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PATROL REPORTS MILNE BAY DISTRICT 1966-67

ESA'ALA

Patrol No.

Officer
Conducting Patrol

Area Patrolled

1-66-67	R.H. Gibbs	Northern Normanby Census Div.
2-66-67	R.H. Gibbs	East Fergusson Census Div.
3-66-67	R.H. Gibbs	Amphlett and Sanaroa Census Div.

BOLUBOLU

2-66-67	K.J. Lewis	North Goodenough Island
4-66-67	K.J. Lewis	Western & Northern sectors of Goodenough Island
5-66-67	K.J. Lewis	Stationary at Bwaidoga Village



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MILNE BAY Report No. ESA'ALA 1-66/67

Patrol Conducted by R.H. Gibbs Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Northern Normanby Census Div.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 10148 Const. GUIVEVA / 10338 Const. ASISI

Duration—From 11 / 10 / 19.66 to 3 / 11 / 19.66 (broken)
Interpreter RUBEN MORIOGA Personal Servant

Number of Days 10

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NIL

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services NOVEMBER / 19.65

Medical / / 19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol 1. Census revision, 2. Routine Administration,

3. Inspection of road construction.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

DISCOM

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E.R. Johnson/bs.

Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

24th January, 1967.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONFEDOBU.

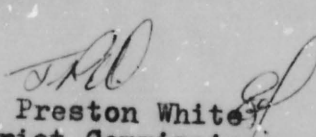
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2. The only further comment I have is to note that the road extension programme is currently before the District Co-ordinating Committee.

3. Forwarded for your information and records please.

Att.


(J. Preston White)
District Commissioner.

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24th February, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SANARAI.

ESA'ALA PATROL NO. 1 OF 1966/67:

Your 67-1-3 of 24th January 1967, refers.

An informative report by an evidently keen officer.

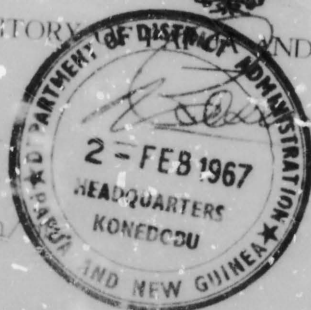
At this stage of the country's development self help is a must and it is pleasing to note that both Mr. Gibbs and the local people are aware of this fact. If the area mentioned is able to produce in excess of 6 tons of copra per month, I feel that the Council and the Co-operative Society would be justified in giving every assistance to the proposed shipping point. This depends too, on a better quality copra being produced and liaison with the Agricultural Officer is most important.

Roads, of course, are vital to the development of any area and therefore, should be actively assisted by the Council - even if the Council needs to pass a Road Maintenance Rule to ensure active and regular attendance by the local people.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

DISCOM

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Department of District Administration,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

24th January, 1967.

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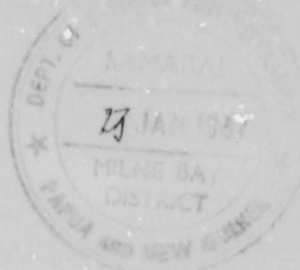
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District Commissioner.

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Esa'ala Patrol Reports File

GALL

Milne Bay District,
Esa'ala.

9th January, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

Esa'ala Patrol Report No. 1 of 1966/67.

Attached are 3 copies of the above-mentioned patrol report of a patrol conducted by Mr. R. Gibbs.

My comments are as follow:

- (1) Census: A general overhaul of the Sub-District census is not only needed but long overdue, and being attended to.
- (2) Roads: Considerable attention is being given road extension work in this Sub-District as a mutual Local Government/ community/ Administration project. Administration participation to date has been guidance, while the report and technical recommendations of the Civil Engineering Supervisor of Public Works, Mr. Boekhuizer, are awaited to further assist road development work and to enable the appropriate funding by Administration for bulldozing work in the Sewa-Sewatsitai sector and for blasting in the Esa'ala-Earubia Sector.

The road extension objectives for 1966/67 are the connection, Esa'ala-Sewa Bay. Next year financial assistance - Local Government/Administration - for Northern Normanby will be concentrated on the Esa'ala/Taulu/Bwakera/Miabari sector.

I need not elaborate upon the difference this combined road network will be to Administration and economic development generally.

A motorcycle at Esa'ala would be of considerable assistance to Officers guiding road extension work and is requested as a priority need.

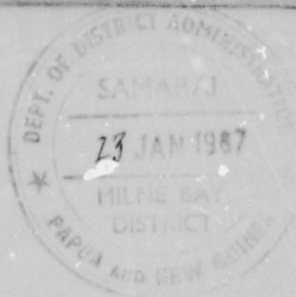
- (3) Economic Development: The additional shipping point on the west Normanby coast recommended by Mr. Gibbs will increase copra production figures tremendously, and the establishment of such a shipping point should be considered by the Dobu Local Government Council and implemented as a matter of priority. Once this is done, a subsidiary buying point to the Korowae Co-operative Society should be established at the shipping point. Again, the shipping-buying point/road development will enable the Dobu Council to purchase a tractor/trailer unit to assist the gathering of copra at shipping points for the whole Northern Normanby area.

- (4) Ward Representation: The matter of additional Councillor representation for the Dobu and Bwakera/Maiabari wards should and will be taken up with the Dobu Council.

Mr. Gibbs will be asked to concentrate upon implementing the recommendations he has made in this report and you will be advised from time to time of the progress made.

The patrol has been a good one, and if followed up will be the basis of considerable progress in that area.

P. A. Gall
Asst



Sea'ala Patrol Reports File

GALE

Milne Bay District,
SEA'ALA.

9th January, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

Sea'ala Patrol Report No. 1 of 1966/67.

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My comments are as follows:

- (1) Census: A general overhaul of the Sub-District census is not only needed but long overdue, and being attended to.
- (2) Roads: Considerable attention is being given road extension work in this Sub-District as a mutual local government/ community/ Administration project. Administration participation to date has been guidance, while the report and technical recommendations of the Civil Engineering Supervisor of Public Works, Mr. Beekhuizer, are awaited to further assist road development work and to enable the appropriate funding by Administration for bulldozing work in the Sewa-Sewataitai sector and for blasting in the Sea'ala-Sarubia Sector.

The road extension objectives for 1966/67 are the connection, Sea'ala-Sewa Bay. Next year financial assistance - Local Government/ Administration - for Northern Normanby will be concentrated on the Sea'ala/Saula/Bwakera/Miabari sector.

I need not elaborate upon the difference this combined road network will be to Administration and economic development generally.

A motorcycle at Sea'ala would be of considerable assistance to Officers guiding road extension work and is requested as a priority need.

- (3) Economic Development: The additional shipping point on the west Normanby coast recommended by Mr. Gibbs will increase copra production figures tremendously, and the establishment of such a shipping point should be considered by the Bobu Local Government Council and implemented as a matter of priority. Once this is done, a subsidiary buying point to the Korowea Co-operative Society should be established at the shipping point. Again, the shipping-buying point/road development will enable the Bobu Council to purchase a tractor/trailer unit to assist the gathering of copra at shipping points for the whole Northern Normanby area.

- (4) Ward Representation: The matter of additional Councillor representation for the Bobu and Bwakera/Miabari wards should and will be taken up with the Bobu Council.

Mr. Gibbs will be asked to concentrate upon implementing the recommendations he has made in this report and you will be advised from time to time of the progress made.

The patrol has been a good one, and if followed up will be the basis of considerable progress in that area.

J. S. Galle
ASC

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT NO. ESA'ALA 1-66/67.

Officer Conducting: R. H. Gibbs, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Northern Normanby Census Div.

Duration: 11.10.66 to 3.11.66
(broken)

Number of Days: 10.

Personnel Accompanying: 10148 Constable GUIVEVA
10338 " " ASISI
Interpreter, RUBEN MORIOGA
Personal Servant.

Objects of Patrol:

1. Census revision.
2. Routine Administration.
3. Inspection of road construction.

Previous Patrols to Area:

District Administration.
November, 1965.


(R. H. GIBBS)
PATROL OFFICER.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL NO. ESA'ALA 1 - 66/67.

INTRODUCTION.

The primary purpose of the patrol was to revise census and to carry out routine administration. Wherever the patrol went, close attention was paid to progress being made on vehicular roads and advice was given where required. For this purpose the entire patrol was carried out on foot.

The area patrolled is the Northern Normanby Census Division which is composed of eight villages on the northern end of the island together with the island of Doba.

People in the area covered are well settled and very sophisticated. The people are friendly and the patrol was well received in all villages. Most of the village people are at the present time "hungry" for economic development and this is obviously the main reason for the accelerated development of roads throughout this, and other, census divisions in the Esa'ala administrative area. I found the people most receptive to any ideas which were offered them, and so accordingly, we should soon begin to witness marked progress, especially along economic lines in this area.

DIARY.

