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PATROL REPORTS MILNE BAY DISTRICT 1961/62

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SAMARAI ISLANDS

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Conducted by:</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
Misima 1-61/62	F.J.L.Haynes	Calvados Chain and Deboyne Lagoon Census Divisions
" 5-61/62	I.McLachlin	Calvados Chain and Misima Island Census Division
Fife Bay 1-61/62	G.B.O'Farrell	Suau Census Division
Samarai Islands 1-61/62	G.D.Duggan	Samarai Local Islands C/d.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MILNE BAY Report No. SAM.I of 1961/62.

Patrol Conducted by G.D. Duggan, Patrol Officer G. de I.

Area Patrolled Samarai Local Islands Census Division, MBS.I.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Messrs. Graham and Trezise, Co-op Officers.
Misses Martineau and Wedega, Welfare Officers.
10/7/61 to 18/7/61.

Natives 2 R.P. & N.G.C. 1 Interpreter.

Duration—From 31.../5.../1961 to 23/8/1961

Number of Days 47 days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 12.../5.../1960

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

Map Reference Sketch Map Attached.

Objects of Patrol 1. Collect head tax; 2. Revise census;
3. Routine Administration.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND 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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27th October, 1961.

The District Officer,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

REPORT - SAMARAI PATROL NO. 1-61/62:

A neat submission on a thorough patrol.

2. Reports of laziness on the part of Papuans are very common in Patrol Reports. It is difficult for inexperienced officers to appreciate the indigenous way of life when necessary work is executed as and when it arises - a spell of concentrated, even frenzied activity, followed by a period of rest which naturally does not occur at a specific time of the day or week, or season, since this activity is subject to intrinsic fluctuation.

3. Despite the pessimism of Mr. Duggan I think that a fairly reasonable administrative attitude on the part of the "Samarai Local Islands" population is herein disclosed.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

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

27th September, 1961

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
SAMARAI.

REPORT - SAMARAI PATROL No. 1 OF 1961-1962.

Receipt is acknowledged of the Report on this patrol under cover of your memo 67-1-2 of 21st September.

The recommendation for establishment of more aid posts will be brought to the notice of the District Medical Officer.

The patrol appears to have been well conducted and fully reported.

Approved camping allowance claim by Mr. Duggan is returned herewith.

(L.J. DOOLAN)
District Officer.

Approved camping allowance claim by Mr. Duggan is returned herewith.

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

For your information please.

(L.J. DOOLAN)
District Officer.

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Sub-District Office,
SAMARAI, MILNE BAY DISTRICT

21st September, 1961

Mr. G.D. Duggan,
Patrol Officer,
SAMARAI.

REPORTS SAMARAI PATROL No.1 of 1961/1962.

Thank you for the report on this patrol conducted by you to the local islands of Samarai, Sub-District.

This routine tax/census visit has made a full coverage of the area and is adequately reported.

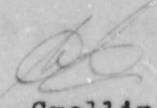
(W.W. Crellin)
Assistant District Officer.

Minute to :

The District Officer,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

Forwarded for your information, please.

The census paragraph states there has been an overall decrease in population of 201 since the last check by Mr. Barclay in 1960. A reconciliation of births/deaths and migrations in/out indicate there should have been an increase of 108. Checks by Mr. Duggan and myself indicate that the figures contained in the population statistics in this report are more accurate than those submitted last year.


(W.W. Crellin)
Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

File No. 67-1-2
Sub-District Office,
SAMARAI,
Milne Bay District.

30/8/61.

The District Officer,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

Patrol Report No. 1 of 1961/62.

Patrol Conducted by : G.D. Duggan, Patrol Officer
Gr. I.

Area Patrolled : SAMARAI Local Islands
Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by : Europeans Mr K. Graham, Co-operative
Officer,
Mr K. Trezise, Co-operative
Officer (Training)
Miss G. Martineau, Welfare
Officer,
Miss . Wedega, Welfare
Officer and member of
Legislative Council.

These people accompanied the patrol
from 10/7/61 - 18/7/61.

Natives 2 members R.P. and N.G.C.,
1 Interpreter.

Duration of Patrol : 31/5/61 - 23/8/61

Number of Days : 41 days.

Was Patrol Accompanied by a
Medical Assistant? No.

Last Patrol to Area : Native Affairs, by Messrs.
P.O. Barclay and C.P.O. Abbott
12/5/60 - 2/6/60.

Map Reference : Sketch map attached.

Objects of Patrol : (i) Collect head tax;
(ii) Revise census;
(iii) Routing Administration.


(G.D. Duggan)
Patrol Officer Gr. I.

PATROL DIARY.

Wednesday 31st May, 1961.

Self, two members of R.P. and N.G.C. and interpreter departed Samarai 0900 hours per M.V. "Sans". Arrived ROGEA 0940 hours. Carried out a census review of most of the Rogea people and collected head tax. Returned Samarai 1715 hours.

