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1966 - 1967

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PATROL REPORTS BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT 1966-67
HUTJENA

Patrol No Officer Area Patrolled
Conducting Patrol

3-66-67 Allan G. Lang Atolls C.d.

4-66-67 C.J. Tabua Carteret Islands

5-66-67 James G. Steven Selau Road (part)

7-66-67 James G. Steven Solus Road, Buka(Part)

11-66-67 M.J. Edgar Part Koromira

12-66-67 G.R. Leeson Carterets, Mortlocks ,Tas-
man

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17-66-67 J.G. Steven Atolls census Div. (part)

TINPUTZ

3-66-67 J.G. Steven Teop Census Division

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No BUKA PASSAGE S.D. NO. 3 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by ALLAN G LANG PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled ATOLLS C.D.(PART)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans MR. MILLER D.I. DEPT. EDUC.

Natives CONST. IOMIRE R.P.N.G.C.

Duration--From 9 / 9 /1966 to 17 / 9 /1966

Number of Days 8

Did Medical Assistant Accompany ? NO

Last Patrol to Area by--District Services APRIL /1966

Medical APRIL / /1966

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

3/10/1966

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

RWB/LMW :
67/1/3.

Bougainville District,
SOHANO.
3rd. October, 1996.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.
HUTJENA PATROL NO. 2 OF 1966/67.

Attached hereto please find a Report
on the above Patrol as submitted by Mr. A. G. LANG, Patrol
Officer and covering Memorandum 67/2/1 of 27th. September,
1966 from the Assistant District Commissioner at HUTJENA.

Mr. LANG's Report is quite brief but
informative.

A small supply of rice will be supplied
to the MORTLOCK people to enable them to get through the expected
food shortage early next year.

The Atell people have complained previously
of the price they receive from WONG YOU for their copra but I feel
they are getting as fair a deal as possible. Were WONG YOU to
cease his visits to the Islands the people would be left with no
outside contact and I cannot see that anyone else would be interested
in visiting these isolated people.

A Medical Officer from RABAUL is at present
visiting both the MORTLOCKE and TASMANS.

Att.
(P. J. MOLLISON).
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

TERRITORY of PAPUA and NEW GUINEA

JC/AGA
Administration
Press Advice
No. [767]766

Port Moresby,
October 10, 1966.

FOOD RELIEF FOR ATOLL PEOPLE.

The Administration has arranged to send 12 bags of rice to the Mortlock Islands next month to supplement a reduced yield from flood-damaged gardens at Taku atoll.

Although the damage is not extensive, recent heavy rains have spoiled some of next year's early crops.

District Commissioner, Bougainville, Mr. P. Mollison, said today the people asked for help because rain had prevented them from following their usual custom of replanting as they harvested.

The rice would be delivered on the m.v. Nivani when the vessel called at the Mortlocks late next month.

Mr. Mollison said that the request for food had been granted mainly to ensure that children on Taku would not suffer while other food crops undamaged by the flood were maturing.

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13th October, 1966.

The District Commissioner,

Bougainville District,

SOHANO.

BUKA PASSAGE PATROL REPORT NO.3 OF 1966/67.

Receipt is acknowledged of the above-mentioned report and accompanying memoranda.

The food relief being provided for the Atoll people has been made the subject of Administration Press Advice No.766. The situation should be kept under observation to ensure adequate relief is provided.

It cannot be expected that WONG YOU should lose money on his activities and as long as you consider the re{?}(?)neration is sufficient he should be encouraged to continue his activities. He does, as you say, provide the only regular trading contact with these people.

The report was adequate though more care could have been taken with its preparation.

(J. K. McCarthy)

DIRECTOR

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

RWB/LMW :

Telegrams

Our Reference 67/1/3.

If calling ask for

Mr.

5 OCT 1966

Department of District Administration,

Bougainville District,

SOHANO.

3rd. October, 1966

The Director,

Department of District Administration,

KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

HUTJENA PATROL NO. [3] OF 1966/67.

Attached hereto please find a Report on the above Patrol as submitted by Mr. A. G. LANG, Patrol Officer and covering Memorandum 67/2/1 of 27th. September, 1966 from the Assistant District Commissioner at HUTJENA.

Mr. LANG's Report is quite brief but informative.

A small supply of rice will be supplied to the MORTLOCK people to enable them to get through the expected food shortage early next year.

The Atoll people have complained previously of the price they receive from WONG YOU for their copra but I feel they are getting as fair a deal as possible. Were WONG YOU to cease his visits to the Islands the people would be left with no outside contact and I cannot see that anyone else would be interested in visiting these isolated people.

A Medical Officer from RABAUL is at present visiting both the MORTLOCKS and TASMANS.

Att.

(P. J. MOLLISON)

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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Sub-District Office,

HUTJENA

27th. September 1966 .

The District Commissioner ,
SOHANO.

PATROL REPORT HUTJENA NO. 3 - 1966/1967.

I attach a report , in duplicate , of a recent
patrol to the Atolls , carried out by Mr.A.Lang , patrol officer .

I have the following comments .

DAMAGE TO GARDENS AT MORTLOCKS.

The reporting officer states that rain damage to
gardens will cause a food shortage early in 1967 . He recommends
the grant of 12 bags of rice to help the people over this lean
period . Would you please bear this in mind and endeavour to
arrange for 12 nags of rice to be sent to the MORTLOCKS on the
MV 'NIRVANI' when it goes to collect the teachers for Christmas
holidays . The rice can be issued by the village officials and
will be mainly for children .

INFLUENZA AT TASMANS.

The MV 'MARAVUT' , with a doctor on board , is now
visiting the Atolls and will call at the TASMANS to investigate
this sickness .

COPRA PRODUCTION.

From time to time , the Atolls people voice their
dissatisfaction with the price received for their copra from
WONG YOU . The current price is about 3 cents per lb. or \$ 66
per ton . At about three monthly intervals . WONG YOU charts a
Bougainville Company vessel KIETA/MORTLOCKS/TASMANS/BUKA to
collect copra and replenish his trade stores . The cost of this is
not inconsiderable . The copra then usually has to be re-dried
and bagged , then shipped to RABAUL . Under these circumstances ,
the price paid for copra is not unreasonable.

I agree with the reporting officer in that the
presence of WONG YOU trading in these islands provides the people
with a reasonably regular shipping service , trade goods and
foodstuffs at their doorsteps so to speak , and the opportunity
for a cash income . If WONG YOU were to withdraw , then they
would have nothing .

CENSUS.

An opportunity was taken to revise the DDA census .
Relevant statistics are attached .

GENERAL.

I have asked Mr. Lang further reports on foolscap sheets . The typing could be improved , but , as you know , the HANAHAN typewriter is in RABAU and Mr. Lang is making do with a very poor machine . Also , I am not permitted to employ a typiste at HUTJENA , and yet the other Bougainville Sub-Districts have both full time clerks and typists .

Forwarded, please .

K.J.Hanrahan

Assistant District Commissioner

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

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Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr.

Department of District Administration,

Hanahan Patrol Post,

Buka Passage Sub District,

BOUGAINVILLE.

21st September 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,

Sub District Office,

HUTJENA.

BUKA PASSAGE SUB DISTRICT PATROL NO.[3] 1966/67.

INTRODUCTION

In compliance with your instructions I joined the NIVANI on it's trip to the Atolls C.D., September 9th to 17th 1966.

The CARTERET, MORTLOCK, and TASMANS Atolls were visited. Everyone was seen and censused in the latter two groups and the islands of HAN and IANGAIN visited in the former.

Land matters were attended to in the MORTLOCKS and TASMANS.

Village Officials aired their worries/greivances at each place visited and these are detailed below.

All correspondence associated with the patrol's activities is attached.

Allan G Lang. Patrol Officer.

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PATROL DIARY 9th September to 17th September, 1966.

9th September, 1966.

0530hrs. Departed Chinatown aboard NIVANI. 1430 hrs. Arrived CARTERET ISLANDS. Inspected HAN village in company with the Tultuls of HAN and PIUL. Visited Rev. Fr. Muller at the Mission station.

10th September, 1966.

With Fr. Muller and Mr. Miller D.I. Educ. to IANGAIN. Inspected the village and gardens with the Tultul and then sat down with most of the men and listened to their talk. Returned to NIVANI and sailed at 1630 hrs.

11th September, 1966.

Arrived MORTLOCK ISLANDS at 0630 hrs. Inspected village during the morning. Afternoon commenced Census, curtailed by rain.

12th September, 1966.

Census completed. Visited TAKU the garden island. Afternoon meeting with all the leading men to explain the NUKUTOA/PETASSI Final Order. Evening attended 'sing-sing' in the village.

13th September, 1966.

Departed MORTLOCKS 0800hrs. compiled census figures and reports.

14th September, 1966.

Arrived TASMANS 0630 hrs. Revision of Census. Afternoon discussed Wong You's store site and then compass chain survey of it.

15th. September, 1966.

Visited NUKUMANU ISLAND and inspected gardens and cemetery. Departed TASMANS 1600hrs.

16th. September, 1966.

In transit. Reports and census figures.

17th. September, 1966.

Arrived Chinatown 0700hrs.

End of patrol.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS.

5. All three Atolls appear to lead a quiet and ordered existence, internal discord is at a minimum and life is obviously easy. However, they all have their problems which will probably look larger in the future and should be given some proper consideration now.

6. The major problem of the CATERET peoples is finding a source of income. Only a small amount of coconuts can be spared for copra the rest supplementing their gardens which are probably close to being inadequate for the present population. The only appreciable income can come from wages earned by those away from home. Most of the younger men are in fact absent. Unfortunately only a minority are employed the remainder are living parasitically off the few. Thus very little assistance is being sent home to the CARTERET ISLANDS. Sending idle men back home will not prove much of a solution in itself as there is nothing for them to do there. Possibly the idle ones could all be seen and told that they will be sent back if they do not find employment or at least if they do not send regular contributions back to their wives and children.

7. Further, idle men whether they be on BUKA or the CARTERETS are susceptible to the misguided notions all too prevalent on the former. Unless some sort of control is instituted there will be trouble in the CARTERETS.

8. On arrival at the MORTLOCKS I was told that SOHANO had been informed by radio that the gardens on TAKU had been damaged by rain and that they had requested help. I am surprised that no instruction to investigate this was forthcoming, particularly as it has been fashionable to make a fuss of these people in the past. In fact I found that the reports were exaggerated. I [investig] inspected all the gardens on TAKU IS. and found that they had been flooded recently which had prevented the people replanting as they cropped during that time. This means that there will be a period of about two months early next year when taro will be in short supply. The longer maturing kanokano will hardly be affected. A dozen large bags of rice would be sufficient to help them through this period. It will also encourage them to make the most of all future minor mishaps.

9. The MORTLOCK IS. will also be embarrassed by population growth in the future. However; the suggestion that some of them be moved to the TASMANS is obviously a far-fetched conceit. Really the TASMA IS. are far larger than the MORTLOCKS but the amount of suitable gardening land is probably less. There are twenty three garden plots on NUKUMANU all less than a quarter of the acre in size and all fully utilised by the Tasman people. I am told that there is no other suitable gardening land on any of the other islands.

10. The TASMAN IS's. main problems are present are,
[accounted for the deaths of two new born Accesspi(?)atory altmen that has]

(1) A respiratory ailment that

has accounted for the deaths of two infants according to the village Lului. These occurred in August and there are still a number of people suffering from it. The master of the NIVANI radiodded Rabaul about this.

(2) A proneness amongst the men drink too much today. The Village Officials reported that this

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had led to some fighting recently. All the adult males were assembled and lectured on the use and abuse of the privilege of drinking. I suggest that any future persistent offender should be charged under the N.R.A.

LAND MATTERS.

11. The NUKUTOA/PETASSI Final Order was explained to all the senior men of the MORTLOCK IS. I traced the history of all the MORTLOCK land deals since the time of Queen Emma as outlined in our files. I asked them to challenge any point that they wished to do so but they agreed to its authenticity. The terms of the Final Order were explained to them and also the Encumbrance. they expressed confidence in the Administration in this matter. They also expressed the wish that Mrs. Kroenig should be informed of their wish that she buy their copra, they being dissatisfied with the price that Wong You is paying. I felt that they had missed the finer points of my previous explanation in as far as copra was the matter of prime concern to them. The explanation was repeated and their right to object was emphasised. However they had no wish to do so.

12. All the adult menfolk of the TASMEN IS. assembled to hear the talk concerning Wong You's trading site on AMOTU. I felt it necessary to hold the meeting because in both the MORTLOCK and TASMEN groups the people had expressed dissatisfaction with the price that they are receiving for their copra. At both places I endeavoured to explain the fluctuating price, the expense involved in shipping their copra and their very great degree of dependence upon Wong You in the light that no-one else is apparently interested in trading in these islands. Leasehold was explained to the TASMEN people and also the lapsing of the Trading Allotment Licence. They were quite emphatic that the period of the lease should be as short as possible, preferably annually renewable. Should the lease be as long as ten years they stated that they would not be agreeable to it. Again the short sightedness of their view was explained to them and that if Wong You abandons them their present grievances would pall before the subsequent ones. Such a situation is presumably unlikely as the copra potential here is greater than in the other atolls visited.

CENSUS.

13. Census was revised in the MORTLOCK and TASMEN ISLANDS. The 1965 figures for the MORTLOCK IS. and my own 1966 figures failed to balance by 1. A recount of the 1965 figure reveals that it should have been 475 not 476. The figures then balance. No unusual trends are indicated by the MORTLOCK figures.

14. I have no 1965 figure to balance the 1965 TASMEN census with, neither has your office. The birthrate is high here but the average size of family indicates that this has been the case for some time. I have recompiled the TASMEN book because it had been allowed to degenerate into a very confused record. The MORTLOCK book also needs similar treatment

but as next year is the last on the current sheets I have left it. No Village Population Register prefaces any of the Census Sheets in the Atolls book. This is inconvenient when trying to balance figures with previous years.

ATTACHED CORRESPONDENCE

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ATTACHED.

25/1/5 Notice of Final Order Nukutoa and Petassi Islands.

34/1/66 Wong You Trading Site Tasman Islands. Sketch map four copies.

14/2/1 Census statistics.

Claim to camping allowance Coast. Iomire.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No 4 - 1966/1967

Patrol Conducted by C.J.TABUA, PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled CARTERET ISLANDS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives ON MEMBER OF THE R.P&N.G.C. CONST. ROTA NO. 5147

Duration--From 25 / 10 /1966 to 3 / 11 /1966

Number of Days NINE

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO

Last Patrol to Area by--District Services / /1965

Medical / /1966

Map Reference 1 INCH : 2 MILES

Objects of Patrol 1. TO CONDUCT D.D.A. CENSUS

2. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

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

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5th December, 1966.

District Commissioner,

Bougainville District,

SOHANO.

HUTJENA PATROL REPORT NO. 4 OF 1966/67:

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. Tabua's report of his patrol to the Carteret Islands.

Mr. Tabua has submitted a very good report; his reports improve each time one is submitted and he is commended for his efforts. His approach to field work is also to be commended. I hope he maintains this keenness and high standard.

The Assistant District Commissioner and yourself have adequately covered pertinent points raised in the report. No doubt the matter of a water supply for the Cartarets has been raised with the Department of Public Health; if not please ensure it is raised.

