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1965/1966

BOLUBOLU

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# PATROL REPORT

District of MILNE BAY Report No. 1- 65/66

Patrol Conducted by WILLIAM H. BLOXAM, C.F.O.

Area Patrolled GOODENOUGH ISLAND

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Part - time

Natives KWALIMU LOFENA - Trainee Patrol Officer

Duration—From 30./7./1965 to 12./8./1965

Number of Days 14 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 5/1965

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

Map Reference Goodenough Milinch Army Series.

Objects of Patrol Refer Patrol Instructions

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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Mr.....

Patrol Post,  
BOLUBOLU,  
Milne Bay District.

13th August, 1965.

Assistant District Officer,  
BOLUBOLU,  
Milne Bay District.

PATROL REPORT No. 1 - 65/66

INTRODUCTION

The main purpose of this patrol was the dissemination of Local Government Council election propaganda and to accept nominations by candidates for the elections due to start on 16th August, 1965. Mr. Downes accompanied the patrol for the first few days.

Talks on the introductions of decimal currency were also given as per patrol instructions all of which were given by Trainee Patrol Officer, Kalimu Lofena, who accompanied me on the patrol.

Road and bridge construction methods were noted and will be invaluable to me upon my return to Esa'ala.

Routine matters that arose were attended to and two court cases were referred to A.D.O. Bolubola.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL ELECTION PROPAGANDA.

Meetings were held with all villages on Goodenough Island.

The methods used were to explain the system of voting and marking of the ballot papers and then to use three people in a demonstration of an election using typed ballot papers in place of genuine ones. I found that the people understood this, whereas few could understand the verbal instructions.

Nominations on the whole were good, the average being two (2) per village. Iauiaula and Upper Wataluma nominated three people and Idakamenai nominated four. Wakonai, however, refused to put forward a nomination because the Village Constable and the Councillor were courted for lighting fires without a permit. Their reasoning being, that these two people were employed by the government and therefore should be above the Law. Although they have not, as yet, forwarded a nomination, I feel that the matter is well in hand.

DECIMAL CURRENCY.

Talks on decimal currency were given by Trainee Patrol Officer, Kalimu Lofena. Although well put forward, few people could understand them owing to their basic lack of maths. Many people wanted to see the new money, and if some examples had been available more people would have understood.

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DIARY

July 1965.

Friday 30th Depart Bolubolu per ' M.V. Bagana' 10.15 am. Arrive Lower Wataluma 12.15 p.m. With carriers proceed to Upper wataluma. Arrive 2.15 pm. Housing inspection done. Sleep there.

Saturday 30th. Talks given on Local Government Council election and decimal currency with the people from Upper and Lower Wataluma. Depart 11.0 a.m.. Arrive Idakamanai 2.0 pm. Sleep there.

August

Sunday 1st Sleep Idakamanai

Monday 2nd Give talks. Depart 8.30 am and arrive Kalimatabutabu 10.0 am. Give talks on L.G.C. and decimal currency. Depart 3.noon . Arrive Wakonai 1.30 p.m. Give talks to Wakonai and Vivigani people.

Tuesday 3rd. Depart Wakonai 7.30 a.m. by tractor. Arrive Bolubolu 9.0 a.m. Picked up ration and proceed to Mataita. Arrive 10.30 a.m. Give talks to the people. Depart 12 noon and arrive 1.30 pm at Faiava. Sleep there

Wednesday 4th. Give talks to Faiava and Ufufu people. Depart 11.30 a.m. Arrived 2.0 p.m. at Bwaidoga . Give talks and sleep there.

Thursday 5th Depart Bwaidoga 8.30 a.m. . Arrive Wagifa 10.0 a.m. Give talks and did housing inspection. Depart Wagifa 11.30 a.m. and arrive Abolo 12.30 p.m. Give talks and did housing inspection. Sleep Abolo.

Friday 6th Depart Absle 8.30 a.m. Arrive Kilia 10.30 a.m. Give t talks and inspection done. Depart Kilia 12.30 p.m. and arrive 1.30 p.m. at Lauwela. Sleep Lauwela.

Saturday 7th Give talks to Lauwela people . Depart 12.30 p.m. and arrive Awale 1.30 p.m. Gave talks. Depart Awale 2.15 p.m. Arrive Moratau 3.15 p.m. Housing inspection done. Sleep Moratau.

Sunday 8th Sleep Moratau

Monday 9th Give talks to Moratau people. Depart 11.0 a.m. Arrive Iauiaula 2.50 p.m. Sleep Iauiaula. Housing inspection

Tuesday 10th Give talks to Iauiaula people. Depart 11.30 a.m. by canoe. Arrive Waibula 3.15 p.m. Housing inspection Sleep Waibula.

Wednesday 11th. Give talks . Depart 10.30 a.m. Arrive Ufaufa 11.0 a.m. by canoe. Give talks to Ufaufa people. Housing inspection. Sleep Ufaufa.

Thursday 12th Depart ufaufa 10.0 am by canoe. Arrive Lower Wataluma 3.30 p.m. Depart Lower Wataluma at 3.45 p.m. per council tractor. Arrive Bolubolu 6.0 p.m.

End

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## Introduction.

The Purpose of this patrol was the dissemination of Local Government Council election propaganda and the introduction of the decimal currency. The Local Government Council election talks were presented by the Cadet Patrol Officer, Mr. Bloxam, while I gave the talks on the decimal currency. The A.D.O., Mr. Downes accompanied the patrol for the first couple of days to supervise the meetings and he left it under the responsibilities of the Cadet Patrol Officer.

### Local Government Council Election

This was presented by Mr. Bloxam himself all the way through. Despite the failures of not receiving any nominations at Wakonai, Mataaita 1 and Mataaita 2, meetings were held successfully. (For details, vide ~~in~~ ex). The talks were given in accordance with the instructions and the people seemed to absorb the information quickly after a demonstration on the election procedure was given. At Wakonai and Vivigani nominations were not received because they have an ill-feeling towards the Government as the two village officials from each village were asked to fine courts for misuse of fire which destroyed arable lands. Mataaita 1 and Mataaita 2 do not seem to understand the function of a council, in particular, Goodenough Island Local Government Council. They told that the Council is not helping them in anyway at all so in reply they told what the Council's intention towards the development of the Island. They were reminded that the Council to start with, erected an Aid Post at Waibula, bought a tractor for transportation of copra or to improve the roads. These failures are well underway to be solved.

### Decimal Currency

The decimal currency talks were presented by me all the way through the patrol. I found that although it was presented well about 90% of the people who attended the meeting hardly absorbed some information. They did not get frightened of it but it seemed to me that they were puzzled. This should be overcome if a patrol for that purpose is proposed and is equipped with all that is needed to make the people more understandable. They asked me to see the money undergoing exchange system.

### Agriculture

At the Island, subsistence crops include yams, taro, (both of them are the staple foods), banana, sugarcane and sweet potatoes. These are planted in either communal or individual gardens. It varies from place to place. At present it is their planting season but nearly three months now rain has fallen yet and this handicapped the crops growing. It worries many people of their future food problems but they have sufficient surplus to keep them going.

Cash crops include copra, chillie, cacao and coffee. Copra plays an important role at present as most of the people gain money income from it to pay their taxes. Many individual people own a copra dryer or smoke house. After these copra are dried they are sold to either Copra Marketing Board at Samarai or sold to the European plantation owners. Villagers for instance Idakamanai and Kalimatahutebu grow chillie and often the harvests are sold to the Patrol Post. Cacao are grown at Faiava and Utalo. At Faiava the trees bear fruits now and those at Utalo had commenced to blossom. Agricultural Field Officers stationed at Bolubolu often patrol these place to advise the people. I was informed by an Agricultural officer that experiments will be carried out at Utalo on Coffee growing.

Although the development of cash cropping is encouraging,



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If the people attempt to stop setting fire on the grasslands near the coconut plantations, because there has been already some coconuts destroyed, Evakibo from Idakamanai has already lost about 120 imature and mature coconuts.

#### Commerce and Industry

There are number of natives Trade Stores at the Island. They not only sell rice, meat (canned) and tobacco but also copra which they sell to either Copra Marketig Board at Smarai or to the European plantation owners. Besides trading through stores, women clubs also bake scones and bread occasionally and sell them to the village communities.

#### Health

Malaria has been the common sickness on the island but none brought to my notice of this patrol. This is probably because of this anti-malaria tablets which the people have been taking for last couple of months. General health was good; children were healthy and strong.

#### Education

Compared to the number of schools at the island, there are more mission schools than Government. Roman Catholic and Methodist Overseas Mission Schools are scattered all over the island while there is only one government school. Although this Mission school has many children, according to the way they teach them I should prefer ~~some~~ one more government school to be located at the island. These Mission schools teach preparation classes up to standard three and the children who are capable of going any further are sent to other places outside the island.

#### Roads and Bridges

A vehicular road runs from Bwaidoga to Ufaufa and it is at present used by a tractor and a motor bike. It is kept under good condition: grass are kept low by the village people; bridges are repaired and creeks are cut at the sides to make possible for the vehicles to go ford.

Nevertheless the creeks may be impassable during the rainy periods. Particularly those creeks at south east part of the island.

### Villages

At most of the hamlets, inspections were carried out. There were two common faults came into my notice, viz, lack of ventilation and toilets. Kalauna is an example of such hamlets. The walls are made of indurable materials such as palm leaves and para grass. Not one person has a toilet built. Everyone seemed to use the nearby bushes instead. This is a common feature of most of the villages that were inspected.

Iauiaula for instance was a good village because all the houses were lined up in order having blossomed flower gardens running and down the clean and tidy streets. All the houses have one dimension and have ventilations. This apparently has been organized by the councillor, Robert, who was one time a dental assistant. He proposed to bring all the hamlets together to make one village so as to make it possible of easy administration purposes.

Upper Wataluma houses <sup>seemed</sup> to that they needed rebuilt or repaired. Walls and roofs dangling over their supporters. Its street was terribly dirty owing to the fine but dirty sandy top soils. This spoils the walls and the floors, I presumed, during the windy periods. Advices were given to improve the conditions.

### Barracks

Most of the barracks were generally well looked after others were not, so instructions given for rebuilding or repairing. The barrack at Upper Wataluma was the worst one of all I came across. @x

### Carriers

As usual it was hard to get carriers at some barracks but others were helpful as they prepared to come forward when they <sup>asked</sup>. Their condition at patrol was good.

### Village Officials

It seemed to me that most of the village officials--Village Constables and Local Government Councilors-- look after their villages well. Some do not, particularly Village Constable from Upper Wataluma. He has not got power of command or lazy to carry out his duty. As a result his village and roads are as mentioned above

Village constables from Waihula and Abolo asked for resignation so their names were submitted to the A.D.O. at Bolubolu for further consideration.

Complaints

Few complaints were brought before the Patrol - two misuses of fire cases, one adultery and one stealing and they were submitted to the A.D.O. for hearing. Minor complaints were arbitrated by the Cadet Patrol Officer, Mr. Baxham.

End  
*[Signature]*

Appendix II

Police

Senior Constable ~~any~~, Havia. He has a power of command but lacks initiative.

Constable Assisi. Generally good, obeys instruction, and has a power of command.

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Appendix II

The number of nominations from each village are as follows:-

<u>Village</u>	<u>Nomination</u>
1. Upper Wataluma	..... 2
2. Lower Wataluma	..... 1
3. Idakamansi	..... 4
4. Kalinatabutabu	..... 2
5. Eweli	..... 2
6. Belabele	..... 3
7. Kalauna	..... 1
8. Mataita No.1	..... Nil
9. Mataita No.2	..... Nil
10. Faiava	..... 2
11. Ufufu	..... 2
12. Bwaidoga	..... 2
13. Wagifa	..... 3
14. Abolo	..... 1
15. Kilia	..... 1
16. Lauwela	..... 1
17. Awale	..... 2
18. Diodio (Moratau)	..... 2
19. Ianiaula	..... 3
20. Waibula	..... 2
21. Ufaufa	..... 3
22. Vivigani	..... Nil
23. Wakonai	..... Nil.

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End



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Telegrams

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Our Reference 67-4-1

If calling ask for

Mr. ....

Patrol Post,  
BOLUBOLU,  
Milne Bay District.

30th July 1965

Mr/ W. Bloxam,  
Bolubolu Patrol Post,  
Milne Bay District.

Dear Mr. Bloxam,

I advise that you are to depart on a patrol of the Goodenough Island Council on the 30th July 1965. You are to be accompanied by Trainee Patrol Officer Kwalimu Lofena who has a good general knowledge of the area and shall be able to assist you with any local information.

Main purpose of the patrol is the dissemination of Local Government Council election propaganda. Council elections are due to commence on the 16th of August 1965. You should familiarize yourself with the instruction booklet published by the Chief Electoral Officer called 'Directions for The Conduct Of Elections For Local Government Councils.' You are to accept any nominations by candidates for the elections and refer them to me upon the completion of the patrol.

During talks with the people, you should inform them of the method of voting; who is eligible to vote; who is eligible to nominate for candidature; date of the elections in each village and other relevant sections in the above booklet.

Please take note of road construction methods used in this area as you shall be required to assist in road construction upon your return to Esa'ala area.

Any Courts of Native Matters are to be referred to this office for hearing.

You should also give talks on the introduction of decimal currency to all villages referring to the pamphlet distributed by the Currency Conversion Commission.

Your Patrol report should be submitted in accordance with Chapter 5 Part 11 of the Departmental Standing Instructions Volume 1. Mr. Lofena shall also submit a report in accordance with the above but this will be attached to your report as an enclosure.

Any further information or assistance you may require can be obtained for me and all patrol reports.

Wishing you a good patrol

*Your*

B.A. Downes  
Assistant District Officer

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The patrol was received well, and surprisingly enough ~~was~~ little trouble was encountered in hiring carriers, which has been a major problem in the past. Some difficulty was encountered at Moratau, which is understandable as few people enjoy the 4 hour walk over the mountain to Iauiaula. Canoes and were unavailable for this trip, as all of them were at Iauiaula before the patrol arrived at Moratau.

The Womens Club at Bwaidoga took advantage of the custom afforded by the patrol's visit, and quickly sold out of cakes, scones and tea, which I might add, were excellent.

During a discussion at Iakamenai, the question of a Social Club was put forward, but received with mixed feelings. The men however, enjoyed discussing general agricultural topics, and on the whole seemed to be genuinely interested in advancing.

While inspecting a hamlet at Iakamenai, I came across a live 3" mortar bomb hanging outside one of the houses. I kept an eye out for any more, but found none, although many relics from the war must still be lying around in the bush. The bomb was dumped in the sea, and I advised the people against collecting further "souvenirs", as they were liable to find themselves and their houses distributed among the trees, if these "souvenirs" exploded.

Several complaints were received by the patrol, and two adultery cases and one dealing with the mis-use of fire, were referred to the A.D.O. Bolubou. Two bride price complaints and two money matter complaints were also arbitrated.

VILLAGES.

Housing inspections were carried out at all villages, and instructions issued where necessary.

The present village site of Upper Wataluma is very poor, being all dirt, and consequently very unclean. A better site situated approximately five or six hundred yards below Upper Wataluma offers itself, the land belonging to the Councillor. It was suggested that the village be moved to this site as it is much cleaner, being sandy loam. The Councillor agrees with the idea, and the move will probably start after the elections.

OFFICIALS.

Two Village Constables tendered their resignations. One from Abolo and one from Waibula. They were provisionally replaced by two others. Letters of appointment will be forwarded.

The Village Constable at Upper Wataluma is inefficient, and his attitude towards his work leaves much to be desired. I suggest that a close watch be kept on this person.

### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

During the patrol close attention was paid to the various types of bridge construction, and methods of their construction, explained by M. B. Downes.

Vehicular roads run down the western side of Goodenough Island, from Wataluma to Nailagi. A road does run from Wataluma to Ufaufa, but is only passable on a motor bike and on foot at the moment, although the Council tractor can reach half way between the two.

A reasonable path circumnavigates the island, although a steep and rough climb is encountered on the eastern side between Moratau and Iauiaula.

### AGRICULTURE.

No rain has fallen on the island for 5 months, and consequently everything has suffered wither directly or indirectly.

fire has been rampant, most of which were started by the people themselves, for hunting purposes and sometimes for the more legitimate reason of making a garden. These people seem to have little idea of the danger potential of fire although this fire lighting has been going on for hundreds of years. The fire is lit regardless of wind direction and strength and also the fact that everything is bone dry. At the end of the patrol two hamlets, containing 13 houses were burnt to the ground along with some 1 or 2 thousand coconuts, and several gardens. The question of fire lighting will be brought before the Council in order to rectify the matter somewhat. At the moment permits have to be given before a fire is lit, but the people take little notice of this, as the chances of their getting caught are negligible.

Agricultural development has come to a near standstill in the last year, owing to lack of rain, which has halted chillie production, and fire has burnt our several thousands of coconuts.

At the moment the people have enough food, but shortage will be felt next year, when this years gardens are to be harvested.

### EDUCATION.

There are 3 recognised schools on the island. The one government school at Faiava reaches standard 5, while the Catholic Mission School at Lower Wataluma reaches standard 3, having approximately 110 children, half of which are boarders. All the schools are fairly well attended. The school at Moratau was closed 2 years ago, owing to lack of teachers.

### CONCLUSION.



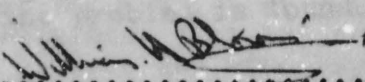
CONCLUSION.

I feel that the majority of the people understood the method of preference voting, although few understood the reasons for it.

No. 7138 Rank Const. 1st Class Name BAVIA - SOLAL  
As far as decimal currency is concerned I feel that a follow up patrol would be helpful, and perhaps as I suggested before some examples could be used, as it is very hard for these people to visualize something that they haven't seen before and have never come across.

No. 10336 Rank Constable Name ASSISI - TAGRPU  
The Council is running as smoothly as can be expected for a new council, and everyone with perhaps the exceptions of the Wokanai people are participating with a average amount of enthusiasm.

Several Council projects are under way, and an Aid Post at Wokanai has already been built and is in use.

  
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(William H. Bloxam C.P.O.)

APPENDIX A

REPORT ON ROYAL PAFUA NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY MEMBERS.

No. 7138. Rank Const. 1st Class Name HAVIA - SOLAE.

A good constable although he lacks the initiative to do things off his own bat. Well liked by everyone and kept everyone in a cheerful state.

No. 10338 Rank Constable Name ASSISI - AGEFU

A reliable constable. During the wearing period the child is taken care of by a friend of the family and payment for this must also be made, in wallaby or sandicoot. If payment is not made, or not made in statutory form, and the child dies, the death is caused by sorcery because the payment was not made or paid after the customary time.

*William A. Blain*

By tradition a fire is lit, and the wallabies and sandicoots appear as they flee the fire. As one can see, the problem lies beneath the surface, and a good deal of investigation is needed before a solution to the problem is found.

*William A. Blain*

The people are told that the fire is lit because the wallabies and sandicoots are afraid of it. They are told that the fire is lit because the wallabies and sandicoots are afraid of it. They are told that the fire is lit because the wallabies and sandicoots are afraid of it.

