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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

## PATROL REPORT



District of Milne Bay Report No. 6 of 68/69

Patrol Conducted by L. T. Spencer

Area Patrolled Cape Vogel

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Nil

Duration—From 9 / 9 / 1968 to 12 / 9 / 1968

Number of Days Four

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 8 / 7 / 1968

Medical 8 / 7 / 1968

Map Reference Journal series of Tafi

Objects of Patrol Check Council Books, Attend Council meeting, supervise Council Projects, Routine Administration.

Director of District Administration,  
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 .... \$.....



67-4-10

10th December, 1968.

The District Commissioner,  
Milne Bay District,  
ALOTAU.

PATROL NO. RABARABA 6 OF 1968/69

Your reference 67-4-5 dated 4th October, 1968.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by  
Mr. I. T. Spencer to Cape Vogel Census Divisions.

While a brief routine patrol some indication of the  
existing situation could have been given.

(Y. W. ELLIS)  
Director.

c.c. Mr. I. T. Spencer A.D.O.,  
Sub-District Office,  
RABARABA.

Milne Bay District.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telephone

Telegrams

Our Reference 67-1-5

If calling ask for ERJ/bh

Mr.



Department of District Administration,  
District Headquarters,  
Milne Bay District,  
ALOTAU.

4th October, 1968.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

*Babaraba*  
Patrol Report No. Babaraba 6/68-69.

Attached please find two copies of the above mentioned patrol report submitted by Mr. I.T. Spencer, of Assistant District Commissioner, Rabaraba, covering his visit to the headquarters of the Maka Maka Council.

The patrol was of a special nature - the object being the checking and certification of Council financial records.

The question of a replacement clerk is currently being taken up with the Regional Local Government Officer, Boroko, and a replacement for Mr. H. Morris, Assistant District Officer, has been taken up in my memorandum 87-1-2 dated 30th September 1968.

*M. T. Denahy*

(M. T. Denahy)

A/District Commissioner.

c.c. A.D.C.,  
BABARABA.



A REPORT ON PATROL

Number: 6 of 1968/69

Sub-District: Baniara

District: Milne Bay

Council Area: Makenaka

Patrol Conducted by: I.T. Spencer

Area Patrolled: Cape Vogel Council Headquarters.

Personell Accompanying: Nil

Duration: Four days

Date and Duration  
last D.D.A. Patrol : 8-7-68. Five Days.

Objects of Patrol: Attend Council Meeting. Check Council  
Books. Supervise Council projects.

Total population: The population of the Census Division  
is 5265; of Mukawa village, 383.

Map Reference: Fourmil Series of Tufi.

Village Population  
Register : Not included.



PATROL DIARY

Monday 9/9/68

Departed Rabaraba at 6.30 am by M.V. Zircon for Baniara, Tarakwaruru and Mukawa. Arrived Mukawa at 14.30. Set up camp. Visited Council Headquarters. Camped Mukawa.

Tuesday 10/9/68

Checked Council books. Supervised work on Council House. Organized distribution of materials. Prepared groundwork for Five Year Plan. Camped Mukawa.

Wednesday 11/9/68

Council meeting all day. Camped Mukawa.

Thursday 12/9/68

Finalizing correspondence and other matters. Departed 11am by Zircon for Rabaraba, via Tarakwaruru and Baniara.

END OF PATROL



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## MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

The balances for July and August were struck with no difficulty. The various Financial Statements refer.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

During this meeting, the list of priorities prepared by the D.C.C. for the Makamaka area was debated and one alteration to the sequence made. This was to bring road improvement from fifth to second place. This was done because the Council felt it pointless to increase plantings of various cash crops when there was no outlet to market. A full report on the Priorities will be forwarded when other Councils have commented and when a Sub-District Staff comment is prepared.

A five year plan for the Makamaka Council was prepared and accompanies this report.

## ROADS

During this meeting, the Council expressed a desire to see the road between Tarakwaruru and Medino on the North coast of the Cape finished to allow the movement by tractor of the copra produced along the north coast to the port at Tarakwaruru. Little effort and expense will be required to achieve this and I feel confident an automatic increase in production will follow the opening of this road.

## D.D.A. STAFF

The president voiced his sorrow at the loss of the DDA officer from Baniara and hopes a replacement will arrive shortly.


## COUNCIL STAFF

The Council Clerk, John Karukuru has been granted 6 weeks leave starting in mid November, 1968. A replacement Clerk will be necessary as this Council needs firm guidance. This subject is covered in my 39-1-9 of the 18th September, 1968.

## WORKS PROJECTS

The Clinic at Tarakwaruru, and the Council House are both nearing completion. A second carpenter will be employed at making concrete piping for culverting for the North Coast road.

The subject of voluntary labour to work on the Tarakwaruru causeway as part of the Council's contribution towards the Rural Development project was put to the Councillors for their discussion with the taxpayers. I feel confident the Council will be able to contribute to \$3000 value in labour and in use of a Tractor and Trailer.



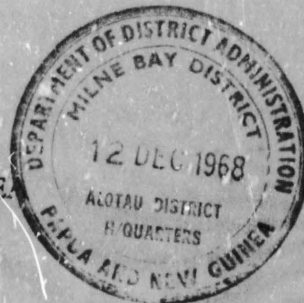








TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



## PATROL REPORT

District of Milne Bay Report No. BAMAKA R609 of 65/69

Patrol Conducted by I. T. STANCER

Area Patrolled MAKAMAKA COUNCIL AREA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans —

Natives —

Duration—From 12 / 11 / 1968 to 26 / 11 / 1968

Number of Days 15

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? —

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9 / 9 / 1968

Medical — / — / 19

Map Reference Journal Series of Topo

Objects of Patrol Attend Council meeting. Commence

work on Jacksonian Cemetery

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

2212 / 1968

[Signature]  
District Commissioner

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

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

Amount paid from P.E.D.L. Trust Fund .... £.....