Thursday 1st June, 1961.

To ROGEA per M.V. "Sans" at 0830 hours. Completed census revision and tax collection. Inspected gardens and hamlets and conferred with village people and officials during the afternoon. No complaints. Returned to Samarai late afternoon.

Friday 2nd June, 1961 to Thursday 6th July, 1961.

Remained at Samarai.

Friday 7th July, 1961.

Self, interpreter, and one R.P. and N.G.C. departed Samarai 0830 hours on M.V. "Kingfisher" - arrived GUNABURABURA Island 1015 hours. Collected tax and revised the census of the GUNABURABURA hamlet, which forms a part of the ROGEA group. After completion of the census, the hamlet was inspected. No complaints. Returned Samarai 1245 hours. At Samarai until 10th July.

Monday 10th July, 1961.

Self, Mr K. Trezise, Mr K. Graham Co-operative Officers, Misses G. Martineau and A. Wedega, Welfare Officers, two R.P. and N.G.C. and one interpreter, departed Samarai 0930 hours on M.V. "Poseidon". Proceeded to TUBETUBE where the "Poseidon" anchored for the night.

Tuesday 11th July, 1961.

M.V. "Poseidon" departed TUBETUBE at 0800 hours, and thence proceeded through heavy seas to ANAGUSA, arriving 1100 hours, where the villagers were informed of a tax census and a Co-operative meeting to take place on Thursday 13th July. Departed ANAGUSA 1315 hours and arrived WARE Island 1600 hours. Inspected the village and conferred with village officials.

Wednesday 12th July, 1961.

Collected tax and revised the census of WARE. Messrs. Graham and Trezise held a meeting of WARE Co-operative Society. Misses Martineau and Wedega conducted a meeting of the village Women's Committee. Conferred with the villagers and inspected local gardens and coconut plantations during the late afternoon. No complaints. Slept aboard M.V. "Poseidon".

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Thursday 13th July, 1961.

M.V. "Poseidon" with patrol party on board departed WARE Island at 0830 hours, and travelled one hour 55 minutes to ANAGUSA. Self revised the census, collected head tax, conferred with villagers and officials, inspected the village and gardens. The Co-operative Officers and Welfare Officers conducted their respective meetings. Returned to "Poseidon" at 1500 hours and proceeded for approximately one hour to KWARAIWA, Engineer Group, where the vessel anchored for the night.

Friday 14th July, 1961.

Collected tax and revised census at KWARAIWA. Conferred with the local people during the morning. Whilst the meetings of the Co-operative Society and Women's Committee were held, self inspected the village and gardens during the afternoon. No complaints. Returned to "Poseidon" at 1700 hours and proceeded to TUBETUBE, arriving at 1810 hours. Anchored for the night at TUBETUBE.

Saturday 15th July, 1961.

Proceeded 30 minutes to KATAKATUE and anchored at 0730 hours. The Co-operative Officers inspected the Co-operative store. The writer went ashore and conversed with a small group of people present, informing them of the tax census to be conducted in about a fortnight's time. Departed KATAKATUE 1130 hours and proceeded through smooth seas to SEKUKU, arriving along side the Co-operative Society's wharf at 1325 hours. Word was sent out to the Sekuku people living in neighbouring hamlets to be present at SEKUKU for tax census on Monday (17th July) afternoon. Slept "Poseidon".

Sunday 16th July, 1961.

Observed.

Monday 17th July, 1961.

Collected tax and revised census of SEKUKU people. Settled one minor complaint. Conferred with village officials and people. Slept on the "Poseidon".

Tuesday 18th July, 1961.

To Samarai, arriving at 1330 hours after a 3-hour run south of SIDFIA and SARIBA Islands.

Wednesday 19th - Thursday 20th July, 1961.

At Samarai.

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Friday 21st July, 1961.

Self, two R.P. and N.G.C., interpreter and patrol gear to SIDUDU on SARIBA Island per M.V. "Kingfisher". Talked with small numbers of SIDUDU people, inspected several hamlets and sent word to all the local people, of the tax/census to be conducted on the morrow. Camped in Rest House.

Saturday 22nd July, 1961.

Spent all day on tax collection and census revision of SIDUDU. Intermittent rain all day. Camped Rest House.

Sunday 23rd July, 1961.

Departed SIDUDU 1400 hours and travelled two hours by native-owned launch to SAWASAWAGA on SARIBA Island. Camped in Rest House.

MONDAY 24th July, 1961.

Tax collected and census revised SAWASAWAGA. Inspected hamlets. Departed SAWASAWAGA 1400 hours per native launch and proceeded to TEGORAUNA on SIDEIA Island via Sideia Catholic Mission. Arrived TEGORAUNA 1700 hours. Camped in Rest House.

