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ESA'ALA

MAPAMOIWA

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Conducted by:</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
Esa'ala 1-61/62	W.J.S.Graham	Southern Normanby Is.C/d.
" 2-61/62	B.M.Fischer	Dobu L.G.C.Area
" 3-61/62	B.M.Fischer	Sanaroa Island
" 4-61/62	W.J.S.Graham	Darubia and Miadeba Villages Normanby & Dobu Is.
" 6-61/62	B.M.Fischer	East Fergusson Division
" 9-61/62	W.J.S.Graham	Southern Normanby Is.
" 10-61/62	R.L.Smith	Dobu N.L.G.C.Area
" 12-61/62	J.Darras-Wells	South Normanby Coast
Mapamoiwa 2-61/62	J.B.Battersby	Western and inland Fergusson
" 3-61/62	J.B.Battersby	Part Goodenough Island

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Department of Native Affairs,
SAMARAI...MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

15th February, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
ESA'ALA.

MAPAMOIWA PATROL NO. 2 OF 1961/1962.

Thank you for the report on this patrol conducted by Mr
Battersby to Western and inland Fergusson and your covering memo
67-5-3 of 17th January.

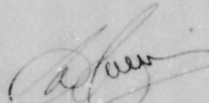
There appears to be some improvement in housing and interest
in economic crops which is to be fully encouraged.

Please ensure that the original of reports is forwarded in
future as that is the one sent on to Headquarters.

(W.W. CRELLIN)
a/District Officer.

c.c. The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

For your information, please.



(W.W. CRELLIN)

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 2/1961/62 Subdistrict ESA'ALA District MILNE BAY
Officer Conducting Patrol J.B. Battersby, Patrol Officer
Census Division Patrolled WESTERN AND INLAND FERGUSON
Objects of Patrol 1. Collection of 1961 tax.
11. Routine Administration.
Date Patrol Commenced 30.10.61 Date Completed 23.11.61 & 27.11.61
Duration—days 26 days

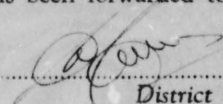
SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

92.1.1 Appointment of Village Constable. To ADO, ESA'ALA
35.2.3 To Lands, Konedobu. DEBA PLANTATION - QUERY.
56.1.1 To D.N.A., SINA EADA, LABOURERS - DESERTERS.
38.1.2 To ADO, ESA'ALA, SAPS RENEWALS.
28.4.1 " " CSB DEPOSITS.


Patrolling Officer's Signature.

J.B. Battersby Patrol Officer

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Headquarters, Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.


District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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MAPAMOIWA Patrol Post,
Milne Bay District.

21st December, 1961.

Assistant District Officer,
ESA'ALA.

MAPAMOIWA PATROL REPORT NO 2 of 1961/62.

This patrol to Western and Inland Fergusson census divisions had a two fold purpose: i. to collect 1961 tax and ii. to attend to routine administration of the area.

Both objects were achieved and little comment is needed on either. The response to tax payment was better than that to the payment of the 1960 tax collected some eight months earlier. It is to be expected that in a population of over five and a half thousand people that some non payers would be found but this number was pleasingly small.

Housing throughout the area is improving with every house being built. Some villages are slower to respond than others and in these orders were given for the removal of and the rebuilding of the worst houses. The main offending villages are the two inland ones of AGIALUMA and ATUGAMANA and the two close to the station villages of IBWANANIU and KUKULA.

An opportunity was taken to check on the number of men absent at work and the following figures obtained:

Village	Inside S/D	Inside District	Outside District	Total	Difference last check	%
PAGAJULU	6	13	3	22	-2	29
IAMALELE No 1	-	11	3	14	-3	21.5
" " 2	-	2	0	2	+11	5.3
SAIBUTU	-	15	0	24	+5	30
Gewata	1	7	20	28	+7	37
KALOKALO	17	33	3	53	+21	35(27)
DIDIAU	-	7	5	12	-12	17
GWABEGWABE	1(1)	1(5)	-	1(5)	-14	2.5(15)
AGIALUMA	-	12	-	12	-12	20
ATUGAMANA	-	-	-	1	-6	4
MASIMASY	-	4	3	7	-4	13.5
TUTUBEA	3	7	14	24	+5	20.7
NIUBO	-	6	6	12	+2	50

