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TASKUL
PATROL REPORT

1973/74

PATROL REPORT

Station:
 Subdistrict:
 District:
 Report No: I
 Conducted by: R.P. SAMUAI P.O
 Designation: PATROL OFFICER
 Duration: 1/11/74 7/11/1975
 No. of Days: 2
 Census Division: TRICH

Population: 55
 Council Area:
 House of Assembly Electorate:
 Map Reference: KAVI 10
 Last Patrol:
 Objects of Patrol:
AREA STUDY, UPDATING PATROLLING
AND UPDATING OF SITUATION REGISTER.
COLLECTOR OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAX.

The District Commissioner,
 District,

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Field Officers Journal Folios To ,
 - Patrol Instructions,
 - The Report and my comments,
 - Area study,
 - Updating of area study
 - Situation Reports Nos 1— ,
 - Patrol map,

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DATE: 11 / 1 / 1974

[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
 Department of the Chief Minister and Development Administration,
 KONEDOBUBU, Papua New Guinea.

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Area study,
 - Updating of area study,
 - Situation Reports Nos 1— ,
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 - District Headquarters assessment of
 Patrol & Report.....

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 Above average
 Average ✓
 Below average

DATE: 23 / 1 / 1974

[Signature]
 District Commissioner

POPULATION

Date of Census	Village	TOTALS (Excluding Absentees)				ABSENTEES (Resident outside Electorate)				Grand Total
		Under 18 years		18 years and over		Under 18 years		18 years and over		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
9/11	TENCH	4	4	15	18	1	1	9	1	43

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

P.O. Box 2396
KONEDOBU
Papua New Guinea

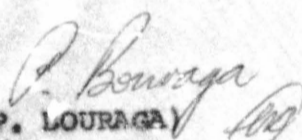
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Date: 5/2/74

The District Commissioner
..New Ireland District...
..KAVIENG.....
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RE:.....Palakau.....PATROL NO....1.....OF...1973/74
CONDUCTED BY MR....E.P. Sapulaj.....
TO...Trench.....CENSUS DIVISION(6).

... I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:-

- ~~Situation Report Nos.....~~
~~together with assessments..... These have been distributed~~
~~to appropriate Headquarters Branches for information~~
~~and no action required~~
- Area Study amendments/~~recapitations~~


(P. LOURAGA)
A/Secretary.

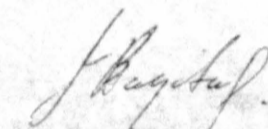
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with sufficient knowledge to ensure regular operation and fundamental maintenance. The SDA Mission have promised assistance in this respect. The construction of water catchment and storage has been provided for in the 1974/75 Rural Improvement programme.

Mr. SAPULAI should visit these people as often as possible utilising private vessels if necessary. The "THERESA MAY" will be programmed to visit TENCH approximately the 5th February to check up on results of recent Rat baiting exercise. Mr. SAPULAI can join this trip and whilst there make as accurate a map as possible of the island indicating natural features, location of village, tracks etc. No map has been filed as yet with Area Study.

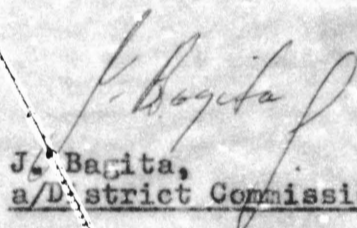
Over all, the situation at TENCH appears quite satisfactory.



J. Bagita,
a/District Commissioner.

cc Secretary
Department of the Chief Minister and Development
Administration KONEBOBU. P.O. BOX 2396

Forwarded for your records please are two copies of Area Study (Updating) copies of instructions, covering comments by Assistant District Commissioner, Patrol Report and Jacket.



J. Bagita,
a/District Commissioner.

cc Officer-in-Charge
Patrol Post
PALAKAU.

The Assistant District Comm.,
LAMEE Sub-District,
TAKUL.

23-1-74
PAL NO 1 of 73/74
C.A. Trollope/vt
D.D.C

23-1-74

PALAKAU PATROL NO 1 of 1973/74
FMOR ISLAND CENSUS DIVISION

Receipt of Area Study (Updating) and Patrol Report compiled by Mr. R.P. S'PULAI, Patrol Officer, is acknowledged, together with your letter 67-704, of the 11th January 1974 containing covering comments.

The Area Study will be considered as an updating exercise to Easter Study compiled by Mr. P.M. WHITE, Patrol Officer and duly certified. This Area Study formed part of PALAKAU Patrol No. 2 of 1971/72.

The effort by Mr. S'PULAI is very reasonable indeed but he will have to make a little more care over spelling and general presentation. In this context, this effort is no where near as good as his previous reports submitted from KONO and suggesting that considerable correction of general spelling and presentation was done prior submission. As Officer-in-Charge at PALAKAU there has not been any opportunity for this. I am not concerned at the late submission as I have no doubt Mr. S'PULAI found the absence of advisers around him contributed to the difficulty of the reporting exercise and therefore the need for need for extra time. He should however be made aware of the conditions applicable to the submission of reports in all aspects and strive to meet them.

Not much can be said concerning the circumstances of the FMOR Islanders that hasn't been said before, and my comments over PALAKAU Patrol NO. 2 of 71/72 have just as much applicability now as when they were written.

The installation of a Trans/Receiver set should do much to make the people feel in closer communication with the outside world, providing there is some person or persons



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DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

TELEGRAMS:
TELEPHONE:

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

District Commissioner,
KAVIENG.

Date: 11th Jan, 1974

Our Reference: 67-7-4

Action Officer: Bradbury

Designation: a/a.D.O.

Your Reference:

Date:

Patrol Report - Tench Island Census Division.

Herewith please find Mr. Sepulais' patrol report and area study. It is unduly late notwithstanding Mr. Sepulais' reasons. I see no reason why the report could not have been drafted in Kavieng or Rabaul. Nevertheless, the quality of this report somewhat makes up for the delay.

The report makes informative and interesting reading although the expression should improve with practice and reading on Mr. Sepulais' part. He is certainly most observant if he gained all his information during the short time he was at Tench. If the information was gained from islanders living elsewhere, then he is to be commended for using this initiative.

Communication with the island is poor. Sometimes the people can wait for 6 months for a ship. Ships will not call unless they can be assured of a full load out. The provision of a radio receiver on the island will do much to assist in this regard as well as provide assistance for medical emergencies.

I agree with the comments re voting. If interim recommendation no. 27 of The Constitutional planning committee is accepted then this confusion will end.

The situation on the island seems quite normal and satisfactory.

J. Bradbury.

a/Assistant District Commissioner

a/a.D.O. I.C. Palakau.

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Chief
XXXXXXXXXX
Minister and Develop.
Administration.
Patrol Post PALAKAU
Kavieng

6th November, 1973.

Mr. P. Sapulai,
Patrol Officer,
PALAKAU.

Patrol Instructions - TENCH ISLAND.

As previously advised, please prepare to depart on patrol when the "Theresia May" departs tomorrow.

The objects of your patrol will be:

1. Routine patrolling
2. Area study of Tench Island.
3. Compilation of shotgun register, collection of licence fees. A list of unregistered firearms sent from Taskul is attached.
4. Collection of Local Government Tax.

You should be prepared to burn the midnight oil at Tench to ensure that the ship does not have to wait around unnecessarily for you. I suggest that you merely take notes so that you may complete the area study whilst in Kavieng.

At the conclusion of your patrol you are to submit a patrol report and area study in accordance with standing instructions. You may have time to advise the people of your intentions with regard to items 3 and 4. In which case you should arrange to do this as you return from Kavieng.

Census is now only necessary every 2 years and as this has been done recently you could dispense with this, if you are running short of time.

On the completion of these duties you may returned to Kavieng to attend to personal business.

Please ensure that the patrol report and area study are promptly submitted on completion of your patrol.

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Assistant District Commissioner

PATROL REPORT NO I

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Station : Palakau

Officer Compiling : P. SAPULAI P.C

District : New Ireland

Subdistrict : Lamet

Census Division : Tench

L.G. Council : Mussau Baira

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this patrol was to carry out routine patrolling, up dating of Area study of Tench Census Division, Compilation of shotgun register, collection of licence fees and Collection of Local Government Tax, Political Education talks at village level and to perform general administration contact.

PATROL MOVEMENT.

Patrol movement to the Census Division was purely done by the Government Trawler the M.V. THERESIA MAY.

POLITICAL EDUCATION:

The stage of Political Education in the Tench Census Division is very limited. There are only three radios in the area. They most tune to Radio Rabaul and Radio New Ireland some times National Broadcasting commission in Port Moresby. "WANTOK NEWS" and "OUR NEWS" is also read, especially when written in pidgin. Political Education pamphlets can also be seen in the Census Division. People are aware of changes taking place in PAPUA NEW GUINEA but the problem is that so many things are changing at the same time that it confuse a lot of people. Most think that when PAPUA NEW GUINEA have self government and later Independence, the most important thing to have is money, however it was explain that money will not mean much to a villager as he mainly live on food garden. The people were told that life in the village would not be affected much.

I strongly feel that such a small island with a small population like this will not cost too much in trying to made them aware of changes taking place in the country. Most junior officers find it hard to explain thing to local people so I believed it would be easier if a film projector is use when patrolling and conducting political education.

Preferential voting is not very well understood. The way in which the voting is done is understood by the younger ones but the problem is that how does a man who have somany 1st preference does not win and the man with 2nd preference win if he win half the vote. Its very confusing to a avu rraga villager.

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Local Government.

The people in the Census Division are pro council. However because the council has been in operation for only six years now it has not done very much in as far as Economic, Social and Political ~~of the~~ development of the area goes. There wasn't any really ~~thing~~ dissatisfaction express on local government, however dissatisfaction was expressed for the none council planned for the island. They express that they have been paying tax to the council for some times now but have not seen any thing really thing did in their area. However it was explained to them that with a small council like Mussau Emira council which collect a very small revenue it cannot help every village for what they ask for.

