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PATROL REPORTS MILNE BAY DISTRICT 1960/61

ESA'ALA SUB-DISTRICT

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Patrol Conducted by</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
ESA'ALA 3-60/61	B.C.Teerink	Southern NORMANBY ISLAND Census Division
" 4-60/61	E.W.Benham	Proposed Council Area comprising South Eastern FERGUSON ISLAND, Northern Section of NORMANBY ISL. and DOBU ISLAND
" 6-60/61	B.M.Fischer	EASTERN FERGUSON Division (NON L.G. COUNCIL AREA)
MAPAMOIWA 1-60/61 (Special)	G.D.Pike	GOODENOUGH ISLAND
" 1-60/61	G.D.Pike	Western and Inland FERGUSON Census Division
" 2-60/61	G.D.Pike	GOODENOUGH ISLAND Census Division
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D. O.
SAMARAI



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Milne Bay Report No. ESA-ALA 3 of 1960-61

Patrol Conducted by B. O. Teerink

Area Patrolled Southern Normanby Island Census Division (Revised)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 5

Duration—From 16/11/1960 to 3/1/1961

Number of Days 49

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services November 1959

Medical Being Conducted at present.

Map Reference Southern Normanby Island Milinch

Objects of Patrol Annual Census Revision, Collection 1960 Tax.

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

Village Pop

Year.....

Year.....		DEATHS																
VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth	M	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
SEWATHATHI	18.11.60	3	3		1										1	1		
MWATEBU	21.11.60	2	4		1		1								1	3		
SAWATUPWA	22.11.60	6	3					1	1				1	3	4	1	2	
KEROKOGHA	23.11.60	9	7	1			1		2		2		1	1	1		6	
MEUDANA	25.11.60	5	2				1	1	1						5	3	9	
WEICHO	28.11.60	3	2			1					1				-	-		
SIPAPU	28.11.60	7	3								1					1	1	
LOMITAWA	30.11.60	3	5					2		1					2	2	3	
SIGASIGA	1.12.60	4	9				1	1	1						3	2	1	
DAWADA	2.12.60	1	-					1							1	3	2	
SAUSI	3.12.60	3	5		1			1	1						1	-	1	
LOBODA	5.12.60	5	3	1					1				1	2	1		1	
KWANALLA	7.12.60	2	6		2			1	1		2	1			1	-	1	
MWALUAWASIA	8.12.60	2	3						1						3	1		
SOMWADINA	9.12.60	2	2					3							-	2	3	
BIAWA	10.12.60	7	2					2	1						5	2		
GULEGULEH	13.12.60	10	9					1							3	6	2	
KUMARAU	16.12.60	2	-					1							2	2		
KASIKASI	17.12.60	9	12	1					1						5	5	2	
GUDUMULI	19.12.60	7	4					1							5	6		
BUNAMA	20.12.60	6	3	1							1				2	3	1	
BALEBALE	22.12.60	7	6							1	1				1	-	1	
KURADA	23.12.60	2	11												1	3		
BWASIAIAI	28.12.60	3	2					1		1					2	2	2	
SIBONHI	29.12.60	6	5												1	2		
ISUMAIMAIA	30.12.60	2	3		1										1	1	1	
SAPLOH	31.12.60	1	1												-	-	5	
TOTAL		119	115	4	6	1	4	16	11	4	8	1	3	52	56	1	4	

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....**Milne Bay**..... Report No.....**3 of 1960-61**.....

Patrol Conducted by.....**B.C. Teerink**.....

Area Patrolled.....**Southern Normanby Island Census Division (Revised)**.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....**Nil**.....

Natives.....**5**.....

Duration—From.....**16/11/1960**.....to.....**3/1/1961**.....

Number of Days.....**49**.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....**No**.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....**November 1959**.....

Medical ~~Being Conducted~~ **at present.**

Map Reference.....**Southern Normanby Island Milinch**.....

Objects of Patrol.....**Annual Census Revision, Collection 1960 Tax**.....

.....**Routine Administration**.....

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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WEIDHO	28.11.60	3	2			1						1			-	-		
SIPUPU	29.11.60	7	3									1				1		
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LOBODA	5.12.60	5	3	1					1					1	2	1		
KWANALU	7.12.60	2	6		2			1	1		2	1			1	-		
MWALUKWASHI	8.12.60	2	3						1						3	1		
SOMWADINA	9.12.60	2	2					3							-	2		
BIALWA	10.12.60	7	2					2	1						5	2		
GULEGULEU	13.12.60	10	9					1							3	6		
KUMARHU	16.12.60	2						1							2	2		
KASIKASI	17.12.60	9	12	1					1						5	5		
GUDUMULI	19.12.60	7	4					1							5	6		
BUNAMA	20.12.60	6	3	1								1			2	3		
BALEBALE	22.12.60	7	6							1	1				1	-		
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ISUMHIMIA	30.12.60	2	3		1										1	1		
SAPLOH	31.12.60	1	1												-	-		
TOTAL		119	105	4	6	1	4	16	11	4	8	1	3	52	56	1	46	

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to be addressed to the Director

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Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

Telephone 4191

Telegraphic Address HEALTH Fort Moresby

In Reply
Please Quote No.

50-5-1/8954
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
Konedobu, Papua,

18th April, 1961.

Subject: EXTRACT FROM DNA PATROL REPORT NO.3-1960/61

Reference: YOUR 67-4-7 OF 6th MARCH refers.

Your memo of above reference was passed to the
R.M.O. Papua who has replied as in the attached paper.

I think that with the staff available, one cannot
expect more supervision than has been given, even though the
standards of health fall short of the desirable.

T.K. Abbott

(T.K. Abbott)
Assistant Director - Preventive Medicine
for: DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Regional Headquarters,
Department of Public Health,
Box No. 139, P.O.,
PORT MORESBY.

PR50-9-3/C.1342

13th April, 1961.

The Director,
Department of Public Health,
KONEDOBU.

Subject: EXTRACT D.N.A. PATROL REPORT ESA'ALA SUBDISTRICT

Reference: YOUR MINUTE 50-5-1/P.265 of the 9th April, 1961.

Dr. I. Reid, his successor Doctor A. Siko, and the Medical Assistant, Mr. C.H. Quinnell have carried out at least 12 full patrols averaging approximately 18 days in the Mapamoiwa subdistrict over the last fifteen months. The whole subdistrict has been visited once, most of it twice, and a few areas three times. This is a creditable and commendable effort.

Patrols have concentrated on Aidpost supervision and assistance, health talks to the people, preventive medicine activities in excreta and rubbish disposal and improving water supplies, curative medicine in the field, and in assisting the Health Education Council in its survey. Without doubt the efficiency of the Aidpost system in the Mapamoiwa subdistrict has improved. Our medical staff report also that many villages are much cleaner. This has been accomplished by remaining 2 - 3 days at each Aidpost and working out into the surrounding villages with the Aidpost Orderly.

In time the effect of this patrolling will be seen in the changed attitude of the people mentioned in the A.D.O.'s patrol report. There is no real evidence from our reports that the health of the people in the census subdivision patrolled by the A.D.O. is worse than many other areas in the Territory. I think that Normanby Island is probably poorer agriculturally than the other Islands in this subdistrict.

I will check with the Medical Officer, Mapamoiwa, regarding supplies to the Aidpost and see that these are adequate and try to establish a scheme whereby Aidpost Orderlies do not have to spend such a long period in Esa'ala.

(W.D. Symes)
Regional Medical Officer
PAPUAN REGION

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charge, regularly supervise their schools and teachers. Schools controlled from Kurada are visited every fortnight, by the Priest.

Trained teachers in all the schools is the first thing required. Regular school inspections could also improve the matter."

J. K. McCarthy
(J.K. McCarthy) Wt
DIRECTOR.

67-4-7

Department of Native Affairs,
Konedobu, Papua.

6th March, 1961.

The Director,
Education Department,
KONEDOBU.

EXTRACT FROM PATROL REPORT
NO. 3-1960/61

The area patrolled was the Sub District of Esa'ala outside the Council area. This extract is for your information please:-

"The only Government school in the vicinity of this area is at Esa'ala. Two Mission bodies operate on Southern Normanby. A survey of schools was conducted in the area, numbers of teachers and the standard they had reached were noted, as well as standards taught and pupils attending school. The Methodist Overseas Mission have 29 schools in the area with 44 teachers in them.. The Roman Catholic Mission has 7 schools with 13 teachers. Details are contained in Appendix 'E'.

In 95% of cases the M.O.M. teach in Dobu. Village teachers have no curriculum, and at times students had to be lined in order to determine the number at school, since no roll was kept.

About 20 cases were noted at Bwaruana and Bunula of men between the ages of 20 - 26 years, who had been in Standard II and III for a number of years, and who were still in that standard, without much hope of ever passing it.

The Roman Catholic Mission are getting a firm hold where they have settled and the Priests in

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believe that the request was also made to Medical Assistant C. Quinnell, about two weeks previous.

Aid Post Orderly Linsey of Esa'ala accompanied the patrol. He administered 367 treatments and gave 189½ injections."

J.K. McCarthy
(J.K. McCarthy) LM
DIRECTOR

67-4-7

Department of Native Affairs,
Konedobu, Papua..

6th March, 1961.

The Director,
Public Health Department,
KONADCEB.

EXTRACT FROM PATROL REPORT
NO.3-1960/61.

The area patrolled was the Sub District of Esa'Ala outside the Council area. This extract is for your information please:-

"General health in the area is poor. Very little attempt is made at using the Aid Posts. Two cases were noted where people had been ill for a number of days and had died, without any attempt having been made of summoning the Aid Post Orderly or conveying the sick person to the Aid Post.

A number of parents were warned that they were liable to be charged for neglecting to take their children, when sick, to the Aid Post. On two occasions, babies, badly covered in scabies and ulcers, were conveyed to an Aid Post.

Aid Post Orderlies have been patrolling regularly when they have supplies. It would be a great improvement if some regular service could be established, to supply these Aid Posts with medicines and the orderlies with their pay. At present orderlies spend at least one week each month at Esa'ala collecting pay.

The people of KURADA approached the patrol with the request to have an Aid Post established at Kurada. I

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Konedobu, Papua.

6th March, 1961.

District Officer,
Milne Bay District,
SANABAI.

PATROL REPORT NO.3-1960/61
ESA'ALA

Receipt of the above mentioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

The contents of the Patrol Report are adequately covered in your remarks to the Assistant District Officer in which I concur.

A lengthy patrol can have had none but desirable effects on the people and their attitude towards general development.

It is this type of patrol which is a real trial to the officers performing it, and great credit is due to Mr. Terrink for the patience and thorough manner in which he has dealt with the lethargy of the people.

I am pleased that pains were taken to clear the convention as to the role of Village Agricultural Committees. These committees can be of real value so long as the political aspects are carefully watched and channelled in the right manner.

Is there any chance of rural progress society developing in the area.

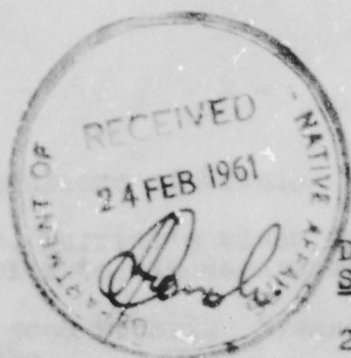
We do not order rest houses to be built or re-built.

Have you taken the health angle reported, to the District Medical Officer for discussions and corrective action.

A first class Patrol Report by Mr. Terrink.

J. K. McCarthy
(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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67/4/7 ✓
Department of Native Affairs,
SAMARAI...MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

22nd February, 1961

Assistant District Officer,
Sub District Office,
ESA'ALA.

PATROL NO. 3 of 1960/61 - ESA'ALA.

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of Mr. Terrink's report submitted under cover of your 30/1-258 of 23rd January, 1961.

It is apparent throughout the report that this census division has not been receiving sufficient attention. Admittedly, the staff position has not been good over the past 12 months and present indications do not favour any great improvements; however, upon arrival of a second field officer this division must receive a follow-up patrol. An annual visit, which is primarily concerned with tax collection and census revisions, does not encourage down to earth administration.

Such problems as confusion over V.A.C. activities, the misguided collection of monies, rumours of cooperative operations can only be cleared by officers on the spot. It is obvious that there is a desire amongst certain members of the community to develop and unless their development is guided, apathy, frustration and confusion follow.

I, like yourself, do not agree that Village Constables should be appointed to positions on the Agricultural Committees - their appointment could undermine the aims of the Committee System. The duty of a Committee man is to "....back up your Village Police-man and your Councillors and your Local Government Council." Once again, only frequent visits by D.N.A. and Agricultural officers can correct any confusion in this regard.

Unfortunately I can see no way by which cooperatives can be introduced at this stage. The cooperative officer, Samarai is constantly engaged in supervising established societies and these commitments do not permit any extension of activities. As advised in earlier correspondence it is intended that an economic survey of portion of Normanby will be conducted after Mr. Graham, Assistant Registrar of Cooperatives, returns from leave. Also the possibility of establishing a Rural Progress Society will be considered by the District Development Committee upon receipt of the Agricultural officer's recent survey.

I presume the medical aspect will receive further attention following Mr. Quinnell's patrol.

The District Education Officer expects the educational vessel 'Kominai' to arrive in the near future and, no doubt, more

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frequent inspections of Mission schools will follow.

Mr. Terrink's claim for camping allowance was paid in Samarai prior to his departure.

A good report. Please ensure the area is patrolled within 3 months.

(L.J. DOOLAN)
District Officer.

c.c. Director, D.N.A. Konedobu.

Minute to :-

✓ Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

Copy of report attached for your information and comments please.

It will be noted that this division now covers all villages in Normanby outside the proposed Dobu Council area. ✓

[Signature]
(L.J. DOOLAN)
District Officer.

encl.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

CTH/EWB

*In Reply
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No. 30/1 - 258

Department of Native Affairs
Sub district Office,
ESA'ALA

23rd January, 1961

The District Officer,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI M.B.D.

PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 1960/61, ESA'ALA

Herewith please find the above Patrol Report.

The patrol was of a general nature including census and tax collecting.

In para. 7 of Native Affairs Mr. Terrink states, "It is unfortunate that Village Officials were not included in VAC." I am of the opinion the Village Constables should not be included in the VAC as this would lead to much more ordering the people about and threats of court than at present as stated in para 6.

(C.T. Healy)
Assistant District Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply
Please Quote*

No. 30/1

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

12th January, 1961.

The Assistant District Officer,
ESA'ALA.

ESA'ALA PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 1960-61.

Area Patrolled	:	Southern Normanby Island Census Division. (Revised).
Patrol Conducted By	:	B.C. Teerink.
Patrol Accompanied By	:	3 Members RPNGC 1 Interpreter. 1 Aid Post Orderly.
Duration of Patrol	:	16/11/60 to 3/1/61.
Last Patrol by D.N.A.	:	November 1959.
Last Patrol by Health	:	Being conducted at present.
Map Reference	:	Southern Normanby Isl. Milinch.
Object of Patrol	:	General Routine Administration. Collection of 1960 Personal Tax. Specific matters as per Patrol Instructions.

B.C. Teerink
B.C. TEERINK
Cadet Patrol Officer.

D I A R Y.

Wednesday 16th November 1960

Departed Esa'ala at 2.00pm. for SISIAINA, arriving 3.15pm.

Thursday 17th November

Departed SISIAINA at 8.00am. changing carriers at MIADEBA (3hrs.), DARUBIA (2½hrs.), and arrived at SWATAITAI after an hours walk at 5.00pm.

Friday 18th November

Commenced Tax/Census of Sewataitai at 8.00am. and completed this at 4.00pm. Inspected houses.

Saturday 19th November

Investigated complaint at Sewataitai Plantation. Departed Sewataitai 2.00pm. arriving MWATEBU 4.30pm.

Sunday 20th November

OBSERVED.

Monday 21st November

Tax/Census MWATEBU 8.00am. completed by 12.30pm. departed for SAWATUPWA, inspecting houses en route, arriving 5.20pm.

Tuesday 22nd November

Tax/Census SAWATUPWA 8.00am. Heavy rain interrupted tax collection. Complete by 4.40pm.

Wednesday 23rd November

Purchased Trade Lease Site WA'AGOMWA on behalf of J.S.Rae. Purchase complete by 11.00am, departed for KEROROGEA inspecting houses, arrived 3.00pm. Inspected houses at KEROROGEA.

Thursday 24th November

Tax/Census KEROROGEA 8.00am. Completed by 3.00pm. A number of minor disputes heard.

Friday 25th November

7.30am. Boundary dispute Roman Catholic Mission Kerorogea investigated. 11.00am. arrived MEUDANA, commenced census.

Saturday 26th November

7.30am. MEUDANA tax collection continued. Departed for SIPUPU 11.00am. arriving 1.00pm. AidPost inspected. One court to Esa'ala. People inquired after a Co-Operative being established at SIPUPU.

Sunday 27th November

OBSERVED.

Monday 28th November

Tax/Census SIPUPU 8.00am. Completed tax at 6.00pm.

Tuesday 29th November

Tax/Census WEIOKO 8.00am. Completed tax at 12.30pm. Heard a number of disputes, two court cases to Esa'ala. 2.00pm. departed for LOMITAWA, inspected houses, coffee gardens and BWARUADA M.O.M. en route. Arrived LOMITAWA 5.35pm.

Wednesday 30th November

Tax/Census LOMITAWA 8.00am. Completed by 3.00pm. Departed for DAWADA, arriving 4.00pm.

Thursday 1st December

Tax/Census SIGASIGA 8.00am. Complete by 3.00pm. New V.C. appointed. Investigated 'S irit' rumour. Appendix 'F'.

Friday 2nd December

Tax/Census DAWADA 8.00am. Complete by 2.00pm. Agricultural Committee collecting money for Co-Operative.

D I A R Y ...cont.

Departed for SIAUSI 3.30pm.

Saturday 3rd December

M.V. SAMBIO arrived from Esa'ala. Sent 3 court cases to Esa'ala for hearing. Tax/Census SIAUSI 8.30am. New V.C. appointed. Tax collection DAWADA Plantation 4.00pm.

Sunday 4th December

OBSERVED

Monday 5th December

Tax/Census LOBODA 8.00am. Completed LOBODA at 5.00pm.

Tuesday 6th December

7.30am. Money complaint re Deceased V.C. investigated. A number of minor complaints heard. Departed 1.30pm. for KWANAULA, arriving 3.30pm. N.M.T.A. payment made.

Wednesday 7th December

Tax/Census KWANAULA 7.30am. Completed tax at 3.00pm. Commenced purchase of Roman Catholic Mission Lease at Soisoi River.

Thursday 8th December

Land purchase continued. Complete by 10.00am. Departed for MWALUKWASIA and arrived at 11.30am. Commenced Census of MWALUKWASIA 1.00pm. heard Kula disputes.

Friday 9th December

Tax collection MWALUKWASIA 8.00am. Departed for SOMWADINA 10.00am. arriving 11.00am. Tax/Census SOMWADINA complete 6.00pm. 4 Tax defaulters sent to Esa'ala.

Saturday 10th December

8.00am. heard a number of minor disputes at SOMWADINA. Departed for BIAUWA at 10.00am. inspected houses en route. Census BIAUWA 12.30pm. completed by 5.00pm.