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Village	Inside S/D	Inside Dist.	Outside Dist,	Total	Difference last check	%
EBADIDI	1	7	14	22	-1	50
FAIAIANA	24(10)	7	18	49 \$\$\$	-24	58(47.5)
AILULUAI	32(23)	18	15	65 \$\$\$	+28	56(39)
UKEOKEO	11(6)	26	22	59 \$\$\$		47(42)
TOACESE		4	13	17	-6	36
IGWAGETA	4	13	2	19	-8	36.5
KUKUIA	3	15	6	24	+9	34
IBWANANIU	2	31	2	35	-8	44
MAPAMOIWA	1	11	7	19	-4	25
Totals	105	251 (5)	165	521 (5)	-2(-45)	

\$ 14 working temporarily on Deba Plantation - have since finished.
 \$\$ (5) Five men are absent in Milne Bay but are not working there.
 \$\$\$ Bracketed numbers shown men absent temporarily from there villgaaes
 These men are working as casuals for two/three months - many
 have since returned to their villages.
 Bracketed figures in the percentage column shows what is considere
 the more correct absentee percentage.

There has been an improvement in most villages in regard to
 the number absent at work although a few villages still are over
 recruited. The overall situation is considered to be satisfactory.

Continual emphasis by patrolling officers, reinforced lately
 by an Agricultural Field Worker who has recently been posted to
 this area, the planting of coconuts shows an increasing tempo.
 Signs of increase activity in this sphere are now appearing in
 every village - new plantings are seen or gardens being cleared for
 coconuts. However pleasing as this is, large numbers of villagers
 still remain indifferent to this work and it can be only hoped
 that continued emphasis by officers and the example of their fellow
 (enlightened) villagers will stir them into some activity in this
 line.

The native situation generally appeared to be very stable
 and overall the area would appear to be improving slowly.

0 J.B. Battersby
Patrol Officer.

DIARY.

Monday 30th October, 1961.

Four hours walk through LAUPAULO to Fagalulu Rest House, where joined main section of patrol which had preceded me on Saturday. General discussions held with Officials and people.

Tuesday, 31st October, 1961.

Tax collected - seven defaulters.

Two minor complaints heard.

An examination of village housing showed that standards continue to rise.

Fifty minutes to IMALELE No 1.

Aid Post inspected - all appeared satisfactory. A.P.O. had no complaints.

Tax collected - five defaulters.

No complaints. General talks given.

Wednesday, 1st November, 1961.

Sixty five minutes to IMALELE No 2.

Tax collected - all paid.

Three minor complaints settled.

Received message in late afternoon from Rev C Garlick of the KALOKALO Methodist Overseas Mission that a village canoe with several people on board was missing on a trip between MAPAMOIWA and KALOKALO. There being no serviceable boat at Mapamoiwa The only immediate aid I could do was to search the forshores between the two points. Despatched Police and villagers to do this. Rev C Garlick was to continue his search in his launch.

Thursday, 2nd November, 1961.

Fifty minutes to SAIBUTU.

Tax Collected - all paid.

One CNM and no complaints.

110 minutes to GEWATA.

Received word that missing canoe had been swamped and that wind and tides had beached it on Wagifa Island - all safe.

Tax collected - five defaulters.

General discussions of an economic nature with this backward group.

2. DIARY (continued)

Friday, 3rd November, 1961.

Three hours forty minutes to KALOKALO - inspected WAGIFA hamlets en route and although there was a decided improvement since the last patrol much more is still needed.

Inspected Aid Post or what there was of it. No ward and dispensary in a very poor state. However materials were being collected to erect new ones and the people were urged to complete same without undue delay.

Visited Methodist Overseas Mission in late afternoon.

Saturday, 4th November, 1961.

Tax collected - all paid.

Six CNMs and two complaints heard.

Housing inspected over three days of stay was satisfactory.

Sunday, 5th November, 1961.

Observed.

Monday, 6th November, 1961.

Two hours to DEBA Plantation. Spent remainder of day with Mr C Rich, owner, and local natives attempting to delineate the boundaries of this alienated ground. Natives reluctant to assist and denied any knowledge of the second area purchased. Information and maps held were impossible to reconcile and this further made the attempt impossible.

Tuesday, 7th November, 1961.

Continued with yesterday's work. Natives were now helpful and willingly showed where approximate boundaries lay. However the boundaries could not be determined because as the land was purchased some forty odd years ago and was never used. The hardwood corner posts have long since disappeared or removed. Also the plans held were incorrect and were not to be relied on.