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APPENDIX B

ANTHROPOLOGICAL.

The problem of fire lighting on the island seems on the surface an easy one to deal with. One could say that only in garden areas are fires allowed, and only for a short period in the year, and although this is the logical answer it would disrupt forms of customary payment.

When a child is born, a woman is hired to cut the umbilical cord, and the only form of payment allowable is in wallaby or bandicoot. During the weaning period the child is taken care of by a friend of the family and payment for this must also be made, in wallaby or bandicoot. If payment is not made, or not paid in the customary form and the child dies, then this is said to be caused by sorcery because the payment was not made or paid after the custom.

By tradition a fire is lit, and the wallabies and bandicoots speared as they flee the fire. As one can see, the problem lies beneath the surface, and a good deal of investigation is needed before a solution to the problem is found.

William A. Blinn

APPENDIX C

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

The Local Government Council elections started on the 16th August, with a break of three days after the pre-election patrol.

During the elections I was accompanied by Ronny Teio, and on the first part of the patrol by Mr. Downes.

Local Government Council elections were held with all the Wards on Goodenough Island, which amount 23, having a total of 25 councillors, the two extra councillors coming from Bwaidoga and Mataita, the latter being split up into Mataita NO.1 & Mataita NO.2.

The elections were started at Belebele and continued up to Wataluma, then to Mataita and the rest of the island.

Most of the villages had constructed some type of polling booth after the fashion of the House of Assembly elections. At the few places that had no booths minor irritations were created because the wind kept blowing the papers around while they were being counted.

Most of the elections took between two and three hours, but a great deal of time can be saved if the people are told exactly what to do before hand and organised properly.

PROBLEMS

The major problem is the method of determining the position of the candidates names on the ballot paper (Div.8 DIRECTIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS), and also that of advising the people who the candidates are.

In the first case if the people see that the name of candidate B is drawn out of ballot box first, and that the name of candidate A is drawn out second, they are liable to think that they have to vote in that order, and although you may try to impress upon them that they can vote in any order they wish, it still has little effect. To overcome this problem I found it best to call the candidates together and go through the procedure in private with them.

As to advising the people who the candidates are (although they should know who is standing, very often they don't), I think it better not to mention their names otherwise the people might conceivably vote in the same order that the names were called. It appears that the people are somewhat unwilling to make a decision for themselves (in some instances anyway), and will use anything that can help them.

Rather than having the people present themselves to vote it was thought better to call out the names of all the people entitled to vote, much the same as a census is taken. This idea saved a great deal of time when it came to writing the names of new people to the village.

APPENDIX C Contd.

CONCLUSION

The Local Government Elections were completely successful except at Iauiaula where I unfortunately counted one paper twice, and did not discover my mistake until later. The election will have to be held again.

Ronny Teio was invaluable to me during these elections, and gained a great deal of valuable experience as I did from this last patrol.

*William H. Blexam*

William H. Blexam, U.P.O.

APPENDIX D.

Report on Members of Royal Papua & New Guinea  
Constabulary

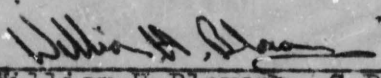
Accompanied Patrol from 16th Aug. to 4th Sept.

7235 Const. 5/Yr. GENAMA

Keen and effecient, although a little unsure  
of himself.

10760 Const. Butler. 2/Yr. PHILIP.

Very young but should go a long way in the  
service.

  
William H. Bloxam C.P.O.



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PATROL REPORT

District of: Milne Bay      Report No. BOLUBOLU 1-65/66

Patrol Conducted By: William H. BLOXAM CPO

Area Patrolled:      GOODENOUGH ISLAND

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans:      Partly accompanied by  
B.A. Downes, ADO Bolubolu.

Natives:      KWALIMU LOFENA - Trainee Patrol Officer.

DURATION:      From 30/7/65 to 12/8/65

Number of Days: 14

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?      NO

Last Patrol to Area:      May 1965.

Map Reference      Goodenough Milinch Army Series.

Objects of Patrol:      Refer Patrol instructions.

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Patrol Post,  
BOLUBOLU,  
Milne Bay District.

6th October, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub District Office,  
ESA'ALA.

Appendix to Bolubolu Patrol Report 1/65-66

Refer my 67-4-1 of 25/8/65.

Attached please find an appendix to Bolubolu Patrol Report No. 1/65-66 submitted by Mr. W. Bloxam upon completion of his patrol.

This report is submitted by Mr. K. Lofena, Trained Patrol Officer, who accompanied Mr. Bloxam. It is regretted that the report was not forwarded with earlier correspondence but Mr. Lofena was transferred to Vassidair Training Centre immediately the patrol was completed. He wrote the report which was then forwarded to me.

As can be seen, Mr. Lofena has submitted an excellent report of the patrol, and is to be congratulated upon his first attempt at such a task. He has covered each topic clearly and shows that he is understanding the work involved.

Please forward the reports to the District Commissioner with your comments.

*How*  
.....  
B.A. Townes  
Assistant District Officer.

Minute to:

District Commissioner,  
SAMARAI.

FILE: 67-3-1(194)  
ESA'ALA.  
Milne Bay District.  
15th October, 1965.

Please find attached appendix to abovementioned Patrol Report.

2. The Report was forwarded to you under cover of my 67-3-1(182) of 12/10/1965.

3. Mr. Lofena has presented a well written report. He worked well during his posting to Bolubolu, and this report is indicative of his devotion to duty.

*M.L. Mackellar*  
(M.L. Mackellar)  
Assistant District Commissioner.



67-4-1

26  
Patrol Post,  
BOLIBOLI,  
Milne Bay District.

25th August, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
EEA'ALA.

BOLIBOLI PATROL No. 1/ 65-66  
GOODENOUGH ISLAND.

Attached please find four copies of the above patrol report. The main purpose of the patrol was to spread pre election propaganda and accept nominations for the forthcoming Goodenough Island Local Government Council elections.

ELECTION PROPAGANDA.

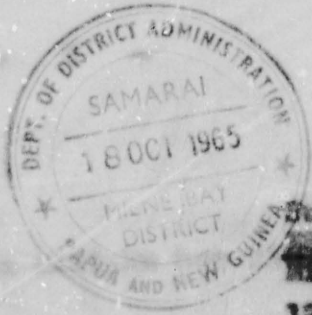
Nominations were accepted from most villages except Mataita and Wokenai. Since the completion of the patrol, two persons were nominated from Wokenai village, and the election was successfully held. I do not anticipate any trouble from Mataita.

DECIMAL CURRENCY PROPAGANDA.

This was well carried out by Kwalinga Lofena, T.P.O.. As mentioned, the lack of visual aids made the talks harder to get over to the people. I hope to have a further propaganda patrol mounted, before the new currency comes into use.

For your information.

*How*  
.....  
B.A. Downes.  
Assistant District Officer.



67-3-1(182)  
KIM/asm

Sub-District Office,  
~~MILNE BAY~~ **ESA'ALA**  
Milne Bay District.  
12th October, 1965.

The District Commissioner,  
SAMARAI.

Subject: Solubela Patrol Report No. 1 -65/66  
Reference: Molubolu's 67-4-1 of 25/8/65 (attached)

Please find attached, three (3) copies of the above Patrol Report. This is Mr. Blexam's first report and his second patrol. He had previously accompanied Mr. Assistant District Officer Becke on Esa'ala Patrol No. 1 of 1965/66 to the Amphlett Islands.

2. Mr. Blexam patrolled the area twice, on the first occasion to give explanatory talks on the forthcoming elections, and on the second occasion to assist in conducting the elections.

Nominations: Nominations were received from WAKONAI after Mr. Blexam's first visit.

Native Affairs:

The Women's club at Dwaifoga is scheduled for regular visits from the Welfare Officer now stationed at Esa'ala.

Village Officials:

Recommendation for the appointment of new village officials for ABULU and WAINULA have been forwarded on file 92-2-1(152) of 30/9/1965.

Roads and Bridges:

There is an excellent system of Roads on Goodenough Island. Mr. Blexam was instructed to observe construction and maintenance methods there, and he is currently engaged in Road Maintenance work on Ferguson Island.

Fires:

Bush and grass fires have brought considerable damage both on Ferguson and Goodenough Island recently. The Police have had considerable difficulty in finding the offenders. The amount of damage done has been incredible, and it would almost appear that some of the people are pathological fire bugs. The Goodenough Island Council is currently studying the situation with a view to instituting more stringent controls via Council Rules.

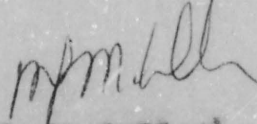
Appendix "C"

This mistake has since been rectified.

Conclusion

A Census patrol will follow next month and it is expected that more decimal currency talks will be given.

Mr. Sizem has presented a well written Report and appears to have gained valuable experience from his first election duties.



(M.L. Mackellar)

Assistant District Commissioner.

67-4-7

17th March, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
Milne Bay District,  
SAMARAI.

BOLIBOLU PATROL REPORT NO. 1/1965-66:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of two Patrol Reports by Messrs. Bloxham and Lofena, covered by your memorandum 67-1-4 of 21st January, 1966.

2. Comments of both yourself and Mr. Mackellar have been noted.
3. The delay in submitting these reports detracts from the value of patrols done during the months of July-August, 1965.
4. No comments necessary.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

S. J. Emanuel  
District Commissioner

Your information and records please.

Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KOROROE.  
District Office,  
Mine Bay District,  
SAMSARA.  
File No. 67-1-4

S. J. Emanuel  
District Commissioner

Subsequent report reports by Mr. Dixon of trials conducted elsewhere in the District indicate that he has learnt a considerable amount of detail about the investigation, survey and installation of road systems. He should make an attempt to increase his knowledge on future trials.

The problem regarding the restriction of gardens and property by trees has been temporarily relieved with the coming of the wet season. A Council note relating to the curtilage use of the site has been passed by the Government Council but it will be at least a month before this note can be gazetted. However this delay should not prevent the note being in force by the time the next dry season commences. Until then I would suggest that action be taken against offenders in the District.

considerably towards the success of the trial. Applicant Mr. K. Kato gave to both officers, contributed recorded. Further I think that the assistance which I.O. Council elections had to be held in the District conducted and on that was a difficult trial in that the local Government both Mr. Dixon and Mr. Kato has submitted excellent reports covering memoranda 67-1-1 of 6th and 12th October 1965. Receipt is acknowledged of the above report by Mr. Dixon and Appendix to the report by Mr. Kato I.O., together with your

Fatoy Report Botobora No. 1 of 1965/66

Assistant District Commissioner,  
District Office,  
Mine Bay District,  
SAMSARA.  
21st January 1966.

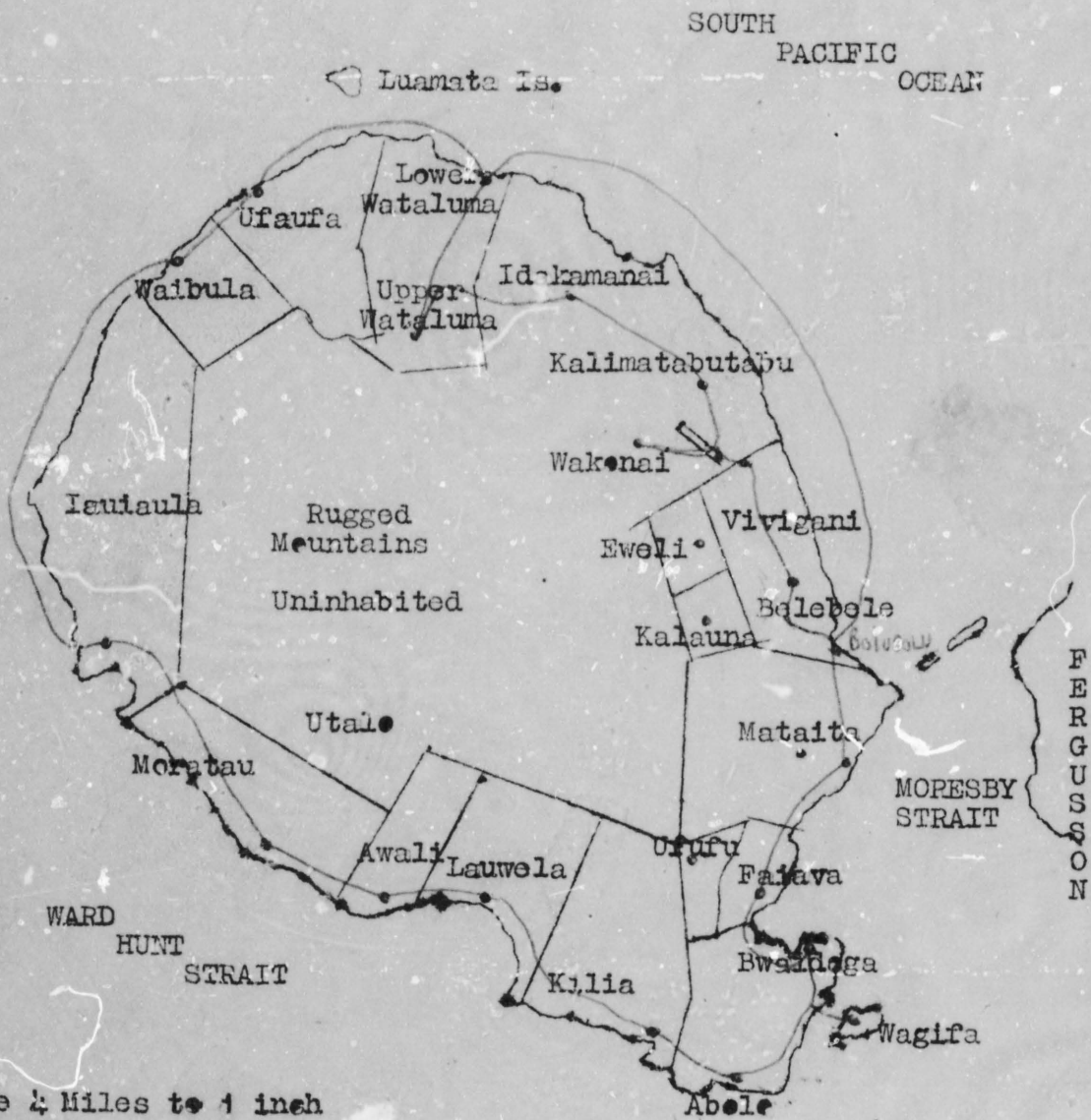


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GOODENOUGH ISLAND.

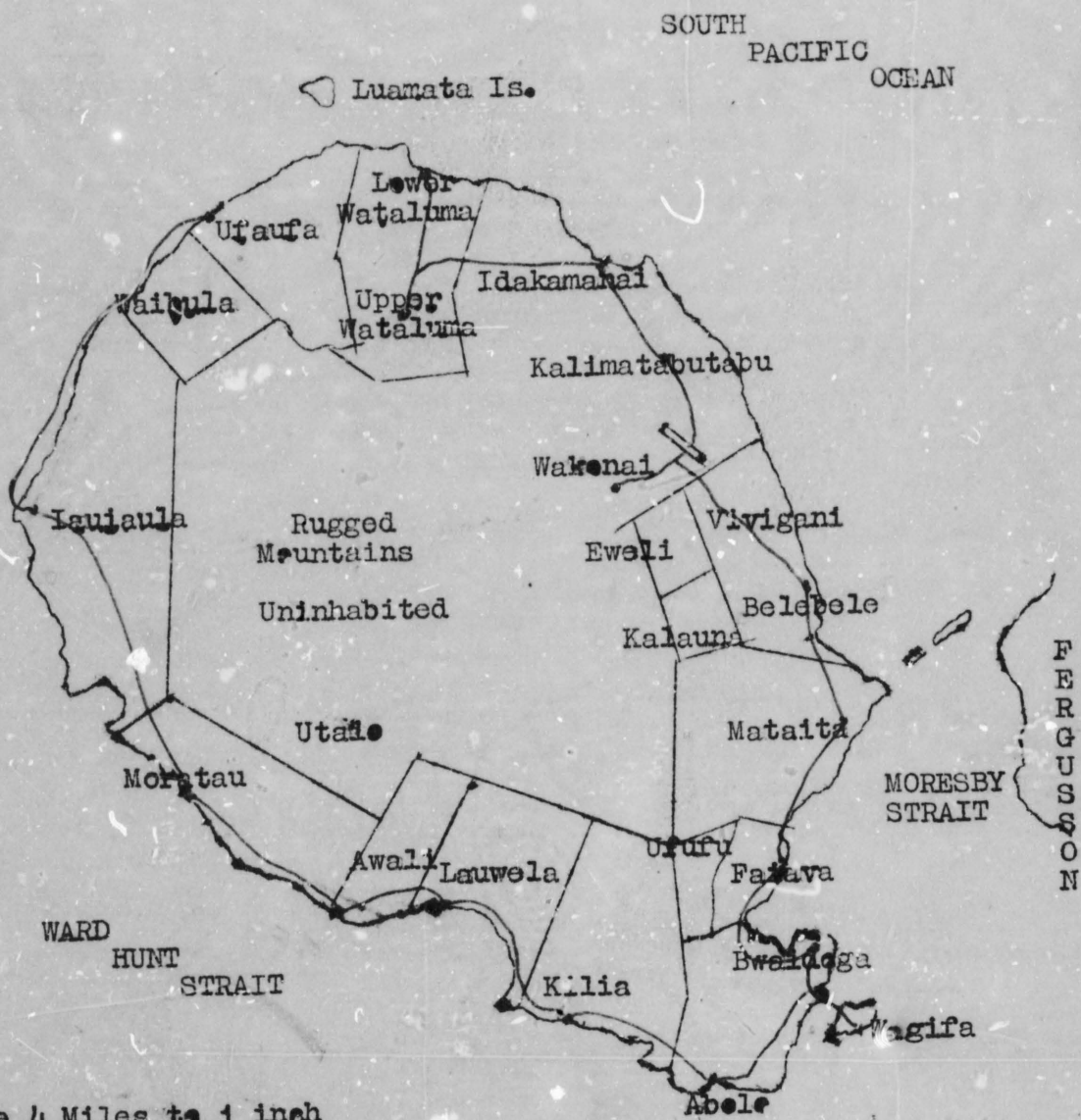
Patrol No. 1/65-66  
Date 20 July  
Officer W. H. Blum



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GOODENOUGH ISLAND.

Patrol No. 1165-66  
Date..... 16/1/68  
Officer..... R. LORENA JPO



Scale 4 Miles to 1 inch

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D I A R Y

JULY, 1965.

Friday, 30th

Depart Bolubolu per M.V. "Bagana 10.15 a.m.  
Arrive Lower Wataluma 12.15 p.m.. Collect  
carriers and proceed to upper Wataluma.  
Arrive 2.15 p.m. Sleep Upper Wataluma

Saturday 31st.

Give talks on Local Government Council elections  
and decimal currency to people from Upper and  
Lower Wataluma and receive nominations.  
Depart 11.0 a.m. arrive Idakamenai 2.0 p.m.  
Give talks. Sleep Idakamenai.