Tuesday, 11th October. Departed Esa'ala 1000 hours for TAULU village where carried out census. Discussions with Taulu people. Returned Esa'ala arriving 1730 hours. Slept Esa'ala.

Saturday, 15th October. Departed Esa'ala 0900 hours for SISIANA village, arriving 1030 hours. Discussions with Sisiana people. Carried out Census. Returned Esa'ala.

Sunday, 16th October. Returned SISIANA where slept.

Monday, 17th October. Departed SISIANA 0800 hours for MIADEBA arriving 1045 hours. Discussions with People. Census revised. Slept Miadeba.

Tuesday, 18th October. Departed MIADEBA 0800 hours for DARUBIA, arriving 1100 hours. Census revised. Discussions with people held. Slept Darubia.

Wednesday, 19th October. Departed DARUBIA 0900 hours for MAIABARI arriving 1500 hours. Aim was to find a possible vehicular road route from the DARUBIA area across the mountain range to MAIABARI. Discussions with Maiabari people. Slept Maiabari.

Thursday, 20th October. Census of Maiabari carried out. Departed MAIABARI 1000 hours for BWAKERA arriving 1145 hours. Discussions with Bwakera people. Census revised. Further discussions with people. Slept Bwakera.

Friday, 21st October. Departed BWAKERA 0830 for KORUWEA, arriving 1110 hours. Census revised. Talks with people. Slept Koruwea.

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Saturday, 22nd October. Departed KORUWEA 0900 for IO'O, arriving 1630. Census revised and discussions with people held. Returned and slept at KORUWEA.

Sunday, 23rd October. Departed KORUWEA 1100 for ESA'ALA, arriving 1630. Aim was to find a vehicular road route from KORUWEA across the island to ESA'ALA.

Thursday, 3rd November. Departed ESA'ALA 0700 by outboard motor and dinghy for DOBU ISLAND arriving 0710. Census revised and discussions with people held. Returned ESA'ALA arriving 1800. Patrol stood down.

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VILLAGES.

Housing and sanitation generally, was found to be satisfactory, but in some cases it was necessary to point out shortcomings and suggest remedial action. It must be considered that these people have, in most cases, been legitimately and gainfully employed on road construction, as well as their ordinary every day tasks which are necessary in order that they eat and maintain themselves in good health. No doubt there are a few who use road construction as an excuse for not having decent houses or satisfactory latrines, but I feel such people are few, mainly due to the outstanding progress which is currently being made on roads in the area patrolled.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

There are no Village Constables in the Northern Normanby census division. The area is patrolled by members of the regular constabulary based at Esa'ala.

The census division is part of the Dobu Local Government Council. The area is divided into five (5) wards; Taulu/Sisiana, Mideba/Darubia, Bwakera/Maiabari, Io'o/Koruwea and Dobu. The wards of Dobu and Bwakera/Maiabari are large enough to warrant being represented by two Councillors each.

Without doubt the most influential man in this area (and perhaps in the entire Esa'ala area) is the Councillor from Io'o/Koruwea, Nelson Kainamale, who has been President of the Dobu Council since its inception and who has more recently been nominated as a member of the District Advisory Council. Nelson is an intelligent man who, I feel, wants nothing more than to do the best he can for his people. He will never do anything without first consulting those who it will affect, and it is here at this stage he is able to guide them around to appreciating the matter from his own point of view. I believe Nelson to be an honest man through which much progress can and should be made. Nelson is 38 years old, married with four (4) children.

Other Councillors of the area, although not outstanding, are satisfactory and I know are all sincerely attempting to have road constructed throughout the patrolled area.

HEALTH.

The census division is served by Aid Posts at Esa'ala, Darubia and Bwakera. All Aid Posts are satisfactorily stocked and staffed and all were found to be in good repair. No complaints were received by Aid Post

Orderly staff and the village people seemed quite happy with the staff.

There is a general medical service available to village people around Ubuia at the Hansenide Colony. People going for general treatment at Ubuia do not come into contact with patients as the Aid Post is some distance from where in-patients live.

With four centres where medical treatment is available, the people do not have to travel very far and are well off from a health point of view. The ratio is approximately one (1) Aid Post to 750 people, with the added availability of large Mission hospitals at Budoya and Salamc, both of which are staffed by fully trained sisters.

EDUCATION.

The area is served by two Administration Primary "T" Schools, one being at Esa'ala to Standard 5, and the other being at Bwakera to Standard 4. The only other school in the area to have a satisfactory teacher is Ullsalolo Methodist School which has one certificated teacher and goes to Standard 4. This school is near Koruwa and caters for mainly Koruwa and Io'o children.

There are also schools at Darubia, Maadeba and Maiabari which are run by the Methodist Mission, however their value is so negligible as to be almost nil.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

The primary ultimate aim of roadwork in the census division is to link the Esa'ala - Darubia section of road with the road which already exists from Sewataita to Darubia and then to have the latter linked with a road crossing the island and coming out at Sewa Bay. The task to be tackled from Esa'ala, then, is to have a vehicular road constructed from the Sub District Headquarters to the village of Darubia. Much of this section of the road has already been cut and cleared and I estimate that it will take another six months to complete this section of the road, if Esa'ala officers are able to spend at least 3 of these months working with the people. The people asked that they be given until the 1st December, 1966, to plant their gardens and I gave my approval because I believe it to be a legitimate request and not one designed to free them from the task at hand. They, and the Administration will suffer next June, at harvest time, if they have not planted sufficient food. I pointed out that every healthy male adult would be expected to "do his duty" after the 30th November, and I was told in return on more than one occasion that it was not only the Administration who wanted the road, but also the people.

It is proposed that Mr. G. W. Pardew, Cadet Patrol Officer, will work on this section of the road from the 1st December until the Christmas break. Then, beginning in the first week of the new year, Mr. Pardew and myself will alternate until the task is completed.

There are obstacles which have to be overcome, but as we are to be given the benefit of expert Public Works advice I am sure that the work can be completed within the time already mentioned. There are two areas which will require blasting (see Track Survey Map Esa'ala to Awarai Bay - Major obstacles numbered 2. and 3.) and another section at Awarai Bay which has not previously been mentioned, where the road will have to run along sand and small stones for about 200 yards due to the fact that the sea is on one side and a swamp on the other which reaches

far inland to the foothills. An attempt to route the road around this swamp will, according to the local people, only lead into harder obstacles to overcome as it will be difficult to cut the road inland sufficiently far to clear the swamp and then to bring it coastwards again without having to negotiate hills and stone.

The patrol looked for a possible vehicular road route across the island from Darubia to Maiabari, however the route we took, which had been suggested as the most likely by the local people, was far too mountainous. If there is to be a road across the island in Esa'ala area the most likely route would be from the Bwakera side of Koruwa across the island to near a small hamlet named Odurei (in Sisiana). The patrol crossed the island from a point 20 minutes walk on the Bwakera side of Koruwa to Sisiana rest house, but this route is too hilly, and I am sure there are better routes in this vicinity.

The most impressing, and at the same time depressing facet of the patrol was the untapped potential which exists from Maiabari village through to Io'o. I refer to the large number of native coconut plantings which are to be seen in this area. I am unfair in this assertion to a degree because the people of Io'o and Koruwa do produce quite an amount of copra and market it through the Northern Normanby Co-operative Society. The people of Bwakera and Maiabari however do not market much copra and they said that the reason for this is because they had no outlet point which was sufficiently close to enable them to do so. A coconut census was not undertaken but I am sure that the two villages of Bwakera and Maiabari could produce in excess of six tons of copra per month. Most of the nuts at the present time either grow where they fall on the ground, or rot. I mention this under this heading to show the great need for a road in this area.

From Io'o down the coast to Maiabari there are no difficult obstacles to be overcome and once the people decide that this road must be constructed the task will be no more than a short one. A meeting was held at Koruwa and the people decided to spend the sum of \$80, which they hold collectively as a credit with Steamships Trading Company, Samarai, on tools to help with road construction. This money will be spent where the best return is to be offered, not necessarily with either of the Samarai business firms. The people of Koruwa and Io'o also offered to help the people of Maiabari and Bwakera construct a wharf (this will be discussed later under the heading "Economic Development - General").

Road-work has been progressing slowly in the Maiabari-Bwakera area and so the people were encouraged to accelerate construction. The people said that they would do so.

Administration Assistance required for Road Programme,
Esa'ala area, Normanby Island.

- a) Expert advice on difficult obstacles Esa'ala-Darubia.
- b) Materials listed in the Assistant District Commissioner's (Esa'ala) 10-1-11/28-2-7 of the 20th September, 1966, to the District Commissioner, for the Esa'ala-Darubia section of road.
- c) Motor bike to allow proper supervision along the 24 mile section of road. The road is sufficiently trafficable to allow a motor bike to traverse it.

The Dobu Council has allocated the sum of \$318 to purchase road construction tools. These are to be purchased shortly and will greatly facilitate this sections construction. The council is also willing to

construct and provide cement pipes for culverts and to supply cement for low level crossings etc. The Council has set aside the sum of \$318 for this purpose and most of this allocation will be used on the Esa'ala-Darubia section of the road.

