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KAVIENG

PATROL REPORT

1963/64



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NEW IRELAND Report No. KAVIENG 2. 63/64.

Patrol Conducted by JOHN .D . BRADY . CADET PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled DYFUL ISLAND.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1 MEMBER R.P.&N.G.C. 1 COUNCIL CLERK.

Duration—From 5./12/19.63 to 13./12.19.63.

Number of Days EIGHT

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO
NATIVE AFFAIRS

Last Patrol to Area by District Officer 16 / 12 / 19 62

Medical ... / ... / 19

Map Reference SEE ATTACHED MAP.

Objects of Patrol ELECTORAL EDUCATION, COUNCIL TAX,

CENSUS, ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

DIRECTOR OF ~~DISTRICT SERVICES~~
~~AND~~ NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

3/2/1964

[Signature]
District Commissioner Office

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £NIL

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

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £NIL

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9th March, 1964.

District Officer,
New Ireland District,
RAVIERA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2-63/64 - TINIANE

Receipt of the abovementioned report is
acknowledged with thanks.

Your figures on what it costs to import
labour are of significance and have been passed to
the Secretary for Labour.


J. K. McCarthy,
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-5-1

Department of ~~Native Affairs~~
Native Affairs.

District Headquarters.
KAVIENG. N.I.D.

3rd February, 1964.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL No. 2-63/64 - TIANG DIVISION
J. BRADY. C.P.O.

Mr. Brady's report is attached.

1. NATIVE SITUATION.

The Djaul Plantation scheme to employ local villagers originated from Burns Philp's District Plantation Inspector, Rabaul. He approached the District Commissioner and myself and it was explained that an approved share farming agreement would have to be arranged.

Among much useful information obtained in the compilation of the Common Roll was the fact that in this District there are 4,000 agreement workers from other Districts. At an average of £60. per head for recruitment and repatriation fees, alone, the cost to the Plantation Industry of this District is £240,000 every two years and all of it unproductive.

If that amount were applied to the New Irelanders, it would double the per capita income immediately. There is a great deal of argument from employers that "the locals won't work", but, given that sort of incentive I feel certain they would work.

2. DISPUTES AND COMPLAINTS.

Mr. Brady is now aware that his role in these matters is advisory only at this stage of his career.

3. ELECTORAL EDUCATION.

The idea that failure to vote brings a £25. fine has been met with in other areas and fears allayed.

4. Mr. Brady has shown interest in his work and submitted a satisfactory report.

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A 5/6 hat.*

K.R. WILLIAMSON
DISTRICT OFFICER
New Ireland District.

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Native Affairs,

Sub-District Office.
KAVIENG.

21st January, 1964.

District Officer,
NEW IRELAND DISTRICT.

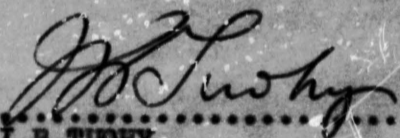
PATROL REPORT - DJAUL
5th to 13th DECEMBER, 1963.

Forwarded is a report by J.D.Brady, C.P.O.
of a patrol of DJAUL ISLAND covering nine days.

Mr. Brady had only six weeks previous experience in this District, but had accompanied me on a three day special patrol to MUSSAU and I spent the first day with him at DJAUL.