Sunday 1st August, 1965.

Sleep Idakamenai.

Monday, 2nd August.

Depart Idakamenai 8.30 a.m. Arrive  
Kalimatabutabu 10.0 a.m. Give talks  
Depart Kalimatabutabu 12 noon.  
Arrive Wakonai 1.30 p.m.  
Give talks to Vivigani & Wakonai people.  
Sleep Wokanai.

Tuesday 3rd.

Depart Wokanai per Council tractor 7.30 a.m.  
Arrive Bolubolu 9.0 a.m.  
Collect rations for rest of patrol & proceed  
to Mataita. Give talks.  
Depart Mataiva 12 noon.  
Arrive Faiava 1.30 p.m.  
Sleep Faiava.

Wednesday 4th.

Hold meeting with Faiava & Ufufu people.  
Depart 11.30 a.m.  
Arrive Bwaidoga 2.15 p.m. Give talks  
Sleep Bwaidoga.

Thursday, 5th

Depart Bwaidoga 8.30 a.m.  
Arrive Wagifa 10.0 a.m. Majority of carriers  
sent onto Abolo. Give talks and depart Wagifa 11.2  
30  
Arrive Abolo 12.30 p.m. Give talks.  
Sleep Abolo.

Friday 6th

Depart Abolo 8.30 a.m.  
Arrive Kilia 10.30 a.m. Give talks.  
Depart Kilia 12.30 p.m. Arrive Lauwela 1.30 p.m.  
Sleep Lauwela.

Saturday 7th

Give talks to Lauwela people and depart 12.30 p.m.  
Arrive Awali 1.30 p.m. Give talks  
Depart Awali 2.15 p.m.  
Arrive Moratau 3.15 p.m. Sleep Moratau.

Sunday 8th

Sleep Moratau.

Monday 9th

Give talks to Moratau & Utalo people.  
Depart 11.0 a.m.  
Arrive Iauiaula 2.50 p.m. Sleep Iauiaula.

Tuesday 10th

Give talks to Iauiaula people.  
Depart 11.30 a.m. by canoe.  
Arrive Waibula 3.15 p.m. Sleep Waibula.

Wednesday 11th

Give talks to Wailuba people and depart 10.30 a.m.  
Cargo sent by canoe owing to lack of carriers.  
Arrive Ufufa 11.0 a.m. Cargo arrives 12.0 noon  
Give talks. Sleep Ufaufs.



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THURSDAY? 12th August 1965

Depart Ufaufa by canoe at 10,30 pm.  
Arrive Wataluma 3.0 p.m.  
Depart Wataluma per Council tractor and  
arrive Bolubolu 6.0 p.m.

MONDAY 16th

Depart Bolubolu 9.30 a.m. for Belebele. Hold  
election. Depart Belebele, arrive Kalauna. Sleep Kalauna.

TUESDAY 17th

Elections held at Kalauna in the morning  
Move to Eweli. Sleep Eweli.

WEDNESDAY 18th

Election held at Eweli. Depart Eweli arrive  
Vivigani. Sleep Vivigani.

THURSDAY 19

Election held at Vivigani. Depart Viv. for  
Wokonai. Sleep Wokonai.

FRIDAY 20th

Election held at Wokonai. Depart for Kali-  
matabutabu. Sleep Kali..

SATURDAY 21st.

Elections held at Kalimatabutabu. Depart for  
Idakamenai. Sleep idakamenai.

SUNDAY 22nd

Sleep Idakamenai.

MONDAY 23rd.

Elections held at IDAkamenai. Depart for  
Upper Wataluma. Sleep U/W.

TUESDAY 24th

Elections held at U/Wataluma, depart for Lower  
Wataluma. Hold elections. Return to Bolubolu. Sleep Bolubolu.

WEDNESDAY 25th

Depart Bolubolu by tractor. No barracks at  
Mataita so continue on to Faiava. Sleep Faiava.

THURSDAY 26th

Prepare ballot papers for Mataita, Ufufu, Faiava.  
No elections. Sleep Faiava.

FRIDAY 27th

Elections held with Faiava, Ufufu, Mataita 1&2.  
Depart and sleep at Bwaidoga.

SATURDAY 28th

Elections

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SATURDAY 28th

Elections held. sleep Bwaidoga.

SUNDAY 29th

Sleep Bwaidoga.

MONDAY 30th

Depart Bwaidoga for Wagifa. Elections held  
Depart Wagifa for Ubolo. Sleep Ubolo.

TUESDAY 31st

Elections held at Ubolo. Depart for Kilia.  
Sleep Kilia.

WEDNESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

Elections held at Kilia. Depart for Lauela.  
Sleep Lauela.

THURSDAY 2nd

Elections held at Lauela. Depart for Awali.  
Elections held. Depart per M.V. Tava for Moratau.  
Sleep Moratau.

FRIDAY 3rd

Two elections held ~~at~~ with Moratau & Utalo  
people. Depart per M.V. Tava for IAuiaula and held elections.  
Depart for Ufaufa. Sleep Ufaufa.

SATURDAY 4th

Elections held at Ufaufa. Depart for Bolubolu  
per M.V. Tava. Sleep Bolubolu.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of.....**MILNE BAY**..... Report No.....**BOLUBOLU No. 4 - 65/66**

Patrol Conducted by.....**PAUL M. JONES, CEO**.....

Area Patrolled.....**WESTERN AND INLAND FERGUSSON CENSUS DIVISION**.....

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

Naives.....**1 R.P. & N.G.C.**.....

**1 INTERPRETER**

Duration—From **26** / **9** / **1965** to **19** / **10** / **1965**.

Number of Days.....**24**.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....**APRIL/1965**...

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

Map Reference.....**WEST FERGUSSON MILINCH**.....

Objects of Patrol.....**To conduct 1965 tax/census and other tasks as per  
patrol instructions... (attached).**.....

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

5 / 2 / 1966

*C. J. Emanuel*  
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation	.....	£.....
Amount Paid from D.N.F. Trust Fund	.....	£.....
Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund	.....	.....
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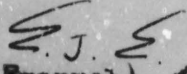
District Office,  
Milne Bay District,  
SAMARAI.

20th January 1966.

Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Patrol Report - BOLUBOLU No. 4 of 1965/66

Forwarded for your records please.

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

att.

67-4-6

25th February, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
Milne Bay District,  
SAMARAI.

BOLUBOLE PATROL REPORT NO. 4/1965-66:

Thank you for your memorandum 67-1-4 of 20th January 1966 and Mr. Jones' Patrol Report.

2. Your comments and those of Mr. Mackellar have been noted.
3. Field officers should instruct native owners without current licences to close their stores immediately. Prosecutions should be laid against those running stores without licences. The local people are to be taught to do things within the law.
4. Mr. Jones has done a good patrol and submitted an informative report thus reflecting his keenness and interest in native affairs field work.
5. A network of roads will definitely help in the economic development of the area.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

67-4-6.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....  
Our Reference..... 67-1-4  
If calling ask for  
Mr.....



Department of District Administration

District Office,  
Milne Bay District,  
SARAWAI.

20th January 1966.

Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KORORUA.

Patrol Report - BOLUBOLU No. 4 of 1965/66

Forwarded for your records please.

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

att.

67-1-4

District Office,  
Milne Bay District,  
SAMARAI.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
ASA'ALA.

20th January 1966.

Patrol Report - BOLUBOLU No.4 of 1965/66.

Receipt is acknowledged of the above Report together with your covering Memorandum 67-3-1 of 6th December 1965.

The road survey conducted by Mr. Jones C.P.O. is adequate in all but the following sections -

- (1) GEWATA to SALBUTU - further details are required as to the degree of difficulty which would be experienced in making a road over the "rocky terrain".
- (2) IAMALELE No.2 - FAGALULU - this section requires traversing and pegging of the proposed route.
- (3) GWABEGNABE - DIDIAU - the exact route of the road bypassing the swamp should be traversed and pegged.
- (4) DIDIAU - KALOKALO - as with (3) above, the route to be followed should be traversed and pegged. This especially applies to the sections bypassing swampy areas.

Trade Store Licences - A subsequent Patrol should investigate all Trade Store Licences held by Natives within the Census Division. The investigation should also examine the economic viability of each licence and make recommendations as to the retention or withdrawal of each licence. With the establishment of the West Ferguson Local Government Council with an increase in developmental activities in the Council Area, attention should be given to ~~more~~ economic activities ~~in the~~ ~~area~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Census~~ ~~Division~~. Subsequent Patrols should, when time permits, examine the possibility of the introduction of various group economic activities using such devices as Savings and Loan Societies to provide a firm and legal base for them.

Your request contained in Paragraph 1 of Page 2 of your Memorandum has been referred to the Senior Local Government Officer. You will be advised of the decision as due course.

This Report by Mr. Jones and subsequent ones being processed at present, are all of an extremely high quality and easily reflect the degree of interest which Mr. Jones was able to develop in the area on his many Patrols of the Census Division.

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

67-3-1(307)  
MLM/sam

Sub-District Office,  
ESA'ALA.  
Milne Bay District.

6th December, 1965.

The District Commissioner,  
SAMARAI.

Subject: Bolubolu Patrol Report No. 4 of  
1965/1966.

Reference: Bolubolu's 67-3-1 of 4/11/65  
(Attached)

Active Situation

The site of the Proposed Council Chambers was discussed in my memos 42-1-2(122) of 22/9/65 and 43-1-2(207) of 22/10/1965.

Agriculture

Considerable difficulty has been experienced in Marketing the copra stored along the Morima Coast. AILULUAI is the only anchorage and not a very good one. The whole coast is open to the full blast of the South East Winds. However, your suggestion to link Ailuluai with Salamo wharf by road is now being investigated by a road survey patrol.

Roads and Bridges

A comprehensive report on the Road Survey from AILULUAI to MAPANOIWA presented a most disappointing picture on future road development in this area (my 10-3-11(213) of 26/10/65 refers). It is hoped that other roads will be developed within the proposed Council Area without as much difficulty. I would support the suggestion by Mr. Jones that key to economic development of this area lies in a sound road system. With the whole of the proposed council area on one Island and with no anchorages along half its coastline a Council Vessel would be out of the question. A request for a supply of tools for road construction will be forwarded to you on my file 10-3-11 at a later date. Would you please advise if the Road Survey in Appendix "B" is sufficient for your information or if you require a full survey in terms of your 10-2-3 of 16/11/65 referring to the AILULUAI - SEBULUGORWA Road.

Trading Licences.

In the past Licences were issued willy nilly throughout the Sub-District without regard to the fitness of the applicant. The result of this was that some of the licencees who were not fit to hold the licence were running up bad debts with local business firms who were then reluctant to extend credit to other "fit" licencees. The Dobu Council complained and now licencing is more rigidly controlled.



Tax.

Could the Treasurer be asked please to refund the 1965 Administration Head Tax to the West Fergusson Council when it is proclaimed. Without this tax it is doubtful if the Council could do anything but meet. The maximum Annual income estimate of £1300 would hardly pay and house the Council Clerk or buy the Tractor envisaged in the sixth paragraph under the heading "Agriculture".

Conclusion

Mr. Jones has presented a well written report. He has done good work in the West Fergusson area.

*M.L. Mackellar*

(M.L. Mackellar)  
Assistant District Commissioner.

67-3-1

Patrol Post,  
DOLUBELU,  
MINE BAY DISTRICT.

4th November, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub District Office,  
ERATA.

Dolubelu Patrol Report No. 4/65-56  
West & Island Fergusson Census Division.

Attached please find 4 copies of the above Patrol report which was compiled by Mr. Jones, upon the completion of the patrol. Also attached are the relevant camping allowances. The patrol has been well conducted and all points in the instructions have been covered. Mr. Jones is to be commended.

West Fergusson Council.

The people are now awaiting the introduction of the Local Government Council with apparent enthusiasm. As has been stated £952 in tax was collected and this can be taken as a good indication that the revenue of the Council will be in the vicinity of £1300, as mentioned in my correspondence file 40-1-6 of 4/3/65 to you. This Council, therefore will require much assistance from the Administration and I heartily concur with Mr. Jones' suggestion that the Administration personal tax collected from West Fergusson for the year 1965 be passed over to the new Council to be allocated for the initial draft estimates. This will then enable the council to carry out initial projects and engage the necessary staff for the Councils' smooth running.

Native Situation.

Mr. Jones mentioned the number of able-bodied males absent from GERAPA village as a factor in their lack of enthusiasm toward any form of development. Successive patrols have been met with the same attitude in this village and it is apparent that the old traditional way of life and attitudes are still being fostered by the older people. Only time and understanding will counteract these forces. The percentage of the number of persons away at work is no greater, if not a lot less, than the villages of Ailulua, Paiaiana, Napamoiwa, Teageai and Ukeokee and is no cause for alarm.

The assault incident mentioned in the patrol diary (see Thursday 14th October, 1965) was investigated and the case dealt with by the Court for Native Matters.

Agriculture.

It is interesting to note that the potential of the SARAKAHABI area for coffee production and, with the development of the road system, this area, with a population of 810 persons, should advance rapidly.

The Rural Progress Society of Ailulua is filling a need of the area, but it is hoped that when a M.A.S.P. officer is again posted to this sub-district, more supervision can be given to them. During this period when no officers are available, to assist the Society, this office is able and willing to act as intermediary between the Department and the Society.

Roads and Bridges.

I have commented on this section in my correspondence file 10-4-5 of 3/11/65. Mr. Jones has completed sections of the road survey and it is intended to continue this on a subsequent patrol to the area. It is now apparent that the development of a road system on West Fergusson is the key factor in the economic and political development of these peoples. Accordingly it is requested that the Administration assist in this development by the supplying of tools as mentioned in the above correspondence.

All work is to be conducted on a self-help village basis and, after the inauguration of the council, the council itself will, it is hoped, take over the major task of supervision and assistance with materials etc.

Summary.

It is hoped that the Administration will assist the new Council in its development by restoring to the Council, all tax collected during 1965. In this way, the council will begin to function as an efficient unit quickly, and enable them to get on with the job of helping the area.

Mr. Jones has again conducted an excellent patrol.

For your information.

*How*  
.....  
B.A. Howes  
Assistant District Officer.

67-3-1

Patrol Post,  
BOLUBOLU,  
Milne Bay District.

20th September, 1965.

Mr. P. Jones O/P.O.,  
Bolubolu Patrol Post,  
Goodenough Island,  
Milne Bay District.

Dear Mr. Jones,

Bolubolu Patrol No.4/65-66  
West & Inland Fergusson Island.


You will prepare to depart for a patrol to West and Inland Fergusson on 25th September, 1965. Please draw a patrol advance from this office and arrange for a Police Constable and Interpreter to accompany you.

Your tasks will be as follows;

1. Conduct the 1965 Census of all villages within the division.
2. Collection of 1965 Administration Tax from the villages. Please note that Mapamoiwa village has not yet paid 1964 tax. Also collect any back tax, if applicable.
3. Give talks on Decimal Currency, using the specially prepared charts and pamphlets.
4. As you know, the West Fergusson Local Government Council will be starting about February, 1965. Spread propaganda regarding the new Council with special reference to the forthcoming Council elections and answer any queries the people may have. On the patrol take note of any projects you think the new Council may be able to undertake.
5. If feasible, it is proposed to build a road system throughout the West and Inland Fergusson area. Please survey suitable routes, connecting villages where possible, along the Moroma Coast, Mapamoiwa to Fugalulu, Salakahadi and onto and along the North Coast to Kalokalo. Also survey any other roads you deem advisable. Measure creek crossings and note what kind of crossing is advisable i.e. bridge, cement causeway, ford etc. Take note of all culverts, difficult sections, creek names and main features. Submit the above as an appendix to your report.
6. Check all existing Trade Stores in the area, ensuring that they have a current licence. Inspect their range of stock and estimate the value of goods on hand. Include your findings in an appendix to your report.
7. Inspect all Special Arms Permits and Firearms for serviceability, held by persons in the area.

I will accompany you for the first part of your patrol to the Iamalele Area, then conduct a survey along the coast to Kalokalo.

Wishing you an enjoyable patrol.

  
E.A. Downes  
Assistant District Officer

BOLUBOLU PATROL REPORT No. 4 - 65/66.

PATROL DIARY.

SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER.

Departed Bolubolu 0930 per Zircon, arrived Kalokalo 1015 to deposit aluminium hull and outboard motor. Departed Kalokalo 1115 called Mapamoiva to deposit patient then proceeded onto Ailuluai and arrived 1500. Managed to land patrol gear in spite of rough seas and with no loss of life or limb. Overnight at Ailuluai.

MONDAY 27th SEPTEMBER.

Departed Ailuluai 0800 and arrived Faialana 0915. Commenced tax/census 1000 and completed 1630. Gave talks on decimal currency and local govt. re council elections etc.. One ITWN and one SAR handed in for renewal on return to Bolubolu. Road survey conducted by ADO Downes. Departed Faialana 1700 and arrived Ailuluai 1300. Compiled census figures in evening. Overnight at Ailuluai.

TUESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER.

Commenced tax/census 1100 after being delayed by rain and completed 1630. Talk given on decimal currency and local government etc.. ADO Downes departed 1200 for Ukekeo and Toagesi to continue road survey etc.. Compiled census figures in evening. Overnight at Ailuluai.

WEDNESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER.

Departed Ailuluai 0715 and arrived Ukekeo 0830. Commenced tax/census 1030 and completed 1630. Talk given on decimal currency and local govt. Departed Ukekeo 1700 and arrived Toagesi 1810. Compiled census figures in evening. Overnight at Toagesi.

THURSDAY 30th SEPTEMBER.

Commenced tax/census Toagesi 0930 and completed 1200. Talk given on decimal currency and local govt. etc.. Departed Toagesi 1200 and arrived Igvageta 1300. Compiled census figures in afternoon. Overnight at Igvageta.

FRIDAY 1st OCTOBER.

Commenced tax/census Igvageta 0900 and completed 1100. Talk given on decimal currency and local govt. etc.. Complaints re theft of a Bagl necklace and non repayment of debt heard. Departed Igvageta 1115 and arrived Kukua 1215. Commenced tax/census Kukua 1330 and completed 1600. Talk given on decimal currency and local government. Departed Kukua 1600 and arrived Iwananu 1700. Compiled census figures in evening. Overnight at Iwananu.

SATURDAY 2nd OCTOBER.

Commenced tax/census Iwananu 0815 and completed 1200. Gave talk on decimal currency and local govt.. Arbitrated disputes concerning debts. Departed Iwananu 1230 and arrived Mapamoiva rest house 1315. Overnight at Mapamoiva.

SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER.

Observed at Mapamoiva.

MONDAY 4th OCTOBER.

Commenced tax/census Mapamoiva 0815 and completed 1200. Talk given on decimal currency, local govt., and roads. Investigated theft of Bagl necklace from Igvageta in afternoon but evidence inconclusive and will carry out further investigations when a witness to the crime returns from a trip to Samarai. No action taken. Compiled census figures in evening. Overnight at Mapamoiva.

TUESDAY 5th OCTOBER.