Survey was left incomplete. This matter should be finalised as soon as possible because Mr Rich has commenced clearing and will shortly start planting on it and is naturally anxious to keep within his own boundaries.

Wednesday, 8th November, 1961.

Four hours by canoe to DIDIAU. Mr C Fisher, Malarial Control Section was already camped here.

Tax - no defaulters.

Three complaints settled.

3. DIARY (continued)

Approached by this village for an Education Officer. They stated that they had already cleared a site for a school and were preparing to erect buildings. Told them to desist and attempted to explain to them that it may be some years before sufficient trained teachers were available to enable one to be posted here. However in the meantime they were to give full support to their mission schools and also to concentrate on expanding their commercial(cash) crops, namely coconuts.

Housing of inland hill hamlets not the best.

Thursday, 9th November, 1961.

One hour fifty minutes to GWABEGWABE.

Tax collected - no defaulters

Two complaints heard.

Villagers also told that they should assist the patrols of other departments while they were in this area. This was the result of two complaints of non-assistance and/or complete indifference to patrols by these villagers.

Aid post was inspected and found to be satisfactory. No complaints by the A.P.O.

Friday, 10th November, 1961.

Four Hours hard ascent (3000 feet??) to new AGIALUMA rest house site at WAITOI-I. The new rest house here was a pleasing effort for these backward people - also a good view obtained from it.

No tax collected here as these people have no economic crops. Both this group and ATEGAMANA are situated in a narrow steep sided valley rising into 5000 foot mountain range. There is little level ground and the main gardening area would be situated between 1000 feet and 3000 feet. The area is perhaps suitable to Coffee (Arabica?) but until the Department of Agriculture has more staff in the area little can be done to assist these 300 odd people.

One complaint heard.

The housing in the area generally is very poor. However now that this group has its own Rest House - it has been the practise for some years to line these people at GWABEGWABE on the coast - there is a hope that the widely scattered garden hamlets may tend to group into two or three larger ones on or near the main track.

4. DIARY (continued)

Saturday, 11th November, 1961.

Fifty minutes to ATUGAMANA.

Tax - not collected - see remarks above for AGIALUMA.

Present Village Constable dismissal is recommended and the appointment of ITAMNEMEIA to the position. The latter man is not an excellent choice but in this small group little is offering and he appears to be the best. The former man has been living in the bush for some considerable time and has not been coming near the village to organise maintenance work nor has he put in an appearance to assist other departments' patrols.

Two CNMs and one complaint heard.

Sunday 12th November, 1961.

Observed.

Monday 13th November, 1961.

3.10 hours descent to MASIMASI.

Tax collected - no defaulters.

Two complaints settled.

Tuesday, 14th November, 1961.

Five hours carry to TUTUBEA.

Tax collected - two defaulters.

Aid Post inspected and found to be satisfactory. The two villages of NIUBO and EBADIDI do not support this Post with assistance nor do they attend it as regularly as they should for treatment. It was pointed out to both villages the reasons for placing the Aid Post in the villages and the advantages that will accrue from their correct use.

Wednesday, 15th November, 1961.

At TUTUBEA.

Nine CNMs heard as were numerous complaints.

Talks with the people on economic development and general work.

Thursday, 16th November, 1961.

One hour forty five minutes carry to EBADIDI. NIUBO.

Tax collected - no defaulters.

Two CNMs and six complaints heard.

m 5. DIARY (continued)

Friday, 17th November, 1961.

Thirty five minutes to EBADIDI.

Tax collected - no defaulters.

One minor complaint only.

Housing here was not completely satisfactory and some orders given.

Saturday, 18th November, 1961.

Five hours thirty minutes carry up and over the 3500/4000' coastal range to descend to the coast walk through AILULUAI in 30 minutes and to FAIAIANA rest house in another fifty minutes. It is a hard days carry.

Sunday, 19th November, 1961.

Tax collected - no defaulter.

Two CNMs but no complaints.

Old rest house is a disgrace and new one should be built.

Monday, 20th November, 1961.

To AILULUAI - carriers in 50 minutes self in 1.40 hours doing hamlet inspections.

Tax collected - no defaulters.

Four complaints heard.

Tuesday, 21st November, 1961.

To UKEOKEO - carriers in one hour; self in 1.50 hours doing hamlet inspections.

Tax collected - four defaulters.