Sunday 11th December

OBSERVED

Monday 12th December

Tax collection BIAUWA 8.00am. New V.C. appointed. Minor complaints heard, 3 Tax defaulters to Esa'ala. Departed for GULEGULEU at 3.00pm. arriving 5.00pm.

Tuesday 13th December

Tax/Census GULEGULEU 8.00am. Interrupted by intermittent rain all day.

Wednesday 14th December

Tax/Census GULEGULEU interrupted by rain.

Thursday 15th December

Tax/Census GULEGULEU 7.30am. 11 Tax defaulters to Esa'ala. Minor disputes settled. Departed at 1.00pm. for KUMARAU arriving 3.00pm. Houses inspected.

Friday 16th December

Tax/Census KUMARAU 7.30am. completed by 11.00am. Tax/Census KASIKASI 2.00pm. Census completed by 5.45pm.

Saturday 17th December

Tax collection KASIKASI 7.30am. complete by 11.30am. Departed for GUDUMULI 1.00pm. arriving 3.00pm. Coast road in bad condition.

Sunday 18th December

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Monday 19th December

8.00am. Rain. Tax/census GUDUMULI 9.00am. Completed Tax at 4.20pm.

Selected for recommendation

D I A R Y ...cont.

Tuesday 20th December

Boat Venture-GUDUMULI potential of area investigated. Arrived BUNAMA 11.00am. commenced Census 1.00pm.

Wednesday 21st December

Tax collection BUNAMA 7.30am. Inspected Bunama M.O.M. Departed for BALABALA 2.00pm. arriving 3.00pm. Inspected houses, straightened books.

Thursday 22nd December

Tax/Census BALABALA 7.30am. complete by 4.00pm. Departed for KURADA arriving 6.00pm.

Friday 23rd December

Tax/Census KURADA 8.00am. Completed by 4.30pm. M.V.KINGFISHER arrived from Samarai en route Esa'ala.

Saturday 24th December

Tax collection Roman Catholic Mission KURADA. Selected new site for KURADA rest house. Approached by people to have Aid Post established at Kurada.

Sunday 25th December

OBSERVED

Monday 26th December

OBSERVED

Tuesday 27th December

Departed KURADA for BWASIAIAI at 8.00am. arriving 10.00am. Inspected houses. Rest of day spent straightening books.

Wednesday 28th December

Tax/Census BWASIAIAI 8.00am. Complete by 2.00pm. Departed for SIBONAI (2½hrs.) collected tax WOKAIUNA plantation en route. Arrived SIBONAI 5.30pm.

Thursday 29th December

Tax/Census SIBONAI 8.00am. Completed 5.00pm.

Friday 30th December

8.00am. departed SIBONAI by canoe, arriving 9.20am. at ISUMAIAMAIA. Tax/Census ISUMAIAMAIA 9.30am. complete by 4.30pm. A number of minor complaints brought up.

Saturday 31st December

8.00am. departed ISUMAIAMAIA by canoe, arriving 9.30am. at SAPLOA. Tax/Census SAPLOA 10.00am. completed by 3.30pm.

Sunday 1st JANUARY 1961

OBSERVED

Monday 2nd January

7.30am. BILOA plantation tax collection. 9.00am. departed for SEWATAITAI and GANAWA. 3.00pm. GANAWA land investigation.

Tuesday 3rd January

8.00am. departed DARUBIA for MIADEBA (2½hrs. MIADEBA - ESA'ALA (5hrs.) in heavy rain.

----- END OF PATROL -----

INTRODUCTION.

The area patrolled was the Southern Normanby Island Census Division, and that portion of the Northern Normanby Island Census Division adjoining Southern Normanby, which has not been taken up into the Dobu Local Government Council. The additional villages patrolled were : SEWATAITAI, SIBONAI, ISUMAIAMAIA and SAPLOA.

Southern Normanby is predominantly mountainous and mostly the hamlets are scattered along the coast in pockets, created by a number of steep ridges tapering onto the coast.

This was the first major patrol to the area since 1959. The object of the patrol was census revision and collection of 1960 head tax. At least one day was spent in each barrack, and every effort was made to inspect roads and houses.

Various other matters of a routine administrative nature were also dealt with during the course of the patrol.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

In most places a number of people were trying to look towards the future and work in a systematic fashion. However the general trend is one of extreme laziness, and the majority live from day to day.

A number of minor disputes and domestic troubles were brought up in each village. These were dealt with and satisfaction was attained by all in most instances.

Housing was generally poor in the area and orders given were noted in the Village Books. Apparently some housing orders were given last year but these could not be checked upon since they had not been noted down.

It must be somewhat of a disappointment to these people to have only one patrol each year, and then it is always a Tax patrol. Hamlets and roads were generally of a poor standard, and the morale of the Village Officials and people was low. More frequent patrolling to this area should get these people moving.

Village Agricultural Committees are well established in the area, but there was a large amount of confusion as to their actual role in village life. On several occasions the patrol was approached by the Village Constable and Councillors and was asked to explain to the people the functions of the committees, and if the committees had any authority over the people.

On such occasions, the committees had been overstepping their marks, and had commenced to order people about, with threat of court if they did not listen. It was pointed out to the people that the Village Constable and Councillor were the only ones who could give orders. The duties and function of the Village Constable, Councillor and the Committee members was then fully explained to the people.

It is unfortunate that one or two Village Officials were not included in the V.A.C. This could still be done and may ensure a closer working together and remove some of the rivalry between the Village Officials and the V.A.C.

*Defferent
Functions*

NATIVE AFFAIRS ...cont.

Committee meetings are being held regularly each week in the village, general policy and developmental plans being discussed. The matter in most cases comes to a standstill here, nearly all coconut plantings and coffee gardens were found to be in a gross state of neglect.

Small sailing vessels were seen bartering and trading along the south-east and south coasts. These vessels and the larger trade canoes carry these people to the islands, where Kula business carries on into extended holidays. In some of the smaller villages this is having a detrimental effect, since a large number of the young men and women move out, and then marry in another place. The populations of MWALUKWASIA and KUMARAU are both steadily declining.

At SIAUSI, one MEDALE - DAODAO, an A.P.C. clerk from Port Moresby home on leave, approached the patrol and asked for permission to collect money from the people, so that he could buy a boat, and then come back and help his people. Apparently he had already made arrangements in Port Moresby to buy a boat, but all that he wanted now was the necessary cash. Permission was refused.

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SOCIAL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Economic development in the area is almost at a standstill. Very little encouragement is being given to the people, and the little bit of enthusiasm that is still there is rapidly dying out.

Traders are reluctant to buy coffee brought to them, which is usually under or over dried, and is brought up in 2-3 ozs. lots.

Most Village Savings Accounts had well over £100 in them, but no-one had any idea of what would be done with the money. The majority of the books have fallen into disuse and are mainly kept as a show piece in the village.

Barment account ?

Womens Agricultural Committees appear to be doing good work in the villages. They have been assisting the old and incapacitated by preparing their food and making mats for them. An excellent job was also done in looking after the patrol.

E.O (S.D)

Henry Solomon of Gudumuli had applied for a loan to purchase a boat. His coconut holdings were investigated as was the potential of the whole area. The District Officer, Samarai was advised by separate correspondence.

The people of SIPUPU had heard a rumour that a Co-operative would be started in their area. The people are one of the most advanced groups in this area, have good leaders who are working together, and some encouragement and interest shown, could do wonders for this group.

R.P.S

DAWADA and SIAUSI villages had gone a step further. Two V.A.C. members at DAWADA and one at LOBODA, the latter been on patrol with the R.A.O. earlier in the year, and this was when he first came into contact with Co-operatives, decided that a Co-operative should be established at DAWADA. The three V.A.C.s started to collect money, and in the 7 months that they had been collecting, had raised £24/3/10. They were ordered to return the money to the respective owners, and were told that in future they were to approach the A.D.O. Esa'ala if they wished to start these money ventures.

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VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Village Constables and Councillors had done a good deal of work in preparation for the patrol. The usual complaints of lack of co-operation and not carrying out instructions were made. People were warned that lawful orders must be complied with, and constables were instructed to bring offenders to Esa'ala or before the next patrol.

MOI'IDI - WALUKESOIA the Village Constable of Sigasiga resigned because of old age. Councillor SAWEILE-TOPIO was provisionally appointed. LIBUTIA - KUILAMA was unanimously elected as V.C. of SIAUSI. Village Constable BAGIAIELO-TAIELI resigned because of old age, and SOPENI-KANAMOGA was elected in his place.

Bunama V.C. wishes to retire, since his wife has died.

In some of the smaller villages, with populations up to 200, 4 to 5 councillors hold office. With the V.A.C. also in the place, there are more chiefs than indians, leading to the general confusion of all.

HOUSING & REST HOUSES.

The standard of housing was from fair to poor. The traditional saddle style roof is almost non-existent now. Two elderly men at Kerorogea however, had just completed two saddle type houses, I complimented both of them on their fine effort.

In most census sub-divisions, up to 10 owners were given housing orders for houses which were in a gross state of disrepair. All orders were noted in the Village Books.

Rest houses in general were quite good. Some were in need of replacement, and the following were ordered to be rebuilt: MEUDANA, LOBODA, KWANAULA, BALABALA and KURADA. The barrack at Kurada will be moved to a new site, about 200 yds. further along the track. At present it is situated in front of the R.C. Mission and everyone agreed that it would be better to move it to a new site.

Hygiene in the hamlet areas was usually of a low standard. No village latrines were noted, and only were latrines erected for Police use when word went around that the Patrol Officer insisted on a latrine for Police use at each barrack.

ROADS, BRIDGES & CEMETRIES.

The majority of the roads traversed by the patrol were in reasonable order. Some of the lesser used roads were in poor condition, and showed signs of long neglect.

Specific examples of roads which had been neglected were the KASIKASI - GUDUMULI road and the BWASIAIAI - SIBONAI road. Both were ordered to be in a reasonable state by the time of the next patrol.

Bridges are almost unheard of in this area. Five large rivers had to be crossed by canoe.

The cemeteries in the area were all in a clean state and in most cases had been beautified by plantings of shrubs and flowers.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK.

At the time of the patrol, everyone was very busy in the gardens. The final stages of clearing the land were still being carried out, and some had commenced to plant. Although planting should have almost been completed, the people assured me that they were not too late. Rains have been plentiful and were later than usual. Most of the gardens were being built on slopes of 45 degrees and over, and it is amazing that the topography is not a greater limiting environmental factor. Food was plentiful and of a good quality.

Coconut plantings and coffee plots had been grossly neglected. Clearing of these had not been done for some time and in several instances coffee plots were noticed which had been established for a number of years, which still did not have shade planted in them. The result was a mass of dwindling yellow plants. *Agree? Ashanti?*

Those villages which have seed rice have made no attempt to plant this since 1958. Their main outlook towards the rice was as a cash crop, and when only a small amount of cash was received by them, interest in the venture waned.

The usual complaints were heard about the price paid by traders for copra. Some villages also asked when the R.A.O. was going to send a vessel to pick their copra up. ✓

Hot air driers are rarely used in the villages. In some places parts have been lying around for several years, without any attempt having been made to erect the drier. Copra is produced at sporadic intervals over smoky fires in the open. As long as traders accept this poor quality copra, there is no incentive for these small producers to exercise greater care in its manufacture.

Pigs and fowls were the only livestock kept by the people. Pig herds were in the process of being built up again in some villages, which had previously killed the majority of their pigs. *why?*

Cacao trees at DAWADA plantation were doing extremely well. It is not recommended that the tree be introduced to the native community. The constant care and attention required by the trees would be quite beyond these people. ✓

MEDICAL & HEALTH.

General health in the area is poor. Very little attempt is made at using the Aid Posts. Two cases were noted where people had been ill for a number of days and had died, without any attempt having been made of summoning the Aid Post Orderly or conveying the sick person to the Aid Post.

A number of parents were warned that they were liable to be charged for neglecting to take their children, when sick, to the Aid Post. On two occasions, babies, badly covered in scabies and ulcers, were conveyed to an Aid Post.

Aid Post Orderlies have been patrolling regularly when they have supplies. It would be a great improvement if some regular service could be established, to supply these Aid Posts with medicines and the orderlies with their pay. At present orderlies spend at least one week each month at Esa'ala collecting pay.

The people of KURADA approached the patrol with the request to have an Aid Post established at Kurada. I believe that

MEDICAL & HEALTH ... cont.

the request was also made to Med. Asst. C. Quinnell, about two weeks previous.

Aid Post Orderly Linsey of Esa'ala accompanied the patrol. He administered 367 treatments and gave 189½ injections. ✓

EDUCATION & MISSIONS.

The only Government school in the vicinity of this area is at Esa'ala. Two Mission bodies operate on Southern Normanby. A survey of schools was conducted in the area, numbers of teachers and the standard they had reached were noted, as well as standards taught and pupils attending school. The Methodist Overseas Mission have 29 schools in the area with 44 teachers in them. The Roman Catholic Mission has 7 schools with 13 teachers. Details are contained in Appendix 'E'. *Exhibit 10 Educ.*

In 95% of cases the M.O.M. teach in Dobu. Village teachers have no curriculum, and at times students had to be lined in order to determine the number at school, since no roll was kept.

About 20 cases were noted at Bwaruada and Bunama of men between the ages of 20 - 26 yrs. who had been in Std. II and III for a number of years, and who were still in that standard, without much hope of ever passing it.

The Roman Catholic Mission are getting a firm hold where they have settled and the Priests in charge, regularly supervise their schools and teachers. Schools controlled from Kurada are visited every fortnight, by the Priest.

Trained teachers in all the schools is the first thing required. Regular school inspections could also improve the matter.

LAW & JUSTICE.

All Court of Native Matters cases were sent to Esa'ala for hearing. Of the 22 cases sent in, 14 were convicted and 8 acquitted. The break up was as follows.

Adultery	section 84(2)	-	2
Behaving in a threatening manner	71(c)	-	1
Unlawful Assault	71(a)	-	1
Escaping from Custody	70(c)	-	1
Failing to pay tax	Sect. 16 PTO	-	10

A number of minor disputes and domestic problems were dealt with as they arose on patrol. Most of these were customary pig exchanges and Kula transactions.

An investigation was made into the disappearance of an unspecified amount of money belonging to the people of LOBODA. The deceased V.C. was holding it, and apparently took it with him to Samarai hospital, where he died. No trace of the money could be found.

LAND MATTERS.

WA'AGOMWA was purchased on behalf of Mr. J.S.Rae of Dawada Estate. The block is situated near SAWATUPWA village and the area purchased was 3/10 of an acre. Mr.Rae plans to put a trade store on the site.

Land for the Roman Catholic Mission was purchased at Soisoi River, near KWANAULA. The area purchased was 1.25 acres.

A dispute over the boundary at the Roman Catholic Mission, KEROROGEA, turned out to be misunderstanding by one of the parties. School boys, while cutting the station grass, had also been clearing an adjacent area belonging to the man PILIANI-DAGULIELO. Piliiani was under the impression that the mission had therefore taken over his land. The matter was corrected.

TAXATION.

The sum of £2. laid down for this area could be afforded by the people. The villages of MEUDANA, SIGASIGA and LOMITAWA may be a bit more pushed in getting the money, but the potential is there.

The people of SIGASIGA again tried their no money story. I warned them that I would not hesitate to send defaulters to Esa'ala, and since one defaulter had already been sent in from a previous village, they took heed. Very little trouble was encountered after this.

Men returning from work, in a lot of cases, had failed to pay tax for 1959. Most were under the impression that they would not have to pay it now. Aid Post Orderlies also had failed to pay tax for previous years. All outstanding tax for previous years was collected.

All able bodied males in each village paid the required tax, except the 10 defaulters held at Esa'ala. The total amount collected was £2746.

CENSUS & STATISTICS.

The birth-rate has been stable, compared with 1959, whereas the death rate has decreased.

Absentees from the village were adults and children who were engaged on Kula business, at the islands. The number of men away at work was very small. Apparently the men do not want work, even in their own areas, some plantations were having trouble getting labour.

There has been a gradual decline, over the past few years, in the populations of DAWADA, MWALUKWASIA and KUMARAU. The greater proportion of the young men and women migrate out, and this has had a definite effect on the births in these villages.

Statistics were collected on War Medals, Appendix 'A', Shotgun Permits, Appendix 'B', L.T.W.N., Appendix 'C', C.S.B. Pass Books, Appendix 'D', and Schools, Appendix 'E'. All Savings Books were collected, and sent to Port Moresby for insertion of interest.

Trade licenses were inspected, two licenses which

CENSUS & STATISTICS ..cont.

had expired in 1957, had still been used by the holders up to 1960. They were destroyed. Several Mission teachers were also trading, with licenses, it is recommended that these be withdrawn when they come up for renewal. Only one Village owned store is in the area. This is at Kurada, and is going quite well. 4 Europeans trade in the area, namely at DAWADA, MWALUKWASIA, WOKAIUNA, and SEWA BAY.

GENERAL.

All Village Constables were paid up to 30th June, 1960.

Three N.M.T.A. payments were made.

Minor delays occurred at several places due to rain. Overall weather conditions were good.

CONCLUSION.

The patrol, although done in reverse to the usual route, was of the utmost necessity. It must be disheartening to the people, to only have one patrol every year and then a tax patrol.

There is very little leadership and drive in the area and people are content to remain just as they are. A few individuals are breaking out of the 'stay as you are' existence, but this initiative has not spread to the majority.

An investigation into the possibility of establishing a co-operative at SIPUPU would certainly keep the morale of this group up.

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Cadet Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX


WAR MEDALS

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APPENDIX 'B'

SHOTGUNS


VILLAGE	PERMIT	OWNER	REMARKS
MWATEBU	RENEWED	MWATALEIA - DOUB'UWE'U	Good Order.
LOBOBU	FIELD	WILIHU - TULIHANI	To Esulu for repairs.
Gulegubet	Renewed	Toulu	Good Order.
KASHIKASI	RENEWED	BEIBEKKA	Good Order.
Bukimwa	Running	SALIMOKI	Good Order.
Bumwa	Running 1954	AKKAN Byron	Good Order.
BALIBALA	RENEWED	MWATALEIA	Good Order.
KURADA	RENEWED	ALESANA	Good Order.


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APPENDIX

HOLDER & PERMIT	AREA.	TYPE OF TRADE.
SUBWETH 22889 JOHN 22913	KEROROCEA "	TOBACCO, KEROSENE TRADED for COCONUTS.
TOIBAIWA 22915	KEROROCEA	
TIMOTHY 22914	KEROROCEA.	GENERAL TRADE STORE. J. WILKINSON.
HARIOPI 23100	KASIKUSI	SALE OF TOBACCO, KEROSENE, RICE.
MIDWAKA —	KASIKUSI	RICE, TOBACCO ETC. TRADED for COCONUTS.
TOMENESIKE	GUDUMULI	GENERAL TRADE STORE. L. WILKINSON.
ALLAN —	BUNAMA	RICE, TOBACCO, KEROSENE TRADED for COCONUTS.
TEMANI	BUNAMA	GENERAL TRADE STORE L. WILKINSON.
LUKE - MAREKO 22906	KURADA.	RICE, TOBACCO TRADED for COCONUTS.
		GENERAL STORE OWNED By KURADA VILLAGE.