The Councillor who represent people in the census division in the Mussau Emira Local Government is resident at Uleoa on Emira Island. Councillor Simion is also the Member of the Finance committee of the council.

House of Assembly.

Most of the people in the Trench Census Division know about the House of Assembly ~~where~~ where it is and what it does. They now understand that House of Assembly is where Laws of PAPUA NEW GUINEA is made. In the past most of them think KIAPS are the one who made laws. Apparently none of them knew any thing about The Administrator's Executive Council. Now it operates they have no idea.

House of Assembly Members.

Mr. J. CHAN being the member for NAMATANAI open and Minister for Finance is not as well as known of as Mr. O. Boss Regional and Mr. P. Kwan, Kaviengopen member ~~for~~ other members are unknown to the people in the Census Division.

Economy: ~~KNOW~~

People in the census Division only money from Copra, selling birds and their craft like mate basket and other stave. The peoples copra is sold to the copra Marketing board in Kavieng, being \$10 dollars for one bag, however when say a man who have 2 bags of copra, he paid \$2 dollars for the boat and \$4 dollars for himself he is left with \$14 dollars. Beside this things nothing more that this people received money.

One of the major factors limiting expansion of the economy in this area is not the availability of arable land but rather those who are keen to undertake enterprises cannot get uninhibited use of land due to clan structure. Therefore the idea of extending village cash crops will mainly remain on the people themselves.

SOCIAL

Education and Health

There is only one school in the area. It is operating by the S.D.A Mission. It has only one teacher and few kids. they main do Bible study and other thing concerning church. Three student of the area are now at Kaabubu high school in Rabaul. Most of the student are at Heli

There is only one Aid Post in the area. Alowa is the Aid post Orderly there. It is also operate by the SDA mission. Ever since there has not been any really serious sick report in the area. the people in the area look healthly in their general owt look.

Law and Order.

is well kept under control. No trouble report in the area to date. Most of the people are looking to the in land law now under discussion at the House of Assembly.

S.D.A mission is hte only mission operatin in the area. It has done a lot to development of the Census Division. However in some expects its against thing shtat might help the over all development of the area.

There is only one wemans club in the area. Altogether there area I4 members All women. It manly deal with S.D.A affairs. I would suggest here that a welfare officer Kaviang should patrol the area once every two Months say. So far no patrol from welfare kaviang being to the Census Divisi on. This then might help the people in the Area to as far as Welfare activitiws goes.

Conclusion

The patrol has been a very enjoble on and I have learned a lot from this. Looking forward to more patrol to the Census Divisio again.

AREA STUDY.

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Station: PALAKAU
District: NEW IRELAND
Census: Tench

Officer Compiling: P. SAPULAI PG
Sub District: LAMET
L.G Council: MUSSAU EMIRA.

Subject: Introduction.

The Tench census Division is a Census Division of its own having only one village in its area. It is situated on Tench Island in the SAINT MATTHIAS Island groups. The Census Division can be ~~be~~ located in the Bismark Archipelago, 65 miles away from KAVIENG and TASKUL, District and Sub District HEADQUARTERS.

The census Division is Administer from PALAKAU Patrol Post, which is about 60 miles away by sea. The area extends for a distance of about 1¹/₂ sq miles approxanately.

The interior of the Island is a combination of Tropical rainforest fringed by coconut. Along the beach is covered with sand.

There is only one main language spoken in the area. They all speak the same as Mussau people but a bit change in their expression.

European contact can be dated back to the German Administration. Ever since then direct Administration has been maintain. Transport to the Census Division is mainly done by sea.

Christain mission influence in the area can be dated back to the late 19th century. S.D.A is the only mission operating in the area.

AREA STUDY.

(16)

Station : PALAKAU Officer Compiling : P. SAPULAI.
District : NEW IRELAND Sub District : LANET
Census Division : TENCH L.G. Council : MUSSAU EMIRA.

Subject : POPULATION DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS.

The Tench Census Division revision revealed as having a population of 53 in November, 1973. This was an increase of 5 from February 1972, total of 48.

There is only one village within the Tench Census Division. The people in the Census Division lived in a village group along the beach. In the year there has been ~~and~~ no migration in or migration out. There are not many outsiders marrying into the Tench community. A lot of inter marriage taking place in the census Division.

As there are not many young men and women in the village, it looks as the population of the area will decrease in the years to come.

As shown on the village book register there is only 1 birth from February 1972 to November, 1973.

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AREA STUDY

Station : PALAKAU Officer Compiling : P. SAPULAI
District : NEW IRELAND Sub District : LAWET
Census Division : Tench L.G COUNCIL : MUSSAU EMIRA.

Subject : SOMIAL GROUPING.

Tench islanders are in virtually a separate social group from the other Saint Matthias islands of Mussau and Emira due to the islands isolation. The Tench Islanders have a common origin with the Mussau Emira people and strong links remain between the Emira Villager and the Tench Islanders. In the last two years there have not been any migration in to the Census Division.

The functional social unit is the family in the Tench Island Society. There are three main clan in the Census Division that are still follow, they are: EVERE with 16 Members EAESA with 11 members TAMASUKAI being the clan leader, and the SANAIU with 33 members OPA ARUKA being the Leader.

Variations on a common language exist between the different islands in the Saint Matthias group. No difficulty in understanding is encountered. Tench Islanders speaking in his dialect can communicate to an Emira and Mussau villager who in turn can reply in his dialect with a resulting comprehension by both persons. The strong bond between the Emira and Tench population is the only alliance of note with another group and this is confined in the main marriage into one of these societies. This presents no friction and a strong bond of friendship exists between the two Islands. The Mussau Islanders have little involvement with the people of Tench.

Outside groups have no direct contact as much with Tench Island. The outside world is represented by a vessel appearing over the horizon, stopping for perhaps a day offloading supplies and then loading copra, weather permitting, then disappearing in the afternoon, to be repeated perhaps in another 4 months.

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AREA STUDY

Station : PALAKAU

Officer Compiling : P. SAPULAI. P. S. C.

District : NEW IRELAND

Sub District : LAMET

Census Division : TENCH.

L.G. Council : MUSSAU EMIRA.

Subject : LEADERSHIP.

Traditional leadership that can be seen in most parts of Papua New Guinea, can also be seen here. It is based on the factors including fighting skill, ceremonial knowledge, kinship, the most influential man in the village. Those who shown or have some of the things mentioned above in them, would be look upon as good leader.

The ~~factor~~ three factors mentioned above and few others are still considered important by the people in the Tench census Division when choosing leaders in the village. The way things are changing, most people are now looking to their educated ones particularly those who have gone as far as form 4 and above for leader. However they still regard the Village headmen the most superior. But he has not got the power he once had. This is because of the strong council influence in the village. The councillors are elected by preferential voting

Persons who appear to have influence in the area-:

NIAP TAMAVEA. about 45 years old. subsistence farmer.

ALOVA TURAO. about 50 years old subsistence farmer, Aid post orderly.

other men with influence in the small community on Tench Island are-:

KONAUWA.

KONOLI

MULIANGIA.

As the Census Division is in Ward 10 of the Mussau Emira Local Government council, they are represented by Councillor SIMION of ELOEA village in the Emira Island Group.

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AREA STUDY

Station: PALAKAU

Officer Compiling: P. SAPULAI I.O

District: NEW IRELAND

Sub District: LALET

Census Division: TENCH

L.G. Council: MUSSAU EMIRA.

Subject: LITERACY.

There is only one Primary "T" School in the Tench Census Division. It is operated by the S.D.A mission. The only school in the area is more ~~than~~ than adequately cover the primary education needs for the area.

Detail for the school is as follows:-

Standard	Males	Females	Total	Teacher.
I	4	1	5	Apua Iak

There are no secondary schools in the area, however students in the area after completing ~~standard~~ standard I goes on to standard ~~2~~ 2 for which they are then sent to Boliu central school on Mussau Island. So far there are 3 students from Tench attending Kambubu High School in Rabaul.

Pidgin is widely spoken but Vernacular remains, the most important means of conversation. There are 3 radio receivers held in the Census Division. Listeners mainly tune to Radio Kavieng, sometimes to Rabaul Bougainville Wewak or N,BC in Port Moresby.

There are not so many people reading newspaper or bulletins, however WENTOK NEWS and OUR NEWS is widely read, especially when it is in pidgin.

AREA STUDY

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Station: PALAKAU

Officer: PISAPULAI P.O

District: New Ireland

Sub District: Lamet.

Census. Tench

L.G Council: Mussau Emira.

Subject: STANDARD OF LIVING.

The standard of living as seen in most parts of IAPUA NEW GUINEA can also be seen here. However the standard of living here is quite low when compared with other Districts.

Most of the houses are built of bush material and sak-sak leaves for the roof. The ones built on the ground do not have floors, whether they built on the ground or above, they are always kept clean and well maintained.

There are six houses in the TENCH census Division that are built of permanent material roof with flattened bamboo walls.

The sea is used for sanitation and the village is well kept free from rubbish. For other people a proper hole is dug and a hut is built over it. Rat seen to be causing a problem now.

European type of ~~met~~ utensils are used by almost every one in the area. however for storing food a basket is used and hung up in the roof. Several people were seen to have their own pressures lamps but wick lamps are very common in the area.

Dresses is commonly worn by women while men wearing short and shirt. Clothing is washed and kept clean.

The staple diet consists of taro, kankau, bananas, wild yam and Ila for vegetables, supplemented by fish and birds. Rice, tinned fish and ~~other~~ meat plus other European type food are also consumed but this is only sometimes, just to supplement their diet.