CENSUS.

Throughout the whole census division, with rare exception, previous census statistics were found to be incorrect. There is little wonder figures are incorrect when patrolling officers record people as migrating in and then do not even take the trouble of deleting the name from the persons former village. Several instances of persons having their names recorded in two village registers were found, and one woman in particular had her name recorded in no less than three (3) villages. In most cases it is impossible to "prove" figures against previous years simply because far too many mistakes have been made over the last few years. The village of Bwakera, using the 1965 census total, should have a total population this year of 615, however, the census register has only 564 names in it giving a discrepancy of 51 people in this village. The persons recorded at last census were tallied from the register and I found that the total should have read 543 last year as opposed to the recorded total of 595, which as can be seen, is no slight error. Using the figure of 543 (actual total names in the census register for 1965) I was able to reconcile this years figures taking into account one "new name".

A total of 14 persons were censused for the first time, many of these being adults. At the end of the roll call when asked if anyone had been omitted these people came forward and were found never to have been recorded before. Others were found to have been recorded before but no longer had their names in any village due to the fact that they had migrated out of villages and had not been re-recorded in their new village. Such cases were treated as migrations in.

The "mess" is partly due to the Dobuan custom of changing residence from matrilocal to patrilocal and vice versa every couple of years or at the end of a garden season, and the resultant high divorce rate which ensues from being goaded, bullied and ear-bashed by ones in-laws whilst living in their village. If one manages to overcome this and then returns to ones own village, the chances of ones marriage partner having the same success are even more remote due to the fact that ones own family will deal out even more severe treatment to your spouse to return the humiliation one suffered whilst living with her people. Besides this, divorces are so common simply because the Dobuan people, or many of them, subscribe to the outlook that "variety is the spice of life" and this variety is not expensive due to the fact that there is no such thing as bride price in the area. This, however, should not make it impossible to keep an accurate record of population and the ultimate fault lies with officers who have not taken the time nor the care necessary to compile census statistics.

Rather than include explanatory notes in the body of this report, I have made these under each village on the "Village Population Register" form. I have made certain in all cases that my totals correspond with the actual number of names in the census register and also have proved them against the actual number of names in the census register for the year 1965.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRENDS - GENERAL.

The villages of Miadeba and Darubia, produce a consistent 4 tons of copra per month between them for about a nine month period each year. For the remaining three months production falls off due to the people's involvement in other activities. This figure of 4 tons per month is quite accurate as it came from buying records kept by Mr. N. F. Evernett who is the sole outlet for these people and who services the area with a trading boat every fortnight or so. The people hold Mr. Evernett in high regard and seem happy with their dealings with him.

If the above mentioned two villages can produce 4 tons of copra per month then I am sure beyond doubt that the villages of Bwakera and Maiabari could produce in excess of 6 tons per month, however these two villages combined produce no more than an average 1 to 1½ tons per month. When asked why this was, Councillor Peiani of Bwakera, replied that they had no shipping point and that it was far too difficult to transport copra to Koruwa where the Co-operative Society and wharf was. These people have no other way of having their copra lifted. If then, the people are not using distance as an excuse for not producing, and I do not think they are, it would be a sound move for the Northern Normanby Co-operative Society to establish a buying point complete with copra storage shed in the Bwakera area. Obviously, this point would have to be close to a wharf. There is only one suitable location for a wharf in this area and this is at Bodebodoia which is about 20 minutes walk from the Primary "T" School at Bwakera along the Koruwa road. The people of Bwakera have already agreed to construct this wharf and the people of Io'o and Koruwa have offered to help as the people of Bwakera and Maiabari helped in the construction of the Co-operative wharf at Koruwa.

The establishment of this co-operative buying point and storage shed together with the construction of the wharf would allow the people of Bwakera and Maiabari to effectively market their copra. The Northern Normanby Society, I feel sure, is in a position to supply some materials for the shed and wharf.

When the road, which was mentioned under "Road Construction" ante, is completed from Io'o down through Koruwa and Bwakera to Maiabari it will be possible for these people to purchase a tractor to transport their copra to the Co-operative Society at Koruwa or to the copra buying point at Bodebodoia depending on which is the closer. The potential of this area is in my opinion sufficient to warrant the purchase of a tractor as soon as the area can be geared to efficiently process and market the copra.

AGRICULTURE.

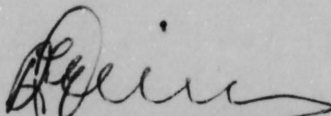
At present what copra is produced by the Maiabari and Bwakera people has to be re-conditioned by the Northern Normanby Co-operative Society. If the copra buying point and wharf is to be successfully run it will be necessary for the people from these villages to produce good quality copra, not copra which has to be re-conditioned as this produce will be shipped direct to the C.M.B. in Samarai and unless the produce is correctly processed it will be rejected. It will therefore be necessary for the area to have efficient copra driers, probably of the "Ceylon" type. People at Bwakera and Maiabari are willing to put up money to purchase materials for the driers which will be erected under D.A.S.F. supervision and to

suitable low cost plan. I have discussed the matter with the Agriculture Officer, Esa'ala, Mr. H. Bruyn, and he is in agreement that his department should visit the area in the near future with a view to beginning the project. It has not been decided how many driers will be constructed as this will depend on how much money is to be made available and how many D.A.S.F. consider will be needed to service the area.

The only other comment I would like to make concerns the cattle at Daribia village. There are two cows, a heifer and a bull here and they are all in excellent condition. The only trouble is with the bull in that he has been with the two cows for two years and has not as yet been able to put either cow in calf. It would be a good idea if a new bull could be purchased by the people concerned, as the current one is holding up the project.

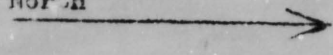
CONCLUSION.

Much should be accomplished in this census division in the near future due mainly to the favourable attitude of the people. The Esa'ala - Sewa Bay road should do much to open up the area and show the people the development of which they have heard so much about in other Sub Districts and further afield, yet have not been able to witness to date. The people of Io'o, Koruwa, Bwakera and Maabari have only to gear themselves to the necessities of processing and transportation in order to capitalise on their dormant cash crop potential.

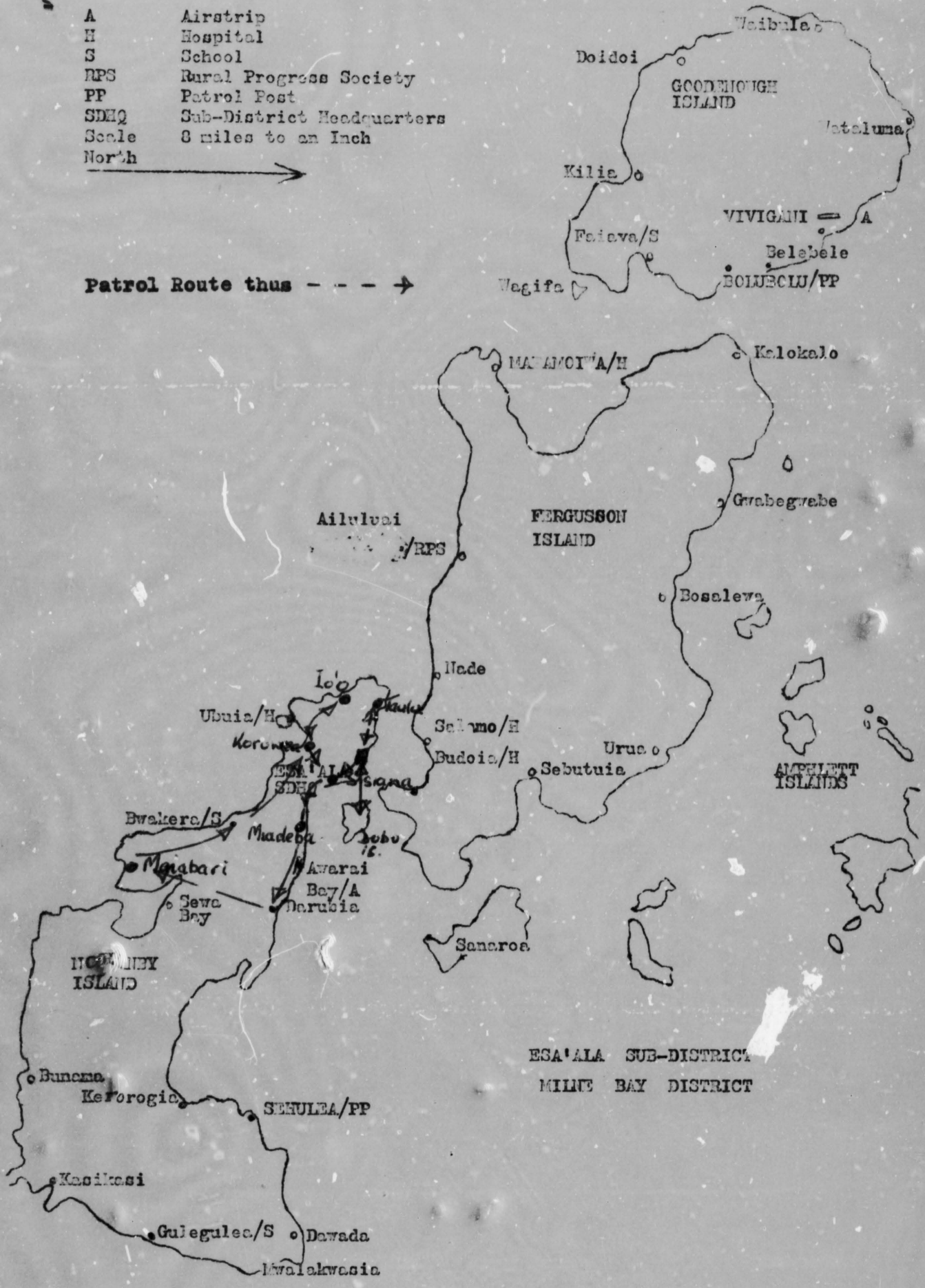

(R. H. Gibbs)
PATROL OFFICER.