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COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK PASS BOOKS

Appendix: 'D'.

VILLAGE	SOCIETY A/Cs	Ordinary A/Cs	Collected for Interest Insertion
Sewataitai	1	1	2
Mwatebu	1	-	1
Sawatupwa	1	3	4
Kerorogea	1	1	2
Sipupu	2	2	3
Lomitawa	1	-	1
Sigasiga	1	-	1
Dawada	1	1	2
Biausi	1	-	1
Loboda	1	3	3
Kwanaula	1	3	4
Mwelakwasia	1	1	2
Somwadina	1	-	1
Biauwa	1	-	-
Guleguleu	1	1	2
Kumarau	1	1	2
Kasikasi	1	-	1
Gudumuli	2	1	3
Bunama	1	6	6
Balabala	1	4	5
Kurada	1	4	5
Bwasiaiai	-	3	3
Sibonai	1	-	1
Isumaiamaia	1	-	-
Saploa	-	2	2

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SCHOOLS - SOUTHERN FORMANBY.

Appendix 'E'.

1.

AREA	MISSION	TEACHERS	GRADES	TOTAL PUPILS
SEWATAITAI	M.O.M.	1 Std. 2	Cl. 1 - 19 Std. 1 - 2 Std. 2 - 3	24
MWATEBU	M.O.M.	1 Std. 3	Cl. 1 - 18 Std. 1 - 1 Std. 2 - 4	23
SAWATUPWA	M.O.M.	1 Std. 3	Cl. 1 - 21 Std. 1 - 10	31
KEROROGEA	M.O.M.	1 Std. 4	Cl. 1 - 10 Std. 1 - 2 Std. 2 - 1	13
	R.Catholic	3 Std. 4 6 6	Cl. 1 - 17 Std. 1 - 11 Std. 2 - 6 Std. 3 - 5	39
MEUDANA	M.O.M.	1 Std. 3	Std. 1 - 55	55
	R.Catholic	1 Std. 6	Cl. 1 - 18 Std. 1 - 9 Std. 2 - 5	32
WEIOKO	M.O.M.	1 Std. 3	Cl. 1 - 18 Std. 1 - 2 Std. 2 - 1	21
BWARUADA	M.O.M.	4 Std. 7 5 5 5	Cl. 1 - 36 Cl. 2 - 30 Std. 1 - 23 Std. 2 - 19 Std. 3 - 12	120
LOMITNWA	M.O.M.	1 Std. 3	Cl. 1 - 8 Cl. 2 - 21	29

AREA	MISSION	TEACHERS	GRADES	TOTAL PUPILS
SIGASIGA	M.O.M.	1 Std. 4	Cl. 1 - 41 Cl. 2 - 8	49
DAWADA	M.O.M.	1 Std. 2	Cl. 1 - 12 Std. 1 - 4	16
SIAUSI	M.O.M.	1 Std. 1	Cl. 1 - 18 Cl. 2 - 11 Std. 1 - 7	36
LOBODA	M.O.M.	3 Std. 5 3 2	Cl. 1 - 6 Cl. 2 - 4 Std. 1 - 32 Std. 2 - 11	53
KWANAULA	M.O.M.	1 Std. 2	Cl. 1 - 12 Cl. 2 - 6 Std. 1 - 6	24
BUNAS	R. Catholic	1 Std. 5	Cl. 1 - 6 Cl. 2 - 10 Std. 1 - 4	20
MWALUKWASIA	M.O.M.	1 Std. 5	Cl. 1 - 9 Cl. 2 - 11 Std. 1 - 12	32
BIAUWA (a) SEWAI	M.O.M.	1 Std. 4	Cl. 1 - 7 Cl. 2 - 16 Std. 1 - 3	26
(b) IELEIELUIA		2 Std. 2 3	Cl. 1 - 35 Cl. 2 - 14 Std. 1 - 13	62
GULEGULEU (a) IAPESAPEIA	M.O.M.	1 Std. 1	Cl. 1 - 22 Cl. 2 - 20 Std. 1 - 7	
(b) KALUTAULA		2 Std. 3 2	Cl. 1 - 16 Cl. 2 - 12	Std. 1 - 17 Std. 2 - 12 (57)

SCHOOLS - Cont.

3.

AREA	MISSION	TEACHERS	GRADES	TOTAL PUPILS
KASIKASI (a) Magidakwadakwa	M.O.M	2 Std. 4 3	Cl. 1 - 21 Cl. 2 - 14 Std. 1 - 10	45
(b) Kasikasi		1 Std. 2	Cl. 1 - 25 Cl. 2 - 6	31
(c) Tupwabobole		1 Std. 4	Cl. 1 - 9 Cl. 2 - 6 Std. 1 - 10	25
SAWABARA	M.O.M.	1 Std. 0	Cl. 1 - 5 Cl. 2 - 5 Std. 1 - 7	17
GUDUMULI	M.O.M.	1 Std. 7	Cl. 1 - 5 Cl. 2 - 11 Std. 1 - 21	37
BUNAMA	M.O.M.	4 Std. 4 5 6 6	Cl. 1 - 24 Cl. 2 - 9 Std. 1 - 29 Std. 2 - 27 Std. 3 - 28	117
BALABAKA	M.O.M.	2 Std. 4 4	Cl. 1 - 28 Cl. 2 - 4	32
	R. Catholic	1 Std. 5	Cl. 1 - 7 Cl. 2 - 7 Std. 1 - 4 Std. 2 - 5	23
KURADA	M.O.M.	2 Std. 2 4	Cl. 1 - 11 Cl. 2 - 10	21
	R. Catholic	3 Std. 5 7 7	Cl. 1 - 15 Cl. 2 - 10 Std. 1 - 9 Std. 2 - 7 Std. 3 - 11	52

SCHOOLS -Cont.

4.

AREA	MISSION	TEACHERS	GRADES	TOTAL PU PILS
BWASIAIAI	M.O.M.	2 Std. 2 ₆	Cl. 1-5 Cl. 2-5	10
	R.Catholic	2 Std. 7 ₄	Cl. 1-9 2-7 Std. 1-11 2-4	31
SIBON AI	M.O.M.	* Std. 3	Cl. 1-5 2-2	7
ICU MAIAMAIA	R.Catholic	2 Std. 5 ₄	Cl. 1-8 2-6 Std. 1-9	23
SAPLOA	M.O.M.	1 (at Bun ama meeting)		

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SPIRIT STORY - SIGASIGA.

The Village Constable informed me that the man TOMOGEIA - IANABWAU, about 22yrs. of age, had been telling the people the following story:

" I have had a dream, and in this dream, my father (deceased) came to me and asked me why the committee did not help me plant my coffee. My father said to me: 'You have been working at SEWATAITAI Plantation, and while you have been away, everyone else has planted coffee, but you have no coffee. You must plant 500 trees and have the committee help you.' Two spirits then came up to me and they just walked around me and then they touched me and I woke up."

TOMOGEIA was then asked if this was what he had dreamed. He said "No", I did not dream this about the spirits. They were two of my friends who came up when I was asleep, and they asked me to come hunting. I did not see them in my dream. I did see my father in the dream." When asked if he had told the people that spirits had touched him in his dream, he failed to reply.

TOMOGEIA had this dream in April, and since then has planted 10 coffee trees. He was working at SEWATAITAI in 1958-59.

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Cadet Patrol Officer.

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Area Patrolled.....

IS	ABSENT FROM VILLAGE										LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
	AT WORK					STUDENTS					Males		Females	Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing Ago	Child		Adults				
	Inside District		Outside District			Govt.		Mission			10-16	16-45	10-16			15-45		M	F	M	F	
Out	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F								M	F	M	F		
	2	7	1	2				7		7	40	6	36	1	36		39	27	35	41	159	
	1	2		2		2		3	1	13	33	10	23	2	26		19	28	35	28	120	
	2	12		1				8	3	6	64	17	63	2	66		35	38	82	88	267	
	2	5	1	5				15	3	16	75	25	76	5	80		69	71	92	104	365	
	4	7		3				13	3	32	73	28	62	4	80		89	76	99	98	388	
	1	2						3	3	16	29	6	29	2	30		28	15	32	35	118	
	4	15	1	1				23	26	9	62	6	54	3	60		51	38	74	71	300	
	2	9	1					2		27	53	22	45	3	60		70	65	70	71	288	
	1	18						2	1	36	74	35	80	6	85		84	77	91	93	366	
	3	8		1				1		7	33	7	34	5	35		18	14	35	39	117	
	1	10		2				4	1	15	49	20	48	2	52		37	42	61	62	219	
	2	6	1	2				3	1	22	53	27	48	2	56		52	48	74	66	253	
	6	1		3				3	1	12	43	20	48	3	55		31	36	58	65	198	
	1	6								9	37	16	31	-	33		25	28	39	38	136	
	2	1								24	55	25	45	3	47		51	45	64	57	212	
	10	6		1				5	3	34	83	32	77	4	84		86	72	102	102	377	
	3	15		8				8	4	48	162	55	144	6	161		123	143	173	181	675	
	3	6		8				1		7	25	9	30	-	31		16	21	36	39	123	
	2	12	1	3				7	-	42	99	29	75	10	108		96	87	118	119	443	
	1	14		4				9	5	32	87	31	80	4	88		83	61	106	102	384	
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STORES TAKEN ON PATROL

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Area Patrolled.....

RATIONS		ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL	
		AT WORK		STUDENTS				Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing Age	Child			Adults					
Out		Inside District	Outside District					Govt.	Mission					10-16	16-45	10-16	16-45			M	F	M
	2	7	1	2					7			7	40	6	36	1	36	39	27	35	41	159
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STORES TAKEN ON PATROL

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MILNE BAY Report No. ESA-ALA 4-60/61

Patrol Conducted by E.W. Benham, Patrol Officer Gr 1

Area Patrolled Proposed Council Area comprising South Eastern Fergusson Island, Northern Section of Normanby Island and Dobu Island.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans None

Leatani Baloi, Interpreter Gr 3

Natives 2 Members R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 12/3/1961, to 27/3/1961

Number of Days 12 actual days on patrol

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 19/12/1960

Medical/...../18.....

Map Reference Army 1" Series: 1297 Fergusson Island: 1299 Dawson Strait:

Objects of Patrol Propaganda and pre-election talks of the proposed Dobu Council: Revision of census for compilation of taxpayers register.

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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DSO, AFB

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67-4-15/4-5-1

4th July, 1961.

The District Officer,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

PROPOSED AERODROME - SEBULUGOMWA
FERGUSON ISLAND

I refer to Esa'ala Patrol Report No. 4 of 1960/1961 by Mr. E. W. Benham, Patrol Officer, and to the comments in the last paragraph of the covering memorandum 67-4-15/355 of the 21st April, 1961 by the Assistant District Officer, Esa'ala.

2. I referred the question of the possible aerodrome on Sebulugomwa to the Assistant Administrator. He has replied that it is not present policy that an aerodrome should be constructed there, but he asks that he be advised when the native owners signify their willingness to dispose of the whole area involved. He adds that at that stage, if it is deemed advisable, arrangements may be made for an engineering investigation.

3. I do not consider that a full investigation is warranted at this stage, but you will recall that Mr. Benham stated that only about half the owners had been approached on the matter, and I feel that the Assistant District Officer could arrange to have the remaining owners contacted concerning their views. I shall be glad to have your advice in due course.

J.K. McCarthy
(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-4-15

In Reply
Please Quote

No. AD.23/1/5

Department of the Administrator,

Konedobu.

29th June, 1961.



The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

PROPOSED AERODROME, SEBULUGOMWA,
FERGUSEON ISLAND.

Your NA.67-4-15 of 30th May, 1961, refers.

It is not present policy that an aerodrome should be constructed at Sebulugomwa but it will be appreciated if you will advise when the native owners signify their willingness to dispose of the whole area involved. At that stage, if it is deemed advisable, arrangements may be made for an engineering investigation.

*Full
consideration
not required
at this stage.*

J. 30/6

J. T. Gunther
(J. T. GUNTHER)
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR.

67-4-15

30th May, 1961.

The Assistant Administrator,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDONU.

FOR ATTENTION EXECUTIVE OFFICER (POLICY AND PLANNING)

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Attached hereto is an Extract from Milne Bay
Patrol Report No. 4 of 1960/61.

It is thought that this information may be
of interest to you if not already known.

No purchase action will be commenced by this
Department until the Department of Civil Aviation approve
the proposed site.

a
(J.K. McCarthy)
Director

Att.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER - LANDS.

MINUTE

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File No. 67-4-15

SUBJECT

Your attention is invited to page 8 of this Report.

*Extract to R/o P. P.
"It is thought that this
info. may be of
interest to you.
no purchase action will
be commenced until D.C.A.
approve of the site."*

67-4-15

23rd May, 1961.

The District Officer,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 4 1960-61 - ESA'ALA:

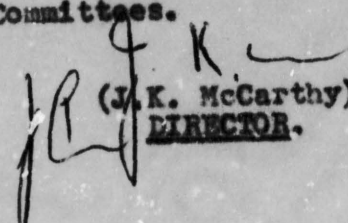
Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

It is gratifying to know that the efforts of earlier Officers in the encouragement of coconut plantings, have resulted in the people having a means whereby they can now obtain cash.

In Para. 8 of your covering memorandum to the Assistant District Officer, Esa'ala, you have mentioned that Native Timber Authority being obtainable from the Department of Land. The Regional Forrest Officer, Port Moresby, is the authority to whom applications should be made.

I am most gratified with the contents of the report which gives a first class picture of activity in the area and provides a good picture of the peoples' attitude towards Local Government Councils.

Please let me have your comments on the remark on page 9 concerning Village Agricultural Committees.


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67.4.15

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-45/355

Department of Native Affairs,
Sub district Office,
ESA'ALA. M.B.D.

District Officer,
Milne Bay District,
S A M A R A I



PATROL REPORT No. 4 - 1960/61 - ESA'ALA

Herewith please find the above Patrol Report in triplicate.

This is a good comprehensive patrol report.

On page 3 the matter of shifting aid posts at Daguiara, Du'una and Wagara is brought forward. I think this is a matter that the next Medical Officer to the area could very well look into.

On page 4 Mr. Benham mentions 'forced plantings'. By this I think that he refers to all the nuts planted many years ago when a native could be made to plant so many nuts per year under the Native Regulations Ordinance. Incidentally most of the nuts in the area were planted by these means. Mr. A.R.M. VIVIAN was responsible for much of the planting.

The difference in figures of the two major coconut counts mentioned on page 5 makes one very dubious of the estimated possible production. Mr Gosbells figures are 57% of Mr. Sharp's, and I think are very conservative.

On page 6 Mr Benham mentions that the tax rate of WAGARA, and Du'una is 10/-. This is incorrect. The rate is £2 p.a. but I understand that on many occasions partial exemptions have been granted and many have the idea that the rate is 10/-.

EJO
P.P.
Airstrip Site - page 8. Reference proposed new airstrip site I would suggest that this matter be brought before D.C.A. (Mr King) and if the position and direction is favourable we will go ahead and see if the area can be purchased and a complete investigation can be carried out. I consider it a waste of time to make the investigation if the position with regard to winds etc. is not accepted by D.C.A.

(C.T. Healy)

Assistant District Officer

67-1-3

Department of Native Affairs,
SAMARAI...MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

28th April, 1961

The Assistant District Officer,
Subdistrict Office,
ESA'ALA.

PATROL REPORT No. 4/60-61 - ESA'ALA.

Receipt of Mr. Benham's report submitted under cover of your 67-4-15 is acknowledged with thanks.

2. The Dobu Council area has been adequately covered over the past eighteen months since the proposal was made to form a local government council in the area and the people should by now have a good understanding of the functions of local government. Since receiving this report, I have been advised that the Dobu Council proclamation has been signed and that we can now proceed with the elections, which will fit in nicely with the pre-election talks that Mr. Benham has given on this patrol.

3. Following the elections and the first meeting and until such time that a Council House has been erected, you may be able to arrange for the Council to meet at various points in the Council area, thereby developing further the interest of the people in the Council and giving them a better understanding of how their Council functions. I have already approved your suggestion regarding the publication of a Council newsheet and I consider that it would be extremely valuable to follow this up immediately after the first Council meeting.

4. Health. The matter of resiting the Garubwa aid post, if necessary, should be taken up by you with the Medical Officer at Mapamoiwa. Also, if you are not receiving copies of medical patrol reports, you might also discuss this with the P.H.D. representative so that you might be kept well informed of developmental activities relating to health matters in the Sub-District.

5. Economic. The information obtained by Mr. Benham is interesting and will prove most useful when planning the economic development of the area in association with the Council. I am pleased to note that Mr. Gosbell, Agricultural Officer, will carry out an economic survey of the Fergusson Island section of the Council area very soon and, with the information already compiled to date, he will be able to assist you in your plan to develop and improve the economic potential of the area.

I am concerned at the apparent large discrepancies in the agricultural statistics appendix to the report and I will request the District Agricultural Officer to clarify the matter.

6. Trading. Where persons are to be found actively trading then they should be encouraged to legalise their position by taking out trading licences, especially where there is already a licensed trader operating in the same village area.

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7. Rural Progress Society. I have just read a copy of Mr. Gosbell's report and have noted that he is not in favour of an early introduction of a R.P.S., but his alternative proposals are worthy of consideration. If a R.P.S. is introduced at this early stage of local government development, then it must be strongly guarded against the possibility of failure, as such might lead to confusion in the people's minds and react against the future extension of area administration to other groups. I refer you to paragraph 3 of the Director's memo 40-2-4 of 27/4/60.

8. General. The alternative airstrip proposal has been discussed with the District Commissioner and we are both of the opinion that the cross wind factor would be a problem to aircraft operations. I think D.C.A. would be against the alternative site in view of the added restriction being placed on D.C. 3 operations, however, I will have the matter referred for their advice.

If Mr. Willman desires to cut logs on native owned land then he should be in possession of a Native Timber Authority obtainable from the Department of Lands. Please investigate the matter and advise me further.

9. Mr. Benham has carried out a thorough patrol and has provided some very useful information, and is to be commended for his obvious interest in his work.

The claim for camping allowance is returned herewith for payment.

(L.J. DOOLAN)
District Officer.

c.c. Director, D.N.A.