There are no community centres in the area nor will you find any organization such as Red cross or Scouts. However there ~~are~~ is a women's club operating in the area with a total membership of 14 women. Because of Transport difficulties, patrol of any sort to the area is very limit.

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AREA STUDY

Station : PALAKAU

Officer Comiling. P. SARDUAI.

District : NEW IRELAND

Sub District : LAMET

Census Division : TENCH

L.G. COUNCIL : MUSSAU EMIRA.

Subject : MISSIONS.

The only mission activity/working in the Saint Matthias Island Group is the Seventh Day Adventist Mission. All the Tench Islanders profess to be devout followers of the Seventh Day doctrine.

The Saint Matthias Island group as a region has been under the sole missionary influence of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission since April 1931 when the mission was commenced by Pastor A. S. Atkin. A year later in 1932 Pastor Peter Karomogot, a new recruit from Emira Island was stationed on Tench Island and this was the beginning of the mission and its teachings on Tench Island.

The centre of mission activity in the Saint Matthias Island Group is on Mussau Island at Boliu, where there is a hospital and advanced primary school for standards 4, 5, and 6. At present the school is supervised a lay missionary David. They represent the only European mission in the Island Group.

Nian Tamasuga, mission name James, is the ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ only paid Mission worker on Tench Island. He is the pastor for the Island.

The mission operate the schools in the Saint Matthias Island Group, the primary school at Tench was reopened in 1973. A health clinic, ward and outpatients service is operated at Boliu but medical visits by mission personnel to Tench are very rare. Federation in the villages and Tench Island have an active club. A workboat KASELI is owned and operated by the mission and visits the island about twice a year.

The mission, with no missionary activity before their arrival and no counter missionary teaching in the area since, have after initial contact and period of introduction to Christianity taken the most dominant powerful role in the Tench society. Church services are conducted seven days a week, morning and evening. The Mission sabbath is on Saturday and a complete ban on work occurs, all meals are prepared on Friday.

Strict standards are imposed on the islanders by the mission the main being strict observance of the sabbath, complete ban on ~~XXXX~~ alcohol, smoking and certain foods, re pig, lobster. No signs were apparent that the mission was losing any control of the islanders in Tench.

AREA STUDY

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Station : PALAKAU
District : NEW IRELAND
Census Division : TENCH

Officer Compiling P. SAPULAI PO
Sub District LAMET
L.C. Council : MUSSAU EMIRA.

Subject : NON-INDIGENOUS

There is no non-indigenous persons living in the Census Division. The only non-indigenous activity in the Saint Matthias group is a plantation at Taluanalu owned by WONG WAI managed by Kiu Yip and KALOU plantation owned and managed by Bruno Kriening. Both plantations are situated on Mussau island.

No further comment on this part.

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AREA STUDY

Station-: PALAKAU

Officer Compiling : P.SAPULAI

District-:--NEW-IRELAND

Sub District : LAMET

Census Division : TENCH

L.G.Council . MUSSAU EMIRA.

Subject : COMMUNICATIONS.

ROADS

There are no roads on Tench Island. Numerous walking tracks criss-cross the small island and these fulfill the adequately the island needs. There is only one village on the island and therefore these tracks serve only to get to the garden. There is no need for building a road on the island as the island is so small that every thing can be carried home.

SEA.

Vessels arriving at the census Division have no anchorages or wharves. They either stand off the ~~xxxxxxx~~ Island or circle around the Island until they are ready to leave. This situation presents obvious difficulties, ~~not~~ mainly limiting the visits by vessels to a day duration. The transport of cargo to and from the island is also restricted because of the absent facility of a wharf. The link between the vessel and the island is provided by dinghy and canoe, but this is still unsatisfactory because the load is limited and the channel to the beach is only safe in moderate seas.

Vessels that visit the Island are-: M.V. KASELI mission boat
M.V. CHRISTOPHER private enterprices M.V. KORASELA private enterprice and the M.V. THERESIS MAY Government work boat.

AIR.

There is no airstrip on the census Division. The nearest Airstrip is on Emira Island, a world war 2 bomber strip, which is in serviceable condition and used by mission, Administration and private sources on occasion only. No site is available on the census Division for an airstrip.

It seems that people in the Census Division are destined to be communicating with the outside world by sea transport. This is parsodic to say the least, a ship appearing on an the ~~xxxxxx~~ average once every 2 months.

AREA STUDY.

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Station: PALAKAU

Officer Compiling P. SAPULAI

District: NEW IRELAND

Sub District : SAMET

Census Division : TENCH

L.G.Council : MUSCAU EMIPA

Subject : LAND TENURE AND USE.

In the Tench Census Division Area, land is Traditionally inherited through the matrilineal clan system. The senior male clan leaders and clan elders have quite strong executive powers and have the final say as to which members will use the land.

Besides being inherited, land is also obtained by purchase. Purchase price is usually paid in money and the traditional "WIS" (shell currency). There is increasing tendency for the younger men to purchase land on their own. i.e. outside the clan, so that they may pursue cash crop activities without interference from the members of their clan and crop obtain a securer tenure over their land.

There is no Alienated land in the area. All that can be found in the area a Native owned -; village areas, cash crops, garden ing and forest. Land disputes in this area have consisted of one clan against another clan. This is solved between themselves

AREA STUDY

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Station: PALAKAU

Officer Compiling: P. SAPULAI P.O

District: New Ireland

Sub District: LAMET

Census Division: TENOH

L.G. Council : MUSSAU EMIRA

Subject : TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS

No persons who have any formal technical or clerical skill resident in the Census Division.

However several people from the area are being trained. There is one nursing aid, three carpenter and one welfare assistant of which none of them have certificate. There are for others who are working as mission teachers in other District, but their address can not be remembered.

AREA STUDY

(6)

Station: PALAKAU

Officer Compiling: P. Sapulai PO

District: NEW IRELAND

Sub District: LANET

Census Division: TENCH

L.V. COUNCIL: Nussau Emira.

Subject: STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

The People of Tench Census Division in some aspects appear to have a broad reasonable knowledge of general political development and in other aspects they appear quite confused and ignorant.

Most of the people are in the Pangu Party, some support the United Party. There is no significant following of any other parties if any. Almost everyone is aware that Mr. P. KWAN is the open member for the KAVIENG Open Electorate, and that is a member of the Pangu Party. Mr. Boas and Mr. Chan the New Ireland Regional and NAMATANAI Open respectively, are not as well known.

Some apprehensions were held by many of the people towards political development. Typical of this were:-

- (a) Taxes will rise sharply after self government.
- (b) Government will impose rent on individual own ground.
- (c) National Coalition government will fall when other members of other parties break away.

Discussions were held with the people to clarify matters on which the people were obviously confused. It was explained that there will be a great change in LAND laws when Committee of inquiry into Land matters submit its report.

A wider distribution of political education material in village could do much to promote political awareness in this area. Radio news broadcasts, particularly those in which the opposition is reported criticising the government, tend to greatly confuse the average villager and makes him quite apprehensive of the political future of Papua New Guinea.

A film projector might help promote political education at village level, rather than just discussions. It's more worthwhile if people can see what we are talking about. They can imagine how things will be like.

AREA STUDY

(5)

Station: PALAKAU

Officer Compiling: P. SAPULAI P.O

District: NEW IRELAND

Sub District: LAMET

Census Division: TENCH

L.G. Council: MUSSAU EMIRA .

Subject: ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Tench Census Division is represented by councillor ~~xx~~ of ward 10. Councillor resident at EMIRA Island. The Mussau Emira Local Government Council has now been operating for SIX years now and because of finance difficulties with in that time it has not done much to ~~xx~~ assist the economic and social development of this area.

Capital expenditure in the area to date, is NIL, however the council is now thing of building a Well ~~xx~~ at Tench Island Estimate cost of \$600 dollars. To date council has spent nothing to help the island. This is because of the very small income council collect from it's tax payers.

The people are very keen of this self help contribution. They show this by contributing to the ~~wire~~ wireless they are buy for the island. the rural development was explained to the people but not one man expressed his opinion or asked question. Council meetings are attended by councillors only. As for the Tench people because of Transport difficult they don't come. Council tax was also collected To which Tench Islanders show very good response.

The people of Tench Census Division are pro- council in their outlook and are generally satisfied with it performance to date. This is because they understand the difficulties the Council is facing.

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AREA STUDY.

Station: PALAKAU

Officer Compiling : P.SAPULAI P.O

District: NEW IRELAND

Sub District: LAMET

Census

Census Division: TENOH

L.C.Council: Mussau Emira.

Subject : ATTITUDES TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

Few people in the TENOH census Division area do not have much comprehension on Central Government above district level. This patrol was met with respect and cordiality on all occasions. There are no apparent anti - government organisation operating in this area. The only persons who expressed any dissatisfaction of the government did ~~not~~ so only in regard to self government x times table and also of council project not being started.

Dissatisfaction was also expressed on none council project carried out in the Census Division. They also expressed of paying tax to the council but have not seen any thing in returned.

AREA STUDY.

Station: PALAKAU Officer Compiling P. SAMPALAI .
District: NEW-IRELAND Sub District : LAMET
Census Division . TENCH L.G. Council : MUSSAU EMIRA.

Subject : ECONOMIC.

The sole cash produce from the ^{area} is derived from the dried coconut kernel - copra. These were introduced to Tench Island in 1937 by the Seventh Day Adventist Mission - many of these palms are still in existence.

There are no figures available for economic trees in the census Division but in the writer's estimation there are about 800 to 900 coconut palms. Production figures are unavailable. Indication of production can be gauged by the fact that ~~it~~ 30 bags for 3 months.