Tuesday 25th July, 1961.

Tax/census at TEGORAUNA. Inspected nearby hamlets. No complaints. Departed TEGORAUNA 1130 hours and proceeded in 4 canoes and 1 dinghy to DUIAUNA, arriving at 1345 hours. Collected tax and revised census of DUIAUNA people. Talked with local people. Slept in Rest House.

Wednesday 26th July, 1961.

Heavy rain and fog all morning. Departed DUIAUNA 1400 hours in 4 large canoes and travelled around the north coast of SIDEIA, thence south to SEKUKU, arriving there at 1800 hours. Slept SEKUKU rest house.

Thursday 27th July, 1961.

We were obliged to wait at SEKUKU until 1200 hours when the tide turned, thereby enabling the patrol to proceed by means of 1 native whale boat and 3 canoes through the Fortesque Straits between SIDEIA and BASILAKI to GOTAI, arriving at 1350 hours. Talked with the few villagers present and inspected hamlets. Camped in Rest House.

Friday 28th July, 1961.

Collected tax and revised GOTAI census.

Friday 28th July, 1961 (cont)

Departed Gotai 1145 hours per dinghy and 3 canoes. After battling a strong S.E. wind and current, succeeded in crossing the Fortesque Strait and arrived BWIARI Island at 1215 hours. Tax and census at BWIARI. Inspected hamlets, gardens and coconut plantations during the latter part of the afternoon. Constable Bugo to Samarai bearing message for A.D.O. No complaints. Camped in Rest House.

Saturday 29th July, 1961.

Waited for canoes to arrive until 1030 hours, then proceeded to HABANI. Arrived HABANI on BASILAKI Island after a rather difficult crossing due to opposing S.E. winds, at 1430 hours. Tax and census taken. Inspected hamlets, gardens and plantations. Settled one minor complaint. Camped in Rest House.

Sunday 30th July, 1961.

Departed HABANI 1015 hours per 4 large sailing canoes. Arrived BEDAUNA on KATAKATUE Island at 1130 hours. Patrol stood down for remainder of the day. Camped in Rest House.

Monday 31st July, 1961.

Tax/census of BEDAUNA people. Inspected the local hamlets and talked with village people. Departed KATAKATUE 1115 hours by sailing cutter to KITAI Island, arriving 1230 hours. Collected tax and revised KITAI census. Carried out a village inspection. No complaints. Camped Rest House.

Tuesday 1st August, 1961.

Departed KITAI 0830 hours by sailing cutter. Arrived TANUBUIBUINA on the north coast of BASILAKI Island at 1145 hours. Revised census and collected TANUBUIBUINA tax. Inspected hamlets and plantations. Settled one complaint. Camped in Rest House.

Wednesday 2nd August, 1961.

Proceeded from TANUBUIBUINA at 0900 hours by native cutter to HAMAMA, arriving 1145 hours. Tax collected and census revised. Talked with village people and officials. No complaints. Camped HAMAMA Rest House.

Thursday 3rd August, 1961.

Remained at HAMAMA. Buso arrived midday with a message from A.D.O., Samarai. Inspected hamlets, gardens and plantations.

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Friday 4th August, 1961.

Left HAMAMA 0930 hours by native cutter and arrived SEKUKU Co-operative Society wharf at 1100 hours. Camped SEKUKU Rest House.

Saturday 5th August, 1961, to Thursday 10th August, 1961.

Remained at SEKUKU awaiting a boat from Samarai, in order to complete the patrol to the Engineer Group, Dawson Island and Nuakata, those islands being rather inaccessible by native cutter at this time of the year. Visited SEKUKU hamlets, and had talks with the local people during the stay at SEKUKU.

Thursday 10th August, 1961.

Army M.V. "Fern" with A.D.O., Samarai on board arrived SEKUKU 1100 hours. Departed SEKUKU 1130 hours with writer and party and proceeded to Samarai, arriving at 1320 hours. Remained Samarai until Monday 14/8/61.

Monday 14th August, 1961.

Patrol left Samarai 10.00 hours on M.V. "Seamist". Arrived SIDEIA Catholic Mission 1145 hours. Collected head tax from the native mission employees and lunched at the mission. Left SIDEIA 1510 hours. Arrived SEKUKU 1800 hours and stayed the night.

Tuesday 15th August, 1961.

Departed SEKUKU 0600 hours. Arrived TUBETUBE 0945 and then collected tax and revised census. Proceeded 45 minutes to NARUWARIWARI, arriving at 1215 hours. Tax/census taken at NARUWARIWARI, and two hamlets inspected. Left at 1630 hours for TEWATEWA, arriving at 1745 hours. "Seamist" anchored for the night.

Wednesday 16th August, 1961.

