected on site Over night King.
- 18-7-67 Meeting of Village Officials at King. Afternoon to field where sections marked for various villages.
- 19-7-67 King village supervised clearing their section of
22-7-67 airfield. Overnight King.
- 23-7-67 Sunday observed King.
- 24-7-67 Kabaman and King villages supervised clearing res-
29-7-67 pective sections. Chain saw operation by self and under my supervision. Overnight King.
- 30-7-67 Sunday observed.
- 31-7-67 Semalu, Watpi, Nasco and Lamassa villages supervised
5-8-67 clearing respective sections. Pwd survey commenced 5/8. Over night King
- 6-8-67 Sunday observed.
- 7-8-67 King, Kait and Watpi villages supervised clearing
12-8-67 respective areas - chain saw operated. PWD survey completed 7/8. Visit by ABC 9/8.
- 13-8-67 Sunday observed.
- 14-8-67 Lamassa, Kait, King and Nasco supervised clearing
19-8-67 respective sections. Chain saw U/S. Over night King.
- 20-8-67 Sunday observed.
- 21-8-67 Self per Karias speed boat to Onermarang Pltn. where land investigation carried out. Lamassa, Kait and King to airfield work P, C supervised. Over night King.
- 22-8-67 Lamassa, Kait and King supervised airfield work. Over night King.
- 23-8-67 Visit by DC and Works Engineer Kavieng. Over night King.
- 24-8-67 Depart King per MV Kamrai for Siaman. Overnight.
- 25-8-67 Depart Siaman 0700 hrs For Palabong. 12 carriers changed Hitung and Suralil. Arrive Palabong 1300 to Namatanai per L/R arrive 1600.

END PATROL.

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Sub District Office,
NAMATANAI.

11th September, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
NAMATANAI.

PATROL REPORT NAM. No 1 - 1967/68 - KARIAS.

Enclosed are four copies of the above report.

Introduction.

This patrol to Karias occupied 44 completed field days. During this time I was almost completely involved in the clearing of Karias airfield, bringing my total field days on this project to about 120. Apart from some large tree stumps the field is now completely cleared, and a 500 foot approach has been cut on the Western end.

Although the patrol was based at King, it was in constant contact with most Kandas villages, and routine administration was carried out. Some NGLTRO work was also carried out and is reported under separate cover.

Political.

The situation remains relatively unchanged since my last visit to the area. During the patrol's visit news was received that Kandas was to be included in the Namatanai Local Government Council, and this was passed on to the local people. The news was well received as the Kandas people were expecting to be included in the Council this year.

Kandas people have been well educated on the subject of Councils by patrols over the last year and appear well prepared for its introduction. There are quite a number of potential leaders in the area and it is to be hoped that some of these are returned in the first elections.

Law and Order.

Some minor disputes involving land were brought before the patrol and were settled by arbitration. No disputes involving court action were heard.

AIRFIELD.

The field is now cleared to ground level for a distance of 2400 feet; two or three large stumps still remain in this section. The remaining 700 feet at the Eastern end has been cleared to ground level apart from large tree stumps. On the Western end the approach has been cleared to a distance of 500 plus feet with 4 degree splays.

Airfield Contd.

Apart from the Western approach, work was carried out by the seven villages Semalu, Watpi, King, Kait, Nasco, Kabaman and Lamassa. Each village was given a section of strip to complete within a specified time limit. This system worked quite well and most villages finished well within their time limit. The western approach was cleared on a contract basis by Kait village.

The ground on which the field is located was partly investigated with a view to purchase and appended is a list of persons involved. The clan owning unit is not willing to sell the land outright, but has agreed to a 20 year (or similar) lease.

Some difficulty was again experienced with equipment, but this occurred towards the completion of the project. The Chain Saw was fully utilised throughout, and broke down with only three days work remaining. Consequently the timber had to be cut by hand and added a week to the project.

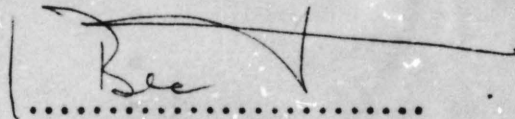
During my stay at Karias a survey was carried out by Public Works and the field was visited at various times by the ADC Namatanai, the District Commissioner and the Works Supervisor Kavieng.

Conclusion.

Kandas remains relatively unchanged since my last visit to the area in February, March, April. With the introduction of the Local Government Council in October it is conceivable that this area will progress faster, depending on the calibre of the Councillors returned in the first elections.

The airfield is now at the stage where earth works can be commenced, and the local people have been told to keep the site clean until such time.

For your information.



Ian Beckhaus
(Patrol Officer)

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Names of Owners:	Sex:	Minors or: Wards	Nature of: Rights	Address :	Exec/ Agent	Notes
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TOARPIN/TOMANGEL	M	ADULT	FULL ^{PROPRIETARY} HEIR	KAIT	AGENT	
TINTEP	F	"	PROP.	"		
OSCAR	M	"	PROP.	"		
BARAUN	M	"	"	"		
TOALITA	M	"	"	"		
ENDRI	M	"	"	"		
KAUSIN	M	MINOR	"	"		
KARAMEY	M	"	"	"		
GRAHAM	M	"	"	"		
DIEK	M	"	"	"		
TOALAM	M	"	"	"		
MANED	M	"	"	"		
TINTOK	F	ADULT	"	"		
IAPIDI	F	ADULT	"	"		
IALANA	F	"	"	"		
VAN	F	MINOR	"	"		
DOKAS	F	"	PROP	KAIT		
DOROTI	F	"	"	"		
MARANUT	F	"	"	"		
TINARUS	F	"	"	"		
IAWIN	F	"	"	"		
IAMADE	F	"	"	"		
TINMIAS	F	ADULT	"	KING		
TINARANGIS	F	"	"	"		
TOMALAKI	M	MINOR	"	"		
TINMATNOR	F	"	"	"		
LUNG	M	ADULT	"	"		
SIONI	M	ADULT	"	MASCO		
MOROT	M	"	"	"		
TIOLAM	M	"	"	"		
SIMELI	M	"	"	"		
MANAMANA	M	"	"	"		
TINATAI	F	"	"	"		
TINDUNALI	F	"	"	"		
MARLIWIN	F	"	"	"		
TINTALBON	F	"	"	"		
MIRIAM	F	"	"	"		
MARTABU	F	"	"	"		
MAMAIA	M	MINOR	"	"		
KIAPSALE	M	"	"	"		
TODIOS	M	"	"	"		
DORIS	F	"	PROP	"		
MARLIKAI	F	"	"	"		

Names of Owners: Sex: Minors or: Nature of: Address : Exec/ : Notes
 Wards Rights Agent

Names of Owners	Sex	Minors or Wards	Nature of Rights	Address	Exec/ Agent	Notes
MARTAS	F	MINOR	PROPRIETARY	NASCO		
BINA	F	"	"	"		
KAPIRIA	M	ADULT	"	KABAMAN		
LOMI	M	"	"	"		
TOAMIL	M	"	"	"		
KOTANU	M	"	"	"		
TODAVE	M	"	"	"		
TORARAM	M	"	"	"		
TINATARI	F	"	"	"		
TINKURAM	F	"	"	"		
TINARUMI	F	"	"	"		
TINATUR	F	"	"	"		
PELDING	F	"	"	"		
TINMATRING	F	"	"	"		
TINPIN	F	"	"	"		
RASIA	F	"	"	"		
TINADEKI	F	"	"	"		
MARINA	F	"	"	"		
MARTIN	M	MINOR	"	"		
TONI	M	"	"	"		
SARAKUM	M	"	"	"		
KUBA	M	"	"	"		
BERNUT	M	"	"	"		
TOUTA	M	"	"	"		
IANGMEN	M	"	"	"		
KIAPUNU	M	"	"	"		
TIOTIGEL	M	"	"	"		
POLON	M	"	"	"		
KABOBERBERER	M	"	"	"		
LARIAU	M	"	"	"		
TOMARNGEGE	M	"	"	"		
LEUNAT	M	"	"	"		
TORUNA	M	"	"	"		
PINIR	M	"	"	"		
BETY	F	"	"	"		
MIAL	F	"	"	"		
REDI	F	"	"	"		
TRISIA	F	"	"	"		
VIMI	F	"	"	"		
SAKMAN	F	"	"	"		
LUSIAN	F	"	"	"		
VONI	F	"	"	"		
SALOMI	F	"	"	"		
NOMAEN	F	"	"	"		
VANIMAR	F	"	"	"		

Names of Owners: Sex: Minors or: Nature of: Address : Exec/ : Notes
 Wards Rights Agent

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PINIA	F	MINOR	PROPRIETARY	KABAMAN		
TINALE	F	"	"	"		
NEKILALA	F	"	"	"		
IALIU	F	ADULT	"	DUKE OF YORK		
TOVATURME	M	"	"	"		
LIAT	F	"	"	"		
NUTI	F	"	"	"		
PIRIT	M	"	"	"		
MAKATI	M	"	"	"		
MARKUT	M	"	"	"		
IATEXSI	F	MINOR	"	"		
PCLO	M	"	"	"		
MAKILE	F	"	"	"		
KOMONE	F	ADULT	"	"		
TIRIDE	F	"	"	"		
PALAWA	M	MINOR	"	"		
MARIA	F	ADULT	"	"		
ELEN	F	MINOR	"	"		
GORETI	F	"	"	"		
KELI	M	"	"	"		
IAMILAI	F	"	"	"		
KEMSDI	M	"	"	"		
LIMEDI	F	ADULT	"	"		
TINBONTIC	F	"	"	"		
NGALA	M	MINOR	"	"		
DIL	F	"	"	"		
NIBA	F	"	"	"		
DESI	F	"	"	"		
ERON	M	"	"	"		
DOROTI	F	ADULT	"	"		
IAVIAGI	F	"	"	"		
IARUT	F	MINOR	"	"		
LUKU	M	"	"	"		
WALIA-IA	M	"	"	"		
TAKI	F	"	"	"		
TINTUI	F	"	"	"		
TAMSULU	M	"	"	"		
IATAMO	F	"	"	"		
IAPIKIA	F	"	"	"		
IAMALIP	F	ADULT	"	"		
TOMERIBA	M	"	"	"		
LITE	F	MINOR	"	"		
ELIK	M	"	"	"		
TAMAU	F	"	"	"		
RISMEN	M	"	"	"		

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INDI	F	ADULT	PROPRIETOR 1 EXEC	DUKE OF YORK		
DIEK	M	"	"	"		
MANO	M	MINOR	"	"		
BANIT	F	"	"	"		
IARARA	F	"	"	"		
MANGIT	F	"	"	"		
TOKILA	M	"	"	"		
MASTAPRAI	M	"	"	"		
MISAIDA	F	"	"	"		
VODO	M	ADULT	"	"		
LAVIKA	M	"	"	"		
KUVIR	M	"	"	"		
TOPAIBI	M	"	"	"		
MAET	M	"	"	"		
RUPENI	M	"	"	"		



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of New Ireland Report No. 2 of 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by Anthony McNaught - Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Anir Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Nil

Duration—From 31/7/1967 to 22/8/1967

Number of Days Twenty Three

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Feb./1967

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

Map Reference See attached

Objects of Patrol Census revision and routine administration

Nominations N.I.G.C. elections.

Director of ~~Native Affairs~~ District Administration

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

9/9/1967

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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NAMATANAI.
New Ireland District.

4th September, 1967.

District Commissioner,
KAVIENG.

PATROL REPORT No. 2 OF 1967/68.

ANIR ISLANDS CENSUS DIVISION.

The above report by Mr. A. McNaught C.P.O. is forwarded in duplicate.

My comments are:-

page (1) (1). Water Supply:

Cement tanks have been constructed by the Local Government Council and Administration and they are cheap and permanent. Possibly when ANIR is incorporated into the council, a mould could be purchased and tanks constructed - there is plenty of catchment roofing available.

page (2) (2) Health:

Here again, the council could be of assistance, but a Rural Health Centre would be well beyond resources at this stage I would suggest the Council might care to undertake the construction of a brick aid - post similar to that at Muliama.

page (3) (3) Education & Missions.

Mr. Mc Naught's remarks are pertinent regarding Fr. Zepczyk, although I consider his attitude to be a compound of ignorance and stupidity rather than malicious. The simple fact would appear to me that he is not a person suitable for an isolated mission station and would be better off in a town. Certainly if this priest remains at ANIR the relations between his church and the local people will deteriorate. I have heard reports by Inspecting Officers of the inadequacy of educational facilities at ANIR, but on the other hand, the Department of Education is reluctant to operate a Primary T School in the area.

page (4) (5) Roads & Bridges:

The people continue to display their lack of energy in improving basic communi

Arrangements are in hand to have the maintenance of the Malekolen airfield on a contract basis under the supervision of the Reporting officer Mr. G. Carson and it is hoped that funds will be made available shortly.

page (5) (7) Political:

The elections for ANIR will be held next month and the Council will then commence to operate, I do not foresee a radical change in attitude by the people as an immediate consequence of the introduction of Local Government to their area. Patience and education will be required for many years to come in this group.

General:

Mr. Mc Naught has submitted a good report marred somewhat in presentation by poor spelling and typing. The area has changed little and it is to be hoped that the inclusion of ANIR within the framework of the Namatanai Local Government Council will aid the development of the area. In conclusion Mr. Mc Naught has departed on leave and the standard of his conduct, and field and general duties during his term here were exemplary.

(R.K. Greaney)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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24th October, 1967

The District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
KAVIENG.

NAMATANAI PATROL NO. 2 OF 1967/1968

Your P.R. No. 2-67/68 (MAN) of the 15th September, 1967 refers.

2. The above mentioned Patrol Report and covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Namatanai are acknowledged with thanks.

3. Mr. McNought has submitted an interesting and informative report. It is pleasing to note the interest that the people are taking in economic activity. It is to be hoped that establishment of the Council will provide the stimulus for the people to complete their road. It seems a pity that the road cannot be used because of one or two sections.

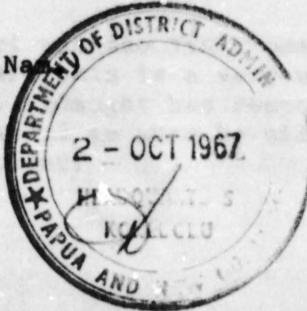
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Director



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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District Headquarters,
KAVIENG. N.I.

15th September, 1967

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2 of 1967/68 - ANIR ISLANDS

... Please find attached the above Patrol Report by Mr. A. McNaught, C.P.O., together with comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Namatanai.

Regular scheduled patrols to this formerly neglected island have been a feature of the work prescribed by the Assistant District Commissioner, Namatanai, and it will be interesting to see how the Local Government Council system works in this area, especially as these people have had a considerable share of attention in the last two years.

Para.1. I am sure that the supply of water to Anir villages will be an early project for the new Council.

Para.2. I feel that with the circular road around Ambitle and the completed longitudinal road through Babase Island, a Rural Health Centre could be considered as a future project but various sections of the road must be completed first.

Para.3. I have discussed the whole position of Father Zepczyk with the Bishop of New Ireland and the Father preaches his last sermon at Anir next Sunday before departing to another parish.

Already a number of the members of the Catholic Church had complained to the Bishop of the difficulties that they were experiencing with their Father. For your information a very competent and active Father stationed at Tenga will now control Anir as well as his own area.

Para.4. In a discussion with Mr. Carson earlier this week I was informed that the island's copra production had doubled in the last two years. No application for assistance has been received nor do I doubt if any will be received. The only need of the people is a consistent reminder of the value of work as a means to earning a satisfactory cash income.

Para.5. The response to road development by the village people has been disappointing and as you can see it has currently halted. It will be up to the Local Government Council to rejuvenate the people's interest. It is quite stupid as the links do not amount to more than one mile and the whole island can be circum-navigated by vehicle.

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I am in the process of arranging a maintenance contract to get the airstrip in the best possible condition.

This report was the final one before Mr. McNaught departed on leave and I am sure this is a very useful contribution by a Cadet Patrol Officer. Mr. McNaught has responded to guidance and instruction by senior officers and I am sure he will be a valuable and useful member of the Department.

(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner.

Patrol Diary

- 31.7.67 Departed Namatanai per M.V.Siara for Muliama. Arrived 5pm and ~~XXXX~~ thence to Anir at 12mn.
- 1.8.67 Arrived Malekolon 6am and departed for Warantaban and set up camp. Conducted census revision at Warantaban and overnight here.
- 2.8.67 Departed for Tabalum and enroute conducted census revision at Farungot and Basakala. Visited Mr.Lacey at Warramung plantation and overnight Waranguspik village.
- 3.8.67 Conducted census revision at Tabulam and Wraanguspik. Departed for Natong village. On arrival inspected school and aid-post. Overnight Natong.
- 4.8.67 Conducted census revision Natong and Waranbana. Departed for Balenkolon village where overnight.
- 5.8.67 Conducted census revision, inspected village etc. Departed for Malekolon plantation where overnight.
- 6.8.67 Sunday : Observed Malekolon.
- 7.8.67 Departed with cargo from Ambitle Is. to Babase Is. Cargo transported from Salat to Naliu village where set up camp.
- 8.8.67 Conducted census revision at Naliu and Banakin villages. Departed for ~~XXXXXX~~ village where Balagnit a Final order and Information for Counsel on Nansau and Nansau extended where conducted. Overnight ~~XXXXXX~~ village.
Balagnit
- 9.8.67 Conducted census revision at ~~XXXXXX~~ Balagnit and Bulam villages. Departed for Kumgot where Investigation into Native Customary Rights on Matamfaden was conducted. Overnight Kumgot village.
- 10.8.67 Conducted census revision ~~mat~~ at Kumgot and Galusu villages. Visited school at Matamfaden and interviewed ex teacher with view to finding out reason for closure of school. Overnight Kumgot.
- 11.8.67 Investigated complaint regarding pigs and ground which had caused a great rift in Kumgot village. All persons involved in argument were interviewed and a solution was arrived at. Overnight Kumgot.
- 12.8.67 Departed Kumgot village per canoe for Balenkolon arrived Balenkolon and set up camp. Overnight here.
- 13.8.67. Sunday Observed Malekolon.
- 14.8.67 Conducted Chain and compass survey on native owned ground between Balenkolon ~~XXXXXX~~ and Waranbana villages. P.M. received instructions per radio to obtain L.G.C. nominations. Overnight Balenkolon.
- 15.8.67 Meeting held at Balapos with a good cross-section of the Anir people. The purpose for obtaining nominations and the forthcoming elections to the council were explained at some length to the people.

Patrol Diary cont.