The matter of a food shortage and possible resettlement has been raised before and you appear to have these matters well in hand. No other comments appear pertinent.

(J.K. McCarthy)

DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Our Refereces 67/1/3

If calling ask for

Mr

22 NOV 1966

Department of District Administration,

Bougainville District

SOHANO.

November 17th, 1966.

The Director,

Department of District Administration,

KONEDOBU - PAPUA.

Patrol Report HUTJENA No.4 - 1966/67 -

Carteret Islands - Mr. Patrol Officer

Cedric J. TABUA.

Herewith forwarded please find the above Patrol Report of Mr. C.J. Tabua's ten day Patrol to the six villages on the Carteret Atoll, and covering memorandum from The Assistant District Commissioner, Buka Passage Sub-District.

The need for resettlement at a later date is being watched but I feel that it will be some years yet before the population pressure activates the people themselves to feel the need for moving from their island home of many generations.

The patients brought in to the SOHANO hospital are all doing well and several have already been discharged. There was no epidemic, just individual maladies.

I consider Mr. Tabua has done well on this Patrol and produced an informative and neat report and you may feel that some encouragement from yourself would be in order.

(P.J. MOLLISON)

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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67/2/1.

Sub-District Office, HUTJENA.

15th. November 1966.

The District Commissioner ,
SOHANO.

PATROL REPORT HUTJENA NO. 4 - 1966/1967 ,
CARTERET ISLANDS.

I attach two copies of the above report , submitted
by Mr.C.Tabua , patrol officer . I also enclose a copy of his
patrol instructions . I have the following comments .
CENSUS.

I instructed Mr. Tabua to carry out a routine D.D.A.
census . Even when the results of the recent Territory census
are published , it still won't tell me much about islands such
as the CARTERETS .

The fact that there were 39 births and no infant deaths
indicates a healthy state of affairs . It also indicates that the
population will considerably increase over the next ten or so
years .

Of the 73 adults working inside the Bougainville District ,
there would be 50 working at SOHANO and BUKA PASSAGE , the
majority of whom work for WONG YOU . The actual number working
male adults (16-45 yrs.) in the villages , is less than the
number away at work . Other than making corpa , there are no
avenues for earning money in the CARTERETS . The people take turn
about to come to BUKA for several months to earn some money.
RESETTLEMENT.

Much has been written about this in the past , all of
which you have on your file . We should keep in mind the availability
of land , preferably on the east coast of Bougainville , for the
re-settlement of some of the CARTERETS . Eventually , there would
be a CARTERETS community on the mainland of Bougainville , with
perhaps a few dozen families remaining in the islands .

As I have stated previously , any such action should
not be implemented until the actual need for a move is felt and
expressed by the CARTERETS .

HEALTH.

Mr. Tabua mentions an un-identified sickness . The ten
patients are now in the SOHANO hospital but I have heard nothing
further . You may care to check with the medical officer .

The scarcity of water has long been realised . I
suggested a course of action in my 6/6/1 of 21st. April 1965 and

67/2/1 of 4th December 1965 . The matter rests with the Dept. of Public Health . This department has provided water supply to the TASMANS and the MORTLOCKS . An extension of this programme to the CARTERETS would be of great benefit to the people .
AGRICULTURE.

The people produced and sold about 15 tons of copra for the year ended October 1966 . If all available coconuts are used to make copra , production could be 190 tons per year , refer Resources Survey by H .Redmond . This gives some indication

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of how many coconuts .

The reporting officer mentions that the people approached him concerning assistance from the Administration in the supply of food . However , he does not seem clear as to whether there is an actual serious shortage . The subject of food gardens is discussed in great detail on pages 10 , 11 and 12 of Mr. Redmond's Resources Survey .

In brief , garden crops on the CARTERETS have never provided most of the food and have always had to be supplemented with fish and coconuts .

The fact that so many people are absent from the islands also lightens the load on available food resources .

However , you might consider asking an Agricultural Officer to go on the 'NIVANI' when it next visits the islands , to investigate the food position at the CARTERETS and make recommendations if necessary .

COMPENSATION FOR POLLURIAN DISASTER.

Another year has passed and compensation for the death of nine crew of the 'POLLURIAN' has still not been finalised .

This is the first thing people ask visiting officers to the CARTERETS .

I would appreciate it if you would see what the present position is , please .

THEFT OF MONEY.

Mr. Tabua investigated the theft from Wong You's store , but no pertinent information was forthcoming . It is a pity that WONG YOU has now closed down the store , as it was popular with the people and provided them with an opportunity to purchase rice , [illegible] food etc. The store man is presently in SOHANO .

REST HOUSE.

In view of the shortage of timber , and the fact that an officer normally visits the CARTERETS only once each year , there is no necessity for a permanent rest house .

GENERAL.

Mr. Tabua has again submitted a neat and informative report , well typed and presented . I compliment him on a job well done .

Claim for camping allowance will be forwarded when received .

Forwarded, please .

K.J.Hanrahan
Assistant District Commissioner

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67/2/1 .

Sub-District Office ,
HUTJENA.

20th. October 1966 .

Mr.C.Tabua ,
Patrol Officer ,
HUTJENA.

Dear Sir ,
PATROL HUTJENA NO. 4 - 1966/1967 ,
CARTERET ISLANDS.

1. Would you please make preparations for a patrol to the CARTERET Islands . You will travel by MV 'NIVANI' , which departs WONG YOU'S wharf at 0500 hrs. on 24th. October 1966 . The trawler will drop you at the CARTERETS , then proceed to the MORLOCKS , and will collect you and your party approximately 1st. November 1966 .
2. Constable first class LOTA has been detailed to accompany your patrol . He will be responsible for his own food supplies .
3. Draw an advance of \$ 100 from Sub-treasury SOHANO . You should approach Mr. Mueller SM for the hire of his outboard and boat for two days . This should allow you sufficient time to visit the outlying islands . Rate of hire is \$ 16 per day .
4. You should take a Daily Statement book , withdrawal and deposit forms , and new passbooks and carry out any C'With. Savings Bank agency business . Liase with Mr. P. Wong in this matter .
5. Conduct a census of all villages .
6. Inspect the Administration Aid Post at IULOMAHAN and see that things are running smoothly .
7. Inspect the Administration radio transceiver and see that it is working correctly .
8. Contact the Labour Inspector at SOHANO before departure and see if the claims for compensation for the deaths of nin CARTERET men in the MV POLLURIAN disaster , have been finalised yet . If not , then you should find out how long the delay is likely to be and advise the people accordingly .
9. Endeavour to find out how much copra has been produced since Mr. Goldies's visit . What price do the people receive from WONG YOU .
10. Settle any disputes arbitrarily . You should give talks in each village on general topics of interest in the

Territory , such as the new Administrator etc.

11. If , during your stay , you encounter any Formosan fishing vessels , contact SOHANO or HUTJENA by radio and request further instructions .

12. Take a copy of Mr. Redmond's resources survey of the CARTERET Islands with you , as this is an informative report . Please submit your report on the patrol within a week after its conclusion.

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Please see me if there is anything further you wish to know before setting out . I wish you a pleasant trip .

Yours faithfully 9

K.J.Hanrahan .

Assistant District Commissioner .

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INTRODUCTION :-

The main object of this patrol to the CARTERET Islands in the ATOLLS Census Division of the Buka Passage Sub-District of Bougainville District, was firstly to conduct a revision of the Department of District Administration Census and secondly to carry out Routine Administration .

The patrol camped on HAN Island and visited the other islands from there . Most of the patrol was done by canoes .

The CARTERET Islands, which are also known as the KILINAILAU Islands are located approximately seventy - five miles North East of Buka Island at a latitude of four degrees forty - five minutes South and longitude of one hundred and fifty - five degrees twenty minutes East . The Island[s] consist of six small islands, which were formed from a raised coral reef and are arranged almost in a form of a circle . Of the six Islands at the CARTERETS, only five of these islands viz : HAN, PIUL, IOLASA, and IESILA are inhabited and the other island known as HUENE Island is mainly a reserve for gardens and for the planting of coconuts . The total area of the islands is approximately one hundred and ninty - seven acres . But HAN Island, which is the biggest island of all the islands in the CARTERETS, covers an area of one hundred and three acres, which is over half the size of the total area of the islands and thus leave the other five islands with the total area of only ninty-four acres .

The CARTERETS Islands are surrounded by coral reef enclosing a lagoon which is approximately twelve miles in diameter with many patches of reefs , There are three passages leading into the lagoon . Refer to the map attached at the end of this report .

The islands are mainly planted with coconuts, bananas, taros and cassava . Other bush trees include : breadfruit, galips and some coast mangroves . Almost every plant grown or planted on the islands is of some food value to the people .

The islands are low lying with swamp areas and during the North West season, these swamp areas are flooded by heavy seas . Some sections of all the islands have been washed away by the sea and many coconuts destroyed .

DIARY :-

25/10/66 :- Departed Wong You's wharf at about 0500 hours per M.V. NIVANI for CARTERET Islands on D.D.A. Patrol . Arrived the CARTERET Islands at about 2.30 pm . Put up camp and slept HAN Island .

26/10/66 :- Conducted Census at HAN Island for the two villages namely : IULONAHAN and TIARANI . Thence held meeting and

had discussions with the people . Looked around the two villages and the Island . Slept HAN Island .

27/10/66 :- Hired a canoe and paddlers to PIUL Island at about 8.00 am . Conducted the Census and held meeting and discussions with the people . Looked around the village and the island . Also inspected the Administration Aid Post . Returned in the afternoon at about 5.00 pm . Slept HAN Island .

28/10/66 :- Hired a speed-boat to IANGAIN Island at about 0800 hours . Conducted the Census and held meeting and had discussions with the people . Looked around the village and the island . Returned to HAN Island as the speed-boat was not working too well . Arrived HAN Island at about 5.30 pm . Slept HAN Island .

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DIARY :- Cont.

29/10/66 :- Departed at about 0600 hours for IESILA Island in a canoe, arriving IESILA at about 11.00 am . Conducted the Census and held meeting and had discussions with the people . Looked around the village and the Island . Returned at about 12.30 pm, arriving HAN Island at about 6.30 pm. Slept HAN Island .

30/10/66 :- Sunday, observed at HAN Island .

31/10/66 :- To IOLASA Island in a canoe at about 0800 hours . Conducted the Census at IOLASA Island and held meeting and had discussions with the people . ALSO looked around the village and the Island . Returned at about 3.30 pm . Slept HAN Island .

1/11/66 :- Working out Census figures and drafting out my patrol report while awaiting M.V. NIVANI . Slept HAN Island .

2/11/66 :- Continued working on Census figures and drafting out my patrol report . Slept HAN Island .

3/11/66 :- Departed the CARTERET Islands per M.V. NIVANI for SOHANO at about 12.30 pm and arrived wong You's wharf at about 8.30 pm . Slept Buka Passage Sub-District, HUTJENA . End of the Patrol .

NATIVE AFFAIRS :-

As this was my first patrol to the area, my first impression of the people were firstly that the people are very law abiding and secondly that the people are hard workers and though the Islands are isolated and the people lack in many little things, they still are happy and live quite comfortably from what they obtain from their surroundings .

The patrol held meetings and had discussions with the people in all the villages on the Islands . During the meetings held, the patrol mainly talked to the people on current affairs such as the replacement of the new Administrator for the Territory of Papua and New Guinea and the House of Assembly . Though there are eight all transistor radios at HAN Island, four at PIUL Island, three at IANGAIN Island, two at IOLASA Island and nil at IESILA Island; not many people take interest in listening to the pidgin news from either Radio Rabaul or Radio Wewak .

The CARTERETS people are good fishermen as fish are a main part of their diet . A few of the Islands have pigs and fowls and when the weather is bad to catch fish, pigs and fowls or the eggs of the fowls are eaten . Garden foods include : bananas, taros, and cassavs . Coconuts, breadfruit and galip are also eaten.

Three problems which arises in all the villages visited on the islands were firstly the food situation . The people told the patrol that they don't find enough to eat and asked whether if the Administration would be able to help them with their food situation . Though this may not be correct as no one has ever died of hunger in the area, but from the garden foods which the patrol saw in each of the islands with the exception of coconuts, did not seem to bear enough food for the needs of the people in the area . This problem may not affect the people so much now, but will be in the near future when there will be more people in the area and as a result, there will be more mouths to feed than there are now . Secondly is the problem of firewood . This also may not be so, but as there are insufficient bush treeswhich could be used for firewood, dried shells and leaves from the coconuts can be used easily instead. Thirdly is the problem of water supply . Though the people had

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NATIVE AFFAIRS :- Cont.

collected old drums and tanks which have been drifted by sea and dumped on the reefs near the islands and use them to collect rain water for cooking and drinking purposes, it does not help them much as when there is a dry season, the drums and the tanks let dried and the people find it hard to obtain fresh water . The Father in Charge Rev. Father Muller on HAN Island has helped the people in their fresh water supply by putting up six water tanks on HAN Island in order to collect rain water .

The Administration radio transreceiver is not working at present, but has been brought to SOHANO to be fixed .

The people are anxious to know when the claims for the deaths of the nine CARTERET men, who lost their lives in the POLURIAN disaster will be finalised . The patrol informed them that it won't be long before they get it .

No Formosan fishing vessels have been encountered by the patrol during our nine days stay in the CARTERET Islands. The people informed the patrol that the last the vessels were seen was in 1965 .

The patrol also carried out Commonwealth Savings Bank agency business in the area, as they don't have chance through out the year to open up new accounts or deposit the withdraw money.

The situation as a whole seem to be good in all the villages visited on the Islands .

CENSUS :-

The revision of the Department of District Administration Census were conducted in all the villages on the CARTERET Islands . The Census figures showed that the population of the CATERET Islands as at October 1966 was 799 . This figure have increased by 40 between the period November 1965 and October 1966 . The death rate has decreased by 2.88 per hundred during the same period . The Census figures show that there are 71 males and 10 females absentee workers working inside the District and 23 male adults and 1 female adult working outside the District . This gives the total of 105 males and and females absentee workers working inside and outside the District, which is xxxxxxxx 29 more than what it was in November 1965 . The total of 94 men who work inside and outside the District are mainly employed as boats crew on either the Mission or the Government boats . The total of 12 males and females have migrated out of the area .

Refer to the Village Population Register attached at the end of this report .

VILLAGES AND HOUSING :-

The standard and type of housing in all xxxx villages on the islands was quite good . The houses are built on the sand and thatched with sago and coconut palm leaves in the shape of a broad gothic arch with the roof almost touching the ground on both sides .

Cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation of all the villages on the islands was also good . Salt water is used for toilets and for throwing of rubbish .

There are two villages on HAN Island namely : IULONAHAN and TIRANI . The two villages are separated by the Catholic Mission on the Island .

As a whole the villages and housing in all the Islands were quite good .

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EDUCATION :-

There are three Catholic Mission School in the area .

This schools are located in HAN Island, PIUL Island and IANGAIN Island . There are four "A" course teachers and one permit teacher teaching at HAN Island, one "A" course teacher teaching at PIUL Island and one permit teacher teaching at IANGAIN Island.