PATROL REPORT NO. ESA'ALA 1-66/67.

- A Airstrip
- H Hospital
- S School
- RPS Rural Progress Society
- PP Patrol Post
- SDHQ Sub-District Headquarters
- Scale 8 miles to an inch
- North



Patrol Route thus - - - ->



ESA'ALA SUB-DISTRICT
MILNE BAY DISTRICT

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MILNE BAY Report No. ESA'ATA 2 - 66/67.

Patrol Conducted by R. H. GIBBS, PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled EAST FERGUSSON CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans J. ANDERSON, CADET PATROL OFFICER.

Ruben Morioga, Interpreter.

Natives Constable Waraha.

Constable Sanangowei.

Duration—From 8 / 11 / 19 66 to 21 / 11 / 19 66.

Number of Days 19

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 3 / 19 66.

Medical / 19.....

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol: 1. Census Revision 2. Routine Administration.

3. Organisation of Road Gangs.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

67.4.19



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

23rd June, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Esa'ala Patrol Report No. 2 - 1966/67
East Fergusson Division

Please find attached a report of a patrol to the East Fergusson Division conducted by Mr. R.H. Gibbs, Patrol Officer. Appended to the report is one compiled by Mr. J. Balderson, Cadet Patrol Officer, who accompanied the patrol.

2. The Sebutua land development scheme is included in the District Plan at Stage E and will be discussed at the next meeting of the District Co-ordinating Committee.
3. The report does not cover many of the subjects laid down in Departmental Standing Instructions which are applicable to the area. All Field Staff within the District were circularised on this matter recently and future reports will contain all possible relevant information.
4. Mr. Balderson's practice report is a good first effort; commendably it follows the required format, but unfortunately left out the subject of Health.
5. Information of interest to other Departments has been extracted and passed to the District Representative concerned.

J. Preston White
(J. Preston White)
District Commissioner.

Enclosures.

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GIBBS

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

18th May, 1967.


The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

ESA'ALA PATROL REPORTS 2 and 3 - 1966/67.

Attached are Esa'ala Patrol Reports numbered 3 and 4 for 1966/67. The patrols were conducted by R. H. Gibbs, Patrol Officer. Camping allowance claims from Mr. Gibbs are also attached.

2. The delay in submission is regretted and has been due to staff shortage.

3. Attention is drawn to the impracticability of the village population register pro forma. The main complaint is that there is not enough space in the columns to write in more than two figures.

(R. H. GIBBS) 
a/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

att { 3 copies East Fergusson Report)
 { 3 copies Amphlett and Samaroa Report)
 (Camping allowance claims (2)).

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT NO. ESA'ALA 8-1966-67.

Officer Conducting:

R. H. Gibbs, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled:

East Fergusson Census Division.

Duration:

8.11.66 to 26.11.66.

Number of Days:

19.

Personnel Accompanying:

Mr. J. Balderson, Cadet Patrol
Officer.

7587 Constable WARAHA
8092 Constable SANANGOWEI

Interpreter, RUBEN MORIOGA

Personal Servants.

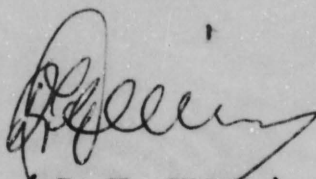
Objects of Patrol:

1. Census Revision.
2. Routine Administration.
3. Organisation of Road Gangs.

Previous Patrols to Area

District Administration.

March, 1966 - Council Elections.


(R. H. GIBBS)
PATROL OFFICER.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT NO. ESA'ALA 2-66/67.

INTRODUCTION.

The purpose of the patrol was to revise census and to carry out routine admin.'stration. The patrol also concerned itself with organisation of road work gangs in association with Local Government Councillors under the Dobu Council Road Maintenance Rule.

The possibility of beginning a land development scheme in the Sebutuia/Garea area was also examined.

East Fergusson, the census division covered, consists of roughly half in area and population, of Fergusson Island. The area forms part of the Dobu Council. Generally, the people are friendly, and in the main the patrol was well received. The people vary in levels of sophistication from the sophisticated of the south east (especially the Oiau Peninsular and Gomwa Bay areas) to the less sophisticated people of the North East (ie. Bosalewa-Wadelei-Basima area). To be fair, the latter area has been somewhat neglected in comparison with the former.

The entire patrol was carried out with the aid of a 20 H.P. outboard motor and 14ft. aluminium dinghy.

DIARY.

Tuesday, 8th November. Departed Esa'ala 1415 hours per outboard. Arrived Nade 1505 hours. Carried out census revision. M.V. "Bagana" arrived 1700 hours and dropped off patrol gear. Talks with Nade people held. Slept Nade.

Wednesday, 9th November. Self and Mr. Balderson carried out inspection of village, Mission schools and Council Aid Post. Carriers to Si'ilugu village. Departed 1000 hours per outboard for Si'ilugu arriving 1015. Census revision carried out. Discussions with people. Departed 1500 hours for Gomwa, arriving 1545 hours. Census revision of Gomwa carried out. Discussions with people. Slept Gomwa.

Thursday, 10th November. Dinghy and outboard motor towed by Dobu Council vessel "Sans" to Kedidia plantation. Patrol departed Gomwa 0700 hours for Gamabira (Galubwa) via Salamo village. Revision of census at Gamabira for both Gamabira and Salamo villages. Discussions with people. Slept Gamabira.

Friday, 11th November. Departed Gamabira 0800 hours and walked to Du'una village arriving 0940 hours. Village inspected. Walked on to Daguiara village arriving 1100 hours. Revised census for Du'una, Daguiara and Wagara villages. Discussions with people. Slept Daguiara.

Saturday, 12th November. Departed Daguiara 0900 hours for Kedidia plantation, arriving 0930. Carriers to Deidei by foot. Self and Mr. Balderson per outboard. Census revision carried out. Talks with people. Per outboard to Esa'ala. Slept Esa'ala.

Sunday, 13th November. At Esa'ala.

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Monday, 14th November. Departed Esa'ala 0700 hours per outboard for Bwaioa, arriving 0710. Census revised and discussions with the people held. Village inspected. Slept Bwaioa.

Tuesday, 15th November. Departed Bwaioa 0700 hours for Sawaedi, arriving 0720. Census revised and discussions with people held. Departed Sawaedi 1400 hours for Numanuma arriving 1415. Discussions with people held. Slept Numanuma.

Wednesday, 16th November. Census revised. Village and Aid Post inspected. Discussions with people.

Thursday, 17th November. 0700 carriers departed for Sebutuia, arriving 1300 hours. Self ex Esa'ala after taking C.P.O. Balderson to Esa'ala to accompany Mr. Beekhuizen of Public Works. Arrived Sebutuia 1100 hours. Discussions with people held. Slept Sebutuia.

Friday, 18th November. Census revision of Sebutuia and Garea villages held. Further discussions with people. Slept Sebutuia.

Saturday, 19th November. Road survey - Sebutuia to Kedidia. Returned Esa'ala to pick up Mr. Balderson. Slept Esa'ala.

Sunday, 20th November. At Esa'ala.

Monday, 21st November. 0800 hours departed Esa'ala for Duduna, arriving 0930 - Mr Balderson resumed patrol. Census revised and discussions with people held. Slept Duduna.

Tuesday, 22nd November. Carriers departed 0600 for Basima arriving 0710. Mr. Balderson and self departed 0700 per outboard, arriving 0710. Census held amidst torrential rain. Discussions with people. Slept Basima.

Wednesday, 23rd November. Inspection of hamlets belonging to Basima. Departed 1100 for Urua, arriving 1115. Census statistics for Urua and Gameta revised. Discussions with people held.