- 15.8.67cont. P.M. departed for Kumgot village where overnight.
- 16.8.67 Walked to Naliu village and commenced work to obtain nominations from Naliu, Bamakin, Nansau, Balagnit, Bulam, Galusu, and Kumgot villages. P.M. Departed for Warantaban and obtained nominations from Warantaban, Farangot, Basakala, Fatkasang villages, and Warwamung pltn. Overnight Warramung.
- 17.8.67 Obtained nominations from Tabulam, Waranguspik, Waranbana, Natong, Balenkolon, and Malekolon plantation. Overnight Malekolon.
- 18.8.67 Walked to Warantaban village heard three or four complaints. One of which was referred to the Local Court at Namatanai. Overnight Warantaban.
- 19.8.67 Work commenced on compilation of census figures and patrol report. Overnight Malekolon.
- 20.8.67 Sunday: Attended meeting of A.I.D.C.
- 21.8.67 Departed Malekolon per M.V.Siaro for Muliama, arrived early hours 22nd.
- 22.8.67 Departed Muliama for Namatanai 0730 hrs. Arrived 1400hrs.

End of Patrol



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference.....

If calling ask for.....

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
Namatanai N.I.D.

30th August, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Namatanai.

Patrol - Report: Patrol No.2 of 1967/68.

Anir Census Division

Introduction

This patrol, the writers second visit to the Anir group, involved in the main, Census revision, with a subsequent instruction to obtain nominations for the forthcoming Local Government Council Elections to be held in October. All centres were visited at least twice, and the patrol was generally favourably accepted throughout its stay.

(1) Villages

(i) Housing

The housing for the most part is of a reasonable standard, neither better nor worse than those of most other areas I have visited. The living conditions of the Anir people vary little from those of other areas, their cook houses the major living room, being used for cooking eating and in a number of cases for sleeping.

(ii) Water Supply

As is the case in most of the outer islands water supply is a problem, and Anir is therefore no exception. There are very few rivers on the Anir group, and of these only one or two are situated in close proximity to a village. Therefore what little is obtained must come from the few corrugated iron tanks found in some of the villages, and this in itself is hardly adequate. At a meeting of the Anir Is land Development Council, at which I attended, Mr. G. Carson proposed that the Council purchase a tank mould, contributions at the rate of \$16.00 per place coming from the 15 villages and two plantations represented at the meeting. This proposal was discussed at this meeting and a subsequent one but no firm resolution was adopted. This proposal if introduced into the group will relieve the present inadequacy of water supply and should prove of tremendous benefit to the local populace.

(iii) Hygiene

It was gratifying to note the care with which the local people take of their personal neatness and cleanliness. On most occasions when the patrol visited a village

The majority of villagers were neatly dressed and the villages were in a most presentable state.

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Health

Aid Posts

There are two Aid Posts situated in the Anir Group. One at Salat passage on Babase Is. the other at Natong village on Ambitle. Natong Aid Post has only recently been established and is reasonably well laid out and clean. Water supply here is also a problem, but it is hoped this will be overcome in the near future. The Aid Post Orderly has a sound knowledge of the basics of medicine and any problems that do arise, assistance is unhesitatingly given by Messrs. Carson and Lacey. The Aid Post at Salat Passage however is in dire need of an overhaul. The surroundings are dirty and unkempt, and most of the buildings are in various stages of decay. On my earlier Patrol to Anir (Feb. 67) I instructed the people to assist the A.P.O. in the renovation of the building but it was noted that little had been done to effect any repairs.

It has been proposed on a number of occasions chiefly by Mr. Carson, that contributions be given by all people on Anir so as to establish a fund for the construction of a permanent Rural Health Centre at Salat. This although wholeheartedly accepted by the people each time the proposal is brought to light, has proved somewhat revolutionary as little money has been raised for the commencement of the centre.

With the introduction of Anir into the Namatanai Local Government, the Council may see its way clear in the near future to aiding the Anir Group in the realisation of its proposal.

It is pleasing to note however that at the present time the medical aid available to the people of Anir is more than adequate, and any emergencies that may arise can be speedily dealt with via the P.H.D. mercy flights. One instance of this occurred a day or so prior to my departure. Where an aged male from Babase who came down with suspected tetanus was flown to Nonga per P.H.D. mercy flight. These mercy flights, as far as the Anri Group is concerned, have political as well as medical significance. For with the Anir people, seeing the good wrought by their labour in building the Air-strip, will be more inclined to look favourably on further Administration projects requiring their assistance. This therefore must be a major factor in the operation of these flights, as the refusal to operate one on some occasion may bring untold damage to Administration /Anir relations. The Anir people tend to magnify out of all proportion any wrong which they think may have been done to them, while at the same time overlooking the untold assistance and help being given them.

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Education and Missions

During my last Patrol to the Anir Group there were three schools operating in the islands. One at Matamfaden on Babase Is. the other two, Feni and Natong on Ambitle (See sketch map). Since then however the school on Babase has been closed down with the consequence that some 30 plus children of school age are absent from school, and have been since early July, and further it is not known when the school is likely to be opened again.

This is the culmination of two circumstances, one the presence of Fr. Lepczyk and two the apparent practice of the Catholic Mission to employ teachers in their own areas.

Ever since his arrival in the Anir Islands whether inadvertently or not, Fr. Zepczyk has had a derogatory influence over the local people. It has reached the stage now where, I feel, that there is very little respect existing between the people and himself.

As far as Education is concerned it seems feasible that as representative of the Catholic Mission Fr. Zepczyk would be in charge of the mission schools on the islands. This he has stated is not the case, as he feels he is only the spiritual teacher. He says this on the one hand, offering very little assistance to the teachers, and yet on the other hand when a teacher commits a misdemeanour through not working according to procedure on some such matter, he quickly steps in and reprimands the teacher accordingly by confiscating a specified amount from his pay. Consequently this has left the teachers in somewhat of a dilemma, and when the Father proposed to confiscate pay from one of the teachers at Babase, the teacher packed his bags and returned to his village Bulam, some three quarters of an hours walk away, and has been there ever since. The resultant being that the school at Matamfaden was down one teacher so the school was closed. Another instance of this mans stupidity indicates itself in his treatment of the former head teacher of Feni John Sianot. As you well know John is now owner of the late Paramount Luluais Estate and as such must spend a great deal of time in overseeing it. Consequently his teaching time suffered so much that he resigned his position to work full time on his plantation. Fr. Zepczyk requested John to resume teaching whereby John stated he would when time permitted. This riled the Father so much that he banned John from receiving the Sacraments of the Church. This has affected John tremendously as he is a fairly staunch Catholic. This act, which must be regarded as contemptable, can only be viewed as another incidence of this mans complete lack of tact and diplomacy, and it has further harmed his position in the eyes of the local people. The Anir people in their apathetic way were never enthusiastic mission followers, and the presence of Fr. Zepczyk has not bettered this situation one iota.

The second set of circumstances, appears to be the common practice of the Catholic Mission to employ teachers in their own home area. This in the case of Anir particularly, has not been a sound idea. Whenever a minor problem arises the temptation for the teacher to leave the school and return to his village, in some circumstances a matter of thirty minutes walk, is so great that in a few cases this has occurred. This would not be quite so common if the teacher belonged to another area where the problem of transport home would be somewhat of a deterrent.

All in all the education system operating in the Anir Group leaves much to be desired, and rejuvenated. This system is also having a detrimental effect on some of the populace, especially amongst those intelligent enough to appreciate the problem, and in a few instances parents have sent their children to school at Tanga or in Rabaul rather than have them uselessly while away their time in an education system that is less than deplorable. Furthermore unless something is done to effect a change the present system can only deteriorate as time progresses.

(4) Agriculture

Cash cropping, in the form of Coconut plantings, on the Anir Lands has increased fairly substantially within the last few years. This can be attributed in the main to the frequent patrolling being done by the Department of Agriculture Stock and Fisheries. Mr. Adams the resident Agricultural Officer has kept a fairly rigid programme of patrolling to all areas and Anir has certainly had its share of this activity. Most people are aware of the value of money and so are keen to further their monetary well being through the production of copra.

The only sizable tract of coconut plantings is Balapos Plantation owned by the late Paramount Luluai Lukas. Recently however a few people, mainly through the instigation of Mr. G. Carson, have bought quite extensive areas of ground and have begun planting new palms, but it must be admitted however that these people are from the other districts and are men who have been long time residents on the islands. One of the few Anir natives, Mislain of Waranguspik, who has also begun extensive planting, has done so mainly through the interest shown in him by Mr. R. Lacey of Waramung, and as far as initiative is concerned one can safely say that the Anir Islander is found wanting, as unless they are persuaded into bettering their lot they will most assuredly fail to do so. Cacao, the only other cash crop grown on the islands is having very little success and those are as that have been planted are very rarely cared for.

In conclusion the agricultural situation on Anir is slowly improving but there is still considerable room for further expansion. With the introduction of the Development Bank, which was explained in some detail at an Anir Island Development Council meeting, this may give some an added incentive to improve and expand their present output.

(5) Roads & Bridges - Wharf & Airstrip

Since my earlier patrol to Anir, a week of which was spent supervising work on the stone point, little or nothing has been done to continue what progress had been made. One person however, Pina, has built himself a house near the point and has spent considerable time and effort in trying to advance work on the road, but without help from the people his efforts have been somewhat negligible.

The road from Waranbana to Balankden has not improved, in fact it has become somewhat worse, as the continual travel of tractors over this section without improving it has converted it into a foot deep quagmire, being some twenty and thirty feet wide in parts. The road connecting villages on Babase on the other hand has kept fairly dry and firm, and the section which ran from Nansau to Banakin through a swamp has been left in favour of a firmer but longer road around the beach.

Culverting has almost come to a standstill although there are still a number of rivers requiring culverts. During my last Patrol I organised the transport of some completed pipes from Malekden Pltn. to the stone point for culverting. The culverting was commenced about two weeks ago, so that if this a good indication of their speed of work it may be many years hence before all culverting is completed. You will be pleased to know however that Mr. Joe Seeto has spent some of his time building culverts near Banakin

village, compared with his earlier work it is really tremendous.

The wharf at Nabung has not been commenced but Mr. Carson assures me that in the near future he will devote his time and labour to its commencement and eventual completion.

Work on weeding the Malekalon Air-strip is going ahead in spasms. If it were not for the Anir Island development Council and in particular the pressure put to bear by Messrs. Carson and Lacey little would be done to effect weeding & cutting of the strip. Since the Administration purchased the strip some three months ago there has been a fair amount of agitation for payment for any future work done on the strip. This sounds reasonable as the strip is now Administration property and if it is not to be cared for by the Administration at least a grant could be given to the people for the continual caring of the strip. Unless something is done in this light the inclination to work for nothing on the strip is going to be lessened until eventually, and this may be in the very near future, the people will refuse to care for the strip and no amount of persuasion will alter them from this course. Therefore, as is the case with most projects commenced on Anir, the work will fall on the shoulders of Mr. G. Carson, who will most assuredly do his utmost to ensure the strip is continually open.

(6) Law and Order

Generally speaking the Anir Islander is a law abiding person, although he is given to disputing, quite vehemently at times over minor matters involving, in the main, land claims and pig trespass. Most Complaints brought before the patrol were settled by arbitration without having to resort to due process of law. It was generally noticed, during this and my previous Patrol, that decisions given by village officials or influential persons on minor disputes were not very readily accepted, most disputes that were previously arbitrated on by these officials were eventually brought to my attention, and most appeared quite content with my decisions even though in a number of cases they were exactly the same as those previously decided.

Only one major incidence was referred to me and thence to the Local Court in Namatanai. This incident involving attempted sorcery concerned three persons from the New Guinea Mainland working casually on a couple of the plantations on Anir.

(7) Political

With approval having been given for the establishment of Local Government to Anir, the people may now have the required help and stimulus to better their lot. The Local Government can give these people, through their tax, the monetary help that was and could only be given spasmodically through the Administration personal tax. With the guiding influence of Messrs. Carson and Lacey, the latter who has nominated himself for the Council elections, and the assistance from the Council Advisor, progress on the islands must now go forward at a greater pace.

There was no difficulty experienced in obtaining nominations for the Council elections. There were on an average five nominations for each of the three wards. Two villages, Kumgot and Balemkolen, when asked for nominations stated they wished to be excluded from the Council. When it was pointed out to them however that if

at least eighty per cent of people request the Council the other twenty per cent must fall into line with the majority, they immediately changed face and nominations were received from both these villages.

(3) Census

The annual census revision was carried out with few difficulties. No comparison can be made with last years register as Mr. Wellingtons figures appear somewhat awry. However from previous years, 1963 to 65 the birth/death ratio has averaged 8 births to every death. Most deaths over these years having occurred in the 46 and over bracket.

Over the past decade or so the population of Anir is increased very favourably. The average size of families compares creditably with those of other areas I have visited, and although the overall population appears small it is nevertheless increasing at much the same rate per 100 as are Tanga and Lak/Kunomala, three other areas I have conducted census revision in.

Conclusion

Since my initial Patrol to Anir in February no significant changes have been made in the attitudes of the Anir people. The introduction of the Local Government may help to focus their attention on matters outside their own sphere, thereby giving them a broader outlook which is very necessary in this age of enlightenment.

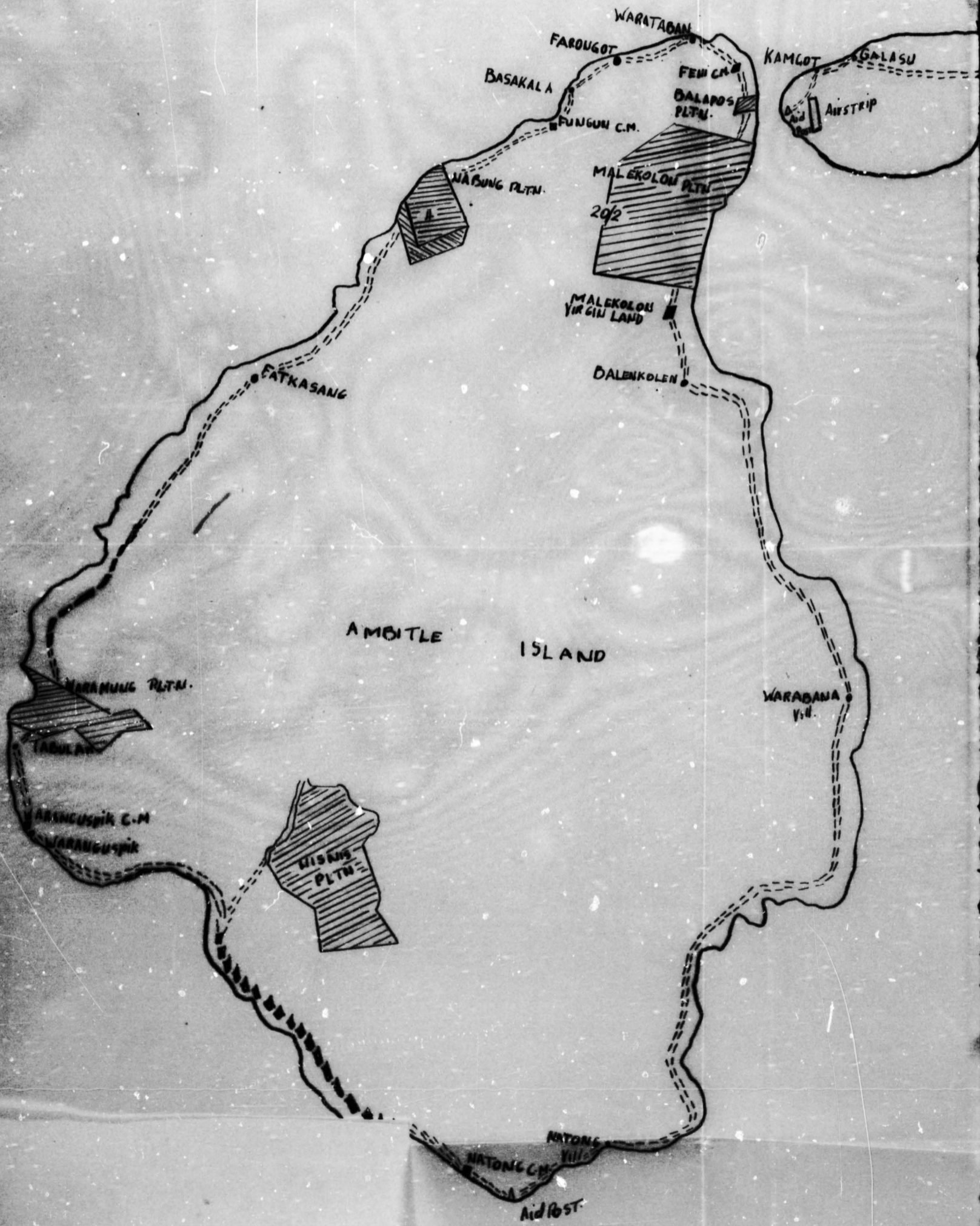
Very little has been heard from Messrs. Seeto and Neankobu since the incidences that involved them with the law, and there seems every likelihood that, although they may think to the contrary, they have reasoned that it is safer to "be the line" rather than to cause further trouble and so incur the wrath of Justice.

For your information.