Tax/census at TEWATEWA. Carried out a village inspection and talked with village people. No complaints. Left TEWATEWA at 1415 hours and arrived DAWSON ISLAND 1730 hours. Remained DAWSON IS., anchored for the night.

Thursday 17th August, 1961.

Collected tax, revised census and inspected DAWSON ISLAND village and plantations. No complaints. Departed DAWSON IS. 1100 hours for NUAKATA, arriving 1410 hours. Tax/census and hamlet inspection at NUAKATA. Remained NUAKATA for the night.

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Friday 18th August, 1961.

Left NUAKATA 0700 hours and travelled 30 minutes to TABAMA Island, where tax was collected, census checked and village inspected. Departed TABAMA 1300 hours and arrived BELASANA Slipway 1730 hours, where tax was collected from the native employees, and M.V. "Seamist" remained for the night.

Saturday 19th August, 1961.

To SIMAGAH I at 0730 hours. Revised census and collected tax. Inspected nearby hamlets and gardens and conferred with the local people. No complaints. Left SIMAGAH I 1100 hours and arrived Samarai 1145 hours. Reported to Mr D. Wren, A.D O.

Wednesday 23rd August, 1961.

To KUIARO and SARIBA Slipway for the day to collect tax.

End of Patrol.

INTRODUCTION.

The area patrolled is known as the Samarai Local Islands Census Division.

As the name of the Census Division suggests, the area comprises mainly groups of islands, both large and small: the exceptions being TANUSINA, a hamlet of ROGEA Island group, located on the Papuan mainland, and KWIARO and SIMAGAH, also on the mainland. The ocean area of the Division is of approximately 1000 square miles, and the total land maps of the islands contained therein, is about 200 square miles.

One and a half miles east of Samarai lies ROGEA Island. To the west are SARIBA, SIDEIA, BASILAKI Islands and the Engineer Group. North of BASILAKI and the Engineer Group are situated DAWSON Island, NUAKATA and IABAMA IS., whilst south of the Engineer Group lie ANAGUSA and WARE Is.

The last patrol to the Local Islands was D.N.A. Patrol No. 3 of 1959/60 in May 1960.

The purpose of this current patrol was to collect tax, revise census and carry out routine administration.

It was found necessary to complete the patrol in three parts due to the availability, and the lack of, boats.

The first part of the patrol was done on the M.V. "Poseidon" per courtesy of the Co-operative Section of D.N.A., which engaged the "Poseidon" in order to pay out rebates to Co-operative Society members. The writer was able to collect tax and revise the census on this particular trip, only when there was sufficient time available, and when those activities would not interfere with the Co-operative Officers' work.

The second leg of the patrol was carried out in canoes, cutters and native-owned launches.

The third leg was undertaken on M.V. "Seamist".

ROGEA Island Group and SARIBA Slipway were taken care of on day trips from Samarai.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

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The native situation in the Samarai Local Islands Division was found to be quite good, the people are very sophisticated due to the years of contact with European influences. The people are friendly and have a distinct air of independence, but most of them are rather lazy, chiefly because they are so well off and life is so good.

The people are generally law abiding. Court for native matters cases are usually brought into Samarai. Only minor complaints were brought to the attention of the writer. There were 4 of these complaints, 3 of which concerned small debts. In each case the money was handed over to the creditor whilst the patrol was still in the area. The fourth concerned one DAIMODA who borrowed a canoe from a native named JACK, both of NUAKATA, and wrote the canoe off 6 months ago by leaving it on a coral beach overnight, where the sea pounded it to pieces. DAIMODA was ordered to make restitution of another canoe. This has been noted in the NUAKATA Village Book for the attention of the next patrol.

Native Affairs (Cont).

The Local Island villagers are a maritime people and are excellent sailors. Their vessels are small outrigger canoes, sailing canoes, cutters and the larger built-up sailing canoes imported from Woodlark. Six of the Woodlark canoes were seen using rectangular pandanus leaf sail, the owners stating they could not afford canvas sails.

These people have a well established cash economy. Money is derived chiefly from the sale of copra, trochus shell and blacklip shell.

The Co-operative Society movement is well established and seems popular. The Societies are three in number :-

Bohilai Society at SEKUKU, branch store KATAKATUE.
Ware Society at WARE Is., branch store ANAGUSA.
Engineer Group Society at KWARAIWA.

HOUSING AND VILLAGE HYGIENE.

The general housing position is only fair. There was found to be no reasonable excuse for this at ROGEA, SIMAGAHU, SARIBA, SIDEIA and BASILAKI, where building materials are plentiful. However, in the Engineer Group, ANAGUSA, WARE, NUKATA, IARAMA and DAWSON Is., most of the building materials must be obtained from BASILAKI and East Cape. Housing materials are obtained in exchange for foodstuffs and at WARE for clay cooking pots, usually when the harvest is taking place in July, August. Cutters are the medium of transporting the materials, consequently only limited loads can be carried, and the weather influences the frequency of the trips.