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Department of District Administration,  
District Headquarters,  
Milne Bay District,  
ALOTAU.


23rd December, 1968.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KORORUA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 9-68/69  
BANIARA SUB-DISTRICT

Please find attached hereto a report of a patrol conducted by Mr. I.T. Spencer, A/Assistant District Commissioner, Raba Raba.

2. Mr. Spencer is to be congratulated upon the enthusiasm he has generated in the people of the Makamaka Council area in relation to the construction of the Tarakwaruru Causeway - a Rural Development Works project which will provide the major missing vehicular link in the road connecting the Tarakwaruru airfield and the Makamaka Council Headquarters at Mukawa. This link assumes added importance now that you have approved in principle the transfer of the Baniara Patrol Post to that centre.
3. Mr. Spencer's report is regrettably brief for a 15 day field excursion, however until recently he has been the only Field Officer of our Department in the Sub-District. In actual fact he has a thorough knowledge of the Sub-District and he will be submitting a full area study and situation report early in the new year.

  
(M.J. Denehy)  
A/District Commissioner.



67-4-20

17th January, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
Milne Bay District,  
ALOTAU.

MANIARA PATROL NO. 2 OF 1968/69

Your reference 67-1-5 of 23rd December, 1968.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report  
by Mr. I. T. Spencer, to MAKANAKA Council Area.

(T. W. HILLS)  
Director.

c.c. Mr. I. T. Spencer, A.D.O.,  
Milne Bay District,  
BAKAR.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone 67-1-7

Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr.

Department of District Administration,  
District Headquarters,  
Milne Bay District,  
ALOTAU.

23rd December, 1968



The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

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(M.J. Denehy)

A/District Commissioner.



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A PATROL REPORT

Number : Rabaraba No. 2 of 1968/69.

Sub District : Banidra.

District : Milne Bay

Council Area : MAXAMAKA

Conducted by : I.T. Spencer

Area Patrolled : Cape Vogel North Coast.

Personnel accompanying : Nil

Duration : 12/11/68 - 26/11/68 Fifteen days

Date and Duration  
of last SDA patrol : 9/9/68 - 12/9/68

Objects of Patrol : Attend meeting, check books,  
commence construction of  
Tarakwaruru causeway.

Total Population : 5,262. Approximately half seen  
on patrol.

Map reference : Fourmil series of Tufi.

Population Register: Not included.

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A PATROL DIARY

KABARABA PATROL NO. 2 OF 1968/69

- Tuesday November 12th      Awaiting Mission Aircraft for transportation to Biniguni for Council Meeting. 1/1 failed to appear. Remainder of day spent repacking patrol gear and preparing boat for sea patrol.
- Wednesday November 13th      Departed Kabaraba at 12.30 AM on board 'Caprice' for Tarakwaruru arrived 5.30AM. Received news that Mission plane expected Tarakwaruru arranged charter to Biniguni. Medical emergency caused cancellation of charter. Departed Tarakwaruru for Baiawa on Caprice. Anchored Posa Posa harbour overnight.
- Thursday November 14th      Continued on to Baiawa. Departed Baiawa on foot for Kwagila at 1500 after having difficulty obtaining carriers. Camped Kwagila.
- Friday November 15th      Met Councillors at Kwagila who advised they had not heard of my delay via Radio Milne Bay and had held the meeting as earlier decided. Returned Baiawa and camped.
- Saturday November 16th      Returned to Mukawa by Caprice arrived noon. Camped.
- Sunday November 17th      At Mukawa.
- Monday November 18th      Departed Mukawa 0600 on 'Caprice' for Tarakwaruru arrived 0700. Spent day visiting Ginada, Bogaboga, Mukawa, Baka, Wububu on foot getting volunteers for Tarakwaruru Causeway. Council tractor and Mukawa men arrived at 1500 and work began. Camped Tarakwaruru.
- Tuesday November 19th      Worked all day on causeway with 200 volunteers.
- Wednesday November 20th      On causeway with volunteers.
- Thursday November 21st      On causeway with volunteers.



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Friday November 22nd On causeway with volunteers.

Saturday November 23rd Police investigation into loss of jewellery.

Sunday November 24th With DWD dozer driver on steep hill at approach to causeway.

Monday November 25th On causeway all day.

Tuesday November 26th MV Managuna arrived. Returned to Rabaraba.

END OF PATROL



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### INTRODUCTION

This was a dual purpose special Patrol to portions of the Makamaka Council Area. The aims were

- To attend a taxpayer's meeting of the above Council at Biniguni.
- To commence work on the Tatakwaruru causeway.

### COUNCIL MEETING

Due to the non-arrival of the M.A.F. aircraft on Tuesday I was unable to reach Biniguni prior to the due date of the meeting. A message was sent, Via Radio Milne Bay, to postpone the meeting a few days to allow the author to reach Biniguni by sea and road but the message was not received probably because most people were moving to Biniguni to attend the Meeting themselves. The Patrol reached Kwagila about 2 hours walk from Biniguni at 6pm on the evening of the day the meeting was held. Councillors returning from the meeting met the Patrol at Kwagila and informed the author of the fact that the meeting was over.