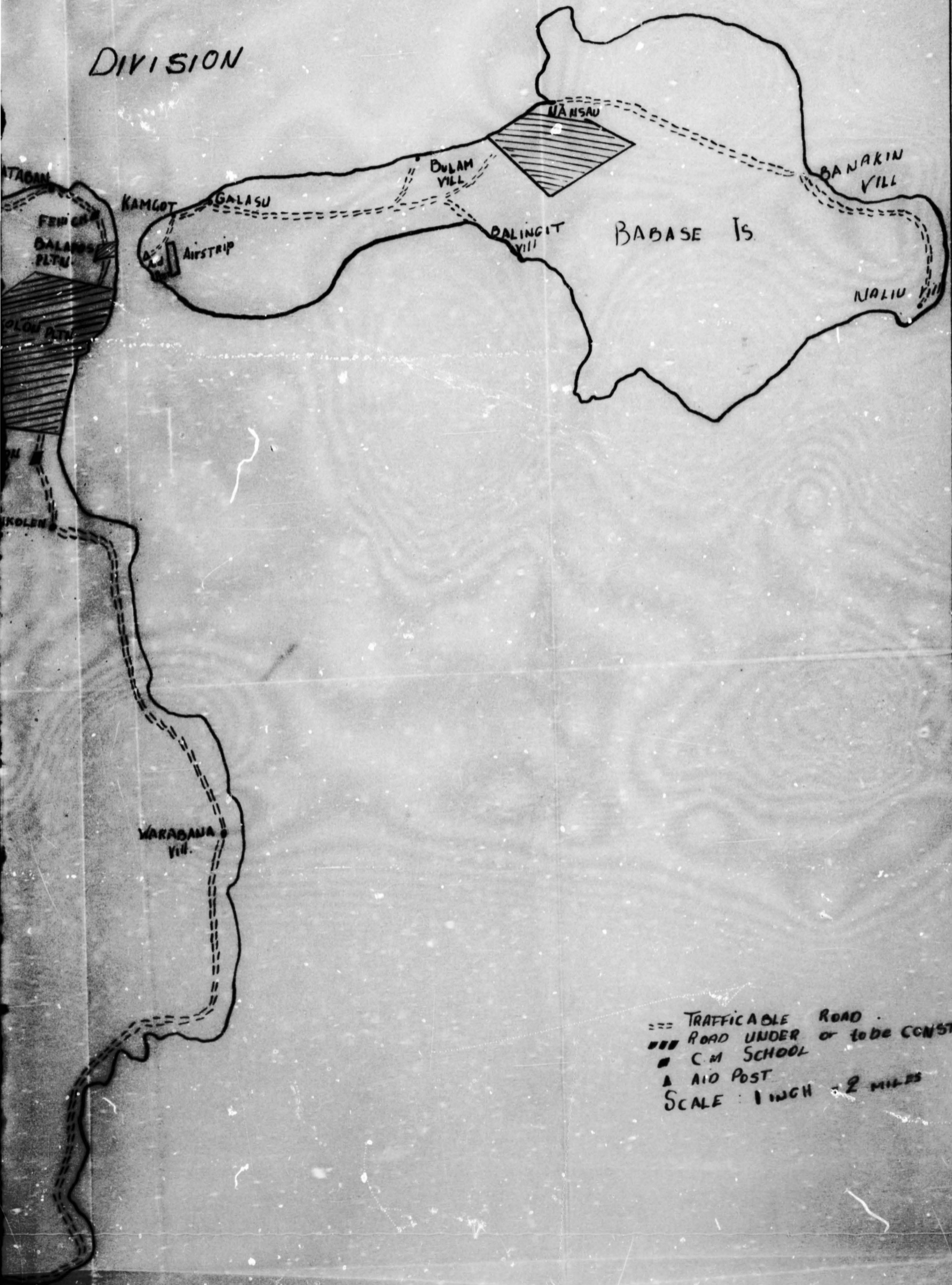

(A. McNaught)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

ANJIR CENSUS

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== TRAFFICABLE ROAD
--- ROAD UNDER or to be CONSTRUCTED
■ C M SCHOOL
▲ AID POST
SCALE : 1 INCH = 2 MILES



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NEW IRELAND Report No. 3 of 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by JOHN D. BRADY - PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled TANGA ISLANDS CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans MR J. ADAMS AGRIC. OFFICER.

Natives NIL

Duration—From 23/8/1967 to 12/9/1967

Number of Days X21

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services APRIL/19.67.

Medical Sept/19 67.

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Routine patrol, Census Revision, LTR Investigations

Inspection of MALENDOK MARKETING SOCIETY

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference... P.R. No. 3-67/68 (Name)
If calling ask for
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
KAVIENG. N.I.

28th September, 1967

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 3 - 1967/68 - TANGA IS.
CENSUS DIVISION BY P.O. BRADY

Please find the above Patrol Report by Mr. P.O. Brady together with comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Namatanai. The report is well written and conclusions well drawn.

Para. 2 - Comments which I would like to make concerning the failure of the Luluai and Tultul system and the tax-free life. I feel that both these comments add up to the necessity for the installation of the Local Government Council as soon as possible but I regret I will be unable to take any further action to incorporate the Tanga people into the Local Government Council until after the House of Assembly elections.

Para. 3 - Whereas the Boang Advancement Society sprang up among the local people the Malendok Marketing Society has the approval of the Assistant District Commissioner, Namatanai, and with the posting of a Co-operative Officer to Namatanai the Malendok Marketing Society will come under his surveillance.

Para. 4 - I am annoyed at the Luluai Wasman and his attitude towards the M.V. Tanga. These people will not accept the certain loss of the M.V. Tanga simply because they like the prestige of owning a vessel of their own.

As to the Tanga airfield I hope the Catholic Father in Charge will prevail upon the owner (Fasee) to obtain the extra 300 ft. necessary because I have recently made two abortive trips to Tanga. As to the 100 ft. extending out over the reef, the District Airport Inspector has advised us that he has a design which will be quite suitable and with the 2500 ft. overall length landing will be possible in all seasons. However, with prevailing heavy South-East winds it is useless to consider landing on the short strip.

Para. 5 - The Catholic Mission at Tanga, under Father Hager and his Sisters, has carried out a magnificent effort in building their churches, schools and hospitals, and I am particularly pleased that the Father has now taken over charge of Anir.

Para. 6 - While I note Mr. Brady's comments on Census figures the compilation of these figures is a task which must be undertaken.

Mr. Brady is due to depart on leave at an early date and, on his return, will not be posted to Namatanai.

(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner.

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NAMATANAI.
New Ireland District.

20th September, 1967.

District Commissioner,
KAVIENG.

PATROL REPORT No 3 of 67/68.

- TANGA IS. CEBUS DIVISION.

The above report by Mr. P.O. Brady of a patrol to TANGA is submitted in duplicate. The report was the annual programmed patrol to the area to attend to census revision and normal administrative requirements.

My comments are:-

Para. 2.

The Catholic Mission is indeed a very strong influence in TANGA - this is primarily due to the local missionary priest who has done a magnificent job on the islands. He is very progressive and keen to aid development of the area. I am not unduly perturbed at the situation as the missions' influence is most beneficial to the area.

I anticipated that the TANGA people would evince a desire to be incorporated within Local Government when once they were aware that LIHR and ANIR were to join the council framework. However, at this juncture, I cannot see how we can initiate action on this for at least twelve months owing to staff shortages and existing commitments.

Para. 3.

It is pleasing to note the amount of cocoa now being planted out.

With the permanent posting of a Co-operative Officer to Namatanai, it is hoped that he will be able to encourage copra production at Malendok. I do not consider there is a need to extend to BOANG, as the people there are adequately catered for.

Para. 4.

I had hoped that the TANGA could be safely left to rot in the swamp at LIHR. It will cost a tremendous amount to put into operation and the company already owes \$1850. - I hope the vessel can be sold

for scrap and debts paid and there the matter closes.
If the people endeavour to get the vessel operative
then the problem will compound.

Para. 4(b).

I trust the owner of the ground will make
the area available as the strip will simply be not
commercial for 50% of the year unless it is lengthened.
To extend seawards is quite a task, but will have to
be done if the airfield is to become useful commercially.

Para. 5(a).

The hospital at BOANG is indeed a credit
to the mission.

Para. 6.


I would be pleased to see Mr. Brady's reaction
to census revision in the highland areas. Whilst the
work is tedious, it is important. I do consider however
that there is not a need for an annual revision.

Para. 8.

Local Government will be implemented as
soon as practical.

General:

This is a sound report of a patrol well
executed. Mr. Brady is proceeding on recreation leave
in the next couple of weeks and this report is in
keeping with Mr. Brady's previous good efforts.


(R.K. Greaney)
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c.

Mr. J.D. Brady,
P.O. Namatanai

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PATROL DIARY

- 23/8/67 8.45am Depart NAMATANAI per MV Siaro for routine patrol to TANGA Islands - Accompanied by Agric Officer Mr. J. ADAMS. Arrive Tanga 8.45pm and at Base Camp at 8pm. Overnight.
- 24/8 am - Heavy rain. pm - Census revision at AMFA and LTR ON BIBI.
- 25/8 To SUNKIN, AMBISUMNE & BIL villages for census revision. Inspected AMFA Airstrip for proposed extension.
- 26/8 To SASA & AMBABA for census revision. Explained Final Order on TARAPISO .
- 27/8 SUNDAY Observed.
- 28/8 To TIRIWAN, LUANKE & TAUNSIIP for Censusrevision. Explained Final Order on MANMANSALAT.
- 29/8 To ANSAWE & TAUBIE for census revision.
- 30/8 am - Heavy rain- Investigation for Counsel on AMFA Plantation pm - To FONLI for census revision.
- 31/8 At AMFA base camp all day, court cases disputes atc. and BOANG census totals.
- 1/9 Heavy seas prevent departure to MALENDOK. To AMFA airstrip inspection and discussion with owners of land re possible extension to strip.
- 2/9 At AMFA - heavy seas still prevent departure.
- 3/9 Sunday - Seas subsided somewhat. Per MVSiaro to MALENDOK Island - camped at BALANWARANSAU.
- 4/9 Walked to GAGARIS for census village inspectionetc., returned to BALANWARANSAU for census inspection etc. Overnight.
- 5/9 By canoe and overland to SINAUDO & on to FANGWEL census and inspection of MALENDOK MARKETING SOCIETY. Overnight.
- 6/9 On to PUT village , census revisioninspection atc. Overnight.
- 7/9 Per MV Siaro to Lif Island. Census revision at KITKITA & BELAMFAL. Explained F.O. on NALUBUN. Overnight KITKITA.
- 8/9 By canoe to TEFA Island - census etc. & LTR investigation on MATENLAJT (SILUF). Returned to PUT per MV Tanga. Meeting of all luluais and tultuls held at PUT. Overnight.
- 9/9 At PUT awaiting MV Andewa due 12/9/67. Commenced patrol report. Overnight.
- 10/9 Sunday observed.
- 11/9 At PUT awaiting trawler - completed patrol report. Overnight.
- 12/9 MV Andewa arrives 4.30 am. Depart MALENDOK to MOLIAMA to NAMATANAI - arrive 4.30pm
End of patrol.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference...67 - 1 - 1.....
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
NAMATANAI,

13th September, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
NAMATANAI.

PATROL REPORT No. 3 OF 1967/68.

TANGA ISLANDS CENSUS DIVISION.

1. Introduction.

The Tanga group consists of four main islands - Boang (thickly populated and separated by a dangerous strait some four miles wide from the lesser populated islands of Malendok, Lih and Tefa. The patrol was of a routine nature including the annual census revision and necessary action on all outstanding LTR cases relating to Tanga.

2. Political.

There appears to be a vast difference in outlook between the Tanga peoples. The Boangs are more independent living in scattered hamlets, owning several vehicles with more on order, and owning hundreds of acres of bearing coconuts. All children attend the mission schools and all medical aid is dispensed by the mission. The people are much more reliant upon the Catholic Mission than they are upon the Administration - the Administration generally seen as a licencing and policing authority. Luluais and Tultuls are no longer effective.

On the other hand Malendok is a large island with small groups of people living in compact villages and tending more to follow the general village pattern as exists on Lihir and Southern New Ireland. Luluais and Tultuls although mostly elderly still seem to retain in some authority. As Anir and Lihir have recently been incorporated into the Namatanai Local Government Council it would be reasonable to assume that Tanga should soon follow suit. The people have heard of this and several have asked when Tanga would be incorporated into the council. The Malendoks would welcome a council however the reaction of the Boangs would be hard to judge. Because of their independent nature, the heavy population, the presence of many half-educated young men and the distinct clan differences which usually flare in land disputes, an elected councillor would probably find he had as many opponents as supporters. There are a few influentials on the island but as they are now ageing it would be doubtful if they would stand for election. Even though these factors exist there was no

opposition expressed to Local Government and the early implementation of same is recommended. As the personal head tax has now ceased the people could grow to like their tax-free state and resent any attempt to impose a higher council tax even though they can afford it. As the luluai - tultul system has broken down it is necessary for the Administration to replace it with some form of government before the mission assumes an extraordinary place in the minds of the people.

3. Economic.

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The population explosion on Boang will soon force some of them to migrate to Malendok and the other islands. Here the soil is fertile and largely underdeveloped.

As elsewhere in New Ireland copra is by far the major cash crop and offers the best potential for development. Unlike Lihir the palms are not seriously troubled by insect and pest damage although it is present in isolated pockets.

Coffee was introduced in 1961 but since then no further planting has been done - this crop has no economic potential for the Tangas.

The Department of Agriculture Stock and Fisheries is presently introducing cocoa for planting between bearing coconut palms - thereby conserving land. 14,000 seedlings are presently being planted out.

The Boang Advancement Society has all but folded up. This has come about because of disputing and the reluctance of the Boangs to co-operate in any joint venture. At present there are only 20 growers selling to the society; its collapse is inevitable. Like the people of the Namatanai West Coast; the Boangs prefer to have their own copra numbers and ship direct to CMB Rabaul. Accordingly a letter has been sent to CMB requesting numbers for those with adequate production. As it is the peoples wish and supervision would be difficult it is recommended that no co-operative venture be established on Boang in the immediate future.

The Malendok Marketing Society which has now been functioning eighteen months has its ups and downs. Substantial shipments were originally sent out, however the last shipment was of 56 bags only. Since then another 62 bags have been put in store and a considerable amount of copra is now being processed. The fall in production could be attributed to lack of supervision - not so much in the Administrative side but in the need to constantly enthuse and instruct the people in marketing their own copra. This too was the case in Susurunga. The clerk's books were inspected and found to be in order. Fr. Hager assists him to calculate payments and arranges the payment of all accounts.

Following the recent \$5. per ton increase by CMB the society has now been able to increase its payment to 4 1/2c per Lb. (a highly satisfactory price).

Costs per ton are as follows:-

Freight (Malendok - Rabaul)	\$ 12.
Bags	\$ 3.
Wages	\$ 2.
Incidentals	\$ 1.20
Purchase Price 2240lb @ 4½c	<u>\$ 100.30</u>
Total	118.00
Current CHB price smoke grade copra	<u>6 121.00</u>

Thereby allowing an excess of \$ 3. per ton.

4. Transport.

(a) Shipping

Movement to and from Tanga has improved since the Catholic Mission acquired the MV Siaro (approximately, 35 ft.). It also enables one to cross safely from Boang to Malendok - before always a risky business by canoe because of the rip current.

The MV Tanga is again under way and is presently awaiting the arrival of another ship to escort it to Rabaul - there it will be sold if possible - if not it could be resurveyed and put into action again. If this is done the owner Wasman intends to put it in the hands of a shipping co. to run it for him.

Wasmans outstanding debts are as follows:-

Toboi Shipping Co. (owing since April 1965)	\$ 984.03
Green & Co. (owing since July 1966)	682.00
To Tanga people. -----	180.00
Kiapmabun \$ 16.	
Tomas \$ 40.	
Paratui \$ 40.	
Toindop \$ 20.	
Tianat \$ 20.	
Tombe \$ 40.	
Tolot \$ 4.	
Totalling -----	<u>\$ 1846.03</u>

Apart from the vessel he has no other saleable assets.

On 21st October 1964 his Commonwealth Trading Bank account was \$357.40 what it is now is not known.

His NSW Savings account, has \$ 140.00. Neither Toboi or Green have been pressuring Wasman for payment. Toboi said they would be happy with 120 bags of copra - this could be realized over a period.

It is also understood that if "Tanga" can be sold Green will be reimbursed from that. Wasman has been sternly advised to do something about realizing his debts.

The MV Ellen ships all plantation and native copra; visiting the islands about once a fortnight.

(b) Airfields.

Since its opening three planes have landed at Boang airstrip and three have had to fly past because of the prevailing strong winds. The present length of 2100 ft. will not allow a plane to land during the South-East season if the wind is above ten knots. A further 300 ft. is available at the Northern end of the strip however the owner (FASEE from Bil) to date has stubbornly refused to sell the 1½ acres involved and the 30 coconuts and 30 betel-nut trees upon it. If this extension could be made it would be ideal for a braking area as it has a gradual rise. This 300 ft. together with the 100 ft. extension over the reef at the Southern end would give an overall length of 2500ft., This would enable landings when stronger winds prevail.

Whilst the patrol was on the island a plane was held up for two weeks waiting for the South - East wind to drop - as this is the usual situation during this season it virtually makes the strip unuseable except in emergencies for 6 months of the year.

This has been pointed out to the owner and his fellow clan members and while they are prepared to sell the owner still refuses. Fr. Hager is still waiting for a final answer from them.

5. Missions.

The whole population adheres to the Catholic faith. The mission is extremely well established and has played a vital part in the development of the Tangas.

(a) Health.

A modern equipped hospital is at Amfa and is run by a qualified nursing sister. All confinements are usually had at the hospital and post natal care is thorough. Child mortalities are extremely low. Children under 16 years of age almost equal in number all persons over 16 years. The Administration has one aid post at village on Malendok Island.

(b) Education.

This too is entirely in the hands of the mission. Over 800 children are attending schools on the islands. Schools situated at Put, Lif, Balanwaransau, Fonli and Faunsip take children through the lower primary classes before they go on to the boarding school at the mission station to complete their primary education. Secondary education is completed on New Ireland. Several young lads are attending Malaguna Technical School Rabaul.

6. Census.

By far the most time consuming part of the patrol was spent on this boring task. The new census forms require hours spent on compiling the figures. In villages with populations 200 - 350 two to three hours is the normal amount of time required, besides the time required to obtain the census information. This leaves little time for any other work and so the patrol merely becomes a series of travelling from village to village, gathering census information and compiling long lists of figures; resulting in little value to the people and the patrolling officer.

The total population of Tanga is now 3,122 - a natural increase of 3.33% - the death rate is a very low .66% and births are 4%. The average size of family of 3.5 would be one of the highest in New Ireland - due no doubt to the care from the mission hospital.

7. Law & Order.

Nothing of a serious nature was brought before the patrol. Complaints regarding pigs, land, etc. are common.


8. Conclusion.

Demarcation committees have recently been formed on Tanga and if these can realistically tackle their problem they may assist in solving one of Tangas major problems - land.

As mentioned earlier the luluai - tultul system is no longer effective and some other form of local administration is needed. The introduction of local government could do much to re-establish the Administration to the position it should hold as the Government of the Territory. The area is relatively prosperous and closely settled; so any practical works program of a council could bring widespread benefit without widespread wasteful expenditure.

A previous survey has shown Tanga as being capable of sustaining and in favour of a Local Government Council. I consider this step should be taken as soon as possible.

For your information and onforwarding.


(J.D. Brady)
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... New Ireland..... Report No. 6..... 1967/68.....

Patrol Conducted by... R. S. Coles, Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled... Lihir Census Division.....

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

Natives 1 member R.P. & N.G. Constabulary

Duration—From... 25 / 10 / 1967 to... 14 / 11 / 1967.....

Number of Days... 21.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... 9-10/1967.....

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol... Census Revision, Road Construction, N.G.L.T.R.O. Land Matters,
Routine Administration.....

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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March 6th, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
KAVIENG.

PATROL REPORT NO. 6-67/68

Receipt is acknowledged of the report by Mr. R.S. Geles of his patrol to the LIHIR Census Division. The comments by the A.D.C. Hamatanai and your comments are noted.