There are 104 children attending the Catholic Mission School at HAN Island, 22 at PIUL Island and 29 at IANGAIN Island . Together there are 155 male and female children attending the three Catholic Mission Schools in the area . The Census figures show that there are 35 male and 32 female children attending other Mission Schools within the District . One male child attend the Government School at SOHANO, and two female adults teaching in other Mission Schools inside the District . No child attend school outside the District .

The children in the three Mission Schools in the area are taught in pidgin english and local language . Subjects taught in school are : arithmetic, social study, religious, instructions and little English . The Father in Charge informed the patrol that they expect to have standard four next year in the Catholic Mission School on HAN Island . At present the standards range from prep to standard one . No technical or manual arts are taught in school . The school starts at 8.00 am and finishes at 12.30 pm and the rest of the afternoon is free . As a whole all children of schoolage attend the three Catholic Mission Schools in the area . There are no Government Schools in the area .

Refer to the list of names of the Mission Teachers teaching in the Catholic Mission Schools in the area attached at the end of this report in appendix "A" .

HEALTH :-

Thereis only one Administration Aid Post in the area at PIUL Island . JACOB BISIA, who has been an Aid Post Orderly for four years in the area, is looking after the Aid Post . The Father in Charge also looked after the health of the people on HAN Island aswell with the medicine he gets from the Mission .

During the nine days patrol at the CARTERET Islands, a sickness was reported to the patrol . The patrol could not tell what type of a sickness it was, but the people discribed it to the patrol as being a sickness, where those who had this sickness could not walk around as their legs and hands were painig . a man and a woman who had this sickness first died within a week and ten other patients with similar sickness were brought within to hospital at SOHANO in the M.V.

NIVANI . This matter has been brought up to the Doctor in Charge of the hospital at SOHANO .

As a whole the people in the area are quite healthy and no other serious sicknesses or diseases were reported to the patrol . The Administration Aid Post in the area seems to look after the health of the people . The Aid Post has adequate supply of medicines .

AGRICULTURE :-

Coconut is the only cash crop grown in the area . But as I have mentioned above, coconuts are also a main part of the food for the people in the area .

Copra are sun dried and then sold to Wong You and Company at Buka Passage . There are no copra dryers in the area . During the period November 1965 and October 1966, Wong You and Company purchased approximately 34,236 lbs of sopra at a rate of 3 cents per lb . This amount has reduced by 15,652 lbs from what it was in 1964 . The people informed the patrol that not much copra was made during the stated period due to the fact that not many ships visited the area and that Wong You and Company delays the payment of the people for their

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AGRICULTURE :- Cont.

copra . The people also told the patrol that copra is only made when there are sufficient dried coconuts and when they hear that there are boats going into the area .

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY :-

There is one trade store in the area on HAN xxx Island owned by Wong You and Company . But at present Wong You and Company has stopped running it, owing to the fact that some 590 Dollars were stolen from the trade store sometimes early this year and thus Wong You stopped sending goods to the trade store . No one knew exactly who stole the money from the trade store . The only evidence obtained was that the man who stole the money, broke and entered in through the roof of the trade store . The people only suspect the two shopkeepers employed by Wong You and Company namely : PETER PICASAUM and REVI MARESS . This trade store has helped the people alot in the area, but now as it is not operating, the people find it a bit hard .

Trocas shells are also collected and sold for money . During the period November 1965 and October 1966, Wong You and Company purchased some 1,755 lbs of trocas shells at a rate of 4 shells for 10 cents . Other shells such as the jester cowrie have been sold for money or tobacco to those who visit the Islands and are interested in buying these shells . The shells are collected and sold individually and not group enterprises .

COMPLAINTS :-

One complaint was brought up to the patrol by a Tultul named MANHI of TIRANI village on HAN Island . The Tultul told the patrol that sometimes in March 1966, he paid 10 dollars to a man named BURUNO KOISANA in payment for a girl named MONICA KAKAHI, whom the Tultul wanted his son to get married to . The girl was about eighteen years old and was from IESILA Island, but was schooling at the Catholic Mission School on HAN Island . The story as it was told to the patrol was that the Tultul approached BURUNO about this matter as BURUNO was the girls uncle . BURUNO who was living at TULONAHAN village, agreed and accepted the money but did not approachx the mother. The girl stayed in Tultul's house for approximately six weeks and when she returned to IESILA Island for her school holidays, she told her mother and other relations about the matter and as a result they stopped her from going back to HAN Island . THE Tultul went over once to IESILA Island to bring the girl back to HAN Island, but her mother and other relations would not let her come back .

The Tultul only wanted to know whether if the girl was

coming back to HAN Island to get married to his son, and if not he asked the patrol whether he could get his 10 dollars back which he to the girls uncle, BURUNO .

The girl told the patrol that she does not want to go back to HAN Island again or get married to the Tultul's son . Thus the girl refused to go back to HAN Island and get married to the Tultul's son, the patrol ordered BURUNO KOISANA to pay 10 dollars back to the Tultul .

The complaint did not require court action and was settled arbitrarily and both parties were happy :

VILLAGE OFFICIALS :-

Village Officials are all orderly gentlemen with many years of service behind them . They seem to be effective enough but as the Islands are trouble free they are probably not too much tied up with their official duties .

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VILLAGE OFFICIALS :-

The list of Village Officials of the CARTERET

Islands is as follows :-

VILLAGE LULUAI TULTUL NAME

Yulonahan 1 - KOSIN

Tiarani - 1 MANHI

Piul 1 - HANETS

Iolasa - 1 NAGUSU

Iesila 1 - KOLSIN

Tangain 1 - RAKITA

REST HOUSE :-

At present there is no rest house in the area . The rest house which was constructed some years ago on HAN Islands has been pulled down .

As it is difficult sometimes to find building materials to build houses, the patrol only suggested to the Luluai and the Tultul that it would be a good idea if they are thinking of rebuilding a rest house in the area, as it will make it easier for Administration Officers who may patrol in the area in future . The patrol slept and stayed in one of the local houses owned by a Mission Teacher on HAN Island .

PADDLERS AND CANOES :-

Canoes were easy to hire and the men volunteered freely to take the patrol to the other islands in the CARTERETS . The paddlers and canoes were hired from the two villages on HAN Island namely : IULONAHAN and TIARANI . The people were paid in cash and the rate the paddlers and canoes were hired for was twenty cents per hours . The speed-boat owned by the Catholic Mission on HAN Island was hired once and the rate it was hired for was sixteen dollars per day : No paddler stayed away overnight from his own island village . The patrol returned each day after completion of work and slept on HAN Island .

CONCLUSION :-

In conclusion I would say apart from what I have already said above that the people in the CARTERET Islands are quite happy. The patrol was a successful one and was at all times well received by the people on the Islands . Full attendance were received during the meetings held in each of the villages on the Islands . The area showed a little future .

Attached in this report are :-

Sketch map of the CARTERET Islands

Village Population Register

Appendix "A" Mission Schools.

For your information and onforwarding, please .

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ATOLLS CENSUS DIVISION.

CARTERET ISLANDS.

APPROX SCALE :- One Inch :- 2 Miles

APPENDIX A
MISSION SCHOOL

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No BUKA PASSAGE S.D. No.5-1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by JAMES G. STEVEN, C.P.O.

Area Patrolled SELAU ROAD(PART).

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL.

Const. G.TANA, 9930, from 14/9/66 - 9/10/66.

Natives Const. L.GABISI 10504, from 10/10/66 - 21/10/66.

Duration--From 14 / 9 /1966 to 25 / 10 /1966.

Number of Days 42.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany ? NO

Last Patrol to Area by--District Services MAY/ /1964.

Medical / /19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol RECONSTRUCTION OF PART OF THE SELAU ROAD, AND THE
IMPROVEMENT OF THE PIDGIN LANGUAGE.

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

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14th December, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Bougainville District, SOHANO.

BUKA PASSAGE PATROL REPORT NO. 5 OF 1966/67:

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. Steven's report on his patrol to the Selau Road area. Covering memoranda from yourself and the Assistant District Commissioner, Hutjena are acknowledged and comments noted.

The patrol was to a specific area for a specific purpose and the report amply covers the situation. Such special projects are invaluable in the training of young inexperienced officers and Mr. Steven appears to have made the most of his opportunities here.

It is to be hoped that once Mr. Steven's knowledge of Pidgin improves he will spend more time with the village people enquiring of their ways and mores.

It is a pleasing first effort and under sympathetic guidance of his A.D.C. Mr. Steven should develop into a good field officer.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Our Reference 76/1/3

If calling ask for

Mr.

8 NOV 1968

Department of District Administration

Bougainville District,

SOHANO

November 3rd., 1966

The Director,

Department of District Administration,

KONEDOBU - PAPUA.

Patrol Report - HUTJENA No. 5 -

1966/1967 - SELAU Division.

Please find attached a covering memorandum and Patrol Report submitted by Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer Steven.

He carried out the specific task of making trafficable a section of the unsurfaced coastal vehicular track from Buka Passage along the north coast of Bougainville Island.

Considerable plantings of coconuts have been made by villages along this road through the SELAU Division.

The Public Works Division has now supplied a road overseer to continue the rehabilitation work further on this road and Mr. Stevens and his Patrol have returned to the Sub-District Headquarters at HUTJENA to carry out other tasks.

This young English Cadet had, I feel, with further experience and guidance the makings of a good field officer.

Att

(P.J. MOLLISON)

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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Sub-District Office ,
HUTJENA.

1st. November 1966 .

The District Commissioner ,
SOHANO.

PATROL REPORT HUTJENA NO. 5 - 1966/1967 ,
SELAU DIVISION.

I attach two copies of a Patrol Report submitted by
Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer Stevens . This is Mr. Stevens' first
patrol report .

Mr. Stevens was sent to the SELAU area of North
Bougainville for the express purpose of improving the vehicular
road of BONIS Plantation to SIARA village . Previously , it
had been possible to travel from BONIS to SIARA by landrover in
1½ hours in dry weather . For most of this year , the road has
been closed in about four places . Many requests for help had
been received from the local people , who have considerable
stands of coconuts .

The District Commissioner made available \$ 1600 and Mr.
Stevens made his camp at RAMUNDATA village . I provided him with
an Administration tractor and trailer . After six weeks of hard
work , he successfully completed approximately two miles of road
from RAMUNDATA to BONIS Plantation . This stretch of road had been
impassable . It is now traversable in all weather . Mr. Richards
of P.W.D. has now taken over the job of improving the roads in
the SELAU area , and I have this week sent Mr. Stevens to HAPAN
to complete the road there .

Mr. Stevens also took the opportunity of improving his
knowledge of pidgin english . His usefulness is restricted until
he has a good working knowledge of pidgin .

I am quite pleased with the work Mr. Stevens is foing .
He has submitted a neat and consise patrol report for one who has
so recently become engaged in field activity .

Forwarded, please .

A.J.Hanrahan

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Our reference 67/2/1.

If calling ask for

Mr.

The Assistant District Commissioner,

Sub-District office,

HUTJENA.

Department of District Administration.

Sub-district office,

HUTJENA,

Bougainville,

T.N.G.

29th. October 1966.

BUKA PASSAGE SUB-DISTRICT PATROL No. 5 of 1966/67.

INTRODUCTION:

This was my first patrol. Having only a rudimentary knowledge of pidgin, one objective to be achieved was the improvement of the same. The other objective was the reconstruction of a section of the SELAU ROAD from BONIS plantation, BUKA PASSAGE to RAMUNDATA, a distance of about two miles.

This road follows the coast for its entirety, and is situated on the north-east coast of the island of Bougainville. The road commences at BONIS plantation, and terminates at RURI, a distance of approximately fifteen miles. The road from BONIS to just outside RAMUNDATA is at sea level, after which it rises sharply to a height of fifty feet, and then rises gradually to just outside RAMUNDATA, whence it rises again sharply about another fifty feet, it now being about two hundred feet above sea level. This elevation it maintains for the rest of its length.

Although I was only required to reconstruct the road from BONIS to RAMUNDATA, I made a trip to HANTOA mission, about two thirds of the way up the road, ostensibly to introduce myself to Fr. SPRINGER. I was able to observe the condition of the road as I progressed towards HANTOA mission, and the degree of deterioration was equal to, if not worse than that of one particularly bad section of the BONIS/RAMUNDATA road.

The climate is hot and very humid during the day, but the nights are cool. This area receives approximately [120"] of rain annually.

James G. Steven, C.P.O.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS:

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Reception of A reasonable attitude existed throughout my patrol: stay. The grassy area around the rest house was cut and swept at regular intervals at my request. The bringing of firewood and fruit and vegetables for sale was not spontaneous, and people had to be repeatedly asked to bring the above.

Roads and The road from BONIS to just outside MANOB Bridges: was in excellent condition, with the exception of a few potholes in the road near MANOB. After MANOB the road rises sharply, and just after this point until near RAMUNDATA, the road was in an appalling state of repair. It was deeply pitted and rutted over its whole width - the work of the passage of tractor tyres and a three ton truck. What drains were visible were choked with sediment and vegetation. The bush had crept right up to the edges of the road and was badly in need of cutting, as was the grass on the road. Large sago trees on either side of the road in certain places in conjunction with non-operative drains, contributed to the formation of large areas of permanently water-logged ground, often knee deep in mud.

Work was commenced by cutting back the bush, but the sago trees had to remain as they were native property and useful to the natives for the construction of roofs. I asked the headman at MANOB when he thought he would be making use of these trees and he replied that it might be a long time before any repairs would be made to the roofs in the village, consequently the trees would, whilst standing, remain a constant threat to the well being of the road.

The original drains were cleared of all impedimentation, and some new diagonal drains were dug across the road at appropriate places, to facilitate the drainage of large potholes. As there were no drums available to construct culverts, small stones were initially laid in these diagonal drains, followed by larger stones and finally a covering of coronas. All other potholes and ruts, after being drained of water, were filled with large stones and covered with coronas. Under explicit instructions from Mr. Hanrahan, all firm, level vehicular tracks were further consolidated with a layer of coronas

only.

The completed road was firm but by no means even. Mr. Richards who took over from me to continue the reconstruction past RAMUNDATA, said he would level off the road when taking the caterpillar tractor from BONIS to RAMUNDATA, repairing any damage done as he went.

A tractor and trailer and fifteen native labour was used. A five day week was adhered to, commencing at 7am in the morning and finishing at 4pm, with one hour for lunch from 11am to 12noon. The number of men was kept constant throughout, with the exception of one time when extra men were employed to collect stones from the bush, there being a great lack of the same.

Coronas was plentiful, there being a large deposit close to RAMUNDATA.

There were no bridges on the entire stretch of road.

The people of MANOB were not obliged to cut the grass during council week or to collect stones for the construction of the road as this is a non-gazetted road, although at my request they did collect stones on every Monday during council week, as did the people of RAMUNDATA, a non-council village. Also towards the end of my

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OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS(CONT):

Roads and both villages participated in the cutting of grass during bridges council week. Approximately \$420 was spent on this two miles (cont): section of road.

Rest houses: For the entirety of the patrol, I remained at the rest house at RAMUNDATA. This was constructed entirely of native material. On my arrival there, there were some visible holes in the roof, and this was rectified immediately. However the roof leaked for my entire stay, despite further attempts by the natives to mend it sound. One of the main support timbers had completely rotted away at ground level and was hanging uselessly from the floor. The building was only adequate for one person plus gear to live in comfort. The bed sle eve when erected swallowed half the available space in the room.