Instructions to build and repair were issued without severity on the far outlying islands due to this difficulty in obtaining materials. At the time of the patrol's visit, cutters were absent from WARE, ANAGUSA, and DAWSON Island on building material purchasing expeditions.

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It was found that more houses per head of population, were in need of repair at SARIBA, SIDEIA and BASILAKI, where there is no dearth of materials, than at other places. This was caused by laziness and so definite instructions were issued.

The dwellings are built on stilts, six to ten feet above the ground. Frames and floors are timber; walls and roofs of sago and palm fronds.

The accommodation arrangements are as follows: Family units consisting of parents, young children and aged relatives, live in the one house. At the age of about sixteen, sons of two or three families of the same clan occupy separate houses set aside for the purpose, although they have meals with the family. The same arrangement applies to girls. Men's club houses, as found in other parts of the Territory, are unknown in this area.

The standard of village hygiene is quite good. Villages and hamlets are clean. Pit latrines were in evidence at each hamlet.

ROADS AND BRIGES.

Vehicular roads, apart from those on Samara, are non-existent in this area.

Walking tracks connect the hamlets of a group, but are not very good, passing as they do through mangrove swamp and muddy patches. Group to group intra island travel is chiefly by canoe and generally the people prefer to move between their own hamlets as they are all located near the beach, by canoe.

Instructions were issued only to widen and maintain inter hamlet roads and those through particular villages, in most cases.

The best village roads are at ANAGUSA, WARE, DAWSON Is., and Engineer Group villages, where ample supplies of coral and coarse sand enabled excellent village roads to be built.

TAXATION.

The sum of £1090 was collected on the patrol. Tax rate for the area is £2 per head. People who were absent on trading expeditions and copra production, generally left their £2 head tax with relatives, or the Village Officials at their respective villages.

All the eligible males present paid their tax.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

The total population now stands at 3,962. This shows a decrease of 201 in comparison with the figures compiled last year by Mr P.O. Barclay. Male births amounted to 69, females 78. Five new names were recorded.

CONCLUSION.

The objects of the patrol were completed without incident.

The situation in the Local Islands is quite satisfactory. The people are happy and contented with their lot.

G. Duggan
(G.D. Duggan)
Patrol Officer Gr. I.

Ret. & Pat. ...
Patrol Officer ...
...

even as a check for the day ...

APPENDIX "A".

REST HOUSES.

Rest Houses and Police Barracks are located at SIDUDU and SAUASA-UAGA on SARIBA Island; TEGORAUNA, DULAJUNA GOTAI on SIDEIA Island, SEKURU Island, LWIARI Island, HABANI, TANUBUIBUINA and HAMAMA on BASILAKI; also at KATAKATUE Is., KITAI, TUBETUBE, TEWATEWA, KWARAIWA, ANAGUSA, WARE, DAWSON Is., NUKAT and IABAMA. SIMAGAN.

Since the previous patrol, Rest Houses have been erected at TEGORAUNA and IABAMA.

All the Rest Houses are in excellent condition. A most pleasing situation.

G. D. Figgan
(G. D. Figgan)
Patrol Officer Gr. I.

APPENDIX "B".

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The following is a list of all village officials in the area, with comments on same. Each village group has a Village Constable and most have one or two Village Councillors.

G.D. Duggan

(G.D. Duggan)

Patrol Officer Gr. I.

NAME	OFFICE	NO	VILLAGE OR GROUP	COMMENTS
KWABULAKI	Village Const.	64	ROGEA	An influential man of good character - the confidence of his people. Speaks Motu and fairly good English.
ISOA/TUBETOLE	Councillor		ROGEA	Steady and efficient.
DILIEGU/WAKINIA	Councillor		ROGEA	Old and erratic. His dismissal is recommended.
TOLOME/BOSILAIDA	Councillor		ROGEA	Keen and intelligent.
MANUALA/AIETA	Councillor		ROGEA	Has good control over his people, but seems reluctant to work very hard.
JACK/ANDREW	Village Const.	65	SIDUDU	A keen type. Intelligent and of good character. Speaks Motu and English.
NOBUDE/MADES	Provis Const.	109	SAUASAUAGA	A man of strong character and fair intelligence. Considered the best man available to replace the previous constable, SUWELO/SOI. Motu and English.
SONE/BUYOI	Councillor		"	Newly appointed by the patrol. A good type.
BODAIYA/BUYOI	Councillor		"	Old, but is still keen and has confidence of the people.
ALALUKU/GWARIANA	Councillor		"	Young and energetic.
EOWELU/KAILAHEBC	Village Const.	66	GOTAI	Not very effective. No one in the village willing to take his place. Speaks Motu and poor English.
GENEUWA/SIWEKOI	Councillor		"	Weak, ineffectual and not very keen. No replacement could be found.