Six CNMs and Five complaints heard.

Wednesday, 22nd November, 1961.

One hour ten minutes to TOAGESE - new rest house here is good.

Tax collected - no defaulters.

One complaint only.

One hours carry to IGWAGETA, self slower doing hamlet inspections. Another good style new rest house.

Tax collected - no defaulters.

No complaints.

6. DIARY (continued)

Thursday, 23rd November, 1961.

One hour fifteen minutes to KUKUIA.

Tax collected - no defaulters.

Some housing orders issued here.

ONE complaint heard.

Fifty minutes to IBWANANIU.

Tax - no defaulters.

No complaints.

Many housing orders issued to this village.

Forty minutes to MAPAMOIWA Patrol Post.

Monday, 27th November, 1961.

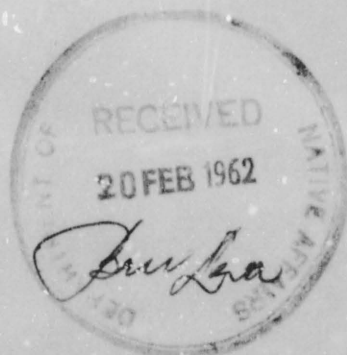
Five minutes to Mapamoiwa Rest House.

Tax collected - three defaulters.

No complaints.

No complaints from the last four villages but this was to be expected because of their close proximity to the station to which they bring their complaints as they occur.

END OF DIARY



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Department of Native Affairs,
SAMARAI...MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

15th February, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
E S A ' A L L A.

MAPAMOIWA PATROL NO. 3 OF 1961/1962.

Thank you for the report on this patrol conducted by
Mr Battersby to Goodenough Island and your covering memo 67-5-3
of 17th January.

The patrol was of routine nature and has been competently
undertaken and well reported.

Please report any future signs of cult movement in the area,
particularly by Isekele.

The matter of a vessel for Mapamoiwa is recognized and the
District Commissioner is pressing for early provision of a workboat.

Camping claim is returned for payment, please.

(W. W. CRELLIN)
a/District Officer.

c.c. The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
K O N E D O B U.

For your information, please.

Attach.

(W. W. CRELLIN)

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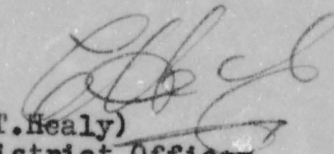
Sub District Office
Esa'Ala
17th January 1962.

The District Officer
SAMARAI.

PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 1961/62: MAPAMOIWA

The above Patrol Report is forwarded for your perusal and onward transmission; the report is self-explanatory.

I concur that a vessel is urgently needed at Mapamoiwa to enable both Native Affairs and Health patrols to be carried out effectively.


(C.T. Healy)
Asst. District Officer

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL


Patrol No. Mapa 3/1961-68 Subdistrict ESA'ALA District MILNE BAY
Officer Conducting Patrol J. B. Battersby, Patrol Officer
Census Division Patrolled Part Goodenough Island.
Objects of Patrol 1. To commence repairs to surface of Vivigani Airstrip;
2. To inspect kasikasi logs for RABARAB Wharf;
3. To attend the 7th Meeting of the Goodenough Island Agricultural Assoc.
4. To invest vague rumours the ISEKELE was recommencing his cargo cult.
Date Patrol Commenced 11th December, 1964 Date Completed 23rd December, 1964
Duration—days Thirteen (13) days.

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

4.1.2:272 To: District Officer. VIVIGANI AIRSTRIP -REPAIRS.
1.1.1:271 Unexploded Aerial Bombs.
10.5.1 Dist Commissioner. RABARABA WHARF PILES (Handwritten)


Patrolting Officer's Signature.

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Headquarters, Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.


District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

67.2.1.

MAPAMOIWA Patrol Post,
Milne Bay District.

28th December, 1961.

Assistant District Officer,
ESA'ALA.

MAPAMOIWA PATROL REPORT No 3 of 1961/62.

The objects of this patrol were fourfold:

1. To commence repairs to the surface of the existing sealed wartime airstrip at VIVIGANI Refer to my 4.1.2:272 of 27th December, 1961, for a report on progress.
- ii. To inspect KasiKasi logs cut for the RABARABA wharf at LAUBODA Point on Goodenough Island. Refer to the District Commissioner's A10-5-2 of 1st November, 1961, my reply to that, 10.5.1:253 of 1st December, 1961, and my handwritten memo to the District Commissioner of 17th December, 1961. The last was written after the logs were inspected.
- iii. To attend the ^hThird Agricultural Association Meeting of the Goodenough people.
- iv. To investigate a vague rumour that ISEKELE was recommencing his cargo cult movement.