Departed Mapamoiva 0800 and arrived Fagalulu 1300. Carried out road survey en route. Inspected trade store belonging to MWALEDI of Fagalulu. Enquired from village officials about rice growing in area and was informed it was coming along very nicely and the DASF field assistant visits

regularly and offers advice. Compiled census figures and generally caught up with paper in afternoon and evening. Overnight at Fagalulu.

WEDNESDAY 6th OCTOBER.

Inspected trade store and licence of KENDEGA-NEKIAPU. Investigated report that IWAIDINA-NUASINEDE has been trading without a licence. Received complaint that IWAIDINA owes TURUDUMA of Fagalulu for four bags of copra valued at £12. Commenced tax/census 1000 and completed 1330. Talk given on decimal currency, local govt., and roads. Departed Fagalulu 1430 and arrived Iamelele 1 1530. Compiled census figures in evening. Overnight at Iamelele 1.

THURSDAY 7th OCTOBER.

Commenced tax/census 1000 and completed 1245. Talk given on decimal currency local govt. and roads. Departed Iamelele 1 1400 and arrived Gewata 1530. Best house in poor condition. Compiled census figures in evening. Overnight at Gewata.

FRIDAY 8th OCTOBER.

Commenced tax/census Gewata 0815 and completed 1100. Talk given on decimal currency, local govt. and roads. Village officials instructed to ensure rest house repaired within one month. Departed 1315 and arrived Saibutu 1300 after being forced to leave three boxes behind for lack of carriers. Delinquent boxes arrived some hours later in care of police constable. Had a long talk with the recalcitrant carriers and explained that Administration Officers do not patrol purely to create work for themselves. Compiled census figures in evening. Overnight at Saibutu.

SATURDAY 9th OCTOBER.

Commenced tax/census Saibutu 0815 and completed 1200. Talk given on decimal currency, local govt. and roads. Departed Saibutu 1220 and arrived Iamelele 2 1320. Constable Bugler Philip arrived with mail and other articles from Bolubolu. Commenced tax/census Iamelele 2 1500 and completed 1700. Talk given on decimal currency, local govt. and roads. Compiled census figures in evening. Overnight at Iamelele 2.

SUNDAY 10th OCTOBER.

Observed at IAMELELE 2.

MONDAY 11th OCTOBER.

Departed Iamelele 2 0745 and arrived Nuibo 1015. Commenced tax/census Nuibo 1100 and completed 1230. Talk given on decimal currency, local govt. and roads. Departed Nuibo 1330 and arrived Ebadidi 1400. Commenced tax/census Ebadidi 1500 and completed 1740. Talk given on decimal currency, local govt. and roads. Arbitrated several disputes. Compiled census figures in evening. Overnight at Ebadidi.

TUESDAY 12th OCTOBER.

Departed Ebadidi 0725 and arrived Tutubea 0900. Arbitrated bride price dispute on arrival. Commenced tax/census of Tutubea 1100 and completed 1715. Overnight at Tutubea.

WEDNESDAY 13th OCTOBER.

Compiled census figures in morning until approximately 1000. Arbitrated several disputes about several things. Talked to village officials and personages of note about local govt. related to economic progress and the importance of a road into the area. Inspected trade store at Swagabwaga hamlet. Spoke to one, BWAIWEDI, who has a store under construction on, the importance of obtaining trading licence. Talked with aid post orderly re problems associated with his job. Suggested he should start a weekly clinic at Nuibo and Ebadidi rather than expect the people to come to him. Overnight at Tutubea.

THURSDAY 14th OCTOBER.

Departed Tutubea 0655 and arrived Masimasi 1100 with carriers arriving 1300.

Village Constable from Bosilewa was waiting at Masimasi to report that a had been bashed about the neck and back by two men at Bosilewa. Incident had apparently taken place about eight days before. A runner was immediately despatched to the ADO Bolubolu requesting a boat be organised to move the woman to hospital. No further action taken, at this stage. Commenced tax census Masimasi 1400 and completed 1615. Commenced census Itugamana people 1615 and completed 1700. Talk given to both groups together on decimal currency, local govt. and roads. Compiled census figures in evening. Overnight at Masimasi.

**FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER.**

Departed Masimasi 0800 and arrived Gwabegwabe 0910 in heavy rain. Commenced tax/census Gwabegwabe 1200 and completed 1400. Commenced census Agialuma people 1400 and completed 1500. Talk given to both groups on decimal currency, local govt. and roads. Departed Gwabegwabe 1530 and arrived Didiu 1700. Overnight at Didiu.

**SATURDAY 16th OCTOBER.**

Commenced tax/census Didiu 0830 and completed 1200. Talk given on decimal currency, local govt. and roads. Compiled census figures. Overnight at Didiu.

**SUNDAY 17th OCTOBER.**

Observed at Didiu.

**MONDAY 18th OCTOBER.**

Departed Didiu 0730 and arrived Kalokalo 1200. Carriers arrived 1430. Departed Kalokalo 1230 per outboard and arrived Bolubolu 1250 for unloading FWD trailer and trailer from M.V. 'Ginsak'. Departed Bolubolu 1500 and arrived Kalokalo 1520 per outboard. Loaded patrol gear onto M.V. 'Zircon' for transport to Bolubolu. Inspected trade store belonging to SABU'IAI of KALOKALO. Departed Kalokalo 1615 by outboard and arrived Bolubolu 1655. Overnight at Bolubolu.

**TUESDAY 19th OCTOBER.**

Departed Bolubolu 0630 by outboard and arrived Kalokalo 0820. Commenced tax/census Kalokalo 1000 and completed 1600. Talk given on decimal currency, local govt. and roads. Inspected all LPWN's, SAP's and shotguns. Departed Kalokalo 1645 and arrived Bolubolu 1705. Overnight at Bolubolu and completion of 1965 tax/census patrol.

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**MAKING SEVERALS**

With the West Ferganan Local Government Council scheduled for opening early in 1966, it is necessary for each successive patrol into this area to conduct a campaign against local government propaganda, and generally to educate people in the role of local government in the village community.

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The people, by now, should be fully aware that their area will be coming under local government in a matter of about four months, and all groups are expected to accept this. It is most important at this stage to fully explain each step as it is taken, towards the opening of the council, and this will be done during the education patrol in December, and the council elections in January.

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Patrol Post,  
 BOLUBOLU,  
 Milne Bay District.  
 20th October, 1965.

BOLUBOLU PATROL REPORT NO.4 - 65/66.

INTRODUCTION.

The principal purpose of this patrol was to conduct the 1965 census of the Western and Inland Fergusson Census Division, and to collect the 1965 Administration tax. Census figures are attached to this report as appendix 'A'.

A road survey was conducted during the course of the patrol, and findings are recorded under the heading of Roads and Bridges, and also in appendix 'B' of this report, on the sections surveyed by myself. For the findings on sections surveyed by A.D.O. Downes refer to our 10-4-5, undated, headed Road Survey Fergusson Island, addressed to the Assistant District Commissioner, Esa'ala.

Existing trade stores, both licensed and unlicensed, were inspected and findings are recorded as appendix 'C' of this report. All Special Arms Permits and shotguns were also inspected, and permits overdue for renewal were collected, together with the required fee, for attention on return to Bolubolu.

As per the patrol instructions Decimal Currency propaganda was disseminated, and a talk was given to each village on Local Government, and the forthcoming council elections.

Mr. Downes conducted Bolubolu patrol No. 5 simultaneously, and a road survey of the Morima Coast was carried out during the course of that patrol. (Refer our 10-4-5 of 8th October, 1965, headed Road Survey Morima Coast, addressed to the Assistant District Commissioner, Esa'ala).

Routine Administration functions as came to the attention of the patrol were also attended to.

NATIVE SITUATION.

With the West Fergusson Local Government Council scheduled for opening early in 1966, it is necessary for each successive patrol into this area to concentrate on disseminating local government propaganda, and generally educating the people in the role of local government in the village community.

The people, by now, should be fully aware that their area will be coming under local government in a matter of about four months, and all groups now appear to accept this. It is most important at this stage to fully explain each step as it is taken, towards the opening of the council, and this will be done during the nomination patrol in December, and the council elections in January.

The Mapamoiva people have marked out a large area of



land, in the vicinity of 50 acres, for use by the council for construction of Council Chambers and other buildings, as required. This land is about 15 minutes walk from the Mapamoiwa Government Station, on the Mapamoiwa - Fagalulu road. When cleared of grass and other rubbish, the land will have access to a reasonably sheltered south east anchorage, and it would be possible to build a wharf, if required.

It is intended during a forthcoming patrol of the area in November to start organising construction of a bush materials council chambers, such as is being used by the Goodenough Island Council at present. Construction will be based on the provision of free labour and materials by the people of West Fergusson.

The people of Gewata bear remarking upon for they appear to have an attitude more or less unique to the area. They are far from impressive as a group, and will need no small degree of attention in the future if they are to become a useful unit of the West Fergusson council.

Approximately 29% of the able-bodied males of Gewata are absent from the village, these being in the main the young men, leaving the middle aged and older men to carry more than their share of the burden of village life. The absentees are employed mainly in the Milne Bay and Northern Districts. This could be a contributing factor to the lack of enthusiasm and drive apparent in these people, and it would be a wise move if steps were taken to ensure no more adult males are accepted as contract labourers by local recruiters.

Only a few minor complaints were arbitrated during the course of the patrol, and no Courts of Native Matters were referred to the ADO at Belubolu.

#### VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

In all villages throughout the census division village officials were found to be doing a satisfactory job, with the notable exception of Gewata.

The Gewata Village Constable, and the Village Councillors lack initiative and authority, and complain that no village men will comply with their requests re road maintenance and other such duties. No legal action can be taken against these men, but it is to be hoped that the West Fergusson Council will introduce a road maintenance rule soon after its opening.

The Village Constable, in particular, seems to be totally ineffective, and suffers almost continuously from some type of bronchial complaint, which he insists is caused by some person, or persons, unknown making sorcery against him. No evidence could be found to support this claim. If the situation remains the same on my next visit, in November, it will be recommended that the Gewata V.C. be dismissed on grounds of ill-health, and a new appointee selected.

The Gewata rest house was found to be barely habitable, the only rest house below standard in the whole census division, and instructions were issued to the village officials to ensure a new roof, floor and floor bearers were completed within one month.

CARRIERS.

Difficulty was experienced in obtaining the full complement of carriers the patrol required for movement from Gewata to Saibutu, the result being that three patrol boxes had to be left behind at Gewata in the care of a Police Constable.

Village Officials managed to obtain the six carriers necessary to carry the delinquent boxes, and after a delay of some hours they duly arrived at Saibutu. It was explained to the Gewata people at some length that Administration Officers do not patrol purely to create work for themselves, and that a greater degree of co-operation would be expected of them in future.

The obtaining of carriers has been an endemic problem on Goodenough Island for some time, but this is the first time to my knowledge that a ~~XXXXX~~ District Administration patrol has suffered this difficulty in this area.

AGRICULTURE.

A complaint was received from various people at Fai'ai'ana, Ailuluai and Ukekeke that they could not sell their copra to the Morima Rural Progress Society as the clerk was seldom in attendance. On questioning DIMO, the clerk in question, the above was found not to be the actual case. DIMO stated that he was almost out of money with which to purchase copra, and that his supply of copra sacks was almost exhausted. Apparently about £100 in cash, and a supply of copra sacks was promised by the last DASF officer to visit the RPS, but these have not yet been forthcoming.

When at Fagalulu MANAVO'E - NEKIADO (M/A) approached the patrol with a request for 12 rice bags with which to ship his rice to Samarai when it is harvested in about November, or December. The number of rice bags required can only be treated as a rough estimation.

While visiting Fagalulu on 8th April, 1965, Mr. Owers, DASF, stated in the village book that he would endeavour to obtain a small rice miller for use in the area, but no further information on this is available at Bolubolu. To the best of my knowledge rice is at present being grown at Fagalulu and Ukekeke, though the success it has achieved at Ukekeke is not known.

Perhaps a little more information on the above paragraphs would be available from DASF, Samarai.

It would appear that one of the most energetic groups of people in the census division are those of the Salakahadi area, particularly the Tutubea census group. However Mr. Owers, on a visit to this area in March this year assessed that there isn't enough coffee planted to produce 1-1½ tons per year, but yet DASF buys only 100 or 200 pounds each year from these people.

Lack of a suitable marketing outlet must surely retard enthusiasm for planting and working cash crops, and a solution lies in finding a suitable outlet for cash crops. With large scale coffee plantings a natural outlet would be a marketing base in the Masimasi - Besilewa area, with a road constructed into the Salakahadi area, to be used by a council owned tractor and trailer.

The Salakahadi people place too much emphasis on the production of copra, for an area located so far from shipping points, and fail to realise that a much better economic position could be built up on coffee production which Mr. Owers states in the Tutubea village book, is quite well suited to the soils.

PERSONAL TAX AND CENSUS.

Attendance for census in all village groups was almost 100%, and a reasonable explanation was forthcoming from all absentees except one man from the Gwabogwabe census group. MA'UNIA - TAUNIA of Gwabogwabe, together with his wife and two children did not attend for census. When brought up to the patrol the following day, MA'UNIA did not offer an explanation for his absence, or that of his wife and children, and was informed he was to be prosecuted under section 101(a) and 101(c) of the NRO's. However he could not be located when the patrol moved off from Didian, and instructions were left with the Village Constable to locate the man and bring him to Bolubolu.

A total amount of £952 personal tax was collected, £518 of which being collected along the Morima Coast to Mapamoiwa. There were 161 tax defaulters, each of whom were given one month's grace to find their tax money. It is intended to collect tax from defaulters on a patrol departing Bolubolu for West Fergusson on November 6th. Proceedings will then be instituted against all defaulters as set out in chapter 9 of the Departmental Standing Instructions, Volume 1. There were no refusals to pay tax.

It was originally planned that the 1965 tax would be collected by the newly formed West Fergusson Council, but as this council is not now scheduled for opening until early in 1966 it was necessary for the tax to be collected by the Administration in conjunction with the 1965 census revision.

As is easily apparent from past tax collections (£800 in 1964, and £952 in 1965), the West Fergusson Council will have a very low annual income. This will be the case even if tax rates are slightly increased by the council, and collectors are sent to collect tax from persons employed in outside areas. Even if these steps are taken, it is not estimated that the council's annual income will rise above the vicinity of £1,000 in the foreseeable future. The amount will in all probability be considerably less in the initial years.

It is therefore most strongly recommended that all monies collected as Administration tax in the Western and Inland Fergusson Census Division in 1965 be passed over to the council for allocation in its initial draft estimates. This will consist of the £952 collected on the 1965 tax/census patrol, plus any monies subsequently collected from defaulters.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

A more detailed report on the sections of road surveyed by this patrol is to be found in appendix 'B' of this report.

As stated in Bolubolu patrol report No. 10 - 64/65, under the above heading, it is most obvious that a system of vehicular roads on West Fergusson would provide a definite key for developing economic potential. These roads when constructed would be used by a council owned tractor and trailer for the movement of cash crops and other produce to chipping points and marketing outlets. The kuni would prove invaluable in other ways, as well, not the least of these being the carting of materials for use on whatever projects the council elects to undertake.

Labour for road construction will, of course, be provided free in the first instance, on a self-help basis. But

assistance will be needed from the Administration in the form of tools, cement for ferds, 6" nails, deck spikes and pit-sawn timber for bridge decking. Sufficient pit-sawn timber would be available for purchase locally to satisfy initial needs. For a detailed list of requirements refer to appendix 'B' of this report.

It is probable that the West Fergusson Council will be able to allocate between £100 and £150 in its initial draft estimates, if the 1965 Administration tax is to be handed over to the council, for the purchase of tools for road construction. What this amount does not purchase will need to be supplied by the Administration, including funds for the purchase of pit-sawn bridge decking at an average cost of £5 per 100 super feet.

A patrol is to be conducted on West Fergusson in November primarily to initiate construction of the road system, but construction can only be expected to be painfully slow, at the best of times, the only tools available being digging sticks and the odd axe. It is imperative that the area receives such assistance as the Administration intends to give as soon as possible particularly in the form of whatever tools can be made available at this stage.

Comprehensive field notes for all sections of road surveyed are held at this office, including the name of each creek, width, and distances apart. Other obstacles that will provide difficulty have also been noted.

It is not considered feasible at this stage to attempt construction of a road from Pagalulu to Nuibo, or from Iamelele 2 to Nuibo due to the alternating swampy and mountainous nature of the terrain. It should however, be possible to construct a road from Nuibo to the junction with the Tutubea - Masimasi road, about one hours walking time. Such a road would give an outlet for all the Salakahadi people to a shipping point at Masimasi.

#### APPENDICES.

The following appendices are attached to this patrol report.

- (A) Census figures - village population register.
- (B) Road survey report - West Fergusson. (with map).
- (C) Trade stores - West Fergusson.
- (D) Report on police accompanying patrol.
- (E) Patrol map.

#### CONCLUSION.

Plans have been made, and proceedings are well under way for the opening of the West Fergusson Council in February next. It is planned to conduct a nomination patrol in December, and this will be followed up with the council elections in early January. This will give ample time for a councillors course to be conducted at Mapamoiva before the opening and first meeting in February.

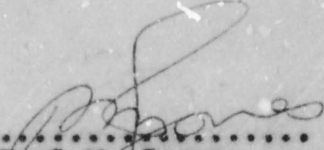
Due to the present low level of economic development of the area, it is felt to be most important that the 1965 Administration tax be handed over to the council for allocation in the initial draft estimates.

This, then, will mean that the first council tax will

be collected in the first quarter of the 1966/67 financial year, giving the taxpayers a period of six months tax free grace between January and June 1966.

If this is done, any misunderstandings which may arise over paying two, or possibly three taxes within 12 months will be avoided, and no problems will be encountered as they were on Goodenough Island and other council areas in the change of the Local Government Councils financial year, recently.

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APPENDIX 'B'.

ROAD SURVEY - WEST FERGUSSON.

MAPAMOIWA - FAGALULU. (12 miles) Difficulty will be encountered over this section of road in a number of places. A very swampy section of about 350 yards between IAMADADA creek and ANA' NA'ELA creek with a near vertical rise to considerable height on the right side, will make hard to build a road higher than the swamp itself without depositing some tons of gravel and other fill to form a bed. There are sources of fill reasonably close by.

It will be necessary to divert the road from the existing walking track while ascending the southern side of the high ground between ~~KAKIKI~~ Iaupolo hikit, and U'UFIA creek.

There are many small creeks between Mapamoiwa and Fagalulu that will need fording and bridging, but due to an anticipated shortage of cement and other materials a certain degree of discrimination will be needed to decide the most suitable for either gravel (stone) or cement fords, or bridges. The minimum requirements will be six cement fords and between four and six bridges, depending on how much pit-sawn bridge decking is to be available.

GIWATA - SAIBUTU. (4½ miles) A gravel ford will need to be constructed over UMAGALLA creek, about half way between ~~GIWATA~~ Gewata and Saibutu. This creek will be impassable after any amount of rain. Apart from considerable distances of rocky terrain to be traversed, no other difficulty will be experienced over this section.