NAME	OFFICE	NO	VILLAGE OR GROUP	COMMENTS
KENEDE/NAIDEA	Village Const.	69	BWIARI IS.	Intelligent, keen and hard working.
KULOWA/HALELOIU	Councillor		BWIARI IS.	Keen and intelligent.
MARKO/NALDAI	Councillor		BWIARI IS.	An old man, but quite an effective official.
MOSES/LOKAPU	Village Const.	110	HABANI	Has confidence of his people. Strong personality and is energetic. Speaks English and Motu.
DEHES/TADO'ELUNA	Village Const.		HABANI	A good type.
SANADOIA	Village Const.	72	TANUBUIBUINA	Rather old, but is still a steady and reliable official. Speaks Motu.
DIKEKOIAU/LAJDA	Councillor		"	A steady type.
KWILAMA/LOLOBARA	Councillor		"	Reliable and consistent.
TADAHUNA/TUBUASANA	Councillor		"	Newly appointed by the writer. Seems keen and intelligent.
KANAWAIBO	Village Const.		HAMAMA	Good appearance. Has good control of his people.
GABRIEL/WAUKO	Councillor		"	Rather lazy and ineffectual.
TOWELA	Village Const.	68	SEKUKU	Just an average official. Controls his people fairly well.

NAME	OFFICE	NO	VILLAGE OR GROUP	COMMENTS
TODADAUWE/WEUNAI	Village Const.	107	DUIAI	Weak in intelligence but seems keen on his job. A middle-aged man with quite a lot of influence amongst his people. Speaks a little English but no Motu.
ALAMA/DAITUNAI	Councillor		"	An average type of official.
KULAMA/HAILAGOWAHI	Councillor		"	Getting old but still has influence.
TAWALAGANA/DUWAGAEA	Village Const.	67	TEGERAUNA	Middle-aged. Keen, energetic and has a lot to say in everyday village affairs. The best village constable in the Local Islands' area. Speaks good English and Motu.
WAGILOI/SIGONEDI	Councillor		"	Fair average type. Seems effective.
DALE/TOKEIA	Councillor		"	Keen and intelligent - a good man.
KWADILI/MEIEI	Village Const.	94	SIMAGAHI	A village official of long standing. Appointed 1946. Although fairly old, he has good control of his people and does a good job.
LASIMA/SIMEN	Village Const.	37	NUAKATA IS.	Absent at Kwaraiwa at time of patrol.
KELEBI/DUADUAI	Councillor		"	Intelligent and keen.

NAME	OFFICE	NO	VILLAGE Or GROUP	COMMENTS
SARAURAU/LOSILOSI	Village Const	108	DAWSON IS.	Reliable and keen. Does a good job. Speaks Motu and a little English.
WAI/TAUKUWAI	Councillor		"	Old but steady and reliable.
GENEA/ULAWA	Village Const.	35	TEWATEWA	A steady and intelligent type. The most suitable man for the position. Speaks a little English, but no Motu.
MANIKU/DOEABI	Village Const.	78	KWARAIWA	Previously a village councillor before receiving present appointment, in 1946. Very experienced, intelligent and keen.
PANISI/MOTENI	Village Const.	77	SKELETON IS.	A good steady type.
BOIOTU/SIALAU	Councillor		"	Rather weak and without much influence. No one willing to take over the position.
PANETAN/SAILAS	Village Const.	76	TUBETUBE IS.	Steady type but does not use his influence to the full in village affairs.
NEMANI/LASARO	Councillor		"	Strong in character and intelligence.
ABIU/ANDORO	Councillor		"	Getting old and is losing his effectiveness. None willing to take his place.

NAME	OFFICE	NO	VILLAGE OR GROUP	COMMENTS
AUBIRU/TAUNIUNI	Village Const.	74	ANAGUSA IS.	Getting on in years, but still has plenty of drive. A good man for the job.
TOROWAISI/KIAPITA	Councillor	"	"	Very energetic and effective.
OEDEDE/WEKO	Councillor	"	"	Rather quiet. Does not appear to do very much.
WASANA/KEWANIA	Village Const.	73	KITAI	Solid in character. Reliable and intelligent.
MALIGILI/BULIETA	Village Const.	75	WARE IS.	This man is recommended by the writer as a replacement for the previous village constable, SAMOA, No. 75, who died on 20/10/60. MALIGILI is aged, is a keen and intelligent type who should make a success of the job. Speaks Motu and fairly good English.
BENI/LOSINA	Councillor	"	WARE IS.	Appointed by the writer. Seems a good type.
LOAI/MARK	Councillor	"	"	Appointed by the writer. Intelligent and seems keen.
IDAIK/GAMUAISA	Councillor	"	"	Rather old but is steady and has a good deal of influence.
PORAMO/PILIBO	Councillor	"	"	Intelligent and quite effective.