It is unfortunate that the outlying islands of MALI, MASAHET and MAHUR were not visited. It should be a matter of added effort by the next patrolling Officer to visit these islands.

The A.D.C. has pointed out and I concur that four pages for a 21 day patrol is far too brief and more attention to reporting of such matters as Census revision, native attitudes etc., should be expected.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Director



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
KAVIENG N.I.D.

February 1, 1968

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONE DOBU Papua

NAMATANAI PATROL REPORT - 6-67/68
LIHIR ISLAND CENSUS DIVISION
MR PATROL OFFICER R.S. COLES

Forwarded herewith is a copy of the above patrol report, with Assistant District Commissioner Namatanai's comments.

The matter of Sexava infestation has been brought to the notice of the District Agricultural Officer for his attention as necessary.

I am amazed that Mr Coles has made no comment on census in his report. The figures of this census revision should have been compared with the previous revision, and any discrepancies commented on and explained. This matter will be brought to the attention of Assistant District Commissioner, Namatanai.

I think Assistant District Commissioner's comments fully cover other aspects of the report.

M.W. BRIGHTWELL
a/District Commissioner

Att.

cc. Assistant District Commissioner,
NAMATANAI

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**NAMATANAI,
New Ireland District.**

6th December 1967

**District Commissioner,
KAVIRING.**

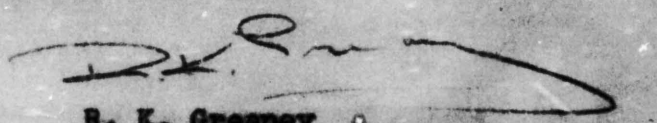
PATROL REPORT No. 6 of 1967/1968 - LIHIR CENSUS DIVISION.

The above report submitted in duplicate by Mr. P.O. Coles is attached.

The patrol was of a routine nature and requires little comment.

- A) Mr. Coles has neglected to number paragraphs as is required for easy reference.
- B) I am not sure what the phrase " things worked promising" means, if anything. The introduction of Local Government to LIHIR should have a beneficial effect on the area which has been neglected for many years. It is to be noted that a full investigation into the possibility of establishing a copra marketing society will be undertaken in January 1968. The council will materially aid in economic development when a plan is prepared by DASF to overcome the Ariagastus Beetle problem which is devastating the coconut groves on the island. The increased participation in their own affairs should aid substantially in the political development of the island.
- C) The tax rates imposed are not unduly high at \$4.00 per male and \$1.00 per female per annum, and I trust the physical collection in January 1968 will proceed smoothly.
- D) It is possible that when the NINSA is commences to operate in conjunction with the proposals for a marketing society, copra marketing will be regularised. The existing society could easily merge with the proposed society.
- E) Work has proceeded rather well on the improvement to the road system in the past year or so, and funds are available to continue this in conjunction with the Local Government Council. A top priority need for the area is a tractor/trailer unit which has been endorsed for supply by departmental HQ.

I will suggest to Mr. Coles on his return from his current patrol that he could elaborate on native administration matters in his reports - I consider this report to be (at four pages) rather meagre for three week patrol covering an area with a population of 3000. The other islands will be visited in January.


**R. K. Greaney
Assistant District Commissioner.**

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

1967
25th October

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Telegrams.....
Our Reference.....
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,

Sub-District Office,
NAMATANAI,
New Ireland District.

17th October, 1967

Mr. R.S.Coles,
Post Office,
NAMATANAI.

PATROL NO. 6 - 1967/68 - LIHIR.

Dear Roger,

Please be prepared to depart on the annual programmed census patrol to LIHIR ISLAND. Take one police constable with you. Take a patrol advance of \$100. You should depart next week and preferably on the charter which has to return the councillors currently attending a training course here. The patrol should occupy three to four weeks. The area has had a number of visits and several patrols over the past twelve months.

I should like you to attend to the following:-

- (1) All outstanding N.G.L.T.R.O. and normal land matters on Lihir.
- (2) Peruse the M.F.A.O.P. file for Lihir and check this.
- (3) Check to see if the INIAT society is still functioning.
- (4) Foster road and bridge development of the island. See Mr. Beckhaus on this.
- (5) Complete the census revision for the year.
- (6) Attend to normal administration duties as required.
- (7) Try to complete or at least initiate road link Putput to Londolovit villages - Mr Beckhaus has a rough idea of its location.
- (8) Other duties as required.

I trust you have an enjoyable patrol.

R. K. Greaney
Assistant District Commissioner

PATROL DIARY.

1967

- 25th October 1230 departed Mamatanri for Lihir per M.V. Andewa. Arrived Lakakot 5pm. To Lamboa where overnight.
- 26th October Lamboa village housing and coconuts inspected. Census revised, villagers addressed and village committeemen elected. Overnight.
- 27th October TO Huniho - Census revised and village inspection. Final Order on Liqaramet. Banam census revised, villagers addressed and village committees elected. Walked to Sali where overnight.
- 28th October Sali and Mienbil lined at Sali. Census revised, villagers addressed and village committees elected. Minor disputes settled. Walked to Suen where overnight.
- 29th October Sunday observed - Suen.
- 30th October Suen lined, census revised, villagers addressed and village committees elected. Inspection of road work between Suen and Kunai-e. Census revised at Kunai-e village. Committees elected and villagers addressed. Overnight.
- 31st October To Londolovit Plantation. Discussion with the manager re. road construction between Londolovit and Putput. Census revised at Londolovit village. Villagers addressed and village committees elected. Arrangements made with locals to commence work on their section of the road. Overnight.
- 1st November To Putput inspecting a previously cut road route. Census revised at Putput. Village committees elected and people addressed. Arrangements made locals to commence work on the road. Returned to Londolovit over another possible road route. Overnight.
- 2nd November Putput villagers commenced work clearing the side of the mountain for the cutting. Working with Londolovit's constructing a bridge in the area. Overnight Londolovit.
- 3rd November To Putput to supervise work on the cutting into the side of the mountain. Londolovit villagers working on their section of the road. Overnight.
- 4th November Working with villagers on road between Putput and Londolovit. Several minor cuttings made and road surface improved. Overnight.
- 5th November Sunday observed. Overnight Londolovit.
- 6th November Moved camp to Putput. Supervising work on cutting at Putput. Also inspected work in the Londolovit area. Overnight Putput.
- 7th November Matakuis and Libiko villages lined at Matakuis. Census revised and villagers addressed. Committees elected. Payment made for cement bridges built previously. Village housing and coconuts inspected. To Lataul where overnight.

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PATROL DIARY CONT.

- 8th November Housing and coconuts inspected at Lataul. To Lisel where villagers from Tombavil, Iinmal, Lisel and Lataul. Census revised and villagers addressed. Village committees elected. Payment made for cement bridges constructed at Lataul. To Komat inspecting villages en route. Overnight.
- 9th November Komat, Pango and Talis villages visited. Census revised, people addressed and village committees elected. Visited Catholic Mission at Palie. Overnight.
- 10th November Sianus villagers to Wurtol where census revised and village committees elected. Provisional Order on Madulam. Housing inspected. To Samo, census revised, villagers addressed and committees elected. Overnight.
- 11th November To Lakakot Plantation. Returned to Putput by plantation jeep. By canoe to Londolvit. Overnight.
- 12th November Attempted to visit Mali Island but turned back because of rough seas. Overnight Londolovit.
- 13th November Again attempted to visit Mali but seas too rough. Inspected work done on road between Londolovit and Putpit. Overnight Londolovit.
- 14th November M.V. Andewa arrived Londolovit 630. Also visited Palie Mission and Lakakot to collect councillors for council meeting. Arrived Namatanai 1530.

End of Patrol



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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NAMATANAI. N.I.

25th November, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
NAMATANAI.

LIHIR PATROL REPORT No. 6 - 1967/68.

INTRODUCTION.

The Lihir Islands are about 30 miles from Namatanai in a Northerly direction. They consist of the main island of Lihir plus 3 outlying islands, Mali, Masahet and Mahur. Due to rough seas and the unavailability of shipping this officer was unable to visit the 3 smaller islands.

The area has had several visits by District Administration Officers within the last 12 months. Lihir's first council elections were held in September - October of this year.

The aims of the patrol were census revision, extension of road between Put Put and Londolovit; N.G.L.T.R.O. land work and routine administration.

Census figures for Lihir are attached. The amount of work done on the road by the villagers during the patrol visit was substantial although the road is not yet near completion. All land matters on Lihir were attended to and have been forwarded under separate cover.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

The newly elected councillors returned from their training course with the patrol. Although it was too early to gain a definite impression of how well they will do; things worked promising on the surface. Several councillors had already had meetings with all villagers in their wards to elect committees and to make points they wished to have raised at the council meeting.

The councillors appear to be a responsible group and have the support of the people. The committees who were elected also show promise.

Most of the Luluai's and Tultul's appeared glad to relinquish their positions - probably because of old age and a lack of support over recent years by the village people. There was a tendency in some villages to elect the younger tultuls as village committees.

The majority of the people on Lihir were in favour of the council but showed concern over the possibility of high tax rates being imposed by the council and that they might have to work harder with the area under the influence of a council.

Talks were given on the propaganda pamphlets issued by the Department of District Administration or Local Government Councils, House of Assembly and Political Parties. This was the first time the villagers had heard of political parties and their comprehension of the concept was not particularly good. This will probably improve as propaganda for the 1968 House of Assembly elections increase and campaigning candidates visit the area.

The patrol received a good reception in all villages visited; assistance and carriers were available whenever required. The attitude towards non-indigenous persons and missions is very good.

Both plantation managers have stated that they are prepared to employ as many local labourers as are prepared to work but those employed to date consistently fail to attain the standard and amount of work done by the New Guinea contract labourers.

LAW AND ORDER.

No matters requiring court action were brought to the attention of the patrol. Several councillors and village committees have already heard minor disputes and appeared to have settled them satisfactorily.

HEALTH, HYGIENE AND HOUSING.

Housing is of the type and standard typical throughout New Ireland. Many of the older people still prefer to live in "haus kuk" type dwellings.

All Aid Posts on Lihir were visited and were found in a clean condition, capably staffed and had adequate medical supplies.

All villages have been built within the vicinity of running water, which is as clean as can be expected.

Pigs are everywhere on Lihir. Previous instructions from various departments concerning fencing them have been ignored. At the present time nothing short of wholesale slaughter would remove them from the villages.

SOCIETIES.

The SOCIETY organized by JOHN ASIKA of Pango village is still running but has had some problems due

to the unavailability of shipping on Lihir. At present the society has \$478. in the bank and in cheques and has no debts. There is no merchandise in the store at Pango - presumably due to the lack of shipping. Over the last 3 months the society has shipped 64 bags of copra to Rabaul - All of this was purchased from the members at Pango. The members from Lamboa and Likuko have been selling their copra to lakakot and Londolovit plantations respectively. The Society is employing 2 clerks at \$6. a month to purchase copra from members in other areas but because of the previously mentioned shipping shortage they have not been doing so of late.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS.

One of the patrols' functions was to attempt to connect Put Put and Londolovit by vehicular road. If this were done one could travel from the mission hospital at Palie to the airstrip at Londolovit in case of a medical emergency.

The patrol spent several days working with the villagers from Londolovit and Put put. The route being followed is basically that of an old German walking track. While the patrol was on Lihir all able bodied men were working 2 days a week in addition to "government" day on the road. Whether they will continue to do so now that the patrol has left the area is a matter of conjecture. At present a 4 wheel drive vehicle could travel from Londolovit to the sulphur springs (a distance of about 2 miles). The Put Put people have made a cutting to the top of the mountain.

The section between these points has been brushed, but needs to be cleared, have several cuttings made and a couple of bridges built. There is also a smaller hill near Putput that will need to have a cutting made in it before it is suitable as a vehicular road.

The people appeared keen to finish the road and worked well while this officer was present. It can only be hoped that they will continue to do so without supervision.

The road between Lakakot and Putput has been kept clean but several bridges needed repairing. From Lakakot to Suen most parts of the road were overgrown and instructions were left to have the road cleaned. it appears obvious that the road is not used a great deal.

\$100 was paid to various villagers for the construction of cement bridges between Matakuis and Lataul.

Lihir normally has 2 work boats based on the island - the M.V. Robert at Polie Mission and the M.V. Lakakot at Lakakot plantation. At the time of patrol both were in Rabaul for repairs.

The Londolovit villagers have ordered an outboard motor and have nearly completed the canoe. Their intention is to hire it out to the Administration and

private persons to visit the outer islands.

MISSIONS AND EDUCATION.

The Catholic is by far the best organized mission on Lihir and has the majority of adherents; The remainder being Methodist.

All schools on the island are run by the missions. The Catholic mission station at Palie is well set up with the major hospital and school on the island, a work boat and motor vehicles.

AGRICULTURE.

The Lihirs have a bush fallow system of gardening. The subsistence crops grown are typical throughout New Ireland i.e. taro and sweet potatoe. At the time of the patrol there was an adequate supply of food in all village gardens.

Copra is the main source of income to these islands. Extensive new plantings were seen in most areas. Many of the mature palms appear to be suffering from a variety of diseases. Sexava were seen on palms at SUEN, LIENBIL and SAMO and signs of them were seen in other village areas.

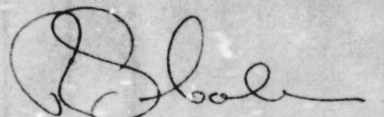
The manager of Londolovit Plantation employs 10 labourers for the sole purpose of collecting SEXAVA. He claims it is effective to an extent. Perhaps it would be worthwhile for an agriculture field worker to encourage and supervise the locals to do likewise.

Recently the village copra has been shipped regularly to Rabaul, and there was only a small amount awaiting shipment in the villages.

Several small cocoa plots were found around the island. The wet beans are sold to Lakakot Plantation for \$4. a full copra sack. Complaints were made from Lamboa village regarding this price. However as Lakakot is the only place prepared to purchase the wet beans in small quantities little can be done to make the price more competitive.

CONCLUSION

Lihir has now joined the Namatanai Local Government Council. The island has a lot of economic potential and the political development through the council should help the Lihirs to develop along orderly lines.



(R.S. Coles)
Patrol Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of...NEW IRELAND..... Report No...NAMATANAI 7 - 1967/68.....

Patrol Conducted by...Ian B. Beckhaus Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled...KUNOMALA LAK KANDAS CENSUS DIVISIONS.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans...NIL.....

Natives...ONE MEMBER RP & NGC.....

Duration—From...22./...11/1967...to...8./...12/1967.....

Number of Days...16 COMPLETED.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany...NO.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...OCTOBER.../19...67.....

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....ASSIST. COUNCIL TAX COLLECTIVE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.....

AS FOLLOW UP

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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March 15th, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
KAVIENG.

NAMATANAI PATROL REPORT NO.7 OF 1967/68

Mr. I.B. Beckhaus' report of his patrol to the KUNOMALA, KANDAS and LAK Census Divisions is acknowledged with thanks. The comments by the A.D.C. Namatanai and by yourself cover most aspects of the report.

The Principal Officer, Local Government has commented as follows:

"It would possibly be wise to conduct a Councillor's training course, if this has not already been done, so that the Councillor's role may be clearly explained.

It also appears necessary that the Council take legal action for refusal to pay tax. Failure to prosecute can lead to an extension of this attitude".

Mr. Beckhaus has submitted a sound report showing keen observations of the native situation as he found it.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Director



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of District Administration,
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February 1, 1968

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUN Papua

REPORT OF NAMATANAI PATROL - 7-67/68
KUNOMALA, LAK AND KANDAS CENSUS DIVISIONS
MR PATROL OFFICER I. B. BECKHAUS

... The above report is now forwarded, with comments by Assistant District Commissioner, Namatanai.

The Council tax position will require watching, and as soon as the Senior Local Government Officer returns from leave, he will be instructed to make a serious appraisal of the position, and initiate all necessary action to deal with the situation.

Assistant District Commissioner, Namatanai, should have the local medical officer review the activities, services and siting of all Aid Posts. When the District Medical Officer next visits Namatanai the three of them should then discuss the matter and institute any necessary improvements.

Both roads and airfields in the area require a more professional approach with realistic evaluation of need, services to be provided, planning and funding as projects. One of the greatest draw-backs in this District is the short supply of earth moving equipment held by Public Works Department, and the complete lack of fit equipment available for hire.

Mr Beckhaus has submitted the sound report that has become expected of him.

M.W. BRIGHTWELL,
a/District Commissioner

cc. Assistant District Commissioner, Namatanai

Att.

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NAMATANAI,
New Ireland District.

19th December 1967

District Commissioner,
KAVIENG.

PATROL REPORT NFI No. 7 - 1967/68.

KUMOMALA, LAK and KANDAS CENSUS DIVISIONS - Mr. I. B. BECKHAUS P.O.

I attach the above report in duplicate.

The programmed follow-up patrol was due in November and I considered it wise to have an officer accompanied the Local Government Tax collection team in view of the existence of some opposition to the introduction of local government in some areas, and the fact that the 'Kaun' system might offer some problems to the council team. As events took place it was well worthwhile for Mr. Beckhaus to accompany the team as villagers in three areas failed to pay the council tax. Since then, four ex village officials were brought to the office, and the situation has been explained very carefully to them that they are obliged by law to pay tax as required. Their reasoning behind the refusal to pay is a compound of much misguided thought on the reduced status which they will now have in the sight of their fellow villagers, a misplaced apprehension that the advent of the council meant the complete withdrawal of the central administration, that the 'kaun' system would somehow be completely squashed by the council and so on. I endeavoured to put the people on a sound footing, but I am not sure of the degree of success. The council tax team is due to return to the area late in January and it will be possible then to gauge the success of the discussion. I have requested the council adviser to secure a supply of certificates of service to be presented to the ex village officials who have loyally served the administration for many years, and also I would favour that they retain their hats for some time. The activities of the 'Kaun' system will be close observance over the next few months.

Comments on the patrol report are:

(a) page 1 & 2.

Although it is true to say there is opposition to the implementation of local government in the Account areas, it is equally true to say that there do not appear to be any manifestations of anti-administration resentment. My view is that we will need to exercise patience, but at the same time it is essential to avoid bringing the council into disrepute by not taking action against tax defaulters as may be necessary.

(b) page 2.

I consider the tax rate at \$4.00 per male to be a little high as the areas concerned are relatively poor by comparison to those in the old council area, but then exemptions - either partial or full - can be given where warranted.

(c) page 3.

The next medical patrol to the area should report on the suitability or otherwise of moving aid posts.

(d) Education. n. 3.

Once again, whilst the situation is lamentable there would appear to be little that can be done to alleviate the situation. I would suggest that the Education Department should re institute the position of education officer whose duty should be to inspect schools in the area with a view to increasing the standard of operation. The poor quality of the teaching staff available should be born in mind.