Thursday, 24th November. 0800 to Wadelei arriving 0830. Discussions with people. Census revised. Slept Wadelei.

Friday, 25th November. 0800 self to Besalewa by foot. Census amended and village inspected. Returned Wadelei. Mr. Balderson carried out complete inspection of housing in Wadelei area. Further discussions with people. Slept Wadelei.

Saturday, 26th November. Self to Amphlett island of Dilia. People informed of imminent patrol. Returned Wadelei. Patrol gear per "Sons" to Esa'ala. Self and Mr. Balderson departed Wadelei 1200 for Esa'ala calling at Sebutuia en route and arriving Esa'ala 2000 hours. Patrol stood down.

VILLAGES.

Housing and sanitation generally, was found to be satisfactory, but in some villages it was necessary to point out shortcomings and to suggest remedial action. At Wadelei prosecutions were launched against nine men who had failed to heed previous instructions regarding construction of decent houses. Wadelei is the only village in the census division which falls far short of a reasonable standard in housing, sanitation and general hygiene.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The entire census division forms part of the Dobu Local Government Council. The villages of Garea, Sebutuia, Duduna, Basima, Urua, Gameta, Wadelei and Bosalewa have been allowed to retain the Village Constable and I feel that the system works very well. The remaining villages have no Village Constables. The regular constabulary tend this area from Esa'ala.

Local Government Councillors who stand out are Council Vice President, Boitau Somale from Bwaioa, Councillors Anci of Galubwa, Mwaliu of Sebutuia and Abedi of Basima.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

Within the near future vehicular road will extend from Sebulugorwa to Salamo and then inland to Galubwa. There will also be trafficable road from Kedidia to Sebutuia, from Deidei to Numanuma and from Bwaioa to Sawaedi. This road will be "all weather" and of "Land Rover" standard. This road WILL DEFINITELY BE OPEN BY THE END OF JUNE THIS YEAR. East Fergusson will then in fact have 30 miles of road suitable for four wheel drive vehicles. The Dobu Local Government Council will be advised to allocate part of its revenue from next financial year to purchase of bridge materials for use on this section of road.

The Salamo-Galubwa section has been exceptionally well engineered. There are no plans to extend the road further inland at the present stage.

From Kedidia plantation the road has been routed across the island to Sebutuia village. This has been done without the road climbing more than a couple of minor hills. Only one bridge is required along this section which is some 7 miles long. The road passes through the large tract of land which is in mind for land development in the Sebutuia area. The road will be of great advantage to the people of the isolated North East sector of Fergusson as it will allow vehicular access in the first instance as far as Sebutuia and later could be extended further up the coast to the Masima area or even as far as Wadelei. Eventually it could link up with the proposed Maramoia - Hughes Bay road. This however is somewhere in the distant future.

The people of the patrolled area are still most conscious of the great need for roads if any measure of economic advancement is to be achieved.

SEBUTUIA LAND DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

Whilst at Sebutuia the patrol examined the current situation regarding the Sebutuia Land Development scheme. After a lengthy meeting with all the people of Sebutuia and Garea, those owning the land agreed to sell an area of what appears to be somewhere in the vicinity of 2,500 to 3,000 acres. The land lies between Sebutuia and Gomwa Bay.

The Gomwa Bay - Sebutuia road (previously mentioned under "road construction" as Kedidia - Sebutuia road) passes through the area of land indicated for sale by the owners.

There has been recent discussion in the Dobu Local Government Council regarding the scheme and a number of Councillors have asked when the land is to be purchased in order that people interested can acquire blocks for planting of cash crops.

I would advocate purchase by the Administration of whatever Sebutuia lands are surplus to the needs of those at present occupying land in the area. Sub division into blocks of workable size based on an Agricultural assessment of the lands productivity could then be carried out. The blocks could be leased to individuals from within the Dobu Council. Anybody with insufficient land for planting of cash crops would be eligible to apply for a block. Perhaps it would be possible for the Dobu Local Government Council to lease the land from the Administration and then sub-lease to applicants from the Council area. The Council could place improvement conditions on each block in the same manner as does the Administration and those who failed to meet the conditions set would be liable to have their lease revoked.

The land available has been inspected by officers of the Department of Agriculture and found to be satisfactory for the growing of economic crops. There is no doubt that it would most certainly be suitable for coconuts. It is evident that the people from within the Dobu Council area have sufficient land for subsistence needs. They do not have enough land in many cases, to be able to develop along economic lines. I refer to many people in the Dobu Island, Oiau Peninsular, and Gomwa Bay areas.

An idea that the people of Dobu Island should develop land adjacent to them on Normanby Island (the Sisiana - Miadeta area) has been put forward. Reference the District Agricultural Officer's 12-1-3 of the 1st April, 1965. It is true that some people living on Dobu Island have rights to land in the Sisiana area. Those who have such rights are however, few, consisting only of those of the "Gewarra" clan who have married into Sisiana. The principals of the "Gewarra" clan all live on the land in question. This land is also mentioned in the Deputy District Commissioner's A35-2-3 of the 21st April, 1965, at para 5. The owners DO NOT wish to sell this land and do not want Dobu Islanders squatting on it. The fact that only one family has moved from Dobu Island to this land would appear to bear out this opinion.

The Sebutuia land is available for purchase and I consider that a scheme such as the one outlined above would be highly successful. There is no doubt that many people would apply for blocks to develop and this in turn would do much to develop the Dobu area along guided economic lines.

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CENSUS.

Several instances where previous census figures were incorrect were found. Many people had had their names deleted from books due to migration but did not have their names re-recorded into the village to which they had moved. Conversely, others were found with their names entered in more than one village. It will be seen from the "Village Population Register" that in some cases it has not been possible to "prove" figures against previous years simply due to the fact that too many mistakes have been made in the past. The village of Humenunum in particular, was supposed to have a population of 684 in 1965. The actual total for 1965, as per the census register, was only 633. A discrepancy of 51 is no small error. The total of 633 was found to balance with figures gained in the 1966 census when 1 N.P.R. was taken into account.

A total of 7 persons were censused for the first time and all of these were adults.

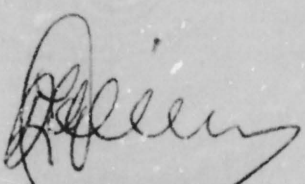
Rather than include explanatory notes in the body of this report, I have made these under each village on the "Village Population Register" form. I have made certain in all cases that my totals correspond with the actual number of names in the census register and also have proved them against the actual number of names in the census register for the year 1965. I have not included birth rate, death rate and natural increase figures on the form as they would only give a false impression due to the discrepancies when compared with the 1965 figures.

Disregarding the 1965 statistics, I have calculated that the Census Division's population rose by 171 persons.

CONCLUSION.

The attitude of many groups in this census division is most pleasing. Willingness to carry out road work voluntarily shows that the people have an eye to the future in respect of economic development. I think urgent consideration should be given to the Sebutuia land development scheme.

An enjoyable patrol with no incidents.


(R. H. GIBBS)
PATROL OFFICER.

DISTROFF

Patrol Report File.

Department of District Administration

GIBBS

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

31st May, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

ESA'ALA PATROL REPORT NO. 2 - 66/67.

Attached please find three (3) copies of a Patrol Report written by Mr. J. Balderson, Cadet Patrol Officer, for a patrol to the East Fergusson Census Division.

2. Mr. Balderson's report has been held at this office in order that it could be submitted together with the report written by the officer conducting the patrol, Mr. R. H. Gibbs. Mr. Balderson is not responsible for the delay in submission.

3. The patrol was Mr. Balderson's first and he carried out his duties in the field in capable and keen manner.

4. The following comments are made on the report itself. Close attention should be given to the setting out of future reports. There is no need to use double spacing if a report is neatly presented. The use of slang expressions is to be avoided and errors in spelling and punctuation should not occur.

5. Appendix 'A' of the report represents sound well compiled statistical information which could, perhaps, be passed on to the Education Department.

6. The report is only a fair first attempt which is not in keeping with the better work actually performed by the officer whilst in the field.

(R. H. GIBBS)

a/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. Officer in Charge,
BOLUBOLU.

Mr. J. Balderson,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
BOLUBOLU.

Esa-ala Patrol Report No. 2-66/67

Preamble

STATION	Esa-ala
SUB-DISTRICT	Esa-ala
DISTRICT	Milne Bay
PATROL NO.	2-66/67
CONDUCTED BY	R.H. GIBBS (Patrol Officer)
ACCOMPANIED BY	J. BALDERSON (Cadet Patrol Officer)
NATIVES ACCOMPANYING PATROL	1 Interpreter & 2 Members R.P.N.G.C.
DURATION	7/11/66-26/11/66 (19 days)
LAST PATROL TO AREA	March 1966
OBJECTS OF PATROL	As stated

J. Balderson
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J. Balderson (C.P.O.)

PATROL DIARY

As recorded in F.O.J. Folio No. 11 Para No. 81 to Folio No. 14
Para No. 99

INTRODUCTION

The principal object of the patrol was to conduct the 1966 Census of Eastern and Inland Fergusson and secondly the attending to of routine administrative functions. The patrol was able to move at a fairly brisk pace through ^{out} its duration as most of the barracks were coastally situated and it usually meant only a few minutes by outboard between the adjourning barracks. (See attached map)

A complete inspection was made of all schools during the patrol and an accompanying report of comments and statistics is attached as Appendix A. The completed census figures will be submitted by Mr. Gibbs as my immediate return to Bolubolu Patrol Post on completion of patrol enabled me to finish them myself.