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Patrol Officer Gr. 1.

APPENDIX "C".

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

Unfortunately, P.H.D., Samarai was unable to provide a native Medical Orderly to accompany the patrol.

The Samarai Local Island people were seen to be quite healthy generally, in spite of poor medical services.

The need for more Aid Posts in the area must be stressed. At present there are Aid Posts at WARE Island and at TANUBUIBUINA on the north coast of BASILAKI Is. Appeals for Aid Posts came from ANAGUSA and the Engineer Group. At present, WARE Aid Post serves ANAGUSA, but the people claimed that, due to adverse weather conditions, it was often very difficult to get across to WARE.

In the Engineer Group the general concensus of opinion was that an Aid Post should be established at TURETUBE Is. which is centrally placed in the Group. This matter was raised in the previous Local Islands' Patrol Report, but nothing has been done about it.

The hospital at Catholic Mission, Sideia handles many cases from SIDEIA, BASILAKI and SARIBA. The hospital is without a doctor, being staffed by nursing nuns. The more serious cases are referred to Samarai Hospital.

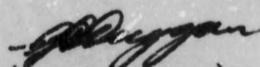
The incidence of malaria in the area is low. The entire area, excluding NUAKATA has been covered once since January, 1961, by malaria control units. NUAKATA will be done on a second spraying of the area which has already commenced.

Two sets of twins were born at SAUASAUAGA since the previous D.N.A. Patrol. This has been brought to the attention of P.H.D., Samarai.

Anti-yaws campaigns have been conducted in bygone years and no cases of yaws were seen.

One advanced case of Wili was found at SEKUKU. The victim, a male adult, has been treated in Samarai, but apparently he cannot be cured.

At TANUBUIBUINA, a male native, CHRISTOPHER/MATAIO was seen to have a severe and uncontrollable twitching in the neck. He stated that he had drunk a potion of derris root juice, mimosa leaf juice in half a cup of salt water, believing it would give him strength. At the conclusion of the patrol, he was brought to Samarai, where it was found out that the nervous system in the left side of his neck had been affected. He has now fully recovered. Derris root sap is a nerve poison used by some coastal natives for poisoning fish.


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Patrol Officer Gr. I.

APPENDIX "D".

Report on Members of R.P. & N.G.C.
Accompanying Patrol.

No. 8373 - Constable, 5th Year BUSO.

Conduct good. A very good patrol policeman. Is reliable and has initiative. Considered by the writer to be N.C.O. material.

No. 10088 - Constable, 2nd Year BASIN.

Conduct good. This policeman is young and rather inexperienced. He acquitted himself well on the patrol, but needed supervision.

*Fairly competent at work
all over in his district.*

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(G.D. Duggan)
Patrol Officer Gr. I.

APPENDIX "E".

MISSIONS AND EDUCATION.

Missions in the area are those of the Catholics and Methodists. The Catholic Mission has a large station on SIDEIA Island with Catechists stationed at HAMAMA, GOTAI and BEDAUNA. These Catechists operate purely as mission propagandists and not as teachers.

The Methodist Overseas Mission at East Cape has native mission teachers in each village in the area. These teachers do not appear to do much useful work. Most are only up to standard 2 in education. Classes are conducted chiefly in DOBU. English is spoken only poorly by the teachers.

Appeals for an Administration school were received from WAKE, ANAGUSA and the Engineer Group. A school at TUBETUEE Is. in the Engineer Group would be quite strategically placed to serve these people, the total population to benefit from this being approximately 1000.

SIDEIA Catholic Mission provides education and teacher training for anyone in the Local Islands who is interested.

The following is a statistical summary of teaching staff in this area:-

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

ROGEA Intermediate School:-

1 European Headmaster,
1 Female European Teacher,
9 Native Teachers.

SAMARAI Primary School:-

2 European Teachers

MISSION SCHOOLS.

SIDEIA Catholic Mission School:-

3 Teaching Fathers,
3 Teaching Brothers,
3 Teaching Nuns,
8 Native Teachers.

KWATO L.M.S. School:-

3 European Teachers,
5 Native Teachers.
Specialises in technical
education.


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APPENDIX "F".

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

The food crops planted by the Local Island people are taro, coconuts, yams, sago, bananas, tapioca, bread fruit. The diet is supplemented with fish which abound in these waters. A number of pigs were seen, but these are eaten only on festive occasions.

Cash crops are coconuts and coffee. The latter is the chief crop providing most of the revenue. Copra is marketed mainly through the Native Co-operative Societies in the area.

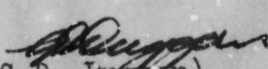
Private copra trading is carried out by a Japanese/Papuan mixed blood at SEKUKU and also by a Malay at NUAKATA.