People in the Tench Census Division are not very keen in economic development. This is because they are mainly living on food gardens. There is a lot of good land where things could grow but is under developed. The problem here is that they have land disputes or are too lazy to work. Another reason is that transport to the area is very frequent.

There are no co-operatives in the ~~area~~ Tench Census Division. However few people are member of the co-operative society on Emira Island.

Most of the people's copra is sold to the Copra Marketing Board in Kavieng. Other market facilities cannot be found there at the Tench census Division.

In time of this patrol Mussau Emira Local Government Council Tax for 73/74 was also collected, being \$4.00 for males and females nothing. Response from the people in the Tench Census was very good. Almost everyone who are eligible to tax come forward and paid his ~~or her~~ tax. Overall a good response from. More should be done in economic development in the area but most of the work must be done by the people themselves.

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AREA STUDY

Station : PALAKAU

Officer Compiling : P SAPULAI

District : NEW IRELAND

Sub District : LANET

Census Division : TENCH

L.G. Council : Mussau Enira.

Subject : POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMIC.

Copra is the main stay of the cash economy of this area ^{and also} a ~~great~~ great potential of mat making. Other cash crop in which expansion could be made is NIL. NO arable land of note is available on Tench Census Division for increased planting of coconut palms.

~~Marketing gardening produce for sale is non-existent on Tench~~ Distance from the Market Kavieng and the infrequency of Transport ~~are~~ just too reasons for this occurrence. Wage earning in writer opinion could not be increase from known source now operating in the area. Mission - Government. No private enterpricessources of employment are operating on the island.

One of the major factors limiting expansion of the economy in this area is not the availability of arable land but rather that those who are keen to undertake enterprises cannot get uninhibited use of land due to clan structure. A way to overcome this would be for the government to acquire title to the land, either by acquisition or gaining control of land that have not been develop... another reason is the infrequency visit of boat to the island.

Consideration could be given to the setting up of a small cottage industry on Tench Island. Woven mats of banana fibre are produced by the women on an old loom, and a sewing machine embroiders plain cloth. Both of ~~this~~ these items are sold to visiting ships and shipment are also made to Kavieng for sale through the Welfare Department there. The uniqueness of those items make them valuable and perhaps this could be fostered into a small full-time home industry to provide an additional source of income for the Islanders.

AREA STUDY.

Station : PAL AKAU Officer Compiling : P. SAPULAI
District : NEW IRELAND Sub District . LAMET
Census Division : TENCH L.G.COUNCIL : MUSSAU EMIRA.

Subject : ACCOMMODATION SERVICE AND FACILITIES.

Accommodation in the area is very limited to that offered by private persons in the Census Division. There is a women's club in which patrol team can use its house. No rest house in the Census Division.

There is only one Trade store in the area but not as yet started selling food items. It due to the fact that the owner has not yet bought the licence to trade with Local people of the Area.

There is only one Aid post in the area and its more than adequately cover the needs of the area.

PATROL REPORT

Report number: **Tas - 73/74**

District: **New Ireland**

Patrol conducted by: **R.E. Weber**

Area patrolled: **Tingwon, N.W. Lavongai**

Duration of patrol: **18/3/74 - 27/3/74**

Last D.D.A. patrol:

Last O.L.G. patrol:

Map reference:

Objects of patrol: **Airstrip Inspection, Timber Rights Investigation**

Station: **TASKUL**

Subdistrict: **Lamet**

Designation: **District Officer (Lands)**

Personnel accompanying: **-**

Number of days: **8**

Total population of area: **2000ngai**

Council area: **Lavongai**

House of Assembly Electorate: **Kavieng**

The District Commissioner,

District,

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios To , ()

Patrol Instructions, ()

The Report and my comments, ()

Area study, ()

Updating of area study, ()

Situation Reports No's 1- , ()

Patrol map, ()

DATE: / 19 .

Assistant District Commissioner

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

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study, ()

Updating of area study, ()

Situation Report No's. 1- ()

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District Headquarters assessment of Above average

Patrol & Report..... Average

Below average

J. Bogata
District Commissioner

Date: *3 14 / 19 74*

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

P.O. Box 2396

KONEDOBU

Ref. : 67-9-29

Date : 30/4/74

The District Commissioner
New Ireland District,
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KAVIENG.
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RE : TASKUL PATROL NO. 1 OF 1973/74
CONDUCTED BY MR. R.B. WEBER
TO : TINGHON, N.W. LAVONGAI CENSUS DIVISION.
..... XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket.

W.P. Ryan
W.P. RYAN
a/secretary.



67-9-29

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

TELEGRAMS:
TELEPHONE:

P.O. Box 103, KAVIENG.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The Secretary,
Department of the Chief Minister
& Development Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Date: 3 Apr 74
Our Reference: TAS (Special) 73/74
Action Officer: C.A. Trollope
Designation: D.D.C.

Your Reference:
Date:

TASKUL (SPECIAL) PATROL - 1973/74: TINGWON CENSUS DIVISION.

The attached Patrol Report Jacket and brief report compiled by Mr. R.E. Weber, District Officer, (Lands), are for your information and records, please.

Application has been made for rural improvement grant to enable purchase of tractor and roller in 1974/75 for Tingwon airstrip.

The T.I.A. recently took a strong stand against the Company extending its activities beyond the boundaries of "MAMIRUM" and into native land, claiming that all land owners involved did not want the Company to operate in their area. The implication of "physical violence" was made should the Company ignore the advice. There is little doubt that the T.I.A. claim was exaggerated. Nevertheless, and as Mr. Weber states, a thorough examination will be required before any final documentation over purchase of Timber rights.

J. Bagita
J. Bagita.
a/District Commissioner.

DISTRICT OFFICE, P.O. BOX 103, KAVIENG.

1st April 74

District Commissioner,
KAVIENG.

Tas - 73/74
R. E. Weber
D.O. (Lands)

PATROL TAS - 73/74


... Attached please find, patrol report jacket, Field Officers journal and camping allowance claim for the above patrol.

This patrol had two objects, one being the preparation of Tingwon Airstrip for an initial landing, and the other being preliminary investigation into a timber rights purchase at Mamirum, New Hanover.

TINGWON AIRSTRIP: the patrol took out airstrip markers, wind-sock and swivel, paint etc and spent three days preparing the airstrip for an initial landing. The work was satisfactorily completed, however, the initial landing on the 28th March 1974, revealed that the surface has not yet consolidated sufficiently and will require heavy rolling.

MAMIRUM T.R.P.: File 33-3-15. As requested by Forestry Officer Mr. Kazakoff, I accompanied him to Mamirum to carry out preliminary investigations into a proposed timber rights purchase.

Contrary to what was alleged by T.I.A., the majority of the people appear to be in favour of the Palmatas Company (50-50 E. & C. Mc Authur, and local land owners) obtaining the timber rights over the area between the METAMIN River and NEISSU River. However, a patrol will have to spend at least two weeks on a detailed investigation before any documents can be drawn up.


R.E. Weber
District Officer


PATROL REPORT

Report number: 1 of 1973/74	Objects of patrol: See Attached Instructions.
District: New Ireland	Station: TASKUL.
Patrol conducted by: L.V. KNOX	Subdistrict: LAJET.
Area patrolled: Mussau and Emira C/Ds	Designation: Patrol Officer.
Duration of patrol: 6 Days 2-7-73 to 8-7-73	Personnel accompanying: A. Morris (P.W.D.)
Last D.D.A. patrol: June 1973	Number of days: 6
Last O.L.G. patrol: May 1973	Total population of area: 3956
Map reference:	Council area: Mussau - Emira L.G.C.
	House of Assembly Electorate:

The District Commissioner,
NEW IRELAND District,
KAVIENL

In respect of this patrol, I attach	
Field Officers Journal Folios	(✓)
Patrol Instructions,	(✓)
The Report and my comments,	(✓)
Area study,	()
Updating of area study,	()
Situation Reports No's 1—	(✓)
Patrol map,	()

DATE: **12/7 1973.**


 Assistant District Commissioner

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

In respect of this patrol, I attach	
Area study,	()
Updating of area study,	()
Situation Report No's. 1—	()
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District Headquarters assessment of	Above average
Patrol & Report.....	Average
	Below average

Date: / /19

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 District Commissioner

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The District Commissioner
New Ireland District
P.O. Box 103
KAVIENG

27th August, 1973.
57-9-1
R.G. Orwin
a/D.D.C.

TASKUL PATROL NO. 1/1973-74.

Reference your minute of 16th August, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket and documentation arising out of the above patrol of MUSCAU and EMIRA Census Divisions, as submitted by Mr. I.V. Knox, Patrol Officer.

Your comments have been noted.

W.P. Ryan
W.P. RYAN
a/Secretary

DOA 67-9-12

DEPT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
P.O. BOX 103,
KAVIENG.

TAS 1/73-74

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16 Aug 73

Assistant District Commissioner,
TASKUL.

TASKUL PATROL NO 1 of 1973/74 - MUSSAU & EMIRA CENSUS DIVISIONS

Receipt of Patrol Report, Situation Report, Field Officer's Journals compiled by Mr. I.V. Knox, Patrol Officer, together with you Instructions and comments are acknowledged.

The contents of both Situation and Patrol Report are essentially of local interest and action only and will not be referred to Headquarters.

Mr. Poruan Sapulai, Patrol Officer, will be posted to PALAKAU to re-open the patrol post. This anticipated to be early September and after Mr. Sapulai has attended a short training course to be held by Office of Local Government at Kavieng. It would also be preferable for him to spend two or three days with you at TASKUL for orientation; when finally posted, you should accompany him and remain at PALAKAU until settled. It is pleasing to note that the people are looking forward to the positioning of an officer again at PALAKAU.