During the patrol I was swung on to an inspection of future road sites in the Sewa Bay area for two days during which time Mr. Gibbs continued the census by himself.

RECEPTION OF PATROL

Daguiara and Wadalai people were the only exceptions to an otherwise overwhelming friendship towards the patrol, both showing a certain mistrust towards the Government although the latter showed this to a far greater extent.

VILLAGES AND REST HOUSES

I feel I must mention Wadalai first where a complete inspection was made of every hamlet by myself and Constable Sanangowei. The housing condition ^{WAS SHOCKING}, there being a complete

lack of toilet facilities and kitchens and it is a great wonder that the health of these people has not been affected to any great degree, nevertheless they certainly paid the penalty as they were definitely warned last patrol that their housing standard must improve - or else. (See courts) There was one pleasing feature about the inspection however, and that was to discover that the inhabitants of two dilapidated and overgrown huts have completely abandoned these and combined to erect a new and tidy house which as yet has no name, nevertheless there is still a notable absence of toilet facilities.

Of only a slightly better standard but fewer in number are the houses of Wade where another inspection of eight marked houses was made, and here also were found few kitchens or latrines. It is interesting to note that the people of this barracks, although they seem to respect the Government, are extremely lazy, whilst on the other hand Vatalai people, although not lazy at all, seemed to show some deal of disrespect for the patrol, nevertheless both lots of housing are indeed of a poor standard. Although no further inspections were made to the extent of those two the condition of the remaining huts seemed of a much higher standard.

The patrol spent a great deal of time at Deima in discussing and administering a housing problem in which the people there are divided as to whether to stay on the coast or inland where most of them have lived for generations. A previous patrol has explained to them that if they migrate down from the hills to the coast they will benefit tremendously from a road which is due to be constructed there shortly, and would be a large improvement in their economical and agricultural arrangements. However many of the people have thought against this idea and are still living in their original habitats.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Although short contact was only made with the various village officials most seem to be doing a reasonable job and once again Anci of Gomvabila must be mentioned. Under his untiring and firm command the people of Gomvabila and Salamo have made marvellous progress on this road and once a few rock hazards have been eliminated by blasting it will be clear sailing untill completion.

On the contrary Deboia, councillor of Wadalai, seems to have a negative approach towards ^{HIS WORK} and this could account for the poor condition of Wadalai barracks overall-hamlets, schools, health standard, etc.

CENSUS

Due to my returning immediately to Bolubolu after the completion of the patrol, the observations, comments, and actual figures of the village population register will be submitted by Mr. Gibbs.

REST HOUSES

Of all the resthouses visited, two immediately come to mind- Numanuma and Basima- both recently completed and of an extremely high standard. It was a pleasure to stop at these two places nevertheless the remaining resthouses are all in a reasonable condition.

AGRICULTURE AND WATER SUPPLY

The patrol was approached at Gomwa by a native who produced a small but excellently made coffee grinding machine with the request that he might grind and thence sell coffee to the local people. An inspection was made of the machine as well as tasting the ground coffee and both were first class. He was told it was an excellent idea and it will be interesting to note how he has progressed when the next patrol visits the area.

AGRICULTURAL AND WATER SUPPLY (CONT'D)

Situated at both Numanuma and Sawaedi are newly installed water pumps which are sure to supply the village people with a lasting supply of excellent water. The Numanuma pump was installed by the Council about four months ago and an estimation was made that 200 gallons ^{period} wastaken from it in a one hour proves that it is a great asset to the community.

ANTHROPOLOGY

A rather interesting migration case was discovered at Duduna to where a person had migrated from Basima. Apparently at the latter place a small girl had been murdered some time ago and part of the mourning ^{ceremony} was that no relation was to swim in the nearby ocean, nevertheless this particular person violated this custom and after many abuses and threats had been thrown at him he decided to leave and thus the peculiar migration.

COMPLAINTS AND COURTS

The patrol produced numerous complaints, the majority of course being adultery but quite a few of a different nature were also heard.

Seven people from Wadalai were transported to Esa-ala for court hearing because of inferior houses whilst one from Nade was to go for the same reason. Also at this village a very severe warning was given to four people who probably killed their brother indirectly. A mission boat was sent to collect him in order that he might be transhipped to hospital but these people, three men and one woman, saw it fit to disallow him to set foot on the boat because they said he would die anyhow and it was useless for him to go to hospital.

COMPLAINTS AND COURTS (CONT'D)

These people will also appear in court at Esa-ala. At Duduna a complaint was lodged by one man concerning the burning of some of his coconut trees, but although investigations were carried out not enough evidence could be pinned on the culprits. Mr. Gibbs also issued severe cautions to three people who have not been complying with the requests of their councillor concerning the building of houses.

Various other complaints were heard but mostly of a minor nature such as the numerous ones I received from teachers concerning the absenteeism of students when inspecting the schools but Appendix A will point this out in greater detail.

An argument between the Gomwa and Bagasi Women's Clubs concerning the rights to present the Administrator with a mat as a farewell present was smoothed over OK by the patrol and a first class mat is sure to be the result.

The patrol heard only one court this being at Bosalewa where a woman was sentenced to jail for three months for assault.

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J. Balderson (C.P.O.)

Esa-ala Patrol Report No. 2-66/67

APPENDIX A

SCHOOL	Numanuma
RELIGION	Methodist
TEACHERS	One Permit
CLASSES	Prep & Stand 1
NUMBERS	38
CLASSROOM CONDITION	2 Classrooms in good condition
ATTENDENCE	Good
BEHAVIOUR	Reasonable

SCHOOL	Numanuma
Religion	Catholic
TEACHERS	One A Cert.
CLASSES	Prep & Stand 1
NUMBERS	27
CLASSROOM CONDITION	One fairly old classroom
ATTENDENCE	Fair
BEHAVIOUR	Fair

SCHOOL	Bosalewa
RELIGION	Catholic
TEACHERS	One A Cert. & 1 assistant
CLASSES	Prep, Stand 1 & Stand 2
NUMBERS	24 7 12
CLASSROOM CONDITION	Two well constructed classrooms
ATTENDENCE	Fair
BEHAVIOUR	Fair

APPENDIX A

SCHOOL	Bosalewa
RELIGION	Methodist
TEACHERS	One Permit
CLASSES	Prep & Stand 1
NUMBERS	13 9
CLASSROOM CONDITION	One extremely poor classroom
ATTENDENCE	Reasonable
BEHAVIOUR	Good
SCHOOL	Nade
RELIGION	Catholic (St. Pauls)
TEACHERS	Two Permit
CLASSES	Stand 1 & Stand 3
NUMBERS	10 16
CLASSROOM CONDITION	Two oppa, large, well built classrooms
ATTENDENCE	Poor(Siilugu students worst offenders)
BEHAVIOUR	OK
SCHOOL	Nade
RELIGION	Methodist
TEACHERS	One A Cert. & Two Permit
CLASSES	Prep, Stand 1 & Stand2
NUMBERS	11 11 18
CLASSROOM CONDITION	Two classrooms but very small
ATTENDENCE	Reasonable except for Ogaoga children
BEHAVIOUR	OK

APPENDIX A

SCHOOL	Sawaedi
RELIGION	-
TEACHERS	One A Cert.
CLASSES	Prep & Stand 1
NUMBERS	15 45
CLASSROOM CONDITION	2 classrooms but very poor
ATTENDENCE	OK
BEHAVIOUR	OK
COMMENTS	Anotable absence of all classroom essentials

SCHOOL	Basima
RELIGION	Catholic
TEACHERS	One A Cert. & 1 Permit
CLASSES	Stand 1 & Stand 3
NUMBERS	27 15
CLASSROOM CONDITION	One classroom in fair condition
ATTENDENCE	Very poor
BEHAVIOUR	Poor
COMMENTS	Asevere warning was given to all offenders staying away from school

SCHOOL	Basima
RELIGION	Methodist
TEACHERS	One Permit
CLASSES	Prep
NUMBERS	16
CLASSROOM CONDITION	A reasonably new classroom
ATTENDENCE	Fair
BEHAVIOUR	Fair

APPENDIX A

SCHOOLS	Deidei
RELIGION	-
TEACHERS	One A Cert. & One assistant
CLASSES	Prep, Stand 1 & Stand 2
NUMBERS	47
CLASSROOM CONDITION	Two classrooms
ATTENDENCE	Average
BEHAVIOUR	Good
SCHOOL	Wadalai
RELIGION	Methodist
TEACHERS	One assistant
CLASSES	Prep & Stand 1
NUMBERS	35 15
CLASSROOM CONDITION	One extremely dilapidated building
ATTENDENCE	OK
BEHAVIOUR	Poor
COMMENTS	An absence of classroom essentials and the extremely poor condition of the building made this the worst school on patrol
SCHOOL	Bagasi
RELIGION	Methodist
TEACHERS	One A Cert. & one permit
CLASSES	Prep, Stand 1 & Stand 2
NUMBERS	43 24 29
CLASSROOM CONDITION	One room in fair condition
ATTENDENCE	Reasonable
BEHAVIOUR	Reasonable
COMMENTS	Extremely overcrowded

APPENDIX A

SCHOOL	Urue
Religion	Methodist
TEACHERS	One assistant (has only been there one month)
CLASSES	Stand 1 & 2
NUMBERS	20 6
CLASSROOM CONDITION	Very poor building
ATTENDANCE	OK
BEHAVIOUR	OK
COMMENTS	No classroom essentials-blackboards pencils etc.