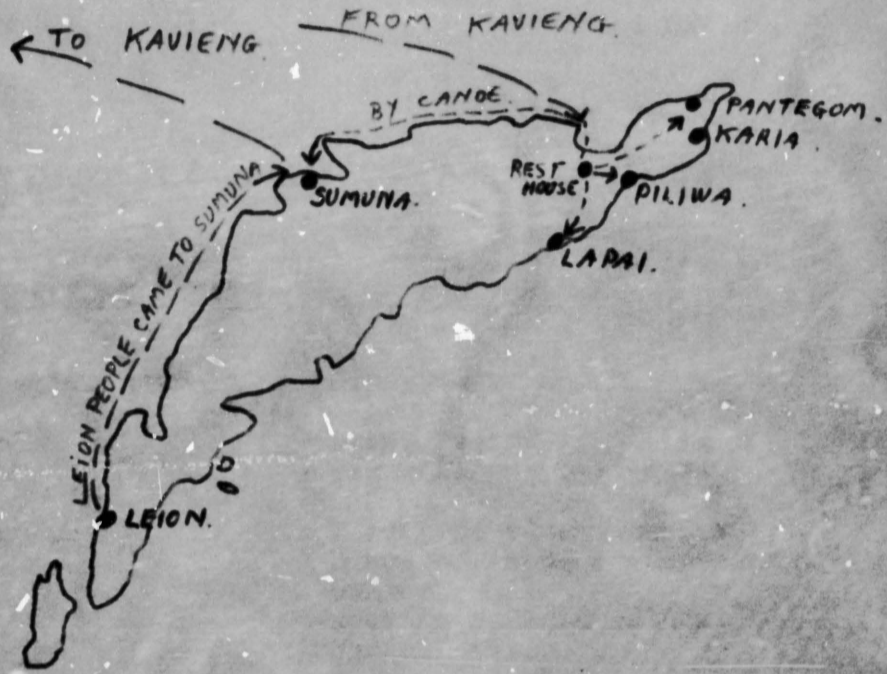
Attention has been given to matters raised. The scheme of the manager of DJAUL Plantations to employ local labour on contract has been referred to the Labour Inspector. If successful from the management side, it will mean a good revenue source to the Villagers.

The report is well presented and indicates good attention to details by Mr. Brady. The separate report on Electoral Education shows that a good coverage of this division has been made.


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I.B.TUOHY
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

DY AUL ISLAND.

N. I. D.



TIANG. CENCUS DIVISION.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

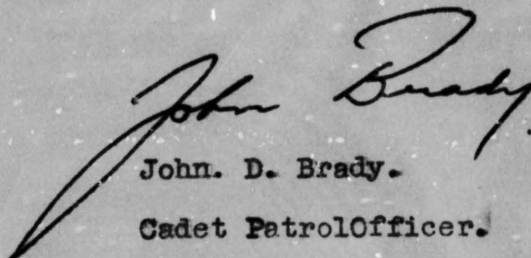
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Sub-District Office,
Kavieng,
N.I.D.
20th. Dec. 1963.

The Assistant District Officer,
Kavieng,
N.I.D.

PATROL REPORT KAVIENG NO. 2/ 1963/64.

Officer conducting patrol: J.D.Brady. C.P.O.
Area patrolled: Dyaul Island,
Tiang Census Division.
Objects of patrol: Electoral education for
House of Assembly elections.
Census.
Routine administration.
Council Tax.
Patrol accompanied by: Tikana Council Clerk,
-Mr. John Naseli.
No. 7604. Const. Silabot.
Duration of patrol: 5/12/63 to 13/12/63. 8days.
Last patrols to area: D. N. A. -NOV. '62.
Malaria Control.--DEC. '63.
Map reference: See attached map.


John. D. Brady.

Cadet Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX "A".

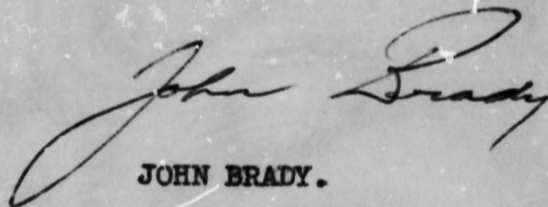
Report on Members of the R. P. & N. G. C.
Accompanying the Patrol .

Reg. No. 7604 Constable Silatot.

Dress. Good.

Bearing. Good.

Ability. Capable but lacks Initiative.



JOHN BRADY.

C. P. O.

PATROL DIARY.