This summary ends!!

All objects of the patrol were carried out although ii. and iii. were rather rushed - refer to diary for 16th December. During the patrol one thing was pointed to and it was emphasised again and again. This is the necessity of a vessel to be posted to MAPAMOIWA if full administrative use is to be made of the staff there and also if suitable developmental work is to be carried out in the area.. * Vessel had to be hired to get the patrol to Goodenough, to transport it back, to transport prisoners back. The patrol had to be split on two occasions to enable it to do its work in the time available. The "Poseidon" was used on two days and greatly assisted me. I have no more objections to walking that the next Patrol Officer but it can be a time consuming occupation when time is short. Also prisoners become a drain on the patrol's resources for once committed they must remain in custody of the patrol until

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a boat can be arranged to take them across to MAPAMOIWA. No comments are needed on the boat incident on 22nd December - enough were made at the time to suffice.

The work on the airstrip is progressing satisfactorily and at the time of the patrol's departure over half the work had been done. The removal of my presence from the area, the Xmas holidays combined with the loss of initial enthusiasm, the remaining work is expected to take longer. However if a boat can be obtained I intend paying a short visit to it early in the New Year. I will be definitely visiting this work towards the end of January when I will be doing a census patrol of the area.

This officer attended the afternoon session only of the Third Goodenough Agricultural Association Meeting. Questions were asked by the natives about Administrative matters and officers present were required to answer them. The perennial question on Education, wanting more schools and teachers was raised and a hedged answer given. Teacher shortages, places of greater or equal need for schools, etc, etc, were placed before them but nothing definite could be given them as to when the next teacher would be posted to the area as this is not known. A further question raised was one concerning the introduction of Local Government Council. Again this is a difficult question to give a straight forward answer to. A visiting Councillor from the Dobu Local Government Council was invited to give a short talk on the council system and its effect on the council area. Personally this officer is not fostering thoughts on Councils until a more definite policy as to time table is forthcoming from Samarai. However it is thought that the people generally have no real interest in such a movement - in fact some express a desire to wait until recent plantings of coconuts come into bearing - and that the greater majority will be content to remain as they are until the Administration makes an active move to encourage its introduction.


The final object of the patrol was to investigate a rumour heard two days before the patrol left Mapamoiwa that ISEKELE, of past fame, had recommenced his "mission to the people". It would appear that ISEKELE and another WAGIFA male GAIYAWA, had gone to GALEWAVU, a KILIA Hamlet, about six weeks ago to sell fish for food. They remained overnight and had talked with two families of the hamlet

about the necessity to obey mission law with regard to adultery stealing and sorcery. This talk bears some resemblance to some of his previous statements two years ago. Although ISEKELE's previous movement and many other cargo cult movements have elements of BIBLE and CHURCH beliefs intermixed with other ~~own~~ original ideas, on this occasion the talk given by him would appear to have followed more orthodox lines. No mention would appear to have been made of his having received messages from the dead or of his having had visions on the matter.

Both men were warned against starting such talk and ISEKELE was further ~~was~~ informed that the trouble he had caused previously was still fresh in everyone's mind and that he was being watched closely to see if he had settled down into being a normal citizen. He was told that any indiscretions along his previous lines would meet with prompt attention. This quick pick up of ISEKELE may have prevented what could have been further trouble from him. Although this present incident would appear to have contained no inflammatory material it is thought that ISEKELE may again be becoming restless and in the circumstances a closer watch will be endeavoured to be kept on him - again the lack of a vessel hinders this.

The opportunity was taken during the patrol to examine the track - now disused by the natives - between WAKONAI and UTALO and after my experience of it I tender one piece of advice - leave well alone, its use achieves nothing for the amount of hard work involved.

In conclusion I consider that the patrol was a successful one, both in obtaining its primary objects and in routine administration of the area contacted.


J.B. Battersby
Patrol Officer.

DIARY.

Monday, 11th December, 1961.

Departed MAPAMOIWA at 7 a.m. in M.L. "ANNE" for VIVIGANI via NUATUTU Plantation. At latter port sent Constable TIVIRARI and interpreter DOBIN to WAGIFA to investigate a vague report SEKELE had recommenced his "preachings".

