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PATROL REPORT N°2-68/69

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3. MOROBE
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6. PATROL OFFICER
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Division of District Administration,
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13th October, 1969.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
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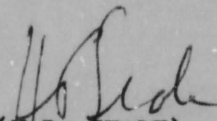
SIASSI PATROL NO.2 - 1968/69

The original and duplicate of a Patrol Report covering the Siassi administrative area, prepared by Mr. I.K. McIntosh, Patrol Officer, is attached. A copy of the comments from the Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen, Village Population Register and map, are also enclosed.

Mr. McIntosh who resigned from the Administration earlier this year, has prepared a detailed and comprehensive assessment of the Siassi administrative area which contains a record of the history of contact and clear statements of the situation current in November and December of last year.

I do not know why this Patrol Report was delayed for such a long time and the Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen has been requested to provide me with his reasons for late submission.

Because the report was delayed for so long, I have had to recommend to the Commissioner for Local Government that the Council be allowed an extension of time for the incumbent Councillors. This could easily have been obviated if the re-constitution to change the Council to include all residents of the islands, as listed in the report, had been forwarded well before the due date for the next elections.


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District Commissioner

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2nd January, 1969.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
FINSCHHAFEN
MOROBE DISTRICT.

SIASSI PATROL NO.2 - 68/69.

OFFICER CONDUCTING: Mr. I. K. McIntosh,
Patrol Officer.

ACCOMPANIED BY: G. Meankwa, Medical Assistant (Part)
1 member R.P.N.G.C. (Part)

DURATION: 17/11/68 to 22/11/68
25/11/68 to 6/12/68
18/12/68 to 22/12/68 23 days.

MAP REFERENCE: Four Mil Sag Sag

OBJECTS: Carry out complete area Survey.
Bi-Election MALAI ISLAND.
Record Attitudes.
General Administration.

~~I. K. MCINTOSH
Patrol Officer.~~

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PATROL DAIRY

- 17/11/68 Departed Buki Warf at 0720 hours in the Government M.V. Blanche en route for TUAM Islands. Arrived at 1200 hours ashore southern beach. Shifted to the northern side of the island for weather protection. Walked some 200 yds. after bringing cargo ashore to Haus Kiap. Set up house. Brief discussion with Councillor and head men re purpose of patrol. General meeting opened at 1500 hours after a complete inspection of the village and area had been made. Meeting lasted till dark and was adjourned until after the evening church service. Opened at 2000 hours and lasted until 2230 hours. Discussion included Area Survey details, New Multi Racial Council, F.M.D.S. breakup, Aramots fishing on the Tuam reefs and the new land settlement on the main Island. Overnight.
- 18/11/68 Departed TUAM at 0700 hours en route for ARAMOT Island, arrived at 0815 hours. Rain began soon after our arrival. Waited for the MUTUMALA people to come. This Island is situated approx. 3 miles to the west of ARAMOT. Talked to the people re Area Survey during the morning and details recorded. During the afternoon while a meeting of the people was being held - to prepare them for the general meeting the village was inspected. All the people had returned from the mainland by 1700 hours but wished to discuss the new ward system further so it was 1900 hours before the meeting opened. This lasted for 1 1/2 hours. The outcome was that the ARAMOT and MUTUMALA people should have a ward and they would not join with the YANGLA and GARU villages. Overnight.
- 19/11/68 Departed ARAMOT at 0700 hours per M.V. Blanche. Followed along the coast for 30 minutes to the mouth of the SIMBAN and then proceed by canoe up the river Simban to GARU Village - arrived at 0850 hours. The YANGLA people had not arrived and so Area Survey of GARU people completed - YANGLAN people arrived and survey also carried out for these people. General meeting began at eighteen minutes past 1100 hours. People had already had a meeting to decide re new ward. Some people against joining two places - another meeting held while the village was inspected and then a vote taken. I had the teacher count the votes to make things easier for the people. Result 56 for a new ward with one Council. 4 were against. Another meeting in the late afternoon to discuss F.M.D.S. and breakup plus the cash purchase of YANGLA land by the ARAMOT people. Overnight.