SAIBUTU - IAMELELE 2. (3 miles) This is a comparatively easy section, and it will only be necessary to build a cement ford over UNUIAWANA creek which is approximately half way between the two villages.

Over much of this section, as was found in many other places, two rows of coconut palms, both new and mature, are growing, one each side of the road. This will make it necessary to construct the road adjacent to the existing walking track where ever possible to avoid destroying palms.

IAMELELE 2 - FAGALULU. This section was not traversed by the patrol but there is only 50 minutes walking time, over flat terrain, between the two and no difficulty is envisaged in the construction of a vehicular road here.

TUTUBEA - MASIMASI. (12 miles) This section of road will terminate at the junction of the Nuibo road, about 25 minutes walking distance from the Tutubea rest house. From this point to Masimasi, about 5 hours walking time, the BWINAI'I river has to be crossed twice, and this is the only difficulty of any note. The first crossing over a distance of 90 feet should be forced with comparable ease as there is a fairly solid rock bed on which to build a ford. The second crossing however, is deemed completely impracticable and it will be necessary to find an alternative crossing. The river here is about 26 yards wide with a very soft sandy bottom. An alternative should be available upstream.

Three bridges and two cement fords will be needed on this section.

MASIMASI - GWABEGWABE. (4 miles). This is a very flat section of road skirting around the foothills of the mountains in the north of Ferguson Island, to strike the coast at Gwabe gwabe. Several small creeks are encountered and it will be necessary to build at least two cement fords over the larger of these. No bridges will be needed here.

GWABEGWABE - DIDIAU. (5 miles) Considerable areas of coastal swamp and several quite large creeks are to be found between these two villages. It would be preferable to construct a vehicular road on the inland side of these swampy areas - a total distance of about 3/4 of a mile - but the possibility of this was not investigated, but will be on a subsequent patrol. Four cement fords and one bridge will be needed on this section.

DIDIAU - KAI/KALU. (about 16 miles). This will be the longest single section of road to be constructed in the proposed West Ferguson system. About 1 1/2 miles of coastal swamp on the east side of CAPE LABILLARDIERE (WAPALO POINT) and another two miles of coastal swamp between CAPE LABILLARDIERE and DEBA Plantation are the only difficult sections to be encountered. It would be preferable to construct a road on the inland side of this swamp, and the possibility will be investigated on a subsequent patrol. All creeks encountered can be either bridged or forded, and it will be necessary to construct about 5 cement fords and several bridges - about 5 all told.

Minimum requirements of tools and materials as estimated will be needed for construction of the primary stages of the road system:

- 500 super feet 12"x 2" pit-sawn timber for bridge decking.
- 25 tons cement for fords.
- 3 cwt deck spikes.
- 1 cwt 6" nails.
- 30 lb 4" nails.
- 20 long handle shovels.
- 50 short handle shovels.
- 30 crow bars (long).
- 5 adzes
- 20 20" bush knives
- 20 mattocks with handles.
- 20 spikes with handles.
- 10 7lb sledge hammers with handles.
- 20 garden rakes.

Scale 4 Miles to 1 Inch

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BOLUBOLU PATROL Nov. 1965/66

ROAD SURVEY

FERGUSSON ISLAND

including West and Inland  
Fergusson and Eastern  
Fergusson Census Divisions.

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Scale 4 Miles to 1 inch

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APPENDIX 'C'.

TRADE STORES - WEST FERGUSSON.

FAI'AI'ANA VILLAGE.

STORE. MOSILO - ADIGAWUA at WABULADO hamlet has a current trading license. Owner is aged about 30 years, educated to standard three. Has small selection of stock on hand valued at about £7. MOSILO goes to Samarai himself to purchase goods. He buys no copra and has been trading for about for the last five years.

COPRA BUYING. VEAGOGAMA - KAMUYONI aged about 30 years is operating from BUKUWALA hamlet. He has no trading license and began operating in 1964, and sells copra to CMB Samarai. Seems of good character. Told not to buy any further copra until he obtains a trading licence.

AILULUAI VILLAGE.

STORE. Owner is TONGU - KIDIBUWU a Sepik man living at GUMWADA hamlet. He has no licence and was previously warned against trading by ADO Bolubolu. Value of goods in store £20, with a fair selection of assorted trade articles and is supplying a need for the village. Deals by credit account with stores Samarai and also buys copra. Have told him to close the store as he has no licence. The village people appear to dislike him, and several minor personal complaints have been reported.

STORE. Owner ARIPO - ENAGAMALE of WALAIANDUMA hamlet who is also the Ailuluai Aid Post Officer although his brother is the store-keeper. On inspection no goods were seen in the store, and was told an order was soon arriving ex Samarai. No copra bought. Does not hold a licence so told to close store.

UKOKOKEO VILLAGE.

STORE. GEMABAIYO - BALJWAI of UKOKOKEO hamlet. Trading licence expired in June 1965 and he does not wish to renew it as his wife died recently. Licence cancelled.

NGWAGETA VILLAGE.

BAKERY. Owner MODINA - LUAGABU has built a kitchen and bought an oven. To date he has not a licence and has not started business. When ready he intends to apply for a trading licence. Should be able to make a success of the business.

STORE. TOMOIBODA of Kukuia now living at PAGIGIMOIA hamlet. His licence is current for a store at Kukuia which was burnt down some time ago. New store at Pagigimoia has stock on hand worth about £8 and is expecting an order from Samarai. Does about £15 worth of business each year with Samarai stores. Bought just over £5 worth of copra from village people in 1964, plus his own copra adds considerably to the amount. Recommend he be allowed to keep store at present site.

STORE. Owner KAMOKAMO of GANUTERAI hamlet has a current trading licence. Store was empty of trade goods but an order is apparently due from Samarai. KAMOKAMO buys his own trade goods. Deals mainly in copra and buys only £10-£20 lots of goods.

KUKUIA VILLAGE.

BAKERY. Owner KWAIAGINA - DONUA of GUNUBOI hamlet has a current licence. Bakes bread irregularly and is not working on a sound

basis. Unless his business acumen improves it is recommended he be closed down.

STORE. Owner TOMOJAGINA has a current licence but store was devoid of trade goods. An order is apparently coming from Samarai soon - only £10 worth of goods. Owner himself goes to Samarai to buy goods.

IBWANANIU VILLAGE.

STORE. DEMU'UIA of POPOLOVA hamlet has a current licence, but no store has been built and Demu'uia has departed to Samarai to work for a year. Was told he wished to cancel licence which was done.

STORE. Owner WESEDI of PAIAWEDI hamlet has a current licence, but no stock on hand at present. Purchases mainly copra. New store being built as old one riddled with white ants.

COPRA BUYING. BAIWANA of PAIAWEDI has a current licence. Deals only in copra and seems to have a fair business.

MAPAMOIWA VILLAGE.

STORE. UNAPOTA of ATAGOA hamlet has a current licence. Purchases quantities of copra, and deals a little in trade goods. On inspection the store had only some kerosene and tobacco in stock. Usually purchases £10-£15 of goods each time he goes to Samarai.

STORE. MRS. A. JIRIBEN of Hounou has a trading site adjacent to the Mapamoiva station. Licence not sighted. Large selection of food and trade goods valued at approximately £400 in stock. This store is the largest dealing in the area, is owned by a European and run well by a native storekeeper.

STORE. MAPAMOIWA SOCIAL CLUB has a current licence and supplies a service to station personnel and other club members. Value of stock on hand about £150.

STORE. GAIDEWI of MUDUIA hamlet has a current licence. Buys copra and had soap, tobacco and a few odd items on hand valued at £3. Orders £40 of goods each time from Samarai.

BAKERY. TOBUTU of Mapamoiva has a current licence. He bakes bread daily and has a good business.

BAKERY. MAGAIA - SIWAILOGA of VINADOGA hamlet does not hold a trading licence. MAGAIA has a good business but is a Public Servant and was told to close his business or hand it over to another capable person, who would be issued a licence. There is enough business for two bakeries in Mapamoiva.

STORE. KOGHI of VINADOGA hamlet has a current licence. No stock on hand at time of inspection. Deals in copra and purchases goods valued at about £30 each time he visits Samarai to take in his copra.

FAGALULU VILLAGE.

STORE. MWALEDI of FAGALULU has a licence current till June 1966. No stock on hand at time of inspection, but claims an order has been sent to Samarai. Sent about 16 bags of copra to Samarai in 1964 and received four orders from Samarai - one with each consignment of copra despatched.

STORE. KENDEGA - NEKIADO of KEBALAVEVE hamlet has licence current till June 1966. Owner was away when store was inspected taking copra to Samarai and buying goods for his store. Stock on hand at moment worth about £2. Four rammid bags went to Samarai this consignment making a total of 13 bags for 1965 so far.

TUTUBEA VILLAGE.

STORE. TODMGAWA of LWAGABWAGA hamlet has a trading licence current till June 1966. Claims to send about 5 ranned bags of copra to Samarai each year. Stocks quite a variety of goods including soft drinks, canned meats, cigarettes, as well as the usual items found in a village trade store. The store is a family concern and has been in operation for about one year and ten months. The amount of business done each year is not known, as all order are passed through the trade store at Wadalei, as is all copra produced, and all accounts if any are held there as well. The only books in evidence were a record of daily transactions, and a record of the split-up of profits, if any, among the shareholders. Neither of these books is easily legible. Stock on hand at time of inspection about £12.

STORE. BWALAWEDI of WANAKEKFO hamlet is nearing completion of a lock-up store-cum-residence, plus a small smokehouse. He plans on applying for a licence in the very near future. Recommend licence be granted as site of this store is 45 minutes walk from the Bwagabwaga store.

STORE. SE'UNAI - TOBOMAI has an unlicensed store at WILOLO hamlet. He has been trading for about two months, having brought back some goods on his return from working as a plantation labourer. Stock on hand at time of inspection about £4 value. He has been told to close his store and do no more trading until he receives a trading licence, for which he must apply at Eolubolu. Recommended that a licence be granted to SE'UNAI as his store is located on the Tutubea - Masimasi road about 25 minutes walk from the nearest store, at Wanakekoo.

MASIMASI VILLAGE. MARIKA - VIALE has a store at SIMUMU about one hours walk from the Masimasi rest house, and on the beach. Licence current till June 1966. Senas about 15 bags of copra to Samarai each year, and buys a corresponding amount of trade goods. Marika is considered one of the leading native traders in the area.

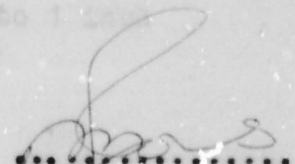
DIDIAU VILLAGE.

STORE. RM - KAIMALA the storekeeper at Miller's Trade Site at Wadalei has opened a trade store at NAMANAMALETA about one hours walk from Didiau resthouse on the Kalokalo road. The store is built on land belonging to Salayidi of Kalokalo, who is allowing its use. Storekeeper is ISIKELI - ADIWOTA of Tutubea, who is in the employ of Tom. Store has been operating for about 3 months without a licence but this state of affairs will change when a licence is applied for in the very near future. About 9 bags copra shipped out to date.

KALOKALO VILLAGE.

STORE. SABU'IAI of KALOKALO has a current licence. About £5 worth of stock on hand at time of inspection. Claims to send 30 bags of copra to Samarai each 12 months but this can be treated only as a rough estimation.

STORE. TALJUTALUYA of DEBAI'IA hamlet has a licence current until June 1966. Claims to send about 30 or 40 bags of copra to Samarai each year, but this is only a rough approximation as records are sadly lacking in this, as other, stores.

..... Miles to .....  
  
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P.M. JONES

Patrol Post,  
NOBUBOLI,  
Blaine Bay District.  
20th October, 1965.

NOBUBOLI PATROL REPORT No. 4 - 65/66.

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF R.P. & N.G.C. ACCOMPANYING PATROL.

CONSTABLE ASISI 10318.

A reliable young Constable with good bearing. A bit hot-headed at times, but Const Asisi has accompanied me on several patrols and has given no cause for reprimand.

  
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PAUL M. JONES

BOLUBOLU PATROL NO. 4 - 65/66

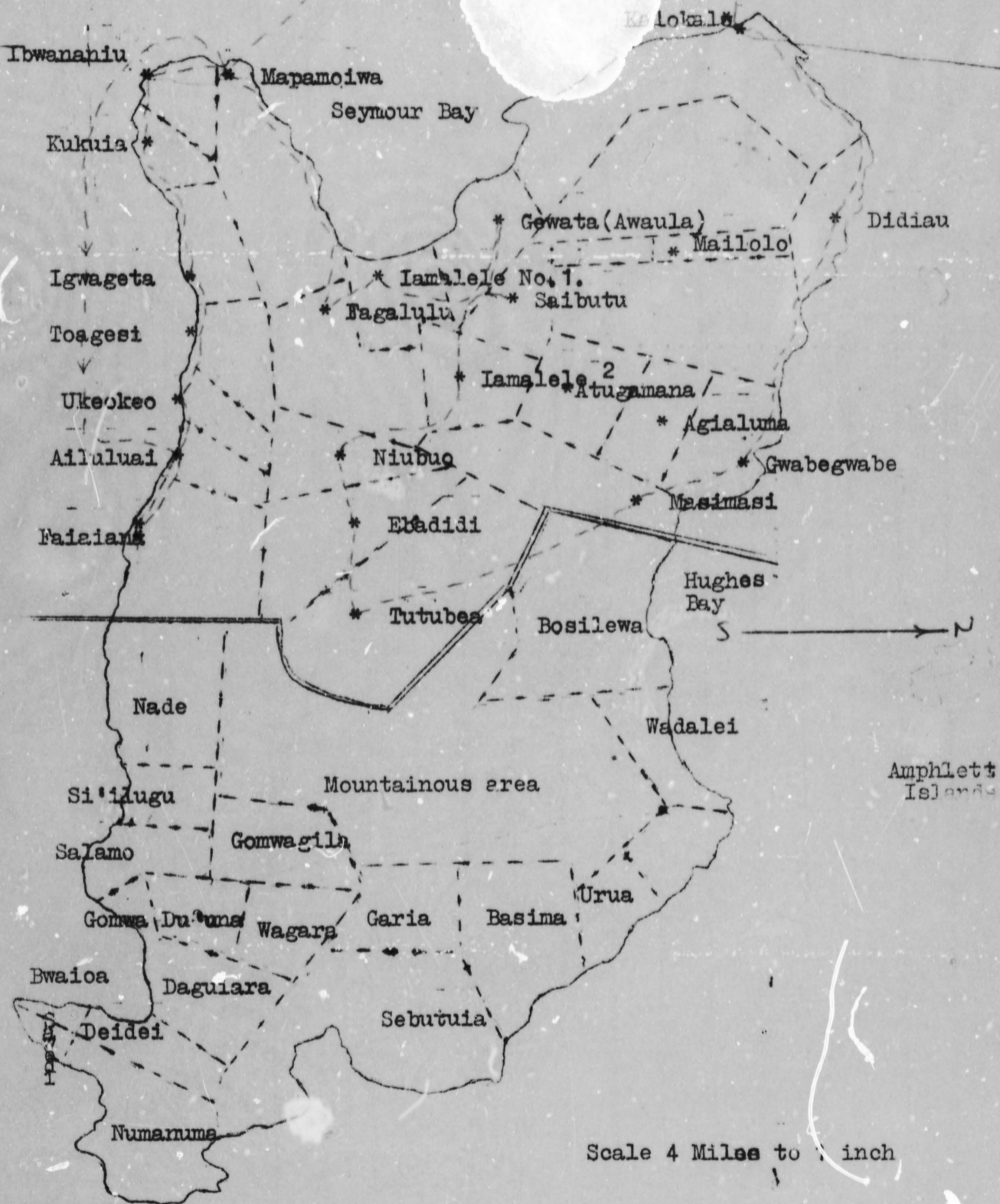
FERGUSSON ISLAND

comprising West and Inland  
Fergusson and Eastern  
Fergusson Census Divisions.

Moresby Strait

FROM BOLUBOLU

TO BOLUBOLU



----- PATROL ROUTE



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of MILNE BAY Report No. BOLUBOLU No. 6 - 65/66

Patrol Conducted by P.M. JONES Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled WEST FERGUSSON ISLAND

Patrol accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives ONE INTERPRETER  
TWO R.P. & N.G.S.

Duration—From 4./11./1965 to 20./11./1965 ( BROKEN PERIOD )

Number of Days 13 ACTUAL PATROL DAYS

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services OCTOBER 1965

Medical 11/19

Map Reference WEST FERGUSSON MILINCH

Objects of Patrol AS PER PATROL INSTRUCTIONS ( ATTACHED )

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

5/2/1966

*E. J. ...*  
District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-4-3

23rd February, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
Milne Bay District,  
SAMARAI.

BOLIMBOLU PATROL REPORT NO. 6/1965-66:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a Patrol Report by Mr. Jones, covered by your memorandum 67-1-4 of 21st January, 1966.

2. Your comments and those of Mr. Mackellar have been noted.
3. The local people seem to be enthusiastic and helpful in getting the Council Chambers built.
4. The people on Fergusson Island also seem eager to assist in economic and political development by constructing a vehicular road network.
5. Mr. Jones has finished a useful patrol but has submitted a brief report. Please advise this officer to endeavour to produce detailed and informative reports. He does not want to drastically reduce the twenty odd sub-headings suggested in the Standing Instructions.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

67-4-3. A

~~XXXX~~ Discom.  
67-1-4.



District Office,  
SAMARAI,  
Milne Bay District.

21st January, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
ESA-ALA,  
Milne Bay District.

PATROL REPORT BOLUBOLU NO. 6. OF 1965/66.

1. Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of the abovementioned report together with your covering memorandum reference 67-3-1 of the 14th December, 1965.
2. I refer to my comments made on the BOLUBOLU Patrol Report No. 4. of 1965/66 regarding the road survey in the West Ferguson Island Census Division. When the additional information requested therein is obtained, there will be a complete picture of the road situation in the proposed Council area.
3. For your information, please.

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

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

The Director,  
Dept. of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Copy for your information, please.

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



67-3-1(331)  
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Sub-District Office,  
ESA'ALA.  
Milne Bay District.  
14th December, 1965.

The District Commissioner,  
SANARAI.

Subject: Solubolu Patrol No. 6 - 1965/66  
Reference: Solubolu's 67-3-1 of 29/11/65  
(copies attached)

This patrol was mainly concerned with the collection of building materials and the preliminary organisation necessary for the construction of the Council Chambers for the proposed West Fergusson Council.

2. The site of the proposed Council Chambers was mentioned in my 42-4-2(123) of 22/9/65.

3. The Council Chambers are intended to be constructed from bush material. The council is expected to be too poor to afford a permanent material building for some years to come. It had been hoped that the Administration would assist the building of the chambers by supplying tools, and a modest request for certain building items was forwarded on my file 43-1-2(240) of 9/11/65 minuted on Solubolu's 42-4-23 of 3/11/65.