PASTOR LUNDSTROM of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission has made all arrangements with the Commonwealth Bank for the re-opening of the BOLIU Agency. The SDA schoolteacher at BOLIU, Mr TOATA will control the Agency.

I agree that supervision of Rural Improvement projects be one of the primary tasks of Mr. Sapulai but you should satisfy yourself that he has sufficient technical understanding to offer constructive advice. All Mussau roads were examined by the Local Government Engineer and I suggest you obtain copies of his report from the District Local Government Officer for the guidance of the C.I.C.

Mr Sapulai can make arrangements through you to have the Council driver undergo a short period of training with Public Works as driver and in fundamental tractor maintenance.

Situation Report re airstrip sites refers. Mr. Morris favours PALAKAU and in fact capital works planning has listed the project at a cost of \$36000. One of the first tasks by Mr Sapulai will be to investigate the land area involved. Please instruct him to do this without delay. The lands instruction can follow later but you should initiate action on this now through the District Officer (Lands).

Mr. Knox has completed a valuable field exercise.

I. A. Holmes
I. A. HOLMES,
District Commissioner

c.c. The Secretary,
Dept of the Chief Minister &
Development Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Patrol Report Jacket and copy A.D.C's comments for your information only. *I. A. Holmes*

I. A. HOLMES District Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION.

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference: TAS 1-73/74.

If calling ask for

Mr. R. Weber

SUB DISTRICT OFFICE.

TASKUL.

New Ireland District.

13th July, 1973.

In Reply

Please Quote

No.

District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
KAVIENG.

DEPARTMENT OF THE
ADMINISTRATION

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KAVIENG
NEW IRELAND DISTRICT
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT TASKUL 1-73/74.

Attached please find the above report submitted by Patrol Officer Mr. I. Knox.

The main object of the patrol was to accompany and assist the Department of Public Works Senior Technical Officer in the survey of possible airstrip sites on Mussau Island. This has been adequately covered in the attached Situation Report.

Other tasks, as per attached Patrol Instructions, were successfully completed. See my 4-2-9 of the 10th instant re EMIRA Airstrip Instruction of authorisation.

My comments on other pertinent matters are:-

RE-OPENING PALAKAU PATROL POST.

Depending on staff availability I am fully in favour of having Palakau re-opened. It is possible to administer the area from Taskul, but certainly not as effectively as from Palakau. Being unmanned, Palakau now has more connection with Kavieng than Taskul because of shipping services and the fact that the Council Advisor resides at Kavieng. Consequently, there is often administrative confusion.

The main benefits in re-opening the Post would be:-

- (a) Council Adviser resident at Council Chambers.
- (b) Efficient radio communications.
- (c) Agency functions established - Savings Bank, Post Office, etc..

RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

The lack of supervision of rural development projects is another reason why Palakau should be manned. Whilst the people are good workers, they are poor engineers.

Mr. Knox has efficiently carried out his patrol. As the Mussau and Emira ~~areas~~ areas have recently been covered by Area Study patrols (TAS 18 - 72/73) it would be unnecessary repetition to submit a lengthier Report.

R. E. Weber
R. E. WEBER.
Assistant District Commissioner.

Handwritten notes:
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Emira
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NEW IRELAND Report No. 2 of 1973/74

Patrol Conducted by V. MURARIO

Area Patrolled S.W. & N. LAVONGAI

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans R.T. FAIRHALL D.O., I.V. KNOX P.O.

Natives.....

Duration—From 23/7/1973 to 27/7/1973

Number of Days 5

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? no.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... 6/1973

Medical /19

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol LOCAL GOVERNMENT SURVEY OF THE NEW COUNCIL

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

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In
The District Commissioner
New Ireland District
P.O. Box 109
KAVIENG

3rd October, 1973
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P.J. Naume
District Officer (Projects)

TAS 2/73-74
18th September, 1973

TASKUL PATROL NO. 2 OF 1973/74

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket arising out of the above patrol of South West and North LAOCHGAI Census Divisions, as submitted by Mr. V. MURAKIO, Trainee Patrol Officer.

W.P. Ryan
W.P. RYAN
a/Secretary

DA67-9-2

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District Headquarters,
KAVILING.

Assistant District Commissioner,
TASKUL.

18 Sep 73
Tas No 2-73/74
C.A. Trollope
D.D.C.

PATROL TASKUL NO 2 of 1973/74.

Receipt of report and accompanying documents compiled by Mr. V. Murario, Trainee Patrol Officer, following his patrol with you to the North and South West Lavongai Census Divisions is acknowledged together with your covering comments.

As a training exercise, the report is quite reasonable but it is apparent that Mr. Murario needs to make more positive observations. He should be programmed now to accompany a patrol with a senior officer that covers as wide a field of special and routine objectives as possible and be given advice and assistance in producing a full report to follow Standing Instructions.

No other comment is necessary.

The Camping Allowance claims referred to were not attached.

I. A. HOLMES
District Commissioner.

C.C.
The Secretary,
Dept of the Chief Minister &
Development Administration,
KONEDOBU.

... Patrol Report jacket is forwarded herewith for your records, please.

I. A. HOLMES
District Commissioner

PATROL REPORT

Station: **TASKUL** Population:
Subdistrict: **LAMET** Council Area: **Lavongai Local Gov. Council**
District: **NEW IRELAND** House of Assembly Electorate: **Kavieng Open**
Report No: **3 of 1973/74** Map Reference:
Conducted by: **W.T. JEGUA** Last Patrol:
Designation: **Assistant Field Officer** Objects of Patrol: **LAND PATROL**
Duration: **22nd-24th & 27th-28th August**
No. of Days: **5 Days**
Census Division: **North/East Lavongai**

The District Commissioner,

District,

KAVIENG

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios To ,	()
Patrol Instructions,	()
The Report and my comments,	(✓)
Area study,	()
Updating of area study	()
Situation Reports Nos 1— ,	()
Patrol map,	()

DATE: *26/9/1973*

R. F. Fairman

Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Chief Minister and Development Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study,	()
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Situation Reports Nos 1— ,	()
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District Headquarters assessment of
Patrol & Report.....

Above average
Average ✓
Below average

DATE: *8/10/1973*

G. A. Williams
District Commissioner

District Commissioner
New Ireland District
KAVIENG

31st October, 1973.
67-9-7

B.J. Maune
District Officer (Projects)

TASKUL PATROL NO. 3 OF 1973/74:

Reference your TAS.3 of 73/74 of 8th October, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket arising out of the above patrol of NORTH and SOUTHWEST LAVONGAI Census Divisions, as submitted by W.T. ANQUA.

W.P. Ryan
W.P. RYAN
a/Secretary

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District Headquarters,
KAVIENG.

Assistant District Commissioner,
TASKUL.

8 Oct 73.
TAS 3 of 73/74
C.A. Trollope
DDC

TASKUL PATROL NO 3 of 1973/74
NORTH & SOUTHWEST LAVONGAI CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Receipt of report and F.O.J.'s compiled by Mr. W.T. Angua, A.F.O. together with your comments is acknowledged.

Both matters comprising the patrol objectives have been passed to the District Officer (Lands) for his information and further action.

No other comment is necessary.

Camping Allowance claim has been processed.

I. A. Holmes
I. A. HOLMES
District Commissioner.

C.C.
The Secretary,
Dept of the Chief Minister &
Development Administration,
P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOBU.

The attached Patrol Report Jacket refers for your records please. The patrol concerned itself with claims over two owners of Administration land at Nento Island (Por 432 Matanalaua) and Noipuos (Por 645 & 645A Matalainga) Section 15 application was processed and A.D.C.'s recommendations are awaited on the latter.

I. A. Holmes
I. A. HOLMES
District Commissioner

PATROL REPORT

Report number: TASKUL 4 -73/74	Objects of patrol: LAND MATTERS
District: NEW IRELAND	Station: PALAKAU
Patrol conducted by: R.E.WEBER	Subdistrict: LAMET
Area patrolled: MUSSAU CYD	Designation: District Officer (Lands)
Duration of patrol: 24.8.73-31.8.73	Personnel accompanying: J. Howes R.D.O. P. Giru A.F.O.
Last D.D.A. patrol: July 1973	Number of days: 8 + 8 = 16 days
Last O.L.G. patrol: August 1973	Total population of area: Mussau 3373
Map reference: Fourmil MATTHIAS	Council area: Mussau Emira
	House of Assembly Electorate: KAVIENG

The District Commissioner,
NEW IRELAND District,
KAVIENG

In respect of this patrol, I attach	
Field Officers Journal Folios 1 To 4 , 5-6	(✓)
Patrol Instructions, N/A	(-)
The Report. xxxxxxxxxxxx	(✓)
Area study,	(-)
Updating of area study,	(-)
Situation Reports No's 1—	(-)
Patrol map,	(-)

DATE: **10 / 9 1973.**

[Signature]
Assistant District Commissioner

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

In respect of this patrol, I attach	
Area study,	()
Updating of area study,	()
Situation Report No's. 1—	()
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District Headquarters assessment of	Above average
Patrol & Report.....	Average
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Date: **18 / 9 / 1973.**

[Signature]
District Commissioner

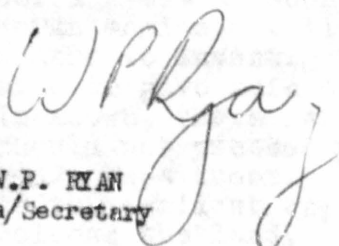
The District Commissioner
New Ireland District
P.O. Box 103
KAVIENG

3rd October, 1973
67-9-3
F.J. Maume
District Officer (Projects)

TAS 4/73-74
19th September, 1973

TASKUL PATROL NO. 4 OF 1973/74

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket arising out of the above patrol of MUSSAU Census Division, as submitted by Mr. R.E. WEBER, District Officer (Lands).