The patrol did not leave Rabaraba earlier because a) the author had to attend various ceremonies at Dogura on the Monday and b) The aircraft was expected on the Tuesday.

### TARAKWARURU CAUSEWAY

The response of the Mukawa, Bogaboga, Cinada, Bako and Wabuku people to a call for volunteers to commence work on the Causeway was most gratifying and as a result of their efforts a great deal more work than expected was completed. The causeway is now only 100 yards short of being completed. The as yet unfinished 100 yards comprise of three foot bridges and two sections of stonework each about 80 feet long. I propose to do away completely with one foot bridge and fill the shallow channel it crosses with stone. This will allow some work to go on as I anticipate some hold up in getting Kwila logs from TAPIO on the north coast of the Cape. I propose also to restart stonework on the Causeway immediately after Christmas.


Kwila timber will be sought from Tapio and funds required to cover this and other material are requested in my 45-1-0, of the 30/11/68 to District Commissioner Alotau.

The Cape Vogel people's contribution to date has been : 187 labourers at 60c for five days = \$561-00  
Tractor Hire 45 hours @ \$4 = \$180-00

Total Contribution      561-00  
                                 180-00

\$ 741-00

Rural Development  
Funds committed      \$40-00      Bulldozer driver's overtime.

  
(I. F. Spencer)  
Assistant District Commissioner



24 MILES - 1 INCH



# **A PATROL REPORT**

Number	:	No. 10 of 1968/69
Sub District	:	Baniara
District	:	Nilne Bay
Council Area	:	BAGA
Patrol conducted by:		I.T. Spencer
Area Patrolled	:	Agaun valley
Personnel accompanying		G. Smith L.G. Auditor
Durations	:	29/11 - 3/12 Four days.
Date and Duration of last DBA patrol :		1/11 -5/11 1968.
Objects of Patrol :		Accompany L.G. Auditor for Audit Baga Council Books.
Total Population :		Agaun Valley 1,447
Map reference :		Journal series of Tufi.
Village population register		Not included.

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### A Patrol Report

Friday 29th November

Departed Rabaraba by Stol for Agaum in company with Mr. G. Smith, Local Government Auditor. Arrived Agaum 1000 began checking Council books. Camped Agaum.

Saturday 30th November

Mr. Smith checking books. Self Patrol reports and correspondence Camped Agaum.

Sunday 1st November

On Bulk Store Books all day. Camped Agaum.

Monday 2nd November

On Bulk Store Books all day. Camped Agaum.

Tuesday 3rd November

Departed Agaum by Stol for Rabaraba at 9 AM.

End of Patrol



RAHARA PATROL NO. 10 of 1968/69

INTRODUCTION

This Patrol was for the purpose of accompanying the Papua Region Auditor, Mr. S. Smith to Agum for a check of the Council and Bulk Store Books.

COUNCIL AUDIT

The Council Books were checked with little criticism. The Bulk Store Financial records were found to be inadequate in that no stock control existed. Stock Cards had been previously used but were considered useless, as the Storeman rarely posted sale of Stock to the Cards, by the Adviser and done away with in about May or June this year.

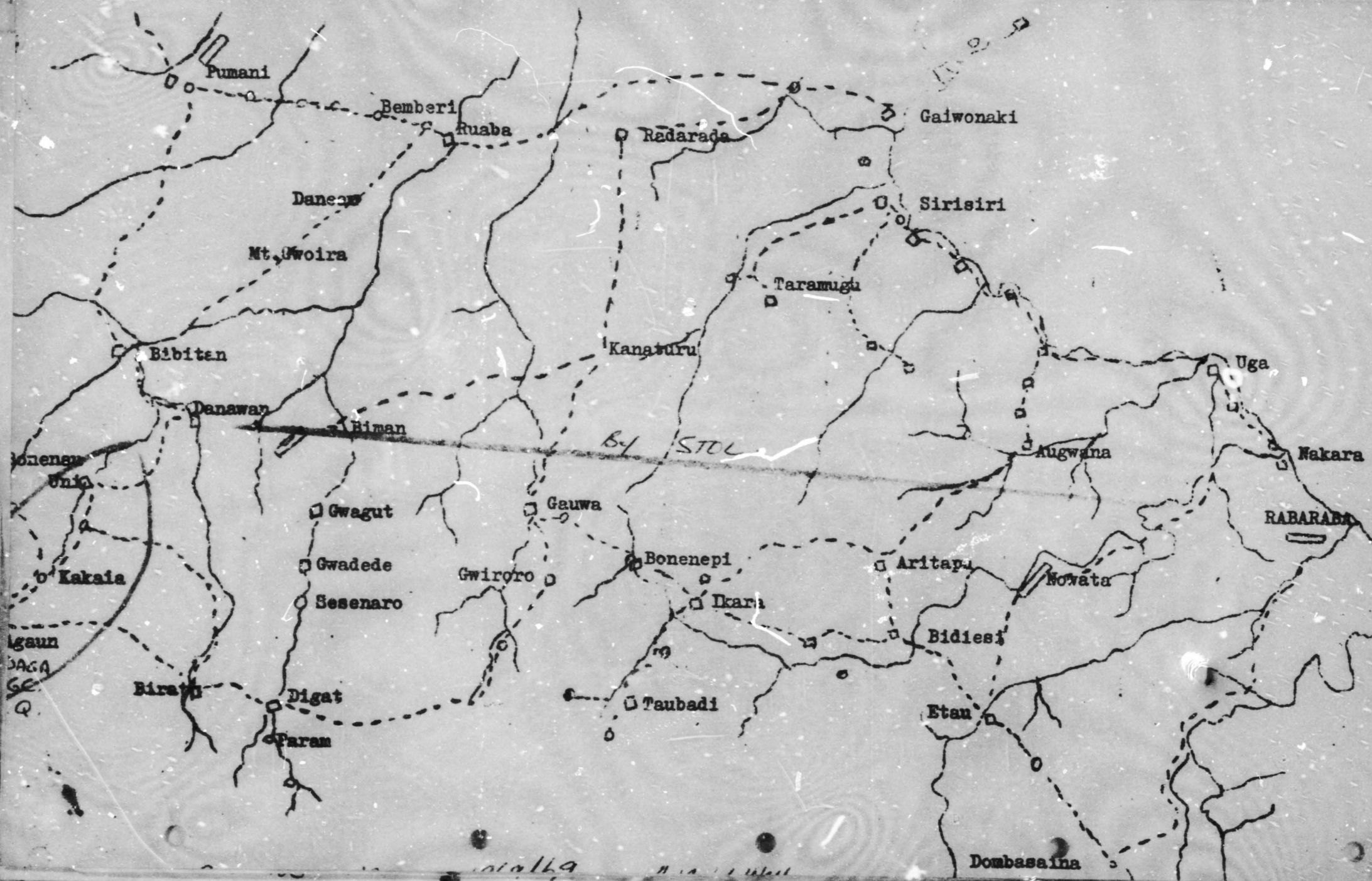
Other minor changes to simplify the monthly checking and day by day running of the Bulk Store were made by the Finance Officer during his visit. These included a new method of accounting for Potato Sales, the revaluation of Stock Cards, an increase in the Potato advance and also in the Retail Store Advance.