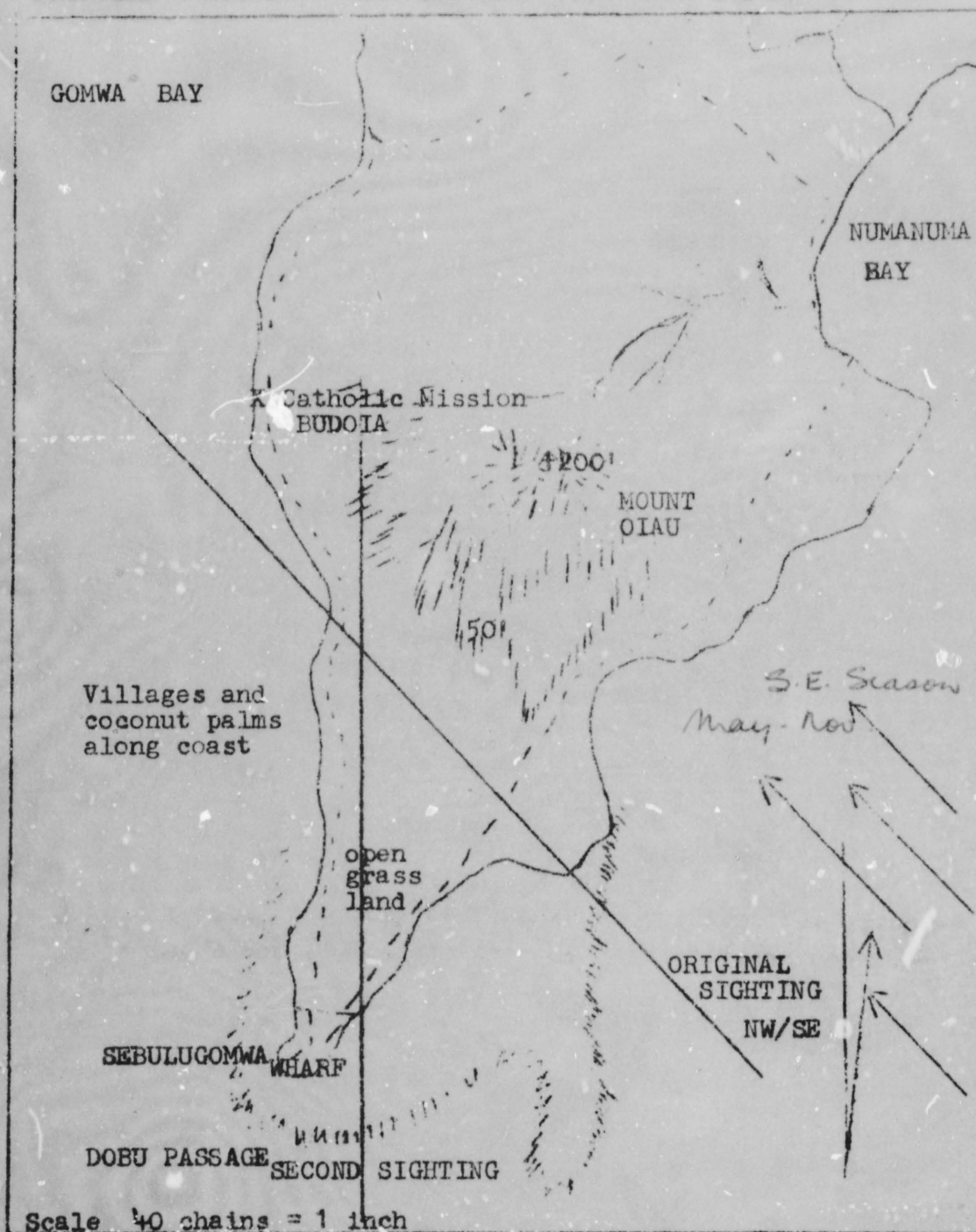
K O N E D O B U.

Copy of report goes forward for your information and records.

(L.J. DOOLAN)
District Officer.

*Regional
Forest
Officer
P.M. is
the authority*

PROPOSED AIRSTRIP - SEBULUGOMWA FERGUSON ISLAND



Accompanying Patrol Report No 4 -60/61
12/4/61

E.W.Benham P.O.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply
Please Quote*

EWB/-

No. 67.4.15-349

Department of Native Affairs,
Sub district Office,
ESA'ALA. M.B.D.

12th April, 1961

Assistant District Officer
Esa'ala Sub district,
ESA'ALA.

PATROL REPORT 4 - 60/61

Herewith please find attached: -

Patrol Report in quadruplicate,
Claim for camping allowance,
Contingency for hire M.V. Ceylon.

E.W. Benham
(E.W. Benham)
Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION

The council area now forms one patrol/census division. Previously the area was divided into Northern Normanby (which included Dobu Island) and South Eastern Fergusson census/patrol divisions. The revision of census in 1959/60 was conducted in three stages : -

Eastern Fergusson (part)	- 23/5/60 - 2/6/60
Northern Normanby	- 11/4/60 - 14/6/60
South East Fergusson	- 29/7/60 - 10/8/60

Since the commencement of the proposed Dobu Council the area has been visited as follows : -

- | | | |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Eastern Fergusson
Introductory Talks NLGC. | A. Macintosh PO | 13/7/59 to
22/8/59 |
| 2. Northern Normanby
Introductory Talks NLGC | J.D. Martin ADO | 20/5/59 to
10/10/59 broken |
| 3. Northern Normanby (part)
Southern Fergusson (part)
Talks & survey NLGC | J.D. Martin ADO | 27/1/60 to
15/2/60 |
| 4. Northern Normanby
Propaganda & census | J.D. Martin ADO | 11/4/60 to
14/6/60 |
| 5. Eastern Fergusson (part) | G.W. Harris CPO | 23/5/60 to
2/6/60 |
| 6. South East Fergusson (part)
Census revision & propaganda | J.D. Martin ADO | 29/7/60 to
10/8/60 |
| 7. Complete council area
Peoples attitude to NLGC | J. Frew ADO LG | 16/8/60 to
5/9/60 |
| 8. Fergusson Island (part)
Peoples attitude to NLGC | E.W. Benham PO | 18/10/60 to
20/10/60 |
| 9. Complete Council Area
Pre-election talks | E.W. Benham PO | 19/12/60 to
6/1/61 |
| 10. Complete Council Area
Census Revision & NLGC Talks. | E.W. Benham PO | 13/2/61 to
24/3/61 |

Objects of the patrol were,

- (a) Revision of census for the whole council area.
- (b) Pre-election talks for the forthcoming council elections.
- (c) Survey of economic trading activity in the area.
- (d) Trading licenses and stores.
- (e) Shotgun owners.
- (f) Village Commonwealth Savings Accounts - purpose.

Appendices in the following have been attached to the patrol report : -

- (a) Conduct report - R.P. & N.G.C.
- (b) Courts for Native Matters.
- (c) Travelling times & methods.
- (d) Shotgun owners
- (e) Licensed traders and activities.
- (f) Village C.S.B. Accounts.
- (g) Alienated land
- (h) Coconut Census statistics - DASF
- (i) Economic Production - R.P.S Area - DASF
- (j) Village Population Register 9 Census.
- (j) " CONSTATABLES - COUNCIL AREA

DIARY OF PATROL

- Monday 13th March, 1961 - 0700 Dept Esa'ala per M.V. Ceylon.
0940 Arrive Nade, Fergusson Is.
Pre-election talks and census of Nade C/Group (370).
1400 Dept Nade per M.V. Ceylon
1435 Arrive Si'ilugu
Pre-election talks and census of Si'ilugu (210). Camp Gomwa.
- Tuesday 14th March, 1961 - 0840 Dept Gomwa - good track
0920 Arrive Salamo R/H
Pre-election talks and census of Salamo (99) and Gomwabila Census (427) Groups. 1530 Pre-election talks and census of Gomwa (330) at Gomwa R/H completed 1830. Camp Gomwa
- Wednesday 15th March, 1961 - 0745 CNM cases: 0915 Dept Gomwa per M.V. Katuna.
1000 Arrive Geiawaia near Kedidia.
Walk good track: 1030 arrive Daguiara R/H. Pre-election talks and census of Daguiara (117), Wa'agara (116) and Du'una (186) census groups. Return Esa'ala via Sebulogomwa 1700.
- Thursday 16th March 1961 - 1045 acc by C.T. Healy ADO to Bwaioa Fergusson Is.. Recruitment of labour for Woodlark Is. Census of Bwaioa (380) and Deidei (141) and pre-election talks. Camp Bwaioa R/H.
- Friday 17th March, 1961 - 0910 Dept Bwaioa good track. 0955 arrive Sawa'edi R.H. Pre-election talks and census of Sawa'edi (440) Census group. Heavy rain camp Bwaioa.
- Saturday 18th March, 1961 - 0735 Dept Bwaioa R/H along coastal track through Budoya C.M. Dept Budoya 0310 arrive Numanuma R/H 0900. Pre-election talks and census of Numanuma Census Group (564). Return Esa'ala per M.V. Katuna.
- Sunday 19th March, 1961 - Observed at Esa'ala.
- Monday 20th March, 1961 - Pre-e To Dobu Island. Pre-election talks and census of Dobu Census Group (824). Return to Esa'ala.
- Tuesday 21st March, 1961 - At Esa'ala. Visit of His Excellency Arch Bishop De Furstenburg to Esa'ala. Census and pre-election talks Sisiana (131) and Taulu census groups (240). 1530 to Budoya Catholic Mission.
- Wednesday 22nd March, 1961 - 0800-0845 Discussion with ADO. Arrive Bwakera, Normanby Is. 1145 per M.V. Katuna. Pre-election talks and census of Bwakera (510) and Maiabari (126). Sleep Bwakera.
- Thursday 23rd March, 1961 - 0745 Dept Bwakera. 0900 arrive Koruwea. Pre-election talks Koruwea (230) and Io'o (173) Census groups. Return Esa'al .
- Friday 24th March, 1961 - 0815 Dept Esa'ala per M.V. Katuna. 1005 arrive Darubia. Pre-election talks and census of Darubia (199) and Miadeba (127) Arrive Esa'ala 1800.
- Monday 27th March, 1961 - To Sebulugomwa investigate airstrip.

This is my second patrol of the council area and it was found that the people are a little more ready to talk matters over.

With the election patrol in the near future and then a follow up after the council has commenced I should be familiar to the people and the area. The patrol was well received throughout the area and the interest in the council was still apparent. Most census groups have held meetings and selected their councillors. It was explained that even though they had selected their councillors an official election would still have to be held. Two weeks prior to the patrol a letter written in the Dobuan language was sent to each census group advising the people of the patrol's activities. There were only three people wilfully absent from census.

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1. SOCIAL

(a) Law & Order is well established and the people except for a prevalence of adultery and the isolated criminal offence are law abiding. There were only five appearances before the Court for Native Matters whilst on patrol. (Appendix 'B').

(b) Health is generally good throughout the area. There are three hospitals :-

1. Ubuia - Normanby Island. Staffed by the Methodist Overseas Mission and financed by the Administration. Present staff: -

Mr. J. Fuller (Wife & 3 children) Supt.
Sister G. Secombe
Sister D. Nix

Ubuia is a Hansenide Colony and has 3 male wards, 2 female wards a dispensary for lepers and another for outpatients. Two new wards have been completed and an area being levelled for another two. The station has a Fergusson Massey Tractor & trailer and a 17 ft outboard. It has facilities for approximately 120 patients. The mission is involved in the economic development of the area and this will be discussed under economic development.

2. Salamo - Fergusson Island. General and Infant Welfare Hospital. Staffed by the Overseas Methodist Mission and financed by the administration. Present staff is: -

Sister M. Thurstun
2 Native Staff Nurses
1 Infant welfare nurse.

The hospital has 2 infant welfare wards, 1 male ward, 1 female ward and 1 midwifery ward. Training courses for nurses are carried out by Sister M. Thurstun. There is a mobile infant welfare service which operates around the Gomwa Bay and Dawson Strait.

3. Esa'ala Hospital/Aid Post. Staffed by 1 Native Medical Orderly (very competent). A permanent material building approximately 30' in length. N.M.O. has a permanent material residence.

AID POSTS are located at the following census groups:

1. Garubwa - for Gamwabila, Wagara, Du'una census groups.
2. Bwaioa - for Deidei, Numanuma, Sawaedi, Bwaioa census groups
3. Darubia - for Miadeba, Sawataitai and Darubia census groups
3. Nade - for Nade census group - staffed by an ex NMO. One of the best kept aid posts in the area.
4. Budoya - Catholic Mission - all groups around Budoya
5. Dohi - Methodist Overseas Mission - Nurse Dohi and.

AID POSTS CONTD

6. Esa'ala - Sisiana, Dobu Island, Taulu census groups
7. Bwakera - Maiabari and Bwakera census groups.

The area is adequately serviced by aid posts and the ones seen on patrol were well kept.

The people of Daguiara (117), Du'una (186), and Wagara (116) requested that another aid post be opened at a more central point. I do not consider it essential that another aid be staffed but that the old aid post be resighted to a more central sight and be staffed by the same orderly. Mr. Quinnell E.M.A. Mapamoiwa was recently in the area but as we do not receive a copy of medical patrol reports or on matters pertaining to the area we are unable to discuss the matter with the people.

The people living on the north eastern side of Dobu Island requested that another aid post be opened at ENAIA. The people are willing to build an aid post, dispensary and house and allocate an area of ground for a garden. There is an aid post already on Dobu Island situated at the Methodist Mission Station. This is staffed by a Mission Nurse. The people have requested another aid post because:-

1. The nurse does not patrol on the other islands on which the Dobu people live.
2. There is no accommodation at the mission aid post for overnight patients.
3. The mission aid post is alright for cuts and 'small sickness' but if anybody is really ill they go across to Esa'ala.
4. The mission aid post is for ~~the~~ babies and mothers - the nurse holds weekly infant welfare case.

In conversation with Dr. Siko I was advised that the policy is for 1 aid post per 1,000 people. The total population of Dobu Island census group is 824. If there is a Native Medical Orderly available I would recommend the opening of this aid post.

(c) Education of the village children has been left entirely to the Methodist and Catholic Missions. The government has only one Primary 'T' School in the Sub district. This is at Esa'ala and is for station children, although there are village children attending. The Primary 'T' School is staffed by: -

Mrs M.P. Benham
Antia Narara (Auxilliary Division)
Gabriel Madlo (Admin Servant)

There are 58 children attending and up to standard 6 is taught.

Methodist Mission - Salamo. There are approximately 200 children attending/boarding at the Salamo School. The present teaching staff is:-

Mr. A. Scott-Brannagan
Mr. Clark
Miss G. Grady
Miss M. Anderson

The children commence their education at village schools and the go to Salamo which reaches standard 7.

It is anticipated that a Technical Instructor will be available to the Mission this year and then Technical Training Courses will be re-continued this year. There is a well equiped technical classroom, which can train 20 students.

Methodist Mission - Dobu. There are approximately -----

Education

120 children attending the mission school of which 24 are boarders. Prep. to standard 3 is taught. Present mission staff is :-

Rev. R. Lawton (wife & 1 child).

The Methodist Mission have 17 village schools in the council area with an average attendance of 30 per school. Lessons are in the vernacular in the village schools.

Catholic Mission - Budoya. There are 115 children attending the mission school at Budoya. Prep to standard 5 is taught. Mission staff engaged on teaching:

Rev Fr. Atacheson M.S.C.

Rev. Fr. AC Grane M.S.C.

The Catholic Mission have 5 schools in the council area with an average attendance of 30, per school. Prep to standard 3 is taught.

Figures recorded at census : -

34 male children - 6 female children attend administration schools

204 male children - 99 female children attend mission schools.

A total of 343 children attending schools.

(d) EMPLOYMENT is extremely limited in the area as there is very little European settlement. Census figures recorded show that there are 199 males employed within the sub district, 80% at least are outside of the council area. 12 females are employed within the sub district. 6 at least are working as nurses at Salamo. There are 190 males employed outside of the district making a total of 389 males on wage labour. This approximately 20% of the total number of males in the council area. Employment within the council area is restricted to Kedidia Plantation, Administration and the Missions. It would appear that until such time as the young men of the area take an active interest in the economic development of the area there will be a continuous drain of young men from the council area.

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2. ECONOMIC. The area is suitable for the cultivation of coconuts palms. Forced plantings and encouragement from field officers has resulted in most coastal people owning a few to several hundred palms. The planting has been spasmodic and has been concentrated along the narrow coastal belt around the islands. There has been very little economic development and the people appear to be completely lethargic to any work outside their daily village life. These people have had 70 years of European influence and social development has always been ahead of economic development. The people have reached a stage where they are content to sit in their villages and do sufficient work only to provide their tax money and personal requirements i.e. pots, plates etc., They have no food problems and no desire to work. There is a small minority which is planting coconuts but these are extremely limited. Rice and coffee have been planted by the instigation of the Department of Agriculture (Re: R 3/3-28 of 22.11.55 - W. Cotrell-Dormer Patrol/R 3/55-56: SR 3-3-28 10/9/56 - J.H.Sharp Patrol/R 2/56-67 : S.T. 3-3-28 18/3/59 J.H.Sharp Patrol/R -), but due to lack of staff this has not been continued and the people remain in a state of uncertainty. The posting of the Agricultural Officer to this sub district will no doubt improve the economic development providing that he has the support of the people.

*Ag. Officer
J.H. Sharp*

Since 1958 there has been three coconut counts in various areas of the council. These figures have been attached as an appendices as well as estimated copra production for TAULU, IO'O KORUWEA, BWAKERA and MIABARI.

On perusal of these coconut counts it was found that there is a considerable difference between figures of Mr. J. Sharp and Mr. Gosbell. It is impossible to say who is correct and the use of incorrect figures could be very misleading when the economic potential of an area is assessed.

From MR. Gosbell's figures it has been assessed that the groups of TAULU, IO'O, KORUWEA, BWAKERA and MAIABARI will in 1961 receive £5,580 for copra produced. This is based on the fact that all nuts are utilised for copra production. These groups form the proposed R.P.S. Area.

The remainder of the census groups on Fergusson Island will be surveyed in the near future. The Agricultural Officer has advised that this economic survey is the next patrol.

An investigation into economic activity was carried out with the following results : -

NADE, Population 370

Copra, sold to local trade store managed by KENORI (details of trading activity - Appendix 'E'). 21 males absent working for wages. Tax rate £2 per head.

SI'ILUGU (210)

Selling native foods to Salamo Mission. No copra production. 5 males absent working for wages.

SALAMO (99) & GAMABILA (210)

Copra, sold to Methodist Mission Salamo. Native foods to Mission - price 1½d per lb - natives will not sell any more native foods at 1½d per lb. 2 males absent on wage labour Salamo and 18 absent from Gamabila. Tax rate £2.

GOMWA (330)

Copra to Sebulugomwa (N.EVENNETT) and Kedidia (F. CRAIG). 35 absent on wage labour. Tax rate £2.

IO'O (173)

Copra to Ubuia Mission by outboard. Logs to Ubuia (for Salamo Sawmill). 7 males absent on wage labour. Tax rate £2.

DARUBIA (199)

Copra to Ganawe Plantation (Mr. A.C.D. Wilson) - with the co-operation of Mr Wilson a road suitable for a tractor has been made from Ganawe (Sewataitai Bay) to Darubia R/House. 9 males absent on wage labour. Tax rate £2.

MIADEBA (127)

Copra to Sebulugomwa and M.V. MAIMERA (N.EVENNETT) trades throughout area. 3 males absent on wage labour. Tax rate £2.

BEGASI (Gomwa Census Group)

Copra, to C.M.B. transhipped by M.V. Koonwara MOM .

DAGUIARA (117)

Very slight copra production - inland area - native vegetables to Kedidia. Casual labour at Kedidia to obtain tax money. Tax rate £2.

WAGARA (116)

No copra production - inland area - labour at Kedidia plantation for tax money - native foods to Kedidia. Tax rate 10/- .

DU'UNA

Very little copra production - casual work at Kedidia plantation - money divided between males to pay tax - Tax rate 10/- .