(e) Airfields. n. 4.


It is hoped that construction of the Marias airfield will commence in 1968. Apart from emergency usage, I can see little justification for the strip at SIAR.

(f) Agriculture. n. 4.

It is pleasing to note the increased tempo of coconut planting in the area patrolled and it is to be hoped that this is maintained.

General:

Mr. Beckhaus has submitted a good report of a patrol well conducted. Although we are having teething troubles with the extension of local government, it is my belief that when certain capital works projects are carried out in the areas patrolled, the situation will stabilise; It is essential that a good deal of patience be used in explaining the ramifications of local government.


R. K. Greaney
Assistant District Commissioner

CsC.

Mr. P.O. Beckhaus, Namatanai

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PATROL DIARY.

- 22.11.67 Depart Namatanai 1000 hours for Kunomala. Arrive Rei 1600 and over night.
- 23.11.67 Talks given at Weilo Danfu and Sum Sum villages - villages and roads inspected. Over night Danfu.
- 24.11.67 House of Assembly education talks at Burunkum and Iasu, villages inspected. Over night Iasu.
- 25.11.67 H of A education talk Kapsipau, on to Rei where Council Tax team met 1600. Over night.
- 26.11.67 Sunday observed Rei.
- 27.11.67 Tax collection and education talks re House of Assembly elections at Rei, Kamiank, Mimias and Lenai. Over night Lenai.
- 28.11.67 Tax collection and education talks at Morukon, Lamoran and Kumparum. Over night Kumparum.
- 29.11.67 Tax collection Kambilal, Bakum and Siar. Talks with Account members - education talks. Over night Siar.
- 30.11.67 Tax collection Maliom and Matkumlagir, on to Beriota and Over night.
- 1.12.67 Tax collection and education talks Beriota and Bakok. Over night Bakok.
- 2.12.67 To Lambom arriving 1100. Village inspection and over night.
- 3.12.67 Sunday observed Lambom.
- 4.12.67 Education talks, tax collection commenced. 1000 depart for Lamassa. Talks with Councillor and on to Kabaman. Over night.
- 5.12.67 To King, education talks at Nasco and Kait en route. Karias airfield inspected. Over night.
- 6.12.67 Depart King for Semalu. Deaths of children at Semalu investigated. Over night.
- 7.12.67 Depart Semalu 0600 for Palabong arriving 1700. Talks with Account members en route. Over night.
- 8.12.67 Depart Palabong 0600 per Land Rover. Arrive Namatanai 1000 hours.

END OF PATROL.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Sub District Office,
NAMATANAI.

14th December, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
NAMATANAI.

PATROL REPORT NAM. No. 7 - 1967/68.

The patrol through Lak and Kunomala Census Divisions lasted twelve days, with another four days spent in the Kandas Census Division whilst en route to Namatanai. Routine administration was carried out as a follow up to patrol 22 of 1966/67. In the Lak Census Division the patrol accompanied the Council Tax Team while it collected tax in the area and then preceded the team through Kandas informing the people of the proposed tax collection. In all areas special emphasis was given to education talks on the forth coming House of Assembly Elections and Local Government - its functions and finance.

One member of the RP & NGC accompanied the patrol.

Political.

This was the first patrol through Lak and Kandas since the introduction of the Council. All villages, apart from Kambilal in the Lak area, had elected their village committees. The Councillors appeared to be doing a good job, (although it was too early to properly assess their worth) and appeared to have the support of most of their electors, the exception being Pais Gone from the Hitung Siaman Suralil Ward. Opposition to Pais is due to the fact that most of his electors are members of the "Account" or "Kaun".

Possibly typical of newly elected Councillors in new Council areas, some Councillors had some rather disturbing ideas as to their powers. In particular, Salot Tapulu, Councillor for the Siar Maliom Matkumlagir Beriota Bakck Ward was found to be exceeding his powers. This could be attributed to ignorance, and Salot's powers were specifically explained to him. All Councillors accompanied the patrol through their particular Wards.

How - details

Opposition to the Council exists in both Lak and Kandas in the form of the "Account" a type of village Society with definite Cult manifestations. It was introduced from the Duke of York Islands about 1963, and has been operating spasmodically since then. All the villages of Lak and Kandas have at one time or another been adherents. Membership is now confined to the villages of Kambilal, Bakum, Morukon and Matkumlagir (Lak) and Siaman, Hitung and Suralil (Kandas) who are at present, and always have been firm adherents. Prior to the introduction of the Council, Account members, although discouraged, continued their activities. These activities were carried out peacefully, but since introduction of the Council, most members have turned anti - Council.

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Political Continued.

Basically the Account consists of the pooling of the members copra which is sold in Rabaul. The money from the sale is used to buy trade goods which are sold in the Account Trade Stores. Because of the haphazard operation of these stores such as the extending of credit to members and the acceptance of dry coconuts in lieu of cash, most of these stores, if not operating at a loss only manage to break even. As a result the Accounts have now diversified and now collect donations, or "tax" as it is known, and thus manage to have credit balances in their Account savings books. It is conceivable that a good deal of this tax money is squandered by the tax collectors as most of the Accounts keep very poor records. This was pointed out to the members, but a notable feature of the Account is that its members refuse (or in some cases are too ignorant) to listen to reason.

It is difficult to actually name cult activities being carried out by these Accounts, as most members are rather secretive. One story has it that when the Accounts have sufficient funds in their Bank Accounts, they will be able to go to Rabaul and indiscriminately receive credit from various stores. The above is only one story, but I feel that there are many other versions in circulation.

As far as could be ascertained, the leaders of the movement in the Lak area are Todiai and Boski, the ex-Luluais from Kambilal and Matkumlagir respectively. Leadership in the Kandas area appears to come from the Duke of York Islands.

Kunomala and Tanga Census Divisions are the only areas in the Sub District not included in the Council. During my visit most villages in the area expressed a desire to join the Council, although some still remain aloof. This could probably be attributed to the village officials, who, in some villages particularly Weilo are unwilling to make the change.

Tax Collection.

Apart from the villages in which the Account was operating the tax collection proceeded smoothly. One aspect of the tax collection was the fact that in a number of villages some people were genuinely short of money, possibly due to the lack of notice regarding the tax patrol. People who were genuinely short of money were given time to pay.

Difficulty was experienced in the Account villages of Morukon, Kambilal, Bakum and Matkumlagir, where members refused to pay (it should be noted that not all people in these villages are Account members, and that those who were not members paid tax). Most expressed a desire to pay Government Head Tax, but this was a ^{most} (mute) point, as when checked it was revealed that most Account members were not liable due to exemptions. In Morukon the Account members claimed that they had already paid Government tax, and when asked for receipts produced the village Account book, showing the tax paid to the Account by its members.

The excuse that the Account members wished to pay Head Tax is also unfeasible as it was explained that the Council Tax Rule had the support of the Administration. All Account members express pro-Administration sympathies and it was explained to them that in defying the Council Tax, they were more or less defying the Administration. The explanation had no effect.

Tax Collection Continued.

As all attempts at reason failed, it appears that the only solution will be for the Council to take court action. Tax defaulters were warned that court action would be taken, and this should be done as soon as possible. The patrol did not accompany the Tax Team through Kandas, but the Tax Rule was explained to the Account members at Siaman and they were warned that any defaulters would be prosecuted in the near future.

Education and Health.

Due to the large areas and relatively sparse population these services are difficult to provide in the Kunomala Lak and Kandas Census Divisions. The only area with reasonable services is Kunomala, both Lak and Kandas suffer as a result of poor communications. It is difficult to find a solution to this problem, and certainly none could be found in the near future without great expense.

Aid Posts: At present Aid Posts serving Kunomala and Lak are situated at Muliama, Taron and Lambom. A far better location for the Aid Posts, given adequate staff and finances would be as follows: Muliama as situated; Taron Aid Post to Lenai; one additional aid Post at either Matkumlagir or Maliom. Mr McNaught's comments on Aid Posts in his Patrol Report No. 22 of 1966/67 are still valid for this area.

Both Aid Posts in Kandas are poorly situated, the Siaman Aid Post effectively serving only Hitung, Suralil and Siaman (Total population 200). Due to communication problems this Aid Post is necessary, as if moved, the people of this area would find it difficult to obtain treatment. Kabaman Aid Post effectively serves only Nasco and Lamassa, and as Lamassa is close to Lambom it conceivable that the Lamassa people could use the Lambom Aid Post. Kabaman Aid Post could then be relocated at either Kait or King where it could effectively serve five villages (total population 418).

At Semalu the patrol was informed that five young children and one old woman had died about the 27th November. The deaths were investigated by Public Health Rabaul and were apparently due to pollution of water supply by pigs. Pigs have been a problem in Semalu village for some time now, and if this report could be confirmed direct action could be taken by the next patrol in the area. For your information, some time ago an Assistant Health Inspector spent some time in this village trying to get the people to build corrals, all to no avail.

Schools: The ~~only~~ only Government school in existence in the three Census Divisions patrolled is located at Lambom. Mission schools are for the most part barely adequate and generally only cater for students up to standard two or three. The mission schools at Manga and Siar appear well run and adequately supervised, but most other mission schools in these areas receive only minimal supervision from the Missions in charge.

The problem of schooling in these areas is a very real one and almost impossible to overcome at the present time. The resultant is that many children in these areas receive inadequate schooling. As with Aid Posts the problem is communications, and Kunomala with its road is far better serviced than Lak and Kandas. Priority should be given to the establishment of at least one Administration school in either Lak or Kandas.

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Airfields and Communication.

Airfields are situated in both Lak and Kunomala and are situated at Silor and Manga respectively. The field at Manga is the only one operational as the Silor field has not been mowed for some time and grass is about three feet high. This field has turned into something of a white elephant, but would still be useful in emergency. The proposed field at Karias was visited and as instructed, the site was being kept clean by the village people.

The East Coast road now extends as far as Cape Mimias, and has been consolidated with the construction of an excellent bridge over the Danfu river. After the completion of the proposed Council improvements to the Waragansau - Muliama mountain section, the Kunomala road would be open in all but extremely adverse weather. Depending on the state of the Mimias river, the road extends into Lak in broken sections as far as Kambilal. The Lak section between Mimias and Kambilal still needs much consolidation work.

The West Coast road remains the same and only extends as far as Matop Plantation. There appears to be little hope of extending the road past Matop without a great deal of expense. It is possible to consolidate certain sections of the road, i.e. King to Kabaman, and Suralil to Watpi, but these sections would have no connection with each other or the main West Coast road.

Shipping remains the backbone of communications in the Lak and Kandas areas, and as there are few good anchorages, is largely dependent on good weather conditions. The only really good harbours are at Lamassa, Lambom, Matkulagir and Muliama, a total of four over a coastline of about 200 miles. Other anchorages are available, but these are dependent on the prevailing winds.

Agriculture.

As elsewhere, copra is the major source of cash income in the area patrolled. By comparison Lak has far less copra than either Kunomala or Kandas, and yet its potential is second only to that of Kunomala. Both Kunomala and Lak have large expanses of undeveloped land suitable for both coconuts and cocoa. The soil in some of these areas is equal to any in New Ireland. The fact that new plantings in these areas is small is attributable to the general indolence of the people, the lack of ready markets and the fact that large expanses of land are controlled by individuals or small clans, leaving many people with practically no land. Most of the large landholders appear unwilling to give or sell land to those who have little, and this is creating quite a serious problem in both Kunomala and Lak. Perhaps in the future Demarcation Committees will be able to do something to help alleviate this situation.

The Kandas people, although not prolific producers, appear to have shown more initiative than the Lak and Kunomala people in earlier plantings, and would be producing more copra per capita than the East Coast people. In the field of new plantings both the East and West Coast people appear equally industrious, new plantings being steadily increased.

Agriculture Continued.

Of all villages, Lambom, with its limited arable land appears to have the largest coconut plantings. This has been achieved purely through hard work under the intelligent leadership of the ex Luluai, Tondave. Unfortunately there is little arable land available for further extension of plantations, and in the future the Lambom people will be forced to either re-settle or diversify. The proposed fishing venture could possibly provide the means for this diversification in the future, and the scheme should be investigated by fisheries.

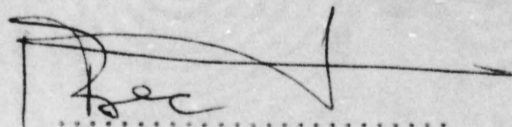
Housing.

Notable of comment is a form of housing scheme operating in the Kunomala area. With timber purchased from the Manga Mission Saw Mill, some of the people are constructing permanent material houses. The scheme itself is commendable, but the resultant houses are poor, due to both the lack of skilled artisans and materials. The houses are badly designed, poorly constructed and poorly ventilated, on the whole closely resembling dog kennels. I feel that this project has been ill timed, as most people have insufficient funds for materials, and advised them to wait until they had sufficient funds for the construction of more substantial dwellings. Quite possibly the houses already constructed will be abandoned for more comfortable bush material houses in the future and the people could lose faith in the project. Perhaps the matter could be discussed with the Catholic Father at Manga in order to find a more realistic approach to the project; at the time of patrol the Father was absent in Kavieng.

Conclusion.

Kunomala Census Division is developing quite steadily and with the future consolidation of the road link with Namatanai development should proceed faster. Political thought is changing and in the near future the introduction of Local Government will no doubt have the full support of the people. The Kunomala people appear to be showing a decided interest in development of their area, more so than either Lak or Kandas.

The introduction of the Council to Lak and Kandas has caused problems, but no doubt similar problems are encountered with the introduction of most Local Government Councils. When the people have fully assimilated the idea of Local Government, the Council will be in the position to do much good in the area. The Account, even though numerically small is in direct opposition to the Council, and definite action is needed as soon as possible, at least to the stage where Council Rules are obeyed.



.....
Ian B Beckhaus
(Patrol Officer)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of New Ireland Report No. 8 Nam 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by R. S. Coles Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Sokirik, Kinsal and West Coast Patpatara

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No

Natives 4 member R.F. & N.G. Coastabulary

Duration—From 4/12/1967 to 13/12/1967

Number of Days 8

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 6/1967

Medical 12/1967

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Routine Administration

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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March 5th, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
KAVIENG.

PATROL NO. NAM 8-67/68

Receipt of the above report by Mr. R.S. Coles
Patrol Officer is acknowledged with thanks.

The report is clear and well written but is
marred by the absence of a patrol map which is required
by Standing Instructions.

As you say the existence of 28 children aged
between 6 and 10 years of age does not establish the
need for a school. For an efficient school with a
teacher for each class, 150 children in this age group
would constitute a definite proposition.

The Council might find it worthwhile to
apply for P.W.D. assistance in the road project in
accordance with Local Government Circular 25th of July,
1966.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Director

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
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January 31, 1968

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOSU Papua

REPORT OF NAMATANAI PATROL - 8-67/68
SOKIRIK, KINSAL, PATPATARA CENSUS DIVISIONS
MR PATROL OFFICER R.S. COLES.

A copy of the above report is now forwarded, with comments by Assistant District Commissioner, Namatanai.

Little comment is called for.

The reason the Missions have closed schools, is because they have not the staff to keep them open. Educational services in this District are extensive, and a severe pruning and rationalisation of staff and schools could be in the interests of education generally.

The Marketing Society is mainly hampered by the inability of the Co-operatives officer to keep up with the situation. He has neither the background, experience or attitude necessary to meet the requirements of the Societies in the Namatanai Sub - District.

Road making in the area calls for some sound, if primitive, engineering. We have to face the fact that special knowledge and equipment are required. These roads, if they are ever to deserve the name, will have to be made projects in their own right. Unpaid village labour and patrol funds will not make them more than part-time tracks.

M.W. BRIGHTWELL,
a/District Commissioner

cc. ADC, Namatanai

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**HAMATANAI
New Ireland District.**

28th December 1967

**District Commissioner,
KAVIRHU.**

PATROL REPORT No. HAM 8 - 67/68 - Mr. P.O. COLES.

The above brief report covers a routine follow-up administrative patrol to the SOKIRIK, KINSAL and West Coast PAEPATARA areas.

There is little need for comment on the contents.

Native Situation:

The area has been patrolled frequently and visits by members of all field departments are constantly moving through the area. It is pleasing to note that the indigenous/administration relationships are on such a sound footing.

Economic Developments:

Mr. Co-operative Officer GORMLEY has been moving through the areas patrolled collecting share capital for the proposed West Coast Marketing Society and the modus operandi of this society has already been satisfactorily worked out, however the level of receipt of capital has been somewhat low and the society will not become operative until the sum of \$1500 to \$2000 has been collected; It is anticipated that this will be within two months or so.

Communications:

The one difficult section of the RASIRIK - LAHUR road will require the use of a compressor and dynamite as it is beyond the capabilities of the local populace, I believe that this may be forthcoming from Public Works Departments in the next few months.

**R. K. Greaney
Assistant District Commissioner.**

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PATROL DIARY.

- 4/12/67 To Palabong informing all villages en route of the patrols arrival. Followed road as far as Matop Plantation. Talks with villagers. Overnight Palabong
- 5/12/67 Village area inspected and villagers addressed. To Kalil then to Rebehen where village areas and cash crops inspected. Villagers addressed. Overnight Rebehen.
- 6/12/67 Kabanut villagers lined and addressed. Housing and cash crops inspected. Pakinsela and Umudu addressed at Umudu. Both villages inspected. Overnight Pakinsela.
- 7/12/67 Matakan and Hunabere people lined at Hunabere. Both villages inspected. To Ratabu where Bom villages gathered. Village areas and coconuts inspected. Overnight Hunabere.
- 8/12/67 Bura and Rapito villagers gathered at Rapito. Addressed re. House of Assembly elections. Village areas inspected. Rasirik and Kurumut villagers lined at Rasirik. Addressed and Rasirik village area inspected. To Namatanai.

Break in Patrol

- 11/12/67 To Rasirik by Landrover. Walked to Rapantanon via Kurumut. Villagers addressed and housing inspected. Then to Labur and Rebehen where villagers addressed and housing inspected. Talks with villagers. Overnight Rebehen.
- 12/12/67 Walked to Be via Labur. Villagers addressed. Housing and coconuts inspected. Returned to Namatanai.
- 13/12/67 To Pakinsela to carryout investigation into the possibilities of a timber lease. Inspection of road work done since the patrols first visit. To Namatanai.

End of Patrol

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

21st December, 1967

The Assistant District Commissioner,
NAMATANAI.

PATROL REPORT No. 8 of 1967/68 - SOKIRIK, KINSAL

AND PATPATARA (W.C) CENSUS DIVISIONS.

INTRODUCTION.