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- 20/11/68 Departed GARU at 0700 hours. Fifty minutes to the mouth of the Simban and then a further 10 minutes to the Blanche. Half hour to MANDOK. Village inspected and meeting arranged for that evening-most of the people were away on the mainland gardening. Left for POR Island by canoe at 1030 - a 10 minute trip. Met father Anthony and spent two hours discussing people, the areas history and future. Met brother Peter and obtained details re the school. After lunch went by speed boat to the mainland to inspect gardens and the land used by the MANDOK people. Returned to POR Island at 1600 hours and was completed by 2115 hours. Overnight.
- 21/11/68 Departed MANDOK at 0800 hours. Took three quarters of an hour to reach MALAI. Cargo brought to shore and camp set up. Councillor away but arrived per the M.V. Vitiaz at 0930 hours. Village inspected and general discussion held with people re Area Survey. Meeting arranged for 1700 hours. Meeting lasted for 2 hours. Discussion re F.M.D.S. and the new breakup of the societies. Overnight.
- 22/11/68 Departed from MALAI 0600 en route for SIALUM. Arrived at 0845. Picked up O.I.C. and departed for Finschhafen at 0930 hours. Arrived Finschhafen at 1545 hours after a fairly rough trip.
- 23/11/68 Saturday. Collected fresh supplies for the return trip. Finschhafen Ball.
- 24/11/68 Sunday - Observed.
- 25/11/68 Departed Finschhafen per M.V. Blanche at 0130 hours. Sialum at 0650 hours. Departed at 0715 hours en route for SIASSI and arrived at 1150 hours. Lunch and changed. By Council ute to Patrol Post. Road in poor condition after recent heavy rains. Arrived Patrol Post at 1330 hours. A.D.C. discussed station with P.O. Johnson till 1415 hours. Drove to new air strip site and inspected. Returned to station at 1530 hours. District Courts opened. Walked to Council house inspected building and had a quick look through books. Have not balanced since July. Held a meeting with V/President of Council and locals re itinerary for patrol and on completion had copies typed by Council clerk to be forwarded to councillors throughout the area. Left office at 1800 hours.
- 26/11/68 Patrol equipment checked. Departed patrol post at 0900 hours en route for TARAWE. Passed through main village of OBONGAI at 0930 hours after a 15 minute delay while waiting for carriers to arrive. Arrived TARAWE at 1010 hours. People were waiting and meeting opened at 1100 hours. Completed by 1230 hours. Area Survey, Multi Racial Councils and F.M.D.S. discussed. Departed en route for GOMLONGON at 1245 hours. Arrived 1330 hours

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- 26/11/68 (CONT.) Set up camp while waiting for OPAI to arrive Meeting opened at 1500 hours and was completed at 1730 hours. Detailed discussion on the F.M.D.S. breakup. People want schedule set down Vitiaz and also date for breakup. Carriers to be ready at 0615 hours. Overnight.
- 27/11/68 Departed GOMLONGON at 0715 hours. Walked for an hour and a half - rested 20 minutes and continued for another 1 1/2 hours until we arrived at the SALABORAN settlement on the UMGON river. By canoe to the mouth of the river - 10 minutes. Walked along the beach to SANPANAM. Aronai Motu people did not arrive until 1800 hours. Held two meetings one at 1600 hours and one at 2000 hours. Same questions re F.M.D.S. and Multi Racial Council. Overnight.
- 28/11/68 Heavy rain prevented an early departure. At 0915 hours departed in light rain en route for BARIM by canoe. Arrived at 1255 hours. Set up camp - had lunch. The majority of the inhabitants had gone to GELEM for a Mission Wedding. We held over meeting until tomorrow morning. Village inspected - very good. Haus Kiap adequate. Overnight.
- 29/11/68 People had arrived back late last night and it was therefore possible to begin the meeting at 0800 hours. Meeting lasted one hour and the usual questions were asked regarding F.M.D.S. and the new Multi Racial Council. By canoe to GIZARUM which took 1 hour. Driven to GELEM Mission Station by plantation manager and details re the Missions service etc. were supplied. Lunch at GIZARUM and details re the plantation were taken down. By Council ute to Patrol Post arriving at 1430 hours. Area discussed with Patrol Officer Johnston. Overnight.
- 30/11/68 Meeting held at Council House. BARANG, GOM and OMOM attended. Meeting lasted one and a half hours. Purchase of the new air strip brought up and people request payment as soon as possible.
- 1/12/68 Sunday. Observed.
- 2/12/68 Departed Station at 0845 hours en route for GASAM. Half hour spent inspecting air strip - drove to GASAM. People of OROPOT has not arrived. Drove to village left patrol gear and decided to hold two meetings - one at GASAM and one at OROPOT. Meeting at GASAM lasted for 1 1/2 hours. Back to OROPOT - meeting lasted 1 hour. Both these villages were asked to work on the air strip for the last two days. Departed OROPOT at 1130 hours. Easy walking brought us to MARARAMU at 1400 hours. Rest house between AIYAU and MARARAMU. Good position and in reasonable condition. AROT people elected to join this meeting. People assembled at 1730 hours. Meeting lasted until 2130. Apart from Area Survey and Multi Racial Council introduction (changing of Wards) the Pig Rule was discussed and also the position of authority of the Councillors and committee held. Brief talk on use of shotguns.