Daguiara, Du'una and Wagara census groups have little income. The area was investigated for the cultivation of coffee and it was recommended that a trial block be grown. The Daguiara people prepared 13 gardens - advised not to plant - Watson V.C. has a block of 59 trees and PAULO an Agricultural Trainee has been working in the area. It appears that the trees are doing well and the people want to know if they are to plant shade and prepare gardens. I have brought this to the notice of the Agricultural Officer at Esa'ala.

BWAIOA (380)

Copra, to Kedidia and Sebulugomwa. 31 males absent on wage labour. Tax rate £2.

DEIDEI (380)

Copra to Kedidia. 6 males absent on wage labour. Tax rate £2.

SAWAEDI (440)

Copra to Kedidia and Sebulugomwa. Trocus Shell to Sebulugomwa (15 per 5/-). 38 people away on wage labour. Tax rate £2.

NUMANUMA (564)

Copra to Sebulugomwa and Kedidia. Trocus to Sebulugomwa. Native foods to Esa'ala. 39 males absent on wage labour. Tax rate £2.

DOBU (824)

Copra to Kedidia, Sebulugomwa and to Trade Store on Dobu (Managed by LUIA'A details in appendix 'E'). Trocus shell to Sebulugomwa. 69 males absent on wage labour. Tax rate £2.

BWAKERA (510)

Copra to Ubuia by Mission outboard, and to J. Wilkinson to Sewa Bay by UNA J. Logs to Ubuia. Rather more enterprising group. 37 males absent on wage labour. Tax rate £2.

KORUWEA (230)

Copra to Ubuia by mission outboard thence by M.V. Koonwara direct to C.M.B. Samarai. Logs to Ubuia. Casual labour mission plantation. Local vegetables to Ubuia. 15 males absent on wage labour. Tax rate £2.

From the information obtained it is apparent that copra and wage labour will be the only source of income for some considerable time.

Census groups were asked if the tax rate of £2 per head was any hardship. Except for SI'ILUGU, WAGARA, DAUIARA and DU'UNA the people said that the tax rate of £2 was no hardship. After the Agricultural Officer has completed his economic survey of Fergusson Island some economic development/improvement for these groups might be found.

TRADING ACTIVITIES

List of Licensed Traders and their activities has been listed in Appendix 'E'.

It is estimated that approximately £1,400 - £1,600 in cash is turned over through the trade stores listed in the appendix. This does not include trading from the boats MIAME'A and WAGO (Kedidia), which could be estimated at £400 per month. Allowing for a small percentage of wage labour and Administration servants this is a considerable amount when the tax collected in 1959 was only £1,600.

The following people were trading without licenses: -

<u>Census Group:</u>	<u>Person</u>
Numanuma	Paulitou-Leliwaei, Dibalaei, Moisibuna, Siguni.
Taulu	Daliuo, Duorei.
Sisiana	Nil
Bwakera	Thomas
Sawaedi	Topakaise, Bunawadaia.
Deidei	Kaiwaku-Eimaloa, Antania-Gelenawada.
Bwaioa	Loius-Kenawanai, Dinah-Didiwai, Kegwai-Wanalei, Kanbinaedi-Kaweesi, Mauliti-Talkilai, Nelaie-Todoposa, Bolubolu-Gomonade, George Keniro.
Gamabila	Ancy
Dobu	Motawibu, Bunamalo, Leiwautu, Tolio, Adalasi, Patelo, Isabuma, Banawielo, Alistarko, Duneba.

The above people were trading tobacco, kexosene, biscuits and newspaper for coconuts. Strict instructions were issued to stop this trading as it has, and will lead to actual cash trading for goods once a little capital has been established. Village Officials and licensed traders were asked to report all trading activities.

RURAL PROGRESS SOCIETY - NORMANBY ISLAND

A survey has been carried out within the council on the establishment of a Rural Progress Society. (Special Report DASF - 23-3-9/3 of 28/1/61 - J. Gosbell A.O.1 refers). The following groups were under survey:

TAULU, IO'O, KORUWEA, BWAKERA, MIABARI all situated around eastern and norther coast of Normanby Island - see attached patrol sketch map.

In discussion with the people of the above census groups there appeared to be a remarkable lack of knowledge on a Rural Progress Society. There can be no doubt that the establishment of an R.P.S. would be the answer to the difficult problem of marketing crops. The R.P.S would be financed by voluntary funds and to date no survey of how much could be expected from the people has been taken.

The area in which the R.P.S. would be formed has a total population of 1,279 of which only 413 are adult males, 84 absent on wage labour and mission work, leaving 329 males resident in the area including aged and young males. This would only realise £658 at the present tax rate of £2 per head, bearing in mind that they have not paid 1960 or 1961 tax, both of which will be paid this year. These people are great orators but there may be a different feeling when they are asked to support the society financially as well as verbally.

The introduction of an R.P.S. will be the answer to the marketing problem, but if its commencement it must be assured of success as its failure will have an adverse effect throughout the sub district. Other areas may think that the R.P.S. is a subsidiary of the local government council. I would assume that the R.P.S. is the first step towards co-operative societies.

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3. POLITICAL

It is anticipated that the proposed Dobu Local Government Council will be proclaimed during April. The proposed council area of 21 census groups with a population of 5,940 was included in the recent Legislative Council Elections. There was one nomination for candidate for the Eastern Papua Electorate who received three votes in the elections held at Samarai.

The sum of £1,600 was collected in tax in 1959.

I think that the commencement of the Dobu Local Government Council may be the answer to the development of this sub district. The people have been content to let the administration supply their needs and have taken no active interest themselves. The introduction of the local government system will necessitate the people taking some active interest in the management of their own affairs.

After 70 years of European influence they have at last received some change from routine administration and this may alter their views and lethargic attitude on life. I feel sure that without the local government council the people would still be the same in another 50 years.

A good attendance is expected at the forthcoming elections.

It is intended to translate a copy of the Proclamation into the Dobuan language and circulate copies throughout the council area. The 'Banda' duplicating machine supplied to the Department of Education will be used.

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GENERAL

Sebulugomwa Airfield Site

Over the last two months the people have been approached about the land required for an airstrip at Sebulugomwa, Fergusson Island.

The original sighting of SE/NW across the point cannot be purchased. Most of the area is owned by the SAWAEDI GROUP who have an extremely limited area of arable land. The population is heavily concentrated along the south eastern side of the point. The land required for the original sighting of the airstrip would take approximately 40-50% of their gardening area.

A second site has been found and there is a good possibility that this area can be purchased. Owners of approximately half the area have been approached and are willing to sell. The ground has been tried for gardens but has been abandoned. Investigation into the second half of the area will be continued.

a centre line has not been pegged until the suitability of the location of the strip has been approved. If the report on the location is favourable a centre line could be pegged and the greatest area marked out and a report submitted prior to any further action.

A sketch map is attached showing the original and the new location for the airstrip.

DASF - VILLAGE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES

At each census point the members of the VAC's paraded complete with membership cards. In conjunction with the village officials they were responsible for the decoration and preparation of the rest houses.

The relationship between the village officials and the members of the VAC's appears to be satisfactory.

Individual members of the committees are planting coconuts and taking an interest in economic development, but I was unable to find any constructive activity carried out by the committee as a group.

CENSUS - STATISTICS

The lining for census was satisfactory.

Due to the matrilineal inheritance pattern the married couples reside for approximately 6 months to one year at each other's maternal residence. At census time it appears that they line at the nearest census point. This causes many unnecessary alterations to census books. Prior to this patrol the people were advised that they would attend at the same census point as last year unless they were residing outside the council area. Many people requested to have their names removed or re-entered elsewhere but this was refused with the odd exception. The census books have had far too many alterations and it was seen that in many cases people have been shown as migrations out, migrations in and have again requested to be ~~shown as migrations~~ entered in another census division. I think that a firm policy on this matter should be taken as the people are not inconvenienced by census and this changing of names in the book is purely for their convenience and is not necessary.

<u>Figures Recorded</u>	<u>1959/60</u>	<u>1960/61</u>	
Population	5,814	5,940	Inc. 126
Migrations In/Out	251	121	Dec. 130
Births (male)	81	90	Inc. 9
Births (female)	67	86	Inc. 19
Deaths (0 = 4)	40	16	Dec. 24
(5 = 13)	8	8	-
(Over 13)	64	41	Dec. 23

Actual increase in population (births/deaths) = 111

Which is 1.8% increase in population.

REST HOUSES

With the exception of BWAIOA the condition of the rest houses is satisfactory. It was agreed that the BWAIOA rest house would be replaced within six months. As there is a possibility of the council house being built at BWAIOA it was further agreed that

that work would not commence until the site of the council house had been selected by the council.

VILLAGE COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNTS

Appendix 'F' Refers. There are 11 Village C.S.B. Accounts with a total of £1,146. 5. 0d.. Small amounts have been withdrawn mainly for the purpose of purchasing materials for hot air driers.

Each group was asked what they intended doing with the money in the village account. ENIA Village, Dobu Island and GOMWA Village Fergusson Island are the only two groups who have used the village account.

The people of ENIA Village started a village account for the specific purpose of building a church and a water storage tank. The church 25' x 40' with a concrete floor and iron roof is used as a catchment area for the 1,500 gallon tank.

The people of Gomwa have £184.7.3d in the account and they have agreed to build a permanent material village store to serve as a catchment area for the water tanks. At present the people have 4 wells (44 gln drums sunk into the ground) which are unsatisfactory. Mr Evennet Trader/Sebulugomwa has a trade store near Gomwa Village which he is not using. Negotiations have been entered into with Mr Evennett on behalf of the village people and he is prepared to sell the store. This will be dealt through this office.

This project should be encouraged as their present water supply is far from satisfactory and other villages might be encouraged to use the money on worth while projects like Gomwa.

The opening of any more Village Accounts has been discouraged.

TIMBER LEASE = MIADIBA, NORMANBY ISLAND

Male native PIEDA of the Miadiba Census Group has complained that labourers employed by Mr. Willman of the Methodist Overseas Mission, Salamo have cut 55 logs from the intended timber lease and no payment has been made. It appears that there was some agreement between PIEDA and Mr Willman for the purchase of the logs.

Mr. Willman is at present the Captain of the M.V. Koonwara and to date no representation has been made to him on the matter.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

WATSON V.C. of the DAGUIARA CENSUS GROUP was the only V.C. who impressed me with his work and the respect the people have for him. In view that their services will be dispensed with at the commencement of the council I have no comments or recommendations.

List of Village Constables, date of appointment and outstanding wages due has been attached. - Appendix 'I'.

LIVESTOCK

(a) Cattle - Esa'ala 1 bull, 1 bull calf, 2 steers, 18 cows.

(b) Salamo - 21 head of cattle.

CONCLUSION

This patrol has been beneficial in obtaining some definite facts about the council area. Previously the area had patrolled by the ADO where only a memorandum of patrol is submitted. This does not give the following patrolling officer much information on the area.

Lisa L. Graham P.O.

APPENDIX ' A '

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Report on Police accompanying patrol.

<u>Number:</u>	<u>Rahk:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Remarks:</u>
6255	Constable	MOHAVIRA	14 years service. Well turned out constable. N.C.O. material.
7915	Constable	POPO	10 years service. Approach to patrol work very casual. Has the misfortune to appear always untidy.

R.S. FORM-I submitted.

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28th March, 1961.

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(E.W. Benham)
Patrol Officer

APPENDIX ' B '

COURT FOR NATIVE MATTERS

Cases heard during patrol.

<u>Cause of Proceedings.</u>	<u>Contr Reg No.</u>	<u>No of Cases.</u>	<u>Decision.</u>	<u>Sentence.</u>
Fail to appear for census	101 A	3	Guilty	2 x 1 month 1 x 5/- fine.
Did steal	78 (1)	2	Guilty	2 x 2 months.

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28th March, 1961

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APPENDIX 'C'

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Travelling times and method

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Remarks:</u>
Esa'ala	Nade		
Normanby Is.	Fergusson Is.	1 hr - 40 min.	By M.V. Ceylon-No anchorage
Nade	Si'ilugu		
	Fergusson Is.	35 min.	By M.V. Ceylon - " "
Si'ilugu	Gomwa	1 hr - 10 min.	By M.V. Ceylon
	Fergusson Is.		Good anchorage at Gomwa
Gomwa	Salamo R/H	30 min.	Walk - track fair,
	Fergusson Is.		Cross Salamo River twice.
Gomwa	Geiawaia	30 min.	By M.V. Katuna
	Fergusson Is.		
Geiawaia	Sebulugomwa	40 min.	By M.V. Katuna
	Fergusson Is.		
Sebulugomwa	Esa'ala	30 min.	By M.V. Katuna
	Normanby Is.		
Esa'ala	Bwaioa	30 min.	By M.V. Katuna
Normanby Is.	Fergusson Is.		
Bwaioa	Sawa'edi	45 min.	Walk. Good coastal road.
	Fergusson Is.		
Sawa'edi	Budoya	1hr -	Walk. Good coastal road.
	Fergusson Is.		
Bwaioa	Numanuma	1hr -	Walk. Good track.
	Fergusson Is.		
Numanuma	Esa'ala	1hr - 20 min.	M.V. Katuna
	Normanby Is.		
Esa'ala	Dobu Is.	30 min.	M.V. Ceylon
Normanby Is.	R/H		
Esa'ala	Bwakera	3hr	Impossible to land if
	Normanby Is.		swell running.
Bwakera	Koruwea		
	Normanby Is.	1hr - 15 min.	Sheltered anchorage
			near Ubuia.
Koruwea	Esa'ala	2hr - 15 min.	M.V. Katuna
Esa'ala	Darubia	2hr - 35 min.	Exposed anchorage
	Normanby Is.		M.V. Katuna.

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SHOTGUNS

Census Group:	Permit No: G-ef-R	Held By:	Remarks:
Nade	3671	Alesana Sawai	Mission Teacher
Nade	3682	Philip Mosolei	Carpenter C.M.
Salamo Mission	17105	Paiteli Inosi	Sawmill labourer
Salamo Mission	17106	Noel Baloiilo	Mission Teacher
Nade	3690	Kevin Dosi	Carpenter C.M.
Nade	3676	Manani Gomaraiwabu	Village Native
Ewaioa	3684	Gwiou Towau	Village Native
Bwakera	3685	Siulado	Village Constable
Sawa'ed	3695	Laisiasi Narara	Storekeeper
Dobu	3700	Robert Kaiapa	Carpenter MOM
Dobu	3696	Vivian Digu	Mission Teacher

Esa'ala Station Personnel

17121	Donald Ikoirere	DNA Storeman
3699	Leatani Baloiilo	DNA Interpreter
3747	Wilson Dobunaba	DNA Clerk
16951	Sauwenai Pulitara	Carpenter
17118	Const Kita	R.P. & N.G.C.
3698	Const Dawawa	" " "
19725	Sgt. Soro	" " "
17119	S/Const Wadia	" " "
3691	Const Mohavira	" " "

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Licenses to Trade with Natives

Place:	Permit No:	Held By:	Remarks:
NADE		KENCRI	Well constructed native material building; Stock carried £250; Average monthly turnover £50 - £60; Buys smoked copra and is taken to the Mission at Salamo by Mission boat and then is transhipped by M.V. Koonwara (MOM) to C.M.B. Samarai. No C.M.B. trade number. 26 bags of copra in store awaiting collection. Difficulty in loading copra is a problem due to exposed coastline in South-east Season. About 2 hours by sea from Salamo.
GOMWA	22897	SENUA KUINEAGU	Well constructed native material store; Stock carried - £50; Average monthly turnover £13; Village Store with profits paid into C.S.B. Account No. S 850 balance £193.18.7d.
BWAIOA	22893	TOIRUMA BANAGIWO	Trading from house; Trades biscuits, matches, kerosene and salmon for coconuts; Processes the nuts and sells direct to C.M.B. Samarai Reg. No. T 843 through Sebulugomwa (N. Evennett).
SAWAEDI	22912	TOKUMILASILA KAVATORO	Trading from house; General trading for coconuts; Processes coconuts and sells to N. Evennett, Sebulugomwa. Approx 3 bags per month.
SAWAEDI	22895	KIAGU GARETA	Trading from house; Tobacco, kerosene, sugar, rice and newspaper for coconuts; Processes nuts and sells to N. Evennett Sebulugomwa; Approx. 3 bags per month.
BWAKERA	22911	THOMAS	Trading from house; Purchasing nuts with tobacco; Hot air drier approx. 5 bags a month direct to C.M.B. Samarai. Copra collected from Bwakera by Mission outboard to Ubuha and then transhipped to Samarai by M.V. Koonwara.
BWAKERA	22918	KUKUNEBU KULOA'A	Trading from house; Purchasing nuts with tobacco and kerosene Hot air drier; 5 bags a month direct to C.M.B. Samarai - transported same as above.
NUMANUMA	22894	MWEIDO TAUGHWEI'A	Trading from house; General trading of goods for coconuts; Smoke house - 2-3 bags of copra a month to Kedidia and Sebulugomwa.

Trading Licenses Continued

Place:	Permit No:	Held by:	Remarks:
IO'G	22909	NELSON	Trading from house: General trading for coconuts: Hot air drier; 8 bags a month direct to C.M.B. Reg No. T 838: Collected by Ubuia mission outboard taken to Ubuia and then transhipped to Samarai by Koonwara.
22904 Ubuia Methodist Overseas Mission.	22901	Sister G. Secombe	Situated on Ubuia Island near Hansenide Colony run by the Overseas Methodist Mission. Monthly average purchase of copra - £30. Average monthly turn over instore - £250 - £300. The store is used more by village people than hospital staff and labourers. No profit to store operators.
SEBULUGOMWA	22885	NORMAN EVENNETT	Permanent material trade store; Average monthly turnover £250 - £300; About 30 bags copra brought to store;
ALONGSIDE ESA'ALA STATION	22886	NORMAN EVENNETT	Permanent material trade store; Average monthly turnover £250 - £300; Very little copra purchased.
ESA'ALA	22907	WILSON DOBUNABA	Alleged to be a club? Run by WILSON DOBUNABA, DNA Clerical Asst., DONALD IKIORERE, DNA Storeman, LEATANI BALOILOI, Interpreter - this is discussed in the report.
SALAMO MISSION	22908	BRUCE BROWN	Permanent material store - confined to Mission employed personel. No details available.
M.V. MAIMERA	22883	NORMAN EVENNETT	Trades throughout the sub district - no details available.
M.V. SOLVEC	22884	NORMAN EVENNETT	" " " " " " " "
KEDIDIA	Not on record.	M. Preece.	Permanent materials - Trade store. value of stock held £3,000. Monthly turn over about £1,000 per month including purchase of local copra and trading from M.V. Wago.

Trading Licenses Continued

Place:	Permit No:	Held by:	Remarks:
DOBU	22898	ILEBO	Trade store: value of stock held £12: General trading and purchase of coconuts: Smoke house sells direct to C.M.B. Samarai through M.V. Koonwara.
DOBU	22890	LUIA'A ANELUWO	Store: value of stock held £50: General trading and purchase of coconuts: Smoke house sells direct to C.M.B. Samarai through M.V. Koonwara: CMB Reg No: T 834 - 1 ton a month: Average monthly turnover £40 :
DOBU	22881	GAGARONI BIDOIA	- Purchasing coconuts with trade goods: Smoke house: 4-5 bags a month sells to Sebulugomwa and Kedidia.