This routine administration patrol spent eight days in the Kinsal, Patpatara West Coast, and Sokirik Census Divisions. As the Kinsal and Patpatara Census Divisions are connected with Namatanai by the west coast road the patrol was able to travel by landrover throughout these areas.

The patrol was well received in all villages visited.

One member of the R.P.&N.G. Constabulary accompanied the patrol.

1. NATIVE SITUATION.

The Kinsal and Patpatara areas have received a great deal of help from the administration and the local government council over the last few years. They now have good education and medical facilities coupled with road transport and regular shipping to Rabaul. The Departments of Public Health, Agriculture and District Administration have paid a lot of attention to the area and thus it is developing steadily. The people remain pro-administration and pro-council and are quite satisfied with their lot.

The development of the Sokirik Census Division has been hampered somewhat because of the lack of a vehicular road into the area. There is no aid post in the vicinity and P.M.D. has not been as active in this area as in the others. Additionally the area has no school within reasonable walking distance. (refer education and missions) Fortunately the villages are near fine weather anchorages suitable for small ships and have little trouble marketing their produce in Rabaul. These people are also pro-administration but would undoubtedly be happier and have more contact with Namatanai if the vehicular road could be extended into their area.

The general migration for short periods to Rabaul and the Duke of York Islands mentioned in Mr Beckhaus's patrol report 24 66/67 is still common. An example is when the patrol visited Umudu village. Three of the 16 adult males normally resident in the village were present; the remainder had gone to Rabaul on a ship collecting copra. The proposed West Coast Marketing Society appears to be the best way of combating this problem.

Three new councillors were elected at the last council elections. They all assisted the patrol where ever possible and appear to be shaping up well in their new positions. At this stage it is too early to determine whether they are in fact "the real village leaders" although it is doubted.

The newly granted liquor licence at Ratabu Plantation does not appear to have made any significant change in the natives drinking pattern. Mr. Chee Fatt was absent at the time of the patrol but the villagers stated that the majority of the alcohol purchased was for the occasional party in the area. As it has not been difficult for the natives to obtain liquor from Namatanai the licence at Ratabu merely serves as a convenience to the locals. There are no indications of under-age drinking.

2. SOCIETIES.

The co-operative officer is still working in the area attempting to collect enough money for the formation of the West Coast Marketing Society. Many people reiterated that the reason for their failure to contribute share capital or for their small contributions was a shortage of money or copra. Previous surveys have shown that there are more than adequate bearing village palms to support the society.

It appears that many villagers are satisfied, or cannot be bothered changing from the present arrangement of following their copra to Rabaul, selling it to nearby plantations or trading nuts for small goods eg rice, tobacco etc with the local traders.

Talks were given on the advantages of a society but whether they will be heeded will be seen in the future. If the society was successful it should prevent much of the villagers money being squandered in Rabaul and a subsequent increase in their material possessions could be expected.

3. EDUCATION AND MISSIONS.

Children in the Kinsal and Patpatara areas are adequately catered for with the administration primary school at Tubuwana, the catholic school at Rapito and the methodist village school at Kabanut.

On the other hand the Sekirik area is being neglected. The former mission schools at Rasirik and Rebehen have been closed down leaving the area without a school. According to the June Sekirik Census Figures 92 children between the age of 6 and 10 years were not attending school.

It is obvious that the area needs a school. The most suitable position would be at Labur. The village has 28 children between 6 and 10 years not attending school and is within a few hours walking distance from the other villages.

As the methodists are the predominant mission in the area could some pressure be brought to bear to re-open a school in the area.

4. VILLAGES AND HYGIENE.

Village housing in the area is only average. There is a tendency in some villages to leave dilapidated houses standing until they fall down. Where necessary instructions were given for their removal. At Kalil the villagers are making semi-permanent houses i.e. corrugated iron roofing with split timber walls and floors. The result should be a definite improvement on the bush materials housing.

All villages have "hygiene committees" whose duties consist of inspecting housing, encouraging construction of pit latrines etc. Their effectiveness has not been reflected greatly in the standard of housing but most villages have latrines.

5. AGRICULTURE.

Copra remains the main cash crop of the area. The areas planted are quite extensive although in some villages most of the bearing palms are owned by only a small percentage of the village population. Most of those who have only a few bearing palms have planted up new areas over the last few years.

It is disappointing to see the large numbers of coconuts lining the west coast road nearly every morning for sale to the local traders. One of the traders is now purchasing coconuts at 7 for 10¢ as apposed to the normal west coast price of 10 for 10¢. This price increase could have been done with the hope of discouraging the natives from joining the society.

Due to D.A.S.F. activity in the area cocoa plantings have increased greatly over recent years. When all are bearing the area should have no trouble in supporting a fermentry and a cocoa marketing society.

There was no food shortage in the area at the time of the patrol. Taro and sweet potatoe are the main staple foods from the area. Some introduced crops e.g. tomato and pineapple are grown and sold in the Nmatanai market on Saturdays.

6. TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Kinsal and Patpatara villages are linked with Namatanai via the west coast road. For the most part the villagers are keeping the road through there area in good condition. While the patrol was at Kurumut a new bridge was built over the river by the locals. The P.W.D. culvert team is still working in the area. The work of the team that was seen appears good. The bridge at Kalil is still awaiting materials for its construction.

The road is blocked at the southern end of Matop Ptn by trees felled by plantation labourers. Instructions were left for them to be removed.

The solid section of coronos near Big Kurumut still remains the main obstacle to the completion of the Rasirik -- Labor road. The villagers informed the patrol that they had been unable to remove it by manual labour. It appears that blasting with dynamite would be the most successful method of removing it. Once this was done the remainder of the work of cutting and surfacing the road could be done by manual labour.

Small ships regularly visit the west coast and no problems are experienced in marketing produce or in finding transport to Rabaul.

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7. FORESTRY.

A timber survey was carried out near Pakinsela village upon receiving a request from the landowning clan. To my untrained eye the timber stands looked reasonably good although the area is only small (about 4 sq miles) and an access road would cause some difficulties.

A more detailed report has been forwarded to you under separate cover requesting a forestry officer to inspect the area.

8. HEALTH.

The West Coast Patpatara and Kinsal areas are well catered for with two aid posts in the area. Both aid posts were visited and had adequate medical supplies. A medical and infant welfare patrol was working in this area at the time of the patrol.

Sokirik Census Division has no aid post but the area is patrolled by the A.P.O. from Kokola. As Kokola is some distance many of the people receive treatment from Kurumut Plantation.

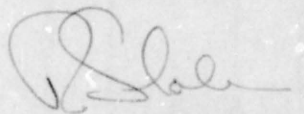
9. LAW AND ORDER.

No matters requiring court action and very few disputes were brought to the attention of the patrol. It appears that the councillors and village committees are settling most disputes to the satisfaction of both parties.

CONCLUSION.

The areas visited are being regularly patrolled and are developing steadily. The most pressing needs at this stage would be the completion of the Rasrik-Labur road and a school in the Sokirik area. The introduction of a marketing society would be a stimulus to economic development in the area, but more native interest must first be shown before it could become a success.

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R. S. Coles
Patrol Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of New Ireland Report No. 9 Nam 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by R. S. Coles Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Anir Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Const Willem

Duration—From 10/1/1968 to 26/1/1968

Number of Days 16

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 8/1967

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Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Routine Administration, Pre-election campaign
Land matters

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-9-9

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

27th May, 1968.

District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
KAVIENG.

PATROL NO. NAWATANAI 9 - 67/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Memorandum
of Patrol/Patrol Report covering patrol by R.S. Coles, P.O.
to ANIR Census Divisions.

The report was clear and well presented but
should have been accompanied by a patrol map.

Certificates for service as luluais and
tultuls are available from this Headquarters. Please
advise the number required and these will be forwarded.

J.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Director

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Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
KAVIENG N.I.D.

29th February, 1968

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU Papua

REPORT OF NAMATANAI PATROL NUMBER 9/67-68
ANIR C.D. - MR P.O. R. COLES

... Forwarded herewith are two copies of the above report, with comments by Assistant District Commissioner, Namatanai.

There is nothing to add to these comments, except that the problems experienced by the Demarcation Committee on Anir are common throughout the District, and they will remain so whilst Committees continue to be set up against the wishes of the Officers of this Department, who are then expected to see that the Committees function in a manner Land Titles Commission Officers are unable to achieve. This state of affairs is going to continue for a long time, and the first step in an attempt to stop the rot, is to appoint a District Officer, Lands, for this District.

AD (P&A)
There have been several criticisms of Demarcation Committees in various patrol reports. Perhaps this indicates that if the DLs have not already dealt with the matter, ~~some~~ some intervention by the HQ may be required.

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

NIA. Retrial

Att.

AB
14/5/68
I cannot see on what the basis this H.O. could intervene - the situation in respect to Demarcation Committees on ANIA as set forth in this report appears quite normal - the reporting officer says "they are functioning well".
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Sub-District Office,
NAMATAHAI, N.I.

21st February, 1968.

District Commissioner,
KAVIENG.

SUBJECT: Patrol report No 9 of 67/68.

Attached please find patrol report submitted by Patrol Officer R. Coles. My comments on the report are as follows.

- (a) Certificates for former village officials are to hand and await your signature on your next visit.
- (b) I am given to understand that the Aid Post is now completed and is quite a presentable building.
- (c) Because of the isolation of Anir it has always been the tendency for the more influential men to assume judicial powers. The Local Government Council is making every effort to prevent this practise.

Mr. Coles has submitted a good report and it is a considerable improvement on his earlier efforts.

For your information and onforwarding please.

B. J. Batterham

(B.J. BATTERHAM)
a/Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....
Our Reference.....
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
NAMATANAI. N.I.

14th February, 1968.

Assistant District Commissioner,
NAMATANAI.

PATROL REPORT No 9 - 1967-68.
ANIR CENSUS DIVISION.

Please find attached 4 copies of my patrol report to the Anir Census Division.

The last District Administration patrol to the area was in August 1967. Agriculture and Public Health patrols have also visited the area over the last twelve months.

The patrol was of a routine nature and all N.G.L.T.R.O. matters were attended to and have been forwarded under separate cover.

One member of the R.P. & N.G.C. accompanied the patrol.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

This was the first patrol to visit Anir since its incorporation into the Namatanai Multi-Racial Local Government Council. Undoubtedly the Anir Development Council helped to pave the way for the easy introduction of Local Government to the area.

The Development Council operated for about a year with a representative from each village and plantation in the Census Division. It gave the Anir residents an opportunity to voice their opinions, grievances and ideas, and a channel through which they could inform the Administration of the same. Probably it also had some small effect in making the Anir's think of their area as a whole instead of just their own small section of the island. However at the time of the patrol their still remained the inter-clan and inter-village rivalry that has been going on for years.

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In past years due to Anir's isolation and in frequent patrolling the Village officials set up their own "court system" imposing compensation payments to settle disputes and threatening gaol sentences if they weren't paid. This system worked well as very few people called their bluff or if they did the patrolling officer was generally obliged to support the village official in one form or another.

When the councillors were elected they tried the same system only by this stage a number of people had realized that they didn't have the power to give gaol sentences. Thus the councillors found themselves in a position where they had given decisions and made Statements that they couldn't back up.

This officer encouraged the councillors committeemen and villagers to attempt to settle all minor disputes amongst themselves before bringing them to the attention of a patrolling officer. However it was explained that they didn't have the power to give gaol sentences and that some cases they had no right to attempt to settle.

Apart from this the 3 councillors have been doing an excellent job in their words, by holding meetings, informing villagers of what is happening at council meetings and generally encouraging the development of their respective areas.

A number of ex-luluai's and tultuls approached the patrol stating that they considered the Administration had virtually dumped them aside and forgotten about them after many years service to the government. Although they were prepared and in some cases glad to be relieved of their jobs, they considered that they were worthy of some recognition for their services rendered over the years. They were informed that an attempt would be made to obtain certificates from the Director thanking them for their efforts.

The patrol also conducted a pre-election campaign for the House of Assembly elections. The Anir's are better informed on the subject than many other areas in New Ireland and are showing a definite interest in the forthcoming elections. They are acutely aware of their isolation and are disappointed that neither the member for the open or the special electorate in the last "house" visited them. Thus at one of the meetings of the Anir Development Council they made a request to Julius Chan to stand for the open electorate as he was in a position to visit them regularly due to his shipping interests in the area. He accepted and made several pre election trips to the area. William Doris is the only person standing for the open election to visit Anir. No regional candidates have yet visited the area.

2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

While most of the Anir's are as apathetic as other New Ireland villagers several entrepreneurs are developing into successful businessmen, with the assistance of Messrs. Carson and Lacey, and are gaining political and economic influence.

John Sianot who inherited his father's plantation and tractors is in the process of purchasing 2 large areas of land and has requested a loan from the Development Bank to plant the blocks with coconuts.

Misalin of Waranguspik had a tractor delivered about a week before the patrol and is doing well in his own area. As his tractor is being purchased on time payment he asked if it would be possible for him to get a contract to work on the road between Waranguspik and Natong to help pay for his tractor.

Tonagina has already applied for a Development Bank loan to develop one area of land, has purchased another area of about 150 acres near Natong Plantation.

The books of the small copra groups Anir are looked after by Mr. Carson of Malenkolon Plantation. Most of the societies still wish to retain individual status, because of clan ties, however the first sign of amalgamation has been shown by the Balan Copra group. Two small societies have joined together to purchase a tractor with the aid of a Development loan. If this group is successful the others should see the advantages of one large marketing society for the whole of Anir.

The several small trade stores are doing little more than covering the cost of stock, and their trading licences.

3 ROADS & BRIDGES.

All villages on Babase Island are connected by a vehiclur road although there is only one land-rover on the island. The road surface is continually being damaged by rain and keeping it repaired is a constant job.

The road between Balenkolon and Warabona is no longer suitable for traffic. As much of this section goes through low lying swampy land, a large amount of maintenance is required. The locals have considered it no longer practicable and are now cutting a new route along the beach.

4 LAW & ORDER.

The Anir's are a self contained group and most minor disputes are settled amicably amongst themselves.

One case of assault was brought to the attention of the patrol; however as the patrol

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returned by aircraft it was impossible to bring witnesses to Namatanai. The councillor has been asked to bring the defendant and witnesses to Namatanai on the next ship.

5 DEMARCATIION COMMITTEES.

The Demarcation committees were set up on Anir in August 1967 by Mr. Read, Land Titles Commissioner. They are functioning well but are lacking in guidance when something out of the ordinary crops up. At the present stage most of the cultivated areas have been marked out into individual blocks and the uncultivated areas into clan boundaries.

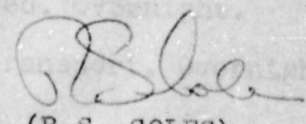
6 HEALTH & HYGIENE.

Several Public Health patrols have visited Anir over the last year. General health of the villagers appears good. Housing is standard and the usual new pit latrines and rubbish pits were built to impress the patrol.

The new aid post at Kamgot being financed by the Council is proceeding slowly. Work was delayed for a week due to lack of materials but when the patrol departed they had arrived. The cement floor was near completion and several hundred bricks had been stockpiled.

7 CONCLUSION.

The Anir's have received the council favourably, and with increasing economic prosperity; The area should develop steadily.


(R.S. COLES)
Patrol Officer.

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PATROL DIARY.

- 10-1-68 Departed Namatanai per M.V. Westward Ho at 9pm for Anir via the Tanga Islands.
- 11-1-68 Arrived Malenkolon Plantation, Anir at 4pm. Equipment unloaded. Overnight.
- 12-1-68 To Balankolon village. Chain and compass survey on Tonagina's block to have it registered under L.T.C. Ordinance Enquiries made re. Malenkolon Virgin Land. Overnight.
- 13-1-68 Villagers addressed re. House of Assembly Elections, Powers and duties of councillors and the Development Bank. To Warabana village - new road and housing inspected. Overnight
- 14-1-68 Sunday observed Warabana.
- 15-1-68 To Natong; village area inspected and people addressed. Aid Post visited. Talks with villagers. Overnight.
- 16-1-68 Walked to Waranguspik inspecting road work on route. Villagers from Tabulam gathered at Waranguspik - Housing and coconuts at both villages inspected. Overnight Warangaspik.
- 17-1-68 To Basakala via Waramung Ptn. and Fatkasang village. Fatkasang villagers addressed at Basakala. Purchase investigation and chain and compass survey on extension to Napang Ptn. Overnight.
- 18-1-68 To Farangot and Warataban village where people addressed and housing and coconuts inspected. Enquires re Malenkolon Virgin Land and N.G.L.T.R.O. Investigation Urantaban.
- 19-1-68 By canoe to Kamgot and Galasu villages on Babase Island. Talks given. Housing and coconuts inspected. Meeting held of all ex-luluai's and Tultul's on Babase. Talks with Demarcation committees. Overnight Kamgot.
- 20-1-68 To Bulam village, people addressed and village area inspected. Walked to Balangit where villagers addressed and housing inspected.
- 21-1-68 Sunday observed Balangit.
- 22-1-68 Banakin and Naliu villages visited. Housing and coconuts inspected and villagers addressed. Overnight.
- 23-1-68 Returning to Kamgot. Awaiting transport. Overnight.
- 24-1-68 Awaiting transport. Overnight.
- 25-1-68 Awaiting transport - patrol report written. Overnight.
- 26-1-68 Arrived Namatanai per Aztec 8 am. End of patrol.

HQ D.D.A.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of New Ireland Report No. 10-67/68

Patrol Conducted by D.C. Ekins C.P.O.

Area Patrolled Tanglanet C.D. - Warangansau - Muliama Road Link

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 1 member R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 9/1/1968 to 23/1/1968 and 20/3/68 to 30/3/68

Number of Days 26

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19

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Map Reference

Objects of Patrol To improve road link between Warangansau and Muliama

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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District Headquarters,
KAVIENG. N.I.D.

2nd September, 1968

Assistant District Commissioner,
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PATROL NAMATAHAI NO. 10 - 67/68

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(M.W. BRIGHTWELL)
a/District Commissioner

→ cc : Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEBOBU.
(Encl.Report)

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24th September, 1968

The District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
KAVIENG.

HAMATANAI 3 - 1967/68

Receipt of the above report by Mr. D. C. Ekins C.P.O. concerning a patrol effecting improvements to the Warangansau-Muliama Road in the Tanglamet Census Division.

2. The delay of eight months in forwarding a report of a patrol carried out in January 1968 indicates inexcusable slackness somewhere.
3. It is noted that a land dispute was settled by arbitration. It is necessary that details of land and land use disputes brought to the attention of a patrol are listed in the patrol report. If the name of the land, its area, the names of the claimants and a locality sketch at least are given, following officers have immediate knowledge of previous action and may be saved time and trouble. There is also a valuable historical record preserved in the departmental library.
4. Generally land ownership should not be handled by arbitration.
5. The report was a good first effort by Mr. Ekins.