Health: Generally speaking, the villagers were in good health, although a few bad cases of tinea and tropical ulcers were evident amongst the older people and the children respectively. There is an aid post at GOHI, about 1hr. walking distance away, but the people were too lazy to walk that far for treatment.

Villages: The village of RAMUNDATA was divided into two parts, being divided by about one hundred yards of bush. One part is about five times the size of the other in terms of population, the population of RAMUNDATA being approximately 110 persons. All houses were built entirely of native material, the majority being ground dwellings. The others were raised on stilts, and this mode of construction was gaining popularity, as I saw the construction of three new houses being done in this manner.

The site was in a good position, on the shore and close to the road.

Each community had a 1,000 gallon water tank. The tank in the larger part of the village was dry on three occasions during my stay, and was never more than quarter full on any one occasion. The other tank was always full to the brim, in fact, under the overflow of the tank were three 44 gallon drums, one of which was always full.

Both sites clean, despite the ever present pigs and dogs, and lavatories were constructed on land and appeared to be in good order.

Personnel: No situation arose where either policeman was required to his official capacity as a member of the R.P. & N.G.C. What arrands thye ran for me were done expediently and efficiently. At no time were the police used on the road. They were there purely to help set up camp and to maintain law and order.

Conclusion: For my first patrol it was an interesting experience and an insight into the way these people lived. My knowledge of pidgin was considerably improved. As regards the road, if it is regularly maintained by the people, and it is to their advantage that this be done as the road is very necessary for transporting their copra, it should be a long time before any majorx maintainance is required, such as I had to do.

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PATROL DIARY - Wednesday 14th. september 1966 -
Tuesday 25th. october 1966.

14-9-66: 0800hrs. Ferry from chinatown to BONIS plantation. In the company of Mr. HANRAHAN, A.D.C. HUTJENA, I walked from BONIS to RAMUNDATA. The rest of the day was spent settling into the rest house.

15-9-66: Fifteen workers were assembled at 7am. Set to work cutting back the bush from just outside MANOB to RAMUNDATA. I went to see the manager of BONIS plantation regarding the hire of a tractor and trailer. Men completed work of clearing and bush.

16-9-66: The day was spent digging drains and draining water from potholes.

17-9-66: Weekend spent at RAMUNDATA.

18-9-66:

19-9-66: Public holiday. Spent the day at SOHANO and returned to RAMUNDATA in the evening.

20-9-66: The majority of potholes were filled with stones available and some men were sent into the bush to collect more stones. With the aid of BONIS'S tractor, a small section of the road was covered with coronas.

21-9-66: The whole day was spent at the coronas pit, extracting stones and piling coronas.

22-9-66: The men were divided into two groups; one party at the pit extracting stones and piling coronas; the other collecting stones from the bush, as there was a great lack of the same.

23-9-66: The tractor and trailer was employed in collecting stones to fill enormous potholes, enlarged by wednesday night's rain and the passage tractor tyres. Mr. HANRAHAN, A.D.C. HUTJENA, made an inspection in the morning of the work so far completed. I went with him as far as SORUM, where the landrover broke down. The tractor was fetched to restart the landrover, which it did successfully.

24-9-66 Weekend spent at SOHANO. Returned to RAMUNDATA on sunday

25-9-66: night.

26-9-66: The day was spent collecting stones from the bush and filling potholes.

27-9-66: The day was spent in much the same way as yesterday. The government tractor and trailer arrived in the later afternoon from HUTJENA.

28-9-66: Men again divided into two parties. One party extracting stones and piling coronas at the pit, the other working on

the road, filling potholes and coronasing the same.

29-9-66: Much the same as yesterday, except a few men were employed in digging some drains, as the present drainage system was found to be inadequate after some heavy rain in the past few days.

30-9-66: The trailer tyres were too deflated to be used on the road with a trailer even partly full of coronas. The tyres were unable to be inflated as it was found that the flexible pipe on the foot pump was fractured. The driver was consequently sent to HUTJENA to fetch a new one. The day was spent in the coronas pit in the usual manner.

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PATROL DIARY(cont).

1-10-66 & Weekend spent at SOHANO. Returned to Ramundata on

2-10-66: sunday night.

3-10-66: These three days were spent in the same manner as the

4-10-66: previous week, namely, one party at the pit, the other

5-10-66: working on the road.

6-10-66: The trailer tyre punctured first thing in the morning.

Driver sent to HUTJENA to fetch new inner tube and the

necessary tools for the job. The rest of the day was

spent in the usual manner at the pit.

7-10-66: Heavy rain over the last few nights necessitate d the

reconstruction of parts of the road previously firm in

dry conditions.

8-10-66& Weekend spent at SOHANO. Returned to RAMUNDATA on sunday

9-10-66: night.

10-10-66: Very heavy rain over the weekend made it necessary to

coronas the road leading to the coronas put, to render

it tractable. THE morning was spent on this project

and the afternoon spend coronasing the road and filling

potholes in the same manner as the past weeks.

11-10-66: The tractor and t railer was unavailable today as a drum

of petrol had not arrived. This came in the later afternoon.

The day was spent at the coronas pit.

12-10-66 & These thre e days were spent coronasing the road in places

13-10-66 & were the passage of the tractor and trailer had caused

14-10-66: small d epressions in the road, these parts having been
previously coronased.

15-10-66 & Weekend spent at RAMUNDATA.

16-10-66:

17-10-66 & Some ruts which had been formed by the passage of the

18-10-66 & tractor on a previously scund section of the road, were

19-10-66: filled with stones and coronased.

20-10-66: Mr. HANRAHAN, A.D.C. HUTJENA, made an inspection in the

morning of the road with a P.W.D. representative from

KIETA, Mr. RICHARDS, who is due to take over on TUESDAY

25th. OCTOBER. I was given explicit instructions by Mr.

HANRAHAN to finish my time by coronasing the wheel tracks

only.

21-10-66: Work was started on coronasing the wheel tracks on a short

hill close by MANOB, which might become slippery in wet

weather.

22-10-66:& Weeknd spent at RAMUNDATA.

23-10-66:

24-10-66: Mr. RICHARDS arrived with his gear in the morning and deposited the same at the rest house. He left in the afternoon to attend to divers business in chinatown. The men were put to work in the pit, as the tractor was not available, owing to the lack of petrol.

25-10-66: Having packed all gear, I departed for BONIS by tractor at 0700hrs. Ferry arrived at 0800hrs, and Mr. RICHARDS who was on it, now officially took over. Ferry to china-town and thence to HUTJENA.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No BUKA PASSAGE S.D. No [5][7]-1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by JAMES G. STEVEN, C.P.O.

Area Patrolled SOLUS ROAD, BUKA(PART).

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL.

Natives Const. L.GABISI, No. 10964, from 31/10/66 - 4/11/66.

Duration--From 31 / 10 /1966 to 2 / 12 /1966.

Number of Days 26.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany ? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by--District Services / /19 Almost daily contact.

Medical / /19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol EXTENSION OF THE SOLUS ROAD, BUKA FROM KOHISO TO HAPAN.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

30/12/1966

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

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram

Our Reference 67-1-3

If calling ask for

Mr

Department of District Administration,

Bougainville

SOHANO

17th January, 1967.

The Director,

Department of District Administration,

KONEDOBU - PAPUA .

PATROL REPORT HUTJENA NO. 7 - 1966-67.

My 67-1-3 of 30th December, 1966 refers.

The attached was inadvertently not forwarded
with the abovementioned correspondence.

(J.E. WAKEFORD)

a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Att.

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67-11-12

9th February, 1967.

District Commissioner,

Bougainville District,

SOHANO. PATROL REPORT - HUTJENA NO. 7/1966-67:

Receipt of the above report and year 67-1-3 of the
17th January, 1967 is acknowledged with thanks.

Mr. Steven has carried out a satisfactory routine
patrol concerned with road work, and compiled a neat report.

(J.K. McCarthy)

DIRECTOR.

67.11.12

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Our Rtlenna!..... 67—1-3

If calling aik for

Mr.....

25 JAN 1967

Department of District Administration,

Bougainville District,

SOHANO

17th January, 1967

The Director,

Department of District Administration,

KONEDOBU - PAPUA.

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a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Att.

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Sub-District Office ,
HUTJENA.

29th, December 1966 .

The District Commissioner ,
SOHANO.

P/R HUTJENA NO. 7 - 1966/1967.

Please find attached , original and one copy
of a report on a patrol to the SOLUS are of BUKA Island ,
carried out by Mr.J.Steven , Cadet Patrol Officer . I have the
following comments .

KOHISO/HAPAN ROAD.

After the Department of Public Works concluded
road building operations on BUKA in January 1965 , HAPAN was
the only village not connected to the road complex . A bridge
was constructed across the GAGAN river by the Department
of District Administration and an earth road formed from the
bridge to HAPAN .

To be of any use , the road needed a thick
coronus surface . A quarter of a mile of surfacing was completed
using the DDA station tractor in 1965 . Having received \$ 300
on a Works Order from the District Commissioner , an attempt was
new made to finish it . Mr. Steven completed a further mile of
surfacing , which was all that could be expected with the
prevailing rain . All of the available funds were expended . The
road will be completed when I have staff and money available .

A constable accompanied Mr. Steven for the first
week of his patrol to assist him in setting up his camp . The
constable was not employed on road work .

GENERAL

Mr. Steven have submitted a neat report . Mr. Steven
has now been in the Sub-District for four months . He had a
working knowledge of pidgin english and I consider him now
ready for more generalised patrolling and some Local Government
work . For this reason , I have posted him to TINPUTZ Patrol Post .
Forwarded , please .

K.J.Hanrahan
Assistant District Commissioner

67.11.12

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference..67-1-3

I am calling ask for

Mr.....

25 JAN 1967

Department of District Administration,

Bougainville District,

SOHANO,

30th December, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,

Sub-District Office,

PATROL REPORT No. 7 1966/67.

HUTJENA.

Please thank Mr. Stevens for his patrol report.

He appears to have worked very hard on the road.

There are one or two points which I feel I should make. It is I think, laid down that patrol instructions should accompany the patrol report. I also feel that Mr. Stevens could make more use of capital letters especially in the diary on the 28/11/66.

I may be able to assist you with some funds. How much do you require? I cannot assist you with staff.

A readable report.

(P.J. MOLLISON)

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. Director,

Department of District Administration,

KONEDOBU.

Mr. Stevens.

Patrol Post,

TINPUTZ

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Our Reference 67/2/1.

If calling ask for

Mr.

The Assistant District Commissioner,

Sub-District office,

HUTJENA.

Department of District Administration,

Sub-district office,

HUTJENA,

Bougainville,

T.N.G.

6th. December 1966.

BUKA PASSAGE SUB-DISTRICT PATROL No. 7 of 1966/67.

INTRODUCTION:

The main objective of this patrol was the extension of the SOLUS ROAD, BUKA from KOHISO to HAPAN, a distance of about one and a half miles.

The above road is one of two main roads on the island.

Halfway up the east coast of Buka at Lonahan, the road branches off inland in a westerly direction across the island and pursues this path for approximately eight miles before its termination at KOHISO on the GAGAN river. From KOHISO to HAPAN the road was only a dirt track with no formal surface. It was my task to supervise the construction of a permanent tractable surface under all climatic conditions.

No figures are available as regards annual rainfall, but in my short stay at KOHISO it rained heavily for ten nights out of the twentysix I was there, and it also rained in the morning and some afternoons frequently. This affinity can partly be attributed to a range of hills nearby of about a thousand feet in height.

James G. Steven, C.P.O.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS:

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Reception of A reasonably friendly attitude existed throughout my stay at KOHISO. Fresh vegetables and fruit were brought regularly but they were very reluctant to bring firewood, so much so that on two occasions Mr. Hanrahan had to speak to them about this, and this solved the problem.

Roads and Over the GAGAN river at KOHISO there is a bridge, and it is at this point that the SOLOS road proper terminates. From thereon for about half a mile the road has been coronassed, the work of Fr. LUCKEN and Thomas MEIN, a local copra producer residing at HAPAN. The other mile of road was just a dirt track about twenty feet in width, and it was from this point that construction was started.

A labour force of fifteen men was used in conjunction with a tractor and two trailers. This force was split up into three groups, one group at the coronas pit, another with the tractor and trailer and the other digging drains. Where the ground was firm and level, a layer of coronas only would be deposited. It was fortunate that both trailers had hydraulic tipping mechanisms in working order as this saved much time, and also deposited the coronas more evenly and economically than if it were done manually. Any water-logged sections were firstly strengthened with large rocks, and then covered as before with coronas.

The road, for the most part, runs through marshy country, being so close to the river; consequently drainage on these parts of the road was very poor, the decrease of the water level in the drains relying on solar evaporation rather than seepage. As a result of this poor drainage, whenever the heavy rains came, which was often, those parts of the road which were badly drained, were in constant need of repair. Consequently we were only able to construct about half a mile of road as opposed to the initial one mile first thought of. Also it was found that the tractor with a trailer load of coronas would not adhere to the greasy surface of the dirt-track after heavy rain, and this caused further delays.

There were xxxxxx two coronas pits at GAGAN, about two and a half miles away. Only one was used. The deposit of coronas there just sufficed for the five weeks of road construction. If any further construction is to be done on the road, it will be necessary for a bulldozer to work some fresh deposits. Approximately ten loads of coronas were deposited daily on the road.

There is only one bridge on this section of road and that spans the GAGAN river at KOHISO. Construction in 1964, it is still in excellent condition, with the exception of the awning which is badly in need of repair(re-thatching).

A five day week was adhered to, working from 7am till 4pm, with an hour for lunch from 11am to 12noon. \$327 was expended on this half mile section of road.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS(CONT):

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Rest houses: For the entire patrol I remained at the rest house at KOHISO. This was constructed of native hewn wood, and had a corrugated iron roof, which served as a water catchment area for the four village water tanks, situated behind the rest house. The building was in good condition, there being ample room for three people. There was one disturbing factor regarding my stay, and that was the presence of large quantities of vermin at night. Traps were used effectively, and by the end of the patrol this menace ceased to exist.

Health The people were in a good state of health here and there was a hospital at GAGAN staffed by a fully qualified nursing sister.

Villages: The majority of houses were constructed on stilts, ground dwellings obviously outmoded here. The site was in a pleasant position on a hill overlooking the GAGAN river.

There were four 1,000 gallon water tanks of which only three were operative. These tanks were joined in pairs, and one coupling had broken on one of the tanks. However the other three tanks were always at least $\frac{2}{3}$ full throughout my stay, so there is no hurry to repair this, especially as the council plumber is particularly busy at this time of the year.

The site was kept very clean despite the presence of large quantities of pigs, fowls and dogs.

Personnel: No situation arose where the policeman was required to act in his official capacity. At no time was he used in the construction of the road, but was there purely to assist in setting up camp and maintain law and order.

Conclusion: Regular maintenance will have to be affected if the road is to remain open to any vehicles other than tractors.

Finally I would like to extend a vote of thanks to Fr. Lucken and the sisters at GAGAN mission for their unfailing co-operation in matters concerned with this road construction.

PATROL DIARY

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31/10/66: Departed from KOHISO at 1030hrs, and arrived at 1130hrs.