10-2-3 → 4. Preliminary surveys of proposed roads in the West Fergusson Division are complete and reports on these surveys were forwarded to you on my file 10-3-11(314) of 8/12/65. In view of the huge task ahead, it is understandable that the people wish to build the Council Chambers first and worry about the roads afterwards.

5. Mr. Jones has done excellent work in the West Fergusson Division. He is currently on another patrol in this Division. His current Patrol is to his last in this Sub-District as he is rostered for transfer to the Milne Bay Sub-District.

*M. L. Mackellar*

(M. L. Mackellar)  
Assistant District Commissioner.

10-4-5

Patrol Post,  
BOHUBOLU?  
Milne Bay District.

This road is feasible and sections of it should be built to assist the economic and political development of East Fergusson. A further survey is being undertaken at present to investigate the possibility of a road from FAGALULU to IANALELE No. 1, SAIBUTU and GEWATA. If this route proves feasible, the Assistant District Commissioner, the IANALELE No. 1 Sub District Office, IANALELE No. 1, should be contacted to the ESA'ALL No. 2 - SAIBUTU - GEWATA road. The reason for this is that the unusual thermal area from FAGALULU to IANALELE No. 1 makes the route hazardous to cross.

Road Survey Fergusson Island

FAGALULU - GEWATA - KALOKALO.

During the patrol of Fergusson Island, I surveyed a route for a road from FAGALULU village to IANALELE No. 1, GEWATA, NICUDUMWA and KALOKALO. Total length for the road would be approximately 13½ miles.

Following, I have made comments on the various sections of the road. Comprehensive field notes are held at this office for further use.

FAGALULU - IANALELE No. 1 - 2½ miles.

This section is located in a thermal area with hot mud pools, springs and sulphur deposits. The thermal activity is located about 300 yards from the FAGALULU rest house, where the road winds around a mud pool. No difficulty is experienced finding a path through the area. One low range of hills is crossed but the road would skirt around these with no trouble. Two creeks, over which could be built fords, are crossed.

IANALELE No. 1 to GEWATA - 3½ miles.

This section has a few rocky outcrops which will have to be hewn down to make it trafficable. Generally the road would follow the present walking track from IANALELE No. 1 rest house to NAIVE hamlet, to the junction with the SAIBUTU - GEWATA road, then onto GEWATA. Four stone causeways and 4 bridges would have to be built.

GEWATA to NICUDUMWA - 4 miles.

A range of hills between LAPIAWATANA and FEGANI bays creates the biggest difficulty and on this patrol, I did not find a suitable crossing. The road follows the beach for several miles then goes up and over the range at a steep angle. On the opposite side, the road descends gradually, and little difficulty would be experienced in making road cuttings here. Four creeks are crossed. A further investigation of this section will be carried out at a later date.

NICUDUMWA - KALOKALO - 3½ miles.

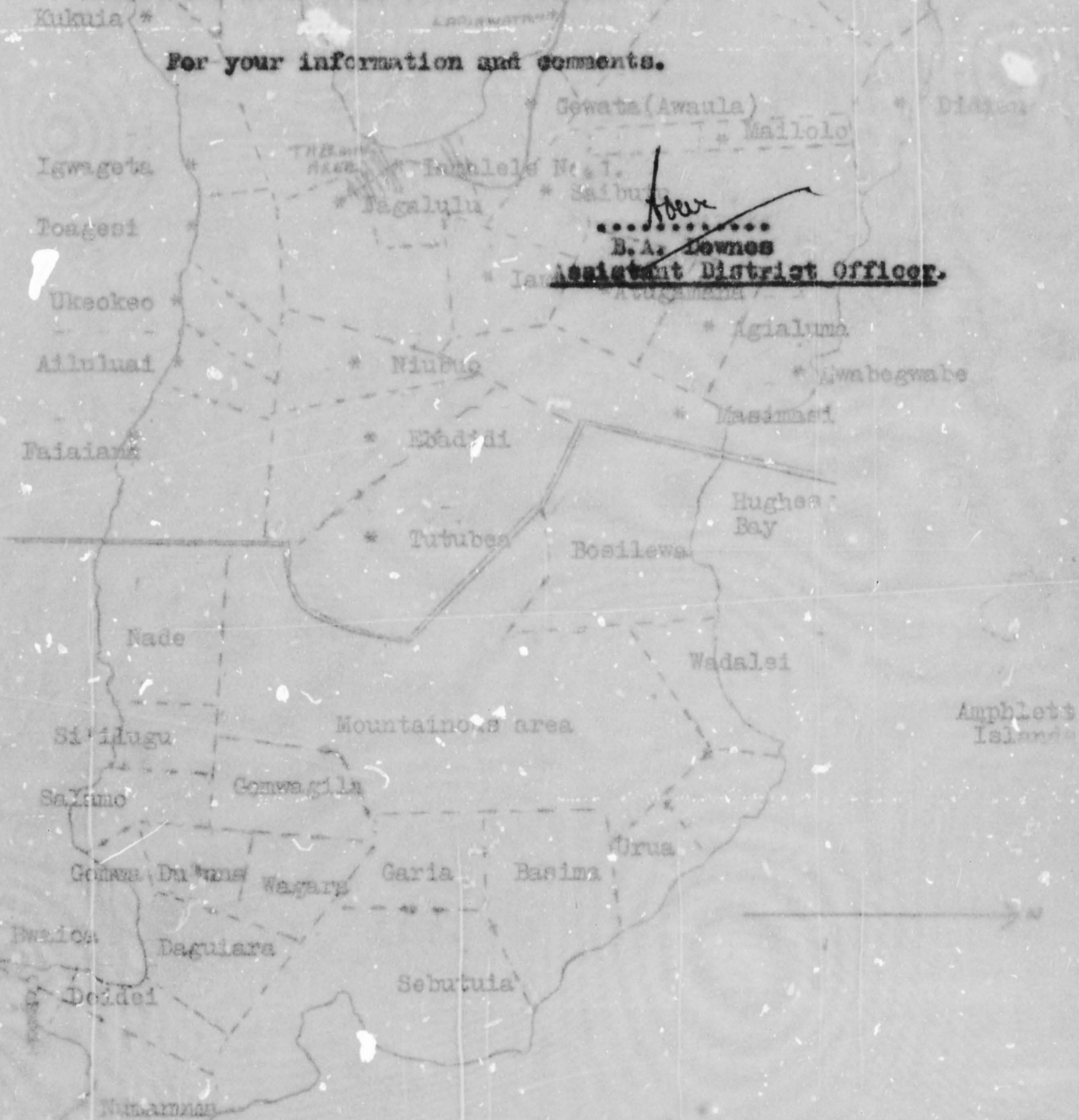
The road follows the present walking track along the coast through two hamlets to KALOKALO. The terrain is flat and no difficulty should be experienced. Five bridges and 3 stone causeways will need to be built.

SUMMARY.

GERGUSSEON ISLAND, including West and Island  
This road is feasible and sections of it should be built to assist the economic and political development of Festoons, Gergusson. A further survey is being undertaken at present to investigate the possibility of a road from FAGALULU TO IMALELE No. 2, SAIBUTU and GEWATA. If this route proves feasible, I would recommend that the FAGALULU - IMALELE No.1 road be scrapped, and IMALELE No. 1 be connected to the IMALELE No. 2 - SAIBUTU - GEWATA road. The reason for this is that the unsound thermal area from FAGALULU to IMALELE No.1 makes the route hazardous in areas.

For your information and comments.

*How*  
B.A. Lowes  
Assistant District Officer.



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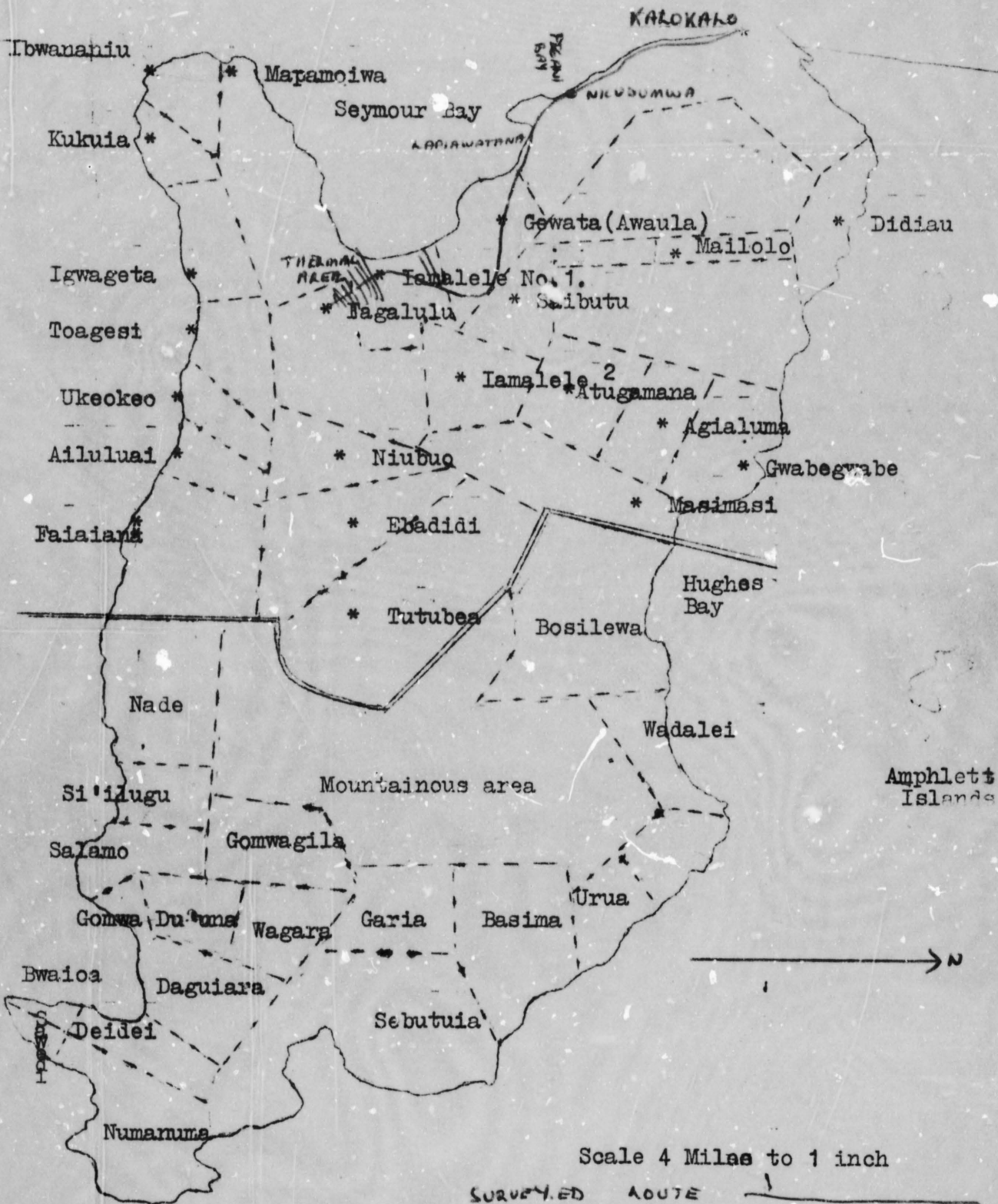
ROAD SURVEY OF FAGAIHUI - KALOKALO ROAD.

Refer Belubolu correspondence  
File 10-4-5 of 12th October 1965.

FERGUSSON ISLAND.

including West and Inland  
Fergusson and Eastern  
Fergusson Census Divisions.

Moresby Strait



67-3-1

Patrol Post,  
BOLUBOLU,  
Milne Bay District.

29th November, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub District Office,  
ESA'ALA.

Bolubolu Patrol Report No. 6-65/66.

West Fergusson Island.

Attached please find the above report prepared by Mr. P. Jones, P.O. The brevity of the report is understandable in view of the intensified patrolling West Fergusson is due to the initiation of the West Fergusson Council, and

The report is self explanatory and requires no elucidation. Progress on the Council site and road constructing is proceeding satisfactorily. The attitude toward the Council on the previously appethatic villages is certainly encouraging and, it is hoped, will continue.

For your information.

*How*

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B.A. Downes  
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-3-1

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Patrol Post,  
BOLUBOLU,  
Milne Bay District.

5th November, 1965.

Mr. P. Jones C/PO,  
Bolubolu Patrol Post,  
Milne Bay District.

Dear Mr. Jones,

re Bolubolu Patrol No.6-65/66 West Fergusson.

You will prepare to depart for West Fergusson as soon as practicable to conduct a follow-up patrol to your last West Fergusson patrol in October, 1965.

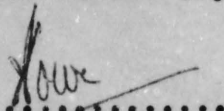
Objects of the patrol will be as follows:-

1. Collection of all outstanding personal tax.
2. Continuation of survey of West Fergusson road system and instigation of road work by the village people. Road working tools are not yet to hand, but preliminary work can be carried out by the village people in widening existing tracks and clearing new routes of trees, rocks etc.
3. As it is planned to open the West Fergusson Council in February, 1966, it will be necessary for temporary council buildings to be erected. Please arrange between the residents to have this work commenced. Arrange to have all native buildings materials assembled at various pick-up points around the island and I shall endeavour to have these collected and transported to Mapamoiwa by work-boat.
4. Routine administration.

Please arrange with the clerk for your patrol rations and gear. Two Constables will accompany you.

Wishing you an enjoyable patrol.

Yours faithfully,



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B.A. Downes  
Assistant District Officer.

BOLUBOLU PATROL No. 6 - 65/66.

PATROL DIARY

THURSDAY 4TH NOVEMBER.

Departed Bolubolu 0800 per 'Bagana' and arrived Gwabegwabe 1030. Held joint meeting of Gwabegwabe and Masimasi people to talk about supplying building materials for council chambers and clerks house. Departed Gwabegwabe 1230 and arrived Bolubolu 1500.

FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER.

Other duties.

SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER.

Departed Bolubolu 0900 by 'Bagana' and arrived Mapamoiva 1145 via Wailagi. Departed Mapamoiva 1315 and arrived Faiaiana 1545. Unloaded gear and Bagana departed for Esa'ala 1630. Overnight at Faiaiana.

SUNDAY 7TH NOVEMBER.

Observed at Faiaiana.

MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER.

Arbitrated disputes over land and burnt coconuts. Collected tax from Faiaiana defaulters. Held meeting to organise and explain construction of council chambers. Departed Faiaiana 1045 and arrived Ailulua 1145. MHA for Esa'ala-Losua holding meeting at time of patrols arrival. Collected tax from most Ailulua defaulters. Held meeting to organise and explain construction of council chambers. Departed Ailulua 1445 and arrived Ukeokeo 1545. Overnight at Ukeokeo.

TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER.

Held meeting at Ukeokeo to organise and explain construction of council chambers. Collected tax from defaulters. Arbitrated bride price dispute. Departed Ukeokeo 1115 and arrived Toagesi 1215. Held joint meeting of Toagesi and Iguageta to organise and explain construction of council chambers. Collected tax from Iguageta defaulters. Departed Toagesi by canoe 1530 arrived Iguageta 1635 and Kukuia 1720. Overnight at Kukuia.

WEDNESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER.

Departed Kukuia 0825 and arrived Ibwananiu 0900. Collected tax from Kukuia and Ibwananiu defaulters. Held joint meeting to organise and explain construction of council chambers. Departed Ibwananiu 1100 and arrived Mapamoiva rest house 1200. Overnight at Mapamoiva.

THURSDAY 11TH NOVEMBER.

Held meeting of Mapamoiva people to organise and explain construction of council chambers. Spoke to owners of land on which it is intended to build council HQ, and they are willing to sell. Looked at land with owners in afternoon and established it has a frontage of 130 yds. on the Mapamoiva .. Iaupolo road. Received one CSB passbook for deceased depositors action. Overnight at Mapamoiva.

FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER.

Cleared a road through proposed council land using volunteer labour from Merima Coast villages. Cleared site for construction of council chambers and clerks house. Spoke to village constable about construction of vehicular road from Mapamoiva to Iaupolo. Carried out further investigations re theft of Bagl knife referred to in FOJ para. 106. Matter referred to ADO Bolubolu. Overnight at Mapamoiva.

SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER.

Departed Mapamoiva 0730 by MV 'Seamist' and arrived Bolubolu 0930. Discussions with ADO re current patrol and proposed boat movements for picking up council chamber building materials. Departed Bolubolu 1200 and arrived Kalokale 1245 to deposit outboard motor. Departed Kalokale 1400 and arrived Fagalulu beach 1610 and Fagalulu rest house

1700. Overnight at Fagalulu.

SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER.

Observed at Fagalulu.

MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER.

Held meeting of Fagalulu people to organise and explain construction of council chambers. Also spoke about starting work on vehicular road on a friday work basis only until next patrol. Departed Fagalulu 1100 and arrived Iamelele 2 1200. Spoke to joint gathering of Iamelele 1&2 on construction of council chambers and starting work on vehicular on friday work basis. Departed Iamelele 2 1530 and arrived Gewata 1700. Overnight at Gewata.

TUESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER.

Held joint meeting of Saibutu and Gewata abut construction of council chambers and spoke about starting work on, vehicular road on a friday work basis for the present. Departed Gewata 1000 and arrived Kalokalo 1300. Departed Kalokalo 1430 by outboard after despatching gear by canoe. Arrived Bolubolu 1500 and gear arrived 1630. Overnight at Bolubolu.

WEDNESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER.

Other duties.

THURSDAY 18TH NOVEMBER.

Other duties.

FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER.

Other duties. Arrival of 'Bagana' from north coast of Fergusson with load of building materials for council HQ Mapamoiwa.

SATURDAY 20TH NOVEMBER.

Departed Bolubolu 0730 by 'Bagana' and arrived Mapamoiwa 0930. Unloaded building materials onto beach at Fatanitani and stacked same out of reach of tides with labour from Mapamoiwa village. 'Bagana' departed for Esa'ala 1330 but self unable return Bolubolu in outboard motor due south east wind. Overnight at Mapamoiwa, with MGS Officer.

SUNDAY 21ST NOVEMBER.

Departed Mapamoiwa 0515 and arrived Bolubolu 0610. Remainder observed at Bolubolu, and end of Patrol.

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*P.M. Jones*  
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P.M. JONES  
(Patrol Officer).





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference... 67-3-1

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Patrol Post,  
BOLUBOLU,  
Milne Bay District.  
22nd November, 1965.

BOLUBOLU PATROL REPORT No. 6 - 65/66.

INTRODUCTION.

The primary purpose of this patrol was to initiate construction of the vehicular road system of West Fergusson, by the villages of the central plains area.

The supply of building materials for the bush materials council chambers and clerks house, to be built at Mapamoiwa, was also arranged. Each village visited was allocated a quantity of materials, or a quota of labour, to be supplied.

An amount of £144 was collected from tax defaulters, but there is still some tax outstanding from about 50 defaulters, to be collected by a subsequent patrol.

Routine administration matters were also attended to.

NATIVE SITUATION.

In each village visited by the patrol a meeting was held, and a talk given on the need for the construction of a council chambers and clerks house, emphasis being placed on the fact that work would essentially be on a voluntary basis.