OTHER MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE PATROL

A report of a possible murder at Swagt was received from the Councillor and immediate call was sent to Rabaraba for a second officer to investigate. My memo of the 3/12/68 refers.

(I.T. Spencer)  
s/Assistant District Commissioner





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A PATROL REPORT

Number	:	No. 10 of 1963/69
Sub District	:	Banasra
District	:	Milne Bay
Council Area	:	DAGA
Patrol conducted by:		I.T. Spencer
Area Patrolled	:	Agaun valley
Personnel accompanying		G. Smith L.G. Auditor
Duration	:	29/11 - 3/12 Four days.
Date and Duration of last DDA patrol :		1/11 -5/11 1968.
Objects of Patrol :		Accompany L.G. Auditor for Audit Daga Council Books.
Total Population :		Agaun Valley 1,447
Map reference :		Fourmil series of Tufi.
Village population register :		Not included.

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A Patrol Report

Friday 29th November

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Sunday 1st November

On Bulk Store Books all day. Camped Agaun.

Monday 2nd November

On Bulk Store Books all day. Camped Agaun.

Tuesday 3rd November

Departed Agaun by Stol for Rabaraba at 9 AM.

End Patrol



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BANIARA PATROL NO. 10 of 1968/69

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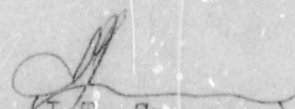
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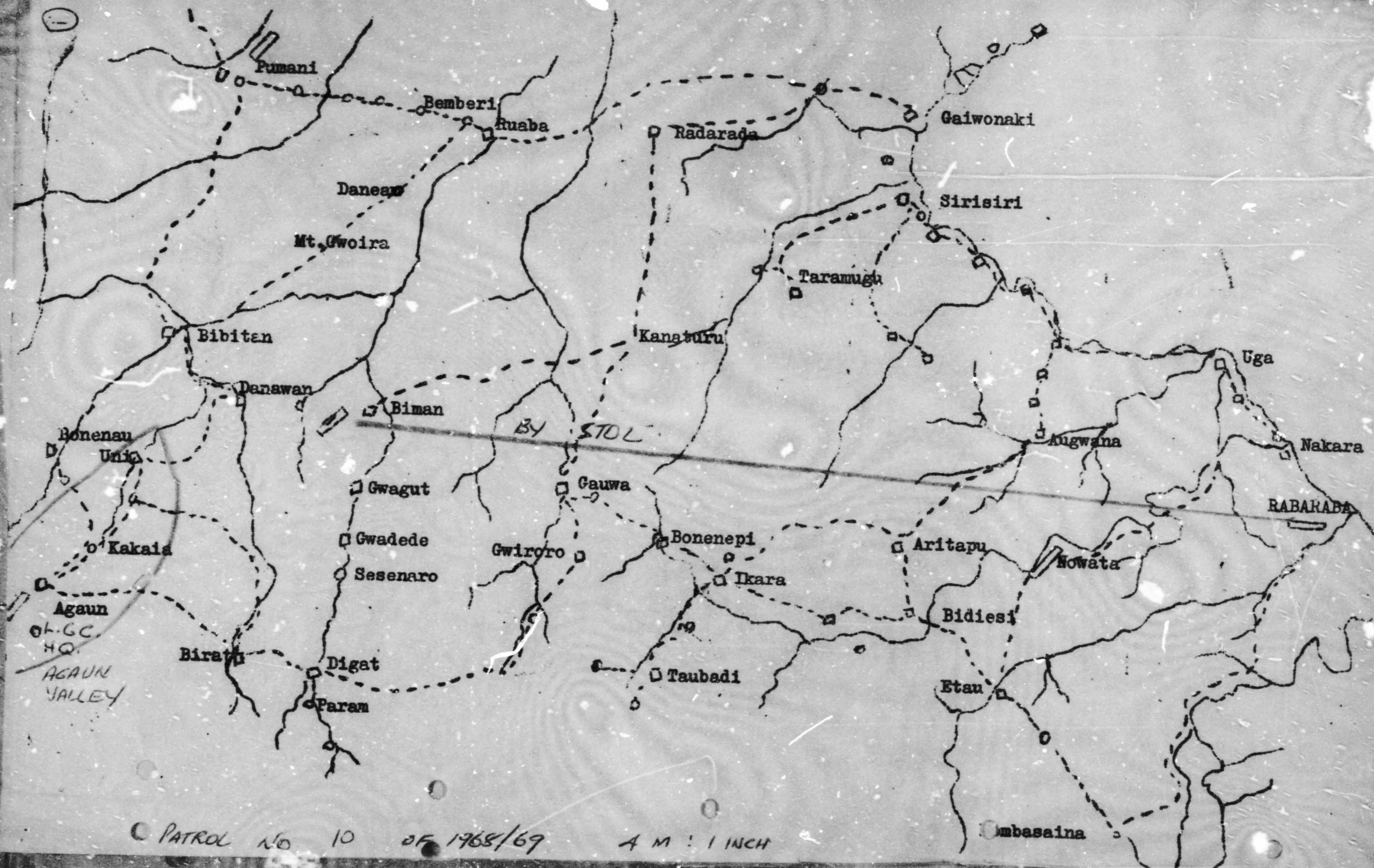
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OTHER MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE PATROL