(T. W. ELLIS)
Director.

c.c. Mr. D. C. Ekins,
Namatanai,
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(M.W. BRIGHTWELL)
A/District Commissioner

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Department of District Administration,
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Sub-District Office,
NAMATANAI, N.I.

6th April, 1968.

District Commissioner,
KAVIENG.

NAMATANAI PATROL No. 10 of 67/68.
WARANGANSAU - MULIAMA (TANGLEKAT CENSUS DIVISION)

Report by Cadet Patrol Officer Mr. D.C. Ekins of the abovementioned patrol is appended.

As indicated in his instructions and report, this field work had a primary aim of improving a difficult section of road work; and a secondary, but important aim of familiarization and training of this young officer.

Mr. Ekins has submitted an excellent report for a first effort, and has obviously carried out his work diligently.

WATER SUPPLY:

The comments on page 1 will be referred to the Local Government Council for its consideration. If wells are possible, these should be installed, as it is noted that the Water Resources investigation team favour this system.

AID POST AT WARANGANSAU OR SENA.

The remarks on page 3 under "Health" will be referred to P.H.D. for consideration.

ROAD MAINTENANCE.

The programme of 2 days per week on this work is to be temporary only, until improvements are completed. Care is to be taken that no hardship to the Community arises from such work, which will ultimately bring large benefits to them.

Our present staff shortage unfortunately precludes effective follow up of this initial work at this juncture.

(B.A. McCABE)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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Patrol Post,
KONOS.
30th April, 1968.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
NAMATANAI.

PATROL REPORT No. 10-67/68

Forwarded is the above report together with
claims for camping allowance. Also please find the patrol advance
of \$50 for aquittal.

I regret the delay in submission of the report
as I found the amount of work here at Konos necessitated my writing
it at night during any spare time.

David C. Ekins
(David C. Ekins) C.P.O.

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NAMATANAI
New Ireland.

8th January 1968

Mr. CPO EKINS,
NAMATANAI.


PATROL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATROL No. 10 - 1967/68.

As discussed with you last week please be prepared to move to WARANGANSAU tomorrow on the International truck. Take one member of the police detachment with you and a patrol advance of Fifty dollars to cover expenses.

I wish you to carry out improvements to the road link between WARANGANSAU and MULLAMA on the lines I indicated to you on our visit to the area last week. As you know, apart from the construction of side drainage, you will also need to keep an eye of the labour force who will be clearing growth on either side of the road to permit improved drying and these teams will be working from both ends of the road. The culvert construction team should complete the culvert replacing the old timber bridge whilst you are in the area.

This patrol should give you an ample opportunity to learn the lingua franca, and also become familiar with supervising local people and if you are wise you will be asking a lot of questions whilst on the job to get some understanding of local behaviour, and social structure and allied problems.

I trust you have an enjoyable patrol. You will be visited quite frequently by senior officers of this department whilst you are at Warangansau.


R. K. Greaney
Assistant District Commissioner.

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PATROL DIARY

9/1/68 to 23/1/68 and 20/3/68 to 30/3/68

TUESDAY 9/1/68 1000 hrs. Departed Namatanai for Warangansau. Prepared list of teams to repair road. Heard dispute over land.

WEDNESDAY 10/1/68 0700-1600 hrs. Supervised work on culvert and clearing of bush.

THURSDAY 11/1/68 0700-1600 hrs. Completed culvert. Continuation of clearing of bush.

FRIDAY 12/1/68 Mission day for villagers. Heard complaint. Truck to Suma to get cement.

SATURDAY 13/1/68 Front suspension of truck collapsed. Went to Pulpulu to request villagers to make a new road near new culvert.

SUNDAY 14/1/68 Observed at Warangansau.

MONDAY 15/1/68 0700-1600 hrs. Supervised construction of side drains and clearing of bush. Women were making repairs to the road.

TUESDAY 16/1/68 0750-1600 hrs. Completed first series of side drains. Began larger drains. Supervised clearing of bush.

WEDNESDAY 17/1/68 0700-1600 hrs. Finished construction of large drains. Coroneus and stones used to build up road. Continuation of clearing of bush.

THURSDAY 18/1/68 0700-1600 hrs. Supervised team clearing bush and larger trees.

FRIDAY 19/1/68 Mission day for villagers. Inspected gardens and plantations.

SATURDAY 20/1/68 At Warangansau.

SUNDAY 21/1/68 Observed at Warangansau.

MONDAY 22/1/68 Supervised work on building up of road. Clearing of bush nearly completed.

TUESDAY 23/1/68 Finished clearing of bush from side of road. Travelled to Muliama with Mr Batterham.

WEDNESDAY 24/1/68 Returned to Namatanai.

END OF FIRST PART OF PATROL

- WEDNESDAY 20/3/68 Travelled to Warangansau. Paid all labour for work already done.
- THURSDAY 21/3/68 Widened the drains in preparation for cementing. Women building up road.
- FRIDAY 22/3/68 Mission day for villagers.
- SATURDAY 23/3/68 At Warangansau. Tractor to Namatanai
- SUNDAY 24/3/68 Observed at Warangansau.
- MONDAY 25/3/68 0700-1600 hrs. Finished widening drains. All cement and sand carried to hill in preparation for cementing.
- TUESDAY 26/3/68 First laying of cement in drains.
- WEDNESDAY 27/3/68 Heavy rain all day prevented any work being done. Inspected drains for any rain damage.
- THURSDAY 28/3/68 Finished cementing drains. Other drains widened.
- FRIDAY 29/3/68 Team for Wednesday carried cement to next hill. Carried stone and concrete to lay on steep part of hill.
- SATURDAY 30/3/68 Recalled to Namatanai. Departed 0900 hrs.

END OF PATROL

The total number of days spent on the patrol was reduced to twenty-six. The work accomplished was quite substantial considering that for most of the patrol the whole working and therefore all the activities of the villagers, the loss of a vehicle was a result of the breakdown of the truck after the first week in the first part of the patrol, and the tractor and trailer were in the second part of the patrol and unable to negotiate the steep hills.

In some cases in the introduction the village was already associated with the Warangansau. This village was seen and some other villages were visited.

All three places are well situated, the road going through the middle of them, and are well along the road.

The water supply at Warangansau and also in the middle of the three places is Warangansau. There is a well about a mile from the village which provides water for the village and another well near through the hill to the Warangansau. In some cases there are two wells - one which provides for the village. Water supply is difficult to get at these three places. There are a number of wells and several streams which supply all domestic water.

Animals and cultivated crops are seen. All three places are well along the road and are well situated.

Patrol Post,
KONOS.
25th April, 1968.

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

NAMAPANAI PATROL REPORT No. 10 of 1967/68
9/1/68 to 23/1/68 and 20/3/68 to 30/3/68

(a) INTRODUCTION

The area patrolled was the Waranganau - Muliama road link which is 65 miles south from Namatanai on the East Coast Road. The road link which was the immediate area of the patrol is approximately 4 miles long and covers an extremely rugged and hilly area. Most of the comments under the following headings relate only to Waranganau as Muliama was visited on one occasion only and Sema only when moving between Waranganau and Namatanai.

As indicated in the instructions this patrol was primarily to improve the road link. It was established on a residential basis in Waranganau Village and hence it was possible to carry out more fully the secondary aims of the instructions.

Due to interruptions caused by pre-election and election patrols the total number of days spent on the patrol was reduced to twenty-six.

The road improvements were quite substantial considering that for most of the time there was no vehicle working and therefore all the carrying of materials was done by the villagers. The lack of a vehicle was a result of the breakdown of the 1 ton truck after two days work in the first part of the patrol, and the tractor and trailer used in the second part of the patrol was unable to negotiate the steep hills.

(b) VILLAGES

As mentioned in the introduction the village most closely associated with Waranganau. Five miles north was Sema and four miles south was Muliama.

All three places are well situated, the road going through the middle of them, and are all close to the sea.

The water supply at Waranganau and Sema is the poorest of the three places. At Waranganau there is a creek about half a mile from the village which provides clean drinking water and another which runs through the village but becomes muddy when in flood. At Sema there are two small creeks which provide for the village. Water tanks are definitely needed at these two places. Muliama has a water tank and several creeks which supply all domestic needs.

Cleanliness and sanitation are good at all three places. The use of small houses is patronised and personal hygiene is good.

The standard of housing at the three villages varied in standard. Generally the houses on stilts are neat and well kept; the others built on the ground tended to be shabby. At Muliama all the houses are of a high standard.

(c) VILLAGE OFFICIALS

At Warangansau there is a Councillor, TINGUN, who represents the three villages, and two committee members, TABUNEL and TAOBETI. The Councillor is respected by all three villages although some feel that he does not speak enough at the Council meetings. Of the two committee members TABUNEL is respected but TAOBETI is considered inefficient.

At Sena the two committee members are TOMATEP and WAIWI. Both these men command respect from their villagers.

The only committee member encountered from Muliama was BEN TOPIKUL a former Council President who is well respected.

The main duties of the committees is to represent the Councillor in each of the villages and to ensure that the villagers carry out any measures implemented by the Council. They also ensure that the rest houses are kept clean as well as the rest of the village.

(d) POLITICAL SITUATION

There was no indication of any cultist activities in the area. The attitude towards the Administration was very good. It is also good with respect to Europeans and Missions. There was mixed feeling towards Chinese and mixed-race people.

There was no large degree of absenteeism from the villages and most of these absent were students.

No major social problems were encountered.

(e) AGRICULTURE

The basic form of agriculture is the subsistence farming on individually owned gardens. In addition to the usual staples of sweet potato, yams, taro and bananas, there are such introduced crops as maize and tomatoes. There did not seem to be a surplus for cash sale. I inspected most of the gardens and all were in good condition.

Cash cropping is carried on only with coconuts. These are grown in individually owned plantations and also on communal mission plantations. The copra is dried at the villages and sold to a Chinese at Himau plantation for about six dollars a bag.

There are usually about one to two thousand trees on the larger plantations. At Warangansau there would be approximately 8000 trees of which 6000 are immature.

The only plant disease occurs with coconuts but this is being controlled by spraying.

Pigs and poultry are the only livestock kept in the area and are entirely for domestic use.

(f) TRADE STORES

Trade stores at Sena and Muliama are the only commercial establishments engaged in by the villagers and serve mainly the residents in the respective villages. The stores are both group enterprises.

(g) COMPLAINTS

Two complaints were brought forward but were both only minor. One involved a land dispute and the other a domestic fight. Both were arbitrated and the decisions reached were satisfactory to the parties concerned.

(h) REST HOUSES

The rest house at Warungasman is situated in the middle of the village and is in poor condition. It only has two rooms and in places the floor and walls are deteriorating. The reasons given for this were that the house is rarely used for over-night stays but only as a resting place during the day.

The rest house at Mollama is in good condition and well situated.

(i) HEALTH

The health of the majority of the people in the three villages was very good. There was th, isolated case of grilile and several of the children had symptoms of dietary deficiency e.g. running noses.

The only Aid Post in the area is at Mollama and this is clean and well stocked with supplies to tend to any minor injury that might arise in the village. It is three hours walk over the hills from Warungasman and about four and a half from Sema. Du, to this I feel an Aid Post is necessary either at Warungasman or Sema.

(j) EDUCATION

At Warungasman there is a Methodist missionary school which has about ten students and teaches only pidgin. Attendance here is irregular. Several children from the area attend the Primary school at Sunuranga and a majority from Mollama attend the Catholic school at Vello.

Because of their increasing influence the Seventh Day Adventist mission is considering building a school at Sema.

(k) MISSIONS

(1) Methodist : This group have the largest following in the area. There is a church at Warungasman and Mollama in charge of mission boys. Both run small primary schools. They have small land holdings which are worked by the villagers each Friday.

(2) Catholic : This group has only a few adherents in each village. There is a church at Sema under the jurisdiction of a mission boy.

(3) Seventh Day Adventist : Two native missionaries are working in this area and appear to be poaching quite a few members of the Methodist and Catholic churches. It is their intention to build a school at Sema in the near future.

(l) ROADS AND BRIDGES

The road between Warungasman and Mollama is in very poor condition for the first half although the work carried out during the patrol has improved it considerably. It covers extremely rugged terrain and in the wet season the numerous steep hills make the road passable to 4-wheel drive vehicles only.

The main reason for the poor condition for the poor condition of the road was that moisture could not escape by run off or evaporation and hence large bogs were formed. However with the removal of trees and bush from both sides of the road, the construction of side - drains and the build up of the road in general, it now dries out quickly after rain and is quite passable.

Before the patrol the people did not do any maintenance to the road but their response during the patrol was very good. Most of the materials were carried manually and considerable repairs were carried out by the women to build up the road. The villagers have now agreed to maintain the road two days per week.

There is a native contractor making cement culverts along the road and these are of a high standard and serve their purpose well. All the materials are supplied by the Council.

I feel that more interest should be taken by P.W.D. in this road as it serves quite an important communications link for villagers in the south of the island. The work carried out during the patrol can only be of a temporary nature, however if heavy equipment was to be used in improving the road it would certainly be of a higher standard and more lasting.

(a) PERSONNEL

(i) Police: Const. MAKALE performed his duties well. (see Appendix C)

(ii) Drivers: Both WANPIS and TOMAS were capable and efficient drivers.

(a) CONCLUSION

This was my first patrol and I feel I have gained a considerable amount of knowledge from it. The secondary aims of the patrol instructions were achieved, resulting in improved fluency in the lingua franca and a closer understanding of the native people.

As mentioned above, the improvements to the road were considerable but temporary. The delays and interruptions caused by the breakdown of the truck and the House of Assembly elections limited the amount of work that could have been done. However, in consideration of this, the efforts of the local people were excellent and this is illustrated by the substantial improvements.

David Clarke
deputy Patrol Officer

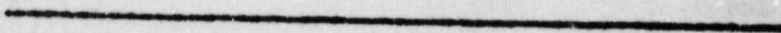
APPENDIX B

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Warangansau: Councillor TINGUN
 Committee TAOBETI
 " TABUNEL

Sena : Committee TOMATEP
 " WAIWI

Muliana : Committee BEN TOPIKUL



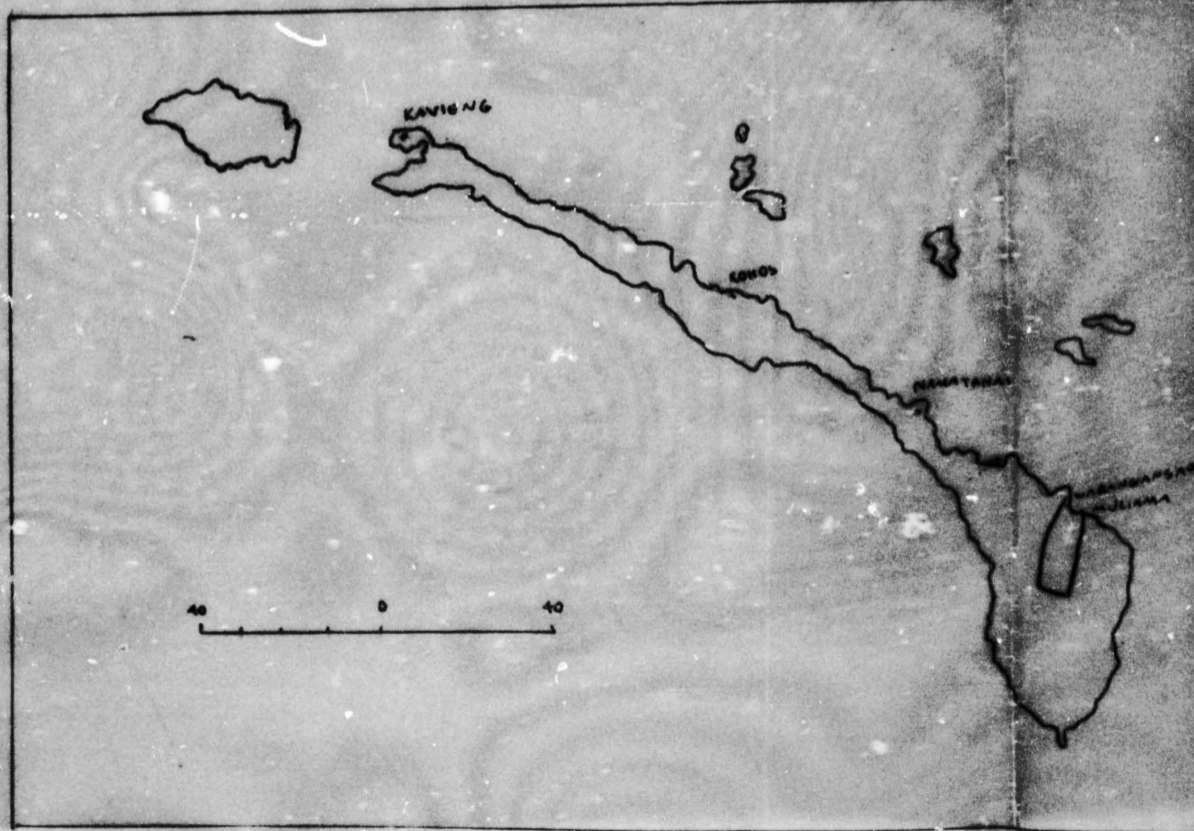
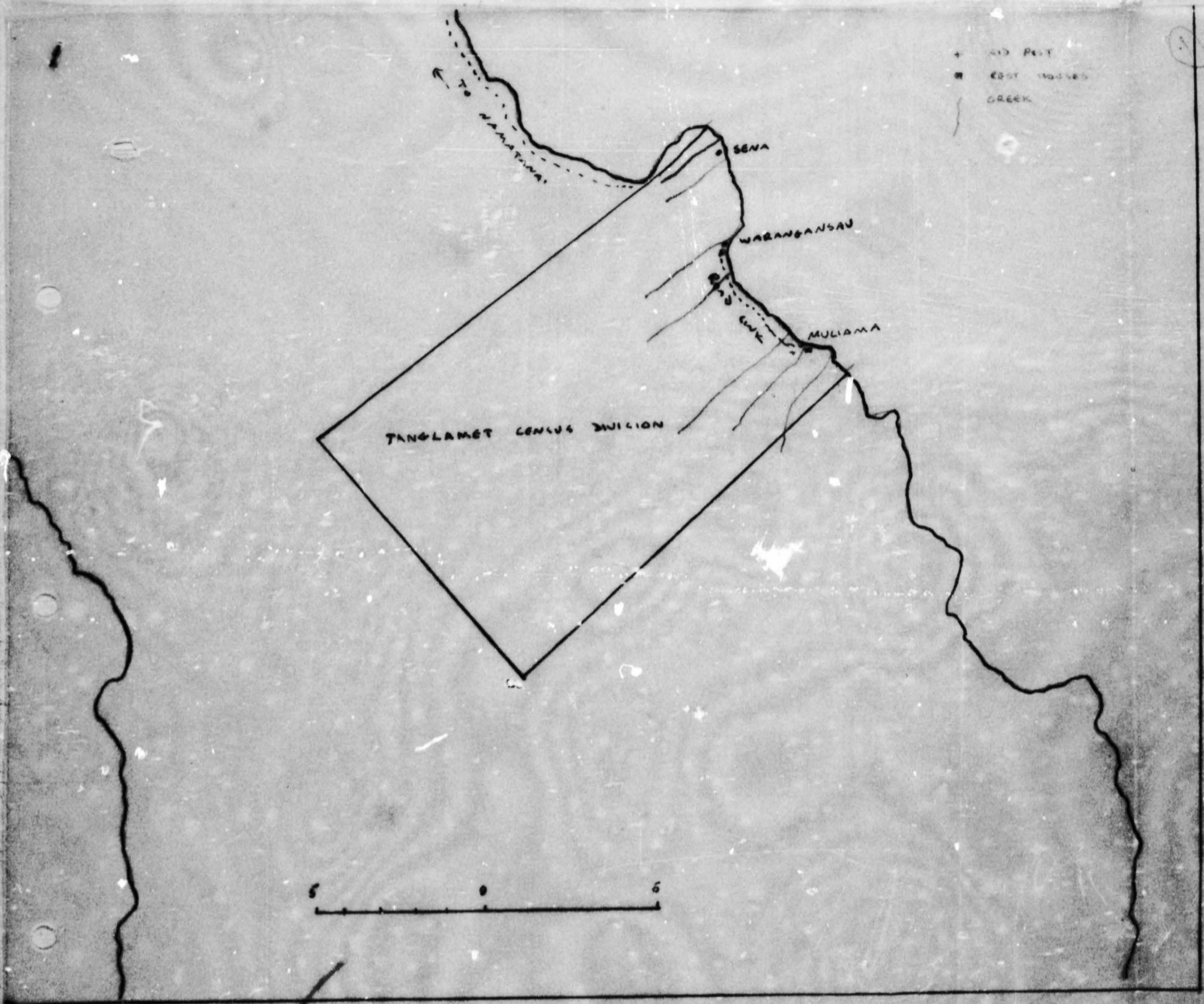
APPENDIX C

PATROL POLICE

	<u>Conduct</u>	<u>Dress</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Const. MAKALE	Good	Good	Appears casual but a good patrol policeman.