Self with main section of patrol to VIVIGANI.

Inspected airstrip in afternoon with the village officials from VIVIGANI, WAKONAI and KALIMATABUTABU. Brief discussions with them on what work would be required to make it serviceable again.

Tuesday, 12th December, 1961.

At VIVIGANI.

Talk to assembled men from the villages of VIVIGANI, WAKONAI and KALIMATUTABU on the airstrip given them the reasons for its repair and the work required to be done and received an unanimous response to a call for all to report to work in the morning.

Wednesday, 13th December, 1961.

Work commenced on the repair to the airstrip's tarmac's centre portion. This work was progressing satisfactorily when the patrol moved up to WAKONAI in the afternoon. Over 100 villagers had shown up for work.

Earlier in the day had examined two groups of unexploded aerial bombs - see my 1.1.1:271 of 27th December, 1961.

Reinspected area thought suitable for a proposed station site here and if the station is to be placed in this vicinity I would definitely prefer the site now occupied by the Methodist Overseas Mission.

Thursday, 14th December, 1961.

A five a.m. start. Climbed all day up the headwaters of the GALIWATU River and its tributaries to camp late in the afternoon at the top of the range at an estimated altitude of some five to six thousand feet. Progress during the latter part of the day was delayed considerably by the fact that the now unused road was badly overgrown with bamboo which had to be cut away to allow the patrol to move forward. A rough bush camp but comfortable.

2. DIARY (continued)

Friday, 15th December, 1961.

Guides lost the badly overgrown track and this lost a couple of hours first thing in the morning. Still forced to cut a slow progress for two to three hours descending steeply all the time. The track cleared and more rapid descent was made. Finally dropped off the ridge and followed a creek, crossing and recrossing it until finally UTALO was reached in the middle of the afternoon with MORATAU coming up approximately an hour later. The carriers were a weary band after two heavy days.

Met at MORATAU by Mr K Tomlin, D.A.O., SAMARAI, and Mr J Gosbell, A.O., ESA'ALA. The former had just arrived on the M.V. "POSEIDON".

Saturday, 16th Decembre, 1961.

In "POSEIDON" to LAUBODA Point, approximately two hours sailing. Here examined KASIKASI logs cut by MORATAU people at the District Commissioner's request for RABARABA wharf. Returned to Moratau.

In the afternoon attended the second half of the third Goodenough Agricultural Association Meeting.

Sunday, 17th December, 1961.

Observed.

Monday, 18th December, 1961.

In "POSEIDON" to FAIABA. Overnighted here. Visited NOUNOU Trade Store. Inspected Aid Post and found everything satisfactory. Mataita and especially the UFUFU people do not support this Aid Post well. Also inspected Education school area.

Tuesday, 19th December, 1961.

Heard one CNM and concluded investigation into ISEKELE's affairs.

To MATAITA. Heard four CNMs and two complaints. Inspected upper MATAITA hamlets - a good climb through heavy semi-continuous rain. Hamlets were not in the best order and some instructions were issued.

Descended to Matutu Plantation. Visited here.

Continued on pass BOLUBOLU to reach BELEBELE on dark - wet and weary.

3. DIARY. (Continued)

Wednesday, 20th December, 1961.

Three CNMs and one complaint heard.

Moved onto VIVIGANI via KWAIOKWAOI road.

Inspected progress on airstrip during my absence.
Found that the work had been progressing satisfactorily with an average daily attendance of 120 which include approximately 20 women.

Thursday, 21st December, 1961.

Six CNMs and three complaints heard in the morning.

Continued inspections of airstrip.

Late afternoon had what were to be final talks on task remaining to be done preparatory to my departure the next morning.

Friday, 22nd December, 1961.

Bent Constable Tongu off with six prisoners to go to Nuatutu Plantation and hire its launch to get them across to Mapamoiwa.

Self and remainder of patrol down at 5 a.m. to VIVIGANI anchorage to await arrival of M.L. "VEPNUS". After waiting here for over three hours, received word that it would be coming the next day instead. Dispirited and sand fly bitten the patrol returned to the rest house.

Inspected airstrip work during the day.

Saturday, 23rd December, 1961.

Picked up at VIVIGANI anchorage by the "Verhus" at 6.30 a.m. and came to MAPAMOIWA.

Patrol terminated.

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