A report of a possible murder at Gwagut was received from the Councillor and immediate call was sent to Rabaraba for a second officer to investigate. My memo of the 3/12/68 refers.

  
(I.T. Spencer)  
a/Assistant District Commissioner





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A PATROL REPORT.

Number : No. 15 of 1968/69

Sub District : Baniara.

District : Milne Bay.

Council Area : Daga.

Patrol conducted by : XX I.F. Spencer.

Area patrolled : Agam Valley & upper Ruaba Valley.

Duration : 13/12 - 22/12, Ten days.

Date and duration of last D.D.A. patrol : 29/11 - 3/12, Four days.

Objects of patrol : Council Elections.

Total population :

Map reference : Fourmil series of Tufi.

Village population register : Not included.

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AMB/hf



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District Headquarters,  
Alotau.  
Milne Bay District,  
14th March, 1969.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
Kabaraba

Baniara Patrol Report 15-68/69

Receipt is acknowledged of the above reports of a patrol to part of the Daga Council area for Council Elections conducted by I.T. Spencer a/Assistant District Commissioner and K Naveyama T.P.O. and your comments in memorandum 67-2-20 of the 20th January, 1969.

The report does not contain a situation report covering the economic, social and political aspects as required by Patrol Report instructions. In this case of a ten day patrol accompanied by a trainee officer it is particularly desirable to prepare such a report as an example for the trainee.

In regard to the suspicious death, the officer in charge of the patrol should have submitted a report to the Coroner giving the name of the deceased and advising whether an autopsy was necessary or not. To this end statements should have been taken from persons who had viewed the body outlining any unusual about the corpse from the person(s) who found the body, giving details of the time and place and circumstances of the discovery from person(s) who last saw the deceased alive, and from persons who believed the death was not from natural causes.

*M.J. Denehy*  
(M.J. Denehy)  
a/District Commissioner.

Minute to:

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
Konedobu.

Please find attached copies of the above report and supplementary report by K. Naveyama.

*M.J. Denehy*  
(M.J. Denehy)  
a/District Commissioner.



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A PATROL REPORT

Friday 13th December  
Departed Rabaraba by Stel for Agaun at 2.30p.m. in company with:-  
Mr. K. Naveyana, T.P.O.?  
Mr. M. Todurawai, T.P.O.,  
Mr. J. Edgar, P.O. and  
Mr. D. Marlick, C.P.O.  
Arrived Agaun at 2.50p.m. and camped for the night.

Saturday 14th December  
Departed Agaun on foot for Uni at 2.00p.m. The party walked through a valley road. Arrived Uni at 4.30p.m., camped at Uni for the night.

Sunday 15th December  
Spent the whole day at Uni.

Monday 16th December  
Elections conducted at Uni and departed for Danawan. The party walked through a dangerous gorge. Arrived at Danawan at 1.00p.m. and camped for the night.

Tuesday 17th December  
Elections conducted at Danawan and departed on foot for Biman at 11.00. Arrived at Biman at 12.30p.m. and camped for the night.

Wednesday 18th December  
Elections conducted at Biman and departed at 9.00a.m. for Gwagut. The party walked over a mountain of about 3,000 feet. Camped at Gwagut for the night.

Thursday 19th December  
No elections at Gwagut; no willing candidate other than the current councillor. Departed for Gwadede at 9.00a.m. Arrived Gwadede at 11.00a.m.

Friday 20th December  
Elections conducted at Gwadede. Departed from Gwadede for Param. ~~first elections conducted~~ Arrived Param at 1.00p.m., elections conducted at Param and camped for the night.

Saturday 21st December  
Departed Param on foot for Birat at 8.30a.m. The party walked over a mountain of about 7,300 feet high. Arrived Birat at 11.30a.m. Elections conducted at Birat. Departed Birat at 2.00p.m. for Agaun. Arrived at Agaun at 4.30p.m.