Set up camp in the morning and inspected road as far as HAPAN. Also negotiated hire of mission trailer from Fr. LUCKEN and GAGAN. Also inspected the two coronas pits at GAGAN.

1/11/66: The whole day was spent laying coronas & stone on a small, steep hill just outside KOHISO. A labour force of fifteen men was assembled at 7am, and this was split into three groups, one at the pit, another on the tractor and trailer and another digging drains on a previously prepared section of road.

2/11/66: Much the same as yesterday, except the tractor was now working on flat, firm ground and consequently less coronas was needed.

3/11/66: A soft patch of ground was encountered and this had to be consolidated with many stones, otherwise work was much the same as yesterday.

4/11/66: Another soft patch of ground was encountered close to the last one. This was consolidated in the same manner as the last one, and a heavy layer of coronas was laid over this.

5/11/66 & Weekend spent at KOHISO.

6/11/66:

7/11/66: The mission trailer was again available for hire, and so the two trailers were used in the same manner as before. The three groups of men were employed as previously.

8/11/66: Heavy rain in the early afternoon made it necessary to re-coronas some sections of the road already completed in order to render them tractable. This was done successfully.

9/11/66: Very heavy rain fell all afternoon, and in the process of reversing the tractor into a side road for the return journey to the coronas pit, the trailer wheels became firmly embedded in mud, and several efforts with the aid of nearby labour failed to budge it. The tractor and other trailer was put off the road as it was feared this might happen again. Tractor labour was put to work digging drains.

10/11/66: The tractor was put on the road again this morning. The prepared section of road for laying coronas was still too wet to work on, so the existing road was further consolid-

ate d. In the afternoon, the trailer was retrieved from the bush with the aid of the whole labour force. Work was then effected in the usual manner.

11/11/66: After heavy rain during the night, work on the prepared section of road was again impossible, so the existing road was consolidated as before.

12/11/66 & Weekend spent at HUTJENA.

13/11/66:

14/11/66: The prepared section of road was now dry and construction was effected in the usual manner, namely, laying a trailer load of coronas to approximately ten yards of road.

15/11/66: I went to HUTJENA in the morning to obtain a fresh drum of petrol and returned in the early afternoon.

PATROL DIARY(CONT)

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16/11/66: After a few hours at work on the road, I assisted Mr. Hanrahan in the BUKA council elections at HAPAN in the morning, and at GAGAN in the afternoon. TOBUIN, the councillor at HAPAN was unopposed and regained his seat. There were three candidates at GAGAN, and KAPIT, the previous councillor, was re-elected, gaining the decision on a recount.

17/11/66: I again assisted Mr. Hanrahan in the council elections, this time at KOHISO. There were five candidates standing and the previous councillor, HAPOT, gained a large majority to win. Road work was continued in the afternoon as usual.

18/11/66: Heavy rain during the morning and early afternoon made it impossible to work on the prepared section of road, so the road so far completed was further consolidated.

19/11/66 & Weekend spent at HUTJENA.

20/11/66:

21/11/66: Heavy rain during Sunday night and Monday morning made work on the prepared section of road impossible, so depressions on the recently completed section of road were filled with stones and covered with coronas.

22/11/66: Very heavy rain during Monday night and on Tuesday morning made work on the prepared section of road impossible, so repairs were effected in the same manner as yesterday.

23/11/66: A dry day made it possible to effect work in the same manner as yesterday.

25/11/66: Rain on Thursday night and Friday morning made work impossible on the prepared section of road, so parts of the road that required it were repaired.

26/11/66 & Weekend spent at HUTJENA.

27/11/66:

28/11/66: Work was suspended on the road today as the arrival of a charter plane from Moresby in the morning and the arrival of his honour the administrator in the afternoon necessitated my presence.

29/11/66: Exceedingly heavy rain on Sunday night and Monday morning caused the GAGAN river at KOHISO to rise about eight feet, and in so doing, to flood one of the approach roads to the bridge. However this was traversable as it was only one foot in depth. Work was effected in the normal manner as the section of road we were working

on was well drained and dried out early in the morning.

30/11/66: A wet night made the going tricky in the morning, and after the passage of a large tractor and trailer heavily laden with copra, our tractor became firmly embedded on two occasions, as the ruts caused by the tractor from Chinatown were so deep that our tractor did not have sufficient ground clearance to traverse these parts of the road. As a result of this, only four loads of coronas were deposited instead of the usual twelve.

1/12/66: After a dry night and what turned out to be a dry day, work was executed in the usual manner, about fifty yards of road being coronassed.

2/12/66: Despite a wet night, work was effected in the same manner as yesterday. As funds for the road were now exhausted, I packed up camp and returned to HUTJENA.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
PATROL REPORT

District of Bougainville - [Hutjena] Report No 11 - 66/67

Patrol Conducted by M.J. Edgar - Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Part Koromira.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Nil

Duration--From 15 / 2 /1967 to 17 / 2 /1967

Number of Days 2 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany ? No.

Last Patrol to Area by--District Services October/1966

Medical August/18 1965.

Map Reference as per attached sketch.

Objects of Patrol Investigate and evaluate alleged cargo cult in Koromira

Census Division.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

14/3/1961

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

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Ref: [67. 11. 15]

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

2/6/1967

District Commissioner, Sohano

PATROL NO. (Kieta) 11 of 1966/67

Ref your 67. 1. 6 of 14/3/67.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:-

Memorandum of Patrol No.

Patrol Report No. 11 of 66/67

covering patrol by [?] M. Edgar

(J.K. McCarthy)

DIRECTOR.

Delete as necessary.

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20 MAR 1967
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.
14th. March, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KIETA.

Patrol Report No. 11.66/67.

Please thank Mr. Edgar for his patrol report.

The report to me is vague, it didn't really tell us anything that we did not already know.

You may recall that we were told at first that the "cargo" was wealth in the ground. Mr. Edgar however states that it is foodstuffs and clothing. Not one of the informants can give anything definite.

Keep Mr. Gregory in the area and play the ridicule line as hard as you can.

(J.E. WAKEFORD)

A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU - PAPUA.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Our Reference P/R 11-66-67

If calling ask for

Mr.

Department of District Administration

KIETA

13th March, 1967

The District Commissioner,

Bougainville District,

SOHANO.

PATROL REPORT - NO.11 OF 1966/67 - M.EDGAR.

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Introduction

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Mr. Gregory has been in the KOROMIRA area for the past four weeks on the road purchase and he will remain there for as long as necessary. He has been instructed to ridicule the cult on all possible occasions, to point out that "baby farms" will only ruin the stability of both the family and land ownership, and to point out that leaders invariably benefit themselves financially and share other peoples wives, but that the mass of adherants only become confused, hungry, and a laughing stock. He has been told to keep reports coming.

At the moment the cult is clandestine but all reports indicate that the present policy of ridicule is playing dividends.

Mr. Edgar's report is not signed as he was sent to the C.R.S. area immediately on his return from KOROMIRA.

I will keep you informed.

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KIETA.

13th March, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

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PATROL REPORT

District of: BOUGAINVILLE Report No: 11 - 66/67.

Patrol Conducted by: M.J. Edgar Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled: Part KOROMIRA.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans: Nil

Natives: Nil

Duration From: 15/2/67 - 17/2/67

Number of Days: 2 days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?: No.

Last Patrol to Area by - District Services: October 1966.

Medical: August 1965

Map Reference:- as per attached sketch.

Objects of Patrol: - Investigate and evaluate alleged cargo cult in Koromira Census Division.

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INTRODUCTION

The KOROMIRA Census Division lies to the S.E. of Kieta and was kept under close scrutiny by Mr. M. Denehy, Assistant District Commissioner, Kieta because of the prevalence of cargo cults, for many years.

On many occasions people from this area have been imprisoned for spreading false reports.

It appears that most cargo cults are a result of misinterpreting Christain beliefs and combining parts of their traditional religion with parts of Christiran doctrines.

DIARY.

Wednesday 15th February 1967.

1100 departed Kieta per land rover for MANGONA Rest House.

1340 arrived at MANGONA Rest House and welcomed by C.P.O. R. Gregory.

1430 after lunch proceeded to KOROMIRA Roman Catholic Mission to interview Father Duffy in regard to the alleged re emergence of cargo cult activity.

1630 proceeded to Society headquarters in search of Councillor NIKOLA KARABI and MANGONA. Apparently he has gone to Kieta.

1700 returned to MANGONA Rest House then wandered about nearby MANGONA hamlets in search of one MAURO and his son JOSEPH - they are reported to be in bush.

Slept at MANGONA Rest House.

Thursday 16th February 1967.

0755 departed Rest House for PIKU village in search of Paul ABARA who may be able to give information on this cargo cult activity.

0840 arrived PIKA and was advised that Paul ABARA was in Kieta.

0900 moved on to KEKERE Plantation to interview the manager Francis Seeto.

0920 arrived Plantation but Mr. Seeto unable to throw any light on cult activity. He claims that he has not noticed anything unusual in his vicinity over the past few months.

0940 Moved to SIROWAI village where contact was made with the Seventh Day Adventist Teacher MELLIE.

Two other persons DONNER and KUGHUKA joined in

discussions

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These men alledge that cult activity is emerging again under the guidance of NIKOLA of MANGONA and Paul MENA of PONDONA. One MOIKE of SIPUREI was also mentioned as being a very active participant.

The informants claim that their Councillor, DOREREI has joined the movement and is trying to interest his village in joining.

1125 arrived at MATANA to interview people who may be able to give information re cult activity.

Small coconut plantation belonging to one Ivan of Aitape was inspected had been cleaned quite recently

Spoke with Thomas BIREI, and English speaker, of MATANA while he accompanied me back to KEKERE plantation about cargo cults. He claims he is not aware of any cultist movement in the area. He did acknowledge that he had heard rumours that [he had heard rumours that] Paul MENA was at PONDONA. He has also heard that two young women from KOKADEI village were somewhere in his area but did not know where.

1250 arrived back at Kekere Plantation.

1325 moved on to Society again with Mr. D. Williams of P.W.D. to interview NIKOLA. He is still not available.

1430 returned to Rest House at MANGONA and again tried to locate MAURO and his son. Again unsuccessful.

1600 Councillor NIKOLA arrived at MANGONA Rest House. Discussions about re-emergence of cult activity. He claims that the cult activity has now ceased and that he is just trying to get people to be more friendly and tolerant towards each other in preparation for self government.

Rather evasive about the meeting he convened at BANGA (Society)

NIKOLA claims that natives from other areas are coming into the KOROMIRA area to see how the new idea works.

1745 Councillor NIKOLA departed and shortly afterwards Paul ABARA arrived. He claims he has been fishing and did not go to Kieta.

He gave essentially the same story as Councillor

NIKOLA.

Both men scoffed at the idea of a Hahalis type
cult starting in the area.

Slept at MANGONA Rest House.

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Friday 17th February 1967.

0800 Councillor BOREREI of SIROWAI village arrived.

Discussed cargo cults. He claims to be a Seventh Day Adventist and is therefore above such ideas as cargo cults.

0830 Councillor BOREREI left saying he had to return to his coconut plantation.

1230 Land Rover arrived to transport me to Kieta.

Moved on to SIROWAI village but Mellie was unavailable. Returned to PIKA and advised, Mr. R. Gregory, C.P.O. that Mellie of SIROWAI may approach him from time to time with information concerning cult activity. He was asked to ensure any information was sent to Kieta as soon as possible.

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Patrol Conducted by: M.J. Edgar Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled: Part KOROMIRA.
Patrol Accompanied by Europeans: Nil
Natives: Nil
Duration From: 15/2/67 - 17/2/67
Number of Days: 2 days.
Did Medical Assistant Accompany?: No.
Last Patrol to Area by - District Services: October 1966.
Medical: August 1965
Map Reference:- as per attached sketch.
Objects of Patrol: - Investigate and evaluate alleged
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INTRODUCTION

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On many occasions people from this area have been imprisoned for spreading false reports.

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DIARY.

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Slept at MANGONA Rest House.

Thursday 16th February 1967.

0755 departed Rest House for PIKU village in search of Paul ABARA who may be able to give information on this cargo cult activity.

0840 arrived PIKA and was advised that Paul ABARA was in Kieta.

0900 moved on to KEKERE Plantation to interview the manager Francis Seeto.

0920 arrived Plantation but Mr. Seeto unable to throw any light on cult activity. He claims that he has not noticed anything unusual in his vicinity over the past few months.

0940 Moved to SIROWAI village where contact was made with the Seventh Day Adventist Teacher MELLIE.

Two other persons DONNER and KUGHUKA joined in

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
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Area Patrolled CARTERETS, MORTLOCKS, TASMANS.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans 2

Natives NIL

Duration--From 28 / 1 /1967 to 7 / 2 /1967

Number of Days 10 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany MEDICAL OFFICER, SOHANO.

Last Patrol to Area by--District Services 4 / 1 /1967

Medical 4 / 1 /1967

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION, INVESTIGATION ALLEDGED

THEFT WONG YOUS STORE CARTERETS.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

28/2/1957

District Commisioner

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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8th June, 1967.

District Commissioner,

Bougainville District,

S O H A N O.

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(J. K. McCarthy)

DIRECTOR

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.
RWB/LMW :
File : 67/1/3.

Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.
27th. February, 1967.

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The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.
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Attached hereto please find a copy of
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Officer.

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amount in question.

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crew had gone ashore at the TASMANS.

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For a ten (10) day Patrol Mr. LEESON
has not passed on a great deal of information. He should
study the Departmental Standing Instructions on the
compilation of Patrol Reports.

(J. E. WAKEFORD).
A.DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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Sub-District Office ,
HUTJENA.
13th. February 1967 .

67/2/1.

The District Commissioner ,
SOHANO.
PATROL REPORT - HUTJENA NO. 12 - 1966/67,
ATOLLS.

Please find attached original and one copy of the
above report , submitted by Mr. Patrol Officer Leeson . Patrol
instructions and Field Officer's Journal are also attached . I have
the following comments .

THEFT AT CARTERETS.

Mr. Leeson's investigations are still incomplete . I
have instructed him to interview MALIAMA and MALASAE . I shall then
review the available evidence and decide whether to charge against
REBI can be substantiated .

Mr. Wong You has now closed his store at the CARTERETS .
This is unfortunate for the people as it was their only source of
trade goods . However , one can hardly blame him .
[illegible] DISPUTE.

The matter appears to have been settled to the
satisfaction of all .

FOREIGN FISHING VESSEL.

I have had Mr. Leeson make out a sighting report ,
and this is attached in duplicate . The vessel appears to have
been a Formosan fishing junk , which is usually blue in colour .

FOOD SHORTAGE AT CARTERETS.

Refer to paragraph 165 of the FOJ . The request for
Chinese taro shoots has been passed on to the District Agricultural
Officer .

RADIO TRANSCEIVERS.

The set at the CARTERETS is for the benefit of the
people and is operated by Fr. Mueller . It will remain there .

GENERAL.

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submitted an interesting report .

Forwarded , please

K.J.Hanrahan

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Our Reference 67/2/1.

If calling ask for

Mr.

Department of District Administration,

Sub-District Office ,

HUTJENA.

21st. January 1967 .

Mr.G.Leeson ,

Patrol Officer ,

HUTJENA.

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ATOLLS.