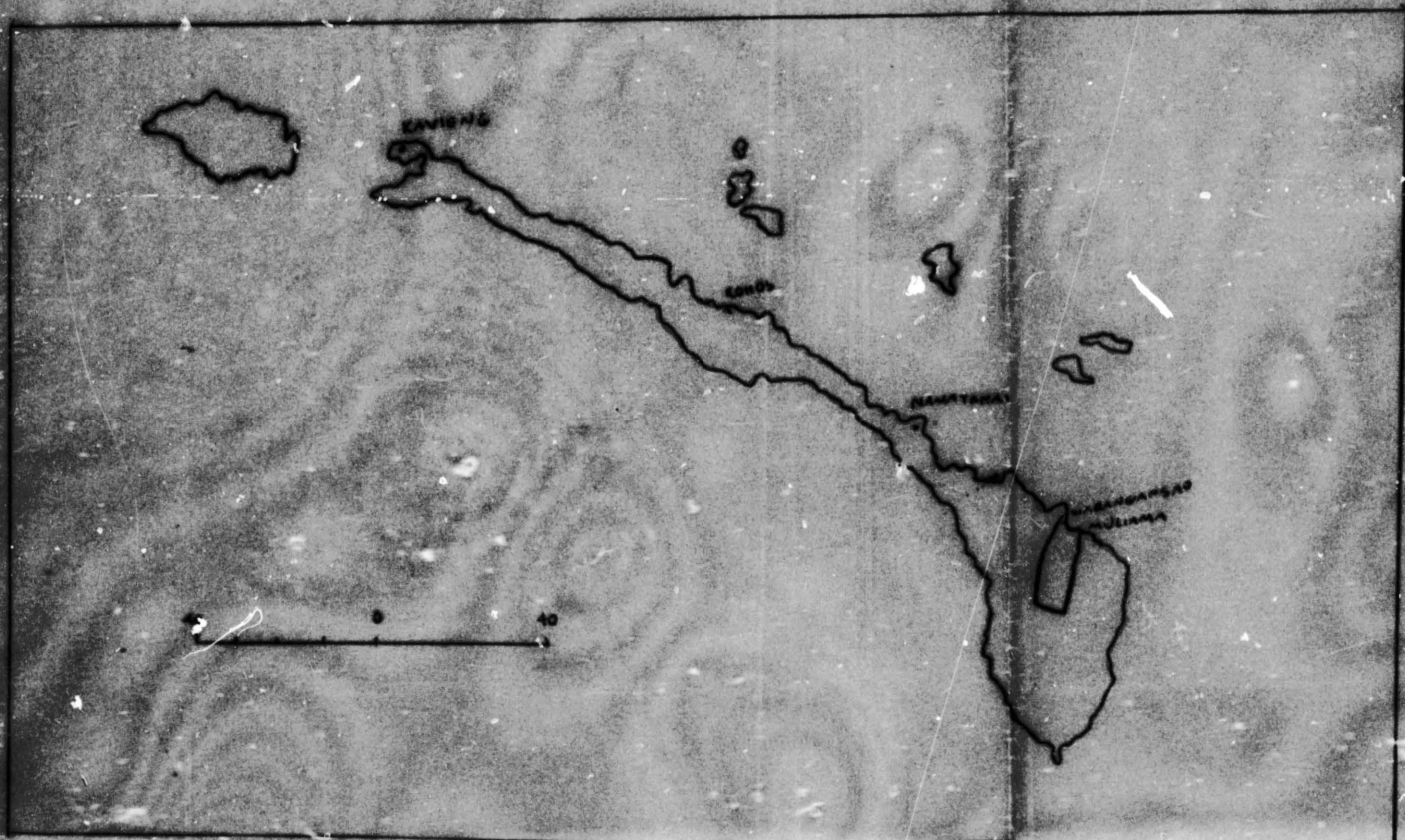
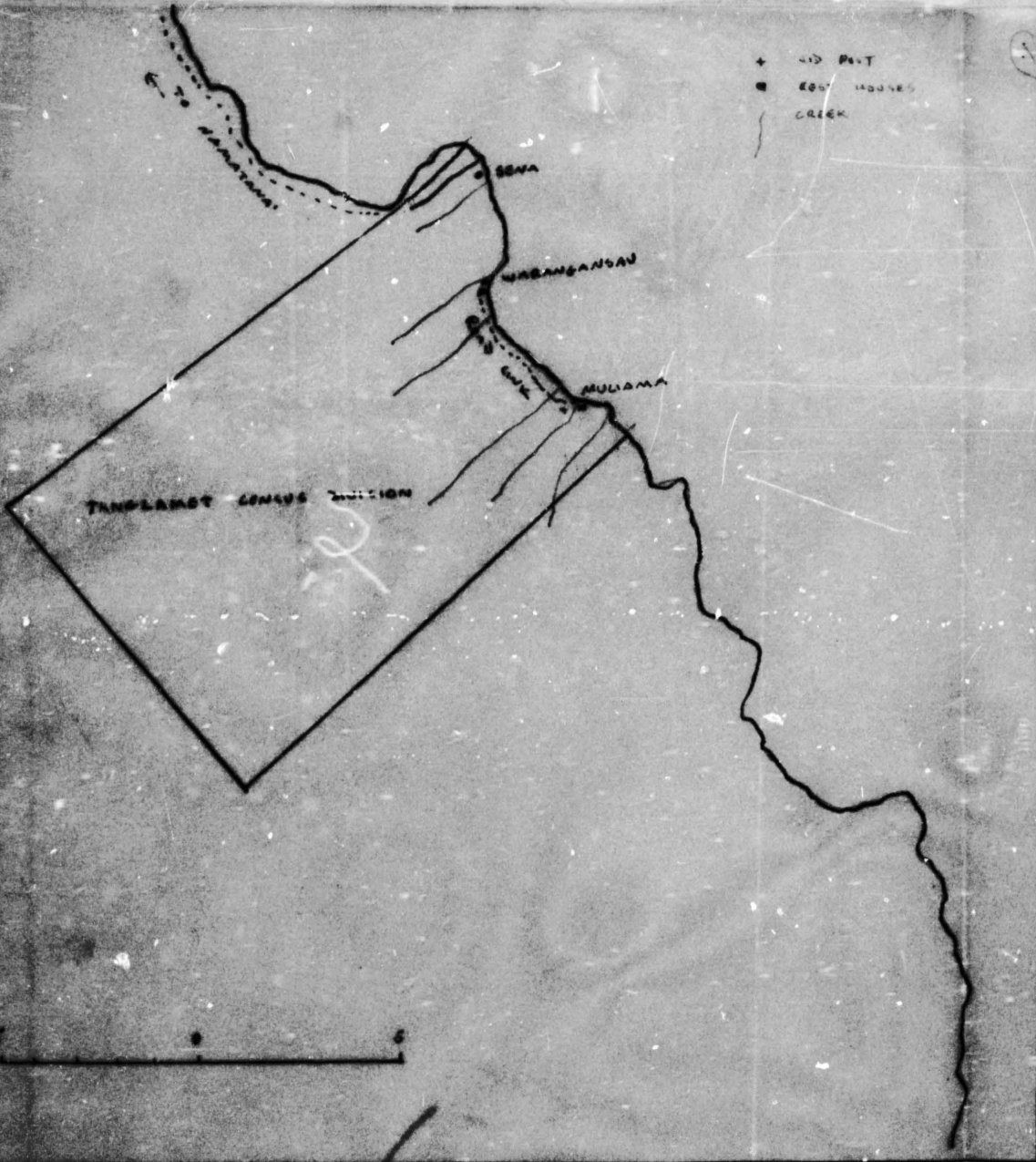
DRIVERS

Driver WANPIS	Good	Good	A willing and efficient driver.
Driver TOMAS	Good	Fair	Is independent but a good driver



APPENDIX D

- + OLD PATH
- EAST HOUSES
- CREEK



HQ. D.D.A. KONE DOBU



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of New Ireland Report No. Nam 11 - 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by R. S. Coles Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part of Lihir Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No

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

Duration—From 27/4/1968 to 20/5/1968 (broken period)

Number of Days 9

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 3/1968

Medical 7/1967

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol Police Investigation, Work on Londolovit -Putput Road

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

30/8/1968

M. W. Dughwell
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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September 27th, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
KAVIRANGA.

PATROL NAMATAVAI 11-67/68

Receipt of a patrol report submitted by
Mr. R.S. Coles P.O. in relation to a patrol carried
out to a part of the LIHIR Census Division in May,
1968, is acknowledged.

(W.R. DISMON)
A/Director.

c.c. Mr. R.S. Coles,
Sub District Office,
NAMATAVAI.

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District Headquarters,
KAVIENG. N.I.D.

2nd September, 1968

~~Assistant District Commissioner,~~
~~NAMATANAI.~~

NAMATANAI PATROL NO. 11 OF 1967/68

Receipt is acknowledge of the abovementioned report compiled by Mr. R.S. Coles, Patrol Officer.

It is noted that a Coronial enquiry is to be held on or after 5th October, 1968 into the disappearance of four P.W.D. employees from a raft, and that your tentative conclusion is that the body was that of one of the missing men. Your findings in due course will be appreciated.

M. W. Brightwell

(M.W. BRIGHTWELL)
a/District Commissioner

—> cc : Director,
Department of District Administration,
KORODU.
(Encl/Report)

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B.M./j.m.

Sub-District Office,
NAMATANAI, N.I.

16th August, 1968.

District Commissioner,
KAVIENG.

NAMATANAI PATROL No. 11 - 1967/68.

Please find herewith two copies of a report of the above patrol, prepared by Mr. R. Coles, Patrol Officer. It is regretted that this report was mislaid for a time, and consequently delayed.

The patrol carried out its two objects, investigation of a body washed up on MAHUR IS, and inspection of road work satisfactorily.

It seems highly probable that the body washed up was that of one of the P.W.D. employees carried out to sea on a raft off the adjacent New Ireland east coast, on 5th April, 1968. A Coronial finding has been made in respect to this unidentified body, but in conformity with Section 22 of the Coroner's Ordinance, no finding on the four missing P.W.D. employees will be made before 5th October 1968.

Road Works.

It is intended that the next patrol to Lihir should check the difficult gradient mentioned at the head of Page 2, to ensure that efforts are not again wasted. This may not be until October.

The tractor and trailer for LIHIR is to be shipped over with its driver in the near future. Rev. Fr. Glemmer of Catholic Mission PALIE has offered to assist in its efficient employment.

Copra Marketing.

The Co-operative Officer is at present conducting a survey on Lihir with a view to establishing the third Society in the Subdistrict.

B.A. McCabe

(B.A. McCABE)
Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference..... **67 - 1 - 1**
If calling ask for
Mr..... **R.C./J.m.**

Department of District Administration,

Sub-District Office,
NAMATANAI, N.I.

~~10th July, 1968.~~

10th July, 1968.

Assistant District Commissioner,
NAMATANAI.

PATROL REPORT No. 11 67/68 - LIHIR ISLANDS.

The main object of this patrol was to carry out a police investigation into a reported missing body, washed up upon Mahur Island. An N.G.L.T.R.O. Investigation and an inspection of the work done on the Put Put - Londolovit road were also attended to during the patrol.

The 2 short visits to Lihir took a total of 9 days.

The patrol was accompanied by a Local Government Assistant and a Police Constable.

The local government assistant collected tax from all who had not previously paid at Mahur and Londolovit. Those owing tax paid willingly, although in several instances some hardship was in finding the required amount.

Undoubtedly the council projects, in these 2 areas has made the council very popular with the locals, (i.e. watertank at Mahur, Road contract Put put - Londolovit and the proposed aid post at Londolovit 1968/69 estimates). However in talking with the villagers it is obvious that many people consider the sole aims of the Council are to provide capital works with tax collected and for councillors to take over the role of Luluai as village "policeman".

By continuous propaganda from Administration officers and councillors the villagers will undoubtedly come to realize the multivarious aspects of local government.

ROADS.

The patrol also inspected the road link between Put put and Londolovit.

The natives from both villages and the labour from Londolovit Plantation have done a lot of work on the road over the last few months but there are still several sections requiring attention before the road will be trafficable.

The section from Londolovit to the Sulphur Springs is rough but at present trafficable to 4 wheel drive vehicles.

The main obstacle to overcome is the mountain near Put put. A road was cut up the mountain by the villagers but on inspection the gradient was found too steep.

A new route to by-pass this section has been found by Councillor Lagetan and work is expected to commence on this section in the near future. To the naked eye this appears a more suitable gradient and the only practicable alternative.

The gradient on several other small sections of the road is also too steep but they should present no great problem and can be overcome by manual labour.

If the Administration could send the tractor - trailer to Lihir as arranged last year it would speed up the work generally, and encourage the people.

LAW & ORDER.

A police investigation was carried out regarding an unidentified body washed ashore on Mahur Island. The body had been in the water for some time and appeared to have been mauled by sharks.

The outer layer of skin was gone as were various parts of the body.

The witnesses could not identify the body as a male but they were unable to give any positive identification regarding the size, age or race of the body.

It is probable that the body was one of the four Public Works employees, washed away from the New Ireland mainland on a raft in early April.

The only other report of a missing person in the area was a Tanga villager reported drowned about, 3 months previously.

A full report has already been submitted to the Assistant District Commissioner.

No other police matters were brought to the attention of the patrol. Lihir being a relatively isolated area the councillors and village committees settle most matters by arbitration.

SOCIETIES.

Village leaders from the Put put - Londolovit area, requested that a marketing society be started in their area. The problem in this area is that many villagers are being cheated out of much of their copra money by a few enterprising natives who have copra numbers. Many villagers are obliged to market their copra under another native's number. Poor records, if any are kept and the amount the average villager receives depends upon the whim of the number holder.

A small society is operated from Pango village by John Aisika, a former co-operatives clerk. For some months he has only been able to pay 3 to 4 cents per pound due to the small amount of copra sold to the

society and the fact that the society has several employees. These prices for copra offered by the society are not very competitive and unless something can be done in the near future, the society must lose ground. It was also noticed that John Aisika's brother and cousin had both applied for licences to buy copra. This does not indicate a great deal of loyalty towards the society.

For some time it has been planned to introduce a marketing society to Lihir using the existing frame work of the society at Pango. However if something is not done in the coming months it is thought that there may no longer be a society to do this through.

CONCLUSION.

The most pressing needs for Lihir at the present time appear to be an improvement and extension of the road system on the main island and the establishment of a marketing society. If the Administration tractor could be sent to Lihir this should encourage the people and speed up road works. The possibility of a marketing society appears to be in the hands of the Co-operatives Officer.

R. S. Coles.

(R.S. COLES)
Patrol Officer.

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PATROL DIARY.

- 27-4-68 2pm to Lihir Group per M.V Robert. Arrived PARLIE Mission 6pm. To Komat where overnight.
- 28-4-68 Observed. To Londolovit per M.V. Robert. Overnight.
- 29-4-68 Walked from Londolovit to Putput to carry out vehicular road inspection. Returned to Londolovit where overnight.
- 30-4-68 Per M.V. Robert to Masahet Island. Parents of presumed drowned P.W.D. employee informed. To Mahur Island. Provisional Order carried out on LIMVESAOL (Catholic Mission) at Kwelen. Arrangements made for police investigation the next day. Overnight.
- 1-5-68 Local govt. assistant collecting tax. Investigation and statements taken re. body washed ashore. Inspection of council tank. Left over council materials loaded on M.V. Robert. To Parlie arriving 6pm. Overnight Pango.
- 2-5-68 2.30 am departed for Namatanai per M.V. Robert, arriving 6am. End of patrol.
- Break
- 17-5-68 4am departed Namatanai for Londolovit per Yampi Lass via Lakakot Parlie and Putput. Arrived Putput 5pm Arrangements made for councillors transport to the coming meeting. Overnight.
- 18-5-68 To Londolovit Plantation. Statement obtained from labourer re. land purchase in Southern Highlands District. To Putput per outboard canoe. Locals advised of mining exploration permit issued over island. No complaints. New site for road at Putput Mountain inspected. Overnight.
- 19-5-68 Observed. Overnight Putput.
- 20-5-68 Per M.V. Robert to Namatanai with councillors.

End of Patrol.