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Place/Census Group:	Pop:	Account No:	Amount:
Nade/Gwama	370	S 1002	168. 0. 0d
Ba'ilugu	210	S 1076	12. 0. 0d
Gomwa	330	S 850	193.18. 0d
Begasi (Gomwa)	330	000525	184. 7. 3d
Nade/Lasia'a	370	S 831	105.18. 4d
Dobu/Esoesoia	824	S 838	64.12. 0d
To'o	173	S 658	76. 5. 0d
Mvada/Taulu	240	S 794	29. 8. 0d
Maiabari	126	S 161	24. 0. 0d
Bwakera Copra	510	S1045	209.18.11d
Seigani Copra (Bwakera)		S 1052	77.19. 8d
<u>B</u>			<u>£ 1146. 5. 0d</u>

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APPENDIX 'G'

Attached to Patrol Report No. 4-60/61

BLOCK AN
DOBU ISLAND (WESLEY/MISSION)-FREEHOLD

(a) Present occupant: Methodist Overseas Mission
(b) Area: 6.2 Acres ?
(c) General description: Situated on BUDJAGURA Pt. Dobu Is.
Dawson Strait.

(d) Improvements:
1 European Residence
2 S/P Residences
1 S/P School dormitory
1 S/P Windows Residence
1 Cement built church
1 Dispensary/aid post
1 Mission Store
1 Power House
Lighting Plant 1½ KVA
New wharf now under construction.
1 School.

(e) Use being made of property: Mission station.

(f) Sketch map & titles: Map lands District E.D. 27 40 ch-1inch
D.A. 129 E.D. 130
D.A. 98 E.D. 41

(g) Are survey pegs in existence: Not known.

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BLOCK

SUBULUGOMWA - FERGUSSON ISLAND

- (a) Present Lessee: N.Evennett.
- (b) Area: 13.2 acres (10 + 3.2)
- (c) General description: Situated on tip of EBEOA POINT
Dobu Passage/Dawson Strait.
- (d) Improvements: 1 Native material residence
1 Permanent material trading store
1 Bulk Store
S/P material workshop
1 P/M workshop
1 P/M Smokehouse
1 N/Material smoke house
1 S/P material Residence
1 Copra/Wharf store
1 New iron workshop
Saw mill in process of erection.
- (e) Use being made of property: Coconuts and as above.
- (f) Sketch map & titles: Map Lands District 27 E.D. 40 ch - 1 inch
D.A. 7414 E.D. 267 10 acres
D.A. 1066 3.2 acres.
- (g) Are survey pegs in existence: No.

E.W. Benham

(E.W. Benham)

Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX 'G'

Attached to Patrol Report No. 4 of 60/61

BLOCK: KETIDIA PLANTATION - FERGUSSON ISLAND

- (a) Present Lessee: F. CRAIG (Resident Manager - M.Freece)
- (b) Area: 945 acres.
- (c) General Description: Flat slightly undulating land situated in Gomwa Bay, Fergusson Island.
- (d) Improvements:
- 1 European Residence,
 - 1 Permanent Material trade store,
 - ~~2-Permanent-material-trade-store~~
 - Sundry out buildings.
 - 2 Fergusson Tractor & Trailers
 - 1 P/Material smoke house (6,500lbs)
 - Labour quarters.
- Approx 400 acres under coconuts and
20 - 25,000 cocoa trees interplanted
and new plantings.
- Tractor throughout property (4-5miles)
- (e) Use being made of property: Coconuts and cocoa.
- (f) Sketch plan & Titles: : Map Lands DISTRICT 24 E.D.
40 chains - 1 inch
L.A. - Ag Lease No. 460
Portion 21 - D.A. 1200 D.A. 1223
D.A. 1136
- (g) Are survey pegs in existence: Not known.

E. W. Benham
(E.W.Benham)
Patrol Officer

APPENDIX 'G'

Attached to Patrol Report No. 4 -60/61

BLOCK CATHOLIC MISSION - BUDOV. - FERGUSON ISLAND

- (a) Present Lessee: Catholic Mission
- (b) Area: 5 Acres.
- (c) General Description: Situated in Dawson Strait.
on ceastline.
- (d) Improvements: New permanent material house for
resident Priests.
Large native material church
Permanent material school
Various native/semi permanent
buildings and outhouses.
- (e) Use being made of property: As above.
- (f) Sketch map & titles: Map Lands District 24 E.D.
40 chains - 1 inch.
D.A. 2000 Vol V.
- (g) Are survey pegs in existence: Not located.

E.W. Benham

(E.W. Benham)
Patrol Officer

APPENDIX ' G '

Attached to Patrol Report No. 4 of 60/61

BLOCK: METHODIST OVERSEAS MISSION - WHARF AREA

- (a) Present Lessee: Methodist Overseas Mission
- (b) Area: 4 ACRES.
- (c) General description: L.A. 29/21 A.M.M.S. Lease. D.A.1368
Situating in Gomwa Bay, Fergusson Is.
- (d) Improvements: Slipway for 40ft craft. New slip
next year capable of taking 50'
craft.
Complete workshop - Electric welding
6" bed lathe - Væave facing and
seating equipment - injector testing-
Electric power points in workshop.
Complete engine overhauls can be
carried out.
240 A.C. Lighting plant.
Saw mill - 35 H.P. Horizontal Rusthen
Homberg - 6ft Canadian saw - 4 ft
breaking down saw - thicknesser and
planer - Guching machine - up to
3ft diameter logs can be processed.
On full production capable of cutting
1,000 s/ft per day. Band saw 5ft dia.
and circular saw 2ft.
- Buildings
2 Residences.
Bulk Technical Store
Workshop (iron)
Saw mill (iron)
- (e) Use being made of property: As above workshops and sawmill.
Wharf for mission and slipway.
- (f) Sketch plan & Titles: Map by Lands: District 24 E.D.
40 chains - 1 inch
L.A. 29/21 - D.A. 1638
- (g) Are survey cement pegs in No.
existence:

E.W. Berham

(E.W. Berham)

Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX 'G'

Attached to Patrol Report No 4 -60/61

BLOCK

METHODIST OVERSEAS MISSION - DEEDES POINT-NORMANBY IS.

- (a) Present Lessee: A.M.M.S.
- (b) Area: 1,200 acres (1,000 $\frac{1}{2}$)
- (c) General description: Very close to Ubuia Island
Rather hilly. Situated at
LAITANA BAY - DEEDES Pt.
- (d) Improvements: A small acreage under
coconut palms.
- (e) Use being made of property: As above.
- (f) Sketch map and titles: Map Lands E.D. 27 - 40ch-1in
D.A. 771/ L.A. 1777/07
- (g) Are there survey pegs: No.

E.W. Benham

(E.W. Benham)
Patrol Officer

APPENDIX 'G'

Attached to Patrol Report No 4-6C/61

BLOCK

MALAI~~IA~~OIA - NORMANBY ISLAND

- (a) Present lessee~~s~~ : LEatani Baloiloi
- (b) Acreage: 16 acres
- (c) General description: Flat area close to sea shore
about 40 minutes walk from Esa'ala.
- (d) Improvements: Land being cleared for planting
of coffee shade.
- (e) Use being made of property: Will be planted with coffee.
- (f) Sketch plan & titles: Held sub district office - and
on transfer document - L.A. 3785.
- (g) Are there cement survey pegs: No

E.W. Benham

(E.W. Benham)
Patrol Officer

APPENDIX 'G'

Attached to Patrol Report No. 4-60/61

BLOCK

UBUIA ISLAND. MTHODIST OVERSEAS MISSION - FREEHOLD

- (a) Present occupant: Mthodist Overseas Mission.
- (b) Area: 312 a cres
- (c) General Description: Annisland off the western coast of
Northen Normanby Island.
- (d) Improvements:
- 2 European Residences.
 - 3 Male Wards
 - 2 Female Wards
 - 1 Dispensary (Lepers)
 - 1 Dispensary (Out-patients)
 - 1 Midwivery Ward.
 - 1 Fergusson Massey Tractor & Trailer.
 - 1 Copra/Wharf Store.
 - Sundry Labour quarters & outbuildings.
 - 1 Trade Store
 - 1 Hot air drier.
- (e) Use being made of property:
- Hansenide Colony staffed by the Methodist
Mission - financed by the Administration.
- (f) Sketch plan & titles Sketch plan held by J. Fuller Supt.
Lands Map E.D. 27 40 ch - 1 inch.
D.A. 553
- (g) Are survey pegs in existence: No.

E. W. Beahm

(E.W. Beahm)
Patrol Officer

STATISTICS FROM AGRICULTURAL REPORTS

Census Group:	DASF P/R No. 8/58-59 J.H. Sharp A.O.1			DASF Report - 1960 Stansilaus Ahava			DASF Report 1961 23-3-9/3 J. Gosbell A.O.1		
	Mature:	Immature:	Total:	Mature:	Immature:	Total:	Mature:	Immature:	Total:
TAULU	9,500	-	9,500	-	-	-	2,079	1,544	3,623
IO'0	3,800	300	4,100	-	-	-	2,674	490	3,164
KORUWEA	3,700	-	3,700	-	-	-	1,299	1,218	2,517
BWAKERA	18,500	100	18,600	-	-	-	6,217	2,885	9,102
MAIABARI	4,200	-	4,300	-	-	-	1,612	486	2,098
DARUBIA	2,900	400	3,300	-	-	-	2,206	144	2,350
MIADEBA	5,800	-	5,800	-	-	-	3,081	715	3,796
SISIANA	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	2,652	516	3,168
Dobu/Dobu Island ?	-	-	-	3,664	-	3,664	460	594	1,054
GOMWA	2,000	350	2,350	-	-	-	-	-	-
WAGARA DAGUIARA	500	200	700	-	-	-	-	-	-
WAGARA	300	-	300	-	-	-	-	-	-
DU'UNA	300	100	400	-	-	-	-	-	-
GOMWABILA	500	300	800	-	-	-	-	-	-
BWAIOA	-	-	-	769	-	769	-	-	-
SAWAEDI	-	-	-	321	-	821	-	-	-
DEIDEI	-	-	-	692	-	-	-	-	-
NUMANUMA	-	-	-	847	-	847	-	-	-

E.W. Benham
(E.W. Benham)
Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX 'J'

Attached to Patrol Report No. 4 -60/61

Census Group:	Name:	Date of Appointment:	Date paid to:
Bwaioa	Weitau	1/11/46	30/6/60
Numanuma	Wosimokala	1/ 8/58	30/6/59
Deidei	Mositeni	1/ 7/57	30/6/60
Daguiara	Iwedina	14/ 1/51	30/6/60
Dobu	Mwakaiwalu	2/ 5/56	30/6/60
Dobu	Sumwelina	2/ 5/56	30/6/60
Dobu	Gaidawa	2/ 5/56	30/6/60
Du'una	Ile'o	1/ 8/46	30/6/60
Wagara	Benioni	1/ 3/44	30/6/60
Salamo	Seai	1/ 9/57	30/6/60
Gamabila	Waidunala	28/ 5/51	30/6/59
Gomwa	Maialina		30/6/59
Si'ilugu	Kabisawila	15/11/58	30/6/60
Nade	Didilo	1/ 1/47	

Normanby Island

Sisiana	Kakaisina	7/ 6/56	30/2/60
Miadeba	Soroni	1/10/58	30/6/60
Darubia	Nebologi	16/ 3/50	30/6/60
Maiabari	Senua	24/ 7/54	30/6/59
Bwakera	Siuladou	15/ 3/58	30/6/60
Bwakera	Animo	25/ 5/56	30/6/60
Koruwea	Guleleia	1/ 9/48	30/6/59
IO'o	Liwidi	1/ 5/45	30/6/60
Taulu	Deumei	1/ 1/59	30/6/59

The Village Constables of GAMABILA and SISIANA were imprisoned and upon their release were not re-appointed.

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

YEAR 1961

DOBU LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AREA.

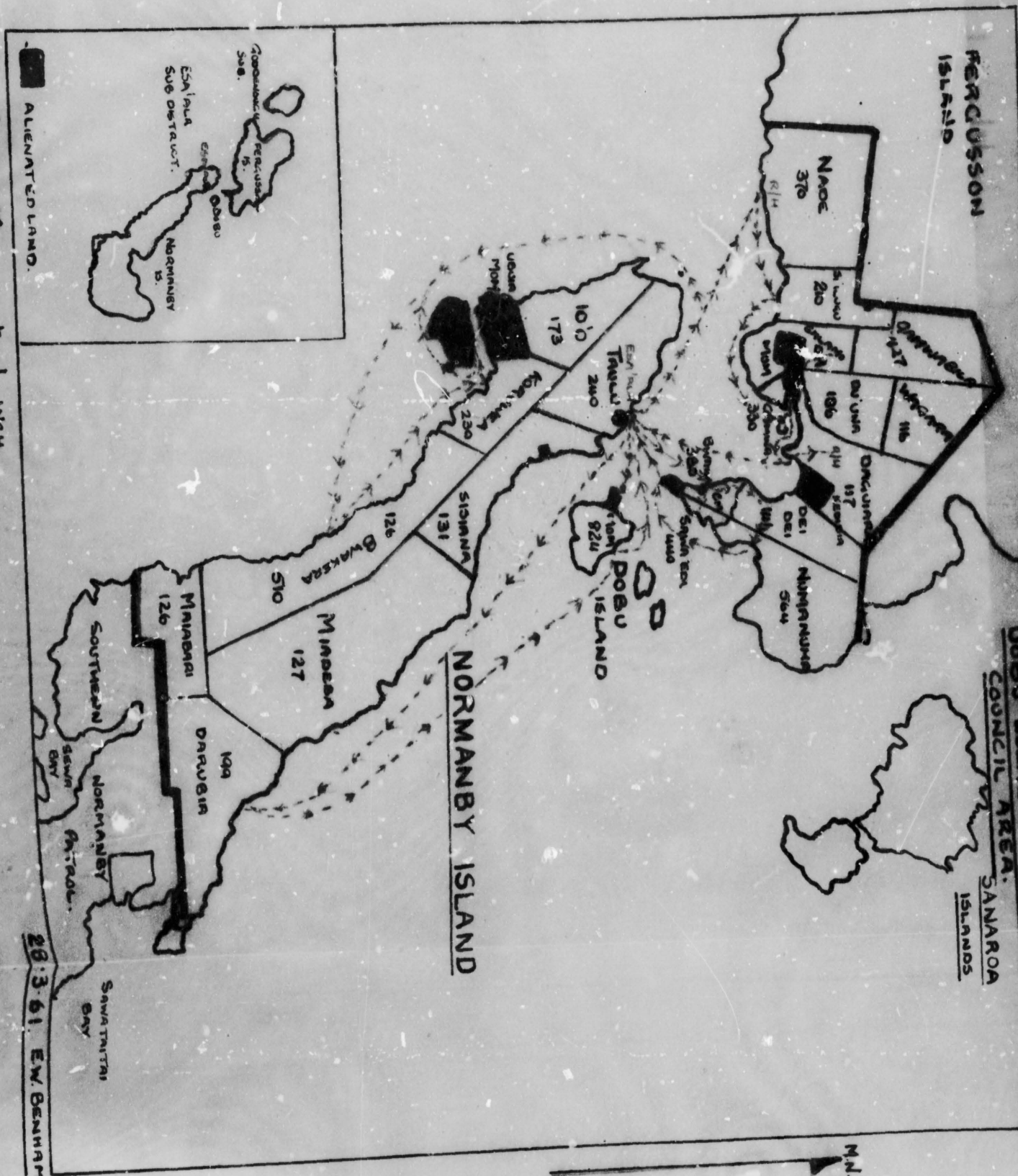
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VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Size of Family	TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL		
				0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth	In		Out		Inside District		Outside District		Govt.		Mission		MALES		FEMALES		P. agent		Number of Child-bearing age	Child		Adults			
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Fergusson Island																																									
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SAWA'EDI	17/3	4	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	20	-	3	2	10	10	27	116	25	92	4	95	3	67	69	109	132	440	
GOMWA	14/3	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	3	-	-	10	2	25	-	3	3	1	-	28	85	25	69	2	76	2	76	47	75	88	330	
NADE	13/3	2	8	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	3	-	5	2	16	-	4	-	17	6	33	116	30	80	1	80	3	54	67	104	95	370	
SI'ILUGU	13/3	5	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	12	15	20	50	19	49	5	63	3	35	28	53	62	210	
GOMWABILA	14/3	9	5	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	2	2	10	1	8	-	-	-	15	2	50	129	27	197	7	115	3	76	69	118	128	427		
SALAMO	14/3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	25	11	5	22	3	25	2	27	11	28	28	99		
WA'GARA	15/3	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	5	-	2	-	-	-	-	10	31	9	25	1	19	3	19	27	33	30	116		
DU'UNA	15/3	3	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	9	1	18	51	10	37	5	34	3	43	32	48	45	186	
DAGUIARA	15/3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	3	-	12	34	7	24	1	19	3	26	17	35	31	117	
DEIDEI	16/3	3	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	-	5	2	8	35	11	35	2	30	3	22	26	38	42	141	
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Normanby Island																																									
DARUBIA	24/3	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	2	1	6	1	3	-	-	-	6	3	21	52	12	41	4	41	3	40	30	58	52	199		
MIADEBA	24/3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	29	7	33	2	32	3	19	17	41	46	127		
SISIANA	21/3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	2	-	7	-	1	-	3	-	13	43	5	34	1	34	2	23	14	42	39	131		
BWAKERA	22/3	12	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	22	1	15	-	-	-	4	3	36	125	47	111	12	103	3	107	94	127	137	510	
MAIABARI	22/3	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	10	28	9	31	-	32	2	24	18	40	40	126		
KORUWEA	23/3	2	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	3	3	11	1	4	-	-	-	2	12	50	17	48	4	46	3	48	58	52	54	230		
IO'IO	23/3	5	6	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	14	41	13	34	4	42	3	40	37	42	46	173		
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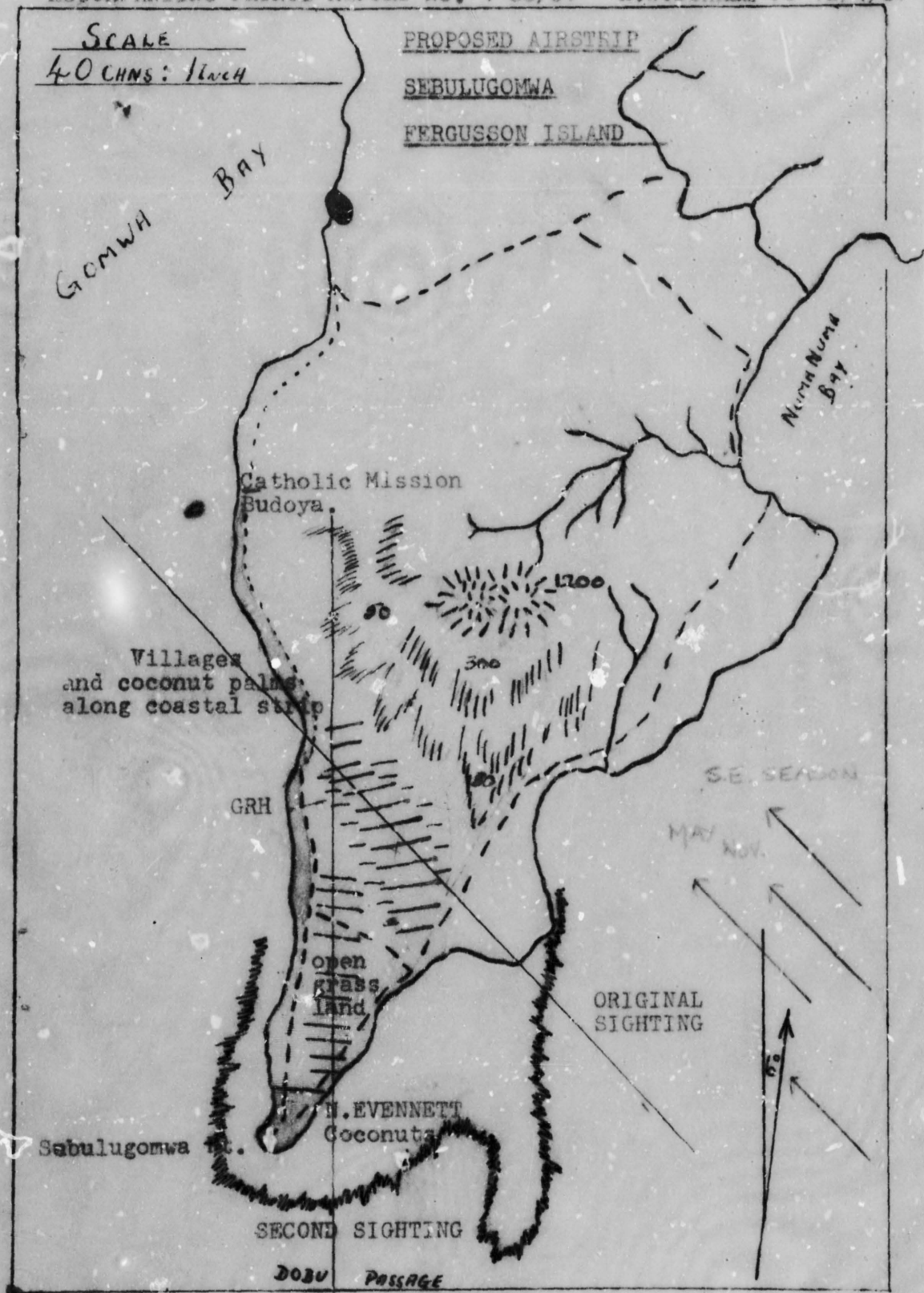
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ACCOMPANYING PATROL REPORT No. 4 60/61 E.W.Benham PO 12/4/61