TIANG CENSUS DIVISION

DJAUJ ISLAND.

NEW IRELAND DISTRICT.

Thursday 5th. December.

900 hrs. Departed Kavieng by M.V. Robbie, called at Sumuna village and collected councillor Abraham Asor. Arrived Bolos plantation 1400 hrs. Accompanied A.D.O. Mr. Tuohy to Djaul Primary "T" School where a talk on the forthcoming House of Assembly elections was given to Piliwa people. Night spent at S.O.Q. belonging to Education department.

Friday 6th. December.

Again accompanied A.D.O. Mr. Tuohy to Primary "T" school where another talk on the elections were given. 1100 hrs. Mr. Tuohy left to return to Kavieng. Revised census and checked tax register for Piliwa village. Inspected village and gardens then returned to S.O.Q. where I interviewed councillor Silas regarding arrangements for assembling people at villages to be visited.

Saturday 7th. December.

800 hrs. left S.C.Q. and walked to Pantegon village where the people from Kolonapok and Karia had also gathered. Revised census for Pantegon and Karia. Lectured to approx. 100 people on the forthcoming House of Assembly elections. Two disputes were settled. Tax register checked. P.M. - Inspected village and gardens with councillor Ngapiuk. Heavy rain. Returned to S.O.Q.

Sunday 8th. December.

Day Observed.

Monday 9th. December.

800 hrs. Left S.O.Q. and walked to Lapai village - census revised and tax register checked. A talk on the elections was given and questions answered. One divorce was granted and a complaint received. P.M. inspected, ordered four old unused structures to be pulled down. Inspected gardens then returned to S.O.Q. via Bolos Plantation where transport arrangements were made for tomorrow.

PATROL DIARY.

Tuesday 10th. December.

700 hrs. - By tractor with patrol gear to Bolos jetty. Thence by canoe to Sumuna, arriving at 1100 hrs. Menfolk from Leion had gathered at Sumuna. Revised Leion census, lectured to 70 adults on elections and answered many questions. Three complaints were received, 2 covering plantation labour and 1 re. payment for salvaging the M.V. "Betty".

Wednesday 11 th. December.

Revised Sumuna census and checked tax register. Heard one complaint and prepared for mock elections tomorrow.

Thursday 12th. December.

Conducted mock election with approx. 60 adults at Sumuna. Very good result achieved. Prepared electoral education report. Awaiting arrival of M.V. Mercy for return to Kavieng. Didn't arrive.

Friday 13th. December.

Still at Sumuna Village.
1550 hrs. M.V. Korosella arrived.
Reached Kavieng 1900 hrs.

END OF PATROL.

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol covered the whole of Tiang Census division, which consists of Dyaul Island only. All villages were visited apart from Karia and Leion, however the census was taken and the majority of people from these two villages were seen during the patrol. Had I known that there was to be a delay in transport I would have visited these two villages also. At all places the patrol was welcome.

The main object of the patrol was to enable lectures on the forthcoming House of Assembly elections to be given.

Atikana Council clerk accompanied the patrol to collect tax owing for the years '62 & '63. Due to the tax register not being kept up to date, it was ~~found~~ thought that many people still owed tax. However it was found that all liable to pay tax had in fact done so. The clerk accordingly amended the register.

Villages and gardens were inspected and several complaints and disputes settled.

NATIVE SITUATION.

The natives of Dyaul Island co-operated fully with the patrol and were always anxious to please. These people seem to be a contented group and quite willing to work under the guidance of their councillors. Under this heading I will mention a scheme of Mr. Eric Rogers (Manager of Dyaul Plantation), to employ local villagers to work his plantation in preference to imported labour. The scheme would involve the nearby villagers in clearing the groves and collecting the coconuts for approximately four days a month. After that about 50 people only would be required to work the copra dryers for 10 days a month. In return for this labour £250 per month (£3000 p.a.) would be paid into a general fund. The local natives are very keen on the idea and if the scheme is implemented intend to finish

their incomplete Aid post, purchase a small vessel for marketing their copra, and eventually to start some type of permanent housing scheme.