Sunday 22nd December  
Departed Agaun by Stel at 11.00a.m. for Rabaraba. Arrived Rabaraba at 11.20a.m.

END OF PATROL



### INTRODUCTION

The patrol was for the purpose of conducting elections in the Daga Local Government Council.

### THE ELECTIONS

The elections were conducted with little difficulty. The majority of the people knew <sup>what</sup> to do however some sought assistance. These people received particular attention and voting procedure was explained to them. The system of the Secret Ballot was used for the elections.

There were more women voters than men because most of the young men are out working in the towns and plantations. There were some new tax-payers who sought enrollment ~~in~~ during this patrol and also people who had migrated from other villages were enrolled. The total voters in each ward are:-

Uni	: 111
Danawan	: 152
Biman	: 81
Gwadede	: 102
Gwagut	: No elections.
Param	: 41
Birat	: 71

There were no elections held at Gwagut because there <sup>were</sup> no candidates other than the present councillor willing to stand in the election.

With the exception of the Gwadede Ward, all the current councillors were re-elected. Re-elected councillors retained their positions with a fairly good majority. The new councillor for Gwadede won on a substantial majority, also.

### NATIVE SITUATION

The people were happy to see us and in every village the was patrol was welcomed. Being a local officer I was invited by the villagers to dine with them. There was sufficient native food brought to the resthouse for sale.

~~There was~~ There was a case of suicide brought to our attention in Param village.

The story was that a girl committed suicide because her sister-in-law always used to get angry with her and scold her for any small mistake she used make. This drove ~~in~~ her to committing suicide. The sister-in-law said that she was going to leave her husband, the girl's brother, because she felt ashamed of what she had done. We advised her not to leave her husband but rather to try to fix up their marriage.

### ROADS

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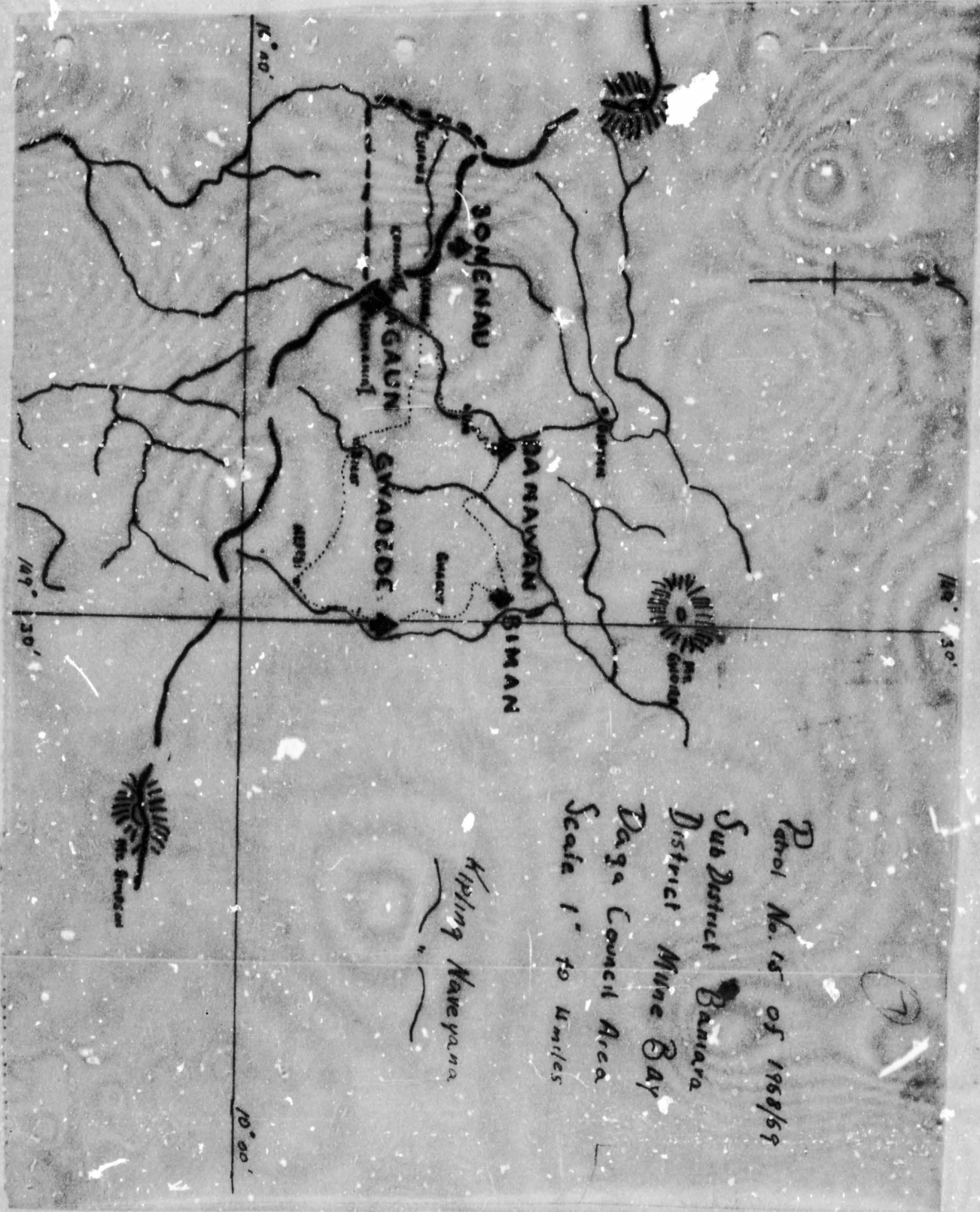
The roads were good except the one between Param and Birat Villages. It's only a bush track climbing to a height of about 7,300 feet above sea level. In spite of the height of the mountain and its rough track, it's pleasant walking through the moss forest. The remainder of the roads we used were medium.