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....MILNE BAY..... Report No.....ESA'AIA No. 6 of 1960-61.
Patrol Conducted by.....B.M. FISCHER..... Cadet Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled.....EASTERN FERGUSSON DIVISION..... (Non L.G. Council Area).....
Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....NIL.....
Natives.....Interpreter JAMES & 2 Members R.P. & N.G.C..
Duration—From.....26 / 4 / 1961.....to.....13 / 5 / 1961.....
Number of Days.....18 Days.
Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....No.....
Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....23 / 5 / 1960.....
Medical / / 18 1960.....
Map Reference.....
Objects of Patrol.....1. 1961 Census Revision. 2. 1960 Tax Collection.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

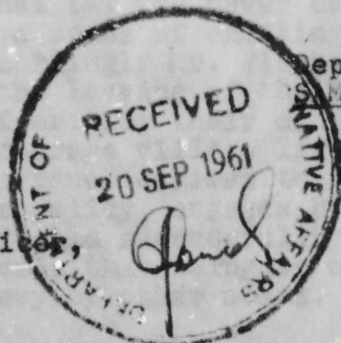
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

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

67-4-18

67-1-3

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
ESA'ALA



Department of Native Affairs,
MARAI...MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

20th September, 1961

PATROL REPORT No. 6 - 1960/61 :
ESA'ALA FERGUSSON

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of above report submitted under cover of your 67-4-15 of 28th June. For some reason or other this report has not until now come to my notice. Please excuse late acknowledgement.

The report contains a lot of information and indicates that the Patrolling Officer is interested in his work. It is a pity that the presentation was spoilt by poor lay out, typing errors and the use of abbreviations which should be discouraged.

After reading the report two aspects became very apparent.

- (a) Insufficient contact with the people through patrols. The apathy observed by Mr. Fischer can be overcome by frequent patrolling. I believe Mr. Fischer is to make a follow up patrol within a month - Please confirm this.
- (b) An urgent need for the division to receive the attention of the Agricultural Officer. Please confirm with Mr. Gosbell in this regard.

I note that little attention has been paid to increasing coconut plantings. I am of the opinion that this should receive priority over the other crops mentioned and suggest we arrange with A.D.O. Baniara to stock pile nuts and have these transported to Fergusson. Please advise of suitable unloading points from which the seed nuts would be best distributed. Both trawlers have commitment up to November, however, we may be able to fit in a couple of short runs before that date.

I continue to await the Director of Lands, approval to proceed with the Wadalei lease.

When collecting tax the officer should use his discretion regarding exemptions for large families. A taxpayer with say five children to support should, in my opinion be exempted from tax, partial exemption should also be considered for smaller families.

In hand
27/9

Your attention is drawn to paragraph 12 of the Taxation Commissioners circular TC1-58/59 of January 1959, which states "Personal Tax was never designed to, nor must it ever, be used as a means of exerting economic pressure on the people". Accordingly Mr. Fischers statement that "One of the reasons for the levying of the Tax is to induce the people to greater effort for their own behalf", is not correct. The policy is to encourage village life and to improve village economy; when an individual desires to remain at home and in accordance with this policy, engages himself in planting cash crops, I suggest he could successfully plead for an exemption from tax on the grounds that being so engaged he has been unable to obtain money by other means.

I do not consider the present proportion of absentee labourers requires the imposing of recruiting restrictions.

You should make every endeavour to see that this division received all possible advice and assistance in the economic field over the coming years, so that the stage of development is hastened towards Council Administration. Whether or not the group should be included in the Dobu Council is a matter that would need to be considered.

Mr. Fischers claim for camping allowance is returned herewith for payment.

(L.J. DOOLAN)
District Officer.

c.c.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

For your information and records please.

(L.J. DOOLAN)
District Officer.

67-4-15,

Department of Native Affairs,
Sub-District Office,
ESA'ALA, M.B.D.

28th June, 1961.

The District Officer,
S A M A R A I.

Subject : PATROL REPORT NO 6-1960/61.

Attached please find two copies of the above patrol report.

The apathetic and lazy attitude of these people will entail constant and energetic work on the part of Patrol Officers and Agriculture Officers when the proposed Coffee growing venture is started.

It is pleasing to note that the few Coffee trees that have been planted are doing well.

Under HEALTH, page 8, Mr. Fischer states "desired reaction may be obtained etc" - I too, am of this opinion and think Tax exemptions could be used as a means to promote the growing of coffee and other crops.


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ESA'ALA

MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

19th. May 1961.

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Patrol Report No. 5 of 1960-61.

Eastern Fergusson Division - Non L.G. Council.

Patrol Conducted By:-

B.M.FISCHER C.P.O..

Area Patrolled:-

Eastern Fergusson Division
-Non L.G. Council Area.

Patrol Accompanied by:-

1 Interpreter &
3 Members R.P. & N.G.C..

Duration of Patrol:-

From 26/4/61 to 13/5/61.
18 Days.

Last Patrol to this
Area by Native Affairs:-

May - June 1960.

Last Medical Patrol to Area:-

Year 1960.

Objects of Patrol:-

1. 1961 Census Revision.
2. 1960 Tax Collection.
3. General Administration.

B. M. Fischer
B.M.FISCHER,
Cadet Patrol Officer.

DIARY OF PATROL.

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Wednesday, 26th. April. Departed ESA'ALA at 8-30a.m. via M.L.KATUNA in company with P.O. Mr. Benham. Arrived SAHAROA Island at 11-0a.m. and investigated Land Application until 12-30p.m. when departed for WADALEI. Arrived WADALEI at 4-0p.m., engaged in setting up camp until 5-30p.m..
Night spent WADALEI Village Rest House.

Thursday, 27th. April. Land Investigation at WADALEI Trade Store site until 12-30p.m. - P.O. Mr. Benham departs for SAMAROA and ESA'ALA via M.L.KATUNA. In afternoon I prepare for BOSALEWA trip.
Night spent WADALEI Village Rest House.

Friday, 28th. April. Patrol departed WADALEI at 8-0a.m. for BOSALEWA - Arrived BOSALEWA at 8-45a.m. Census held from 9-30a.m. till 12noon. Tax collected from 1-0p.m. to 4-0p.m.. Talks and trouble heard until 8-0p.m. - nothing serious.
Night spent BOSALEWA Village Rest House.

Saturday, 29th. April. Departed BOSALEWA at 8-0a.m. for WADALEI - Arrived at 8-45a.m.. Census from 9-30a.m. till 12noon - many interruptions caused by light rain. Tax postponed until Monday because of continuous heavy rain during afternoon.
Night spent WADALEI Village Rest House.

Sunday, 30th. April. Observed at WADALEI. Heavy, continuous rain all day.

Monday, 1st. May. Start on Tax held up until 9-0a.m. because of late arrivals held up by rain. Tax collected from 9-0a.m. till 12 noon - bad response. Village troubles looked into during afternoon - all settled by arbitration. Preparations made for trip to GAMETA on the morrow.
Night spent WADALEI Village Rest House.

Tuesday, 2nd. May. Depart WADALEI at 8-30a.m. via fair track for GAMETA. Arrive GAMETA Rest House at 10-30a.m. Census held from 11-30a.m. to 1-30p.m. Tax collected from 2-30p.m. to 4-30p.m.. Census figures compiled during evening.
Night spent GAMETA Village Rest House.

Wednesday, 3rd. May. Small troubles arbitrated at GAMETA until 10-0a.m. - nothing serious. Departed GAMETA at 11-0a.m. for URUA - arrived at 12 noon. Census starts at 2-0p.m. and goes to 4-30p.m. Village matters inquired into and advice given. Census figures compiled.
Spent night URUA Village Rest House.

Thursday, 4th. May. Tax commences at URUA at 8-0a.m. - lasts to 11-30a.m. - good response. Some small troubles arbitrated. Depart URUA at 12 noon via rocky coastal and beach road - Arrive BASIMA at 1-30p.m. Many court matters looked into and investigated in afternoon - finished after dark.
Night spent BASIMA Village Rest House.

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Friday, 5th. May. Census of BASIMA from 8-30a.m. till 12-30p.m.. From 1-30p.m. to 4-Op.m. continue with inquiries into Village troubles.
Spent night BASIMA Village Rest House.

Saturday, 6th. May. Tax of BASIMA Village from 8-0a.m. until 2-Op.m.. Good response.
Night spent BASIMA Village Rest House.

Sunday, 7th. May. Observed at BASIMA.
Night spent BASIMA Rest House.

Monday, 8th. May. Departed BASIMA at 10-0a.m. after last minute inquiries into C.N.M. troubles. Arrived DUDUNA at 11-30a.m. after a hot, humid and strenuous walk. In afternoon Census of DUDUNA and continue enquiries into sorcery matter.
Night spent DUDUNA Village Rest House.

Tuesday, 9th. May. Tax of DUDUNA from 7-30a.m. till 11-0a.m.. Departed DUDUNA at 12 noon for GAREA - arrived there at 2-30p.m. after a rugged walk. Census of GAREA from 3-30p.m. to 5-30p.m.. Books and figures in evening.
Spent night GAREA Village Rest House.

Wednesday, 10th. May. Tax collection of GAREA - as situated in difficult geographical area with little economic prospects an average of £1 only collected. Tax finished by 11-30a.m.. At 1-30p.m. depart for SEBUTUIA - Road easy - Arrive SEBUTUIA at 3-Op.m.. Census of SEBUTUIA from 3-30p.m. till 7-Op.m..
Night spent SEBUTUIA Rest House.

Thursday, 11th. May. Tax of SEBUTUIA from 8-0a.m. to 12-30 p.m. and from 1-Op.m. until 3-30p.m.. From 3-30p.m. till 4-15p.m. Tax collected from GAREA defaulters.
Night spent SEBUTUIA Rest House.

Friday, 12th. May. Figures of DUDUNA, GAREA and SEBUTUIA compiled and books written up. During afternoon check into Court troubles.
Night spent SEBUTUIA Rest House.

Saturday, 13th. May. Patrol departs SEBUTUIA at 9-0a.m. via back trail to KEDIDIA Plantation - arrive there at 12-0 noon. No boat available KEDIDIA so Patrol departs KEDIDIA at 1-30p.m. for Catholic Mission BODOYA arriving there at 2-30p.m.. As no boat available BODOYA Patrol moves onto SEBULUGOMWA Plantation - at SEBULUGOMWA no boat available so arrangements made to have Patrol conveyed to ESA'ALA via canoe - canoe arrives at 6-Op.m. - Patrol arrives ESA'ALA at 7-15p.m..

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INTRODUCTION.

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This Patrol was the only Patrol undertaken to the East Fergusson Census Division during the last, approximately 12 months. The primary aims of the Patrol were to 1. Collect the 1960 Tax, and 2. 1961 Census Revision. Because of the amount of work entailed in the above, little, unfortunately, other General Administration work could be done.

The impressions gained of the area patrolled were that the people were very apathetic; this accounted for their apparently law-abiding nature, that the people had very little to show for their long European contact and that a tremendous amount of continuous work will have to be put into these people by Officers of this and other Departments to advance them any reasonable distance in a reasonable time. At present the effect of recruiting in this area is not as high as it has been in the past, but, never-the-less when the Patrol tried to whip up enthusiasm for agriculture pursuits in the Villages, little interest was shown. This apathy is undoubtedly the result of the stripping of all Villages of a high percentage of the young men, mainly in the past but also at the present time.

Geographically the area consists mainly of rough mountainous country with a maximum average height of 3,000 to 3,500 feet. In the extreme north of the area BOSALEWA village is situated on the wide coastal plain while two miles to the east WADALEI village on the coast is at the base of a 2,500 foot mountain range. This range continues to the east and hems to the narrow coastal plain the villages of GAMETA and URUA. Further along the coast the BASIMA division is situated on a larger coastal plain and the gentle slopes of the higher inland mountains. An unusual feature of the coast-line from WADALEI to BASIMA is the stone covered beaches, these beaches are made up of countless numbers of small basalt boulders with an average density of just under a cubic foot. The villages of DJUDUKA and GARETA are inland villages above the 2,000 foot mark. SEBUTUWA is sited on a wide coastal plain. The headwaters of many creeks rise in the rugged inland areas and these flowing down to the coast cut the walking paths in many places necessitating wading as the method of crossing. All along the coast the extreme coastal fringes are found to be high above water level but a little inland the surface is in many places covered by brackish water - the roads though this type of country is built up above the water level with rocks from the beaches.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

As already mentioned these people ^{are} extremely apathetic and this is probably the reason for their apparent law-abiding nature. Also the Village Constables in the area have real power^s over their people and it is generally realized that 'crime does not pay'. The most frustrating practice in the area is^w that of the marriage custom. While it is true that the absentee labourers

NATIVE AFFAIRS. (Cont'd).

are the main causes for much of the high divorce rate. An important contributing factor is the free and easy attitude adopted towards marriage, by the people. Little trouble comes from these loose marriages as the system is almost universally accepted and there is little opposition from the main mission in the area, the M.O.M.. Polygamy, while not widely practiced, is accepted in the community. As usual, when a man takes a second wife you find in many cases his first wife leaves him, this results in trouble over the children of the marriage; in these cases you often find the village people usually know who was the cause of the marriage break-up and public opinion rules that the innocent party keeps the children. Even with the absentee labourers taken into account, in most villages the males are still in the majority and this results in a high rate of adultery. In many cases a man of 40 years takes as a second wife a woman of 20 years.

While enquiring into a charge of alledged sorcery in the BASIMA-DUDUNA area it became clear that superstitious beliefs still have a strong hold on the people of the area. It is believed that all of the old women have the power to work sorcery. (See heading ANTHROPOLOGY).

At all Census sub-divisions the Patrol was well received by the people and because of a good harvest of the gardens, much fruit and vegetables were presented as gifts to the Patrol by the V.C's. and Councillors. It is surely a pity that nearly all Patrols to this Eastern Fergusson Division have included collection of Tax - it is my contention that this makes delving into the true native affairs position nearly impossible. If the area is to advance, at least one General Administration Patrol should be undertaken each year. It would also be a big help in advancing the area if follow-up patrols to the areas were conducted by officers who conducted or accompanied the previous Patrol to the area.

Tax collection time proved an interesting time to study the psychological make-up of the people while they, in their turn, tried to psychoanalyse you to find out just how much they could get away with in regards to the Tax. In all villages amounts at first offered were around 10/- but gradually increased when the money was refused. There is however genuine Economic Distress, as regards a cash economy, and in every Census Sub-Division the Patrolling Officer has to decide just what is a reasonable rate for the area - the manoeuvres resorted to by the people make this a very hard task. (See also ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT).

LAW & ORDER.

On the whole the Law and Order situation in the East Fergusson Division is reasonable but the following matters were brought to light during the course of the Patrol:-

LAW & ORDER (Cont'd.)

Charged under NRO s 80-2(a): The aged female IAMIYAMIRA-TAMILOLO of BASIMA claimed to have caused the death of a child by sorcery, she was ordered to court at Esa'Ala where she was found guilty of pretending to practise sorcery. (See heading ANTHROPOLOGY). In connection with the above case Councillor SIWEDIDI of DUDUNA came forward to testify against IAMIYAMIRA claiming to have seen the woman later dig the child from its grave to eat it, investigation showed that the Councillor had in his possession a piece of glass, through which, he claimed to have seen IAMIYAMIRA commit the offence. SIWEDIDI was charged and convicted under section 80-2(d) for having the glass in his keeping.

The man KWALEDI MURUA of BASIMA was charged and convicted under s.71(a) when he struck IAMIYAMIRA because he thought her responsible for the death of his grandchild.

At SEBUTUIA the man IALUKWEDI BWEWESILO was charged and convicted under NRO s.71(c) for having threatened the V.C. SEBUTUIA with a bush knife. In this case the V.C. of SEBUTUIA showed great courage in bringing the matter to the notice of the Patrol as there was much opposition to him doing so from the rest of the village.

Many small matters were settled arbitrarily in the villages.

ECONOMIC & SOCIAL DEVELOPEMENT.

Up to the present time little or no effort has been made by the people of the Eastern Fergusson Division to find a cash economy from within their area. Other areas seemed to have passed through the phase of leaving the villages and going to the town areas to earn a cash income but these people, at their present rate, are going to take a long time before they realize that their best chance of earning a cash income lies in the planting of cash crops in their area and not in working as indentured labour on plantations. Reading through Patrol Reports to the Division it can be seen that for quite a few years now the people have been advised to plant cash-crops and not to leave the village to find work; it is obvious no notice has been taken of this advice, especially in the northern villages which are, it must be admitted, the furthest removed from European contact.