SCHOOL	Siilugu
RELIGION	Methodist
TEACHERS	One permit
CLASSES	-
NUMBERS	-
CLASSROOM CONDITION	One room in poor condition
ATTENDANCE	-
BEHAVIOUR	-
COMMENTS	Teacher was taking Stand 1 but all students are now attending Nade school although he now hopes to have a new lot of students in Jan. 1967.

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J. Balderson

J. Balderson(C.P.O.)

Bolubolu Patrol Report No 66/67

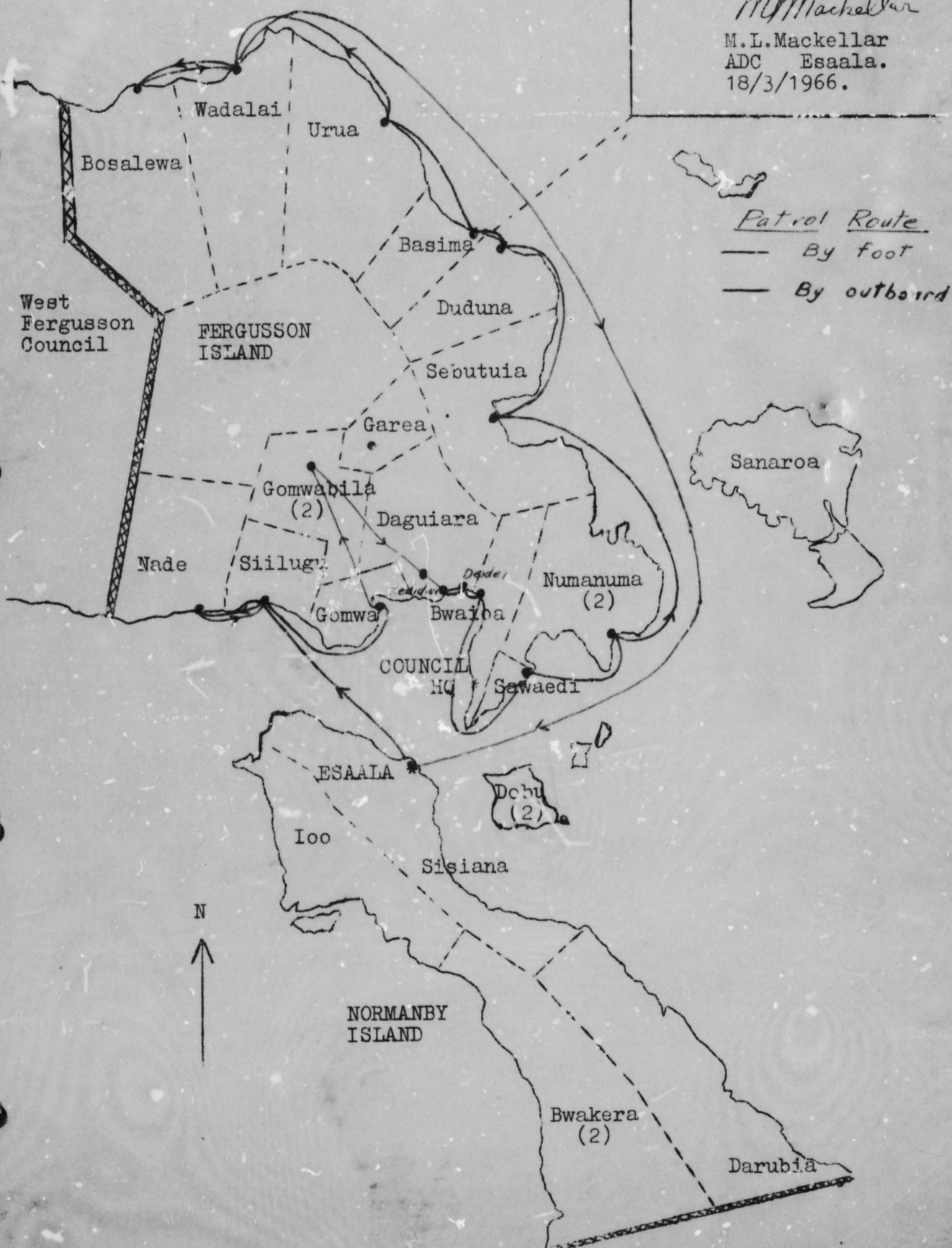
Amphletts

DOBU COUNCIL
Esaala Sub District
Milne Bay District
PAPUA.

Ward Boundaries: -----
Wards with 2
councillors: (2)
Total Wards : 22
Total Councillors: 26
Scale: 4 miles: 1 inch.
Villages: Darubia.

M.L. Mackellar

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ADC Esaala.
18/3/1966.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MIINE BAY Report No. ESA'ALA NO. 3 - 1966/67
Patrol Conducted by R. H. GIBBS, PATROL OFFICER.
Area Patrolled AMPHLETT AND SANAROA CENSUS DIVISION.
Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL
Natives INTERPRETER, RUBEN MORIOGA.
11577 CONSTABLE BUGLER, KILA.
PERSONAL SERVANT.
Duration—From 7/12/66 to 11/12/66
Number of Days 5
Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO
Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 3/1966.
Medical/...../19.....
Map Reference
Objects of Patrol 1. CENSUS REVISION 2. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of ~~Native Affairs~~ 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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams... Discom
Our Reference... 67-1-3
If calling ask for... MJW/ek
Mr...



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Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.
26th June, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONE DOBU.

Esa'ala Patrol Report No. 3 - 1966/67
Amphlett and Sanaroa Census Division.

Attached hereto please find a report of a patrol to the Amphlett and Sanaroa Census Division conducted by Mr. R.H. Gibbs, Patrol Officer, together with covering comments by Mr. R.H. Gibbs, a/Assistant District Commissioner, received at this office on 5/6/67.

2. Mr. Gibbs has been requested to submit his reports promptly in future, and also include a map of the area patrolled.

3. The report reveals that the people are well nourished, healthy, happy and content.

4. An informative report despite its briefness. Sections of interest to other Departments have been forwarded to the relevant District Representatives.

J. Preston White
(J. Preston White)
District Commissioner. 9

Enclosure.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT NO. ESA'ALA 4-1966/67.

Officer Conducting: R. H. Gibbs, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Amphletts and Sanarua
Census Division.

Duration: 7.12.66 to 11.12.66.

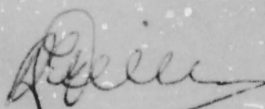
Number of Days: 5.

Personnel Accompanying: 11577 Constable KILA
Interpreter, RUBEN MORIOGA
Personal Servant.

Objects of Patrol: 1. Census Revision.
2. Routine Administration.

Previous Patrols to Area: District Administration.

July, 1965 - Census/Routine.
March, 1966 - Council Elect.



(R. H. GIBBS)
PATROL OFFICER.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT NO. ESA'ALA 4-66/67.

INTRODUCTION.

The purpose of the patrol was to revise census and to carry out routine administration. The census division is made up of a number of islands immediately north of mid Fergusson and known as the Amphlett group, two islands to the south east of the Amphletts, known as Tewarra, and the larger island of Sanaroa which is south of Tewarra. The patrol was carried out with the aid of the M. V. "Bagana".

The area patrolled is made up of eight small villages, four in the Amphletts, one on Tewarra and three on Sanaroa.

People in the area covered are well settled, however the Amphlett people will never be able to develop along economic lines as long as they remain where they are. The islands of Sanaroa and Tewarra are more suited to economic efforts. The people are friendly and the patrol was well received in all villages.

The area constitutes part of the Dobu Local Government Council. The "Council" was extended to cover this area in March, 1966.

DIARY.