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Please submit your patrol report within one week after the completion of your patrol .

I wish you a pleasant trip .

Yours faithfully ,

K.J.Hanrahan

Assistant District Commissioner

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HUTJENA Sub-District,

Bougainville.

February, 1967.

INTRODUCTION

1. The ten day patrol conducted by myself per District trawler, MV NIVANI, carried out routine Administration of the following atolls in the Solomon Sea; the CARTERETS, the MORTLOCKS, and the TASMANS.
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6. Banking facilities were provided at all villages throughout the islands.
7. Transceivers at the MORTLOCKS and the TASMANS were tested and serviced.

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PATROL DIARY:

28th January

LEFT BUKA PASSAGE FOR CARTERETS.

Departed Wong Yous wharf per MV NIVANI at 0530 hrs. Arrived CARTERETS amidst high winds and heavy seas at 1430 hrs. Investigated theft from Wong Yous Trade store. Patrol accompanied by m.o. Sohano.

29th January

REMAINED CARTERETS.

Unable to travel MORTLOCKS due to unfavourable weather. Proceeded with investigation.

30th January

REMAINED CARTERETS.

As above.

31st January

As above.

1st February

LEFT CARTERETS FOR MORTLOCKS

Upped anchor at 1630 hrs for the MORTLOCK atolls. Arrived at 0700 hrs in rough seas but other wise voyage uneventful.

2nd February

REMAINED DAY AT MORTLOCKS.

Ashore at 0730 hrs and inspected village. Investigated TEHEKE land dispute. Investigated dispute into communal farming of an island called TAGU.

3rd February

Set sail for the TASMAN group at 0830 hrs. Weather good, slight seas, and light winds. Spent night at sea.

4th February

ARRIVED TASMANS.

Went ashore at 0830 hrs and inspected village. Provided C.S.B. facilities and settled the TEHEKE dispute.

Sighted Chinese fishing boat and reported to District Commissioner, Sohano. Spent night at TASMANS.

5th February

DEPARTED TASMANS FOR BUKA PASSAGE.

Searched the atoll for signs of chinese but found nothing.

Continued on to Buka, seas calm, spent night at sea.

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PATROL DIARY: Continued.

6th February.

ON ROUTE TO SOHANO.

Day spent at sea on NIVANI. Seas slight. Slept night at sea.

7th February.

ARRIVED BUKA.

Sighted land at 0700 hrs and arrived at Chinatown wharf at 0830 hrs.

Moderate seas and slight winds during night.

END OF PATROL

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HUTJENA SUB DISTRICT FEBRUARY 1967

NATIVE AFFAIRS

ALLE[D]GED THEFT AT CARTERETS

1. In regard to the alle[d]ged theft of S 586-30

from Wong Yous trade store at the CARTERETS the following information has come to light.

In August 1966 the above mentioned sum of money was given to Mr Morgan, the master of the MV NIVANI, to take to the CARTERETS and give to the storeman PETER/PIKASAU, an a[d]ged man of mixed race.

Mr Morgan stated that he handed the money over to PETER and that he then gave it to his store assistant REBI/MALASAE. The money was then placed in an unlocked box in the store where REBI slept. PETER then bought copra and trochus shell from the islanders with the existing cash that was already in the store. When, over the weeks, this supply of cash dwindled he asked REBI to give him the money that Wong You had sent on the NIVANI. REBI then said to him, "I dont have the money, it is finished". PETER then said to him, "Where has it gone, You are responsible for the money". REBI denied taking the money and said nothing further.

PETER then informed me that he thought REBI had stolen the money and had taken it to his cousin MAROU on a small island called IESILA. I then questioned MAROU at IESILA and he told me that REBI had left the money in an envelope in his house while he MAROU was away. REBI then returned a couple of days later and took the envelope back again. He said that it was an order for Wong You. I MAROU saw that it contained money but I thought it to be only a small amount. I think that REBI then took the money to another island called YENGEN where he gave it to his mother MALIANA.

A witness to the money being held at IESILA was one M/A MOSO of IHUN village. He stated that about six months ago REBI went to IESILA and gave marou a large amount of money. He said that he did not actually see REBI give the money to MAROU but MAROU's father, SOLI later showed him the money, and, said that REBI gave it to his son to look after.

I asked MOSO to estimate the amount and he said that their was a lest four hundred dollars, in new two dollar currency.

I then inquired into the whereabouts of REBI and his family and found them to be absent from the atoll.

MALIANAs husband, MALASAE is said to be working for Vincent Chan in Buka Passage.

MALIANA is said to be in hospital [SOHANO] and REBI is said to be in Rabaul working for the New Guinea Co on the MV PIRI.

I n summing up, from all available evidence, the money seems to have been stolen by the store assistant REBI/MALASAE who is now working in Rabaul.

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HUTJENA SUB DISTRICT FEBRUARY 1967

NATIVE AFFAIRS

TEHEKE COPRA MARKETING DISPUTE

1. The MORTLOCK people, having insufficient trees to produce a profitable amount of copra, arranged with the TASMANS people to work copra on a number of small uninhabited islands in the TASMANS group. The arrangements were that for every bag of copra the MORTLOCK labourers produced a fee of 50 cents should be paid to the TASMANS people.

2. A dispute arose when the MORTLOCK labourers shipped out fifty bags of copra on the NUKUTOA and failed to reimburse the TASMANS. This matter has now been settled with the landholders and the outstanding cash paid.

At present only four men from the MORTLOCKS are at the TASMANS but it is anticipated that this number will be doubled when possible. Their subsistence depends on profits made from the sale of copra for purchase of rice.

3. The people at the TASMANS were hesitant about allowing more MORTLOCKS in to work if there were to be any question about land rights in the future. The point was made emphatically that the land belonged to the TASMANS and that the MORTLOCK labourers were only there to produce copra and, in no way could acquire land without consent from the landholders, I would suggest that the next patrol obtain a written agreement from the TASMANS people in regard to a time limit and to the minimum amount of copra produced on a certain specified period.

Also a record should be kept by the luluai of the number of bags of copra produced and of the payments made.

4. In summing up[,]the dispute has now been settled but I think it only fair to add that the main island in the TASMANS group, NUKUMANU, like all the other islands, [are][is]overgrown with coconut trees and that most of the coconuts are left to rot where they fall.

If these trees are not thinned out in the next few years trouble will be experienced in obtaining sufficient good quality nuts.

It is suggested that an agricultural field worker proceed to the TASMANS and advise the people in the correct procedure of planting coconuts and in thinning out.

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HUTJENA SUB DISTRICT FEBRUARY 1967

NATIVE AFFAIRS

SIGHTING OF FOREIGN FISHING VESSAL

1. On Saturday, the 4th of February at 1400 hrs a foreign fishing vessal was sighted at the TASMANS on the ocean side of the atoll.

The vessal seemed to be approximately 40 ft in length, wooden hulled and painted a light blue. Its movements were such to suggest that it was trawling for fish along side the reef and, it was later observed that a small dingy had gone ashore.

The sighting was immediately reported by radio to the District Commissioner at Sohano who ordered the arrest of the crew if possible.

2. I then returned to the MV NIVANI and reported my instructions to the master, Mr Morgan. The ships outboard and dingy were made available to try to intercept the crewmen on the beach. Mr Morgan stated that it would be useless fo the NIVANI to "give chase" as it was a 2½ hour run out of the atoll to where the fishing vessal was situated.

I then went, per ships dingy and outboard motor, to NUKUMANU, a large uninhabited island where the crew were said to have fone ashore and, spent three hours in a fruitless search for the vessal.

However, evidence was found by Chinese writing on the sand and discarded coconuts, that some of the crew had been ashore. I then returned to the NIVANI at 1800 hrs where the night was spent.

At 0600 hrs the following morning the patrol searched the whole outer edge of the atoll but failed to sight the vessal. Acourse was then steered for Sohano.

ADMINISTRATION TRASCEIVERS

1. Three Administration transceivers are now in operation in the atolls visited by the patrol.

The transmitter at the CARTERETS is operated on occasions by the catholic missionary, Father Mueller, however, the equipment never seems to be operational for long.

Two battery chargers in the last four months have been returned to Htjena in a battered state of disrepair.

It is suggested that the radio be withdrawn and that the mission provide communication for the station.

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HUTJENA SUB DISTRICT FEBRUARY 1967

NATIVE AFFAIRS

ADMINISTRATION TRANSCEIVERS CONTINUED.

2. The Carmond at the MORTLOCKS is operated effectively by a native school teacher who seems never to experience trouble in this regard. The set, the batteries, and the battery charger were found to be in satisfactory condition.

3. The radio at the TASMANS, when visited by the patrol was not in operation. However, repairs were made, a new set of batteries installed, and a new battery charger provided. This charger was later returned to Hutjena due to an engine failure. The old charger at the TASMANS is in good condition and it was used to make contact with Sohano. The native operating the transmitter was instructed in its proper use and its service points.

COMMUNAL WORK IN THE MORTLOCKS

1. An old dispute in the MORTLOCKS was brought to the patrol concerning a large uninhabited island called TAGU. Tagu, a copra plantation, appears to have been owned by the New Guinea Co in the period of German Administration but, is now held in Trust by the Director of District Administration.

2. The previous lululi, PAIO, now deceased, has divided the island into four sections and had appointed one man to control copra production in each section.

A few other men from the village helped in this work and the profits of the venture were shared only by a small minority.

3. Now that the lululi has died, the tultul KAKI, a direct descendant of his MORTLOCK ancestors, and one of the major sources of power in the village, claims that the whole atoll belongs to him but, that he is prepared to relinquish his rights and, to let the ground be worked communally.

This interesting situation arose when men and women immigrated from Bougainville, New Island, and New Britain, settled down, and intermarried with the MORTLOCK people.

The tultul states that he is one of the sole survivors of his MORTLOCK ancestors and that most of the other members of his "line" are "mixed race."

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HUTJENA SUB DISTRICT FEBRUARY 1967

NATIVE AFFAIRS

COMMUNAL WORK IN THE MORTLOCKS - Continued.

4. When asked to define what he meant by communal work he said that every person on the atoll should be able to work on the plantations and to receive a share of the profit.

He said that he was quite capable of arranging a work programme that would be suitable for everyone.

A vote of confidence was taken with the result that 70 men and women voted in favour of communal work and six voted against.

It was then decided by the patrol that the solution was to run the plantation on a communal basis and that all profits were to be shared accordingly.

CONCLUSION

1. In regard to the theft from Wong Yous store I suggest that the MALASAE family, now residing in Buka Passage, be questioned and, if further incriminating evidence comes to light, to summon REBI/MALASAE to appear in Court.

2. The suggestions re the TEHEKE copra dispute should be followed up and carried out by the next D.D.A. patrol.

3. The communal work in the MORTLOCKS should be observed closely in the future and assistance given to this joint effort.

4. An interesting and unusual ten day patrol which added to general experience.

(G.R.LEESON, Patrol Officer.)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No 13 - 66/67
Patrol Conducted by Mr. G.R.LEESON, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled SELAU CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL.

Natives 2 Police, 9 Carriers.

Duration--From 20 / 2 /1967 to 2 / 3 /1967

Number of Days TWELVE.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO.

Last Patrol to Area by--District Services 2 / 12 /1966

Medical 2 / 3 / 1967

Map Reference Sketch map attached.

Objects of Patrol ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION, CENSUS REVISION.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

21/3/1967

a/ 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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The District Commissioner,
Bougainville District, SOHANO.

HUTJENA PATROL NO. 13 of 1966-67.

Your 67-1-3 of 22nd March, 1967, refers.

I support your comments entirely. One would expect that with such a clear example so close to hand of the results of careless, lazy or disinterested patrolling that present officers would be prepared to do a more thorough job.

Clear and repeated explanations of our aims and purposes are imperative and field staff must, by their own efforts, integrity and enthusiasm, infuse in the local people a similar attitude.

The report is chiefly disappointing from a local government point of view as it, rightly or wrongly, is indicative of an attitude at Hutjena. No light has been thrown on the attitude of the non-council villages towards their possible inclusion in the Council. I take the reiteration of Kerol's position of influence as apparently being considered sufficient to preclude any further need for observation or comment.

I cannot accept this point of view.

(J.K. McCarthy)

DIRECTOR.

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67-1-3
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.
22nd March, 1967.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office, HUTJENA.
Patrol Report No. 13. HUTJENA.

I acknowledge receipt of Mr. G.R. Leeson's
Patrol Report.

ON reading your excellent instructions I did
expect a good report. HOWEVER, it was not so, it
is in my opinion mediocre.

You have nothing at all to work on regarding
the road, now have you anything on tree counts, two
most important things.

I cannot really see how anyone can supervise
the cleaning of a village and house rebuilding, give
talks on the Local Government Council and House of
Assembly all in one day, nor can I see how a patrol
can be done effectively on a motor bike.

A very disappointing report.

(J.E. WAKEFORD)

A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

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Department of District Administration.,
Sub-District Office,
Hutjena.,
BUKA PASSAGE
17th. March, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Bougainville District.,
SOHANO

Subject: HUTJENA PATROL REPORT No. 13 - 66/67

Attached please find the original and copy of the above patrol report submitted by Patrol Officer G. LEESON. My patrol instruction are attached to the original report.

Also attached is a map and camping allowance claim.

I have the following comments.

Patrol Diary

23rd. February

Councillor TINIO of Tapoanwara is not a particularly impressive chap at this stage of his career. It is to be hoped however that he can be groomed into an effective Councillor both in meetings and more important in the village. These people do not enjoy the facilities that people on the main BUKA road enjoy and for this reason they appear slightly discontented.

27th. February

Comments on file indicate that the people of RATSUA have never been greatly motivated towards helping themselves. It is a pity that they had not made some efforts to getting their village area into a presentable condition. Another trip will be made to this area shortly and it is to be hoped that at least some efforts have been expended towards village hygiene.

The health education orderly from Talof could perhaps visit the village more often - I will check with P.H.D. Sohano.

Census

The Census revision was conducted satisfactorily.

Road.

Much work and finance is required to open up the BONIS - SIARA road. It appears that coronous is available for surfacing of the road. Mr. Williams PWD Kieta viewed this road last month; and as far as is known is endeavoring to obtain the necessity funds for the work.

GOHI Aid Post

The Hutjena tractor is being sent to GOHI to assist with the

cartage of building supplies. Efforts to hire locally have met with no success.

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KEROL of SIARA

Mr. Leeson reports him to still be the most influential man of the area and attributes his influence to the fact that he is the only remaining traditional landowner of the area - with control over land.

He still remains pro-Administration but not Council, obviously the present situation suits his pocket; And while he remains traditionally big - so the people will remain out of the local government system.

Forwarded for you information please.

(K.J. HANRAHAN)

Assistant District Commissioner

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67/2/1.

If calling ask for

Mr

Mr.G.R.Leeson ,

Patrol Officer ,

HUTJENA.

Dear Sir ,

Sub-District Office,

HUTJENA.

15th. February 1967.

PATROL HUTJENA NO. 13 - 1966/1967 ,
SELAU DIVISION.