VILLAGES & HOUSING

All villages are situated on the coast and are generally wellkept and clean. In most villages several new houses are being constructed, some with iron roofs; - a sign of the general prosperity existing on the island. At Lapai four buildings and at Sumuna two buildings are to be pulled down. The rest-house at Sumuna will be renovated before the election ^{TEAM} arrives in FEB. '64.

Water supply is mostly drawn from tanks and wells.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

Tracks on the island are in good condition. Traffic between East and West usually travels by canoe because of a marsh area which ^{CROSSES} the area.

AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK.

This has been a good season for all crops. The soil on the island seems very fertile and capable of growing many crops. Sago, kau-kau, taro, sugar cane, bananas, and pineapples are grown in plentiful supply. Most villages have cocoanut groves; Marketing is done through either C.M.B. OR N.I.N.S.A. The Dept. of Agriculture has introduced coffee into the area as another cash crop. At Piliwa there are over 5000 plants and quite substantial gardens at Pantegom and Lapai.

Pigs and poultry are kept, but not in big numbers.

HEALTH & HYGIENE.

The people of Dyaul Island are at present constructing their own aid post, which, when properly finished, will have cost approximately £900. When the post was visited it

was obvious that the people were taking advantages of the services offered. A permanent type house for the Medical Assistant is also on the building program. No cases of serious sickness were observed.

A Malaria Control team was in the area while this patrol was on the island.

MISSIONS & EDUCATION.

The Methodist mission is the only denomination on the island. The Primary "ST" school at Sumuna is run by this mission. Near Dyaul plantation there is an Administration Primary "T" school which serves the children of Piliwa, Pentagon, Karia and Lapai. This year there are 106 pupils and next year the Headmistress (Mrs. Rogers) expects over 50 new enrolments. Several children are attending Utu and Liga schools.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The area has now been in the Tikana Local Government Council for 12 months. It is represented by three (3) councillors.

SILAS : Piliwa, Lapai.
Well liked by his people. Is keen for his area to progress. Takes an interest in outside affairs.

NGAPIUK : Pentagon, Karia.
Middle aged, has the respect of the villagers.

ABRAHAM : Sumuna, Leion.
25 years of age; educated in Australia.
Though a very young man, He has the respect of the older people. Genuinely interested in the welfare of his people.

CENSUS.

Although all villages were not visited, all census figures were revised. This was done by asking the councillors the required facts.

DISPUTES & COMPLAINTS.

Three disputes were adjudicated and a divorce was ^{adjudicated} granted to Sasa of Lapai village for desertion. £5 bride price was returned also.

Several complaints were received ; three of them concerned friction between local villagers and imported plantation labour. This seems to be a continual source of aggravation. Because of time shortage and rough seas I was unable to visit the plantations concerned . Separate correspondence relating to these incidents has been forwarded to the Assistant District Officer, Kavieng.

Another complaint came from Sumuna village regarding a claim for assisting to salvage the M.V. "BETTY". When this boat is next in Kavieng the skipper will be contacted re payment of the claim.

CONCLUSION.

This being my first patrol everything was very new to me. However these people are a very interesting and co-operative group to work amongst.

Dysul Island shows good promise.

ELECTORAL EDUCATION.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.

DJAUL ISLAND

5th. December 1963.

While patrolling Djaul Island talks were given at three villages on the forthcoming House of Assembly elections. Voting day for Djaul Island people is the 28th. February and the poll will be held at Sumuna village. These two facts were stressed at all places visited and I am sure there will be a good attendance of voters on polling day.

At Pantegom about 120 people had gathered including some from Karia and Kolonopok. I spoke to the gathering in Pidgin and then Silas (councillor) repeated what I had said in their native tongue. Their comprehension seemed good and numerous questions were asked.