### VILLAGES

All the villages were in good order, Param in particular. In Param everything was in perfect order and the people were ready waiting for us. That enabled us to conduct two elections in one day.

K. Naveyana  
~~K. Naveyana~~ Trainee Patrol Officer.





Panel No. 15 of 1958/59

Sub District Baranara

District Mune Bay

Daga Council Area

Kipling Naveyana

10° 00'

149° 30'



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A PATROL REPORT

Number	:	No 15 of 1968/69
Sub-District	:	Baniara
District	:	Milne Bay
Council Area	:	Daga
Conducted by	:	I.T. SPENCER
Area Patrolled	:	Agaun and Upper Ruaba Valley
Personnel accompanying:		K. NAVRYANA T.P.O.
Duration	:	13/12 - 22/12 Ten days
Date and Duration last patrol	:	29/11 - 3/12 Four days
Object	:	Carry out Council elections
Total population	:	Daga census Div. 3,688
Map reference	:	Fourmil series of Tufi.
Village population Register.	:	Not included.



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DIARY

13/12/68 Friday

Departed Rabaraba for Agaun per Stel, arrived approximately 1500. Remainder of day spent preparing Patrol Gear and patrol routes. Camped Agaun.

14/12/68 Saturday

Departed Agaun for Uni with T.P.O. NAVEXANA. Arrived 2 1/2 hours later. Set up camp. Advised people of Election. Camped Uni.

15/12/68 Sunday

Observed at Uni.

16/12/68 Monday

Commenced Elections at Uni. with 2 candidates contesting. Current incumbent reelected. Departed Uni at noon for Danawan. Arrived 2.30. Made sure people were aware of purpose of visit. Camped Danawan.

17/12/68 Tuesday

Elections at Danawan. Moved on to Biman early P.M. Inspected airstrip and arranged for minor jobs suggested by engineer to be carried out. Camped Biman.

18/12/68 Wednesday

Elections at Biman. Two candidates Present Councillor reelected. Moved on to Gwagut at close of elections. Camped Gwagut.

19/12/68 Thursday

As there was only one candidate contesting the election at Gwagut a vote was not taken and the old Councillor retained his position. Patrol moved to Gwadede and camped.

20/12/68 Friday

Elections at Gwadede. Two Candidates New Councillor elected. Patrol moved to Param. As all the villages were ready Param elections were held in the afternoon. Old Councillor was reelected. Camped Param. Freezing cold.

21/12/68 Saturday

Departed Param at 0800 for Birat. The road between these points climbs to 7300' and the party was in cloud for most of the trip. Walked for 3 hours to Birat. Elections held Birat at noon. Old Councillor reelected. Party moved on to Agaun.



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at 1300 as Birat rest house  
too small to accommodate full  
patrol. Arrived Agaun 1730.  
Camped.

22/12/68 Sunday

Departed Agaun per Stel.

END OF PATROL



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## PATROL REPORT

### INTRODUCTION

Both this and Patrol No. 14 were for the purpose of conducting the 3rd Daga Local Government Council Elections. This Patrol covered the lower Agaun Valley the flat grassland villages of Danawan and Bimam and the upper Ruaba Valley. The route took the patrol to some of the highest villages in the Sub-District and across the highest walking track in the Sub-District. The use of the Param Birat road allows the Eastern section of the Daga Council Division to be covered in one circular sweep starting and ending at the Agaun airstrip thus saving 10-12 walking hours and retracing the entire route.

### COUNCIL ELECTIONS

In all Wards the pattern of the election was the same. Usually two candidates contested the election (however in one case a candidate was elected unopposed) and the current incumbent was reelected with a fairly large majority. Interest in the Elections was such that only the sick and lame were absent. Attendance figures for the entire election conducted by this patrol are 67%. Of those absent, 27% were unable to attend due to absence at work or through hospitalization. Only 6% were absent through lack of interest. The interest shown by women was exceptional. Probably only one or two who could not attend did not. There was no hesitancy shown by young people not then on the roll in asking for Ballot Papers.

All voters were given ample opportunity to cast their vote.

As literate Dagas are a mere handful nearly all voters had to be assisted in indicating their favourite. Here again the women seemed more decisive.

A copy of my report to the Commissioner is attached.

### NATIVE ATTITUDE AND THOUGHT

The situation in the Eastern section of the Daga Census Division appears to be normal. The good Coffee harvest this year and the resulting prosperity further enhances the situation.

At Gwagut the people are not satisfied that the recent death of a man was brought about by natural causes. The Councillor, Philip, who is an influential man says the murderer, if there is one, will probably begin boasting about the killing in time and that he has sufficient patience to wait for such a happening. I warned him to prevent his people making any reprisals if a killer is found but rather to bring their evidence to the Government. I have my doubts that the death was accidental.