Coffee has been planted at ROGEA, SIMAGAHI, SARIBA, SIDEIA and BASILAKI. Village Agricultural Committee members, many of whom have received a minimum of instruction at KUIARO Training Centre are in charge of the coffee growing. However, as yet the coffee (Robusta variety) does not play an important part in the cash economy. Many trees needed pruning badly.

It would benefit these people if a village Agricultural Assistant could be posted to the area.

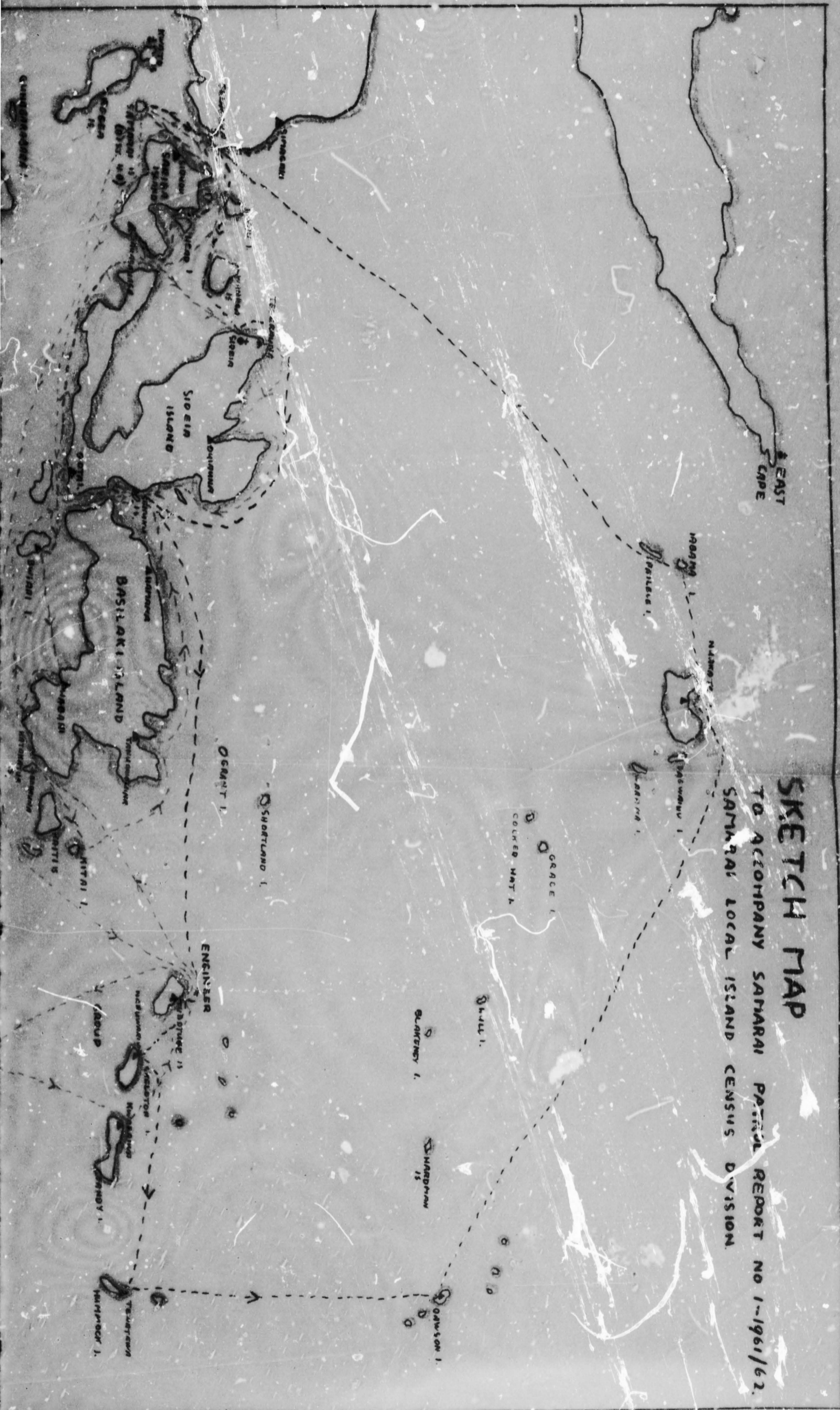
The pig is the only item of livestock in the area. Those seen were in good condition and free of disease.

It can be said that the pig is of purely social value. It is used as an item of barter for brides, canoes, etc. The number of pigs owned by an individual marks him out as being a "big" man, or important.


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SKETCH MAP

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SECRET

PATROL ROUTES
 M. POSITION
 CUTTERS & LANDS
 TV. AIRCRAFT

CENSUS POINTS
 MISSION CENTRES

Scale 1" = 4 MILES

CORAL SEA