Reception in all villages was above expectations, and already work has commenced at the site, and building materials are being stockpiled whenever a work boat is available, in preparation for the actual commencement on construction.

About forty labourers from the Morima coast villages of Faialana, Ailuluai, Ukekeo, Toagesi and Igwageta have cleared a road through the council land, from the Mapamoiwa - Iaupole government road to the beach, and a site for the council chambers has been cleared of scrub, and tall grass which is the main vegetation on the land.

Building materials in the form of hardwood posts and mangrove timber have been picked up from the Masimasi - Gwabegwabe area by M.V. "Bagna", and taken to Mapamoiwa. These materials were got ready in the space of only two weeks, which is pleasing to note in view of the fact that the villages of the north coast of Fergusson Island were originally opposed to the council, or at the best apathetic, but this attitude has now been dissipated. (Refer our 40-1-6 of 20/9/65 addressed to the Assistant District Commissions, Esa'ala.)

A quota of work is allocated to each village in the proposed council area for the building of the council chambers and clerks house, some villages supplying building materials, and others labour for the actual construction work.

It is felt that if the present rate of co-operation among the people is maintained, the council chambers should be completed well in time for

the council opening, proposed early 1966.

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

At each meeting of the villages of the central plains area (ie. Fagalulu, Iamelele 1 and 2, Saibutu and Gewata) a talk was given on the proposed vehicular road system of the Island.

The general feeling of the people at this stage is against any large scale undertaking of road construction, as they have not yet completed clearing and planting of their new gardens, and cultivating supplementary crops due to a food shortage in the area. The food shortage situation does not need any attention from the Administration.

A secondary reason given was that they would be too busy preparing building materials for the council chambers to be able to spare time for road construction, and at the same time fulfil their everyday village obligations.

On further discussion the people agreed that the best method of carrying out road construction for the present was to confine activities to clearing grass and other rubbish from the easy sections of the road on a "Friday work" basis only, leaving the harder sections to a more concentrated effort at a later date, preferably when some tools are made available.

It is estimated that approximately six or seven miles of road in the central plains area will be open to a motor cycle early in the new year.

#### PERSONAL TAX.

An amount of £144 in outstanding personal tax for 1965 was collected during the course of the patrol, and there are still about 50 defaulters to pay their tax. No proceedings have yet been instituted against those who have failed to pay.

This amount, together with the £952 collected during the course of Bolutolu patrol No. 4 - 65/66, makes a total of £1096 collected for the year, plus any amounts that may be collected on subsequent patrols.

#### CONCLUSION.

It is pleasing to note the change of attitude of these people since patrolling in the area has been stepped up over the past months, in preparation for the introduction of local government to West Fagusan.

With continual guidance in the right direction it is to be hoped that this area will lift itself to a level of comparative equality, particularly economic equality, that other areas have experienced with the introduction of local government.

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PAUL M. JONES  
(Patrol Officer).

Patrol Post,  
BOLUBOLU,  
Milne Bay District.  
22nd November, 1965.

BOLUBOLU PATROL No. 6 - 65/66.

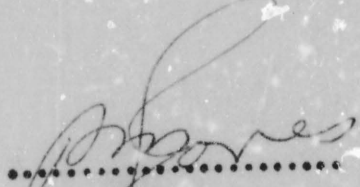
REPORT ON MEMBERS OF R.P. & N.G.C. ACCOMPANYING PATROL.

CONSTABLE GENAMA 7235.

A reliable and experienced Constable who understands all facets of work by police on patrol.

CONSTABLE MANINI 10303.

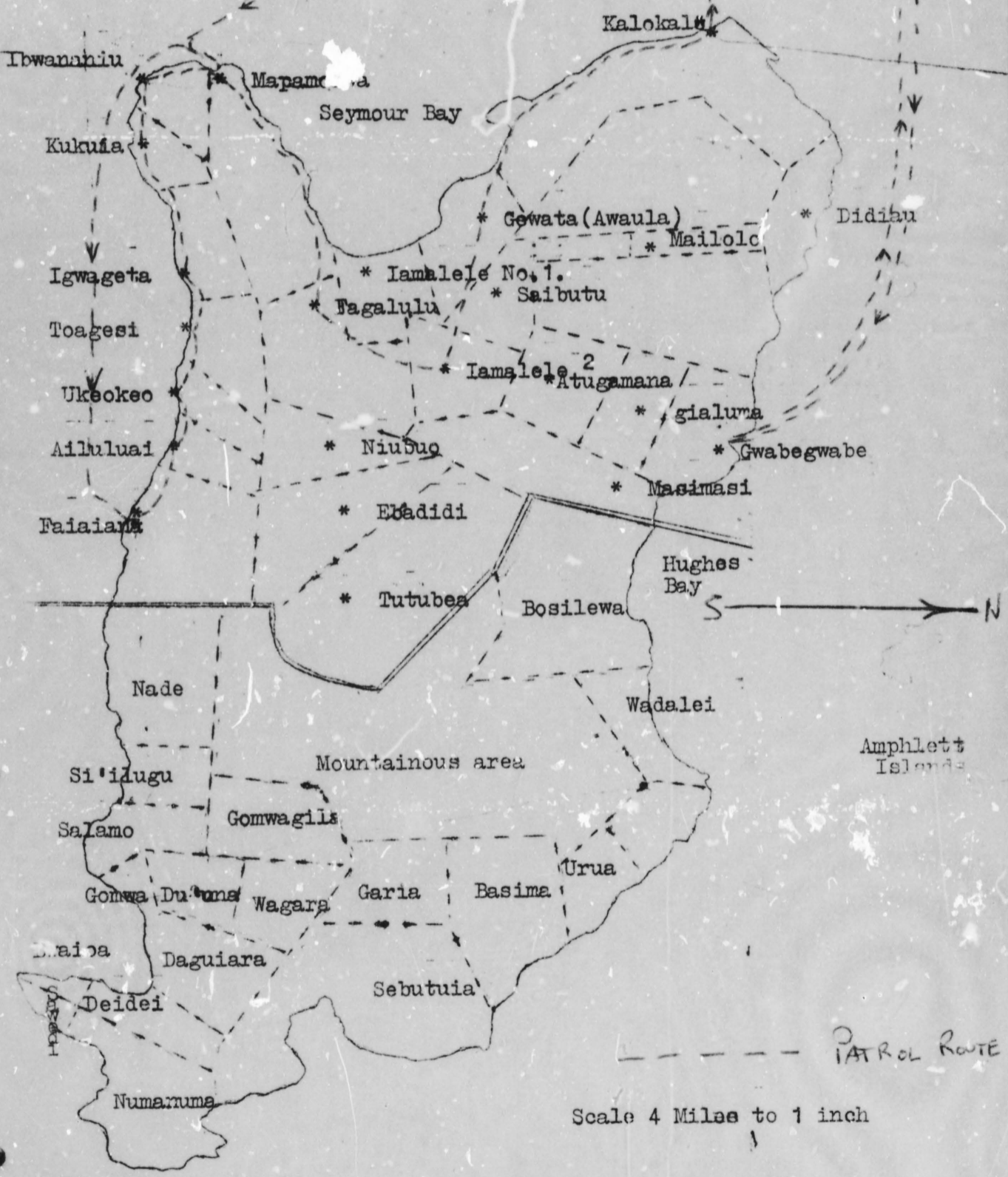
This Constable accompanied the patrol mainly for experience in bush work. Manini has not been on patrol previous to this, having only had town postings in the past. Carried out his duties satisfactorily and states that he likes bush work.

  
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P.M. JONES  
(Patrol Officer).

BOLUBOLU PATROL NO. 6 - 65/66

FERGUSSON ISLAND, including West and Inland Fergusson and Eastern Fergusson Census Divisions.

Moresby Strait



PATROL ROUTE

Scale 4 Miles to 1 inch



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of **MYIERS BAY** Report No. **BOLINGBROOK No. 9 - 63/66.**  
 Patrol Conducted by **PAUL H. JONES** Patrol Officer.  
 Area Patrolled **WEST FERGUSON ISLAND**  
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **RM1**  
 Natives **1 R.P.A. H.Q.C., 1 INTERPRETER**  
 Duration—From **4 / 12 / 19 65** to **15 / 12 / 19 65**  
 Number of Days **12 days**  
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **No.**  
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **November 65**  
 Medical **9779** / 19  
 Map Reference **West Ferguson District**  
 Objects of Patrol **As per patrol instructions (attached).**

Director of Native Affairs,  
 PORT MORESEY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for Wa. Damage Compensation ..... £.....  
 Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund ..... £.....  
 Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ..... £.....



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of.....MILNE BAY..... Report No. BQUBOLU No. 9 - 65/66.

Patrol Conducted by.....PAUL M. JONES Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled.....WEST FERGUSSON ISLAND.....

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

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

1 INTERPRETER

Duration—From 4...../12...../19 65 to 15 / 12 / 19 65

Number of Days.....12 days.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services November/19 65.

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

Map Reference.....West fergusson Milinoh.....

Objects of Patrol.....As per patrol instructions ( Attached ).

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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O.K. ALDER/bs.

Milne Bay District,  
SAMARAI.

1st March, 1966.

28th March, 1966.

Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

The District Commissioner,  
Milne Bay District,  
SAMARAI.

BOLUBOLU PATROL REPORT NO. 9/65-66.

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*E. J. Emanuel*

(E.J. Emanuel)

a/District Commissioner.

Att.

67-4-15.

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28th March, 1966.

The District Commissioner,  
Milne Bay District,  
SAMARAI.

BOLIBOLU PATROL REPORT NO. 9/1965-1966.

Thank you for your memorandum 67-1-4 of 1st  
March, 1966, together with Mr. Jones' Patrol Report.

2. Your comments and those of Messrs. Mackellar  
and Downes have been noted.

3. Mr. Jones has apparently conducted a good  
patrol and submitted an interesting report.

4. The pre-election propoganda appears to have  
been a success.

(J. K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR

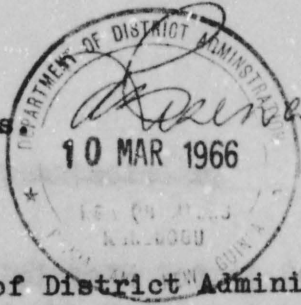




TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67. 4. 15 <sup>21</sup>

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Telegrams..... 13  
Our Reference..... 67-1-4  
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Mr..... O.K. ALDER/bs



Department of District Administration,  
Milne Bay District,  
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67-3-1(450)

Maskellar.

Sub-District Office,  
EBA'ALA.  
Milne Bay District.

9th February, 1966.

The District Commissioner,  
BAMARAI.

Subject: Bolubolu Patrol Report No. 9/1965-66  
Reference: Bolubolu's 67-3-1 of 14/1/66(attached)

Please find attached, three copies of subject Patrol Report.

2. This Patrol was the West Ferguson Council pre-election patrol.

3. Mr. Jones was whisked away from Bolubolu immediately his patrol was completed, and he wrote this at Cameron.

4. ELECTION

The pre-election propaganda appears to have been a success and the quest for nominations was successful. The election is expected to terminate today, and electoral results will be forwarded to you in due course.

5. COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The response for voluntary labour and materials to build the Council Chambers was very good.

6. PERSONAL TAX.

Your Memo 41-12-6 of 20/1/66 to the Treasurer has asked for the 1965 Tax to be refunded to the new Council.

7. CONCLUSION.

Mr. Jones has done valuable work in the West Ferguson area. I am sure he will later follow the Councils' progress with interest.

*M. L. Maskellar*

(M.L. Maskellar)  
Assistant District Commissioner.

Telegram 67-3-1  
Telephone 67-3-1  
Our Reference 67-3-1  
If calling ask for  
Mr.

Patrol Post,  
BOLUBOLU,  
Milne Bay District.

14th January, 1966.  
30th November, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub District Office,  
ESA'ALA.

Dear Sir: West Fergusson Patrol  
Bolubolu Report No. 9/55-66.

Enclosed please find three copies of the above patrol report submitted by Mr. Jones, who has now been transferred to Camerons Plateau.

You will prepare to depart for a patrol of West and Inland Fergusson Island on 4th December, 1965 to disseminate information and spread the pre election propaganda. This aim has been satisfactorily achieved, receiving 23 nominations from 13 villages. The only village from which no nomination was received, was GEWATA. Previous correspondence from this village has explained the backward nature of this group. As Mr. Jones told this group, a visit was carried out by Mr. Jones' successor, Mr. Morris, in late December, 1965, and after much talking and explaining, one person nominated.

Total amount of tax collected from the area during this year amounts to £1,189. I again stress that it would be of great assistance to the new Council, if this money was returned to them to assist in their first year of operation.

Mr. Jones has again completed an excellent patrol, and his absence from the scene will no doubt be felt by all, as he has gained the confidence and respect of all those with whom he has come into contact.

Camping allowance claims are attached.

For your information.

*Downes*  
B.A. Downes  
Assistant District Officer.

CC P.Jones, Camerons Plateau.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Our Reference 67-3-1

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Patrol Post,  
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Milne Bay District.

30th November, 1965.

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MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

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Wishing you a happy patrol.

Yours sincerely,

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B.A. Downes  
Assistant District Officer.

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BOLUBOLU PATROL No. 9 - 65/66.

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SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER.

Sunday - observed at Mapamoiwa.

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Held meeting of Fagalulu people to disseminate pre election propaganda and collect nominations. Two nominations to date. Departed Fagalulu 1030 and arrived Iamelele 1200. Held meeting of Iamelele 1 people to disseminate pre election propaganda and accept nominations. Two nominations to date. Collected tax from last two of Iamelele 1 defaulters. Overnight at Iamelele 1.

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THURSDAY 9TH DECEMBER.

Held meeting Saibutu people and received two nominations. Departed Saibutu 1100 and arrived Iamelele 2 1200. Held pre election propaganda meeting Iamelele 2 and received two nominations. Overnight at Iamelele 2.

FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER.

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SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER.

Observed at Tutubea.

MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER.

Departed Tutubea 0700 and arrived Masimasi 1100 - carriers arrived 1230. Despatched runner to Atugamana and Agialuma to advise people there that a meeting would be held at KUNUDUDUWE namlet on Wednesday 15th December. Held meeting of Masimasi people to disseminate pre election propaganda and receive nominations. Two nominations to date plus another nomination received for Tutubea ward. Departed Masimasi 1600 and arrived Gwabegwabe 1730. Overnight at GWABEGWABE.

TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER.

Held meeting of Gwabegwabe people to disseminate pre election propaganda and receive nominations. Three nominations received to date. Collected tax from Gwabegwabe defaulters. Received word from Agialuma Village Constable that Atugamana and Agialuma people would prefer to have their meeting at Gwabegwabe rest house. Overnight at Gwabegwabe.

WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER.

Held joint meeting of Atugamana and Agialuma to disseminate pre election propaganda and receive nominations. One nomination received from each village. Departed Gwabegwabe 1000 and arrived Didiau 1200. Held meeting of Didiau people to disseminate pre election propaganda. Two nominations received. Departed Didiau 1500 and arrived Bolubolu 1930 by canoe. Overnight at Bolubolu and end of patrol.

P.M. JONES Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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If calling ask for

Mr.

67-3-1

Patrol Post,  
BOLUBOLU,  
Milne Bay District.  
23th December, 1965.

BOLUBOLU PATROL NO. 9 - 65/66.

INTRODUCTION.

The prime purpose of this patrol was to disseminate pre election propoganda to the people of the proposed West Fergusson Local Government Council area, and to accept nominations from candidates.

This report covers only the inland and north coast section of the census division, the Morima coast being patrolled by Mr. ADO Downes - refer Bolubolu patrol report No. 8 - 65/66/

Routine Administration matters were also attended to.

NATIVE SITUATION.

With the completion of this nomination patrol, the way is clear for the West Fergusson Council elections to be held in January, 1966. No problems were encountered by the patrol in matters relating to either elections or nominations, and it was carefully explained that the procedure would be on similar lines to that adopted for the House of Assembly elections. At the same time the difference between the council and the House of Assembly was stressed.

A comprehensive talk was given in each village on both nominations and elections, using visual aid diagrams supplied for House of Assembly propoganda purposes. The cards not relating to council elections were deleted. Only a few questions were asked of the patrol, which is usual for the area, but these were quite well founded and showed that a general understanding of nomination and election procedures was held. It is hoped this apparent understanding is reflected onto the whole adult population.

At least one nomination was received from each village at the time of the patrols visit, the usual number being two, and in several cases three nominations were received.

The following notes are on impressions gained by the patrol from each village on the pre election propoganda and nomination of candidates :-

FAGALULU - The talk was received with enthusiasm, and these people promise to be a useful unit of the council. Two nominations were received, but did not include the village constable KADIESAN'ESA, who exerts a considerable influence on this group.

IAMELELE 1 - Two nominations were received, one being from a village councillor which is an indication that the village officials do not regard the introduction of a council merely as an attempt to usurp their authority.

GEWATA - In spite of the fact that 24 hours notice of the meeting was given to the Gewata people, less than half the adult poulation were assembled at the rest house up to the time the patrol departed for Saibutu at 1330. Because of the lack of attendance no meeting was held.

On questioning, the village officials stated that many

people were in the process of planting new gardens and would not have heard of the meeting. 24 hours notice has proven to be adequate for this, and other, villages in the past, and this point was carefully explained to the village officials. It was then arranged to hold a meeting three weeks hence on Thursday 30th December at the rest house, which should be sufficient notice for all the people to allow enough time to assemble.

SAIBUTU - Although rather a 'bushy' group, even by West Fergusson standards, these people responded well to the pre election talk, and two nominations were received before the patrol moved on to Iamelele 2.

IAMELELE 2 - Two nominations were received from this inland group of the central plains, one being from LEWETA alias KEN, who is an ex member of the Pacific Islands Regiment, has a good grasp of English, and appears to be good potential councillor material.

NIUBO - Only 24 out of a possible 59 adults were present at the time of the patrol's visit. On questioning, the Village Constable stated that the people of the hamlets further from the rest house had told him they would not come to the meeting because of the distance to walk. This attitude is perhaps understandable, there having been four District Administration, one Agriculture, one Health Education and one malaria control patrols through the area in the past nine months. It was, however, made clear to the village officials that all people would be expected to attend meetings in future.

Because of the few people present at Niubo, it was decided to move onto Ebadidi and hold a joint meeting there. The pre election propaganda was well received by these people, who have a close affinity to those of the Morima coast. Two nominations were received - the village constable and a village councillor nominating.

EBADIDI - Another of the villages in the area of Fergusson Island generally known as Salakahadi, all of whom belong to the Morima linguistic group. The pre election talk was well received, and two nominations were accepted by the patrol.

TUTUBEA - This is the largest of the Salakahadi villages and also closely related to the people of the Morima coast. Because of the large population and area of land comprising this ward, two councillors are to be elected. This will be the only ward in the West Fergusson Council to have two councillors.

Only two nominations were received during the time of the patrol's visit, but the pre election talk was well received and understood, and it is probable that further nominations will be received before the closing date. A third nomination was received for the Tutubea ward while the patrol was at Masimasi - this was from a village councillor.