Wednesday, 7th December. Departed Esa'ala 0800 hours per "Bagana" for Amphlett Group, arriving 1400 hours at MWADOGA (WAMEA) village where carried out census. Discussions with people. Departed Mwadoga 1500 for GUMUWANA, arriving 1520 hours. Revised census and had general talks with the people. Departed Gumuwana 1730 hours for NABWAGETA, arriving 1845 hours. Slept on board at NABWAGETA.

Thursday, 8th December. 0800 hours - Census revision carried out for Nabwageta. Discussions with people held. Inspection of water supply. Two minor complaints settled out of court. Inspection of Methodist Mission School. Slept on board at Nabwageta.

Friday, 9th December. Departed Nabwageta 0830 hours for IAVA (DILIA), arriving 0950 hours. Census revised, talks with people held. One Local Court heard. Departed Iava 1200 hours for Gumuwana, arriving 1405 hours. Village inspection and inspection of Methodist school carried out, thence to Mwadoga where village inspection carried out. Departed Mwadoga for TEWARRA, arriving 1800 hours. Slept on board at anchorage on the west end of the east island and on the north side.

Saturday, 10th December. Departed Tewarra 0500 hours for ETANA village, SANAROA island, arriving 0705 hours. Census revision for the villages of TEWARRA, ETANA, SIYAUWAWA, and UDAUDANA held at ETANA. Discussions with people held. Departed Etana 1130 hours for SIYAUWAWA, arriving 1230 hours. Village inspection. Returned Etana. Local Court heard at Etana. Inspection of recently completed "Council" water well. Further discussions with the people. Slept on board at Etana.

Sunday, 11th December. Departed Sanaroa (Etana) 0800 hours for Esa'ala, arriving 1020 hours. Patrol completed.

VILLAGES.

Sanitation was found to be satisfactory throughout the census division, the sea making an excellent disposal unit in most cases.

Housing throughout SANAROA and TEWARRA was of the highest standard and it was not necessary for any instructions to be given regarding improvement. The Amphlett Islands, however, was a striking contrast to the well maintained, orderly dwellings of SANAROA and TEWARRA. The people of the Amphletts have no roofing materials at all on their islands and have to rely on clay pot barter with the people of BOSALEWA and WADELEI (North East Fergusson) for their roofing, and other, building materials. This makes the task of maintenance much more difficult than it normally is. Instructions were nevertheless issued to improve dwellings in cases where it was considered necessary.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

There are two village constables residing in the patrolled area, one covering the islands of SANAROA and TEWARRA and the other the AMPHLETTS. Both men are satisfactory although neither is outstanding.

The first election for the extended Dobu Council was held in March, 1966, and covered in part, the AMPHLETTS, SANAROA and TEWARRA. The AMPHLETTS is represented by one Local Government Councillor, DAU'IABO IAI'IWAI, who comes from NAWAGETTA. This man has had no formal education, but has shown a desire and an ability to learn about his duties and obligations as a councillor and has to date carried them out with an encouraging degree of proficiency. I hasten to add, however, that I am not of the opinion that he is a traditional leader. The ward of SANAROA and TEWARRA is also represented by one Local Government Councillor whose name is STEPHEN KINOKINO and who resides at ETANA, the largest village in the census division. STEPHEN is an excellent councillor. He understands Local Government and has the respect of his people. He was selected as a member of the 1966-67 council "TAX APPEAL TRIBUNAL" and was an asset to the council clerk on the tax patrol. I am of the opinion that much progress can be made at SANAROA through this man.

NATIVE THOUGHT AND ATTITUDE.

The peoples of the AMPHLETTS and TEWARRA are not aware of any need to develop economic holdings of any description. There is no desire to develop a cash economy in the AMPHLETTS due to several reasons. Firstly, they have no ground suitable for the planting of cash crops. Secondly, they have insufficient ground to grow their subsistence crops in some cases. Thirdly, they are removed and somewhat cut-off from more advanced areas in the sub-district and hence do not understand what development means. Fourthly, they have a very good diet due mainly to abundant fish in their waters, and finally fifthly, they are a happy people, who, although in contact with the European for many, many years, remain, to a large degree, untouched and unaltered by "Western Civilisation". Their tax rate in the Dobu Council is \$1, which is easily earned by the sale of one medium size clay pot per adult male per year. The tax rate for TEWARRA is \$2 and the above points, with the exception of the first two, also apply here. Both the AMPHLETTS and TEWARRA have a high regard for the Administration, and in this respect their thought and attitude is most satisfactory.

THOUGHT AND ATTITUDE - CONTINUED.

The people of SANAROA are pleasantly helpful and friendly.

After years of opposition to Local Government and several refusals to join the Dobu Local Government Council they finally acquiesced in June of 1965 and were included in the council elections in March, 1966.

There was an outcry from the SANAROA people during June of 1966 as they were most concerned with proposed tax rates. The council had discussed rates and had expressed the view that the people of Sanaroa could well afford a tax rate of \$4 or even \$6 per adult male. The Sanaroa Councillor on behalf of his people, strongly disputed that his ward should be expected to meet the proposed rates as they had only recently joined the council and had never been expected to pay personal tax by the Administration. He contended that due to this fact his people should pay no more than \$1. The tax rule was passed with Sanaroa on a \$2 rate, one which they can most easily meet. This, to my mind, has given rise to an anomalous situation, with some areas of the council, especially those inland, on a rate of at least \$4, and the more affluent ward of Sanaroa enjoying a low contribution of \$2. The council has recently completed a pump type water well on Sanaroa and the people are obviously pleased with this early benefit for which the council has been responsible. I am hopeful that the people will appreciate the worth of Local Government to the extent of raising their tax rate next financial year.

HEALTH.

The census division is served by one Aid Post which is at ETANA village on Sanaroa island and which is staffed and run by the Public Health Department. The 'orderly' appears to be carrying out his duties in a satisfactory manner. Buildings are of native materials and are in good repair. The Aid Post serves the people of Sanaroa and Tewarra, a population of 286, a most satisfactory ratio of population to 'orderly' as far as the people are concerned.

People of the Amphletts go to WADELEI village on Fergusson island for minor medical attention, a varying distance of from eight to sixteen miles over the Solomon Sea. The population of the Amphletts is 233. I do not consider that an Aid Post is required by these people as they spend much of their time in the WADELEI area in any case and with a natural increase figure of 3.27 the situation appears to be satisfactory.

I have yet to find an area with a more disturbing population of active mosquitoes than the Amphletts, and would suggest that urgent attention be given to this matter. I am led to believe that it is a considerable time since Malaria Control last visited the area.

EDUCATION.

The Methodist Mission is the only body offering education to the children in the area patrolled, however I hasten to add that the academic value of its three schools in the area (Nabwagetta, Gumuwana and Etana) is so negligible as to be almost nil. No school has a qualified teacher, and the most elementary of lessons are taught in the Dobuan language as teachers in most cases do not have sufficient understanding of English.

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CENSUS.

The total population at last census was 518. The population this time was 519, and yet there is a natural increase of 3.27. The reason for this is an abnormally high exodus from the census division caused by the fact that many people had been, for a number of years, recorded in two or more villages. In the majority of cases these people were residing outside the census division and thus had their names retained in their present village. Such cases were treated as migrations out.

AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN GENERAL.

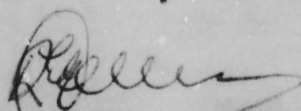
Subsistence farming is the extent of Amphlett involvement in Agricultural pursuits. The people have no cash crop plantings, moreover, they have expressed no wish to have any. I am of the opinion that the Amphlett islands offer no opportunity for economic development along agricultural lines the fact that the people have insufficient ground. The topography of the Amphletts is in most cases mountainous and rugged. Many of the islands consist almost entirely of rock. Thus, if these people are ever to gain a cash economy through agriculture, it will be through industry in another area - not the Amphletts. There may be an area adjacent to the Amphletts on Fergusson island (BOSALEWA) available to Amphlett people for participation in economic development under some approved plan.

Previous attempts to foster a smoked fish industry in the Amphletts have led to failure due to the fact that marketing arrangements were not sufficiently well organised and this in turn resulted in people being unable to sell their product which eventually turned rotten. I am against a similar venture being recommenced unless it can be properly supervised, and, markets guaranteed.

Sanaroa and Tewarra people have coconut plantings. They also have an outlet through Sanaroa plantation which is owned by Mr. N. F. Evennett. Approximately 1 1/2 tons of village copra passes through Mr. Evennett each month.

CONCLUSION.

The area is well settled and the people amiable and friendly. There are excellent opportunities for economic development on the islands of Sanaroa and Tewarra, however it will be necessary for the Amphlett people to be able to procure more ground if they are to be able to achieve similar development. I do not imply that a land development scheme be begun immediately. If such a scheme is to be attempted in the Esa'ala area I would prefer that the Sebutuia scheme be accomplished first and that this one be tried later (see Esa'ala Patrol Report No. 3-66/67 and the Assistant District Commissioners 35-6-23 of the 9th January, 1967).


(R. H. STEBS)
PATROL OFFICER.