1. Please make arrangements to commence of the SELAU Census Division of North Bougainville , on Monday the 20th. February 1967 . It should take you two weeks to satisfactorily cover the whole area .
2. Draw an advance of \$ 50 from the HUTJENA advance to cover cost of carriers . Patrol funds are limited and I would not like you to exceed this amount . Use tobacco where acceptable .
3. Sergeant TUGI and Constable GETALI will accompany you . TUGI is a native of TARBUT village and is well known and respected in the area . He will be of great assistance to you .
4. Revise the D.D.A. census in each village . Give the people adequate notice of the time to attend for census .
5. There have been many complaints about the BONIS to SIARA road from the people . Mr. Steven CPO and Mr. Richards P.W.D , put some work into the BONIS/SORUM section last year , until funds ran out . Previously , it was possible to drive from BONIS to SIARA by landrover in 1½ hours . I would like you to have a good look at the whole road and report fully on its present condition . Please endeavor to locate new coronous pits in the vicinity of SIARA HANTOA and GOHI. Indicate these in your report . Upon receipt of your report , I intend to request additional funds to improve this road , as a good deal of produce passes over it .
6. Mention in your report the quantity of cora and cocoa that is produced in the SELAU . Your sources of inquiry here will be D.A.S.F. , BONIS Plantation , the Chinese traders , and

MADEHAS Plantation , as well as native 'T' number . Also make mention of the number of mature and immature cocoa and coconut trees .

7. The BUKA Council is replacing the native material

Aid Post at GOHI with a permanent brick building . Some of the bricks are on the site , but the remainder are at the Council House .

Would you please arrange for their removal from HUTJENA to KAMERAU to BONIS and thence by tractor to GOHI . Mr. Blaikie will provide the bomsco and the Council will hire the tractor . You should wait for a dry day .

8. The villages of ANAKEI , GOHI , MANOB , SORUM , TAPSANWARA , TARBUT , and TOROTAI are in the BUKA multi-racial Council .

The remainder of the villages are non-Council . However , they are pro-Administration . Luluai KEROL of SIARA has influence over the non Council villages and it is felt that it is his influence that keeps them from joining . KEROL denies this . Please peruse HUTJENA files 40/1/1 and 51/1/2 as they give you some good background knowledge of the area . Take a copy of the BUKA Council 1st. Revised Estimates with you and in your talks to the people , explain projects have been completed and those that are still underway . You should list the achievements of the Council since its commencement in 1961 .

9. Please report in some detail on the present attitude of the non-Council people .

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10. Try and find out some information on how KEROL operates his business . He has a tractor and trailer and a small plantation at SIKULA on MATCHIN Bay . Do the people of SIARA , UMUM , RURI and CHUNDAWAN work communally on his plantation ? Does any other person from these villages produce copra independently of KEROL ? Who are the big land controllers in this group ? Is KEROL simply the business manager for the group ? To what do you attribute KEROL's great influence in this area . Please be discreet in your inquiries . KEROL has always been most co-operative with the Administration .

11. How do the Council people work their copra ?

Do they produce individually , in family groups or communally .

12. Please also visit RATSUA and PORAPORA villages , on MATCHIN Bay , and conduct a census . I intend to have these two villages taken out of the HAHON Census area and included in the SELAU Division for the purpose of future patrols . The RATSUA people had a brief flirtation with the HAHALIS Welfare Society in 1964 . They have since retrieved their contributions and left the society . The welfare representative in RATSUA was a man named BOAKOA . Please check on his movements and activities .

13. In your talks with the people , include information on the redistribution of electoral boundaries as they apply to Bougainville . The next elections for the House of Assembly will take place one year from now .

14. There are excellent tank-houses in each of the Council villages , with fresh water available . Rest-houses are located in most of the other villages . You will find each of the three Councillors most co-operative .

15. Check with Mr. Mead before departure in case there are some agricultural matters you can assist him with .

16 Please have your patrol report completed within one week of the conclusion of the patrol .

17/. I would advise you to commence your patrol at BONIS and conclude it at RATSUA . If you notify me of the required date , I shall arrange for a launch to pick you up there .

Wishing you a pleasant trip ,

Yours faithfully ,

K.J.Hanrahan

Assistant District Commissioner

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HUTJENA Sub District,

Bougainville.

March, 1967.

INTRODUCTION

1. The twelve day patrol conducted by myself, per motorcycle, carried out routine Administration and Census Revision in the SELAU Census Division.
2. In accordance with patrol instructions a village population census was carried out in all villages within the Division.
3. The entire length of the BONIS - SIARA - RURI - UMUM road was inspected during the patrol and pits of suitable coronous located.
4. Arrangements were made for the necessary building materials, for the construction of the GOHI aid post, to be shipped to BONIS plantation and then [all] hulled by tractor to the building site.
5. All villages in the SELAU Census Division and those of RATSUA and POROPORO in the HAHON Census Division were given talks on; the Buka L.G.C., the house of Assembly and, the redistribution of electoral boundaries.
6. An investigation was carried out into the dealings and activities of the lululi KEROL of SIARA village.
7. Enquiries were made into the methods of production and sale of copra of all villages in the Buka L.G.C.
8. The whereabouts and activities of a previous HAHALIS welfare representative, BOAKA, a male native of RATSUA village, were investigated.

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PATROL DIARY:

20th FEBRUARY

COMMENCED PATROL AT CHINATOWN FOR BONIS

Left Chinatown at 1000hrs per bombscow, with patrol gear, and building materials for GOHI aid post, for BONIS plantation.

Moved on to MANOP village where census was revised and talks given on L.G.

Councils, and House Of Assembly. Moved on to RAMANDAT village at 1530hrs where road was inspected and pits of suitable coronous located. Slept night in rest house.

21st FEBRUARY

RAMANDAT - SORUM - GOHI.

Revised census at RAMANDAT at 0700hrs. Also gave talks on the Buka L.G.C., and the House Of Assembly. Moved on to SORUM village at 0900hrs. Census revised and talks given on councils and House Of Assembly.

Patrol then moved on to GOHI village where GOHI and KATSINKOVERA were censused.

Talks were given to both groups on the above two mentioned matters.

Patrol spent night at GOHI village.

22nd FEBRUARY

At 0700hrs Patrol moved to ANAKE village where the village census was revised and the above mentioned talks given Located pits of suitable coronous in this region. Afternoon spent at TOROTAI village revising census and talks.

Patrol preceeded on to TAPSANWARA village where the night was spent.

23rd FEBRUARY

REVISED CENSUS AT TAPSANWARA TAR BUT CHUNDAWIN

Revised census at TAPSANWARA and gave talks to villagers on L.G.C.s and House Of Assembly. Little apparent response, people very lethargic. Censused TAR BUT at 0950hrs and moved on to CHUNDAWIN at 1430hrs. Village inspected and found to be in an unsatisfactory condition. Torrential rain prevented further work. Remained night at rest house.

24th FEBRUARY

CHUNDAWIN SIARA RURI

At 0800hrs the CHUNDAWIN Villagers were assembled and census taken. Discussions were held and talks given as above. Patrol then moved on the road to SIARA village where census was revised and further talks held. Completed talks at 1600hrs and moved on to RURI, and quarter mile distant, where patrol spent night.

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PATROL DIARY:

25th FEBRUARY

RURI - UMUM - RURI

At 0730hrs RURI village censused and talks and discussions held. Patrol then moved on to UMUM, approximately one hours walk from RURI. Further talks and discussions were held and the census revised. The patrol then returned to RURI where the night was spent.

26th FEBRUARY

SUNDAY

Patrol rested and repaired patrol gear. Visited TALINBABO village in the foothills of the main range. Old coastwatching site still discernable.

27th FEBRUARY

LEFT RURI AT 0700hrs for RATSUA village in the HAHON Census Division. Motorcycled along a small village track and after crossing two small streams arrived at RATSUA at 1000hrs. Inspected village, made camp, and due to heavy rain postponed talks till the following day. Village found to be in a filthy condition, houses in a bad state of disrepair and rubbish strewn from one end of the village to the other. Slept night.

28th FEBRUARY

DAY SPENT AT RATSUA

Morning spent in supervising cleaning of village and house rebuilding. Talks were later given on the Buka L.G.C. and on the House Of Assembly. Little response to these discussions. Moved by canoe to POROPORO village.

1st MARCH

REMAINED AT POROPORO

Village inspected and the people assembled. Talk given to the villagers on the Buka L.G.C. and the House Of Assembly. Few question asked but mainly concerned with taxation. Sent policeman to SOHANO for workboat to collect patrol. Remained night.

2nd MARCH

AWAITING TRANSPORT TO SOHANO

At 1000hrs the M.V. ISIS arrived in the passage and the patrol disembarked for SOHANO. Patrol arrived SOHANO at 1200hrs.

ooo END OF PATROL ooo

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HUTJENA SUB DISTRICT MARCH 1967

NATIVE AFFAIRS

CENSUS REVISION

1. A total number of thirteen villages are in the SELAU Census Division with an overall population of 2317 but 633 of these have not yet joined the Buka L.G.C.

The patrol received a good attendance from the older people but many of the younger generation were away at village schools conducted by the local mission.

It is of interest to note from statistics that the missions in Bougainville have a recorded number of 420 students from the same area.

A total number of 756 natives were absent from the villages with a remaining 296 at work within the District and, a small number of 19 employed in Rabaul and Port Moresby.

ROAD INSPECTION BONIS - UMUM

1. The entire length of the BONIS - UMUM road was inspected in detail over the duration of the patrol and was found to be in an extremely unsatisfactory condition.

The road at present is trafficable to four wheel drive vehicles but due to numerous washouts, fallen trees, and exposed coronous the journey from one village to another is exceedingly slow. In wet weather bogging occurs frequently and unless aided by a team of labourers the road becomes untrafficable. The section of road from BONIS to GOHI traverses slightly gullied limestone terrain which is susceptible to a large amount of erosion and, as a result, is left deeply rutted.

Numerous coronous deposits at surface level are to be found along the entire section of this road.

The last section of the road from GOHI to UMUM traverses, not limestone country as in the first section but, swampy marshes where the road surface is compacted of silty clay and loose humus matter.

Coronous deposits are available at RURI, SIARA, and GOHI but are further afield and less exposed. A bulldozer would be required to excavate these deposits.

A further section of road from UMUM to BANIO was inspected and found not practical to attempt reopening with limited funds. Sections of this road would have to be re-routed around natural obstacles such as water courses and ravines.

In conclusion, the entire BONIS - UMUM road, to be operational throughout the year, would require drainage, some re-routing, and sufficient suitable crushed coronous along its entire length.

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HUTJENA SUB DISTRICT MARCH 1967

NATIVE AFFAIRS

GOHI AID POST

1. Six hundred cement bricks, corrugated roofing iron and other materials for the construction of the aid post at GOHI village, were transported from the Hutjena Council Chambers to BONIS plantation by the patrol.

Arrangements were made with the plantation manager for the hire of his tractor and trailer to transport the bricks to the building site.

The people have not yet cleared the area for the aid post, which is to be situated in the village on the beach, but have been instructed to do so.

BUKA COUNCIL PROJECTS AND ELECTOR BOUNDARIES

1. Talks were given in all villages on past, present, and future projects, tax, and running of councils in general, and electoral boundaries. Very few questions were asked and little apparent interest taken. More interest was shown in council affairs by the women than the men.

2. The lululi KEROL has absolute control over all the non council villages in the SELAU division but, the village people seem to be contented with his regime.

Apparently he is the only remaining traditional landholder of the group and, for this reason, he has control but not ownership, over all ground, coconuts, and food gardens.

The situation is that the villagers are not willing to join the council for the following reasons: council tax would have to be paid and personal head tax is no longer required.

3. KEROL had advised the people against joining the council because he considers that he can provide them with everything that the council can offer. Up to date he has done very little for the villages under his control but, he himself seems to have become progressively more wealthy through them. Nevertheless, he does not seem to be anti-Administration.

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HUTJENA SUB DISTRICT MARCH 1967

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

KEROL LULULI OF SIARA VILLAGE

1. The lululi KEROL of SIARA village has absolute control over SIARA, RURI, UMUM, RATSUA and POROPORO of which the last two villages are in the HAHON Census Division.

KEROL owns a small plantation at SIKULA on MATCHIN Bay and also manages POI plantation, on the same bay, for B.P, s.

His labour forces, men women and children, are recruited from the above named villages on a near monthly rotation basis. The labour line is rotated as soon as one hundred bags of copra are dried.

Men are paid ten dollars for their work whilst women and children seem to share in the profits of their husbands and fathers.

As each village is recruited it moves to the station where tempory houses are available and remains their till one hundred bags of copra are produced.

The women return often to their gardens to collect food for their families.

All copra through POI plantation is shipped to SORAKEN but the plantation labour are from KEROL,s villages.

2. A few natives in KEROL,s area do produce copra and cocoa from their own small groves and, if they have T numbers, forward their produce to Rabaul.

If they have no T numbers they either sell their produce to Chong You, J.Lee, O.Bond, or KEROL. The point to be noted is that KEROL does buy copra from the villages under his control for a reasonable price.

COPRA COUNCIL VILLAGES

1. Production of copra in council villages is carried out on a family basis and not on a community basis. The reason for this attitude is that the local native likes to see a direct return for his effort and not be dependant on allocation of profits made from community ventures.

Actual production figures are unavailable due to the system by which the villagers sell their copra. The coconuts are dried but not bagged and,as soon as 50 to 100 nuts are ready,they are sold to the local merchants who collect them by tractor or landrover. No record of overall figures for copra bought or sold were available to the patrol. Most copra is sold to chinese traders, to BONIS plantation, and to MADAHAS plantation.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS:

BOAKA N/A RATSUA VILLAGE

1. BOAKA has now divorced himself from his home village, RATSUA, and has gone to live at HAHALIS village, with his wife. He is frequently seen at MADAHAS plantation and Chinatown but does not seem to be employed by either. NO further information is available.

CONCLUSION

1. An interesting twelve day patrol in which useful experience was gained. The patrol met no difficulties and sensed no unusual activity amongst the people either in the council or out.

PATROL REPORT MAP. PATROL NO 13 - 66/67
MARCH 1967

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
PATROL REPORT

District of Bougainville Report No 17 of 1966/67. Hutjena.

Patrol Conducted by Mr.J.G.Steven, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Atolls census division(Part).

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Mr.M.Miller, District Inspector, [illegible].

Mr.J.Morgan, Master, MV 'Nivani'.

Natives Const. Va(?))(?)(?)r, 11392.

Duration--From 20 / 6 / 1967 to 30 / 6 /1967.

Number of Days Ten.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany ? No.

Last Patrol to Area by--District Services 7 / 2 /1967.

Medical 4 / 1 / 1967.

Map Reference Sketch map attached.

Objects of Patrol Census revision for compilation of common roll;

Propaganda [illegible] House of of Assembly elections, 1968, General administration.

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

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KAB/LMW :

Department of District Administration,

District Headquarters,

Bougainville District,

SOHANO.

26th. July, 1967.

The Director,

Department of District Administration,

KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

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(J. E. WAKEFORD).

Att.

A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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Sub-District Office,
HUTJENA.

21st. July 1967.

The District Commissioner , SOHANO.

PATROL REPORT HUTJENA NO. 17 - 1966/1967 ,
ATOLLS CENSUS DIVISION.

I attached original and one copy of the above
report submitted by Mr.J.Steven , Cadet Patrol Officer . The report
was received here today . I have the following comments :-
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.