Once again assisted by Silas I spoke to approx. 80 adults at Lapai village. Questions were asked but comprehension was only fair. Silas who understands the election routine intends to lecture to these people again.

At Sumuna where the menfolk from Leion had also gathered I lectured to approx. 70 adults. Comprehension seemed very good and numerous questions were asked. Here I was assisted by Abraham (councillor) who has instructed his people well. Because of ample time I conducted a mock election, held exactly as it will be on polling day.

60 people (male & female) voted in just less than one hour. Of the 60 voters 13 only had to be assisted and 6 votes only recorded as informal. (Chief) cause being their inability so count).

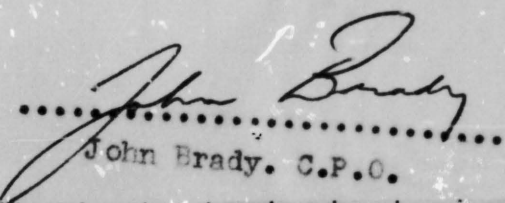
Mr. Tucky A.D.O. lectured at Piliwa so this would complete the coverage of the majority of Djaul Island people. While covering the complete story of the elections I tended to concentrate mainly on the voting procedures and what will happen between now and the election day. I think that if too much stress is placed on the stages before the candidates are nominated it only tends to confuse rather than clarify. The only aids used were the series of 30 pictures and small booklet written in Pidgin.

Some of the questions asked were.

Will they be fined if they failed to vote?
What if a person is sick on polling day?
Why are they (The natives) being allowed to vote?
Will Australia stay in T.P. & N.G. after the elections?
Will candidates be visiting Djaul?
What if they don't know the candidates?

A Councillor who had ~~had~~ been talking about the elections (Lasisi of the West Coast village Panamafei) caused some concern by stating that there would be a £25 fine for failing to vote. I corrected this mistake at all the gatherings that I addressed.

In my opinion the people of Djaul Island have a fair grasp of the elections and that no further electoral education is necessary before the House of Assembly elections.


.....
John Brady. C.P.O.

Amount Returned to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NEW IRELAND Report No. KAVIENG 7-63/64
 Patrol Conducted by I. SPENCER P.O.I. Report by C.P.O. R. Knott
 Area Patrolled IAYONGAI CENSUS DIVISION
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans R. KNOTT C.P.O.
 Natives AMUS P.C.
 Duration—From 11/1/1964 to 22/1/1964
 Number of Days 12 Days
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services/...../19.....
 Medical/...../19.....
 Map Reference
 Objects of Patrol Council election and general administration.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES AND NATIVE AFFAIRS, PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....
 Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....
 Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £.....

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

File No. 1964.

Sub - District office

KAVIENG

NEW IRELAND DISTRICT.

The ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER

KAVIENG N.I.D.

PATROL REPORT KAVIENG NO. 1964.

OFFICER CONDUCTING PATROL .. I. Spencer P.O.I.

ACCOMPANIED BY .. R. Knott C.P.O.

.. Anus P.C.

AREA PATROLLED

.. Lavongai Census Division and N.L.G.

area comprising New Hanover and adjacent islands.

OBJECTS OF PATROL

.. Council elections and general administration.

DURATION OF PATROL

.. Commenced on Saturday, 11th. of January and completed the 22nd of that month. Total of twelve days.

For your attention please,

R. Knott

C.P.O.

R. D. Knott

INTRODUCTION.

The object of the patrol was primarily to conduct the Local Government Council Elections within the Lavongai Census Area. This comprised New Hanover and adjacent islands.

NATIVE SITUATION.

Degree of co-operation was good but unfortunately the high percentage of illiteracy detracted from the smooth running of the election at some villages. It was noted that in such villages a noticeable proportion of the electors had difficulty in comprehending the system of preferential voting. Many voters had to be reminded of the names of those nominated, especially after their first choice had been given.