MASIMASI - The people of Masimasi are a rather economically backward group, as are all the villages of the north coast of Fergusson Island. If this factor is taken into consideration and allowances made, it can be seen that Masimasi and all the north coast villages will form an integral part of the council.

Two nominations were received from this group at the time of the patrol's visit to the village.

GWABEGWABE - Another economically backward group of people. Three nominations received by the patrol.

DIDIAU - These people have shown a remarkable change in their attitudes towards local government over the past six months. The pre election talk was well received, and it was from this



group that most of the questions asked of the patrol came. Two nominations were received and both candidates look to be potential councillor material.

ATUGAMANA - The people of Atugamana, together with those of Agialuma attended a joint meeting at Gwabegwabe rest house. These two villages are the most backward in the census division, mainly through virtue of their comparatively inaccessible location. One nomination was received by the patrol.

AGIALUMA - Closely related to the Atugamana people, these people live in a near inaccessible mountain area that offers little opportunity for economic development due mainly to the lack of suitable outlets for cash crops. One nomination was received from a village councillor who appears to be one of the more advanced members of this group.

KALOKALO - This village was visited by Mr. ADO Downes.

**VOLUNTARY CONSTRUCTION OF COUNCIL CHAMBERS.** During the course of the patrol final preparations were made for the construction of the West Fergusson council chambers, to be commenced in January at Patanitani, near Mapamoiwa.

As mentioned in Bolubolu patrol report No. 6 - 65/66 a quantity of building materials in the form of mangrove roofing timber, and hardwood corner posts have already been assembled at the site.

The Fagalulu people have prepared about 600 sheets of sago roofing for use on the council chambers, and Iamelele 1 and Gewata have also prepared quantities of sago roofing. These materials were awaiting transshipment at the time of the patrol's visit to the villages concerned.

This sago roofing was prepared in the space of only three weeks, worth remarking on for all work was on a voluntary basis, and must have made some inroads into the amount of time the people could spend working on their new gardens.

Labour for use on construction of the council chambers was organised, and those villages to supply labour are now aware of the details, and no problems should be encountered here. They were advised they would receive word some time during January on when to proceed to the council chambers site.

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

A small amount of scrub clearing has been completed on isolated sections of the proposed vehicular road to date.

At Fagalulu all the government walking road for a distance of from  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 miles on the Mapamoiwa side of the Fagalulu rest house has been cleared of scrub to a width suitable for a vehicular road. Some scrub clearing has also been carried out by the Saibutu people near the rest house, and this will form part of the Saibutu - Iamelele 2 road. The Iamelele 2 people have cleared some of the road between Iamelele 2 and Fagalulu, but much more remains to be done.

No other work has been done on the vehicular road to date, due mainly to pressure of other work on the Bolubolu Officers, and the preparation of building materials for the council chambers by the West Fergusson people. Iamelele 1 stated they would begin work on their section of road on a Friday work basis now that they have finished preparing

materials for the council chambers, but no such assurance was received from the Gewata people, which is to be expected. This group will need much help on the construction of their section of the road.

#### PERSONAL TAX.

A further amount of £37.10.0 was collected by the patrol from persons who had failed to pay on previous occasions since the 1965 tax/census patrol. There are now only a handful of tax payers still defaulting, and it is not probable any prosecutions will result.

This makes the total personal tax collection for this area in 1965 approximately £1200, which is considerably more than the £868 collected in 1964, and should be a fair indication of what the council can expect its annual revenue from tax to be. Tax defaulters were followed up closely this year to get the people used to the idea of stricter measures adopted on tax collections carried out by councils.

#### ANTHROPOLOGICAL.

While the patrol was at Ebadidi some traditional dancing was witnessed when I visited a hamlet near the rest house. The people informed me they were rehearsing for a Methodist Mission church opening to be held in Samarai shortly.

This particular form of dancing is confined to the Morima linguistic group, that is the coastal villages of Faia-iana, Ailuluai, Ukeokeo and Toagesi, and the inland villages of Niubo, Ebadidi, and Tutubea. I approached the people on the prospect of featuring some traditional dancing at the council opening, proposed for early February, and they expressed willing. Perhaps the Officer organising the council opening could approach the people further on the subject.

This picturesque and interesting form of story telling is becoming more and more rare and should be encouraged wherever possible to create an interest among the younger people. It is a shame that guitars, Slim Dusty and the Twist should be preferred by the young people of the village, instead of their own dancing and music.

#### CONCLUSION.

It is particularly pleasing to note that at least one nomination from each village visited by the patrol. In a number of villages the people stated that they had no suitable candidates but after discussion at the end of the talk on elections and nominations among the people, the nominees usually came forward.

The impression was gained that the outcome of the elections will hold few surprises for the people, for in almost every village they discussed at some length on who the most suitable candidate(s) would be. The larger families or clans will no doubt be successful at "putting their man in".

My unexpected transfer from the area at this crucial stage in the councils embryonic life does not bear comment.

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P.W. JONES Patrol Officer.

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Patrol Post,  
BOLUBOLU,  
Milne Bay District.

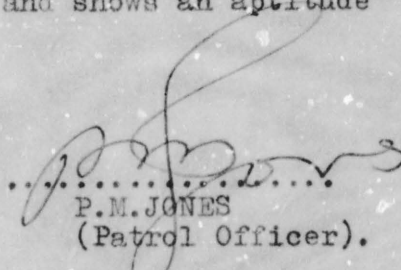
28th December, 1965.

BOLUBOLU PATROL No. 9 - 65/66.

REPORT ON MEMBERS R.P. & N.G.C. ACCOMPANYING PATROL.

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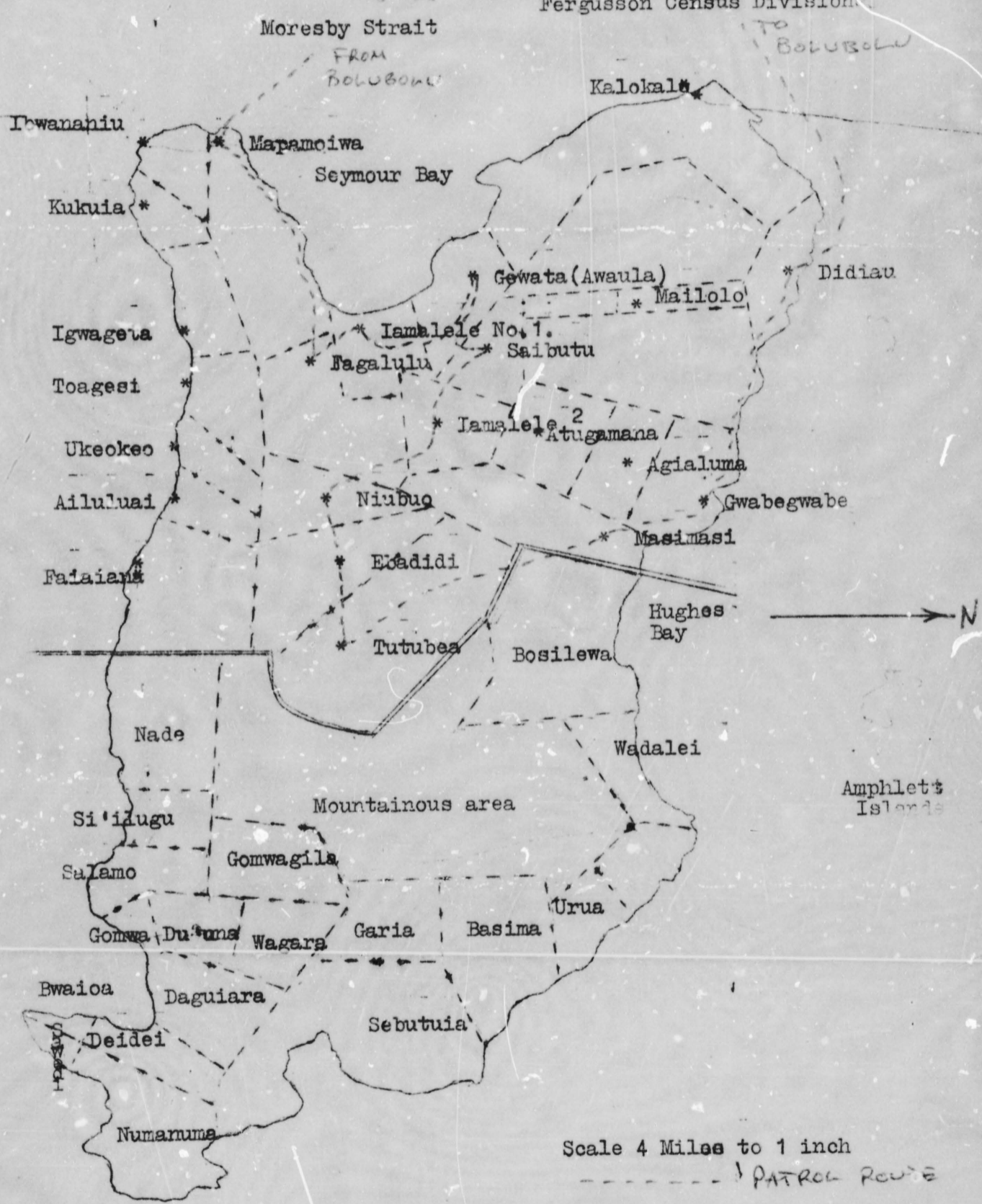
This is the second only patrol this constable has accompanied, both being of West Fergusson. Carried out his duties satisfactorily in every way, and shows an aptitude for bush work.

  
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P.M. JONES  
(Patrol Officer).

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# BOLUBOWI PATROL No. 9 - 65/66

FERGUSSON ISLAND, including West and Inland Fergusson and Eastern Fergusson Census Divisions



Scale 4 Miles to 1 inch  
--- PATROL ROUTE

67-3-1

Patrol Post,  
BOLUBOLU,  
Milne Bay District.

30th November, 1965.

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Wishing you a happy patrol.

Yours sincerely,

*B.A. Townes*

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Assistant District Officer.

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**FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER.**

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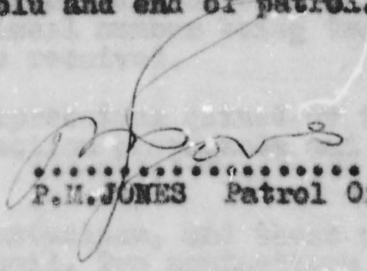
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**WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER.**

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P.M. JONES Patrol Officer.

67-3-1

Patrol Post,  
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Routine Administration matters were also attended to.

NATIVE SITUATION.

With the completion of this nomination patrol, the way is clear for the West Fergusson Council elections to be held in January, 1966. No problems were encountered by the patrol in matters relating to either elections or nominations, and it was carefully explained that the procedure would be on similar lines to that adopted for the House of Assembly elections. At the same time the difference between the council and the House of Assembly was stressed.

A comprehensive talk was given in each village on both nominations and elections, using visual aid diagrams supplied for House of Assembly propaganda purposes. The cards not relating to council elections were deleted. Only a few questions were asked of the patrol, which is usual for the area, but these were quite well founded and showed that a general understanding of nomination and election procedures was held. It is hoped this apparent understanding is reflected onto the whole adult population.

At least one nomination was received from each village at the time of the patrol's visit, the usual number being two, and in several cases three nominations were received.

The following notes are on impressions gained by the patrol from each village on the pre election propaganda and nomination of candidates :-

FAGALULU - The talk was received with enthusiasm, and these people promise to be a useful unit of the council. Two nominations were received, but did not include the village constable KADIESAN'ESA, who exerts a considerable influence on this group.

IAMELELE 1 - Two nominations were received, one being from a village councillor which is an indication that the village officials do not regard the introduction of a council merely as an attempt to usurp their authority.

GEWATA - In spite of the fact that 24 hours notice of the meeting was given to the Gewata people, less than half the adult population were assembled at the rest house up to the time the patrol departed for Saibutu at 1330. Because of the lack of attendance no meeting was held.

On questioning, the village officials stated that many



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people were in the process of planting new gardens and would not have heard of the meeting. 24 hours notice has proven to be adequate for this, and other, villages in the past, and this point was carefully explained to the village officials. It was then arranged to hold a meeting three weeks hence on Thursday 30th December at the rest house, which should be sufficient notice for all the people to allow enough time to assemble.

SAIBUTU - Although rather a 'bushy' group, even by West Fergusson standards, these people responded well to the pre election talk, and two nominations were received before the patrol moved on to Iamelele 2.

IAMELELE 2 - Two nominations were received from this inland group of the central plains, one being from LEWETA alias KEN, who is an ex member of the Pacific Islands Regiment, has a good grasp of English, and appears to be good potential councillor material.

NIUBO - Only 24 out of a possible 59 adults were present at the time of the patrol's visit. On questioning, the Village Constable stated that the people of the hamlets further from the rest house had told him they would not come to the meeting because of the distance to walk. This attitude is perhaps understandable, there having been four District Administration, one Agriculture, one Health Education and one malaria control patrols through the area in the past nine months. It was, however, made clear to the village officials that all people would be expected to attend meetings in future.

Because of the few people present at Niubo, it was decided to move onto Ebadidi and hold a joint meeting there. The pre election propaganda was well received by these people, who have a close affinity to those of the Morima coast. Two nominations were received - the village constable and a village councillor nominating.

EBADIDI - Another of the villages in the area of Fergusson Is. Island generally known as Salakahadi, all of whom belong to the Morima linguistic group. The pre election talk was well received, and two nominations were accepted by the patrol.

TUTUBEA - This is the largest of the Salakahadi villages and also closely related to the people of the Morima coast. Because of the large population and area of land comprising the ward, two councillors are to be elected. This will be the only ward in the West Fergusson Council to have two councillors.

Only two nominations were received during the time of the patrol's visit, but the pre election talk was well received and understood, and it is probable that further nominations will be received before the closing date. A third nomination was received for the Tutubea ward while the patrol was at Masimasi - this was from a village councillor.

MASIMASI - The people of Masimasi are a rather economically backward group, as are all the villages of the north coast of Fergusson Island. If this factor is taken into consideration and allowances made, it can be seen that Masimasi and all the north coast villages will form an integral part of the council.

Two nominations were received from this group at the time of the patrol's visit to the village.

GWABEGWABE - Another economically backward group of people. Three nominations received by the patrol.

DIDIAU - These people have shown a remarkable change in their attitudes towards local government over the past six months. The pre election talk was well received, and it was from this

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group that most of the questions asked of the patrol came. Two nominations were received and both candidates look to be potential councillor material.

ATUGAMANA - The people of Atugamana, together with those of Agialuma attended a joint meeting at Gwabegwabe rest house. These two villages are the most backward in the census division, mainly through virtue of their comparatively inaccessible location. One nomination was received by the patrol.

AGIALUMA - Closely related to the Atugamana people, these people live in a near inaccessible mountain area that offers little opportunity for economic development due mainly to the lack of suitable outlets for cash crops. One nomination was received from a village councillor who appears to be one of the more advanced members of this group.

KAJOKALO - This village was visited by Mr. ADO Downes.

VOLUNTARY CONSTRUCTION OF COUNCIL CHAMBERS. During the course of the patrol final preparations were made for the construction of the West Fergusson council chambers, to be commenced in January at Fawantani, near Mapameiwa.

As mentioned in Belubolu patrol report No. 6 - 65/66 a quantity of building materials in the form of mangrove roofing timber, and hardwood corner posts have already been assembled at the site.

The Fagalulu people have prepared about 600 sheets of sago roofing for use on the council chambers, and Iamelele 1 and Gewata have also prepared quantities of sago roofing. These materials were awaiting transshipment at the time of the patrol's visit to the villages concerned.

This sago roofing was prepared in the space of only three weeks, worth remarking on for all work was on a voluntary basis, and must have made some inroads into the amount of time the people could spend working on their new gardens.

Labour for use on construction of the council chambers was organised, and those villages to supply labour are now aware of the details, and no problems should be encountered here. They were advised they would receive word some time during January on when to proceed to the council chambers site.

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

A small amount of scrub clearing has been completed on isolated sections of the proposed vehicular road to date.

At Fagalulu all the government walking road for a distance of from 1½ to 2 miles on the Mapameiwa side of the Fagalulu rest house has been cleared of scrub to a width suitable for a vehicular road. Some scrub clearing has also been carried out by the Saibutu people near the rest house, and this will form part of the Saibutu - Iamelele 2 road. The Iamelele 2 people have cleared some of the road between Iamelele 2 and Fagalulu, but much more remains to be done.

No other work has been done on the vehicular road to date, due mainly to pressure of other work on the Belubolu Officers, and the preparation of building materials for the council chambers by the West Fergusson people. Iamelele 1 stated they would begin work on their section of road on a Friday work basis now that they have finished preparing

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materials for the council chambers, but no such assurance was received from the Gwata people, which is to be expected. This group will need much help on the construction of their section of the road.

#### PERSONAL TAX.

A further amount of £37.10.0 was collected by the patrol from persons who had failed to pay on previous occasions since the 1965 tax/census patrol. There are now only a handful of tax payers still defaulting, and it is not probable any prosecutions will result.

This makes the total personal tax collection for this area in 1965 approximately £1200, which is considerably more than the £888 collected in 1964, and should be a fair indication of what the council can expect its annual revenue from tax to be. Tax defaulters were followed up closely this year to get the people used to the idea of stricter measures adopted on tax collections carried out by councils.

#### ANTHROPOLOGICAL.

While the patrol was at Ebadidi some traditional dancing was witnessed when I visited a hamlet near the rest camp. The people informed me they were rehearsing for a Methodist Mission church opening to be held in Samarai shortly.

This particular form of dancing is confined to the Morina linguistic group, that is the coastal villages of Paiana, Ailuluni, Ukeokee and Teagesi, and the inland villages of Niubo, Ebadidi, and Tutubea. I approached the people on the prospect of featuring some traditional dancing at the council opening, proposed for early February, and they expressed willingness. Perhaps the Officer organising the council opening could approach the people further on the subject.

This picturesque and interesting form of story telling is becoming more and more rare and should be encouraged wherever possible to create an interest among the younger people. It is a shame that guitars, Slim Dusty and the Twist should be preferred by the young people of the village, instead of their own dancing and music.

#### CONCLUSION.

It is particularly pleasing to note that at least one nomination from each village visited by the patrol. In a number of villages the people stated that they had no suitable candidates but after discussion at the end of the talk on elections and nominations among the people, the nominees usually came forward.

The impression was gained that the outcome of the elections will hold few surprises for the people, for in almost every village they discussed at some length on who the most suitable candidate(s) would be. The larger families or clans will no doubt be successful at "putting their man in".

My unexpected transfer from the area at this crucial stage in the councils embryonic life does not bear comment.

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28th December, 1965.

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REPORT ON MEMBERS R.P. & N.G.C. ACCOMPANYING PATROL.

10303 CONSTABLE MAHINI.

This is the second only patrol this constable has accompanied, both being of West Fergusson. Carried out his duties satisfactorily in every way, and shows an aptitude for bush work.

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P. H. JONES  
(Patrol Officer).

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