W.P. RYAN
a/Secretary

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DEPT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
P.O. BOX 103,
KAVIENG.

TAS 4/73-74
CAT/mc



19 Sep 73.

Assistant District Commissioner,
TASKUL.

TASKUL PATROL NO 4 of 1973/74.- MUSSAU CENSUS DIVISION

Report of the above patrol compiled by Mr. R.E. Weber,
District Officer, refers.

The matters referred to in the report are for essentially
local action but you should bring them to the attention of
Mr. Sapulai before he proceeds to Palakau next month to
re-open the Patrol Post.

Some form of registration of the rubber blocks is essential
to avoid future dispute.

As the Palakau airstrip has been approved as a Capital Works
item the investigation of the land area involved should be
carried out as soon as possible. A Department of Public
Works engineer will be visiting PALAKAU within the next two
months to investigate strip possibilities. He should be
able to give safe estimate of area required and when this
is known, there is no reason why the land investigation
should not proceed prior to receipt of instruction from
Lands Department. Application should of course be processed
at the earliest opportunity and if allowners are agreeable to
release the land.

The matter of timber resources can be taken up direct by you
with the District Forestry Officer.

... Two copies of the report are attached for your records.

I. A. Holmes
I. A. HOLMES
District Commissioner.

C.C.
The Secretary,
Dep of the Chief Minister &
Development Administration,
KONEBOBU.

... Patrol Report jacket only herewith for your records, please.

I. A. Holmes
I. A. HOLMES
District Commissioner

PATROL REPORT

Station: TASKUL	Population: 3450
Subdistrict: LAMET	Council Area: NIL
District: NEW IRELAND	House of Assembly Electorate: KAVIENG OPEN
Report No: 5 of 1973/74	Map Reference: 5850-11 & 5850-111
Conducted by: G.W.O'BRIEN	Last Patrol: 11/12/1972
Designation: patrol officer	Objects of Patrol: POLITICAL EDUCATION ROUTINE ADMIN.
Duration: 4/9/1973 to 18/9/1973	
No. of Days: 15	
Census Division: SOUTH EAST LAVONGAI	

The District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
KAVIENG

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

- 8 OCT 1973

TASKUL

NEW IRELAND DISTRICT

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

In respect of this patrol, I attach	
Field Officers Journal Folios 7 To 9 ,	(✓)
Patrol Instructions,	(✓)
The Report and my comments,	(✓)
Area study,	()
Updating of area study	()
Situation Reports Nos 1— ,	()
Patrol map,	(✓)

DATE: *12/10/1973*

[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
 Department of the Chief Minister and Development Administration,
 KONEDOBUN, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach	
Area study,	()
Updating of area study,	()
Situation Reports Nos 1— ,	()
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District Headquarters assessment of	Above average
Patrol & Report.....	Average
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DATE: *12/11/1973*

[Signature]
 District Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

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P.O. Box 2396

XONEDOBU

Ref.: 67-9-12

Date: 28/11/73

The District Commissioner
New Ireland District

KAVIENG
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RE: TASKUL PATROL NO. 5 OF 1973/74
CONDUCTED BY MR. G.W. O'BRIEN
TO SOUTH EAST LAVONGAI CENSUS DIVISION.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket.
Copy of a map is returned herewith.

W.P. Ryan
W.P. RYAN
S/Secretary

DDA 67.9.12

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DEPT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

TAS 5/73-74

P.O. BOX 103,
KAVIENG.

GAT/mc

12th November, 1973.

Assistant District Commissioner,
TASKUL.

TASKUL PATROL NO 5 of 1973/74. SOUTHEAST LAVONGAI CENSUS DIV.

Receipt of report and map compiled by Mr. G.W. O'Brien, Patrol Officer following his patrol to the above mentioned area and your instructions and covering comments is acknowledged.

Even though the Lavongai situation appears ripe for the reintroduction of the direct system of government in the appointment of village officials, I would doubt any serious consideration of such a move for obvious political reasons. Mr. O'Brien instances the village court system as providing opportunity for rationalisation of leadership and he could well be right. All your reporting officers have commented on the 'silent majority' that make up the T.I.A. numbers and there would seem to be reason for belief that this group would divorce itself from T.I.A. radical doctrine if indigenous leadership with views beyond the parochial boundaries of Lavongai were to emerge. It is necessary for us to maintain contact with the people at this stage no matter how unwelcome our attentions appear to the 'hardcore' and expatriate adviser, simply so that this 'silent majority' will know government is interested in their welfare and has not withdrawn. I agree with Mr. O'Brien that whilst the expatriate influence remains as the dominant force behind T.I.A. policy, the hope of a more healthy and rational indigenous leadership emerging is inhibited.

Mr. O'Brien has written good report but marred by its late submission. Please impress on your officers the requirement that reports be forwarded no later than a fortnight following a patrol's completion.

Claim for camping allowance has been processed.

I. A. Holmes
I. A. HOLMES
District Commissioner

c.c.
The Secretary,
Dept of the Chief Minister & Development Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded please are Patrol Report jacket, copy of report, map and comments for your records.

I. A. Holmes
I. A. HOLMES
District Commissioner

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Sub-District Office,
TASEKUL,
New Ireland District.

12th October 1973
Tab 5 of 1973/74
R.F. Fairhall
A.D.C.

District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
KAVIENG

TASEKUL PATROL NO.5 OF 1973/74

Attached are copies of the above report submitted by Mr. G. O'Brien P.O. Also attached is his camping allowance claim.

The situation of current village leadership patterns as described cover much of the Island except strongly Council biased areas where the Councillor still holds the balance of power. I feel if the present position prevails throughout this Division, the village T.I.A. Board will eventually control the people as they form the only unified group with any sense of purpose. In the more anti Government areas this will, as it already has to a great extent, lead to an even more pronounced deterioration of Government influence than exists at present, and a rejection of the Government and all it stands for. Without doubt since Mr. Williams appearance on the scene the T.I.A. has gone from strength to strength and has become more acceptable and widely favoured by the moderates. To combat this I would suggest, abnoxious as the idea may sound, to seriously consider appointment of Lalualis once more as Central Government representatives in the village. The necessity for this is becoming more and more pronounced.

I am somewhat in the dark since Mr. Cass made his flying trip to problem schools in the area. It seems the Education Department have adopted a wait and see attitude to see whether children returned to school and parents take more interest in their schools before taking any action.

Probably the only reason of substance given to Mr. O'Brien re withdrawal of children is the first mentioned but it is not really valid.

One reason that should be included in Reasons for T.I.A. Anti Government feeling must be that of early Government neglect. An island which has a fifth of the Districts

population has more certainly not had a fifth of the District's capital works funds expended on it over the years. It has been negligible, and must be a just and reasonable complaint. One wonders, however, whether this would really have made much overall difference. Pleas by officers over recent months to forget the past and look to the future seem to have fallen on deaf ears.

It is noted that section (d) of the instructions was not completed on.

A good report.

R. T. Fairhall
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R. T. Fairhall
Assistant District Commissioner

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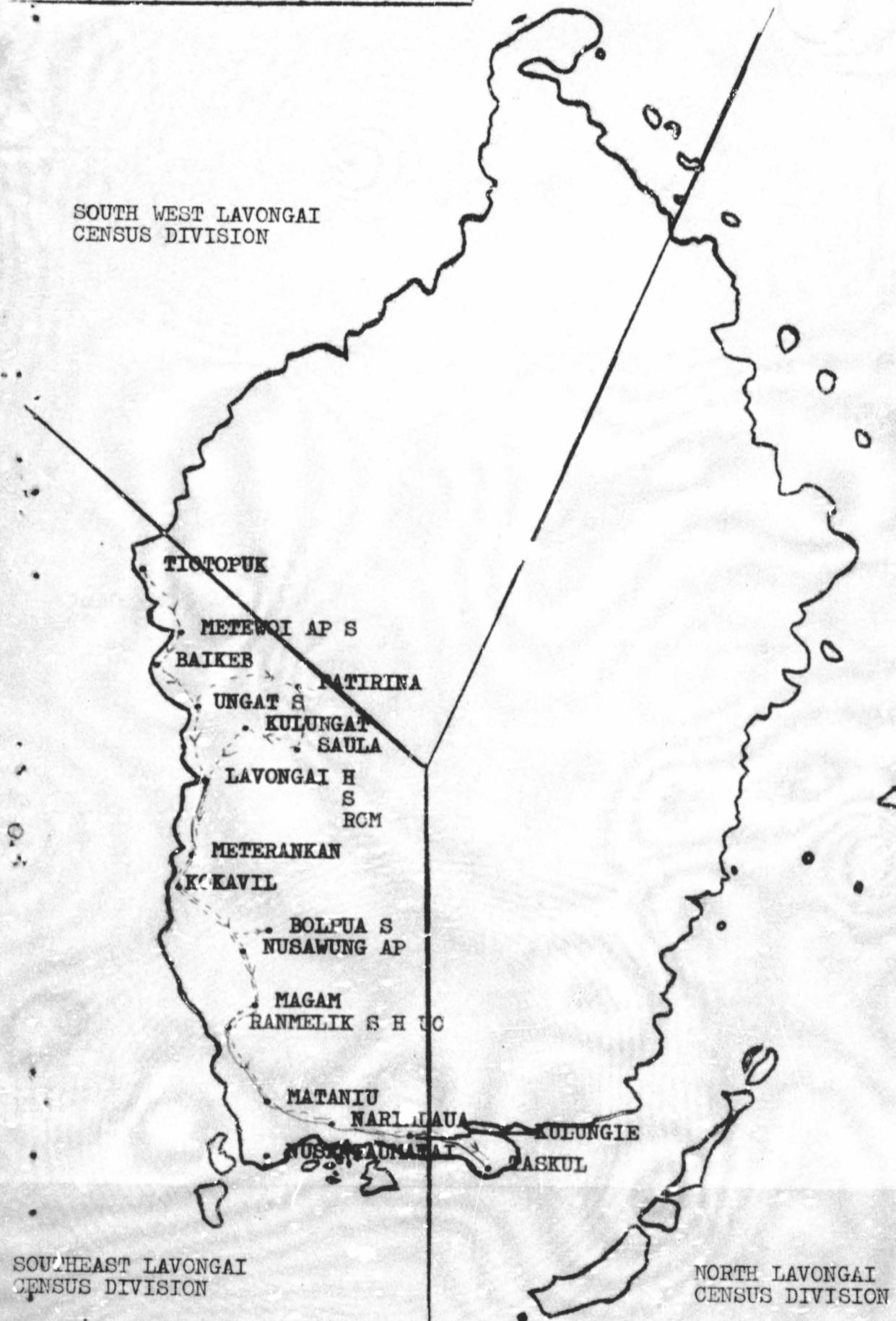
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- RCM ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSION STATION
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- ->- PATROL ROUTE