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- 2/12/68 (CONF.) F.M.P.S. discussed. People asked to take grass to the new air strip. Forty people to leave early tomorrow. Overnight.
- 3/12/68 Departed rest house at 0830 hours en route for AUPWEL Village/Mission Station. Easy walking down hill-2 hours. Brief inspection of village and then walked to Mission to acquire details re school and copra purchasing. Meeting opened after lunch at 1400 hours. Meeting was completed at 1630 hours. Returned to Mission to gather further details. Land Dispute. Overnight.
- 4/12/68 Departed AUPWEL at 0710 hours on the Catholic Mission work boat Colomb. Arrived KAMPALAP at 0815 hours. Waited for the people of KABIP to arrive-while the Village was inspected and discussion held with the Councillor and village elders re Area Survey details. KABIP people arrived at 1150 hours. Meeting lasted until 1340 hours. As the A.L.M. Mission boat was due in late in the afternoon it was decided to proceed to MARLI Village. KATAPO arrived at 1500 hours. Departed at 1550 hours. Arrived LAB LAB Mission at 1745 hours. Carriers brought from YAGA and we eventually arrived at MARLI at 1930 hours. Overnight.
- 5/12/68 People had assembled by 0845 hours. Meeting lasted until 1030 hours. The patrol then departed for YAGA Village which is situated next to LAB LAB Mission Station. The people of LAB LAB are mainly from the Islands-YAGA people are TUAM Islands. They have 8 blocks of land but at the moment there are many of their relations living and using the ground with them. Saw the O.I.C. of the Mission and arranged for lift to Finschhafen on Mission plane. Walked to BIRIK where a meeting was held and this was the last meeting for the main island. Went back to LAB LAB and stayed overnight with the O.I.C. of the Mission.
- 6/2/68 Departed by Cessna 206 at 1130 hours and arrived at Finschhafen at 1210 hours. Afternoon spent at Council House checking books. A.D.C. Hill in LAE for conference.
- 7/12/68 to
- 18/12/68 At Finschhafen
- 18/12/68 Told by A.D.C. at 0900 hours to prepare to leave on patrol on the M.V. Blanche and complete the SIASSI patrol departing at 1100 hours. Spent the 2 hours preparing gear etc. and departed 1100 hours as requested. Calm seas allowed us to make MALAI at 1545 hours (4 1/2 hours). Took some time

18/12/68 (CONT.) to organize the Bi-Election as the people, were practising for Christmas Sing Sing. Three men eventually stood. Election completed by 1845 hours. Spoke to the people re the roll of a councillor and also asked reasons why the last Councillor had failed to attend meetings. Overnight.

19/12/68 Departed MALAI at 0705 as low cloud and continuous drizzle restricted visibility. Arrived GUZARUM at 0920 hours. Contacted Mission re possible timber purchase in the future. Cargo did not arrive until 1430 hours. Departed for TOLOKIWA at 1500 hours. Arrived at MULAU at 1730 hours. Spoke to local Councillor at SIASSI and asked them to attend a meeting to be held at TUL. Left for TUL and arrived at 1800 hours. Poor anchorage here. Runner sent to Awar + ve them attend meeting in the morning. Overnight

20/12/68 Meeting opened at 0715 hours and lasted till 0845 hours. Medical Assistant spoke to people re duty of A.P.O. departed from TUL for ALARO Village SAKAR Island at 0900 hours. Arrived 1215 hours. All the people had gone to the section of the island to collect goods for Christmas celebrations. Took the Blanche up the coast and located them at 1300 hours. By canoe to the Island and held the last meeting for the area which lasted until 1500 hours. People agreed to join with KABIP on KAMPALAP and form one ward. Headed across to the mainland (SIASSI) and stayed overnight at KAMPALAP. Medical Assistant inspected the Aid Post. Overnight.

21/12/68 Departed KAMPALAP Village at 0610 hours. Arrived ARAMOT Island at 0830 hours to let Council carpenter off and allow Medical Assistant to inspect Aid Post. Departed for TUAM Island and 0945 hours at 1115 hours. Medical Assistant inspected village and Aid Post. Discussion held with some of the village people re the area in general. Overnight.

22/12/68 Sunday-Departed TUAM at 0615 hours and arrived BUKI Wari at 1315 hours.