At Bizan the people were very grateful to learn that there still is a chance that the airstrip will be opened. They stated that they have no intention

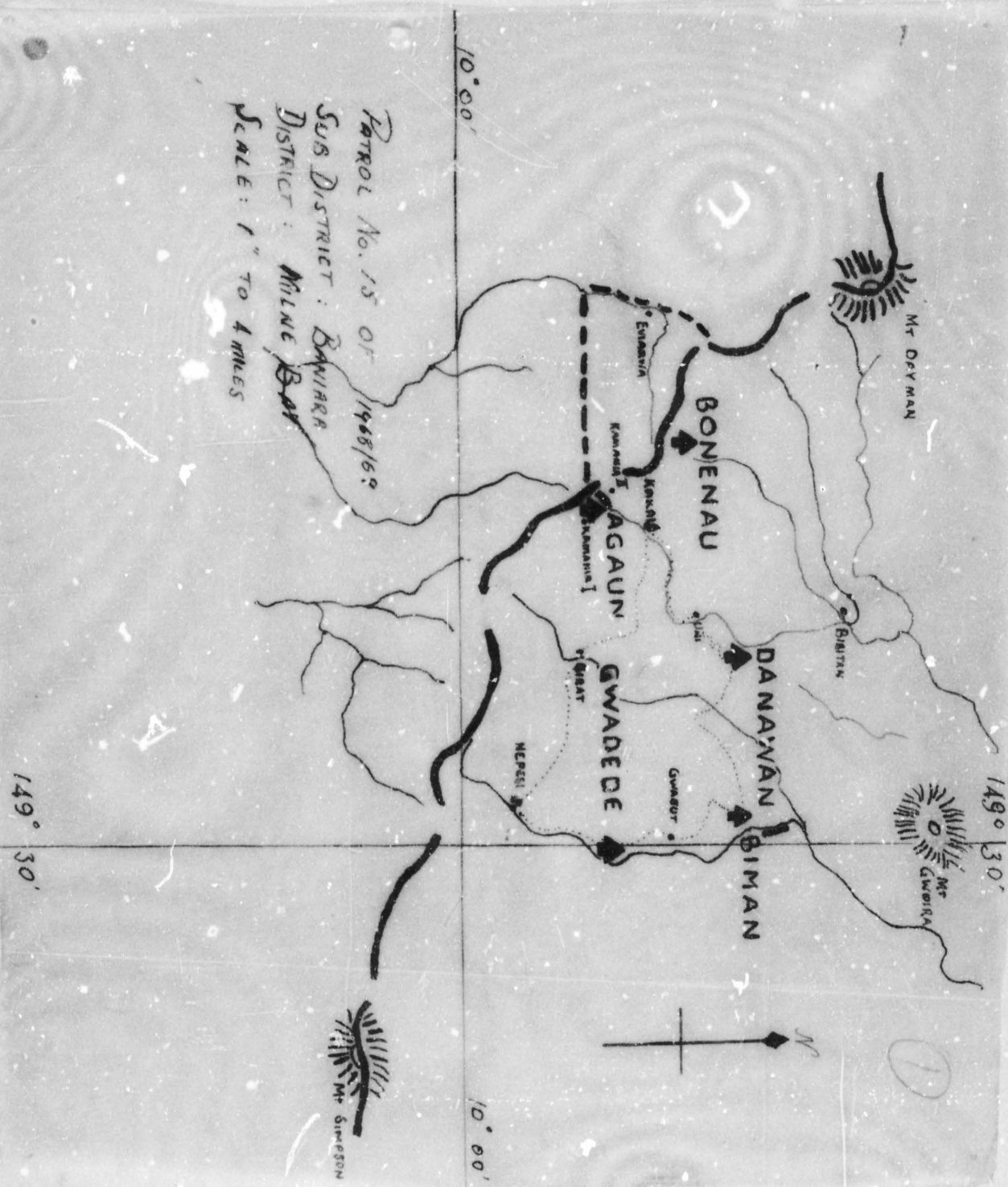


of ever carrying their Coffee to Agaun again. Arrangements were made for the small tasks suggested by Mr. Dave Hodge, an engineer sent to prepare sectional drawings of the strip, to be carried out as soon as possible. The grass cover on the runway surface is spreading well.

End of Patrol



Patrol No. 15 of 1968/69  
 Sub District: BAWIRRA  
 District: MILNE BAY  
 Scale: 1" to 4 miles





Division of District Administration,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

67-4-44

10th September, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
Milne Bay District,  
ALOTAU.

PATROL REPORTS - BANARA SUB-DISTRICT.

Your 67-5-1 of 6th August, 1969, refers.

Your file copies of Banara Reports Nos. 10 and  
11 of 1968/69 are returned herewith.

Thank you for your assistance.

(T.W. ELLIOTT)  
Secretary

Department of the Administrator.



67-1-2



3rd April, 1969.

District Commissioner,  
Milne Bay District,  
AIOTAU.

PATROL REPORTS - BANIARA SUB-DISTRICT.

It appears that Headquarters' copies of the  
under-listed Patrol Reports have been mislaid:-

10/68-69 and 11/68-69.

To complete our records could copies of same  
be forwarded for photo-copying and return to your  
office, please.

(T.W. ELLIS)

Director.

Minute to:

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

Reports No. 10 and 11 are attached. Would you  
please ensure their return as they are our file copies.

(F.G. Driver)

District Commissioner

File: 67-5-1  
Date: 6/8/69



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3rd April, 1969.

District Commissioner,  
Milne Bay District,  
AIOTAU.

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(I. J. MILLER)  
Director.

Minute No:

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

Reports No. 10 and 11 are attached. Will you  
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(I. J. MILLER)  
District Commissioner

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