TINGWON CENSUS DIVISION

SOUTH WEST LAVONGAI CENSUS DIVISION



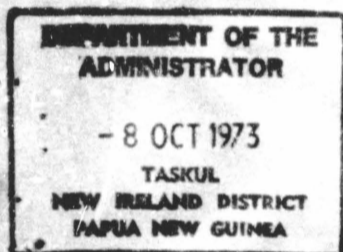
SOUTHEAST LAVONGAI CENSUS DIVISION

NORTH LAVONGAI CENSUS DIVISION

PATROL REPORT

Station: TASKUL	Population: 3,450
Subdistrict: LAMET	Council Area: LAVONGAI LOCAL GOVT.
District: NEW IRELAND	House of Assembly Electorate: KAVIENG
Report No: 5A-73-74	Map Reference:
Conducted by: VINCENT MURARIO	Last Patrol: 11/12/72 - 12/1/73
Designation: TRAINEE PATROL OFFICER	Objects of Patrol: POLITICAL EDUCATION ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION
Duration: 4/9/73 - 18/9/73	
No. of Days: 15	
Census Division: SOUTH EAST LAVONGAI	

The District Commissioner,
N-1 District,
KAVIENG



In respect of this patrol, I attach	
Field Officers Journal Folios 1 To 4,	(✓)
Patrol Instructions,	(✓)
The Report and my comments,	(✓)
Area study,	()
Updating of area study	()
Situation Reports Nos 1— ,	()
Patrol map,	(✓)

DATE: 12/10/1973.

A. Green
Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Chief Minister and Development Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach	
Area study,	()
Updating of area study,	()
Situation Reports Nos 1— ,	()
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District Headquarters assessment of Patrol & Report.....	Above average Average Below average

DATE: / / 19

Di * Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

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P.O. Box 2396

KONEDOBU,

Ref.: 67-9-13

Date: 28/11/73

The District Commissioner
New Ireland
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KAVIENG
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RE: LANET PATROL NO. 5A OF 1973/74 ...
CONDUCTED BY MR. VINCENT MURAYLO
TO SOUTH EAST LAVONGAI CENSUS DIVISION.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket.

W.P. RYAN
a/Secretary

DDA 67. 9.13.

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C.C.

The Secretary,
Dept of the Chief Minister &
Development Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded please are Patrol Report Jacket, report, map
and copy A.D.C.'s comments for your records.

I. A. Holmes

I. A. HOLMES
District Commissioner

District Headquarters,
KAVIENG.

Assistant District Commissioner,
TASKUL.

12 Nov 73
TAS 5A/73-74
C.A. Trollope
DDC

TASKUL PATROL NO 5A of 1973/74. SOUTH EAST LAVONGA C.D.

Receipt of Patrol Report and map compiled by Mr. V. Murario, Trainee Patrol Officer and your covering comments is acknowledged.

The report is a good first effort by Mr. Murario and he has made some accurate and interesting observations.

There certainly would not appear to be any leavening in the anti Government/Council views of the T.I.A. and if anything, these attitudes have hardened. I would anticipate some changes in the 'hardcore' attitudes of T.I.A. when the matter of distributing R.I.P. funds arises. Undoubtedly, a competitive situation will develop with the proposed MATTAS Council.

The degree with which the T.I.A. will co-operate with Government will be largely conditioned by the attitude taken by the Area Authority with regard to rural improvement approvals and recommendations. In the meantime we should maintain our presence in the field in carrying out normal duties no matter how unwelcome our attentions.

Camping allowance claim has been processed.

I. A. Holmes
I. A. HOLMES
District Commissioner.

c.c.
The Secretary,
Dept of the Chief Minister
& Development Administration,
KONEDOBU.

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Sub-District Office,
TASKUL,
New Ireland District.

12th October 1973
Tas 5A - 1973/74
R.T. Fairhall
A.D.C.

District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
KAVIENG.

TASKUL PATROL NO.5A - 1973/74

Attached find copies of the above report submitted on a patrol of the South East Lavongai Census Division by M.V. Murario, T.P.O. This officer accompanied Mr. O'Brien P.O. on patrol No.5 and submitted this report as an exercise. Camping allowance claim is attached.

It is interesting to note Mr. Murario's rather scathing remarks about these people. It is not up to them to make up their minds whether or not they wish to be controlled by the Government, but rather for the Government to take a harder line attitude with them, place Central Government representatives in the villages in the form of the old style Luluai.

As noted there has been no attempt whatever to maintain roads contracted by R.L.P. funds. In several areas where the road passes through coconut groves, the road is indicated by the tallest grass - the coconut areas are at least maintained and cleared occasionally.

Attitudes of the people towards the patrol indicate the problems we face in the area. Relations will deteriorate further due to the uncompromising attitudes of the 'hard core' T.I.A. who will have nothing to do with the Government. It is well known that whatever broad policies are decided on at T.I.A. meetings, the village T.I.A. board members dictate what they wish to the people. If this coincides with T.I.A. policy, well and good.

Quite a reasonable report. Mr. Murario is showing considerable promise of becoming an effective field officer.

R.T. Fairhall

R.T. Fairhall
Assistant District Commissioner

Department of Chief Minister and Development Administration

Sub-District Office,
TASKUL,
New Ireland District.

TAS No. 5A of 73/74

26th September 1973

Taskul Patrol No. 5A of 1973/74
South East Lavongai Census Division

INTRODUCTION

1. This patrol was purely of Political Education type and to deal with the thoughts of the more radical T.I.A. elements. The patrol was mounted mainly for familiarisation and was also to deal with any Administrative matter arising during the patrol. It has covered a period of two weeks. By the time each individual should realize that the area patrol was previously under the Administration influence during the last 10 years. But during the present time every village in the area patrolled in this Census Division is purely comprised of T.I.A. board members. Each village in this Census division has believed very strongly that the T.I.A. would be very much capable to assist them in terms of economic development and improvement in the village level. The people were very much influenced by the T.I.A. and it seemed very complicated now to persuade them to come under the Administration Control as they were in the previous years. I would presumed that this would continue to go on for some years to come until such time that they would be able to make up their mind to be controlled by the Administration. Although in this particular Census Division the houses are constructed using nails and some corrugated iron is evident the building designs are the same as they have been probably for the last 100 years or so; i.e. no improvement. When talking with the people it is evident that the people are very narrow minded being very ignorant of anything outside their own little island. After 3 to 4 generation of contact one would expect a certain amount of broad mindedness.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

2. In regard to economic development the area patrolled can be divided into two district areas, (i) That area from Taskul Sub-District stretching as far as BOLPUA S.D.S. School, (ii) and that section from Meterankan to Lavongai village. The tremendous distinction between the two is that the first group can be classified as inland dwellers, that is they do not have a sandy beach to build their houses or a sandy area along the coast to plant coconuts as those in the second

group do, but the seashore along this stretch of the coast is mangrove swamp.

3. A part cash economy for the people of this area is almost non-existent. Some cash received from the following -

(i) Copra. Some coconuts have been previously planted along the sandy sections on the second area and are now bearing. The few that have been planted in the first area are doing very poorly and are mainly used as food.

(ii) Taskul Market. Some produce is sold at Taskul market by people from the villages closest to the station. Those villages that are very far away from Taskul market they used their produce to trade with their neighbouring villages; with such cash crop as peanuts, bananas, beans and tomatoes.

(iii) Coffee and Cocoa. In the area patrolled there are a few cocoa trees being owned by an expatriate business man operating Benge Plantation. Coffee seemed to be the largest cash crop planted in the area patrolled; but the village people didn't make any attempt to harvest them, and sell them to the nearest trader. The people just sort of ignored them and let them covered with great bushes, as the people were complaining that the D.A.S.F. officers didn't visit them regularly to solve their problem concerning the coffee. The people seemed to concentrate mainly on copra as copra is one of the popular cash crop throughout the area patrolled.

(iv) Casual labourers. Some casual labourers were employed on the Lungatan Plantation, Benge, and Lavongai plantation, but due to the very poor copra market condition at present most of them have been stood down.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

4. Political Education. The patrol has met quite a number of villages, and the question on self-government was asked by the officer writing. That is "What will happen if P.N.G. gets its self Government, will the life of the people in this country be better in the future or will it be ruined by any destruction?" This question was asked mainly just to find out their views on the future of Self-Governing P.N.G. The people in the area patrolled didn't even give their definite idea as the result is that most of them didn't know what is meant by Self-Government.