In the past there has been very little planting of coconuts in the area and thus today copra production is not playing a large part in providing the people with a cash economy. Copra production can never play the major role in providing this Division with a cash economy because of the limited suitable land and because of a decreasing return on copra. Crops such as peanuts, chillies, rice, pepper and now nutmeg will probably never amount to

ECONOMIC & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. (Cont'd.)

that stage where they will demand an outlet onto the markets. In the southern parts of the Division there is a small amount of coffee being planted; the trees seen seemed healthy to the layman's eye and according to Agriculture reports on the area is indeed very suitable for coffee. These southern villages at present have only trial plots planted with from 20 to 30 trees and these are now bearing : at this stage an agriculture patrol or even a General Administration Native Affairs Patrol should proceed to the area to encourage Agricultural pursuits.

I think the time will come, at least in this Division, when positive steps will have to be taken to induce the people to stay at home and plant cash crops. Census figures show the labour potential (16-25) of the Division to number 628 (See Appendix) and absentees to total 107. Even though this percentage is very reasonable those men left in the village do not feel inclined to tackle the task of commencing cash cropping. The following are probably some of the main reasons: All the young men are away working; We have enough work to do in our food gardens; There is no one to help us. If a scheme such as giving a reduction in Tax to those men who planted a given number of trees per year were introduced and an effective way of policing the scheme was found I think then, and only then will the area start to go forward. These people will have to feel they are getting paid for the work they are doing to help themselves otherwise they will never, I am afraid, for a long time, reach the stage where they can see what is in their best interests.

Situated near the village of WADALEI is the only Trade store in the Division and this is at present likely to be closed down. The land on which the store is sited it seems, has never been alienated and when the investigation was made during this Patrol by Mr. P.O. Benham, the owner flatly refused to sell the site. If the store is forced to close down it will leave no opening for the majority of people to sell their copra. Nowadays the major proportion of the money the people earn to pay their Tax comes from their indentured relations on plantations and secondly from the sale of copra, mostly to the WADALEI store. The amount of copra taken at this store ranges from 15 to 30 bags per month. Apart from the Hot Air Drier located at the WADALEI store there is not another drier in the whole area. Occasionally boats call in on the way down the coast to pick up copra but these are very irregular.

The few Koiaro trained Agriculture Committee men in the Division seemed to have lost their initial interest in helping the people, it may be that their task of lifting the people up proved too much for them.

It would be a great help to this Division if an Agricultural Officer could do a Patrol of the areas.

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VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

This area has, by a large margin the best lot of Village Constables I have seen in the Territory so far. At all times they seemed to have a clear conception of what their job entailed and gave me as much help as was possible. This was an unusual happening for me as in my last area, Kairuku, you mostly found the V.C. lined up against you with the rest of the village. This was because of the strong clan system there and the strange character of the people. They were found to be a bit hazy about the Census procedure but I think anyone would find themselves in a tangle at Census time in this area, as the number of migrations from village to village and the marriage and re-marriage system is at times most confusing.

The Village Councillors, although not at the standard of the V.C's. were found to be of a fairly high average and had plenty of energy to carry out their duties. Many of the Councillors are quite young. The school held for V.C's. in 1957 by Mr. P.O. Fitzer, would seem to have achieved the desired result and should, if possible be employed in other areas.

Village Committees Now seem to have little influence in this Division now that they have lost their early drive. At no time did they approach the Patrol to ask for advice or ask the Officer to help ~~ap~~ the people on. The time reserved for talks on Agriculture however was after Tax collection and the strong line that was taken, necessarily, as Tax may have deterred discussion.

VILLAGES & REST HOUSES.

The orders issued by the last Patrol in respect to improving Housing and Villages were all carried out. Strictly speaking there are no true villages in this Division as the most houses to be found in a group would total at the most about 10, the average would be approx. 4 and many hamlets are made up of only 1 or 2 houses. Time allowed only the villages near to the track to be inspected; all houses were found to be well built and in good repair and the hamlets clean and tidy. It could be that easy accessible hamlets are show-places ~~as far~~ hurried Patrols but those seen were of such a reasonable that I think there is no fear that the harder to get to villages would be comprised of health-endangering houses. In most cases the design of the houses was that where the roof sloped like an 'A' and was supported by walls

VILLAGES & REST HOUSES. (Cont'd.)

about 5 feet high. All houses, even those above 2,500 feet were built on piles with an average height of from 5-6 feet. All houses seen had small decorative gardens near-by which gave them a pleasant, clean and healthy appearance.

All eight Census Sub-Division have built extremely adequate Rest Houses within the last two years. The normal number of rooms in these rest houses would be three; the most five (BOSALEWA) and the least two (BARBA, DUDUNA).

Police Barracks were in good repair but only just bordering on the adequate for a large Patrol. As Patrols to the area are so few and far between though, no advice was given to have the Barracks enlarged.

MEDICAL & HEALTH.

Within this Division Aid Posts are located at BOSALEWA and SEBUTULA. Census figures reveal that in the 12 months since the last Census births outweigh deaths by 42, 89:47. The main cause of the child deaths seemed to be whooping cough and lack of proper medical treatment for colds and similar complaints.. The NRO's reported that the whooping cough epidemic finished about three months ago; no evidence was seen in the course of the Patrol that the epidemic still lingered.

As reported by Mr. C. P. O. Harris last year, parents of sick children are most reluctant to take their children to the Aid Posts or Hospitals for treatment. Their attitude just seems to be 'it is too much trouble'. The older peoples explanation for not going to the Aid Post is 'we may die there, I want to die in my village'. As in agricultural pursuits, I don't think these people will do what is desired of them unless they feel they are being paid for it. As also in Agriculture I think somewhere near the desired reaction may be obtained if they are given Tax Exemptions; I think in the case of children if exemptions are given in relation to the number of children in the family the men will try to keep the children healthy and alive - they have to feel they are receiving something for their trouble. In the past it would seem that little allowance has been made for the size of families when granting Exemptions. In all Census sub-Divisions full explanations on sections of the NRO's concerning this matter were given.

MEDICAL & HEALTH (Cont'd.)

The NMO's were advised to take the parents, who would not take their children on to the hospitals at either SALAMO or KAPAMOIWA, to the Village Constable, who also had his duty explained to him in the matter. In the 0-13 age group this year there were 15 deaths compared to 253 last year; although this is a big improvement on last year it could be better.

There was no evidence of malnutrition in the area when the Patrol went through.

One leper from SEBUTUIA had to be given police escort to the Hansenide Colony at UBUIA.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

In earlier Patrol Reports it has been mentioned that it may be possible in the future to construct roads in the vicinity of SEBUTUIA Sub-Division. While I think this may be feasible in the years to come, at the present time it is more like wishful thinking. SEBUTUIA is located at the southern tip of the Eastern Fergusson Division on a coastal plain, north of the SEBUTUIA Sub-Division where the mountain ranges run down to the sea making it impossible to construct roads in East Fergusson Division (Non L.G. Council area) proper. The whole route of the suggested road was not seen but on the SEBUTUIA side the ground was seen to be very low-lying, and, at this time of year (during WET) covered by water in most places. In the future it is to be hoped a proper and complete survey can be made of the route suggested as there is no doubt a road in the area would do a lot to open up the Division quickly.

Tracks in the Division can be divided into two classes 1. Coastal Tracks and, 2. Inland Tracks. The population on the coast is much denser than inland and consequently the tracks there are better cared for. The ^{tracks} are generally fairly level on the coast but here and there they cross spurs from the mountain range running into the sea. The route of the track between KADALEI and BASIM alternates from running along the rocks on the beach itself to running through the shallow swamps found slightly inland. The track through the shallow swamps is usually built up above water level with rocks from the beaches. The tracks between BASIMA and DUDUNA, DUDUNA and GAREA, GAREA and SEBUTUIA and SEBUTUIA and KEDIDIA

ROADS & BRIDGES (Cont'd).

were found to be tracks in the barest sense of the word, the reason for this mainly being that long, rough distances have to be maintained by small populations. Some of the tracks are above the 2,500 feet level and it can be imagined how difficult it would be to build and maintain tracks in this type of country.

As usual many signs of attention to tracks a few days before the Patrol arrived, was evident on all sides. A few of the many creeks had also recently been provided with stepping stones but in most cases the method of crossing remained wading. No bridges of any type exist in the area although in some places it would prove most handy: the reason for this is probably that flash-flooding would destroy anything done in this direction.

TAXATION.

The gazetted Tax rate for the whole of the East Fergusson Division is £2. Amount of Tax money taken was £505. As stated earlier there is real economic distress in the area and 75% of those men eligible to pay Tax were granted varying ^{Exemptions} partial/on the grounds of economic distress. The following are the means of the people in the area to earn the Tax money:- 1. Indenture Labour; they have either just returned from plantation labour themselves or they have money sent to them by their relations working on a plantation. 2. Sale of copra: either to the store at WADALEI or to an occasional boat from a plantation trading along the coast. 3. Sale of Betel Nut or native leaf tobacco to people visiting them from the Trobriand Is.. 4. Garea Sub-Division only, sale of timber to Kedidia Plantation. Both 3 and 4 above have an insignificant bearing on the overall picture. By far the majority of the Tax money is come by, by borrowing from relations on plantations. The production of coconuts from the people, on an average, less than 10/- in those villages suitably located; this is because the average man would have only between 10 and 15 trees each. The fact that coconuts are also used as food has to be taken into account here. The following would be the average Tax rate of the Sub-Divisions:-

BOSALEWA.....	£1-5-0
WADALEI.....	15/-
GAMETA.....	£1-5-0
URUA.....	£1-5-0

TAXATION (Cont'd).

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BASIMA..... £2-0-0
DUDUNA..... £2-0-0
GAREA..... £1-0-0
SEBUTUUA..... £2-0-0

It is to be hoped that in the near future aⁿ assessment of the peoples ability to pay the full rate of two pounds will be made. My thoughts here are that both BASIMA and SEBUTUUA are able to pay the £2 rate but that the other divisions are not capable. Keeping in mind that one of the reasons for the levying of the Tax is to induce the people to greater effort for their own behalf, I think a more justifiable Tax for the remaining sub-divisions is £1. At present in these sub-divisions the £2 rate could well be 50% of their total income. At the rate these people are still going away to work as indentured labour this area will never be producing a high paying cash crop in the Sub-Division, if it is possible a heavy restriction should be put on recruiting in the area now. If today the law does not allow for a restriction to be put on an area to allow an area to go ahead, tomorrow - for the good of many areas in the Territory, it may have to.

I think that both BASIMA and SEBUTUUA can afford the £2 rate because of the amount of copra produced in those areas

If the above mentioned sub-divisions could be reclassified as suggested it would save the Patrolling Officers making out many hundreds of very obvious Exemptions in the years to come. DUDUNA could pay the £2 rate for 1960 even though it is an inland sub-division because many of the men there had only recently returned from working on the plantations.

RECRUITING.

Approximately 1/6 of the total population of the Male Labour Potential (16-45) is absent from the Census Division at the present time. In none of the sub-divisions has the percentages reached an unreasonable proportion but, as stated this does have an effect on those remaining in the village in such matters as agricultural pursuits and village and track maintenance. It does also undoubtedly adversely effect the population trend.

MISSIONS & EDUCATION.

The only Mission located in the Census Division is the Methodist Overseas Mission. The M.O.M. has village schools and churches in all the sub-divisions.

MISSIONS & EDUCATION (Cont'd).

Observations made by Mr. C.P.O. Harris have explained the situation existing in this Census Division. (See P/R No. 7 of 59-60.) When you see boys of 20 years still going to school and are in grades 1&2 you realize the children of the area have very little chance of an adequate education.

As Mr. P.O. Fitzer observes in his P/R No. 105 of 57-58 there is a real need for the establishment of an Administration school somewhere in the vicinity of the BASIMA coast. These people have had European contact for 70 years but I am afraid so far it has benefited them very little - to be given the chance of suitable schooling is the main thing they need now, without it they will never be able to help themselves.

With Educations 'crash' program now in full swing this area should be considered as a possible posting for an European Officer. BASIMA Village itself would, I think be a very suitable posting as it is only ^{four} hours walk from European contact (Kedidia, Bodaya, Sebulu, etc.), has the Population (150 children at least, of school going age within 3 hours walk of BASIMA), and is generally ideal.

CENSUS & STATISTICS.

The last Census revision took place in the East Fergusson Division during the months of May and June, 1960. In every Sub-Division births were found to exceed deaths:-

<u>Division</u>	<u>Births</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Excess</u>
BOSALEWA.....	9	2	7
WADALEL.....	18	10	8
GAMBA.....	9	7	2
UNIA.....	10	5	5
PASIMA.....	15	10	5
DYBUNA.....	5	3	2
GUREA.....	10	5	5
SEBUTULA.....	13	5	8

COMPARISONS

		<u>1960 Census</u>	<u>1961 Census</u>
		<u>11 Month Period</u>	<u>12 Month Period</u>
	Births	25	89.
	Deaths (0-13).....	37	15.
Lprs.	Deaths (13 to ?)....	24	32.
"	Abst. inside Dist.	62	44
"	Mig./out. outside Dist.	35	291.
"	Mig./in	31	43.
	Totals.....	2150	2190.

The reason for the large increase in Births and the increases generally in Births over Deaths would seem to be directly due to the ending of the Whooping Cough epidemic in the area. Last year whooping cough was the cause of the majority of deaths in the under 13 age group and also birth statistics last year imply that many babies were probably born and died between Censuses and no recording was made of these births and deaths. Many of the child-deaths this year happened in the early part of the year when the whooping cough epidemic still raged - this epidemic was reported to have finished about three months ago. The age group over 13 also seems to have suffered in the epidemic last year but this year it has also improved, 44:32.

The number of labourers absent from their villages, in this area, has decreased from 117 to 105.

The increase of population from 2140 to 2190 is mainly due to the excess of births over deaths, 42, and secondly to the excess of Migration In over Migrations Out.

The statistics for children attending schools could not be much worse and thus fully backs up statements by myself and earlier ^{Officers} under the heading 'MISSIONS & EDUCATION'.

Pregnancies noted this year total 51 and if this rate is kept up the Division should have a steady population increase if epidemics and child health is policed.

ANTHROPOLOGY.

The first case of sorcery in the area that has come to the notice of this office, was uncovered on this Patrol. (See APPENDIX 2).

CONCLUSION.

It should, I think be the policy to advance this East Fergusson Division (Non L.G.C.) to the stage where they will be able to join with the People of the DOBU L.G.C.. To enable this to be accomplished the area should receive a Patrol at least once every six months; at the rate of one every 12 months the Division can never be expected to advance. In the areas of GAREA, DUDUNA and SEBUTGIA a start has been made on agricultural pursuits and with regular D.N.A. and D.A.S.F. Patrols it is within easy reach to have these areas joined to the DOBU Council inside 3-5 years. It will be harder to advance the more northern divisions because of their remoteness, their much evident apathy and their absence of established cash crop gardens. A decision will have to be made about the effect that recruiting has on the Division otherwise, to my way of thinking, the people will for ever be satisfied to find their cash economy by way of indentured labour.

Serious consideration should be made of the

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CONCLUSION(Cont'd.)

possibility of setting up a Government school on the BASIMA coast as this is an important factor in their advancement. Of the 2,190 people in the district, only one, an ex R.P. & N.G. policeman was found that knew any English.

Considering this area's length of European contact it must be one of the Territories most backward places.

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APPENDIX TO

MA'ALA PATROL REPORT NO. 5 of 1960-61.

Census Division.	Male Labour Potential. 16-45.	No. absent inside District.	Absent Outside District.	Total No. Absent.	Percent- age Absent.
BOSALEWA	78	9	14	23	29.48%
WADALEKI	100	8	19	27	27%
GAMETA	47	3	3	6	12.76%
URUA	53	1	5	6	11.32%
BASIMA	123	5	13	18	14.63%
DUDUNA	50	4	2	6	12%
GARBA	66	10	4	14	21.21%
SABUTULA	111	4	3	7	6.30%
AREA TOTALS=	628	44	63	107	

Average Absent per Village = 16.86%.

Below is the story, as I heard it, of the type of sorcery powers women are endowed with in the East Fergusson Division. Investigation showed that women's sorcery takes place mostly in the abstract (dreams and daydreams) while men's sorcery is supposed to take a more active form.

IAMIYAMIRA TAMILOLO? an aged female of BASIMA was brought before the Patrol by the V.C. of BASIMA who said that IAMIYAMIRA was responsible for the death of a small child which he said she killed with sorcery. IAMIYAMIRA was asked if she did this thing and she replied 'Yes'. The following is her story:-

"A few years ago IAMIYAMIRA says, I wanted to taste a man because it is nice to eat. I could not kill one myself then so I went to an old woman who lives at DUDUNA village up in the mountains about one hour's walk away. After I asked this woman many times she did what I wanted and killed her grand-son. We ate the child just the two of us. When I had eaten that child I owed that woman some man to eat and I had to pay it back someday.

Last week I killed my son-in-law's grand child and payed back the DUDUNA woman what I owed her. I killed the child by throwing a spear at her, this spear was a small spear made of black palm (8" long x 1" dia., pointed at both ends). The child got sick after I threw the spear at her and died a few days later. If I had thrown the spear hard at her she would have died quickly, if I wanted her to get a long sick I could have thrown the spear softly.

The night the people buried the child the DUDUNA woman and myself went to the place near the grave and built a big fire to cook the body. When the fire was burning good we went to the grave to get the body. To get the body out of the grave I did this:- when I was a couple of feet from the edge of the grave I picked up a small stone and, bending over the grave I dropped the stone onto the grave, when the stone touched the ground, the earth opened up and the spirit of the child came out, it was alive. The DUDUNA woman and I then picked up sticks and hit the spirit of the child until it was dead. We then burnt it and ate it. While we were building the fire the Councillor SIWEDIDI of DUDUNA came and was watching us, he was standing in the bushes and when we saw him he came out near our fire for a little while and then went away. Now that I have paid the DUDUNA woman back it is finished."

Councillor SIWEDIDI of DUDUNA says that on the night the child in BASIMA died he put a piece of his sorcery glass under his pillow when he went to bed so that his spirit would wander during the night. The glass was hexagonal in shape, about 1/2 inch thick and about 2 1/2" long, he wanted to check on the child's death because he heard some people say it died because of sorcery. That night his spirit wandered to the grave of the child that had died and he says he saw the two women there. He says when his spirit arrived at the place the two women had built a large fire and were walking on top of the smoke of the fire - when the women saw him standing in the bushes he says he walked out near the fire and then went away. He says his spirit saw the two women eat the child.

On questioning the people it was seen that all the above took place in their minds. Iamiyamira's spirit it would seem went to the child's grave and, according to her ate the child. The grand-father of the dead child says he saw IAMIYAMIRA throw the spear at the child and as he produced the spear which the woman then admitted was the spear she threw, it would seem that this happened.

Before SIWEDIDI produced his glass during the investigation in the village, the woman denied that the Councillor had seen her do these things but when the councillor held his piece of glass before her face she admitted that the councillor had seen

her by the fire near the grave. To me it did not seem that the Councillor intimidated the woman or that she was frightened by the glass but that she thought that she might as well tell the truth because she thought the Councillor would be able to prove with his glass what he said.

Because of Interpretation difficulties it was almost impossible to fully understand what was truly being said by the people, but after asking the same questions a couple of times the above was obtained and is thought to be what was said by the people.

Belief in sorcery powers is widely held by the majority of the population and it is generally believed that all old women have the outlined powers.

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SCALE = 1/4 IN. = 1 M.