It is a fact that only a small percentage of these
people voted in the 1964 elections . The rest declined to vote
through ignorance . The House has now been operating for almost
four years and reports of its discussions and activities have
filtered through to the Atolls . However , I agree with the
reporting officer , that their knowledge of the rest of the
Territory , and its movement towards self-government , is sparse .
These islands will always be dependent upon RABAUL and BOUGAINVILLE
for shipping , and hence dependent upon the political situation
obtaining in the rest of the Territory .

MORTLOCK and TASMAN islanders are strongly favoured
by the Bougainville Co. and other lines , as crew . As such , they
visit Australian ports occasionally , and the main Territory ports
regularly . This would certainly tend to broaden their outlook .

I have scheduled another patrol to the Atolls in
December , for the purpose of pre-election campaigning .
COPRA PRODUCTION.

Copra is purchased here at an average of 3¢ per lb.
Thus the islanders have a cash income of \$ 8100 per year . Total
income is estimated as follows :-

Copra - \$ 8100

Artefacts - 600

Labour - 1710

(57 x \$30) \$ 10,410 .

This would give a per capita income of about \$ 7
per year .

COMPENSATION CREW OF 'POLLURIAN'.

The SOHANO Labour Office file is 62-1-9/A .

Compensation for the deaths of nine members of the
crew of 'POLLURIAN' has still not been paid . It would be appreciated
if you would try again to expedite this matter , please .

[illegible] PAYMENT FOR COPRA.

I have discussed the matter with WONG YOU . The amount involved is \$ 91 . This amount was part of the \$ 600 snet to the CARTERETS by WONG YOU for the purchase of copra . The \$ 600 was stolen from the store . Efforts to locate the culprits have been un-successful , although there are strong suspicions . WONG YOU's attitude is that he has paid the debt , six times over . This is the second theft of money from his store and I sympathise with his attitude . He has now closed the store . Efforts will be continued to locate the missing money .

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HEALTH.

The people are robust and healthy , as indeed they should be . They receive numerous visits from Public Health staff .

GENERAL.

I am pleased with Mr. Steven's work , and also with his report . It is neat , interesting and well typed .

Map and census statistics are attached .

Forwarded , please .

K.J.Hanrahan

Assistant District Commissioner

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Department of District Administration,

Sub-district Office,

HUTJENA.

4th July, 1967.

The Assistant District Commissioner,

Sub-district Office,

HUTJENA.

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with patrol instructions, I proceeded on patrol on the 30th. June, 1967. The main object of this patrol was to revise the common electoral roll for the villages in the Carterests, Mortlocks and Tasman islands. An opportunity was also taken to revise the census.

A discourse was given at each village concerning the coming House of Assembly elections, and new electoral boundary for Bougainville, those who are eligible for nomination, and those who may vote. The importance of these elections was also stressed.

Politically, these island people are backward.

In the last general elections, something in the order of 15% of those eligible to vote, voted. The reason tendered for so small a poll was that of ignorance of all facets concerning central government. It appears too that they didn't care much for a Buka representing them in the House of Assembly. These islands do not come under the jurisdiction of the Local Government Council, owing to their insularity. This coupled with the fact that these islands are patrolled only about four times a year renders political and other forms of education relatively ineffective. Also the short time spent on location contributes to this ineffectiveness.

Economically, these islands cannot progress much further. Their only basis at the moment for a cash economy is copra, and this is not far off its maximum

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output. The Mortlock islanders augment their small income from copra by the production of diverse artefacts, but this accounts for a small income in relation to the proceeds obtained from copra production.

Approximate production figures for the year beginning July 1966 to June 1967 are as follows :-

Carterets: 25 tons.

Mortlocks: 10½ tons.

Tasmans: 100 tons.

(These figures are unfortunately disproportionate in relation to population; the Tasmans has the smallest population and by far the largest production of copra, as is readily seen from the above figures.)

There is a trade store on the Mortlocks.

Wong You's trade store on the Carterets is now defunct, for the reason given in the latter half of this report.

The area patrolled lies to the east of Buka island, on a latitude of approximately 4½°, the Tasman being the furthest group, lying more than 400 miles from Sohano. (See attached map.)

These groups of islands are all atolls.

At the Carterets are six actual islands, at the Mortlocks approximately thirteen islands and at the Tasmans approximately twelve islands. In the latter two, some of the islands are of very small proportions. Coconut palms abound on all the atolls and diverse forms of sparse vegetation. There are no figures available regarding precipitation, however it was noted that water tanks on all the islands were well up to the mark.

Tanks were checked at the Mortlocks and Tasmans for signs of deterioration. They were found to be in good order with the exception of a 100 gallon tank at the rear of a teacher's house in the Mortlocks. This had two minute leaks about halfway up the sides, and an unsuccessful attempt had been made at filling these holes. Proper soldering equipment would be required

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to effect the necessary repairs.

Transceivers were checked at all three atolls. At the Carterets, the transceiver was found to be inoperative and was returned to Sohano on the 'Nivani'. The other two were found to be in good working order, other than an adjustment on the M/A dial for transmission purposes, at the Tasmans.

Further inquiries were made regarding the compensation due for the deaths of some crew members of the 'Pollurian' from the Carterets. They were advised in accordance with patrol instructions.

Reception of patrol:

The patrol was well received throughout its entirety, particularly so at the Mortlocks and the Tasmans, where canoes actually came out to meet us on the ship. At all times in these atolls an amicable attitude existed.

Villages:

Standard and type of housing:-

The standard of housing is not very satisfactory. The walls of houses are constructed of matted palm fronds, the floor being sandy in most cases. The roof consists of lengths of a frond akin to the fronds of the sage palm, stiched together in watertight lengths running in a horisantal direction. The roof is of a triangular shape, and the borders come to within five feet of the ground. Should there be a particularly heavy, driving rainstorm, the walls of these houses are apt to admit rainwater.

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At the Carterets it was pleasing to see a number of houses being constructed of permanent materials. It was noted that these were the abodes of wage earning individuals, predominantly teachers. Advantages and disadvantages of site:

The advantage of all sites on the Carterets is that all villages were on the l(?) (?) side or in some way protected from the elements, as a high wind can play havoc with this type of housing. At the Tasmans and Mortlocks both sites are unprotected and are at the mercy of the elements.

Water supply:

All villages at the time of this patrol had ample supplies of water. At the Carterets most people have water tanks which were salvaged from a Japanese wreck. On Ham island, in addition to these tanks, the Catholic Mission there has a number of small corrugated iron tanks, which are for the use of villagers. On the Mortlocks and Tasmans there is a small number of corrugated iron tanks, for the use of teachers families; in addition, each community possesses a 15,000 gallon tank.

Cleanliness - Hygiene and sanitation:

All village sites were clean. Pigs at the Mortlocks were corralled to prevent them fouling the ground. Only fowl were allowed freedom of movement. Sanitation, as we understand it, is non-existent. When nature calls, use is made of the nearest point on the island, and the tide is left to do the work of cleaning up. A cursory inspection of surrounding beaches revealed no signs of fouling by waste matter.

Outline of political situation:

As explained in the introduction, the political situation is not one to be envied. It will be necessary for a further series of discourses on politics to be given, before these people become/3

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aware of the many facets of politics.

As can be seen from the village population register, by far the largest member of absentee workers come from the Mortlocks and there is good reason for this. The Mortlocks, with a population of just under 500, of the three atolls, has the smallest copra production, their only [illegible] of a cash economy, apart from the small income derived from the income of divers artefacts. Hence the men have to seek employment outside their island to supplement their incomes. No complaints were received from the families of absentee workers; families were well cared for. There is one advantage gained by these workers. On some of the larger company ships where absentee workers are employed, these go as far afield as Australia, and this gives these

people a chance to glimpse the outside world, even if it is only superficial. At least it facilitates the breaking down of the insularity that exists in these islands. Fortunately education is well advanced in all three atolls, and some children from the Mortlocks are now attending High School, consequently problems previously mentioned associated with insularity should gradually diminish.

Agriculture:

Food is not plentiful in any of these islands. Neither can it said to be in short supply. I didn't see or hear of anybody suffering from mal-nutrition. However the variety of food is limited. Taro, coconut and fish appears to be their staple diet. Rice and other foodstuffs are available for a short time after the visit of a ship.

As previously stated in the introduction, the only cash crop in the atolls is copra. Their output could be increased if they didn't consume so many coconuts in their diet. The copra produced is marketed through Wong You at Buka Passage and is shipped by the Bougainville Company. At the Carterets, mission ships also transport copra. These ships make the round trip about three times a year.

Livestock:

Only the Mortlocks have a sufficient

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number of livestock worth mentioning, these being pigs. These number about 60, and are used from time to time to supplement their diet or on special occasions, such as a marriage.

Commerce and Industry:

Only on the Mortlocks are commercial activities engaged in. The island trade store has now been in existence for some five years. This is an individual enterprise.

The people are also engaged in the manufacture of various artefacts such as wooden fish hooks; traditional taro hatchets, where the head is made from the shell of the turtle, Mortlock stools; traditional outrigger canoes with sails; and very colorful mats. All materials used are locally obtained with the exception of dyes. There being a shortage of suitable wood for the manufacture of these artifacts, driftwood is used when available. During our short stay, approximately \$140.00 was expended on these objects d'arts. Perhaps they make in the region of \$400.00 to \$500.00 per [illegible].

Complaints:

Only one complaint was received, and that came from the Carterets' people. Certain members of the community were claiming that they had received payment for some copra. This copra had been shipped in the middle and towards the end of last year, and no payment had been received to date, so they claim. The reason tendered for this non-payment was that recently \$600.00 was stolen from the store of Wong You and as a result of none of the money having been returned to date, copra payments were not forthcoming from Wong You. Particulars were taken, and on my return the matter was left in the hands of the Assistant District Commissioner, Hutjena.

Health:

These islanders appeared a healthy

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crowd. The deaths among infants in the Mortlocks and Tasmans can be attributed to a bout of whooping cough which was prevalent a few months back. All three islands have an Administration Aid Post. In addition, on Han island in the Carterets, Father Mueller of the Catholic Mission, offers first aid. At the Tasmans the Aid Post is constructed of permanent materials, but the floor is of coral, and a request was made for some cement to construct a permanent floor,

Education:

On Han island and langain in the Carterets are Catholic Mission Schools. On Han island a student can progress to standard 4, after which he must go to the mainland if he wishes to further his education. At langain, a student can progress to standard 2, after which he can go onto Han and so forth.

On the Mortlocks and Tasmans are Administratio Primary 'T' schools. Both have achieved standard 6. Both are well attended. From the Mortlocks some students are now in their first year at Hutjena High School. At the Tasmans, it is hoped that at the end of this year some students from standard 6 will graduate to High School.

Missions:

Only on one atoll is their a mission station, and this is the Catholic Mission situated on Han island in the Carterets. Father Mueller is the sole occupant. His influence on Han island is quite strong, but it is difficult to gauge his influence regarding the islands further afield. Church services on Han appear to be well attended. The church itself has a good seating capacity. Most of the other islands have churches, and the Father makes regular trips to some. The Angelican Mission in the British Solomons made an attempt to settle in some years ago. However they left after a period of only six months, rather frustrated, it appears. These last two islands catergorically stated that they didnot want missions to flourish in
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the vicinity of these islands. Two reasons were given. Firstly, they said that there was no advantage to be gained by a mission coming as there were already schools on the islands (the religious aspect naturally has no appeal to them), and secondly, the last time a mission attempted to settle, they tried to change traditional customs not compatible with Christianity, and it appears there are quite a few. So they remain pagans, and are likely to for quite some time to come.

Personnel:

Constable Varmar (11392) of the Hutjena attachment accompanied the patrol. There was little for him to do as regards this type of patrol. All that can be said of him was that he was obedient and helpful. He was not required to act in his official capacity.

Conclusion:

A very pleasant patrol, which gave me the opportunity to see a different people.

Two problems that will arise in the future are shortages of land in relation to population, and one problem that has already affected the Mortlocks, that of a lack of a cash economy. Eventually, some of these people will have to settle on the mainland, but this is a long way off. No mention was made to me on this patrol by natives regarding land resettlement, so it seems they are not yet unduly worried about the present situation

(J.G. Steven),
Cadet Patrol Officer.

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PATROL DIARY

(20/6/67 - 30/6/67.).

20/6/67: Departed for CARTERETS 0300hrs. Arrived HAN island 1400hrs. Went ashore and censused IULONAHAN and TIARANI. Census completed 2000hrs.

Pinned up map displaying new electoral boundary in conspicuous position, and gave a discourse on the coming house of assembly elections in 1968.

Also distributed some circulars printed in 'HALI(?)', their vernacular, concerning the above elections.

21/6/67: 'NIVANI' departed for SOHANO at 0900hrs with a sick child for SOHANO hospital. Transferred all gear to Father MUELLER'S new house on HAN island. Thence by canoe to PIUL island. Census completed 1200hrs. Again gave a discourse on the coming House of Assembly elections. Went through the same routine as yesterday concerning map and circulars. Returned to HAN island for lunch. In the afternoon per speedboat to IOLASA island.

Census completed 1400hrs. Gave discourse on coming elections. Returned to HAN island where night was spent.

22/6/67: Departed per speedboat for IANGAIN at 0730hrs.

Arrived 0930hrs. Completed census & discourse as before at 1200hrs. Departed for IESILA at 1230hrs.

Completed census & discourse as before, and departed for HAN at 1630hrs. However speedboat broke down, and by divers canoe journeys reached the 'NIVANI', which has by now returned from SOHANO, at 0230hrs in the morning.

23/6/67: In the morning completed all common roll sheets for the islands so far censused. Then went over to HAN island to see Father MUELLER re payment for hire of his outboard. Also took particulars of a complaint re non-payment of copra by Wong You.

Took the opportunity to clear up some minor matters too.

Returned 'NIVANI' & departed for MORTLOCKS at 1430hrs.

24/6/67: Arrived MORTLOCKS 0700hrs. Censused same at 1400hrs & completed census at 1800hrs. Gave discourse on coming House of Assembly elections. Returned 'NIVANI' 1900hrs.

25/6/67: 'NIVANI' departed for TASMANS at 0815hrs.

26/6/67: 'NIVANI' arrived TASMANS 0800hrs. Went

ashore and inspected water tanks & transceiver.

In the latter part of the morning went over to NUKUMANU island to see their stands of coconuts.

They were badly in need of thinning out. Returned 'NIVANI' for lunch. In afternoon censused AMOTU. CENSUS completed 1430hrs. Returned 'NIVANI'.

27/6/67: Went ashore at 0800hrs and gave a discourse on the coming House of Assembly elections. Checked batteries of transceiver. Took an opportunity this morning to look round the school, and very good it was too. In the afternoon had general talks in the villages. Attended 'Sing-sing' that night.

28/6/67: Tested transceiver this morning with SOHANO and 'NIVANI'. All well. Departed MORTLOCKS 0950hrs.

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PATROL DIARY(Cont):

29/6/67: Arrived MORTLOCKS 0730hrs, and disembarked
divers passengers. Departed for BUKA PASSAGE at
1000hrs.

30/6/67: Arrived BUKA PASSAGE 0615hrs. End of
patrol.

BOUGAINCILLE

CARTERETS
MORTLOCKS
TASMANS