However in areas where there was a school situated near-by and a proportionately high literacy rate, more voters were able to cast their own vote unaided. Some literates seemed disinclined to use their ability and would have preferred to 'whisper' their vote but after some persuasion proved to themselves they were competent enough to cast their own vote. It was evident at most villages that a lot of canvassing activity had taken place prior to the elections..in some places the election had probably already been decided . Of those who were nominated and subsequently elected as Councillor only one declined to accept the position, and in this case the next preference was duly appointed.

HOUSING.

In most villages within this area the houses appear to be constructed of bush timber, the walls of bamboo which has been split and interwoven. The rooves are made of thatched sago. Most of the houses are elevated, but some of them are not and appear to be less healthy.. However this latter type of dwelling is no longer being constructed and are inhabited by an elder generation. In two or three villages the rest house floor was of sawn timber , but this is not a regular feature. Of the three types of villages seen, the coastal, river and inland - the coastal type impressed as being the cleanest and most orderly.

HEALTH AND HYGENE.

This Census Division is regularly patrolled by Medical teams and the general health appeared to be good.

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HEALTH (cont.)

However the people of Ungalik village have demonstrated an extremely apathetic attitude towards the establishment of an Aid-Post in their village. The carpenter at present working on the site is being held up, through lack of co-operation in supplying him with matting. The Ungalik villagers seem to have decided that if the more remote people in the area do not come in to assist them gather this material they themselves will not co-operate.

These people were admonished for this short sighted attitude, it being pointed out to them that this Post would be of greater benefit to those nearest to it. They were warned that if they persist in their attitude the carpenter would be removed, as there are many other places in need of an Aid-Post.

EDUCATION.

Visited the R.C. mission at Lavongai which is under the supervision of Father Kelly. Learned that he anticipates having to extend the mission school and also the accommodation for borders as the school is rapidly increasing in numbers.

There are three missions in this Census division these being the Roman Catholic, the Methodist Overseas, and the Seven Day Adventists. These operate throughout the area and contribute their share towards education and health services. There are three European teachers in this area and a number of native teachers these being employed by the Administration.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The Lavongai Council is represented by 24 members many of these councillors being new, now that this election has been held. These men seemed very willing to accept their responsibility. The author being so new to the area and people a valid opinion of the members elected cannot be made.

LAW AND ORDER.

Disputes of a minor nature were arbitrated and settled. Several debt settlements were made under supervision. Generally appeared to be a law-abiding people.

DISPUTES AND COMPLAINTS.

A dispute over an area of land of approximately four acres, adjacent to the Lavongai Catholic Mission.

DISPUTES AND COMPLAINTS (cont.)

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Originally this land belonged to the Kalangar clan of Lavongai but was purchased by the German Administration. It was then leased to Mr. E. Legget. Recently Mr. Legget left the District and it is now in the hands of a Chinese, it is his right of tenancy which has become a matter of dispute among the local native population. The matter is to be further investigated.

CENSUS

Census figures revised to the extent that recent deaths and migrations noted.

INCIDENT.

On the 11th. of November 1963 a female child Taia was lost near the Lavongai village. As there was crocodile activity in the area it was concluded the child was taken by one. Later the next day a crocodile was again sighted but they were unable to kill it.

A statement was taken from Bomaras the Councillor of Lavongai village

AGRICULTURE AND STOCK.

Few pigs were sighted indeed the only large herd of livestock seen was at the plantation at Lungatung. Most villages have a number of fowls, some also raise ducks, but there appears to be little attempt at organized agriculture. It is for the most part a subsistence cropping carried on in traditional manner.

However at Tingwan Is. a N.I.N.S.A. store is now operating and this with the native owned plantation here would indicate a growing prosperity. This activity would not appear to be general.