Often the questions were asked during the discussion on what is meant by Self-Government and throughout most of the patrol discussion we replied by explaining to them the definition of Self Government. There was no complains put forward against their member who represented them in the House of Assembly for Kavieng Open Mr. P. Kwan, even though he didn't visit them regularly.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Every village in these areas patrolled were told during the discussions that the previous Lavongai Local Government Council has already been suspended by the Government. But it is not dissolved merely as the people often thought, as it would just have to wait for the wishes of the Lavongai people themselves, if they wish to start the old Lavongai Local Government Council again or not as the discussion lies upon the people themselves. Most often the Anti-Council people didn't like us to mention anything about the Council, for they were saying that the Council didn't do any good for them when it is in existent. Where as on the other hand the pro-Council people were very upset when they heard of the suspension of the Lavongai Local Government Council.

T.I.A.

5. The T.I.A. has influenced very strongly in all these areas patrolled, with their Headquarters being established at Lavongai Catholic Mission, most of its office work is being controlled by the Mission Representatives from Lavongai. The Association has appointed somebody from each village just to act on its behalf to talk to the people and tell them what should be done in their various villages. Once a month all these T.I.A. representatives have to go and meet at Lavongai where they held meetings and discussed various matters which are concerning this particular association. Mr. Kalla GukGuk, the former President for the previous Lavongai Local Government Council is the president for this Association; in which he chaired every meeting and discussion that are taking place at Lavongai. The association has bought a few plantations from around the island. With a saw mill being established at Lavongai village and it is now in operation. The Association has very strong feeling that it would not be able to be controlled by the Council again as they have already got the Association which the people themselves are quite happy to be ruled by the Association rather than by the Council.

SOCIAL

Health and Education facilities provided in the Census Division patrolled is mainly by the mission. The United Church at Ranmelek provided a boarding school for the students. The school is being attended by all the students from all over the island of New Hanover and also a few from the Tigak islands. The school has the education standard qualification from Standard 4 to Standard 6. After the students have completed this educational standard qualification, they will then be sent anywhere else in the Territory to attend

various high schools which are operating throughout the Territory. The United Church also has a school at ATPAU just half way between NAKIMLAWA and MATANIU, this is cater for the classes not catered for at Rannelek, i.e. 1, 2, and 3.

The Catholic Mission at Lavongai has a Primary 'T' School for standard one to six. The Seventh Day Adventists have a small school at KONKAVUL but only caters for the pupils of the S.D.A. followers from one small hamlets.

The sisters at Rannelek often patrolled and visited various areas to carry out infant welfare work. They almost covered every village and hamlets on the island except that there are some areas who controlled by the Roman Catholic Mission sisters at Lavongai. Minor sickness are send to either Rannelek hospital or to Lavongai for treatment. Major injuries are further sent to Kavieng for further treatment.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

The area patrolled is connected with the road from Taskul Government Station. Most of the roads in these areas are now being covered with thick bushes, because the people themselves are not very interested to work on the road to keep clean every time.

There are also a few bridges being constructed in the area patrolled. In which a couple of them were constructed with wooden timber and the other few were constructed with cement used for the foundation purposes.

ATTITUDES OF THE PEOPLE TOWARDS THE PATROL

The attitudes of the people encountered throughout the patrol is not very good. In most villages visited during the patrol, some of the people didn't make an attempt whatsoever to turn up for the meeting. When we later interviewed the village leaders to find out why, they would then claim that communication has break down. I would presume that the people are sort of purely controlled by the T.I.A. and was very difficult to pass communication onto them. I suggested that the people considered themselves as anti-Council controlled and as it is according to my own point of view I would say that the people as I believed would not listen to any Government Representative.

CONCLUSION

During my observation of various villages I found out that in some villages the attendance of the people at the meeting was very good, where as in some other village it was very poorly attended. In which we found out that the communication has break down, and the people themselves didn't even make any attempt to turn up for the meeting. This show that they are not very interested at all.

NEW HANOVER

(scale ONE INCH = 4 Miles.)

PATROL ROUTE

PATROL BY BOAT

PATROL BY FOOT

AP AID POST

S.SCHOOL

H.HOSPITAL

UC UNITED CHURCH

RCM ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSION

TINGWON CENSUS DIVISION

SOUTH WEST LAVONGAI
CENSUS DIVISION

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RCM

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BOHPUA S

NUBAVUNG AP

MAGAN

RANMELEK H.S.
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KATANIU

NARIMLAVA

KULINGHI

SOUTHEAST LAVONGAI
CENSUS DIVISION

NORTH LAVONGAI
CENSUS DIVISION

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PATROL REPORT

Station: Pasqol	Population:
Subdistrict: Malet	Council Area: Lavongai
District: New Ireland	House of Assembly Electorate: Kavieng
Report No: 6 of 1973/74	Map Reference:
Conducted by: Jedam Togan	Last Patrol: 23/7/73 — 27/7/73
Designation: Patrol Officer	Objects of Patrol: As per patrol instruction.
Duration: 24/9/73 to 9/10/73	
No. of Days: 14	
Census Division: Southwest & North Lavongai Census Division.	

The District Commissioner,
N.I. District,
KAVIENG

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios To ,	(✓)
Patrol Instructions,	(✓)
The Report and my comments,	(✓)
Area study,	()
Updating of area study	()
Situation Reports Nos 1— ,	()
Patrol map,	()

DATE: 28/12/1973.

[Signature]
Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Chief Minister and Development Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

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Updating of area study,	()
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District Headquarters assessment of	Above average
Patrol & Report.....	Average ✓

DATE: 23/1/1974.

[Signature]
District Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

P.O. Box 2396
KONEDOBU
Papua New Guinea

Ref. 67-28-3
Date: 5/2/74

The District Commissioner
New Ireland District

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RE: Taskul PATROL NO. 6 OF 1973/74
CONDUCTED BY MR. Gedan Tagan
TO Southwest & North Lavongai CENSUS DIVISION(S).

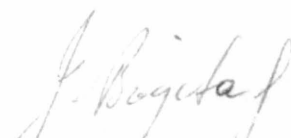
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(P. BOURAGA) *CP*
A/Secretary.

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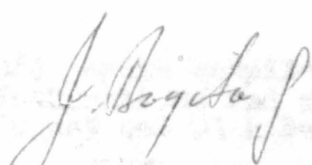
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Claim for camping allowance has been passed for payment.


J. Bagita,
a/District Commissioner.

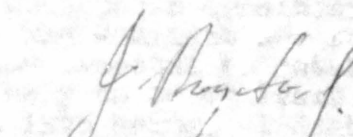
cc Secretary
Department of the Chief Minister and Development
Administration, KONEDOBU P.O. BOX 40 2396

For your records only please find copy of Patrol Report Jacket
and comments by Assistant District Commissioner.


J. Bagita,
a/District Commissioner.

cc District Local Government Officer
KAVIENG.

Copy of report here with for your information.


J. Bagita,
a/District Commissioner.

The Assistant District Comm.
LANEY Sub-District
TASKUL

23-1-74
TAS 6. of 73/74
C.A. Trollope/vt
D.D.C

23-1-74

TASKUL PATROL NO 6 of 1973/74
SOUTH WEST AND NORTH LAVONGAI
CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Report and associated papers compiled by Mr. G. TAGAN, Patrol Officer, and your Instructions and covering comments (67-1-3 of 29th August and 28th December 1973 respectively) refer.

The late submission of the report as explained by you is understandable and no blame attaches to Mr. TAGAN.

Your comments are adequate to the report which has been passed to the District Local Government Officer for his information.

The present situation with MATTAS Council as it is understood here is that you have been required to establish boundaries to some final acceptable condition prior to any promulgation action. The Commissioner for Local Government has approved the proposal to establish a new Council but it appears likely to be at least June of this year before it comes into being. I doubt the passing of the "ousside" as quickly as you imply but do agree that no great haste be employed to establish MATTAS Council in a situation where requests for its establishment could be largely motivated through anti-TIA emotionism.

As you know, the A.D. Authority has decided to fund RIP Project sponsored by old LAVONGAI Council through Assistant District Commissioner, and contra comment at page 5 paragraph 1.

Mr. TAGAN has written an informative report and carried out a patrol consistent with his instructions. He should develop into a valuable officer over the next few years. It is my intention to transfer him to MATTAS Patrol Post in the near future for some in-charge experience.

Sub-district Office,
TASKUL

28th Dec., 1973
67-1-3

The District Commissioner,
KAVIENG.

J. Bradbury
Acting A.D.C.

PATROL REPORT 6-73/74 G. TAGAN - Southwest and North Lavongai
Census Division.

... Herewith please find the subject report. Late submission is attributed to the fact that there have been 3 different A.D.C.'s since the completion of this report, and it has been misplaced.

My comments:-

1. Mr. Tagan has obviously done quite a bit of research and shows that to some extent he has come to grips with the situation on this island. He has shown himself to be competent to deal with matters arising on patrol.

2. Attitude towards a New Council. From my short observation of the people of this island, I would like to say that there is more to the division of the groups into pro-council and pro-T.I.A. than is noticeable on the surface. Pro-council groups would lean more to anti-T.I.A. than they would towards a pro-council view-point. Although there may be one or two exceptions, council projects such as roads, water catchments and schools have been met with no more enthusiasm from the Mattas area than the T.I.A. area. Mr. Tagan's reporting of Topians (page 6) hits the nail on the head when he states "... that there is a great jealousy between the two groups". Unfortunately outside influences have exploited this division to achieve their own ends. I feel that given time, the passing of these outsiders and an even handed government policy, will restore an equilibrium to this island.

For this reason, I consider that the commencement of the Mattas Council be left in obedience for at least another 6 months. To push the council and give it government assistance, at this stage, would only further excentuate this division.

3. Rural Improvement. Unfortunately the peoples aspirations in this regard fall short of the Government's 8 Point Improvement Programme. Another patrol has been sent to rectify this matter.

Claim for camping allowance is attached.


J. BRADBURY
Acting Assistant District Commissioner.