CONCLUSION

This was principally a Council election patrol and the patrol moved very fast through some areas and subsequently only superficial impressions were gained. A great part of the time was spent on purely mechanical election procedure, which, being new to the author absorbed his time almost exclusively.

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APPENDIX ... GENERAL INFORMATION

VILLAGE	COUNCILOR	VOTES
KULPETAU	BENGE BENGE	98/116
NARIMLAUA	LAPANLUKAN	37/48
MATANIU	KUIKUILOGO	36/52
MAGAM	KASI	57/100
METERANKAN	BOCKI (re - appointed)	105/118
LAYONGAI	SILAKAU (re-appointed)	79/84
SAULA	ARE	79/80
BAIKEB	VAITASVANGAI	152/149
METEWOI	BOSAPNEIRO	112/119
METERAN	LAIAMATAROS	79/120
METEKAVIL	TEMEKING (re-appointed)	74/112
BAUNGUNG	PASINGANLAILAI	66/106
BELEWAIA	TUKASAU	38/64
UMBUKUL	EREMIA	162/175
SOSSON	TAKNOKOS	41/47
NOIPUGS	TEMBILAMAN	102/111
NEITAB	BAROL (re-appointed)	60/65
UNGALIK	POKNARAS	66/100
MIN	SILAU	36/52
LUKUS	LAPANLAKSEP (Katmalen elected but rejected the position asdid not feel adequate)	16/38
MOSSUANG	ANGAPASIM	27/36
METEBIAI	VEBLUAI	36/45
MAMION	MATBUAI	79/108
UNGAKUM	LOI	23/39

STATISTICS

TOTAL % LITERATE	9.8% average
TOTAL % LLITERATE	90.2 %average
Total population voted	2,088
Total taxation payers	3,984
Percentage tax. payers voted	51.8%
Total in - valid	6...0.2%
Average time per voter	42 seconds

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL DIARY

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SATURDAY , 11th. JANUARY.

Departed Taskul via the Enuk at 9 o'clock.
Arrived Narimlana and completed the election here in the morning.
The Mataniu election completed during the afternoon. Stayed at Lungatung overnight.

SUNDAY , 12th. JANUARY.

Observed as such at Lungatung.

MONDAY , 13th. JANUARY.

Morning election conducted at Nagam. Moved on then to Meterankan where an election was conducted that afternoon. Camped at Lavongai.

TUESDAY , 14th. JANUARY.

Lavongai election held this morning , the Baula people also attending at Lavongai and participating in the election. The usual one or two disputes attended to and then on to Ungat where we camped overnight.

WEDNESDAY , 15th. JANUARY.

Metewor election this morning, on to Meteran where the election was held that afternoon . Slept at Metekavil.

THURSDAY , 16th. JANUARY.

In the early morning the Metekavil election held. Daungung election took place midday, Belewala late afternoon. Camped Wussuanga overnight.

FRIDAY , 17th. JANUARY.

Umbukul election conducted, then sailed to Tingwan arriving late afternoon, camped.

SATURDAY , 18th. JANUARY.

Election completed at Tingwan. Returned to Noipuos in the afternoon where the Sosson and Ungalaba peoples also cast their votes at Noipuos.

SUNDAY , 19th. JANUARY.

Spent as such at Noipuos.

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PATROL REPORT (cont.)

RAT

MONDAY , 20th. JANUARY.

Noipnos election held this morning. Neitab people voted midday, moved on to Ungalik where an election was held late afternoon.

TUESDAY , 21st. JANUARY.

Metamin election this morning. Lukus Is. election early afternoon. Slept at Mossuang.

WEDNESDAY , 22nd. JANUARY.

Elections held at Mossuang in the early morning and at Metia later in the morning. The Manion election comprising the Tsolik, Kulibang and Manion peoples held late afternoon . Left for Ungakna where the election here completed the patrol. Left for Taskul and arrived that evening.

PATROL FINISHED.